



## VYAGHRI HARITAKI AVALEHA - DRUG REVIEW

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**ABSTRACT**

Upper respiratory tract infection is the most common illness in children. Long standing or untreated URTI turns into LRTI leads to serious complications which may affect immunity or may hamper the growth and development of child. Upper respiratory tract infections can be correlated with *Pratishyaya* in Ayurveda. *Vyaghri Haritaki Avaleha* is described in *Bhaishajya Ratnavali* in the chapter named “*Kasa Roga Adhyaya*” indicated in *Peenasa* (Rhinitis), *Swasa* (Bronchial Asthma), *Yakshma* (Pulmonary T.B.), *Kasa* (Cough) and also has *Rasayana* (Rejuvination) effect. This article reviews properties of various ingredients of *Vyaghri Haritaki Avaleha* and its probable mode of action based on previous in- vivo and in- vitro studies.

**KEYWORDS:** *Vyaghri Haritaki Avaleha, Pratishyaya, Peenasa, Kasa, Rasayana, URTI.*

**INTRODUCTION**

In developing countries, on an average every child has ARI/year accounting for 30- 50% of total pediatric outpatients visits and 20- 30% of pediatric admissions. Respiratory tract infection is also common in India. Studies from South India have reported prevalence of 27- 59.1% in children <5 years. From global deaths of nearly 1.9 million with ARIs, 70% were reported in Africa and South- East Asia. In India, cost associated with ARI was found to be high relative to median per capita income. This burden increased with recurrence of infections.

Upper respiratory tract infections can be correlated with *Pratishyaya* in Ayurveda. *Pratishyaya* comes under *Nasagata Roga*. Different classifications of *Nasagata Roga* are given by different *Acharayas* like *Maharishi Kashyapa*, *Acharya Charaka*, *Acharya Sushruta*, *Acharya Vaghbhatta*, *Acharya Sharangdhara*, and *Acharya Bhavamishra* and in *Yogratnakara*.

*Vyaghri Haritaki Avaleha* is an herbal formulation indicated in respiratory tract infections i.e. *Peenasa* (Rhinitis), *Swasa* (Bronchial Asthma), *Yakshma* (Pulmonary T.B.), *Kasa* (Cough) in *Bhaishajya Ratnavali* in *Kasa Roga Adhyaya* and also has *Rasayana* (Rejuvination) effect. All ingredients of *Vyaghri Haritaki Avaleha* directly or indirectly work on respiratory tract. It contains *Kantkari*, *Haritaki*, *Shunthi*, *Maricha*, *Pippali*, *Twak*, *Tejpatra*, *Nagkesar*, *Ela*, *Gud* (Jaggery) and *Madhu* (Honey). *Vyaghri Haritaki Avaleha* is also described by *Bhava Prakash*, *Yoga Ratnakara*, *Gada Nigraha*, *Vanga Sena*, *Bharat Bhaisajya Ratnakara*, *AFI* and *API*.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Electronic database, ‘Google scholar’, Pubmed, Scopus has been searched for relevant studies and review publications from 2011- 2021. The key words used for search are ‘*Vyaghri Haritaki Avaleha* in *Kasa*, *Peenasa*, *Swasa*, *Pratishyaya*, URTI etc. Abstracts and full texts of open access in English language were only considered.

**Table no. 1**

S.n.	Contents	Botanical name	Family	Rasa	Guna	Veerya	Vipaka
1.	<b>Kantkari</b> <sup>[2]</sup>	<i>Solanum surattense</i>	Solanaceae	Tikta, Katu	Laghu, Snigdha, Ushna	Ushna	Katu
2.	<b>Haritaki</b> <sup>[3]</sup>	<i>Terminalia chebula</i>	Combretaceae	Kashaya, Katu, Tikta, Madhura, Amla,	Laghu, Ruksha	Ushna	Madhura
3.	<b>Shunthi</b> <sup>[4]</sup>	<i>Zingiber officinale</i>	Zingiberaceae	Katu	Laghu, Snigdha	Ushna	Madhura
4.	<b>Maricha</b> <sup>[5]</sup>	<i>Piper nigrum</i>	Piperaceae	Katu	Laghu, Tikshna	Ushna	Katu
5.	<b>Pippali</b> <sup>[6]</sup>	<i>Piper longum</i>	Piperaceae	Katu	Laghu, Snigdha, Tikshna	Anushna-sheeta	Madhura
6.	<b>Twak</b> <sup>[7]</sup>	<i>Cinnamomnn</i>	Lauraceae	Katu, Tikta,	Laghu, Ruksha,	Ushna	Katu

