



Pharmacological Effects of *Physalis minima* Linn

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ABSTRACT: *Physalis minima* Linn. (Family Solanaceae) is commonly known as Ground Cherry or Sunberry. It is traditionally used as diuretic, purgative, analgesic, anthelmintic, febrifuge, vermifuge, abortifacient, etc. Many steroidal lactones have been identified from the plant and it has been reported to possess antifertility, hypoglycemic, cytotoxic, antiulcer, antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, antipyretic, antimalarial, amylase, lipase and alpha glucosidase inhibitor activity and anti-gonorrhoeal activity. Phytochemistry and pharmacology of *P. minima* reported so far in scientific literature. The fruit can be dispersed by wind. The diffusion mechanism is called balloon mechanism. The space between the fruit and the covering calyx works as air bladder at early stages. The fruit is called 'bon-tepari' or simply 'tepari' in Bengali. © 2019 iGlobal Research and Publishing Foundation. All rights reserved.

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