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The Effect Of Bhavna And Application Of Panchabhautik Effect On Triphaladi Yoga

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ABSTRACT

Triphalaadi yoga is a combination of eleven dried herbs i.e. Haritaki, Bibhitaki, Amalaki, Yastimadhu, Gokshura, Guduchi, Haridra, Daruharidra, Shunthi, Tulsi and Punarnava in powder form which is administered as a rasayana therapy in patients of CVS. These eleven drugs chosen for this study is an Anubhoota yoga from the Shalakya Tantra Department of I.P.G.T& R.A, Jamnagar and has the solid backing of previous researches for their most important individual activities. The body is made up of Panchamahabhuta so the plants from which Ayurvedic drugs are extracted. In the present study author try to evaluate how the composition of Panchamahabhuta changes before and after the Bhavna of the drug with the help of the pharmacognostical parameters like acicular crystals of Punarnava which are rarely found after the Bhavna of the drug and and also evaluate the differences in the pharmaceutical profile before and after Bhavna like loss on drying, ash value, acid insoluble ash, water soluble extract, methanol soluble extract, pH and HPTLC.

Keywords: CVS, Pharmacgnosy, Panchamahabhuta, Triphaladi yoga.

INTRODUCTION

Computer has become common in today society and is causing some serious health hazards, among which Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS) is one. CVS is defined as a complex of ocular or visual problems which are experienced during and related to computer use. Computers are now an integral part of our day. This advancement of science has brought about a vast change in our lives that we wonder what life would have been without it. With all its benefits come certain health related issues, awareness of which is minimal. One of the bi-products - CVS. It is a complex of eye and vision problems related to near work which are experienced during computer use¹. The symptoms of CVS are related to *Vata-pitta pradhana Tri-dosa* vitiation at *Chakshurendriya* leading to the *Sthanasamshraya* (lodged) in *Netra* (eyes).

It includes *Dushya – Rasa, Rakta, Mamsa, Medha, Srotas – Rasavaha Srotas, Srotodrusti Prakara – Sanga*². *Triphalaadi yoga* is a combination of eleven dried herbs i.e. *Haritaki, Bibhitaki, Amalaki, Yastimadhu*, Gokshura, Guduchi, Haridra, Daruharidra, Shunthi, Tulsi and Punarnava in powder form which is administered as a Rasayana therapy in patients of CVS. Bhavana (trituration) is an important Samskara (process) mentioned in classics by which even a small dose of a drug may be made very potent to produce a very high result. Triphaladi yoga is a combination of above 11 dried herbs which was triturated seven times with decoction of the same compound and made into dried powder. It leads to particle size reduction of molecules by repeated movement and pressure of pestle. Bhavana with organic juices improves the bioavailability of the drugs thereby enhances their rate of absorption³. There is also change in the Panchabhautik composition of individual drugs after Bhavna which helps to break the etiopathogenesis of disease. Triphaladi yoga consist of Rasayana drugs which have already proven activities like adaptogenic properties of Guduchi, Haritaki, Amalaki⁴ anti cataract activity of Haritaki, Amalaki, Bibhitaki (Triphala)⁵, anti advanced glycated end products activity of Shunti⁶, antioxidants activity of Haridra, Amalaki, Yashtimadhu, Tulsi, Bibhitaki, Guduchi, Sunthi⁷, adaptogenic, immunomodulatory and anti inflammatory properties of Gokshura⁹, adaptogenic, anti inflammatory, anti cataract effect of Haridra¹⁰ and anti inflammatory activity of Daruharida¹¹.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection of the drug

Ingredients of *Triphaladi* compound viz. fruits of *Haritaki* (*Terminalia chebula* Retz), *Bibhitaki* (*Terminalia bellerica* Roxb), *Amalaki* (*Emblica officinalis* Gaertn), roots and rhizomes of *Yastimadhu* (*Glycyrriza glabra* Linn), fruits of *Gokshura* (*Tribulus terrestris* Linn), stem of *Guduchi* (*Tinospora cordifolia* Meirs), rhizome of *Haridra* (*Curcuma longa* Linn), *Daruharidra* (*Berberis aristata* DC), Rhizome of *Shunthi* (*Zingiber officinale* Rosc), whole plant of *Punarnava* (*Boerhavia diffusa* Linn) were procured from the institutional pharmacy and leaves of *Tulasi* (*Ocimum sanctum* Linn) were collected from local area of Jamnagar, India. (Table 1)

Their characteristics were confirmed by correlating their morphological and microscopical features with relevant literature.

