

Comparative Study of the efficacy of *Vamana* with *Jimutaka Yoga* (*Luffaechinataroxb*) and *Ikshvaku Yoga* (*Lagenariasiceraria*) in the management of *TamakaShwasa* (Bronchial Asthma)- A study protocol

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Abstract-

Bronchial Asthma is a disease in which breathing gets hampered, and the person suffering from Bronchial Asthma always leads a compromised life. This miserable condition can be compared with *TamakaShwasa* in *Ayurveda*. To treat this disease, different *Vamanaushadhis* are described in various Samhitas of *Ayurveda*; out of them, *Ikshvaku* is *Tikta Rasa*, *KatuVipaka* and *Sheet Veerya* and indicated for *Vamana* in *ShwasVyadhi*. Aim of this study is to have Comparison and Evaluation of the efficacy of *Vamana* with *Jimutaka* and *Ishwakuchurna* yoga in the management of *Tamaka Shwasa*. (Bronchial Asthma) our objectives are evaluates the effectiveness of *JimutakaVamana*

On PFT and CBC with AEC in the management of *Tamakahwasa*. (Bronchial Asthma), to evaluate the efficacy of *Ishwakuchurna yoga Vamana* On PFT and CBC with AEC in the management of *TamakaShwasa*. (Bronchial Asthma), and to compare the effects of *Jimutakayogavamana* and *Ishwakuchurnayoga Vamana* on Objective parameters in the management of *TamakaShwasa*. (Bronchial Asthma). This study was a randomized clinical trial on 40 participants. The participants will be divided into two groups: Group A and Group B. The patient in Group A will be given *JimutakVaman*, and Group B will be given *IkvashuVaman*. *Vaman* will be carried out in both these groups. The results will be compared based on Pulmonary Function Test, CBC with AEC (Absolute Eosinophil Count). conclusion will be drawn on the basis of outcome.

Keywords-*TamakShwas*. Bronchial Asthma, *Vaman*, *Jimutak*, *Ikvashu*, PFT, and CBC and AEC.

1. INTRODUCTION:

Bronchial Asthma is a chronic obstructive pulmonary disease that can affect persons of all ages. "Asthma is characterised as a Chronic Inflammatory Disorder of the Airways that is associated with airway Hyper-responsiveness (AHR)," according to the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA). Wheezing, Breathlessness, Chest Tightness, and Coughing are common symptoms, especially at night or early in the morning¹. Bronchial Asthma is a disease in which breathing gets hampered, and the person with Bronchial Asthma always leads a compromised life. This miserable condition can be compared with *TamakaShwasa* in *Ayurveda*.

The act of Respiration is the Physiological function of *Pranavayu*. When *Kapha* obstructs this *Pranavayu*, it gets

Pratilomagati and moves upwards, impairing respiration action, resulting in the *TamakaShwasa* (Bronchial Asthma)².

Vamana Karma is the best line of treatment for *Kaphaj* disorders^{3,4}. To treat this disease, different *Vamanaushadhis* are described in various Samhitas of Ayurveda; out of them, *Ikshvaku* is *Tikta Rasa, Katu, Vipaka* and *Sheet Veerya* and indicated for *Vamana* in *ShwasVyadhi*⁵. When *Vatadosha*, linked mainly with *Kaphadosha*, obstructs the circulation channel and circulates all over the body, this intensified *Vayu* creates *Shwasa* by becoming obstructed (in this circulatory path). When *Vayu* moves backwards through the channels (of vital breath), it afflicts the neck and head, encourages phlegm to induce rhinitis, and produces the signs and symptoms of *TamakaShwasa*⁶, which is, *Ghurghuraka* (wheezing and murmuring sound), *Dyspnoea* is a breathing disorder that

affects people of all ages (of exceedingly deep velocity which is immensely damaging to life), The patient develops tremors, coughs, and becomes motionless as a result of acute spasms. He passes out repeatedly while coughing, and because the phlegm refuses to come out, he grows increasingly agitated. The release of the phlegm temporarily calms him, but his throat is constricted and prevents him from sputtering. Dyspnea paroxysms occur frequently for him. When he is exposed to water (humidity), when it is chilly, or when an easterly wind blows, the attack becomes worse. It also gets worse when he engages in kapha-aggravating diet and exercise routines. Tamaka Shwasa is a commonly visible disease. However, the early stages can be treated.⁷ This clinical condition is similar to Bronchial Asthma.

