

PRE-CLINICAL AND CLINICAL STUDY OF PRAJASTHAPANA MAHAKASHAYA GRANULES WITH VATASHUNGA NASYA IN PREVENTION OF GARBHASRAVA (EARLY PREGNANCY LOSS)

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ABSTRACT

Background: Garbhasrava (early pregnancy loss) is a distressing reproductive health issue affecting approximately 10-15% of clinically recognized pregnancies. In Ayurveda, it is attributed to Garbhashaya Dosha (uterine disorders), Beeja Dushti (genetic abnormalities), and Vata-Pitta imbalance leading to improper nourishment of the developing embryo. The Prajasthapana Mahakashaya group of herbs, described by Acharya Charaka, is specifically indicated for reproductive health and pregnancy maintenance. **Aim:** To evaluate the pre-clinical safety and clinical efficacy of Prajasthapana Mahakashaya Granules along with Vatashunga Nasya in the prevention of Garbhasrava in high-risk pregnancies. **Method:** An open-labeled, randomized, prospective controlled clinical trial will be conducted on 80 pregnant women with a history of recurrent pregnancy loss or threatened abortion. Participants

will be randomized into two groups: Group A will receive Prajasthapana Mahakashaya Granules (5g twice daily) with Vatashunga Nasya (2 drops each nostril daily), while Group B will receive standard supportive care for 12 weeks or until the completion of the first

trimester. Assessment will be conducted using USG parameters, serum β -hCG levels, progesterone levels, and clinical symptom scoring. **Result:** Based on previous research, Prajasthapana Mahakashaya herbs possess Garbhashthapaka (embryo-supporting), Garbhashaya Shodhana (uterine cleansing), and Vata-Pitta balancing properties. Vatashunga Nasya is expected to provide Vatanulomana (downward movement of Vata) and enhance uterine perfusion. **Conclusion:** Prajasthapana Mahakashaya Granules with Vatashunga Nasya offer a safe, comprehensive, and holistic approach for the prevention of Garbhasrava, potentially improving pregnancy outcomes in high-risk women.

KEYWORDS: Garbhasrava, Early Pregnancy Loss, Prajasthapana Mahakashaya, Vatashunga Nasya, Abortion, Garbhashaya, Ayurveda, Reproductive Health.

INTRODUCTION

Garbhasrava, or early pregnancy loss, represents one of the most challenging clinical scenarios in obstetric practice, affecting approximately 10-15% of clinically recognized pregnancies and up to 30-50% of all conceptions when including biochemical losses. The psychological trauma, social stigma, and recurrent nature of this condition make it a significant public health concern globally. In modern medicine, early pregnancy loss is defined as the spontaneous demise of the embryo or fetus before 20 weeks of gestation, with the majority occurring during the first trimester.

Modern Perspective

The etiology of early pregnancy loss encompasses multiple factors:

- Chromosomal Abnormalities: Account for 50-60% of first-trimester losses
- Endocrine Factors: Luteal phase defect, progesterone deficiency, thyroid disorders
- Uterine Anomalies: Septate uterus, bicornuate uterus, fibroids, Asherman's syndrome
- Immunological Factors: Antiphospholipid syndrome, autoimmune disorders
- Infections: TORCH infections, bacterial vaginosis, UTI
- Lifestyle Factors: Smoking, alcohol, caffeine, obesity, advanced maternal age
- Environmental Factors: Occupational exposures, pollution, radiation

Standard medical management includes progesterone supplementation, cervical cerclage, and supportive care. However, many cases remain unexplained, and treatment options are limited.

Ayurvedic Perspective

In Ayurveda, Garbhasrava is extensively discussed under the broader headings of Garbhapata (abortion), Garbhasrava (threatened abortion), and Garbha Sthapana (pregnancy maintenance). The pathogenesis involves:

1. Garbhashaya Dushti (Uterine Pathology)
2. Beeja Dushti (Genetic/Reproductive Tissue Defects)
3. Artavavaha Sroto Dushti (Menstrual Channel Obstruction)
4. Vata-Pitta Prakopa (Humoral Imbalance)
5. Dhatukshaya (Tissue Depletion)

Nidana (Etiological Factors)

- Ahara (Dietary): Excessive Katu, Tikta, Ushna (pungent, bitter, hot) foods; incompatible foods (Viruddha Ahara)
- Vihara (Lifestyle): Excessive exercise, coitus during pregnancy, physical trauma, stress
- Mana (Psychological): Shoka (grief), Bhaya (fear), Krodha (anger), Chinta (anxiety)
- Kala (Time-related): Advanced maternal age, seasonal factors

Samprapti (Pathogenesis)

The vitiated Vata Dosha, particularly Apana Vayu located in the pelvic region, becomes aggravated due to various etiological factors. This aggravated Vata:

- Causes Shoshana (drying) of Garbha (embryo)
- Produces Stambhana (stasis) or Chyavana (expulsion)
- Obstructs the Rasa Dhatu flow to the Garbhashaya
- Displaces Garbha from its implantation site

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

1. Prajasthapana Mahakashaya

Definition: Prajasthapana Mahakashaya is a group of ten herbs described by Acharya Charaka in the Sutra Sthana (Chapter 4) under the classification of Mahakashayas. The term "Prajasthapana" literally means "that which maintains or supports progeny."

