

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

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 carried out among the wrist fracture patients in Kadum bidum (orthopedic) Clinic who got 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 Qualeffo-41 questionnaire to collect the data. Patients were divided into three groups (A - Patients who took ayurvedic treatment straightly, B - Patients who took ayurvedic treatment after getting western treatment and C - Patients who took ayurvedic treatment after getting alternative treatment). QOL were analyzed in the interventions. There are first visit, after the 6th week, after 3 months, and after the 6th month.

Results: In group A, they were getting quick improvement seen within 3months. QOL score changes from 16, 39, and 55. In group B, QOL score of patients who were getting treatment for 6th weeks QOL score changes from 18, 38.5. QOL of patients who were getting treatment for 6 months QOL change from 17, 26, 35, and 43. In group C, QOL of patients who were getting treatment for 3 month QOL 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

32 **1. INTRODUCTION**

33 **1.1 Background of study**

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

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

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

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

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

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65 **1.1 Justification**

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

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72 **2. PRIMARY & SECONDARY OBJECTIVES**

73 **Aim**

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

75 **Objectives**

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

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82 **3. MATERIALS ANDMETHODOS**

83 **3.1 Study design & area**

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

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88 **3.2 Research Instruments:**

89 Structured Interview administrated Questionnaire prepared based on Specific objectives &
90 with the help of standard Qualeffo-41. Questionnaire for the research was prepared and
91 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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95 **3.4 Data collection**

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

98 **3.5 Data Analysis**

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

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103 **4. LITERATURE REVIEW**

104 **4.1 Fracture**

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

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

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

111 Classification 2 - According to the pattern of fracture

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

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

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125 Classification 3 - According to the soft tissue involvement

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

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133 **Symptoms of bone fracture**

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

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

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144 a. **Wrist fracture**

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

149 **Distal Radius Fractures (Broken Wrist)**

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

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

154 **Description**

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

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

160 Other ways the distal radius can break include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

172 **Cause**

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

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

177 **Symptoms**

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

180 **Complications of a bone fracture**

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

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

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

191 **Prevention of bone fractures**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

211 **4.2 Kandabhagna**

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

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

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

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229 4.3 Treatment

230 The three fundamental principles of fracture treatment are

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

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

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

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

249 *Madhuca longifolia*

250 *Ficus glomerulata*

251 *Ficus religiosa*

252 *Butea frondosa*
253 *Terminalia arjuna*
254 *Bambusa bambos*
255 *Terminalia tomentosa*
256 *Ficus bengalensis*

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258 **Bandages**

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

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

266 Types of bandages are

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

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

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

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 pankapradeha.
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 extent 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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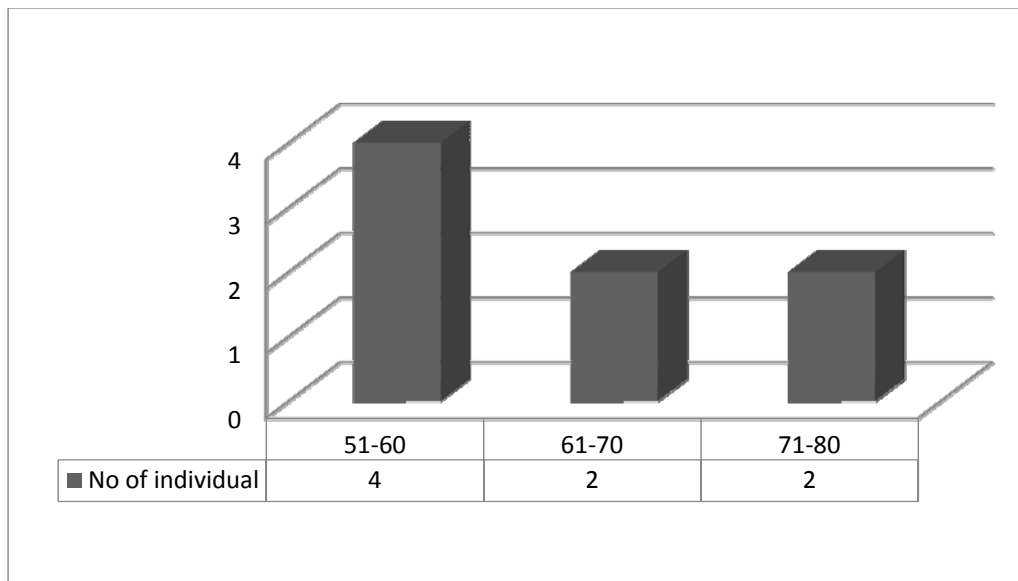
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314 **5. RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

