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A SINGLE CASE OF STUDY SHANKHADI LEPA IN THE MANAGEMENT OF AHIPUTNA W.S.R DIAPER DERMATITIS

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ABSTRACT

Ayurveda is the faithful health care system in the world. It is a precious heritage for humanity. In Ayurveda Ahiputna explained as gudgata vyadhi which is very common in infant. It is a Kapha Rakta predominant disorder which could be compared with diaper dermatitis of contemporary science. More than 35% of infant are affected with this disease. Diaper dermatitis is common frustrating problem in infant as the infant can't tolerate the pain, rashes and itching due to diaper dermatitis and cry for long time. Diaper dermatitis involves upper most layer of the epidermis that is stratum corneum and develops over the particular area. The over hydration of skin raised the pH of perianal area, presence of protease and lipase in stool breakdown the skin with raised pH, addition mechanical friction from the diaper leads to Ahiputna. So overcome the problem of ahiputna with satisfactory solution. Ayurveda have better solution with compound like shankhadi lepa local application. It is cost effective as well as lepa contain drugs having antibacterial properties.

KEYWORDS: Ayurveda, Gudgata vyadhi, Dipper dermatitis, Sankhadi lepa, Itching, Kandu.

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda is the faithful traditional health care system in the world; it is a precious heritage for humanity. Ayurveda is the part of Upaveda of Atharvaveda. Ayurveda is divided into eight branches in Kashyapsamhita. Acharya kashyap has described Kaumaryabhritya is a first branch of ayurveda and another Acharya described kaumaryabhritya as special branch of ayurveda. Acharya shushrut and many ayurveda acharyas describe ahiputna under kshudraroga.

Ahiputana is common in infants and it can be correlated with Diaper dermatitis. Disease which is Kapharakta predominant disorder mentioned in Ayurvedic text book. It is caused due to the unhygienic condition like absence of proper cleaning after defecation and urination. Diaper dermatitis is caused by B proteus in feces. In that perineal and perianal region inflammatory disorder characterized by the development of erythema, papules and sometimes vesiculation with scaling is seen and that seen Diaper dermatitis. It involves uppermost layer of the epidermis that is stratum corneum and develops over that particular area. The over hydration of skin promotes the development of higher Ph then normal skin ph. Due to increase Ph in skin. The enzyme present in the stool

protease and lipase increase their activity when there is an increase in Ph leading to skin break down in addition mechanical frication from the diaper.

A case report as follow

A 15 days old female child came to us with chief complains of-

- 1) Guda pradeshi vranotpatti.
- 2) Sphiktwak lalima.
- 3) Sparsha-asahatva.
- 4) Sparsha-asahatva.

The child was having complains since 2 days.

History of present illness

Child was all right prior 2 days since then she started the complains and then came to our hospital – R.D. Memorial Ayurveda Hospital OPD for management.

On examination

Nadi: 130/min Sparsha: Anushna Mala: Samyak Druka: Prakrut Mutra: Samyak Akruti: Madhyam Jivha: Niram Koshta: Madhyam Shabda: Spashta Bala: Madhyam.

Local examination

Erythema – Present.

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Skin excoriation – Present. Small popular eruptions- Present. Pain (Hypersensitivity to touch) – Present

AIM AND OBJECT AIM

"A Single Case Of Study Shankhadi Lepa In The Management Of Ahiputna W.S.R Diaper Dermatitis".

OBJECTIVE

To evaluate the effect of Sankhadi Lepa in a child

Secondary Objective

suffering from Ahiputana.

- 1. To evaluate the efficacy of Sankhadi Lepa on the basis of Ayurvedic criteria including "Rasa, Guna, Virya, Vipaka, Samprapti ghatak and Samprapti Bhanga.
- To Study the Standard Preparation of Sankhadi Lepa as per mentioned in texts.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Disease review

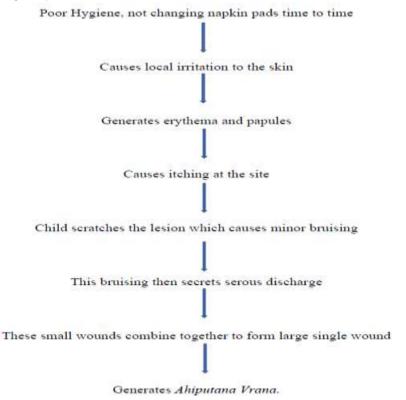


According to Acharya Vagbhatta and Sushruta the Sthanik Mala, sweda causes rakta and kapha dushti. This rakta and kapha further disturbs local dhatus including twak, rakta and mamsa. This dhatu dushti causes local skin irritation, itching and rashes. When child scratches this rashes, small wounds are made from which serous discharge is secreted.

