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## Cardioprotective activity of various Herbs - Research Update

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### ABSTRACT

Cardiovascular diseases are one of the most leading cause for death in all countries, which include diseases of heart and vascular system supplying to the vital organs, caused due to various factors like age, gender, high blood pressure, hyperlipidemia, diabetes mellitus, tobacco smoking, obesity, psychological factors, various dietary and life style modification, with prevalence of 17.9 million every year. Ayurveda, the life science, has holistic approach in maintaining health and in treating disease condition. *Hrudaya* is the one among the *Tri-marma* (*Sadhyopranaahara*). *Hrudya Karma* mentioned in Ayurveda used in various cardiac conditions. *Dravyas* which are good for heart (*Hrudayaya Hitam*) are termed as *Hrudya*. The *Dravyas* which possess the *Hrudroga Hara* property are used in various cardiac conditions both in preventive as well as curative aspects. 58 *Hrudya Dravyas*, 19 *Hrudroga Hara Dravyas* were mentioned in *Bruhatrayi* & among those, 7 are *Dhatu* (metal) origin, 70 are plant origin. Hence the present study done to review various *Hrudya* and *Hrudroga Hara Dravyas* mentioned in *Bruhatrayi* (compilation done from *Charaka*, *Susrutha*, *Astanga Hrudaya Samhitas*), along with experimentally proven cardioprotective drugs (compilation was done through PubMed, Dhara, Ayurveda research portal, Google scholar and Google).

**Key words:** *Hrudya*, Cardioprotective, *Hrudroga Hara*

### INTRODUCTION

Cardiovascular disease, one of the most leading cause for death in all countries, which include diseases of heart and vascular system supplying to the vital organs, caused due to various factors like age, gender, high blood pressure, hyperlipidemia, diabetes mellitus, tobacco smoking, obesity, psychological factors, various

dietary and life style modification, with prevalence of 17.9 million every year.<sup>[1]</sup>

*Hrudaya* is the one among the *Tri-marma*<sup>[2]</sup> (*Sadhyopranaahara*)<sup>[3]</sup>, and it is formed by *Shonita Kapha Prasada Bhaga*.<sup>[4]</sup> *Hrudaya* is the *Mula* for *Pranavaha* and *Rasavaha Srotas*.<sup>[5]</sup> It is the *Sthana* for *Aathma*,<sup>[6]</sup> *Rakta*, *Praana*, *Satva*, *Oja*, *Siras*, *Vyaan Vayu*, *Saadhaka Pitta*, *Avalambaka Kapha* and *Rasa* the essence by which all *Dhatu*, *Malaas* are formed.<sup>[7]</sup>

*Ayurveda*, the life science, has holistic approach in maintaining health and in treating disease condition *Hrudya Karma* mentioned in Ayurveda used in various cardiac conditions.

### *Hrudya*

*Dravyas* which are good for heart (*Hrudayaya Hitam*)<sup>[8]</sup> are termed as *Hrudya*. In Ayurveda *Hrudya Dravya* are mentioned under various context. Number of *Hrudya* drugs mentioned in *Bruhatrayi* are 58, (according to

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*Charakaacharya* 10<sup>[9]</sup>, *Acharya Susruta* 10<sup>[10]</sup>, *Astanga Hrudaya* 38.<sup>[11,12]</sup>

### Hrudrog Hara

*Hrudroga* is the diseases of heart and its vascular system, which are classified under 5 types (*Vataja*, *Pittaja*, *Kaphaja*, *Sannipataja*, and *Krimija*).<sup>[13]</sup> which

are caused due to unhealthy dietary and lifestyle modifications. The *Dravyas* which possess the *Hrudroga Hara* property are used in the above mentioned conditions both in preventive as well as curative aspects. Total 19 drugs mentioned as *Hrudrog Hara* in *Susruta Samhita*.<sup>[14-16]</sup>

