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AN AYURVEDIC REVIEW OF NAGKESHAR (*Mesua ferrea* Linn) FROM SAMHITHA AND NIGHANTUS

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ABSTRACT

In the Ayurveda medicinal effect of Nagkeshar is described in the different samhitas like Charak samhita, Sushrut samhita, Ashtangasangrah, Astanghridaya, Chakaradutta and Nighantus etc. According to Indian Herbal System (Ayurveda), Nagkeshar is considered one of the most important herb used widely in bleeding disorders. The Nagkeshar improves digestion and appetite, used in fever, vomiting, nausea, excessive thirst, bad breath, pile, excessive sweating, Skin diseases like herpes, infertility etc. The objective of this paper is to review the literature regarding Nagkeshar (*Mesua ferrea* Linn) a commonly used herb in Ayurvedic system.

INTRODUCTION

Nagkeshar is one of the important drug of ayurvedic medicine. It is native to wet, tropical part of Sri Lanka, eastern Himalayas & western ghats of India. It is national tree of Sri Lanka and state flower of Tripura and Mizoram. Ayurvedic knowledge originated in India more than 5,000 years ago and is often called the "Mother of All Healing." The nighantu literature is one of the important aspects in study of ancient Ayurveda and specially in the subject of Dravyaguna. Earlier Nighantu were limited to explain the synonyms only. After some time the description of properties, action and indications are also included in the Nighantu along with synonyms.

Different Samhitas have described Nagkeshar as very important plant in ayurveda and herbal medicine. Nagkeshar (*Mesua ferrea* Linn) also called Ironwood and Cobra's saffron. It is ingredient of misrak gana Chaturjata. Chaturjata is content of many formulations as prashepa dravya. Nagkeshar is illustrate value as Pachan. It is Vishaghna, Swedaghna, Dourghandhanashan, Kandughna, Raktastambhana Dahashamak & Vranaya prasada. It possesses antibacterial, anti-oxidant, immunomodulatory, anti-arthritis, antispasmodic activity, oestrogenic and progesteronal activity.

REVIEW

In Vedic Era (2000 B.C. to 800 B.C.)

Nagkeshar is not described in any of four Vedas- Rigveda, Samveda, Yajurveda and Atharvaveda, but it is described in Bramhasutra²⁵ and Harshcharitra²⁶.

Charaka Samhita (1000 B.C.-4th century AD.):

- In Charak samhita, Nagkeshar's single use in Arsha Chikitsa is described.
- The preparation & their indications in different disease which have been mentioned in Charak samhita are given below:

Table no 1

Sr. no	Reference	Adhikar	Yoga / Formulation (Nagkeshar as a content)
1	Cha.Su. 5/20-21		Dhupan vidhi
2	Cha.Chi. 1.prathm pada/62-74	Rasayan	Chyawanaprash
3	Cha.Chi. 2.prathm pada /24-32	Vajikaran	Brhunigutika
4	Cha.Chi. 3/258	Jwara	Chandanadi tail
5	Cha.Chi. 4/66	Raktapitta	Padmakadi yoga
6	Cha.Chi. 4/74-77	Raktapitta	Kiratiktadi yoga
7	Cha.Chi. 6/41-44	Prameha	Lodhrasava
8	Cha.Chi. 8/78	Rajayakshma	Gugguladi lepa

9	Cha.Chi. 8/83	Rajayakshma	Padmakadi pradeha
10	Cha.Chi. 9/35-41	Unmada	Kalyanaka ghrut
11	Cha.Chi. 14/196	Arsha	Kutajphaladhi
12	Cha.Chi. 14/199	Arsha	Lajjya peya
13	Cha.Chi. 14/210	Arsha	Nagkeshar, Navneet ,sugar
14	Cha.Chi. 16/121-122	Pandu	Kesharadi ghrut
15	Cha.Chi. 19/82	Atisar	Raktasangrai yoga
16	Cha.Chi. 21/55-56	Visarpa	Kirakatadi kwath
17	Cha.Chi. 21/57	Visarpa	Prapondarakadi kwath
18	Cha.Chi. 23/191-192	Visha	Chandanadi yoga
19	Cha.Chi. 24/159-160	Madhyata	Priyngavadi lepa
20	Cha.Chi. 25/116-117	Dvivranaya	Vranayakrut ghrut
21	Cha.Chi. 26/43	Kusta	Kushatdi tail
22	Cha.Chi. 29/103-109	Vatashonit	Amrutadi tail
23	Cha.Chi. 29/110-113	Vatashonit	Mahapadmatail