Incidences of bronchial Asthma have been raised in recent decades due to increased pollution and industrialization. Modern synthetic drugs like Bronchodilators (Inhaled corticosteroids, Theophyllines, Immunoglobulin E)⁸ will provide instant relief in these cases. Still, long-term use of modern medication will lead to several adverse drug reactions.

So knowing this, Ayurveda is an ancient science that treats symptoms superficially and acts on the actual root cause of the disease.

And *Panchkarma* is the best treatment known for purification of the human body; removing all toxins out of the human body is called *Shodhanchikitsa* in Ayurveda.

In *TamakaShwasa* (Bronchial Asthma), *kaphadosha* is mainly involved. After taking the *kaphaprapakopaka* diet, *Pranavayu* gets obstructed due to vitiated *Kaphadosha* and spreads all over the body. So, *Vata* gets vitiated and vitiates *Pranavaha*, *Udakavaha* and *Annavahastrotasas*. Then it enters the Heart and causes *Shwasaroga*. Impairing the act of respiration which results in the disease called *TamakaShwasa* (Bronchial Asthma)⁹, and *VamanaKarma* is the best line of treatment for *kaphaj* disorders¹⁰. To treat this disease, different *vamanaushadhis* are described in various *Samhitas* of *Ayurveda*; out of them, *Ishwaku* is *tiktarasa*, *katuvipaka* and *sheetveerya* and indicated for *Vamana* in *shwasvyadhi*¹¹.

INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE:

Between and within nations, there are large regional disparities in asthma prevalence. Environmental and genetic variables may both play a role in the variation. The prevalence of asthma is higher in developed than in developing nations, in children than in adults, and in urban than in rural areas. The prevalence of it is between 8% and 10% worldwide. According to most surveys, the

prevalence of asthma in India ranges from 2 to 7 percent.¹²

In 2019, 461000 people died as a result of the estimated 262 million people who had asthma. In 2019, Asthma caused 216.6 million (95 percent UI 171–270) DALYs, accounting for 20.8% (175.9–247) of all DALYs caused by chronic respiratory disease. Asthma death rates were highest in low- and middle-income nations, while prevalence was highest in high-income countries¹³.

According to estimates, 300 million people worldwide, of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, suffer from asthma, and the cost to governments, healthcare systems, families, and patients is escalating. One of the most common chronic diseases in the world is asthma. Asthma affects around 300 million people globally. With less conservative criteria for clinical *asthma* diagnosis, significantly larger values can be obtained. In the last few decades, *Asthma* has become more prevalent in children and adults worldwide. *Asthma* prevalence has risen with atopic sensitization, and the two have been linked. Other allergic illnesses, such as eczema and rhinitis, have increased. As populations adopt western habits and become more urbanized, the prevalence of asthma rises. As the world's population of cities is

expected to rise from 45 percent to 59 percent by 2025, the number of asthmatics is expected to increase dramatically over the next two decades. By 2025, it is anticipated that an additional 100 million people will have Asthma. Asthma is responsible for roughly 1 in every 250 fatalities worldwide. Many deaths could have been avoided if not for poor long-term medical treatment and a delay in getting help during the final onslaught^{14,15}.

1.1 Need of the study:

Diagnosing and treating all respiratory diseases as early as possible in the current scenario is an imperative. Bronchial Asthma is commonly treated by modern medicine by bronchodilators and other therapies like inhaled corticosteroids, but this only suppresses the symptoms and gives relief temporarily. It is helpful in emergencies, but long-term use of these medications will lead to other side effects that may be severe and fatal.

According to Ayurveda, *TamakaShwasa* is a *Yapya* disease. This means it can never be cured but only controlled by medications. And this disease mainly hampers primary important activity, i.e. respiration, which must be regulated for a healthy lifestyle, and the person suffering from this disease always leads a compromised life.

Specific drugs are mentioned for *Vamana* in Ayurvedic texts (Table -2) with their particular indications, but no research has been carried out.

Our classical texts elaborate on the disease-specific action of *Ishwaku* and *Jimutaka* drugs for the *Vamana*, but no clinical pieces of evidence have been generated to date.

Only *Madanphala* has been taken for *Vamana*; through this study, if we can find a better standard drug in the management of *TamakaShwasa*, it will be a significant milestone in clinical practice used as an alternative for *Madanaphala*. Previous studies were conducted on *Madanapala Yoga* in *Tamaka Shhwasa* and *Comparative* study between *Vamana* and *Virechnahas* also been done (Table-1)

Ayurveda is known for all its purificatory treatments, which will act not only on symptoms but on the root cause of the disease and destroys it by its root so that chances of recurrence are almost negligible. Hence, it is necessary to do more research on *Vamaka Dravyas* in the management of *Tamaka Shwasa*.