**Table 1: Hrudya Dravyas mentioned in Bruhatrayi**

| SN | Name of the Drug | Samhita | Scientific name                                 | Family        | Rasa                   | Guna                         | Virya   | Vipaka  | Karma                 | Remarks            |
|----|------------------|---------|---|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | Aamra            | Charaka | <i>Mangifera indica</i> Linn.                   | Anacardiaceae | Madhura, Amla          | Guru, Snigdha, Laghu, Ruksha | Shita   | Katu    | Brumhana , Vrushya    | Kaphapitta Shamaka |
| 2. | Aamraataka       | Charaka | <i>Spondias mangifera</i>                       | Anacardiaceae | Amla, Kashaya          | Guru                         | Ushna   | Madhura | Deepana, Kantya       | Vata Pitta Shamaka |
| 3. | Likoocha         | Charaka | <i>Artocarpus lakoocha</i> Roxb.                | Moraceae      | Madhura, Amla, Kashaya | Guru, Ruksha                 | Ushna   | Amla    | Vrushya               | Pitta Shamaka      |
| 4. | Karamarda        | Charaka | <i>Carissa corundus</i> L.                      | Apocynaceae   | Amla, Madhura          | Guru, Snigdha                | Ushna   | Amla    | Mutra Kruchra         | Vata Shamaka       |
| 5. | Vrukshamla       | Charaka | <i>Garcinia indica</i> (Thouars) Choisy         | Guttifereae   | Amla, Kashaya          | Guru, Ruksha                 | Ushna   | Amla    | Deeapana , Grahi      | Vata Shamaka       |
| 6. | Aamlavetasa      | Charaka | <i>Garcinia pedunculata</i> Roxb. ex Buch.-Ham. | Guttifereae   | Amla                   | Laghu, Ruksha, Tikshna       | Ushna   | Amla    | Bhedana, Brumhana     | Kapha Vata Shamaka |
| 7. | Kuvala           | Charaka | <i>Ziziphus sativa</i> Gaertn.                  | Rhamnaceae    | Madhura, Amla          | Guru                         | Shita   | Madhura | Bhedana, Deepana      | Pitta Karaka       |
| 8. | Badara           | Charaka | <i>Ziziphus jujuba</i> Mill.                    | Rhamnaceae    | Madhura, Amla          | Guru                         | Ushna   | Madhura | Deepana, Pachana      | Kapha Pitta Karaka |
| 9. | Dadima           | Charaka | <i>Punica granatum</i> L.                       | Lytheraceae   | Madhura, Amla, Kashaya | Laghu, Snigdha               | Anushna | Madhura | Grahi, Chardi Nigraha | Vata Pitta Shamaka |

|     |                     |                        |   |                |  |                               |              |                |                                |                           |
|-----|---------------------|------------------------|---|----------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10. | <i>Maatulunga</i>   | <i>Charaka</i>         | <i>Citrus medica L.</i>                     | Rutaceae       | <i>Madhura, Amla</i>                       | <i>Laghu, Snigdha</i>         | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Amla</i>    | <i>Deepana, Medya</i>          | <i>Pitta Shamaka</i>      |
| 11. | <i>Parushaka</i>    | <i>Susrutha</i>        | <i>Grewia asiatica L.</i>                   | Malvaceae      | <i>Madhura, Amla, Kashaya</i>              | <i>Guru, Snigdha</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Brumhana</i>                | <i>Vata Shamaka</i>       |
| 12. | <i>Draksha</i>      | <i>Susrutha</i>        | <i>Vitis vinifera L.</i>                    | Vitaceae       | <i>Madhura, Kashaya</i>                    | <i>Guru, Snigdha,</i>         | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Brumhana</i>                | <i>Vatapitta Shamaka</i>  |
| 13. | <i>Katphala</i>     | <i>Susrutha</i>        | <i>Myrica nagi</i> Thumb.                   | Myricaceae     | <i>Katu, Tikta, Kashaya</i>                | <i>Laghu, Tikshna</i>         | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Katu</i>    | <i>Shothagn a</i>              | <i>Vata Kapha Shamaka</i> |
| 15. | <i>Rajadana</i>     | <i>Susrutha</i>        | <i>Mimusops hexandra Roxb.</i>              | Sapotaceae     | <i>Madhura, Kashaya</i>                    | <i>Guru, Snigdha</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> |                                | <i>Tridhosa Hara</i>      |
| 16. | <i>Kataka Phala</i> | <i>Susrutha</i>        | <i>Strychnos potatorum Linn.</i>            | Loganiaceae    | <i>Madhura, Kashaya, Tikta</i>             | <i>Gura</i>                   | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Chakshush ya</i>            | <i>Kaphavata Shamaka</i>  |
| 17. | <i>Shakaphala</i>   | <i>Susrutha</i>        | <i>Tectona grandis L.f.</i>                 | Lamiaceae      | <i>Kashaya</i>                             | <i>Laghu, Ruksha</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Katu</i>    | <i>Rakta Shodaka</i>           | <i>Vatapitta Hara</i>     |
| 18. | <i>Amalaki</i>      | <i>Susrutha</i>        | <i>Emblica officinalis Gaertn.</i>          | Phyllanthaceae | <i>Amla, Kashaya, Madhura, Tikta, Katu</i> | <i>Ruksha, Laghu</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Rasayana, Vayasthap ana</i> | <i>Tridosha Shamaka</i>   |
| 19. | <i>Haritaki</i>     | <i>Susrutha</i>        | <i>Terminalia chebula Retz.</i>             | Combrataceae   | <i>Kashaya, Tikta, Madhura, Amla, Katu</i> | <i>Laghu, Ruksha</i>          | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Deepana, Pachana</i>        | <i>Tridosha Shamak</i>    |
| 20. | <i>Vibhitaki</i>    | <i>Susrutha</i>        | <i>Terminalia bellerica Roxb.</i>           | Combrataceae   | <i>Kashaya</i>                             | <i>Ruksha, Laghu</i>          | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Bhedana, Kustagna</i>       | <i>Tridoshahara</i>       |
| 21. | <i>Vidari</i>       | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Pueraria tuberosa (Willd.)DC</i>         | Fabaceae       | <i>Madhura,</i>                            | <i>Guru, Snigdha</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Mutral</i>                  | <i>Pitta Vata Shamaka</i> |
| 22. | <i>Panchangula</i>  | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Ricinus communis L.</i>                  | Euphorbiaceae  | <i>Madhura, Katu, Kashaya</i>              | <i>Guru, Snigdha, Tikshna</i> | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Shothahar a</i>             | <i>Vata Shamaka</i>       |
| 23. | <i>Vruschikali</i>  | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Pergularia axtensa (Jacq.) N. E. Br.</i> | Apocynaceae    | <i>Katu, Kashaya</i>                       | <i>Laghu, Snigdha</i>         | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Katu</i>    | <i>Vamaka</i>                  | <i>Vataham</i>            |

