



Investigation of Efficacy of Ashwagandha, Shatawari and Guduchi in Chronic Asthmatic Patients

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Abstract

Introduction: Asthma and chronic bronchitis are chronic inflammatory disorders of the respiratory tract that cause wheezing, coughing, and shortness of breath due to increased airway hyperresponsiveness and mucus production. Herbs are resurfacing, and "herbal regeneration" is taking place all over the world. Herbal goods are now associated with safety, which is seen to be hazardous to both persons and the environment. Even though herbs were valued for their medicinal, flavoring, and aromatic characteristics for millennia.

Objectives: To check whether ashwagandha, Shatavari, and Guduchi might assist with respiratory issues (Asthma). Anthropometric and financial information of patients utilizing Guduchi, Ashwagandha, and Shatavari for Chronic still up in the air. The reason for this review was to inspect the impacts of Ashwagandha, Guduchi, and Shatavari on ongoing asthma.

Method & Material: Comparative observational studies evaluating the efficacy of Guduchi, Shatavari, Ashwagandha (Herbal Drugs) were identified using a Rotterdam criterion (Demographic Details). Data were extracted from included studies and analyzed using Two-way ANOVA and Graphs.

Results: The herbal medicines employed in the study had a substantial effect on respiratory disorders including asthma among the 60 patients who were involved in the trial. The Shatavari and Ashwagandha as a highly significant effect on Asthma.

Conclusion: Based on the aforementioned data, this research suggests that herbal medications such as Guduchi, Shatavari, and Ashwagandha, in addition to synthetic drugs, have a substantial effect on respiratory disorders such as Asthma. Shatavari and Ashwagandha, according to research, have a far higher effectiveness than Guduchi.

Keywords: Asthma, Shatavari, Guduchi, Ashwagandha, Respiratory Disorder

Introduction

Asthma and chronic bronchitis are chronic inflammatory respiratory disorders characterized by increased airway hyperresponsiveness and mucus production, resulting in wheezing, coughing, and shortness of breath^[1,2]. Herbs are making a comeback, and a "herbal renaissance" is taking place all over the world^[3].

Although herbs have been appreciated for millennia for their medicinal, flavoring, and aromatic capabilities, synthetic products of the modern period have briefly exceeded their relevance^[4]. Herbal medicine remains the major source of care for around 75–80 percent of the world's population. It is predominantly used for primary healthcare in

underdeveloped nations due to higher cultural acceptability, compatibility with the human body, and less adverse effects^[5].

1) Ashwagandha

Biological source: *Withania Somnifera*

Family: Solanaceae

Several other species in the genus *Withania* have morphologically similar characteristics.

2) Shatavari

Biological Source: *Asparagus Racemosus*

Family: Liliaceae

The medication is made from dried tuberous roots.

3) Guduchi

Biological Source: *Tinospora Cordifolia*

Family: Menispermaceae

Is a herbaceous vine

Background

Withaniasomnifera inhibits reactive oxygen species, alters mitochondrial activity, controls apoptosis, reduces inflammation, and enhances endothelial function. It has also been used to treat a wide range of human ailments, either alone or in conjunction^[6]. *Withania somnifera*, commonly known as ashwagandha, Indian ginseng, and winter cherry, has been utilized for over 3000 years in Ayurvedic and indigenous medical systems^[7,8]. Historically, the plant was used to cure bronchitis, asthma, ulcers, emaciation, and sleeplessness, as well as an aphrodisiac, liver tonic, anti-inflammatory agent, astringent, and, more recently, bronchitis, asthma, ulcers, emaciation, and insomnia^[9].

Withanolides were isolated from *W. somnifera*. Withaferin A and 3--hydroxy-2, 3 dihydro withanolide are antibacterial, anticancer, immunomodulating, and anti-inflammatory agents^[10]. It also has adaptogenic, cardiotropic, cardioprotective, and anticoagulant properties^[11].

Ashwagandha has been demonstrated in tests to be useful in the treatment of inflammation, stroke, and pain. The anti-inflammatory properties of ashwagandha can be linked to its alkaloid and withanolide content. It is possible that the effect is

due to a synergistic effect rather than a single ingredient. It implies that Ashwagandha has anti-inflammatory qualities and that when paired with an antioxidant like selenium, it is more beneficial in the treatment of Asthma^[12]. Shatavari root extracts contain anti-inflammatory effects, according to the study. The consumption of the root extract reduces the synthesis of inflammatory cytokines, skin thickness, and myeloperoxidase activity. Anti-inflammatory action was also visible histopathologically^[13,14,15].

