

## Studies on Authentic *Silajat* Samples

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Three samples of *silajat* collected from Ladakh were chemically analysed for comparison their chemical constituents. The presence of urea was noted in all the samples of raw *silajat*, purified *silajat*, and mountain rat *silajat*, indicative of pretreatment with urine. Further the presence of glycine in all the three samples showed that the samples are not totally inorganic in origin.

The comment of Chopra (1958) that the presence of hippuric acid in *silajat* suggests that some animal matter is also present

and the analyses strengthened the observation.

The view that the latex of *Euphorbia royleana* Boiss could be one of the source materials of *silajat* could not be substantiated from studies.

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