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# PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF AMAPACHAK HERBAL TEA W.S.R TO DIFFERENT DEHA PRAKRITI PERSONS - A REVIEW

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Ama is an undigested form of food that gets absorbed into the system without proper assimilation, such partially digested material is not used by the system for nourishment but clog the channels of nutrition supplement. This Ama eventually undergoes a number of chemical changes which create toxins. These toxins hamper the immune mechanism of respective tissue, causing various diseases. This Ama should get digested to maintain the normalcy of the physiology. There are various herbal drugs that are advised for the digestion of the Ama. These herbal drugs can be administered in the form of herbal tea, which can be called Amapachak herbal tea. Amapachak herbal tea is a blend of various Ayurveda herbal drugs supposed to detoxify and purify the body. These various drugs can be classified according to the Prakriti of a person. As per the predominant of Dosha, there are three types of Deha Prakriti. These core concepts allow implementation of ways for not only personalized medicine but also personalized prevention. So, this attempt is made to implement such kind of herbal teas in our daily regimen for personalized prevention of disease according to different Deha Prakriti persons.

**Keywords**: Ama Pachak herbal tea, Phanta Kalpana, Deha prakriti, Detoxification.

#### INTRODUCTION

Ama is the most important concept explained in Ayurveda which means unripe or undigested food, Ama is secreted by weak digestive fire, fire overload

with heavy food, sedentary lifestyle, etc. This *Ama* starts to accumulate in various channels of the body resulting in clogging of these channels and also creates

lots of toxins in the body leading to various diseases. Treating this *Ama* is very much important. Ayurveda has mentioned various *Amapachak* herbal drugs which help to digest this *Ama* and ultimately play a very vital role in being healthy. These *Amapachak* herbal drugs can be administered in the form of *Phant Kalpana*, which is one of the *Panchvidha Kashay Kalpana*. This *Phant* can be compared with today's tea. This *Amapachak* herbal tea can be personalized according to the different constituents of the body which is explained in Ayurveda. There are three different constituents of body *Vata*, *Pitta*, and *Kapha*, all having different characteristics. *Amapachak* herbal tea can be blended with specific *Ras*, *Virya*, *Vipaka*, and *Guna* as per the need of different constitution.

#### Aim

To study the practical Application of *Amapachak* herbal tea with special reference to different *Deha Prakriti* persons.

# **Objective**

- 1. To study the concept of Aam
- 2. To study different herbal drugs with their *Rasa*, *Guna*, *Virya* and *Vipaka*.
- 3. To study the characteristics of different *Prakriti* persons with their *Guna*
- 4. To study the application of different herbal teas according to different *Prakriti* persons

#### **Review of literature**

#### The concept of *Ama*

Ama is a term denoting a product that is an undigested form derived from food that gets absorbed into the system without proper assimilation. Due to diminished digestive fire (Agni), the first dhatu, namely Rasa, does not form properly so it remains in the Amashaya (stomach) for a long time such kind of improper form of Rasa is called as Ama [1]. This substance creates pressure on Sroto Mukh and accumulates there clogging the Srotasa. Ama comprises a group of a toxic substance, not capable of nourishing the body but vitiates the Dosha and cause disease [2]. So, the first phase of Dosha Dushti is Ama.

# Causative factor of Ama [3]

Aharaj Factors: Guru, Shita, Vishtambhi, Shushka, Vidahi, Ruksha, Picchil, Guna causes Aam.

Viharaj Factors: Ratri jagaran, Divaswapna, Veg dharan,

Mansik factors: Chinta, Shoka, Bhaya, Krodha, Irsha, Lobha

Others: Improper Panch-karma, Vyayam After snigdha bhojana, etc

#### Feature of Ama

It is properly unprocessed consisting of heavy, unctuous, liquid, sticky, fibrous material, having a foul smell, causing debility and weakness to the body and many diseases. It remains stagnant in body channels and acts like a poison [4].

