

DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE AND PHARMACOPOEIAL STANDARDS FOR *RACA KANTI MELUKU* (RKM) A SIDDHA FORMULATION

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Siddha medicinal system is an ancient system, practiced for over 5000 years. Siddha experts indicate that Siddha formulations have been proved to be useful in controlling venereal diseases (VD) including diseases closely resembling to HIV clinically. The drugs like Raca Kanti Meluku (RKM), Amukkara curanam (AC), Nellikkai ilakam (NI) and in combination of these drugs were reported to be useful in HIV patients for both clinical improvement and elevation of CD₄ counts. In the present study, an attempt has been made to develop Standard Operating Procedure for the preparation and Pharmacopoeial standards for Raca kanti meluku. The developed SOP and analytical standards can be used for fixing standards in Siddha Pharmacopoeia.

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