Hedera helix – folium

Efeuflüetter
Ivy leaves
General information

Six European species of Ivy belong to the genus *Hedera* in the ginseng family (*Araliaceae*). Common or English Ivy, *Hedera helix* L. is a climbing, evergreen, woody plant found growing on trees, walls, rocks and along the ground in west/middle- and south of Europe and Asia as well as in North and South America. The shiny or leathery leaves are highly polymorphic, appearing in different shapes and sizes, and containing different active constituents. More than 500 varieties of Ivy are known, most of which are used for ornamental purposes.

For commercial use, the plant material derives from wildcrafting. Anklam Extrakt acquires its plant raw materials from areas that are famous for high levels of active ingredient levels and with the assistance of experienced collectors.

Pharmacopoeial and other monographs
Functional properties

Common ivy is known for its pharmacological active saponins which have anti-inflammatory, antiviral, antibacterial, antymycotic, and anthelmintic effects in animals. These compounds are stated to possess secretolytic, expectorant, antitussive, and spasmolytic action. Human medical applications have focussed on its spasmolytic action. Coughs and bronchitis are the most important indications.

Dosage

**Average daily dose**
0.3–0.8 g of ivy leaves or preparations thereof.
Acc. To ESCOP: Oral use of ethanolic preparations:
Adults: 250–420 mg.
Children 4–12 yo 150–210 mg, 1–4 yo 50–150 mg, 0–1 yo 20–50 mg.
Extract qualities

The powdered extract of ivy leaves (*Hedera helix* folia) is produced from the herbal drug using an aqueous-ethanolic mixture as extraction solvent. Our extract quality complies with the requirements of the Ph. Eur. monograph.

Assay: Hedeacoside C content is more than 10 % calculated to the dried extract and is analyzed with a validated HPLC method.

Feel free to contact us regarding documentation to support your regulatory process (up to an ASMF including stability report).

**Ivy Leaf Powdered Extract**
Hederae e fol extr spir sicc - 00-115-0541-01P
DER 4–8:1, 100 % native extract

**Ivy Leaf Powdered Extract**
Hederae e fol extr spir sicc - 00-115-0541-05P
DER 6–7:1, 90 % native extract, 10 % maltodextrin

Additional extract qualities are available upon request.
Constituents

The most important constituents of the common ivy leaves are:
• 2.5–6 % mostly bidesmosidic triterpene saponins with hederagenin, oleanolic acid and bayogenin as aglycones and acylglycosidic sugar chains
• Small amounts of monodesmosidic such as a-hederin and hederagenin-3-O-ß-D-glucoside
• Primarily hederasaponin C (hederacoside C) together with other hederasaponins
• Flavonoids such as quercetin and kaempferol including their 3-O-rutinosides and 3-O-glucosides (= isoquercitrin and astragalin)

Use as a food

No food use known.
Literature


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A. Pilot plant allows sample production on a small scale
B. Vacuum belt dryer in use
C. Analytical service included
D. Tailor-made plant extracts
E. The inside of a vacuum belt dryer