



## A Review on Pharmacological effects of *Rubia cordifolia*

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### ABSTRACT

The Ayurvedic medicinal plant has lesser side effects, safety for health and good therapeutic efficacy; they have used from ancient time in primary health care and chronic disease ailments. Manjishtha (*Rubia cordifolia* L.) belonging to Family Rubiaceae. It is commonly known as 'Indian Madder'. *R. cordifolia* is an old restorative plant which contains different pharmacological activities like Antiulcer Activity, Cardio protective activity, Anti-platelet activating effect, Diuretic Activity, Nephrotoxicity and wound mending property and its organic products has toxicological impacts. This investigation brings about an outline of pharmacological and traditional impacts of *R. cordifolia*.

**Key words:** *Rubia cordifolia* Linn, Phytochemistry, Taxonomic Classification, Pharmacological Effects, Synonyms, Traditional uses.

### INTRODUCTION

*Rubia cordifolia* is an enduring climbing herbaceous plant. It is otherwise called Indian madder, which is a blooming plant animal category in the espresso family, Rubiaceae. The concentrates and phytochemicals of *Rubia* plants had attracted impressive consideration because of their intense bioactivities.<sup>1</sup>

Traditionally utilized against, joint pain, hack, diabetes, staining of the skin, dysmenorrhea, general weakness, hemorrhoids, hepatopathy, discontinuous fevers, jaundice, leukorrhea, neuralgia, pectoral illnesses, pharyngitis, and

furthermore numerous pharmacological activities, though the roots are utilized for purgative, pain relieving, , loss of motion and intestinal ulcers, and so on In these cases, for example, in blood, skin and urinogenital messes, looseness of the bowels, heaps, ulcers, and irritations the stem of *rubia* is utilized.<sup>2</sup> Studies revealed that this plant as a significant for relieving different sicknesses in customary medication.


### Phytochemistry

*R. cordifolia* (Manjistha) basically known for its anthraquinones and naphthohydroquinones phytochemical constituents.<sup>3</sup> The major phytoconstituents of *R. cordifolia* reported include

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rubiadin, rubicordone A, rubiasins A-C, rubiatriol (triterpenoid), 6-methoxygeniposidic acid an iridoid glycoside and two pentacyclic triterpenoid-rubicoumaric acid, and rubifolic acid. Mollugin, furomollugin, and dehydro-alpha-lapachone are isolated from chloroform fraction.<sup>4,6</sup>

#### Taxonomic Classification<sup>7</sup>

**Kingdom:** Plantae  
**Class:** Dicotyledoneae  
**Subclass:** Sympetalae  
**Order:** Rubiales  
**Family:** Rubiaceae  
**Genus:** *Rubia*  
**Species:** *cordifolia*.

**Synonyms:** Jingi, yojanavalli, samanga, raktanga, bhandi, vikasa, vastraranjani, manjetha, rakta, indianmaddar, manjitha

#### Traditional uses<sup>8</sup>

**Rasa:** Tikta (bitter), kashaya (astringent), madhur (sweet)  
**Guna:** Guru (heavy), ruksha (dry)  
**Veerya:** Ushna (hot)  
**Vipaka:** Katu (pungent)  
**Dosha:** Pacifies kapha and pitta  
**Karma:** Varnaropana, Jwarhara, shothahar, kushthaghnaPharmacol

#### Pharmacological activities of *R. cordifolia*

The pharmacological activities of *R. cordifolia* has briefly discussed following are:-

**Anti-arthritis Property:** The ethanolic concentrate of *R. cordifolia* has basic enemy of joint potential and it likewise showed paw edema restraint in the incited ligament model, which is like a nonsteroidal calming drug, called aspirin.<sup>9</sup>

**Antiulcer Activity:** The concentrate showed considerable and huge assurance against gastric ulcers on the whole the models contrasted with ranitidine. In polyherbal plans, the ulcerogenicity impact in rodents showed altogether lesser ulcer impact even at a high measurements when contrasted with that of aspirin.<sup>10</sup>

