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A COMPARATIVE CLINICAL STUDY TO EVALUATE THE EFFICACY OF KASANTAKA CHOORNA AND SITOPALADI CHOORNA IN THE MANAGEMENT OF VATAJA KASA (TROPICAL PULMONARY EOSINOPHILIA)

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ABSTRACT

In this study, *VatajaKasa* is compared to Tropical Pulmonary Eosinophilia, which is having symptoms *ShuskaKasa*, *PrasktaVega*, *ParshwaShula*, *ShiraShoola*, *Urashula*, *SwaraBheda* and *Kanthakandu* similar to that in T.P.E. hence taken for the study. The present study was undertaken to evaluate the efficacy of *Kasantakachoorna* and *Sitopaladichoorna* in in the management of *VatajaKasa* w.s.r.t. T.P.E. The symptoms which are expressed in Tropical Pulmonary Eosinophilia, are very nearer to the symptoms of *vatajakasa*. Evaluate the effect of *KasantakaChoorna* in *Vatajakasa* (T.P.E). Evaluate the effect of *Sitopaldi Choorna* in *Vatajakasa* (T.P.E). To compare the efficacy of *Kasantaka Choorna* and *Sitopaladi Choorna* in the management of *Vatajakasa* (T.P.E). Sample size – 40 patients of *Vatajakasa* were selected and divided into 2 groups, comprising 20 patients in each group. *Kasantaka Choorna*: This is more effective on *ShushkaKasa*, *HrutShoola*, *Prasakta Vega Kantha Kandu* because *Kasantaka Choorna* ingredients contains *Snigdha*, *Rasayana* and *Kaphavatahara* properties.

Sitopaladi Choorna: ingredients include Ela, Twaka, Pippali, Vamsalochana etc. These herbs promote various medical properties that help in improving the immune system and its having Kaphashamaka, Vatanulomaka,

Pittashamaka and Antitussive properties. Sitopaladi Choorna acts more effective on Shira Shool, Parshwashool and SwaraBheda.

Keywords: Kasantaka Choorna, Sitopaladichoorna, Vatajakasa Tropical pulmonary Eosinophilia,

INTRODUCTION

Kasa is a very common disease of the respiratory system. India being one tropical country prevalence of VatajaKasa vis-à-vis Tropical Pulmonary Eosinophilia is remarked. In 1943 Weingarten used the term tropical eosinophilia when describing a characterized by severe spasmodic syndrome bronchitis. eosinophilic, leucocytosis disseminated mottling of both lungs. The syndrome is particularly endemic in India, Sri Lanka, Southeast Asia and Africa and has been reported from filarial epidemic areas worldwide.

¹According to a survey conducted in 1986, it was observed that the incidence & prevalence rate of TPE in India is 12.6/1000%. According to the journal of epidemiology & community health 1993 by Dr Ray the incidence & prevalence rate is 12.7/1000%². The Male & female ratio of TPE is 4:1³.

According to *Tarka Samgraha*, *vayu* which moves in the body is named prana, the word prana is formed by adding the suffix, 'pra' to the dhatu an. *Sharangadhara* says, *Pranavayu* acts as *Amruta* to nourish the body ⁽⁴⁾ Among the varieties, *VatajaKasa* is very common in locality. This needs analysis in the scientific background as explained in the Ayurvedic classics. The human body is continuously under attack from environmental changes. Quality of life on earth is deteriorating day by day due to pollution and urbanization. The quality of air, water, food ingested does not always have a beneficial effect and its purity determines the health of the body.

One of the unique criteria of living activity is breathing. One of the basic activities of *Pranavaha Srotas* is an exchange of gases, the rate of exchanges of gases is to tune 16 times per minute making it one of the most vulnerable sites for diseases. This problem has been compounded by our modern lifestyle, for industrialization and population explosion. As a result of Raja and Dumas the main cause of

Pranavahasrotasdusti has become unavoidable, making Kasa the most common disease, where ShuskaKasa is a prominent symptom. Vataja Kasa is taken as a special reference to Tropical Pulmonary Eosinophilia because of similarities of signs and symptoms.

Kasa seems to be a very simple disease, if not controlled and treated properly it may lead to disease with the poor prognostic condition. So, we are in demand of a quick-acting medicine with higher effectiveness, a search of such a medicine end up with *Kasantakachoorna*.

