



REVIEW ON SIDDHA MEDICINAL PLANTS AND FORMULATIONS WITH THROMBOLYTIC ACTIVITY

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ABSTRACT

Thrombotic diseases myocardial infarction or cerebral infarction is serious consequences of the thrombus formed in blood vessels. Thrombolytics are the drugs to lyse thrombi to recanalize occluded blood vessels. Commonly used thrombolytics are Streptokinase, Urokinase, tissue Plasminogen Activator to dissolve the clots. Currently available thrombolytic agents still have significant shortcomings, including the need for large dose to be maximally effective, limited fibrin specificity & bleeding tendency. These shortcomings present in thrombolytic agents have started to seek the attractive alternative medicines. Siddha have huge source of medicine for various diseases. They mention the different properties of Herbal, Mineral and Herbo – mineral drugs which can be used in different disease by making many combination and formulation. This present review had as its objective the compiling of data based on works carried out in some Siddha Medicinal plants that are consumed frequently by humans & that have demonstrated thrombolytic activity.

KEYWORDS: Thrombotic diseases, Thrombolytic activity, Thrombolytics, Siddha Medicinal plants.

INTRODUCTION

A thrombus formed in the blood vessel due to the failure of hemostasis result in vascular blockage and while recovering leads to serious consequences in atherothrombotic diseases such as Myocardial infarction or Cerebral infarction, at times leading to death.^[1] Thrombosis underlies some acute coronary disorders such as pulmonary emboli, Deep Vein Thrombosis, Strokes and Heart attacks and these are the major causes of morbidity and mortality in developed countries.^[2] Of the various circulatory disorders, thrombosis represents the major cause of death globally, affecting millions of people with annual incidence rates varying from 1 per 10,000 young adults to 1 per 100 elderly persons.^[3]

Thrombolytics are the drugs to lyse thrombi to recanalize occluded blood vessels (mainly coronary artery). They are curative rather than prophylactic; work by activating the natural fibrinolytic system. Commonly used thrombolytics are Streptokinase (SK), Urokinase (UK), tissue Plasminogen Activator (tPA) to dissolve the clots.^[4] Therefore thrombolytics are considered as a key tool in the treatment of Cardio vascular thrombotic diseases.

In India, though SK and UK are widely used to lower cost, as compared to other thrombolytic drugs (tPA), their use is associated with hyper risk of haemorrhage^[5] severe anaphylactic reaction & lacks specificity. Moreover, as a result of immunogenicity multiple treatments with SK in a given patient restricted.^[6] Because of the shortcomings of the available thrombolytic drugs, attempts are underway to develop improved recombinant variants of these drugs.^[7-11] Currently available thrombolytic agents still have significant shortcomings, including the need for large dose to be maximally effective, limited fibrin specificity & bleeding tendency. These shortcomings present in thrombolytic agents have started to seek the attractive alternative medicines.

Throughout the history, plants are of the important sources of medicine & a plenty of drugs in use are derived from plants and or their derivatives, & a new plant – derived medicines are continually being discovered. The therapeutic uses of plants are safe, economical & effective as their ease of availability.^[12] Medicinal plants are widely used in the traditional system for the treatment of several diseases that contain

chemical compounds which act as precursor for the synthesis of useful drugs.^[13] Siddha is an ancient and traditional system of science, which gives basic philosophy of diagnosis, prevention & management of diseases. Siddha have huge source of medicine for various diseases. They mention the different properties of Herbal, Mineral and Herbo – mineral drugs which can be used in different disease by making many combination and formulation.

This present review had as its objective the compiling of data based on works carried out in some Siddha Medicinal plants that are consumed frequently by humans & that have demonstrated thrombolytic activity. With these goals in mind, the authors of this article have attempted to give information to researchers who are exploring compounds with this potential and to encourage the development of new investigations in this area of study.