Sushruta Samhita (100 B.C.-4th century AD):

- In Sushrut samhita, Under pushpa varga, Nagkeshar & Kumkum both have similar guna i.e shleshmaghna, Pittaghna, Vishaghna (Su.Su. 46/286).
- Nagkeshar is included in Eladi gana, Anjanadi gana, Priyngavadi gana (Su.Su 38).
- Sushrut samhita illustrates therapeutic action in various disease mentioned below

Table no 2

Sr. no	Reference	Adhikar	Yoga / Formulation (Nagakeshar as a content)
1	Su.Su. 38/24-25		Eladi gana
2	Su.Su. 38/42		Anjanadi gana
3	Su.Su. 38/45		Priyngvadi gana
4	Su.Su. 46/287		Nagkesharguna kaphagna, pittaghna, vishaghna
5	Su.Sha. 10/22	Garbhiniyaka rana sharer	Makkala -trikatu, chaturjata, dhanayak
6	Su.Chi. 11/10	Prameha	Priynguvadi kashya
7	Su.Chi. 25/38-42	Mishrakchikitsa	Lodhradi ghrut
8	Su.Utt. 18/94-97	Kriyakalpa	Bhadrodaya anjana
9	Su.Utt. 32/6	Revatiprathished	Karpooradi sarvagandha pradeha
10	Su.Utt. 39/187	Jwara	Katutrikadi kwath
11	Su.Utt. 39/227-234	Jwara	Kalyank ghrut
12	Su.Utt. 39/235-238	Jwara	Mahakalyank ghrut

13	Su.Utt.45/43-44	Raktapitta	AsthaAnuvasayorpor yoga
14	Su.Utt.46/18	Murcha	Bhujangapushapadi marichadi
15	Su.Utt.47/31	Panatyaya	Sarvvidhipanatyaya
16	Su.Utt.47/33	Panatyaya	Panaka prayog
17	Su.Utt.47/38	Panatyaya	Madhyaprayog
18	Su.Utt.47/41	Panatyaya	Shiradhi panaka
19	Su.Utt.47/45	Panatyaya	Kushmandswaras prayog
20	Su.Utt.50/25	Panatyaya	Shodradi panaka
21	Su.Utt.62/23-25	Unmada	Mahakalyana ghrut

Ashtanga Sangraha (600 A.D.):

- Ashtanga Sangraha mentioned Nagkeshar & Sindhurva both have similar property i.e Vishgna, Pittaghna, Kaphaghna under pushpa varga [A.S.S.12/46] .
- Nagkeshar is on of content of Chaturjata, Pittaghna in Shodhanadi gana sangraha and in Kashya ksgandh.
- Astang Sangrah illustrates therapeutic action in various disease mentioned below

Table no 3

Sr. No	Reference	Adhikar	Yoga / Formulation (Nagkeshar as a content)
1.	A. S. Su. 8/28		Jivanam Agad
2.	A. S. Su. 12/26		Chaturjata
3.	A.S.Su.12/46		Nagkesharguna Vishgna,Pittagna,Kaphagna
4.	A.S.Su.15/7		Prayogika Dhumpan dravya
5.	A.S.Su.15/11		Pittaprasmana dravya
6.	A.S.Su.18/16		Kashyay sgandha
7.	A.S.Chi 5/19	Kshat kshaya-Kasa	Amrutprasha ghrut
8.	A.S.Chi.6/23	Shwashidma	Jivantadi choorna
9.	A.S.Chi.7/6	Rajayakshma	Drakasha raga
10.	A.S.Chi.7/35	Rajayakshma	Samsharakara choorna
11.	A.S.Chi.7/38	Rajayakshma	Talisadi modak
12.	A.S.Chi.9/21	Madhyataya	Priyanguvadi lepa
13.	A.S.Chi.16/14	Gulma	Yavanadi choorna
14.	A.S.Chi.23/42	Vatavyadhi	Bala tail
15.	A.S.Utt.9/18	Unmada	Kalayanak ghrut
16.	A.S.Utt.26/18	Timir	Padma anjana
17.	A.S.Utt.26/54	Mukharog	Khadiradi vati
18.	A.S.Utt.42/20	Sarpvisha	Mandalichikitsa agad
19.	A.S.Utt.46/18	Mushakvisha	Jivakadi Kwath

