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A PHARMACEUTICAL AND ANALYTICAL STUDY OF TRYAMBAKAABHRAM

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Rasoushadhi, also known as Rasashastra, is an ancient branch of Ayurveda that deals with the preparation and use of herbal and mineral based medicines. The term a 'Rasoushadhi' is derived from two words. Rasa meaning essence or mercury, and Oushadhi meaning medicine. Rasoushadhi combines alchemical principles with ayurvedic philosophy to create potent, bioavailable medicines from natural substances. Tryambakaabhram is one of the herbo-mineral formulation which is having Abhraka as mineral drug along with herbal drugs as Bhavana Dravyas. It is mentioned in the Bhaishajya Ratnavali Swarabhedachikitsa. A detailed pharmaceutical and analytical study of Tryambakaabhram is essential to assess its safety, effectiveness, and acceptability. Therefore, certain physicochemical evaluations were conducted based on the parameters set by API and CCRAS. Aims & objectives: To prepare Tryambakaabhram as per the reference of Bhaishajya Ratnavali and to carry out detailed analytical study. Materials & Methods: The raw drugs are procured and subjected for further pharmaceutical process as per Bhaishajya Ratnavali. Observation & results: In pharmaceutical study the drug has been prepared by adopting Khalviya Rasayana method. The final drug prepared in our practical lab at the weight of 43gm. The final product of the drug was analysed with modern analytical methods viz. Physico-chemical standards, HPTLC, Pharmaceutical standards and Preliminary organic analysis. Discussion: Tryambakaabhram, prepared using the Kharaleeya Rasayana method, involved the Bhavana process with 11 Bhavana Dravyas, enhancing its therapeutic properties by reducing particle size and improving bioavailability. It was presented as a soft, dark brown powder with a characteristic odor and slightly bitter taste. Analytical studies revealed its moisture content (7.61%), total ash (68.92%), and higher water-soluble extractive value (25.71%), indicating good quality and bioavailability, with HPTLC analysis showing key Rf values at 254 nm, 366 nm, and post-derivatization at 620 nm. Conclusion: The Bhavana procedure in Tryambakaabhram transformed the phytoconstituents of Swarasa and Kashaya into Abhraka Bhasma, reducing particle size and improving absorption of therapeutic properties. Smaller particles enhance the absorption of active principles, improving efficacy. Analytical tests confirmed that Tryambakaabhram met quality standards, ensuring its intended use.

INTRODUCTION

Tryambakaabhram is mentioned in *Bhaishajya Ratnavali*, which is indicated in *Arbuda*, *Kasa*, *Swasa* and *Kshaya*. It is also indicated in *Kamala*, *Arsha*, *Grahani*, *Jwara*, *Shosha*, in all kinds of *Swarabedha and also acts as Rasayana*. The primary ingredient in *Tryambhakaabhram* is *Krishnabhraka Bhasma*. The set of *Bhavana Dravyas* are listed in the table below.^[1] Since the selected formulation *Tryambakaabhram* has *Abhraka Bhasma* as the only ingredient with specified *Bhavana Dravyas*, it is taken here in the study to evaluate its pharmaceutical and analytical profiling.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To prepare *Tryambakaabhram* as per *Bhaishajya Ratnavali*.

2. To asses the detail analytical study of *Tryambakaabhram*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Pharmaceutical source: Raw drugs required for the preparation of *Tryambakaabhram* were collected from SDM Pharmacy, Udupi and authentication was done by the subject experts at Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara College of Ayurveda, Hospital and Research Centre, Kuthpady, Udupi.

The preparation of *Tryambakaabhram* was carried out in practical hall of department of Rasa Shastra & Bhaishajya Kalpana, SDMCA, Hospital and Research Centre, Kuthpady, Udupi.