THROMBOLYTIC MEDICINAL PLANTS

Aegle marmelos

Family: Rutaceae

Tamil Name: *Vilvam*

Common Name: Bael tree

Part Used: Leaves

Thrombolytic activity

Aegle marmelos leaf extract using a simple and quick in vitro clot lysis assay was performed which exhibited maximum 84% clot lysis at 800 µg/ml concentration in 90 mins and incubation at 37°C. Various concentrations of leaf extract i.e. 200 µg/ml, 400 µg/ml and 800 µg/ml where tested at time intervals of 90 mins and incubation 37°C for observing maximum clot lysis. The results findings indicated that concentrations of leaf extract enhanced the percentage of clot lysis in dose dependent manner. However; SK and water were used as a positive and negative control showed clot lysis maximum 89% and 2% in 90 mins of incubation respectively.^[14]

Andrographis paniculata

Family: Acanthaceae

Tamil Name: *Nilavembu*

Common Name: Green chiretta kalmegh

Part Used: Aerial part

Thrombolytic activity

To evaluate the thrombolytic activity of (Dichloromethane: Methanol), chloroform and methanol extracts of aerial parts of *Andrographis paniculata* by in vitro method. Among the 3 extracts multiple solvent extract have shown a significant (73.01%) clot lysis and when compared with standard drug (SK) it showed similar activity. Hence, it may be concluded that the multiple solvent extract of aerial parts of *Andrographis paniculata* having thrombolytic activity.^[15]

Bacopa monnieri

Family: Scrophulariaceae

Tamil Name: *Neer brahmami*

Common Name: Thyme leafed gratiola

Part Used: Leaves

Thrombolytic activity

To evaluate the thrombolytic activity of ethanolic, methanolic, acetone and aqueous extracts of root, stem and leaf of *Bacopa monnieri* by in vitro method. Extraction was carried out using Soxhlet apparatus. The leaf ethanolic extract showed highest thrombolysis followed by aqueous, methanol and acetone extract. Concentration of phytochemicals and incubation time were directly proportional to the clot lysis.^[16]

Chloroform extract of *Bacopa monnieri* displayed significant thrombolytic properties in different blood samples. The mean percent thrombolytic activity of chloroform plant extract of *Bacopa monnieri* was found to be 48.39%, When compared with positive (SK-85.77%) and negative control (water-4.70%).^[17]

Brassica oleracea flower

Family: Brassicaceae

Common Name: Cauliflower

Part Used: Flower

Thrombolytic activity

The study was evaluated the thrombolytic activity of methanol extract of the flower of *Brassica oleracea* by in-vitro method. Extract of the plant showed (42.75±3.72%) thrombolytic compared with standard Streptokinase's (67.32±5.25%) clot lytic activity in case of thrombolysis assay.^[18]

Camellia sinensis

Family: Theaceae

Common Name: Green tea

Part Used: Leaves

Thrombolytic activity

Thrombolytic activity of crude water, ethanol and acetone extracts of *Camellia sinensis* (green tea) leaves in vitro. Rapid methodology was validated to discover thrombolytic effect of water, ethanol and acetone extracts of *Camellia sinensis* leaves where SK and water were used as a positive and negative controls, respectively. The percentage of clot lysis was statistically significant ($p < 0.0001$) when compared with negative control.

Using an in vitro thrombolytic model, water, ethanol and acetone extracts of *Camellia sinensis* (green tea) leaves revealed moderate thrombolytic activity (45.60±2.313%, 37.68±2.211% and 30.51%±2.551%, respectively) whereas standard SK demonstrated 87.15±3.212% thrombolytic effect and negative control water showed 5.60±2.131% clot lysis of clot.^[19]

Carica papaya

Family: Caricaceae

Tamil Name: Pappaali

Common Name: Papaya

Part Used: Root, leaf and seed

Thrombolytic activity

To investigate the thrombolytic activity of aqueous extract of *Carica papaya* (root, seed and leaf) parts. SK was used as a positive control. The human blood was taken as test sample. The mean % of clot lysis for SK was 36.44%. Similarly, the root, seed and leaf extracts of *Carica papaya* showed the mean% of clot lysis as 24.70%, 24.29% and 23.67% respectively. When all this three extracts were compared with SK, they were significant at $p < 0.05\%$.^[20]

Commelina benghalensis

Family: Commelinaceae

Tamil Name: Kaanaam vaazhai

Common Name: Blue Spider wort

Part Used: Leaves

Thrombolytic activity

In this study, methanolic extracts of the leaves of *Commelina benghalensis* was subjected to assess the thrombolytic activity by in vitro model. The results were compared with standard drug SK. Addition of 100 μ l SK to the clots along with 90 mins at the incubation of 37°C, showed (75 $\pm$ 0.09%) clot lysis. Clots when treated with 100 μ l of sterile distilled water (control) revealed negligible (4.19 $\pm$ 0.12%) clot lysis effect. Methanol extract of leaves of *Commelina benghalensis* showed thrombolytic activity was 40.94 $\pm$ 0.78%.^[21]