Ashtanga Hrudaya (700 A.D.):

- Nagkeshar is included in Chaturjata, Anjanadi and Eladi gana.
- Astang Hrudya illustrates therapeutic action in various disease mentioned below

Table no 4

Sr. No	Reference	Adhikar	Yoga / Formulation (Nagkeshar as a content)
1.	A.H.Sut. 6/157	Annaswaroopvignyan	Chaturjata
2.	A.H.Sut.15/14	Shodhanandigana sangraha	Anjanadi gana
3.	A.H.Sut.15/43-45	Shodhanadigana sangraha	Eladi gana
4.	A.H.Chi.3/93-100	Kasa	Amrutprashleha
5.	A.H.Chi.4/43-45	Shwas-Hikkha	Jivantadi churna
6.	A.H.Chi.5/54	Rajayakshma	Eladi churna

7.	A.H.Chi.5/70	Rajayakshma	Durvadi lepa
8.	A.H.Chi.7/44-45	Madhyataya	Twakadi panak
9.	A.H.Chi.8/114	Arsha	Chandanadi churna
10.	A.H.Chi.8/117	Arsha	Dhatakadi ghrut
11.	A.H.Chi.12/24-27	Prameha	Lodhrasav
12.	A.H.Chi.14/92-96	Gulma	Dantyardileha
13.	A.H.Chi.17/22-33	Shawathu	Shailadi tail
14.	A.H.Chi.22/71-79	Vatavyadhi	Bala tail
15.	A.H.Utt.5/32-33	Bhutpratished	Sumandi dravya
16.	A.H.Utt.6/26-31	Unmada	Kalyanka ghrut
17.	A.H.Utt.13/65	Timir	Patrautapaladi varti
18.	A.H.Utt.22/90-94	Mukharog	Khadiradi vati
19.	A.H.Utt.29/35-36	Bhangadhar	Yasti tail
20.	A.H.Utt.35/24-27	Visha	Chandrodaya agad
21.	A.H.Utt.36/63-64	Sarpvish	Shirishadi agad
22.	A.H.Utt.38/71	Kitalutadi	Champak agad
23.	A.H.Utt.38/83	Kitalutadi	Rajani churna
24.	A.H.Utt.40/12-20	Vajikaran	Sharadi ghrut

Chakradatta (1100 A.D.):

- In Chakrakradatta, Nagkeshar along with trikatu mentioned as garbhapada in Yonirogadhikar.
- Chakradatta illustrates therapeutic action in various disease mentioned below

Table no 5

Sr. no	Reference	Adhikar	Yoga / Formulation (Nagkeshar as a content)
1.	C. D. 4/31-32	Grahani	Kapithaastaka churna
2.	C.D.4/34-35	Grahani	Dadimastaka churna
3.	C.D.4/60-61	Grahani	Bhrutchukranirmanvidhi
4.	C.D.5/28-37	Arsha	Pranda gutika
5.	C.D.6/39-46	Agnimadaya	Bhaskaralavana churna
6.	C.D.9/53-63	Raktapitta	Kamadev ghrut
7.	C.D.9/83-93	Raktapitta	Khandkadyo Leha
8.	C.D.10/19-21	Rajayakshma	Lavangadi churna
9.	C.D.10/47-54	Rajayakshma	Chywanaprash
10.	C.D.15/23	Chhardi	Eladi churna
11.	C.D.17/15	Murcha	Kolamajhadi churna
12.	C.D.20/21	Unmada	Paniyakalyanaka ghrut
13.	C.D.22/97-99	Vatavyadhi	Eladi tailam
14.	C.D.23/71-76	Vatarakta	Bhrutguduchi tail
15.	C.D.24/14	Urustambha	Kustadha tail
16.	C.D.26/13-14	Shoul	Tryodashanag narikel khand
17.	C.D.36/51-58	Shoul	Dhatri loha
18.	C.D.36/34	Sthaulya	Twakdhoshhranam
19.	C.D.39/38-39	Shotha	Shailadha tail
20.	C.D.46/30	Bhagandhar	Kustadi lepa
21.	C.D.53/28	Visarpa-Visphoth	Chandanadi lepa
22.	C.D.53/33	Visarpa-Visphoth	Chatusam lepa
23.	C.D.54/36-40	Visarpa-Visphoth	Madyapadmaka ghrut
24.	C.D.55/58-59	Shudrarog	Mukhakantikara lepa
25.	C.D.55/140	Shudra rog	Nagakesharadi lepa
26.	C.D.56/43-47	Mukharog	Erimedadi tail
27.	C.D.56/58-62	Mukharog	Bhrutkhadiradi gutika
28.	C.D. 62 /27	Yonivyapdh	PiPLYadi churna
29.	C.D. 67 /25-34	Vrushya	Godhumadhi ghrut

