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"A CASE STUDY OF AYURVEDIC MANAGEMENT OF KITIBHA KUSHTHA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PALMOPLANTAR PSORIASIS "

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ABSTRACT:

Having psoriasis is an allergic disease. Palmoplantar psoriasis is a long-term type of psoriasis that usually affects the skin on the hands and soles of the feet, making it very difficult to do many things. People with palmoplantar psoriasis may experience itching, burning pain, and cracks in their skin. We still don't know what causes the autoimmune sickness. As a doctor, this is one of the most common diseases I encounter. Kushtha, according to Ayurveda, causes most skin problems. Different Ayurvedic classics explain Kitibha, a type of Kshudra Kushtha, as Vata-Kaphaaja. According to Ayurveda, Kitibha's signs are similar to those of psoriasis. The modern methods of treatment have their own problems. In the past, treatment has been challenging, and prolonged use of drugs can lead to numerous side effects. Due to the increased risk of recurrence, modern medicine is deeply concerned about this issue. There are limited treatment options available. The L.K. Avurvedic Hospital in Yavatmal is conducting the current case study to evaluate the effectiveness of ayurvedic medicine. A 30year-old woman suffering from palmoplantar psoriasis was experiencing severe pain, itching, and the appearance of cracks and discolouration on both her soles and hands. She received Ayurvedic medicine, such as Shaman and Snehapana Chikitsa, for a month. We recorded the treatment's reaction and evaluated its effectiveness based on the level of symptom control. The clinical signs got a lot better.

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INTRODUCTION

Psoriasis is a long-lasting skin disease that causes inflammation and excessive cell growth. It has clear, red, scaly plaques that mostly show up on the extensor surface, scalp, and nails. It generally goes through a relapsing-remitting course. It happens to people of both sexes and all ages. Children younger than 5 years old don't get it very often, but more than half of those who do get it do so before they turn 30.(1) Psoriasis is a long-lasting, painful, disfiguring, and disabling disease that can't be spread. There is no cure for it, and it has a big effect on the quality of life (QoL) of people who have it. Psoriasis is a major problem around the world; the number of people who have it varies from 0.09% to 11.4%. The cause of psoriasis is still unknown, but there is proof that some people are more likely to get it than others. A lot of study is also being done on the immune system and how it affects psoriasis. Psoriasis can also be brought on by things inside and outside the body, such as slight trauma, sunburn, infections, systemic drugs, and stress.(2) Up to 2% of the world's population has psoriasis, making it one of the most common skin diseases. It shows up on the skin as red, clearly defined papules and round plaques covered in a white micaceous scale. The Koebner or isomorphic phenomenon says that psoriasis lesions often appear in places that have been traumatised. Other outside factors, like infections, worry, and medicines (like lithium, beta blockers, and anti-malarial drugs), can also make psoriasis worse. The type of psoriasis that most people have is called plaque-type. People who have plaque-type psoriasis have steady plaques that get bigger over time but don't change much over time. The elbows, knees, gluteal cleft, and head are the most common places where this happens. Involvement is usually even on both sides. It often spreads to the head, palms, and soles of the feet.(3)

Kitibha Kushtha shows up when the Tridosha gets out of hand, especially when Vata and Kaphaa are in charge. Mithya Ahara and Vihara make Tridosha weak, which makes Rasa, Rakta, Mamsa, and Lasika suffer and get worse. There is no Kushtha that shows up because of one Dosha being upset.(4)

श्यावं किणखरस्पर्श परुषं किटिभं मतम् । ch. ch. ७/२२

Predominance of Vata can be elicited with symptoms like blackish discoloration hardness, dryness and roughness to touch. Kaphaa predominance can be appreciated with the presence of severe itching as a cardinal symptom. ⁽⁵⁾

Modern science treats Psoriasis with Retinoids, Methotrexate and Corticosteroids. But the disease recurrences and causes serious side effects like liver, kidney failure and bone marrow depletion. Hence Ayurveda plays important role. Present study is undertaken to provide safe and effective remedy for Psoriasis.

Material and methods

Case study

A 30 years female patient approached in Kayachikitsa O.P.D. presenting with the following complaints,

- Ubhaya Hast Tal Pradeshi-Twaka Vaivarnya, Kandu
- 2. Ubhaya Pad Tal Pradeshi Twaka Daran, vaivarnya, Kandu, Shoola and intermittently Raktaastrav.
- 3. Sarvanga Kandu

All symptoms occurred since 1 year.

History of present illness:

Patient was all right before 1 year. Then blackish discoloration, itching, dryness occurred on the skin of both palms, both leg soles. She was diagnosed as Palmoplantar Psoriasis. She had taken Allopathic and Homeopathic treatment for same complaints. There was recurrence in her complaints. Hence, she came to Kayachikitsa O.P.D. for treatment.

Past History of Illness:-

No/H/O :- DM/HTN/ T.B./ Thyroid.

History:- No history of any previous surgical or medical illness.

