

# **Annexure “F”**

**Information of Mentor of Training Centre**

# Information of Mentor of Training Centre

It shall be verified by the Head of the concerned Training Center,

Sr. No.	Particular	-	Information to be filled
01.	Name of the Mentor		Dr. Manisha Parag Ghurde
02.	Date of Birth		29/04/1974
03.	Address		Gulmohar Chs B – 108, Gavand Baug, Pokhran Road No.2 Thane (W)
04.	Tel. No./ Mob. No.		7722088789
05.	E-mail id		mipccoursecoordinator@gmail.com
06.	Nationality		Indian
07.	Qualification in details : (attach documentary proof)		B.H.M.S. M.D
08.	Teaching Experience / Health Sciences: Profession Experience (Attached document proof with signature of Head of the Institute. Also it is mandatory to attach self-attested Photocopy of the Experience Certificate of each Mentor in the Subject of concerned Fellowship/Certificate Course)		Teaching Experience : 24 Years Clinical Experience : 24 Years
09.	Present Appointment		Mentor
10.	Publications (List & Proof)		Attached
11.	Post Graduate Teaching experience(Attach documentary evidence)		05 Years
12.	Any other relevant information		-



Dr. Manisha Parag Ghurde  
Name & Sign. of Mentor

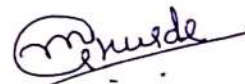
Date: - 23.05.22

For the use of affiliated Training Center:

I have verified the eligibility of the above Mentor as per the criteria of eligibility prescribed by the University vide clause no.7 of the University Direction No. 05/2017 (Amended) and University Circular No. MUHS/UDC/FCCC/736/2019 dated 30/09/2019.



Head of the Department  
Date: 23.05.22



Dean/ Principal/ Director of Training Centre  
Date: 23.05.22



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/RT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
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LETTER OF APPOINTMENT

To,  
Dr. Manisha Ghurde  
Thane.

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

Dear Dr. Manisha,

With reference to your application dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 and subsequent interview for the post of Course Coordinator, we are pleased to appoint you for the said post from 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

Your probation period is of 6 months and your appointment will be confirmed thereafter.

You will be deputed on VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of Preventive Cardiology with immediate effect.

Your monthly remuneration will be Rs. 65,000/- Professional tax, Provident Fund and other taxes applicable (if any) will be deducted as per Govt. Rule.

You will be abide by all the rules, regulations, terms and conditions, currently existing or modified / newly developed by Vd. Sane's Ayurvedic Education and Agricultural Research Trust.

You need to submit your joining report and a copy of Annexures regarding Remuneration, Job Responsibilities / KRAs, Terms and Conditions to us duly signed by you.

Congratulations on your appointment and a warm welcome to Vd. Sane's Ayurvedic Education and Agricultural Research Trust.

Thanking You.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Vilas Potnis  
Trustee

Vd. Sane's Ayurvedic Education and Agricultural Research Trust.

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## Joining Letter

To,

Date: 15.04.2017

The Trustee

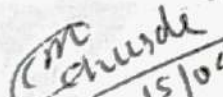
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This with reference of your Appointment letter Dated.14.04.2017 I hereby confirm that I have joined the duty today i.e.15<sup>th</sup> April 2017 before noon.

Submitted for your kind information and necessary action please.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

  
15/04/2017  
(Dr.Manisha Ghurde)



  
Director

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[ A Chair of Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik ]



Date : 21/05/2022

## Experience Letter

This is to certify that, Dr. Manisha P. Ghurde is  
working with us as a Director, since 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 till date.

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Dr. Vilas D. Potnis  
Trustee  
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**PROMOTION LETTER**

Date- 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dr. Manisha Ghurde  
Designation- Course Coordinator  
Employee ID - 40296

Dear Dr. Manisha,

Congratulations!

Consequent to the review of your performance, we are pleased to inform that you are promoted as **Director- MIPC** with effect from **20<sup>th</sup> July 2019**.

All other terms and conditions of your appointment remain unchanged.

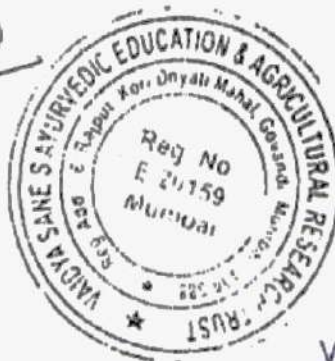
All the other terms and conditions as detailed in your appointment letter remain unchanged. We look forward to your valuable contributions and wish you all the very best for a rewarding career with the Trust.

Please sign the duplicate copy of this letter as a token of acceptance of the same.

For,

Vd. Sane's Ayurvedic Education and  
Agricultural Research Trust

  
Dr. Rohit M. Sane  
Secretary



  
Director

VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
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*Received & accepted*  
*Dr. Manisha Ghurde*  
*22/07/2019*

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Date : 21/05/2022

## Experience Letter

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**Dr. Vilas D. Potnis**  
Trustee

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Date : 21/05/2022

## Experience Letter

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KEMT/033/2017

Ref. No.:

Date :- 22/03/2017

Date

## TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Dr. (Mrs.) Manisha Parag Ghurde was working with KEMT's Virar Homoeopathic Medical College, Veer Savarkar marg Virar (E) 401305 as Principal from 01/11/2013 to 22/03/2017. She started her academic career with us as a Lecturer in department of Homoeopathic Repertory and case taking from 20/06/2001 and with her sincere efforts & excellent performance she was promoted to Reader from 21/06/2006 and then professor from 23/05/2015 in the same department and Principal of KEMT's Virar Homoeopathic Medical College, Virar (E). She was having 2 yrs. 4 mths. Previous Experience from Takhatmal Shrivallabh Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital, Amravati. Her total experience is 18 yrs. 1 mth.

During her tenure with our College she performed all the tasks given to her with lot of determination, integrity and sincerity. She is an active and motivated person and sincerely performed her duties as a teacher as well as Principal. Besides in my opinion, she is a devoted, professional, hard working and innovative person.

Moreover, Dr. (Mrs.) Manisha Parag Ghurde has demonstrated excellent behaviour and attitude during her service and has maintained cordial relationship with everyone. We found her to be sincere, truthful, reliable and sociable. She was also a pleasant person to talk and work within a team.

She has willingly resigned from her services however, we still hope she will succeed in any path of career.

We wish her all the very best for her future endeavours.

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Director

Madhavbaug Institute of  
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Secretary,  
Konkan Education & Medical Trust's  
Virar (E), Dist. Palghar.





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# Takhatmal Shrivallabh Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital

"Homoeo Sadan" Rajapeth, AMRAVATI - 444 606

Ref. No.

Date

## EXPERIENCE CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Dr. Ku. Manisha H. Dubey is working as a Demonstrator on Temporary basis in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology of T.S.H.M. College and Hospital Since 26th Feb. 1998 to 30th June 2000.

I wish her each and every success in her endeavour in future.



Director  
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PRINCIPAL,  
Takhatmal Shrivallabh,  
Homoeopathic Medical College,  
Rajapeth, AMRAVATI.

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## समचिकित्सा शल्य स्नातक

कु. मनिषा हनुमन्तदासजी हुरे यांनी  
अमरावती विद्यापीठाची समचिकित्सा शल्य स्नातक  
परीक्षा दिवस्की १९९६ मध्ये श्रेणीत उत्तीर्ण केल्याबद्दल  
त्यांना ही पदवी प्रदान करण्यात येत आहे.

अमरावती  
28 FEB 1998

श्रीगुरुदेव  
कुलगुरु

# Amravati University

## Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine & Surgery

This degree of Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine & Surgery  
is conferred upon *Dr. Manisha Hanumanthdasji Hure*  
on having passed the examination for the said degree  
in Winter - 1997



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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION  
MAHARASHTRA COUNCIL OF HOMOEOPATHY, MUMBAI

*Similia Similibus Curentur*

Certificate No. 26730

Date of Registration 06/06/1998



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Dr. / ~~Shri~~ / ~~Smt.~~ / Kumari DUBEY MANISHA  
HANUMANPRASADJI

*has been duly registered under the Mumbai Homoeopathic Practitioners' Act, 1959 (Mumbai XII of 1960).*

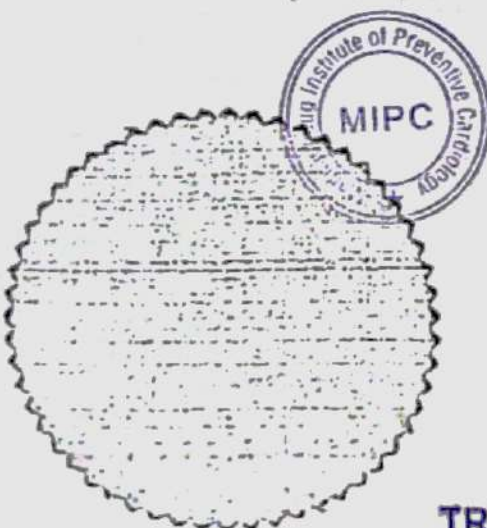
*In witness whereof are herewith affixed the seal of the Maharashtra Council of Homoeopathy, Mumbai and the signature of the Registrar.*

*Subject to the provision of the Act, this certificate is valid until it is duly cancelled and the name of the practitioner is removed from the register.*

05th

June

2013



Director

VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
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*Signature of the Registrar*

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MAHARASHTRA COUNCIL OF HOMOEOPATHY

235, PIRAMAL MANSION, 3rd FLOOR, DR. D.N. ROAD, FORT, MUMBAI - 1.  
Phone No: - 270 3242, 270 3086, 270 4400 FAX NO: - (022) 2703086

E-mail: alphamchevsnl.net

Ref.No: - MCH/REG/ - 26730/2001

Date: - 31-JAN-2001

FORM "K"

(See rule 12(5))

Notification to a registered/enlisted practitioner under section 26(1)(a) (111)  
of the Bombay Homoeopathic and Biochemic Practitioner's Act, 1959.

To,  
DR. DUBEY, MANISHA, HANUMANPRASADJI,  
'BAGESHREE' N/82,  
NEW CONGRESS NAGAR,

D, pin 444606

MRAVATI  
MAHARASHTRA



Dear Sir/Madam,

You are hereby informed that your certificate of  
Registration No. 26730 shall continue in operation subject  
to the provisions of section 26 unless it is duly cancelled under the Act.

Yours Faithfully,

*T. Shukron*

Registrar,

Maharashtra Council of Homoeopathy,  
Dr. D. N. Road, Mumbai-1.  
Maharashtra State.



Director

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We, the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor,  
the Vice-Chancellor, the Members of the  
Management Council and the Academic  
Council of the Maharashtra University of  
Health Sciences, Nashik,  
certify that

Shri/Smt.

DUBEY MANISHA  
HANUMANPRASADJI

of Kakasaheb Mhaske Homoeopathic  
Medical College & Hospital, Ahmednagar

having been examined and found  
duly qualified for the

*Doctor of Medicine in  
Homoeopathic Repertory*

In Nov-2008

the said Degree has been  
conferred on him/her

In testimony whereof is set  
the seal of the said University.

Director

P. S. Madhavbaug Institute of  
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25th May 2009

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अहमदनगर येथील काकासाहेब म्हास्के  
होमिओपॅथीक वैद्यकीय महाविद्यालय आणि  
रुग्णालया चे/च्या

दुवे मनिषा हनुमानप्रसाद

हे/हया नोव्हेंबर - २००८ मध्ये  
एम.डी. होमिओपॅथी  
(रेपर्टरी)

परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण झाल्याबद्दल त्यांना  
ही पदवी प्रदान करण्यात येत आहे.  
याची साक्ष म्हणून विद्यापीठाची अधिकृत मुद्रा  
येथे अंकित करण्यात येत आहे.



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अ. का. सौमंरजे  
सहा. कुलसचिव

No. MUHS/UG/E4/1031/11 25/2016

Date: 30/04/2016

To -  
The Principal,  
Virar Homoeopathy Medical College,  
Veer Savarkar Marg,  
Virar (E), Tal - Vasai,  
Dist - Thane - 401 303.

Sub: Temporary approval to the appointment of teachers.

Ref: Your letter No. KEMT/001/2016 dated 20/04/2016

Sir,

With reference to the above cited subject regarding the proposal for temporary appointment of teachers of your College under Local Selection Committee, I am directed to inform you that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor is pleased to grant approval in the appointment of temporary teachers as indicated below:

Sr. No.	Name of Teacher	Subject	Post	Status of approval
1	Dr. Manisha P. Sani	Physiology	Reader	W.e.f. date of joining i.e. 20/04/2016 temporary for one year only
2	Dr. Pooja Dandekar	Pathology	Lecturer	W.e.f. date of joining i.e. 20/04/2016 temporary for one year only
3	Dr. Jayanti A. Kuikarni	Surgery	Lecturer	W.e.f. date of joining i.e. 20/04/2016 temporary for one year only
4	Dr. Satishkumar R. Dubey	Obst. & Gynec.	Lecturer	W.e.f. date of joining i.e. 20/04/2016 temporary for one year only
5	Dr. Parmar Bharat J.	Medicine	Professor	W.e.f. date of joining i.e. 20/04/2016 temporary for one year only
6	Dr. Burase S. J.	Medicine	Reader	W.e.f. date of joining i.e. 20/04/2016 temporary for one year only
7	Dr. Mahendrakumar Yadav	P.S.M.	Lecturer	W.e.f. date of joining i.e. 20/04/2016 temporary for one year only
8	Dr. Manisha P. Ghurde	Reperitory	Professor	W.e.f. date of joining i.e. 20/04/2016 temporary for one year only
9	Dr. Barve Rajesh S	Reperitory	Reader	W.e.f. date of joining i.e. 20/04/2016 temporary for one year only

You are requested kindly to handover the copy of this letter to the above mentioned teachers.



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## Details of Publication / Research Publication in Chronological Order:

Sr. No.	Title Of Paper / Book	Name Of Research Journal	Issue no. & Month Of Publication	Whether as a First Author Or Other
1	Impact of Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) Management Program in Type II Diabetes Mellitus: A Retrospective Study	The Classical Science ISSN 2278-8646	Vol.13 Issue No.09 September 2019	Other
2	Efficacy of a polyheral oral formulation in the management of essential hypertension: an open label, pilot clinical study	The Classical Science ISSN 2278-8646	Vol.13 Issue No.10 October 2019	Other
3	Impact Of Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) Management Program In Type II Diabetic Obese Patients: An Observational Study	The Classical Science ISSN 2278-8646	Vol.13 Issue No.10 October 2019	Other
4	Impact of Comprehensive Diabetes Care on Glycaemic Control with Reduction in Dependency of Oral Hypoglycaemic Medicines in Diabetic Patients: A Retrospective Study	The Classical Science ISSN 2278-8646	Vol.13 Issue No.10 October 2019	Other
5	Study Of The Liver And Renal Function In Patients Of Chronic Heart Failure Based On The Body Mass Index: A Retrospective Study	The Classical Science ISSN 2278-8646	Vol.13 Issue No.09 September 2019	Other
6	To Study Effect of Heart Failure Reversal Therapy (HFRT) on the Anthropometric Obesity Parameters in Patients of Chronic Heart Failure	The Classical Science ISSN 2278-8646	Vol.13 Issue No.09 September 2019	Other

  
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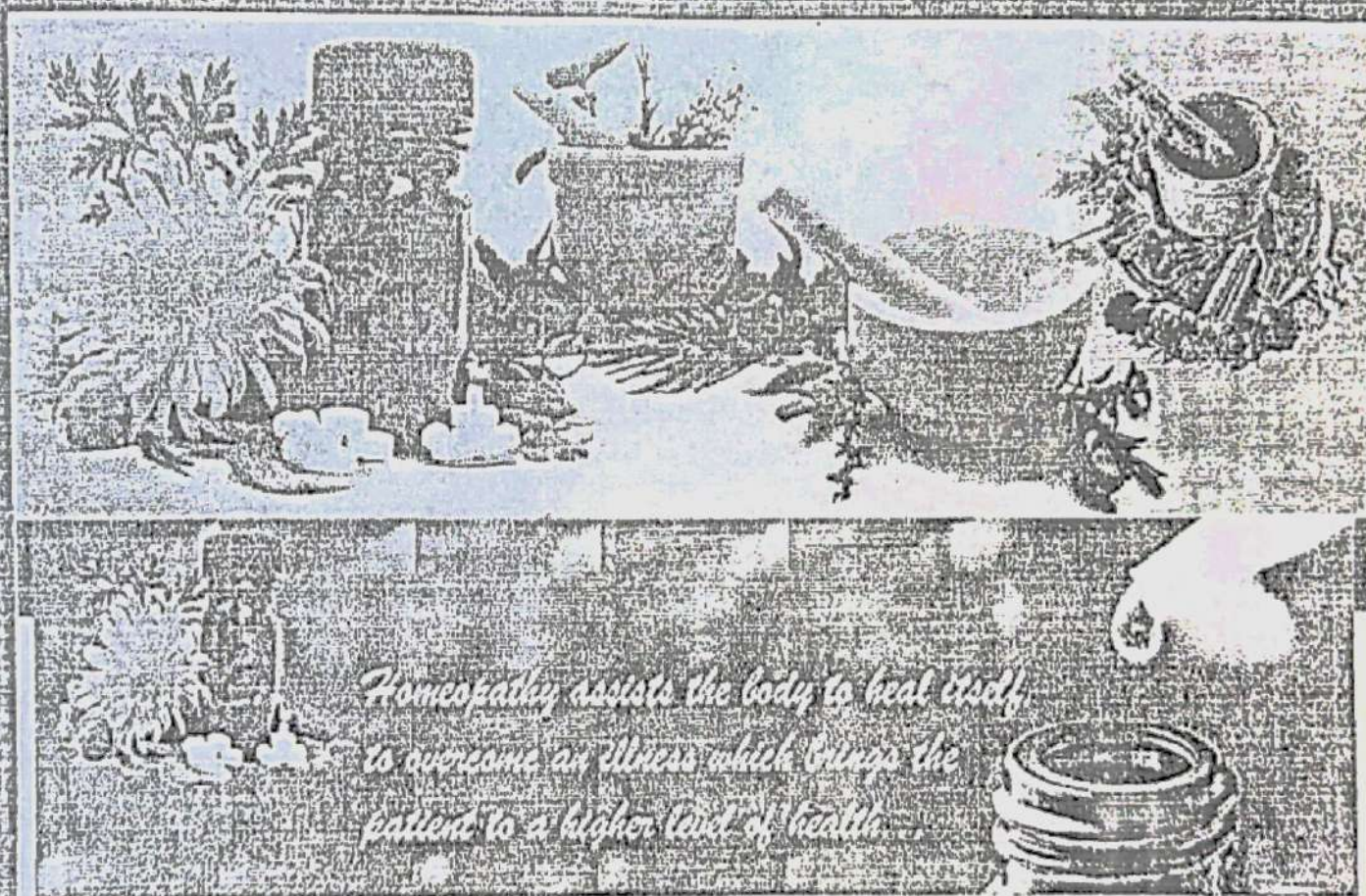
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३०/०९/२०१९ अखेरील माहिती

१)	खेळत भाग भांडवल	२०७ कोटी ९९ लाख
२)	वसूल भाग भांडवल	१० कोटी ४३ लाख
३)	एकूण निधी	२४ कोटी ८२ लाख
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धनसंचय ठेव	३.००%
रिकारिंग ठेव	८.५०%
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# STUDY OF THE LIVER AND RENAL FUNCTION IN PATIENTS OF CHRONIC HEART FAILURE BASED ON THE BODY MASS INDEX: A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Chronic heart failure (CHF) is known to affect hepatic and renal function adversely, but relevant Indian data is scarce. This study aimed to assess liver function tests (LFTs) and renal function tests (RFTs) of CHF patients and their relation to BMI status. **Methodology:** The retrospective study considered data of patients who consulted Madhavbaug clinics in Maharashtra, India between July-December 2018. Baseline LFTs and RFTs were analyzed wholly and based on BMI status, viz. normal-BMI, overweight and obese. **Results:** Of 147 patients, majority were males (74.15%) with mean age of 59.15±10.28 years. Based on BMI, three patient sub-groups were made: (56 with normal BMI, 60 were overweight and 30 were obese). Mean SGOT and SGPT were lower in obese group, but this was insignificant ( $p>0.05$ ). Overall ALP was increased in all CHF patients but was comparable in all three sub-groups ( $p>0.05$ ). Mean direct bilirubin were above-normal in all sub-groups, but mean total and indirect bilirubin were normal. Mean A/G ratio was normal in all sub-groups. Total serum protein was below normal in all sub-groups, being lowest in overweight group, but these findings were insignificant ( $p>0.05$ ). RFTs,

viz. BUN and serum creatinine, were normal and comparable in all sub-groups ( $p>0.05$ ). **Conclusion:** Mild elevation in direct bilirubin and notable ALP elevations were seen in CHF patients but their RFTs were normal. Mean LFTs and RFTs were comparable in patients with normal BMI, overweight or obese patients, indicating lack of association between BMI and hepatic or renal function.

**KEYWORDS:** Liver function, Renal function, Body Mass Index, Heart Failure.

## INTRODUCTION

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are few of the commonest reasons for morbidity as well as mortality in the world, and India is no exception. According to available data, CVD is the commonest cause of death in India. Chronic heart failure (CHF), which is reduced proficiency of the heart to pump the blood in the systemic circulation or inability to fill itself suitably with blood, affects about 10 million Indians. The prevalence of CHF is about 1% in the country.

CHF is associated with hepatic derangement due to liver congestion, which are generally asymptomatic but associated with deranged liver function tests (LFTs). Abnormal biochemical LFTs may be seen in CHF patients, but studies have shown variability in the findings. Also, if there are massive elevations seen in LFTs of CHF patients, these may be predictive of adverse outcomes. There are studies based on the LFTs in CHF patients in the developed countries, but such data in the Indian setting is scarce.

Renal function is a known, but often neglected determinant of CHF prognosis. Studies have reported that renal insufficiency may be associated with poor CHF outcomes. However, there is a definite paucity of data with respect to the prevalence of renal insufficiency in CHF patients in the Indian context. Body mass index (BMI), which is used to indicate the presence or absence of obesity in the population, is considered to be an important determinant of CHF risk and prognosis. Studies have shown that there is an increased risk of CHF development in patients with increased BMI. Obesity, which is defined as BMI

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more than 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, is considered an important risk factor for development of hypertension (HTN), diabetes mellitus (DM) and dyslipidemia, all of which are diseases which worsen the CHF prognosis. Literature search revealed that majority of CHF patients are obese, and this may be related to the impaired LFTs and RFTs in these patients. However, the specific impact of increased BMI on the RFTs and the LFTs have not been studied in detail.

In this retrospective study, we planned to assess the baseline LFTs and RFTs of CHF patients who visited the Madhavbaug clinics in India to tap the abnormalities in the hepatic or renal functioning. We also tried to assess these biochemical parameters based on the BMI status of the patients, after classifying the patients as those with normal BMI, overweight or obese.

### METHODOLOGY

This retrospective study was conducted utilizing the data of patients who suffered from CHF and visited the Madhavbaug clinics in the Indian state of Maharashtra. These CHF patients visited the clinics for check-up between July 2018 to December 2018. The case record files of these patients were assessed for completeness of the baseline characteristics, viz. demographic details, anthropometric details, liver function tests (LFT) and the renal function tests (RFT). Data of only those patients was assessed who had completeness of the baseline records.

The CHF patients who came to the Madhavbaug clinics for the first time were subjected to general and systemic

examination, followed by blood collection to assess the LFTs and the RFTs. The blood was collected from the antecubital vein and sent to the laboratory for reporting. The biochemical values obtained were then entered in the case records of these patients after the test reports arrived. The LFTs which were taken into consideration from the baseline clinical records included alkaline phosphatase, serum glutamic-oxaloacetic transaminase (SGOT), serum glutamic-pyruvic transaminase (SGPT), serum bilirubin (total, direct and indirect), albumin to globulin ratio and total protein levels. The baseline RFTs which were checked for in the medical records included serum creatinine and blood urea nitrogen (BUN). The normal ranges for the LFTs and RFTs were considered from standard textbooks and published literature (Table 1).

The patients were classified based on the BMI as those having BMI in normal range, those who are overweight or obese based on the WHO classification followed worldwide. The BMI of between 18-24.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> were considered normal, between 25 to 29.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> were considered overweight while those above 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> were considered obese. The mean RFTs and LFTs values were calculated separately for these three BMI sub-groups and then the mean values were compared.

Table 1: Normal Range for LFTs and RFTs.

Serum ALT (U/L)	0-45
SGPT (U/L)	0-35
ALP (U/L)	30-120
Total bilirubin (mg/dl)	0.2-1
Direct bilirubin (mg/dl)	0.1
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	1
Albumin:globulin ratio	1.5-2.5:1
Total protein (g/dl)	6-8.6
BUN (mg/dl)	7-20
Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	0.7-1.2

Data entry as well as coding was done in Microsoft Excel. Graphpad Instat software was utilized for data analysis. Categorical data was represented in the numeric form and continuous data was described as mean ± SD. The mean values of LFTs and RFTs were compared between the three subsets (normal BMI, overweight and obese) using Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) test. P value of less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

### RESULTS

147 patients visited the Madhavbaug clinics between the study period and had all the relevant details present in the case records. The data of these 147 patients was included in the study for analysis. The demographic details were recorded, and it was found that most of the patients were males (109 patients, 74.15%). The mean age of the CHF patients included in the study was 59.15 years, with a mean weight of 69.21 and mean height of

1.6 meters, i.e. 160 centimeters. The mean BMI calculated for the patients was 26.69 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (Table 2).

Based on the BMI, the patients were classified as per the WHO guidelines in three categories: those having normal BMI, those who were overweight and those who were obese (Table 3). 56 patients were found to



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have normal BMI, 60 patients were over-weight while the remaining 30 were found to be obese.

**Table 2: Demographic Details of CHF Patients (n=147).**

Mean age (years)	59.15 ± 10.28
Median age (years)	59 (Range: 30-80)
Number of males	109 (74.15%)
Number of females	38 (25.85%)
Mean baseline weight (kg)	69.21 ± 14.39
Mean baseline height (meter)	1.6 ± 0.08
Mean Body mass index (BMI) (kg m <sup>-2</sup> )	26.69 ± 4.97

**Table 3: Classification of patients based on BMI (n=147).**

Normal BMI (18.5-24.99 kg m <sup>-2</sup> )	Overweight (25-29.99 kg m <sup>-2</sup> )	Obese (≥30 kg m <sup>-2</sup> )
56	60	30

The mean values of all the LFTs and the RFTs were calculated based on the BMI-based subgroups and the comparison of these mean values was made between the three sub-groups. Amongst the LFTs, the mean SGOT and SGPT values were lower in the obese group, but this was not statistically significant ( $p>0.05$ ). The overall ALP was increased in all the CHF patients. However, the mean ALP was comparable in all the three sub-groups ( $p>0.05$ ) but was lowest in the normal BMI group. The mean direct bilirubin levels were found to be above the normal range in all the groups, but the total and the

indirect bilirubin levels were in the normal range. Total bilirubin and indirect bilirubin were lowest in the obese group, and this was a statistically significant finding ( $p<0.05$ ). The mean A/G ratio was found to be in the normal range, but the total serum protein was lower than the normal range in all the sub-groups. The mean A/G ratio was lowest but mean total protein was highest in the normal-BMI group, but these findings were statistically insignificant ( $p>0.05$ ). The RFTs, viz. BUN and serum creatinine, were all in the normal range in all the groups, and comparable in the sub-groups ( $p>0.05$ ) (Table 4).

**Table 4: Comparison of Liver function test and Renal Function test according to BMI parameters in CHF patients.**

Variables assessed	Overall mean values (n=147)	Normal BMI (18.5-24.99 kg m <sup>-2</sup> ) (N=56)	Overweight (25-29.99 kg m <sup>-2</sup> ) (N=60)	Obese (≥30 kg m <sup>-2</sup> ) (N=30)	P value
SGOT (U/L)	31.03 ± 15.04	31.01 ± 14.07	32.79 ± 17.96	27.67 ± 9.32	0.56
SGPT (U/L)	26.36 ± 15.05	27.46 ± 17.95	26.12 ± 13.60	24.87 ± 11.87	0.62
Alkaline phosphatase (ALP)	213.87 ± 82.1	210.16 ± 96.22	210.25 ± 70.28	215.84 ± 78.48	0.47
Total bilirubin	0.94 ± 0.11	1.04 ± 0.13	0.93 ± 0.10	0.79 ± 0.12	<0.001*
Direct Bilirubin	0.31 ± 0.13	0.35 ± 0.14	0.31 ± 0.11	0.23 ± 0.11	0.13
Indirect bilirubin	0.59 ± 0.3	0.66 ± 0.2	0.59 ± 0.31	0.48 ± 0.28	<0.001*
Albumin/Globulin ratio	1.57 ± 0.65	1.49 ± 0.37	1.65 ± 0.86	1.56 ± 0.57	0.77
Total protein	6.6 ± 0.94	6.6 ± 0.94	6.44 ± 1.22	6.47 ± 1.35	0.8
BUN	12.77 ± 8.14	13.7 ± 7.71	11.76 ± 6.26	13.51 ± 11.1	0.71
Serum creatinine	1.12 ± 0.44	1.12 ± 0.34	1.14 ± 0.45	1.1 ± 0.39	0.13



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## DISCUSSION

Obesity is an important risk factor for CVDs including CHF, and BMI is an important indicator for imminent or prevalent obesity. Multiple studies have found that CHF patients having BMI higher than the normal range are at an enhanced risk of mortality. Higher than normal BMI is related to the development of multiple metabolic diseases including HTN and DM. Hence, directly and indirectly, BMI affects the CHF development and prognosis. CHF is also known to affect the liver and the renal function of the body according to many studies published in the developed countries, but it is not clearly known whether the same can be said about Indian CHF patients. It is also not clear that whether BMI plays a role in the deranged LFTs and RFTs in the CHF patients. Hence, the authors decided to analyze the available baseline data to evaluate whether CHF patients showed any biochemical derangement in LFTs or RFTs, both as a whole as well as based on the BMI status of the patients.

The baseline LFT and RFT data of 147 CHF patients were analyzed. On evaluation of the whole data set, it was found that, out of the LFTs, the mean ALP and the mean direct bilirubin were raised above the normal range. The mean serum total protein was found to be mildly lowered in the CHF patients. However, the mean SGOT, mean SGPT, mean total bilirubin as well as indirect bilirubin, and the mean A/G ratio were in the normal range. An increase in the direct bilirubin is seen in parenchymal liver disease, which may be due to CHF. The mean ALP levels in this study were increased approximately twice the normal range. The increased central venous pressure (CVP) leads to passive congestion of the liver in CHF, which can lead to ALP elevation along with elevation of other liver enzymes. Another important reason for elevated liver enzymes is decreased hepatic perfusion due to reduced cardiac output in CHF, thereby causing hepatocellular damage and elevated liver enzymes and bilirubin. However, the ALP is a non-specific enzyme which may be raised in bile duct obstruction,

cirrhosis or even in bone disease. Hence, the raised ALP may not be linked with CHF, in the presence of normal SGOT and SGPT. The decreased mean protein, which was mild, can also be physiological due to aging or due to decreased liver function. Once again, the change in serum protein is mild and hence, inconclusive.

The RFTs which were noted down were serum creatinine and BUN, and both were in the normal range. This was in contrast to multiple studies in the western countries, which have shown that how long-term CHF can compromise renal functions. In a study by Tonelli et al., 33% of patients with CHF developed chronic kidney disease (CKD) in late life while the number was 32% in another study by Damman et al. Just like liver function, the main causes for compromised renal function in CHF patients are increased CVP and reduced renal blood flow. Initially, renal auto-regulation maintains the kidney function and this may be the reason why patients in our study had normal RFTs. However, glomerular filtration rate (GFR) declines over a period of time, and there is compromised renal function in the later stage of life.

The mean BMI for the CHF patients in this study was 26.69 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, falling in the overweight category. 60 of the 147 patients were overweight, 56 of them fell in the normal BMI category while 30 of them were in the obese category. It was found that all the values, except total bilirubin and indirect bilirubin, were comparable in the three BMI categories. Even though the total and the indirect bilirubin were significantly lower in the obese class of CHF patients, the values in all the groups were in the normal range and hence this statistical significance was clinically irrelevant. In our knowledge, this is one of the first studies which has tried to assess the LFTs and RFTs in CHF patients, based on the BMI and hence, this study holds a novelty factor.

The study had a few limitations. The study was carried

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only in Western India, and hence patients of the whole country were not represented in the sample, creating region bias. Also, the sample size was low. A study with a bigger sample size, multiple centers and over a longer period may help in creating more robust evidence.

## CONCLUSION

Mild elevation in direct bilirubin and notable elevations in ALP were seen in CHF patients but their RFTs were in the normal range. The mean LFTs and RFTs values were comparable in patients with normal BMI, overweight or obese patients indicating possible lack of association between BMI and hepatic or renal derangement in CHF patients. More evidence needs to be generated in Indian

CHF patients to create stronger evidence with regards to the LFTs and RFTs in CHF patients.

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# To Study Effect of Heart Failure Reversal Therapy (HFRT) on the Anthropometric Obesity Parameters in Patients of Chronic Heart Failure

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## Abstract

**Background:** Chronic heart failure (CHF) is a common cause of mortality and morbidity. Obesity influences the CHF development and prognosis. This study was conducted to assess effect of Heart failure reversal therapy (HFRT), a combination of panchakarma and allied therapies, on anthropometric parameters in CHF patients. **Methodology:** This retrospective study was conducted on data of patients who visited Madhavbaug clinics in Maharashtra, India between July-December 2018. Selection was based upon the availability of complete baseline (day 1 of HFRT) and follow-up data (day 30 of HFRT) of CHF patients who were admitted for minimum 5 days for HFRT. **Results:** Out of 147 patients, 74.15% were males with mean age 59.15±10.28 years. There was statistically significant decrease ( $p<0.05$ ) in both mean BMI and abdominal girth at day 30 of HFRT. 42 of 147 patients (28.57%) had hypertension (HTN) with CHF, 22 patients (14.97%) had diabetes mellitus (DM) and 61 patients (41.49%) had both HTN and DM. In all these sub-groups, mean BMI and abdominal girth was significantly decreased ( $p<0.05$ ) at day 30. Strong positive correlation was found between BMI and abdominal girth on day 1 ( $R=0.9$ ,  $P<0.05$ ) and day 30 ( $R=0.83$ ,  $P<0.05$ ) by Pearson's

correlation. Similar correlation was found between the two parameters in subsets of CHF patients having HTN or DM or both DM and HTN ( $p<0.05$ ).

**Conclusion:** HFRT decreased BMI and abdominal circumference significantly in CHF patients, irrespective of the presence of HTN or DM. Both the anthropometric parameters correlated strongly in all co-morbidity subsets of CHF patients.

**Keywords:** HFRT, Obesity, Body mass Index, Abdominal Girth, Comorbidity

## Introduction

Globally, cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are few of the commonest causes of morbidity and mortality and the picture in India matches the global scenario. In the true sense, CVD has become the commonest cause of death in the country.<sup>[1]</sup> Chronic heart failure (CHF) is an intricate clinical syndrome which involves reduction in the ability of the heart to pump the blood in the systemic circulation or inability to fill itself appropriately with blood.<sup>[2]</sup> Approximately 8-10 million Indians are suffering from CHF, with an estimated prevalence of 1%.<sup>[3]</sup> There are well-known guidelines which talk about different pharmacological agents like angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs), vasodilators as well as beta blockers for the management of CHF. However, despite these multiple treatment options, the CHF mortality in India is as high as 20%-30%.<sup>[4]</sup> Hence, there is a need of new treatment modalities which will improve the prognosis of CHF.

The role of obesity in the development or the CHF is widely debated. According to the Framingham Study there is an enhanced risk of developing CHF in people having elevated body mass index (BMI) (5% risk in men and 7% risk in women for every rising point of BMI).<sup>[5]</sup> Though there are doubts over the role of obesity as a solitary risk factor in the CHF development as well as prognosis, it is a proved fact that obesity is associated indirectly or directly in the

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development of hypertension, type II diabetes mellitus and dyslipidemia, all of which are risk factors for CHF progress and development.<sup>16</sup> Hence, there needs to be development of therapeutic options which can help control obesity, benefitting the patients of CHF.

Physicians practicing alternative medicine believe that in the chronic stage of heart failure, use of *panchakarma* therapy (a 5- step procedure for delivering internal body purification) is an effective add-on therapy.<sup>17</sup> Heart failure reversal therapy (HFRT), also known as *sampurnahrut dayshudhikaran* (SHS) therapy, is a blend of herbal treatment with *panchakarma* and allied the rapetic modalities.<sup>18,19</sup> The techniques utilized in HFRT include *snehana* (massage), *swedana* (passive heat therapy) and *basti* (medicated enema), which are known to free the body from the toxins.

There has been some recent published evidence on the effect of the HFRT therapy on CHF patients. However, there is a paucity of data on the specific effect of HFRT on the modifiable anthropometric parameters for obesity in the CHF patients, which are BMI and abdominal circumference. Though BMI is a commonly utilized parameter to monitor obesity in the population, it does not give information on the adipose tissue distribution in an individual. Abdominal obesity, which is indicated by waist circumference, plays a crucial role in the cardiovascular risk assessment. Major health organizations like World Health Organization (WHO) have also suggested the combination of BMI as well as abdominal obesity to

determine the distribution of adipose tissue in a more profound way.<sup>101</sup>

In this retrospective study, the effect of HFRT was analyzed on BMI as well as waist circumference in CHF patients, to know the impact of HFRT on both the generalized body fat as well as on the

#### Table 1: Study Treatment: Heart Failure Reversal Therapy (HFRT)

abdominal obesity. We also assessed the correlation of the two anthropometric obesity parameters to check whether they go hand- in-hand, both before as well as after HFRT intervention

#### Methodology

This was a retrospective study conducted on the data of the patients who visited the Madhavbaug clinics in Maharashtra, India between July 2018 to December 2018. The data of only those patients was considered who had been administered HFRT over minimum 5 days of admission in the Madhavbaug clinics. Cases were identified, and data was assessed from the medical records of Madhavbaug clinics in Maharashtra. The selection was based upon the availability of complete relevant baseline data (day 1 of HFRT) and follow-up data (day 30 of HFRT) of the patients. The information about co-morbidities, if any, were noted down from the medical records.