Sharangadhara Samhita (1300 A.D.):

- Nagkeshar as a Pachan dravya described by Sharangdhara Samhita.
- Sharangdhara Samhita illustrates various Bhaishajya Kalpana below

Table no 6

Sr. No	Reference	Adhikar	Yoga / Formulation (Nagkeshar as a content)
1.	Sha. S. P. Kh. 4/1	Pachan	
2.	Sha. S. M. Kh. 3/3-5	Phanta kalpana	Bhrutmadhuk phanta
3.	Sha. S. M. Kh. 6/15	Choorna Kalpana	Chaturjata
4.	Sha. S. M. Kh. 6/60-62	Choorna Kalpana	Bhrutdadimastak churna – atisar
5.	Sha. S. M. Kh. 6/65-69	Choorna Kalpana	Lavangadi choorna – Arochaka
6.	Sha. S. M. Kh. 6/70-74	Choorna Kalpana	Mahakhandavchoorna a-Arochak
7.	Sha. S. M. Kh. 6/138-144	Choorna Kalpana	Lavanbhaskarchoorna a-Grahni, Gulma
8.	Sha.S.M.Kh.6/145-146	Choorna Kalpana	Eladi choorna-Chhardi rog
9.	Sha.S.M.Kh.8/10-21	Awaleha Kalpana	Chyawanprash –Kshaya, Kshina
10.	Sha.S.M.Kh.9/27-37	Sneha Kalpana	Kamdev ghrut-Raktapitta
11.	Sha.S.M.Kh.9/38-43	Sneha Kalpana	Paniyakalyanak ghrut-Unmada
12.	Sha.S.M.Kh.9/163-167	Sneha Kalpana	Irimedadi tail-Mukhdantarog
13.	Sha.S.M.Kh.9/199-210	Sneha Kalpana	Dhaturo tail
14.	Sha.S.M.Kh.10/28-33	Sandhana Kalpana	Pipplyasav-Kshya
15.	Sha.S.M.Kh.10/39-43	Sandhana Kalpana	Mrudrikaarista
16.	Sha.S.M.Kh.10/60-65	Sandhana Kalpana	Khadirarista-Kustha
17.	Sha.S.M.Kh.10/69-72	Sandhana Kalpana	Drakshaarista-Pushti
18.	Sha.S.M.Kh.10/78-92	Sandhana Kalpana	Dashmoolarishta-Vaatvyadhi
19.	Sha.S.U.Kh.12/81	Netra prasadana	Nilotpaladi varti.

Yogaratnakara (1800 A.D.):

- Yogratnakar have described abhav varga where Padmakeshar is mentioned as abhav dravya of Nagkeshar. Nagkeshar is also mentioned in Strirog.
- Yogratnakar illustrates therapeutic action in various diseases mentioned below

Table no 7 Y.R: Poorvardha –

Sr. no	Reference	Page No.	Adhikar	Yoga / Formulation (Nagkeshar as a content)
1.	Y. R. 1	171		Chaturjata
2.	Y.R.27	261		Nagkeshar abhav dravya-Padmakeshar
3.	Y. R. 1	364	Jwara	Lavangadi choorna
4.	Y. R. 1	365	Jwara	Kurantakadi leha
5.	Y. R. 1	371	Jwara	Shewanti paka
6.	Y. R. 1	448	Grahani	Talisadi choorna
7.	Y. R. 1	450	Grahani	Drakshasav
8.	Y. R. 1	493	Ājirna	Bhaskar lavana choorna
9.	Y. R. 1	548	Raktapitta	Chanadandi choorna
10.	Y. R. 1	552	Raktapitta	Vasa khand

