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Berberis aristata Stem Powder

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DEFINITION

The article consists of the dried stem of *Berberis aristatal* DC. (Family Berberidaceae), reduced to powder or very fine powder. It contains NLT 1.0% of berberine on the dried basis.

POTENTIAL CONFOUNDING MATERIALS

Berberis asiatica

Berberis lyceum

Coscinium fenestratum

Hydrastis canadensis

Mahonia borealis Morinda umbellata

CONSTITUENTS OF INTEREST

Benzoisoquinoline alkaloid: Berberine, palmatine

IDENTIFICATION

• A. Botanical Characteristics

Macroscopic: Yellow to dark brown powder

Microscopic: Yellow; shows mostly fragments of cork cells, sieve elements, yellow...

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