The HFRT is an amalgamation of *panchakarma* as well as allied therapies. HFRT uses different oils and decoctions, which constitutes of a 4-step procedure, described below in table 1.

Step of HFRT	Type of Therapy	Herbs used for therapy	Duration of Therapy
<i>Snehana</i>	Massage (i.e. external oleation) (acupunctured upper strokes directed towards heart)	10 gm of <i>Triphala</i> (10 gm of <i>Triphala</i> and 5 gm of <i>Triphala</i> ) Herbal extract processed in <i>sneha</i> oil	10-15 minutes
<i>Swedana</i>	Passive heat therapy	<i>Haridra</i> (a group of ten herbal roots with <i>agardha</i> ) in decoction in <i>sneha</i>	10-15 minutes + 3-4 minutes + 3-4 minutes after procedure
<i>Haridra dhara</i>	Decoction drip (in the upper part of the body)	<i>Haridra</i> (a group of ten herbal roots with <i>agardha</i> ) in decoction in <i>sneha</i>	10-15 minutes
<i>Basti</i>	Medicated enema (administered per rectal) (should be in the form of 10-15 ml of <i>sneha</i> for maximum absorption)	<i>Haridra</i> (a group of ten herbal roots with <i>agardha</i> ) in decoction in <i>sneha</i>	10 minutes



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On the first day of hospital admission before starting HFRT, the BMI was evaluated by taking into consideration the height and the weight of the patients and using the formula: weight in kilograms/(height in meters)<sup>3</sup>. The abdominal girth of patients was measured on day 1 before initiating HFRT using a measuring tape and noted down in medical records. In a similar way, the measurements of height, weight and abdominal girth were done on day 30 from HFRT initiation and the comparison with the baseline BMI and abdominal girth was done.

Data was entered and coded in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. GraphpadInstat software was used to analyze the data. Categorical data were represented in the numeric form and continuous data were presented as the mean  $\pm$  SD. Paired t-test was used to assess the difference between the values at baseline and 30th day after treatment initiation. Correlation between BMI and abdominal girth was calculated using Pearson's correlation coefficient. P value <

0.05 was considered statistically significant.

### Results

A total of 147 patients' data was included in the study for analysis. The demographic details were compiled, and it was found

that majority of the patients were males (74.15%). The mean age of the CHF patients was 59.15 years, with a

mean baseline weight of

69.21 kilograms and mean height of 1.6 meters (Table 2).

**Table 2: Demographic Details of CHF Patients (n=147)**

Mean age (years)	59.15 $\pm$ 10.28
Median age (years)	59 (Range: 30-80)
Number of males	109 (74.15%)
Number of females	38 (25.85%)
Mean baseline weight (kg)	69.21 $\pm$ 14.39
Mean baseline height (meter)	1.6 $\pm$ 0.08

On comparing the mean BMI of all CHF patients between day 1 and day 30 of HFRT treatment, there was statistically significant decrease, assessed by paired T test. Similar findings were noted for mean abdominal girth, with statistically significant decrease at day

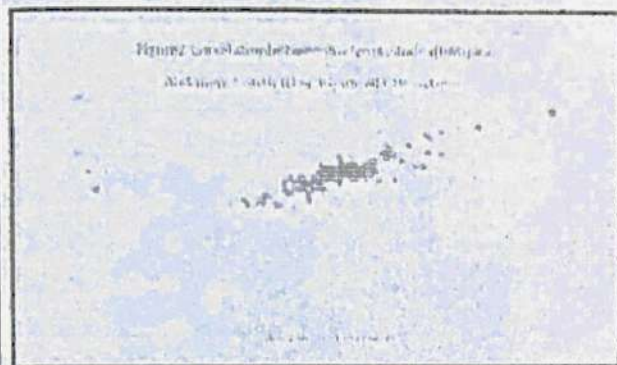
30. 42 of the 147 patients (28.57%) had hypertension (HTN) associated with CHF, 22 patients (14.97%) had type II diabetes mellitus (DM) and 61 patients (41.49%) had both HTN and DM along with CHF. In all these sub-groups, the mean BMI and mean abdominal girth was found to be significantly decreased at day 30 compared to that on day 1. (Table 3) Table 3: Change in Anthropometric Obesity Parameters in Patients of CHF based on co-morbidities

		At 1 <sup>st</sup> admission	Day 30 of treatment	P-value
All CHF patients [N=147]	Mean BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.60 $\pm$ 4.95	25.46 $\pm$ 5.05	0.01*
	Mean Abdominal girth (cm)	98.82 $\pm$ 12.74	93.68 $\pm$ 12.36	0.01*
CHF with Hypertension (HTN) [N=42]	Mean BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.67 $\pm$ 4.60	25.09 $\pm$ 5.05	0.01*
	Mean Abdominal girth (cm)	98.81 $\pm$ 11.67	93.17 $\pm$ 11.69	0.01*
CHF with Diabetes mellitus (DM) [N=22]	Mean BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	25.73 $\pm$ 6.46	24.46 $\pm$ 6.25	0.01**
	Mean Abdominal girth (cm)	96.45 $\pm$ 15.47	91.44 $\pm$ 14.96	0.01*
CHF with both HTN and DM [N=61]	Mean BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	27.33 $\pm$ 4.83	25.66 $\pm$ 5.44	0.01**
	Mean Abdominal girth (cm)	101 $\pm$ 12.9	95.79 $\pm$ 12.35	0.01*

P<0.05 considered significant by Paired T Test



s Pearson Correlation Coefficient:  $R=0.9$   
(Strong correlation)



Pearson Correlation Coefficient:  $R=0.83$   
(Strong correlation)

On subgroup correlation analysis based upon the associated co-morbidities, we found strong correlation between BMI and abdominal girth in subsets of CHF patients having only HTN, only DM or both DM and HTN, and all these correlations were statistically significant. Table 4: Correlation between BMI and Abdominal girth in patients of CHF with various co-morbidities

Day of assessment	Comorbidity seen	R (Correlation coefficient)	Interpretation	P value
Day 1 of HFRT	All CHF patients [N=147]	0.9	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with Hypertension (HTN) [N=42]	0.85	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with Diabetes mellitus (DM) [N=22]	0.91	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with both HTN and DM [N=64]	0.91	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
Day 30 of HFRT	All CHF patients [N=147]	0.83	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with Hypertension (HTN) [N=42]	0.8	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with Diabetes mellitus (DM) [N=22]	0.95	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with both HTN and DM [N=64]	0.8	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*

#### Discussion

Obesity poses as a risk factor for multiple CVDs, prominent of which are CAD and CHF. BMI is considered as an important indicator of sedentary lifestyle as well as impending or prevalent obesity. Many studies have shown that CHF patients having high BMI are at an increased risk of mortality.<sup>12,13</sup> Abdominal obesity, indicated by calculating the abdominal girth, is associated with development of multiple metabolic diseases like HTN and DM. These metabolic diseases are known risk factors for not only the development of CHF but also alters the prognosis. Hence, measuring of the anthropometric obesity indicators, which are BMI and abdominal girth, are equally important to predict the development or prognosis of CHF.

The existing treatment modalities have positive effects on the cardiovascular parameters but when it comes to their effect on BMI or abdominal girth, none of the drugs of CHF are known to be affecting them. There is certainly a dire need of modalities which can help modify these anthropometric parameters, which may directly and indirectly help in making the CHF prognosis more positive. Physicians practicing alternative medicine utilize panchakarma therapy as an add-on therapy for treatment of CHF and HFRT is a combination of panchakarma with allied therapies.<sup>14</sup> However, the effect of HFRT on the specific anthropometric parameters in patients of CHF are not well established, and no study has taken the co-morbidities besides CHF into consideration. Hence, it was thought to evaluate the effect of HFRT on BMI and abdominal girth in CHF patients, and also analyze



the data based on the subgroups suffering from HTN or DM or both.

In this study, we assessed the effect of HFRT, a novel treatment modality, in CHF patients, on the obesity parameters of BMI and abdominal girth, after 30 days of HFRT initiation. It was found that HFRT significantly lowers the BMI and abdominal girth at day 30, compared to the baseline. The sub-group analysis to assess the effect of HFRT in CHF patients suffering from DM and HTN, separately and together, yielded positive results. This was done to evaluate whether any underlying metabolic disease will affect the positive effect of HFRT on the anthropometric measurements, which was not the case. Hence, irrespective of the underlying metabolic disease of HTN and DM, HFRT may benefit the patients based on BMI and abdominal girth.

HFRT comprises of *Snehana* (external oleation or massage), *Swedana* (passive heat therapy), *Hridaydhara* (decoction dripping therapy) as well as *Basti* (per rectal drug administration). Published literature states that the sympathetic nervous system is activated in obesity.<sup>144</sup> It has been theorized that *Snehana* decreases the

sympathetic activity of the body, which may be one of the factors which may be decreasing the body fat. *Swedana* involves exposure of the body to external heat, which is believed to decrease the subcutaneous body fat. Stress is a common factor which is associated with increasing BMI as well as obesity which may be tackled by *Hridaydhara*, which leads to patient relaxation both mentally as well as physically. According to a published research on obese patients, *Basti* moderates the immune responses by controlling the pro-inflammatory cytokines, immunoglobulins and functional properties of T-cells. These alterations are associated with a reduction in the body weight.<sup>145</sup>

BMI does not discriminate between the fat mass and fat-free mass, which is an accepted indicator of the general health status. The robustness of BMI as an adequate obesity indicator is not proved in elderly individuals, as the fat-free mass decreases with age.<sup>146</sup> Waist circumference or abdominal girth helps in determining abdominal adiposity, which is a better indicator of risk to develop various metabolic diseases. By checking the correlation between BMI and abdominal circumference, it was proved that irrespective of the associated co-morbidity with CHF, HFRT significantly decreases general body mass as well as on abdominal adiposity, which correlated well in all subgroups of CHF patients.

The study had a few limitations. The study assessment was done only after 30 days of HFRT, so long term effects of HFRT on the anthropometric parameters was not assessed. The study was of retrospective design, and so was dependent on the availability of patient data. Future research over a longer study period and with a prospective study design may be planned to generate more evidence for effect of HFRT on anthropometric measurements.

#### Conclusion

HFRT decreased BMI and abdominal circumference significantly in patients of CHF, irrespective of the presence of any other co-morbidity like HTN or DM. Both the anthropometric parameters correlated strongly in all the co-morbidity subsets of CHF patients.

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# Impact of Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) Management Program in Type II Diabetes Mellitus: A Retrospective Study

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**Abstract:** Globally, Diabetes mellitus (DM) prevalence has created menace, being a major culprit of increased mortality and morbidity and health care expenditures. India is the 2<sup>nd</sup> country with maximum number of diabetic patients, with an estimated prevalence of around 10%. Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) is a combination of *Panchakarma* and Diet management. This study was conducted to evaluate the effect of CDC on glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c), body mass index (BMI), body weight, abdominal girth and dependency on conventional therapy in DM Patients. This retrospective study was conducted from July 2017 to January 2018, wherein the data of elderly male type 2 DM patients (HbA1c >6.5%) who attended *Madhavbaug clinics* in *Maharashtra*, India were identified. Data of patients who were administered CDC (60-75 minutes) with minimum 6 sittings over 90 days ( $\pm 15$  days) were considered. Variables were compared between day 1 and day

90 of CDC. Out of 48 enrolled elderly male patients, 34 were included for analysis. CDC showed significant improvement in HbA1c from  $8.27 \pm 0.96$  to  $7.1 \pm 1.30$ ;  $p=0.0001$ ). BMI from  $27.65 \pm 3.20$  to  $25.91 \pm 3.29$ ;  $p<0.0001$ ), weight from  $73.75 \pm 10.76$  to  $69.46 \pm 10.39$ ;  $p<0.0001$ ). Abdominal girth (from  $100.0 \pm 9.08$  to  $95.36 \pm 9.10$ ;  $p<0.0001$ ), also showed significant reduction. Dependency on concomitant medicines was reduced, with number of patients on no concomitant medicines increasing from 3% to 15%. CDC and allopathy both are found to be efficacious; but CDC acts dually, by reducing HbA1c, as well as reducing dependency on allopathic medications.

**Keywords:** Comprehensive Diabetes Care, CDC, Panchakarma, HbA1C, BMI, DM, Alternative Medicine

## 1. Introduction

Diabetes mellitus type II (DM) prevalence has reached epidemic levels in global scale. International diabetes federation quotes that number of diabetics in 2030 will rise by estimated 200 million rise in number of cases, as compared to prevalence in 2011 [1]. This is far more concerning in India, where it is estimated that around 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the population is inflicted by DM, with significantly high

mortality rates [2, 3]. Historically, fasting blood sugar level >126 mg/dl and post-meal blood sugar level >140 mg/dl, which together constitute an oral glucose tolerance test is used for diagnosis of DM. Nowadays, glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) is used for diagnosis of DM, as it depicts blood glucose levels over preceding 2-3 months. HbA1c levels >6.5% is diagnostic of DM, while levels less than 6.5 but more than 5.7% are dietary





considered as prediabetics. Most of the guidelines suggest target HbA1c as  $\leq 6.5\%$  [4]. Plethora of complications of DM, grouped as macrovascular and microvascular, short term and long term, makes the disease more dangerous. Stroke, myocardial infarction, peripheral vascular disease are some of the macrovascular complications, while retinopathy, neuropathy and nephropathy are grouped under microvascular complications. However, major culprit for morbidity and mortality in diabetic patients is cardiovascular diseases (CVD) [5]. Foot ulcers, amputations are some of the after effects of diabetic neuropathy, while diabetic nephropathy is one of the major cause of morbidity and mortality in diabetic patients after CVD [6-9]. Diabetes is presently managed by advocating dietary corrections and regular physical exercise along with treatment with oral antidiabetic drugs/oral hypoglycemic agents (OADs). It is recommended to start OAD only when diet management and other measures are unable to bring down levels of HbA1c to  $\leq 6.5\%$  after 2 months. The majority of the OADs act by either, reducing the intrinsic glucose production, increasing tissue uptake or increasing excretion. Sulphonylureas, thiazolidinedione, biguanides, etc. are some of the examples of conventional class of antidiabetic drugs. When 1 OAD is unable to reduce the HbA1c below 7.5% or if baseline HbA1c is too high, it is recommended to use combination of OADs from different class [10]. But, major issues faced with the use of OADs are a plethora of adverse effects which include hypoglycemia, pancreatitis, anemia, etc [11]. These adverse effects along with the increased cost of therapy has found to drastically reduce medication adherence in patients of DM [12]. Despite the availability of numerous classes of OADs and extensively laid down guidelines, number of cases of DM are consistently increasing [12]. Thus, an effective alternative therapy is needed, that will counteract these adverse effects of conventional medicines

and increase patient adherence to medications for optimal outcome. OADs act by reducing blood sugar levels in the body. Various herbal drugs have shown similar effects in clinical studies, including significant reduction in HbA1c [13-15]. This makes Ayurveda a potential therapeutic alternative in patients of type 2 DM. Ayurvedic physicians advocate Panchakarma, a multi-step body detoxification process in the chronic phase of disease. Panchakarma and diet therapy is combined in Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) Management Program. Three techniques are used in Panchakarma in CDC - *Snehana*, i.e. oleation, *Swedana*, i.e. passive heat therapy and *Basti*, i.e. per rectal drug administration. Panchakarma is a well-known procedure for internal detoxification of the body [16-17]. Since reduction in quality of life, depression are associated with DM, we planned this retrospective study in elderly male

patients of type 2 DM, to assess the efficacy of CDC on various parameters like HbA1c, BMI, reduction in body weight, abdominal girth and reduction in dependency on conventional medications after completion of CDC.

## 2. Subjects and Methods

### Study Design

Retrospective record based study.

### Study Site

Madhavbaug Clinics from all over Maharashtra

### Study Period

July 2017 to January 2018.

### Study Participants

Elderly male ( $>60$  years), suffering from type 2 DM (HbA1c  $>6.5\%$ ), who attended Madhavbaug clinics across Maharashtra.

### Methodology

The data of patients who had been administered CDC with minimum 6 sittings over a span of 90 days (i.e. 15 days) were considered for the study, out of which 4 sittings were done in the 1<sup>st</sup> month, and 1 sitting per month for next 2 months. These patients



were maintained on a diet plan of 800-1000 calories intake per day, according to patient medical records. The diet plan consisted of low carbohydrates, moderate proteins, and low fats. Cases were identified, and data was assessed from the records of *Madhavbaug clinics* in *Maharashtra*. The selection was based upon the availability of complete relevant baseline data (day 1 of CDC) and final day data (day 90 of CDC) of the patients. The information about prescribed concomitant medicines, if any, was also noted down. On day 1 of CDC, the patients had undergone HbA1c, weight, BMI, abdominal girth measurements as per guidelines [18]. This readings were considered as baseline reading. This process was repeated on day 90 of CDC to calculate the change from baseline reading. The

BMI for day 1 and day 90 of the patients was calculated by checking the weight and the height from the medical data sheets of patients and using the formula:  $\text{weight in kilograms} / (\text{height in meters})^2$ . The dependency on standard medication was calculated both on day 1 and day 90 of CDC as the percentage of patients out of the total enrolled ones who required a conventional allopathic therapeutic agent during the study period of 90 days.

The CDC is a 3-step procedure which was performed on the patients of type 2 DM after a light breakfast. One sitting of the procedure took 65-75 minutes, as described in table 1 [19-20]

**Table 1. Study Treatment: Comprehensive Diabetes Cure (CDC).**

Step of CDC	Type of Therapy	Herbs used for therapy	Duration of Therapy
Snehana Swadha	Massage or external oleation (anirpita)	100 ml <i>Azadirachta indica</i> (neem) extract processed in sesame oil	25-30 minutes
	Passive heat therapy to the body	<i>Dashmoola</i> (group of ten herbal roots) with steam at <40	15-20 minutes + 3-4 minutes
Step of CDC	Type of Therapy	Herbs used for therapy	Duration of Therapy
Basti katha	Per-rectal drug administration should be in body for > 15 minutes for maximum absorption	<i>degrees Celsius</i>	of relaxation after procedure
		Mixture of 40% <i>Cashuwa</i> ( <i>Cynometra</i> ), 20% <i>Dandamula</i> ( <i>Barbena</i> ) and 40% <i>Yashimoolu</i> ( <i>Cissampelos</i> )	10 minutes

#### Statistical Analysis

Data were pooled and coded in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. R Version 3.4.1 software was used to analyze the data. Categorical data were represented in the frequency form and continuous data were represented as the Mean  $\pm$  SD. Paired t-test was used to assess the difference between baseline values and 90<sup>th</sup> day after treatment. The histogram were used to represent the graphs.

#### 1. Results

##### Study population:

A total of 48 patients' data was screened for inclusion in the study. However, based on the availability of

data (Day 1 and Day 90) and the inclusion criteria, 34 patients were selected, and their data was considered for analysis. The present study involved a total of 34 male patients with more than 60 years age having a diabetic history and HbA1c  $\geq 6.5$ . The mean age of the patients was  $66.32 \pm 4.86$  years and mean height was  $163.34 \pm 6.53$  cm. Clinical parameters compared between baseline values and after 90<sup>th</sup> day was as shown in Table 2. After 90 days of treatment there was significant reduction in the HbA1c ( $P=0.0001$ ; Figure 1). There was significant reduction in weight ( $P<0.001$ ; Figure 2), BMI ( $P<0.0001$ ; Figure 3) and Abdomen girth ( $P<0.0001$ ; Figure 4) post treatment of 90 days.



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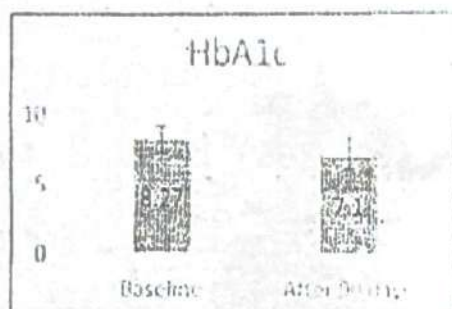
**Table 2. Comparison of clinical parameters between baseline values and 90<sup>th</sup> day**

Variable (n=34)	Baseline	After 90 days	t statistic	p-value
HbA1c	8.27 ± 0.96	7.1 ± 1.30	4.71	0.0001
Weight (Kg)	73.75 ± 10.76	69.46 ± 10.39	10.964	<0.0001
BMI	27.65 ± 3.20	25.91 ± 3.29	7.35	<0.0001
Abdomen girth (n=25)	100.0 ± 9.08	95.36 ± 9.10	8.1	<0.0001

HbA1c; Glycated haemoglobin, BMI; Body mass index

**Table 3. Correlation of BMI and Abdomen girth with HbA1c at 1<sup>st</sup> day and after 90 days**

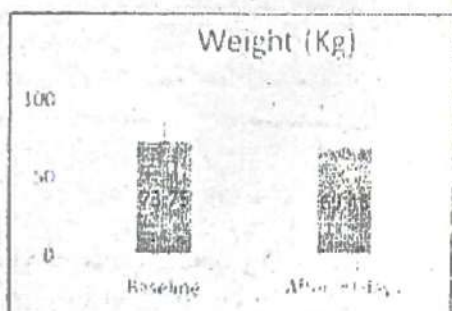
Correlation between	Baseline		After 90 days	
	R	p-value	r	p-value
BMI and HbA1c	0.05	0.76	0.07	0.69
Abdomen girth and HbA1c	-0.049	0.82	-0.05	0.81



**Figure 1. Comparison of HbA1c at baseline and after 90 days**



**Figure 3. Comparison of BMI of the patients at baseline and after 90 days**



**Figure 2. Comparison of weight of the patients at baseline and after 90 days**



**Figure 4. Comparison of Abdomen girth of the patients at baseline and after 90 days**

We also assessed the correlation between the BMI and HbA1c, abdominal girth and HbA1c (table 3). There was a weak positive correlation between BMI and HbA1c ( $r = 0.05$ ) on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the treatment and it was not statistically significant ( $p = 0.06$ ), the same is shown in figure 5a. After 90 days of treatment we found nearly same positive relationship between BMI and HbA1c ( $r = 0.07$ ,  $p = 0.70$ ) which is shown in figure 5b.

We found a negative relationship between HbA1c and abdomen girth ( $r = -0.049$ ) on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the treatment which was not statistically significant ( $p = 0.82$ ) (figure 5c). We found a weak positive relationship between them after the treatment ( $r = 0.051$ ) on day 90, and it was not statistically significant ( $p = 0.81$ ) (figure 5d).



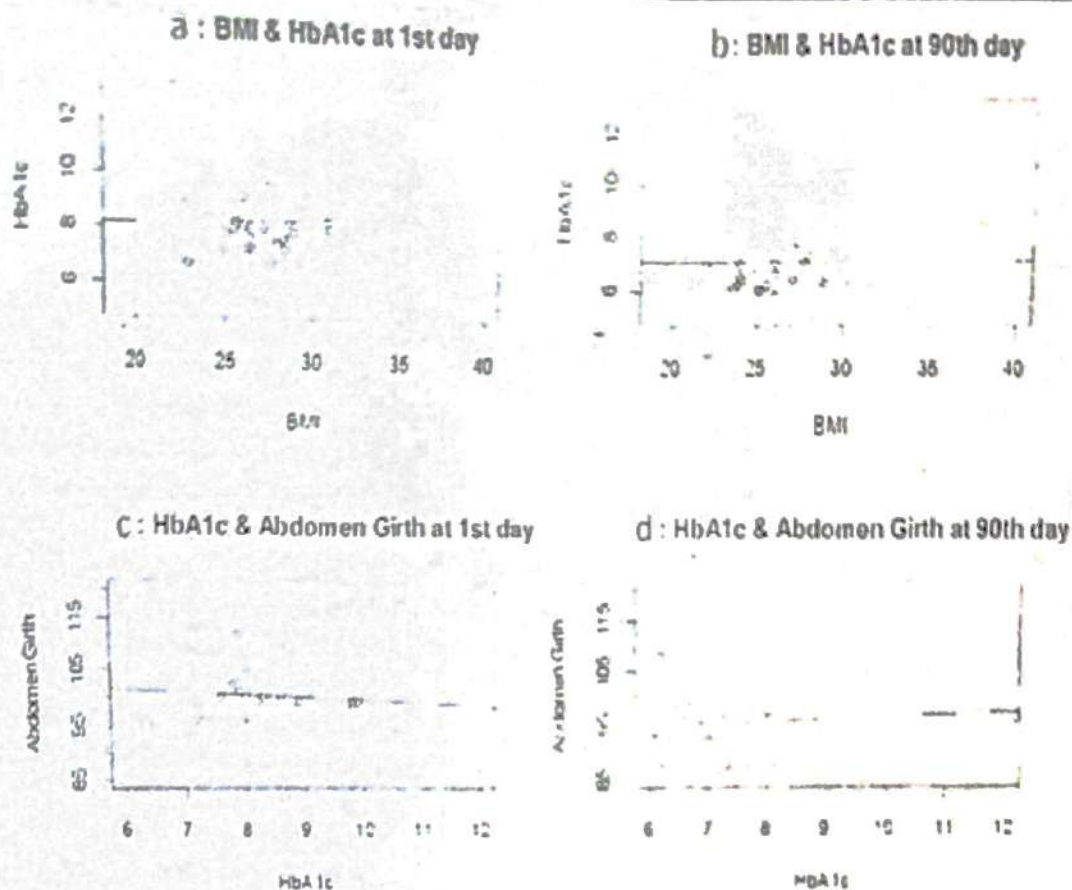


Figure 5. Correlations between BMI and HbA1c, abdomen girth and HbA1c.

Allopathic medicines consumption on day 1 and after the 90<sup>th</sup> day of therapy were as shown in Table 4. Most of the enrolled subjects were treated with biguanides (58.82%), sulfonylurea (38.24%), nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (35.29%), statin (29.41%). All the subjects who were

allopathic medicines before therapy was decreased after 90<sup>th</sup> day. However, the subjects with nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs were not varied after the therapy. An illustration is given in figure 6.

Table 4. Consumption of allopathic medicines on day 1 and after 90 days

Medicine	Day 1	After 90 days
Sulfonylurea	13 (38.24)	10 (29.41)
Biguanide	20 (58.82)	13 (38.24)
Thiazolidinedione	4 (11.76)	2 (5.88)
DPP-4 inhibitor	8 (23.53)	5 (14.71)
Alpha-glucosidases inhibitors	5 (14.71)	3 (8.82)
Insulin	3 (8.82)	3 (8.82)
NSAID	12 (35.29)	12 (35.29)
Statin	10 (29.41)	6 (17.65)
ARB	8 (23.53)	6 (17.65)
Beta blocker	5 (14.71)	2 (5.88)
CCB	6 (17.65)	5 (14.71)
Antiplatelet	7 (20.59)	7 (20.59)
Nitrate	1 (2.94)	1 (2.94)
No medicine	1 (2.94)	5 (14.71)



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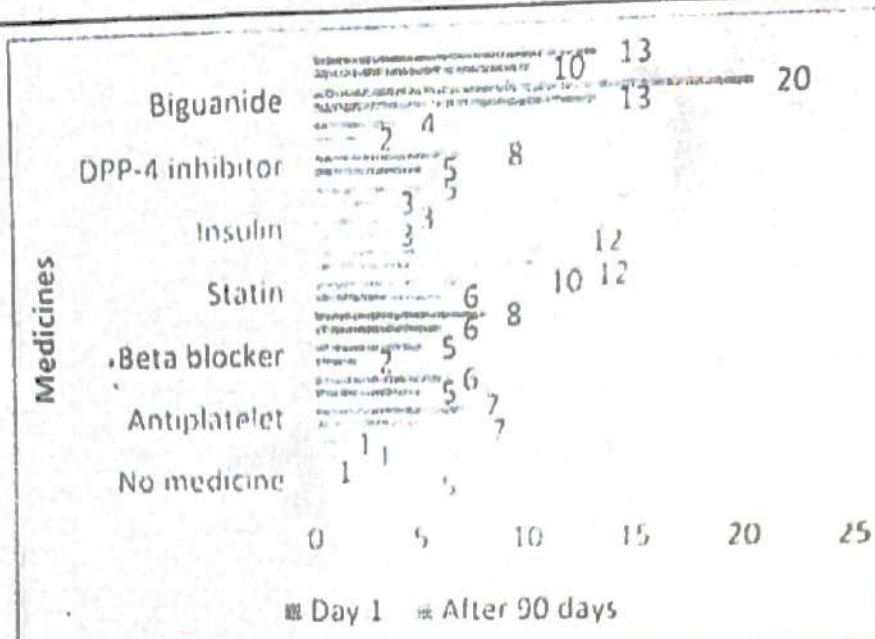


Figure 6. Comparison of consumption of allopathy medicine at 1<sup>st</sup> day and after 90 days

### 1. Discussion

Despite the availability of a plethora of therapeutic options for treatment of type II DM, its prevalence and contribution to global morbidity and mortality remains significantly high and is increasing continuously. Therefore, alternate therapeutic option to curb the menace of DM is the urgent necessity of current time. Conventionally used allopathic medicines in the treatment of type II DM act by reducing blood sugar levels. Ayurvedic medicines serves as a potential alternate therapeutic option for management of type II DM, since many herbal drugs have been found to significantly lower blood glucose levels in clinical studies. Ayurvedic physicians administer Panchakarma to the patients of DM [16]. Panchakarma along with diet therapy consisting of low carbohydrates and fats with moderate amount of proteins is administered in CDC. Probable mechanism, by which CDC might benefit patients with type II DM are:

1. Reducing glucose production in the liver by hampering sympathetic stimulation on gluconeogenesis,
2. Reducing the shear stress of vascular endothelium by promoting water loss via

sweating. This may help in reducing vascular complications significantly [16].

In the present study, the CDC was found to significantly reduce ( $p < 0.001$ ) HbA1c, BMI, body weight, abdominal girth, at the end of study period i.e. 90<sup>th</sup> day. Another crucial finding of our study was that there was significant reduction in patients' dependency on conventional allopathic antidiabetic medications at the end of the study period.

HbA1c value is one of the most crucial parameter in diabetic patients as it echoes blood sugar level control over preceding 2-3 months [4]. Another important feature of HbA1c is its prognosticator value in type 2 DM, since it has been found that morbidity and mortality is directly related to sustained increased HbA1c [21]. Thus it can be anticipated from the findings of our study that CDC carries a good prognosis in diabetic patients as it significantly reduces

HbA1c. Obesity and sedentary lifestyle contribute to development of DM, which is indicated by increased BMI

[22]. Apart from DM, high BMI has epidemiological linkage with many chronic diseases like HTN and other CVDs [23]. Sustained



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control of blood sugar levels is the utmost important factor in diabetic patients, since it has been established that poor blood sugar level control is associated with increased incidence of complications [24]. CDC can help in reducing complications of DM since it showed sustained reduction in all parameters like HbA1c, BMI, body weight, etc.

Another major issue with the use of conventional drugs is increased cost of therapy along with increased incidence of adverse effects associated with use of these drugs [25]. Hence, we assessed the effect of CDC on dependency on conventional medications. In our present study, we found that there was an overall reduction in dependency of patients on conventional medications at the end of the study period. Also, the number of patients who went off the conventional drugs increased at the end of 90<sup>th</sup> day.

In order to generalize the findings of our study to the larger population, we recommend conduction of similar studies with dual arms, to allow direct comparison with conventional therapy, prospective design, and long follow up period with larger sample size.

#### 1. Conclusion

Major parameters of the body deranged in DM are BMI, body weight, abdominal girth all of which worsen complication rate. Although conventional correct these parameters to some extent, cost of therapy and adverse effects offset their beneficial effects and decrease patient compliance. CDC corrected all these parameters effectively and also reduced dependency on conventional drugs, all of which have positive contributory effect on enhancing patient compliance. Thus it is safe to conclude that CDC can be considered as effective and safe therapeutic option for treatment of DM.

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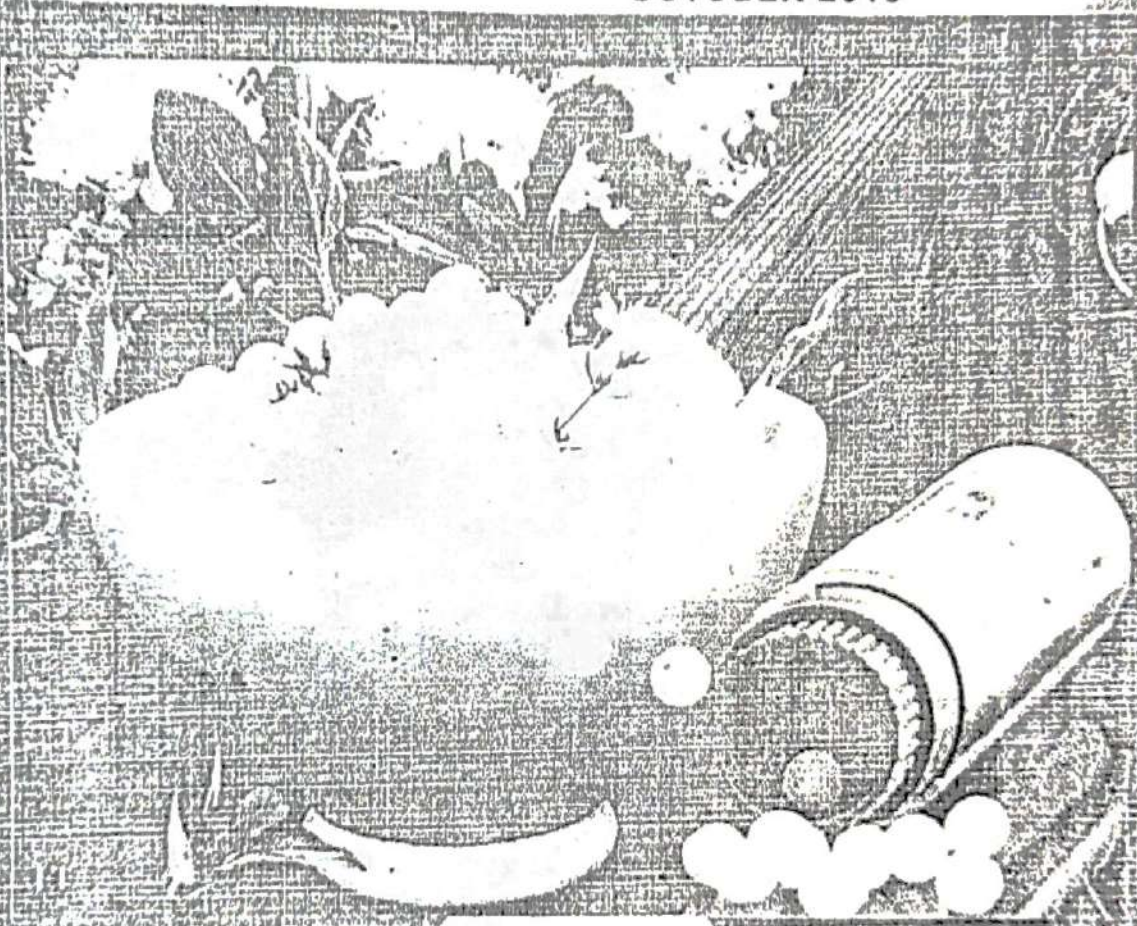
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# IMPACT OF COMPREHENSIVE DIABETES CARE (CDC) MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN TYPE II DIABETIC OBESE PATIENTS: AN OBSERVATIONAL STUDY

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## ABSTRACT

**Context:** Diabetes mellitus (DM) contributes to a major chunk of morbidity, mortality, and healthcare cost on a global level. The prevalence of DM is rising alarmingly, worldwide and India Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) is a combination of *Panchakarma* and diet management.

**Aims:** This study was conducted to evaluate the effect of CDC on Glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c), body mass index (BMI), body weight, abdominal girth and dependency on conventional therapy in DM Patients.

**Setting and Design:** This observational study was conducted in July 2017, wherein the data of obese Type II DM

patients (HbA1c >6.5%) who attended out-patient departments (OPDs) at Madhavbaugclinics in Maharashtra, India were identified.

**Materials and Methods:** Data of patients who were administered CDC (60-75 minutes) with minimum 6 sittings over 90 days ( $\pm 15$  days) were considered. Variables were compared between day 1 and day 90 of CDC.

**Results:** Out of 27 patients, 22 were included for analysis, out of which 10 were males while 12

females. CDC showed significant improvement in HbA1c 1.1% (from  $8.80 \pm 0.93$  to  $6.98 \pm 1.73$ ;

$p < 0.001$ ), BMI by 2.66 (from  $33.79 \pm 3.80$  to  $31.13 \pm$

$3.91$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ), weight by 6.56 kg (from  $83.67$

$\pm 11.28$  to  $77.11 \pm 12.27$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ).

Abdominal girth (from  $104.34 \pm 9.74$  to  $96.97 \pm 11.93$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ), also showed significant reduction. Dependency on concomitant medicines was reduced, with the number of patients on no concomitant medicines increasing from 27% to 41%.

**Conclusion:** Comprehensive Diabetes Care Management Program found to be

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efficacious; by reducing HbA1c, as well as reducing dependency on allopathic medications.

**KEYWORDS:** Comprehensive Diabetes Care, CDC, Panchakarma, Glycosylated HB, HbA1C, BMI, DM, Alternative Medicine.

**INTRODUCTION** Diabetes mellitus (DM) contributes to a major chunk of morbidity, mortality, and health care cost on a global level. The prevalence of DM is rising alarmingly, worldwide.<sup>[1]</sup> India is only 2<sup>nd</sup> to China, in terms of prevalence of DM, with a prevalence rate of around 10%; i.e. every 10<sup>th</sup> adult in India is suffering from DM.<sup>[2]</sup> According to WHO report, about 30 people die per 1 Lac population in India, due to diabetic complications.<sup>[3]</sup>

Conventionally DM is diagnosed based on blood glucose/sugar levels (BSL), fasting levels more than or equal to 126 mg/dl and post prandial levels more than or equal to 140 mg/dl is considered as a DM. In recent decade diagnosis is also done by measuring glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c), since it reflects blood sugar control over the past 2-3 months.