Preparation of the drug

Equal quantities of the obtained fruits, stems, roots/rhizomes, leaves, whole plant were shade dried and made into fine powder separately with the help of mechanical grinder, sieved through 85# and mixed together mechanically to get homogenous mixture.

Preparation of *Triphaladi yoga* with seven *Bhavana*

The prepared powder of *Triphaladi yoga* was triturated with decoction of the same compound seven times in end runner. In each *Bhavana* sufficient amount of decoction made from *Triphaladi yoga* was added to the powder of *Triphaladi yoga* as it is very well soaked and then triturated for 6-8 hours daily till the *Bhavana*

given to the powder was completely absorbed. On completing the seventh *Bhavana*, the obtained powder was dried and filtered through 120# sieve mesh.

Pharmacognostical evaluation organoleptic evaluation

Various characters like colour, odour, taste and touch are recorded by using sensory organs¹². Powder microscopy of the finished product was done without stain and after staining with Phloroglucinol+HCl. Micro photographs were taken under Carl- Zeiss Trinocular microscope attached with camera¹³. By Powder microscopy observed the characters, determined the chemical nature of the cell wall along with the form and chemical nature of the content of the cells.

Physicochemical analysis

In physicochemical analysis loss on drying, ash value, water soluble extract, alcohol soluble extract etc. were assessed.

Preliminary tests were carried out on methanolic extract of test drugs for the presence or absence of phytoconstituents like alkaloids, tannin and phenolic compounds, flavonoids, saponin and anthraquinone glycosides¹⁴.

High performance thin layer chromatography (HPTLC)

HPTLC was performed as per the guideline provided by API. Methanolic extract of drug sample was used for the spotting. HPTLC was performed using Toluene+ Ethyl acetate+ Formic acid (6:3:1) solvent system and observed under visible light. The colour and Rf values of resolved spots were noted¹⁵.

OBSERVATION RESULTS

Pharmacognostical evaluation organoleptic evaluation

Results of various parameters such as colour, odour, taste, touch and texture of the finished products (powder) are shown in Table 2, Plate A.

Powder microscopy without Bhavana:

Scleroids of Amalaki, silica deposition of Amalaki, simple starch grains of Shunthi, fibres of Shunthi, acicular crystal of Punarnava, cork cells of Punarnava, trichome of tulsi, oil globule of Tulsi, stone cells of Daruharidra, scleroids of Daruharidra, fibres of Daruharidra, yellow content of Haridra, scalariform vessels of Haridra, border pitted vessel of Guduchi, sclerenchyma tissue of Guduchi, rhomboidal crystal of Yashtimadhu, crystal fibre of Yashtimadhu, pitted vessels of Yashtimadhu, stone cells of Haritaki, tannin content of Haritaki, trichome of Gokshura, stratified fibres of Gokshura, scleroids of Vibhataki, trachome of Vibhataki. Lignified scleroid of Vibhataki, lignified scleroid of Yashtimadhu, lignified stone cells of Gokshura, lignified crystal fibres of Yashtimadhu, lignified stratified fibres of Gokshura, lignified scleroid with cork of Guduchi. Plate B(1-30)

Powder microscopy with Seven Bhavana:

Diagnostic powder characteristics of with 7 Bhavana are disturbed scalariform vessels of Haridra, parenchyma cells of Haridra become light yellow colour, oil globule of Tulsi stretched and open, scleroids

of Daruharidra with disturbed walls, stone cells with wide lumen of Daruharidra, disturbed pitted vessels of Daruharidra, walls of stone cells of Yashtimadhu become smooth and formed the lumen, crystals are not found in the fibres of Yashtimadhu, crystals of Yashtimadhu are rarely observed, group of pitted scleroids with wide lumen of Vibhataki, smooth walled trachome of Vibhataki, pitted stone cells of Vibhataki with wide lumen and disturbed walls, rarely found acicular crystals of Punarnava, trichome of Gokshura, disturbed stratified fibres of Gokshura, starch grains of Shunthi, stone cells of Haritaki with yellow content with more constriction, disturbed sclerenchyma cells of Guduchi, disturbed cork cells of Guduchi, border pitted vessels of Guduchi completely disturbed, silica deposition of Amalaki, group of scleroids of Amalaki. Lignified stone cells of Yashtimadhu, lignified scleroids of Daruharidra, lignified stratified fibres of Gokshura, lignified scleroids of Vibhataki, lignified scleroids of Haritaki, lignified border pitted vessel of Guduchi. Plate C(1-27)

Physicochemical analysis:

Results of physicochemical analysis ie. loss on drying, ash value, water soluble extract, alcohol soluble extract, ash value etc are shown in Table 3.

