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# BACKGROUND



INFLAMEASE is based on Horse Chestnut seed extract with in vivo proven benefits from Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI)









# Growing Demand and Modern Lifestyle

#### Sedentary Lifestyles:

- Prolonged sitting and lack of physical activity lead to poor blood circulation and venous problems.
- Increased prevalence of office jobs and remote work exacerbates these issues.

#### **Prolonged Standing:**

 Jobs requiring long hours of standing (e.g., retail, healthcare) contribute to varicose veins and leg swelling.







# Growing Demand and Modern Lifestyle

#### Aging Population:

- The global aging population faces a higher risk of chronic venous insufficiency.
- Growing awareness of natural and effective treatments among older adults.

#### **Health Consciousness:**

- Rising interest in natural and herbal remedies.
- Preference for non-invasive treatments and preventive healthcare.



## Diverse Potential Customer Types



#### Young Professionals:

Sedentary lifestyles and long hours at desks.

Seeking natural solutions for leg discomfort and venous health.



#### Middle-Aged Adults:

Early signs of varicose veins or venous insufficiency.

Interested in preventive health measures.



#### Active Individuals:

Athletes and fitness enthusiasts experiencing leg swelling or pain.

Preference for natural remedies to maintain performance and recovery.



## Diverse Potential Customer Types



#### Healthcare Workers:

Long hours of standing lead to venous issues.

Awareness of effective, natural treatment options.



#### Natural Health Advocates:

Preference for herbal and non-invasive treatments.

Conscious about overall wellness and preventive care.



#### Elderly Population:

Higher prevalence of chronic venous insufficiency.

Seeking effective solutions to manage symptoms and improve quality of life.



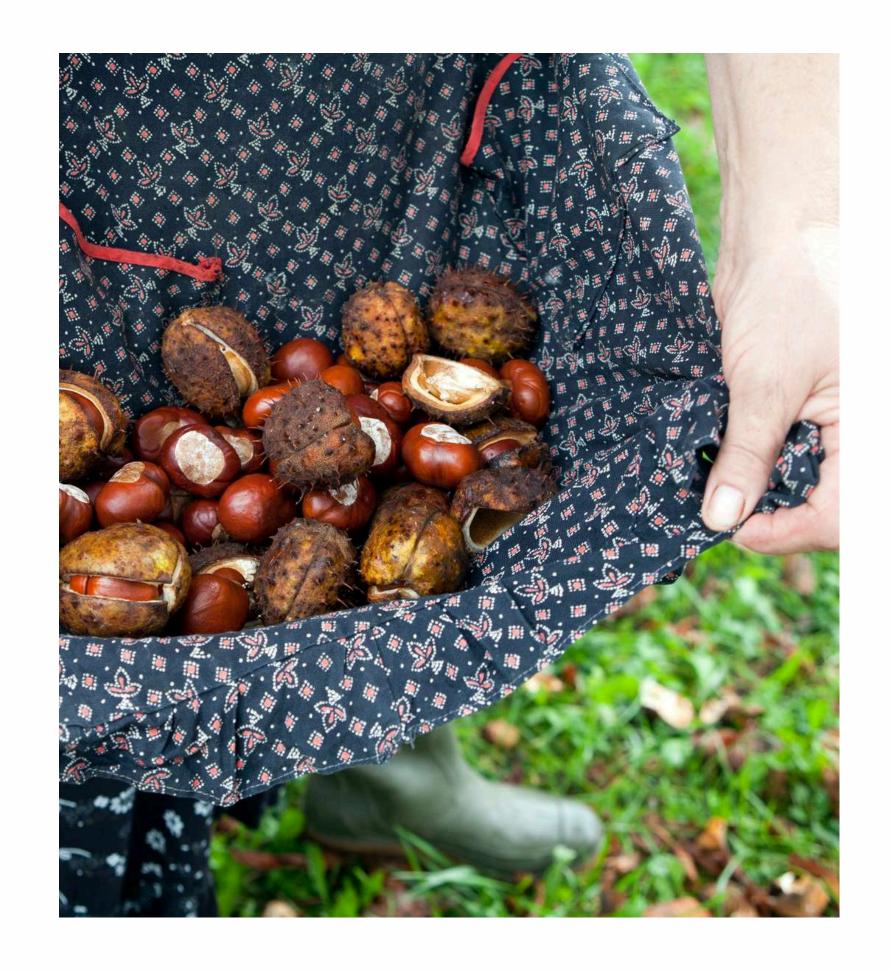
# Starting raw material





## Origin of Raw Material

- Raw Material: Aesculus hippocastanum
- Common Name: Horse
  Chestnut
- Procurement Type: Wild collection
- Crop Origin: Serbia, Ukraine and Poland