HbA1c levels more than 6.5% is considered as DM, 5.7% to 6.4% as a borderline case/ prediabetes, and less than 5.7% as normal. Target HbA1c for treatment strategies are taken as below 6.5%.<sup>[4]</sup>

DM is dreaded due to its complications, which are short term and long term, macrovascular and microvascular.

Macrovascular complications include myocardial infarction, coronary artery disease, stroke, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease, etc. Microvascular complications include retinopathy, neuropathy, nephropathy. Out of these, cardiovascular complications are leading cause of morbidity and mortality in diabetic patients.<sup>[5]</sup> Diabetic neuropathy may manifest as foot ulcers, sexual dysfunction in young males, amputation, etc.<sup>[6,7]</sup> Amongst microvascular complications, nephropathy is leading cause of morbidity and mortality of the disease, while herbal drugs are preferred in mortality in diabetic patients.<sup>[8]</sup> The prevalence of retinopathy in diabetics is also increasing these days.<sup>[9]</sup> It has been postulated from findings of various epidemiological studies that certain cancers are more common in diabetics like, cancers of breast, kidney, colo-rectal, bladder, etc.<sup>[10,11]</sup> The current management plan includes lifestyle modification, including dietary modifications and physical exercise on a daily basis plus pharmacological management (oral antidiabetic drugs). Antidiabetic drugs/oral hypoglycemic agents (OHA) should be initiated only if a lifestyle modification fails to reduce HbA1c below 6.5% after 2 months. Major class of OHAs includes Biguanides (Metformin), Thiazolidinediones (Pioglitazone), Sulphonylureas (Glimepiride), Dipeptidyl peptidase-4

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(DPP-4) inhibitors like Tenueligipitin, Sodium glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitors (canagliflozin). All these drugs act either, by reducing blood glucose via increasing tissue uptake, decreasing endogenous glucose production, preventing breakdown of incretins, etc. Guidelines suggest that, if baseline HbA1c is > 9% or it remains >7.5% despite 1 OHA, then combination of 2 OHAs should be given.<sup>[12]</sup>

But, these drugs are associated with a wide variety of adverse effects like hypoglycemia (almost all classes), megaloblastic anemia (biguanides), pancreatitis, upper respiratory tract infections (gliptins), ketoacidosis, bone fractures (SGLT2 inhibitors), lipodystrophy at injection site (insulin), C cell tumour of thyroid (GLP1 agonist), etc.<sup>[13]</sup> In a multicentric study on diabetic patients, it was found that adherence of patients to antidiabetic drugs was only 58%. The investigators of the study attributed this low adherence to cost of therapy, adverse effects of medications. Also, despite numerous guidelines for DM, its prevalence is rising continuously.<sup>[14]</sup> Thus, it is the need of the hour to explore alternate forms of antidiabetic therapy, which can ameliorate the factors associated with low adherence to allopathic anti diabetic drugs.

The therapeutic benefit of allopathic antidiabetic drugs in diabetes is due to

their blood glucose lowering action. Several studies have shown similar effects, with significant reduction in Glycosylated Hemoglobin (HbA1c), Fasting and Post Prandial Blood Glucose (FBG, PPBG) levels and lipids, by using herbal drugs, which serve as interesting potential targets for newer therapeutic options for treatment of DM.<sup>[15,16,17]</sup>

*Panchakarma* is multi-step internal purification process. *Panchkarmatherapy* in Ayurveda practice is administered in chronic phase

acute phase. Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) combines *Panchakarma* and diet management. Under this management program, *Panchakarma* is advocated through three techniques-

*Snehana* i.e. oleation, *Swedana* i.e. passive heat therapy and *Basti* i.e. per rectal drug administration. *Panchakarma* techniques are already well established in literature, as detoxifying procedures.<sup>[18,19]</sup> DM is found to be linked with depression, reduction in quality of life, etc.<sup>[40]</sup> Hence, we planned an Observational study to investigate the efficacy of the CDC, as add-on therapy to standard anti-diabetic therapy in patients with DM. We evaluated the effect of CDC on HbA1c, weight, body mass index (BMI), abdominal girth, and dependency of these diabetic patients on standard conventional oral antidiabetic medications

Since, numerous factors play a role in causation, progression of DM, its

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management should be multi-pronged. Given the fact that Ayurveda may serve as potent alternative therapy, its efficacy in DM should be tested.<sup>[15,17,21]</sup> Hence, we planned this observational study to investigate the effect of the CDC, as add on therapy to standard anti-diabetic therapy in obese patients with type II diabetes mellitus. We evaluated the effect of CDC on HbA1c, body mass index (BMI), body weight, dependency on oral hypoglycemic drugs/ agents, and abdominal girth.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

This was an Observational study conducted between July 2017, wherein we identified the data of obese patients suffering from type-II DM (HbA1c  $\geq$  6.5%, BMI  $\geq$  30)<sup>[4,5]</sup> of either gender and any age, and who had attended the out-patient departments (OPDs) at multiple *Madhavbaugclinics* located in various cities of Maharashtra, India. The data of patients who had been administered CDC

with minimum 6 sittings over a span of 90 days ( $\pm$  15 days) were considered for the study, out of which 4 sittings were done in the 1<sup>st</sup> month, and 1 sitting per month for next 2 months. These patients were maintained on a diet plan of 800-1000 calories intake per day, according to patient medical records. The diet plan consisted of low carbohydrates, moderate proteins, and low fats. Cases were identified, and data were assessed from the records of *Madhavbaugclinics* in Maharashtra. The selection was based upon the availability of complete relevant baseline data (day 1 of CDC) and final day data (day 90 of CDC) of the patients. The information about prescribed concomitant medicines, if any, was also noted down.

The CDC is a 3-step procedure which was performed on the patients of type II DM after a light breakfast. One sitting of the procedure took 65-75 minutes, as described in table 1.<sup>[19,22]</sup>

Table 1: Study Treatment: Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC)

Step of CDC	Type of Therapy	Herbs used for therapy	Duration of Therapy
<i>Snehana</i>	Massage or external oleation (centripetal upper strokes on the body)	100 ml <i>Azadirachta indica</i> (neem) extract processed in sesame oil	20 minutes
<i>Swedana</i>	Passive heat therapy to the body	<i>Dashmonaka</i> (group of ten herbal roots) with steam at $\leq$ 40 degrees Celsius)	15-20 minutes + 3-4 minutes of relaxation after procedure
<i>Basti kadha</i>	Per-rectal drug administration should be in body for $\geq$ 15 minutes for maximum absorption	Mixture of 40% <i>Gudmar</i> ( <i>Gymnema sylvestre</i> ), 20% <i>Daruhardra</i> ( <i>Berberis aristata</i> ) and 40% <i>Yoshimadhu</i> ( <i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i> )	10 minutes





On day 1 of CDC, the patients had undergone HbA1c, weight, BMI, abdominal girth measurements as per guidelines.<sup>[9]</sup> This reading was considered as baseline reading. This process was repeated on day

90 of CDC to calculate the change from baseline reading. The BMI for day 1 and day 90 of the patients was calculated by checking the weight and the height from the medical data sheets of patients and using the formula: weight in kilograms/ (height in meters)<sup>2</sup>. The dependency on standard medication was calculated both on day 1 and day 90 of CDC as the percentage of patients out of the total enrolled ones who required a conventional allopathic therapeutic agent during the study period of 90 days.

#### Statistical analysis

Data were pooled and entered in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. R Version 3.4.1 software was used to analyze the data. Categorical data were represented in the numeric form and continuous data were presented as the Mean  $\pm$  SD. The Paired t-test was used to assess the difference between baseline values and 90<sup>th</sup> day after the treatment. Box plot, histograms and scatter plot were used to represent the graphs.

#### RESULTS

##### Study population

A total of 27 patients' data was screened

for inclusion in the study. However, based on the availability of data (Day 1 and Day 90) and the inclusion criteria, 22 patients were selected, and their data were considered for analysis.



**Figure 1: Treatment Plan of Comprehensive Diabetes Care Management**

The study comprised of 22 type II diabetic obese patients, among them 10 (45.45 %) were men and 12 (54.55 %) were female. The mean age of the study patients was  $48 \pm 12.13$  years. A significant improvement in weight, ( $77.11 \pm 12.27$  vs.  $83.67 \pm 11.28$ ;  $P < 0.001$ ), BMI ( $31.13 \pm 3.91$  vs.  $33.79 \pm 3.80$ ;  $P < 0.001$ ), HbA1c ( $6.98 \pm 1.73$  vs.  $8.80 \pm 0.93$ ;  $P = 0.0002$ ) and abdomen girth ( $96.97 \pm 11.93$  vs.  $104.34 \pm 9.74$ ;  $P < 0.001$ ) were observed in diabetic obese patients after the treatment (90 days) than before treatment (baseline) (Table 2; Figure

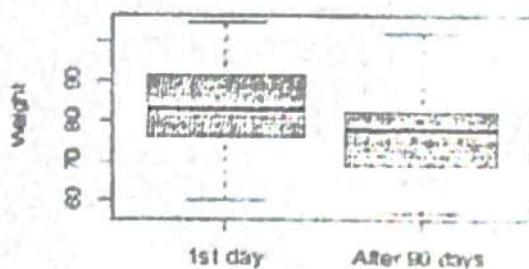


2).Table 2: Comparison of clinical parameters between baseline values and 90<sup>th</sup> day of the treatment

Variable	Baseline (Day 1)	After 90 days	Difference	P value
Weight	83.67 ± 11.28	77.11 ± 12.27	6.56	<0.001
BMI	33.79 ± 3.80	31.13 ± 3.91	2.66	<0.001
HbA1c	8.80 ± 0.93	6.98 ± 1.73	1.1	0.0002
Abdomen Girth (n=19)	104.34 ± 9.74	96.97 ± 11.93	7.37	<0.001

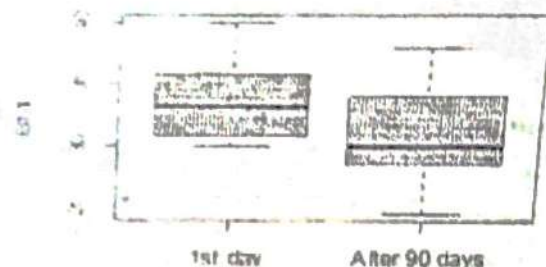
BMI, Body Mass Index; HbA1c, Glycosylated hemoglobin

Fig 2.1: Comparison of Weight



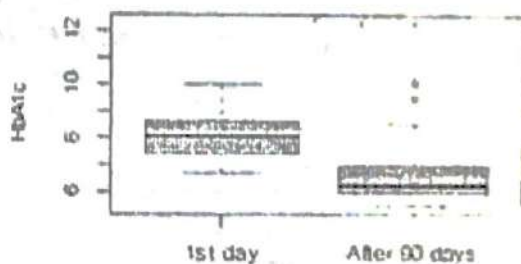
Weight on 1st day and after 90 days

Fig 2.2: Comparison of BMI



BMI on 1st day and after 90 days

Fig 2.3: Comparison of HbA1c



HbA1c on 1st day and after 90 days

Fig 2.4: Comparison of Abdomen Girth



Abdomen Girth on 1st day and after 90 days

Figure 2: Comparison of clinical parameters between baseline values and 90<sup>th</sup> day (N=22)

Most of the type II diabetic obese patients were treated with beta blockers (13.64 %), nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (13.64 %), biguanides (54.55 %)

and sulfonylureas (36.36). While, the patients depending only on biguanides (36.36 %) showed marked decrease after the treatment i.e., 90 days. The patients with the absence of medication history (40.91 %) were also improved after treatment (Table 3; Figure3).



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**Table 3: Consumption of allopathic medicines on days 1 and 90**

Medicine	Baseline	After 90 days
Alpha-glucosidases inhibitors	1 (4.55)	1 (4.55)
DPP-4 inhibitor	3 (13.64)	1 (4.55)
Thiazolidinedione	1 (4.55)	1 (4.55)
Biguanide	12 (54.55)	8 (36.36)
Sulfonylurea	8 (36.36)	8 (36.36)
Antiplatelet	1 (4.55)	1 (4.55)
CCB	1 (4.55)	1 (4.55)
Beta blocker	3 (13.64)	3 (13.64)
ARB	2 (9.09)	1 (4.55)
Statins	1 (4.55)	1 (4.55)
NSAID	3 (13.64)	3 (13.64)
No medicine	6 (27.27)	9 (40.91)

NSAID, Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; ARB, Angiotensin II receptor blockers; CCB, Calcium channel blockers; DPP-4 inhibitor, Dipeptidyl peptidase-4



**Figure 3: Consumption of allopathy medicines at days 1 and 90 days (N = 22)**

NSAID, Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; ARB, Angiotensin II receptor blockers; CCB, Calcium channel blockers; DPP-4 inhibitor, Dipeptidyl peptidase-4. The levels of HbA1c were significantly

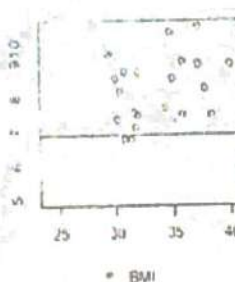
correlated with the BMI after 90 days of treatment ( $r = 0.504$ ;  $P = 0.016$ ) when compared with baseline values ( $r = 0.39$ ;  $P = 0.071$ ). (Table 4; Figure 4).

**Table 4: Correlation of BMI and abdominal girth with HbA1c at 1<sup>st</sup> day and after 90 days of treatment**

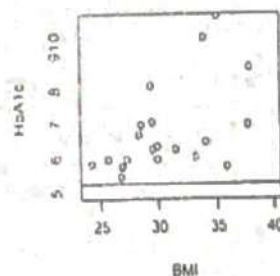
Correlation between	Baseline		After 90 days	
	r	P value	r	P value
HbA1c & BMI	0.39	0.071	0.504	0.016

BMI, Body Mass Index; HbA1c, Glycosylated haemoglobin

**Fig4.1: BMI & HbA1c at 1<sup>st</sup> day**



**Fig4.2: BMI & HbA1c at 90th day**



BMI, Body Mass Index; HbA1c, Glycosylated hemoglobin

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**Figure 4: Correlation of BMI and abdominal girth with HbA1c at 1<sup>st</sup> day and after 90 days of treatment**  
**DISCUSSION** Although there are numerous treatment choices available for treatment of type II DM management, it is still one of the commonest culprits of morbidity and mortality globally. Thus, it is the need of the hour to explore novel therapeutic alternatives for the management of type II DM. Traditional class of antidiabetic drugs has



therapeutic benefit in DM of lowering bloodsugar

levels. Similar property has been found in various herbal drugs, thus making Ayurveda a potent and viable alternative to standard therapy in the management of type II DM. Panchakarma is administered as add on therapy for DM management, by Ayurveda physicians.<sup>[29]</sup>

C D C combines *Panchakarma* with Low carb moderate protein and low fat diet. CDC acts by reducing sympathetic stress, reduced sympathetic action lowers hepatic glucose production, which can be helpful to reduce blood sugar levels. *Swedana* helps by it inducing sweating and reduces excess of sodium and water, and this comprehensively helps to improve vascular health of DM patients to keep them away from probable vascular complications.<sup>[24]</sup> In pursuit of analyzing the efficacy of CDC in type II DM, we found that it showed significant (very high statistical significance) improvement in HbA1c, weight, BMI, abdominal girth at the 90<sup>th</sup> day of the whole procedure. Most importantly, we found that CDC noticeably reduced patient's dependency on standard allopathic medication at the end of 90 days, may be of therapy.

The HbA1c levels are more important in diabetic patients since it reflects the

average blood sugar control over the past 1-2 months.<sup>[29]</sup> Importance of HbA1c lies in the fact that, it is an independent predictor of mortality and morbidity in patients with type II DM. This has been corroborated in a prospective study done on diabetic patients, that cardiovascular complication like stroke was significantly lower in patients with an optimal reduction in HbA1c. It was found in large study- UKPDS study on diabetic patients, that reduction in HbA1c by 1% led to reduction of heart failure, heart attack, stroke, amputation and overall morbidity and mortality in diabetic patients.<sup>[25]</sup> Hence, significant reduction in HbA1c after CDC in our study indicates favorable prognosis in DM related morbidity.

High BMI is considered to be one of the major risk factor for development of DM in normal subjects. It signifies sedentary lifestyle and obesity.<sup>[26]</sup> Also, it has been found that BMI is positively associated with type II diabetes mellitus, hypertension, cardiovascular diseases and other chronic diseases.<sup>[27]</sup> Uncontrolled DM frequently leads to the development of complications, hence various management plans across the globe have targeted sustained blood sugar control in patients with DM, to prevent the occurrence of such complications.<sup>[4]</sup> In the



present study, CDC significantly reduced HbA1c, BMI, abdominal girth, body weight. Thus CDC can play significant role in preventing the development of complications in patients with DM, thereby reducing morbidity and mortality. In developing economy like India, the dependency of diabetic patients on allopathic medicines escalates the cost of healthcare to troublesome levels. Plethora of adverse effects of these drugs complicates the scenario, furthermore.<sup>24</sup> Keeping this in mind, we analyzed changes in patient's dependency on allopathic medication by CDC. There was significant reduction in dependency on almost all the class of antidiabetic drugs (oral

hypoglycemic agents), at the end of 90 days, with an increase in the number of patients who went off the allopathic drugs.

One limitation of the study was that, it had only one arm, thus we were not able to compare CDC findings with that of standard therapy alone. The findings of the present study can be generalized only after a comparison with the findings of other such studies with probably prospective design, larger sample size, and more follow up period. This will help in identifying long term outcomes of CDC

in the management of type II DM,

## CONCLUSION

There was significant improvement in HbA1c, after CDC. Also, there was significant reduction in patient's dependency on allopathic medications. Significant reduction in HbA1c, coupled with reduction in BMI, body weight, abdominal girth after CDC indicates a better prognosis in patients with type II DM. Hence, CDC may serve as a potent and viable alternative to standard allopathic treatment of type II DM.

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# Impact of Comprehensive Diabetes Care on Glycaemic Control with Reduction in Dependency of Oral Hypoglycaemic Medicines in Diabetic Patients: A Retrospective Study

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## Abstract

Although multiple new drugs are coming out in the market, India has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of diabetics in the world. The aim of this study was to evaluate effects of Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) on Glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c) and metabolic parameters in pre-obese diabetic patients. In this retrospective study, data of pre-obese DM patients who had received 6 CDC sittings over 90 days in the out-patient departments (OPDs) at Madhavbaugclinics was collected between May 2013 to April 2018. Demographic and co-morbidity details were noted. HbA1c, body mass index (BMI), abdominal girth, systolic and diastolic blood pressure (SBP, DBP), dependency on

medications were assessed on days 1 and 90 of CDC. The patients followed a specific low-calorie diet plan during the study. 89 participants, (52 males, 37 females) were enrolled. Mean HbA1c measured at day 90 was significantly lower than that on day 1 ( $6.86 \pm 1.24$  vs  $9.02 \pm 1.79$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). Mean BMI was significantly reduced on day 90 when compared to baseline ( $25.39 \pm 1.53$  vs  $27.24 \pm 1.33$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). Abdominal girth was significantly decreased on day 90 compared to baseline ( $91.64 \pm 6.26$  vs  $97.12 \pm 7.03$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). SBP ( $122.83 \pm 13.56$  vs  $131.60 \pm 16.10$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) and DBP ( $77.02 \pm 6.81$  vs  $81.75 \pm 9.43$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) were also significantly decreased after 90 days. Dependency on concomitant medicines was reduced.

Glycaemic control and metabolic parameters significantly improved after 90-day CDC treatment. Reduction in blood pressure and intake of concomitant medications were also noted.

**Keywords**  
Comprehensive diabetes care, CDC, Panchakarma, Diabetes mellitus, HbA1c, Body mass index, Ayurveda, Alternative medicine

## Introduction

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a known global health hazard, affecting millions of people worldwide. According to World Health Organization (WHO), the number of diabetic patients has increased from



108 million in 1980 to a staggering 422 million in 2014. (WHO, 2018) The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) has mentioned that about 1 in 11 adults belonging to the age group of 20 years to 79 years are suffering from DM worldwide. (International Diabetes Federation, 2018) It is interesting to note that 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the patients suffering from DM worldwide belong to the low-income and middle-income countries, and India is one of them. (Tripathy *et al.*, 2017) It is estimated that in 2015, India had more than 69 million DM patients, which is considered to be the second highest number in the world, next to only China. (International Diabetes Federation, 2018) The DM prevalence is expected to double after 20 years, because of the elevating age-expectancy, increasing obesity as well as the increased exposure of population to various risk factors. The patients suffering from DM also are at a risk of developing various dangerous complications like retinopathy, neuropathy and various microvascular and macrovascular diseases. Current management of DM aims to render a good glycaemic control and prevent the development or progression of complications. There are multiple treatment modalities for the management of DM which include parenteral insulin preparations and oral hypoglycaemic agents like metformin, sulfonylureas, sodium glucose transport inhibitors, thiazolidinediones. Despite the presence of these multiple classes of drugs, the prevalence of DM is on an upswing. Literature reveals glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c), the main indicator of long term diabetes control, is in the normal range in only 50% of the DM patients. (Del Cañizo- Gómez and Moreira-Andrés, 2004)

The various drugs used for the management of DM are also associated with multiple adverse effects. (Goodman *et al.*, 2011) Hence, there is a need for new or alternative therapeutic modalities for the treatment of DM.

*Ayurveda* is a commonly practiced ancient art of alternative medicine in India, which simply means 'Science of Life'. The main purpose of *Ayurveda* is to keep an equilibrium between the physiological and structural entities, which indicates good health. (AYUSH, 2007) The description of DM (*Madhumeha*) is present in the ancient Ayurvedic literature, indicating that the knowledge of the disease was present with the Ayurvedic physicians. (Upadhyay and Kamla, 1984) The Ayurvedic physicians are using a multi-faceted management approach to treat DM in India, which include the usage of *Panchakarma*, herbal preparations, yoga and breathing exercises along with diet modifications. Comprehensive diabetes care program (CDC) is one such alternative treatment modality, which includes a combination of herbal treatment with *Panchakarma* and allied therapies. The techniques used in *panchakarma* are *Snehana* (Centripetal oleation), *Swedana* (Thermal vasodilation) and *Basti* (per rectal drug administration), which are known to remove toxins from the body. (Mishra, 2003; Uebauer *et al.*, 2008) However, there is a paucity of literature which indicates that this alternative treatment modality is efficient in controlling DM.

Hence, a retrospective study was planned to assess the effect of CDC in the treatment of patients with DM.

HbA1C, the main indicator of DM control, was the primary outcome measure in this study. The body mass index (BMI) appears to have a direct



relationship with the relative risk of several chronic conditions, including DM, hypertension, coronary heart disease, and cholelithiasis (Willett *et al.*, 1999). Therefore, those DM patients who had a pre-obese BMI range were enrolled to assess the effect of CDC on various metabolic parameters like BMI, weight and abdominal girth along with the effect on HbA1c.

### Subjects and Methods

This was a retrospective study conducted between May 2013 to April 2018, wherein we identified the data of patients who had attended the out-patient departments (OPDs) at multiple *Madhavbaug* clinics located in various cities of Maharashtra in India and were suffering from DM. The data of patients having an HbA1c level above 7% were included in the study. The other main inclusion criterion was that the included patients must have a baseline BMI between 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> to 29.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, as the study intended to include pre-obese patients with DM. The patients were administered CDC once a week in the 1<sup>st</sup> month, followed by once a month in the next two months. Data of only those patients were included who had received the scheduled sitting in a span of 90 days. Cases were identified, and data were assessed from the records of *Madhavbaug* clinics in Maharashtra. The selection was based upon the availability of complete relevant baseline data (day 1 of CDC) and final day data (day 90 of CDC) of the patients. The information about prescribed concomitant allopathic medicines was also noted down. The CDC is a 3-step procedure which lasts for about an hour per sitting. The details of the regimen have been mentioned in table 1. Various

procedures of the CDC regimen were carried out on a single day for one single patient.

On day 1 of CDC, the fasting serum HbA1c of the patients was assessed along with the assessment of the weight, height and the abdominal girth. The details of the concomitant anti-hyperglycaemic treatment were also noted down on day 1. These details were again noted down on day 90 of CDC, for comparison with the baseline (day 1) findings. The BMI for day 1 and day 90 of the patients was calculated by checking the weight and the height from the medical data sheets of patients and using the formula:  $\text{weight in kilograms}/(\text{height in meters})^2$ . Diabetic diet plan, based on the principle of low-calorie and low-carbohydrate diet, was followed by the patients throughout the 90 days study period. Data were pooled and coded in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. R Version 3.4.1 software was used to analyze the data. Categorical data were expressed in the form of frequency (%) and continuous data were expressed in the form of Mean  $\pm$  SD. The paired t-test was used to assess the statistical difference between baseline and 90<sup>th</sup> day values. The correlation between abdominal girth and HbA1c as well as between abdominal girth and BMI was calculated using Pearson correlation coefficient. Scatter plot and bar graphs were used to represent the results.

### Results and Discussion

The study comprised of 89 participants with striking male predominance (58.43%). Baseline characteristics of the study participants were as given in Table 2. Nearly three-fourth of the study participants had past-history of diabetes mellitus, while the second highest morbidity history

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reported was hypertension (43.82%). The major baseline characteristics are mentioned in table 2

The comparison of clinical parameters between baseline values and those noted at 90<sup>th</sup> day are given in Table 3. The BMI was significantly reduced ( $P < 0.001$ ) along with the measured abdominal girth ( $P < 0.001$ ), HbA1c ( $P < 0.001$ ), systolic blood pressure ( $P < 0.001$ ) and diastolic blood pressure ( $P < 0.001$ ) were also found to be significantly reduced after 90 days of treatment as compared to the respective mean baseline values. Figures

2 to 5 represent the graphical representation of the comparison between baseline and 90<sup>th</sup> day mean parameters. The correlation between abdominal girth and HbA1c, abdominal girth and BMI as well as between HbA1c and BMI was calculated using Pearson correlation coefficient (table 4). There was a weak positive correlation between abdominal girth and HbA1c ( $r=0.018$ ) on the 1st day of the treatment and it was not statistically significant ( $p=0.87$ ), the same is shown in figure 5.1. After 90 days of treatment we found stronger positive relationship between abdominal girth and HbA1c which was approaching to statistical significance ( $r=0.18$ ,  $p=0.084$ ) as showed in figure 5.2.

There was a positive correlation between abdominal girth and BMI ( $r=0.28$ ) on the 1st day of the treatment and it was statistically significant ( $p=0.007$ ), the same is shown in figure 5.3. After 90 days of treatment we found a highly significant positive relationship between abdominal girth and BMI ( $r=0.48$ ,  $p<0.001$ ) same is shown in figure 5.4.

The study participants were on various

concomitant medications for DM as well as other co-morbidities. We compared the consumption of the allopathy medications by the participants, on day 90 and day 1, to check whether there was any reduction in the dependency on these standard medications by CDC. Table 5/Figure 6 gives the comparison between the consumption of allopathic medicines at day 1 and day 90.

Ayurvedic practitioners have been treating DM using various preparations like *Chandraprabhavatinsine* a long time. It is hypothesized that Ayurvedic medicines may be acting via various potential pancreatic and extra-pancreatic effects. Comprehensive diabetes care (CDC) is one such Ayurvedic intervention which consists of 3 main components; *Snehana* (Centripetal oleation), *Swedana* (Thermal vasodilatation) and *Basti* (per rectal drug administration).

We assessed the effects of this treatment technique on HbA1c, weight, BMI and abdominal girth. All these parameters were significantly reduced in the patients on CDC management, at the end of 90 days. HbA1c is a significant indicator of long-term glycaemic control in DM patients, with the capability to reflect the cumulative glycaemic control in the previous two to three months. (Sherwani *et al.*, 2016) Therefore, HbA1c was our primary parameter and the reduction in HbA1c by CDC gives a good evidence. Literature search revealed that even a mildly increased BMI can increase the chances of developing complications in DM. (Gray *et al.*, 2015) the positive effect of CDC in decreasing BMI can help prevent the potential complications too. Research articles have mentioned that abdominal girth is the best



parameter to assess adiposity and predict the outcome of DM. (Ghosh and Bandyopadhyay, 2012) Hence, we measured the effect of CDC over abdominal girth, which revealed positive outcome. We also found a strong positive correlation between BMI and HbA1c at the end of CDC treatment. This goes in sync with a research by Gummessonet *al.*, which mentioned that weight loss in the overweight population is

consistently associated with HbA1c, in a dose dependent manner (Gummessonet *al.*, 2017) We also found a reduction in the patients who were on these allopathic drugs. This indicates that CDC may be one of the factors associated with the decrease in load of medications in DM patients, and also helps them in avoiding the potential adverse effects of the allopathic medications.

Table.1 Study Treatment: Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC)

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Step of CDC	Type of Therapy	Herbs used for therapy	Duration of Therapy
<i>Snehana</i>	Massage or external oleation (centripetal upper strokes on the body)	100 ml <i>Azadirachta indica</i> (neem) extract processed in sesame oil	20 minutes
<i>Swedana</i>	Passive heat therapy to the body	<i>Dashmoola</i> (group of ten herbal roots) with steam at <40 degrees Celsius)	15-20 minutes + 3-4 minutes of relaxation after procedure
<i>Basti kadh</i>	Per-rectal drug administration should be in body for $\geq 15$ minutes for maximum absorption	Mixture of 40% <i>Gudmar</i> ( <i>Gymnema sylvestre</i> ), 20% <i>Darphandha</i> (Berberis <i>in platea</i> ) and 40% <i>Tushamadh</i> ( <i>Albizia glabra</i> )	10 minutes

Table.2 Baseline characteristics of the study participants

Variable	N=89
Age (Years)	56.19 $\pm$ 10.98
Gender n (%)	
Male	52 (58.4)
Female	37 (41.6)
Co morbidities n (%)	
Hypertension	39 (43.82)
Obesity	15 (16.85)
Dyslipidemia	10 (11.24)
Ischemic heart disease	8 (8.99)
Coronary artery disease	5 (5.62)
Chronic heart failure	3 (3.37)
Hypothyroidism	3 (3.37)
Chronic kidney disease	1 (1.12)
H/O Coronary angioplasty	1 (1.12)

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Table.3 Comparison of various body parameters at the baseline and after 90 days of the treatment

Variable	Baseline	After 90 days	t-statistic	p-value
HbA1c	9.02 $\pm$ 1.79	6.86 $\pm$ 1.24	12.78	<0.001***
BMI (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	27.24 $\pm$ 1.33	25.39 $\pm$ 1.53	15.242	<0.001***
Abdominal girth	97.12 $\pm$ 7.03	91.64 $\pm$ 6.26	10.68	<0.001***
SBP (mmHg)	131.60 $\pm$ 16.10	122.83 $\pm$ 13.56	5.65	<0.001***
DBP (mmHg)	81.75 $\pm$ 9.43	77.02 $\pm$ 6.81	5.23	<0.001***

\*\*\*Highly significant; BMI, Body Mass Index; HbA1c: Haemoglobin A1c; SBP: Systolic blood pressure; DBP: Diastolic blood pressure

Table.4 Correlation between Abdominal Girth, HbA1c & Abdominal Girth, BMI

Correlation between	Baseline		After 90 days	
	r	p-value	r	p-value
Abdominal girth and HbA1c	0.018	0.87	0.183	0.084
Abdomen girth and BMI	0.28	0.007	0.48	<0.001
HbA1c and BMI	-0.008	0.94	0.12	0.26

Table.5 Consumption of medicines at baseline and after 90 days

Medicine	Day 1	After 90 days
Sulfonylurea	39 (43.82)	22 (24.72)
Biguanide	54 (60.67)	33 (37.08)
Alpha-glucosidase inhibitor	13 (14.61)	7 (7.87)
DPP -4 inhibitor	17 (19.1)	2 (2.25)
Thiazolidinedione	2 (2.25)	9 (10.11)
Insulin	7 (7.87)	1 (1.12)
Beta blocker	11 (12.36)	6 (6.74)
ACE inhibitor	2 (2.25)	0 (0)
ARB	20 (22.47)	14 (15.73)
CCB	14 (15.73)	7 (7.87)
Diuretic	9 (10.11)	4 (4.49)
Statin	26 (29.21)	10 (11.24)
NSAID	14 (15.73)	8 (8.99)
No medicine	13 (14.61)	40 (44.94)



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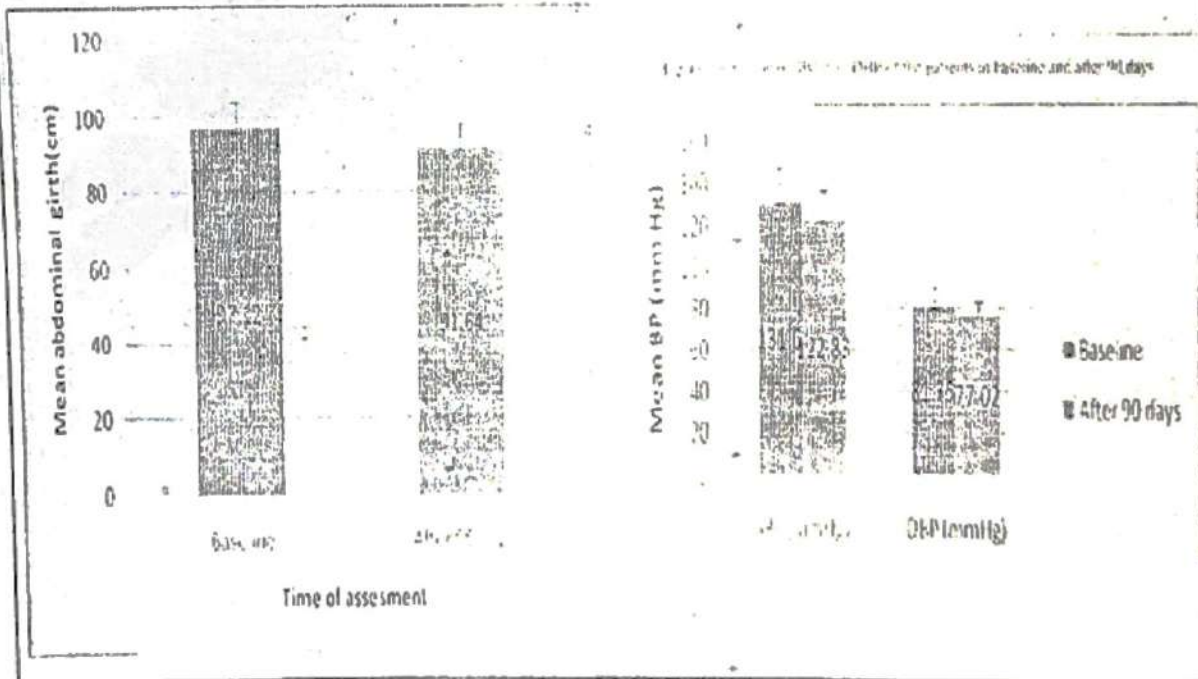
Fig.1 Comparison of HDV titer at baseline and after 90 days



Fig.2 Comparison of ALT level at baseline and after 90 days



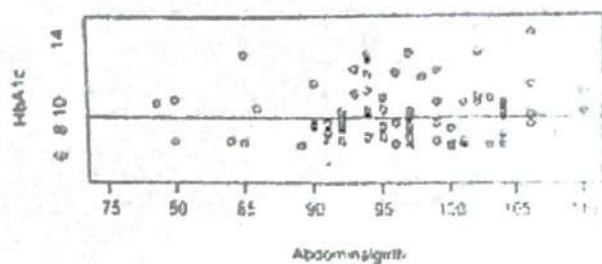
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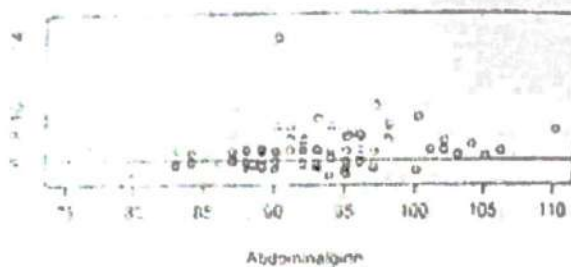


**Fig.5 Correlation between Abdominal Girth, HbA1c & Abdominal Girth, BMI**

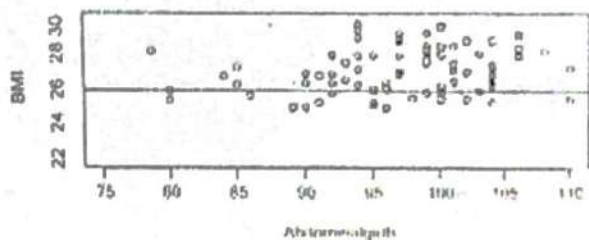
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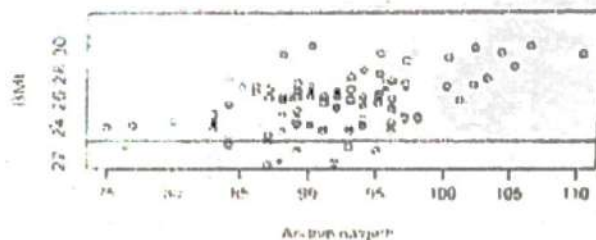
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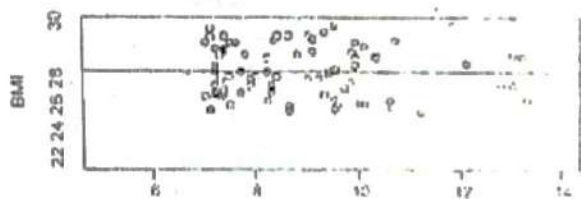
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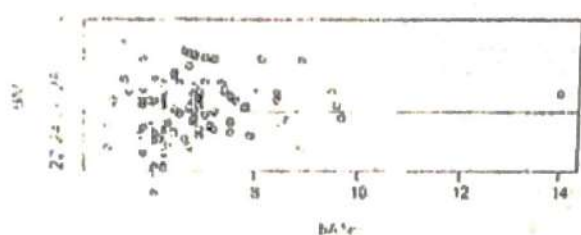
**Fig 5.4: Abdominal girth & BMI at 90th day**



**Fig 5.5: HbA1c & BMI at 1st day**



**Fig 5.6: HbA1c & BMI at 90th day**



**Fig.6 Consumption of medicines at baseline and after 90 days**



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*Snehana* is provided using *Neem* (*Azadiractaindica*) oil all over the body. Oleation is an anxiolytic procedure which decreases the sympathetic stress. The reduced sympathetic action decreases the hepatic glucose production, which can be helpful to reduce blood sugar levels. *Azadiractaindica* has antibacterial and antifungal action that can also help to reduce skin infections in DM patients (Subapriya and Nagini, 2005). *Swedana* is a process wherein diabetic patients get sleep inside a wooden box full of steam with head and neck outside the box, temperature being maintained around 40-45-degree Celsius. After 15-20 min patient is asked to come outside the box. It is hypothesized that hot fomentation, which is a relaxing process, induces sweating and decreases the excess of sodium and water which comprehensively helps to improve vascular health of DM patient to keep them away from probable vascular complications. *Basti* involves per rectal administration of ayurvedic herbal extracts like *Gudmar* (*Gymnema sylvestre*), *Daruharidra* (*Berberis aristate*) and *Yashtimadhu* (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*). *Gymnema sylvestre* has been found to stimulate insulin release, which may be responsible for its possible anti-hyperglycaemic action. (Persaud, 1999) The insulin release may be due to the possible regeneration of islet of Langerhans, as mentioned in a study conducted on streptozotocin-diabetic rats. (Shanmugasundaram et al., 1990) An animal study assessed the anti-hyperglycaemic action

of *Berberis aristate* and found strong potential in regulating homeostasis. (Singh and Kakkar, 2009) A clinical study conducted in type 2 DM patients found that *Berberis aristate* can reduce HbA1c efficiently. (Di Pierro et al., 2013) In a pre-clinical study, *Glycyrrhiza glabra* has been found to prevent the deleterious effects of DM on learning and memory. (Hasanein, 2011) It is, however, important to note that low carbohydrate diet of 800 calories/day was advised to these patients throughout the 90 days period that could have add on benefit to this intervention.