1.2 Research question:

Whether *IshwakuChurna* yoga is more efficacious than *Jimutaka* yoga for *Vamana*

in the management of *TamakaShwasa*(Bronchial Asthma)?

1.3 Research Hypothesis:

NULL HYPOTHESIS [H₀]

Ishwakuchurna yoga is not more efficacious than *Jimutakachurna* yoga for *Vamana* in the management of *TamakaShwasa* (Bronchial Asthma).

ALTERNATE HYPOTHESIS[H₁] –

Ishwakuchurna yoga is as effective as or more effective than *Jimutaka* yoga in the management of

Tamakashwasa(BronchialAsthma).

2.2 Research gap analysis: -

Many studies have been conducted on *TamakaShwasa*, but in many of them *Madanphala* is used as a main *VamakaDravya*. Still, other *Vamaka Dravyas* are explained in ayurvedic text with their specific indications.

Though a clinical study on the efficacy of *Vamana* with *IshvakuKsheer* yoga was conducted, its effectiveness was not compared with the standard drug *Madanphala*. Hence the present research leads to the efficacy of a more palatable form of *Ishwakuchurna* yoga.

Ishwaku is *Tikta*, *Katu*, *rasatmak* and indicated in *KaphajVyadhi* and *TamakaShwas* is one of them. No clinical standard is generated for *Vamana* except

Madanphala the date; through this study, if we can find a better option for *Vamana* in the management of *TamakaShwasa*, it will be an outstanding achievement & better alternative option for clinical practice.

4.6 Detail of drug properties:

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Material:

Clinical:

4.1 Source Of Data: Patients

will be recruited from the OPD and IPD of Panchakarma of

4.2 Mahatma Gandhi Ayurveda

College, Hospital and Research Centre, Wardha, and peripheral speciality camps.

4.3 Type of Study: Interventional study.

4.4 Study design: Randomized open standard control clinical trial.

4.5 Drug Collection/ Authentication:

The raw drugs was procured from reliable sources and authenticated by the Department of DravyaGuna, Mahatma Gandhi Ayurveda College, Hospital & Research Centre, Salod (Hirapur), Wardha.

S r. n o	Dravya	Rasa	Vipak a	Veery a	Guna	Dosh ghna ta
1	Ishwaku	Tikta , Katu	Katu	Sheet a	Laghu, Ruksha, Tikshna	Khap hagh na, Pitta ghna
2	Jimutak a	Tikta , Kash aya	Katu	Ushn a	Laghu, Ruksha, Teekshna	Trid osha hara
3.	Shunthi	Katu	Madh ura	Ushn a	Laghu, Snigdha	Kaph aghn a, Vata ghna
4.	Saindha va	Lava na, Mad hura	Madh ura	Anush nashe eta	Laghu, , Teekshna, Snigdha, Sukshma	Trid osha hara
5.	TilaTail a	Mad hura, Katu, Tikta , Kash aya	Madh ura	Ushn a	Guru, Snigdha	Vata sham aka
6.	Godugd ha	Mad hura	Madh ura	Sheet a	Swadu, Sheeta, Mrudu, Snigdha, Bahala, Slakshna, Picchila, Guru, Manda, Prasanna	Vata - Pitta hara
7.	Yashtim adhu	Mad hura	Madh ura	Sheet a	Guru, Snigdha	Vata - Pitta hara

8.	Haridra	Tikta , Mad hura	Katu	Ushn a	Laghu, Ruksha	Kaph aghna, Pitta sham aka
9.	Vacha	Katu, Tikta	Katu	Ushn a	Laghu, Teekshna	Kaph aghna, Vata ghna

4.7 Sampling procedure: Simple

Randomization computer-generated table.

4.8 Sample size (Including sample size calculation): 40 (20 in each group).

4.9 Grouping and posology:

Posology-

a) For *Deepana-Pachana*: *Shunthichurna*

1gm BD Before meal for three days

b) For *Snehapana*: 1st day-100 ml

Goghrita + 10 gms *Saindhava*

c) For *Sarvanga Abhyanga*:

On the previous day of *Vamana*- 50

ml, *Tilataila* followed by *Petisweda*

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followed by *Petisweda*

d) For *Vamana*:

Kaphotkleshakaraahara, like Curd rice,

Sweets and *Dahiwada*, were advised on the previous night of *Vamana*.

