

# ANALYSIS THE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN AYURVEDIC TREATMENT FOR THE WRIST FRACTURE

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## ABSTRACT

**Aims:** The aim of this study was to analyze the improvements of the quality of life (QOL) in Ayurvedic treatment for the wrist fracture.

**Study design:** This is a Retrospective Cohort Study.

**Place and duration of study:** This study was conducted among the wrist fracture patients in Kadum bidum (orthopedic) Clinic who sought treatment of wrist fracture at Bandaranayaks Memorial Ayurvedic Research Institute (BMARI).

**Methodology:** All wrist fracture patients attending the BMIRI clinic were selected for this research study, were interviewed and administrated questionnaire to collect the data. Wrist fracture patients were divided into three groups (A, B, C). QOL were analyzed in the first visit, after the 6th week, after 3 months, and after the 6th month. **Authors: Need to define the groups studied, the specific intervention and the scoring system.**

**Results:** In group A, the patients showed improvement within 3 months. QOL score changes from 16, 39, and 55. In group B, QOL score of patients who were receiving treatment for 6th weeks changed from 18, 38.5. QOL score of patients who were getting treatment for 6 months QOL score change from 17, 26, 35, and 43. In group C, QOL score of patients who were getting treatment for 3 month QOL score changes from 21, 31.5, and 42.5. QOL score of patients who were getting treatment for 6 months QOL changes from 17, 24, 35 and 41.

**Conclusion:** The study patients were quickly improved by the Ayurvedic treatment indicating its efficacy in fracture management.

Key words: Quality Of Life, Wrist Fracture, Bhagna, Ayurvedic treatment

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## 33 1. INTRODUCTION

### 34 1.1 Background of study

35 Ayurvedic medicine is a system of healing that originated in ancient India. The goal of Ayurveda is  
36 prevention as well as the promotion of the body's own capacity for maintenance and balance [15]. A  
37 bone fracture is a medical condition in which there is damage in continuity of the bone. A bone  
38 fracture can be the result of high force impact or stress or minimal trauma injury as a result of certain  
39 medical conditions that weaken the bones such as osteoporosis, bone cancer or osteogenesis imperfect  
40 [1].

41 Fragility fractures are common, 1 in 2 women over 50 years of age will suffer one, as will 1 in 5 men.  
42 Globally during the year 2000, there were estimated 9 million new fragility fractures, of which 1.6million  
43 were at the hip, 1.7million at the wrist, 0.7million at the humerus and 1.4million symptomatic vertebral  
44 fractures [13].

45 A wrist fracture is one of the common fractures. The wrist is made up of eight small bones which connect  
46 with the two long forearm bones called the radius and ulna. Although a broken wrist can happen in any of  
47 these 10 bones, by far the most common bone to break is the radius. This is called as a distal radius  
48 fracture by hand surgeons [1]. One of the most common distal radius fractures is a Colles fracture. It  
49 causes a much loss of quality of life both acute loss, immediately after the fracture & chronic loss  
50 because of recurrent fractures & disability due to incomplete recovery [1].

51 Quality of life (QOL) is the general well-being of individuals and societies, outlining negative and positive  
52 features of life. It observes life satisfaction, including everything from physical health, family, education,  
53 employment, wealth, religious beliefs, finance, and the environment. Several instruments have been  
54 developed for the assessment of the quality of life after wrist fracture. International Osteoporosis  
55 Foundation (IOF) developed a specific questionnaire for quality of life patients with wrist fracture [14].

56 The Ayurvedic term for fracture is Bhagna [7]. In Ayurveda, bone fractures were classified into two types  
57 "dislocation (Sandhimukta) and fracture (Kandabhagna)". Ayurveda offers effective treatment for rejoining  
58 bones and restoring them to their original form and strength. Generally, bone being a living tissue,  
59 constantly builds and hence rejoins and nourishes. The three fundamental principles of fracture treatment  
60 are Bhagna Sthapana (Reduction), Bhagna Sthirikara (Immobilization), Punah cheshta prasara  
61 (Rehabilitation). In Ayurveda one of the important immobilization methods is bandaging for fracture.  
62 It classify into 15 types. Commonly spiral bandaging (anuvellita) is used to bandage around upper and  
63 lower limbs [4].

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## 67 1.1 Justification

68 Many patients visit the Ayurveda hospitals for the fracture treatment. The Evaluation of the fracture  
69 healing effectiveness of Ayurvedic treatment is essentially important to identify whether the treatment is  
70 successful or not, So we did the study to analyze the wrist fracture healing effectiveness who came just  
71 for the Ayurvedic treatment, who came getting after the western treatment and who came getting  
72 traditional treatment.

