

## THE EVALUATION OF ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIVITY OF SIDDHA FORMULATION MUNNAILLAI KUDINEER (*PREMNA CORYMBOSA*, *BURM.F.*) CARRAGEENAN INDUCED ALBINO WISTAR RATS

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### ABSTRACT

The Munnaiilai kudineer (MIK) is (*Premna corymbosa*, *Burm.f.*) used in Siddha system for the management of arthritis, gastric ulcer, hypertension, giddiness and hemorrhoids. The classical siddha text Gunapadam mooligai part 1 (**Dr.K.S.Murugesha Muthaliyar**). The aim of study is to evaluate the anti-inflammatory activity of Munnaiilai kudineer. Test compounds are assessed for acute anti-inflammatory activity by examining their ability to reduced carrageenan-induced hind paw edema and pleurisy induced rat models. The end of result showed Munnaiilai Kudineer behaves as an inhibitor of leukocyte migration and the formation of pleural exudates, after oral administration of MIK had significantly reduced in swelling in Wistar albino rat.

**KEYWORDS:** Anti inflammatory, Munnaiilai Kudineer, Wistar rats, Siddha formulation.

### INTRODUCTION

Siddha medicine is a traditional system, it was originated from South Indian based system of medicine. The Siddha system is an ancient medicinal practices and spiritual disciplines as well as alchemy and mysticism. In Siddha system of medicine are commonly used in plant, mineral, and animal resources, which is acquired from the natural surroundings.

Munnaiilai (*Premnacorymbosa*) is a potent medicinal plant in the Siddha system. Traditionally the leaves are used in the treatment of vatha diseases, giddiness, loss of appetite and in pain management.

Inflammation is a complex biological response of vascular tissues against aggressive agents such as pathogens, irritants, or damaged cells. Acute inflammation is the initial response and is characterized by the increased movement of plasma and innate immune system cells, such as neutrophils and macrophages, from the blood into the injured tissues. The standard signs of inflammation are expressed by increased blood flow, elevated cellular metabolism, vasodilatation, release of soluble mediators, extravasation of fluids and cellular influx (Ferrero-Miliani et al. 2007). Upon the presence of the inflammatory agent, cell membranes induce the activation of phospholipase A2 followed by release of arachidonic acid and inflammatory mediators such as cytokines, serotonin, histamine, prostaglandin and leukotrienes that increase vascular permeability, thus

facilitating the migration of leukocytes to the site of inflammation (Dassler et al. 2004).

Inflammation induced by carrageenan is acute, non-immune, well-researched, and highly reproducible. Cardinal signs of inflammation edema, hyperalgesia, and erythema developed after immediately following subcutaneous injection, resulting from action of proinflammatory agents, bradykinin, histamine, tachykinins, complement and reactive oxygen, and nitrogen species. The saponins displayed significant antinociceptive, anti-inflammatory and antipyretic activities possibly due to their nonglycosidic moiety. The saponin is diverse activities have been reported such as anti-allergic, antifungal, analgesic (Hostettmann et al. 2007, Milgate et al. 1995, and Francis et al. 2007). Moreover a variety of siddha formulation preparation have proved to be useful in animal models of inflammation [De La Lastra, C.A et al. 2007, Liu Yet al. 2012 and Kang 2010].

Paw swelling or foot pad edema is a formidable method for assessing inflammatory responses to antigenic challenges and irritants. The test compounds are assessed for acute anti-inflammatory activity by examining their ability to reduce or prevent the development of carrageenan-induced paw swelling. In the present study attempts are made to validate the claims of Munnaiilai Kudineer (MIK) regarding the anti-inflammatory activities.

## METHODS AND MATERIALS

### Collection of Plant Material

The plant material was freshly collected in and around palayamkottai at Tirunelveli district. It was identified and authenticated by the Medicinal Botanist and Gunapadam experts at GOVERNMENT SIDDHA MEDICAL COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL.

