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ROLE OF NATUROPATHY & YOGA IN PROPHYLAXIS DURING COVID-19

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ABSTRACT

Whole planet is now suffering from a respiratory illness or disease entitled as CORONAVIRUS DISEASE. This disease is caused by a very highly infectious virus known as SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 virus. Coronavirus disease is a highly contagious disease. WHO declared this disease as a Pandemic and till date, COVID-19 was spread in more than 215 countries and territories. Naturopathy is a traditional system of medicine and used since ancient time. Naturopathy can be considered as the system of lifestyle medicine. This review covers how Yoga and Naturopathy plays a important role in prophylaxis during COVID-19 as well as some measures and methods for preventive care, immune enhancement and symptom management.

1. INTRODUCTION

COVID-19 or Coronavirus Disease-2019 is caused by a very new virus of Coronavirus family known as SARS-CoV-2. This disease is also known as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-2. Coronavirus disease-2019 is a deadly airborne, infectious, zoonotic and a very highly contagious global pandemic. This pandemic had been affected more than 200 countries worldwide.

1.1 SARS-CoV-2

This virus is seventh known Coronavirus. N- CoV belongs to the genus "Beta-Coronavirus" and family "Coronaviridae" {1,2}. SARS-CoV-2 is an enveloped, +ve sense, single stranded RNA virus of zoonotic origin. The disease "COVID-19" was officially named by WHO (World Health Organisation), later ICTV (International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses) named this "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-2[3]. This virus is seventh known Coronavirus. N- CoV belongs to the genus "Beta-Coronavirus" and family "Coronaviridae" {1,2}. SARS-CoV-2 is an enveloped, +ve sense, single stranded RNA virus of zoonotic origin. The disease "COVID-19" was officially named by WHO (World Health Organisation), later ICTV (International

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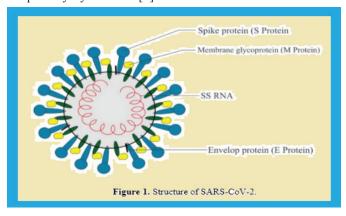


Fig. 1: Structure of SARS-CoV-2

Most virus of coronavirus family aimed to infect either upper or lower airways. Upper respiratory infection tends to be milder and spread easily, while lower respiratory infection is more severe and transmit hardly as compare to former. SARS-CoV-2 virus infects both upper as well as lower respiratory infection. Apart from SARS-CoV-2, there are six investigated virus which infect

human. Out of these six (SARS, MARS, 229E, OC43, NL63, HKU1), two (SARS & MARS) are zoonotic and lethal while the other four (229E, OC43, NL63, HKU1) are known to cause common cold and less lethal as compare to SARS & MARS (Table 1) [4,5].

B COV A

B COV HKU19

Robert COV HKU19

SARS-RH-battcov HKU3

A COV

ROBERT COV HKU19

SARS-RH-battcov HKU3

B COV B

ROV B

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Fig. 2: Types of Corona viruses

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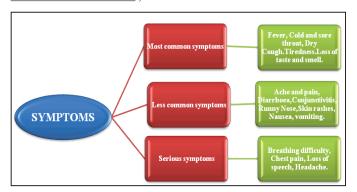


Fig. 3 Symptoms of covid-19/ problems associated with covid-19[53,54]

Table 1: Modes of transmission

S. No	Mode of transmission		
1.	Contact and Droplet transmission		
2.	Airborne transmission		
3.	Fomite transmission		
4.	Other transmission		

1.3 Relationship between Covid-19 and yoga

During this pandemic, the whole world is facing many psychological problems and they are also targeted by anxiety, stress and mental illness etc. To encounter this we had to understand why the yoga plays a vital role against COVID-19, the relationship between yoga and COVID-19 can be easily understand by this relationship chart (figure 4). Yoga is a very helpful stress reducing technique to encounter the psychological

disorder as well as Covid-19. Yoga has a unique level of advantages (figure 5) [52]

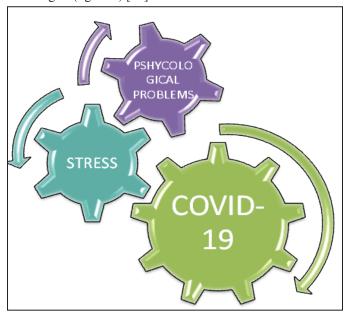


Fig. 4: Relationship between Covid-19 and yoga



Fig. 5: Advantages of yoga

2. NATUROPATHY

In India, Naturopathy is a traditional system of medicine and used since ancient time. Naturopathy can be considered as the system of lifestyle medicine. Naturopathy works by modulating the various factors those are very useful to enhance body's Immunity. Psychologic stress, fitness and physical activity, sleep, food, nutrition, co-morbid condition and as well as lifestyle, are such factors which also play an important role in maintaining the body's Immunity response.. During this pandemic, the interventions of naturopathy Can be used as preventive measures against COVID-19[6,7]. Worldwide lockdown and isolation

is the main reasons behind the anxiety and psychologic stress developed in majority of the population, this anxiety and stress can regulate immunity responses and defense of our body. This may result into the contract of the infection and resulting into enhancement of its severity [8].

