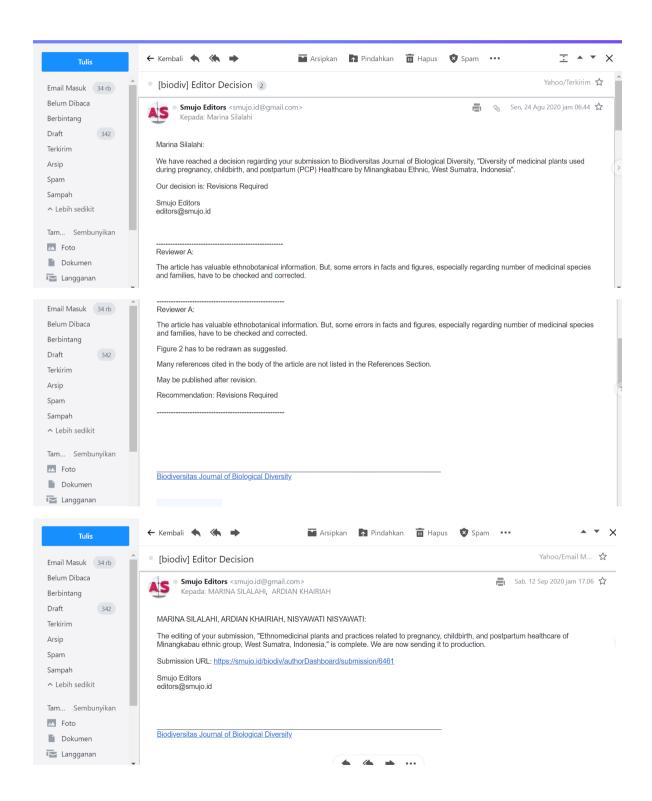
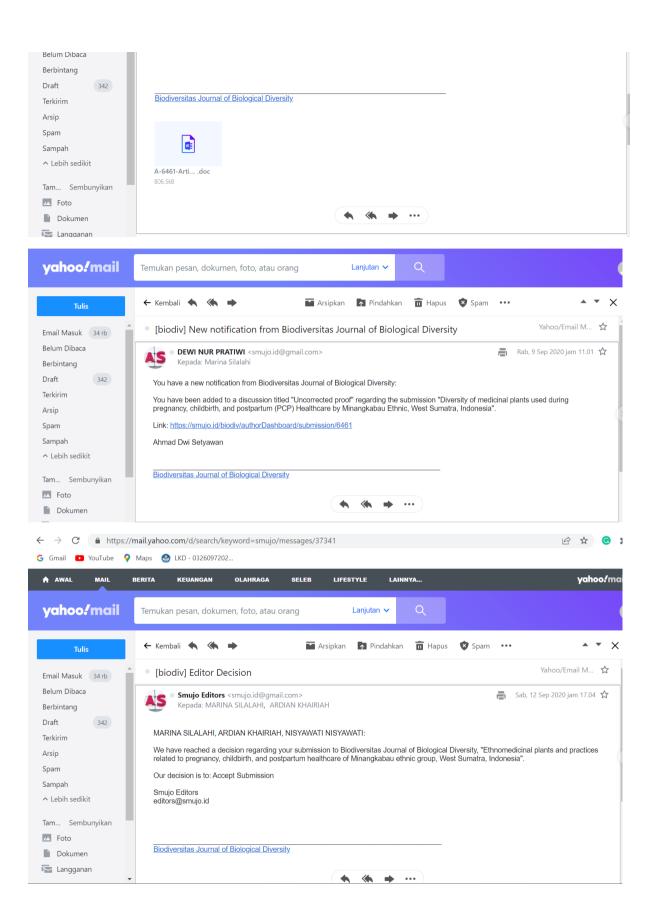
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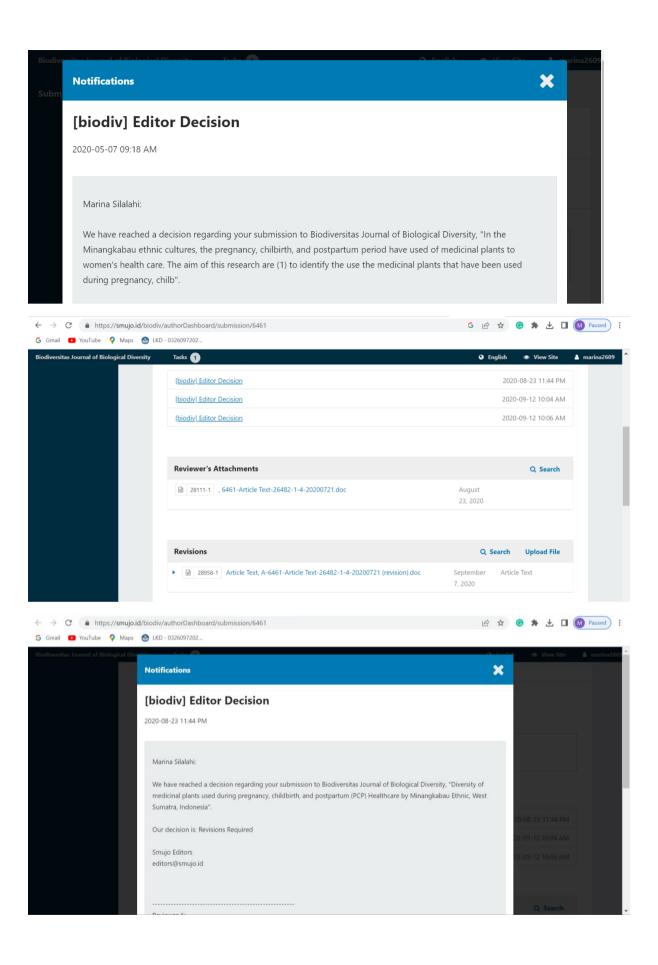
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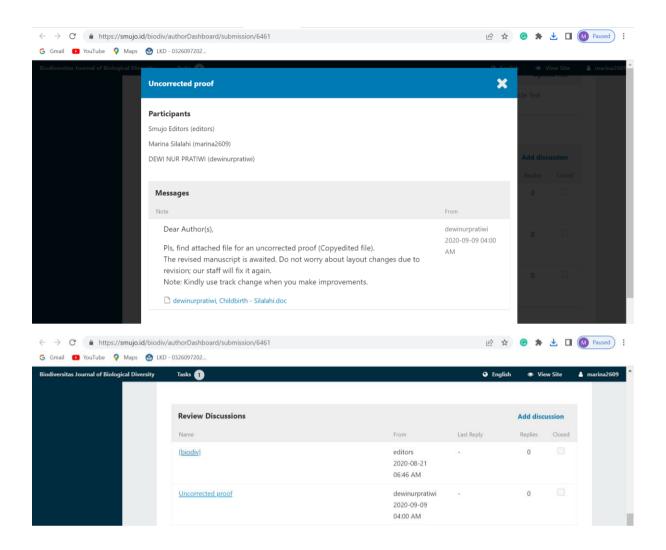
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Diversity of Ethno-medicinal plants and practices used duringrelated to pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum (PCP) Healthcare by of Minangkabau Eethnic group, West Sumatra, Indonesia

