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Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling (ACMS #27)
Therapeutic Goods Administration

Re: Proposed amendments referred for scheduling advice to ACMS #27

The NSW Poisons Information Centre (NSWPIC) provides a phone-based advice service on suspected poisonings to the public and health professionals calling from NSW, TAS and ACT on a near full-time basis and a shared after-hours service to the remainder of Australia. This results in approximately half of Australia's poisons-related calls being received by our Centre.

Sanguinarine

The NSWPIC supports the proposed inclusion of Sanguinarine in Schedule 10. Although not a common call, all exposures to sanguinarine or black salve reported to the NSW PIC have resulted in significant tissue damage and require management in hospital. We have received 4 calls in the past 4 years, 2 of these were errors where veterinary black salve was used instead of ichthammol ointment, 2 were self-treatment alternative therapy for skin cancers. This highly toxic substance has high risk of accidental and intentional exposures which will always result in the need for hospital management. Restricting its access will reduce both of these risks.

1,4-dimethylpentylamine (DMPA) and Phenpromethamine

The NSWPIC supports the proposed inclusion of 1,4-dimethylpentylamine (DMPA) and Phenpromethamine in Schedule 10. We have seen an increase in calls to the NSWPIC regarding exposures to weightloss and body building products in the past 5 years and most of these calls required medical attention (57%). There is often little details of the contents of such supplements but they commonly show signs of stimulant toxicity. Entry of these agents in schedule 10 will minimise opportunity of these being included in weightloss and bodybuilding products.

Year	Calls to NSWPIC on bodybuilding/weightloss products
2014	57
2015	66
2016	68
2017	79
2018	59
Jan-April 2019	30



Regards

