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Pharmaceutical and Analytical Study of Dhanyamla Prepared as per Sahasrayogam

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ABSTRACT

In Ayurveda we get different dosage forms like solid, semi-solid and liquid. Among them Dhanyamla comes under liquid dosage form of ShuktaSandhana Kalpana. It is the fermented liquid prepared by soaking the drugs in a solution for a specific period of time which is intended for internal or external use. It is beneficial in Urusthamba, Amavata, Arshas, Vruddhi, Athisthaulya, Rajayakshma, Prathishyaya, Vidradhi, Daha, Peenasa and Jwara. In this article the Dhanyamla is prepared according to Sahasrayoga. The ingredients mentioned are Tandula (Oryza sativa), Pruthuka (pressed form of Oryza sativa), Kulattha (Macrotyloma uniforum), Laja (puffed form of Oryza sativa), Kangubeeja (Panicum sumatrense), Kodrava (Paspalum scrobulatum), Nagara (Zingiber officinale), Nimbuka (Citrus aurantifolia), Deepyaka (Trachyspermum) and water are fermented and analysis was carried out. **Keywords:** Sahasrayogam, Shukta, sandhanakalpana

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INTRODUCTION

The word Dhanyamla is comprised of two word, viz. Dhanya and Amla. It is a sour medicated liquid preparation prepared by fermentation process of various grains [1, 2]. It can be used both internally and externally. Internally it is used for Pana (drinking) as it increases digestive power and appetite. For externally, used for AvagahaSweda, Parisheka, NadiSweda, Upanaha.Sweda, UtkarikaSweda and Udavartana, Virechana, AsthapanaVasti and Shirodhara. The aim of the study to prepare *Dhanyamla* per *SahasraYogam* and determine physico-chemical analysis of *Dhanyamla*.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Raw materials required for preparation of *Dhanyamla* were purchased from the local market of Vadodara, Gujarat. After collection and proper cleaning of all the ingredients, *Dhanyamla* was prepared in the Department of *Rasashastra* and *Bhaishajya Kalpana*, Parul Institute of Ayurveda and Research (Teaching Pharmacy), Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat. The method of preparation of *Dhanyamla* is taken from *SahasraYogam* and related data collected from scientific articles and journals.

Table 1 - The Ingredients and Parts used in the Preparation of the Dhanyamla [3-16]

S. No.	Name of the Sample	Botanical Name	Family	Useful Part	Proportion
1.	Tandula	Oryza sativa	Poaceae	Seed	10 Prastha
2.	Pruthaka	Oryza sativa (Pressed form)	Poaceae	Seed	10 Prastha
3.	Kulattha	Macrotyloma uniflorum	Leguminosae	Seed	10 Prastha
4.	Laja	Oryza sativa (Puffed form)	Poaceae	Seed	4 Prastha
5.	Kangubeeja	Panicum sumatreneroth	Poaceae	Seed	1 Adhaka
6.	Kodrava	Paspalum scrobiculatum	Poaceae	Seed	4 Prastha
7.	Nagara	Zingiber officinale	Zingiberaceae	Rhizome	2 Prastha
8.	Nimbuka	Citrus aurantifolia	Rutaceae	Fruit	4 Prastha
9.	Deepyaka (Ajamoda)	Trachyspermuminvolucratum	Apiaceae	Seed	8 Kudava
10.	Ushnodaka			•	200 Prastha

Method of Preparation of Dhanyamla

It is prepared in two steps

Step 1: Preparation of Ingredients

On auspicious day all ingredients cleaned coarse powder was made and taken in earthen pot. Water was added and boiled. Then it was be closed with an earthen lid and sealed by wrapping clay and cloth.

Step 2: Preparation of Fermentation

It was subjected to heating process for seven days continuously. On eighth day liquid content should be collected. Same quantity of hot water should be added to the pot. This preparation is known as *Dhanyamla*. After the preparation final product it should be filled in air tight container. Shelf life of *Dhanyamla* can be preserved for 6 months without harming its potency [17, 18].

