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TUNDIKERI WITH ITS MODERN ASPECT- A REVIEW LITERATURE

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INTRODUCTION

In Ayurvedic perspective, Tundikeri can be correlated with Tonsillitis which presentsfeatures like Kathinasotha (enlargement of tonsils), resembling Karpasaphala (fruit of cotton), Toda (pain), Ragatwa (redness), Galoparodha (dysphagia), and asyavairasya (distaste in mouth). Tundikeri is a highly prevalent disease in the age group of 5-15 years. Tundikeri is one among the Urdhvajatrugata roga; mentioned in Talugataroga as well as Kanthagataroga. Mouth breathing, decreased appetite, poor school performance, restless sleep are the problems associated with recurrent tonsillitis and it makes the disease chronic & vulnerable for infectious diseases. Several health hazards like laryngeal edema, acute otitis media, and rheumatic fever, rheumatic heart diseases are often seen as systemic complications.

KEYWORDS: Kathinasotha (enlargement of tonsils), resembling Karpasaphala (fruit of cotton), Toda (pain).

Tonsillitis

Tonsillitis is the disease of Upper respiratory tract infection which usually occurs due to the seasonal variations. Inflammation of palatine Tonsils causes pricking pain in throat and dysphagia. It is one of the most prevalent diseases in children, during first decade of life, incidences 7% of all visits to the pediatricians. [14]

Defination

The definition given by Acharya Sushruta resembles the acute stage of tonsillitis whereas the definition by Acharya Vagbhatta is featuring probably the chronic stage of tonsillitis. Tundikeri is that disease caused by the vitiation of Kapha and Rakta. There is Sthula Shotha (oedema), Toda (pricking type of pain), Daha (burning sensation), Prapaki (Suppuration).

According to Acharya Vagbhatta, Tundikeri is having the shape of Karpasiphala and is Hanusandhi Asrita Kanta (root of the temperomandibular joint) It is Picchila (Slimy), Manda Ruk (Mild pain) and a firm swelling.

Nidana

There is no specific Nidana mentioned for the disease Tundikeri in either of the Samhitas. So the Samanya Nidana for Mukha Rogas can be said in this context since Tundikeri is the disease of either the Talu or the Kanta, which are the parts of Mukha.

Aaharaja

Excessive consumption of Matsya (fish), Mahisa Mams a (buffalo's meat), Varaha (pig'smeat), Amalaka

Mulam (rawradish), Masa (urad dal), Dadhi (curds), Ksira (milk), Sukta, Iksurasa (sugarcane juice), and Phanitha. Many of these Aharas are having Madhura Rasa or are of Amla Rasa. So these cause the vitiation of Kapha and Pitta which results in the vitiation of Rakta and hence the occurrence of the disease.

Viharaja

Excessive indulgence in Avaksayya (sleeping in prone position), Dwishato Dantadhavana (improper dental hygiene), Dhuma (improper Dhumpana), Cardana (impropervomitting), Gandusa (improper gargling), Siravyadha (improper vinesection). Avoidance of proper oral hygiene leads to the accumulation and Prakopa of Kaphapradhana. Dosa and results in the occurrence of many disorders of the mouth (Mukharoga).

Purvaroopa

As Tundikeri is a disease characterized premonitory symptoms of Shotha can be Shotha, considered here i.e. mild pain, mild burning sensation, Dhirghibhava of Siras with mild swelling and increase in local temperature.

Roopa

Shotha, Toda, Daha, Prapaka in Talu Pradesha, according to Acharya Sushruta (Swelling, Pricking pain, burning sensation and temperature rise, suppuration there are likely to be present in acute infections). Karpasiphala appearance, Picchila, Mandaruk, Sopha which is Katina according to Acharya Vaghbhata. (Mild pain and firm swelling are symptoms likely to be present

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Samprapti

Improper oral hygiene either due to intake of excessive Madhura, Amla, Lavana Rasa Ahara, Snigdha, Abhisyandi Ahara or due to improper dental hygiene or on sleeping in prone position leads to Kaphadosa Prakopa. This causes Kaphavrita Srotorodha and

Agnimandya. Due to this the Dosas are flowing with Manda Gati in Srotas. This leads to Sthana Samsraya of Dosas in Talu or Kanta Pradesha. According to Acharya Sushruta, he has considered Rakta to be a Dosa. There is Pitta and Rakta Margavarodha in Talu or Kanta resulting in Shotha, Paka in that area.

Tundikeri Sampraptighataka.

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	:-	Kapha (According to Acharya Vagbhatta)
Dosha		
	:-	Kapha Rakta (According to Acharya Sushruta)
Dushya	:-	Rasa, Rakta, Mamsa
Srotasa	:-	Rasavaha, Raktavaha,
Agni	:-	Jataragni, Dhathwagni Mandya
Srotodushti	:-	Sanga and Granthi
Roga Marga	:-	Madhyama
Udbhava Sthana:	:-	Amasaya
Adhisthana	:-	Mukha, Hanusandhi
Vyakristhana	:-	Talu or Kanta

The above mentioned Aharas and Viharas create an environment in the throat for the invasion of bacteria. Common causative bacteria include hemolytic streptococcus, staphylococcus, pneumococcus. Tonsillitis is one primary focus of infection, which further leads to different morbid conditions owing to the additional secondary infection of upper respiratory tract infection.

Treatment of Tundikeri

According to Acharya Vagbhatta, among the 75 Mukha Rogas, 23 of them are Asadhya and the rest are Sadhya. Sadhya Rogas are again divided into Sukha Sadhya and Krichra Sadhya. Tundikeri is considered to be Krichra Sadhya i.e. it can be cured by Ausada and if not by Sastra Karma. Acharya Sushruta too has given the same opinion regarding Sadhya Asadhya. For all types of Mukha Rogas, according to Acharyas:

Snehana, Swedana, Vamana, Virecana, Ghritapana, Dhumapana,
Kavalagraha, Abhyanga, Pradhamana nasya can be administered
According to Acharya Charaka - Dhumrapana, Pradhaman Nasya, Virecana, Vamana, Lekhana are indicated.
Acharya Sushruta has nowhere mentioned the medicinal treatment for the disease Tundikeri. The treatments advocated by him are both surgical Bhedana (Incision), Chedana (Excision).

Acharya Vagbhatta has instructed that Tundikeri has to be treated on the line of Shlesmaja Rohini, which is as follows: □ Raktamoksana □ Nasya with Tiksna Drugs □ Gulawith Tiksna Drugs □ Kwatha of Bark (Twak) of Daruharidra, Nimba, Rasanjana, Indrayava. Gargling (Kavala or Gandusa) with Triphala, Trikatu, Citraka, Patha, Nimba Sukta and Gomutra. Sarangadhara in Uttara Khanda has mentioned Gandusa, Kavala, and Pratisarana as remedial measures for Gala Rogas. Pratisarana includes Patha, Haridra, Katuki and Musta. Thus the Chikitsa of Tundikeri can be done in two ways:

(1) Medicinal (Ashastrakrita)(2) Surgical (Shastrakrita) Shastrakrita -Rakta Moksana ,Chedana, Bhedana Ashastrakrita -Pratisarana, Kavala, Gandusa

Systemic description of the whole procedure:

- 1. Purva Karma (Pre-Operative)
- 2. Pradhana Karma (Operative)
- 3. Paschat Karma (Post-Operative)

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