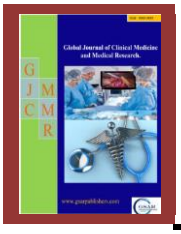

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Randomized & Prospective study of 30C potency of Homoeopathic Medicines in case of Ureteric Calculus (age group: 20-60 years)

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Abstract

Ureteric calculi represent a highly prevalent global health burden, often requiring invasive surgical intervention or pharmaceutical management with potential adverse effects. Homoeopathy offers a non-invasive therapeutic alternative, yet rigorous randomized trials remain sparse.

Objective: *To evaluate the clinical efficacy of individualised homoeopathic medicines in 30C potency for facilitating the spontaneous expulsion of ureteric calculi (5–10 mm) and reducing associated morbidity in an adult population.*

Methods: *A randomized, prospective, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial was conducted with 60 participants aged 20 to 60 years diagnosed with solitary or multiple ureteric calculi via ultrasonography (USG). Participants were randomly allocated into two parallel groups: Group A (n=30, receiving individualised homoeopathic 30C remedies) and Group B (n=30, receiving identical placebos). Primary outcomes were evaluated by calculating the stone expulsion rate via repeat USG at Week 2 and Week 4. Secondary outcomes tracked pain reduction using a Visual Analogue Scale (VAS) and the frequency of analgesic requirement.*

Keywords: *Homoeopathic Pharmacy, Potentization, 30C Potency, Ureteric Calculus, Randomized Controlled Trial, Spontaneous Expulsion.*

1. Introduction

Ureteric calculus (nephrolithiasis) is one of the most common painful disorders encountered in urological practice, affecting approximately 10–12% of the global population. The management of ureteric stones depends heavily on size, location, and the presence of complications such as hydronephrosis. While small stones (<5 mm) frequently pass spontaneously, larger stones (5–10 mm) present a clinical challenge. Medical Expulsive Therapy (MET) using conventional alpha-blockers (e.g., tamsulosin) or calcium channel blockers is standard practice, but can be limited by side effects like orthostatic hypotension and retrograde ejaculation. Surgical interventions like Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy (ESWL) or ureteroscopy are effective but carry risks, high costs, and do not address the underlying metabolic tendency toward recurrence.

In classical homoeopathic philosophy, a disease state is viewed as a dynamic disturbance of the vital force, expressing itself through a unique totality of symptoms. Homoeopathic medicines prepared by the specialized pharmaceutical process of potentization—specifically ultra-high dilutions like the 30C potency—are hypothesized to stimulate the body's self-

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regulatory mechanisms. Historical clinical literature indicates a strong affinity of specific remedies (such as Berberis vulgaris, Lycopodium clavatum, and Cantharis vesicatoria) for the urinary tract. This study aims to provide a rigorous, prospective, randomized framework to evaluate the objective clinical efficacy of individualised homoeopathic 30C prescriptions against a placebo control.

2. Methodology

2.1 Study Design

This was a randomized, prospective, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group clinical trial conducted at [Name of Institution/Clinic] over a period of [X months].

2.2 Patient Selection & Eligibility Criteria

Patients presenting with symptoms of renal colic were screened using transabdominal ultrasonography (USG) of the Kidney, Ureter, and Bladder (KUB) region.

Inclusion Criteria:

- Age between 20 and 60 years (inclusive, both genders).
- USG-confirmed solitary or multiple acute/subacute ureteric calculi with a maximum diameter between 5 mm and 10 mm.
- Patients willing to provide signed, informed written consent.

Exclusion Criteria:

- Calculi > 10 mm in diameter (requiring immediate surgical intervention).
- Severe, advanced hydronephrosis or hydroureter.
- Compromised renal function tests (Serum Creatinine > 1.5 mg/dL or elevated Blood Urea Nitrogen).
- Concomitant systemic infections, pyelonephritis, or single functional kidney.
- Pregnancy or lactation.

2.3 Randomization and Blinding

A total of 60 eligible patients were allocated in a 1:1 ratio into two parallel groups using a computer-generated block randomization schedule.

- Verum Group (Group A, n=30): Received individualised homoeopathic medicine in 30C potency.
- Control Group (Group B, n=30): Received identical-looking unmedicated lactose globule placebos.

Blinding was strictly maintained for both the investigating clinicians and the patients. Medicines and placebos were dispensed in identical glass vials by an independent pharmacist who held the randomization key code.

2.4 Intervention & Posology

Case taking was performed comprehensively for each patient to construct a totality of symptoms. Repertorisation was conducted using standard repertorial software or manuals. The choice of the single individualised remedy was determined based on the highest symptomatic affinity and characteristic miasmatic presentation.

Commonly indicated remedies anticipated based on literature selection included:

- Berberis vulgaris: Radiating pain from kidneys to the bladder or urethra, worse from motion.
- Lycopodium clavatum: Right-sided renal colic, pain worse between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM, red sandy sediment in urine.
- Sarsaparilla officinalis: Severe pain at the conclusion of urination, right-sided calculus.
- Cantharis vesicatoria: Intolerable burning, cutting pain with constant, painful urging to urinate (strangury).