Abstract. In the Minangkabau ethnic cultures, medicinal plants have been used to treat health problems associated with the pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum period (PCP). The aimobjectives of this researchstudy were to are-(1) to identify document the use of the medicinal plants that have been used during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum recovery by Minangkabau ethnics and the associated ethnomedicinal practices, and (2)-to identify plants that are have the potential to be developed as ingredients to increase the production of breast milk. Data were collected in three villages, which arenamely Guguak Sarai, Taruang Taruang and Sungai Durianin in West Sumatra, Indonesia, by interviewing. A a total of 141 informants, consisted of involving 9 key informants and 132 general respondents were gathered through interviews. A total of [423 species of medicinal plants were found to be used in women-for PCP healthcare during pregnancy and postpartumby Minangkabau people. These medicinal plants are used to facilitate childbirth, alleviate menstruation problems, assist recovery after miscarriage, mitigate postpartum hemorrhage, aid in postpartum recovery, and for infart care. A total of [247 plant species were represented by 89 families i.e. Poaceaee (78 species), Arecaceae, Fabaceae, Zingiberaceae (3 species), Euphorbiaceae, Lamiaceae, Meliaceae, Musaceae and Asteraceae (2 species respectively), Euphorbiaceae, Lamiaceae, Meliaceae, Musaceae and Asteraceae (2 species respectively drinking (as many as 5 species), bathing (4 species), and as a paste (3 species). The medicinal plants by the Minangkabau ethnic have been used to facilitate childbirth, alleviate menstruation problems, assist recovery after miscarriage, mitigate postpartum hemorrhage, aid postpartum recovery, and for use in infant care. Use of Musa balbisiana, Carallia brachiata, Lansium domesticum, and Toona sureni used to for treating the problems related to pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum period would be interesting to studyneed to be further inve

Keywords: Minangkabau ethnic, PCP, pregnancy, Plectranthus ambonicus, Sauropus androgynus

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30 INTRODUCTION

The pPregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum (PCP) area period resulteding in the mothers'considerable death especially in the developing countries. The factors that contributed for the death are postnatal bleeding (Tsu et al. 2004), postpartum hemorrhaginger and postpartum depression (Abdillahi & Van Staden 2013). The local communities in Asia such as: Laos (de Boer & Lamxay 2009; de Boer et al. 2011), Indonesia (Silalahi & Nisyawati 2019), Malaysia (Teoh et al. 2013), Thailand (Panyaphu et al. 2011), India (Jain et al. 2011) use the medicinal plants to reduce the death risk of the PCP mothers. In Malaysia, the prevalence of herbs ingestion during pregnancy was 13.9% with half of the mothers consuming it during the first trimester. A total of 163 mothers (About 52.9%) of studied mothers ingested herbs during the postpartum period in Malaysia (Theo et al. 2013).

Various ethnic groups in Indonesia use plants for PCP management, based on local knowledge and make it anthern integral part of the PCP process such as oukup (Silalahi and Nisyawati, 2019). The purposes of the use of medicinal plants onduring PCP varies, such asare: to restore stamina, and to increase breast milk (Silalahi & Nisyawati 2019); to heal the wounds, to reduce postpartum hemorrhage, to reduce pain during childbirth, and to keepprotect baby away from infection (Silalahi & Nisyawati 2019); to improve the health of their babies, to facilitate labor and delivery (Theo et al. 2013), and to alleviate menstruation problems (De Boer & Lamxay 2009). The process of acculturation, of culture, use of synthetic drugs, and weakening of oral knowledge inheritance systems resulted in the degradation of local knowledge, even though knowledgeit is an important source of information on biodiversity and cultural conservation (Suryadarma 2010; Emmanuel & Didier 2012; Sujarwo & Cuneva 2016). Knowledge of the use of medicinal plants is derived from experience or inheritance from close family for generations (Emmanuel & Didier 2012).