### Preparation of Munnaiillai Kudineer

Fresh leaves of Munnaiillai (leaf) was cleaned and made drying in shade. Then it was made into crystal powder. The Kudineer was prepared by boiling 7.5gms of powder in 200ml of water and finally to make for decoction.

### Animals

Male albino rats ( $180 \pm 5$  g) were obtained from animal house, K.M. College of pharmacy, Madurai and maintained in standard laboratory conditions. They were given standard laboratory diet and water ad libitum. All the animals are approved by the Institutional Animal Ethics Committee, and were in accordance with the guidelines of the committee for the purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiment's on Animal (CPCSEA), Government of India. (KMCP/20/2018).

### Acute inflammation

Carrageenan-induced rat paw oedema is used widely as a working model of inflammation in the search for new anti-inflammatory drug. The anti-inflammatory activity of the siddha formulation Munnaiillai Kudineer was evaluated by carrageenan-induced rat paw edema method [Winter et al. 1962 and Vinegar et al. 1994]. Albino Wistar rats ( $180 \pm 5$  g) were used. Anti-inflammatory activity was measured using carrageenan induced rat paw edema assay. The rats were divided into 5 groups of 5 animals each. Group I. were given normal saline and treated as negative control. Group II was treated with carrageenan (1% w/v) in saline in the subplanter region of the right hind paw rats. Group III were administered Indomethacin (10 mg/kg, bw) and considered as standard. Rats from Group IV and V were given two doses siddha formulation (100 and 200 mg/kg bw). Acute paw edema

was induced by injecting 0.1 ml of 1% (w/v) carrageenan solution, pre-prepared in normal saline. After 1 h, 0.1 ml, 1% carrageenan suspension in 0.9% NaCl solution was injected into the sub-plantar tissue of the right hind paw. The linear paw circumference will be measured at hourly interval for 4 h. The perimeter of paw was measured by using vernier callipers. Measurements were taken at 0–4 h after the administration of the carrageenan. The edema was calculated by using.

$$\% \text{inhibition of edema} = \frac{T - T_0}{T} \times 100$$

T-Thickness of paw in control group; T<sub>0</sub>-Thickness of paw edema in the test compound treated group.

### Carrageenan Induced Pleurisy In Rats

The animals were divided into five groups of five rats each as described in the carrageenan induced paw edema model [Tomlinson et al. 1994, Vinegar R et al. 1982] and each were pretreated with siddha formulation (100 and 200 mg/kg, p.o.), Indomethacin (10 mg/kg, p.o.) or normal saline (0.1 ml). One hour later all the animals were received 0.25 ml of an intrapleural injection of 1% carrageenan on the right side of the thorax. The animals were sacrificed 3 h after carrageenan injection by either inhalation. One ml of heparinized Hank's solution was injected into the pleural cavity and gently massaged to mix its contents. The fluid was aspirated out of the cavity and the exudates were collected. The number of migrating leukocytes in the exudates was determined with Neubauer chamber.

The values of each experimental group were expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM and compared with the control group.

### Statistical analysis

Results of anti-inflammatory activity are expressed as Mean increase in paw diameter  $\pm$  SD. Results were analyzed using one way ANOVA. Differences were considered as statistically significant at  $P < 0.05$  are compared to control

**Table 1: Result of Munnaiillai Kudineer on Carrageenan Induced rat paw edema.**

Treatment	Dose (mg/kg, p.o.)	Mean increase in paw volume (ml)	% Decrease in paw volume
Normal control	10ml/kg saline	1.05 $\pm$ 0.09	
Toxic control	0.1 ml, 1% carrageenan	3.45 $\pm$ 0.24 <sup>*a</sup>	
Standard control	10mg/kg Indomethacin	1.20 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>*b</sup>	65.21%
Treatment control	100mg/kg MunnaiillaiKudineer	1.40 $\pm$ 0.18 <sup>*b</sup>	59.42%
Treatment control	200mg/kg MunnaiillaiKudineer	1.32 $\pm$ 0.14 <sup>*b</sup>	61.73%

Values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM.

