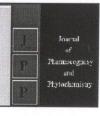


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# The role of Vakshuddhikar Choorna in management of stuttering

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#### Abstract

Speech is a process where the vocal sounds are used to convey meaning between individual. It is a process of communicating expressing or understanding thoughts and ideas between two individuals. In current study with usage of vakshudhhikar churna children were able to attempt speech with confidence, and pronounciation of words improved in a span of 2 months.

Keywords: Speech, Vakshudhikara Churna, Stuttering

### Introduction

Speech is a process where the vocal sounds are used to convey meaning between individual. It is a process of communicating expressing or understanding thoughts and ideas between two individuals.

In present era speech disorder is one of the major burning problems in childhood age group. Incidence of speech disorders affecting to preschool children is up to 8%. Nearly 20% of 2year old children are thought to have delayed onset of speech. By the age of 5 years 11% of children are identified as having speech disorders. Boys are nearly twice as like as girls to have an identified speech impairment [1].

Speech disorders make the child physically, psychologically, emotionally and socially handicapped. As communication is not possible then all round development of child may be badly affected.

Speech disorders mainly include Sensory, motor & mixed type Aphasia, Dysarthria, Stuttering, Aphonia, Dysphonia etc. Among them stuttering is commonly counted speech problem in day to day Pediatric practice <sup>[5, 6]</sup>.

Ayurvedic classics give importance to speech by its related disorders. Vak Indrya is one of the Karmendriya [8]. Concept of Muk, Minmin and Gadgadtwa explained by our science [2, 3]. Acharya Charaka has mentioned the disease Vaksang [3].

Muk, Minmin & Gadgad disease are caused due to obstruction of Vata by Kapha dosha <sup>[2, 3, 4]</sup>. Classic explain Vakshuddhikar Yoga useful in improvement of speech. This is having the drugs like Vacha, Yastimadhu, Saindhava, Haritaki, Shunti, Ajamod, Kusta, Pippali, and Jirak <sup>[7]</sup>. All the drugs are having Vatahar & Kaphahara property <sup>[10]</sup>. Vacha, Kusta etc are also known for its Spasmolytic & muscle relaxant activity <sup>[9]</sup>.

# What is Gadgad?

The disease Gadgad is caused due to obstruction of Shabdavahini dhamani by vitiated Kapha & Vata dosha causes difficulty in speech [2, 3, 4].

For the Vakpravrutti the Vadan & Grahana are the main factors. Acharya Kashypa explain about Karmendriyas, among them Vakindriya is having 2 parts- One is for Grahana & another is for Vadana. Any defect in this will leads speech disorder [8].

Vakshuddhikar Choorna is having the drugs like Vacha, Yastimadhu, Saindhava, Haritaki, Shunti, Ajamod, Kusta, Pippali, and Jirak. All the drugs are having Kapha & Vatahara property. Vacha, Yastimadhu, Haritaki are having properties like Medhya, Rasayana, Balya [10]. Vacha & Kusta are having spasmolytic & Smooth muscle relaxant activity & also used in psychosomatic disorder [9]. Stuttering is disruption in fluency of verbal expression which is characterized by involuntary, audible or silent, repetitions or prolongation in utterance of short speech element namely sound, syllables & words [1].

Management of Gadgad
Dose and Drug Administration

The drug Vakshuddhikara choorna will be given for application over the tongue, twice daily for a period of 2 Months.

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# Anagement of Gadgad Jose and Drug Administration

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Dose: 1gm with honey.

Vacha, (Acorus calamus) is medhya and vata hara Yastimadhu, (Glycyrrhiza glabra) with madhura rasa madhura vipaka is very efficiently used in diseases of oral cavity Saindhava, dipana pachana, vatanulomana Haritaki (Terminalia chebula) tridosha shamaka and also rasayana Shunti (Zingiber officinale) is hridya, vrishya, agni dipaka and beneficial in urdhwa jatrugata vikaras Ajamoda (Carum roxburghianum) kapha vata hara, hikka prashamana, balakara Kusta (Saussurea lappa) lekhaniya, kaphaghna Pippali, (Piper longum) madhura vipaka, rasayana, beneficial in mukha roga Jiraka (Cuminum cyminum) agni dipana, medhya, vrushya

# Conclusion

Children were able to attempt speech with confidence, and pronunciation of words improved in a span of 2 months.

