

**Comments on references provided by Herbal Magic in support of the weight loss claims made in supplementary material for the herbal-based WM-2000 formula (unlicensed version)**

The majority of the studies provided by CBC via Herbal Magic in support of their weight loss claim for WM 2000 were animal and *in-vitro* studies. None of the studies were specifically on the WM 2000 formulation. All human trials were conducted on limited population size and some authors self-identified issues with their randomization. While some studies were on single ingredients common to the WM 2000 formulation, most of the human studies were on multi-ingredient formulations that contained ingredients not part of the WM 2000 formulation and as such the results are not applicable to WM 2000. While overall the references provided indicate positive results for the products tested, it must be noted that there are published studies on the same and/or similar products that have reported negative results. Based on the references provided and given that the totality of evidence must be considered for WM 2000 and ingredients contained within WM 2000, in my expert opinion the claims being made in supplemental material are not substantiated at this time.