

**DETERMINATION OF THE ELEMENTAL AND AMINO ACID COMPOSITION OF THE DIURETIC DRUG “EKUSTIM”**

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**ABSTRACT**

*The purpose of these studies is to determine the elemental and amino acid composition of the diuretic drug “Ekustim” dry extract obtained from a mixture of 8 medicinal plants: false amber grass, woolly willow grass, horsetail grass, creeping anchor grass, yarrow flowers, cucumber seeds, corn stigmas and licorice roots. Quantitative determination of macro - and microelements was carried out by inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS), and determination of amino acid composition by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).*

*The data obtained indicate that of the detected trace elements, K, Mg, Ca, Fe, Na, P and Al are contained in the largest amount, which is essential when creating a diuretic drug, and the concentrations of heavy metals and arsenic in the analyzed preparation did not exceed the regulated limit according to the requirements of WHO and GF XIV.*

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**KEYWORDS:** Dry Extract, Biologically Active Substances, Amino Acid Composition, Elemental Composition, HPLC, ICP-MS, Macro- And Microelements.

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