



**VAYU YANTRA (VAYU AAHARANYANTRA UPACHAR)  
(CLINICAL VALIDATION OF VAAT PRINCIPLES THROUGH THE VAYU YANTRA: AN  
EXPERIMENTAL STUDY ON THE EXTRACTION AND ANALYSIS OF VITIATED VAYU  
IN PAIN MANAGEMENT)**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Background:** VAYU Yantra (*Vayu Aaharan Yantra Upachar*) means extraction of vitiated *Vaat* from the body, collection in sterile vial & Laboratorial gas analysis of composition of gases for specific treatment. Also main objectives of this yantra is to prove principle of *Vaat* in Ayurveda. *Viddha Karm* in Ayurveda is well illustrated. Vitiated Vayu is released by *Viddha Karm* but not caught. This is the common practice in Ayurveda since long time ago in India. This is the very instant & cheap method of pain management without medicine, which is experimentally as well as experience-wise proved. While the principles of *Vaat* in Ayurveda are considered eternal and functional, modern medical science often lacks the parameters to visualize or quantify it. *Viddha Karma* (therapeutic piercing) is clinically proven to relieve pain instantly by releasing vitiated *Vaat*, yet the gaseous nature of this entity remains unproven in laboratory settings.

**Objective:** To extract vitiated *Vaat* from the body using the VAYU Yantra (*Vayu AaharanYantra Upachar*), collect it in a sterile medium for laboratorial gas analysis, and provide empirical evidence for the *Vaat* principle of Ayurveda.

**Materials and Methods:** An experimental study was conducted on patients with localized pain in the *Shakha* (limbs) and *Rujakar Marm*. Using a 24G Y-site introducer needle, a three-way valve, and an epidural catheter, "vitiating air (*Vaat*)" was aspirated into a 30 ml vial containing 15 ml of distilled water under negative pressure. Assessment criteria included pain severity, relief time, and the presence of gas bubbles in the vial. **Results:** Clinical application of the VAYU Yantra resulted in immediate and significant reduction in pain without the use of internal medication. The successful collection of gas bubbles in the sterile vials confirmed the physical release of an aeriform substance from the site of *Vaat-dushti*. These samples are now viable for laboratory analysis to determine specific gaseous compositions (CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, etc.) and their correlation with specific *Dosha* aggravations. **Conclusion:** The study successfully demonstrates that *Vaat* can be isolated and captured for scientific study. The VAYU Yantra serves as a bridge between ancient Ayurvedic philosophy and modern diagnostic requirements, proving that *Vayu* is a measurable physiological force. This method offers a cost-effective, rapid, and evidence-based approach to pain management. *Vayu Yantra* has a great significance for vitiated *Vaat* extraction & instant pain reliever as well as to avoid further pathogenesis in the body.

**KEYWORDS:** Ayurveda, Vaat Principle, Viddha Karma, VAYU Yantra, Pain Management, Vitiating Vayu, Gas Analysis.

## INTRODUCTION

The most important element responsible for any form of movement in the body, Vata Dosha has special importance among the three doshas.

पित्तपंगुःकफपंगुःपंगवोमलधातवः।  
वायुनायत्रनीयन्तेतत्रवर्षन्तिमेघवत्॥<sup>[1]</sup>

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The elements Pitta, Kaph, Mala & Dhatus are weak and incapable for functioning independently in the body. The inspiration received from the Vata dosha is necessary for the function of each of these. The same thing is reflected in creation. Wherever the wind carries, the clouds produce rain.

### Form

अव्यक्तःव्यक्तकर्मचि।

Vata dosha cannot be shown in terms of length, width, depth. It is unmanifest. It is expressed through action. Its existence can be inferred. An example of this can be given as an electricity.

Electricity cannot be demonstrated directly. But the existence of electricity can be recognized from the phenomena that occur through it - the manifestation of light, fan, the perception of sound at a distance, the functioning of various machines.

### Importance of Vata Dosha (Vata Prashasti)

वायुरायुर्वलंवायुर्वायुर्धाताशरीरिणाम्।  
वायुर्विश्वमिदंसर्वप्रभुर्वायुश्चकीर्तितः॥<sup>[2]</sup>

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The union of body, senses, essence, and soul is sustained only by *Vaat*. That is, the survival of life is directly dependent on *Vaat*. Similarly, *Vaat* is responsible for maintaining the body's strength by providing the body's organs with external vital energy. Therefore, the entire universe is dominated by air.

