



A Randomized Comparative Clinical Study To Evaluate The Efficacy Of Gomutra Haritaki Over Guda Haritaki In The Management Of Shushkarsha (2nd Degree Internal Hemorrhoids) – A Clinical Trial

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Abstract: Background: Shushkarsha (internal hemorrhoids) is a common anorectal disorder impacting quality of life, often managed with various Ayurvedic formulations.

Objective: To evaluate and compare the clinical efficacy of Gomutra Haritaki and Guda Haritaki in managing 2nd degree internal hemorrhoids.

Methods: Forty-four patients meeting inclusion criteria were randomized into two groups. Group A received Gomutra Haritaki (5 gm twice daily), and Group B received Guda Haritaki (5 gm twice daily) for 28 days. Efficacy was measured by symptom reduction using standardized assessment scales for pain, constipation, pile mass, dyspepsia, and pruritus.

Results: Both treatments produced highly significant improvement in cardinal symptoms, with nearly identical efficacy on pain (87.8% vs 88.4%), complete resolution of constipation in both groups, and marked reduction of pile mass, dyspepsia, and pruritus.

Conclusion: Both Gomutra Haritaki and Guda Haritaki are highly effective for 2nd degree internal hemorrhoids. Differences in overall improvement were minimal, suggesting comparable efficacy.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda emphasizes holistic management for maintaining health and treating diseases, including surgical and non-surgical approaches. Anorectal disorders like Arshas (hemorrhoids) are increasingly prevalent due to lifestyle changes and poor dietary habits. While classical texts propose multiple treatment strategies, including medicinal, surgical, kshara, and agni karma therapies, there is ongoing interest in optimizing oral therapies to reduce symptoms and avoid surgical complications. This study focuses on evaluating Gomutra Haritaki and Guda Haritaki for managing Shushkarsha (2nd degree internal hemorrhoids), aiming for a scientific, evidence-based comparison.

II. METHODOLOGY

Study Design: Randomized, comparative, open clinical study involving 44 patients diagnosed with 1st and 2nd degree internal hemorrhoids, aged 20–70 years.

Exclusion Criteria: Patients with external piles, associated proctological diseases, systemic illnesses (e.g., DM, HIV, malignancy), or unwillingness for oral therapy were excluded.

Group Allocation:

- Group A (Trial): Gomutra Haritaki (5 gm twice daily)
- Group B (Control): Guda Haritaki (5 gm twice daily)

Duration: 28 days with assessments at day 1, 16, and 29.

Primary Outcome Measures: Symptom scoring for pain (VAS), constipation, mass per anum, dyspepsia, and pruritus, graded for severity.

Preparation of Drugs: Haritaki churna was prepared as per classical guidelines; Gomutra and guda were incorporated as per group assignment.

Statistical Analysis: Data were analyzed using standard methods, with outcomes presented as mean improvements and percentage changes.

III. RESULTS

Baseline Demographic Distribution

- **Age:** The majority in both groups belonged to the 34–40 years range (Group A: 50%, Group B: 40.9%). The rest were mainly 40–46 years (22.7% and 36.4%), 46–52 years (27.3% and 18.2%), and only one subject over 52 in Group B (4.5%). Both groups had equal total participants (n=22 each).
- **Sex:** Group A comprised 45.5% males and 54.5% females, while Group B showed an even split (50% each).
- **Occupation:** Most were in private jobs (Group A: 45.5%; Group B: 40.9%) and self-employed positions (31.8% and 40.9%).
- **Religion and Diet:** Hindus were the majority in both groups (Group A: 90.9%; Group B: 81.8%). Most consumed a mixed diet (77.3% and 68.2%).
- **Position of Hemorrhoids:** The 3 o'clock position was most common in Group A (54.5%); in Group B, distribution was between 3, 7, and 9 o'clock positions (31.8% each).

Symptom	Group A	Group B
Pain	88.8%	88.4%
Mass per Anus	62.6%	59.0%
Constipation	100%	100%
Dyspepsia	75.1%	69.1%
Pruritis	79.8%	79.3%

All findings were statistically highly significant ($p < 0.001$).

- **Pain:** Marked reduction from baseline to end of study (mean reduction for Gomutra: 2.63 to 0.32, $t=16.8$, $p=0.0001$; for Guda: 2.77 to 0.32, $t=22.5$, $p=0.001$).
- **Mass Per Anum:** Significant size reduction in both groups (Gomutra: 1.95 to 0.73, Guda: 2.00 to 0.82).
- **Constipation:** Complete resolution observed in both groups (mean reduction to 0.00).
- **Dyspepsia & Pruritus:** Both showed highly significant improvement in both groups
- **Comparative Inference**

- Both formulations yielded highly significant improvement in all symptoms, with nearly identical pain relief, complete constipation resolution, and strong results for mass reduction, dyspepsia, and pruritus.
- While Gomutra Haritaki slightly outperformed Guda Haritaki in dyspepsia and mass reduction, Guda Haritaki had a marginally higher “good-to-excellent” response rate.
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IV DISCUSSION

The study results reinforce the therapeutic potential of both Gomutra Haritaki and Guda Haritaki in managing 2nd degree internal hemorrhoids. Both offered substantial, statistically significant improvements in all major symptoms. The similarity in outcomes suggests that either intervention is suitable for clinical use, with minor differences likely attributable to individual variation or compliance. The study supports the classical Ayurvedic approach to non-surgical management of Arshas, aligning with ancient and modern preferences for minimally invasive treatment.

V CONCLUSION

Both Gomutra Haritaki and Guda Haritaki are highly effective in the treatment of Shushkarsha (2nd degree internal hemorrhoids), with no substantial difference in overall efficacy. These results endorse the use of either formulation for non-surgical management of this condition in Ayurveda.