		<i>zeylanicum</i>		<i>Madhura</i>	<i>Tikshna</i>		
7.	<b>Tejpatra</b> <sup>[8]</sup>	<i>Cinnamomnn tamala</i>	Lauraceae	<i>Katu, Tikta, Madhura</i>	<i>Laghu, Ruksha, Tikshna</i>	<i>Ushna</i>	<i>Ushna</i>
8.	<b>Nagkesara</b> <sup>[9]</sup>	<i>Mesua ferrea</i>	Guttiferae	<i>Kashaya, Tikta</i>	<i>Laghu, Ruksha</i>	<i>Ushna</i>	<i>Katu</i>
9.	<b>Ela</b> <sup>[10]</sup>	<i>Elettaria cardamomum</i>	Zingiberaceae	<i>Katu, Madhura</i>	<i>Laghu, Ruksha</i>	<i>Sheeta</i>	<i>Madhura</i>

### 1. Kantakari

Synonyms: *Duhshsparsha, Kshudra, Vyaghari, Bhattkatiyya*

Part used: *Panchanga*

*Doshagnata: Kapha- Vata Shamaka*

**Chemical constituents:** Solacarpidine, Potassium nitrate, Potassium chloride.

**Therapeutic uses:** Inflammation, Anorexia, Fever, Cough, Asthma, Bronchitis, Pharyngitis, Hiccough, Catarrh.

**Pharmacological actions:** Antihistaminic, Thermogenic, Anti-inflammatory, Digestive, Carminative, Stomachic, Expectorant.<sup>[11]</sup>

### Kantkari in Various Nighantu

**Bhavaprakash Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Guduchyadi Varga*.

Guna- karma: *Tikta- Katu Rasa, Deepana, Ushana Veerya, Pachaka*, used in *Swasa, Kasa, Jwara, Peenasa*.<sup>[12]</sup>

**Kaiyadev Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Aushadhi Varga*.

Guna- karma: *Used in Jwara, Aruchi, Swasa and Peenasa*.<sup>[13]</sup>

**Dhanvantari Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Guduchyadi Varga*.

Guna- karma: Used in *Swasa, Kasa, Aruchi, Jwara*.<sup>[14]</sup>

### Research Evidences

- *Kantkari Panchang Swarasa* has Antimicrobial potential against *E.coli* responsible for UTI.<sup>[15]</sup>
- *Kantkari* aerosol compound has potential to treat the bronchitis.<sup>[16]</sup>
- *Kantkari* fruit have antifungal activity.<sup>[17]</sup>
- Dry powder of *S. xanthocarpum* is found to be very effective in management of mild to moderate Bronchial Asthma and the bioactivity is equivalent to that of administration of 200 mg of deriphylline.<sup>[18]</sup>

### 2. Haritaki

Synonyms: *Shiva, Pathya, Abhaya* etc

Part used: Fruit

*Doshagnata: Tridosahara*

*Karma: Sothahara, Deepana Pachana, Mridu Virechana, Jwaraghna*.