स्वयंभूरेवभगवान्वायुरित्यभिश्चिदितः।  
स्वातंत्र्यान्नित्यभावाच्चसर्वगत्वात्तथैवच॥  
सर्वेषामेवसर्वात्मासर्वलोकनमस्कृतः।  
स्थित्युत्पत्तिविनाशेषुभूतानामेषकारणम्॥<sup>[3]</sup>

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For all these reasons, *Vayu* is God Himself. Lord *Vayu* is the cause of Universe, the protector of Universe, the cause of absence of feelings, the cause of happiness and unhappiness, death, Yama, the controller, Prajapati, Aditi, Vishwakarma, Visvarooopa, Sarvanga, Sarvatantrotpadaka, the subtle form of all emotions, Sarvavyapi, Vishnu, Sarvalokavyapi.

In short, since *Vaat* is responsible for the creation, existence, and destruction of the universe, air is truly 'God'.

### Functions of Vata Dosha

वायुतन्त्रयन्त्रधरःप्राणोदानसमानव्यानापानात्मा,  
प्रवर्तकश्चेष्टानामुच्चावचानां,नियन्ताप्रणेताचमनसः,  
सर्वेन्द्रियाणामुद्योजकः, सर्वेन्द्रियार्थानामभिवोढा,  
सर्वशरीरधातुव्युहकरः,  
सन्धानकरःशरीरस्य, प्रवर्तकोवाचः, प्रकृतिशब्दस्पर्शयोः,  
श्रोत्रस्पर्शनयोर्मूलं, हर्षोत्साहयोर्योनिः,समीरणोऽग्नेः,  
दोषसंशोषणः,क्षेप्ताबहिर्मलानाम्, स्थूलाणुत्त्रोतसांभेत्ता,  
कर्तागर्भकृतीनाम्, आयुषोऽनुवृत्तिप्रत्ययभूतोभवत्यकुपितः॥<sup>[4]</sup>

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### • वायुतन्त्रयन्त्रधर

When we look at the structure and function of the human body, it will be seen that the body or human body is a machine. For all the working mechanisms of this machine to function smoothly, a specific mechanism is required. Both Yantra and Tantra depend on Vata Dosha. Any organ in the body must be in its proper place.

That is why Ayurveda describes the important role of Vata in the formation of fetal organs. Also, the normal functioning of the respiratory tract and the number of pulses are subject to *Vata dosha*.

The expansion of the function of Vata is clear from the single sentence '*Vayu Tantra Yantradhar*'. (*वायुतन्त्रयन्त्रधर*)

### Qualities of Vata Dosha

तत्र रुक्षोलघुःशीतःखरःसुक्ष्मश्चलोऽनिलः॥<sup>[5]</sup>

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To have a proper understanding of the function of Vata, it is necessary to understand the 'Gunas'. Each Guna of Vata directly or indirectly helps in the function of 'movement'.

### The benefit of understanding qualities

If the balance of Vata dosha is to be maintained, it is necessary to have a balance of the above Vata qualities. Excess of food and exercise similar to the above qualities increases Vata dosha.

For example - If a person eats too much of dry food like chickpeas, lentils, dal etc., colic will start. (Due to the deterioration of Vata dosha) and excessive physical and mental stress, *Vaat dosha* will deteriorate and symptoms such as hallucinations (dizziness) will occur.

- नियन्ताप्रणेताचमनस
- नियन्ता - Controller,
- नियन्त्रक - Controller, originator,
- प्रणेता - प्रवर्तक - Promoter.

Vata dosha stimulates the natural functions of the intellect or mind. Not only this, it also controls the functions. It makes the mind think about good and bad

things and motivates, to do good deeds. The mind is described as a dual organ.

- **सर्वेन्द्रियाणामुच्चोजक**

Vata dosha stimulates the functioning of the senses, the organs of action, and the mind. It helps in their proper functioning.

- **सर्वेन्द्रियार्थानामुभिवोढा**

*Abhivodha* - To have a tendency. Each sense organ has a tendency to perceive its own subject. For example, sound is perceived best through the sense of hearing.

This function is due to Vata Dosha. In diseases like paralysis, there is a disorder in the functioning of the senses and those senses do not perceive their respective subjects properly.

- **सर्वशरीरधातुव्यूहकर**

The structure and function of the various metals in the human body are specific and complex. Those metals and organs have specific functions. Keeping this structure and function in order is the function of Vata Dosha.