Delonix elata

Family: Fabaceae

Tamil Name: Vaadha narayanan

Common Name: White Gul Mohur, yellow Gul Mohur

Part Used: Leaves

Thrombolytic activity

The study was to evaluate the thrombolytic activity by in vitro method of aqueous and ethanolic extracts of the leaves of *Delonix elata*. The thrombolytic activity was investigated by the addition of the test material to the pre-clotted blood that was incubated for 90 mins at 37°C & was expressed as percentage of clot lysis. The aqueous and ethanolic extracts of leaves of *Delonix elata* displayed a dose dependent thrombolytic effect ranging from 6.90% to 17.12% and 5.08% to 12.33%, respectively. It was found that ethanolic extracts demonstrated higher thrombolytic effect than aqueous extracts. These results are compared with the positive control SK and negative control which displayed a moderate clot lysis of 19.80% and 1.50%, respectively.^[22]

Erythrina variegata

Family: Fabaceae

Tamil Name: Kaliyana murukku

Common Name: Indian Coral tree

Part Used: Bark

Thrombolytic activity

In this experiment, various extracts of the bark of *Erythrina variegata* were subjected to evaluate the thrombolytic activity by using human erythrocyte. The results were compared with standard drug SK. Addition of 100 μ l SK to the clots along with 90 mins at the incubation of 37°C, displayed 78.42% clot lysis effect. Clots when treated with 100 μ l of sterile distilled water (control) revealed 3.21% clot lysis. Methanol extract showed highest thrombolytic activity 72.14 $\pm$ 3.77%, whereas ethanol and chloroform extracts of the bark of *Erythrina variegata* revealed moderate thrombotic activities (60.08 $\pm$ 2.07% and 55.82 $\pm$ 2.48% respectively).^[23]

Lablab purpureus

Family: Fabaceae

Tamil Name: Avarai

Common Name: Bean

Part Used: Leaves

Thrombolytic activity

The leaves extracts of *Lablab purpureus* were subjected to the thrombolytic activity was evaluated by using human erythrocyte and the results were compared with standard SK. Addition of 100 μ l SK, a positive control, to the clots and subsequent incubation for 90 mins at 37°C, revealed 93.29% lysis of clot. At the same time, distilled water was used as a negative control which exhibited negligible clot lysis (4.74%). In this study, the carbon tetrachloride soluble fraction (CCSF) demonstrated highest thrombolytic activity (51.60%), Ethanolic fraction (EF) showed 41.81% clot lysis effect and n-hexane soluble fraction (HSF) revealed 22.47% lysis of clot.^[24]

Mesuea ferrea

Family: Clusiaceae

Tamil Name: Naagapoo

Common Name: Cobra Saffron

Part Used: Leaves

Thrombolytic activity

Methanolic extract of leaves of *Mesuea ferrea* was used to evaluate the thrombolytic effect of the various fractions was investigated in clot lysis experiment. The extract exerted 36.32% clot lysis of the blood in the thrombolytic activity test while 85.45% and 7.5% lysis were obtained for positive control (SK) and negative control respectively. So, the methanolic extract of leaves of *Mesuea ferrea* possessed considerable thrombolytic activity.^[25]

Momordica charantia

Family: Cucurbitaceae

Tamil Name: *Paagal*

Common Name: Bitter gourd

Part Used: Fruits

Thrombolytic activity

Thrombolytic investigation involved five young volunteers to get different type of blood samples. Five concentrations of crude ethanolic extract of *Momordica charantia* fruit were used for the study, with SK as standard, sterilized distilled water as a negative control to validate the method. Thrombolytic activity of the fruit was found significant ($p < 0.01$) except for the concentration 4mg/ml, when compared with negative control (water) at different doses. The fruit showed mild clot lysis, i.e. $2.16 \pm 0.723\%$, $5.06 \pm 1.058\%$, $8.60 \pm 0.626\%$, $11.64 \pm 0.747\%$ and $15.18 \pm 1.691\%$ at 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10mg/ml concentrations respectively, while SK showed $47.22 \pm 2.738\%$ clot lysis. From the above results suggest that the crude ethanolic extract of *Momordica charantia* fruit possess mild thrombolytic activity in vitro.^[26]

