MUCUNA PRURIENS

Kaunch Beej · Seeds, powders and botanical extracts



Botanical ingredient overview
Mucuna pruriens is a tropical legume commonly known as velvet bean or Kaunch Beej. Its seeds and other plant parts are used as botanical raw materials. Products sold under this name can differ substantially by plant part, processing, extraction method and L-DOPA content; these details should be confirmed for every batch.

Common ingredient formats

Whole seeds Raw or processed seed material; verify identity, cleaning and intended grade.	**Seed powder** Milled seed material; specify mesh size, moisture and any pretreatment.
Botanical extract Extract with defined solvent, extract ratio and carrier/excipient declaration.	**Standardised extract** Specify L-DOPA assay, analytical method and batch acceptance range.

Composition note

L-DOPA (levodopa) is a naturally occurring constituent associated with Mucuna seeds. Its concentration is not fixed by the plant name alone and may vary with source and processing. Do not describe a product as standardised or assign an L-DOPA percentage unless supported by a current, batch-specific laboratory report.

BUYER & FORMULATOR INFORMATION

Specification, quality documentation and responsible handling.



What to verify before purchase

Check	What to confirm
Botanical identity	Confirm *Mucuna pruriens*, plant part, source and authentication method.
Processing	Confirm seed cleaning, pretreatment, drying, milling and extraction process.
L-DOPA assay	Request a batch-specific value, validated test method and acceptance range if relevant.
Extract details	Review solvent, native extract ratio/DER, carriers, excipients and residual solvents.
Quality testing	Review COA and appropriate microbiological, heavy-metal, pesticide and contaminant results.
Regulatory status	Check ingredient legality, permitted use, labelling and destination-market requirements.

Safety and responsible communication

Mucuna products containing L-DOPA are not ordinary food powders. L-DOPA has pharmacological activity and may interact with medicines or be unsuitable for some people. Do not recommend self-medication, dosage or disease-treatment claims. Any intended use in foods, supplements or other products requires review by qualified regulatory and safety professionals for the destination market.

Enquiry checklist

For a quotation, specify seed or extract, plant part, powder mesh or extract ratio, target L-DOPA assay (if applicable), quantity, intended application, destination market and required documentation.

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