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| 24. | Vruschiva  | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Boerhavia diffusa</i> Linn.                | Nyctaginaceae   | Madhura, Tikta, Kashaya | Ruksha            | Ushna | Madhura | Deepana, Shotha Hara     | Vatalesh ma Hara         |
| 25. | Devahvaya  | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Cedrus deodara</i> (Roxb.) Loud            | Pinaceae        | Tikta                   | Laghu, Snigdha    | Ushna | Katu    | Deepana                  | Kaphavatas hamaka        |
| 26. | Mudgaparni | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Vigna trilobata</i> (L.) Verdc.            | Fabaceae        | Madhura                 | Laghu, Ruksha     | Shita | Madhura | Shukra Janana            | Tridoja Shamaka          |
| 27. | Mashaparni | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Teramnus labialis</i> Spreng.              | Fabaceae        | Madhura, Tikta          | Laghu, Snigna     | Shita | Madhura | Grahi, Balya             | Vatapita Shamaka         |
| 28. | Kandukari  | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Mucuna pruriens</i> (L.) DC.               | Fabaceae        | Madhura, Tikta          | Guru, Snigdha     | Shita | Madhura | Mutrala                  | Vata Pitta Shamaka       |
| 29. | Abhiru     | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Asparagus racemosus</i> Willd.             | Asparagaceae    | Madhura, Tikta          | Guru, Snigdha     | Shita | Madhura | Shothajita               | Vata Pitta Shamaka       |
| 30. | Vira       | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Terminalia arjuna</i> W. & A.              | Combrataceae    | Kashaya                 | Ruksha, Laghu     | Shita | Katu    | Medohara                 | Kapha Pitta Shamaka      |
| 31. | Jivanti    | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Leptadenia reticulata</i> W&A.             | Aselepiadacea e | Madhura                 | Laghu, Snigdha    | Shita | Madhura | Grahi, Balya             | Tridosha Hara            |
| 32. | Jivaka     | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Microstylis wallichii</i> Lindl.           | Orchidaceae     | Madhura                 | Snigdha, Picchila | Shita | Madhura |                          | Kaphakara, Vatapittahara |
| 33. | Rushabaka  | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Microstylis muscifera</i> (Lindl. Ridl.    | Orchidaceae     | Madhura                 | Guru              | Shita | Madhura |                          | Kaphakara, Vatapittahara |
| 34. | Bruhati    | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Solanum indicum</i> L.                     | Solanaceae      | Katu, Tikta             | Laghu, Ruksha     | Ushna | Katu    | Deepana, Pachana         | Kaphavata Shamaka        |
| 35. | Kantakari  | Astanga Hrudaya | <i>Solanum xanthocarpum</i> Schad.& H. Wendl. | Solanaceae      | Katu, Tikta             | Laghu, Ruksha     | Ushna | Katu    | Mutral, Deepana, Pachana | Kaphavata Shamaka        |

