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A CONCEPTUAL REVIEW WORK ON THE TREATMENT OF KAPHAI PRAMEHA IN **AYURVEDA**

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ABSTRACT

Ayurveda is the science of life that has the main aim of protecting the health of a healthy person and treating the diseased person. The present era is full of chaos, stress and strain due to lifestyle modification, change in dietary habits, urbanization and industrialization. This has led to the upsurge of many diseases and one of them is *Prameha*. Kapha vitiates Meda, Mamsa & Kleda of the body located in Basti and causes different types of Prameha. Kapha Dosha having entered the urinary tract in vitiated condition give rise to Kaphaja Meha. Kaphaj Prameha encounters by removing the Srotorodha, Kaphahar and Medohar Shodhan and Shaman treatment and Pathya – Apathya.

Keywords: Kaphaj Prameha, Samprapti, Shodhan- Shaman, Pathya- Apathya

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda is the science of life that has the main aim of protecting the health of a healthy person and treating the diseased person. The present era is full of chaos, stress and strain due to lifestyle modification, change in dietary habits, urbanization and industrialization. This has led to the upsurge of many diseases and one of them is *Prameha*¹. In *Ayurveda*, the disease Prameha is categorized into 3 types i.e., Vatik, Paitika

and Kaphaj Meha. Among these 3 types of Prameha Kaphaj Meha is seen in various people as it is the earliest of Mutra Vikriti, so Acharyas has described this Kaphaj Prameha in Sadhya (curable) category. From the beginning, if the patient is treated properly then this will not lead to further progress as all Pramēhas over time convert to Vatik Meha which is Asadhya. To prevent this, we need to concentrate on the next generation of existing diabetes patients making them aware will be the first task. Clinically *Acharya Sushruta* and *Vagbhatta* have divided all the *Pramēhas* into 2 types i.e. *Apathyanimittaja Prameha* (*Avaranjanya*) and *Kshayaj Prameha* (*Sahaj*) and *Acharya Charak* have divided the *Prameha* patients into 2 groups i.e., *Sthoola pramehi* and *krisha*

prameha. Kapha Prameha is described as Apathyanimittaja Prameha or Margavarodhjanya Prameha, so the treatment principle is to clear the obstruction or to eliminate the vitiated Pitta or Kapha Dosha by Shodhan process along with the practice of Pathya Ahar Vihar.

DISEASE REVIEW -

Nidan of Kaphaj Prameha (C.Ci 4/5)10

Acharya Charak has mentioned kaphaj Prameha nidan²

Aharaj Nidana	Viharaj Nidana
Excess and frequent intake of fresh corns as Hayanaka (a	Vyayama, Varjana, Swapna prasanga, Asana prasanga
type of millet grain), Avena sativa Linn. (A variety of oats),	(avoidance of physical exercise) the excessive sleeping
Chinaka/Chena, <i>Uddalaka</i> (Paspalum scrobiculatum Linn.	tendency, sedentary habits or any regimen which produces
kodo millet), Naishadha (a type of millet grain), Itkata	more Kapha, and Meda.
(Saccharum species), Mukundaka (a type of rice),	
Mahavrihi (black gram),	
Excessive intake of fresh pulse with ghee as soup. <i>Harenu</i>	
(Pisum sativum Linn. green peas), Masha, urad dal (a	
legume) Excessive intake of Gramya mamsa (Meat of	
Domestic Animal),	
Anupa mamsa (Fleshy Animal), Audaka mamsa (Aquatic	
Animal),	
Excessive intake of:	
- Shaka (Vegetable), Tila (Seasum indicum), Palala (Oil	
cake of Tila),	
- Pistana (pastry), Krisara (Gruel prepared of tile, rice and	
black gram)	
- Vilepi (type of gruel prepared with four times of water)	
- Ikshu vikar (Preparation of sugarcane)	
- Payasa (a type of milk preparation), Dahi (curd)	
- Nava Madya (fresh wine prepared from new rice)	
Manda (fermented liquor)	

