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## Safety and toxicological evaluation of marketed herbal formulation for weight management

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** In ongoing year, heftiness has turned into an overall pestilence medicinal condition. Past proof shows that heftiness is a hazard factor for different infections including type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular sicknesses and certain growth including colon bosom tumor. The same number of specialists has demonstrated for the counter heftiness impact of various plants. Hence it is extremely needful to think about the security and lethality of various plants. **Aim:** present study was to determine the safety profile of an Ayurvedic herbal formulation available in the market by conducting in vivo toxicity test- 13 weeks sub-chronic oral toxicity study. **Materials and Methods:** Herbal formulations were purchased from local vendors of Bareilly market. Ten tablets/cases from every definition were taken arbitrarily and weighed for the further assessment. The powder was extracted in hydro-alcoholic (1:1) solution with gradual mixing for 15 days. It was standardized by various parameters like morphological, microscopical, physical, chemical and biological observations. It was examined for its alkaloid, saponins, carbohydrates and cardiac glycosides compositions and was pharmacologically evaluated for lethal assessment and body weight alterations. Acute oral toxicity, Mortality of dermal toxicity study, Primary dermal and irritation study in rabbits were also screen-out. **Results:** The present research has been demonstrated that Marketed item on assessment gives an indication of poisonous quality which hurts the human tissue or body. Additionally LD50 esteem assurance was clarified for its helpful adequacy. **Conclusion:** Consequently this exploration has inferred that the Herbal item might be exceptionally successful ayurvedic readiness and can be helpful in treatment of weight administration.

**Keywords:** Herbal formulation, type 2 diabetes and sub-chronic oral toxicity.

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### INTRODUCTION

In ongoing year, heftiness has turned into an overall pestilence medicinal condition. Past proof shows that heftiness is a hazard factor for different infections, for example, for type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular sicknesses and certain growth including colon bosom tumor. Indeed, it is assessed that stoutness may bring down the future by up to 7 years. According to the worldwide financial weight for stoutness and its related issue is bountiful and anticipated that would keep expanding <sup>1</sup>. Corpulence is presently a worldwide issue that is related with various interminable conditions, for example, osteoarthritis, obstructive rest, apnea, hypertension, type 2 diabetes, heart disappointment, gallstones, greasy liver illness, conceptive and g.i.t. growths, dyslipidemia, coronary supply route infections and stroke. Way of life alterations, for example, change in eating routine and exercise mediation are fundamental for both counteractive action and administration of stoutness, and pharmacotherapy might be prescribed if the intercessions are being insufficient for people with a weight list [BMI]  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> or with a BMI  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> when co-morbidities

conditions, for example, hypertension or sort 2 diabetes mellitus are available<sup>2</sup>. Medications following up on weight can be isolated into five classes: focal craving suppressants, assimilation and ingestion blockers, digestion promoters, stoutness quality item inhibitors and some different medications for the treatment of corpulence. In any case, different weight reduction drugs recommended in traditional pharmaceutical prompt numerous antagonistic responses, principally affecting monoamine neurotransmitters, and prompting drug mishandle or reliance. For instance, Sibutramine has been accounted for to regularly cause antagonistic impacts, including dry mouth, a sleeping disorder, anorexia, obstruction, development of thrombi, and neurological unsettling influences. Medical procedure is ordinarily utilized as a part of butterball shaped patients (BMI  $\geq 40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>) or in patients with comorbidities and scatters, for example, hypertension, diabetes, and obstructive rest apnoea. Regular careful entanglements incorporate contamination, postoperative anastomotic fistula, profound vein thrombosis, and long haul difficulties, for example, sickliness and lack of healthy sustenance <sup>3</sup>.

Intense Toxicity (Single and numerous measurement thinks about)

