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## Dashmoola in Stri Roga: A Review on its Therapeutic Benefits

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Dashmoola is a prominent Ayurvedic formulation that consists of ten medicinal roots, commonly utilized in the treatment of various gynecological issues, collectively referred to as Stri Roga. This review examines the therapeutic advantages of Dashmoola for Stri Roga, highlighting its pharmacological attributes, historical applications, and validation through contemporary scientific research. It offers a thorough analysis of Dashmoola's influence on menstrual health, pregnancy, postpartum care, and reproductive wellness. The formulation's botanical components feature herbs known for their significant anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and adaptogenic characteristics. These attributes render Dashmoola useful in addressing conditions such as menstrual irregularities, difficult periods, heavy menstrual bleeding, infertility, pregnancy-related issues, recovery after childbirth, and symptoms associated with menopause. Moreover, its neuroprotective and immune-modulating effects enhance overall women's health. Phytochemical investigations have identified bioactive compounds within Dashmoola, including alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins, all of which contribute to its therapeutic impact. Scientific studies corroborate its traditional applications, emphasizing its effectiveness in hormonal regulation, pain alleviation, and tissue healing. The review also covers clinical applications of Dashmoola, mentioning various formulations like Dashmoolarishta, and Dashmoola Kwath, along with their specific advantages. Additionally, it highlights the necessity for further clinical trials to confirm its effectiveness and establish standard dosages. Potential side effects and necessary precautions for safe usage are also reviewed. The findings indicate that Dashmoola holds significant promise as a natural treatment for gynecological disorders and the promotion of reproductive health. Nevertheless, more comprehensive research is essential for its effective integration into contemporary gynecological practices. This review functions as a detailed resource for comprehending the relevance of Dashmoola in women's health and its future possibilities within integrative medicine.

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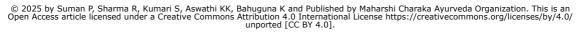
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## Introduction

In realm of Ayurveda, an ancient science dedicated to life and well-being, there exists a vast trove of herbal remedies specifically aimed at supporting women's health. Among these is Dashmoola, which translates to "ten roots." This formulation is derived from roots of five majestic trees, known as Brihat Panchamoola, alongside five smaller shrubs, referred to as Laghu Panchamoola. Renowned for its remarkable anti-inflammatory, analgesic, rejuvenating qualities, Dashmoola has become an essential component in addressing a variety of gynecological issues.[1] The harmonious interplay of herbs within this formulation generates a profound therapeutic impact, particularly beneficial for menstrual irregularities, complications pregnancy, recovery after childbirth, and managing health through menopause.[2]

The term Stri Roga refers to a wide array of gynecological disorders impacting reproductive health. This includes a variety of conditions such as menstrual irregularities, known as Artava Vyapad, painful cramping associated with dysmenorrhea, or Kashtartava, excessive menstrual bleeding referred to as menorrhagia or Asrigdara, along with challenges of infertility captured in term Vandhyatva. Furthermore, it addresses complications that may arise during pregnancy, termed Garbha Vyapad, as well as issues that mothers may face after childbirth, collectively known as Sutika Paricharya.[3] A prominent remedy that has found consistent mention in classical Ayurvedic texts is Dashmoola, a combination of ten roots that has been widely recommended for these various conditions. Even in modern herbal medicine, applications of Dashmoola remain significant and beneficial for women's health.[4]

As interest in natural and alternative therapies has surged, researchers have begun to explore the pharmacological and clinical efficacy of Dashmoola within contemporary medical frameworks. Numerous scientific investigations have underscored its importance in the regulation of hormones, the of uterine health, maintenance management of pain, all of which resonate with the established principles of traditional Ayurvedic wisdom. Additionally, Dashmoola's adaptogenic qualities play a significant role in alleviating stress and promoting overall reproductive health.[5]

This review intends to deliver an in-depth examination of *Dashmoola's* function in *Stri Roga* by investigating its pharmacological characteristics, plant-based chemical components, and clinical uses. By merging traditional knowledge with contemporary scientific evidence, this article aims to highlight the significance of *Dashmoola* in current gynecological practices and promote further research in this field.

## **Aim and Objectives**

- 1. To explore the traditional and modern therapeutic applications of *Dashmoola* in *Stri Roga*.
- 2. To analyze the pharmacological and phytochemical constituents responsible for its effectiveness.
- 3. To assess the scientific validation and clinical relevance of *Dashmoola* in gynecological health.
- 4. To discuss future research directions and possible advancements in its application.