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# Effect of kantakari ghrita in the management of vataja

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#### Abstract

Vataja Kasa (Dry Cough) is one among them increasingly prevalent now a day, demanding greater concern over it. Prana and Apana or to say breathing out and breathing in are the phenomenon of life. To and fro movement of air through the Pranavaha srotas is the vital sign of Prana, the normalcy of which suggests health. Cough is the fifth most common symptom for which patients seek care. Current study shows comparison Kantakari Ghrita provided better relief than Shati syrup in reducing the number of bouts of cough.

Keywords: Kasa, Ayurveda, Cough, Kantkari Ghruta

#### Introduction

Disease stands as a great obstacle in the achievement of good health. Certain diseases may not be life threatening but increasingly annoying and irritating to the individual in his routine activity. A very common clinical condition, Vataja Kasa (Dry Cough) is one among them increasingly prevalent now a day, demanding greater concern over it. Prana and Apana or to say breathing out and breathing in are the phenomenon of life. To and fro movement of air through the Pranavaha srotas is the vital sign of Prana, the normalcy of which suggests health [1]

Cough is the fifth most common symptom for which patients seek care <sup>[2]</sup>. Cough occurs in association with acute upper respiratory infection, acute Pharyngitis, acute bronchitis and chronic sinusitis, all of which rank among the top 10 reasons for visiting family physicians <sup>[3]</sup>. According to Caraka & Vagbhata the Kasa, which is manifested by a single Dosha is Sadhya, therefore Vataja Kasa <sup>[4]</sup>. Sequential administration of the Snehana, Swedana, Shodhana, Dhoopana, Shamana and Rasayana line of treatment forms the complete treatment of kasa expounded in the Ayurvedic Literature <sup>[5]</sup>. Among these procedures, the Shamana line of treatment that includes oral Administration of medicine is of utmost importance as the administration is very easy and also effective. Kantakari Ghrita is one such herbal combination mentioned in Caraka Samhita <sup>[6]</sup>, for Vataja Kasa the efficacy of which is still to be proved by clinical research methods.

By looking at the individual herbal constituents of Kantakari Ghrita, it appears that this combination should be very effective in combating the signs and symptoms associated with Vataja Kasa. Therefore, the present research work entitled "Effect of Kantakari Ghrita in the Management of Vataja Kasa" is planned to evaluate the relative merit of the oral administration of Kantakari Ghrita in Children with Vataja Kasa.

# Aims and Objectives

The present clinical study entitled "Effect of Kantakari Ghrita in the management of Vataja Kasa was conducted with following objectives

- 1. To evaluate the effect Kantakari Ghrita in Vataja Kasa.
- 2. To evaluate the effect of Shati compound in Vataja Kasa.
- 3. To compare the effect of Kantakari Ghrita and Shati compound in the management of vataja kasa.

The children who are living in polluted area are more prone to suffer from repeated respiratory Infections. An annoying and disturbing symptom, the cough is highly prevalent in childhood associated with many of the local and systemic disorders. It is commonly seen associated with fever, running nose, tonsillitis, pharyngitis, laryngitis and other lower respiratory diseases.

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### Materials and Method

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# Ingredients of Kantakari gritha

Kantakari pachanga- 12kg Guduchi pachanga- 12kg Go-ghrita- 6 litres

# Method of preparation

24 kg coarse powder of the drugs was taken and to it 8 parts of water was added and boiled to reduce till 1/4th remains 6 litres of Go-Ghrita was added and heated on Mandagni Kalka of Kantakari and Guduchi was added and boiled to Mrudupaka. Lastly it was filtered and sealed in 150ml bottles.

# Diagnostic criteria

- 1. Dry cough with or without watery sputum
- Symptoms as explained in classics & modern text Shuska kasa, Shuka purna galasyata, Kruhra Alpa kapha shtevana, Kante kandu, Shira shula, Parshva shula, Arochaka.

## **Inclusion criteria**

- 1. Children of age group of 3-8 years.
- 2. Acute cough of 7 days.
- 3. Allergic and irritable cough disturbing normal activity.

### Sampling

The patients of either sex of 3-8 yrs ages were randomly divided in two groups each containing 30 patients.

**Group-A:** 30 diagnosed cases of Vataja Kasa in the age group of 3-8yrs were selected. The dose Kantakari Ghrita was 2.5 ml for children of 2-5yrs and 5ml for the children of 5-8yrs. It was given every 6 hrly with hot water for 10 days.

