



## Vessels study of some medicinal plants

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### ABSTRACT

This study aimed that to investigate the length, width, perforation, plates, pits arrangement; end-wall and lateral wall thickening types, size, diameter etc. of *Barleria cristata*, *Barleria prionitis* and *Crossandra infundibuliform* is through vessels study. This study also to explore the medicinal properties of some medicinal plants, focusing on their potential therapeutic effects through from plant vessels. By investigating the vessels details study of above plants, the research aims to provide valuable insights into the pharmacological aspects of medicinal plants. The findings may offer a foundation for future research in plant-based medicine and enhance our understanding of the intricate relationship between plant vascular structures and their healing properties.

**Keyword:** Vessels, medicinal plants, uses,

### INTRODUCTION

As the demand for natural remedies and sustainable healthcare alternatives grows, investigating the vessels of medicinal plants provides a promising avenue for discovering novel therapeutic agents. This exploration not only contributes to the expanding field of phytochemistry but also fosters a deeper appreciation for the intricate interplay between plant vascular systems and their potential applications in human health. Through a comprehensive study of these vessels, we aspire to unveil the secrets that nature holds, unlocking new avenues for the development of effective and sustainable medicinal interventions.

*Baerleria cristata*, *Barleria prionitis* and *Crossandra infundibuliformis* are medicinal plants. 1) *Barleria cristata* L. The root and leaves used to reduce swelling (Kirtikar and Basu, 1980). The paste of fresh leaves is applied on cuts, wounds to stop bleeding (Trivedi, 2002). Root and leaves to reduce swelling, cough rheumatism, snake bite (Jayvir *et al.*, 2002). Plant used for fever, antiacidity, blood purification (Sharma 2005). Root is used in diarrhea; juice of leaves is used for eye and ear

troubles, (Shanmugam *et al.*, 2009). 2) *Barleria prionitis* L: The whole plant is diuretic, tonic febrifuge and anticatarrhal. (Dastur, 1962). Cracks and lacerations of feet (Nadkarni, 1976). A root paste made of the astringent leaves and common salt is used to strengthen the gums and in toothache due to caries. (Kirtiker and Basu, 1980). Leaves against respiratory syncytial virus (Chen, *et al.*, 1998). Diarrhea, Diuretic, toothache, sweet producing (Naik, 1998). The decoction of the leaf is taken to nullify the effect of poison. Leaf juice mixed with honey is given to cure cough. (Maheshwary, 2000). Leaf juice used for cure Jaundice, (Das, 2002). Leaf used for Cough Dental disorders (Trivedi, 2002). Decoction of plant is given for whooping cough and toothache (Trivedi, 2002). 3) *Crossandra infundibuliformis* (L.) Nees. Plant used as ground cover, bright orange flowers are ornamental, (<http://www.TopTropical.com>). Flower applied for wounds. Plant is used for herbal medicine for the

treatment of various ailments among paliyar tribes used as wounds; cuts stomach pain, diabetes, fever etc. (Shanmugam *et al.*, 2002).

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plants material was collected from Jalna district Maharashtra. Some plants of *Barleria cristata*, *Barleria prionitis* and *Crossandra infundibuliformis* was preserved in herbarium. For vessel studies a thin slice of root stem were treated with 5% solution of HNO<sub>3</sub> + 5 % solution of K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> for 12 to 24 hours. The maceration was then thoroughly washed with water and vessel elements were stained with 1 % aqueous solution of safranin and mounted in glycerine. Measurement was taken by ocular micrometre and camera lucida and stage micrometer. Classification of Radford *et al.* (1974) is followed for categoring the vessels element.

## OBSERVATIONS

Table 1: Vessel elements in Stem.