Values were compared by using analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Newman-Keul's multiple range tests.

\* (a) Values are significantly different from normal control G1 at  $P < 0.01$ . \* (b) Values are significantly different from Toxic control G2 at  $P < 0.01$ .

**Table 2: Result of Munnaiilai Kudineer on Carrageenan Induced Pleurisy in rats.**

Treatment	Dose (mg/kg, p.o.)	Pleural exudates (ml)	Leukocytes ( $\times 10^3$ cells/ml)
Normal control	10ml/kg saline	0.14 $\pm$ 0.05	0.37 $\pm$ 0.03
Toxic control	0.1 ml, 1% carrageenan	0.42 $\pm$ 0.14 <sup>*a</sup>	4.20 $\pm$ 0.36 <sup>*a</sup>
Standard control	10mg/kg Indomethacin	0.15 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>*b</sup>	0.46 $\pm$ 0.05 <sup>*b</sup>
Treatment control	100mg/kg MunnaiilaiKudineer	0.21 $\pm$ 0.09 <sup>*b</sup>	0.54 $\pm$ 0.08 <sup>*b</sup>
Treatment control	200mg/kg MunnaiilaiKudineer	0.16 $\pm$ 0.07 <sup>*b</sup>	0.51 $\pm$ 0.06 <sup>*b</sup>

Values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM.

Values were compared by using analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Newman-Keul's multiple range tests.

\* (a) Values are significantly different from normal control G1 at  $P < 0.01$ .

(b) Values are significantly different from Toxic control G2 at  $P < 0.01$ .

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The effect of Munnaiilai Kudineer on carrageenan-induced edema in rats is shown in Table 1. The results obtained indicate that the siddha formulation Munnaiilai Kudineer had significant anti-inflammatory activity in rats. The Munnaiilai Kudineer reduced the edema induced carrageenan by 59.42% and 61.73% on oral administration of 100 and 200mg/kg, as compared to the untreated control group. Indomethacin at 10 mg/kg inhibited the edema volume by 65.21%.

The result of Munnaiilai Kudineer on carrageenan-induced pleurisy in rats is shown in Table 2. The volume of pleural exudates in the toxic control group was 0.42 $\pm$ 0.14ml. All the animals were treated with the siddha formulation Munnaiilai Kudineer (100 and 200 mg/kg, p.o.) and decreased the pleural exudates to 0.21 $\pm$ 0.09 ml and 0.16 $\pm$ 0.07. Treatment with Indomethacin (10 mg/kg, p.o.) produced the exudates of 0.15 $\pm$ 0.06 ml. The leukocyte count for the control group was found to be 4.20 $\pm$ 0.36 $\times 10^3$  cells/ml. Animal treated with the siddha formulation Munnaiilai Kudineer and standard produced leukocyte migration of 0.54 $\pm$ 0.08 $\times 10^3$ , 0.51 $\pm$ 0.06 $\times 10^3$  and 0.46 $\pm$ 0.05 $\times 10^3$  cells/ml, respectively.

## DISCUSSION

The frequency of intake of NSAID's and their reported common side effects, there is need to focus on the scientific exploration of Siddha formulation drugs having fewer side effects. So, there is a continuous search for indigenous drugs, which can provide relief to inflammation. Carrageenan induced inflammation is a biphasic phenomenon [Vinegar et al. 1969]. The first phase of edema is attributed to release of histamine and 5-hydroxytryptamine. Plateau phase is maintained by kinin like substances and second accelerating phase of swelling is attributed to prostaglandin like substances.

The tests performed with the Munnaiilai Kudineer in the pleurisy induced rat models showed that the

Munnaiilai Kudineer behaves as an inhibitor of leukocyte migration and the formation of pleural exudates when given orally, as reported earlier [Mikami et al. 1983].

The conclusion of the siddha formulation Munnaiilai Kudineer possess significant anti-inflammatory activity in albino rats. Further studies involving the biochemical pathways may result in the development of a potent anti-inflammatory action and low toxicity and high therapeutic value.

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