The problems that postpartum mothers face are maternity blues, depression (Takashi et al. 2014) and stress. Stress has directly or indirectly affected production of breast milk so that some mothers fail to provide good nutrition to the baby.

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The traditional health system develops various therapies to improve PCP of the mother's health through diet and herbs (Jain et al. 2011; Theo et al. 2013) and steam bathing (Silalahi & Nisyawati, 2019). Silalahi and Nisyawati (2019) stated that various plants used in saunas by postpartum mothers have a relaxing effect so that they can reduce postpartum stress.

The traditional health systems in local communities develop therapies to treat postpartum mothers through diet and treatment (Jain et al. 2011). The plants used to maintain health varies between one ethnic group and another, which is influenced by various factors such as the biodiversity of the surrounding environment, topography, and culture (Sujarwo & Cuneva 2016; Silalahi et al. 2015). This resulted in the species and number of medicinal plants being recognized differently among ethnic groups. Fifty-four medicinal plant species were used to overcome 15 types of maternal postpartum disorders in the Laos local community (Lundh 2007), while the Batak ethnic group used 63 species as adequate ingredients (Silalahi & Nisyawati 2019) and 88 species for *oke show* ceremonially by Halmahera communities (Wahkidah et al. 2017)

 The researches of the Research on medicinal plants have been conducted so far in Sumatra but mostly of them only focused on documenteding their uses in general. Whereas to Studies on plants curing PCP, plants are severely limited (Silalahi & Nisyawati 2019), especially in the Minangkabau ethnic group. Minangkabau ethnicity is an ethnic indigenous that inhabits the area of West Sumatra, and is estimated at around 91% of the population of West Sumatra. The researchers only mentioned the types, benefits of medicinal plants in general, but have not discussed in detail about the use for female reproductive organs. This study aims (1) to reveal local knowledge of Minangkabau ethnicity in utilizing medicinal plants to improve health during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum; and (2) to compare the cultural values or CSI values from of these plants used.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study was conducted in three villages (*nagari*), namely the Guguak Sarai, Taruang Taruang and Sungai Durian; of IX Koto Sungai Lasi Sub-district, Solok District, in the West Sumatra, Indonesia (Figure 1). Theese nagari's represent the locations of Minangkabau ethnic groups in the West Sumatra. The study took placewas conducted from February to June 2016. The Minangkabau ethnic connecting the area is called "Minangkabau land" which means a unity between territory, social system, and culture contained within them and has a system of matrilineal kinship. Empirically, the Minangkabau ethnic groups are known to be rich in local knowledge forof using herbs and spices, butand researchers stated have proved that they are rich of thein traditional medicine (Kairiah 2017).

The Minangkabau ethnic is an ethnic group that adheres to the matrilineal kinship-system that is according to maternal lineage. The child in the matrilineal system has a bond with the mother's brother and is called a mamak (uncle). The mamak in the Minangkabau ethnic group is responsible for all the children of his sisters (kemenakan), so there is a complex relationship in one family. The children in matrilineal kinship have family ties with the mother's brother, known as mamak (uncle). Mamak is responsible to all of his sister's children (nephew), so he has complex family relationships. The ethnic Minangkabau have lived in IX Koto Sungai Lasi Sub-district since the 17th century and have long been using plants in their traditional medicine.

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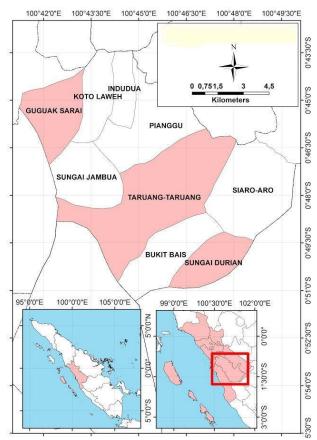


Figure 1. The research location of Map of the study area - Guguak Sarai, Taruang Taruang and Sungai Durian villages, IX Koto Sungai Lasi Sub-district, Solok District, West Sumatra, Indonesia.

### Data collection

Data were collected from aA total of 141 informants, consisteding of 9 key informants and 132 general respondents, ranging in age from 30\_-to\_80 years\_old\_(Table 1). More than 95% of the people living are Minangkabau and the rest are Javanese. The livelihoods of the population of M more than 90% of them are farmers, the rest are traders and government employees. Informant who was first interviewed was a traditional healer, then the traditional healer appointed the next respondent. The respondent criteria were respondents who know and utilize plants used in PCP and have children. Respondents were selected with purposive snowball sampling methods. Information on diversity of medicinal plants used as medicinal plants was obtained from the interviews\_respondents\_with semi-structured, in-depth\_interviews\_r and participative observation methods. Interviews were conducted according to the guides followed with modification of the existing methods (Martin,1995), with some modifications.

Table 1. The demographyic information of PCP\_respondents in of the Minangkabau ethnic group, West Sumatera, Indonesia

Characteristics	Guguak Sarai village	Sungai Durian village	Taruang-taruang village
Key informants	3 people	3 people	3 people
General respondents	46 people	18 people	68 people

Medicinal plants are collected as voucher specimens and recordtheir local names, parts of used, life forms, uses and process of preparation es for useare recorded. The identification of voucher specimens was carried out at Laing's Spice and Drug Plant Research Institute, Solok, specifically in Plant Taxonomy Laboratory, Mathematics and Natural Science

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Faculty, Universitas Indonesia and Herbarium Bogoriense, Cibinong Institute of Sciences (LIPI). The voucher specimens were stored at Laing's Spice and Drug Plant Research Institute, Solok, West Sumatra, Indonesia. The scientific names and author are verified towith the Plantlist Database (www.theplantlist.org.)