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

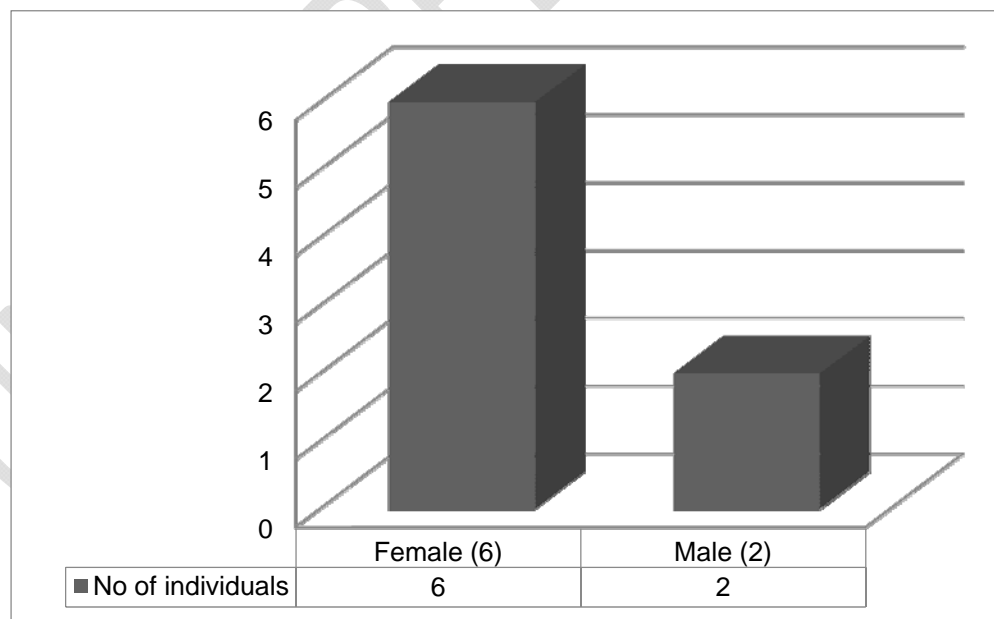


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317 Out of 8 wrist fracture patients, 4 patients are in age of 51yrs to 60 yrs. 2 patients are in age of 61yrs to
318 70yrs and 2 patients are in 71yrs to 80 yrs.

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

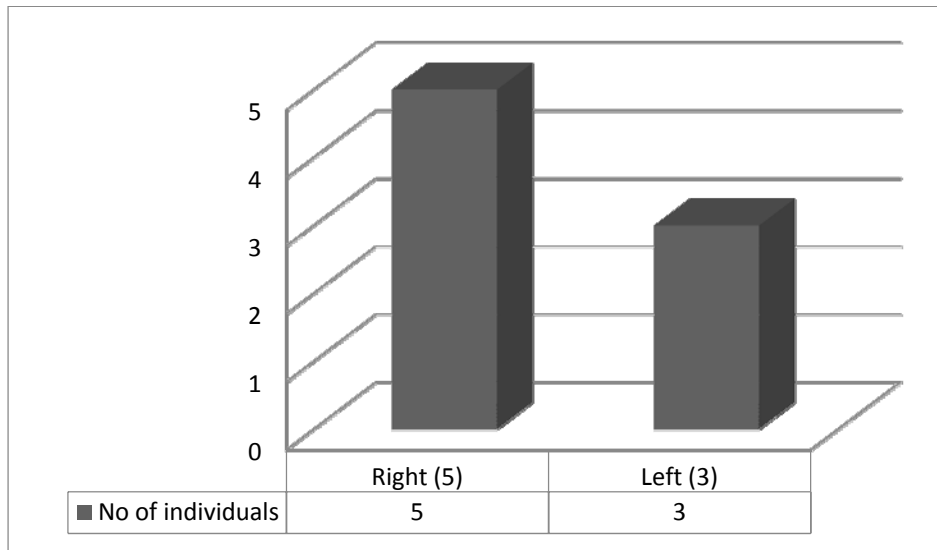


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322 Out of 8 wrist fracture patients, 6 patients are female and 2 patients are male.

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324 **Fig 3 Details of fracture side**



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326 Out of 8 wrist fracture patients, 5 patients have right hand wrist fracture and 3 patients have left hand
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342 DATA CLASSIFIED WITH CATEGORY (MAXIMUM SCORE), 1ST DAY QOL SCORE, AFTER
 343 6TH WEEK QOL SCORE, AFTER 3MONTH QOL SCORE, AFTER 6TH MONTH QOL SCORE
 344 AND P-VALUE.

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

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

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 348 Total maximum QOL score is 110, 1st Day QOL score is 16, after 6th week QOL score is 39 and after
 349 3month QOL score is 55. Therefore improvement is significant.