Sr. No	Name of Species	Length of vessel members (µm)			Diameter of vessel members (µm)		
		Minimum length	Maximum length	Average	Minimum diameter	Maximum diameter	Average
1	<i>Barleria cristata</i>	260	740	500	20	110	65
2	<i>Barleria prionitis</i>	260	420	340	10	60	35
3	<i>Crossandra infundibuliformis</i>	290	760	525	60	75	65.5

Table 2: Vessel element in Root

Sr. No	Name of Species.	Length of vessel members (members (µm))			Diameter of vessel members (µm)		
		Minimum length	Maximum length	Average	Minimum diameter	Maximum diameter	Average
1	<i>Barleria cristata</i>	260	820	540	30	80	55
3	<i>Barleria prionitis</i>	450	760	605	70	120	95
3	<i>Crossandra infundibuliformis</i>	520	730	625	60	70	65

Plate No: 1

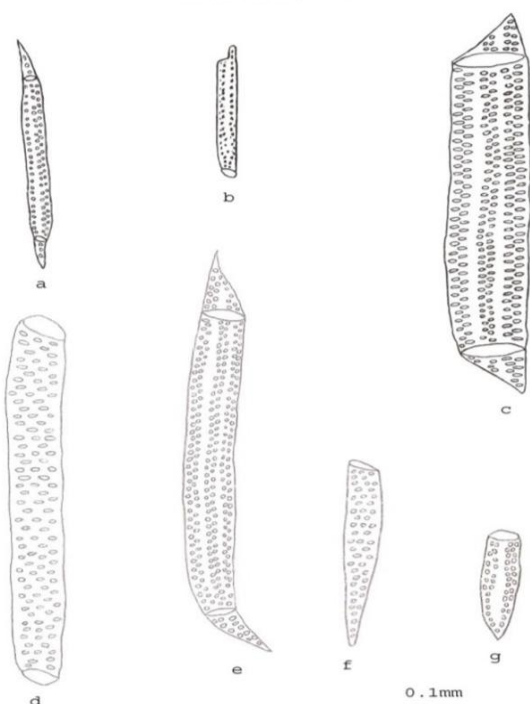


Fig:-*Barleria cristata* stem (a,b,c) and root vessels (d,e,f,g)

**Vessel elements in *Barleria cristata* L stem.**

Length of vessel elements : 260 – 740  $\mu$ .  
 Average length : 500  $\mu$ .  
 Diameter of vessels elements : 20 - 110  $\mu$ .  
 Average diameter : 65  $\mu$ .  
 Shape : Cylindrical, tubular  
 Lateral wall thickening : Simple pitted  
 Pits arrangement : alternate  
 Perforation plate : Simple  
 Shape of perforation plate : Oval, round  
 Position of plate : Oblique, transverse  
 Tail : Short, blunt

(Plate No 1, Table 1)

**Vessel elements in *Barleria cristata* L root.**

Length of vessel elements : 260 - 820  $\mu$ .  
 Average length : 540  $\mu$ .  
 Diameter of vessels elements : 30 - 80  $\mu$ .  
 Average diameter : 55  $\mu$ .  
 Shape : Tubular, cylindrical, column like  
 Lateral wall thickening : Simple pitted  
 Pits arrangement : Opposite, alternate  
 Perforation plate : Simple  
 Shape of perforation plate : Circular, oval  
 Position of plate: Oblique, lateral, transverse  
 Tail : Long pointed

(Plate No 1, Table 2)

Plate No: 2

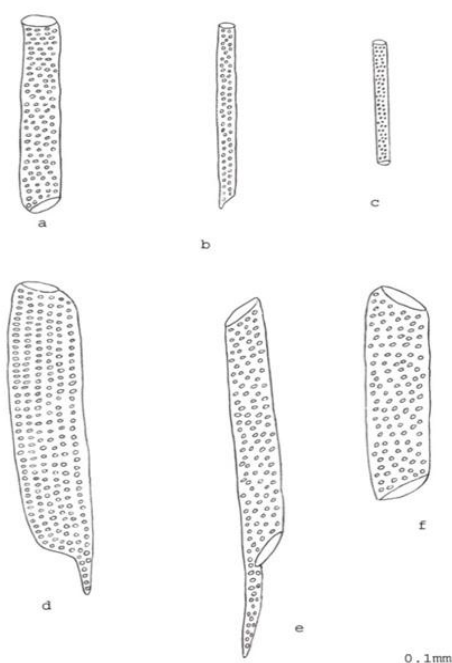


Fig:*Barleria prionitis* stem (a,b,c) vessels and root (d,e,f)vessels.

