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PHARMACOGNOSTICAL AND ANALYTICAL STUDY OF THE HEART WOOD OF ASANA (*Pterocarpus marsupium Roxb.*) - an important drug in ayurveda

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ABSTRACT

Pharmacognosy deals with the biological, biochemical and economical features of natural drugs and their constituents. The detailed pharmacognostical study of plant help us to differentiate between closely related species of the same genus or related genera of the same family. It helps in the standardization of a drug which is the need of the day and to find out if the plant drugs are adulterated. Pharmacognostical study suggest substitutes to some rare species and save them from extinction. Keeping the current trend in mind, the heartwood of Asana (Pterocarpus marsupium Roxb,) is subjected for the pharmacognostical and analytical study in order to attain the standardization.From the current study, genuinity indicating parameters of Asana(Pterocarpus marsupium Roxb.) is derived.

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