11.	Y. R. 1	553	Raktapitta	Khandkidya avaleha
12.	Y. R. 1	564	Rajayakshma	Lavangadi choorna
13.	Y. R. 1	565	Rajayakshma	Ashwaghandadi choorna
14.	Y. R. 1	566	Rajayakshma	Drakshadi choorna
15.	Y. R. 1	569	Rajayakshma	Chywnprash awaleha
16.	Y. R. 1	571	Rajayakshma	Vasa awaleha
17.	Y. R. 1	573	Rajayakshma	Shivgutika
18.	Y. R. 1	580	Rajayakshma	Chandana balalakshadi tail
19.	Y. R. 1	582	Rajayakshma	Drakshasav
20.	Y. R. 1	582	Rajayakshma	Pimpalarishta
21.	Y. R. 1	583	Rajayakshma	Guduchadi modak
22.	Y. R. 1	587	Rajayakshma	Navaratnarajmrganakara ras
23.	Y. R. 1	623	Kasa	Karpooradi choorna
24.	Y. R. 1	627	Kasa	Vyagrahi haritaki choorna
26.	Y. R. 10	657	Shwasa	Amlakadi awaleha
27.	Y. R. 1	669	Arochak	Karpooradi choorna
28.	Y. R. 1	680	Chhardi	Eladi choorna
29.	Y. R. 1	695	Trushna	Eladi vati
30.	Y. R. 1	730	Unmada	Kalyanaka ghrut
31.	Y. R. 1	771	Vatavyadhi	Vidang asav
32.	Y. R. 1	783	Vatavyadhi	Shadasheeti Guggulu
33.	Y. R. 1	793	Vatavyadhi	Sughandi Taila
34.	Y. R. 1	808	Vatavyadhi	Erandapaka

Y. R.: Uttarardha – Table no 8

Sr. no	Reference	Page No.	Adhikar	Yoga / Formulation (Nagkeshar as a content)
1.	Y. R. 1	145	Mutrakhadachi	Pashnbhedapaka
2.	Y. R. 1	166	Prameha	Ashwagandha Paka
3.	Y. R. 1	167	Prameha	Saalama Paka
4.	Y. R. 1	167	Prameha	Draaksha Paka
5.	Y. R. 1	168	Prameha	Lodhrasav
6.	Y. R. 4	182	Medhorog	Chandranshudi udvartana
7.	Y. R. 8	183	Medhorog	Shirishadi udvartana
8.	Y. R. 2	227	Shotha	Punarnavasav
9.	Y. R. 1	227	Shotha	Vasakasav
10.	Y. R. 1	351	Kustha	Sarshapadi choorna
11.	Y. R. 1	381	Amlapitta	Trikatukadi choorna
12.	Y. R. 1	383	Amlapitta	Narikel khanda paka
13.	Y. R. 1	386	Amlapitta	Sutshekhar ras
14.	Y. R. 1	403	Visaphot	Chandanadi lepa
15.	Y. R. 1	469	Mukharog	Khadir tail
16.	Y. R. 1	478	Mukharog	Khadiradi gutika
17.	Y. R. 1	562	Netrog	Triphaladi ghrut
18.	Y. R. 1	599	Strirog	Pushanug choorna
19.	Y. R. 1	600	Strirog	Jivak awaleha
20.	Y. R. 1	604	Strirog	Nagkeshar, takra for 3 days Shwetapradar
21.	Y. R. 1	610	Strirog	Garbhadhan yoga
22.	Y. R. 4	628	Strirog	Mrunal, Nagkeshar, Milk in 2nd month abortion (garbhastravahar)
23.	Y. R. 6	628	Strirog	Nagkeshar, sugar in 3rd month abortion
24.	Y. R. 12	629	Strirog	Nilkamaladi yoga in 5th month abortion
25.	Y. R. 15	629	Strirog	Ushiradi yoga in 7th month abortion
26.	Y. R. 1	644	Sutika rog	Sobhagyashunthipaka
27.	Y. R. 1	644	Sutika rog	Nagarkhandpaka

NIGHANTU

Dhanwantari Nighantu (1000-1300 A.D.):

In this Nighantu, Nagkeshar occupies its place under the 'Shatapuspadi Varga'.

Shodhala Nighantu (1200 A.D.)

Nagkeshar is grouped in Shodhala nighantu under 'Shatapuspadhi varga'. The synonyms are mentioned.