#### Aescin (Escin):

- Main active compound
- Saponin mixture
- Anti-inflammatory and vasoprotective properties

#### Flavonoids:

- Antioxidant properties
- Protects against oxidative stress

#### Coumarins:

- Enhances blood circulation
- Reduces swelling

#### **Tannins:**

- Astringent properties
- Helps in reducing inflammation and tightening tissues

#### **Fatty Acids:**

Contributes to the extract's emollient properties

#### Polysaccharides:

- Provides moisturizing effects
- Supports skin health

# Characteristics of Horse Chestnut





#### • Anti-Inflammatory:

Reduces inflammation in veins and tissues

#### • Vasoprotective:

Strengthens vein walls and improves blood flow

#### • Anti-Edematous:

 Reduces swelling by preventing fluid leakage from veins

#### • Antioxidant:

 Neutralizes free radicals, protecting cells from damage

#### • Astringent:

 Tightens and tones tissues, reducing swelling and discomfort

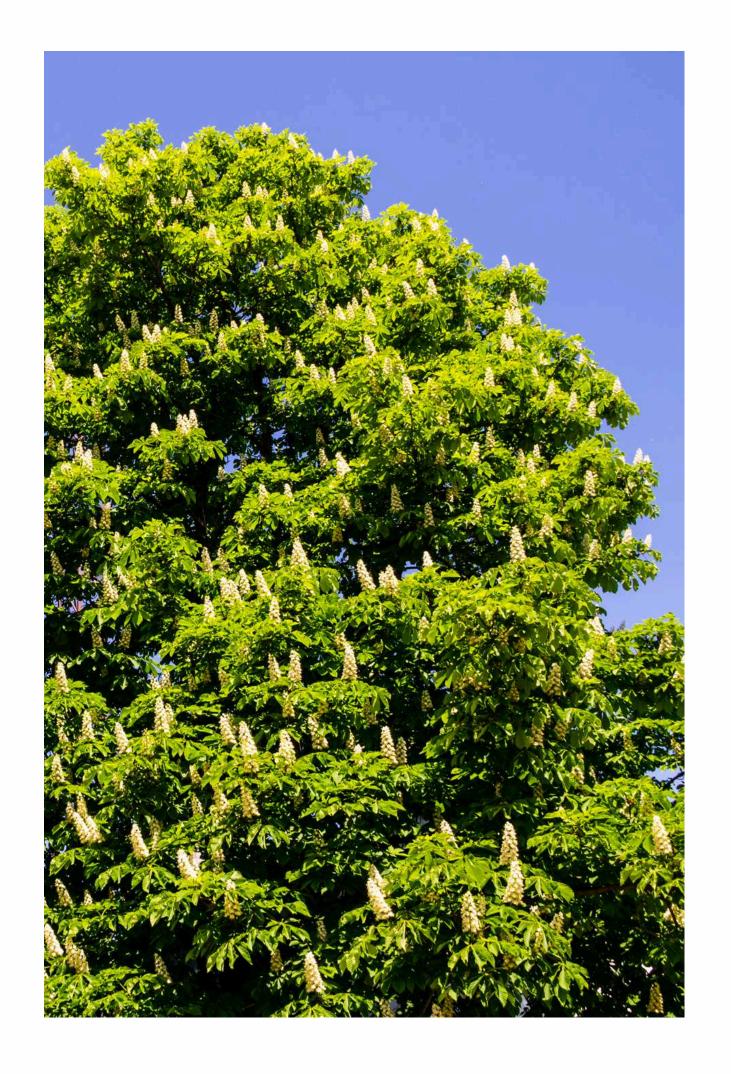


# Extract characteristics





	INFLAMEASE	
Product name:	Horse Chestnut dry extract	
Latin name:	Aesculus hippocastanum	
Part used:	seed	
Extraction solvent	ethanol 60%v/v & water 40% v/v	
Drug-extract ratio	5-8 : 1	
Excipients	maltodextrin	
Active component content	18.0 – 22.0% m/m triterpenic saponins calculated as aescin	





# Functional benefits





# In Vivo Study:

Examination of Anti-Inflammatory Activity of Dry Horse Chestnut Seed Extract (INFLAMEASE) on Experimental Acute Inflammation Model





### Study design:

The carrageenan-induced paw edema model in rats is the most commonly used test for in vivo assessment of anti-inflammatory activity.