Intense poisonous quality is characterized as "the antagonistic impact happening inside a brief span of organization of single measurements of a substance or numerous dosages given inside 24 hrs. Intense poisonous quality examinations in creature are normally vital for any pharmaceutical proposed for human utilize. The data got from these investigations, giving starter ID of target organs of danger and sometimes, uncovering deferred lethality. Intense harmfulness studies may likewise help in the choice of beginning measurements for stage 1 human investigations and give data important to intense over dosing in people <sup>4</sup>. Intense oral danger includes an appraisal of the general harmful impacts of a solitary measurement or various dosages of a synthetic or item, inside 24 hours by a specific/particular course (oral, dermal, inward breath), and that happen amid an ensuing 21-day perception period. Intense lethality information are basic necessities under numerous administrative systems to give arrangement and marking cautioning or the conceivable result of introduction to a substance <sup>5</sup>. The admission of pharmacological substances by man and might be as sustenance, drugs and refreshments, other modern and family unit items. These substances are equipped for evoking incessant and intense poisonous quality, which might be gentle or extreme that relies on their temperament. Intense poisonous quality is characterized as the undesirable effect(s) that happens either promptly or at a brief span interim after a solitary or various organizations of such substances inside 24 hours <sup>6</sup>. At times these reactions are attractive and valuable however there are bunches of different impacts which are toxic and hurtful. In India, for the most part intense, sub-intense and constant poisonous quality tests are assessed by pharmaceutical producers. Intense poisonous quality is engaged with estimation of LD50 (deadly dosage making passing 50 % of the tried creatures. Assurance of intense oral danger is typically an underlying assessing advance in the appraisal and screening of dangerous qualities of mixes <sup>7</sup>. A here and there technique for intense danger (LD50) testing has been produced. Home grown items are prescriptions gotten from plants. They are utilized as supplements to enhance wellbeing and prosperity, and might be utilized for other helpful purposes. Home grown items are accessible as tablets, containers, powders, concentrates, teas et cetera. Home grown pharmaceuticals are believed to be protected as it is common, yet in truth it can cause genuine unfavorable impacts and cooperation with different medications and supplements <sup>8</sup>. Restorative plants assume a critical part in the advancement of intense helpful operators. Home grown pharmaceuticals are as of now sought after and their prominence is expanding step by step<sup>9</sup>. Add hours to your clock to implement your weight-loss strategy; On the off chance that time is preventing you from working towards weight control, your untouched arrangement contemplation will enable you to discover additional time in the day! Also, to contemplate, you just need 15-20 minutes per day. That obviously can be anything but difficult to press out whenever of the day according to your benefit, would it say it isn't? All things considered, your body deserves no less than 20 minutes of your chance<sup>10</sup>.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Drugs and chemicals

Drug-Herbal formulation, methanol, iodine, potassium iodide, conc. Sulphuric acid, chloroform, HCL, magnesium ribbon, acetic acid, NAOH, Hagner's reagent Wagner's

reagent, Mayer's reagent, Dragendroff's reagent, gelatin, ferric chloride, sodium bicarbonate, Benedict's reagent, Fehling's A and Fehling's B solution.

### 1. Dose

1-2 Capsules of Herbal formulation twice a day with meal.

Dose of Herbal formulation was calculated for rats in the present study following the OECD Guidelines number 423.

### 2. Animals

Pale skinned person rats (Male 150-180mg) or Swiss pale skinned person mice (28-35gm) was utilized as a part of the present investigation. The creatures were obtained from ailment free little creature house. They were given typical eating routine and faucet water and will be presented to 12hr Light and 12hr dull cycle. The creatures were acclimatized to the lab condition before tests. Test convention was endorsed by Institution Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC). Care of creatures were taken according to rules of the board of trustees with the end goal of control and supervision of trials on creature (CPCSEA), service of condition and woods administration of India. The creatures were kept in polypropylene confines under standard lab condition kept up at 27°C ±2°C temperature and 50 to 60% mugginess <sup>11</sup>.

### 1. Procurement of herbal formulation drug

Herbal formulations were purchased from local vendors of Bareilly market.

### 2. Extraction of drug

Ten tablets/cases from every definition were taken arbitrarily and weighed for the further assessment. The tablets were pounded to influence powder to frame for extraction. The powder was absorbed hydro-alcoholic (1:1) answer for 15 days with slow mixing. Macerate was separated utilizing cotton plug then at last with what man channel paper. The filtrate was vanished submerged shower at 40°C till leaving strong buildup. In this manner at long last we acquired concentrate of the medication <sup>12</sup>.

### 3. Phytochemical studies

Phytochemical studies means "confirmation of its identity chemical constitute by test perform; Identification test for alkaloids, carbohydrates, saponins and Cardiac glycosides.

