

# Saposhnikoviae Radix



**Saposhnikoviae Radix** (防风) is the dried root of *Saposhnikovia divaricata* (Turcz.) Schische, family Apiaceae (Umbelliferae).

**Other name** Fangfeng (Chinese name), Divaricate Saposhnikovia Root

## Macroscopic character

Long conical or long cylindrical, slightly tortuous. External greyish-brown, rugged, with longitudinal wrinkles, numerous transverse elongated lenticel-like protrudings and dotted raised rootlet scars. Root stock with obvious dense annulations, some annulations marked by brown hair-like remains of leaf bases. Texture light, easily broken, fracture uneven, bark brownish-yellow and cracked, Wood yellow. Odor, characteristic; taste, slightly sweet.



## Important cultivation area

Northeast of China and East part of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

## Processing method

Eliminate foreign matters, wash clean, soften thoroughly, cut into thick slices, and dry.



## Traditional Chinese Medicine action

Pungent and sweet; slightly warm.

Enter urinary bladder, liver and spleen channels. Dispel wind to release the exterior pattern, dispel dampness and relieve pain, arrest convulsions.

## Thai Traditional Medicine action

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## Usage and dosage

5-10 g, decoction for oral use.

## Contraindication and precaution

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