

Aim:

To perform microscopical study of coriander.

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Requirement:

- Glassware :-
  - Slide
  - Coverslip
  - Watch glass
- Chemicals :-
  - Glycerine
  - Safranin reagent.
- Other :-
  - Watery dipped coriander
  - Sharp blade
  - Microscope
  - Pen Brush.

Theory :-

The coriander is native to the mediterranean region, eastern and central Europe, East Asia, North and South America.



All parts of the plant are edible, but are generally used the fresh leaves and dried seeds. In some countries it is known as Chinese or Japanese parsley.

Coriander essential oil is a stimulant of gastric secretion. It has benefits as a carminative, eupeptic, estrogen and spasmolytic. It also has antibacterial and antifungal effects.

It should not be used during pregnancy, lactation, hyperestrogenism.

### Macroscopic Characteristics.

- Colour :- Yellowish - Brown
- Odour :- Aromatic
- Taste :- Spicy and characteristics
- Shape :- Sub-globular.
- Size :- 2-4 mm in diameter and 4-30 mm in length.

### Microscopical Characteristics.

1. Epicarp : Polygonal cells with occasional stomata and ~~stomata~~ calcium oxalate crystal.



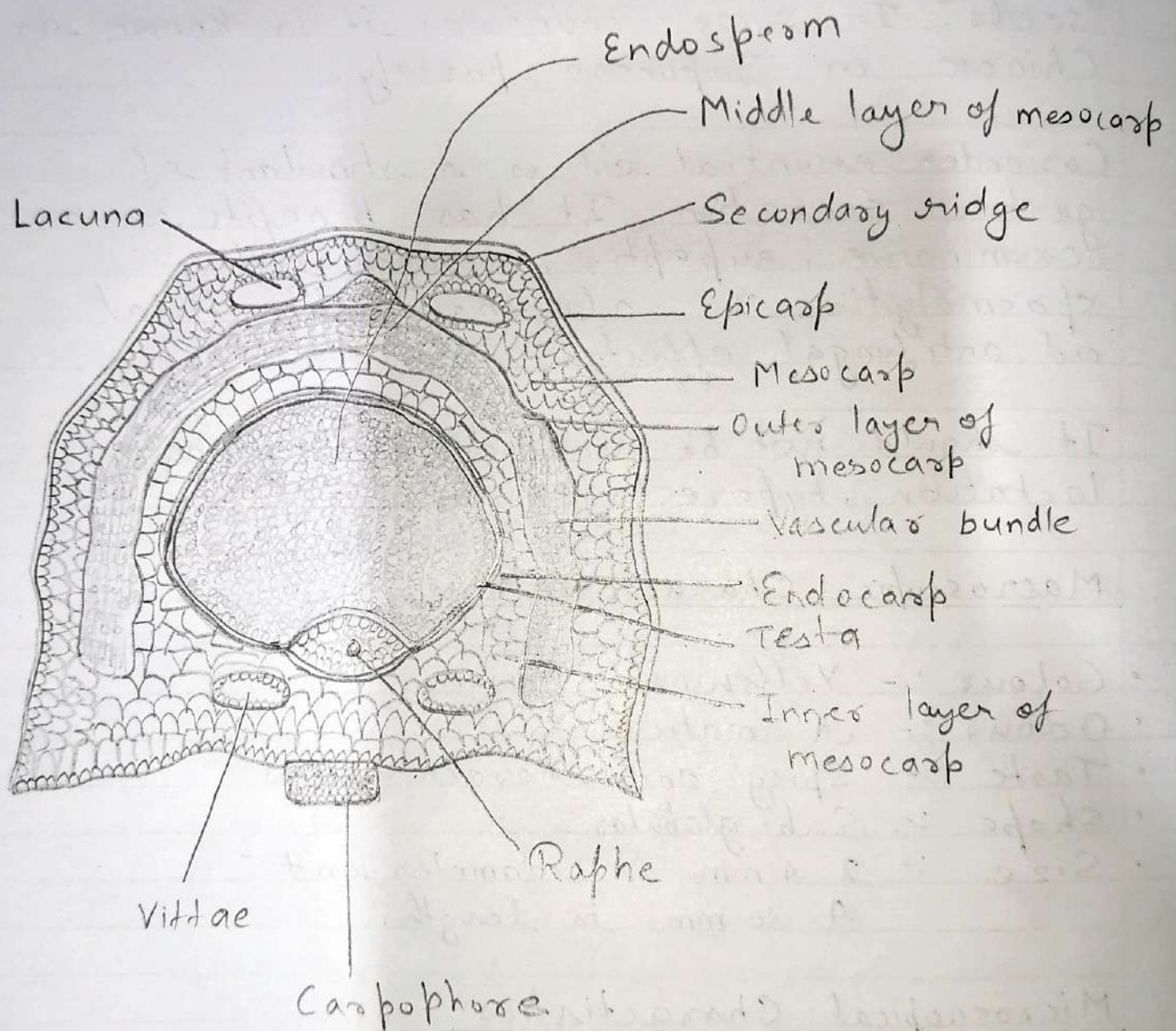


Fig → T.S. of Coriander



2. Mesocarp: Inner and outer layer of parenchyma with sclerenchyma in between.
3. Sclerenchyma in tangential and longitudinal bands.
4. Two vittae on the commissural surface and four lacunae on the dorsal surface.
5. Endocarp: Elongated cells forming parquetry layer.
6. Endosperm: Cellulosic parenchyma containing oil globules and aleurone grains.

### Procedure:

- Soak the coriander for overnight.
- Take a piece of coriander and cut it with the help of a sharp razor blade.
- Place the section in watch glass containing water.
- And then transfer into the staining reagent.



- Now transfer the T.S. in another watch glass containing plain water to remove the excess stain.
- Transfer the section into a clean and dry glass slide.
- Add 1 to 2 drops of glycerine-water (50%) on the section.
- Place the cover slip over the final section without any air bubbles.
- Watch ~~glass~~ under compound microscope with the combination of 10x and 10x (eye piece and objective lens).
- Observe it and draw all parts of the T.S.

### Usage.

- Carminative.
- Flavouring agent.
- Aromatic
- Stimulant
- Stomachic
- Diuretic

Result:

Microscopical study of coriander was successfully performed in the laboratory.