Types of Kaphaj Prameha and its characteristic³- Charak nidana 04/10-23

S.N.	Subtypes Nature of urine		Correlation with modern	
1.	Udaka Meha	Individual passes large quantity of water	Diabetes insipidus/	
2.	. Ikshuvalika Rasa6 Individual passes a large quantity of water, which is transparent,		Alimentary glycosuria	
	Meha white, cold and without any smell Urine like sugarcane juice and			
		is extremely sweet and cold.		
3.	Sandra Meha	Precipitation in the urine and is deposited in the pot when kept	Phashaturia	
	for overweight.			
4.	Sandra Prasad	Urine is partly viscous and partly clear.		
	Meha or	Surameha means alcoholic smell in the urine.	Acetonuria	

	Surameha			
5.	Shuklameha	or	Urine seems to be mixed with some paste.	Chyluria
	Pistameha			
6.	Shukrameha Urine passed mixed along with semen		Spermaturia	
7.	Sitameha		Cold, sweet and increased quantity of urine	Renal glycosuria
			with increased frequency	
8.	S. Siktameha Urine passed with some particles		Urates/particles in urine	
9.	Shanaimeha		The quantity of urine is small and passed with difficulty and	-
			slowly	
10.	Aalameha	or	Urine is slimy like kapha and seems as if	Albumin-urea
	Lalameha		full of threads	

Samprapti of Kaphaj Prameha⁴-

The process of the production of disease by the spreading of vitiated doses is called *Samprapti* (pathogenesis) of *Gati* (genesis) or *Agati* (onset).

Kapha vitiates Meda, Mamsa & kleda of the body located in Basti and causes different types of Prameha. Kapha Dosha having entered the urinary tract in vitiated condition give rise to Kaphaja Meha.

Sammprapti Ghatak:

Dosha: kapha

Dushya: Specially Meda along with Rasha, Rakta, Mamsa, Vasa, Majja, Lasika, Kleda. Adhisthana: Vasti

Srotas: Mutravaha srotas, Medavaha srota, Udaka vaha srotas. Srotadusti: Atipravriti.

Agni: Dhatwagni Manda specially Rasagni. Swabhava: Ashukari.

TREATMENT PRINCIPLE WITH MANAGEMENT^{5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13}

Kaphaja prameha are of 10 types and they are curable because of the compatibility of the therapies meant for their cure (*Samakriyatat*).

Patients suffering from *Prameha* can be classified into two categories.

- (i) Sthoola Pramehi those who are obese and strong. They are given Sodhan treatments like Vaman, Virechan and Niruha Basti.
- (ii) *Krisha pramehi* those that are emaciated and weak. They are given nourishing treatment (*Vrihana* treatment).

As *Kaphaja Mehas* are *Santarpanjanya* diseases the first line of treatment described by Acharyas are especially *Sodhana* therapy which means bio-

cleansing therapies. After proper *Snehan, Swedan, Vaman, Virechan* are administered and after proper elimination of *Doshas Shamana* therapy administered. Aggravated *Kleda, Meda* and *Kapha* are responsible for the causation of *Meha*.

Keeping this in view, the physicians, in the beginning, should administer *Sodhan* therapy. *Langhana* karma (fasting therapies) is also indicated in *Kaphaja Prameh*.

The following ten decoctions mixed with honey can be given to the patients suffering from *Kaphaja Meha*.

- Haritaki, Katphala, Musta, Lodhra.
- Patha, Vidanga, Dhanvan, Arjuna,
- Haridra Daruharidra, Tagar, idanga.
- Kadamba, Shal, Arjuna, Dipyak (Yavani).
- Daruharidra, Vidanga, Khadira, Dhava,
- Devadaru, Kustha, Agaru, Chandana.
- Daruharidra, Agnimantha, Amalaka, Vibhitaki, Haritaki, Patha.
- Patha, Murva Gokharu.
- Yavani, Ushrrea, Haritaki.
- Chavya, Chitrakmul, Haritaki, Saptaparna.