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| 36. | <i>Shalaparni</i>   | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Desmodium gagenticum</i> (L.)DC.           | Fabaceae       | <i>Tikta, Madhura</i>                | <i>Guru</i>                   | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Shotha Hara</i>               | <i>Vatapitta Shamaka</i>   |
| 37. | <i>Prushnaparni</i> | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Uraria picta</i> (Jacq.)DC.                | Fabaceae       | <i>Madhura, Tikta</i>                | <i>Laghu, Snigdha</i>         | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Deepana, Grahi</i>            | <i>Vata, Pitta Shamaka</i> |
| 38. | <i>Gokshura</i>     | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Tribulus terrestris</i> Linn.              | Zygophyllaceae | <i>Madhura</i>                       | <i>Guru, Snigda</i>           | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Deepana, Mutrala</i>          | <i>Vatapitta Shamaka</i>   |
| 39. | <i>Gopasuta</i>     | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Hemidesmus indicus</i> (L.)R.Br.ex Schult. | Apocynaceae    | <i>Madhura, Tikta</i>                | <i>Guru, Snigdha</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Grahi</i>                     | <i>Tridosha Shamaka</i>    |
| 40. | <i>Tripadi</i>      | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Adiantum lunulatum</i> Cav.                | Pteridaceae    | <i>Madhura, Tikta, Kashaya</i>       | <i>Guru, Snigdha</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Vishaghna, Raktadosh agna</i> | <i>Vatapita Shamaka</i>    |
| 41. | <i>Shyama</i>       | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Operculina turpethum</i> (Linn.)           | Convolvulaceae | <i>Madhura, Katu, Tikta, Kashaya</i> | <i>Ruksha, Laghu, Tiksha</i>  | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Katu</i>    | <i>Rakta Shodaka</i>             | <i>Kaphapitta Shamaka</i>  |
| 42. | <i>Danti</i>        | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Baliospermum montanum</i> Muell-Arg.       | Euphorbiaceae  | <i>Katu</i>                          | <i>Tikshna, Sara, Laghu</i>   | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Katu</i>    | <i>Rechana</i>                   | <i>Kaphavata Sha Maka</i>  |
| 43. | <i>Dravanti</i>     | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Croton tiglium</i> L.                      | Asparagaceae   | <i>Madhura</i>                       | <i>Guru, Snigdha</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Rechana</i>                   | <i>Pitta Kapha Shamaka</i> |
| 44. | <i>Kramuka</i>      | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Viburnum nervosum</i> Hook.f.&T homs.      | Viburnaceae    | <i>Kashaya, Tikta</i>                | <i>Laghu, Ruksha</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Katu</i>    | <i>Virechaka</i>                 | <i>Kapha Pitta Shamaka</i> |
| 45. | <i>Kutarana</i>     | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Ipomoea turpethum</i> R. Br.               | Convolvulaceae | <i>Madhura, Katu, Tikta, Kashaya</i> | <i>Ruksha, Laghu, Tikshna</i> | <i>Ushna</i> | <i>Katu</i>    | <i>Shothagni</i>                 | <i>Kaphapitta Shamaka</i>  |
| 46. | <i>Shankhini</i>    | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Euphorbia dracunculoides</i> Lam.          | Euphorbiaceae  | <i>Tikta, Kashaya</i>                | <i>Laghu, Ruksha, Tikshna</i> | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Katu</i>    | <i>Rechana</i>                   | <i>Kaphapitta hara</i>     |
| 47. | <i>Carmasahva</i>   | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Euphorbia pilosa</i>                       | Euphorbiaceae  | <i>Tikta</i>                         | <i>Laghu, Ruksha</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Katu</i>    |                                  | <i>Kaphapitta Hara</i>     |
| 48. | <i>Swarnakshiri</i> | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Euphorbia thomsoniana</i> Boiss.           | Euphorbiaceae  | <i>Tikta</i>                         | <i>Laghu, Ruksha</i>          | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Katu</i>    | <i>Bhedana</i>                   | <i>Kapha Pitta Hara</i>    |

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|-----|----------------------|------------------------|--|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|------------------|--------------------|
| 49. | <i>Gavakshi</i>      | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Citrullus colocynthis Schrad.</i>       | Cucurbitaceae  | Tikta                | <i>Laghu, Ruksha, Tiksha</i>        | Ushna | Katu    | Rechana          | Kaphapitta Shamaka |
| 50. | <i>Shikhari</i>      | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Achyranthes aspera Linn.</i>            | Amaranthaceae  | Katu, Tikta          | <i>Tikshna, Sara, Laghu, Ruksha</i> | Ushna | Katu    | Medhohara        | Kaphavata Shamaka  |
| 51. | <i>Rajanaka</i>      | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Mallotus philippine nsis Muell. Arg</i> | Euphorbiaceae  | Katu                 | <i>Laghu, Ruksha, Tikshna</i>       | Ushna | Katu    | Rechaka          | Kaphavata Shamaka  |
| 52. | <i>Chinnaruha</i>    | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Tinospora cordifolia (Wild) Meirs.</i>  | Menispermaceae | Tikta                | <i>Guru, Snigda</i>                 | Ushna | Madhura | Deepana, Grahi   | Tridosha Shamaka   |
| 53. | <i>Karanja</i>       | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Pongamia pinnata (Linn.) Pierre</i>     | Fabaceae       | Katu, Tikta, Kashaya | <i>Tikshna</i>                      | Ushna | Katu    | Vrana Shodhaka   | Kaphapitta Shamaka |
| 54. | <i>Bastantri</i>     | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Argeria speciosa Sweet.</i>             | Convolvulaceae | Kashay, Katu, Tikta  | <i>Laghu, Snigdh</i>                | Ushna | Katu    | Shothagna        | Kaphavata Shamaka  |
| 55. | <i>Vyadhighata</i>   | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Cassia fistula Linn.</i>                | Fabaceae       | Madhura              | <i>Guru, Mrudu, Snigdha</i>         | Shita | Madhura | Samsrana         | Vatapiha Shamaka   |
| 56. | <i>Bahala</i>        | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Moringa oleifera Lam.</i>               | Moringaceae    | Katu                 | <i>Laghu, Ruksha, Tikshna</i>       | Ushna | Katu    | Grahi, Deepana   | Kapha Vata Shamaka |
| 57. | <i>Bahurasa</i>      | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Saccharum officinarum Linn.</i>         | Poaceae        | Madhura              | <i>Guru, Snigdha</i>                | Shita | Madhura | Mutrala          | Vata Shamaka       |
| 58. | <i>Tishnavruksha</i> | <i>Astanga Hrudaya</i> | <i>Salvadora persica Linn.</i>             | Salvadoraceae  | Madhura, Tikta       | <i>Laghu, Snigdha</i>               | Ushna | Katu    | Deepana, Bhedana | Kaphavata ghna     |

