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## NOTICES

Monographs of the Thai Pharmacopoeia are distinguished by the abbreviation TP against the title. The term Thai Pharmacopoeia, used without qualification, refers to the Thai Pharmacopoeia II Volume I Part 1 Supplement 2020.

Monographs of the Thai Pharmacopoeia have previously been prepared by the Thai Pharmacopoeia Committee and its affiliated Subcommittees and published by the Department of Medical Sciences to provide the national standards for modern drugs, crude drugs and biological products.

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## PREFACE

Humans have known to utilize plants, animals and minerals around them to prevent and treat a myriad of ailments since pre-historic times. Likewise, traditional practices and herbal drugs have been used for thousands of years around the globe. It is believed that most of the world's population relies on traditional medicine and herbal drugs for primary health care, either through expert healers or home remedies. The coming of knowledge and the practice of modern medicine for which there is more evidence regarding its safety and efficacy has made the role of traditional medicine slowly fade away.

However, over recent decades, the roles of traditional practices and herbal drugs are being revived globally. This is due to several potential reasons—there is now increased scientific evidence of their safety and efficacy, gained from research studies, and more authoritative regulation of both herbal drugs and their preparations, as well as the fact that people have started to seek healing alternatives for certain diseases that modern drugs are unable to treat, especially diseases that require lifelong pharmaceutical medications and thus raise safety concerns. In Thailand, an increasing number of healthcare facilities have incorporated traditional and herbal medicine into their mainstream healthcare since 1982. This was subsequently emphasized by the Fourth National Drug Policy of 2011 which focused on “national self-reliance”, whereby Thailand has been blessed with the wisdom of traditional medicine and a variety of medicinal plants. Such policy can benefit Thailand's economy in cutting down on imports of modern drugs.

Recently, more and more evidence on the use of cannabis for medicinal purposes has been brought to light as an alternative therapy for some conditions for which effective treatments are scarce or unavailable. In 2019, the Food and Drug Administration encouraged the use of medicinal cannabis by issuing the Narcotics Act (No. 7) B.E. 2562, allowing the use of cannabis for treatment of certain diseases under the supervision of trained and licensed physicians and traditional healers, as well as to allow regulated plantation of cannabis for medicinal purposes. Therefore, the most recent edition of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia (THP 2021) not only compiled the 99 previously published monographs of the THP 2020, but added 8 new monographs of herbal drugs and herbal drug preparations, and also features the monograph of Cannabis. Furthermore, monographs of Cannabis Extract and Cannabis Sublingual Drops from the Thai Pharmacopoeia II Volume I Part 1 Supplement 2020 were reproduced to improve ease of use for the new Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia (THP 2021).

In terms of quality, efficacy and safety, the Department of Medical Sciences, Ministry of Public Health as a national laboratory responsible for analysis and quality assurance of health products and a Collaborating Center for Cannabis Testing Laboratories, was entrusted with standard setting and publishing of the THP 2021.

The publication provides the national standards for ensuring the quality, safety and efficacy of herbal drugs and herbal drug preparations, including Cannabis for medicinal use in Thailand, as well as encouraging domestic research, production, and utilization of medical cannabis, enabling the country's self-reliance and sustainable health care.

As always, the work carried out for the THP 2021 is of high scientific quality and involved collaboration among six subcommittees under the supervision of the Thai Pharmacopoeia Committee responsible for the preparation of monographs for both herbal drugs and herbal drug preparations, together with the appendices and other necessary information. The six subcommittees include the Subcommittee on the Establishment of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia, the Subcommittee on the Pharmacognostic and Botanic Specifications for the Thai Herbal Monographs, the Subcommittee on Physico-chemical Specifications and Safety for the Thai Herbal Monographs, the Subcommittee on Standards for Thai Herbal Drug Preparations, the Subcommittee on Standards and Analytical Methods, and the Subcommittee on Editorial Style.

The THP is one of the achievements of the Thai Pharmacopoeia Committee. On behalf of the Department of Medical Sciences, the Committee and its affiliated Subcommittees wish to express their deep gratitude to the generous assistance and technical support from various contributors, government agencies, academic institutions and other organizations, particularly the Botanical Garden Organization, the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Research Office, the Government Pharmaceutical Organization, Chiang Mai University Faculty of Pharmacy, Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kasetsart University Faculty of Sciences, Khon Kaen University Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mahasarakham University Faculty of Medicine, and Srinakharinwirot University Faculty of Pharmacy, and those individuals who have provided comments and advice and shared their time and expertise. This publication would not have been possible without their outpouring of support and contribution.



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# INTRODUCTION

In 1989, the Thai Pharmacopoeia Committee appointed the Subcommittees on the Establishment of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia with the mission of establishing the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia, a companion publication to the existing Thai Pharmacopoeia. The Subcommittee's responsibilities are:

1. selecting appropriate herbal drugs and herbal drug preparations based on public health and industrial demand for further consideration by the Thai Pharmacopoeia Committee;
2. establishing specifications for herbal drugs and herbal drug preparations selected by the Thai Pharmacopoeia Committee and compiling the corresponding monographs;
3. publishing the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia;
4. attending to all matters related to the preparation of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia.

In 2010, the Thai Pharmacopoeia Committee appointed three specialized subcommittees to provide the existing subcommittee with data on specific fields in order to facilitate the work of the Subcommittee on the Establishment of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia, as well as to accelerate the work process, making it possible to meet the goal of launching new editions of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia regularly. The responsibilities of each of these Subcommittees are described as follows:

## **1. The Subcommittee on the Pharmacognostic and Botanic Specifications for Thai Herbal Monographs**

This Subcommittee is responsible for:

- 1.1 producing drafts of the pharmacognostical and botanical specifications of the Thai herbal monographs, i.e. nomenclature, definitions, plant descriptions, macroscopic and microscopic descriptions, and other related information;
- 1.2 submitting the drafts to the Subcommittee on the Establishment of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia for approval;
- 1.3 attending to all matters related to the preparation of pharmacognostical and botanical specifications.

## **2. The Subcommittee on the Physico-chemical Specifications and Safety for Thai Herbal Monographs**

This Subcommittee is responsible for:

- 2.1 producing drafts of the physico-chemical specifications of the Thai herbal monograph, i.e. constituents, packaging and storage, identification, assay, ashes, extractives, and other related information;
- 2.2 producing draft information on the safety of the Thai herbal monographs, i.e. categories, contra-indications, warnings, precautions, additional information, dosage, and other related information;
- 2.3 submitting the drafts to the Subcommittee on the Establishment of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia for approval;
- 2.4 attending to all matters related to the preparation of the physico-chemical and safety specifications.

### 3. The Subcommittee on Standards for Thai Herbal Drug Preparations

This Subcommittee is responsible for:

3.1 producing draft specifications for Thai herbal drug preparations preselected by the Thai Pharmacopoeia Committee and compiling these specifications in monographs in the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia;

3.2 submitting the drafts to the Subcommittee on the Establishment of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia for approval;

3.3 attending to all matters related to establishing the specifications for Thai herbal drug preparations.

3.4 preparing appendices of the tests related to the Thai herbal monographs.

This publication is included in a series known as the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia. Despite the fact that the majority of monographs are on medicines of plant origin, due to their extensive use, the various terms described in the text, such as herbal drugs or materials, refer not only to plants but also to animals and minerals used for medicinal purposes. The patterns of the quite a number of monographs are relatively inconsistent due to the fact that they were compiled from all of the previous publications of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia. For instance, the illustrations of thin-layer chromatograms may be found as either colour drawings or colour photographs.

Furthermore, it is to be noted that two monographs of the Thai Pharmacopoeia: Cannabis Extract and Cannabis Sublingual Drops from Thai Pharmacopoeia II Volume I Part 1 Supplement 2020 are reproduced in this edition of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia. Thus, all topics related to the standards and quality testings of such monographs, for instance, General Notices, Methods of Analysis, Reagents, etc. shall refer to the Thai Pharmacopoeia II (TP 2011) and its Supplement 2020. In case of doubt or dispute, reference shall be made to the aforementioned Thai Pharmacopoeia.

Any comments or suggestions from readers/users are welcomed by the Subcommittees, in order to further refine the information in this publication. Such comments will be considered when the monographs are revised so that the most useful information is provided.

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- 1.1 selecting the appropriate herbal drugs and herbal drug preparations based on public health and industrial demands for further consideration by the Thai Pharmacopoeia Committee;
- 1.2 establishing the specifications of herbal drugs and herbal drug preparations selected by the Thai Pharmacopoeia Committee and compiling the corresponding monographs;
- 1.3 publishing the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia;
- 1.4 attending to all matters related to the preparation of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia.

## 2. SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PHARMACOGNOSTIC AND BOTANIC SPECIFICATIONS FOR THAI HERBAL MONOGRAPHS (2010-)

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This subcommittee is responsible for:

- 2.1 producing drafts of the pharmacognostic and botanic specifications for Thai herbal monographs, i.e. nomenclature, definitions, plant descriptions, macroscopical and microscopical descriptions, and other related information;
- 2.2 submitting the drafts to the Subcommittee on the Establishment of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia for approval;
- 2.3 attending to all matters related to the preparation of pharmacognostic and botanic specifications.

### 3. SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PHYSICO-CHEMICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND SAFETY FOR THAI HERBAL MONOGRAPHS (2010-)

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This subcommittee is responsible for:

- 3.1 producing drafts of the physico-chemical specifications for Thai herbal monograph, i.e. constituents, packaging and storage, identification, assay, ashes, extractives, and other related information;
- 3.2 producing draft information on the safety for Thai herbal monographs, i.e. categories, contra-indications, warnings, precautions, additional information, dosage, and other related information;
- 3.3 submitting the drafts to the Subcommittee on the Establishment of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia for approval;
- 3.4 attending to all matters related to the preparation of the physico-chemical and safety specifications.

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## GENERAL NOTICES

The information given in the general notices provides the basic guidelines for the interpretation and applications of the standards, tests, assays and other specifications of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia.

In the text of the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia the word "Pharmacopoeia" means the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia. The official abbreviation for the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia is THP. An herbal material is not of the pharmacopoeial quality unless it complies with all the requirements of the relevant monograph. The statements under the headings: Description, Solubility, Constituents, Packaging and storage, Contra-indication, Warning, Precaution, and Additional information are not to be regarded as analytical requirements. However, the macroscopic and microscopic descriptions under each monograph are important means for the identification of the drug and its corresponding origin.

Unless otherwise specified, the rules of the General Notices of the Thai Pharmacopoeia (TP) apply to the Thai Herbal Pharmacopoeia.

### Monograph Nomenclature

A Thai name is adopted as the main title of each pharmacopoeial substance. It is transcribed to English following the Royal Institute's official transliteration system<sup>1</sup> and printed with capital letters. Subsidiary titles, where applicable, are other Thai name(s), Latin genitives of plants, English common name(s), and English synonym(s).

In the text, English common names are usually mentioned in place of the main titles. When the English common names are not available, the English names derived from the Latin genitives of plants will be used instead. All titles (main and/or subsidiary) and names (synonyms as well as botanical names) are listed in the index.

### Reference Substances

Where a test or an assay calls for the use of a Reference Substance, the ASEAN Reference Substance or other recognized reference substances may be used. The ASEAN Reference Substances are available from the Bureau of Drug and Narcotic, the Department of Medical Sciences, Nonthaburi, Thailand.

### Authenticated Reference Specimens

For the botanical evaluation of the crude drug samples, the herbarium specimen numbers of the corresponding plants provided in the text are taken from the Department of Medical Sciences Herbarium (DMSC), the Department of Medical Sciences, Nonthaburi, Thailand, or other recognized herbaria such as the Bangkok Herbarium (BK), the Department of Agriculture, Bangkok, Thailand; the Forest Herbarium (BKF),

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<sup>1</sup>Rules for Transcribing Foreign Words to Thai Script: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, Arabic, Malay (The Royal Institute ed.), Bangkok: the Royal Institute, 1992.

the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation, Bangkok, Thailand; the Herbarium of Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden (QSBG), Chiang Mai, Thailand. If not provided, the herbarium specimens could be compared to the existing named specimens at the above-mentioned herbaria.

For some plants non-native and not commercially cultivated in Thailand so that their herbarium specimens are not available at the above-mentioned herbaria, citation of the herbarium specimen numbers will be indicated under the Additional information of such monographs. If not indicated, it is suggested to investigate from other internationally-recognized herbaria.

The crude drug numbers (DMSc) are also cited. The reference crude drug specimens are authenticated by the Medicinal Plant Research Institute, the Department of Medical Sciences, Nonthaburi, Thailand.

### Freshly and Recently Prepared

The direction that a preparation must be freshly prepared indicates that it must be made not more than 24 hours before it is issued for use. The direction that a preparation should be recently prepared indicates that deterioration is likely if the preparation is stored for longer than about 4 weeks at 15° to 25°.

### Description

In addition to macroscopical and microscopical descriptions of crude drugs, the morphological and anatomical descriptions of plants are provided for the botanical identification of the samples. Colour photographs of the plants and crude drugs are also given.

Macroscopical descriptions in the monographs refer to features which can be seen by the unaided eyes or with the aid of a hand lens. Statements of the characteristic microscopical description of the whole drug are included in the monograph as a means for determining identity, quality, or purity. Most of the transverse sections of the plants are line drawn but some are photomicrographed and inserted to illustrate the authenticity of the cellular structures.

### Identification

Thin-layer chromatography is used as one of the principal means of identification of herbal drugs. In some cases where isolated constituents of herbal drugs are available, chromatographically separated constituents are related to the known constituents used as markers<sup>1</sup>. For purposes of evaluation, an  $hR_f$  value is used in place of an  $R_f$  value in order to preclude the use of decimal fractions. The  $hR_f$  value is the  $R_f$  value multiplied by the factor 100, resulting in values of 0 to 100.

In the monograph, the  $hR_f$  values of known and unknown constituents are listed in the table, accompanied by the corresponding thin-layer chromatograms. The illustrations of thin-layer chromatograms are provided in colour photographs.

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<sup>1</sup>Constituent(s) of a herbal material which is/are chemically defined and of interest for quality control purposes.

In cases where isolated constituents of herbal drugs are not readily available, a fingerprint of the separated constituents is obtained and the positions of major spots or bands in the chromatogram are described in relation to a non-constituent marker, in terms of their relative  $R_f$  values ( $RR_f$ ).  $RR_f$  can be determined by the formula:

$$RR_f = a/b$$

where a =  $R_f$  value of a constituent of interest, and  
b =  $R_f$  value of a non-constituent marker.

Due to variations in the levels of constituents in different samples of herbal drug, minor deviations from one chromatogram to another can be observed. A judgement by the analyst is needed as to the extent of deviation allowed before samples are considered incorrect or contaminated with foreign matter. Further investigations should be carried out in case of doubt.

### Quantitative Determination

Unless otherwise specified, all quantitative determinations prescribed in the monographs are carried out on materials which have not been specially dried and calculations are made accordingly.

### Arsenic and Heavy Metals

With regard to vegetable drugs, the toxic elements which may be present in sufficient quantity to pose potential risk vary from plant to plant. The amount of these elements depends on the location, the quality of the soil, or environmental pollution. Because of their toxic natures, arsenic and heavy metals are of major concern. Although not specifically required in the monograph, it is suggested that the maximum amounts of the toxic elements, based on the acceptable daily intake (ADI) values, in final dosage forms of plant materials be as follows:

Arsenic	4	ppm
Cadmium	0.3	ppm
Lead	10	ppm
Mercury	0.5	ppm

Unless otherwise indicated, the test procedures are provided in the "Limit Tests for Heavy Metals in Herbal Drugs and Herbal Drug Preparations" (Appendix 5.2).

### Microbial Contamination

Although not specifically required in the monographs, possible microbial contamination should be controlled to such an extent that the preparations derived from them meet the requirements as described in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

### Strength(s) Available

Strength(s) available is provided only as a guide and is not necessarily comprehensive. For Solid dosage forms such as Capsules, the strength is usually given as the amount of herbal drugs, in powder form, in each unit. For herbal drugs intended for oral aqueous preparations such as Herbal Teas, the strength is usually given as the amount of herbal drugs, in powder form, in each unit dose.

### Contra-indication

This section specifies those conditions in which the drug should NOT be used.

### Warning and Precaution

Under the heading "Warning", the possible risks of certain hazards from the use of a herbal drug are to be observed and taken care of before prescribing or administering it to a patient. Caution and careful consideration on the risk-benefit ratio of the drug should therefore be contemplated on an individual basis prior to the decision to use it.

On the other hand, important notes to be observed and carefully followed during and after the administration of a drug are described under the heading "Precaution".

Where there is a clear risk, the important warnings and precautions are selected and included under the headings "Warning" and "Precaution" in some monographs. However, it should not be assumed that the omission of a warning or a precaution in any particular monograph means that warning or precaution may not be of clinical significance for a specific patient.

### Additional Information

Any personal observation of a particular drug and other special relevant information concerned are to be categorized under the heading "Additional information". It is not regarded as analytical requirements.

### Category and Dose

The statements given under "Category" are provided only for information on the drug's main pharmacological actions, which are presumably based on its use in traditional medicine. It should not be assumed that the substance has no other actions or uses. Information on doses is also related to its traditional use and is intended only for general guidance. The dose of a drug specified in this Pharmacopoeia is the usual dose for adults; some adjustments may be necessary for individual patients, including children, depending on their conditions. Unless otherwise stated, the information is given for internal use.

*Remark* It is to be noted that the actions and doses stated in the Pharmacopoeia do not imply any regulatory acceptance for the purpose of licensing.

## Packaging and Storage

The substances and preparations described in the Pharmacopoeia are stored in such a way as to prevent contamination and, as far as possible, deterioration. Precautions that should be taken in relation to the effects of the atmosphere, moisture, heat, and light are indicated, where appropriate, in the monographs.

### CONTAINERS

The container is the device that holds the substance, either in the form of the raw material or of the finished dosage form. The closure of the container, including the stopper, the cap, the attached dropper, etc., is considered as a part of the container.

The *immediate container* is the one which is in direct contact with the substance.

The container should be cleaned before use, and no extraneous matter should be introduced into it or into the substance placed in it. It must, likewise, not interact physically or chemically with the substance which it holds so as to alter the latter's quality, purity, or therapeutic potency to a level below its Pharmacopoeial requirements.

#### Well-closed container

A well-closed container must protect the contents from extraneous matter or from loss of the substance under ordinary or customary conditions of handling, shipment, storage, or sale.

#### Tightly closed container

A tightly closed container must protect the contents from contamination by extraneous matter or moisture, from loss of the substance, and from efflorescence, deliquescence, or evaporation under the ordinary or customary conditions of handling, shipment, storage, or sale, and shall be capable of tight reclosure. Where a tightly closed container is specified, it may be replaced by a hermetically closed container for a single-dose of the substance.

### STORAGE

The following expressions are used in monographs under Packaging and storage with the meaning shown.

**Protected from light** means that the product is to be stored either in a light-resistant container or in a container enclosed in an outer cover that provides such protection or stored in a place from which all such light is excluded.

**Protected from moisture** means that the product is to be stored in a tightly closed container. Care is to be taken when the container is opened in a damp atmosphere. A low moisture content may be maintained, if necessary, by the use of a desiccant in the container provided that direct contact with the product is avoided.

### STORAGE TEMPERATURES

When special conditions of storage are necessary, including limits of temperature, they are prescribed in the monograph. Where, in a monograph, the storage conditions are mentioned using the general expressions "at room temperature", "in a cold place", and the like, these terms are generally defined as follows.

**Very cold temperature** Any temperature above  $-10^{\circ}$  but not higher than  $8^{\circ}$ . A *refrigerator* is a very cold place in which the temperature is maintained thermostatically between  $2^{\circ}$  and  $8^{\circ}$ .

**Cool temperature** Any temperature above  $16^{\circ}$  but not higher than  $23^{\circ}$ .

**Room temperature** Any temperature above  $23^{\circ}$  but not higher than  $35^{\circ}$ .

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## บอระเพ็ด (BORAPHET)

Tinosporae Crispae Caulis

Tinospora Crispa Stem

**Category** Antipyretic, bitter tonic, stomachic.

**Tinospora Crispa Stem** is the dried stem of *Tinospora crispa* (L.) Hook. f. & Thomson [*T. crispa* Diels, *T. rumphii* Boerl., *T. tuberculata* (Lam.) Beumée ex K. Heyne, *T. gibbericaulis* Hand. Mazz., *T. mastersii* Diels, *T. thorelii* Gagnep.] (Family Menispermaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 354, 355.

**Constituents** Tinospora Crispa Stem contains tinosporine, tinosporidine, picroretin, *N-trans-feruloyl* tyramine, *N-cis-feruloyl* tyramine, tinotuberide, borapetoside A, borapetol A, ceryl alcohol,  $\beta$ -sitosterol, stigmasterol, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Woody climber with tuberous roots; young stems smooth, older ones very prominently tuberculate with exceedingly bitter sap; aerial root filiform, very long. Leaves broadly ovate to orbicular, 5 to 14 cm long, 4 to 12 cm wide, apex acuminate, base cordate, palmately 5- to 7-nerved at the base; petiole 5 to 15 cm long. Inflorescence pseudoracemose, not coetaneous with the leaves. Male inflorescence very slender, a few in groups. Male flower small, on filiform pedicel; sepals pale green, 3 outer ones ovate, 3 inner ones obovate; petals 3; stamens 6. Female inflorescence similar to male one but shorter. Female flower with sepals and petals as in male; staminodes 6; carpels 3. Drupe orange, ellipsoid, up to 2 cm long.

**Description** Odour, indistinct; taste, intensely bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Cylindrical, transverse or oblique pieces, 3 to 30 mm long, 3 to 18 mm in diameter; externally brown, longitudinally wrinkled and numerous warty lenticels; internally pale greyish yellow, exhibiting a bark from 1.5 to 2.5 mm in thickness; surface, radiate and a minute disintegrated pith.

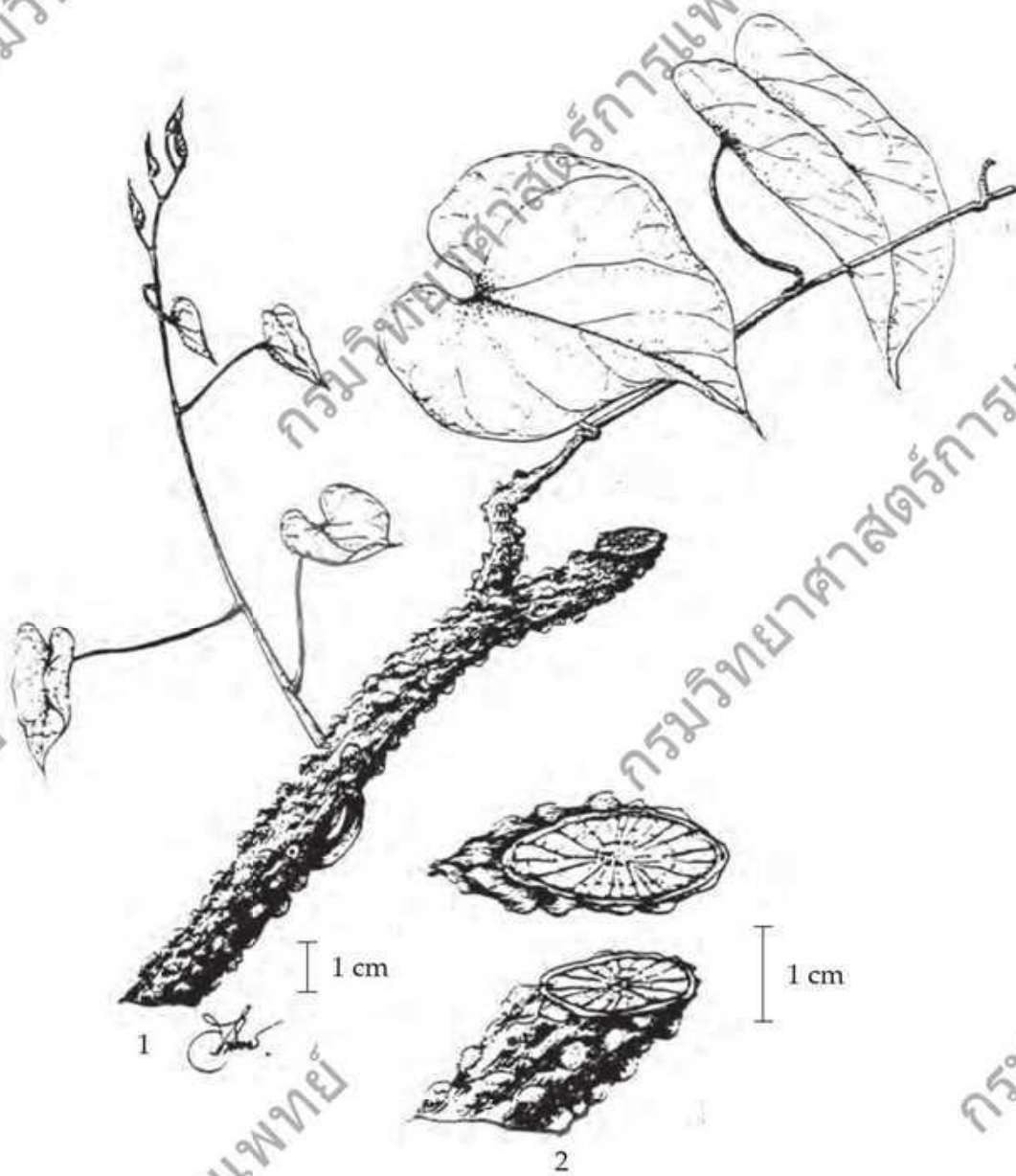
**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse and longitudinal sections of the stem show cork, several layers of rectangular brownish cells. Cortex, broad zone of parenchyma cells containing starch granules, groups of stone cells (sclereids) containing prismatic crystals, occur beneath cork layers; parenchyma cells containing prismatic crystals occur in the innermost part of cortex adjacent to bast fibres. Stele composed of phloem and xylem separated by cambium, occurring several bands from cortex to pith, with medullary ray between the bands. Phloem composed of thick-walled bast fibres and phloem tissue; cambium, several layers of rectangular cells; xylem composed of large size vessels, xylem fibres and xylem parenchyma containing prismatic crystals; annular, spiral, reticulate, pitted and bordered-pitted vessels, up to 160  $\mu$ m in diameter; medullary rays, non-lignified parenchyma containing starch granules. Pith, parenchyma cells containing starch granules.

Tinospora Crispa Stem in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

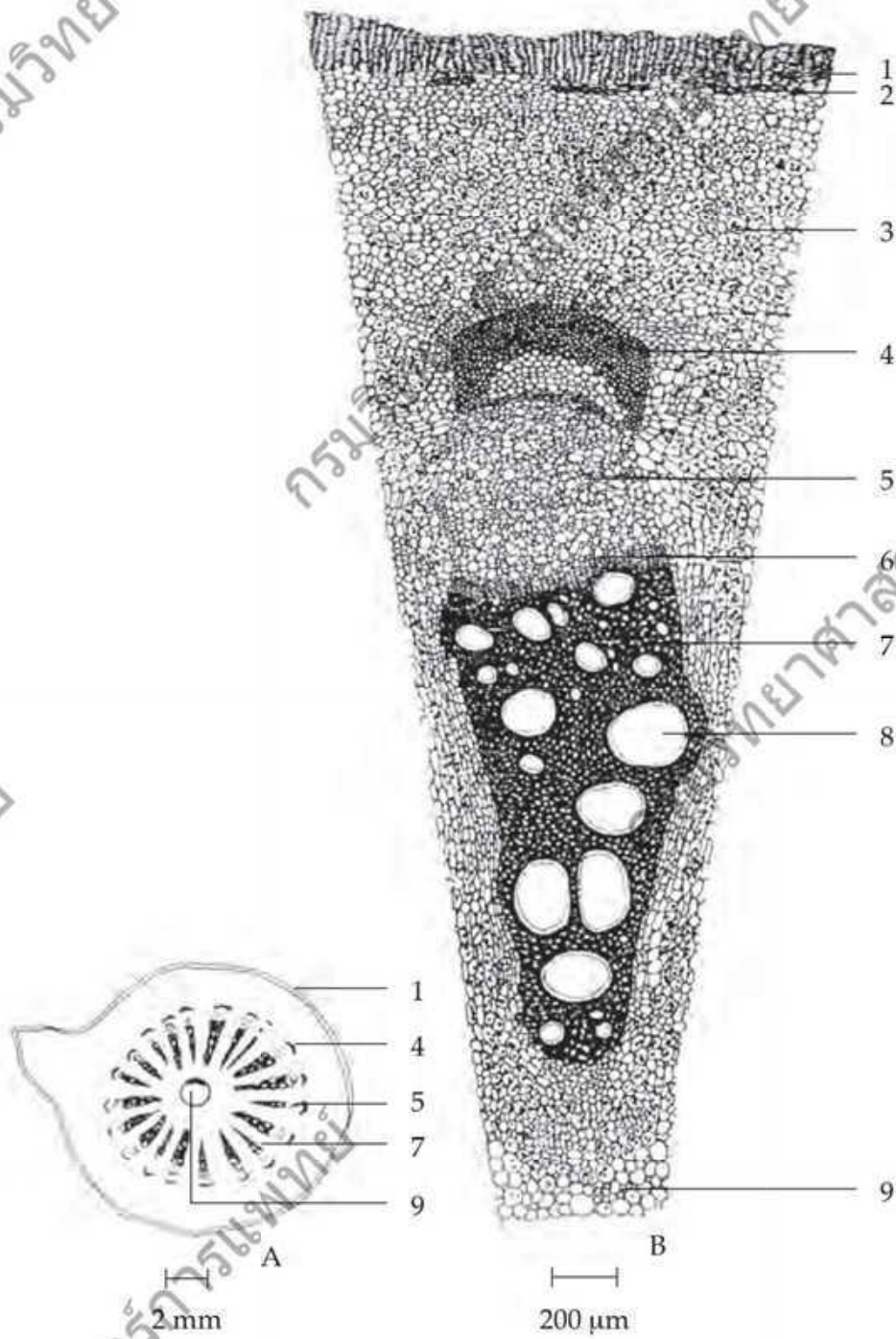


**Fig. 1a** *Tinospora crispa* (L.) Hook. f. & Thomson

1. habit 2. stems and leaves 3. part of male inflorescences and part of stem (a), male flower (b) 4. female inflorescences (c), female flower (d) 5. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Tinospora crispa* (L.) Hook. f. & Thomson  
1. branching stem 2. crude drug



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Stem of *Tinospora crispa* (L.) Hook. f. & Thomson

A. Diagram

B. Part of Transverse Section

1. cork

2. sclereid

3. cortical parenchyma

4. fibre

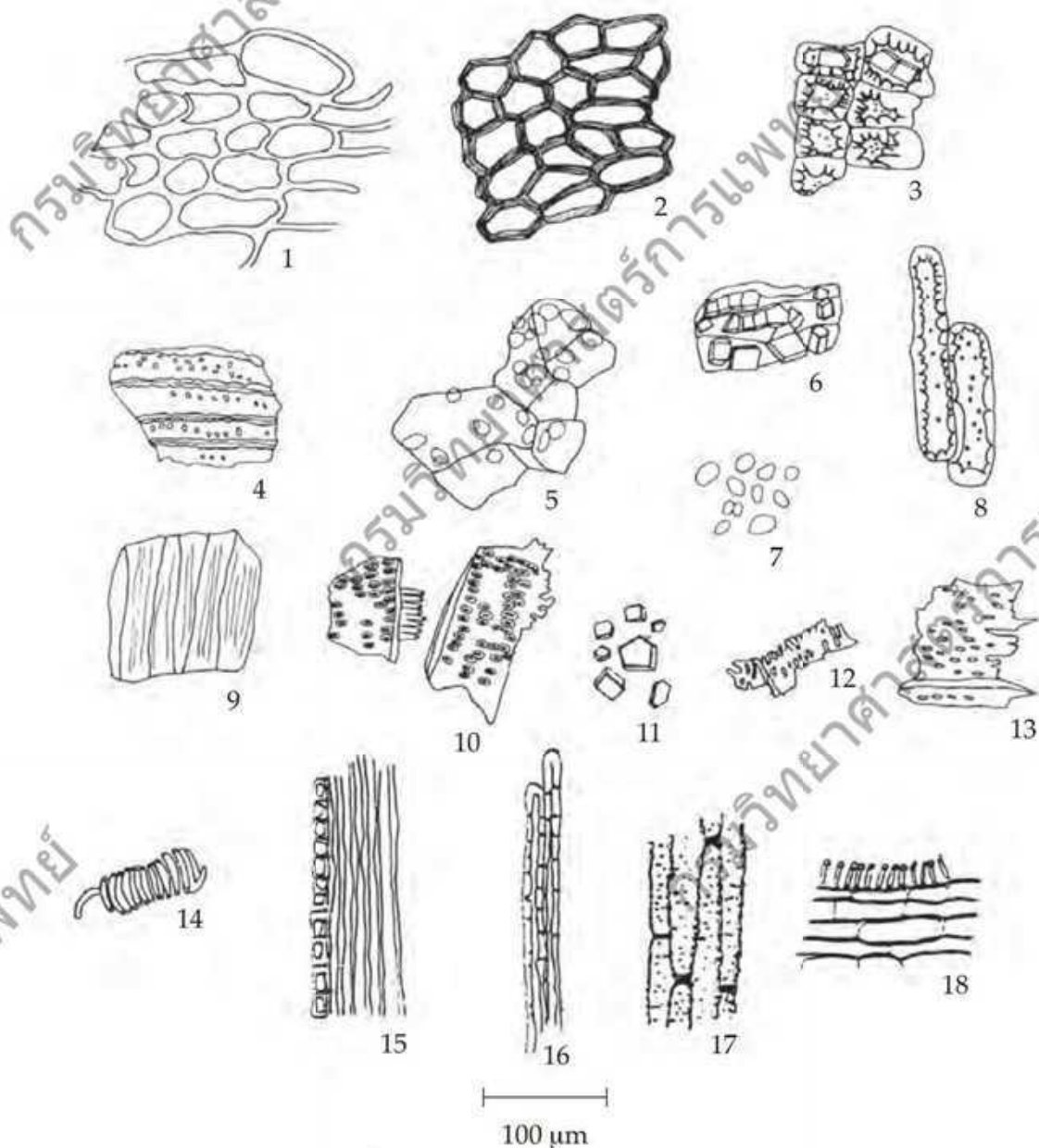
5. phloem

6. cambium

7. xylem fibre

8. vessel

9. pith



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Stems of *Tinospora crispa* (L.) Hook. f. & Thomson

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| 1. cortical parenchyma                      | 12. reticulate vessel   |
| 2. cork in surface view                     | 13. pitted vessel   |
| 3. stone cells                              | 14. spiral thickening   |
| 4. xylem parenchyma                         | 15. parenchyma cell containing calcium oxalate crystals adjacent to bast fibres |
| 5. parenchyma cells with starch granules    | 16. fragments of bast fibres with dentate wall                                  |
| 6. parenchyma cells with prismatic crystals | 17. fragments of lignified parenchyma   |
| 7. starch granules                          | 18. fragments of annular vessel with parenchyma cells                           |
| 8. sclereids                                |   |
| 9. phloem cells                             |   |
| 10. bordered-pitted vessels                 |   |
| 11. prismatic crystals                      |   |

**Packaging and storage** *Tinospora Crispa* Stem shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

**Identification**

A. To 500 mg of the sample, in powder, add 2 mL of *acetic anhydride*, warm on a water-bath for 2 minutes and filter. Slowly add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to the filtrate to form a layer: a brownish red ring forms at the zone of contact.

B. Shake vigorously 200 mg of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *water*: a long lasting foam is produced.

C. Add 10 mL of *methanol* to 1 g of the sample, in powder, warm on a water-bath for 10 minutes, shake intermittently, cool, and filter. To 1 mL of the filtrate, add a few drops of *acetic potassium iodobismuthate TS*: a brown precipitate forms.

D. **Test a** Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 75 volumes of *hexane*, 25 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 1 volume of *glacial acetic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 12 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate, 20  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by warming 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *methanol* on a water-bath at 60° for 10 minutes, shaking, filtering, and evaporating to 2 mL. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm), marking the spots. Several spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3. Spray the plate with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *phosphomolybdic acid* in *ethanol*, and heat at 100° for 5 to 10 minutes. Several blue spots are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Test b** Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 75 volumes of *chloroform*, 20 volumes of *methanol* and 5 volumes of *strong ammonia solution* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 12 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate, 20  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared as described in *Test a*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and spray with *acetic potassium iodobismuthate TS*. Several spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3. Repeat the same procedure on another plate but spray with *iodoplatinate TS*. Several spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1.  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Stems of *Tinospora crispa* (L.) Hook. f. & Thomson**

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection			
		Mobile Phase I		Mobile Phase II	
		UV 366	10 Per Cent W/V Solution of Phosphomolybdic Acid in Ethanol	Acetic Potassium Iodobismuthate TS	Iodoplatinate TS
1	1-3	light blue	dark blue	-	-
2	4-7	carmine red	-	-	-
3	9-12	moss green	-	-	-
4	12-17	light blue	-	-	-
5	14-16	-	-	orange	purple
6	20-24	light blue	-	-	-
7	25-29	carmine red	-	-	-
8	31-34	red	-	-	-
9	37-40	-	-	orange	purple
10	42-45	-	dark blue	-	-
11	45-50	red	-	-	-
12	49-51	-	-	orange	purple
13	51-55	carmine red	dark blue	-	-
14	55-58	-	dark blue	-	-
15	59-63	light blue	-	-	-
16	61-64	-	dark blue	-	-
17	86-90	-	dark blue	-	-
18	91-94	-	dark blue	-	-
19	92-96	-	-	-	orange
20	96-98	yellow	dark blue	moss green	moss green
21	98-99	-	-	yellow	yellow

Mobile phase I: 75 volumes of *hexane*, 25 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 1 volume of *glacial acetic acid*

Mobile phase II: 75 volumes of *chloroform*, 20 volumes of *methanol* and 5 volumes of *strong ammonia solution*

**Loss on drying** Not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying 10 g at 105° for 5 hours (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 0.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 10.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Determination of bitterness** Not less than 210 units per g when determined by the following method.

**Standard preparation** Transfer about 100 mg of *quinine hydrochloride*, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL volumetric flask, dissolve in safe drinking water, dilute to volume with the same solvent, and mix. Dilute this solution quantitatively with safe drinking water to obtain the solution containing 10 µg of *quinine hydrochloride* per mL. This solution is used as the stock solution of quinine hydrochloride ( $S_Q$ ).

Prepare a serial dilution of  $S_Q$  in nine test-tubes according to the following table for the first series of testing.

No. of Tubes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
mL of $S_Q$	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.8
mL of water	5.8	5.6	5.4	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.2
µg of <i>quinine hydrochloride</i> in 10 mL of the solution (C)	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58

**Test preparation** Transfer about 200 mg of the sample, in powder, accurately weighed, into a 100-mL conical flask, add 45 mL of safe drinking water, and reflux in a boiling water-bath for 1 hour with frequent shaking. Cool, filter and dilute the filtrate with safe drinking water to 50.0 mL. Pipette 1.0 mL of this solution into a 100-mL volumetric flask and dilute with safe drinking water to volume. This solution is used as the stock solution of the sample ( $S_T$ ). Calculate its concentration and express it in µg per mL.

Prepare a serial dilution of  $S_T$  in 10 test-tubes according to the following table for the second series of testing.

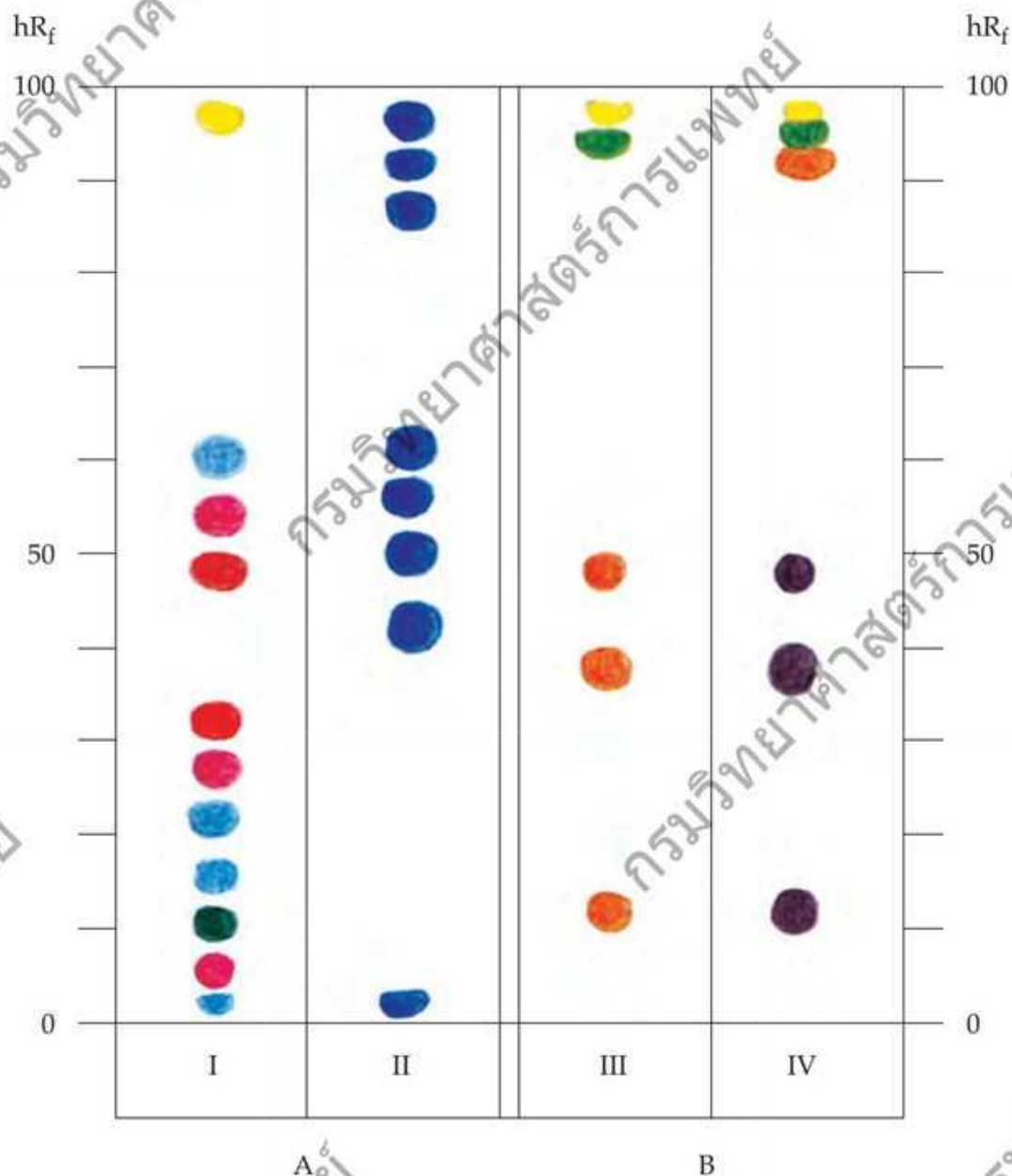
No. of Tubes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
mL of $S_T$ (b)	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0
mL of water	9.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	

**Procedure** After rinsing the mouth with safe drinking water, taste 10 mL of the dilution swirling it in the mouth mainly near the base of the tongue for 30 seconds. Unless otherwise specified, always begin with the lowest concentration of the serial dilution. If the bitter sensation is no longer felt, withdraw the solution and wait for 1 minute to ascertain that there is no delayed sensitivity. Then rinse with safe drinking water. The next highest concentration of dilution should not be tasted until at least 10 minutes have passed. The threshold bitter concentration is the lowest concentration of dilution at which a material still provokes a bitter sensation. After the first series of tests, rinse the mouth thoroughly with safe drinking water, until no bitter sensation remains and wait for at least 10 minutes before carrying out the second series of tests. In this series of testing and in order to save time, it is advisable to first ascertain whether the solution in tube no. 5 (containing 5 mL of  $S_T$  in 10 mL) gives a bitter sensation. If noted, find the threshold bitter concentration of the material by tasting the dilutions in tubes nos. 1 to 4. If the solution in tube no. 5 does not give a bitter sensation, find the threshold bitter concentration in the dilutions of tubes nos. 6 to 10. All solutions and safe drinking water for mouthwashing should be at 20° to 25°.

**Calculation**

$$\text{Bitterness} = \frac{2000 \times C}{a \times b} \quad \text{units/g}$$

- where
- a =  $\mu\text{g}$  of sample contained in 1 mL of  $S_T$ ,
  - b = mL of  $S_T$  contained in 10 mL of the solution of threshold bitter concentration, and
  - C =  $\mu\text{g}$  of *quinine hydrochloride* contained in 10 mL of the solution of threshold bitter concentration.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Stems of *Tinospora crispa* (L.) Hook. f. & Thomson

- A = use 75 volumes of *hexane*, 25 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 1 volume of *glacial acetic acid* as the mobile phase.
- B = use 75 volumes of *chloroform*, 20 volumes of *methanol* and 5 volumes of *strong ammonia solution* as the mobile phase.
- I = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- II = detection with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *phosphomolybdic acid* in *ethanol*
- III = detection with *acetic potassium iodobismuthate TS*
- IV = detection with *iodoplatinate TS*

## บัวหลวง, เกสร (BUA LUANG, KESON)

บัว, เกสร (BUA, KESON)

Nelumbinis Stamen

Sacred Lotus Stamen

**Synonyms** Indian Lotus Stamen, Lotus Stamen

**Category** Cardiotoxic, antipyretic.

**Sacred Lotus Stamen is the dried stamen of *Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn. (*Nelumbium speciosum* Willd.) (Family Nelumbonaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5156, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0891, 0892.**

**Constituents** Sacred Lotus Stamen contains flavonoids and carotenoids as its major components. It also contains arbutin,  $\beta$ -sitosterol glucopyranoside, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial aquatic herb with milky latex and stout creeping rhizomes. Leaves simple, alternate, arising above the water surface, circular, 10 to 100 cm in diameter, margin entire or slightly undulate, papery, greyish green below, green on the upper, peltate, veins radiate from its centre in all directions, become forked near the margin; petiole terete, stout, up to 1 m or more long, about 1 cm in diameter, smooth or prickly. Flower solitary, large and showy, on thick peduncle rising several centimetres above the leaves; flower bud ovate, acute, 5 to 8 cm long, flower hemispheric at anthesis, 8 to 25 cm in diameter; perianth with 4 or 5 outermost sepals, elliptic to ovate, 1.5 to 5 cm long, 0.8 to 3.5 cm wide, free, green or pinkish green, to white or pink with age, petal-like, incurved; petals 5 to numerous, elliptic, 4 to 15 cm long, 2 to 8 cm wide, obtuse, incurved, white to dark pink or reddish; stamens numerous, 2.2 to 4.5 cm long, anther linear, 1.5 to 2 cm long, up to 2 mm wide, golden yellow, with white clavate connective appendage up to 7 mm long at the apex, incurved; ovary apocarpous, 12 to 30 free carpels; receptacle expanded to cone-shape, flat upper surface, 3 to 5 cm long, about 2.5 cm wide with individual carpels sunken into it; style short. Fruit indehiscent nutlets, embedded in an accrescent spongy conical receptacle, 9 to 13 cm long, 4 to 7 cm wide; nutlet ovoid, 1.5 to 2 cm long; pericarp thick, hard, brownish or greyish black when dry, endocarp thin, whitish pulp. Seed 1.

**Description** Odour, slightly aromatic; taste, astringent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Sacred Lotus Stamen consists of anther, anther connective appendage and filament. Anther linear, twisted, longitudinally split, 1.2 to 1.5 cm long, about 1 mm in diameter, pale yellow to brownish yellow. Filament slender, slightly-curved, 1.5 to 1.8 cm long, pale yellow to brownish.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the filament shows an epidermal layer with papillae, secretory substances in a parenchyma layer adjacent to the epidermal layer, loose parenchyma cells, some of which contain secretory substances, air spaces, and a vascular bundle at the centre.

Transverse section of the anther reveals an epidermal layer with papillae, a fibrous layer, pollen grains in 4 pollen sacs. The contact region between filament and the 4 pollen sacs shows an epidermal layer, parenchyma cells, some of which contain secretory substances and a vascular bundle at the centre.



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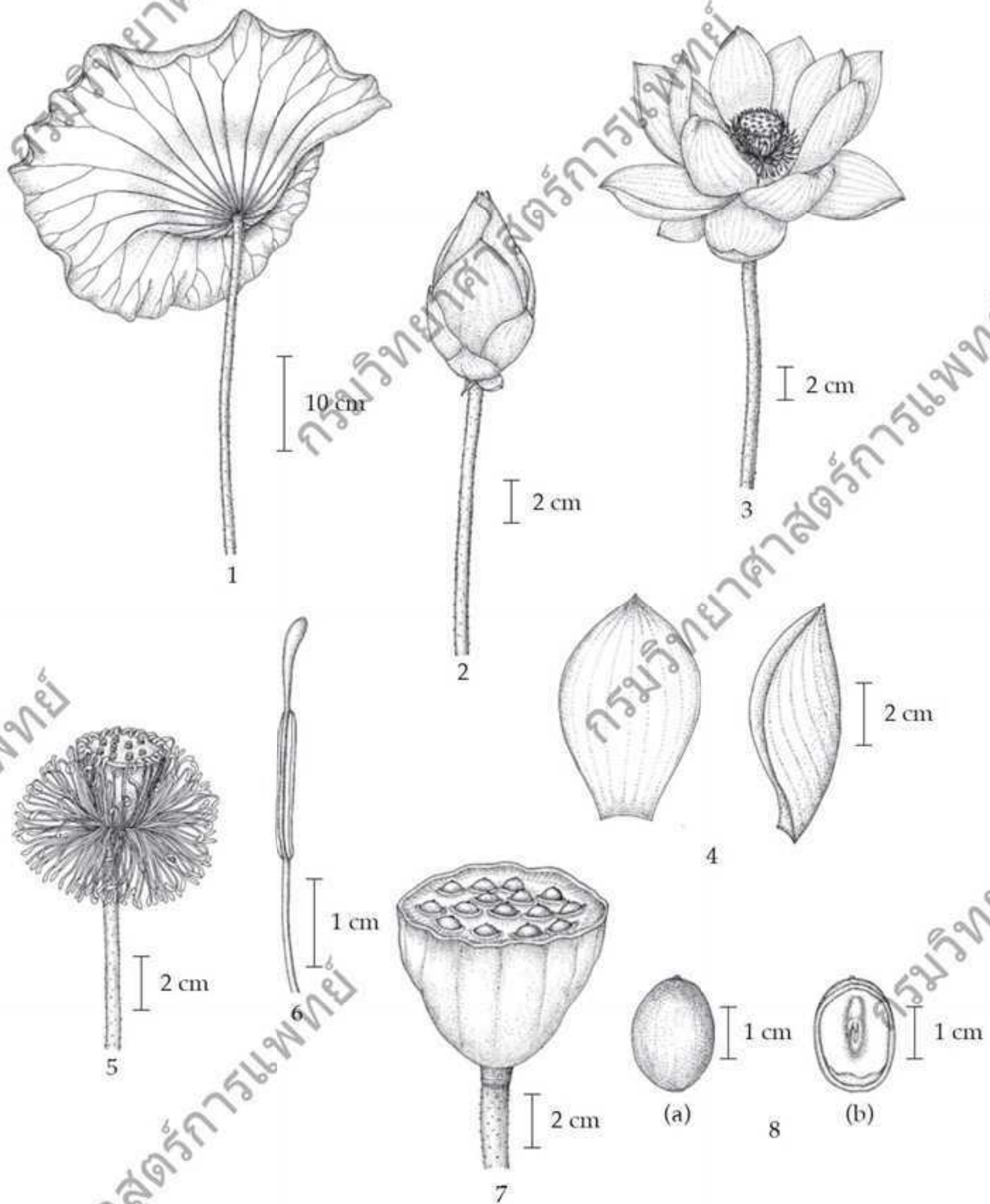


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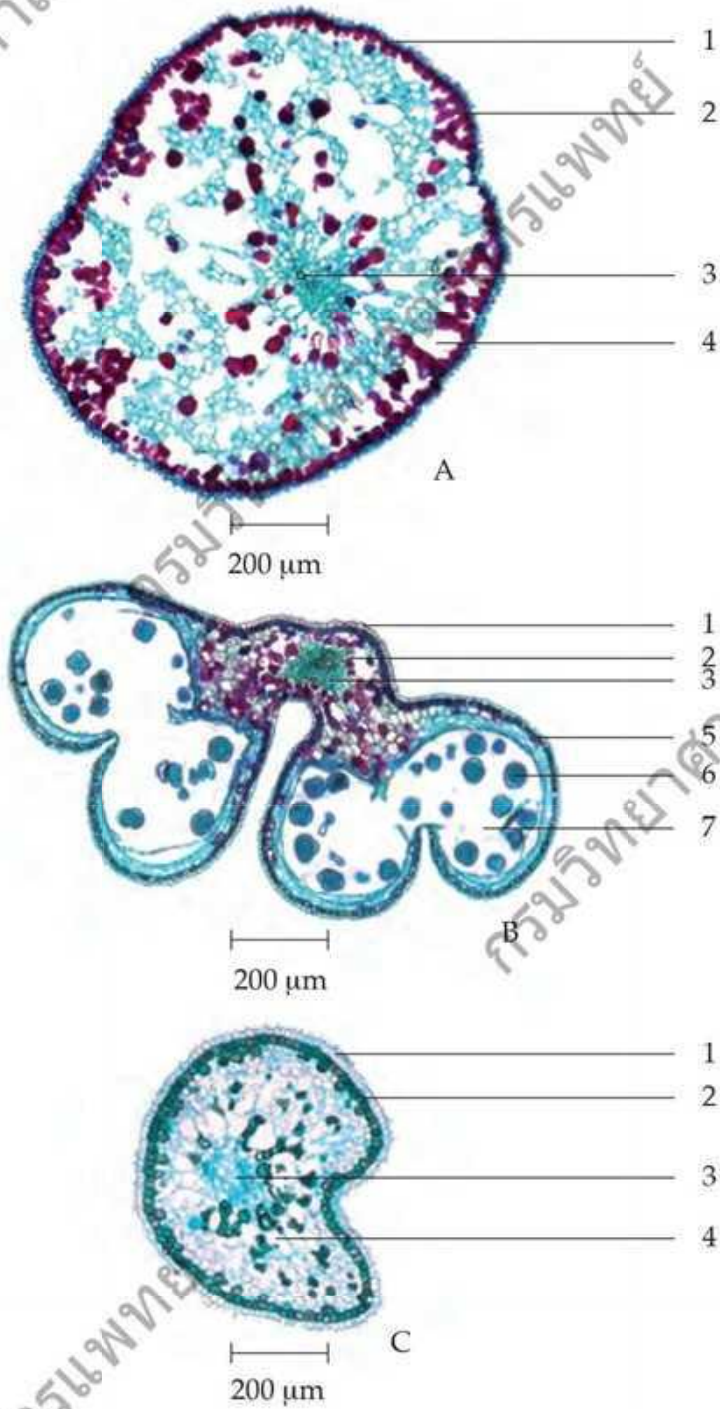
Fig. 1a *Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn.

1. habit (Buntharik, บุนทรริก) 2. flower (Buntharik, บุนทรริก) 3. habit (Pathum, ปทุม)  
4. flower (Pathum, ปทุม) 5. stamens and receptacle 6. crude drug



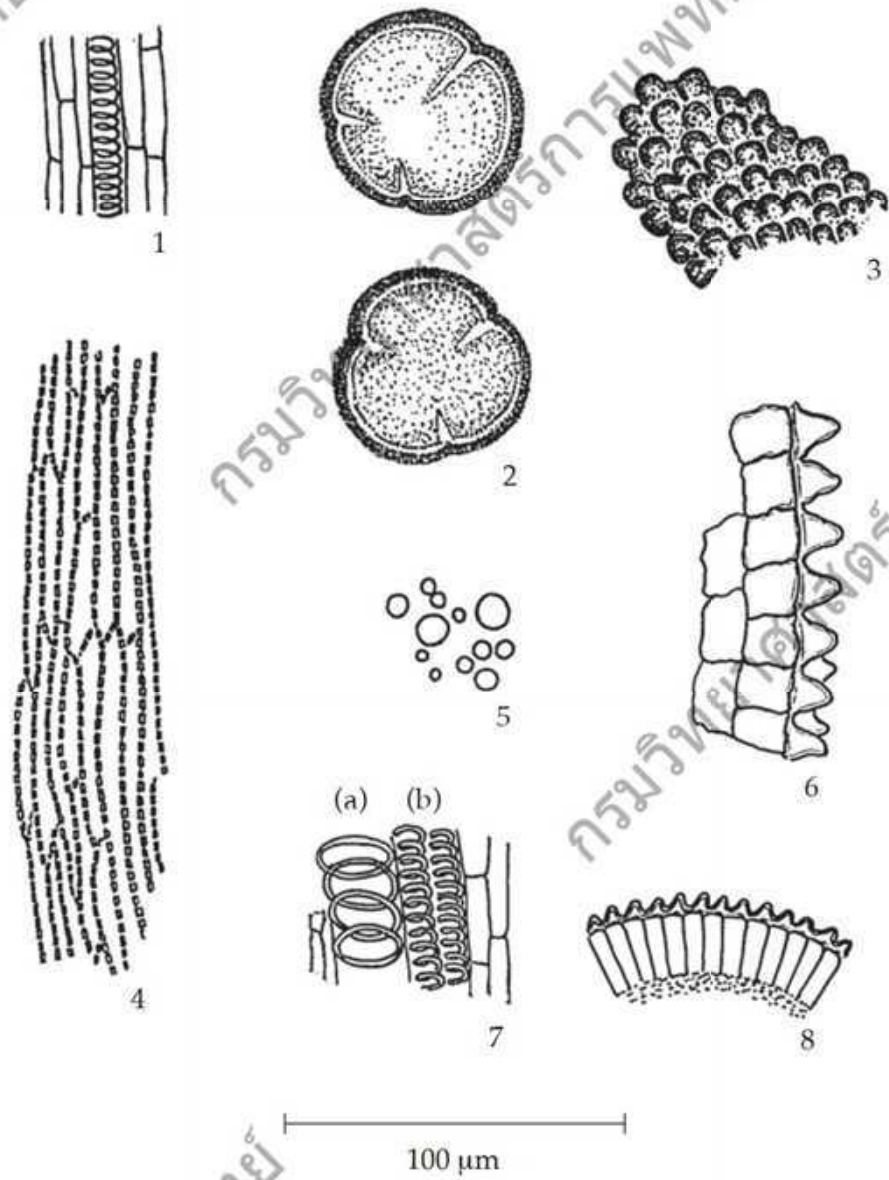
**Fig. 1b** *Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn.

1. leaf
2. flower bud
3. flower
4. petal, in front and side views
5. central part of flower showing stamens and receptacle
6. stamen showing connective appendage, anther and part of filament
7. infructescence
8. nutlet (a), longitudinal section of nutlet showing embryo (b)



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Stamen of *Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn., Stained with Safranin-Fast Green

- A. Appendage
- B. Anther
- C. Filament
- 1. epidermal layer with papillae
- 2. parenchyma cell with secretory substances
- 3. vascular bundle
- 4. air space
- 5. fibrous layer of pollen sac
- 6. pollen grain
- 7. pollen sac



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Stamens of *Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. fragment of a filament in longitudinal view</li> <li>2. pollen grains</li> <li>3. papillae of epidermal layer in surface view</li> <li>4. fibrous layer of pollen sac in surface view</li> <li>5. oil globules</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. filament showing papillae of epidermal cells, and parenchyma cells in sectional view</li> <li>7. annular vessel (a) and spiral vessels (b) in vascular bundle</li> <li>8. fragment of pollen sac containing epidermal layer with papillae in sectional view</li> </ol> |
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Transverse section through appendage of the stamen illustrates an epidermal layer with papillae, secretory substances in a parenchyma layer adjacent to the epidermal layer, loose parenchyma cells, some of which contain secretory substances, air spaces, and a vascular bundle at the centre.

Sacred Lotus Stamen in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

#### Additional information

1. Sacred lotus cultivated in Thailand is classified into four types based on the form of the flower bud and the colour of the flower: Pathum (ปทุม), Buntharik (บุณฑริก), Sattabongkot (สัตตบงกช), and Sattabut (สัตตบุษย์). Only stamens of the first two types are used in Thai traditional medicine.

2. It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.

**Packaging and storage** Sacred Lotus Stamen shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Sonicate 2.5 g of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 10 mL of *methanol* for 45 minutes, centrifuge and use a clear supernatant (solution 1). To 1 mL of solution 1, add 2 or 3 pieces of *magnesium ribbon*, shake well and mix with 4 drops of *hydrochloric acid*; a pink colour develops.

B. To 1 mL of solution 1, add 10 mg of *zinc powder* and 4 drops of *hydrochloric acid* and shake well: a reddish orange colour develops.

C. To 1 mL of solution 1, add 4 drops of *sulfuric acid* and shake well: a brown colour develops.

D. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 60 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 40 volumes of *toluene* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate as a band of 5 mm, 15  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by sonicating 100 mg of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 10 mL of *methanol* for 15 minutes, filtering, and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1.5 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm); two blue bands are observed. Spray the plate with *vanillin-sulfuric acid TS1* and heat at 120° for 5 minutes; several violet bands appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Stamens of *Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 366	Vanillin-Sulfuric Acid TS1
1	52-53	-	pale violet
2	61-62	-	pale violet
3	69-70	blue	violet
4	77-79	-	pale violet
5	84-85	light blue	violet

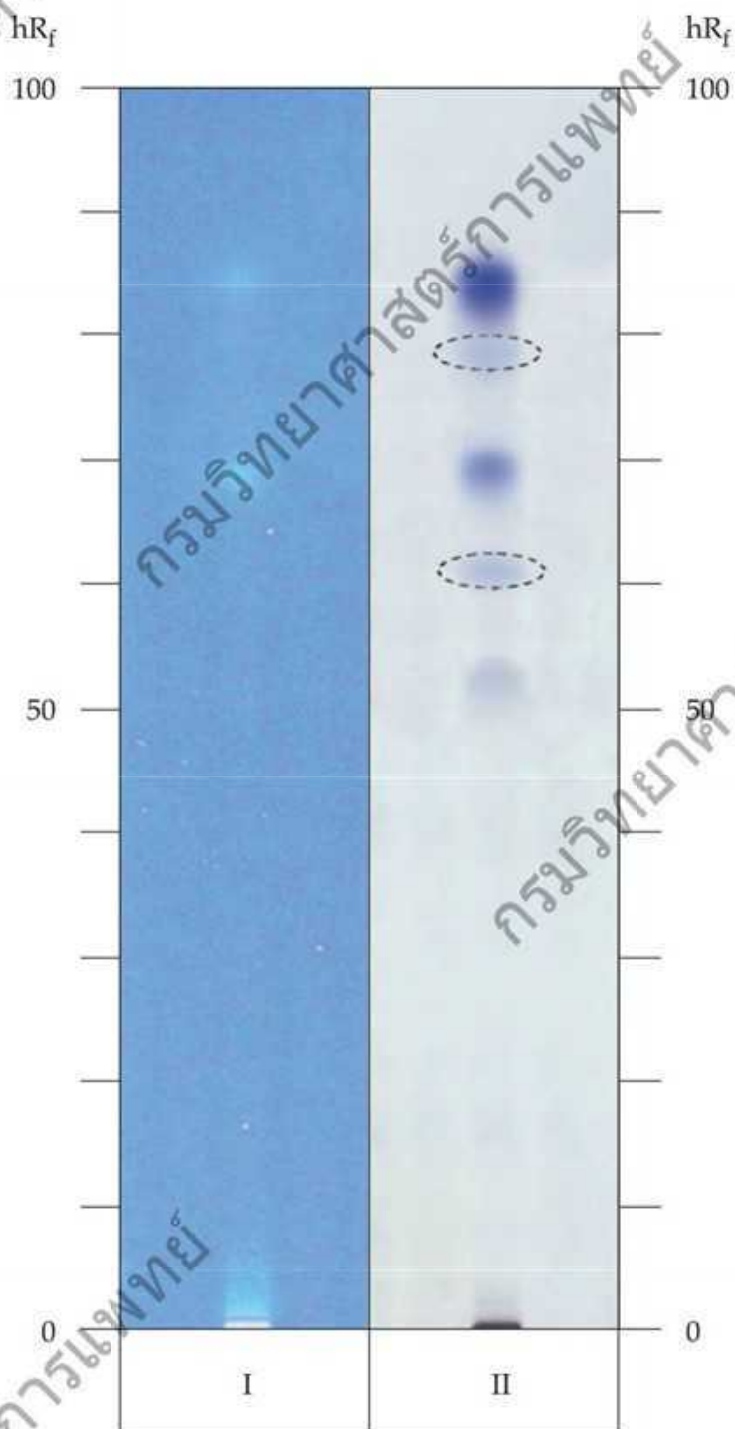
**Loss on drying** Not more than 12.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° for 3 hours (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 6.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 10.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Stamens of *Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn.

- I = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- II = detection with *vanillin-sulfuric acid TS1*
- = bands developed in some samples

## บัวบก (BUABOK)

ผักหนอก (PHAK NOK)

Centellae Asiaticae Herba

Centella

**Synonyms** Asiatic Pennywort, Gotu Kola, Indian Pennywort, Indian Water Navelwort

**Category** Mild diuretic, anti-inflammatory, wound healing (topical).

**Centella is the dried aerial part of *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urb. (*C. coriacea* Nannf., *Hydrocotyle asiatica* L., *H. lunata* Lam., *Trisanthus cochinchinensis* Lour.) (Family Umbelliferae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 1461, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1261.**

**Constituents** Centella contains triterpenoid saponins, including asiaticoside and madecassoside and their aglycones which are asiatic acid and madecassic acid, respectively. It also contains volatile oil, pectin, trace of alkaloids, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Slender trailing herb, rooting at nodes. Leaves simple, 1 to 6 in rosette at each node, orbicular to reniform, more or less cupped, glabrous and shiny above, paler beneath, 1 to 7 cm in diameter, apex rounded, base cordate, margin entire, crenate, or usually repand-dentate; petiole (1–)4 to 10(–50) cm long. Inflorescence in single umbel, bearing solitary or 2 to 5 together in the axils; peduncle shorter than petiole. Flowers usually 3, middle one sessile, lateral ones pedicellate; involucre 2, ovate; petals 5, minute, white or rose-tinged; ovary laterally flattened, style filiform. Fruit small, compressed, about 8 mm long, orbicular to ellipsoid, manifestly ribbed, slightly hairy when young.

**Description** Odour, characteristic; taste, slightly bitter-sweet.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Aerial part, greenish brown, rough and brittle; stem thin, long, twisted; leaves rennate or cordate, brittle; petiole long.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) Transverse section of the fresh leaf shows upper epidermis, a layer of rectangular cells, polygonal and straight-walled in surface view; stomata, anisocytic, some paracytic and rarely anomocytic. Palisade cells, a layer of large columnar cells. Spongy cells, parenchymatous, some containing calcium oxalate crystals in the forms of rosette aggregate or prism. Collenchyma, occurring beneath upper and lower epidermises in the midrib. Vascular bundles, xylem in the upper part and phloem in the lower part; vessels, annular, spiral, scalariform, or reticulate. Lower epidermis, a layer of rectangular cells, slightly wavy-walled in surface view; stomata, anisocytic, paracytic or anomocytic. Oil ducts, occurring beneath collenchyma in the middle of midrib.

Transverse sections of the fresh petiole and stolon show epidermal layer with cuticle. Collenchyma, present. Parenchyma containing chloroplastids, oil droplets, spreading circularly beneath collenchyma. Vascular bundles, collateral. The centre of petiole, hollow. Unicellular trichomes may also be found, but rare, in the section near the base of petiole.

Centella in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.



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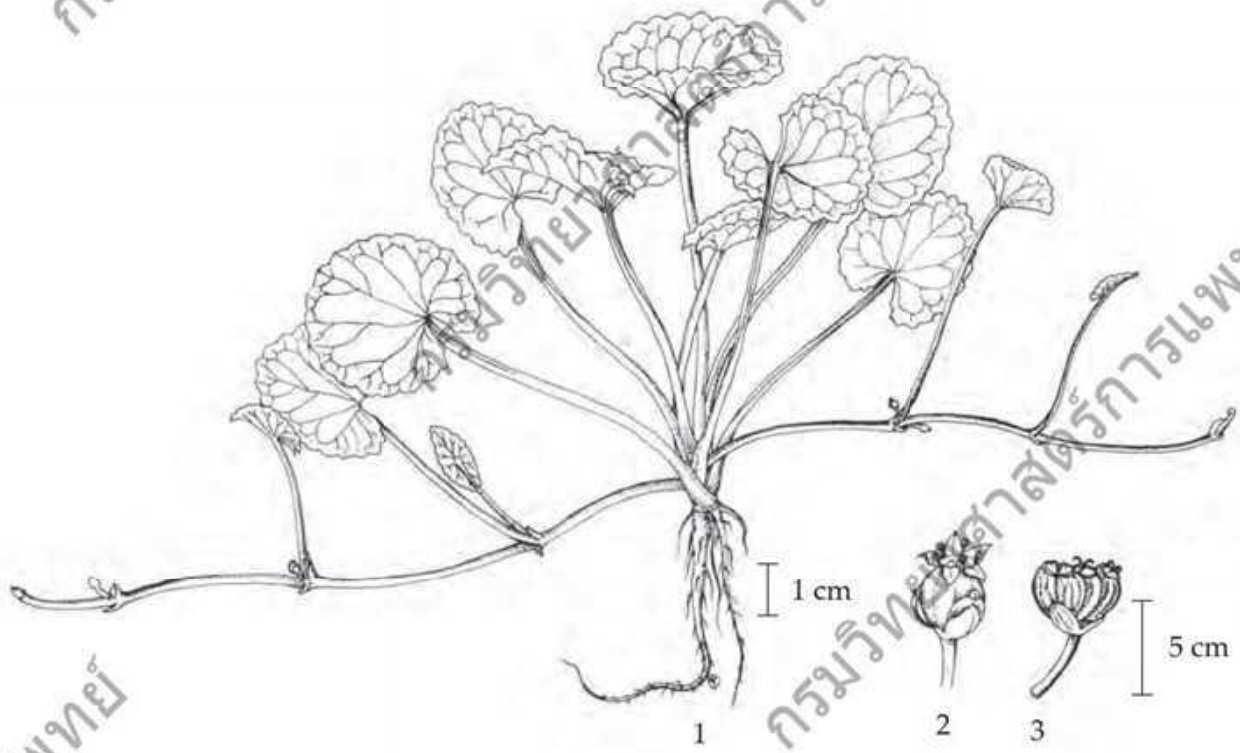
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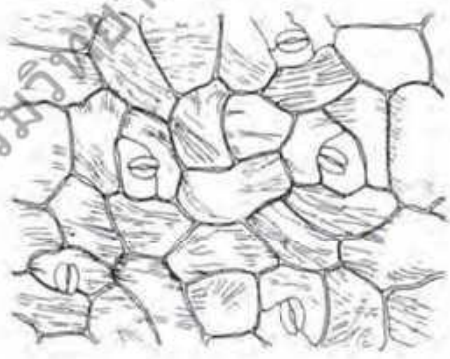
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**Fig. 1a** *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urb.

1. habit 2. leaves 3. flowers and fruits 4. inflorescence 5. leaves, flowers and fruits

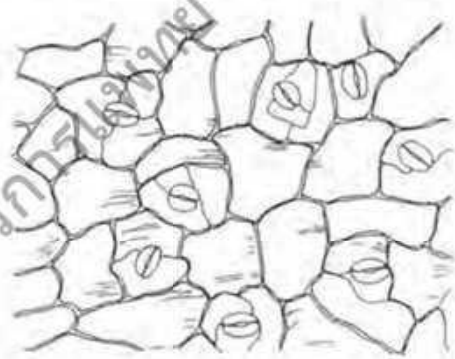


**Fig. 1b** *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urb.  
1. habit 2. inflorescence 3. fruits



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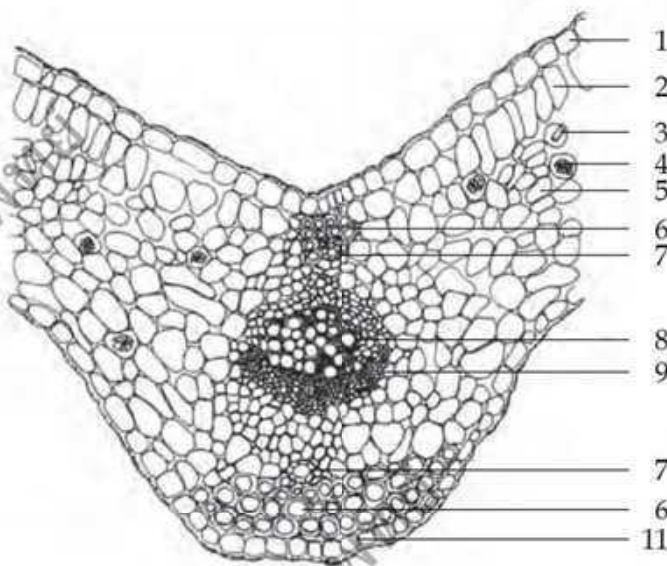
Upper Epidermis of the Lamina



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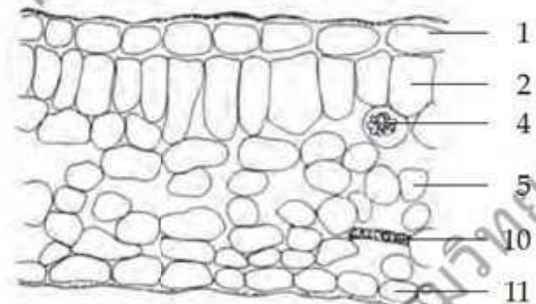
Lower Epidermis of the Lamina

**Fig. 2a** Epidermises of the Fresh Leaf of *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urb.



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Transverse Section of the Midrib

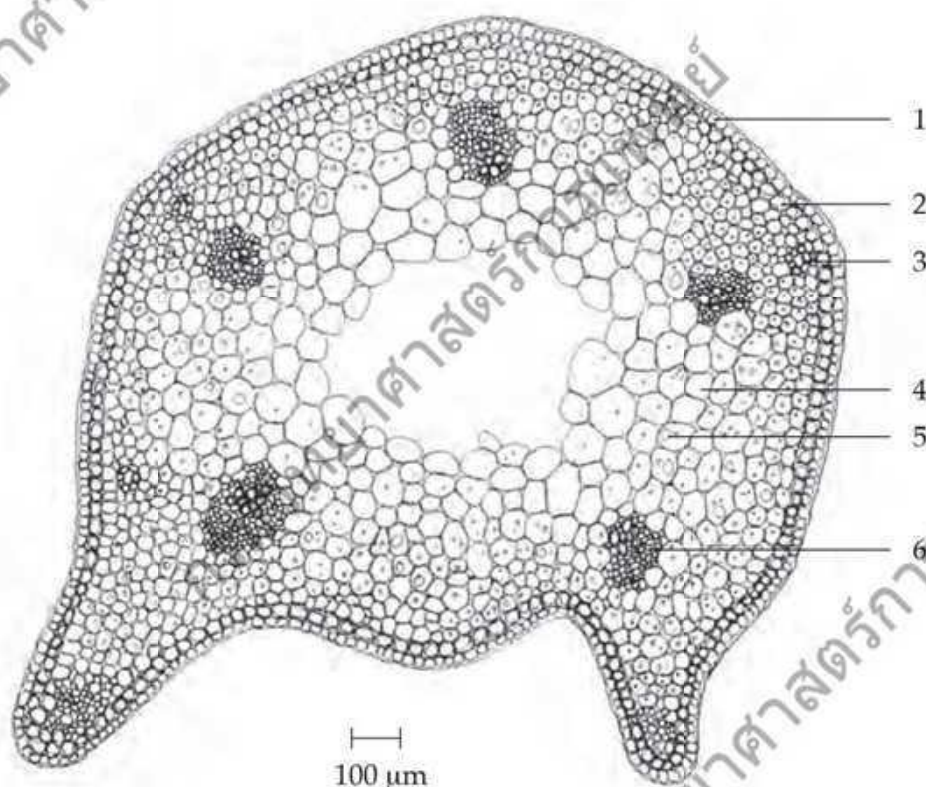


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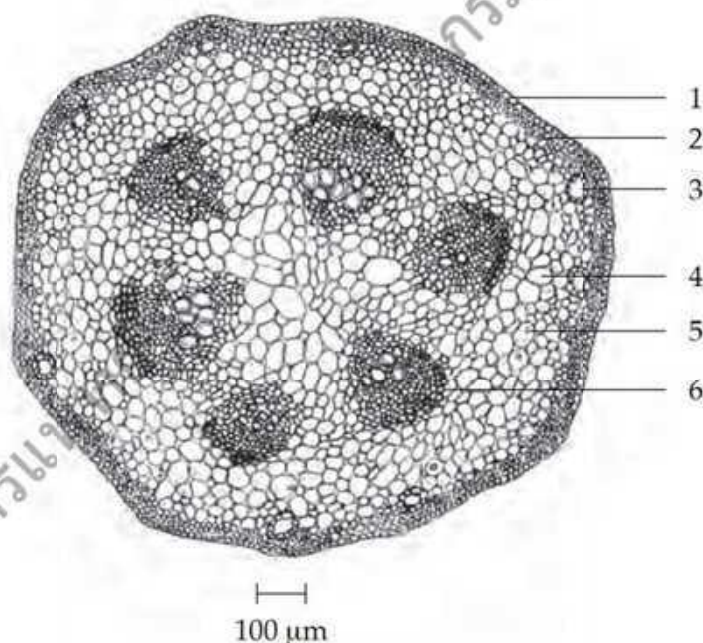
Transverse Section of the Lamina

**Fig. 2b** Transverse Sections of the Fresh Leaf of *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urb.

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. upper epidermis           | 7. oil duct         |
| 2. palisade cell             | 8. xylem            |
| 3. prismatic crystal         | 9. phloem           |
| 4. rosette aggregate crystal | 10. vessel          |
| 5. spongy cell               | 11. lower epidermis |
| 6. collenchyma               |                     |



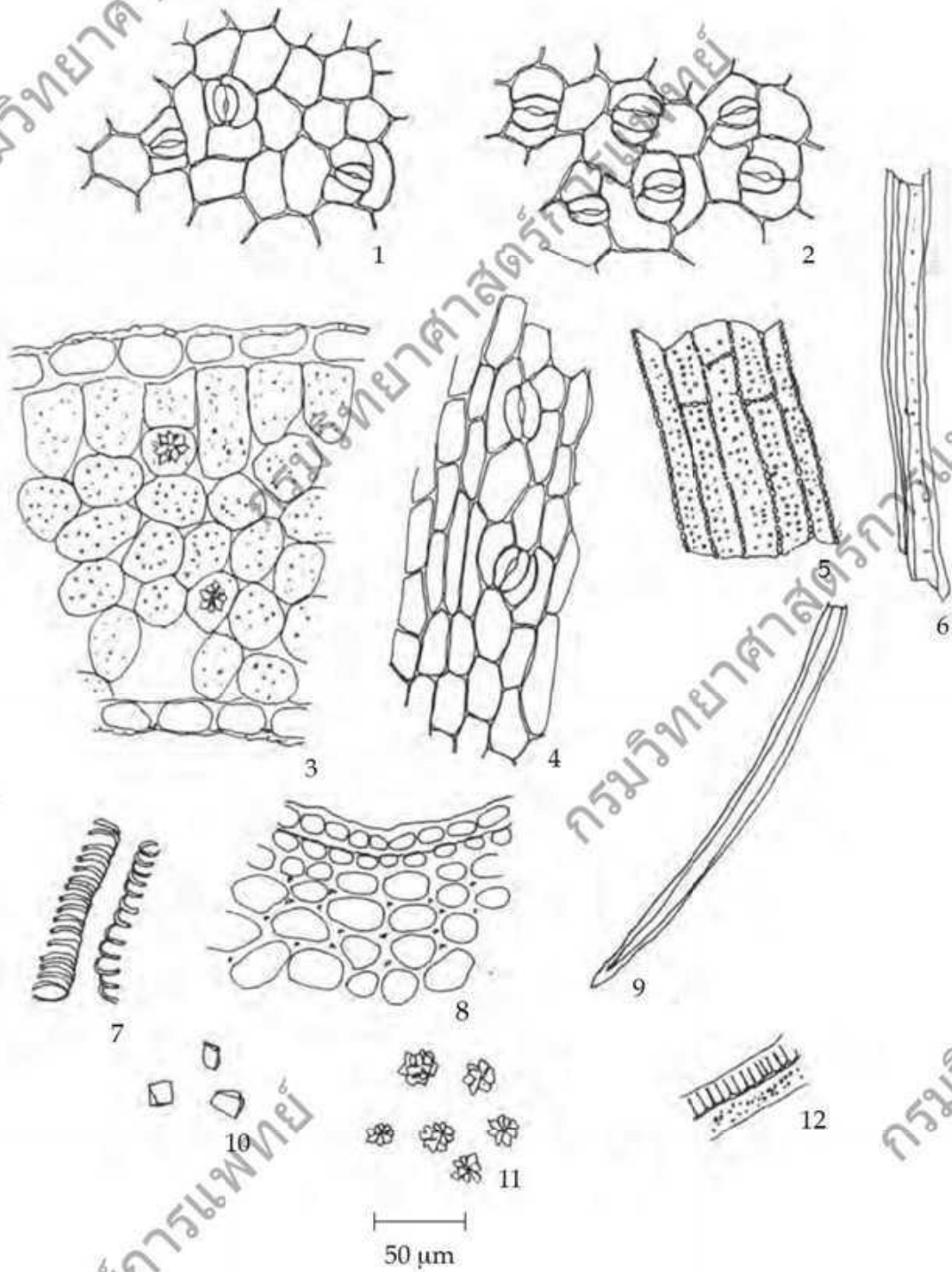
Transverse Section of the Petiole



Transverse Section of the Stolon

**Fig. 2c** Transverse Sections of the Fresh Petiole and Stolon of *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urb.

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| 1. epidermis   | 4. parenchyma      |
| 2. collenchyma | 5. oil droplet     |
| 3. oil duct    | 6. vascular bundle |



**Fig. 2d** Powdered Drug of the Aerial Parts of *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urb.

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| 1. upper epidermis                     | 7. spiral vessels                              |
| 2. lower epidermis                     | 8. epidermis and collenchyma in sectional view |
| 3. lamina in sectional view            | 9. unicellular trichome                        |
| 4. epidermis with stomata from petiole | 10. prismatic crystals                         |
| 5. pitted vessels                      | 11. rosette aggregate crystals                 |
| 6. fibres                              | 12. scalariform and pitted vessels             |

**Warning** Excessive oral administration should be avoided during pregnancy and lactation.

**Packaging and storage** Centella shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Warm 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 5 mL of *ethanol* for 5 minutes and filter (solution 1). To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *sulfuric acid*: a green colour develops.

B. Evaporate 2 mL of solution 1 to dryness and dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *acetic anhydride*. Add slowly 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to form two layers: a green colour develops in the upper layer and a brownish red ring forms at the zone of contact.

C. Shake vigorously 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *water*: a long lasting foam is produced.

D. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 60 volumes of *chloroform*, 28 volumes of *methanol* and 4 volumes of *water* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L each of the following solutions. Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 20 mL of *ethanol* for 10 minutes and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate under reduced pressure at 40° until dryness, and dissolve the residue in 4 mL of *ethanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *asiaticoside* in 2 mL of *ethanol*. For solution (C), dissolve 1 mg of *asiatic acid* in 2 mL of *ethanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 105° for 5 minutes. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a purple spot ( $hR_f$  value 27 to 28) and a violet spot ( $hR_f$  value 72 to 74) corresponding to the asiaticoside and the asiatic acid spots from solutions (B) and (C), respectively. Several other spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Ethanolic Extract of the Aerial Parts of *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urb.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection
		<i>Anisaldehyde TS</i>
1	2	green
2	5	green
3	8	green
4	16	green
5*	27–28	purple
6	33–34	violet
7	43	violet
8	63–64	violet
9	67	green
10**	72–74	violet
11	79–80	brown-violet
12	84	brown-green
13	87–88	violet-green
14	91–92	green

\*asiaticoside

\*\*ajiatic acid

**Loss on drying** Not more than 14.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

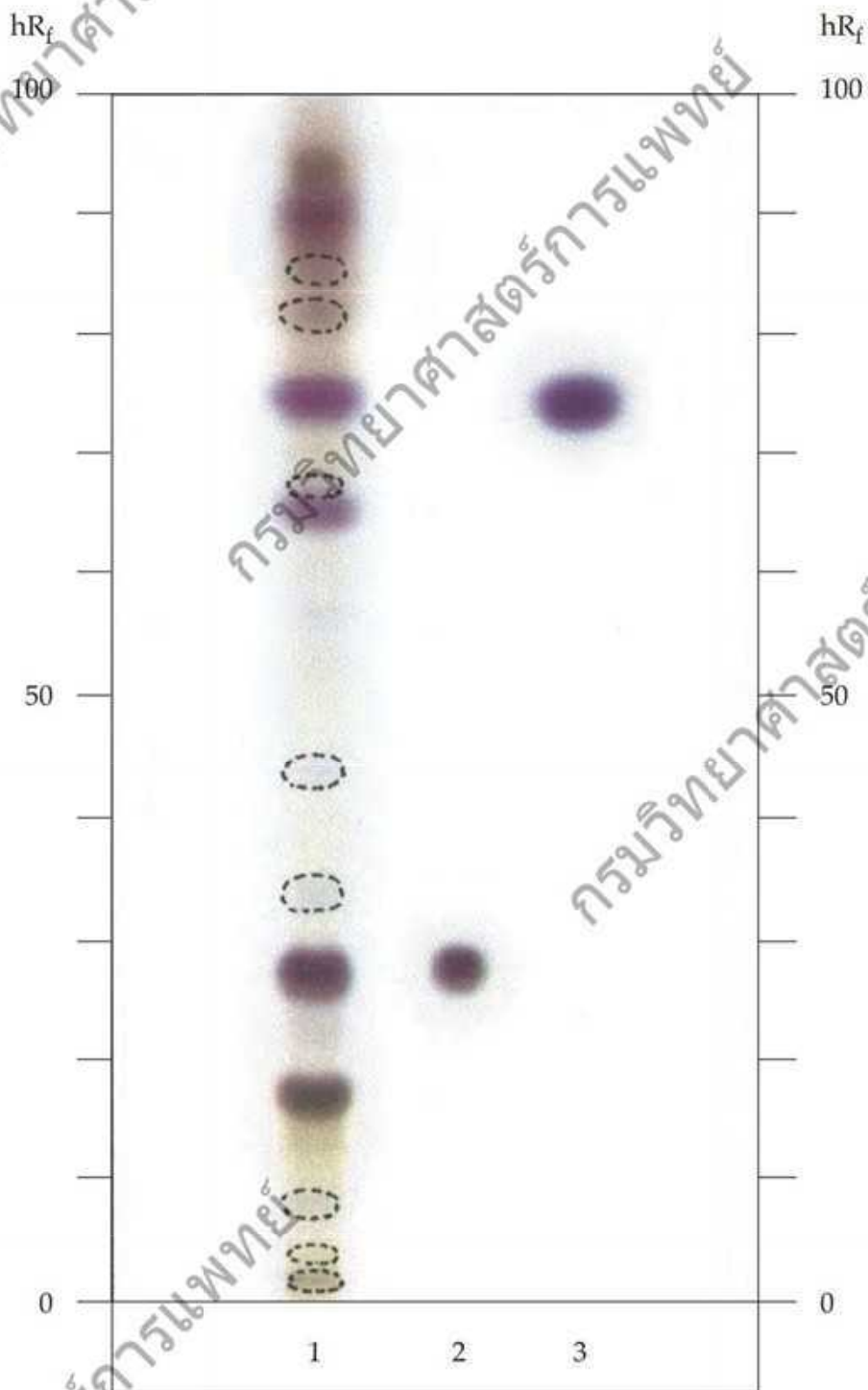
**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 17.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 15.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 24.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** 0.6 g three times a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Ethanolic Extract of the Aerial Parts of *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urb., Detected with *Anisaldehyde TS*

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- 3 = solution (C)
- = spots developed in some samples

## สารสกัดแห้งบัวบก (BUABOK DRY EXTRACT)

Centella Dry Extract

**Category** Anti-inflammatory, wound healing (topical).

Centella Dry Extract is prepared from the powdered Centella by extraction with *ethanol*. It contains not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled amounts of asiaticoside ( $C_{48}H_{78}O_{19}$ ) and madecassoside ( $C_{48}H_{78}O_{20}$ ); the labelled amounts of asiaticoside and madecassoside are not less than 3.0 per cent and 4.0 per cent, respectively, calculated on the dried basis.

**Description** Pale greenish yellow to brownish yellow powder, slightly hygroscopic.

**Packaging and storage** Centella Dry Extract shall be kept in tightly closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a cool and dry place.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the amounts of asiaticoside and madecassoside; (2) the expiration date.

### Identification

A. The chromatogram of the Assay preparation shows several peaks, two of which correspond to those of the Standard preparation, as obtained in the *Assay*.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 60 volumes of *chloroform*, 28 volumes of *methanol* and 4 volumes of *water* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 8 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 8 mm, 15  $\mu$ L each of the following three solutions. For solution (A), dissolve 50 mg of the sample in 4 mL of *methanol*. Solution (B) contains 0.1 mg per mL of *asiaticoside* in *methanol* and solution (C) contains 0.1 mg per mL of *madecassoside* in *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 105° for 5 minutes. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a greenish blue band and a violet band, corresponding to the asiaticoside and the madecassoside bands from solutions (B) and (C), respectively. Several other bands of different colours are observed.

**Loss on drying** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Assay** Carry out the determination as described in the "Liquid Chromatography" (Appendix 3.5).

**Mobile phase A** Use *acetonitrile*, containing 6.0 per cent v/v of *methyl tert-butyl ether* and 0.01 per cent v/v of *trifluoroacetic acid*. Make adjustments if necessary.

**Mobile phase B** Prepare a 0.01 per cent v/v solution of *trifluoroacetic acid*. Make adjustments if necessary.

**Standard preparation** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of *asiaticoside* and *madecassoside* in *methanol* to obtain a solution having known concentrations of about 100  $\mu$ g of asiaticoside and 100  $\mu$ g of madecassoside per mL.

**Assay preparation** Transfer an accurately weighed quantity of Centella Dry Extract, containing about 5 mg of asiaticoside, to a 50-mL volumetric flask. Dissolve and dilute with methanol to volume and mix. Centrifuge, if necessary. Pass a portion of the clear solution through a filter having a 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  or finer porosity.

**Chromatographic system** The chromatographic procedure may be carried out using (a) a stainless steel column (15 cm  $\times$  4.6 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (4  $\mu\text{m}$ ), polar end-capped (Synergi Hydro RP C<sub>18</sub> or equivalent is suitable.), equipped with a similarly packed guard column, maintained at a temperature of 30°, (b) *Mobile phase* at a flow rate of 1.0 mL per minute (the retention time is about 60 minutes for the main asiaticoside peak.), and (c) an ultraviolet photometer set at 210 nm. The step gradient of mobile phases is as follows:

Time (Minutes)	Mobile Phase A (Per Cent V/V)	Mobile Phase B (Per Cent V/V)
0	17	83
10	17	83
45	19	81
70	19	81

To determine the suitability of the chromatographic system, chromatograph *Standard preparation*, and record the peak response as directed under *Procedure*: the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.0 per cent, the column efficiency determined from the asiaticoside peak is not less than 2000 theoretical plates, the symmetry factors for the madecassoside peak and for the asiaticoside peak are not more than 1.5, the relative retention times are about 0.6 for madecassoside and 1.0 for asiaticoside, and the resolution factors, *R*, between the madecassoside and its adjacent peaks and between the asiaticoside and its adjacent peaks are not less than 1.5.

**Procedure** Separately inject equal volumes (about 20  $\mu\text{L}$ ) of *Standard preparation* and *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the madecassoside and asiaticoside peaks.

**Calculation** Calculate the contents of C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>78</sub>O<sub>19</sub> and C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>78</sub>O<sub>20</sub> in the portion of the Extract taken, using the declared contents of C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>78</sub>O<sub>19</sub> and C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>78</sub>O<sub>20</sub> in *asiaticoside* and *madecassoside*, respectively.

**Other requirements** Complies with the requirements described under "Extracts" (Appendix 1.16H).

## ยาครีมบัวบก (BUABOK CREAM)

Centella Cream

**Category** Wound healing (topical).

Centella Cream is Centella Dry Extract in a suitable hydrophilic cream base. It contains not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled amounts of asiaticoside ( $C_{48}H_{78}O_{19}$ ) and madecassoside ( $C_{48}H_{78}O_{20}$ ).

**Strength available** 7 per cent w/w of centella dry extract (about 0.2 per cent w/w of asiaticoside).

**Dose** Topical, to the wound, one to three times a day.

**Contra-indication** It is contra-indicated in patients hypersensitive to herbal drugs belonging to Family Umbelliferae.

### Warning

1. Contact with eyes should be avoided.
2. It may cause allergic contact dermatitis.

**Precaution** Treatment with Centella Cream should be discontinued if there is no response after two weeks.

**Packaging and storage** Centella Cream shall be kept in collapsible tubes or in tightly closed containers, protected from light, and stored at a temperature not exceeding 30°.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the amounts of asiaticoside and madecassoside; (2) the expiration date.

### Identification

A. The chromatogram of the Assay preparation shows several peaks, two of which correspond to those of the Standard preparation as obtained in the Assay.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 60 volumes of *chloroform*, 28 volumes of *methanol* and 4 volumes of *water* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 8 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 8 mm, 15  $\mu$ L each of the following three solutions. For solution (A), transfer 6 g of the sample to a 125-mL Erlenmeyer flask. Add 25.0 mL of *methanol*, shake well and sonicate for about 30 minutes. Transfer the solution to a 50-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *methanol* to volume and mix. Centrifuge the resulting solution at  $13,684 \times g$  (12,000 rpm) at -20° for 15 minutes. Pass a portion of the supernatant through a filter having a 0.45  $\mu$ m or finer porosity. Solution (B) contains 0.1 mg per mL of *asiaticoside* in *methanol* and solution (C) contains 0.1 mg per mL of *madecassoside* in *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 105° for 5 minutes. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a greenish blue band and a violet band corresponding to the asiaticoside and the madecassoside bands from solutions (B) and (C), respectively. Several other bands of different colours are observed.

**Microbial limit** Complies with the requirements for Category 1B in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Assay** Carry out the determination as described in the "Liquid Chromatography" (Appendix 3.5).

**Mobile phase A, Mobile phase B, Standard preparation, Chromatographic system, and Procedure** Proceed as directed in the Assay under *Centella Dry Extract*.

**Assay preparation** Transfer an accurately weighed quantity of Centella Cream, containing about 5 mg of asiaticoside, to a 125-mL Erlenmeyer flask. Add 25.0 mL of *methanol*, shake well and sonicate for about 30 minutes. Quantitatively transfer the solution to a 50-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *methanol* to volume and mix. Centrifuge the resulting solution at  $13,684 \times g$  (12,000 rpm) at  $-20^\circ$  for 15 minutes. Pass a portion of the clear solution through a filter having a 0.45  $\mu\text{m}$  or finer porosity.

**Calculation** Calculate the contents of  $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{78}\text{O}_{19}$  and  $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{78}\text{O}_{20}$  in the portion of the Cream taken, using the declared contents of  $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{78}\text{O}_{19}$  and  $\text{C}_{48}\text{H}_{78}\text{O}_{20}$  in *asiaticoside* and *madecassoside*, respectively.

**Other requirements** Complies with the requirements described under "Topical Preparations" (Appendix 1.16H).

## บุนนาค (BUNNAK)

Mesuaie Ferreae Flos

Ironwood Flower

**Synonyms** Ceylon Ironwood Flower, Cobra's Saffron Flower, Indian Rose Chestnut Flower

**Category** Cardiotonic, antipyretic.

**Ironwood Flower** is the dried blooming flower of *Mesua ferrea* L. (Family Calophyllaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5165, BKF 166239, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0763.

**Constituents** Ironwood Flower contains 4-phenylcoumarins, biflavonoids, chromones, triterpenes, volatile oil, oleoresin, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Tree up to 30 m tall; trunk upright, cylindrical, often buttressed at base; young twig slender, exuding aromatic white resin when wounded. Leaves simple, opposite, elliptic, oblong or lanceolate, 6 to 13 cm long, 1 to 4 cm wide, apex acute, base acute or obtuse, margin entire, blade leathery, midrib faint and depressed on both surfaces, lateral veins numerous, very fine, almost invisible, lower surface whitish glaucous; young leaves reddish to pinkish; petiole 0.4 to 1.2 cm long. Flower solitary or fascicled, fragrant, axillary; peduncle 0.8 to 2.3 cm long, slender; sepals 4, light green, orbicular, 1 to 1.5 cm long, arranged in 2 rows, outer pair small, inner pair larger, densely velvety puberulous outside, fleshy; petals 4, white or pinkish, obovate or obcordate, 1.5 to 4 cm long, base cuneate, margin curled, brown or purple striations, caducous; stamens numerous, anthers orange to golden yellow, linear, 0.4 to 1 cm long; ovary superior, ovoid, up to 5 mm long, 2-loculed, each locule 2-ovuled, style 1, about 1 cm long, stigma peltate. Fruit ovoid to ellipsoid, 2.5 to 3.5 cm long, with conical apex, striated; sepal enlarged up to 4 cm long, persistent, dark orange or purplish brown; pericarp tough. Seeds 1 to 4, up to 2.4 cm long, woody, smooth, glossy, brown, oily.

**Description** Odour, aromatic; taste, astringent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Complete dried flowers, broken flowers, fragments of sepals, petals and stamens are commonly found. Sepals dark brown; petals and stamens, light or golden brown.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the sepal shows rectangular cells of upper and lower epidermises, with unicellular trichomes. Mesophyll composed of polygonal parenchyma cells, some containing rosette aggregates of calcium oxalate, sclereids, resin ducts, small air spaces, and vascular bundles.

Transverse section of the petal shows rectangular cells of upper and lower epidermises. Mesophyll composed of loose polygonal parenchyma cells, resin ducts, air spaces, and vascular bundles.

Transverse section of the filament reveals a layer of epidermis with papillae, wavy parenchyma cells and a vascular bundle.

Transverse section of the anther shows 4 pollen sacs containing a layer of epidermis with papillae, a fibrous layer of pollen sac, pollen grains; at the centre comprising epidermis, parenchyma, resin ducts, and a vascular bundle.



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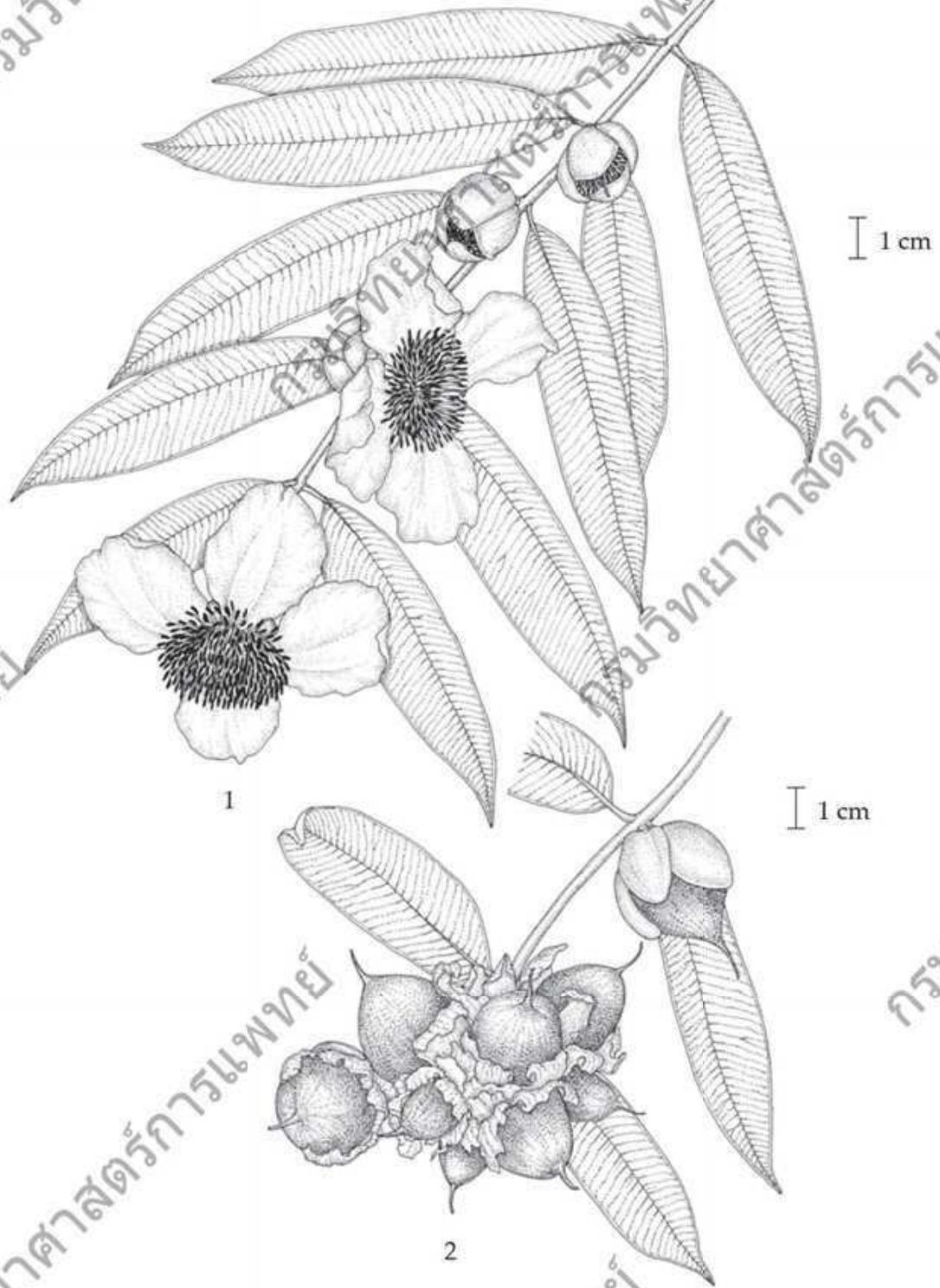
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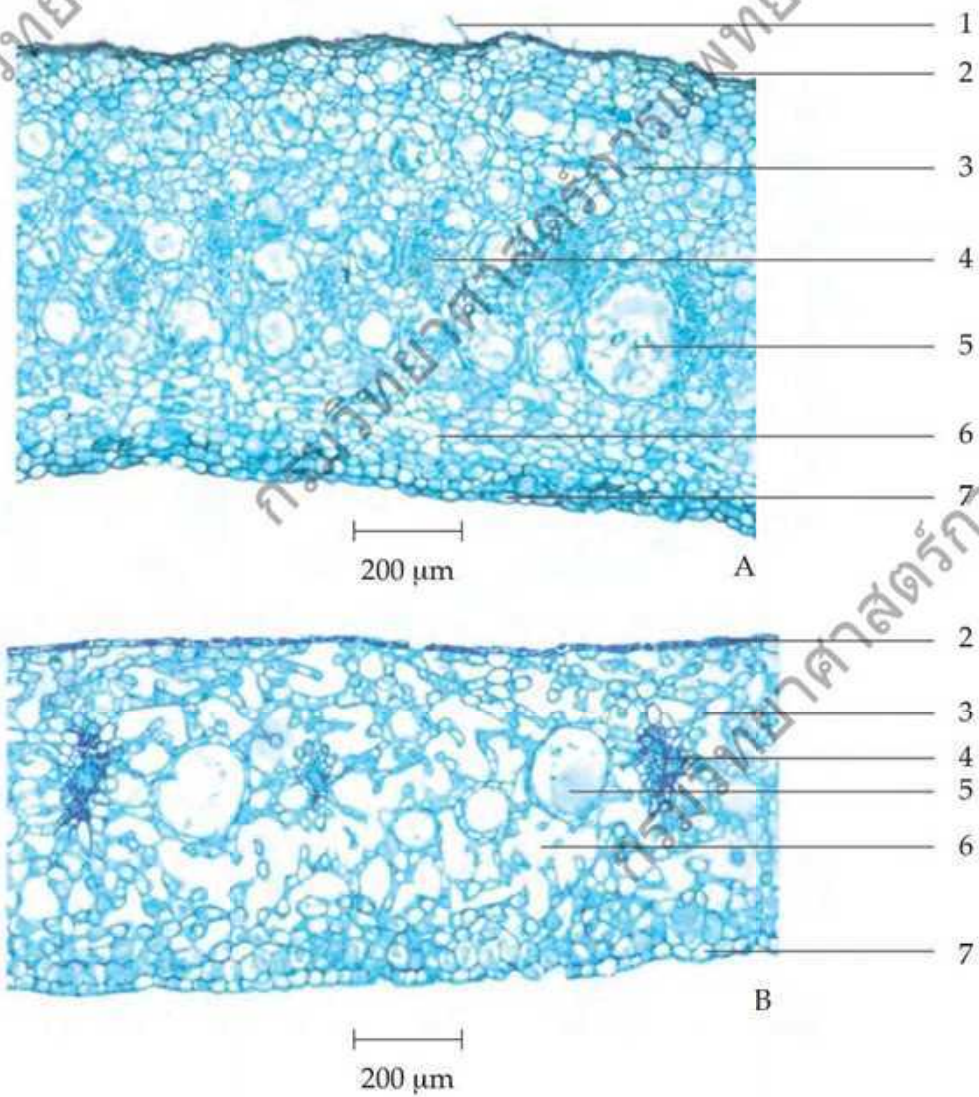
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Fig. 1a *Mesua ferrea* L.  
1. habit 2. flower 3. fruiting twig 4. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Mesua ferrea* L.  
1. flowering twig 2. fruiting twig



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Flower of *Mesua ferrea* L., Stained with Safranin-Fast Green

A. Sepal

B. Petal

1. unicellular trichome

2. upper epidermis

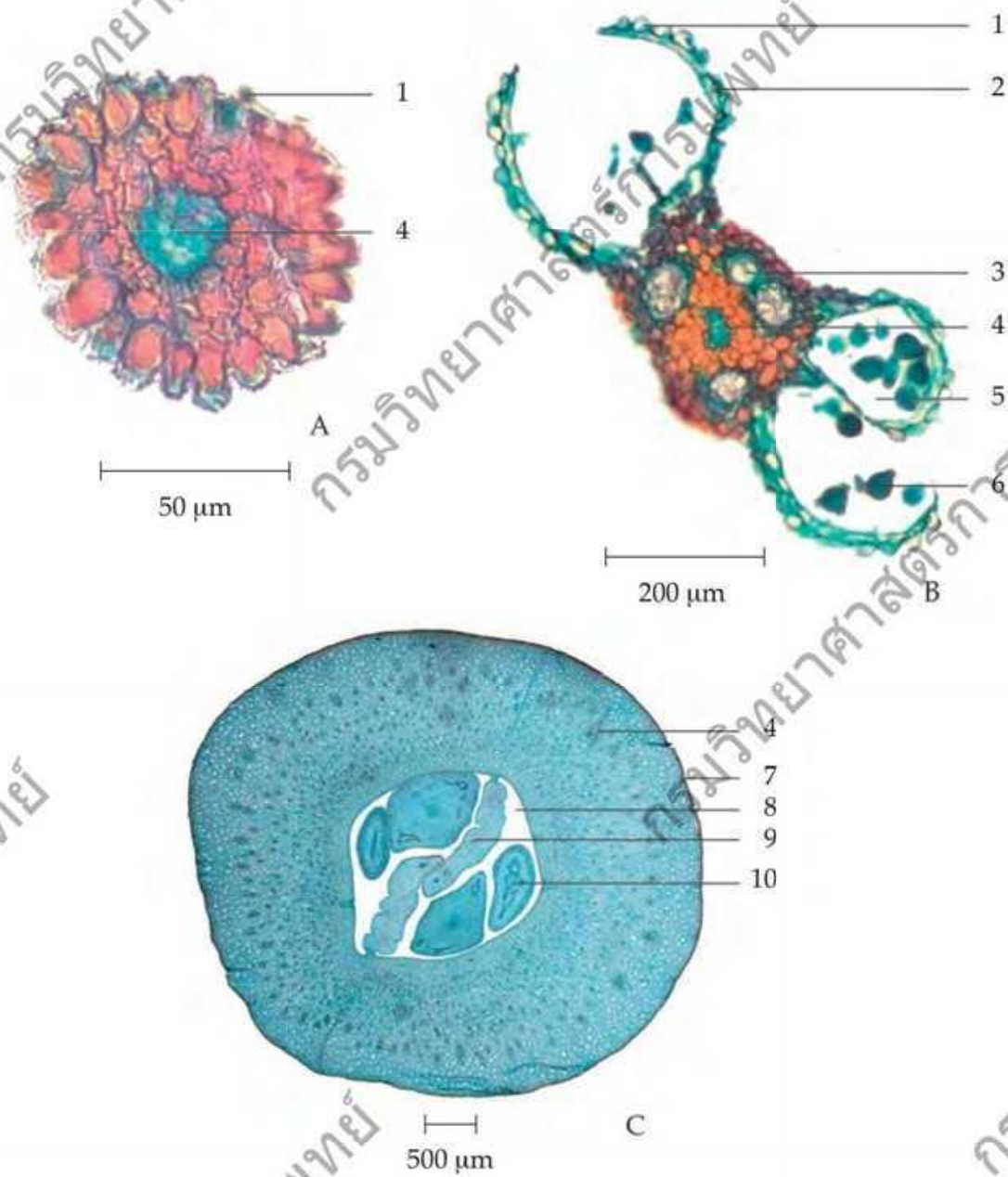
3. parenchyma

4. vascular bundle

5. resin duct

6. air space

7. lower epidermis



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Flower of *Mesua ferrea* L., Stained with Safranin-Fast Green

A. Filament

B. Anther

C. Ovary

1. epidermal cell with papilla

2. fibrous layer of pollen sac

3. resin duct

4. vascular bundle

5. pollen sac

6. pollen grain

7. epidermis of ovary wall

8. locule

9. septum

10. ovule

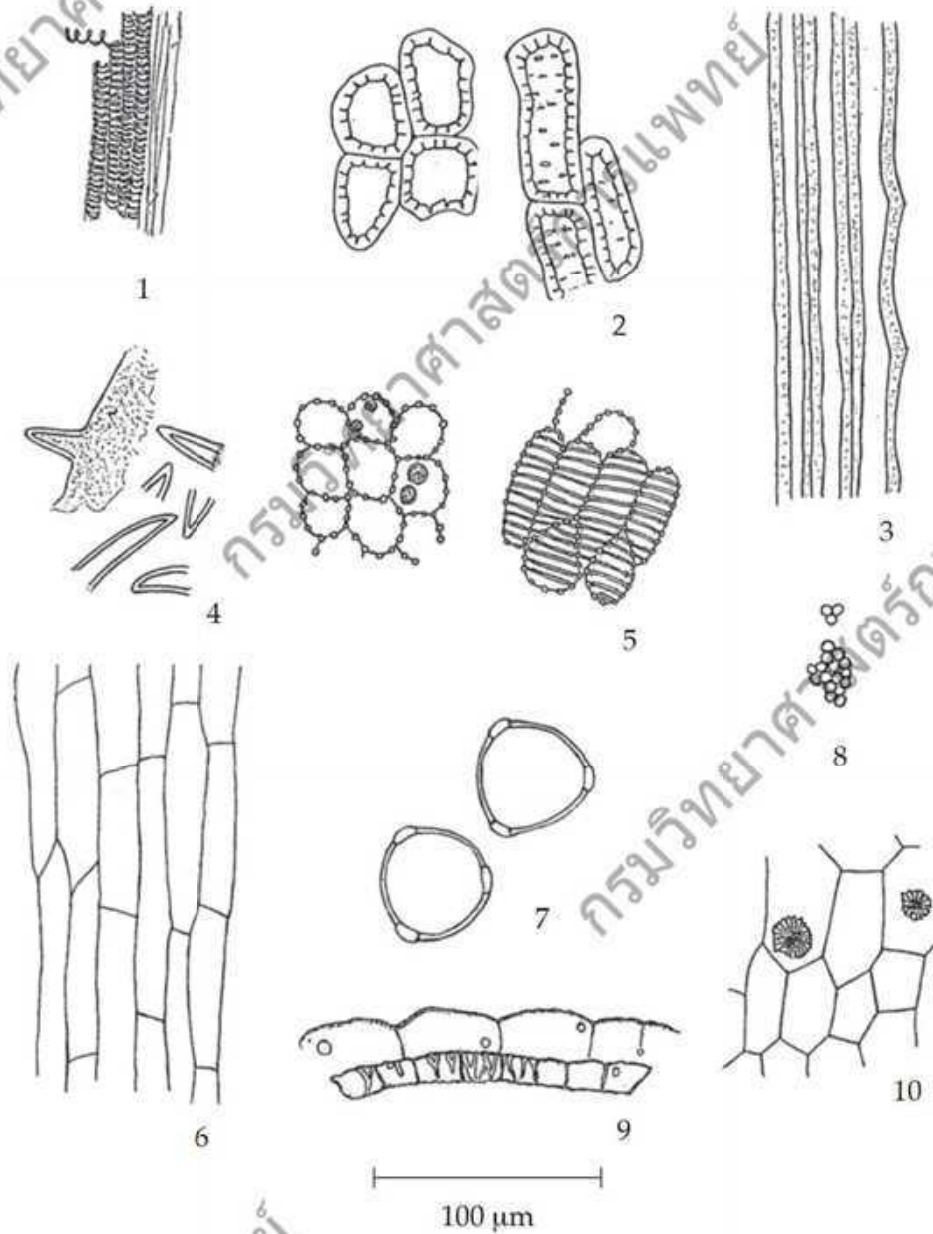


Fig. 2c Powdered Drug of the Flowers of *Mesua ferrea* L.

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| 1. fragment of spiral vessels and fibres   | 6. fragment of filament showing elongated epidermal cells                                 |
| 2. sclereids   | 7. pollen grains  |
| 3. fibres  | 8. starch grains  |
| 4. unicellular trichomes of sepal  | 9. part of pollen sac in sectional view with epidermal layer and underlying fibrous layer |
| 5. fragments of fibrous layer of pollen sac in different views, some containing oil globules | 10. fragment of sepal showing parenchyma cells and rosette aggregates                     |

Transverse section of the ovary shows ovary wall, 2 locules, septum, and ovules. The ovary wall composed of a layer of small epidermal cells, parenchyma cells and vascular bundles. The locules divided by a septum, each containing 2 ovules.

Ironwood Flower in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

**Additional information** It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.

**Packaging and storage** Ironwood Flower shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. To 5 g of the sample, in powder, add 20 mL of *ethanol*, sonicate for 1 hour and filter (solution 1). To 2 mL of solution 1, add 4 or 5 pieces of *magnesium ribbon*, shake well and mix with a few drops of *hydrochloric acid*: a pink colour develops.

B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of a 2.5 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride* and shake well: a blue-green colour develops.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 80 volumes of *hexane* and 20 volumes of *ethyl acetate* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 14 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate as a band of 10 mm, 20 µL of the test solution prepared by macerating 1 g of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 10 mL of *hexane* for about 12 hours, shaking frequently, filtering, and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *hexane*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. Spray the plate with a 20 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid* in *ethanol* and heat at 105° for 5 minutes; several bands of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Hexane Extract of the Flowers of *Mesua ferrea* L.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	20 Per Cent V/V Solution of Sulfuric Acid in Ethanol
1	14–16	quenching	pale brown
2	23–25	–	violet
3	27–31	strong quenching	brown
4	37–40	weak quenching	pale brown
5	41–43	–	purple
6	58–61	weak quenching	purple
7	70–71	weak quenching	–
8	74–79	weak quenching	–
9	80–81	–	pale purple
10	83–84	weak quenching	–
11	85–88	–	pale purple
12	89–92	–	purple

**Loss on drying** Not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

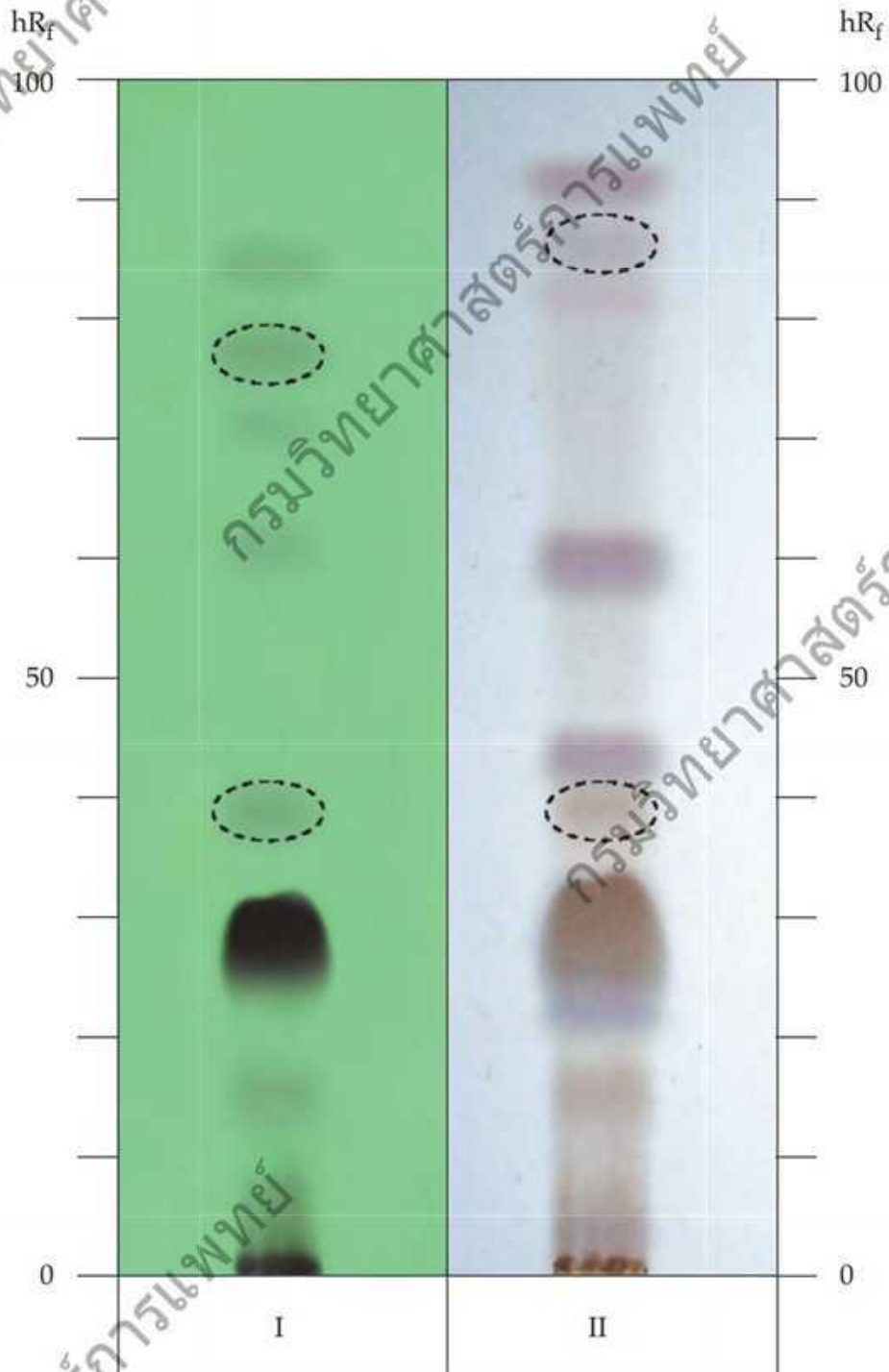
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol (80 per cent)-soluble extractive** Not less than 22.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 12.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Hexane Extract of the Flowers of *Mesua ferrea* L.

I = detection under UV light (254 nm)

II = detection with a 20 per cent v/v solution of sulfuric acid in ethanol

○ = bands developed in some samples

## ข้าวพลู, ใบ (CHA PHLU, BAI)

ชะพลู, ใบ (CHA PHLU, BAI); ผักอีเล็ด, ใบ (PHAK I LOET, BAI); พูลูลิง, ใบ (PHLU LING, BAI);

ปูลิง, ใบ (PU LING, BAI)

*Piperis Sarmentosi Folium*

Piper Sarmentosum Leaf

**Category** Carminative.

Piper Sarmentosum Leaf is the dried leaf of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb. (Family Piperaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 2714, BKF 160077, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0686.

**Constituents** Piper Sarmentosum Leaf contains phenylpropanoids.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Herb, erect or creeping, stoloniferous, with swollen nodes and adventitious roots. Leaves simple, alternate, stipulate, suborbicular, ovate or ovate-oblong, 7 to 15 cm long, 5 to 10 cm wide, apex acute to shortly acuminate, base cordate to obliquely obtuse or rounded, margin entire, slightly undulate, surface glabrous or with short hairs, veins palmately 5- to 7-nerved, prominent on lower surface; petiole 2 to 5 cm long. Inflorescence densely spike, leaf-opposed, generally unisexual, whitish to creamy; male spike 1.5 to 3 cm long, stamens 2 or 3, filament very short, anther subglobose, peduncle 0.5 to 1.5 cm long; female spike 2 to 5 cm long, stigmas 3- to 4-lobed, peduncle 0.5 to 1.5 cm long. Fruit drupeaceous, obovoid, dark green when ripe. Seed globose, about 2 mm in diameter.

**Description** Odour, characteristic; taste, slightly pungent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) A mixture of entire and broken leaves. Entire leaf, ovate or obovate-oblong, 3.5 to 13 cm long, 2.5 to 7 cm wide; apex, acuminate; base, cordate or obtuse or obliquely obtuse; upper surface green to greenish brown, lower surface green to greyish green, lighter colour; petiole brown, 1 to 6 cm long.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the leaf shows upper epidermis, a single layer of cuticularized rectangular cells, polygonal in surface view, with few unicellular trichomes and pearl glands. Mesophyll, a single layer of palisade parenchyma and several layers of round spongy parenchyma with scattered small vascular bundles. Lower epidermis, a single layer of rectangular cells, polygonal and irregularly shaped in surface view; stomata, mostly anomocytic. Hypodermis, 1 to 2 layers of cells under upper and lower epidermises of midrib and nearby area, and leaf margin.

Transverse section through the midrib of the lamina shows several layers of collenchyma underneath the epidermis, parenchyma and collateral vascular bundles. Trichomes, 1 to 3 cells, uniseriate nonglandular, abundant at lower epidermis.

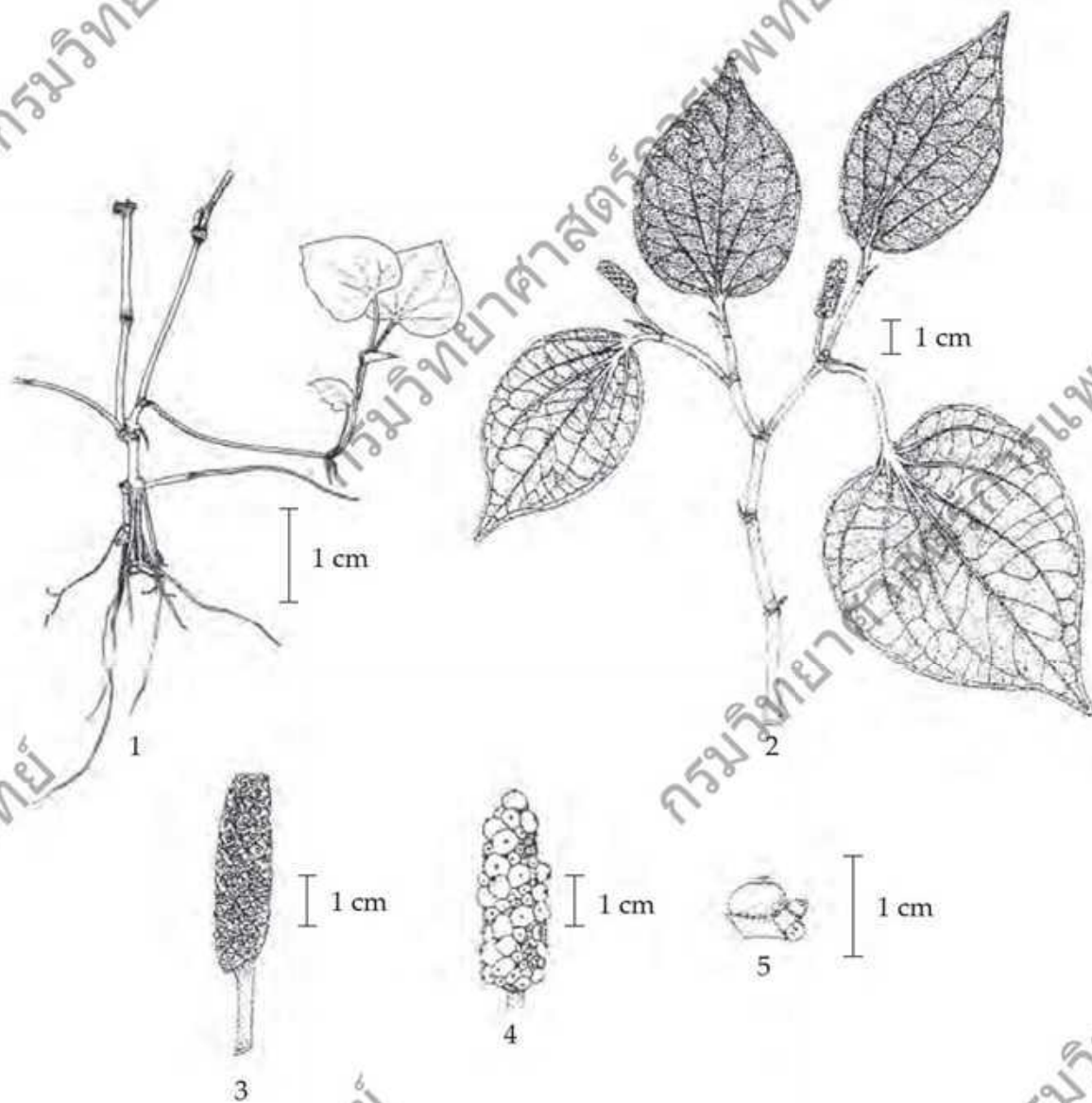
Piper Sarmentosum Leaf in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

**Packaging and storage** Piper Sarmentosum Leaf shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.



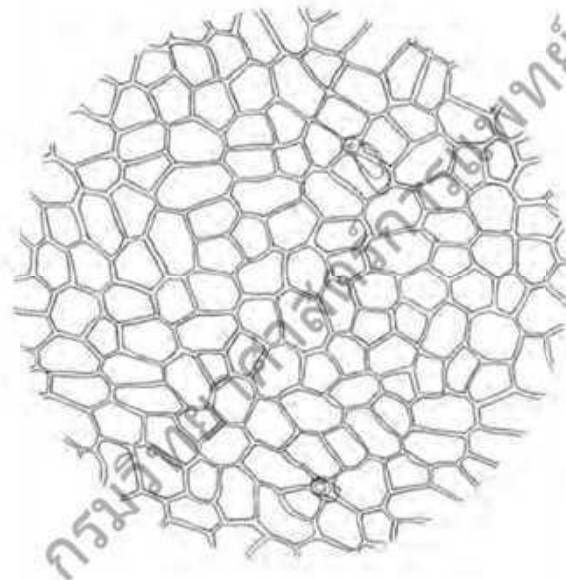
**Fig. 1a** *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

1. habit 2. male inflorescence 3. female inflorescence 4. infructescence 5. crude drug



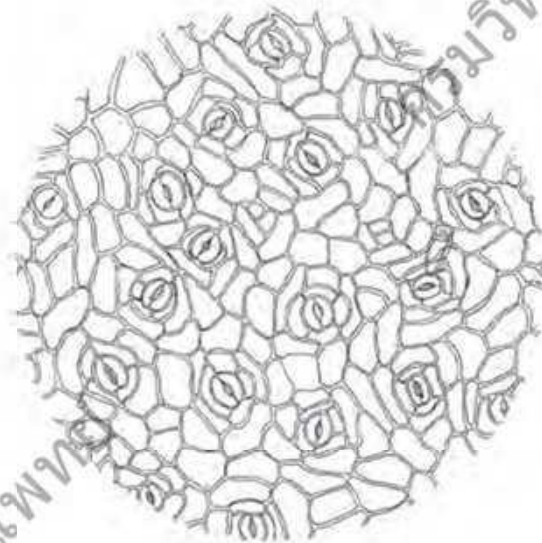
**Fig. 1b** *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

1. habit showing roots, stolon, stem, and leaves
2. twig showing inflorescence and infructescence
3. inflorescence
4. infructescence
5. drupe



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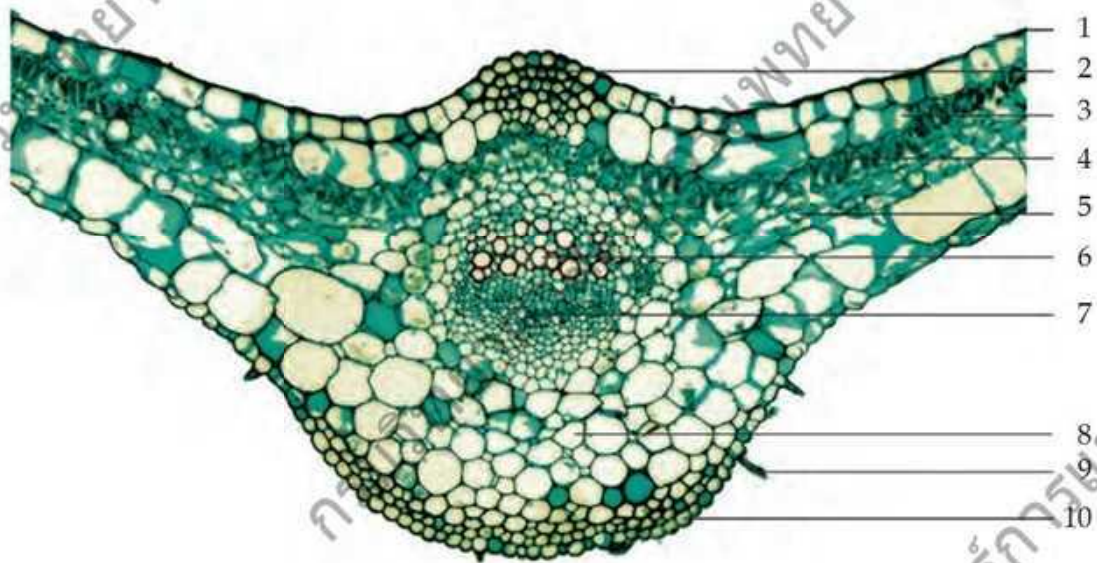
Upper Epidermis of the Lamina



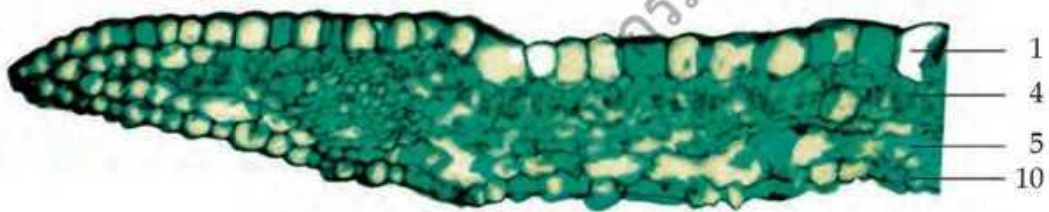
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Lower Epidermis of the Lamina

Fig. 2a Epidermises of the Leaf of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.



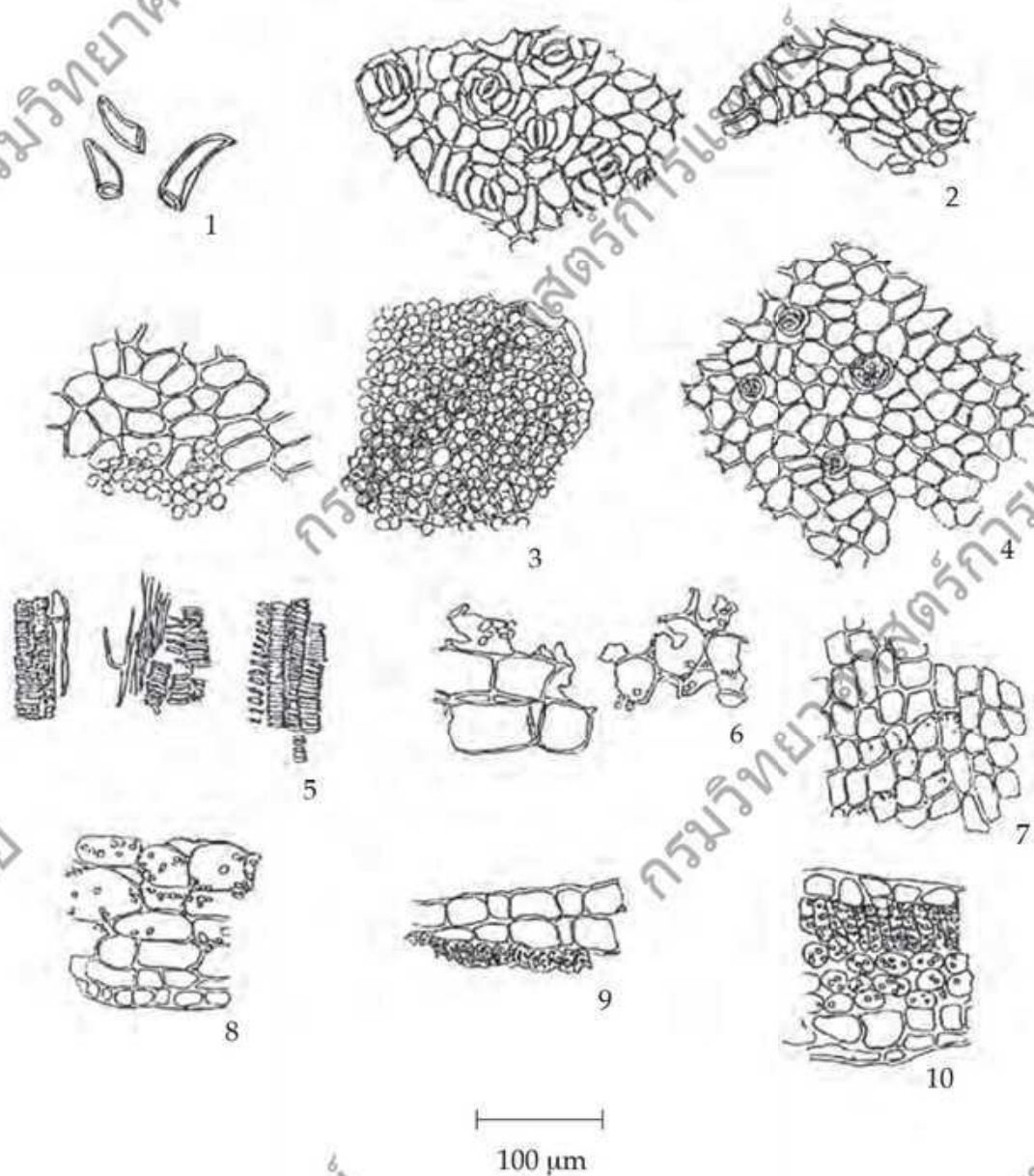
Transverse Section of the Midrib



Transverse Section of the Margin

**Fig. 2b** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Leaf of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb., Stained with Safranin-Fast Green

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| 1. upper epidermis        | 6. xylem tissue         |
| 2. collenchymatous tissue | 7. phloem tissue        |
| 3. hypodermis             | 8. parenchyma in midrib |
| 4. palisade cell          | 9. trichome             |
| 5. spongy cell            | 10. lower epidermis     |



**Fig. 2c** Powdered Drug of the Leaves of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

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| 1. unicellular trichomes   | 6. parenchyma cells with starch grains                                       |
| 2. lower epidermis consisting of mostly anomocytic stomata in surface view | 7. epidermal cells in surface view   |
| 3. upper epidermis and underlying palisade cells in surface view           | 8. lower epidermis with parenchyma cells                                     |
| 4. upper epidermis with pearl glands in surface view                       | 9. upper epidermis underlying hypodermis and palisade cells with chloroplast |
| 5. fibres and reticulate, spiral and scalariform vessels                   | 10. leaf blade in transverse view  |

**Identification**

A. Macerate 500 mg of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 25 mL of *ethanol* for 24 hours, filter, and evaporate the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 10 mL of *dilute sulfuric acid* and filter (solution 1). To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *mercuric-potassium iodide TS*; a white precipitate is produced.

B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *modified Dragendorff TS1*; an orange precipitate is produced.

C. Boil 500 mg of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 10 mL of *water* in a water-bath for 10 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add 1 or 2 drops of a 1 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride*; a greenish grey precipitate develops.

D. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 75 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 25 volumes of *toluene* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, 10  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by macerating 500 mg of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 25 mL of *ethanol* for 24 hours, filtering, and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *ethanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; several fluorescent spots of different colours are observed. Spray the plate with *modified Dragendorff TS1*; several spots of different colours appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Ethanolic Extract of the Leaves of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Modified Dragendorff TS1
1	7-9	quenching	red	-
2	12-14	quenching	intense red	greyish blue
3	14-16	quenching	red	greyish blue
4	21-23	quenching	purple	orange
5	25-27	-	red	-
6	30-32	quenching	-	orange
7	33-35	weak quenching	-	-
8	37-39	-	red	-
9	41-43	-	light purple	-
10	46-48	weak quenching	green	-
11	57-59	weak quenching	-	-
12	60-62	-	intense blue	-
13	68-70	weak quenching	red	-
14	71-73	weak quenching	-	-
15	78-80	weak quenching	red	-
16	88-90	quenching	red	-
17	92-94	quenching	red	greyish blue
18	95-97	quenching	red	-

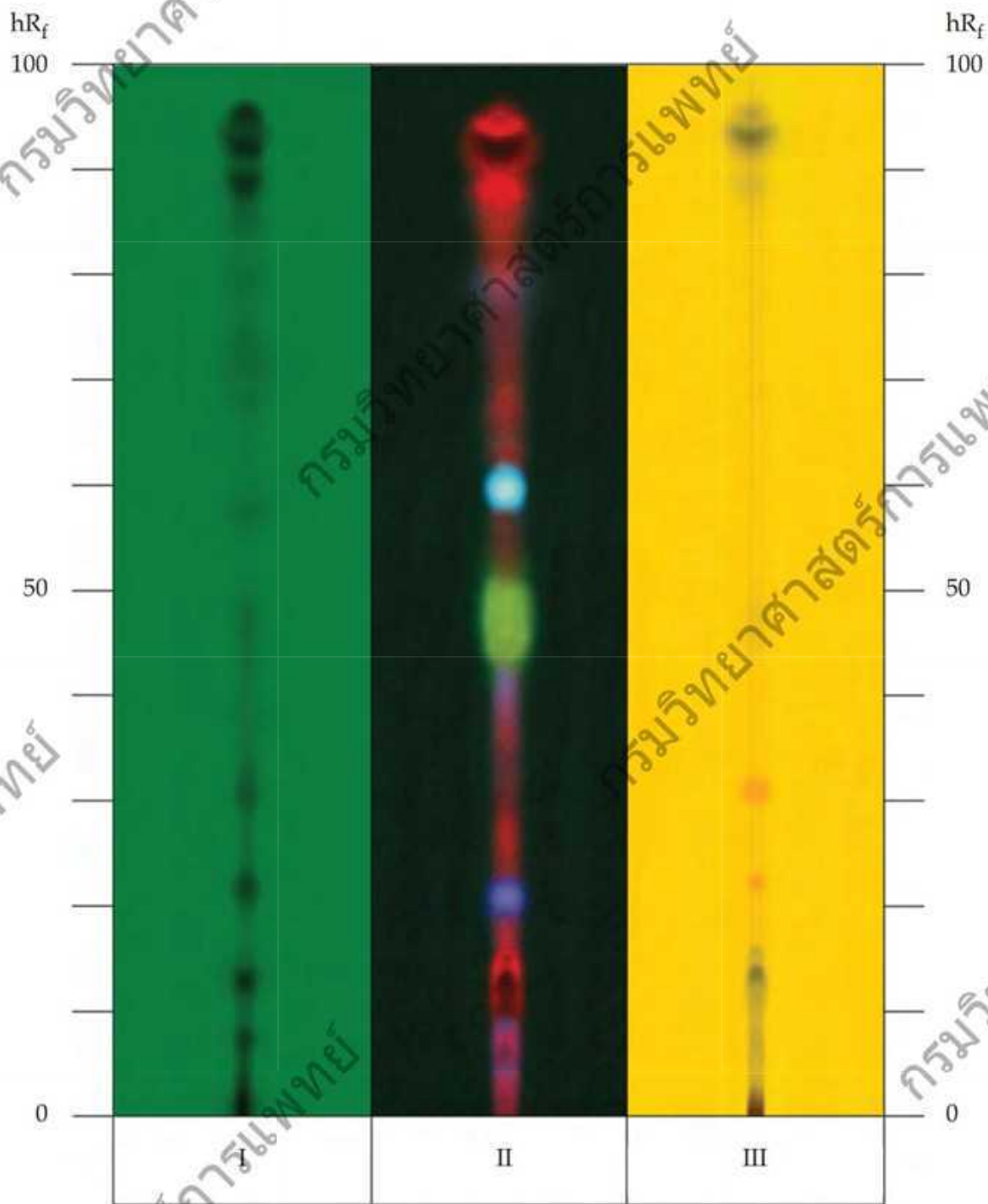
**Loss on drying** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 20.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 20.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Ethanolic Extract of the Leaves of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *modified Dragendorff TS1*

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ปูลูลิง, ราก (PU LING, RAK)

*Piperis Sarmentosi Radix*

Piper Sarmentosum Root

**Category** Carminative, stomachic.

**Piper Sarmentosum Root** is the dried root and stolon of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb. (Family Piperaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: BKF 184896, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1189.

**Constituents** Piper Sarmentosum Root contains phenylpropanoids (e.g., asaricin) and amide alkaloids (e.g., pellitorine, sarmentamides, sarmentine). It also contains flavonoids, lignans,  $\beta$ -sitosterol, volatile oil, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) See under *Piper Sarmentosum Leaf*.

**Description** Odour, characteristic; taste, pungent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Cylindrical, 1 to 3 mm in diameter, various lengths, with stolons, blackish brown.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the root shows epidermis in primary growth, periderm in secondary growth, cortex, and vascular tissue. Epidermis: a layer of rectangular cells and unicellular root hairs. Periderm: a few layers of thin-walled rectangular cork cells. Cortex: thin-walled parenchyma cells, some containing starch grains, and/or microcrystals, thick-walled sclereids, oil cells, and layers of rectangular endodermis in primary growth. Vascular tissue: in primary growth, polyarch; secondary growth, phloem and xylem. Pith: polygonal parenchyma, some containing starch grains and oil cells.

Transverse section of the stolon shows epidermis, cortex, vascular tissue, and pith. Epidermis: a layer of rectangular cells, uni-, bi- and tricellular trichomes. Cortex: thin-walled parenchyma cells, some containing starch grains, and/or microcrystals, thick-walled sclereids, oil cells, pericyclic fibres, and group of collenchyma. Vascular tissue: phloem, xylem and vascular cambium. Pith: polygonal parenchyma, some containing starch grains, oil cells and pith cavity.

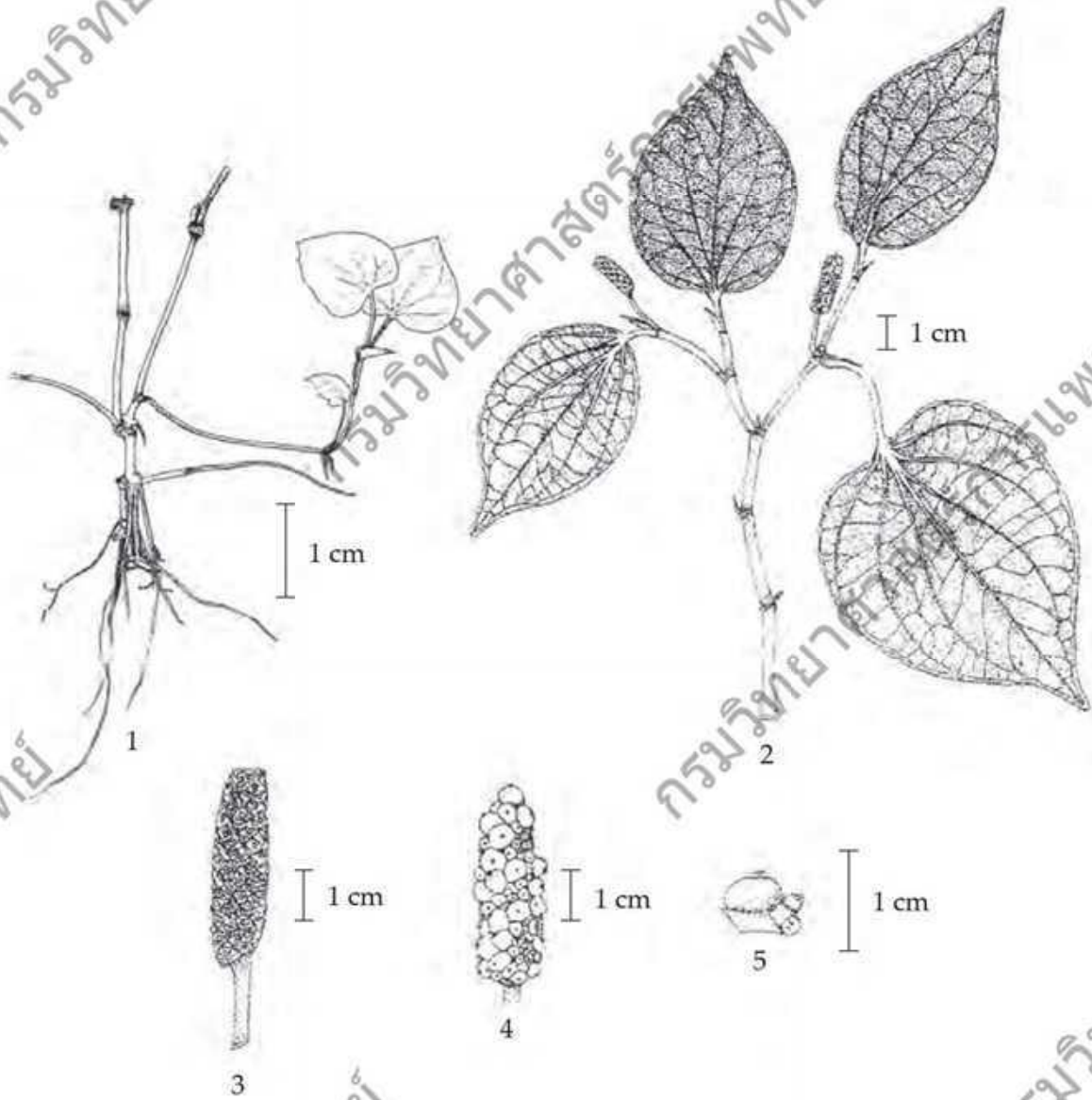
Piper Sarmentosum Root in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Epidermis associated with a few layers of thin-walled cork cells, and/or root hairs, elongated sclereids, and parenchyma containing larger and smaller starch grains and microcrystals are characteristic.

**Packaging and storage** Piper Sarmentosum Root shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.



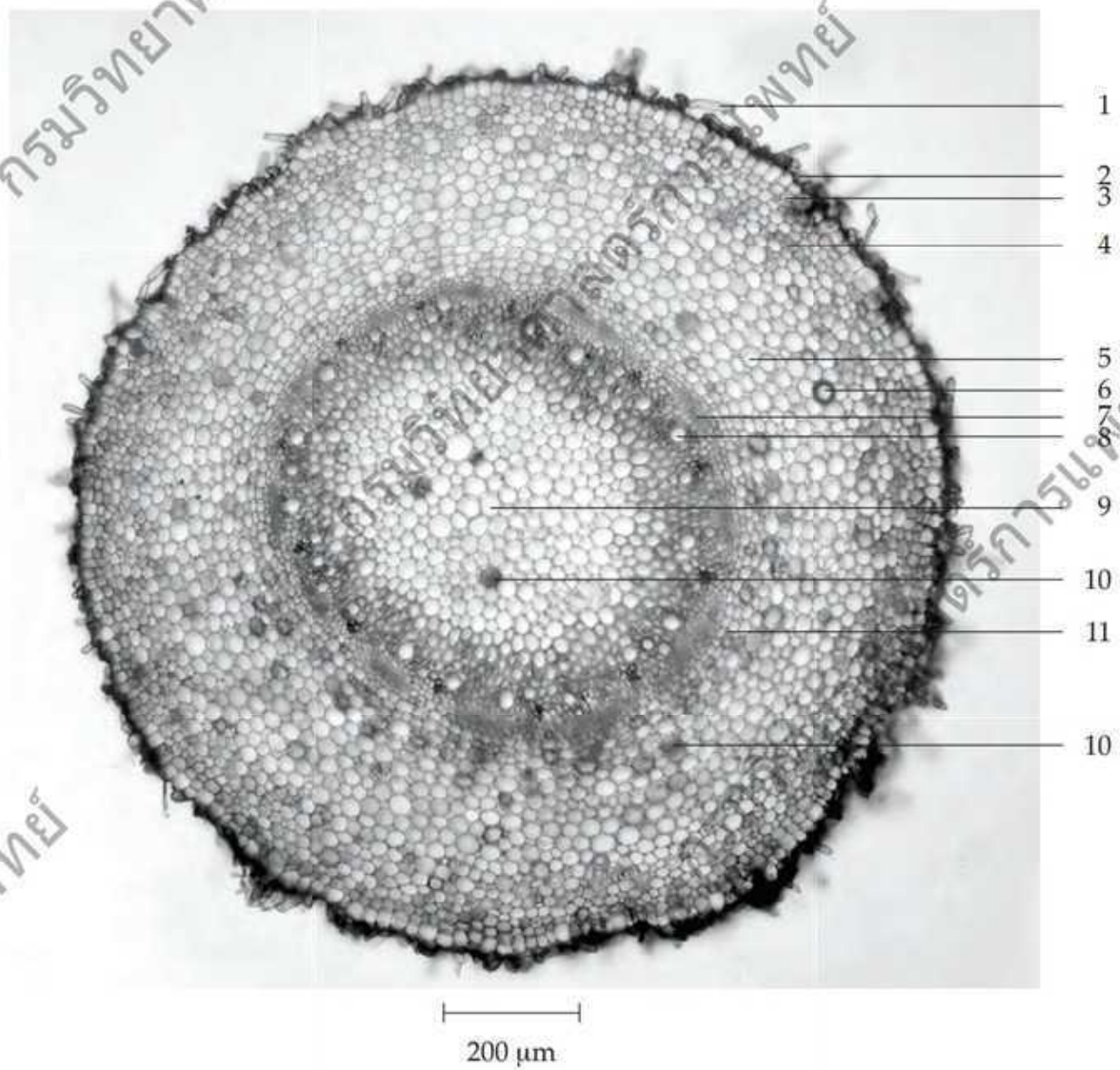
**Fig. 1a** *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

1. habit 2. male inflorescence 3. female inflorescence 4. infructescence 5. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

1. habit showing roots, stolon, stem, and leaves 2. twig showing inflorescence and infructescence 3. inflorescence 4. infructescence 5. drupe



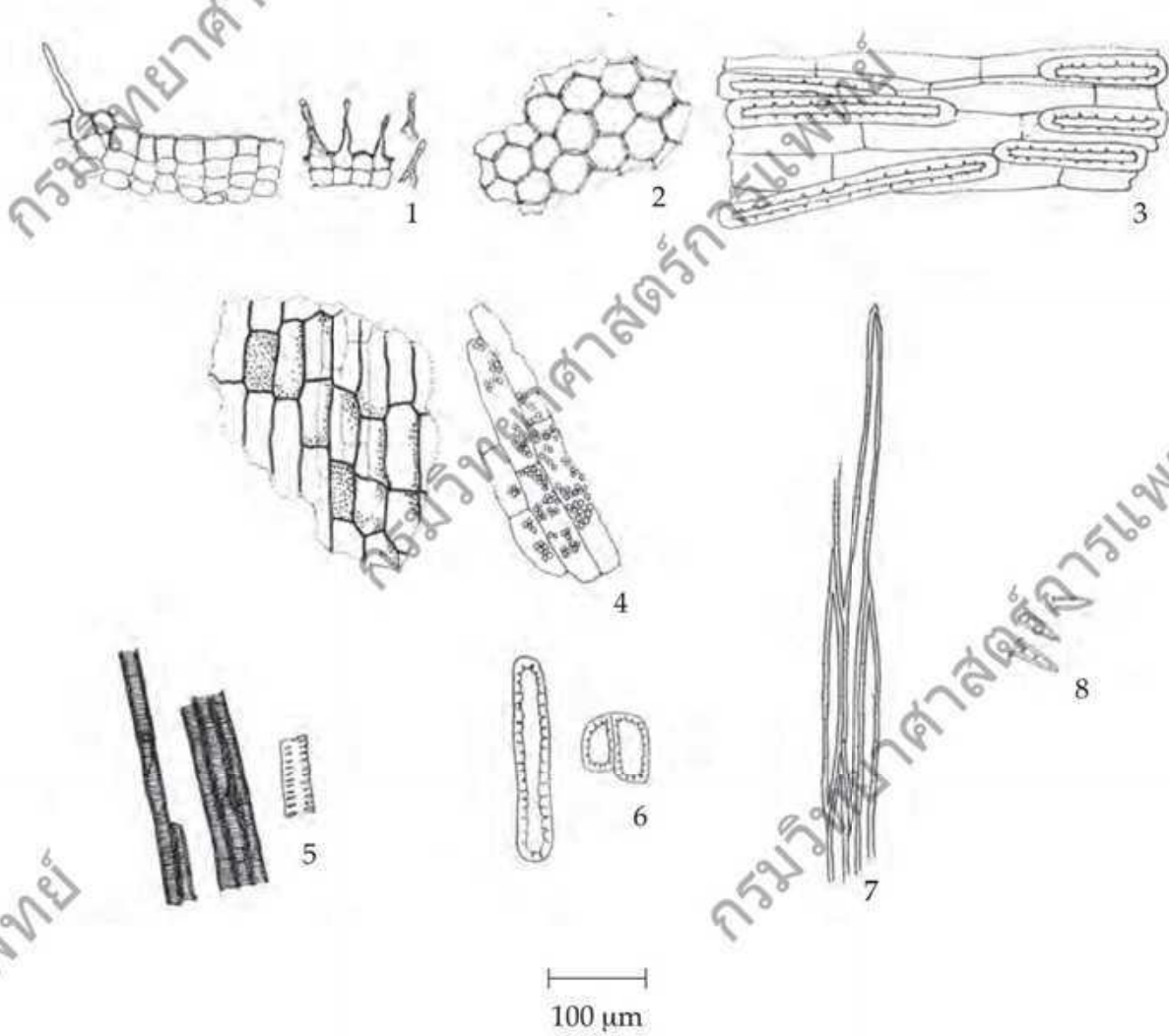
**Fig. 2a** Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Root of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

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| 1. root hair  | 7. phloem                               |
| 2. epidermis  | 8. vessel                               |
| 3. cork       | 9. pith                                 |
| 4. sclereid   | 10. parenchyma containing starch grains |
| 5. parenchyma | 11. endodermis                          |
| 6. oil cell   |   |



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Stolon of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. unicellular trichome | 7. phloem                               |
| 2. epidermis            | 8. vessel                               |
| 3. sclereid             | 9. parenchyma                           |
| 4. collenchyma          | 10. parenchyma containing starch grains |
| 5. oil cell             |   |
| 6. pericyclic fibres    |   |



**Fig. 2c** Powdered Drug of the Roots and Stolons of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

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|---|---|
| 1. epidermis showing root hair, thin-walled cork layer and thin-walled parenchyma in sectional view | 4. parenchyma containing larger (right) or smaller (left) starch grains |
| 2. cork in surface view   | 5. spiral and scalariform vessels                                       |
| 3. elongated sclereids and parenchyma in longitudinal view  | 6. sclereids  |
|   | 7. fibres   |
|   | 8. trichomes  |

**Identification**

A. Macerate 1 g of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 20 mL of *ethanol*, shake frequently during the first 6 hours, allow to stand for 18 hours and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add a few drops of *iron(III) chloride TS*: a green colour is produced.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel F254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 90 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 30 volumes of *toluene* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, as a band of 10 mm, 10  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by macerating 500 mg of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 25 mL of *ethanol* for 24 hours, filtering and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 0.5 mL of *ethanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; several fluorescent bands of different colours are observed. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 105° for 10 minutes; several bands of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Ethanolic Extract of the Roots and Stolons of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	5-7	quenching	-	greyish purple
2	9-11	quenching	intense blue	-
3	14-16	-	light red	-
4	24-26	weak quenching	light blue	-
5	29-31	-	light blue	greyish purple
6	36-38	quenching	light blue	pale yellowish grey
7	41-44	quenching	light blue	pale greyish purple
8	54-56	quenching	light green	purple
9	59-61	-	blue	-
10	63-68	-	blue	dark purple
11	71-74	quenching	light blue	purple
12	76-79	-	blue	pale purple
13	79-83	quenching	-	yellow
14	87-90	-	-	dark purple

**Loss on drying** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

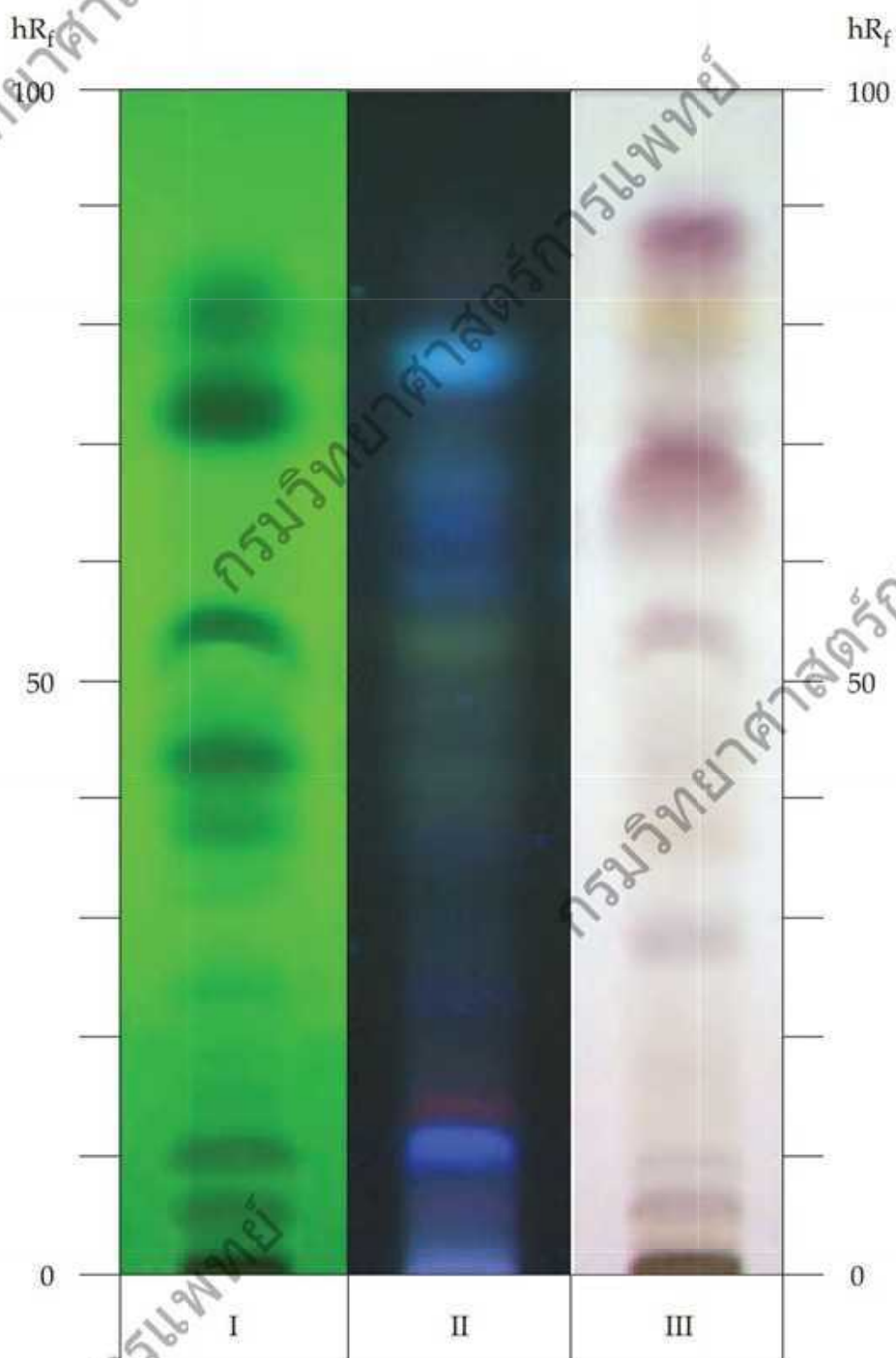
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 14.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Ethanolic Extract of the Roots and Stolons of *Piper sarmentosum* Roxb.

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *anisaldehyde* reagent

## จันทน์แดง (CHAN DAENG)

รักตจันทน์ (RAKTACHAN), รัตจันทน์ (RATTACHAN)

Santali Rubri Lignum

Red Sandalwood

**Synonyms** Red Sanders, Red Saunders, Rubywood, Saunders Wood

**Category** Antipyretic, anti-inflammatory, cardiogenic.

Red Sandalwood is the dried heartwood of *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. f. (Family Leguminosae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5265, BKF 170463, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0933.

**Constituents** Red Sandalwood contains red pigments consisting mainly of santalin A and santalin B. It also contains isoflavones, a small amount of volatile oil, triterpenes, sterols, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Tree up to 15 m tall; deciduous; bark deeply cracked into vertical and horizontal rectangular plates, blackish brown. Leaves mostly trifoliate, rarely 4 or 5, alternate, 10 to 18 cm long; petiole swollen at base; leaflet broadly elliptic to ovate, 7 to 10 cm long, 3.5 to 5.5 cm wide, apex round or deeply notched, base round or slightly cordate, margin entire, blade leathery, shiny. Inflorescence axillary or terminal, raceme or panicle; bract and bracteole small, often caducous. Flower yellowish, 1.6 to 2 cm long; petals 5, papilionaceous; stamens 10, subdiadelphous; ovary superior, shortly stalked, 2-ovuled. Fruit samara, flat, obliquely rounded, broadly hardened winged around margin, beaked, 3.5 to 5 cm in diameter. Seeds 2, smooth, reddish brown.

**Description** Odour, aromatic; taste, slightly astringent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Irregular pieces of woody segment, dense, hard and heavy, but readily split. Dark red to blackish red. Transversely cut surface showing ring zones. Longitudinally cut surface showing alternating dark and light zones.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e) Transverse section of the heartwood shows vessel, xylem parenchyma, xylem ray, and fibre. Vessel, large, thick-walled, scattered, solitary or small cluster, some containing red resin. Xylem parenchyma, oval, thick-walled, band paratracheal. Xylem ray, mostly 1 row. Fibre, thick-walled.

Tangential and radial longitudinal sections of the heartwood show vessel, xylem parenchyma, xylem ray, and fibre. Vessel, large, with bordered-pitted and simple perforation plate, some of which contain red resin. Axial parenchyma, rectangular, thick-walled cells, some of which contain prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate. Xylem ray: in tangential longitudinal view, mostly uniseriate, oval; in radial longitudinal view, rectangular, perpendicular to other adjacent cells. Fibre, thick-walled, simple-pitted.

