

SAFETY OF BertoCOV, BertoV1, BertoHEP AND BertoCAN ON LABORATORY RAT

Procedure

Five (5) albino rats, *Rattus sp.*, were obtained from a commercial breeder and transported in a rodent-friendly environment to the laboratory within 20 minutes. Each rat was marked and assigned a name corresponding to the therapy it would receive, that is, BertoCOV, BertoV1, BertoHEP, BertoCAN and Control. From each rat, 1 ml of venous blood was collected from the tail vein and tested for erythrocyte sedimentation rate. The live weight of each test animal was then taken after which each was kept in a solitary confinement. Each rat was fed on a feed that contained full human dose of the respective drug on an ad libitum basis. Urine and faecal matter of each test animal was collected on a regular basis and analysed using ultraviolet visible spectrophotometry and electrophoresis for the presence of API. After ten (10) days of solitary confinement, the five (5) mammals were reunited in an environment specially designed to simulate their wild habitat, for ten (10) more days. The live weight of each mammal was measured and a dissection performed. Blood was collected to test for erythrocyte sedimentation rate and smears were made, stained using Field's stain, for cell morphology and count. The brain, heart, liver and kidneys were prepared for histopathological analyses and stained using Hematoxylin and Eosin.

Observations					Deductions
1. No test animal died					1. None of the test drugs and/or doses was lethal
2.	2. Each mammal consumed its feed at a constant rate			int rate	2. None of the drugs alters appetite
3. Each mammal maintained a normal response to external stimuli				e to external stimuli	3. None of the drugs is a prion
4.	4. Electrophoresis/ spectrophotometry of urine did not detect API				4. API metabolized by the mammalian system
5. Electrophoresis/ spectrophotometry of faeces did not detect API				es did not detect API	5. API absorbed/ assimilated
Live weight (g)	Rat		Before	After	
	BertoCOV		230.38	231.43	Drug does not affect animal weight
	BertoV1		216.95	217.01	Drug does not affect animal weight
	BertoHEP		210.93	213.11	Drug does not affect animal weight
	BertoCAN		202.70	204.68	Drug does not affect animal weight
	Control		248.73	251.88	Normal physiology
rythrocyte edimentati	on rate (mm/hr)	Rat	Before	After	
		BertoCOV	1.32	1.29	Drug is not infectious
		BertoV1	1.36	1.33	Drug is not infectious
		BertoHEP	1.28	1.34	Drug is not infectious
ЩX		BertoCAN	1.40	1.45	Drug is not infectious



