

ABSTRACT

Veeram is a local term used in Northern Sri Lanka, for impure mercury (II) chloride. (HgCl₂).

We describe a case with acute, suicidal, mercury (II) chloride poisoning, who presented with confusion, acidosis, and renal shutdown. He was managed with mercury chelation using penicillamine, and acute renal failure with hemodialysis. He made a complete renal recovery on discharge, and on follow up he did not have any neurological symptoms, and have made a complete clinical recovery. A discussion on the acute mercury poisoning follows.