Red Sandalwood in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

**Storage** Red Sandalwood shall be stored in a dry place, protected from light.



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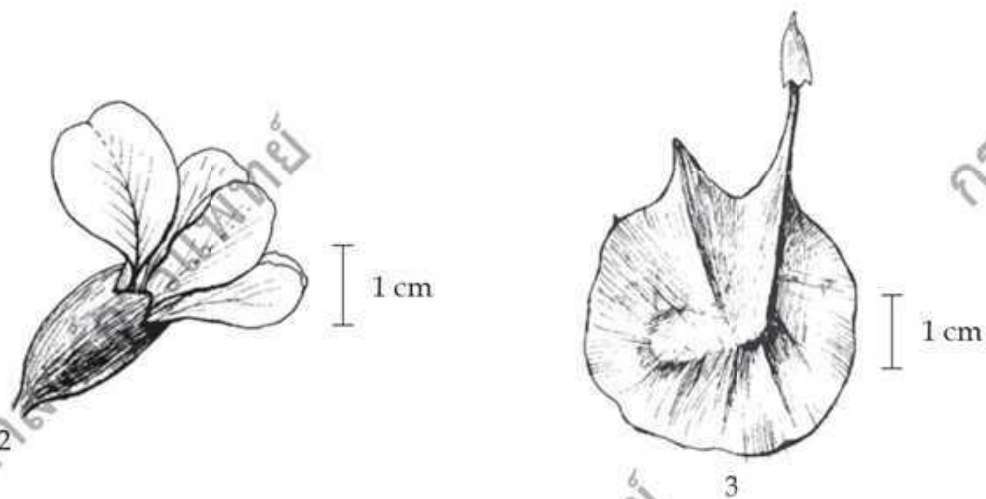
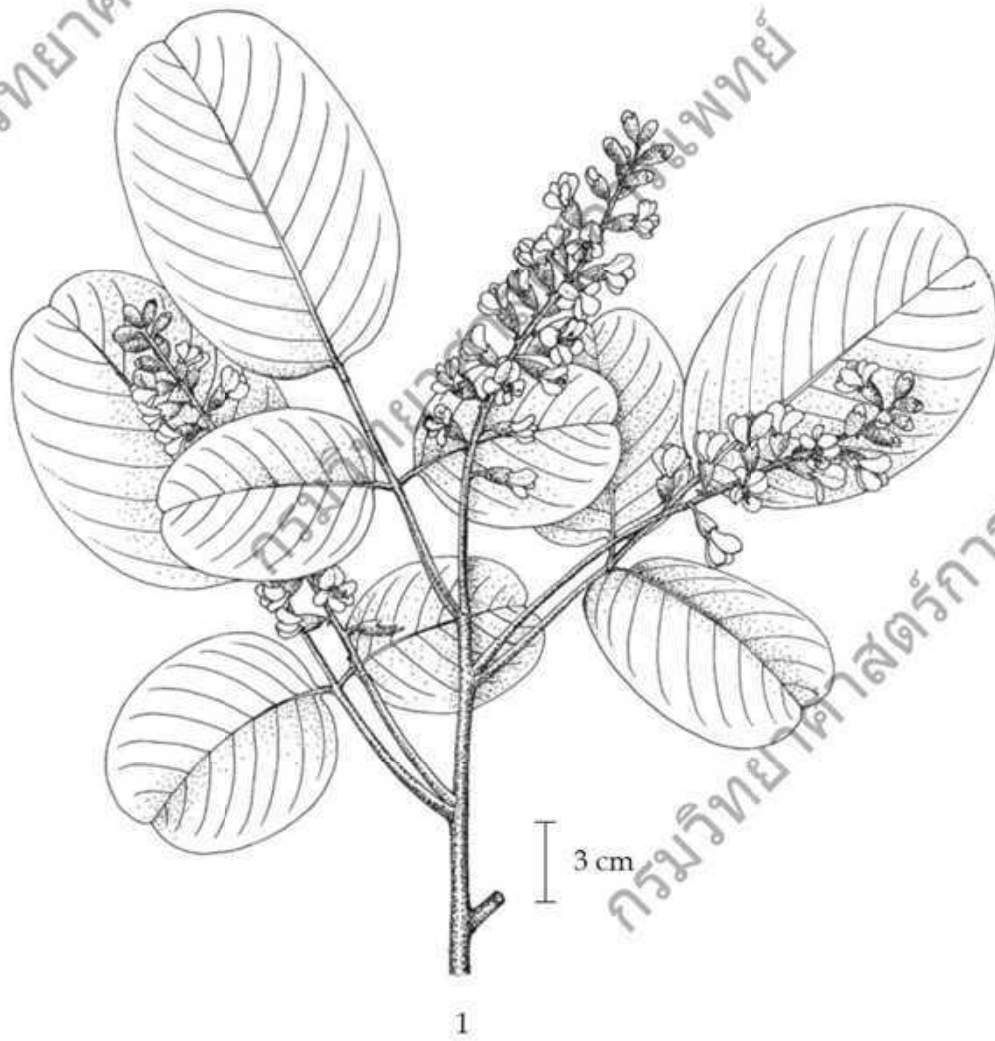


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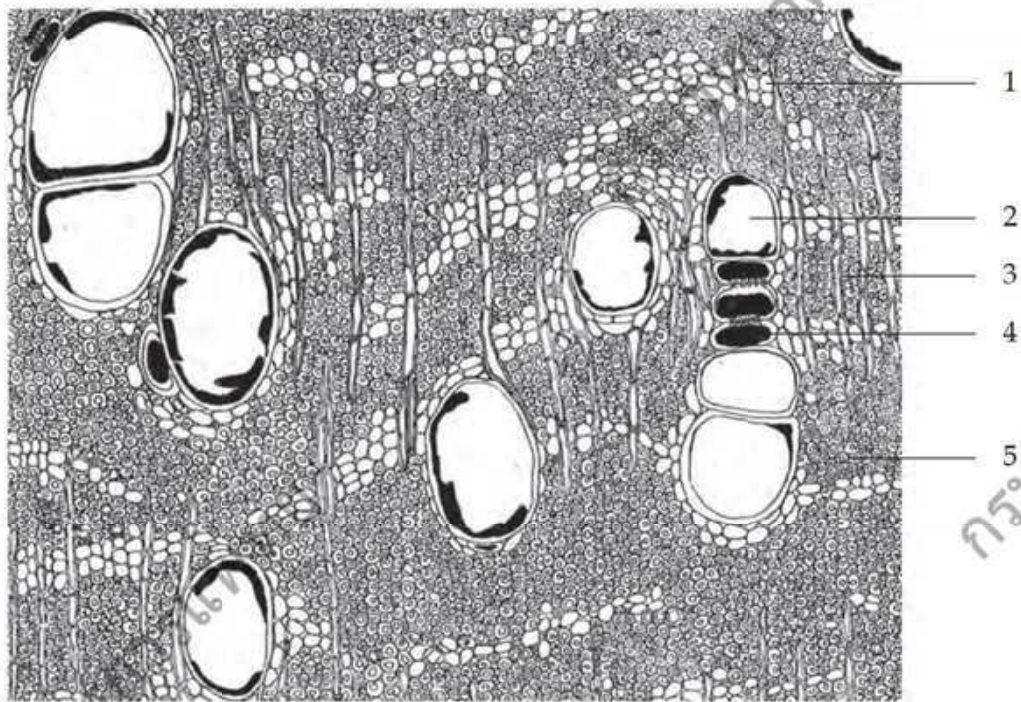
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Fig. 1a *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. f.

1. part of stem and twig 2. bark 3. inflorescence 4. infructescence 5. crude drug



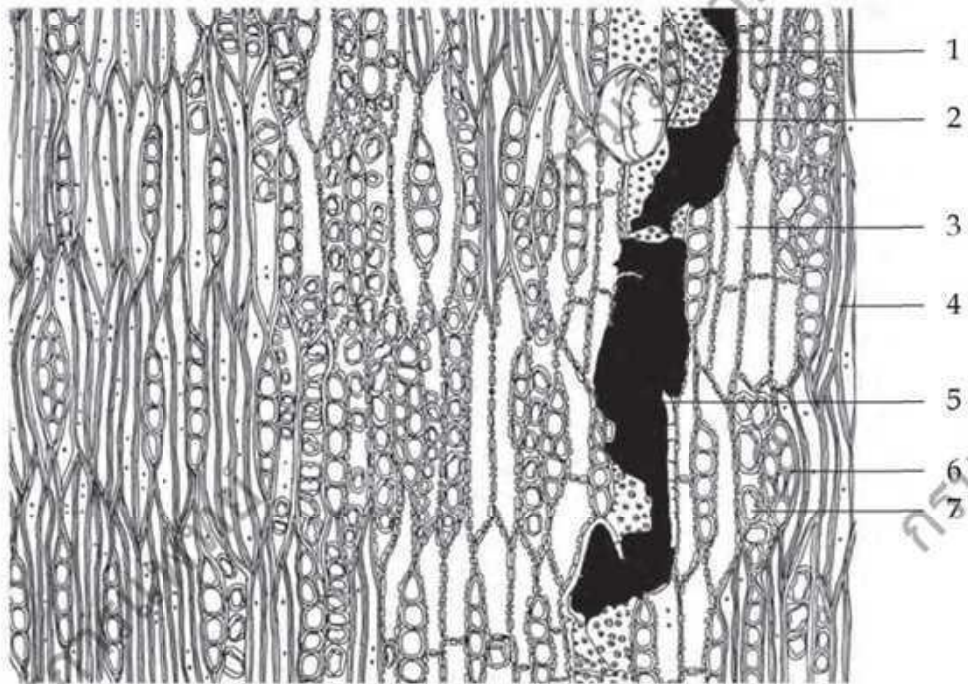
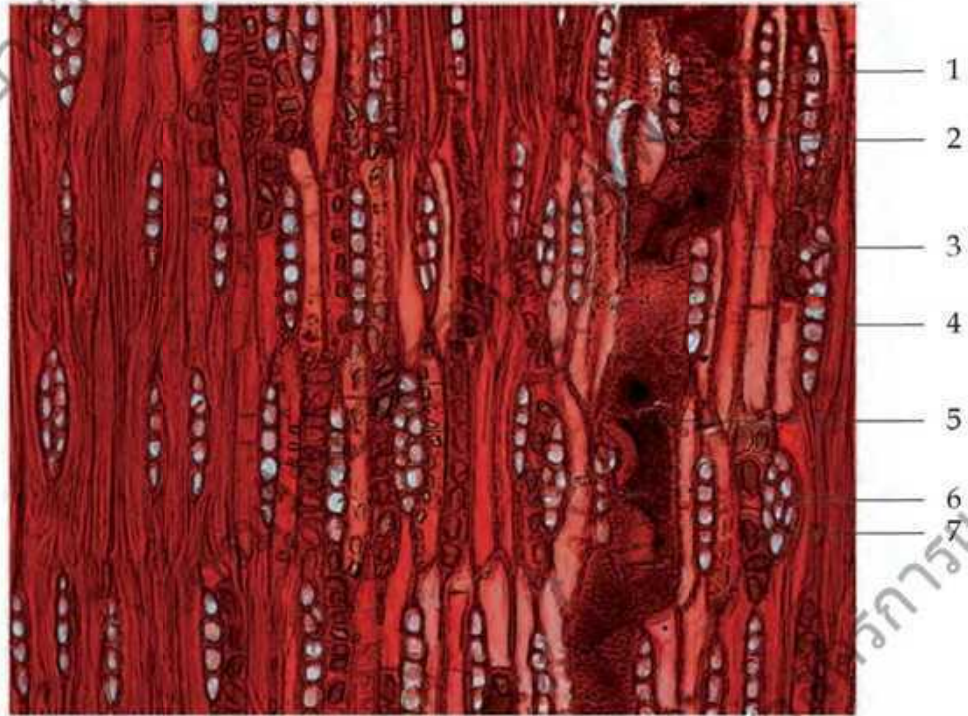
**Fig. 1b** *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. f.  
1. flowering twig 2. flower 3. fruit



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**Fig. 2a** Photomicrograph and Line Drawing of Transverse Section of the Heartwood of *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. f.

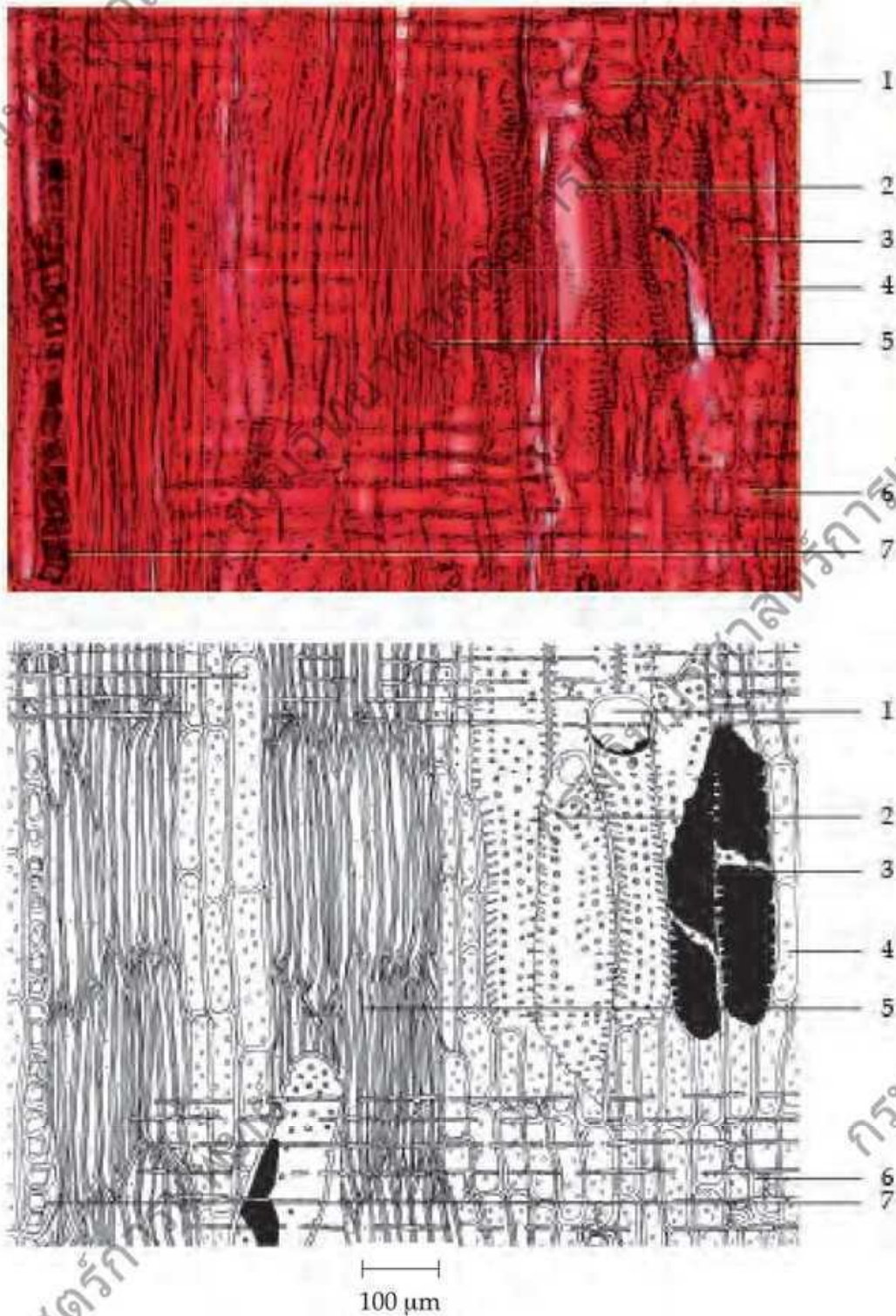
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| 1. xylem parenchyma | 4. red resin in vessel |
| 2. vessel           | 5. fibre               |
| 3. xylem ray        |                        |



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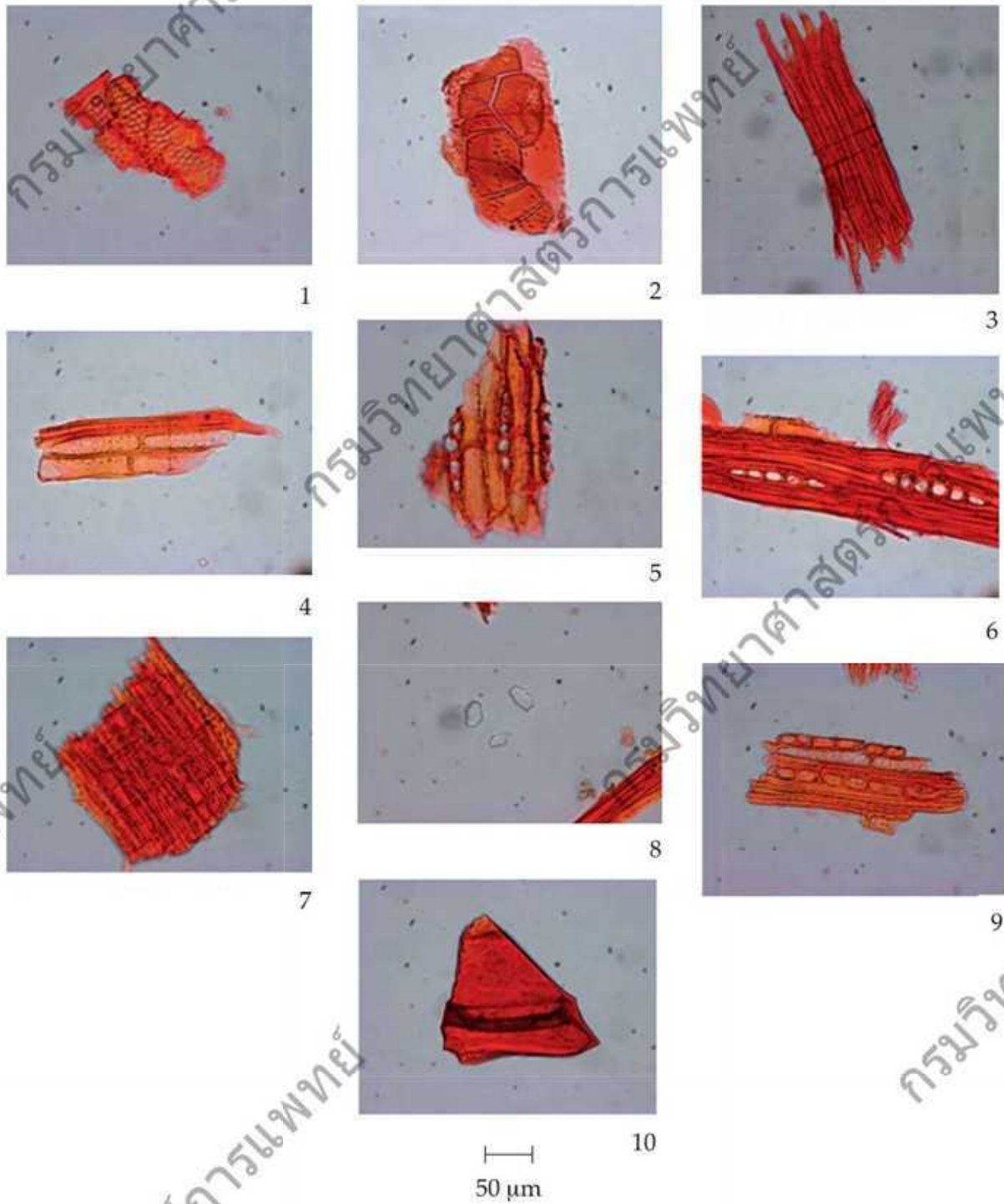
**Fig. 2b** Photomicrograph and Line Drawing of Tangential Longitudinal Section of the Heartwood of *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. f.

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| 1. bordered-pitted vessel | 5. red resin in vessel                                      |
| 2. simple perforation     | 6. xylem ray  |
| 3. xylem parenchyma       | 7. prismatic crystal of calcium oxalate in xylem parenchyma |
| 4. fibre                  |   |



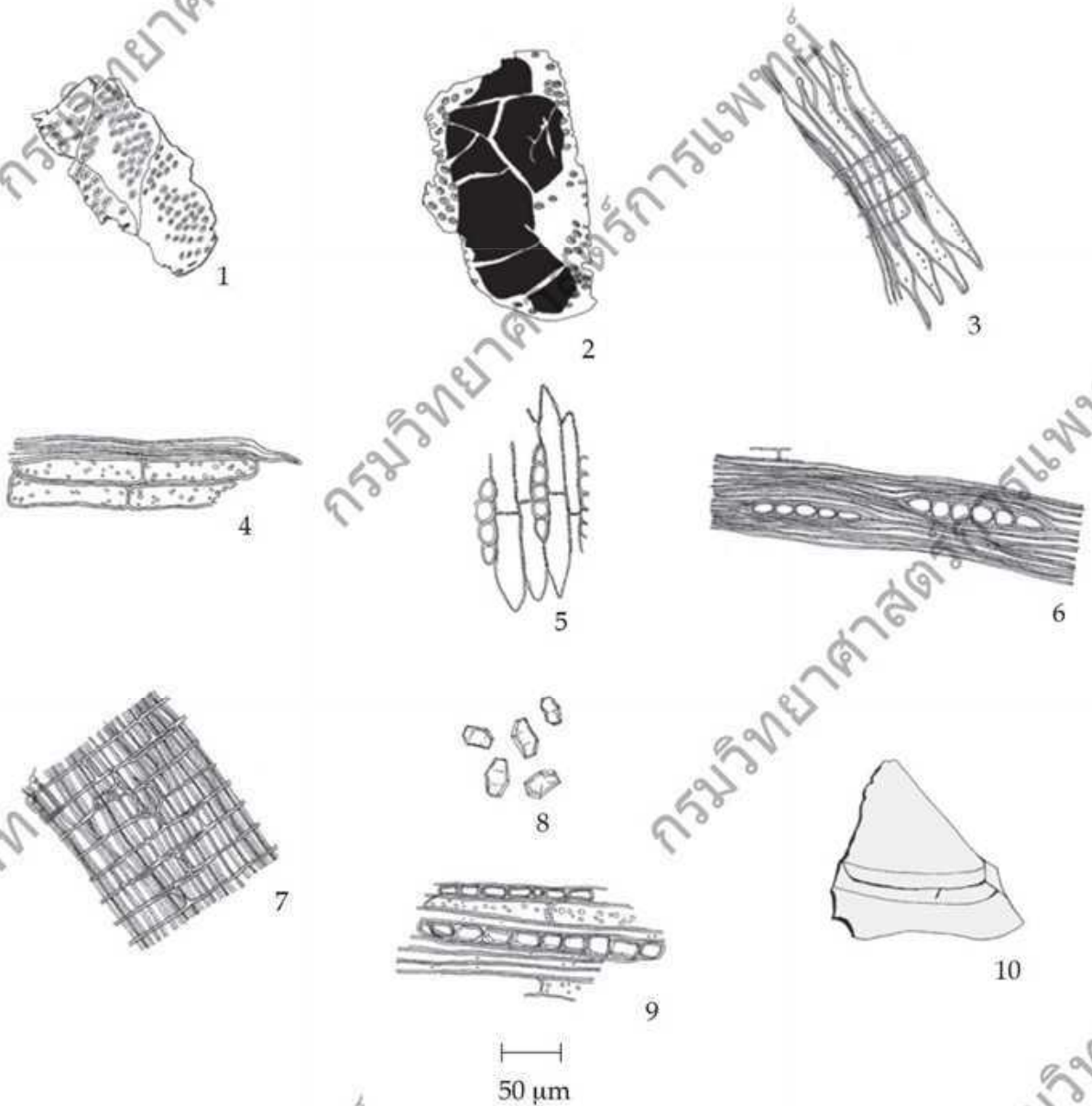
**Fig. 2c** Photomicrograph and Line Drawing of Radial Longitudinal Section of the Heartwood of *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. f.

1. simple perforation	6. xylem ray, perpendicular to xylem
2. bordered-pitted vessel	parenchyma
3. red resin in vessel	7. prismatic crystal of calcium oxalate in
4. xylem parenchyma	xylem parenchyma
5. fibre	



**Fig. 2d** Photomicrographs of Powdered Drug of the Heartwood of *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. f.

1. fragment of bordered-pitted vessel	7. xylem ray and fibres in radial longitudinal view
2. fragment of vessel with red resin	8. prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate
3. group of fibres perpendicular to xylem ray	9. fibres and prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate in xylem parenchyma
4. xylem parenchyma and fibres	10. fragment of red resinous substance
5. xylem parenchyma and xylem rays in tangential longitudinal view	
6. xylem rays and fibres in tangential longitudinal view	



**Fig. 2e** Line Drawings of Powdered Drug of the Heartwood of *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. f.

1. fragment of bordered-pitted vessel
2. fragment of vessel with red resin
3. group of fibres perpendicular to xylem ray
4. xylem parenchyma and fibres
5. xylem parenchyma and xylem rays in tangential longitudinal view
6. xylem rays and fibres in tangential longitudinal view
7. xylem ray and fibres in radial longitudinal view
8. prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate
9. fibres and prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate in xylem parenchyma
10. fragment of red resinous substance

**Identification**

A. Reflux 1.2 g of the sample, in powder, with 30 mL of *methanol* for 30 minutes and filter. Evaporate 2 mL of the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *acetic anhydride*, slowly add a few drops of *sulfuric acid* and mix: a deep brownish red colour develops.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 80 volumes of *hexane* and 20 volumes of *ethyl acetate* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by evaporating about 20 mL of solution 1 to dryness and dissolving the residue in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; several blue fluorescent spots are observed. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 110° for 10 minutes; several spots of different colours appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Heartwood of *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. f.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	7-9	-	light blue	violet
2	11-14	quenching	-	-
3	14-18	-	light blue	violet
4	20-24	quenching	-	brownish purple
5	25-29	-	light blue	-
6	32-35	-	blue	-
7	48-53	quenching	light blue	brownish purple
8	62-68	-	intense blue	-
9	69-72	-	-	pale violet
10	75-79	-	light blue	-
11	79-82	-	-	violet
12	83-87	-	light blue	-
13	87-90	-	-	pale violet
14	95-98	-	-	pale violet
15	98-99	-	-	violet

**Loss on drying** Not more than 8.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° for 5 hours (Appendix 4.15).

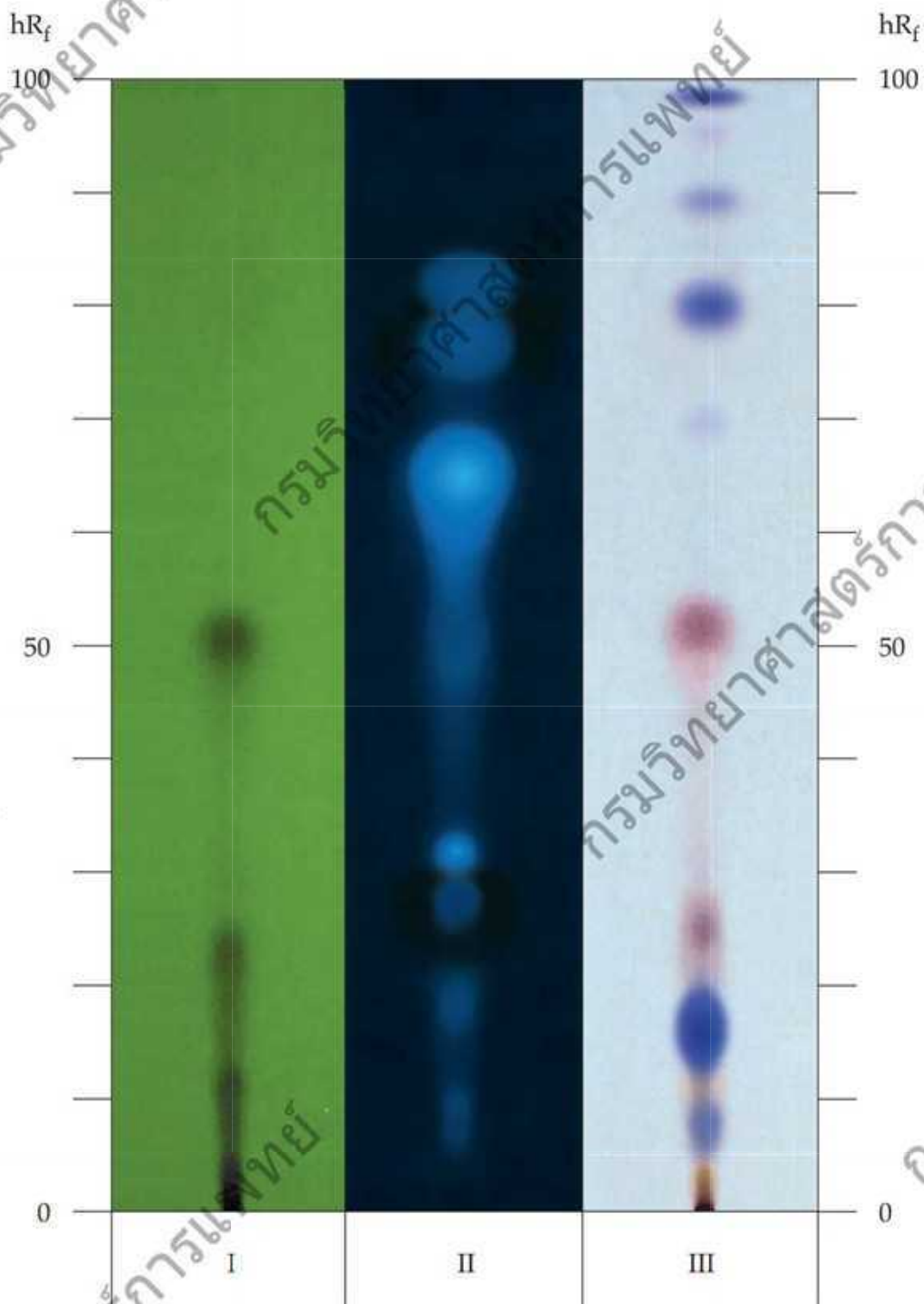
**Foreign matter** Not more than 0.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Total ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 12.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** 3 to 5 g a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Heartwood of *Pterocarpus santalinus* L. f.  
 I = detection under UV light (254 nm)  
 II = detection under UV light (366 nm)  
 III = detection with anisaldehyde TS

## จันทน์ขาว (CHAN KHAO)

จันทน์หิมาลัย (CHAN HIMALAI), แก่นจันทน์ (KAEN CHAN), แก่นจันทน์เทศ (KAEN CHAN THET)

Santali Albi Lignum

Sandalwood

**Synonyms** White Sandalwood, Yellow Sandalwood

**Category** Cardiotonic, stomachic, nervotonic.

Sandalwood is the dried heartwood of *Santalum album* L. (*S. album* Rumph., *S. ovata* R. Br., *S. ovatum* Miq., *S. myrtifolium* L., *Sirium myrtifolium* L.) (Family Santalaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5178, BKF 168153, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0935.

**Constituents** Sandalwood contains volatile oil, of which  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -santalol are major components. The volatile oil also contains santenone, santalone,  $\alpha$ -terpineol, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Hemiparasitic tree up to 20 m tall; glabrous; bark rough, cracked, dark grey or brownish black. Leaves simple, opposite or sub-opposite, elliptic-lanceolate or ovate, coriaceous, 4 to 11 cm long, 1.5 to 3.5 cm wide, apex acute or shortly acuminate, base obtuse, attenuate, margin undulate; petiole slender, about 1 cm long. Inflorescence paniculate, terminal or axillary, pedunculate; peduncle slender, tortuous. Flowers 9 to 15, receptacular, pedicellate; pedicel slender, angular, 1 to 3 mm long; perianth tube campanulate, 4- to 5-lobed, deltoid, 1.5 to 3.5 mm long, 1 to 1.5 mm wide, reflexed, whitish, turning reddish then crimson; stamens 4 or 5, opposite to perianth lobes, filament narrow, slightly dilated at the base, covered with white hair-tuff; ovary semi-inferior, style angular, stigma 3-lobed; nectary concave, deeply 5-lobed, protruding between the perianth segments, brownish, turning reddish then crimson. Fruit drupe, globose or subglobose, about 1 cm in diameter, green, turning red then purplish black, juicy when ripe; exocarp smooth; endocarp ribbed. Seed 1, globose or obovoid.

**Description** Odour, aromatic, strongly aromatic when burning; taste, slightly bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Cylindrical woody segment, varying in size and diameter, some somewhat curved. Externally pale yellow or yellowish brown, fine and smooth, some with nodal scars or longitudinal cracks. Texture compact, uneasily broken; transversely cut surface brownish yellow, showing annual rings; longitudinally cut surface shows straight grains.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) Transverse section of the heartwood shows vessel, xylem parenchyma, xylem ray, and fibre. Vessel, single, large, thick-walled, and scattered. Xylem parenchyma, round, thick-walled, apotracheal, and some of which contain prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate. Xylem ray, 1 to 3 rows, some of which contain red or brownish oleoresin. Fibre, thick-walled.

Tangential and radial longitudinal sections of the heartwood show vessel, xylem parenchyma, fibre, fibre-tracheid, and xylem ray. Vessel, large, with bordered-pitted and simple perforation plate. Xylem parenchyma, thick-walled, some of which contain prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate. Fibre, thick-walled, simple pitted. Fibre-tracheid, thick-walled, bordered-pitted with tapering ends. Xylem ray: in tangential longitudinal view, mostly multiseriate, oval, some of which contain red or brownish oleoresin; in radial longitudinal view, rectangular, perpendicular to other adjacent cells.



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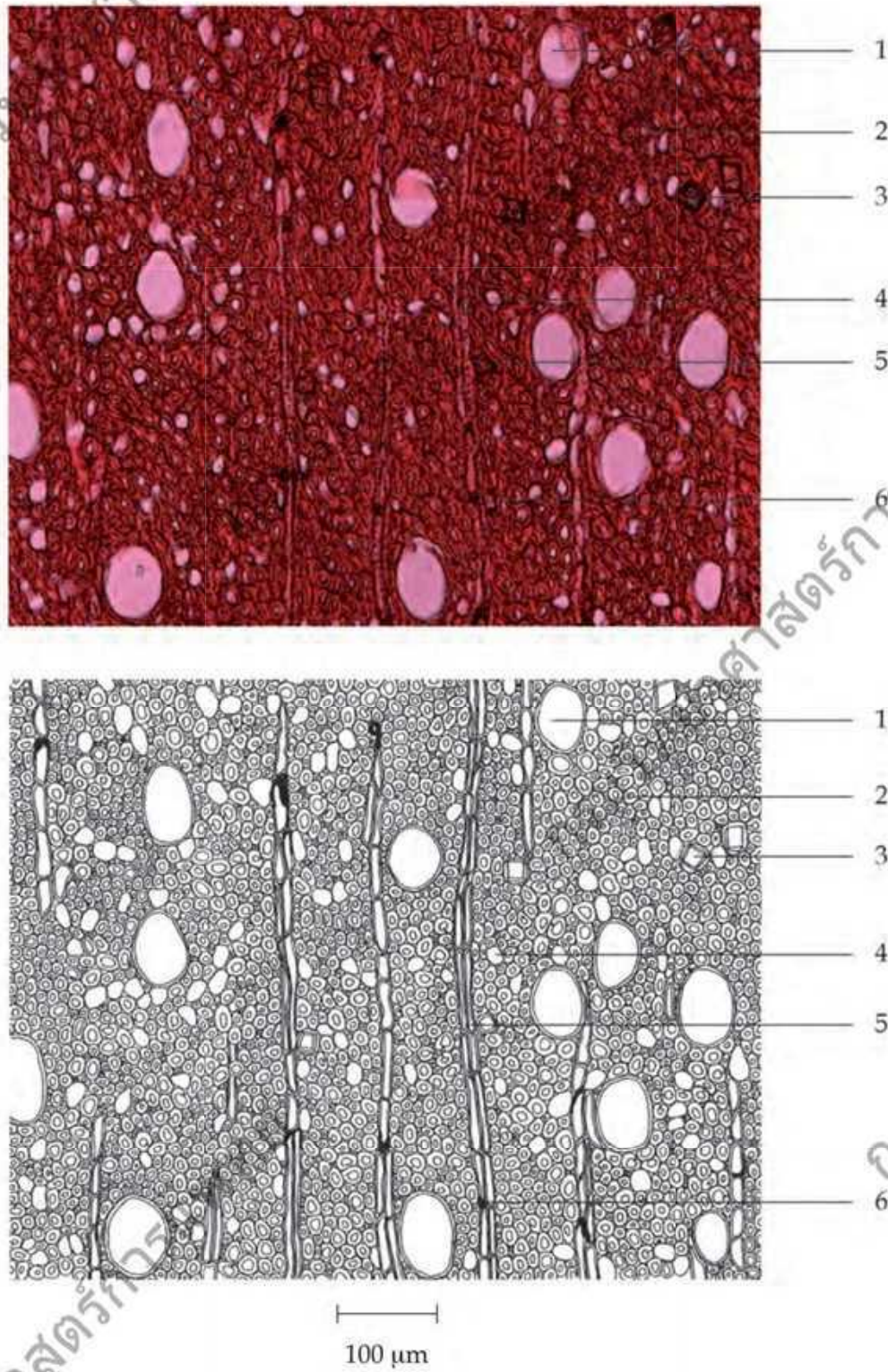
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Fig. 1a *Santalum album* L.

1. habit 2. stem 3. flowering twig 4. fruiting twig 5. crude drug

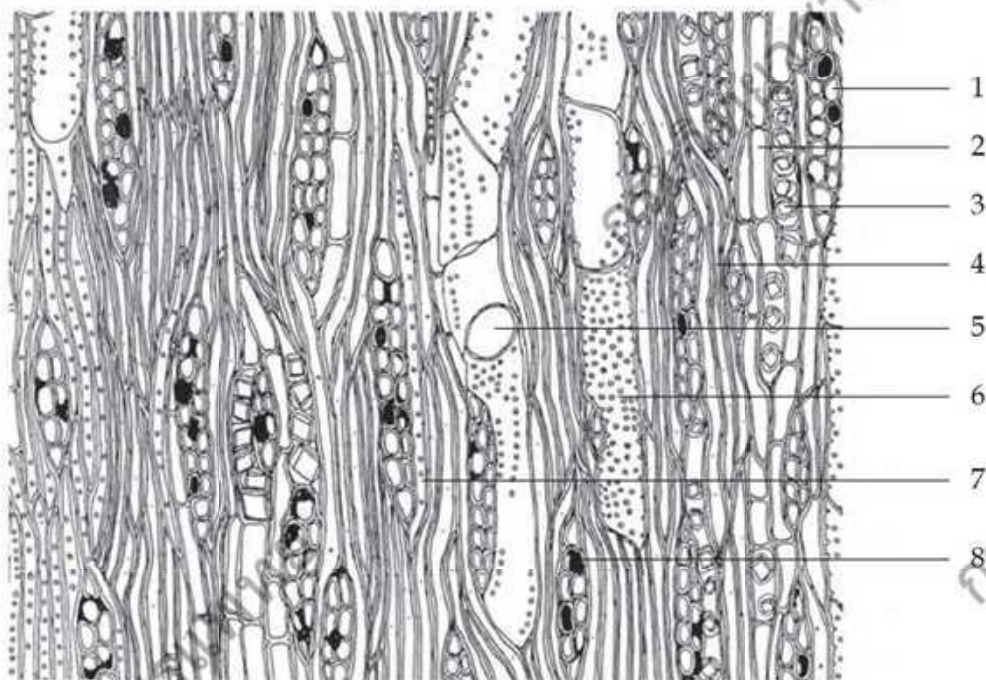
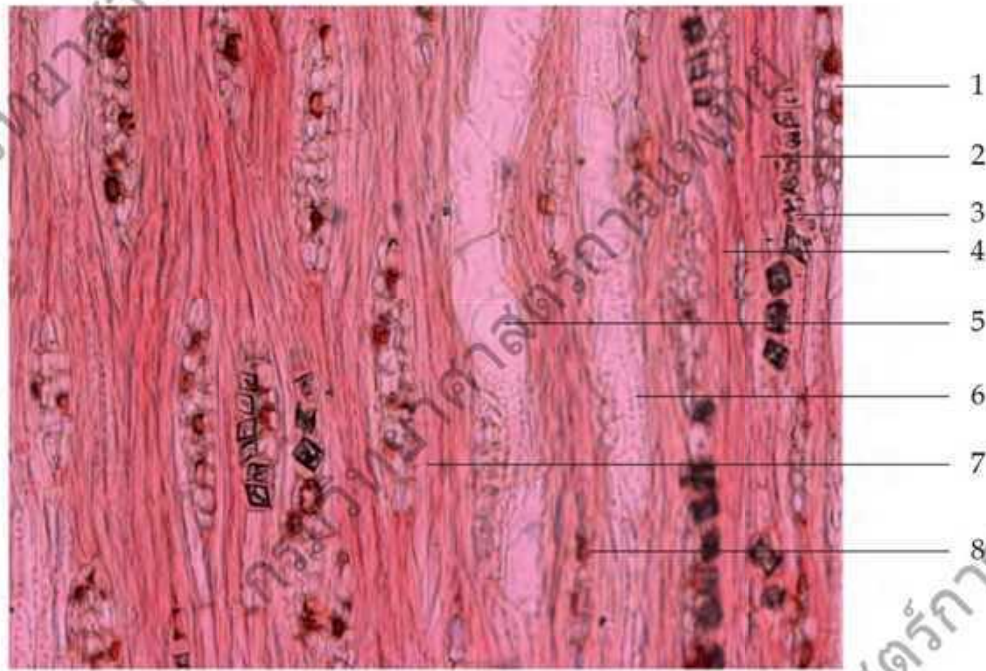


**Fig. 1b** *Santalum album* L.  
1. flowering twig 2. flower 3. fruit



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrograph and Line Drawing of Transverse Section of the Heartwood of *Santalum album* L.

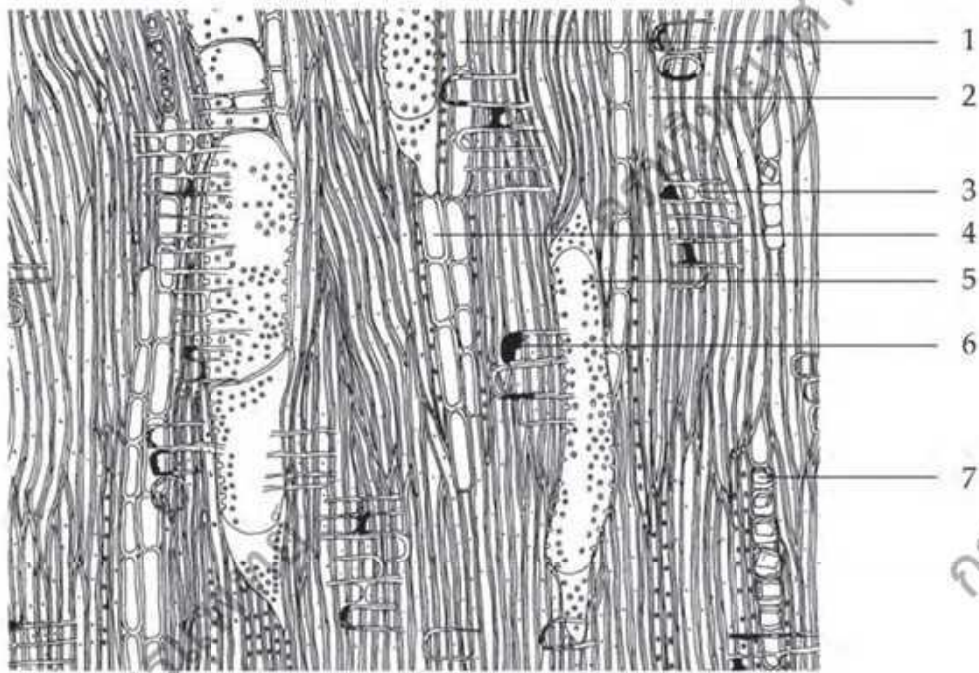
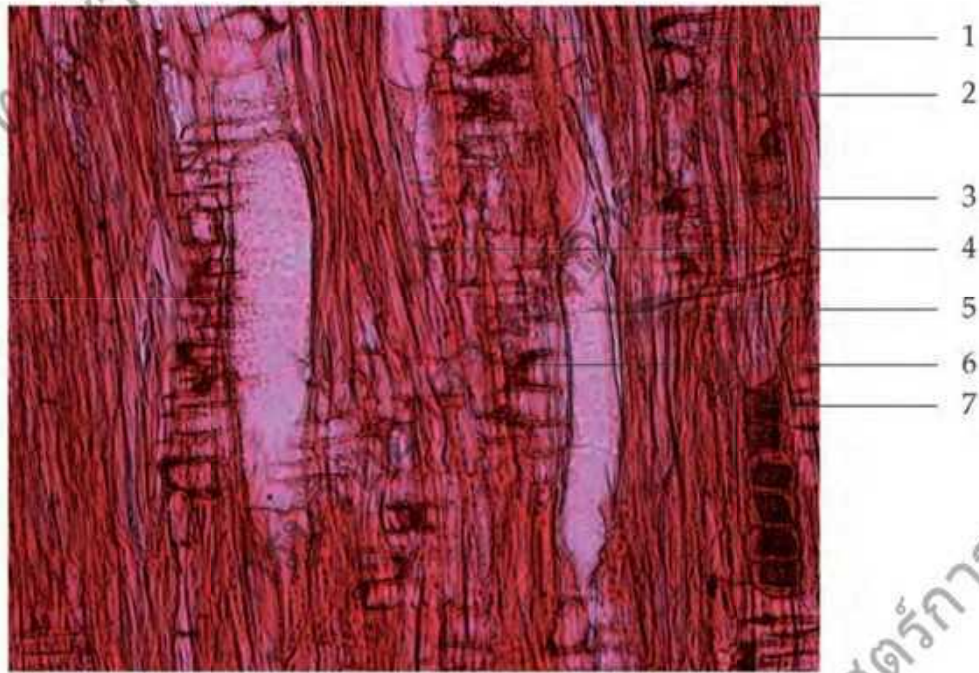
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| 1. vessel                               | 4. xylem parenchyma       |
| 2. fibre                                | 5. xylem ray              |
| 3. prismatic crystal of calcium oxalate | 6. oleoresin in xylem ray |



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**Fig. 2b** Photomicrograph and Line Drawing of Tangential Longitudinal Section of the Heartwood of *Santalum album* L.

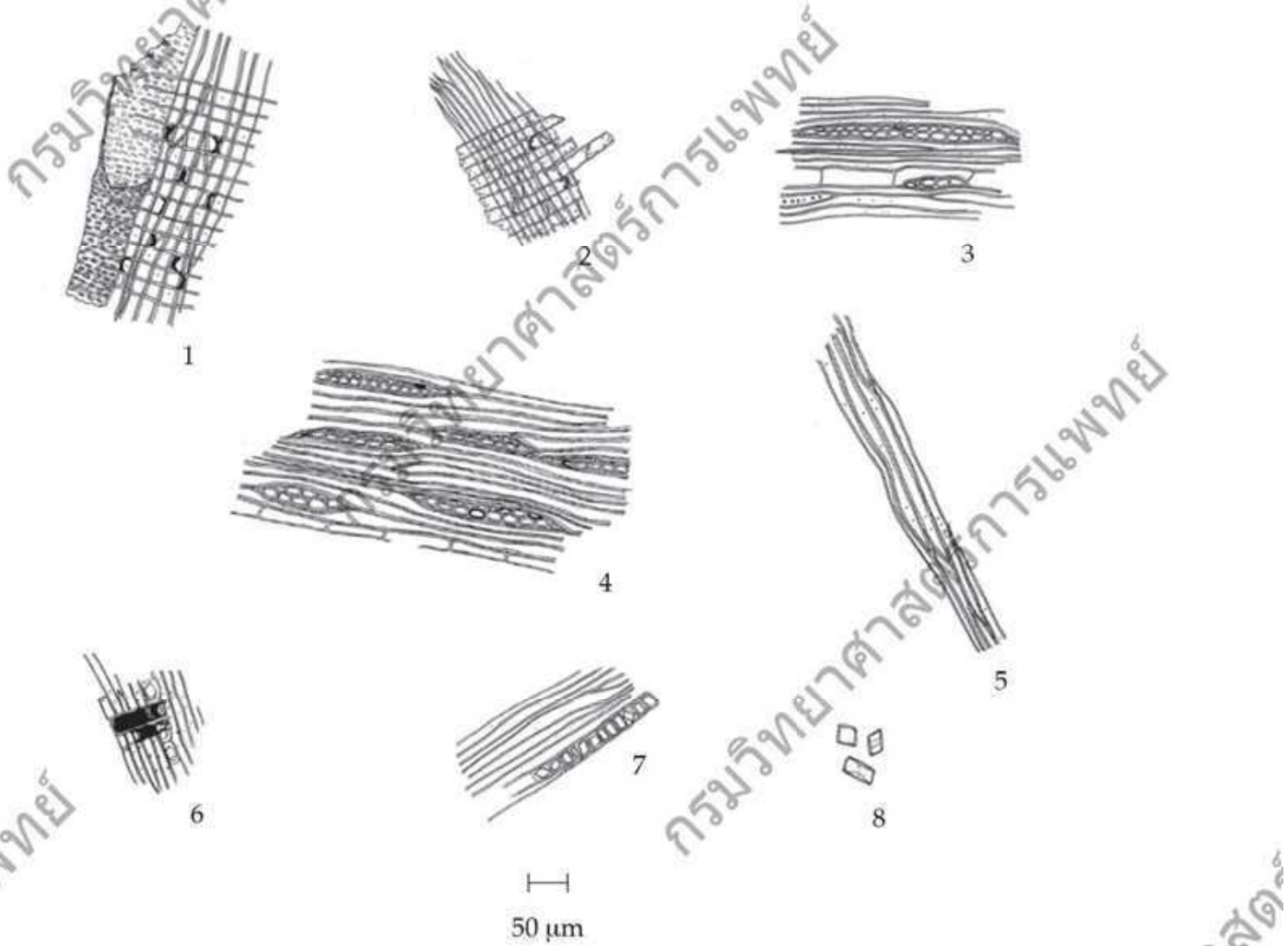
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| 1. xylem ray                            | 5. simple perforation plate |
| 2. xylem parenchyma                     | 6. bordered-pitted vessel   |
| 3. prismatic crystal of calcium oxalate | 7. fibre-tracheid           |
| 4. fibre                                | 8. oleoresin in xylem ray   |



100 µm

**Fig. 2c** Photomicrograph and Line Drawing of Radial Longitudinal Section of the Heartwood of *Santalum album* L.

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| 1. fibre-tracheid   | 5. bordered-pitted vessel               |
| 2. fibre            | 6. oleoresin in xylem                   |
| 3. xylem ray        | 7. prismatic crystal of calcium oxalate |
| 4. xylem parenchyma |   |



**Fig. 2d** Powdered Drug of the Heartwood of *Santalum album* L.

1. xylem in radial longitudinal view showing elongated vessel, fibres and xylem ray, some of which contain oleoresin
2. xylem ray, some of which contain oleoresin and fibres in radial longitudinal view
3. xylem in tangential longitudinal view showing fibres, parenchyma and xylem rays
4. xylem in tangential longitudinal view showing xylem rays and fibres
5. fibres
6. fibres associated with parenchyma containing oleoresin and prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate
7. fibres associated with xylem parenchyma containing prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate
8. prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate

Sandalwood in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

**Storage.** Sandalwood shall be stored in a cool and dry place, protected from light.

**Identification**

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 20 mL of *methanol* for 15 minutes and filter (solution 1). Evaporate 2 mL of solution 1 to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *acetic anhydride*, and then slowly add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to form two layers: a brown colour forms at the zone of contact and the upper layer is green.

B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *iron(III) chloride TS*: a green colour is produced.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 90 volumes of *toluene* and 10 volumes of *ethyl acetate* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by refluxing 1 g of sample, in powder, with 30 mL of *dichloromethane* for 30 minutes and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate to dryness and dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *toluene*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; one intense blue fluorescent spot is observed. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 110° for 10 minutes; several spots of different colours appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Dichloromethane Extract of the Heartwood of *Santalum album* L.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	15-22	-	-	violet
2	25-30	-	-	orange
3	32-38	-	-	violet
4	40-45	-	-	brown
5	45-48	-	-	pale violet
6	50-52	-	intense blue	-
7	58-64	-	-	brown
8	65-68	quenching	-	-
9	69-73	-	-	brown
10	73-76	-	-	pink
11	85-88	-	-	pale brown
12	94-97	weak quenching	-	violet

**Water** Not more than 9.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 0.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

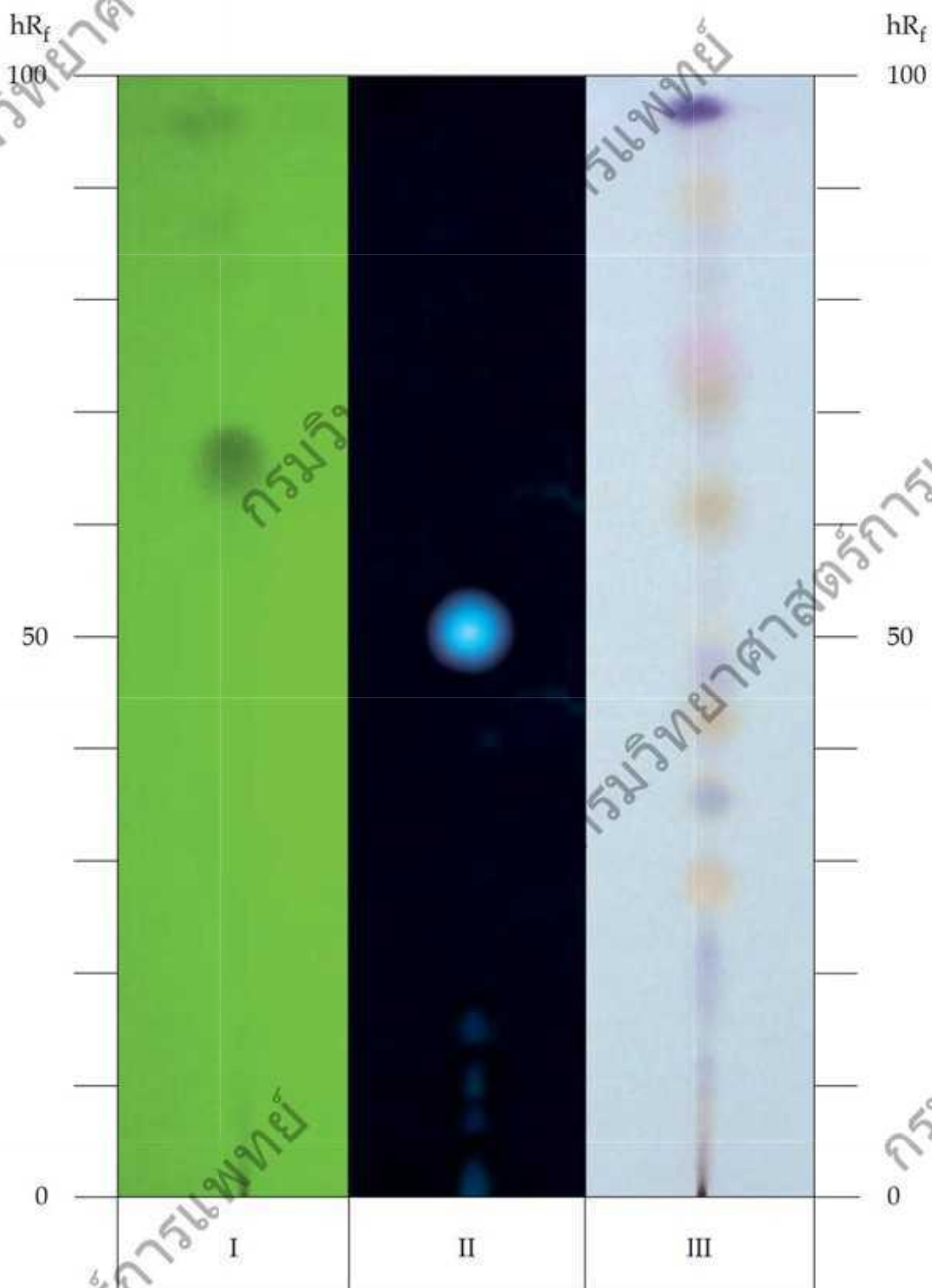
**Total ash** Not more than 1.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 1.0 per cent v/w (Appendix 7.3H). Use 30 g, in *coarse powder*, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 300 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.

**Dose** 2 to 6 g a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Dichloromethane Extract of the Heartwood of *Santalum album* L.

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *anisaldehyde* TS

## ชุมเห็ดไทย (CHUMHET THAI)

ชุมเห็ดเขาควาง (CHUMHET KHAO KHWAJ), ชุมเห็ดเล็ก (CHUMHET LEK), ชุมเห็ดนา (CHUMHET NA)

Sennae Torae Semen

Cassia Seed

**Category** Laxative, diuretic.

**Cassia Seed is the dried mature seed of *Senna tora* (L.) Roxb. (*Cassia tora* L.) (Family Leguminosae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 1514, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 427.**

**Constituents** Cassia Seed contains anthraquinone aglycones (e.g., emodin, aloë-emodin, chrysophanol, physcione, rhein) and their glycosides. It also contains toralactone, sterols, mucilage, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Herb or undershrub, up to 1 m tall, nearly glabrous. Leaves with 2 to 4 pairs of leaflets; petiole 1 to 4 cm long; rhachis 2 to 3 cm long with a subulate, about 2 mm long, gland between the two lower pairs of leaflets; stipule setaceous, 1 to 1.5 cm long, more or less caducous; leaflets increasing in size distally with a short petiolule, membranous, obovate, apex broadly rounded, base cuneate-rounded, 2 to 5 cm long, 1.5 to 2 cm wide. Inflorescence axillary, raceme, short, 1- or few-flowered; bract linear-acute, 2 to 3 mm long; pedicel 4 to 10 mm (enlarging in fruit); sepals 5, subequal, ovate, about 5 mm long, 2 to 4 mm wide; petals 5, yellow, unequal, obovate, short-clawed with rounded apex, up to 1 cm long, about 6 mm wide; stamens 7 to 10, 3 large, 4 medium, 3 staminodial or absent, rarely perfect, filament 1.5 to 2 mm long, anther 1.5 to 2.5 mm long, opening by apical pores, reduced stamens absent; ovary densely pubescent, style glabrous with truncate apex (stigma). Fruit terete, more or less falcate, 10 to 15 cm long, about 5 mm wide. Seeds 20 to 30, glossy, brown, rhomboidal, 3 to 6 mm long, 2 to 3 mm wide.

**Description** Odour, foetid; taste, slightly bitter.

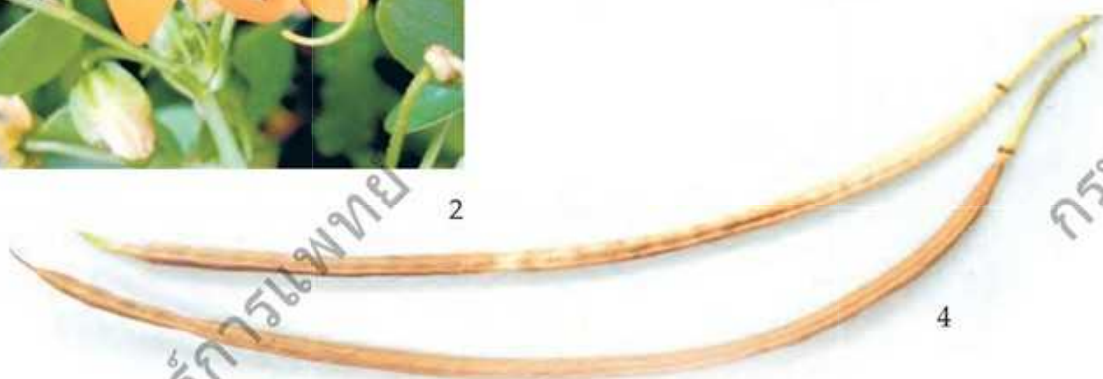
**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Hard rhomboid-prismatic, 3 to 6 mm long, 2 to 3 mm wide, with a beak at one end. Externally greenish brown or yellowish brown, smooth and glossy, with pale brown bands occurring on both sides. The hilum and micropyle are located on the beak side.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse and longitudinal sections of the seed reveal seed coat, cotyledon and embryo. Seed coat, covered with a thick cuticle layer, following by a layer of sclerified palisade cells, a layer of lagenosclereids and several layers of thick-walled parenchyma. Endosperm, non-lignified, thick-walled cells, mostly with empty protoplasm. Cotyledons, two layers of dense, cylindrical, parenchymatous palisade cells and spheroidal spongy cells. Embryo, mostly with parenchyma cells. Crystals, rosette aggregate and prismatic, may be seen in thick-walled parenchyma, embryo and cotyledons.

Cassia Seed in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.



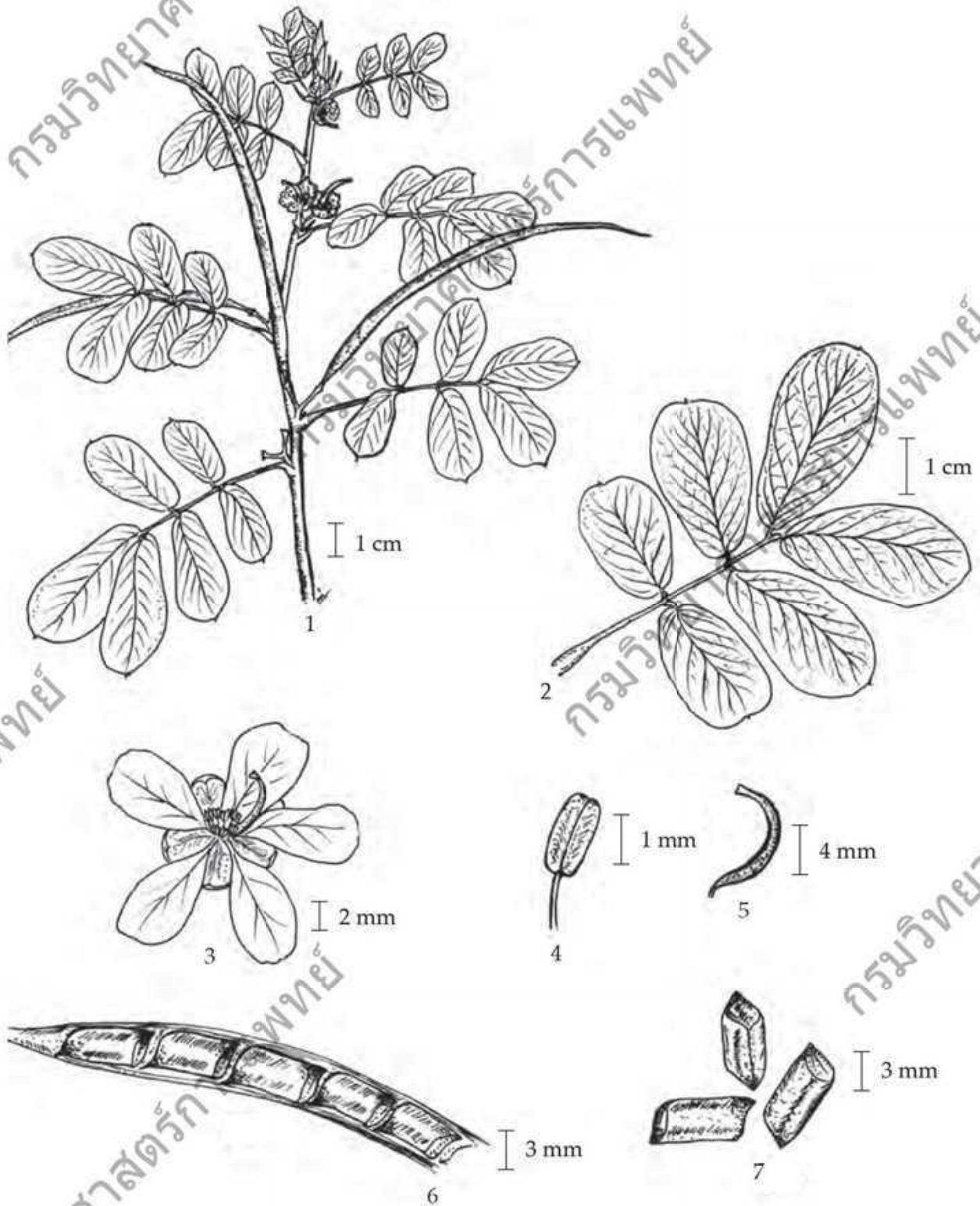
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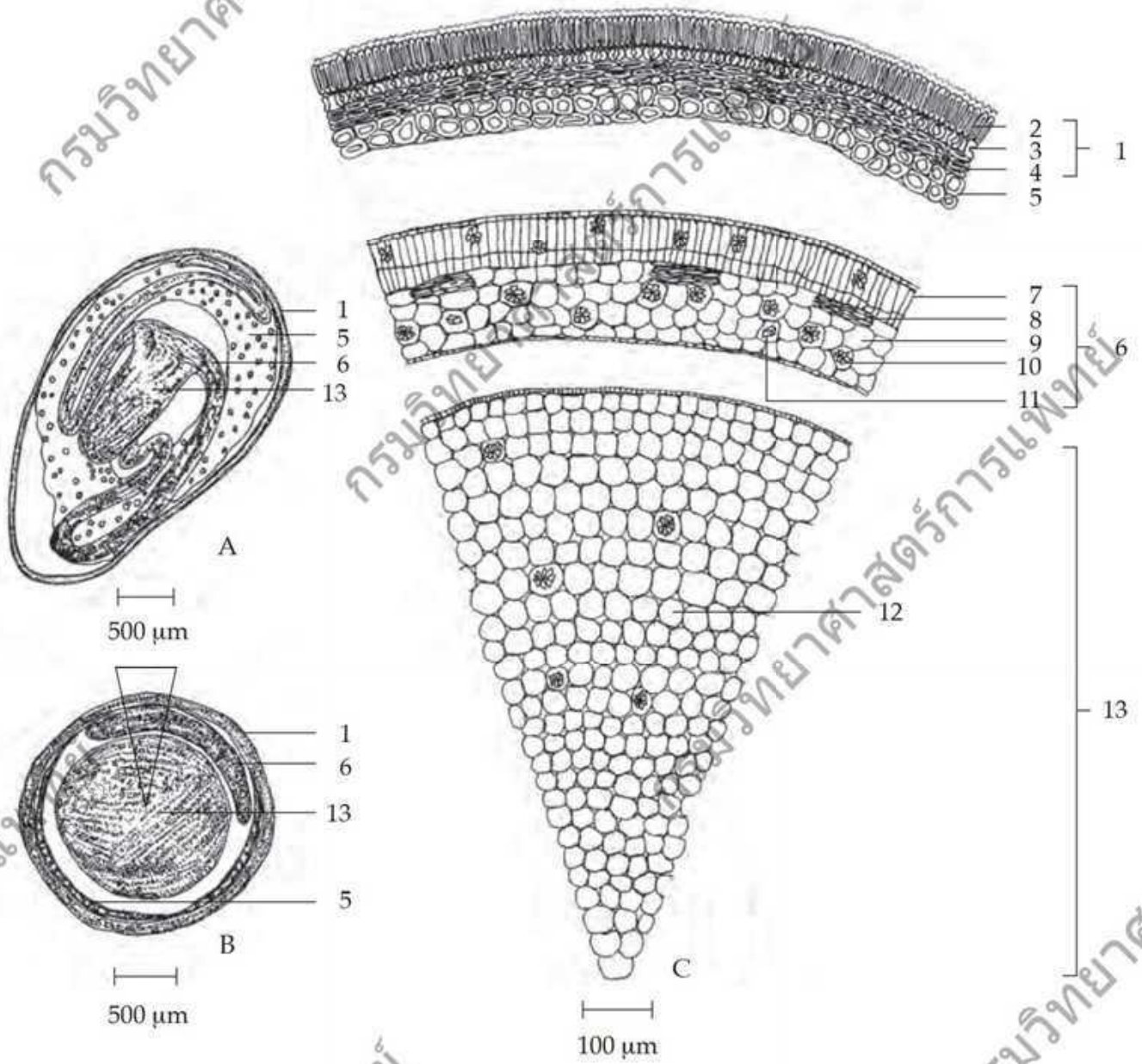
Fig. 1a *Senna tora* (L.) Roxb.

1. habit 2. flowering twig 3. young pod 4. mature pods 5. crude drug



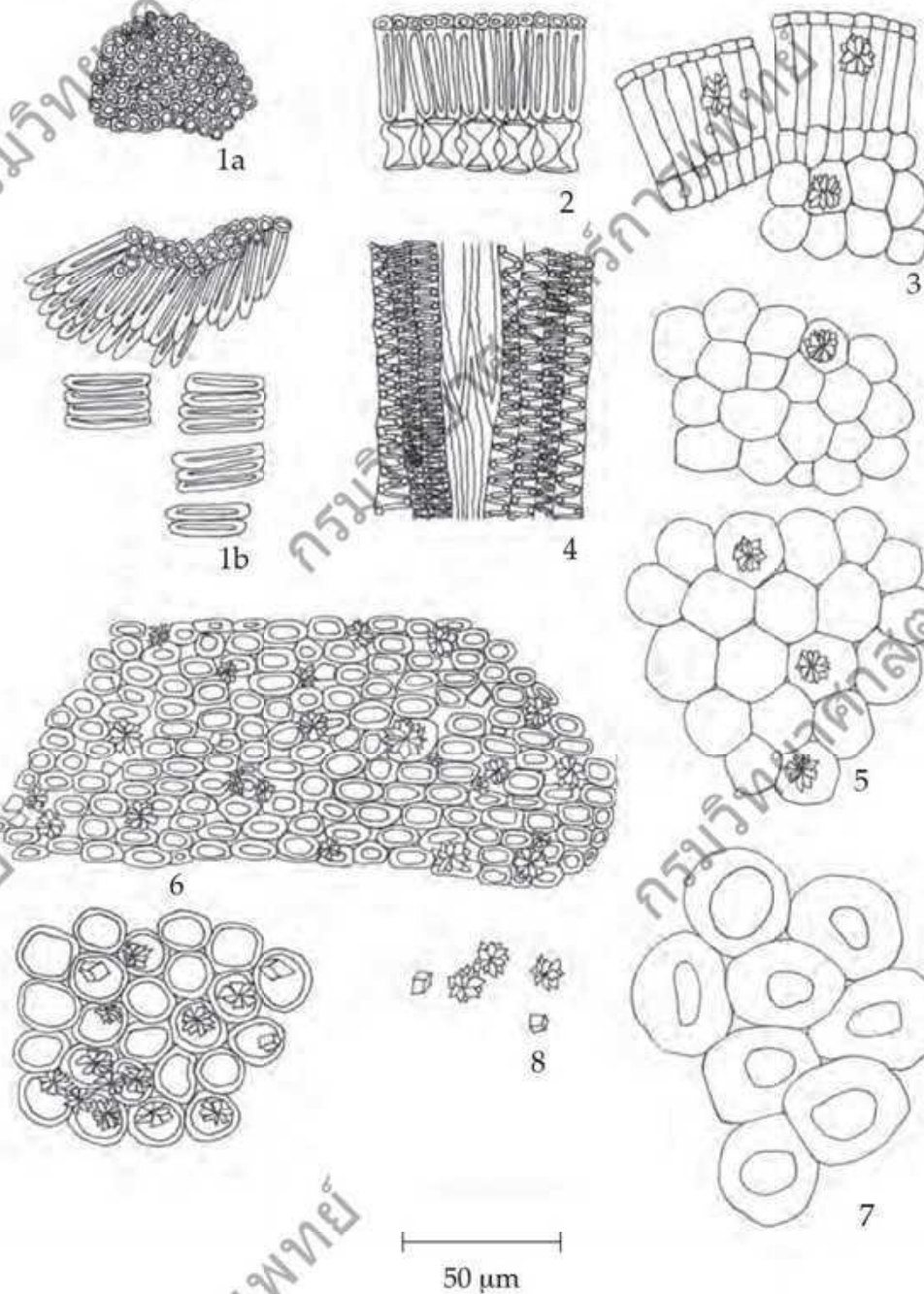
**Fig. 1b** *Senna tora* (L.) Roxb.

1. flowering top showing leaves and pods 2. compound leaf 3. flower  
4. stamen 5. pistil 6. part of pod showing seeds 7. seeds



**Fig. 2a** Section of the Seed of *Senna tora* (L.) Roxb.

- A. Diagram of Longitudinal Section
  - B. Diagram of Transverse Section
  - C. Sectional View of Transverse Section
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|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. seed coat covered with a cuticle layer | 7. palisade cell              |
| 2. sclerified palisade cell               | 8. vascular tissue            |
| 3. lagenosclereid                         | 9. spongy cell                |
| 4. thick-walled parenchyma                | 10. rosette aggregate crystal |
| 5. thick-walled endosperm                 | 11. prismatic crystal         |
| 6. cotyledon                              | 12. parenchyma cell           |
|   | 13. embryo axis               |



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Seeds of *Senna tora* (L.) Roxb.

1. sclerified palisade cells in surface (1a) and tangential longitudinal (1b) views of seed coat
2. sclerified palisade cells with a covering cuticle layer and underlying langesclerids
3. cotyledon in sectional view showing epidermal layer, palisade cells, spongy cells, and rosette aggregate crystals
4. vascular tissue in longitudinal view showing spiral vessels and fibres
5. parenchyma cells with rosette aggregate crystals
6. thick-walled parenchyma with scattering rosette aggregate and prismatic crystals
7. thick-walled endosperm cells
8. rosette aggregate and prismatic crystals

**Warning**

1. It should be used with caution in children, pregnant women or patients with inflammatory bowel disease.
2. It may cause drowsiness and/or mild abdominal discomfort such as colic or cramps. Excessive doses may produce nephritis.
3. Prolonged use should be avoided since it may result in diarrhea with excessive loss of water and electrolytes, particularly potassium.

**Additional information** Traditionally, it must be stir-fried<sup>1</sup> before use.

**Packaging and storage** Cassia Seed shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

**Identification**

A. To 100 mg of the sample, in *coarse powder*, add 25 mL of 2 M *hydrochloric acid*, heat on a water-bath for 15 minutes, and immediately filter through a plug of cotton wool. Allow the filtrate to cool and shake with 20 mL of *ether*. Separate the ether layer and shake with 10 mL of *ammonia TS*: the aqueous layer becomes pink-red.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 75 volumes of *n-hexane*, 25 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 1 volume of *glacial acetic acid* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate, 10  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 10 g of the defatted sample<sup>2</sup>, in *coarse powder*, with 100 mL of *chloroform* for 1 hour. Filter the chloroform extract, evaporate the filtrate on a water-bath to dryness and dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *methanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 5 mg of *emodin* in 5 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching spot ( $hR_f$  value 41 to 47) corresponding to the emodin spot from solution (B). Expose the plate to ammonia vapour; the spot due to emodin is reddish purple. Several other spots of different colours are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

<sup>1</sup>Place the clean crude drug in a pan or wok, and stir with gentle heat until slightly scented.

<sup>2</sup>Defat the sample by either extracting in a Soxhlet apparatus for 2 hours with *petroleum ether* (boiling range, 40° to 60°) or standing overnight with the petroleum ether without heating.

Table 1  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Chloroform Extract of the Seeds of *Senna tora* (L.) Roxb.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	Ammonia Vapour
1	19–25	quenching	violet
2	25–29	quenching	yellowish brown
3	32–38	quenching	reddish purple
4*	41–47	quenching	reddish purple
5	50–55	quenching	reddish purple
6	75–80	quenching	reddish purple
7	81–85	quenching	reddish purple

\*emodin

**Loss on drying** Not more than 12.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

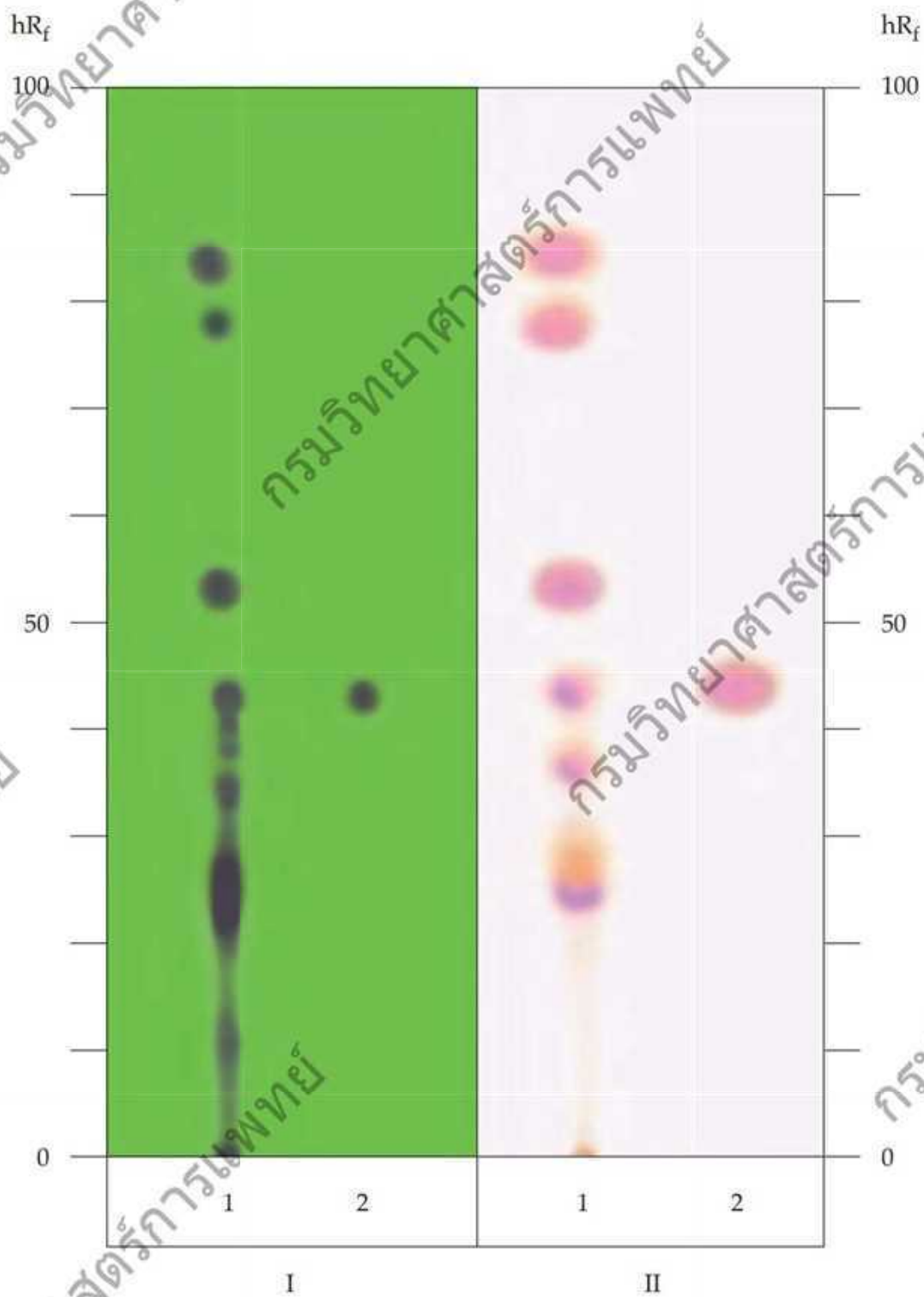
**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 0.2 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 6.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 8.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 20.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** Stir-fried seeds, 10 to 13 g a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Chloroform Extract of the Seeds of *Senna tora* (L.) Roxb.

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection with ammonia vapour

## ชุมเห็ดเทศ (CHUMHET THET)

*Sennae Alatae Folium*

Senna Alata Leaf

**Synonym** Ringworm Senna Leaf

**Category** Laxative, antifungal (ringworm).

**Senna Alata Leaf is the dried leaflets of *Senna alata* (L.) Roxb. [*Cassia alata* L., *Herpetica alata* (L.) Raf., *Cassia bracteata* L. f.] (Family Leguminosae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 323, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1052.**

**Constituents** Senna Alata Leaf contains anthraquinone aglycones (e.g., rhein, emodin, aloe-emodin, chrysophanol, and isochrysophanol), glycosides of rhein, of aloe-emodin and of physcione. It also contains kaempferol,  $\beta$ -sitosterol, sennosides A, B, C, and D, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Shrub 1 to 5 m tall; with pubescent, horizontally spread branches. Leaves compound, leaflets 8 to 20 pairs; petiole robust, 2 cm; rachis 30 to 60 cm; stipule auriculate, persistent, deltoid, 6 to 8 mm long; leaflet oblong-elliptic, rounded at both ends, 5 to 15 cm long, 3 to 7 cm wide, glabrous; petiolule robust, 2 to 3 mm. Inflorescence axillary, raceme, dense, robust, 20 to 50 cm long, 3 to 4 cm wide; bract caducous, 2 to 3 cm long, 1 to 2 cm wide; pedicel very short, 2 to 4 mm; sepal unequal, oblong, 10 to 20 mm long, 6 to 7 mm wide; petal bright yellow, ovate-orbicular to spatulate, short clawed, about 2 cm long, 1 to 1.5 cm wide; stamens 9 to 10, 2 largest with thick filaments, 4 mm long and anthers 12 to 13 mm long, 4 stamens with filaments 2 mm long and anthers 4 to 5 mm long, opening by apical pores, 3 to 4 stamens reduced; ovary and style glabrous, stigma small. Fruit thick, flattened, winged, glabrous, septate, 10 to 15 cm long, 1.5 to 2 cm wide; wing 5 mm. Seeds about 50, flattened, slightly quadrangular, 7 to 10 mm long, 5 to 8 mm wide.

**Description** Odour, slightly aromatic; taste, slightly bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Senna Alata Leaf occurs as a mixture of entire and broken, greenish brown to brown leaflets and frequently rachillae of the compound leaf. Leaflets, 5 to 15 cm long, 3 to 7 cm wide, oblong to obovate, minutely mucronate at the apex, base oblique, margin entire, pinnate reticulate venation, rigidly subcoriaceous, obscurely downy beneath.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the leaflet shows epidermal cells with cuticle, slightly sinuous walls at both sides. Papillae, epidermal appendages, blurred and rarely seen at the upper, whereas clearly and densely at the lower. Covering trichomes with thickened and slightly warty walls, unicellular, occasionally found on the lamina, but more frequently found at the lower surface of the midrib. Stomata, paracytic at both epidermises. Palisade cells, columnar, beneath upper epidermis. Spongy cells, parenchymatous. Vascular bundles, xylem in the upper part and phloem in the lower part, surrounded by fibres with a crystal sheath containing calcium oxalate prisms. Vessels, lignified spiral and scalariform in the vein and more reticulate, pitted and bordered-pitted in the midrib. Collenchyma, found beneath upper and lower epidermises in the midrib.



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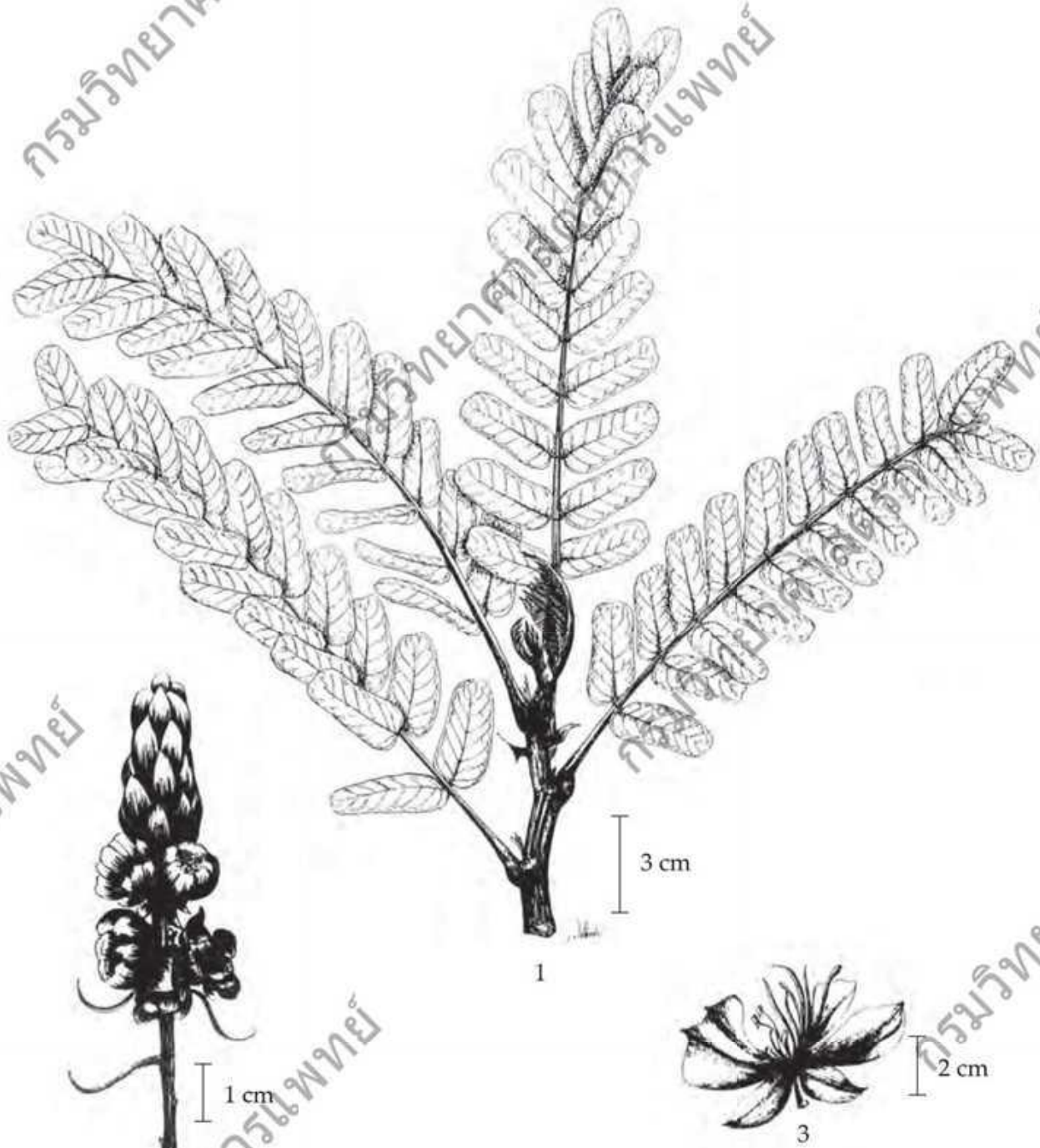
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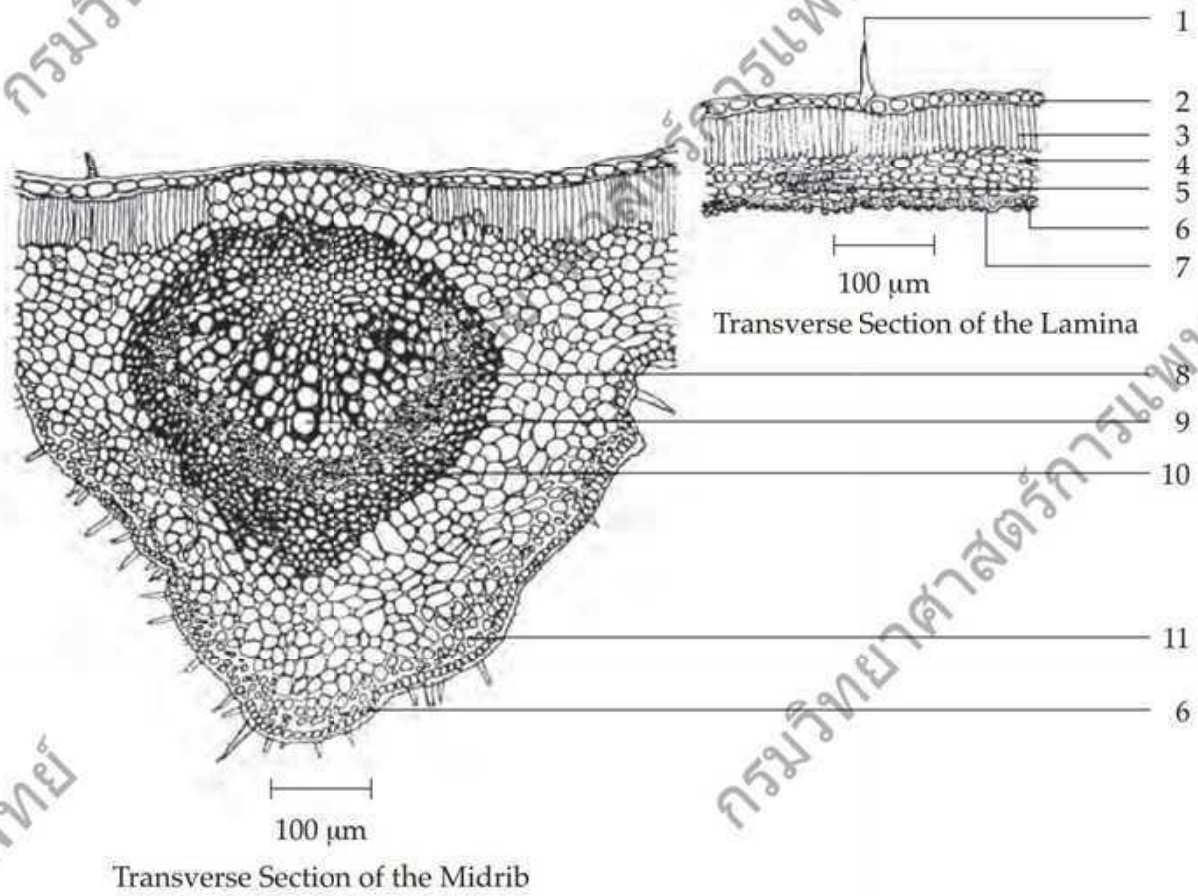
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Fig. 1a *Senna alata* (L.) Roxb.  
1. habit 2. inflorescence 3. flower 4. fruit 5. crude drug

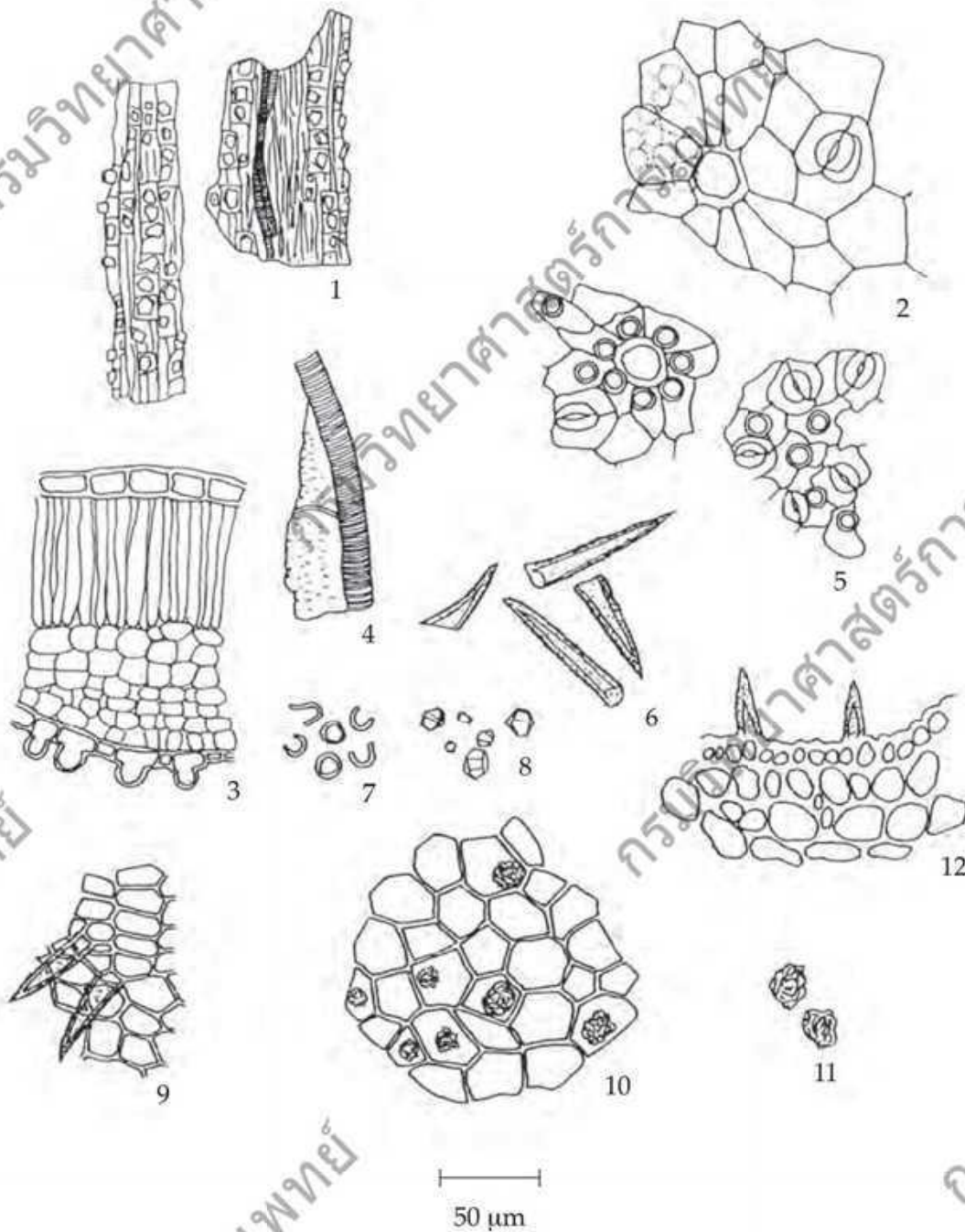


**Fig. 1b** *Senna alata* (L.) Roxb.  
1. twig 2. inflorescence 3. flower



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Sections of the Leaflet of *Senna alata* (L.) Roxb.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. unicellular trichome | 7. papilla              |
| 2. upper epidermis      | 8. crystal sheath fibre |
| 3. palisade cell        | 9. xylem                |
| 4. spongy cell          | 10. phloem              |
| 5. vascular bundle      | 11. collenchyma         |
| 6. lower epidermis      |                         |



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Leaflets of *Senna alata* (L.) Roxb.

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| 1. bundle of crystal sheath fibres                                    | 6. unicellular trichomes   |
| 2. upper epidermis with stoma, cicatrix and underlying palisade cells | 7. fragments of papillae   |
| 3. lamina in sectional view showing papillae                          | 8. prismatic crystals  |
| 4. spiral and pitted vessels  | 9. epidermis with unicellular trichomes                              |
| 5. lower epidermis with stoma, cicatrix and papillae                  | 10. parenchyma with cluster crystals                                 |
|   | 11. cluster crystals of calcium oxalate                              |
|   | 12. collenchyma and epidermis with unicellular trichomes from midrib |

Senna Alata Leaf in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

#### Warning

1. It should be used with caution in children, or in patients with inflammatory bowel disease.
2. It may cause mild abdominal discomfort such as colic or cramps. Excessive doses may produce nephritis.
3. Prolonged use should be avoided since it may result in diarrhoea with excessive loss of water and electrolytes, particularly potassium.

**Packaging and storage** Senna Alata Leaf shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. To 100 mg of the sample, in powder, add 25 mL of 2 M *hydrochloric acid*, heat on a water-bath for 15 minutes, and immediately filter through a plug of cotton wool. Allow the filtrate to cool and shake with 20 mL of *ether*. Separate the ether layer and shake with 10 mL of *ammonia TS*: the aqueous layer becomes red.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 75 volumes of *petroleum ether* (boiling range, 40° to 60°), 25 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 1 volume of *anhydrous formic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 5 µL each of the following three solutions. Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 100 mg of the sample, in powder, with two 50-mL portions of *chloroform* on a water-bath for 15 minutes. Combine the chloroform extracts and evaporate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 0.5 mL of *chloroform*. For solution (B), add 25 mL of 2 M *hydrochloric acid* to the marc obtained after the reflux and proceed as in the test for Identification A, beginning with "heat on a water-bath ..." to obtain the ether layer. Evaporate the ether layer to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 0.5 mL of *ether*. For solution (C) dissolve 1 mg of *rhein* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm), locating the spots. The chromatogram obtained with solutions (A) and (B) correspond in  $R_f$  value and colour to that of *rhein* as shown in Table 1 or as of solution (C) (Table 1); see also Fig. 3. Expose the plate to ammonia vapour; the spots due to *rhein* are red. Other spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

Table 1  $hR_f$  Values of Components in the Extract of the Leaflets of *Senna alata* (L.) Roxb.

Solution	Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
			UV 366	Ammonia Vapour
A	1	4-8	-	pale green
	2	25-28	-	yellow
	3	29-32	-	yellow
	4*	34-38	orange	red
	5	53-58	-	pale green
	6	60-64	-	pale green
	7	74-77	-	pale green
	8	78-80	-	pale green
B	1	2-4	-	pale brown
	2	25-28	-	yellow
	3*	34-38	orange	red

\*rhein

**Loss on drying** Not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° for 5 hours (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w of stems and other foreign matter (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 9.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol (50 per cent)-soluble extractive** Not less than 21.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 18.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Hydroxyanthracene derivatives content** Not less than 1.0 per cent w/w of hydroxyanthracene derivatives, calculated as rhein-8-glucoside on the dried basis, when determined by the following method.

Accurately weigh about 150 mg of *Senna Alata* Leaf, in No. 150 powder, and place in a 100-mL round-bottomed flask. Add 30.0 mL of water, mix, weigh, and place in a water-bath. Heat under a reflux condenser for 15 minutes. Allow to cool, weigh and adjust to the original weight with water. Centrifuge and transfer 20.0 mL of the supernatant liquid to a 150-mL separator. Add 0.1 mL of 2 M hydrochloric acid and shake with three 15-mL portions of chloroform. Allow to separate and discard the chloroform layer. Add 100 mg of sodium hydrogencarbonate and shake for 3 minutes. Centrifuge and transfer 10.0 mL of the supernatant liquid to a 100-mL round-bottomed flask with a ground glass neck. Add 20 mL of a 10.5 per cent w/v solution of iron(III) chloride and mix. Heat for 20 minutes under a reflux condenser in a water-bath with water level above that of the liquid in the flask, add 1 mL of hydrochloric acid and heat for a further 20 minutes with frequent shaking to dissolve the precipitate. Cool, transfer the mixture to a separator and shake with three 25-mL portions

of *ether* previously used to rinse the flask. Combine the ether layers and wash with two 15-mL portions of *water*. Transfer the ether layers to a 100-mL volumetric flask and dilute with *ether* to volume. Evaporate 25.0 mL carefully to dryness at low temperature and dissolve the residue in 10.0 mL of a 0.5 per cent w/v solution of *magnesium acetate* in *methanol*. Measure the absorbance of this solution at the maximum at about 515 nm (Appendix 2.2), using the magnesium acetate solution as the blank.

Calculate the percentage content of rhein-8-glucoside from the expression:

$$A \times 0.4283/w,$$

where A = the absorbance of the substance being examined at 515 nm, and

w = the weight in g of the substance being examined.

**Dose** 3 to 6 g once a day at bedtime.

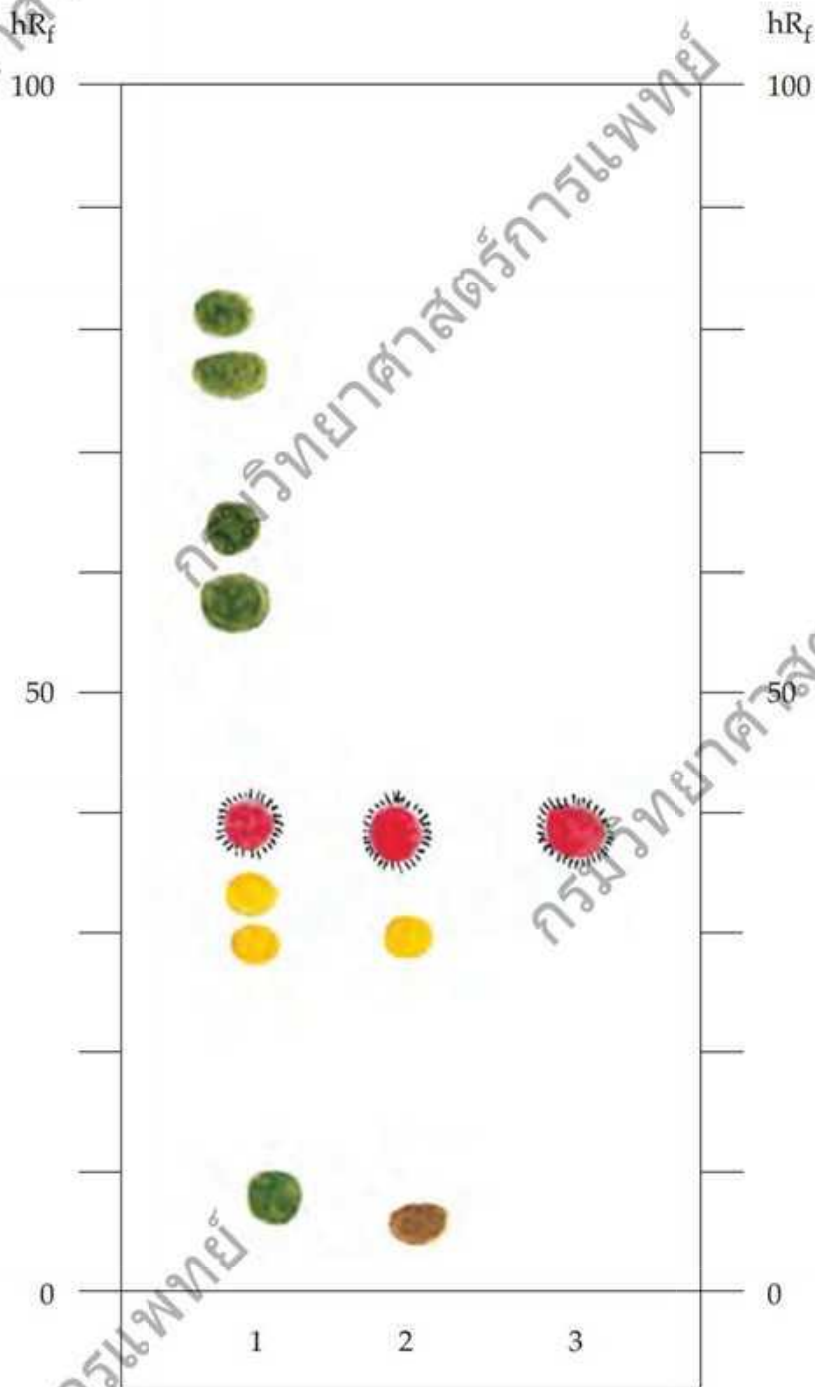


Fig. 3 Thin-Layer Chromatogram of the Extracts of the Leaflets of *Senna alata* (L.) Roxb.

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- 3 = solution (C)
- = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- = detection with ammonia vapour

## ยาแคปซูลชุมเห็ดเทศ (CHUMHET THET CAPSULES)

Senna Alata Capsules

**Category** Laxative.

Senna Alata Capsules contain an amount of powdered Senna Alata Leaf equivalent to not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled amount of hydroxyanthracene derivatives, calculated as rhein-8-glucoside.

**Strength available** 500 mg (powder).

**Dose** Six to twelve capsules once a day at bedtime.

**Contra-indication** It is contra-indicated in patients with symptoms of gastro-intestinal obstruction or abdominal pain with unknown etiology.

### Warning

1. It should be used with caution in children, or in patients with inflammatory bowel disease.
2. It may cause mild abdominal discomfort such as colic or cramps. Excessive doses may produce nephritis.
3. Prolonged use should be avoided since it may result in diarrhea with excessive loss of water and electrolytes, particularly potassium.

**Packaging and storage** Senna Alata Capsules shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored at a temperature not exceeding 30°.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the equivalent amount of hydroxyanthracene derivatives, calculated as rhein-8-glucoside; (2) the expiration date.

### Identification

- A. The capsule contents exhibit diagnostic structures of the powdered drug described under *Senna Alata Leaf*.
- B. The capsule contents comply with the tests for Identification A and B described under *Senna Alata Leaf*.

**Loss on drying** Of the capsule contents, not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° for 5 hours (Appendix 4.15).

**Microbial limit** Comply with the requirements for Category 4 in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Assay** Weigh and mix the contents of not less than 20 capsules of Senna Alata Capsules. Grind to *fine powder* and transfer about 150 mg, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL round-bottomed flask. Add 30.0 mL of *water*, mix, weigh, and place in a water-bath. Heat under a reflux condenser for 15 minutes. Allow to cool, weigh and adjust to the original weight with *water*. Centrifuge and transfer 20.0 mL of the supernatant liquid to a 150-mL separator. Add 0.1 mL of 2 M *hydrochloric acid* and shake with three 15-mL portions of *chloroform*. Allow to separate and discard the chloroform layer. Add 100 mg of *sodium hydrogencarbonate* and shake for 3 minutes. Centrifuge and transfer 10.0 mL of the supernatant liquid to a 100-mL round-bottomed flask. Add 20 mL of a 10.5 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride* and mix. Heat for 20 minutes under a reflux condenser in a water-bath with its water level above that of the liquid in the flask, add 1 mL of *hydrochloric acid* and heat for a further 20 minutes with

frequent shaking to dissolve the precipitate. Cool, transfer the mixture to a separator and shake with three 25-mL portions of *ether* previously used to rinse the flask. Combine the ether layers and wash with two 15-mL portions of *water*. Transfer the ether layers to a 100-mL volumetric flask and dilute with *ether* to volume. Evaporate 25.0 mL carefully to dryness at a low temperature and dissolve the residue in 10.0 mL of a 0.5 per cent w/v solution of *magnesium acetate* in *methanol*. Measure the absorbance of this solution at the maximum at about 515 nm (Appendix 2.2), using the magnesium acetate solution as the blank. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of rhein-8-glucoside in the portion of the Capsules taken by the formula:

$$(446.37/284.22) (1200A/440),$$

in which 446.37 and 284.22 are the molecular weights of rhein-8-glucoside and rhein, respectively, *A* is the absorbance of the solution at 515 nm and 440 is the specific absorbance.

**Other requirements** Comply with the requirements described under "Capsules" (Appendix 1.16H).

## ยาชงชุมเห็ดเทศ (YA CHONG CHUMHET THET)

Senna Alata Tea

**Category** Laxative.

Senna Alata Tea contains an amount of powdered Senna Alata Leaf equivalent to not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled content of hydroxyanthracene derivatives, calculated as rhein-8-glucoside.

**Strength available** 3 g (powder), supplied in a sachet.

**Dose** One or two sachets, prepared as an infusion by soaking each with 120 mL of boiling water for 10 minutes, once a day at bedtime.

**Warning** It should be used with caution in children.

**Packaging and storage** Senna Alata Tea shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the equivalent amount of hydroxyanthracene derivatives, calculated as rhein-8-glucoside; (2) the expiration date.

### Identification

A. The tea contents exhibit diagnostic structures of the powdered drug described under *Senna Alata Leaf*.

B. The tea contents comply with the tests for Identification A and B described under *Senna Alata Leaf*.

**Loss on drying** Of the tea contents, not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° for 5 hours (Appendix 4.15).

**Microbial limit** Complies with the requirements for Category 2 in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Assay** Grind the contents of not less than 20 sachets of Senna Alata Tea to *fine powder*. Transfer about 150 mg, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL round-bottomed flask. Add 30.0 mL of *water*, mix, weigh, and place in a water-bath. Heat under a reflux condenser for 15 minutes. Allow to cool, weigh and adjust to the original weight with *water*. Centrifuge and transfer 20.0 mL of the supernatant liquid to a 150-mL separator. Add 0.1 mL of 2 M *hydrochloric acid* and shake with three 15-mL portions of *chloroform*. Allow to separate and discard each *chloroform* layer. Add 100 mg of *sodium hydrogencarbonate* and shake for 3 minutes. Centrifuge and transfer 10.0 mL of the supernatant liquid to a 100-mL round-bottomed flask. Add 20 mL of a 10.5 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride* and mix. Heat for 20 minutes under a reflux condenser in a water-bath with its water level above that of the liquid in the flask, add 1 mL of *hydrochloric acid* and heat for a further 20 minutes with frequent shaking to dissolve the precipitate. Cool, transfer the mixture to a separator and shake with three 25-mL portions of *ether* previously used to rinse the flask. Combine the ether layers and wash with two 15-mL portions of *water*. Transfer the ether layers to a 100-mL volumetric flask and dilute with *ether* to volume. Evaporate 25.0 mL carefully to dryness at a low temperature and dissolve the residue in 10.0 mL of a 0.5 per cent w/v solution of *magnesium acetate* in *methanol*. Measure the absorbance of this solution at the maximum at about 515 nm (Appendix 2.2).

using the magnesium acetate solution as the blank. Calculate the quantity, in mg, of rhein-8-glucoside in the sample taken by the formula:

$$(446.37 / 284.22) (1200A / 440),$$

in which 446.37 and 284.22 are the molecular weights of rhein-8-glucoside and rhein, respectively, *A* is the absorbance of the solution at 515 nm and 440 is the specific absorbance.

**Other requirements** Complies with the requirements described under "Herbal Teas" (Appendix 1.16H).

## ดีปลี (DIPLI)

ดีปลีเขียด (DIPLI CHUEAK)

*Piperis Retrofracti Fructus*

Java Long Pepper

**Category** Carminative, expectorant, stomachic, anti-emetic, oxytotic.

**Java Long Pepper is the dried red mature infructescence of *Piper retrofractum* Vahl (*P. chaba* Hunter) (Family Piperaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 48, 75, 456, 467.**

**Constituents** Java Long Pepper contains piperine, piperlongumine, pyridine alkaloids, sesamin, volatile oil, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Climber, glabrous, rather fleshy, with the aid of adventitious roots, rarely creeping; stem much branched, stout, cylindrical, thickened above nodes. Leaves simple, alternate, 3 to 20 cm long, 2 to 13 cm wide, lower ones ovate or lanceolate with cordate base, upper ones oblong-oval to oblong with obtuse, cordate or cuneate base, unequal, all tapering or acuminate, entire, glabrous, reticulate venation sunk above and raised beneath; petioles of lower leaves 1.5 to 3 cm long, of the upper ones 0.5 to 1.5 cm long; stipule 1 to 1.5 cm long, membranous, lanceolate, obtuse, enclosing the bud but soon falling off. Inflorescence spike, erect or patent; peduncle 0.7 to 2 cm long; bract broadly oval-ovate, 1.5 to 2 mm long; flower unisexual, bisexual; male spike 2.5 to 8.5 cm long, stamens 2, rarely 3, very short; female spike 1.7 to 3 cm long, stigmata 2 to 3, short, obtuse, persistent. Infructescence cylindro-conic; berry connate and adnate to stalk of bract, broadly rounded, bright red. Seed 2 to 2.5 mm in diameter.

**Description** Odour, aromatic; taste, pungent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Condensed infructescence, reddish brown, subcylindrical, about 2.5 to 7.5 cm long and 5.0 to 8.0 mm in diameter, rather rough surface with persistent stigmata.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the fruit shows epicarp composed of a layer of epidermal cells of which the outer tangential wall thick, glandular trichomes and cuticle. Mesocarp composed of 3 to 4 layers of collenchyma of hypodermis in which stone cells scattered followed by zone of thin-walled parenchyma, some of which containing brownish substance, oil droplets and starch grains and a few layers of large oil cells. Endocarp composed of a single layer of sclerenchyma. Zone of ground parenchyma scattered with vascular bundles around the cavity at the centre of the fruit. Spermoderm composed of outer thick-walled epidermis, collapse parenchyma of middle epidermis and inner thin-walled epidermis. Perisperm, elongated reserve parenchyma cells containing numerous angular starch grains and rod-shaped crystals. Embryo embedded in the endosperm.

Java Long Pepper in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.



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Fig. 1a *Piper retrofractum* Vahl

- 1. habit
- 2. flowering twig
- 3. different stages of infructescences
- 4. red mature infructescence
- 5. crude drug

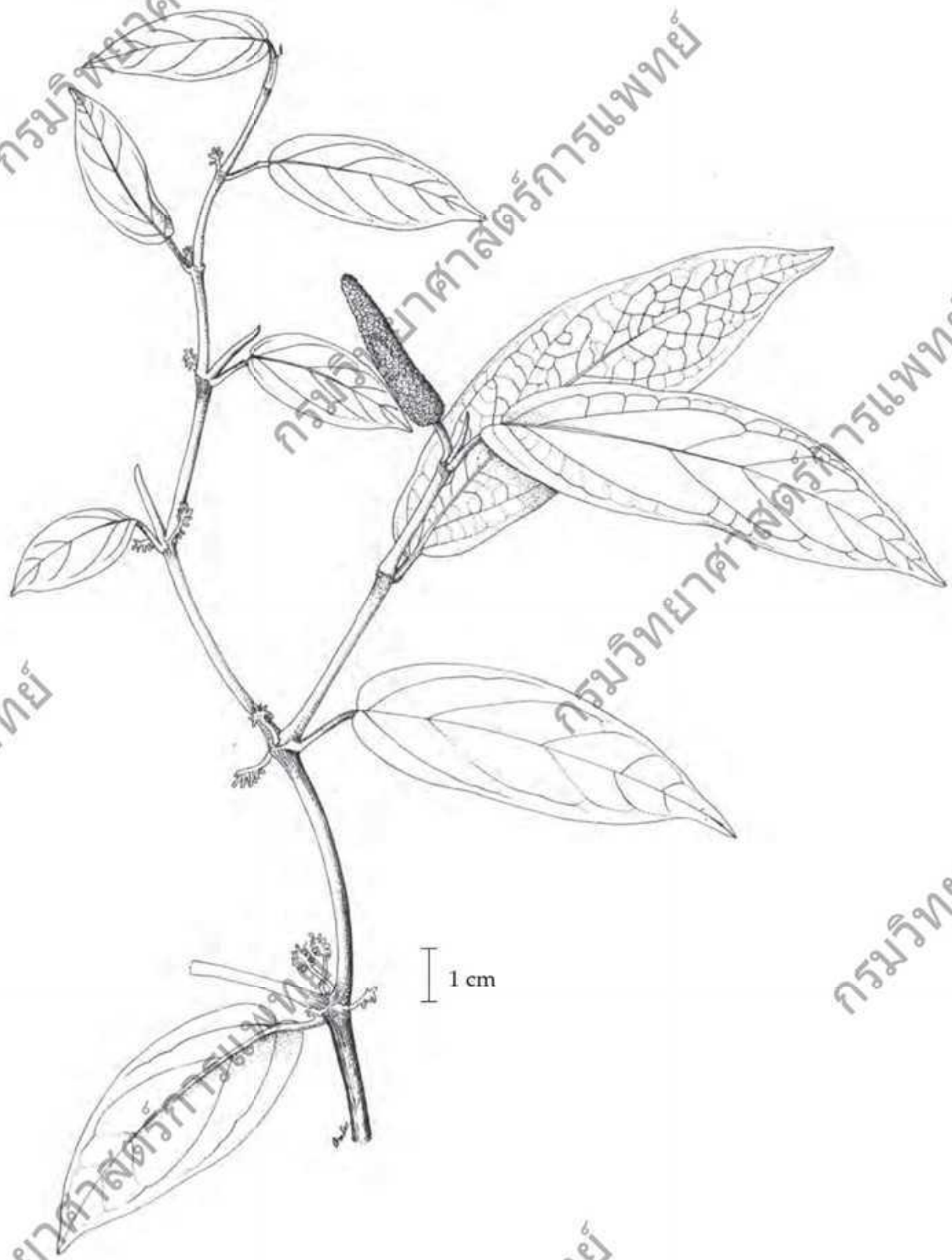


Fig. 1b *Piper retrofractum* Vahl

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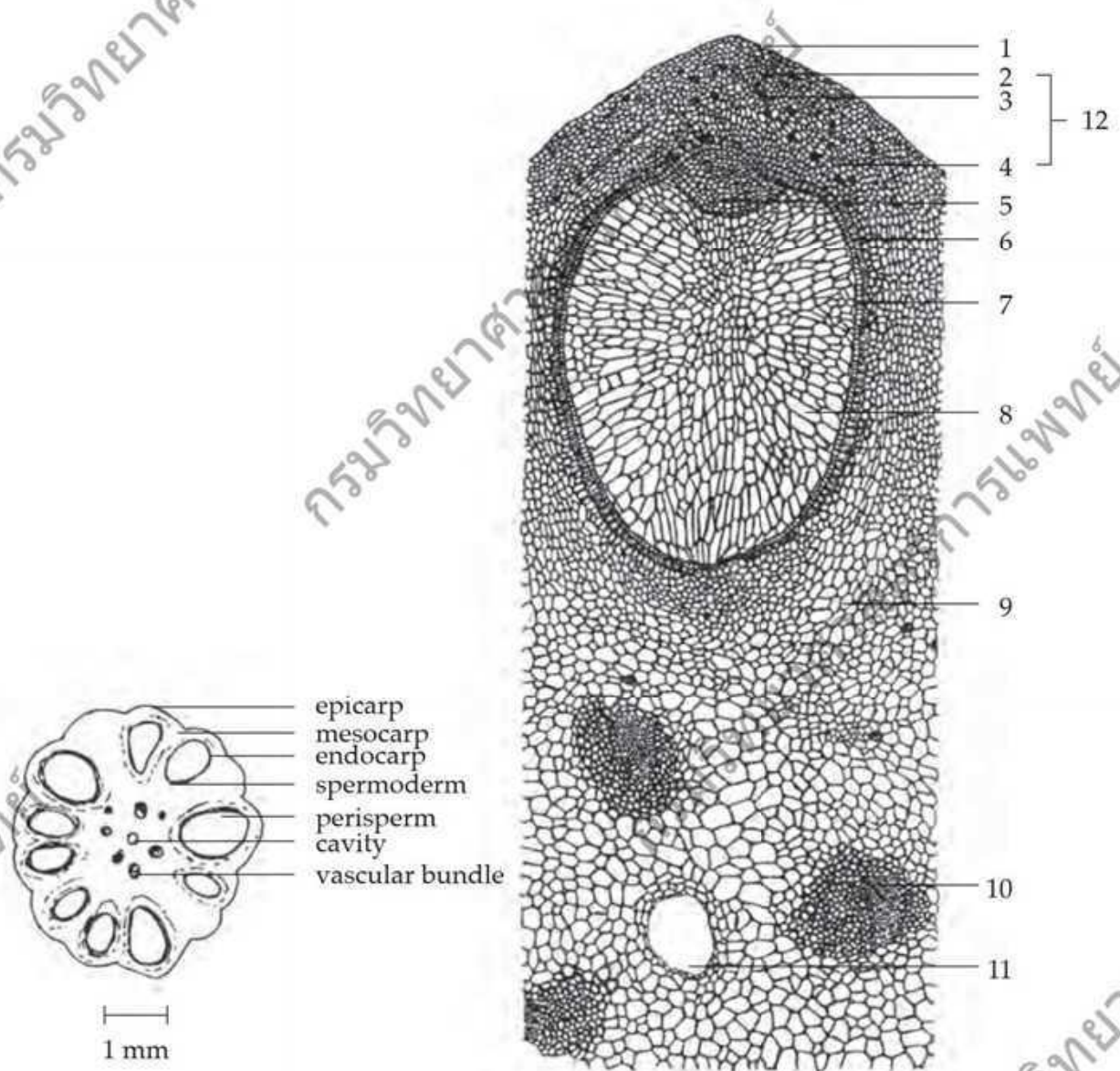


Diagram of the Infructescence

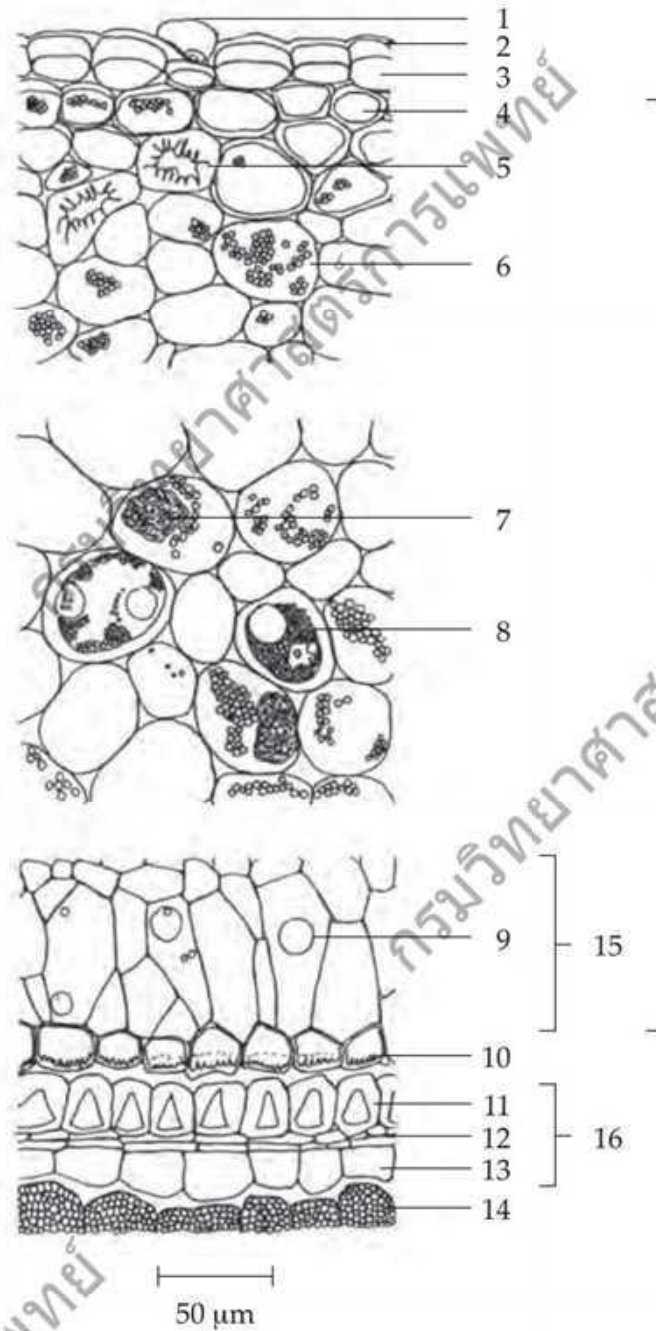
Fig. 2a

Transverse Section of the Fruit of *Piper retrofractum* Vahl

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. epicarp                  | 7. spermoderm        |
| 2. thick-walled parenchyma  | 8. perisperm         |
| 3. sclereid                 | 9. ground parenchyma |
| 4. oil cell                 | 10. vascular bundle  |
| 5. embryo                   | 11. cavity           |
| 6. sclerenchyma of endocarp | 12. mesocarp         |

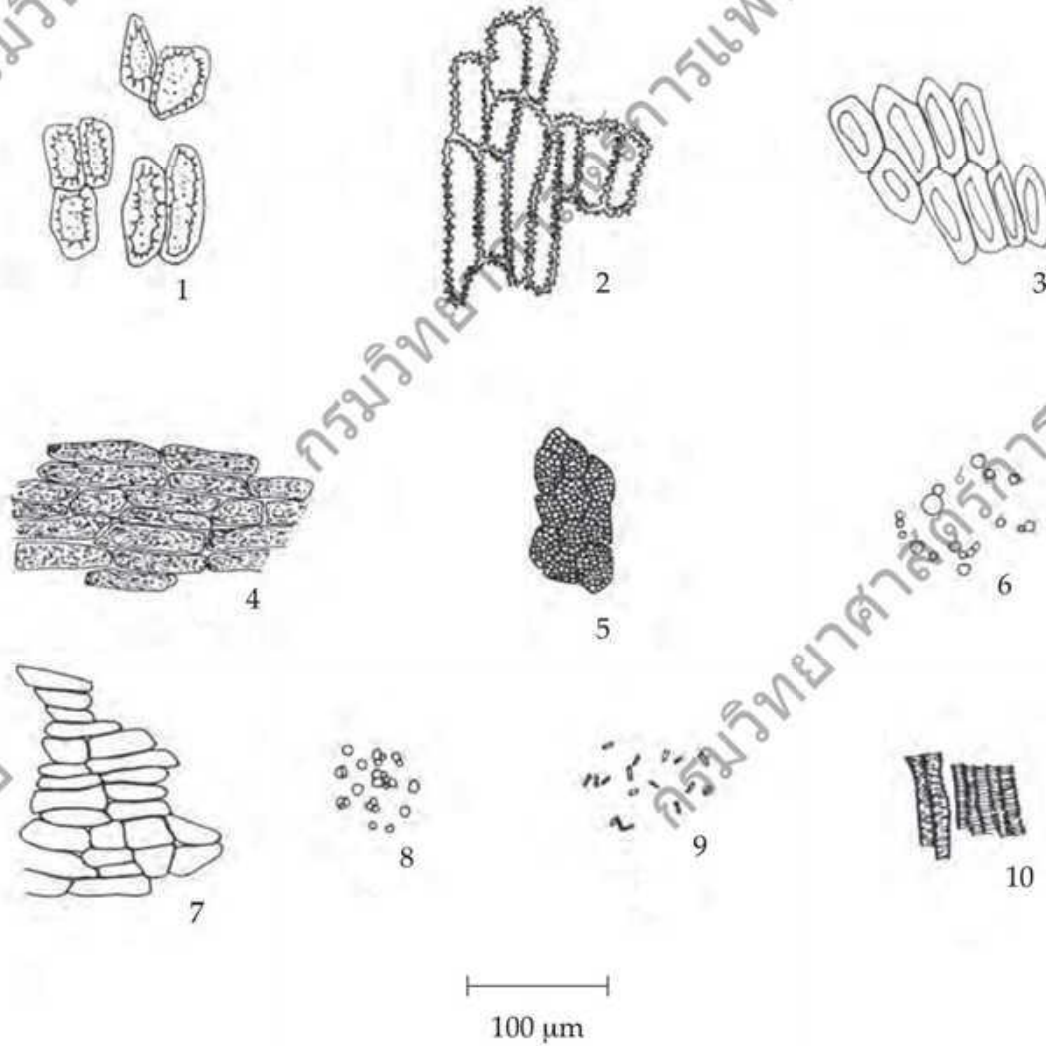
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**Fig. 2b** Transverse Sections of Epicarp, Mesocarp, Endocarp, and Spermoderm of the Fruit of *Piper retrofractum* Vahl

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. glandular trichome                  | 9. oil droplet                     |
| 2. cuticle                             | 10. sclerenchyma of endocarp       |
| 3. epidermis                           | 11. outer epidermis of spermoderm  |
| 4. thick-walled parenchyma             | 12. middle epidermis of spermoderm |
| 5. sclereid                            | 13. inner epidermis of spermoderm  |
| 6. parenchyma containing starch grains | 14. perisperm                      |
| 7. brownish substance                  | 15. layer of large oil cells       |
| 8. oil cell                            | 16. spermoderm                     |
|  | 17. mesocarp                       |



**Fig. 2c** Powdered Drug of the Fruits of *Piper retrofractum* Vahl

1. sclereids of mesocarp	6. oil globules
2. sclerenchymatous endocarp	7. parenchyma
3. outer epidermis of spermoderm	8. starch grains
4. inner epidermis of spermoderm	9. rod-shaped crystals
5. perisperm containing starch grains	10. vessels

**Packaging and storage** Java Long Pepper shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place.

**Identification**

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 25 mL of *ethanol* for 10 minutes and filter (solution 1). To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *ninhydrin TS* and warm in a water-bath for a few minutes: a purple colour is produced.

B. Evaporate 2 mL of solution 1 to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *acetic anhydride*, and then slowly add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to form two layers: a brown ring develops at the zone of contact.

C. Evaporate 2 mL of solution 1 to almost dryness and add a few drops of Marquis' reagent, prepared by adding a few drops of *formaldehyde solution* to 6 mL of *sulfuric acid*: a brownish red colour is produced.

D. To 100 mg of the sample, in powder, add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid*: a deep red colour is produced at first, turning to reddish brown and brown.

E. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 70 volumes of *n-hexane* and 30 volumes of *ethyl acetate* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 12 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by macerating 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 25 mL of *chloroform* for 15 minutes and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate to dryness and dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *chloroform*. For solution (B), dissolve 2 mg of *piperine* in 1 mL of *chloroform*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching spot ( $hR_f$  value 20 to 22) corresponding to the piperine spot from solution (B), and several spots of higher  $hR_f$  values. Spray the plate with *modified Dragendorff TS2*; the spot due to piperine is orange and one orange spot is observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

Repeat the same procedure on another plate but spray with *anisaldehyde TS*. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a green spot ( $hR_f$  value 20 to 22) corresponding to the piperine spot from solution (B), and several other spots of different colours are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Chloroform Extract of the Fruits of *Piper retrofractum* Vahl

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	Modified Dragendorff TS2	Anisaldehyde TS
1	5–6	–	–	pale violet
2*	20–22	quenching	orange	green
3	25–27	quenching	pale orange	green
4	31–33	quenching	–	violet
5	36–38	quenching	–	violet
6	43–44	quenching	–	purple
7	50–51	quenching	–	–
8	58–59	–	–	pale violet
9	60–61	quenching	–	–
10	64–66	–	–	violet
11	66–69	quenching	–	–
12	74–77	quenching	–	blue
13	91–95	–	–	violet

\*piperine

**Water** Not more than 13.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 0.4 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 7.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 10.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 1.0 per cent v/w (Appendix 7.3H). Use 25 g, in *fine powder*, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 250 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.

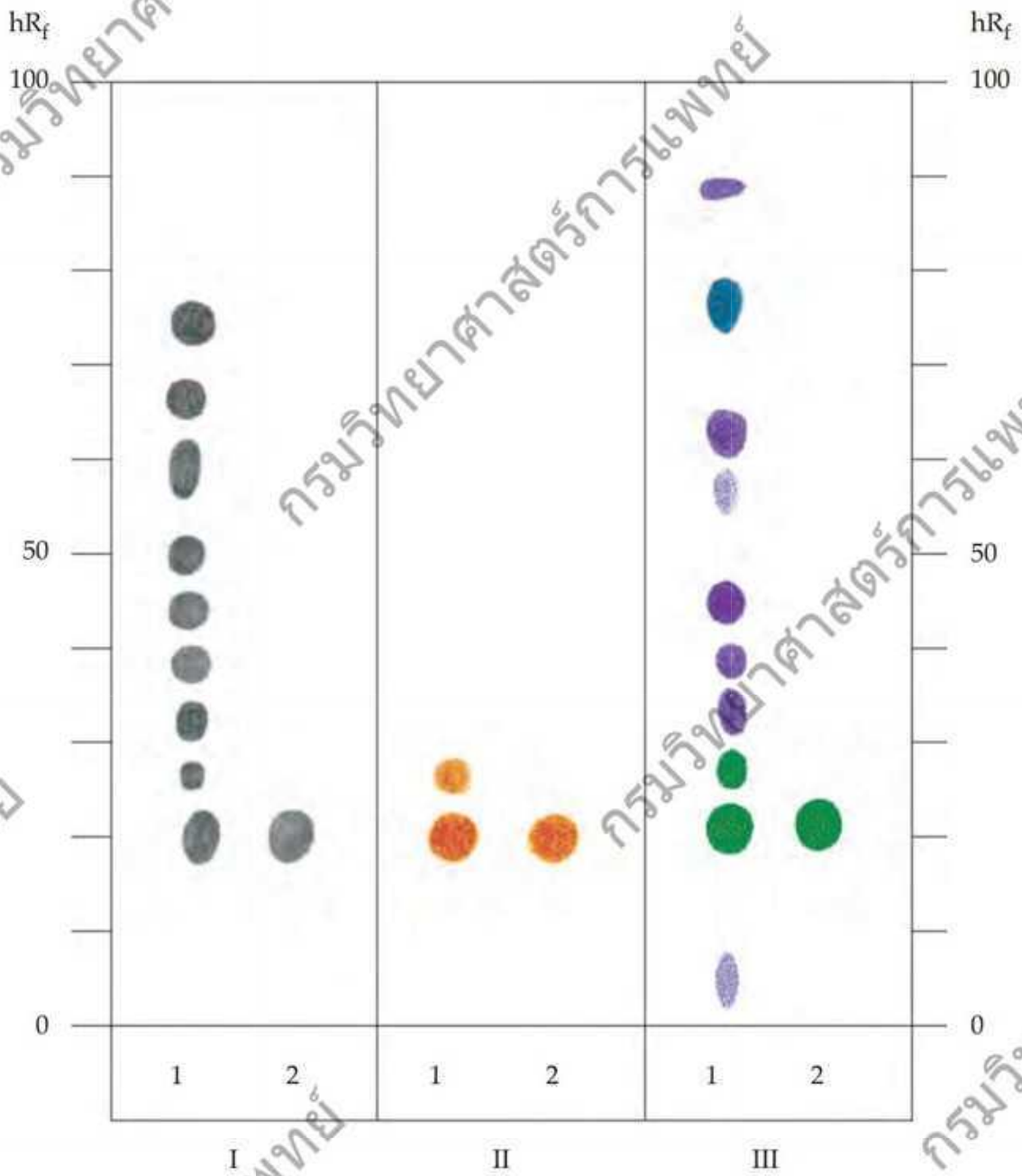
**Alkaloids content** Not less than 2.5 per cent w/w of alkaloids, calculated as piperine, when determined by the following method. (**Note** Use light-resistant glassware to reduce photodegradation of piperine in solution.)

**Standard piperine solution** Dissolve about 10 mg of *piperine*, accurately weighed, in sufficient *1,2-dichloroethane* to produce 100.0 mL.

**Standard piperine curve** Transfer into six 100-mL volumetric flasks, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 mL, respectively, of *Standard piperine solution*, dilute to volume with *1,2-dichloroethane*, and mix. Measure the absorbances of the standard solutions relative to the blank at 342 nm (Appendix 2.2). Plot the readings and draw the curve of best fit.

**Procedure** Place about 500 mg of Java Long Pepper, in *fine powder* and accurately weighed, in a soxhlet apparatus. Add a sufficient quantity of 1,2-dichloroethane and extract, until complete extraction of the alkaloids is effected (Appendix 7.4). Transfer the dichloroethane extract to a 100-mL volumetric flask and dilute with 1,2-dichloroethane to volume. Transfer 2.0 mL of this solution to a 100-mL volumetric flask and dilute with 1,2-dichloroethane to volume. Measure the absorbance of the resulting solution, at the maximum at about 342 nm (Appendix 2.2). By reference to the standard curve, calculate the content of alkaloids as piperine in the sample.

**Dose** 200 to 500 mg three times a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Chloroform Extract of the Fruits of *Piper retrofractum* Vahl

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

I = detection under UV light (254 nm)

II = detection with modified Dragendorff TS2

III = detection with anisaldehyde TS

## ดอกจันทร์ (DOK CHAN)

ดอกจันทร์ (DOK CHAN), รกจันทร์ (ROK CHAN), รกจันทร์เทศ (ROK CHAN THET)

Myristicaceae Fragrantis Arillus

Mace

**Category** Carminative, stomachic.

Mace is the dried aril of the ripe fruit of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt. [*M. aromatica* Sw., *M. moschata* Thunb., *M. officinalis* L. f., *Aruana silvestris* Burm. f., *Palala fragrans* (Houtt.) Kuntze] (Family Myristicaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5284, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1190.

**Constituents** Mace contains volatile oil, of which elemicin, isoelemicin, myristicin, sabinene, safrole, and 4-terpineol are its major components. It also contains fixed oil, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Tree up to 18 m tall; dioecious, sometimes monoecious; sap watery, reddish; branches slender towards apex, glabrescent. Leaves simple, alternate, elliptic, elliptic-lanceolate or oblong, rarely ovate, 6 to 15 cm long, 3.5 to 6.5 cm wide, apex acute to acuminate, base attenuate or broadly cuneate, margin entire, chartaceous or thinly coriaceous, upper surface glabrous, lower surface glabrescent, midvein slender, raised on upper surface, lateral veins 5 to 12 pairs, flat or sunken on upper surface; petiole slender, 0.5 to 1.2 cm long, 0.7 to 1.5 mm in diameter; leaf bud shortly hairy. Inflorescence panicle-like, axillary or supra-axillary; male inflorescence slender, 2.5 to 5 cm long, 4 to 8 flowered, sometimes reduced to 1 to 3; peduncle slender, 0.5 to 2 cm long, with 1 or 2 remotely scars; female inflorescence 1(-3)-flowered. Flower urceolate, pale yellow, fragrant, perianth 3-lobed; male flower with pedicel 1 to 1.5 cm long; bracteole caducous; bud oblong, rarely ellipsoid, 7 to 8 mm long, 4 to 5 mm wide, not angular, splitting about 1.5 mm from apex, outer surface minutely tomentose, stamens united into a column, about 5 mm long, anthers 9 to 12, adnate to column; female flower stouter than male; pedicel 0.8 to 1.2 cm long; bracteole inserted on base of perianth, leaving ring-like scar after abscission; ovary ellipsoid, rusty pubescent, style more or less absent, stigmas 2, minute. Fruit solitary, pendulous, subglobose or broadly pear-shaped, 6 to 9 cm in diameter when fresh, 4 to 6 cm long when dried, longitudinally ridged, orange or yellow when ripe, splitting into 2 valves, glabrescent. Seed 1, ovoid-globose to ellipsoid, 2 to 4 cm long, 1.5 to 2.5 cm wide, brownish to blackish, shiny; aril red, irregularly deeply lacerate; cotyledon curled, connate at base.

**Description** Odour, strongly aromatic, characteristic; taste, prickling and slightly spicy.

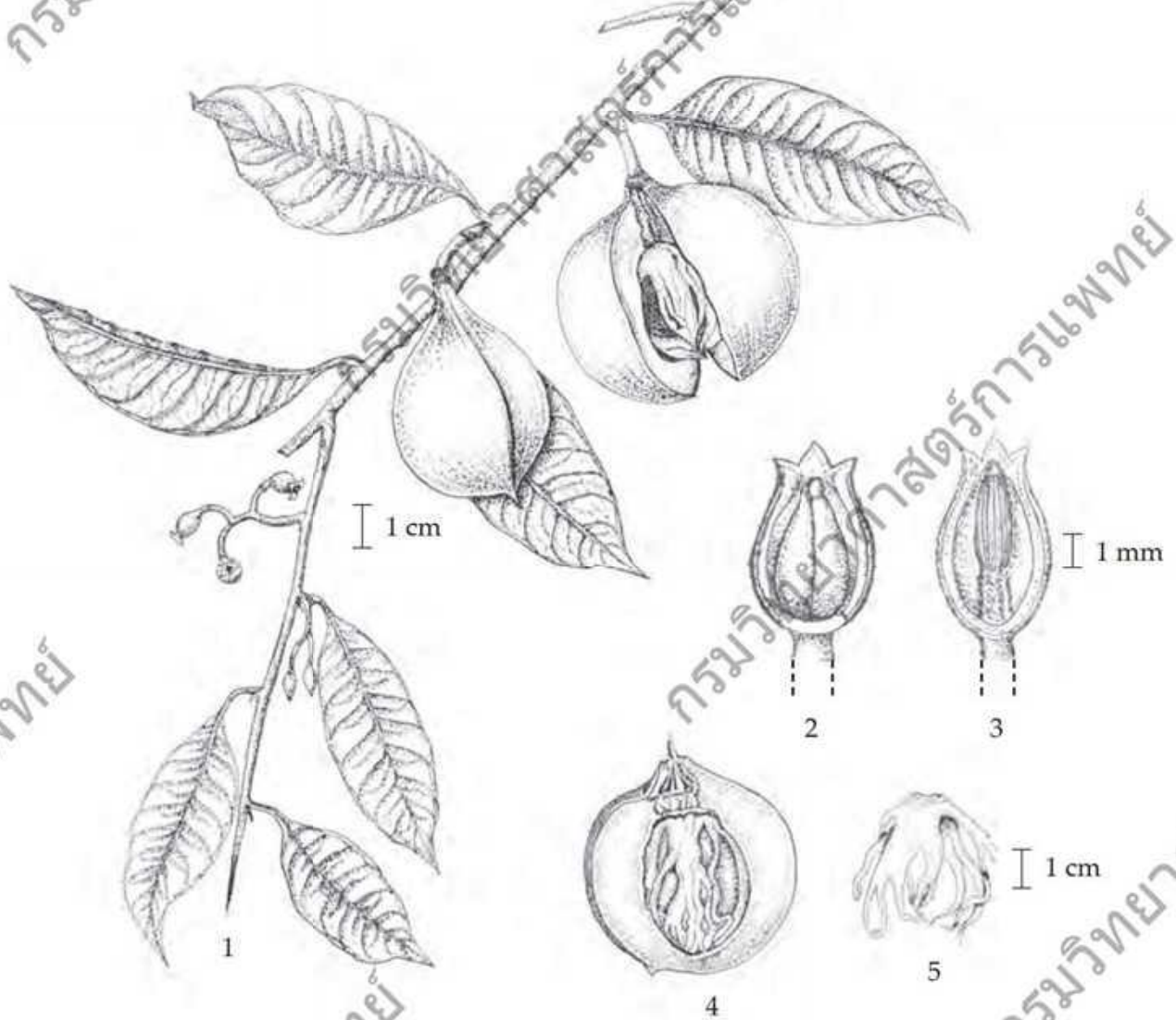
**Macroscopical** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Whole aril occurs as fused reticulate stripes attached to the base, varying in shape and size, yellowish brown to brownish. Broken pieces, flattened, ribbon-like, branched, 2 to 4 cm long, yellowish brown to brownish.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the aril shows upper and lower epidermises, cortex and vascular tissue. Upper and lower epidermises: a layer of small thin-walled cells covered with prominent cuticle layer. Cortex: 1 to 3 layers of polygonal parenchyma cells, containing reddish brown substance, and adjacent to both epidermal layers; larger polygonal parenchyma, containing rod-like reddish chromoplast, oil droplets and/or yellowish oleoresin; large oil cavity, containing oil droplets and yellowish oleoresin. Vascular tissue: phloem and xylem, lined in the centre of the cortex.



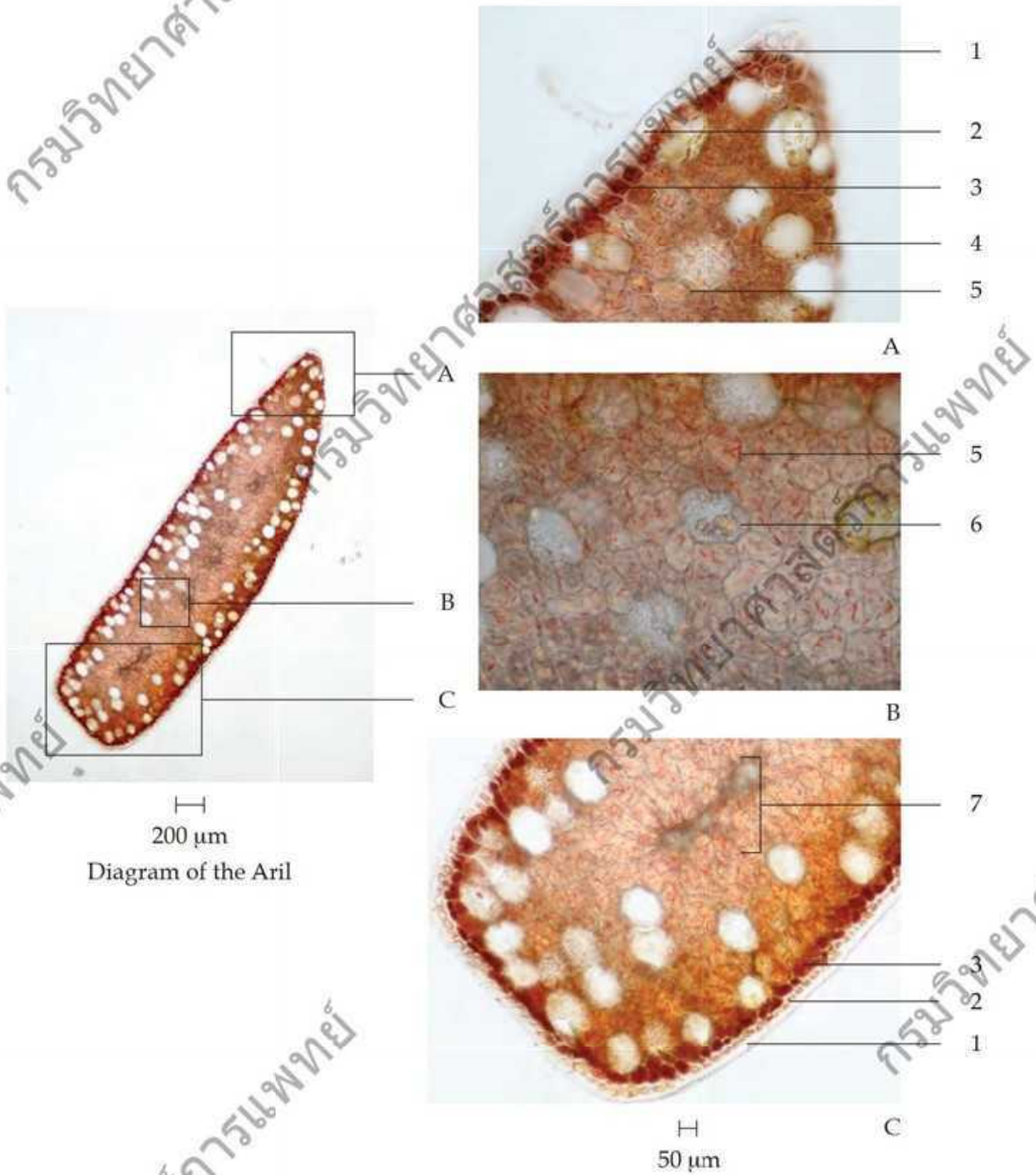
**Fig. 1a** *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

1. habit 2. male flowers 3. female flowers 4. fruit 5. splitting fruit showing red aril  
6. ripe fruit showing pericarp, aril and seed (a), seeds, each covered with aril (b) 7. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

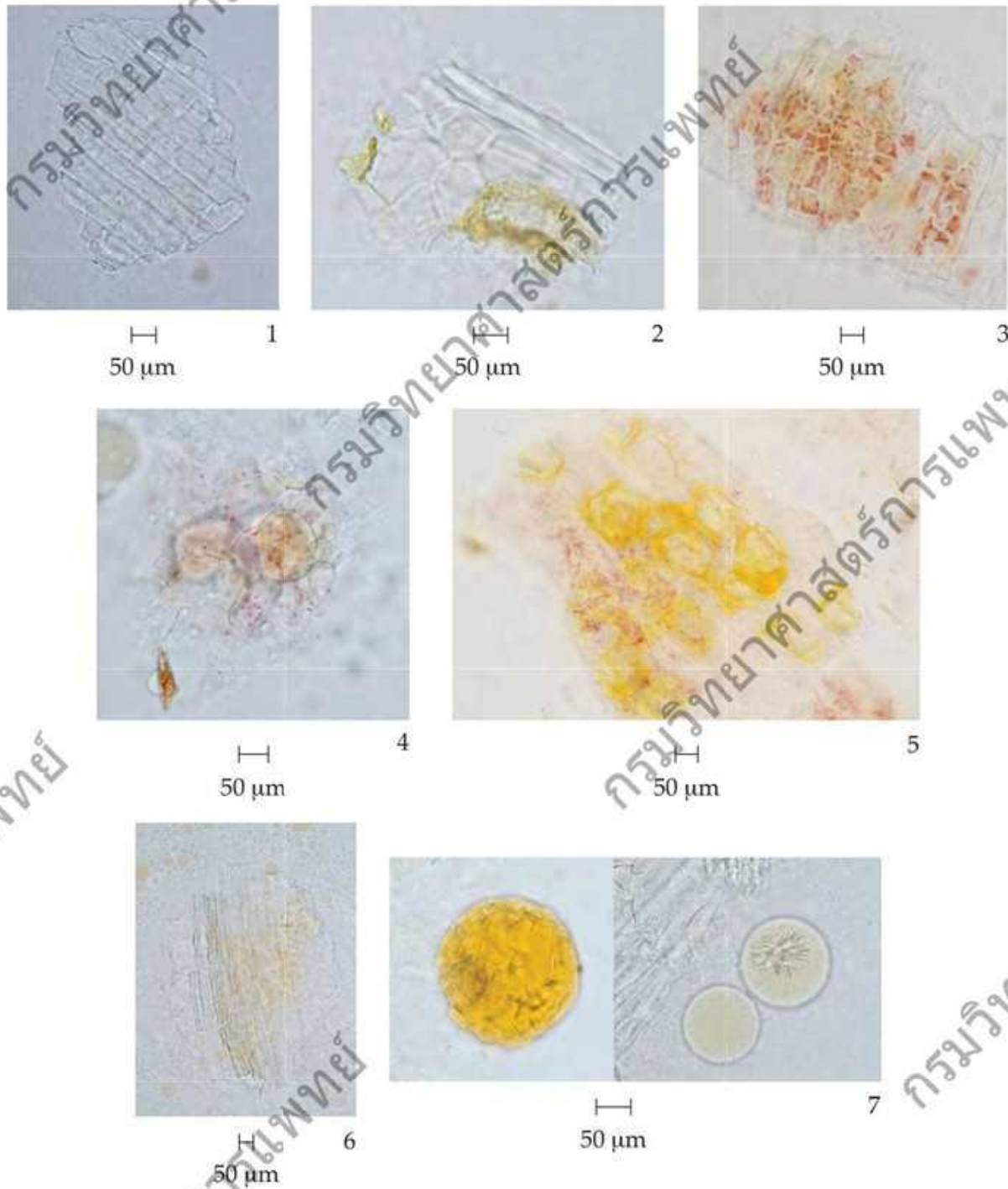
1. flowering and fruiting twig
2. female flower showing ovary and stigma
3. male flower showing filament and anther
4. splitting fruit showing pericarp, aril and seed
5. aril



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Aril of the Fruit of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

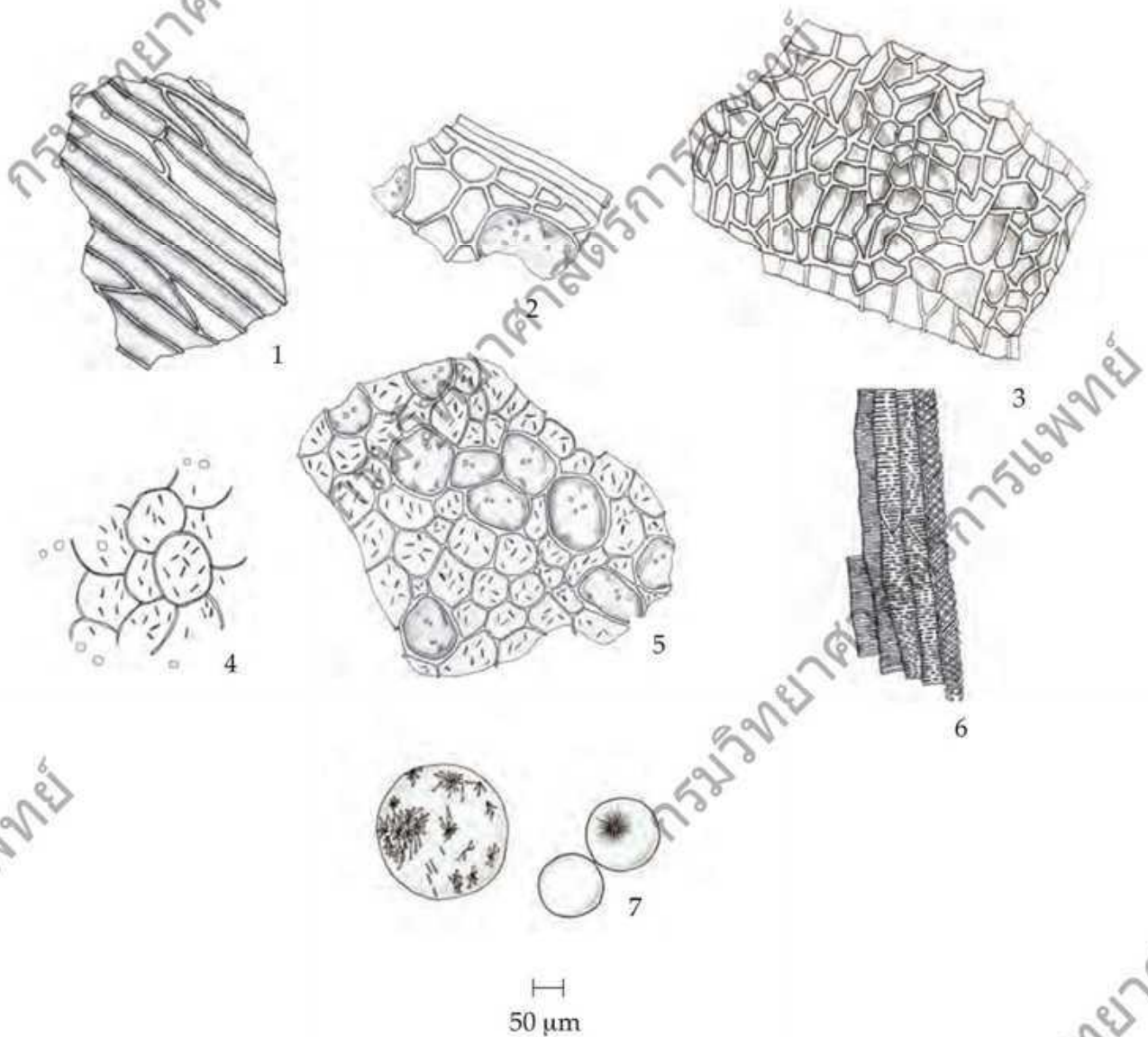
A., B. and C. Parts of Transverse Section

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| 1. cuticle layer                                 | 5. parenchyma containing rod-like reddish chromoplast |
| 2. epidermis                                     | 6. oil cavity containing oil droplets and oleoresin   |
| 3. parenchyma containing reddish brown substance | 7. vascular tissue                                    |
| 4. oil cavity                                    |   |



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrographs of Powdered Drug of the Arils of the Fruits of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

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| 1. epidermis in surface view   | 5. oil cavities in sectional view, containing oil droplets and yellowish oleoresin associated with parenchyma containing rod-like reddish chromoplast and yellowish oleoresin |
| 2. cuticle layer, epidermis and parenchyma in sectional view                                     | 6. spiral and reticulate vessels  |
| 3. parenchyma containing reddish brown substance with underlying epidermal cells in surface view | 7. crystalline mass of fatty oil and yellowish oleoresin  |
| 4. parenchyma containing rod-like reddish chromoplast and oil droplets                           |   |



**Fig. 2c** Line Drawings of Powdered Drug of the Arils of the Fruits of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

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| 1. epidermis in surface view   | 5. oil cavities in sectional view, containing oil droplets and yellowish oleoresin associated with parenchyma containing rod-like reddish chromoplast and yellowish oleoresin |
| 2. cuticle layer, epidermis and parenchyma in sectional view                                     | 6. spiral and reticulate vessels  |
| 3. parenchyma containing reddish brown substance with underlying epidermal cells in surface view | 7. crystalline mass of fatty oil and yellowish oleoresin  |
| 4. parenchyma containing rod-like reddish chromoplast and oil droplets                           |   |

Mace in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Parenchyma containing reddish brown substance, rod-like reddish chromoplast, oil droplets, and large oil cavity are characteristic. However, the crystalline mass of fatty oil, formed by heating the powdered drug with *chloral hydrate TS* can be observed.

**Additional information** Large quantities of mace can induce psychogenic effect.

**Packaging and storage** Mace shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place.

**Identification** Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel 60 F254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 70 volumes of *n-hexane* and 30 volumes of *ethyl acetate* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 8 mm, 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of solution (A) and 25  $\mu\text{L}$  of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by sonicating 1 g of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 10 mL of *methanol* for 20 minutes and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate to dryness under reduced pressure at  $50^\circ$ . Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *methanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *myristicin* with 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine the plate under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching band ( $hR_f$  value 56 to 58), corresponding to the myristicin band obtained from solution (B). Subsequently spray the plate with a 10 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid* in *absolute ethanol* and heat at  $105^\circ$  for 10 minutes; the band corresponding to myristicin is reddish brown. Several other bands of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Arils of the Fruits of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	10 Per Cent V/V Solution of Sulfuric Acid in Absolute Ethanol
1	8–10	quenching	-
2	10–12	weak quenching	brownish red
3	16–18	quenching	brownish red
4	20–21	quenching	brownish red
5	28–30	quenching	brownish red
6	31–34	quenching	brown
7	42–45	quenching	brownish red
8	50–52	quenching	brownish red
9*	56–58	quenching	reddish brown
10	61–64	-	pale purple
11	68–70	-	greyish blue

\*myristicin

**Water** Not more than 8.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

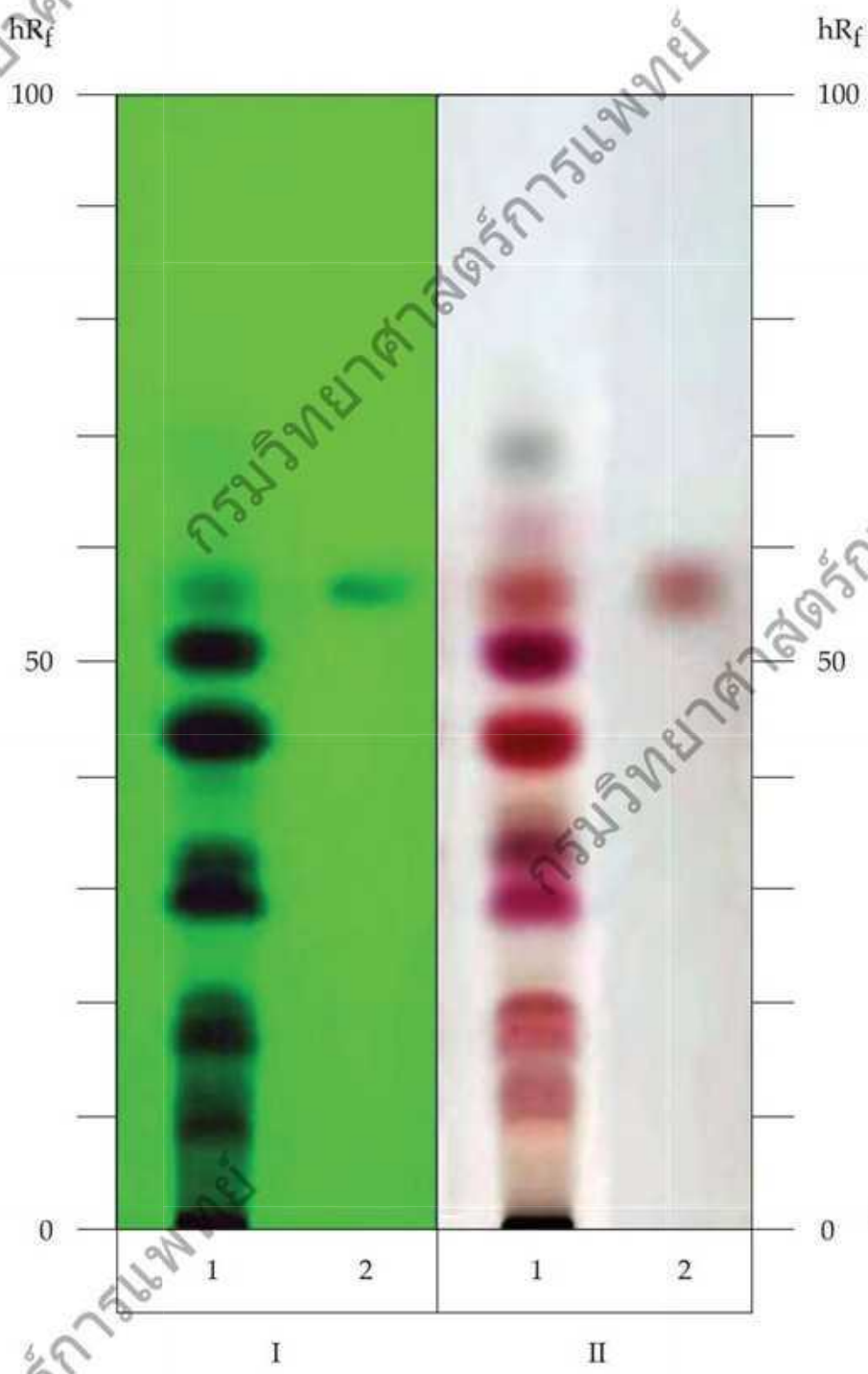
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Total ash** Not more than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 26.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 11.0 per cent v/w, calculated on the anhydrous basis (Appendix 7.3H). Use 10 g, in *coarse powder*, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 200 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 3 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Arils of the Fruits of *Myristica fragrans* Houltt.

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection with a 10 per cent v/v solution of sulfuric acid in absolute ethanol

## ฟ้าทะลาย (FA THALAI)

ฟ้าทะลายโจร (FA THALAI CHON), น้ำลายพังพอน (NAM LAI PANGPON), สามสิบดี (SAM SIP DI)

Andrographitis Herba

Andrographis Herb

**Category** Antidiarrheal, antipyretic, anti-inflammatory in laryngitis.

**Andrographis Herb is the dried aerial part of *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm. f.) Nees (*Justicia paniculata* Burm. f.) (Family Acanthaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 821, 854, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0407.**

**Constituents** Andrographis Herb contains a large quantity of bitter diterpenoid lactones which mainly are andrographolide, neoandrographolide, 14-deoxy-11,12-didehydroandrographolide (dehydroandrographolide), dideoxyandrographolide (andrograpanin), etc. and their glycosides. It also contains  $\beta$ -sitosterol-D-glucoside, flavonoids, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Annual herb up to 1 m tall; stem, erect, acutely quadrangular. Leaves simple, opposite, lanceolate, 2 to 12 cm long, 1 to 3 cm wide; acute at both ends, glabrous, entire-slightly undulate, upper ones often bractiform; petiole short. Inflorescence patent, terminal and axillary, in panicle, 10 to 30 cm long; bract small, pedicel short. Flower: calyx 5-partite, small, linear; corolla tube narrow, about 6 mm long, limb not shorter than the tube, bilabiate, upper lip oblong, white with a yellowish top, lower lip broadly cuneate, trifid, white with violet marking; stamens 2, inserted in the throat and far exerted, anther basally bearded; ovary superior, 2-celled, style far exerted. Fruit capsule, erect, linear-oblong, 1 to 2 cm long, 2 to 5 mm wide, compressed, longitudinally furrowed on the broad faces, thinly glandular-hairy. Seed small, subquadrate.

**Description** Odour, slight and specific; taste, extremely bitter.

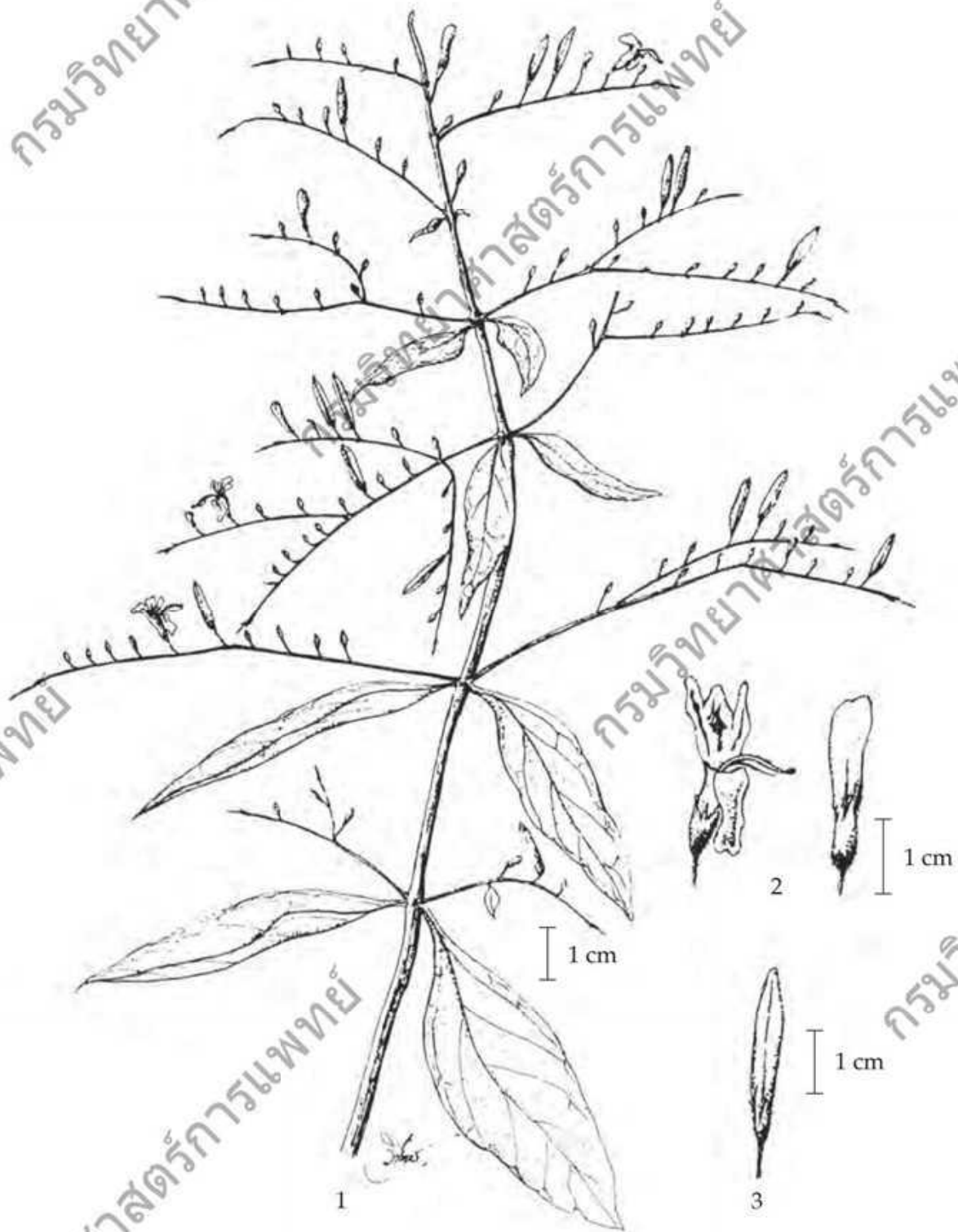
**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Dried herb occurs as a mixture of broken, crisp, mainly dark green lanceolate leaf and quadrangularly stem; capsule fruit and small flower occasionally found.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) Surface and transverse sections of the leaf through lamina and midrib region show the following characters: upper epidermis, a layer of cells; stomata absent; covering trichomes, glandular, unicellular and multicellular present; cicatrices rarely seen; lithocysts, fairly large, 27  $\mu\text{m}$   $\times$  96  $\mu\text{m}$  to 30  $\mu\text{m}$   $\times$  210  $\mu\text{m}$  in size and 49  $\mu\text{m}$  thick. Palisade cells, columnar. Collenchyma occurs in the midrib, beneath upper and lower epidermises. Spongy cells, parenchymatous. Vascular bundles, composed of lignified xylem in the upper part and phloem in the lower part. Vessels, spiral, scalariform and reticulate. Lower epidermis, a layer of wavy-walled cells; stomata, diacytic; covering trichomes and lithocysts present.

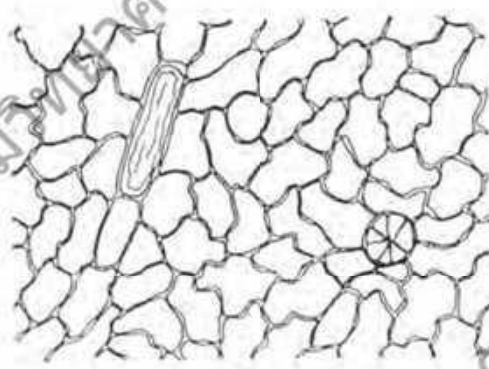
Transverse section of the stem shows the following characters: epidermis, a layer of cells; stomata, diacytic; covering trichomes and lithocysts present. Collenchyma, densely found at the corners of stem. Parenchyma, containing chlorophyll. Endodermis, a layer of thick-walled cells. Vessels, spiral, scalariform and pitted. Pith, large parenchyma cells.