**Chemical constituents:** Anthraquinone glycoside, chebulinic acid, chebulagic acid, tannic acid etc.

**Therapeutic uses:** Pharyngitis, intermittent fever, Hiccough, Dyspnea, Coryza, Asthma, Constipation.

**Pharmacological actions:** Antimicrobial, Antibacterial, Antifungal, Anti- stress, Antispasmodic, Purgative.<sup>[19]</sup>

### Haritaki in Various Nighantu

**Bhavaprakash Nighantu:-** Mentioned in *Haritakyadi Varga*.

Guna- karma: *Mrudu Virechaka, Jeerna Jwara*.<sup>[20]</sup>

**Kaiyadev Nighantu:-** Mentioned in *Aushadhi Varga*.

Guna- karma: *Panca Rasa Yukta* (except *lavana*), *Laghu- Ruksha, Ushana Veerya, Madhura Vipaka, Aayushya, Deepan- Pachana, Swara- bheda, Shiroroga, Netraroga, Swasa, Kasa, Tridosahara*.<sup>[21]</sup>

**Dhanvantari Nighantu:-** Mentioned in *Guduchyadi Varga*.

Guna- karma: *Laghu, Tridoshara, Vamana, Shotha, Vata Anulomaka* etc.<sup>[22]</sup>

### Research Evidence

- *Terminalia chebula* have antimicrobial activity against bacteria strains *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *E.coli*, *Klebsiella pneumonia*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.<sup>[23]</sup>
- Haritaki contains Gallic & Chebulagic acid which found to be Humoral immunity was enhanced and cell mediated response was stimulated.<sup>[24]</sup>
- *Terminalia chebula* is effective in treatment of systemic and local mast cell- dependent anaphylaxis.<sup>[25]</sup>

### 3. Shunthi

Synonyms: *Nagara, Mahaaushada, Vishwabhesha, Shringavera, Katubhadra, Ardraka, Ardrika* etc.

Part used: Rhizome.

*Doshagnata: Kapha-Vata Shamaka*.

*Karma: Sheetaprashamana, Shothahara, Swarya, Shleshmahara, Vatashamaka, Shwasahara, Deepana, Pachana, Rochana, Vatanulomana, Shoolaprashamana, Bhedana, Jwaraghna* etc.

**Chemical constituents:** Zingiberine, Cineol, Borneol, Gingerol, Gingerin.

**Therapeutic uses:** Fever, Otalgia, Asthma, Cough, Hiccough, Anorexia, Hyperacidity.

**Pharmacological actions:** Anti-inflammatory, Antioxidant, Anti-rhino viral, Antibacterial, Hypolipidaemic, Analgesic, Antipyretic, Antiemetic, Antiulcer, Aromatic, Carminative.<sup>[26]</sup>

### Shunthi in Various Nighantu

**Bhavaprakash Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Haritkyadi varga*.

Guna- karma: *Ushna, Vata-Kaphahar, Pratishyaya, Kasa, Swasa, Shirashool*.<sup>[27]</sup>

**Kaiyadev Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Aushadhdhi varga*.

Guna- karma: *Laghu, Snigdha, Ushna Virya, Madhura Vipaka, Malsanghraphi, Agnideepana, Vatakaphnasaka, Swasa, Kasa.*<sup>[28]</sup>

**Dhanvantari Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Shatpushpadi varga.*

Guna- karma: *Snighdha, Ushna, Vrishya, Shotha, Kapha-Vatahar, Aruchi, Swasa.*<sup>[29]</sup>

### Research Evidence

- Ginger provides a possible therapeutic application in allergic asthma as it suppress Th2-mediated immune responses.<sup>[30]</sup>
- Ginger has anti- inflammatory activity as it enhance the serum corticosterone leve.<sup>[31]</sup>
- Gingerols – Antitussive. 6-Shogaol administered intravenously showed strong antitussive effect when compared to dihydrocodeine phosphate.<sup>[32]</sup>

### 4. Maricha

Synonyms: *Vellaja, Ushana, Suvrit, Krishna, Maricha etc.*

Part used: Fruit

*Doshagnata: Kapha- Vata shamaka*

*Karma: Kaphaghna, Vatanulomana, Kapha Nissaraka, Deepana, Pachana, Lekhana, Swedajanana, Srotoshodhana.*

**Chemical constituents:** Pipercide N Transferuloyltyramine, Guineensine, N-Isobutyl- 2E, 4E, 8Z- Eicosatrienamide.

**Therapeutic uses:** Hiccough, Cough, Catarrh, Asthma, Fever, Sore throat.

**Pharmacological actions:** Carminative, Digestive and Anti-oxidant, CNS depressant, Anti-pyretic, Anti-microbial, Anti-bacterial, Anti- inflammatory, Analgesic, etc.<sup>[33]</sup>

