

Effectiveness of Yoga-Based Therapy in Reducing Menstrual Pain and Cycle Irregularities in Young Females

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Abstract: *Menstrual disorders such as dysmenorrhea and irregular menstrual cycles are prevalent among young females and significantly impact their physical, psychological, and social well-being. Conventional treatments, including analgesics and hormonal therapies, often provide temporary relief and may lead to adverse effects. Therefore, there is an increasing need for safe, non-pharmacological, and holistic interventions. The present study aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of yoga-based therapy in reducing menstrual pain and improving cycle regularity among young females.*

A quantitative experimental design with a pre-test and post-test approach was employed. The study included young females aged 18–25 years experiencing menstrual pain and irregular cycles. A purposive sampling technique was used. The intervention consisted of a structured yoga program including asanas, pranayama, and relaxation techniques over a period of eight weeks. Data were collected using menstrual pain rating scales and cycle tracking records.

The results indicated a significant reduction in menstrual pain (approximately 46.5%) and a marked improvement in menstrual cycle regularity. Participants also reported reduced stress, improved sleep quality, and enhanced overall well-being. The study concludes that yoga-based therapy is an effective, economical, and holistic approach for managing menstrual disorders.

Keywords: Yoga Therapy, Dysmenorrhea, Menstrual Irregularity, PCOD, Women's Health, Holistic Health

I. INTRODUCTION

Menstrual health is a fundamental component of female reproductive and overall well-being. However, a large proportion of young females experience menstrual disorders such as dysmenorrhea (painful menstruation) and irregular menstrual cycles. These conditions can negatively affect physical comfort, emotional stability, academic performance, and quality of life(1).

Dysmenorrhea is characterized by cramping pain in the lower abdomen during menstruation, often accompanied by fatigue, nausea, headache, and irritability. Similarly, menstrual cycle irregularities, including delayed or missed periods, are commonly associated with hormonal imbalance, stress, sedentary lifestyle, and conditions such as Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD)(2).

Despite the widespread occurrence of these issues, they are often normalized and underreported. Conventional treatments such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and hormonal therapies provide only temporary relief and may lead to side effects. This has led to increased interest in alternative approaches that are safe, cost-effective, and holistic(1–4).

Yoga, an ancient mind-body discipline, integrates physical postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and relaxation practices. It has been shown to improve blood circulation, reduce stress, regulate hormonal activity, and



enhance overall well-being. Therefore, the present study aims to investigate the effectiveness of yoga-based therapy in reducing menstrual pain and improving cycle regularity among young females(4).

Methodology

Research Design

A quantitative experimental design with a pre-test and post-test approach was used to assess the effectiveness of yoga therapy.

Participants

The study included young females aged 18–25 years experiencing menstrual pain and irregular cycles.

Sampling Technique

Purposive sampling was used to select participants based on predefined inclusion criteria.

Inclusion Criteria

- Females aged 18–25 years
- Experiencing dysmenorrhea or irregular menstrual cycles
- Willing to participate in yoga sessions

Variables

- **Independent Variable:** Yoga-based therapy
- **Dependent Variables:** Menstrual pain and cycle regularity

Tools for Data Collection

- Menstrual Pain Rating Scale
- Menstrual Cycle Record Sheet
- Observation and attendance records

Yoga Intervention Program

The intervention lasted **8 weeks** and included:

Asanas:

- Bhujangasana
- Baddha Konasana
- Pawanmuktasana
- Supta Baddha Konasana

Pranayama:

- Anulom Vilom
- Bhramari

Relaxation:

- Deep breathing
- Guided relaxation
- Sessions were conducted regularly under supervision.

Statistical Analysis

Data were analyzed using mean, standard deviation, and percentage analysis.

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Results

Overview

The present study evaluated the effectiveness of yoga-based therapy in reducing menstrual pain and improving menstrual cycle regularity among young females. Data collected during pre-test and post-test phases were analyzed using descriptive statistics such as mean, standard deviation, and percentage analysis.

Analysis of Menstrual Pain (Dysmenorrhea)

Table: Pre-test and Post-test Mean Scores of Menstrual Pain

Variable	Pre-Test Mean	Post-Test Mean	Mean Difference
Menstrual Pain Score	7.20	3.85	3.35

The mean menstrual pain score decreased from **7.20** in the pre-test to **3.85** in the post-test. This reduction of **3.35 points** indicates a substantial improvement in pain levels after the yoga intervention.

Table: Standard Deviation of Menstrual Pain Scores

Variable	Pre-Test SD	Post-Test SD
Menstrual Pain Score	1.10	0.95

The standard deviation decreased from **1.10** to **0.95**, indicating more consistent pain reduction among participants after the intervention.

Table: Percentage Reduction in Menstrual Pain

Variable	Pre-Test Mean	Post-Test Mean	% Reduction
Menstrual Pain Score	7.20	3.85	46.5%

The percentage reduction in menstrual pain was calculated as **46.5%**, demonstrating the effectiveness of yoga therapy in alleviating dysmenorrhea.

Analysis of Menstrual Cycle Regularity

Table: Distribution of Participants Based on Cycle Regularity

Category	Pre-Test (%)	Post-Test (%)
Regular Cycle	30%	70%
Irregular Cycle	70%	30%

The percentage of participants with regular menstrual cycles increased from **30%** to **70%**, showing a **40% improvement** in cycle regularity following the intervention.

Participant-wise Improvement

Table: Overall Improvement Among Participants

Variable	Improved (%)	No Significant Change (%)
Menstrual Pain Reduction	88%	12%
Cycle Regularity	65%	35%

The majority of participants (**88%**) experienced a reduction in menstrual pain, while **65%** showed improvement in cycle regularity.

Summary of Results

The tabulated data clearly indicate that yoga-based therapy had a positive impact on menstrual health. There was a significant reduction in menstrual pain intensity, along with noticeable improvement in menstrual cycle regularity. The



consistency in results, as reflected in reduced standard deviation and high percentage improvement, further strengthens the effectiveness of the intervention.

Interpretation of Findings

The results suggest that yoga-based practices, including asanas and pranayama, contribute to:

- Reduction in pelvic muscle tension
- Improved blood circulation
- Hormonal balance through stress reduction
- Enhanced overall physical and mental well-being

Thus, the statistical findings strongly support the role of yoga as an effective complementary therapy for managing menstrual disorders in young females.

Discussion

The findings of the present study support the hypothesis that yoga-based therapy is effective in managing menstrual pain and cycle irregularities. The reduction in pain can be attributed to improved blood circulation, reduced pelvic congestion, and relaxation of abdominal muscles achieved through yoga postures.

Pranayama practices help regulate the autonomic nervous system and reduce stress, which plays a crucial role in hormonal balance. Since menstrual irregularities are often associated with stress and lifestyle factors, yoga provides a comprehensive approach by addressing both physiological and psychological aspects(5–9).

The results are consistent with previous studies that have demonstrated the effectiveness of yoga in improving menstrual health. The holistic nature of yoga makes it a suitable intervention for young females seeking natural and sustainable solutions.

II. CONCLUSION

The study concludes that yoga-based therapy is an effective, safe, and holistic intervention for reducing menstrual pain and improving cycle regularity among young females. It not only alleviates physical discomfort but also enhances mental and emotional well-being.

Yoga can be recommended as a complementary therapy and incorporated into educational institutions, wellness programs, and preventive healthcare strategies.

Limitations

- Small sample size
- Short duration of intervention
- Reliance on self-reported data

Recommendations

- Conduct large-scale studies
- Include long-term follow-up
- Compare yoga with other therapies
- Integrate yoga into school and college health programs

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