26 *Piper nigrum* Linn.  
(Marica)

Drug consists of dried fully developed unripe fruit of *Piper nigrum* Linn. (A, B & C); Fam. Piperaceae. A stout and woody perennial climber clinging to the support by means of adventitious roots throughout jointed nodes; a glabrous aromatic plant growing well in heavy rainfall areas, indigenous to Western Ghats and Assam, now found abundantly cultivated in Konkan Southwards especially in North Canara and Kerala.

A. Vines growing on trees  
B. A fruiting twig  
C. Dried fruits

*Piper nigrum* Linn.

**Chemical Constituents**

**Major**

Piperine\(^6\)\(^-\)\(^8\).
TLC/HPTLC Details

TLC profile of test solution of *Piper nigrum* fruit. 1-3: Test solution; 4: Piperine standard.

HPTLC densitometric scan at 254 nm of *Piper nigrum* fruit. A. Piperine standard; B. Test solution.