### Maricha in Various Nighantu

**Bhavaprakash Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Haritakyadi varga.*

*Guna- karma: Kaphaghna, jeerna Pratishyaya, Kasa.*<sup>[34]</sup>

**Kaiyadev Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Aushadhadhi varga.*

*Guna- karma: Katu, Ushna, Madhura Vipaka, Kapha Nissaraka, Ishit Pitta Vardhak.*<sup>[35]</sup>

**Dhanvantari Nighantu:-** Under *Shatpushpadi varga.*

*Guna- karma: Katu, Tikta, Ushna, Pitta-Kapha Nashaka.*<sup>[36]</sup>

### Research Evidence

- *Maricha Choorna* has stimulatory action in digestive enzymes with lipolitic activity.<sup>[37]</sup>
- Warm saline gargles of *Trikatu*, steam inhalation and fomentation help in relieving symptoms of cold.<sup>[38]</sup>
- *Trikatu* is used in combination with honey to alleviate diseases such as colds, rhinitis, cough, breathlessness, asthma and dyspepsia.<sup>[39]</sup>

### 5. Pippali

Synonyms: *Magadhi, Kana, Krishna, Chapala, Upkulya, Ushana, Shaundi, Tikshnatandula, Vaidehi, etc.*

Part used: *Fruit, Root.*

*Doshagnata: Kapha-Vata Shamaka*

*Karma: Vatanulomana, Shirovirechana, Balya, Rasayana, Vatahara, Ksharana, Deepana, Shoolaprashtamana, Jwaraghna etc.*

**Chemical constituents:** Piperine and Sesamine are major alkaloid.

**Therapeutic uses:** Cough And Cold, Vomiting, Anorexia, Bronchitis, Asthma, Fever.<sup>[40]</sup>

**Pharmacological actions:** Anti-bacterial, anti- tussive, Immuno-stimulator, Anti-inflammatory etc.<sup>[41]</sup>

### Pippali in various Nighantu

**Bhavaprakash Nighantu:-** Mentioned *Haritakyadi varga.*

*Guna- karma: Ushna, Deepana- pachana, Kaphaghna, Agnimandhya, Kasa, Swasa.*<sup>[42]</sup>

**Kaiyadev Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Aushadhadhi Varga.*

*Guna- karma: Guru, Madhura, Rasayana, Deepana- Pachana, Ishat ushana, Kapha-Vata nashaka, Kasahara, Swasahara.*<sup>[43]</sup>

**Dhanvantari Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Shatpushpadi Varga.*

*Guna- karma: Katu, Madhura Vipaka, Sheeta Virya, Tridosahara, Snigdha, Trishnaghna, Jwaraghna, Ama doshahara, Rasayana.*<sup>[44]</sup>

### Research Evidence

- *Pippali Rasayana*, used as an adjuvant in management of respiratory diseases.<sup>[45]</sup>
- Phytochemical analysis of *Piper longum* fruit showed the presence of alkaloids, steroids, glycosides, flavonoids and carbohydrates. The petroleum ether, alcoholic and decoction extracts are effective in all models of asthma in G. pigs.<sup>[46]</sup>
- *Pippali* suppressed both acute and sub-acute phase of inflammation.<sup>[47]</sup>

### 6. Twaka

Synonyms: *Darusheeta, Twaka, Utkata, Dalchini, Daaruchini, Swadvi, Twakswadvi, Tanutwaka.*

Part used: Bark

*Doshagnata: Kapha-Vata Shamaka*

*Karma: Lekhana, Kantha- Shuddhikara, Ojo vardhaka, Shleshmahara, Deepana, Pachana, Rochana etc.*

**Chemical constituents:** Cinnamic aldehyde, Cinnamyl acetate, Cinnamaldehyde, Cumaric aldehyde, Caryophyllene, Borneol,  $\alpha$ - Terpineol.