- The experiment was conducted on male Wistar rats
- Aged 6 to 8 weeks
- With an average weight of 200-230 grams
- The number of animals in the experimental and control groups was n=6
- In the experimental group, a herbal product was tested in three doses: 50, 100, and 200 mg/kg orally (p.o.)
- In the control groups, the drug indomethacin (8 mg/kg) was administered.





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#### How INFLAMEASE work?

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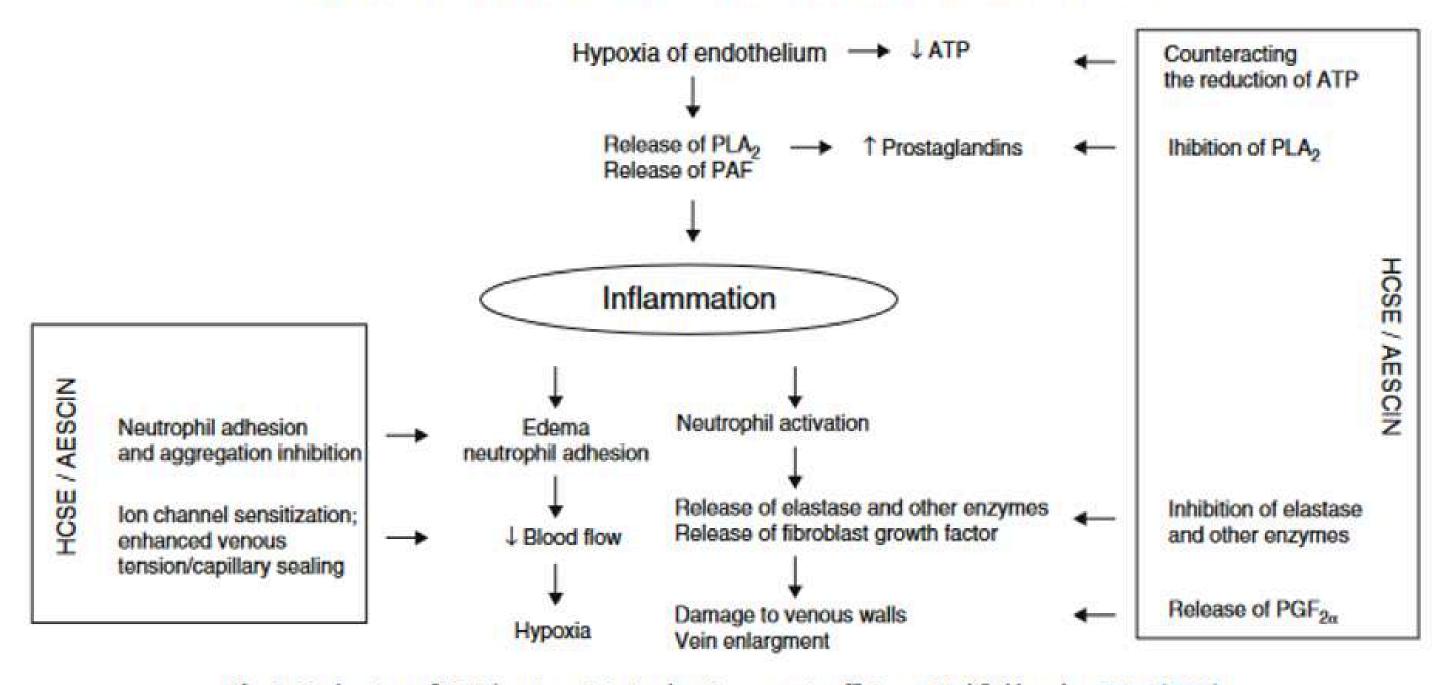
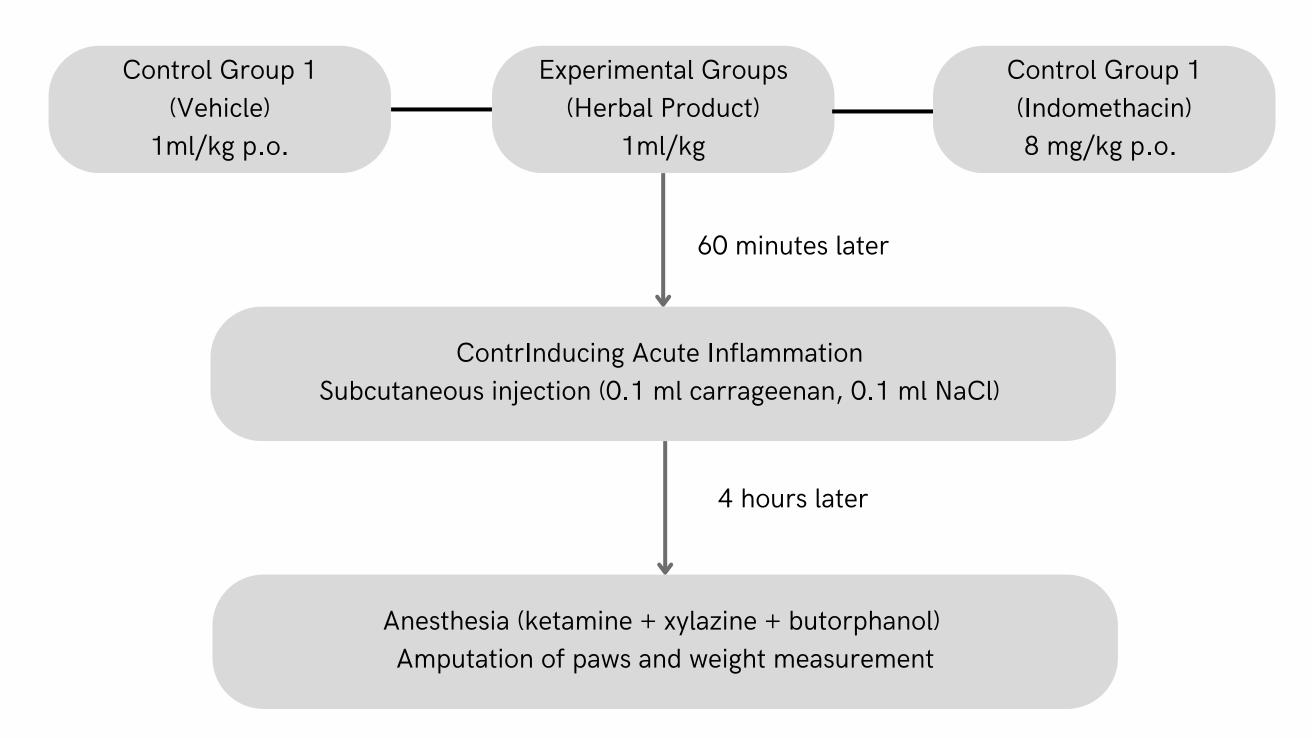