**Group-B:** 30 diagnosed cases of Vataja Kasa in the age group of 3-8yrs were included in this group. The patients of this group were given Syrup Shati compound. Its dose for 2-5yrs children was 2.5 ml and for 5-8yrs children it was 5 ml which was given every 6hrly for 10 days

# Discussion on results

Effect on Number of bouts of cough: Kantakari Ghrita provided 68.96% relief in bout of cough which was statistically highly significant at *P*<0.001.

Shati syrup provided 63.63% relief in bout of cough which was statistically significant at *P*<0.001.

In comparison Kantakari Ghrita provided better relief than Shati syrup in reducing the number of bouts of cough.

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# A view over Saama Rasa Dhatu and its effects on body

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# ABSTRACT

Ayurveda is the basic and the most ancient science of life in which it has been said that human body is chiefly composed of doshas, dhatus and malas. So, the basic step for the maintenance of health and for treating the diseases is the regulation of these three i.e doshas, dhatus and malas. Out of these dhatus play an important role in structuring the whole body, so these are said chief supports of the body. Out of all seven dhatus rasa dhatu plays the most important role because it is first forming dhatu and it is responsible for all next dhatus proper nutrition. All these three doshas, dhatus and malas are got vitiated due external factors (like changes in climate, bacteria, virus etc.) and internal factor mainly ama. Ama refers to raw, unripe, unprocessed state of food substance mainly manifest due to resultant of mandagni (hypo functioning of Agni). The formed ama manifests its effects either locally in gastro-intestinal tract or systemically by blocking the macro and micro channels and by inhibiting the production of proper form of all dhatus. Due to hypo-function of the agni, the undigested food residue is known as ama and when this ama amalgamates dhatus, this condition is known as saama and produces various signs and symptoms according to involved dhatu.

### 1. Introduction

Food substances undergo metabolic transformation by the effect of jatharagni, bhutagni and dhatvagni. The processed metabolic products circulate inside the srotas continuously by help of vata dosha (central nervous system). This favors the development, strength, complexion and happiness as well as growth of tissues[1]. Dhatus remain in their normalcy after receiving respective nutrients from metabolized food substances. The nutrient portion of rasa (essence of food) provides nourishment to rakta (blood), from rakta to mansa (Muscle tissue), mansa to medas (adipose tissue), medas to asthi (connective tissue), asthi to majja (bone marrow) and majja to shukra (semen) and from shukra to ojas (source of immunity/strength). But if there is vitiation in jathragni (hypo functioning agni) causes production of ama[2]. And saama is a condition manifesting due to the amalgamation of ama with dosha and dushya (dhatus and mala) resulting into the manifestation of various kinds of disorders[3]. In living body, the dhatus (tissues) are present in two states[4].

# (a). Asthayi dhatu

these are essence of food, which are required for the nourishment of the *dhatus*. The food after undergoing aka (digestion) by *jathragni* and *bhutagni*, gets converted into two parts- the *saara* (essence) and *kitta* (waste). The *saarabhaga* contains *poshaka ansa* (the essential elements required for nourishment) of all the *dhatus*. If this *saarabhaga* has *ama* due to lack of proper digestion, causes production of *saama dhatus*.

# (b). Sthayi dhatu

These are also known as *sthula dhatu* which can be recognized without any difficulty all over body. These are also known as *poshya dhatu* (tissues receiving nourishment).

# Effects of saama rasa dhatu on body[5]

- Ashradhha (Lack of interest towards food)
- Aruchi (Anorexia)

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- Arti (Restlessness)
- Aasya vairasya (Distaste in mouth cavity)
- Hrillaso (Nausea)
- Gauravam (Heaviness in whole body)
- Tandra (Drowsiness)
- Angamarda (Generalized malaise)
- Jvara (Fever)
- Tama (Feeling of complete darkness)
- Pandutavam (Pallor)
- Srotsam rodho (Obstruction in body channels)
- Klaibyam (Impotency)
- Sada (Exhaustion)
- Krishangata (Emaciation)
- Nasho agni (Loss of functions of agni)
- Valaya (Appearance of wrinkles) and
- Palitani (Premature graying of hairs)

# Material method

Various Ayurvedics samhitas, text books and literature are concerned.