Table 2: *Hrudrogahara Dravyas* mentioned in *Bruhatrayi*.

| SN | Name of the Drug | Samhita         | Scientific name                                   | Family     | Rasa        | Guna                 | Virya | Vipaka | Prabhava                 | Remarks           |
|----|------------------|-----------------|---|------------|-------------|----------------------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. | <i>Bruhati</i>   | <i>Susrutha</i> | <i>Solanum indicum L.</i>                         | Solanaceae | Katu, Tikta | <i>Laghu, Ruksha</i> | Ushna | Katu   | Deepana, Pachana         | Kaphavata Shamaka |
| 2. | <i>Kantakari</i> | <i>Susrutha</i> | <i>Solanum xanthocarpum Schad.&amp; H. Wendl.</i> | Solanaceae | Katu, Tikta | <i>Laghu, Ruksha</i> | Ushna | Katu   | Mutral, Deepana, Pachana | Kaphavata Shamaka |

|     |                 |          |   |                |                               |                                |       |         |                     |                        |
|-----|-----------------|----------|---|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 3.  | Kutaja<br>Phala | Susrutha | <i>Holarrhena antidysentrica</i><br>Wall. | Apocynaceae    | Tikta<br>Kashaya              | Lagh,<br>Ruksha                | Shita | Katu    | Deepana,<br>Grahi   | Kaphapitta<br>Shamaka  |
| 4.  | Patha           | Susrutha | <i>Cissampelos pareira</i> Linn.          | Menispermaceae | Katu,<br>Tikta                | Laghu,Ti<br>kshna              | Ushna | Katu    | Vishaghna           | Kaphavata<br>Shamaka   |
| 5.  | Madhuka         | Susrutha | <i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>                 | Fabaceae       | Madhura                       | Guru,<br>Snigdha               | Shita | Madhura | Shukrala            | Kaphavata<br>Shamaka   |
| 6.  | Utpala          | Susrutha | <i>Nymphaea stellata</i> Wild.            | Nymphaeaceae   | Madhura,<br>Kashaya,<br>Tikta | Laghu,<br>Snigdha,<br>Picchila | Shita | Madhura | Vishaghna           | Kaphapitta<br>Shamaka  |
| 7.  | Raktotpal a     | Susrutha | <i>Nymphaea rubra</i>                     | Nymphaeaceae   | Madhura,<br>Kashaya,<br>Tikta | Laghu,<br>Snigdha,<br>Picchila | Shita | Madhura | Trishna<br>Nigraha  | Kaphapitta<br>Shamaka  |
| 8.  | Kumuda          | Susrutha | <i>Nymphaea alba</i> L.                   | Nymphaeaceae   | Madhura,<br>Tikta             | Laghu,<br>Snigdha,<br>Picchila | Shita | Madhura | Grahi,<br>Balya     | Kaphapitta<br>Hara     |
| 9.  | Saugandhi ka    | Susrutha | <i>Nymphaea</i> sp.                       | Nymphaeaceae   | Madhura,<br>Kashaya,<br>Tikta | Laghu,<br>Snigdha,<br>Picchila | Shita | Madhura | Daha<br>Shamaka     | Kaphapitta<br>Shamaka  |
| 10. | Kuvalaya        | Susrutha | <i>Nymphaea</i> sp.                       | Nymphaeaceae   | Madhura,<br>Kashaya,<br>Tikta | Laghu,<br>Snigdha,<br>Picchila | Shita | Madhura | Varnya              | Kaphapitta<br>Shamaka  |
| 11. | Pundarika       | Susrutha | <i>Nelumbium speciosum</i>                | Nelumbonaceae  | Madhura,<br>Kashaya,<br>Tikta | Laghu,<br>Snigdha,<br>Picchila | Shita | Madhura | Vishaghna           | Kaphapitta<br>Shamaka  |
| 13. | Trapu           | Susrutha | Stannum                                   |                | Kashaya,<br>Lavana,<br>Tikta  | Ruksha,<br>Laghu               | Ushna | Katu    | Balya,<br>Pachana   | Vata<br>Kapha<br>Hara  |
| 14. | Sisa            | Susrutha | Plumbum                                   |                | Tikta                         | Snigdha                        | Ushna | Katu    | Kleda<br>Nashana    | Tridosha<br>Hara       |
| 15. | Tamra           | Susrutha | Cuprum                                    |                | Tikta ,<br>Kashaya,<br>Amla   | Laghu,<br>Ruksha               | Ushna | Madhura | Deepana,<br>Pachana | Pitta<br>Kapha<br>Hara |
| 16. | Rajata          | Susrutha | Argentum                                  |                | Amla,<br>Kashaya              | Guru,<br>Snigdha               | Ushna | Madhura | Medya,<br>Deepana   | Vatakapha<br>Hara      |
| 17. | Suvarna         | Susrutha | Aurum                                     |                | Madhura,<br>Kashaya ,<br>Tikt | Guru,<br>Snigdha               | Shita | Madhura | Medya,<br>Balya     | Tridhis<br>Hara        |
| 18. | Krushnala ha    | Susrutha | Ferum                                     |                | Tikta,<br>Kashaya,<br>Madhura | Guru,<br>Ruksha                | Shita | Madhura | Chakshus<br>hya     | Kaphapitta<br>Hara     |