The Ten Herbs

S.No. Sanskrit Name Botanical Name Family Rasa Guna Virya Vipaka Karma

1. Jivaka Microstylis muscifera Orchidaceae Madhura Guru, Snigdha Sheeta Madhura Vrishya, Balya

2. Rishabhaka *Microstylis muscifera* Orchidaceae Madhura Guru, Snigdha Sheeta Madhura Vrishya, Balya
3. Meda *Polygonatum cirrhifolium* Asparagaceae Madhura, Tikta Guru, Snigdha Sheeta Madhura Vrishya, Medhya
4. Mahameda *Polygonatum verticillatum* Asparagaceae Madhura, Tikta Guru, Snigdha Sheeta Madhura Vrishya, Medhya
5. Kakoli *Roscoeia purpurea* Zingiberaceae Madhura, Tikta Guru, Snigdha Sheeta Madhura Vrishya, Balya
6. Kshirakakoli *Fritillaria roylei* Liliaceae Madhura, Tikta Guru, Snigdha Sheeta Madhura Vrishya, Balya
7. Mudgaparni *Phaseolus trilobus* Fabaceae Madhura, Kashaya Guru, Snigdha Sheeta Madhura Vrishya, Balya
8. Mashaparni *Teramnus labialis* Fabaceae Madhura, Kashaya Guru, Snigdha Sheeta Madhura Vrishya, Balya
9. Shalaparni *Desmodium gangeticum* Fabaceae Madhura, Tikta Guru, Snigdha Ushna Madhura Vatahara, Vrishya
10. Prishniparni *Uraria picta* Fabaceae Madhura, Tikta Guru, Snigdha Ushna Madhura Vatahara, Vrishya

Rationale for Selecting Prajasthapana Mahakashaya

1. Garbhashaya Bala: Enhances uterine muscle tone and receptivity
2. Rasa Dhatu Poshan: Improves nutritional supply to the embryo
3. Artava Sthapana: Regularizes menstrual and reproductive functions
4. Vata-Pitta Shamana: Balances the aggravated Doshas responsible for Garbhasrava
5. Dhatu Poshana: Nourishes all seven Dhatus, particularly Shukra and Artava

Probable Mode of Action

- Endocrine Modulation: Herbs like Jivaka, Meda, and Kakoli contain phytoestrogenic compounds that support progesterone production and maintain uterine receptivity
- Uterine Relaxation: Snigdha (unctuous) and Sheeta (cold) properties prevent uterine contractions
- Antioxidant Activity: Protects against oxidative stress-induced embryonic damage
- Immunomodulation: Enhances maternal-fetal immune tolerance
- Vascular Support: Improves uterine blood flow and placental perfusion

- Stress Reduction: Adaptogenic properties reduce maternal stress and cortisol levels

2. Vatashunga Nasya

Definition: Vatashunga, also known as Vatankura or the tender sprouts of the Vata tree (*Ficus benghalensis*), is used in Nasya Karma (nasal administration) for its Vata-pacifying and Uterus-regulating properties.

Therapeutic Properties of Vatashunga

Property Description

Rasa Kashaya (astringent), Tikta (bitter), Madhura (sweet)

Guna Laghu (light), Ruksha (dry)

Virya Ushna (hot)

Vipaka Katu (pungent)

Main Action Vatanulomana, Garbhashaya Pravartana

Pharmacological Actions

1. Vatanulomana: Promotes downward movement of Apana Vayu
2. Garbhashaya Shithilata: Relaxes uterine muscles
3. Srotoshodhana: Clears microchannels in the reproductive system
4. Raktavaha Sroto Shodhana: Purifies the vascular system
5. Aartavavaha Sroto Shodhana: Clears menstrual channels

Rationale for Nasya Administration

- Direct Uterine Connection: Nasya has a direct effect on the reproductive system through the neuro-endocrine pathway
- Cerebral Circulation: Enhances blood supply to the hypothalamus-pituitary axis
- Vata Regulation: The nasal route is the most direct for Vata Dosha pacification
- Systemic Absorption: Rapid absorption through the nasal mucosa
- Minimal Side Effects: Non-invasive, local administration with minimal systemic toxicity

Synergistic Effect

The combination of Prajasthapana Mahakashaya (oral) and Vatashunga Nasya (nasal) addresses:

- Oral: Provides systemic nourishment, hormonal support, and Dhatu nourishment
- Nasal: Provides local Vata regulation, uterine relaxation, and Srotoshodhana

- Synergy: Dual approach enhances therapeutic efficacy through different mechanisms

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Classical Ayurvedic References

Charaka Samhita

- Sutra Sthana 4/9-11: Description of Prajasthapana Mahakashaya as a group of herbs for reproductive health
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Sushruta Samhita

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Ashtanga Hridaya

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Kashyapa Samhita

- Sutra Sthana 18: Detailed description of Garbha Sthapana
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Bhavaprakasha

- Prakarana 6/112: Management of Garbhasrava and Garbhapata

Contemporary Ayurvedic Texts

- Bheshajya Ratnavali: Yonivyapad Chikitsa (Gynecological treatment)
- Yoga Ratnakara: Garbhasthapaka Yoga
- Vaidyamanorama: Charaka commentaries

Modern Scientific Evidence

Phytoestrogenic Activity

- Goyal *et al.* (2019) demonstrated that *Polygonatum cirrhifolium* (Meda) contains diosgenin and other steroidal saponins with estrogenic activity

- Gupta et al. (2020) reported phytoestrogenic properties of *Teramnus labialis* (Mashaparni)

Anti-inflammatory and Antioxidant

- Sharma et al. (2018) established the antioxidant profile of *Desmodium gangeticum* (Shalaparni)
- Kumar et al. (2017) documented immunomodulatory properties of *Uraria picta* (Prishniparni)

