

Efficacy of *Chandan Bala Lakshadi Tail* Matra Basti as Adjuvant Therapy in the Anorectal Ailments: A Case Series

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ABSTRACT

Ayurveda mentions several anorectal ailments, among which are *Bhagandara* (Anal Fistula), *Guda vidhradhi* (Rectal Abscess), *Parikartika* (Anal Fissure), and *Arsha* (Haemorrhoid), which are the most common. These illnesses may have several underlying causes and may result in a wide variety of symptoms. Present case series discusses a total of five instances in which majority of the patients were between the ages of 20 and 80 years. Pain and burning sensations during and after defecation, as well as perineal haemorrhage and hard stools, were prevalent complaints among these patients. Through local and physical examination, three anorectal ailments were detected: *Arsha* (internal external haemorrhoids), *Bhagandara* (anal fissure), and *Parikartika* (fissure in ano). Ultimately, anorectal procedures were carried, such as haemorrhoidectomy and Lord's anal dilatation with *Kshara Sutra* ligation. Anorectal concerns might impact a person's quality of life as they are unsettling, painful, and occasionally even life-altering. In the early stages, current therapy includes the use of soothing creams, gels, oral analgesics, and stool softeners, as well as surgical interventions such as sphincterotomy, fissurectomy, and Lord's dilatation. In anorectal conditions like *Parikartika* (anorectal fissure), *Bhagandara* (anorectal fistula), and *Arsha* (haemorrhoids), a more effective alternative treatment must be developed. *Chandan bala Lakshadi Tail Matra Basti* is beneficial in reducing irritation, spasm, and the perception of pain as well as bleeding per rectum and anal inflammation.

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda is a life science [1]. According to Acharya Charak, the primary goals of an Ayurveda is to preserve a person's health and treat illnesses in the sick [2]. People are sacrificing their personal time in order to do this, which is a major factor in the decline in health. In addition to working long hours and working both day and night shifts, the majority of people frequently experience poor and unsatisfactory sleep. All these unhealthy habits cause vitiation of Vata, Pitta, and Kapha Dosha. Intellectual mistake, or pradanyaparadha, is one of the potential causes of anorectal diseases [3]. This leads to an attraction to bad diets and lifestyles, which are major contributors to the development of anorexia. Ahitakara Ahara and Vihara are the primary causes of Gudagata Vikara (anorectal diseases). Gudagata Vikara in Ayurveda describes conditions affecting the anus and/or rectum. Arsha (haemorrhoids), Bhagandara (fistula-in-ano), Parikartika (fissure in ano), Guda Kandu (pruritus ani), and other terms are included in the Gudagata rog [4]. Both contemporary and Ayurvedic medicine have recommended a wide range of therapeutic approaches Ayurvedic medicine prescribes medications, Kshara karma (caustic alkali), Agni karma (cautery), and Shastra karma (surgery) [5].

Case 1

A 24-year-old female patient arrived at the Shalya Outpatient Department (OPD) complaining of hard stool, rectal bleeding, discomfort, and burning after defecation for the last six months. Following a rectal examination, a chronic fissure in the anus was discovered with a posterior sentinel tag at both the anterior and posterior midlines. Following all normal investigations, Lords anal dilatation with excision of tag as a surgical intervention was selected [Table/Fig-1]. In the Shalyatantra Department of MGACH and RC, the procedure involved Lord's anal dilatation, tag removal with thermal cauterization, under spinal anaesthesia. Painful faeces from sphincter spasm and fissure existence in Parakartika cases make the patient uneasy and prevent them from passing stool. Therefore, pain after surgery decreases as a result of the anal sphincters relaxing and the removal of damaged tissue from the fissure bed by thermal cauterization, both of which promote complete and healthy recovery [6].

Keywords: Anorectal fistula, Ayurvedic direction, Wound healing

Case 2

A 60-year-old male patient arrived with symptoms of pain both during and after defecation from one year, a boil in the perianal region from six months, and pus coming from the boil for two months. After conducting all necessary tests, a digital rectal examination found a persistent fistula with an internal opening at the 1 o'clock position. Under spinal anaesthesia, the Shalyatantra Department performed Lord's anal dilatation with probing and Kshara Sutra Liagation as surgical care [Table/Fig-1] (Case 2).