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|-----|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 19. | <i>Lohamala</i> | <i>Susrutha a</i> | Ferric oxide |  | <i>Tikta, Kashaya, Madhura</i> | <i>Guru, Ruksha</i> | <i>Shita</i> | <i>Madhura</i> | <i>Balya</i> | <i>Kaphavata Hara</i> |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|

Acharya *Susrutha* said the *Bruhati* and *Kantakari* as *Hrudog-hara* while Acharya *Vagbhata* mentioned these as *Hrudya*.

After an exhaustive review through PubMed, Dhara, Ayurveda research portal, Google scholar and Google,

by using key word - cardioprotective and *Hrudya*, among these above said *Hrudya* and *Hrudog-hara* drugs, mentioned in various context of *Bruhatrayi*, we found some cardioprotective drugs, which are proven experimentally are as follows.

**Table 3: Experimentally proven Cardioprotective Drugs**

| SN | Drug Name                         | Part Used  | Extraction Form                                      | Induction Method                   | Disease Condition     | Animal Model            | No.of Groups | Study Duration | Result                    | Drug Dose                |
|----|-----------------------------------|------------|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. | <i>Amra</i> <sup>[17]</sup>       | Leaf       | Alcoholic (100mg/Kg Orally)                          | Doxorubicin 15mg/Kg,Ip For 21 Days | Cardiac Stress        | Rats                    | 4            | 21 Days        | Positive Cardioprotective | 100mg/Kg Orally          |
| 2. | <i>Vrukshamla</i> <sup>[18]</sup> | Fruit Rind | Decoction  | Isoprenaline 80mg/Kg Sc 21st Day   | Cardiotoxicity        | Albino Rats             | 3            | 21 Days        | Significant               | 4.5ml/Kg Orally          |
| 3. | <i>Dadima</i> <sup>[19]</sup>     | Seed       | Juice Extract  | Isoprenaline 85mg/Kg               | Myocardial Infarction | Wistar Rats             | 8            | 21 Days        | Significant               | 100,300 mg/Kg Orally     |
| 4. | <i>Matulunga</i> <sup>[20]</sup>  | Fruit      | Ethanol  | Isoprenaline 85mg/Kg s c           | Cardiomyopathy        | Male Wistar Albino Rats |              | 15 Days        | Significant               | 250,500 mg/Kg Orally     |
| 5. | <i>Draksha</i> <sup>[21]</sup>    | Fruit      | Polyphenol Concentrate 25mg/Kg Ssintra Gastric Route | Doxorubicin 8mg/Kg b.w.i p         | Cardiotoxicity        | Wistar Albino Rats      | 3            | 8 Days         | Positive Cardioprotective | 25mg/Kg Intragastric     |
| 6. | <i>Kataka Phala</i>               |            |  |                                    |                       |                         |              |                |                           |                          |
| 7. | <i>Amalaki</i> <sup>[22]</sup>    | Fruit      | Hydroalcoholic                                       | Isoprenaline 85mg/Kg s c           | Myocardial Infarction | Male Wistar Albino Rats | 8            | 30 Days        | Significant               | 100,250, 500mg/Kg Orally |
| 8. | <i>Harataki</i> <sup>[23]</sup>   | Fruit      | Ethanol  | Isoproterenol 20mh/100g s c        |                       | Male Wistar Albino Rats | 4            | 30 Days        | Significant               | 500mg/Kg                 |
| 9. | <i>Vibhitaki</i> <sup>[24]</sup>  | Fruit      | Methanolic   | Doxorubicin 15mg/Kg,Ip             | Cardiotoxicity        | Rats                    |              |                | Positive Cardioprotective | 250,500 mg/Kg Orally     |

