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EFFICACY OF LANGHANA IN TARUNAJWARA AND SAAMJWARA

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ABSTRACT

Jwara is principal disease which we find globally. Jwara is mentioned in ayurvedic literature and it also documented in various ayurvedic texts. Shrotorodh (blockage of channels) and swasthan pracyuta agni (displacement of agni) are two main factors in samprapti of tarunjwara. Langhana exactly cause dosh pachan and agnideepan and helps in samprapti breakdown in tarunjwara. Langhana reduces the aggrevated dosha and stimulates the agni due to this body becomes light, appetite is get restored and jwara get subside. In this scenario we did a literature review on how langhana works in tarunjwara and saam jwara.

KEYWORDS: Tarunjwara, Saam jwara, Langhana.

INTRODUCTION

According to Acharya Charaka, jwara is first manifested disease. Jwara is most powerful disease as well as it is principle disease amongst all other diseases. Jwara causes trouble to body, senses and mind. This powerful and principle disease is associated with birth and death of creatures. When jwara occurs the first 7 days of iwara are considered as saam avastha of jwara and it is also called as tarunjwara. After 7 days of jwara mala from 7 dhatus is get metabolized and jwara becomes nirama. In saam ayastha or in tarun ayastha of jwara the langhana upakrama is done in initial stage. The true physician is one who knows the use of therapies like Langhana (reducing), Brihana (nourishing), Rukshana (dryness causing), Snehana (oleation), and Swedana (sudation), Sthambhana (astrigent/stypsis). Whatever produces lsightness or reduction in the body is known as langhana theraphy.

This langhana upakrama is called as aadya upakrama (first upakrama) in tarunjwara. In tarunjwara patient does not sweats because of shrotorodh (blockage of channels) swasthana prachyuta agni(displacement of agni). The langhana upakrama when given in this condition, reduces the aggravated dosha and stimulates the agni, as a result of which body becomes light. Appetite of patient is get restored and jwara get subside. That's why langhana is adya-upkrama in tarunjwara.

AIMS

To study the literature review of efficacy of *langhana* in *tarunjwara* and *saam jwara*.

MATERIAL AND METHODES

Charaka Samhita (classics of brihatrayi in ayurveda) were reffered for study.

REVIEW OF STUDY

Jwara is the disease which afflicts the body, senses and mind. *Jwara* is *sarvarogagraja vyadhi* (first manifested disease) and *pradhana vyadhi* (principle disease).

Classification of jwara

- A) According to *karana* (causes) *jwara* is devided in following 8 types
- 1. Vaataj
- 2. Pittaja
- 3. Kaphaja
- 4. Vaata-Pittaja
- 5. Vaata-Kaphaj
- 6. Pitta-Kaphaj
- 7. Vaata-Pitta-Kaphaj
- 8. Agantuj
- B) Agantuj jwara is again classified into 4 types
- 1. Abhighaataja
- 2. Abhicharaja
- 3. Abhishaapaja
- 4. Abhishangaja
- C) Jwara classification in chikitsa sthana is as following
- 1. Sharir and Manas
- 2. Saumya and Agneya
- 3. Antarvegi and Bahirvegi
- 4. Sadhya and Asadhya

- D) Jwara classification according to dhatugatatva
- 1. Rasagata jwara
- 2. Raktagata jwara
- 3. Mansagat jwara
- 4. Medogata jwara
- 5. Asthigata jwara
- 6. Majjagata jwara.
- 7. Shukragata jwara
- E) Classification of vishamajwara
- 1. Santata jwara
- 2. Satata jwara
- 3. Anyedushka jwara
- 4. Trutiyaka jwara
- 5. Chaturthaka jwara

In tarunajwara the strotorodha (obstruction of channel) and swasthan prachyta agni (displacement of agni from its own site) are two main componants of samprapti (pathophysiology). Due to this following symptoms occure. Aruchi (anorexia), Avipaka (indigestion), Udara gaurav (Heaviness in stomach). Tandra (drowsiness), Alasya (laziness), Vibandha (Non excretion of doshas and malas). Gurutva (heaviness), Stabdhata (rigidity), Suptata (numbness), Bahumutrata (excessive micturition). Apakva mala (improper formation of stool), Glani (weakness).

LANGHANA

In chikitsasutra of tarunajwara also the langhana is performed as first part of treatment. Langhana(fasting), swedana (fomentation), kala (waiting period of 8days), yavagu (medicated gruels) and tikta rasa and all digestive enhancers of avipakva dosha are performed in taruna jwara.

Langhana upakrama can be done by following 10 procedures.

- 4 types of shodhana procedures: Vaman, Virechana, Niruhabasti, Nasya.
- ❖ 6 shaman procedures: Pipasa, Maruta, Atapa, Pachan, Upavasa, Vyayam. But mostly we use the langhana as upavasa in tarunajwara.

Indications of Langhana

Langhana upkrama and its types described in Charaka sutrasthana 22 should administered in following conditions.

- Saam Jwara: When jwara is in saam avastha.
- * *Kaphaja Jwara*: When *jwara* is produced by *dushit* and *prakupit kapha*.
- ❖ Kapha Pittaj Jwara: When jwara is produced by dushit kapha and pitta.

Contraindications of Langhana

Langhana is contraindicated

- ➤ When *jwara* is produced by *vata*
- When jwaira is produced by *shrama* (exhaustion)
- > Purana jwara (chronic fever)
- When jwara is caused by kshata (external and

internal injuries).

Such patients should not treated by *langhana*, they should be treated by *shaman chikitsa*.

AT WHAT EXTENT LANGHANA SHOULD BE DONE?

Langhana should be *pran-avirodhi* that is, it should be performed to the extent that it should not cause harm to vitality and life of patient.

BENEFITS OF LANGHANA

- ➤ Langhana reduces the aggravated dosha and stimulates the agn,i due to this body becomes light.
- ➤ Langhana restores the appetite.
- Langhana subsides the jwara
- Langhana causes elimination of flatus, feces and urine.
- > Causes cleansing like feeling in body.
- Langhana causes disappearance of drowsiness and exhaustion.
- Causes appearance of perspiration and reappearance of taste.
- Langhana produces hunger and thirst along with feeling of well being.

DISCUSSION

As per *ayurveda jwara* is principle disease and it needs very proper treatment *protocol*. This treatment should be performed according to *saam* and *nirama avastha* of *dosha*. In *saam avastha* of jwaira, *langhana* is first step of treatment, because *langhana* helps in breaking of *samprapti* which happened in *tarunjwara* and subsides the *jwara*. *Langhana* works on aggravated *dosha* and *agnimandya* which are main factors of *jwara samprapti*. In this way the *samprapti* breakdown occurs and *jwara* gets well treated by *langhana*.

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