- **सन्धानकरः शरीरस्य**

*Sandhana* means to join or connect. The joining or connection in the body is caused by Kapha. But it is stimulated by Vata Dosha.

- **प्रवर्तकोवाच**

It means speaking. Vata dosha is responsible for the act of speaking. Vata dosha is responsible for various sounds in the body, lung sounds, intestinal sounds, all sounds, etc.

- **प्रकृतिशब्दस्पर्शयो**

The nature of sound and touch is the root cause for which Vata dosha is responsible. Vata dosha is responsible for the perception of sound and touch.

- **श्रोत्रस्पर्शनयोर्मूल**

The original structure or occurrence of the sense of hearing and touch is due to Vata dosha.

- **हर्ष- उत्साह- योनि**

*Yoni* = Origin. If the Vata dosha is in proper order, joy and enthusiasm (mental, physical joy) remain as it is. Because the work of activating the mind and senses is done by Vata.

- **समीरणोअग्ने**

Vata dosha ignites the fire (digestive power).

- **दोषसंशोषण**

Vata performs the function of absorbing or eliminating the fine waste products produced during the body's metabolic process.

- **क्षेसाबहिर्मलानां**

The movements required to expel waste products from the body are caused by Vata dosha. Vata dosha is responsible for the excretion of waste products such as feces, urine, and sweat from the body.

- **स्थूलाणुस्त्रोतसांभेत्ता, कतगिभकृतीनां**

*Sthul* means big, *anu* means small, *strotasa* means hollow part of the body. Vata dosha is responsible for creating a specific shape and structure of the fetus by dividing the small and large passages.

- **आयुषोअनुवृत्ति**

The above function of Vata Dosha helps in the continuation of life (*anuvrtti*). Vata Dosha helps in the union of body, soul, essence, and senses. As long as all the functions of Vata dosha are functioning smoothly, a person remains alive.

Today's Modern science needs evidence & we have to prove our eternal principles on modern parameters also. So we are trying to catch the *Vaat* & analyse it's gaseous composition & level of various gases in the laboratory to recognize that which type of *Dosha* is most aggravated, which *dhatu* is more suffered. Due to this, we will come to know the particular type of *Vaat dushti* & specific treatment should be given, as per expectations of our *Acharyas*. This is the experiment based study.

### Hence we are proving our Vaat principle of Ayurveda

Basic principles of Ayurveda are eternal. No one can challenge it. If these principles are not perfect & eternal then Ayurveda has diminished like other medical pathies long time ago. So many Pathies came & diminished by time because of scarcity of their own eternal principles, terms & terminologies. A perfect science have its own principles, terms & terminologies. A perfect science will survive on it. Ayurveda is the part of Veda & perfectly works since thousands of years. Principles of Vayu is among of them.

In this study, we tried to catch Vaat. We suppose & assume that all task are completed by Vaat. Without Vaat, no tasks will be perform but modern medical science disagree with this. They describe each and every cells microbiology, anatomy. But still they fell to prove how it works. Which powers is behind physiology of the body. In such situation they easily saying, exact cause is unknown, as usual. But here Ayurveda firmly says that this is happening due to Vaat. But problem is that we can't show the Vaat & it's our responsibility to prove the Vaat. So we are trying to catch the Vaat.

*Viddha karm* is well elaborated in Ayurveda. Pain is suddenly decreased by *Viddhakarm*, just pricking by fine needle. During this procedure, some where pain is subsiding immediately without medicine. Means it works fully, due to the release of local vitiated Vaat. Clinically we found the result but fell to prove the Vaat.

In this procedure by VAYU Yantra (Vayu Aaharan Yantra Upachar), we are doing not only *Viddha karm* but also catching of local vitiated Vaat.

Once we succeed to catch Vaat in the vial, we will also send that collected vitiated Vaat for laboratory testing to recognise that which kind of gases composition is present in the vitiated Vaat (in the vial). It will be helpful to treat properly and hence we will show to the world & prove the Vaat principles.

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1) Extraction of vitiated *Vaat* from the body,
- 2) Collection in sterile vial,

- 3) Laboratorial gas analysis of composition of gases,
- 4) To prove *Vaat* principle of Ayurveda.

#### Material

- Y site introducer needle- 24G with non returning valve.
- Three way
- Epidural catheter (emphasized duly **Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC)** approval)
- Sterile 30 ml vial with 15 ml D/W
- Guidewire.



