

Botanic Name : *Plectranthus coesta* Buch-Ham

Common name : Merudh

Family : Lamiaceae (Labiatae)

Habitat : Terrestrial

Distribution : Native to North Himalayan region of India

Description : Perennial herb, aromatic in nature, petiolate, flowers stout, 2-lipped corolla, Carcerule

Phytochemicals: Essential oils such as carvacrol, eugenol. mono-, di-, tri-, sesquiterpenoids, phenolics, flavonoids, esters, alcohols and aldehydes

Medicinal/Economic uses : antimicrobial, antiinflammatory, antitumor, wound healing, anti-epileptic, larvicidal, antioxidant and analgesic activities. Used as essential oil, pharmaceutical preparation, perfumery and cosmetics, vermicides, treatment of ear infection, vomiting.