

**LLLT On Damaged Muscle Caused By Bothrops Moojeni Snake Venom**

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The venom of the bothrops moojeni snake was injected into the gastrocnemius of mice to mimic the effect of a snakebite. Traditional therapies for this snakebite have proven less effective. Three groups were tested: A=saline, B=venom and C=venom+ laser. Two sessions of HeNe laser at 4 J/cm<sup>2</sup> during 1 m 32 s were administered and the animals were sacrificed at 24 h, 3 d and 7 d, respectively. The analysis showed myonecrosis with inflammation and an extensive area of degenerated fibres. In the laser group there was, by day 3, an incipient number of regenerating fibres. Laser accelerated the phagocytosis of fibre remnants and recovery of the tissue, decreasing the oedema and increasing regeneration.