Akanthapana- 2 Ltrs. of Milk

Vamanayoga for Group A – *Jimutakachurna*
3.5 gms + *Saindhava* 1.75 gms + Madhu 15 ml

Vamanayoga for Group B –

Ishwakuchurna 3.5 gms + *Saindhava* 1.75 gms + Madhu 15 ml

[The quantity of *Ishwaku* and

Jimutakachurna for *Vamana* will be taken as per Ayurvedic texts, which is

Antarnakhamushthiparamana. To calculate

this *pramana*, a study was undertaken in

which 50 random people were considered,

and their Gender, Age, Height, Weight,

BMI, and *Antarnakhamushthiparamana* were

noted. The average was calculated, and it

was found to be 3.5 gms]

Vamanopagadravya : 4.5 Ltrs.

Yashtimadhu Phanta

1050 Ltrs.

Saindhavajala

e) *Dhumapana*-

Dhumapana will be given by

Dhoomavarti made by using

Haridra, *Vacha* and

Shunthichurna. A patient will be

instructed to inhale the fumes

through each nostril and exhale

through the mouth every time.

Then inhale and exhale through

the mouth three times.

Samsarjana Krama¹⁶

Table:3 *Samsarjanakarma* will be advised for five days for each patient.

Day	Time	<i>Annakala</i>
1	Morning-	<i>Abhakt</i>
	Evening-	<i>Peya</i>
2	Morning-	<i>Peya</i>
	Evening-	<i>Vilepi</i>
3	Morning-	<i>Vilepi</i>
	Evening-	<i>Akritayusha</i>
4.	Morning-	<i>Kritayusha</i>
	Evening-	<i>Akritamansarasa</i>
5.	Morning-	<i>Kritamansarasa</i>
	Evening-	<i>Samanyaaahar</i>

Table: 4 Intervention

	Group A	Group B
Sample size	20	20
Intervention	Jimutaka Churna Yoga Vamana	Ikshwaku Churna Yoga Vamana
a) Preparation (Purvakarma) DeepanaPachana: <i>Shunthichurna</i> 1gm BD Before meal for three days , For Snehapana: 1st day-100 ml <i>Goghrita</i> + 10 gms <i>Saindhava</i>	Deepana Pachana : 3days Snehapana : 1day	Deepana Pachana : 3days Snehapana : 1day

Main treatment (Pradhankarma) Sarvang Abhyana & Swedan Vamana Karma	1 Day	1 Day
Follow up (Paschat Karma) period Sansarjana Krama	5 Days	5 Days
Total duration	11 Days	11 Days

Study duration- 11 days (excluding follow-up)

- 1) **Follow up** on the 12th day.
- 2) **Assessment of results-**

Results will be assess from the subjective and objective parameters of the baseline data before, follow-up, and after and will be discussed in the result section.

4.8. Data collection tools and process:

The study will taken 40 patients with a minimum of 20 in each group irrespective of gender, caste, religion, marital status, and economic status.

4.8.1 Inclusion criteria:

Patients between the ages group 18 to 50 yrs, irrespective of their gender, religion, economic status and marital status, are included in the study

Patients had *Asthma* for upto 5 yrs.

Patients who are fit for *Vamana* according to Ayurvedic classics are included in the study.

Patients only on inhalation therapy are included in the study.

Patients who are willing to participate in the study.

4.8.2 Exclusion criteria-

Patients on steroids.

Patients have any other pulmonary disorders & Cardiac disorders.

Patients with Hernia.

Patient having Asthma chronicity above 5 yrs.

Discontinuation Criteria:

1. Any adverse effect of the therapy if seen.
2. Any acute or severe illness.
3. Patient is not willing to continue the treatment.

4.8.3 Assessment criteria: The diagnosis is based on the signs and symptoms of *TamakaShwasa* given in Ayurvedic books and objective studies mentioned in current texts.

Objective parameters:

1. PFT (pulmonary function test)

Spirometry:

FEV1 (forced expiratory volume in one second): the amount of air you can forcibly exhale in one second. The abbreviation FEV1

refers to the forced expiratory volume in one second.

FVC: Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) is the most significant amount of air you can forcefully exhale. The abbreviation FVC stands for forced vital capacity.

FEV1/FVC: The proportion of your entire air capacity that you can exhale powerfully in one second.