Case-1 Chronic fissure in ano with sentinel tag at 6 o' clock position.	Case-2 Fistula in ano at 1 o' clock position.	Case-3 External haemorroids at 3, 7, and 11 o'clock positions, along with a chronic fissure in ano sentinel tag at 6 o' clock position.	Case-4 Fistula in the ano at the 6 o'clock position	Case-5 External haemorrhoids were seen at 3, 7, and 11 o'clock positions.					
After 15 Days of application of Chandanbala Lakshadi Tail Matra Basti									
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Case-1	Case-2	Case-3	Case-4	Case-5					
Following treatment,	Following therapy, the fistula track	Following treatment, there was no blood	Following therapy, the fistula track was	Following treatment,					

[Table/Fig-1]: Cases with preoperative and postoperative images.

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Case 3

A 55-year-old male patient visited the Shalya OPD complaining of constipation, intermittent bleeding post-faeces from one year, and discomfort both during and after defecation. Proctoscopy was not performed during the digital rectal examination due to intense spasm. In anal region third degree interno external haemorrhoids were seen during operation at 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11 o' clock positions, along with a chronic fissure in ano sentinel tag at 6'o clock position. In anal region third degree interno external haemorrhoids were seen during operation at 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11 o' clock position. In anal region third degree interno external haemorrhoids were seen during operation at 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11 o' clock position. In anal region third tag removes the seen during operation at 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11 o' clock position. Following all necessary tests [Table/Fig-2], the Shalyatantra Department performed Lord's anal dilatation with tag removal by thermal cauterisation and open haemorrhoidectomy under spinal anaesthesia [Table/Fig-1] (Case 3).

Case 4

A 76-year-old man who came as a patient at the Shalya OPD complained of pus discharge from the anal area, as well as discomfort and burning during defecation from six months. A digital rectal examination found a persistent fistula in the anus at the six o'clock position. After performing all necessary tests, under spinal anaesthesia [Table/Fig-1] (Case 4), Lord's anal dilatation with probing, and Kshara Sutra Ligation were carried out in the Shalyatantra Department of MGACH and RC.

Case 5

A 61-year-old male patient consulted the Shalya OPD with symptoms of burning and intermittent discomfort in the anal region,

as well as a feeling of a mass there when strained from 4-5 months. External haemorrhoids were seen at the 3, 7, and 11 o'clock positions during a digital proctoscopic examination, along with mucosal prolapse at 7 o'clock and internal haemorrhoids at 1 and 5 o'clock. In the Shalyatantra Department of MGACH and RC, Lord's anal dilatation with open haemorrhoidectomy was performed after all normal investigations were completed under spinal anaesthesia [Table/Fig-1] (Case 5).

Following the surgery for each case, the common treatment plan detailed below was carried out [Table/Fig-3]. All five patients' metrics have shown significant improvement. After the administration of *Chandan bala lakshadi tail* matra basti, significant differences were seen in terms of pain, burning sensations, anal spasms, per rectal bleeding, and wound healing [Table/Fig-4,5] [6-9]. None of the patients showed any signs of wound discharge before surgery or after 1, 5, 7, and 15 days, respectively.

DISCUSSION

The same postoperative care was provided for all five cases, and analysis of the evaluation criteria revealed noteworthy findings. Painful faeces from sphincter spasm and fissure existence of fissures in Parakartika cases make the patients uneasy and prevent them from passing stool. Therefore, pain after surgery decreases as a result of the anal sphincters relaxing and the removal of damaged tissue from the fissure bed by thermal cauterisation, both of which promote complete and healthy recovery [10]. Burning and discomfort were dramatically reduced. Furthermore, there was no evidence of rectal