Indication: All types of Vata Vyadhi [19, 20]

Photographs of Preparation



Fig. 1 Preparation of Dhanyamla

Analytical Reports

Analytical parameters like foreign matter, Pesticide detection, Pesticide detection, Total Ash value, Acid insoluble ash, Alcohol soluble extractive and water soluble extractive was carried out in Parul Institute of *Ayurved* and Research (Teaching pharmacy), Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat. Following are results,

Table 2 - Analytical Parameters of the Ingredients

Ingredients	Foreign matter	Pesticide detection	Limit test for heavy metals	Total Ash value	Acid insoluble ash	Alcohol soluble extractive	Water soluble extractive
Tandoola	2.5%	Nil	Nil	18%	12%		16%
Prithaka	1.2%	Nil	Nil	10%	16%	2%	10%
Kulattha	0%	Nil	Nil	4%	1%	6%	14.8%
Laja	1%	Nil	Nil	4%	11%		14%
Kangubeeja	1%	Nil	Nil	6.8%	19%	5.4%	11%
Kodrava	1.43%	Nil	Nil	4%	12%	6.2%	12%
Shunthi	0.6%	Nil	Nil	4.3%	0.76%	12.5%	32%
Dantashataluka	1%	Nil	Nil	11%	14%	4.4%	11%
Ajmoda	1.2%	Nil	Nil	19%	1.6%	9%	10.75%
Godhum	1%	Nil	Nil	14%	8%	4%	21%

Table 3- Organoleptic Parameters of the prepared *Dhanyamla*.

S. No	Parameters	Value	
	Description	Liquid	
1.	Color	Pale yellow	
2.	Odor	Acidic	
3.	Taste	Sour, bitter	
4.	Consistency	Watery	

Table 4-Physico-Chemical Analysis of the prepared Dhanyamla

S. No.	Parameters	Value
1.	pH(5% Aqueous)	3.3
2.	Refractive index at 40	1.2326
3.	Specific gravity	1.12
4.	Mayer's test	Positive-Alkaloids present
	Test for carbohydrates	
5.	 Molisch test 	positive -carbohydrates present
	 Benedict's 	positive -reducing sugar present

DISCUSSION

Dhanyamla is a sour liquid i. e. Amla or acidic due to the process of fermentation. In this study its pH was found to be 3.3 which is Acidic. Acid in soluble ash is a presence of sand and silica, higher is the impurity the higher is the acid insoluble ash, KanguBeeja has more compare to other ingredients. Total Ash value is useful in determining authenticity and purity of sample, these values are important to assess the qualitative standards, here Ajmodahas 19% of total ash value. Water soluble extractive is proportion of the biomass that is lost as a result of extraction with water, here Godhuma is found to be more as compared to other drugs. Refractive index indicates the concentration of active principles dissolved in Dhanyamla. The specific gravity indicates about the relative density of the Dhanyamla that depends on dissolved and suspended particles present in the solution. Mayer's test is positive which indicates the presence of alkaloids, because of which Dhanyamla may act as anti inflammatory and analgesic. Molisch test found to be is positive because the Dhanyamla contains Pruthuka, Lajaand Godhuma. Benedict's is positive it indicates reducing sugar.

Dhanyamla posess Amla Rasa because of fermentation, it has Laghuand Snigdha and Teekshna Guna which acts as Deepaka and Pachaka, it has Ushna Veerya because of all these properties Dhanyamla does Vata-Kapha Shamana. Researches have proved the phytochemicals like Flavonoids and Tannins. Flavonoids are having anti-oxidant activity, hepato-protective activity, antibacterial property, anti-inflammatory, anti cancer activity, antiviral activity, effects on capillary fragility and ability to inhibit human platelet aggregation. Tannins are having anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial activities, accelerate blood clotting, reduce blood pressure, decrease serum lipid level and module immune responses [21].

CONCLUSION

Dhanyamla is liquid dosage form which can be used internally and externally for therapeutic purpose in *Panchakarma* i.e. *Virechana* and *Vasti* (internally) *Shirodhara* and *Kayaseka* (externally). It can be also used in *Paschat Karma* i.e. *Kayala Dharana*, *Gandusha* and *Karna Purana*.

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