#### Data analysis

Data were analyzed using qualitative and quantitative methods. Qualitative analysis used descriptive statistics by grouping plants based on usage category. The value of the cultural significance index (CSI) was calculated using the technique developed by Turner (1988). Assessment of this cultural importance index uses three components namely the quality of use, intensity of use, and the exclusivity of use with the following formula:

$$CSI = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (q \times i \times e)ni$$

CSI is equal to the sum of individual and uses values from 1 to n, with n representing the last use described; and the subscript k representsing the value 1 through n, consecutively. For each use given, q = quality value, i = intensity value, and e = exclusivity value.

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Diversity of the Medicinal Plants for Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Postpartum

The Minangkabau ethnic group recognizes the pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum (PCP) as a vulnerable stages which may cause maternal death, so thatand they have special treatments and diets to overcome itmanage the health adversities of these stages. This research found that a total of 423 species, belonging to 38 genera and 255 families, of the medicinal plants that have been used by the Minangkabau ethnics group to treat PCP related health problems (Table 2). Out of these 423 species, A total of 2457 species of medicinal plants are represented by 8-9 families, namely Poaceaee (7 3 species), Arecaceae, Fabaceae, Zingiberaceae (3 species respectivelyeach), Euphorbiaceae, Lamiaceae, Meliaceae, Musaceae and Asteraceae (2 species respectively each) (Figure 2). The remaining 176 families in this study were represented by single species each.

The number of medicineal plants used by the Minangkabau in this research areis less than the numbers medicine plantsreported for by Batak Karo (Silalahi & Nisyawati 2019). Differences in medicinal plants used by local people are influenced by local factors like the environment, topography, ethnicity, and culture (Sujarwo & Cuneva 2015; Silalahi et al. 2015). On the other hand, the presencepopularity of modern medicine, directly or indirectly, influences the degradation of local knowledge pertaining to use of plants as food and medicine (Sujarwo and Cuneva 2015, 2016), which has implications for the degradation of local knowledge (Sujarwo and Cuneva 2016).

Medicinal plants have been used during PCP to reduce the discomforts associated with pregnancy and to "restore" the body condition after delivery (Theo et al. 2013). Both Batak Karo and Minangkabau ethnics use the same species to treat PCP, such as Cymbopogon citratus, Sauropus androgynus, Cymbopogon nardus, Curcuma longa, Zingiber officinale, and Acorus calamus (Silalahi & Nisyawati 2019).

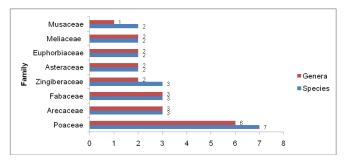


Figure 2. Families with the highest species number of medicinal plants to treat pregnancy, childbirth and post-partum in the Minangkabau ethnic, West Sumatra, Indonesia

The 18 families in this study were represented by single species. The results of the this study observation show the degradationcreasing use of medicinal plants use by Minangkabau ethnic to treat PCP. The reasons for the local community, especially the younger generation, does not use medicinal plants anymore is due toare: (1) the traditional medicinal practicee is associated with mysticism and thus so that it is contrary to religion, (2) the process of using Commented [J9]: Not cited in References section

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Table 2. The medicinal plants used to treat Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Postpartum in the Minangkabau Ethnic, West Sumatra, Indonesia

Family	Scientific name	Specimen Number	Local name	Cultivated/ Wild	Life form	Part of uses	CSI Values	Single or Concoctions	How to use	Uses
Acanthaceae	Graptophyllum pictum	Number	Pudiang hitam	Cultivated	Shrub	Bark	9	Single	Fresh, Pilis	Headache
Amaranthaceae	Griff. Amaranthus hybridus L.		Bayam	Cultivated	Herb	Leaves	25	Concoctions	Fresh, Drink	Restoring the stamina, increasing breast milk production
Araceae	Acorus calamus L.	AK-2016- AK19	Jariangau	Wild	Herb	Rhizomes, Leaves	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic
Arecaecae	Areca cathecu Burm.f.		Pinang	Cultivated	Tree	Fruits, Roots	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic, healing of woman reproductive
	Cocos nucifera L.		Karambia	Cultivated	Tree	Exocarp	12	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Cleansing woman reproductive
	Arenga pinnata Merr.		Anau	Wild	Tree	Roots	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic, healing of woman
Asteraceae	Blumea balsamifera DC.	AK-2016- TT8	Capo	Wild	Shrub	Leaves	6	Single	Boil, Drink	reproductive Antipyretic
	Pluchea indica (L.) Less.	AK-2016- TT20	Lontas	Wild	Herb	Leaves	3	Concoctions	Fresh, Drink	Antipyretic
Basellaceae	Anredera cordifolia (Ten.) Steenis	1120	Binahong	Cultivated	Herb	Leaves	6	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic
Caricaceae	Carica papaya L.		Sampelo	Cultivated	Herb	Flowers	18	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic, Cleansing woman reproductive, healing of woman reproductive
Cecropiaceae	Poikilospermum suavolens (Blume) Merr.	Ak-2016- TT13	Lundang	Wild	Tree	Roots	9	Concoctions	Fresh, Drink	Refreshment of body, Restoring the stamina
Convolvulaceae	Ipomea batatas Poir.		Ubi jala	Cultivated	Herb	Leaves	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Healing of woman reproductive
Clusiaceae	Garcinia mangostana L.		Manggis	Cultivated	Tree	Stems	6	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Cleansing woman reproductive
Euphorbiaceae	Phylanthus niruri L.	AK-2016- TT35	Dukuang anak	Wild	Herb	Aerial Part	6	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic
	Sauropus androgynus Merr.	1133	Katu	Cultivated	Shrub	Leaves	6	Single	Boil, Drink	Cleansing woman reproductive
Fabaceae	Erythrina fusca Lour.	Ak-2016- TT225	Cangkiang	Wild	Tree	Roots	6	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic
	Parkia speciosa Hassk.	11223	Patai	Cultivated	Tree	Seeds	9	Concoctions	Roasted, Drink	Restoring the stamina
	Tamarindus indica L.		Asam jao	Cultivated	Tree	Fruits	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Restoring the stamina
Gleicheniaceae	Gleichenia linearis (Burm.) Clarke.		Pakih ransam, rasam	Wild	Herb	Leaves	6	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Cleansing woman reproductive
Lamiaceae	Plectranthus amboinicus		Bangun bangun	Cultivated	Herb	Leaves	6	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic

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	Coleus atropurpureus Benth.	AK-2016- SD4	Pudiang merah	Wild	Herb	Leaves	3	Concoctions	Fresh	Stop of bleeding
Malvaceae	Hibiscus surattensis L.	AK-2016- TT65	Asam ruso-ruso	Wild	Shrub	Leaves	6	Concoctions	Boil, Bathing	Refreshment of body
Meliaceae	Lansium domesticum Jack.		Duku	Cultivated	Tree	Bark	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Cleansing woman reproductive
	Toona sureni Merr.	AK-2016- TT11	Kayu surian	Wild	Tree	Bark	6	Concoctions	Boil, Pilis	Antipyretic and headache
Menispermiaeae	Cyclea barbata Miers.	AK-2016- TT282	Kalimpanang	Wild	Herb	Roots	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic and headache
Musaceae	Musa balbisiana Colla.		Pisang batu	Wild	Herb	Roots, Stem	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Cleansing woman reproductive
	Musa paradisiaca L.		Pisang buai	Cultivated	Herb	Roots	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Cleansing woman reproductive
Myrtaceae	Eugenia malaccencis Reinw. ex Blume		Jambak	Cultivated	Tree	Bark	9	Concoctions	Boil, Bathing	Refreshment of body
Piperaceae	Piper betle L.		Siriah	Cultivated	Herb	Leaves	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic
Poaceae	Coix lacryma-jobi L.	AK-2016- GS2	Anjalai, Batiah- batiah	Wild	Herb	Seeds	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Cleansing woman reproductive
	Cymbopogon nardus (L.) Rendle.		Sarai harum	Cultivated	Herb	Pseudostem	9	Concoctions	Boil, Bathing	Refreshment of body
	Cymbopogon citratus Stapf		Sarai	Cultivated	Herb	Stem	9	Concoctions	Roasted, Drink	Restoring the stamina
	Imperata cylindrica (L.) P. Beauv	AK-2016- TT5	Lalang	Wild	Herb	Rhizomes	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Cleansing woman reproductive
	Oryza sativa L.		Padi	Cultivated	Herb	Seeds	9	Concoctions	Fresh, Pilis	Refreshment of body
	<i>Oryza sativa</i> var.glutinosa		Sipuluik	Cultivated	Herb	Seeds	9	Concoctions	Roasted, Drink	Restoring the stamina Increasing breast milk production
Poaceae	Zea mays L.		Jaguang	Cultivated	Herb	Seeds	9	Concoctions	Roasted, Drink	Restoring the
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	Saccharum officinarum L.		Tabu udang	Cultivated	Herb	Stems	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic
Rhizihoraceae	Carallia brachiata (Lourr) Merr.	AK-2016- SD8	Maransi	Wild	Tree	Stems	6	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Restoring the stamina
Rubiaceae	Uncaria gambir (W. Hunter) Roxb.		Gambia	Cultivated	Shrub	Sap	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic
Sapindaceae	Schleichera oleosa (Lour.) Oken.	AK-2016- SD12	Kasambi	Wild	Tree	Leaves	9	Concoctions	Boil, Bath	Refreshment of body
Zingiberaceae	Curcuma longa L.		Kunyik bona	Cultivated	Herb	Rhizomes	9	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic
	Zingiber officinale Rosc.		Sipadeh	Cultivated	Herb	Rhizomes	6	Concoctions	Boil, Drink	Antipyretic, Restoring the stamina
	Zingiber purpureum Rosc.		Kunyik bolai	Cultivated	Herb	Rhizomes	9	Concoctions	Fresh, Drink	Antipyretic

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Pregnancy care by ethnic Minangkabau is intended to strengthen the fetus, reduce nausea, increase appetite, increase fetal weight, prevent bleeding, and facilitate delivery. The roasted extract of the *Musa balbisiana* roots with *Saccharum officinarum* L. stem have been used to facilitate delivery, whereas the extract of the *Coleus atropurpureus* Benth. (leaves) and *Cocos nucifera* L. (fruits) have been used to prevent bleeding. The extract of *Coleus atropurpureus* leaves is red, so that haveit is believed to have similar function similar to blood. The medicinal plants of the Minang ethnicity for women are used for: stamina enhancing, menstruation treatments, after miscarriage recovery, postpartum hemorrhage, aid postpartum recovery, and infant care. The PCP mothers in the Minangkabau ethnic group believe that they are susceptible to interference by evil spirits, but they are protected by the rhizome *Acorus calamus*. The volatile oil acorenone concentration in *A. calamus* rhizome of which is up to 20.86% (Venskutonis & Dagilyte 2003) produces a distinctive aroma that provides a relaxing effect.