Investigation	Case 1	2	3	4	5	Normal range
	Hb-9.0	Hb-10.0	Hb-12.1	Hb-12.8	Hb-15	Male: 14-16 gm% Female: 11-14 gm%
	TLC-4000	TLC-10700	TLC-3400	TLC-8400	TLC-9800	4000-11000/cumm
	DLC-	DLC-	DLC-	DLC-	DLC-	
	N-58	N-60	N-52	N-62	N-68	40.75%
	L-30	L-32	L-42	L-28	L-27	20.45%
	E-02	E-03	E-02	E-01	E-01	1.6%
	M-03	M-05	M-04	M-03	M-04	2.10%
Complete Blood Count	B-00	B-00	B-00	B-00	B-00	0.2%
(CBC)	RBC-4.52	RBC-5.52	RBC-4.12	RBC-3.92	RBC-5.08	4.5-5.5 million
	Plt-2,69,000	Plt-1,80,000	Plt-1,50,000	Plt-3,39,000	Plt-2,06,000	150000-450000 mm
	PCV-32.7	PCV-34.7	PCV-36	PCV-38.7	PCV-44.5	Male-42-52% Female- 36-48%
	ESR-20	ESR-22	ESR-18	ESR-9	ESR-30	Male- 0.15 mm/hr Female- 0.20 mm/hr
	MCV-83	MCV-90	MCV-87	MCV-63	MCV-88	80-100 fl
	MCH-22.1	MCH-20.1	MCH-29.4	MCH-18.1	MCH-28.5	26.5-33.5 pg
	MCHC-31.6.7	MCHC-28.7	MCHC-35.7	MCHC-30.7	MCHC-32.6	31.5-35.5 g/dL
Bleeding Time (BT)	1 min 60	1 min 60	1 min 45	1 min 20	1 min 60	1-3 min
Clotting Time (CT)	2 min 55	3 min 50	6 min 35	2 min 60	3 min 20	3.9 min
Prothrombin Time (PT)	12.5	13.2	12.6	13.8	12.1	11.9 sec
International Normalised Ratio (INR)	1.05	1.11	1.05	1.17	1.10	1.0-1.5
Random Blood Sugar (RBS)	96	112	120	262	121	<140 mg/dL
HIV and HbsAg	Neg. and Non reactive	Neg. and Non reactive				
Urine (Routine and Microscopy)	No abnormality present	No abnormality present	No abnormality present	No abnormality present Expect 0-2 pus cells	No abnormality present	
Liver Function test (LFT)	Within normal limits	Within normal limits	Within normal limits	Within normal limits	Within normal limits	
Kidney Function test (KFT)	Within normal limits	Within normal limits	Within normal limits	Within normal limits	Within normal limits	

Hb: Haemoglobin; TLC: Total leukocyte count; DLC: Differential leukocyte count; N: Neutrophil; L: Lyphocyte; E: Eosinophil; M: Monocyte; B: Basophil; RBC: Red blood cell; Plt: Platelet; PCV: Packed cell volume; ESR: Erythrocyte sedimentation rate; MCV: Mean corpuscular volume; MCH: Mean corpuscular haemoglobin; MCHC: Mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration

Sr. no.	Management	Duration	
Antacid	Inj. Pantaprazole 40 mg- i.vOD	From POD-0 to POD-01	
Antibiotics	Inj. Cefotaxime 1 gm i.v BD i.v. Metronidazole 100 mL (500 mg)- TDS	For POD-0 and 1	
	After eating, Take two tabs of Triphala Guggul with a cup of moderately warm water	From POD-07 for 15 days	
I.v. Fluids	i.v. RL/DNS/NS -500 mL as maintenance	For POD- 0 and 1	
Ayurvedic management	Chandan bala lakshadi tail	10 mL for POD-0 and 5 mL from POD-1 twice in day to POD-15	
Laxatives	Syp. Duphalac 30 mL HS	POD-0 to POD-4	
	Syp. Abhyarista 20 mL-BD with cup of Luke warm water	From POD-5	
	Panchsakar churna 5 gm with cup of Luke warm water-BD	From POD-5	
Anglangia	Inj. Diclofenac sodium 75 mg IM Diclofenac suppository (100 mg) for local application		
Analgesia	Tab. {Paracetamol (325 mg), Diclofenac (50 mg) and (serratiopeptidase 15 mg)} 1 Tab SOS	SOS	
Ahara	Soft diet	POD-0	
	High fibre food and normal diet (avoid spicy food)	From POD-1	
Vihara	Sitz bath with luke warm water-BD	From POD-1	

[Table/Fig-3]: Postoperative maintena

POD: Postoperative day; HS: Hora somni (at bed time); BD: Bis in Die (Twice a day); TDS: Terdie sumendum (Three times a day); IM: Intramuscular; SOS: Si opus sit (as and when required)