## **Materials and Methods**

This review is based on a comprehensive analysis of classical Ayurvedic texts, modern scientific literature, and clinical studies related to *Dashmoola*. The sources include:

Ancient Ayurvedic scriptures such as *Charaka Samhita*, *Sushruta Samhita*, and *Ashtanga Hridaya*.

Research articles from indexed journals exploring the pharmacological effects of *Dashmoola*.

Studies evaluating its clinical applications in menstrual disorders, pregnancy, postpartum care, and menopause.

#### Composition of Dashmoola

Dashmoola is a combination of the roots of the following ten herbs, categorized into two groups:

## **Brihat Panchamoola** (Roots of Five Large Trees)[6,7]

- 1. Bilva (Aegle marmelos) Possesses antiinflammatory, digestive, and antioxidant properties. It helps in managing gastrointestinal and reproductive health issues.
- 2. Agnimantha (Premna integrifolia) Known for its rejuvenating and anti-inflammatory effects, Agnimantha helps in pain management and tissue repair.

- 3. Shyonaka (Oroxylum indicum) Exhibits antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and analgesic properties, beneficial in gynecological infections and uterine health.
- 4. Patala (Stereospermum suaveolens) Traditionally used for respiratory & reproductive health, it aids in treat. of gynecological disorders.
- 5. Gambhari (Gmelina arborea) Strengthens bones and muscles, promotes tissue regeneration, and helps in postnatal recovery.

## Laghu Panchamoola (Roots of Five Small Shrubs)[8,9]

- 6. Brihati (Solanum indicum) Effective in managing respiratory conditions and gynecological disorders, known for its anti-inflammatory and expectorant properties.
- 7. Kantakari (Solanum xanthocarpum) Beneficial in respiratory and reproductive health, it has expectorant and anti-inflammatory properties.
- 8. Gokshura (Tribulus terrestris) A well-known aphrodisiac and diuretic, Gokshura enhances kidney function and supports reproductive health.
- 9. Shalaparni (Desmodium gangeticum) Acts as an immunomodulator, anti-inflammatory agent, and nervine tonic, beneficial in treating gynecological ailments.
- 10. Prishnaparni (Uraria picta) Known for its neuroprotective and tissue-repairing properties, it is used in the management of gynecological disorders and postpartum recovery.

Each herb plays a distinct role, contributing its own unique medicinal qualities. These herbs come together to create a powerful synergy that significantly boosts the effectiveness of *Dashmoola* in addressing a variety of gynecological issues. This harmonious blend offers a wide range of benefits, such as relief from pain, balance in hormones, modulation of the immune system, and regeneration of tissues, establishing *Dashmoola* as an essential element in the treatment landscape for women's health.

#### **Phytochemical Constituents**

Dashmoola contains a rich array of bioactive compounds responsible for its therapeutic effects. The primary phytochemical constituents found in the ten roots include:

**Alkaloids:** These compounds were like silent healers, offer. analgesic & anti-inflammatory effects,

While also serving as adaptogens that helped the body adapt to stress and maintain hormonal balance. The source of these wonders lay within the vibrant plants, *Shalaparni* and *Kantakari*. As individuals sought relief from menstrual discomfort and various reproductive health issues, they discovered that alkaloids played a crucial role in their journey toward well-being.[10]

**Flavonoids:** Flavonoids, which are strong antioxidants found in *Agnimantha* and *Bilva*, play a significant role in minimizing oxidative stress, controlling inflammation, and promoting uterine well-being. These properties make them advantageous for conditions like dysmenorrhea and menopause.[11]

**Saponins:** Saponins, which are present in *Gokshura* and *Prishnaparni*, exhibit diuretic, anti-inflammatory, and aphrodisiac characteristics. These compounds play a role in hormone regulation and reproductive health, contributing to improved fertility and aiding in recovery after childbirth.[12]

**Tannins:** Tannins, found in *Bilva* and *Shyonaka*, exhibit astringent and antimicrobial properties. These compounds contribute to tissue healing, help decrease excessive menstrual bleeding, and play a role in preventing infections within the reproductive tract.[13]

**Terpenoids:** These substances present in *Gambhari* and Patala demonstrate significant anti-inflammatory and immunomodulatory properties, which contribute to alleviating pain, boosting the immune response, and promoting overall reproductive health.[14]

**Phenolic Compounds:** In the *Dashmoola* herbs, one can find an array of phenolic compounds nestled within their leaves and roots. These compounds serve a vital role, acting as powerful antioxidants that shield the reproductive organs from the harmful effects of oxidative stress and the ravages of aging. Their presence offers a protective embrace, helping to preserve vitality and wellness over time.[15]

In the herbal medicine, the interplay of various bioactive compounds found in *Dashmoola* unfolds a captivating story of healing, particularly for *Stri Roga*. Together, these elements work in harmony to regulate the menstrual cycle, alleviate pain and inflammation, maintain hormonal balance,

And foster a sense of overall reproductive health. This synergistic collaboration not only amplifies *Dashmoola's* therapeutic power but also embodies a holistic approach to women's well-being.