|     |                                   |             |                 |  |                       |                                   |   |         |                           |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10. | <i>Patha</i> <sup>[25]</sup>      | Root        | Ethanolic       | Isoproterenol 5mg/Kg i.p                 | Cardiac Dysfunction   | Male Wistar Albino Rats           | 8 | 30 Days | Significant               | 100,200 mg/Kg               |
| 11. | <i>Vruschiva</i> <sup>[26]</sup>  |             | Ethanolic       | Angiotensin 2                            | Cardiac Hypertropy    | Male Wistar Rats                  |   |         | Positive Cardioprotective |                             |
| 12. | <i>Kandukari</i> <sup>[27]</sup>  | Seed        | Methanolic      | Isoproterenol 85mg/Kg s.c                | Myocardial Necrosis   | Rats                              | 5 | 30 Days | Significant               |                             |
| 13. | <i>Vira</i> <sup>[28]</sup>       | Bark        | Aqueous         | Doxorubicin 20mg/Kg b.w.Intra Plueral    |                       | Mice                              |   |         | Positive Cardioprotective |                             |
| 14. | <i>Shalaparni</i> <sup>[29]</sup> | Root        | Aqueous         | Isoproterenol 10mg/Kg b.w. i.p           | Cardiac hypertropy    | Male Wistar Albino Rats           | 5 | 30 Days | Significant               | 100mg/Kg Orally             |
| 15. | <i>Gokshura</i> <sup>[30]</sup>   | Fruit       | Aqueous         | Isoproterenol                            | Myocardial Necrosis   | Male Wistar Rats                  | 7 | 28 Days | Significant               | 200 And 300mg/Kg b.w.Orally |
| 16. | <i>Gopasuta</i> <sup>[31]</sup>   | Root        | Methanolic      | Doxorubicin 25mg/Kg b.w. i.p             | Oxidative stress      | Adult Male Swiss Albino Mice      | 4 | 15 Days | Significant               | 50mg/Kg b.w.                |
| 17. | <i>Shikhari</i> <sup>[32]</sup>   |             |                 |  |                       |                                   |   |         |                           |                             |
| 18. | <i>Chinnaruhā</i> <sup>[33]</sup> | Whole Plant | Alcoholic       |  | Myocardial Infarction | Sprague Dawley Rats Of Either Sex | 4 | 8 Days  | Significant               | 250, 500, 1000mg/Kg orally  |
| 19. | <i>Bahala</i> <sup>[34]</sup>     | Leaf        | Hydroalcoholic  | Isoproterenol 85mg/Kg s.c                | Myocardial Infarction | Male Wistar Albino Rats           | 3 | 30 Days | Significant               | 200mg/Kg Orally             |
| 20. | <i>Karamarda</i> <sup>[35]</sup>  |             | Methanolic      | Saline                                   | Cardiac Hypertropy    | Rats                              |   |         | Significant               |                             |
| 21. | <i>Kantakari</i> <sup>[36]</sup>  |             | Hydro Ethanolic | Isoproterenol Hydrochloride 85mg/Kg b.w. | Myocardial Infarction | Adult Female Wistar Rats          | 4 | 30 Days | Significant               | 200mg/Kg Orally             |

