

Pharmacognostic Study of *Brahati* (*Solanum violaceum* Ort.)-I. Root & Fruit

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'Brahati' (*Solanum violaceum* Ort.), an important Ayurvedic drug, is one of the constituents of *'Dashmula'*, which is a reputed Medicine for "Vatavyadhis". It is also considered quite effective in asthma and disorders of digestive, urinary tracts and skin diseases. The present communication deals with detailed pharmacognosy of root and fruit. The study includes morphological, histological and physicochemical observations including physical constant values, behaviour of powder drug with different chemical reagents, fluorescence characteristics etc. The characters found to be useful in proper identification of the drug are discussed.

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