**Fig. 1a** *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm. f.) Nees  
 1. flowering and fruiting plant 2. different views of flowers (a-d)  
 3. fruits in different stages (e), dehiscent fruit showing seeds (f) 4. crude drug

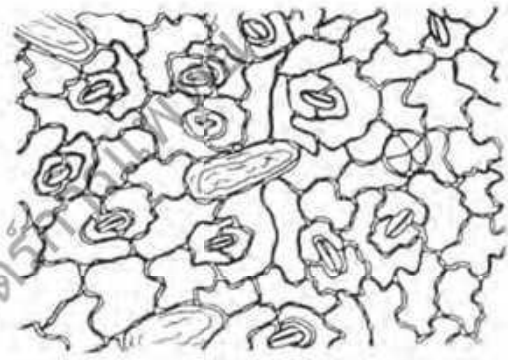


**Fig. 1b** *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm. f.) Nees  
1. aerial part 2. flower 3. capsule



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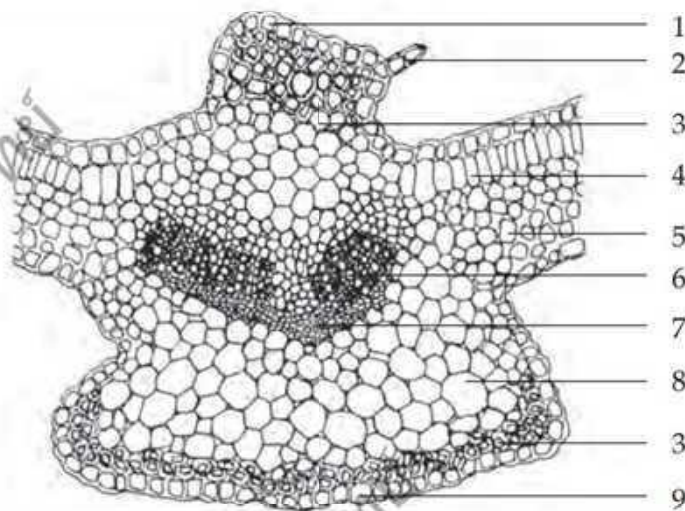
Upper Epidermis of the Lamina



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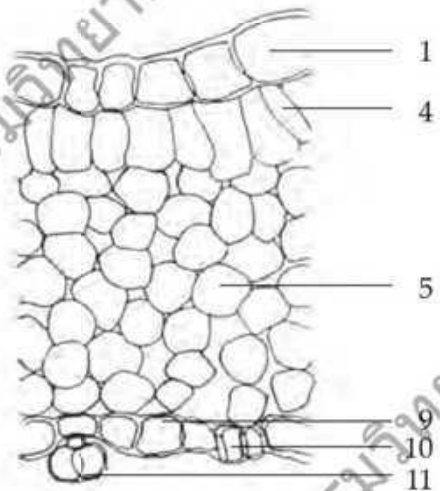
Lower Epidermis of the Lamina

**Fig. 2a** Epidermises of the Leaf of *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm. f.) Nees



100 μm

Transverse Section of the Midrib

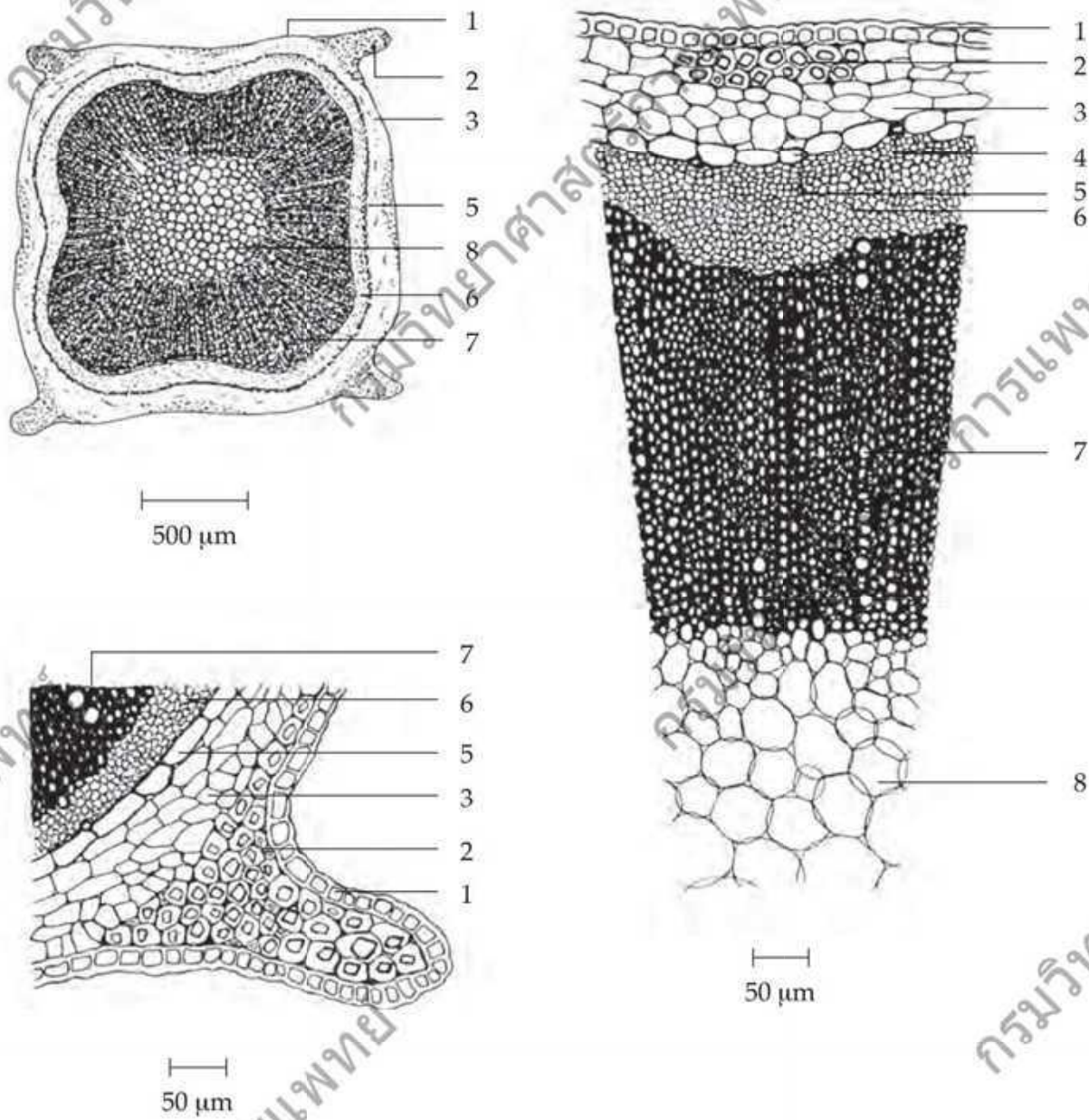


50 μm

Transverse Section of the Lamina

**Fig. 2b** Transverse Sections of the Leaf of *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm. f.) Nees

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. upper epidermis        | 7. phloem              |
| 2. multicellular trichome | 8. parenchyma          |
| 3. collenchyma            | 9. lower epidermis     |
| 4. palisade cell          | 10. stoma              |
| 5. spongy cell            | 11. glandular trichome |
| 6. xylem                  |                        |



**Fig. 2c** Transverse Section of the Stem of *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm. f.) Nees

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. epidermis           | 5. endodermis      |
| 2. collenchyma         | 6. phloem          |
| 3. cortical parenchyma | 7. xylem           |
| 4. fibre               | 8. pith parenchyma |

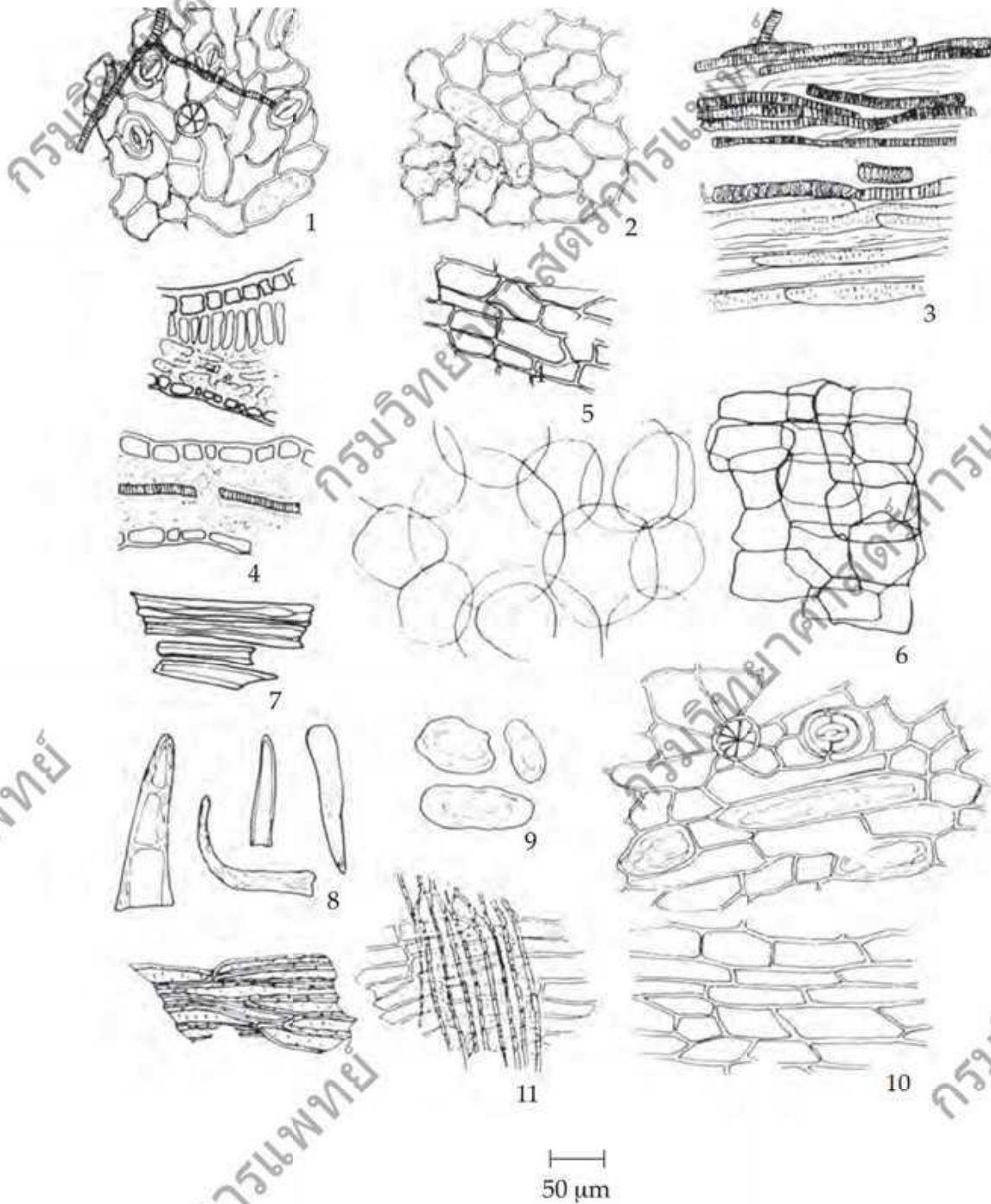


Fig. 2d Powdered Drug of the Leaves and Stems of *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm. f.) Nees

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| 1. lower epidermis showing stomata<br>lithocyst, glandular trichome | 6. transverse and longitudinal sections<br>of parenchyma |
| 2. upper epidermis showing<br>lithocyst, underlying palisade        | 7. fibre bundle  |
| 3. spiral, scalariform and reticulate<br>vessels                    | 8. covering trichomes                                    |
| 4. sectional views of lamina  | 9. cystolith   |
| 5. midrib epidermis   | 10. stem epidermis                                       |
|   | 11. layer of fibres in fruit wall                        |

Andrographis Herb in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopic characters of the unground drug.

**Packaging and storage** Andrographis Herb shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place. It should be used within 1 year and air-dried every 2 to 3 months.

#### Identification

A. To about 1 g of the sample, in powder, add 20 mL of *ethanol*, boil in a water-bath 5 minutes. To the filtrate, add 300 mg of *decolorizing charcoal*, stir and filter (solution 1). To 1 mL of solution 1, add 2 drops of a 2 per cent w/v solution of *3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid* in *methanol* and 2 drops of a 5.7 per cent w/v solution of *potassium hydroxide* in *methanol*: a purplish red colour develops.

B. To 1 mL of solution 1, add several drops of a 5.7 per cent w/v solution of *potassium hydroxide* in *ethanol* until it shows a red colour. Set aside for 10 to 15 minutes: the colour is changed to yellow.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 85 volumes of *chloroform* and 15 volumes of *absolute ethanol* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L each of the following solutions. Prepare solution (A) by boiling 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 20 mL of *ethanol* on a water-bath for 5 minutes, adding 300 mg of *decolorizing charcoal*, stirring, and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate under reduced pressure to dryness, and dissolve the residue in 1 mL of warm *ethanol* (80 per cent). For solution (B), dissolve 2 mg of *andrographolide* in 1 mL of *ethanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram obtained with solution (A) shows a quenching spot ( $hR_f$  values 52 to 56) corresponding to the *andrographolide* spot from solution (B) and other four spots of different  $hR_f$  values (Table 1); see also Fig. 3. Spray the plate with a 2 per cent w/v solution of *3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid* in *methanol* and then with an excess of a 5.7 per cent w/v solution of *potassium hydroxide* in *methanol*; the spot due to *andrographolide* is dark violet. Two dark violet spots due to the spot numbers 4 and 9 in Table 1 and other violet and dark violet spots are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Ethanolic Extract of the Aerial Parts of *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm. f.) Nees

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	3,5-Dinitrobenzoic Acid/ Potassium Hydroxide in Methanol
1	1-5	-	dark violet
2	11-15	quenching	violet
3	18-22	quenching	violet
4*	28-32	-	dark violet
5	49-51	-	violet
6**	52-56	quenching	dark violet
7	57-59	quenching	violet
8	66-68	-	violet
9***	69-71	quenching	dark violet

\*neoandrographolide

\*\*andrographolide

\*\*\*dehydroandrographolide

**Loss on drying** Not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Ethanol (85 per cent)-soluble extractive** Not less than 13.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 18.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Total lactones content** Not less than 6.0 per cent w/w of total lactones, calculated as andrographolide, when determined by the following method.

**Procedure** Place about 1 g of *Andrographis* Herb in *fine powder*, accurately weighed, in a 100-mL round-bottomed flask, add 50 mL of *ethanol (85 per cent)*, reflux in a water-bath for 2 hours, and filter. Wash the marc with sufficient amount of *ethanol (85 per cent)* until the last washing is almost colourless. Combine the washings and the filtrate and allow to cool. Add 1 mL of *basic lead acetate TS*, set aside for 15 minutes, filter, and wash the precipitate with *ethanol* until the last washing is no longer green. Combine the washings and the filtrate, add dropwise with swirling 1 mL of a 25 per cent w/v solution of *sodium sulfate* and mix well. Set aside for 1 hour, add 500 mg of *decolorizing charcoal*, and reflux in a water-bath for 10 minutes. Filter through the Büchner funnel containing 500 mg of *decolorizing charcoal* and wash with three 2-mL portions of *hot ethanol*. Combine the washings and the filtrate, add 20 mL of *distilled water*, allow to cool, and neutralize with 0.1 M *sodium hydroxide*, using *phenolphthalein TS* as indicator. Add 5.0 mL of 0.1 M *sodium hydroxide VS*, reflux in a water-bath for 30 minutes, allow to cool, and titrate with 0.05 M *hydrochloric acid VS*.

Perform a blank determination (Residual Titrations, Appendix 6.17). Each mL of 0.1 M sodium hydroxide VS is equivalent to 35.05 mg of total lactones calculated as andrographolide ( $C_{20}H_{30}O_5$ ).

**Andrographolide content** Not less than 1.0 per cent w/w of andrographolide ( $C_{20}H_{30}O_5$ ). Carry out the determination as described in the "Liquid Chromatography" (Appendix 3.5).

**Mobile phase** Prepare a mixture of 52 volumes of distilled water and 48 volumes of methanol. Make adjustments if necessary.

**Standard preparations** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of andrographolide in sufficient methanol and dilute with Mobile phase to obtain a stock solution having a known concentration of about 200  $\mu\text{g}$  per mL. Dilute this solution quantitatively, and stepwise with Mobile phase to obtain six solutions having known concentrations of 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, and 140  $\mu\text{g}$  per mL.

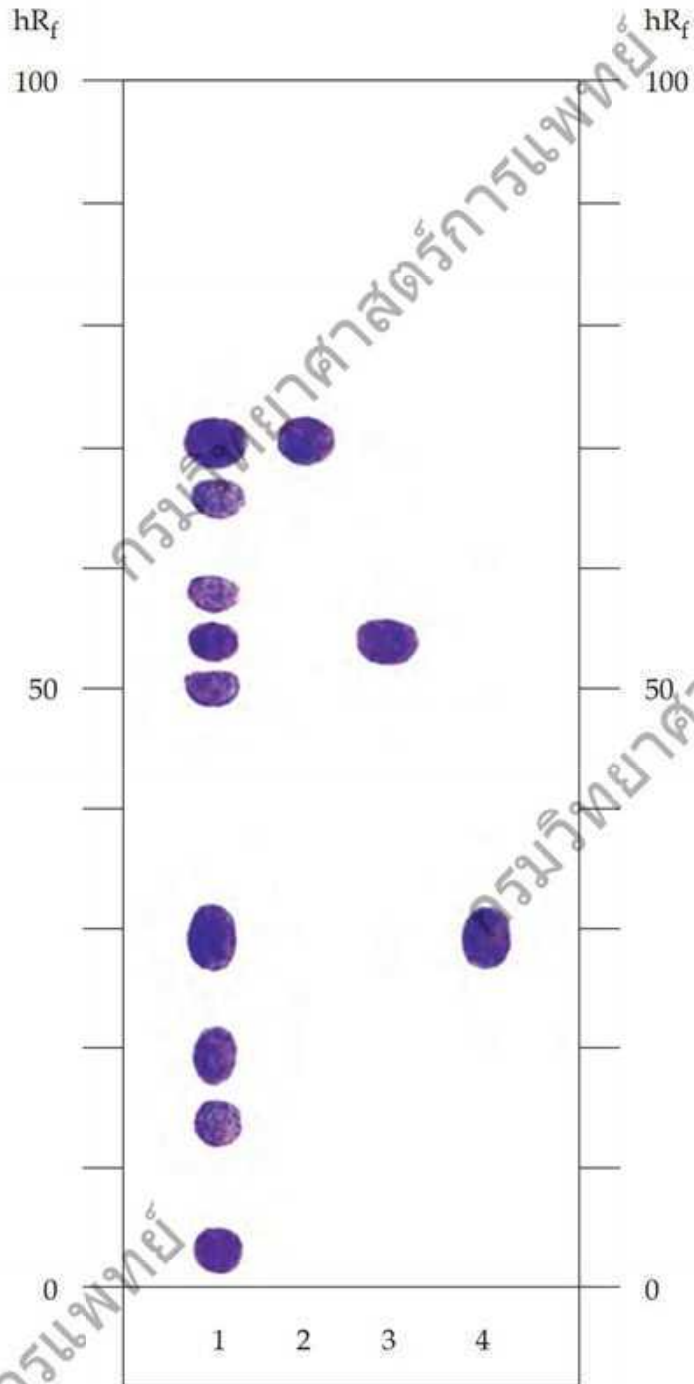
**Sample preparation** Reflux about 400 mg of Andrographis Herb, in fine powder, accurately weighed, with 50 mL of a mixture of equal volumes of dichloromethane and methanol in a water-bath for 30 minutes. Filter and evaporate the filtrate at  $50^\circ$  under reduced pressure to dryness. Dissolve the residue in sufficient methanol, transfer quantitatively to a 100-mL volumetric flask, dilute with Mobile phase to volume, and mix. Filter through a nylon membrane having a 0.45- $\mu\text{m}$  porosity.

**Chromatographic system** The chromatographic procedure may be carried out using (a) a stainless steel column (15 cm  $\times$  3.9 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (5  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (b) a guard column (20 mm  $\times$  3.9 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (5  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (c) Mobile phase at a flow rate of about 1 mL per minute, and (d) an ultraviolet photometer set at 224 nm.

To determine the suitability of the chromatographic system, chromatograph Standard preparation having a known concentration of 60  $\mu\text{g}$  per mL and record the peak responses as directed under Procedure and Calculation: the symmetry factor for the andrographolide peak is not more than 2.0 and the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.0 per cent.

**Procedure and Calculation** Separately inject about 20  $\mu\text{L}$  each of Standard preparations into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms and measure the responses for the major peaks. Plot the readings and draw the standard curve of best fit. Inject about 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of Sample preparation into the chromatograph, record the chromatogram and measure the response for the major peak. By reference to the standard curve, calculate the content of andrographolide ( $C_{20}H_{30}O_5$ ) in the Andrographis Herb taken.

**Dose** 0.5 to 2 g four times a day after meals and at bedtime.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Ethanolic Extract of the Aerial Parts of *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm. f.) Nees, Detected with 3,5-Dinitrobenzoic Acid/Potassium Hydroxide in Methanol  
 1 = solution (A)  
 2 = a 0.4 per cent w/v solution of dehydroandrographolide in ethanol  
 3 = solution (B)  
 4 = a 0.2 per cent w/v solution of neoandrographolide in ethanol

## ยาแคปซูลฟ้าทะลาย (FA THALAI CAPSULES)

Andrographis Capsules

**Category** Antidiarrheal, antipyretic, anti-inflammatory in laryngitis.

Andrographis Capsules contain an amount of powdered Andrographis Herb equivalent to not less than 80.0 per cent and not more than 120.0 per cent of the labelled amount of total lactones, calculated as andrographolide ( $C_{20}H_{30}O_5$ ), and on the dried basis.

**Strengths available** 250, 300, 350, and 500 mg (powder).

**Dose** Antidiarrheal: 0.5 to 2 g four times a day after meals and at bedtime.

Laryngitis: 0.75 to 1.5 g four times a day after meals and at bedtime.

**Contra-indication** It is contra-indicated in pregnant and nursing women and in patients with known allergy to plants of the Acanthaceae family.

### Warning

1. It should not be used for more than 2 days as antidiarrheal and for more than 7 days as anti-inflammatory in laryngitis.
2. Concomitant use with anticoagulants, antiplatelets and antihypertensives should be avoided.

**Additional information** Animal studies show that andrographolide may increase a risk for carcinogenicity. Risk-benefit should be therefore considered when consuming. However, clinical data is not available at present.

**Packaging and storage** Andrographis Capsules shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place and at a temperature not exceeding 30°.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the equivalent amount of total lactones, calculated as andrographolide; (2) the amount of andrographolide in mg per capsule; (3) the expiration date.

### Identification

- A. The capsule contents exhibit diagnostic structures of the powdered drug described under *Andrographis Herb*.
- B. The capsule contents comply with the tests for Identification A, B and C described under *Andrographis Herb*.

**Loss on drying** Of the capsule contents, not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Microbial limit** Comply with the requirements for Category 4 in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Andrographolide content** Not less than 1.0 per cent w/w of andrographolide ( $C_{20}H_{30}O_5$ ). Carry out the determination as described in the "Liquid Chromatography" (Appendix 3.5).

**Mobile phase** Prepare a mixture of 52 volumes of *distilled water* and 48 volumes of *methanol*. Make adjustments if necessary.

**Standard preparations** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of *andrographolide* in sufficient *methanol* and dilute with *Mobile phase* to obtain a stock solution having a known concentration of about 200 µg per mL. Dilute this solution quantitatively, and stepwise with *Mobile phase* to obtain six solutions having known concentrations of 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, and 140 µg per mL.

**Sample preparation** Remove, as completely as possible, the contents of not less than 20 Andrographis Capsules, and grind to *fine powder*. Transfer about 400 mg, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL round-bottomed flask. Add 50 mL of a mixture of equal volumes of *dichloromethane* and *methanol*, reflux in a water-bath for 30 minutes, and filter. Evaporate the filtrate at 50° under reduced pressure to dryness and dissolve the residue in sufficient *methanol*. Transfer quantitatively to a 100-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume and mix. Filter through a nylon membrane having a 0.45- $\mu\text{m}$  porosity.

**Chromatographic system** The chromatographic procedure may be carried out using (a) a stainless steel column (15 cm  $\times$  3.9 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (5  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (b) a guard column (20 mm  $\times$  3.9 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (5  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (c) *Mobile phase* at a flow rate of about 1 mL per minute, and (d) an ultraviolet photometer set at 224 nm.

To determine the suitability of the chromatographic system, chromatograph *Standard preparation* having a known concentration of 60  $\mu\text{g}$  per mL and record the peak responses as directed under *Procedure* and *Calculation*: the symmetry factor for the andrographolide peak is not more than 2.0 and the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.0 per cent.

**Procedure and Calculation** Separately inject about 20  $\mu\text{L}$  each of *Standard preparations* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms and measure the responses for the major peaks. Plot the readings and draw the standard curve of best fit. Inject about 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of *Sample preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatogram and measure the response for the major peak. By reference to the standard curve, calculate the content of andrographolide ( $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_5$ ) in the portion of the Capsules taken.

**Assay** Grind the contents of not less than 20 Andrographis Capsules to *fine powder*. Transfer about 1 g, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL round-bottomed flask. Add 50 mL of *ethanol* (85 per cent), reflux in a water-bath for 2 hours and filter. Wash the marc with sufficient amount of *ethanol* (85 per cent) until the last washing is almost colourless. Combine the washings and the filtrate and allow to cool. Add 1 mL of *basic lead acetate TS*, set aside for 15 minutes, filter, and wash the precipitate with *ethanol* until the last washing is no longer green. Combine the washings and the filtrate, add dropwise with swirling 1 mL of a 25 per cent w/v solution of *sodium sulfate* and mix well. Set aside for 1 hour, add 500 mg of *decolorizing charcoal*, and reflux in a water-bath for 10 minutes. Filter through the Büchner funnel containing 500 mg of *decolorizing charcoal* and wash with three 2-mL portions of hot *ethanol*. Combine the washings and the filtrate, add 20 mL of *distilled water*, allow to cool, and neutralize with 0.1 M *sodium hydroxide*, using *phenolphthalein TS* as indicator. Add 5.0 mL of 0.1 M *sodium hydroxide VS*, reflux in a water-bath for 30 minutes, allow to cool, and titrate with 0.05 M *hydrochloric acid VS*. Perform a blank determination (Residual Titrations, Appendix 6:17). Each mL of 0.1 M *sodium hydroxide VS* is equivalent to 35.05 mg of total lactones calculated as andrographolide ( $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_5$ ).

**Other requirements** Comply with the requirements described under "Capsules" (Appendix 1.16H).

## ยาชงฟ้าทะลาย (YA CHONG FA THALAI)

Andrographis Tea

**Category** Antidiarrheal, antipyretic, anti-inflammatory in laryngitis.

**Andrographis Tea contains an amount of powdered Andrographis Herb equivalent to not less than 80.0 per cent and not more than 120.0 per cent of the labelled amount of total lactones, calculated as andrographolide (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) on the dried basis.**

**Strengths available** 1 and 1.5 g (powder), supplied in a sachet.

**Dose** One 1.5-g sachet or two 1-g sachets, prepared as an infusion by soaking in 200 mL of boiling water for 3 to 5 minutes; take three times a day for the 1.5-g sachet or twice a day for the 1-g sachet, before meals.

**Contra-indication** It is contra-indicated in pregnant and nursing women and in patients with known allergy to plants of the Acanthaceae family.

### Warning

1. It should not be used for more than 2 days as antidiarrheal and for more than 7 days as anti-inflammatory in laryngitis.
2. Concomitant use with anticoagulants, antiplatelets and antihypertensives should be avoided.

**Additional information** Animal studies show that andrographolide may increase a risk for carcinogenicity. Risk-benefit should be therefore considered when consuming. However, clinical data is not available at present.

**Packaging and storage** Andrographis Tea shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place and at a temperature not exceeding 30°.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the equivalent amount of total lactones, calculated as andrographolide; (2) the amount of andrographolide in mg per sachet; (3) the expiration date.

### Identification

A. The tea contents exhibit diagnostic structures of the powdered drug described under *Andrographis Herb*.

B. The tea contents comply with the tests for Identification A, B and C described under *Andrographis Herb*.

**Loss on drying** Of the Tea contents, not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Microbial limit** Complies with the requirements for Category 2 in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Andrographolide content** Not less than 1.0 per cent w/w of andrographolide (C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>5</sub>) Carry out the determination as described in the "Liquid Chromatography" (Appendix 3.5).

**Mobile phase** Prepare a mixture of 52 volumes of *distilled water* and 48 volumes of *methanol*. Make adjustments if necessary.

**Standard preparations** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of *andrographolide* in sufficient *methanol* and dilute with *Mobile phase* to obtain a stock solution having a known concentration of about 200 µg per mL. Dilute this solution quantitatively and stepwise with *Mobile phase* to obtain six solutions having known concentrations of 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, and 140 µg per mL.

**Sample preparation** Grind the contents of not less than 20 sachets of Andrographis Tea to *fine powder*. Transfer about 400 mg, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL round-bottomed flask. Add 50 mL of a mixture of equal volumes of *dichloromethane* and *methanol*, reflux in a water-bath for 30 minutes, and filter. Evaporate the filtrate at 50° under reduced pressure to dryness and dissolve the residue in sufficient *methanol*. Transfer quantitatively to a 100-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *Mobile phase* to volume and mix. Filter through a nylon membrane having a 0.45- $\mu\text{m}$  porosity.

**Chromatographic system** The chromatographic procedure may be carried out using (a) a stainless steel column (15 cm  $\times$  3.9 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (5  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (b) a guard column (20 mm  $\times$  3.9 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (5  $\mu\text{m}$ ), (c) *Mobile phase* at a flow rate of about 1 mL per minute, and (d) an ultraviolet photometer set at 224 nm.

To determine the suitability of the chromatographic system, chromatograph *Standard preparation* having a known concentration of 60  $\mu\text{g}$  per mL and record the peak responses as directed under *Procedure and Calculation*: the symmetry factor for the andrographolide peak is not more than 2.0 and the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.0 per cent.

**Procedure and Calculation** Separately inject about 20  $\mu\text{L}$  each of *Standard preparations* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms and measure the responses for the major peaks. Plot the readings and draw the standard curve of best fit. Inject about 20  $\mu\text{L}$  of *Sample preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatogram and measure the response for the major peak. By reference to the standard curve, calculate the content of andrographolide ( $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_5$ ) in the portion of the Tea taken.

**Assay** Grind the contents of not less than 20 sachets of Andrographis Tea to *fine powder*. Transfer about 1 g, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL round-bottomed flask. Add 50 mL of *ethanol* (85 per cent), reflux in a water-bath for 2 hours and filter. Wash the marc with sufficient amount of *ethanol* (85 per cent) until the last washing is almost colourless. Combine the washings and the filtrate and allow to cool. Add 1 mL of *basic lead acetate TS*, set aside for 15 minutes, filter, and wash the precipitate with *ethanol* until the last washing is no longer green. Combine the washings and the filtrate, add dropwise with swirling 1 mL of a 25 per cent w/v solution of *sodium sulfate* and mix well. Set aside for 1 hour, add 500 mg of *decolorizing charcoal*, and reflux in a water-bath for 10 minutes. Filter through the Büchner funnel containing 500 mg of *decolorizing charcoal* and wash with three 2-mL portions of hot *ethanol*. Combine the washings and the filtrate, add 20 mL of *distilled water*, allow to cool, and neutralize with 0.1 M *sodium hydroxide*, using *phenolphthalein TS* as indicator. Add 5.0 mL of 0.1 M *sodium hydroxide VS*, reflux in a water-bath for 30 minutes, allow to cool, and titrate with 0.05 M *hydrochloric acid VS*. Perform a blank determination (Residual Titrations, Appendix 6.17). Each mL of 0.1 M *sodium hydroxide VS* is equivalent to 35.05 mg of total lactones calculated as andrographolide ( $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_5$ ).

**Other requirements** Complies with the requirements described under "Herbal Teas" (Appendix 1.16H).

## หอม (HOM)

หอมบัว (HOM BUA), หอมแกง (HOM KAENG), หอมเล็ก (HOM LEK)

Allii Ascalonici Bulbus

Shallot

**Category** Carminative, expectorant.

**Shallot is the air-dried bulb of *Allium ascalonicum* L. (*Allium cepa* var. *ascalonicum* Backer) (Family Amaryllidaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5172, BKF 156785, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1143.**

(**Note** The samples used are air-dried in the well-ventilated shade until the outermost bulb scales become dried.)

**Constituents** Shallot contains volatile oil comprising sulfur-containing organic compounds (e.g., diallyl disulfide, dipropyl disulfide, dipropyl trisulfide, methyl propyl trisulfide), flavonoids and their glycosides, saponins, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Biennial herb 20 to 50 cm tall; subterranean bulb ovoid, 1.5 to 5 cm long, 1 to 4 cm wide, often consisting of 1 to 3 bulblets, usually reddish purple. Leaves simple, alternate, basally clustered, blade terete or cylindrical, 10 to 40 cm long, 0.3 to 1 cm wide, apex acuminate, sheathing at base, shiny green. Inflorescence terminal, scapose, umbel-like, globose, subtended by a few membranous spathe-like bracts; peduncle 30 to 45 cm long; pedicel 1.5 to 2 cm long. Flower bisexual, small; tepals 6, white to greenish white, pink or purple, ovate-lanceolate or oblong-lanceolate, 4 to 9 mm long; stamens 6, biseriate, inner filaments dilated at base; ovary superior, consisting of 3 connated carpels, 3-loculed, ovules numerous in each locule, style 1, filiform. Fruit locucidal capsule, 3-lobed. Seed flat, black.

**Description** Odour, acrid and characteristic; taste, acrid.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Ovoid bulbs, 1.5 to 5 cm long, 1 to 4 cm wide, often consisting of 1 to 3 bulblets, reddish purple.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the bulb shows upper and lower epidermis layers, mesophyll and vascular bundles. Upper and lower epidermises, small rectangular cells, some of which containing purple pigment. Mesophyll composed of parenchyma cells, some of which contain rod-shaped crystals and oil globules. Vascular bundles, in mesophyll layers, circularly arranged; vessels, annular, spiral and reticulate.

Shallot in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Typical rod-shaped crystals in some parenchyma cells and small unbranched vessels are characteristic.

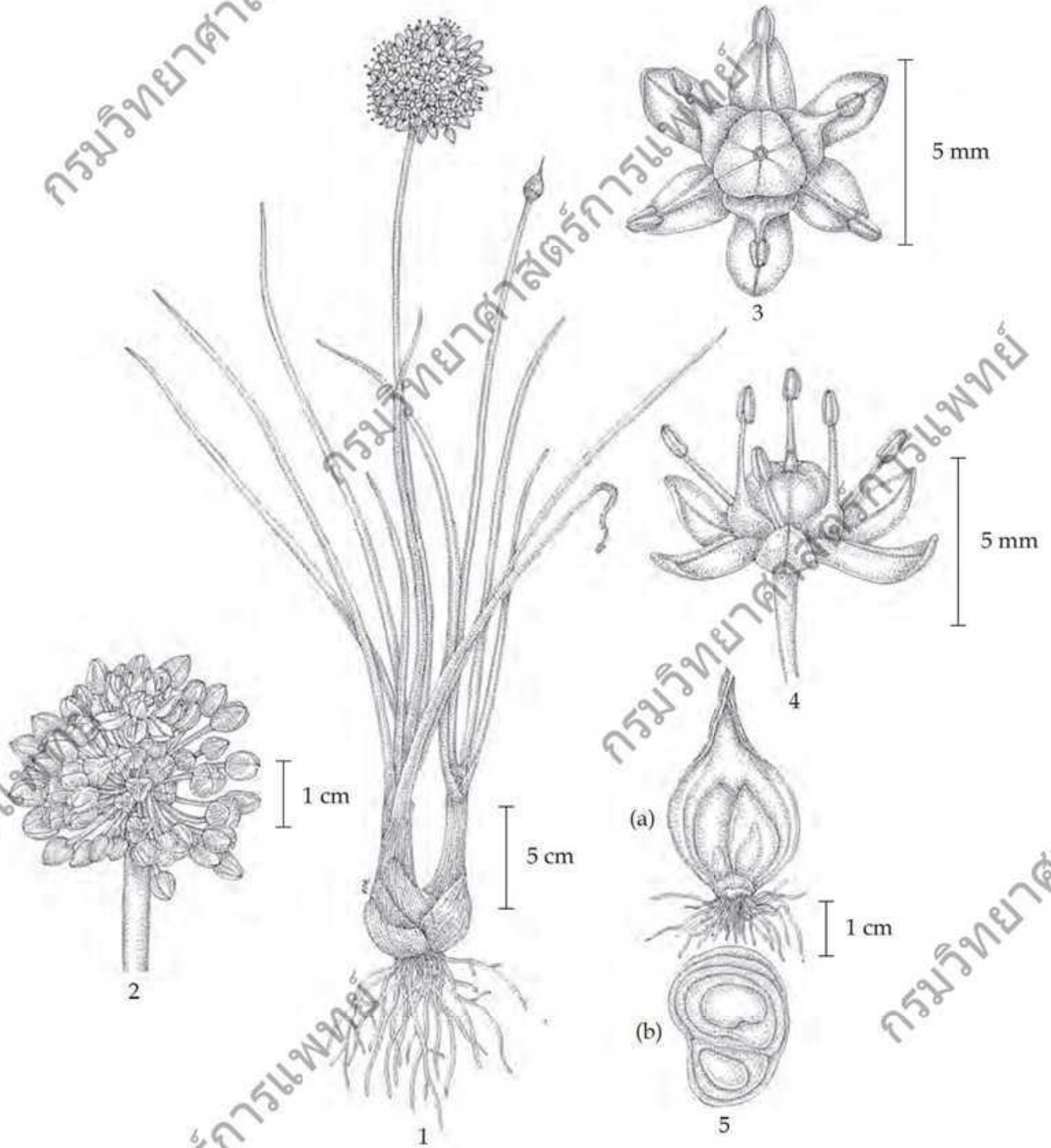
### Additional information

1. It is usually harvested after one crop of cultivation (70 to 110 days) to obtain its bulbs although it is a biennial herb.
2. Traditionally, inhaling the vapour or soaking the head with warm water containing the freshly crushed bulbs could alleviate nasal congestion from common cold.



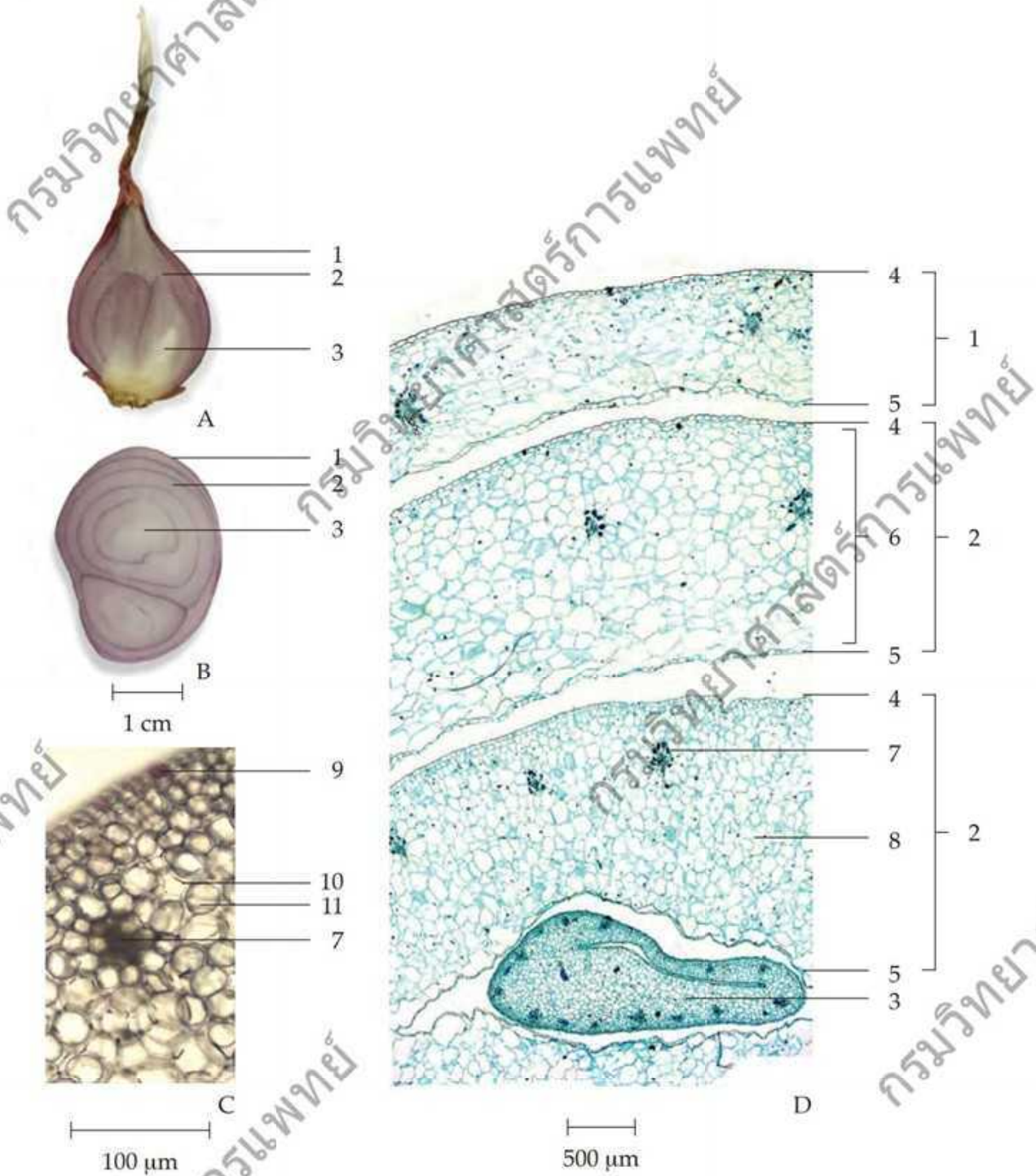
**Fig. 1a** *Allium ascalonicum* L.

- 1. cultivated plants
- 2. habit
- 3. inflorescence
- 4. flowers (in different stages)
- 5. flower (top view)
- 6. and 7. flower (side view)
- 8. crude drug



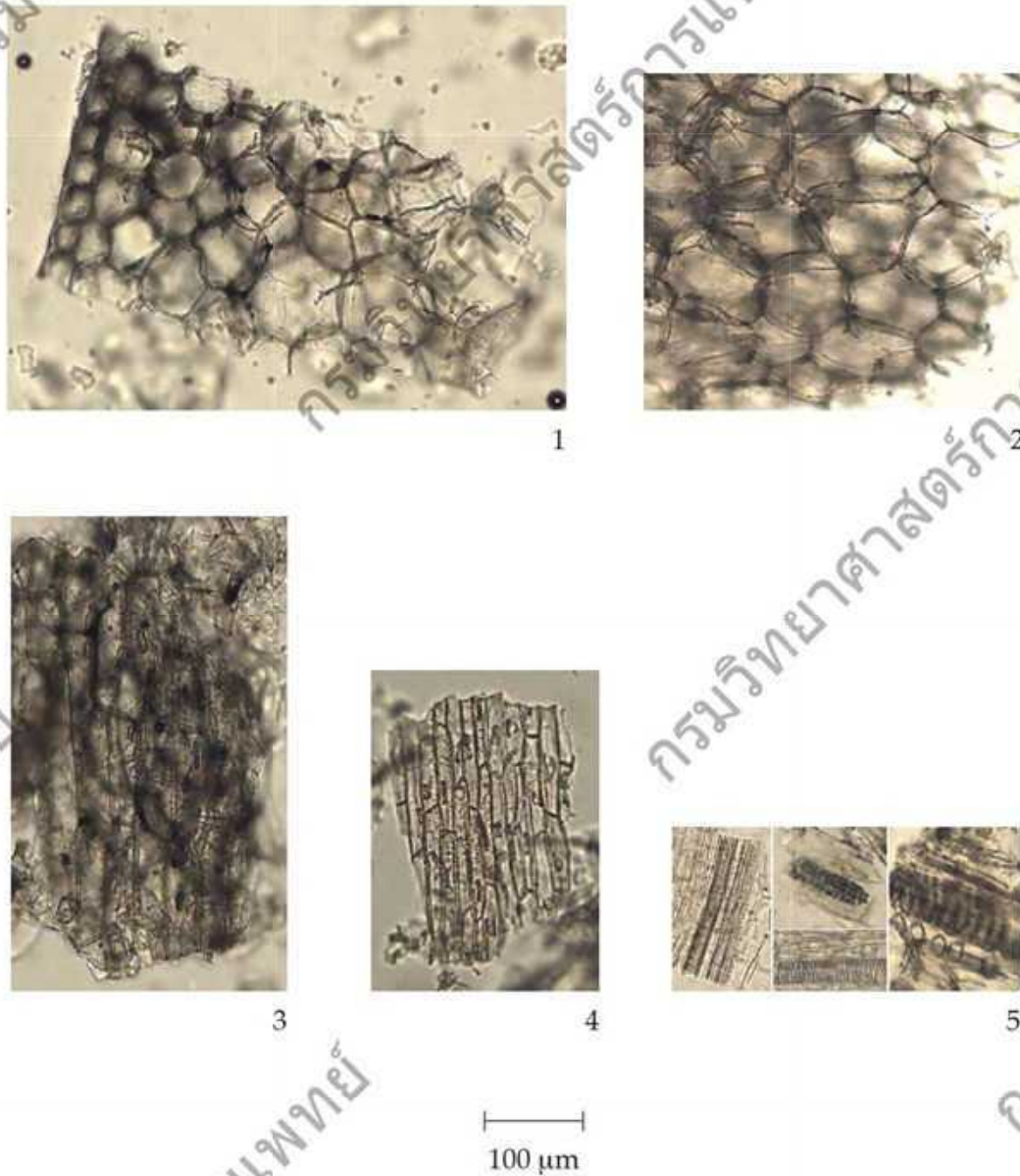
**Fig. 1b** *Allium ascalonicum* L.

- 1. habit showing bulbs, leaves and inflorescences
- 2. inflorescence
- 3. flower (top view)
- 4. flower (side view)
- 5. bulbs in longitudinal view (a) and sectional view (b)



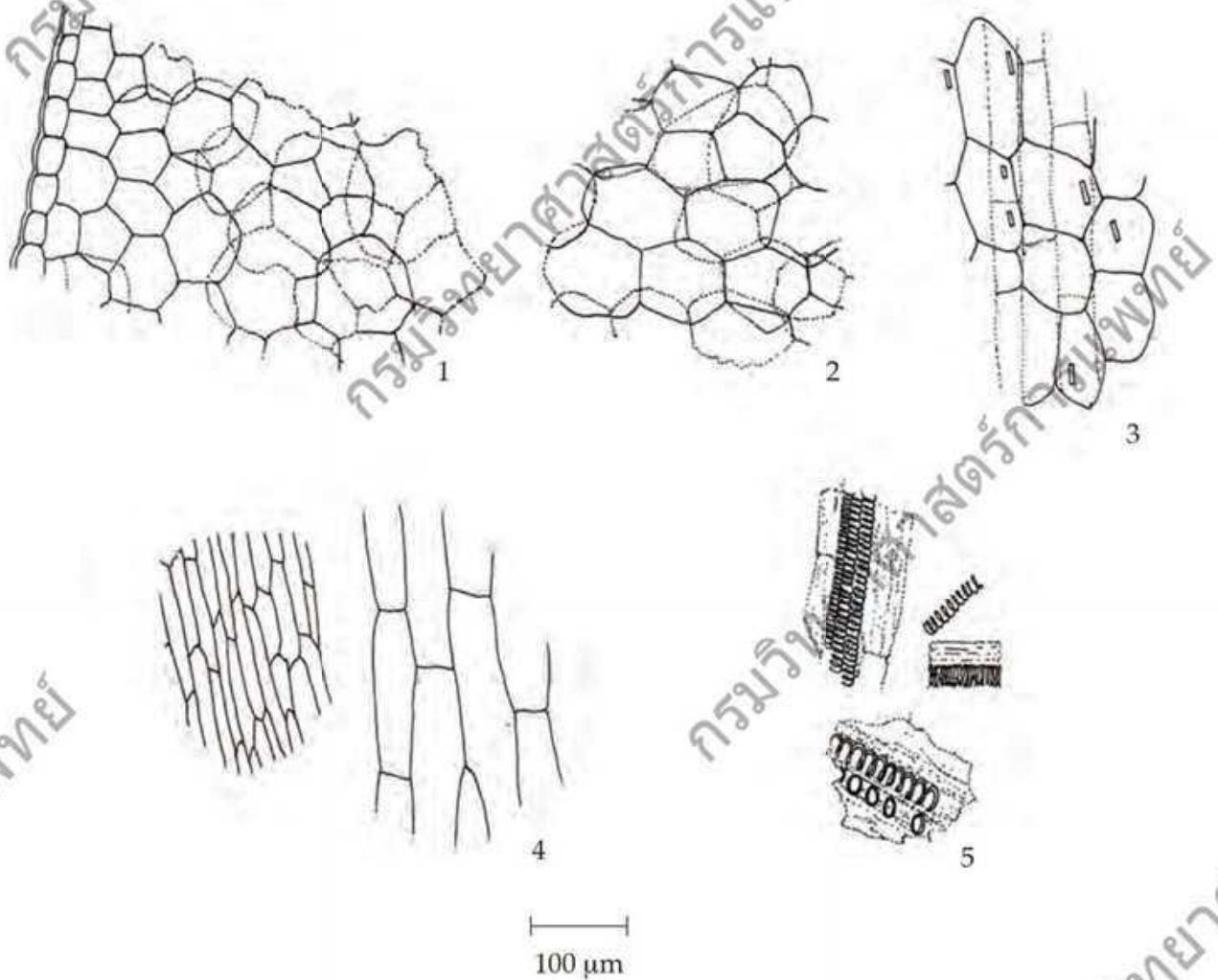
**Fig. 2a** Sections of the Bulb of *Allium ascalonicum* L.  
 A. Longitudinal Section  
 B. Transverse Section  
 C. Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Outer Scale Leaf  
 D. Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of Part of the Bulb, Stained with Safranin-Fast Green

1. outer scale leaf	7. vascular bundle
2. inner scale leaf	8. parenchyma
3. young shoot	9. purple pigment
4. lower epidermis	10. rod-shaped crystal
5. upper epidermis	11. oil globule
6. mesophyll	



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrographs of Powdered Drug of the Dried Bulbs of *Allium ascalonicum* L.

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| 1. epidermis associated with parenchyma in sectional view | 4. epidermis in surface view              |
| 2. parenchyma   | 5. annular, spiral and reticulate vessels |
| 3. parenchyma, some containing rod-shaped crystals        |   |



**Fig. 2c** Line Drawings of Powdered Drug of the Dried Bulbs of *Allium ascalonicum* L.

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|---|---|
| 1. epidermis associated with parenchyma in sectional view | 4. epidermis in surface view              |
| 2. parenchyma   | 5. annular, spiral and reticulate vessels |
| 3. parenchyma, some containing rod-shaped crystals        |   |

**Packaging and storage** Shallot shall be stored in a well-ventilated, dry place, protected from light; under these conditions it may be stored for 6 months after harvesting.

**Identification**

A. Shake 2 g of the crushed, peeled sample with 25 mL of *methanol* for 5 minutes and filter. Dilute 0.5 mL of the filtrate to 2 mL with *methanol*, add 2 drops of *ninhydrin TS* and immerse in a water-bath for a few minutes: a violet-blue colour appears.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 45 volumes of *1-butanol*, 15 volumes of *water*, 15 volumes of *1-propanol*, and 15 volumes of *glacial acetic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate, 4  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by refluxing 30 g of the crushed, peeled sample, with 50 mL of *ethanol* on a water-bath for 30 minutes. Cool, filter, evaporate the filtrate to dryness, and dissolve the residue in 1.0 mL of *ethanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air. Spray the plate with *ethanolic ninhydrin TS* and heat at 110° for 10 minutes. Several spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Ethanolic Extract of the Bulbs of *Allium ascalonicum* L.

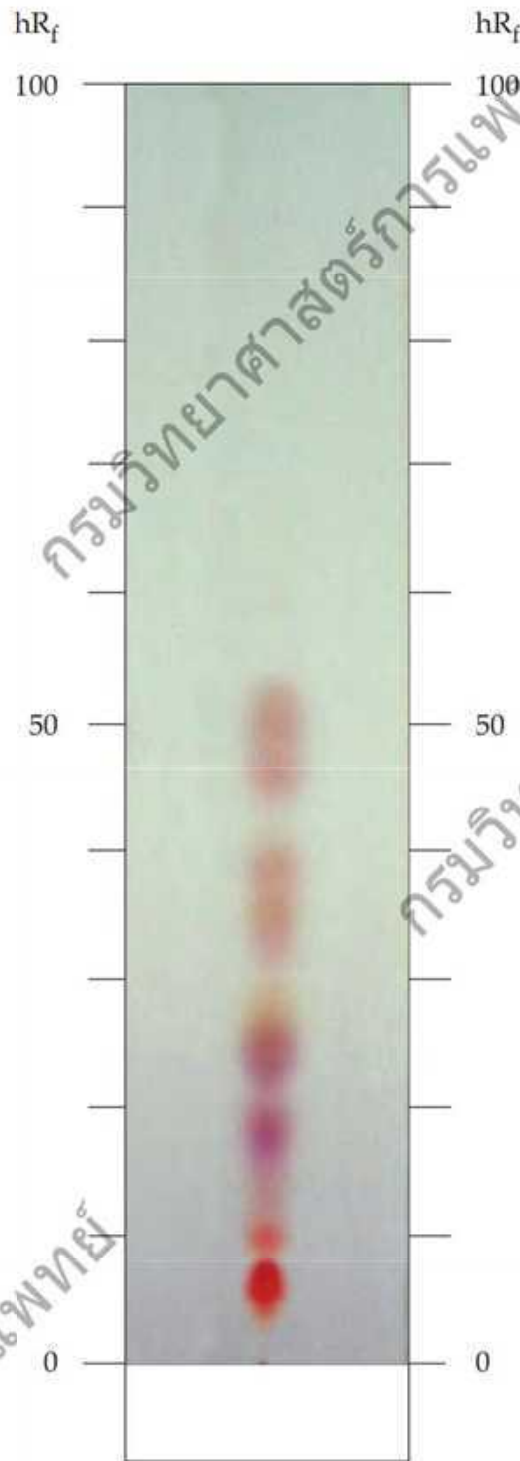
Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection
		Ethanolic Ninhydrin TS
1	5-8	orange
2	9-11	orange
3	18-20	pink
4	21-26	pink
5	26-29	pale yellow
6	32-36	reddish brown
7	36-40	reddish brown
8	44-49	reddish brown
9	50-53	reddish brown

**Water** Not more than 87.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Total ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Dose** 15 to 30 g as a decoction.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Ethanolic Extract of the Bulbs of *Allium ascalonicum* L., Detected with *Ethanol*ic Ninhydrin TS

## กัญชา, เรือนช่อดอกเพศเมีย (KANCHA, RUEAN CHO DOK PHET MIA)

กะหลี่กัญชา (KALI KANCHA), กัญชา (KANCHA), กะเต็น (KATEN), ซา (SA)  
*Cannabis Sativae Inflorescentia Femina*  
*Cannabis*

**Synonyms** Ganja, Marihuana, Marijuana

**Category** Psychotropic, appetite enhancer, sleep aid.

**Cannabis** is the dried female flowering top of *Cannabis sativa* L. [*C. indica* Lam., *C. ruderalis* Janisch., *C. ruderalis* (Janisch.) S. Z. Liou, *C. sativa* subsp. *indica* (Lam.) E. Small & Cronquist, *C. sativa* var. *indica* (Lam.) Wehmer] (Family Cannabaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5268, Crude Drug Number DMSc 1188.

**Constituents** Cannabis contains cannabinoids (e.g., cannabidiol or CBD,  $\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinol or  $\Delta^9$ -THC or THC). It also contains monoterpenes (e.g., *d*-limonene,  $\beta$ -myrcene,  $\alpha$ -pinene,  $\gamma$ -terpinolene), sesquiterpenes (e.g.,  $\beta$ -caryophyllene,  $\alpha$ -humulene), etc.

**Description of the plant** (Fig. 1) Herbaceous plant, dioecious, occasionally monoecious, 0.2 to 6 m tall; stem and branches angular, erect, covered with rather short stiff hairs. Leaves palmately compound, opposite near base, spirally arranged upwards; petiole up to 10 cm long, pubescent; stipule erect, linear or narrowly subulate, 4 to 6 mm long, persistent; leaflets (3–) 5 to 11, narrowly lanceolate, linear to linear-lanceolate, 2 to 15 cm long, 0.2 to 2 cm wide, apex acuminate-caudate, base narrowly cuneate, margin coarsely serrate, upper surface dark green, scabrous, lower surface whitish green with scattered brownish resinous dots, densely pubescent with appressed hairs, nerves 8 to 20 pairs; sessile. Flowering top numerous inflorescences, terminal or axillary; male inflorescence diffused and paniculate, bracts small; female inflorescence, crowded among foliaceous bracts, 1 to 5 cm long. Flower small, unisexual; male flower: yellowish green, tepals 5, free, elliptic or oblong, 3 to 5 mm long, 1.5 to 2 mm wide, apex acute, margin entire, finely pubescent; stamens 5, opposite tepals, filament slender, 0.5 to 1 mm long, anther basifixed, oblong, 2-celled, dehiscing by apical pore; female flower: greenish, subsessile, enveloped by perigonal bract, membranous spathe-like, dark green, with glandular hairs; tepals fused into thin-textured tube adnate to ovary, in some cultivars, merely a ring at base of ovary; ovary superior, subglobose, 1 to 2 mm in diameter, 1-loculed, style short divided into 2 stigmatic slender arms, brown, pubescent, caducous. Fruit an achene, ovoid or ellipsoid, 2 to 5 mm long, 3 to 4 mm wide, somewhat compressed, minutely pilose to glabrous, shiny, yellowish brown to white or greenish, mottled with purple pericarp crustaceous, finely reticulate. Seed 1.

**Description** Odour, sweet, ranging from intense smell of ripe mango, orange peel, to minty in fresher specimens, to odourless in older samples; taste, bland, with slightly bitter aftertaste.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1) Cannabis occurs as stem, leaves, and female inflorescences, light green to brownish. Stem, angular, covered with rather short, stiff hairs. Leaves, palmately compound or reduced to simple. Female inflorescence, crowded among foliaceous bracts, 1 to 5 cm long; female flower, enveloped by perigonal bract, membranous spathe-like, dark green, with glandular hairs; tepals fused into thin-textured tube adnate to ovary, in some cultivars; ovary, subglobose, minute.

*Microscopical* (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h) Transverse section of the reduced leaf of the female flowering top through the midrib and the lamina shows upper epidermis, mesophyll, vascular tissue, and lower epidermis. Upper epidermis: a layer of rectangular cells, covered with cuticle layer; stomata; unicellular trichomes with cystolith; glandular trichomes with short stalk. Mesophyll: a layer of cylindrical palisade cells, some containing rosette aggregate crystals; spongy cells, irregularly shaped, loosely arranged, some containing rosette aggregate crystals; collenchyma, angular and lacunar; and parenchyma, some containing rosette aggregate crystals, occurring in the upper and lower parts of the midrib. Vascular tissue: phloem and xylem, scattering in the mesophyll. Lower epidermis: a layer of small rectangular cells, covered with cuticle layer; stomata; unicellular trichomes; glandular trichomes with short stalk; multicellular multiseriate glandular trichomes.

In surface view, the lamina shows upper epidermis, slightly rectangular cells with striation, unicellular trichomes with cystolith and cicatrix; lower epidermis, slightly wavy rectangular cells, anomocytic stomata, cicatrices, unicellular trichomes, clear or cloudy multicellular glandular trichomes, and multicellular multiseriate glandular trichomes.

Transverse section of the peduncle of the female inflorescence shows epidermis, cortex, vascular tissue, and pith. Epidermis: a layer of rectangular cells, covered with cuticle layer; stomata; unicellular trichomes and unicellular trichomes with cystolith; clear or cloudy glandular trichomes with or without short stalk. Cortex: collenchyma, lacunar; parenchyma, some containing rosette aggregate crystals. Vascular tissue: collateral vascular bundles, phloem and xylem; groups of fibres. Pith: parenchyma with reticulate or pitted wall and thin-walled parenchyma, some containing rosette aggregate crystals.

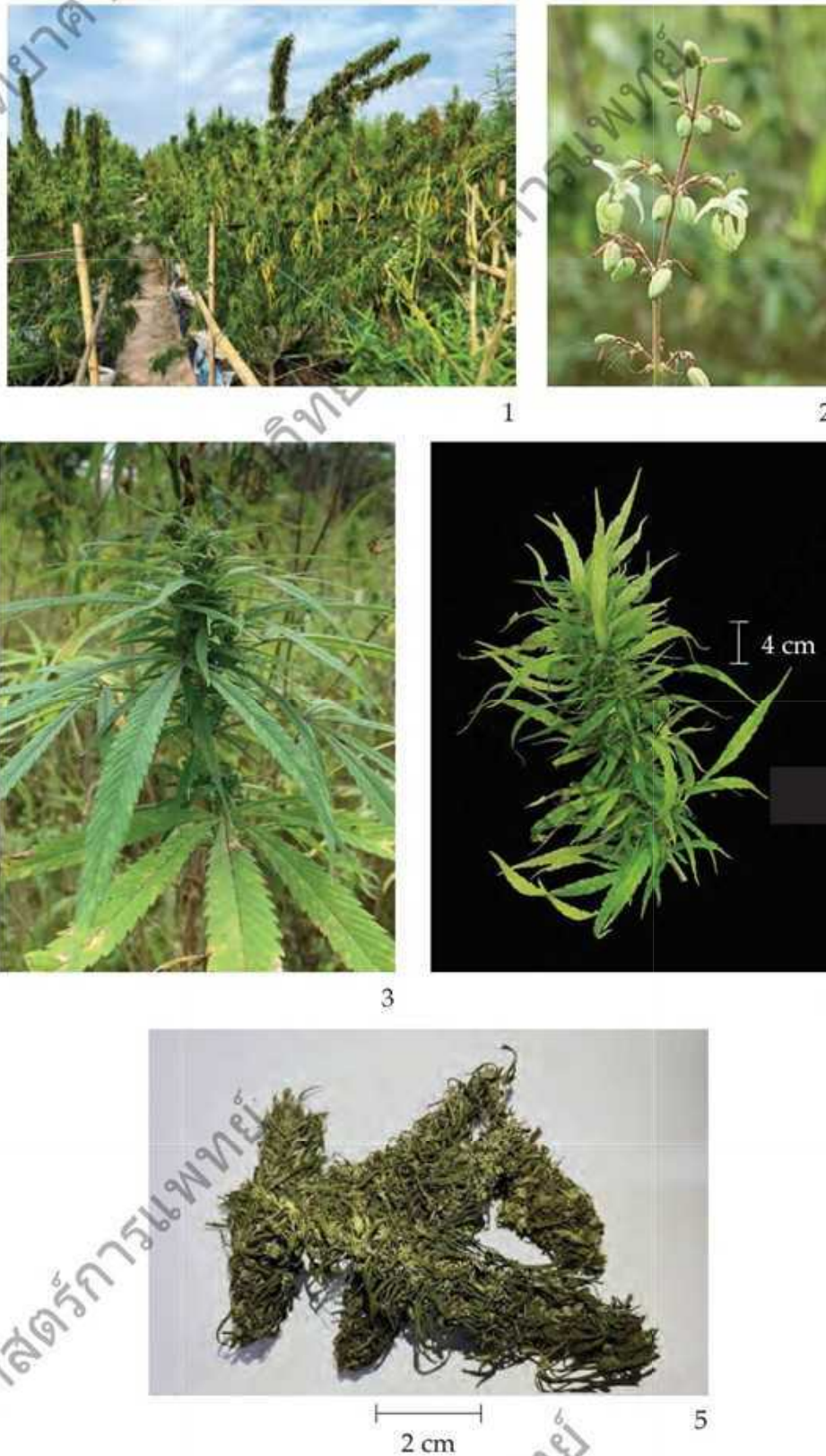
In surface view, the peduncle shows polygonal epidermal cells, some with striation, cicatrices, paracytic stomata, unicellular trichomes, glandular trichomes with short stalk, and clear or cloudy multicellular glandular trichomes.

Transverse section of the stem of the female flowering top shows epidermis, cortex, vascular tissue, and pith. Epidermis: a layer of small rectangular cells, covered with cuticle layer; stomata; unicellular trichomes; clear or cloudy glandular trichomes with or without short stalk; multicellular trichomes. Cortex: collenchyma, lacunar; parenchyma, some containing rosette aggregate crystals and brown substance; groups of fibres. Vascular tissue: collateral vascular bundles, phloem and xylem. Pith: parenchyma with reticulate or pitted-walled parenchyma, some containing rosette aggregate crystals.

In surface view, the stem shows polygonal epidermal cells, some with striation, unicellular trichomes, glandular trichomes with short stalk, cloudy multicellular glandular trichomes and cicatrices.

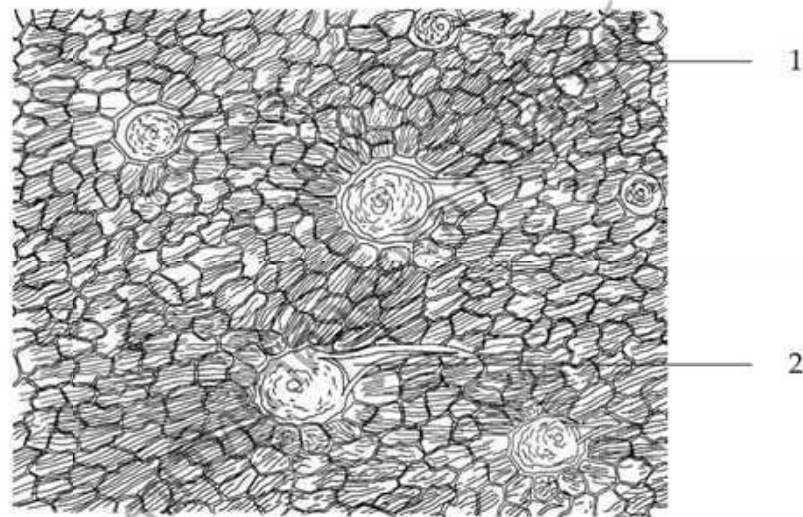
Transverse section of the perigonal bract of the female inflorescence shows upper epidermis, mesophyll, vascular tissue, and lower epidermis. Upper epidermis: a layer of rectangular cells; unicellular trichomes and unicellular trichomes with cystolith; glandular trichomes with short stalk. Mesophyll: a layer of cylindrical palisade cells, some containing rosette aggregate crystals, adjacent to lower epidermis; spongy cells, loosely arranged, some containing rosette aggregate crystals, adjacent to upper epidermis. Vascular tissue: phloem and xylem, located in the mesophyll. Lower epidermis: a layer of rectangular cells; stomata; unicellular trichomes and unicellular trichomes with cystolith; clear or cloudy multicellular multiseriate glandular trichomes.

In surface view, the perigonal bract shows slightly wavy upper epidermal cells, varying in size and shape, some with underlying rosette aggregate crystals, anisocytic stomata, and unicellular trichomes; slightly wavy lower epidermis, varying in size and shape, anomocytic stomata, cicatrices, cloudy multicellular glandular trichomes, and cloudy multicellular multiseriate glandular trichomes.



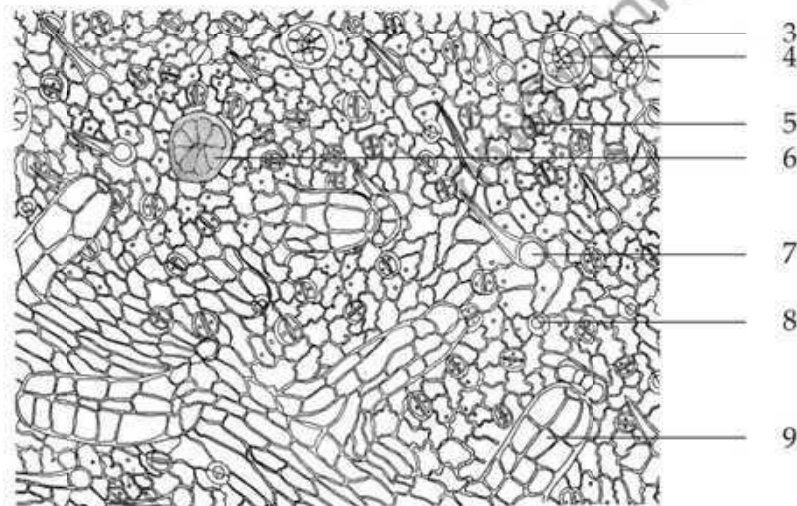
**Fig. 1** *Cannabis sativa* L.

1. habit
2. male inflorescence
3. female inflorescence twig
4. female flowering top
5. crude drug



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Upper Epidermis of the Lamina

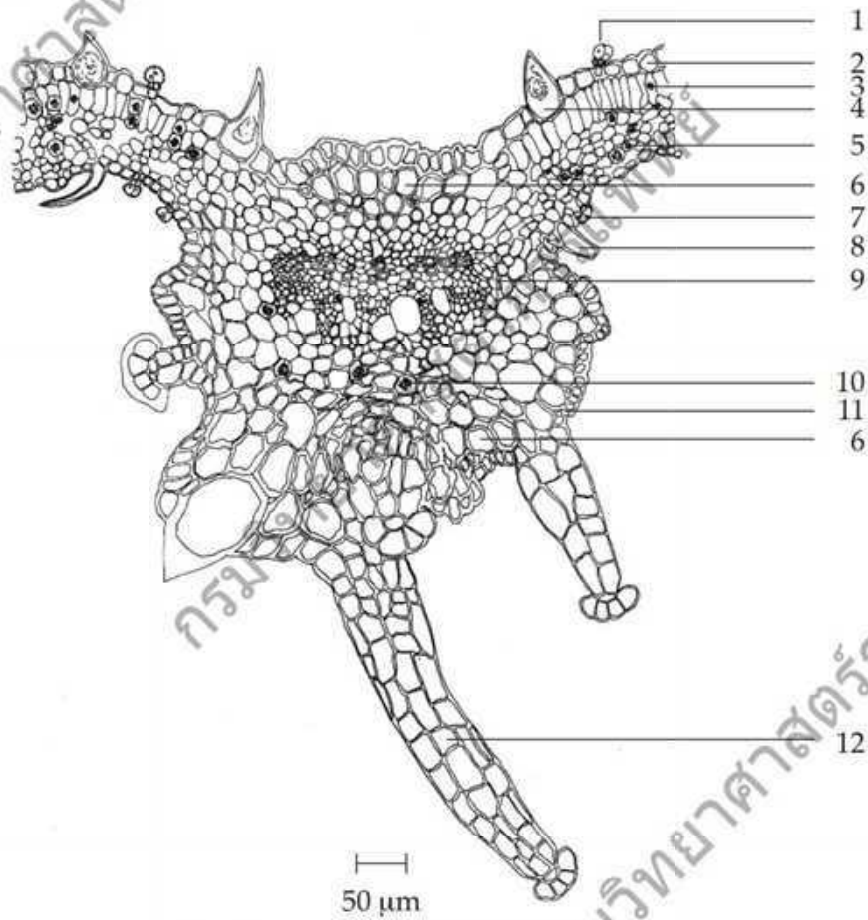


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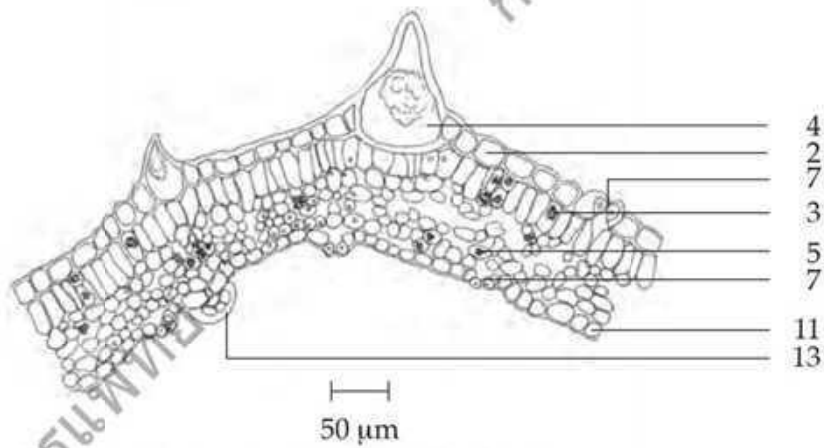
Lower Epidermis of the Lamina

**Fig. 2a** Epidermises of the Reduced Leaf of the Female Flowering Top of *Cannabis sativa* L.

1. upper epidermis with striation	6. cloudy multicellular glandular trichome
2. unicellular trichome with cystolith	7. unicellular trichome
3. lower epidermis	8. cicatrix
4. clear multicellular glandular trichome	9. multicellular multiseriate glandular trichome
5. anomocytic stoma	

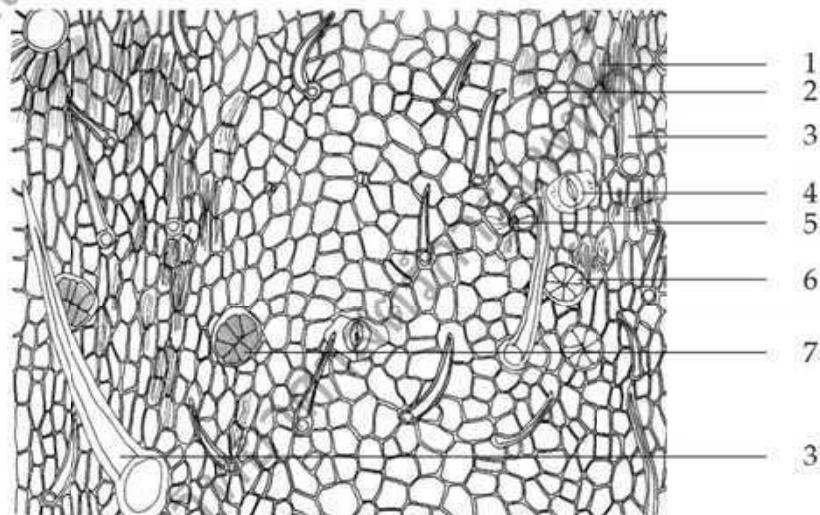


Transverse Section of the Midrib



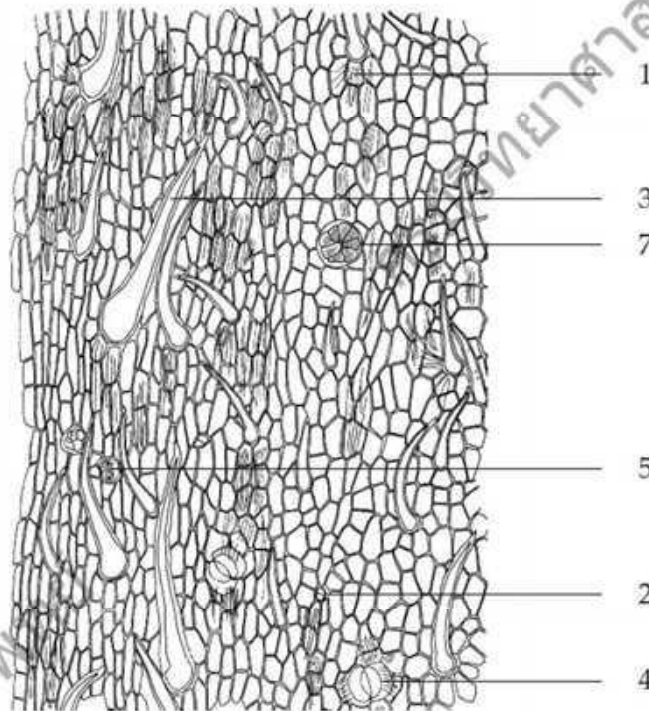
Transverse Section of the Lamina

- Fig. 2b** Transverse Sections of the Reduced Leaf of the Female Flowering Top of *Cannabis sativa* L.
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| 1. glandular trichome with short stalk                | 8. unicellular trichome                             |
| 2. upper epidermis                                    | 9. vascular tissue                                  |
| 3. palisade cell containing rosette aggregate crystal | 10. parenchyma containing rosette aggregate crystal |
| 4. unicellular trichome with cystolith                | 11. lower epidermis                                 |
| 5. spongy cell containing rosette aggregate crystal   | 12. multicellular multiseriate glandular trichome   |
| 6. collenchyma  | 13. multicellular glandular trichome                |
| 7. stoma  |   |



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Epidermis of the Peduncle

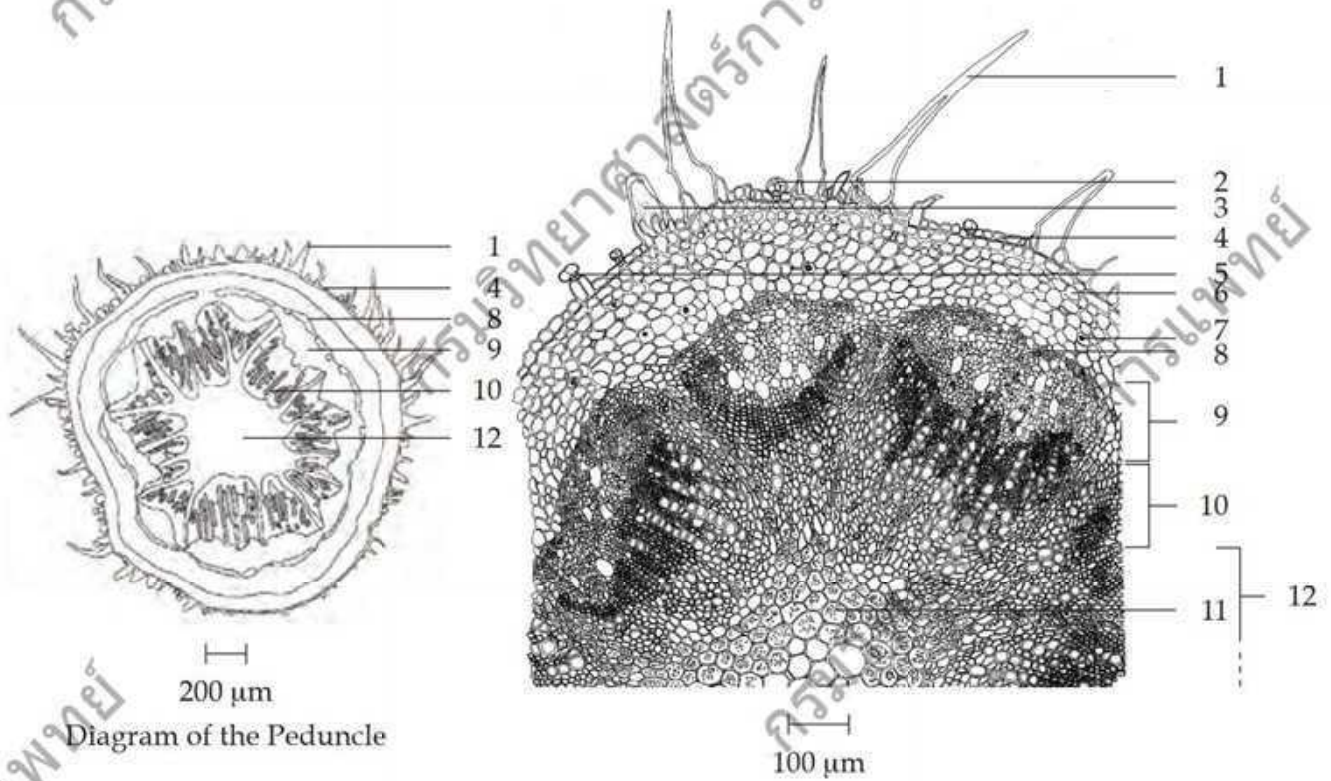


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Epidermis of the Stem

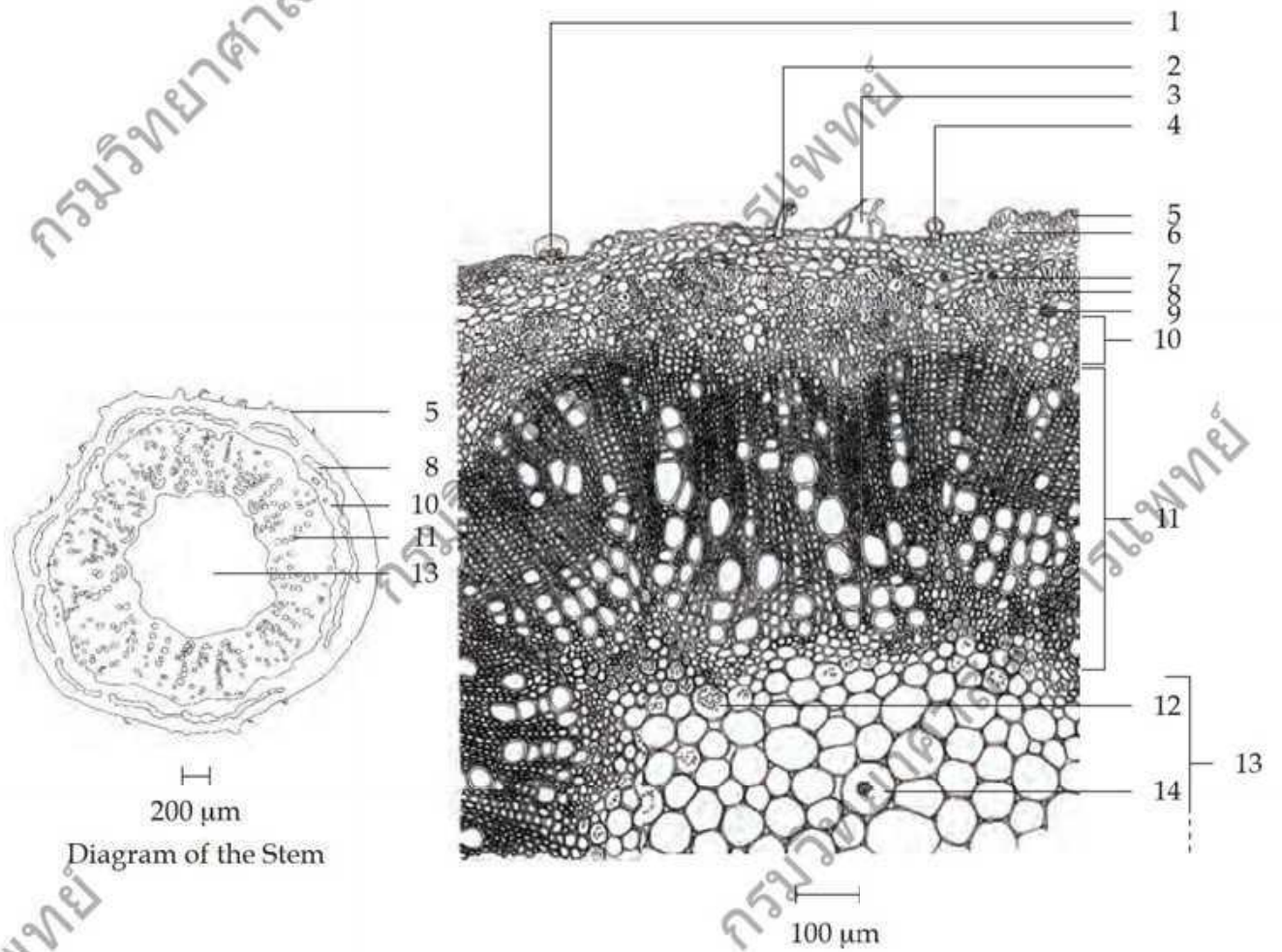
**Fig. 2c** Epidermises of the Peduncle of the Female Inflorescence and the Stem of the Female Flowering Top of *Cannabis sativa* L.

- 1. epidermis with striation
- 2. cicatrix
- 3. unicellular trichome
- 4. paracytic stoma
- 5. glandular trichome with short stalk
- 6. clear multicellular glandular trichome
- 7. cloudy multicellular glandular trichome



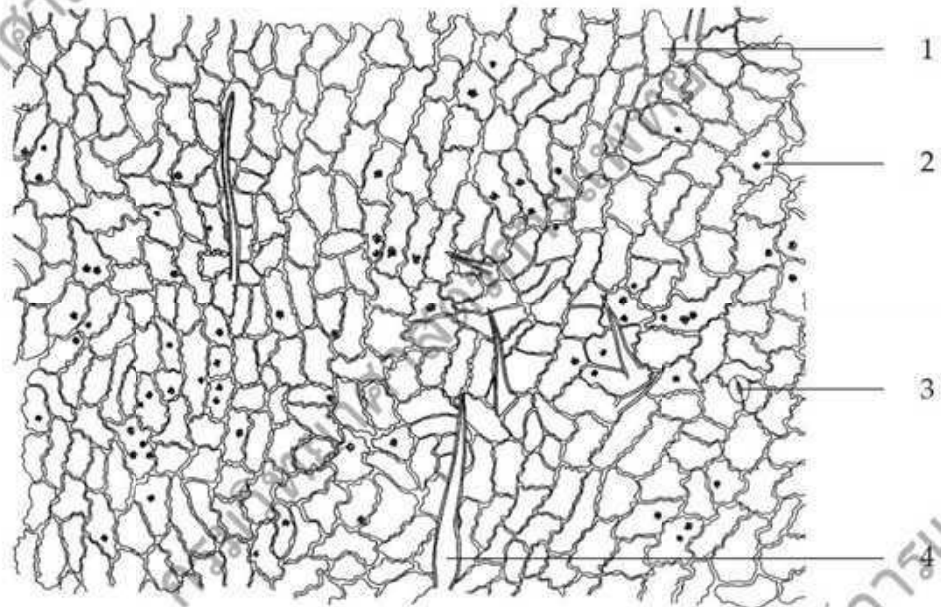
**Fig. 2d** Transverse Section of the Peduncle of the Female Inflorescence of *Cannabis sativa* L.

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| 1. unicellular trichome                            | 8. fibre                        |
| 2. clear multicellular glandular trichome          | 9. phloem                       |
| 3. unicellular trichome with cystolith             | 10. xylem                       |
| 4. epidermis                                       | 11. parenchyma with pitted wall |
| 5. glandular trichome with short stalk             | 12. pith                        |
| 6. collenchyma                                     |                                 |
| 7. parenchyma containing rosette aggregate crystal |                                 |

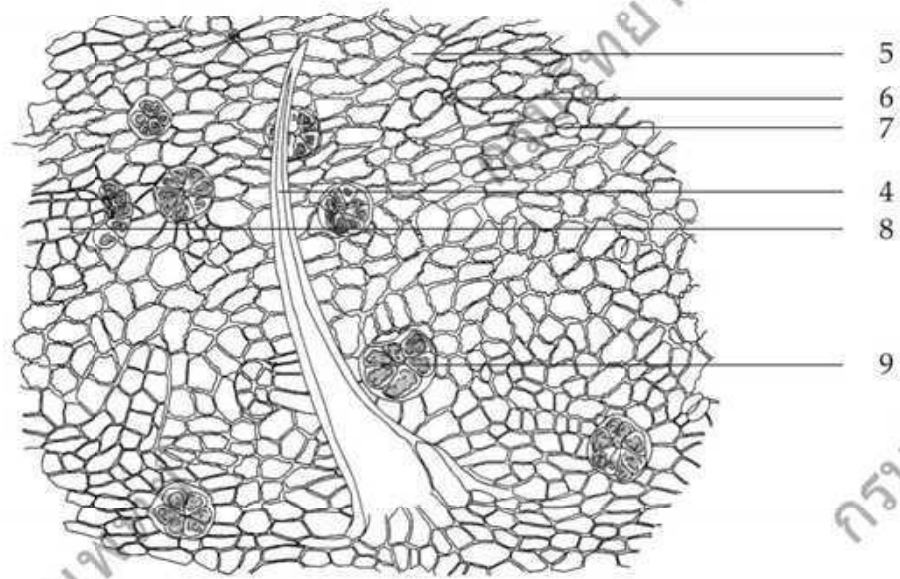


**Fig. 2e** Transverse Section of the Stem of the Female Flowering Top of *Cannabis sativa* L.

1. clear multicellular glandular trichome	8. fibre
2. unicellular trichome	9. brown substance
3. multicellular trichome	10. phloem
4. glandular trichome with short stalk	11. xylem
5. epidermis	12. parenchyma with pitted wall
6. collenchyma	13. pith
7. parenchyma containing rosette aggregate crystal	14. pith parenchyma containing rosette aggregate crystal



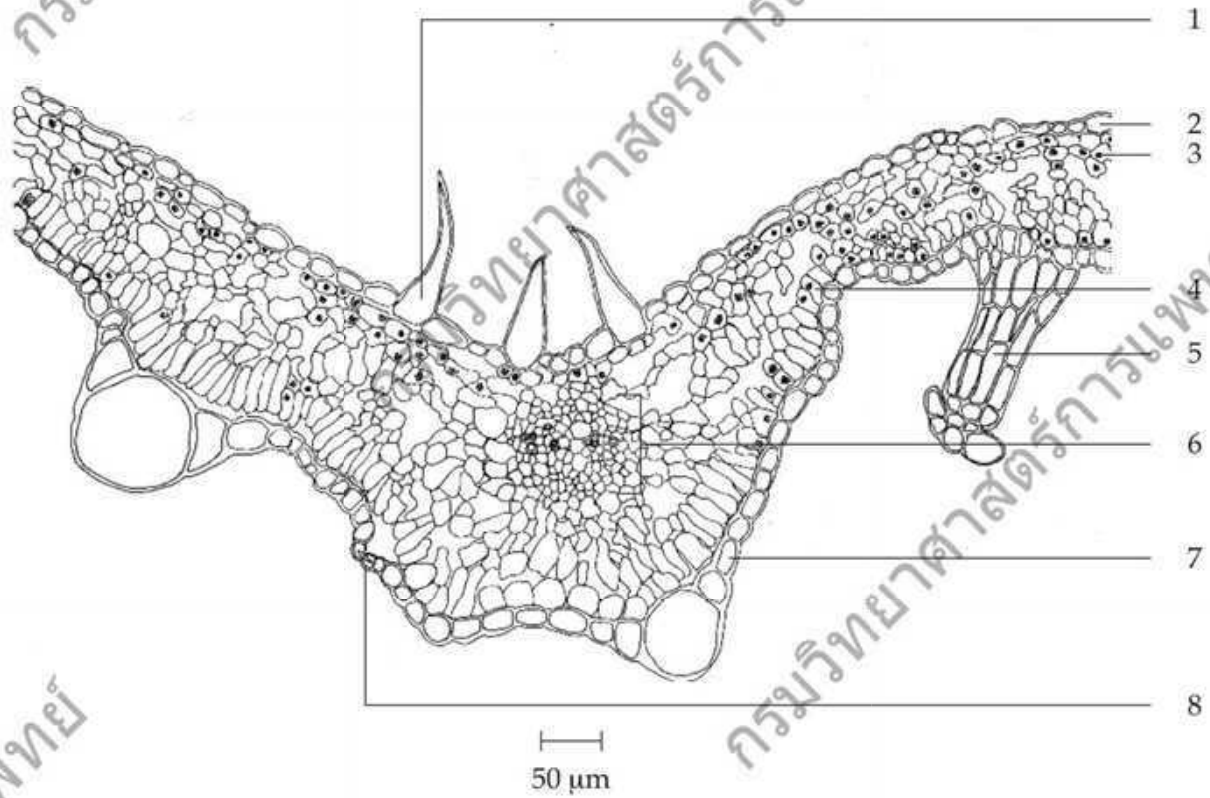
Upper Epidermis of the Perigonal Bract



Lower Epidermis of the Perigonal Bract

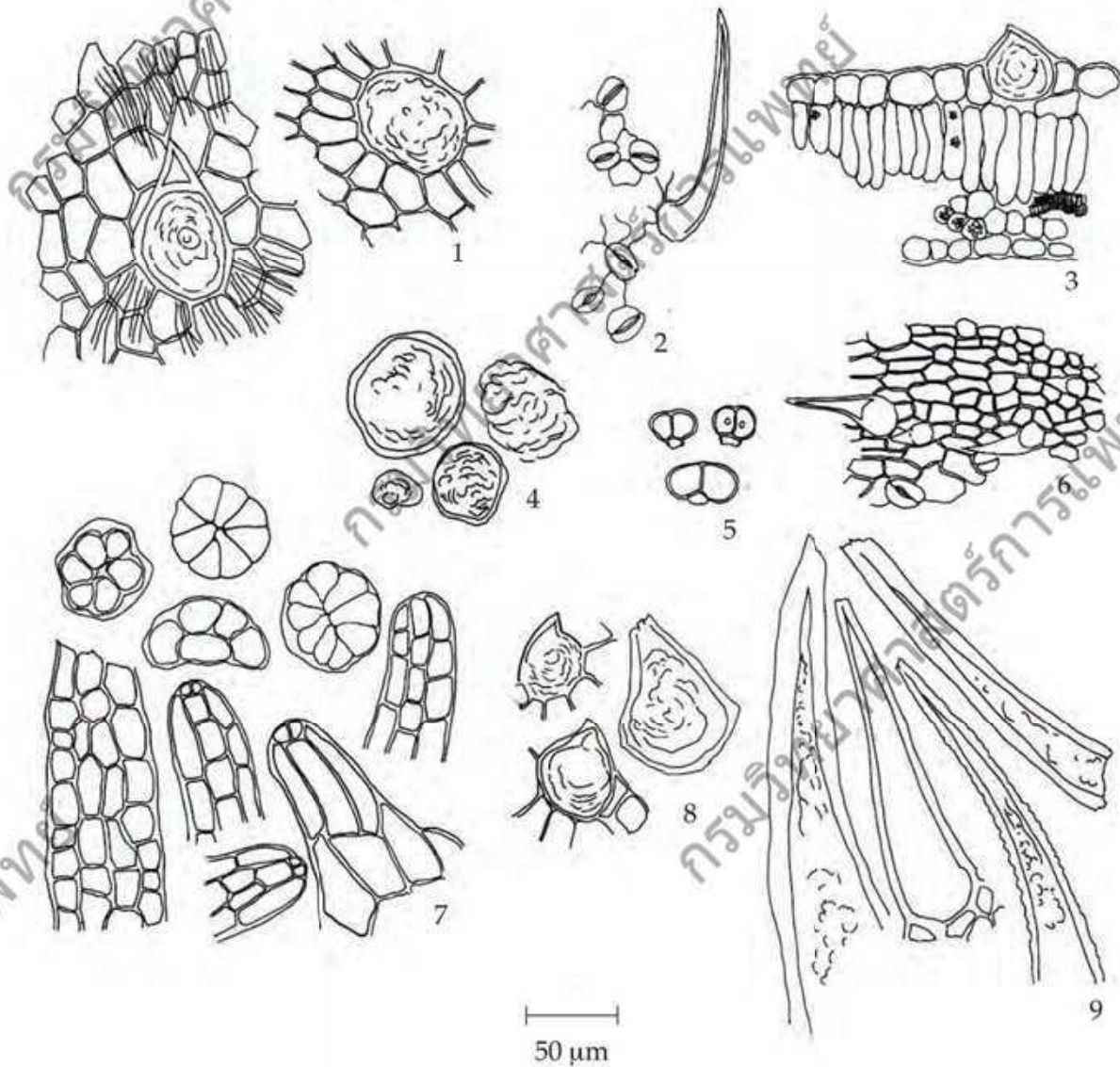
**Fig. 2f** Epidermises of the Perigonal Bract of the Female Inflorescence of *Cannabis sativa* L.

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| 1. upper epidermis                                      | 6. cicatrix   |
| 2. epidermis with underlying rosette aggregate crystals | 7. anomytic stoma                                       |
| 3. anisocytic stoma                                     | 8. cloudy multicellular multiseriate glandular trichome |
| 4. unicellular trichome                                 | 9. cloudy multicellular glandular trichome              |
| 5. lower epidermis                                      |   |



**Fig. 2g** Transverse Section of the Perigonal Bract of the Female Inflorescence of *Cannabis sativa* L.

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| 1. unicellular trichome                               | 5. multicellular multiseriate glandular trichome |
| 2. upper epidermis                                    | 6. vascular tissue                               |
| 3. spongy cell containing rosette aggregate crystal   | 7. lower epidermis                               |
| 4. palisade cell containing rosette aggregate crystal | 8. stoma   |



**Fig. 2h** Powdered Drug of the Female Flowering Tops of *Cannabis sativa* L.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. upper epidermis of the leaf in surface view, showing cuticular striation and unicellular trichome with cystolith</li> <li>2. lower epidermis of the leaf in surface view, showing anomocytic stomata and unicellular trichome</li> <li>3. lamina in sectional view, showing upper and lower epidermises; unicellular trichome with cystolith; palisade and spongy cells, some containing rosette aggregate crystals; and vessels</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. cystolith</li> <li>5. glandular trichomes with short stalk</li> <li>6. epidermis of the peduncle in surface view, showing unicellular trichomes</li> <li>7. fragments of multicellular multiseriate glandular trichomes</li> <li>8. fragments of unicellular trichomes with cystolith and epidermis</li> <li>9. unicellular trichomes with or without cystolith</li> </ol> |
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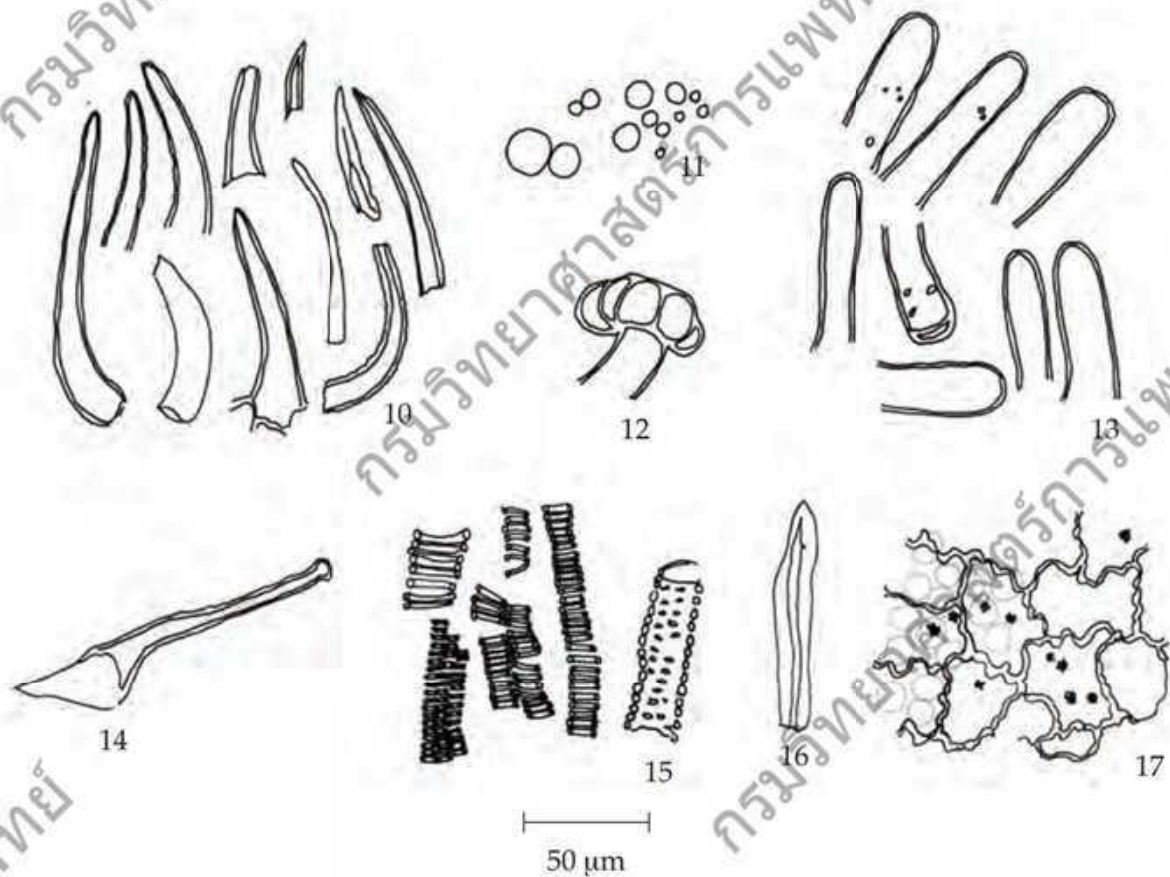


Fig. 2h (continued)

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| 10. fragments of unicellular trichomes           | 15. spiral and pitted vessels  |
| 11. oil droplets                                 | 16. fibre  |
| 12. multicellular glandular trichome from stigma | 17. wavy-walled upper epidermis of the perigonal bract in surface view, with underlying spongy cells, some containing rosette aggregate crystals |
| 13. long papillae from stigma                    |  |
| 14. Long and collapsed papilla from stigma       |  |

Cannabis in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Unicellular trichomes and multicellular multiseriate glandular trichomes can be seen in abundance. However, unicellular trichomes with cystolith, together with glandular trichomes with short stalk, are unique. Long papillae, long and collapsed papillae, and multicellular glandular trichomes, all of which from stigmas, together with wavy-walled upper epidermis of perigonal bracts are found.

#### Additional information

1. It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.
2. It is considered a narcotic under Category 5 of the Narcotics Act B.E. 2522 (1979).
3. It is to be noted that the TLC patterns may vary due to variation in the CBD and THC contents in different cultivars of the cannabis samples.
4. Cannabis plants are ready to harvest when about 75 per cent of the stigmas turn brown.
5. The two major cannabinoids found in cannabis,  $\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinol ( $\Delta^9$ -THC or THC) and cannabidiol (CBD), are initially produced by cannabis in their carboxylic acid forms which are  $\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THCA) and cannabidiolic acid (CBDA), respectively, before converted into  $\Delta^9$ -THC and CBD by heating (e.g., by smoking or baking), light or natural degradation. The conversion process is known as decarboxylation.  $\Delta^9$ -THC is the cannabinoid predominantly responsible for the psychoactive properties of cannabis.
6. Some preparations from a total of 16 cannabis-containing preparations stated under the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health, Re: Prescription of Narcotic Drug Preparations of Category 5 Containing Cannabis for Medical Uses or for Research Purpose B.E. 2562 (2019) may potentially have analgesic effect.

**Packaging and storage** Cannabis shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a cool and dry place.

#### Identification

A. Macerate 100 mg of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *petroleum ether* (boiling range,  $60^\circ$  to  $80^\circ$ ) for 10 minutes and filter. Evaporate 1 mL of the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *methanol*. Add 1 drop of *Fast Blue B salt TS* and 1 drop of a 10 per cent w/v solution of *sodium hydrogen carbonate*: an orange-red colour is produced.

B. The chromatogram of the Sample preparation shows several peaks, one of which corresponds to the tetrahydrocannabinol peak of the Standard preparations, as obtained in the *Tetrahydrocannabinol content*.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using a high-performance plate with *silica gel 60F254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 80 volumes of *petroleum ether* (boiling range,  $60^\circ$  to  $80^\circ$ ) and 20 volumes of *ether* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 8 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, as bands of 7 mm, 10  $\mu$ L of solution (A) and 5  $\mu$ L each of solutions (B) and (C). For solution (A), macerate 100 mg of the sample, in powder, with 5 mL of *methanol*, shake for 10 minutes and filter. Solution (B) contains 1 mg per mL of Tetrahydrocannabinol RS in *ethanol* (Lipomed® or equivalent is suitable.). For solution (C), dissolve 1 mg of Cannabidiol RS in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows two quenching bands ( $hR_f$  values 62 to 68 and 69 to 73), corresponding to the tetrahydrocannabinol and the cannabidiol bands from solutions (B) and (C), respectively. Subsequently, spray the plate with *Fast Blue B salt TS* and examine under visible light. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a red band due to tetrahydrocannabinol and an orange band due to cannabidiol. Several other bands of red colour are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Female Flowering Tops of *Cannabis sativa* L.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	<i>Fast Blue B salt TS</i>
1	3-5	weak quenching	pale red
2	7-9	quenching	pale red
3	11-13	-	pale red
4	19-24	quenching	pale red
5	27-30	weak quenching	pale red
6	35-43	quenching	pale red
7	52-56	-	pale red
8*	62-68	quenching	red
9**	69-73	weak quenching	pale orange

\*tetrahydrocannabinol

\*\*cannabidiol

**Loss on drying** Not more than 9.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 5.0 per cent w/w of stems 3 mm or more in diameter and not more than 2.0 per cent w/w of other foreign matter (e.g., fruits) (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 15.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 14.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Tetrahydrocannabinol content** Not less than 1.0 per cent w/w of tetrahydrocannabinol ( $C_{21}H_{30}O_2$ ). Carry out the determination as described in the "Liquid Chromatography" (Appendix 3.5).

**Mobile phase A** Use *acetonitrile*.

**Mobile phase B** Prepare a 0.1 per cent v/v solution of *trifluoroacetic acid*.

**Standard stock preparation** Use a solution containing 1 mg per mL of Tetrahydrocannabinol RS in *ethanol* (Lipomed® or equivalent is suitable.).

**Standard preparations** Transfer 1.0 mL of *Standard stock preparation* to a 50-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *acetonitrile* to volume and mix. Dilute the solution quantitatively and stepwise with the same solvent to obtain five solutions having known concentrations of 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 µg per mL.

**Sample preparation** Sonicate about 200 mg of *Cannabis*, in *fine powder* and accurately weighed, in 20.0 mL of *acetonitrile* for 20 minutes and filter. Transfer 1.0 mL of the filtrate to a 20-mL volumetric flask, dilute to volume with *acetonitrile* and mix. Filter through a nylon membrane having a 0.45-µm porosity.

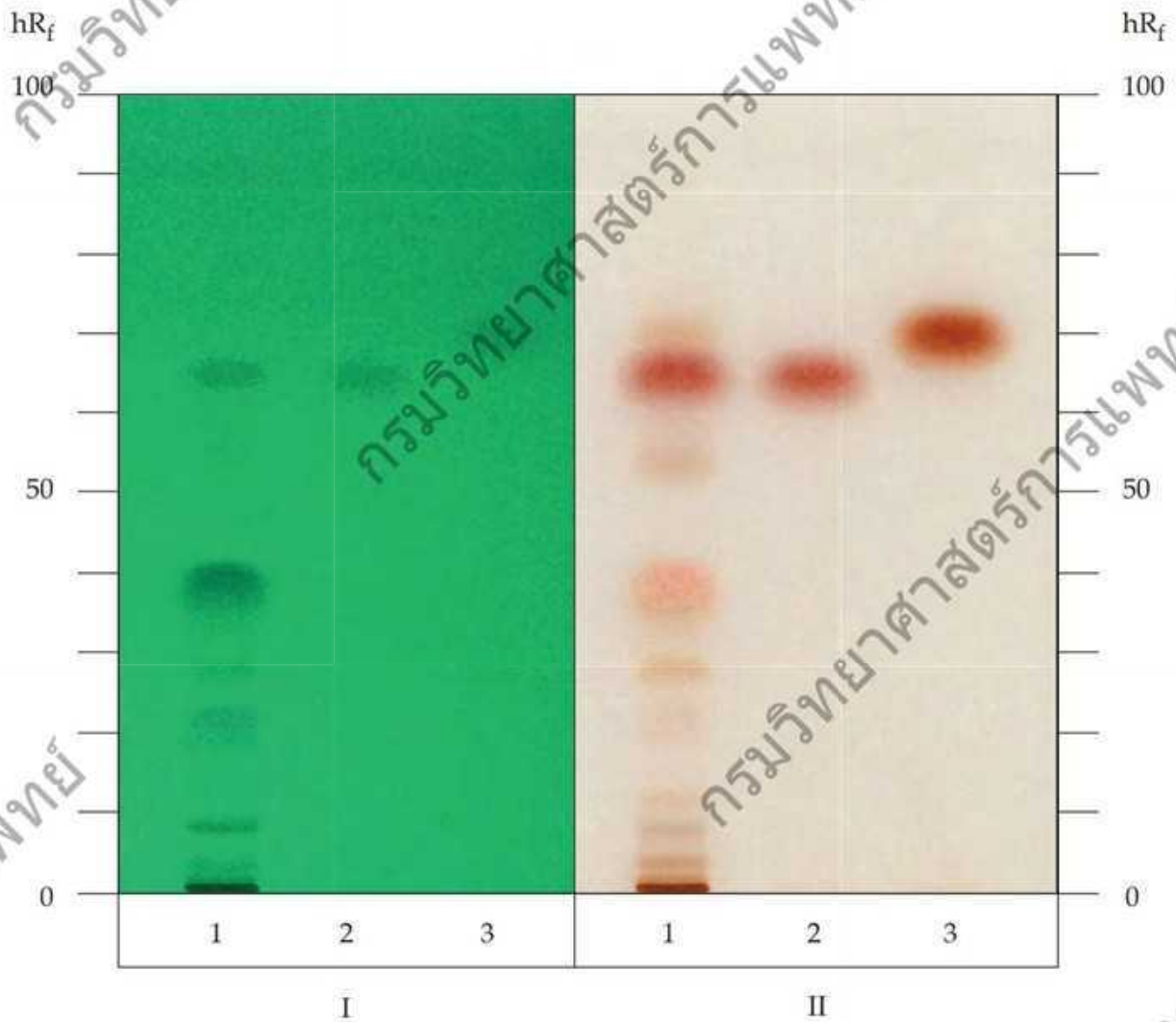
The step gradient of mobile phases is as follows:

Time (Minutes)	Mobile Phase A (Per Cent V/V)	Mobile Phase B (Per Cent V/V)
0	55	45
1	55	45
9	100	0
11	100	0
13	55	45

**Chromatographic system** The chromatographic procedure may be carried out using (a) a stainless steel column (15 cm × 4.6 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (2.7 μm), equipped with a similarly packed guard column (5 mm × 3.9 mm) and maintained at a temperature of 35° ± 1°, (b) *Mobile phase* at a flow rate of about 1.8 mL per minute, and (c) an ultraviolet photometer set at 228 nm.

To determine the suitability of the chromatographic system, chromatograph *Standard preparation* having a known concentration of 6 μg per mL, and record the peak response as directed under *Procedure* and *Calculation*: the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.0 per cent.

**Procedure and Calculation** Separately inject about 25 μL each of *Standard preparations* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms and measure the responses for tetrahydrocannabinol peaks. Plot the readings and draw the standard curve of best fit: the curve shows the correlation coefficient of not less than 0.999. Inject about 25 μL of *Sample preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatogram and measure the response for tetrahydrocannabinol peak. By reference to the standard curve, calculate the content of tetrahydrocannabinol (C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) in the portion of the Cannabis taken.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of Female Flowering Tops of *Cannabis sativa* L.

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- 3 = solution (C)
- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection with *Fast Blue B* salt TS

## กะเพราแดง (KAPHRAO DAENG)

Ocimum tenuiflorum Folium

Holy Basil Leaf

**Category** Pharmaceutical aid (flavouring agent), carminative.

**Holy Basil Leaf** is the dried leaf of the red variety of *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L. [*O. sanctum* L., *O. monochorum* L., *O. album* Blanco, *O. flexuosum* Blanco, *O. nelsonii* Zippelius ex Spanoghe, *O. virgatum* Blanco, *O. brachiatum* Hasskarl, *Moschosma tenuiflorum* (L.) Heynh.] (Family Labiatae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 43, 418, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0273.

**Constituents** Holy Basil Leaf contains up to about 1.7 per cent of volatile oil, of which methyl eugenol, caryophyllene and methyl chavicol are its major components. It also contains  $\beta$ -carotene, sterols, fatty acids, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Herb 30 to 60 cm tall; erect, aromatic, much branched, twigs usually purplish, subquadrangular, clothed with soft spreading hairs, often woody at the base. Leaves simple, opposite, elliptic-oblong or elliptic, 3 to 6 cm long, 1 to 2.5 cm wide, apex acute or obtuse, base acute or obtuse, margin entire or serrate, membranous, pubescent on both surfaces, lower surface more hairy on midrib; petiole, 1 to 3 cm long, slender, hairy. Flower in terminal raceme of verticillasters, 8 to 10 cm long; bract 2 to 3 mm long, broadly ovate with acuminate apex, ciliated; pedicel 3 to 4.5 mm, slender, pubescent. Flower: calyx tubular-bilabiate, about 2.5 mm (in fruit 3 to 3.5 mm) long, glabrous inside (pubescent outside), the upper lip broadly obovate, flat, the lower lip 4-toothed, the 2 central with long slender awns which project beyond the upper lip and are much curved upwards; corolla purplish, tubular-bilabiate, the upper lip 4 of almost equal lobes, pubescent on the back, lower lip, the longest lobe and ascending; stamens 4, epipetalous, exerted, filaments slender, the upper pair with a small bearded basal appendage. Fruit small, 4-seeded nutlets. Seed ovoid, brown, nearly smooth, about 1.2 mm long.

**Description** Odour, aromatic; taste, slightly pungent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Leaves, wrinkled and broken; entire leaves, elliptic-oblong, 2 to 5 cm long, 1 to 3 cm wide; petiole 1 to 3 cm long, greenish brown.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the leaf shows upper epidermis, a single layer of rectangular cells containing reddish purple matters. Mesophyll consisting of a single layer of palisade parenchyma and several layers of more or less rounded spongy parenchyma, rich in chloroplastids. Through this region, scattered the small vascular bundles. Lower epidermis, a single layer of rectangular cells, no colouring matters, non-glandular and glandular trichomes occur as outgrowths from lower epidermis more abundant than upper epidermis. The non-glandular trichomes are uniseriate, 1 to 7 cells, some of the cells are more or less collapsed. The glandular trichomes have a 1-celled stalk and 2- to 4-celled glandular head. Transverse section through the midrib of the lamina shows the 2 or 3 layers of angular collenchyma underneath the epidermis, parenchyma and collateral vascular bundles.

In surface view, the epidermises of upper and lower surfaces are wavy-walled polygonal cells with diacytic stomata.



**Fig. 1a** *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L.

1. habit
2. leaves and inflorescences (a), flower (b)
3. part of infructescence
4. crude drug

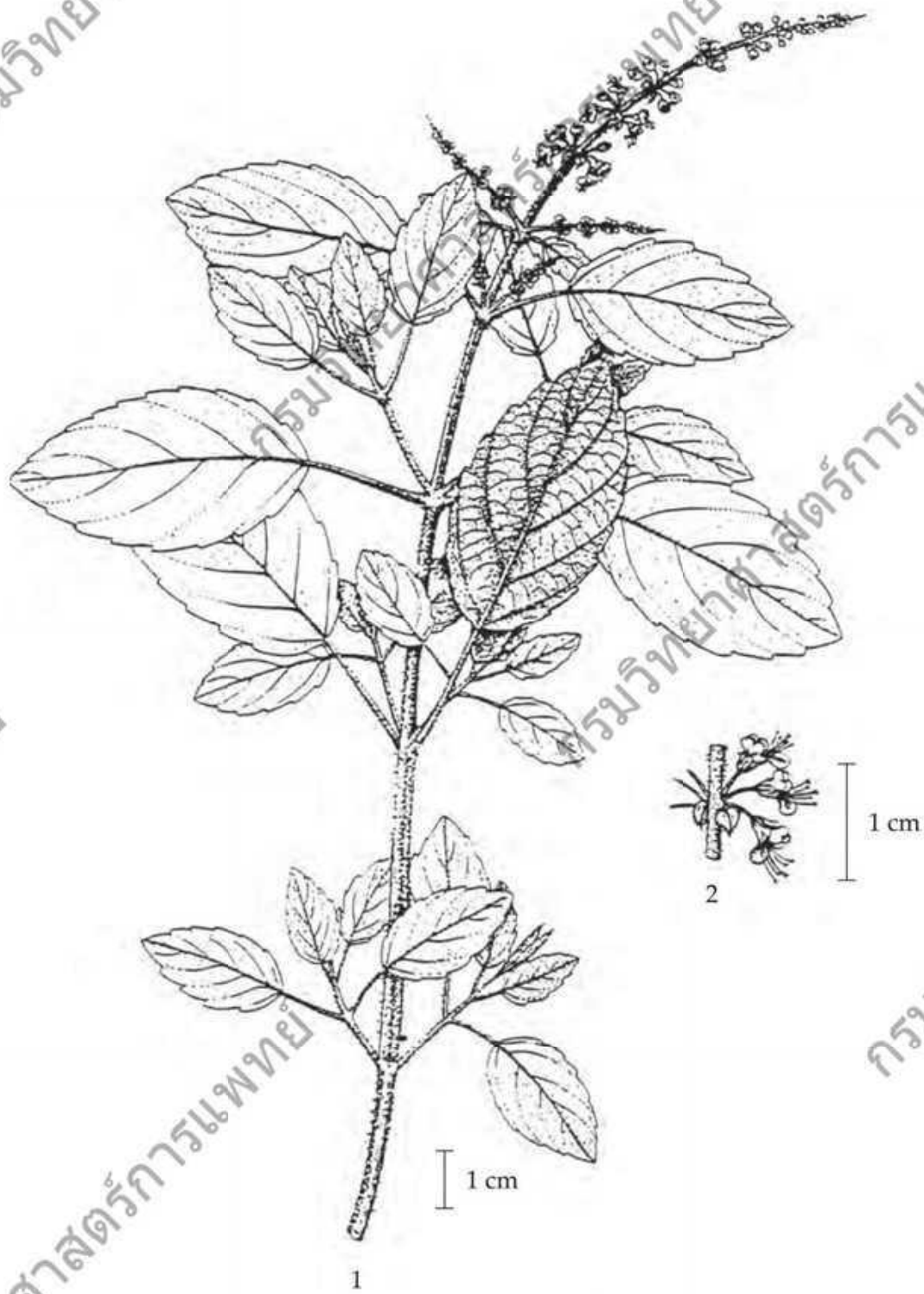
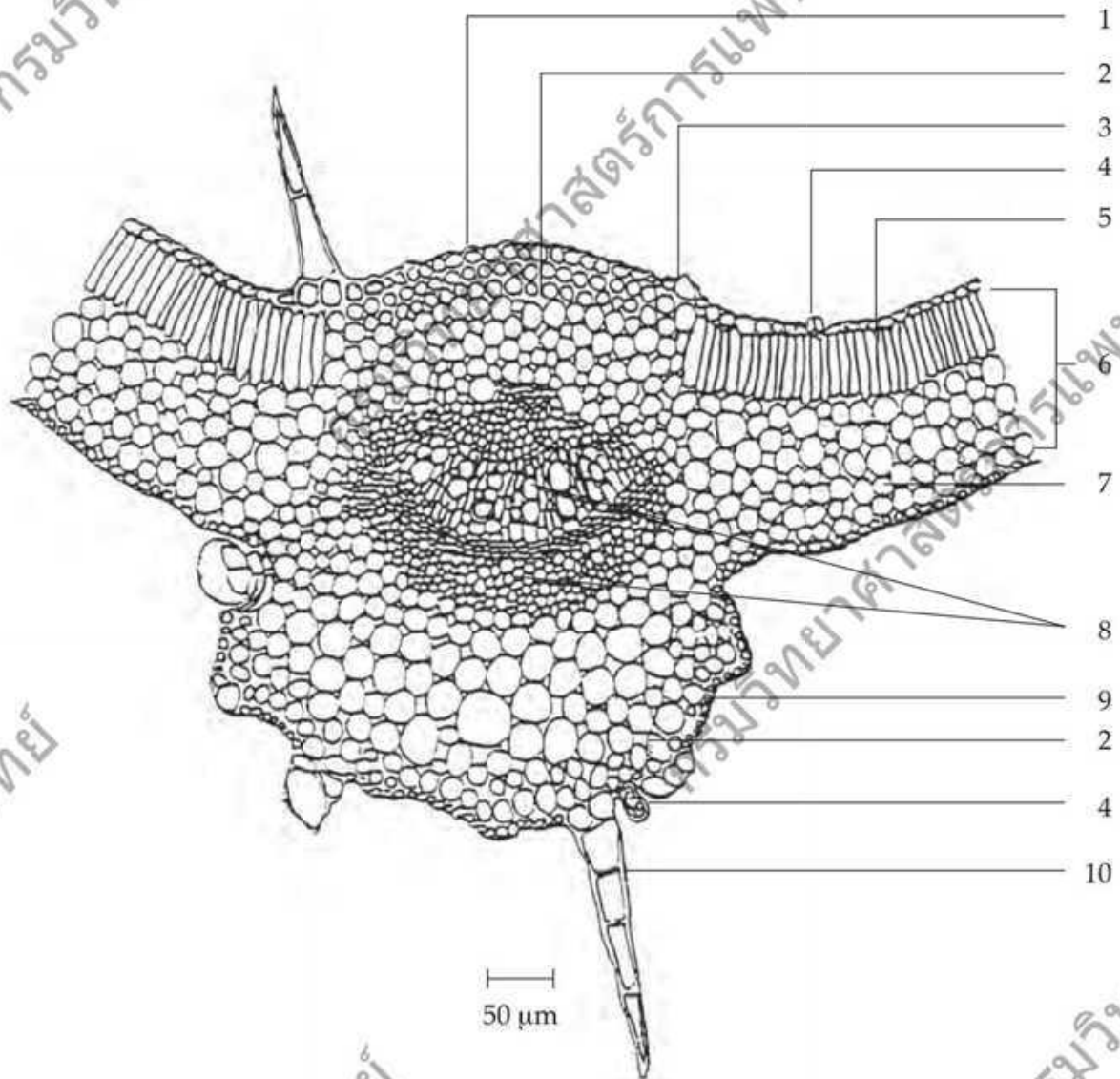
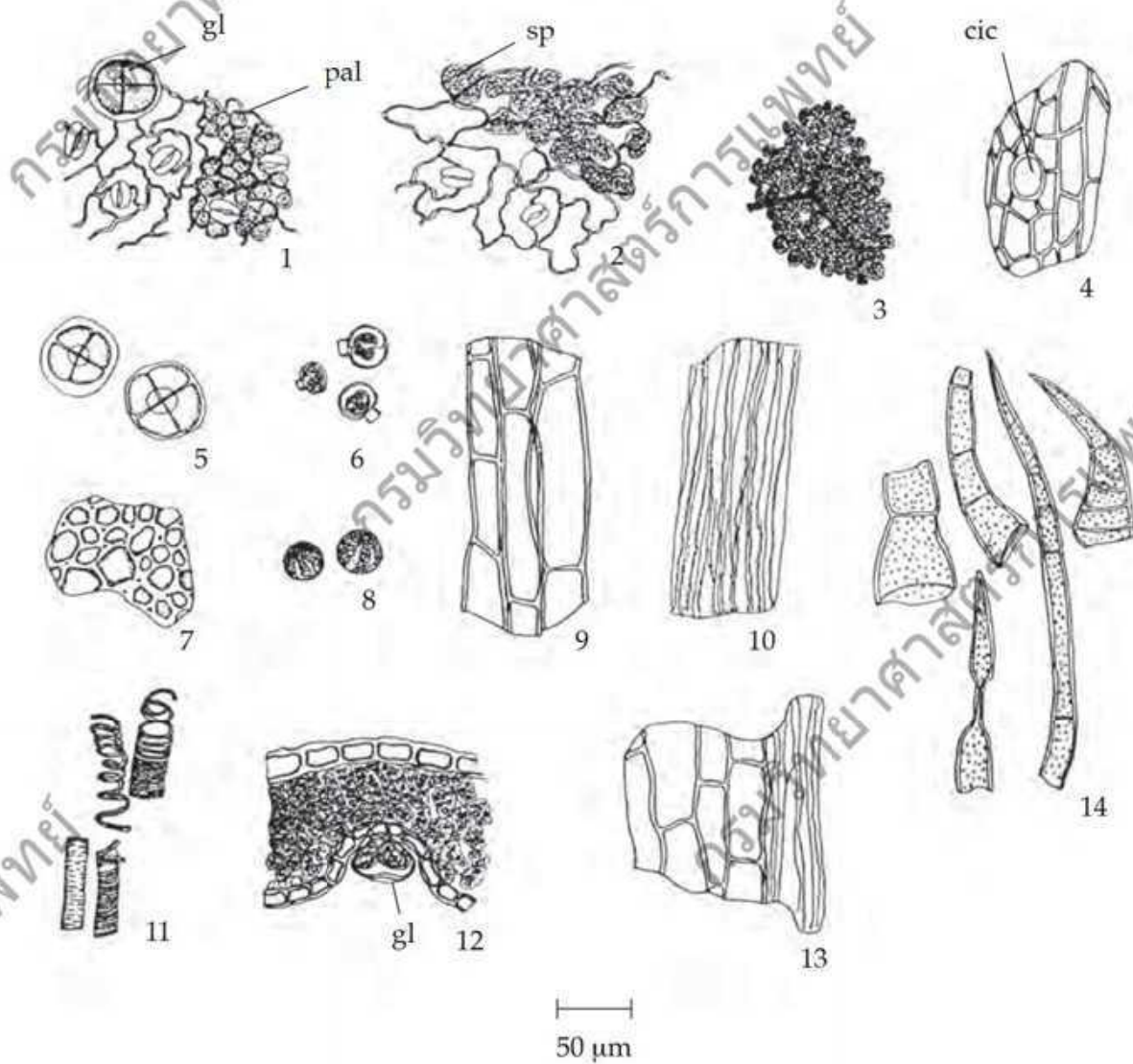


Fig. 1b *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L.  
1. twig 2. inflorescence



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Leaf of *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L.

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. upper epidermis      | 6. mesophyll                          |
| 2. collenchyma          | 7. spongy parenchyma                  |
| 3. unicellular trichome | 8. vascular bundles                   |
| 4. glandular trichomes  | 9. lower epidermis                    |
| 5. palisade parenchyma  | 10. uniseriate multicellular trichome |



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Leaves of *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L.

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|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. upper epidermis in surface view with diacytic stomata, glandular trichome and underlying palisade cells</li> <li>2. lower epidermis with diacytic stomata and underlying spongy cells</li> <li>3. spongy cells and veinlets</li> <li>4. epidermis of the petiole in surface view, showing cicatrix</li> <li>5. 4-celled head glandular trichomes</li> <li>6. 2-celled head glandular trichomes</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. collenchyma from the petiole</li> <li>8. pollen grains (rare)</li> <li>9. parenchyma from stem in longitudinal view (rare)</li> <li>10. group of lignified fibres</li> <li>11. group of vessels</li> <li>12. transverse section of lamina</li> <li>13. parenchyma and fibres from the petiole</li> <li>14. part of uniseriate multicellular trichomes showing collapsed cell</li> </ol> |
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(gl = glandular trichome; pal = palisade cell; sp = spongy cells; cic = cicatrix)

Holy Basil Leaf in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

**Packaging and storage** Holy Basil Leaf shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place.

**Identification**

A. To 500 mg of the sample, in powder, add 2 mL of *acetic anhydride*, warm on a water-bath for about 2 minutes, shake, and filter. Slowly add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to the filtrate to form a layer: a brownish red ring forms at the zone of contact.

B. Add 10 mL of *water* to 500 mg of the sample, in powder, heat for 2 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add 1 drop of a 5 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride*: a green precipitate is produced.

C. Add 10 mL of *water* to 500 mg of the sample, in powder, boil for 2 minutes and filter. To 3 mL of the filtrate, add 1 drop of *potassium cupri-tartrate TS* and warm: a brick-red precipitate is produced.

D. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 75 volumes of *chloroform* and 25 volumes of *benzene* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, 10  $\mu$ L of the test solution, prepared by shaking 100 mg of the sample, in powder, with 2 mL of *dichloromethane* for about 15 minutes and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate on a water-bath to dryness and dissolve the residue in 0.5 mL of *toluene*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and spray with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *phosphomolybdic acid* in *ethanol*. Heat at 105° to 110° for 5 to 10 minutes. Several spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

Repeat the same procedure on another plate. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS*; several spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Dichloromethane Extract of the Leaves of *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		10 Per Cent W/V Solution of Phosphomolybdic Acid in Ethanol	Anisaldehyde TS
1	5-10	blue	violet
2	15-22	green	-
3	23-28	blue	pink
4	29-32	-	blue
5	33-35	green	blue
6	36-38	-	blue
7	39-45	-	green
8	50-55	blue	pink
9	56-65	blue	pale blue
10	66-70	-	green
11	75-80	blue	pink

**Water** Not more than 14.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

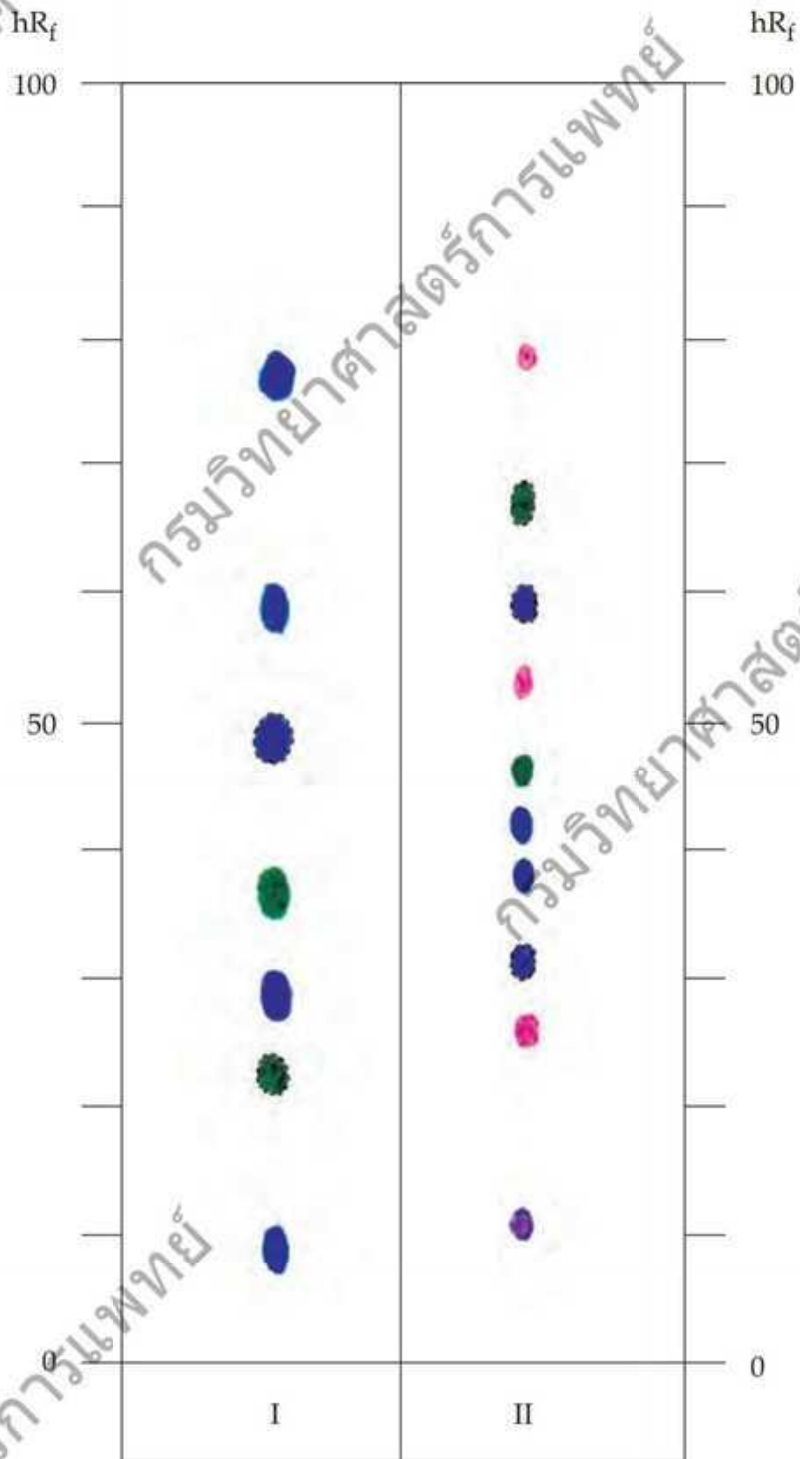
**Sulfated ash** Not more than 20.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 5.3).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 20.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Chloroform-soluble extractive** Not less than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12H).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 1.0 per cent v/w (Appendix 7.3H). Use 50 g of hand-crushed leaves, accurately weighed. Use 1000 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 2.5-L round-bottomed flask. Distill at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.



**Fig.3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Dichloromethane Extract of the Leaves of *Ocimum tenuiflorum* L.

- I = detection with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *phosphomolybdic acid* in ethanol
- II = detection with *anisaldehyde TS*
- ⊙ = spots developed in some samples

## ขมิ้นชัน (KHAMIN CHAN)

Curcumae Longae Rhizoma, Curcumae Domesticae Rhizoma  
Turmeric

**Synonyms** Curcuma, Indian Saffron, Yellow Root

**Category** Stomachic, carminative, pharmaceutic aid (colouring agent), astringent.

**Turmeric is the dried rhizome of *Curcuma longa* L. (*C. domestica* Valetton) (Family Zingiberaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 31, 1410, 1458, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0012.**

**Constituents** Turmeric contains yellow volatile oil, of which turmerone and zingiberene are its major components, and curcuminoids, of which curcumin, desmethoxycurcumin, and bisdesmethoxycurcumin are its major components.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb with a thick, ellipsoid-ovate rhizome, orange inside, giving rise to short blunt daughter rhizomes called fingers; leafy shoots up to 1 m tall, bearing 6 to 10 leaves. Leaves simple, glabrous, lamina, elliptic, oblong-elliptic or lanceolate, 30 to 45 cm long, 10 to 15 cm wide, apex acuminate, base narrow; petiole as long as lamina (rather abruptly broadened to leaf sheath, forming a pseudostem). Inflorescence scape from the apex of the rhizome; peduncle 15 cm or more long; spike 10 to 15 cm long, 5 to 7 cm in diameter; bract, white or white with green, 5 to 6 cm long, each subtending flowers; bracteole thin, pale green and tinged with pink, elliptic to ovate, up to 3.5 cm long. Flowers as long as the bracts; calyx whitish tubular, unilateral split, unequally toothed; corolla white, tubular at base, upper half cup-shaped with 3 unequal lobes inserted on edge of cup lip; lateral staminode petaloid, oblong, folder under the dorsal petal, staminode and lip creamy-white with yellow median band, filament united to another about the middle of the pollen sac, spurred at base; ovary trilocular. Fruit capsule, globose to ellipsoid. Seed arillate.

### Description

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Dried rhizome occurs as an ovate, oblong or pear-shaped of round turmeric; cylindrical and often short-branched of long turmeric; the round about half as broad as long, the long 2 to 5 cm long and 1 to 2 cm thick; externally yellowish to yellowish brown, with root scars and annulations, the latter from the scars of leaf bases; fracture horny; internally orange-yellow to orange, waxy, showing a cortex separated from a central cylinder (about twice as broad as cortex) by a distinct endodermis; in both cortex and central cylinder, scattered bundles are seen.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the rhizome shows epidermis consisting of a layer of rectangular cells; covering trichomes, unicellular, up to 280 µm long. Hypodermis composed of 3 to 6 layers in the mature rhizome, but absent in the younger. Cork, 4 to 6 layers of rectangular cells. Cortex composed of thin-walled parenchyma cells containing numerous starch grains, yellowish oil droplets and yellow colouring matter occasionally seen; starch grains, simple, flattened, rounded to oval or irregular in outline, very faint transverse striations could be seen in some granules. Endodermis, a layer of thin-walled cells. Stele, thin-walled parenchyma cells containing numerous starch grains, yellowish oil droplets and yellow colouring matter. Fibrovascular bundles, non-lignified walled cells, scattered in cortex and stele; vessels, spiral, scalariform and reticulate.

Turmeric in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

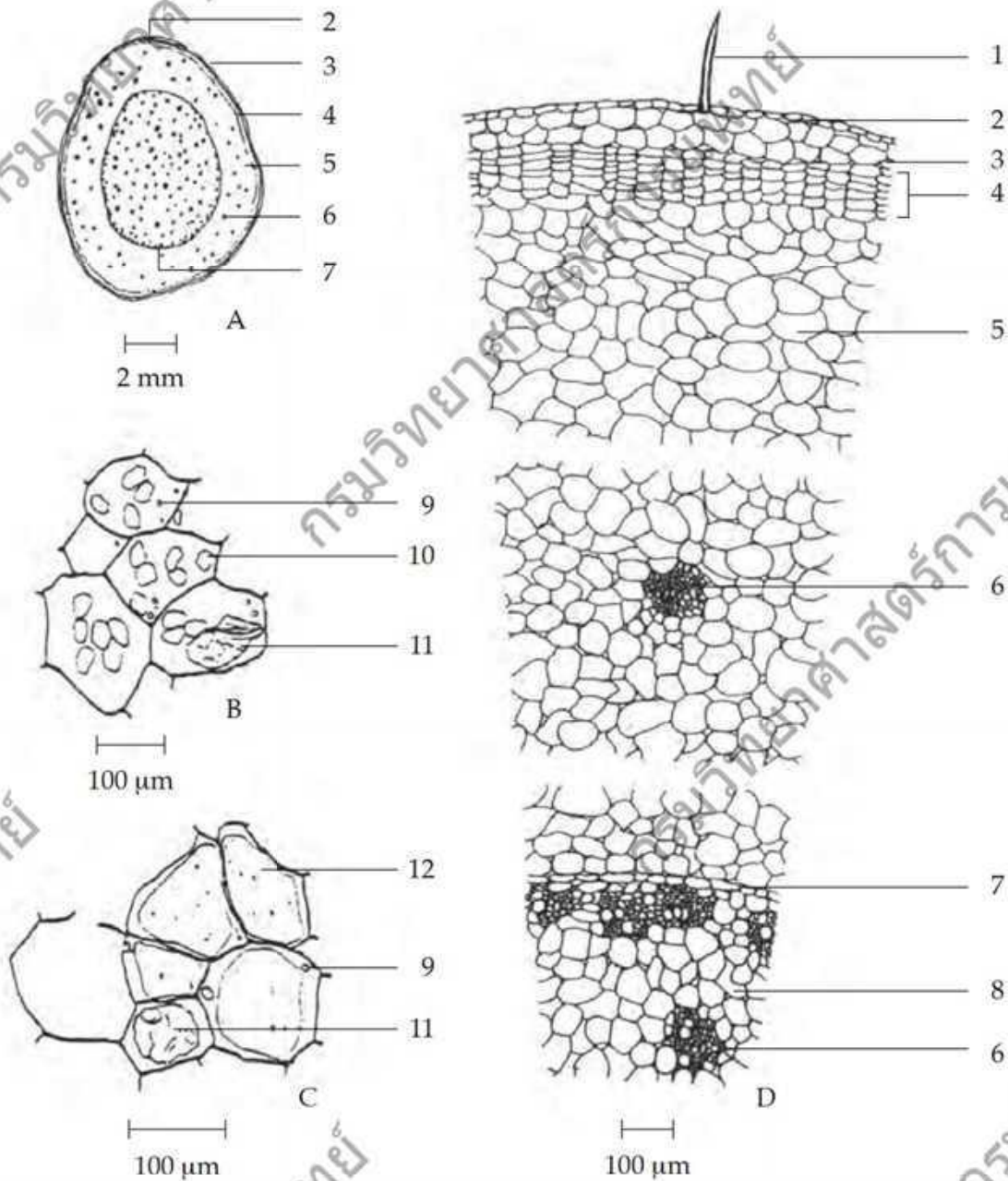


Fig. 1a *Curcuma longa* L.

1. habit 2. inflorescence 3. flower 4. rhizome 5. and 6. crude drug

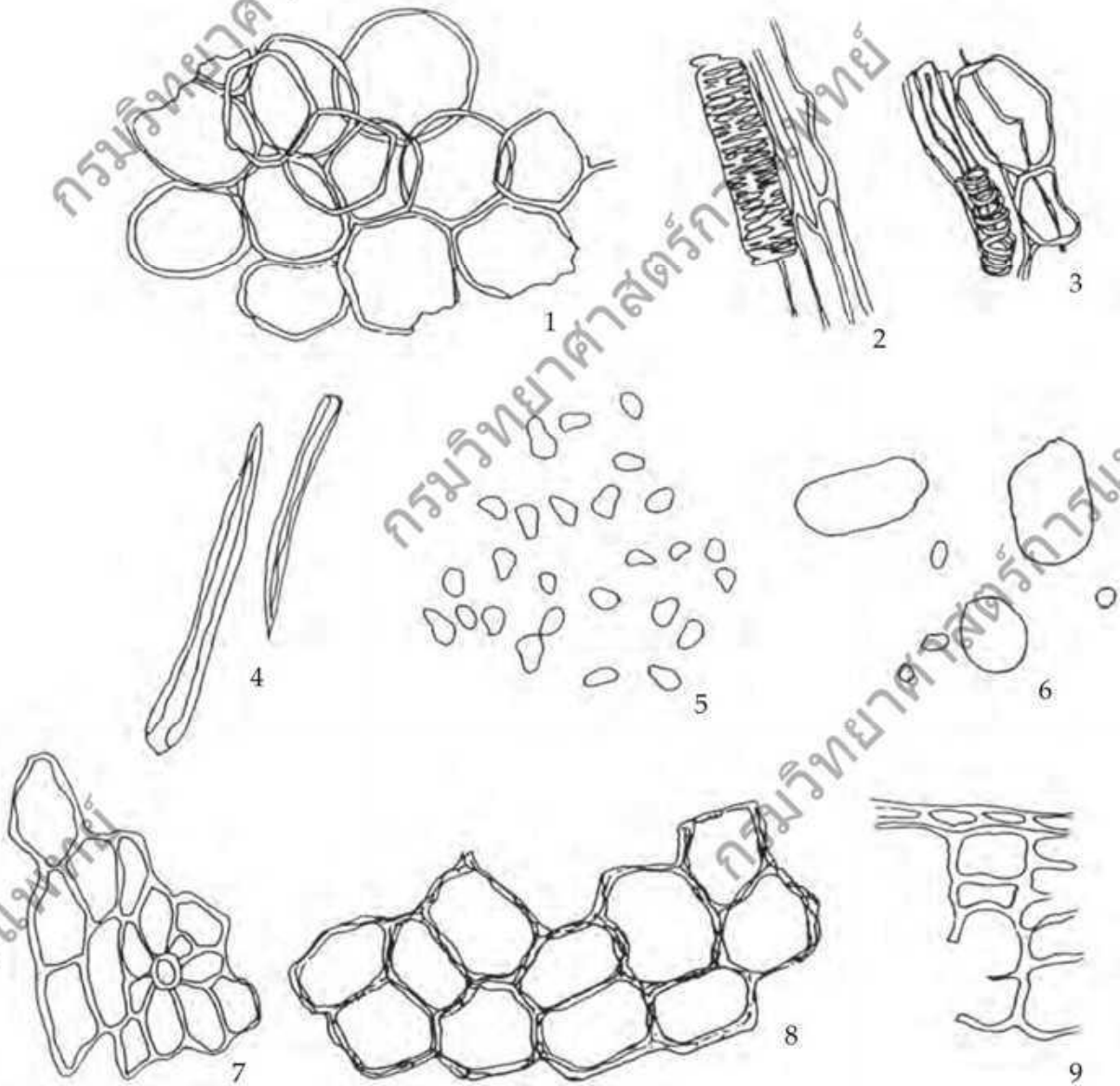


**Fig. 1b** *Curcuma longa* L.  
1. habit 2. inflorescence 3. rhizome

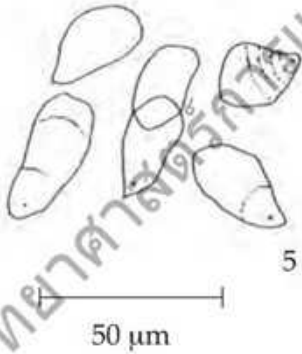


**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Rhizome of *Curcuma longa* L.

- A. Diagram
  - B. Parenchyma of Untreated Rhizome
  - C. Parenchyma of Steam-Treated Rhizome
  - D. Part of Transverse Section
- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. unicellular covering trichome                  | 7. endodermis                                  |
| 2. epidermis                                      | 8. stele parenchyma containing starch granules |
| 3. hypodermis                                     | 9. oil droplet                                 |
| 4. cork layers                                    | 10. starch granule                             |
| 5. cortical parenchyma containing starch granules | 11. orange-yellow colouring matter             |
| 6. vascular bundles                               | 12. yellow gelatinized starch mass             |



100 μm



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Rhizomes of *Curcuma longa* L.

1. parenchyma
2. reticulate vessel
3. spiral vessel
4. unicellular trichomes
5. starch granules
6. altered starch grains
7. epidermis in surface view
8. cork in surface view
9. epidermis and hypodermis in sectional view

**Packaging and storage** Turmeric shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place.

**Identification**

A. Extract 10 mg of the sample, in powder, with 2 mL of *acetic anhydride*, add a few drops of *sulfuric acid* and observe under ultraviolet light (366 nm): the solution shows blood-red colour.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 49 volumes of *benzene*, 49 volumes of *chloroform* and 2 volumes of *ethanol* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 17 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by placing 1 g of the sample, in powder, in a stoppered test-tube, adding 3 mL of *methanol* and shaking for a few minutes. Set aside for 1 hour and filter. For solution (B) dissolve 1 mg of *curcumin* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm), locating the spots. The chromatogram obtained with solution (A) shows a yellow-brown spot ( $hR_f$  value 28 to 34) corresponding to the curcumin spot from solution (B). Other two yellow-brown spots correspond in  $hR_f$  values to the spot numbers 2 and 3. Several spots of higher and lower  $hR_f$  values are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3. Spray the plate with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *phosphomolybdic acid* in *ethanol* and heat at 105° for 5 minutes; the spot due to curcumin is orange-brown. The spots due to those of numbers 2, 3, 10, 14 and 15 in Table 1 are orange, orange-brown, blue, blue, and blue, respectively. Other spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Curcuma longa* L.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 366	10 Per Cent W/V Solution of Phosphomolybdic Acid in Ethanol
1	5-8	light brown	brown
2	11-15	yellow-brown	orange
3	17-20	yellow-brown	orange-brown
4	21-24	blue-green	blue
5	28-34	yellow-brown	orange-brown
6	35-38	blue-green	blue
7	39-42	yellow	pale yellow
8	44-46	-	blue
9	48-51	-	blue
10	52-53	-	blue
11	57-60	-	blue
12	62-66	-	blue
13	71-74	-	blue
14	80-85	-	blue
15	87-90	-	blue

- 2 = bisdesmethoxycurcumin  
 3 = desmethoxycurcumin  
 5 = curcumin  
 10 = curcumol  
 14 = *dl*-turmerone  
 15 = ar-curcumene (ar = aromatic)

**Water** Not more than 10.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 8.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 10.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 9.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 6.0 per cent v/w (Appendix 7.3H). Use 10 g, in *fine powder*, accurately weighed. Use 100 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube. Calculate the content of volatile oil with reference to the anhydrous substance.

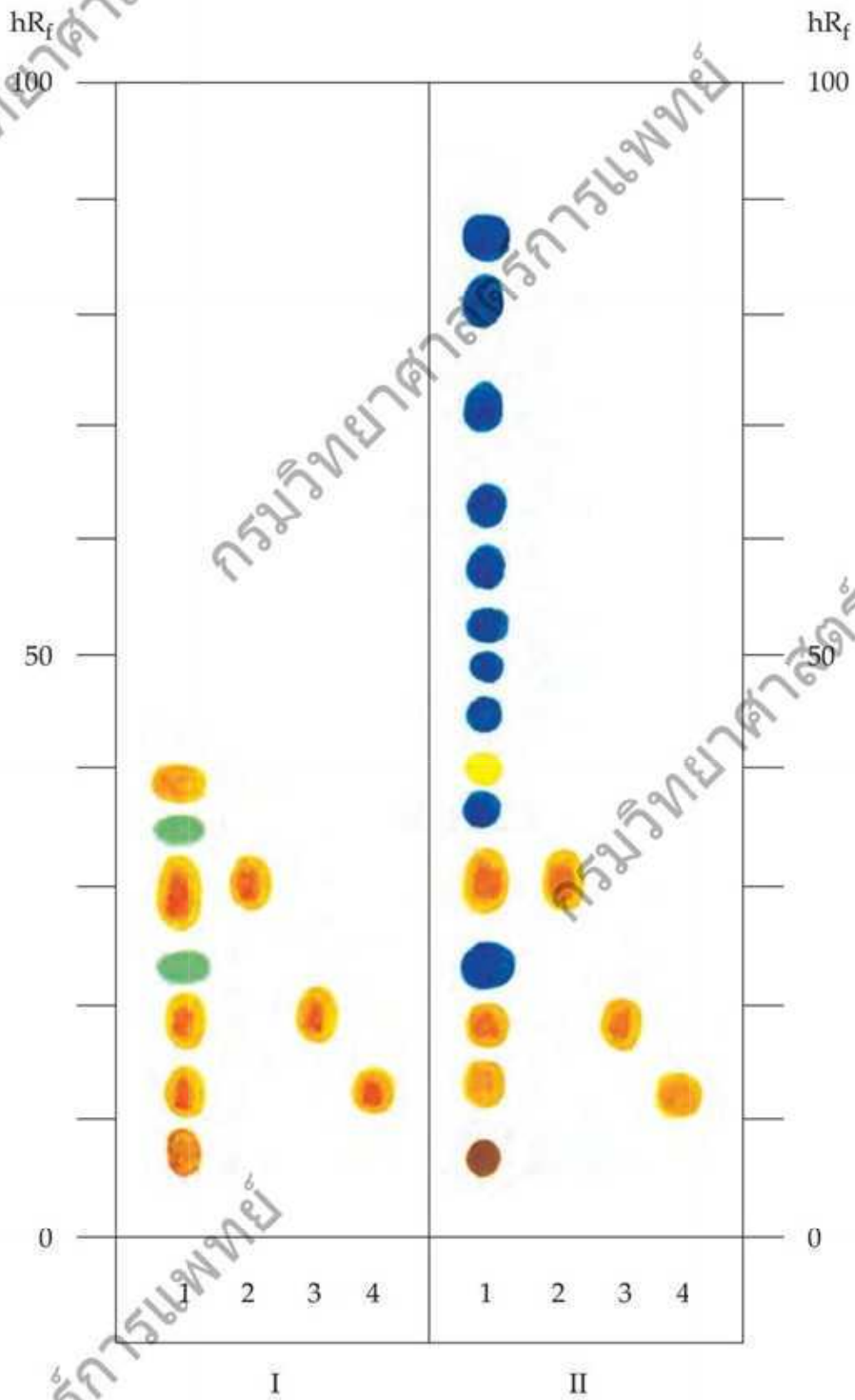
**Curcuminoids content** Not less than 5.0 per cent w/w of curcuminoids, calculated as curcumin, when determined by the following method.

**Standard curcumin solution** Dissolve about 25 mg of Curcumin RS, accurately weighed, in sufficient *methanol* to produce 250.0 mL.

**Standard curcumin curve** Transfer into six 100-mL volumetric flasks, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 mL, respectively, of *Standard curcumin solution*, dilute to volume with *methanol*, and mix. Measure the absorbances of the standard solutions relative to the blank at 420 nm (Appendix 2.2). Plot the readings and draw the curve of best fit: the curve shows the correlation coefficient of not less than 0.999.

**Assay preparation** Transfer about 300 mg of Turmeric, in *fine powder* and accurately weighed, into a 25-mL Erlenmeyer flask and macerate with 10 mL of *methanol*. Set aside at room temperature for 6 hours with frequent shaking. Dilute 1.0 mL of the clear supernatant liquid with *methanol* to produce 25.0 mL. Transfer 1.0 mL of this solution into a 25-mL volumetric flask, dilute to volume with *methanol* and mix well.

**Procedure and calculation** Measure the absorbance of *Assay preparation* at the maximum at about 420 nm, using *methanol* as the blank (Appendix 2.2). By reference to the standard curve, calculate the content of curcuminoids as curcumin in the sample.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Curcuma longa* L.

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- 3 = a 0.1 per cent w/v solution of desmethoxycurcumin in *methanol*
- 4 = a 0.1 per cent w/v solution of bisdesmethoxycurcumin in *methanol*
- I = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- II = detection with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *phosphomolybdic acid* in *ethanol*

## ยาแคปซูลขมิ้นชัน (KHAMIN CHAN CAPSULES)

Turmeric Capsules

**Category** Stomachic, carminative.

Turmeric Capsules contain an amount of powdered Turmeric equivalent to not less than 80.0 per cent of the labelled amount of volatile oil and not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled amount of curcuminoids, calculated as curcumin ( $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ ).

**Strength available** 250 mg (powder).

**Dose** Two to four capsules four times a day after meals and at bedtime.

### Warning

1. Long-term use is not recommended in pregnant or nursing women.
2. Use in patients with bile duct obstruction is not recommended, except under medical supervision.
3. Caution should be exercised when it is to be used concomitantly with anticoagulants and antiplatelets.

**Packaging and storage** Turmeric Capsules shall be kept in tightly closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place and at a temperature not exceeding 30°.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the equivalent amount of volatile oil and curcuminoids as curcumin; (2) the expiration date.

### Identification

A. The capsule contents exhibit diagnostic structures of the powdered drug described under *Turmeric*.

B. The capsule contents comply with the tests for Identification A and B described under *Turmeric*.

**Water** Of the capsule contents, not more than 10.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Microbial limit** Comply with the requirements for Category 4 in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Dissolution** Carry out the test as described in the "Dissolution Test for Herbal Drug Preparations" (Appendix 4.24H).

**Dissolution medium:** 0.8 per cent w/v solution of *sodium lauryl sulfate* in 0.05 M *hydrochloric acid*; 900 mL. Prepare and use within 12 hours.

**Apparatus 1:** 100 rpm.

**Time:** 60 minutes.

Determine the amount of curcuminoids dissolved, calculated as curcumin ( $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ ), using the following method.

**Standard curcumin solution** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of *curcumin* in *methanol*. Dilute quantitatively with *methanol* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 400 µg of curcumin per mL.

**Standard curcumin curve** Transfer into six 10-mL volumetric flasks, 10, 20, 40, 50, 60, and 80 µL of *Standard curcumin solution*, dilute to volume with *methanol*, and mix. Measure the absorbances of the standard solutions at the maximum at about 420 nm, using *methanol* as the blank (Appendix 2.2). Plot the readings and draw the curve of best fit.

**Test solution** Withdraw a 15-mL aliquot and filter. Combine 5.0 mL of the filtered solutions of the six individual capsules withdrawn as the pooled sample and dilute to 50.0 mL with *methanol*. Transfer 10.0 mL of this solution into a 50-mL volumetric flask, dilute to volume with *methanol* and mix well.

**Procedure and Calculation** Measure the absorbance of *Test solution* at the maximum at about 420 nm, using *methanol* as the blank (Appendix 2.2). By reference to the Standard curcumin curve, calculate the average content of curcuminoids as curcumin ( $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ ) dissolved.

**Tolerances** Not less than 75 per cent of the labelled amount of curcuminoids as curcumin is dissolved in 60 minutes.

#### Assay

**FOR VOLATILE OIL** Grind the contents of not less than 20 Turmeric Capsules to *fine powder*. Transfer about 10 g, accurately weighed, to a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Use 100 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube (Appendix 7.3H). Calculate the content of volatile oil, in mL, in the portion of the Capsules taken with reference to the anhydrous substance.

**FOR CURCUMINOIDS** Carry out the determination as described in the "Ultraviolet and Visible Spectrophotometry" (Appendix 2.2).

**Standard curcumin solution** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of *curcumin* in *methanol*. Dilute quantitatively with *methanol* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 400  $\mu\text{g}$  of curcumin per mL.

**Standard curcumin curve** Transfer into five 10-mL volumetric flasks, 20, 40, 50, 60, and 80  $\mu\text{L}$  of *Standard curcumin solution*, dilute to volume with *methanol*, and mix. Measure the absorbances of the standard solutions at the maximum at about 420 nm, using *methanol* as the blank. Plot the readings and draw the curve of best fit.

**Assay preparation** Weigh and mix the contents of not less than 20 Turmeric Capsules. Transfer about 400 mg, accurately weighed, to a stoppered centrifuge tube. Add 10.0 mL of *tetrahydrofuran* and mix. Set aside at room temperature for 24 hours with frequent shaking. Dilute 1.0 mL of the clear supernatant liquid with *methanol* to produce 25.0 mL. Transfer 1.0 mL of this solution into a 50-mL volumetric flask, dilute to volume with *methanol* and mix well.

**Procedure and Calculation** Measure the absorbance of *Assay preparation* at the maximum at about 420 nm, using *methanol* as the blank. By reference to the Standard curcumin curve, calculate the content of curcuminoids as curcumin ( $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ ) in the portion of the Capsules taken.

**Other requirements** Comply with the requirements described under "Capsules" (Appendix 1.16H).

## สารสกัดแห้งขมิ้นชัน (KHAMIN CHAN DRY EXTRACT)

Turmeric Dry Extract

**Category** Relief pain in knee osteoarthritis, stomachic.

Turmeric Dry Extract is prepared from the powdered Turmeric by extraction with *ethanol*. It contains not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled amount of curcuminoids; the labelled amount of curcuminoids is not less than 80.0 per cent, calculated as curcumin ( $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ ) and on the dried basis. It may contain other added substances.

**Description** Yellow to brownish orange powder; slightly hygroscopic.

**Packaging and storage** Turmeric Dry Extract shall be kept in tightly closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a cool and dry place.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the equivalent amount of curcuminoids as curcumin; (2) the expiration date.

**Identification** Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 96 volumes of *chloroform*, 4 volumes of *methanol* and 1 volume of *formic acid* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 10 mm, 10  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. For solution (A), dissolve 100 mg of the sample in 50 mL of *acetone*. Solution (B) contains 200  $\mu$ g per mL of *curcuminoids* in *acetone*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under daylight. Three yellow bands are observed. Examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm). The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows three bluish green bands corresponding to the bisdesmethoxycurcumin, desmethoxycurcumin and curcumin bands from solution (B), in the order of increasing  $hR_f$  values.

**Loss on drying** Not more than 7.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° for 2 hours (Appendix 4.15). Use 1.0 g.

**Assay** Carry out the determination as described in the "Ultraviolet and Visible Spectrophotometry" (Appendix 2.2).

**Standard curcumin solution** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of Curcumin RS in *methanol*. Dilute quantitatively and stepwise with *methanol* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 16  $\mu$ g of curcumin per mL.

**Standard curcumin curve** Transfer into five 25-mL volumetric flasks, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, and 5.0 mL of *Standard curcumin solution*, dilute to volume with *methanol*, and mix. Measure the absorbances of the standard solutions at the maximum at about 420 nm, using *methanol* as the blank (Appendix 2.2). Plot the readings and draw the curve of best fit: the curve shows the correlation coefficient of not less than 0.995.

**Assay preparation** Transfer about 60 mg of Turmeric Dry Extract, accurately weighed, to a 100-mL volumetric flask, add 75 mL of *methanol* and sonicate for 15 minutes. Dilute to volume with *methanol* and mix. Pipette 2 mL of the solution into a 50-mL volumetric flask, dilute to volume with *methanol* and mix. Dilute 3.0 mL of the resulting solution with *methanol* to produce 25.0 mL and mix. Prepare three replicate samples for each analysis: the relative standard deviation is not more than 2.0 per cent.

**Procedure and Calculation** Measure the absorbance of *Assay preparation* at the maximum at about 420 nm, using *methanol* as the blank (Appendix 2.2). By reference to the Standard curcumin curve, calculate the content of curcuminoids as curcumin ( $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ ) in the portion of the Extracts taken.

**Other requirements** Complies with the requirements described under "Extracts" (Appendix 1.16H).

## ยาแคปซูลสารสกัดแห้งขมิ้นชัน (KHAMIN CHAN DRY EXTRACT CAPSULES)

Turmeric Dry Extract Capsules

**Category** Relief pain in knee osteoarthritis.

Turmeric Dry Extract Capsules contain an amount of Turmeric Dry Extract equivalent to not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled amount of curcuminoids, calculated as curcumin ( $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ ) and on the dried basis.

**Strength available** 250 mg (equivalent to curcuminoids).

**Dose** Two capsules three times a day after meals.

### Warning

1. Long-term use is not recommended in pregnant or nursing women.
2. Use in patients with bile duct obstruction is not recommended, except under medical supervision.
3. Caution should be exercised when it is to be used concomitantly with anticoagulants and antiplatelets.

**Packaging and storage** Turmeric Dry Extract Capsules shall be kept in tightly closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place and at a temperature not exceeding 30°.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the equivalent amount of curcuminoids as curcumin; (2) the expiration date.

**Identification** The capsule contents comply with the tests for Identification described under *Turmeric Dry Extract*.

**Loss on drying** Of the capsule contents, not more than 7.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° for 2 hours (Appendix 4.15). Use 1.0 g.

**Microbial limit** Comply with the requirements for Category 1A in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Assay** Carry out the determination as described in the "Ultraviolet and Visible Spectrophotometry" (Appendix 2.2).

**Standard curcumin solution** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of Curcumin RS in *methanol*. Dilute quantitatively and stepwise with *methanol* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 30 µg of curcumin per mL.

**Standard curcumin curve** Transfer into five 50-mL volumetric flasks, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0 mL of *Standard curcumin solution*, dilute to volume with *methanol*, and mix. Measure the absorbances of the standard solutions at the maximum at about 420 nm, using *methanol* as the blank (Appendix 2.2). Plot the readings and draw the curve of best fit: the curve shows the correlation coefficient of not less than 0.995.

**Assay preparation** Weigh and mix the contents of not less than 20 Turmeric Dry Extract Capsules. Transfer an accurately weighed portion of the capsule contents, containing about 50 mg of curcuminoids, to a 100-mL volumetric flask, add 70 mL of *methanol* and sonicate for 15 minutes. Adjust to volume with *methanol*. Dilute quantitatively with *methanol* to obtain a solution containing 2.5 mg of curcumin per mL. Prepare three replicate samples for each analysis: the relative standard deviation is not more than 2.0 per cent.

**Procedure and Calculation** Measure the absorbance of *Assay preparation* at the maximum at about 420 nm, using *methanol* as the blank. By reference to the Standard curcumin curve, calculate the content of curcuminoids as curcumin,  $C_{21}H_{20}O_6$ , in the portion of the Capsules taken.

**Other requirements** Comply with the requirements described under "Capsules" (Appendix 1.16H).

## ขมิ้นเครือ (KHAMIN KHRUEA)

Arcangelisiae Flavae Caulis

Arcangelisia Flava Stem

**Category** Stomachic, antidiarrheal, antibacterial.

**Arcangelisia Flava Stem is the dried stem of *Arcangelisia flava* (L.) Merr. (Family Menispermaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 857, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 426.**

**Constituents** Arcangelisia Flava Stem contains berberine as the major alkaloidal component. It also contains other isoquinoline alkaloids (e.g., columbamine, palmatine, jatrorrhizine), diterpenoids, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Large climber, woody, glabrous, dioecious; stem up to 5 cm in diameter, wood yellow, exuding yellow sap when cut, bearing prominent cup-like, petiole-scars. Leaves usually ovate, elliptic-ovate or broadly ovate, 10 to 25 cm long, 5.5 to 19 cm wide, base usually rounded, truncate or slightly cordate, apex abruptly acuminate, palmately 5-nerved at the base and with 1 to 3 pairs of lateral nerves, usually arising from above halfway along the midrib, both surfaces usually with a rather obscure reticulum, coriaceous; petiole 4 to 20 cm long, swollen at both ends, geniculate at base. Inflorescence axillary or cauliflorous paniculate, slender, 10 to 50 cm long, lateral branches spicate to subspicate, 1 to 5 cm long. Male flower sessile or subsessile, subtended by an ovate bracteole, about 2 mm long, strongly thickened at the base; outer sepals 3 to 4, less than 1 mm long; inner sepals 2 whorls of 3, larger, elliptic, ovate or narrowly obovate, 1.5 to 2.5 mm long; synandrium 0.5 to 1 mm long with a globose cluster of 9 to 12 anthers. Female flower main sepals 6, narrowly oblong with the apex becoming reflexed, 2.5 to 4 mm long; staminodes minute, scale-like; carpels 3, 1.5 mm long; stigma broad, sessile, papillose. Infructescence cauliflorous, usually branched, 5 to 45 cm long, with thickened axis and branches, 3 to 6 mm in diameter, the fruits plus carpophores borne on the lateral branches, 1 to 3 borne together on a club-shaped, unbranched carpophore swollen at the apex, up to 4 cm. Fruit drupe, yellow, laterally slightly compressed, transversely subovoid, 2.2 to 3 cm long, 2.5 to 3.3 cm (long axis), 2 to 2.5 cm thick, drying finely rugulose, glabrous; endocarp woody. Seeds broadly ellipsoid, with ruminant endosperm, cotyledons much folded.

**Description** Odourless; taste, bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Cylindrical, segmented or oblique pieces; externally brownish, rather smooth; sectional view golden yellow to yellowish when fresh and brownish yellow when dried, porous, with several successive concentric and distinctly radiate zones.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the stem shows several layers of rectangular, brownish cork cells and layers of lignified thick-walled, yellowish rectangular sclerenchyma cells. Cortex, dark brown band of ovate parenchyma cells. Anomalous vascular tissues, several layers of tissue bands with distinct rays, each layer separated by layers of sclereids; phloem tissues, with groups of thick-walled sclereids and fibres in the outermost region; xylem tissues, simple-pitted and bordered-pitted vessels, xylem fibres and rectangular or oblique or elongated xylem parenchyma containing prismatic crystals and starch grains. Pith, parenchyma cells containing prismatic crystals and starch grains.



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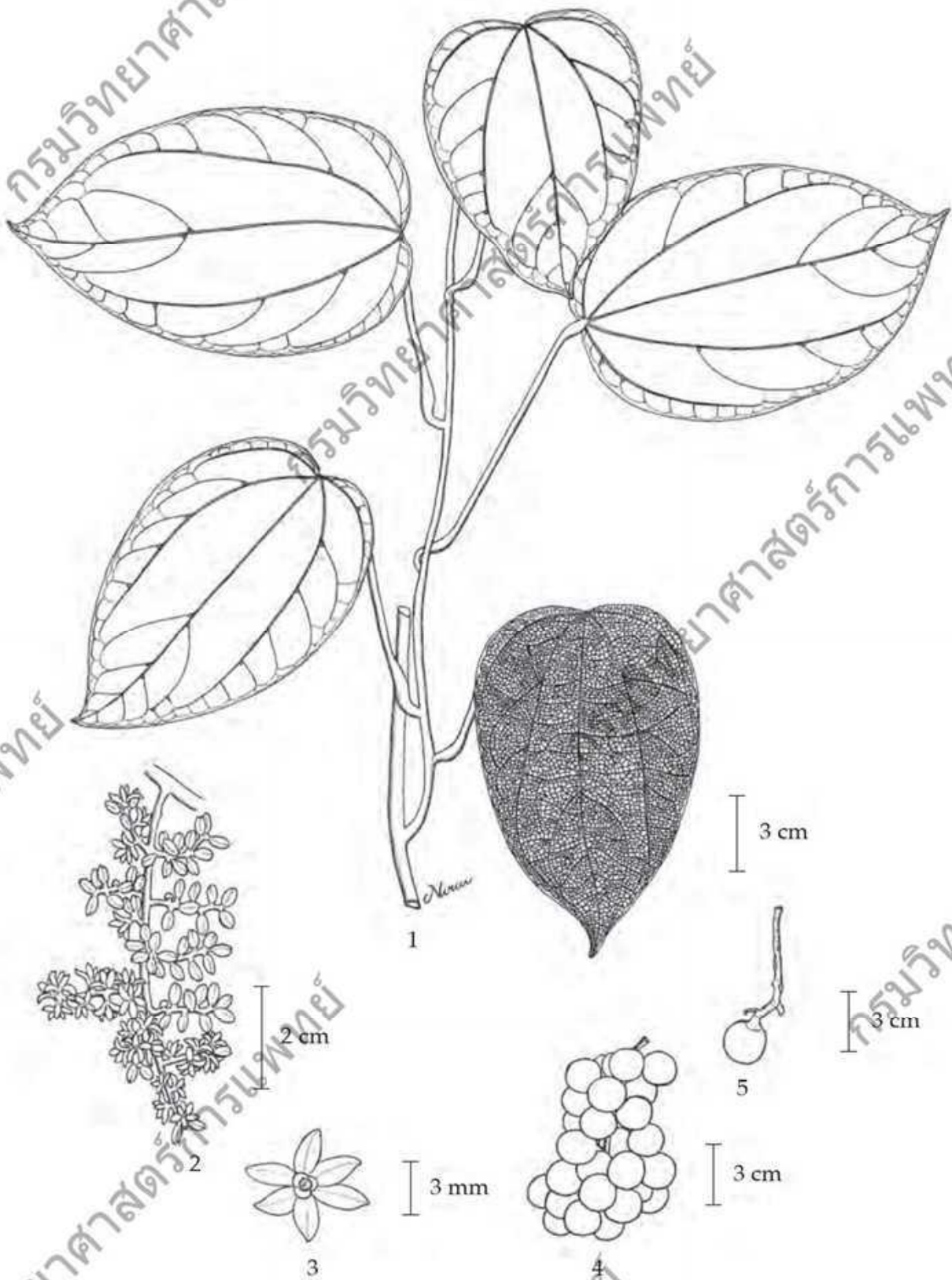
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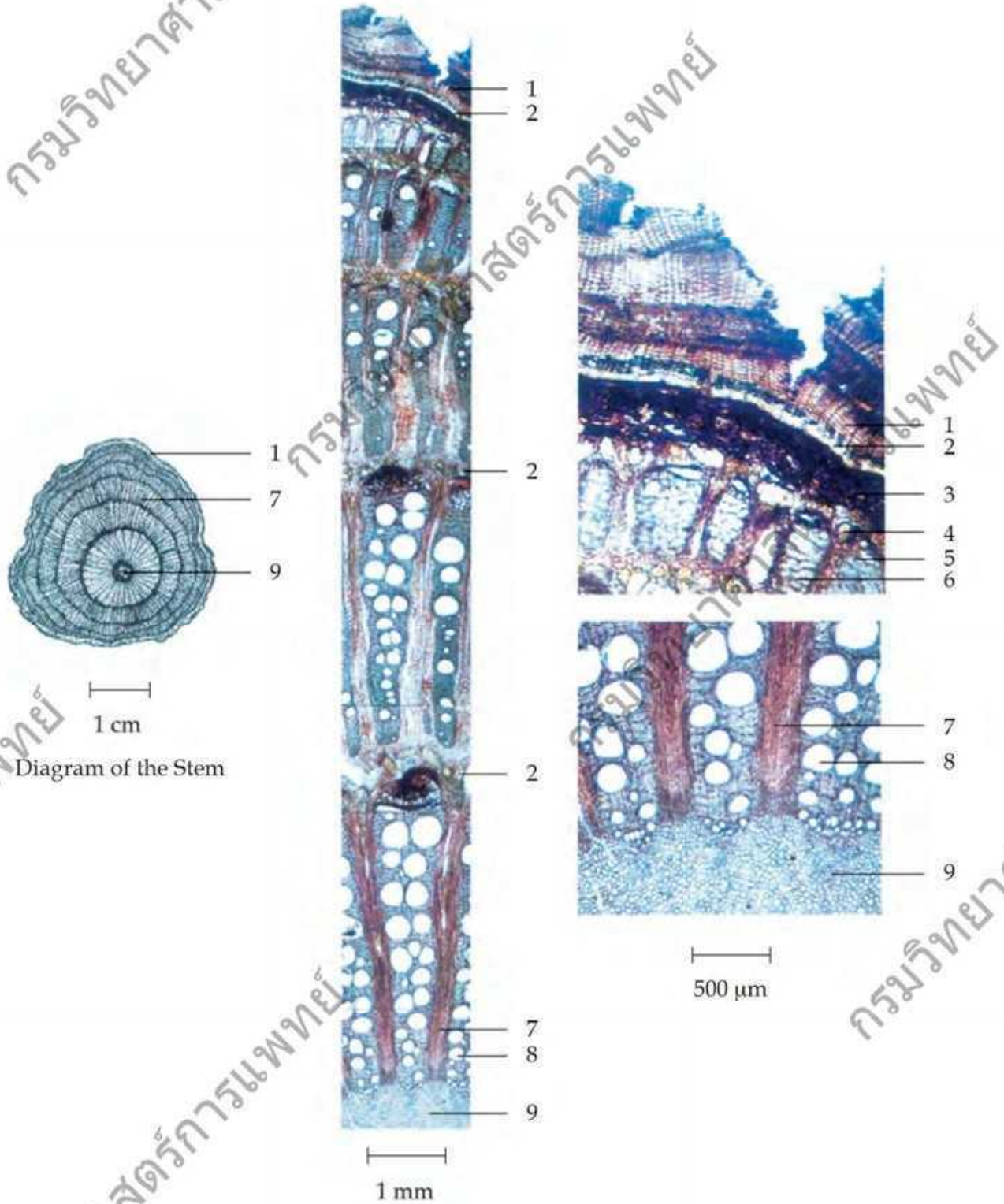
**Fig. 1a** *Arcangelisia flava* (L.) Merr.