Fig. 1. Mechanisms of HCSE/aescin activity in chronic venous insufficiency. Modified based on Strtort (2001).



#### **Experimental scheme**









#### **Subjects:**

- Male Wistar rats, aged 6-8 weeks, with an average weight of 200-230 grams.
- Number of animals per group: N = 6

#### 1. Group Formation

- Control Group 1: Vehicle (placebo), 1 ml/kg orally (p.o.).
- Experimental Groups: Herbal product, three doses (50, 100, and 200 mg/kg orally).
- Control Group 2: Indomethacin, 8 mg/kg orally (p.o.).

#### 2. Application of Preparations

- Control Group 1: Vehicle, 1 ml/kg p.o.
- Experimental Groups: Herbal product (50, 100, and 200 mg/kg p.o.).
- Control Group 2: Indomethacin, 8 mg/kg p.o.

#### 3. Inducing Acute Inflammation

- 60 minutes after oral administration of the preparations:
  - Subcutaneous injection of the following solutions:
    - 0.1 ml of 0.5% carrageenan solution.
    - 0.1 ml of 0.9% NaCl (sodium chloride) solution.

#### 4. Post-Inflammation Observation

- 4 hours after inducing inflammation:
  - $\circ$  Anesthetize the animals using a combination of ketamine and xylazine (90  $\pm$  10 mg/kg intraperitoneally), with additional analgesia provided by butorphanol (0.1–0.5 mg/kg intramuscularly) to minimize suffering.
  - o Amputate the paws at anatomically defined points and measure the paw weight using analytical scales.



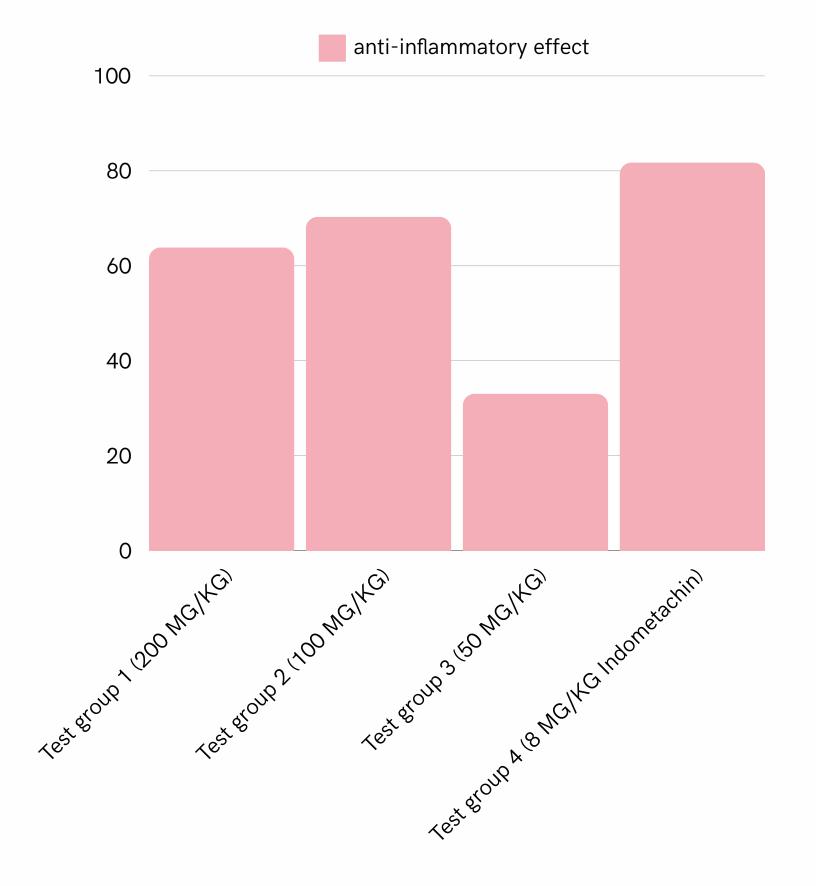


#### Results of Testing Anti-Inflammatory Activity of Dry Standardized Horse Chestnut Seed Extract

	Δ m (g)	STDEV	% Inhibition
Control Group 0	0.325	0.0817	0
Test group 3 (50 mg/kg)	0.117	0.0625	33,01
Test group 2 (100 mg/kg)	0.097	0.0502	70,28
Test group 1 (200 mg/kg)	0.218	0.0362	63,83
Test group 4 (8 mg/kg indometacin)	0.059	0.0364	81,72