High performance thin layer chromatography (HPTLC):

The colour and R_f values of resolved spots of HPTLC were noted. (Table-4) (Plate no. D)

Sr. No Name of ingredients **Botanical name Proportion** Haritaki Terminalia chebula Retz 1part 2 Bibhitaki Terminalia belerica Roxb 1part 3 Amalaki Emblica officinalis Gaertn 1part 4 Yastimadhu Glycyrriza glabra Linn 1part 5 Gokshura Tribulus terrestris Linn 1part 6 Guduchi Tinospora cordifolia Meirs 1part 7 Haridra Curcuma longa Linn 1part 8 Daruharidra Berberis aristata DC 1part 9 Shunthi Zingiber officinale Rosc 1part 10 Punarnava Boerhavia diffusa Linn 1part 11 Tulasi Ocimum sanctum Linn 1part

Table 1: Ingredients of Triphaladi yoga:

Table 2: Organoleptic characters of *Triphaladi yoga*:

Sr. No	Various	Results			
	parameters	Triphaladi yoga without	Triphaladi yoga powder		
		seven Bhavana	with seven Bhavana		
1.	Colour	Yellowish brown	Dark greenish brown		
2.	Odour	Irritative	Strong irritative		
3.	Taste	Sweetish followed by	Sour pungent followed by		
		astringent	astringent sweet		
4.	Touch	Fine coarse	Fine		
5.	Texture	Soft	Soft		

Table 3: Physico-chemical parameters:

Sr. No	Various	Results		
	parameters	<i>Triphaladi yoga</i> without seven Bhavana	Triphaladi yoga powder with seven Bhavana	
1.	рН	5.0	6.0	
2.	Loss on drying	7.95%	6.8%	
3.	Ash value	7.65%	4.05%	
4.	Acid insoluble ash	0.4%	1%	
5.	Water soluble extractive value	24.3%	21.2%	
6.	Methanol soluble extractive value	21.4%	15.9%	

HIGH PERFORMANCE THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY (HPTLC)

