

Rehmannia glutinosa

Rehmannia glutinosa is a flowering broomrape, and one of the 50 fundamental herbs used in traditional Chinese medicine, where it has the name shēng dì huáng (Chinese: 生地黄). It is often sold as gān dì huáng (Chinese: 熟地黄), gān meaning "dried". Unlike the majority of broomrapes, *R. glutinosa* is not parasitic, and is capable of independent photosynthesis.

A number of chemical constituents including iridoids, phenethyl alcohol, glycosides, cyclopentanoid monoterpenes, and norcarotenoids, have been reported from the fresh or processed roots of *R. glutinosa*.^[2]

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