

#### PHYSICO-CHEMICAL AND PHYTOCHEMICAL STANDARDIZATION OF A SIDDHA POLYHERBAL FORMULATION THALEESADI CHOORANAM

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#### **Abstract**

The present study aims to explore the phytochemical and physicochemical analysis of a Siddha classic polyherbal formulation *-Thaleesadi Chooranam* (T.S.C.). This *Thaleesadi Chooranam* contains the ingredients like *Thaleesadi*, black pepper and ginger. Its counterpart keeps the immune system and overall health and well-being. This study aims to estimate the quality of *Thaleesadi Chooranam* by conducting preliminary phytochemical analysis, with the help of following tests done with H.P.T.L.C. and U.V.-Vis spectrometric analysis, also to know physiochemical parameters like ash value, extractive value and loss on drying as per pharmacopoeial laboratory for Indian medicine guidelines. The T.S.C., upon successive extraction with ethyl acetate, gave a yield of (5: 1: 0.1, v/v). The results obtained after physiochemical analysis of the test drug showed 6.75 % Loss on drying at 105°C, 4.18% of Total Ash, 0.572% of Acid insoluble ash, 1.853% of Water soluble ash and more. The results obtained after preliminary phytochemical analysis showed the presence of Alkaloids, Carbohydrates, Glycosides, Phenols, Terpenoids, Tannins, and Saponins. The results indicate that the drug is of standard quality and may use as a reference standard in laying pharmacopoeia standards.

**Keywords:** Siddha formulation, *ThaleesadiChooranam*, Standardization, Physicochemical analysis, Phytochemical analysis, HPTLC.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Siddha system of Indian medicine is considered the science and art of healing and provides essential ailment for humankind through its novel medications. Healing by rejuvenation is one of the principles involved in Siddha medicine. The Siddha system has attained tremendous popularity due to its versatile preparations. However, most of the Siddha formulations are herbal and polyherbal components. However, the health benefits of herb and spice extract discussion going on for centuries. They are using in many branches of industry, such as medicine, pharmacy, cosmetology, and food production [1]. Thaleesadi Chooranam is a classic Siddha Polyherbal formulation chosen from the text Agathiyar Ratnachurukkum. It indicated Gastritis, Cholic, Flatulence, Excessive thirst, cough, indigestion, vali 80, Azhal 40, Ayyam 96 and asthma. The use of scientific tools is essential to validate the traditional claim.

Though Siddha medicines are safe and effective, it is the utmost duty of the Siddha physicians to standardize the formulation to reach the scientific society [2]. The *Thaleesadi Chooranam* is a polyherbal drug; all the ingredients included effectively cure *Ayyam* diseases [3,4,5]. The main aim of this study is to evaluate the physiochemical and phytochemical characteristics of the Siddha drug *Thaleesadi Chooranam*.

#### 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### **Material:**

The *Thaleesadi Chooranam* (T.S.C.) selected for the proposed study procured from Pharmacy, Siddha Regional Research Institute (Under C.C.R.S., Ministry of A.Y.U.S.H., Govt. of India) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Our Institute Medicines purchased from Indian Medical Practitioners Co-operative Pharmacy and Stores Ltd., Chennai. (I.M.C.O.P.S.).

English Tamil Name		<b>Botanical Name</b>	Active Compounds			
Yew	Thaleesam	Abies spectabilis	Abiesin, betuloside, limonene, apinene, abiesadine, and myricetin			
Leaves Cinnamon Bark	Lavangapatai	Cinnamomum verum	Sabine, Myrcene, Cinnamyl acetate, Benzyl benzoate, Eugenol.			
Cardamom	Elam	Elettaria cardamomum	Cineole,1,8-Cineole			
Three pungent	Thrikaduku(suk ku,milagu,thippl i)	Zingife rofficin ale, Piper nigrum Piper longum	6-gingerol,8- gingerol,Piperidine,Pyrrol idines,Piperine,Beta- caryophyllene,Piperolacta m			
Liquorice	Athimadhuram	Glycyrrhizin glabra	glycoside A, and 5-hydroxy-8-methoxyl-flavone-7-O-beta-D-glucuronide and glycoside B. Isoflavones: glabridin, galbrene, glabrone, shinpterocarpin, licoisoflavones A and B, formononetin, glycerin, kumatakenin, hispaglabridin A, hispaglabridin B, 4'-O-methylglabridin and 3'-hydroxy-4'-O-methylglabridin, glabroisoflavanone A and B glabroiso-flavanone B			
Asafoetida	perungayam	Ferula asafoetida	Umbelliprenin,Tadshiferin,Galbanic acid,Gummosin,Franesiferol A,B,C			
Costus	Cottam	Costusspeciosus	Diosgenin, dioscin, Tricontanoic acids			

