

CHAPTER VII

General Discussion

As mentioned in Introduction the aim of the project is to test the toxicity of the Ayurvedic drug Nag bhasma. Nag bhasma is prescribed against diabetes, urinary tract diseases, anaemia, liver and spleen disorders, general weakness, rheumatoid arthritis etc. Ayurvedic drugs are known to be developed using many lengthy procedures that involve herbal or other natural products' treatment. Since the crude herbs or natural products are used the organocomplex formed can't be explained in modern forms. Since the modern therapy is more popular people apply the same tests for their evaluation even if the ayurvedic testing methods are available. The importance of these and other ethnic drugs has been realised. Ayurvedic drugs are time proved drugs and hence needed to be convinced for their use in modern physiological, pathological, pharmacological basis so that they can be used as independent and integrated medicine. In the modern therapy toxicity testing in animal models is essential.

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