Pharmacognostic and phytopharmacological assessment of roots of veteveria zizanoides for diuretic activity

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Abstract
Plants produce and reserve a variety of chemical products, several of which are extractable and utilize for medication purpose. Veteveria zizanoides belongs to Poaceae family commonly known as Khas- Khas having strong traditional and cosmeceutical base in Asian continent. The roots of plants are aromatic and highly valued, ethnomedically claims to be possessing potent diuretic and anti-inflammatory activity. With the intention of scientific exploration of such untapped plant, the plant was studied for its pharmacognostic and phytopharmacological aspects with special reference to conventionally claimed diuretic activity. The results of analytical pharmacognosy and phytochemistry were revealed microscopical structural identification and presence of major secondary phytochemicals along with other important parameters responsible for quality assessment of raw material. The hydro distillate collected from roots of plants was screened for diuretic activity in experimental animals with estimation of various biochemical parameters like Urine volume, Creatinine and Urea level from urine and serum where the results were found to be significant for diuretic potential.

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