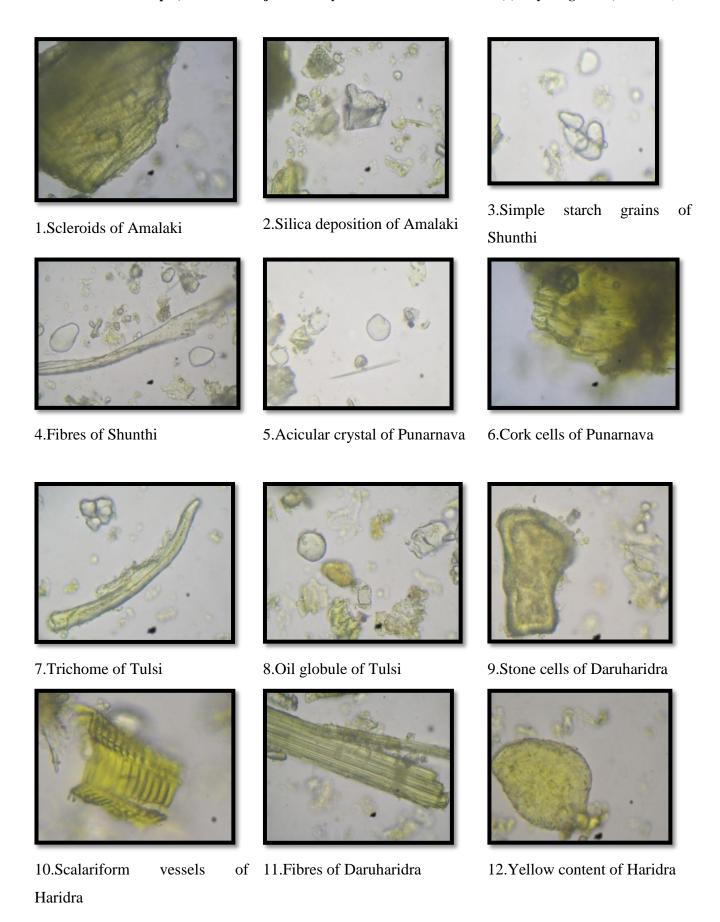
Table 4: R_f values obtained by HPTLC

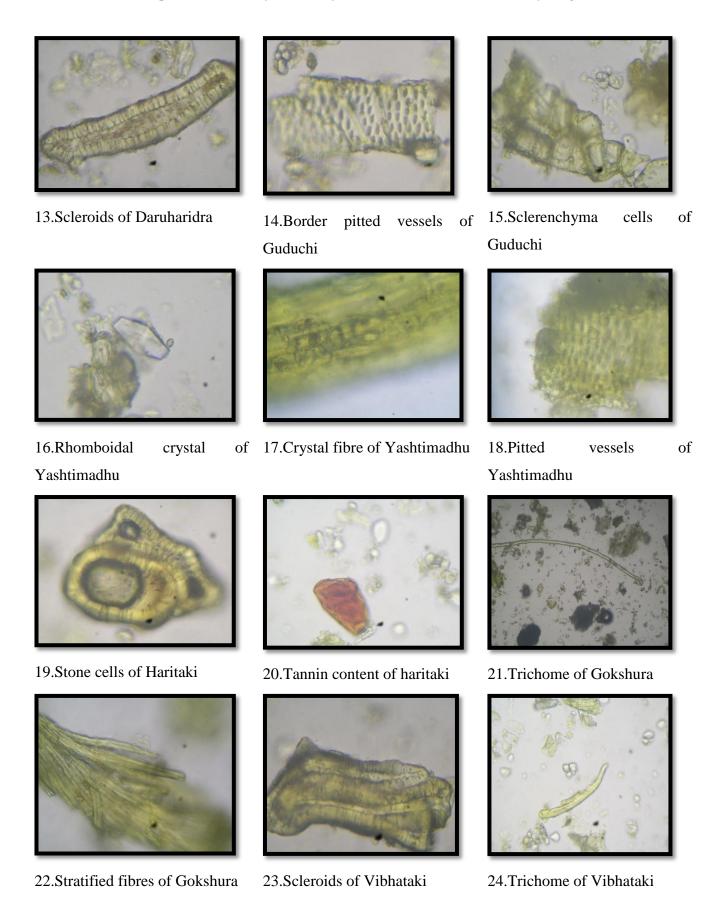
Sample	Visualize under short UV (254 nm)		Visualize under short UV (366 nm)		
	No. of	Rf value	No. of spots	Rf value	
	spots				
Triphaladi yoga	6	0.03, 0.17, 0.23,	10	0.03, 0.08, 0.17,	
powder with seven		0.43, 0.56, 0.72		0.23, 0.29, 0.43,	
Bhavana				0.50, 0.56, 0.71, 0.87	
Triphaladi yoga	9	0.03, 0,07, 0,15,	14	0.03, 0.07, 0.15,	
without seven		0.23, 0.31, 0.37,		0.23, 0.30, 0.36,	
Bhavana		0.54, 0.69, 0.77		0.39, 0.42, 0.49,	
				0.54, 0.69, 0.86,	
				0.90, 0.93	

Plate A TRIPHALADI YOGA POWDER



Plate B Powder characters without Bhavna:





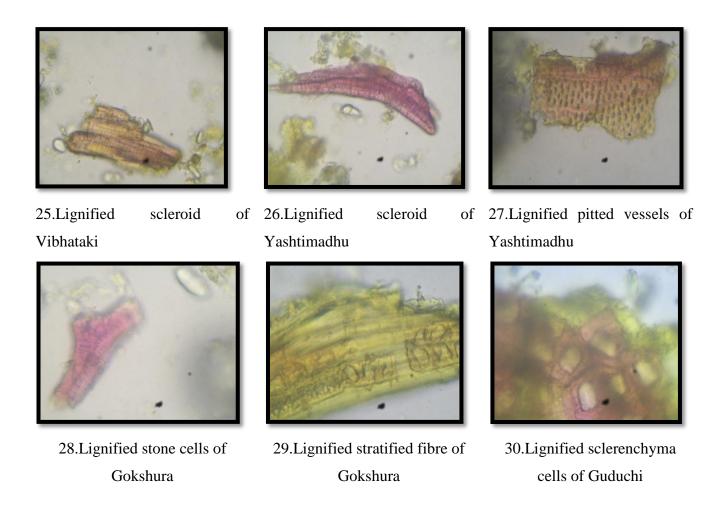
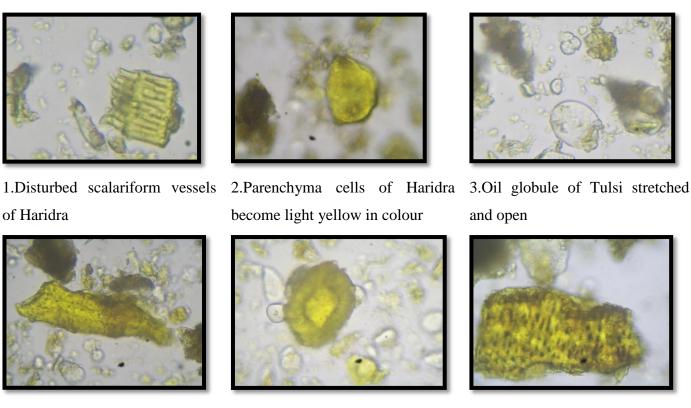
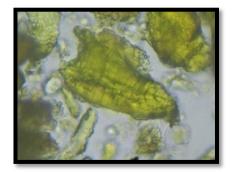