Sl. no.	Drugs	Scientific/ chemical name	Family	Part/Form used	Ratio/ Quantity sufficient for <i>Bhavana</i>
1)	Krishnaabhraka	Mica		Bhasma	1 part
2)	Kantakaari	Solanum surattense	Solanaceae	Panchanga	Q.S.
3)	Bala	Sida acuta	Malvaceae	Mula	Q.S.
4)	Gokshura	Tribulus terrestris	Zygophyllaceae	Beeja	Q.S.
5)	Kumari	Aloe vera	Liliaceae	Saara	Q.S.
6)	Pippalimoola	Piper longum	Piperaceae	Mula	Q.S.
7)	Bhringaraja	Eclipta alba	Asteraceae	Panchanga	Q.S.
8)	Vasa	Adathoda vasica	Acanthaceae	Patra	Q.S.
9)	Badara	Ziziphus mauritiana	Rhamnaceae	Phala	Q.S.
10)	Dhaathri	Emblica officinalis	Euphorbiaceae	Phala	Q.S.
11)	Haridra	Curcuma longa	Zingiberaceae	Kandha	Q.S.
12)	Guduchi	Tinospora cordifolia	Menispermaceae	Kaanda	Q.S.

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Table No. 2: Method of preparation of tryambakaabhram.

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of preparation of a yumbakaabhram.				
Reference	Bhaishajya Ratnavali, Swarabhedachikitsa[1]			
Ingredient	1. Abhraka Bhasma – 30g			
	2. Kantakari Kashaya – Q.S.			
	3. Balamula Kashaya – Q.S.			
Dhawara Duawaa	4. Gokshura Kashaya – Q.S.			
Bhavana Dravyas	5. Kumari Swarasa – Q.S.			
	6. Pippalimula Kashaya – Q.S.			
	7. Bhringaraja Kashaya – Q.S.			

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	8. Vasa Kashaya – Q.S.	
	9. Badara Kashaya – Q.S.	
	10. Amalaki Kashaya – Q.S.	
	11. Haridra Kashaya – Q.S.	
	12. Guduchi Kashaya – Q.S.	
Apparatus	Khalva Yantra, Spoon	
Method	Bhavana	



Procedure: 30g of fine *Abhraka Bhasma* was taken in clean *Khalva Yantra*. It was then subjected to *Bhavana* with *Kantakari Kashaya*, *Balamula Kashaya*, *Gokshura Kashaya*, *Kumari Swarasa*, *Pippalimula Kashaya*, *Bhringaraja Kashaya*, *Vasa Swarasa*, *Badaramula Kashaya*, *Amalaki Kashaya*, *Haridra Kashaya* and *Guduchi Kashaya* respectively. Once the *Subhavita Lakshanas* were attained, the prepared drug was taken out from the *Khalva Yantra* and dried under sun. The dried drug was then powdered, sieved through a two-folded Kora cloth & taken for study.

OBSERVATION

- The 1st Bhavana with Kantakari Kashaya took a long time to achieve Subhavita Lakshana.
- The Kashayas of Kantakari, Balamula, Gokshura, Pippalimula, Bhringaraja, Badara, Amalaki, Haridra, and Guduchi, as well as the Swarasa of Kumari and Vasa, were freshly prepared on the day of Bhavana.
- During the 4th Bhavana with Kumari Swarasa, a very thick and slimy consistency of Swarasa was used. The process caused the pestle to slip continuously.

- The Pippalimula Kashaya was very thick, resulting in a shorter time to achieve Subhavita Lakshana.
- During the 6th Bhavana, the Bhasma changed color to dark brown and developed a slimy consistency.
- Subhavita Lakshana appeared quickly during the 7th, 8th & 9th Bhavana Dravyas.
- After the 10th and 11th Bhavana Dravya, the Bhasma turned dark brown, became very slimy, and acquired a slightly *Tikta Rasa*. The Subhavita Lakshanas appeared in a short period of time.
- ✤ After drying, the *Tryambakaabhram* was finely powdered.
- ✤ Final output of *Tryambakaabhram* was 43g.

Precautions: After each *Bhavana*, the *Bhasma* was dried, powdered, and then subjected to *Bhavana* again with the specified *Bhavana Dravya*.

Indications

The Herbo-mineral formulation *Tryambakaabhram*, used for *Arbuda*, *Swasa*, *Kasa* and *Kshaya* as described in *Bhaishajya Ratnavali Swarabheda Chikitsa Adhyaya*. The drugs present in *Tryambakaabhram* were reviewed from relevant classical texts.

