

**Evaluation of Anthelmintic properties of  
*Sesbania grandiflora* (Kathuru murunga) against larvae of  
Toxocaracanis and Haemonchuscontortus**

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*Sesbania grandiflora* is a slender tree. It is a common garden plant in Sri Lanka, which grows well in mid and low country. In Sri Lanka, *S. grandiflora* is used as a home remedy, in treatment of worm infections in humans. *Toxocaracanis* is a helminth parasite infecting dogs and other canids. It also causes toxocariasis in humans. *Haemonchuscontortus* is a nematode that infects goats and causes anaemia, marked reduction in growth and reproduction, and even death. Using this information, in vitro larvae migratory inhibition assay was carried out on *Toxocaracanis* and *Haemonchuscontortus* larvae. This study revealed 98.1% and 94.3% larvae migration inhibition with larvae of *Toxocaracanis* and *Haemonchuscontortus* respectively. Least number of migrated larvae was observed in the positive control Levamisole and all the larvae were dead after migration. In decoction of *S. grandiflora*, all the migrated *Toxocaracanis* larvae were dead and *Haemonchuscontortus* larvae were dead or in Grade I (inactive but occasional movement can be observed) condition. Inhibition of *Toxocaracanis* larval migration and *Haemonchuscontortus* larval migration with decoction of *S. grandiflora* and Levamisole was statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ). Since mean of LMI (larval migration inhibition) of Levamisole is greater than mean of LMI of *Sesbania grandiflora* with both larvae, Levamisole is more effective than *Sesbania grandiflora*. Based on these findings, the aqueous extract of leaves of *Sesbania grandiflora* shows a statistically significant anthelmintic activity in in-vitro model.

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