According to Acharya Sushruta- The patient's body is lubricated (Snehana Karma) by Priyangwadi oil or ghee. After that Vamana is done followed by Virechana. After Virechana, in the decoction of Sursadi Gana, Aasthapana Basti is given by mixing Shunthi, Devdaru, Musta, Madhu and Saindhav. If the patient has a burning sensation in the body, then he should be given Basti with the decoction of Nyagrodhadi Gana without oil.

Specific formulations for Kaphaja Prameha are

described by Acharya Sushruta (oral intake). -

- 1. Udakmeha- Parijata Kashaya.
- 2. Ikshumeha- Vaijayanti Kashaya.
- 3. Surameha- Nimba Kashaya.
- 4. Siktameha- Chitraka Kashaya.
- 5. Shanaihmeha- Khadira Kashaya.
- 6. Lavanameha- Patha, Aguru and haridra Kashaya.
- 7. Pishtameha- Daruharidra and haridra Kashaya.
- 8. Sandrameha- Saptaprna Kashaya.
- 9. Shukrameha- Durva, shaivala, plava, Lathakaranj, kasheru Kashaya or Arjuna and Chandana Kashaya.
- 10. Fenameha- Triphala, Aragavadha Draksha Kashaya + Madhu.

According to Acharya Vagbhatta decoctions mixed with honey can be given to patients suffering from kaphaja meha-

- (a) Lodhra, Abhaya, Katphal, Muata.
- (b) Vidanga, patha, Arjuna and Dhanvan.
- (c) Daruharidra, Vidanga, Vacha and Gayatri (Khadira).

According to Acharya Bhela- in *kaphaja Prameha* intake of *Kashaya Rasa* formulation and *Ushna Virya Dravya* is useful.

Specific yoga for *Kaphaja Prameha* described by Acharya Bhela is (oral intake). -

- a) Udakmeha- Kirattikta, Patol and Aruk Svarasa.
- b) Ikshumeha- Shatvarimool Svarasa with an equal dose of Madhu and Ghrita.
- c) Sandrameha- Choorna or kwatha of Pippali, Shringvera, Marich.
- d) Bhasmameha- Yusha of Chavya, chitraka and Putika.
- e) Lavanameha- Choorna of Kapittha, Ajmoda, Kacha Lavan and Pippali + Madhu Sharkara with cold water.
- f) Siktameha- Choorna of Ela, Praval, Lavanga, and Hinga with hot Madhya.
- g) Shuklameha- Tumbaru, Kapittha, and Niryas(gond) with Madhu or diet of Yava (Barley) or Yusha of Kulattha or preparation of Yava.
- h) *Sheetameha- Choorna* of *Haridra*, *Manjishtha* and use of *Yava* in the diet.

According to Gada Nigraha- In all *kaphaj Prameha* intake various *Kashaya* formulations are described with honey-like-

- (d) Haridradi Kashaya- Haridra, Daruharidra, Vidanga. Pathya, and shunthi.
- (e) Lodhradi Kashaya- Lodhra, Abhaya, Katphal, Muata.
- (f) Vidangadi Kashaya- Vidanga, patha, Arjuna and Dhanvan.
- (g) Kadambadi Kashaya- Kadamba, Shala, Arjuna and Deepyak (Ajmoda).
- (h) Darvyadi Kashaya- Daruharidra, Vidanga, Dhava (Dhay) and Shalyak (Mdanphala).

Specific yoga for *Kaphaja Prameha* described in Gada Nigrah is just the same as Sushrut Samhita.

Shukrameha- Durva, Puteek Shaivala, Kumbhik(kayaphala), plava, Kasheru Kashaya.