Progesterone Enhancement

- Patel and Singh (2021) reported that *Phaseolus trilobus* (Mudgaparni) enhances luteal phase progesterone production
- Reddy et al. (2020) demonstrated increased serum progesterone levels with *Microstylis muscifera* (Jivaka)

Vatashunga Research

- Acharya et al. (2019) confirmed the Vatanulomana effect of *Ficus benghalensis* in animal models
- Mehta and Shah (2020) reported uterine relaxant properties of Vatashunga extract

Nasya Karma Research

- Dahanukar et al. (2018) established the bioavailability of nasally administered Ayurvedic drugs
- Wagh et al. (2017) demonstrated hormonal axis modulation through Nasya

Clinical Studies

- Rao and Prakash (2019): Clinical study on Garbhasthapaka formulations in high-risk pregnancies
- Sharma et al. (2020): Role of Rasayana in recurrent pregnancy loss
- Kumari et al. (2021): Effect of Ayurvedic interventions in threatened abortion
- Singh and Gupta (2022): Comparative study of Nasya and oral therapy in gynecological disorders

Gaps in Literature

1. Limited systematic pre-clinical studies on Prajasthapana Mahakashaya
2. No randomized controlled trials combining oral Prajasthapana with Vatashunga Nasya

3. Lack of standardized protocols for Garbhasrava prevention in Ayurveda
4. Limited biomarker-based assessment of Ayurvedic interventions

PRE-CLINICAL STUDY

Study Design

Type: Observational and Experimental

Duration: 6 months

Phase: I - Safety and Toxicity, Phase II - Efficacy

Phase I: Safety and Toxicity Study

Objective: To evaluate the acute and sub-acute toxicity of Prajasthapana Mahakashaya Granules and Vatashunga Nasya

Methodology

Parameter Details

Animal Model Wistar rats (n=30) divided into 3 groups

Group A (n=10) Control - Normal saline

Group B (n=10) Low dose - 100 mg/kg of Prajasthapana Mahakashaya + 1:20 dilution of Vatashunga Nasya

Group C (n=10) High dose - 500 mg/kg of Prajasthapana Mahakashaya + 1:10 dilution of Vatashunga Nasya

Route Oral (Prajasthapana), Nasal (Vatashunga)

Duration 28 days

Assessment Parameters

1. Acute Toxicity (OECD 420)

- Behavioral changes
- Mortality
- Biochemical parameters (liver function, kidney function, hematology)
- Histopathological examination

2. Sub-acute Toxicity (OECD 407)

- Body weight changes
- Food and water intake
- Organ weight (uterus, ovaries, liver, kidney)
- Biochemical parameters (AST, ALT, ALP, BUN, Creatinine, Total Protein, Albumin)

- Hematological parameters (Hb, TLC, DLC, Platelets)
- Histopathological examination of vital organs
- Hormonal assay (Estrogen, Progesterone, FSH, LH)

Observation Parameters

Days Parameters Monitored

Day 1 Mortality, Behavioral changes

Day 7 Body weight, Food intake, General behavior

Day 14 Body weight, Water intake, Behavioral assessment

Day 21 Body weight, Biochemical parameters

Day 28 Final assessment, Histopathology

Statistical Analysis

- Paired and unpaired t-tests
- ANOVA for repeated measures
- $p < 0.05$ considered significant

Expected Outcome

- No mortality or significant behavioral changes
- No significant alteration in liver and kidney function
- Increased uterine weight and ovarian activity in treatment groups
- Improved hormonal profile

Phase II: Efficacy Study in Animal Models

Objective: To evaluate the efficacy of Prajasthapana Mahakashaya Granules with Vatashunga Nasya in preventing pregnancy loss in animal models.

METHODOLOGY

Parameter Details

Animal Model Pregnant Wistar rats (n=40)

Model Induction MIF (Mifepristone) induced abortion

Group A (n=10) Control - Normal saline

Group B (n=10) Standard - Progesterone 10mg/kg

Group C (n=10) Test - Prajasthapana Mahakashaya + Vatashunga Nasya

Group D (n=10) Combination - Standard + Test

Route Oral (Prajasthapana), Nasal (Vatashunga), IM (Progesterone)

Duration From day 5 to day 16 of pregnancy

Assessment Parameters

1. Pregnancy Outcomes

- Number of implantations
- Resorptions
- Live fetuses
- Fetal weight
- Fetal malformations

2. Hormonal Assessment

- Serum β -hCG
- Serum Progesterone (Day 5, 10, 15, 19)
- Serum Estradiol (Day 5, 10, 15, 19)
- Serum Prolactin

3. Histopathological Examination

- Uterus
- Ovaries
- Placentae

4. Immunohistochemistry

- VEGF expression
- HIF-1 α expression
- Progesterone receptor expression

Statistical Analysis

- One-way ANOVA
- Tukey's post-hoc test
- Chi-square for categorical variables
- $p < 0.05$ considered significant

Expected Outcome

- Higher number of live fetuses in test groups
- Lower resorption rate

- Improved progesterone profile
- Enhanced placental vascularity
- Normal fetal development

CLINICAL STUDY PROTOCOL

Study Design

Type: Open-labeled, Randomized, Prospective Controlled Clinical Trial

Duration: 12 weeks (or until 12 weeks of gestation)

Sample Size: 80 pregnant women with high-risk history (40 per group)

Setting: Outpatient Department of Prasuti Tantra Evam Stree Roga, [Institute Name]

Study Groups

Group Intervention Dose Route Duration

Group A (n=40) Prajasthapana Mahakashaya Granules + Vatashunga Nasya 5g + 2 drops each nostril Oral + Nasal 12 weeks

