





Structure of Punarnavine

Practical -14

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MORPHOLOGY OF PUNARNAVA

Aim: To identify the morphological characters of given organised drug.

Biological Source: Punarnava it is dried herb of plant part of Boerhaavia diffusa.

Family: Nyctaginaceae.

Morphological Characteristics (Punarnava leaves and Fruits):

S. No.	Morphological Character	Observation
1.	Colour	
2.	Odour	
3.	Taste	
4.	Shape	
5.	Size	
6.	Extra features	

Chemical Constituents

Generally whole plant consists the following phytochemical constituents; those are Punarnavine (Alkaloids), β - sitosterol (Phytosterols), Liriodendrin (lignans), Punarnavoside (Rotenoids), Boerhavine (Xanthones) and Potassium nitrate (Salts).

Uses:

- o Diuretic & anti Inflammatory
- Also used in liver tonic preparation.
- Nephritic syndrome
- Chronic edema

Report: The given organised drug was identified as.....

Questions Bank

- 1. What is the Diuretic property?
- 2. What is the Nephritic syndrome?
- 3. What is the Chronic edema?
- 4. Write the botanical name of Punarnava.
- 5. What is/are the main chemical constituent of Punarnava?
- 6. Which part mainly used of Punarnava?
- 7. Write the structure of Punarnavine.
- 8. Write a note on traditional product of Punarnava.
- 9. Punarnava herb is used as.....
- 10. May be Punarnava used in Enlargement of spleen?