

# Extraction of Vasaka Leaf Alkaloids : A Comprehensive Review

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**Abstract:** *Adhatodha vasica*, Commonly known as *Arusa*, is a valued herb in Ayurvedic medicine. Roots, leaves and preparations of the plant are tradition ally used as tonic, anti- asthmatic, analgesic, anti-inflammatory and diuretic. *Adhatodha Vasica*, mainly Contains Vasicine alkaloids including Vasicine which are specific to the *Acanthaceae* family. Efficient separation and of purification of vasicine are crucial for it's.pharmaceutical application. The review aims to provide an overview of the existing methods for vasicine. Separation from vasaka leaf.Extract, including Solvent Extraction, chromatography, and crystallization techniques. Recent advancements in green extraction technologies and nanotechnology based separation methods are also explored. The review further emphasizes the importance of standardization and quality control measures to ensure the consistency and efficacy of vasicin ultra-performance liquid chromatography also used to separation and estimation of vasicine.

**Keywords:** Adhatodha vasica.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Vasaka (*Adhatoda vasica*) a medicinal plant has medicine to treat various respiratory ailments. The leaves of vasaka contain the bioactive alkaloid vasicine, responsible for its therapeutic properties Vasicine possesses. Bronchodilatory anti- Inflammatory and anti-microbial activities, making it a valuable compound for pharmaceutical applications. *Adhatoda vasica*, commonly known as Malabar Nut or Vasaka, is a perennial shrub or small tree belonging to the *Acanthaceae* family .It is native to India, Sri Lanka and Southeast.

Asia, and grows in tropical and subtropical regions, typically found in forests, hills, and plains. The leaves of *Adhatoda Vasica* are simple, opposite, lanceolate, measuring 10-20 an in length and 3-6cm in width with, an acute apex and rounded base. The leaf Surface is glabrous and dark green with an entire margin. Traditionally, *Adhatoda vasica* leaves have been used to treat respiratory disorder like bronchitis and asthma, cough, cold, fever, skin diseases like eczema and acne and promote wound healing. In terms of quality Control, *Adhatoda Vasica* leaf authentication involves macroscopic, microscopic, and chromatography analysis, with checks for contamination by heavy metals and pesticides, standardization ensures the extract meets specified vasicine content. Regulatory agencies such as the FDA, WHO and Ayurveda pharmacopeia of India overdose the plant's use.

## PLANT PROFILE: VASAKA

**Botanical name:** *Adhatoda vasica*

**Biological source:** It is dried or fresh leaves of *Adhatoda vasica* or Malabar nut

**Family:** *Acanthaceae*

### Chemical constituents:

The major chemical constituents of vasaka are its several alkaloids, and the chief one is Vasicine

Leaves composed of major constituents which are vasicine and vasicinone

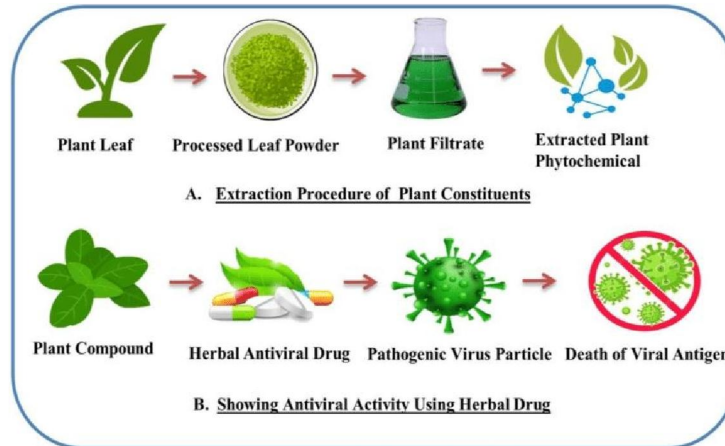
The leaves of vasaka Contain vitamin C in large amount.