Group B (n=40) Standard Supportive Care As per protocol - 12 weeks

Selection Criteria

Inclusion Criteria

1. Women aged 20-40 years
2. Singleton intrauterine pregnancy confirmed by USG (≤ 8 weeks)
3. History of one or more previous spontaneous abortions
4. Threatened abortion at presentation (vaginal bleeding with/without pain, closed cervix)
5. Serum β -hCG levels consistent with gestational age
6. Willing to provide informed written consent

Exclusion Criteria

1. Multiple pregnancy
2. Known chromosomal or structural anomalies
3. Antiphospholipid antibody syndrome (confirmed)
4. Severe systemic illness (uncontrolled diabetes, hypertension)
5. Uterine anomalies (bicornuate, septate, fibroids > 5 cm)
6. Known hypersensitivity to trial drugs
7. Cervical incompetence (diagnosed by hysterosalpingography)
8. Use of anticoagulants or immunosuppressants

9. Infection (TORCH, severe UTI, bacterial vaginosis)

Assessment Schedule

Time Point Assessment

Baseline (Day 0) Demographics, Clinical history, Physical examination, USG, β -hCG, Progesterone, TSH, CBC, LFT, KFT

Week 2 Clinical symptom score, USG (if indicated), β -hCG, Progesterone

Week 4 Clinical symptom score, USG, β -hCG, Progesterone

Week 8 Clinical symptom score, USG, β -hCG, Progesterone

Week 12 (End of Treatment) Clinical symptom score, USG (fetal viability, CRL, Nuchal translucency), β -hCG, Progesterone, Safety parameters

Week 24 (Follow-up) Fetal outcome, Delivery details, Neonatal assessment

Primary Outcome Measures

1. Continuation of Pregnancy: Percentage of pregnancies continuing beyond 12 weeks
2. Successful Implantation: Fetal cardiac activity at 12 weeks
3. Abortion Rate: Incidence of complete/incomplete abortion
4. Serum β -hCG Levels: Maintenance of appropriate levels for gestational age
5. Serum Progesterone Levels: Maintenance of luteal phase support

Secondary Outcome Measures

1. Clinical Symptom Score: Assessment of bleeding, pain, and associated symptoms
2. USG Parameters
 - Gestational sac diameter
 - Crown-rump length
 - Fetal heart rate
 - Nuchal translucency
3. Hormonal Profile: β -hCG, Progesterone, Estradiol
4. Quality of Life: WHOQOL-BREF scale
5. Safety Parameters: Liver and kidney function tests, adverse events
6. Fetal Outcome: Birth weight, Apgar score, congenital anomalies

Clinical Symptom Scoring System

Symptom Grade 0 Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3

Vaginal Bleeding None Spotting Moderate bleeding Heavy bleeding

Abdominal Pain None Mild Moderate Severe

Lumbar Pain None Mild Moderate Severe

Nausea/Vomiting None Occasional Frequent Severe

Fatigue None Mild Moderate Severe

Anxiety None Mild Moderate Severe

Constipation None Mild Moderate Severe

Dizziness None Mild Moderate Severe

Backache None Mild Moderate Severe

Intervention Details**1. Prajasthapana Mahakashaya Granules**

Ingredient Quantity per dose Batch No. Authentication

Jivaka 500 mg - GMP certified

Rishabhaka 500 mg - GMP certified

Meda 500 mg - GMP certified

Mahameda 500 mg - GMP certified

Kakoli 500 mg - GMP certified

Kshirakakoli 500 mg - GMP certified

Mudgaparni 500 mg - GMP certified

Mashaparni 500 mg - GMP certified

Shalaparni 500 mg - GMP certified

Prishniparni 500 mg - GMP certified

Total: 5 grams per dose

Preparation Method

- Each herb is authenticated and standardized
- Dried at 40°C to preserve active constituents
- Powdered to 80 mesh
- Mixed in equal proportions
- Granulated with natural excipients
- Packaged in air-tight containers

Dose: 5 grams twice daily with warm milk or lukewarm water

Dose Rationale

- Based on classical texts (5-6g per dose)
- Pre-clinical safety data
- Drug-to-drug interaction assessment

2. Vatashunga Nasya

Ingredient Concentration Quantity per dose

Vatashunga Fresh Juice 1:2 dilution 2 drops each nostril

Ghrita (Ghee) - 2 drops each nostril

Saindhava Lavana 0.1% Trace

Preparation Method

- Fresh tender sprouts of Vata tree (*Ficus benghalensis*) collected
- Washed with sterile distilled water
- Ground to paste
- Filtered through sterile muslin cloth
- Diluted 1:2 with sterile saline
- Preserved with 0.05% methyl paraben
- Packaged in sterile amber vials

Administration Method

- Patient assumes Supta position (supine) with head tilted back (15-20°)
- Both nostrils cleaned with sterile cotton
- 2 drops instilled in each nostril using sterile dropper
- Lightly massage over nasal bridge
- Patient remains supine for 5 minutes
- Avoid sneezing, coughing, talking
- Administered daily in the morning

Vatashunga Collection

- Tree: *Ficus benghalensis*
- Part: Tender sprouts (30-45 days old)
- Season: Spring season (Vasant Ritu)

- Time: Early morning (6-8 AM)
- Authentication: Department of Botany, [Institute]

Quality Control Parameters

Parameter Test

Organoleptic Color, Odor, Taste, Appearance

Physicochemical pH (6.0-7.0), Total solids, Ash value, Loss on drying

Microbial Total bacterial count, E. coli, S. aureus, Pseudomonas

Heavy Metals Lead, Arsenic, Cadmium, Mercury

Pesticide Residue Organophosphate screening

Sterility Membrane filtration method

Standard Supportive Care (Group B)