Drugs	Rasa	Guna	Veerya	Vipaka	Doshaghnata	Karma
Abhraka	Madhura Kashaya	Sheeta	Sheeta	-	Tridoshahara	Ayushya, Medhya, Mrutyu nashaka, Rasayana, Veeryavardhaka, Vrushya, Sarvarogahara
Kantakari	Katu, Tikta	Laghu Ruksha	Ushna	Katu	Kaphavatahara	Kasaghna, Swasaghna, Jwaraghna, KaphanisarakaVe danasthapana
Bala	Madhura	Snigdha, Guru	Sheeta	Madhura	Tridoshahara	Balya, Grahi, Ayu vardhaka,

Table No. 3: Properties and Actions of ingredients of tryambakaabhram.

						Stambhana,
						Sothahara,
						Rasayana
						Sothahara,
						Bastishodhaka,
C L L	N 11	Guru,	CI (N 11	X 7 , ·, 1	Balya, Dipana,
Goksnura	Maanura	Snigdha	Sheeta	Maanura	Vatapittanara	Asmarihara,
		Ũ				Swasahara,
						Kasahara
	T .1	G · 11				Bhedana,
Kumari	Tikta, Madhaana	Snigana Di sahila	Sheeta	Katu	Tridoshahara	Rasayana, Balya,
	Maanura	Picchila				Jwarahara
						Dipana, Pachana,
D:	W and a second	Laghu,	II. I	W and an	Vaturbandandana	Pliharogahara,
Ріррантива	Katu	Ruksha	Ushna	Katu	Vatakaphahara	Gulmaghna,
						Swasahara
						Krmighna,
Dhuin o gugi g	Vatu Tilta	Laghu,	Uana	Vate	Vanhauatahana	Swasahara,
Бпгіпдагаја	Ν αι <i>α</i> , Τικια	Ruksha	Usna	Кан	Карпачанана	Kasahara,
						Sothahara, Balya.
						Swasahara,
Vasa	Tikta,	Laghu,	Shoota	Vatu	Vanhanittahana	Kasahara,
vasa	Kashaya	Ruksha	Sneelu	Кан	карпаршанага	Swarya,
						Jwarghna.
	Madhura	Diochila				Bhedana,
Badara	Kashaya	Snjadha	Sheeta	Madhura	Vatapittahara	Malabhedaka,
	Кизпиуи	Shigana				Agnivardhaka
						Sophaghna,
	Pancharasa	Ruksha				Rasayana,
Amalaki	lavana	Laghu	Sheeta	Madhura	Tridoshahara	Medohara,
	varjita	Lugnu				Bhagna
						Sandhanakara.
						Pramehahara,
						Shothahara,
Haridra	Tikta, Katu	Ruksha	Ushna	Katu	Kaphapittahara	Vranahara,
						Kandughna,
						Kusthaghna.
						Jwarahara,
	Tikta					Sangrahi,
Guduchi	Kashava	Laghu	Ushna	Madhura	Tridoshahara	Deepana,
	mushuyu					Amahara,
						Kasahara.

Tryambakaabhram, which is mainly indicated in *Arbuda*, *Kasa*, *Swasa* and *Kshaya*. It is indicated in *Kamala*, *Arsha*, *Grahani*, *Jwara*, *Shosha*, in all kinds of *Swarabheda* and also acts as *Rasayana*.^[2] Based on the properties of all the above mentioned *Dravyas*, *Tryambakaabhram* may acts as *Deepana* and *Pachana*, *Lekhana*, *Bhedana*, *Srotoshodhana*, *Dhatu Vardhana*, *AayushyaVardhana*, *Tridoshahara*, *Rasayana*, *Balya* and *Yogavahi* properties.

Analytical study

To conduct a comprehensive analytical study of *Tryambakaabhram*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

• The prepared *Tryambakaabhram* was then analyzed at the S.D.M. Center for Research and Allied Sciences, Udupi.

Table	No	4.	Anal	vtical	study ^{[3][4]}
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Organoleptic characters	Physicochemical analysis	Chromatography
Color	Ph	HPTLC
Smell	Loss on drying at 105 ⁰ C	
Consistency	Ash value	
Taste	Water soluble ash	

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Acid insoluble ash	
Water soluble extractive	
Alcohol soluble extractive	

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Table No. 5: Results of preparation of tryambakaabhram.