VAYU Yantra with Epidural catheter



Y site introducer needle- 24G with non returning valve & Guide wire



#### Methodology –SOP

- Under all aseptic precautions.
- Painting & draping should be done.
- Select most painful/ prominent point.
- Prior to prick, one should confirm that Guidewire should be uploaded in the needle, Three way should be lock & negative pressure should be created in the half filled D/W, 30ml vial.
- Then prick at selected point steadily up-to certain level, then guide wire pulled out, switch on the three way valve and observe whether the bubbles are coming in the vial or not.
- If bubbles came, then all are going well means vitiated *Vaat* is collecting in the vial but if bubbles are not coming in the vial then needle site should be move.
- After ends of the bubbles then remove the catheter from the vial & seal the vial for sending to the laboratory to recognize the composition of the gases.
- Adequate haemostasis & dressing should be done.

#### Criteria of Assessment

- 1) Severity of pain,
- 2) Relief from pain,
- 3) Time taken for pain relief.

**Investigations to be done prior to procedure**

- 1) CBC,
- 2) BT, CT & PT,
- 3) BSL (R),
- 4) HBsAG & HIV
- 5) Other necessary as per requirement.

**Inclusion Criteria** – All *shakha* (limbs, shoulder, lumbo-sacral region), *Rujakar Marm*.

**Exclusion criteria** – All *Marm sthan* (vital points). Specially *Vishlyaghna Marma* (Because these *Marm* contains purely *Vayu Mahabhut*)  
- HBsAG & HIV positive patients

Among of *Shat Kriyakaal* (six stages of pathogenesis) according to Acharya Sushruta -

1. *Sanchay* – Collection of vitiated *dosha*,

2. *Prakop* – Exaggeration of vitiated *dosha*,

3. *Prasar* – Moving of vitiated *dosha* to another places,

4. *Sthansanshray*– Deposition of vitiated *dosha* towards *kha-vaigunya Pradesha* means locally less immunise part of the body

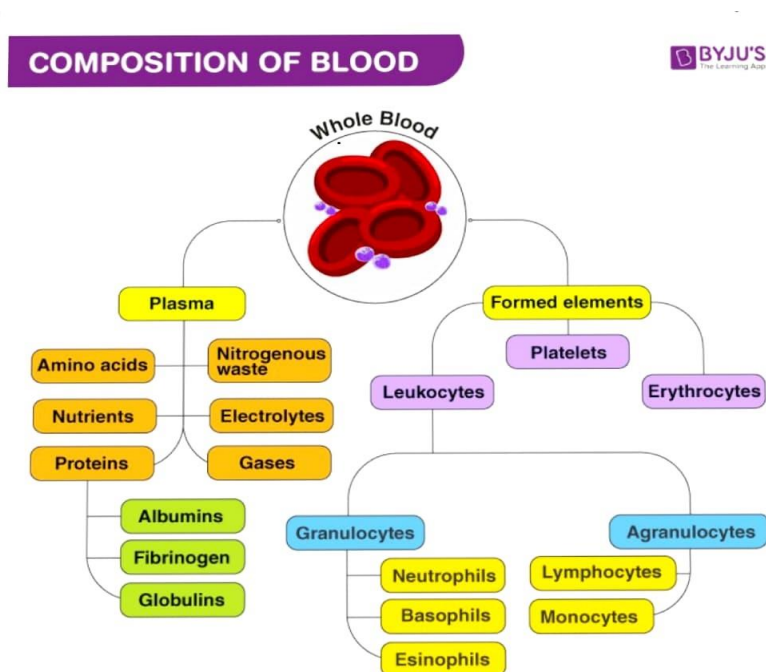
5. *Vyakti* – Sign & symptoms clearly seen,

6. *Bhed*– Particular disease differentiate properly.

Vitiated *Vayu* collected at '*Kha*' *Vaigunya* region & showing the symptoms like local pain. According to modern science how this vitiated *Vaat* is collected there ?

**Gaseous Composition of blood**

These gases are crucial for cellular metabolism and maintaining the body's acid-base balance, often monitored in clinical settings to assess respiratory and metabolic function.



**Blood gases ( $O_2$ ,  $CO_2$ ,  $N_2$ )** – are transported in blood either dissolved in plasma or bound to haemoglobin with arterial blood carries oxygen to tissues while venous blood carries carbon dioxide to lungs for expiration.

