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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](#) <sup>[1]</sup>, 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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