Nigella sativa

Family: Ranunculaceae

Tamil Name: *Karunchirakam*

Common Name: Black Cumin

Part Used: Seeds

Thrombolytic activity

An in-vitro method was adopted to check the thrombolytic activity of seeds of *Nigella sativa* against SK as a positive control. It was found that after addition of SK, clot formation is delayed up to more than 90 mins. Different concentrations of *Nigella sativa* extract delayed the clot formation. The maximum delay in the clot formation of 27 min was recorded at 1.00 mg/dl. For thrombolytic activity, at this concentration the clot dissolution time was 79 min with aqueous extracts.^[27]

Punica granatum

Family: Punicaceae

Tamil Name: *Maadhulai*

Common Name: Pomegranate

Part Used: Fruit and exocarp

Thrombolytic activity

Ethanolic and aqueous extract of fruit and peel of the *Punica granatum* was used for in vitro clot lysis activity. Streptokinase (SK) was used as standard. In a series of pre-weighed eppendorf tubes, equal volume of venous blood was collected & serum was removed and the tubes were weighed. The tubes containing clot were incubated with fruit, peel extract (100 µg/ml) and SK individually at 37°C for 60 minutes. After incubation, fluid was removed and tubes were again weighed to observe the difference in weight after clot disruption. The percentage of clot lysis was determined. Of the extracts, ethanolic extract showed maximum activity compared with

aqueous extract. Maximum Thrombolytic activity 59% was observed with ethanolic extract of peel of the fruit (ascorbic acid).^[28]

Swertia chirata

Family: Gentianaceae

Tamil Name: *Siratkuchii*

Common Name: Bitter stick

Part Used: Stick

Thrombolytic activity

Ethanol extract of *Swertia chirata* was evaluated for its thrombolytic activity by in-vitro method. Clot lysis assay method was used for in vitro thrombolytic study. The crude ethanol extract was found to have significant thrombolytic test revealed a maximum effect of 40.38% when compared with the standard drug SK (69.35%).^[29]

Tamarindus indica

Family: Caesalpiniaceae

Tamil Name: *Puli*

Common Name: Tamarind tree

Part Used: Fruit pulp

Thrombolytic activity

In –vitro evaluation of Thrombolytic activity of *Tamarindus indica* pulp of fruits in three extracts, Ethanol, Acetone and DM water extract. SK and Water were used as a positive and negative control respectively. From the experiment DM water showed 2.1% of clot lysis. Thrombolytic property of SK revealed 86.3%. Ethanol extract of pulp of *Tamarindus indica* and DM water extract of pulp showed 57% and 55.3% clotlysis respectively. Acetone extract revealed 52.9% of clotlysis property.^[30]

Terminalia bellerica

Family: Combretaceae

Tamil Name: *Tanrikkai*

Common Name: Beleric Myrobalans

Part Used: Fruits

Thrombolytic activity

An in vitro method was used to demonstrate the clot lysis effect of the fruits of *Terminalia bellerica* along with SK as a positive control. From this study, at the concentration of 1.00 mg/ dl the clot dissolution time is minimum i.e. 58 and 66 mins for aqueous and alcoholic extracts respectively. From this above study, it was found that the fruits of *Terminalia bellerica* possess thrombolytic activity in vitro.^[31]

Withania somnifera

Family: Solanaceae

Tamil Name: *Amukkura kizhangu*

Common Name: Winter cherry (Ashwagandha)

Part Used: Root Thrombolytic activity:

The root extracts of *Withania somnifera* were subjected to the thrombolytic activity on human blood sample. The

thrombolytic activity was evaluated by using human erythrocyte and the results were compared with standard drug SK.