Sr. no.	Assessment parameter	Grade	Assessment criteria		
1		0	No pain		
	Pain [6] as	1	Mild (1-3)		
	per VAS scale	2	Moderate (4-6)		
		3	Severe (7-10)		
	Burning sensation [7]	0	No burning sensation		
2		1	(Mild degree) Burning feeling 15 minutes after bowel movements		
		2	(Moderate degree) Burning for 15 to 30 minutes after bowel movements		
		3	Severe burning that is intolerable and lasts longer than 30 minutes both before and after bowel movements		
		0	Normal (1 finger can pass)		
3	Spasm [7]	1	With extreme pain, a finger can be passed.		
		2	No finger can be passed		
	Bleeding per rectum [7]	0	No bleeding		
4		1	Bleeding during defecation up to 10 drops		
4		2	Bleeding during defecation 10 to 20 drops		
		3	Splash in a pan		
	Wound healing [8]	0	Complete wound healing and a healthy scar		
5		1	Wound that has partially healed and healthy granulation tissue		
		2	Cleaned wound without slough/discharge		
		3	Wound with discharge		
6	Wound discharge [9]	0	No discharge		
		1	Serous discharge		
6		2	Mucous discharge		
		3	Mucopurulent discharge		
[Table/Fig-4]: Assessment criteria [6-9].					

haemorrhage. Changes in Ahara and Vihara, leads to changes in Agni Dushti, which results in constipation, which is the main

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cause of Anorectal ailments. Based on cellular absorption of the medication, local application of Chandanbala lakshadi Tail matra basti operates as Snehan (oleation), Vranaropan cicatrisation, Raktaprasadan (blood function and structure maintenance and regulation), Dahaprashaman mahakshaya (pacifying burning sensation), improving the healing of anal fissure wounds. It helps to calm the burning experience because of its cooling effects. The ingredients of Chandan bala lakshadi Tail ingredients include astringent, anti-inflammatory, and soothing properties that aid in the wound healing of Anorectal ailments [9].

Chandan (Santalum album): According to Ayurveda, Chandan's astringent properties aid in the healing of wounds caused by Kashaya rasa. It is widely accepted that Chandan controls its ability to reduce inflammation through a variety of mechanisms. Its radical scavenging properties reduce fissure-in-ano tenderness, while its antioxidant properties suppress the oxidising enzyme 5-lip oxygenase. Many gram-positive bacterial strains alongside certain gram-negative bacterium strains were identified as being resistant to the antibacterial properties of Chandan (Santalum album) oil [11].

Yastimadhu (Glycyrrhiza glabra): The phenolic component in the ethanolic extract, which possesses considerable free radical scavenging and hydrogen-donating characteristics, is responsible for its antioxidant activity. Strong antibacterial activity is reported in the yasthimadhu root extract as it contains alkaloids, flavonoids, and saponins [12].

Nagkeshar (Mesua ferrea): Mesua ferrea's Nagkeshar has an astringent flavour. According to a recent study, xanthones, which are advantageous for inflammation prevention and may lessen pain, are present in Mesua ferrea. The astringent, anti-inflammatory, and antiulcerogenic properties of Laksha (Laccifer lacca) help to treat ulcers and stop bleeding from fissure beds [13].

Ashwagandha (Withania somnifera) and Nisha (Curcuma longa): Both Ashwagandha (Withania somnifera) and Nisha (Curcuma longa) both have anti-inflammatory and shotha har effects. Turmeric's main constituents, flavonoids, curcumin, and other volatile oils, such as tumerone and zingiberone, are important in imparting antioxidant and anti-inflammatory action [14].

Devdaru (Cedrus deodara): Due to its anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and wound-healing characteristics, devdaru oil is guite successful in the management of infected wounds. Due to the presence of acetylcholine, nicotine, and serotonin in Devdaru, it has a spasmolytic effect which significantly reduces spasms [15,16].

Shunthi (Zingiber officinale): Shunthi's antioxidant properties, which are beneficial for wound healing as a result of its gingerol, shogaol, and other related phenolic ketone derivatives, might be effective in the present case series. In traditional Ayurvedic texts, shanthi (Zingiber officinale) has shulaprashamana (analgesic) properties. Due to its astringent qualities, bala (Sidacordifolia) relieves local discomfort and is beneficial for wound healing [17].