2.1 Prophylaxis

Prophylaxis is defined as the study of prevention of disease [9].

2.2 Preventive Care

Naturopathy system is working on the principle of fixing someone's life followed by modulating immunity, then used as a preventive technique. To enhance and improve immunity against certain types of infections, Several and useful methods and measure are used. These measures and methods are also playing a vital role in improving the health of those patients who are suffering from any comorbid illness such as Diabetes, Hypertension, and patient who have increased their susceptibility to COVID-19[10]

2.3 Immunity Enhancement Measures

According to the Naturopathy system, there are various immunity enhancement measures for enhancing the body's immunity, some of them are listed below:

2.3.1 Developing Mucosal immunity and decrease the airway reactivity

Table 1: Measures for Developing Mucosal immunity and decrease the airway reactivity [11-14]

S. No.	Process	Measures	Timing
1.	GARGLING	Do gargles with hot water with salt followed by neem oil.	Daily
2.	NASAL IRRIGATION	With Water and Ghee.	Daily
3.	NETI-KRIYA	Vata-Neti, 2. Jalaneti, followed by Kapalbharti	Twice a week.
4.	AROMATHERAPY	with Aromatic oil (Peppermint oil, Eucalyptus oil and Tulsi).	Daily
5.	YOGA	Do yoga and Mindfulness exercise on regular basis.	Daily

2.3.2 Improving innate immunity or immune homeostasis

Table 2. Improving innate immunity or immune homeostasis[15,16].

S. No.	Process	Measures	Timing
1.	Intermittent fasting	Keep fast for one day per week.	Once a week
2.	Regular exercise	Keep doing exercise on regular basis.	Daily

2.4 Preventive Care Measures

According to the Naturopathy system, there are various measures for preventive care, some of them are listed below:

Reducing stress

Table 3: Preventive measures for Reducing Stress [6,8].

S. No.	Measures	Timing
1.	Regular YOGA	For 20 minutes/day
2.	Loosening/ breathing exercise	For 5 minutes/day
3.	Suryanamaskar	For 6 minutes/day
4.	Yogic relaxation techniques	For 5 minutes/day
5.	Kapalabharti	For 3 rounds/day
6.	Nadishodhana pranayam	For 9 rounds/day
7.	Ujjayi pranayam	For 9 rounds/day
8.	Bramari	For 3 rounds/day

2.4.1 Improving sleep

Table 4: Preventive measures for Improving sleep.

S. No.	Measures
1.	To obtain modulate immunity, take proper 8 hrs sleep [17,18].
2.	Hot foot immersion with cold compress to head for insomnia[17,18].

2.4.2 For better Respiratory health and fitness

Table 5: Preventive measures for better Respiratory health and fitness.

S. No.	Purpose	Measures
1.	To prevent Respiratory Infection, for Cardio respiratory fitness	Walking 30 minutes daily
2. Improving Stamina		Endurance exercise for 1 hr daily [19].

2.5 Symptom Management Measures

A. Cold, Coryza-Running nose, Nasal Congestion

- **Steam inhalation:** Use Tulsi, Peppermint and Eucalyptus oil and take steam inhalation[20].
- **Nasal irrigation:** With Saline water, followed by application of Desi-Ghee on both nostrils[21,22].
- Neti-Kriya: 1. Neti-Kriya, 2. Jalaneti, 3. Kapalabharti [23].

B. Sore throat, Hoarseness of Voice

- Gargling: keep doing gargles with Hot Saline water & neem water gargles followed by decoction with Honey[24].
- **Kashayam:** perform this by turmeric and coriander kashayam with the black pepper[25].

C. Expectorant Cough

- Ginger possesses an Anti-inflammatory, Anti-Spasmodic, Anti-tussive, Expectorant activity[26].
- Chew Ginger at regular time interval.

D. Dry Cough

• **Kashayam:** Make Ginger Kashayam in milk with Honey and then add cinnamon, black pepper, cloves, turmeric in it. This is very beneficial for Dry Cough[25].

E. Headache

• **Aromatherapy:** Take Lavander or Tulsi oil for Aromatherapy[23].

F. Fever

• Cold Sponging and Chest pack.

G. Wheeze, Chest Congestion

- Chair breathing: To reduce the Respiratory effect, Chair Breathing is very beinificial for this.
- Application of Cold Chest Pack plays a significant role in wheeze and chest congestion.
- Hot Fomentation to Chest and upper Back gives a very big relief.
- Hot Foot Immersion is also very useful to treat headache.

H. Malaise and Fatigue

- **Immunity Booster:** Take Lemon water with Honey, gonna very beneficial for the patients[27].
- Vitamin: Take Vitamin C, Vitamin D.
- · Carbohydrates: Glucose.
- **Proteins:** Plant proteins[27].