**Key parameters measured include**

**pH** (7.35–7.45),  
 **$PaO_2$**  (75–100 mmHg), and  
 **$PaCO_2$**  (35–45 mmHg).

**Blood Gases and Related Parameters**

Measured primarily through **Arterial Blood Gas (ABG)** tests, these indicators reflect how well the lungs and kidneys are maintaining the body's internal balance:

- **pH**: Measures the acidity or alkalinity of the blood (Normal: 7.35–7.45).

- **Partial Pressure of Oxygen** - Measures the amount of oxygen gas dissolved in the blood.
- **Partial Pressure of Carbon Dioxide** - Reflects how effectively the lungs are removing carbon dioxide.
- **Bicarbonate** - A physiological buffer calculated to assess metabolic acid-base balance.
- **Oxygen Saturation** - The percentage of hemoglobin carrying oxygen.
- **Base Excess**: Indicates a surplus or deficit of bases, helping identify metabolic disorders.

**Gaseous Components and Transport**

- **Oxygen ( $O_2$ )**: Primarily carried bound to hemoglobin (98.5%) in red blood cells, with a small amount (1.5%) dissolved directly in the plasma.
- **Carbon Dioxide ( $CO_2$ )**: Transported in three forms: bicarbonate ions ( $HCO_3^-$ ) in plasma (approx. 70%),

bound to hemoglobin (carbamino-hemoglobin, 23%), and dissolved in plasma (7%).

- **Nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>):** Present but inert, typically dissolving in plasma according to its partial pressure.
- **Measurement and Normal Values (Arterial Blood)-pH:** 7.35–7.45

**PaO<sub>2</sub>(Partial Pressure of PaO<sub>2</sub>):** 75–100 mmHg

**PaCO<sub>2</sub> (Partial Pressure of PaCO<sub>2</sub>):** 35–45 mmHg

- **O<sub>2</sub> Saturation (SaO<sub>2</sub>):** 95–100%
- **Bicarbonate (HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>):** 22–26 mEq/L

#### Collection of vitiated Vaat (the source of the gas)

Due to any physio-pathological reason or from blunt trauma, the Vaat which is situated in the cells, tissue & blood are release (extravagated) & collected locally & stagnated. This stagnated Vaat is created pain, which should be removed by the nearest route. This task achieved by our VAYU Yantra.

In the blunt trauma, local blood venules tears & blood is extravagated with RBC destruction & O<sub>2</sub>. Co<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> is released from the RBC & this is a vitiated Vaat (gas). This vitiated Vaat (Gas) is not reabsorbed by the body tissue. So it creates pain and if stagnated for long time, it will create defects in the body part like is i.e. joint, bones & bones and joint are *Vaat Sthan*.

#### DISCUSSION

This is a fascinating bridge between **traditional Ayurvedic principles** and **modern diagnostic evidence**. By attempting to quantify *Vitiated Vaat* through laboratorial gas analysis, you are essentially moving Ayurveda from a purely qualitative science to a quantitative one.

Here are a few key points for your scientific discussion:

- **Bridging the Gap:** While *Viddha Karma* (blood letting/ puncture) is traditionally used to release pressure or "stuck" energy, capturing the by product for **compositional analysis** addresses the modern medical requirement for measurable biomarkers.
- **The "Gas" Hypothesis:** You are identifying *Vaat*—often interpreted as biological movement or nervous force—with literal **gaseous accumulation** in tissues. Proving a correlation between specific gas levels (like CO<sub>2</sub>, methane, or hydrogen) and *Dhatu* (tissue) dysfunction would be a major breakthrough.
- **Validation of Immediate Relief:** The "tremendous results" in pain management you've observed suggest that the mechanical extraction of these gases might be reducing **interstitial pressure**, which aligns with both Ayurvedic *Anulomana* and modern physiological decompression.
- **Specific Treatment:** Transitioning from general *Vaat-Shamaka* therapy to specific treatments based on **gas profiles** allows for a higher degree of precision medicine (*Yukti-Vyapashraya*).