Material and Methods:

Source of Data:

A. Subjection of clinical participants:

Patients will be diagnosed and selected from the Kaya Chikitsha OPD and IPD of PG studies in Kayachikitsa of Dhanvantari Ayurveda medical college and hospital, medical camps and other referrals.

Drugs Procurement:

The trial drugs will be collected from local areas and markets after being properly identified. *Kasantaka Choorna*⁵ and *Sitopaladi choorna*⁶ will be used for the study to be prepared in the Teaching Pharmacy of the institution.

Methodology: Preparation of Sitopaladi & Kasantak Choorna

Choorna Kalpana:

Choorna is extensively described in all Samhitas for almost all diseases. The Kalka has been narrated with prime importance under Panchvidha Kashaya Kalpana. Considering the totality of drugs Kalka and Churna Kalpanas are similar, which are frequently mentioned by Charaka in various ailments. Acharya Susruta has also given prime importance to the Choorna Kalpana, all over the treatment aspects, in Astanga Samgrah and Astanga Hridaya there are abundant uses of Choornakalpana in almost all the

conditions of disease. It may be noticed that the use of *Choornakalpana* is getting increased along with the advancing period.

Perceptive Outlook of Choorna Kalpana: -

The term *Choorna* stands is for the power of a single drug or a mixture of two or more drugs, powdered separately, before mixing homogeneously. According to the Ayurvedic formulary of India *Choorna* is a fine powder of drug or mixture of drugs. *Sitopaladi & Kasantak Choorna*: - Take all single herb powder in mentioned quantity mix it well in one pot. Pack it in an airtight bottle. Showing ingredients of Kasanataka choorna (Table no 1) Showing ingredients of Sitopaladi choorna (Table no 2)

Method of collection of Data:

a. Study Design: Simple random sampling technique Sample size – 40 patients of *vatajakasa* were selected and divided into 2 groups, comprising 20 patients in each group.

Group A (Control)- Patients of this group were given *Sitopaladi Choorna*- 2 gram thrice a day before food with *Sukhoshnajala*. Group B (Trial) – Patients of this group were given *Kasantaka Choorna* 2 gram thrice a day before food with *madhu*.

b. Diagnostic criteria

- 1. Diagnosis is made on the basis of classical symptomology and laboratory findings.
- 2. Presence of prominent feature of *Vatajakasa*.
- 3. Increased in A.E.C. of peripheral blood smear i.e., > 440/Ul.

c. Inclusion criteria:

- 1. Patients of classical *VatajaKasa*symptoms irrespective of gender, caste, occupation and economic status.
- 2. Ages between 15 to 60 yrs.
- 3. Patients having increased A.E.C. (Absolute Eosinophilic Count) in peripheral blood smear were selected.

d. Exclusion criteria:

- 1. All other varieties of *Kasa* except *VatajaKasa*.
- 2. *VatajaKasa* is associated with any other medical emergencies.
- 3. Patients with the complication of *Kasa* i.e. *Rajayakshma*, carcinoma of bronchus, pulmonary

tuberculosis, pleurisy, pneumonia is excluded.

- 4. Patients below the age of 15 yrs and above 60 yrs.
- 5. *VatajaKasa* patients along with metabolic diseases such as diabetes and HTN are excluded.
- 6. Secondary chronic pulmonary Eosinophilia with asthma.
- 7. Pregnant and lactating women are excluded.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT: SUBJECTIVE PARAMETERS:

- 1. SuskaKasa (Table no 4)
- 2. *Shira shoola* (Table no 5)
- 3. *Parshwashoola* (Table no 6)
- 4. Hrutshoola (Table no 7)
- 5. Swarabheda (Table no 8)
- 6. Prasktavega (Table no 9)
- 7. Kanthkandu (Table no 10)

Objective Parameter:1) Differential Eosinophilic count (Table No 12).2) E.S.R (Table No 13). 3) A.E.C (Table No 14)

OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF CLINICAL RESPONSE

The overall effect of the clinical trial was assessed by considering all the parameters of assessment before and after treatment as follows.

Completely relieved 100 % relief

Marked response More than 60% relief
Moderate response 40 to 60 % relief
Mild response 20-40 % relief
No change Below 20 % relief

Study duration: 30 days study

Follow up: Patients will be observed on1st the 7th and 15th, 30th days to assess the progress of the condition. **Statistics Analysis:** For the statistical analysis wilscoxon sign rank method Mann whiteny method and "t" testis applied to assess the significance within the group and between the group.