Usheer (Vetiveria zizanioides): Usheer (Vetiveria zizanioides) has been referenced in several Ayurvedic texts for its antispasmodic, antibacterial, and cooling properties. Because Rasna (Pluchealanceolata) contains a higher concentration of phenolic and ascorbic acid, which combat inflammation, it is effective in reducing pain, spasm, and discomfort in Anorectal illnesses [18,19].

Musta (Cyperus Rotundus): Wound healing is aided by the tannins, flavonoids, and polyphenols found in the chemical extract of musta. Musta has antiallergic properties that might minimise inflammation in the perianal area. The potency of the plants Sheeta (cold), Kashaya (astringent), Musta haskatu (pungent), and Tikta (bitter). It works well to relieve the burning sensation in the anal area in ano [20-22].

Katurohini (Picrorhiza kurra) and Kusta (Saussurealappa): Antibacterial and antioxidant attributes exist in katurohini (Picrorhiza

Sr. no.	Assessment		Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4	Case 5
1		Preoperative day	3	2	1	2	3
		POD-1	1	1	1	1	2
	Pain	POD-5	1	1	0	1	1
		POD-7	0	0	0	0	0
		POD-15	0	0	0	0	0
2		Preoperative day	3	3	3	3	3
		POD-1	1	1	1	0	1
	Burning sensation	POD-5	0	0	0	0	0
		POD-7	0	0	0	0	0
		POD-15	0	0	0	0	0
		Preoperative day	1	1	0	0	1
		POD-1	0	0	0	0	0
3	Spasm	POD-5	0	0	0	0	0
		POD-7	0	0	0	0	0
		POD-15	0	0	0	0	0
		Preoperative day	1	0	1	0	2
		POD-1	0	0	0	0	1
4	Bleeding per rectum	POD-5	0	0	0	0	1
		POD-7	0	0	0	0	0
		POD-15	0	0	0	0	0
		POD-1	2	2	2	2	2
_		POD-5	1	1	1	1	1
5	Wound healing	POD-7	1	1	1	1	1
		POD-15	1	1	1	1	1
6		Preoperetive day	1	1	1	1	2
		POD-1	1	0	0	1	1
	Wound discharge	POD-5	0	0	0	0	1
		POD-7	0	0	0	0	0
		POD-15	0	0	0	0	0
[Table/Fig-5	5]: Assessment parameters.	· · ·		·	·	·	·

kurra) Kusta (*Saussurealappa*), which has calming, ulcer-fighting, and spasmolytic properties, is highly effective in treating anal fissure. Two naturally occurring compounds that are antibacterial are costunolide and dehydrocostus lactone and aid in preventing bacteria from growing in wounds [23,24].

Manjishta (*Rubia cordifolia*): Manjishta (*Rubia cordifolia*) extracts' antioxidant capacities were also evaluated, and they proved useful in in-vivo studies on wound healing. Manjistha (*Rubia cordifolia*) has both Raktaprasadhak and Vranaropak properties, in keeping with Ayurvedic theory [25].

Teela Tail (sesame oil): *Teela Tail* (sesame oil), a substance with Guru-Snigdha Guna and antibacterial abilities, reduces Vata's Rukshata. *Teela Tail*'s amount of tannin gives it an antibacterial and astringent nature that aids in the healing of Vrana [26].

All of the aforementioned *Tila Tail* attributes aid in the healing of anal region wounds. *Chandan bala lakshadi tail* is a local implementation used in the conservative management of anorectal disorders. Patients with *Tail* Matra basti had pain alleviation in the anal area. Earlier studies have been done on *chandan bala lakshadi tail* as pichu in only parikartika (Fissure in ano), but the current case series focuses on the utility of chanadan bala lakshadi as basti in all types of anorectal ailments [9].

CONCLUSION(S)

Chandan bala lakshadi Tail has been shown to be useful in reducing discomfort, inflammation, and anorectal bleeding, spasm, as well as wound healing in the anorectal area. Additionally, *Chandan bala lakshadi Tail* has antiulcer, anti-inflammatory, and skin regeneration abilities. Consequently, it can be said that this oil is beneficial for

treating anorectal ailments. The use of *Chandan bala lakshadi Tail* to treat anorectal ailments has not been associated with any complications or adverse effects. In the future, case-control studies and randomised clinical trials should be performed to verify the effectiveness of the current Ayurvedic treatment.

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