

2 *Asclepias curassavica* Linn. (Kakanasa)

Drug consists of dried whole plant of *Asclepias curassavica* Linn. (Plate 2.1 A & B); Fam. Asclepiadaceae. The plant is an erect, perennial herb with woody base; distributed in moist places throughout India, ascending up to 900 m in the hilly regions.



A. Plant



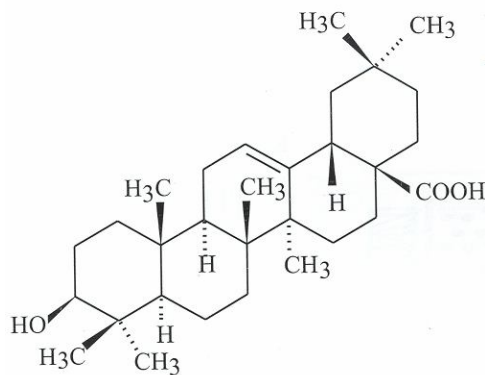
B. Fragments of whole plant

Plate 2.1 *Asclepias curassavica* Linn.

Chemical Constituents

Major

Calotropin; oleanolic acid.



Oleanolic acid