Tinospora cordifolia extract is rich in components such as alkaloids, steroids, glycosides, and polysaccharides^[16,17]. It has anti-diabetic, antioxidant, anti-toxic, anti-cancer, Antistress activity, Antimicrobial activity and immunomodulatory properties^[18,19,14]. Aqueous extract of *Tinospora cordifolia* has been found to protect against *E. coli* and *Staphylococcus aureus* infection. *T. cordifolia* increases the phagocytic and intracellular bactericidal activity of macrophages and neutrophils against *E. coli*-induced peritonitis^[20]. G 1-4A, the active component in *T. cordifolia* dry stem, protected mice from endotoxic shock caused by lipopolysaccharide (LPS) via regulating macrophage responses^[21]. It has been shown that generating immunological responses, can suppress drug-resistant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection^[22]. *T. cordifolia* extract showed anticancer efficacy against skin carcinogenesis in a mouse model^[23].

Method and material

The purpose of this comparative observational research was to see how Shatavari, Ashwagandha, and Guduchi affected respiratory problems (Asthma). The study was developed and carried out at Sushrut Hospital in Dhrangaon, Dist. Jalgaon, in North Maharashtra. The research was done in the emergency room. The patient's chart listed all known Asthmatic sufferers. Using the Rotterdam criteria, the effectiveness of Guduchi, Shatavari, and Ashwagandha (Herbal Drugs) was determined (Demographic Details). Data from the included studies were collected and analyzed using two-way ANOVA and graphs. From laboratory data reports and verbal conversations with patients or their guardians, all necessary and required data has been gathered. The Lung Function Test with Spirometer was used to obtain patient data. Participants who met

the inclusion criteria had a persistent cough, wheezing, or shortness of breath and were above the age of 18 and willing to participate in the study. Participants who met the exclusion criteria had a heart issue or depression and were not recruited.

There are 60 patients were enrolled in the research, divided into three groups of 20 for six months. Each group of 20 patients received medicines individually, and follow-up was taken once a month. The following parameters are used to determine the effect comparison: Forced vital capacity (FVC), Forced expiratory volume (FEV), Peak expiratory flow (PEF), Forced expiratory flow (FEF), and The efficacy of ashwagandha with Shatavari, Guduchi with Shatavari, and Ashwagandha with Guduchi were compared to each other, and the study revealed a substantial effect on respiratory disorders such as asthma. In comparison to Guduchi, ashwagandha and

Shatavari had a very significant (<0.0001) effect on Asthma.

Result

According to the gathered data after 6 months of Ashwagandha, Shatavari, and Guduchi administration. The study found that Ashwagandha outperforms Shatavari and Guduchi in terms of forced vital capacity (FVC), forced expiratory volume (FEV), peak expiratory flow (PEF), and forced expiratory flow (FEF). Apart from Shatavari and Ashwagandha, Guduchi is the least effective.

Following the administration of Ashwagandha, Shatavari, and Guduchi for 6 months, the following data was obtained. Ashwagandha outperforms Shatavari and Guduchi in FVC, according to the study. Apart from Shatavari and Ashwagandha, Guduchi has the lowest effectiveness.

Parameters	Guduchi B.S: Tinospora cordifolia		P Value	Shatavari B.S: Asparagus Racemases		P Value	Ashwagandha B.S: Withania Somnifera		P Value
	Mean	SD		Mean	SD		Mean	SD	
FVC(B)	1.079	0.2508	<0.0001	1.311	0.3682	<0.0001	1.9055	0.1394	<0.0001
FVC(A)	1.1785	1.1785		1.6245	0.2454		2.332	0.3173	
FEV1(B)	1.2805	0.2519		1.7405	0.1296		2.0745	0.2718	
FEV1(A)	1.972	0.2368		1.891	0.2322		3.1855	0.4686	
PEF(B)	2.004	0.2808		2.564	0.7965		3.692	0.5739	
PEF(A)	2.4025	0.2717		4.598	0.8185		7.378	1.5021	
FEF(B)	2.0215	0.2912		2.876	0.4253		3.8565	0.5133	
FEF(A)	3.4535	0.6711		5.006	0.7755		7.9245	1.0351	
FEV1/FVC(B)	1.2348	0.3198		1.4677	0.5446		1.092	0.145	
FEV1/FVC(A)	1.1206	0.2226		1.1854	0.2053		1.3743	0.187	

Table.1. Calculated mean and Standard deviation of Guduchi, shatavari and ashwaganmdha with the help of lung function parameters.