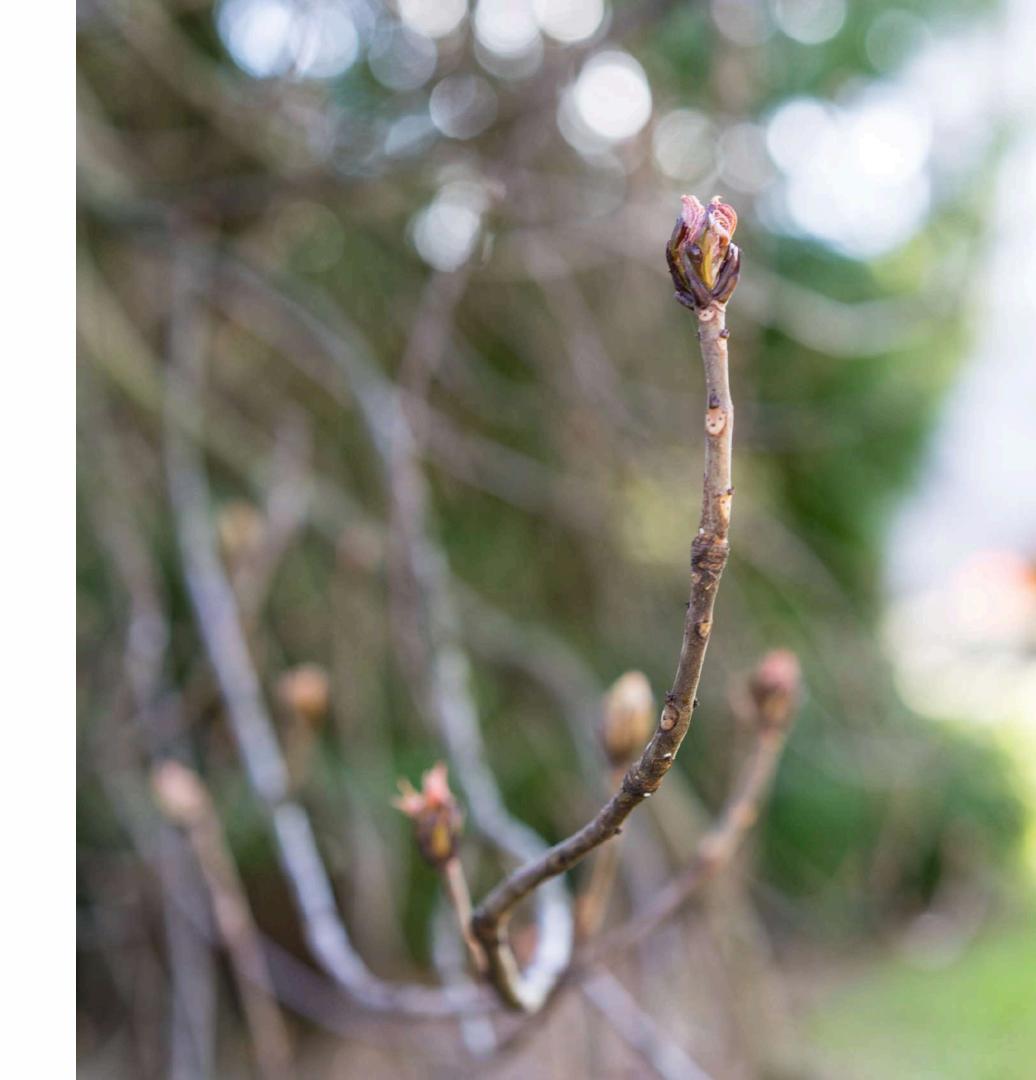


The relationship between the applied dose and the anti-inflammatory effect of the dry standardized horse chestnut seed extract and indomethacin, shown as the percentage of edema inhibition (%).





## SUMMARY





#### **Summary: Conclusion**

#### **Objective:**

 To evaluate the anti-inflammatory and anti-edematous effects of dry standardized horse chestnut seed extract in a carrageenan-induced paw edema model in rats.

#### **Key Findings:**

- The extract demonstrated a dose-dependent anti-inflammatory effect.
- Significant edema inhibition observed at all tested doses:
- 33.01% at 50 mg/kg p.o.
- 70.28% at 100 mg/kg p.o.
- 63.83% at 200 mg/kg p.o.
- Extract doses of 100 and 200 mg/kg were as effective as indomethacin (8 mg/kg p.o.).



#### **Summary: Conclusion**



#### **Human Equivalent Doses (HED):**

- 0.5 g p.o. (corresponds to 50 mg/kg in animals)
- 1.0 g p.o. (corresponds to 100 mg/kg in animals)
- 2.0 g p.o. (corresponds to 200 mg/kg in animals)

#### Clinical Relevance:

- Well-documented clinical efficacy and safety of dry ethanol extract at a daily dose of 100 mg triterpene glycosides (as escin).
- Meta-analysis of 17 clinical studies supports its use in alleviating chronic venous insufficiency (CVI) symptoms: edema, pain, itching.

#### Conclusion:

 Given its significant anti-edematous and anti-inflammatory effects, the tested standardized horse chestnut seed extract could be recommended for relieving CVI symptoms, such as swollen legs, varicose veins, heaviness, pain, fatigue, itching, tension, and cramps.













































