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# COMPARATIVE STUDY OF DASAMOOLA KWATHA AND DASAMOOLARISHTA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THEIR METHOD OF PREPARATION AND USES

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Dasamoola denotes to a polyherbal Ayurvedic preparation containing ten specific roots of medicinal plants which include five tree species called 'Brihat Panchamula' and five shrub species called 'Laghu Panchamoola'. Dasamoola Kwatha and Dasamoolarishta are popular Dasamoola preparations in liquid form because of their therapeutic effects. Therefore, they have been widely used for various disease conditions in Ayurveda. Dasamoola Kwatha is the decoction of Dasamoola whereas Dasamoola is a content of the Kwatha of Dasamoolarishta. Dasamoola Kwatha is varying with the condition for which it is used. This conceptual study was conducted by studying Ayurvedic Kwatha preparation, Sandhana Kalpana according to the Ayurvedic textbooks with the objective to compare the important ingredients of Dasamoola Kwatha and Dashamoolarishta. Also, modern scientific knowledge was explored in this study. The results of present study suggest that Kwatha and Arishta are the most suitable dosage forms of Dasamoola for the treatment of various disease conditions. Further findings also support that the traditional uses of different varieties of Dasamoola Kwatha have been designed specifically to address the individualized disease condition. When preparing a medicine for an individual patient, the traditional medical practitioners ideally take into account as such things of the patient more importantly affected Dosha, strength of the digestive fire, body tissues affected and the accumulated toxins. This shows that the Ayurvedic and Traditional preparations are often

complex in their composition which is responsible for various functions, such as balancing, stimulating, cleansing and nourishing which in turn stimulating the innate capacity of the body to heal itself.

Keywords: polyherbal, Brihat panchamula, Laghu panchamoola

#### INTRODUCTION

Dasamoola is a group of herbs containing two subgroups namely Brihath Panchamoola and Laghu Panchamoola.1 Brihath Panchamoola consists of five herbal roots namely Agnimantha (Clerodendrun phlomoidis), Bilva (Aegle marmelos), Shyonaka (Oroxylum indicum), Patala (Stereospermum suaveolens) and Gambhari (Gmelina arborea). Laghu Panchamula also consists of five herbal roots namely Shalaparni (Desmodium gangeticum), Prishniparni (Uraria picta), Brihati (Solanum indicum), Kantakarika (Solanum xanthocarpum) and Gokshura (Tribulus terrestris). Dasamoola Kwatha, is the decoction of these ten herbal roots.<sup>2</sup> Dasamoolarista is the fermented liquid medicinal preparation according to Sandhana Kalpana in which Dasamoola is one of ingredients in the decoction (Kwatha) known as Drava Dravya of its production.<sup>3</sup> Traditional medical practitioners use Dasamoola Kwatha & Dasamoolarishta which contain different or added ingredients according need of individualized treatments.

#### Aim & Objectives

- To evaluate the role of Dasamoola Kwatha and Dasamoolarishta which form part of the individualized treatments of traditional medical system.
- To compare the therapeutic benefits of Dasamoola Kwatha and Dasamoolarishta
- To evaluate the role of *Dasamoola Kwatha* with different ingredients and their specific *Anupana* used in many generations.

#### Methodology

This conceptual study was conducted by studying Ayurvedic *Kwatha* preparation, *Sandhana Kalpana* with relevant to the processes of preparation, methods of administration and therapeutic benefits according to the Ayurvedic textbooks. And also, it was intended to study the advantages of fermented liquors according to the concepts of modern science and to compare the benefits of *Dasamoolarishtaya* with the benefits of *Dashamula Kwatha*.

**Table 1:** Brihat Panchamoola<sup>4</sup>

No	Sanskrit Name	Latin Name
1.	Bilva	Aegle marmelos
2.	Shyonaka	Oroxylum indicum
3.	Gambhari	Gmelina arborea
4.	Agnimantha	Clerodendrun phlomidis
5.	Patala	Stereospermum suaveolens

Table 2: Laghu Panchamoola<sup>5</sup>

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No	Sanskrit Name	Latin Name
1.	Kantakari	Solanum xanthocarpum
2.	Brihati	Solanum indicum
3.	Shalaparni	Desmodium gangeticum
4.	Prishniparni	Uraria picta
5.	Gokshura	Tribulus terrestris

**Table 3:** Rasapanchaka of Dasamoola<sup>6</sup>

Rasa	Kashaya, Madhura
Guna	Guru, Ruksha
Virya	Ushna
Vipaka	Katu
Doshagnatha	Vata Kapha Shamaka

**Dasamoolarishta**<sup>7</sup>: Dasamoola is a content of the Kwatha of Dasamoolarishta. Arishta is that in which fermentation is allowed to proceed for generating alcohol in the liquids and ingredients kept after boiling.