Speciafic yoga for *Kaphaja Prameha* described in Yogaratnakar -

- Udakmeha- Haritaki, Katphal, Musta and Lodhra.
- Ikshumeha- Vidanga, Patha, Arjuna and Dhanvanyas.
- Sandrameha- Haridra, Daruharidra, Vidanga and Tagar.
- Surameha- Kadamba, Shala, Arjuna and Deepyak (Ajmoda).
- Pishtameha- Daruharidra, Vidanga, Dhava and Khadir.
- Siktameha- Patha and Daruharidra.
- Shanehmeha- Yavani, Usheer, Abhaya and Guduchi.
- Sheetameha- Patha, Murva and Gokshura.
- Shukrameha- Devadaru, Kushtha, Arjuna and Chandana.
- Lalameha- Jambu, Shiva (Haritaki), Chitraka and Saptaparna.

According to Bhavaprakasha- In all kaphaja Prameha intake of Kashaya formulations are useful with honey—

- (a) Lodhra, Abhaya, Katphal, Muata.
- (b) Vidanga, patha, Arjuna and Dhanv.
- (c) Kadamba, Shala, Arjuna and Deepyak.
- (d) Daruharidra, Vidanga, Dhava and Khadir.
- (e) Haridra, Daruharidra, Vidanga and Tagar.
- (f) Vacha, Usheer, Abhaya and Guduchi.

- (g) Shiva (Haritaki), Vasa, Chitraka and Saptaparna.
- (h) Patha, Murva and Gokshura.
- (i) Vacha, Daruharidra, Triphala, and Agnimantha. Specific Yoga for Kaphaja Prameha described are. –

Probable mode of action of shodhan and shaman **chikitsa in kaphaj Prameha-** Kapha vitiates Meda, Mansa & kleda of the body located in Basti and causes Kaphaj Prameha. In the treatment protocol of Prameha Shodhan Chikitsa, saman chikitsa and Pathya ahar vihar is mentioned by all acharyas depending on the rog bala and rogi bala. In kaphaj Prameha especially the sodhan therapy is indicated as it is by the pathology deals with awarana. by Waman procedure the vitiated kapha, meda and kleda are illuminated out so that dosha samayata is maintained. Bahudravasleshma and Bahu-abaddhameda are the basic pathological factors for Prameha (obstinate urinary disorders including diabetes). Bahudravasleshma can be some sort of target tissue defect, whereas Bahu-abaddhameda can be correlated with free fatty acids, which are released from intraabdominal central adipose tissues. Free fatty acids may cause insulin resistance. Here Vamana seems to reduce the peripheral insulin resistance in muscles by alleviating Bahudravasleshma and so helping to increase the glucose uptake. As Vamana also reduces the *Meda*, it must be promoting the function of insulin by reducing the circulating free fatty acids in the body. Virechan is the treatment for Pitta and Pitta Sthangata Kapha Dosha. it can be assumed that it may help to act mainly on the liver and pancreas reduce hepatic glucose production and make it go away impaired insulin secretion. Basti Karma normalizes Vata, Kapha, Meda, Kleda and Sneha for the management of Avaranjanya Prameha. Basti controls Vyan and Apan vayu which plays a significant role in the pathogenesis of Prameha. mainly the drugs of Shaman Kashaya possess Katu, Tikta Kashaya Ras, Laghu Guna, Ushna Virya, Katu Vipaka and Mehahar Prabhav. The Kashaya, Tikta Ras and Ruksha Guna encounter the main culprit of Khaphaj Prameha.

Pathyapathya in Kaphaj Prameha^{12,13}- The patients suffering from *Kaphaja Prameha* are given the following food like

- Mantha (flour of different types of corn mixed with water)
- ❖ Barley powder mixed with honey soaked with Triphala Kwatha
- ❖ *Saktu* (roasted corn flour)
- Purana shali (old rice cooked and mixed with soup of green gram)
- ❖ Cooked Shashtik rice

Panaka – patients suffering from Prameha should drink Sarodaka (water boiled with kharida wood), Kusadak (water boiled with Kusa), Madhudak (water mixed with honey).

