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Diploma in Pharmacy 1st Year Pharmacognosy Experiment

To study morphological characters of Ispaghula

Aim:

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Reference :

Dr. Gupta G.D , Dr. Sharma Shailesh , Kaur Navjit , "Practical Manual of Pharmacognosy" Published by Nirali Prakashan , Pg.No⁻¹⁻⁴

Biological Sources:

Ispaghula consists of dried seeds of *plantago ovate*, Forskal, belonging to family- Plantaginaeca.

The husk consisting of epidermis is separsted from the seeds which has its own importance.

Chemical Constituents:

- □ Ispaghula seeds contain about 10% mucilage which is present in the eoidermis of testa.
- Mucilage consist of two complex polysaccharides of which one is soluble in cold water and the other soluble in hot water. Chemically it is pentosan and aldobionic acid.
- Pentosan on hydrolysis yield xylose and arabinose and aldobionic acid yields galactournic acid rhamnose. Protein and fixed oil are present in endosperm and embryo



Morphological Characters:

| Colour | Pinkish gray to brown |
|---------------------|--|
| Odour | None |
| Taste | Mucilaginous |
| Shape | Ovate, boat shaped, cymbiform |
| Size | 1.5 – 3.5 m long, 1 – 1.18 mm wide |
| Weight of 100 seeds | 0.15 – 0.19 g |
| Appearance | Seeds are hard, trenslucent and smooth, the dorsal (convex surface) consist of a small elongated glossy reddish brown spot at the center while the ventricle (concave surface) has a cavity nil urn covered with a thin whitish membrane. |

Uses :

 ✓ It is useful in dysentery, Chronic, Diarrhoea, in cases of Duodenal Ulcers and piles It works effectively as a smooth agent.

Result

The morphological study of Ispaghula was performed.



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