### 4. In-vivo acute and sub-chronic oral toxicity evaluation.

#### Lethality assessment

#### I. Intense oral lethality

The mice were housed in confines and arbitrarily chose ones were set apart on the tail for singular recognizable proof. All mice were kept up on a 12-h light/dull cycle and situated at room temperature roughly 23 °C with steady stickiness. They were permitted to adjust to research facility conditions for seven days before beginning the examination. Drinking water and nourishment were given not indispensable all through the trial, with the exception of the short fasting time frame where the drinking water was still in free access yet no sustenance supply was given 12 h before treatment. The intense oral danger methanolic seed concentrate of *C. fistula* was assessed in mice as per the techniques sketched out by the Organization for Economic Co-activity and Development (OECD). A solitary high measurement of 5,000 mg/kg of rough concentrate was controlled to both three male mice and three female mice in the treatment bunch by the oral course. The unrefined concentrate was suspended in a

vehicle (refined water). Following the fasting time frame, body weight of the mice was resolved and the measurement was ascertained in reference to the body weight as the volume of the concentrates arrangement given to the mice is 10 mL/kg. Another three male mice and three female mice were apportioned refined water and were viewed as the control gatherings. Sustenance was given to the mice roughly a hour after treatment. The mice were seen in detail for any signs of poisonous quality impact inside the initial six hours after the treatment time frame, and every day encourage for a time of 14 days. Surviving creatures were weighed and visual perceptions for mortality, personal conduct standard, changes in physical appearance, damage, torment and indications of ailment were directed day by day amid the period <sup>13</sup>.

### ii. Intense dermal poisonous quality

Ten male mice were utilized as a part of this test. Singular measurements of the home grown plan were computed in light of the underlying body weights got preceding dosing at 2000 mg/kg of body weight. On the day preceding application, the hair was expelled by cut-out the dorsal zone and the storage compartment. Subsequent to section and before application, the creatures were analyzed for wellbeing, measured (starting) and the skin was checked for any variations from the norm. Vrilshamla (2000mg/kg) was then connected to a 2 in × 3 in, 4-handle bandage cushion and set on the dorsal region of the creature (roughly 10% of the body surface). The dressing cushion and the whole trunk of every creature were wrapped with 3-inch Durapore tape to keep away from separation of the cushion and to limit loss of the test substance. The rats were then come back to their assign confines. The day of utilization was considered day 0 of the investigation. After 24 h of introduction to the test substance, the cushions were expelled and the test destinations were delicately cleaned of any leftover test substance. The body weight of every creature was recorded before test substance application and again on days 7 and 14. Creatures were watched for mortality, indications of gross lethality, and conduct changes for a few hours after application and at any rate once every day for 14 days.

### iii. Primary dermal irritation study in rabbits

Three pale skinned person youthful rabbits were taken. The course of Herbal detailing organization was kept through an immediate utilization of test substance to cut flawless skin. On the day preceding application, hair was expelled by section the dorsal and the storage compartment territory. Upon the arrival of dosing, however preceding application,

the creatures were inspected for wellbeing and the skin anomalies. Singular measurements destinations were scored by the Draize scoring framework at roughly 1, 24, 48, and 72 h after evacuation of Herbal definition fix. The order of irritancy was acquired by including the normal erythema and oedema scores for 1, 24, 48, and 72 h scoring interims and separating by the quantity of assessment interims. The subsequent Primary Dermal Irritation Index (PDII) was arranged by the expressive rating.

### iv. 13-week rehashed measurements oral poisonous quality investigation in rats with 4-week recuperation period

Hundred solid youthful mice (50 guys and 50 females) were gotten from Defense Research Development and Establishment, Gwalior, creature house and acclimatized for at least five days before they were randomized into four principle gatherings (n = 20/gathering; 10/sex) and two recuperation gatherings (n = 10/gathering; 05/sex). Gatherings G1/G1R were orally gavaged with vehicle (0.5% w/v carboxymethyl cellulose) at 0 mg/kg/day while Groups G2, G3, and G4+G4R will get Herbal detailing at 250, 500 and 1000 mg/kg/day, individually, for 91 days. The recuperation creatures in the control (G1R) and high measurements (G4R) bunch were watched for extra a month after the multi day dosing period.

#### Body weight and body weight pick up

Singular body weights were recorded on Day 1 (standard) and week after week from that point. Mean week after week body weight picks up were figured for each sex and dosage level. Creatures were measured (fasting body weight) preceding penance for figuring of organ-to-body and organ-to-cerebrum weights.