They also have carotene and essential oil in large amount

The roots of this plant Contain Vasicinolone, vasicol, peganine and Sitosterol

**SCIENTIFIC CLASSIFICATION:**

**Kingdom:** Plantae  
**Sub-kingdom :** Trachebionta  
**Division:** Magnoliophyte  
**Class:** Magnoliopsida  
**Sub-class:** NA  
**Order:** Lamialesad  
**Genus:** Adhatoda



**Species:** Vasica

**Parts used:** leaves, roots, flowers, bars.



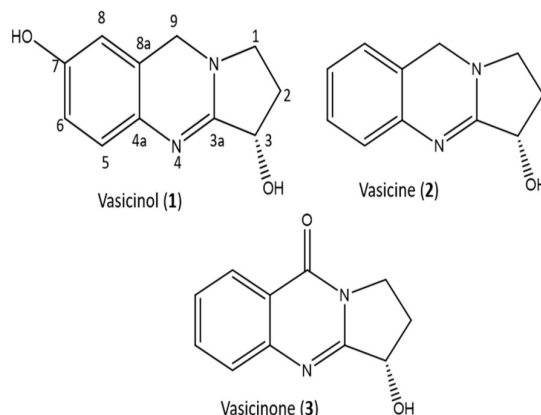
**II. MATERIAL AND METHOD**

1) Plant material and chemicals:

Leaves of *A. Vasica* were collected and get air dried at room temperature for removal of moisture.

2) Method for preparation of juice from vasaka leaf:

100 gm of fresh leaves were crushed using motor and pestal and 100 ml of distilled water added to it and it was subjected to heat at 121 degree (15ib pressure) for 30 min. The steamed material was taken in a 4 layered muslin cloth and squeezed in order to obtain juice out of it. The juice obtained was measured and this sample was coded as vasaka juice.



### TESTS CONDUCTED FOR PHYTOCHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Phytochemical analysis of *Adhatoda vasica* extract helps establish its chemical profile and supports its traditional and medicinal uses by identifying the bioactive compound responsible for its therapeutic effect.

Sr.No	Name of the test	Ethanolic extract	Aqueous Ethanolic extract
1	Mayer's reagent(for alkaloids)	Positive	positive
2	Benedict's test (for carbohydrates)	Negative	Negative
3	Shinoda test(for flavonoids)	Negative	Negative
4	Foam test(for glycoside)	Positive	Positive
5	Ferric chloride test(for phenols)	Positive	Positive
6	Liebermann Buchard test(Steroids & Triterpenoids)	positive	Positive

### PHYTOCHEMICAL SCREENING:

#### 1) Thin layer chromatography:

TLC was carry out on a precoated silica gel 60OF254 plate using vasicine as a reference standard

**Mobile phase:** Chloroform: Methanol (9.0:1.0)

**Test solution:** To 3gm of substance beging examined add 25ml of methanol heat on a water bath for 10-15 min cool and filter.

**Standard solution:** Dissolve 10mg of vasicine in 10ml of methnol.

**Procedure:** Apply 10, 1 each of the test and standard Solutions on a TLC plate as bands of 10 mm. developed the plate in air and examine under 254nm. Spray the plate with a solution of anisaldehyde sulphuric acid reagent. Heat the plate at 110 Celsius for about 5 minutes till the bands are clearly visible.

**2) High Performance liquid chromatography:**HPLC was performed during different trials for isolation methods, HPLC analysis was performed on shimadzu LC-20AD pump system equipped with shimadzu SPD-20AT UV-detector with the detection wavelength set at 230nm and 20L Rheodyne injector 100 P.

A column was a reversed phase (Luna c184.6 mmx 260nm-partial size 5) eluted at a solvent system. {Acetonitrile: 1% Glacial acetic acid -6:4(V/V)}. Sample was prepared in the HPLC grade methanol.

### HOW CAN GREEN TEHNOLOGY ENHANCE VASICINE SEPARATION?

Supercritical fluid extraction (SFE)- based on vasicine separation from Adhatoda vasica leaf extracts (2018)

Microwave assisted extraction (MAE) –Employs microwave energy to facilitate solvent free extraction (2019)

Ultrasound assisted extraction (UAE) - based on extraction from Adhatoda vasica leaves (2020)

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### IV. CONCLUSION

*A.Vasaka* is a valuable plant with diverse importance, offering opportunities for pharmaceutical, economical and environmental benefits addressing challenges and promoting sustainable practice will ensures it's continued utilization and conservation. Green technology plays an important and crucial role in separation of vasicin and other chemical constituents.

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