#### Therapeutic Benefits in Stri Roga

#### **Menstrual Disorders:**

Dashmoola emerges as powerful ally. This remarkable herbal remedy is known for its ability to manage dysmenorrhea, commonly referred to as painful menstruation, thanks to its antispasmodic & analgesic qualities. Dashmoola plays significant role in regulating irregular menstrual cycles & brings relief from excessive bleeding, known menorrhagia. Furthermore, it supports hormonal balance, easing burdensome symptoms premenstrual syndrome (PMS), including mood swings, cramps, and bloating, making it valuable addition to women's health.[16]

#### Infertility and Reproductive Health:[17]

Acts as a uterine tonic, enhancing reproductive health and aiding in the management of female infertility.

Supports hormonal balance and ovarian function, addressing conditions like polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS) and endometriosis.

Enhances libido and sexual wellness, improving overall reproductive function.

It strengthens the reproductive system, enhances ovarian function, and supports uterine health, improving fertility in women with hormonal imbalances or reproductive deficiencies.

#### **Pregnancy and Postpartum Care:**

Pregnancy and Postpartum Care: Facilitates easier labor by fortifying uterine muscles & minimizing pain during delivery. Supports recovery after childbirth by decreasing inflammation, relieving back pain & restoring lost energy. Improves breastfeeding success through its galactagogue assisting new mothers in milk properties, production. Contributes to prevention of postpartum depression by promoting mood stability & emotional health. Dashmoola plays crucial role in Ayurvedic approaches to prenatal & postnatal care. It nourishes mothers, boosts lactation, aids recovery after delivery & helps avert issues like postpartum depression & fatigue.[18]

## Anti-inflammatory and Analgesic Properties: [19]

Reduces pelvic inflammation and alleviates symptoms associated with endometriosis, pelvic inflammatory diseases (PID), and uterine fibroids.

Acts as a natural pain reliever for lower abdominal cramps and musculoskeletal pain in women.

#### **Neuroprotective and Adaptogenic Effects:**

In the reproductive health disorders, the benefits of certain substances unfold, revealing their neuroprotective and adaptogenic properties. They play a crucial role in alleviating the burdens of stress and anxiety, feelings that many face during difficult times. Acting as an adaptogen, these substances bolster one's ability to cope, enhancing resilience in the face of both mental and physical challenges that ultimately impact menstrual health. [20]

#### Menopausal Symptoms:[21]

Helps in balancing estrogen levels, alleviating hot flashes and night sweats.

Supports bone density, reducing the risk of osteoporosis.

Improves mood and mental clarity during menopausal transition.

By modulating hormonal levels, *Dashmoola* helps alleviate menopausal symptoms like hot flashes, mood swings, and osteoporosis, providing a natural alternative to hormone replacement therapy.

#### Pelvic Inflammatory Diseases (PID):

Its antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory effects help manage infections and inflammation in the reproductive tract, reducing pain and discomfort.

#### **Modern Scientific Validation:**

In the field of scientific investigation, studies have discovered strong evidence supporting the long-standing claims about *Dashmoola's* efficacy in treating gynecological disorders. Numerous pharmacological studies and clinical trials have been conducted to validate its influence on aspects of menstrual health, pregnancy, and the intricate balance of hormones.[9]

Hormonal Regulation & Menstrual Health: Research indicates that *Dashmoola* affects endocrine system,

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Specifically in adjusting levels of estrogen and progesterone. Studies show that its phytochemicals, including flavonoids and glycosides, are essential in harmonizing hormonal variations, which helps to reduce menstrual irregularities and symptoms associated with premenstrual syndrome (PMS).[22]

Anti-Inflammatory and Analgesic Effects: Research conducted on animal models has shown that Dashmoola exhibits significant anti-inflammatory effects, effectively decreasing inflammation in organs. This characteristic reproductive for treating conditions advantageous like dysmenorrhea, endometriosis & pelvic inflammatory disease (PID). Additionally, its analgesic effects are helpful in alleviating pain related to menstrual cramps & recovery after childbirth.[23]