Cumin	jeerakam	Cuminum cyminum	cuminal, γ-terpinene, pinocarveol, linalool, 1-methyl-2-(1methyl ethylbenzene, carotol, apigenin, luteolin, cumin aldehyde, cuminic alcohol, pcymene, β-pinene	
Dill seeds	Sathakuppai	Anethum graveolens	Chlorogenic acid, p-coumaric acid, benzoic acid, salicylic acid, and ellagic acid	
Nigella seeds	karumjeerakam	Nigella sativa	Thymoquinone, Thymol, Hederin	
Long Pepper Root	Thippilimoolam	Piper longum	Piplartine	
Cloves	Lavangam	Cinnamomum Verum	cinnamaldehyde, camphor, cinnamylacetate, caryophyllene, <i>trans</i> -α-bergamotene, caryophyllene oxide, linalool, geraniol, bornyl acetate, α-cubebene, γ-element, α-copaene, guaiol, and eugenol	
Mace	Jathipathri	MyristicaFragrans	Myristicin, Saffrole, Mysristic acid	
Chinese Galls	Karkidakasringi	Rhus succedanea	Palmitic acid,Stearic acid,Arachidic acid,Oleic acid,Linoleic acid.	
Nutmeg	Jathikkai	Myristica Fragrans	Myristicin, Saffrole, Mysristic acid	
Indian spikenard	Jadamanjil	NardostachysJata mansi	Sesquiterpenes,Jatamnsic acid,Jatamansinone,Nardosinone	
Cinnamon Buds	Sirunagapoo	Cinnamomum Wightii		
Chewbacca Buds	Chembakamokk u	MicheliaChampac a	Lignins, Benzoic acid,	
Embelia Fruits	Vayvidangam	Embelia Ribes	Embelin (2,5-dihydroxy-3-undecyl- 1,4-benzoquinone)	
Cinnamon Leaves	LavangaPathiri	Cinnamomum Verum	cinnamaldehyde, camphor, cinnamylacetate, caryophyllene, <i>trans</i> -α-bergamotene, caryophyllene oxide, linalool, geraniol, bornyl acetate, α-cubebene, γ-element, α-copaene, guaiol, and eugenol	
Ajowan	Omum	Trachyspermum Ammi	P-cymene,C-terpinene,alpha and beta -pinene	
Corriander	Dhaniya - Malli	Coriandrum sativum	Linalyl-acetate,Decanal,Trideconol,	
Cane Sugar	Sarkari			

Table 1: Ingredients of Thaleesadi Chooranam: [5]

Table 2: Basic Information

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Main Indication	Cough			
Potential Action	Bronchodilatory, Mucolytic, Antitussive			
Dosage	1 to 3 grams			
Best Adjuvant	Honey in productive cough & Ghee (Clarified Butter) in dry cough			

#### **Physicochemical Analysis:** [6,7,8,9,10,11,12, 13,14]

#### **Extraction:**

The T.S.C. was extracted successively with ethyl acetate by cold maceration method. The concentrated extracts are under reduced pressure at room temperature.

The sample tested for the following parameters per Pharmacopoeial laboratory for Indian Medicine guidelines: Loss of drying, Total ash, Acid insoluble ash, Water insoluble ash, Alcohol soluble extractives, and Watersoluble extractives. These data helped identify and ascertain the quality of the collected crude

#### Physico-Chemical Parameters: [15,16,17,18]

The authors executed the tests at the department of Chemistry, Siddha Regional Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

The results of the physicochemical parameters are given in Table 3.

**Table 3.** Physicochemical evaluation of *Thaleesadi Chooranam* 

Sl. No.	Parameters	Result of Thaleesadi Chooranam (TSC) (%)
1.	L.O.D. at 105°C	6.75
2.	Total Ash	4.18
3.	Acid insoluble ash	0.572
4.	Water soluble ash	1.853
5.	Alcohol soluble extractives	21.13
6.	Water soluble extractives	20.44

#### **Preliminary Phytochemical analysis: Test for Saponins**

To 5ml test sample T.S.C., 5 ml of Water was added, and the tube was shaken vigorously. Copious lather formation shows the presence of saponins.

