

**A NEW RECORD OF *OPHIORRHIZA WATTII* (RUBIACEAE: OPHIORRHIZEAE)
FOR WESTERN GHATS, INDIA – A SOURCE OF AN ANTICANCER DRUG,
CAMPTOTHECIN**

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ABSTRACT: *Ophiorrhiza wattii fischer* (Rubiaceae) is newly recorded from the Western Ghats, India. Previously, this species has been reported only from the Eastern Ghats. Phytochemical analysis of this plant showed the presence of an anticancer compound, camptothecin. A detailed description with images and notes are provided.

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