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Herbal Exhibition

Rhizoma Polygonati Odorati Fragrant Solomonseal Rhizome Yuzhu

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Source

The rhizome of *Polygonatum odoratum* (Mill.) Druce (Fam. Liliaceae).

Distribution

Mainly in Chinese provinces such as Hunan, Henan, Jiangsu and Zhejiang.

Harvest & Processing

Dig up rhizomes in autumn; remove fibrous roots; wash rhizomes clean. Dry until soft; knead repeatedly; dry thoroughly under the sun. Alternatively, steam thoroughly, knead until translucent and dry under the sun.

Description

Long and cylindrical, slightly flattened, seldom rameous (branched); 4-18 cm long, 0.3-1.6 cm in diameter. Outer surface yellowish-white or pale yellowish-brown; translucent; with longitudinal wrinkles and slightly protuberant annular (ring-like) nodes, punctiform (dot-like) white scars of fibrous roots, and disciform (disc-like) stem scars. Hard and brittle, pliable when moistened; breaks easily; when broken, surface cuticular or granular. Odour: faint; taste: sweet. Chewy.

Indications

1. Dry cough, fever and cough
2. Dry throat, polydipsia, dehydration due to febrile disease, diabetes
3. Dizziness, muscular spasm
4. Hyperlipidemia, angina pectoris

Chemical Composition

Mainly contains odoratan and polyfuroside.

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