Further these small wounds combine together to form one large wound which is called "Ahiputana" which if not taken good care can go into "Paaka" condition. In Ahiputana continues contact with local Mala i.e sweda, mutra and Shakruta causes formation of garavisha at local mamsa dhatu. This vishar ghatak then causes irritation, inflammation, excoriation and popular eruptions at the skin. Thus, to treat the wound caused by these local toxins one must follow the bahiparimarjana chikitsa to do sthanik shodhana of the skin.

Also, according to modern studies when the wound is open and has serous discharge it is most likely to get infected with microorganisms. Most commonly occurring staphylococci are leading cause for the "Paaka" (secondary infection) condition. This may lead to further eruption of systemic signs and symptoms like fever.

SAMPRAPTI OF AHIPUTANA



SAMPRAPTI GHATAK

Dosha	Pitta, Rakta, Kapha
Dushya	Rasa, Rakta, Mamsa
Srotasa	Rasavaha, Raktavaha, Mansavaha
Srotodushti Prakara	Atipravrutti
Agni	Bhrajaka Agni
Udbhavasthana	Guda
Sanchar sthana	Sphika, Uru, Nitamba
Adhishthana	Bhaya
Swabhava	Ashukari
adhyaasadhyata	Sadhya
UpaDrava	Paakotpatti, Tvakvaivarnya.

DRUG REVIEW

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1. Shankha

Scientific Name – Lobatus Gigas Used Part – Bhasma

2. Sauvira

Scientific Name-lead sulfide Used Part – Bhasma

3. Yastimadhu

Botanical Name - Glycyrrhiza glavra Used Part - Root

METHODS

Method of preparation of *SHANKHADI LEPA* Take equal amount of *sankha bhasma*, *sauvira* and *yastimadhu*.

DOSE- As per lesion every time when infant defecate Proper clean the perineal and perianal area and apply

shankhadi lepa.

Route of administration: Topical application **Centre of study:** R. D. Memorial Ayurvedic collage and Hospital, Bhopal

Method of sampling and study design: Simple randomized single case study.

RESULT

Clinical examination of patient on follow up days revealed significant decrease in sign and symptoms *Guda pradeshi vranotpatti, Sphiktwak lalima, Sparsha-asahatva, Sparsha-asahatva* also *vrana* was healed withine 7 days of drug administration.



DISCUSSION

In Ahiputana the cause is "Atipravrutti of Doshas" as the local Doshas are vitiated due to improper hygiene. The increased Doshas should be levelled and for that shodhana is needed. In this case sthanik shodhana is more important than abhyantara shodhana. As the disease is of Bhahya marga. So bahirparimarjana chikitsa is needed. The drug used in this case is one of the potent bahirparimarjana drug. The "Shankhadi

lepa" is sheeta in sparsha so decreases the local daha

and relives tenderness present at the lesion. The *Kashaya-tikta rasa* helps to level the vitiated *Kapha* and *Pitta Doshas*. *Grahi* and *laghu guna* decreases the *strava* oozing from wound and helps to contract the wound margins.

Sankh is having katu rasa and ruksha, Tikshna guna also having ushna (sheetsparsha) virya which work in

vitiated *kapha*. It has also properties of *lekhan*. *sankha* is known to have anti- inflammatory, antispasmodic and antiulcer properties. *Sankha kshar* (alkaline) property which helps neutralize the produced excessive acid. It is coolant improves skin colour & complexion. *Sankha* have calcium carbonate as a main chemical composition which is a great absorbent.

Sauveeranjan is having snigdha guna and sheeta virya so it is a vranshodhak and vranropak properties. Its chemical composition contains lead, sulphur, silver and zinc. Sulphur has antifungal, antibacterial and keratolytic activity.

Due to its anti-inflammatory effect, zinc is especially beneficial for inflammatory eruption over skin.

Yastimadhu is having Madhur rasa, sheeta virya and work on pacifies vata and kapha vitiated skin disease. Acharya charak define yastimadhu in shonit sthapan gana.

Yastimadhu have known to as anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, skin regeneration activity, antiulcer, anti-inflammatory, and healing properties. The presence of glycyrrhizin is anti-inflammatory, which means less redness and irritation for inflamed, irritated skin. The above mentions property of yastimadhu due to its chemical composition i.e., isoflavone, licoagrone, quercitin, liquiritigenin & isoliquiritigenin, aspergine.

CONCLUSION

As Shankhadi lepa is easy to prepare and apply. The properties of drug effectively do samprapti bhanga of disease thereby the above case study proves that "Shankhadi lepa" is effective ayurvedic management in child's suffering from Ahiputana.

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