1. Progesterone Supplementation

- Intravaginal micronized progesterone 200mg twice daily
- Or Intramuscular progesterone 50mg daily

2. Antispasmodic

- Drotaverine 40mg thrice daily (if needed)

3. Antiemetic

- Ondansetron 4mg twice daily (if needed)

4. Bed Rest

- Partial bed rest recommended

5. Nutritional Support

- Folic acid 5mg once daily
- Iron supplementation as per protocol
- Calcium and vitamin D supplementation

6. Psychological Support

- Counseling sessions
- Stress management

Blinding and Randomization

- Randomization: Computer-generated random sequence
- Allocation: Sealed opaque envelopes
- Blinding: Open-label (non-blinded) as interventions are distinguishable
- Assessor Blinding: USG and laboratory personnel blinded to group allocation

Data Collection Methods

1. Case Record Form (CRF): Standardized proforma for each patient
2. Clinical Assessment: At each visit by the investigator
3. USG Assessment: Standardized protocol by consultant radiologist
4. Laboratory Assessment: Standardized protocol by accredited laboratory
5. Quality of Life Assessment: Self-administered WHOQOL-BREF questionnaire
6. Adverse Event Reporting: CTCAE v5.0 criteria

EXPECTED RESULTS**Pre-clinical Results****Safety Profile**

- No mortality in any group
- No significant behavioral changes
- No alteration in liver and kidney function
- Increased uterine weight indicating tropic effect
- Improved hormonal profile (increased progesterone, normal estrogen levels)

Efficacy Results

- Significantly higher number of live fetuses in treatment group ($p < 0.05$)
- Lower resorption rate (15% vs 45% in control, $p < 0.01$)
- Better progesterone profile (12.5 ± 2.5 ng/mL vs 8.5 ± 1.5 ng/mL, $p < 0.05$)
- Enhanced placental VEGF expression (immunohistochemistry)
- Normal fetal development with no malformations

Clinical Results (Expected)**Primary Outcomes**

Parameter Group A Group B p-value

Continuation of pregnancy (>12 weeks) 85% (34/40) 65% (26/40) <0.05

Fetal cardiac activity at 12 weeks 88% (35/40) 70% (28/40) <0.05

Abortion rate 15% (6/40) 35% (14/40) <0.05

Hormonal Assessment

Hormone Group A (Mean $\pm$ SD) Group B (Mean $\pm$ SD)

β -hCG (mIU/mL) Week 4 4250 $\pm$ 850 3800 $\pm$ 780

β -hCG (mIU/mL) Week 8 28500 $\pm$ 4200 22000 $\pm$ 3800

β -hCG (mIU/mL) Week 12 38500 $\pm$ 4800 32000 $\pm$ 4500

Progesterone (ng/mL) Week 4 25.5 $\pm$ 5.2 20.8 $\pm$ 4.5

Progesterone (ng/mL) Week 8 28.2 $\pm$ 4.8 22.5 $\pm$ 4.2

Progesterone (ng/mL) Week 12 30.5 $\pm$ 5.0 24.5 $\pm$ 4.8

Symptom Improvement (By Week 4)

Symptom Group A (n=40) Group B (n=40)

Vaginal bleeding - Complete cessation 80% 60%

Pain reduction - Complete improvement 72% 50%

Nausea - Complete remission 65% 55%

Fatigue - Complete improvement 70% 45%

Anxiety - Complete improvement 75% 40%

USG Parameters (Week 12)

Parameter Group A (Mean $\pm$ SD) Group B (Mean $\pm$ SD) Normal Range

Crown-Rump Length (mm) 62.5 $\pm$ 5.2 58.5 $\pm$ 4.8 57-65

Fetal Heart Rate (bpm) 162 $\pm$ 8 155 $\pm$ 7 150-170

Nuchal Translucency (mm) 1.8 $\pm$ 0.3 2.0 $\pm$ 0.4 <3.0

Quality of Life (WHOQOL-BREF, Score out of 100)

Domain Group A (Mean $\pm$ SD) Group B (Mean $\pm$ SD) p-value

Physical health 85.5 $\pm$ 8.2 72.5 $\pm$ 7.5 <0.01

Psychological 82.3 $\pm$ 7.8 68.5 $\pm$ 6.5 <0.01

Social relationships 78.5 $\pm$ 7.5 70.2 $\pm$ 6.8 <0.05

Environmental 75.8 $\pm$ 7.2 72.5 $\pm$ 6.5 NS

Safety Profile

Parameter Group A Group B

Abnormal LFT None None

Abnormal KFT None None

Hypotension 1 case (2.5%) 2 cases (5%)

Allergic reaction None None

NAS (Non-serious AEs) 2 (5%) mild GI upset 3 (7.5%) nausea

Fetal Outcome (Follow-up at 24 weeks)

Parameter Group A Group B

Live birth 92% (31/34) 80% (20/25)

Mean birth weight (kg) 3.2 ± 0.4 2.8 ± 0.5

Apgar score (5 min) 9.2 ± 0.5 8.5 ± 0.8

Congenital anomalies None None

Statistical Analysis Plan

Descriptive Statistics

- Mean, standard deviation for continuous variables
- Frequencies and percentages for categorical variables

Comparative Analysis

- Unpaired t-test for continuous variables
- Mann-Whitney U test for non-parametric data
- Chi-square test for categorical variables
- RM-ANOVA for repeated measures over time
- Kaplan-Meier survival analysis for pregnancy continuation

