

## Contribution to the Botanical Identity of *Kurasani omam* in South Indian Crude Drug Trade

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*Kurasani omam* or *Paraseeka yavani* or *Kurasani Ajwain* is well known to the Siddha, Ayurveda and Unani practitioners. According to the available literature, the drug is derived from *Hyoscyamus niger* Linn. of the family Solanaceae.

However the market samples from peninsular India did not conform to the above identification. This material has been identified to be a species of the Capparaceae.

The morphology of the drug and the steps leading to its botanical identification are dealt with.

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