1. habit 2. flowering twig 3. inflorescence 4. infructescence 5. stem 6. crude drug

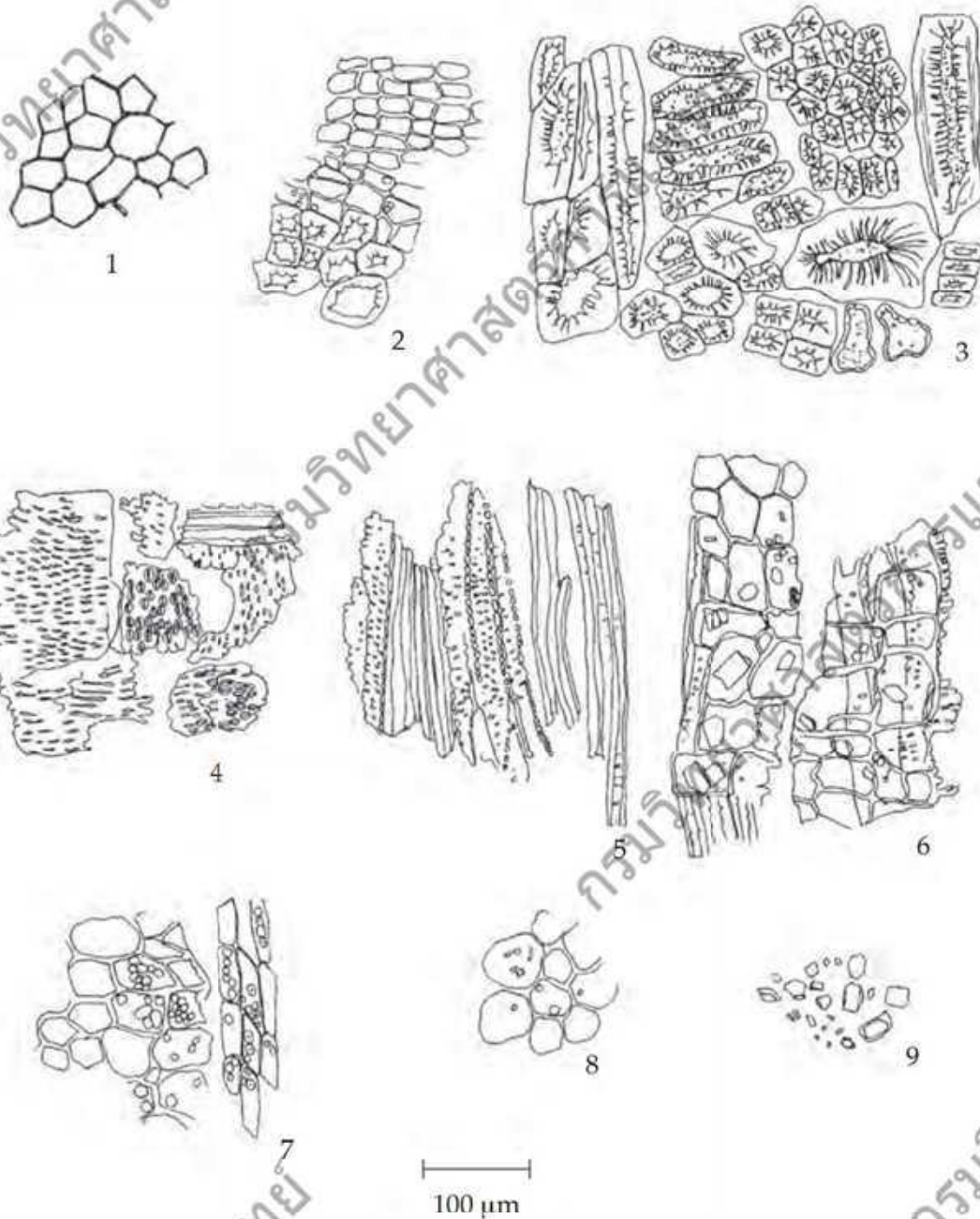


**Fig. 1b** *Arcangelisia flava* (L.) Merr.

- 1. part of vine showing leaves
- 2. female inflorescence
- 3. female flower
- 4. infructescence
- 5. fruit



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Stem of *Arcangelisia flava* (L.) Merr.  
 1. cork  
 2. sclereid  
 3. cortical parenchyma  
 4. xylem sclereid  
 5. xylem fibre  
 6. vascular tissue  
 7. xylem ray  
 8. vessel  
 9. pith



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Stems of *Arcangelisia flava* (L.) Merr.

1. cork cells in surface view
2. cork cells in sectional view associated with sclereids
3. sclereids
4. simple-pitted and bordered-pitted vessels
5. xylem fibres associated with pitted vessels
6. xylem ray in radial longitudinal section containing prismatic crystals
7. xylem parenchyma containing prismatic crystals and starch grains
8. pith parenchyma containing prismatic crystals and starch grains
9. prismatic crystals

Arcangelisia Flava Stem in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

**Packaging and storage** Arcangelisia Flava Stem shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 25 mL of *methanol* in a water-bath for 10 minutes, and filter (solution 1). Examine 2 mL of solution 1 under ultraviolet light (366 nm): a yellow fluorescence is observed.

B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add 0.5 mL of *nitric acid* and mix well: an orange colour develops.

C. Evaporate 2 mL of solution 1 to dryness, dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *ether*, add 0.5 mL of *hydrogen peroxide TS (10 volumes)*, and mix. Carefully add 1 mL of *hydrochloric acid* to form a layer: a red ring forms at the zone of contact.

D. Evaporate 2 mL of solution 1 to dryness. Add a few drops of *modified Dragendorff TS2* to the residue: an orange precipitate is produced.

E. Evaporate 5 mL of solution 1 to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 2 mL of 1.5 M *sulfuric acid*, add a few drops of 0.02 M *potassium permanganate*, and warm on a water-bath: the colour of potassium permanganate is decolorized.

F. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 70 volumes of *1-butanol*, 20 volumes of *water* and 10 volumes of *glacial acetic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 12 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L each of the following three solutions. Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 500 mg of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 20 mL of *methanol* for 5 minutes. Filter and evaporate the filtrate under reduced pressure to 5 mL. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *berberine chloride* in 1 mL of *water*. For solution (C), dissolve 1 mg of *palmatine iodide* in 1 mL of *water*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under daylight, locating the spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows two yellow spots ( $hR_f$  values 52 to 54 and 44 to 47) corresponding to the berberine chloride spot from solution (B) and the palmatine iodide spot from solution (C), respectively. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows two quenching spots corresponding to the berberine chloride spot from solution (B) and the palmatine iodide spot from solution (C) and other three quenching spots of lower  $hR_f$  values. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm); the spots due to berberine chloride and palmatine iodide show yellow fluorescences. Several other blue and one yellow spots are also observed. Spray the plate with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *phosphomolybdic acid* in *ethanol* and heat at 105° for 5 minutes; the spots corresponding to berberine chloride and palmatine iodide are brown. Several other blue spots are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

Repeat the same procedure on another plate but spray with *modified Dragendorff TS*; the spots due to berberine chloride and palmatine iodide are orange (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1.**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Stems of *Arcangelisia flava* (L.) Merr.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection				
		Daylight	UV 254	UV 366	10 Per Cent W/V Solution of Phosphomolybdic Acid in Ethanol	Modified Dragendorff TS
1	4-5	-	-	blue	-	-
2	7-8	-	quenching	blue	-	-
3	12-14	-	-	blue	-	-
4	14-15	-	quenching	blue	blue	-
5	19	-	-	-	blue	-
6	25-28	-	-	blue	-	-
7	32-34	-	quenching	blue	blue	-
8*	44-47	yellow	quenching	yellow	brown	orange
9**	52-54	yellow	quenching	yellow	brown	orange
10	57	-	-	blue	-	-
11	62-64	-	-	yellow	-	-
12	66-67	-	-	-	blue	-
13	82	-	-	-	blue	-
14	88	-	-	blue	-	-
15	96-97	-	-	-	dark blue	-
16	98	-	-	-	dark blue	-

\*palmatine iodide

\*\*berberine chloride

**Loss on drying** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 0.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Chloroform-soluble extractive** Not less than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12H).

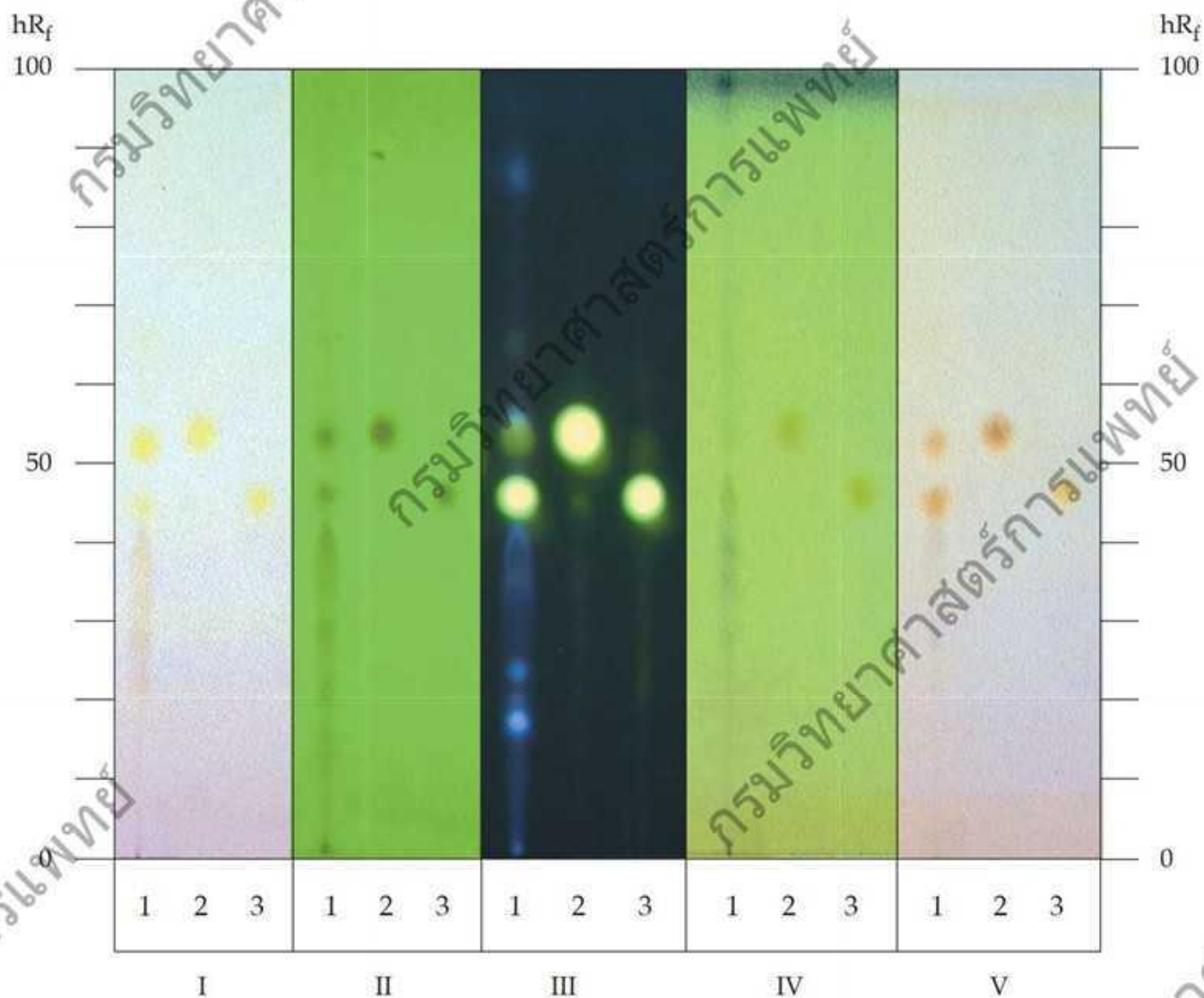
**Berberine content** Not less than 2.0 per cent w/w, calculated on the dried basis, when determined by the following method.

**Standard berberine chloride stock solution** Transfer about 40 mg of *berberine chloride*, previously dried at 110° for 4 hours and accurately weighed, to a 50-mL volumetric flask, dissolve in 30 mL of *methanol*, dilute to volume with a mixture of 1 volume of *hydrochloric acid* and 100 volumes of *methanol*, and mix.

**Standard berberine chloride solution** Dilute *Standard berberine chloride stock solution* quantitatively and stepwise with a mixture of 1 volume of *hydrochloric acid* and 100 volumes of *methanol* to obtain solutions having known concentrations of 80, 160, 240, 320, and 400  $\mu\text{g}$  per mL, respectively.

**Standard berberine chloride curve** Place 2.5 mL of each standard solution in separate aluminium oxide minicolumns (about  $15 \times 1$  cm), pretreated by filling the minicolumns with 2.5 g of *neutral aluminium oxide* using wet method and washing with about 15 mL of *ethanol*. Elute each column with 15 mL of *ethanol* in portions, combine the eluates in a 25-mL volumetric flask and dilute to volume with *ethanol*. Pipette 10 mL of each solution into separate 25-mL volumetric flasks and dilute to volume with 0.5 M *sulfuric acid*. Measure the absorbances of the solutions obtained at the maximum at about 345 nm, using 0.5 M *sulfuric acid* as the blank (Appendix 2.2). Plot the readings and draw the curve of best fit.

**Procedure** Place 500 mg of *Arcangelisia Flava* Stem, in *fine powder* and accurately weighed, in a soxhlet extractor of appropriate size. Add 25 mL of a mixture of 1 volume of *hydrochloric acid* and 100 volumes of *methanol*, extract to colourless and allow to cool. Quantitatively transfer the extract to a 50-mL volumetric flask and dilute to volume with a mixture of 1 volume of *hydrochloric acid* and 100 volumes of *methanol*. Transfer 2.5 mL of this solution to an aluminium oxide minicolumn, and proceed as directed under *Standard berberine chloride curve*, beginning with "pretreated by...". Read the absorbance of the resulting solution, and by reference to the *Standard berberine chloride curve*, calculate the content of berberine in the *Arcangelisia Flava* Stem taken using 407.85 and 336.37 as the molecular weights of berberine chloride and berberine, respectively.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Stems of *Arcangelisia flava* (L.) Merr.

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

3 = solution (C)

I = detection under daylight

II = detection under UV light (254 nm)

III = detection under UV light (366 nm)

IV = detection with a 10 per cent w/v solution of phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol

V = detection with modified Dragendorff TS

## ขมิ้นอ้อย (KHAMIN OI)

ขมิ้นหัวขึ้น (KHAMIN HUA KHUEN), ขมิ้นขึ้น (KHAMIN KHUEN)

**Category** Stomachic, antidiarrheal, emmenagogue.

**Khamin Oi is the dried rhizome of *Curcuma* sp. "Khamin Oi" (Family Zingiberaceae), Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0271.**

**Constituents** Khamin Oi contains curcuminoids, of which curcumin, desmethoxycurcumin, and bisdesmethoxycurcumin are its major components. It also contains volatile oil, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb; rhizome well-developed, mostly above ground, obconical to oblong-ovoid, branched, orange-yellow or pale yellow within, aromatic; leafy shoots up to 2 m tall; bearing 4 to 9 leaves. Leaves simple, oblong-lanceolate, up to 90 cm long, up to 25 cm wide, apex acuminate, glabrous or pubescent, base acute decurrent; petioles long, narrowly winged. Inflorescence scape from the rhizome, appearing before the leaves; peduncle 5 to 15 cm long; spike cylindrical, usually gradually widened to the apex, 10 to 18 cm long, 6 to 8 cm in diameter; primary bracts numerous, lower ones halfway connate, free part obliquely erect, 3 to 8 cm long, bracts usually increasing in length to the apex of spike, those of the lower bracts pale green or whitish, coma bract free and spreading, usually red-purple or violet; bracteoles hairy. Flower pale yellow; calyx hairy, tubular, white or white with red teeth; corolla about 4 cm long, tube white or yellowish, lobes ovate or oblong, white with pink; labellum orbicular or obovate, bilobed, yellow or white with yellow median field; petaloid staminodes oblong-obovate, pale yellow; ovary inferior, trilocular. Fruit capsule, ovoid, trigonous. Seeds oblong, arillate.

**Description** Odour, characteristic and aromatic; taste, slightly bitter and pungent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Dried slices of primary rhizomes and branched annulate tubers vary in size, shape and thickness; somewhat crooked, orange-yellowish brown to greyish brown; enclosed or nearly enclosed with outer cork layer, covered with coarse trichomes. Pseudoendodermal rings are seen in horizontal and oblique slices.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the fresh rhizome shows epidermis, composed of a layer of rectangular cells; covering trichomes, unicellular and uniseriate multicellular. Storied cork, several layers of rectangular cork cells. Cortex, composed of broad zone of thin-walled parenchyma cells, filled with numerous starch grains, some of which containing brownish yellow oleoresin or yellowish oil droplets. Pseudoendodermis, a circular layer of compressed rectangular cells, enclosing a broad zone of parenchyma cells similar to those in cortex. Vascular bundles, not yielding the reaction with phloroglucinol TS, scattering densely underneath endodermis; vessels, spiral, scalariform and reticulate.

Khamin Oi in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

**Contra-indication** It is contra-indicated in pregnant women.



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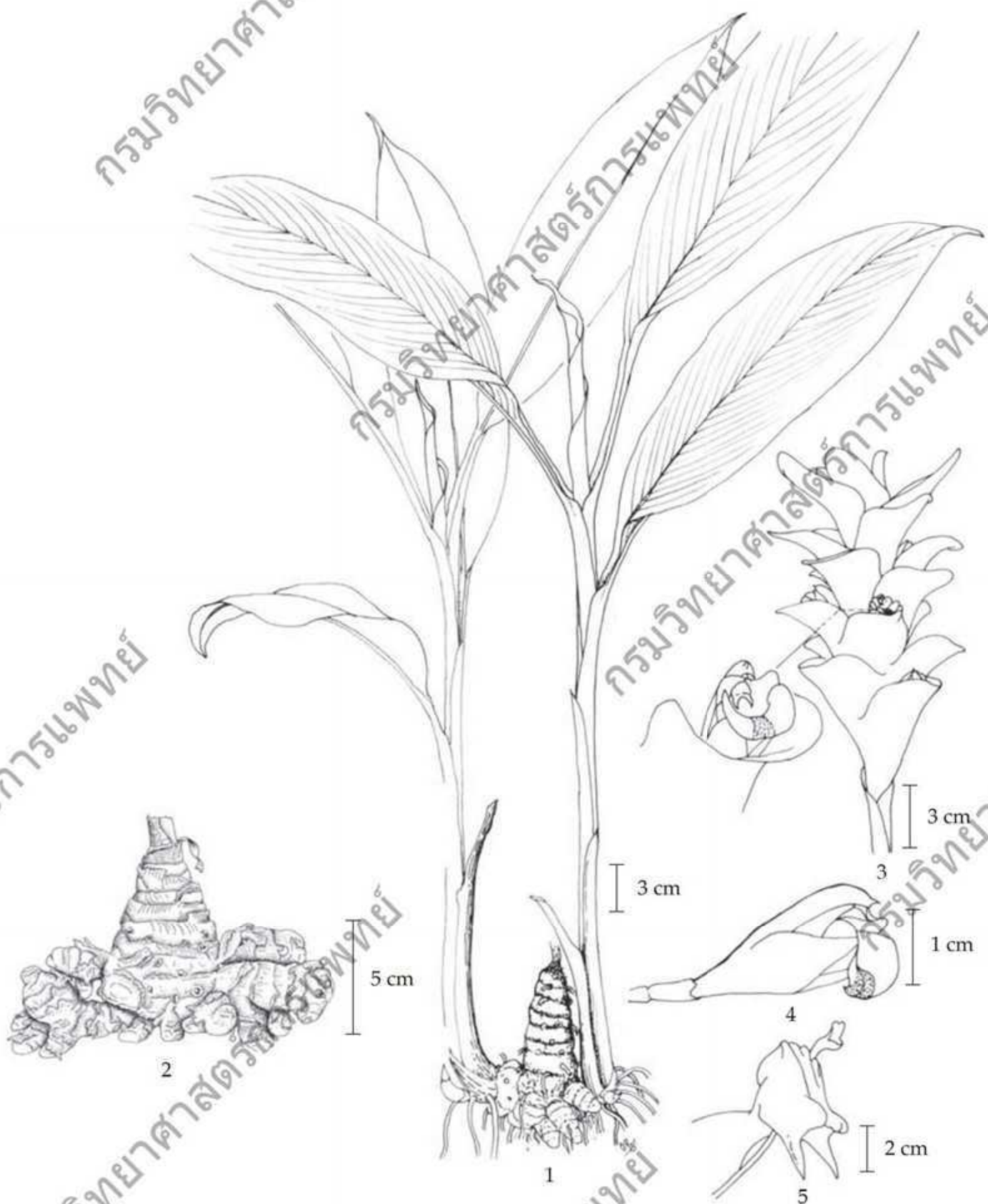
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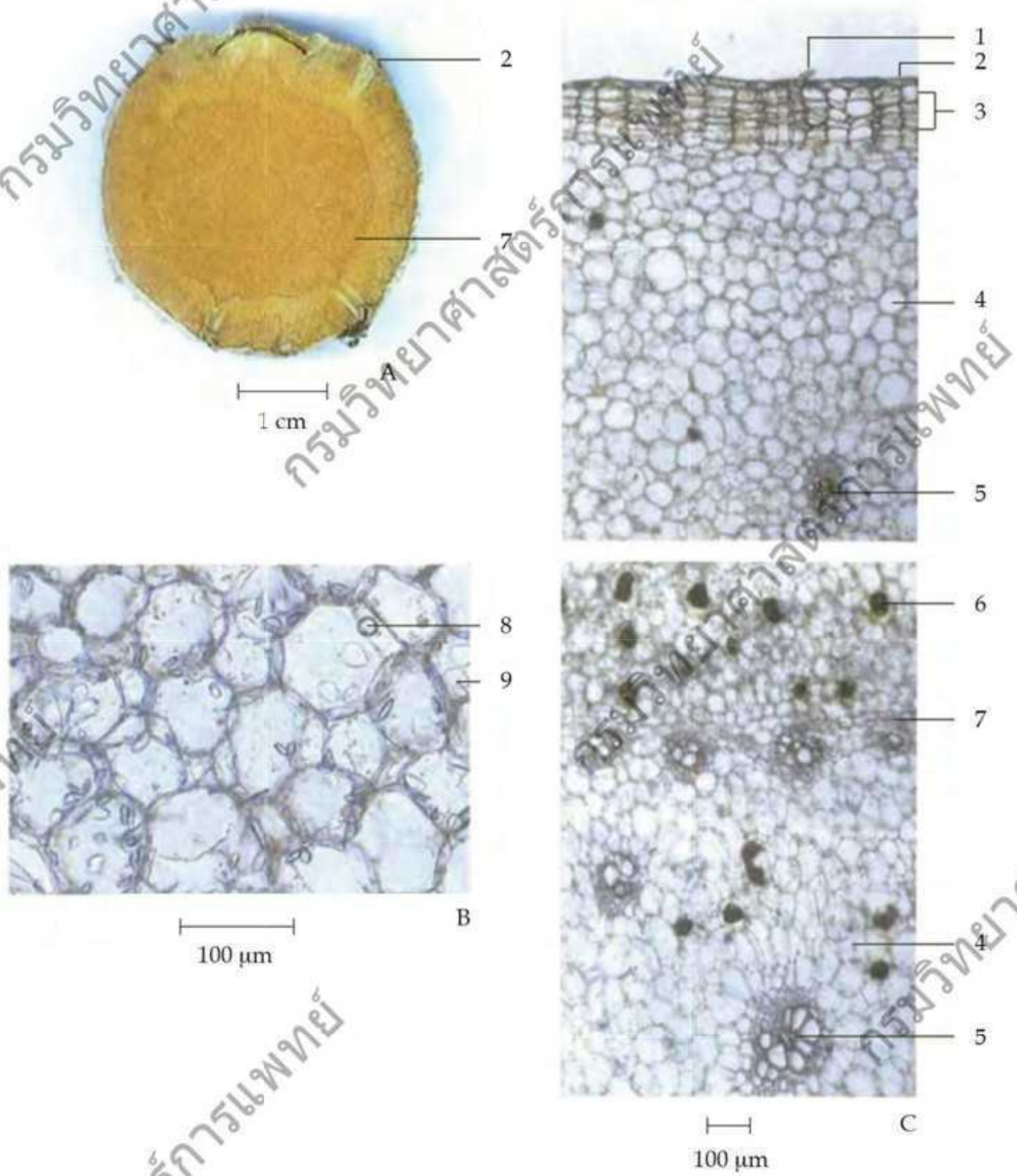
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**Fig. 1a** *Curcuma* sp. "Khamin Oi"  
1. and 2. habit 3. inflorescence 4. fresh rhizomes 5. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Curcuma* sp. "Khamin Oi"

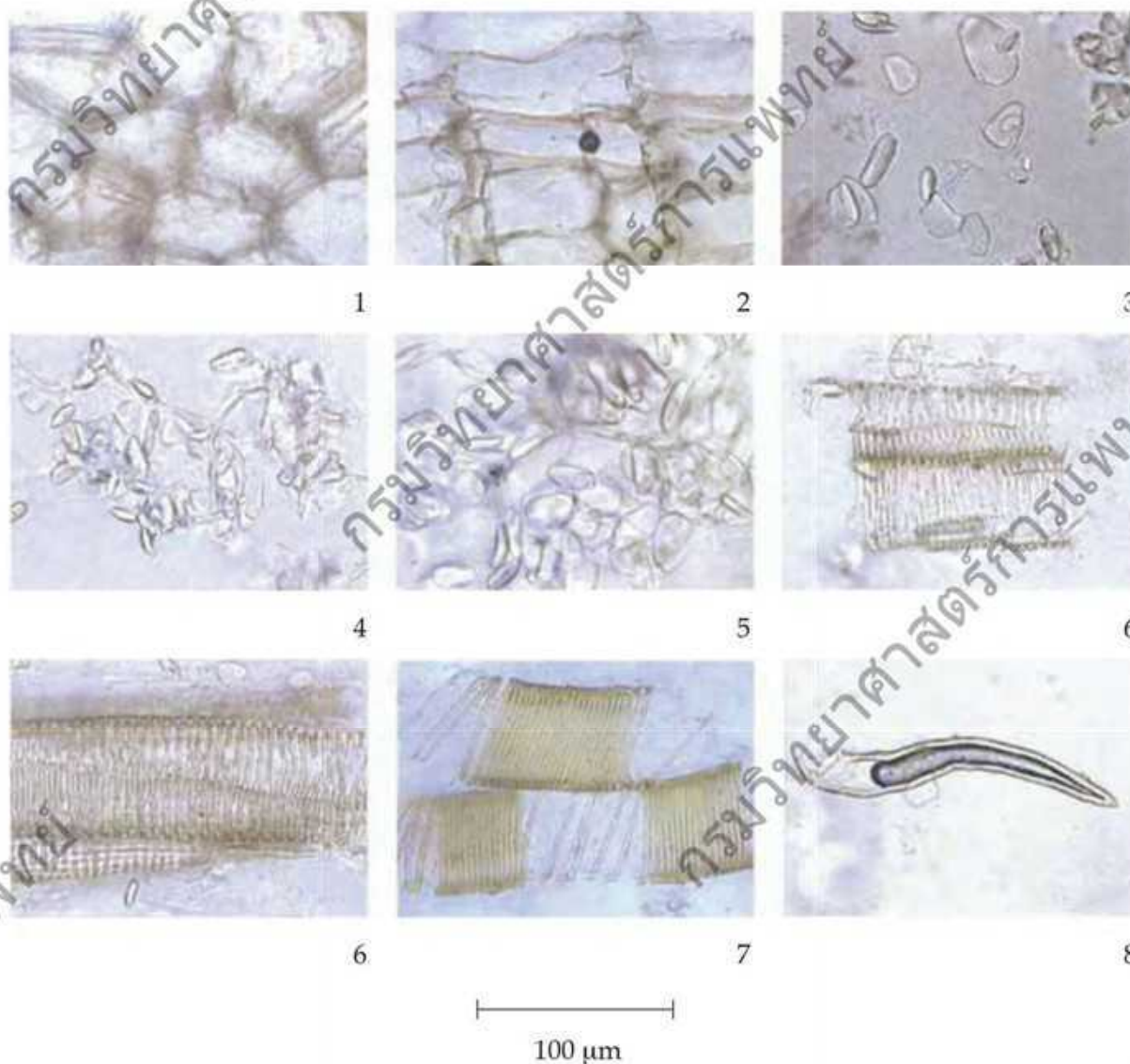
- 1. habit
- 2. rhizome
- 3. scapose inflorescence (with the end of primary bract and single floret enlarged)
- 4. single floret
- 5. stamen with anther and spur, and stigma



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Rhizome of *Curcuma* sp. "Khamin Oi"

- A. Transverse Section of the Rhizome
- B. Cortical Parenchyma
- C. Part of Sectional View
- 1. trichome
- 2. epidermis
- 3. cork layers
- 4. parenchyma
- 5. vascular bundle

- 6. orange-yellow colouring matter
- 7. pseudoendodermis
- 8. oil droplet
- 9. starch grain



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrographs of Powdered Drug of the Rhizomes of *Curcuma* sp. "Khamin Oi"

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| 1. cork cells in surface view                      | 5. parenchyma cells containing large starch grains |
| 2. cork cells in sectional view                    | 6. scalariform vessels                             |
| 3. starch grains                                   | 7. spiral vessels                                  |
| 4. parenchyma cells containing small starch grains | 8. unicellular trichome                            |

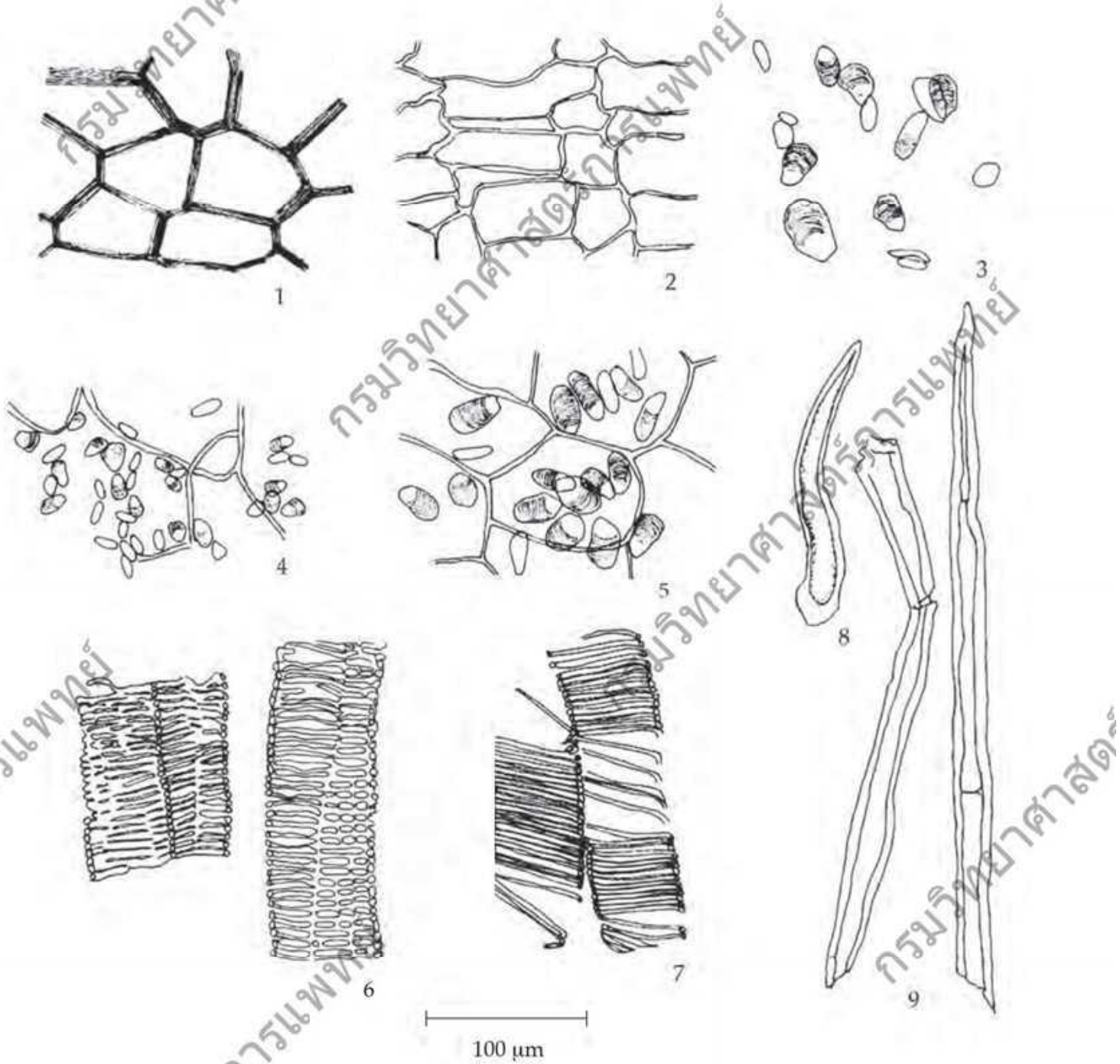


Fig. 2c Line Drawings of Powdered Drug of the Rhizomes of *Curcuma* sp. "Khamin Oi"

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| 1. cork cells in surface view                      | 6. scalariform vessels                             |
| 2. cork cells in sectional view                    | 7. spiral vessels                                  |
| 3. starch grains                                   | 8. unicellular trichome                            |
| 4. parenchyma cells containing small starch grains | 9. fragments of uniseriate multicellular trichomes |
| 5. parenchyma cells containing large starch grains |  |

**Packaging and storage** Khamin Oi shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place.

**Identification**

A. Extract 10 mg of the sample, in powder, with 2 mL of *acetic anhydride*, add a few drops of *sulfuric acid* and observe under ultraviolet light (366 nm): the solution shows blood-red colour.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 49 volumes of *toluene*, 49 volumes of *chloroform* and 2 volumes of *absolute ethanol* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 17 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by placing 1 g of the sample, in powder, in a stoppered test-tube, adding 3 mL of *methanol* and shaking for a few minutes. Set aside for 1 hour and filter. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *curcumin* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air, and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm), locating the spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows several spots of different colours. Two orange-brown spots ( $hR_f$  values 24 to 26 and 12 to 15) and one yellow spot ( $hR_f$  value 6 to 8) correspond to the spots of curcumin and its derivatives from solution (B). Spray the plate with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *phosphomolybdic acid* in *ethanol* and heat at 105° for about 10 minutes; the spots due to curcumin and its derivatives are brown. Other spots are blue (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

Repeat the same procedure on another plate but spray with *vanillin-sulfuric acid TS* and heat at 105° for about 10 minutes. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows three orange-brown spots corresponding to the spots of curcumin and its derivatives from solution (B). Other spots are purple and violet (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $R_f$  Values of Component in Metanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Curcuma* sp. "Khamin Oi"

Spot	$R_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 366	10 Per Cent W/V Solution of Phosphomolybdic Acid in Ethanol	Vanillin-Sulfuric Acid TS
1	4-6	orange-blue	blue	purple
2*	6-8	yellow	brown	orange-brown
3	8-10	-	blue	purple
4*	12-15	orange-brown	brown	orange-brown
5	15-18	blue-green	blue	violet
6	18-19	-	blue	violet
7*	24-26	orange-brown	brown	orange-brown
8	26-28	blue-green	blue	purple
9	32-35	-	blue	violet
10	35-38	-	blue	violet
11	41-44	-	blue	violet
12	44-46	-	blue	violet
13	44-51	blue-green	-	-
14	52-54	-	blue	violet
15	56-59	-	blue	violet
16	65-69	-	blue	purple
17	72-78	-	blue	violet

\*curcumin and its derivatives

**Water** Not more than 11.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

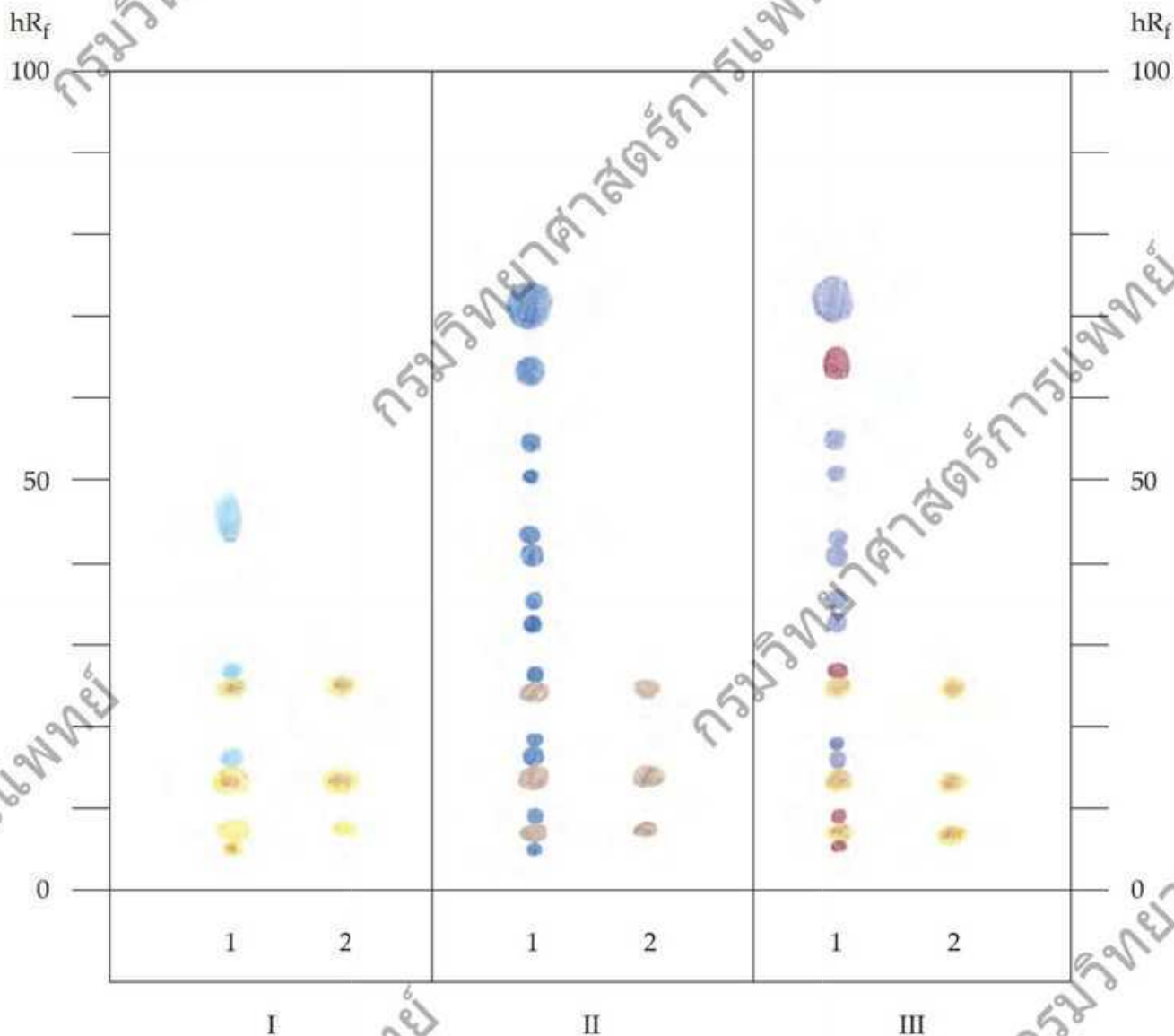
**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 6.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Sulfated ash** Not more than 14.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 5.3).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 4.0 per cent v/w, calculated on the anhydrous basis (Appendix 7.3H).

Use 10 g, in *fine powder*, accurately weighed. Use 100 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.

**Dose** 4.5 to 9 g.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Curcuma* sp. "Khamin Oi"

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- II = detection with a 10 per cent w/v solution of phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol
- III = detection with vanillin-sulfuric acid TS

## ขิง (KHING)

Zingiberis Officinalis Rhizoma  
Ginger

**Category** Carminative, antifatulent.

**Ginger is the dried rhizome of *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe (*Amomum zingiber* L.) (Family Zingiberaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: BKF 193777, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1145.**

**Constituents** Ginger contains oleoresin predominantly consisting of gingerols, shogaols and volatile oil. Its volatile oil comprises zingiberene, borneol, geraneol, etc. It also contains fatty acids, starch, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb; pseudostem up to 2 m tall; leafy; subterranean rhizome branched, thick, fleshy, yellowish inside, strongly aromatic. Leaves simple, alternate, sessile, lanceolate or linear-lanceolate, 10 to 30 cm long, 1.5 to 3 cm wide, apex acute or acuminate, base obtuse, sheathing; ligule membranous, 2 to 4 mm long, bilobed. Inflorescence arising from rhizome, spike elliptic to oblong, 4 to 9 cm long, 2 to 3 cm wide; peduncle erect, up to 25 cm long, with 5 to 9 green sheaths; bract imbricate, free, green, incurved, globose, obtrapezoidal or obovate, 2 to 3 cm long, 2 to 2.5 cm wide, apex obtuse, glabrous on both sides, cream to creamy yellow on margin and tip, sharp apex tip; bracteole elliptic-oblong, ciliate, 2.5 to 2.8 cm long, 1 to 1.5 cm wide, apex obtuse or toothed, glabrous; corolla tube 3-lobed, 2.2 to 2.5 cm long, glabrous, white, dorsal lobe 1.7 to 1.8 cm long, about 8 mm wide, lateral lobes 1.6 to 1.7 cm long, 4 to 5 mm wide; labellum conspicuously 3-lobed, midlobe rounded or obovate, about 1.6 cm long, 1.3 to 1.4 cm wide, apex truncate or emarginate, dark red with yellow blotches at base, side lobes about 7 mm long, 5 to 6 mm wide, apex acute, dark red with scattered creamy dots; anther about 1 cm long, about 3 mm wide, filament about 3 mm long, flattened, appendage 7 to 9 mm long, apex acute, dark red; stylode unequal, 7 to 8 mm long; ovary inferior, glabrous, 3-loculed, each locule with several ovules. Fruit capsule, oblong. Seeds numerous, blackish, arillate.

**Description** Odour, characteristic and aromatic; taste, pungent and aromatic.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Unpeeled, horizontal, irregularly branched and vary in size. Externally light brown with longitudinal wrinkles and distinct annulated nodes; branched parts usually with remains of scale leaves, apex with stem scars or buds. Texture compact, fibrous; fracture yellowish to brownish.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the rhizome shows epidermis, storied cork, cortex, pseudoendodermis, and vascular bundles. Epidermis, a layer of thin-walled rectangular cells. Storied cork, layers of thin-walled, suberized rectangular cells. Cortex, thin-walled parenchyma cells containing numerous starch grains and/or oil globules, some of which containing yellow oleoresin. Pseudoendodermis, a layer of small thin-walled rectangular cells. Vascular bundles, scattered in cortex, containing xylem and phloem tissues; vessels, mostly scalariform and reticulate.



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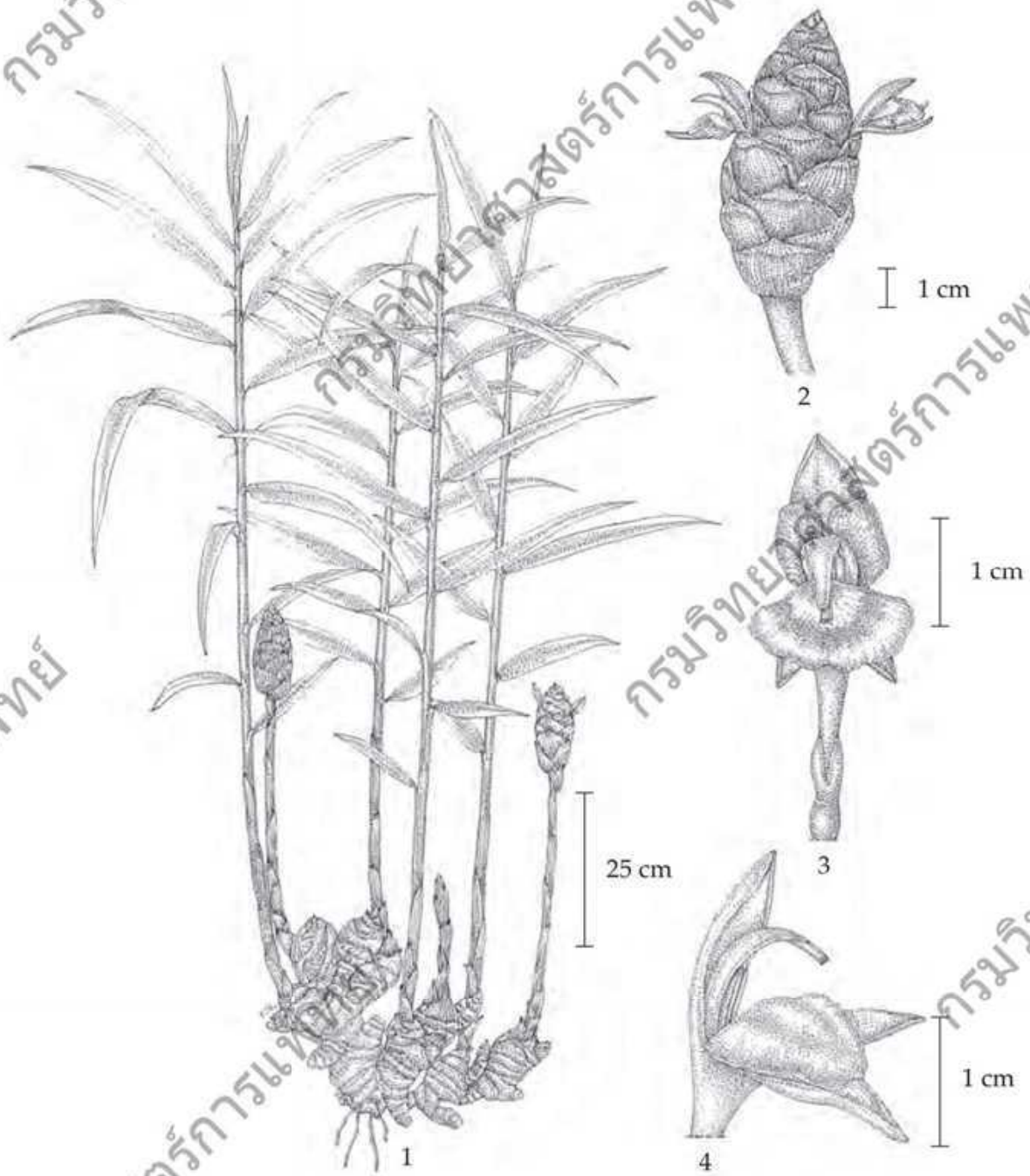


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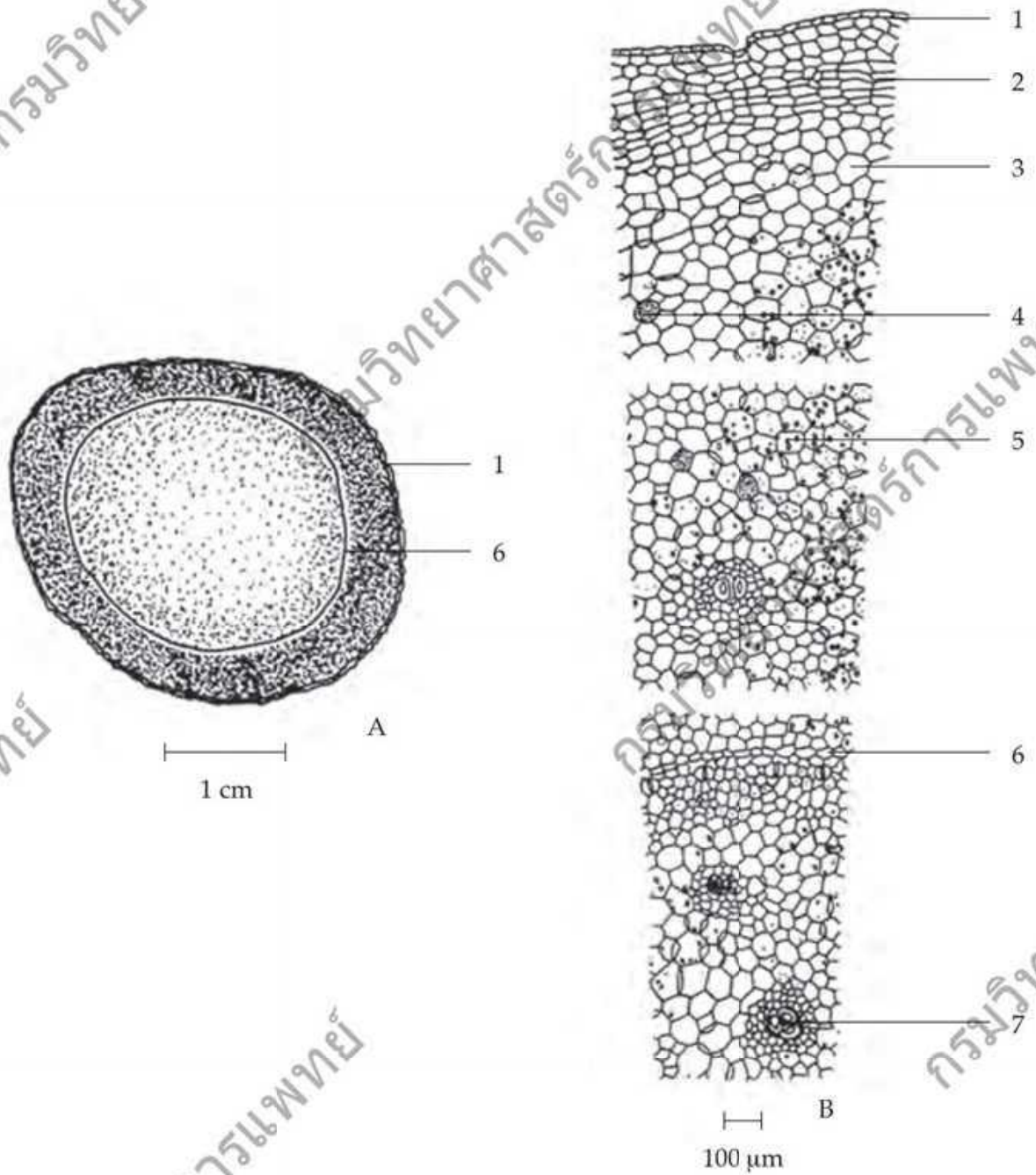
**Fig. 1a** *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe

1. rhizomes, showing lower part of pseudostems and young spike
2. pseudostems and leaf blades
3. spike with flowers, one in full bloom (front view)
4. flower (oblique view)
5. mature rhizome
6. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe

- 1. habit showing rhizomes, pseudostems, leaves, and spike
- 2. inflorescence (spike)
- 3. flower (front view)
- 4. flower (oblique view)

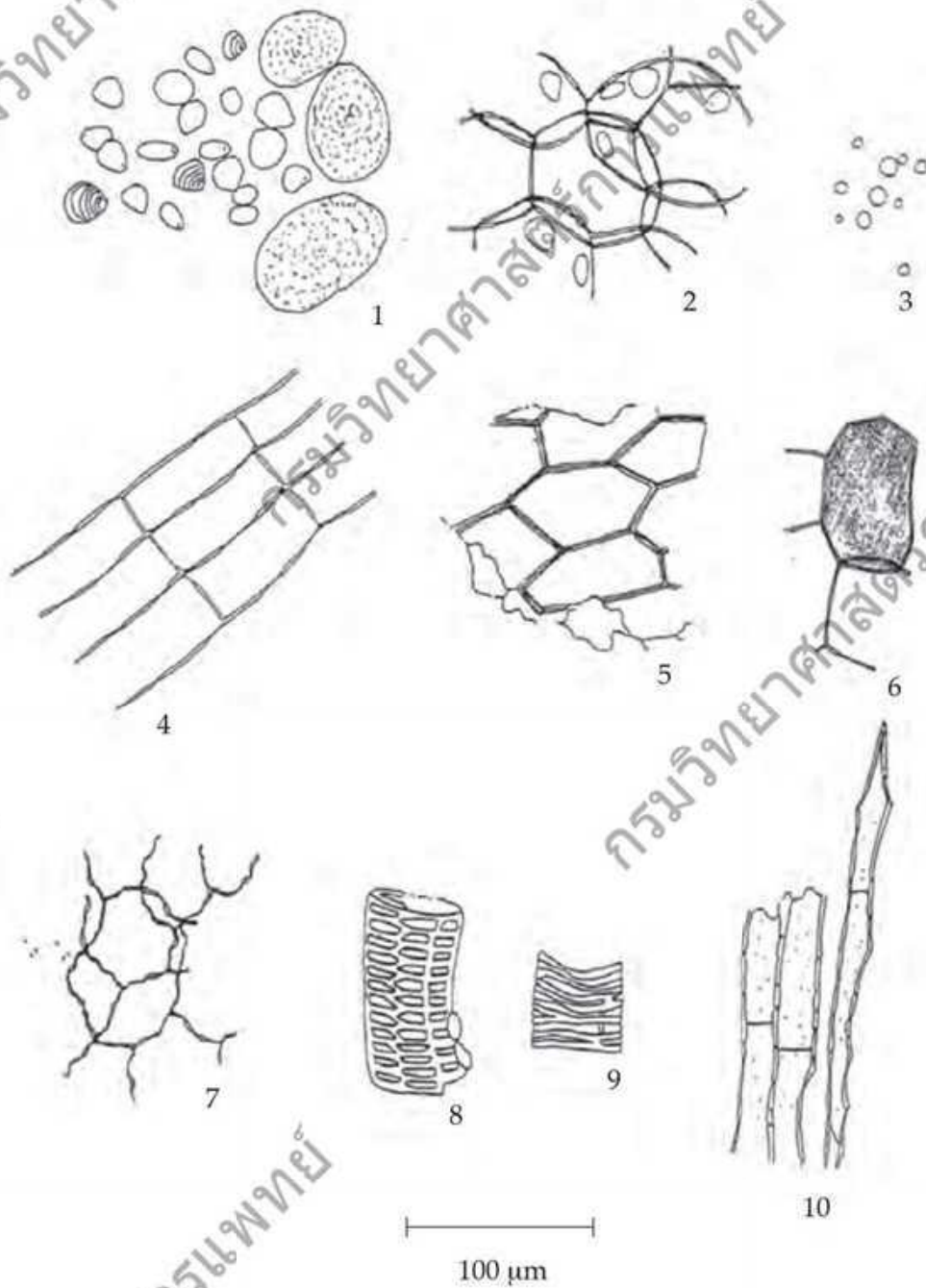


**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Rhizome of *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe

A. Diagram

B. Part of Sectional View

- 1. epidermis
- 2. storied cork
- 3. parenchyma
- 4. parenchyma containing yellow oleoresin
- 5. parenchyma containing starch grains and oil globules
- 6. pseudoendodermis
- 7. vascular bundle



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Rhizomes of *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe

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| 1. starch grains and altered starch                      | 6. parenchyma containing yellow oleoresin |
| 2. parenchyma containing starch grains                   | 7. parenchyma                             |
| 3. oil globules  | 8. scalariform vessel                     |
| 4. storied cork in sectional view                        | 9. reticulate vessel                      |
| 5. storied cork adjacent with parenchyma in surface view | 10. septate fibres                        |

Ginger in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Layers of thin-walled cells of storied cork, parenchyma containing starch grains, and/or altered starch, and/or yellow oleoresin are characteristic.

#### Warning

1. It should not be used in children under 6 years of age and in pregnant women.
2. It should not be used in patients with bile duct obstruction except under medical supervision.
3. Concomitant use with anticoagulants and antiplatelets should be used with caution.

**Additional information** Ginger containing not less than 2 per cent v/w of volatile oil can be administered orally as an anti-emetic.

**Packaging and storage** Ginger shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place.

#### Identification

A. Dissolve 50 mg of the residue obtained from *Ethanol-soluble extractive* in 25 mL of *water* and extract this solution with two 15-mL portions of *ether*. Combine the ether extracts and evaporate to dryness. To the residue, add 5 mL of a 75 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid*, and 5 mg of *vanillin* and then mix well. Allow to stand for 15 minutes and add 5 mL of *water*: a bright blue colour develops.

B. To 1 g of the sample, in powder, add 5 mL of a 50 per cent v/v solution of *glacial acetic acid*. Shake vigorously for 15 minutes and filter. To the filtrate, add a few drops of *ammonium oxalate TS*: a slight turbidity is produced.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 40 volumes of *hexane* and 60 volumes of *ether* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 15 mm, 20  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by shaking 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 5 mL of *methanol* for 15 minutes and filtering. For solution (B), dissolve 10  $\mu$ L of *citral* and 10 mg of *resorcinol*, as the reference compounds<sup>1</sup>, in 10 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows three quenching bands. Two quenching bands are between the bands due to resorcinol ( $hR_f$  value 30 to 33) and citral isomers ( $hR_f$  values 70 to 72 and 73 to 75) in the chromatogram obtained from solution (B) and one quenching band is below the resorcinol band. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; one blue and several green-blue fluorescent bands are observed. Spray the plate with *vanillin-sulfuric acid TS2* and heat at 105° for 10 minutes. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows one violet-grey, one brown-yellow and two violet bands below the red band due to resorcinol in the chromatogram obtained from solution (B). It also shows one dark violet band above the two violet bands due to citral isomers in the chromatogram obtained from solution (B) and two violet-grey and two violet bands between the bands due to resorcinol and citral isomers (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

<sup>1</sup>Citral and Resorcinol are not marker compounds for Ginger. They are used as the reference compounds for the purpose of TLC identification.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe

Band	$hR_f$ Values	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Vanillin-Sulfuric Acid TS2
1	4-5	-	-	violet-grey
2	13-15	-	blue	brown-yellow
3	20-22	weak quenching	green-blue	violet
4	23-25	-	green-blue	violet
5	35-37	-	green-blue	-
6	42-43	-	-	pale violet
7	44-46	-	green-blue	-
8	47-49	-	-	pale violet
9	53-55	quenching	green-blue	violet-grey
10	57-58	quenching	-	violet-grey
11	90-92	-	-	dark violet

**Water** Not more than 11.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

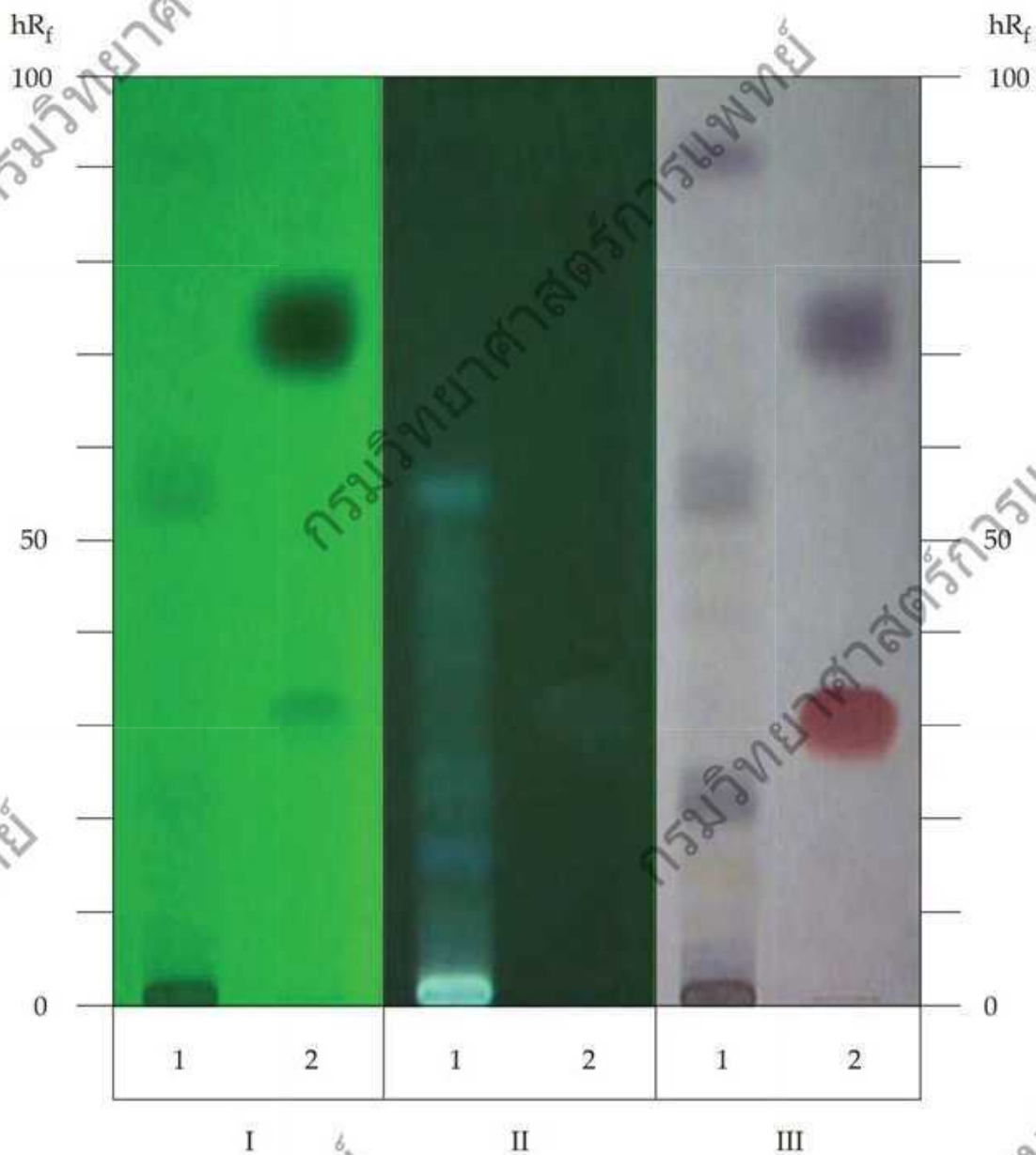
**Water-soluble ash** Not less than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.11).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 13.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 0.8 per cent v/w, calculated on the anhydrous basis (Appendix 7.3H). Use 50 g, in *coarse powder*, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 200 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.

**Dose** 2 to 4 g a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *vanillin-sulfuric acid* TS2

## ยาแคปซูลขิง (KHING CAPSULES)

Ginger Capsules

**Category** Carminative, antifatulent, anti-emetic.

Ginger Capsules contain an amount of powdered Ginger equivalent to not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled amount of gingerols, gingerdiones and shogaols, and not less than 90.0 per cent of the labelled amount of volatile oil, calculated on the anhydrous basis.

**Strengths available** 250 and 500 mg (powder).

**Dose** Carminative, antifatulent: 2 to 4 g a day.

Prophylaxis of nausea and vomiting associated with motion sickness: 1 to 2 g at least 30 minutes to 1 hour before travelling or as needed.

Prevention of postoperative nausea and vomiting: 1 g at 1 hour before operation.

### Warning

1. It is not recommended in children under 6 years of age.
2. It may cause gastro-intestinal disturbances and irritation in mouth and throat.
3. Caution should be exercised when it is to be used concomitantly with anticoagulants and antiplatelets.
4. It should not be used in patients with bile duct obstruction except under medical supervision.

**Packaging and storage** Ginger Capsules shall be kept in tightly closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place and at a temperature not exceeding 30°.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the amounts of gingerols, gingerdiones and shogaols; (2) the amount of volatile oil; (3) the expiration date; (4) "If you are pregnant or nursing, consult a qualified health care professional before using".

### Identification

A. The capsule contents exhibit diagnostic structures of the powdered drug described under *Ginger*.

B. The retention times of the major peaks in the chromatogram of the Assay preparation correspond to that of the Standard preparation, as obtained in the Assay.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 2 volumes of *n-hexane* and 3 volumes of *diethyl ether* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, as bands of 5 mm, 10 µL of solution (A) and 5 µL each of solutions (B) and (C). For solution (A), shake a quantity of the capsule contents, containing 20 mg of 6-gingerol and 10 mg of 6-shogaol, with 10 mL of *methanol* and sonicate for 5 minutes and filter. Solution (B) contains 2 mg per mL of 6-gingerol in *methanol* and solution (C) contains 1 mg per mL of 6-shogaol in *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. Spray the plate with *vanillin-sulfuric acid TS* and heat 105° for 10 minutes. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows two violet bands corresponding to the 6-gingerol and 6-shogaol bands from solutions (B) and (C), respectively. Several other bands of different colours are observed.

**Water** Of the capsule contents, not more than 11.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Microbial limit** Comply with the requirements for Category 4 in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

#### Assay

**FOR VOLATILE OIL** Remove the contents of not less than 20 Ginger Capsules, mix and transfer about 20 g, accurately weighed, to a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Use 250 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube (Appendix 7.3H). Calculate the content of volatile oil, in mL, in the portion of the Capsules taken with reference to anhydrous substance.

**FOR GINGEROLS, GINGERDIONES AND SHOGAOLS** Carry out the determination as described in the "Liquid Chromatography" (Appendix 3.5).

**Mobile phase A** Prepare a mixture of 55 volumes of *acetonitrile*, 44 volumes of *phosphoric acid* (1 in 1000), and 1 volume of *methanol*.

**Mobile phase B** Use *acetonitrile*.

**System suitability solution** Reconstitute the content of 1 vial of Ginger Constituent Mixture RS containing 80 µg of 6-gingerol and 150 µg of 6-shogaol in 1 mL of *Standard preparation*.

**Standard preparation** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of Capsaicin RS in *methanol* to obtain a solution having a known concentration of about 100 µg per mL of capsaicin.

**Assay preparation** Weigh and mix the contents of not less than 20 Ginger Capsules. Transfer about 2 g of the powdered ginger, accurately weighed, to a glass-stoppered conical flask. Add 50 mL of *ethanol*, insert a stopper into the flask, macerate for 24 hours, shaking frequently during the first 8 hours, and then allowing to stand for 16 hours. Filter.

**Chromatographic procedure** The chromatographic procedure may be carried out using (a) a stainless steel column (25 cm × 4.6 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (5 µm), (b) *Mobile phase A* at a flow rate of 1.0 mL per minute for not less than seven times the retention time of capsaicin (the retention time is about 10 minutes for capsaicin.), and (c) an ultraviolet photometer set at 282 nm. After each chromatographic run, wash the column as follows.

Time (Minutes)	Mobile Phase A (Per Cent V/V)	Mobile Phase B (Per Cent V/V)
0	100	0
2	0	100
12	0	100
14	100	0
35	100	0

To determine the suitability of the chromatographic system, chromatograph *Standard preparation* and record the peak response as directed under *Procedure*: the relative standard deviation for replicate injections is not more than 2.5 per cent. Chromatograph *System suitability solution* and record the peak response as directed under *Procedure*: the relative retention times are about 0.8 for 6-gingerol, 1.0 for capsaicin and 1.9 for 6-shogaol. The resolution factor, *R*, between the 6-gingerol and the capsaicin peaks is not less than 3.0 and the resolution factor, *R*, between the capsaicin and the 6-shogaol peaks is not less than 10.0. The symmetry factors for 6-gingerol, 6-shogaol and capsaicin peaks are not more than 2.0.

**Procedure** Separately inject equal volumes (about 25  $\mu$ L) of *Standard preparation* and *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, and measure the responses for the major peaks.

**Calculation** Calculate the percentage of the labelled amount of gingerols, gingerdiones, and shogaols in the portion of the Capsules taken by the expression:

$$(r_u/r_s) \times C \times (V/D) \times (W/L) \times 100,$$

in which  $r_u$  is the sum of the peak responses for gingerols, gingerdiones, and shogaols from *Assay preparation*,  $r_s$  is the peak response of capsaicin from *Standard preparation*, *C* is the concentration, in mg per mL, of Capsaicin RS in *Standard preparation*, *V* is the final volume, in mL, of *Assay preparation*, *D* is the weight, in mg, of the portion of capsules taken, *W* is the average weight, in mg, of the capsule content, and *L* is the labelled amount, in mg per capsule, of gingerols, gingerdiones, and shogaols.

(**Note** Calculate the sum of the peak responses due to gingerols and gingerdiones occurring at about the following retention times relative to 1.0 for capsaicin: 0.8 for 6-gingerol, 1.5 for 8-gingerol A, 2.2 for 8-gingerol B, 2.5 for 6-gingerdiol, 2.6 for 6-gingerdione, 3.4 for 10-gingerol, and 5.2 for 8-gingerdione and calculate the sum of the peak responses due to shogaols, occurring at about the following retention times, relative to 1.0 for capsaicin: 1.9 for 6-shogaol, 4.2 for 8-shogaol, and 5.8 for 10-shogaol.)

**Other requirements** Comply with the requirements described under "Capsules" (Appendix 1.16H).

## ยาชงชิ่ง (YA CHONG KHING)

Ginger Tea

**Category** Carminative, antifatulent, anti-emetic.

Ginger Tea contains an amount of powdered Ginger equivalent to not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled amount of gingerols, gingerdiones and shogaols, and not less than 90.0 per cent of the labelled amount of volatile oil, calculated on the anhydrous basis.

**Strengths available** 1, 2 and 3 g (powder), supplied in a sachet.

**Dose** Carminative, antifatulent, antidyspepsia: one sachet, containing 1 to 3 g of powdered ginger, prepared as an infusion by soaking each with 150 mL of boiling water for 10 minutes, twice a day.

Prophylaxis of nausea and vomiting associated with motion sickness: one sachet containing 1 to 2 g of powdered ginger, prepared as an infusion by soaking each with 150 mL of boiling water for 10 minutes, at least 30 minutes to 1 hour before travelling or as needed.

Prevention of postoperative nausea and vomiting: one sachet, containing 1 g of powdered ginger, prepared as an infusion by soaking each with 150 mL of boiling water for 10 minutes, at least 1 hour before operation.

### Warning

1. It is not recommended in children under 6 years of age.
2. It may cause gastro-intestinal disturbances and irritation in mouth and throat.
3. Caution should be exercised when it is to be used concomitantly with anticoagulants and antiplatelets.
4. It should not be used in patients with bile duct obstruction except under medical supervision.

**Packaging and storage** Ginger Tea shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the amounts of gingerols, gingerdiones and shogaols; (2) the amount of volatile oil; (3) the expiration date; (4) "If you are pregnant or nursing, consult a qualified health care professional before using".

### Identification

A. The tea contents exhibit diagnostic structures of the powdered drug described under *Ginger*.

B. The tea contents comply with the tests for Identification A, B and C described under *Ginger Capsules*.

**Water** Of the tea contents, not more than 11.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Microbial limit** Complies with the requirements for Category 2 in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Assay**

**FOR VOLATILE OIL** Mix the contents of not less than 20 sachets of Ginger Tea and transfer about 20 g, accurately weighed, to a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Use 250 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube (Appendix 7.3H). Calculate the content of volatile oil, in mL, in the portion of the Tea taken with reference to anhydrous substance.

**FOR GINGEROLS, GINGERDIONES AND SHOGAOLS** Carry out the determination as described in the "Liquid Chromatography" (Appendix 3.5).

**Mobile phase A, Mobile phase B, System suitability solution, Standard preparation, Chromatographic procedure, and Procedure** Proceed as directed in the Assay under *Ginger Capsules*.

**Assay preparation** Grind the contents of not less than 20 sachets of Ginger Tea to *fine powder*. Transfer about 2 g of the powdered ginger, accurately weighed, to a glass-stoppered conical flask. Add 50 mL of *ethanol*, insert a stopper into the flask, macerate for 24 hours, shaking frequently during the first 8 hours, and then allowing to stand for 16 hours. Filter.

**Calculation** Calculate the percentage of the labelled amount of gingerols, gingerdiones, and shogaols in the portion of the Tea taken by the expression:

$$(r_u/r_s) \times C \times (V/D) \times (W/L) \times 100,$$

in which  $r_u$  is the sum of the peak responses for gingerols, gingerdiones, and shogaols from *Assay preparation*,  $r_s$  is the peak response of capsaicin from *Standard preparation*,  $C$  is the concentration, in mg per mL, of Capsaicin RS in *Standard preparation*,  $V$  is the final volume, in mL, of *Assay preparation*,  $D$  is the weight, in mg, of the portion of the tea taken,  $W$  is the average weight, in mg, of the tea content, and  $L$  is the labelled amount, in mg per sachet, of gingerols, gingerdiones and shogaols.

(**Note** Calculate the sum of the peak responses due to gingerols and gingerdiones occurring at about the following retention times relative to 1.0 for capsaicin: 0.8 for 6-gingerol, 1.5 for 8-gingerol A, 2.2 for 8-gingerol B, 2.5 for 6-gingerdiol, 2.6 for 6-gingerdione, 3.4 for 10-gingerol, and 5.2 for 8-gingerdione and calculate the sum of the peak responses due to shogaols, occurring at about the following retention times, relative to 1.0 for capsaicin: 1.9 for 6-shogaol, 4.2 for 8-shogaol, and 5.8 for 10-shogaol).

**Other requirements** Complies with the requirements described under "Herbal Teas" (Appendix 1.16H).

## คนทา (KHON THA)

กะลันทา (KALANTHA), โททา (KOTHA), สีฟันคนทา (SI FAN KHON THA)

Harrisoniae Perforatae Radix

Harrisonia Perforata Root

**Category** Antipyretic, antidiarrheal.

**Harrisonia Perforata Root is the dried root of *Harrisonia perforata* (Blanco) Merr. (*Paliurus perforatus* Blanco) (Family Rutaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5218, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1080.**

**Constituents** Harrisonia Perforata Root contains limonoids (e.g., harperfolide, harrisonin, obacunone) and chromones (e.g., harperamone). It also contains coumarins, sterols, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Erect or straggling shrub, up to 5 m tall; rarely small tree; thorn conical, straight or slightly curved, woody cylindrical-shaped in old stem. Leaves spirally arranged, imparipinnate, with 1 to 7 pairs of leaflets, up to 20 cm long; petiole reddish, 0.5 to 4.5 cm long; rachis narrowly winged; leaflet subsessile, lanceolate or ovate-oblong, 1 to 5 cm long, 0.5 to 2 cm wide, apex acute or obtuse, base acute or obtuse, unequal-sided, margin crenate-serrate, glabrous, sometimes pubescent on nerves. Inflorescence cymose, 8- to 20-flowered, in upper leaf axils and end of twigs, 12 to 20 cm long, rarely solitary flower; peduncle 7 to 11 cm long. Flower purplish red outside, creamy white inside, pubescent; pedicel 3 to 4 mm long, pubescent; calyx small, 4- or 5-lobed, lobe broadly triangular, apex obtuse, pubescent outside; petals 4 to 5, oblong-obovate or lanceolate, 5 to 9 mm long, 2 to 4 mm wide, apex acute, pubescent on both surfaces; stamens 8 or 10, filament 6 to 8 mm long, whitish, glabrous or pubescent, attached to edge of cup-shaped disc; ovary superior, 0.5 to 1 mm long, 4- or 5-loculed, ovule 1 per locule, style 5 to 8 mm long, pubescent, stigma knob-like. Fruit berry, subglobose, 4 to 9 mm long, 1 to 1.5 cm wide, slightly lobed, glabrous, endocarp hard, with 3 to 5 seeds.

**Description** Odourless; taste, bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Obliquely, longitudinally or transversely sliced roots, varied in shape and size; bark 1 to 3 mm thick, greyish brown to brownish, with scattered irregular scars; wood pale yellow with dark brown rings in the centre.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) Transverse section of the root shows periderm, cortex, phloem, vascular cambium, and xylem. Periderm, several layers of small rectangular cork cells. Cortex, various sizes and shapes of thin-walled parenchyma cells, fibres, and round- or oval-shaped lysigenous intercellular spaces, some containing yellow or brown substance; with starch grains, yellow or brown substance, and rosette aggregate crystals scattered throughout parenchyma tissue. Phloem, converse V-shaped broad zones of small thin-walled parenchyma cells, some containing starch grains, groups of fibres, phloem rays, and round- or oval-shaped lysigenous intercellular spaces, some containing yellow or brown substance. Vascular cambium, several layers of small thin-walled rectangular cells. Xylem, bordered-pitted vessels (some of which contain tylose), xylem parenchyma, fibres, and xylem rays, some containing starch grains.

Radial and tangential longitudinal sections of the woody part of the root show bordered-pitted vessels, bundles of fibres and medullary rays.



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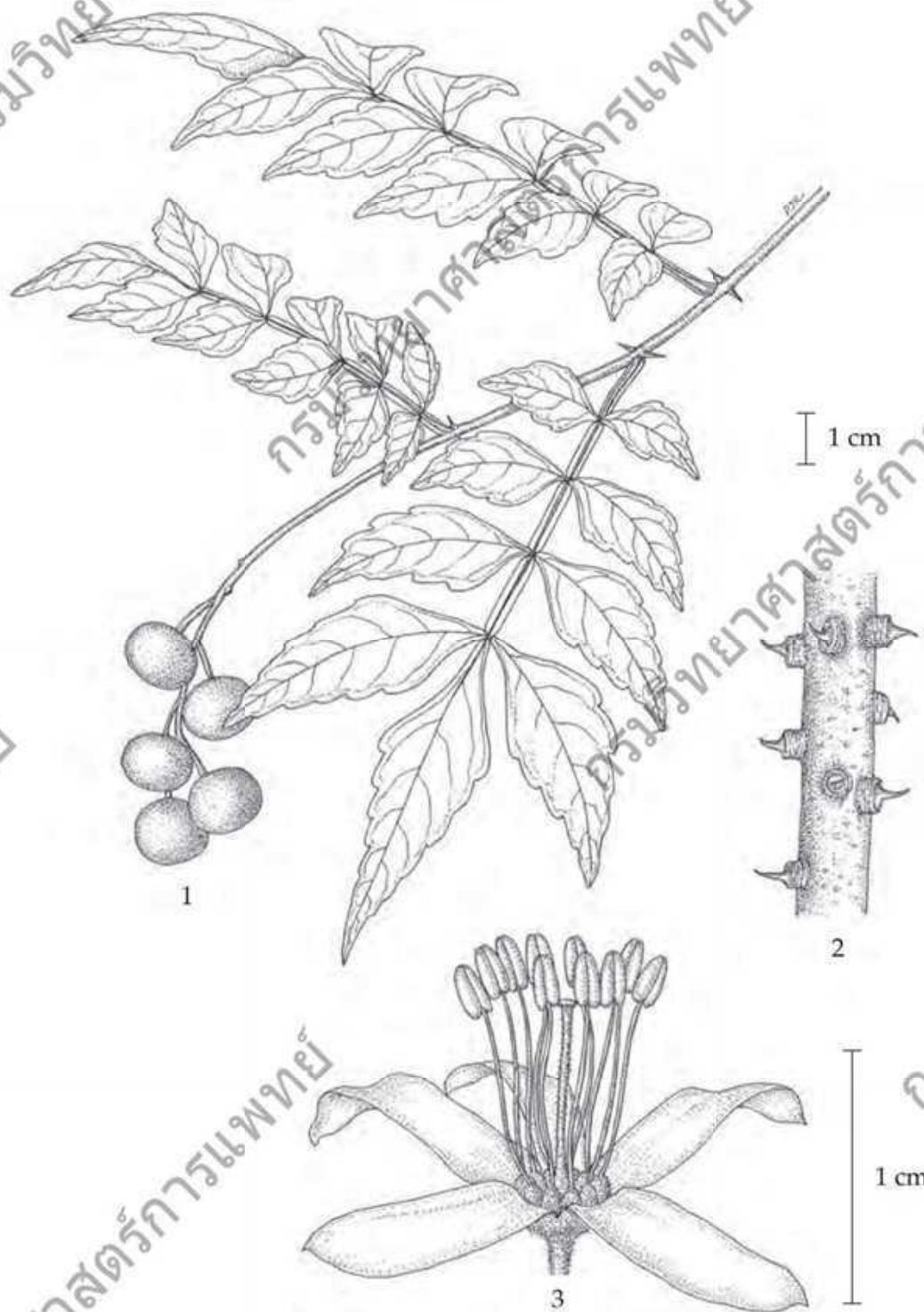


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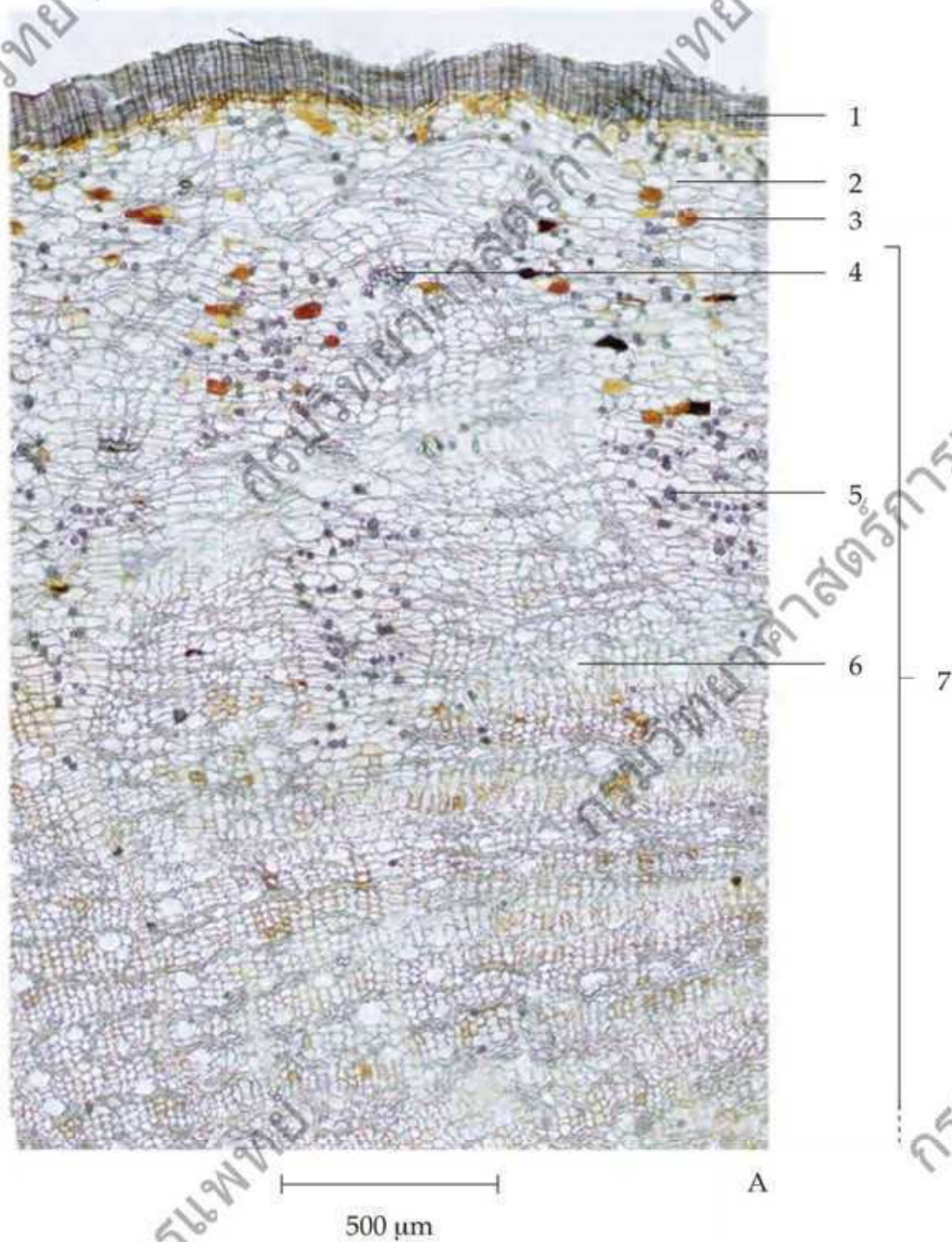
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**Fig. 1a** *Harrisonia perforata* (Blanco) Merr.

1. habit 2. stem showing woody thorns 3. flowering twig 4. flower  
5. fruits 6. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Harrisonia perforata* (Blanco) Merr.  
1. fruiting twig showing leaves 2. stem showing thorns 3. flower



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Section of the Root of *Harrisonia perforata* (Blanco) Merr.

A. Bark

1. cork

2. parenchyma

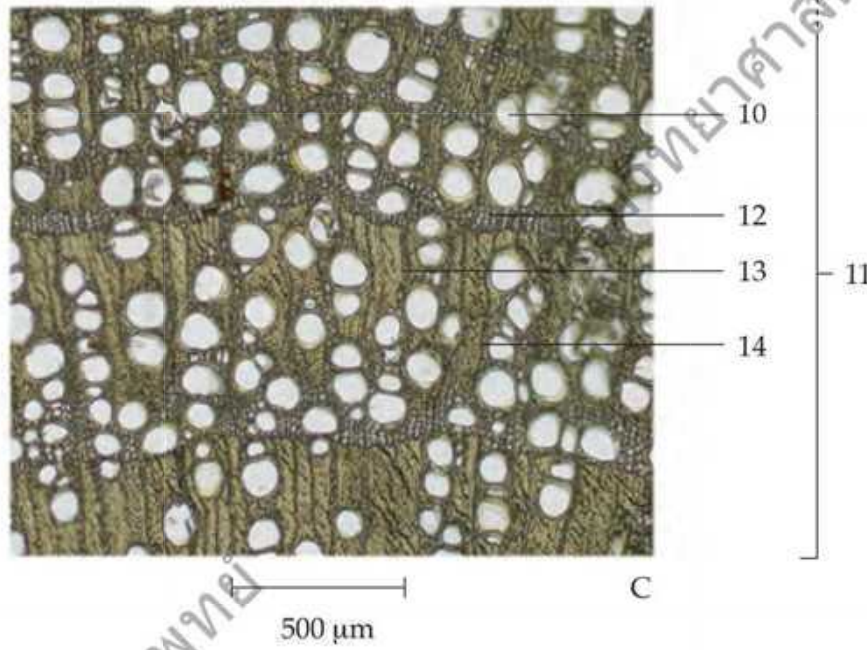
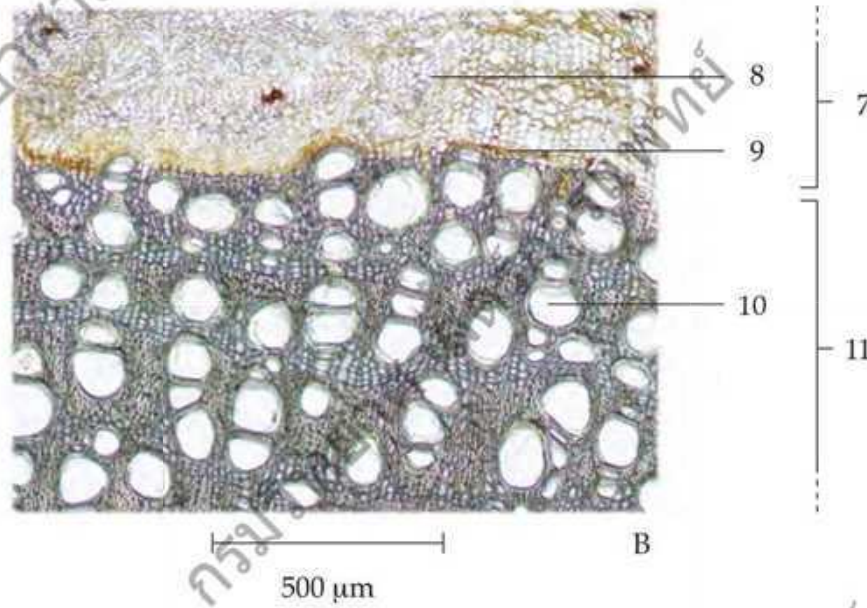
3. brown substance

4. phloem fibre

5. rosette aggregate crystal

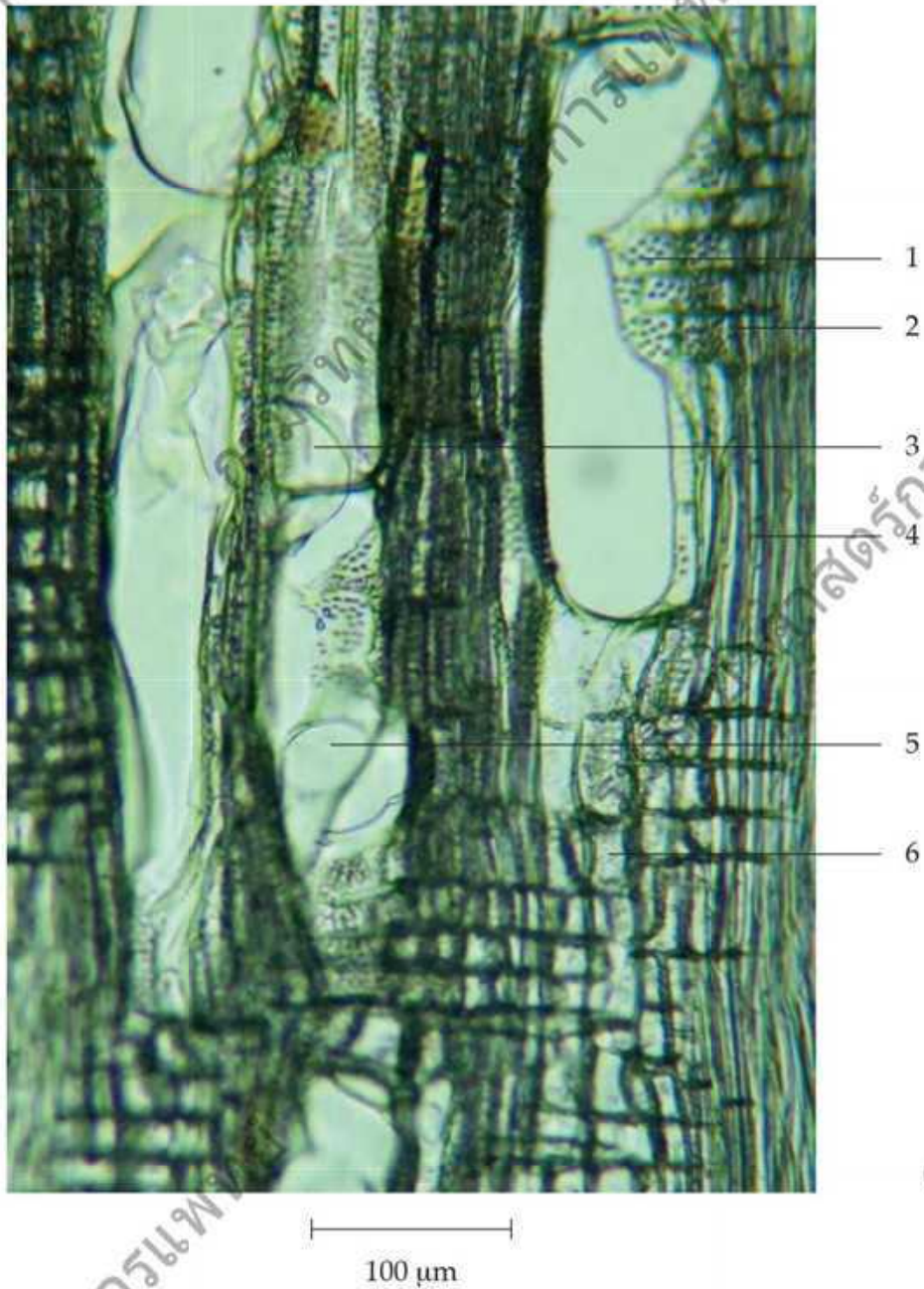
6. lysigenous intercellular space

7. phloem tissue



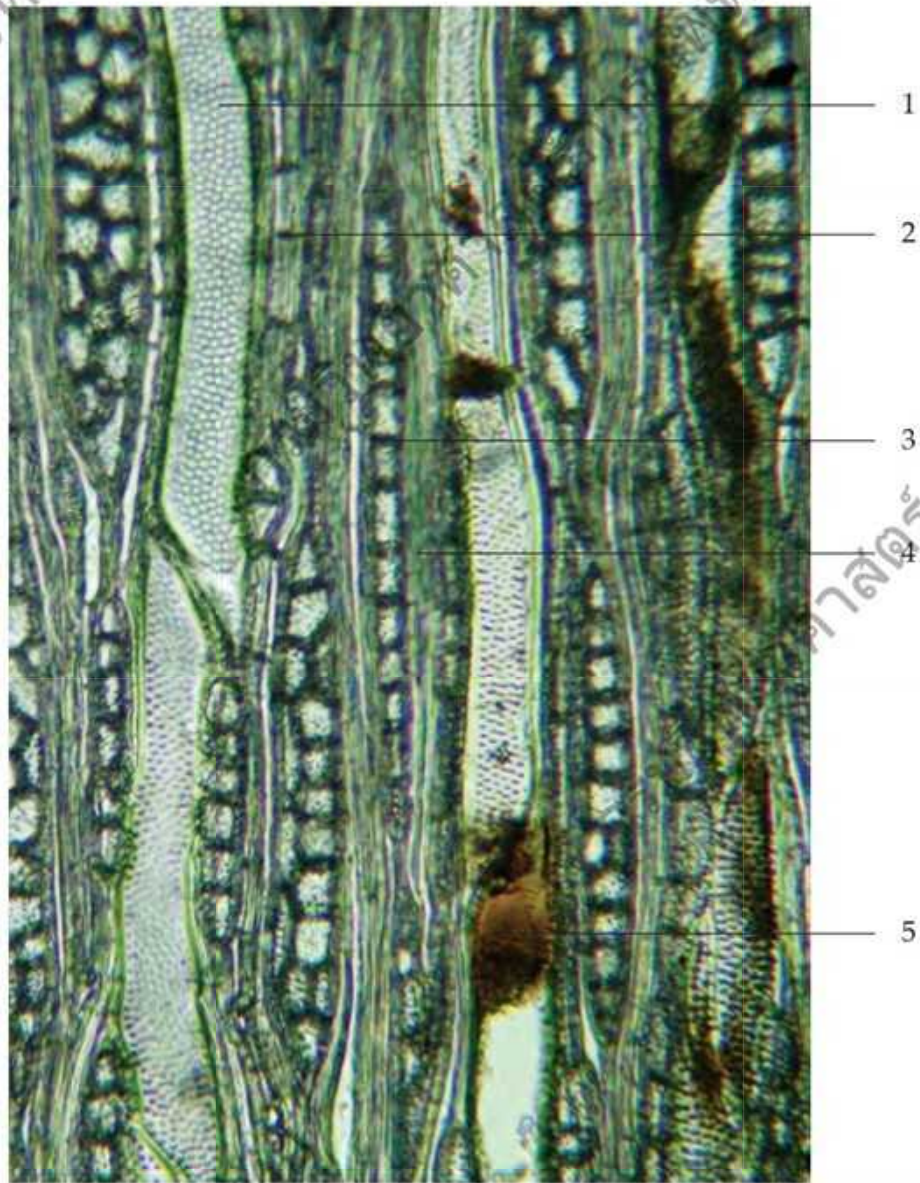
**Fig. 2a** (continued)  
B. Part of Vascular Tissue  
C. Wood  
7. phloem tissue  
8. phloem ray  
9. vascular cambium  
10. vessel

- 11. xylem tissue
- 12. xylem parenchyma
- 13. xylem ray
- 14. xylem fibre



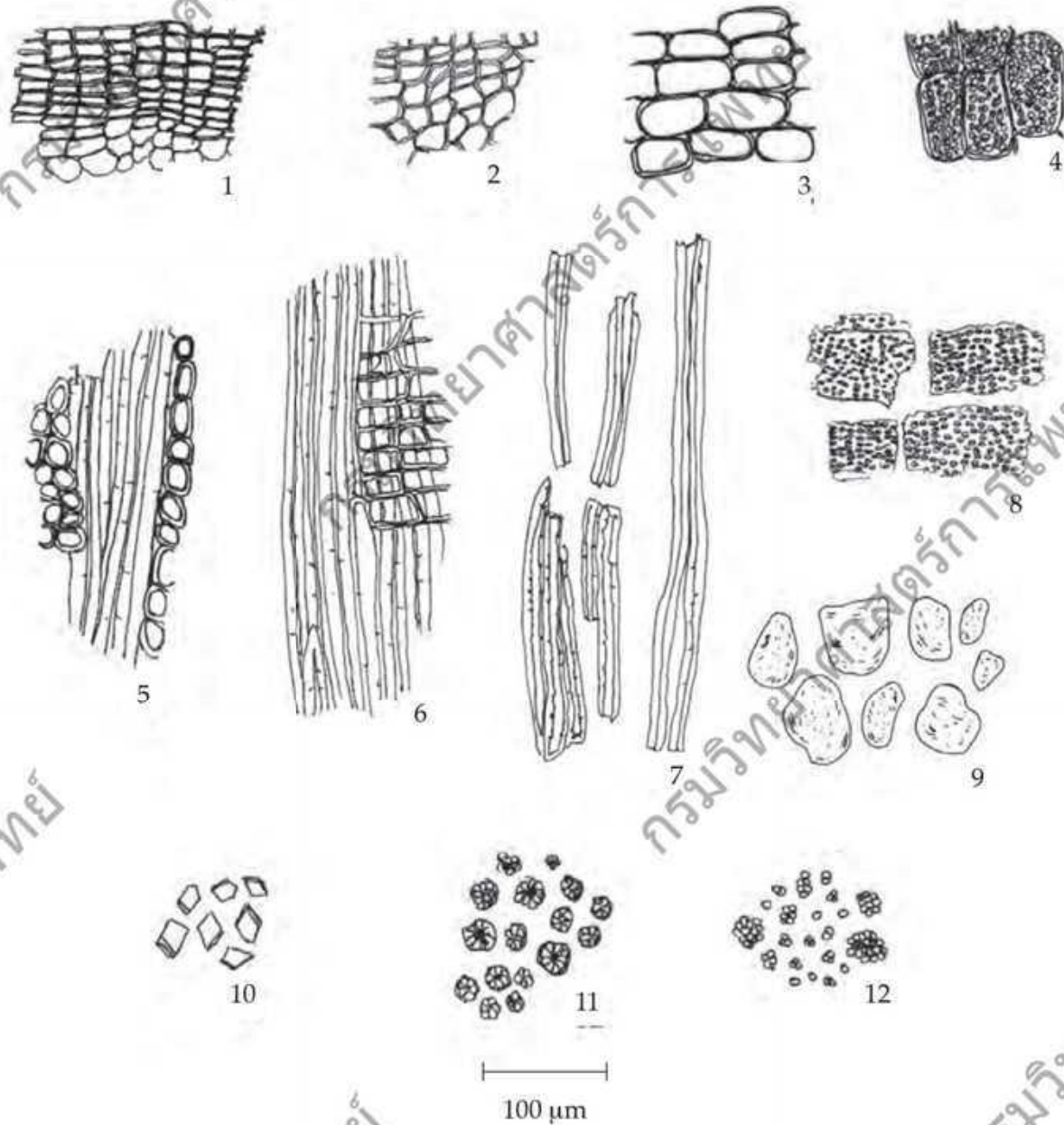
**Fig. 2b** Photomicrograph of Radial Longitudinal Section of the Woody Part of the Root of *Harrisonia perforata* (Blanco) Merr.

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. bordered-pitted vessel | 4. fibre             |
| 2. xylem ray              | 5. perforation plate |
| 3. tylose                 | 6. axial parenchyma  |



**Fig. 2c** Photomicrograph of Tangential Longitudinal Section of the Woody Part of the Root of *Harrisonia perforata* (Blanco) Merr.

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. bordered-pitted vessel | 4. fibre           |
| 2. axial parenchyma       | 5. brown substance |
| 3. xylem ray              |                    |



**Fig. 2d** Powdered Drug of the Roots of *Harrisonia perforata* (Blanco) Merr.

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. cork and parenchyma in sectional view                            | 7. fibres                      |
| 2. cork in surface view   | 8. bordered-pitted vessels     |
| 3. parenchyma   | 9. brown substance             |
| 4. parenchyma containing starch grains                              | 10. prismatic crystals         |
| 5. fibres associated with xylem ray in tangential longitudinal view | 11. rosette aggregate crystals |
| 6. fibres associated with xylem ray in radial longitudinal view     | 12. starch grains              |

Harrisonia Perforata Root in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Parenchyma tissue with starch grains, fibres associated with medullary rays, brown substance, and rosette aggregate crystals can be seen in abundance. Cork in various views and bordered-pitted vessels may also be observed.

**Additional information** In Thai herbal markets, the adulteration of harrisonia perforata root with stems, branches, etc. may be found.

**Packaging and storage** Harrisonia Perforata Root shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Macerate 100 mg of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 4 mL of *ethanol* for 5 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add 2 or 3 pieces of *magnesium ribbon*, shake well and mix with a few drops of *hydrochloric acid*: a yellow-orange colour develops.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 95 volumes of *chloroform*, 5 volumes of *methanol* and 0.5 volume of *formic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 8 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate as a band of 8 mm, 10  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by macerating 500 mg of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 4 mL of *methanol* for 15 minutes and filtering. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine the plate under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; several fluorescent bands of different colours are observed. Heat the plate at 80° for 10 minutes and then spray with *natural products (NP) TS* while the plate is still warm. Subsequently spray the plate with *polyethyleneglycol (PEG) TS* and observe the colours of the bands under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter within 5 to 15 minutes. Several fluorescent bands of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1.  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Roots of *Harrisonia perforata* (Blanco) Merr.**

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	NP/PEG TS and UV 366
1	10-14	quenching	-	-
2	17-19	weak quenching	blue	light blue
3	20-21	weak quenching	blue	light greenish yellow
4	26-28	weak quenching	-	light greenish yellow
5	28-31	-	blue	light blue
6	32-34	weak quenching	-	light greenish yellow
7	46-49	-	blue	-
8	52-55	-	blue	blue
9	56-60	quenching	bright blue	blue
10	69-71	-	blue	-
11	72-76	quenching	-	greenish yellow

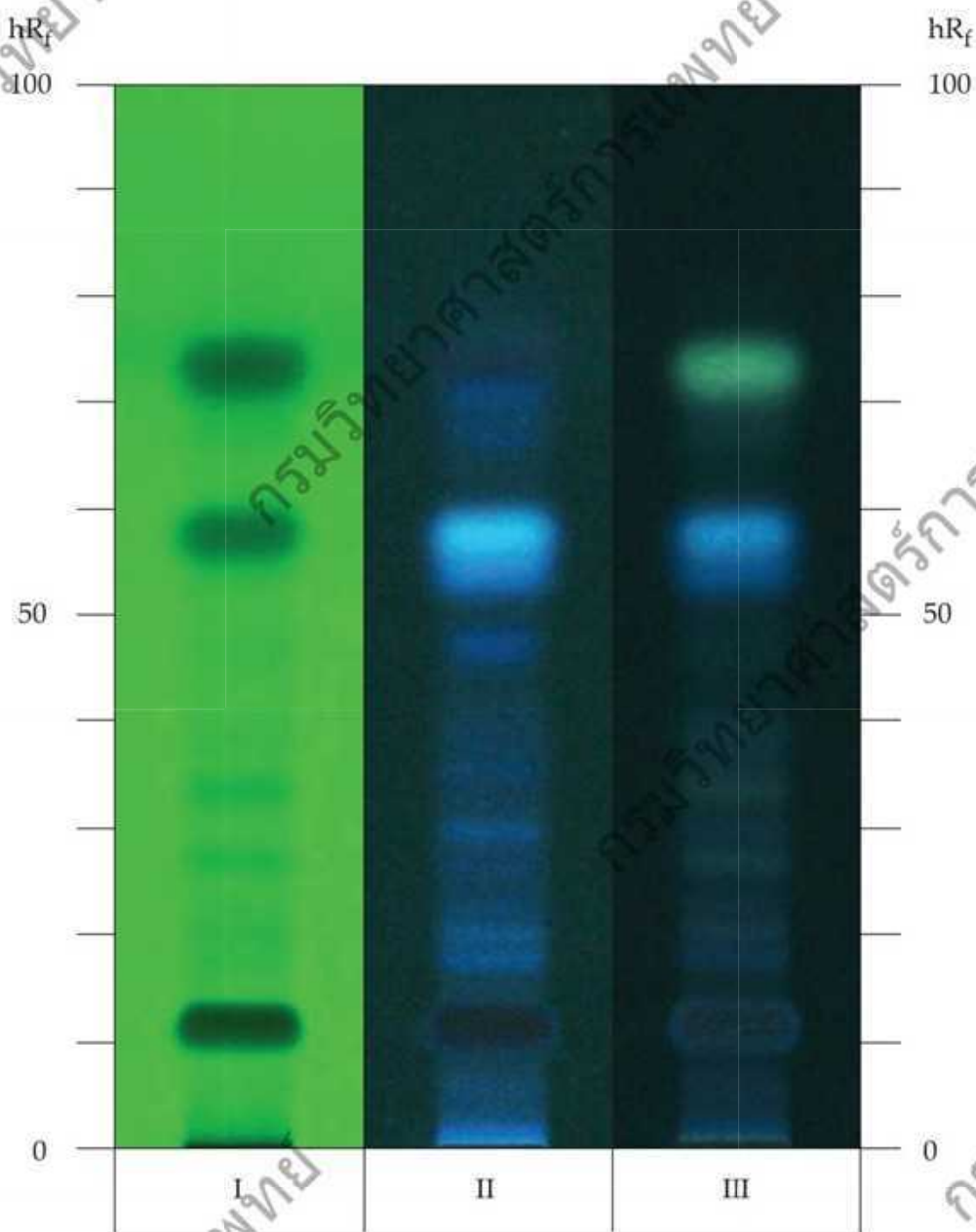
**Loss on drying** Not more than 9.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Total ash** Not more than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Roots of *Harrisonia perforata* (Blanco) Merr.

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection under UV light (366 nm) after spraying with NP/PEG TS

## ไคร้เครือ (KHRAI KHRUEA)

Aristolochiae Pierrei Radix

Aristolochia Pierrei Root

**Caution** This monograph is provided solely for identification of aristolochia pierrei roots since the use of *Aristolochia* spp. in herbal drugs and herbal drug preparations has been banned in many countries including Thailand as they contain aristolochic acids which may cause nephrotoxicity and have been listed by the World Health Organization as dose-independent carcinogenic substances since 2010.

**Aristolochia Pierrei Root is the dried root of *Aristolochia pierrei* Lecomte (Family Aristolochiaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: BKF 52395, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0930.**

**Constituents** Aristolochia Pierrei Root contains nitrophenanthrene carboxylic acids (e.g., aristolochic acids I and II).

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Climber; stem glabrous; root long creeping, 0.3 to 2.2 cm in diameter. Leaves simple, alternate, lanceolate to broadly lanceolate, 8.5 to 13.8 cm long, 2.8 to 4.6 cm wide, apex acute or acuminate, base cordate, margin entire, slightly recurved, upper surface finely pubescent, lower surface puberulous, scattered gland-dots on both surfaces, palmately 5-nerved, lateral nerves 3 or 4 pairs, venation reticulate, prominent below; petiole 0.9 to 3.5 cm long, grooved and hairy above, glabrous beneath. Inflorescence racemose, terminal and axillary, 3.5 to 7 cm long, tomentose; bract lanceolate or narrowly lanceolate, 0.8 to 1.2 cm long, 3.5 to 4.5 mm wide, hairy on both surfaces. Flower: pedicel slender, 0.4 to 1 cm long; perianth 2 to 3.5 cm long, basally expanded into utricle, then contracted into a slender tube, with limb at apex; utricle spherical or ovoid, 3.5 to 4.5 mm long, 3 to 4 mm wide, purple inside; tube 5 to 8.5 mm long, about 1 mm wide, greenish light brown; limb oblong, 1 to 1.5 cm long, about 5 mm wide, purplish brown; stamens 6, adnate to style forming a gynostemium, 1.8 to 2.1 mm long, anther oblong, about 0.4 mm long, about 0.2 mm wide; ovary inferior, cylindrical, 3.7 to 4.5 mm long, about 1 mm wide, 6-loculed, ovules numerous per locule, stigmatic lobes 6, elongate conical, obtuse. Fruit septically dehiscent capsule, ovoid, 2 to 2.5 cm long, 1.8 to 2 cm wide; fruit stalk 3.2 to 4.5 cm long. Seed broadly obcordate or triangular, 5.5 to 6 mm long, 4.5 to 5 mm wide, winged, verrucose on both sides, dark brown.

**Description** Odour, characteristic; taste, bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Cylindrical or compressed-cylindrical, up to 15 cm long, 0.3 to 2 cm in diameter, slightly tortuous; externally, pale yellowish brown to dark brown, rough or uneven, wrinkled with rootlet scars, heavy, compact, and brittle; fracture uneven with dark brown bark; wood with 4 to 15 prominent radial-arranged rays and distinct yellowish brown annual.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the root shows periderm, cortex, phloem, and xylem. Periderm: lenticels, several layers of cork, a layer of cork cambium, and several layers of phelloderm. Cortex: several layers of sclereids beneath periderm, groups of sclereids and parenchyma, some containing starch grains. Phloem: phloem parenchyma, groups of sclereids and phloem rays. Xylem: vessels, xylem rays and xylem fibres.

Aristolochia Pierrei Root in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Large, simple-pitted vessels and fibres with dentate walls are characteristic.



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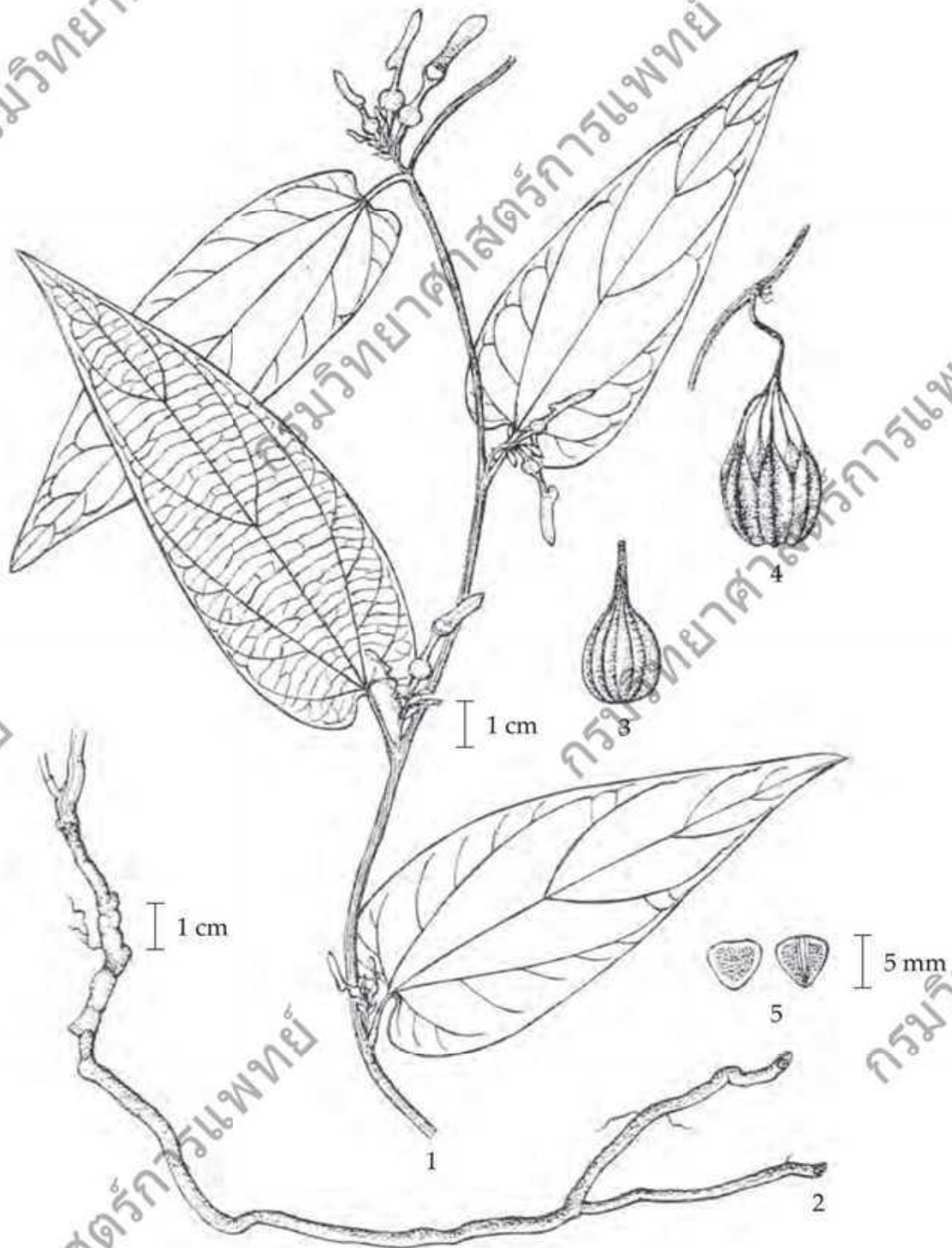


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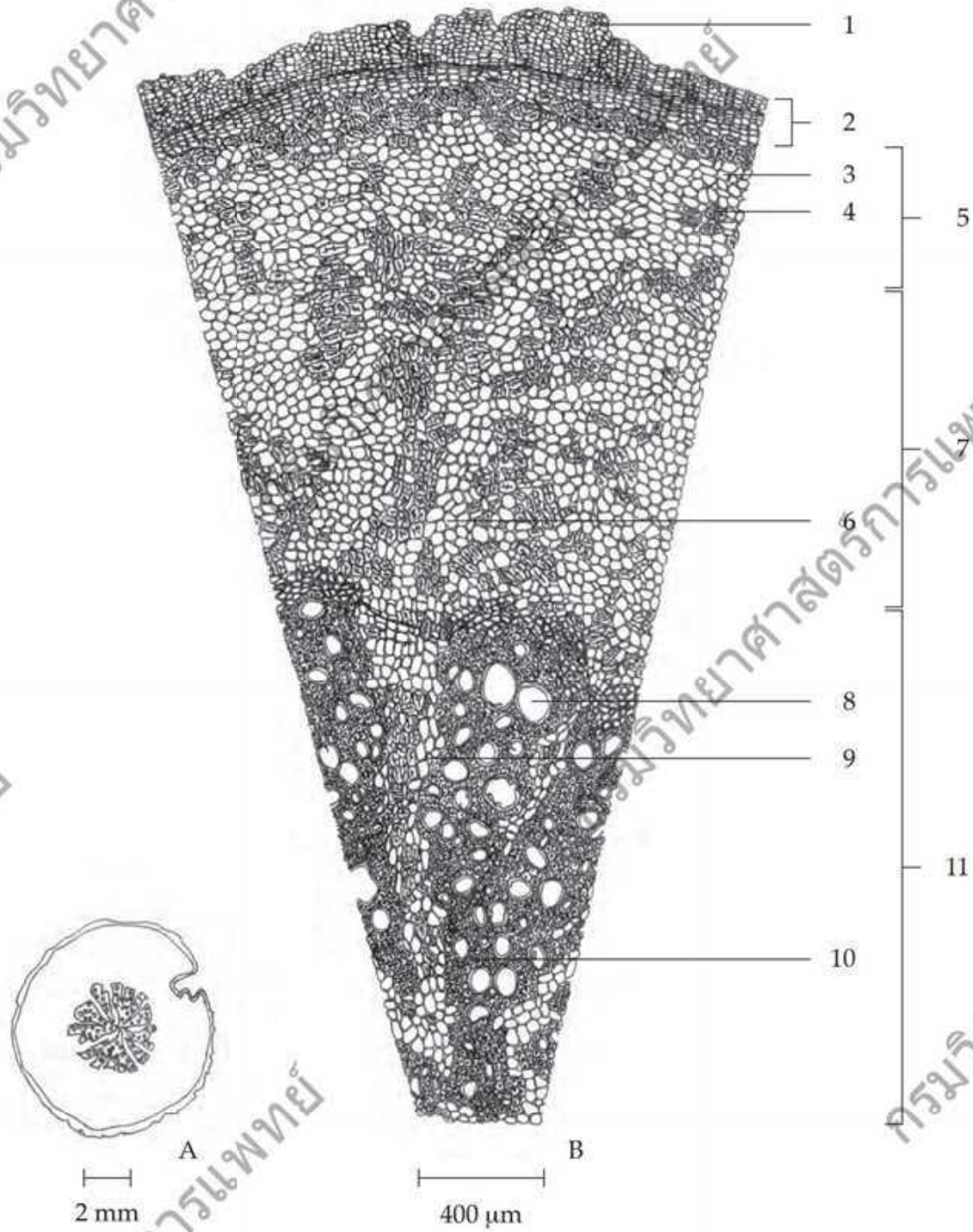
**Fig. 1a** *Aristolochia pierrei* Lecomte

- 1. habit
- 2. inflorescences
- 3. flowering and fruiting vine
- 4. dehiscent fruits
- 5. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Aristolochia pierrei* Lecomte

1. twig with leaves and inflorescences 2. part of root 3. young fruit  
4. dehiscent fruit 5. seeds



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Root of *Aristolochia pierrei* Lecomte

A. Diagram

B. Part of Transverse Section

1. cork

2. periderm

3. parenchyma

4. sclereid

5. cortex

6. phloem ray

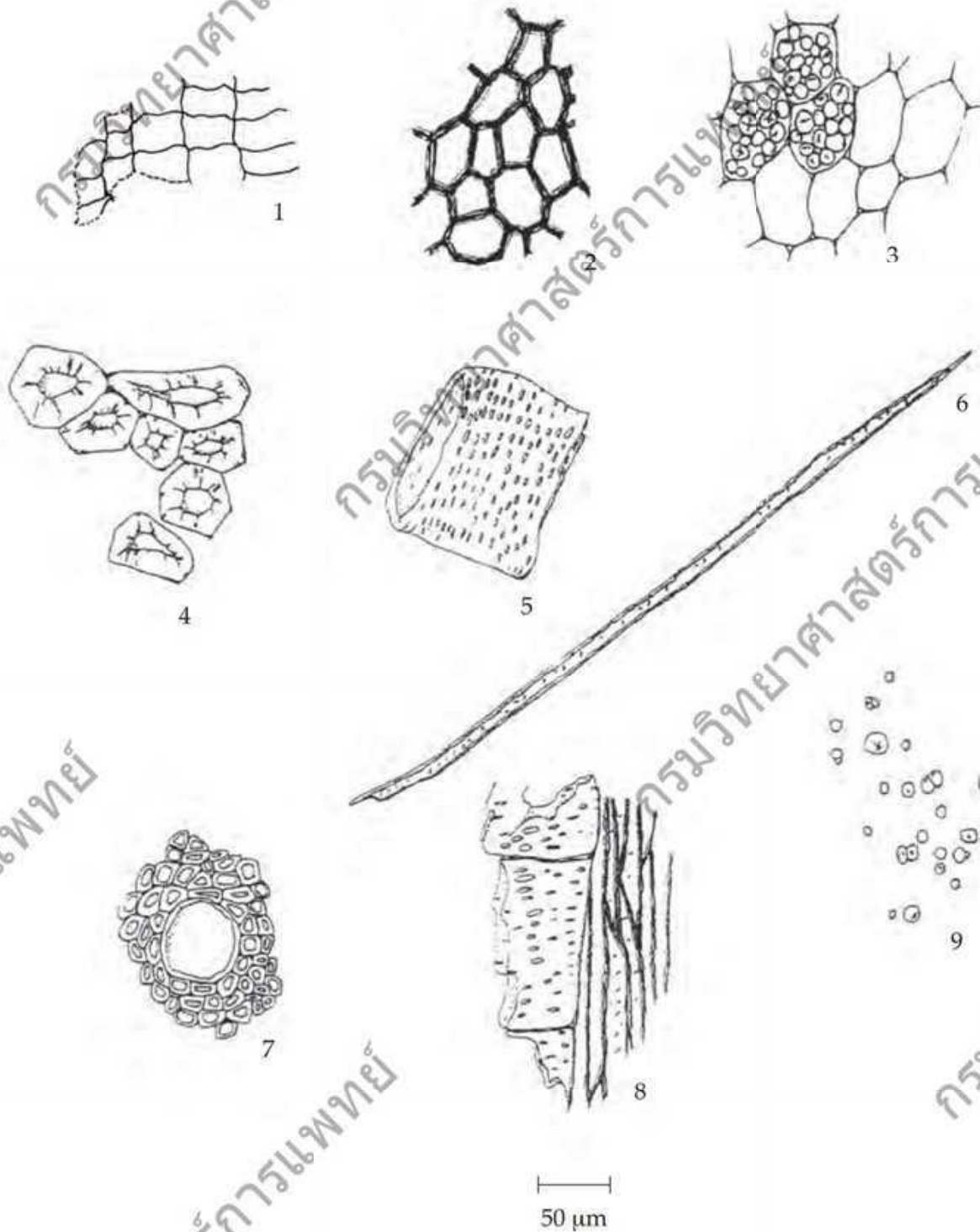
7. phloem

8. vessel

9. xylem ray

10. xylem fibre

11. xylem



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Roots of *Aristolochia pierrei* Lecomte

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. cork in sectional view                       | 6. xylem fibre             |
| 2. cork in surface view                         | 7. vessel and xylem fibres |
| 3. parenchyma, some containing starch grains    | 8. vessels and fibres      |
| 4. sclereids                                    | 9. starch grains           |
| 5. fragment of large vessel with elongated pits |                            |

**Packaging and storage** Aristolochia Pierrei Root shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

**Identification** Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 90 volumes of *dichloromethane* and 10 volumes of *methanol* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 25 mL of *methanol* for 30 minutes and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate to dryness and dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *methanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *aristolochic acid I* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine the plate under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching spot ( $hR_f$  value 43 to 49) corresponding to the *aristolochic acid I* spot from solution (B); other quenching spots are also observed. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm); several fluorescent spots of different colours are observed. Subsequently spray the plate with a 10 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid* in *methanol* and heat at 80° for 10 minutes; the spot due to *aristolochic acid I* is brown. Several other spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Roots of *Aristolochia pierrei* Lecomte

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	10 Per Cent V/V Solution of Sulfuric Acid in Methanol
1	2-4	-	bluish green	brown
2	12-18	-	blue	-
3	18-22	-	bluish green	-
4*	43-49	quenching	-	brown
5	55-61	-	bluish green	-
6	58-64	-	blue	-
7	67-72	-	light green	-
8	72-79	weak quenching	-	-
9	83-89	-	blue	-
10	87-92	-	-	violet
11	89-95	quenching	yellow	pink

\*aristolochic acid I

**Loss on drying** Not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

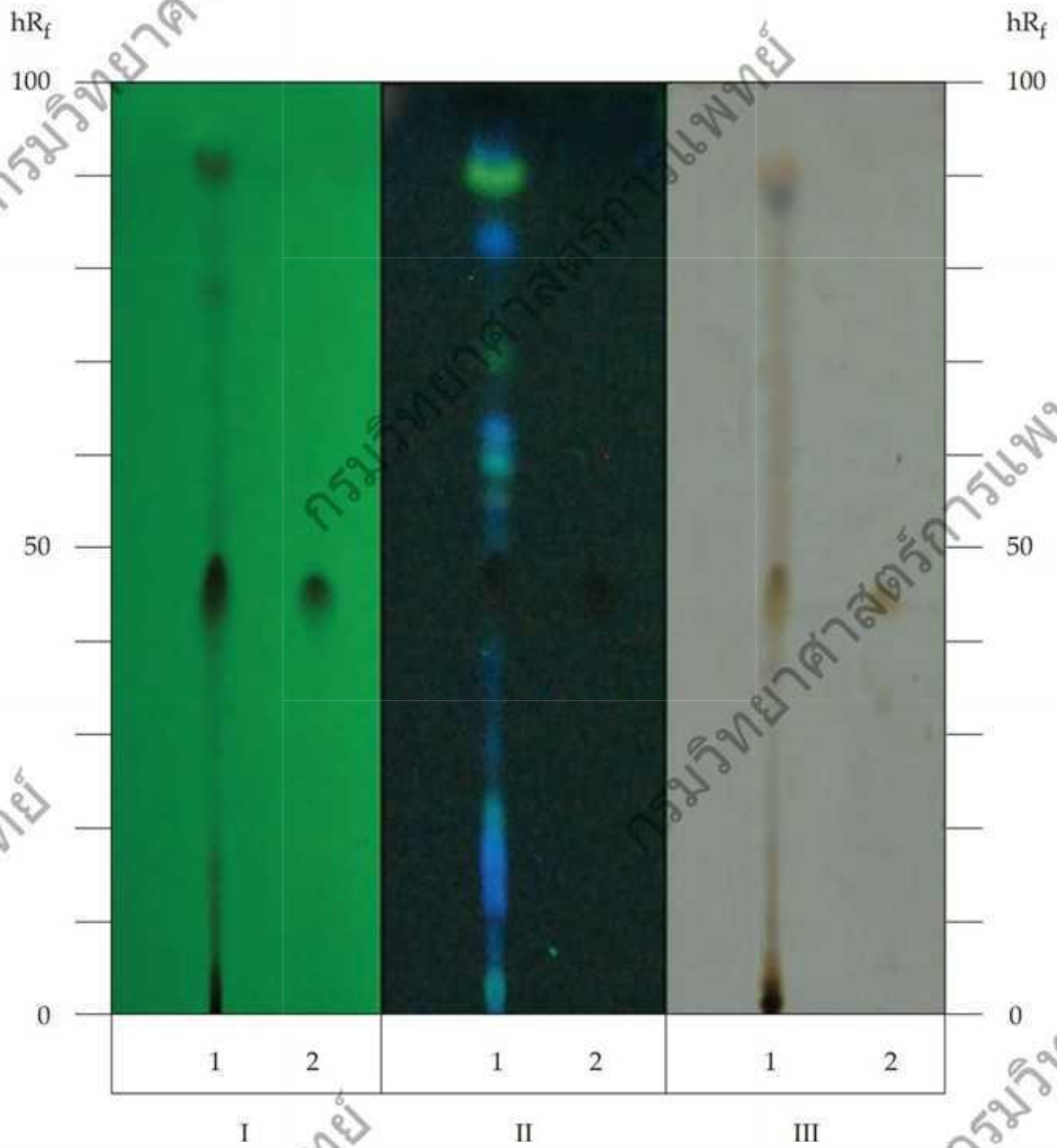
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol (50 per cent)-soluble extractive** Not less than 9.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Roots of *Aristolochia pierrei* Lecomte

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

I = detection under UV light (254 nm)

II = detection under UV light (366 nm)

III = detection with a 10 per cent v/v solution of sulfuric acid in methanol

## คุน, เนื้อในฝัก (KHUN, NUEA NAI FAK)

ลมแล้ง, เนื้อในฝัก (LOM LAENG, NUEA NAI FAK)

Cassiae Fistulae Pulpa

Purging Cassia Pulp

**Synonyms** Golden Shower Pulp, Indian Laburnum Pulp, Pudding Pine Pulp, Pudding Pipe Pulp, Purging Fistula Pulp, Riding Pipe Pulp

**Category** Laxative.

**Purging Cassia Pulp is the aril of the ripe pod of *Cassia fistula* L. (Family Leguminosae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5162, BKF 114900, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1142.**

**Constituents** Purging Cassia Pulp contains anthraquinones (e.g., rhein and its glycosides). It also contains flavonoids, tannins, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Deciduous tree, up to 20 m tall; bark smooth, greenish grey when young, becoming rough and dark brown when mature. Leaves pinnately compound, 10 to 60 cm long; petiole 7 to 10 cm long; rachis 15 to 25 cm long; stipule small and caducous; leaflets opposite, 3- to 8-paired, ovate to ovate-oblong, 6 to 20 cm long, 3.5 to 9 cm wide, apex acute to acuminate, base cuneate, upper surface glabrous, lower surface silvery pubescent when young, becoming glabrous when mature. Inflorescence raceme, axillary, drooping, lax, many-flowered, 20 to 40(-60) cm long; pedicel 1.5 to 5 cm long; bract about 1 cm long, caducous. Flower: sepals 5, ovate-elliptic, about 1 cm long, velutinous, reflexed at anthesis; petals 5, subequal, broadly ovate or obovate, 2 to 3.5 cm long, 1 to 2 cm wide, distinctly veined, short-clawed, yellow; stamens 10, 3 long, 4 short and 3 reduced forms, long stamens much curled and bearing large oblong anther, opening by apical and basal slits, short stamens with straight filaments, reduced stamens with minute anther; ovary stalked, velutinous, style velutinous, stigma small. Fruit pod, terete, 20 to 60 cm long, 1 to 2.5 cm wide, pendulous, indehiscent, blackish brown to black. Seeds numerous, elliptic, 7.5 to 9 mm long, 5 to 7 mm wide, flat, glossy brown, embedded in blackish pulp, separated by spongy septa.

**Description** Odour, characteristic; taste, unpleasantly sweet.

*Macroscopical* (Fig. 1a) Sticky lump of pulp, dark brown to black.

*Microscopical* [**Note** Even though the pulp (aril) is used as a crude drug, microscopical description of the young pod is provided here for better understanding of the entire structure enclosing the pulp and the seed within.] (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) Transverse section of the pod shows pericarp and seed. Pericarp, consisting of a rectangular epidermal layer (rarely with unicellular trichome), parenchyma cells, some of which contain prismatic crystals, vascular bundles, and layers of elongated sclereids. Seed, containing aril and seed coat; aril, parenchyma cells, some of which contain rosette aggregate crystals; seed coat, covered with thick cuticle layer, layers of non-lignified macrosclereids and two layers of non-lignified lagenosclereids separated by layers of thick-walled parenchyma.



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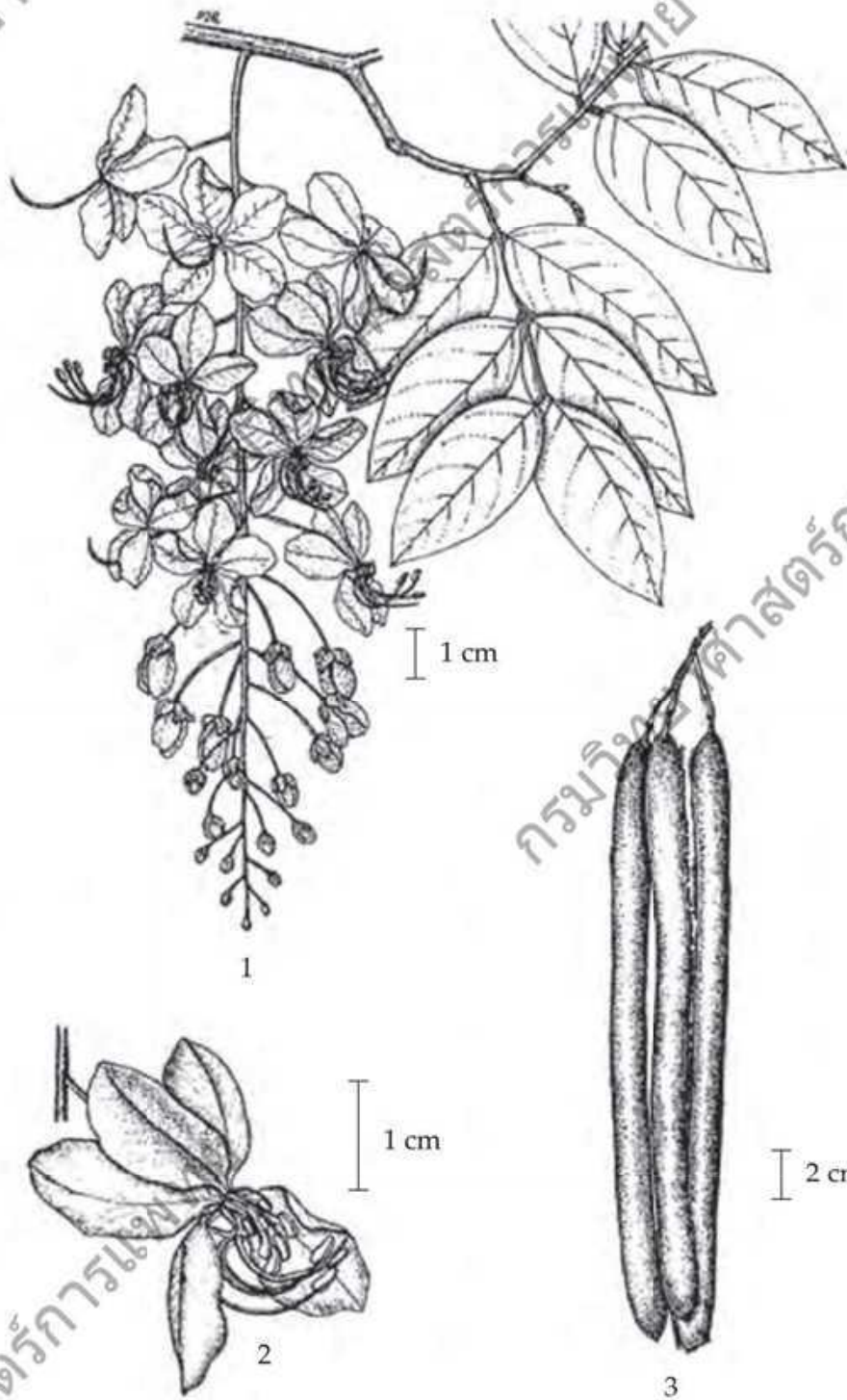


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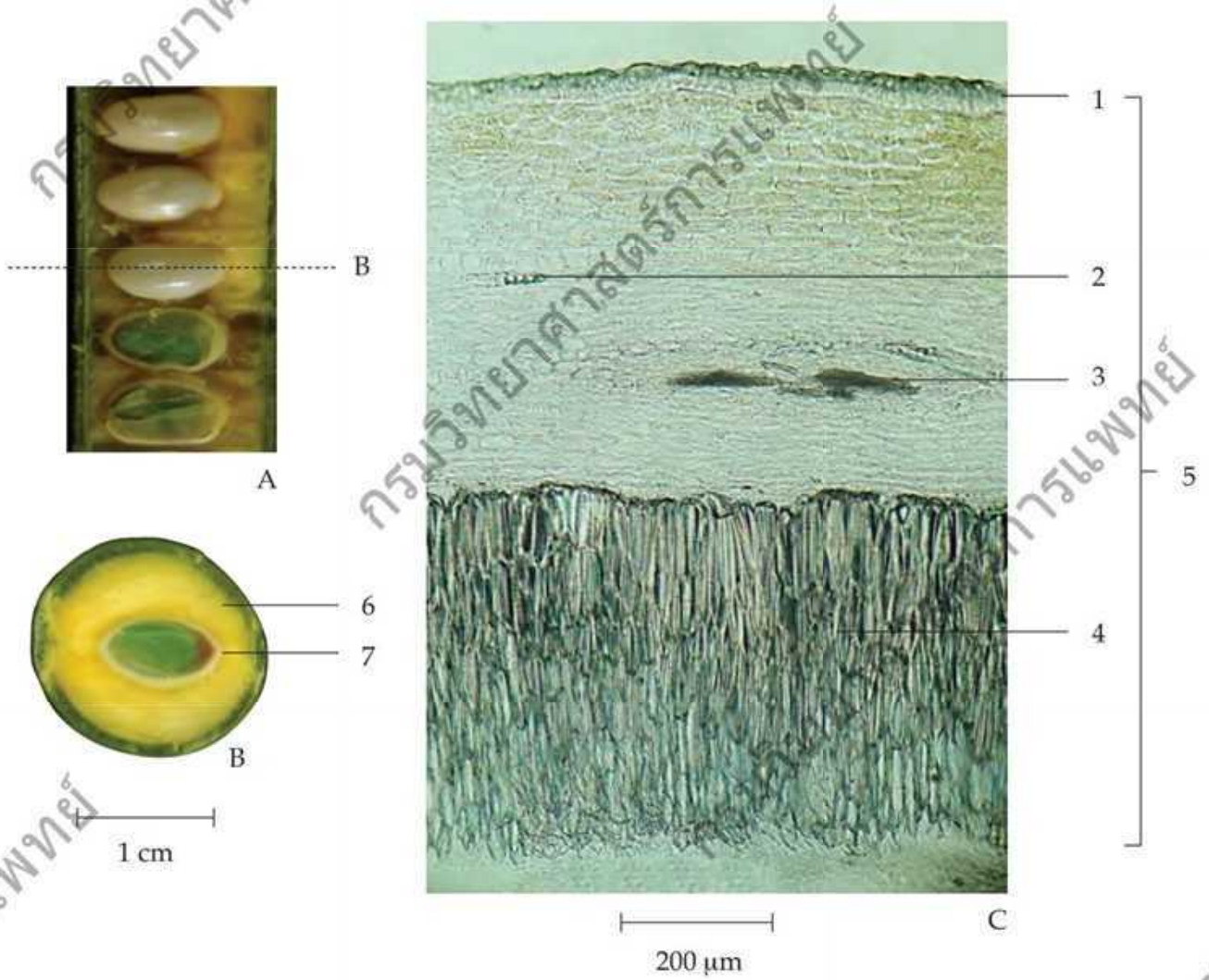
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Fig. 1a *Cassia fistula* L.

- 1. habit
- 2. inflorescences
- 3. flower
- 4. ripe pods
- 5. pulp and seed inside ripe pod
- 6. crude drug

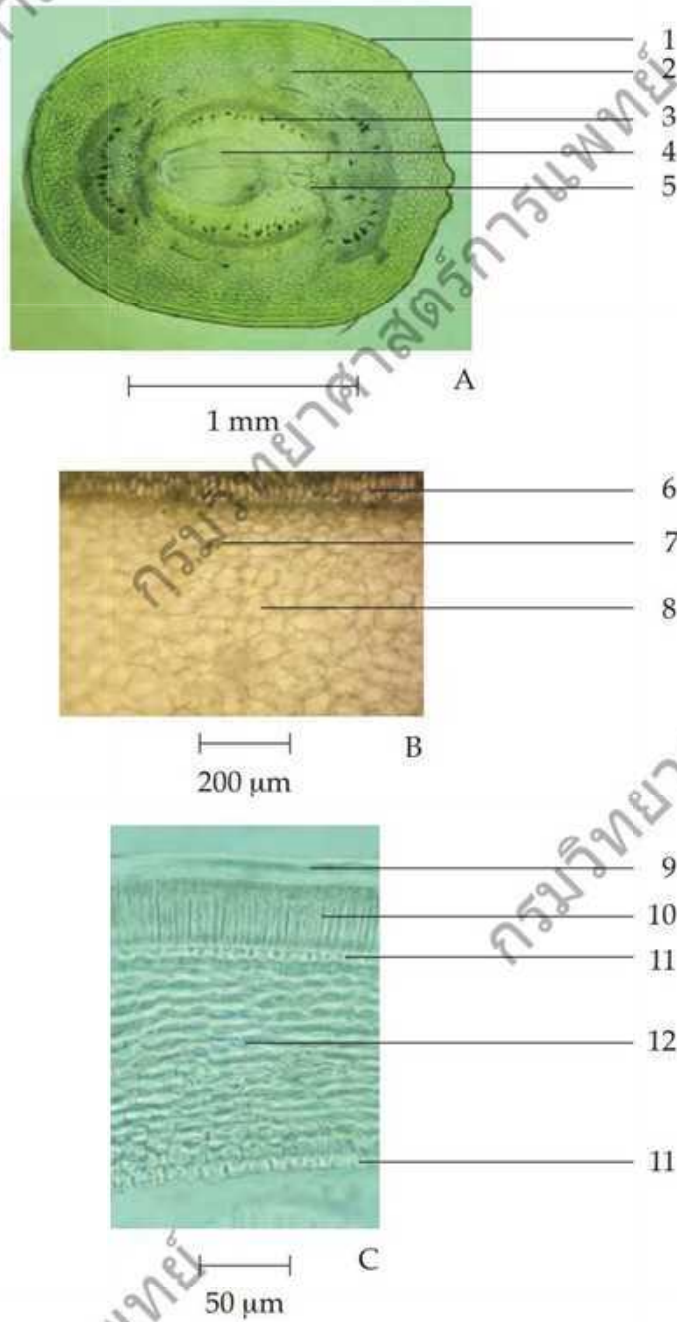


**Fig. 1b** *Cassia fistula* L.  
1. flowering branch 2. flower 3. pods



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Sections of the Young Pod of *Cassia fistula* L.  
 A. Longitudinal Section of Part of the Pod  
 B. Transverse Section through the Seed  
 C. Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Pericarp

1. epidermis	4. elongated sclereid
2. prismatic crystal of calcium oxalate	5. pericarp
3. group of spiral vessels	6. pulp
	7. seed coat



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Young Pod of *Cassia fistula* L.

A. Through the Seed and Funiculus

B. Part of the Pericarp and Pulp

C. Part of the Seed Coat

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|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. epidermis                             | 7. rosette aggregate crystals |
| 2. pericarp                              | 8. parenchyma of the pulp     |
| 3. pulp                                  | 9. cuticle                    |
| 4. seed                                  | 10. macrosclereids            |
| 5. funiculus                             | 11. lagenosclereids           |
| 6. elongated sclereids of inner pericarp | 12. thick-walled parenchyma   |

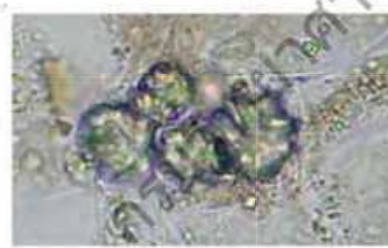


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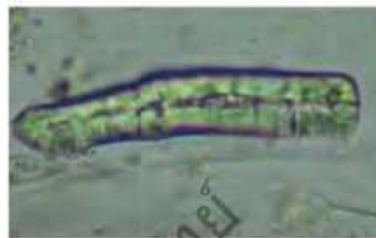
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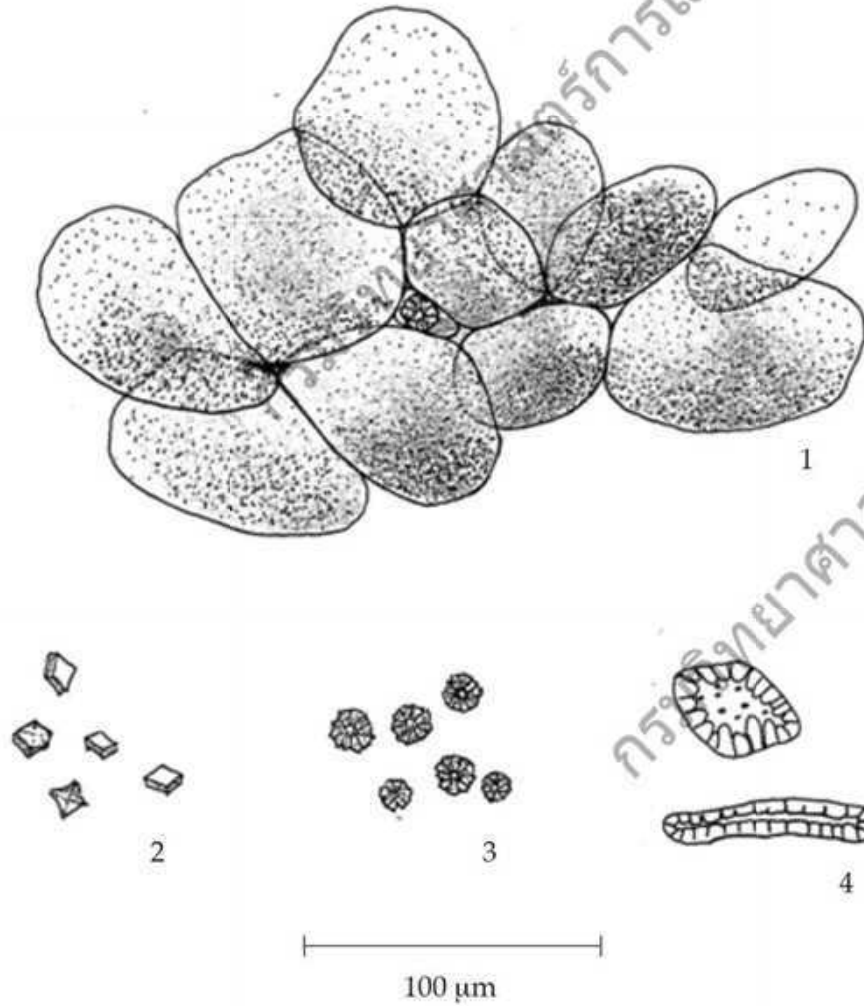


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Fig. 2c Photomicrographs of Powdered Drug of the Pulp of *Cassia fistula* L.

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| 1. parenchyma containing microcrystals and brown pigment, some with rosette aggregate crystals | 3. rosette aggregate crystals in parenchyma |
| 2. prismatic crystals  | 4. elongated sclereids                      |
|  | 5. rhomboidal sclereid                      |



**Fig. 2d** Line Drawings of Powdered Drug of the Pulp of *Cassia fistula* L.

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| 1. parenchyma containing<br>microcrystals and brown pigment,<br>some with rosette aggregate crystals | 2. prismatic crystals         |
|  | 3. rosette aggregate crystals |
|  | 4. sclereids                  |

Purging Cassia Pulp possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the aril of the drug. The parenchyma cells containing brownish to blackish granular mass is characteristic.

**Contra-indication** It is contra-indicated in patients with constipation from intestinal obstruction, diarrhea, abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting.

#### Warning

1. Prolonged use should be avoided since it may result in laxative dependence.
2. Pod shell and seeds should be removed from the pulp since they may cause vomiting.

#### Additional information

1. Although in Thai traditional remedies the crude drug is usually addressed as “ฝักคูน (FAK KHUN)” which means a purging cassia pod, only the pulp after removal of shell and seeds [เนื้อในฝักคูน (KHUN, NUEA NAI FAK)] is used in the preparations. Therefore, it is chosen to be the title of this monograph.
2. To obtain its maximum benefit, it is recommended that the pulp be freshly taken from the purging cassia pod.

**Packaging and storage** Purging Cassia Pulp shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. To 3 g of the sample, add 25 mL of 2 M *hydrochloric acid*, heat on a water-bath for 30 minutes, and immediately filter through a plug of cotton wool. Allow the filtrate to cool and shake with 20 mL of *dichloromethane*. Collect the dichloromethane layer and shake with 10 mL of *ammonia TS*: the aqueous layer becomes red.

B. Carry out the test as described in the “Thin-Layer Chromatography” (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 100 volumes of *ethyl acetate*, 17 volumes of *methanol* and 3 volumes of *water* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 4  $\mu$ L each of the following solutions. Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 5 g of the sample with 50 mL of *chloroform* on a water-bath for 30 minutes, filtering and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1.0 mL of *chloroform*. For solution (B) dissolve 3 mg of *rhein* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under daylight, locating the spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a yellow spot corresponding to the *rhein* spot ( $hR_f$  value 49 to 52) from solution (B). Subsequently examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching spot corresponding to the *rhein* spot from solution (B), and other two quenching spots of the lower  $hR_f$  values. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm); the spot due to *rhein* is a brownish purple; one blue fluorescent spot is also observed. Spray the plate with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *potassium hydroxide* in *ethanol*; the spot corresponding to *rhein* is reddish pink (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Chloroform Extract of the Aril of the Ripe Pods of *Cassia fistula* L.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection			
		Daylight	UV 254	UV 366	10 Per Cent W/V Solution of Potassium Hydroxide in Ethanol
1	25–28	–	quenching	–	–
2	30–32	–	–	blue	–
3	40–44	–	quenching	–	–
4*	49–52	yellow	quenching	brownish purple	reddish pink

\*rhein

**Loss on drying** Not more than 14.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

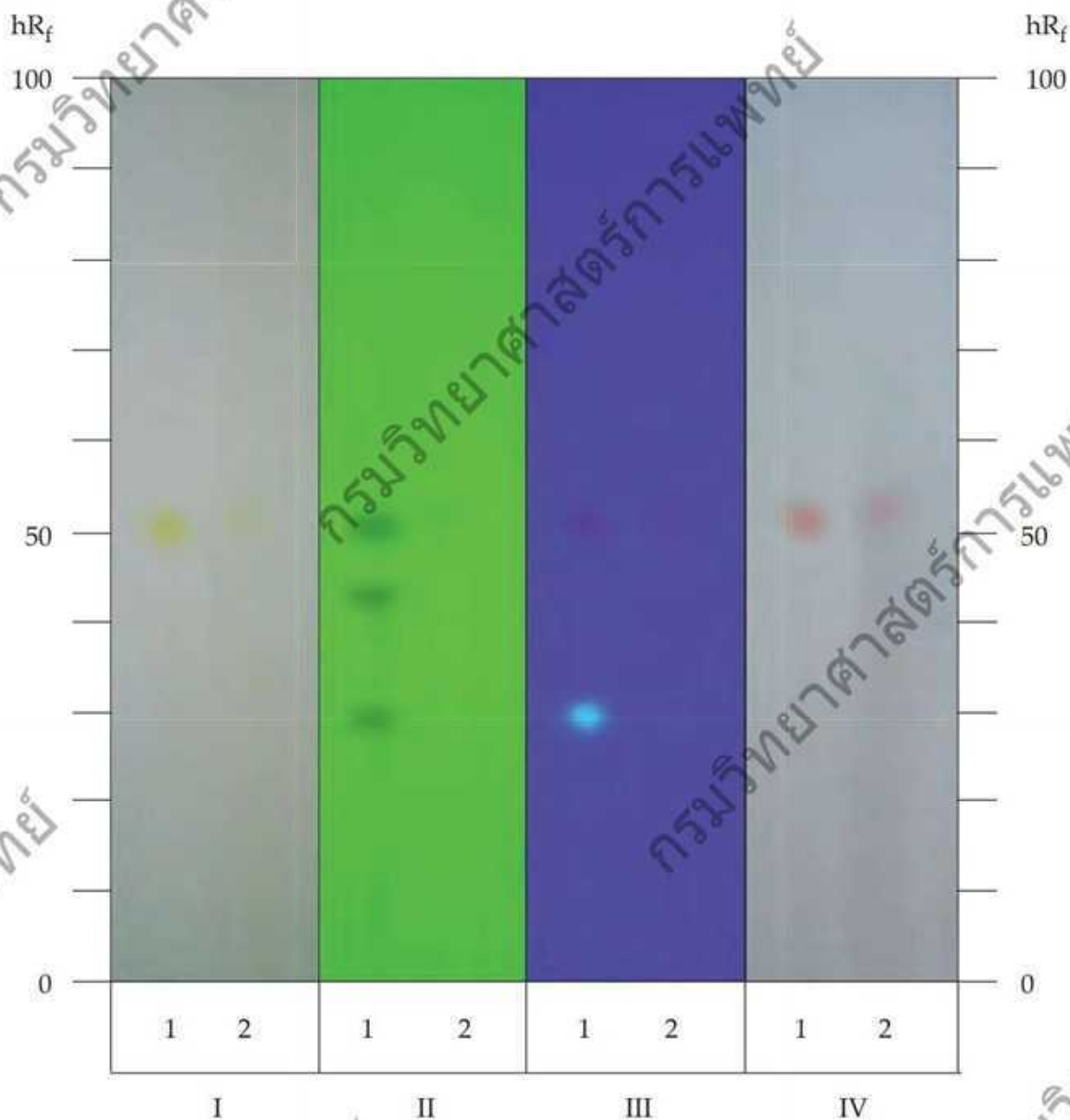
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Total ash** Not more than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 66.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 67.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** 3 to 10 g at bed time.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Chloroform Extract of the Aril of the Ripe Pods of *Cassia fistula* L.

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under daylight
- II = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- III = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- IV = detection with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *potassium hydroxide* in *ethanol*

## โกฐขี้ผึ้ง (KOT CHADA MANGSI)

ชะดามังสี (CHADA MANGSI)

*Nardostachyos Radix et Rhizoma*

Spikenard

**Synonyms** Chinese Spikenard, Jatamansi

**Category** Mild sedative, treatment of dysmenorrhea.

Spikenard is the dried root and rhizome, with remnants of stem and leaves, of *Nardostachys jatamansi* (D. Don) DC. (*N. grandiflora* DC.) (Family Caprifoliaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: see *Additional information 1*, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0939.

**Constituents** Spikenard contains volatile oil of which sesquiterpenoids (e.g., jatamansone or valeranone, nardosinone) are its major components. It also contains other sesquiterpenoids (e.g., nardin), alkaloids (e.g., actinidine), coumarins, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb; flowering stems 10 to 60 cm tall; puberulous; rhizome woody, foetid, spindle-shaped, elongated, covered with reddish brown fibres. Leaves simple, opposite, basal leaves rosulate, blade elliptic-lanceolate or oblanceolate, 5 to 20 cm long, apex obtuse, base attenuate into petiole, margin entire or sparsely serrate; petiole subequal to leaf blade in length. Inflorescence terminal cymose; capitula 1.5 to 2 cm in diameter; involucre bracts 4 to 6, lanceolate; bract narrowly ovate to ovate, subequal to flower length; peduncle sometime elongated. Flower purple-red, pinkish white, pink, or magenta; calyx 5-lobed, lobe suborbicular to triangular-lanceolate, enlarged in fruit, usually ciliate; corolla tube campanulate, 4.5 to 9 mm long, 5-lobed, lobe broadly ovate to oblong, 2 to 3.8 mm long; stamens 4, subequal to corolla length, filament villous; ovary inferior, style subequal to stamen length. Fruit achene, obovoid, 3 to 4 mm long.

**Description** Odour, characteristic, pungent and foetid; taste, bitter and pungent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) A bundle of compressed rhizomes, cylindrical, 2.5 to 7.5 cm long, about 1.5 cm in diameter, dark grey or brown, covered by bundles of fine brown fibres forming a network of leaf sheath, easily broken. Root simple- or multiple-joined, branched or juxtaposed, 0.3 to 1 cm in diameter, externally brown, shrunken, with rootlets, texture fragile, easily broken, fracture rough, bark dark brown.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) Transverse section of the crude drug exhibits remnants of leaves and stem, roots and rhizomes. Remnant leaf composed of cork layers and vascular tissue. Remnant stem comprises cork layers, cortex, vascular tissues, and pith. Root composed of cylindrical epidermal layer, cortex, vascular tissue, and pith. Rhizome comprises cork layers, cortex and vascular tissue.

Transverse section of the remnant leaf shows several layers of thin-walled, cork-like cells with small groups of vascular bundles.

Transverse section of the remnant of stem illustrates several layers of thin-walled cork cells, fibre, numerous round parenchyma in cortex, vascular tissue and numerous thin-walled pith parenchyma in the centre.

Transverse section of the root shows a layer of cylindrical epidermis, round or polygonal, slightly thick-walled parenchyma and endodermis in cortex, polyarch of vascular bundles and numerous thick-walled parenchyma in pith.



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2 cm

**Fig. 1a** *Nardostachys jatamansi* (D. Don) DC.

1. whole plant 2. habit and inflorescences 3. roots and rhizomes 4. crude drug



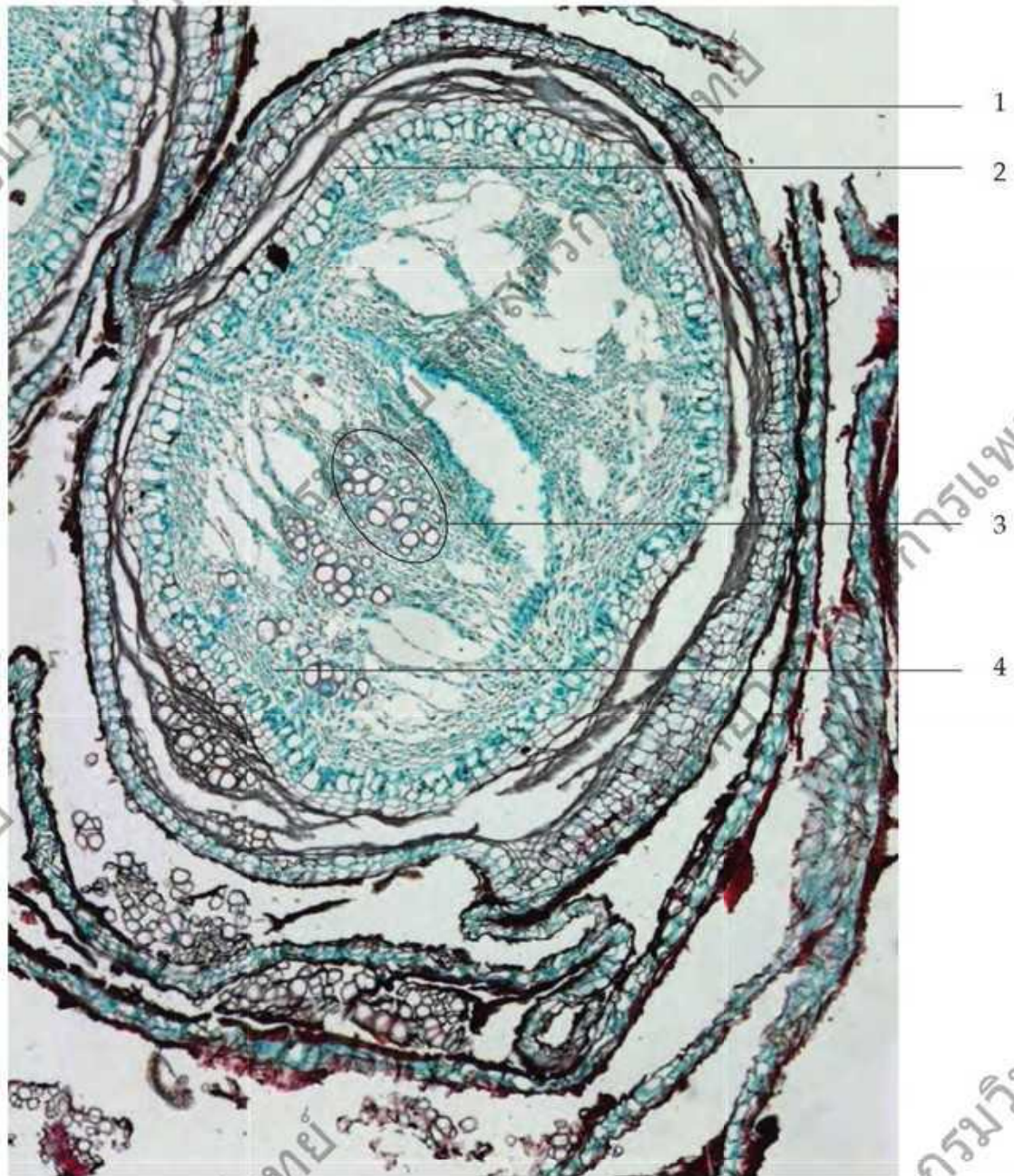
**Fig. 1b** *Nardostachys jatamansi* (D. Don) DC.

1. plant showing leaves, inflorescences and rhizome with roots 2. flower



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Rhizomes and Remnants of Stem and Leaves of *Nardostachys jatamansi* (D. Don) DC., Stained with Safranin-Fast Green

- A. Rhizome Arrangement
- B. Rhizomes and Remnant Leaves
- C. Remnant Stem
- 1. rhizome
- 2. remnant leaf
- 3. cork cell
- 4. parenchyma
- 5. fibre



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Rhizome and Remnant Leaves of *Nardostachys jatamansi* (D. Don) DC., Stained with Safranin-Fast Green

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. cork-like ring of remnant leaf | 3. xylem tissue  |
| 2. cork layer of rhizome          | 4. phloem tissue |



100  $\mu$ m

**Fig. 2c** Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Root of *Nardostachys jatamansi* (D. Don) DC.  
 1. epidermis  
 2. cortex  
 3. endodermis  
 4. vessel  
 5. pith

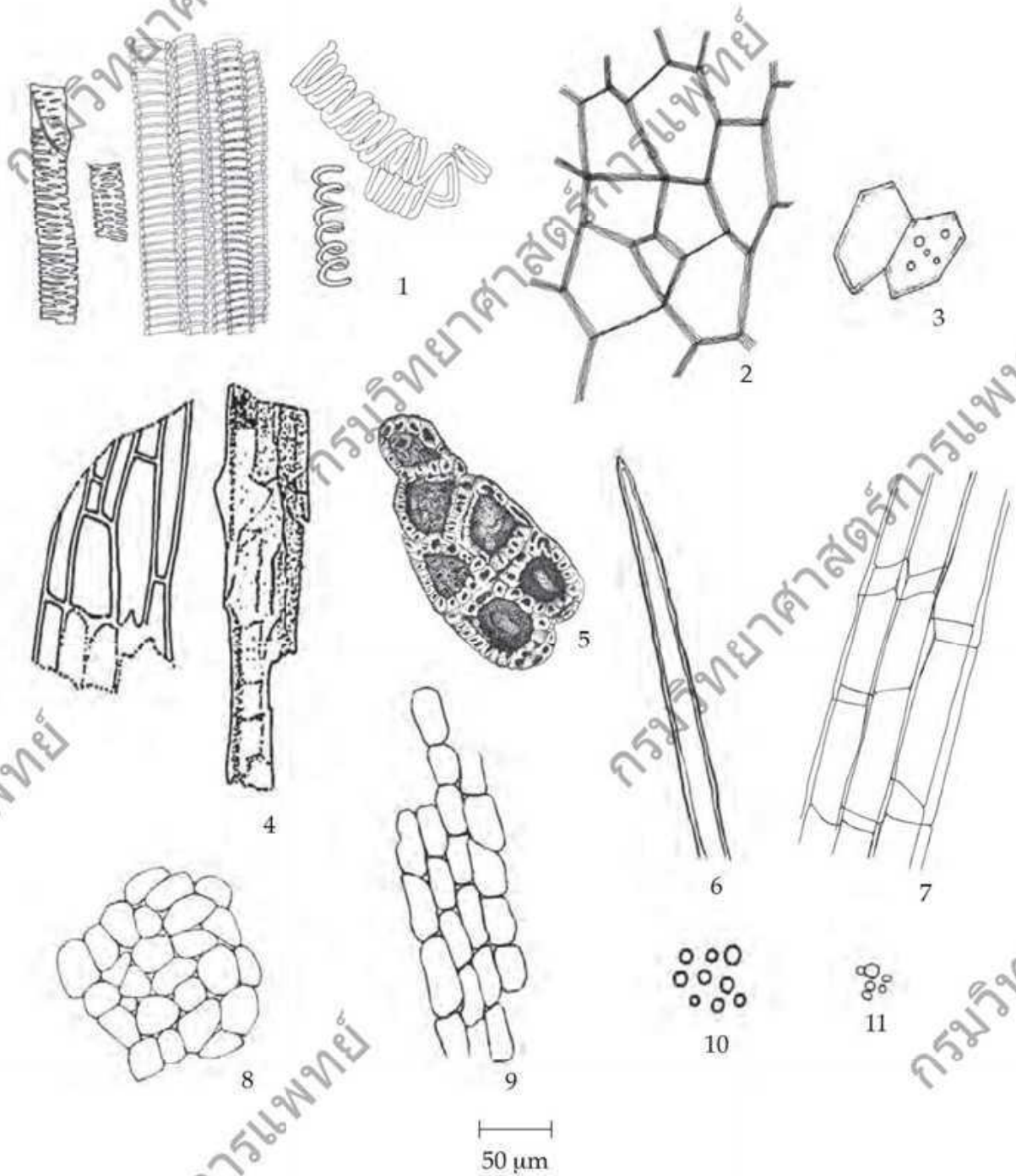


Fig. 2d Powdered Drug of the Roots and Rhizomes of *Nardostachys jatamansi* (D. Don) DC.

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. reticulate, scalariform and spiral vessels | 6. fibre                           |
| 2. cork cells in surface view                 | 7. cork cells in longitudinal view |
| 3. cork cells with oil droplets               | 8. parenchyma in sectional view    |
| 4. remnants of leaf blades                    | 9. parenchyma in longitudinal view |
| 5. brownish thick-walled sclereids            | 10. oil droplets                   |
|   | 11. starch grains                  |

Transverse section of the rhizome shows more than two layers of cork cells, several layers of thin-walled parenchyma in cortex, vascular tissue, parenchyma and large holes in the centre.

Spikenard in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Thin-walled, cork-like cells, lignified thick-walled brownish sclereids and oil droplets are abundant.

**Contra-indication** It is contra-indicated in pregnant women.

#### Additional information

1. Spikenard plant is not native to nor commercially cultivated in Thailand. The plant yielding spikenard root and rhizome, with remnants of stem and leaves is here referred to the herbarium specimen number K000762790, collector's number N. Wallich 431, deposited at the Herbarium, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (K), London, United Kingdom. The photographic illustration of the specimen can be seen at the Department of Medical Sciences Herbarium (DMSC), Nonthaburi, Thailand.

2. It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.

**Packaging and storage** Spikenard shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light, and stored in a cool and dry place.

