

STRUCTURAL IDENTITIES OF THE COUMARINS OF *HERACLEUM* SPP.

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In South Indian markets the drugs Kattu malli or Chitretram is being sold under the name Sookshma ela. Although fruits of Elettaria Cardamomum Maton are officially recognised as Sookshma ela therefore determination of botanical identity of Kattumalli and its phytochemical constituents have been isolated and reported in the present communication.

Kattumalli is otherwise known as 'Chitretram' in Tamil. Chitretram is said to be useful in cough, bronchitis, indigestion and urinary concretions. (Chunekar, 1960; Murugesu Mudaliar, 1969).

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