Diabetes is known to be associated with poor dietary choices. Dietary choices is a key driver for insulin resistance, especially in an aging and sedentary population. Increased consumption of calorie-dense foods like fast food, meats and other animal fats, highly refined grains, and sugar-sweetened beverages, are thought to play a critical role in the rising rates of type 2 diabetes worldwide. Dietary changes like intake of low calories & high consumption of complex carbohydrates like high intake of fruits and vegetables, legumes, nuts, good quality fat can help in reducing insulin resistance. As per one of the studies, beta cell failure & insulin resistance can be alleviated by acute negative energy balance. Fasting blood glucose and hepatic insulin sensitivity reduced to normal & intrahepatic lipid decreased by 30% over 8 weeks and beta cell function elevated towards normality. (Lim, 2011; Yancy, 2005; Sami, 2017; McMacken and Shah, 2017)

For weight loss one should reduce to around



1000kcal/day which will help reduce 1 kg of body weight per week & 4kg per month. Low calorie and low carbohydrate diet helps in utilization of intra organ fat and reduces insulin resistance which will help in the reversal of diabetes. Diet plan recommended to the patients was based on this principle of low-calorie and low-carbohydrate diet, which is to be followed for 12 weeks. It is based on pulse protein, complex carbohydrates, consumption of fruits and vegetables as well as good quality fats. As the diet plan is low in calories, it can lead to normalise insulin secretion and control diabetes.

This study had a few limitations. It was a single-arm, retrospective study due to which the results were not compared with the standard care. However, this study was a proof-of-concept research, and future cohort studies with larger sample size and longer duration follow-up may be conducted, to generate a stronger evidence.

Treatment with CDC showed a significant decrease in the HbA1c levels of diabetic patients. CDC also showed significant reduction in the metabolic parameters of weight, BMI and abdominal girth of the diabetic patients. Moreover, CDC also decreased the dependency of the diabetic patients on the standard allopathic medications.

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# Efficacy of a polyherbal oral formulation in the management of essential hypertension: an open label, pilot clinical study

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Effective control of blood pressure in patients with hypertension decreases cardiovascular mortality. However, many hypertensives are unresponsive to standard antihypertensive treatment. Research has found anti-hypertensive potential in the Ayurvedic drugs Brahmi (*Bacopa monnieri*) and Shunthi (*Zingiber officinale*). Hence, a pilot study was conducted to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Capsule Artyl (the oral formulation of Brahmi and Shunthi) as a treatment option in hypertensive subjects.

**Methods:** There were 30 hypertensive subjects attending out-patient departments of clinics in Maharashtra, India were enrolled in this 8-week, open label, single arm study. All subjects received capsule Artyl (500mg) twice a day orally daily. The mean systolic (SBP) and diastolic blood pressure (DBP) on days 1 and 28 of the study were compared along with the mean arterial pressure (MAP).

**Results:** The mean SBP was significantly lesser on day 28 ( $141.86 \pm 12.54$  mm Hg) as compared to the mean SBP recorded on day 1 ( $155.48 \pm 19.37$  mm Hg) ( $p < 0.001$ ). The mean DBP on day 28 ( $89.66 \pm 8.8$  mm Hg) was lesser than that on day 1 ( $90.34 \pm 7.44$  mm Hg) but this difference was not statistically significant

( $p > 0.05$ ). There was a significant decrease in the mean value of MAP on day 28 ( $107.06 \pm 7.03$  mm Hg) as compared to that on day 1 ( $112.06 \pm 10.75$  mm Hg) ( $p < 0.01$ ).

**Conclusions:** Capsule Artyl significantly decreased the BP in hypertensive patients, without any adverse effects. Controlled trials are needed to confirm the positive outcome of this promising herbal formulation in hypertensive patients.

**Keywords:** Capsule artyl, Essential hypertension, Systolic blood pressure

## INTRODUCTION

Hypertension has become a crucial health issue to tackle worldwide not only due to its increasing prevalence but also because of the severe complications associated with it. About 10-15% of the rural and 25% of the urban population are estimated to be affected by hypertension in India. Also, Government of India has estimated that by 2020, 159.46/1000 Indians will be suffering from hypertension. Moreover, multiple complications associated with hypertension is a cause of high mortality due to the disease. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) data released in 2014, 26% of the

deaths in India are due to cardiovascular disease. Another striking data is that 29% of strokes, 21% of acute myocardial infarction and 16% of ischemic heart disease in India are all attributed to hypertension [3].

The current management of hypertension involves lifestyle modifications along with pharmacotherapy. The pharmacological agents used for the treatment include angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs), calcium channel blockers (CCBs), diuretics and alpha blockers. However, these agents are not enough to control the blood pressure of patients. It has been

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estimated that in more than two-third hypertensive patients on treatment, the blood pressure cannot be controlled with a single pharmacological agent and they require multiple drugs.<sup>4</sup> A recent Indian study has revealed that the control rates of blood pressure in hypertensive cases are as low as 1/10th in rural and 1/5th in the urban population.<sup>5</sup> Other pitfalls of the pharmacological agents for hypertension include the plethora of adverse effects as well as the high costs associated with their use. Hence, there is a strong need to search safe and cost-effective options for the management of hypertension in India.

Ayurveda, the Indian traditional discipline of medicine, has been used by various physicians to treat multiple types of disorders. However, many of the herbal extracts have not been investigated thoroughly for their possible beneficial effects in the treatment of hypertension. Two of such herbal drugs are Brahmi (*Bacopa monnieri*) and Shunthi (*Zingiber officinale*). In Ayurveda, Brahmi is considered to be a powerful Medhya (brain tonic) and has been widely studied for its nootropic effect. However, it has also shown promise as an anti-stress as well as an anti-oxidative agent.<sup>6</sup> There have been very few studies which have tried to evaluate the effect of Brahmi as an anti-hypertensive agent.<sup>7,8</sup> Shunthi, the processed dry ginger is a popular herb used extensively in the Indian subcontinent as a food additive. The beneficial effect of Shunthi in cardiovascular disease has been known for long.<sup>9</sup> According to a systematic review published by the British Medical Journal, many animal studies have established the beneficial effect of Shunthi as a dietary supplement to conventional anti-hypertensive drugs. However, the same review has stated the need for more clinical studies to assess the possible effect of Shunthi in hypertensive patients.<sup>10</sup>

Capsule Artyl is a polyherbal Ayurvedic oral formulation which is made from the aqueous extracts of Brahmi (Bacoside 30%) and Shunthi

(Gingerol 2.5%). Considering the beneficial anti-hypertensive effect of both these extracts individually, this combination looks like a promising agent that can help physicians, as well as the patients, tackle the grave problem of uncontrolled hypertension. Hence, we planned to conduct an open label pilot study to assess the efficacy and the safety of this promising herbal combination in patients suffering from essential hypertension at various health care centers in Maharashtra, India.

#### METHODS

This study was a four-week, open label, single arm, multicentric, pilot study which was conducted to evaluate the effect of capsule Artyl on blood pressure in hypertensive patients.

There were 30 patients belonging to the age group of 30 years to 70 years having pre-diagnosed essential hypertension with systolic blood pressure (SBP) between 140-170 mm Hg were included in this study. These subjects were attending the out-patient departments

(OPDs) at different Madhavbaug clinics located in various cities of Maharashtra, India. The subjects enrolled in the study had to be willing to follow the protocol strictly over the four weeks of study period. Patients who were suffering from cardiovascular co-morbidities (left ventricular hypertrophy, heart block, congestive heart failure or coronary artery disease) were excluded from the study. Patients having deranged liver function tests or renal function tests, pregnant women or women planning pregnancy in the next 6 months were also excluded from the study. If the subjects failed to adhere to the protocol or decided to drop out of the study themselves or developed some complication due to increase in SBP and diastolic blood pressure (DBP) which would have required urgent treatment, then they were to be withdrawn from the study.

The study was initiated in November 2017 and completed in February 2018. The patients were prescribed capsule Artyl 500mg. to be taken twice daily for a period of 28 days, along with the conventional treatment, if it was ongoing for the



patient. All the patients were motivated to modify their lifestyle and dietary habits. The assessment of SBP and DBP was done with the help of a sphygmomanometer after enrolment of the subject in the study, which was considered the baseline or day 1 reading. The follow up reading of SBP and DBP was taken at day 7, day 14, day 21 and day 28. The weight, height, BMI and the concomitant medication data was noted down on day 1 and again on day 28. The mean arterial pressure (MAP) was also calculated for all the patients on day 1 and day 28 using the formula:  $2/3 \text{rd DBP} + 1/3 \text{rd SBP}$ .

Data were analyzed using MS excel and Graphpad Instat softwares. The data were represented as mean  $\pm$  SD. The variables on day 1 and day 28 were compared to each other using paired student's t test. P value of less than 0.05 was considered significant for all the variables.

Table 1: Constituents of capsule Artyl.

Composition of Cap. Artyl	Percentage (%)
Brahmi ( <i>Bacopa monnieri</i> )	62.5
Shunthi ( <i>Zingiber officinale</i> )	34
Excipient	3.5

## RESULTS

A total of 90 hypertensive patients were screened for participation in the study. Out of these 90 patients, 30 were included in the study based on the selection criteria. 29 of the 30 enrolled patients completed the full study period and the data collected from these 29 patients were analyzed at the end of the study (Figure 1). The demographic details of the patients have been mentioned in Table 2.

Many of the patients (n=11) were found to have hypertension for the first time on their visit to the Madhavbaug Clinic OPDs. These 11 patients were started on Capsule Artyl with the advice of lifestyle and dietary modifications. The remaining 18 patients were on

concomitant allopathic medications, the details of which have been mentioned in Figure 2

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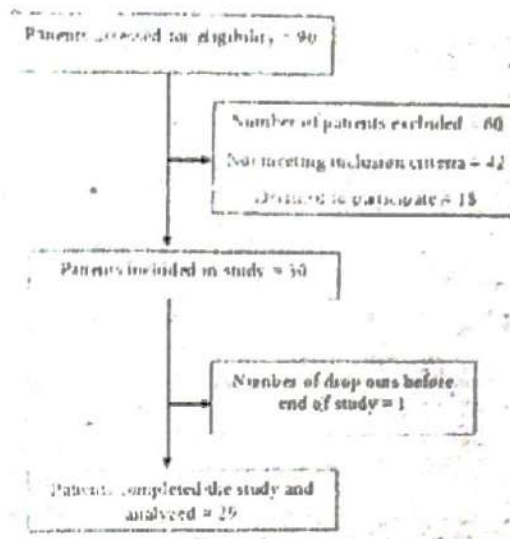


Figure 1: Patient enrolment flow chart.

Table 2: Demographic details of patients enrolled in the study (n=29).

Demographic details of the study participants	
Mean age of patients	51.68 $\pm$ 14.02 years
Mean weight of patients (Day 1)	70.29 $\pm$ 10.65 kilograms
Mean weight of patients (Day 28)	70.12 $\pm$ 10.80 kilograms
Mean BMI of patients (Day 1)	27.08 $\pm$ 3.21 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Mean BMI of patients (Day 28)	26.53 $\pm$ 3.02 kg/m <sup>2</sup>

Table 3: Effect of artyl treatment on improvement of Systolic Blood Pressure (SBP) from baseline to day 28.

		Baseline	Day 28	Change	P-value
T: All					
Mean	29	155.48	141.86	13.62	8.76
Standard deviation		10.61	12.54		
P-value					P < 0.001

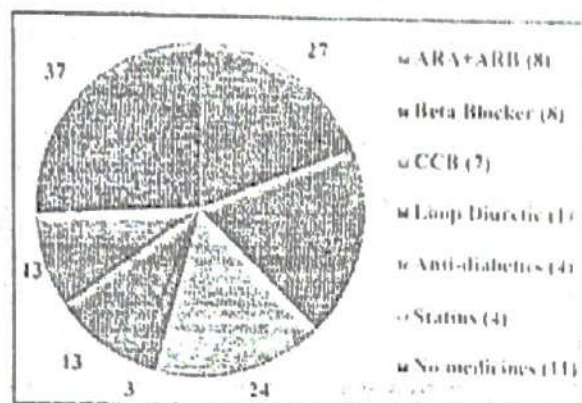
Table 4: Effect of artyl treatment on improvement of Diastolic Blood Pressure (DBP) from baseline to day 28.

		Baseline	Day 28	Change	P-value
T: All					
Mean	29	90.34	89.66	0.69	0.76
Standard deviation		6.68	6.80		
P-value					P = 0.008



**Table 5: Effect of Artyl treatment on improvement of Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP) from baseline to day 28.**

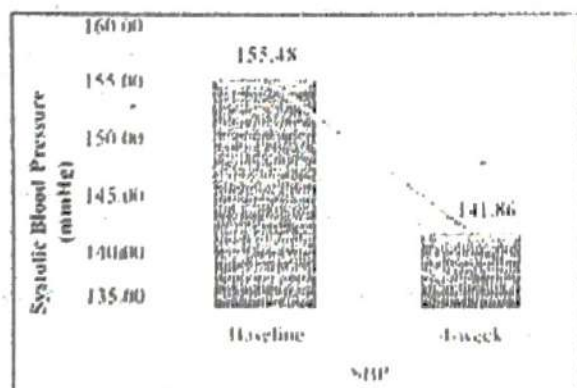
DBP	No. of patients	Baseline	Day 28	Improvement
All	29	112.06	107.06	4.46
Mean				
Standard deviation		6.29	7.03	
P value		P=0.01		



ARA= Antagonist receptor blocker, ARB= Angiotensin Receptor Blockers, CCB= Calcium Channel Blockers.

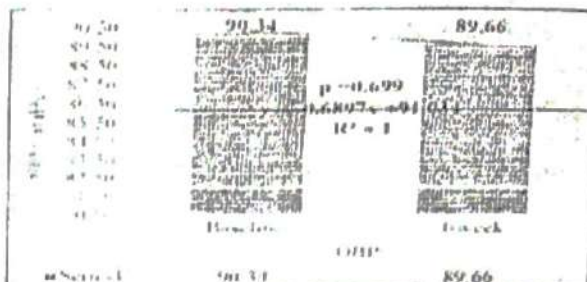
**Figure 2: Percentage of subjects using allopathy medicines (n=29).**

The mean SBP on day 28 was compared with that at baseline using Paired t-test:  $P < 0.05$  considered significant (Table 3). The efficacy parameters were analyzed at baseline (day 1) and on the last day of the study (day 28). It was found that the mean SBP was significantly less on day 28 ( $141.86 \pm 12.54$  mm Hg) as compared to the mean baseline SBP of the patients recorded on day 1 ( $155.48 \pm 19.37$  mm Hg) ( $p < 0.001$ ). The decrease in the mean SBP was by a margin of 8.76% (Figure 3).



Comparison of the mean values done by paired t-test.  
\*  $p < 0.05$  considered a statistically significant difference.

The mean MAP on day 28 ( $107.06 \pm 7.03$  mm Hg) was lesser than that on day 1 ( $112.06 \pm 10.75$  mm Hg) but this difference was not statistically significant ( $p > 0.05$ ). The decrease in MAP was 4.46% (Figure 4).



Comparison of the mean values done by paired t-test. There are no statistically significant differences from each other ( $p > 0.05$ ).

**Figure 4: Comparison of mean Diastolic Blood Pressure at baseline and at 4 weeks (n=29).**



Comparison of the mean values done by paired t-test.  
\*  $p < 0.05$  considered a statistically significant difference.

**Figure 5: Comparison of mean values of mean arterial pressure at baseline and at 4 weeks (n=29).**

There was a significant decrease in the mean value of MAP on day 28 ( $107.06 \pm 7.03$  mm Hg) as compared to that on day 1 ( $112.06 \pm 10.75$  mm Hg) ( $p < 0.01$ ). The difference in the mean values of MAP was 4.46% (Figure 5). None of the participants in the study developed any kind of adverse event over the study period.

## DISCUSSION

Hypertension is one of the most common and dangerous non-communicable diseases affecting the world population. The complications associated with the disease is a grave concern, especially because of the high rates of uncontrolled BP in the patients with hypertension, despite being on the standard pharmacological treatment. An Indian study published in 2014 concluded that the control rates of blood pressure in hypertensive cases on medication are just about 10% in rural and 20% in the urban population.<sup>5</sup> Current drugs used for



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hypertension are not only associated with adverse effects but are also not cost-effective.<sup>11</sup> Hence, it is important to look to alternative medicine for more efficacious, safe and cost-effective options to treat hypertension. This search took us to Ayurveda, the Indian discipline of traditional medicine. Two herbal drugs, namely Brahmi (*Bacopa monnieri*) and Shunthi (*Zingiber officinale*) have been studied by researchers for their possible anti-hypertensive effect individually. However, none of them has studied a combination of these herbal medicines for the treatment of hypertension. Capsule Artyl is a herbal drug made by combining the extracts of Brahmi and Shunthi. Considering the surrounding evidence and the need for new medicines to control hypertension, we conducted this study.

On analyzing the collected data from the 29 participating hypertensive patients, we found that there was a statistically significant decrease in the mean SBP and the mean values of MAP on day 28 as compared to the baseline reading. The mean DBP was also found to be lower on day 28 as compared to the baseline reading, however this difference was not statistically significant. None of the patients on capsule Artyl showed any adverse effect in the study, and thus the formulation can be considered safe. These results were in sync with many of the studies conducted using Brahmi and Shunthi individually.

In a preclinical study conducted in Thailand, it was found that Brahmi reduces the blood pressure significantly in Wistar rats.<sup>7</sup> In a clinical study conducted in India, Brahmi was found to decrease SBP, DBP and MAP significantly at 4 weeks of treatment, similar to the findings in this study.<sup>8</sup>

Shunthi, the processed dry ginger, has shown promising results individually in various studies as an anti-hypertensive agent. In a study conducted in China, daily consumption of ginger was associated with decreased risk of hypertension in adults (OR = 0.92 CI 0.87-0.99).<sup>12</sup> A clinical study conducted in

hypertensive patients of Egypt showed a statistically significant decrease in SBP and DBP at the end of 4 weeks of taking ginger with the prescribed medication.<sup>13</sup> A systematic review on ginger published in the British Medical Journal concluded that animal studies have found ginger to have the potential to offer natural anti-hypertensive effect when taken as a supplement to conventional anti-hypertensive drugs.<sup>10</sup>

Preclinical studies have assessed the possible mechanism of actions behind the antihypertensive effects of Brahmi and Shunthi. The study conducted by Kamkaew et al. found that the fall in blood pressure caused by Brahmi is because of its vasodilatory effects on the resistance arteries. The researchers also found that this vasodilation is through the nitric oxide pathway. At high concentrations, Brahmi was found to decrease the contractions generated by the voltage gated calcium

channels and reduce the action of calcium release from the sarcoplasmic reticulum.<sup>7</sup> Brahmi has also shown anti-stress as well as antioxidant property, which may also play a role in its anti-hypertensive action. A pre-clinical study in Nigeria found that Shunthi (ginger) showed ACE inhibitory activity in vivo which could be the reason behind its BP lowering action.<sup>14</sup> A study conducted by Ghayur et al found that ginger exhibited a vasodilator action through the blockage of the voltage gated calcium channels, which may be another possible mechanism behind its anti-hypertensive action.<sup>9</sup>

Our study had a few limitations. It was a one arm pilot study which was done mainly as a proof of concept research with low sample size and without a control arm. Sphygmomanometer was used to assess the SBP and the DBP, which is a subjective tool to measure BP in comparison to ambulatory BP monitoring. The study duration was just 28 days, due to which long term efficacy and safety of capsule Artyl was not assessed.

#### CONCLUSION

Our preliminary study has found that capsule Artyl, which is a herbal drug produced by

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combining Brahmi and Shunthi, is successful in significantly decreasing the BP in hypertensive patients, without any adverse effects. Considering that this was a pilot one-arm study, controlled trials with larger sample size are needed to confirm the positive outcome of this promising herbal drug in hypertensive patients.

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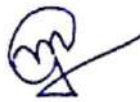
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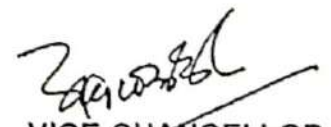
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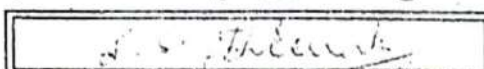
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# Future of Thrombolytic Therapy - An Indian Context



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## Abstract

Acute myocardial infarction has two main treatment modalities in the form of direct angioplasty (PAMI) and intravenous thrombolysis. PAMI is statistically clearly superior to intravenous thrombolysis. However, as ground reality in Indian conditions PAMI remains a distant ideal option for many ST elevation MI patients. In order to bridge the gap between IV thrombolysis and PAMI, early / pre-hospital IV thrombolysis to all and early angiography within 3 to 24 hours is the treatment modality, which needs to be exercised in India. Because of the encouraging results of pharmaco-invasive treatment in acute and long term morbidity and mortality, it should be the prime treatment of management of ST elevation myocardial infarction in India. The future of IV thrombolysis will remarkably be based on whether Indian physicians switch to direct Fibrin Inhibitors like Tenecteplase and Reteplase and whether every patient of ST elevation MI undergoes early angiography or not. If these two changes are accepted for treatment of ST elevation MI, remarkably successful and effective treatment could be offered in a place like India, which is too vast and too diversioned and too socio-economically irrelevant for the ideal treatment of PAMI. In conclusion, early / pre-hospital thrombolysis with Tenecteplase / Reteplase and angiography within 3 to 24 hours is the way to go in future in India.

Future of acute myocardial infarction management in India is in "Early thrombolysis to all and early angiography (3 to 24 hours) to all" ST elevation MI (STEMI) patients - with or without successful thrombolysis.

After a ginger start in early eighties, thrombolysis with STK reached nooks and corners of India. Urokinase shared "not a small" percentage. In the last 3 years TNK and Reteplase have made an appearance. The future of thrombolysis in India rests in these two agents, especially TNK.

Primary angioplasty in acute myocardial infarction (PAMI) is proven the world over as the gold standard of treatment by way of establishing high percentage of reperfusion and complete reperfusion (TIMI III, good TMP and TFC score). But this treatment modality is available to less than 10% STEMI in India as of today. In USA, 28% of STEMI get PAMI and this percentage is higher in European countries with good transfer facilities.

In Indian conditions, even small towns have population above 1,00,000. Traffic congestions and transfer to hospitals take a long time. Initial delay is by the patient due to lack of awareness. Next delay is due to lack of transfer facilities. (In small towns where reaching a hospital quickly is possible, hospital with PAMI capabilities are not available). The third delay is at tertiary care hospital where reaching from casualty to establishing TIMI III flow has its own delay of formalities, finances, round the clock manpower and availability of cath lab in busy hours. All these situations are expected to get worse in India in the future!

Public awareness can be increased about early detection (symptoms) of AMI, early treatment, golden hour and recognising AMI. Physician-based smaller hospital whether in villages, smaller towns or suburbs of cities will play a crucial role. Such hospitals should thrombolysed these patients on first contact with agents like TNK (easy administration, no anaphylactic reactions, no infusions). The relatives and patient then get a breathing period of moving to a cath lab facility in next 24 hours. The breathing space allows them to choose the doctor of their choice, arrange finances, gather manpower, complete insurance formalities (All very important in Indian context). In addition, this breathing period has not done the myocardium any harm, due to early thrombolysis and recanalised culprit artery.

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## Advantages of IV Thrombolysis (Indian Context)

1. Easy availability.
2. Less expertise required.
3. Cost effective - considering treatment of a life-threatening disease.
4. Ease of administration (peripheral venous line).
5. Acceptable complication rates.
6. More than 75% infarction-related arteries would be patent when taken on cath table.
7. Hemodynamically and electrically stable patient for PCI.
8. Well-defined lesions rather than total occlusions.

## Ideal Adjuvant Protocol for IV Thrombolysis

- a. S/L nitrate, sedation, O<sub>2</sub>.
- b. Soluble Aspirin 325mg, Clopidogrel 300mg.
- c. Weight-adjusted TNK or Reteplase or STK.
- d. High dose Atorvastatin, Ramipril.
- e. Betablockers as indicated.
- f. Avoid Nikorandil, Trimetazidine, Ranolazine, Ivabradine.
- g. Enoxaparin or Raviparin SC for 7 days.

## Failed IV Thrombolysis

Diagnosis : (After 90 min to 2 hrs of completion of IV thrombolysis).

1. Persistent chest pain.
2. New onset heart failure.
3. Non resolution of ST segments.
4. Hemodynamic instability.
5. Electrical instability.

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## Treatment

1. Intervention of culprit artery at least at the earliest.

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## The SUPREME study: A Postmarketing Surveillance of Tolerability and Effectiveness of Amlodipine-Nebivolol Combination in Indian Patients with Hypertension

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# Aspirin Resistance

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## Patients suffer serious cardiovascular events despite aspirin.

### Why?

**C**ardiovascular diseases contribute to a major cause of morbidity and mortality all over the world. Antiplatelet drugs are indicated in the primary and secondary prevention of acute coronary syndrome (ACS), stroke and peripheral artery disease (PAD). Aspirin or acetyl salicylic acid (ASA) is a potent and cost effective drug prescribed most commonly to prevent these events.

### Aspirin's use took off in...

Although introduced in 1832, it was not until 1948 that ASA's effect in decreasing the incidence of MI was noted. In 1967, the antiplatelet properties of ASA were recognized. In 1976, the mechanism of action of ASA was discovered to be inhibition of the production of prostaglandins. In 1982, Nobel Prize for Medicine was awarded to Sir John Vane for this discovery. In the 1990s, several large-scale clinical trials were initiated to know the effectiveness of different anti-thrombotic agents including ASA. The major results of the Anti-thrombotic Trialists' Collaboration was that ASA reduced the risk of serious vascular events by an average of 25% in patients with acute or previous myocardial infarct, ischaemic stroke, angina, or atrial fibrillation.

### How does aspirin bring about these effects?

Normal haemostasis is a balance between both a platelet release reaction and platelet aggregation. This balance requires an intact arachidonic acid (AA) pathway for the

generation of thromboxane A<sub>2</sub> (TXA<sub>2</sub>). A critical enzyme is platelet prostaglandin G/H synthase-1, also known as cyclooxygenase-1 (COX-1). AA is generated from phospholipids within the cytoplasm of platelets. The enzyme COX-1 acts on AA to produce endoperoxides that in turn produce TXA<sub>2</sub> through the action of the enzyme thromboxane synthetase. TXA<sub>2</sub> is a very potent platelet-aggregating agent located in the alpha granules of the platelet. ASA interferes with the generation of TXA<sub>2</sub> by blocking the access of AA to the catalytic site of COX-1 in platelets. The COX-1 enzyme is irreversibly acetylated. Because platelets are anucleate, they cannot generate additional COX-1. Platelets do not aggregate in the absence of TXA<sub>2</sub>.

### Aspirin resistance was proposed in 1990s

Since some patients taking ASA suffered untoward clinical events such as a second MI, the concept of ASA resistance was proposed in the 1990s. Till date, although many proposed definitions exist, there is no single agreement over the definition of aspirin resistance. It could be either patients not responding to aspirin's antiplatelet effect (patients suffer serious CV events despite the use of aspirin) or it could be the inability of aspirin to inhibit platelet thromboxane formation.

### How does aspirin resistance occur? What are the mechanisms?

COX-1 and COX-2 are 90% homologous. The 10% structural difference renders COX-2 relatively insensitive



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# Treatment and outcomes of acute coronary syndromes in India (CREATE): a prospective analysis of registry data

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## Summary

**Background** India has the highest burden of acute coronary syndromes in the world, yet little is known about the treatments and outcomes of these diseases. We aimed to document the characteristics, treatments, and outcomes of patients with acute coronary syndromes who were admitted to hospitals in India.

**Methods** We did a prospective registry study in 89 centres from 10 regions and 50 cities in India. Eligible patients had suspected acute myocardial infarction with definite electrocardiograph changes (whether elevated ST [STEMI] or non-STEMI or unstable angina), or had suspected myocardial infarction without ECG changes but with prior evidence of ischaemic heart disease. We recorded a range of clinical outcomes, and all-cause mortality at 30 days.

**Findings** We enrolled 20937 patients. Of the 20 468 patients who were given a definite diagnosis, 12 405 (60.6%) had STEMI. The mean age of these patients was 57.5 (SD 12.1) years; patients with STEMI were younger (56.3 [12.1] years) than were those with non-STEMI or unstable angina (59.3 [11.8] years). Most patients were from lower middle (10 737 (52.5%)) and poor (3999 (19.6%)) social classes. The median time from symptoms to hospital was 360 (IQR 123–1317) min, with 50 (25–68) min from hospital to thrombolysis. 6226 (30.4%) patients had diabetes; 7720 (37.7%) had hypertension; and 8242 (40.2%) were smokers. Treatments for STEMI differed from those for non-STEMI or unstable angina. More patients with STEMI than with non-STEMI were given anti-platelet drugs (98.2% vs 97.4%); angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors or angiotensin receptor blockers (ARB) (60.5% vs 51.2%); and percutaneous coronary interventions (8.0% vs 6.7%,  $p < 0.0001$  for all comparisons). Thrombolytics (96.3% streptokinase) were used for 58.5% of patients with STEMI. Conversely, fewer patients with STEMI than those with non-STEMI or unstable angina were given  $\beta$  blockers (57.5% vs 61.9%); lipid-lowering drugs (50.8% vs 53.9%); and coronary bypass graft surgery (1.9% vs 4.4%,  $p < 0.0001$  for all comparisons). The 30-day outcomes for patients with STEMI were death (8.6%), reinfarction (2.3%), and stroke (0.7%). Outcomes for those with non-STEMI or unstable angina were better: death (3.7%), reinfarction (1.2%), and stroke (0.3%,  $p < 0.0001$  for all comparisons). Use of key treatments also differed by socioeconomic status: more rich patients than poor patients were given thrombolytics (60.6% vs 52.3%),  $\beta$  blockers (58.8% vs 49.6%), lipid-lowering drugs (61.2% vs 36.0%), ACE inhibitors or ARB (63.2% vs 54.1%), percutaneous coronary intervention (15.3% vs 2.0%), and coronary artery bypass graft surgery (7.5% vs 0.7%,  $p < 0.0001$  for all comparisons). Mortality was higher for poor patients than for rich patients (8.2% vs 5.5%,  $p < 0.0001$ ). Adjustment for treatments (but not risk factors and baseline characteristics) eliminated this difference in mortality.

**Interpretation** Patients in India who have acute coronary syndromes have a higher rate of STEMI than do patients in developed countries. Since most of these patients were poor, less likely to get evidence-based treatments, and had greater 30-day mortality, reduction of delays in access to hospital and provision of affordable treatments could reduce morbidity and mortality.

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## Introduction

Ischaemic heart disease is the leading cause of death globally.<sup>1</sup> In 2001, ischaemic heart disease accounted for 7.1 million deaths worldwide,<sup>1</sup> 5.7 million (80%) of which were in low-income countries.<sup>11</sup> Between 1990 and 2020, these diseases are expected to increase by 120% for women and 137% for men in developing countries, compared with 30–60% in developed countries.<sup>4</sup> By 2010, 60% of the world's heart disease is expected to occur in India.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, South Asians have a high prevalence of risk factors, and have ischaemic heart disease at an earlier age than do people in developed countries.<sup>4,7</sup>

Most data for patients with acute coronary syndromes are from several large registries<sup>8–10</sup> with data on demography, treatments, and outcomes of patients in middle-income and high-income countries. The few studies in India are small and restricted to a few hospitals.<sup>12–14</sup> We established a collaborative national registry of more than 20 000 patients with acute coronary syndromes (defined as myocardial infarction with ST elevation [STEMI] or non-STEMI or unstable angina). We aimed to document the characteristics, treatments, and outcomes of patients with acute coronary syndromes who were admitted to hospitals in India.

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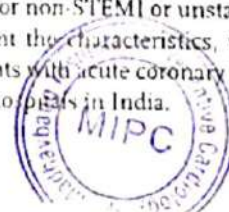
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# Non-invasive detection of tako-tsubo cardiomyopathy vs. acute anterior myocardial infarction by transthoracic Doppler echocardiography

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## Aims

Typical tako-tsubo cardiomyopathy (TTC) mimics acute anterior myocardial infarction (AMI) and the differential diagnosis is challenging before coronary angiography (CA) is performed; it demonstrates reduced or absent antegrade flow in the left anterior descending artery (LAD) in AMI, whereas there is no such flow limiting in TTC. At the acute phase, we tested the usefulness of the distal LAD flow visualization by transthoracic Doppler echocardiography (TDE) to distinguish between these two diseases. For this purpose, we prospectively enrolled 28 consecutive patients with TTC (75 ± 10 years, 93% females) who were compared with 28 consecutive patients with AMI treated successfully by primary angioplasty (66 ± 12 years, 79% females). All the patients underwent the assessment of the distal LAD flow just before CA, using colour and pulsed-wave TDE. In addition, the symmetric involvement of wall motion abnormalities (WMAs) based on the extent of the disease far beyond one coronary territory in TTC was searched by TDE. Non-invasive coronary flow reserve (CFR) by TDE, in the distal LAD, was also performed within 1 day after admission.

## Results

Before CA, the distal LAD flow was visible in 38 of 56 cases (68%) in the whole population, in all cases with TTC and in 10 cases with AMI (36%). The sensitivity (Se) and specificity (Sp) of the LAD flow visualization for the diagnosis of TTC were 100 and 64%, respectively, with a diagnostic accuracy of 82%. In comparison, the pattern of WMA yielded a Se of 75% and Sp of 86%, and a diagnostic accuracy of 80%. With the combination of both tools, the Se and Sp to detect TTC were 75 and 96% respectively, with a diagnostic accuracy of 86%. After CA, the acute CFR was less severely impaired in the TTC group when compared with the AMI group ( $2.2 \pm 0.5$  vs.  $1.7 \pm 0.6$ ,  $P < 0.01$ ) despite a worse LV systolic dysfunction.

## Conclusion

Non-invasive evaluation of the distal LAD flow could be helpful to differentiate TTC from AMI, and its combination with the pattern of WMA improved slightly its diagnostic accuracy. Furthermore, the acute CFR is less severely impaired in TTC compared with AMI despite poorer LV systolic dysfunction, suggesting that other mechanisms than direct microcirculatory damage are also involved in the pathogenesis of WMAs in TTC.

## Keywords

Tako-tsubo • Myocardial infarction • Coronary flow • Doppler

## Introduction

The differential diagnosis between typical tako-tsubo cardiomyopathy (TTC)<sup>1–4</sup> and acute coronary syndrome involving the left

anterior descending coronary artery (LAD) is challenging before coronary angiography (CA). However, the therapeutic implications are of paramount importance in this setting. The assessment of coronary flow velocity (CFV) and coronary flow reserve (CFR)

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# The SESA- Angina Study:

## Safety and Efficacy of S-Amlodipine in Angina

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### Abstract

**Background:** Cardioprotective and vasculoprotective effects of amlodipine are the class effects attributable principally to the basic calcium channel blocking (CCB) actions of amlodipine. Amlodipine is a racemate with an equal proportion of two enantiomers S and R. S-Amlodipine is responsible for all of CCB- mediated pharmacodynamic actions of Amlodipine including anti-anginal activity. **Objective:** To evaluate the efficacy and safety of S-Amlodipine in the treatment of angina in normotensive patients. **Design:** open label, non-comparative, prospective clinical study. **Patients:** Total 23 patients (8 females and 15 males) of ischemic heart disease (IHD), with history of angina pectoris and positive stress test, were enrolled. Mean age of the patients was  $63.26 \pm 7.49$  (Mean  $\pm$  SD) years. At baseline, mean systolic blood pressure was  $130.87 \pm 7.93$  mm Hg, mean diastolic blood pressure was  $81.65 \pm 5.48$  mm Hg and mean heart rate was  $75.39 \pm 8.79$ /min. **Outcome measures:** Patients were evaluated for reduction in anginal attacks and improvement in exercise stress test parameters. Adverse events, clinical and biochemical parameters were monitored to evaluate safety of the product. **Results:** After 8 weeks of S-Amlodipine therapy, there was a significant ( $p= 0.0027$ ) reduction in average number of attacks per 15 days from 1.17 to 0.04 (difference between means = 1.13; 95% confidence interval (CI) = 0.44 - 1.82). There was a significant relative improvement (reduction) in anginal symptoms by 93.33%. The numbers needed to treat (NNT) were 1.6 patients. After treatment with S-Amlodipine for 8 weeks, the mean exercise capacity increased significantly ( $p= 0.0041$ ) from  $329.62 \pm 110.65$  seconds to  $365 \pm 122.73$  seconds (difference between means = 35.38; 95% CI = 12.62- 58.15). Time to 1.5 mm ST segment depression increased from the baseline of  $273.84 \pm 98.44$  seconds to  $277.21 \pm 122.05$  seconds and the maximum workload achieved increased from  $6.93 \pm 2.53$  METs (Metabolic Equivalent Terms) to  $7.29 \pm 2.24$  METs. None of the patients reported any adverse effect related to treatment with S-Amlodipine. The product was well tolerated. Blood pressure, heart rate, ECG and biochemical parameters were not affected significantly. **Conclusion:** This study shows that S-Amlodipine is effective, safe and well tolerated in the treatment of angina. **Keywords:** S-Amlodipine, angina



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### ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

Warfarin reduces the risk of stroke in patients with atrial fibrillation but increases the risk of hemorrhage and is difficult to use. Dabigatran is a new oral direct thrombin inhibitor.