Some ethnic groups in Indonesia utilize plants that contain essential oils, as traditional medicines such as *Cymbopogon nardus*, *Cymbopogon citratus*, *Curcuma longa*, and *Zingiber officinale*<sub>-</sub>, as traditional medicines. Silalahi and Nisyawati (2019) stated that Batak steam-bathing traditional in North Sumatra uses those plants as the main component which provide a relaxing effect. The essential oils in those plants is isare terpene: β-pinene, camphor, bornyl acetate, borneol, linalool, D-limonene, fenchone, terpinen-4-ol and a-terpinene (de Boer et al. 2011). The terpenes also function have the role as antimicrobial and analgesic agents (de Boer et al. 2011).

The medicinal plants recorded in this study were also reported to be used by other ethnic groups, S-such as:plants include Cymbopogon citratus Stapt, Curcuma longa L, Zingiber officinale Rosc, and Sauropus androgynus Merr. OtherN new medicinal plants that are also used by mothers of Minangkabau ethnic mothers offor PCP include Musaeeae (Musa balbisiana Colla and Musa paradisiaca L.)(Musaceae), Rhizihoraceae (Carallia brachiata (Lour) Merr (Rhizophoraceae), and Meliaceae (Lansium domesticum Jack., and Toona sureni Merr. (Meliaceae). The roots and pseudostem of Musa balbisiana and Musa paradisiaca have been used to restore stamina of maternal postpartum, while Lansium domesticum and Toona sureni have been used to cleanse blood during the puerperium. Further research needs to be done to find out bioactive compounds from these plants. Origza sativa L., Zea mays L. and Ipomea batatas Poir are plants used as a sources of carbohydrates, but when they are used in the treatment of PCP, the processing method is different. For example, Zea mays roasted with psuedostems of Cymbopogon citratus pseudostems and received seeds and then brewed with hot water and is used to maintain the stamina of pregnant women.

The medicinal plants for PCP were preparedpredominant mode of administeration of herbal preparations throughwas drinking (35 species), which was followed by bathing (4 species), and applying as a mask paste (3 species). The processing of medicinal plants is done through raw materials (3 species), extractedion with water (32 species), and coasteding (4 species). The hirty-five species were used foras concoctions, while 7 species were used in as single herbsuse. Fresh extracts are takencollected from fleshy plant parts, such as Curcuma longa and Zingiber officinate rhizomes and Saccharum officinarum stem. The medicinal plants were prepared by boiling such as the leaves of Blumea balsamifera DC, Anredera cordifolia (Ten.) Steenis, and Cocos nucifera were prepared by boiling and then the boiled water was used as herbal drink. The respondent's reason are of the opinion that to process medicinal plants should be processed before consumption is due tofor imparting taste, and better benefits that is better, easier to consumetion, and morealso for ensuring hygienies. Medicinal plants are also boiled and brewed with other additives such as palm sugar (Arenga pinnata Merr), honey, and chicken eggs also are to improve the flavor and increase the efficacy.

The use of medicinal herbs in the treatment of PCP is believed to be beneficial for antipyretics, cleansing the female reproductive organs, restoring stamina, refreshing the body, healing headaches, increasing breast milk production; and stopping bleeding. The number of species used for each of these purposes is shown in (Figure 3). Some mMedicinal plants have been used for antipyretics such as:are Zingiber purpureum, Curcuma longa, Uncaria gambir (W. Hunter) Roxb., Piper betle L., Cyclea barbata Miers, and Toona sureni. The utilization of Toona sureni as an antipyretic is hitherto not reported eonsidered new and therefore needs further research.

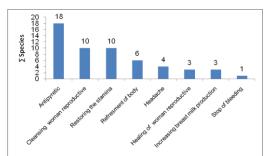


Figure 3. Various benefits of medicinal plants in treatment toof PCP and species used by Minangkabau ethnic, in West Sumatra, Indonesia.

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The post-partum maternal bathing method in the Minangkabau ethnic group differs from other ethnic groups such as the Batak ethnicity (Silalahi & Nisyawati 2019). Postpartum mothers in the Minangkabau ethnic group take water that has been mixed with freshly sliced medicinal plants for bathing while the Batak ethnic group take a steam bath. The Batak Karo sub-ethnic used 62 species of medicinal plants, with most of them-which belong to Rutaceae and Zingiberaceae (Silalahi and Nisyawati 2019). The steam-bathing aims to restore stamina, cleanse the uterus, relaxing, eliminate headaches, reduce cholesterol and; hypertension (Silalahi & Nisyawati 2019), while the Minangkabau ethnic bath is to make the body refreshed.

One of the goals of using PCP plants during PCP is to increase breast milk production. The plants used are Sauropus androgynus Merr and Plectranthus amboinicus Lour. And will be discussed further. Garcinia mangostana—L., Arenga pinnata and Gleichenia linearis—(Burm.) Clarke—have been used to clean the female reproductive organs while Hibiscus surattensis—L., Gleichenia linearis, Eugenia malaccencis—Reinw. ex—Blume, Schleichera oleosa—(Lour.) Okent—Cymbopogon nardus—(L.) Rendle. and Curcuma longa have been used for bathing. The initial period of one month is considered as Postpartum mothers have a period of 1 month (30 days) of being considered dirty or unhealthy for postpartum mothers. They are adviced to use Phyllanthus niruri—L., Gleichenia linearis—and Garcinia mangostana to cleanse their reproductive system and uterus.

