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# Effect of the Leaf Extract of *Bidens pilosa* on Haemostasis

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#### **ABSTRACT**

**Aims:** To determine the effect of the leaf extract of *Bidens pilosa* on the rate of haemostasis and validate its traditional use application to fresh wounds.

Study Design: Experimental

Place and Duration of Study: The study was conducted at the Biology Department, Faculty of Science and Education, Busitema University and Nagongera Health Center IV laboratory between April and May 2019.

**Methodology:** Different concentrations of the extract were applied to blood samples. Whole venous blood was collected by vein puncture in heparin tubes. The rate of **c**lotting in presence and absence of the extract was determined. The experiment was replicated.

**Results:** Increase in the concentration of the extract decreased the rate of haemostasis. Statistical analysis with a two-way ANOVA was significant, P = 0.02 at a 95% CI.

**Conclusion:** High concentration *Bidens pilosa* leaf extract decreases the rate of haemostasis but may have other healing activities attributed to its historical and traditional use and application to fresh wounds.