#### METHODS

In this noninferiority trial, we randomly assigned 18,113 patients who had atrial fibrillation and a risk of stroke to receive, in a blinded fashion, fixed doses of dabigatran—110 mg or 150 mg twice daily—or, in an unblinded fashion, adjusted-dose warfarin. The median duration of the follow-up period was 2.0 years. The primary outcome was stroke or systemic embolism.

#### RESULTS

Rates of the primary outcome were 1.69% per year in the warfarin group, as compared with 1.53% per year in the group that received 110 mg of dabigatran (relative risk with dabigatran, 0.91; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.74 to 1.11;  $P < 0.001$  for noninferiority) and 1.11% per year in the group that received 150 mg of dabigatran (relative risk, 0.66; 95% CI, 0.53 to 0.82;  $P < 0.001$  for superiority). The rate of major bleeding was 3.36% per year in the warfarin group, as compared with 2.71% per year in the group receiving 110 mg of dabigatran ( $P = 0.003$ ) and 3.11% per year in the group receiving 150 mg of dabigatran ( $P = 0.31$ ). The rate of hemorrhagic stroke was 0.38% per year in the warfarin group, as compared with 0.12% per year with 110 mg of dabigatran ( $P < 0.001$ ) and 0.10% per year with 150 mg of dabigatran ( $P < 0.001$ ). The mortality rate was 4.13% per year in the warfarin group, as compared with 3.75% per year with 110 mg of dabigatran ( $P = 0.13$ ) and 3.64% per year with 150 mg of dabigatran ( $P = 0.051$ ).

#### CONCLUSIONS

In patients with atrial fibrillation, dabigatran given at a dose of 110 mg was associated with rates of stroke and systemic embolism that were similar to those associated with warfarin, as well as lower rates of major hemorrhage. Dabigatran administered at a dose of 150 mg, as compared with warfarin, was associated with lower rates of stroke and systemic embolism but similar rates of major hemorrhage. (ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00176060.)

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## 25 Years of Bisoprolol : A Reappraisal





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- 1) Could you please comment on the usefulness of bisoprolol in 24-h blood pressure control?

24-h blood pressure control is an important aspect of hypertension management. Mortality, morbidity and other outcomes depend crucially on this parameter. In this context, the longer half-life of bisoprolol ushers in the specific advantage of a truly once-a-day anti-hypertensive. Furthermore, bisoprolol also achieves a good blood pressure control. I use it as a number one  $\beta$ -blocker.

- 2) How does the anti-hypertensive efficacy of bisoprolol compare with less-selective  $\beta$ -blockers such as metoprolol and atenolol?

Non-selective agents cannot stand in comparison with bisoprolol. The entire advantage of  $\beta$ -blockers in hypertension management lies in  $\beta_1$ -selectivity. Therefore, bisoprolol being a selective  $\beta_1$ -blocker has a better and stronger anti-hypertensive effect. Furthermore, the longer half-life, zero sympathetic activity, and lesser chances of causing side-effects such as bronchospasm makes it a better drug. I use bisoprolol also in peri-operative patients and patients with heart failure.

- 3) Could you please share with us your experience with bisoprolol and amlodipine combination in the management of hypertension and in patients with a risk of coronary artery disease?

In these set of patients, bisoprolol and amlodipine is a wonderful combination. Both these drugs have excellent anti-anginal action and offer excellent hypertension control. With these agents, we are offering a nearly ideal combination to patients with coronary artery disease.

- 4) Could you tell us the place of bisoprolol and diuretic combinations in the management of hypertension in today's context?

The combination of bisoprolol with a diuretic is not only additive but also synergistic. This synergism scores over other combinations which are additive and not synergistic.

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## Importance of ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM)

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### Abstract

There is increasing evidence that the traditional office BP measurement may not always yield estimate of a patient's true BP. Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) has been shown to be a useful and noninvasive tool for round-the-clock measurement of BP outside medical environment. It has been shown to be a strong and independent predictor of cardiovascular morbidity and mortality, and is more closely associated than office measurement of BP. Use of ABPM helps in diagnosis of

white coat hypertension, masked hypertension and can provide information regarding control of blood pressure with antihypertensive medication throughout 24 hours. Data derived from ABPM allow the identification of high-risk patients, independent from the BP obtained in the clinic or office setting. The recent guidelines on hypertension have recommended the use of ABPM in hypertension diagnosis and treatment.

**Keywords:** Ambulatory blood pressure, ABPM, hypertension

### Introduction

There has been a rapid increase in the prevalence of hypertension in all ages in recent years. In addition to genetic predispositions, environmental and lifestyle factors, particularly excessive weight, seem to play important role.<sup>[1]</sup> Diagnosis of hypertension so far relied only on series of blood pressure (BP) measurement in the physician's clinic room. However, this may not always represent the actual systolic and diastolic BP during routine daily activities. It is difficult to diagnose hypertension and monitor optimal response to treatment based on office measurements of blood pressure. During last two decades, ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM) has come up as noninvasive, but powerful tool for examining the variability in blood pressure and physiological as well as environmental factors affecting blood pressure. It can provide information regarding 24 hours variations in blood pressure including nighttime BP, diurnal variation in BP or extent of BP with an antihypertensive medication. Hence, ABPM combined with routine office BP measurements may have to play an important role in the diagnosis of hypertension and optimal control of BP.<sup>[1,2]</sup>

### ABPM vs. office BP<sup>[2]</sup>

ABPM offers several advantages over conventional office measurements of BP:

1. ABPM provides a measurement of blood pressure away from medical environment.
2. ABPM provides the behaviour of blood pressure over 24 hours period rather than just one time measurement of blood pressure.
3. It may show certain patterns of blood pressure which may be relevant for the treating physician. E.g. blood pressure that does not reduce at night.
4. Recent studies have shown that ABPM is a much stronger predictor of cardiovascular morbidity and mortality than conventional blood pressure monitoring (ABPM).

Patients undergoing ABPM need to wear a device which



# Effects of Reviparin, a Low-Molecular-Weight Heparin, on Mortality, Reinfarction, and Strokes in Patients With Acute Myocardial Infarction Presenting With ST-Segment Elevation

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**A**PPROXIMATELY 15.5 MILLION cardiovascular deaths occur every year.<sup>1</sup> Of these, about half are likely to be due to acute myocardial infarction (MI), with the majority occurring in low- and middle-income countries. Aspirin,<sup>2</sup> thrombolytic therapy,<sup>3</sup>  $\beta$ -blockers,<sup>4</sup> and angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors<sup>5</sup> improve prognosis in acute MI. Primary percutaneous coronary angioplasty (PCI) offers benefits over thrombolytic therapy,<sup>6</sup> but access to primary PCI is limited and not affordable to the majority of patients in the world.

Combinations of newer antiplatelet regimens,<sup>7,8</sup> or direct thrombin inhibitors,<sup>9,10</sup> appear to reduce reinfarction but do not reduce mortality.<sup>7-10</sup> Moreover, these agents are expensive and increase bleeding. Although intravenous unfractionated heparin is commonly used after acute MI, especially in patients receiving fibrin-specific thrombolytic agents, this practice is based on a few trials that indicated modest improvements in coronary patency.<sup>11-14</sup> However, no reduction in mortality or reinfarction has been documented and there appears to be an increase in bleeding. In the Third International Study of Infarct Survival (ISIS-3)<sup>15</sup> and Gruppo Italiano per lo Studio della Sopravvivenza nell'Infarto

**Context** Although reperfusion therapy, aspirin,  $\beta$ -blockers, and angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors reduce mortality when used early in patients with acute myocardial infarction (MI), mortality and morbidity remain high. No antithrombotic or newer antiplatelet drug has been shown to reduce mortality in acute MI.

**Objective** To evaluate the effects of reviparin, a low-molecular-weight heparin, when initiated early and given for 7 days in addition to usual therapy on the primary composite outcome of death, myocardial reinfarction, or strokes at 7 and 30 days.

**Design, Setting, and Patients** A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial (Clinical Trial of Reviparin and Metabolic Modulation in Acute Myocardial Infarction Treatment Evaluation [CREATE]) of 15 570 patients with ST-segment elevation or new left bundle-branch block, presenting within 12 hours of symptom onset at 341 hospitals in India and China from July 2001 through July 2004.

**Intervention** Reviparin or placebo subcutaneously twice daily for 7 days.

**Main Outcome Measure** Primary composite outcome of death, myocardial reinfarction, or stroke at 7 and 30 days.

**Results** The primary composite outcome was significantly reduced from 854 (11.0%) of 7790 patients in the placebo group to 745 (9.6%) of 7780 in the reviparin group (hazard ratio [HR], 0.87; 95% CI, 0.79-0.96;  $P = .005$ ). These benefits persisted at 30 days (1056 [13.6%] vs 921 [11.8%] patients; HR, 0.87; 95% CI, 0.79-0.95;  $P = .001$ ) with significant reductions in 30-day mortality (877 [11.3%] vs 766 [9.8%]; HR, 0.87; 95% CI, 0.79-0.96;  $P = .005$ ) and reinfarction (199 [2.6%] vs 154 [2.0%]; HR, 0.77; 95% CI, 0.62-0.95;  $P = .01$ ), and no significant differences in strokes (64 [0.8%] vs 80 [1.0%];  $P = .19$ ). Reviparin treatment was significantly better when it was initiated very early after symptom onset at 7 days ( $<2$  hours: HR, 0.70; 95% CI, 0.52-0.96;  $P = .03$ ; 30/1000 events prevented; 2 to  $<4$  hours: HR, 0.81; 95% CI, 0.67-0.98;  $P = .03$ ; 21/1000 events prevented; 4 to  $<8$  hours: HR, 0.85; 95% CI, 0.73-0.99;  $P = .05$ ; 16/1000 events prevented; and  $\geq 8$  hours: HR, 1.06; 95% CI, 0.86-1.30;  $P = .58$ ;  $P = .04$  for trend). There was an increase in life-threatening bleeding at 7 days with reviparin and placebo (17 [0.2%] vs 7 [0.1%], respectively;  $P = .07$ ), but the absolute excess was small (1 more per 1000) vs reductions in the primary outcome (18 fewer per 1000) or mortality (15 fewer per 1000).

**Conclusions** In patients with acute ST-segment elevation or new left bundle-branch block MI, reviparin reduces mortality and reinfarction, without a substantive increase in overall stroke rates. There is a small absolute excess of life-threatening bleeding but the benefits outweigh the risks.

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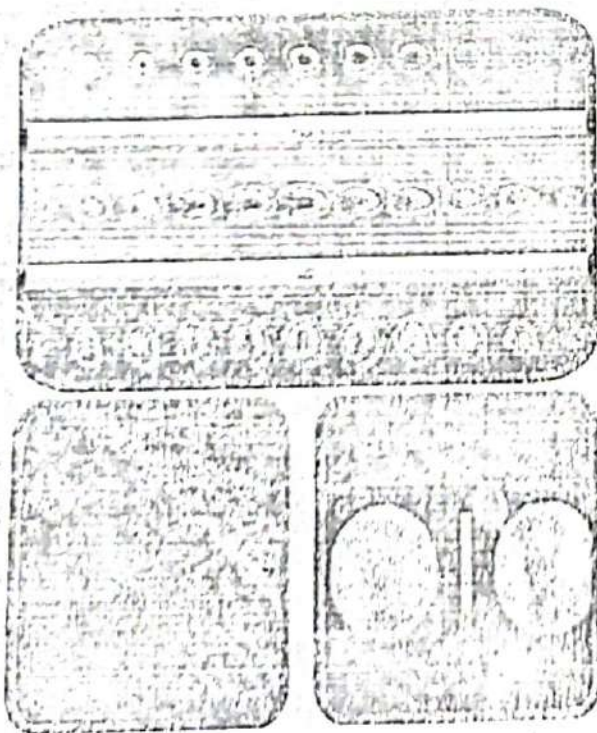
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# Thrombolytic Therapy in STEMI- Its Role in the Era of Intervention.

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Thrombolysis, as the word indicates is dissolution of a clot. Acute myocardial infarction (STEMI) constitutes two pathological processes. One is slow growing atherosclerosis with lipid rich fibro-fatty plaque in the vessel wall and the other a soft blood clot which occludes the vessel lumen completely. The dissolution of the clot thus stands to logic as one of the treatment strategies for STEMI. In India, thrombolysis with Urokinase and Streptokinase started in the mid 80's and Streptokinase has been the most widely used thrombolytic agent for all these years<sup>1</sup>. Though Urokinase is not recognised by the USA FDA for the treatment of thrombolysis, many Indian practitioners have used Urokinase with good results in their patients. When coronary angioplasty came on the scene, salvage angioplasties and pre-discharge angioplasties became popular. Then primary PTCA/stenting (PAMI) emerged as the preferred reperfusion strategy in patients with STEMI<sup>2,3</sup>. Many centres started offering PAMI as the treatment of choice for ST elevation MI. After the advent of pharmaco-invasive therapy, there is some shift towards IV thrombolytic therapy (IVT). In Indian socio-economic conditions IV thrombolytic therapy continues to be the most frequently practised reperfusion strategy even today.

## INDICATIONS OF IV THROMBOLYSIS

- 1) STEMI: less than 3 hours of chest pain and, PCI (Door to balloon time) more than 90 minutes away.
- 2) STEMI, 3 to 12 hours of chest pain and PCI not possible.
- 3) STEMI, more than 12 hours of onset of pain, ongoing chest pain, ST elevations, reciprocal ST changes and PCI not feasible in 90 minutes / not feasible at all<sup>6,7</sup>.

### Note:

- STEMI is diagnosed when there is more than 1mm ST<sup>↑</sup> in at least 2 contiguous chest leads or 2 adjacent limb leads or ST<sup>↓</sup> in V1V2V3 (True posterior MI) or presumed new onset LBBB is present
- Age is not a contraindication for IV thrombolysis.

## CONTRAINDICATIONS OF IV THROMBOLYSIS

Following are the absolute contraindications to thrombolytic therapy

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- 1) Bleeding diathesis, Gastro-intestinal ulcers and active bleeding sites.
- 2) Known allergy or sensitivity to agents.
- 3) Major head injury within 3 months.
- 4) Known intracranial malignant tumour, AV malformation.
- 5) Any prior intracranial hemorrhage.
- 6) Any neuro surgery in the past.
- 7) Ischemic cerebro-vascular accident within the past 3 months (except for acute stroke within 3 hours).
- 8) Suspected aortic dissection

### Note:

Pregnancy (one would rarely require IVT) is not an absolute contraindication.

## PROTOCOLS TO BE FOLLOWED FOR IVT

All patients should receive loading dose of aspirin and if age is <75 years, loading dose of clopidogrel. Unfractionated heparin should be administered for 24-48 hours or low molecular weight heparin or fondaparinux should be administered for maximum 8 days (or the index period of hospitalization) as adjunctive therapy.

- 1) STK (Streptokinase) : 150000 units of STK as IV infusion over 60 minutes.  
Note : Avoid reuse of STK.
- 2) UK (Urokinase) : 20000 units / kg IV infusion over 30 min
- 3) TPA (Tissue Plasminogen Activator): 100 mg infused in 90 minutes.
- 4) TNK (Tenecteplase): 30 to 50 mg IV bolus (weight adjusted)
- 5) RTP ( Reteplase) : 10 units 2 boluses IV, 30 minutes apart.

### Note :

- One may avoid using loading dose of Clopidogrel and decide on loading dose of Prasugrel after angiography.

## CRITERIA OF SUCCESSFUL THROMBOLYSIS

- 1) Relief of chest pain.
- 2) More than 50% resolution of ST segments.
- 3) Occurrence of accelerated idioventricular rhythm (AIVR).
- 4) Hemodynamic stability.

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## 'All in the family'—familial dyslipidaemia in clinical practice



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Dr Hiremath began the session on familial dyslipidaemia by highlighting the burden of dyslipidaemia in India. Approximately 38% of men and 23% women have increased total cholesterol level, 64% men and 34% women have reduced high-density lipoproteins. High prevalence of hypertriglyceridaemia and hypercholesterolaemia is present in patients aged between 31 and 40 years.

Familial dyslipidaemia can either be primary or secondary; classification is detailed in Figure 7.

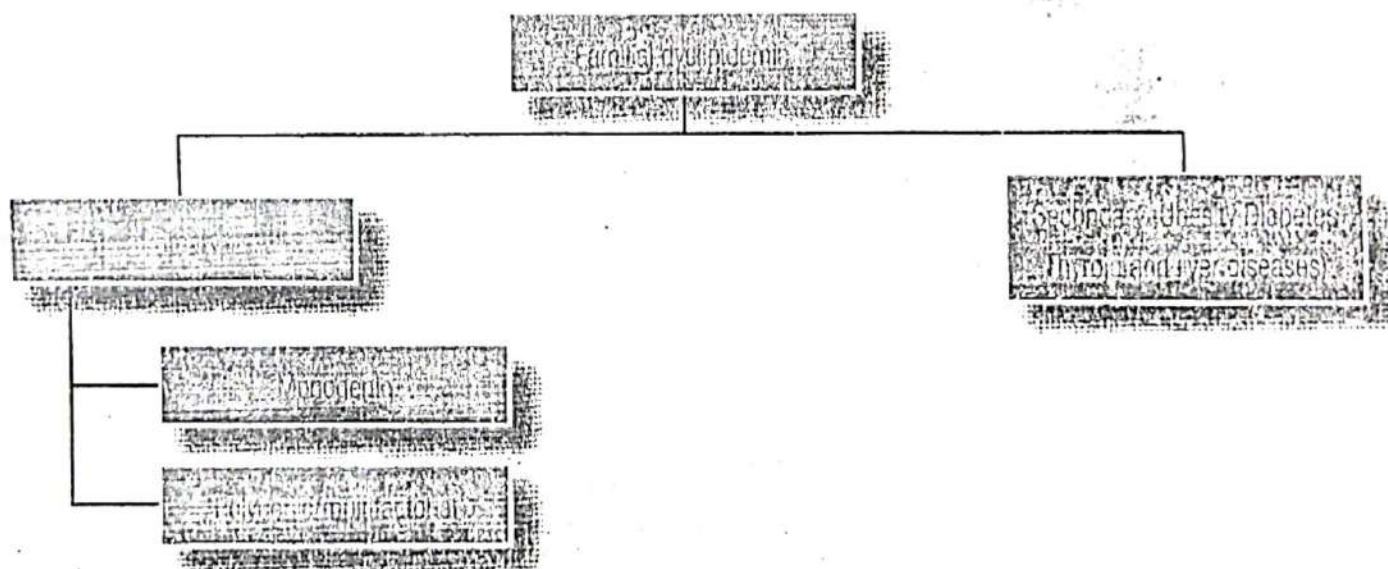


Figure 7. Classification of familial dyslipidaemia.

The most common forms of familial dyslipidaemia include familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH), familial hypertriglyceridaemia (FHTG), familial abetalipoproteinaemia and familial-combined hyperlipidaemia (FCHL).

Physical signs of familial dyslipidaemia include

- Arcus juvenilis
- Tuberous xanthoma
- Eruptive xanthoma
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# Efficacy and safety of Tenecteplase in Indian STEMI patients

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## Abstract

This open-label, clinical, multicentric study examined efficacy and safety of weight-adjusted bolus administration of Tenecteplase in thrombolytic management of ST elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) in 70 Indian patients presenting within six hours of symptom onset and satisfying all inclusion and exclusion criteria. Reperfusion as indicated by any one of the three criteria ( $\geq 50\%$  ST resolution at 90 min, reperfusion arrhythmia, 90 min to baseline ratio  $>4$  in cardiac enzymes) was observed in 85.71% patients. Minor bleeding was seen in 7 patients. Angiographic evaluation ( $n=47$ ) showed TIMI 2/3 flow of infarct related artery (IRA) in 85.1% patients. All patients survived 30 days. Tenecteplase was found to be safe and effective in thrombolytic treatment of STEMI in Indian patients.

**Key words:** STEMI, Tenecteplase

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## Abstract

**Aim.** To compare two strengths of a fixed drug combination (FDC) containing metoprolol XL and amlodipine (metoprolol/amlodipine 50/5; and metoprolol/amlodipine 25/2.5) with its components in hypertension. **Methods.** We conducted this multicentre, randomized, open-label, trial, in Indian patients with hypertension (140–180 mmHg/90–114 mmHg) in 11 centres from nine cities. Eligible patients ( $n = 402$ ) were randomized into one of five treatment groups (metoprolol XL 50 mg + amlodipine 5 mg, metoprolol XL 25 mg + amlodipine 2.5 mg, metoprolol XL 50 mg, metoprolol XL 25 mg or amlodipine 5 mg) and treated for 8 weeks with five follow-up visits to record blood pressure (BP) and clinical status. **Results.** At baseline, treatment groups were well balanced; mean  $\pm$  SD BP was  $154.87 \pm 11.91/96.63 \pm 6.97$  mmHg. The greatest reduction in BP from baseline to 8 weeks was seen in the high-dose FDC group (23.61/14.91 mmHg;  $p < 0.001$ ). The remaining 4 groups too demonstrated a significant reduction ( $p < 0.001$ ): low-dose FDC – 22.29/–14.66; metoprolol 50, –23.17/–13.37; metoprolol 25, –18.41/–12.50 and amlodipine 5, –23.01/–13.08. BP reductions by FDCs, however, were not statistically superior to monotherapies. Responder rates (sitting diastolic BP  $< 90$  mmHg or reduction  $\geq 10$  mmHg) were 93% in the high-dose FDC group and 97% in the low-dose FDC group, and control rates (sitting BP  $< 140/90$  mmHg) were 66% and 58%, respectively. These rates were higher than that seen in individual components. There were no reports of serious adverse events related to study medications. One each from the low-dose FDC and metoprolol 25 mg group discontinued because of adverse events. **Conclusions.** FDCs of metoprolol and amlodipine are effective and safe in mild to moderate hypertension.

**Keywords:** Amlodipine, fixed dose combination, hypertension, metoprolol

## Introduction

Hypertension is a major risk factor for cardiovascular and renal diseases. Untreated hypertension can reduce life expectancy by approximately 5 years (1). Despite the importance of treating high blood pressure (BP) to reduce cardiovascular complications, most patients do not achieve the

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**BACKGROUND:** Pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) remains a poorly understood and frequently lethal disease with few treatment options.

**METHODS:** We conducted a placebo-controlled trial of intravenous treprostinil, a prostacyclin analog in treatment-naïve PAH patients. During 12 weeks of treatment with treprostinil or placebo, we quantified 6-minute walk distance (6MW), clinical symptoms and 11 cytokines/growth factors.

**RESULTS:** Forty-two of 44 study patients had idiopathic/familial PAH in New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class III. Treprostinil increased 6MW by a placebo-corrected median of 83 meters ( $p = 0.008$ ; mean increase  $93 \pm 42$  meters), reduced Borg score by a median 2.0 units ( $p = 0.02$ ), and improved NYHA class by a median of 1.0 ( $p = 0.02$ ). There was a trend toward improved survival with treprostinil ( $p = 0.051$ ). Baseline plasma angiopoietin-2 (Ang-2), vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), matrix metalloproteinase-9 (MMP-9) and platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) were elevated compared with reported normal ranges. Treatment with treprostinil was associated with decreased Ang-2 levels. Improvement in 6MW distance after treatment was associated with reductions in Ang-2 and MMP-9 levels. Most of the cytokines and growth factors studied were not abnormal with disease nor did they change with treatment.

**CONCLUSIONS:** We conclude that treprostinil treatment significantly improved exercise capacity, dyspnea and functional class. Several plasma proteins that might track disease were abnormal at baseline, and changes were associated with improved exercise capacity.

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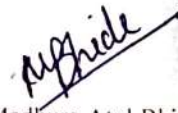


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I have verified the eligibility of the above Mentor as per the criteria of eligibility prescribed by the University vide clause no.7 of the University Direction No. 05/2017 (Amended) and University Circular No. MUHS/UDC/FCCC/736/2019 dated 30/09/2019.

  
 Sign & Stamp  
 Head of the Department  
 Date: 23.05.22



Training Centre Round Seal

  
 Director  
 VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
 Preventive Cardiology &  
 Research Center  
 Sign & Stamp  
 Dean/ Principal/ Director of Training Centre  
 Date: 23.05.22



Ref. No. – VRT / MIPC/GT/002/2016

Date – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

To,  
Dr. Madhura Bhide,  
BAMS, MD (Dravyaguna)  
Mumbai

Madam,

With reference to your application dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 for the post of 'Mentor' in Madhavbaug Institute of Preventive Cardiology. I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected and appointed as 'Mentor' at VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of Preventive Cardiology with effect from 1/6/16.

You will be abide by existing rules, regulations Terms and conditions of VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of Preventive Cardiology and will be amended time to time.

Thanking you.



Dr. Jagdish Hiremath  
Chair Professor  
Madhavbaug Institute of Preventive Cardiology



Director  
VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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Date : 21/05/2022

## Experience Letter

This is to certify that, Dr. Madhura A. Bhide is working with us as a Mentor, since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 till date.



Dr. Vilas D. Potnis  
Trustee

Vd. Sane's Ayurvedic Education  
& Agricultural Research Trust



Director  
Vd. Sane's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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We, the Chancellor,  
the Vice Chancellor and  
the Members of the Management Council  
and the Academic Council of the  
University of Pune certify

that Bhide  
Madhura Atul  
Tilak Ayurved  
Mahavidyalaya, Pune

having been examined and found duly  
qualified for the degree of

**Doctor of Medicine**

(Ayurveda)

(Subject Dravyaguna)

in October 2002

The said degree has been conferred on her.

In testimony whereof is set  
the seal of the said University



**University  
Of  
Pune**

(Formerly  
University of Poona)



**पुणे  
विद्यापीठ**

आमही, पुणे विद्यापीठाचे कुलपति, कुलगुरु  
आणि व्यवस्थापन परिषद व विद्या परिषद सदस्य,  
प्रमाणित करितो की,

मिडे  
मधुरा अनुल  
हे/ या टिळक आयुर्वेद महाविद्यालय,  
पुणे येथून  
ऑक्टोबर २००२ मध्ये

**वैद्यक निष्णात**

(आयुर्वेद)

(विषय: द्रव्यागुण)

पदवी परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण झाल्याबद्दल त्यांना ही पदवी  
प्रदान करण्यात येत आहे.

याची साक्ष म्हणून विद्यापीठाची अधिकृत मुद्रा येथे  
अंकित करण्यात येत आहे.

A S. K. Kulkarni

अमोल कोरवार





Mumbai  
University of ~~Bombay~~

No 2916



I Certify that Sane Rajani Madhav

has, subsequent to ~~his~~/her passing the examination for the degree of B.A.M.S.  
held by this University in the month of October, 1995, completed  
satisfactorily the post examination internship training prescribed in that behalf  
and has been declared qualified for the award of the B.A.M.S. degree of this  
University.

~~Bombay~~ 15. 4, 1997.  
~~Mumbai~~

  
for REGISTRAR.

Director  
VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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# MAHARASHTRA COUNCIL OF INDIAN MEDICINE

## Certificate of Registration

Certificate No. L-30922-A-1

This is to certify that

\*\*\* HANU RAJENDU MACHRAY \*\*\*

has been duly registered under the Maharashtra Medical Practitioners' Act, 1961 (Mah. XXVIII of 1961) read with section 17 of the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 (Act No. 48 of 1970) in Part CHH of the Register.

In witness whereof are herewith affixed the seal of the Maharashtra Council of Indian Medicine, Bombay and the signature of the Registrar.

This Certificate shall be valid, subject to the provisions of the Act.



*CM*  
*Chude*

Director

V. T. N. Chavhan Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
Research Center

*[Signature]*  
Signature of Registrar



# Joining Letter

To,

The Trustee

Date: 01.06.2016


Vd.sane's Ayurvedic Education & Agricultural research

This with reference of your Appointment letter Dated. 01.06.2017 I hereby confirm that I have joined the duty today i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 before noon.

Submitted for your kind information and necessary action please.

Thanking You,

Yours Faithfully,

  
(Dr. Madhura Bhide)



Director  
VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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From

Dr.Madhura Bhide

Date:01 April 2016

To,

The Trustees,

Vd. Sare's Ayurvedic Education and Agricultural Research Trust,  
Thane.

Sub: Application for the post of "Guest Teacher in Ayurved".

Respected Sir,

Through a personal reference of mine, I came to know that there is a vacancy for the post of "Guest Teacher in Ayurved" at your esteemed organization.

I am a doctor of Medicine and have also completed my post Graduation in BAMS with 20 years of clinical; experience. My experience in Clinical aligns well with the qualifications that you are looking out for the said post.

With my experience and personal qualities, I assure you that I would make a valuable addition to your esteemed organization.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

  
(Dr.Madhura bhide)

BAMS, M.D. (Dravyaguna)



Director  
VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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### Information of Mentor of Training Centre

It shall be verified by the Head of the concerned Training Center,

Sr. No.	Particular	-	Information to be filled
01.	Name of the Mentor	:	Dr. Nitin Madhav Kamat
02.	Date of Birth	:	26/03/1953
03.	Address	:	505/D, Aakash Tower, Sri-Prastha Complex, Nalasopara (W) Taluka Vasai, District- Palghar - 401203
04.	Tel. No./ Mob. No.	:	9820632772
05.	E-mail id	:	Nitinkmt3@gmail.com
06.	Nationality	:	Indian
07.	Qualification in details:(attach documentary proof)	:	BAMS, MD (Kayachikista)
08.	Teaching Experience / Health Sciences: Profession Experience (Attached document proof with signature of Head of the Institute. Also it is mandatory to attach self-attested Photocopy of the Experience Certificate of each Mentor in the Subject oconcerned Fellowship/Certificate Course)	:	Teaching Experience 39 Years Clinical Experience 37 Years
09.	Present Appointment	:	Mentor
10.	Publications (List & Proof)	:	-
11.	Post Graduate Teaching experience(Attach documentary evidence)	:	16 Years
12.	Any other relevant information	:	-

Date: - 23.05.22

For the use of affiliated Training Center:



Dr. Nitin Madhav Kamat  
Name & Sign. of Mentor

I have verified the eligibility of the above Mentor as per the criteria of eligibility prescribed by the University vide clause no.7 of the University Direction No. 05/2017 (Amended) and University Circular No. MUHS/UDC/FCCC/736/2019 dated 30/09/2019.



Sign & Stamp  
Head of the Department  
Date: 23.05.22



Training Centre Round Seal



Director  
VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
Research Center  
Sign & Stamp  
Dean/ Principal/ Director of Training Centre  
Date: 23.05.22



Date : 21/05/2022

## Experience Letter

This is to certify that, Dr. Nitin M. Kamat is  
working with us as a Mentor, since 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 till date.



Dr. Vilas D. Potnis  
Trustee

Vd' Sane's Ayurvedic Education  
& Agricultural Research Trust



Director  
VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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आयुर्वेद महाविद्यालय  
व शेट व. मा. धर्मार्थ दवाखाना

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(शेट रणछोडदास वरजीवनदास आयुर्वेदीय रुग्णालय)

मुख्य कार्यालय : शीव स्टेशन नजीक, शीव, मुंबई - ४०० ०२२. टेल. : २४०७ २१७६ / २४०९ २५६२

शाखा : मुगभाट, गिरगांव, मुंबई - ४०० ००४.

जावक क्रमांक.....

तारीख ३१-०५-२०१३

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Vd Nitin Madhav Kamat is working as Professor in the Kayachikitsa Department of this Institution.

His teaching experience is as follows:-

Designation	Full Part Time	Department Subject	Period		Y.	M.	D.
			From	To			
Demonstrator Ayurved College, Sion, Mumbai-22	Full Time	Shalya Shalakya	21.8.1978	30.10.1978	--	02	11
Demonstrator Ayurved College, Sion, Mumbai-22	Full Time	Kayachikitsa	31.10.1978	15.8.1980	01	09	17
Lecturer Ayurved College, Sion, Mumbai-22	Full Time	Kayachikitsa	16.8.1980	18.2.1990	09	06	03
Reader Ayurved College, Sion, Mumbai-22	Full Time	Kayachikitsa	19.2.1990	30.6.2000	10	04	10
Professor Ayurved College, Sion, Mumbai-22	Full Time	Kayachikitsa	1.7.2000	Till Today	12	11	0
Principal Ayurved College, Sion, Mumbai-22	Full Time		1.9.2006	31.03.2013			

His total teaching experience is 34 Years, 9 Months & 10 Days.

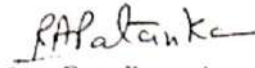
Mumbai University and M.U.H.S.Nashik has approved his appointment as full time Professor in Kayachikitsa department.

His Work is satisfactory.

  
Director  
VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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(Vd. Mrs. R.A.Patankar)  
Principal  
Ayurved Mahavidyalaya  
Near Sion Railway Station  
Glen Mumbai-400 022.

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# Joining Letter

To,

The Trustee

Date: 02.05.2017

Vd.sane's Ayurvedic Education & Agricultural research

This with reference of your Appointment letter Dated. 28.04.2017 I hereby confirm that I have joined the duty today i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 before noon.

Submitted for your kind information and necessary action please.

Thanking You,

Yours Faithfully,



(Dr. Nitin Kamat)



Director

VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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From

Dr. Nitin Kamat

Date: 01 April 2017

To,

The Trustees,

Vd. Sanes's Ayurvedic Education and Agricultural Research Trust,

Thane.

Sub: Application for the post of "Guest Teacher in Ayurved".

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With my experience and personal qualities, I assure you that I would make a valuable addition to your esteemed organization.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,



(Dr. Nitin Kamat)

BAMS, M.D. (Kayachikitsa)



Director

VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
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# CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

THE MAHARASHTRA BOARD OF AYURVEDIC AND UNANI  
SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE, BOMBAY

Certificate No. A.7.19155

This is to Certify that

*Kamat, Vitin Madhar*

has been duly registered under the Maharashtra Unani  
Practitioners' Act, 1961 (Mah. XXVIII of 1961) Part  
One of the Register.

In witness whereof are herewith affixed the seal of the  
Maharashtra Board of Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of  
Medicine, Bombay and the signature of the Registrar.

This Certificate shall be valid, subject to the provisions  
of the Act.



*S. S. Srinivas*

Signature of the Registrar

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*D. J. J. J.*

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*[Signature]*

Director

VPT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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In Charge Principal,  
Marred Mahavidyalaya  
Blen Bombay-400022

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The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and  
Fellows of the University of Bombay, certify

*Witnessed*  
E. 1955

that the within signed

Nitin Madhavan Namut of  
R. S. Podar Medical College (Ayurvedic)  
having been examined for the Degree of  
Bachelor of Shuddha Ayurvedic Medicine  
(Ayurvedacharya) and placed in the  
Second Class, the Degree of

Bachelor of Shuddha Ayurvedic Medicine  
(Ayurvedacharya)

has been conferred on him at Bombay on the  
twenty-fourth day of the month of March  
in the year one thousand nine hundred and  
seventy nine.

In Testimony whereof are set the Seal of the  
said University and the Signature of the said  
Chancellor.



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Director  
VRT's Mahavibhag Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
Research Center  
*Chancellor*

*AS*  
Incharge Principal  
Ayurved Mahavidyalaya  
Near Sion Railway Station,  
Mumbai 400 022.

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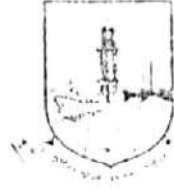
*AS*

*AS*





मुंबई विद्यापीठ



UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

आम्ही मुंबई विद्यापीठाचे कुलपती, कुलगुरु आणि व्यवस्थापन परिषदेचे सदस्य असे प्रमाणित करतो की आर. ए. पोदार मेडिकल कॉलेज (आयुर्वेदिक)चे नितिन माधव कामत हे मे १९९७ मध्ये घेण्यात आलेली आयुर्वेद वाचस्पती (आयुर्वेद औषधि) (शाखा क्रमांक ३ : कायाचिकित्सा) परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण झाले असून दिनांक १२ डिसेंबर १९९७ रोजी मुंबई येथे झालेल्या दीक्षांत समारंभात त्यांना आयुर्वेद वाचस्पती (आयुर्वेद औषधि) ही पदवी प्रदान करण्यात आली आहे.

विद्यापीठाची मुद्रा व कुलपतीची स्वाक्षरी यांसह साक्षीने अंकित.

We, the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Members of the Management Council of the University of Mumbai certify that Nitin Madhav Kamat of R. A. Podar Medical College [Ayurvedic] having passed the Ayurved Vachaspati - Doctor of Medicine (Ayurveda) (Branch III : Kayachikitsa) degree examination held in May 1997, the degree of Ayurved Vachaspati - Doctor of Medicine (Ayurveda) has been conferred on him at the Convocation held in Mumbai on 12th December, 1997.

In testimony whereof are set the Seal of the said University and the signature of the said Chancellor.