Some plants used for antipyretics are: Zingiber purpureum, Curcuma longa, Uncaria gambir, Piper betle, Cycle barbata, and Toona sureni. Utilization of Toona sureni Merr. as an antipyretic is considered new and therefore need further research. Ogbe et al. (2009) stated that the purpose of using medicinal plants after childbirth is to treat bleeding contraception, increasing milk, and treat skin diseases. Ogbe et al. (2009) stated, and that Euphorbia hirta and Ocimun gratissimum were used to increase breast milk by local Africans. Panyaphu et al. (2011) stated opined that plants used i post-partum also have the rolefunction as antioxidants and antimicrobials.

Figure 4 shows the extent of plant parts of plants-used as medicineal by Minangkabau ethnic group, which at ILeaves are the predominantly used part (12 species), followed by stems (10 species), roots (6 species), rhizome (species) and seeds (5 species). The plants that use leaves (Cyclea barbata, Piper bette, Gleichenia linearis, Pleetranthia ambonicus), the stem/bark (Lansium domesticum, Eugenia malaceencis Reinw. ex Blume, Carallia brachiata (Lou Merr.), the roots (Areca cathecu, Arenga pinnata Merr, Poikilospermum suavolens (Blume) Merr.), and the seeds (Col lacryma-jobi L., Parkia speciosa Hassk).

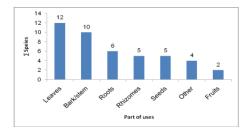


Figure 4. Medicinal plant pParts of plant used to treat pregnancy, childbirth and post-partum period by Minangkabau ethnic, in the West Sumatra, Indonesia.

### Cultural Significance Index (CSI) of the medicinal plants

The values of cultural significance index (CSI) of medicinal plants to treat pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum are classified as very low (<5), low (6-10), moderate (11-15), and high (> 15)) (Figure 5). Two species, namely Pluchea indica (L.) Less and Coleus atropurpureus have very low CSI values. More than 88% or 38 species of medicinal plants in this study have low CSI values, such as: Graptophyllum pictum-Griff, Areca cathecu, Blumea balsamifera and Anredera cordifolia are some species with low CSI values. Medicinal plants; which have low CSI values; are rarely used on have few resources. The CSI values of medicinal plants are influenced by exclusivity (e) and intensity (1). The values e and idirectly influence the value of CSI. The medicinal plants that have a high CSI values are those that are oftenfrequently used and easily found in the surrounding environment. Such as: In this study, Amaranthus hybridus L. and Carica papaya L. have high CSI values. It has been They are cultivated, so that it is and, therefore, easily recognized and used intensively by the local community. The non-cultivationed medicinal plants are rarely used by local people and tend to be forgotten which has implications for the degradation of local knowledge.

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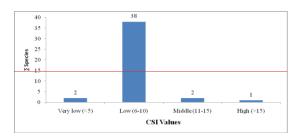


Figure 5. The Cultural Significance Index (CSI) value of the medicinal plants used to treat PCP by Minangkabau ethnic, in the West Sumatra, Indonesia.

### Medicinal plant for increased breast milk production

The problems that are often <u>sufferedencountered</u> by postpartum mothers are low milk production, anemia, and being overweight. Adequate milk production is crucial for the growth and development of the baby, therefore post-partum mothers <u>commonly</u> consume vegetables such as: <u>bangun-bangun</u> (<u>Plectranthus amboinicus</u>) and <u>katuk</u> leaves (<u>Sauropus androgynus</u>). Both of these plants are believed to increase breast milk production.

#### Pleetranthus amboinicus (Lour.) Spreng

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Plectranthus amboinicus have been used to increase breast milk. P. ambonicus leaves are cooked much like a vegetable curry by adding spices, among othersuch as lemongrass (Cymbopogon citratus), ginger (Zingiber officinale), coriander (Corium oriandrum), onion (Allium cepa), garlic (Allium sativum) and coconut milk (Cocos nucifera). These vegetables are consumed by breastfeeding mothers, while breastfeeding and are consumed as often as possible. The use of P. ambonicus to increase milk production by the Minangkabau is caused by cultural acculturation withinfluence of the Batak ethnic group from North Sumatra. The Batak ethnic is an indigenous ethnic group in North Sumatra that is geographically bordered directly with West Sumatra, resulting in acculturation cultural exchange between ethnic cultures. Ethnic Batak people, especially the Simalungun Batak, use P. ambonicus as a main menu for breastfeeding mothers. To improve the taste, P. ambonicus leaves are added withadditives like chicken meat and spices are employed. Aside from Besides, increasing breast milk, consumption of P. ambonicus also increases stamina (Hasibuan 2014). Plectranthus amboinicus is generally cultivated in home gardens, so that it is easily accessible byto the local community. It is harvested by cutting branches and young shoots, after that new shoots will appear from branches that have been cut.