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## 74 2. PRIMARY & SECONDARY OBJECTIVES

### 75 Aim

76 To analysis the improvements of the quality of life in Ayurvedic treatment for the wrist fracture.

### 77 Objectives

- 78 ➤ To analysis the quality of life to wrist fracture patients who took ayurvedic treatment straightly(A)
- 79 ➤ To analysis the quality of life to wrist fracture patients who took ayurvedic treatment after getting  
80 western treatment(B)
- 81 ➤ To analysis the quality of life to wrist fracture patients who took ayurvedic treatment after getting  
82 alternative treatment(C)

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## 84 3. MATERIALS AND METHODOS

### 85 3.1 Study design & area

86 This is a Retrospective cohort Study. This study was conduct among wrist fracture patients  
87 in *Kadum bidum* clinic who came to the hospital for treatment of wrist fracture at  
88 Bandaranayaks Memorial Ayurvedic Research Institute.

### 89 3.2 Research Instruments:

90 Structured Interview administrated Questionnaire prepared based on Specific objectives.  
91 Questionnaire for the research was prepared and checked by the Supervisor.

### 92 3.3 Main study

93 The research proposal was prepared and approval was taken from the Supervisor.

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### 96 **3.4 Data collection**

97 Data was collected with the help of the interview administrated questionnaire from the *Kadum*  
98 *bidum* clinic patients who were affected by wrist fracture in order to do the main research.

### 99 **3.5 Data Analysis**

100 The data was tabled and analyzed using simple statistics as the next step of the research.  
101 The matters collected from the revised literature also analyzed in addition to the result of the  
102 research. The research report was prepared after the research results were achieved.

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## 104 **4. LITERATURE REVIEW**

### 105 **4.1 Fracture**

106 A fracture may be a complete break in the continuity of a bone or it may be an incomplete break  
107 or crack.

108 Classification 1 - According to their etiology into 3 groups.

- 109 1. Fractures caused solely by sudden injury
- 110 2. Fatigue or stress fractures
- 111 3. Pathological fractures

112 Classification 2 - According to the pattern of fracture

113 Fractures are often designed by descriptive terms denoting the shape or pattern of the fracture surface as  
114 seen on radiographs. It may indicate the nature of causative violence & may thus give a clue to the  
115 easiest method of reduction

- 116 1. Transverse fracture
- 117 2. Oblique fracture
- 118 3. Spiral fracture
- 119 4. Comminuted fracture(with more than fragments)
- 120 5. Compression / Crush fractures
- 121 6. Greenstick fracture (incomplete breaks occurring only in the resilient bone of children)
- 122 7. Impacted fractures

123 Classification 3 - According to the soft tissue involvement

- 124 1. Closed fracture: are those in which they overlying skin is intact.

- 125 2. Open fracture / Compound fracture: involve wounds that communicate with the fracture, or where  
126 fracture hematoma is exposed, and may thus expose bone to contamination. Open injuries carry  
127 a higher risk of infection.
- 128 3. Clean fracture
- 129 4. Contaminated fractures[1].

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### 131 **Symptoms of bone fracture**

132 The signs and symptoms of a fracture vary according to which bone is affected, the patient's age and  
133 general health, as well as the severity of the injury.

- 134 • Pain
- 135 • Swelling
- 136 • Bruising
- 137 • Discolored skin around the affected area
- 138 • Angulation - the affected area may be bent at an unusual angle
- 139 • The patient cannot move the affected area
- 140 • The affected bone or joint may have a grating sensation[1][11]

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#### 142 a. **Wrist fracture**

143 A wrist fracture is a medical term for a broken wrist. The wrist is made up of eight small bones which  
144 connect with the two long forearm bones called the radius and ulna. Although a broken wrist can happen  
145 in any of these 10 bones, by far the most common bone to break is the radius. This is called a distal  
146 radius fracture by hand surgeons[1].

#### 147 **Distal Radius Fractures (Broken Wrist)**

148 The radius is the larger of the two bones of the forearm. The end toward the wrist is called the distal end.  
149 A fracture of the distal radius occurs when the area of the radius near the wrist breaks.

150 Distal radius fractures are very common. In fact, the radius is the most commonly broken bone in the  
151 arm[1].

#### 152 **Description**

153 A distal radius fracture almost always occurs about 1 inch from the end of the bone. The break can occur  
154 in many different ways, however.

155 One of the most common distal radius fractures is a Colles fracture, in which the broken fragment of the  
156 radius tilts upward. This fracture was first described in 1814 by an Irish surgeon and anatomist, Abraham  
157 Colles, hence the name Colles fracture.