**Therapeutic uses:** Gastric irritation, Nausea and Vomiting, Neuralgia.

**Pharmacological actions:** Ant allergic, Antioxidant, Antifungal, Antibacterial, Insecticidal, Antimicrobial, Expectorant.<sup>[48]</sup>

#### Twaka in various Nighantu

**Bhavaprakash Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Karpuradi varga*.

*Guna-karma:* *Ushna, Vaatanulomana, Deepana-Pachana, Krimighna.*<sup>[49]</sup>

**Dhanvantari Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Shatpushpadi varga*.

*Guna-karma:* *Laghu, Tikshna, Ushna- Veerya, Kapha-Vata Shamaka, Kantha-Mukha Roga Nashaka.*<sup>[50]</sup>

#### Research Evidence

- Cinnamaldehyde inhibits both sensitive and resistant strain of *Helicobacter pylori*.<sup>[51]</sup>
- *Cinnamon* has antioxidant property.<sup>[52]</sup>
- *Cinnamomum* have antibacterial activity against gram positive bacteria (*E.coli*) and gram negative bacteria (*E. faecalis* and *Salmonella typhi*).<sup>[53]</sup>

#### 7. Tejpatra

Part used: *Patra*

*Doshagnata: Kapha-Vata Shamaka*

*Karma: Lekhana, Kantha- shuddhikara, Ojo vardhaka, Shleshmahara, Deepana, Pachana, Rochana, Vatanulomana, etc.*

**Chemical constituents:** Saponins, phytosterols, monoterpene, sesquiterpene.

**Therapeutic uses:** Rheumatoid arthritis, colic diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, dysentery, cough, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, Neurologic Disorders, Cardiac Disorders.

**Pharmacological actions:** Antimicrobial, Antioxidant, Anti-inflammatory, Carminative, Analgesics, Antipyretics.<sup>[54]</sup>

#### Tejapatra in Various Nighantu

**Bhavaprakash Nighantu:-** Mentioned in *Karpuradi Varga*.

*Guna-karma:* *Kashaya Rasa, Ushana Veerya, Laghu, Ruksha, Aama Pachana.*<sup>[55]</sup>

**Kaiyadev Nighantu:-** Mentioned in *Aushadhi Varga*.

*Guna-karma:* *Kinchita Madhura, Teekshana, Ushana Veerya, Pitta Vardhaka, Laghu, Kapha- Vatahara, Aruchi, Peenasa.*<sup>[56]</sup>

**Dhanvantari Nighantu:-** Mentioned in *Shatpushpadi Varga*.

*Guna-karma:* *Kapaha- Vata hara, Hrullasa, Aruchi.*<sup>[57]</sup>

#### Research Evidence

- *Cinnamomum tamala* have hypoglycemic and antioxidant activities.<sup>[58]</sup>
- *Cinnamom tamala* have anti-bacterial potential against *E.coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *P. vulgaris*, *P. aeruginosa*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Staphylococcus aureus*.<sup>[59]</sup>

#### 8. Nagkesara

Synonyms: *Naagpushpa, Naangu, Chaampay*.

Part used: Stamens

*Doshagnata: Vata- Pitta Shamaka*

*Karma: Deepana- Pachana, Trishna nigrahana, Balya, Vishaghana.*

**Chemical constituents:** Mesuferone- A and B, Mesuferrol, Mesuanic acid.

**Therapeutic uses:** Asthma, Cold, Fever, Bronchitis, Dyspepsia.

- **Pharmacological actions:** **Antioxidant, Hepatoprotective, Analgesics, Antispasmodic, Immunomodulatory, Anti-inflammatory, Antimicrobial.**<sup>[60]</sup>

#### Nagkesara in Various Nighantu

**Bhavaprakash Nighantu:** - Mentioned in *Karpuradi Varga*.

*Guna-karma:* *Sangrahi, Aama pachana.*<sup>[61]</sup>

**Kaiyadev Nighantu:-** Mentioned in *Aushadhi Varga*.

*Guna-karma:* *Kashaya, Ushana Veerya, Teekshana, Laghu, Ruksha, Aama pachan.*<sup>[62]</sup>

