Cypriol is an herbaceous plant with morphology similar to papyrus plants, as both plants are members of the Cyperus genus. The erect, angular stems bear short, slender, brilliant-green leaves. The aromatic rhizomes form a dense root system. The plants grow in riverbeds in India’s Madhya Pradesh state. To produce the essential oil, the roots and rhizomes are harvested from April to June by members of neighboring tribes. The raw material is collected in the villages and transported to the production plant. The roots are washed and dried in the same way as vetiver roots.

Cypriol/Nagarmotha essential oil has been known for decades in India, its native land. Cypriol roots were used to scent women’s clothing, including traditional saris. Cypriol is locally nicknamed Nagar musta in Sanskrit and Nagar motha in Hindi. Cypriol/Nargamotha essential oil is part of the art of Vashikarana, an ancient rite. In this rite, someone who applies this oil to his or her forehead is certain to have success in matters of the heart. Listed as a component of Ayurvedic medicine, Cypriol/Nagarmotha is also an important remedy in traditional Chinese medicine.