Sl. No.	Quantity of Abhraka Bhasma in g.	Quantity of liquid med	Time taken	Total obtained drug after <i>Bhavana</i> in g.		
			60ml	3hrs		
1.	30	Kantakari Kashaya	53ml	2hr 10mins	30	
		5	53ml	2hr		
			50ml	2hr		
2.	30	Balamula Kashaya	50ml	2hr	32	
			47ml	1hr 50mins		
			45ml	1hr 40mins		
3.	32	Gokshura Kashaya	43ml	1hr 40mins	34	
			40ml	1hr 35mins		
			40ml	1hr 30mins		
4.	34	Kumari Swarasa	40ml	1hr 30mins	34	
			40ml	1hr 30mins		
			36ml	1hr 20mins		
5.	34	Pippalimula Kashaya	35ml	1hr 15mins	36	
			32ml	1hr 15mins		
			30ml	1hr 15mins		
6.	36	Bhringaraja Kashaya	30ml	1hr 15mins	36	
			30ml	1hr 15mins		
			30ml	1hr		
7.	36	Vasa Swarasa	28ml	1hr	38	
			28ml	1hr		
			30ml	1hr		
8.	38	Badara Kashaya	30ml	1hr	40	
			30ml	1hr		
			28ml	1hr		
9.	40	Amalaki Kashaya	28ml	1hr	42	
			30ml	1hr	l I	
			28ml	50mins		
10.	42	Haridra Kashaya	28ml	50mins	43	
			25ml	46mins		
			25ml	50mins		
11.	43	Guduchi Kashaya	25ml	40mins	43	
			25ml	45mins		
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Table No. 6: Observation of trymabakaabhram.

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Parameters	Before Bhavana	After Bhavana
Color	Brick red color	Dark brick red color
Touch	Amorphous smooth	Soft
Smell	Odorless	Characteristic odor

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 Table No. 7: Organoleptic characteristics of tryambakaabhram.

Appearance	Powder form
Color	Dark brick red
Odor	Characteristic smell
Taste	Bitter
Consistency	Fine powder

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Table No. 8:	: Results of	f phys	ico-chemical	standardization	of trya	ambakaabhram.

Parameter	Tryambakaabhram
Loss on drying	7.61±0.01
Total Ash	68.92±0.43
Acid Insoluble Ash	54.79±0.01
Water soluble Ash	4.88±0.02
Alcohol soluble extractive value	14.92±0.10
Water soluble extractive value	25.71±0.00
Ph	5.91

 Table No. 9: R_f values of sample of tryambakaabhram.

Short UV	Long UV	After derivatization
-	-	0.25 (Purple)
0.37 (Green)	-	0.37 (Purple)
-	0.43 (F. blue)	-
-	0.81 (F. blue)	-
0.86 (Green)	-	-
-	0.93 (F. yellow)	-



Fig. No. 15: HPTLC photo documentation of Methanolic extract of Tryambakaabhram.



Solvent system – Butanol: Acetic acid: Water: Ammonia (3.0: 1.0: 1.0: 1.0)



Fig. No. 16(a): At 254nm, Rf - 0.55 ± 0.04 (Rutin).

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Fig. No. 16: Densitometric scan of *tryambakaabhram*.

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The provided sample of *Tryambakaabhram* has undergone standardization following the protocol outlined in the Ayurvedic Pharmacopeia of India.

DISCUSSION

Preparation of *Tryambakaabhram*: It was prepared using the *Kharaleeya Rasayana* method and presented in powder form. The ingredients of *Tryambakaabhram* were a combination of herbo-mineral drugs. The preparation involved the *Bhavana* process, using 11 different *Bhavana Dravyas*.

After Lohitikarana of Abhraka Bhasma, 30 g of Abhraka Bhasma was sifted through a double-folded cloth and then used for Bhavana. The Kashaya Dravyas for Bhavana were Kantakari, Balamula, Gokshura, Pippalimula, Bhringaraja, Badara, Amalaki, Haridra, and Guduchi. These herbs were taken in Yavakuta Churna to extract their active ingredients. Water was added in a ratio of 16 parts water to 1 part drug, then boiled down to 1/8th of its volume. The Kashaya was then filtered and used for Bhavana.

The *Swarasa Dravyas* for *Bhavana* were *Vasa* and *Kumari. Kumari Swarasa* was prepared by grinding the pulp of *Kumari* without adding water and filtering it through cloth. *Vasa Swarasa* was extracted using the *Swedana* method, followed by grinding and filtering through cloth.