Addition of 100µl SK standard to the clots along with 90 mins of incubation at 37°C, showed 66.77% of clot lysis. Clots when treated with 100µl sterile water (control)

showed negligible clot lysis (2.64%). The methanol extract revealed the highest thrombolytic activity (68.14%). Whereas the extracts of ethanol and chloroform of the root of *Withania somnifera* showed moderate (21.15% and 17.64%) thrombolytic activities.^[32]

S. No	Name of the plant	Tamil name	Common name	Part Used	Remarks
1	<i>Acacia nilotica</i>	<i>Karuvel</i>	Black Babool	Root	Addition of 500 µl of SK of 30,000 IU and 15,000 IU concentrations to tubes showed highly significant ($P < 0.001$) clot lysis of 47.21% and 24.73% respectively comparing with 5.35% clot lysis of normal saline considered as a negative control. At 5mg/ml concentration of root extract of <i>Acacia nilotica</i> showed 15.1% of thrombolysis activity. ^[33]
2	<i>Anacardium occidentale</i>	<i>Muntiri</i>	Cashew nut		Thrombolytic activity of Aqueous extract of <i>Anacardium occidentale</i> revealed $33.79 \pm 2.926\%$. ^[34]
3	<i>Azadiracta indica</i>	<i>Vembu</i>	Neem		Clot lysis effect of Aqueous extract of <i>Azadiracta indica</i> displayed $27.47 \pm 6.943\%$ by using in-vitro method. ^[33]
4	<i>Curcuma longa</i>	<i>Manjal</i>	Turmeric		An in-vitro thrombolytic model was used to check the clot lysis effect of aqueous extract of <i>Curcuma longa</i> along with SK & Water used as a positive and negative control. The percentage (%) of clot lysis was statistically ($p < 0.0001$) showed $32.94 \pm 3.663\%$. ^[34]
5	<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>	<i>Adhimadhuram</i>	Liquorice		An in-vitro thrombolytic model was used to check the clot lysis effect of aqueous extract of <i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i> showed $17.8 \pm 3.4\%$ of clot lysis along with reference to SK (86.2%). ^[35]
6	<i>Hemedesmus indicus</i>	<i>Nannaari</i>	Indian Sarsaparilla		Aqueous extract of <i>Hemedesmus indicus</i> revealed $20.3 \pm 5.7\%$ of clot lysis along with SK and water were used as a positive and negative control respectively. ^[35]
7	<i>Justicia adhatoda</i>	<i>Aadathoda</i>	Malabar-nut	Root	Clot lysis effect of Root extract of <i>Justicia adhatoda</i> showed 19.63% which was comparing with SK (positive control) and Normal saline (negative control). ^[33]
8	<i>Ocimum sanctum</i>	<i>Thulasi</i>	Holy basil		Addition of 100 µl SK, a positive control to the clots along with 90 minutes of incubation at 37°C, revealed 86.2% clot lysis. Clots when treated with 100 µl sterile distilled water (negative control) showed 4.7% clot lysis. After treatment of clots with 100 µl of <i>Ocimum sanctum</i> showed moderate thrombolysis i.e. $30.01 \pm 6.168\%$. ^[34]
9	<i>Rubia cordifolia</i>	<i>Manjiti</i>	Indian Madder		In vitro method of thrombolytic activity of <i>Rubia cordifolia</i> displayed $14.5 \pm 3\%$ of clot lysis. ^[35]
10	<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>	<i>Seendhil</i>	Heart leaved Mooseed		Aqueous extract of <i>Tinospora cordifolia</i> showed $19.3 \pm 3.4\%$ of thrombolytic activity by using in vitro model. ^[35]

SIDDHA FORMULATIONS

Ayanaga parpam^[36]
 Egguchendhooram^[37]
 Kaandha parpam^[38]
 Sembuchendhooram^[39]
 Naaga parpam^[40]
 Sangu parpam^[41]
 Palagarai chendhooram^[42]
 Navaneetha parpam^[43]
 Inji nei^[44]
 Vellaipoondulagam^[45]
 Mudakkothan Ennai^[46]
 Mudakothan nnnai^[47]
 Veera mezhugu^[48]
 Thaamira chendhooram^[49]
 Kaalamega narayana chendhooram^[50]
 Sadatchara akkini kumaaran^[51]
 Kariuppu chendhooram^[52]
 Panchalavana parpam^[53]
 Arugam ver thylam^[54]
 Maharaja mirugaangam^[55]
 Mahavasanthakusumaharam^[56]
 Appiraga parpam^[57]
 Soodha parpam^[58]
 Sirungi parpam^[59]
 Sirungi chendhooram^[60]

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