



## Ethnomedicinal use of Shedded Snake Skin Extract and its Bioactivity

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Snakes and its body parts have been used in folk and traditional medicine of various cultures since ancient time. Evidences in Chinese and Levantine medicinal system suggested the usage of snake shed skin in treatment of several diseases. In Indian traditional medicinal system, ash of shed snake skin is used for inducing labour in pregnant women which lacks scientific validation. Though used extensively by traditional healers there is no scientific evidence about shed snake skin as a source of bioactive component. This present study was undertaken to explore the bioactivity of shedded snake (*Naja*) skin and the characterization of its bioactive constituents.



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