158 Other ways the distal radius can break include:

159 **Intra-articular fracture:** A fracture that extends into the wrist joint. (Articular means joint.)

160 **Extra-articular fracture:** A fracture that does not extend into the joint is called an extra-articular fracture.

161 **Open fracture:** When a fractured bone breaks the skin, it is called an open fracture. These types of  
162 fractures require immediate medical attention because of the risk for infection.

163 **Comminuted fracture:** When a bone is broken into more than two pieces, it is called a comminuted  
164 fracture.

165 It is important to classify the type of fracture because some fractures are more difficult to treat than  
166 others. Intra-articular fractures, open fractures, comminuted fractures, and displaced fractures are more  
167 difficult to treat, for example.

168 Sometimes, the other bone of the forearm (the ulna) is also broken. This is called a distal ulna  
169 fracture[1][11].

## 170 **Cause**

171 The most common cause of a distal radius fracture is a fall onto an outstretched arm.

172 Osteoporosis can make a relatively minor fall result in a broken wrist. Many distal radius fractures in  
173 people older than 60 years of age are caused by a fall from a standing position. A broken wrist can  
174 happen even in healthy bones, if the force of the trauma is severe enough[1][11].

## 175 **Symptoms**

176 A broken wrist usually causes immediate pain, tenderness, bruising and swelling. In many cases, the  
177 wrist hangs in an odd or bent way (deformity)

## 178 **Complications of a bone fracture**

- 179 1. Heals in the wrong position - this is known as a malunion either the fracture heals in the wrong  
180 position or it shifts (the fracture itself shifts).
- 181 2. Disruption of bone growth - if a childhood bone fracture affects both ends of bones, there is a risk  
182 that the normal development of that bone may be affected, raising the risk of a subsequent  
183 deformity.
- 184 3. Persistent bone or bone marrow infection - if there is a break in the skin, as may happen with a  
185 compound fracture, bacteria can get in and infect the bone or bone marrow, which can become a

186 persistent infection. Patients may need to be hospitalized and treated with antibiotics. Sometimes  
187 surgical drainage and curettage is required.

188 4. Bone death (avascular necrosis) - if the bone loses its essential supply of blood it may die[1][11].

## 189 **Prevention of bone fractures**

190 Nutrition and sunlight - the human body needs adequate supplies of calcium for healthy bones. Milk,  
191 cheese, yoghurt and dark green leafy vegetables are good sources of calcium.

192 Our body needs vitamin D to absorb calcium - exposure to sunlight, as well as eating eggs and oily fish  
193 are good ways of getting vitamin D.

194 Physical activity - the more weight-bearing exercises you do, the stronger and denser your bones will be.  
195 Examples include skipping, walking, running, and dancing - any exercise where the body pulls on the  
196 skeleton.

197 Older age not only results in weaker bones but often in less physical activity, which further increases the  
198 risk of even weaker bones. It is important for people of all ages to stay physically active.

199 The (female) menopause - estrogen, which regulates a woman's calcium, starts to drop and continues to  
200 do so until after the menopause, levels never come back up to pre-menopausal levels. In other words,  
201 calcium regulation is much more difficult after the menopause. Consequently, women need to be  
202 especially careful about the density and strength of their bones during and after the menopause.

203 The following steps may help reduce post-menopausal osteoporosis risk:

- 204 • Do several short weight-bearing exercise sessions each week
- 205 • Consume only moderate quantities of alcohol, or don't drink it
- 206 • Make sure you get adequate exposure to daylight Make sure your diet has plenty of calcium-rich  
207 foods. For those who find this difficult, talk to your doctor about taking calcium  
208 supplements[1][11].

## 209 **4.2 Kandabhagna**

210 In Ayurveda Bone fractures are classified into two types dislocation (*Sandhimukta*) and fracture  
211 (*Kandabhagna*). The types of fractures are:

- 212 1. *Karkataka*: Two ends of the shaft bent, swelling over the fracture in the middle
- 213 2. *Asvakarana*: Fractured ends in angular deformity.
- 214 3. *Curnita*: Fracture comminuted with crepitus.
- 215 4. *Piccita*: Fracture site crushed with several swelling.
- 216 5. *Asthichalita*: one fractured end displaced downwards and the other end sideways.
- 217 6. *Kandabhagna*: Fractured ends free & move on vibrating.