Observation: The observations made on 40 patients showed results accordingly

Suskakasa-P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. Shirashoola: P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. Parshwashoola: P-Value

for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. 4. *Hrutshola*: P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. *Swarabheda*: P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. *Prasakatavega*: P-Value for

Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. *Kathmandu*, P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant.

Table 11: Shows Comparison between Trial & control group for subjective parameters

	Group	N	Mean Rank	Sum of Ranks	Mann-Whitney U	P-Value	
	Group A	20	18.25	365.00			
SuskaKasa	Group B	20	22.75	455.00	155.000	0.159	
	Total	40					
	Group A	20	24.95	499.00			
Shira shola	Group B	20	16.05	321.00	111.000	0.008	
	Total	40					
	Group A	20	24.93	498.50			
Parshwashoola	Group B	20	16.08	321.50	111.500	0.009	
	Total	40					
	Group A	20	19.00	380.00			
Hrut shola	Group B	20	22.00	440.00	170.000	0.294	
	Total	40					
	Group A	20	24.50	490.00			
Swarabheda	Group B	20	16.50	330.00	120.000	0.002	
	Total	40					
	Group A	20	22.00	440.00			
Prasktavega	Group B	20	19.00	380.00	170.000	0.348	
	Total	40					
	Group A	20	17.30	346.00			
Kanthkandu	Group B	20	23.70	474.00	136.000	0.067	
	Total	40					

RESULT: Kasantaka Choorna is more effective on ShushkaKasa, Hrut Shoola, Prasakta Vega Kantha Kandu because Kasantaka Choorna ingredients contains Snigdha, Rasayana and Kaphavatahara properties. Sitopaladi Choorna ingredients include Ela, Twaka, Pippali, Vamsalochana etc. These herbs

promote various medical properties that help in improving the immune system and its having *Kaphashamaka*, *Vatanulomaka*, *Pittashamaka* and Antitussive properties. *Sitopaladi Choorna* acts more effective on *Shira School ParshwaShool* and *SwaraBhada* (table no.3).

OVERALL EFFECT IN PERCENTAGE AND SIGNIFICANCE

Table 3: Subjective Parameter

Symptoms	Control group	Trial group	Significance
Shushkakasa	95.74	96.15	Significant
Shira shola	91.11	87.50	Significant
Parshwashoola	95.92	94.59	Significant
Hrutshola	80.00	87.50	Significant
Swarabheda	100.00	96.97	Significant
Prasaktavega	94.12	93.55	Significant
Kanthekandu	89.66	92.50	Significant

DISCUSSION

Discussion on materials: Sitopaladi Choorna- It is a controlled Drug. Kasantaka Choorna - It was selected on the basis of its indication in Vataj Kasa and also on the basis of its easy availability. Discussion on Age in Group A, 6 patients belong to age group 21-30 years, 3 patients belong to age group 31-40 years, 2 patients belong to age group 41-50 years, 8 patients belong to age 51-60 years,1 patient belongs to 61-70 years. In Group B,7 patients belong to age group 21-30 years, 4 patients belong to age group 31-40 years, 2 patients belong to age group 41-50 years,7 patients belong to age 51-60 years, 0 patients belong to 61-70 years. 6. Bala in Group A, 10 patients were having Heenabal, 10 patients were having *Madhyambala*. In Group A, 6 patients were having Heenabal, 14 patients were having madhyambala. 7. Prakruti in A, group 1 Patients having KP Prakuti, 2 patients having KV prakuti,2 patients VatajaPrakuti,2 patients having VK Prakuti,13 patients having VP Prakuti. In Group B 2Patients having KP Prakuti,2 patients having KV Prakuti, 1patients VatajaPrakuti,4 patients having VK Prakuti, 8 patients having VP prakuti. From the above data, we can observe that vatapittjprakruti patients were more prone to the vatajkasa, after that Vatakaphaj Prakruti patients were prone in both groups. 8. Koshtha – In group A 80% of patients have Krurakoshtha while 15 & 5% of patients have Madhya & mrudukoshth respectively. In group B 60% of patients have Krurakoshtha, 35 & 5 % of patients are from Madhya & mrudukoshtha. From the above data, we can observe that in both groups krurakoshtha patients are more prone to the vatajkasa. 9. Agni in

