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## Immediate effect of energy alignment and mantra on stress related pain in adolescents: Stomach aches, musculoskeletal pains and headaches

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**Objective:** To examine the impact of yoga based energy alignment and mantra intervention on pain complaints with stress disorder in a population-based sample of adolescents.

**Method:** Data from 2 waves of interviews with 15- to 19-year-olds from the Bikaner study were analyzed. All the participants were followed up from intervention session of energy alignment, mantra practice and change in pain related to stress disorder.

**Results:** Overall, pain complaints were strongly associated with emotional distress as stomach aches and headaches together with musculoskeletal pain. After the 2 weeks of practice, participants (n=218) reported significant decrease in stomach aches (p<0.05), headaches (p<0.01) and musculoskeletal pain (p<0.01).

**Conclusions:** Clinical recommendations include screening adolescents with persistent complaints of headaches, stomach aches, and musculoskeletal pains for stress disorders and awareness of energy alignment and mantra on the stress related pains were found useful.

## Biography

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