

Antirheumatic

Antirheumatics are drugs used in the therapy of inflammatory arthritis.

Colchicum.

Synonyms- Meadow saffron seed, Autumn crocus, Colchicum seed, Colchicum root.

Biological Source- Colchicum consists of the dried ripe seeds & corms of the plant *Colchicum autumnale*, *Colchicum luteum*.

Family- Liliaceae.

Geographical Source- Mainly European countries. In India found in west Himalayas & Kashmir region.

Morphological characters-

Colour- Dark reddish brown

Odour- No odour

Taste- Bitter.

Chemical constituents - Amino Alkaloids - Colchicine
- Tropane - Demecolcine.

Therapeutic Efficiency- Treatment of rheumatism and gout.

- Anti-tumours activity

- Effective against epidermal cancers.

- Anti-arthritis.

- Used in cultivation of medicinal plants