#### **Test for Tannins**

To 5ml test sample T.S.C., Ferric chloride was added; a dark blue or greenish-black colour formed, showing the presence of tannins.

### **Test for Terpenoids** Liebermann-Burchard

To 5ml of the test sample, T.S.C. was mixed with chloroform solution, and a few drops of acetic anhydride were added and mixed well. 1 ml of concentrated sulphuric acid was added from the sides of the test tube, and the appearance of a red ring showed the presence of terpenoids.

#### **Test for Phenols:**

#### **Lead Acetate test**

To 5ml test sample T.S.C., 3 ml of 10% lead acetate solution was added. A bulky white precipitate showed the presence of phenolic compounds.

#### **Test for Steroids**

To 5ml test sample R.E.C., 2ml of chloroform was added with a few drops of concentrated Sulphuric acid (3ml) and shaken well. The upper layer in the test tube turned red, and the sulphuric acid layer showed yellow with green fluorescence. It showed the presence of steroids.

#### **Test for Glycosides**

T.S.C. test sample was Mixed with the bit of anthrone on a watch glass, then added one drop of concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and made paste form and warmed gently over a water bath. A dark green colour showed the presence of Glycosides.

#### **Test for Carbohydrates:**

#### **Barfoed's Test**

5ml of reagent was added to 5ml of T.S.C. test solution, mixed & kept in a boiling water bath for 1 min. The red precipitate formed indicates the presence of sugar.

#### Test for Alkaloids: Dragendorff's Test

5ml of T.S.C. test solution, the filtrate was added 1ml of Dragendorff's reagent along the side of the tube. The formation of an orange-reddish-brown precipitate revealed the presence of alkaloids.

#### **Test for Flavonoids**

To 5ml test sample *T.S.C.*, about 5 ml of dilute ammonia solution was added, followed by a few drops of concentrated Sulphuric acid. The appearance of yellow colour shows the presence of Flavonoids.

#### **Test for Coumarins**

To 5ml of sample T.S.C., 1 ml of 10% sodium hydroxide was added, and a dark yellow colour shows the presence of coumarins.

# Test for Proteins Biuret Test

To 3ml of *T.S.C.* extracts, 1ml of 1% solution of copper sulphate was added, followed by 5% solution of sodium hydroxide; the formation of violet purple colour shows the presence of proteins.

#### **Test for Quinones**

To the 5ml of T.S.C. test sample, added with NaOH. A red colour indicates the presence of Quinones.

#### High-Performance Thin Layer Chromatography Analysis (H.P.T.L.C.)

H.P.T.L.C. is a micro-analytical separation and determination method widely applied in herbal drug analysis. The standard procedure<sup>4</sup> carried out H.P.T.L.C.

#### **Preparation of extract:**

1 g of the chooranam was soaked in 10 ml alcohol and kept overnight. The solution was boiled and filtered. The concentrated filtrate was 1 ml, and the extract was used for the H.P.T.L.C. study.

### Application of extract and development of plates:

The alcohol extract was spotted in the form of bands of width 8 mm on silica gel 60 F254 precoated aluminium sheets with C.A.M.A.G. microliter syringe attached with Automatic T.L.C. Sampler 4 (ATS4).  $5\mu$ l and ten  $\mu$ l of the extract were applied in two tracks as bands. After sample application, the plate was introduced vertically in a C.A.M.A.G. developing chamber (10 cm  $\times$  10 cm) presaturated with the mobile phase, Toluene: Ethyl acetate: Formic acid (5: 1: 0.1, v/v) which gave the maximum resolution.

#### **Documentation:**

The air-dried developed plate was kept in a C.A.M.A.G. visualizer and captured images under U.V. light at 254 nm and 366 nm. The plate was scanned at 254 nm and 366 nm using T.L.C. Scanner 4 and documented the fingerprint profiles. The  $R_{\rm f}$  values and fingerprint data were recorded with winCATS software associated with the scanner. The derivatization of the plate by using a vanillin-sulphuric acid reagent, heated at  $105\,^{\circ}$ C until the appearance of coloured bands, visualized under white light and documented the chromatogram. The plate was then scanned at 575 nm to obtain the densitometric profile and  $R_{\rm f}$  values.

