



A Study on the Plants Used as *Chopachini*

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Abstract

Chopachini/Dvipantaravacha or China root is used in many alternative systems of medicine. The mentioned in Bhavaprakasha in 16th

Gynura pseudo-china *Chopachini*. The study resulted in several varieties of genus *Smilax china* is native to China and Japan and could be the reason the plant is called "Cheenaala" in Sinhala. *Gynura pseudo-china* is native to Indonesia, Thailand, and China. Both the plants are used in venereal diseases in the traditional systems of medicine in their native countries but have

with bristle like hairs. A decoction which is sour and harsh is made of the root. It is a kind of shrub indigenous to China and Japan where it is called *Toojuh*. It is not grown in India although the china root is common in all the bazaars. It is believed that the root of *Smilax glabra* probably constitute part of the dried tuberous roots. It has long held the reputation of possessing properties allied to those of Sarsaparilla, which is the root of several species of *Smilax* indigenous to tropical America. The drug is imported from China to a considerable extent by coating steamers trading with Calcutta and Bombay” [8].

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