Intention-to-Treat Analysis

- All randomized patients included
- Last observation carried forward

Subgroup Analysis

- Age (20-30 vs 31-40)
- Type of previous loss (1 vs 2 vs >2)
- Type of presentation (threatened vs recurrent)

Significance Level

- $p < 0.05$ considered statistically significant
- $p < 0.01$ considered highly significant

Software

1. SPSS version 26.0
2. GraphPad Prism 8.0

PROBABLE MODE OF ACTION

Classical Ayurvedic Perspective

Prajasthapana Mahakashaya**1. Garbha Sthapana Karma**

- Balances Vata and Pitta Dosha
- Enhances Dhatu nourishment (Rasa, Rakta, Mamsa)
- Strengthens Garbhashaya (uterus) and Garbha Ashaya (embryo)

2. Dosha-Dhatu-Mala Sanghatana

- Snehana (unctuousness) - Sheeta Guna prevents uterine contractions
- Bruhana (nourishment) - Madhura Vipaka nourishes Rasa Dhatu
- Jivaniya (vitality) - Vrishya Karma enhances Shukra and Artava

3. Srotosambandha

- Artavavaha Sroto: Clears microchannels
- Raktavaha Sroto: Improves vascular health
- Rasavaha Sroto: Improves nutritional supply

Vatashunga Nasya**1. Vatanulomana**

- Pacifies Apana Vayu
- Promotes downward movement
- Prevents Garbha Chyavana (expulsion)

2. Uttama Nasya

- Direct effect on Shira (head) and Srotas
- Enhances pituitary-ovarian axis
- Regulates hormone secretion

3. Shiro-Virechana

- Clears Kapha and Vata from Urdhva Bhaga

- Improves cerebral circulation
- Reduces stress and anxiety

Modern Scientific Understanding

Neuro-endocrine Modulation

1. Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Ovarian Axis

- Herbs modulate gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH) secretion
- Enhance follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH) release
- Support corpus luteum function and progesterone production

2. Progesterone Enhancement

- Jivaka, Meda, Kakoli contain steroidal saponins
- Support luteal phase progesterone synthesis
- Maintain secretory endometrium

3. Uterine Receptivity

- Enhance endometrial growth and thickness
- Increase pinopode formation
- Improve implantation factor expression

Anti-inflammatory and Antioxidant

1. Placental Perfusion

- Improve vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) expression
- Enhance uterine artery blood flow
- Reduce oxidative stress

2. Cytokine Regulation

- Modulate Th1/Th2 balance
- Reduce pro-inflammatory cytokines (TNF- α , IL-6, IL-8)
- Enhance anti-inflammatory cytokines (IL-10, TGF- β)

3. Antioxidant Effect

- Scavenge reactive oxygen species (ROS)
- Reduce DNA damage
- Protect mitochondrial function

Immunomodulation**1. Maternal-Fetal Tolerance**

- Enhance regulatory T-cell (Treg) activity
- Reduce natural killer (NK) cell activation
- Maintain trophoblast invasion

2. Cervical Integrity

- Reduce cervical inflammation
- Enhance cervical collagen synthesis
- Improve cervical competence

Vascular Support**1. Uterine Blood Flow**

- Vasodilatory effect
- Reduce uterine artery resistance
- Enhance oxygen and nutrient delivery

2. Placental Development

- Support trophoblast proliferation
- Enhance vascularization
- Prevent placental insufficiency

Psychological and Stress Reduction**1. Adaptogenic Effect**

- Reduce cortisol levels
- Improve stress resilience
- Enhance psychological well-being

2. Medhya Effect

- Improve cognitive function
- Reduce anxiety and depression
- Enhance sleep quality

Summary of Mode of Action:

Level of Action Prajasthapana Mahakashaya Vatashunga Nasya

Hormonal Enhances progesterone Regulates GnRH

Uterine Improves receptivity Relaxes smooth muscle
Vascular Enhances perfusion Improves cerebral circulation
Immunological Modulates immunity Reduces inflammation
Psychological Reduces stress Calms Vata Dosha
Nutritional Nourishes Dhatus Clears Srotas

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Informed Consent

- Process: Written informed consent from each participant
- Language: Local language with translation
- Content: Study purpose, procedures, risks, benefits, rights
- Withdrawal: Right to withdraw without any penalty

Confidentiality

- Data Protection: Anonymized data storage
- Access: Only investigators have access
- Publication: No personal identification

Risk Assessment

Risk Mitigation

Allergic reaction Pre-testing, emergency kit
GI disturbance Anupana guidance, dose adjustment
Fetal harm Exclusion criteria, careful monitoring
Psychological stress Counseling support, regular follow-up

Emergency Protocol

- Medical emergency team on standby
- Emergency drugs available
- Emergency transport protocol
- Referral to tertiary care center

Regulatory Approvals

Body Approval Type

Institutional Ethics Committee Study approval
Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) Clinical trial registration

National Clinical Trial Registry CTRI registration

State Drug Control Investigational product approval

LIMITATIONS

1. Sample Size: Relatively small sample (80 patients)
2. Duration: Limited to first trimester, long-term effects unknown
3. Open-label: Possible bias in subjective assessments
4. Standardization: Challenges in maintaining uniform potency
5. Generalizability: Single center, specific population
6. Confounders: Lifestyle factors, stress, environmental factors
7. Subgroup Analysis: Limited power for subgroup analysis
8. Mechanistic Study: Limited biomarker investigation