#### Identification

A. Shake 2 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *chloroform* for 15 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, slowly add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to make two layers: a brown ring is produced at the zone of contact.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 70 volumes of *n-hexane*, 30 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 1 volume of *acetic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 25 mL of *methanol* for 30 minutes, filtering and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; several blue fluorescent spots are observed. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 110° for 10 minutes; several violet spots appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Roots and Rhizomes, with Remnants of Stems and Leaves, of *Nardostachys jatamansi* (D. Don) DC.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	2-6	quenching	-	-
2	16-20	quenching	light blue	violet
3	30-32	-	light blue	-
4	32-36	-	-	violet
5	43-48	quenching	-	violet
6	52-58	quenching	blue	-
7	58-63	quenching	-	violet
8	66-72	quenching	-	violet

**Water** Not more than 12.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 6.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

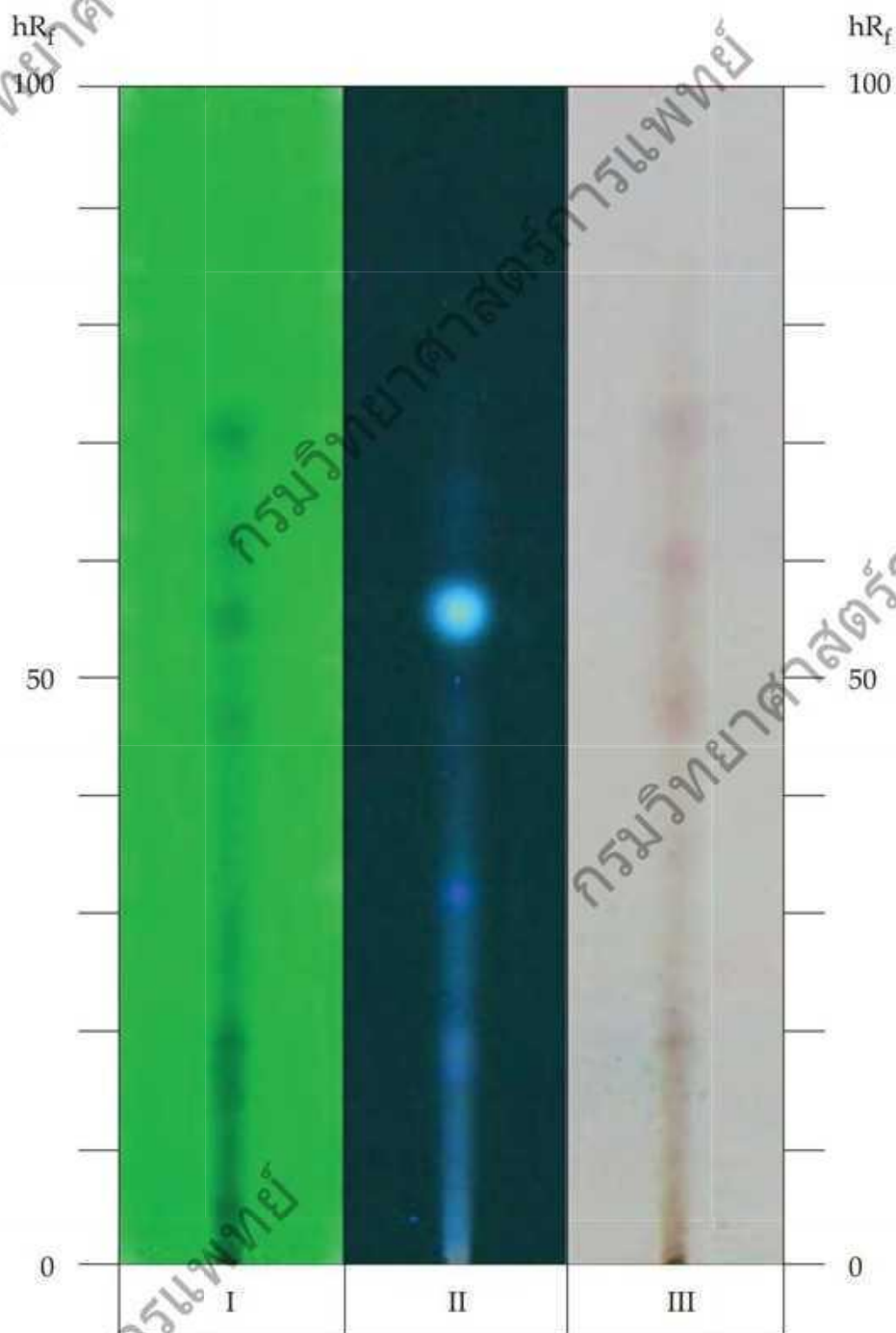
**Total ash** Not more than 11.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 1.0 per cent v/w (Appendix 7.3H). Use 20 g, in *coarse powder*, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 200 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.

**Dose** 2 to 3 g of the powdered drug a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Roots and Rhizomes, with Remnants of Stems and Leaves, of *Nardostachys jatamansi* (D. Don) DC.

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *anisaldehyde* TS

## โกฐเชียง (KOT CHIANG)

กุยเหว่ย (KUIWEI), ตังกุยบัว (TANG KUI BOUA)

*Angelicae Sinensis Radix Lateralis*

Chinese Angelica Lateral Root

**Category** Blood tonic, treatment of menstrual disorders.

**Chinese Angelica Lateral Root is the dried lateral root of *Angelica sinensis* (Oliv.) Diels (*A. polymorpha* var. *sinensis* Oliv.) (Family Umbelliferae), Herbarium Specimen Number: see Additional information 1, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1139.**

**Constituents** Chinese Angelica Lateral Root contains alkyl phthalides (e.g., *Z*-ligustilide, *Z*-butylidenephthalide, angelicide) and phenylpropanoids (e.g., *E*-ferulic acid, coniferyl ferulate). It also contains terpenoids (e.g., carvacrol, *cis*- $\beta$ -ocimene,  $\beta$ -cadinene), benzenoids (e.g., vanillic acid), polysaccharides, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb up to 1 m tall; stem purplish green, linear striation, branched above, glabrous; root stout, conic or cylindrical, branched, lateral roots numerous. Leaves pinnately or ternately compound, alternate, blade ovate in outline, 10 to 30 cm long, 12 to 25 cm wide; pinnae 3 to 4 pairs; leaflets ovate or ovate-lanceolate, 2 to 3.5 cm long, 0.8 to 2.5 cm wide, 2- to 3-lobed, margin irregularly cuspidate-serrate, nerves and margins sparsely papillose to hairy; petiole 5 to 20 cm long, purplish green, base of petiole sheathing, inflated, ovate, margin membranous. Inflorescence compound umbel, terminal or axillary, umbels 10 to 30; peduncle 8 to 20 cm long, pubescent or subglabrous; bract(s) absent or 2, linear, unequal; bracteoles 2 to 4, linear, 3 to 5 mm long, glabrous. Flowers small, white, rarely purplish red, 13 to 36 per umbel; pedicel slender, 1 to 3 cm in fruit; calyx teeth obsolete; petals 5, obovate, apex incurved; ovary inferior, 2-loculed, 1-ovuled per locule, stylopodium shortly conic. Fruit schizocarp, ellipsoid, ovoid or subglobose, 4 to 6 mm long, 3 to 4 mm wide, dorsal ribs prominent, filiform, lateral ribs broadly thin-winged, wings as wide as or wider than the body, vitta(e) 1 on each furrow, absent or 2 on commissure, split into 2 single-seeded mericarps. Seed plane or slightly concave.

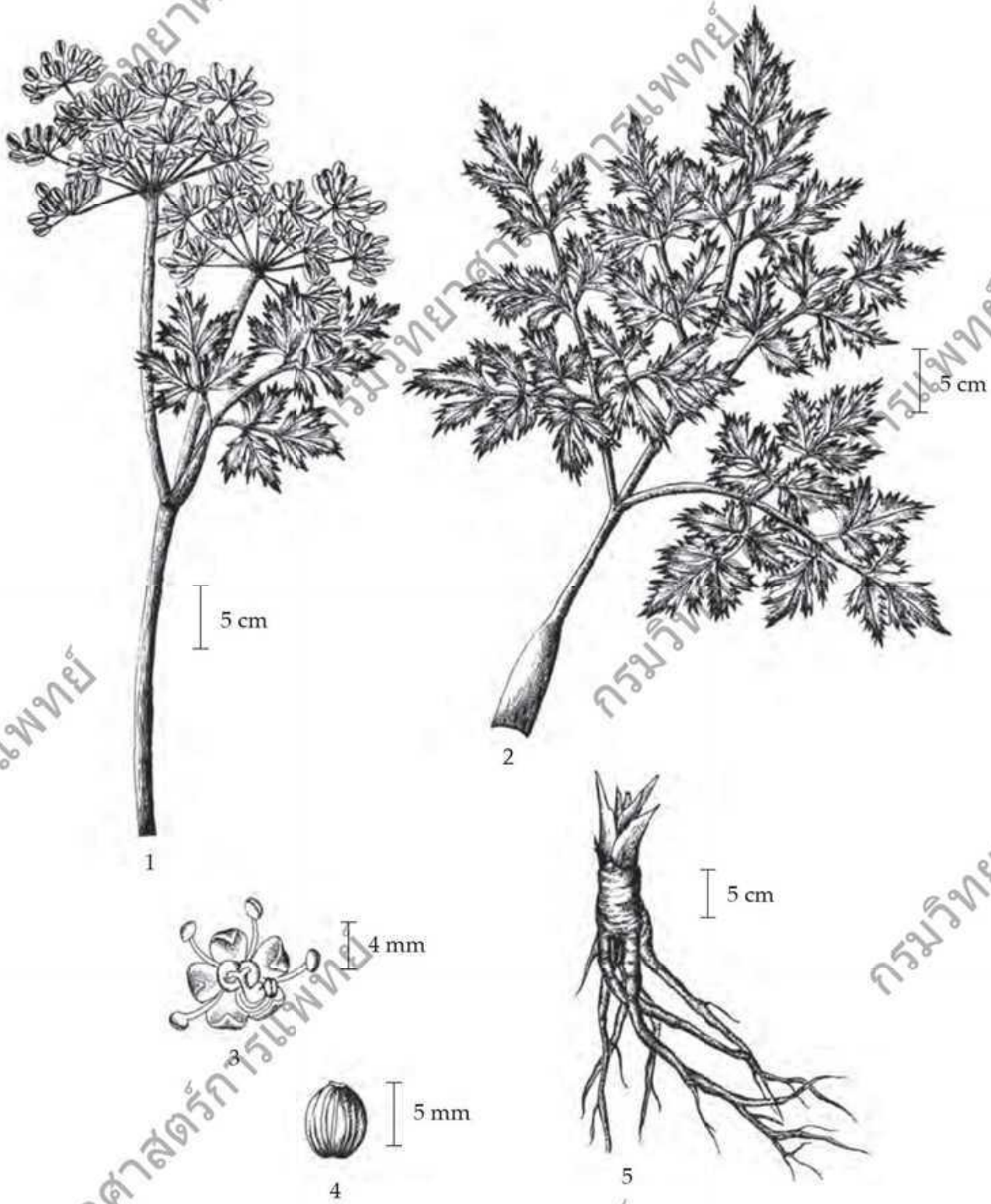
**Description** Odour, strongly aromatic; taste sweet, slightly bitter and pungent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Lateral roots 0.3 to 1 cm in diameter, the upper portion thick and the lower portion thin, mostly twisted and exhibiting a few rootlet scars. Texture flexible, fracture yellowish white or yellowish brown; bark thick, showing some clefts and numerous brown-dotted secretory cavities; wood paler in colour, cambium ring yellowish brown.

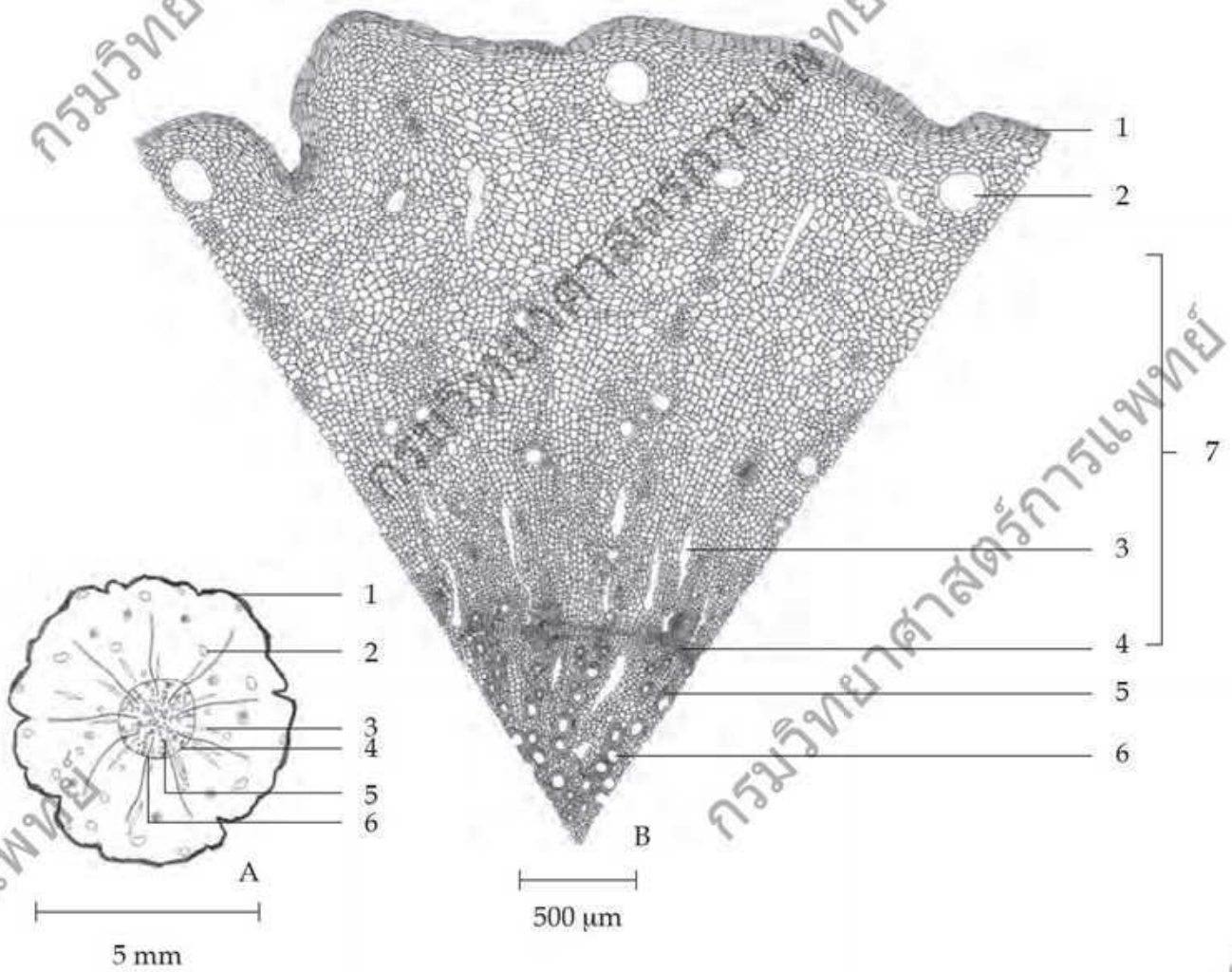
**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the dried lateral root shows periderm, cortex, phloem, xylem, schizogenous oil cavities, longitudinal clefts, cambium, and pith. Periderm, 4 to 6 layers of thin-walled, rectangular cork cells. Cortex, narrow, with polygonal parenchyma cells, oil cavities and longitudinal clefts. Xylem, solitary or groups, 2 to 5, radially arranged, surrounded by small parenchyma; xylem rays 3 to 7 layers of cells. Phloem, broad, with polygonal parenchyma, oil cavities and longitudinal clefts. Cambium in a ring, several layers of small rectangular cells. Schizogenous oil cavities, abundant, scattered from phloem tissues to cortex, diameter increase from phloem tissues to outer part of cortex. Pith, distinct, several layers of parenchyma cells filled with starch grains.



**Fig. 1a** *Angelica sinensis* (Oliv.) Diels  
1. flowering and fruiting shoot 2, and 3. inflorescences 4. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Angelica sinensis* (Oliv.) Diels  
1. fruiting shoot 2. leaf 3. flower (top view) 4. schizocarp 5. root

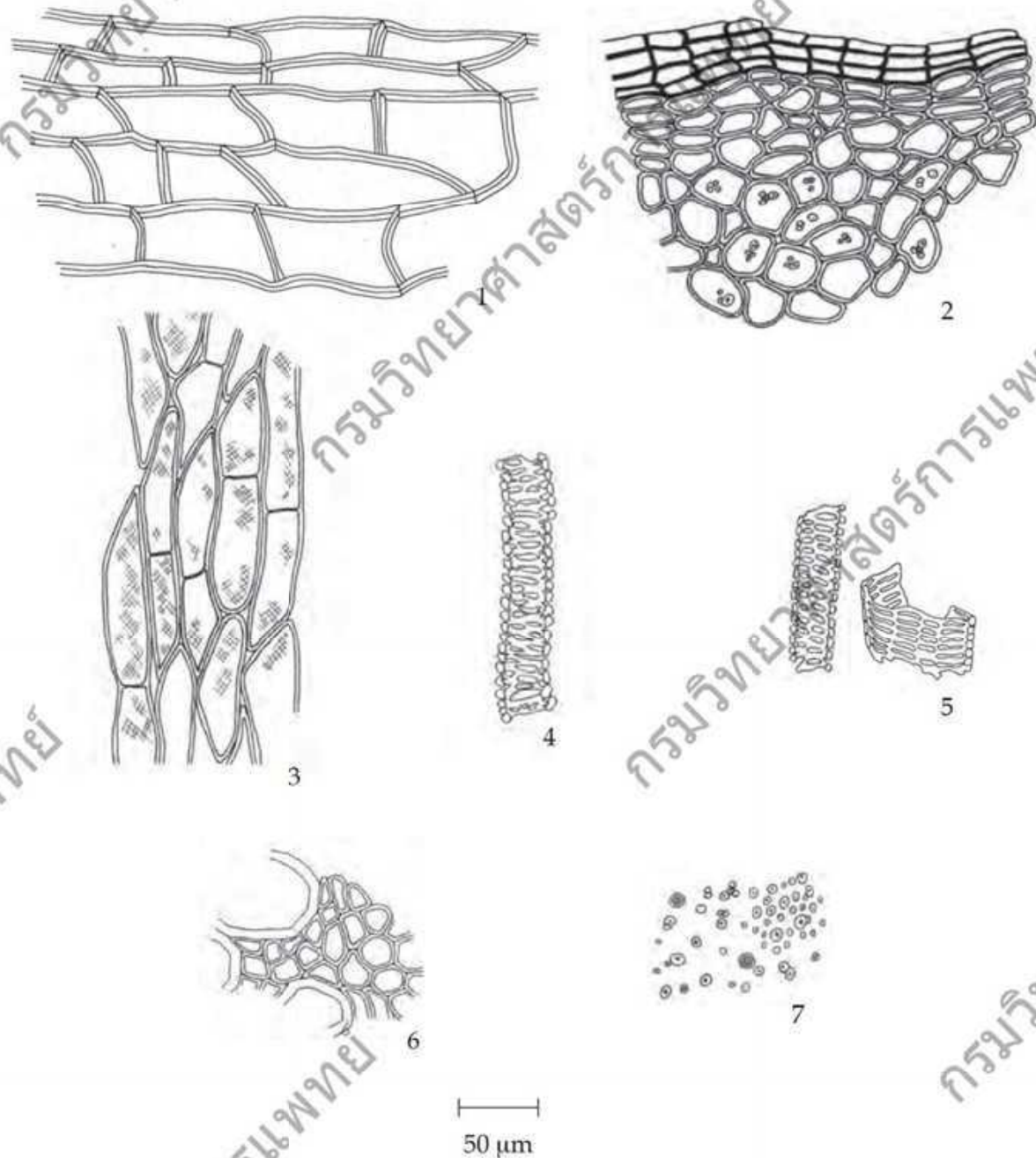


**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Lateral Root of *Angelica sinensis* (Oliv.) Diels

A. Diagram

B. Part of Sectional View

- 1. cork
- 2. oil cavity
- 3. longitudinal cleft
- 4. cambium
- 5. xylem ray
- 6. vessel
- 7. phloem



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Lateral Roots of *Angelica sinensis* (Oliv.) Diels

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|---|---|
| 1. cork in surface view   | 4. fragment of reticulate vessel                                    |
| 2. cork in sectional view associated with cortical parenchyma, some containing starch grains  | 5. fragments of scalariform vessels                                 |
| 3. fusiform-shaped parenchyma with very fine oblique criss-cross striations, some with septum | 6. fragment of vessels in sectional view associated with parenchyma |
|   | 7. starch grains  |

Chinese Angelica Lateral Root in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Fusiform phloem parenchyma with slightly thick-walled, very fine oblique criss-cross striations and thin-walled septum is characteristic. Large and thin-walled cork, or cork associated with parenchyma, is frequently observed.

#### Contra-indication

1. It is contra-indicated in patients prior to surgery and in patients with diarrhea, hemorrhagic diseases or hypermenorrhoea.
2. It is contra-indicated in children and in pregnant and nursing women.

#### Warning

1. It may cause phototoxicity, i.e. eczema, burns.
2. Caution should be exercised when it is to be used concomitantly with anticoagulant drugs such as warfarin and antiplatelet drugs.

#### Additional information

1. Chinese angelica plant is not native to nor commercially cultivated in Thailand. The plant yielding chinese angelica lateral root is here referred to the herbarium specimen, collector's number Aug. Henry 7143, deposited at New York Botanical Garden, New York, the United States of America. The photographic illustration of the specimen can be seen at the Department of Medical Sciences Herbarium (DMSC), Nonthaburi, Thailand.
2. It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.
3. It is recommended to keep in a refrigerator.

**Packaging and storage** Chinese Angelica Lateral Root shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *ethanol* for 30 minutes and filter (solution 1). To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *iron(III) chloride TS*: a green colour is produced.

B. Drop solution 1 on a filter paper and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm): a blue fluorescence is produced.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1) using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 86 volumes of *toluene*, 14 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 5 volumes of *formic acid* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 10 mm, 25  $\mu$ L of solution (A) and 10  $\mu$ L of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *dichloromethane* for 30 minutes and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate until dryness and dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *toluene*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *ferulic acid* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching band ( $hR_f$  value 31 to 38) corresponding to the ferulic acid band from solution (B). Other several quenching bands are also observed. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; the band corresponding to ferulic acid shows violet fluorescence. Other several fluorescent bands of different colours are also observed. Spray plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 105° for 10 minutes; the band corresponding to ferulic acid is violet. Several other bands of different colours also appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Dichloromethane Extract of the Lateral Roots of *Angelica sinensis* (Oliv.) Diels

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	2-5	-	-	violet
2	5-9	-	-	green
3	7-13	-	-	violet
4	15-20	-	-	violet
5	26-32	-	violet	-
6	29-35	-	yellow	-
7*	31-38	quenching	violet	violet
8	39-46	quenching	violet	grey
9	52-58	weak quenching	light blue	green
10	57-63	-	-	violet
11	57-65	weak quenching	blue	-
12	64-71	weak quenching	intense blue	green
13	69-75	-	-	green
14	71-79	quenching	intense blue	yellow
15	79-82	quenching	-	-
16	89-95	quenching	-	dark green

\*ferulic acid

**Water** Not more than 14.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

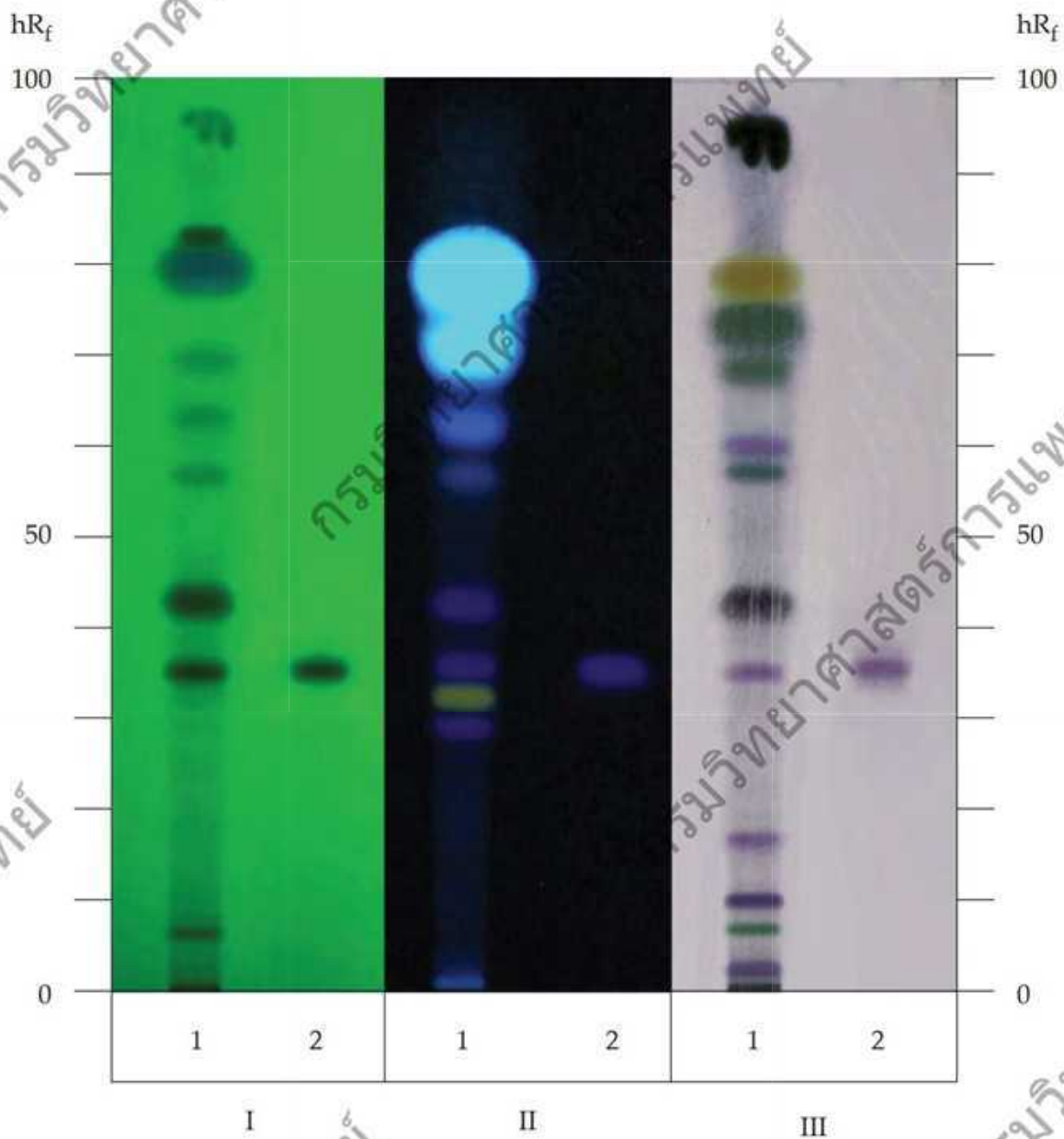
**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 12.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 52.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** 6 to 12 g, as a decoction, a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Dichloromethane Extract of the Lateral Roots of *Angelica sinensis* (Oliv.) Diels

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *anisaldehyde TS*

## โกฐจุฬาลัมพา (KOT CHULA LAMPHA)

โกฐจุฬา (KOT CHULA), โกตุจุฬาลัมพา (KOT CHULA LAMPHA)<sup>1</sup>, โกฐจุฬาลัมพาจัน (KOT CHULA LAMPHA CHIN), ซิงเฮา (QINGHAO)

Artemisiae Annuae Herba

Sweet Wormwood Herb

**Synonyms** Annual Wormwood Herb, Chinese Wormwood Herb

**Category** Antipyretic.

Sweet Wormwood Herb is the dried aerial part of *Artemisia annua* L. (Family Compositae), Herbarium Specimen Number: see *Additional information 1*, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1147.

(**Note** Sweet Wormwood Herb should be harvested during the blooming period.)

**Constituents** Sweet Wormwood Herb contains sesquiterpenoids (e.g., artemisinin, artemisinic acid, arteannuin B). It also contains volatile oil, flavonoids, coumarins, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Annual herb, 70 to 150 cm tall; fragrant; stem furrowed, much branched, puberulous, soon glabrous. Leaves simple, spirally arranged, oblong or ovate in outline, 3- or 4- pinnatipartited, glandular-dotted; petioles of middle cauline leaves 1 to 2 cm long; radical leaves withering early; lowermost cauline leaves ovate or triangular-ovate, 3 to 7 cm long, 2 to 6 cm wide; segments 5 to 10 pairs; lobule deeply serrate; tooth triangular, 1 to 2 mm long, 0.5 mm wide; midvein prominent adaxially; rachis narrowly winged, sparsely serrate; middle cauline leaves 2- or 3-pinnati or pectinatisect; upper leaves and leafy bract 1- or 2- pinnatipartited. Inflorescences in broad pyramidal panicle; capitula globose, numerous, 1 to 3 mm in diameter, nodding, shortly pedicellate; bract linear, oval-acuminate or oval; involucre globose, glabrous; phyllaries 2 to 3 seriate, the outer ones narrowly oblong, green, the inner elliptic or obovate, margin hyaline. Marginal florets pistillate, 10 to 18, minute; disc florets bisexual, 10 to 30, minute, dark yellow or yellow. Achene ellipsoid-ovoid, faintly nerved, glabrous.

**Description** Odour, characteristic and aromatic; taste, slightly bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Stems, vary in diameter and length, cylindrical, furrowed, greenish brown to brown; texture slightly hard, fracture medullated in the centre. Leaves, greenish brown to brown, rolled and crumpled, easily broken. Capitula abundant, 2 to 3 mm in diameter.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e) Transverse section of the fresh leaflet shows epidermis, mesophyll and vascular bundle. Epidermis, a layer of rectangular cells with glandular trichomes and slightly raised stomata, T-shape trichomes may be seen. Mesophyll, bifacial, 1 to 3 layers of palisade cells and thin-walled parenchyma cells in between. Vascular bundle, xylem in the upper part and phloem in the lower part.

Transverse section of the fresh stem illustrates epidermal layer, cortex, vascular tissue, and pith. Epidermal layer, rectangular cells, covered with cuticle layer. Cortex, few layers of angular collenchyma cells, groups of angular collenchyma cells and groups of cortical fibre cells in small ridges. Vascular tissue, narrow zone of phloem tissue, vascular cambium, large zone of xylem tissue, and 1 to 3 layers of medullar rays. Pith, numerous polygonal parenchyma cells.

<sup>1</sup>The two Thai names, โกฐจุฬาลัมพา and โกตุจุฬาลัมพา, are spelled differently in Thai. However, both terms can be transcribed into the same English phonetic transcription "KOT CHULA LAMPHA".



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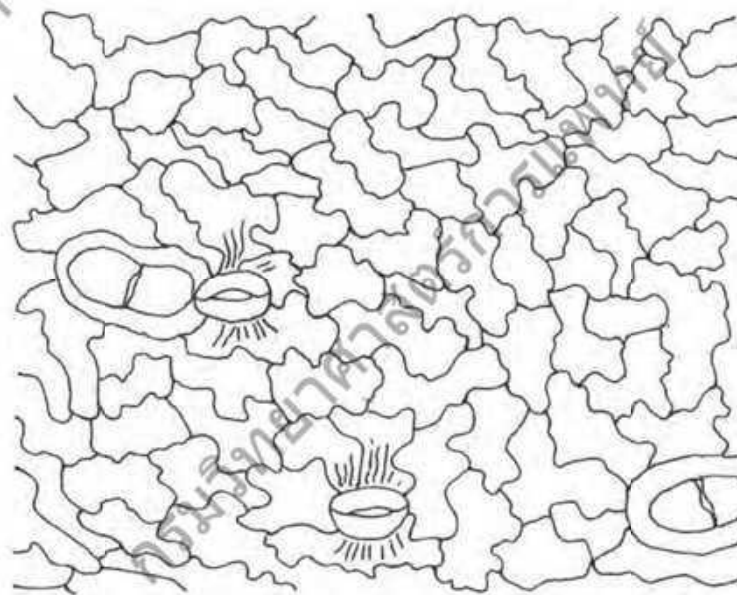
Fig. 1a *Artemisia annua* L.

1. habit 2. part of leaf 3. and 4. part of flowering twig 5. capitulum 6. crude drug



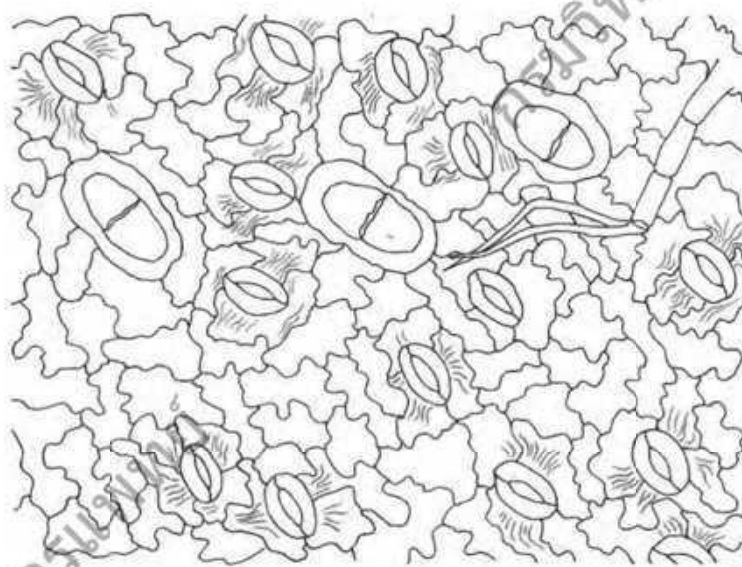
Fig. 1b *Artemisia annua* L.

- 1. flowering branch
- 2. part of leaf
- 3. capitulum
- 4. disc floret and pistil



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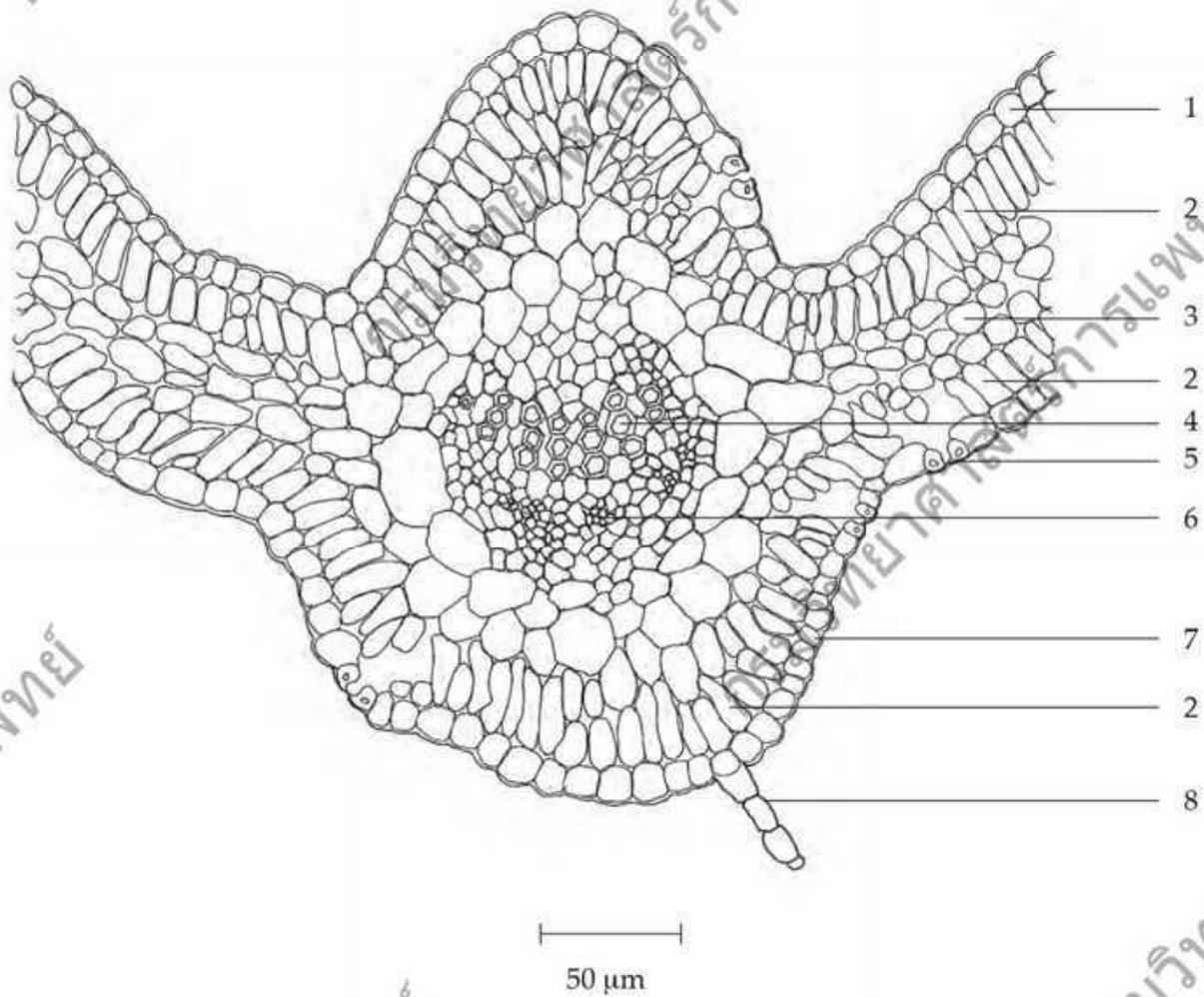
Upper Epidermis of the Lamina



50  $\mu$ m

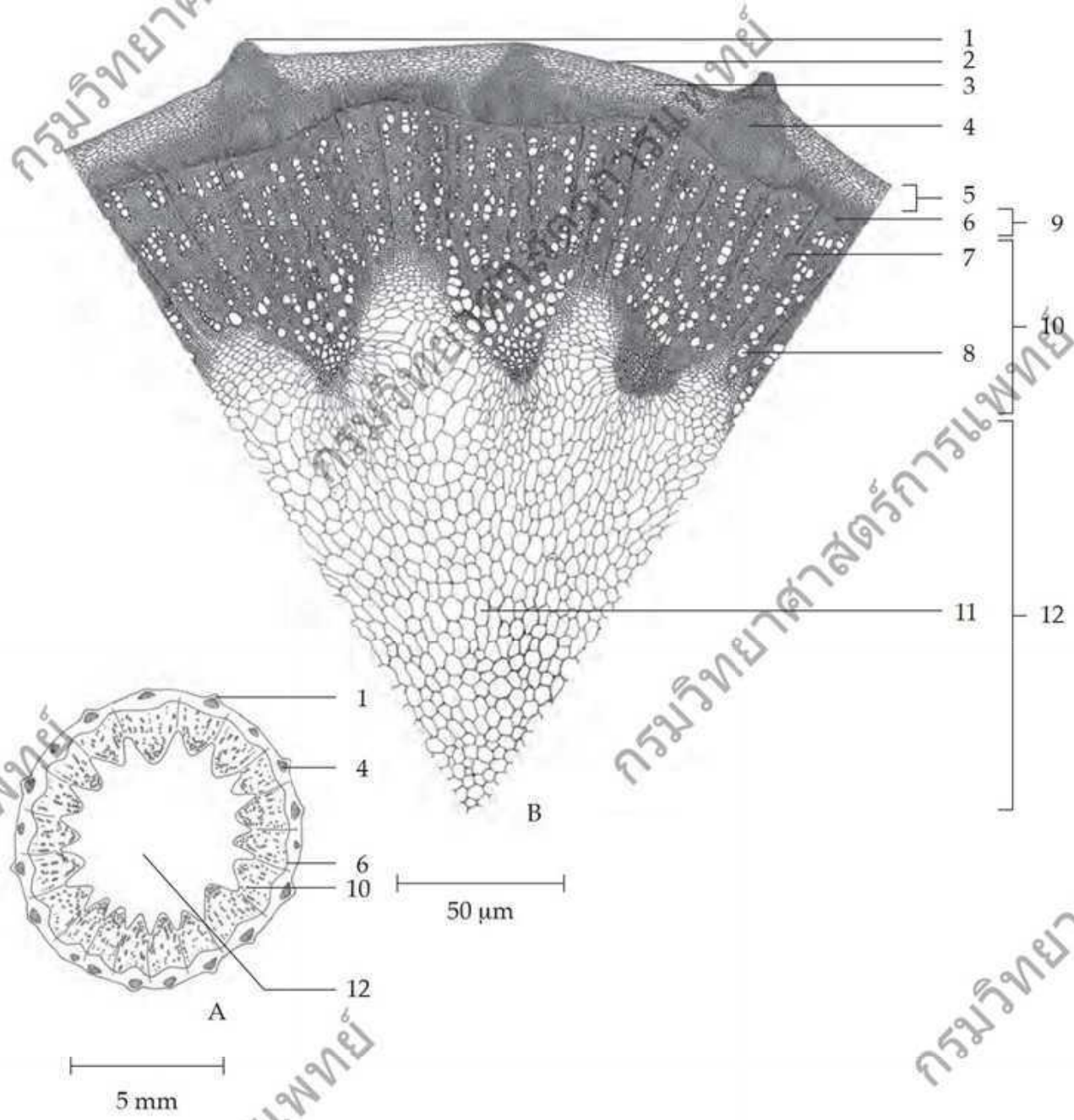
Lower Epidermis of the Lamina

Fig. 2a Epidermises of the Fresh Leaf of *Artemisia annua* L.



**Fig. 2b** Transverse Section of the Fresh Leaf of *Artemisia annua* L.

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. upper epidermis | 5. slightly raised stoma      |
| 2. palisade cell   | 6. phloem cell                |
| 3. parenchyma      | 7. lower epidermis            |
| 4. vessel          | 8. stalk of T-shaped trichome |

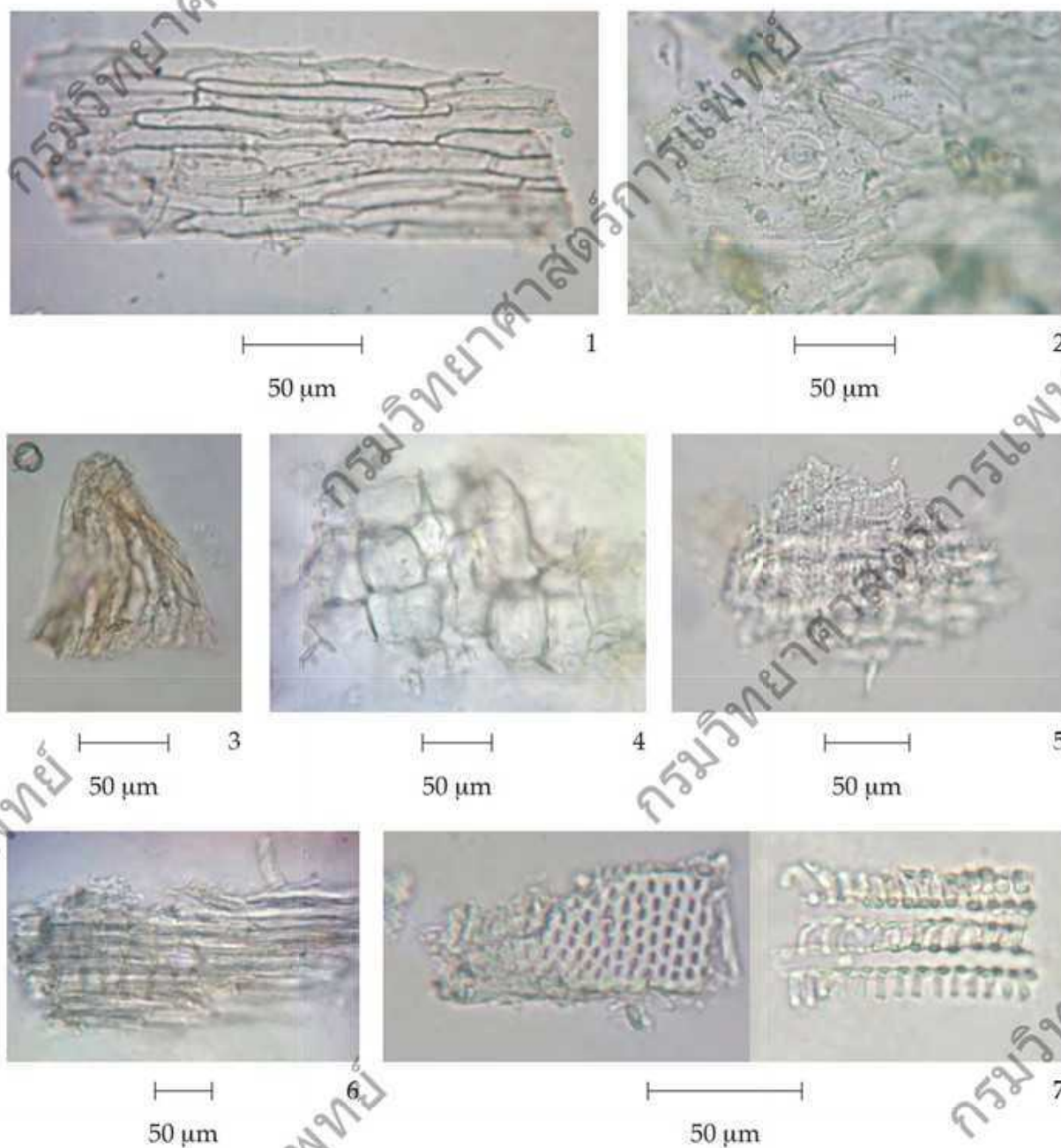


**Fig. 2c** Transverse Section of the Fresh Stem of *Artemisia annua* L.

A. Diagram

B. Part of Transverse Section

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. ridge               | 7. xylem ray     |
| 2. epidermis           | 8. vessel        |
| 3. angular collenchyma | 9. phloem tissue |
| 4. cortical fibre      | 10. xylem tissue |
| 5. cortex              | 11. parenchyma   |
| 6. cambium             | 12. pith         |



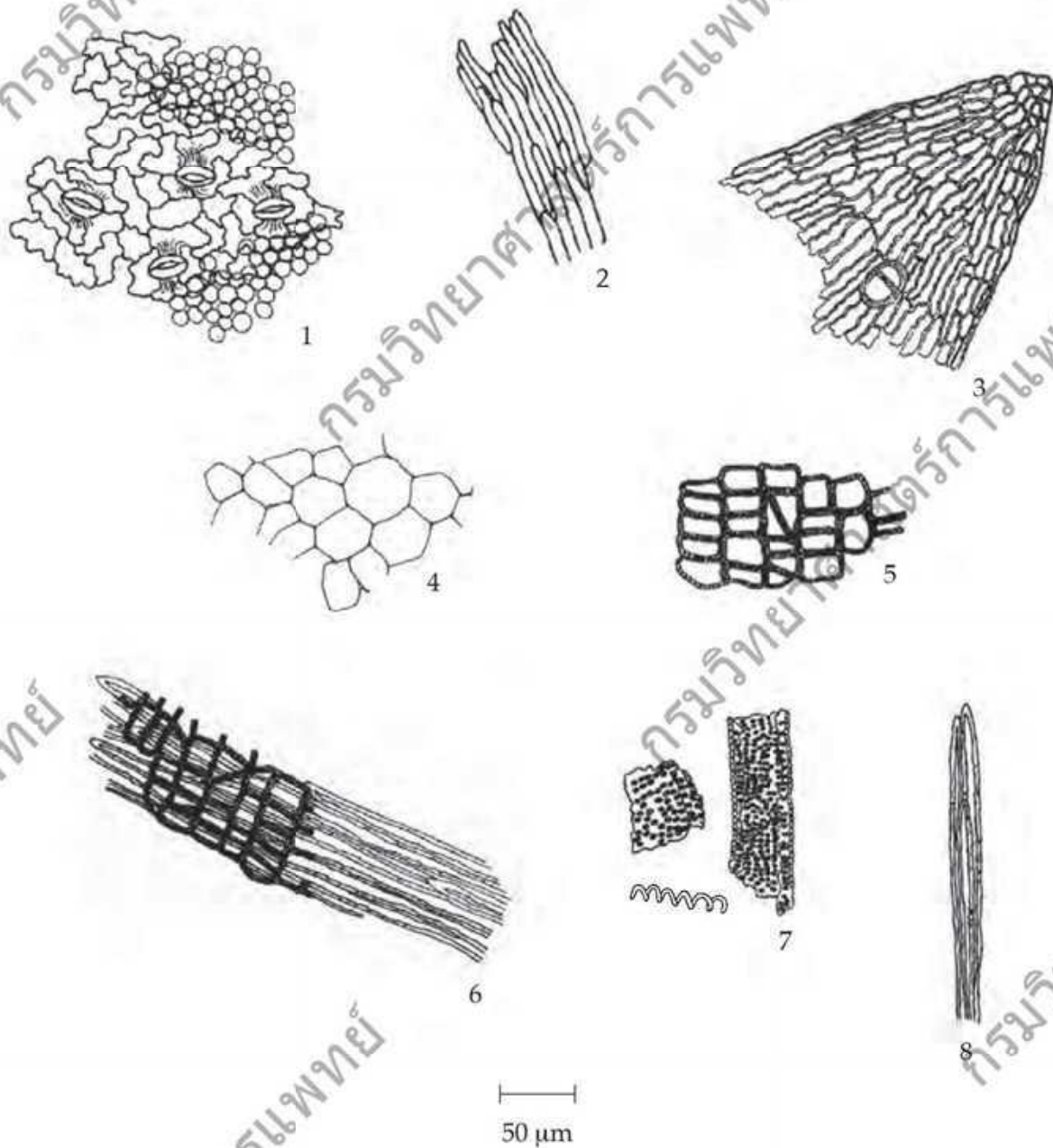
**Fig. 2d** Photomicrographs of Powdered Drug of the Aerial Parts of *Artemisia annua* L.

1. epidermis with stomata in surface view
2. epidermis of corolla in surface view
3. epidermis at apex of corolla in surface view
4. parenchyma
5. xylem parenchyma with underlying bordered-pitted vessels
6. fibres and xylem parenchyma in radial longitudinal view
7. bordered-pitted vessel and spiral vessels



Fig. 2d (continued)

- 8. fibres
- 9. 2-branched papillosed stigmas in surface view
- 10. top view of 2-celled glandular trichome
- 11. filament in surface view
- 12. anther-lobed tip in surface view
- 13. T-shaped trichome
- 14. pollen grains
- 15. fibrous layer of anther sac in surface view



**Fig. 2e** Line Drawings of Powdered Drug of the Aerial Parts of *Artemisia annua* L.  
 1. epidermis with stomata and underlying palisade cells in surface view  
 2. epidermis of corolla in surface view  
 3. epidermis at apex of corolla showing glandular trichome in surface view  
 4. parenchyma  
 5. xylem parenchyma  
 6. fibres and xylem parenchyma in radial longitudinal view  
 7. fragment of bordered-pitted and spiral vessels  
 8. fibres

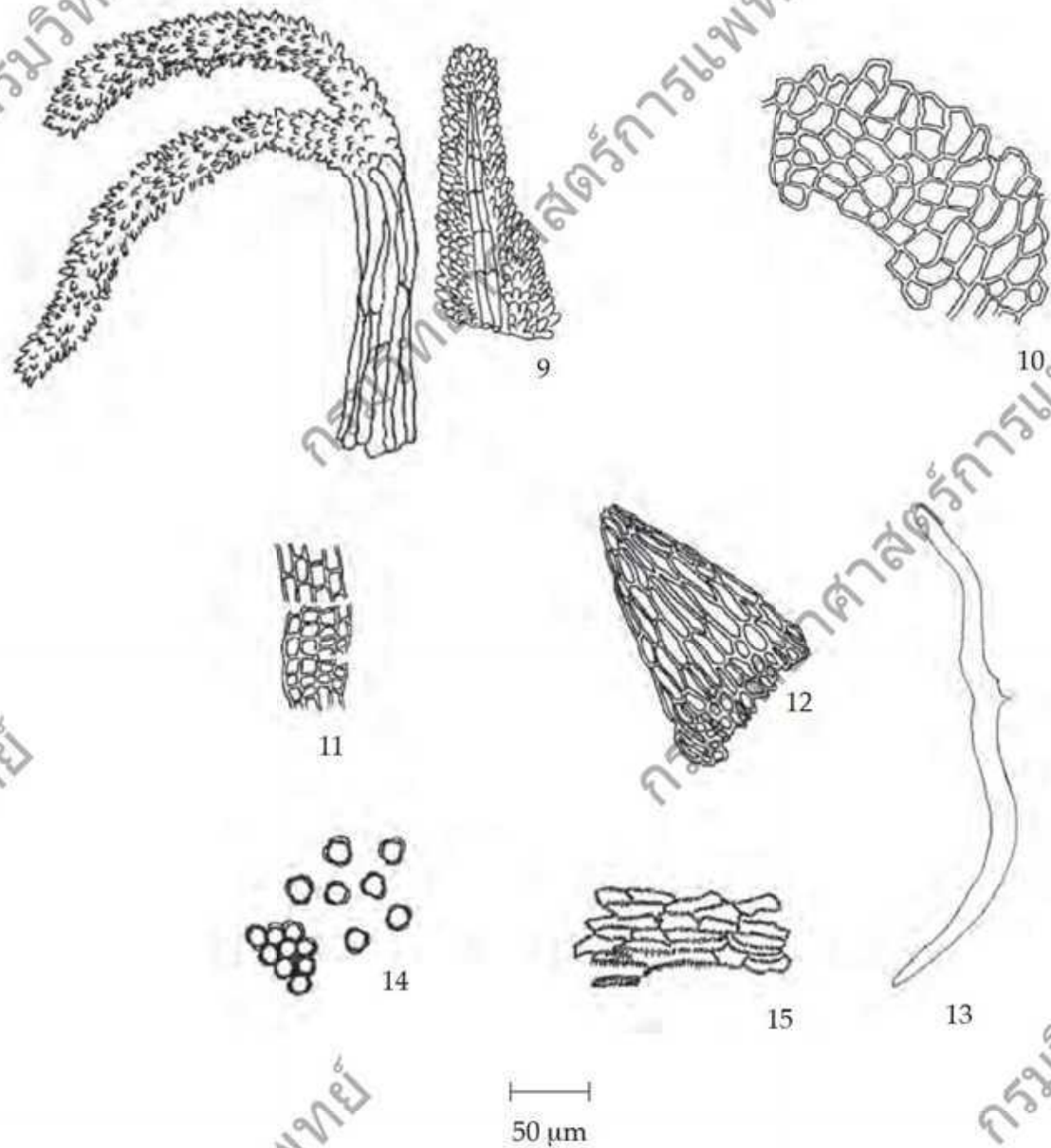


Fig. 2e (continued)

- 9. papillose stigma in surface view
- 10. ovary wall in surface view
- 11. filament of stamen in surface view
- 12. tip of anther lobe in surface view
- 13. part of T-shaped trichome
- 14. pollen grains
- 15. fibrous layer of anther sac in surface view

Sweet Wormwood Herb in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Two-celled glandular trichomes, 2-branched papillose stigmas, tip of anther lobes, and triporate pollen grains are characteristic. Typical T-shaped trichomes of leaves may be seen.

**Warning** It should be used with caution in pregnant women and in patients with frequent diarrhea.

#### Additional information

1. Sweet wormwood plant is not native to nor commercially cultivated in Thailand. The plant yielding sweet wormwood herb is here referred to the herbarium specimen number K000891904, collector's number A. Regel s.n., deposited at the Herbarium, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (K), London, United Kingdom. The photographic illustration of the specimen can be seen at the Department of Medical Sciences Herbarium (DMSC), Nonthaburi, Thailand.
2. It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.
3. In Thai traditional drugstores, *A. pallens* Wall. ex Besser may be found as "Kot Chula Lampha".

**Packaging and storage** Sweet Wormwood Herb shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

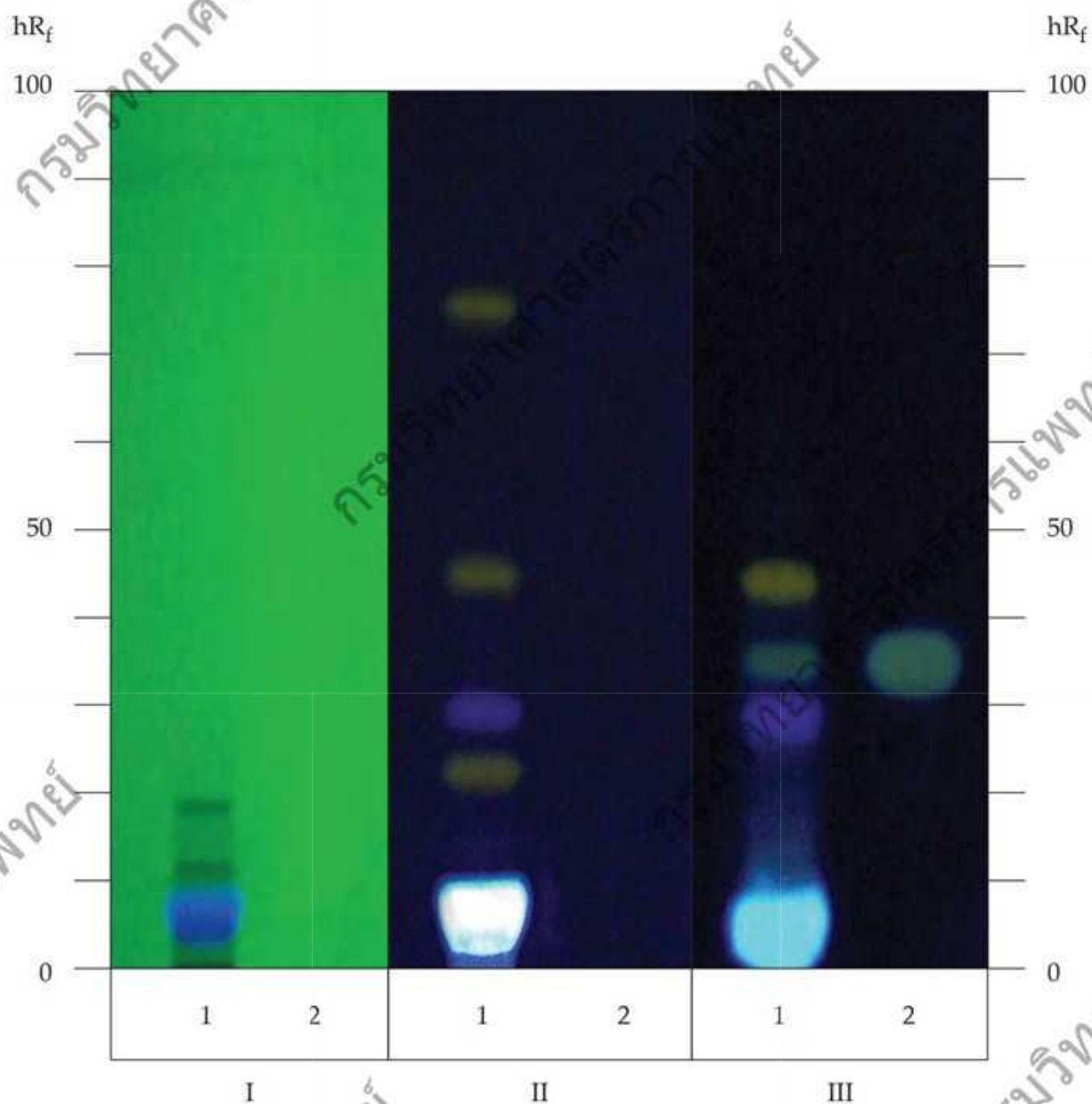
- A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *ethanol* for 30 minutes and filter (solution 1). Drop solution 1 on a filter paper and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm): a blue fluorescence is produced.
- B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add 1 or 2 pieces of *magnesium ribbon*, 2 drops of *hydrochloric acid* and warm in a water-bath for a few minutes: a reddish colour is produced.
- C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 30 volumes of *petroleum ether (boiling range, 60° to 80°)* and 20 volumes of *ether* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 10 mm, 5  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 3 g of the sample, in powder, with 50 mL of *petroleum ether (boiling range, 60° to 80°)* for 1 hour, filtering and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 30 mL of *n-hexane*. Extract with three 10-mL portions of a 20 per cent v/v solution of *acetonitrile* and evaporate the combined extract to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 0.5 mL of *ethanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *artemisinin* in 1 mL of *ethanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; several fluorescent bands of different colours are observed. Spray the plate with a 10 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid* in *ethanol*, heat at 105° for 10 minutes and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm). The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a yellow-green fluorescent band ( $R_f$  value 34 to 38) corresponding to the artemisinin band from solution (B). Several other fluorescent bands of different colours are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in the Extract of the Aerial Parts of *Artemisia annua* L.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	10 Per Cent V/V Solution of Sulfuric Acid in Ethanol and UV 366
1	5-7	blue	intense blue	intense blue
2	10-13	quenching	-	-
3	17-20	quenching	-	-
4	21-25	-	yellow	-
5	28-32	-	blue	blue
6*	34-38	-	-	yellow-green
7	44-48	-	yellow	yellow
8	75-79	-	yellow	-

\*artemisinin

**Water** Not more than 11.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).**Total ash** Not more than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 6.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).**Dose** 3 to 12 g, as a decoction, a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of the Extract of the Aerial Parts of *Artemisia annua* L.

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection under UV light (366 nm) after spraying with a 10 per cent v/v solution of sulfuric acid in ethanol

## โถงหัวบัว (KOT HUA BUA)

โถงหัวบัวน้อย (KOT HUA BUA NOI), โถงหัวบัวใหญ่ (KOT HUA BUA YAI)

Chuanxiong Rhizoma

Sichuan Lovage Rhizome

**Synonyms** Szechuan Lovage Rhizome, Szechwan Lovage Rhizome

**Category** Carminative, blood tonic for menstrual disorder.

**Sichuan Lovage Rhizome is the dried rhizome of *Ligusticum sinense* Oliv. cv. *Chuanxiong* (*Ligusticum chuanxiong* Hort.) (Family Umbelliferae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5266, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1148.**

**Constituents** Sichuan Lovage Rhizome contains alkylphthalides (e.g., Z-ligustilide, senkyunolides). It also contains coniferyl ferulate, ferulic acid, levislolide A, volatile oil, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb, 30 to 100 cm tall; rhizome thick, apparently swollen at nodes, internodes short; stem erect, striated and branched. Leaves alternate, bipinnate or tripinnate; petiole sheathing at base, clasping the stem; basal one 10 to 20 cm long; blade triangular-ovate in outline, 15 to 20 cm long, 10 to 15 cm wide, ternate to 1- or 2-pinnated, primary pinnae 4 to 6 pairs, proximal pinnae remote, ultimate segments ovate or oblong-ovate, 2 to 3 cm long, 1 to 2 cm wide, margin irregularly serrate, glabrous on both surfaces except for the nerves; cauline leaves similar to basal, reduced, sessile, 1-pinnated. Inflorescence compound umbel, terminal and axillary, 6 to 8 cm across when anthesis; bracts 5 to 6(-10); rays 15 to 30, subequal, 3 to 5 cm; bracteoles 5 to 8, linear, shorter than pedicel, reflexed. Flower small, white; calyx teeth obsolete; petals obovate, base cuneate; style reflexed. Fruit schizocarp, oblong-ovoid, 2 to 3 mm long, 1.5 to 2 mm wide; dorsal and intermediate ribs prominent, filiform; lateral rib narrowly winged; vittae 1 to 3(-4) in each furrow, 4 to 6 on commissure. Seed smooth.

**Description** Odour, strongly aromatic; taste, bitter, pungent and slightly numb, and with a sweet aftertaste.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Irregularly knotty, subround and fist-like, 2 to 7 cm in diameter. Externally yellowish brown, greyish brown to blackish brown, rough and shrunken, dented scars or short remains of stems on the apex; numerous tuberculous rootlet scars on the lower part and at the nodes. Texture compact, uneasily broken, fracture yellowish white or greyish brown, scattered with yellowish brown oil dots.

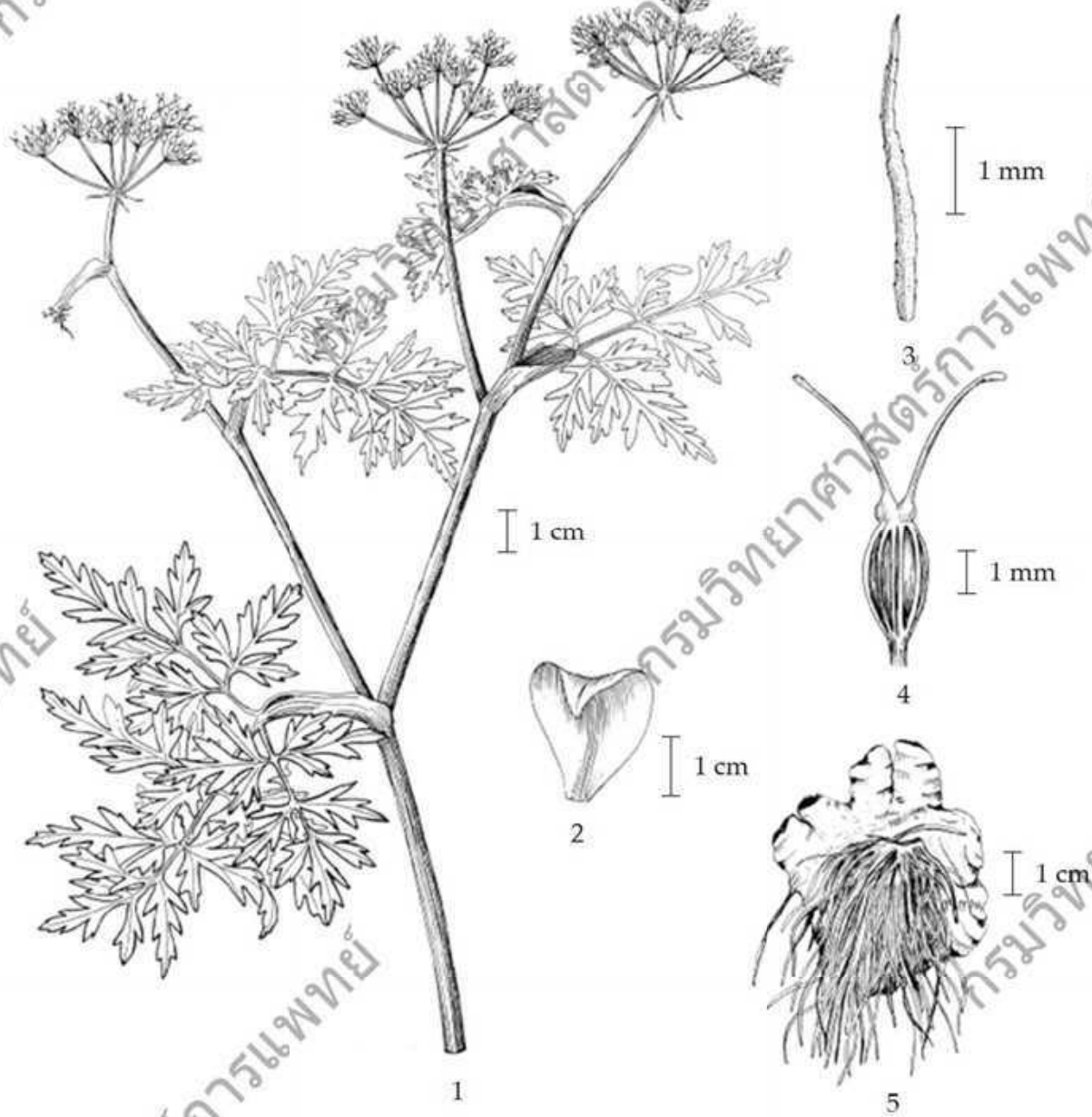
**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the rhizome shows periderm, cortex, cambium, phloem, xylem, and pith. Periderm, over 10 layers of narrow rectangular cork. Cortex, numerous polygonal parenchyma cells containing simple and compound starch grains. Phloem, broad layers of polygonal parenchyma cells containing starch grains. Cambium, undulate rings of cambium cells. Pith, broad zone of slightly large polygonal parenchyma cells. Schizogenous oil canals, scattered in cortex, phloem, xylem, and pith.

Sichuan Lovage Rhizome in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Dentate fibres, thick-walled parenchyma cells and numerous starch grains are characteristic.



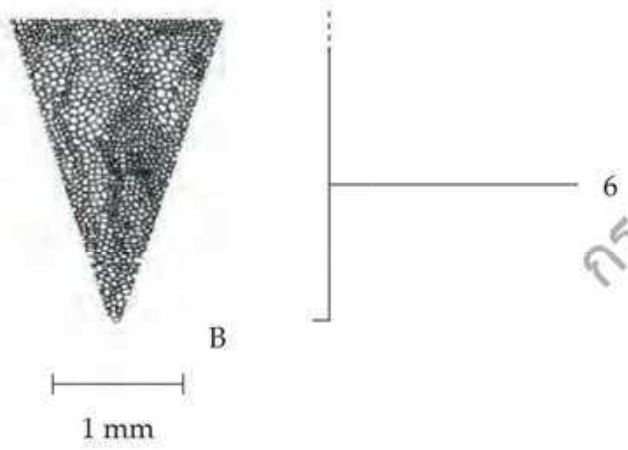
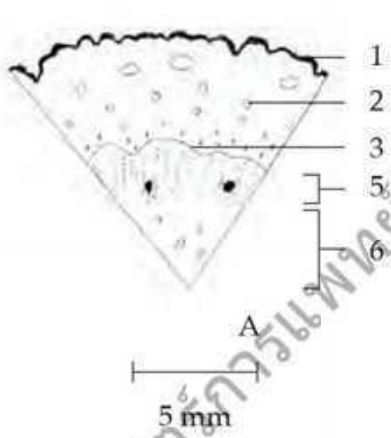
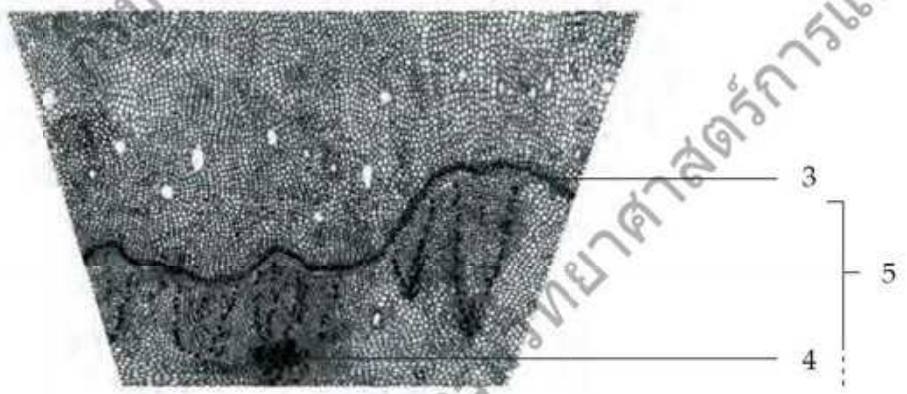
**Fig. 1a** *Ligusticum sinense* Oliv. cv. *Chuanxiong*

1. and 2. habit 3. plant showing swollen nodes 4. leaves 5. inflorescence 6. crude drug

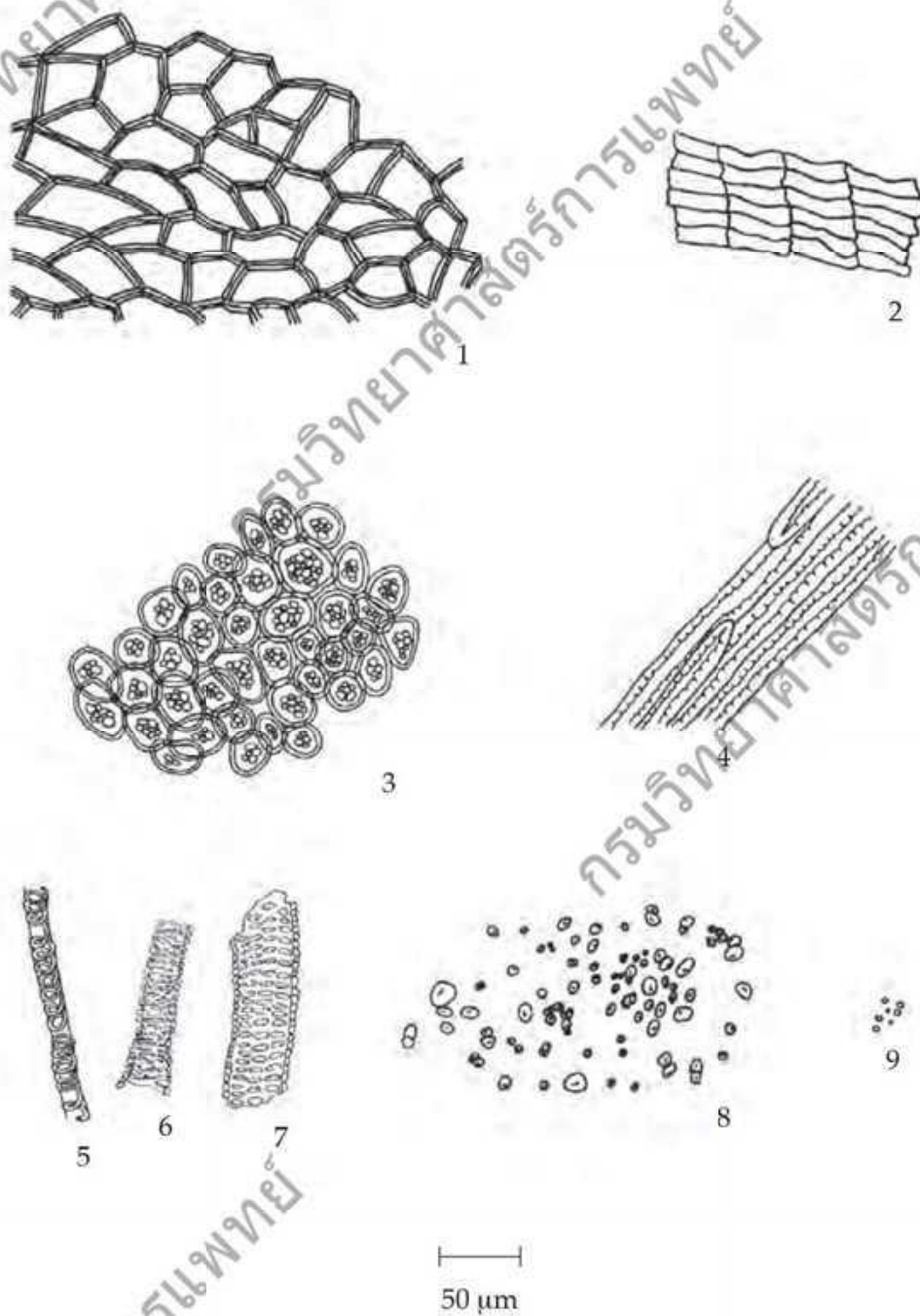


**Fig. 1b** *Ligusticum sinense* Oliv. cv. *Chuanxiong*

1. flowering branch 2. bract 3. bracteole 4. fruit 5. rhizome and roots



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Rhizome of *Ligusticum sinense* Oliv. cv. *Chuanxiong*  
 A. Diagram  
 B. Parts of Transverse Section  
 1. periderm  
 2. oil canal  
 3. cambium  
 4. fibre  
 5. xylem  
 6. pith



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Rhizomes of *Ligusticum sinense* Oliv. cv. *Chuanxiong*

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|---|-----------------------|
| 1. cork in surface view                                   | 5. spiral vessel      |
| 2. cork in sectional view                                 | 6. reticulate vessel  |
| 3. thick-walled parenchyma cells containing starch grains | 7. scalariform vessel |
| 4. dentate fibres   | 8. starch grains      |
|   | 9. oil droplets       |

**Contra-indication** It is contra-indicated in pregnant women with vaginal bleeding.

**Warning** Overdosage may cause vomiting and dizziness.

**Additional information**

1. Sichuan lovage plant is not native to nor commercially cultivated in Thailand.
2. It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.

**Packaging and storage** Sichuan Lovage Rhizome shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a cool and dry place.

**Identification**

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *ethanol* for 30 minutes and filter (solution 1). To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *iron(III) chloride TS*: a green colour is produced.

B. Drop solution 1 on a filter paper and examine the filter paper under ultraviolet light (366 nm): a blue fluorescence is produced.

C. Macerate 1 g of the sample, in powder, in 5 mL of *petroleum ether (boiling range, 60° to 80°)* and allow to stand overnight. Evaporate 1 mL of the supernatant to dryness and dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *methanol*. Add 2 or 3 drops of a 2 per cent w/v solution of *3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid* in *methanol* and 2 drops of a saturated solution of *potassium hydroxide* in *methanol*: a purple colour is produced.

D. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 86 volumes of *toluene*, 14 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 5 volumes of *formic acid* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 10 mm, 20 µL of solution (A) and 10 µL of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *dichloromethane* for 30 minutes and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate until dryness and dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *toluene*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *ferulic acid* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air, and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching band ( $hR_f$  value 31 to 38) corresponding to the ferulic acid band from solution (B). Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; the band due to ferulic acid shows a violet fluorescence. Other several fluorescent bands of different colours are also observed. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 105° for 10 minutes; the band corresponding to ferulic acid is violet. Several other bands of different colours are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Dichloromethane Extract of the Rhizomes of *Ligusticum sinense* Oliv. cv. *Chuanxiong*

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	2-5	-	-	violet
2	5-9	quenching	-	green
3	7-13	-	-	violet
4	9-16	-	-	pink
5	11-18	quenching	-	green
6	15-20	-	-	violet
7	16-21	-	blue	-
8	26-32	-	violet	-
9	29-35	-	yellow	-
10*	31-38	quenching	violet	violet
11	39-46	quenching	violet	grey
12	52-58	-	blue	green
13	57-65	quenching	blue	-
14	64-71	quenching	blue	green
15	70-76	-	-	green
16	71-79	blue	intense blue	yellow
17	79-86	quenching	-	-
18	89-95	quenching	-	green

\*ferulic acid

**Water** Not more than 12.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

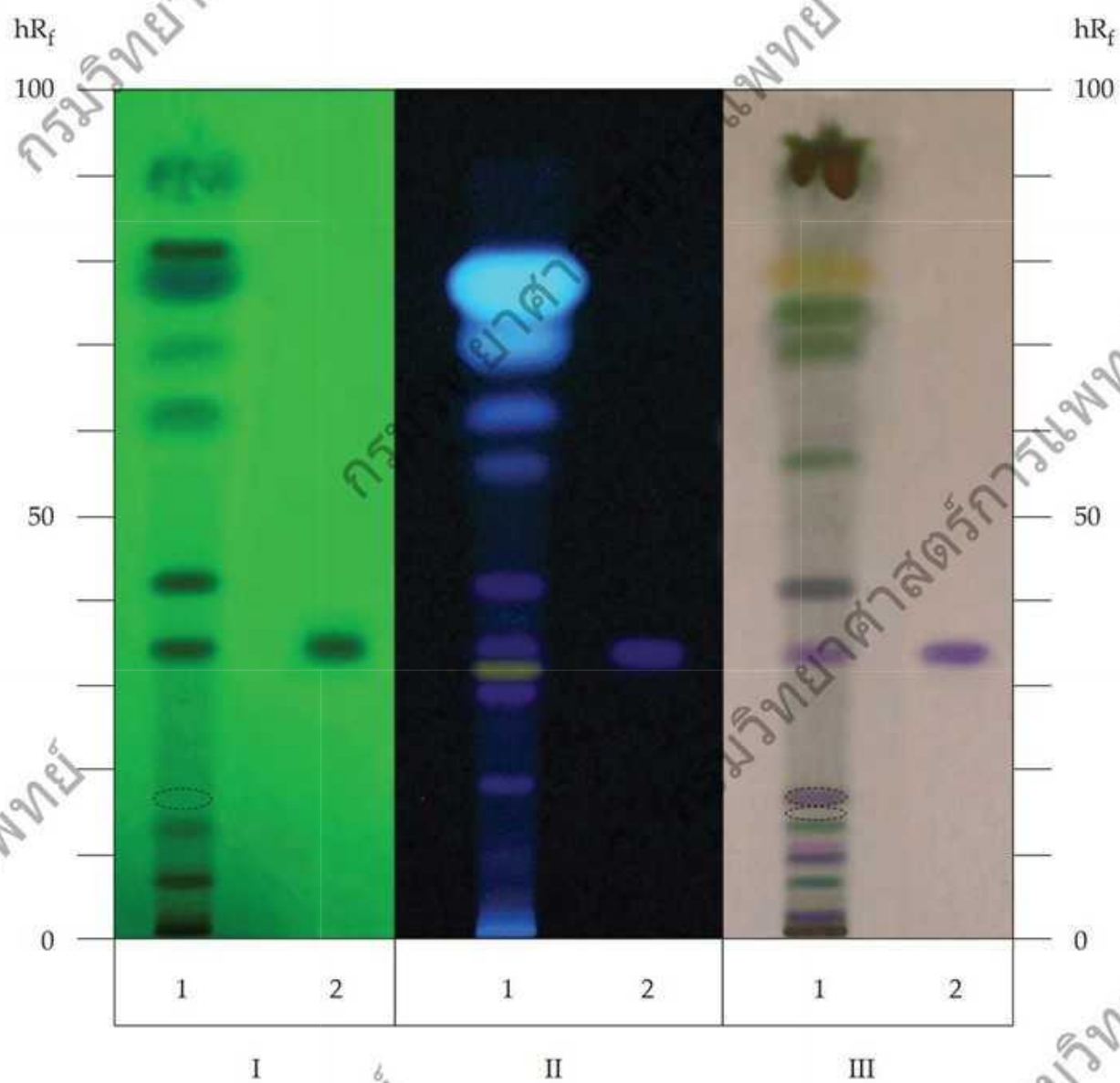
**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 6.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 18.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 35.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** 3 to 9 g, as a decoction, a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Dichloromethane Extract of the Rhizomes of *Ligusticum sinense* Oliv. cv. *Chuanxiong*

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

I = detection under UV light (254 nm)

II = detection under UV light (366 nm)

III = detection with *anisaldehyde TS*

○ = bands developed in some samples

## โกฐก้านพร้าว (KOT KAN PHRAO)

โกฐก้านมะพร้าว (KOT KAN MAPHRAO), โถดก้านพร้าว (KOT KAN PHRAO)

Neopicrorhizae Scrophulariiflorae Rhizoma

Figwortflower Picrorhiza Rhizome

**Synonyms** Katuka, Kutki

**Category** Antipyretic, stomachic.

**Figwortflower Picrorhiza Rhizome** is the dried rhizome of *Neopicrorhiza scrophulariiflora* (Pennell) Hong (*Picrorhiza scrophulariiflora* Pennell) (Family Plantaginaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: see *Additional information 1*, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0936.

**Constituents** Figwortflower Picrorhiza Rhizome contains iridoid glycosides (e.g., kutkoside, picrosides, picrorosides) and cucurbitacin triterpenoids. It also contains apocynin, cinnamic acid, vanillic acid, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb 4 to 30 cm tall; rhizome elongated, 15 to 25 cm long, about 1 cm in diameter, giving rise to stems and roots; root stout. Leaves simple, spiral, basal leaves fasciculate, spatulate or narrowly elliptic, 5 to 15 cm long, upper leaves spatulate, 5 to 10 cm long, apex obtuse, base attenuate, margin serrate, leathery, black when dry. Inflorescence spike, terminal; scape semi-cylindrical, 5 to 15 cm long, naked or with few bracts below the inflorescence; bract elliptic or lanceolate, about half of the length of the sepal. Flowers numerous, pale blue to dark purple, hirsute; calyx nearly equally 5-partite; corolla 8 to 10 mm long, bilabiate, upper lip 1-lobed, hooked, emarginate, lower lip 3-lobed, about half the length of the upper lip; stamens 4, more or less equalling corolla, exerted from corolla tube, anther divergent; ovary superior, 2-loculed, ovules numerous per locule, style 1, stigma capitate. Fruit capsule, septicidally dehiscent, ellipsoid or ovoid, about 1 cm long, turgid, tapered at top. Seeds numerous, about 1 mm long.

**Description** Odour, characteristic; taste, extremely bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Dried rhizome, cylindrical, 2.5 to 12 cm long, about 1 cm wide, easily broken, externally greyish brown, rough, irregularly wrinkled, sometimes bearing roots, or circular root scars and bud scales. Broken, surface black, surrounding with white vascular bundle.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the rhizome shows periderm, cortex, vascular tissue, and pith. Periderm, several layers of cork cells, some of which in the outer layer cracked. Cortex, broad zone of thin-walled polygonal parenchyma with scattered groups of fibres. Vascular tissue, secondary phloem, xylem and broad zone of medullary ray. Pith, numerous thin-walled polygonal parenchyma.

Figwortflower Picrorhiza Rhizome in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Parenchyma with dark brown substance and beaded-walled parenchyma are characteristic.



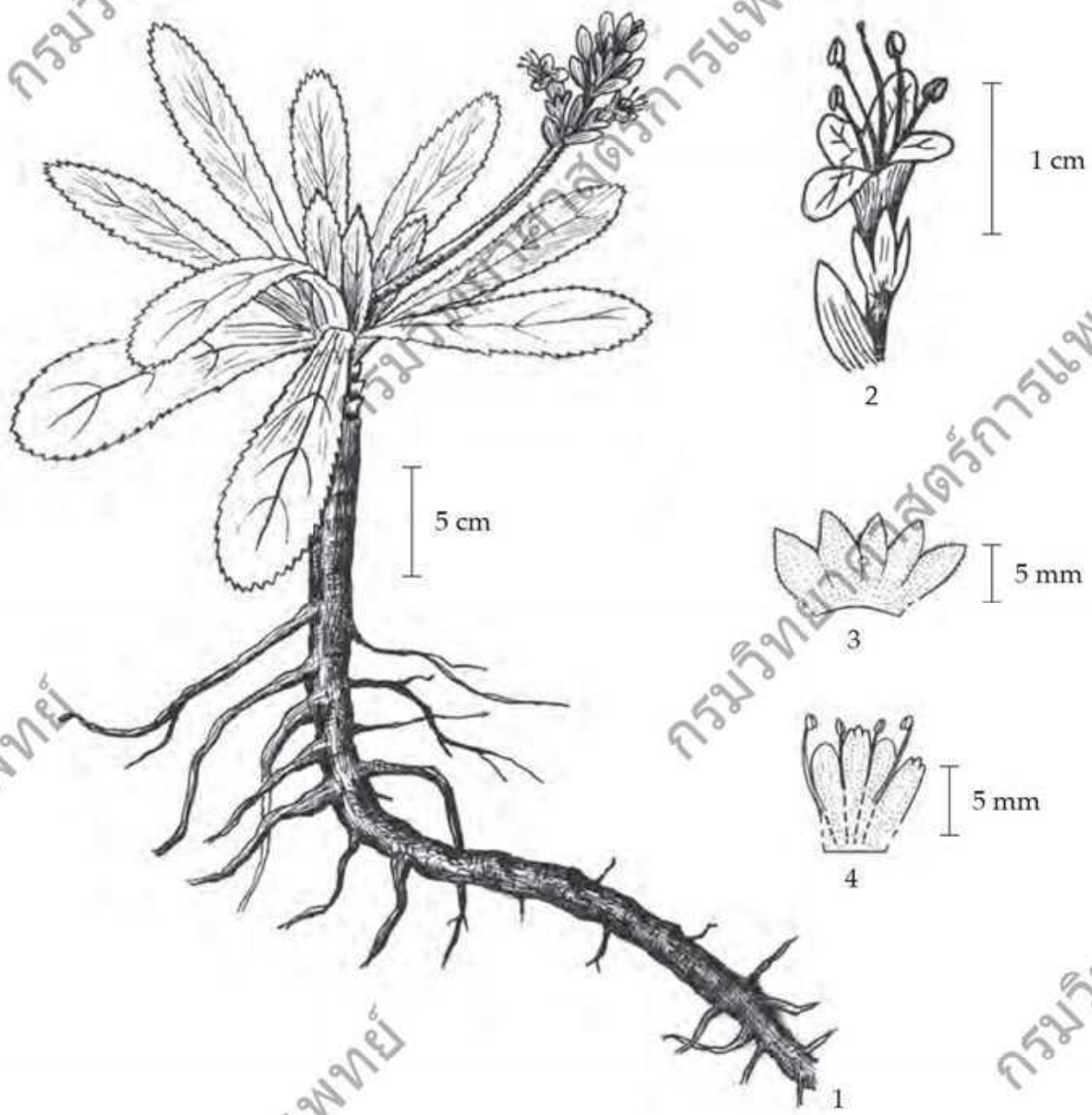
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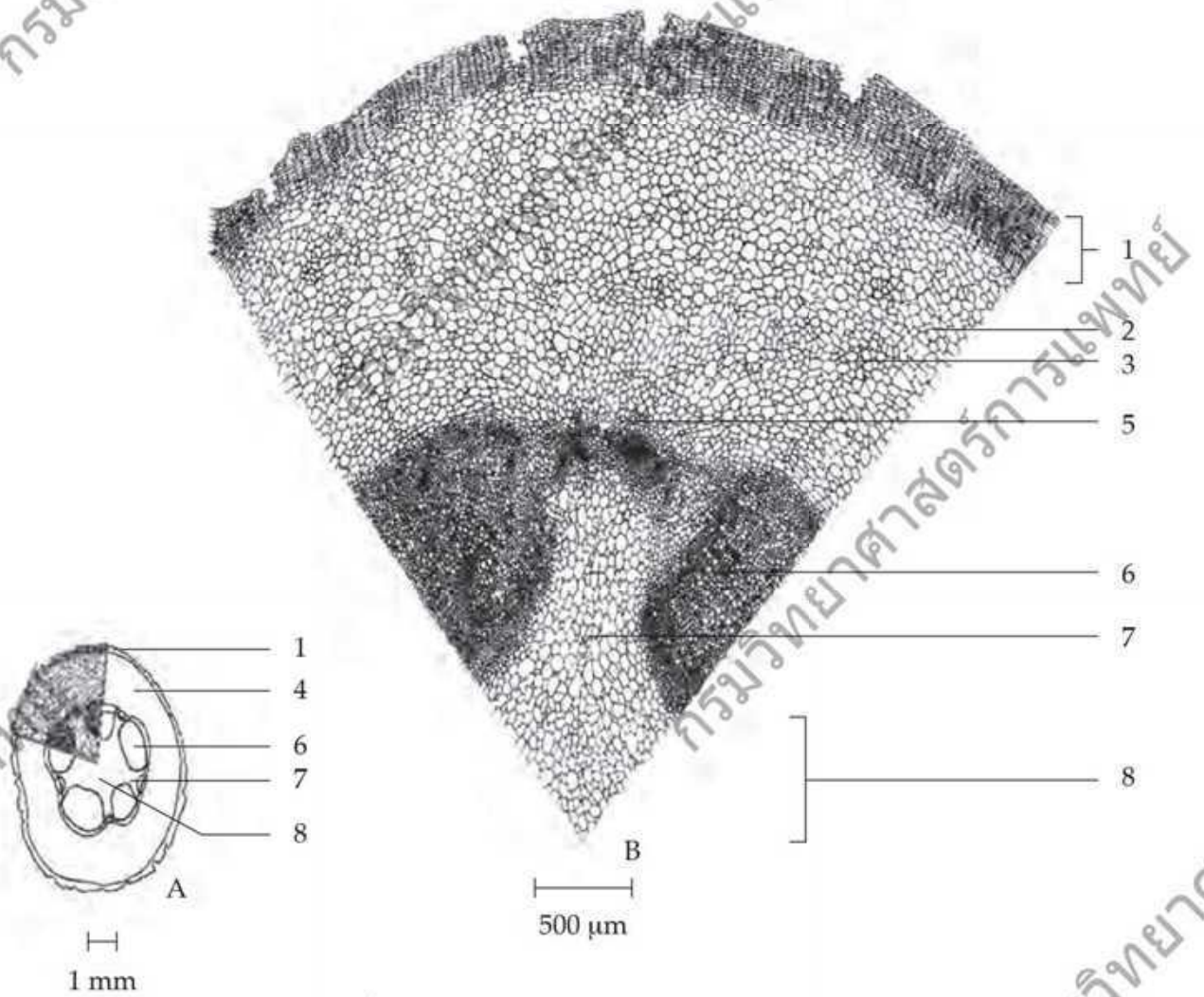
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Fig. 1a *Neopicrorhiza scrophulariiflora* (Pennell) Hong  
1. habit 2. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Neopicrorhiza scrophulariiflora* (Pennell) Hong  
1. habit 2. blooming flower 3. opened calyx 4. opened corolla



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Rhizome of *Neopicrorhiza scrophulariiflora* (Pennell) Hong

A. Diagram

B. Part of Transverse Section

1. periderm

2. parenchyma

3. group of fibres

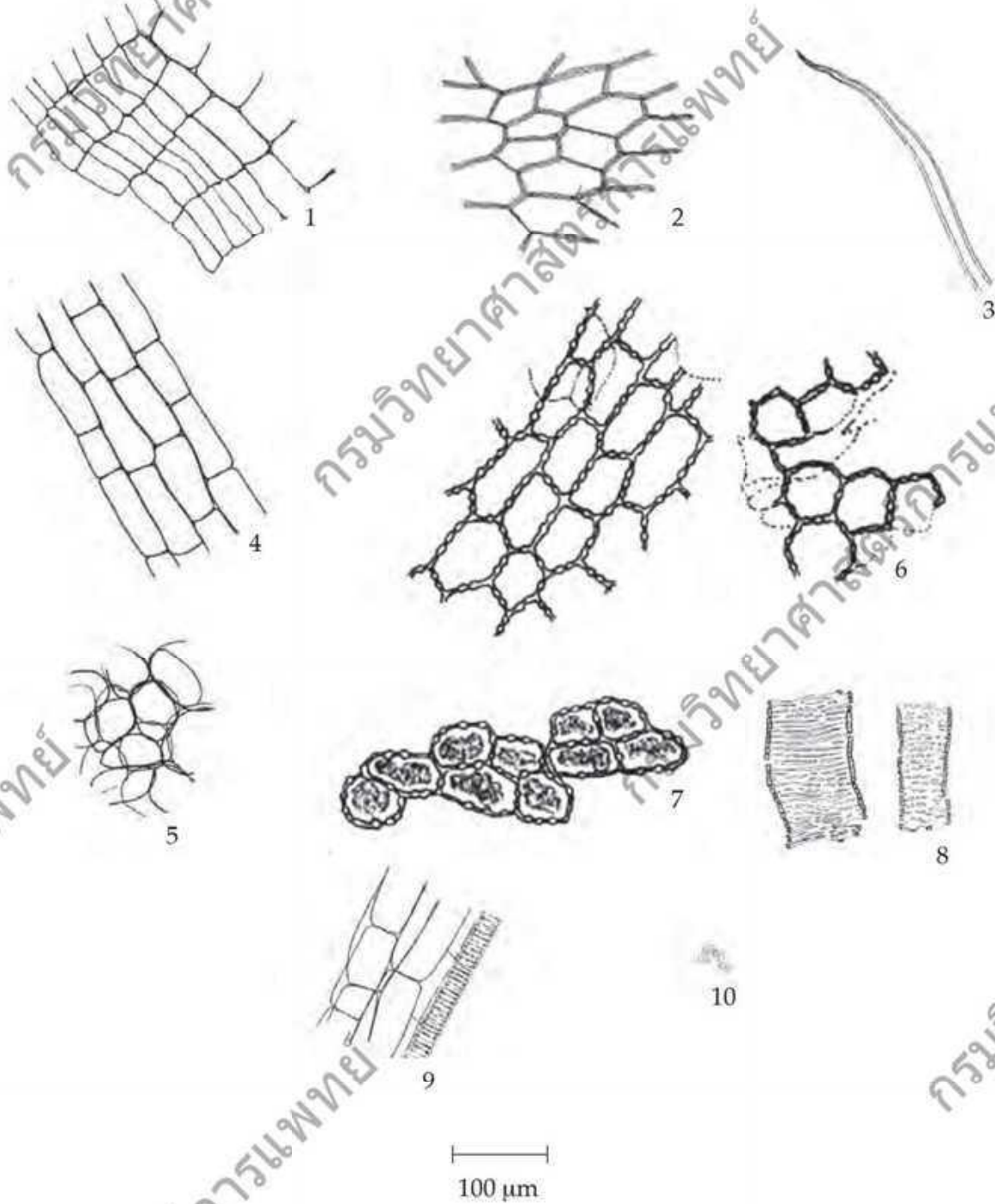
4. cortex

5. phloem

6. xylem

7. medullary ray

8. pith



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Rhizomes of *Neopicrorhiza scrophulariiflora* (Pennell) Hong

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. cork in sectional view          | 6. beaded-walled parenchyma                                 |
| 2. cork in surface view            | 7. beaded-walled parenchyma containing dark brown substance |
| 3. fibre                           | 8. reticulate and pitted vessels                            |
| 4. parenchyma in longitudinal view | 9. parenchyma with attached vessel                          |
| 5. parenchyma in sectional view    | 10. starch grains   |

**Additional information**

1. Figwortflower picrorhiza plant is not native to nor commercially cultivated in Thailand. The plant yielding figwortflower picrorhiza rhizome is here referred to the herbarium specimen number 01434339 (PE), deposited at the Institute of Botany (PE), Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, People's Republic of China. The photographic illustration of the specimen can be seen at the Department of Medical Sciences Herbarium (DMSC), Nonthaburi, Thailand.

2. It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.

**Packaging and storage** Figwortflower Picrorhiza Rhizome shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

**Identification**

A. Heat 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *water* in a water-bath for 10 minutes, allow to cool and filter. To 2 drops of the filtrate, add a few drops of a 1 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride*. a dark green colour is produced.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 50 volumes of *chloroform*, 30 volumes of *ethyl acetate*, 20 volumes of *methanol* and 1 volume of *strong ammonia solution* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, in 25 mL of *methanol* for 30 minutes, filtering and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter. Several blue fluorescent spots are observed. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 110° for 10 minutes. Several spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Neopicrorhiza scrophulariiflora* (Pennell) Hong

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	4-10	quenching	blue	brown
2	20-27	quenching	intense blue	brown
3	29-34	quenching	-	brown
4	35-41	quenching	blue	violet
5	45-49	-	-	pale brown
6	47-51	quenching	intense blue	-
7	60-64	quenching	-	-
8	67-71	-	-	pale violet
9	76-79	-	blue	pale violet
10	83-87	-	-	pale violet

**Loss on drying** Not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

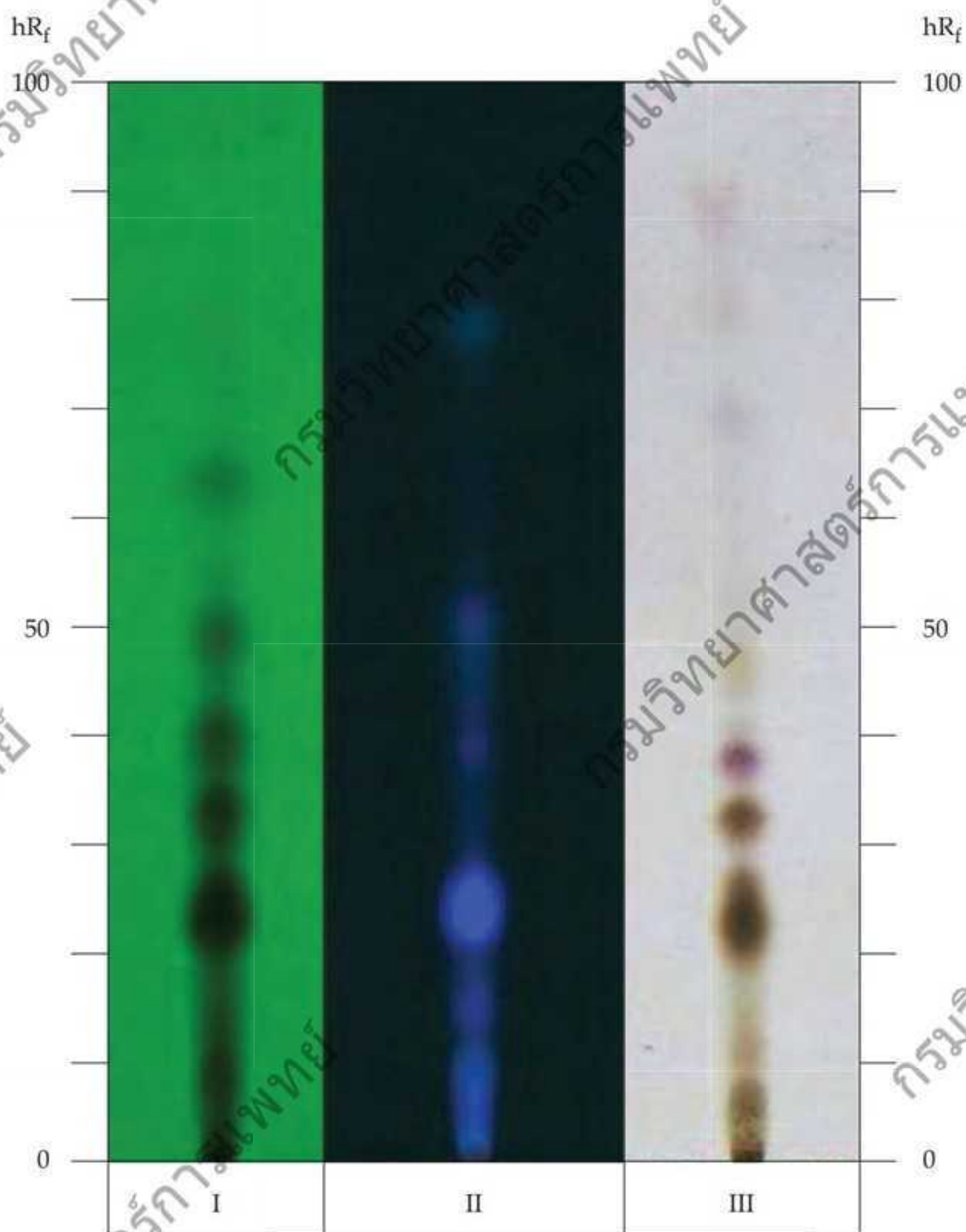
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 30.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** 1 to 3 g of the powdered drug a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Neopicrorhiza scrophulariiflora* (Pennell) Hong

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *anisaldehyde* TS

## โกฐเขมา (KOT KHAMAO)

โกฐหอม (KOT HOM)

*Atractylodes Lanceae* Rhizoma

*Atractylodes Lancea* Rhizome

**Synonym** Swordlike *Atractylodes* Rhizome

**Category** Stomachic.

**Atractylodes Lancea Rhizome is the dried rhizome of *Atractylodes lancea* (Thunb.) DC. (*A. chinensis* (Bunge) Koidz.) (Family Compositae), Herbarium Specimen Number: see *Additional information 1*, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1149.**

**Constituents** *Atractylodes Lancea* Rhizome contains volatile oil, of which atractylodin and  $\beta$ -eudesmol are its major components. It also contains sesquiterpenoids (e.g., atractylenolides), triterpenoids, sterols, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb, (15–)30 to 100 cm tall; rhizome thick, prostrate or ascending, with numerous adventitious roots of even thickness; stem solitary or fascicled, unbranched or apically few-branched, sparsely arachnoid or glabrous. Leaves simple, alternate, green, concolorous, rigidly papery, glabrous, margin spiniform ciliate or spinosely toothed; basal leaves withered at anthesis; lower leaves subsessile to petiolate; petiole to 3.5 cm long; leaf blade 8 to 12 cm long, 5 to 8 cm wide, 3- to 5(-9)-pinnatifid or -binnatifid, sometimes entire, lateral lobes elliptic, narrowly elliptic, or obovate-elliptic, terminal lobe orbicular, obovate, obliquely ovate, ovate, or elliptic; middle leaves with petiole 0.5 to 2.5 cm long, leaf blade obovate, narrowly obovate, obovate-elliptic, narrowly elliptic, or oblanceolate, base cuneate-attenuate, margin entire or basally sometimes with 1 or 2 triangular and spinose teeth; upper leaves sometimes triangular, with 1 or 2 spinose teeth; leaves subtending inflorescence pinnatifid to pinnatisect. Capitula 1 to several, in terminal corymb; involucre campanulate, 1 to 1.5 cm in diameter; phyllaries 5 to 7 rows, margin sparsely arachnoid, apex rounded to obtuse, outer and outermost ones ovate to ovate-lanceolate, 3 to 6 mm long, 1.5 to 3 mm wide, middle ones ovate, ovate-elliptic, or elliptic, 6 to 10 mm long, 3 to 4 mm wide, inner ones elliptic to linear, 1.1 to 1.2 cm long, 0.2 to 0.3 mm wide, apically sometimes turning red; marginal florets pistillate; disc florets bisexual, corolla white, slightly tinged with purple, basal tube 9 mm long. Achene obovoid; pappus brown to dirty-white, 7 to 8 mm long.

**Description** Odour, characteristic; taste, sweetish, pungent and bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Irregularly moniliform or nodular-cylindrical, somewhat curved, occasionally branched, 3 to 10 cm long, 1 to 2 cm in diameter. Externally greyish brown, wrinkled, transversely twisted-lined, with remains of rootlets, and stem scars or remains of stems attached at apex. Texture compact, fracture yellowish white or greyish white, scattered with many orange-yellow or brownish red oil cavities and crystallized out as white fine needle crystals after exposing for a long time.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the rhizome shows periderm, cortex, phloem, xylem and pith. Periderm, several rows of rectangular cork cells and thick-walled sclereids. Cortex, narrow zone of parenchyma cells and cracked cavities. Phloem composed of phloem parenchyma cells, phloem rays and cracked cavities. Xylem comprising vessels,



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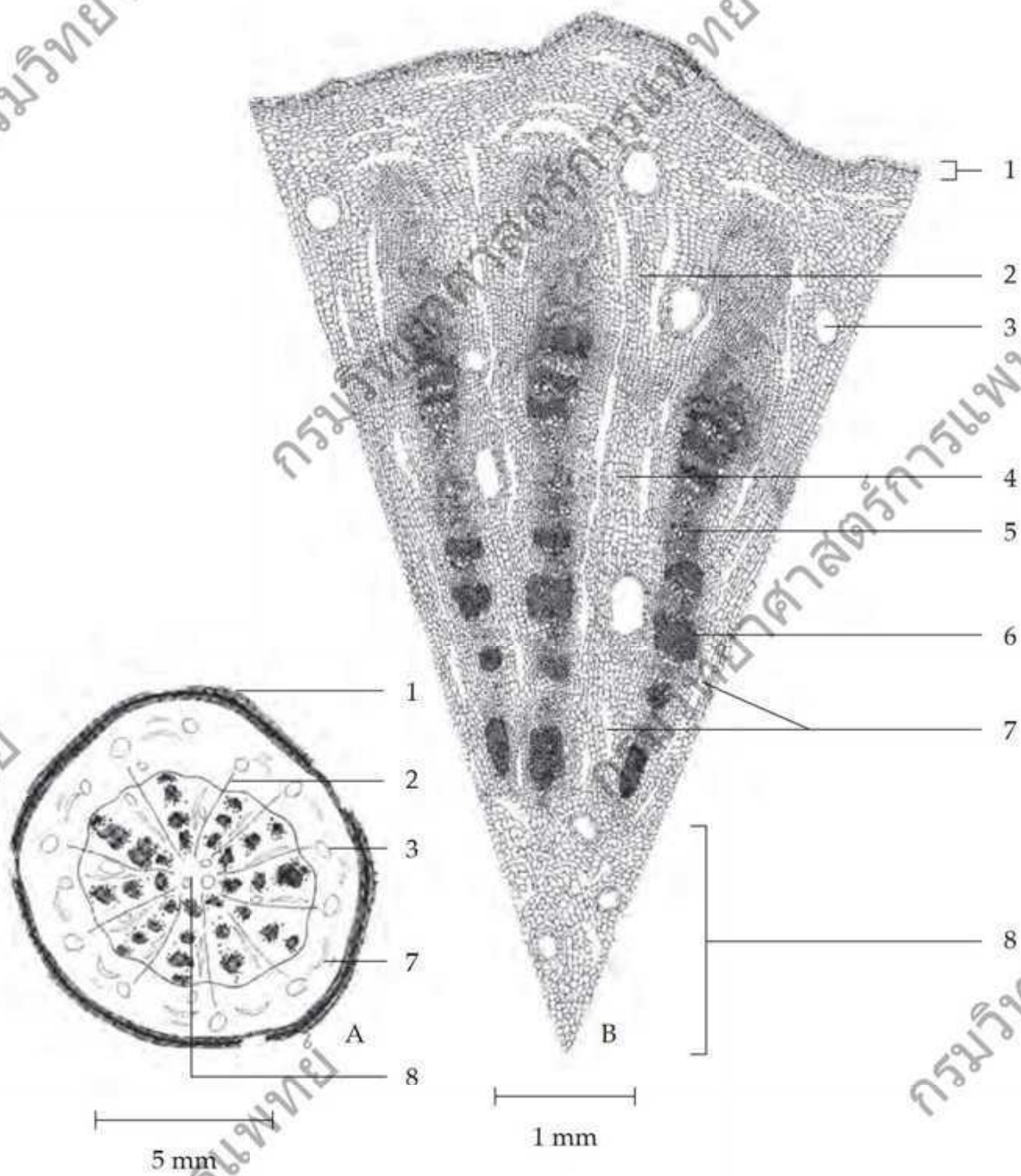


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**Fig. 1a** *Atractylodes lancea* (Thunb.) DC.  
1. habit 2. and 3. flowering branches 4. crude drug



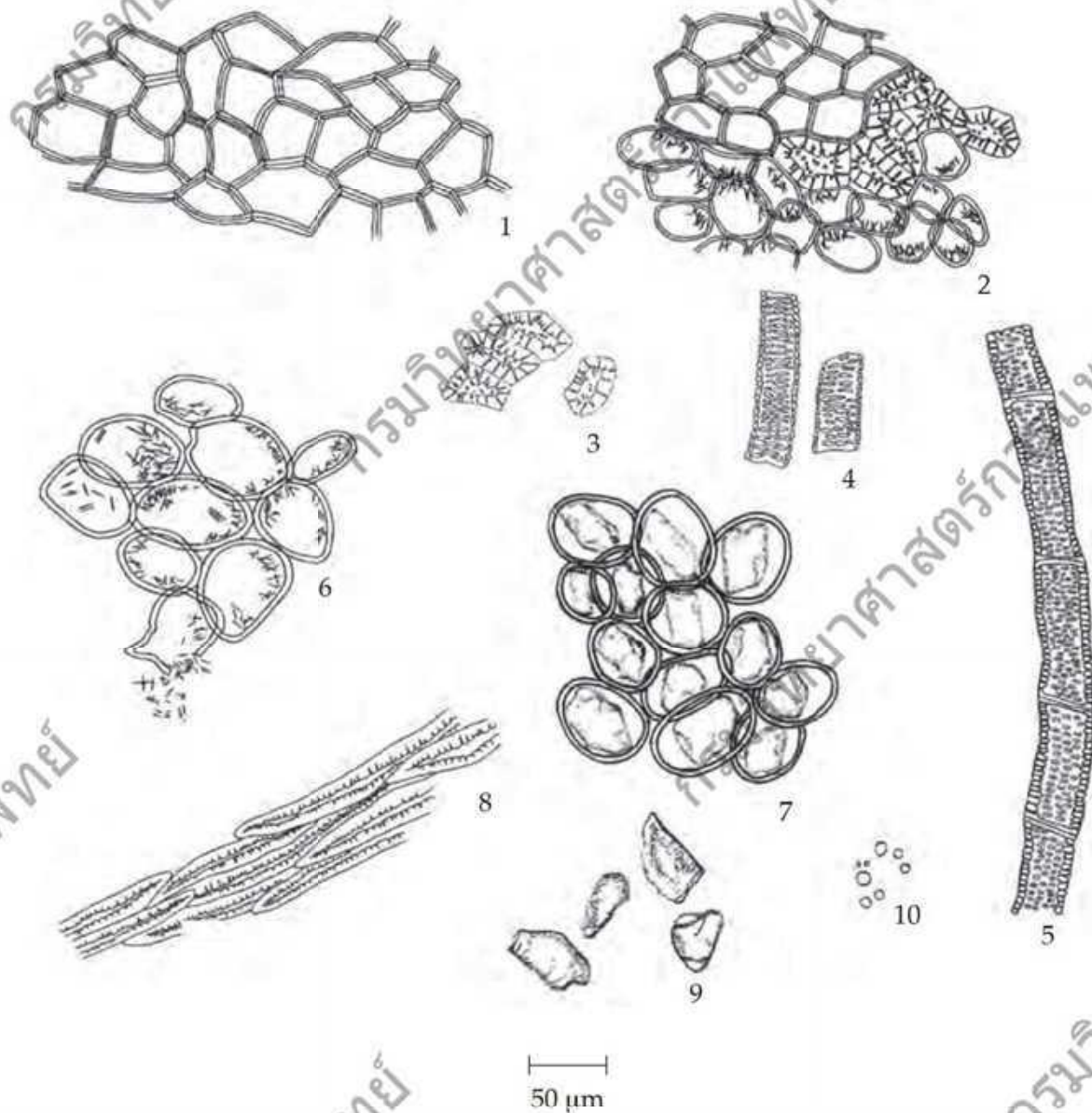
**Fig. 1b** *Atractylodes lancea* (Thunb.) DC.  
1. flowering branch 2. rhizome and roots



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Rhizome of *Atractylodes lancea* (Thunb.) DC.

- A. Diagram
- B. Part of Transverse Section

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. periderm   | 5. vessel         |
| 2. phloem ray | 6. fibre          |
| 3. oil cavity | 7. cracked cavity |
| 4. xylem ray  | 8. pith           |



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Rhizomes of *Atractylodes lancea* (Thunb.) DC.

1. cork in surface view
2. cork in surface view associated with sclereids and cortical parenchyma containing acicular crystals
3. sclereids
4. reticulate vessels
5. bordered-pitted vessel
6. parenchyma containing acicular crystals
7. parenchyma containing inulin
8. group of fusiform fibres
9. irregularly shaped fragments of inulin
10. oil droplets

groups of fibres, xylem rays, and cracked cavities. Schizogenous brown oil cavities, scattered in cortex, phloem, xylem, and pith. Pith, numerous polygonal parenchyma cells.

Atractylodes Lancea Rhizome in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopic characters of the unground drug. Cork associated with sclereids, parenchyma cells containing oil droplets, irregularly shaped fragment of inulin, acicular crystals, and reticulate and bordered-pitted vessels are commonly observed.

**Warning** It should be used with caution in patients with loose, watery stools.

#### Additional information

1. Atractylodes lancea plant is not native to nor commercially cultivated in Thailand. The plant yielding atractylodes lancea rhizome is here referred to the herbarium specimen, Herbarium Tsumara Laboratory 24217, deposited at the Herbarium Tsumara Laboratory, Japan. The photographic illustration of the specimen can be seen at the Department of Medical Sciences Herbarium (DMSC), Nonthaburi, Thailand.
2. It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.

**Packaging and storage** Atractylodes Lancea Rhizome shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place.

#### Identification

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *ethanol* for 30 minutes and filter. Evaporate 2 mL of the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *acetic anhydride* and then slowly add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to make two layers: a purple colour appears in the upper layer.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 70 volumes of *hexane*, 20 volumes of *acetone* and 10 volumes of *ethyl acetate* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate as a band of 10 mm, 5 µL of the test solution prepared by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *dichloromethane* for 30 minutes, filtering and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *toluene*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter. Several fluorescent bands of different colours appear. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 105° for 10 minutes. Several bands of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Dichloromethane Extract of the Rhizomes of *Atractylodes lancea* (Thunb.) DC.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	12-16	quenching		grey
2	16-22	quenching	-	grey
3	24-28	quenching	blue	-
4	28-31	-	-	grey
5	32-35	quenching	-	-
6	36-38		-	grey
7	43-48	quenching	-	-
8	49-58	quenching	-	green
9	68-72	-	blue	blue
10	72-77	quenching	-	blue
11	78-84	quenching	light orange	grey
12	88-94	-	-	violet
13	92-96	-	-	green
14	94-98	-	-	violet

**Water** Not more than 11.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

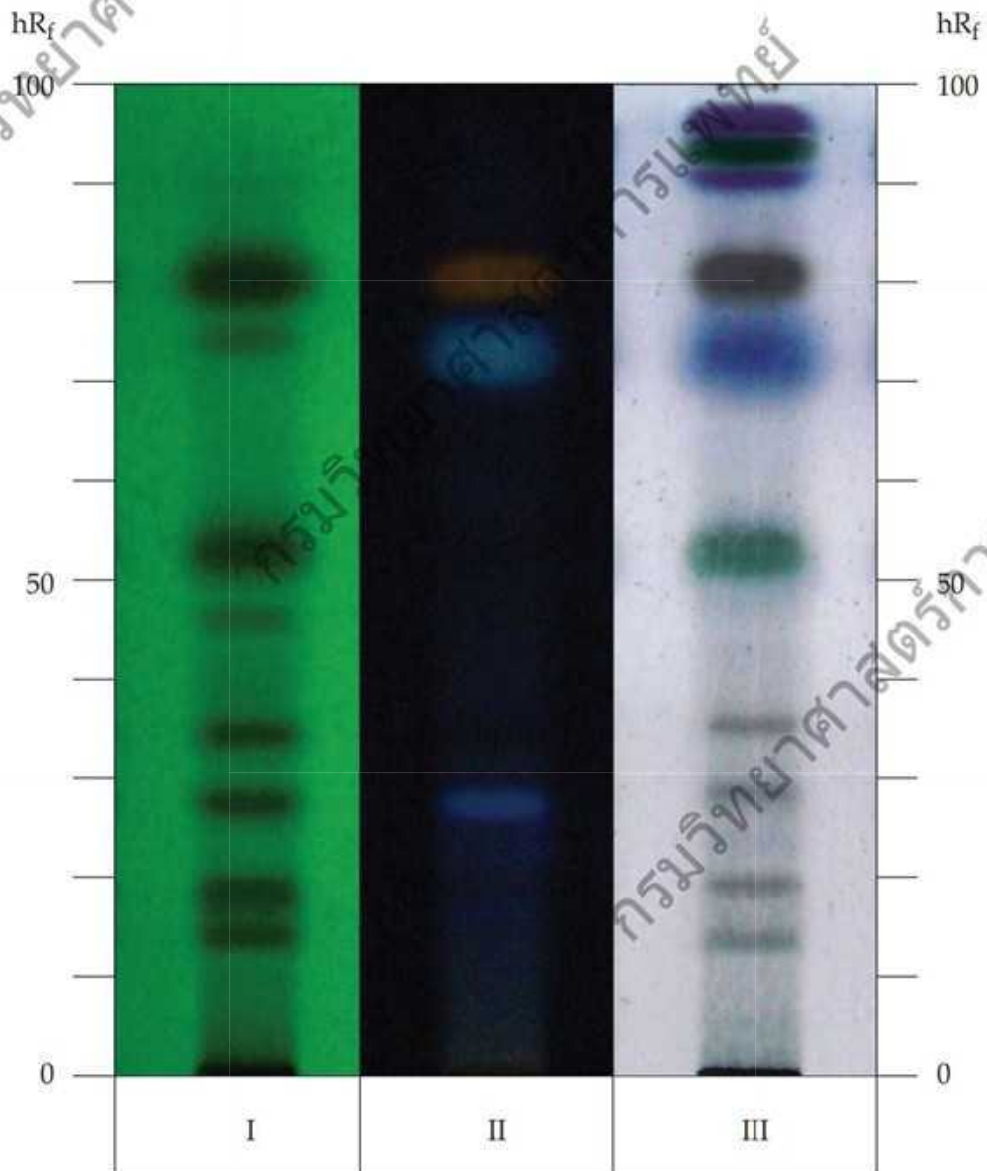
**Total ash** Not more than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 12.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 35.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 1.4 per cent v/w (Appendix 7.3H). Use 25 g, in *coarse powder*, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 250 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.

**Dose** 3 to 9 g, as a decoction, a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Dichloromethane Extract of the Rhizomes of *Atractylodes lancea* (Thunb.) DC.

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with anisaldehyde TS

## โกฐกระดูก (KOT KRADUK)

Aucklandiae Lappae Radix  
Common Aucklandia Root

**Synonyms** Costus Root, Kut Root, Kuth Root, Saussurea Root

**Category** Stomachic, carminative, antispasmodic.

**Common Aucklandia Root is the dried root of *Aucklandia lappa* Decne (Family Compositae), Herbarium Specimen Number: see Additional information 1, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0938.**

**Constituents** Common Aucklandia Root contains volatile oil, of which dehydrocostus lactone and costunolide are its major components. It also contains alkaloids (e.g., saussurine), cyanopicrin, etc.

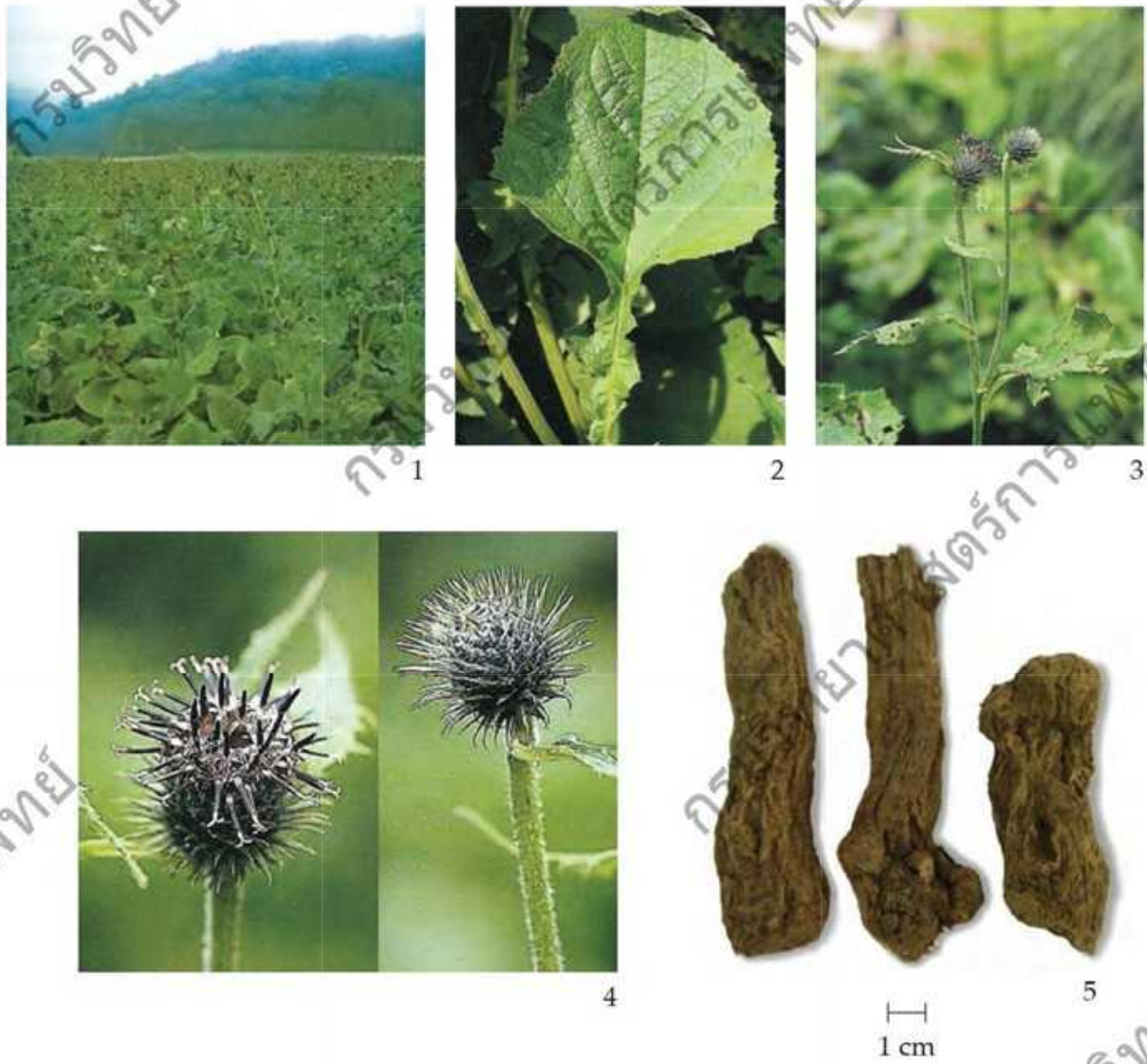
**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb, 1 to 2 m tall; stem erect, robust; root tuberous, large, brown, triangular, about 60 cm long, about 5 cm in diameter, with longitudinal ridges, woody, with peculiar smell. Leaves simple, opposite, triangular or cordate, 0.6 to 1.2 m long, about 30 cm wide, upper leaves 20 to 30 cm long, 17 to 30 cm wide, apex acute or obtuse, base auriculate, margin irregularly toothed, membranous; petiole long, lobately winged, clasping stem. Inflorescence in axillary and terminal corymb, 2.5 to 3.5 cm wide. Capitulum bluish purple, about 2 cm long, 2.5 to 3.8 cm in diameter; involucre globose to campanulate or tubular; phyllaries many-seriate, imbricate, ovate-lanceolate, with scarious apical recurved appendage; receptacle glabrous or setose. Floret usually rose-purple, sometimes white, bisexual, fertile; corolla about 2 cm long, tubular, apex 5-lobed, dark blue-purple or almost black; stamens 5, free, filament glabrous, anther sagittate, with fringed appendage; ovary inferior, 1-loculed, ovule 1, style 2-armed. Fruit achene, up to 8 mm long, curved with narrow tip, compressed, obsoletely 4-angled, hairy; pappus 2-seriate, bristle, about 1.7 cm long, connate at base, persistent, outer short, scabrous to plumose, deciduous, inner plumose.

**Description** Odour, aromatic and characteristic; taste, slightly bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Cylindrical, 8 to 12 cm long, 1 to 5 cm in diameter. Externally yellowish brown to greyish brown, with distinct wrinkles, longitudinal furrow and lateral root scars. Texture hard, uneasily broken, fracture greyish brown to dark brown.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the root shows periderm, cortex, phloem, xylem, lysigenous intercellular spaces, and cracked spaces. Periderm, 3 to 12 layers of varying sizes of rectangular cork cells. Cortex, narrow region of thin-walled parenchyma cells and sclereids. Phloem tissue, thin-walled parenchyma, some of which containing oleoresin, 4 to 5 rows of phloem rays and lysigenous intercellular spaces. Xylem tissue, 1 to 2 rows of vessels, 2 to 5 rows of xylem rays and lysigenous intercellular spaces. Cracked space, found in the joint area of phloem tissue and xylem tissue.

Common Aucklandia Root in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Elongated, thick-walled sclereids are characteristic features. Thin-walled cork cells and inulin masses are frequently observed. Parenchyma with oleoresin or with inulin masses may also be seen.

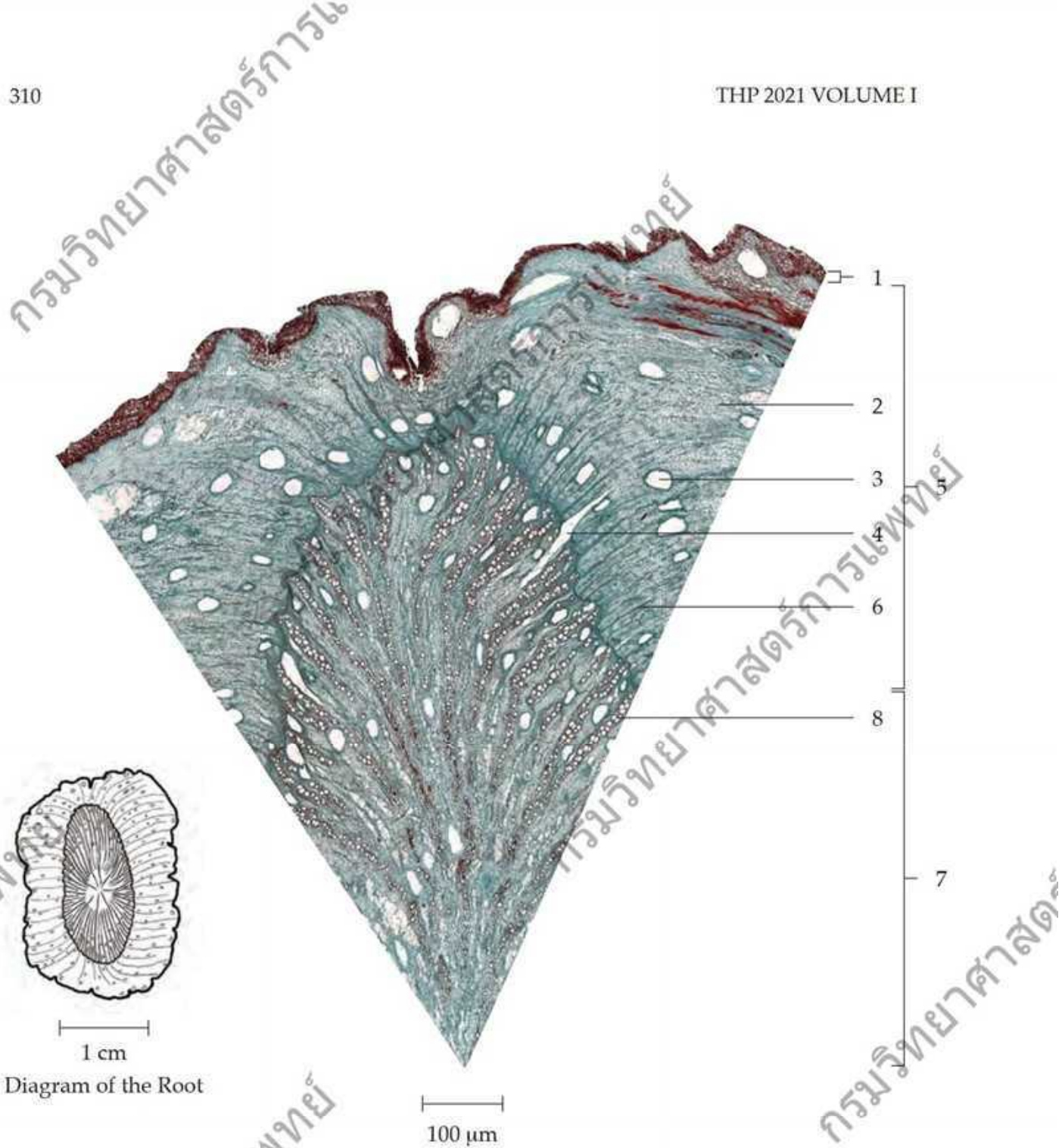


**Fig. 1a** *Aucklandia lappa* Decne  
 1. habit 2. leaf 3. and 4. capitula 5. crude drug



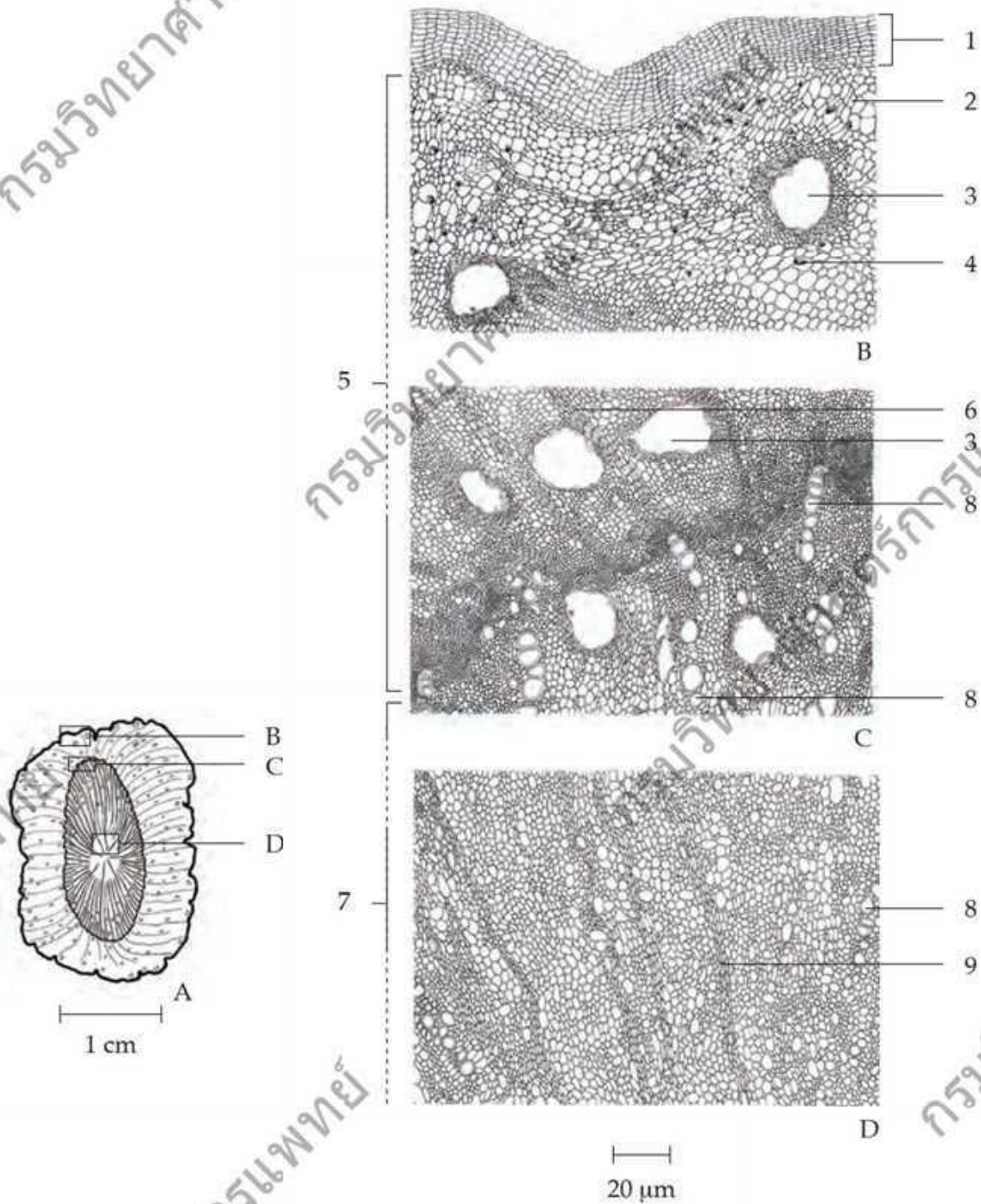
**Fig. 1b** *Aucklandia lappa* Decne

1. root 2. flowering branch showing leaves and capitula



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Root of *Aucklandia lappa* Decne

- 1. periderm
- 2. thin-walled parenchyma
- 3. lysigenous intercellular space
- 4. cracked space
- 5. phloem tissue
- 6. phloem ray
- 7. xylem tissue
- 8. vessel



**Fig. 2b** Line Drawings of Transverse Section of the Root of *Aucklandia lappa* Decne

A. Diagram

B., C. and D. Parts of Sectional View

1. periderm

2. thin-walled parenchyma

3. lysigenous intercellular space

4. oleoresin

5. phloem tissue

6. phloem ray

7. xylem tissue

8. vessel

9. xylem ray

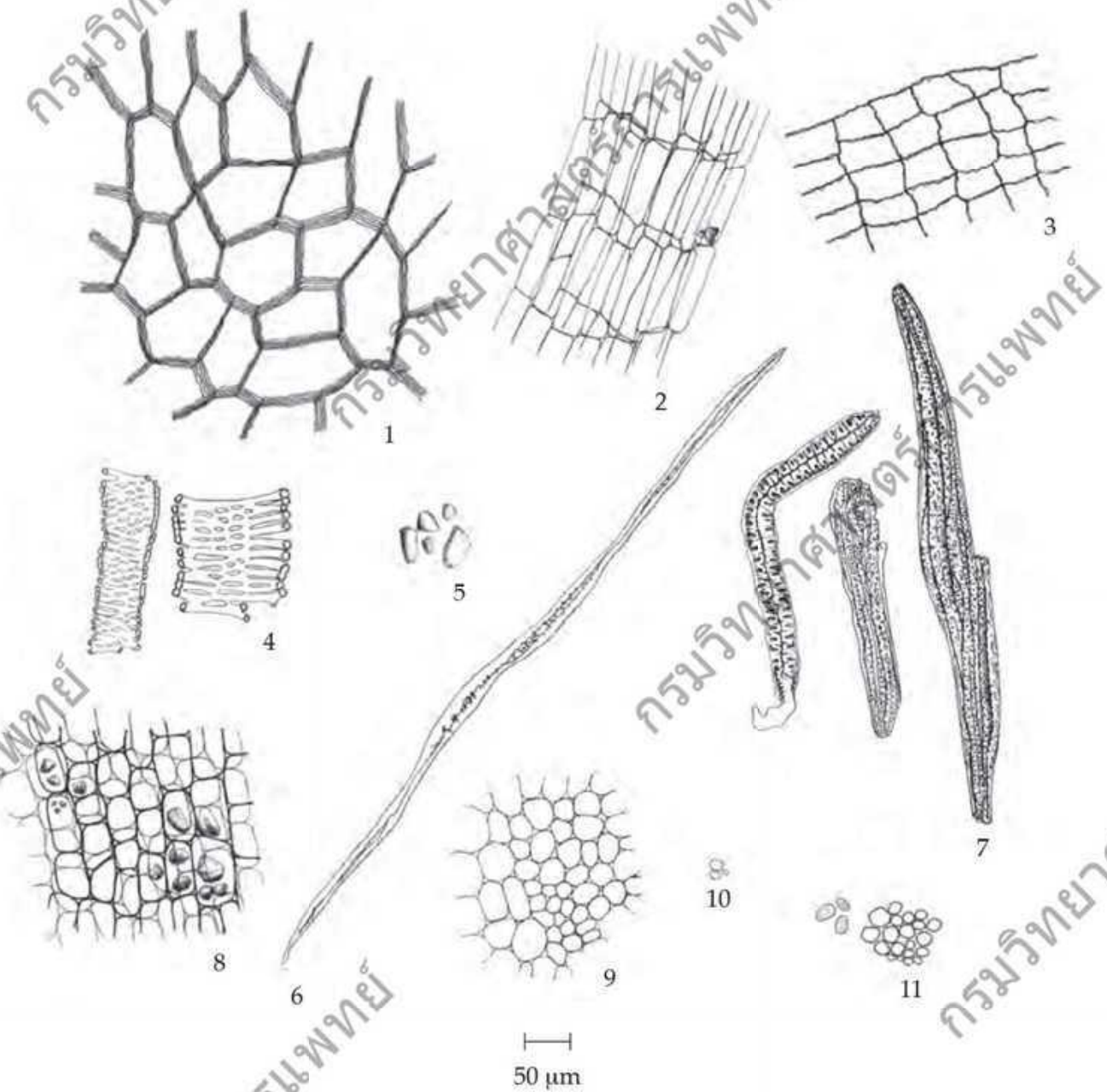


Fig. 2c Powdered Drug of the Roots of *Aucklandia lappa* Decne

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| 1. cork cells in surface view         | 7. sclereids                    |
| 2. cork cells in longitudinal view    | 8. overlapping parenchyma       |
| 3. cork cells in sectional view       | 9. parenchyma in sectional view |
| 4. reticulate and scalariform vessels | 10. oil droplets                |
| 5. inulin                             | 11. starch grains               |
| 6. fibre                              |                                 |

**Additional information**

1. Common aucklandia plant is not native to nor commercially cultivated in Thailand. The plant yielding common aucklandia root is here referred to the herbarium specimen number K000372736, deposited at the Herbarium, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (K), London, United Kingdom. The photographic illustration of the specimen can be seen at the Department of Medical Sciences Herbarium (DMSC), Nonthaburi, Thailand.

2. It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.

**Packaging and storage** Common Aucklandia Root shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light and moisture, and stored in a cool and dry place.

**Identification**

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *ethanol* (80 per cent) for 30 minutes, allow to cool and filter. Evaporate the filtrate to dryness, dissolve the residue in 5 mL of a 5 per cent w/v solution of *hydrochloric acid* and filter. To 1 mL of the filtrate, add a few drops of *modified Dragendorff TS*; an orange precipitate is produced.

B. Shake 2 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *chloroform* for 15 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, slowly add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to make two layers; a reddish purple ring is produced at the zone of contact.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 60 volumes of *dichloromethane*, 20 volumes of *ethyl acetate*, 20 volumes of *methanol*, and 2 volumes of *strong ammonia solution* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 25 mL of *methanol* for 30 minutes, filtering and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 110° for 10 minutes; two brown and two purple spots are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1.**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Roots of *Aucklandia lappa* Decne

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	Anisaldehyde TS
1	5-13	quenching	brown
2	32-34	quenching	-
3	34-37	-	purple
4	50-52	-	pale brown
5	75-83	quenching	purple

**Water** Not more than 11.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

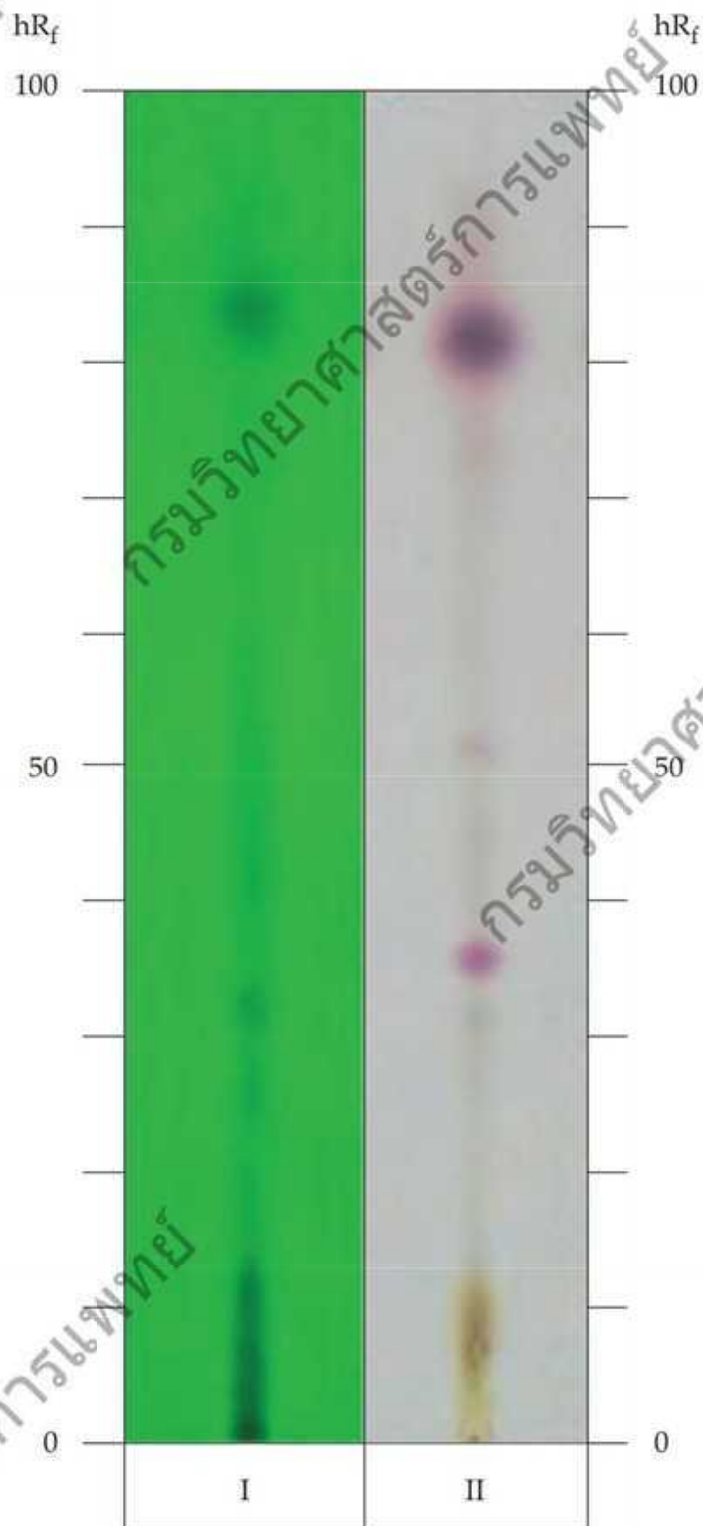
**Total ash** Not more than 6.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 11.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 27.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 0.7 per cent v/w (Appendix 7.3H). Use 20 g, in *coarse powder*, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 200 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.

**Dose** 200 mg to 1 g of the powdered drug a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Roots of *Aucklandia lappa* Decne  
 I = detection under UV light (254 nm)  
 II = detection with *anisaldehyde* TS

## โกฐฟุงปลา (KOT PHUNG PLA)

ปุดกส้มมอ (PUT KOK SOM MO)

Terminaliae Chebulae Galla

Terminalia Chebula Gall

**Synonym** Chebulic Myrobalan Gall

**Category** Astringent, antidiarrheal.

**Terminalia Chebula Gall is the dried leaf gall of *Terminalia chebula* Retz. (Family Combretaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 899, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0937.**

**Constituents** Terminalia Chebula Gall contains phenolic acids (e.g., gallic acid) and hydrolyzable tannins (e.g., chebulagic acid, tannic acid). It also contains flavonoids, triterpenoids, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Medium- to large-sized tree, up to 30 m tall; up to 1.3 m in girth; bark rough, scaly; shoot and young leaves usually rusty villous. Leaves simple, opposite, broadly ovate to ovate-elliptic, 8 to 15 cm long, 6 to 10 cm wide, apex acute or abruptly acuminate, base cuneate, slightly cordate or rounded, coriaceous, glabrescent, nerves obscure above, slightly raised and usually brownish pubescent beneath; petiole 1 to 3 cm long, glabrous or sparsely pubescent with a pair of nodular glands near leaf base. Inflorescence axillary or terminal panicle, usually with 3 to 6 spikes; spike 3 to 6 cm long; rachis pubescent. Flower 3 to 4 mm in diameter; bract nearly glabrous, 1.5 to 2 mm long; calyx tube infundibuliform, calyx segment triangular, outside glabrous, inside densely villous; stamen 3 to 4 mm long; disc lobed, densely villous; ovary inferior, glabrous, ovoid, about 1 mm long, style glabrous, 2.5 to 3 mm long. Fruit drupe, subglobose to ellipsoid, 2.5 to 5.0 cm long, 1.5 to 2.5 cm wide, glabrous, usually smooth or frequently 5-angulate ridged, wrinkled and turning blackish when dry. Seed 1, ellipsoid, 1.5 to 2 cm long, 0.5 to 0.7 cm wide, rough, without ridges.

**Description** Odourless; taste, astringent and slightly bitter.

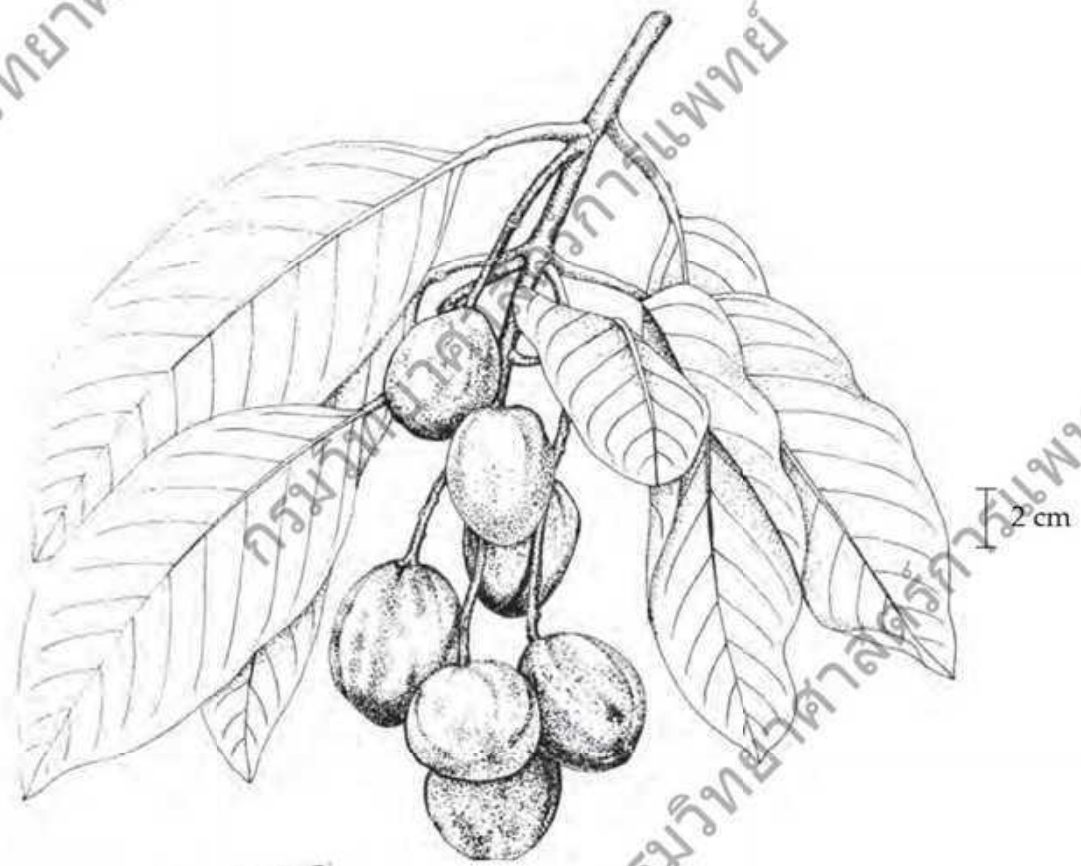
**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Leaf gall, hot-water-bottle like or vasiform, flat, truncate or 2-lobed, yellowish brown, 1.5 to 3.5 cm long, about 1.5 cm wide, 0.5 to 1.5 cm thick, conspicuously longitudinally striated, ribbed or ridged; dehiscent, unilocular, the gall cavity dark brown and filled with tubercles.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the gall shows periderm, cortex, vascular bundles, and a large cavity in the centre. Periderm, 3 to 5 layers of thin, non-suberized wavy-walled of cork-like cells. Cortex, various shapes (e.g., polygonal, oblong and round) of thin-walled parenchyma, of which minute rosette aggregate crystals may be seen. Vascular bundles, small, arranged in longitudinal and transverse views.

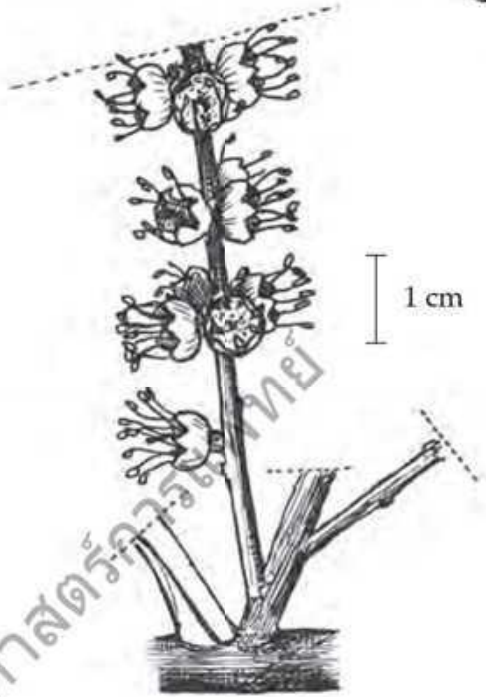
Terminalia Chebula Gall in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Tannin mass and cork-like cells of outer gall surface are characteristic. Insect parts inside the gall are also found.



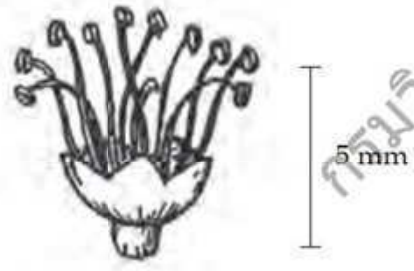
**Fig. 1a** *Terminalia chebula* Retz.  
1. habit 2. flowering twig 3. fruiting twig 4. crude drug



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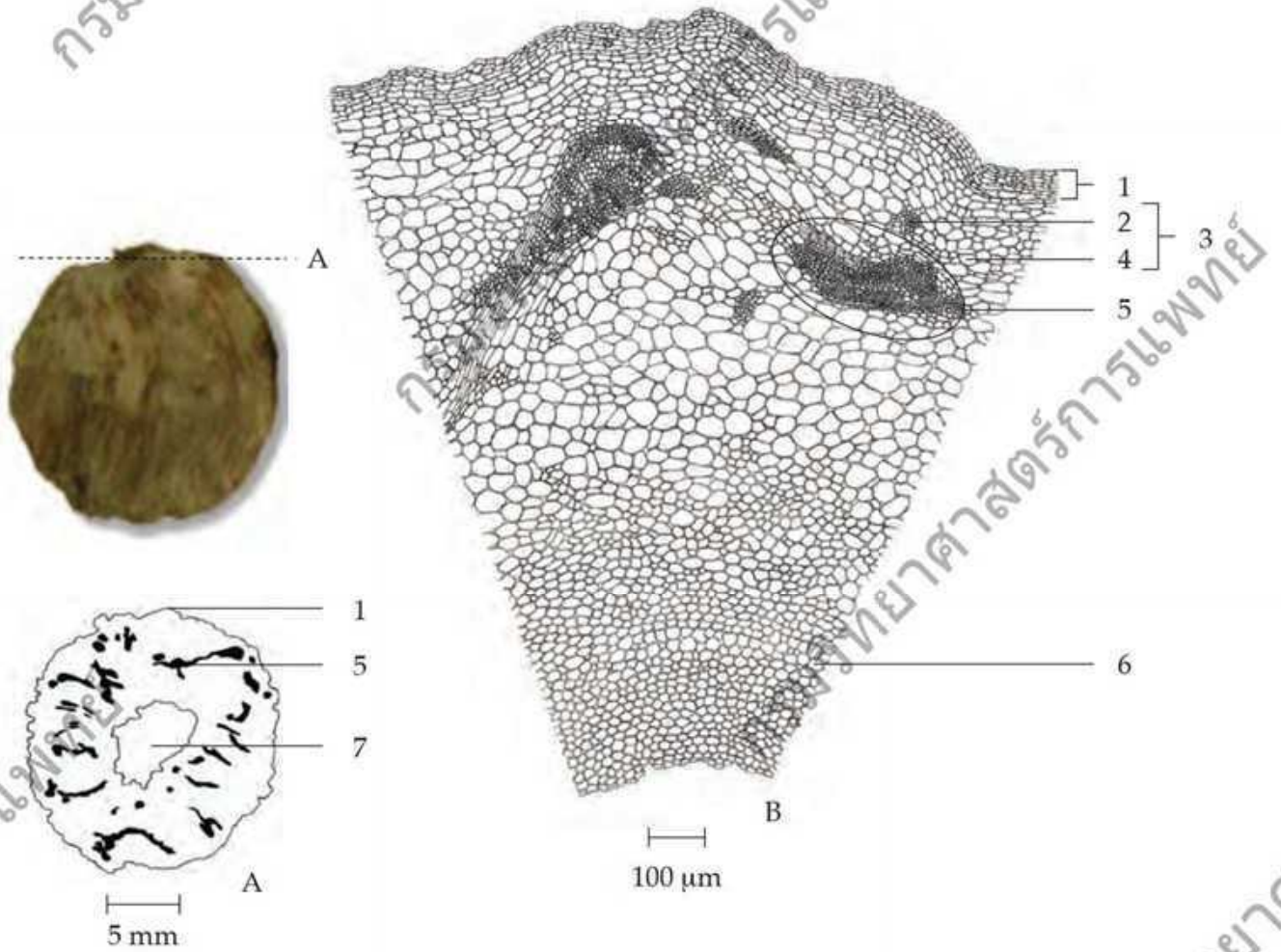
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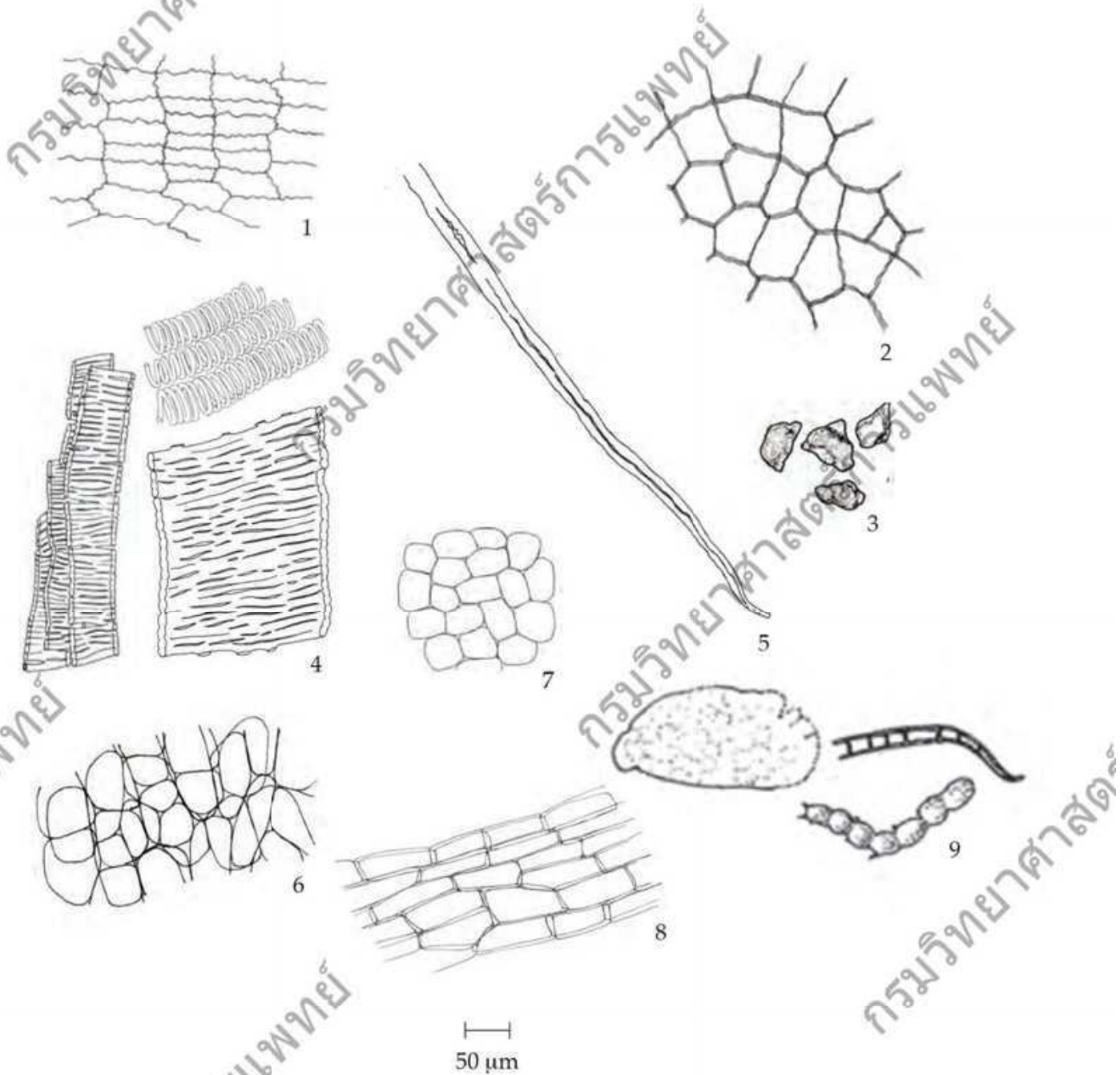
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**Fig. 1b** *Terminalia chebula* Retz.

1. branch showing leaves and fruits 2. part of inflorescence 3. flower



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Leaf Gall of *Terminalia chebula* Retz.  
 A. Diagram Nearby the Base of Gall  
 B. Part of Transverse Section  
 1. periderm  
 2. group of non-lignified fibres  
 3. cortex  
 4. thin-walled parenchyma  
 5. vascular bundle  
 6. lignified parenchyma  
 7. large cavity



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Leaf Galls of *Terminalia chebula* Retz.

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| 1. cork-like cells in sectional view | 6. thin-walled parenchyma                                |
| 2. cork-like cells in surface view   | 7. lignified parenchyma near cavity                      |
| 3. tannin mass                       | 8. lignified parenchyma near cavity in longitudinal view |
| 4. reticulate and spiral vessels     | 9. insect parts  |
| 5. fibre                             |  |

**Additional information** It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.

**Packaging and storage** Terminalia Chebula Gall shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

**Identification**

A. Heat 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *water* in a water-bath for 10 minutes, allow to cool and filter. To 2 drops of the filtrate, add a few drops of a 1 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride*: a dark green colour is produced.

B. Heat 200 mg of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *water* in a water-bath for 5 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add a few drops of a 1 per cent w/v solution of *gelatin*: a yellowish cloudy precipitate is produced.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 100 volumes of *ethyl acetate*, 11 volumes of *formic acid*, 11 volumes of *acetic acid*, and 10 volumes of *water* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L each of the following solutions. Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 25 mL of *water* for 30 minutes, filtering and evaporating the filtrate to almost dryness. For solution (B), dissolve 2 mg of *gallic acid* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching spot ( $R_f$  value 84 to 89) corresponding to the gallic acid spot from solution (B). Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 110° for 10 minutes; the spot corresponding to gallic acid is brown. Several other brown spots also appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Water Extract of the Leaf Galls of *Terminalia chebula* Retz.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV254	Anisaldehyde TS
1	25-28	quenching	-
2	30-37	quenching	-
3	41-47	quenching	brown
4	48-51	quenching	brown
5	56-63	quenching	brown
6	70-73	quenching	brown
7*	84-89	quenching	brown

\*gallic acid

**Loss on drying** Not more than 13.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

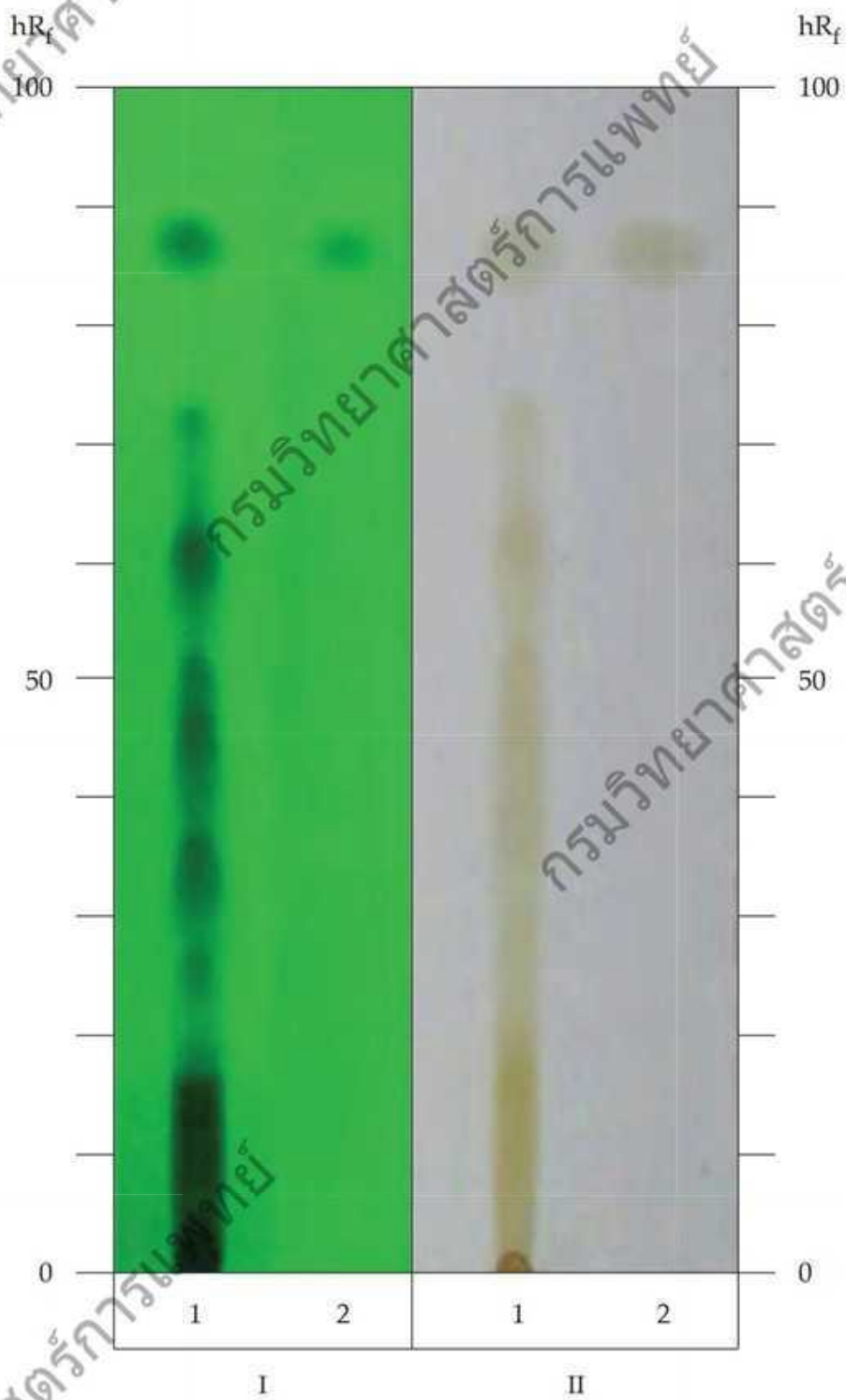
**Foreign matter** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Total ash** Not more than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 42.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 50.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Tannins content** Not less than 30.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.21 H). Use 4 g of *Terminalia Chebula* Gall, in powder, accurately weighed.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Water Extract of the Leaf Galls of *Terminalia chebula* Retz.

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection with anisaldehyde TS

## โกฐสอ (KOT SO)

โกฐสอจีน (KOT SO CHIN)

Angelicae Dahuricae Radix

Dahurian Angelica Root

**Category** Antipyretic, analgesic (for headache).

**Dahurian Angelica Root is the dried root of *Angelica dahurica* (Hoffm.) Benth. & Hook. f. ex Franch. & Sav. var. *dahurica* (*A. macrocarpa* H. Wolff) (Family Umbelliferae), Herbarium Specimen Number: see *Additional information 1*, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1146.**

**Constituents** Dahurian Angelica Root contains furanocoumarins such as imperatorin, isoimperatorin, phellopterin, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb 1 to 2.5 m tall; stem purplish green, hollow, pubescent above; root stout, cylindrical. Leaves pinnately or ternately compound, alternate; blade triangular-ovate in outline, 10 to 50 cm long, 25 to 40 cm wide; leaflets sessile, terminal leaflet deeply 3-lobed, blade usually oblong or ovate-elliptic, 4 to 10 cm long, 1 to 5 cm wide, apex acute to acuminate, base slightly decurrent, margin white-cartilaginous, sharply serrate, pubescent along nerves adaxially, upper leaves reduced, basal and lower leaves long-petiolate, broadly dilated at base into saccate-inflated sheaths. Inflorescence compound umbel, 10 to 30 cm in diameter; peduncle 5 to 20 cm long, scabrous; bract(s) absent or 2, broadly lanceolate; bracteoles many, linear-lanceolate, scarious. Flowers white, 18 to 40(-70) per umbel; pedicellate, scabrous; calyx teeth obsolete; petals 5, obovate, apex incurved; ovary inferior, glabrous or pubescent, 2-loculed, 1 ovule per locule, stylopodium shortly conic. Fruit schizocarp, suborbicular, 4 to 7 mm long, 4 to 6 mm wide, dorsal ribs prominent, obtusely thick-rounded, much wider than furrow, lateral ribs broad-winged; vitta(e) 1 in each furrow, 2 on commissure; split into 2 single-seeded mericarps. Seed plane or slightly concave.

