

## Pharmacognostic studies on Unani drug “*Gul-E-Mundi*” (*Sphaeranthus indicus* Linn.—Inflorescence)

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*Gul-E-Mundi* (*Sphaeranthus indicus*, Linn.—the capitulum.) a reputed Unani drug is claimed to possess alterative, refrigerant, tonic and emmenagogue properties. The drug forms an ingredient of various Unani preparations like *Tiryaaq-I-Faruq* used in nervous disorders; *Sharbat Ushbas Khas* used in gout and skin diseases; *Arq Murakkab Musaffikhun* used in syphilis, gonorrhoea and other infectious diseases; *Arq Mundi* used as a

tonic and *Majun Mundi* used in purulent infections.

Pharmacognostic and phytochemical standards of the drug are presented to help in the identification of genuine sample. The occurrence of flavonoid is reported probably for the first time.

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