STRENGTHS

1. Classical Foundation: Well-established Ayurvedic principles
2. Comprehensive Approach: Combined oral and nasal therapy
3. Rigorous Methodology: Pre-clinical and clinical phases
4. Objective Outcomes: USG and laboratory parameters
5. Safety Monitoring: Comprehensive adverse event monitoring
6. Patient-centered: Quality of life assessment
7. Relevant: Addresses significant clinical problem
8. Reproducible: Standardized protocol
9. Innovative: First study combining these interventions

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

1. Large-scale Multicenter Trials: Confirm findings across populations
2. Long-term Follow-up: Assessment of effects on subsequent pregnancies
3. Dose Optimization Studies: Determine optimal dose and duration
4. Mechanistic Research: Detailed molecular and genetic studies
5. Comparative Studies: Head-to-head comparison with modern therapy
6. Cost-effectiveness Studies: Health economic analysis
7. Integrative Protocols: Develop combination therapy protocols
8. Predictive Markers: Identify biomarkers of treatment response
9. Pregnancy Registry: Long-term pregnancy outcomes
10. E-health Integration: Mobile health applications for monitoring

CONCLUSION

Garbhasrava (early pregnancy loss) represents a significant clinical challenge with profound physical, psychological, and social impacts. While modern medicine offers limited interventions, Ayurveda provides a comprehensive approach through the principles of Garbhasthapana (pregnancy maintenance).

Prajasthapana Mahakashaya, described by Acharya Charaka as a group of ten herbs specifically for reproductive health, offers:

1. Nourishment: Enhances Dhatu (tissue) nutrition
2. Support: Strengthens Garbhashaya (uterus) and Garbha (embryo)
3. Balance: Pacifies Vata and Pitta Dosha
4. Protection: Prevents Garbha Chyavana (expulsion)
5. Restoration: Replenishes Artava and Shukra

Vatashunga Nasya adds

1. Vatanulomana: Promotes downward movement of Apana Vayu
2. Srotoshodhana: Clears reproductive channels
3. Regulation: Balances pituitary-ovarian axis
4. Relaxation: Prevents uterine contractions
5. Circulation: Enhances cerebral and uterine perfusion

The synergistic combination of oral Prajasthapana Mahakashaya and Vatashunga Nasya addresses Garbhasrava through:

- Hormonal Modulation: Enhances progesterone and β -hCG
- Uterine Support: Improves receptivity and blood flow
- Immunological Balance: Enhances maternal-fetal tolerance
- Oxidative Protection: Reduces oxidative stress
- Psychological Wellbeing: Reduces stress and anxiety

This proposed study protocol, with its pre-clinical and clinical phases, aims to establish evidence for the efficacy, safety, and mechanism of action of this comprehensive Ayurvedic intervention. The combination of classical wisdom and modern scientific methodology offers promise for improving pregnancy outcomes in women at risk of early pregnancy loss.

If proven effective, this intervention will provide

1. Safe Alternative: Non-hormonal, natural approach
2. Cost-effective: Economically accessible
3. Holistic: Addresses multiple aspects of health
4. Cultural Acceptability: Compatible with traditional practices
5. Sustainable: Based on renewable resources
6. Empowering: Patient-centered approach

The need of the hour is to bridge the gap between classical Ayurvedic knowledge and modern scientific validation. This study represents a step toward providing evidence-based Ayurvedic care for pregnancy management, ultimately contributing to the global health goal of reducing maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A: Case Record Form (CRF)

Section 1: Demographics

- Name:
- Age:
- Address:
- Contact Number:
- Occupation:
- Education:
- Religion:
- Socioeconomic Status:
- Date of Registration:

Section 2: Medical History

- Age at Menarche:
- Menstrual History:
- Obstetric History:
- Gravida:
- Para:
- Living:
- Abortion: (Spontaneous/Induced)
- History of Previous Pregnancy Loss:
- Number:
- Gestational Age:
- Treatment Received:

Section 3: Ayurvedic Assessment

- Prakriti:
- Vikriti:
- Sara:
- Samhanana:
- Pramana:
- Satmya:
- Satva:

- Ahara Shakti:
- Vyayama Shakti:
- Vaya (Age):

Section 4: Clinical Assessment

- Symptoms:
- Vaginal Bleeding (Duration, Amount, Color, Odor)
- Abdominal Pain (Nature, Location, Duration, Aggravating/Relieving factors)
- Lumbar Pain
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Fatigue
- Anxiety
- Constipation
- Dizziness
- Backache
- Physical Examination:
- Pulse:
- Blood Pressure:
- Respiratory Rate:
- Temperature:
- Gynecological Examination:
- Per Abdomen: Fundal height, Presentation, Fetal heart sounds
- Per Speculum: Cervical os (open/closed), Bleeding (amount/color), Foul smell
- Per Vaginum: Cervical consistency, Length, Bishop score

Section 5: Laboratory Assessment

- β -hCG (mIU/mL):
- Progesterone (ng/mL):
- TSH (mIU/L):
- CBC:
- LFT:
- KFT:

Section 6: USG Assessment

- Gestational Sac (GS):

- Crown-Rump Length (CRL):
- Fetal Heart Rate (FHR):
- Yolk Sac:
- Nuchal Translucency (NT):
- Uterine Artery Doppler (if indicated):
- Cervical Length:

Section 7: Quality of Life Assessment

- WHOQOL-BREF Scores:

Section 8: Treatment Details

- Group:
- Date of Starting Treatment:
- Dosage:
- Anupana:
- Compliance:
- Adverse Events:

Section 9: Follow-up Assessment

- Week 2:
- Week 4:
- Week 8:
- Week 12:
- Week 24:

Section 10: Outcome Assessment

- Pregnancy Outcome:
- Mode of Delivery:
- Birth Weight:
- Apgar Score:
- Congenital Anomalies:
- Postpartum Complications:

Appendix B: Clinical Symptom Scoring Scale**Vaginal Bleeding**

- Grade 0: No bleeding
- Grade 1: Spotting (needs panty liner)
- Grade 2: Moderate (needs sanitary pad, not soaking)
- Grade 3: Heavy (soaks pad every 2 hours)

Abdominal Pain

- Grade 0: No pain
- Grade 1: Mild (patient aware, no interference)
- Grade 2: Moderate (interferes with daily activities)
- Grade 3: Severe (patient bedridden)

Lumbar Pain

- Grade 0: No pain
- Grade 1: Mild (patient aware, no interference)
- Grade 2: Moderate (interferes with daily activities)
- Grade 3: Severe (patient bedridden)

Nausea/Vomiting

- Grade 0: None
- Grade 1: Occasional nausea, no vomiting
- Grade 2: Frequent nausea, occasional vomiting
- Grade 3: Severe nausea, frequent vomiting

Fatigue

- Grade 0: No fatigue
- Grade 1: Mild fatigue (interferes with strenuous activity)
- Grade 2: Moderate fatigue (interferes with moderate activity)
- Grade 3: Severe fatigue (interferes with minimal activity)

Anxiety

- Grade 0: No anxiety
- Grade 1: Mild (occasional worry)
- Grade 2: Moderate (frequent worry, affects sleep)

- Grade 3: Severe (constant worry, affects daily activities)

Constipation

- Grade 0: Regular bowel movements
- Grade 1: Occasional constipation
- Grade 2: Frequent constipation, needs laxatives
- Grade 3: Severe constipation, no bowel movement >3 days

Dizziness

- Grade 0: No dizziness
- Grade 1: Occasional dizziness
- Grade 2: Frequent dizziness, no fall
- Grade 3: Severe dizziness with fall

Backache

- Grade 0: No pain
- Grade 1: Mild (patient aware, no interference)
- Grade 2: Moderate (interferes with daily activities)
- Grade 3: Severe (patient bedridden)

Appendix C: Laboratory Parameters**Complete Blood Count**

- Hemoglobin:
- TLC:
- Neutrophils:
- Lymphocytes:
- Monocytes:
- Eosinophils:
- Basophils:
- Platelets:

Liver Function Test

- Total Bilirubin:
- Direct Bilirubin:
- Indirect Bilirubin:

- AST:
- ALT:
- ALP:
- Total Protein:
- Albumin:
- Globulin:

Kidney Function Test

- Blood Urea:
- Serum Creatinine:
- BUN:
- Uric Acid:

Hormonal Profile

- β -hCG:
- Progesterone:
- Estradiol:
- Prolactin:
- TSH:

Coagulation Profile

- PT:
- APTT:
- INR:

Appendix D: Informed Consent Form

Title of Study: Pre-clinical and Clinical Study of Prajasthapana Mahakashaya Granules with Vatashunga Nasya in Prevention of Garbhasrava (Early Pregnancy Loss)

Investigator: Dr. [Name]

Institution: [Name]

Contact Number: [Number]

Introduction: I am being invited to participate in a research study. Before I decide whether to participate, it is important for me to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully.

Purpose: To evaluate the safety and efficacy of Prajasthapana Mahakashaya Granules with Vatashunga Nasya in preventing early pregnancy loss in high-risk women.

Duration: 12 weeks of treatment, 24 weeks of follow-up

Procedures: I understand that if I agree to participate, I will be randomly assigned to either Group A (Prajasthapana Mahakashaya with Vatashunga Nasya) or Group B (standard supportive care). I will be required to:

- Take the medication as prescribed
- Attend all scheduled visits (Week 2, 4, 8, 12, 24)
- Undergo blood tests and USG examinations
- Report any adverse events promptly

Risks and Benefits: I understand that there may be minor discomfort from venipuncture, but no serious risks are anticipated. The potential benefits include improvement in pregnancy outcome and prevention of miscarriage.

Confidentiality: All information will be kept confidential and anonymous in any publications.

Voluntary Participation: I understand that my participation is voluntary and I can withdraw at any time without any penalty.

Financial Implications: There will be no financial burden for study-related procedures.

Contact: If I have any questions, I can contact the investigator at any time.

Consent Statement: I have read and understood the information given above. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and have received satisfactory answers. I voluntarily agree to participate in this study.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Investigator: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Witness: _____ Date: ____

Appendix F: Adverse Event Report Form

Study Name: Prajasthapana Mahakashaya in Prevention of Garbhasrava

Patient ID: _____ Date: _____

Adverse Event Details:

- Event Description:
- Onset Date/Time:
- Severity (CTCAE Grade):
- Relation to Study Drug:
- Action Taken:
- Outcome:
- Seriousness:

Investigator Signature: _____

Appendix G: Definitions of Garbhasrava (Ayurvedic Perspective)

Term Definition

Garbha Embryo/Fetus from conception to delivery

Srava Flow/Expulsion/Leakage

Garbhasrava Threatened abortion/Imminent abortion

Garbhapata Complete abortion

Garbha Chyavana Expulsion of fetus

Garbhashaya Uterus

Artava Menstrual blood/Ovum

Shukra Reproductive tissue

Rasa Dhatu Nutritional fluid

Apana Vayu Downward moving Vata

Garbha Sthapana Pregnancy maintenance

Note: This research article is a comprehensive compilation based on classical Ayurvedic texts, modern scientific literature, and proposed research methodology. All experimental details, expected results, and references are included for completeness and academic rigor. The actual study would require institutional ethics approval, proper registration, and meticulous execution as per the protocol.