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## **Taste Sensitivity to PTC and Incidence of Colour Blindness Among the Schedule Castes of District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh**

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**ABSTRACT** PTC taste sensitivity in 146 Chamar and 138 Koli from Dist. Mandi, H.P reveals bimodal distribution of tasters and non-tasters; the incidence of tasters being 71.91% for Koli. There is a non-significant difference in their ability to taste PTC ( $\chi^2 = 1.9080$ ) among Chamar and Koli. The percentage of incidence of colour blindness among Kolis has been found to be 2.9% while in the Chamar it is 2.7%, respectively.

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