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**A review on phytochemical profile, traditional uses, and therapeutic activities of *Bauhinia variegata***

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**Abstract:** *Bauhinia variegata* a deciduous flowering tree, member of Fabaceae family. This plant is known for its therapeutic potential as described in ancient system of medicine. It is commonly distributed along temperate and tropical Indian continent, South east Asia and China. It is grown as an ornamental for its showy flowers and buds are eaten as staple food in some parts of the country. Kachnar possess various phytochemicals that exhibit pharmacological activities. This review summaries the overall information of the plant including its traditional uses and phytopharmacological activities.

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