# Signs & Symptoms of Ama [5]

Generalized signs and symptoms of Ama as below:

- ☐ *Srotorodha*: Clogging of channels
- ☐ Balabhramsha: Decrease strength of immunity,

Fatigue

- ☐ *Gaurav*: Heaviness in the body and head.
- ☐ Anila Mudhata: Abnormal or obstructive flow of

Vata

- ☐ *Alasya*: Lethargy☐ *Apakti*: Indigestion
- ☐ *Nisthiva*: Excessive salivation
- ☐ *Malasanga*: Obstruction of urine & stool also other

waste product in the body

☐ *Aruchi*: Lack of desire towards food.

☐ *Klama*: Exhaustion

☐ *Arti*: Restlessness

□ *Vistambha*: Constipation□ *Vidaha*: Burning sensation

### Therapeutic view of *Ama*

Treating this *Ama* is the most important thing to avoid future serious disorders. According to *Ashtang Sangraha Deepan* and *Pachan* medicine are advised to treat this *Ama* <sup>[6]</sup>. The drug having *Deepan* property stimulates the fire to avoid formation of *Ama* and *Pachan* property helps in digestion of accumulated *Ama* in *Srotas*. The drugs which are mentioned in *Bhavprakash* which helps in *Deepan* and *Pachan* can be used are *Shunthi*, *Aadrak*, *Yashtimadhu*, *Nimbuk*, *Guduchi*, *Ashwagandha*, *Ushir*, *Dhanyak*, *Taruni*, *Draksha*, *Dalchini*, *Marich*, *Tulsi*, *Lavang*, and Honey.

### The concept of *Prakriti*

It is the core concept of Ayurveda, which forms the pitch for all concepts. From being healthy to getting a cure every time *Prakriti* has to be in the back of the mind. *Prakriti* is nothing but the different constitution of the body having different characteristics. *Acharya Charak Samhita* had mentioned the characteristics according to the *Guna*. The specific characteristics present in the person are dependents on this *Guna* as mentioned below

Vata Prakriti: Ruksha, Laghu, Chal, Bahu, Shighra, Shita, Parusha, Vishada [7]

Pitta Prakriti: Ushna, Tikshna, Drava, Visra, Amla, Katuk [8] Kapha Prakriti: Snigdha, Slakshna, Mrudu,

Madhur, Sandra, Manda, Stimit, Guru, Shita, Pichchil and Achha [9].

#### Samanya Vishesh Siddhant

To keep these *Dosha* in balance state *Acharya Charak* has mentioned *Samanya Vishesh Siddhant*. *Samanya* always a reason for *vrudhi* (increase) in quality and quantity of *bhav padarth* (*dravya*, *guna*, *karma*) while *Vishesh* leads to its *Hras* (destruction)<sup>[10]</sup>.

# Amapachak Herbal Drugs

The list *amapachak* herbal drugs is given below with their *Guna*, *Ras*, *Virya*, and *Vipaka* which act as a *Vishesh* (depletion) of *Dosha* to maintain their normalcy.

## Herbal Drugs For different Deha Prakriti Persons

Table 1: Vata Prakriti persons

Sr. no.	Herbal Drug	Guna	Rasa	Vipak	Virya	Dosha Shaman	Other features
1	Shunthi [11]	Laghu, Snigdha	Katu	Madhur	Ushna	Kapha Vata	Deepan Pachan
2	Nimbuk [12]	Laghu	Amla	Madhur	Anushna	Tridosha	Deepan Pachan
3	Guduchi [13]	Laghu Snigdha	Tikta Kashay	Madhur	Ushna	Tridosha	Vishaghna
4	Yashtimadhu [14]	Guru Snigdha	Madhur	Madhur	Sheeta	Vata Pitta	Vatanuloman
5	Ashwagandha [15]	Laghu Snigdha	Madhur Tikta	Madhur	Ushna	Kapha Vata	Deepan Anuloman
6	Kharjura <sup>[16]</sup>	Guru Snigdha	Madhur	Madhur	Sheeta	Vata Pitta	Balya