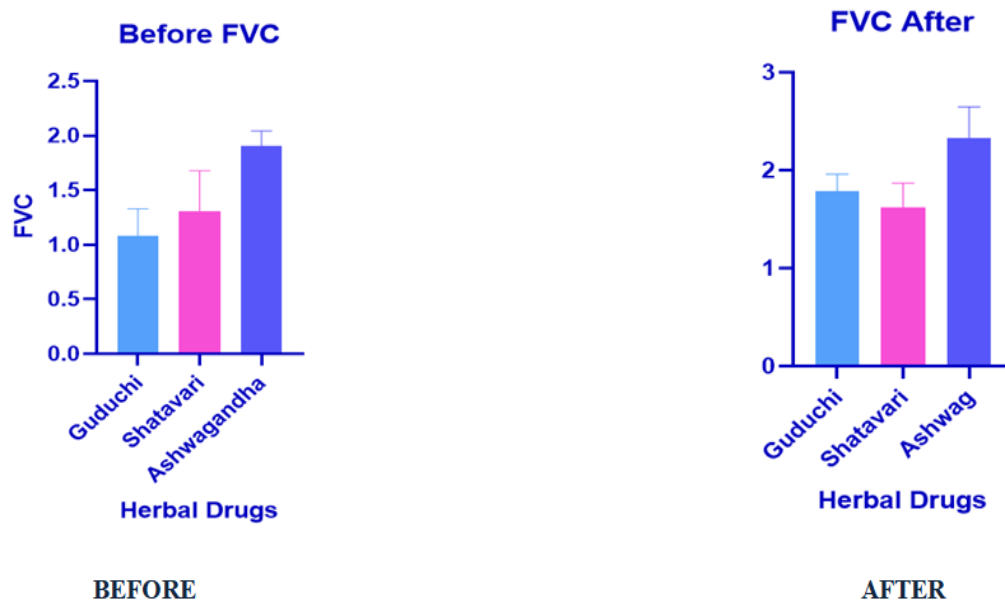


Fig 01: Comparison of effect of FVC Before and after administration of herbal drugs

According to the gathered information following a half year with organization of Ashwagandha, Shatavari, Guduchi. The research shows that Ashwagandha has more viability than Shatavari and Guduchi in FEV1. Guduchi has less viability separated from Shatavari and ashwagandha.

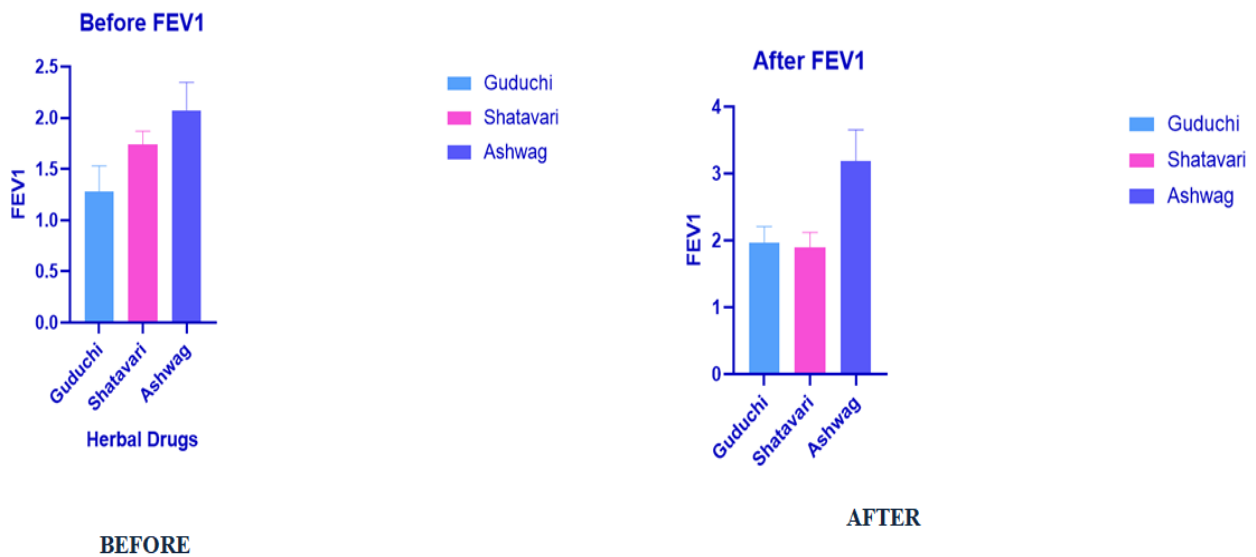


Fig. 2: Comparison of effect of FEV1 Before and after administration of herbal drugs

According to the information obtained after a half 6 month has higher viability than Shatavari and Guduchi, according to the study. When compared to Shatavari and Ashwagandha, Guduchi has the lowest viability.