Bhavana was performed on *Abhraka Bhasma* with 11 *Bhavana Dravyas*, with 3 *Bhavana* for each *Dravya*, for a total of 33 *Bhavana* using various *Kashaya* and *Swarasa* to enhance its therapeutic properties. *Bhavana* helped in reducing particle size, which improved bioavailability and enhanced the therapeutic properties of the drug.

The color of the *Bhasma* gradually changed from brick red color to dark brown, its smell became pleasant, and the *Abhraka Bhasma* became very soft in consistency.

After the final *Bhavana*, the drug was dried in tray dryer, powdered and sieved through a double-folded cloth.

The prepared *Tryambakaabhram* used for analytical study.

Analytical study: The analytical standards for *Tryambakaabhram* are not mentioned in any analytical standard books like API or AFI. Therefore, the values obtained from the analytical study in the present research are considered as the standard one.

Organoleptic properties

The *Tryambakaabhram* was in fine powder form with little bitter taste. It was soft to touch and having dark brick red color with characteristic odor of *Bhavana Dravyas*.

Physico-chemical properties

Loss on drying (%w/w): The *Tryambakaabhram* showed 7.61 ± 0.01 %w/w of moisture content. Loss on drying indicates the moisture and volatile contents of the formulation. Higher the moisture content susceptibility of the drug to microbial contamination and spoilage will be more.

Total ash, acid insoluble ash and water-soluble ash: These values help in determining the purity and quality of the drugs. It also determines the thermos-stable inorganic constituents. The drugs, on incineration normally leaves an ash usually consisting of phosphates, carbonates, and silicates of sodium, potassium, magnesium and calcium. The part of the total ash value which is insoluble in diluted hydrochloric acid forms the acid insoluble ash. This indicates the insoluble inorganic contents in the sample. Tryambakaabhram contains total ash value was 68.92 ± 0.43 indicative of inorganic matter. The acid insoluble ash was 54.79 ± 0.01 indicating that the raw drugs were of good quality. The water-soluble ash was 4.88 ± 0.02 . It represents the water-soluble percentage of the sample i.e., nothing but alkaline material of the given sample.

Alcohol soluble and water-soluble extractive: The alcohol soluble extractive was found to be 14.92 ± 0.10 . It determines the number of chemical constituents extracted using polar solvents. The water-soluble extractives value was more than alcohol soluble extract i.e. 25.71 ± 0.00 . It gives the idea of active chemical constituents present in the drug proposing that absorption is more in aqueous media i.e. water-soluble constituents are more extracted. Hence the bioavailability is also more.

The pH estimation: pH of the test drug *Tryambakaabhram* was carried out using calibrated glass electrode. The pH is 5.91 signifies weak acidic nature of the drug.

HPTLC - Rf Values of Sample

At 254 nm- HPTLC of *Tryambakaabhram* showed spots at the Rf Values 0.37 & 0.86.

At 366 nm- HPTLC of *Tryambakaabhram* showed spots at the Rf Values 0.43, 0.81 & 0.93.

Post derivatization values HPTLC of *Tryambakaabhram* showed spots at the Rf Values 0.25 and 0.37.

HPTLC - Photo Documentation of samples

At 254nm - *Tryambakaabhram* showed maximum area at 0.42 Rf i.e., 32.13%.

At 366nm - *Tryambakaabhram* showed maximum area at 0.43 Rf i.e., 34.16%.

At 540nm - *Tryambakaabhram* showed maximum area at 0.01 Rf i.e., 63.40%.

At 620nm (Post derivatization with VSA) -*Tryambakaabhram* showed maximum area at 0.42 Rf i.e., 38.84%.

CONCLUSION

The preparation of *Tryambakaabhram* involved the *Bhavana* procedure, which played a crucial role in transforming the phytoconstituents of the *Swarasa* and *Kashaya* of the specific drug into *Abhraka Bhasma*. Additionally, *Bhavana* helped to decrease the particle size, facilitating the absorption of the therapeutic properties of the *Bhavana Dravyas* into the *Bhasma*.

The *Tryambakaabhram* was fine in nature, lesser the particle size absorption of active principles will be more which indirectly improve the mode of action.

The analytical study, aimed to evaluate the quality and efficacy of *Tryambakaabhram*. The analytical tests conducted on *Tryambakaabhram* revealed that the sample was within acceptable limits. By confirming that the samples meet the necessary standards, this indicates that *Tryambakaabhram* is of adequate quality and can be used as intended.

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