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

360 **a. Analysis the QOL in two patients who were got treatment for 6th weeks**

	1 st day	6 th 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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362 Total maximum QOL score is 60, In 1st Day QOL score is 18 and after 6th week QOL score is 38.5.
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b. Analysis the QOL in one patient who were got treatment for 6month

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

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376 Total maximum QOL score is 60, In 1st Day QOL score is 17, after 6th week QOL score is 26, after
377 3month QOL score is 35 and after 6 months QOL score is 43. Therefore improvement is significant.

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

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

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

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 394 Total maximum QOL score is 60, 1st Day QOL score is 17, after 6th week QOL score is 24, after 3month
 395 QOL score is 35 and after 6th 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 st day	6 th week	3month	<i>Probability value</i>
Total IOFQOL score(60)	21	31.5	42.5	<i>P<0.05</i>
Pain	2	2.5	3.5	<i>P<0.05</i>
Numbness	5	5	4.5	<i>P<0.05</i>
Stiffness	1.5	2	3	<i>P<0.05</i>
Deformity	2.5	3	4	<i>P<0.05</i>
Wash	1.5	3	4	<i>P<0.05</i>
Turn a door	1.5	2.5	3.5	<i>P<0.05</i>
Doing works	1.5	2.5	3.5	<i>P<0.05</i>
Writing	1.5	2.5	3.5	<i>P<0.05</i>
Transport	1	2	3	<i>P<0.05</i>
Activities	1	2	3	<i>P<0.05</i>
Need help	1	2	3.5	<i>P<0.05</i>
QOL	1	2.5	3.5	<i>P<0.05</i>

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408 Total maximum QOL score is 60, 1st Day QOL score is 21, after 6th week QOL score is 31.5, and after
409 3month QOL score is 42.5. Therefore improvement is significant.

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422 **6. CONCLUSION**

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424 1st day, 6th week, 3 months and 6 months QOL score change from

425 ➤ Group A: Total maximum QOL score is 110, 1st Day QOL score is 16, after the 6th week QOL
426 score is 39 and after 3month QOL score is 55.

427 ➤ Group B

428 a. Analysis the QOL in two patient who were getting treatment for the 6th weeks

429 Total maximum QOL score is 60, In 1st Day QOL score is 18 and after 6th week QOL score is
430 38.5.

431 b. Analysis of the QOL in one patient who was getting treatment for 6months

432 Total maximum QOL score is 60, In 1st Day QOL score is 17, after 6th week QOL score is 26,
433 after 3month QOL score is 35 and after 6 months QOL score is 43.

434 ➤ Group C

435 a. Analysisof the QOL in two patients who were getting treatment for 3months

436 Total maximum QOL score is 60, 1st Day QOL score is 21, after 6th week QOL score is 31.5,
437 and after 3month QOL score is 42.5.

438 b. Analysisof the QOL in two patients who were getting treatment for 6months

439 Total maximum QOL score is 60, 1st Day QOL score is 17, after 6th week QOL score is 24,
440 after 3month QOL score is 35 and after 6th month QOL score is 41.

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

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

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

452 According to the above results, patients improvement can be clearly observed in Group A, B & C.

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460 **Ethical Approval:**

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

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464 **7. Suggestions**

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

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

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501 **Appendix**

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Serial No:

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504 **Analysis the improvement of the quality of life in Ayurvedic treatment**
505 **for the wrist fracture**

506 **1. Patient's general data**

507 i. Name:

508 ii. Age:

509 iii. Sex:

510 iv. Permanent address:

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512 v. Religion:

513 vi. Civil status:

514 vii. Occupation:

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516 **2. History of fracture**

517 i. Date of fracture:

518 ii. Type of fracture:

519 iii. Fracture side:

520 (Dominant/ non dominant)

521 iv. Wound: (Present/ Absent)

522 v. Any other history

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525 **3. General data**

526 Height:

527 Weight:

528 BMI:

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

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

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

	1 st visit	6 weeks	3 months	6months
i. Not at all				
ii. A little				
iii. Moderately				
iv. quite a lot				
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7. Are you disturbed by the deformity of your fractured forearm?

	1 st 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 st 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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548 9. Can you turn a door key or unscrew the lid of a jar?

	1 st 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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550 9. Do you have problems with doing your work or homework?

	1 st 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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553 10. Do you have problems with typing or writing?

	1 st 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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555 11. Can you use private transport e.g. drive a car or use a bicycle?

	1 st 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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557 12. To what extent has your fractured forearm interfered with your activities during the last
558 week?

	1 st 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 st 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 st 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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X ray of wrist fracture patient



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