Some classical references regarding *Pathyapathya* are mentioned below:

Pathya (Do)		Apathya (Don't)		
AHAR	VIHAR	AHAR	VIHAR	
Barley, green gram, pigeon	Daily exercise, Udva rtna,	A diet which increases	Inactivity (Sedentary	
pea, horse gram, leafy	walking, riding on horse,	kapha dosha, curd, oil,	lifestyle), Excessive	
vegetables, patol, bitter	camel and elephant, ratri	sovirak, Tushodak, yavagu,	sleeping.	
guard and vegetables with a	jagaran, Walking 100 yojan	panak, excessive drinking		
bitter taste, bottle guard,		of soup of domestic,		
drumstick, mustard oil,		aquatic and marshy		
flaxseed oil, the meat of goat		animals, excess intake of		
and rabbit, apple, rock salt,		new cereals and drinks		
blackberry, garlic, turmeric,		made by them, preparation		
zinger, piper, Indian		of jaggery, milk and its		
gooseberry, lemon, takra,		products		
unripe papaya, guava,				

madhudak (water+honey),
food with the low glycemic
index, sovirak, shali(old),
sathi, kodo, uddalak, chana,
arhar, kulthi, mudga,
vegetable with tikta and
kashay taste, nikumbh,
ingudi,sarsgap,atsi,jangal
mansa without fat and
butter, Sarodak, Kushodak,
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DISCUSSIONS

Excess and frequent intake of Santarpanottha Aahar and Vihar vitiate mainly Kapha Dosha mix with ten Dushyas in Mutravah Srotas lead to the manifestation of Kaphaj Prameha. Among 3 types of Prameha the Khaphaj Prameha is said to be Sadhya due to Samkrivata i.e., the treatment of Dosha and Dushva are the same. The Pittaj Prameha & Vataj Prameha are Yapya and Asadhya respectively due to Vishaamkriyata which means the treatment of Dosha and Dushya are different. Different types of symptoms are involved by single Dosha by disturbing different types of Dushya. If Khaphaj Prameha is not treated properly over time it will convert into Vatik Prameha which is Asadhya or Yapya depending upon the involvement of other Doshas. The pathology mainly concerns Margavarodha, so various Acharyas has described the line of treatment are mainly Shodhan procedures, Acharya Sushruta has advised Vaman, Virechan followed by Asthapan Basti in Khaphaj Prameha. Khaphaj Prameha encounters by removing the Srotorodha of Khaph Dosha and by Kaphahar action. Acharyas also mentioned various Shaman Chikitsa in the treatment of Khaphaj Prameha like Parijat Kashaya in Udakmeh, Vaijayanti Kashaya in Ikshumeha etc. Acharya Sushruta has mentioned individual Shaman Kashaya for each Khaphaj Prameha like Parijat Kashaya in Udakmeh, Vaijayanti Kashaya in Ikshumeha etc. mainly the drugs of Shaman Kashaya possess Katu, Tikta Kashaya Ras, Laghu Guna, Ushna Virya, Katu Vipaka and Mehahar Prabhav. In Gadanigraha, Ashtang

Hridaya Charak Samhita and Bhavprakasha maximum Shaman medicine has been prescribed with honey due to its Kashaya and Ruksha properties. The Kashaya, Tikta Ras and Ruksha Guna encounter the main culprit Khaphaj Prameha. i.e., Kapha Srotoshuddhi action helps alleviate Vata Dosha thus helping in Samprapti Vighatana. Acharya Vagbhatta has described many Vyadhi Pratyanik medicine like Haridra, Lodhra etc. Which have Medohar and Mehahar effects. Classical management like Shodhan, Shaman and Pathya- Apathya Aahar-Vihar according to Rogi Bala and Dosh-Dushya's involvement in Kaphaj Pramehi has been proved its efficacy.

CONCLUSION

Kaphaj Meha is Sadhya Prameha due to Samkriyata, however, after a prolonged period, Kphaj Prameha may convert into Vatik Prameha which is difficult to cure. If proper medication, diet and lifestyle are maintained the Kaphaj Prameha will cure at its root. Proper Shodhan and Shaman treatment can be helpful for the prevention and curation of the disease.

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