- 218 7. *Majjanugata*: One fractured end impacted into the marrow cavity of the other with exudation of  
219 marrow.  
220 8. *Atipatita*: Fractured end droops( eg; jaw)  
221 9. *Vakra*: Bone is bent, not completely fractured (greenstick)  
222 10. *Chinna*: One surface fractured, the other surface of the bone intact.  
223 11. *Patitam*: Large number of small penetrating wounds on the bone with severe pain.  
224 12. *Sphutita*: Bone cracked, swollen and painful; feels as if it contains the bristles of  
225 an insect[5][6][12].

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### 227 4.3 Treatment

228 The three fundamental principles of fracture treatment are

- 229 i *Bhagna Sthapana* (Reduction)  
230 ii *Bhagna Sthirikara* (Immobilisation)  
231 iii *Punah cheshta prasara* (Rehabilitation)

232 As soon as the fracture is diagnosed steps should be taken to reduce the fracture. Delayed reduction  
233 may result in delayed union or non-union and the displaced fragment may cause nerve damage or  
234 disturbance of circulation. For reduction of a fracture, certain manipulations are necessary .Manipulation  
235 is usually done as a therapeutic measure. But when it is performed with skill and understanding, it  
236 acquires a diagnostic function in assessing the stability of a fracture which in turn may govern the choice  
237 of treatment. The aim of reduction is to reduce the space between fragments and to place in original  
238 position[5][6][7][12].

239 The correct repositioning of the displaced bone are achieved raising the depressed fragment, pressing  
240 down the elevated, pulling and straightening when one end is overlapping the other. The basic  
241 procedures in treating a fracture are traction (*ancana*) Compression (*Peedana*) immobilization  
242 (*Samkshepa*) and bandage (*bandha*) Once a joint or fracture is reset and the deformity corrected , it  
243 regains its normal state by healing which is facilitated by rest and cold irrigation, medicinal plaster and  
244 dressings with linen soaked in medicated oils and splints. During olden days splints were used for  
245 immobilization[5][6][8][12].

246 The barks of the following trees were found to be useful. .

247 *Madhuca longifolia*

248 *Ficus glomerulata*

249 *Ficus religiosa*



250 *Butea frondosa*  
251 *Terminalia arjuna*  
252 *Bambusa bambos*  
253 *Terminalia tomentosa*  
254 *Ficus bengalensis*

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## 256 **Bandages**

257 Bandages are indispensable in the treatment of fractures. Bandages are usually done to hold the splints  
258 and dressings in position its main uses are

- 259 • to stop bleeding by pressure
- 260 • to give rest and support
- 261 • to retain dressings and splints in position
- 262 • to prevent edema
- 263 • to correct deformity

264 Types of bandages are

- 265 • Sheath (*kosa*) Around thumb and fingers
- 266 • Long roll (*dama*) Sling around straight parts of small width
- 267 • Cross – like (*svastika*) Spica around joints
- 268 • Spiral (*anuvellita*) Around upper and lower limbs
- 269 • Winding (*mutoli*) Circular around neck penis
- 270 • Ring (*mandala*) Circular around stumps
- 271 • Betel box type (*sthagika*) Amputation stumps tip of penis or fingers
- 272 • Two tailed (*yamaka*) Around limbs to treat ulcers
- 273 • Four-tailed (*khatva*) For jaw, cheeks, temples
- 274 • Ribbon-like (*cina*) Outer angles of eyes: temples
- 275 • Loosely knotted Over back abdomen & chest
- 276 • Noose like (*vibantha*)
- 277 • Canopy like Protective cover over head wound
- 278 • Cow horn (*gosphana*) Over chin, nose, lips, ano-rectal region
- 279 • Five tailed (*pancangi*) Head and neck above the level of clavicles

280 Acharyas have mentioned the rules of bandaging very scientifically. It should not be neither too tight nor  
281 too loose. Tightness can lead to swelling pain, blebs and too loose a bandage can never give the desired

282 stability of the fractured fragments. Like vise bandaging should be done in the interval of three, (hot  
283 Season) five (Normal season) or seven days (Cold season) depending upon the climatic  
284 conditions[5][6][9][12].

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#### 287 **Immobilization techniques in Ayurveda**

288 There are enough evidence to prove that Susrutha and his followers had profound knowledge on  
289 immobilization techniques. One of the application mentioned in Bhaishajya ratnavally is panka pradeha.  
290 It means application of mud around the fracture site. Most probably it could be analogous with plaster of  
291 paris which we practise today. Another type of immobilisation techniques which is very prevalent in  
292 Kerala and adjoining states are a combination of white of egg, Black gram powder and cloth[5][6][12]

#### 293 **Rehabilitation**

294 The first objective of rehabilitation is to eliminate the physical disability to the greatest extend possible  
295 second to alleviate or to reduce the disability to maximum possible level and third to train the person with  
296 residual physical disability to work and live within the limits of disability but to the hilt of his capabilities  
297 Significance of the principles of rehabilitation was known to ayurvedic Acharyas. Susrutha has instructed  
298 the patient of fracture carpal bone to bear weight in increasing order as the fracture healing progress. He  
299 instruct the patient to bear the bolus of mud and then rock salt and later Pashana[5][6][12].