Table 4: Composition of Kwatha Dravya of Dasamoolarishta

S.No	Sanskrit Name	Latin Name	Parts Used
1.	Bilva	Aegle marmelos	Roots
2.	Agnimantha	Clerodendrun phlomidis	Roots
3.	Shyonaka	Oroxylum indicum	Roots
4.	Patala	Stereospermum suaveolens	Roots
5.	Vartaki	Solanum indicum	Roots
6.	Kantakari	Solanum xanthocarpum	Roots
7.	Gokshura	Tribulus terrestris	Roots
8.	Shalaparni	Desmodium gangeticum	Roots
9.	Prishniparni	Uraria picta	Roots
10.	Kasmarya	Gmelina arborea	Roots
11.	Chitraka	Plumbago zeylanica	Roots
12.	Pushkara moola	Inula racemose	Roots
13.	Lodhra	Symplocos racemose	Stembark/ Roots
14.	Guduchi	Tinospora cordifolia	Stem
15.	Amalaki	Phyllanthus emblica	Fruit
16.	Duralabha	Fagonia cretica	whole plant
17.	Khadira	Acacia catechu	Heart wood
18.	Bijasara	Pterocarpus marsupium	heart wood
19.	Pathya	Terminalia chebula	Fruit
20.	Kushta	Saussurea lappa	Root
21.	Manjishta	Rubia cordifolia	Root
22.	Devadaru	Cedrus deodara	Heart wood
23.	Vidanga	Embelia ribes	Fruit
24.	Madhuka	Madhuca longifolia (Koen.)	Root
25.	Bharngi	Clerodendrum serratum	Root
26.	Kapittha	Feronia limonia	Fruit
27.	Bibhitaka	Terminalia bellirica	Fruit
28.	Punarnava	Boerhavia diffusa	Root
29.	Chavya	Piper retrofractum	Stem
30.	Jatamansi	Nordostachys jatamansi	Rhizome
31.	Priyangu	Callicarpa macrophylla	Flower
32.	Sariva	Hemidesmus indicus	Root
33.	Krishnajeeraka	Carum carvi	Fruit
34.	Trivrit	Operculina turpethum	Root
35.	Nirgundi	Vitex negundo	Seed
36.	Rasna	Pluchea lanceolate	Leaf
37.	Pippali	piper longum linn	Fruit
38.	Puga	Areca catechu	Seed
39.	Shati	Hedychium spicatum	Tubers

40.	Haridra	Curcuma longa	Rhizome
41.	Shatapushpa	Anethum sowa	Fruit
42.	Padmaka	Prunus cerasoides	Stem
43.	Nagakesara	Mesua ferrea	Stamen
44.	Musta	Cyperus rotundus	Rhizome
45.	Indrayava	Holarrhena antidysenterica	Seeds
46.	Shunthi	Zingiber officinalis	Rhizome
47.	Jivaka	Malaxis acuminta D.Don syn.	Stem
		Microstylis wallichii Lindl syn. Malaxis wallichii Deb.	
48.	Risabhaka	Microstylis muscifera Ridley	Root
49.			Root
All. syn. Convallaria verticillata L. syn Evallaria verticillata Neck			
50.	. Mahameda Polygonatum cirrhifolium (Wall.) Royle		Root
51.	Kakoli	Roscoea procera Wall. formerly Roscoea purpurea or Fritil-	Root
laria roylei Hook.f		laria roylei Hook.f	
52.	Kshirakakoli	Lilium polphyllum D.Don	Root
53.	Riddhi	Habenaria edgeworthii H.f. Root	
54.	Vriddhi	Habenaria intermedia D.Don syn. Habenaria arietina H.f. Roo	

**Table 5:** Composition of Kwatha Dravya of Draksha

S. No	Sanskrit Name	Latin Name	Parts Used
1.	Draksha	Vitis vinifera	Fruit
2.	Dhataki	Woodfordia fruticosa	Flower
3.	Guda	Jaggery	-
4.	Kshaudra	Honey	-

Table 6: Composition of Sukshma Churna Dravya

S. No	Sanskrit Name	Latin Name	Parts Used
1.	Kankola	Piper cubeba	Fruit
2.	Jala	Coleus vettiveroides	Root
3.	Chandana	Santalum album	Heart wood
4.	Jatiphala	Myristica fragrans	Seed
5.	Lavanga	Syzygium aromaticum	Flower bud
6.	Tvak	Cinnamomum zeylanicum	Stem bark
7.	Ela	Elettaria cardamomum	Seed
8.	Patra	Cinnamomum tamala	Leaf
9.	Kesara	Crocus sativus	Threads of flowers
10.	Pippali	Piper longum	Fruits
11.	Kataka Phala	Strychnos potatorum	Seed
12.	Kasturi	Moschus moschiferus	Secretion