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|-----|------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 22. | <i>Badara</i> <sup>[37]</sup>      | Fruit | Hydroalcoholic         | Ng-Nitro-L-Arginine Methyl Ester 10mg/Kg i v | Hypertension                | Rats                    | 6  | 28 Days | Positive Cardioprotective | 100mg/Kg Orally          |
| 23. | <i>Amlavetas a</i> <sup>[38]</sup> | Fruit | Aqueous                | Isoprenaline 200mg/Kg s c                    | Myocardial Infarction       | Male Wistar Albino Rats | 3  | 15 Days | Significant               | 400mg/Kg Orally          |
| 24. | <i>Madhukal</i> <sup>[39]</sup>    |       |                        | Surgical                                     | Myocardial Infarction       | Rats                    |    |         | Significant               |                          |
| 25. | <i>Bruhati</i> <sup>[40]</sup>     | Fruit | Ethanollic             | Ng-Nitri-L-Arginine Methyl Ester             | Hypertension                | Rats                    |    | 28 Days | Positive Cardioprotective | 100 And 300mg/Kg Orally  |
| 26. | <i>Abhiru</i> <sup>[41]</sup>      |       | Aqueous                | Doxorubicin 20mg/Kg b.w.Intra Peritonial     |                             | Albino Rats             | 5  | 21 Days | Significant               | 250 And 500mg/Kg Orally  |
| 27. | <i>Gavakshi</i> <sup>[42]</sup>    | Peel  | Hydroalcoholic         | Adrenaline 2mg/Kg s c                        | Myocardial Infarction       | Rabbits                 | 4  | 15 Days | Positive Cardioprotective | 100,200, 300mg/Kg Orally |
| 28. | <i>Karanja</i> <sup>[43]</sup>     | Leaf  | Hydroalcoholic         | Isoproteren ol 20mh/100g s c                 | Myocardial Infarction       | Wistar Albino Rats      | 6  | 30 Days | Positive Cardioprotective | 100,200, 300mg/Kg Orally |
| 29. | <i>Bastantri</i> <sup>[44]</sup>   | Roots | Ethyl Acetate, Aqueous | Isoproteren ol 200mg/Kg s c                  | Myocardial Infarction       | Male Wistar Rats        | 11 | 15 Days | Significant               | 200mg/Kg Orally          |
| 30. | <i>Vyadhighata</i> <sup>[45]</sup> | Bark  | Methanolic             | Doxorubicin 10 Mg/Kg i p                     | Cardiotoxicity              | Male Wistar Rats        | 5  | 15 Days | Significant               | 400mg/Kg Orally          |
| 31. | <i>Bahurasal</i> <sup>[46]</sup>   | Peel  |                        | High Fat Diet                                | Obesity And Atherosclerosis | Adult Male Albino Rats  | 4  | 28 Days | Significant               | 200mg Orally             |
| 32. | <i>Jivanti</i> <sup>[47]</sup>     |       | Methanolic             | Adriamycin 10mg/Kg i p                       | Cardiotoxicity              | Wistar Rats             |    | 28 Days | Significant               | 250/500 mg/Kg Orally     |

## DISCUSSION

The above said experimentally proven cardioprotective effect of drugs evaluated by using different parts of the plant (leaf, fruit rind, seed, fruit, root, bark, whole plant, peels) with different doses, conducted on various types of animal models (rats, rabbits, mice,) which were divided into various groups at different

time duration, with different induction methods of different doses, shown there protective effect of different extense against different cardiac condition.

Along with this, the product of plant origin showed the presence of various activities like - anti inflammatory, antioxidant, anti-coagulant, vasodilation, cardiac stimulant, free radical scavenging activity, calcineurin

activities and also showed presence of various biochemicals like flavonoides, glycosides, tannins, quercetin, kaempferol, boeravinone, caffeic acid, triterpenoids.

Due to presence of such bio-chemicals showed the different actions for example, in *mangifera indica*, presence of mangiferin, isomangiferin, galloyl, hydroxy- benzoyl esters, epicatechin, tannins, gallic acid which are flavonoid and phenolic origin components exerts antioxidant activity, protective effect may be due to the collective free radical scavenging effect of extracted product.

The protective effect is evaluated by using different parameters such as heart rate, pressure rate index, electrocardiograph, morphological, histo-pathological changes, Cardiac rhythm, blood pressure. Levels of Superonide dismutare, catalase, low density lipoprotein, Lactate dehydrogenage, creatine kinase, Alanine aminotransferase, aspartate aminotransferase, malondialdehyde, non protein sulfhydryl group, total protein, Lipid peroxidation, triglycerides, total cholesterol, High density lipoproteins, hematological parameters are evaluated.

Different repeated studies was done on cardioprotective activity of *Moringa oleifera* in different cardiac conditions. Among all these experimentally proven cardioprotective drugs, the drugs such has *Vrukshamla*, *Matulunga*, *Amalaki*, *Vibhitaki*, *Vira*, *Gokshura*, *Gopasuta*, *Bahala*, *Karamarda*, *Kantakari*, *Badara*, *Bruhati*, *Jivanti* showed significant effect over various cardiac condition.

The drugs such has *Amra*, *Dadima*, *Draksha*, *Haritaki*, *Patha*, *Vruschiva*, *Shalaparni*, *Chinnaruha*, *Amlavetas*, *Madhuka*, *Abhiru*, *Gavakshi*, *Bastantri*, *Vyadhighata*, *Bahurasa*, *Kandukari* showed moderate cardioprotective effect on given conditions.

*Karanja* showed comparatively less protective against the given condition.

## CONCLUSION

The experimental studies have values only when they become useful to human, which is by means of clinical trials on human, utilization of drugs done based on the

efficacy of drugs against protective effect i.e., most efficient drugs are trialed first. All the experimentally proven drug are not practicing in clinical base on humans. Only few are in practicing, for example *Arjuna*, *Guduchi*, *Amalaki*, still more drugs are there which have to be used in practice and which have to be explored experimentally for their protective effects.

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