#### 300 **4.4 Prognosis**

301 The treatment of curnita, chinna, atipatita and majjanugata type of fractures are difficult to heal.  
302 Dislocations of joints in children, elderly and debilitated individuals are also difficult to try

303 The treatment of fractures and joint injuries is difficult in patients who eat too little, who lack self – control  
304 to comply with instruction and those with vitaja constitution. The treatment is easy and successful in youth  
305 in the absence of dosa perturbation and in cold weather condition. The stability of a joint which takes a  
306 month in youth may require twice as long in middle age and thrice in old age[5][6].

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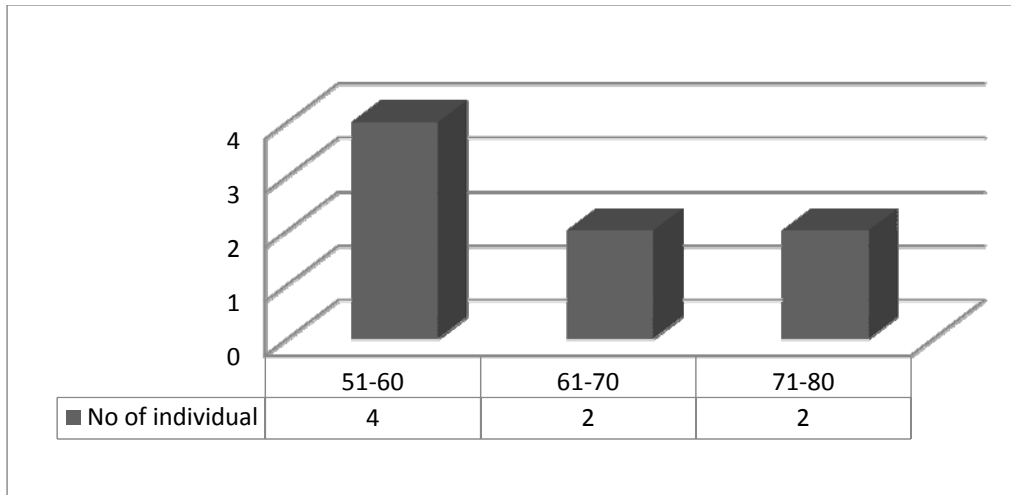
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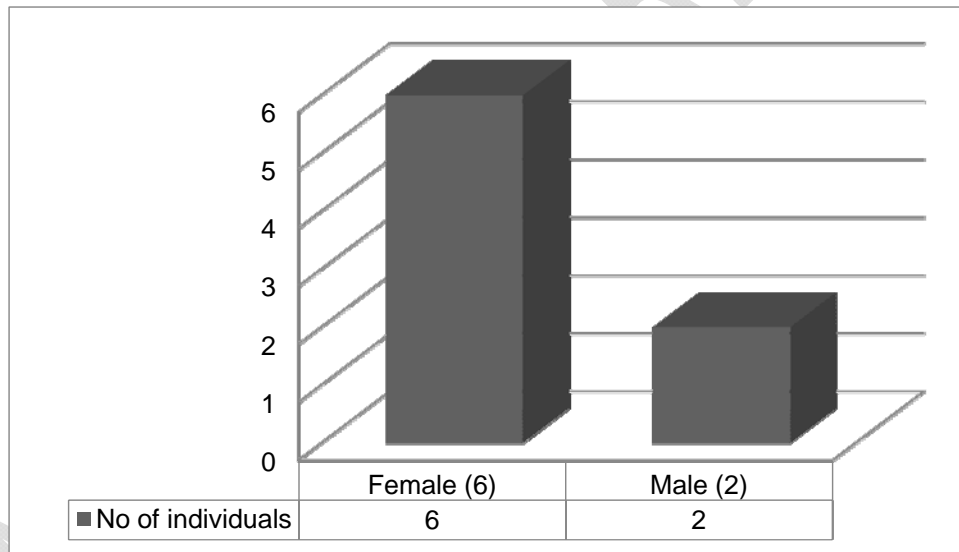
312 **5. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**



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314 **Fig 1 Details of wrist fracture patients' age**

315 Out of 8 wrist fracture patients, 4 patients are in age of 51yrs to 60 yrs. 2 patients are in age of 61yrs to  
316 70yrs and 2patients are in 71yrs to 80 yrs.

