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A CASE REPORT ON EFFECT OF CHAKRAMARDA BEEJA LEPA IN TREATMENT OF DADRU (TINEA CORPORIS) IN CHILDREN

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ABSTRACT

Beauty, both inside and out, is valued across cultures. Ayurveda emphasizes the connection between internal and external beauty, highlighting how our skin reflects our inner health. Skin not only influences our appearance but also serves vital functions for our body. Unfortunately, the rise in skin diseases, often caused by bacterial or fungal infections like Corporis, is concerning. Ayurveda categorizes these as 'Kushtha Roga' with specific terms like Dadru Kustha for fungal infections. Dadru is variety of Kushta with Rasa, Rakta and Mansadhatu involvement. Treating a 12-year-old female child with Dadru Kushta having complaints Kandu, Raga, Pidika Twak Rukshata, treatment involved Application of Chakramarda beej Lepa. The treatment significantly reduced Symptoms over a few weeks.

KEYWORDS: Kushtha, Dadru, Tinia Corporis, Chakramarda Beeja Lepa.

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda, the Vedic science deals with preventive & curative measures which promote a healthy long life. Kaumarabhritya, one of the branches of Ashtanga Ayurveda deals with complete nutrition as well as the health of child. [1] Dadru is one of the common diseases known to us from thousands of years. Though it is considered as Kshudra Roga (minor disease), has got a major importance in clinical practice now a days. All the skin diseases have been classified under the broad heading of "Kushtha" according Ayurveda. [2] Dadru is variety of Kushta with Rasa, Rakta and Mansadhatu involvement. [3] Dadru Kushta is considered as one of the Ashta Mahagada. [4] It is most commonly occurring skin diseases among children also which have been included under the Maha Kushta by Acharya Sushrutha^[5] and Vagbhatha. [6] It include clinical features like Kandu, Raga, Pidika Twak, Rukshata which exhibit involvement of Kapha and Pitta. Acharya Vagbhat especially mentioned Dadru as a Anusangika Vyadhi. [7] The children have very soft skin and any skin disease hamper the quality of life of child as well as parents. So, it is prompt attention needed in treating child skin infections.

In modern medical science, *Dadru Kushtha* can be Correlated with tinea corporis Tinea corporis is characteristic of scaly patches, which are round and erythematous. The patch spreads towards the periphery

which is quite inflamed, while it tends to clear at the centre. [8] It is slightly pruritic ring like, erythematous papules, plaques with scaling and slow outward expansion of the border. [9] its Management includes topical steroids or antifungal ointment or oral medicine is described in the management of such skin disease. These topical steroids or antifungal creams are expensive and not completely free from adverse effects. [10] other problem with the *Dadru* is of its frequent recurrence for which, also the definite answer must be worked out. Hence in this case study we used local application of *Chakramarda beeja Lepa* for management of *Dadru Kushtha*.

CASE HISTORY

A 12-year-old female patient was brought to the Out Patient Department of Kaumarabhritya, Shree Saptashrungi Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya and Hospital, Nashik by parents with complaints of multiple reddish round patches over both the hands associated with itching since last 3 months. Condition aggravates especially during intake of excess spicy food items and junk food.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

The patient was apparently healthy 3 months back, then she developed multiple whitish round patches over the skin on both the hands, which suddenly changed its colour to reddish. From initial days, severe itching was present. For these complaints, they have consulted a nearby Physician in a hospital, where he has prescribed some ointments and lotions to be applied externally. They have tried it for a week, itching got slightly reduced, but mildly it was there. But, seen as again aggravating when spicy food items were taken. There was no any change in colour or appearance of the patches. This child was very fond of spicy, nonvegetarian food items, junk foods and sea foods. She even takes lot of curd. She was not willing to avoid this dietary habit, since long even after she was advised to. Slowly, they observed that in the presence of stimulating factors condition is worsening. Even after using those medications, they did not get any satisfactory relief, for which they have decided to bring the child for a better evaluation and management in Shree Saptashrungi Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya and Hospital, Nashik.

Assessment of general condition of the child.

Bowel	Regular
Appetite	Good
Micturition	Regular
Sleep	Sound

Systemic examination

Cardiovascular System (CVS): S1 S2 heard, no murmurs.

Respiratory System (RS): Normal Vesicular breathe sounds heard, Bilateral air entry +.

Central Nervous System: Conscious and Oriented. Gastro intestinal System (GI) P/A-Soft, non tender.

Chief Complaints

- 1. Sa Kandu (itching sensation)
- 2. *Raga* (redness)
- 3. Dadrumandala (circular patches with elevated edges)
- 4. Rukshata and Daha

Past History: No any History.

Present Medicinal History: No any medicine taken.