**Description** Odour, aromatic; taste, pungent and bitterish.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Long-conical, 10 to 25 cm long, 1.5 to 2.5 cm in diameter. Externally greyish brown or yellowish brown, root stock obtusely quadrangular or subrounded, with longitudinal wrinkles, rootlet scars and lenticel-like transverse protrudings, some of them arranged in 4 longitudinal rows. Apex with dented stem scar. Texture compact, fracture white or greyish white and starchy, cambium ring brown, subsquare or subrounded, scattered with many brown oil dots in bark.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the root shows periderm, cortex, phloem, cambium, and xylem; with schizogenous oil cavities distributed throughout. Periderm, 5 to 10 layers of rectangular, thin- and slightly wavy-walled cork cells. Cortex, narrow, with polygonal or elliptical parenchyma cells. Phloem, a broad zone of polygonal parenchyma and phloem rays. Cambium layers, containing subsquare or subround cells. Xylem, containing vessels, radially arranged in row, with polygonal or subround xylem parenchyma cells and xylem rays. Medullary ray, 2 to 3 rows, rectangular and elliptical cells. Parenchyma cells, containing starch grains and some with prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate.



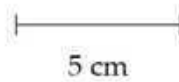
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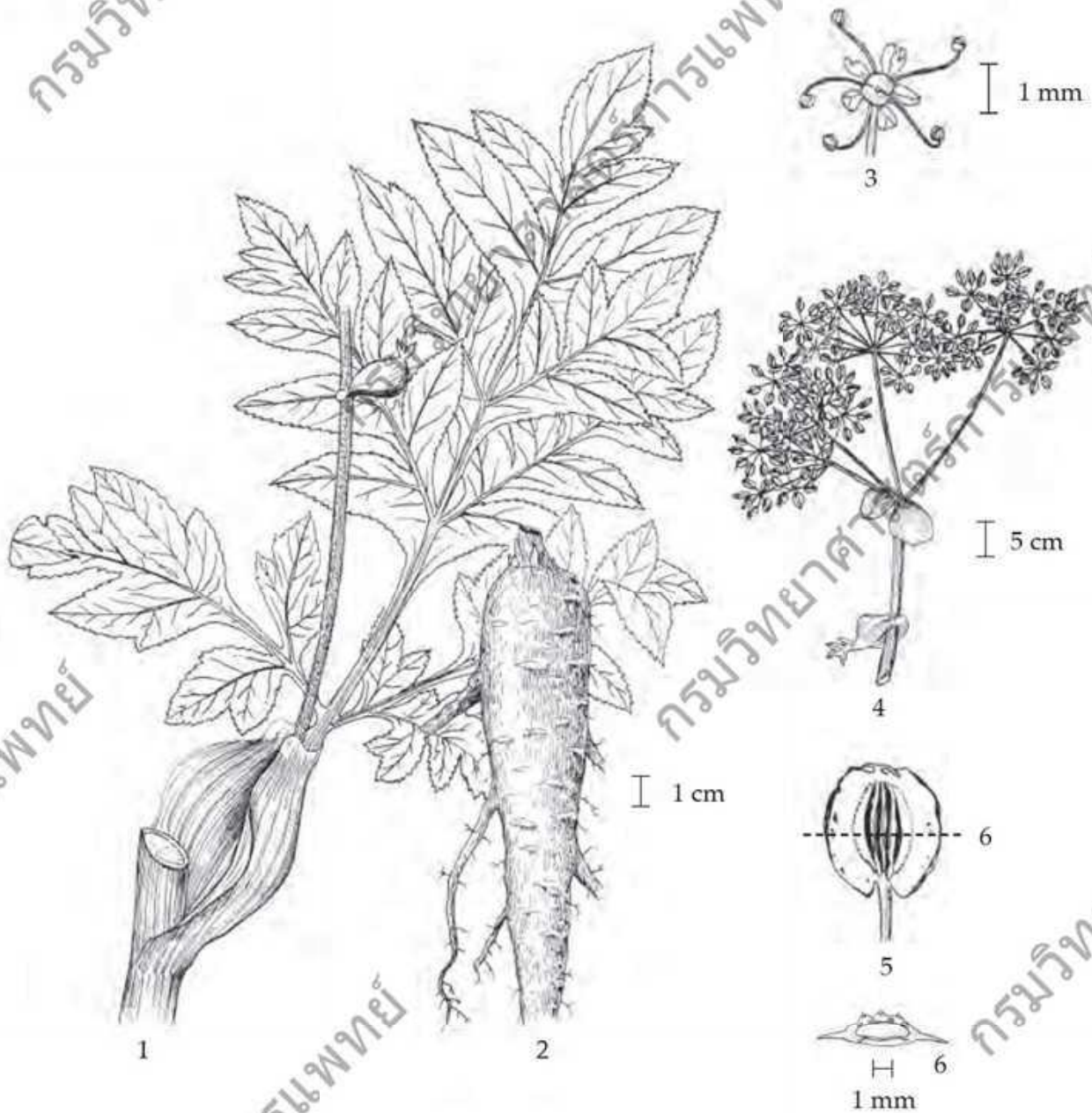
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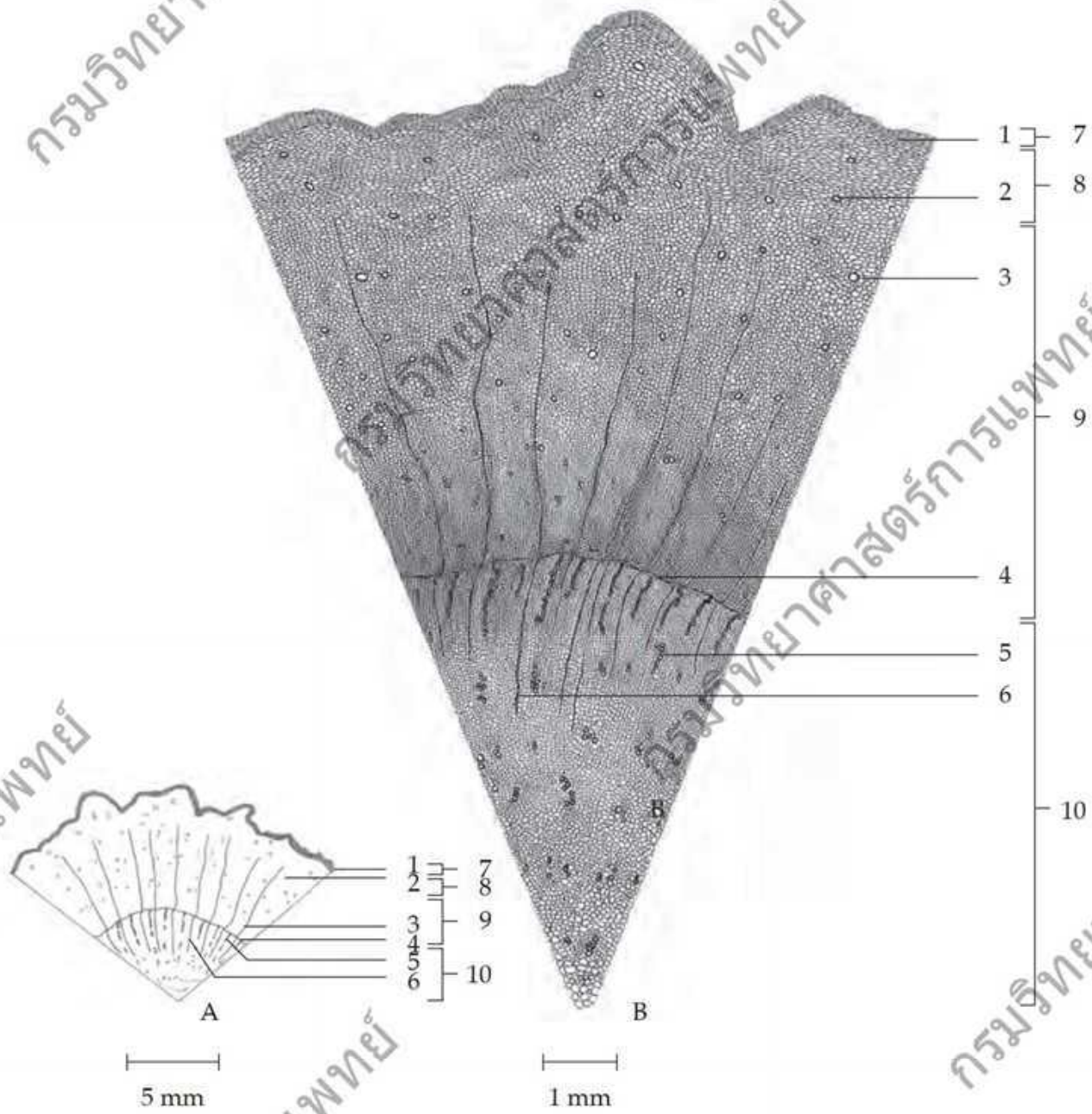
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**Fig. 1a** *Angelica dahurica* (Hoffm.) Benth. & Hook. f. ex Franch. & Sav. var. *dahurica*  
 1. flowering and fruiting shoot 2. flowering twig 3. crude drug



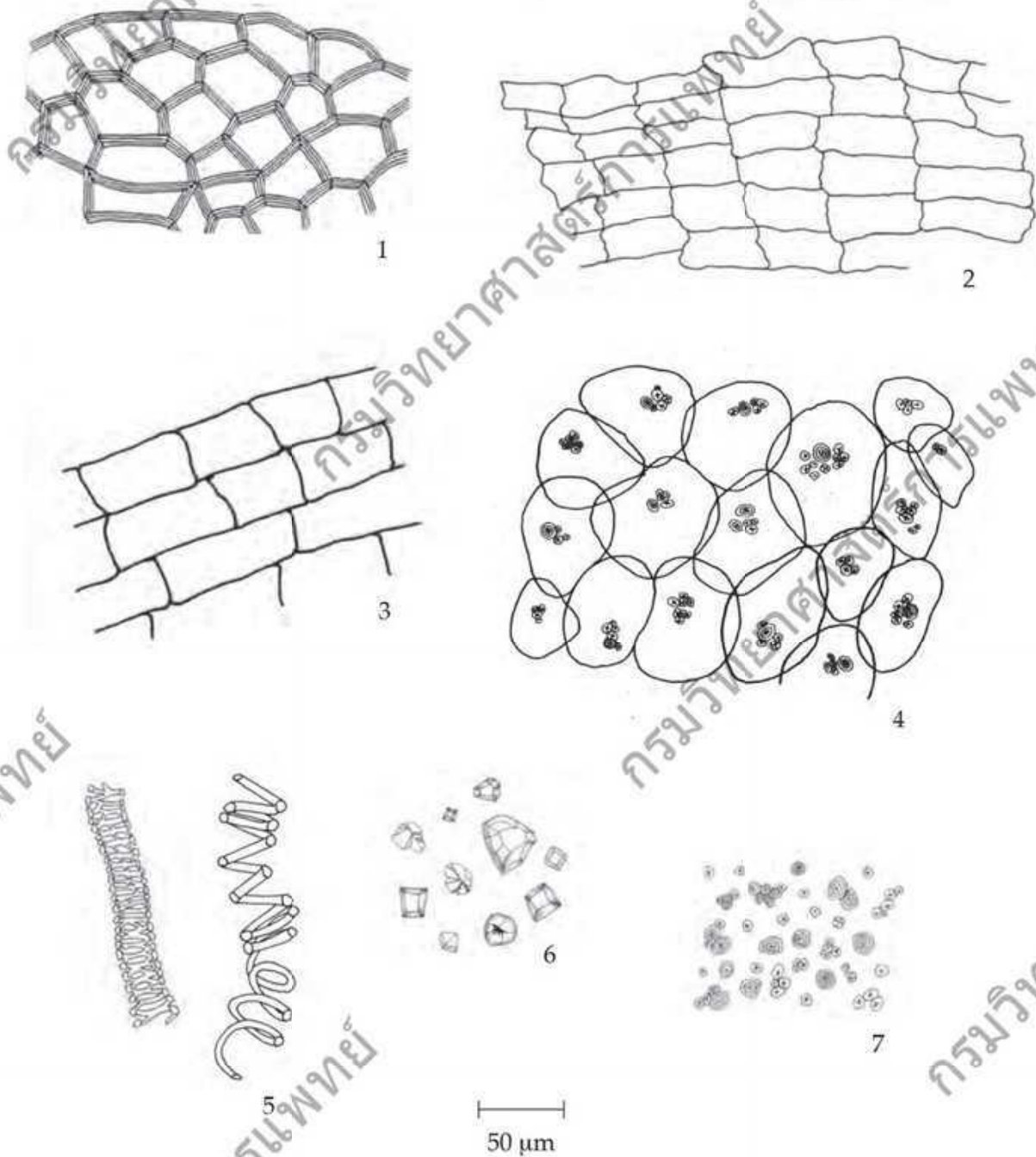
**Fig. 1b** *Angelica dahurica* (Hoffm.) Benth. & Hook. f. ex Franch. & Sav. var. *dahurica*  
 1. part of stem showing leaf with characteristic leaf sheath 2. root 3. flower  
 4. infructescence 5. fruit (mericarp) 6. fruit (cross section)



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Root of *Angelica dahurica* (Hoffm.) Benth. & Hook. f. ex Franch. & Sav. var. *dahurica*

A. Part of Diagram  
 B. Part of Sectional View

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|---------------|--------------|
| 1. cork       | 6. xylem ray |
| 2. oil cavity | 7. periderm  |
| 3. phloem ray | 8. cortex    |
| 4. cambium    | 9. phloem    |
| 5. vessel     | 10. xylem    |



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Roots of *Angelica dahurica* (Hoffm.) Benth. & Hook. f. ex Franch. & Sav. var. *dahurica*

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| 1. cork in surface view                                  | 5. reticulate and spiral vessels         |
| 2. cork in sectional view                                | 6. prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate |
| 3. parenchyma in longitudinal view                       | 7. starch grains                         |
| 4. parenchyma in sectional view containing starch grains |  |

Dahurian Angelica Root in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Thin-walled cork cells, abundant parenchyma cells (mostly with starch grains and/or prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate) and abundant starch grains of different shapes and sizes (with prominent lamella and hilum) are commonly found.

#### Additional information

1. Dahurian angelica plant is not native to nor commercially cultivated in Thailand. The plant yielding dahurian angelica root is here referred to the herbarium specimen number K001097137, collector's number C.J. Maximowicz s.n., deposited at the Herbarium, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (K), London, United Kingdom. The photographic illustration of the specimen can be seen at the Department of Medical Sciences Herbarium (DMSC), Nonthaburi, Thailand.

2. Two varieties of *Angelica dahurica* (Hoffm.) Benth. & Hook. f. ex Franch. & Sav., var. *dahurica* and var. *formosana* (Boiss.) Shan et Yuan, are official in the Pharmacopoeia of the People's Republic of China 2010. However, only the prior variety is imported from China and sold in Thai herbal markets as KOT SO.

3. It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.

**Packaging and storage** Dahurian Angelica Root shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. To 200 mg of the sample, in powder, add 5 mL of *ethanol*, shake, allow to stand for 5 minutes, and filter. Drop the filtrate on a filter paper moistened with 1 M *sodium hydroxide* and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm): a green fluorescence is produced.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 75 volumes of *toluene*, 25 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 5 volumes of *glacial acetic acid* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate, as bands of 10 mm, 20  $\mu$ L of solution (A) and 10  $\mu$ L of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *dichloromethane* for 30 minutes and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate to dryness and dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *toluene*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *imperatorin* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching band ( $R_f$  value 66 to 76) corresponding to the *imperatorin* band from solution (B), and several quenching bands are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; the band due to *imperatorin* exhibits a yellow fluorescence. Several other fluorescent bands are also observed. Spray the plate with a 5 per cent w/v solution of *potassium hydroxide*, and examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; the band corresponding to *imperatorin* is orange fluorescence. Several fluorescent bands of different colours are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Dichloromethane Extract of the Roots of *Angelica dahurica* (Hoffm.) Benth. & Hook.f. ex Franch. & Sav. var. *dahurica*

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	5 Per Cent W/V Solution of Potassium Hydroxide and UV 366
1	13-17	quenching	yellow	yellow
2	17-20	-	violet	blue
3	24-27	-	violet	blue
4	30-34	-	violet	blue
5	33-42	-	-	blue
6	41-44	-	-	blue
7	43-48	quenching	blue	blue
8	49-53	quenching	-	-
9	51-57	-	intense blue	intense blue
10	59-62	quenching	yellow	yellow
11	65-69	-	-	blue
12*	66-76	quenching	yellow	orange
13	75-80	-	violet	violet
14	77-83	quenching	yellow	yellow
15	81-85	-	violet	violet

\*imperatorin

**Water** Not more than 14.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

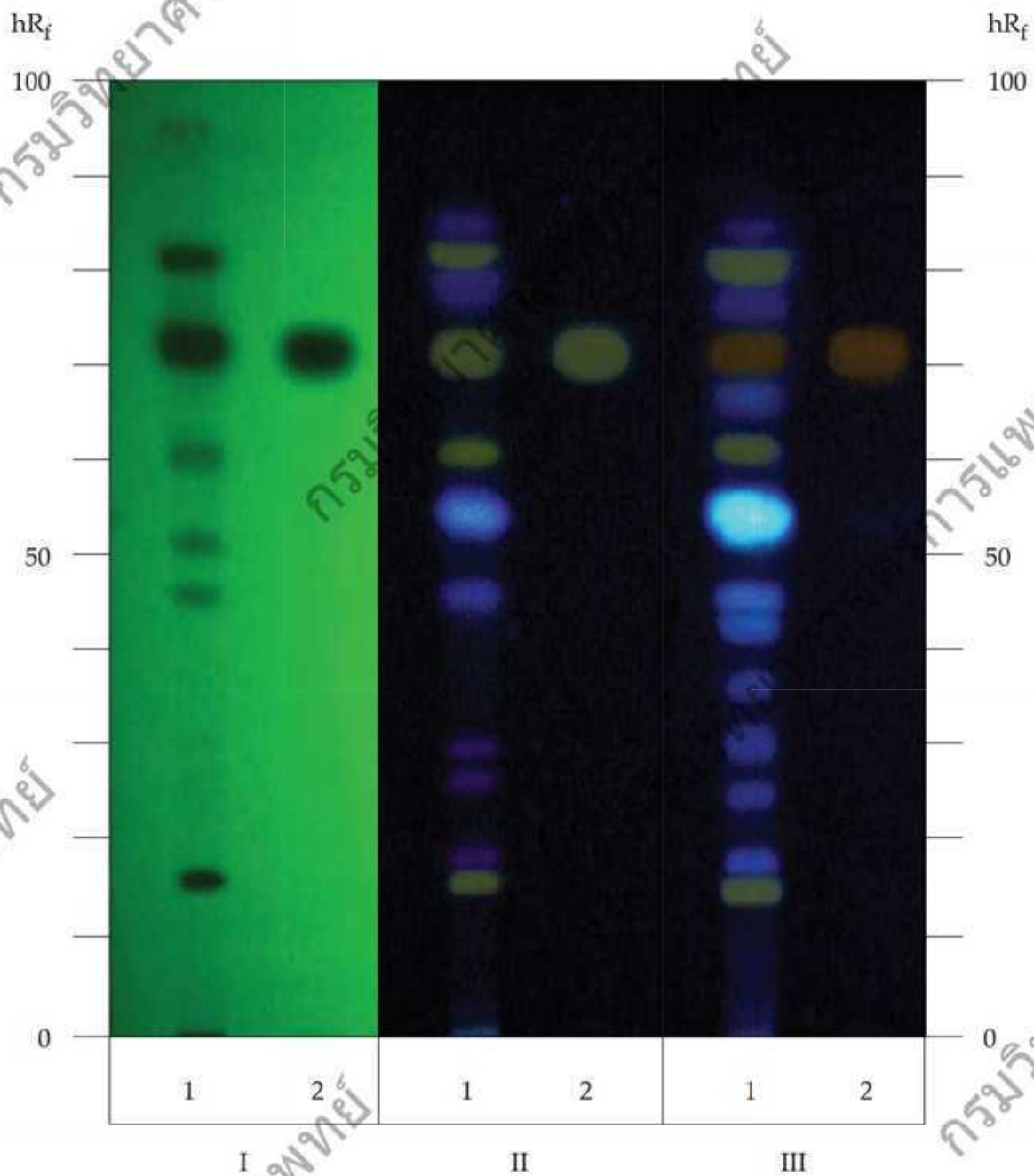
**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 15.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** 3 to 9 g, as a decoction, a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Dichloromethane Extract of the Roots of *Angelica dahurica* (Hoffm.) Benth. & Hook. f. ex Franch. & Sav. var. *dahurica*  
 1 = solution (A)  
 2 = solution (B)  
 I = detection under UV light (254 nm)  
 II = detection under UV light (366 nm)  
 III = detection under UV light (366 nm) after spraying with a 5 per cent w/v solution of potassium hydroxide

## กระชายดำ (KRACHAI DAM)

Kaempferiae Parviflorae Rhizoma

Kaempferia Parviflora Rhizome

**Category** Tonic, carminative.

**Kaempferia Parviflora Rhizome is the dried rhizome of *Kaempferia parviflora* Wall. ex Baker [*K. rubromarginata* (S. Q. Tong) R. J. Searle, *Stahlianthus rubromarginatus* S. Q. Tong] (Family Zingiberaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 1575, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 548.**

**Constituents** Kaempferia Parviflora Rhizome contains volatile oil, of which borneol is a major component. It also contains flavonoids, anthocyanins, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Herb up to 25 cm tall; rhizome, subglobose to globose, light to dark purple within, with several succulent roots in a fascicle. Leaves one to several; blades ovate or elliptic, slightly unequal sided, 7 to 20 cm long, 4 to 9 cm wide, apex acute or mucronate, base subcordate, upper surface glabrous, under surface hairy; leaf-sheaths 6 to 12 cm long, margin membranous, green or with red-tinted; bladeless sheaths greenish, purple-tinted or purple; ligule broadly triangular, about 2 mm long, membranous, caducous. Inflorescence enclosed by two innermost leaf-sheaths or leaf-sheath and the bladeless sheath, usually elongate; peduncle 5 to 6 cm long; bract oblong, 1.7 to 2.3 cm long, about 6 mm wide, glabrous, apex rounded; bracteole linear, 6 to 12 mm long, 1 to 2 mm wide, glabrous, apex rounded. Flowers many, up to 20; calyx 1.8 to 2.2 cm long, finely hairy, apex bifid; corolla tube about 3 cm long, lobes linear; dorsal lobe about 1.2 cm long, about 3 mm wide, apex hooded, aristate, lateral lobes slightly smaller, apex rounded; staminode white, oblong, 1 to 1.3 cm long, about 3 mm wide, apex acute or rounded. Labellum, white to light purple, darker at the base, obovate, 1.2 to 1.5 cm long, 8 to 9 mm wide, apex emarginate; stamen with very short filament, about 1 mm long, anther about 2 mm long, anther-crest suborbicular, entire or emarginate, 1 to 1.5 mm long, about 2 mm wide; ovary about 2 mm long, about 1 mm wide, hairy; stylode filiform, about 5 mm long.

**Description** Odour, characteristic and aromatic; taste, slightly bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Subglobose to globose horizontally continuous rhizomes, sometimes with roots and rootlets; outer surface slightly wrinkled, brown to dark brown, with scars of pseudostems; fracture light to dark purple, mealy. Some occur as transverse slices, varying in shape and size.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the rhizome shows several layers of corky parenchyma cells. Cortex, broad zone of parenchyma cells, filled with numerous simple starch grains and purple anthocyanins, some of which containing yellowish oleoresins with small particles. Pseudoendodermis, layers of thin-walled rectangular cells. Vascular bundles, scattered; fibres, non-lignified; vessels, spiral, scalariform and reticulate, non-lignified.

Kaempferia Parviflora Rhizome in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.



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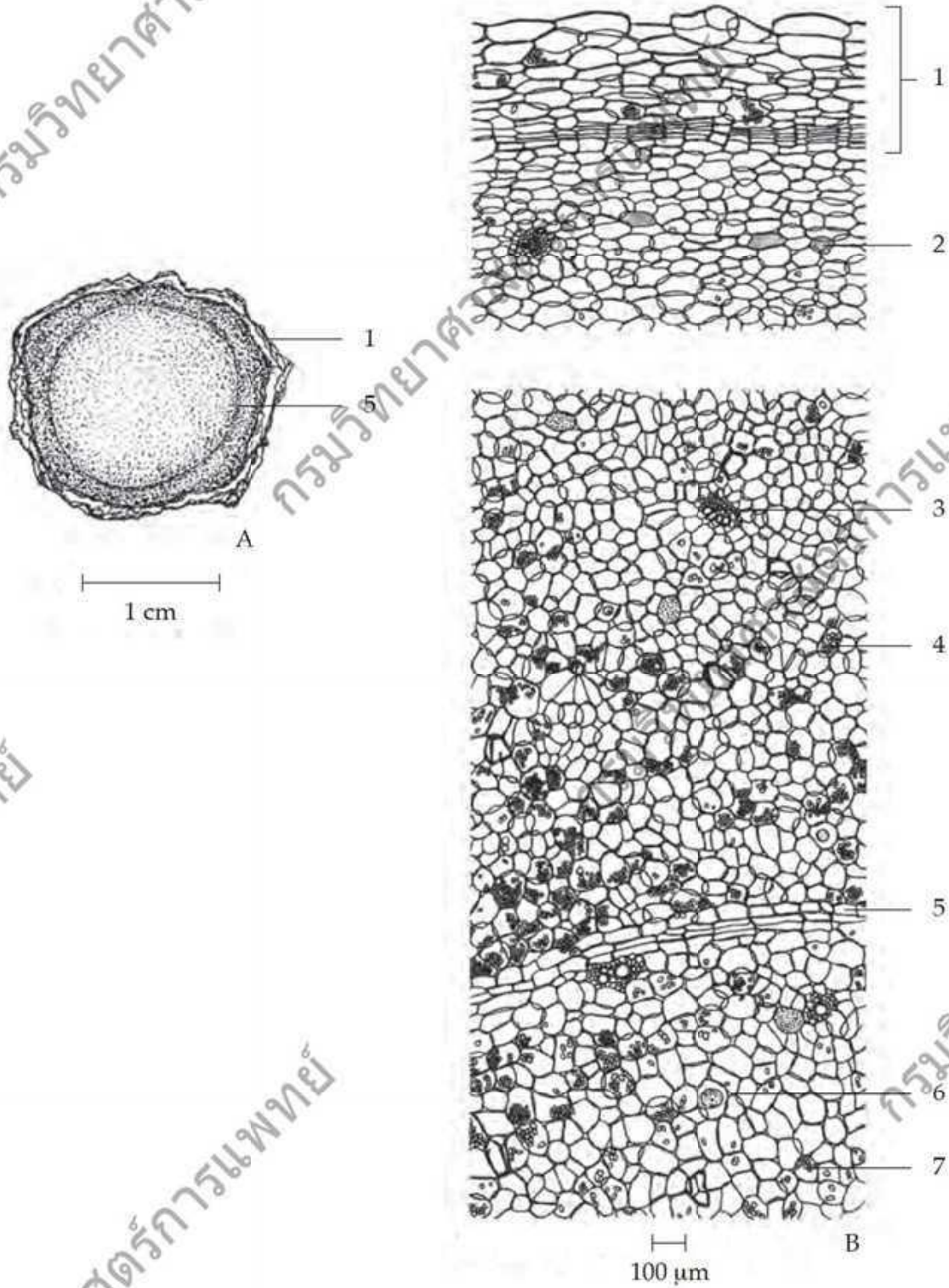
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Fig. 1a *Kaempferia parviflora* Wall. ex Baker  
1. habit 2. flower 3. crude drug

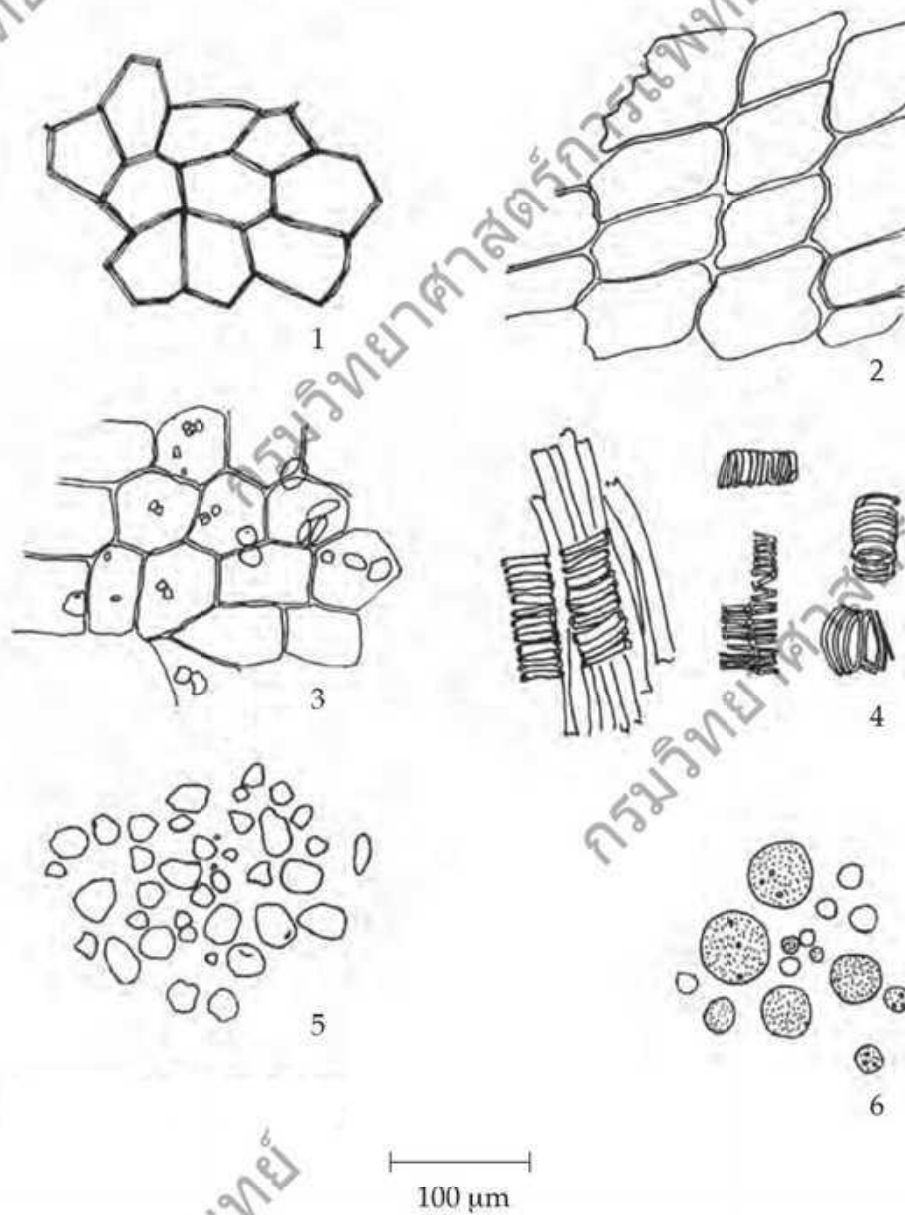


**Fig. 1b** *Kaempferia parviflora* Wall. ex Baker

1. habit 2. bract 3. bracteole 4. flower 5. ovary and calyx tube 6. apex of calyx tube  
 7. dorsal corolla lobe 8. lateral corolla lobe 9. lateral staminode  
 10. labellum 11. anther, stigma and anther crest



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Rhizome of *Kaempferia parviflora* Wall. ex Baker  
 A. Diagram  
 B. Part of Transverse Section  
 1. corky parenchymatous layer  
 2. parenchyma with purple matter of anthocyanins  
 3. vascular bundle  
 4. parenchyma containing starch grains  
 5. pseudoendodermis  
 6. parenchyma containing yellow oleoresin  
 7. starch grains



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Rhizomes of *Kaempferia parviflora* Wall. ex Baker  
 1. corky parenchyma cells in surface view  
 2. corky parenchyma cells in sectional view  
 3. parenchyma cells containing starch grains  
 4. spiral vessels and reticulate vessels associated with fibres  
 5. starch grains  
 6. yellowish oleoresins containing small particles

**Packaging and storage** *Kaempferia Parviflora* Rhizome shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 20 mL of *ethanol* for 5 minutes and filter (solution 1). To 5 mL of solution 1, add 1 g of *decolorizing charcoal*, mix and filter. Add 2 drops of a freshly prepared 1 per cent w/v solution of *vanillin* in *ethanolic sulfuric acid*, mix well and heat in a water-bath for 2 minutes: a blue colour is produced.

B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add 1 drop of a 5 per cent w/v solution of *potassium hydroxide*: a green to blue colour is produced and changed to red after adding 1 drop of a 20 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid*.

C. Apply 2 drops of solution 1 to a filter paper and air-dry. Add to the same spot, 1 drop of *ethanolic ninhydrin TS* and dry in a current of hot air: a violet colour develops.

D. To 2 mL of solution 1, add 1 piece of *magnesium ribbon*, shake well and mix with 2 drops of *hydrochloric acid*: a red colour develops.

E. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 60 volumes of *n-hexane*, 30 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 5 volumes of *formic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by refluxing 500 mg of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 10 mL of *methanol* for 5 minutes and filtering. Dilute the filtrate with *methanol* to 10 mL. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Several blue spots also appear. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter, five blue fluorescent spots of different  $R_f$  values are observed. Heat the plate at 80° for 10 minutes and then spray with *natural products (NP) TS* while the plate is still warm. Subsequently spray the plate with *polyethyleneglycol (PEG) TS* and observe the colours of the spots under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter within 5 to 15 minutes. Several fluorescent spots of different colours appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Kaempferia parviflora* Wall. ex Baker

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	UV 366 after spraying with NP/PEG TS
1	17-26	blue	blue	blue
2	29-35	blue	blue	blue
3	36-40	blue	blue	blue
4	41-46	blue	blue	blue
5	46-52	blue	blue	blue
6	64-69	weak quenching	-	yellow
7	74-78	weak quenching	-	yellow-green
8	78-82	weak quenching	-	yellow
9	83-86	weak quenching	-	yellow
10	87-90	weak quenching	-	orange

**Water** Not more than 10.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

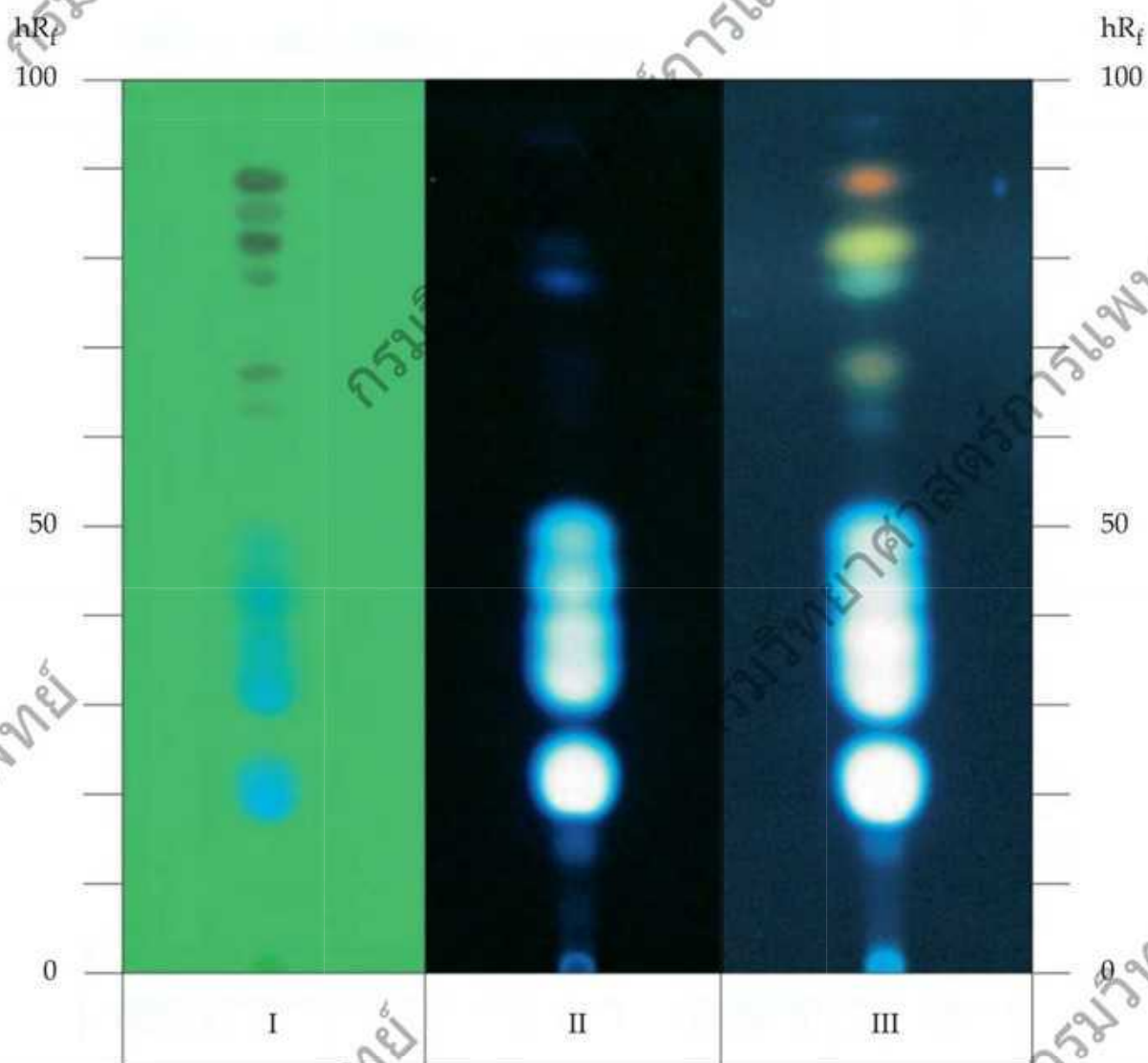
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 6.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 8.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 17.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Kaempferia parviflora* Wall. ex Baker  
 I = detection under UV light (254 nm)  
 II = detection under UV light (366 nm)  
 III = detection under UV light (366 nm) after spraying with NP/PEG TS

## กระเจี๊ยบแดง (KRACHIAP DAENG)

กระเจี๊ยบเปรี้ยว (KRACHIAP PRAIO), ส้มปู้ (SOM PU)

*Hibisci Sabdariffae Calycis et Epicalycis*

Roselle

**Synonyms** Jamica Sorrel, Red Sorrel, Sorrel

**Category** Diuretic.

Roselle is the dried persistent calyx and epicalyx collected during fruiting of *Hibiscus sabdariffa* L. (Family Malvaceae), Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0437.

(Note Only dried reddish to dark red Roselle is recommended for medicinal uses.)

**Constituents** Roselle contains anthocyanins, of which delphinidin-3-sambubioside and cyanidin-3-sambubioside are major components. It also contains organic acids (e.g., citric acid, hibiscus acid, hydroxycitric acid, malic acid), phenolic acids (e.g., protocatechuic acid), flavonoids, mucilages, pectins, potassium salts, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Annual herb or subshrub 1 to 2(-5) m tall; stem erect, cylindrical, branched, woody at base, green when young becoming reddish to purplish with age, glabrous or covered with aculeate warts or caducous bristles. Leaves simple, alternate, dimorphic, proximal leaves ovate, margin serrate, distal leaves palmately 3- to 5-lobed, 6 to 15 cm long, lobes lanceolate, elliptic to oblong, 2 to 8 cm long, 0.5 to 1.5 cm wide, apex obtuse or acuminate, base round or broadly cuneate, margin serrate or dentate, blade glabrous or pubescent, basal veins 3 to 5, green or red, bearing a gland at base of midrib; petiole 4 to 15 cm long, somewhat spiny near the top; stipule filiform, about 1 cm long. Flower solitary, axillary; pedicel less than 3 cm long; epicalyx reddish, 8- to 12-lobed, 6 to 10 mm long, connate at base, adnate to the base of calyx, lobe lanceolate, 0.5 to 1.8 cm long, 2 to 3 mm wide, sparsely hirsute, with spiny appendix near apex; calyx fleshy, reddish or purplish, hirsute, lobes 5, connate below the middle into cup-shaped, each lobe triangular, with a prominent costa extending as far as its apex, base of each sinus between lobes terminated by a bifurcate nerve and bearing a distinct nectary gland, calyx after anthesis becoming thick-fleshy, 2.5 to 5.5 cm long, distinctly longer than fruit; corolla pink or yellow with dark red centre, petals 5, obovate, 4 to 6 cm long, 1 to 4 cm wide; staminal tube 1.5 to 2 cm long, anthers along the tube, pistils in the tube; ovary superior, 5-loculed, ovules 3 to many per locule, style branches 5, stigmas capitate. Fruit capsule, reddish, ovoid to globose, 1.5 to 3 cm long, 1 to 1.5 cm wide, loculicidally 5-valved, beaked, sparsely to densely appressed hairy, enclosed by red, fleshy, accrescent calyx. Seeds numerous, reniform, 2 to 6 mm long, brownish to blackish.

**Description** Odour, mild, berry-like; taste, sour.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Dried calyx and epicalyx, irregularly shaped and sized, reddish to dark red, somewhat hard. A nectary found in the lower surface at the basal part of each calyx.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the epicalyx shows epidermis layer, cortex, vascular bundles, and pith. Epidermis, a layer of small rectangular cells, some with unicellular trichomes. Cortex, several thin-walled polygonal parenchyma cells, some containing anthocyanins or rosette aggregate crystals. Vascular bundles, collateral. Aerenchyma, some containing rosette aggregate crystals located at the innermost region.



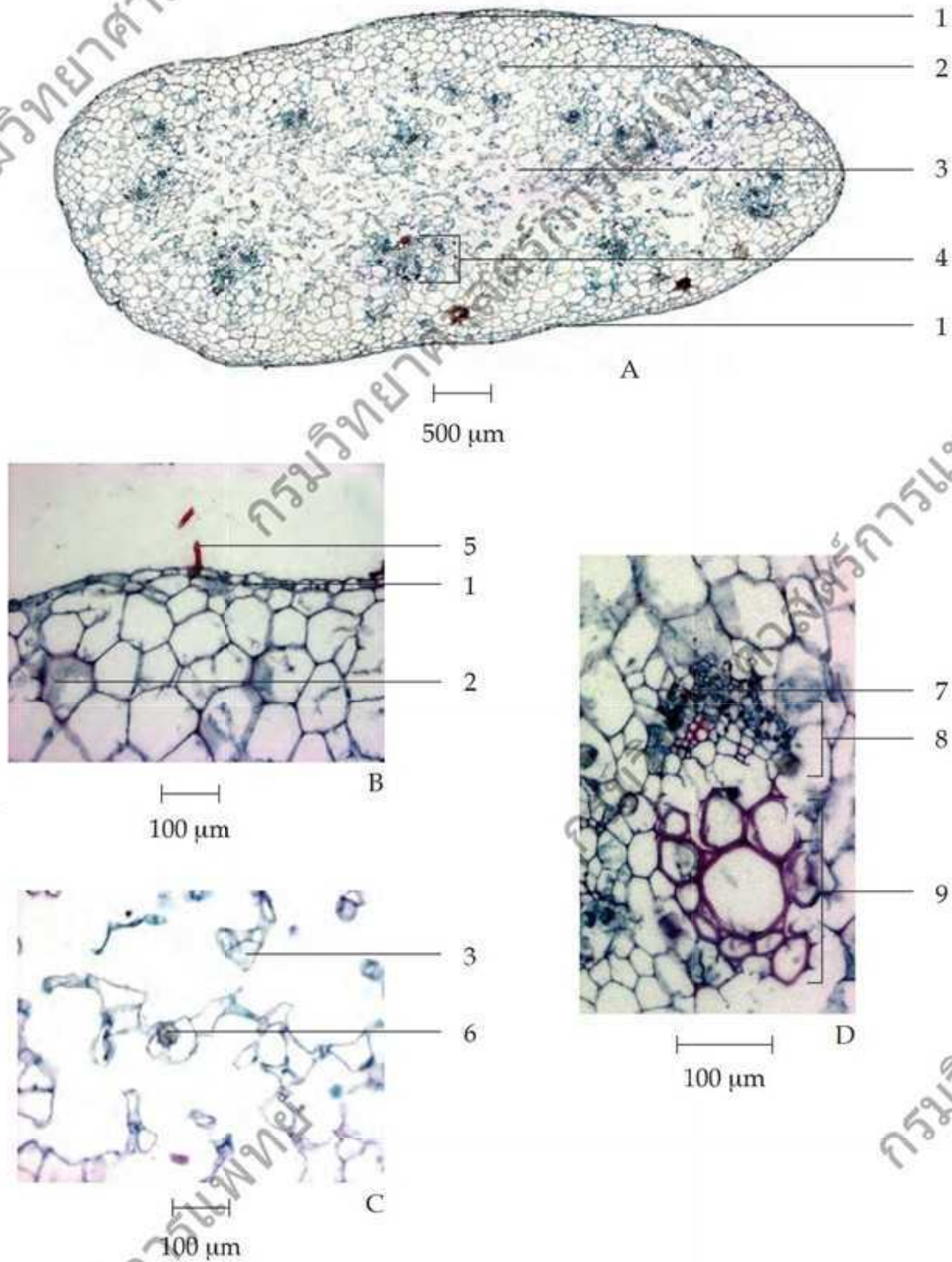
Fig. 1a *Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.

1. habit 2. flower 3. persistent calyx and epicalyx 4. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.

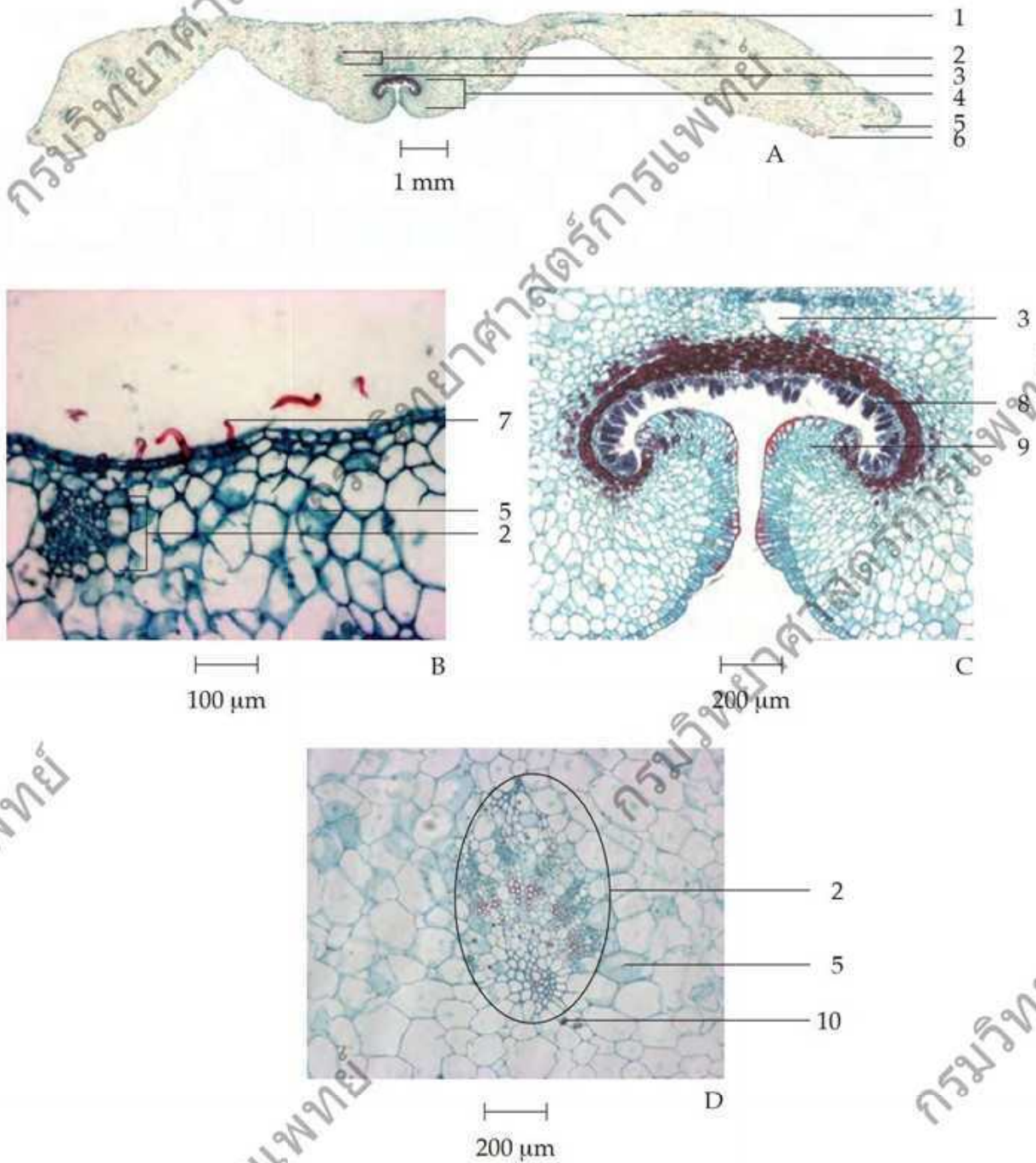
- 1. flowering and fruiting twig
- 2. flower
- 3. persistent calyx and epicalyx
- 4. persistent calyx and epicalyx, part of calyx removed showing fruit



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Epicalyx of *Hibiscus sabdariffa* L., Stained with Safranin-Fast Green

- A. Whole Epicalyx
- B. Outermost Part
- C. Innermost Part
- D. Vascular Bundle

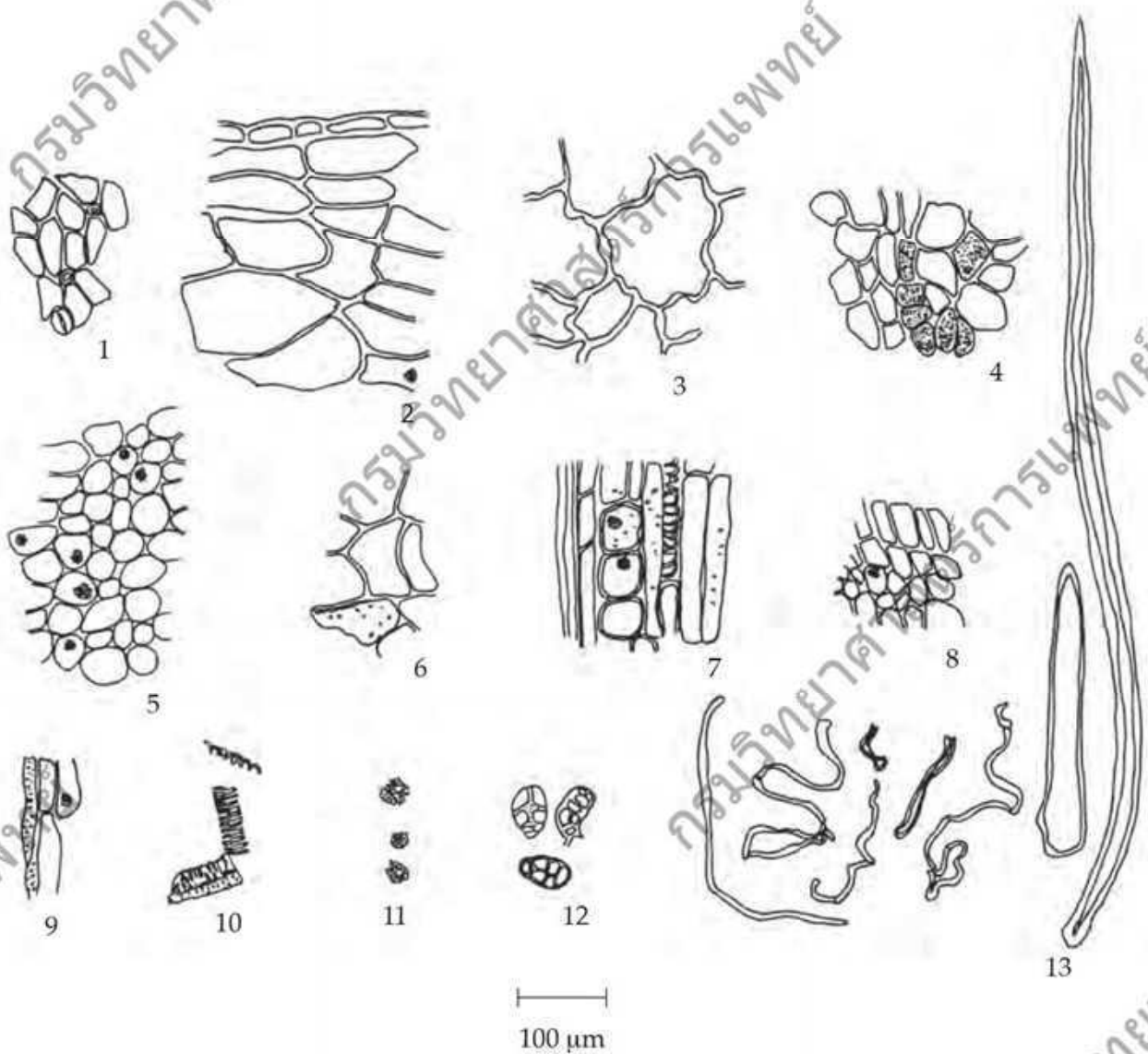
- 1. epidermis
- 2. parenchyma with anthocyanins
- 3. aerenchyma
- 4. vascular bundle
- 5. unicellular trichome
- 6. rosette aggregate crystal
- 7. fibre
- 8. phloem
- 9. xylem



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Calyx of *Hibiscus sabdariffa* L., Stained with Safranin-Fast Green

- A. Whole Calyx through the Nectary  
 B. Outermost Part  
 C. Nectary  
 D. Innermost Part  
 1. upper epidermis  
 2. vascular bundle  
 3. schizolysigenous duct  
 4. nectary  
 5. parenchyma with anthocyanins

6. lower epidermis  
 7. unicellular trichome  
 8. glandular trichome  
 9. columnar parenchyma  
 10. rosette aggregate crystal



**Fig. 2c** Powdered Drug of the Calyces and Epicalyces of *Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. lower epidermis, stomata and cicatrices</li> <li>2. epidermis associated with parenchyma and rosette aggregate crystal in sectional view</li> <li>3. parenchyma</li> <li>4. parenchyma, some containing anthocyanins</li> <li>5. parenchyma, some containing rosette aggregate crystals</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. parenchyma and pitted parenchyma</li> <li>7. parenchyma containing rosette aggregate crystals, associated with fibres and vessel</li> <li>8. columnar parenchyma of nectary</li> <li>9. parenchyma and pitted vessels</li> <li>10. spiral and pitted vessels</li> <li>11. rosette aggregate crystals</li> <li>12. glandular trichomes</li> <li>13. unicellular trichomes</li> </ol> |
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Transverse section of the calyx through the nectary shows a layer of upper and lower epidermises, cortex, vascular bundles, and nectary. Upper and lower epidermises, small rectangular cells with some modified unicellular trichomes. Cortex, round parenchyma cells, some containing anthocyanins, rosette aggregate crystals, and schizolysigenous ducts. Vascular bundles, collateral, containing phloem and xylem tissues. Nectary, composed of glandular trichome, small rectangular epidermis and several layers of slightly thick-walled, columnar parenchyma cells, connected with large vascular bundles and schizolysigenous ducts.

Roselle in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Columnar parenchyma of nectary, unicellular and glandular trichomes, rosette aggregate crystals, and parenchyma containing anthocyanins are characteristic.

**Contra-indication** It is contra-indicated in patients with impaired renal function.

**Packaging and storage** Roselle shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. To 300 mg of the sample, in powder, add 8 mL of *water*, shake for 15 minutes and filter (solution 1). To 0.2 mL of solution 1, add 2 M *sodium hydroxide* dropwise: a bluish green colour develops and changes to red after immediately adding a few drops of 2 M *hydrochloric acid*.

B. To 0.2 mL of solution 1, add 4 drops of *iron(III) chloride TS*: a brownish green colour develops.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 60 volumes of *ethyl acetate*, 20 volumes of *2-propanol*, 20 volumes of *water*, and 10 volumes of *formic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply to the plate as a band of 10 mm, 10 µL of the test solution freshly prepared by macerating 1 g of the sample, in powder, in 10 mL of a 0.1 per cent v/v solution of *hydrochloric acid* in *methanol*, shaking frequently for 15 minutes and filtering. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under daylight. Two violet and several purple bands are observed. Spray the plate with a 5 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid* in *methanol* and heat at 100° for 10 minutes; two pink and several other bands of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Calyces and Epicalyces of *Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		Daylight	5 Per Cent V/V Solution of Sulfuric Acid in Methanol
1	3-5	pale violet	-
2	5-7	-	pale brown
3	5-8	pale purple	-
4	11-13	-	pale brown
5	12-14	pale purple	-
6	15-22	pale purple	-
7	17-22	-	grey
8	31-35	violet	pink
9	34-39	-	pale grey
10	40-44	purple	pink
11	43-47	-	pale grey
12	56-59	-	pale grey
13	70-73	-	pale violet
14	73-75	-	pale brown
15	89-90	-	pale violet
16	93-95	-	grey

**Loss on drying** Not more than 12.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

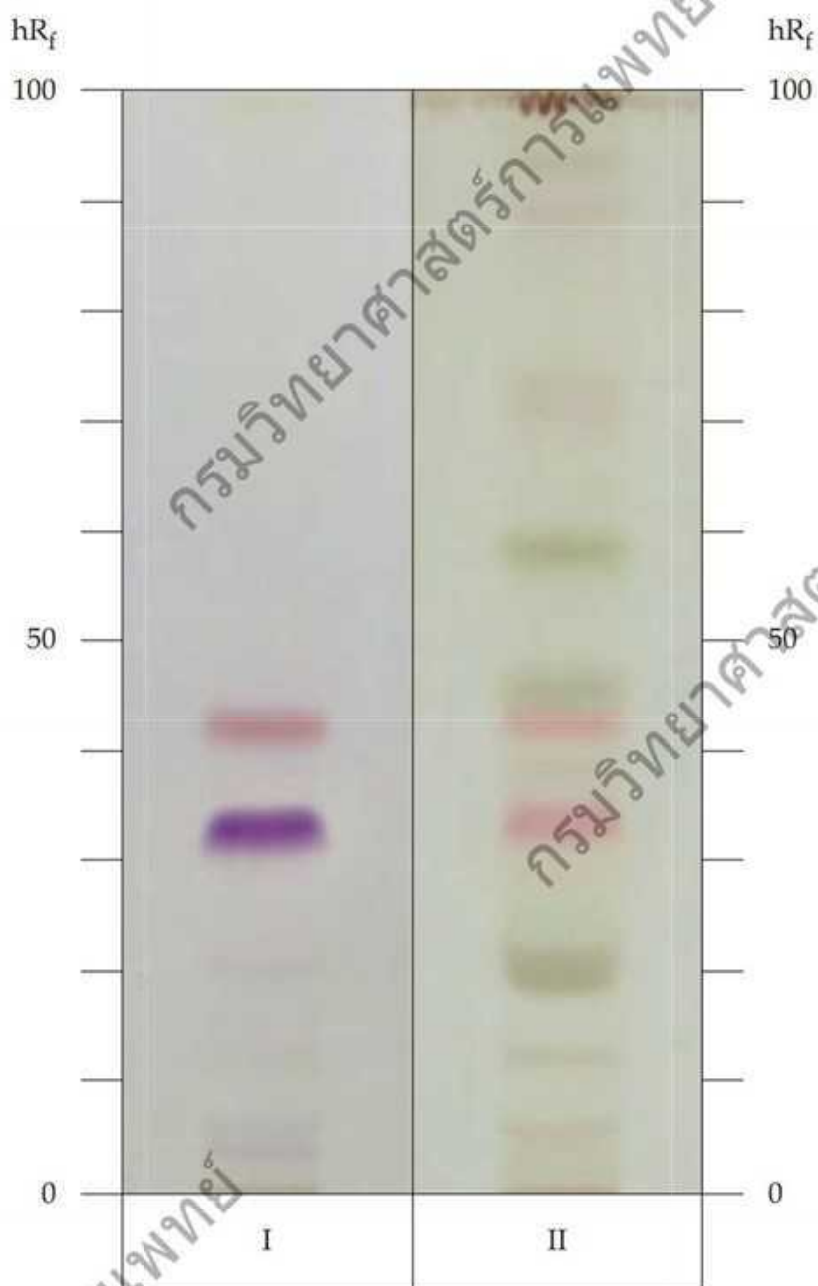
**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 45.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Acid content** Not less than 12.0 per cent w/w of acids, calculated as citric acid on the dried basis, when determined by the following method.

Shake 1 g of Roselle, in No. 250 powder, accurately weighed, with 100.0 mL of carbon dioxide-free water for 15 minutes and filter. To 50.0 mL of the filtrate, add 100 mL of carbon dioxide free-water. Titrate with 0.1 M sodium hydroxide VS until pH 7.0, determining the end-point potentiometrically (Appendix 6.4). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction. Each mL of 0.1 M sodium hydroxide VS is equivalent to 6.4 mg of citric acid.

**Dose** 1.5 to 3 g of powdered roselle, taken as an infusion, three times a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Calyces and Epicalyces of *Hibiscus sabdariffa* L.

I = detection under daylight

II = detection with a 5 per cent v/v solution of sulfuric acid in methanol

## ยาชงกระเจียบแดง (YA CHONG KRACHIAP DAENG)

Roselle Tea

**Synonym** Sour Tea

**Category** Diuretic.

Roselle Tea contains an amount of powdered Roselle equivalent to not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled amount of organic acids, calculated as citric acid on the dried basis.

**Strengths available** 2, 2.5 and 3 g (powder), supplied in a sachet.

**Dose** One sachet, containing 2 to 3 g of powdered roselle, prepared as an infusion by soaking each with 120 mL of boiling water for 10 minutes, three times a day after meals.

**Contra-indication** It is contra-indicated in patients with impaired renal function.

### Warning

1. It may cause abdominal discomfort.
2. It may cause diarrhea due to its laxative effect.

**Packaging and storage** Roselle Tea shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored at a temperature not exceeding 30°.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the equivalent amount of organic acids calculated as citric acid; (2) the expiration date.

### Identification

- A. The tea contents exhibit diagnostic structures of the powdered drug described under *Roselle*.
- B. The tea contents comply with the tests for Identification A, B and C described under *Roselle*.

**Loss on drying** Of the tea contents, not more than 12.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Microbial limit** Complies with the requirements for Category 2 in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Assay** Grind the contents of not less than 20 sachets of Roselle Tea to *No. 250 powder*. Shake about 1 g, accurately weighed, with 100.0 mL of *carbon dioxide-free water* for 15 minutes and filter. To 50.0 mL of the filtrate, add 100 mL of *carbon dioxide free-water*. Titrate with 0.1 M *sodium hydroxide VS* until pH 7.0, determining the end-point potentiometrically (Appendix 6.4). Perform a blank determination, and make any necessary correction. Each mL of 0.1 M *sodium hydroxide VS* is equivalent to 6.4 mg of citric acid.

**Other requirements** Complies with the requirements described under "Herbal Teas" (Appendix 1.16H).

## กระเทียม (KRATHIAM)

Allii Sativi Bulbus

Garlic

**Category** Carminative, expectorant, antimicrobial (topical), antihyperlipidemic.

**Garlic is the fresh compound bulb of *Allium sativum* L. (Family Amaryllidaceae),  
Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 901.**

**Constituents** Garlic contains 0.1 to 0.3 per cent of volatile oil containing allyl disulfide and diallyl disulfide, other organic sulfur compounds including alliin and allicin. It also contains alliinase, mucilage, albumin, vitamins, thioglycosides, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Herb 30 to 60 cm tall; subterranean bulb broadly ovoid, 1 to 4 cm in diameter, often consisting of several crowded bulbils, enclosed by whitish or purplish sheath. Leaves simple, alternate, linear, up to 60 cm long, 0.4 to 2.5 cm wide, longitudinally folded with keel on lower surface, sheathing at base. Inflorescence umbel, globose, with large spathe, usually with bulb-like nodules; peduncle up to 60 cm long. Flower small; tepals 6, oblong, acuminate, white to greenish white, or purple; stamens 6. Fruit capsule, small, 3-valved.

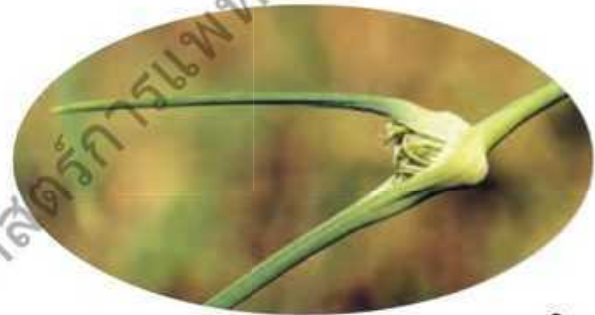
**Description** Odour, aromatic and characteristic; taste, pungent and persistent.

*Macroscopical* (Fig. 1a) Subglobular compound bulb 3 to 5 cm wide, consisting of 8 to 20 cloves, the whole surrounded by 2 to 5 layers of white scale leaves attached to a flattened circular base. Cloves ovoid and 3- to 4-sided, summit acute, narrowed into a thread-like portion of fibre, base truncate. Each clove is covered with a white scale leaf and a pinkish white epidermis easily separated from the solid portion, consisting of two flaky scale leaves and two yellowish green conduplicate foliage leaves.

*Microscopical* (Fig. 2) Outer and inner scale leaves have outer epidermis of elongated, subrectangular cells with beaded walls; outer epidermis of inner scale are markedly sclerenchymatous. The hypodermal cells are elongated and thick-walled with triangular intercellular spaces at the corners. Each cell contains a prism of calcium oxalate 20 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$  long. Broad zone of large thin-walled parenchyma in which vascular bundles scattered. Inner epidermis consists of elongated beaded walled cells. Scale leaf cells lignified. Fleshly leaf bases have a thin-walled epidermis, a mesophyll of oval parenchyma cells and faintly lignified annular and spiral vessels.



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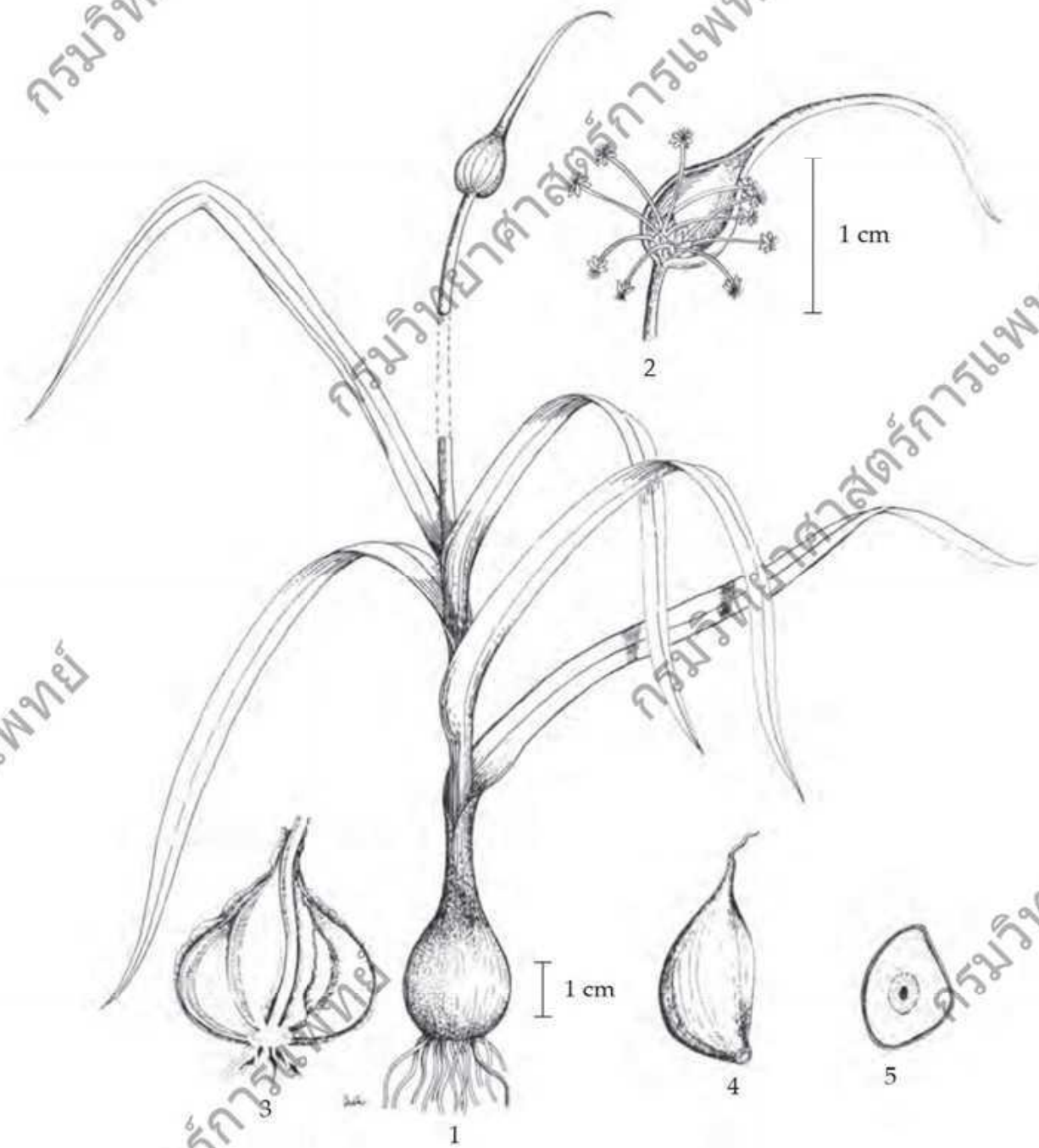
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Fig. 1a *Allium sativum* L.

1. habit 2. inflorescence 3. fruits 4. fresh bulbs and roots 5. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Allium sativum* L.

1. habit 2. inflorescence 3. garlic bulb 4. garlic clove 5. cross section of garlic clove

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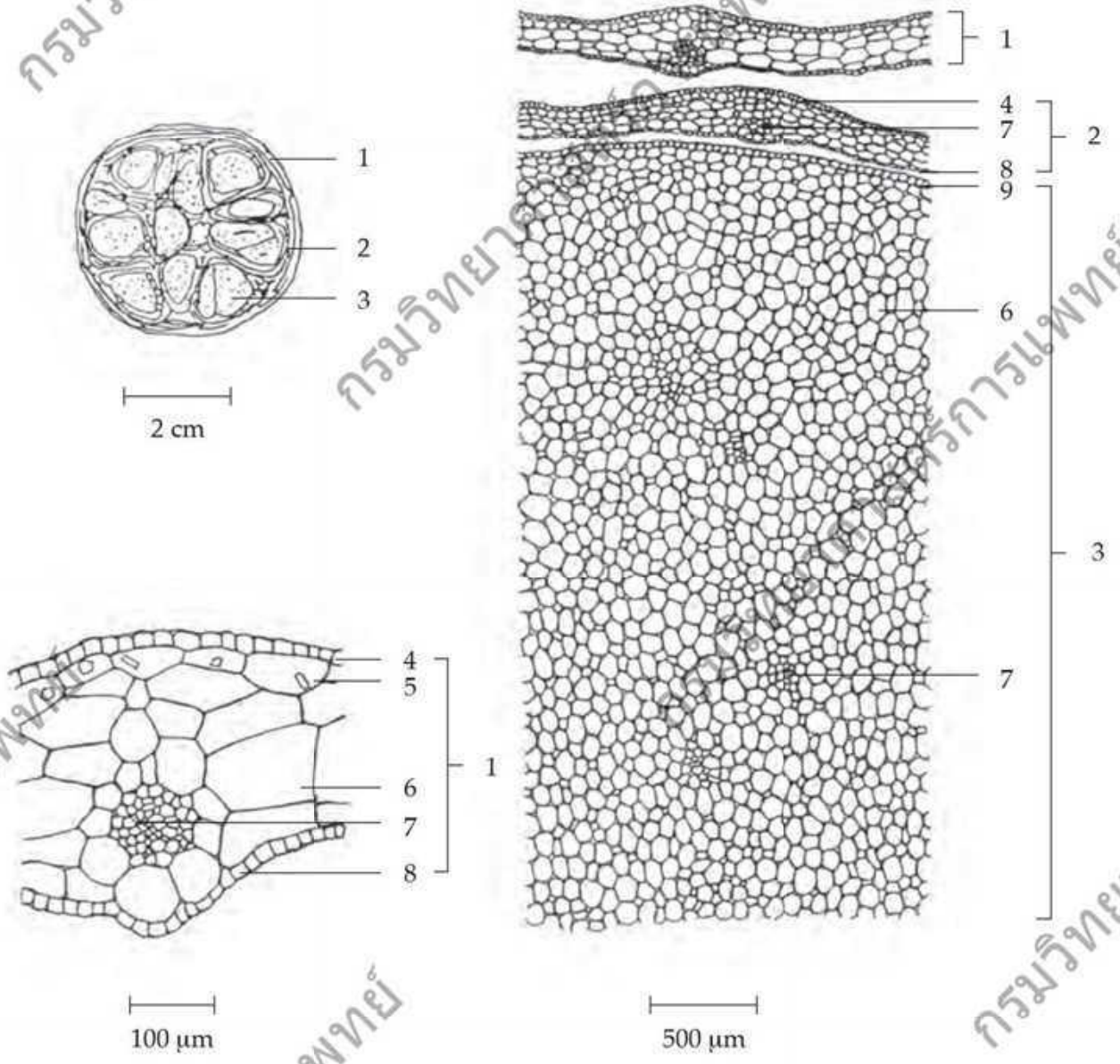


Fig. 2 Transverse Section of the Bulblet of *Allium sativum* L.

- 1. outer scale leaf
- 2. inner scale leaf
- 3. fleshy leaf base
- 4. outer epidermis
- 5. hypodermis containing prism
- 6. parenchyma
- 7. vascular bundle
- 8. inner epidermis
- 9. epidermis

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**Storage** Garlic shall be stored in a well-ventilated, dry place, protected from light; under these conditions it may be stored for about 6 months after harvesting.

**Identification**

A. Shake 500 mg of crushed, peeled sample with 25 mL of *methanol* for 5 minutes and filter. Dilute 0.5 mL of the filtrate to 2 mL with *methanol*, add 2 drops of *ninhydrin TS* and immerse in a water-bath for a few minutes: a violet-blue colour is produced.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 45 volumes of *1-butanol*, 15 volumes of *water*, 15 volumes of *1-propanol*, and 15 volumes of *glacial acetic acid* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate, 20  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 1 g of the crushed, peeled sample, with 10 mL of an 80 per cent v/v solution of *methanol* on a water-bath for 15 minutes, cooling and filtering. For solution (B), dissolve 25 mg of *L-methionine* in 100 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate and allow it to dry in air. Spray with *ethanolic ninhydrin TS*, heat at 105° for about 10 minutes and examine in daylight. Major spots relative to *L-methionine* ( $RR_f$  1) are approximately as follows: purplish brown ( $RR_f$  0.9), purplish brown ( $RR_f$  0.8), orange-brown ( $RR_f$  0.6), pale orange ( $RR_f$  0.38).

In case *L-methionine* cannot be obtained, follow the same procedure but use only solution (A). Several spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Mathanolic Extract of the Cloves of *Allium sativum* L.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection
		<i>Ethanollic Ninhydrin TS</i>
1	10–13	reddish orange
2	17–26	pale orange
3	22–30	violet
4	28–38	orange-brown
5	34–39	purple
6	41–47	purplish brown
7	50–54	purplish brown

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

### GARLIC CLOVES

*Allii Sativi* Bulbletus.

**Description** Odour, aromatic; taste, pungent and persistent.

*Macroscopical* Cloves ovoid and 3- to 4-sided, summit acute, narrowed into a thread like portion of fibre, base truncate. Each clove is covered with a white scale leaf and a pinkish white or purplish white epidermis easily separated from the solid portion, consisting of two flaky scale leaves and two yellowish green conduplicate foliage leaves.

*Microscopical* (Fig. 2) Inner epidermis consists of bead-walled elongated cells, hypodermis of thick-walled elongated cells with triangular intercellular spaces at the corners. Scale leaf cells lignified. Fleishy scale leaves have a thin-walled epidermis, a mesophyll of oval parenchyma cells and faintly lignified annular and spiral vessels.

**Identification** Complies with the test for Identification described under *Garlic*.

**Water** Not more than 68.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

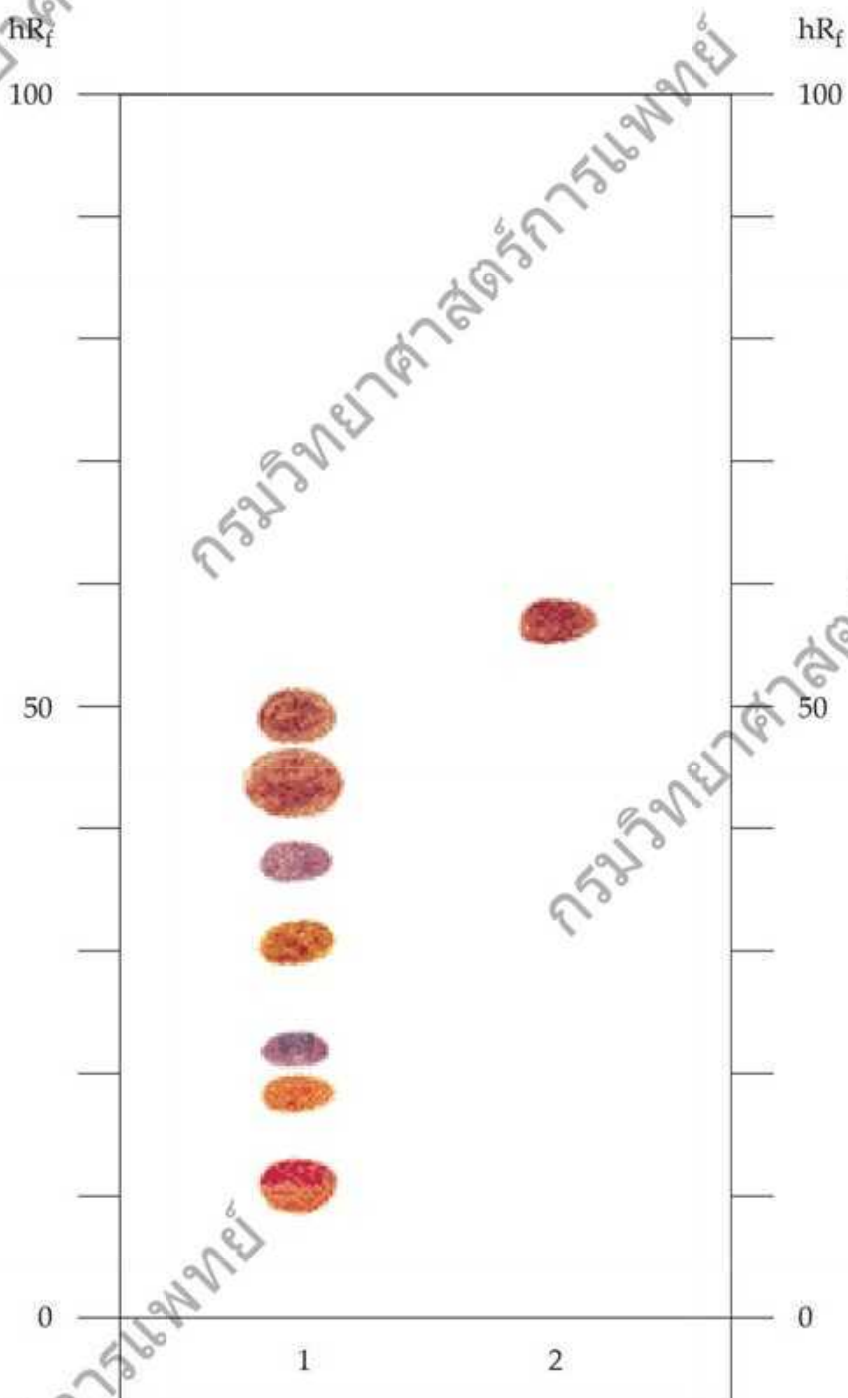
**Foreign matter** The proportion of scale leaves, degenerated cloves and other foreign matter does not exceed 3.0 per cent w/w, of which the degenerated cloves do not exceed 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 2.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 15.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** 2 to 4 g three times a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Cloves of *Allium sativum* L., Detected with Ethanolic Ninhydrin TS

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

## กระเทียม (KRATHUE)

หัวเทียม (HUA THUE), อีเทียม (I THUE), กระเทียมบ้าน (KRATHUE BAN)

*Zingiberis Zerumbeti* Rhizoma

Zerumbet Ginger

**Synonyms** Bitter Ginger, Pinecone Ginger, Shampoo Ginger

**Category** Antiflatulent, stomachic.

Zerumbet Ginger is the dried rhizome of *Zingiber zerumbet* (L.) Roscoe ex Sm. (Family Zingiberaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5169, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0787.

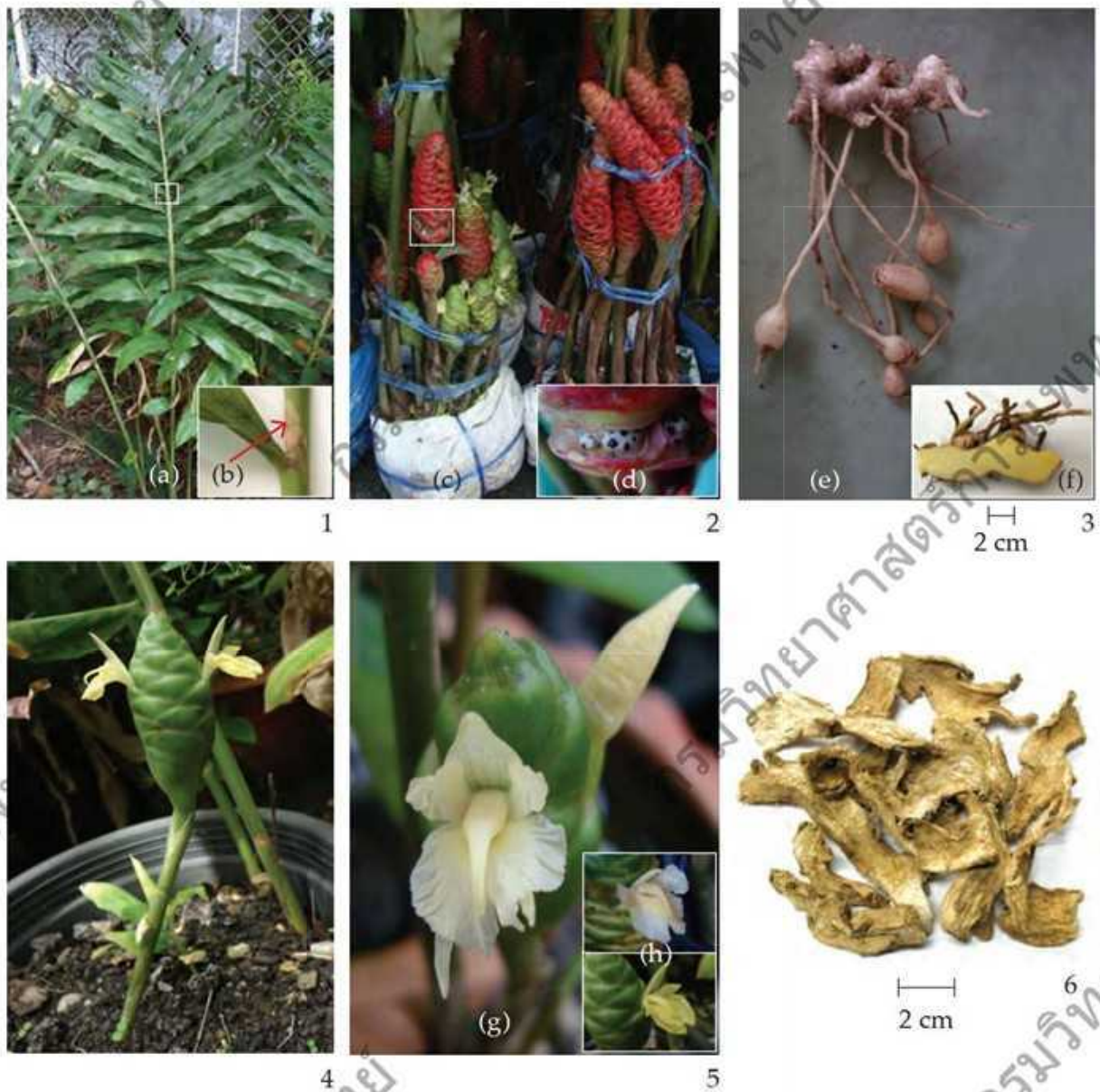
**Constituents** Zerumbet Ginger contains volatile oil, of which sesquiterpenoids (e.g.,  $\alpha$ -caryophyllene, zerumbone) and monoterpenoids (e.g., camphene, camphor, 1,8-cineole) are its major components. It also contains flavonoids (e.g., kaempferol and its derivatives), etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Perennial herb with thick rhizome; rhizome branched, tuberous, light yellow to yellow, aromatic. Leafy shoot 1 to 1.8 m tall with 11 to 0 leaves, leaves distichous; leaf blade obovate to oblong-lanceolate, 36 to 42 cm long, 9 to 11 cm wide, apex acuminate, base narrow, glabrescent or abaxially somewhat pilose; ligule thin, appress to the leafy shoot, entire, sometimes dried and scarious, 2.6 to 3 cm long, 1.3 to 1.6 cm wide. Inflorescence(s) scapose, 1 to 2, with yellowish green to dull red sheaths, 10 to 22 cm long; spike ovoid-oblong or oblong, 6 to 15 cm long, 3.5 to 5 cm wide, apex acute to obtuse, with 50 to 70 floral bracts; bract closely imbricate, orbicular to obovate, 3.5 to 3.8 cm long, 2 to 3.5 cm wide, apex round, pubescent, green turning red after flowering, 1-flowered, persistent; bracteole elliptic, 2.4 to 2.8 cm long, 1 to 1.8 cm wide, sparsely hairy on the upper surface. Flower cream, pale yellow or yellow; calyx tubular, tube about 7 mm long, apex 3-toothed; corolla tube slender, 2.8 to 3.4 cm long, glabrous, apex divided into 3 lobes, dorsal lobe 1.7 to 2 cm long, 0.8 to 1 cm wide, lateral lobes 1.6 to 1.9 cm long, about 0.5 cm wide; lateral staminodes adnate to labellum, forming 3-lobed labellum, mid lobe orbicular or elliptic, 1.1 to 1.9 cm long, 1.1 to 2.2 cm wide, apex emarginate or bilobed, side lobes 7 to 9 mm long, 4 to 9 mm wide, apex obtuse; fertile stamen 1, filament short, anther about 1 cm long, connective appendage beak-like, about 8 mm long, wrapped-around style; ovary inferior, glabrous, about 4 mm long, 3-loculed; ovules numerous per locule. Fruit capsule, ellipsoid, 0.8 to 1.2 cm long. Seeds numerous, oblong, black, covered with arils; aril white, margin irregularly lacerate.

**Description** Odour, characteristic and slightly aromatic; taste, pungent and slightly bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Oblique or transverse slices of the rhizome, some with longitudinal slices, irregularly shaped, 2 to 5 mm thick; cutting surface yellowish to light brown; outer surface light brown, longitudinally wrinkled, some with root scars. Texture compact, fibrous.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the rhizome shows epidermis, storied cork, parenchyma, pseudoendodermis, and vascular tissues. Epidermis, a single layer of rectangular cells. Storied cork, several layers of suberized thin-walled rectangular cells. Parenchyma, thin-walled cells containing numerous round to oval starch grains, some with oleoresin, or oil droplets. Pseudoendodermis, 1 to 3 layers of suberized thin-walled cells. Vascular bundles, collateral and scattered; vessels, spiral, scalariform and reticulate.



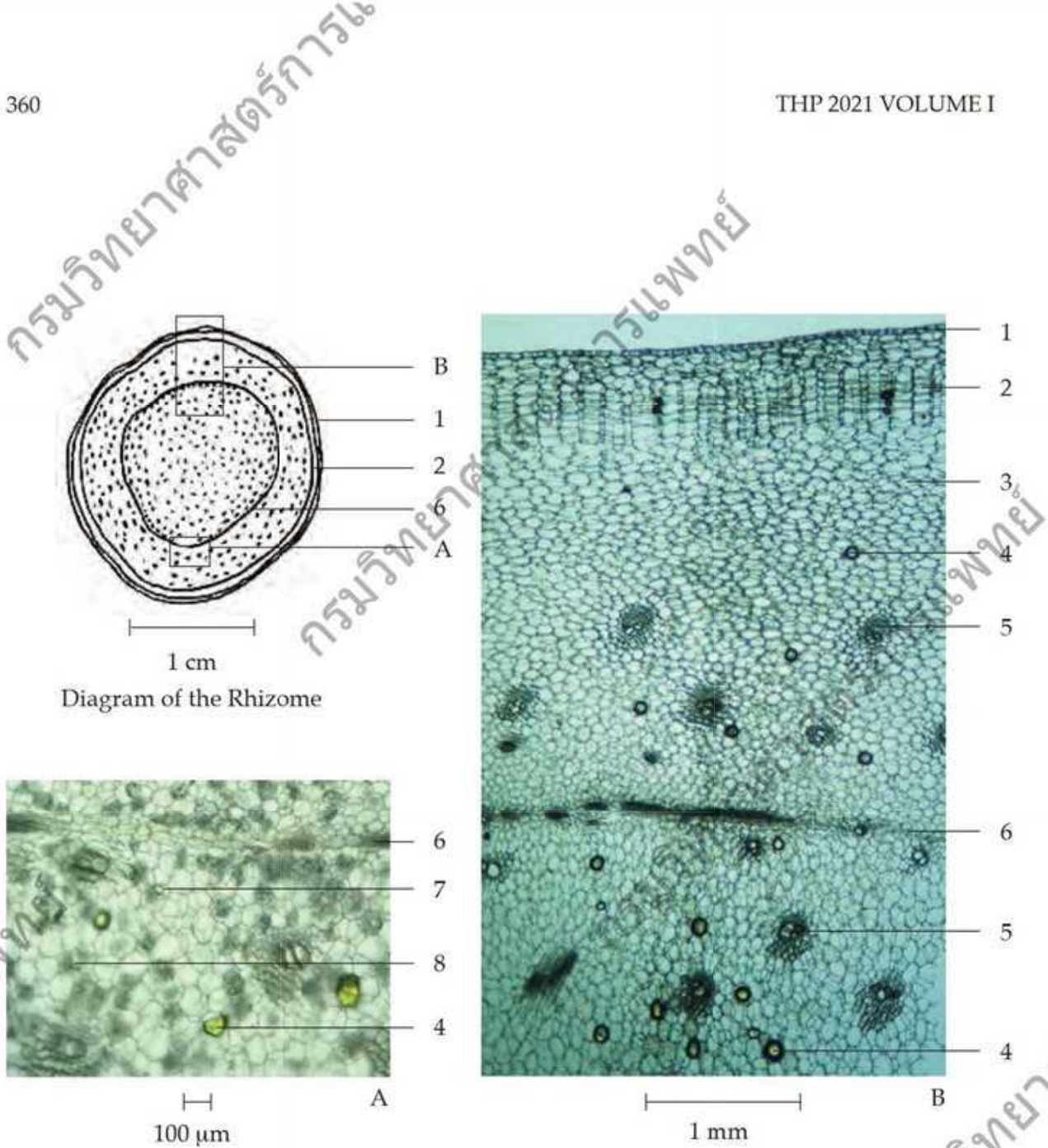
**Fig. 1a** *Zingiber zerumbet* (L.) Roscoe ex Sm.

1. habit (a), ligule (b)
2. flowering and fruiting shoots (c), seeds with arils (d)
3. rhizome with roots and root nodules (e), cutting surface of rhizome (f)
4. spike showing bracts with two flowers
5. flower showing corolla lobe, staminode, labellum, and anther crest (g), whitish- and yellow-coloured flowers (h)
6. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Zingiber zerumbet* (L.) Roscoe ex Sm.

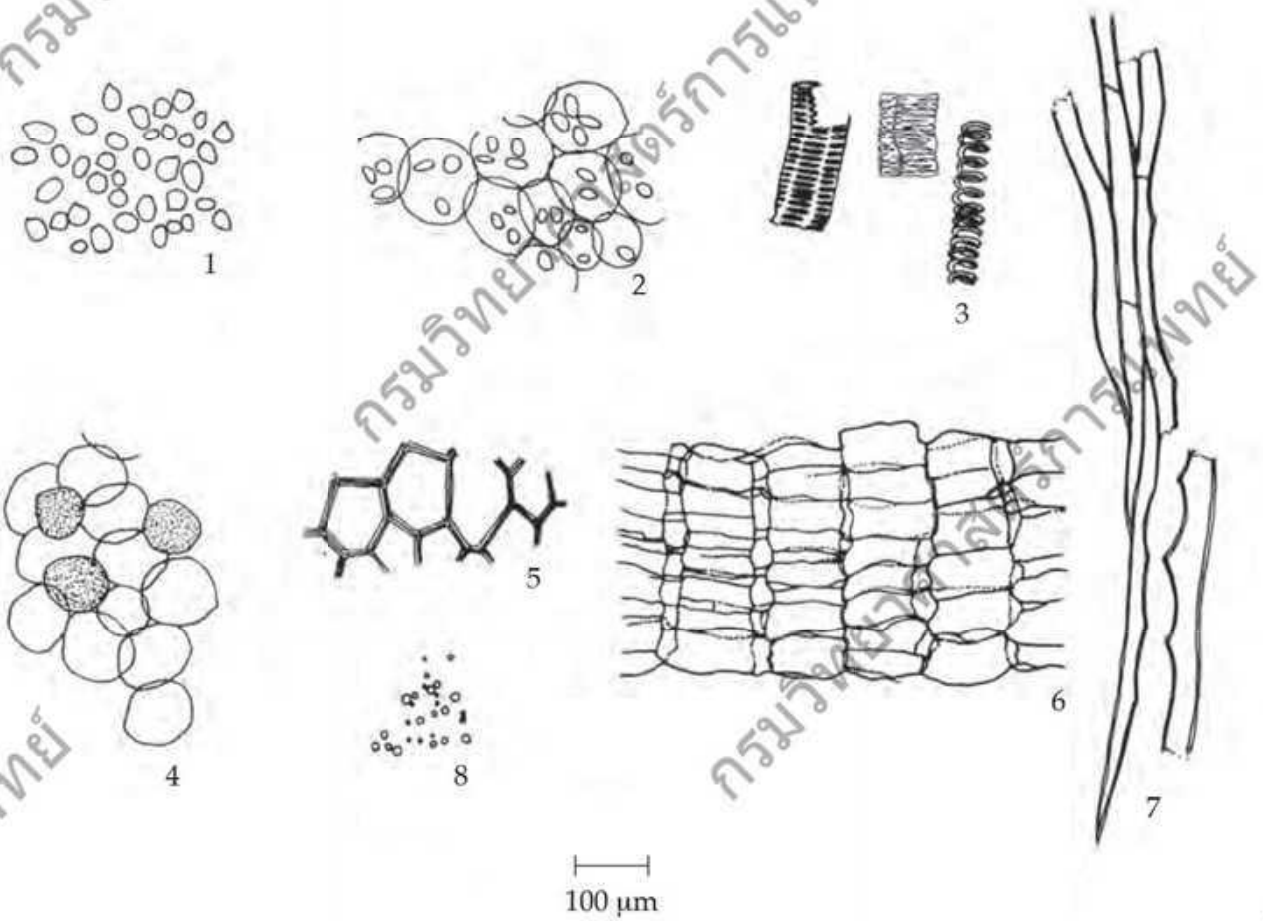
- 1. habit
- 2. flowering scape with flowers
- 3. flower (oblique view)
- 4. stamen with attached lateral staminodes



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Rhizome of *Zingiber zerumbet* (L.) Roscoe ex Sm.

A., B. Parts of Transverse Section

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. epidermis    | 5. vascular bundle               |
| 2. storied cork | 6. pseudoendodermis              |
| 3. parenchyma   | 7. oil droplet                   |
| 4. oleoresin    | 8. parenchyma with starch grains |



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Rhizomes of *Zingiber zerumbet* (L.) Roscoe ex Sm.

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|---|---|
| 1. starch grains                              | 5. storied cork in surface view           |
| 2. parenchyma containing starch grains        | 6. storied cork in sectional view         |
| 3. scalariform, reticulate and spiral vessels | 7. septate fibres, some with dentate wall |
| 4. parenchyma, some with oleoresin            | 8. oil droplets                           |

Zerumbet Ginger in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Elongate-elliptic, beaked starch grains and scalariform and reticulate vessels are abundant. Oil droplets and oleoresins can also be observed. Septate fibres, some with dentate wall are characteristic.

**Additional information** The fresh rhizomes are traditionally used as a galactagogue.

**Packaging and storage** Zerumbet Ginger shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place.

#### Identification

A. Warm 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *water* on a water-bath for 15 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add a few drops of *iron(III) chloride TS*: a greenish brown colour is produced.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 75 volumes of *toluene* and 25 volumes of *ethyl acetate* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by macerating 1 g of the sample, in *No. 250 powder*, in 10 mL of *methanol* for 6 hours, filtering and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; one yellow and one bluish yellow fluorescent spots are observed. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 120° for 5 minutes; two pink and three purple spots appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Zingiber zerumbet* (L.) Roscoe ex Sm.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	20–24	quenching	–	–
2	24–32	–	yellow	–
3	35–40	–	–	purple
4	48–54	quenching	–	pink
5	55–61	–	–	pale pink
6	57–64	–	bluish yellow	–
7	64–73	strong quenching	–	dark purple
8	78–83	–	–	pale purple

**Water** Not more than 11.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

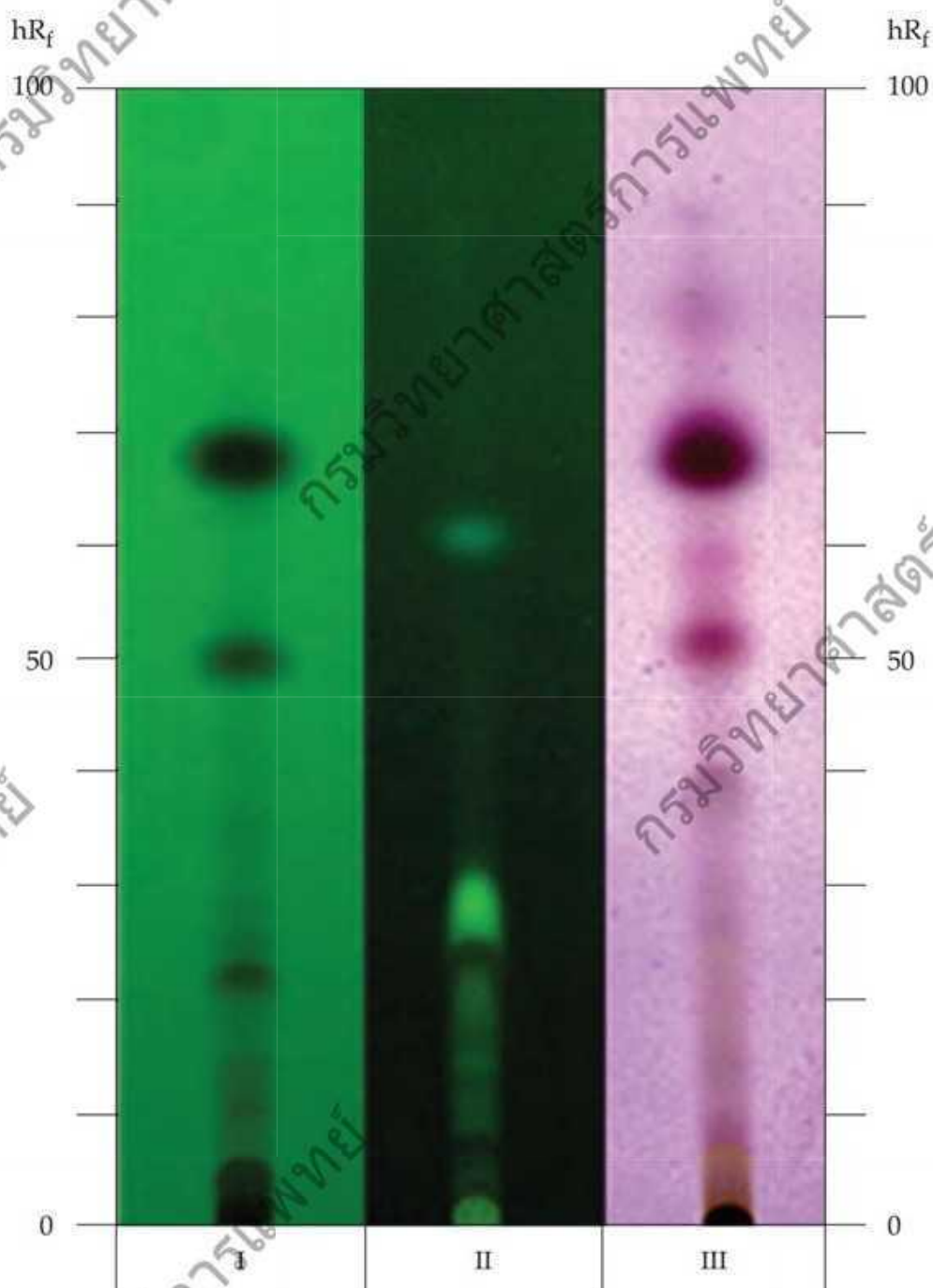
**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 9.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 0.6 per cent v/w (Appendix 7.3H). Use 50 g, in No. 250 powder, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 300 mL of water as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of xylene in the graduated tube.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Rhizomes of *Zingiber zerumbet* (L.) Roscoe ex Sm.

I = detection under UV light (254 nm)

II = detection under UV light (366 nm)

III = detection with *anisaldehyde TS*

## กระวาน (KRAWAN)

กระวานจันท (KRAWAN CHAN), กระวานดำ (KRAWAN DAM), กระวานขาว (KRAWAN KHAO),  
กระวานโพธิสัตว์ (KRAWAN POTHISAT)

Wurfbainiae Testaceae Fructus

Siam Cardamom

**Synonyms** Camphor Seed, Round Cardamom, Round Cardamom Fruit

**Category** Carminative, stomachic.

Siam Cardamom is the dried ripe fruit of *Wurfbainia testacea* (Ridl.) Škorničk. & A. D. Poulsen (*Amomum testaceum* Ridl., *A. krerвань* Pierre ex Gagnep.) (Family Zingiberaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5283, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1192.

**Constituents** Siam Cardamom contains volatile oil, of which 1,8-cineole,  $\beta$ -pinene and borneol are its major components.

**Description of plant** (Fig. 1) Perennial herb, 1.3 to 2.5 m tall; rhizome white, widely creeping. Leaves simple, distichous, 7 to 18 per pseudostem, leaf blade lanceolate to oblong, 13 to 62 cm long, 6 to 13 cm wide, apex acuminate or cuspidate, base attenuate or narrowly cuneate into winged-like petiole, margin entire, glabrous on both surfaces; ligule bilobed, about 5 mm long, usually papery, with stiff hair along margin. Inflorescence spike, arising from rhizome, cylindrical or conical, 5 to 14 cm long, 4 to 5 cm wide; peduncle 4 to 15 cm long; bract pale brown, narrowly triangular, striate, 3 to 5 cm long, 1 to 2 cm wide, apex acuminate or apiculate, papery, with stiff, long hair; bracteole creamy white, tubular, 1.8 to 2 cm long, apex deeply bilobe. Flower: calyx tubular, 1.8 to 2 cm long, apex trifid; corolla creamy white, outer surface pubescent, corolla tube 2 to 2.2 cm long; labellum white with broad dull yellow patch towards apex and a yellow median band flanked by reddish to purplish lines extended to base, obovate, 1.5 to 2 cm long, 0.8 to 1.7 cm wide; stamen 1, filament 5 to 6 mm long, 2 to 3 mm wide, glabrous, anther 2.5 to 3 mm long, 2 to 2.5 mm wide, anther crest 3-lobed, creamy white; staminode 1; ovary inferior, 3-loculed, pubescent, ovules numerous per locule, style hairy, stigma cup-shaped. Fruit a dehiscent capsule, globose, 0.7 to 1.7 cm in diameter, brownish cream, 3-lobed, with longitudinal lines, hairy when young, soon glabrous. Seed numerous, angular, about 3 mm long, about 2 mm wide, blackish when ripe; aril dull, fragrant.

**Description** Odour, camphorous; taste, pungent and cool.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1). Fruit capsule, round, 0.7 to 1.8 cm in diameter, 3-loculed, 12 to 18 seeds per locule; pericarp yellowish white to yellowish brown, sparsely hairy, with 3 deep longitudinal furrows, apex possessing a prominent stylopodium. Seed irregularly polyhedral, brownish to blackish with remaining aril.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e) Transverse section of the pericarp shows exocarp, mesocarp, vascular bundle, and endocarp. Exocarp: a layer of rectangular epidermis and multicellular uniseriate trichome. Mesocarp: broad zone of parenchyma, some containing prismatic or acicular crystals, several layers of thick-walled sclerenchyma adjacent to endocarp. Vascular bundle: surrounded by fibrous layers, collateral and scattered in mesocarp. Endocarp: 1 to 3 layers of small crushed cells.



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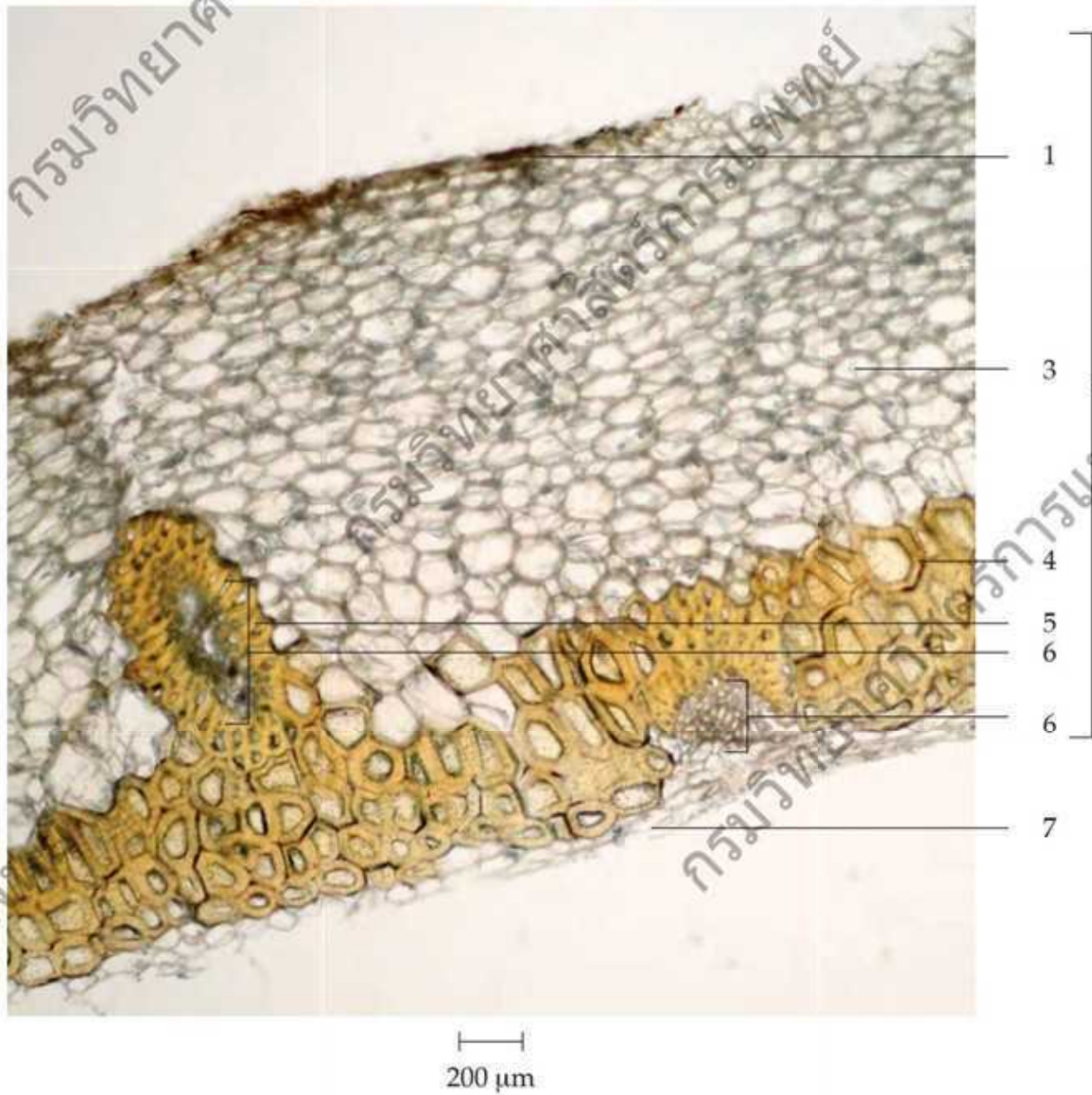
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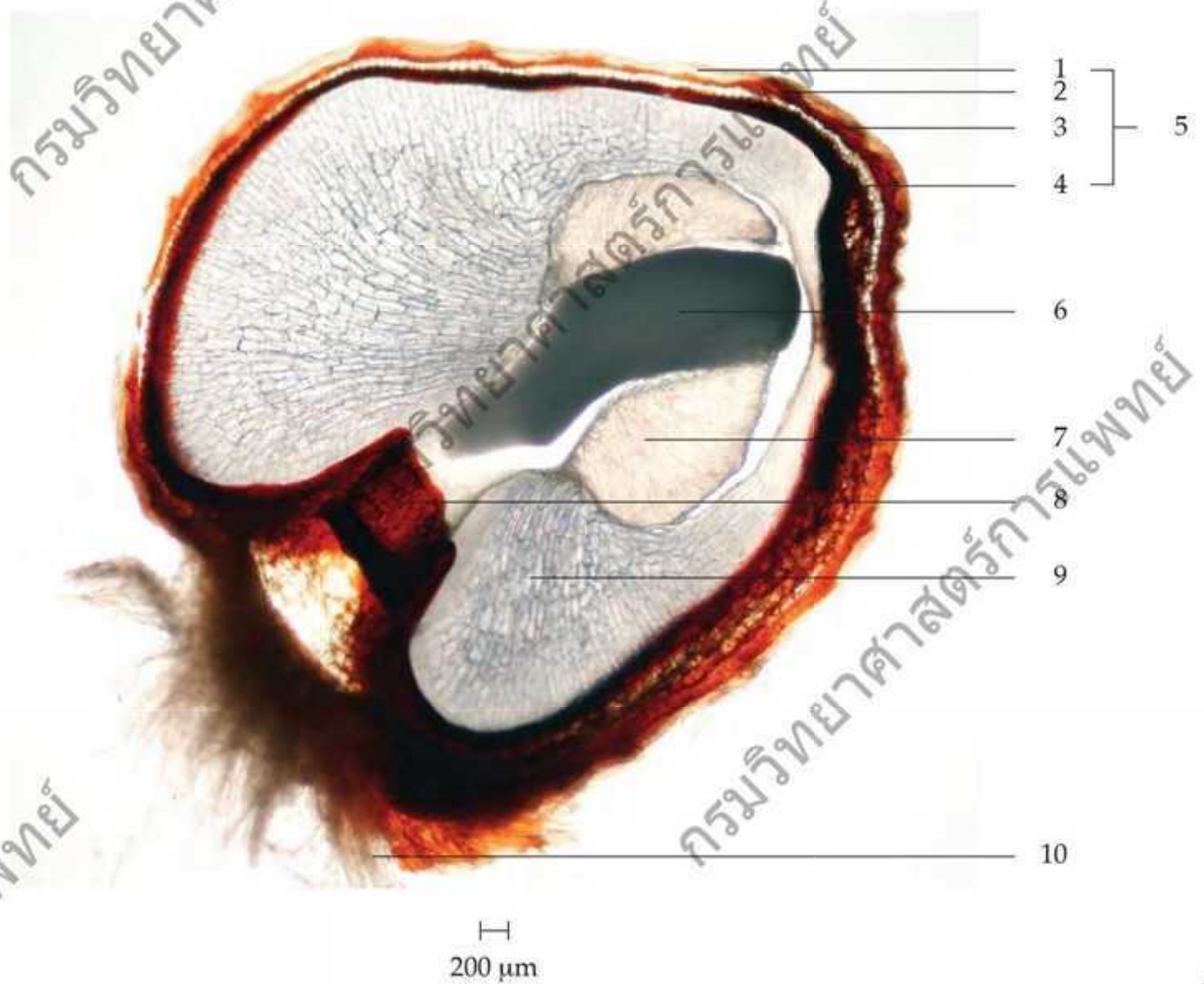
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**Fig. 1** *Wurfbainia testacea* (Ridl.) Škorničk. & A. D. Poulsen  
 1. habit 2. leaf sheath and ligule 3. inflorescences  
 4. flower showing dorsal corolla lobe, labellum, anther and crest  
 5. fruit in infructescence (a), fruits in different stages (b) 6. crude drug



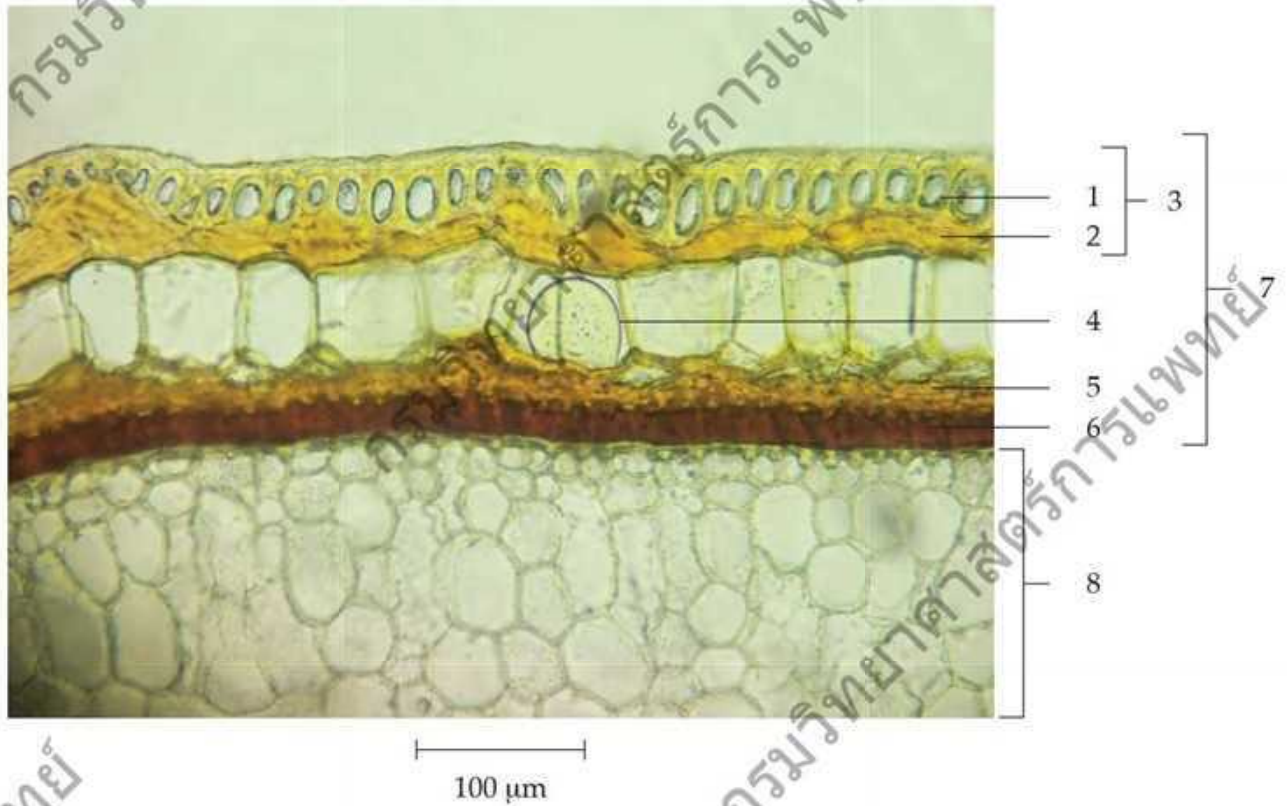
**Fig. 2a** Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Pericarp of *Wurfbainia testacea* (Ridl.) Škorničk. & A. D. Poulsen

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|--|--------------------|
| 1. exocarp                                 | 4. sclereid        |
| 2. mesocarp                                | 5. fibre           |
| 3. parenchyma containing prismatic crystal | 6. vascular bundle |
|  | 7. endocarp        |



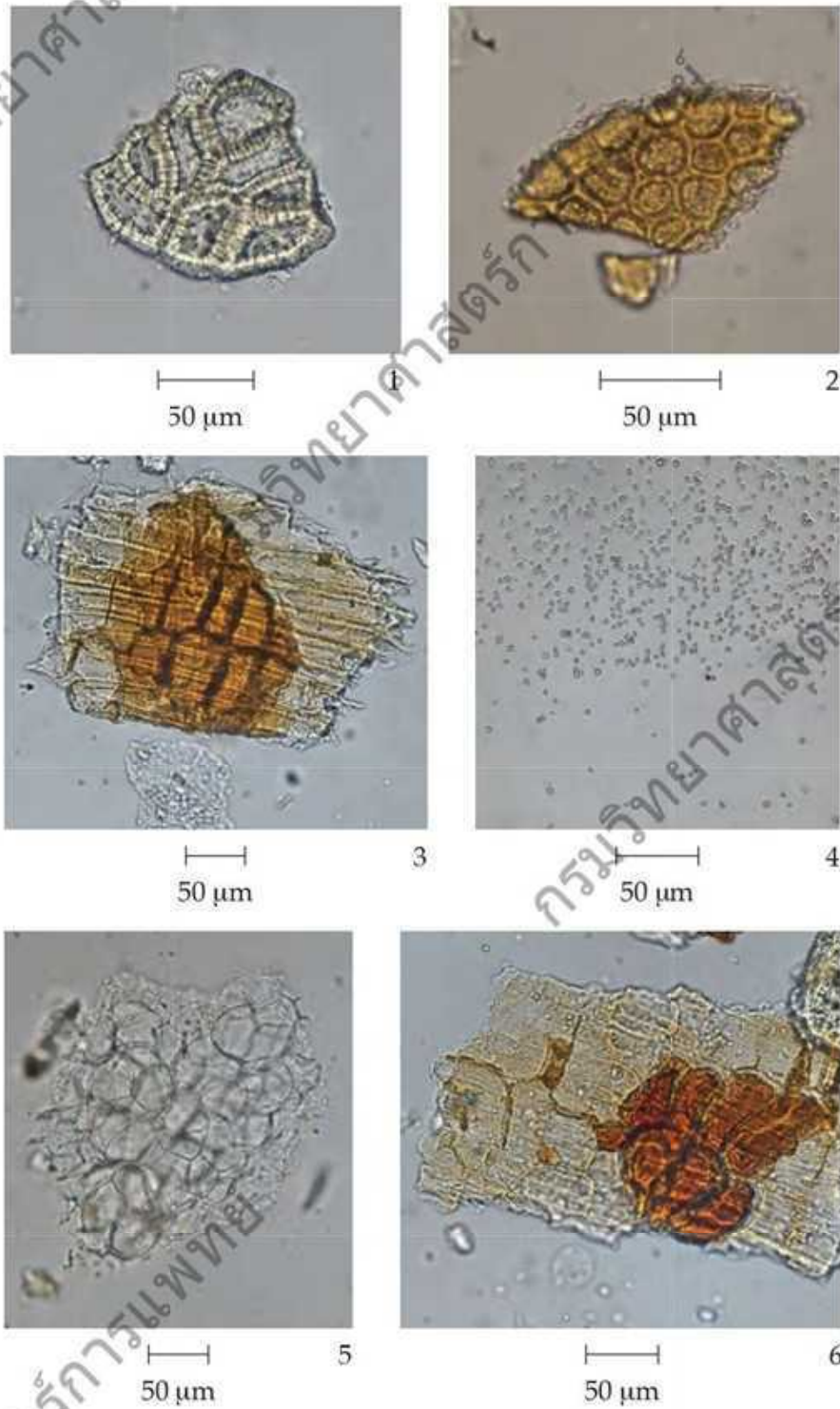
**Fig. 2b** Photomicrograph of Longitudinal Section of the Seed of *Wurbainia testacea* (Ridl.) Škorničk. & A. D. Poulsen

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1. epidermis of exofesta | 6. embryo    |
| 2. hypodermis            | 7. endosperm |
| 3. oil cell              | 8. funiculus |
| 4. pigment layer         | 9. perisperm |
| 5. seed coat             | 10. aril     |



**Fig. 2c** Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Outer Part of the Seed of *Wurfainia testacea* (Ridl.) Škorničk. & A. D. Poulsen

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. epidermis                          | 5. pigment layer |
| 2. hypodermis                         | 6. endotesta     |
| 3. exotesta                           | 7. seed coat     |
| 4. oil cell containing<br>oil globule | 8. perisperm     |



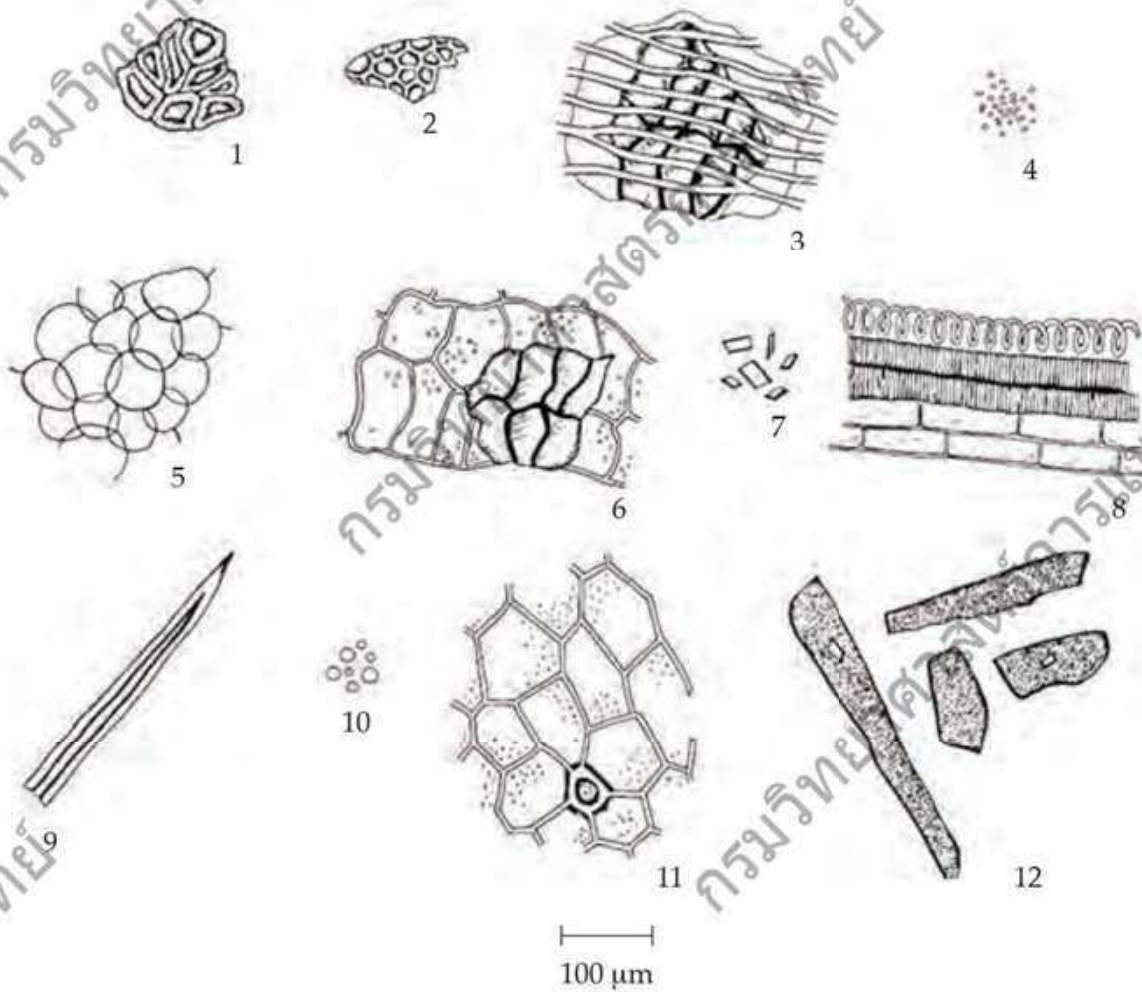
**Fig. 2d** Photomicrographs of Powdered Drug of the Fruits of *Wurfbainia testacea* (Ridl.) Škorničk. & A. D. Poulsen

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|---|---|
| 1. sclereids  | 4. starch grains  |
| 2. endotesta in surface view  | 5. parenchyma of mesocarp                               |
| 3. epidermis of exotesta with underlying hypodermis in surface view | 6. hypodermis with underlying oil cells in surface view |



Fig. 2d (continued)

- 7. prismatic crystals
- 8. spiral, scalariform and reticulate vessels
- 9. fibre
- 10. oil droplets
- 11. epidermis of exocarp, with cicatrix in surface view
- 12. perisperm containing starch grains and prismatic crystal



**Fig. 2e** Line Drawings of Powdered Drug of the Fruits of *Wurfbainia testacea* (Ridl.) Škorničk. & A. D. Poulsen

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|---|--|
| 1. sclereids  | 7. prismatic crystals  |
| 2. endotesta in surface view  | 8. spiral, scalariform and                                       |
| 3. epidermis of exotesta<br>with underlying hypodermis<br>in surface view | reticulate vessels   |
| 4. starch grains  | 9. fibre   |
| 5. parenchyma of mesocarp   | 10. oil droplets   |
| 6. hypodermis with underlying<br>oil cells in surface view                | 11. epidermis of exocarp, with<br>cicatrix in surface view       |
|   | 12. perisperm containing starch<br>grains and prismatic crystals |

Transverse and longitudinal sections of the seed show seed coat, perisperm, endosperm, embryo, and funiculus. Seed coat: exotesta, a layer of radially elongated epidermis and a few layers of reddish brown hypodermis; a layer of large thin-walled subrectangular oil cells and 2 to 4 layers of dark reddish brown thin-walled polygonal cells; endotesta, a layer of palisade-like sclerenchyma cells. Perisperm: parenchyma containing numerous small starch grains and some containing prismatic crystals. Endosperm: parenchyma containing oil droplets. Embryo: numerous thin-walled parenchyma. Funiculus: dark brown parenchyma cells.

Siam Cardamom in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Epidermis of seed coat with underlying hypodermis and hypodermis with underlying oil cells are characteristic.

**Packaging and storage** Siam Cardamom shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place.

#### Identification

A. Sonicate 2 g of the sample, in coarse powder, with 10 mL of methanol for 30 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add a few drops of ninhydrin TS and heat on a water-bath: a violet colour is produced.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using silica gel 60 F254 as the coating substance and a mixture of 90 volumes of n-hexane and 10 volumes of ethyl acetate as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 6 mm, 20  $\mu$ L of solution (A) and 2  $\mu$ L of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by sonicating 1 g of the sample, in coarse powder, with 3 mL of dichloromethane for 20 minutes and filtering. For solution (B), mix 10  $\mu$ L of 1,8-cineole with 1 mL of dichloromethane. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine the plate under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm); two blue fluorescent bands are observed. Subsequently spray the plate with vanillin-sulfuric acid TS3 and heat at 110° for 10 minutes. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a blue band ( $R_f$  value 48 to 58) corresponding to the 1,8-cineole band obtained from solution (B). Several other bands of different colours are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Dichloromethane Extract of the Fruits of *Wurfbainia testacea* (Ridl.) Škorničk. & A. D. Poulsen

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Vanillin-Sulfuric Acid TS3
1	12-16	weak quenching	-	blue
2	15-20	-	blue	-
3	21-25	weak quenching	-	pale grey
4	30-32	-	-	pale grey
5	40-45	-	light blue	-
6*	48-58	-	-	dark blue
7	72-78	-	-	grey

\*1,8-cineole

**Water** Not more than 11.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

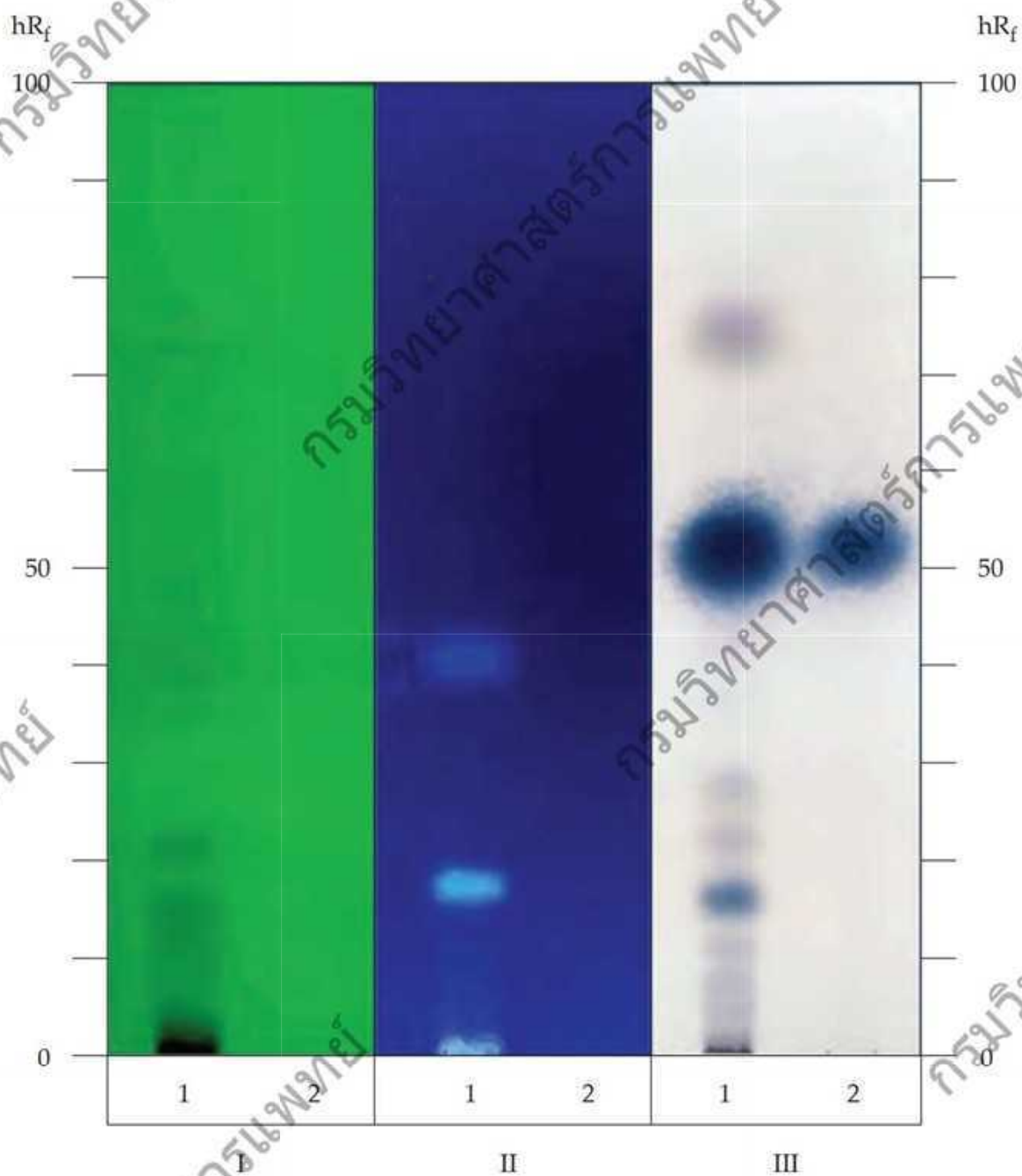
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 6.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 4.0 per cent v/w, calculated on the anhydrous basis (Appendix 7.3H). Use 15 g, in *coarse powder*, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 250 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Add 1 mL of *silicone antifoam (30 per cent)* to the sample in the flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 4 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Dichloromethane Extract of the Fruits of *Wurfbainia testacea* (Ridl.) Škorničk. & A. D. Poulsen

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *vanillin-sulfuric acid TS3*

## ลักจั่น (LAKKACHAN)

ลักกะจั่น, ลักจั่นทน์, ลักกะจั่นทน์ (LAKKACHAN)<sup>1</sup>

Dracaenae Cochinchinensis Lignum

Dracaena Cochinchinensis Wood

Category Antipyretic, anti-inflammatory.

**Dracaena Cochinchinensis Wood** is the dried reddish fungal-infected wood of *Dracaena cochinchinensis* (Lour.) S. C. Chen (*Aletris cochinchinensis* Lour., *Dracaena loureiroi* Gagnep., *Pleomele cochinchinensis* Merr. ex Gagnep.) (Family Dracaenaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5179, BKF 168152, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0934.

**Constituents** Dracaenae Cochinchinensis Wood contains flavonoids such as loureirin A and loureirin B, stilbenoids, steroids, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Tree 5 to 15 m tall; stem more or less branched, internodes short, bark smooth, greyish white, becoming greyish brown with age. Leaves simple, spirally arranged, crowded at the top, sword-shaped, 30 to 100 cm long, 2 to 5 cm wide, apex acute, base completely covering internodes, margin entire, blade leathery. Inflorescence terminal, panicle, more than 40 cm long, drooping; rachis densely papillose-pubescent. Flower whitish, in clusters of 2 to 5; pedicel 3 to 6 mm long, articulate distally; perianth campanulate, 6 to 8 mm long, tube 1.5 to 2 mm long, lobes 6, 5 to 6 mm long; stamens 6, inserted in tube of perianth, filament reddish, flat, 0.5 to 0.7 mm wide, anther versatile; ovary superior, 3-loculed, ovule(s) 1 or 2 per locule, style slender, stigma capitate. Fruit berry, subglobose, 8 to 12 mm wide, orange when ripe. Seeds 1 to 3.

**Description** Odour, slightly aromatic; taste, slightly astringent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Irregular pieces of woody segment, smooth or rough, easily broken, brownish red; longitudinal surface spirally grained.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) Transverse section of the wood shows parenchyma cells and scattered vascular bundles. Vascular bundle, concentric and amphivasal, surrounded by thick-walled fibre-tracheids; vessels, thick-walled, with orange to reddish resinous mass; phloem tissue, small and thin-walled, located in the centre. Parenchyma cell, thin-walled, round or ovate, some containing raphides or infected by fungal mycelia.

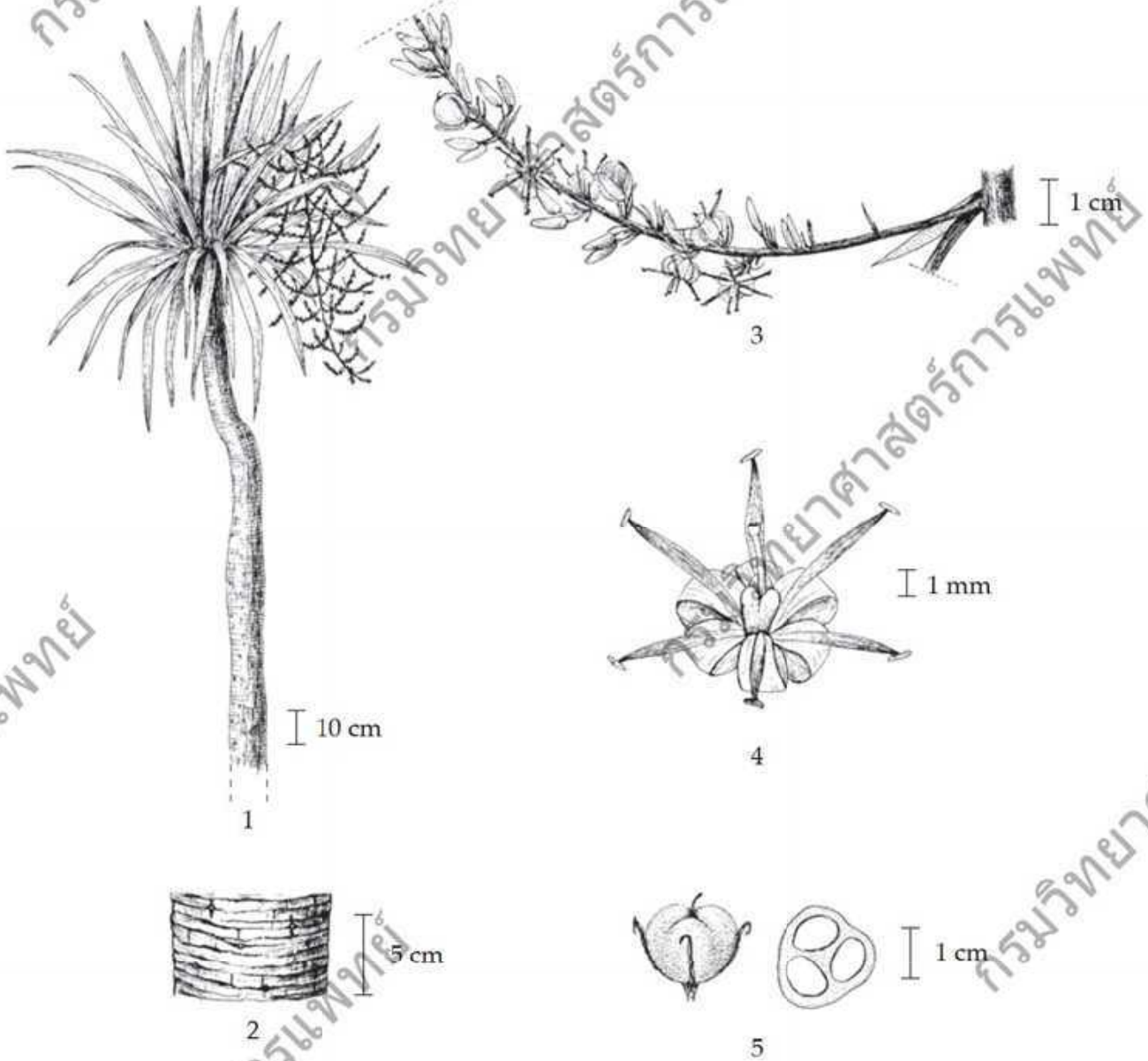
Longitudinal section of the wood shows parenchyma cells and vascular bundles. Vessels, elongated, thick-walled with scalariform, reticulate or bordered pits, some containing orange to reddish resinous mass. Fibre-tracheid, elongated, thick-walled with bordered pits, some containing orange to reddish resinous mass. Phloem tissue, elongated, thin-walled cells. Parenchyma cell, ovate or rectangular, slightly thick-walled, some containing raphides or fungal mycelia.

Dracaena Cochinchinensis Wood in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

<sup>1</sup> The four Thai names, i.e. ลักกะจั่น, ลักจั่นทน์, and ลักกะจั่นทน์ spelled and pronounced differently can be transcribed into the same English phonetic transcription "LAKKACHAN".

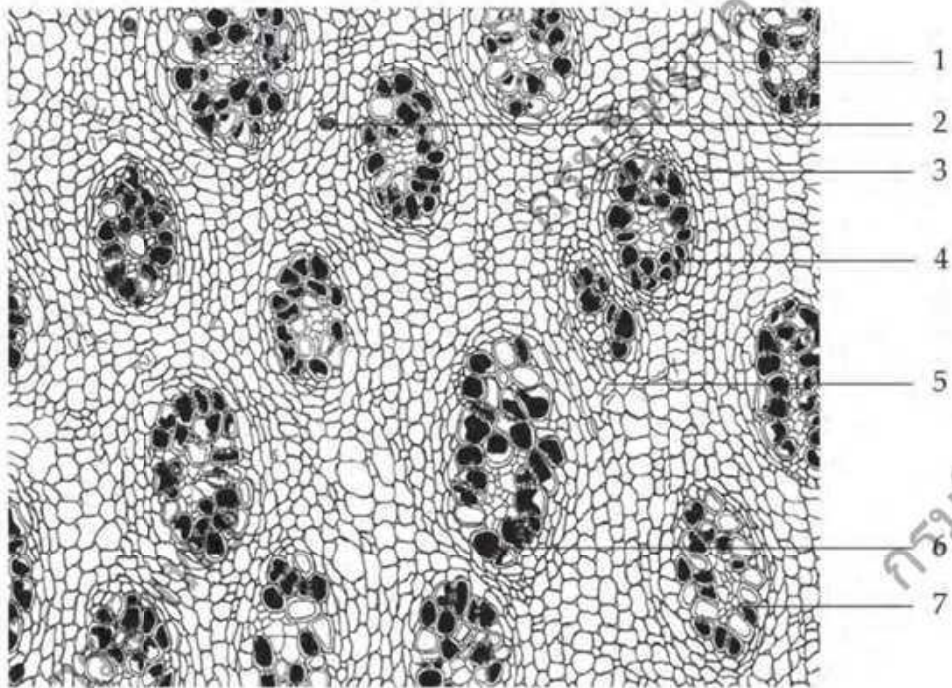
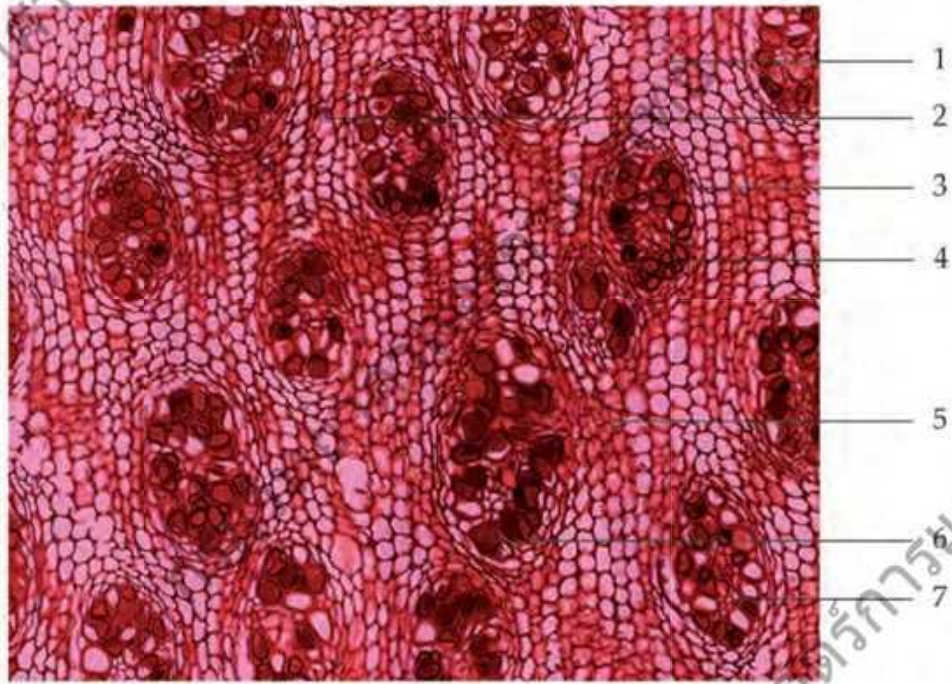


Fig. 1a *Dracaena cochinchinensis* (Lour.) S. C. Chen  
1. flowering branches 2. inflorescence 3. infructescences  
4. ripe fruits and seeds 5. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Dracaena cochinchinensis* (Lour.) S. C. Chen

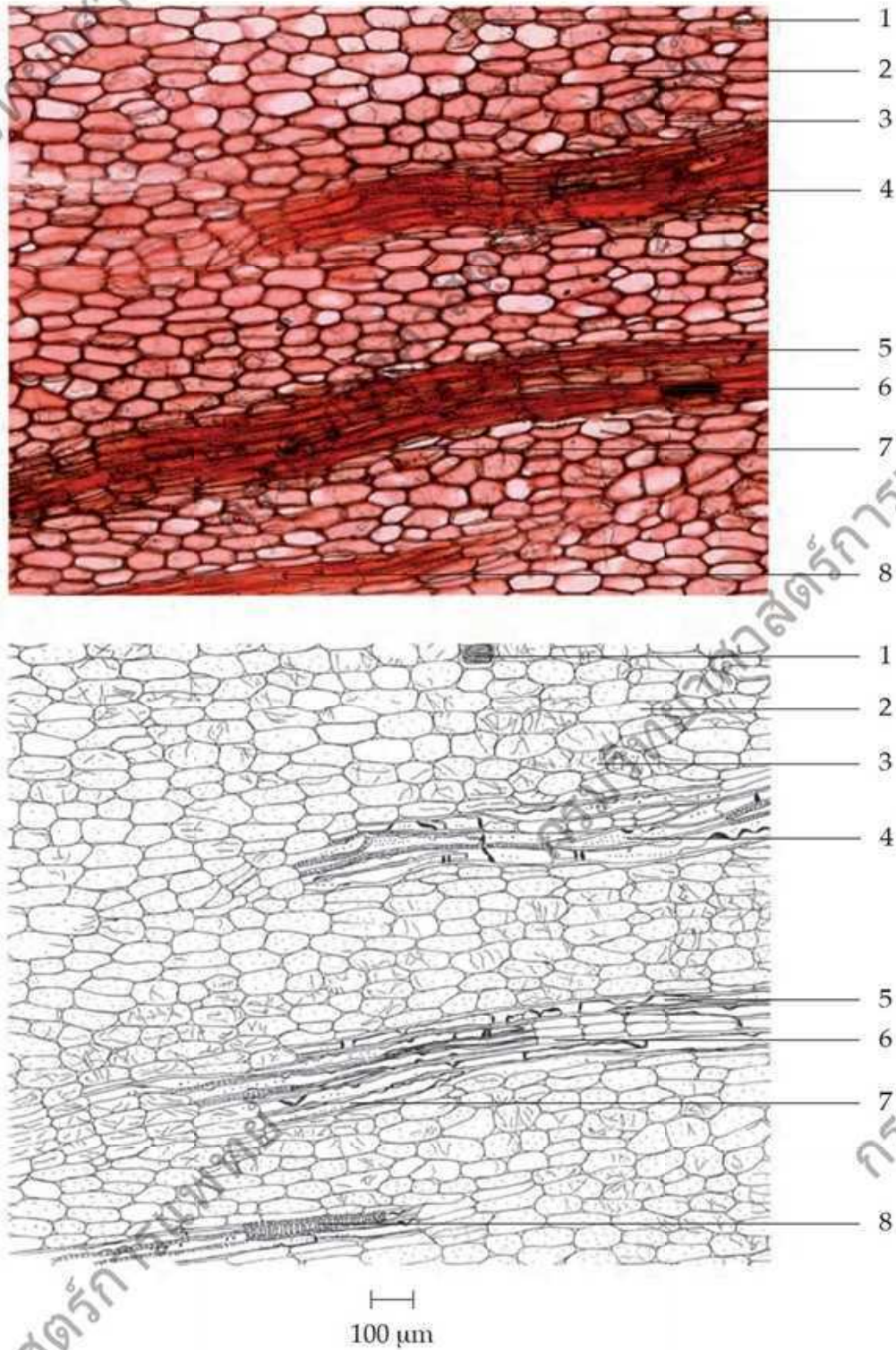
- 1. flowering branch
- 2. surface of stem
- 3. part of inflorescence
- 4. flower
- 5. fruit and cross section of fruit



100  $\mu$ m

**Fig. 2a** Photomicrograph and Line Drawing of Transverse Section of the Wood of *Dracaena cochinchinensis* (Lour.) S. C. Chen

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. parenchyma cell | 5. fungal mycelia in parenchyma cell |
| 2. raphide         | 6. orange to reddish resin in vessel |
| 3. fibre-tracheid  | 7. phloem tissue                     |
| 4. vessel          |                                      |



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrograph and Line Drawing of Longitudinal Section of the Wood of *Dracaena cochinchinensis* (Lour.) S. C. Chen

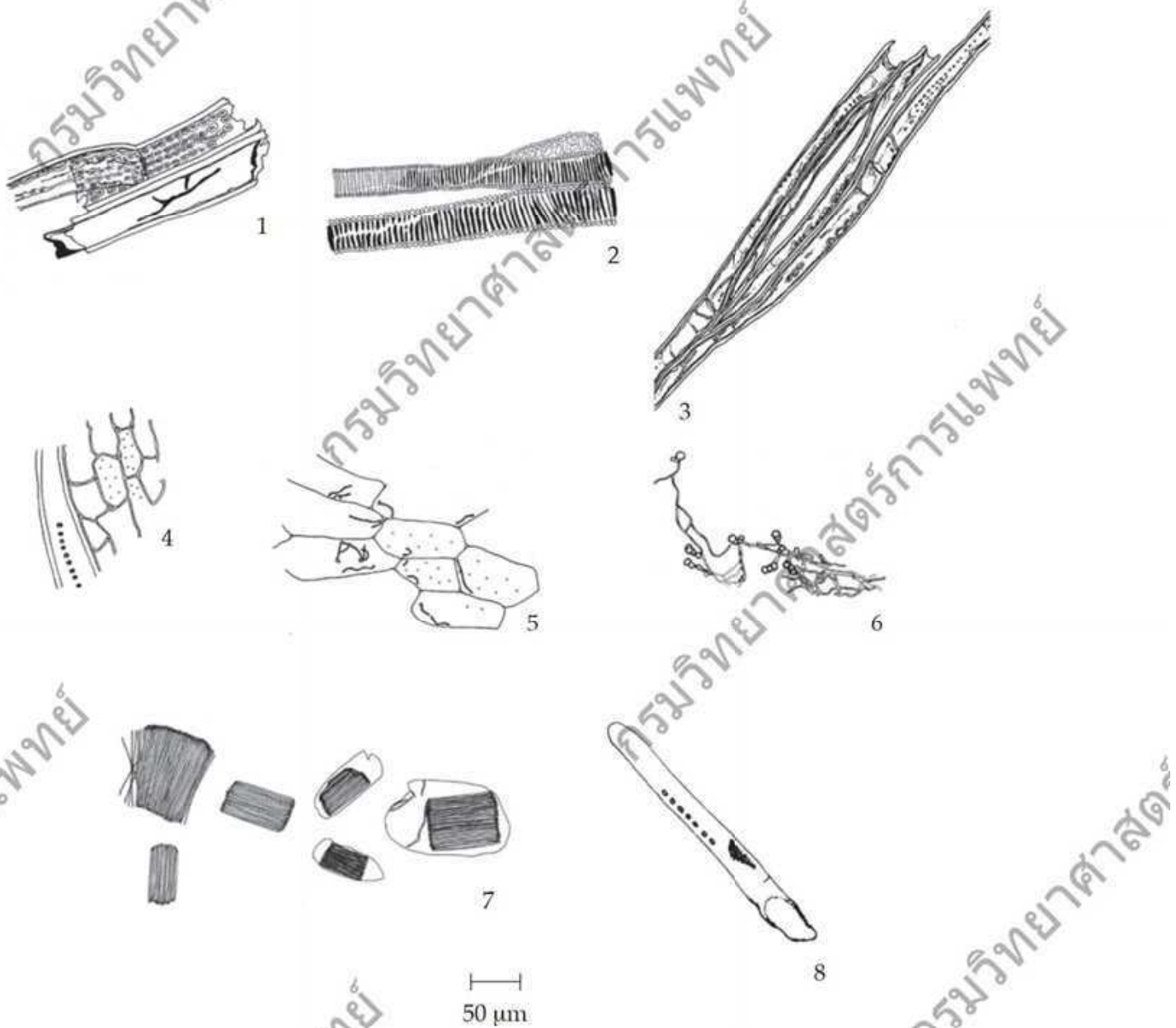
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| 1. raphide                           | 5. orange to reddish resin in vessel |
| 2. parenchyma cell                   | 6. phloem tissue                     |
| 3. fungal mycelia in parenchyma cell | 7. fibre-tracheid                    |
| 4. pitted vessel                     | 8. reticulate vessel                 |



Fig. 2c Photomicrographs of Powdered Drug of the Wood of *Dracaena cochinchinensis* (Lour.)

S. C. Chen

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| 1. bordered-pitted vessel                              | 5. fungal mycelia in parenchyma cells |
| 2. scalariform, reticulate and bordered-pitted vessels | 6. fungal mycelia                     |
| 3. fibre-tracheids                                     | 7. raphides                           |
| 4. parenchyma cells and fibre-tracheid                 | 8. orange to reddish resin in vessel  |



**Fig. 2d** Line Drawings of Powdered Drug of the Wood of *Dracaena cochinchinensis* (Lour.)  
S. C. Chen

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. bordered-pitted vessel                              | 5. fungal mycelia in parenchyma cells |
| 2. scalariform, reticulate and bordered-pitted vessels | 6. fungal mycelia                     |
| 3. fibre-tracheids                                     | 7. raphides                           |
| 4. parenchyma cells and fibre-tracheid                 | 8. orange to reddish resin in vessel  |

**Additional information** It is commercially available as a substitute for Chan Daeng (red sandalwood) in Thai traditional medicine.

**Packaging and storage** *Dracaena Cochinchinensis* Wood shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

**Identification**

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 30 mL of *methanol* for 30 minutes and filter (solution 1). Evaporate 2 mL of solution 1 to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *acetic anhydride*, slowly add a few drops of *sulfuric acid* and mix: a green colour develops.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 50 volumes of *hexane*, 50 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 2.5 volumes of *methanol* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by evaporating about 20 mL of solution 1 to dryness and dissolving the residue in 2 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; several blue fluorescent spots are observed. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 110° for 10 minutes; several spots of different colours appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1.**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Wood of *Dracaena cochinchinensis* (Lour.) S. C. Chen

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	16-19	-	bright blue	-
2	19-22	quenching	-	purplish brown
3	33-44	quenching	-	orange
4	45-52	quenching	blue	purplish brown
5	56-62	weak quenching	-	purplish brown
6	65-69	weak quenching	-	orange
7	69-72	-	light blue	-
8	72-74	quenching	-	purplish brown
9	74-79	weak quenching	-	pink
10	79-82	weak quenching	light blue	purplish brown
11	87-90	-	blue	pale violet
12	95-96	-	-	pale violet
13	97-98	-	-	pale violet

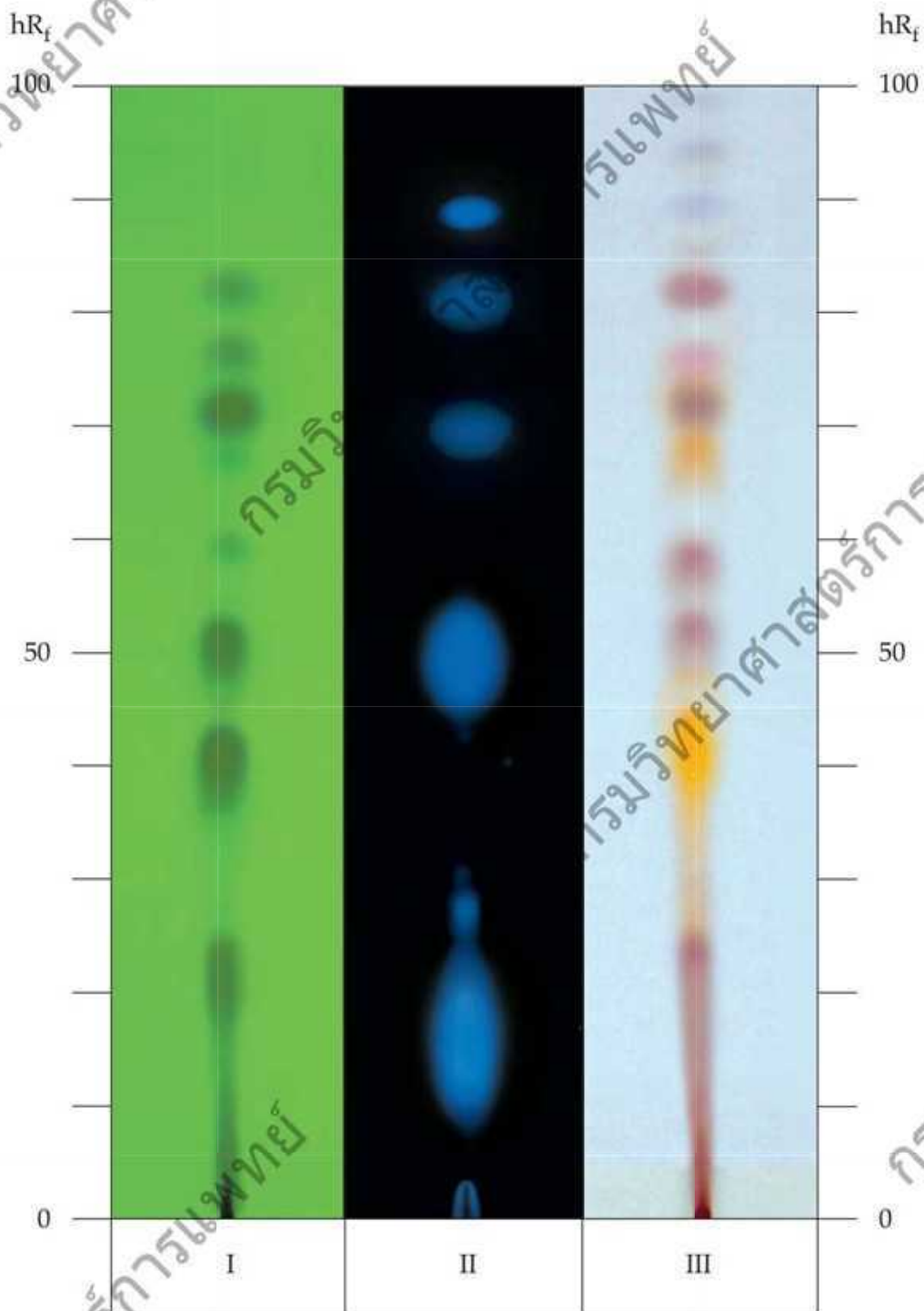
**Loss on drying** Not more than 9.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 0.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Total ash** Not more than 1.2 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 17.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Wood of *Dracaena cochinchinensis* (Lour.) S. C. Chen

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *anisaldehyde TS*

## ลูกจันทน์ (LUK CHAN)

ลูกจันทน์ (LUK CHAN), ลูกจันทน์เทศ (LUK CHAN THET), ผลจันทน์ (PHON CHAN)

Myristicaceae Fragrantis Semen

Nutmeg

**Synonym** Myristica

**Category** Carminative, stomachic, antispasmodic.

Nutmeg is the kernel of the dried ripe seed of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt. [*M. aromatica* Sw., *M. moschata* Thunb., *M. officinalis* L. f., *Aruana silvestris* Burm. f., *Palala fragrans* (Houtt.) Kuntze] (Family Myristicaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5284, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1191.

**Constituents** Nutmeg contains volatile oil, of which elemicin, isoelemicin, myristicin, sabinene, safrole, and 4-terpineol are its major components. It also contains fixed oil, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) See under *Mace*.

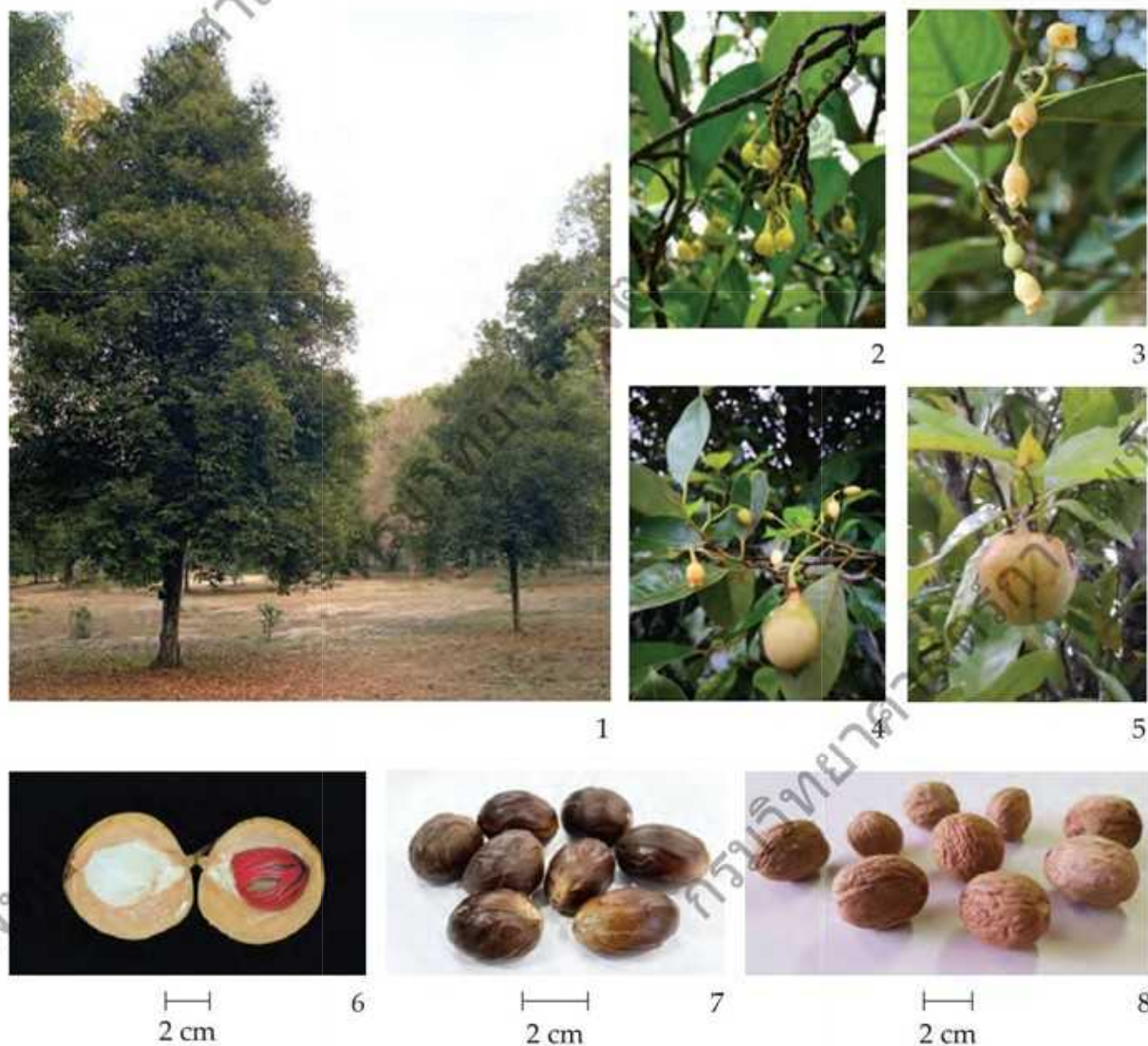
**Description** Odour, strongly aromatic, characteristic; taste, pungent, spicy.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Nutmeg occurs as a whole dried seed, usually from which the seed coat has been removed. The kernel, ovoid to ovoid-globose, 1.5 to 2.8 cm long, 1.5 to 2.0 cm wide, brownish; one end round and smooth, the other end more or less truncate, with whitish to yellowish scar; surface with pale longitudinal furrows, some with irregularly reticulate wrinkles.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the kernel of the seed shows outer zone of perisperm, inner zone of perisperm, vascular tissue, and endosperm. Outer zone of perisperm: numerous layers of thick-walled rectangular and flattened cells, and wrinkled cells containing reddish brown substance and some containing small prismatic crystals. Inner zone of perisperm: numerous layers of small thick-walled polygonal cells and large thin-walled oil cells. Vascular tissue: collateral vascular bundles, scattered in inner zone of perisperm. Endosperm: ruminated, numerous slightly thick-walled compact parenchyma cells, containing numerous simple and 2- to 4-compound starch grains.

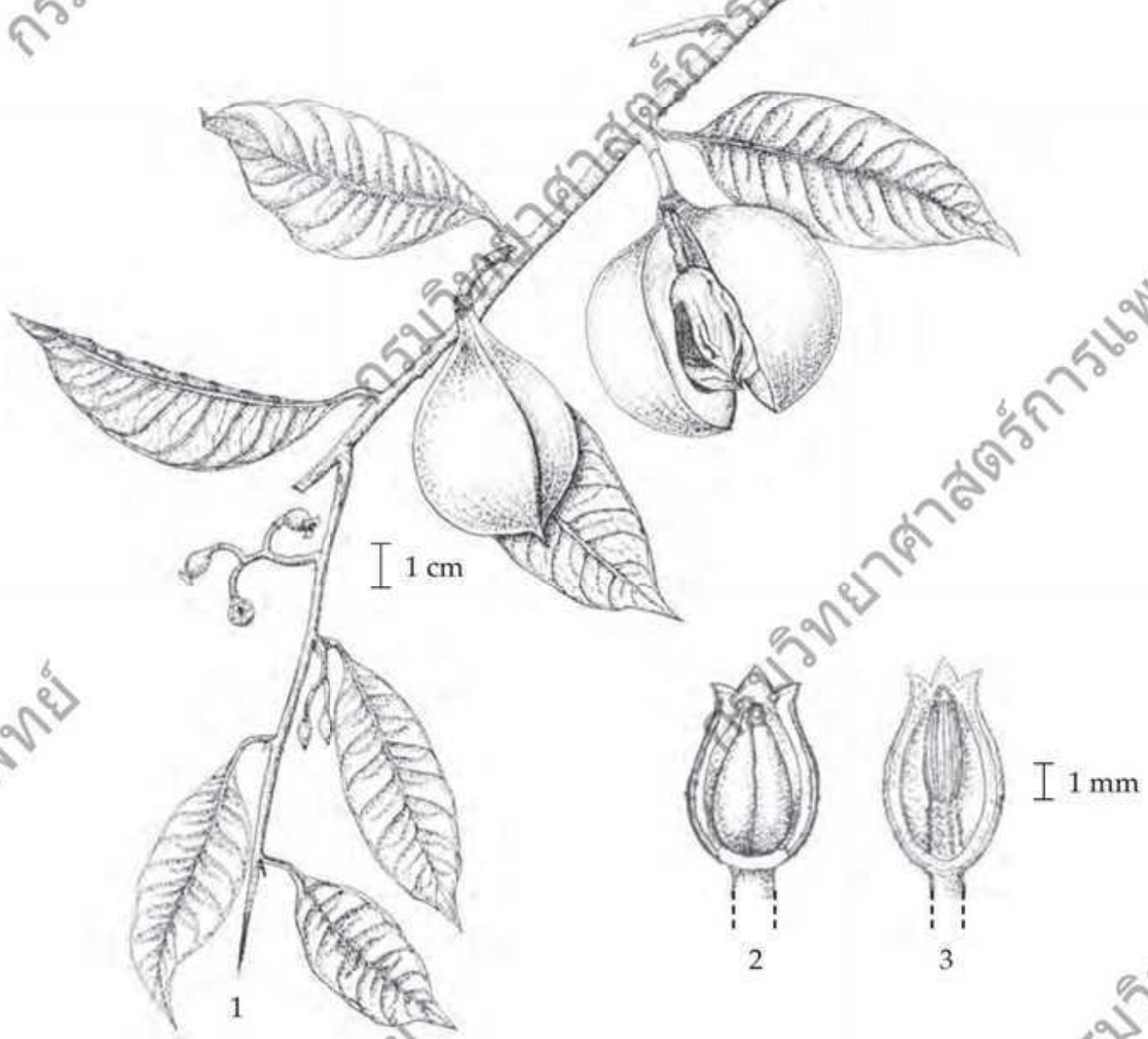
Nutmeg in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Oil cells, starch grains and reddish brown parenchyma of perisperm are found in abundance. However, the crystalline mass of fatty oil, formed by heating the powdered drug with *chloral hydrate* TS can be observed.