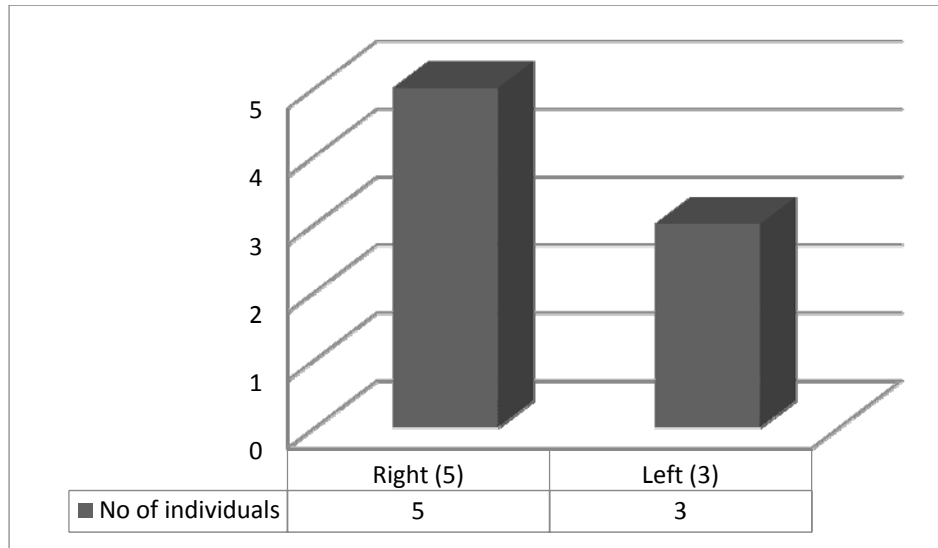


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319 **Fig 2: Details of wrist fracture patients' sex**

320 Out of 8 wrist fracture patients, 6patients are female and 2 patients are male.



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322 **Fig 3 Details of fracture side**

323 Out of 8 wrist fracture patients, 5 patients have right hand wrist fracture and 3 patients have left hand  
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**DATA CLASSIFIED WITH CATEGORY (MAXIMUM SCORE), 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY QOL SCORE, AFTER 6<sup>TH</sup> WEEK QOL SCORE, AFTER 3MONTH QOL SCORE, AFTER 6<sup>TH</sup> MONTH QOL SCORE AND P-VALUE.**

**Table 1 Group A (Analysis the quality of life to wrist fracture patients who took ayurvedic treatment straightly)**

<b>Category (Maximum score)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> day</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> week</b>	<b>3month</b>	<b>Probability value</b>
Total IOFQOL score(60)	16	39	55	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Pain	1	3	5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Numbness	5	5	5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Stiffness	1	3	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Deformity	1	3	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Wash or dry hair	1	3	5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Turn a door	1	3	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Problems with doing works	1	3	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Writing	1	3	5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Transport	1	3	5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Activities	1	3	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Need help	1	4	5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
QOL	1	3	5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>

Total maximum QOL score is 110, 1<sup>st</sup> Day QOL score is 16, after 6<sup>th</sup> week QOL score is 39 and after 3month QOL score is 55. Therefore improvement is significant.

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356 **Table 2 Group B (Analysis the quality of life to wrist fracture patients who took ayurvedic**  
357 **treatment after getting western treatment)**

358 **a. Analysis the QOL in two patients who were got treatment for 6<sup>th</sup> weeks**

	1 <sup>st</sup> day	6 <sup>th</sup> week	Probability value
Total IOFQOL score(60)	18	38.5	<i>P</i> <0.05
Pain	1.5	3.5	<i>P</i> <0.05
Numbness	3	4	<i>P</i> <0.05
Stiffness	1	3	<i>P</i> <0.05
Deformity	2	3.5	<i>P</i> <0.05
Wash	1	3	<i>P</i> <0.05
Turn a door	1.5	3.5	<i>P</i> <0.05
Doing works	1.5	3	<i>P</i> <0.05
Writing	2	3	<i>P</i> <0.05
Transport	1.5	3	<i>P</i> <0.05
Activities	1	3	<i>P</i> <0.05
Need help	1	3	<i>P</i> <0.05
QOL	1	3	<i>P</i> <0.05

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360 Total maximum QOL score is 60, In 1<sup>st</sup> Day QOL score is 18 and after 6<sup>th</sup> week QOL score is 38.5.

