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Piper methysticum Root and Rhizome

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DEFINITION

The article consists of the dried root and rhizome of *Piper methysticum* G. Forst. (Family Piperaceae). It contains NLT 4.5% of kavalactones, calculated as the sum of methysticin, dihydromethysticin, [kawain](#) ^[1], dihydrokawain, yangonin, and desmethoxyyangonin on the dried basis.

SYNONYMS

None known

POTENTIAL CONFOUNDING MATERIALS

Piper wichmannii C.DC.

Piper methysticum var. *wichmannii* (C.DC.) Lebot.

SELECTED COMMON NAMES

English: Kava, kava-kava, kava...

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