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Herbarium sheet

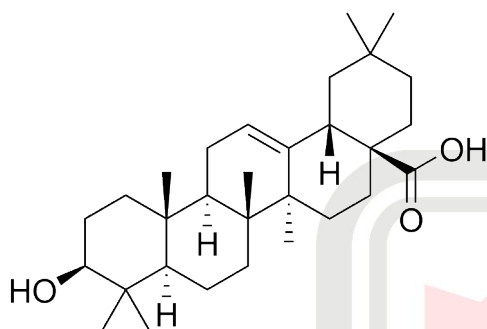
Aghada (*Achyranthes aspera*)

Common name: devil's horsewhip, **English:** Prickly Chaff Flower **Marathi:** Aghada, **Sanskrit:** apāmārga

Gujarati: Agharo, **Hindi:** Aghara

Part used: Whole plant -.An erect undershrub up to 3 ft., lower portion perennial. Leaves opposite, variable. Branches pubescent, striate. Flowers greenish. It is common under growth, with sharp spiny bracteoles and pungent tips of the perianth which sticks to the cloths

Active Chemical constituents: Oleanolic Acid



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Organoleptic characters:

Colour- Pinkish white colour

Odour- not specific

Taste- astringent

Pharmacological applications: emmenagogue, antiarthritic, antifertility, laxative, , anti-helminthic, aphrodisiac, antiviral, anti-plasmodic, antihypertensive, anticoagulant, diuretic. It is also useful to treat cough, renal dropsy, fistula, scrofula, skin rash, nasal, infection, chronic malaria, impotence, fever, asthma, piles and snake bites This plant is astringent, digestive, diuretic, laxative, purgative and stomachic. The juice of the plant is used in the treatment of boils, diarrhea, dysentery, hemorrhoids, rheumatic pains, itches and skin eruptions It is reported to contain alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, steroids and terpenoids. anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory agents.

Granthokta Ayurvedic application: Deepan, pachan, mutrijanan, kaphaghna, krumighna, twachavikar, sarpdansha, vrushikdansha.

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