group A,1 patient has Sama again,1 patient has Tikashana again, 18 patients have Agni. In group B,3 patients had Sama again,1 patient had Tikashana again,16 patients had Agni. Discussion on subjective parameters (Table No 10) 1. Shushkakasa Since observations are on an ordinal scale (gradations), we have used Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. Kasantaka Choorna shows a better effect than Sitopaladi Choorna, because of its content. Shirashoola Since observations are on an ordinal scale (gradations), we have used Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. Parshwashoola Since observations are on an ordinal scale (gradations), we have used Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. Hrutashoola Since observations are on an ordinal scale (gradations), we have used Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. Kasantaka Choorna shows a better effect than sitopaladi Choorna, because of its content. 5. Swarabheda Since observations are on an ordinal scale (gradations), we have used Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. Prasakta Vega Since observations are on an ordinal scale (gradations), we have used Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. Kasantaka Choorna shows a better effect than Sitopaladi Choorna, because of its content. Kanthekandu – Since observations are on an ordinal scale (gradations), we have used Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. Kasantaka Choorna shows a better effect than Sitopaladi Choorna, because of its content. Objective Parameters. **AEC** Since observations are quantitative, we have used Paired ttest to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. DC Since observations are quantitative, we have used Paired ttest to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A and Group B is less than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is significant. Hb Since observations are quantitative, we have used Paired ttest to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A is less than 0.05 and Group B is greater than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A is significant and Group B is not significant. ESR Since observations are quantitative, we have used Paired t-test to test efficacy in Group A and Group B. We can observe that P-Value for Group A and Group B is greater than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that the effect observed in Group A and Group B is not significant. ESR is a clinical parameter that does not come within the normal limit within a very short time. (Table No 11).

CONCLUSION

Both groups show better results in *VatajKasa*. *Sitopaladi* & *Kasantaka Choorna* is effective in *Vatajkasa*. For comparison between *Sitopaladi Choorna* and *Kasantak Choorna*, we have used an unpaired t-test, we can observe that P-Values for almost all parameters are greater than 0.05. Hence, we conclude that there is no significant difference between Group A and Group B. For *Shira Shoola*, *Parshwa Shoola* and *SwaraBheda*, the effect observed in Group A is more than Group B. By both assessment parameters subjective & objective we have to conclude that, there is no significant difference in both groups.

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Table 1: Kasantaka Choorna Ingredients

Sl.	Sanskrit Name	Botanical name	Part used	Proportion
1	Amalaki	Phyllanthus Emblica	Fruit	1 pala
2	Haritaki	Terminalia chebula	Fruit	1 pala
3	Vibhitaki	Terminalia bellirica	Fruit	1 pala
4	Sunthi	Zingiber officinale	Rhizome	1 pala
5	Marica	Piper nigrum	Fruit	1 pala
6	Pippali	Piper longum	Fruit	1 pala

Table 2: Sitopaladi Choorna Ingredients

Sl.	Sanskrit Name	Botanical name	Part used	Proportion
1	Sitopala	Sugar candy	Sugar	16 parts
2	Vamshlochana	Bambusabambos	Inner part	8 parts
3	Pippali	Pipper longum	Fruit	4 parts
4	Ela	Elettaria cardomom	Fruit	2 parts
5	Twaka	Cinnamum zeylanicum	Bark	1 pala

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Parshwashoola	95.92	94.59	Significant
Hrutshola	80.00	87.50	Significant
Swarabheda	100.00	96.97	Significant
Prasaktavega	94.12	93.55	Significant
Kanthekandu	89.66	92.50	Significant

Table 4: Shows Shuskakasa wise distribution of patient's data

SuskaKasa		Mean	Median	SD	Wilcoxon W	P-Value	% Effect	Result
Group A	BT	2.35	2.00	0.59	-4.064 ^a	0.0000483	95.74	Sig
	AT	0.10	0.00	0.31	_			
Group B	BT	2.60	3.00	0.50	-4.038 ^a	0.0000540	96.15	Sig
	AT	0.10	0.00	0.31				

Table 5: Shows Shira Shoola wise distribution of patient's data

Shira shola		Mean	Median	SD	Wilcoxon W	P-Value	% Effect	Result
Group A	BT	2.25	2.00	0.55	-4.008 ^a	0.0000612	91.11	Sig
	AT	0.20	0.00	0.41				
Group B	BT	1.60	2.00	0.60	-3.839a	0.0001237	87.50	Sig
	AT	0.20	0.00	0.41				

