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Investigation of the suitability of species which are sold under the names of Yarrow in the herbalists in Turkey with the European Pharmacopoeia

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A chillea millefolium L. (Yarrow) has been used for therapeutical properties since ancient times. Also today, this plant is used in traditional and normal medicine. Commonly used parts of Achillea millefolium are herb (Herba Millefolii) and flowers (Flos Millefolii). Yarrow is used for healing the wounds, cramps, diuretic, karminatif, menstrual disorders, and as snack in Turkey. In this study, some Achillea samples which are sold as yarrow in the herbalists in Turkey are investigated. For this purpose, samples were identified, morphological properties were determined and the results were compared with European Pharmacopoeia for Achillea millefolium. The results of this study, 72 Achillea samples which were collected from different parts of Turkey and different herbalists, have been determined that Achillea biebersteinii, Achillea falcata, Achillea phyrgia, Achillea kotschyi and Achillea wilhemsii are sold as Achillea millefolium.

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