2. CBC with AEC (Absolute Eosinophilic Count)

5. ANALYSIS PLAN:

Statistical analysis:

Statistical analysis:

A 95% confidence interval will continue to be used for the evaluation of all research parameters from the baseline through the follow-up visits. To determine statistical significance, the unpaired T-test, paired T-test, and ANOVA with posthoc T-tests will be utilised. Unpaired T-tests will be used to compare categorical variables between groups; paired T-tests and ANOVA with posthoc T-tests will be used to determine the statistical significance. 6.

OBSERVATION AND RESULTS: Will be drawn after analysis.

6.1 Safety assessment: For the safety of the patients who are taking part in the trial, PFT, CBC, and Absolute Eosinophil Count will be performed before and after treatment. The patient is told to notify the investigators by phone, visit, or by coming right away to the hospital if there is any negative reaction. If the patient experiences any unwelcome or severe adverse events, these will be carefully evaluated and reported to the closest specialty hospital for additional management. Participants who experience such a negative reaction will be removed from the study trial by *Vamana*.

6.2 Sample size: A minimum of 20 participants in each group, for a total of 40 patients, will be enrolled, accounting for a 10% dropout rate.

6.3 Sample size Estimation: The sample size for the study is calculated to be a total of 40 patients, with a minimum of 20 patients in each group, i.e., Group A: 20 patients, and Group B: 20 patients. With regard to age, gender, caste, and economic status

6.4 Allocation and Recruitment of the subjects: The specific sequential allocation number, which will be assigned to each patient in ascending

order, starting with the lowest number, will serve as their unique identifier. Patients who stop using that number won't get a new one. After achieving the inclusion and exclusion requirements, the assigned patients will be randomised into two groups in accordance with the computer-generated randomization table. There can be no more than one randomization number provided to a particular subject.

6.5 Data Collection Methods Assessment

subjective Parameters: Symptoms of dyspnea include coughing, expectorating, wheezing, coryza, dysphonia, hoarseness of voice, headache and stiffness, chest pain, and discomfort when lying down.

Assessment Objective Parameters: 1.PFT
2. CBC 3. Absolute Eosinophilic count.

Data management: The principal investigator will manage the data.

6.6 Time Schedule of Enrolment, intervention:

Ethics and Dissemination: research ethics approval: Institutional ethical approval has prevailed for the research trial. No-Ref.No.MGACHRC/IEC/July-2021/342

7.DISCUSSION:

The treatment in the present study is with *Jimutakavamana* (group A), and *Ishwakuvamana* (group B) is planned for *tamakshwasa*¹⁷. *Jimutaka*⁴ is taken as a standard drug for *Vamana*¹⁴, and *Ikshwaku*¹⁸ is *tikta*, *katurasatmakdravya* and have *sheetaveerya*. It has *laghu*, *ruksha*, and *teekshna* property and has *pittaghna* & *kaphagnaprabhava*. By its *rasa* it will invade into *strotas* and eliminate the stagnated *Kapha dosha*. Once vitiated, *Kapha dosha* is eliminated from the body automatically, obstruction gets dissolved, and the patient will get relief. This treatment will benefit patients because it is practical and feasible for ordinary people. In Ayurvedic classics there are six *vamak* drugs¹⁹ are explained, each of it has a unique property but *Madanphala*²⁰ is the only *vamak* drug is being used in day to day practices and previous studies²¹ were also conducted on *Madanphala* and *Jimutaka*. According to Charaka acharya, *Ikshwaku* is indicated in Tamaka Shwasa for *vamana*, so there are multiple options of drugs for *vamana*, but we are conducting the study to check the efficacy of *Ikshwaku* for *vamana* specifically in Tamaka Shwasa. It is stated that "Rogah sarve apimandagnow"²² means Mandagni is the cause of all diseases. The *strotas* are

obstructed by the *Kapha* and *vayu*, according to Acharya Charaka this obstructed *vayu* moves in all directions while attempting to overcome the blockage, resulting in *Shwasa*²³. Chakrapani defines the term "*Kapha purvaka*" in this context as *Kapha pradhana*, or *Kapha* predominance. It is necessary to keep in mind that determining the *Dosha* is important for disease treatment.²⁴ Therefore, by knowing the fact that Tamaka Shwasa is *Kapha* predominance disease we have chosen *Vamana* as a line of treatment in this study. As stated that "Rogah sarve api managanow". *Agnimandya* and *ama* are essential for the production of Tamaka Shwasa, Hence in order to normalize the *Agni* and to remove *ama*, *deepana* and *pachana* should be given first followed by *samshodhana chikitsa* that is *Vamana*.²⁵

CONCLUSIONS: Will be based on observation and results obtained.

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