Plate C Powder characters with Bhavna:



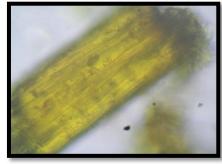
4.Scleroid of Daruharidra with 5.Stone cells with wide lumen of 6.Dsturbed pitted vessels of

disturbed walls



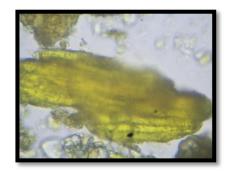
7.Stone cells of Yashtimadhuwall become smooth and formed fibres of Yashtimadhu the lumen

Daruharidra

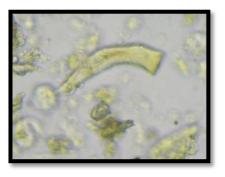


8.Crystals are not found in the

Daruharidra



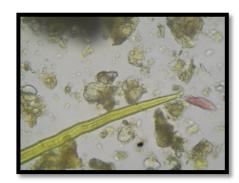
9.Group of scleroids with wide lumen of Vibhataki



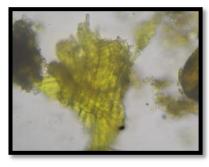
10.Smooth walled trichome of Vibhataki



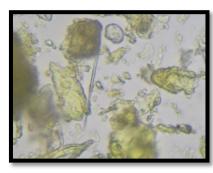
11.Pitted stone cells of Vibhataki with disturbed walls



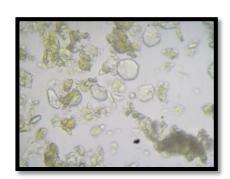
12. Trichome of Gokshura



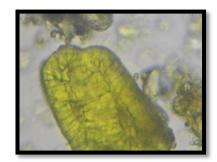
13.Disturbed stratified fibres of Gokshura



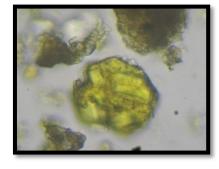
14.Rarely acicular observed crystals of Punarnava



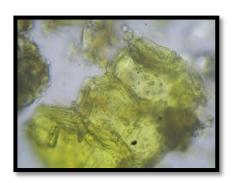
15.Starch grains of Shunthi



16.Stone cells of Haritaki with yellow with content more



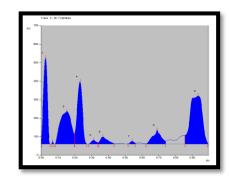
17.Disturbed sclerenchyma cells of Guduchi



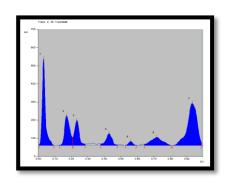
18.Disturbed cells of cork

constriction Guduchi 19.Border pitted vessels 21. Group of scleroids of Amalaki 20. Silica deposition of Amalaki Guduchi completely disturbed 22.Lignified stone cells of 23.Lignified scleroids 24.Lignified stratified fibres of Yashtimadhu Daruharidra Gokshura 25.Lignified scleroids 26.Lignified scleroids of Haritaki 27.Lignified border pitted vessel Vibhataki of Guduchi

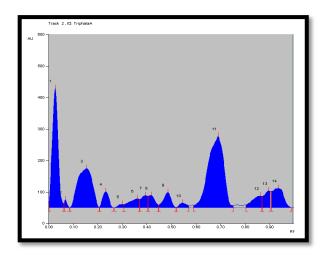
Plate D HPTLC of methanolic extract of Triphaladi yoga compound