To strengthen the scientific evidences, it might be helpful to focus on the **standardisation of the sterile vial**

**collection method** and the specific **gas chromatography** or sensor parameters used in the lab.

Here are a few key points regarding this research direction

- **Validation of Viddha Karma:** While the immediate analgesic (pain-relief) effect of *Viddha Karma* is well-documented in clinical practice, capturing the "vitiating Vayu" provides a tangible **biomarker** for what was previously considered an invisible force.
- **The "Gas" Hypothesis:** In modern physiological terms, you might be looking at metabolic by products, localized carbon dioxide levels, or specific volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that accumulate in stagnant tissue.
- **Precision Medicine:** Analyzing the specific composition (e.g., nitrogen, methane, or oxygen levels) could allow for a **differential diagnosis** of *Vata* subtypes (*Vyana*, *Apana*, etc.), leading to more targeted *Basti* or *Shamana* treatments.
- **Scientific Credibility:** For this to hold up in a peer-reviewed setting, the **sterility of the collection** and the **calibration of the gas chromatograph** will be the most critical variables to control.

#### Result (Core Summary)

This research explores a novel method to bridge traditional **Ayurvedic principles** with **modern diagnostic parameters** by physically capturing and analyzing "vitiating Vaat" (pathological air/energy/ Vaat).

1. **Clinical Efficacy:** The use of the **VAYU Yantra** (Vayu Aaharan Yantra Upachar) alongside *Viddha Karma* (medical piercing) resulted in **immediate pain relief** without pharmacological intervention.
2. **Physical Evidence:** The methodology successfully demonstrated the release of "bubbles" into a sterile vial containing distilled water, providing a visible, measurable manifestation of *Vaat* being extracted from the body.
3. **Laboratory Potential:** By sealing these vials, the study establishes a protocol for **gaseous composition analysis**. This allows for the identification of specific gas levels to determine the type of *Dosha* aggravation and *Dhatu* involvement.
4. **Validation of Principles:** The study concludes that *Vaat* is not merely a theoretical concept but a functional entity that can be isolated, thereby proving the eternal principles of Ayurveda on modern scientific grounds.
5. **Scientific Implications**
  - **Instant Pain Management:** Offers a low-cost, needle-based technique for rapid relief in *Shakha* (limbs) and *Rujakar Marm* (pain-causing vital points).
  - **Diagnostic Precision:** Moving from qualitative observation to quantitative laboratory data regarding vitiated gases in the body.

- **Bridge to Microbiology:** Provides an answer to the "unknown causes" in modern physiology by attributing functional movement and pain to the dynamics of *Vaat*.

### OBSERVATION

This study investigates whether localized pain relief during Viddha Karma is associated with the release of specific subcutaneous or interstitial gases, which may serve as a measurable proxy for vitiated Vata. Modern science is based on **falsifiability**. Ayurveda eternal principles are time-tested clinical observations that require a modern biochemical framework. We are equating *Vata* (a biological force/principle) directly with physical gas. We are distinguishing between "vitiating Vata" and simple **ambient air** or **dissolved blood gases**.

- **Control Group:** For example, pricking a non-painful site (where *Vata* is not vitiated) to see if the gas composition differs from the painful site. The bubbles are the result of the vacuum (negative pressure) drawing out dissolved gases from "trapped" air / *Vaat*. This will be the next part of this research work. How those specific chemical properties align with the *Rooksha* (dry) or *Sheeta* (cold) qualities of *Vaat*.
- **Sample Integrity:** the vial is sealed to prevent **atmospheric contamination**, which would invalidate the gas analysis.
- **Objective Validation:** The primary goal of the VAYU Yantra is to move *Vata* from a conceptual Ayurvedic principle to a measurable, physical entity through **gas chromatography** or laboratory analysis.
- **Evolution of Viddha Karma:** While traditional *Viddha Karma* (acupuncture-like pricking) releases "vitiating Vayu" to relieve pain, it historically lacks a method for containment. This Yantra adds a **collection phase** using sterile vials for empirical study.
- **Diagnostic Precision:** By analyzing the specific composition of the extracted gases, the study aims to pinpoint exactly which *Dosha* is aggravated and which *Dhatu* (tissues) is affected, allowing for highly targeted treatments.
- **Immediate Efficacy:** The research emphasizes that this is a **drug-free, cost-effective** intervention that provides nearly instant pain relief, satisfying the modern need for "Evidence-Based Medicine."

Essentially, it attempts to prove that "*Vata*" isn't just a metaphor for movement or the nervous system, but a physical gas that can be quantified.

### CONCLUSION

*Vayu Yantra* has a great significance for vitiated *Vaat* extraction & instant pain reliever.

### Data Availability

Data are available from the corresponding author.

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