

Drug Proving

Ichthyolum

(A compiled data of Proving conducted by CCRH)

- Introduction** : The proving of Ichthyolum was conducted by Dr. Wm. H. Dieffenbach of New York City. It was originally published in The Alpha Sigma, May, 1902. Proving was conducted by using 2x to 6th potency³.
The CCRH reproved the drug to come up with the drug picture so that it can be used more effectively as its sphere of action can be elaborated.
- Description** : An almost black, viscid liquid; odour, strong and characteristics. Soluble in water, partly soluble in alcohol. It consists of the ammonium salts of the sulphonic acids of an oily substance prepared from a bituminous.¹
- Proving conducted at** :
 - Drug Proving Research Unit (H), Midnapore (W.B.)
 - Drug Proving Research Unit (H), Ghaziabad (U.P.)
- Period of Proving** : 2000-2001
- Potencies proved** : 6,30,200 (in descending order)
- Source of Drug** : Hahnemann Publishing Company, Kolkata

Drug Proving: Details of Participants

| Sl. No. | Name of the Unit | Provers participated | | | Investigators | Hony. consultants |
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| | | No. | Age group | Sex | | |
| 1. | Drug Proving Research Unit Midnapore (West Bengal) | 13 | 20-26 Years | M-12 F-1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. P.C.Mal R.O.(H) ● Dr. A. K. Bhakat ARO(H) | Dr. S.K.Dutta - General Physician Dr. R.Patra -Cardiologist Dr. Ashis Acharya - Psychologist Dr. M.M.Mondal - Ophthalmologist Dr. Sumitra Saha - E.N.T. Specialist Dr. (Mrs) K.Mondal - Gynaecologist Dr. M.M.Dey - Dermatologist |

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| 2. | Drug Proving Research Unit Gaziabad (U.P.) | 15 | 18-23 Years | M-9 F-6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. R.K.Ray -RO (H) ● Dr. Swatantra Prakash -ARO (H) ● Dr. Mohan Singh -ARO (H) ● Dr. Yogender Rai -ARO (H) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. S.K.Malhotra - General Physician Dr. Anil Bansal - Psychiatrist Dr. P.K.Jain - Ophthalmologist Dr. V.R. Mittal - E.N.T. Specialist Dr. (Mrs.) Prem Kapoor - Gynaecologist Dr. Atul K. Garg - Dermatologist |

Symptoms observed:

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| Mind | Restlessness Great mental irritability (with pain in chest) |
| Head | Frontal headache, worse evening, better by washing head and face with cold water ³ Pain vertex, occiput with heaviness from early morning to evening, aggravation by sun heat, better by cold, open air and hard pressure Vertigo with dizziness, worse while sitting |
| Face | Multiple small eruptions ² , on forehead without itching Small eruptions on face with itching ³ , burning after scratching |
| Eyes | Pain and heaviness in eyes, worse by reading, in day light, better by closing eyes and rest. |
| Mouth | Bitter taste ³ with headache & constipation |
| Throat | Pain in right tonsil, worse on swallowing ³ , better by hot saline gargle |
| Stomach | Nausea ^{2,3} worse morning, with loose stool |
| Abdomen | Flatulence. Pain in abdomen before stool, better after stool |
| Stool | Loose stool ^{2,3} with nausea worse morning. Frequent loose watery yellowish with chest pain Constipation, hard stool |
| Chest | Stitching pain in middle of the chest with difficulty in breathing worse by sitting better by lying down Stitching pain in middle of chest. |

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| Urethra | Burning pain in urethrae ² while passing urine |
| Male | Drawing pain in right testicle/spermatic cord worse by pressure |
| Skin | Acne like eruptions on wrist, back of hand and medial side |
| Sleep | Disturbed sleep ³ |

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