

An Evaluation of Research Methods and Results from Studies of *Andrographis paniculata* (Burm.f.) Nees (Acanthaceae)

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Recent interest in the Asian medicinal plant *Andrographis paniculata* has mainly focused upon anti-biological properties and uses. However, in the research reviewed, clear methodologies are often lacking or don't significantly address the cultural contexts of *A. paniculata* usage. For those people that use *A. paniculata*, contexts of usage are critical to understanding desirable/undesirable outcomes of its usage. "Types" of information resulting from the research reviewed have greater or lesser value when considered in light of their cultural contexts. Ranking of the reliability of different "types" of published information and degree to which the research addresses cultural practices will be discussed.