Hruday-Dipaka Nighantu (1300 A.D.):

In Hrudaya Dipaka nighantu, Bopadeva given description of drugs including Nagkeshar in 'Tripada varga'.

Madanapala Nighantu (1400 A.D.):

In this Nighantu, Nagkeshar is described in 'Karpuradi varga'. Here in the properties of the drug and its effect over Doshas are also quoted. It is stated as one among Chaturjata. The properties and action are similar to the other texts.

Raja Nighantu (1500 A.D.):

Nagkeshar is grouped under 'Pipladi Varga' in Raja Nighantu.

Kaiyadeva Nighantu (1500 A.D.):

In this text, Nagkeshar is mentioned in 'Vanaspati Varga'. Other properties of Nagkeshar mentioned are same as in Bhava prakash.

Bhavaprakasha Nighantu (1600A.D.):

In this classical text, Nagkeshar has been placed in 'Karpuradi Varga'. Bhavaprakasha Nighantu, mentioned Nagkeshar as of Kashaya and Tikta rasa, Katu vipaka and Ushna veerya. The properties are Laghu, Ruksha and pharmacological actions mentioned are Pachan, Rochana, Swarya, Dourgandhya nashan etc.

Nighantu Ratnakar (1900 A.D.):

Nagkeshar is discussed under Gun doshprakaran in this text. Like Raja Nighantu it also mentioned the Kashaya rasa of Nagkeshar. Actions of Nagkeshar are described as in other Nighantu7.

Shaligrama Nighantu (1900 A.D.):

Shaligrama Vaishya has described Nagkeshar under 'Karpuradi varga' in this nighantu. The synonyms, properties and its therapeutic uses are mentioned in a systematic manner.

Nighantu Adarsha (1928 A.D.):

Bapalalaji Vaidya has described Nagkeshar in 'Nagpushpadi Varga'. Furthermore, information about its historical background and therapeutic uses has also been specified.

Priya-Nighantu (1983 A.D.):

Acharya Priyavrat Sharma has described the properties and geographical distribution of Nagkeshar in 'Haritakyadi Varga'. The synonyms, properties and its therapeutic uses are mentioned here.

Table no 9 Guna and Doshakarma of Nagkeshar in Nighantu

Nighantu	Rasa	Guna	Veerya	Vipaka	Doshakarma
Dhanvanatari Nighantu	Tikta	Laghu	Ushna	----	Kaphara
Madanpala Nighantu	-	Laghu ,Ruksha	Ushna	-----	Pitthara
Kaiyadeva Nighantu	Kashaya	Laghu, Ruksha, Teekshna	Ushna	-----	Kapha-pittahara
Raja Nighantu	Tikta	Laghu	Ushna	-----	Kaphara
Bhavaprakasha Nighantu	Kashaya	Laghu, Ruksha	Ushna	-----	Kaphapittahara
Shaligram Nighantu	Kashaya ,Tikta	Laghu, Ruksha	Ushna	-----	Kapha-Pithara
Nighantu Ratnakara	, Tikta, Katu	Laghu	Ushna	Katu	Kapha-Vatahara
Priya Nighantu	Kashaya	Laghu	Ushna	-----	Vata anubhandhi pitta
Priyavata Sharma	Kashaya ,tikata	Laghu ,Ruksha	Ushna	Katu	Kapha-pittahara

DISCUSSION

As outlined above, results from various samhita and nighantus studies indicates Nagkeshar has Kashaya ras, Katu vipaka , Ushna veerya, Laghu, Ruksha, guna .& Kaphapittahara. It possesses many qualities, as Pachan, Raktastambhana, Swedaghna, Kandughna, Dourgandhanashan, Jwarghna, Trushna ,Kushtha. It act as antibacterial, anti-oxidant, immunomodulatory, anti-arthritic, antispasmodic activity, oestrogenic and progesteronal activity. It also exerting influence on the Digestive system, Skin disorders, Endocrine System etc. According to samhitas and nighantus, Nagkeshar used in various form or medium. The review indicates that Nagkeshar may be useful in many ailments.

CONCLUSION

Samhita and Nighantu are the basic literature for understand and identification of different medicinal plants. On review of Nagkeshar in differenet samhita and nighantus we find the different synonyms and properties along with useful formulations and their medicinal uses.

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