#### **Method of Preparation**

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- **1.** *Dashamoola Kwatha*<sup>8</sup>: According to *Bhaisajya Ratnavali*, 01 Pala (48gm) of coarsely powdered drugs is boiled with 16 parts of water in an earthen pot, over a mild fire till the liquid is reduced to 1/8
- of quantity. Finally, the liquid should be strained through cloth.
- 2. Dasamoolarishta<sup>9</sup>: According to Sarngadhara Samhitha, mixing the Dasamoola Kwatha with the form of Yavakuta Churna of Dasamoola, Kwatha

of *Draksha* and *Guda*, *Madhu*, *Dhataki Pushpa* followed by *Prakshepa Dravya* in *Sandhana Patra*. Thereafter it is sealed properly and kept undis-

turbed. On the completion of the fermentation process, *Kataka Bija* is added to clear the liquid and filter the same. Finally, *Kasturi* is added to the filtered liquid.

Table 7: Different Varieties of Dasamoola Kwatha and Anupana mentioned in Ayurveda

No	Ingredients	Anupana	Therapeutic benefits
1.	Dasamoola <sup>10</sup>	Pippali powder	Controls diseases of throat (Kantagraha) and heart (Hrid graha)
2.	Dasamoola, Bala, Rasna, Puskaramula, Devadaru and Shunthi <sup>11</sup>	-	Provides relief from <i>Parsavasoola, Skandasoola</i> (pain in the shoulders) headache and other disorders like <i>Kasa</i> (cough) etc. caused from tuberculosis
3.	Dasamoola and Pippali <sup>12</sup>	lgm of pepper powder	The confection is an excellent recipe for the cure of <i>Kaphaja</i> type of <i>Kasa</i> , fever, bronchitis and pleurisy
4.	Dasamoola <sup>1 3</sup>	Honey	It cures Sutika problems
5.	Dasamoola <sup>14</sup>	lg of <i>Puskara</i> roots powder	Cures bronchitis, asthma, cases of pleurisy and pain in the cardiac region.
6.	Dasamoola <sup>15</sup>	Yavaksara (250mg) and pow- dered red rock salt (500mg)	In curing heart problems, Swasa, Gulma and Soola
7.	Dasamoola <sup>16</sup>	salt and <i>Kshara</i> -alkali preparation	Cures <i>Kasa</i> (cough) asthma, heart diseases, <i>Gulma</i> (phantom tumour) and colic pain.
8.	Dasamoola <sup>17</sup>	Purified <i>Silajathu</i> 1gm and jaggery 12 gm.	Cures such diseases as <i>Vata Kundalika</i> , <i>Asthila</i> and <i>Vata Vasti</i> (wind entered through enema)
9.	Dasamoola <sup>18</sup>	-	For Vatika type of Oedema
10.	Dasamoola <sup>19</sup>	Puskara roots powder	Gridhrasi Vata

#### **Results**

Table 8: Difference between Dashamoola Kwatha and Dasamoolarishta

S.No	Features	Dashamoola Kwatha	Dasamoolarishta
1.	Generation of No self-generated alcohol		Contains about 8 – 12 % of self-generated natural alcohol in it.
	alcohol		
2.	Dose	Usually the dose is 50ml	12 – 24 ml. One or two times a day, usually advised after food.
3.	Efficacy	Efficacy of the drug is reduced	Efficacy of the drug is not reduced with the time, usually it is
		with the time.	increased.
4.	Rasayana	No specifically identified	The medicine is a great <i>Rasayana</i> as well.
	guna	Rasayana guna.	It improves immunity and strength.
			It is used as a general health tonic
5.	Side Effects	No side effects identified	High dose may cause burning sensation, stomach disturbances.
6.	Contra indi-	Not contraindicated during	It is not prescribed as a tonic during pregnancy.
	cations	pregnancy.	