Director

VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
Research Centre



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कुलपती CHANCELLOR



# टिळक महाराष्ट्र विद्यापीठ, पुणे.

(अभिमत विद्यापीठ)

टिळक महाराष्ट्र विद्यापीठाचे कुलपती, कुलगुरू, निवामक मंडळाचे आणि कार्यकारी मंडळाचे सभासद यांच्याकडून प्रमाणित करण्यात येते की,

श्री वैद्य कामत नितीन माधव

जानेवारी १९८५ मध्ये घेतलेल्या आयुर्विद्या पारंगत या परीक्षेत  
( कायचिकित्सा गटाने ) तृतीय श्रेणीत  
उत्तीर्ण झाले असल्याने त्यांना

## आयुर्विद्या पारंगत

ही पदवी सार मार्गदर्शिका ड शके १९०७  
दिनांक २४ नोव्हेंबर १९८५ या दिवशी झालेल्या  
पदवीदान समारंभप्रसंगी प्रदान करण्यात आली आहे.

याची साक्ष म्हणून विद्यापीठाची अधिकृत मुद्रा व  
विद्यापीठाच्या कुलपतीची स्वाक्षरी येथे अंकित करण्यात आली  
आहे.

सही: शंकरराव चव्हाण  
कुलपती



TILAK MAHARASHTRA VIDYAPEETH, PUNE.

(DEEMED UNIVERSITY)

We, the Kulapati, the Kulaguru, the Members of the  
Niyamak Mandal and the Karyakari Mandal of the  
Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth certify that

Shri Vaidya Kamat Nitin Madhav

having passed the AYURVIDYA PARANGAT  
examination ( Kayachikitsa Group) held  
in January 1985 in Pass class, the degree of

## AYURVIDYA PARANGAT

has been conferred on him at the convocation  
ceremony held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1985  
In testimony whereof are set the seal of the  
Vidyapeeth and the signature of the Kulapati.

sd/- Shankarrao Chavan  
Kulapati

VRT's Mahabhaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
Research Center

Director



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## Information of Mentor of Training Centre

It shall be verified by the Head of the concerned Training Center,


Sr. No.	Particular	-	Information to be filled
01.	Name of the Mentor	:	Dr. Suvarna Shivaji Pol
02.	Date of Birth	:	23/02/1986
03.	Address	:	C/o Udgaon Ves, Near School No. 10, Miraj 416410
04.	Tel. No./ Mob. No.	:	9766211194
05.	E-mail id	:	drsuvarnapol@gmail.com
06.	Nationality	:	Indian
07.	Qualification in details : (attach documentary proof)	:	BAMS, MD (Panchakarma)
08.	Teaching Experience / Health Sciences: Profession Experience (Attached document proof with signature of Head of the Institute. Also it is mandatory to attach self-attested Photocopy of the Experience Certificate of each Mentor in the Subject of concerned Fellowship/Certificate Course)	:	Teaching Experience 3 Years Clinical Experience 12 years
09.	Present Appointment	:	Mentor
10.	Publications (List & Proof)	:	-
11.	Post Graduate Teaching experience(Attach documentary evidence)	:	-
12.	Any other relevant information	:	-

Date: - 23.05.22

  
Dr. Suvarna Shivaji Pol  
Name & Sign. of Mentor

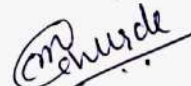
For the use of affiliated Training Center:

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Sign & Stamp  
Head of the Department  
Date: 23.05.22



Training Centre Round Seal

  
Director  
VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
Sign & Stamp Research Center  
Dean/ Principal/ Director of Training Centre  
Date: 23.05.22



Date : 21/05/2022

## Experience Letter

This is to certify that, Dr. Suvarna S. Pol is  
working with us as a Mentor, since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 till date.



Dr. Vilas D. Potnis

Trustee

Vd. Sane's Ayurvedic Education  
& Agricultural Research Trust



Director

VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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Ref.No. – VRT/ MIPC/ GT/006/2019

Date – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019


To,  
Dr.Suvarna Pol  
BAMS, MD (Panchakarma)  
Miraj, Sangli.

Madam,


With reference to your application dated. 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 for the post of 'Mentor' in Madhavbaug Institute of Preventive Cardiology. I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected and appointed as 'Mentor' at VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of Preventive Cardiology with effect from 01<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

You will be abide by existing rules, regulations, terms and conditions of VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of Preventive Cardiology and will be amended time to time.

Thanking you,

  
Dr.Jagdish Hiremath  
Chair Professor

VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of Preventive Cardiology

  
Director  
VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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From

Dr. Suvarna Shivaji Pol

Date: 18/05/2019

To,  
The Trustees,  
Vd. Sane's Ayurvedic education an agricultural research trust,  
Thane.

Sub: Application for the post of "Guest Teacher in Panchakarma".

Respected Sir,

Through a personal reference of mine, I came to know that there is a vacancy for the post of "Guest Teacher in Panchakarma" at your esteemed organization.

I am a doctor of medicine and have also completed BAMS with 9 years of clinical experience. My experience aligns well with the qualifications that you are looking out for the said post.

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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(Dr.Suvarna Shivaji Pol)

B.A.M.S., M.D. (Panchakarma)



Director

VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &  
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**MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY  
OF HEALTH SCIENCES, NASHIK**

We, the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor,  
the Vice-Chancellor, the Members of the  
Management Council and the Academic  
Council of the Maharashtra University of  
Health Sciences, Nashik,  
certify that



**महाराष्ट्र आरोग्य  
विज्ञान विद्यापीठ, नाशिक**

आम्ही, महाराष्ट्र आरोग्य विज्ञान विद्यापीठाचे  
कुलपति, प्रकुलपति, कुलगुरु,  
व्यवस्थापन परिषद व विद्यापरिषद सदस्य  
प्रमाणित करतो की,  
सावंतवाडी येथील रा.जा.वै.सं.चे  
भाईसाहेब सावंत आयुर्वेद महाविद्यालया  
चे/च्या

पोळ सुवर्णा शिवाजी

हे/हया नोव्हेंबर-२००८ मध्ये

आयुर्वेदाचार्य



of R.J.V.S. Bhaisaheb Sawant Ayurved  
Mahavidyalaya, Sawantwadi

having been examined and found  
duly qualified for the

*Bachelor of Ayurved  
Medicine & Surgery*

In Nov-2008  
the said Degree has been  
conferred on him/her.  
In testimony whereof is set  
the seal of the said University.



परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण झाल्याबद्दल त्यांना  
ही पदवी प्रदान करण्यात येत आहे.  
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येथे अंकित करण्यात येत आहे.

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**महाराष्ट्र आरोग्य विज्ञान विद्यापीठ, नाशिक**  
**Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik, India**

आर्यो, कुलपती, प्रतिकुलपती, कुलपुत्र  
 आणि व्यवस्थापन परिषद व विद्यार्थिपदेचे सदस्य  
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ही पदवी उन्हाळी-२०१८ मधील परीक्षेत उत्तीर्ण झाल्याबद्दल  
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१० डिसेंबर २०१८ च्या तोंडात सन्मानाचा प्रदान करीत आहोत

We, the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor  
 and Members of the Management Council, Academic Council  
 confer the Degree of  
**Ayurveda Vachaspati (M.D.-Ayurveda)-Panchkarma**

on  
**Pol Suvarna Shivaji**  
 (PRN 2916131725)

at  
**Yashwant Ayurvedic College, Post Graduate Training & Research Centre, Kodoli, Kolhapur**

for the examination held on **10 Dec 2018**  
 at the Convocation held on **10 Dec 2018**



**VICE-CHANCELLOR**  
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**Director**  
**VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of**  
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**Research Center**



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**Maharashtra Council of Indian Medicine,  
Mumbai**

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION**

Certificate No.: I-63630-A • Date: 1.2.MAY.2010

This is to certify that Pol.  
Suvarna Shivaji  
has been duly registered under the Maharashtra  
Medical Practitioner's Act, 1961 (Act XXVII of 1961)



read with section 17 of the Indian Medicine Central Council Act,  
1970 (Act No. 28 of 1970) in part One of the Register.

Qualification B.A.M.S.

University M.U.H.S. Nashik

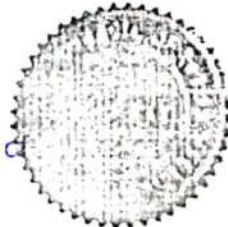
Date of Birth 23-02-1986

Address Udgaon, Ves, Dhor Galli, Miraj,

Dist - Sangli.

In witness whereof we have with affixed the seal of the  
Maharashtra Council of Indian Medicine, Mumbai and the  
Signature of the Registrar.

This Certificate is valid, subject to the provisions  
of the Act.



22/5/2010  
Signature of the Registrar

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## Joining letter

To,  
The Trustee,  
Vd. Sane's Ayurvedic Education & Agricultural Research Trust.

Date: 01.06.2019

This is with reference of your appointment letter dated.20.05.2019 I hereby confirm that I have joined the duty today i.e. 01.06.2019

Submitted for your kind information and necessary action please.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,



(Dr.Suvarna Pol)



Director

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# Dr. Suvarna Shivaji Pol

Mobile No: 9766211194

Email : drsuvarnapol@gmail.com

## CAREER OBJECTIVE

To work as a dynamic professional in an organization that encourages the growth and efficiency and would serve as a platform to extend my hard work and complete contribution.

## ACADEMIC PROFILE: M.B.B.S. & D.A.

QUALIFICATION	COLLEGE	Year of Passing
B.A.M.S.	BHAISAHEB SAWANT AYURVEDIC COLLEGE, SAWANTWADI	FEB' 2009
M.D. PANCHKARMA	Y.A.C. KODOLI, KOLHAPUR	AUG' 2018

Internship Completed in Mar'2010

## WORK EXPERIENCE =9 YRS

Madhavbaug Cardiac Rehab centre

## COMPUTER SKILLS

- Other Domain : MS-Office
- Good Knowledge of Windows, PowerPoint.



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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

**NAME** : Dr. Suvarna Shivaji Pol

**PERMANENT ADDRESS** : Dr. Suvarna Shivaji Pol

C/o Udgaon Ves, Near school No. 10,  
Miraj 416410  
Dist-Sangli

**CONTACT NO.** : +91-9766211194  
**E-MAIL ID** : drsuvarnapol@gmail.com  
**DATE OF BIRTH** : 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1986  
**GENDER** : Female  
**NATIONALITY** : Indian  
**LANGUAGES KNOWN** : English, Hindi, Marathi,  
**HOBBIES** : Reading and Travelling.

### DECLARATION

I do hereby declare that all the above furnished information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

( Dr. Suvarna Shivaji Pol )

**Date** : 17/5/19

**Place**: Panjim, Goa



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नाम/ Name

SUVARNA SHIVAJI POL

पिता का नाम/ Father's Name

SHIVAJI TAYAPPA POL

जन्म की तारीख / Date of Birth

23/02/1986



हस्ताक्षर/ Signature

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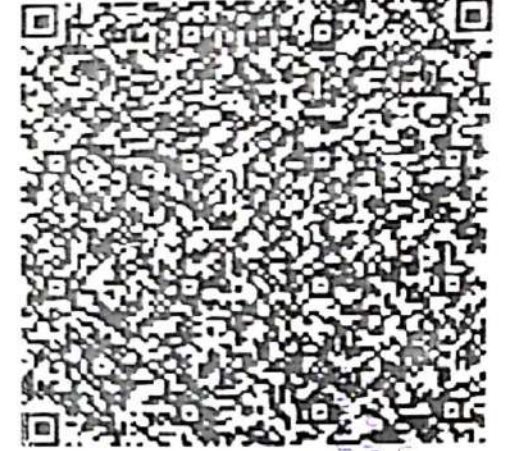
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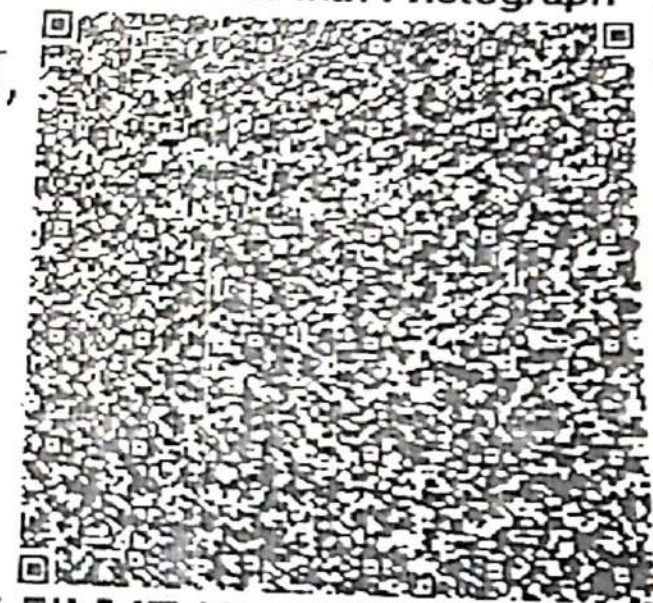


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## Information of Mentor of Training Centre

It shall be verified by the Head of the concerned Training Center,

Sr. No.	Particular	-	Information to be filled												
01.	Name of the Mentor		Dr. Prabha Bhavesh Acharya												
02.	Date of Birth		20/06/1967												
03.	Address		401. Sankalpa Mistry Complex, Andheri (East) Mumbai 400059												
04.	Tel. No./ Mob. No.		9167000152												
05.	E-mail id		drprabhaacharya@gmail.com												
06.	Nationality		Indian												
07.	Qualification in details : (attach documentary proof)		B.H.M.S. M.D (Homoeopathic Materia Medica )												
08.	Teaching Experience / Health Sciences: Profession Experience (Attached document proof with signature of Head of the Institute. Also it is mandatory to attach self-attested Photocopy of the Experience Certificate of each Mentor in the Subject of concerned Fellowship/Certificate Course)		Teaching Experience 25 Years 10 Months Clinical Experience 25 years 10 Months												
09.	Present Appointment		Mentor												
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11.	Post Graduate Teaching experience(Attach documentary evidence)		Attached												
12.	Any other relevant information		.												

Date: - 23.05.22

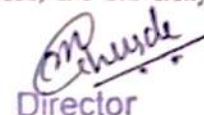
Dr. Prabha Bhavesh Acharya  
Name & Sign. of Mentor

For the use of affiliated Training Center:

I have verified the eligibility of the above Mentor as per the criteria of eligibility prescribed by the University vide clause no.7 of the University Direction No. 05/2017 (Amended) and University Circular No. MUHS/UDC/FCCC/736/2019 dated 30/09/2019.


Sign & Stamp  
Head of the Department  
Date: 23.05.22

Training Centre Round Seal


Director  
VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
Preventive Cardiology &Sign & Stamp Research Center  
Dean/ Principal/ Director of Training Centre  
Date: 23.05.22



Date : 21/05/2022

## Experience Letter

This is to certify that, Dr. Prabha B. Acharya is working with us as a Mentor, since 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2020 till date.



Dr. Vilas D. Potnis  
Trustee,  
Vd' Sane's Ayurvedic Education  
& Agricultural Research Trust



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VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
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VIRAR HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICAL COLLEGE

W-1, 10th Floor, 1st Wing, Department of Maharashtra  
Vasavkar Marg, P.O. Box 457, 401 305, Tal. Vasai, Dist. Palghar  
Phone: 022-2501-25, 9401-2529465 \* E-mail: vhmcvirar@hotmail.com



VHMC 023 for 2017

Date: 03/05/2017

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Dr. Prashant Acharya was working as Professor in our Virar Homoeopathic Medical College Virar in the department of Homoeopathic Pharmacy on temporary basis from 01/01/2013 to 03/05/2017. She was approved by Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik. Her work was satisfactory. I wish her good wishes & success for her future.

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H.C. PRINCIPAL

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# मुंबई विद्यापीठ University of Mumbai

आम्ही मुंबई विद्यापीठाचे कुलगुरू आणि सहायक कुलगुरू यांच्या  
सदरसह असे प्रमाणित करतो की येथील होमिओपॅथिक मेडिकल कॉलेजच्या प्रमाणात  
याच. एम. टी. होमिओपॅथिक मेडिकल कॉलेजच्या प्रमाणात याच. एम. टी.  
२००५ मध्ये घेण्यात आलेली वैद्यक विभूषण (होमिओपॅथी) (बहिःस्थ)  
(शाखा क्रमांक : (अ) समन्वित्वितीय औषधीविज्ञान) परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण  
झाल्या असून दिनांक १२ डिसेंबर २००५ रोजी मुंबई येथे झालेल्या बैठकीत  
समाप्ती झाली.

वैद्यक विभूषण (होमिओपॅथी) (बहिःस्थ)

ही पदवी प्रदान करण्यात आली आहे.

विद्यापीठाची मुद्रा व कुलगुरूंची स्वाक्षरी यांचा सादरीत असेल.

We the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Members of the  
Management Council of the University of Mumbai, certify that  
Prabha Acharya of Yerla Medical Trust and Research Center's  
Y. M. T. Homoeopathic Medical College having passed the Doctor  
of Medicine (Homoeopathy)(External) (Branch : (a)  
Homoeopathic Materia Medica) degree examination held in July  
2005, the degree of

**Doctor of Medicine (Homoeopathy)(External)**

has been conferred on her at the Convocation held in Mumbai on  
12th December, 2005.

In testimony whereof are set the Seal of the said University and  
the signature of the said Vice-Chancellor



VICE-CHANCELLOR

2005 DECEMBER 12



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Maharashtra Council of Homoeopathy, Bombay

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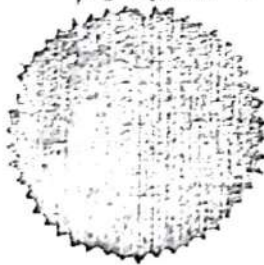
Certificate No. 17716

Date of Registration: 12-7-1990

This is to certify that Dr (Mrs) Acharya Prabha Bhavesh  
has been duly registered under the Bombay Homoeopathic Practitioners' Act, 1959 (Bom. XII of 1960).

In witness whereof are herewith affixed the seal of the Maharashtra Council of Homoeopathy, Bombay  
and the signature of the Registrar

Subject to the provisions of the Act, this certificate is valid until it is duly cancelled and the name of  
the practitioner is removed from the Register.



[Signature]  
Signature of the Registrar



[Signature]  
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Director  
VRI's Madhavbaug Institute of  
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**THE** the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor,  
and Members of the Executive Council  
of the **University of Bombay** certify

Prabha Gypta

that the withinsigned

Prabha Gopal Krishna Gypta of  
Smt. Chandaben Mohanbhai Patel Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital  
having been examined in the month of  
November in the year 1988 for the Degree of  
Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and  
Surgery and found qualified for the same,  
the Degree of

# **Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery**

has been conferred on her at **Bombay** on the  
eighteenth day of the month of January  
in the year one thousand nine hundred and  
sixty-nine

**In Testimony** whereof are set the Seal of the  
said University and the Signature of the said  
Vice-Chancellor

*M. Churde*



M. D. Bengalee

Chancellor

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University of Mumbai



No 12

Seat No 2

I CERTIFY THAT

Acharya Poocha

passed the Doctor of Medicine (Homoeopathy) (M.D. Hom.)

(External) Degree Examination

Homoeopathic Medicine by the University of  
Mumbai in the month of July 2005

Mumbai 28 SEP 2005

for Controller of Examinations.



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Seat No. 27

No. 220

I CERTIFY THAT

Gupta Parbha Gopalkrishna

passed the First Year Examination for the degree of  
Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery  
held by the University of Bombay in the month  
of October 1985.

Bombay, 14 DEC 1985.

for Registrar.

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VET's Madhavbaug Institute of  
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# University of Bombay



Seat No. 17

No. 219

I CERTIFY THAT

Cupta Prabha Gopal Krishna

passed the Second Year Examination for the degree of  
Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery  
held by the University of Bombay in the month  
of November 1986.

Bombay, 22 JAN 1987

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for Registrar.

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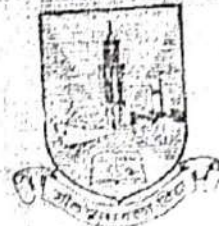


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No. 115

Sec. No. 18

I CERTIFY THAT

Gupta Prabha Gopalkrishn

passed the Third Year Examination for the degree  
Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surge  
held by the University of Bombay in the mon  
of November 1987

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15 JAN 1988

Bombay,

for Registrar.



A.S.C.

*Signature*

Director

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Sent No. 20

No. 116

I CERTIFY THAT

Gupta Prabha GopalKrishna

passed the Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and  
Surgery Degree Examination held by the University of  
Bombay in the month of November 1983.

  
for Registrar.

14 Jan 1989

Bombay, 14 Jan 1989



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VRT's Madhavbaug Institute of  
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The Secretary,  
Virar Homoeopathy Medical College  
Veer Savarkar Marg  
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Dist Thane - 401 303

Inward No.

Nov 28

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### Sub :- Approval to the appointment of Teachers

Ref :- Your Letter No 1) KEMT/078/2011 dated 02/06/2011

2) KEMT/99/2011 dated 26/09/2011

Our Letter No MUHS/E4(UG)/4103/3778/2011 dated 12/09/2011

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With reference to the above cited subject regarding the proposal for approval to the appointment of teachers of your college, I am directed to inform you that the Honble Vice- Chancellor is pleased to grant approval to the appointment of following teachers as indicated below

Sr. No.	Name of Teacher	Subject	Post	Status of approval.
01	Dr. Brahmodeo R. Mishra	HMM	Principal & Prof.	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011 for one year only
02	Dr. Anuradha Karnad	Anatomy	Professor	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
03	Dr. Winifred Desouza	Anatomy	Guest Reader	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
04	Dr. Rohit Sane	Anatomy	Lecturer	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011
05	Dr. Vivek Kamthkar	Physiology	Guest Professor	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011
06	Dr. Maneesha Soni	Physiology	Lecturer	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011
07	Dr. Prabha Acharya	Pharmacy	Professor	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
08	Dr. Amit Dharvalikar	Pharmacy	Reader	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011
09	Dr. Dilip Bhavsar	Organon	Professor	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011
10	Dr. Gautam Arora	Organon	Reader	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011
11	Dr. (Mrs.) Bharati M. Bora	Organon	Reader	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011 for one year only.
12	Dr. Tejas Trivedi	Organon	Lecturer	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011

Director

Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishthan  
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Sr No	Name of Teacher	Subject	Post	Status of approval
13	Dr. Japa Shibte Rajaniony	Organon	Lecturer	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011 for one year only.
14	Dr. Arun Bhure	HMM	Professor	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
15	Dr. Shallendra Vaishampayan	HMM	Reader	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
16	Dr. Gunjan Ramdasi	HMM	Lecturer	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
17	Dr. Samir Joshi	Pathology	Reader	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
18	Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar Bihuty	FMT	Reader	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
19	Dr. Swapnil Naik	Medicine	Lecturer	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011 for one year only.
20	Dr. Himangi Raut	Medicine	Lecturer	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
21	Dr. Jatin Valiya	Surgery	Professor	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
22	Dr. Jayant D. Jadheav	Surgery	Guest Reader	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
23	Dr. Dinesh Bhasme	PSM	Professor	w.e.f. joining date i.e. from 02/06/2011.
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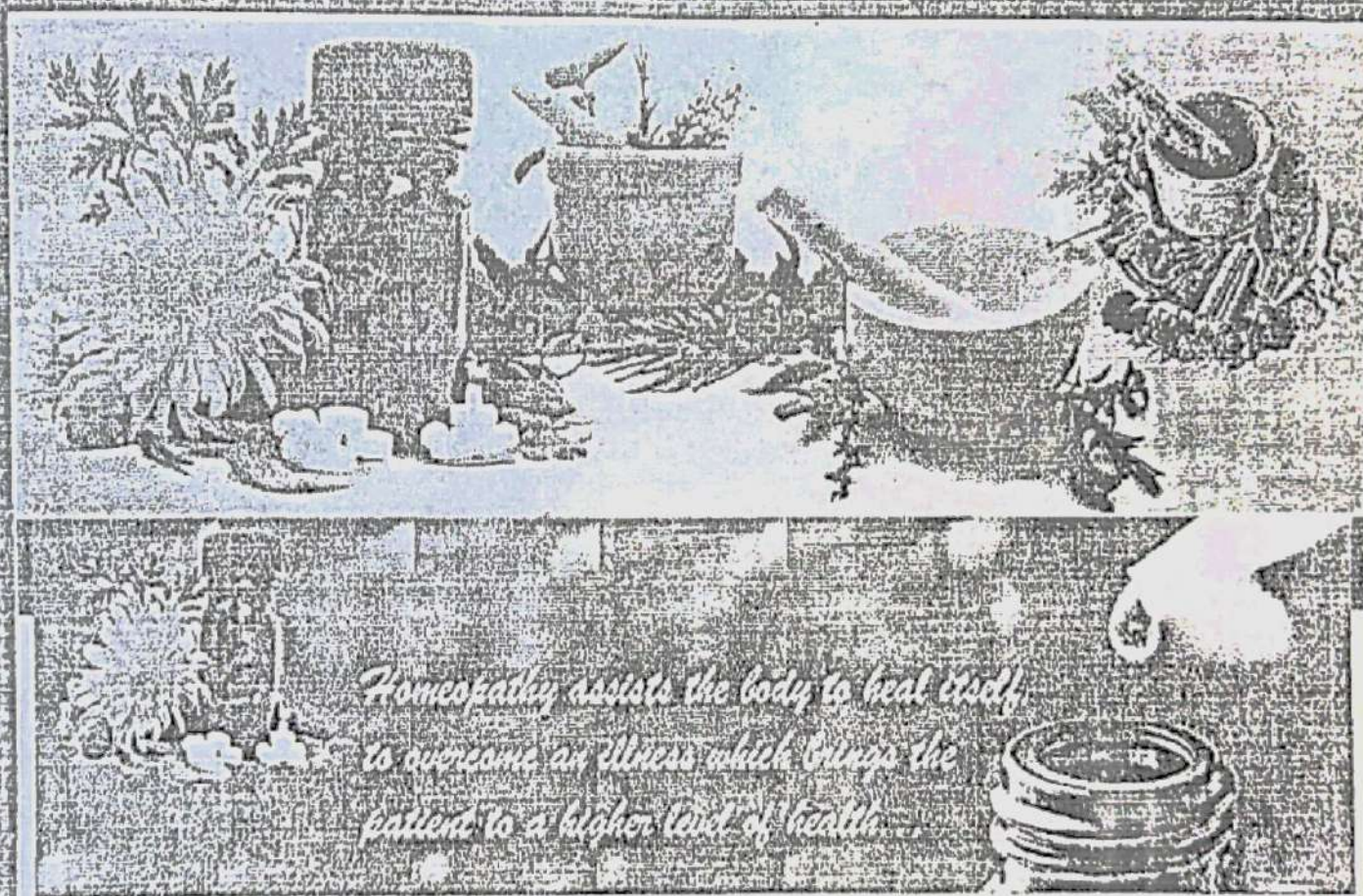
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# STUDY OF THE LIVER AND RENAL FUNCTION IN PATIENTS OF CHRONIC HEART FAILURE BASED ON THE BODY MASS INDEX: A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Chronic heart failure (CHF) is known to affect hepatic and renal function adversely, but relevant Indian data is scarce. This study aimed to assess liver function tests (LFTs) and renal function tests (RFTs) of CHF patients and their relation to BMI status. **Methodology:** The retrospective study considered data of patients who consulted Madhavbaug clinics in Maharashtra, India between July-December 2018. Baseline LFTs and RFTs were analyzed wholly and based on BMI status, viz. normal-BMI, overweight and obese. **Results:** Of 147 patients, majority were males (74.15%) with mean age of 59.15±10.28 years. Based on BMI, three patient sub-groups were made: (56 with normal BMI, 60 were overweight and 30 were obese). Mean SGOT and SGPT were lower in obese group, but this was insignificant ( $p>0.05$ ). Overall ALP was increased in all CHF patients but was comparable in all three sub-groups ( $p>0.05$ ). Mean direct bilirubin were above-normal in all sub-groups, but mean total and indirect bilirubin were normal. Mean A/G ratio was normal in all sub-groups. Total serum protein was below normal in all sub-groups, being lowest in overweight group, but these findings were insignificant ( $p>0.05$ ). RFTs,

viz. BUN and serum creatinine, were normal and comparable in all sub-groups ( $p>0.05$ ). **Conclusion:** Mild elevation in direct bilirubin and notable ALP elevations were seen in CHF patients but their RFTs were normal. Mean LFTs and RFTs were comparable in patients with normal BMI, overweight or obese patients, indicating lack of association between BMI and hepatic or renal function.

**KEYWORDS:** Liver function, Renal function, Body Mass Index, Heart Failure.

## INTRODUCTION

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are few of the commonest reasons for morbidity as well as mortality in the world, and India is no exception. According to available data, CVD is the commonest cause of death in India. Chronic heart failure (CHF), which is reduced proficiency of the heart to pump the blood in the systemic circulation or inability to fill itself suitably with blood, affects about 10 million Indians. The prevalence of CHF is about 1% in the country.

CHF is associated with hepatic derangement due to liver congestion, which are generally asymptomatic but associated with deranged liver function tests (LFTs). Abnormal biochemical LFTs may be seen in CHF patients, but studies have shown variability in the findings. Also, if there are massive elevations seen in LFTs of CHF patients, these may be predictive of adverse outcomes. There are studies based on the LFTs in CHF patients in the developed countries, but such data in the Indian setting is scarce.

Renal function is a known, but often neglected determinant of CHF prognosis. Studies have reported that renal insufficiency may be associated with poor CHF outcomes. However, there is a definite paucity of data with respect to the prevalence of renal insufficiency in CHF patients in the Indian context. Body mass index (BMI), which is used to indicate the presence or absence of obesity in the population, is considered to be an important determinant of CHF risk and prognosis. Studies have shown that there is an increased risk of CHF development in patients with increased BMI. Obesity, which is defined as BMI

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more than 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, is considered an important risk factor for development of hypertension (HTN), diabetes mellitus (DM) and dyslipidemia, all of which are diseases which worsen the CHF prognosis. Literature search revealed that majority of CHF patients are obese, and this may be related to the impaired LFTs and RFTs in these patients. However, the specific impact of increased BMI on the RFTs and the LFTs have not been studied in detail.

In this retrospective study, we planned to assess the baseline LFTs and RFTs of CHF patients who visited the Madhavbaug clinics in India to tap the abnormalities in the hepatic or renal functioning. We also tried to assess these biochemical parameters based on the BMI status of the patients, after classifying the patients as those with normal BMI, overweight or obese.

### METHODOLOGY

This retrospective study was conducted utilizing the data of patients who suffered from CHF and visited the Madhavbaug clinics in the Indian state of Maharashtra. These CHF patients visited the clinics for check-up between July 2018 to December 2018. The case record files of these patients were assessed for completeness of the baseline characteristics, viz. demographic details, anthropometric details, liver function tests (LFT) and the renal function tests (RFT). Data of only those patients was assessed who had completeness of the baseline records.

The CHF patients who came to the Madhavbaug clinics for the first time were subjected to general and systemic

examination, followed by blood collection to assess the LFTs and the RFTs. The blood was collected from the antecubital vein and sent to the laboratory for reporting. The biochemical values obtained were then entered in the case records of these patients after the test reports arrived. The LFTs which were taken into consideration from the baseline clinical records included alkaline phosphatase, serum glutamic-oxaloacetic transaminase (SGOT), serum glutamic-pyruvic transaminase (SGPT), serum bilirubin (total, direct and indirect), albumin to globulin ratio and total protein levels. The baseline RFTs which were checked for in the medical records included serum creatinine and blood urea nitrogen (BUN). The normal ranges for the LFTs and RFTs were considered from standard textbooks and published literature (Table 1).

The patients were classified based on the BMI as those having BMI in normal range, those who are overweight or obese based on the WHO classification followed worldwide. The BMI of between 18-24.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> were considered normal, between 25 to 29.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> were considered overweight while those above 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> were considered obese. The mean RFTs and LFTs values were calculated separately for these three BMI sub-groups and then the mean values were compared.

Table 1: Normal Range for LFTs and RFTs.

Serum ALT (U/L)	0-45
SGPT (U/L)	0-35
ALP (U/L)	30-120
Total bilirubin (mg/dl)	0.2-1
Direct bilirubin (mg/dl)	0.1
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	1
Albumin:globulin ratio	1.5-2.5:1
Total protein (g/dl)	6-8.6
BUN (mg/dl)	7-20
Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	0.7-1.2

Data entry as well as coding was done in Microsoft Excel. Graphpad Instat software was utilized for data analysis. Categorical data was represented in the numeric form and continuous data was described as mean ± SD. The mean values of LFTs and RFTs were compared between the three subsets (normal BMI, overweight and obese) using Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) test. P value of less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

### RESULTS

147 patients visited the Madhavbaug clinics between the study period and had all the relevant details present in the case records. The data of these 147 patients was included in the study for analysis. The demographic details were recorded, and it was found that most of the patients were males (109 patients, 74.15%). The mean age of the CHF patients included in the study was 59.15 years, with a mean weight of 69.21 and mean height of

1.6 meters, i.e. 160 centimeters. The mean BMI calculated for the patients was 26.69 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (Table 2).

Based on the BMI, the patients were classified as per the WHO guidelines in three categories: those having normal BMI, those who were overweight and those who were obese (Table 3). 56 patients were found to



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have normal BMI, 60 patients were over-weight while the remaining 30 were found to be obese.

**Table 2: Demographic Details of CHF Patients (n=147).**

Mean age (years)	59.15 ± 10.28
Median age (years)	59 (Range: 30-80)
Number of males	109 (74.15%)
Number of females	38 (25.85%)
Mean baseline weight (kg)	69.21 ± 14.39
Mean baseline height (meter)	1.6 ± 0.08
Mean Body mass index (BMI) (kg m <sup>2</sup> )	26.69 ± 4.97

**Table 3: Classification of patients based on BMI (n=147).**

Normal BMI (18.5-24.99 kg m <sup>2</sup> )	Overweight (25-29.99 kg m <sup>2</sup> )	Obese (≥30 kg m <sup>2</sup> )
56	60	30

The mean values of all the LFTs and the RFTs were calculated based on the BMI-based subgroups and the comparison of these mean values was made between the three sub-groups. Amongst the LFTs, the mean SGOT and SGPT values were lower in the obese group, but this was not statistically significant ( $p>0.05$ ). The overall ALP was increased in all the CHF patients. However, the mean ALP was comparable in all the three sub-groups ( $p>0.05$ ) but was lowest in the normal BMI group. The mean direct bilirubin levels were found to be above the normal range in all the groups, but the total and the

indirect bilirubin levels were in the normal range. Total bilirubin and indirect bilirubin were lowest in the obese group, and this was a statistically significant finding ( $p<0.05$ ). The mean A/G ratio was found to be in the normal range, but the total serum protein was lower than the normal range in all the sub-groups. The mean A/G ratio was lowest but mean total protein was highest in the normal-BMI group, but these findings were statistically insignificant ( $p>0.05$ ). The RFTs, viz. BUN and serum creatinine, were all in the normal range in all the groups, and comparable in the sub-groups ( $p>0.05$ ) (Table 4).

**Table 4: Comparison of Liver function test and Renal Function test according to BMI parameters in CHF patients.**

Variables assessed	Overall mean values (n=147)	Normal BMI (18.5-24.99 kg m <sup>2</sup> ) (N=56)	Overweight (25-29.99 kg m <sup>2</sup> ) (N=60)	Obese (≥30 kg m <sup>2</sup> ) (N=30)	P value
SGOT (U/L)	31.03 ± 15.04	31.01 ± 14.07	32.79 ± 17.96	27.67 ± 9.32	0.56
SGPT (U/L)	26.36 ± 15.05	27.46 ± 17.95	26.12 ± 13.60	24.87 ± 11.87	0.62
Alkaline phosphatase (ALP)	213.87 ± 82.1	210.16 ± 96.22	210.25 ± 70.28	215.84 ± 78.48	0.47
Total bilirubin	0.94 ± 0.11	1.04 ± 0.13	0.93 ± 0.10	0.79 ± 0.12	<0.001*
Direct Bilirubin	0.31 ± 0.13	0.35 ± 0.14	0.31 ± 0.11	0.23 ± 0.11	0.13
Indirect bilirubin	0.59 ± 0.3	0.66 ± 0.2	0.59 ± 0.31	0.48 ± 0.28	<0.001*
Albumin/Globulin ratio	1.57 ± 0.65	1.49 ± 0.37	1.65 ± 0.86	1.56 ± 0.57	0.77
Total protein	6.6 ± 0.94	6.6 ± 0.94	6.44 ± 1.22	6.47 ± 1.35	0.8
BUN	12.77 ± 8.14	13.7 ± 7.71	11.76 ± 6.26	13.51 ± 11.1	0.71
Serum creatinine	1.12 ± 0.44	1.12 ± 0.34	1.14 ± 0.45	1.1 ± 0.39	0.13



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## DISCUSSION

Obesity is an important risk factor for CVDs including CHF, and BMI is an important indicator for imminent or prevalent obesity. Multiple studies have found that CHF patients having BMI higher than the normal range are at an enhanced risk of mortality. Higher than normal BMI is related to the development of multiple metabolic diseases including HTN and DM. Hence, directly and indirectly, BMI affects the CHF development and prognosis. CHF is also known to affect the liver and the renal function of the body according to many studies published in the developed countries, but it is not clearly known whether the same can be said about Indian CHF patients. It is also not clear that whether BMI plays a role in the deranged LFTs and RFTs in the CHF patients. Hence, the authors decided to analyze the available baseline data to evaluate whether CHF patients showed any biochemical derangement in LFTs or RFTs, both as a whole as well as based on the BMI status of the patients.

The baseline LFT and RFT data of 147 CHF patients were analyzed. On evaluation of the whole data set, it was found that, out of the LFTs, the mean ALP and the mean direct bilirubin were raised above the normal range. The mean serum total protein was found to be mildly lowered in the CHF patients. However, the mean SGOT, mean SGPT, mean total bilirubin as well as indirect bilirubin, and the mean A/G ratio were in the normal range. An increase in the direct bilirubin is seen in parenchymal liver disease, which may be due to CHF. The mean ALP levels in this study were increased approximately twice the normal range. The increased central venous pressure (CVP) leads to passive congestion of the liver in CHF, which can lead to ALP elevation along with elevation of other liver enzymes. Another important reason for elevated liver enzymes is decreased hepatic perfusion due to reduced cardiac output in CHF, thereby causing hepatocellular damage and elevated liver enzymes and bilirubin. However, the ALP is a non-specific enzyme which may be raised in bile duct obstruction,

cirrhosis or even in bone disease. Hence, the raised ALP may not be linked with CHF, in the presence of normal SGOT and SGPT. The decreased mean protein, which was mild, can also be physiological due to aging or due to decreased liver function. Once again, the change in serum protein is mild and hence, inconclusive.

