

Kalmegh

Andrographis paniculata

Order:
Lamiales

Family:
Acanthaceae

Genus:
Andrographis

Species:
paniculata



MORPHOLOGY

- An erect branched annual herb
- Stem quadrangular, branched with longitudinal furrows
- Leaves dark simple, opposite, green and lanceolate
- Flowers pale purple in auxiliary and terminal, panicle racemes

USES

- Common cold
- Diarrhoea
- Fever
- Liver

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

- Andrographolide

MEDICINAL PROPERTIES

- Antioxidant

ACTIVE PHYTOCHEMICALS

- Diterpenoid (andrographolide)
- Flavonoid
- Polyphenol