**Additional information** Large quantities (5 to 30 g) of nutmeg can induce psychogenic effect.



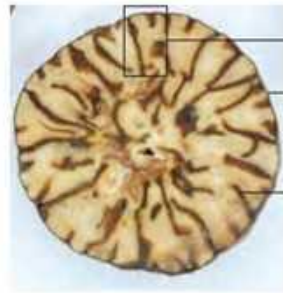
**Fig. 1a** *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

1. habit
2. male flowers
3. female flowers
4. flowering and fruiting twigs
5. fruit
6. ripe fruit showing pericarp, aril and seed
7. seeds
8. crude drug



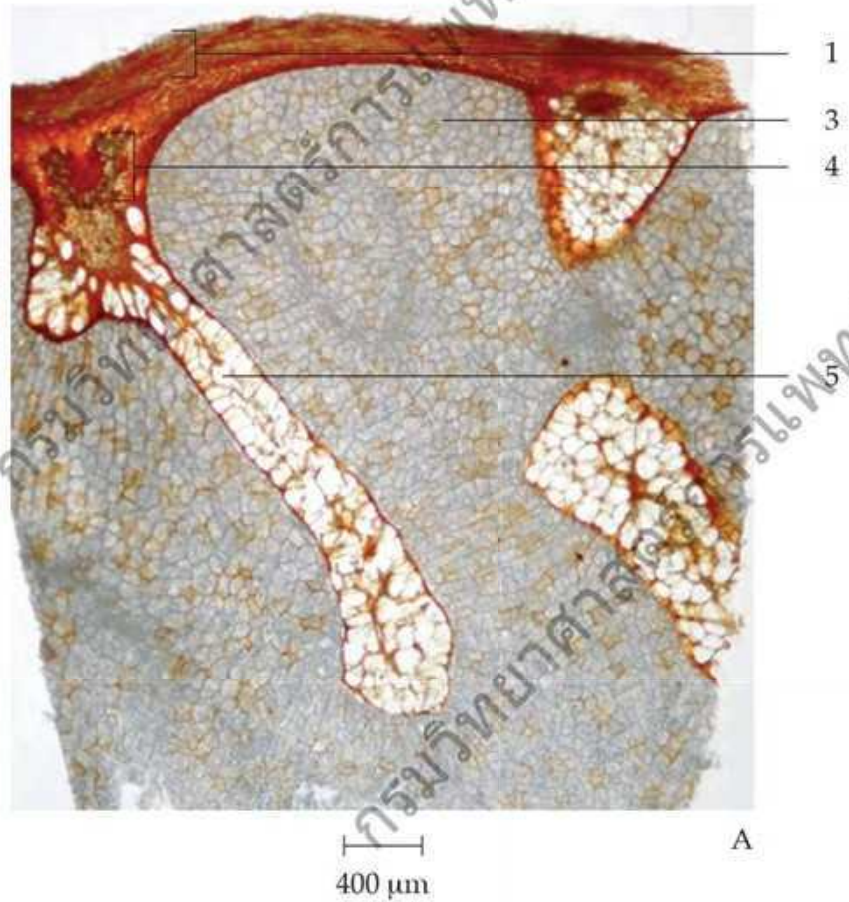
**Fig. 1b** *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

- 1. flowering and fruiting twig
- 2. female flower showing ovary and stigma
- 3. male flower showing filament and anther



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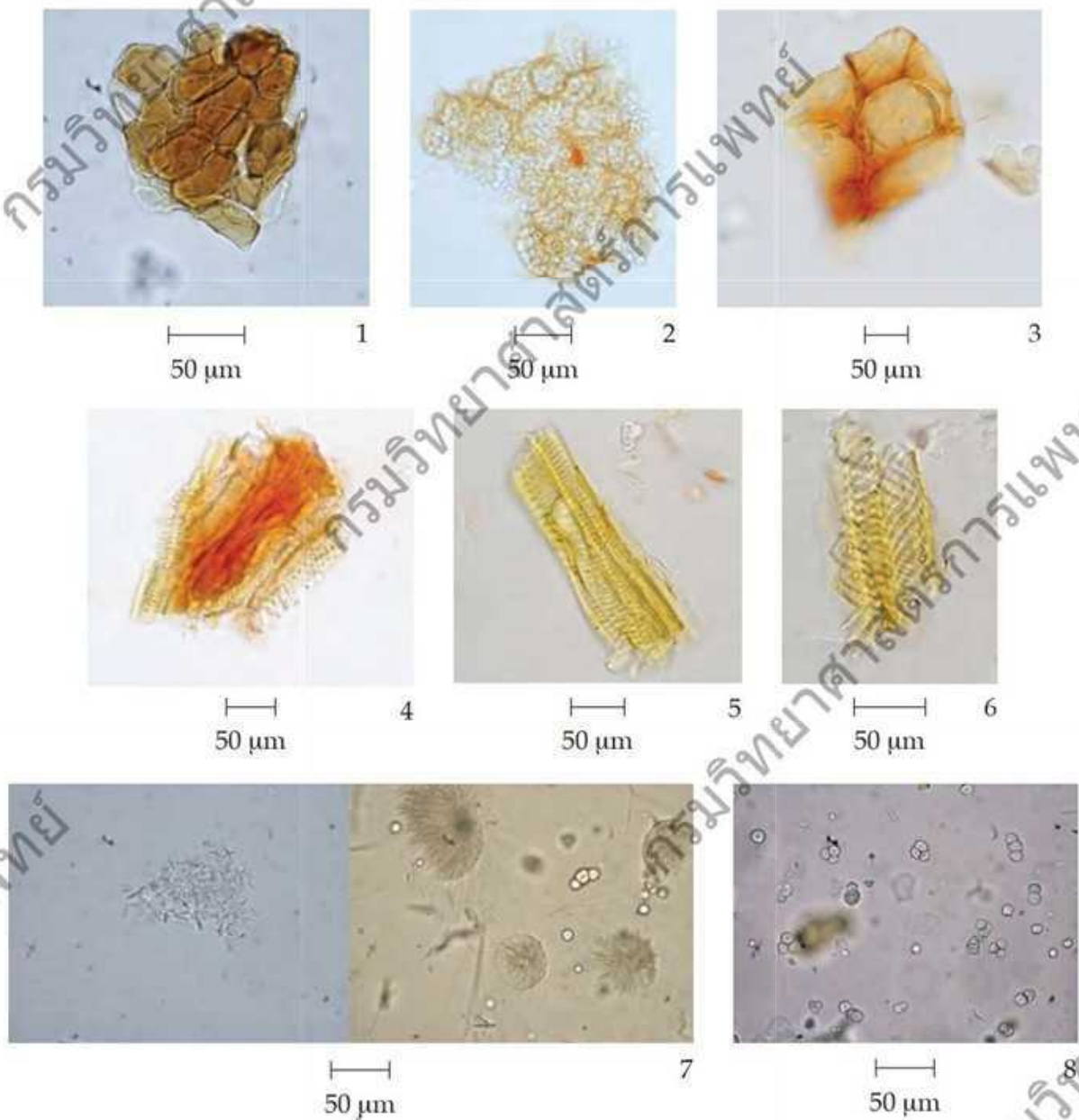
Diagram of the Kernel



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Kernel of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

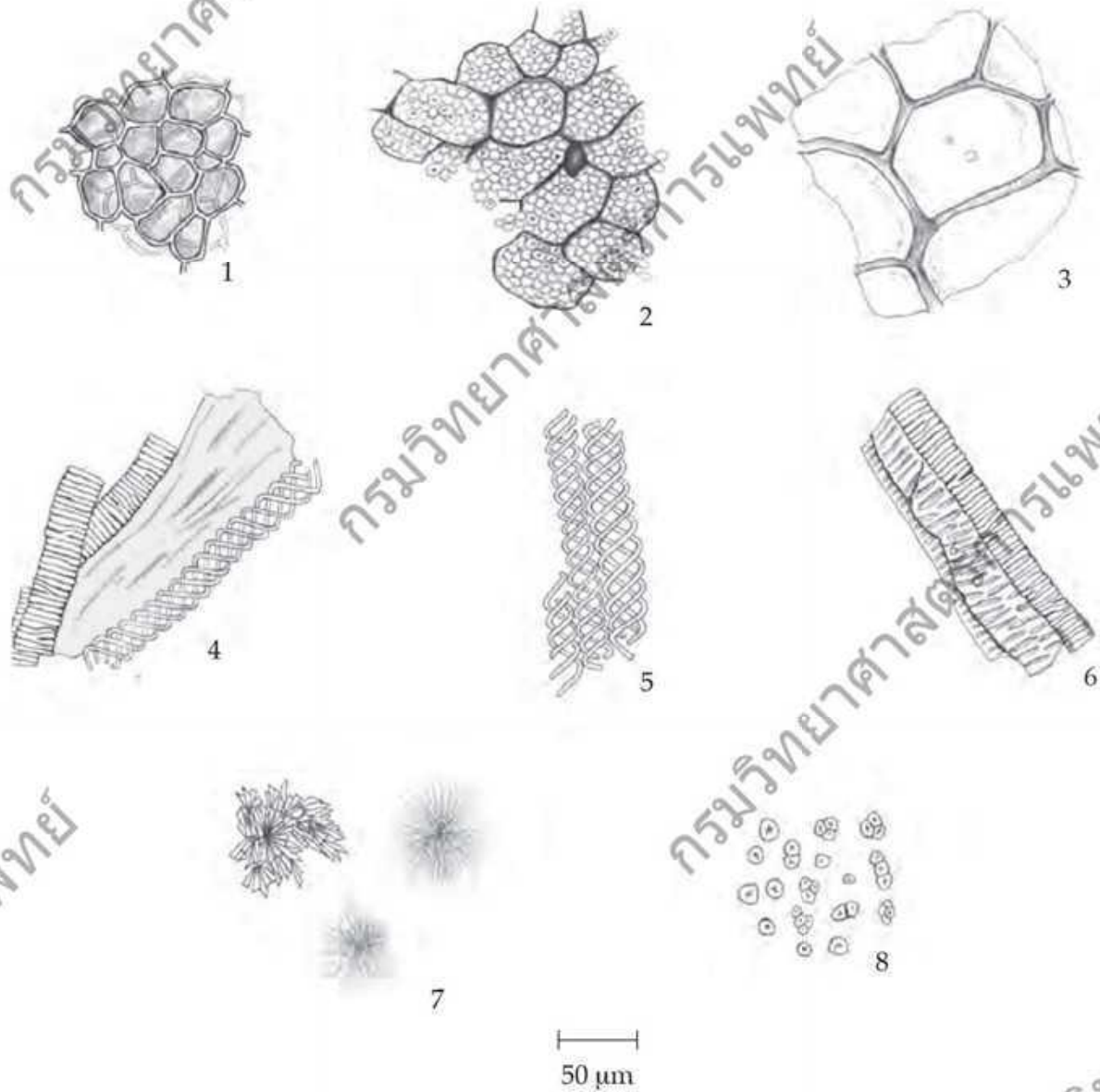
A. Part of the Kernel

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| 1. outer zone of perisperm                 | 4. vascular tissue |
| 2. inner zone of perisperm                 | 5. oil cell        |
| 3. endosperm cell containing starch grains |                    |



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrographs of Powdered Drug of the Kernels of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

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| 1. perisperm containing reddish brown substance  | 5. reticulate vessels and fibres                   |
| 2. endosperm containing starch grains and reddish brown substance  | 6. spiral vessels                                  |
| 3. oil cells   | 7. crystalline mass of fatty oil and starch grains |
| 4. reticulate, scalariform-reticulate and spiral vessels associated with fibres containing reddish brown substance | 8. simple and compound starch grains               |



**Fig. 2c** Line Drawings of Powdered Drug of the Kernels of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

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| 1. perisperm containing reddish brown substance  | 5. spiral vessels                                |
| 2. endosperm containing starch grains and reddish brown substance  | 6. reticulate and scalariform-reticulate vessels |
| 3. oil cells   | 7. crystalline mass of fatty oil                 |
| 4. reticulate, scalariform-reticulate and spiral vessels associated with fibres containing reddish brown substance | 8. simple and compound starch grains             |

**Packaging and storage** Nutmeg shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place.

**Identification**

A. Sonicate 2 g of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 10 mL of *methanol* for 20 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add 2 or 3 pieces of *magnesium ribbon*, shake well and mix with a few drops of *hydrochloric acid*: a reddish pink colour develops.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel 60 F254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 70 volumes of *n-hexane* and 30 volumes of *ethyl acetate* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 8 mm, 10  $\mu$ L of solution (A) and 25  $\mu$ L of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by sonicating 1 g of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 10 mL of *methanol* for 20 minutes and filtering. Evaporate the filtrate to dryness under reduced pressure at 50°. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *methanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *myristicin* with 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine the plate under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching band ( $hR_f$  value 56 to 58), corresponding to the myristicin band obtained from solution (B). Subsequently spray the plate with a 10 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid* in *absolute ethanol* and heat at 105° for 10 minutes; the band due to myristicin is reddish brown. Several other bands of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Kernels of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	10 Per Cent V/V Solution of Sulfuric Acid in Absolute Ethanol
1	9–10	quenching	yellow
2	11–12	weak quenching	purple
3	15–16		grey
4	17–19	quenching	purple
5	21–22	weak quenching	grey
6	30–32	quenching	purplish pink
7	34–36	quenching	purplish grey
8	44–47	quenching	purplish red
9	51–53	quenching	purplish red
10*	56–58	weak quenching	pale reddish brown
11	68–70	weak quenching	greenish blue

\*myristicin

**Water** Not more than 7.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

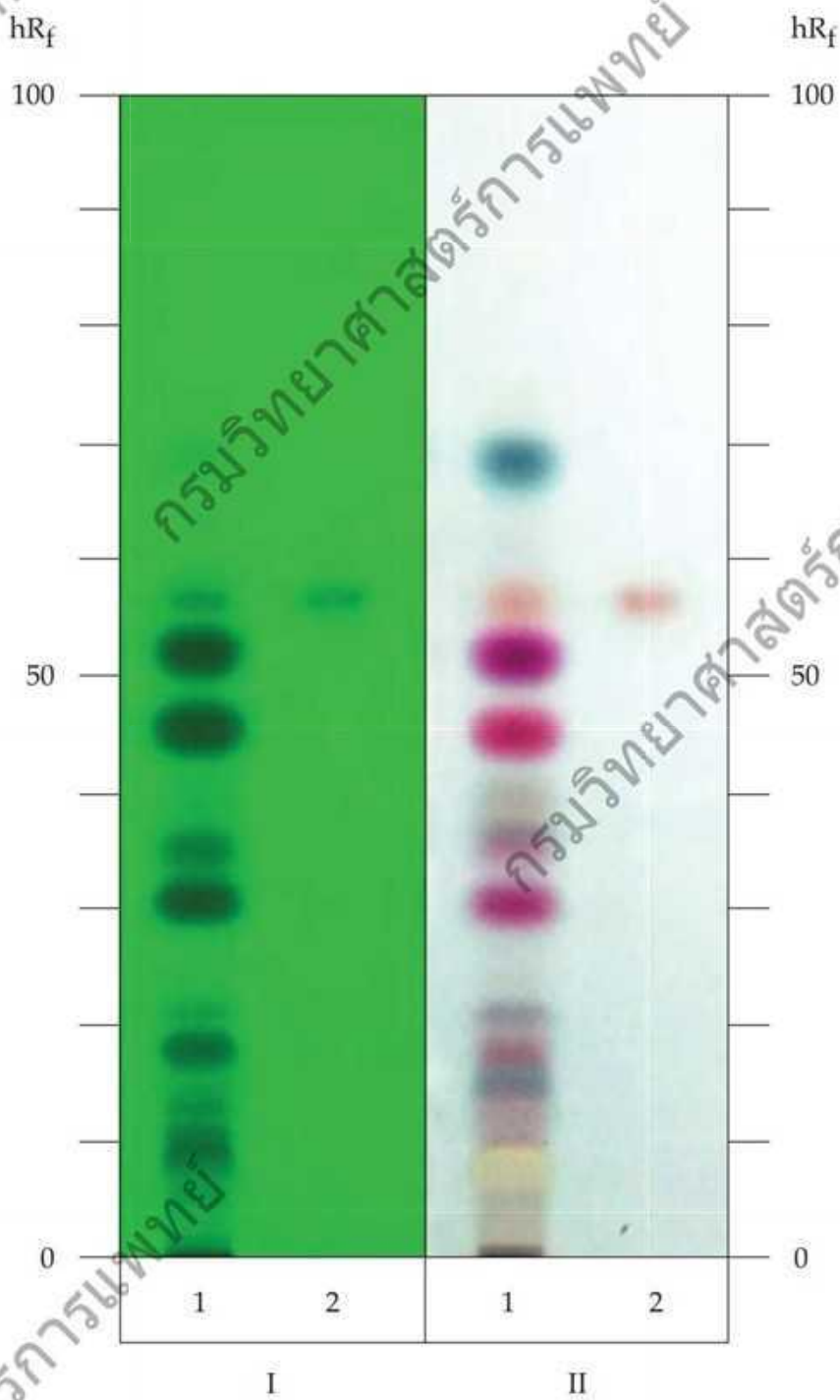
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Total ash** Not more than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 11.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 5.0 per cent v/w, calculated on the anhydrous basis (Appendix 7.3H). Use 10 g, in *coarse powder*, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 200 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 3 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Kernels of *Myristica fragrans* Houtt.

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

I = detection under UV light (254 nm)

II = detection with a 10 per cent v/v solution of sulfuric acid in absolute ethanol

## มะเดื่ออุทุมพร (MADUEA UTHUMPHON)

เดื่อเกลี้ยง (DUEA KLIANG), มะเดื่อชุมพร (MADUEA CHUMPHON)

*Fici Racemosae Radix*

Cluster Fig Root

**Synonyms** Goolar Fig Root, Gular Fig Root

**Category** Antipyretic.

Cluster Fig Root is the dried root of *Ficus racemosa* L. (*F. glomerata* Roxb.) (Family Moraceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5221, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1077.

**Constituents** Cluster Fig Root contains triterpenoids such as lupeol, lupeol acetate,  $\alpha$ -amyrin acetate, and  $\beta$ -amyrin acetate. It also contains sterols, tannins, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Evergreen or deciduous tree up to 30 m tall, monoecious; becoming buttressed, often with irregular crown; bark whitish to pinkish brown, smooth when young, cracked when aged, exuding ivory or pinkish latex; young twig solid, finely pubescent. Leaves simple, spirally arranged, elliptic, obovate, oblong, lanceolate or subovate, 5 to 20 cm long, 3 to 10(-12) cm wide, apex acute or acuminate, base obtuse, oblique or cuneate, margin entire, sometimes irregularly dentate or sublobate, coriaceous, sparsely pilose or glabrescent on both surfaces, lateral nerves 4 to 9 pairs, conspicuous on the lower surface; petiole 1.5 to 7.5 cm long, grooved, brownish, minutely hairy; stipule triangular ovate, 1 to 1.5 cm long, about 5 mm wide, brownish, subpersistent or caducous. Inflorescence and fruit known as syconium or fig, cauliflorous or borne on leafless branches, up to 25 cm long; peduncle 0.3 to 1.2 cm long; basal bracts 3, 1 to 2 mm long, persistent; receptacle subpyriform to globose, puberulous; without lateral bracts. Flowers 3 types: male flower sessile, ostiolar bracts many, tepals 3- to 4-connate, lobes dentate-lacerate, reddish, stamens 1 to 3, pistillode present; female flower sessile or subsessile, tepal as in male, ovary with reddish dots, substipitate, style lateral, glabrous, stigma simple; gall flower dispersed among females, pedicellate, ovary dark red and glabrous. Fruit pyriform or depressed subglobose, 3 to 5 cm in diameter when fresh, 1.5 to 3 cm in diameter when dry, green when young, pinkish to purple-red or orange at maturity, usually streaked, puberulous, apex flat to slightly concave, ostiole about 3 mm in diameter, prominent; internal hairs absent.

**Description** Odourless; taste, bland.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Obliquely, longitudinally or transversely sliced roots, varied in shape and size; bark 1 to 3 mm thick, dark brown, with scattered irregular scars; wood light brown, some with darker rings in the centre.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) Transverse section of the root shows periderm, cortex, phloem, vascular cambium, and xylem. Periderm, several layers of brown thin-walled rectangular cork cells. Cortex, parenchyma, some containing starch grains, prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate or brown substance, and sclereids. Phloem, small parenchyma, some containing starch grains, prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate or brown substance, phloem fibres, and phloem ray cells. Vascular cambium, several layers of small thin-walled rectangular cells. Xylem, scalariform and bordered-pitted vessels (some containing brown substance), xylem fibres, thick-walled porous xylem parenchyma, and xylem ray cells.



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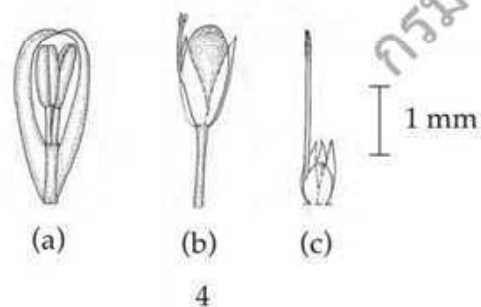
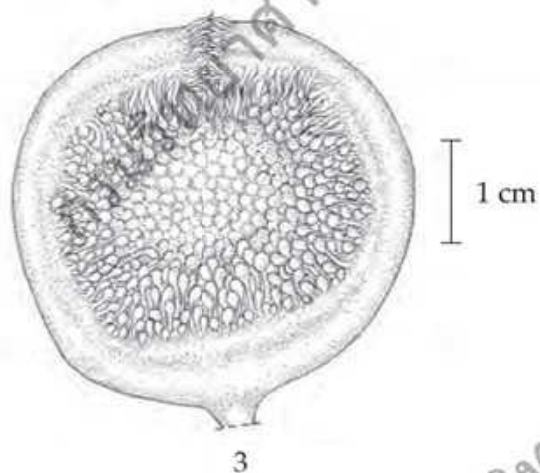
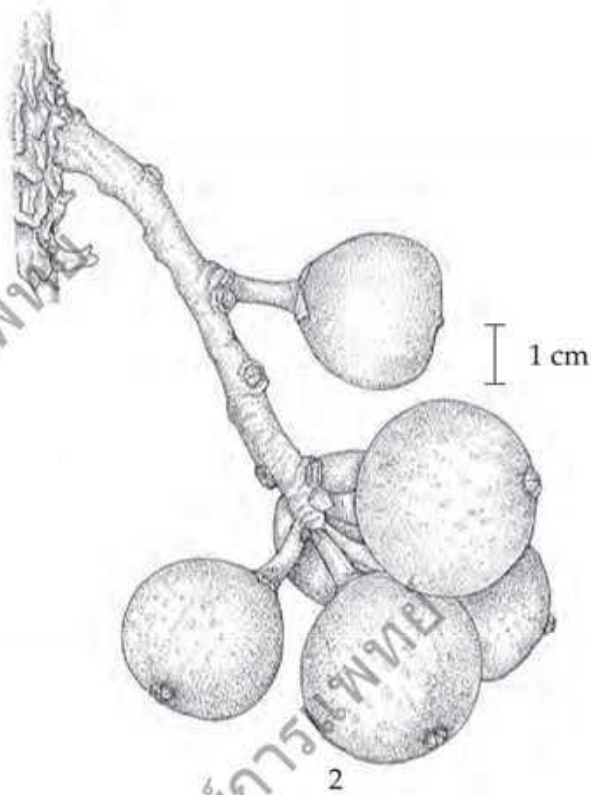
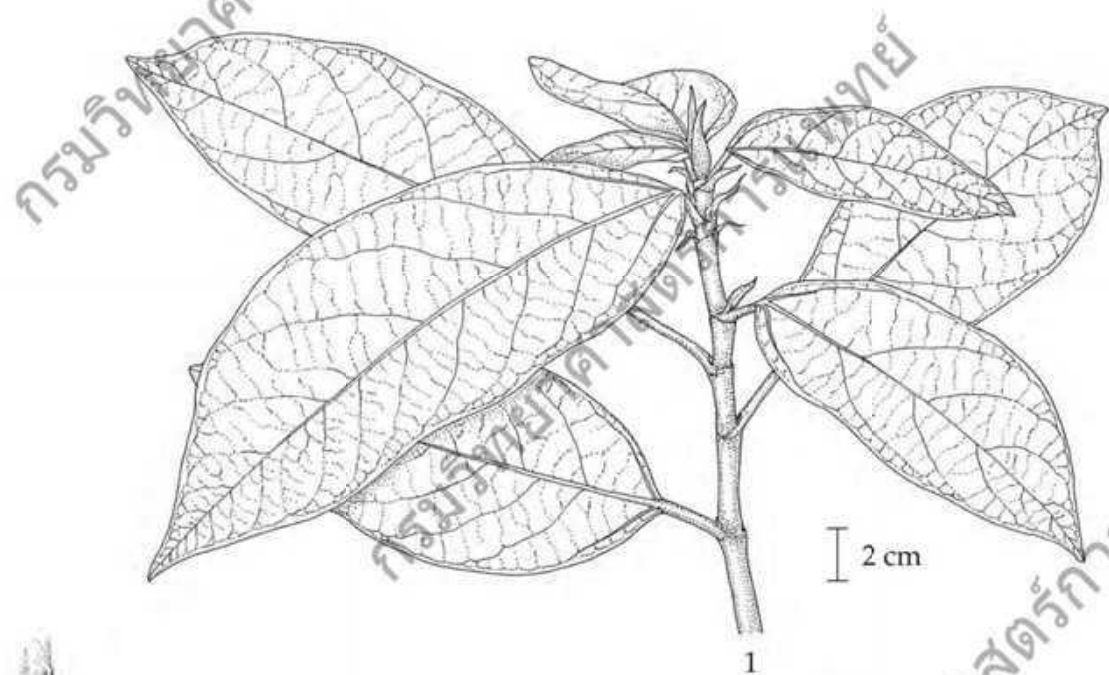


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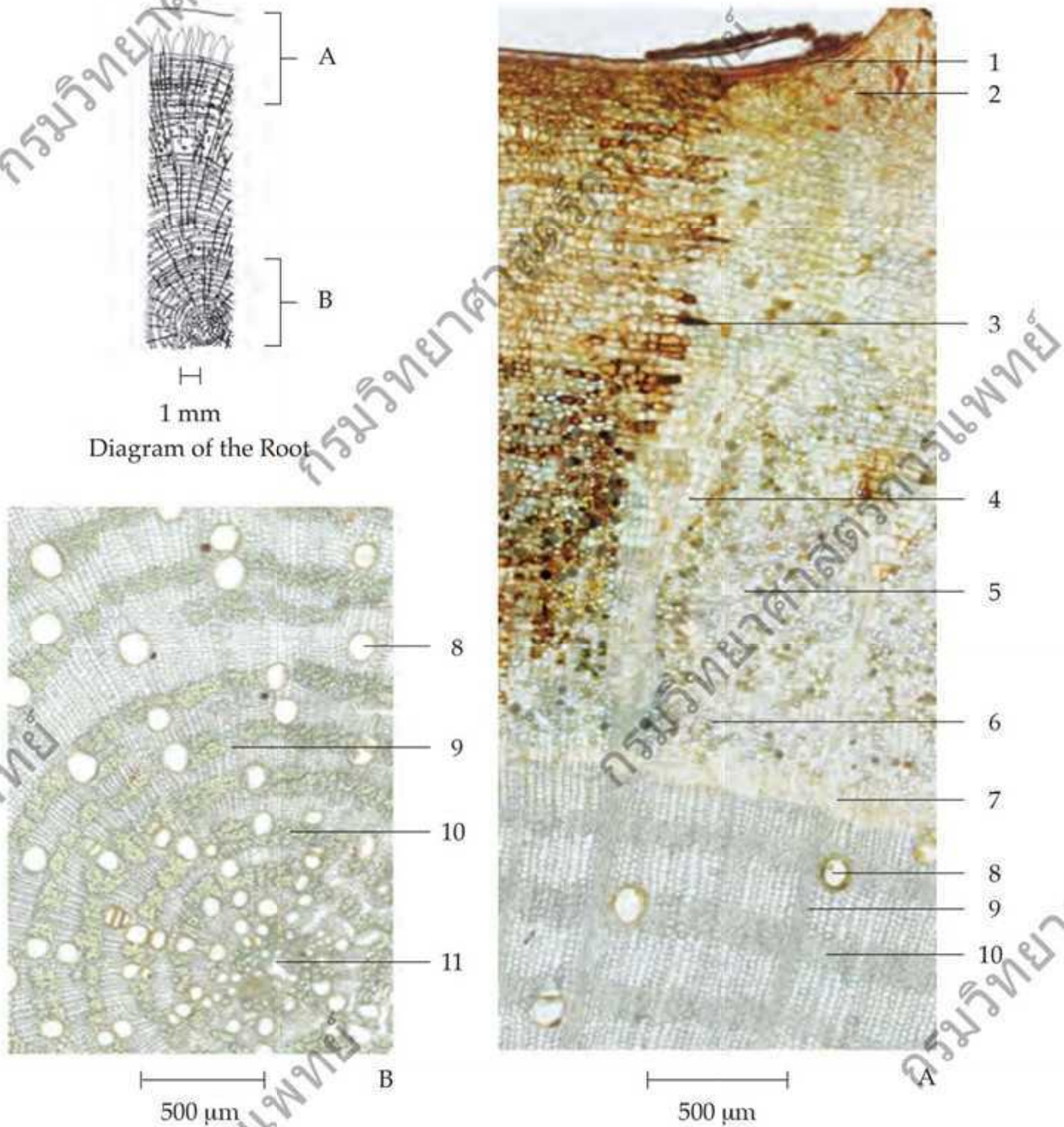
**Fig. 1a** *Ficus racemosa* L.

1. fruiting stem 2. leafy twig 3. longitudinal section of syconium showing male and female flowers with gall flowers in centre 4. infructescences 5. crude drug



**Fig. 1b** *Ficus racemosa* L.

1. leafy twig
2. infructescence
3. longitudinal section of mature syconium
4. male flower (a), gall flower (b) and female flower (c)



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Section of the Root of *Ficus racemosa* L.

A. Bark and Part of Wood

B. Part of Wood

1. cork

2. parenchyma

3. brown substance

4. phloem ray

5. phloem parenchyma

6. prismatic crystal

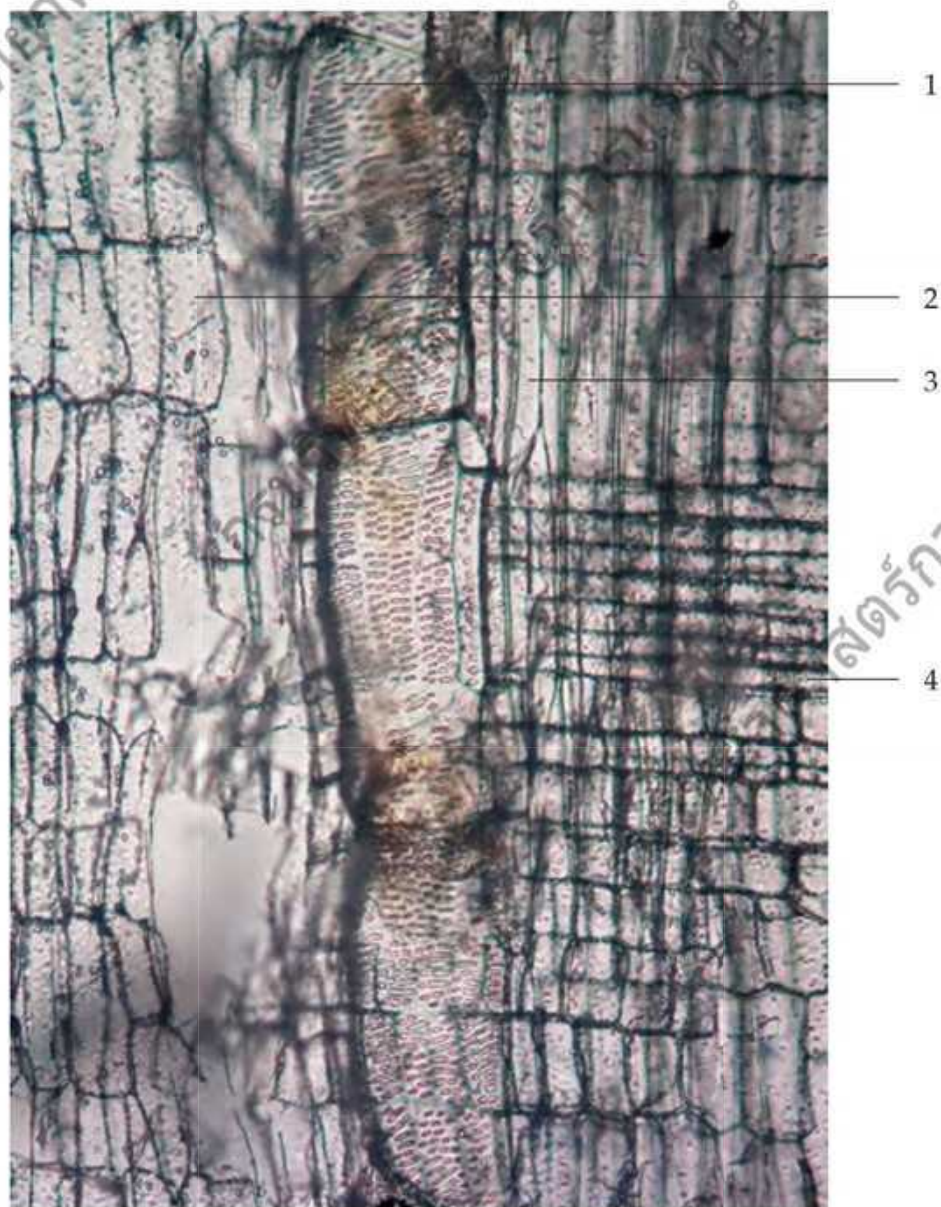
7. vascular cambium

8. vessel

9. xylem ray

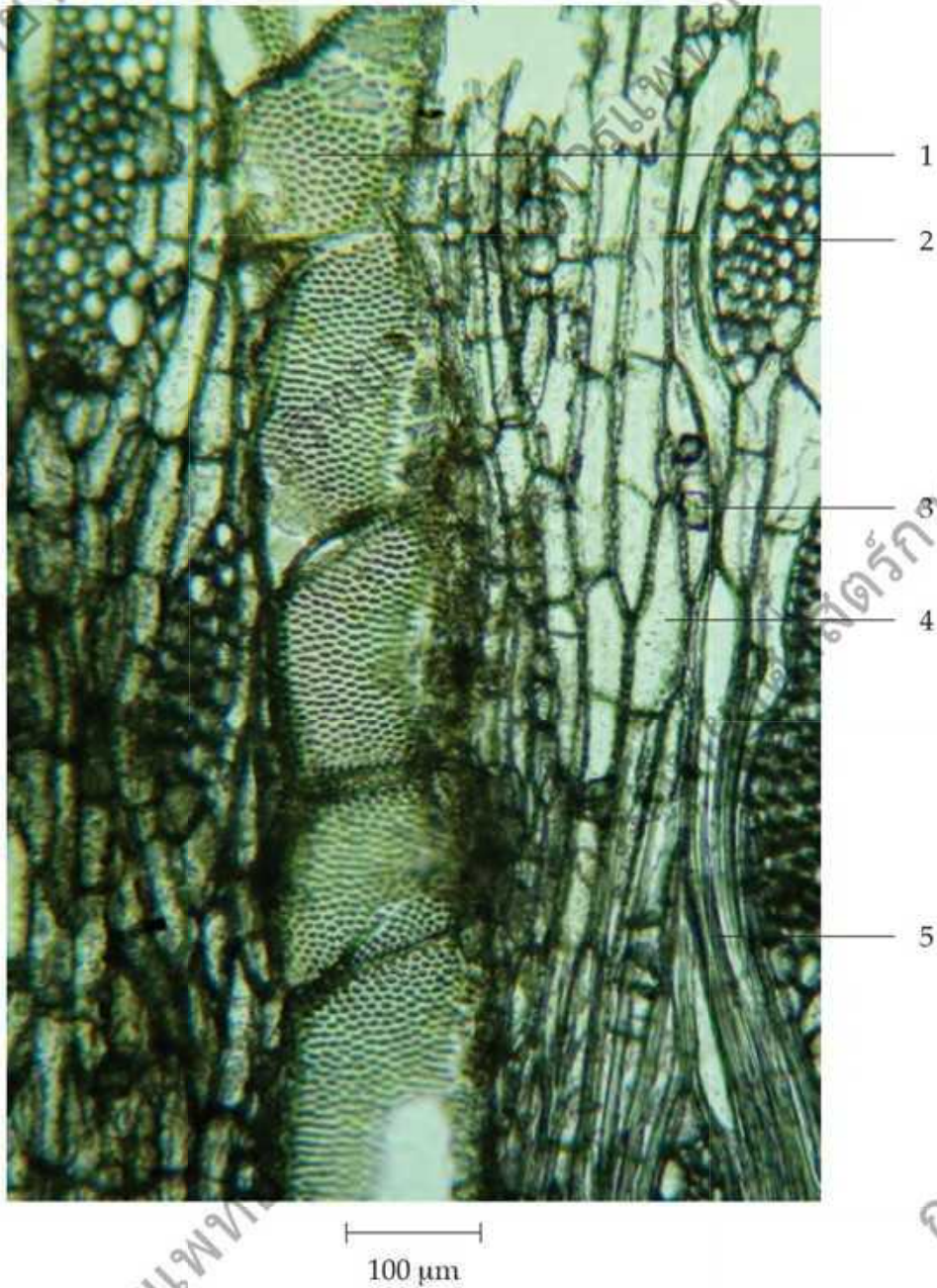
10. axial parenchyma

11. primary vascular tissue



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrograph of Radial Longitudinal Section of the Woody Part of the Root of *Ficus racemosa* L.

- 1. scalariform vessel with pits, arranging in rows
- 2. xylem parenchyma
- 3. axial parenchyma
- 4. xylem ray



**Fig. 2c** Photomicrograph of Tangential Longitudinal Section of the Woody Part of the Root of *Ficus racemosa* L.

- 1. bordered-pitted vessel
- 2. medullary ray
- 3. prismatic crystal

- 4. xylem parenchyma
- 5. xylem fibre

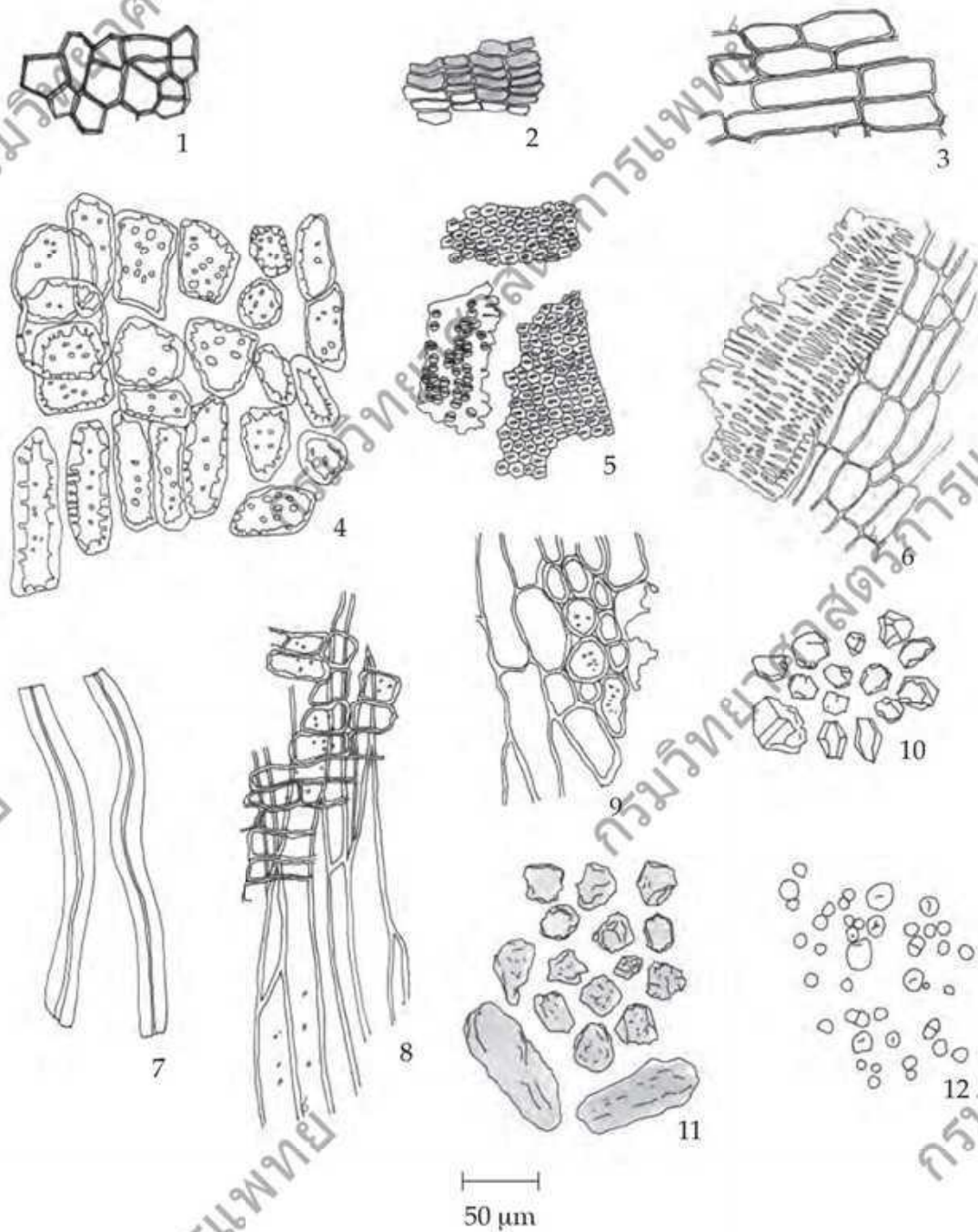


Fig. 2d Powdered Drug of the Roots of *Ficus racemosa* L.

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| 1. cork in surface view  | 7. fibres  |
| 2. cork in sectional view  | 8. medullary ray with xylem fibres in radial/longitudinal view         |
| 3. parenchyma  | 9. medullary ray with xylem parenchyma in tangential longitudinal view |
| 4. sclereids   | 10. prismatic crystals   |
| 5. bordered-pitted vessels   | 11. brown substance  |
| 6. scleriform vessels with pits, arranging in rows, and xylem parenchyma | 12. starch grains  |

Radial and tangential longitudinal sections of the woody part of the root show bordered-pitted and scalariform vessels with pits, arranging in rows, porous thick-walled rectangular xylem parenchyma and ray cells.

Cluster Fig Root in powder possesses the microscopical characters of the unground drug. Sclereids, xylem ray and vessels (some with brown substance) can be seen in abundance. Scalariform vessels with pits arranging in rows are characteristic.

**Packaging and storage** Cluster Fig Root shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

**Additional information** In Thai herbal markets, the adulteration of cluster fig root with stems, branches, etc. may be found.

#### Identification

A. Reflux 500 mg of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 10 mL of *chloroform* for 10 minutes and filter. Evaporate the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *acetic anhydride* and then slowly add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to form two layers: a red-brown ring forms at the zone of contact and the upper layer is green.

B. Macerate 100 mg of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 4 mL of *ethanol* for 5 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add 2 or 3 pieces of *magnesium ribbon*, shake well and mix with a few drops of *hydrochloric acid*: a pinkish orange colour develops.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using a high-performance plate with *silica gel F254* as the coating substance (a pre-coated plate by Merck Millipore or by Sigma-Aldrich or equivalent is suitable.) and a mixture of 90 volumes of *n-hexane* and 10 volumes of *ethyl acetate* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 8 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 8 mm, 10  $\mu$ L of solution (A) and 1  $\mu$ L of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by macerating 1 g of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 10 mL of *methanol* for 20 minutes, filtering and evaporating the filtrate under reduced pressure to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *methanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *lupeol* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm); one blue fluorescent band is observed. Spray the plate with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *phosphomolybdic acid* in *ethanol*, heat at 105° for 5 minutes and immediately examine the plate. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a blue band ( $R_f$  43 to 46) corresponding to the *lupeol* band from solution (B) and several other blue bands are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1.**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Roots of *Ficus racemosa* L.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 366	10 Per Cent W/V Solution of Phosphomolybdic Acid in Ethanol
1	25–28	–	blue
2	39–41	blue	–
3*	43–46	–	blue
4	88–92	–	dark blue
5	94–98	–	dark blue

\*lupeol

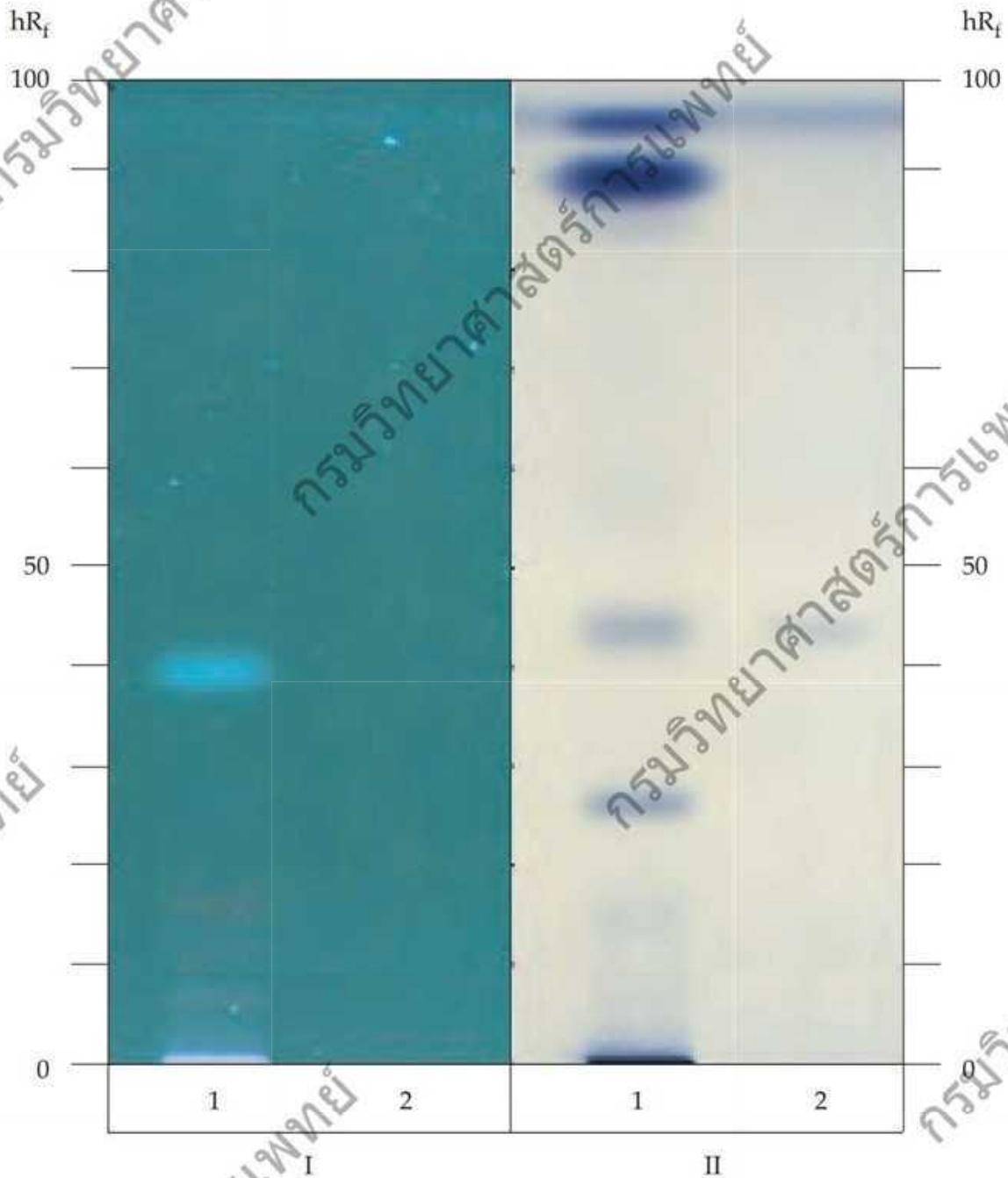
**Loss on drying** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Total ash** Not more than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Roots of *Ficus racemosa* L.

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

I = detection under UV light (366 nm)

II = detection with a 10 per cent w/v solution of phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol

## แมงลักคา (MAENGLAK KHA)

กะเพราผี (KAPHRAO PHI), แมงลักป่า (MAENGLAK PA)

*Hyptidis Suaveolens* Herba

Wild Spikenard

**Synonyms** Horehound, Pignut, West Indian Spikenard

**Category** Carminative, antimicrobial (topical).

**Wild Spikenard is the dried aerial part of *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.) Poit. (Family Labiatae), Herbarium Specimen Number: BKF 194900, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0436.**

**Constituents** Wild Spikenard contains terpenoids (e.g., betulinic acid, suaveolol, ursolic acid), phenolic compounds (e.g., caffeic acid, rosmarinic acid). It also contains flavonoids, sterols, small amount of volatile oil, etc.

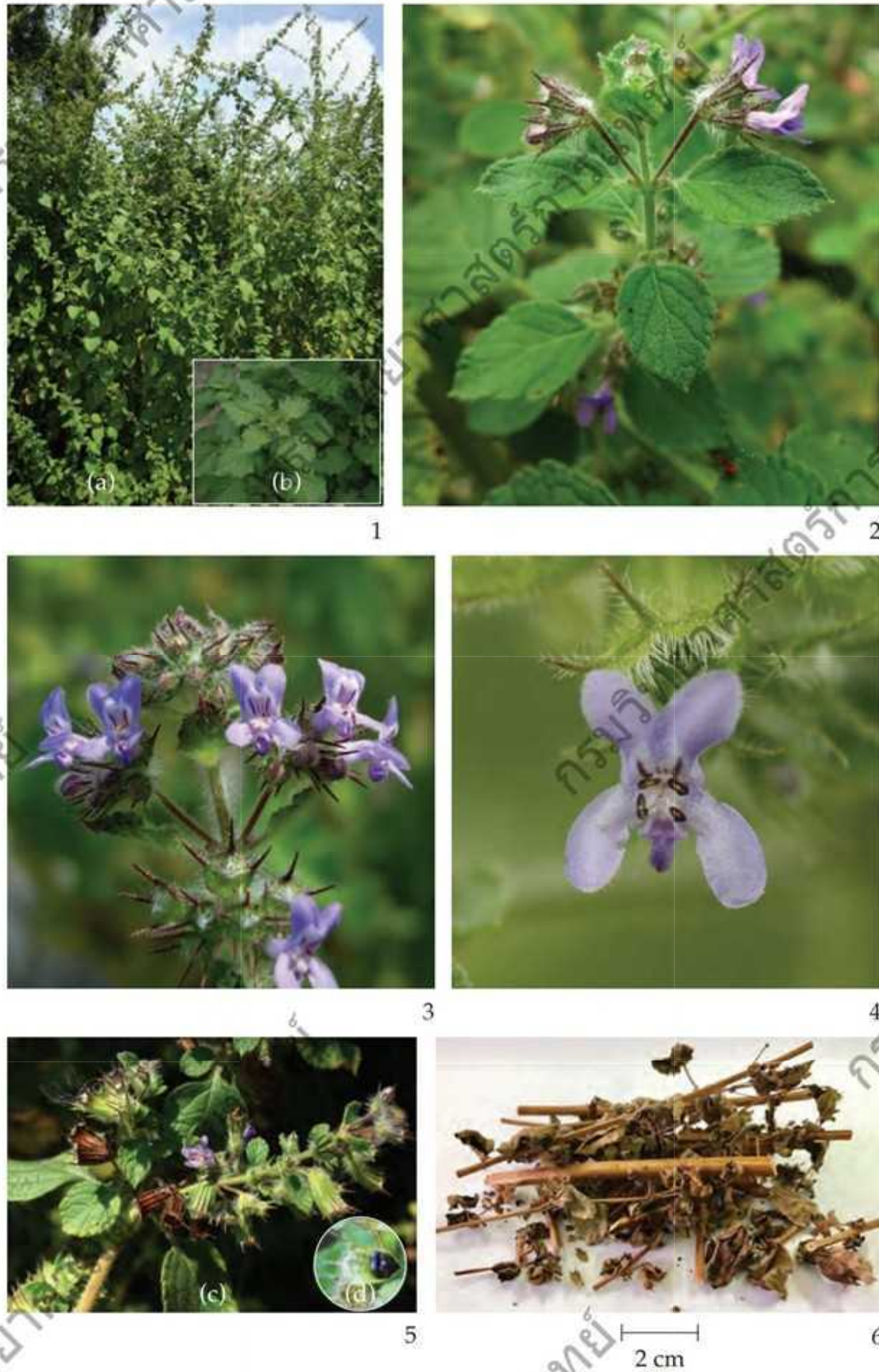
**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Annual herb 0.6 to 1.6 m tall, strongly aromatic; stem erect, robust, quadrangular, branched, with long spreading white hairs. Leaves simple, opposite decussate, ovate to broadly ovate, 2 to 5 cm long, 2 to 6 cm wide, apex subacute to obtuse, base rounded to shallow cordate, oblique, margin serrulate, subcoriaceous, gland-dotted, both surfaces hairy; petiole slender, 0.5 to 6 cm long. Inflorescence axillary or terminal cyme, 1- or 2- to 5-flowered, in raceme or panicle; bract small. Flower zygomorphic; calyx campanulate, 0.8 to 1(-1.2) cm long in fruit, 3 to 5 mm wide, villous, yellowish glandular, throat tufted villous, prominent 10-nerved, 5-toothed, spine-like, 1.5 to 2 mm long, with simple and glandular hairs; corolla blue, 6 to 8 mm long, puberulent except near base, tube about 2 mm wide at throat, upper lip 2-lobed, reflexed, lower lip 3-lobed, middle lobe shorter, lateral lobes similar to upper lip; stamens 4, filament flattened, minutely hairy, exerted from the corolla tube; ovary superior, 2-carpellate, each carpel deeply 2-lobed, style 1, bifid, stigma minute. Fruit 2 nutlets, broadly obovoid, 3 to 4 mm long, 2 to 3 mm wide, apex truncate and emarginate, mucronate, laterally compressed, dark brown, dotted, with 2 basal white scars, within enlarged calyx tube.

**Description** Odour, aromatic; taste, slightly bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Stem quadrangular, greenish brown to brown; leaves opposite-decussately arranged, the complete ones ovate to broadly ovate, greenish, venation prominent; remnant inflorescence, persistent calyx, brown, villose.

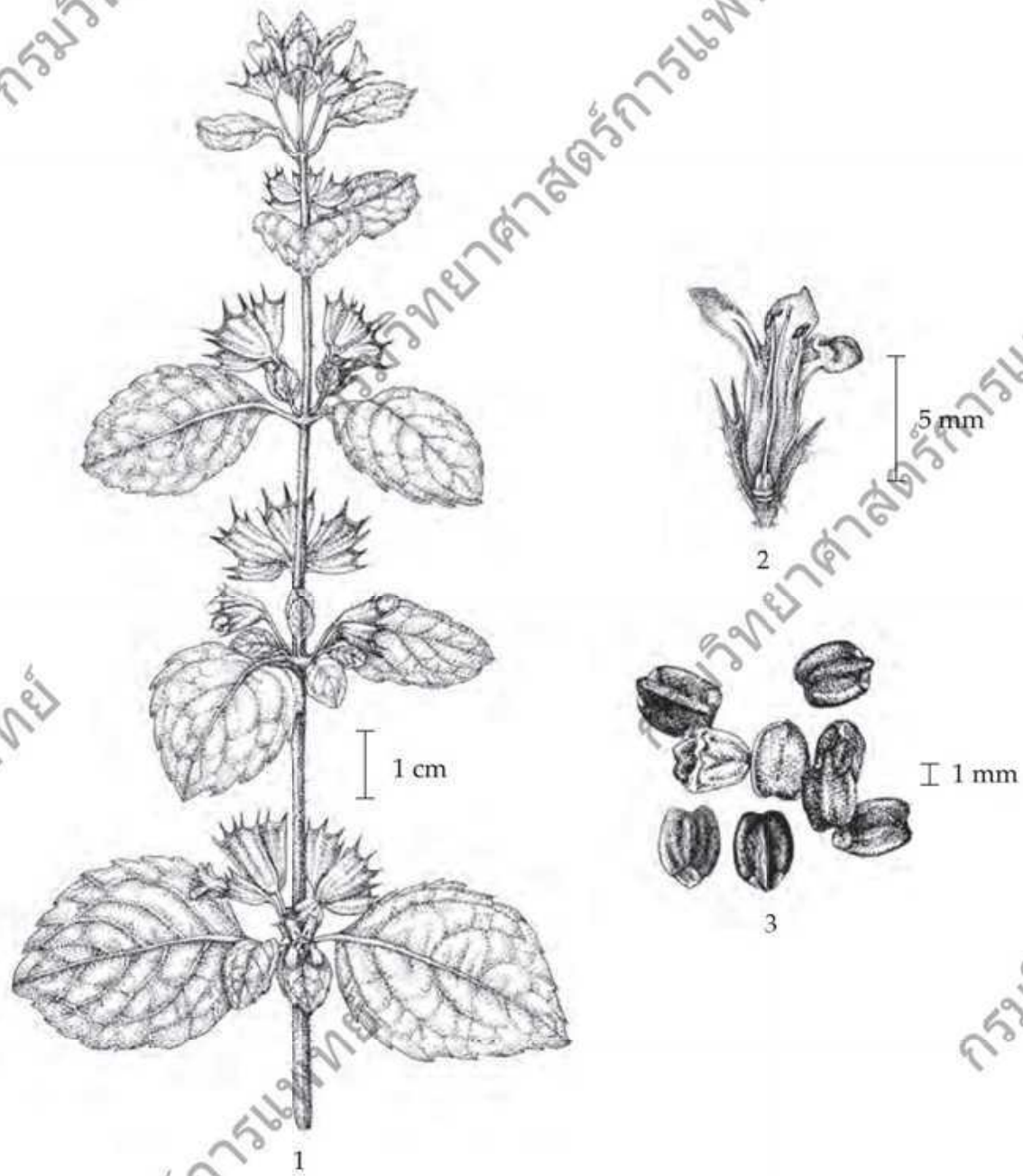
**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) Transverse sections of the leaf through the midrib and the lamina show upper epidermis, mesophyll, vascular bundles, and lower epidermis. Upper epidermis, a layer of wavy epidermal cells; stomata, mostly diacytic with some anomocytic; trichomes, numerous, multicellular uniseriate and glandular. Mesophyll, a layer of columnar palisade cells and several layers of spongy parenchyma, some containing rosette aggregate crystals. Vascular bundle, composed of phloem and xylem; vessels, spiral and scalariform. Collenchyma occurring in the midrib, beneath upper and lower epidermises, round and thick-walled cells.

Transverse section of the stem shows epidermis, cortex and vascular tissue. Epidermis, a layer of rectangular cells; trichomes, multicellular uniseriate, glandular and glandular with stalk. Cortex, layers of angular and lamella collenchyma cells, parenchyma and groups of fibres in the mature stem. Vascular tissue, composed of phloem and xylem; vessels, spiral and scalariform. Pith, numerous round parenchyma.



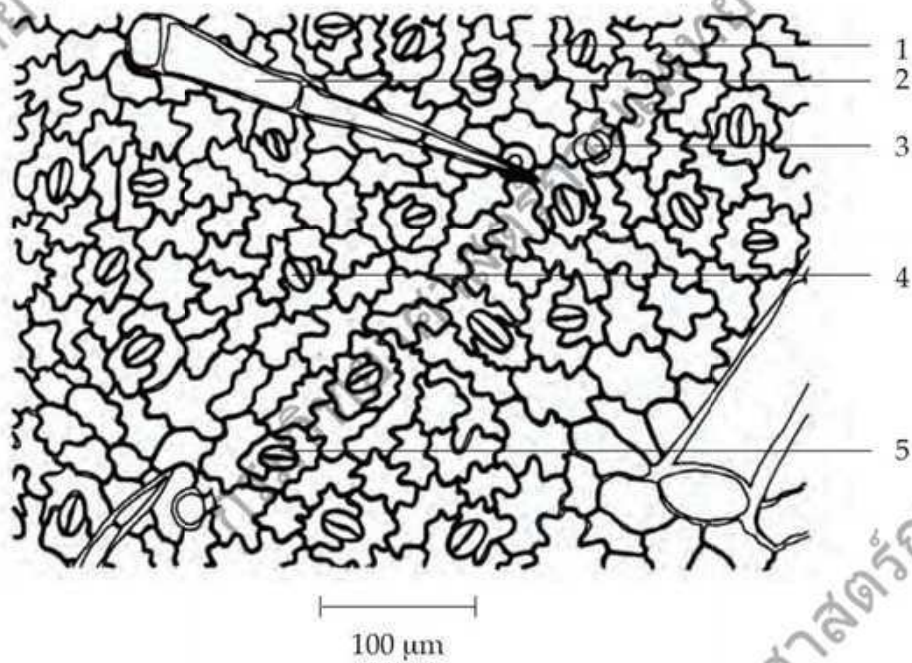
**Fig. 1a** *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.) Poit.

1. habit (a), leaves (b) 2. flowering top 3. inflorescence 4. flower  
5. inflorescence with flowers and fruits (c), nutlet (d) 6. crude drug

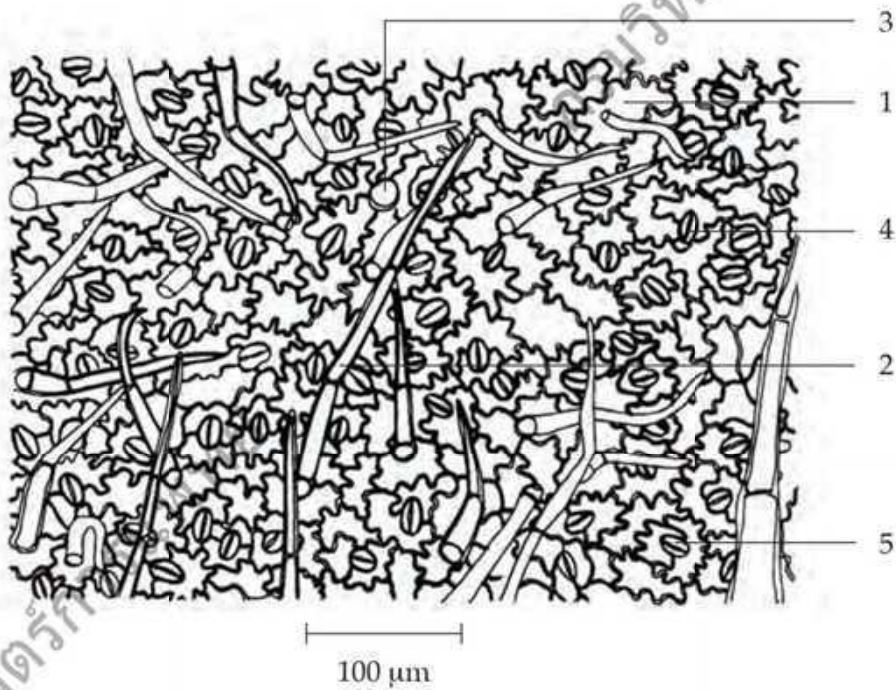


**Fig. 1b** *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.) Poit.

1. flowering and fruiting top 2. part of flower (longitudinal view, parts of calyx and corolla removed) 3. nutlets

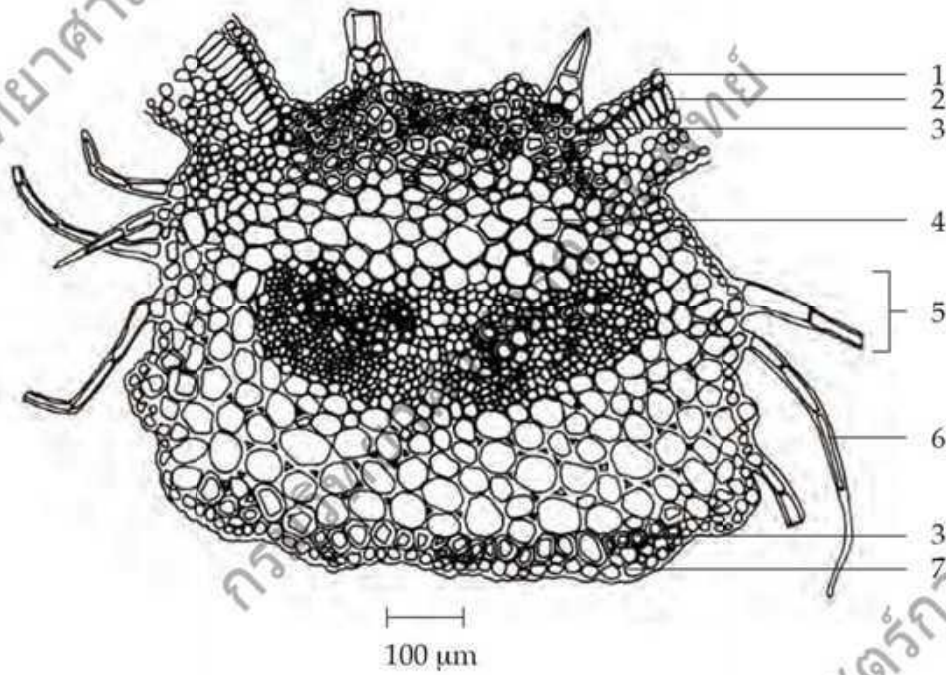


Upper Epidermis of the Lamina

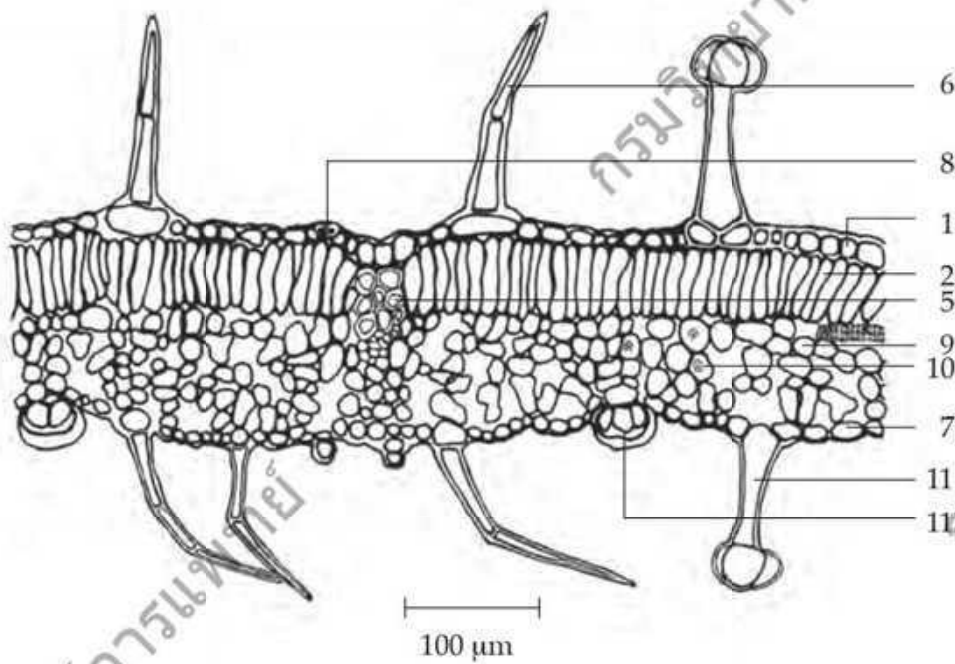


Lower Epidermis of the Lamina

**Fig. 2a** Epidermises of the Leaf of *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.) Poit.  
 1. epidermal cell  
 2. multicellular uniseriate trichome  
 3. glandular trichome  
 4. anomocytic stoma  
 5. diacytic stoma



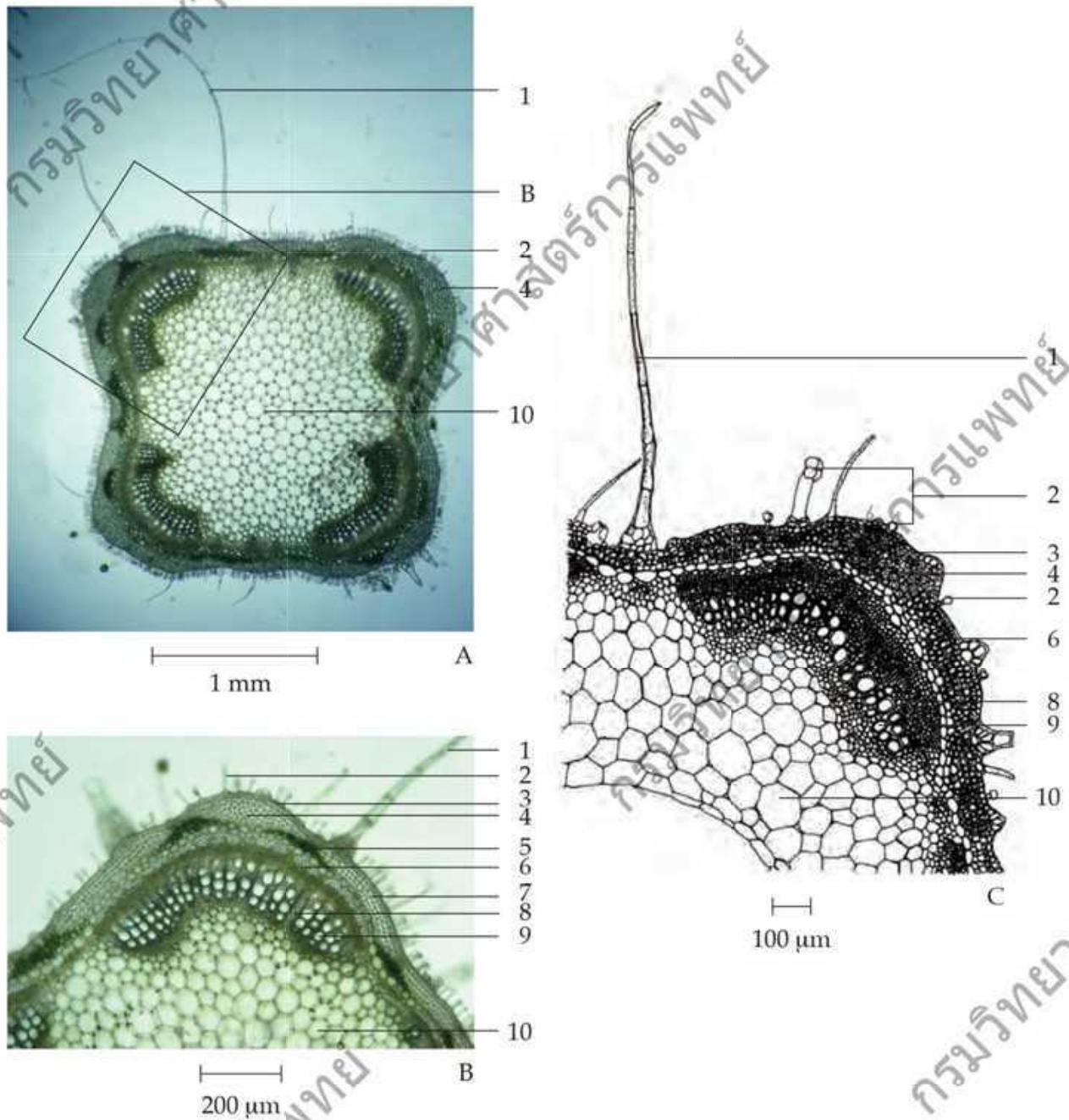
Transverse Section of the Midrib



Transverse Section of the Lamina

**Fig. 2b** Transverse Sections of the Leaf of *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.) Poit.

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| 1. upper epidermis                   | 7. lower epidermis            |
| 2. palisade cell                     | 8. stoma                      |
| 3. collenchyma                       | 9. spongy cell                |
| 4. parenchyma                        | 10. rosette aggregate crystal |
| 5. vascular bundle                   | 11. glandular trichome        |
| 6. multicellular uniseriate trichome |                               |

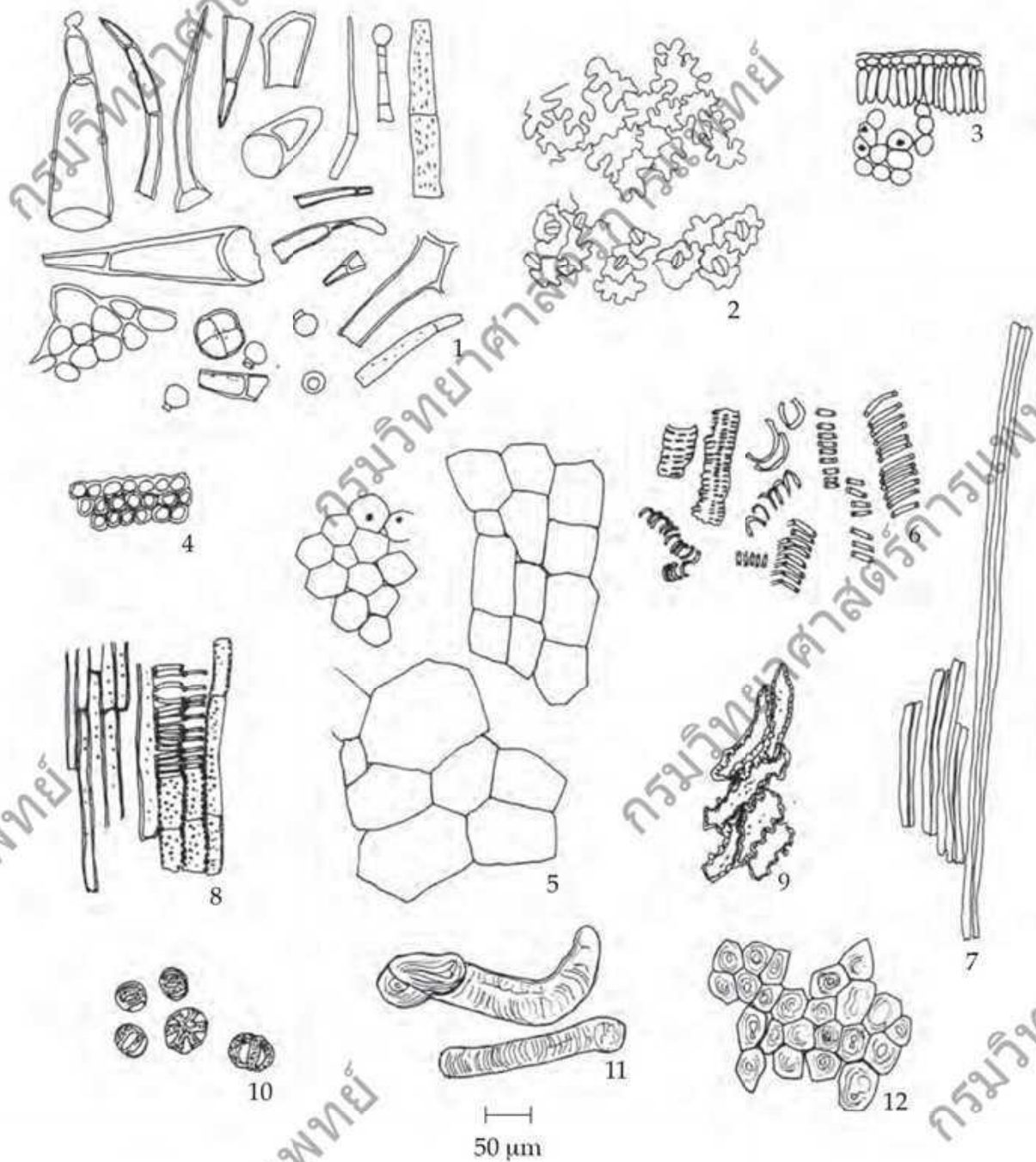


**Fig. 2c** Photomicrographs and Line Drawing of Transverse Section of the Stem of *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.) Poit.

A. Whole Stem

B. and C. Parts of Transverse Section

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| 1. multicellular uniseriate trichome | 6. phloem fibre        |
| 2. glandular trichome                | 7. lamella collenchyma |
| 3. epidermis                         | 8. xylem fibre         |
| 4. angular collenchyma               | 9. vessel              |
| 5. chlorenchyma                      | 10. pith parenchyma    |



**Fig. 2d** Powdered Drug of the Aerial Parts of *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.) Poit.

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| 1. trichomes  | 6. spiral and scalariform vessels      |
| 2. epidermis with diacytic stomata in surface view  | 7. fibres                              |
| 3. fragment of lamina in sectional view showing epidermis, palisade cells, and spongy cells, some of which contain rosette aggregate crystals | 8. xylem parenchyma and spiral vessels |
| 4. epidermis and collenchyma in sectional view  | 9. non-lignified sclereids of calyx    |
| 5. parenchyma and rosette aggregate crystals  | 10. pollen grains                      |
|   | 11. mucilage mass from seed coat       |
|   | 12. seed coat in surface view          |

Wild Spikenard in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Wavy epidermal cells, diacytic with some anomocytic stomata, numerous multicellular uniseriate trichomes with some collapsed cells, glandular trichomes, and collenchyma are distinguished features. Sclereids of calyx, mucilage mass from seed coat and hexacolpate pollen grains are also unique.

**Packaging and storage** Wild Spikenard shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Reflux 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *methanol* on a water-bath for 15 minutes and filter. To the filtrate, add 300 mg of *decolorizing charcoal*, swirl for a few minutes and filter. Evaporate the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *acetic anhydride* and slowly add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid*: a reddish pink colour ring develops.

B. Heat 2 g of the sample, in powder, with 20 mL of *water* on a water-bath for 30 minutes, and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add a few drops of a freshly prepared 1 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride*: a greenish blue colour is produced.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 70 volumes of *dichloromethane*, 30 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 1 volume of *water* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 12 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 2  $\mu$ L each of solution (A) and solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 20 mL of *methanol* for 30 minutes, filtering while hot and evaporating the filtrate to dryness under reduced pressure at 50°. Dissolve the residue in 10 mL of *methanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 2 mg of *ursolic acid* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air. Spray the plate with a 20 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid* in *ethanol* and heat at 105° for 5 minutes. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a red spot ( $R_f$  value 73 to 74) corresponding to the *ursolic acid* spot from solution (B) and several other spots of different colours are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Aerial Parts of *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.) Poit.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection
		20 Per Cent V/V Solution of Sulfuric Acid in Ethanol
1	3-4	violet
2	13-14	brown
3	26-27	violet
4	33-36	violet
5	38-40	brown
6	46-48	brown
7	49-50	brown
8	51-52	brown
9*	73-74	red
10	76-77	brown
11	87-88	violet
12	89-90	violet

\*ursolic acid

**Water** Not more than 10.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 7.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

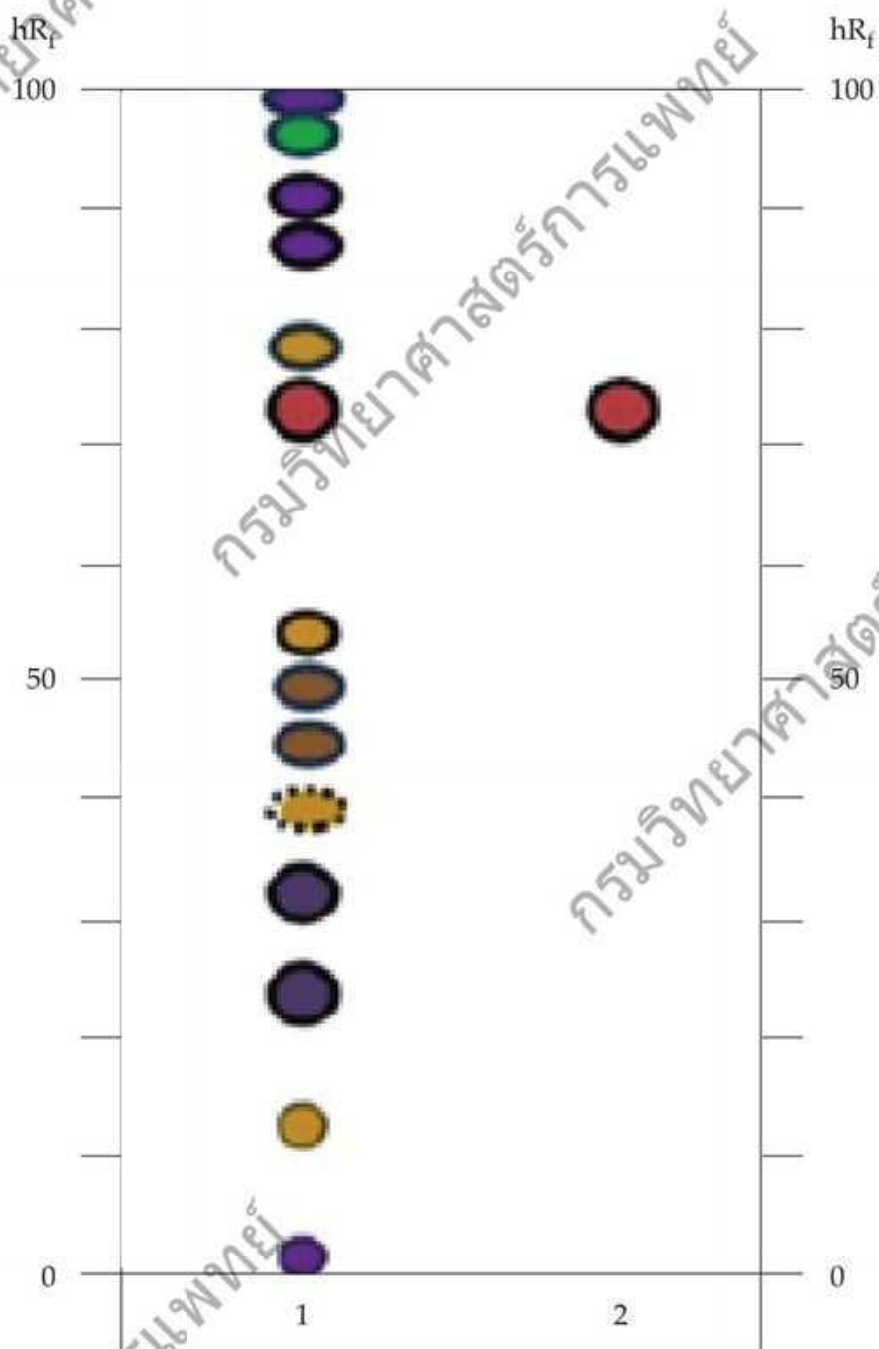


Fig. 3 Thin-layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Aerial Parts of *Hyptis suaveolens* (L.) Poit., Detected with a 20 Per Cent V/V Solution of Sulfuric Acid in Ethanol

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

○ = spot developed in some samples

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ไม้เท้าฤๅษี (MAI THAO RUESI), พญารากเดี่ยว (PHAYA RAK DIAO)

*Clerodendri Indici Radix*

*Clerodendrum Indicum* Root

Category Antipyretic.

*Clerodendrum Indicum* Root is the dried root of *Clerodendrum indicum* (L.) Kuntze (Family Labiatae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5243, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1078.

**Constituents** *Clerodendrum Indicum* Root contains flavonoids (e.g., pectolinarigenin, hispidulin). It also contains triterpenoids, sterols, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Subshrub to shrub 1 to 2 m tall; suffrutescent or herbaceous, stoloniferous; stem usually erect, sometimes bent, mostly unbranched, hollowed; branchlets purple to purplish, channelled, smooth. Leaves simple, whorled with 3 to 5 per node or opposite, decussate; leaf blade narrowly lanceolate to oblong-lanceolate, 10 to 21 cm long, 1.3 to 2.5 cm wide, apex short acuminate, base attenuate, margin entire or sinuate, membranous, glabrous; midrib prominent, lateral veins 10 to 12 pairs; sessile or petiolate, petiole up to 8 mm long, with nodal hairs at petiole base. Inflorescence terminal leafy thyrse, 20 to 45 cm long, 10 to 15 cm wide; cyme red, few flowered; peduncle up to 3 cm; bract linear-lanceolate to lanceolate, 1 to 2 cm; bracteole awl-shaped. Flower: calyx 1 to 1.5 cm long, divided 3/4 to base, densely minute round glandular, lobes 5, ovate-lanceolate, 0.8 to 1.5 cm long, 3 to 6 mm wide, apex acute; corolla white, becoming cream-coloured, tube funnellform, curved, 5 to 9 cm, lobes 5, spreading, lanceolate, elliptic or ovate-oblong, 0.8 to 1.5 cm long, 3 to 6 mm wide, apex obtuse; stamens 4, free, long exserted, reddish towards the end; ovary superior, glabrous, 2-loculed; ovules 2 in each locule, style 9.5 to 15 cm long, longer than stamens, stigma 2-branched, 0.3 to 1.5 cm long. Fruit drupe, subglobose to globose, 0.7 to 1.2 cm in diameter, 1- to 4-lobed, dark blue, black when ripe; surrounded at base by accrescent leathery red calyx, up to 3.8 cm in diameter. Seed 1 per locule.

**Description** Odour, slightly woody; tasteless.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Cut roots, irregularly cylindrical, varied in length and size; bark thin, brownish to dark brown; wood pale yellow.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d) Transverse section of the root shows periderm, cortex, vascular tissue, and primary xylem tissue. Periderm, several layers of rectangular cork cells. Cortex: sclereids and polygonal parenchyma, some of which contain starch grains. Vascular tissue: phloem, porous parenchyma, some containing starch grains, and phloem ray cells; xylem vessels: fibres, axial porous parenchyma, some containing starch grains, and xylem ray cells, some of which contain starch grains. Primary xylem tissue: small cells in the centre.

Radial and tangential longitudinal sections of the root illustrate periderm, cortex, phloem, and xylem with bordered-pitted vessels.

*Clerodendrum Indicum* Root in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Starch grains, mainly compound, porous parenchyma, uniseriate and multiseriate ray cells in tangential longitudinal view can be seen in abundance.

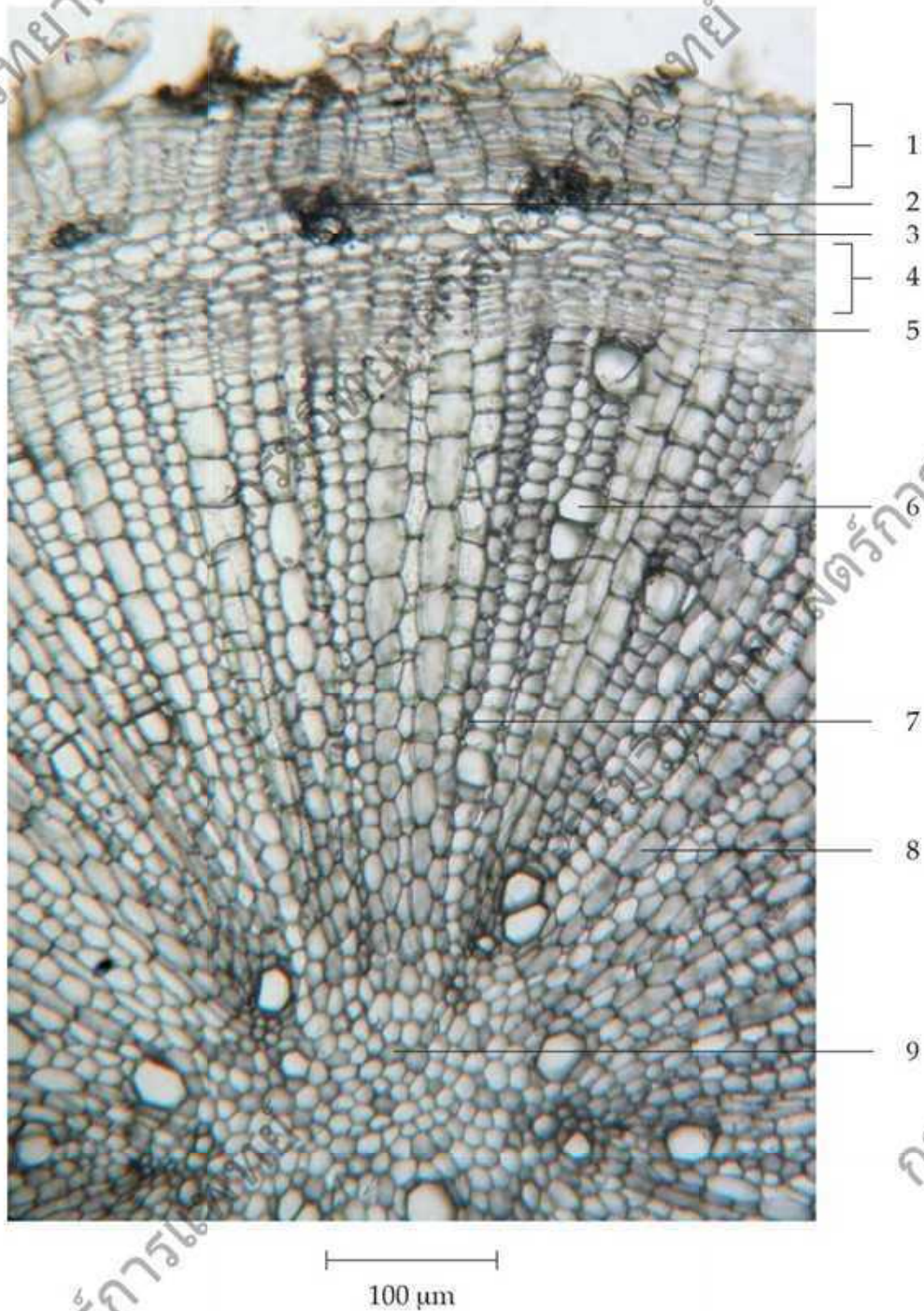


**Fig. 1a** *Clerodendrum indicum* (L.) Kuntze

1. habit 2. inflorescence 3. flower 4. fruit (a), inflorescence, showing fruit with accrescent calyx (b) 5. crude drug



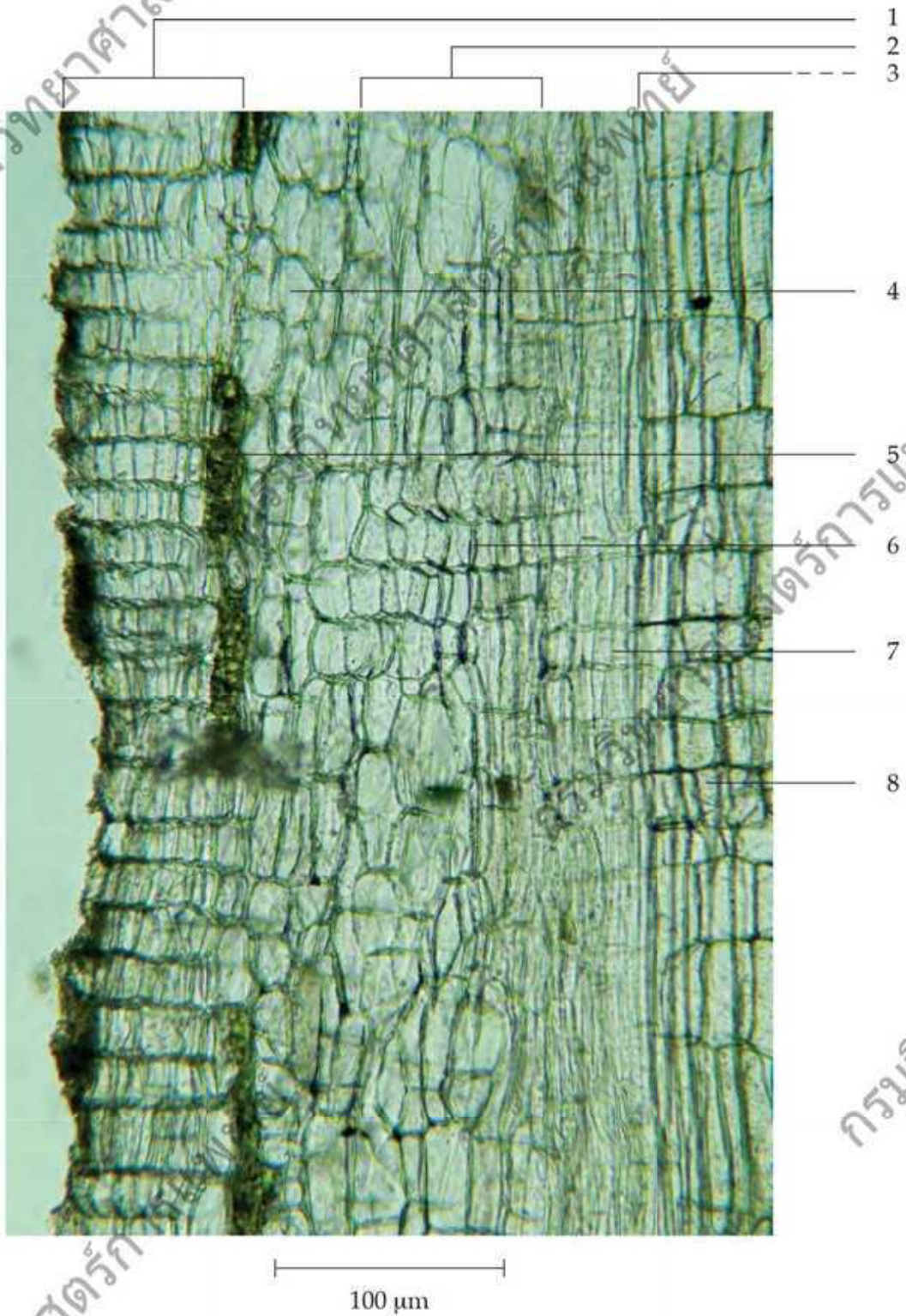
**Fig. 1b** *Clerodendrum indicum* (L.) Kuntze  
1. flowering twig 2. fruits and accrescent calyx



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrograph of Transverse Section of the Root of *Clerodendrum indicum* (L.)

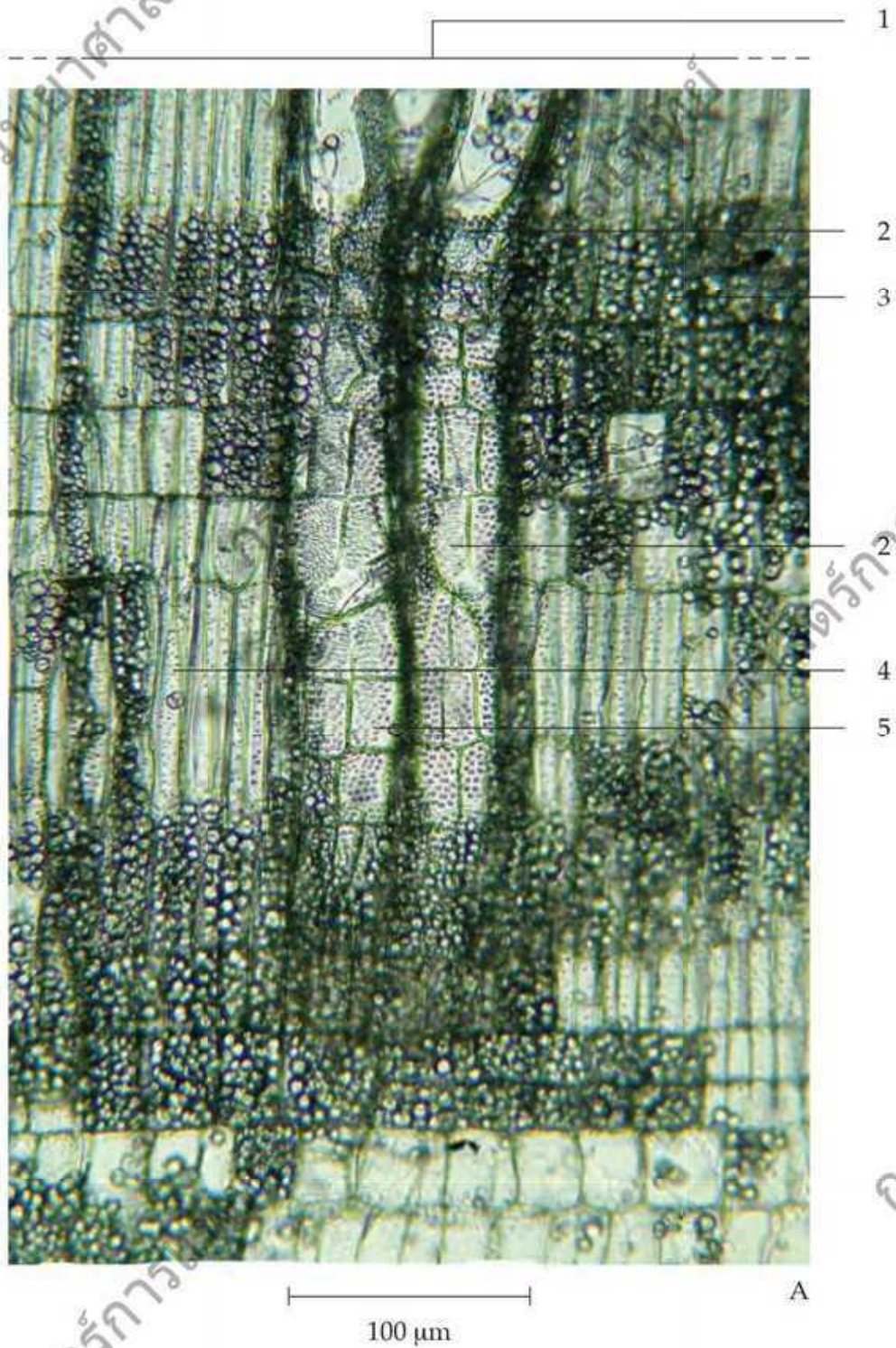
Kuntze

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| 1. periderm         | 6. vessel           |
| 2. sclereid         | 7. fibre            |
| 3. parenchyma       | 8. xylem parenchyma |
| 4. phloem           | 9. primary xylem    |
| 5. vascular cambium |                     |



**Fig. 2b** Photomicrograph of Radial Longitudinal Section of the Root Bark of *Clerodendrum indicum* (L.) Kuntze

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|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. periderm   | 5. sclereid         |
| 2. phloem     | 6. phloem ray       |
| 3. xylem      | 7. vascular cambium |
| 4. parenchyma | 8. xylem ray        |



**Fig. 2c** Photomicrographs of Longitudinal Section of the Woody Part of the Root of *Clerodendrum indicum* (L.) Kuntze  
**A.** Radial Longitudinal Section  
 1. xylem  
 2. axial parenchyma underlying bordered-pitted vessel  
 3. xylem ray with starch grains  
 4. xylem fibre  
 5. axial parenchyma

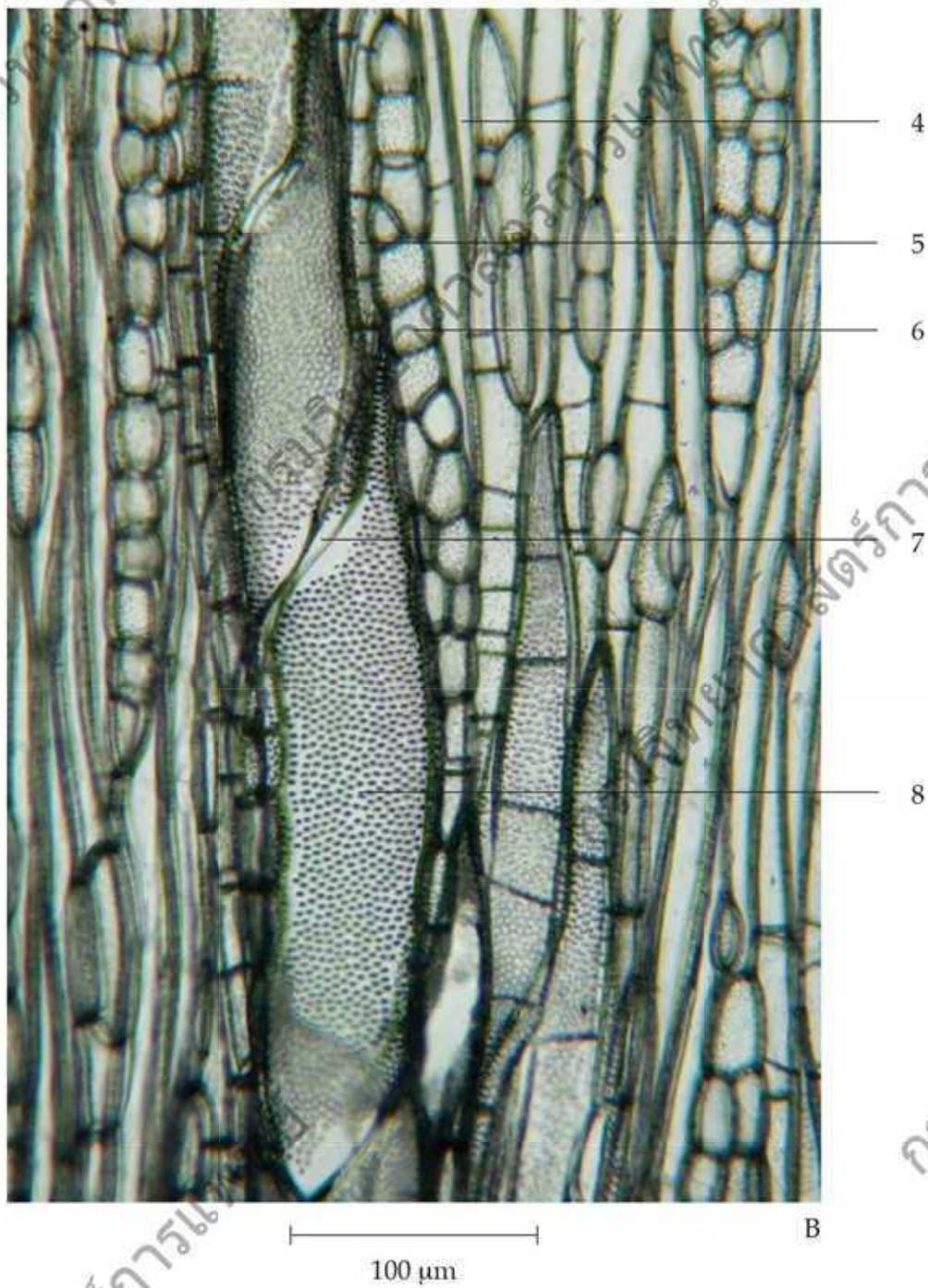


Fig. 2c (continued)

B. Tangential Longitudinal Section

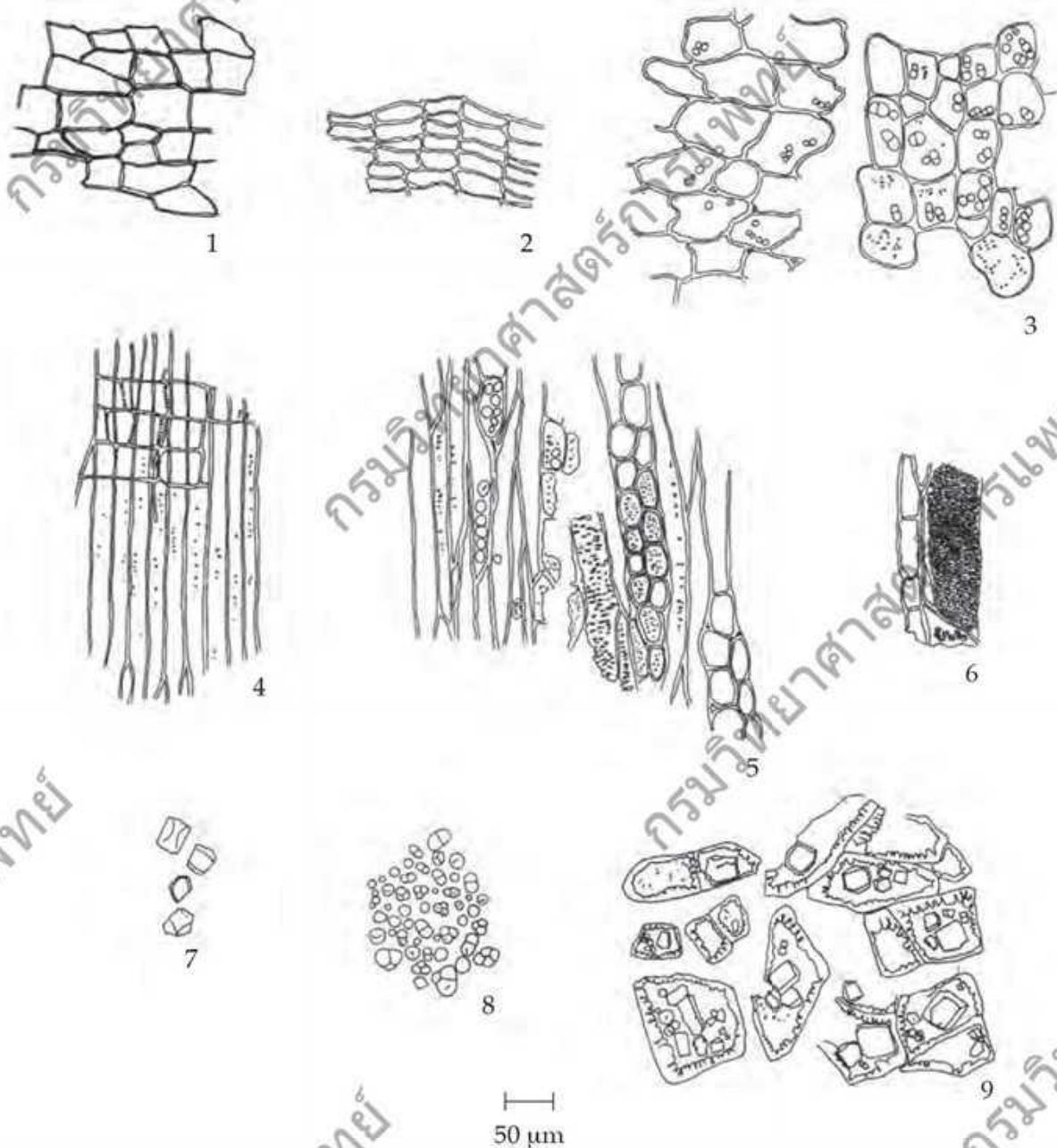
4. xylem fibre

5. axial parenchyma

6. xylem ray

7. perforation plate

8. bordered-pitted vessel



**Fig. 2d** Powdered Drug of the Roots of *Clerodendrum indicum* (L.) Kuntze

1. cork in surface view
2. cork in sectional view
3. parenchyma and porous parenchyma, some containing starch grains
4. medullary ray underlying xylem fibres in radial longitudinal view
5. medullary rays, associated with xylem fibres and pitted vessel, some containing starch grains in tangential longitudinal view
6. medullary ray associated with bordered-pitted vessels in tangential longitudinal view
7. prismatic crystals
8. starch grains
9. sclereids, some containing starch grains and/or prismatic crystals

**Additional information** The adulteration of *clerodendrum indicum* root with stems, branches, etc. may be found.

**Packaging and storage** *Clerodendrum Indicum* Root shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

**Identification**

A. Macerate 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 4 mL of *ethanol* for 10 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add 2 to 3 pieces of *magnesium ribbon* and a few drops of *hydrochloric acid* and mix: a yellow-orange colour develops.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 75 volumes of *n-hexane*, 25 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 2 volumes of *formic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 8 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 8 mm, 5  $\mu$ L of solution (A) and 1  $\mu$ L of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 2 g of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 20 mL of *methanol* for 30 minutes, filtering and evaporating the filtrate under reduced pressure to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *methanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *pectolarigenin* in 2 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching band ( $R_f$  value 51 to 59) corresponding to the *pectolarigenin* band from solution (B). Spray the plate with a 10 per cent w/v solution of *antimony(III) chloride* in *chloroform*, heat at 105° for 5 minutes and immediately examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm); the band due to *pectolarigenin* is blue. Several other bands of different colours are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Roots of *Clerodendrum indicum* (L.) Kuntze

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV254	10 Per Cent W/V Solution of Antimony(III) Chloride in Chloroform and UV366
1	6-9	-	blue
2	15-18	-	blue
3	34-37	quenching	light blue
4*	51-59	quenching	blue
5	83-86	-	light yellow
6	88-91	-	light yellow

\*pectolarigenin

**Loss on drying** Not more than 9.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

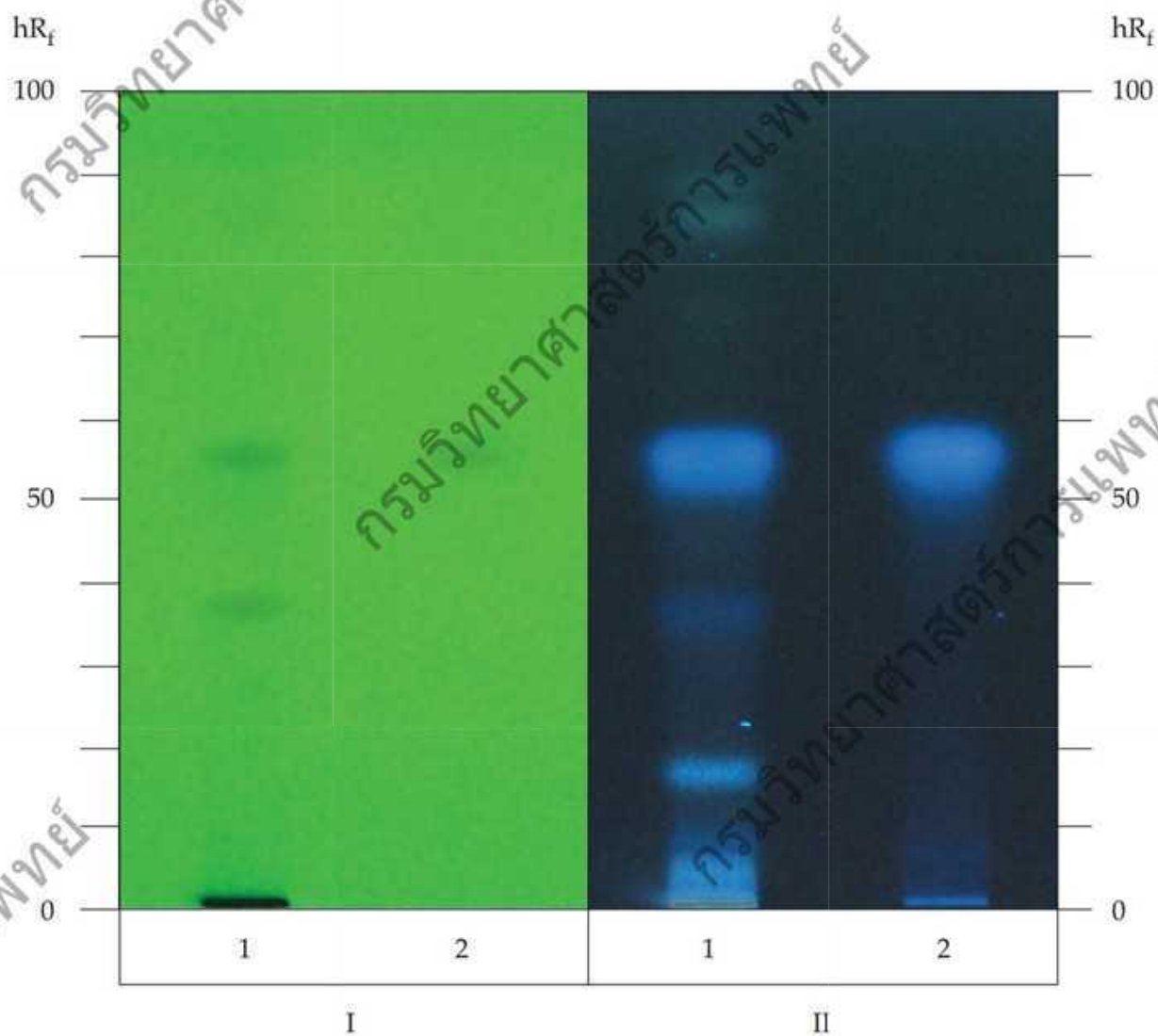
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 1.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Roots of *Clerodendrum indicum* (L.) Kuntze  
 1 = solution (A)  
 2 = solution (B)  
 I = detection under UV light (254 nm)  
 II = detection under UV light (366 nm) after spraying with a 10 per cent w/v solution of antimony(III) chloride in chloroform

## มะขามป้อม (MAKHAM POM)

Phyllanthi Emblicae Fructus

Emblic Myrobalan

**Category** Expectorant, laxative with secondary astringent action, antiscorbutic.

**Emblic Myrobalan is the dried mature fruit of *Phyllanthus emblica* L. (*Emblica officinalis* Gaertn.) (Family Euphorbiaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 904.**

**Constituents** Emblic Myrobalan contains ascorbic acid, rutin, mucic acid, gallic acid, phyllemblic acid, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Small or medium-sized tree, up to 20 m tall, deciduous, with crooked trunk and spreading branches; bark greenish grey, peeling off in conchoidal flakes; branchlets glabrous or finely pubescent, 10 to 20 cm long. Leaves imbricate when young, subsessile, 0.5 to 2.5 cm long, 1.5 to 5.5 mm wide, closely set along the branchlets, distichous, light green, glabrous, narrowly linear, obtuse, having appearance of pinnate leaves; stipule minute, ovate, finely acute. Flower small, monoecious, apetalous, greenish yellow, in axillary fascicles on the leaf-bearing branchlets, often on the naked portion below the leaves, with fimbriate bracts at the base. Male flowers numerous, on short slender pedicel; calyx-lobes 6, oblong, obtuse, 1.2 mm long; anthers 3, filaments united in a short central column; disk-glands 6, alternating with the calyx-segments. Female flowers few, subsessile or sessile; calyx as in the male; ovary 3-celled, half immersed in the lacerate, cup-shaped disc, style connate at the base, stigmas 3, bilobed, lobes dilated, recurved. Fruit sessile, 1.3 to 2.7 cm in diameter, fleshy, globose or depress globose, with 6 longitudinal faint lines, glabrous, lucid, pale yellow; endocarp of triangular cocci, bony, dehiscent, with 3 short bundles of vascular tissue at the base. Seeds 6, trigonous.

**Description** Odour, slightly aromatic; taste, slightly sour and astringent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Entire fruit, subspherical, wrinkled, about 1.3 to 2 cm in diameter, often dehiscent; fruit pulp dark brown to black, coriaceous; endocarp, brown, hard, globular, acutely hexangular; testa brown; seed brown, bony, trigonous.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the fruit pulp shows a layer of epicarp, Parenchyma, thin-walled ground tissue, containing prismatic crystals in some cells. Sclereid, lignified, occurring in 3 forms: rectangular sclereid, occurring in groups of a large number of cells near epicarp, containing water-soluble grey masses; spherical sclereid, occurring as single cell or in small groups of 2 to 10 cells; fibrous sclereid, occurring in bundles of 2 to 5 cells. Vascular bundle, lignified, composed of fibres and spiral vessels. Tannin granules, found in parenchyma, more often in the inner layer than in the outer layer.

Emblic Myrobalan in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the fruit pulp with additional characters: sclerenchyma; thick-walled parenchyma, containing reddish masses.



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Fig. 1a *Phyllanthus emblica* L.

1. habit 2. flowering twig 3. fruiting twig 4. crude drug

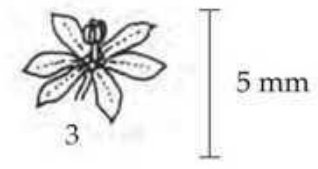
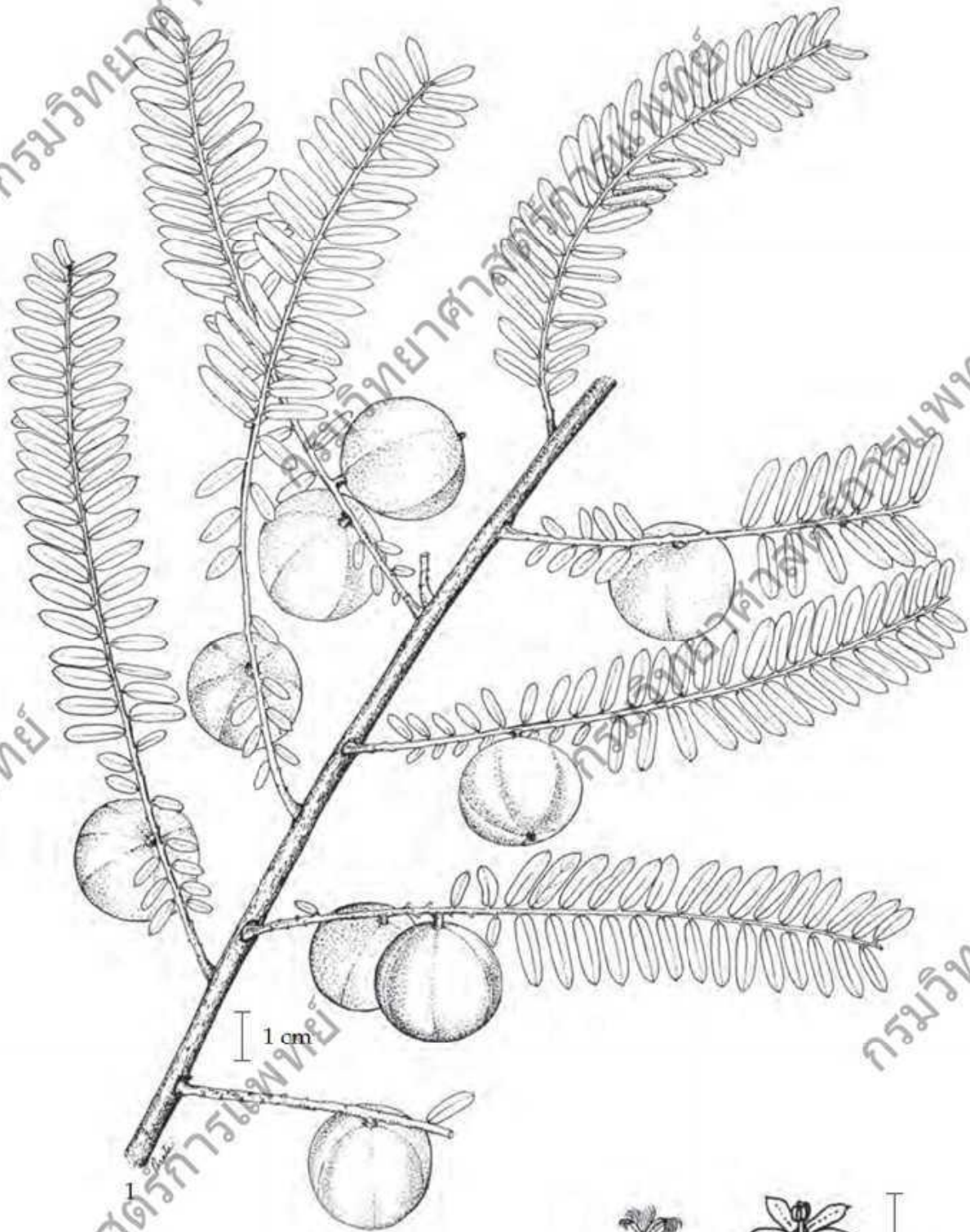
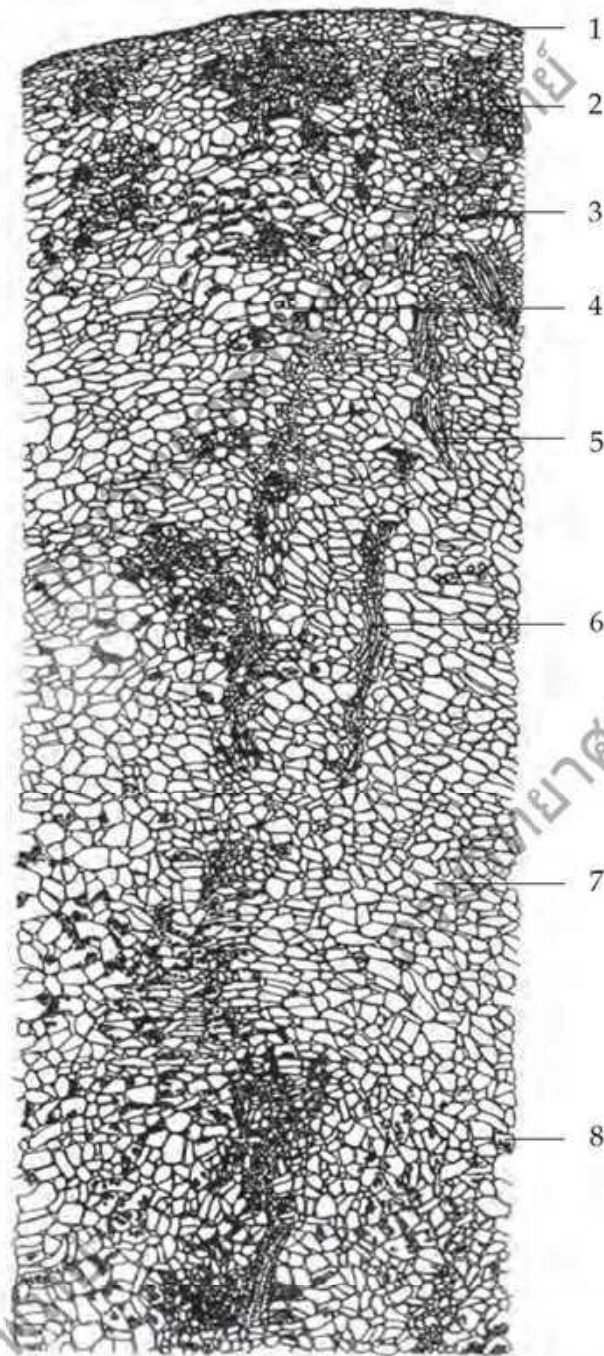


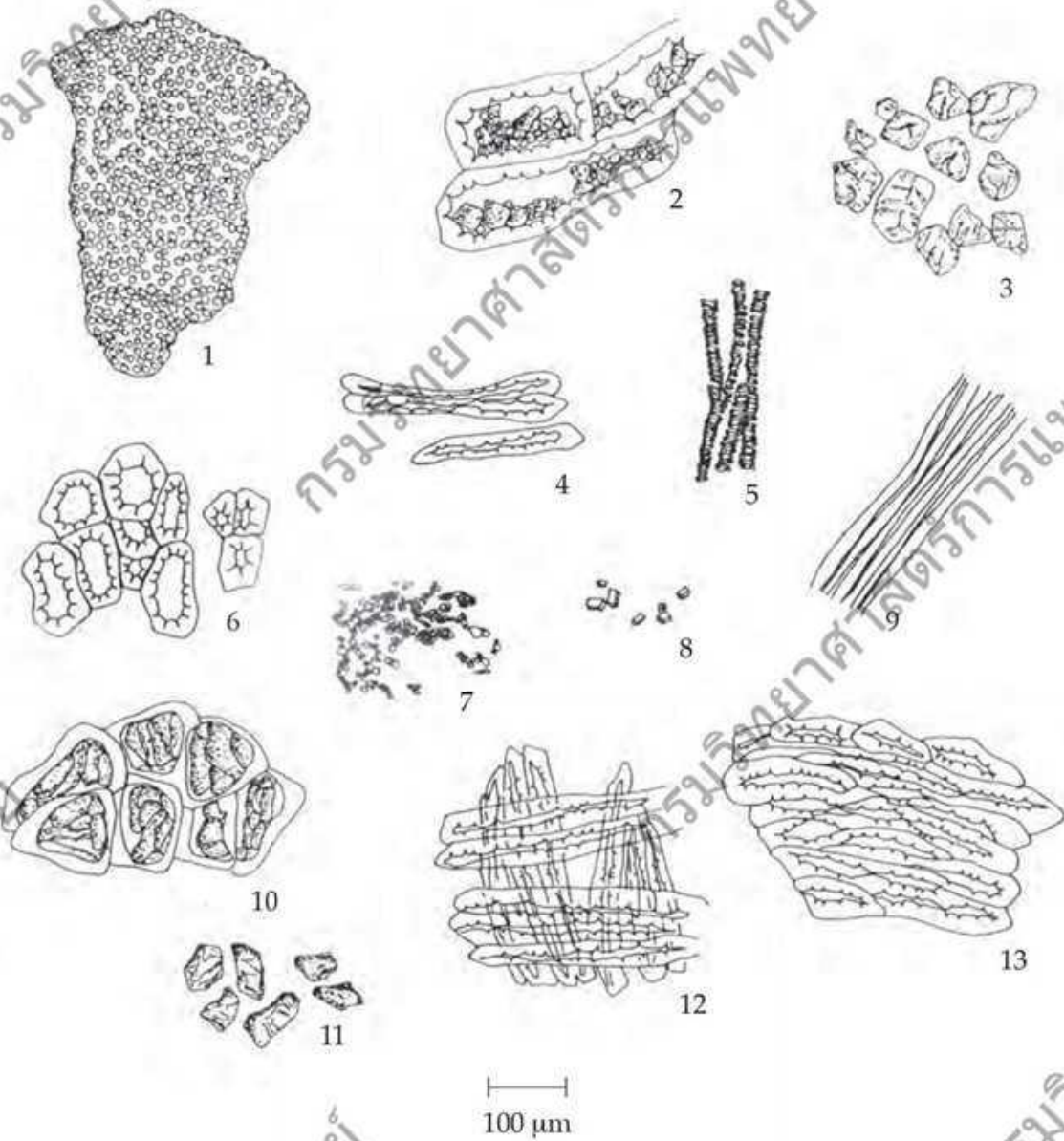
Fig. 1b *Phyllanthus emblica* L.

1. fruiting twig 2. female flower 3. male flower



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Fruit Pulp of *Phyllanthus emblica* L.

1. epicarp	5. fibrous sclereid
2. group of sclereids containing grey masses	6. vascular bundle
3. sclereid	7. parenchyma
4. parenchyma containing prismatic crystals	8. parenchyma containing tannin granules



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Fruit Pulp of *Phyllanthus emblica* L.

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| 1. epicarp in surface view          | 8. prismatic crystals                                 |
| 2. sclereids containing grey masses | 9. fragment of fibres                                 |
| 3. grey masses                      | 10. thick-walled parenchyma containing reddish masses |
| 4. fibrous sclereids                | 11. reddish masses                                    |
| 5. spiral thickenings               | 12. fibrous sclereids from seed coat                  |
| 6. sclereids                        | 13. sclerenchyma from seed coat                       |
| 7. tannin granules                  |   |

**Additional information** As an expectorant, it is suggested to frequently sip a juice freshly prepared by squeezing 10 to 30 fresh fruits of emblic myrobalan.

**Packaging and storage** Emblic Myrobalan shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 20 mL of *water* for 10 minutes and filter (solution 1). To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *sodium hydrogencarbonate TS* and *iron(II) sulfate TS*: a deep violet colour develops. Then add 0.5 mL of a 6 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid*: a deep violet colour disappears.

B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add 1 mL of *ethanol* and shake well: a white gelatinous mass is produced.

C. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 25 mL of *ethanol* for 15 minutes, and filter (solution 2). To 2 mL of solution 2, add a few drops of *iron(III) chloride TS*: a blue-black colour develops.

D. To 1 mL of solution 2, add a few drops of *fuming nitric acid*: a red colour develops.

E. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 50 volumes of *toluene*, 40 volumes of *ethyl formate* and 10 volumes of *formic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 20  $\mu$ L of solution (A) and 1  $\mu$ L of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *ethanol* for 10 minutes and filtering. To the filtrate, add 500 mg of *decolorizing charcoal*, reflux for a few minutes, filter, wash the filter paper and the funnel with small amount of *ethanol*, and adjust to 10 mL with *ethanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 3 mg of *gallic acid* in 1 mL of *ethanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching spot ( $hR_f$  value 43 to 44) corresponding to the gallic acid spot from solution (B), and one spot of lower  $hR_f$  value. Spray the plate with *iron(III) chloride TS*; the spot due to gallic acid is blue-black and the other blue-black spot is observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Ethanolic Extract of the Fruits of *Phyllanthus emblica* L.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	<i>Iron(III) Chloride TS</i>
1	4-6	quenching	blue-black
2*	43-44	quenching	blue-black

\*gallic acid

**Loss on drying** Not more than 9.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 16.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 26.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Tannins content** Not less than 20.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12H). Use 4 g of Emblic Myrobalan, in *fine powder*, accurately weighed.

**Dose** 6 to 12 g a day, as a decoction, sip as needed.

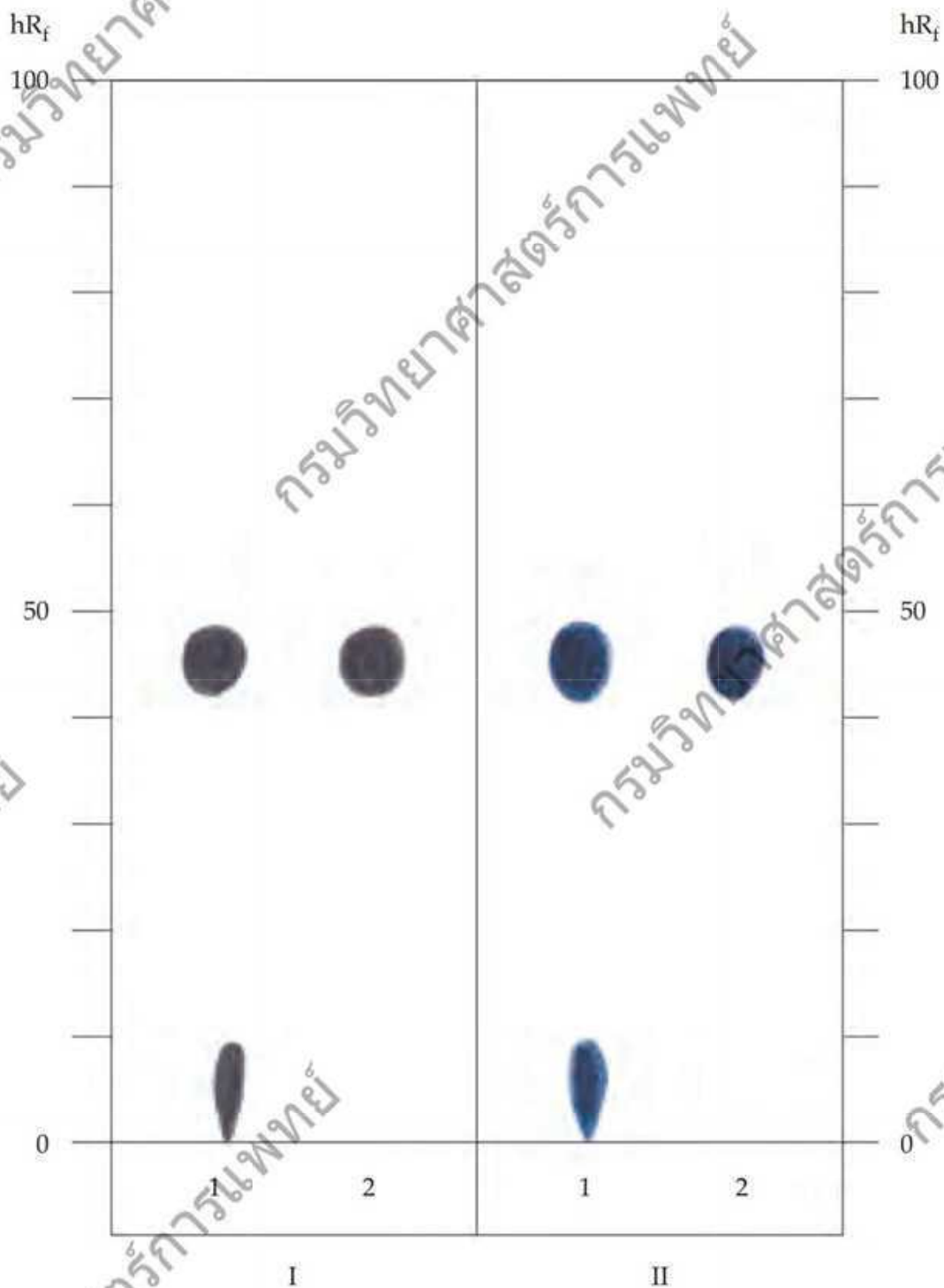


Fig. 3 Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Ethanolic Extract of the Fruits of *Phyllanthus emblica* L.

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection with iron(III) chloride TS

## ยาชงมะขามป้อม (YA CHONG MAKHAM POM)

Emblc Myrobalan Tea

**Category** Expectorant, laxative with secondary astringent action.

Emblc Myrobalan Tea contains an amount of powdered Emblc Myrobalan equivalent to not less than 80.0 per cent and not more than 120.0 per cent of the labelled amount of tannins, calculated on the dried basis.

**Strengths available** 1.5 and 2.5 g (powder), supplied in a sachet.

**Dose** One sachet, prepared as an infusion by soaking each with 200 mL of boiling water for 5 minutes, as needed.

**Packaging and storage** Emblc Myrobalan Tea shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place and at a temperature not exceeding 30°.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the equivalent amount of tannins in mg per sachet; (2) the expiration date.

### Identification

A. The tea contents exhibit diagnostic structures of the powdered drug described under *Emblc Myrobalan*.

B. The tea contents comply with the tests for Identification A, B, C, D, and E described under *Emblc Myrobalan*.

**Loss on drying** Of tea contents, not more than 9.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Microbial limit** Complies with the requirements for Category 2 in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Tannins content** Grind the contents of not less than 20 sachets of Emblc Myrobalan Tea to fine powder. Use 4 g, accurately weighed (Appendix 7.21H).

**Other requirements** Complies with the requirements described under "Herbal Teas" (Appendix 1.16H).

## มะกรูด, ใบ (MAKRUT, BAI)

Citri Hystricis Folium

Citrus Hystrix Leaf

**Synonyms** Kaffir Lime Leaf, Leech Lime Leaf, Mauritius Papeda Leaf, Porcupine Orange Leaf

**Category** Pharmaceutic aid (flavouring agent), carminative.

**Citrus Hystrix Leaf is the dried leaf of *Citrus hystrix* DC. (*C. papeda* Miq., *C. tuberosides* J. W. Benn.) (Family Rutaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 342.**

**Constituents** Citrus Hystrix Leaf contains volatile oil, of which citronellal, citronellol and citronellol acetate are its major components; sabinene,  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -pinene,  $\alpha$ -phellandrene, limonene,  $\alpha$ - and  $\gamma$ -terpinene, cymene, linalool, indole alkaloids are also found. It also contains rutin, hesperidin and diosmin.

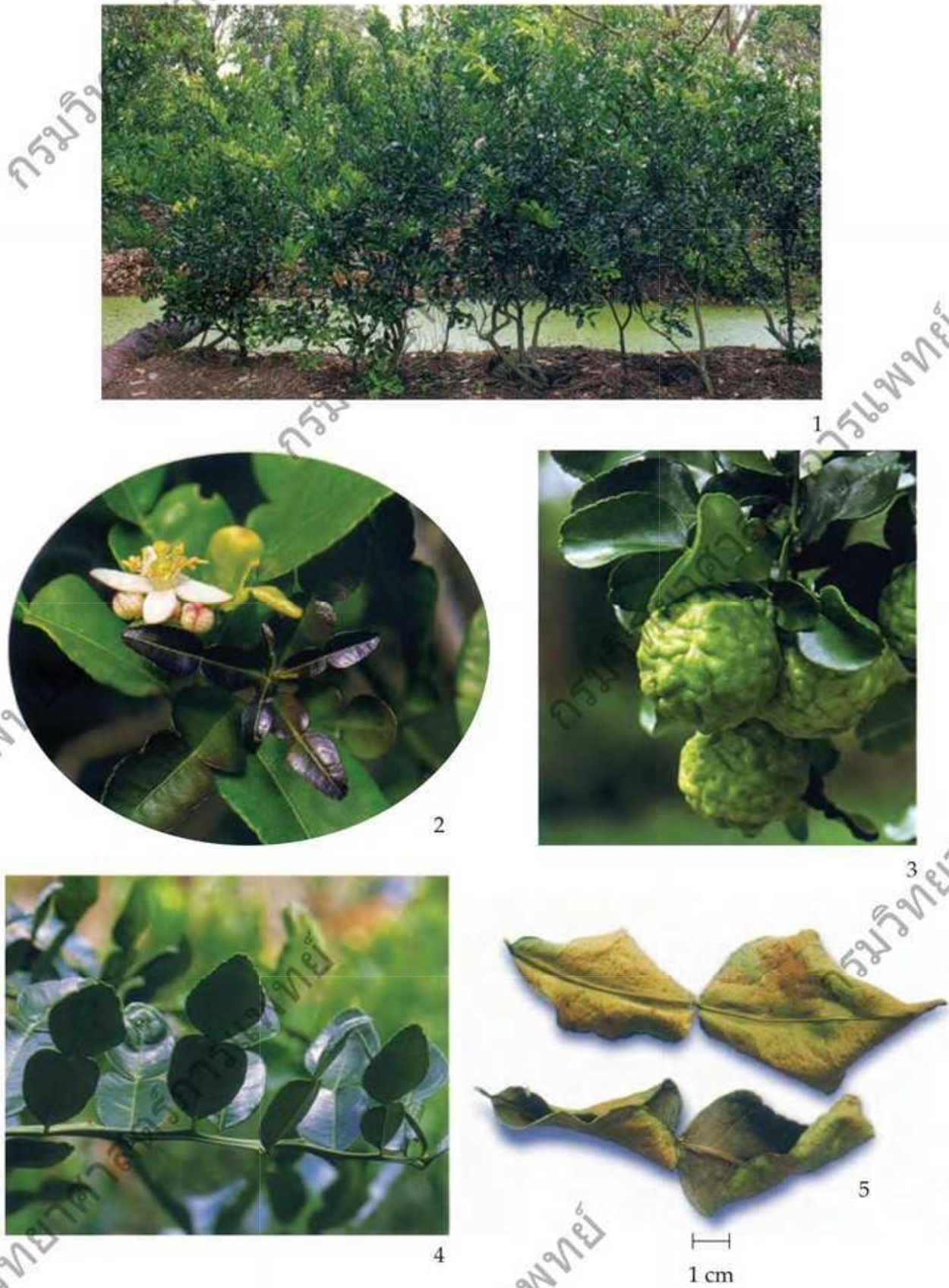
**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Shrub or small tree 2 to 12 m tall; branchlets compressed-angular when young; spine solitary, 0.5 to 1.5 cm long. Leaves alternate or spirally arranged, very young leaves light reddish purple; winged petioles obovate to obcordate-oblong, 1 to 8 cm long, 1 to 4.5 cm wide; lamina orbicular-ovate or ovate-oblong, 3 to 15 cm long, 2.5 to 6 cm wide, apex obtuse to obtusely acuminate or slightly emarginate, base cuneate or rounded, margin more or less crenate. Inflorescence axillary or terminal, 1- to 15-flowered, fragrant; pedicel 2 to 5 mm long; calyx cupular, 1 to 1.5 mm long, 4-lobed; petals 4 to 5, oval-oblong, 6 to 10 mm long, 3 to 5 mm wide, obtusely acuminate, yellowish white or suffused with violet, with scattered pellucid dots; stamens 24 to 30, free, filaments 2 to 6 mm long; ovary superior, subglobose. Fruit ellipsoid, ovoid or globose, 5 to 7 cm in diameter, irregular bumpy; fruit-pulp yellowish green, very sour, slightly bitter. Seeds ovoid-oblong, 1 to 1.5 cm long, 3 to 5 mm wide.

**Description** Odour, characteristic, aromatic; taste, slightly bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Citrus Hystrix Leaf occurs as a mixture of entire and broken, greenish brown to brown dried leaves. Petioles obovate, 1 to 8 cm long, 1 to 4.5 cm wide. Lamina ovate, 3 to 15 cm long, 2.5 to 6 cm wide; apex obtuse or retuse or slightly emarginate, undulate at margin.

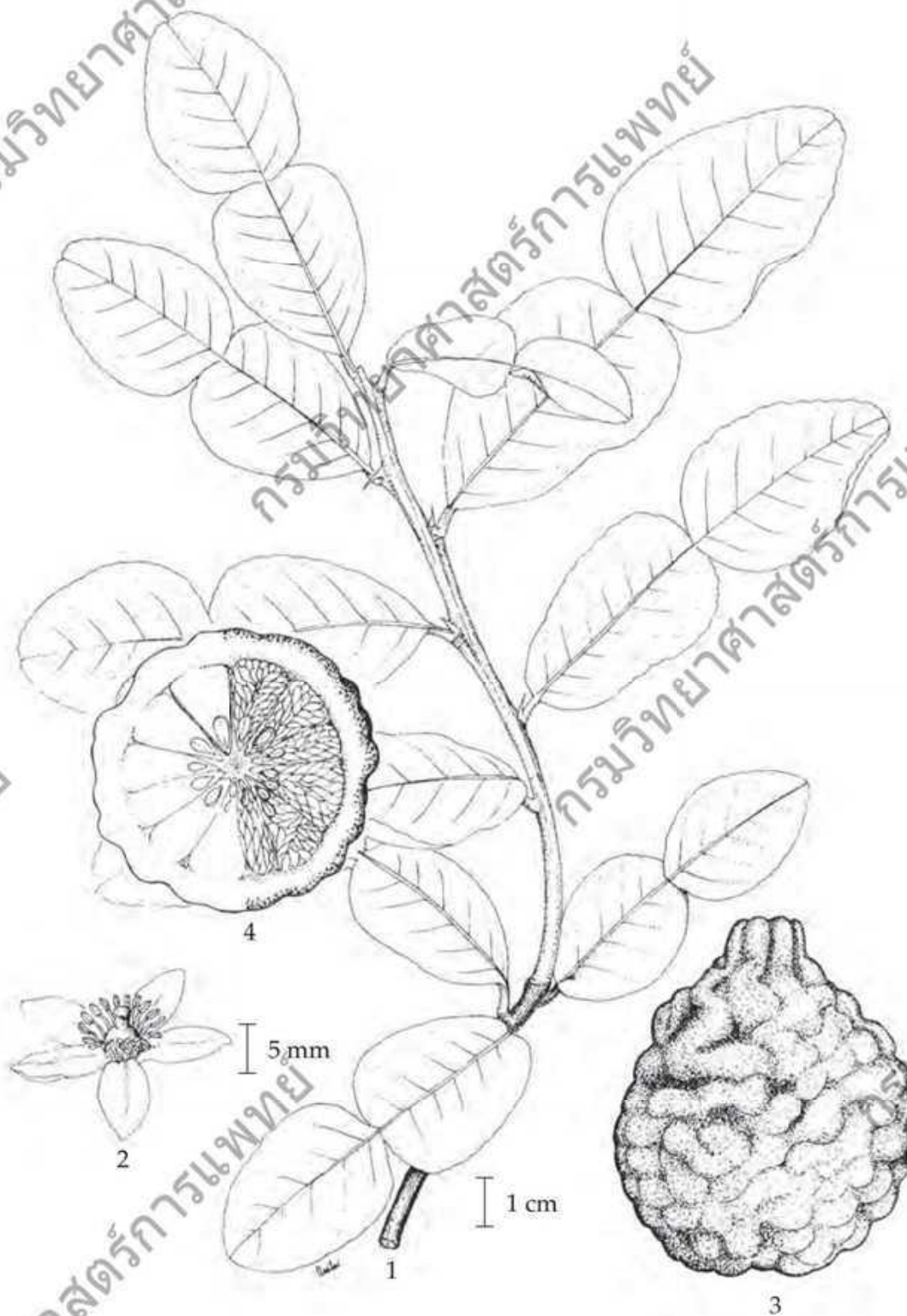
**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the leaf shows upper epidermis, a layer of rectangular cells in sectional view or slightly wavy-walled cells in surface view, stomata absent. Mesophyll composed of 2 to 3 layers of palisade and several layers of spongy cells with idioblasts containing calcium oxalate prismatic crystals; fibrovascular bundle and schizolysigenous oil cavity containing oil droplets located in spongy tissues. Fibrovascular bundle composed of fibre surrounding amphicribal vascular bundle; xylem composed of spiral, reticulate, and bordered-pitted vessels and xylem parenchyma some of which containing prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate. Collenchyma, 2 to 3 layers of cells, located in the central part of midrib beneath lower epidermis. Lower epidermis, a layer of rectangular cells in sectional view or wavy-walled cells in surface view with anomocytic type of stomata.

Citrus Hystrix Leaf in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.



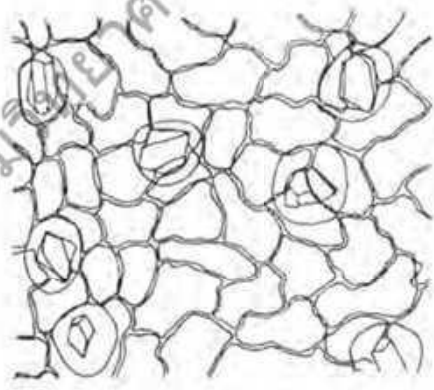
**Fig. 1a** *Citrus hystrix* DC.

1. habit 2. flowering twig 3. fruits 4. fresh leaves 5. crude drug



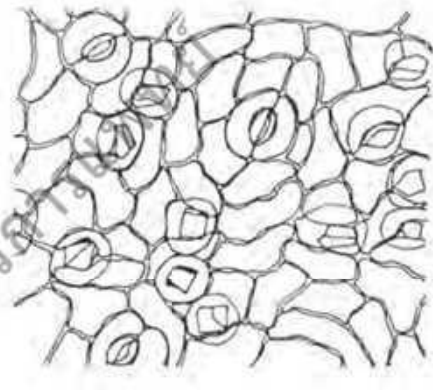
**Fig. 1b** *Citrus hystrix* DC.

1. twig 2. flower 3. mature fruit 4. cross section of the fruit



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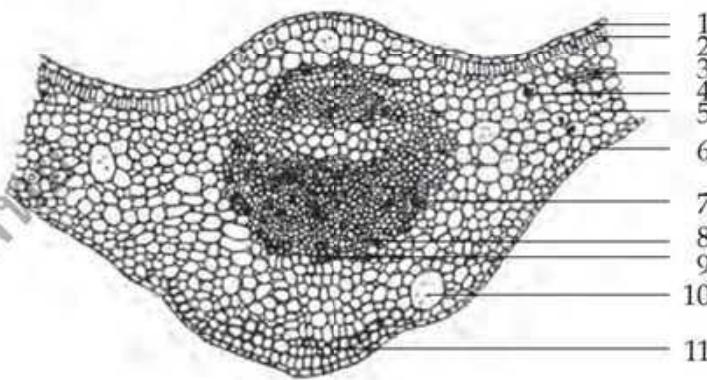
Upper Epidermis of the Lamina



10  $\mu$ m

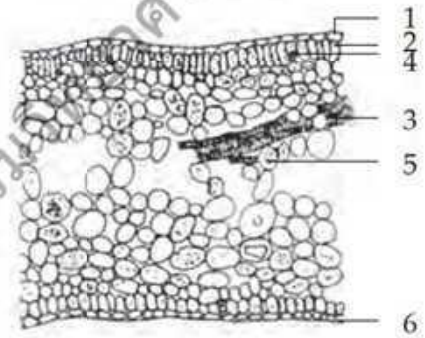
Lower Epidermis of the Lamina

Fig. 2a Epidermises of the Leaf of *Citrus hystrix* DC.



100  $\mu$ m

Transverse Section of the Midrib



50  $\mu$ m

Transverse Section of the Lamina

Fig. 2b Transverse Sections of the Leaf of *Citrus hystrix* DC.

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|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. upper epidermis | 7. xylem                        |
| 2. palisade cell   | 8. phloem                       |
| 3. vascular bundle | 9. fibre                        |
| 4. idioblast       | 10. schizolysigenous oil cavity |
| 5. spongy cell     | 11. collenchyma                 |
| 6. lower epidermis |                                 |

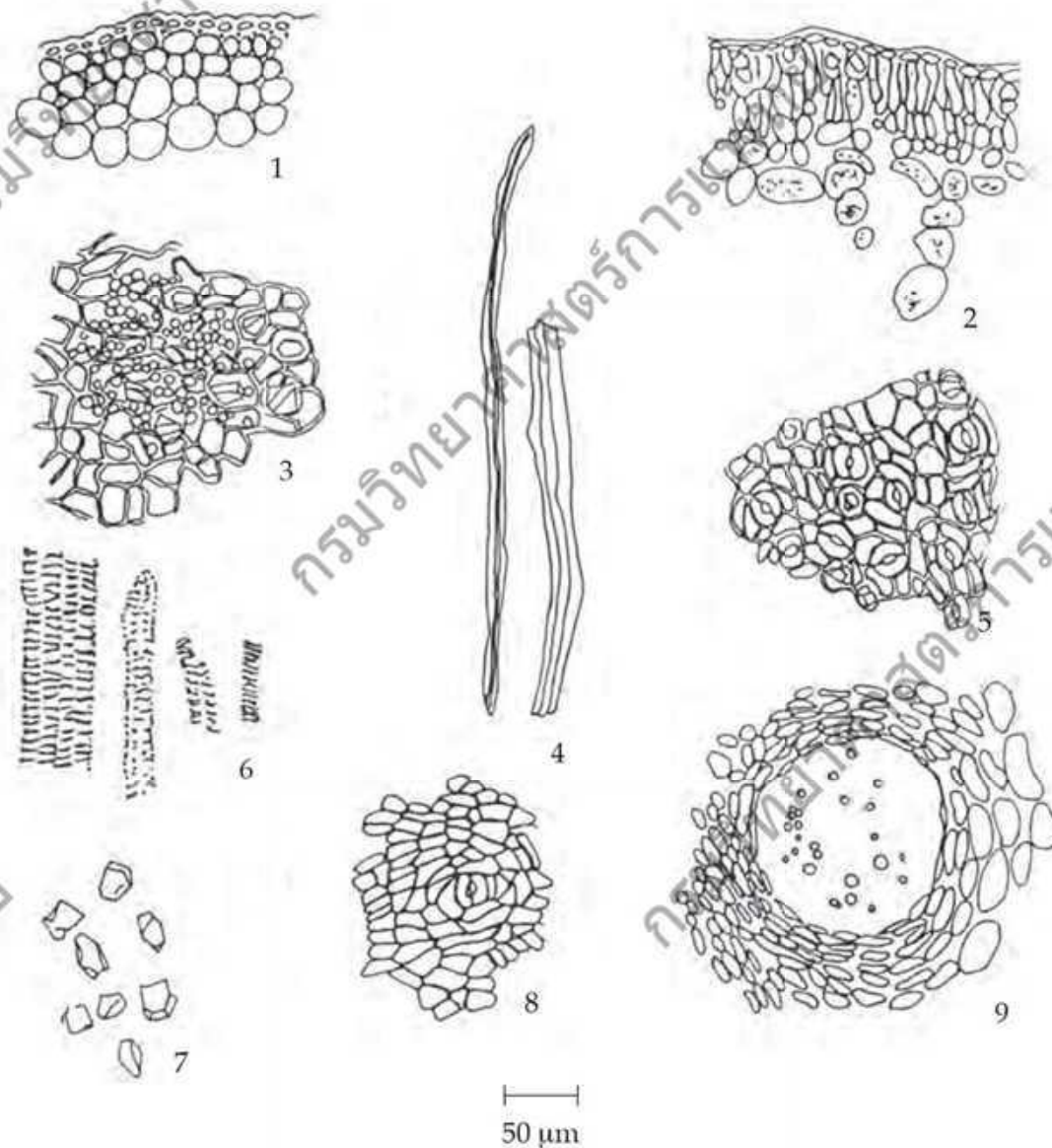


Fig. 2c Powdered Drug of the Leaves of *Citrus hystrix* DC.

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| 1. epidermis and collenchyma in sectional view   | 6. vessels                               |
| 2. lamina in sectional view  | 7. prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate |
| 3. upper epidermis in surface view showing underlying palisade cells and idioblasts containing prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate | 8. epidermis of midrib in surface view   |
| 4. fibres  | 9. schizolysigenous oil cavity           |
| 5. lower epidermis in surface view showing stomata and the underlying idioblasts containing prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate    |  |

**Packaging and storage** Citrus Hystrix Leaf shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place. It should be used within 1 year and air-dried every 2 to 3 months.

**Identification**

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 30 mL of *ethanol* for 15 minutes, and filter (solution 1). To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *ammonium molybdate TS*: a yellowish green precipitate is produced.

B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of a freshly prepared 1 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride*: a deep greenish brown colour is produced.

C. Extract 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *chloroform*, shake occasionally for 20 minutes, and filter. Evaporate 2 mL of the filtrate to dryness, dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *acetic anhydride*, and add slowly 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to make two layers: a brown colour forms at the zone of contact and the upper layer is green.

D. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and *chloroform* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, 10  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 30 mL of *ethanol* for 15 minutes, filtering and concentrating the filtrate to 5 mL. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air, and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) (Table 1); see also Fig. 3. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 105° for 5 minutes. Several spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

Table 1  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Ethanolic Extract of the Leaves of *Citrus hystrix* DC.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	1-3	-	yellow	grey
2	3-6	-	red	-
3	3-7	quenching	-	bluish violet
4	6-8	-	red	-
5	9-12	quenching	pink	-
6	12-14	quenching	light violet	bluish violet
7	15-18	quenching	blue	-
8	18-20	-	red	-
9	20-22	-	blue	-
10	23-24	-	red	violet
11	25-27	-	green	-
12	28-32	-	red	-
13	31-35	-	-	pale violet
14	36-40	-	-	bluish violet
15	41-44	-	blue	-
16	44-46	quenching	-	-
17	57-61	-	-	violet
18	64-67	quenching	-	-
19	68-72	-	-	pale violet
20	72-76	-	-	bluish violet
21	76-79	quenching	-	violet
22	84-85	-	-	bluish violet
23	86-91	quenching	-	bluish violet

**Water** Not more than 11.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 17.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 6.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 18.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Chloroform-soluble extractive** Not less than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12H).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 0.6 per cent v/w (Appendix 7.3H). Use 25 g of hand-crushed leaves, accurately weighed. Use 250 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.

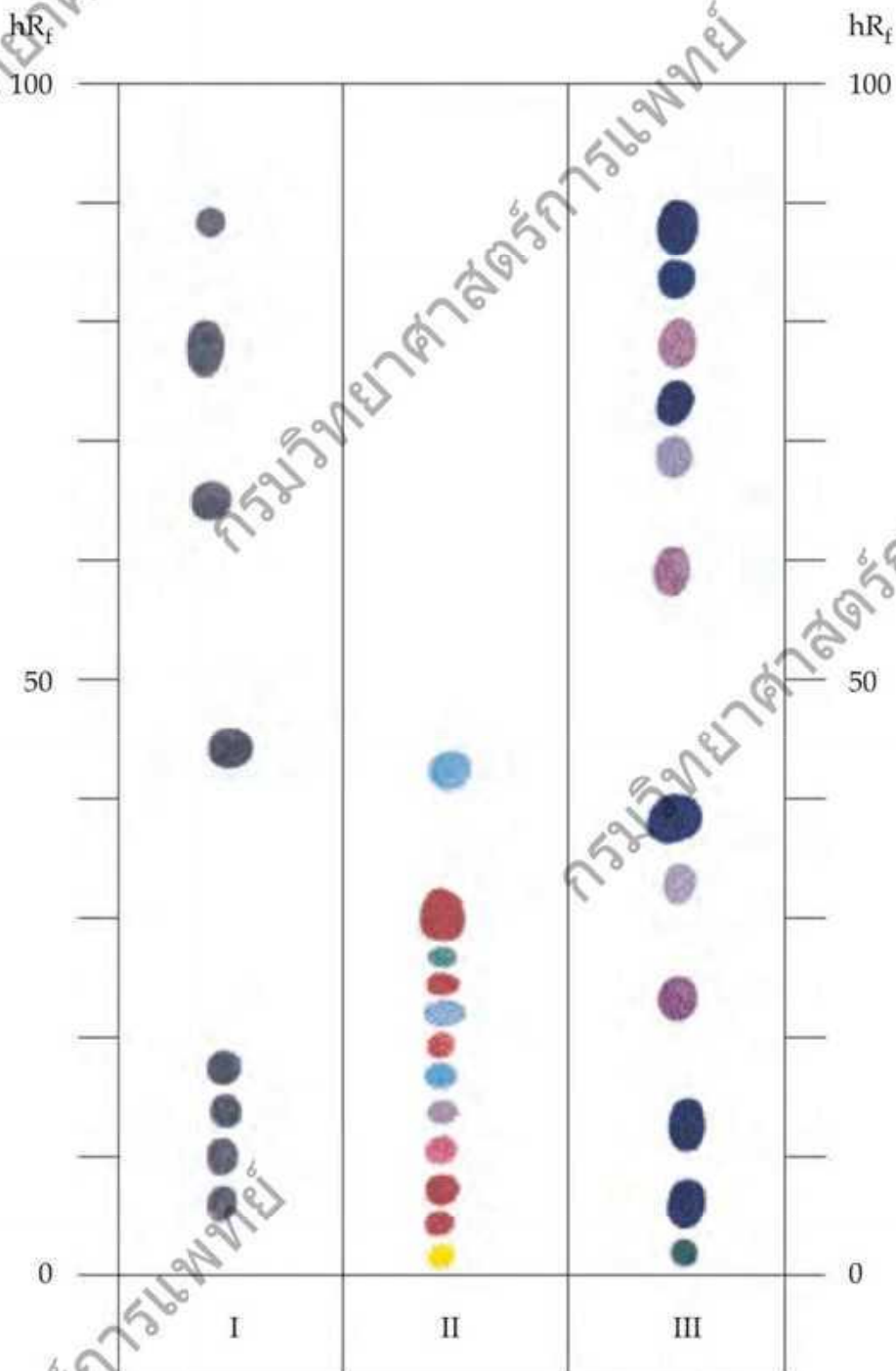


Fig. 3 Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Ethanolic Extract of the Leaves of *Citrus hystrix* DC.

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *anisaldehyde TS*

## มะกรูด, ผิว (MAKRUT, PHIO)

Citri Hystricis Exocarpium et Mesocarpium

Citrus Hystrix Peel

**Synonyms** Kaffir Lime Peel, Leech Lime Peel, Mauritius Papeda Peel, Porcupine Orange Peel

**Category** Pharmaceutic aid (flavouring agent), carminative.

**Citrus Hystrix Peel is the dried exocarp and mesocarp of green mature fruit of *Citrus hystrix* DC. (*C. papeda* Miq., *C. tuberosides* J.W. Benn.) (Family Rutaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 1459.**

**Constituents** Citrus Hystrix Peel contains volatile oil, of which  $\beta$ -pinene, limonene,  $\beta$ -phellandrene, and citronellal are its major components. It also contains linalool, borneol, camphor, sabinene, germacrene D, aviprin, umbelliferone,  $\beta$ -sitosterol, etc.

**Description of the plant** See under *Citrus Hystrix Leaf*, See also Figs. 1a, 1b.

**Description** Odour, characteristic, aromatic; taste, bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1) Citrus Hystrix Peel occurs as strips of dried fruit rind; outer surface dark green to brown, rough with pits of oil glands; inner surface exhibiting whitish spongy part.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the exocarp and mesocarp shows exocarp, a layer of rectangular cells covered by thick cuticle. Mesocarp, the outer part composed of several layers of thick-walled parenchyma containing chromoplastids; the inner part composed of thick-walled spongy parenchyma; vascular bundles, scattered; vessels, lignified reticulate and spiral. Prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate and schizolysigenous oil cavities containing oil droplets are also found.

Citrus Hystrix Peel in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

**Additional information** Citrus Hystrix Peel in this monograph refers to exocarp with attached unremovable mesocarp.

**Packaging and storage** Citrus Hystrix Peel shall be kept in well-closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light and stored in a cool and dry place. It should be used within 1 year and air-dried every 2 to 3 months.



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**Fig. 1** *Citrus hystrix* DC.  
1. habit 2. fruiting twig 3. crude drug

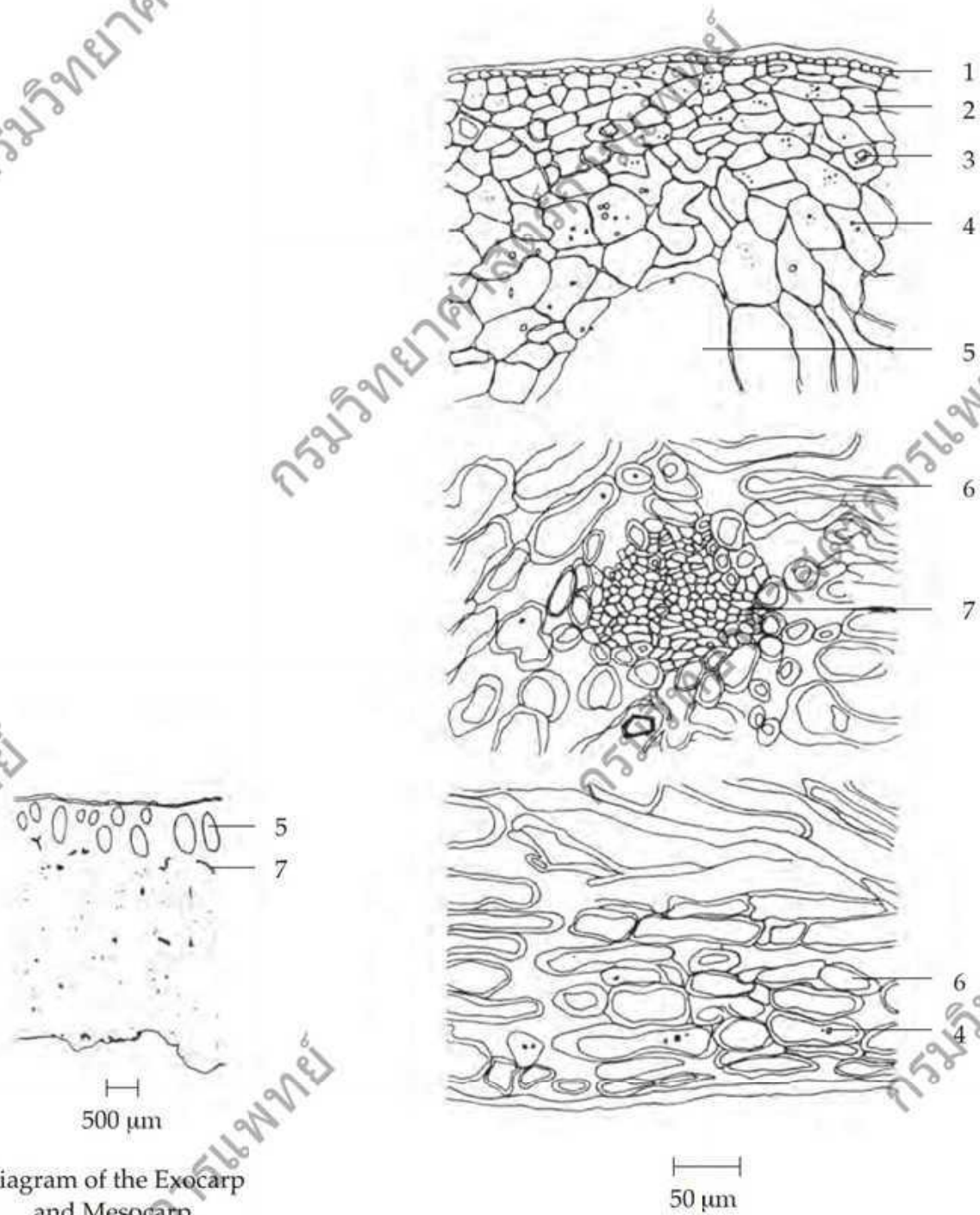
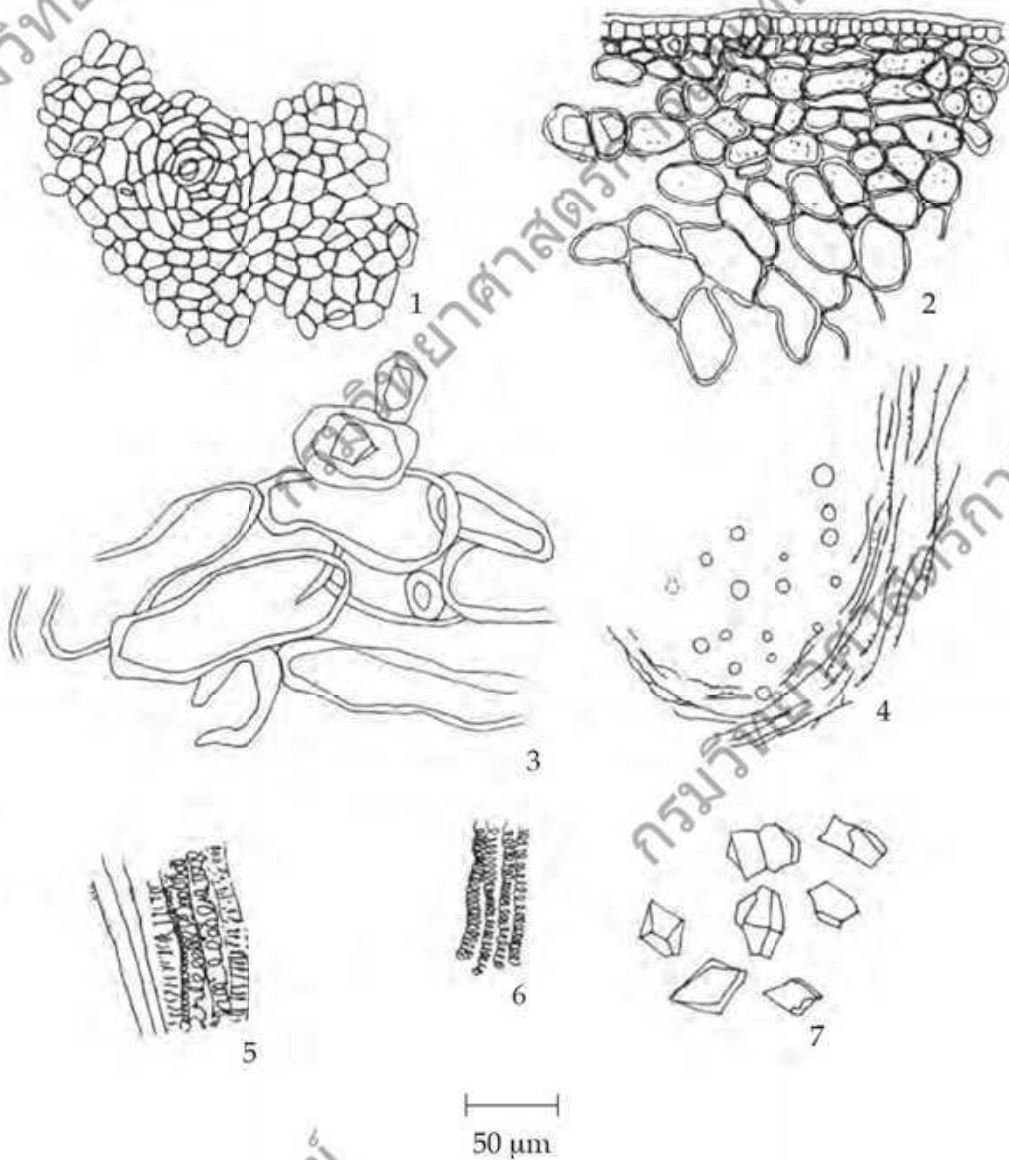


Diagram of the Exocarp and Mesocarp

**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Exocarp and Mesocarp of the Fruit of *Citrus hystrix* DC.

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| 1. epicarp with cuticle                            | 4. oil droplet                         |
| 2. thick-walled parenchyma containing chromoplasts | 5. schizolysigenous oil cavity         |
| 3. prismatic crystal of calcium oxalate            | 6. thick-walled spongy parenchyma cell |
|  | 7. vascular bundle                     |



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Exocarp and Mesocarp of the Fruits of *Citrus hystrix* DC.