Influence on Pregnancy and Postnatal Recovery: Research has investigated the effects of *Dashmoola* on complications during pregnancy and in postpartum care. Findings indicate that it improves the effectiveness of uterine contractions, aids in labor, and supports recovery after childbirth by fortifying uterine muscles. Formulations like *Dashmoolarishta* are frequently recommended to mothers following delivery for promoting lactation and boosting immunity.[24]

In journey through menopause, women often encounter a variety of challenging symptoms. Research has demonstrated that *Dashmoola* can be a beacon of relief, particularly for those grappling with hot flashes, mood fluctuations, and risks associated with osteoporosis. The bioactive compounds within *Dashmoola* possess adaptogenic and neuroprotective qualities, which play significant role in supporting cognitive function and emotional stability during this transitional phase of life. [25]

Clinical Trials and Observational Studies: A number of clinical trials have been performed to evaluate the efficacy of *Dashmoola*-based formulations in managing menstrual disorders, infertility, and complications arising after childbirth. The findings from these studies have demonstrated both safety and effectiveness, thereby supporting its application in *Ayurvedic* treatments for gynecological issues.

#### Clinical Applications and Dosage: [26,27,28]

Dashmoolarishta: A fermented Ayurvedic preparation commonly used for postpartum recovery and menstrual disorders.

Dashmoola Churna: A powdered form, often prescribed with milk or warm water for menstrual and inflammatory conditions.

Dashmoola Kwath: A decoction that is effective in relieving pelvic inflammation and menstrual pain.

External Application: *Dashmoola* oil is used in *Abhyanga* (therapeutic massage) for relieving lower back pain and joint disorders in women.

#### **Possible Adverse Reactions:**

Overuse may lead to gastrointestinal disturbances like nausea or diarrhea.

Excessive intake during pregnancy may induce uterine contractions.

People with kidney disorders should use it cautiously due to its diuretic properties.

#### **Safety and Precautions:**

Dashmoola should be taken under the guidance of an *Ayurvedic* practitioner to ensure appropriate dosage and prevent any adverse effects.

Pregnant women should use it cautiously, as excessive consumption may lead to uterine contractions.

People with kidney disorders should consult a doctor before using *Dashmoola* due to its diuretic properties.

#### **Future Directions in Research:**

More clinical trials are needed to validate its efficacy in specific gynecological disorders.

Investigations on its role in estrogen modulation and hormonal therapy.

Development of standardized formulations to optimize therapeutic potential.

Exploration of its synergistic effects with modern medicines in integrated healthcare approaches.

### Discussion

The therapeutic benefits of *Dashmoola* in the context of *Stri Roga* are extensively recorded in *Ayurvedic* literature and corroborated by contemporary scientific studies. This formulation consists of a distinctive combination of bioactive compounds, making it an effective treatment for gynecological issues.

Its properties, which include anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and adaptogenic effects, are beneficial in relieving menstrual pain, addressing postpartum challenges, and managing symptoms associated with menopause. [29] Research has validated the historical applications of *Dashmoola*, showing its effectiveness in regulating hormones, managing pain, and modulating the immune system. Its ability to balance estrogen levels makes it useful for alleviating menopausal symptoms, including hot flashes, night sweats, and the risk of osteoporosis. Additionally, its properties as a uterine tonic contribute to overall reproductive health, aiding in fertility improvements and recovery after childbirth. [30]

Although there are many therapeutic advantages associated with its use, challenges persist in achieving uniformity in dosage and formulations for clinical applications. The differences observed in herbal preparations and the varying responses of individual patients highlight the need for additional research to clarify specific pharmacological mechanisms and safety profiles. Furthermore, potential side effects, including gastrointestinal issues or allergic reactions, must be thoroughly investigated to guarantee patient safety.[31] By bridging the gap between traditional wisdom and contemporary medicine, Dashmoola holds promise as a natural, holistic approach to managing Stri Roga and promoting women's health across different life stages.

### Conclusion

Dashmoola is recognized as a significant Ayurvedic formulation for addressing various gynecological issues. Its broad range of therapeutic benefits encompasses menstrual health, pregnancy, postpartum support, and alleviation of menopausal symptoms, underlining its importance in treating Stri Roga. The formulation's pharmacological properties, which include anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and adaptogenic effects, reinforce its traditional applications. While numerous scientific studies have confirmed several of its advantages, additional clinical research is necessary to refine its formulations and determine standardized dosages. Incorporating Dashmoola into contemporary healthcare, supported by evidence-based research, may facilitate the development of more comprehensive strategies for women's health.

By connecting *Ayurvedic* practices with modern medical approaches, *Dashmoola* shows potential as a natural and effective solution for promoting reproductive health throughout various stages of a woman's life.

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