**Dhanvantari Nighantu:-** Mentioned in *Shatpushpadi Varga*.

*Guna-karma:* *Kinchita Ushana Veerya, Laghu, Tikta, Kapha Shamaka.*<sup>[63]</sup>

#### Research Evidence

- Extract of *Mesua ferrea* prevents erythrocytes, haemoglobin and DNA against oxidative stress induced damage.<sup>[64]</sup>
- Mesuol has immunomodulatory property.<sup>[65]</sup>
- Cumorins isolated from blossoms showed antibacterial activities against resistant strain of gram positive bacteria.<sup>[66]</sup>

#### 9. Ela

Synonyms: *Sukshma, Tuttha, Sukshmaela, Korangi, Truti, Dravidi, Triputi*

Part used: Seed, Fruit, Oil

*Doshagnata: Tridosha shamaka*

*Karma: Deepana, Pachana, Vatanulomana, Shirovirechana, Rochana, Kaphanissaraka etc.*

**Chemical constituents:**  $\alpha$ - Penene, Sabinene, Myrcene, Limonene, Cymene, Cinoel, Linalool, Linayl Acetate, Methyl Heptenone.

**Therapeutic uses:** Analgesic, Halitosis, Skin Disorders, Toothache, Chronic ulcer and Pruritis.<sup>[67]</sup>

**Pharmacological actions:** Anti-inflammatory, Analgesic, Antibacterial, Antimicrobial, Hepatoprotective, Antispasmodic.<sup>[68]</sup>

#### Ela in Various Nighantu

**Bhavaprakash Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Karpuradi varga*.

*Guna-Karma:* *Deepana-Pachana, Kasa- Swasahara, Kshaya, Udarshoola.*<sup>[69]</sup>

**Dhanvantari Nighantu:-** Mentioned under *Shatpushpadi Varga*. *Guna-Karma:* *Vatanulomana, Deepana, Pachana.*<sup>[70]</sup>

### Research Evidence

- *Elletaria cardamomum* act as potent antimicrobial agents to cure dental caries.<sup>[71]</sup>

### DISCUSSION

*Vyaghari Haritaki Avaleha* contains nine ingredients. The main ingredient is *Kantakari* having *Katu- Tikta Rasa*, *Ushna Veerya* and *Kapha- Vata Shamaka* property. Various in- vitro and in vivo studies show that the *Kantakari* have antimicrobial, antifungal properties and its bioavailability is equivalent to deriphylline. *Haritaki* is *Tridosahara*, *Vatanolomaka* and can be used therapeutically in conditions like pharyngitis, asthma etc. the *Trikatu* and *Chaturjata* are added as *Prakshepa Dravya* having *Deepana Pachana* properties which may improves absorption and increase the bioavailability of drug. Honey helps in treatment and prevention of respiratory ailments as it has properties like *Chhedana* and *Lekhana*. Hence the formulation *Vyaghari Haritaki Avaleha* has therapeutic effect on URTI.

### CONCLUSION

In present era, respiratory ailments increase abruptly in which recurrent URTI comprises a large proportion and becomes a major health issue. As in recurrent URTI, immunity of children is also hampered and lack of feeling of well-being is also there due to which child becomes weak and irritable with loss of appetite leading to several mental and physical ailments.

After thorough analyzing the *Guna- Karma, Doshaanghta*, chemical constituent, therapeutic activities of individual drugs of *Vyaghari Haritaki Avaleha*, it shows that all ingredients work on respiratory tract directly or indirectly. Evidence based study also showed that all ingredients have antimicrobial, antibacterial, antiallergic, antioxidant, immunomodulatory activities which directly indicates that combine effect of all ingredients of *Vyaghari Haritaki Avaleha* have *Rasayana* and *Balya* effect which can reduce the recurrent attack of URTI by increasing immunity, appetite etc. hence it can be concluded that *Vyaghri Haritaki Avaleha* may give better results in treatment of recurrent URTI.

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