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Picrorhiza kurrooa Root and Rhizome

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DEFINITION

The article consists of the dried root and rhizome of *Picrorhiza kurrooa* Royle (Family Plantaginaceae). It contains NLT 3.5% of iridoid glycosides calculated as the sum of picroside I and picroside II on the anhydrous basis.

SYNONYMS

The synonym status of the species names *Picrorhiza kurrooa* Royle and *Picrorhiza kurroa* Royle ex Benth. is unresolved at this time. Previously this species was placed in the Family Scrophulariaceae.

POTENTIAL CONFOUNDING MATERIALS

Picrorhiza scrophulariiflora Pennell

SELECTED COMMON NAMES

Chinese: 胡笳莲

English: Picrorhiza

Hindi: Kutki

Korean: 호황련

Sanskrit: Tiktā, Kavī, Sutiktaka...

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