**Table 2:** Pitta Prakriti persons

Sr. no.	Herbal Drug	Guna	Rasa	Vipak	Virya	Dosha Shaman	Other features
1	Yashtimadhu	Guru Snigdha	Madhur	Madhur	Sheeta	Vata Pitta	Vatanuloman
2	Taruni <sup>[17]</sup>	Laghu, Snigdha	Tikta Katu Kashaya	Madhur	Sheeta	Tridosha	Balya
3	Munakka <sup>[18]</sup>	Mrudu Guru Snigdha	Madhur	Madhur	Sheeta	Vata Pitta	Bruhan
4	Ushir [19]	Laghu Ruksha	Tikta Madhur	Katu	Ushna	Kapha Pitta	Deepan Pachan
5	Dhanyak <sup>[20]</sup>	Laghu Snigdha	Kashaya Tikta Madhur	Madhur	Sheeta	Tridosha	Deepan Anuloman
6	Musta <sup>[21]</sup>	Laghu Ruksha	Katu Tikta Kashaya	Katu	Sheeta	Kapha Pitta	Deepan Pachan

**Table 3:** Kapha Prakriti persons

Sr. no.	Herbal Drug	Guna		Rasa	Vipak	Virya	Dosha Shaman	Other features
1	Aardrak [22]	Guru Rı	uksha	Katu	Katu	Ushna	Kapha Vata	Deepan Pachan
		Tikshna						

2	Dalchini [23]	Laghu, Ruksha	Tikta	Katu	Ushna	Vata Kapha	Deepan Pachan
		Tikshna	Katu				
			Madhur				
3	Marich [24]	Laghu Tikshna	Katu	Katu	Ushna	Kapha Vata	Pachan
4	Tulsi <sup>[25]</sup>	Laghu Ruksha	Katu Tikta	Katu	Ushna	Kapha Vata	Deepan
5	Lavang [26]	Laghu Snigdha	Tikta Katu	Katu	Sheeta		Deepan Pachan
6	Honey [27]	Shita Laghu Ruksha Grahi	Swadu		Sheeta	Kapha	Deepan Srotovisodhana

#### Concept of Phant Kalpana

Panchvidha Kashay Kalpana is explained in Bhavprakash Samhita those are Swaras, Kalka, Kwath, Hima, Phant. Phant kalpana is just similar to today's tea. The Phant Kalpana is prepared by adding four parts of boiling water to one part of the coarsely powdered drug. Later when the water is still warm the mixture has to be macerated well and filtered. This filtered is called Phant. [28]

#### DISCUSSION

Now a day's tea has been added to everyone's diet regimen, and green tea is today's trend which is taken in the early morning empty stomach. According to Ayurveda as mentioned in Aushadha sevan Kala, Rasayan Kala is the time to take any medicine on empty stomach. Importance of *Rasayan kala* is it helps to rejuvenate the Body tissue. Here is an Amapachak Herbal tea which is a blend of various herbal drugs. This Amapachak herbal tea can be prepared by the process of *Phanta kalpana*. The whole extract of drugs comes in *Phant*. The drugs selected for the preparation of this Phant having Guna against the Guns of Prakruti of a person to maintain the normalcy of a Dosha. This Amapachak herbal tea also helps to improve Digestion at Jathragni level and Dhatwagni level, prevents the formation of Ama, prevents diseases, maintain a healthy condition, and improves the immunity of the body. Amapachak herbal tea can be added to our daily regimen as a preventive measure. The same herbal drugs cannot be given to every person. Prakriti is always taken into consideration during therapeutic measure of Herbal drugs, so

*Prakriti* should also give equal importance to preventive measures. So, this attempt is made to implement such kind of herbal teas in our daily regimen for personalized prevention of disease according to different *Deha Prakriti* persons.

#### CONCLUSION

It is very important to prescribe *Amapachak* herbal tea as a preventive measure according to the *Prakriti* assessment of the person. Adding this *Amapachak* herbal tea to our daily regimen can be one of the measures to control various diseases.

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