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372 **b. Analysis the QOL in one patient who were got treatment for 6month**

	1 <sup>st</sup> day	6 <sup>th</sup> week	3month	6month	<i>Probability value</i>
Total IOFQOL score(60)	17	26	35	43	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Pain	1	2	3	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Numbness	5	5	5	5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Stiffness	1	1	2	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Deformity	2	2	3	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Wash	1	2	2	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Turn a door	1	2	2	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Doing works	1	2	3	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Writing	1	2	3	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Transport	1	2	3	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Activities	1	2	3	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Need help	1	2	3	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
QOL	1	2	3	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>

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374 Total maximum QOL score is 60, In 1<sup>st</sup> Day QOL score is 17, after 6<sup>th</sup> week QOL score is 26, after  
375 3month QOL score is 35 and after 6 months QOL score is 43. Therefore improvement is significant.

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388 **Table 3 Group C (Analysis the quality of life to wrist fracture patients who took ayurvedic**  
389 **treatment after getting alternative treatment)**

390 **a. Analysis the QOL in two patient who were got treatment for 6month**

	1 <sup>st</sup> day	6 <sup>th</sup> week	3month	6month	<i>Probability value</i>
Total IOFQOL score(60)	17	24	35	41	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Pain	1.5	2.5	3.5	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Numbness	5	5	5	5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Stiffness	1.5	2.5	3.5	4	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Deformity	1	2	3	3.5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Wash	1	1.5	2.5	3.5	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Turn a door	1	1.5	2.5	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Doing works	1	1.5	2.5	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Writing	1	1.5	2.5	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Transport	1	1.5	2.5	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Activities	1	1.5	2.5	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
Need help	1	1.5	2.5	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>
QOL	1	1.5	2.5	3	<i>P&lt;0.05</i>

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392 Total maximum QOL score is 60, 1<sup>st</sup> Day QOL score is 17, after 6<sup>th</sup> week QOL score is 24, after 3month  
393 QOL score is 35 and after 6<sup>th</sup> month QOL score is 41. Therefore improvement is significant.

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**b. Analysis the QOL in two patient who were got treatment for 3month**

	1 <sup>st</sup> day	6 <sup>th</sup> week	3month	Probability value
Total IOFQOL score(60)	21	31.5	42.5	$P<0.05$
Pain	2	2.5	3.5	$P<0.05$
Numbness	5	5	4.5	$P<0.05$
Stiffness	1.5	2	3	$P<0.05$
Deformity	2.5	3	4	$P<0.05$
Wash	1.5	3	4	$P<0.05$
Turn a door	1.5	2.5	3.5	$P<0.05$
Doing works	1.5	2.5	3.5	$P<0.05$
Writing	1.5	2.5	3.5	$P<0.05$
Transport	1	2	3	$P<0.05$
Activities	1	2	3	$P<0.05$
Need help	1	2	3.5	$P<0.05$
QOL	1	2.5	3.5	$P<0.05$

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406 Total maximum QOL score is 60, 1<sup>st</sup> Day QOL score is 21, after 6<sup>th</sup> week QOL score is 31.5, and after  
407 3month QOL score is 42.5. Therefore improvement is significant.

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## 420 6. CONCLUSION

421 According to the result,

422 1<sup>st</sup> day, 6<sup>th</sup> week, 3 months and 6 months QOL score change from

423 ➤ Group A: Total maximum QOL score is 110, 1<sup>st</sup> Day QOL score is 16, after the 6<sup>th</sup> week QOL  
424 score is 39 and after 3 month QOL score is 55.

425 ➤ Group B

426 a. Analysis the QOL in two patient who were getting treatment for the 6<sup>th</sup> weeks  
427 Total maximum QOL score is 60, In 1<sup>st</sup> Day QOL score is 18 and after 6<sup>th</sup> week QOL score is  
428 38.5.

429 b. Analysis of the QOL in one patient who was getting treatment for 6 months  
430 Total maximum QOL score is 60, In 1<sup>st</sup> Day QOL score is 17, after 6<sup>th</sup> week QOL score is 26,  
431 after 3 month QOL score is 35 and after 6 months QOL score is 43.

432 ➤ Group C

433 a. Analysis of the QOL in two patients who were getting treatment for 3 months  
434 Total maximum QOL score is 60, 1<sup>st</sup> Day QOL score is 21, after 6<sup>th</sup> week QOL score is 31.5,  
435 and after 3 month QOL score is 42.5.