The RFTs which were noted down were serum creatinine and BUN, and both were in the normal range. This was in contrast to multiple studies in the western countries, which have shown that how long-term CHF can compromise renal functions. In a study by Tonelli et al., 33% of patients with CHF developed chronic kidney disease (CKD) in late life while the number was 32% in another study by Damman et al. Just like liver function, the main causes for compromised renal function in CHF patients are increased CVP and reduced renal blood flow. Initially, renal auto-regulation maintains the kidney function and this may be the reason why patients in our study had normal RFTs. However, glomerular filtration rate (GFR) declines over a period of time, and there is compromised renal function in the later stage of life.

The mean BMI for the CHF patients in this study was 26.69 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, falling in the overweight category. 60 of the 147 patients were overweight, 56 of them fell in the normal BMI category while 30 of them were in the obese category. It was found that all the values, except total bilirubin and indirect bilirubin, were comparable in the three BMI categories. Even though the total and the indirect bilirubin were significantly lower in the obese class of CHF patients, the values in all the groups were in the normal range and hence this statistical significance was clinically irrelevant. In our knowledge, this is one of the first studies which has tried to assess the LFTs and RFTs in CHF patients, based on the BMI and hence, this study holds a novelty factor.

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only in Western India, and hence patients of the whole country were not represented in the sample, creating region bias. Also, the sample size was low. A study with a bigger sample size, multiple centers and over a longer period may help in creating more robust evidence.

## CONCLUSION

Mild elevation in direct bilirubin and notable elevations in ALP were seen in CHF patients but their RFTs were in the normal range. The mean LFTs and RFTs values were comparable in patients with normal BMI, overweight or obese patients indicating possible lack of association between BMI and hepatic or renal derangement in CHF patients. More evidence needs to be generated in Indian

CHF patients to create stronger evidence with regards to the LFTs and RFTs in CHF patients.

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## Abstract

**Background:** Chronic heart failure (CHF) is a common cause of mortality and morbidity. Obesity influences the CHF development and prognosis. This study was conducted to assess effect of Heart failure reversal therapy (HFRT), a combination of panchakarma and allied therapies, on anthropometric parameters in CHF patients. **Methodology:** This retrospective study was conducted on data of patients who visited Madhavbaug clinics in Maharashtra, India between July-December 2018. Selection was based upon the availability of complete baseline (day 1 of HFRT) and follow-up data (day 30 of HFRT) of CHF patients who were admitted for minimum 5 days for HFRT. **Results:** Out of 147 patients, 74.15% were males with mean age 59.15±10.28 years. There was statistically significant decrease ( $p<0.05$ ) in both mean BMI and abdominal girth at day 30 of HFRT. 42 of 147 patients (28.57%) had hypertension (HTN) with CHF, 22 patients (14.97%) had diabetes mellitus (DM) and 61 patients (41.49%) had both HTN and DM. In all these sub-groups, mean BMI and abdominal girth was significantly decreased ( $p<0.05$ ) at day 30. Strong positive correlation was found between BMI and abdominal girth on day 1 ( $R=0.9$ ,  $P<0.05$ ) and day 30 ( $R=0.83$ ,  $P<0.05$ ) by Pearson's

correlation. Similar correlation was found between the two parameters in subsets of CHF patients having HTN or DM or both DM and HTN ( $p<0.05$ ).

**Conclusion:** HFRT decreased BMI and abdominal circumference significantly in CHF patients, irrespective of the presence of HTN or DM. Both the anthropometric parameters correlated strongly in all co-morbidity subsets of CHF patients.

**Keywords:** HFRT, Obesity, Body mass Index, Abdominal Girth, Comorbidity

## Introduction

Globally, cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are few of the commonest causes of morbidity and mortality and the picture in India matches the global scenario. In the true sense, CVD has become the commonest cause of death in the country.<sup>[1]</sup> Chronic heart failure (CHF) is an intricate clinical syndrome which involves reduction in the ability of the heart to pump the blood in the systemic circulation or inability to fill itself appropriately with blood.<sup>[2]</sup> Approximately 8-10 million Indians are suffering from CHF, with an estimated prevalence of 1%.<sup>[3]</sup> There are well-known guidelines which talk about different pharmacological agents like angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs), vasodilators as well as beta blockers for the management of CHF. However, despite these multiple treatment options, the CHF mortality in India is as high as 20%-30%.<sup>[4]</sup> Hence, there is a need of new treatment modalities which will improve the prognosis of CHF.

The role of obesity in the development or the CHF is widely debated. According to the Framingham Study there is an enhanced risk of developing CHF in people having elevated body mass index (BMI) (5% risk in men and 7% risk in women for every rising point of BMI).<sup>[5]</sup> Though there are doubts over the role of obesity as a solitary risk factor in the CHF development as well as prognosis, it is a proved fact that obesity is associated indirectly or directly in the

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development of hypertension, type II diabetes mellitus and dyslipidemia, all of which are risk factors for CHF progress and development.<sup>16</sup> Hence, there needs to be development of therapeutic options which can help control obesity, benefitting the patients of CHF.

Physicians practicing alternative medicine believe that in the chronic stage of heart failure, use of *panchakarma* therapy (a 5- step procedure for delivering internal body purification) is an effective add-on therapy.<sup>17</sup> Heart failure reversal therapy (HFRT), also known as *sampurnahrut dayshudhikaran* (SHS) therapy, is a blend of herbal treatment with *panchakarma* and allied the rapcuticmodalities.<sup>18,19</sup> The techniques utilized in HFRT include *snehana* (massage), *swedana* (passive heat therapy) and *basti* (medicated enema), which are known to free the body from the toxins.

There has been some recent published evidence on the effect of the HFRT therapy on CHF patients. However, there is a paucity of data on the specific effect of HFRT on the modifiable anthropometric parameters for obesity in the CHF patients, which are BMI and abdominal circumference. Though BMI is a commonly utilized parameter to monitor obesity in the population, it does not give information on the adipose tissue distribution in an individual. Abdominal obesity, which is indicated by waist circumference, plays a crucial role in the cardiovascular risk assessment. Major health organizations like World Health Organization (WHO) have also suggested the combination of BMI as well as abdominal obesity to

determine the distribution of adipose tissue in a more profound way.<sup>101</sup>

In this retrospective study, the effect of HFRT was analyzed on BMI as well as waist circumference in CHF patients, to know the impact of HFRT on both the generalized body fat as well as on the

#### Table 1: Study Treatment: Heart Failure Reversal Therapy (HFRT)

abdominal obesity. We also assessed the correlation of the two anthropometric obesity parameters to check whether they go hand- in-hand, both before as well as after HFRT intervention

#### Methodology

This was a retrospective study conducted on the data of the patients who visited the Madhavbaug clinics in Maharashtra, India between July 2018 to December 2018. The data of only those patients was considered who had been administered HFRT over minimum 5 days of admission in the Madhavbaug clinics. Cases were identified, and data was assessed from the medical records of Madhavbaug clinics in Maharashtra. The selection was based upon the availability of complete relevant baseline data (day 1 of HFRT) and follow-up data (day 30 of HFRT) of the patients. The information about co-morbidities, if any, were noted down from the medical records.

The HFRT is an amalgamation of *panchakarma* as well as allied therapies. HFRT uses different oils and decoctions, which constitutes of a 4-step procedure, described below in table 1.

Step of HFRT	Type of Therapy	Herbs used for therapy	Duration of Therapy
<i>Snehana</i>	Massage (or external oleation) (acupunctured upper strokes directed towards heart)	10 gm of <i>Triphala</i> (a mixture of <i>Amla</i> , <i>Bael</i> and <i>Haritaki</i> ) 5 gm of <i>Chandana</i> HFRT oil extract (processed as per oil)	10-15 minutes
<i>Swedana</i>	Passive heat therapy	<i>Haritaki</i> (a group of ten herbal roots) with <i>Agarwal</i> (10 gm) decoction	10-15 minutes + 3-4 minutes (after the procedure)
<i>Bandha dhara</i>	Decoction drip (in the upper part of the body)	<i>Triphala</i> (a mixture of <i>Amla</i> , <i>Bael</i> and <i>Haritaki</i> )	10-15 minutes
<i>Basti</i>	Medicated enema (administered per rectal) (should be in the form of 10-15 ml decoction for maximum absorption)	<i>Triphala</i> (a mixture of <i>Amla</i> , <i>Bael</i> and <i>Haritaki</i> ) 10 ml aqueous extract	10 minutes



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On the first day of hospital admission before starting HFRT, the BMI was evaluated by taking into consideration the height and the weight of the patients and using the formula: weight in kilograms/(height in meters)<sup>3</sup>. The abdominal girth of patients was measured on day 1 before initiating HFRT using a measuring tape and noted down in medical records. In a similar way, the measurements of height, weight and abdominal girth were done on day 30 from HFRT initiation and the comparison with the baseline BMI and abdominal girth was done.

Data was entered and coded in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. GraphpadInstat software was used to analyze the data. Categorical data were represented in the numeric form and continuous data were presented as the mean  $\pm$  SD. Paired t-test was used to assess the difference between the values at baseline and 30th day after treatment initiation. Correlation between BMI and abdominal girth was calculated using Pearson's correlation coefficient. P value <

0.05 was considered statistically significant.

### Results

A total of 147 patients' data was included in the study for analysis. The demographic details were compiled, and it was found

that majority of the patients were males (74.15%). The mean age of the CHF patients was 59.15 years, with a

mean baseline weight of

69.21 kilograms and mean height of 1.6 meters (Table 2).

**Table 2: Demographic Details of CHF Patients (n=147)**

Mean age (years)	59.15 $\pm$ 10.28
Median age (years)	59 (Range: 30-80)
Number of males	109 (74.15%)
Number of females	38 (25.85%)
Mean baseline weight (kg)	69.21 $\pm$ 14.39
Mean baseline height (meter)	1.6 $\pm$ 0.08

On comparing the mean BMI of all CHF patients between day 1 and day 30 of HFRT treatment, there was statistically significant decrease, assessed by paired T test. Similar findings were noted for mean abdominal girth, with statistically significant decrease at day

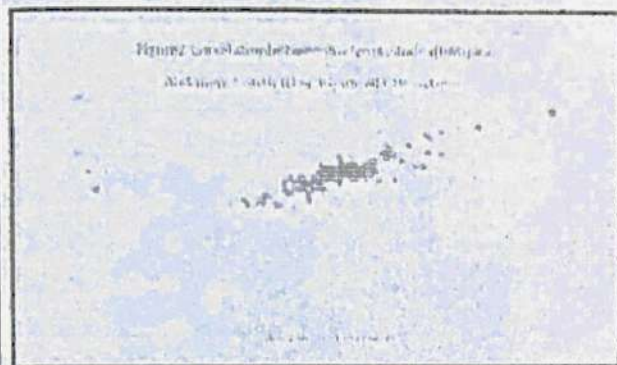
30. 42 of the 147 patients (28.57%) had hypertension (HTN) associated with CHF, 22 patients (14.97%) had type II diabetes mellitus (DM) and 61 patients (41.49%) had both HTN and DM along with CHF. In all these sub-groups, the mean BMI and mean abdominal girth was found to be significantly decreased at day 30 compared to that on day 1. (Table 3) Table 3: Change in Anthropometric Obesity Parameters in Patients of CHF based on co-morbidities

		At 1 <sup>st</sup> admission	At 30 <sup>th</sup> treatment	P-value
All CHF patients [N=147]	Mean BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.60 $\pm$ 4.95	25.46 $\pm$ 5.05	0.01*
	Mean Abdominal girth (cm)	98.82 $\pm$ 12.74	93.68 $\pm$ 12.36	0.01*
CHF with Hypertension (HTN) [N=42]	Mean BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.67 $\pm$ 4.60	25.09 $\pm$ 5.05	0.01*
	Mean Abdominal girth (cm)	98.81 $\pm$ 11.67	93.17 $\pm$ 11.69	0.01*
CHF with Diabetes mellitus (DM) [N=22]	Mean BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	25.73 $\pm$ 6.46	24.46 $\pm$ 6.25	0.01*
	Mean Abdominal girth (cm)	96.45 $\pm$ 15.47	91.44 $\pm$ 14.96	0.01*
CHF with both HTN and DM [N=61]	Mean BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	27.33 $\pm$ 4.83	25.66 $\pm$ 5.44	0.01*
	Mean Abdominal girth (cm)	101 $\pm$ 12.9	95.79 $\pm$ 12.35	0.01*

P<0.05 considered significant by Paired T Test



s Pearson Correlation Coefficient:  $R=0.9$   
(Strong correlation)



Pearson Correlation Coefficient:  $R=0.83$   
(Strong correlation)

On subgroup correlation analysis based upon the associated co-morbidities, we found strong correlation between BMI and abdominal girth in subsets of CHF patients having only HTN, only DM or both DM and HTN, and all these correlations were statistically significant. Table 4: Correlation between BMI and Abdominal girth in patients of CHF with various co-morbidities

Day of assessment	Comorbidity seen	R (Correlation coefficient)	Interpretation	P value
Day 1 of HFRT	All CHF patients [N=147]	0.9	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with Hypertension (HTN) [N=42]	0.85	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with Diabetes mellitus (DM) [N=22]	0.91	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with both HTN and DM [N=64]	0.91	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
Day 30 of HFRT	All CHF patients [N=147]	0.83	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with Hypertension (HTN) [N=42]	0.8	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with Diabetes mellitus (DM) [N=22]	0.95	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*
	CHF with both HTN and DM [N=64]	0.8	Strong positive correlation	<0.01*

#### Discussion

Obesity poses as a risk factor for multiple CVDs, prominent of which are CAD and CHF. BMI is considered as an important indicator of sedentary lifestyle as well as impending or prevalent obesity. Many studies have shown that CHF patients having high BMI are at an increased risk of mortality.<sup>12,13</sup> Abdominal obesity, indicated by calculating the abdominal girth, is associated with development of multiple metabolic diseases like HTN and DM. These metabolic diseases are known risk factors for not only the development of CHF but also alters the prognosis. Hence, measuring of the anthropometric obesity indicators, which are BMI and abdominal girth, are equally important to predict the development or prognosis of CHF.

The existing treatment modalities have positive effects on the cardiovascular parameters but when it comes to their effect on BMI or abdominal girth, none of the drugs of CHF are known to be affecting them. There is certainly a dire need of modalities which can help modify these anthropometric parameters, which may directly and indirectly help in making the CHF prognosis more positive. Physicians practicing alternative medicine utilize panchakarma therapy as an add-on therapy for treatment of CHF and HFRT is a combination of panchakarma with allied therapies.<sup>14</sup> However, the effect of HFRT on the specific anthropometric parameters in patients of CHF are not well established, and no study has taken the co-morbidities besides CHF into consideration. Hence, it was thought to evaluate the effect of HFRT on BMI and abdominal girth in CHF patients, and also analyze



the data based on the subgroups suffering from HTN or DM or both.

In this study, we assessed the effect of HFRT, a novel treatment modality, in CHF patients, on the obesity parameters of BMI and abdominal girth, after 30 days of HFRT initiation. It was found that HFRT significantly lowers the BMI and abdominal girth at day 30, compared to the baseline. The sub-group analysis to assess the effect of HFRT in CHF patients suffering from DM and HTN, separately and together, yielded positive results. This was done to evaluate whether any underlying metabolic disease will affect the positive effect of HFRT on the anthropometric measurements, which was not the case. Hence, irrespective of the underlying metabolic disease of HTN and DM, HFRT may benefit the patients based on BMI and abdominal girth.

HFRT comprises of *Snehana* (external oleation or massage), *Swedana* (passive heat therapy), *Hridaydhara* (decoction dripping therapy) as well as *Basti* (per rectal drug administration). Published literature states that the sympathetic nervous system is activated in obesity.<sup>144</sup> It has been theorized that *Snehana* decreases the

sympathetic activity of the body, which may be one of the factors which may be decreasing the body fat. *Swedana* involves exposure of the body to external heat, which is believed to decrease the subcutaneous body fat. Stress is a common factor which is associated with increasing BMI as well as obesity which may be tackled by *Hridaydhara*, which leads to patient relaxation both mentally as well as physically. According to a published research on obese patients, *Basti* moderates the immune responses by controlling the pro-inflammatory cytokines, immunoglobulins and functional properties of T-cells. These alterations are associated with a reduction in the body weight.<sup>145</sup>

BMI does not discriminate between the fat mass and fat-free mass, which is an accepted indicator of the general health status. The robustness of BMI as an adequate obesity indicator is not proved in elderly individuals, as the fat-free mass decreases with age.<sup>146</sup> Waist circumference or abdominal girth helps in determining abdominal adiposity, which is a better indicator of risk to develop various metabolic diseases. By checking the correlation between BMI and abdominal circumference, it was proved that irrespective of the associated co-morbidity with CHF, HFRT significantly decreases general body mass as well as on abdominal adiposity, which correlated well in all subgroups of CHF patients.

The study had a few limitations. The study assessment was done only after 30 days of HFRT, so long term effects of HFRT on the anthropometric parameters was not assessed. The study was of retrospective design, and so was dependent on the availability of patient data. Future research over a longer study period and with a prospective study design may be planned to generate more evidence for effect of HFRT on anthropometric measurements.

#### Conclusion

HFRT decreased BMI and abdominal circumference significantly in patients of CHF, irrespective of the presence of any other co-morbidity like HTN or DM. Both the anthropometric parameters correlated strongly in all the co-morbidity subsets of CHF patients.

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# Efficacy of Low-Carbohydrate Diet (LCD) and Obesity Management Program on Obese Patients

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**Abstract:** The past two decades witnessed a rapid escalation in the prevalence of obesity. Ayurvedic physicians use a multi-faceted strategy to treat obesity which includes a combination of Low-Carbohydrate Diet and Obesity Management Procedure. The present study was conducted to demonstrate the efficacy of low carbohydrate diet and the Ayurvedic obesity management procedure in reducing obesity. A retrospective observational study was conducted in Madhavbaug Clinics from September 2017 to March 2018. All patients with BMI  $> 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$  were included in the study. During the study, the patients received seven sessions of obesity management procedure which included a combination of *Suchana* (external oleation or massage), *Swedana* (passive heat therapy) and *Basti kadh*. Simultaneously, patients were prescribed supervised low carbohydrate diet daily for 90 days. The primary efficacy end point was reduction in body weight while secondary end points included changes in abdominal girth, systolic and diastolic blood pressure, heart rate after 90-day follow-up as compared to baseline. A

total

48 patients were enrolled and after screening, 31 were included in the study. Most of the patients were mid-aged (51.35 ±

11.44 years) and females (65.8%). The primary end-point used in the present study (body weight) decreased significantly from  $89.87 \pm 18.58 \text{ kg}$  on Day 1 to  $82.01 \pm 20.55 \text{ kg}$  on day 90 ( $p < 0.001$ ). Such significant changes were also appreciable in the BMI, SBP, DBP, abdominal girth values measured on day 1 and day 90 respectively ( $p < 0.001$  for all). The present study demonstrates that the combination of low carbohydrate diet and Ayurvedic obesity management procedures are effective in reducing obesity.

**Keywords:** Ayurvedic Obesity Management, Basti Kadh, Low Carbohydrate Diet, Obesity, Suchana, Swedana

## 1. Introduction

Obesity is a major public health problem which results from an imbalance between energy intake and energy expenditure [1]. World health organization (WHO) defines an obese person as one with a BMI of 30 or more [2].

BMI was used as a criterion considering its strong correlation with cardiovascular mortality, diabetes and other comorbidities, mortality and disability. The worldwide obesity prevalence increased rapidly between 1980 and 2008. In 2008, 10% of men and 14% of women in the world were obese (BMI  $\geq 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ), compared with 5% for men and 8%

for women in 1980. An estimated 205 million men and 297 million women over the age of 20 were obese, a total of more than half a billion adults

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worldwide.

India is not exempted from this pandemic and recent studies reveal that 12% of the entire population is overweight or obese [3]. According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4), the prevalence of BMI  $\geq 25$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> among Indian female is 20.7% and male is 18.6% [4]. Current socio-economic development has shifted dietary patterns towards energy-dense junk foods which coupled associated sedentary lifestyle have contributed to the rise in overweight/obesity [5]. Obesity is closely associated with increased incidence of non-communicable diseases like diabetes, cardiovascular disease and hence appropriate management of obesity is a major public health challenge [3].

The current management protocol of obesity includes long term therapy with drugs like Phentermine, Orlistat, Sibutramine, Lorcaserin, Topiramate which have doubtful efficacy with serious safety concerns. Hence, the search for safe and effective alternative is of utmost importance in the management of obesity [6].

Ayurveda is an age old scientific medicinal system indigenous to India. Ayurveda means 'knowledge of life', which comprises of two Sanskrit words, Ayu (life) and Veda (knowledge or science). The principal aim of Ayurveda is to achieve equilibrium between the physiological and structural entities, which ultimately culminates in good health. Any disparity or unevenness because of external or internal factors may lead to disease development [7]. Ayurvedic treatment aims to restore the equilibrium through the utilization of different techniques, regimens, diet as well as medicines [8]. Ancient Ayurvedic texts (Charakasamhita, Sushrutsamhita, AshtangSangraha, Ashtanga Hridayam) mention the clinical features and treatment of obesity (Sthaudyaro) indicating that

the knowledge of the disease was present with the Ayurvedic physicians [9].

In our institute (Madhavbaug Hospital and Clinics) the Ayurvedic physicians are using a multi-faceted obesity management protocol to treat obesity, which includes a low-carbohydrate diet and combination of herbal treatment namely Snehana, Swedana, Basti, Kadha. However, a literature search revealed that there is a dearth of published literature to demonstrate the efficacy of this treatment modality in obese patients. In this backdrop, the present study was conducted to demonstrate the efficacy of low carbohydrate diet and Ayurvedic obesity management program in treating obesity.

## 2. Subject and Methods

### *Study Setting and Patient Selection*

A retrospective observational study was conducted in Madhavbaug Clinics, for a period of six months starting from September 2017 to March 2018 to address the study objective. All patients with a BMI greater than 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> were considered eligible to participate in the study. The case definition of obesity was defined as patients with BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> [9]. Patients were recruited after obtaining written informed consent from them. The study was conducted according to the ethical principles mentioned in the Declaration of Helsinki, Good Clinical Practices, and applicable regulatory requirements.

### *Study Procedure*

Patients with BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> were considered to be eligible in the 90-day study after initial screening. The exclusion criteria were (i) severe cardiac, renal or hepatic disease (ii) pregnancy. On day 1 of the study, baseline clinical status of the patient was determined by measuring body weight, blood pressure, BMI, abdominal girth. Following this, low carbohydrate diet plan and obesity

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management procedure were started on the patient. A supervised daily diet plan with calorific value 800 kcal was prescribed for the patient which consisted of 35% carbohydrate, 25% protein, 40% fat. The patient was asked to follow the diet plan for 90 days. In the study period of 90 days, the patient also received 7 sessions of obesity management procedure details of which are given below. The Obesity Management Program (OMP) is a combination of Panchakarma and allied therapies. OMP uses various decoctions and oils and constitutes of a 3-step procedure namely:

a. **Snehana / external oleation or massage** (25-30 minutes): Massage or external oleation (centripetal upper strokes on the body)

b. **Swedana / passive heat therapy** (15 -20 minutes): Dashmoola (group of ten herbs) steam of temperature not more than 40 was then passed steadily for 10-15 minutes. After the treatment, patients were asked to relax for 3-4 minutes.

c. **Basti katha:** Medicated enema administered per-rectal, should be in body for > 15 minutes for maximum absorption.

At the end of 90 days, the patients were examined and Body weight, BMI, SBP, DBP, AG were again measured and compared with the baseline.

The detailed schedule of Ayurveda obesity management procedure is described below in Table 1.

**Table 1. Protocol of obesity management procedure**

Step	Type of Therapy	Herbs used for therapy	Duration of therapy
Snehana	Massage or external oleation (centripetal upper strokes on the body)	2g. <i>Lobelia</i> (herb), <i>Kalmegh</i> (herb), <i>Sonch</i> (herb), <i>Peppercorn</i> (herb), <i>Mustard</i> (herb), <i>Black pepper</i> (herb), <i>Cardamom</i> (herb), <i>Cumin</i> (herb), <i>Fenugreek</i> (herb), <i>Coriander</i> (herb), <i>Mustard</i> (herb), <i>Black pepper</i> (herb), <i>Cardamom</i> (herb), <i>Cumin</i> (herb), <i>Fenugreek</i> (herb), <i>Coriander</i> (herb)	25-30 minutes
Swedana	Passive heat therapy (hot oil)	2g. <i>Lobelia</i> (herb), <i>Kalmegh</i> (herb), <i>Sonch</i> (herb), <i>Peppercorn</i> (herb), <i>Mustard</i> (herb), <i>Black pepper</i> (herb), <i>Cardamom</i> (herb), <i>Cumin</i> (herb), <i>Fenugreek</i> (herb), <i>Coriander</i> (herb), <i>Mustard</i> (herb), <i>Black pepper</i> (herb), <i>Cardamom</i> (herb), <i>Cumin</i> (herb), <i>Fenugreek</i> (herb), <i>Coriander</i> (herb)	15-20 minutes
Basti katha	Medicated enema administered per-rectal, should be in body for > 15 minutes for maximum absorption	2g. <i>Lobelia</i> (herb), <i>Kalmegh</i> (herb), <i>Sonch</i> (herb), <i>Peppercorn</i> (herb), <i>Mustard</i> (herb), <i>Black pepper</i> (herb), <i>Cardamom</i> (herb), <i>Cumin</i> (herb), <i>Fenugreek</i> (herb), <i>Coriander</i> (herb), <i>Mustard</i> (herb), <i>Black pepper</i> (herb), <i>Cardamom</i> (herb), <i>Cumin</i> (herb), <i>Fenugreek</i> (herb), <i>Coriander</i> (herb)	15 minutes

### Statistical Analysis

Data was entered in MS excel and analyzed using R Version 3.5.0 software. The data of only those patients who

could complete the entire treatment of 90 days were considered for analysis. The primary efficacy end point was reduction in body weight while secondary end points include reduction in Abdominal Girth, SBP, DBP, HR after 90-day follow-up as compared to day 1 (baseline). Paired T test were used to test statistical significance for Primary and Secondary End Point. We also calculated Correlation between weight & BMI and weight and Abdominal Girth.

### 1. Results

During the study period, a total of 48 patients

were enrolled and after screening 31 were included in the study.

All of them continued the treatment up to day 90 and were considered for analysis. There were no reports of serious adverse drug reaction in the study participants. Most of the enrolled patients were middle aged (51.35 ± 11.44 years) and female sex (65.8%). The baseline BMI of the patients (35.30

± 5.55) as measured on day 1 was well above WHO criteria of obesity. On day 1, the baseline abdominal girth, SBP, DBP were also measured and has been mentioned in Table 2. **Table 2. Comparison of clinical parameters between baseline values and 90<sup>th</sup> day**



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Variable (n = 31)	Baseline (day 1)	After 90 days	Difference	P-value
Wardha	80.8 ± 1.88	79.3 ± 1.88	1.5	0.000***
BSA	1.57 ± 0.05	1.57 ± 0.05	0.0	0.000**
Abdominal Circ.	110.39 ± 0.005	109.39 ± 0.005	1.0	0.000***
HR	87.1 ± 8.59	86.0 ± 8.59	1.1	0.000***

Obesity is related to several chronic diseases like hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes mellitus and hence obese patients are

prescribed medicines for these co-morbidities. In our study, the concomitant medications consumed by the patients on day 1 include Angiotensin receptor blockers, Calcium channel blockers, Statins, Diuretic, Beta-blockers, Sulfonylurea, Biguanides and Antiplatelet drugs. However, at the end of day 90, there was an appreciable decrease in the medication use by the patients, which has been shown in table 3, figure 2 Table 3. Consumption of allopathic medicines on days 1 and 90

Drug class	Day 1	%	Day 90	%
Angiotensin receptor blocker	12	38.7	10	32.26
Statins	7	22.58	6	19.35
Calcium channel blocker	10	32.26	4	12.9
NSAID	1	3.23	2	6.45
Diuretic	6	19.35	2	6.45
Beta-blocker	5	16	5	16.13
Antiplatelet	1	3.23	1	3.23
Biguanide	2	6.45	2	6.45
Sulfonylurea	2	6.45	2	6.45
No medicine	0	0.00	10	32.26

Figure 2. Consumption of allopathic medicines at days 1 and 90 days (N = 31).



The primary end-point used in the present study (body weight) decreased significantly from 89.874 ± 18.58 kg on Day 1 to 82.01 ± 20.55 kg at day 90 ( $p < 0.001$ ). Such significant changes were also appreciable in the BMI, abdominal girth values measured on day 1 and day 90 respectively ( $p < 0.001$ ) details of which is shown in table 2, figure 1. We also explored the association between body weight and abdominal girth at day 1 and day 90. Abdominal girth and body weight showed perfect correlation both at day 1 ( $r = 0.865$ ) and at day 90 ( $r = 0.91$ ).

**Table 4. Correlation between Weight and BMI, AG at 1 day and 90 Day**

Correlation table

1. Correlation between weight and BMI at Day 1
2. Correlation between weight and BMI at Day 90
3. Correlation between weight and AG at Day 1
4. Correlation between weight and AG at Day 90

In addition, our study also revealed the efficacy of obesity management program in reducing Systolic Blood Pressure and Diastolic Blood Pressure in 23 patients, which is a new finding. In these 23 patients (SBP > 130 mmHg), SBP was reduced by 22.17 mmHg (from 144.78 ± 13.77 to 122.61 ±

13.85;  $p < 0.001$ ), DBP by 11.96 mmHg (from 89.13 ± 9.01 to

77.17 ± 8.17;  $p < 0.001$ ) and Weight by 8.16 Kg (from 93.2 ± 19.32 to 85.04 ± 22.04;  $p < 0.001$ ), at the end of the 90-day follow-up as compared to baseline.

## 1. Discussion

In Ayurvedic texts, obesity is referred to as "Medoroga" and is considered to be a disease of "Medadhatri" meaning a disorder of lipid metabolism. A variety of different types of obesity have been mentioned in the Ayurvedic classics

along with the treatment for the same [8]. In the present study, we have combined low carbohydrate diet with certain Ayurvedic procedures (OMP) to treat obesity [8]. A critical review of published literature reveals that while some researchers have separately demonstrated the efficacy of diet in reducing obesity, some have explored the efficacy of Ayurvedic procedures only [10-15]. To our knowledge, the present study is the first one to demonstrate the combined effect of LCD and Ayurvedic procedure as a treatment modality to treat obesity.

In the present study, majority of the patients were of middle aged with age (51.35 ± 11.44 years). This is in concordance with earlier studies conducted in India by Auti SS (50-60 years), Paranjpe [11, 12]. The female outnumbered the males (64.3%) as per the earlier study conducted by Auti

carbohydrate-rich diets, it is no wonder that obesity is on the rise in the country. Management of obesity requires reduction in caloric intake without compromising nutrition. In order to lose 0.5-1 kg per week, one needs to reduce caloric intake by 500-1000 kcal per day. It is noted that as per National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO) 2011 12 data on Nutritional Intake per capita consumption is 1099 kilocalories per day in rural areas and 2058 kilocalories per day in urban areas while the average metabolic rate of person with sedentary lifestyle is 1400-1500 kcal [16, 17]. Hence creating a negative energy balance plays central role in weight loss. Negative energy balance refers to reducing excess caloric intake and include required amount of nutrient which will help reduce desire weight. Ayurvedic texts mention that altered function of Agni or digestive power leads to production of Ama which causes accumulation of Aham of fatty tissue and obstructs the proper formation of further tissues [9].



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15]. Accumulated fat alters movement of Vata which leads to increase in appetite. Person therefore eats more and the entire food is then converted into

proper fat tissue. As per the line of treatment of obesity, the diet prescribed should be Apatarpana (no nourishing). The Apatarpana quality of food will help in the reduction of fat in the body [9, 15]. This has also been reiterated in recent studies which indicate diets lower in carbohydrate have shown promise for weight loss when compared to typical reduced energy and fat diets [13, 14]. In particular, multiple studies indicate that a low carbohydrate diet may produce greater weight loss than a traditional low fat diet over 6 months and may be comparable to a low fat diet over 12 months. In the present study also, low carbohydrate diet exerted a beneficial effect in reducing body weight, BMI.

In the present study, we have combined three Ayurvedic procedures in our obesity management procedure namely Snehana, Swedana and Basti kadhā. Ayurvedic texts clearly mention role of each of these procedures in reducing obesity. Swedana is an important preparatory measure for the management of obesity [9, 15]. It liquefies the vitiated Dosha which are spread through the body. Snehana is an important Poorvakarma which is administered prior to Samshodhana procedure. Because of application of Swedana, the vitiated Doshas are expelled out of the body [9, 15].

Basti has got an important place in Panchakarma therapy and is indicated for the treatment of obesity. It is having not only curative action but also preventive actions. The Basti by its virtue of its Lekhana property reduces the Meda and simultaneously pacifies the Vata [9, 11, 15]. This may be attributable to the lipid lowering properties of the herbs used in Basti namely Kulathā (*Dolichos biflorus*), Nagavalli

(*Piper betle*) and Meshashringi (*Gymnema sylvestre*) [18]. Decreasing the formation of new adipose tissue and formation of fat reserves through inhibition of differentiation of pre-adipocytes into mature adipocytes is considered as an effective strategy to control adipogenesis mediated diseases, especially obesity [19]. Modulation of adipogenesis and lipolysis in humans may thus lead to a reduction in the burden of obesity. Extracts from kulathā (*Dolichos biflorus*), Nagavalli (*Piper betle*) and Meshashringi (*Gymnema sylvestre*) exhibited potent anti-adipogenic and lipolysis promoting activities in earlier studies [19]. In an earlier clinical study conducted by Auti SS (2013), Lekhana Basti was administered to study participants which reduced body weight of patients by 3.34% and BMI by 3.36% as compared to baseline [11].

## 1. Conclusion

The present study demonstrates that combination of low carbohydrate diet and Ayurvedic obesity management procedures acted in synergy to cause significant reduction in body weight, BMI, abdominal girth, without any adverse effect. Further studies with longer duration can offer more meaningful evidence on efficacy of this treatment modality.

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# Impact of Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) Management Program in Type II Diabetes Mellitus: A Retrospective Study

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**Abstract:** Globally, Diabetes mellitus (DM) prevalence has created menace, being a major culprit of increased mortality and morbidity and health care expenditures. India is the 2<sup>nd</sup> country with maximum number of diabetic patients, with an estimated prevalence of around 10%. Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) is a combination of *Panchakarma* and Diet management. This study was conducted to evaluate the effect of CDC on glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c), body mass index (BMI), body weight, abdominal girth and dependency on conventional therapy in DM Patients. This retrospective study was conducted from July 2017 to January 2018, wherein the data of elderly male type 2 DM patients (HbA1c >6.5%) who attended *Madhavbaug clinics* in Maharashtra, India were identified. Data of patients who were administered CDC (60-75 minutes) with minimum 6 sittings over 90 days ( $\geq 15$  days) were considered. Variables were compared between day 1 and day

90 of CDC. Out of 48 enrolled elderly male patients, 34 were included for analysis. CDC showed significant improvement in HbA1c from  $8.27 \pm 0.96$  to  $7.1 \pm 1.30$ ,  $p = 0.0001$ , BMI from  $27.65 \pm 3.20$  to  $25.91 \pm 3.29$ ,  $p = 0.0001$ , weight from  $73.75 \pm 10.76$  to  $69.46 \pm 10.39$ ,  $p = 0.0001$ . Abdominal girth (from  $100.0 \pm 9.08$  to  $95.36 \pm 9.10$ ;  $p = 0.0001$ ), also showed significant reduction. Dependency on concomitant medicines was reduced, with number of patients on no concomitant medicines increasing from 3% to 15%. CDC and allopathy both are found to be efficacious; but CDC acts dually, by reducing HbA1c, as well as reducing dependency on allopathic medications.

**Keywords:** Comprehensive Diabetes Care, CDC, Panchakarma, HbA1C, BMI, DM, Alternative Medicine

## 1. Introduction

Diabetes mellitus type II (DM) prevalence has reached epidemic levels in global scale. International diabetes federation quotes that number of diabetes in 2030 will rise by estimated 200 million rise in number of cases, as compared to prevalence in 2011 [1]. This is far more concerning in India, where it is estimated that around 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the population is inflicted by DM, with significantly high

mortality rates [2, 3]. Historically, fasting blood sugar level  $>126$  mg/dl and post-meal blood sugar level  $>140$  mg/dl, which together constitute an oral glucose tolerance test is used for diagnosis of DM. Nowadays, glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) is used for diagnosis of DM, as it depicts blood glucose levels over preceding 2-3 months. HbA1c levels  $>6.5\%$  is diagnostic of DM, while levels less than 6.5 but more than 5.7% are dietary

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considered as prediabetics. Most of the guidelines suggest target HbA1c as  $\leq 6.5\%$  [4]. Plethora of complications of DM, grouped as macrovascular and microvascular, short term and long term, makes the disease more dangerous. Stroke, myocardial infarction, peripheral vascular disease are some of the macrovascular complications, while retinopathy, neuropathy and nephropathy are grouped under microvascular complications. However, major culprit for morbidity and mortality in diabetic patients is cardiovascular diseases (CVD) [5]. Foot ulcers, amputations are some of the after effects of diabetic neuropathy, while diabetic nephropathy is one of the major cause of morbidity and mortality in diabetic patients after CVD [6-9]. Diabetes is presently managed by advocating dietary corrections and regular physical exercise along with treatment with oral antidiabetic drugs oral hypoglycemic agents (OADs). It is recommended to start OAD only when diet management and other measures are unable to bring down levels of HbA1c to  $\leq 6.5\%$  after 2 months. The majority of the OADs act by either, reducing the intrinsic glucose production, increasing tissue uptake or increasing excretion. Sulphonylureas, thiazolidinedione, biguanides, etc. are some of the examples of conventional class of antidiabetic drugs. When 1 OAD is unable to reduce the HbA1c below  $7.5\%$  or if baseline HbA1c is too high, it is recommended to use combination of OADs from different class [10]. But, major issues faced with the use of OADs are a plethora of adverse effects which include hypoglycemia, pancreatitis, anemia, etc [11]. These adverse effects along with the increased cost of therapy has found to drastically reduce medication adherence in patients of DM [12]. Despite the availability of numerous classes of OADs and extensively laid down guidelines, number of cases of DM are consistently increasing [12]. Thus, an effective alternative therapy is needed, that will counteract these adverse effects of conventional medicines

and increase patient adherence to medications for optimal outcome. OADs act by reducing blood sugar levels in the body. Various herbal drugs have shown similar effects in clinical studies, including significant reduction in HbA1c [13-15]. This makes Ayurveda a potential therapeutic alternative in patients of type 2 DM. Ayurvedic physicians advocate Panchakarma a multi-step body detoxification process in the chronic phase of disease. Panchakarma and diet therapy is combined in Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) Management Program. Three techniques are used in Panchakarma in CDC- *Snehana* i.e. oleation, *Swedana* i.e. passive heat therapy and *Basti* i.e. per rectal drug administration. Panchakarma is a well-known procedure for internal detoxification of the body [16-17]. Since reduction in quality of life, depression are associated with DM, we planned this retrospective study in elderly male

patients of type 2 DM, to assess the efficacy of CDC on various parameters like HbA1c, BMI, reduction in body weight, abdominal girth and reduction in dependency on conventional medications after completion of CDC.