## 3. Discussion

"Dhatvo hi dhatvahara" according to this principle metabolic transformation from rasa to shukra has been explained by Charaka[6] as follows-The rasa, essence of food converted into rakta dhatu by the effect of heat generated by pitta. The raktadhatu gets transformed into mansa accompanied by vayu, jala, tejas and heat brings compactness. The mansa cooked by its own heat gets transformed into medas. This helps in the excitement of liquidity and unctuousness, which are the properties of jala mahabhuta. Meda brings compactness by the actions of heat present in meda itself upon the mahabhutas (body elements) i.e. prthvi, jala, vayavya etc. as a result formation of asthi dhatu takes place. All combined together gives rise to hardness and roughness in asthi dhatu. By the help of vayu porosity develops inside the bone and this porous space ts filled up with medas. This unctuous substance is called majja. From the essence of majja, shukra is produced. These all process gets hamper due to mandagni, due to which proper dhatus do not form and various signs and symptoms develop in body. These signs and symptoms develop in body either generalized or systematically.

# Detail description of clinical features of saama rasa dhatu

# (a). Aruchi

It is the condition in which there is no interest towards food either tasty or not. It may due to less secretion of digestive enzymes due to obstruction in channels and glands.

# (b). Aasya vairasya

Properties of ama is very similar to kapha like its madhura

(sweet) taste in non vitiated state and *lavana* (salted) taste in vitiated state due to which taste of mouth cavity also changes.

# (c). Hrillas

There is a natural tendency of body to get rid of toxins as ama in the form of vomiting or diarrhea that's why there is felling of vomiting.

# (d). Gauravam

It means heaviness in body or any part of body and patient may feel as whole body is covered with wet skin. It may due to excess storage of ama and flow of saama rasadhatu and saama raktadhatu through srotas. Feeling of heaviness in the body is the result of guru guna present in ama. When saama rasa remains in circulation, causes less oxidation, less physical activity, less cerebral blood flow, which slows down the function of the organs, leading to feeling of heaviness in the body[7].

# (e). Tandra

Drowsiness may be due to increased vata, kapha and tamo guna, which is purely effect of circulating saama. This drowsiness may be due to less blood flow to the cerebrum supplying less nutrition O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, because of increased viscosity of blood due to presence of saama or obstruction caused by saama rasa dhatu[8].

# (f). Jvara

Due to obstruction in sweat gland obstruction perspiration inhibits due to which heat regulation get disturbed which causes increase in body temperature. Fever always caused by ama which is circulated all over the body in the rasa dhatu. Ama has traveled all over rasavaha srotas. Agni tries to go to the rasavaha srotas to digest ama, and then gets blocked. The srotas get blocked and that is why sweating is often not present – that is why the temperature increases. This is a pathological condition. Agni gets trapped and body temperature raises and sweat can't come out because of the srotorodha. The main focus of treatment is digestion of ama, and then sweat will come out.

# (g). Tama, Pandutavam

Proper formed rasa dhatu is responsible for proper nutrition of all dhatus. Saama rasa dhatu causes production of improper next rakta dhatus causing tama, pandutavam.

# (h). Srotsam rodho

It means obstruction in the channels. *Srotorodha* may involve whole body or a particular *srotas*. *Srotorodha* can be understood as blockage in the existing route of *dosha*, *dhatus* and *malas* etc. As *saama rasa dhatu* is sticky in nature due to presence of *ama*, due to which it has tendency to stick in the *srotas* and produces symptoms accordingly.

# 1). Klaibyam, Krishangata

Due improper nutrition of *dhatus* as a result of *srotorodha* by *saama rasa dhatu klaibya* and emaciation takes place.

# (j). Nasho agni

The secretions of salivary glands digestive enzymes, hepatic bile stored in the gall bladder and pancreas. When there is need of them, are released via their ducts. But due to *srotorodha* these ducts do not function well causing low digestive power.

# (k). Valaya, Palitani

Food is responsible for development, strength, complexion and happiness when it is digested properly while improperly food causes loss of complexion. On the other hand due to vitiation of *doshas palitya* takes place.

# 4. Conclusion

On the basis of above discussion ama is defined as a state of substance resulting in the process of paaka or transformation or gunantaradhana but not attained paaka or finality. Understanding of concept of ama and saama rogas is very essential for the purpose of treatment. By analyzing the nature of ama in dosha, dhatus and srotasa, application of ayurvedic principles become easy, where other medical systems fails in such saama rogas. Acharya Susruta has mentioned that rasa dhatu is responsible for corpulence and emaciation. Proper formed rasa dhatu is responsible for proper growth of all dhatus causing proper growth of body. If saama rasa dhatu is formed, next dhatu poshana gets hamper causing emaciation.

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