Arumugam et al. (2016) stated that the nutrients in the *P. ambonicus* are protein (0.6%), Calcium (0.158%), Potassium (0.138%) and Ferrum (0.262%). The Ferrum in *P. ambonicus* increases blood and prevent anemia in postpartum mothers. The *P. ambonicus* contains various secondary metabolites such as tannins, saponins, flavonoids, steroid glycosides anfd: polyuronides (Asiimwe et al. 2014; Sathasivam & Elangovan 2011); alkaloids, cardiac glycosides, terpenoids, and flavonoids (Sathasivam & Elangovan 2011). The mainjor phenolic compounds in *P. ambonicus* are rosmarinic acid (6.160 mg/g), and followed by caffeic acid (0.770 mg/g), routine (0.324 mg/g), gallic acid (0.260 mg/g), quercetin (0.15 mg/g), and p-coumaric acid (0.104 m/g) (Bhatt et al. 2013). The terpenoid essential oils belongs to terpenoids which are mostly contained in leaves and stems of *P. ambonicus* which results in having providing a distinctive aroma. The main essential oil found in *P. ambonicus* leaves were linalool (50,3%), neryl acetate (11,6%), geranyl acetate (11,7%) and carvacrol (14,3%) (Asiimwe et al. 2014). The other compositions of *P. Ambonicus* were β - Myrcene, 4 - Carene, γ-terpinene, β-coimene, β-cymene, linalool, α-caryophyllene, neryl acetate, geranyl acetate, and nerol carvacrol (Asiimwe et al. 2014). All of the composition made *P. ambonicus*, owing to its rich nutrients and phytochemicals, to becan be potentially developed as food and nutraceuticals source (Bhatt et al. 2013).

Plectranthus amboinicus has been reported as anti-bacterial (Wadikar & Patki 2016; El-hawary et al. 2013) and have also has antifungal activities (Wadikar & Patki 2016; Manjamalai et al. 2012). The essential oil of P. amboinicus leaves inhibited growth of Klebsiella pneumoniae (Goncalves et al. 2012), Staphylococcus aureus (Manjamalai et al. 2012; Bhatt et al. 2013; Astuti et al. 2012), Bacillus cereus, Escherichia coli, Yersina enterocolitica (Bhatt et al., 2013), Bacillus subtilis (Bhatt & Negi 2012; Astuti et al. 2012), Klebsiella planticola (Vanaja & Annadurai 2013), Pseudomonas aeruginosa (Manjamalai et al. 2012; Astuti et al. 2012), and Salmonella thypi (Astuti et al. 2012)

### Sauropus androgynus Merr.

Sauropus androgynus has been long used as a vegetable to increase breast milk production by Minangkabau ethnic and is more familiar than P. ambonicus. The S. androginus is cultivated in home garden and easily found in the surrounding environment. The S. androgynus branch is dense and the direction of growth is vertical or almost parallel to the main stem and is therefore suitable for use as a live fence. In addition, its flowers and fruit are beautiful, so they are often used as ornamental plants. Young leaves and shoots of S. androgynus are boiled to be made into vegetables. This plant has a slightly sweet taste and a simpler way of processing, resulting in its this plant to be often frequent used when compared to

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P. ambonicus. The high demand for S. adrogynus as a vegetable making it to behas made it a traded plant oin the loc markets.

The Minangkabau ethnie haspeople have been long consumeding S. androgynus, and they have not reported an poisoning eaused by itdue to its consumption. In Taiwan and Japan, it is used as an slimming and anti-obesity agentstimming or anti-obesity (Bunawan et al., 2011). In Taiwan (1995) and China (2005), the consumption of S. androgym were has been reported to cause lung dysfunction called bronchiolitis obliterans (Bunawan et al. 2011: Lai et al. 1996; Yu et al. 2006). Bronchiolitis obliterans is characterized by inflammation of the air ways, broccoli fibrotic lesions and narrowing of the lumen (Cottin and Cordier 2013). Xin et al. (2006) reported that giving juice of S. androgynus leaves to cells at certain doses resulted in obliteration of the lysosome and golgi apparatus but did not result in chromosomal changes. Although, tThe method of S. Androgynus processing in Minangkabau ethnic is different from Taiwan and China In Taiwan, S. androgynus leaves and young shoots (Lai et al. 1996; Bunawan et al. 2011; Yu et al. 2006) are used as fres material(Lai et al. 1996; Bunawan et al. 2011; Yu et al. 2006), while the Minangkabau people use after boiling them Papaverine is an alkaloid eompound of alkaloid group-which results in bronchiolitis obliterans (Bunawan et al. 2011), an these this compounds is degraded in the presence of heating (Lai et al. 1996). Thus, beginning of S. androgynus by Minangkabau ethnic resulted makes it a in relatively safe diet.

The use of S. androgynus in postpartum mothers, in addition to increasing breast milk production, is thought to reduce weight and also increase the number of red blood cells. Yu et al. (2006) stated that S. androgynus leaves contain chemical compounds called is 3-O- $\beta$ -D-glucosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 6)- $\beta$ -D-glucosyl-kaempferol that haves anti-obesity propertie which is 3 O β D glucosyl (1→6) β D glucosyl kaempferol. Hasimun et al. (2018) statedreported that the results of the study showed that S. anrogynus leaves leaf extract in experimental mice at doses of 50, 100 and 200 mg/kg could increase the number of red blood cells and reduce the rate of stretching. Sauropus androgynus leaves extract at a doseage of 20 mg/kg has an anti-anemiac and analgesic effects, simultaneously.

A total of 42 species medicinal plants are used in women's healthcare during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. total 24 species belonging 8 families, which are Poaceaee (7 species), Arecaceae, Fabaceae, Zingiberaceae (3 speci respectively), Euphorbiaceae, Meliaceae, Musaceae and Asteraceae (2 species respectively). The medicinal plants to tre PCP by Minangkabau ethnic are also used to overcome menstrual problems, recovery after miscarriage, reduce postpartui bleeding, assist in postpartum recovery, and for use in baby care. The Plectranthus amboinicus and Sauropus androgyn have the potential to be developed to increase breast milk production and reduce post-partum body weight.

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