## Ultra Violet-Visible (UV-Vis) spectrophotometric analysis

The analysis was conducted on the alcohol extract of the *Thalesaadi Chooranam* (*T.S.C.*) using a UV/VIS spectrophotometer (Model: UV3120). The extract was examined under U.V., visible light in the wavelength ranging from 200 to 800 nm, and the characteristic peaks were detected and recorded.

#### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

### Results of physicochemical analysis of TSC

The results from the physicochemical analysis reveal that the value of Loss on drying value of the formulation is 6.75 %. The total ash value of the TSC was 4.18 %, in which the acid-insoluble ash value was 0.572 % in which, the water-soluble ash value was 1.853 %, and the alcohol-soluble extractive value was 21.13 %. Water soluble extractive value was 20.44 %, respectively.

Table 3 shows the results. The results derived from the physicochemical analysis divulge that the Loss of drying value of TSC was 6.75%, indicating that low moisture content could increase the stability and shelf life of the sample drug suitable for medicinal properties. The Total Ash value of TSC was 4.18%, indicating the sample drug's purity. The acid insoluble ash value of TSC indicates the sample drug is not contaminated with siliceous material like sand or dust. The water-soluble values indicated presents easy facilitation of

diffusion and osmosis mechanism. The Alcohol soluble extractive values were indicating the test drug TSC has good quality, purity, and no adulteration.

### Preliminary Phytochemical evaluation of TSC

The preliminary phytochemical analysis results indicate that the formulation of TSC shows the presence of biologically significant phytochemicals such as saponins, tannins, terpenoids, phenols, glycosides, carbohydrates, and alkaloids. Table 4 shows the results.

Table 4: Preliminary Phytochemical evaluation of TSC

Sl. No.	Tests	Result
1.	Saponins	+
2.	Tannins	+
3.	Terpenoids	+
4.	Phenols	+
5.	Steroids	-
6.	Glycosides	+
7.	Carbohydrates	+
8.	Alkaloids	+
9.	Flavanoids	-
10.	Coumarins	-
11.	Proteins	-
12.	Quinones	-

#### + Positive and - Negative

#### **HPTLC** analysis of TSC

The HPTLC analysis of the sample drug TSC reveals the presence of 10 prominent peaks corresponding to 10 different compounds with Rf values ranging from 0.06 to 0.81 with a percentage area of 2.66 to 21.54 %. The bands revealed the presence of six green, two blue, and one fluorescent yellow bands showing the presence of saponins, tannins, terpenoids,

phenols, glycosides, carbohydrates, and alkaloids. The results were tabulated in Table 5 and illustrated in Figure 1,2&3

#### Alcohol extract

Solvent system: Toluene: Ethyl acetate (5: 1: 0.1)

Track 1-5µl, Track 2-10µl

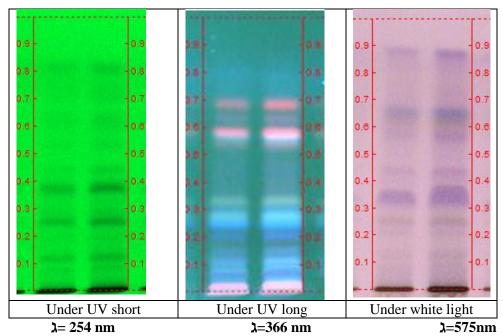


Figure 1: HPTLC Chromatogram of Thaleesadi Chooranam

Figure 2: HPTLC Chromatogram of Thaleesadi Chooranam

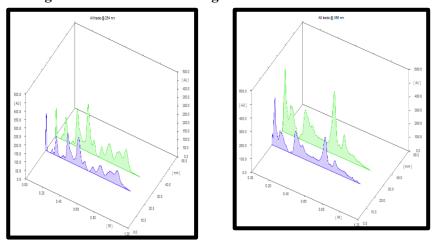
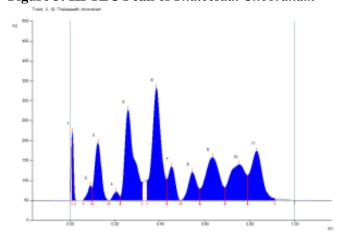