**Vessel elements in *Barleria prionitis* L stem.**

Length of vessel elements : 260 - 420  $\mu$ .  
 Average length : 340  $\mu$ .  
 Diameter of vessels elements : 10 - 60  $\mu$ .  
 Average diameter : 35  $\mu$ .  
 Shape : Tubular, cylindrical  
 Lateral wall thickening : Simple pitted  
 Pits arrangement : Alternate  
 Perforation plate : Simple  
 Shape of perforation plate : Oval, circular  
 Position of plate : Lateral, transverse  
 Tail : Present short

(Plate No 2, Table 1)

**Vessel elements in *Barleria prionitis* L root.**

Length of vessel elements : 450 - 760  $\mu$ .  
 Average length : 605  $\mu$ .  
 Diameter of vessels elements : 70 - 120  $\mu$ .  
 Average diameter : 145  $\mu$ .  
 Shape: Spindle shaped, drum shaped  
 Lateral wall thickening : Simple pitted  
 Pits arrangement : Alternate, opposite  
 Perforation plate : Simple  
 Shape of perforation plate : Oval, circular  
 Position of plate : Oblique, transverse  
 Tail : Present long pointed.

(Plate No 2, Table 2)

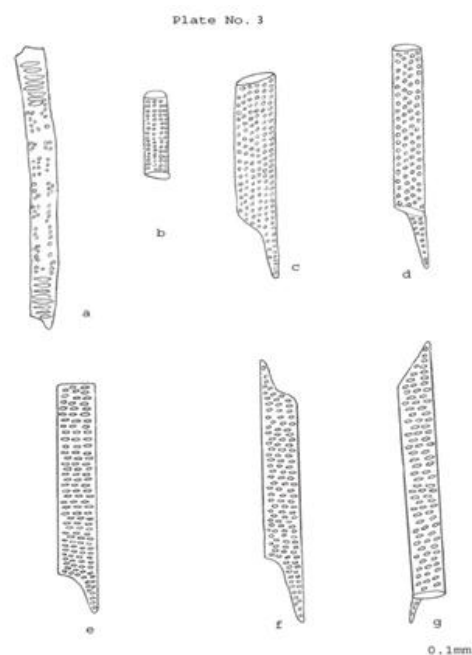


Figure: *Crossandra infundibuliformis* stem (a,b,c,d) vessels and root (e,f,g) vessels.

#### Vessel elements in *Crossandra infundibuliformis* (L.) Nees stem.

Length of vessel elements	: 290 - 760 $\mu$ .
Average length	: 525 $\mu$ .
Diameter of vessels elements	: 60 - 75 $\mu$ .
Average diameter	: 65.5 $\mu$ .
Shape	: Tubular
Lateral wall thickening	: Simple pitted
Pits arrangement	: Alternate, opposite
Perforation plate	: Simple
Shape of perforation plate	: Oval, circular
Position of plate	: Lateral, transverse
Tail	: Present long, pointed

(Plate No 3. Table 1)

#### Vessel elements in *Crossandra infundibuliformis* (L.) Nees root.

Length of vessel elements	: 520 - 730 $\mu$ .
Average length	: 625 $\mu$ .
Diameter of vessels elements	: 60 - 70 $\mu$ .
Average diameter	: 65 $\mu$ .
Shape	: Tubular
Lateral wall thickening	: Simple pitted
Pits arrangement	: Parallel, opposite
Perforation plate	: Simple
Shape of perforation plate	: Oval, circular
Position of plate	: Lateral, transverse
Tail	: Long, blunt

(Plate No. 3. Table 2)

## CONCLUSION

This study delves into the intricate world of plant vessels, seeking to unravel the mysteries of their morphology, composition, and functionality within the context of medicinal properties. The significance of understanding plant vessels lies in their direct correlation to, unlocking new avenues for the development of effective and sustainable medicinal interventions avenue for discovering novel therapeutic agents. This exploration not only contributes. The production and grows, investigating the vessels of medicinal plants provides a promising to the expanding field of phytochemistry but also fosters a deeper appreciation for the intricate interplay between plant vascular systems and their potential applications in human health. Through a comprehensive study of these vessels, we aspire to unveil the secrets that nature holds

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