1. epicarp in surface view showing anomocytic stoma
2. pericarp in sectional view showing epicarp and parenchyma of mesocarp containing prismatic crystals and chromoplastids
3. thick-walled spongy cells with crystals
4. schizolysigenous oil cavity with oil droplets
5. spiral and reticulate vessels and fibres
6. spiral vessel thickenings
7. prismatic crystals of calcium oxalate

**Identification**

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 30 mL of *ethanol* for 15 minutes, and filter (solution 1). To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *ammonium molybdate TS*: a bright yellow precipitate is produced.

B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of a freshly prepared 1 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride*: a deep greenish brown colour is produced.

C. To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *nitrohydrin TS* and warm on a water-bath for a few minutes: a reddish purple colour is produced.

D. Moisten 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 0.5 mL of *strong ammonia solution*, add 5 mL of *chloroform*, occasionally shaking for 10 minutes, and filter. Evaporate the filtrate until dryness and dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *ethanol*, and add a few drops of *modified Dragendorff TS2*: an orange precipitate is produced.

E. Extract 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *chloroform*, shake occasionally for 20 minutes, and filter. Evaporate 2 mL of the filtrate to dryness, dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *acetic anhydride*, and add slowly 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to make two layers: a brown colour forms at the zone of contact and the upper layer is green.

F. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and *chloroform* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, 5  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by moistening 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 1 mL of *strong ammonia solution* for a while, extracting with 10 mL of *chloroform* by occasionally shaking for 15 minutes, filtering, and concentrating the filtrate to 1 mL. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air, and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) (Table 1); see also Fig. 3. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 105° for 5 minutes. Several spots of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

Repeat the same procedure on other two plates but use a mixture of 20 volumes of *chloroform* and 1 volume of *methanol* as the mobile phase and allow the solvent front to ascend 12 cm above the line of application. After removal of the plates, allow them to dry in air, and spray one plate with *modified Dragendorff TS2*: two orange spots are observed. Spray another plate with *iodoplatinate TS*: one dark blue spot and one brown spot are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 4.

Table 1  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Chloroform Extract of the Peels of *Citrus hystrix* DC.a. Mobile phase: *chloroform*

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection		
		UV 254	UV 366	<i>Anisaldehyde TS</i>
1	0-2	-	light green	-
2	1-4	quenching	-	green
3	2-3	-	blue	-
4	4-5	-	blue	-
5	5-7	quenching	light green	bluish violet
6	7-9	quenching	light green	bluish violet
7	8-11	quenching	light green	brown
8	10-13	quenching	light green	bluish violet
9	12-15	quenching	light green	bluish violet
10	15-20	quenching	light green	green
11	20-26	quenching	light green	brown
12	25-28	-	red	-
13	29-31	-	-	bluish violet
14	33-34	-	-	blue
15	36-38	-	-	pink
16	36-39	-	blue	-
17	39-41	-	-	brown
18	41-48	quenching	green	violet
19	46-50	quenching	green	-
20	51-54	-	-	brown
21	58-61	-	-	pink
22	68-70	-	-	violet
23	73-76	-	-	bluish violet
24	77-80	-	-	violet
25	81-84	quenching	-	-
26	84-86	-	-	bluish violet
27	86-90	quenching	-	violet

b. Mobile phase: 20 volumes of *chloroform* and 1 volume of *methanol*

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		<i>Modified Dragendorff TS2</i>	<i>Iodoplatinate TS</i>
1	33-40	orange	dark blue
2	87-92	orange	brown

**Water** Not more than 12.0 per cent v/w (Azeotropic Distillation Method, Appendix 4.12).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 9.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 11.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 23.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Chloroform-soluble extractive** Not less than 8.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12H).

**Volatile oil** Not less than 2.0 per cent v/w (Appendix 7.3H). Use 25 g, in *coarse powder*, freshly prepared and accurately weighed. Use 250 mL of *water* as the distillation liquid and a 500-mL round-bottomed flask. Distil at a rate of 2 to 3 mL per minute for 5 hours. Use 2.0 mL of *xylene* in the graduated tube.

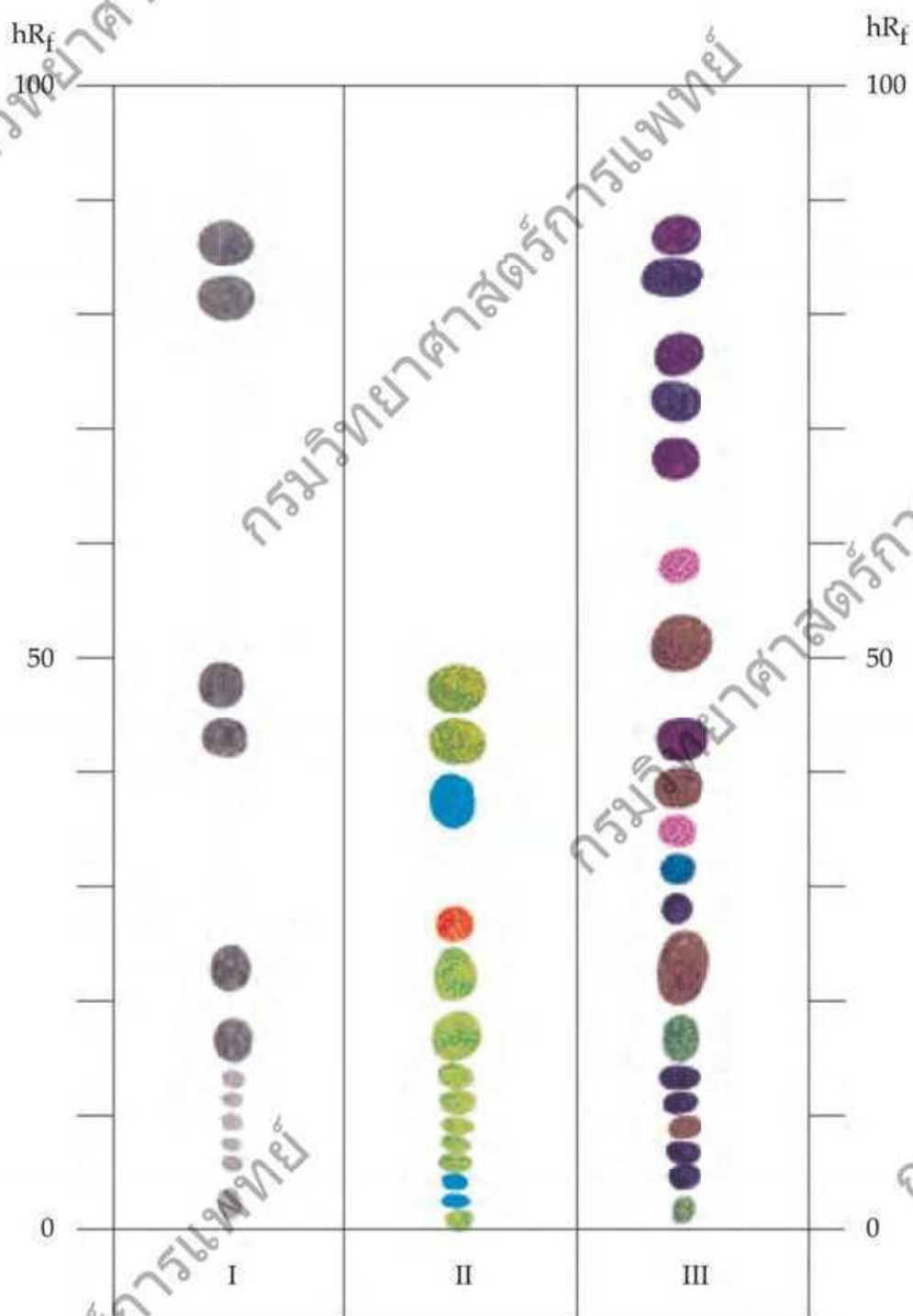


Fig. 3 Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Chloroform Extract of the Peels of *Citrus hystrix* DC.

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- III = detection with *anisaldehyde* TS

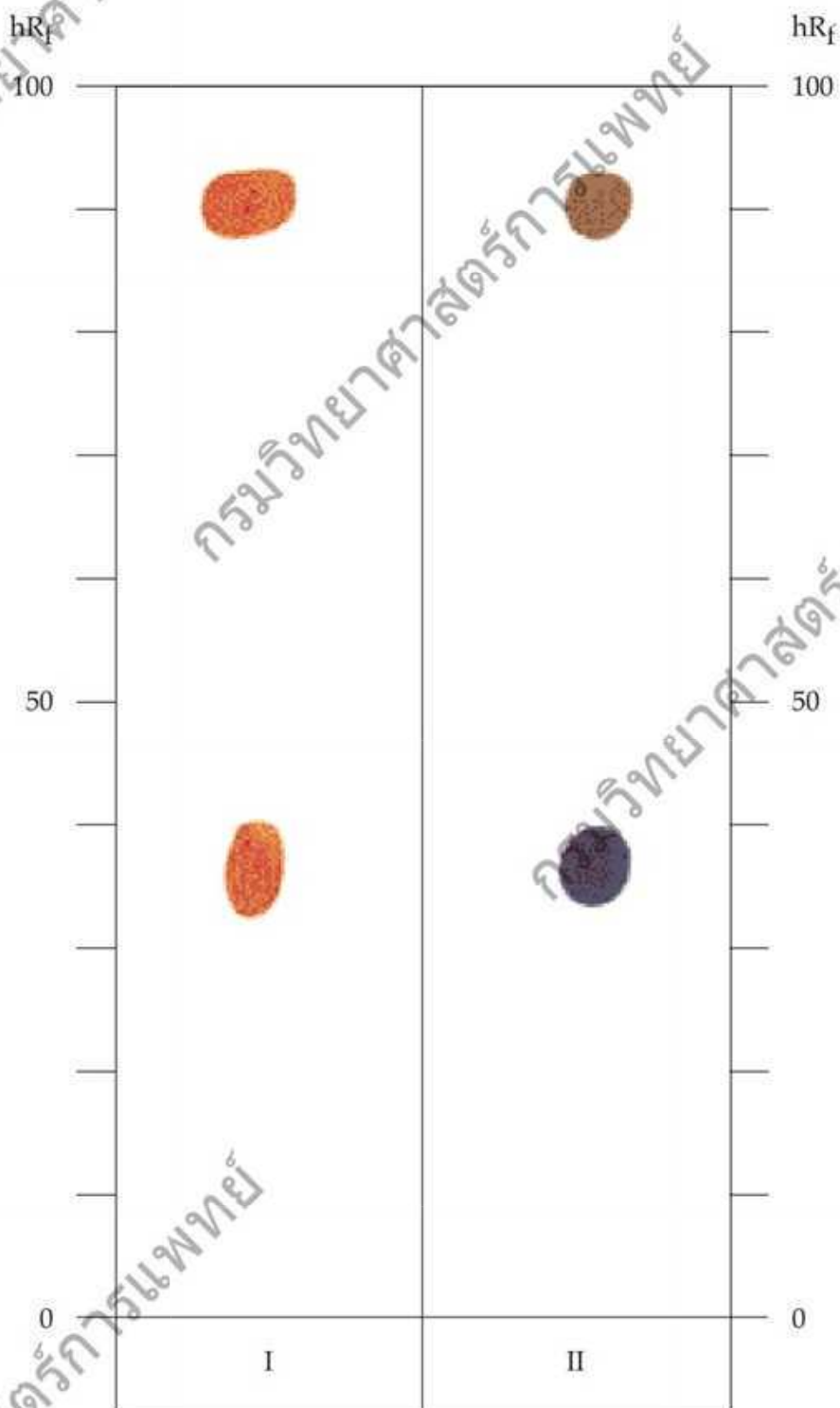


Fig. 4 Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Chloroform Extract of the Peels of *Citrus hystrix* DC.

I = detection with modified Dragendorff TS2

II = detection with iodoplatinate TS

## หมากสง (MAKSONG)

Arecae Catechi Semen

Areca Seed

**Synonym** Areca Nut Seed

**Category** Anthelmintic (taeniasis, ascariasis), antidiarrheal.

**Areca Seed is the dried seed of reddish orange mature fruit of *Areca catechu* L. (Family Palmae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 1089.**

**Constituents** Areca Seed contains the major alkaloid arecoline and other minor alkaloids which are arecolidine, arecaine (arecaidine), guvacine, guvacoline and isoguvacine. It also contains condensed tannins, (+)-catechin, (-)-epicatechin, fatty acids, amino acids, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Small to medium-sized tree up to 30 m tall; trunk solitary, straight, annulate, usually about 50 cm in circumference, uniformly thick. Leaves pinnate, 1 to 2 m long; petiole base expanding into a smooth, outside green, amplexicaul sheath, 75 to 100 cm long; leaflets numerous, 30 to 60 cm long, upper confluent glabrous, attached to the rachis in a vertical line. Inflorescence spadix, much branched, bearing male and female flowers; peduncle up to 60 cm long; rachis stout, compressed, branches with filiform tips. Male flowers numerous, sessile, without bracts, occupying the upper portion of the spikes; calyx 1-leaved, small, 3-cornered, 3-parted; petals 3, oblong, rigid, striated; stamens 6, anther sagittate. Female flowers much larger, solitary, or 2 to 3, at or near the base of each ramification of the spadix, sessile, without bracts; sepals 3, cordate, rigid, fleshy, permanent; petals 3, sepaloid, permanent; staminodes 6, connate; style scarcely any; stigmas 3, short triangular. Fruit glabrous, ovoid or ellipsoid, 3 to 7 cm long, orange or scarlet when ripe, supported by the persistent periant; mesocarp fibrous. Seed 1, globose with truncate base; endosperm deeply ruminant; embryo basilar.

**Description** Odour, slight, characteristic; taste, astringent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Oblate or rounded-conical, 1.5 to 3.5 cm long, base 1.5 to 3 cm wide. Externally pale yellowish brown or pale reddish brown, with slightly concaved reticulate furrows, having a round, hollow micropyle in the centre of the base, beside which bearing an obvious scar-shaped hilum. Texture hard, uneasily broken; fractured surface showing marble-like striations alternated with brown seed coats and white endosperm.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the seed shows testa, several loosely packed layers of reddish brown cells with moderately thickened walls with a few scattered, small, rounded or slit-shaped pits. Testa rumination, several layers of large, pitted thin-walled cells, some of them filled with brown pigment and fixed oil globules, embedded with groups of vessels. Endosperm, large polygonal cells with beaded and porous cellulose walls, perforated by rounded to oval, conspicuous pits containing fixed oil globules and aleurone grains, some with rather smooth walls. Embryo, occupying the central region of the seed near the base.

Areca Seed in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopic characters of the unground drug.



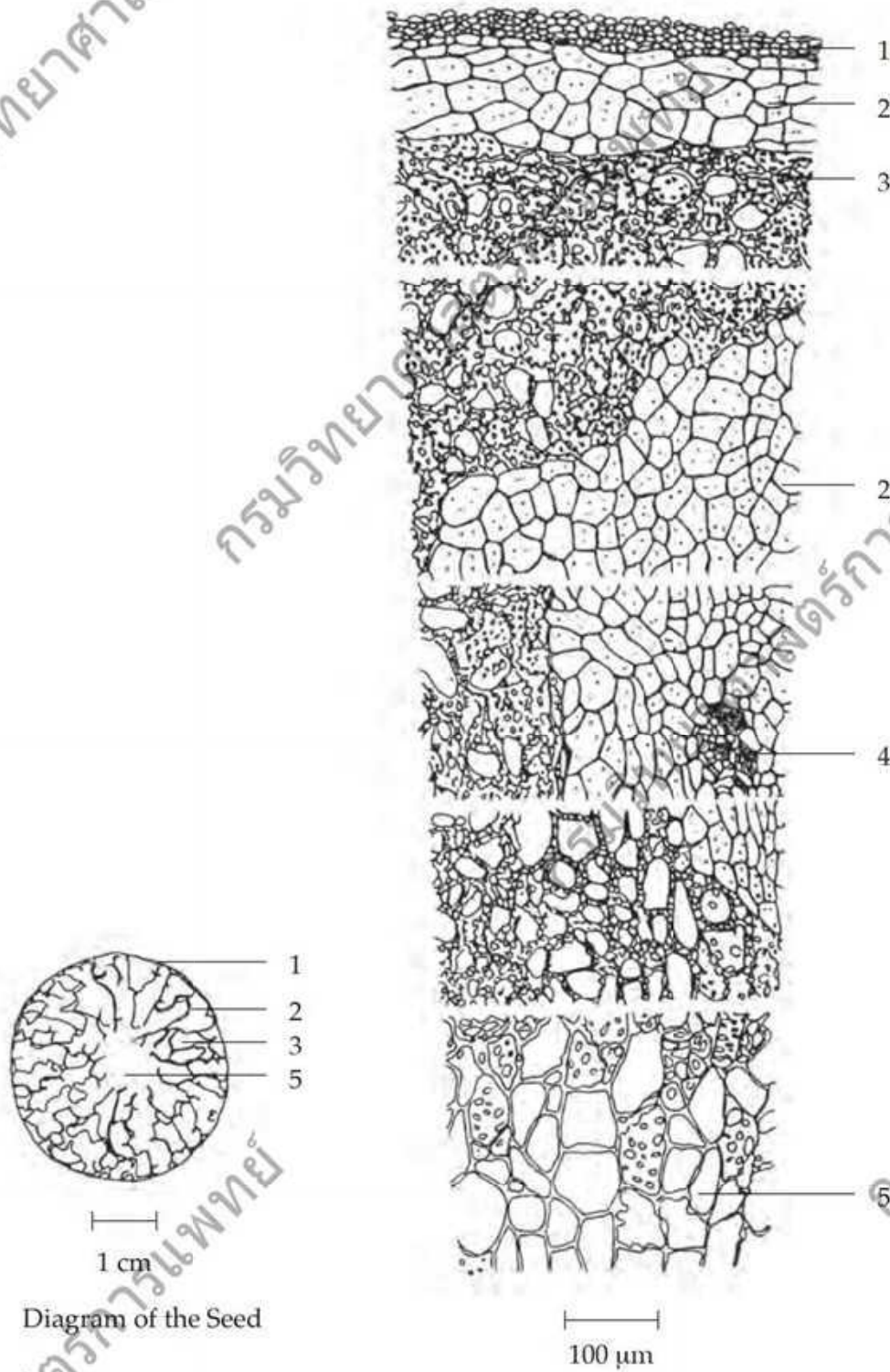
Fig. 1a. *Areca catechu* L.

1. habit 2. and 3. inflorescences 4. bunch of ripe fruits 5. crude drug

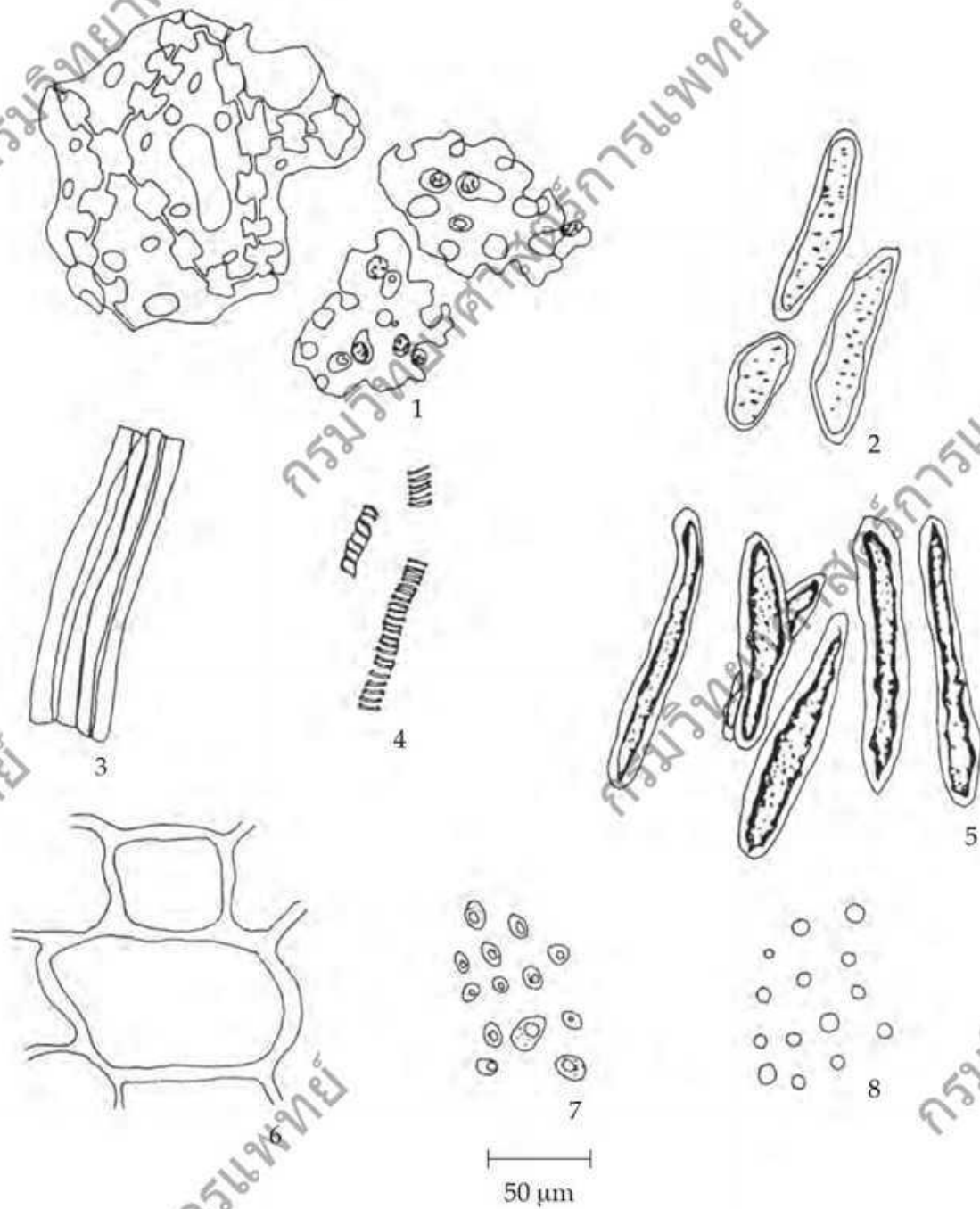


Fig. 1b *Areca catechu* L.

- 1. habit 2. inflorescences (scale omitted) 3. female flowers (scale omitted)
- 4. fruit 5. longitudinal section of the fruit



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Seed of *Areca catechu* L.  
 1. testa  
 2. testa rumination with yellowish brown pigment  
 3. endosperm with beaded and porous walls  
 4. vessel  
 5. endosperm



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Seeds of *Areca catechu* L.

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|--|---|
| 1. endosperm cells showing beaded and porous walls | 4. vessel                               |
| 2. testa ruminations in longitudinal view          | 5. cells containing brown pigment       |
| 3. fibres  | 6. endosperm cells showing smooth walls |
|  | 7. aleurone grains                      |
|  | 8. oil droplets                         |

**Packaging and storage** Areca Seed shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Macerate 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 20 mL of *water* for 15 minutes and filter. Dip a wooden stick in the filtrate for a few seconds and dry at room temperature. Dip again in *hydrochloric acid*, remove immediately and dry: the wooden stick stains red.

B. To 100 mg of the sample, in powder, add 25 mL of *water*, heat in a water-bath for 5 minutes and filter. To the filtrate add 2.5 mL of *hydrochloric acid* and 5 mL of *formaldehyde solution* and warm: a pale brown precipitate is produced. Cool and filter. To 5 mL of the filtrate, add 2.5 g of *sodium acetate* and 0.5 mL of *iron(III) chloride TS*, and shake well: a reddish brown colour is produced which does not change to blue.

C. Macerate 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *water* for 10 minutes and filter. To 2 mL of the filtrate, add a few drops of a 5 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride*, and then make slightly alkaline with a 4 per cent w/v solution of *sodium hydroxide*: the colour is changed from dark green to purple.

D. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 20 mL of *chloroform* in a water-bath for 15 minutes and filter. Evaporate 2 mL of the filtrate to dryness and dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *acetic anhydride*. Carefully add 1 mL of *sulfuric acid* to form a layer: a brown colour develops at the zone of contact and the colour of the upper layer changes from violet to blue and finally to yellowish-green.

E. Moisten 2 g of the sample, in powder, with 2 mL of *strong ammonia solution*, add 20 mL of *ether*, shake well, set aside for 1 hour, and filter. Dry the filtrate over *anhydrous sodium sulfate*, filter, and evaporate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 4 mL of *ethanol* (solution 1). To 1 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *mercuric-potassium iodide TS*: a white precipitate is produced. To 1 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *modified Dragendorff TS2*: a precipitate is produced.

F. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 75 volumes of *benzene*, 25 volumes of *methanol* and 1 volume of *formic acid* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 12 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 20  $\mu$ L each of the following solutions. Prepare solution (A) by boiling 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 50 mL of *water* for a few minutes and filtering. Allow the filtrate to cool and shake with 30 mL of *ether*. Dry the ether layer over *anhydrous sodium sulfate*, filter, evaporate to dryness, and dissolve the residue in 1 mL of *ethanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 2 mg of *catechin* in 1 mL of *ethanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air, and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching spot ( $hR_f$  value 31 to 36) corresponding to the catechin spot from solution (B); other one or two spots are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3. Spray the plate with *vanillin-hydrochloric acid TS*; the spot due to catechin is dark pink. Several other pink spots may appear (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

Repeat the same procedure but use a mixture of 70 volumes of *toluene*, 20 volumes of *ethyl acetate* and 10 volumes of *diethylamine* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, 15  $\mu$ L of solution 1 obtained from test E. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air, and examine under ultraviolet (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram shows three to four quenching spots (Table 2); see also Fig. 4. Spray the plate with *iodoplatinate TS*; several spots of different colours are observed (Table 2); see also Fig. 4.

Table 1  $hR_f$  Values of Components in the Extract of the Seeds of *Areca catechu* L.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	Vanillin-Hydrochloric Acid TS
1	13–15	–	pale pink
2	19–22	–	pale pink
3	24–29	–	pale pink
4*	31–36	quenching	dark pink
5	49–52	quenching	pale pink
6	62–65	quenching	–

\*catechin

Table 2  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Ethereal Extract of the Seeds of *Areca catechu* L.

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	Iodoplatinate TS
1	20–23	quenching	dark orange
2	25–28	–	blue
3	33–37	quenching	wine-red
4	73–77	quenching	scarlet
5	87–91	–	blue
6	95–97	quenching	yellow

**Loss on drying** Not more than 12.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 25.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 20.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Hexane-soluble extractive** Not less than 0.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12H).

**Alkaloids content** Not less than 0.5 per cent w/w of alkaloids, calculated as arecoline, when determined by the following method.

Place 8 g of Areca Seed, in *coarse powder*, accurately weighed, in a conical flask with a stopper, add 80 mL of *ether* and shake. Add 4 mL of *ammonia TS*, shake for 10 minutes, add 10 g of *anhydrous sodium sulfate*, shake again for 5 minutes and allow to stand and precipitate. Transfer the ether solution to a separator, wash the residue with three successive 10-mL portions of *ether*. Combine the ether solutions, add 500 mg of *talc*, shake for 3 minutes, add 2.5 mL of *water*, and then shake for 3 minutes. Allow to stand until the supernatant ether solution is clear. Separate the ether solution, wash the aqueous layer with a small quantity of *ether*, combine the ether solutions and evaporate to about 20 mL at low temperature. Transfer to a separator, carefully add 20.0 mL of 0.01 M *sulfuric acid VS*, shake and allow to stand. Separate the ether layer, wash with three successive 5-mL portions of *water*. Combine the washings and the acid solution, filter, and wash the filter with *water*. Combine the washings and the acid solution, add several drops of *methyl red TS*, and titrate with 0.02 M *sodium hydroxide VS*. Perform a blank determination (Residual Titrations, Appendix 6.17). Each mL of 0.01 M *sulfuric acid VS* is equivalent to 3.104 mg of arecoline ( $C_8H_{13}NO_2$ ).

**Tannins content** Not less than 24.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.21 H). Use 4 g of Areca Seed, in powder, accurately weighed.

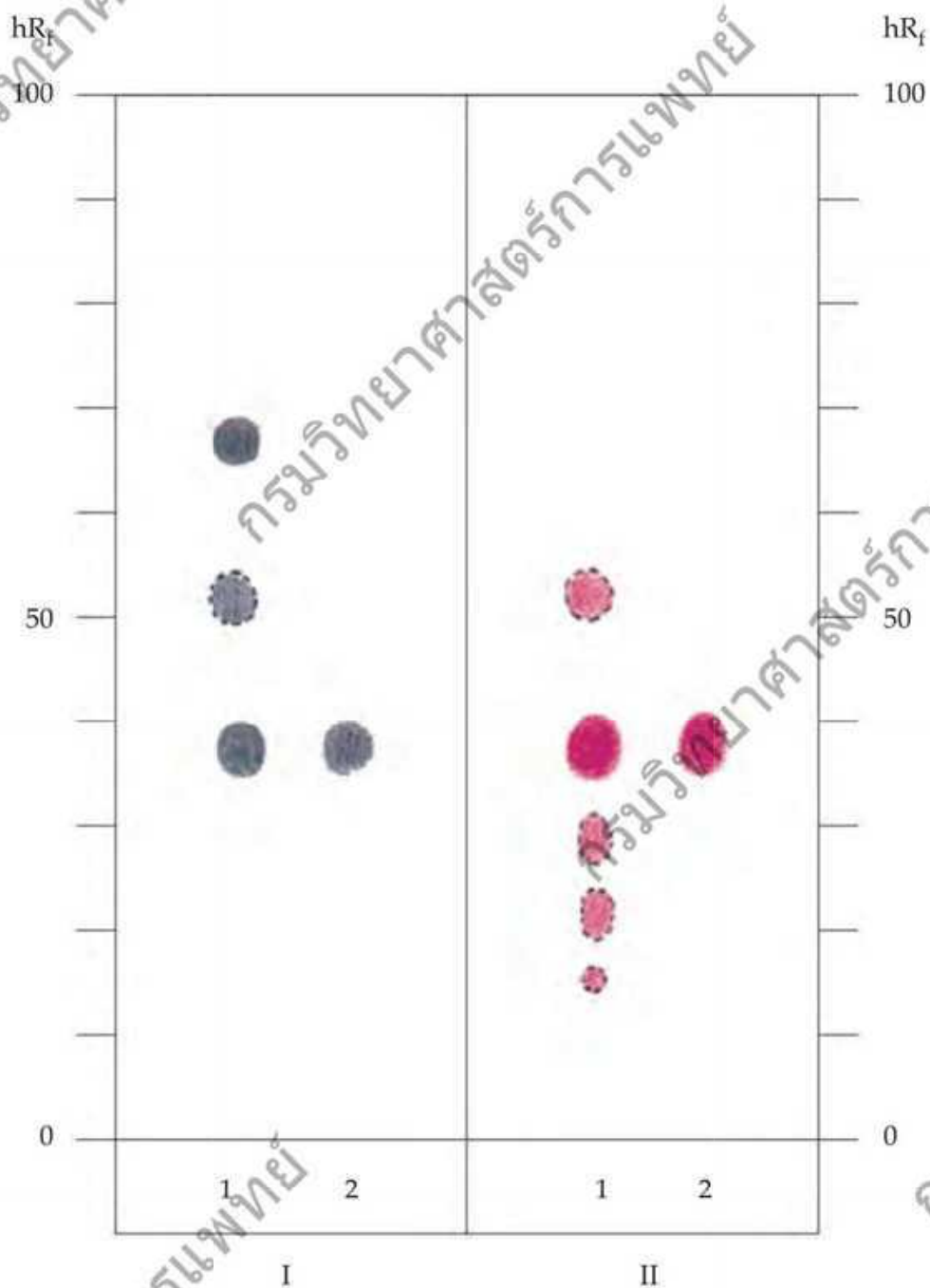


Fig. 3 Thin-Layer Chromatogram of the Extract of the Seeds of *Areca catechu* L.

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

I = detection under UV light (254 nm)

II = detection with *vanillin-hydrochloric acid TS*

○ = spots developed in some samples

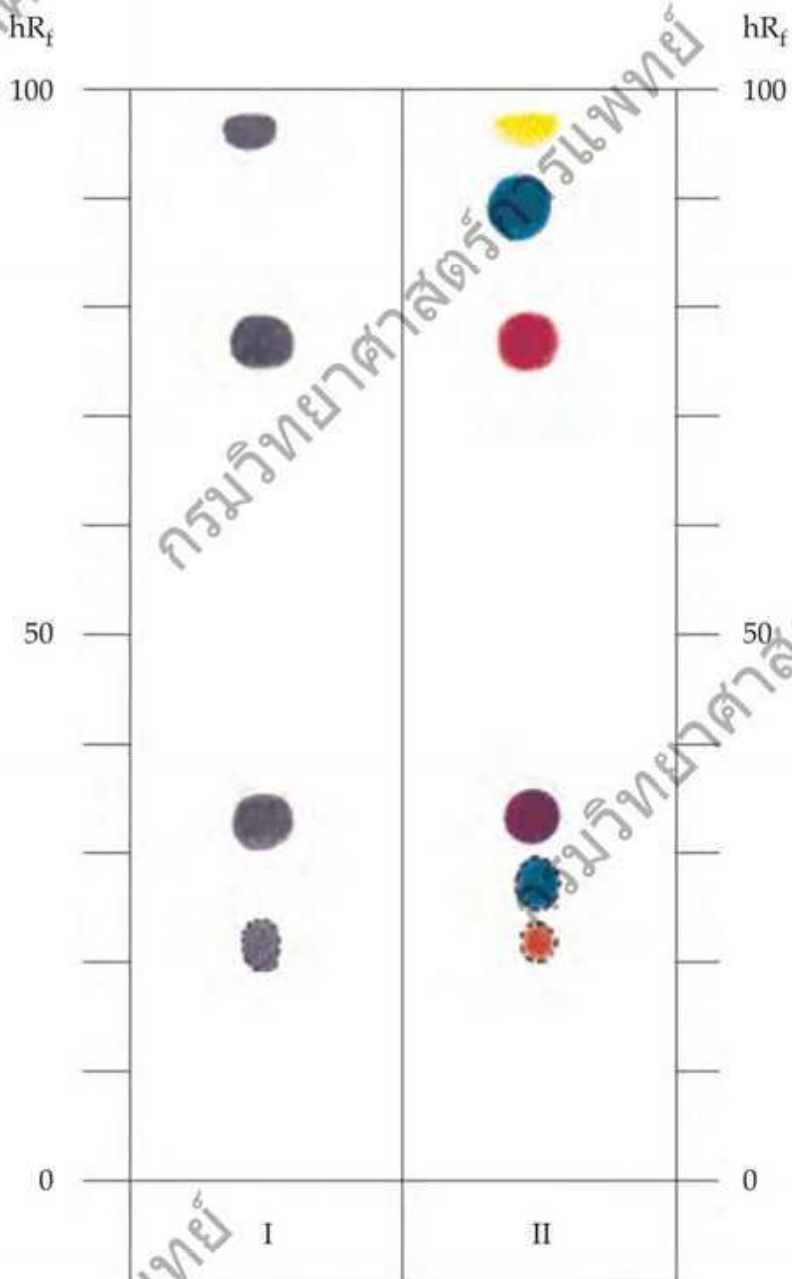


Fig. 4 Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Ethereal Extract of the Seeds of *Areca catechu* L.

- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection with iodoplatinate TS
- = spots developed in some samples

## มะระขี้นก (MARA KHI NOK)

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Momordicaceae Charantiae Fructus

Thai Bitter Cucumber

**Synonyms** Thai Bitter Gourd, Thai Bitter Melon, Thai Bitter Squash

**Category** Bitter tonic, internal heat alleviating.

Thai Bitter Cucumber is the dried green mature fruit of *Momordica charantia* L. (*M. muricata* Willd.) (Family Cucurbitaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5159, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0889.

**Constituents** Thai Bitter Cucumber contains charantin, a mixture of sitosterol and stigmasterol glucosides, and bitter triterpenoids (e.g., momordicins). It also contains polypeptides (e.g., *p*-insulin), phenolic compounds, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Annual or perennial climber, monoecious, 3 to 4 m long, slender, angled, many-branched, pubescent; tendril unbranched, up to 20 cm long, slender. Leaves simple, spirally arranged, suborbicular to orbicular, 4 to 12 cm long, 2.5 to 12 cm wide, deeply palmately, 5- to 7(-9)-lobed, lobe ovate-oblong or ovate-elliptic, apex acute or obtuse, base cordate, margin crenate, mucronate or irregularly toothed, glabrous or pubescent, pellucidly dotted; petiole 1.5 to 7.5 cm long. Flower solitary, axillary, yellow; sepals 5; petals 5. Male flower peduncle 2 to 6 cm long, slender; bract green, reniform to suborbicular, 0.5 to 1.5 cm wide, apex more or less mucronate, margin subentire; receptacle cup-shaped, 2 to 4 mm long and wide; sepal ovate-elliptic (-oblong), 4 to 6 mm long, 2 to 3 mm wide, acute, pale green; petal obovate to oblong, 1 to 2 cm long, 0.3 to 1.5 cm wide, apex more or less mucronate, basal scales 2; stamens 3, filament 1.5 to 2 mm long, free, inserted in the throat of cup-shaped receptacle, anthers coherent; disc cup-shaped, about 1.5 mm in diameter. Female flower peduncle 0.5 to 5 cm long; bract 0.1 to 1 cm in diameter; sepal oblong-lanceolate, 4 to 6 mm long, 2 to 3 mm wide; petal smaller than those of male flower, 0.7 to 1.2 cm long; ovary inferior, fusiform or narrowly rostrate, ribbed, warty or papillose, long-beaked, style about 2 mm long, stigma 3-lobed, lobe bifid or notched. Fruit pendulous, fusiform or ellipsoid, 2 to 8.5 cm long, up to 3.5 cm wide, tapering towards apex, beaked, longitudinally 8- to 10-ridged, tuberculate, orange when ripe, splitting incompletely with 3-valved exposing orange pulp; fruit stalk 3.5 to 15 cm long. Seeds few to numerous, oblong, 0.8 to 1.3 cm long, 5 to 9 mm wide, flattened, sculptured, whitish or brown, embedded in reddish pulp.

**Description** Odour, characteristic; taste, bitter.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Transverse or oblique pieces, varying in size, up to 3 cm in diameter; externally warty, greenish to brownish; internally creamy white to pale brown.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the fruit shows epicarp, mesocarp, endocarp, seed coat, and cotyledons. Epicarp, a layer of rectangular cells with stomata and glandular trichomes. Mesocarp, differentiated in 3 zones: thin-walled parenchyma cells which increase in size from periphery towards the interior, the smaller cells near the periphery

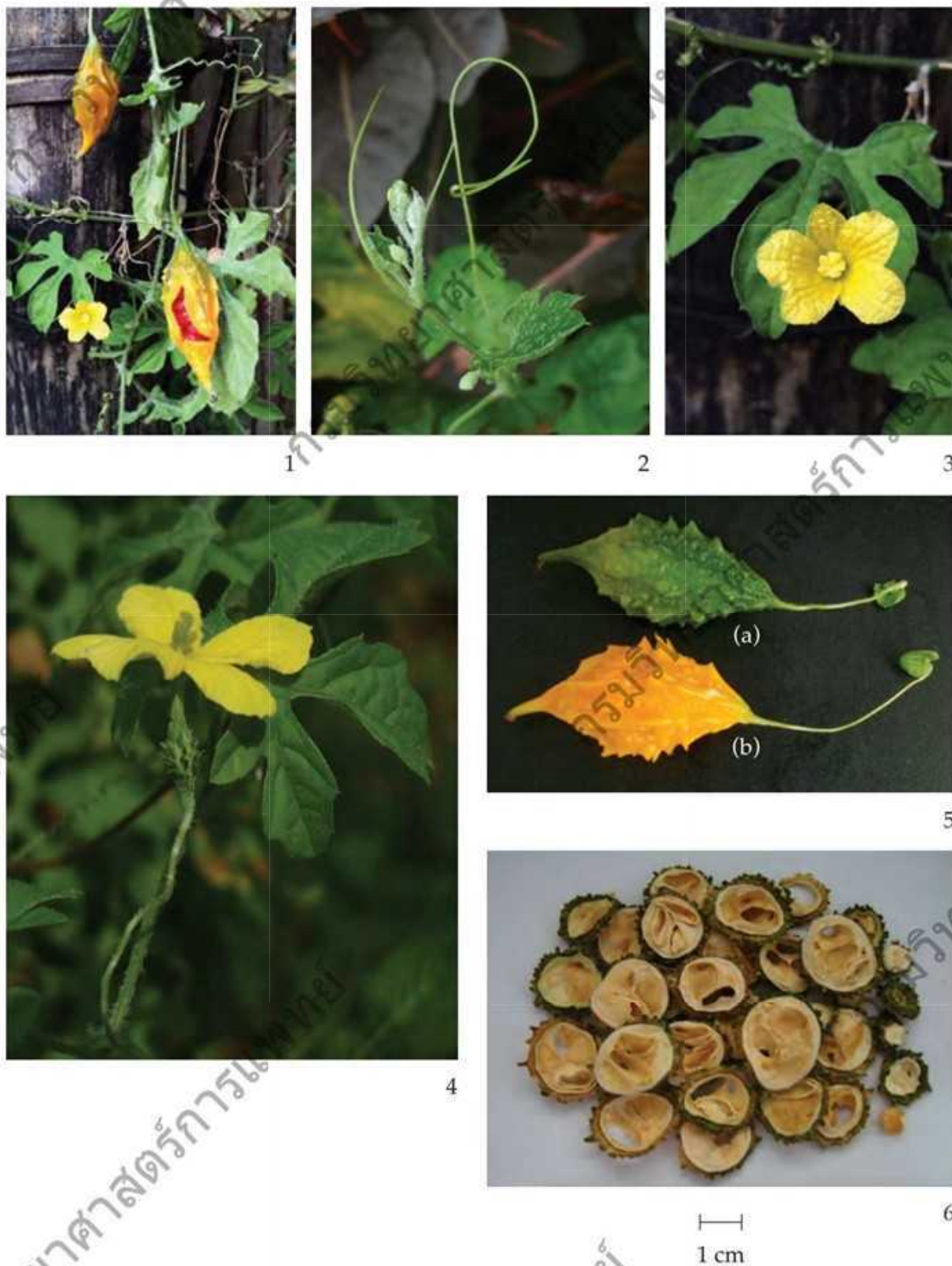
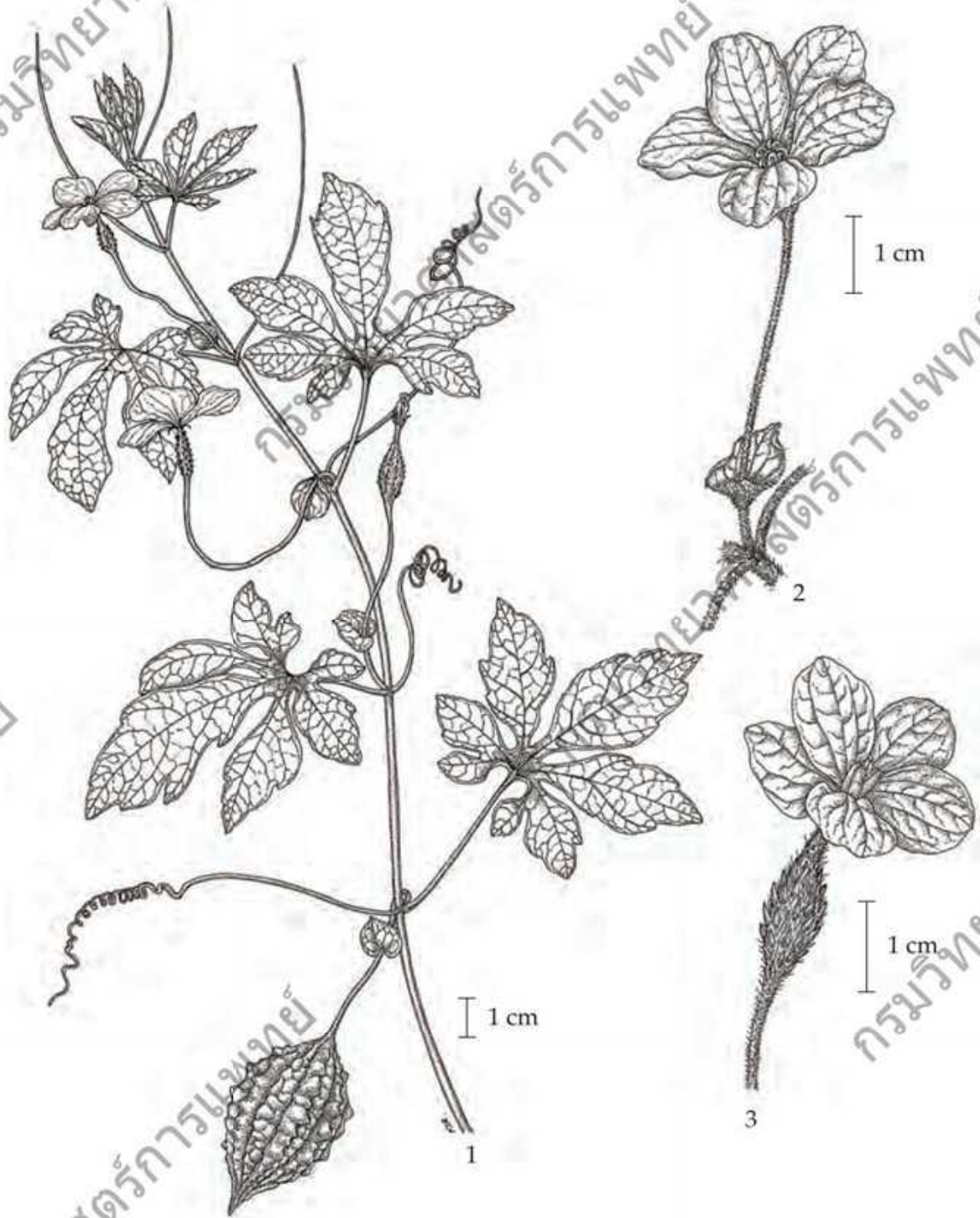


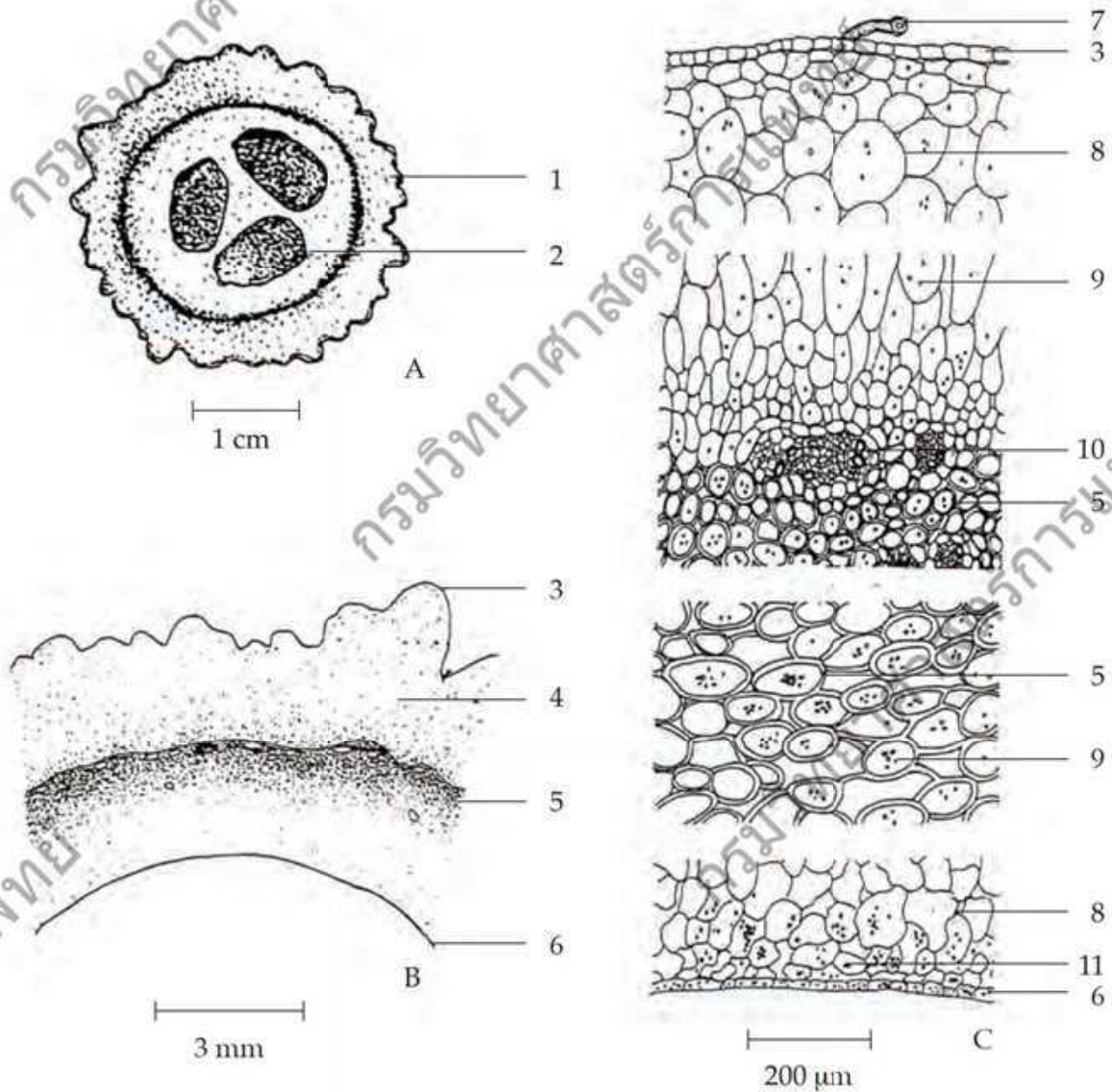
Fig. 1a *Momordica charantia* L.

- 1. flowering and fruiting vine
- 2. young shoot showing unbranched tendril
- 3. male flower
- 4. female flower
- 5. green mature fruit (a), ripe fruit (b)
- 6. crude drug



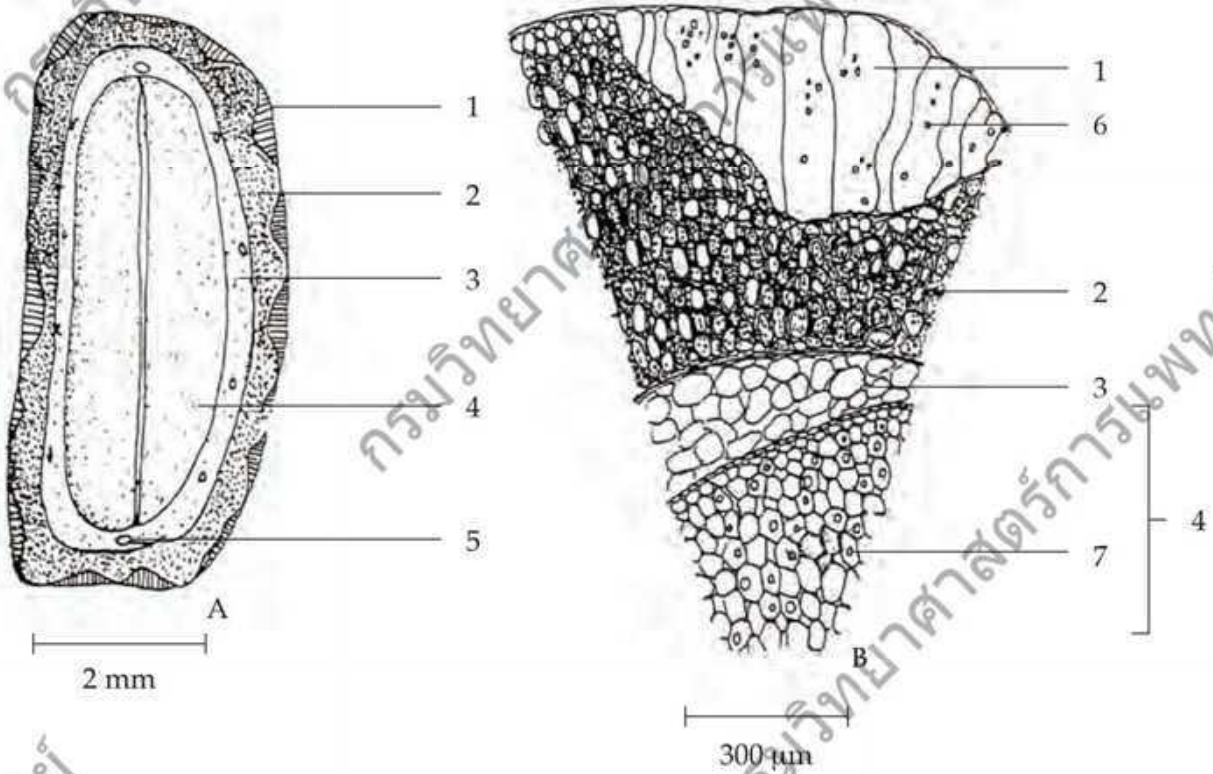
**Fig. 1b** *Momordica charantia* L.

1. vine showing leaves, tendrils, female flowers, and fruit  
 2. male flower 3. female flower



**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Fruit of *Momordica charantia* L.

- A. Diagram
- B. Diagram of the Pericarp
- C. Section of Part of Seed
- 1. pericarp
- 2. seed
- 3. epicarp
- 4. mesocarp
- 5. thick-walled parenchyma, some containing starch grains
- 6. endocarp
- 7. glandular trichome
- 8. thin-walled parenchyma, some containing starch grains
- 9. starch grains
- 10. vascular bundle
- 11. cuboidal protein crystal



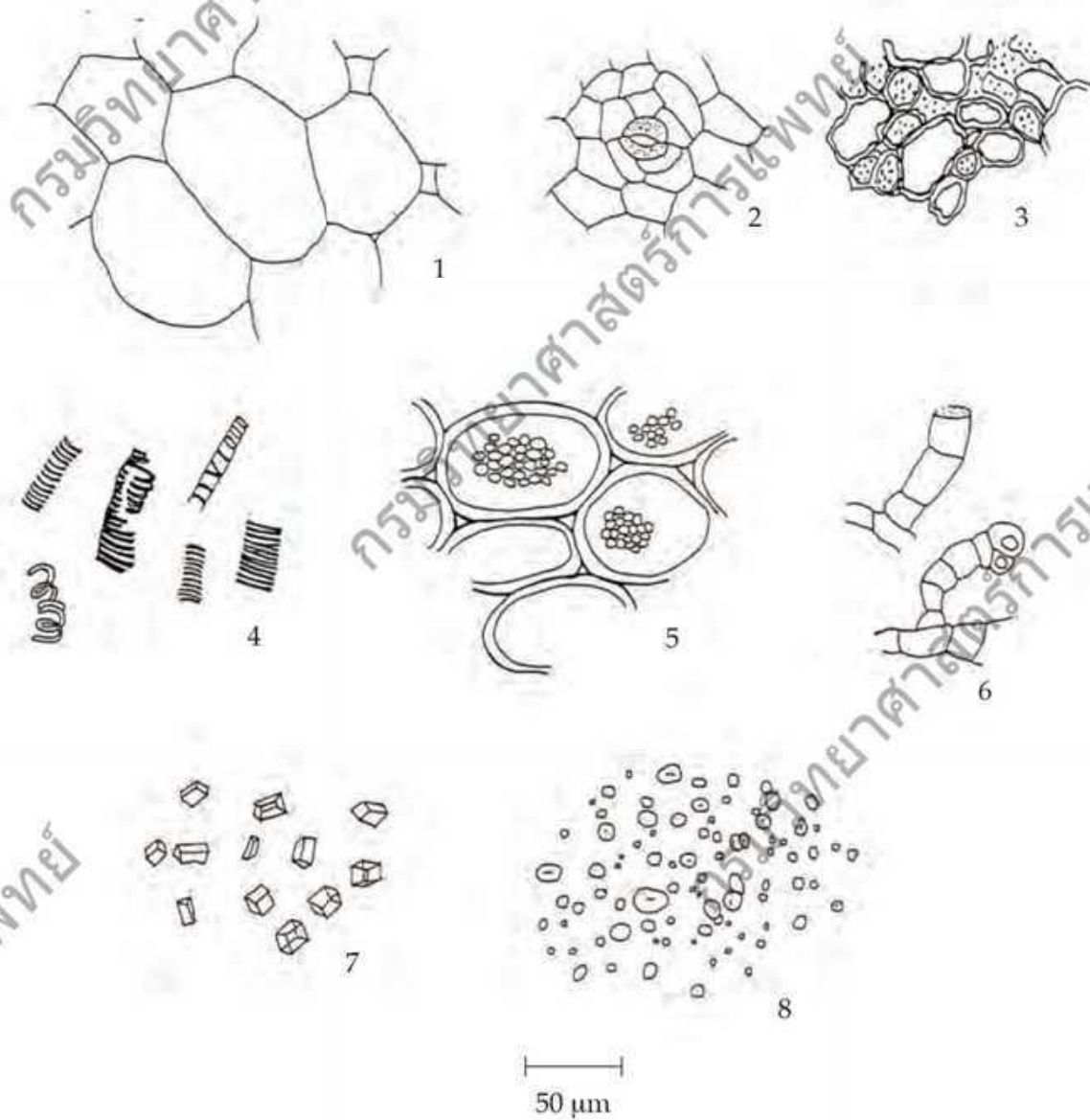
**Fig. 2b** Transverse Section of the Seed of *Momordica charantia* L.

A. Diagram

B. Section of Part of Seed

- 1. epidermis of seed coat
- 2. sclerenchyma of seed coat
- 3. parenchyma of seed coat
- 4. cotyledon

- 5. vascular bundle
- 6. starch grain
- 7. oil globule



**Fig. 2c** Powdered Drug of the Fruits of *Momordica charantia* L.

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| 1. thin-walled parenchyma                           | 6. uniseriate-stalked trichomes with and without gland |
| 2. epicarp showing stoma                            | 7. cuboidal protein crystals                           |
| 3. sclerenchyma of seed coat                        | 8. starch grains                                       |
| 4. annulo-spiral and spiral vessels                 |  |
| 5. thick-walled parenchyma containing starch grains |  |

contained most of chloroplasts, vascular bundles found at the innermost part of this zone; moderately thick-walled parenchyma cells, composed of several layers of loosely packed cells with intercellular spaces, containing numerous starch grains; and thin-walled parenchyma cells, several layers of cells containing cuboidal protein crystals and numerous starch grains. Endocarp, a layer of small thin-walled cells containing starch grains. Seed coat composed of epidermis, a layer of thin-walled cells filled with starch grains; sclerenchyma, several layers of lignified thick-walled or pitted cells containing starch grains; parenchyma, several layers of thin-walled cells. Cotyledons 2, composed of a layer of epidermis and reserved parenchyma cells which are fairly large and filled with oil globules.

Thai Bitter Cucumber in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Thick-walled parenchyma cells containing starch grains; lignified thick-walled or pitted cells of sclerenchyma of seed coat; occasionally uniseriate-stalked glandular trichomes; and occasionally cuboidal protein crystals are characteristic.

#### Warning

1. It should not be used in nursing women and children unless recommended by a physician.
2. It should be used with caution in patients with existing liver diseases including alcoholic cirrhosis.
3. Concomitant use with oral hypoglycemic agents and insulin intake should be avoided due to hypoglycemic risks.

**Additional information** It is commonly used with other herbal drugs in Thai traditional herbal preparations.

**Packaging and storage** Thai Bitter Cucumber shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Reflux 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *ethanol* for 15 minutes and filter. Evaporate the filtrate to dryness in a porcelain dish. Add 5 drops of *acetic anhydride* to the residue and then slowly add 1 drop of *sulfuric acid* along the inner side of the dish: a purple colour develops and gradually changes to brownish black.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1) using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 90 volumes of *dichloromethane* and 10 volumes of *methanol* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 9 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 7 mm, 20  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in powder, with 5 mL of a mixture of equal volumes of *dichloromethane* and *methanol* in a water-bath and filtering. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *charantin* in 1 mL of a mixture of equal volumes of *dichloromethane* and *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; two red fluorescent bands are observed. Spray the plate with a 10 per cent v/v solution of *sulfuric acid* in *ethanol* and heat at 110° for 1 to 2 minutes; the chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a violet band ( $R_f$  value 28 to 30) corresponding to the *charantin* band from solution (B). Several other bands of different colours are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

Table 1  $hR_f$  Values of Components in the Extract of the Fruits of *Momordica charantia* L.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 366	10 Per Cent V/V Solution of Sulfuric Acid in Ethanol
1	9–10		pale violet
2	18–19	–	pale violet
3*	28–30	–	violet
4	50–53	–	pale purple
5	55–58	red	violet
6	58–61	light red	–
7	62–64	–	brownish yellow
8	72–75	–	pale brown

\*charantin

**Loss on drying** Not more than 16.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

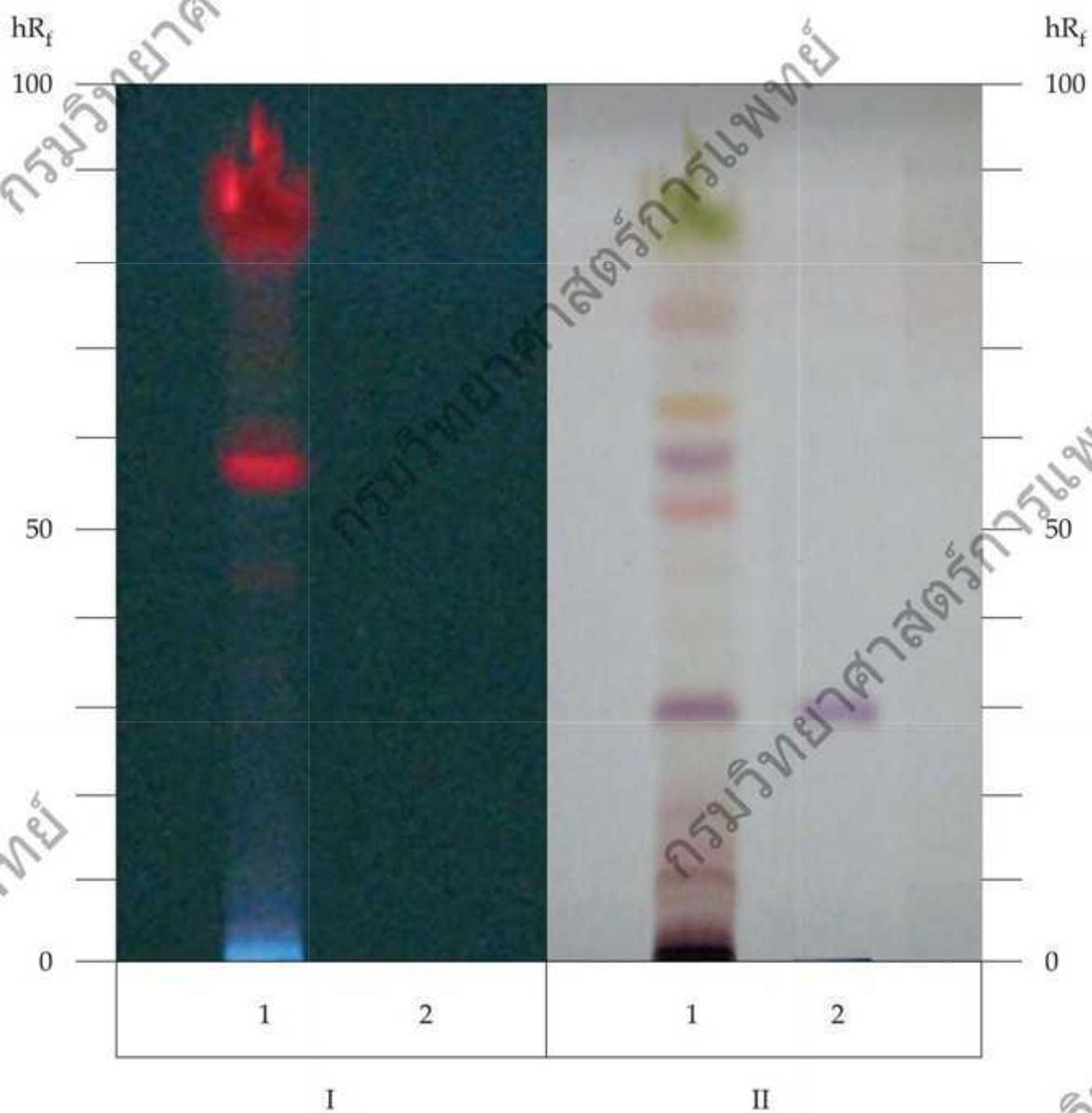
**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 0.1 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 13.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 4.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** 500 mg to 1 g three times a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of the Extract of the Fruits of *Momordica charantia* L.

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

I = detection under UV light (366 nm)

II = detection with a 10 per cent v/v solution of sulfuric acid in ethanol

## มะรุม (MARUM)

มะค้อนก้อม (MAKHON KOM), ผักอี๋ฮีม (PHAK I HUEM)

Moringae Oleiferae Folium

Drumstick-tree Leaf

**Synonyms** Ben-oil-tree Leaf, Horseradish-tree Leaf, West-Indian-ben Leaf

**Category** Lactagogue, nutrient.

**Drumstick-tree Leaf is the dried leaflets of *Moringa oleifera* Lam. (*M. pterygosperma* Gaertn.) (Family Moringaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5262, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 0945.**

**Constituents** Drumstick-tree Leaf contains flavonoids and their glycosides (e.g., astragalin, kaempferol, quercetin) and phenolic acids (e.g., gallic acid). It also contains nitrile, carbamate and isothiocarbamate glycosides, carbohydrates, proteins, minerals, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Fig. 1) Tree up to 12 m tall; bark smooth or finely rugose, pale grey or brownish, lenticellate. Leaves 2 to 4 imparipinnate, spirally arranged, 20 to 70 cm long; rachis articulate, with conspicuously small linear or clavate stalked glands at base of rachis and rachilla; petiole 7 to 15 cm long, pulvinate at base; leaflets ovate, obovate, or oblong, 0.5 to 3 cm long, 0.3 to 2 cm wide, apex round to subemarginate, whitish mucronulate, base round to cuneate, margin entire, membranaceous, puberulous when young, glabrous when mature; petiolule slender, 1 to 2 mm long, with stalked glands at base. Inflorescence paniculate, terminal and axillary, widely spreading, 10 to 30 cm long; bract and bracteole linear, about 1 mm long. Flower creamy white; hypanthium green; sepals 5, about 1.5 cm long, connate at base, proximal ones usually reflexed, puberulous, distal most pair usually largest, more or less erect, enclosing banner petal, or more or less reflexed; petals 5, lanceolate, 1 to 2 cm long, 5 to 8 mm wide, distal most banner petal more or less erect, others usually reflexed, puberulous, short stalk at base, apex acute; fertile stamens 5, staminodes 5, filament 0.7 to 1 cm long, basally pubescent, anther yellow, oblong, basifixed; ovary superior, 1-loculed, ovules numerous, style slender, 3 to 5 mm long, stigma minute. Fruit dehiscent, pendulous capsule, dagger-shaped, 18 to 70 cm long, 1 to 3 cm wide, acuminate, 3- or rarely 4-angled, subconstricted. Seed broadly elliptic or subglobose, 0.6 to 1 cm long, 0.5 to 1 cm wide, pale brown to dark brown; 3-winged, 2 to 4 cm long, 0.4 to 1 cm wide.

**Description** Odour, characteristic; taste, slightly bitter.

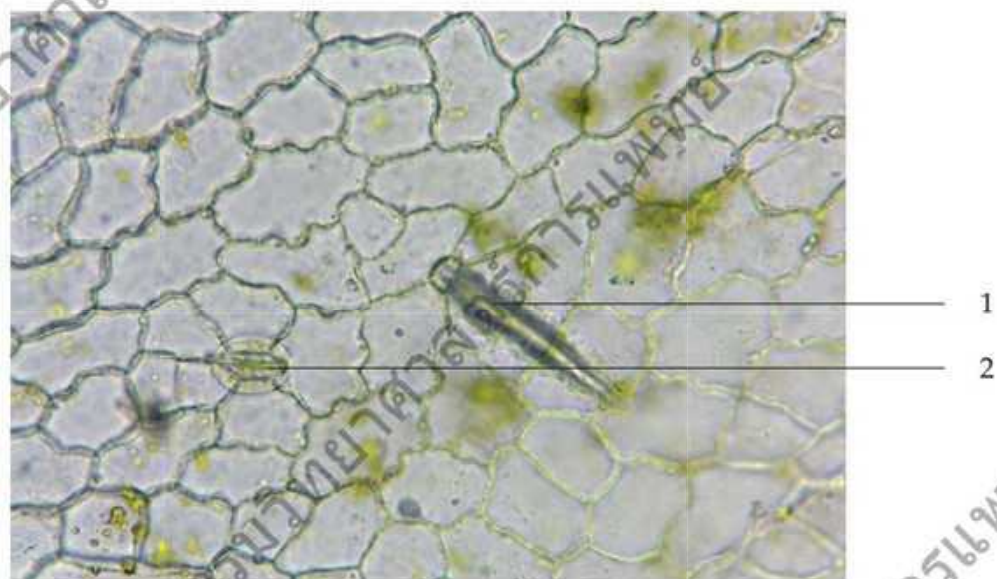
**Macroscopic** (Fig. 1) Drumstick-tree Leaf occurs as a mixture of entire and broken, green to brownish green leaflets, without petioles and rachis of the compound leaf. Complete leaflets, green to dark green on upper surface, greyish green or yellowish green on lower surface, ovate, obovate, or oblong, apex round to subemarginate, whitish mucronulate, base round to cuneate, margin entire, more or less glabrous.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse sections of the leaflet through midrib and lamina show upper epidermis, mesophyll, vascular bundle, and lower epidermis. Upper epidermis: a layer of rectangular cells, sunken stomata, idioblasts, and unicellular trichomes. Mesophyll: palisade cells, 1 to 3 layers, cylindrical, some containing oil droplet; spongy cells, irregularly shaped, loosely arranged, some containing oil droplets and rosette aggregates or prismatic crystals; collenchyma, angular, occurring in the lower part of midrib, some containing rosette aggregates. Vascular bundle: xylem in the upper part and phloem in the lower part. Lower epidermis: a layer of small rectangular cells, sunken stomata and unicellular trichomes.

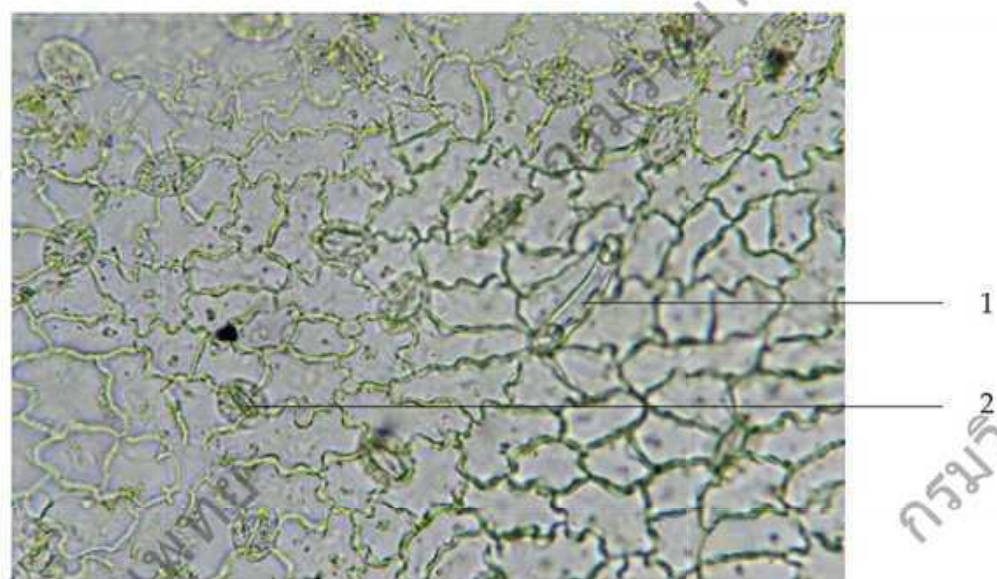


**Fig. 1** *Moringa oleifera* Lam.

- 1. flowering and fruiting branches
- 2. inflorescences
- 3. flowers in front and side views
- 4. seeds
- 5. crude drug

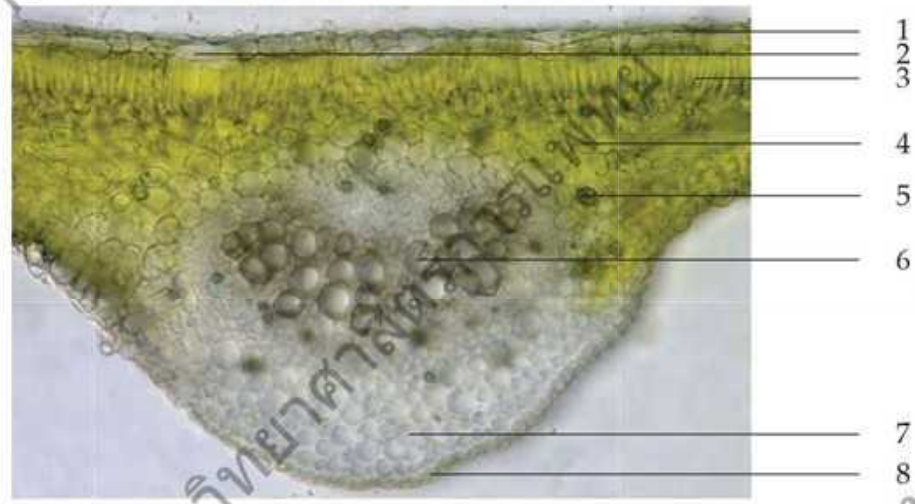


Upper Epidermis of the Lamina

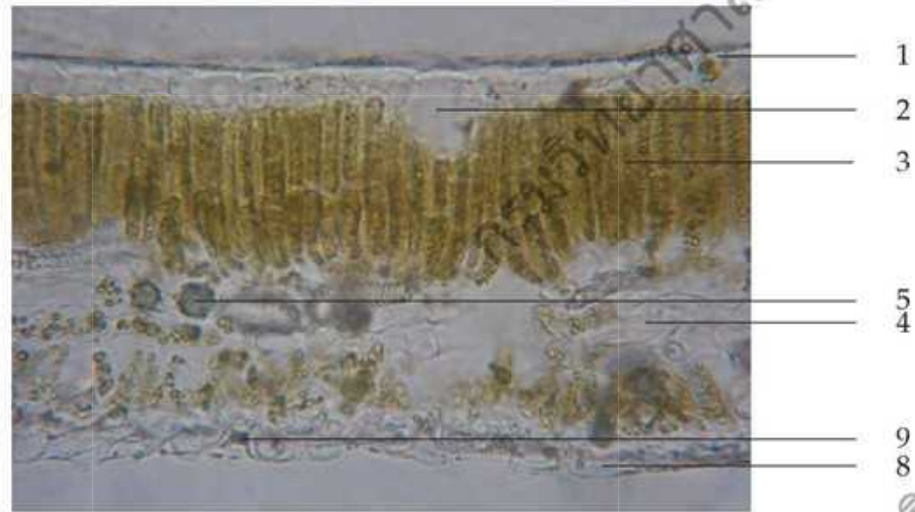


Lower Epidermis of the Lamina

**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Epidermises of the Leaflet of *Moringa oleifera* Lam.  
1. unicellular trichome  
2. sunken stoma



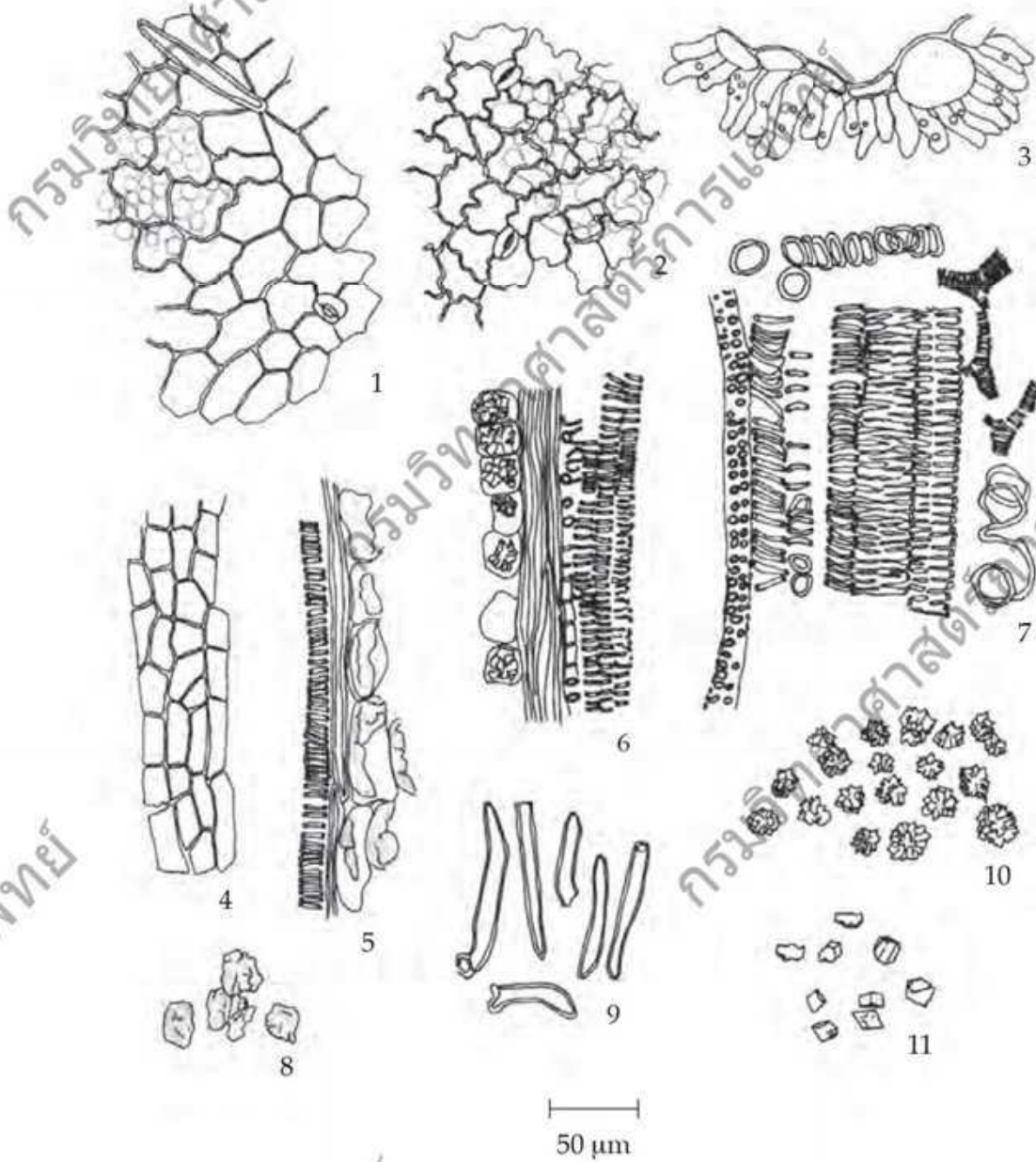
Transverse Section of the Midrib



Transverse Section of the Lamina

**Fig. 2b** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Leaflet of *Moringa oleifera* Lam.

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| 1. upper epidermis   | 6. vessel          |
| 2. idioblast         | 7. collenchyma     |
| 3. palisade cell     | 8. lower epidermis |
| 4. spongy cell       | 9. sunken stoma    |
| 5. rosette aggregate |                    |



**Fig. 2c** Powdered Drug of the Leaflets of *Moringa oleifera* Lam.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. upper epidermis showing stoma and unicellular trichome, with underlying palisade cells, in surface view</li> <li>2. lower epidermis showing stomata, with underlying spongy cells, in surface view</li> <li>3. upper epidermis with idioblast and palisade cells containing oil droplets in sectional view</li> <li>4. epidermis of midrib in surface view</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. xylem parenchyma containing yellow substance, associated with fibres and spiral vessel</li> <li>6. xylem parenchyma containing rosette aggregate crystals, associated with fibres, annular and spiral vessels</li> <li>7. bordered-pitted, spiral, annular, and reticulate vessels</li> <li>8. yellow substance</li> <li>9. unicellular trichomes</li> <li>10. rosette aggregate crystals</li> <li>11. prismatic crystals</li> </ol> |
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In surface view, upper and lower epidermises of the lamina show slightly wavy-walled cells, unicellular trichomes and sunken stomata.

Drumstick-tree Leaf in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Sunken stomata in both upper and lower epidermises, palisade cells containing oil droplets and idioblasts are characteristic.

**Packaging and storage** Drumstick-tree Leaf shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Reflux 500 mg of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 20 mL of *water* for 20 minutes and filter. To 1 mL of the filtrate, add a few drops of *iron(III) chloride TS* and mix: a black-blue colour develops.

B. Reflux 500 mg of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 10 mL of *absolute ethanol* for 20 minutes and filter. To 1 mL of the filtrate, add 0.5 mL of a 0.2 per cent w/v solution of *ninhydrin* and warm on a water-bath for 2 minutes: a violet colour develops.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using a high-performance plate with *silica gel F254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 80 volumes of *ethyl acetate*, 4 volumes of *glacial acetic acid*, 4 volumes of *formic acid*, and 8 volumes of *water* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 8 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 10 mm, 4  $\mu$ L of solution (A) and 2  $\mu$ L of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 500 mg of the sample, in *coarse powder*, with 20 mL of *absolute ethanol* for 20 minutes, filtering and evaporating the filtrate under reduced pressure to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 4 mL of *absolute ethanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *astragalins* in 1 mL of *absolute ethanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching band ( $hR_f$  value 55 to 57) corresponding to the *astragalins* band from solution (B) and several other quenching bands are also observed. Heat the plate at 80° for 10 minutes and then spray with *natural products (NP) TS* while the plate is still warm. Subsequently spray the plate with *polyethyleneglycol (PEG) TS* and observe the colours of the bands under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter within 5 to 15 minutes; the band due to *astragalins* is green fluorescence and several other fluorescent bands of different colours are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1.  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Ethanolic Extract of the Leaflets of *Moringa oleifera* Lam.**

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	NP/PEG TS and UV 366
1	2-3	-	blue
2	7-9	quenching	-
3	13-14	-	light blue
4	22-23	-	blue
5	29-30	quenching	-
6	33-34	-	blue
7	36-37	-	yellow
8	39-40	-	light green
9	45-46	weak quenching	yellow
10	50-51	quenching	green
11*	55-57	quenching	green
12	74-75	-	light red
13	80-81	-	light red
14	83-85	-	light red

\*astragalin

**Loss on drying** Not more than 10.0 per cent w/w after drying 5 g at 105° for 5 hours (Appendix 4.15).

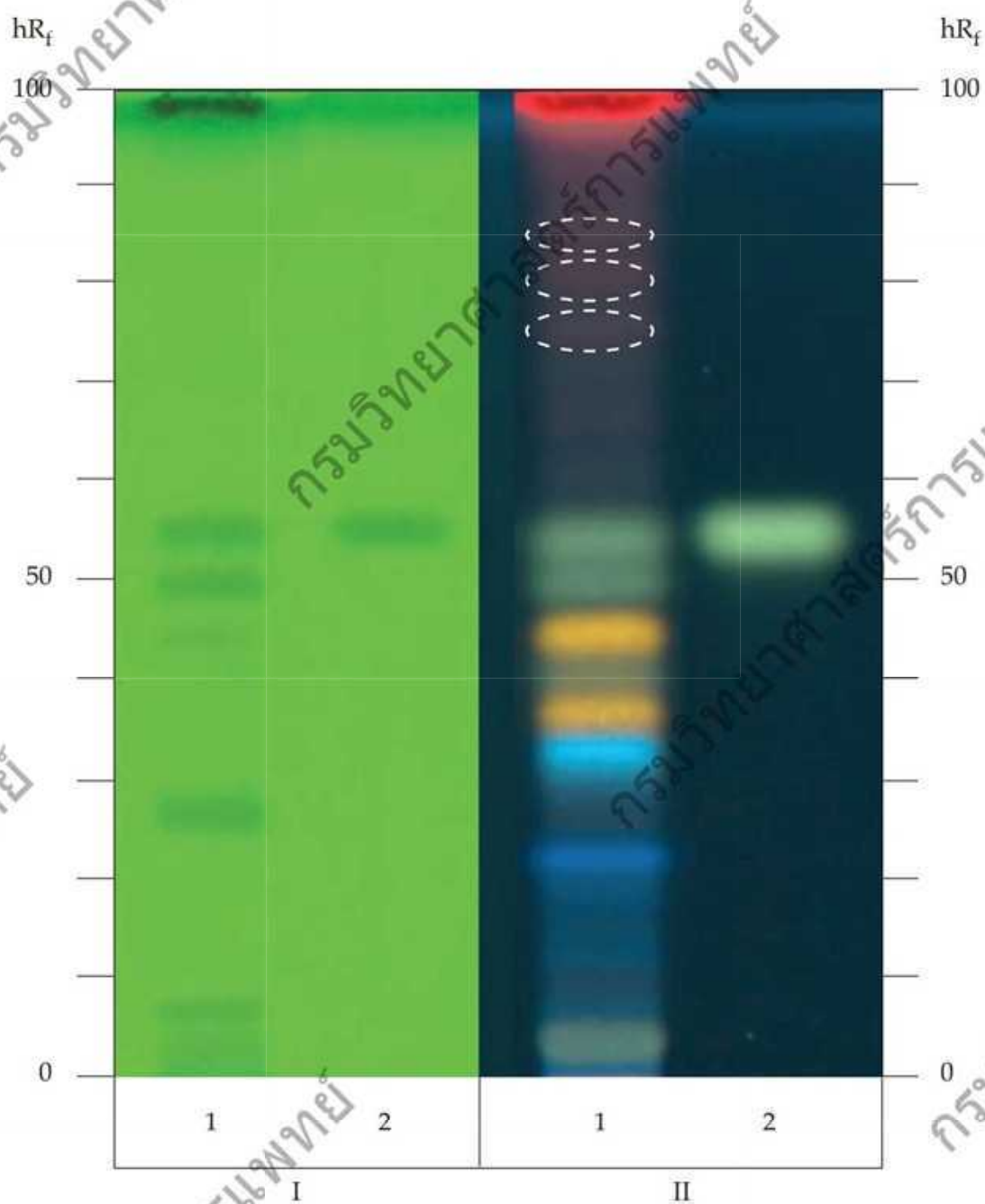
**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 0.5 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 13.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 13.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 30.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Ethanolic Extract of the Leaflets of *Moringa oleifera* Lam.

1 = solution (A)

2 = solution (B)

I = detection under UV light (254 nm)

II = detection under UV light (366 nm) after spraying with NP/PEG TS

○ = bands developed in some samples

## มะตูม (MATUM)

มะปิ่น (MAPIN)

*Aegles Marmelotis Fructus*

Bael Fruit

**Synonyms** Bengal Quince Fruit, Golden Apple Fruit, Holy Fruit, Indian Bael Fruit, Indian Quince Fruit

**Category** Antidiarrheal, stomachic.

Bael Fruit is the dried mature fruit of *Aegle marmelos* (L.) Corrêa [*Belou marmelos* (L.) A. Lyons, *Crateva marmelos* L., *Feronia pellucida* Roth] (Family Rutaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5187, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1137.

**Constituents** Bael Fruit contains coumarins (e.g., imperatorin or marmelosin, psoralen). It also contains alkaloids, flavonoids, tannins, volatile compounds, gum, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Tree 6 to 12 m tall; stem and branch spiny; spine(s) single or paired, subulate, 1 to 4 cm long. Leaves digitately trifoliolate, alternate, petiolate; petiole 2 to 4 cm long, slightly swollen at base; leaflet elliptic, ovate or ovate-lanceolate, terminal one 5 to 16 cm long, 2 to 10 cm wide, lateral ones subsessile, up to 7 cm long, up to 4 cm wide, apex acute to acuminate, base obtuse to cuneate, margin crenulate, glabrous, pellucid-dotted. Inflorescence racemose or cymose, some branched, axillary or terminal, 3 to 6 cm long; peduncle minutely puberulent. Flower fragrant, greenish white, 2 to 3 cm wide; pedicel 0.4 to 1.5 cm long, pubescent; calyx 4- or 5-lobed, lobe deltoid-ovate or lanceolate, 1.5 to 3 mm long, pubescent, caducous; petals 4 or 5, thick, externally greenish, internally greenish white, oblong-obovate, about 1.4 cm long, about 8 mm wide; stamens 35 to 50, white, filament subulate, 4 to 7 mm long, anther narrow lanceolate with sagittate base, hairy; ovary superior, urn-shaped, light green, glabrous, 8- to 22-loculed, each with 5 or more ovules, style short, stigma capitate. Fruit globose or slightly pear-shaped, 5 to 12 cm wide, greenish turning yellowish brown when ripe, glabrous, rind hard, about 3 mm thick, inside with 8 to 22 segments; pulp orange, slimy, aromatic. Seeds 6 to 10 in each segment, brown, oblong, flat, about 1 cm long, densely clothed with thick fibrous hairs, embedded in transparent sticky gum.

**Description** Odour, aromatic, characteristic; taste, sweet and sour, astringent.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Transverse slices of fruit, round or ovate, curved, 3 to 10 cm wide, 0.5 to 1 cm thick; rind greyish brown to brownish, smooth, hard; pulp shrunken, brownish orange or reddish brown, with radially arranged elliptic cavities, some containing seeds and viscous substance.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the fruit shows epicarp, mesocarp and endocarp. Epicarp, cuticle layer, a thick-walled epidermal layer, a region of thick-walled parenchyma, some of which containing prismatic crystals or dark brown to brownish substance, large lysigenous oil cavities, and scattering sclereids. Mesocarp, region of thick-walled sclereids, numerous ribbon or sectional view of vascular bundles, thick- and thin-walled parenchyma, some of which containing starch grains. Endocarp, layers of thin-walled parenchyma cells, some of which containing starch grains, layers of thick-walled sclereids and scattering oil droplets surrounding seed cavities.



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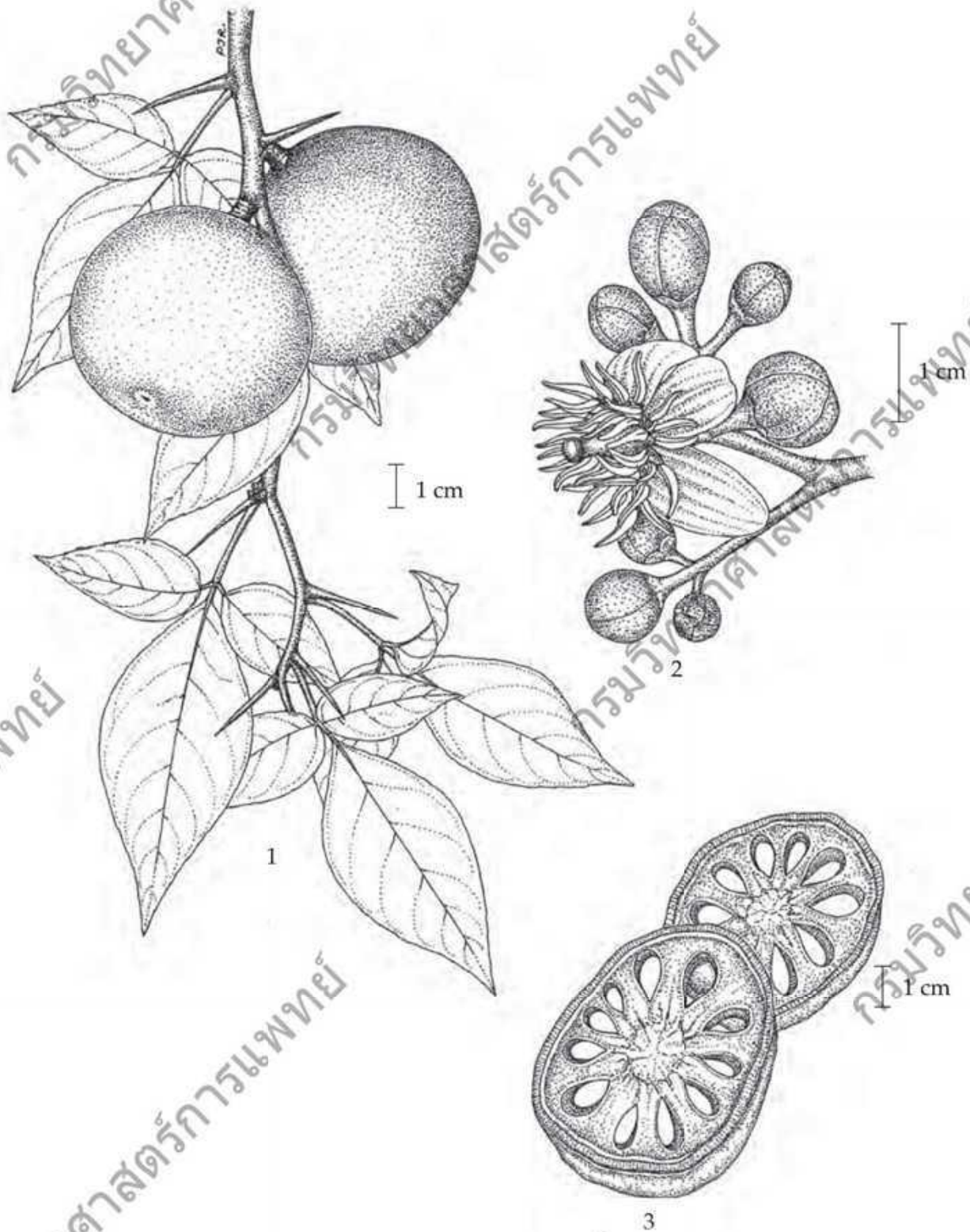
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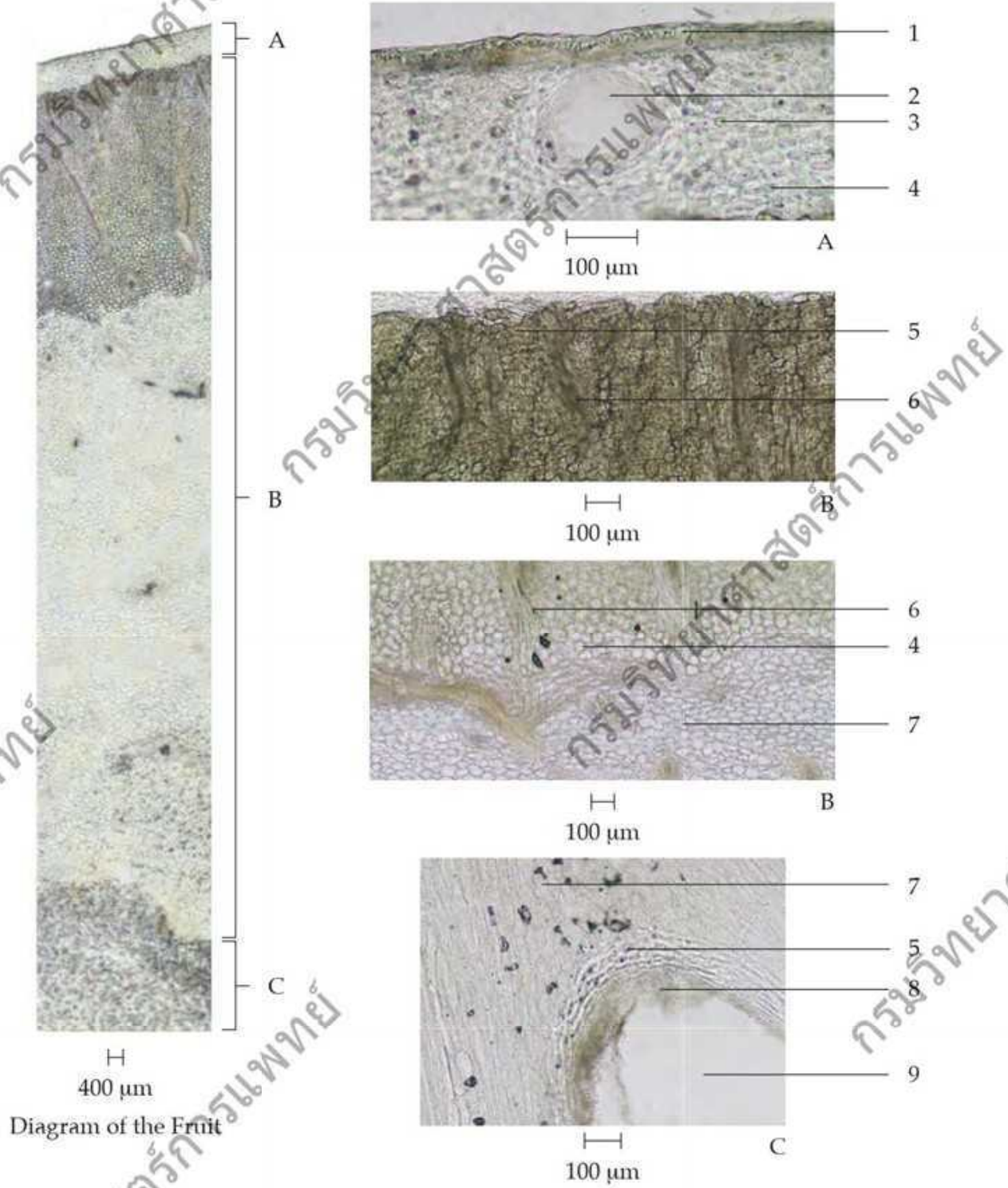
**Fig. 1a** *Aegle marmelos* (E.) Corrêa

1. habit 2. inflorescences 3. fruits 4. sections of fresh fruit 5. crude drug



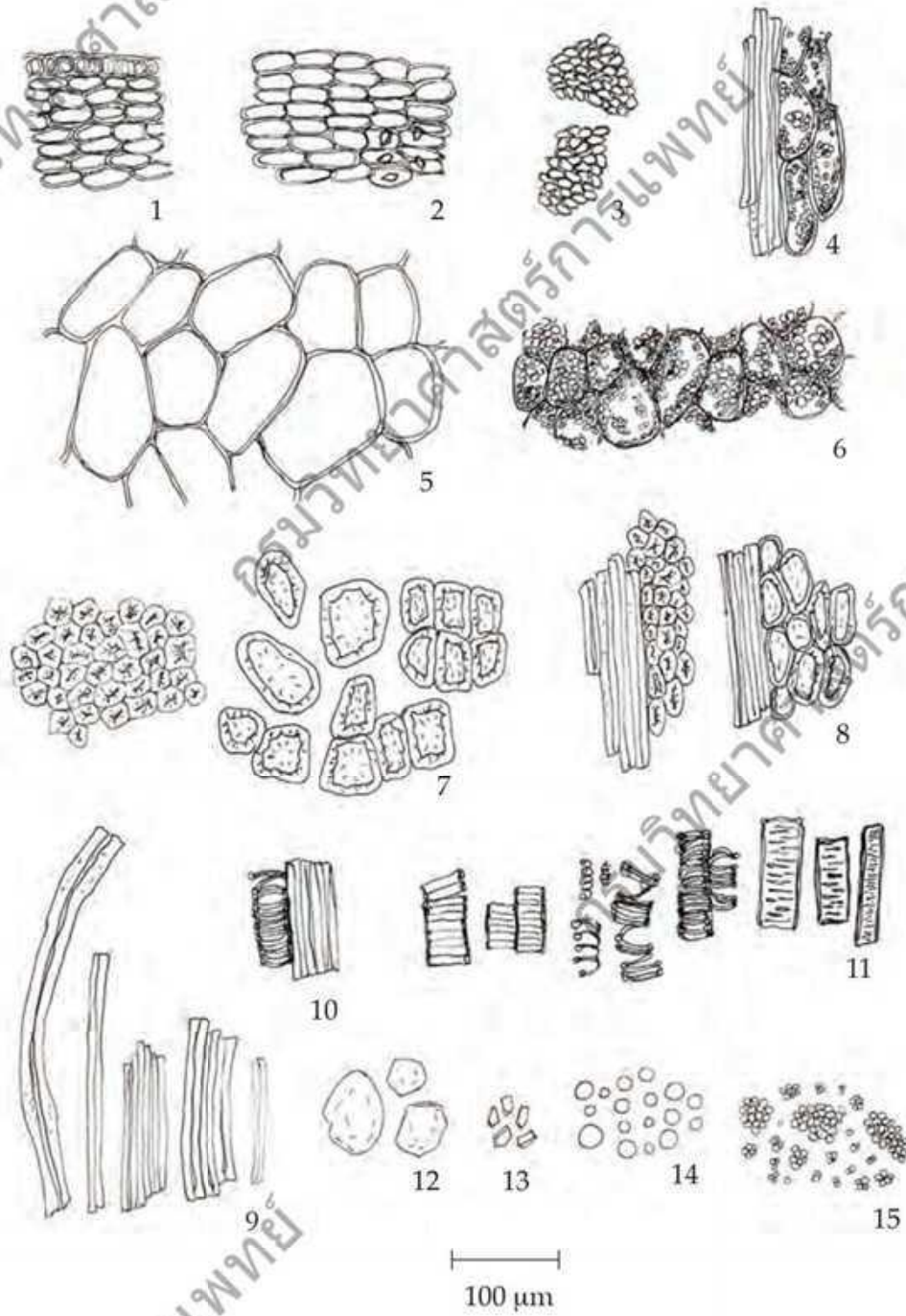
**Fig. 1b** *Aegle marmelos* (L.) Corrêa

1. fruiting twig showing leaves and spines
2. inflorescence
3. transverse slices of young fruit



**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs of Transverse Section of the Fruit of *Aegle marmelos* (L.) Corrêa

- A. Epicarp
- B. Mesocarp
- C. Endocarp
- 1. epidermis
- 2. oil cavity
- 3. prismatic crystal
- 4. thick-walled parenchyma
- 5. sclereid
- 6. vascular bundle
- 7. parenchyma
- 8. oil droplet
- 9. seed cavity



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Fruits of *Aegle marmelos* (L.) Corrèa

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| 1. epidermis and thick-walled parenchyma                                | 8. fibres and sclereids in longitudinal view      |
| 2. thick-walled parenchyma, some containing prismatic crystals          | 9. fragments of fibres                            |
| 3. epidermis in surface view  | 10. spiral vessel and fibres in longitudinal view |
| 4. fibres and parenchyma containing starch grains, in longitudinal view | 11. scalariform, spiral and reticulate vessels    |
| 5. parenchyma   | 12. brownish substance                            |
| 6. parenchyma containing starch grains                                  | 13. prismatic crystals                            |
| 7. sclereids  | 14. oil droplets                                  |
|   | 15. starch grains                                 |

Bael Fruit in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Thick-walled parenchyma, various-sized and -shaped sclereids and minute starch grains are abundant. Brownish substance, although rare, is characteristic.

**Additional information** In Thailand, there are three commonly known Matum cultivars: Matum Khai (มะตุมไข่), Matum Ban (มะตุมบ้าน) or Matum Kwai (มะตุมควาย), and Matum Nim (มะตุมนึ่ง). However, Matum Ban or Matum Kwai is commercially available in local markets.

**Packaging and storage** Bael Fruit shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Boil 500 mg of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 20 mL of *ethanol* on a water-bath for 10 minutes and filter (solution 1). Examine 2 mL of solution 1 under ultraviolet light (366 nm): a blue fluorescence is observed.

B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of *sulfuric acid* and mix: a pinkish red colour is produced.

C. To 2 mL of solution 1, add a few drops of a 9 per cent w/v solution of *iron(III) chloride* and mix: a green colour is produced.

D. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 60 volumes of *toluene* and 40 volumes of *diethyl ether* as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 10 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate, 20  $\mu$ L of solution (A) and 5  $\mu$ L of solution (B). Prepare solution (A) by refluxing 1 g of the sample, in *fine powder*, with 20 mL of *n-hexane* for 20 minutes, filtering and evaporating the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in 2 mL of *methanol*. For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of *imperatorin* in 1 mL of *methanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching spots. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a quenching spot ( $hR_f$  value 63 to 70) corresponding to the *imperatorin* spot from solution (B) and other two spots of lower  $hR_f$  values. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; several greenish blue and blue fluorescent spots are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Hexane Extract of the Fruits of *Aegle marmelos* (L.) Corrêa

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 254	UV 366
1	14–18	–	blue
2	18–19	–	greenish blue
3	26–32	weak quenching	greenish blue
4	33–38	weak quenching	greenish blue
5	42–45	–	blue
6*	63–70	quenching	greenish blue
7	72–74	–	blue
8	77–81	–	blue

\*imperatorin

**Loss on drying** Not more than 9.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

**Total ash** Not more than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 10.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 40.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Imperatorin content** Not less than 0.1 per cent w/w of imperatorin ( $C_{16}H_{14}O_4$ ). Carry out the determination as described in the "Liquid Chromatography" (Appendix 3.5).

**Mobile phase** Prepare a mixture of 60 volumes of *methanol* and 40 volumes of *water*. Make adjustments if necessary.

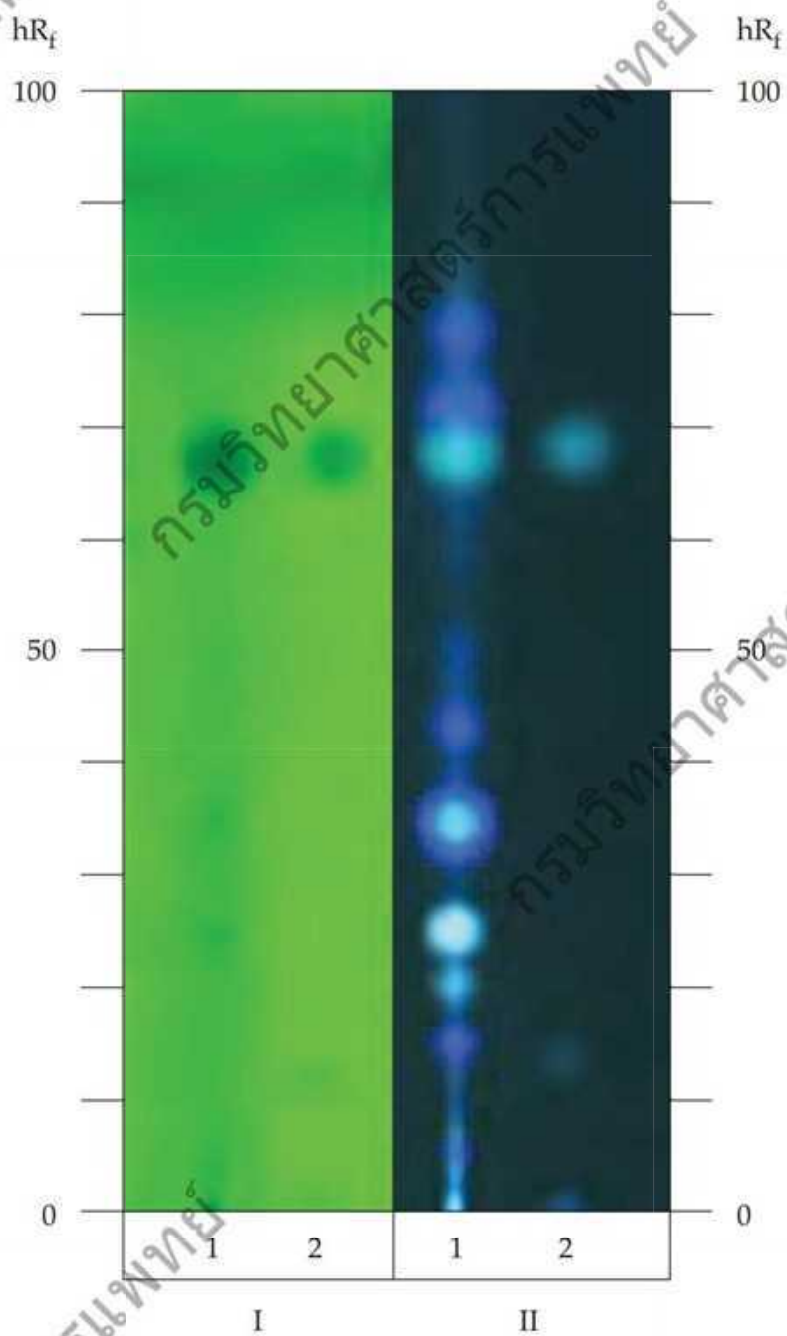
**Standard preparations** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of *imperatorin* in sufficient *methanol*, dilute quantitatively and stepwise with *methanol* to obtain a stock solution having a known concentration of about 400 µg per mL. Dilute the solution quantitatively and stepwise with *methanol* to obtain six solutions having known concentrations of 40, 80, 120, 160, 200, and 240 µg per mL.

**Sample preparation** Reflux about 1 g of Bael Fruit, in *fine powder*, accurately weighed, with 50 mL of *n-hexane* for 30 minutes, filter and evaporate the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in sufficient *methanol*. Transfer quantitatively to a 25-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *methanol* to volume and mix.

**Chromatographic system** The chromatographic procedure may be carried out using (a) a stainless steel column (5 cm × 2.1 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (1.7 µm), (b) *Mobile phase* at a flow rate of about 0.5 mL per minute (the retention time is about 1.2 minutes for imperatorin), and (c) an ultraviolet photometer set at 302 nm.

**Procedure and Calculation** Separately inject about 3  $\mu\text{L}$  each of *Standard preparations* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms and measure the responses for the major peaks: the relative standard deviation for the replicate injections is not more than 2.0 per cent. Plot the readings and draw the standard curve of best fit: the curve shows a correlation coefficient of not less than 0.999. Inject about 3  $\mu\text{L}$  of *Sample preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatogram and measure the response for the major peak. By reference to the standard curve, calculate the content of imperatorin ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$ ) in the portion of the Bael Fruit taken.

**Dose** 3 to 6 g of the powdered drug a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Hexane Extract of the Fruits of *Aegle marmelos* (L.) Corrêa

- 1 = solution A
- 2 = solution B
- I = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- II = detection under UV light (366 nm)

## ยาชงมะตูม (YA CHONG MATUM)

Bael Fruit Tea

**Category** Antidiarrheal, stomachic.

**Bael Fruit Tea contains an amount of powdered Bael Fruit equivalent to not less than 90.0 per cent and not more than 110.0 per cent of the labelled amount of imperatorin ( $C_{16}H_{14}O_4$ ), calculated on the dried basis.**

**Strengths available** 1 and 2.5 g (powder), supplied in a sachet.

**Dose** One sachet, prepared as an infusion by soaking each with 120 mL of boiling water for 10 minutes, as needed.

**Packaging and storage** Bael Fruit Tea shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored at a temperature not exceeding 30°.

**Labelling** The label on the container states (1) the equivalent amount of imperatorin; (2) the expiration date.

### Identification

A. The tea contents exhibit diagnostic structures of the powdered drug described under *Bael Fruit*.

B. The tea contents comply with the tests for Identification A, B, C, and D described under *Bael Fruit*.

**Loss on drying** Of the tea contents, not more than 9.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Microbial limit** Complies with the requirements for Category 2 in the "Limits for Microbial Contamination" (Appendix 10.5).

**Assay** Carry out the determination as described in the "Liquid Chromatography" (Appendix 3.5).

**Mobile phase** Prepare a mixture of 60 volumes of *methanol* and 40 volumes of *water*. Make adjustments if necessary.

**Standard preparations** Dissolve an accurately weighed quantity of imperatorin in sufficient *methanol*, dilute quantitatively and stepwise with *methanol* to obtain a stock solution having a known concentration of about 400 µg per mL. Dilute the solution quantitatively and stepwise with *methanol* to obtain six solutions having known concentrations of 40, 80, 120, 160, 200, and 240 µg per mL.

**Assay preparation** Grind the contents of not less than 20 sachets of Bael Fruit Tea to *fine powder*. Reflux about 1 g, accurately weighed, with 50 mL of *n-hexane* for 30 minutes, filter and evaporate the filtrate to dryness. Dissolve the residue in sufficient *methanol*. Transfer quantitatively to a 25-mL volumetric flask, dilute with *methanol* to volume and mix.

**Chromatographic system** The chromatographic procedure may be carried out using (a) a stainless steel column (5 cm × 2.1 mm) packed with octadecylsilane chemically bonded to porous silica or ceramic microparticles (1.7 µm), (b) *Mobile phase* at a flow rate of about 0.5 mL per minute (the retention time is about 1.2 minutes for imperatorin), and (c) an ultraviolet photometer set at 302 nm.

**Procedure and Calculation** Separately inject about 3  $\mu\text{L}$  each of *Standard preparations* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms and measure the responses for the major peaks: the relative standard deviation for the replicate injections is not more than 2.0 per cent. Plot the readings and draw the standard curve of best fit: the curve shows a correlation coefficient of not less than 0.999. Inject about 3  $\mu\text{L}$  of *Assay preparation* into the chromatograph, record the chromatogram and measure the response for the major peak. By reference to the standard curve, calculate the content of imperatorin ( $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$ ) in the portion of the Tea taken.

**Other requirements** Complies with the requirements described under "Herbal Teas" (Appendix 1.16H).

## มะแว้งเครือ (MAWAENG KHRUEA)

Solani Trilobati Fructus

Solanum Trilobatum Fruit

**Category** Expectorant.

**Solanum Trilobatum Fruit** is the dried green mature fruit of *Solanum trilobatum* L. (Family Solanaceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 147, 163, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 1019.

**Constituents** Solanum Trilobatum Fruit contains solasodine.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Slender scrambling shrub up to 3.6 m long; prickles hooked, broad-based, yellowish and numerous along the stem, otherwise almost glabrous; branches long divaricate, the young ones sometimes with a few stellate hairs, the older glabrous. Leaves simple, alternate, ovate or rotund-ovate, 2 to 7 cm long, 1 to 4 cm wide, obtuse, irregularly sinuate or 3- to 5-lobed, sparsely stellately hairy or glabrous; petiole and midrib with or without a few prickles, 1.3 to 3.8 cm long, base broadly cuneate-truncate, sometimes unequal. Inflorescence extra-axillary racemose cyme; peduncle short, 3- to 9-flowered. Flower showy, violet-purple; pedicel 1 to 2 cm long, widely divergent, often prickly; calyx cyathiform, 3 to 4 mm long with narrow teeth, sparsely stellately hairy; corolla 1.2 to 1.6 cm long, tube 2 mm long, deeply lobed, stellate-pubescent outside, usually reflexed; stamen protruding, anther 7 mm long, narrowly oblong, yellow, filament 1.2 mm long; ovary 2-celled, ovoid or subglobose, style glabrous. Fruit berry, globose, about 1 cm in diameter, mature berry green with white mottling, scarlet when-ripe. Seeds numerous, compressed, 3 mm in diameter, slightly pitted.

### Description

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Nearly globular, from 6 to 10 mm in diameter, externally light brown to dark brown, more or less wrinkled. The base marked by a circular stalk scar, about 1 mm in diameter.

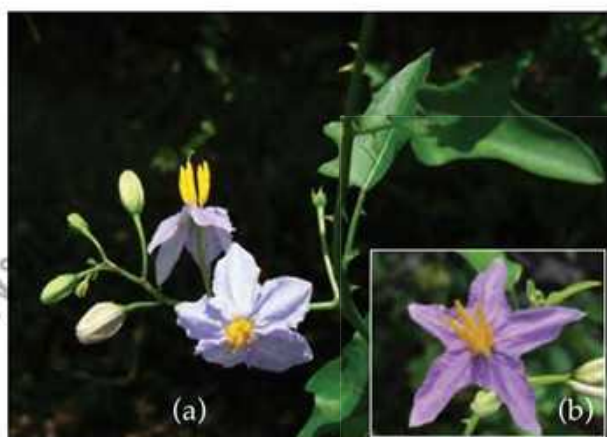
**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b) Transverse section of the fruit shows epidermis, a single layer of rectangular cells with cutinized outer walls. Hypodermis, 1 to 2 layers of rectangular cells. Two zones of parenchyma cells, the outer composed of 6 to 9 layers of thick-walled, polygonal cells containing chloroplastids, the inner composed of more layers of larger and thin-walled cells containing mucilage and numerous starch grains and small vascular bundles are scattered in this region. Epidermis of seed coat, a single layer of large lignified sclereids, more or less columnar-shaped, inner walls are thicker with irregularly flamelike thickened appendages. Endosperm, small thin-walled, polygonal parenchyma cells containing oil droplets. Cotyledon, several layers of small polygonal cells containing oil droplets.

Solanum Trilobatum Fruit in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug.

**Packaging and storage** Solanum Trilobatum Fruit shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.



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Fig. 1a *Solanum trilobatum* L.

1. habit 2. flowering twig (a), flower (b) 3. different stages of fruits 4. crude drug



Fig. 1b *Solanum trilobatum* L.

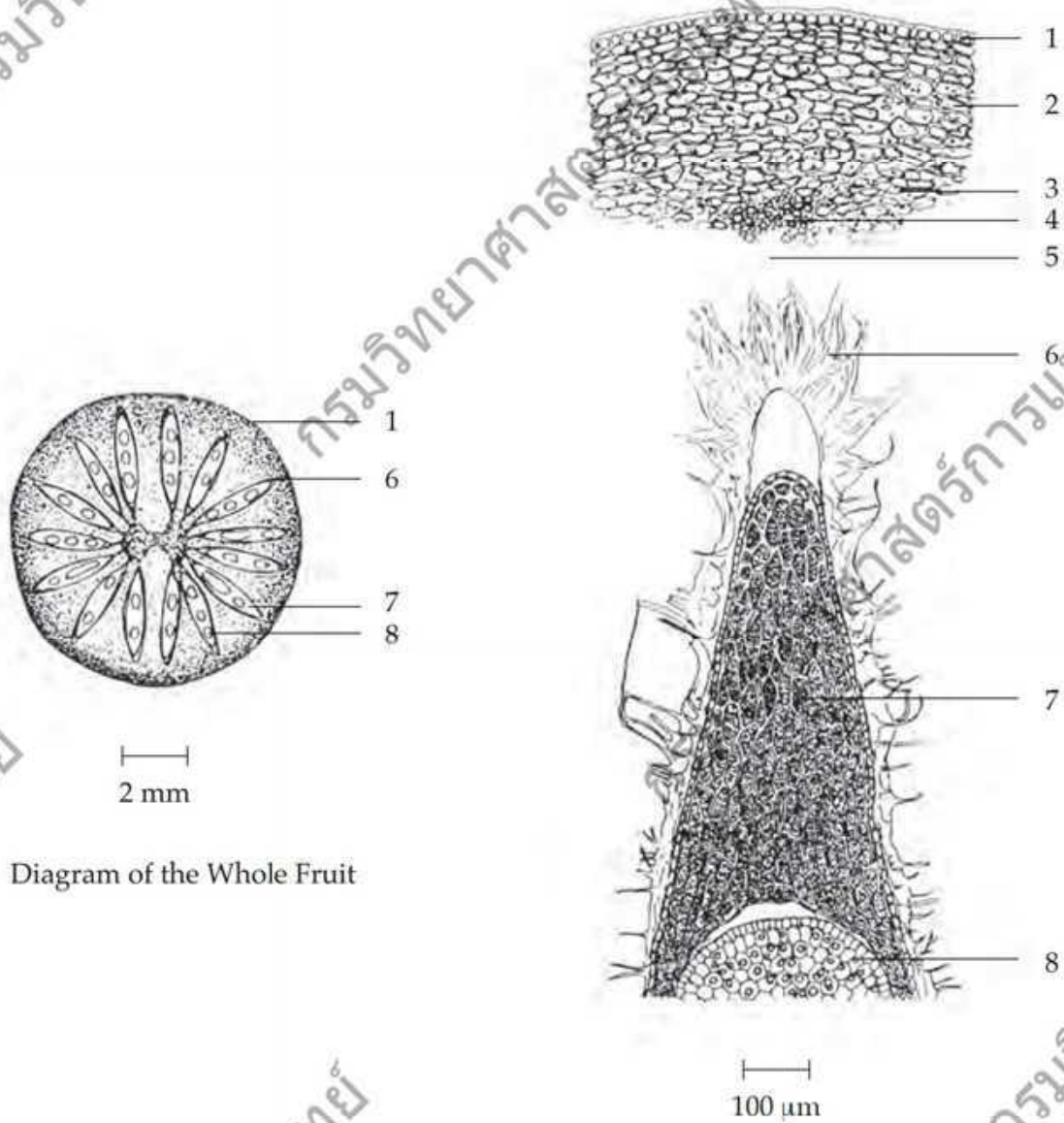
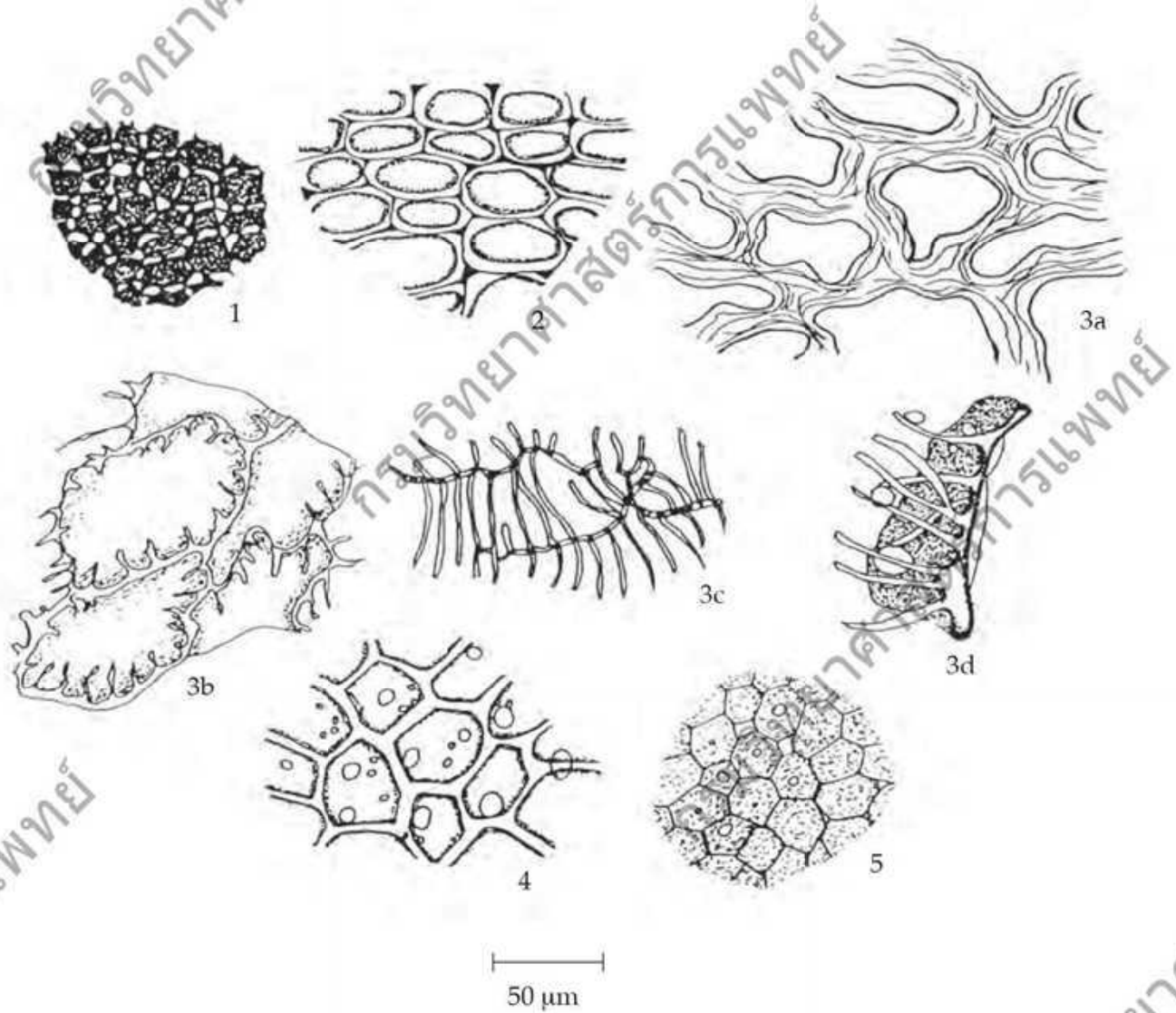


Diagram of the Whole Fruit

**Fig. 2a** Transverse Section of the Fruit of *Solanum trilobatum* L.

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. epidermis   | 4. vascular bundle                   |
| 2. thick-walled parenchyma containing starch grains and oil droplets | 5. cavity                            |
| 3. thin-walled parenchyma containing starch grains and oil droplets  | 6. sclereids                         |
|  | 7. endosperm containing oil droplets |
|  | 8. embryo containing oil droplets    |



**Fig. 2b** Powdered Drug of the Fruits of *Solanum trilobatum* L.

1. epidermis of pericarp in surface view
2. thick-walled parenchyma of pericarp
3. sclerenchymatous layer of testa
  - a. surface view seen from raphe
  - b. surface view seen from below
  - c. surface view seen from above
  - d. sectional view
4. endosperm with oil droplets
5. embryo with oil droplets

**Identification**

A. Reflux 500 mg of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *ethanol* for 30 minutes, and filter. Evaporate 2 to 3 mL of the filtrate to dryness and add 2 to 3 drops of *acetic anhydride* and a few drops of *sulfuric acid*: a violet colour is produced.

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel G* as the coating substance and a mixture of 55 volumes of *chloroform* and 45 volumes of *toluene* as the mobile phase. Apply to the plate, 10  $\mu$ L of the test solution prepared by refluxing 5 g of the sample, in powder, with 10 mL of *methanol* for 20 minutes, and filtering. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm); two blue and two red fluorescent spots appear. Spray the plate with *vanillin-sulfuric acid TS* and heat at 120° for 5 to 10 minutes; six violet spots are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

Repeat the same procedure on another plate but using 90 volumes of *cyclohexane* and 10 volumes of *diethanolamine* as the mobile phase. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under ultraviolet light (366 nm); three blue fluorescent spots appear. Spray the plate with *modified Dragendorff TS*; two orange-yellow spots are observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1.  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Methanolic Extract of the Fruits of *Solanum trilobatum* L.**

a. Mobile phase: 55 volumes of *chloroform* and 45 volumes of *toluene*

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 366	Vanillin-Sulfuric Acid TS
1	3–6	blue	–
2	5–7	red	–
3	5–7	–	violet
4	7–9	blue	–
5	8–12	–	violet
6	10–15	red	–
7	12–17	–	violet
8	15–21	–	violet
9	18–25	–	violet
10	43–53	–	violet

b. Mobile phase: 90 volumes of *cyclohexane* and 10 volumes of *diethanolamine*

Spot	$hR_f$ Value	Detection	
		UV 366	Modified Dragendorff TS
1	2	light blue	–
2	23–24	–	orange-yellow
3	40–44	light blue	–
4	58–61	light blue	–
5	58–61	–	orange-yellow

**Loss on drying** Not more than 6.0 per cent w/w after drying at 100° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

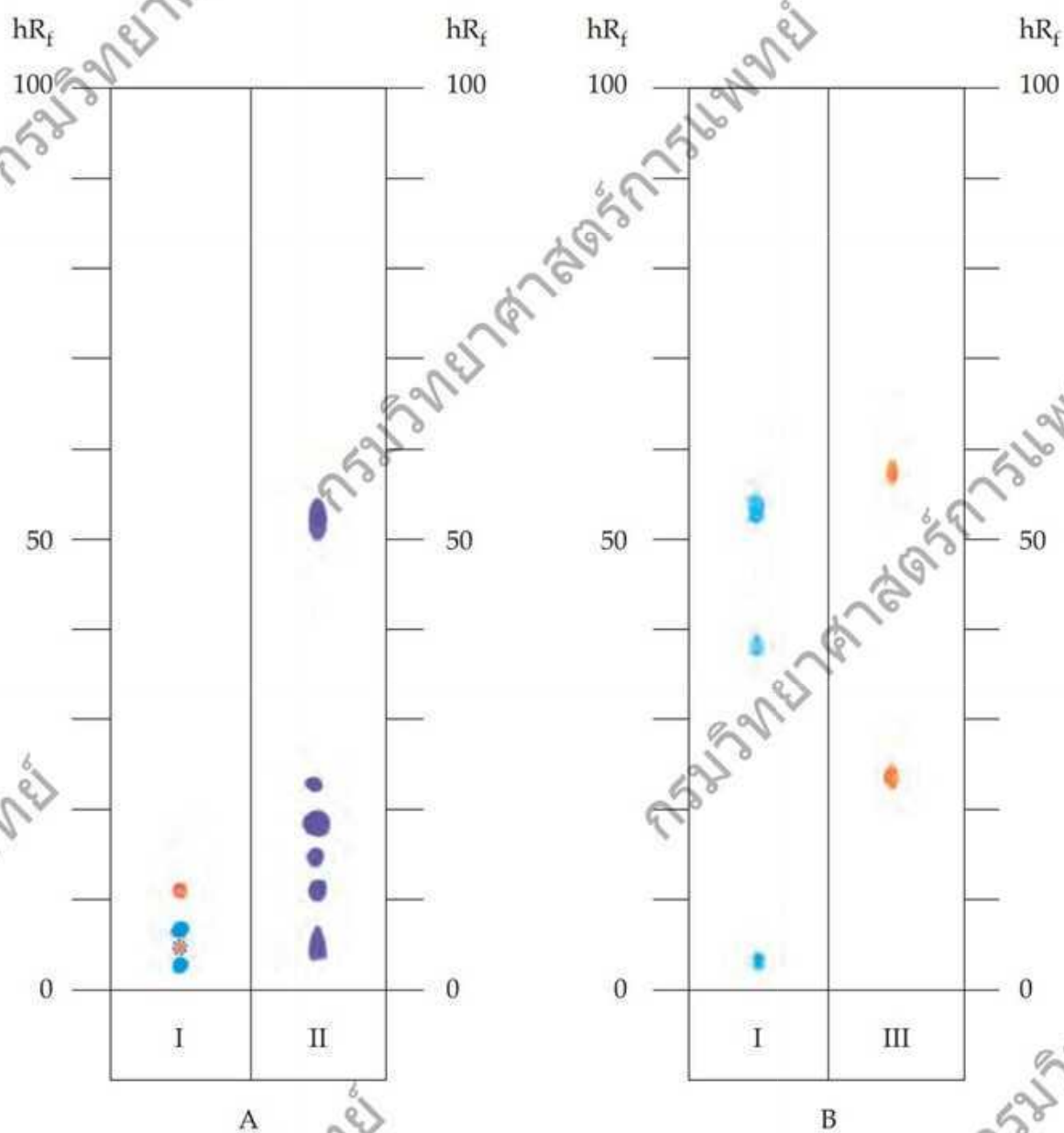
**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Sulfated ash** Not more than 11.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 5.3).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 3.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Chloroform-soluble extractive** Not less than 1.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12H).



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Methanolic Extract of the Fruits of *Solanum trilobatum* L.

A = use 55 volumes of *chloroform* and 45 volumes of *toluene* as the mobile phase.

B = use 90 volumes of *cyclohexane* and 10 volumes of *diethanolamine* as the mobile phase.

I = detection under UV light (366 nm)

II = detection with *vanillin-sulfuric acid* TS

III = detection with *modified Dragendorff* TS

○ = spots developed in some samples

## หม่อน (MON)

Mori Albi Folium

Mulberry Leaf

**Synonyms** Moral Blanco Leaf, Russian Mulberry Leaf, Silkworm Mulberry Leaf, White Mulberry Leaf, White-Fruited Mulberry Leaf

**Category** Mild antitussive.

**Mulberry Leaf is the dried leaf of *Morus alba* L. (Family Moraceae), Herbarium Specimen Number: DMSC 5157, Crude Drug Number: DMSc 5431, 5432.**

**Constituents** Mulberry Leaf contains flavonoids (e.g., rutin, quercetin 3-(6-malonyl) glucoside, isoquercitrin), alkaloids (e.g., 1-deoxynojirimycin), sterols, etc.

**Description of the plant** (Figs. 1a, 1b) Deciduous tree or shrub, 3 to 15(-20) m tall; stem erect, branched; young branch greenish, pubescent; mature branch greyish green with lenticels; lenticel prominent, reddish or yellowish brown; stem bark thin, rough, shallowly furrowed, grey, reddish or yellowish brown; bud ovoid, 4 to 6 mm long. Leaves simple, alternate, variable in size and shape, usually ovate to broadly ovate, (2.5-)5 to 20(-30) cm long, 2.5 to 14 cm wide, apex acute, acuminate or obtuse, base truncate, round or cordate, margin serrate, serrate-crenate, or irregularly lobed, basal nerves 3, blade abaxially glabrous or sparingly pubescent along major veins or tufted in axils of principle lateral veins and midrib, adaxially glabrous or sparsely pubescent; petiole up to 5.5 cm long; stipule ovate to lanceolate, 5 to 9 mm long, caducous. Inflorescence catkin, axillary, sordid white or greenish white, monoecious or dioecious; male catkin lax, 1 to 4 cm long; female catkin ovoid, 0.5 to 2 cm long; peduncle as long as the catkin. Male flower sessile; sepals 4, imbricate, ovoid, about 2.5 mm long, glabrous or hairy; stamens 4, filament inflexed in buds, anther globose to reniform, 2-loculed, papillose. Female flower sessile; sepals 4, imbricate, glabrous, marginally hairy; ovary 1-celled, glabrous, style, 0.5 to 1 mm long, 2-partite, stigma papillose. Fruit multiple, syncarpous, ovoid, ellipsoid or cylindric, 1 to 2.5 cm long, 0.5 to 1 cm wide, fleshy, becoming reddish, purplish, blackish or whitish when mature.

**Description** Odour, slightly aromatic; taste, slightly sweet with slightly bitter aftertaste.

**Macroscopical** (Fig. 1a) Lamina ovate to broadly ovate, irregularly lobed, 5 to 15 cm long, 4 to 10 cm wide, apex acute, acuminate or obtuse, base round to cordate, margin coarsely serrate to crenate, vein prominent; petiole, if present, slender, up to 5.5 cm long.

**Microscopical** (Figs. 2a, 2b, 2c) Transverse section of the leaf through the midrib and the lamina shows upper and lower epidermises, mesophyll, vascular tissue, and collenchyma. Upper epidermis, a layer of large rectangular cells; large lithocysts forming papillae, some of which boundary cells also contain cystoliths, covered with cuticle layer and unicellular trichomes. Mesophyll composed of a layer of palisade cells and layers of irregular spongy cells, xylem and phloem. Xylem composed of spiral and reticulate vessels. Collenchyma cells, located beneath upper and lower epidermises of the midrib. Lower epidermis, a layer of small oval cells; numerous anomocytic stomata, covered with cuticle layer and unicellular trichomes.

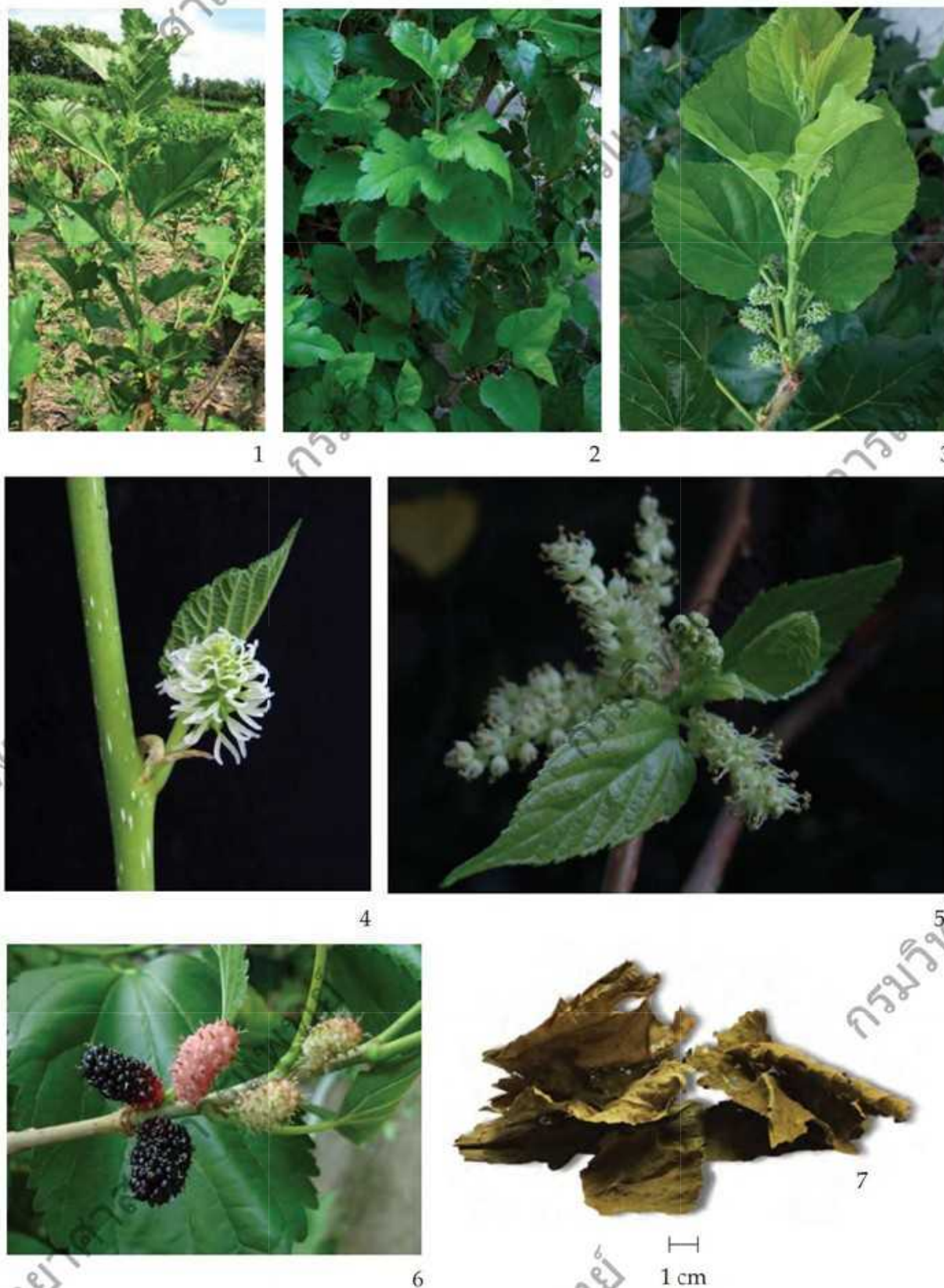
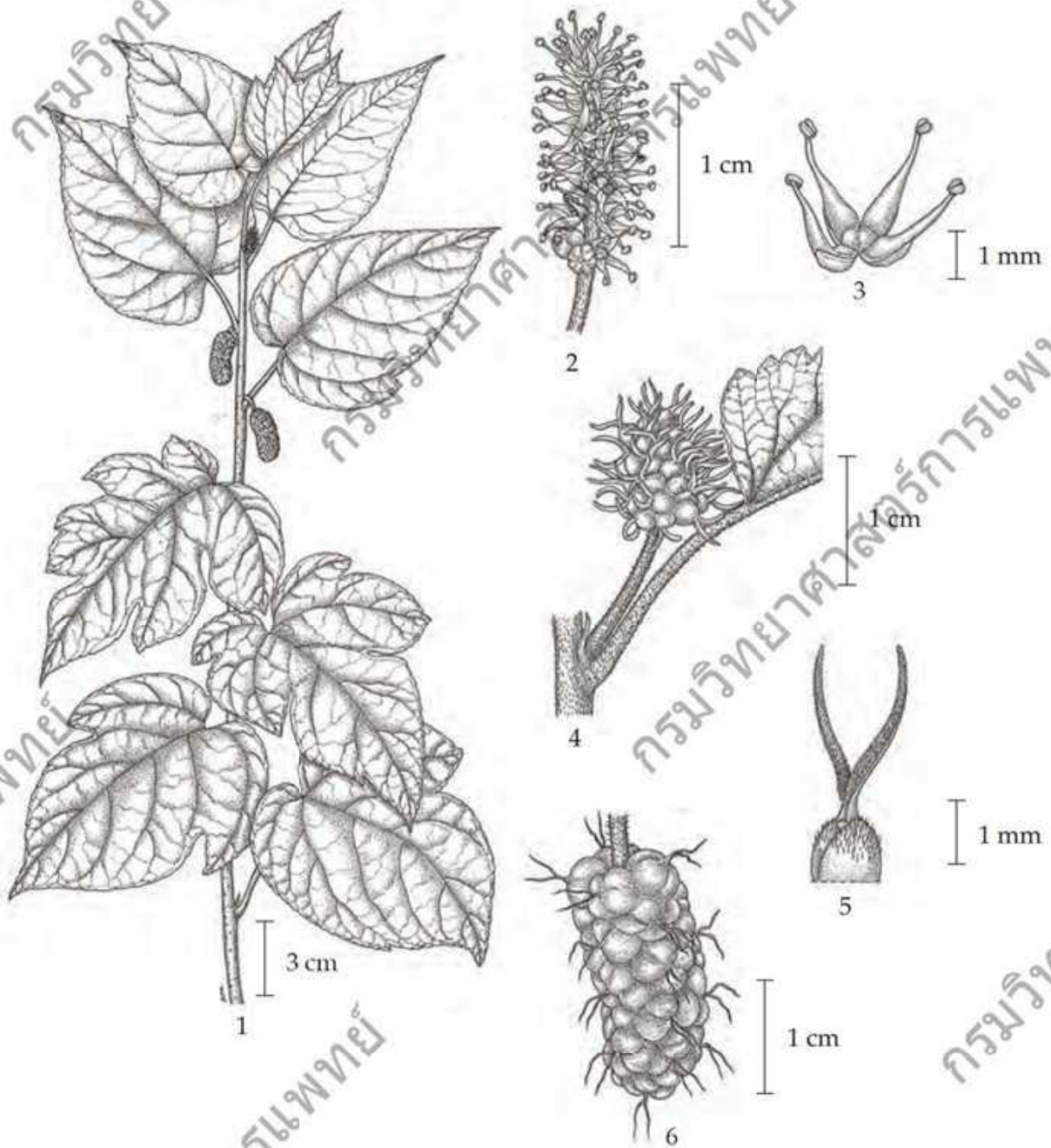


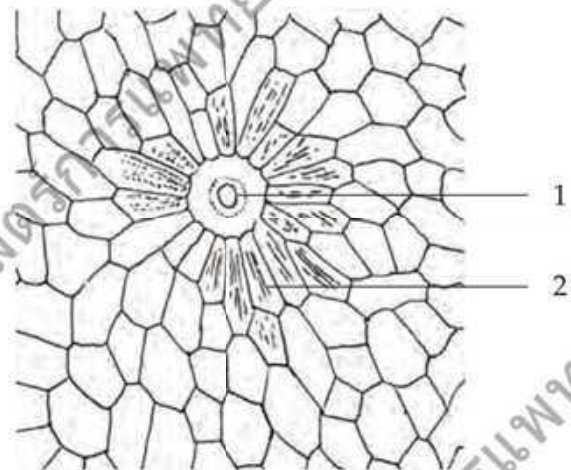
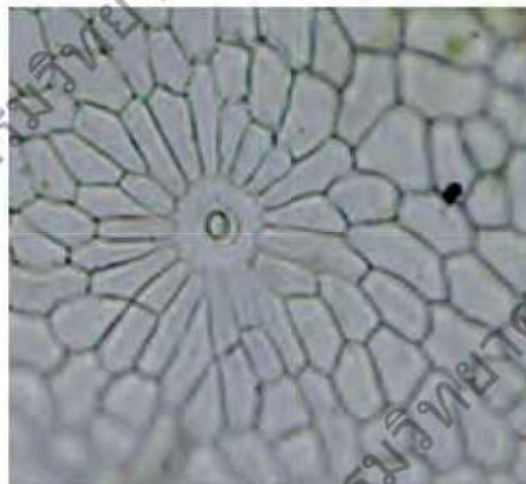
Fig. 1a *Morus alba* L.

1. habit
2. branch showing polymorphic leaves
3. female flowering branch
4. female inflorescence
5. male inflorescences
6. different stages of infructescences
7. crude drug



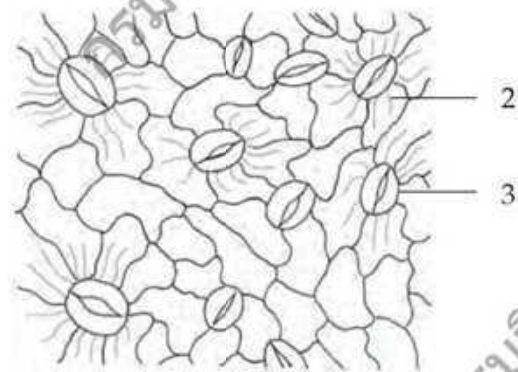
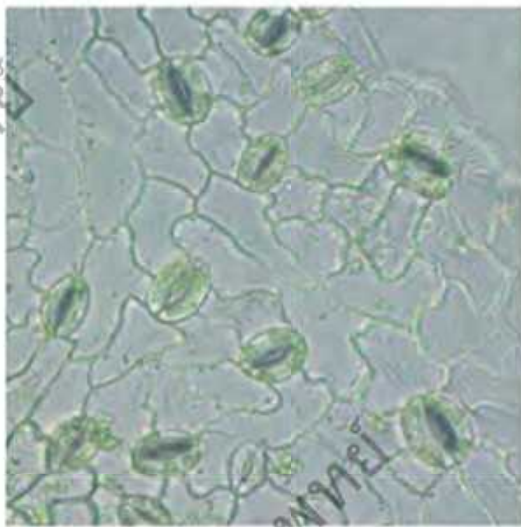
**Fig. 1b** *Morus alba* L.

1. flowering and fruiting branch showing polymorphic leaves
2. male inflorescence
3. male flower
4. female inflorescence
5. part of ovary, style and stigma
6. infructescence



100  $\mu$ m

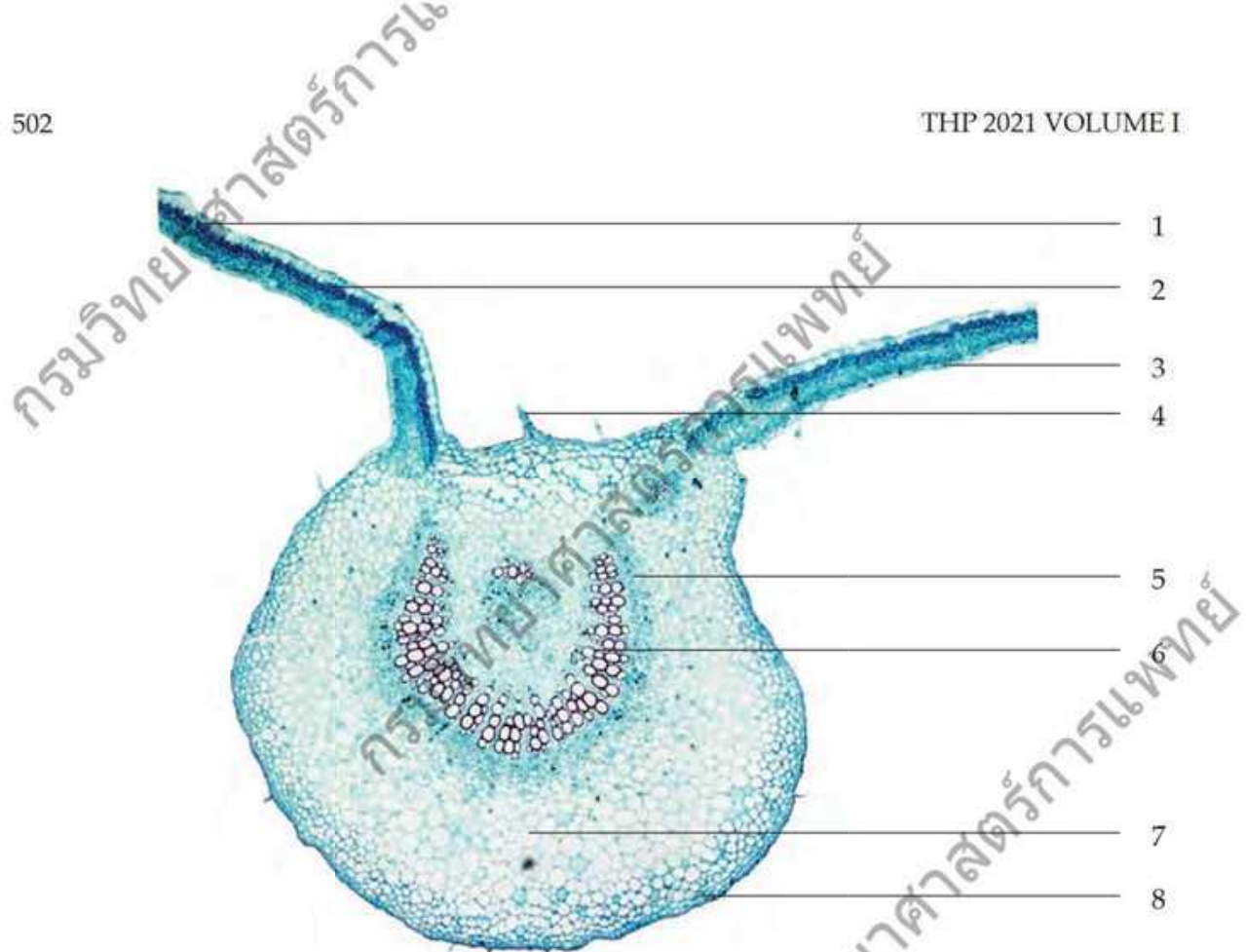
Upper Epidermis of the Lamina



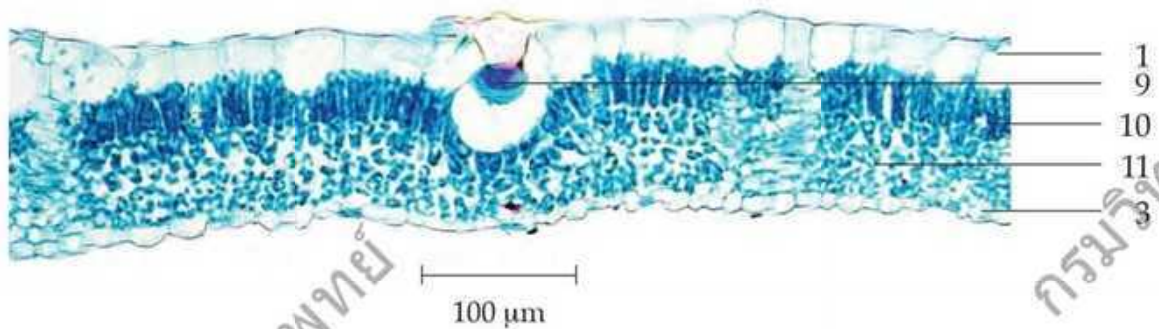
50  $\mu$ m

Lower Epidermis of the Lamina

**Fig. 2a** Photomicrographs and Line Drawings of Epidermises of the Leaf of *Morus alba* L.  
 1. cystolith trichome  
 2. striated cuticle  
 3. anomocytic stoma



Transverse Section of the Midrib



Transverse Section of the Lamina

**Fig. 2b** Photomicrographs of Transverse Sections of the Leaf of *Morus alba* L., Stained with Safranin-Fast Green

- |                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. upper epidermis | 7. parenchyma     |
| 2. leaf blade      | 8. collenchyma    |
| 3. lower epidermis | 9. cystolith      |
| 4. trichome        | 10. palisade cell |
| 5. phloem          | 11. spongy cell   |
| 6. xylem           |                   |

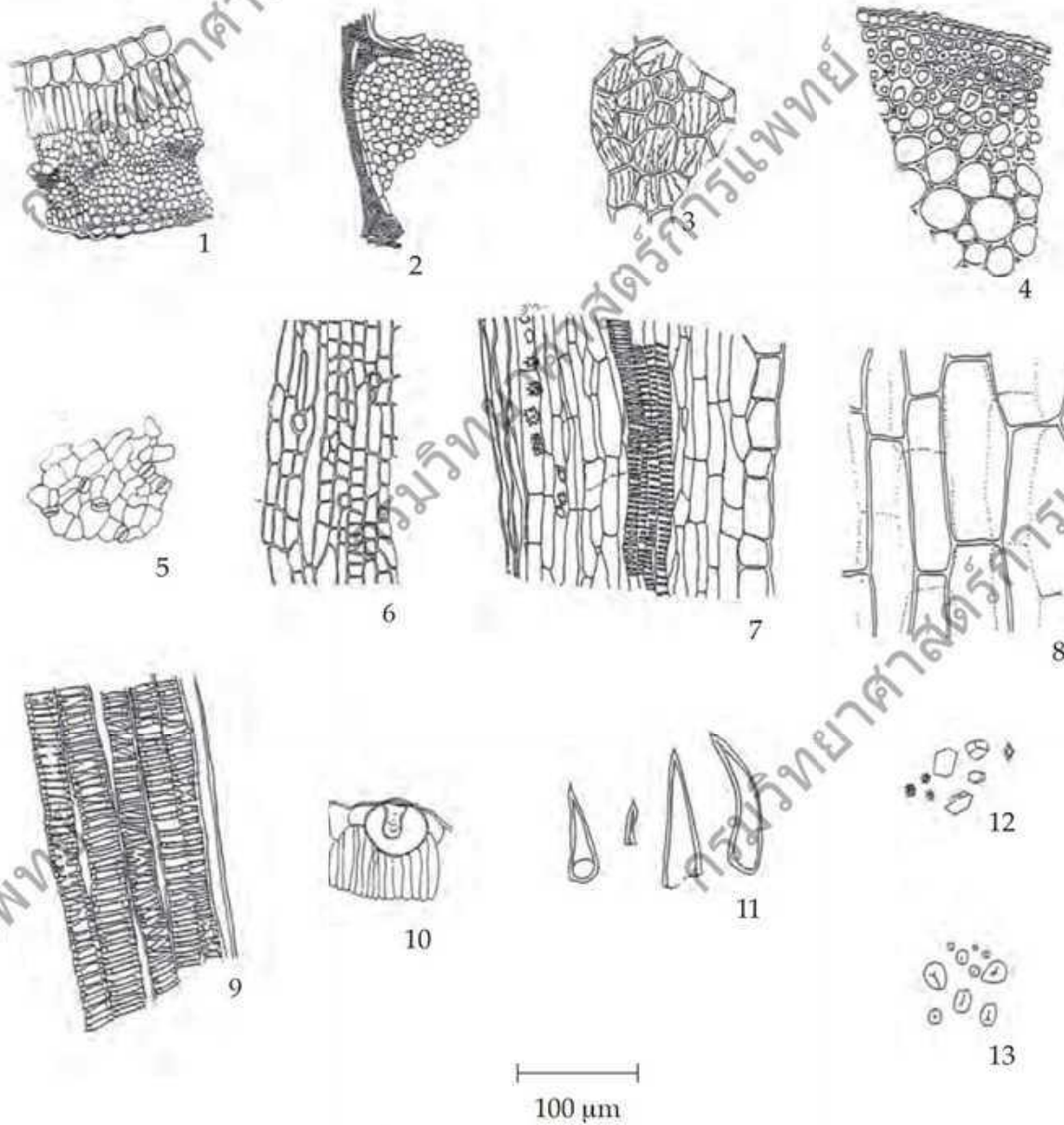


Fig. 2c Powdered Drug of the Leaves of *Morus alba* L.

1. lamina in sectional view showing epidermis, palisade cells, spongy cells, and vascular bundles
2. palisade cells and veinlet in surface view
3. upper epidermis with striated cuticle
4. epidermis associated with collenchyma of midrib
5. lower epidermis showing anomocytic stomata
6. epidermis and cicatrix, over vein in surface view
7. epidermis of petiole in longitudinal view associated with parenchyma, some containing rosette aggregate or prismatic crystals and vascular tissue
8. rectangular epidermis and underlying parenchyma in surface view
9. fibre, spiral and reticulate vessels
10. epidermis associated with cystolith sac and layer of palisade cells
11. fragments of unicellular trichomes
12. rosette aggregate and prismatic crystals
13. starch grains

Mulberry Leaf in powder possesses the diagnostic microscopical characters of the unground drug. Upper epidermis, large rectangular cells, some with cystoliths; lower epidermis, small oval cells with anomocytic stomata; epidermis of the vein with cicatrix; epidermis with striated cuticle; and unicellular trichomes are characteristic.

**Packaging and storage** Mulberry Leaf shall be kept in well-closed containers, protected from light, and stored in a dry place.

#### Identification

A. Warm 500 mg of the sample, in No. 250 powder, with 10 mL of water on a water-bath for 15 minutes and filter (solution 1). To 1 mL of solution 1, add 3 or 4 pieces of magnesium ribbon, shake well, and mix with 1 or 2 drops of hydrochloric acid: a brownish red colour develops.

B. To 2 mL of solution 1, add 1 or 2 drops of a 5 per cent w/v solution of iron(III) chloride; a greenish brown precipitate is produced.

C. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using silica gel GF254 as the coating substance and a mixture of 80 volumes of ethyl acetate, 20 volumes of acetone, 20 volumes of formic acid and 20 volumes of water as the mobile phase and allowing the solvent front to ascend 8.5 cm above the line of application. Apply separately to the plate as bands of 10 mm, 5  $\mu$ L each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by shaking 1 g of the sample, in No. 250 powder, in 10 mL of ethanol (30 per cent), warming in a water-bath at 50° for 10 minutes, filtering, and washing the filtrate with three 10-mL portions of n-hexane. Evaporate the ethanolic layer on a water-bath to dryness and dissolve in 1 mL of ethanol (30 per cent). For solution (B), dissolve 1 mg of rutin in 1 mL of methanol. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in air and examine under daylight, locating the bands. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a yellow band ( $R_f$  value 65 to 67) corresponding to the rutin band from solution (B), and other two yellow bands. Subsequently examine the plate under ultraviolet light (254 nm), marking the quenching bands. One quenching band corresponding to the rutin band from solution (B) and other three quenching bands are observed. Examine the plate under ultraviolet light (366 nm) through the cut-off filter; two blue fluorescent bands are observed. Spray the plate with anisaldehyde TS and heat at 105° for 3 minutes; the band due to rutin is yellow. Other yellow and yellowish grey bands are also observed (Table 1); see also Fig. 3.

**Table 1**  $hR_f$  Values of Components in Ethanolic Extract of the Leaves of *Morus alba* L.

Band	$hR_f$ Value	Detection			
		Daylight	UV 254	UV 366	Anisaldehyde TS
1	14–20	–	–	–	yellowish grey
2	29–35	–	–	–	yellowish grey
3*	65–67	pale yellow	quenching	–	pale yellow
4	67–68	–	–	light blue	–
5	68–74	pale yellow	quenching	–	pale yellow
6	73–76	–	–	light blue	–
7	79–81	pale yellow	quenching	–	pale yellow
8	86–88	–	weak quenching	–	–

\*rutin

**Loss on drying** Not more than 11.0 per cent w/w after drying at 105° to constant weight (Appendix 4.15).

**Foreign matter** Not more than 2.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.2).

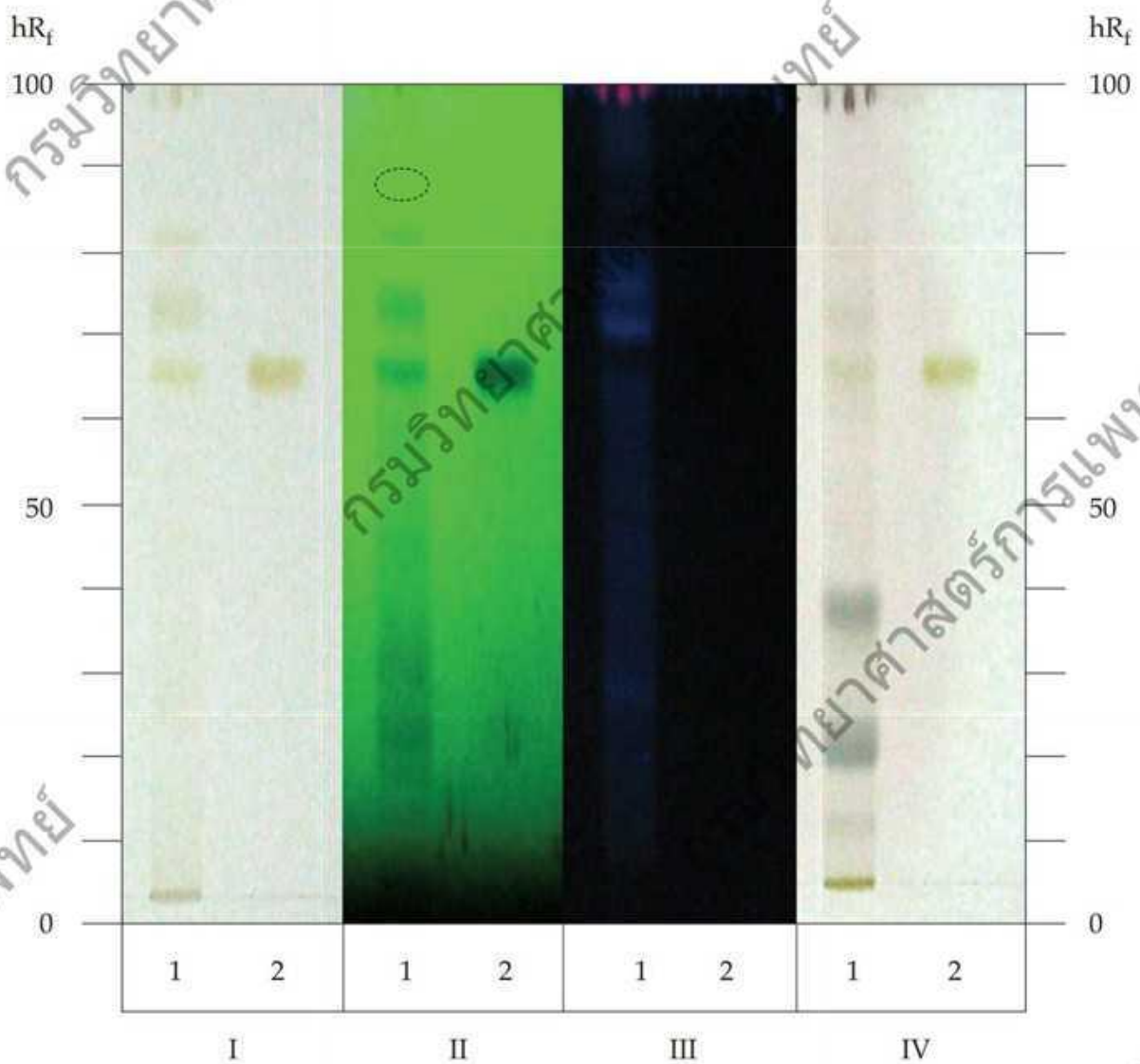
**Acid-insoluble ash** Not more than 5.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.6).

**Total ash** Not more than 11.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.7).

**Ethanol-soluble extractive** Not less than 4.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Water-soluble extractive** Not less than 17.0 per cent w/w (Appendix 7.12).

**Dose** 5 to 10 g a day.



**Fig. 3** Thin-Layer Chromatogram of Ethanolic Extract of the Leaves of *Morus alba* L.

- 1 = solution (A)
- 2 = solution (B)
- I = detection under daylight
- II = detection under UV light (254 nm)
- III = detection under UV light (366 nm)
- IV = detection with *anisaldehyde TS*
- = band developed in some samples

## น้ำมันตะไคร้หอม (NAM MAN TAKHRAI HOM)

Citronella Oil

**Category** Pharmaceutical aid, insect repellent.

**Citronella Oil is the volatile oil obtained by distillation from the fresh aerial parts of *Cymbopogon winterianus* Jowitt.**

**Description** Pale yellow to brownish yellow liquid; odour, strong and characteristic.

**Packaging and storage** Citronella Oil shall be kept in well-filled, tightly closed containers, preferably of metal or glass, protected from light, and stored at a temperature not exceeding 25°.

### Identification

A. The chromatogram of the Test solution shows several peaks, eight of which correspond to those of the Standard solution, as obtained in the *Composition*.

(Note Neral and geranial may be absent in the chromatogram obtained from the Test solution.)

B. Carry out the test as described in the "Thin-Layer Chromatography" (Appendix 3.1), using *silica gel GF254* as the coating substance and a mixture of 90 volumes of *toluene* and 10 volumes of *ethyl acetate* as the mobile phase. Apply separately to the plate, 5 µL each of the following two solutions. Prepare solution (A) by diluting 1 mL of the sample with 9 mL of *ethanol*. For solution (B), dilute 2 mL of *citronellal* in 9 mL of *ethanol*. After removal of the plate, allow it to dry in hot air. Spray the plate with *anisaldehyde TS* and heat at 105° for 10 minutes; the spot due to *citronellal* is purple. The chromatogram obtained from solution (A) shows a purple spot corresponding to the *citronellal* spot from solution (B). Several other spots of different colours are observed.

**Relative density** 0.881 to 0.895 (Appendix 4.9).

**Refractive index** 1.463 to 1.475, at 20° (Appendix 4.7).

**Optical rotation** -4° to +1.5°, at 20° (Appendix 4.8).

**Composition** 1.0 to 5.0 per cent of *limonene*, 30.0 to 45.0 per cent of *citronellal*, 2.0 to 4.0 per cent of *citronellyl acetate*, not more than 2.0 per cent of *neral*, not more than 2.0 per cent of *geranial*, 3.0 to 8.0 per cent of *geranyl acetate*, 9.0 to 15.0 per cent of *citronellol* and 20.0 to 25.0 per cent of *geraniol*. Carry out the determination as described in the "Gas Chromatography" (Appendix 3.4).

**Standard solution** Dilute 25 µL of *limonene*, 100 µL of *citronellal*, 25 µL of *citronellyl acetate*, 25 µL of *citral* (mixture of *neral* and *geranial*), 25 µL of *geranyl acetate*, 25 µL of *citronellol*, and 100 µL of *geraniol* in 5 mL of *hexane*.

**Test solution** The substance to be examined.

**Chromatographic system** The chromatographic procedure may be carried out using (a) a fused-silica column (60 m × 0.25 mm) packed with *macrogol 20000* (0.2 µm) on *silanized diatomaceous support*, (b) the injection port and the detector block maintained at 260°, respectively, (c) split ratio 1:100, (d) *helium for chromatography* as the carrier gas at a flow rate of about 1.0 mL per minute, and (e) a flame ionization detector at 260°. The step gradient of temperature is as follows:

Time (Minutes)	Temperature (°)
0–2	80
2–26	80→150
26–42	150→185
42–49	185→250

To determine the suitability of the chromatographic system, chromatograph *Standard solution*, and record the retention times and peak responses as directed under *Procedure*: the elution order of the substances is limonene, citronellal, citronellyl acetate, neral, geranial, geranyl acetate, citronellol, and geraniol, and the resolution factor between the geranyl acetate peak and the citronellol peak is not less than 1.2.

**Procedure** Separately inject about 1  $\mu\text{L}$  of *Standard solution* and 0.2  $\mu\text{L}$  of *Test solution* into the chromatograph, record the chromatograms, locate and measure the retention times and peak responses of the limonene, citronellal, citronellyl acetate, neral, geranial, geranyl acetate, citronellol, and geraniol peaks in the chromatogram obtained from the *Test solution*, using the retention times in the chromatogram obtained from the *Standard solution*.

**Calculation** Calculate the percentage of limonene, citronellal, citronellyl acetate, neral, geranial, geranyl acetate, citronellol, and geraniol in the Oil taken, using the normalization procedure (Appendix 3.9).