Allergy:- No any drug/food allergy.

ars Family History:- Not specific. van

H/O :- local application of chiral cream. National Journal of Ayurveda & Yoga

Pulse - 78/min

BP – 120/70 mm of Hg

R.R. - 18/min

Wt. – 58.5 kg

S/E

RS – B/L Clear

CVS – S1 S2 Normal

CNS - Conscious and Oriented

P/A - Soft

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Ashtavidha Pariksha

- Nadi- 78/min Mala – Samyak Mutra - Samyak Jivha – Niram Shabda – Spashta Sparsha – Ruksha Druka – Prakrut
- Akruti Madhyam

Samprapti Ghatakas

Dosha- Tridoshas Roga marga: Bahya Dushya- Twaka, Rakta, Mamsa, Lasika Udbhavsthana: Amashaya Vyaktasthana: Twacha Rog swabhav: Chirkari Strotas -Rasavaha, Raktavaha Srotodushti prakara: Sanga Sadhya Sadhyata: Sadhya Journal of Ayurveda & Yoga

SAMPRAPTI

- Hetusevana
- Agnidusti
- Tridoshadusti
- Sthanasanshraya at the twak pradesha
- Twak vaivarnya,kharata, parushta
- Kitibha Kushtha.

Material and Methods :-

Method :- 1) A case study

2)Centre :- P.G. Department of Kayachikitsa L.K. Ayurvedic Hospital, Yavatmal affiliated to D.M.M. Ayurved College, Yavatmal.

Material :- (Shaman Chikitsa)

Dravya	Dose	Duration	Anupan
Kaishor guggul	500mg	Twice a day	Luke
			warm
			water
Arogyavardhini vati	250mg	Twice a day	Luke
			warm
			water
Sutshekhar ras	250mg	Twice a day	Luke
			warm
			water
Khadiradi vati	250mg	Twice a day	Luke
			warm
			water
Gandhak Rasayana	250mg	Twice a day	Luke
			warm
			water
Sariva Manjishtha	1gram each churna	Twice a day	Luke and warm
Haridra			water
Khadir Nationa Guduchi	I Journal o	fAyurveda	& Yoga
Swadishta virechana	3gram	HS	Luke
churna			warm
			water
Guduchi bharad kwath	30 ml	Twice a day	
Purnil oil+	For local application	Twice a day	
Dermocare oil			
Mahatikta ghrita	20ml	Once a day	Luke
snehapana			warm
			water



Assessment criteria

Symptom	Normal	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Twak vaivarnya	0	1	2	3
Twak rukshata	0	1	2	3
Kandu	0	1	2	3

Result -

Symptom	Before	After
Twak vaivarnya	3	1
Twak rukshata	3	1
Kandu	3	0

DISCUSSION

Action of Snehapana –

Mahatiktaghrit⁽⁶⁾ - Mahatikta is made up of tikta rasa, ruksha, and laghu guna. It mostly affects kled, meda, lasika, rakta, pitta, and kapha, which helps balance the dosha and dhatu that are out of balance. It possesses the traits of Deepan, Pachan, Strotoshodhak, and Raktashodhak. Ravi Shankara, Kushtaghna, Kandughna, and Varnya. Ghrit is lipophilic, which helps get drugs to the right places. It enters cells and delivers drugs to the mitochondria and nuclear membrane. It keeps the skin's normal structure.

Gandhak Rasayana -

It acts well on skin problems like Psoriasis with madhur amla and kashaya ras ⁽⁷⁾ and properties like Kushtaghna, Kandughna, Dahaprashaman, Raktashodhak, Vranaropak, Twachya, and Krumighna. It has antibacterial, antiviral, and antimicrobial Properties. Sulphur that has been refined can be used to treat many kinds of skin conditions. It lessens infection and irritation, benefits digestion and the appearance of the skin. It can be applied both internally and externally to treat skin conditions.⁽⁸⁾ **UIVECA**

Arogyavardhini Vati -

From a pathological point of view, we can see that Grahani Vikruti is the main cause of Kushtha. When Grahani doesn't work right, Malavrodha happens. When Vata Dosha between Grahani and Pakwashaya gets weak, Malavrodha and Grahani's general ability to move and move things around becomes flawed. Because of this, some organic toxins were made and then consumed, which led to Dhatu Dushti and then Kushtha Vyadhi. In general, Arogyavardhini works on Grahani and Pakwashaya to make them work better and more smoothly.(9)

Sariva -

As Daha and Vaivarnya is one of the symptoms and sign respectively of Kushtha Vyadhi. Charak has described Sariva in Dahaprasahamana⁽¹⁰⁾(Refrigerants) and Varnya (complexion promoting) Mahakashaya. It also works as Raktapachaka as described by Charak.

Manjishta -

Manjishtha is talked about by Charak in the Varnya(11) and Vishaghna(12) Mahakashayas and by Sushrut in the Pitta Shamana Mahakashayas. It works as Kaphapittashamaka because it has Tikta Kashaya Madhura Rasa. This gets mixed up in Kitibha Kushtha and Kushthaghna as well. It has the power of Krumighna in Pachansansthan.

Guduchi –

Guduchi have tikta ras and madhur vipak, which is useful to pacify the pitta dosha in rakta. Charak has described Guduchi in Dahaprashamana ⁽¹⁰⁾. It also helps in sarva dhatu vardhan and acts as Rasayana.

Khadira –

Khadira has kushtaghna ⁽¹²⁾ property according to charak . Also it's tikta, kashay, shit virya makes it pitta kaphaghna and kandughna . It work great in kushtha disease.

CONCLUSION

Kitibha Kushtha and Palmoplantar psoriasis is associated to one another. The Kitibha Kushtha can be successfully treated with the Shaman (internal drugs), Mahatiktaghrit snehapana. According to the case study mentioned above, Given that this is a single case study which states that with the help of both snehapana and Shamana Chikitsa patient got relief. Clinically patient 70% improved.

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