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Herbarium sheet

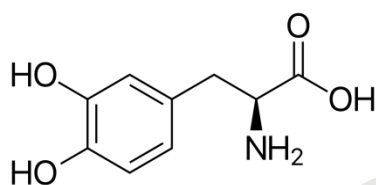
Kavach (*Mucuna pruriens*)

Common name: Cowitch, Kapikachu, **English:** Velvet bean **Marathi:** Khaj-kuri **Sanskrit:** Kapikachhu

Gujarati: Kavach, **Hindi:** Kounch

Part used: Seeds - dark brown with spots; usually 1.2-1.8 cm long, 0.8-1.2 cm wide, hard, smooth to touch, not easily breakable

Active Chemical constituents: L-DOPA



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Organoleptic characters:

Colour-Dark brown

Odour- not specific

Taste- sweetish-bitter taste.

Pharmacological applications: rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, atherosclerosis, nervous disorders, analgesic, antipyretic activity, and in the management of Parkinsonism, Fertility Enhancing Potential

Granthokta Ayurvedic application: Uttejak, Vajikar, vatshamak, Balya, Vatnadi dourbalya, Angghat.
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