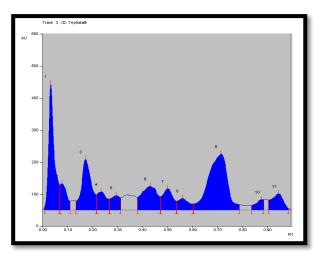


Densitogram at 254nm without bhavna



Densitogram at 254nm with bhavna





Densitogram at 366nm without bhavna

Densitogram at 366nm with bhavna

DISCUSSION:

There was a slight color and taste variation between *Triphaladi yoga* without *Bhavana* and with *Bhavana*. The colour of Triphaladi yoga without Bhavana was golden yellow while the same of Triphaladi yoga with seven Bhavana was dark greenish. The colour change owes to prolong trituration of the compound. As it is well-known that during trituration, mild heat is generated due to friction which darkens the grinding matter. Triphaladi yoga with seven Bhavana possesses Kashaya (astringent), Madhura (sweet) and Tikta (bitter) Rasa (taste). Bitter taste is increased and sweet taste is also noted in Triphaladi yoga with seven Bhavana in comparison to Triphaladi yoga without Bhavana. The alteration in Rasa is might be due to the effect of elimination process carried out during *Bhavana Samskara* of the drugs. The more water soluble components like that of Yastimadhu are increased in the compound by seven times trituration which is also responsible for the sweet taste. Touch and texture of the Triphaladi yoga with seven Bhavana are very fine and soft compared to Triphaladi yoga without Bhavana might be due to breakdown of the hard cellular structures and the exposed cellular contents by prolonged trituration of the drugs. Disturbed scalariform vessels of Haridra, oil globule of Tulsi stretched and open, scleroids of Daruharidra with disturbed walls, stone cells with wide lumen of Daruharidra, disturbed pitted vessels of Daruharidra, walls of stone cells of Yashtimadhu become smooth and formed the lumen, crystals are not found in the fibres of Yashtimadhu, group of pitted scleroids with wide lumen of Vibhataki, smooth walled trachome of Vibhataki, pitted stone cells of Vibhataki with wide lumen and disturbed walls, rarely found acinar crystals of Punarnava, disturbed stratified fibres of Gokshura, stone cells of Haritaki with yellow content with more constriction, disturbed sclerenchyma cells of Guduchi, disturbed cork cells of Guduchi, border pitted vessels of Guduchi completely disturbed, The main interaction of Panchamahabhuta are Pitted stone cells with wide lumen, fibers with wide lumen indicates that characters may be influenced by Vayu and Akash. The specific cells and characters were loosely arranged with the influence may be Jala. The clumping and dissolving nature of acicular crystals because of addition of *Amalaki* indicating influence of *Agni* ultimately integrate the potency of the formulation ¹⁶. All these changes in the powder after *Bhavna* indicate the increase of *Vayu* and *Akash Mahabhuta* in the drug, diminished crystals indicate decrease in the *Prithvi mahabhuta*, presence of fibres indicates of *Jala mahabhuta*. As we know the CVS is due to *Sanga* of *Doshas* in the *Srotas*, *Vayu*, *Akash mahabhuta* helps to remove the *Avrodha* of *Srotas* and clear the pathway for the *Dhatu* to reach their respective places. *Jala mahabhuta* increase the

Rasdhatu in the eye which is needed for proper nourishment of eye and tear secretion. Destroyed crystals help in the decrease of irritation produced in the eye.

A considerable difference was found in the values of some of the physicochemical parameters of *Triphaladi yoga* with seven *Bhavana*. There was not much difference found in the values of pH, Loss on drying and ash value. After *Bhavna*, water soluble extract and methanol soluble extract values were found to be decreased. The surface area of particles increased after titurition and molecular distribution is large after *Bhavna* and thus absorption is increased. In HPTLC profile of the methanolic extract of the drug 6 spots at Rf 0.03, 0.17, 0.23, 0.43, 0.56, 0.72 were observed in 254nm UV light spectrum while 10 spots at Rf 0.03, 0.08, 0.17, 0.23, 0.29, 0.43, 0.50, 0.56, 0.71, 0.87 were observed in 366nm UV light spectrum. The explaination behind this may be due to seven times titurition the particles become fine and distribution become large so the less number of peaks were found after *Bhavna*.

CONCLUSION:

While preparation of *Triphaladi yoga* with and without *Bhavna* pharmagnostical evaluation proved without presence of all the ingredients in *Yoga* showed that genuinity of the finished product. The physiochemical aspects of some characters show variation due to the *Bhavna* effect. The generated results will be taken into consideration for further research work.

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