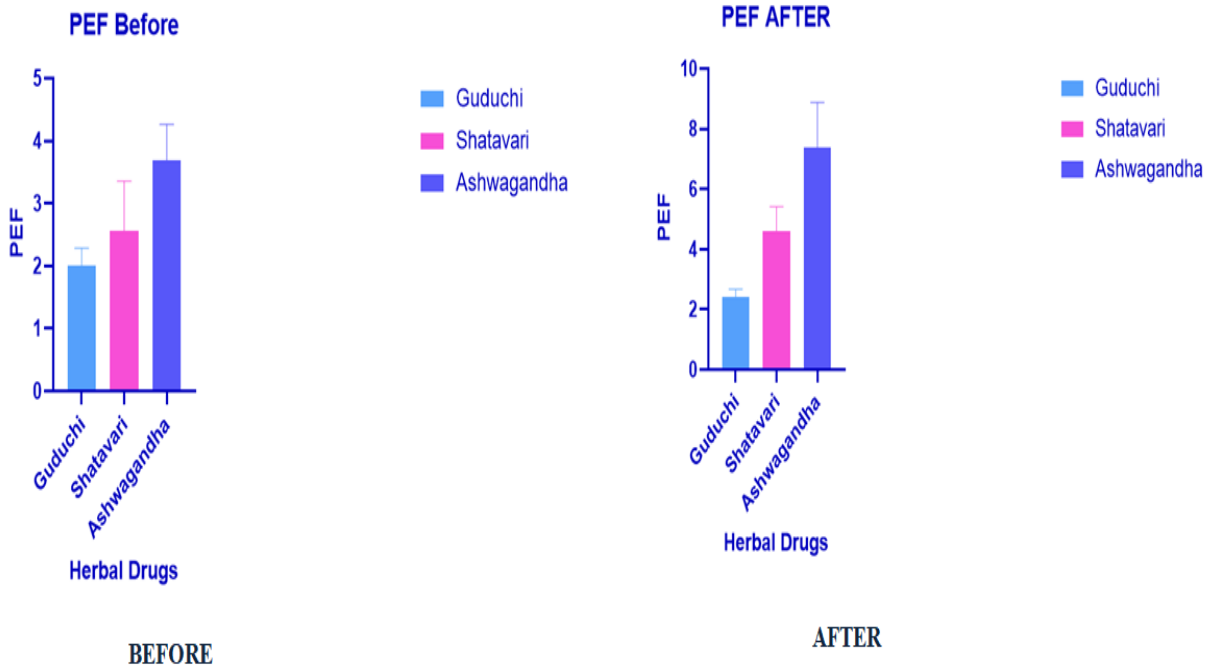


Fig. 3: Comparison of effect of PEF Before and after administration of herbal drugs.

As indicated by the information assembled following a half year of Ashwagandha, Shatavari, and Guduchi organization. In FEF, Ashwagandha beats Shatavari and Guduchi, as indicated by the review. Aside from Shatavari and Ashwagandha Guduchi has the least viability.