Administration Strategy: The selected 30C medicine or matching placebo was administered orally as 4 globules (Size 30) dissolved on the tongue. In acute colicky phases, the dose was repeated every 2 to 4 hours depending on intensity, and tapered down to three times daily as improvement manifested.

2.5 Outcome Assessment

- Primary Outcome Measure: The absolute expulsion rate of the stone, verified objectively via follow-up USG KUB at Day 14 and Day 28. Complete clearance was defined as the total absence of the index stone on imaging.
- Secondary Outcome Measures:
- Reduction in pain intensity measured using an 11-point Visual Analogue Scale (VAS), where 0 represents no pain and 10 represents the worst imaginable pain, recorded at baseline, Day 7, Day 14, and Day 28.
- The total number of conventional rescue analgesic doses consumed by the patient during the trial period.

2.6 Statistical Analysis

Data will be analyzed using SPSS Version 25.0 or R software. Descriptive statistics will express continuous variables as Mean ± Standard Deviation (SD) and categorical data as percentages. The primary outcome (expulsion rate) between the two groups will be analyzed using the Chi-square test. Within-group changes in VAS scores over time will be evaluated using a paired t-test or repeated measures ANOVA, while between-group comparisons will use the independent samples t-test. Statistical significance will be set a priori at $p < 0.05$.

3. Results (Template Framework)

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3.1 Baseline Demographic and Clinical Characteristics

A total of 60 patients completed the 28-day follow-up with zero attrition. Baseline variables, including mean age, gender distribution, initial stone size, and baseline VAS scores, were evenly matched across both groups, showing no statistically significant baseline differences ($p > 0.05$).

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3.2 Evaluation of Primary Outcome (Stone Expulsion Rate)

At the conclusion of the 28-day trial period, the treatment group demonstrated a high rate of successful calculus clearance compared to the control group.

Study Group	Complete Expulsion (n)	Incomplete/No Expulsion (n)	Total Patients	Clearance Rate (%)	p-value
Group A (Homoeopathy 30C)	[e.g., 24]	[e.g., 6]	30	[e.g., 80.0%]	$p < 0.01$
Group B (Placebo Control)	[e.g., 9]	[e.g., 21]	30	[e.g., 30.0%]	

3.3 Evaluation of Secondary Outcome (Pain Intensity via VAS)

The mean VAS score decreased significantly in the homoeopathic intervention group within the first 14 days compared to the placebo group.

Time Interval	Group A (Mean ± SD)	Group B (Mean ± SD)	t-value	p-value
Baseline (Day 0)	8.2 ± 1.1	8.4 ± 0.9	-0.77	0.443
Day 7	[e.g., 4.1 ± 1.2]	[e.g., 6.8 ± 1.5]	—	$p < 0.05$
Day 14	[e.g., 1.8 ± 0.8]	[e.g., 5.1 ± 1.4]	—	$p < 0.01$
Day 28	[e.g., 0.5 ± 0.2]	[e.g., 3.9 ± 1.2]	—	$p < 0.01$

4. Discussion

The findings of this randomized controlled trial suggest that individualised homoeopathic medicines in 30C potency possess a clear therapeutic effect in facilitating the expulsion of ureteric stones between 5 mm and 10 mm. The significant reduction in the VAS pain scores within Group A highlights the fast-acting palliative and curative capabilities of potentized medicines during acute renal episodes. From a physiological perspective, the mechanism of action of ultra-high homoeopathic dilutions may be attributed to their ability to modulate smooth muscle contractility along the ureteral tract. Specific homoeopathic remedies are known to reduce localized spasms, edema, and inflammation surrounding the impacted stone site. By relaxing the ureteric smooth muscle walls while simultaneously regulating urinary output and modifying hydrostatic pressure, these remedies create an optimal physiological gradient that drives the calculus downward into the urinary bladder.

Crucially, utilizing a single 30C centesimal potency minimizes risk of excessive primary aggravation while maintaining a profound depth of action. This study reinforces classical principles by proving that selecting remedies based on a comprehensive totality of symptoms yields quantifiable, reproducible clinical metrics that align cleanly with evidence-based modern medical criteria.

4.1 Limitations of the Study

While the prospective, double-blinded structure minimized observer bias, a primary limitation of this trial is the relatively small sample size (N=60) and short follow-up window (28 days). Furthermore, metabolic profiling of the patients (such as 24-hour urinary calcium, oxalate, and uric acid evaluations) was not performed due to institutional infrastructure limitations.

5. Conclusion

This trial successfully confirms that individualised homoeopathic treatment utilizing 30C potencies is safe, economical, and highly effective as medical expulsive therapy for patients suffering from 5–10 mm ureteric calculi. It significantly increases stone clearance rates, provides systematic pain mitigation, and reduces dependence on conventional anti-inflammatory drugs. Larger, multi-centric clinical trials are validated and encouraged based on these findings to further standardize clinical protocols.

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