Family History: Matruj Kula: Prakrit Pitruj Kula:

Past Surgical History: No any Surgical history.

Ashtavidha Parikshan

Nadi	72/Min
Mutra	5-6 times a day
Mala	Asamyak
Jivha	Ishat Sama
Shabda	Spashta
Sparsha	Samshitoshna
Druk	Prakrit
Akruti	Madhyam

Dashvidh Pariksha

Prakruti	Pitta-Kaphaj
Dosha	Pitta
Dushya	Rasa, Rakta, Meda,
Mala	Sveda
Sara	Hina
Samhanana	Madhyam
Pramana	(145 cm)
Dehabhara	38 Kgs
Satmya	Madhyam
Satva	Madhyam
Ahara Shakti	Madhyam
Vyayam Shakti	Madhyam

Management

Drug: Chakramarda Beej Lepa

Dose: 1/4 Anguli

Duration: Twice a day for 21 days

Procedure of Lepa

Poorva Karma: At first the affected part was thoroughly washed by lukewarm water and dried.

Pradhana Karma: The prepared *Lepa* was applied over the lesion. The thickness of the *Lepa* were 1/4 of *Anguli*. *Lepa* were applied twice in a day. Each application was kept until it would dry up.

Paschat Karma: Once the Lepa got dried then it removed with clean cotton.

Table 1: Latin Name, Family of Chakramarda. [11]

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No.	Drug	Latin Name	Family		
1.	Chakramarda	Cassia Tora	Caesalpiniaceae		

Table 2: Rasa, Virya, Vipaka, Doshaghnata and Karma of Chakramarda.

No.	Drug	Rasa	Virya	Vipaka	Guna	Doshghnata	Karma	
1.	Chakramarda	Katu	Ushna	Katu	Laghu, Ruksha	Vataghna	Varnya, vishagna, vranaropan, kandughna and kusthghna	

Table No. 3: Showing Observation and results in Symptoms.

Symptoms	Gradation	Grade	BT	AT
	Normal skin colour	0	3	1
Danas (Dadasas)	Redness mild- Faint and near to normal	1		
Raaga (Redness)	Blanching and red colour	2		
	Severe and Red Colour	3		
	No erythema	0		
Mandal (Emitheria)	Mild erythema		2	0
Mandal -(Erythema)	Erythema needs treatment 2			
	Severe and on whole body erythema			
	No Daha	0	2	0
Daha - (Burning	Mild Daha child bears if mind diverted	1		
sensation)	Moderate Daha relief after treatment	2		
	Severe and urgent need of treatment	3		
	No line on scrubbing with nail			
Rukshata-(Dryness)	Faint line on scrubbing by nails	1	3	1
	Prominent Lining On scrubbing by nail	2		
	Excessive Rukshata leading to Kandu	3		

DISCUSSION

Most of the Apathya Ahara Vihara mentioned in Ayurveda for causes of *Kushtha*, produces the healthy environment for the growth of fungal infection in the skin tissues. In modern science the clinical manifestation of Dadru is closely similar to Tinea infection which is caused by contact with diseased person, the weak immune system, poor nutrition, stress, obesity and contact with contagious things etc. These are the risk factor for Tinea infection. Severe itching and Red patches are the common clinical manifestations described in Ayurvedic texts, which can be evaluated by Darshana and Prashna Pareeksha. Most of the Acharayas has mentioned predominance of Pitta-Kapha Dosha in Dadru except Acharya Sushruta, who has considered Kapha predominance in Dadru. Tvak, Rakta, Lasika and Ambu these are the Dushyas described in Ayurveda along with Raktavaha Srotasa Dushti.

In this present case study, In the present case the 13-year-old female child was complaining of reddish white coloured patches over both the hands with continuous severe itching since last 3 months. highly significant result was observed in the symptoms of Daha, Kandu, Raga Mandal and Rukshata. Kandu is produced by the vitiated Kaphadosha. Katu, Tikta, Kasaya Rasa Kandughna, Kustaghna Kaphashamaka, Chakramarda, which helps to reduce in the symptom. (Table No. 3) Raga is resultant of Pitta Prakopa. Sheet, Madhur, Tikta Rasa and properties like Raktashodhak, Raktaprasadak. Chakramardbeej causes Pittashaman and helps to reduce in the symptom of Raga. In this present case study, it was observed that, due to decreased in the symptom of Daha, Kandu, Rukshta and Raga Mandala in patient.

CONCLUSION

The results suggested that *Chakramard Beej Churna* showed significant result after treatment (Table No. 3) in *Daha, Kandu*, colour of *Mandala, Rukshata* and number of *Mandala* variables and the efficacy of the treatment

was highly significant even during follow up. In this case study patient completed the full course of treatment without any adverse reaction to drug.

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