Figure 3: HPTLC Peak of Thaleesadi Chooranam



Peak	Start Position	Start Height	Max Position	Max Height	Max %	End Position	End Height	Area	Area %
1	0.01 Rf	208.2 AU	0.01 Rf	228.3 AU	22.42 %	0.03 Rf	0.0 AU	1132.4 AU	4.52 %
2	0.06 Rf	0.2 AU	0.08 Rf	27.2 AU	2.67 %	0.10 Rf	0.5 AU	327.8 AU	1.31 %
3	0.10 Rf	0.9 AU	0.13 Rf	115.0 AU	11.29 %	0.17 Rf	0.1 AU	1976.5 AU	7.89 %
4	0.18 Rf	0.2 AU	0.21 Rf	19.3 AU	1.89 %	0.23 Rf	12.6 AU	387.6 AU	1.55 %
5	0.23 Rf	12.6 AU	0.26 Rf	163.2 AU	16.03 %	0.33 Rf	28.4 AU	4522.4 AU	18.06 %
6	0.33 Rf	28.8 AU	0.39 Rf	171.2 AU	16.82 %	0.44 Rf	28.1 AU	5272.3 AU	21.05 %
7	0.44 Rf	28.4 AU	0.46 Rf	46.2 AU	4.54 %	0.50 Rf	0.0 AU	1054.1 AU	4.21 %
8	0.51 Rf	0.2 AU	0.56 Rf	37.1 AU	3.65 %	0.58 Rf	14.5 AU	939.4 AU	3.75 %
9	0.59 Rf	14.6 AU	0.65 Rf	65.8 AU	6.46 %	0.70 Rf	19.9 AU	2840.1 AU	11.34 %
10	0.70 Rf	19.9 AU	0.77 Rf	61.0 AU	5.99 %	0.80 Rf	53.3 AU	2943.5 AU	11.75 %
11	0.81 Rf	53.3 AU	0.84 Rf	83.9 AU	8.24 %	0.94 Rf	7.0 AU	3646.1 AU	14.56 %

Table 3: Peak Table HPTLC analysis of *Thaleesadi Chooranam* Ultra Violet- Visible (UV-Vis) spectrophotometric analysis of *Thaleesadi Chooranam* 

To record the UV-Vis spectra of the powder sample of "Thaleesadi Chooranam," the sample drug was scanned in the wavelength 200-800 nm by using a UV-Vis spectrometer (Model: UV 3120). Fig.4 exhibits the UV-Vis spectra of the sample of TSC. Absorption peaks with their absorbance are shown. The UV-Vis profile of the TSC sample showed peaks at 294 nm, 312 nm, and 380 nm with absorption. The results obtained in UV-Vis spectra revealed the existence of several medicinally essential phytoconstituents.

#### **Powder microscopy Test:**

**Methodology**: About 0.5gm of the powdered sample was mounted in glycerin at room

temperature for two h and observed under 10X and 40X objectives of a bright field microscope (Meswox, India) for powder characteristics. Photomicrographs of diagnostic characters were captured using the attached camera.

**Result:** The observation for cellular characters in the sample is that Secondary thickenings of xylem vessels, such as pits and spirals, were observed. Stone cells of various morphotypes and sclereids with inclusions also were seen in the sample. Rosette and prismatic Calcium oxalate crystals, simple as well as compound starch grains, and smooth trichomes were the other diagnostic characteristics.

Figure 4. UV-Vis spectrum of Thaleesadi Chooranam

Plate 1: Powder microscopy study of Talisadi Choornam

a.Sclereid filled with tannin; b.Fragment of xylem vessel with spiral thickening; c-e. Stone cell; f.Rosette Calcium oxalate crystal; g-h.Vessel with pitted thickening; i.Sclereid with narrow lumen; j.Uniseriate smooth trichome; k.Isodiamtric stone cells filled with tannin; l.Fibre bundles; m-o.Sclereid; p.Vessels with spiral-thickening.

b h

Plate 2: Powder microscopy study of Talisadi Choornam

a.Prismatic Calcium oxalate crystal; b. Fragment of pitted vessel; c.Stone cell; d-g. Compound starch grain; h.Simple starch grain; i.Fibre with narrow lumen; j.k.Perisperm cell; k.Smooth trichome.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The standardization process of *Thaleesadi Chooranam* was completed as per PLIM

guidelines and standardized procedure. The results of standardization of Siddha polyhedral formulation TSC by different parameters such as physicochemical analysis, preliminary phytochemical analysis, HPTLC fingerprinting analysis, UV-Vis spectrum analysis, and Powder microscopy will be helpful to as a tool for authentication and analysis of their safety and quality of the herbal drug. Various standardization parameters established in the present study will help control the standards and quality of the raw material of TSC.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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