#### Sustenance utilization

Sustenance utilization was estimated week after week. The net sustenance admission per rodent (g/rodent/day) was computed utilizing the measure of nourishment given short the heaviness of left-finished nourishment.

#### Neurological and practical examination

Neurological and practical examinations were performed at the pre-test and the thirteenth seven day stretch of the investigation utilizing the control and the high-dosage creature bunches <sup>1</sup>.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table N. 5. Effects of Acute Oral Toxicity study (after 24 h of administration on herbal formulation in rat)

S.N.	Treatment	Mortality Observation		
		0 Days	7 Days	14 Days
1.	Control group (Distilled water)	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed
2.	Test group (herbal formulation 5000mg/kg)	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed

No huge contrasts in body weight pick up were watched. No harmful, social and mortality changes were watched. No modified development or anomalous changes were identified amid the plainly visible examination of the rodent organs. Therefore table N. 5 spoke to that plant extricate has remained a sheltered and important concentrate having a less mischief to the body. In this way, it was prescribed for the further

utilize around the world. An intense measurement think about gives a rule to choosing dosages for sub-intense measurement ponder. Our intense lethality comes about demonstrate that a dose < 300 mg/kg could be utilized to evaluate sub-intense poisonous quality. In this manner, we picked 10, 100, and 200 mg/kg for additionally examines.

**Table 6: Mortality of dermal toxicity study**

S.N.	Treatment	Observation		
		0 Days	7 Days	14 Days
1.	Control group (Distilled water)	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed
2.	Test group (herbal formulation 2000mg/kg)	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed	No toxic, behavioural & mortality changes observed

Table N. 6 delineated the mortality of dermal danger. The rats were assessed for its dermal danger as talked about under materials and system area. They were come back to their assign confines. The day of use was considered day 0 of the examination. After 24 h of introduction to the test substance, the cushions were evacuated and the test locales were delicately cleaned of any lingering test substance. The

body weight of every creature was recorded before test substance application and again on days 7 and 14. Creatures were watched for mortality, indications of gross danger, and social changes for a few hours after application and in any event once day by day for 14 days. It exhibited the irrelevant impact over dermal danger. In this manner it has the great wellbeing potential worried for pharmacological assessment.

**Table 7: Primary dermal irritation study in rabbits**

S.N.	Treatment	Observation (Score/hours)							
		Erythema				Edema			
		1	24	48	72	1	24	48	72
1.	Control	4	22	20	17	2	11	10	8
2.	Test group (transdermal patch)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table N. 7 demonstrated the essential dermal disturbances think about in rabbits. Test assemble was dealt with and controlled with control gathering. Test bunch did not demonstrate any dermal disturbances which demonstrate its security profile. It makes free the medication that can be utilized as a part of the treatment of different. It has been

assessed for erythema and oedema however was not discovered altogether. Nonappearance of these two variables shows security of the medication. So it can be utilized as a part of the conclusion and treatment of different sickness conditions. The transdermal fix was consolidated in the screening.

**Table 8: 13 week repeated dose oral toxicity study in rats with 4-week recovery period**

Group	Treatment	Dose (mg/kg)	Avg. body weight		No. of animals		Animal Numbers	
			Male	Female				
G1	Control	-	175.78±10.61	161.52±7.38	10	10	1-10	51-60
G2	Low dose	200	173.75±11.20	160.90±9.62	10	10	11-20	61-75
G3	Mid dose	400	175.73±11.65	159.80±9.72	10	10	21-30	71-80
G4	High dose	800	175.27±12.07	159.91±8.16	10	10	31-40	81-90
G1R	Control recovery	-	175.88±9.99	160.36±14.1	05	05	41-45	91-95
G4R	High dose recovery	800	177.80±9.99	161.25±15.2	05	05	46-50	96-100

## CONCLUSION

In-vivo experimentation revealed safety and good efficacy of herbal formulation for weight management. The study needs to be extended to explore other traditional preparations and medicinal plants. The present research has been demonstrated that Marketed item on assessment gives an indication of poisonous quality which hurts the human tissue

or body. Additionally LD50 esteem assurance was clarified for its helpful adequacy. Consequently this exploration has inferred that the Herbal item might be exceptionally successful ayurvedic readiness and can be helpful in treatment of weight administration.

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