I. For treating pshycological problems (Stress, Anxiety and Depression)

 Aroma Therapy: Taking Lavander, Basil oil and Lemon Grass oil for aroma therapy is best remedy for pshycological disorders.

2.6 What to Have



2.7 What to avoid

X	Cold beverages, Coffee, canned juice etc.
X	Confectionary and Bakery products
X	Refined sugars
X	High Salt intake
X	Food in eateries
X	Smoking
X	Alcohol consumption
X	Oily food
X	Chinese Food and snakes.

3. YOGA THERAPY SECTION OR MEASURES (TABLE 6)

A. Breathing Modules and exercise:

- · Hands in and out, stretching Breathing.
- · Bhujangasana Breathing.
- · Shalabhasana Breathing.
- Tiger Breathing[28].

B. Asanas (figure 6)

- Suryanamaskar
- · Padahastasana.
- · Ardha chakrasana.
- · Trikonasana.
- Sulabha Matsyendrasana.
- · Makarasana
- · Bhujangasana.
- Shalabhasana[29,30].

C. Chair Breathing [31].

D. Pranayama:

- Bhastrika
- Ujjayi
- · Nadishodhana
- Bramari[32-34].

E. Yogic relaxation techniques:

- Muscle relaxation
- · Breath relaxation.
- · Awareness relaxation
- Deep relaxation[35].



Fig. 6: Different body positions for pranayama

$(Source: \underline{https://www.ayush.gov.in/docs/yoga-guidelines.pdf} \\ Accessed date: 20/09/2020)$

Table 6: Advantages of yoga therapy module or measures

S. No.	Yoga practices	Examples	Advantages
1.	YOGIC CLEANINSG PRACTICES	• Jalaneti • Vataneti • Sutraneti	 Cleans the sinsus. beneficial in allergic conditions. reduces activity of upper respiratory system[36,37].
2.	YOGIC JOINT MOVE- MENTS	Neck movements. Shoulder movements. Trunk Movements. Knee movements. Ankle movements.	 Increases blood circulation. Reduces stiffness which enhance joint flexibility. Facilitate asana practices[38].

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 3. 4. 	YOGASANA KAPALAB-	Ushtasasana Uthana Mandukasana Vakarasana Bhujangasana Sarala Matsayasana	Enhance chest expansion. Develop Cardio-pulmonary functions[38]. Increases pulmonary
	HARTI		functions. • Reduces secreations. • Cleanse Frontal sinsuses.
5.	PRANAY- AMA	Ujjayi NadiSodhan Pranayam Bhramari	Ujjayi: • increases O ₂ saturation in body[39]. Bhramari: • increases Nasal Nitric Oxide(NO). • increase blood flow. • Has anti-inflammatory action[40,41]. Nadi Sodhana Pranayam: • Reduces the symphthatic activity. • Stimulate Vagal activity. • Decreses stress and anxiety[42].
6.	PRATYAA- HARA	• Yoga Nidra	 Decreses in sympathetic arousal and reduced emotional distress. Improves sleep quality. Helps to keep the mind calm[43,44].
7.	MEDITA- TIVE PRAC- TICES	Dharana Dhayana	 • Meditation helps to reduces anxiety and stress[45]. • Reduces Cortisol level. • Enhance the α- Brain wave. • Keep the body stable. • Keep the mind calm. • Balance the physiology of Neuro-Endocrine system. • Enhance Immune system[45].

4. HERBAL REMEDIES EFFECTIVE AGAINST COVID-19

There is an overview on the herbal remedies which are effective in the treatment of COVID-19. List of herbal remedies are given below (Table 7) **Table 7:** An overview on the herbal remedies which are effective in the treatment of COVID-19[46-51]

Name of Herbal Remedies	Family	Botanical Name	Parts Used	Chemical Constituent	Classical Catalogue
Gokshura	Zygophyllaceae	Tribulus terrestris	Fruit	• Steroidalsapogrnins, diosgenin, gitogenin, chlorogenin.	Anti urolithiatic, MAOI, antimicrobial activity.
Bramhi	Plantaginaceae	Bacopa monneiri	Whole	• Bacosides A & B.	Antioxidant, antiviral, anticarcinogenic.
Kantakari	Solanaceae	Solanum xan-thocarpum	Fruit	Saponine.	Antioxidant, bronchodilator.
Methika	Fabaceae	Trigonella foenum grae- cum [L.]	Seeds	• Diosgenin, Neogitogenin, Homorientin, trigogenine	Antidiabetic, antioxidant, antigenotoxic.
Arishtaka	Sapindaceae	Sapindus mucorossi	Fruit	Triterpenoid Saponine, Sapindo- side A&B, acetylated triterpene bisdesmoside saponine.	Antiprotozoal, Insecticidal activity.
Liquorice	Fabaceae	Glycyrrhiza glabra	Root	Glycyrrhizin Isoliquiritigenin	Qi-reinforcing.
				, ,	
				Glycyrrhetinic acid	
				Glycyrrhizin	
Mulberry Bark	Moraceae.	Morus alba L.	Bark		Antitussive, Antiasthmatic.

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