**Cardio protective activity:** *Rubia cordifolia* an individual plant with various exercises is crucial for help heart wellbeing such as for hypolipidemic, diuretic, calcium channel blocker, vasodilator, antiplatelet.<sup>11</sup>

**Anti-platelet activating effect:** Part of the way refined part of the entire plant restrains the activity of platelet actuating factor at its receptor level either by its impeding or desensitization property.<sup>12</sup>

**Sexual Performance and Virility activity:** *Rubia cordifolia* have been approved for their impact on sexual conduct and richness and can, along these lines, fill in as the reason for the distinguishing proof of new compound leads valuable in sexual and erectile brokenness.<sup>13</sup>

**Diuretic Activity:** The hydro alcoholic extricate just as the ethanol separate showed a huge expansion in pee volume and electrolyte discharge in a portion subordinate way contrasted and the reference drugs.<sup>14</sup>

**Antiviral Activity:** The methanolic concentrates of leaves have a base inhibitory grouping of various infection utilizing HEL cell societies and Vero cell cultures.<sup>15</sup>

**Antiproliferative Property:** Aqueous extract of root shows to have an imperative of proliferative impact. The antiproliferative property was likewise tried on A-431 cells (epidermal carcinomoid cells) and 3T3 fibroblast cells and recorded that the restraint joining of [3H]-thymidine, is in a portion subordinate way.<sup>16</sup>

**Radioprotective Property:** When *R. cordifolia* remove was controlled intra peritoneal before radiation openness. Results recommend the alcoholic root remove gives insurance against radiation-initiated lipid peroxidation, hemopoietic injury and genotoxicity.<sup>17</sup>

**Nephrotoxicity:** The concentrate could essentially diminish the cisplatin incited nephrotoxicity as induced from the tissue cancer prevention agent status in the medication managed creatures. Noteworthy change was seen in serum creatinine and urea levels. Lipid peroxidation in the kidney and liver tissues was too significantly decreased in *Rubia cordifolia* extricate treated animals.<sup>18</sup>

**Anti-microbial activity:** Concentrate of *R. cordifolia* showed a decent inhibitory action against *P. acnes* normalized culture. *Rubia cordifolia* was powerful against The green integrated silver nanoparticles utilizing *R. cordifolia* plant root separate was profoundly hindering the bacterial microorganisms looking like *Plesiomonasshigelloides*, *Vibrio alginolyticus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Shigella* spp, and *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*. They had most noteworthy antimicrobial impact against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Plesiomonasshigelloides*.<sup>19</sup>

**Anti-inflammatory activity:** The mitigating activity is a result of the presence of rubimallin. The fluid concentrate showed mitigating movement in rodents with carrageenan paw oedema in a dose

subordinate way, which is tantamount to that of phenylbutazone.<sup>20</sup>

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**Anti-oxidant activity:** The cancer prevention agent properties of *R. cordifolia* remove for assurance Alcoholic against lipid peroxidation and diminished glutathione (GSH) content in rodent liver homogenate contrasted and nutrient E and parabenzoquinone.<sup>22</sup>

**Wound Healing Effect:** *R. cordifolia*, *C. asiatica*, *T. belerica*, *P. zeylanica*, and *W. somnifera* was defined. Creatures were examined every day up to twentieth days and recuperating was acceptable and produces wound compression, time of epithelization and histological examination. It

shows, that there is compression and new epithelization of extraction wound.<sup>23</sup>

**Anti-tumour activity:** Against tumor action of RC-18, demonstrated from *Rubia cordifolia* was consistently tried in various arrangements of investigations on a range of exploratory murine tumors, viz. P388, L1210, L5178Y, B16 melanoma, Lewis lung carcinoma and sarcoma-180.<sup>24</sup>

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