

DATABASES REVIEWED



Proprietary
 Alth Health Watch
 AMED
 HerbMed Pro
 MANTIS
 Natural Medical Protocols
 Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database
 Natural Standard

Open Access
 AGRICOLA
 IBIDS
 Native American Ethnobotany

METHODS



- Trial accesses obtained for proprietary databases.
- Types of data defined (see below)
- Information obtained from websites of the database developers and directly from vendors. Some information verified with vendors
- Databases tested with similar searches. Common search terms include: hypericum (St Johns Wort), monarda (horsemint), calendula (marigold), palliative care, low back pain, ephedra.

TYPES OF DATA COLLECTED



Descriptive Data
 Brief Description
 Format
 Audience
 Vendors
 Cost
 Special Features
 Frequency of Updates
 PDA
 User Statistics

Data for Reviewing
 Content
 Breadth & Depth
 Searching
 Evidence Based Information
 Editors, Reviewers, Authors
 Commercial Relationships
 Conclusions

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An Overview of CAM Databases MCMLA 2005

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FINDINGS



Proprietary

Alt Health Watch – lots of full text but only 20% peer-reviewed

AMED - emphasizes allied health (e.g. occupational therapy) with some CAM

HerbMed Pro – needs more frequent updating.

MANTIS – good for chiropractics and osteopathy but limited for other CAM.

Natural Medical Protocols – for homeopathy and naturopathy

Natural Medicines – comprehensive herb and supplements database.

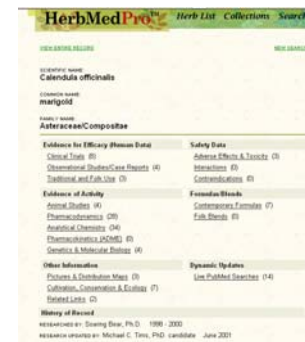
Natural Standard – evidence based general CAM resource, but a work in progress.

Open Access

AGRICOLA – mainly herbal medicines with unique agricultural slant

IBIDS – large supplements database but with cumbersome search engine

Native American Ethnobotany – herbal medicines with unique anthropological slant.



Search History	Results	Display
1. HerbMedPro: Herbal Medicines (1/1)	10000	10000
2. HerbMedPro: Herbal Medicines (1/1)	10000	10000
3. HerbMedPro: Herbal Medicines (1/1)	10000	10000
4. HerbMedPro: Herbal Medicines (1/1)	10000	10000
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