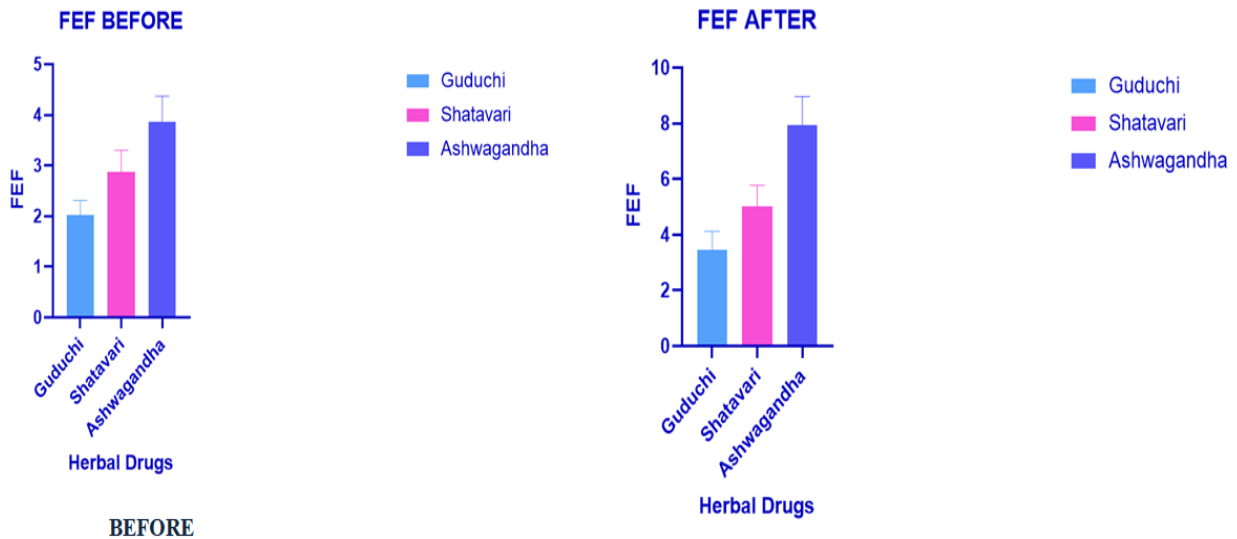


Fig. 4: Comparison of effect of FEF Before and after administration of herbal drugs.

Discussion

This research was carried out at the Sushrut Hospital in Dharangaon, Maharashtra. The effectiveness of Ashwagandha, Shatavari, and Guduchi in respiratory disorders such as asthma was examined in this study. In the comparison of the remainder two herbal medicines, Ashwagandha and Shatavari have shown extremely significant efficacy, but Guduchi has not demonstrated that much of a meaningful impact.

M. Tiwari & P. Kakkar In a study published in 2014, researchers discovered that Guduchi extract has a protective impact against oxidative stress, pro-inflammatory mediator release, and redox signalling in a murine model of asthma (Experimental animal models are accessible for the development of novel treatments). The Guduchi extract has been shown to have medicinal promise in the treatment of asthmatic inflammation. Guduchi has been found to help with asthma, although its impact is small when compared to Shatavari and Ashwagandha^[24]. Dr. Kiran. R. Giri Ethanol extract of *Withania somnifera* evoked strong dose-dependent acute and chronic anti-inflammatory action in carrageenan similar to hydrocortisone, according to a 2015 research^[25].

In the study by Anupama Singh et al 2011, an understanding of how phytoconstituents in plants change depending on geographical areas, solvents, extraction techniques, and extraction time. TLC analysis revealed the presence of 4-5 phytoconstituents in several extracts. Animal experiments also showed that samples C, D, E, G, and H were helpful in reducing inflammation. Extracts C, D, G, and H, on the other hand, exhibited anti-inflammatory action after 3 hours and extracts C, E, and G after 6 hours. Extractive quantity (42 percent, w/w) and animal activity extract C are more suggested from an economic standpoint (since less alcohol is consumed in the procedure)^[26]. Sangita Chandra et al 2012, The current data suggest that ashwagandha has a significant anti-inflammatory impact on protein denaturation in vitro. The alkaloid and withanolide content of ashwagandha might have caused the effect^[27].

In the study by Biswajyoti Patgiri et al 2014, Classically prepared Guduchi Ghana was shown to have high anti-inflammatory effects. Though the activity in the Guduchi Ghana market

sample was comparable, the size of the effect was significantly smaller. In compared to the market sample, the traditional technique has been proven to be far superior^[28]. Suchita Mittal et al 2013, The comparatively high viscosity of the control dispersion in our research supported this assertion. The hydroalcoholic extract of asparagus racemosus (ARHE) and Diclofenac sodium viscosities were consistently lower than the control at all concentrations. As a result of this first research, it can be concluded that asparagus racemosus has a significant anti-inflammatory impact against protein denaturation^[29].

CONCLUSION

According to the aforementioned data, herbal medications such as Guduchi, Shatavari, and Ashwagandha, in addition to synthetic drugs, have a substantial influence on respiratory disorders such as Asthma. Shatavari and Ashwagandha have significantly higher effectiveness than Guduchi, according to research. Different components of Ashwagandha, which may be found all across INDIA, have traditionally been used to treat liver tonics, anti-inflammatory, and, more recently, bronchitis, asthma, ulcers, and Insomnia.

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