## 2. Subjects and Methods

### Study Design

Retrospective record based study.

### Study Site

Madhavbaug Clinics from all over Maharashtra

### Study Period

July 2017 to January 2018

### Study Participants

Elderly male ( $>60$  years), suffering from type 2 DM (HbA1c  $\geq 6.5\%$ ), who attended Madhavbaug Clinics across Maharashtra

### Methodology

The data of patients who had been administered CDC with minimum 6 sittings over a span of 90 days ( $\pm 15$  days) were considered for the study, out of which 4 sittings were done in the 1<sup>st</sup> month, and 1 sitting per month for next 2 months. These patients



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were maintained on a diet plan of 800-1000 calories intake per day, according to patient medical records. The diet plan consisted of low carbohydrates, moderate proteins, and low fats. Cases were identified, and data was assessed from the records of *Madhavbaug clinics* in *Maharashtra*. The selection was based upon the availability of complete relevant baseline data (day 1 of CDC) and final day data (day 90 of CDC) of the patients. The information about prescribed concomitant medicines, if any, was also noted down. On day 1 of CDC, the patients had undergone HbA1c, weight, BMI, abdominal girth measurements as per guidelines [18]. This readings were considered as baseline reading. This process was repeated on day 90 of CDC to calculate the change from baseline reading. The

BMI for day 1 and day 90 of the patients was calculated by checking the weight and the height from the medical data sheets of patients and using the formula *weight in kilograms/ (height in meters)*. The dependency on standard medication was calculated both on day 1 and day 90 of CDC as the percentage of patients out of the total enrolled ones who required a conventional allopathic therapeutic agent during the study period of 90 days.

The CDC is a 3-step procedure which was performed on the patients of type 2 DM after a light breakfast. One sitting of the procedure took 65-75 minutes, as described in table 1 [19-20]

**Table 1. Study Treatment: Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC)**

Step of CDC	Type of Therapy	Herbs used for therapy	Duration of Therapy
Soehnle Sweeter	Massage or external oleation (centripetal upper strokes on the body)	100 ml Azadirachta indica (neem) extract processed in sesame oil	25-30 minutes
	Passive heat therapy to the body	Deshmool (group of tor helid roots) with steam at $\geq 40^\circ$	15-20 minutes + 3-4 minutes
Step of CDC	Type of Therapy	Herbs used for therapy	Duration of Therapy
Basti katha	Per rectum drug administration should be in body for 15 minutes for maximum absorption	Herbs used for therapy degrees Celsius A mixture of 40% Gudmar (Gymnema sylvestre), 20% Dashamula (Bambusa zizanioides) and 40% Yashimadhu Glycyrrhiza glabra	10 minutes of relaxation after procedure

### Statistical Analysis

Data were pooled and coded in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. R Version 3.4.1 software was used to analyze the data. Categorical data were represented in the frequency form and continuous data were represented as the Mean  $\pm$  SD. Paired t-test was used to assess the difference between baseline values and 90<sup>th</sup> day after treatment. The histogram were used to represent the graphs

### 1. Results

#### Study population

A total of 48 patients' data was screened for inclusion in the study. However, based on the availability of

data (Day 1 and Day 90) and the inclusion criteria, 34 patients were selected, and their data was considered for analysis. The present study involved a total of 34 male patients with more than 60 years age having a diabetic history and HbA1c  $\geq 6.5$ . The mean age of the patients was  $66.32 \pm 4.86$  years and mean height was  $163.34 \pm 6.53$  cm. Clinical parameters compared between baseline values and after 90<sup>th</sup> day was as shown in Table 2. After 90 days of treatment there was significant reduction in the HbA1c ( $P < 0.0001$ , Figure 1). There was significant reduction in weight ( $P < 0.001$ , Figure 2), BMI ( $P < 0.0001$ , Figure 3) and Abdomen girth ( $P < 0.0001$ , Figure 4) post treatment of 90 days.



  
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**Table 2. Comparison of clinical parameters between baseline values and 90<sup>th</sup> day**

Variable (n=34)	Baseline	After 90 days	t statistic	p-value
HbA1c	8.27 ± 0.96	7.1 ± 1.30	4.71	0.0001
Weight (Kg)	73.75 ± 10.76	69.46 ± 10.39	10.964	<0.0001
BMI	27.65 ± 3.20	25.91 ± 3.29	7.15	<0.0001
Abdomen girth (n=25)	100.0 ± 9.08	95.56 ± 9.10	8.1	<0.0001

HbA1c, Glycated haemoglobin, BMI, Body mass index

**Table 3. Correlation of BMI and Abdomen girth with HbA1c at 1<sup>st</sup> day and after 90 days.**

Correlation between	Baseline		After 90 days	
	R	p-value	r	p-value
BMI and HbA1c	0.05	0.76	0.07	0.69
Abdomen girth and HbA1c	-0.049	0.82	0.05	0.81



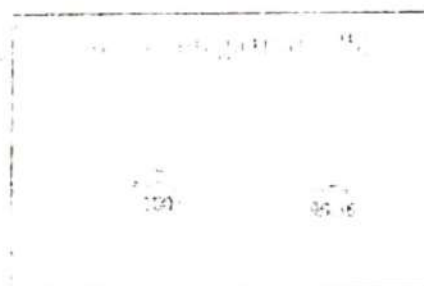
**Figure 1. Comparison of HbA1c at baseline and after 90 days.**



**Figure 2. Comparison of weight at baseline and after 90 days.**



**Figure 3. Comparison of BMI at baseline and after 90 days.**



**Figure 4. Comparison of Abdomen girth at baseline and after 90 days.**

We also assessed the correlation between the BMI and HbA1c, abdominal girth and HbA1c (table 3). There was a weak positive correlation between BMI and HbA1c ( $r = 0.05$ ) on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the treatment and it was not statistically significant ( $p = 0.06$ ), the same is shown in figure 5a. After 90 days of treatment we found nearly same positive relationship between BMI and HbA1c ( $r = 0.07$ ,  $p = 0.70$ ) which is shown in figure 5b.

We found a negative relationship between HbA1c and abdomen girth ( $r = -0.049$ ) on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the treatment which was not statistically significant ( $p = 0.82$ ) (figure 5c). We found a weak positive relationship between them after the treatment ( $r = 0.051$ ) on day 90, and it was not statistically significant ( $p = 0.81$ ) (figure 5d).



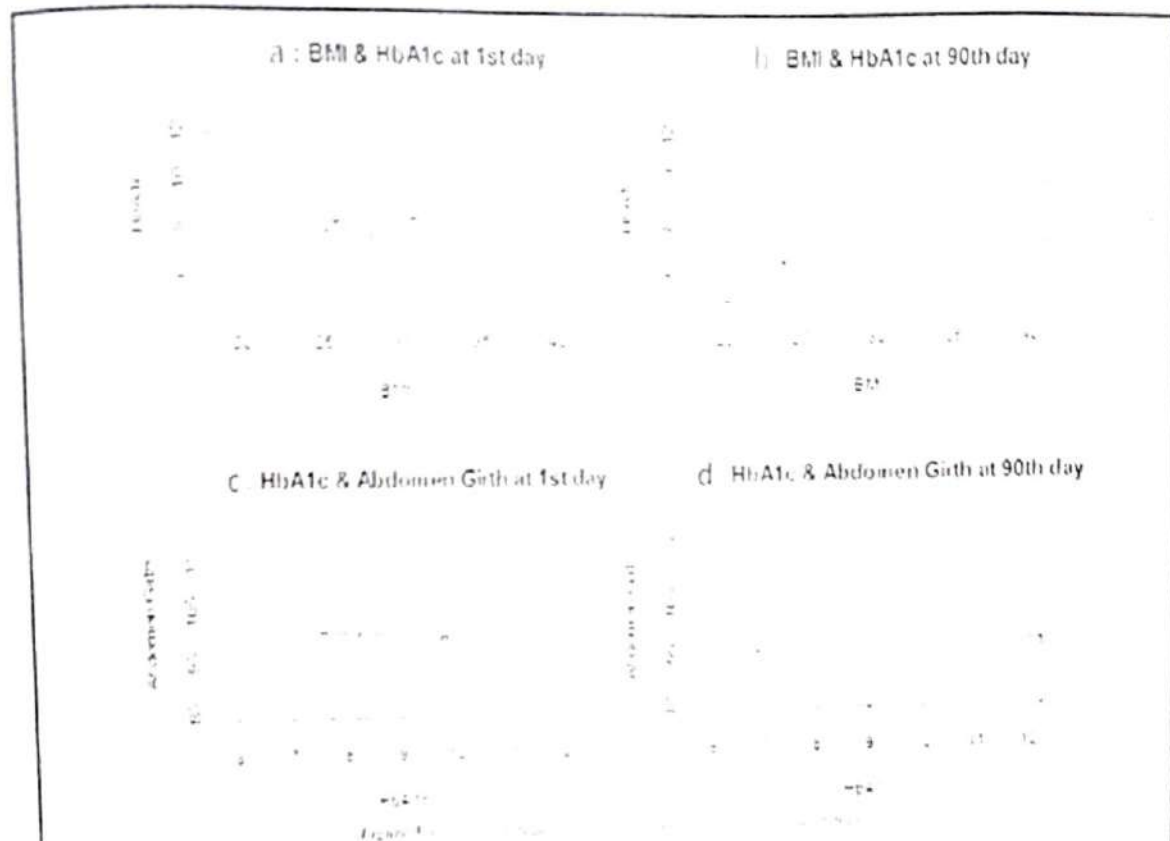
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Allopathic medicines consumption on day 1 and after the 90<sup>th</sup> day of therapy were as shown in Table 4. Most of the enrolled subjects were treated with biguanides (38.8%), sulfonylurea (38.24%), nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (35.29%), statin (29.41%). All the subjects who were

allopathic medicines before therapy was decreased after 90 day. However, the subjects with nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs were not varied after the therapy. An illustration is given in figure 6.

Table 4: Consumption of Allopathic medicines before and after therapy

Medicine	Day 1	After 90 days
Sulfonylurea	38.8%	38.24%
Biguanide	38.8%	38.8%
nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory	35.29%	35.29%
Diuretic	35.29%	35.29%
Allopurinol	35.29%	35.29%
Statins	29.41%	29.41%
Insulin	29.41%	29.41%
SSAID	29.41%	29.41%
Statin	29.41%	29.41%
ARB	29.41%	29.41%
Beta-blocker	29.41%	29.41%
CCB	29.41%	29.41%
Angiotensin	29.41%	29.41%
Verapamil	29.41%	29.41%
No medicine	12.5%	12.5%





control of blood sugar levels is the utmost important factor in diabetic patients, since it has been established that poor blood sugar level control is associated with increased incidence of complications [24]. CDC can help in reducing complications of DM since it showed sustained reduction in all parameters like HbA1c, BMI, body weight, etc.

Another major issue with the use of conventional drugs is increased cost of therapy along with increased incidence of adverse effects associated with use of these drugs [25]. Hence, we assessed the effect of CDC on dependency on conventional medications. In our present study, we found that there was an overall reduction in dependency of patients on conventional medications at the end of the study period. Also, the number of patients who went off the conventional drugs increased at the end of 90<sup>th</sup> day.

In order to generalize the findings of our study to the larger population, we recommend conduction of similar studies with dual arms, to allow direct comparison with conventional therapy, prospective design, and long follow up period with larger sample size.

### 1. Conclusion

Major parameters of the body deranged in DM are BMI, body weight, abdominal girth all of which worsen complication rate. Although conventional correct these parameters to some extent, cost of therapy and adverse effects offset their beneficial effects and decrease patient compliance. CDC corrected all these parameters effectively and also reduced dependency on conventional drugs, all of which have positive contributory effect on enhancing patient compliance. Thus it is safe to conclude that CDC can be considered as effective and safe therapeutic option for treatment of DM.

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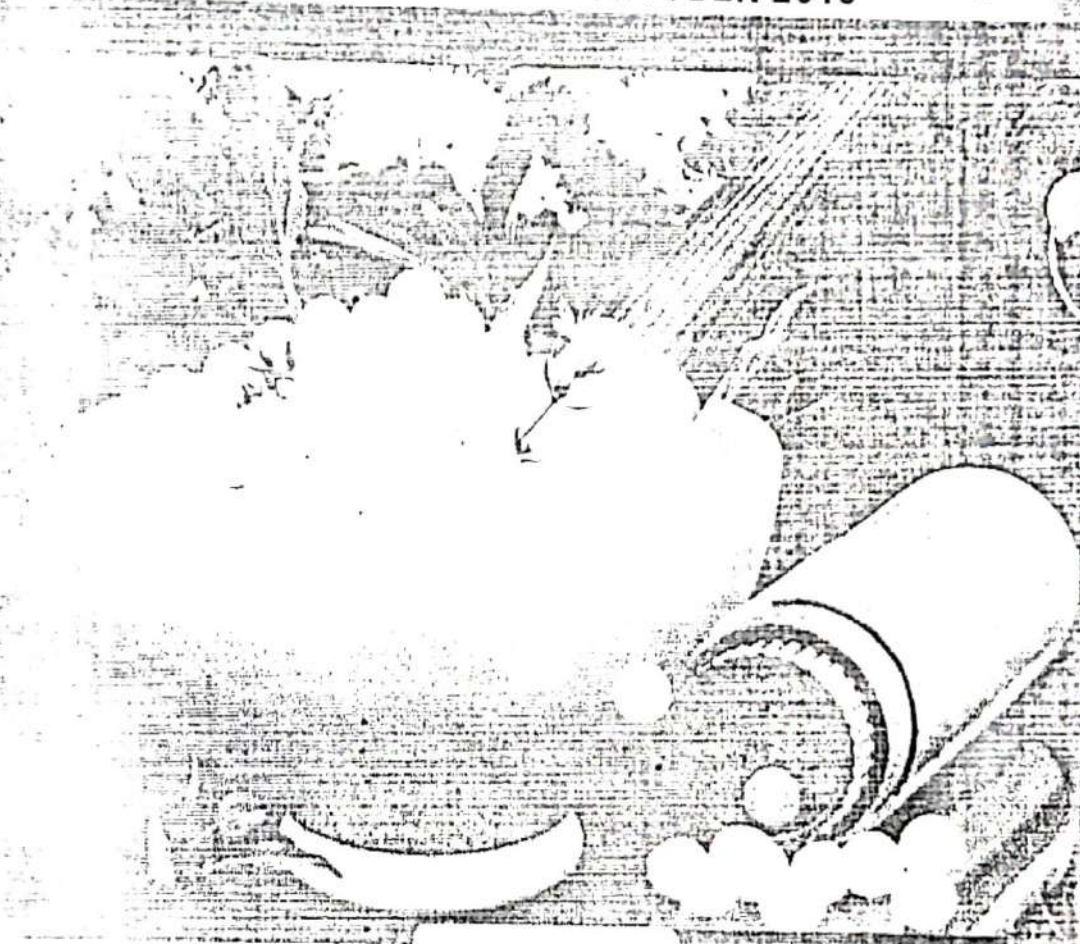
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# Impact of Comprehensive Diabetes Care on Glycaemic Control with Reduction in Dependency of Oral Hypoglycaemic Medicines in Diabetic Patients: A Retrospective Study

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## Abstract

Although multiple new drugs are coming out in the market, India has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of diabetes in the world. The aim of this study was to evaluate effects of Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) on Glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c) and metabolic parameters in pre-obese diabetic patients. In this retrospective study, data of pre-obese DM patients who had received 6 CDC sittings over 90 days in the out-patient departments (OPDs) at Madhavbaug Clinics was collected between May 2013 to April 2018. Demographic and co-morbidity details were noted. HbA1c, body mass index (BMI), abdominal girth, systolic and diastolic blood pressure (SBP, DBP), dependency on

medications were assessed on days 1 and 90 of CDC. The patients followed a specific low-calorie diet plan during the study. 89 participants (52 males, 37 females) were enrolled. Mean HbA1c measured at day 90 was significantly lower than that on day 1 ( $6.86 \pm 1.24$  vs  $9.02 \pm 1.79$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). Mean BMI was significantly reduced on day 90 when compared to baseline ( $25.39 \pm 1.53$  vs  $27.24 \pm 1.33$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). Abdominal girth was significantly decreased on day 90 compared to baseline ( $91.64 \pm 6.26$  vs  $97.12 \pm 7.03$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). SBP ( $122.83 \pm 13.56$  vs  $131.60 \pm 16.10$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) and DBP ( $77.02 \pm 6.81$  vs  $81.75 \pm 9.43$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) were also significantly decreased after 90 days. Dependency on concomitant medicines was reduced.

Glycaemic control and metabolic parameters significantly improved after 90-day CDC treatment. Reduction in blood pressure and intake of concomitant medications were also noted.

## Keywords

Comprehensive diabetes care, CDC, Panchakarma, Diabetes mellitus, HbA1c, Body mass index, Ayurveda, Alternative medicine

## Introduction

Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a known global health hazard, affecting millions of people worldwide. According to World Health Organization (WHO), the number of diabetic patients has increased from

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108 million in 1980 to a staggering 422 million in 2014 (WHO, 2018) The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) has mentioned that about 1 in 11 adults belonging to the age group of 20 years to 79 years are suffering from DM worldwide. (International Diabetes Federation, 2018) It is interesting to note that 3-4% of the patients suffering from DM worldwide belong to the low-income and middle-income countries, and India is one of them. (Tripathy et al., 2017) It is estimated that in 2015, India had more than 69 million DM patients, which is considered to be the second highest number in the world, next to only China. (International Diabetes Federation, 2018) The DM prevalence is expected to double after 20 years, because of the elevating age-expectancy, increasing obesity as well as the increased exposure of population to various risk factors. The patients suffering from DM also are at a risk of developing various dangerous complications like retinopathy, neuropathy and various microvascular and macrovascular diseases. Current management of DM aims to render a good glycaemic control and prevent the development or progression of complications. There are multiple treatment modalities for the management of DM which include parenteral insulin preparations and oral hypoglycaemic agents like metformin, sulfonylureas, sodium glucose transport inhibitors, thiazolidinediones. Despite the presence of these multiple classes of drugs, the prevalence of DM is on an upswing. Literature reveals glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c), the main indicator of long term diabetes control, is in the normal range in only 50% of the DM patients. (Del Cañizo-Gómez and Moreira-Andrés, 2004)

The various drugs used for the management of DM are also associated with multiple adverse effects. (Goodman et al., 2011) Hence, there is a need for new or alternative therapeutic modalities for the treatment of DM.

*Ayurveda* is a commonly practiced ancient art of alternative medicine in India, which simply means 'Science of Life'. The main purpose of *Ayurveda* is to keep an equilibrium between the physiological and structural entities, which indicates good health. (AYUSH, 2007) The description of DM (*Madhumeha*) is present in the ancient Ayurvedic literature, indicating that the knowledge of the disease was present with the Ayurvedic physicians. (Upadhyay and Kamla, 1984) The Ayurvedic physicians are using a multi-faceted management approach to treat DM in India, which include the usage of *Panchakarma*, herbal preparations, yoga and breathing exercises along with diet modifications. Comprehensive diabetes care program (CDC) is one such alternative treatment modality, which includes a combination of herbal treatment with *Panchakarma* and allied therapies. The techniques used in *panchakarma* are *Snigdha* (Centripetal oleation), *Swedhana* (Thermal vasodilation) and *Basti* (per rectal drug administration), which are known to remove toxins from the body. (Mishra, 2003; Uebaba et al., 2008) However, there is a paucity of literature which indicates that this alternative treatment modality is efficient in controlling DM. Hence, a retrospective study was planned to assess the effect of CDC in the treatment of patients with DM.

HbA1C, the main indicator of DM control, was the primary outcome measure in this study. The body mass index (BMI) appears to have a direct





relationship with the relative risk of several chronic conditions, including DM, hypertension, coronary heart disease, and cholelithiasis (Willett *et al.*, 1999). Therefore, those DM patients who had a pre-obese BMI range were enrolled to assess the effect of CDC on various metabolic parameters like BMI, weight and abdominal girth along with the effect on HbA1c.

### Subjects and Methods

This was a retrospective study conducted between May 2013 to April 2018, wherein we identified the data of patients who had attended the out-patient departments (OPDs) at multiple *Madhavbaug* clinics located in various cities of Maharashtra in India and were suffering from DM. The data of patients having an HbA1c level above 7% were included in the study. The other main inclusion criterion was that the included patients must have a baseline BMI between 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> to 29.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, as the study intended to include pre-obese patients with DM. The patients were administered CDC once a week in the 1<sup>st</sup> month, followed by once a month in the next two months. Data of only those patients were included who had received the scheduled sitting in a span of 90 days. Cases were identified, and data were assessed from the records of *Madhavbaug* clinics in Maharashtra. The selection was based upon the availability of complete relevant baseline data (day 1 of CDC) and final day data (day 90 of CDC) of the patients. The information about prescribed concomitant allopathic medicines was also noted down. The CDC is a 3-step procedure which lasts for about an hour per sitting. The details of the regimen have been mentioned in table 1. Various

procedures of the CDC regimen were carried out on a single day for one single patient.

On day 1 of CDC, the fasting serum HbA1c of the patients was assessed along with the assessment of the weight, height and the abdominal girth. The details of the concomitant anti-hyperglycaemic treatment were also noted down on day 1. These details were again noted down on day 90 of CDC, for comparison with the baseline (day 1) findings. The BMI for day 1 and day 90 of the patients was calculated by checking the weight and the height from the medical data sheets of patients and using the formula: *weight in kilograms/height in meters*<sup>2</sup>. Diabetic diet plan, based on the principle of low-calorie and low-carbohydrate diet, was followed by the patients throughout the 90 days study period. Data were pooled and coded in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. R Version 3.4.1 software was used to analyze the data. Categorical data were expressed in the form of frequency (%) and continuous data were expressed in the form of Mean  $\pm$  SD. The paired t-test was used to assess the statistical difference between baseline and 90<sup>th</sup> day values. The correlation between abdominal girth and HbA1c as well as between abdominal girth and BMI was calculated using Pearson correlation coefficient. Scatter plot and bar graphs were used to represent the results.

### Results and Discussion

The study comprised of 89 participants with smoking male predominance (58.43%). Baseline characteristics of the study participants were as given in table 2. Nearly three-fourth of the study participants had past-history of diabetes mellitus, while the second highest morbidity history

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concomitant medications for DM as well as other co-morbidities. We compared the consumption of the allopathy medications by the participants, on day 90 and day 1, to check whether there was any reduction in the dependency on these standard medications by CDC. Table 5-Figure 6 gives the comparison between the consumption of allopathic medicines at day 1 and day 90.

Ayurvedic practitioners have been treating DM using various preparations like *Chandraprabha* for a long time. It is hypothesized that Ayurvedic medicines may be acting via various potential pancreatic and extra-pancreatic effects. Comprehensive diabetes care (CDC) is one such Ayurvedic intervention which consists of 3 main components: *Suchna* (Centripetal oleation), *Swedna* (Thermal vasodilatation) and *Basti* (per rectal drug administration).

We assessed the effects of this treatment technique on HbA1c, weight, BMI and abdominal girth. All these parameters were significantly reduced in the patients on CDC management, at the end of 90 days. HbA1c is a significant indicator of long-term glycaemic control in DM patients, with the capability to reflect the cumulative glycaemic control in the previous two to three months (Sherwani *et al.*, 2016). Therefore, HbA1c was our primary parameter and the reduction in HbA1c by CDC gives a good evidence. Literature search revealed that even a mildly increased BMI can increase the chances of developing complications in DM (Giray *et al.*, 2015) the positive effect of CDC in decreasing BMI can help prevent the potential complications too. Research articles have mentioned that abdominal girth is the best

There was a positive correlation between abdominal girth and BMI ( $r=0.28$ ) on the 1st day of the treatment and it was statistically significant ( $p=0.007$ ), the same is shown in figure 5.3. After 90 days of treatment we found a highly significant positive relationship between abdominal girth and BMI ( $r=0.48$ ,  $p<0.001$ ) same is shown in figure 5.4.

The study participants were on various



parameter to assess adiposity and predict the outcome of DM. (Ghosh and Bandyopadhyay, 2012) Hence, we measured the effect of CDC over abdominal girth, which revealed positive outcome. We also found a strong positive correlation between BMI and HbA1c at the end of CDC treatment. This goes in sync with a research by Gummeson *et al.*, which mentioned that weight loss in the overweight population is

consistently associated with HbA1c, in a dose dependent manner. (Gummeson *et al.*, 2017) We also found a reduction in the patients who were on these allopathic drugs. This indicates that CDC may be one of the factors associated with the decrease in load of medications in DM patients, and also helps them in avoiding the potential adverse effects of the allopathic medications.

**Table.1 Study Treatment: Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC)**

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Step of CDC	Type of Therapy	Herbs used for therapy	Duration of Therapy
<i>Snehana</i>	Massage or external oleation (centripetal upper strokes on the body)	100 ml <i>Ezobrachyandica</i> (neem) extract processed in sesame oil	20 minutes
<i>Swedana</i>	Passive heat therapy to the body	<i>Dashmoool</i> (group of ten herbal roots) with steam at < 40 degrees Celsius)	15-20 minutes + 3-4 minutes of relaxation after procedure
<i>Basti kaulha</i>	Per-rectal drug administration should be in body for $\leq 15$ minutes for maximum absorption	Mixture of 40% <i>Gudmar</i> ( <i>Gymnema sylvestre</i> ), 20% <i>Daurhadr</i> ( <i>Berberis aristata</i> ) and 40% <i>Tashimodim</i> ( <i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i> )	10 minutes

**Table.2 Baseline characteristics of the study participants**

Variable	N=89
Age (Years)	56.19 $\pm$ 10.98
<b>Gender n (%)</b>	
Male	52 (58.4)
Female	37 (41.6)
<b>Co morbidities n (%)</b>	
Hypertension	39 (43.82)
Obesity	15 (16.85)
Dyslipidemia	10 (11.24)
Ischemic heart disease	8 (8.99)
Coronary artery disease	5 (5.62)
Chronic heart failure	3 (3.37)
Hypothyroidism	3 (3.37)
Chronic kidney disease	1 (1.12)
H/O Coronary angioplasty	1 (1.12)





Age is expressed in mean  $\pm$  SD and % of

Table.3 Comparison of various body parameters at the 1<sup>st</sup> day and after 90 days of the treatment

Variable	Baseline	After 90 days	t-statistic	p-value
HbA1c	9.02 $\pm$ 1.79	6.86 $\pm$ 1.24	12.78	<0.001***
BMI (Kg m <sup>-2</sup> )	27.24 $\pm$ 1.33	25.39 $\pm$ 1.53	15.242	<0.001***
Abdominal girth	97.12 $\pm$ 7.03	91.64 $\pm$ 6.26	10.68	<0.001***
SBP (mmHg)	131.60 $\pm$ 16.10	122.83 $\pm$ 13.56	5.65	<0.001***
DBP (mmHg)	81.75 $\pm$ 9.43	77.02 $\pm$ 6.81	5.23	<0.001***

\*\*\*Highly significant; BMI: Body Mass Index; HbA1c: Haemoglobin A1c; SBP: Systolic blood pressure; DBP: Diastolic blood pressure

Table.4 Correlation between Abdominal Girth, HbA1c & Abdominal Girth, BMI

Correlation between	Baseline		After 90 days	
	r	p-value	r	p-value
Abdominal girth and HbA1c	0.018	0.87	0.183	0.084
Abdomen girth and BMI	0.28	0.007	0.48	<0.001
HbA1c and BMI	-0.008	0.94	0.12	0.26

Table.5 Consumption of medicines at baseline and after 90 days

Medicine	Day 1	After 90 days
Sulfonylurea	39 (43.82)	22 (24.72)
Biguanide	54 (60.67)	33 (37.08)
Alpha-glucosidase inhibitor	13 (14.61)	7 (7.87)
DPP -4 inhibitor	17 (19.1)	2 (2.25)
Thiazolidinedione	2 (2.25)	9 (10.11)
Insulin	7 (7.87)	1 (1.12)
Beta blocker	11 (12.36)	6 (6.74)
ACE inhibitor	2 (2.25)	0 (0)
ARB	20 (22.47)	14 (15.73)
CCB	14 (15.73)	7 (7.87)
Diuretic	9 (10.11)	4 (4.49)
Statin	26 (29.21)	10 (11.24)
NSAID	14 (15.73)	8 (8.99)
No medicine	13 (14.61)	40 (44.94)



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Fig.5 Correlation between Abdominal Girth, HbA1c & Abdominal Girth, BMI

Fig 5.1 Abdominal girth & HbA1c at1st day

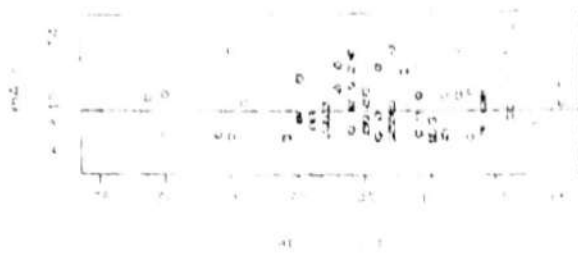


Fig 5.2 Abdominal girth & HbA1c at 90th day

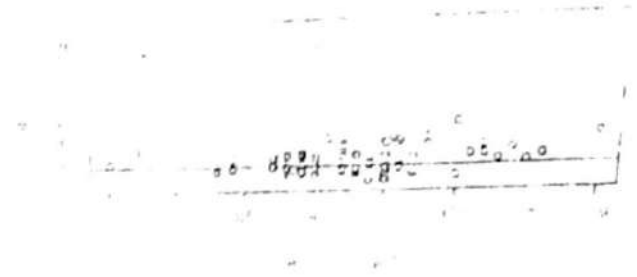


Fig 5.3 Abdominal girth & BMI at1st day

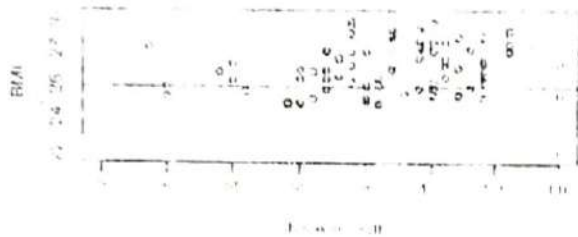


Fig 5.4 Abdominal girth & BMI at 90th day

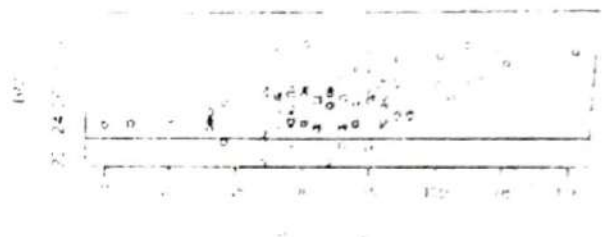


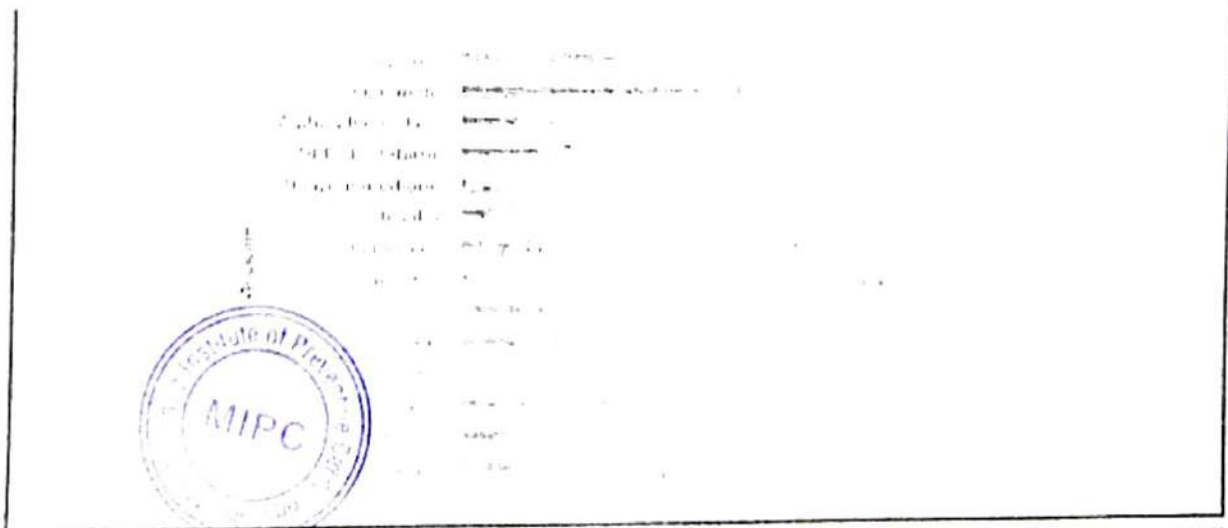
Fig 5.5 HbA1c & BMI at1st day



Fig 5.6 HbA1c & BMI at 90th day



Fig 5.7 Correlation between Abdominal Girth, HbA1c and BMI at 1st and 90th day



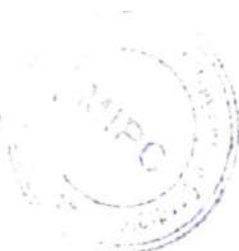


*Snehana* is provided using *Aeem* (*Azadiractaindica*) oil all over the body. Oleation is an anxiolytic procedure which decreases the sympathetic stress. The reduced sympathetic action decreases the hepatic glucose production, which can be helpful to reduce blood sugar levels. *Azadiractaindica* has antibacterial and antifungal action that can also help to reduce skin infections in DM patients. (Subapriya and Nagini, 2005) *Svedana* is a process wherein diabetic patients get sleep inside a wooden box full of steam with head and neck outside the box, temperature being maintained around 40-45-degree Celsius. After 15-20 min patient is asked to come outside the box. It is hypothesized that hot fomentation, which is a relaxing process, induces sweating and decreases the excess of sodium and water which comprehensively helps to improve vascular health of DM patient to keep them away from probable vascular complications. *Basti* involves per rectal administration of ayurvedic herbal extracts like *Gudmar* (*Gymnema sylvestre*), *Daruharidra* (*Berberis aristate*) and *Yashtimadhu* (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*). *Gymnema sylvestre* has been found to stimulate insulin release, which may be responsible for its possible anti-hyperglycaemic action. (Persaud, 1999) The insulin release may be due to the possible regeneration of islet of Langerhans, as mentioned in a study conducted on streptozotocin -diabetic rats. (Shanmugasundaram et al., 1990) An animal study assessed the anti-hyperglycaemic action

of *Berberis aristate* and found strong potential in regulating homeostasis. (Singh and Kakkar, 2009) A clinical study conducted in type 2 DM patients found that *Berberis aristate* can reduce HbA1c efficiently. (Di Pierro et al., 2013) In a pre-clinical study, *Glycyrrhiza glabra* has been found to prevent the deleterious effects of DM on learning and memory. (Hasanein, 2011) It is, however, important to note that low carbohydrate diet of 800 calories/day was advised to these patients throughout the 90 days period that could have add on benefit to this intervention.

Diabetes is known to be associated with poor dietary choices. Dietary choices is a key driver for insulin resistance, especially in an aging and sedentary population. Increased consumption of calorie-dense foods like fast food, meats and other animal fats, highly refined grains, and sugar-sweetened beverages, are thought to play a critical role in the rising rates of type 2 diabetes worldwide. Dietary changes like intake of low calories & high consumption of complex carbohydrates like high intake of fruits and vegetables, legumes, nuts, good quality fat can help in reducing insulin resistance. As per one of the studies, beta cell failure & insulin resistance can be alleviated by acute negative energy balance. Fasting blood glucose and hepatic insulin sensitivity reduced to normal & intrahepatic lipid decreased by 30% over 8 weeks and beta cell function elevated towards normality. (Lim, 2011; Yancy, 2005; Sami, 2017; McMacken and Shah, 2017)

For weight loss one should reduce to around





1000kcal/day which will help reduce 1 kg of body weight per week & 4kg per month. Low-calorie and low-carbohydrate diet helps in utilization of intra organ fat and reduces insulin resistance which will help in the reversal of diabetes. Diet plan recommended to the patients was based on this principle of low-calorie and low-carbohydrate diet, which is to be followed for 12 weeks. It is based on pulse protein, complex carbohydrates, consumption of fruits and vegetables as well as good quality fats. As the diet plan is low in calories, it can lead to normalise insulin secretion and control diabetes.

This study had a few limitations. It was a single-arm, retrospective study due to which the results were not compared with the standard care. However, this study was a proof-of-concept research, and future cohort studies with larger sample size and longer duration follow-up may be conducted, to generate a stronger evidence.

Treatment with CDC showed a significant decrease in the HbA1c levels of diabetic patients. CDC also showed significant reduction in the metabolic parameters of weight, BMI and abdominal girth of the diabetic patients. Moreover, CDC also decreased the dependency of the diabetic patients on the standard allopathic medications.

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