

Pharmacognostic Study of *Lavendula bipinnata* O. Ktze.

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'Shankhapuspi' is a controversial drug. Nine plant species belonging to four natural orders are mentioned under the name 'Shankhapushpi' in the literature, being used in different regions of India. The drug 'Shankhapushpi' collected from W. India has been identified as *Lavendula bipinnata* O. Ktze. (Lamiaceae). The macro/microscopic structure of the same were studied and details of prevailing controversy, description, distribution of various vasculature tissues of leaf, stem and root have been described in this paper. Fluorescence analysis physical constants like ash values, acid insoluble ash, alcohol, water, ether, soluble extractives, phyto-histochemical reactions and quantitative values are also studied.

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