436 b. Analysis of the QOL in two patients who were getting treatment for 6 months  
437 Total maximum QOL score is 60, 1<sup>st</sup> Day QOL score is 17, after 6<sup>th</sup> week QOL score is 24,  
438 after 3 month QOL score is 35 and after 6<sup>th</sup> month QOL score is 41.

439 ❖ In group A, Patients who were directly visited to Ayurvedic treatment in BMARI at Orthopedic  
440 clinic they were getting quick improvement seen within 3 months.

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442 ❖ In group B, Patients who were visited to Ayurveda treatment in BMARI at Orthopedic clinic after  
443 getting the western treatment, QOL in two patients who were getting treatment for 6<sup>th</sup> weeks QOL  
444 change from 18→ 38.5. QOL in one patient who were getting treatment for 6 month QOL change  
445 from 17→ 26 → 35→43.

446 In group C, Patients who were visited to Ayurveda treatment in BMARI at Orthopedic clinic after  
447 getting the alternative treatment, QOL in two patients who were getting treatment for 3 month QOL  
448 change from 21→31.5→42.5. QOL in one patient who were getting treatment for 6 month QOL  
449 change from 17→24→35→ 41.

450 According to the above results, patients got quickly improve by Ayurveda treatment than group B  
451 and C.

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457 **Ethical Approval:**

458 This research is conducted in my Internship period at Bandaranayaks Memorial  
459 Ayurvedic Research Institute (BMARI). BMARI is a research institute so I didn't get the ethical clearance.

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461 **7. Suggestions**

462 According to results and patients, satisfaction in Ayurveda treatment of fracture management is  
463 very effective. We should give awareness about, the effectiveness of Ayurveda fracture healing and  
464 management to public.

465 Suggested to analyzed number of individuals will increase we can get better results.

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496 **Appendix**

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Serial No:
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499 **Analysis the improvement of the quality of life in Ayurvedic treatment**  
500 **for the wrist fracture**

501 1. Patient's general data

- 502 i. Name:  
503 ii. Age:  
504 iii. Sex:  
505 iv. Permanent address:  
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507 v. Religion:  
508 vi. Civil status:  
509 vii. Occupation:

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511 2. History of fracture

- 512 i. Date of fracture:  
513 ii. Type of fracture:  
514 iii. Fracture side:  
515 (Dominant/ non dominant)  
516 iv. Wound: (Present/ Absent)

517 v. Any other history

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520 3. General data

521 Height:

522 Weight:

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527 4. Do you still have pain in the fractured forearm or hand?

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	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. Not at all				
ii. A little				
iii. Moderately				
iv. quite a lot				
v. very much				

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530 5. Do you have numbness or "pins and needles" in the fractured forearm or hand?

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	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. Not at all				
ii. A little				
iii. Moderately				
iv. quite a lot				
v. very much				

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533 6. Do you have stiffness in the fractured forearm or hand?

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	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. Not at all				
ii. A little				
iii. Moderately				
iv. quite a lot				
v. very much				

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536 7. Are you disturbed by the deformity of your fractured forearm?

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	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. Not at all				
ii. A little				
iii. Moderately				
iv. quite a lot				
v. very much				

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8. Can you wash or blow dry your hair?

	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. Without difficulty				
ii. With a little difficulty				
iii. With moderate difficulty				
iv. With great difficulty				
v. impossible				

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9. Can you turn a door key or unscrew the lid of a jar?

	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. Without difficulty				
ii. With a little difficulty				
iii. With moderate difficulty				
iv. With great difficulty				
v. impossible				

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9. Do you have problems with doing your work or homework?

	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. No difficulty				
ii. a little difficulty				
iii. moderate difficulty				
iv. may need some help				
v. impossible				

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10. Do you have problems with typing or writing?

	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. No difficulty				
ii. a little difficulty				
iii. moderate difficulty				
iv. great difficulty				

v. impossible				
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11. Can you use private transport e.g. drive a car or use a bicycle?

	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. No difficulty				
ii. a little difficulty				
iii. moderate difficulty				
iv. great difficulty				
v. impossible				

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12. To what extent has your fractured forearm interfered with your activities during the last week?

	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. Not at all				
ii. A little				
iii. Moderately				
iv. quite a lot				
v. very much				

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13. Do you need help from your friends or relatives because of your forearm fracture?

	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. Never				
ii. 1day per week or less				
iii. 2-3days per week				
iv. 4-6days per week				
v. Every day				

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14. Would you say that your quality of life has declined during the last three months because of your forearm fracture?

	1 <sup>st</sup> visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. Not at all				
ii. A little				
iii. Moderately				
iv. quite a lot				
v. very much				

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