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Herbarium sheet

Kakmachi (Solanum nigrum)

Common name: Black nightshade, English: Black nightshade, Marathi: Makoi, Sanskrit: Kakamachi

Gujarati: pludi, Hindi: Makoi

Part used: whole plant- Annual branched herb up to 90 cm high, with dark green leaves, juicy, ovate or lanceolate, toothless to slightly toothed on the margins. Flowers are small and white with a short-pedicellate and five widely spread petals. Fruits are small, black when ripe, glossy.

Active Chemical constituents: Solanine

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Organoleptic characters:

Colour-fruits- Black

Odour- not specific

Taste- Bitter

Pharmacological applications: pain, fever and liver disorders ,hepatoprotective, cytostatic, anti-convulsant, anti-ulcerogenic and anti-inflammatory

Granthokta Ayurvedic application:

Tridoshnashak, Kushtagna, Sarak, Mutrajanan, vedanahar, jwar, atisar, netrarogHrudayrog, jirna Yakrut vrudhi, kandu, Psoriasis (Ref:Bhavaprakasa Nighantu Page No:438)



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