Dasamoola Kwatha promotes digestive power and it cures Kantharoga (diseases of throat). (B.R.165), Va-

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takapha Jwara, Sannipata Jwara, Sutika Dosa (diseases of puerperal woman), Sosha (emaciation), Saitya, Bhrama (dizziness), Sweda (Hyperhidrosis), Kasa

(cough), Swasa (breathlessness), Hridroga (diseases of heart), Parshwa Shula (pain in flank region), Tandra (drowsiness), Mastaka Sula (headache).<sup>20</sup>

Dasamoolalarishta is capable of alleviating many diseases in all the system of human body. It cures *Grahani* (Malabsorption syndrome), *Mandagni* (dyspepsia), *Aruchi* (anorexia), *Chardi* (vomiting), *Bhagandara* (anal fistula), *Kasa* (cough), *Gulma* (sprue or silosis), *Vata Vyadi* (Vata imbalance disorders), *Pandu Roga* (Anemia), *Kamala* (liver disorders, jaundice), *Kushtha* (skin disorders), *Arsas* (Piles), *Prameha* (Diabetes), *Udara* (Ascites), *Mutra Sarkara* (urinary gravels), *Asmari* (urinary calculi), *Mutrakricchra* (difficulty in urination), *Dhatu Kshaya* (in emaciated, lean and weak person) and *Meha* (urinary disorders).<sup>21</sup>

# Advantages of fermented liquors of *Dasamoolarishta*:

Ancient Ayurvedic teachers have invented *Sandhana kalpana* to increase absorption of active principles of herbs more to the human body when they are dissolved in a fermented base. Delivering medicaments to the body is higher in *Dasamoolarishta* which enhances the therapeutic benefits. Therefore, it is more beneficial to use *Dasamoolarista* than *Dasamoola Kwatha*.<sup>22</sup>

Also, *Arishta* is a herbarized wine, possessed with many medicinal qualities prescribed for varieties of ailments. These are generally delicious in taste and should be taken appropriately under guidance of a physician in adequate amount and duration without exceeding the prescribed volume.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Kwatha and Arishta are the most suitable dosage forms of Dasamoola for the treatment of relevant disease conditions. Traditional uses of different varieties of Dasamoola Kwatha have been designed specifically to address the particular individualized disease condition. Use of different varieties of Dasamoola Kwatha clearly shows a relationship between symptoms of illnesses and various forms of Dasamoola Kwatha prepared with different ingredients.

Ashtavarga is one of the most important ingredients in the Kwatha Dravya of Dasamoolarista which is having the properties of Jeevaniya and Vayasthapana. The

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herbs in the *Ashtavarga* are *Jeevaka*, *Rishbhaka*, *Meda*, *Mahameda*, *Kakoli*, *Kshira-kakoli*, *Riddhi* and *Vriddhi*. pharmacological actions of these can be compared with nutritive, antioxidant and anti-ageing effects. Therefore, *Dasamoolarista* by design gets all the qualities and pharmacological actions of *Ashtavarga* in it. <sup>23</sup>

Dashamularishta is a general health tonic and it improves immunity and strength. One of the most important advantageous outcomes of natural fermentation process of Dashamularishta is self-generating alcohol in it. This self-generated alcohol and the water present in the product acts as a media to deliver water and alcohol soluble active herbal components to the body. Therefore, the qualities of Dasamoola have been enhanced and produced multiple actions towards all the systems. Furthermore, this alcoholic base stabilizes this pharmaceutical product and protects its physical, chemical and therapeutic specifications by avoiding the microbial contamination.

With regard to the moderate alcohol consumption, it is advised to take up to one drink per day for women and up to two drinks per day for men. To make equation for moderate alcohol consumption in female, one should take 5 fl.oz of 12% alcohol (reference beverage). <sup>24</sup> Dosage of *Dasamoolarishta* per day is 40-80ml <sup>25</sup>

30ml of liquid

= One fluid ounce

80ml of Dasamularishta

= 1.fl.oz/30\*80

= 2.66 fl. Oz

Dasamoolarista daily dosage does not exceed the moderate alcohol consumption level and it provides more health benefits due to its natural fermentation process. Thus, it can lower risk of Cardiovascular diseases by raising levels of high-density lipoprotein (HDL) as higher HDL levels are associated with greater protection against heart diseases. Also, it can promote the life span by reducing the risk of death by 18%. Furthermore, Dasamoolarista improves libido by protecting against erectile dysfunction. Also, it can be helpful to prevent Common Cold and to decrease chances of developing Dementia. Moreover, Dasamoolarista can reduce the risk of Gallstones and lower the chance of type II Diabetes Mellitus.<sup>26</sup>

#### CONCLUSION

It is very useful to choose a suitable formula of *Dasamoola kwatha* in each disease condition where the drug is appropriate. Also, it is necessary to take *Anupana* of *Dasamoola Kwatha* into account in each disease condition.

In comparison with *Dasamoola Kwatha*, *Dasamoolarishta* is more active in every system of the body and its lingering capacity makes easier to treat patients who need it. Also, its number of therapeutic actions is higher when compared to *Dasamoola Kwatha*.

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