Table 6: Shows Parshwashoola wise distribution of patient's data

Parshwashoola		Mean	Median	SD	Wilcoxon W	P-Value	% Effect	Result
Group A	BT	2.45	2.00	0.51	-4.072a	0.0000467	95.92	Sig
•	AT	0.10	0.00	0.31				
Group B	BT	1.85	2.00	0.88	-3.985a	0.0000675	94.59	Sig
•	AT	0.10	0.00	0.31				

Table 7: Shows Hrut Shoola wise distribution of patient's data

Hrutshoola		Mean	Median	SD	Wilcoxon W	P-Value	% Effect	Result
Group A	BT	0.25	0.00	0.44	-2.000a	0.0455003	80.00	Sig
	AT	0.05	0.00	0.22				_
Group B	BT	0.40	0.00	0.50	-2.646a	0.0081510	87.50	Sig
_	AT	0.05	0.00	0.22				_

Table 8: Shows *Swarabheda* wise distribution of patient's data

Swarabheda		Mean	Median	SD	Wilcoxon W	P-Value	% Effect	Result
Group A	BT	2.00	2.00	0.00	-4.472a	0.0000077	100.00	Sig
	AT	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Group B	BT	1.65	2.00	0.49	-4.053a	0.0000506	96.97	Sig
_	AT	0.05	0.00	0.22				

Table 9: Shows *Prasktavega* wise distribution of patient's data

Prasktavega		Mean	Median	SD	Wilcoxon W	P-Value	% Effect	Result
Group A	BT	1.70	2.00	0.47	-4.053a	0.0000506	94.12	Sig
	AT	0.10	0.00	0.31				
Group B	BT	1.55	2.00	0.51	-4.041 ^a	0.0000531	93.55	Sig
	AT	0.10	0.00	0.31				

Table 10: Shows *Kanthkandu* wise distribution of patient's data

Kanthkandu		Mean	Median	SD	Wilcoxon W	P-Value	% Effect	Result
Group A	BT	1.45	1.00	0.51	-3.839a	0.0001237	89.66	Sig
_	AT	0.15	0.00	0.37				
Group B	BT	2.00	2.00	0.86	-3.774 ^a	0.0001609	92.50	Sig
_	AT	0.15	0.00	0.37				

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	Total	40				
Kanthkandu	Group A	20	17.30	346.00		
	Group B	20	23.70	474.00	136.000	0.067
	Total	40				

Table 12: Shows DC wise distribution of patient's data

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DEC		Mean	N	SD	SE	t-Value	P- Value	Result
Group	BT	5.00	20	1.62	0.36	10.389	0.000	Sig
A	AT	1.30	20	0.47	0.11			
Group	BT	6.50	20	1.67	0.37	15.422	0.000	Sig
В	AT	1.30	20	0.47	0.11			

Table 13: ESR (Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate) wise distribution of patient's data

ESR		Mean	N	SD	SE	t-Value	P-Value	Result
Group	BT	19.65	20	7.31	1.63	1.582	0.130	NS
A	AT	18.85	20	6.16	1.38			
Group	BT	26.40	20	10.05	2.25	1.111	0.280	NS
В	AT	25.20	20	9.86	2.20			

Table 14: AEC (Absolute Eosinophil count) wise distribution of patient's data

		Mean	N	SD	SE	t-Value	P- Value	Result
Group	BT	1.30	20	0.47	0.11	12.583	0.000	Sig
A	AT	0.05	20	0.22	0.05			
Group	BT	1.50	20	0.51	0.11	12.704	0.000	Sig
В	AT	0.05	20	0.22	0.05			

Table 15: Comparison between Trial & control group for Objective Parameter

	Group	N	Mean	SD	SE	t-Value	P- Value
AEC	Group A	20	1.25	0.44	0.10	-1.322	0.194
	Group B	20	1.45	0.51	0.11		
Differential EC	Group A	20	3.70	1.59	0.36	-3.059	0.004
	Group B	20	5.20	1.51	0.34		
HB%	Group A	20	0.41	0.46	0.10	-0.694	0.492
	Group B	20	0.53	0.68	0.15		
ESR	Group A	20	0.80	2.26	0.51	-1.256	0.217

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