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CLINICAL EVALUATION OF VAITARANA BASTI ALONG WITH DHANWANTARA TAILA MATRA BASTI IN AAMVATA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO HLAB27: A CASE SERIES

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Abstract

Ayurveda, an ancient medicine explains well about joint disorders. Aamvat is one of them. In this present era Aamvata is one of the commonest chronic inflammatory disease. HLAB 27 is one of type of rheumatic disease. Symptoms including Joint inflammation, stiffness, general debility, sancharivedana, klam (fatigue without physical exertion) are closely related to rheumatic disease. This case series and consist of 5 cases of patients having symptoms of aamvata and they are HLAB27 positive. They all were treated with vaitaranbasti and dhanvantarailmatrabasti in kaalbasti format. Ama (undigested food) vata are 2 major pathogenic factor for aamvat. Drugs of vaitaranbasti having deepan pachan properties are opposite to Ama property. And dhanvantarail causes pacification of vata Dosha. Thus relieved from the painful symptoms. So combination of intervention of vaitaranbasti and dhanvantarailmatrabasti, along with medicines showed marked improvement in sign and symptoms of aamvat patients who having HLAB27 positive.

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Introduction:-

Ayurveda explain the concepts like dosh, dushya, dhatu, strotas, mala, Ama. Along with dosh, dushya; Ama is one of the basic and important criteria which has major role in producing many diseases. Ama means raw or undigested food which produced due to Agnimandya (low digesting fire). In Aamvata, Ama and vata remain components of the disease. Due to similarity of the sign and symptoms Amavat is compare with Rheumatoid Arthritis. Amavat is explained by Acharya Madhavakar in Madhavanidand during 7 Century AD.^[1] He covered the variety of Rheumatology disorders under the body of Amavat. Main pathological factors are Ama, vatadosh, kaphadosha. There is involvement of Rasvahstrotas, so pain spreads from one joint to another very quickly. Aamvat has peculiar symptoms vrushchikidanshvatvedana (pricking pain like scorpion bite), Bahumutrata (frequent urination) SarvSandhishool (multiple joint pain), shoth (swelling) and Sancharivedana (pain at multiple site).^[2] As the disease occurs in Madhyamrogmarg and involvement of multiple joints, makes the disease critical to treat.^[3] HLAB27 test is ordered to confirm the diagnosis of Ankylosing spondylitis. People having Rheumatoid arthritis can be positive to HLAB27. There's no cure for HLAB 27 positive patient, but treatment is available to help relieve the symptoms. NSAID's are commonly use to treat. Treatment can also help to delay or prevent the process of the spine

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fusing and stiffening. Long term use of NSAID's having their limitations. Ama, vatdosh, kaphdosh consist of opposite property to each other. And involvement of gambhir dosh dushti (deeply seated objectives) as well as uttangatdosh (superficial components) make the treatment more challenging. As gambhir as well as uttangatdosh and involvement of Ama, vatdosh, kaphdosh, agnimandya needs the shodhan chikitsa. Acharya Charaka said that basti chikitsa as half of the treatment of all disease while other Acharyas considered it as complete therapy.^[4] Acharya Chakradatt explained vaitaranbasti in detail. He indicated vaitaranbasti in shula (pain), Anaha (flatulence) and Amavata.^[5] The name vaitaranasignifies the name of a river which can bring back dead to live. Vaitaranbasti contain drugs which having laghu, ushna, tikshna and rukshaguna that helps in break the avrodh (obstruction) and expels out the vitiated kapha and Ama from all over, repair the agnimandya thus helps in sampraptibhang (breaking down) of Amavata while Matrabasti of Dhanwantarataila pacifies vitiated vatadosha and reduced the pain, swelling and stiffness.^[6]

5 clinically diagnosed cases of Amavata who are HLAB 27 positive were selected for this study and treated by planned protocol (Table 3). After completion of treatment; assessment was taken on the basis of subjective (Table 1, 2) and objective parameters and fervor results were found. There is classical reduction in clinical sign and symptoms (Table 4).

Aim:-

To evaluate the effect of vaitaranbasti along with dhanvantar tailmatrabasti in Amavata with special reference to HLAB 27

Objectives:-

1. To see the effect of vaitaranbasti followed by dhanvantar tailmatrabasti in reducing the sign and symptoms of amavata.
2. To see the effect of vaitaranbasti followed by dhanvantar tailmatrabasti in reducing sign and symptoms of HLAB 27

Case summaries

Case 1

A 18 years old male patient was suffering from pain at lower back region, bilateral knee joints (pain was more on left knee than right), bilateral shoulder joint, right iliac region; morning stiffness that lasts for 10-12 hours since 8 years. Sometimes vomiting and headache were also reported by the patient with the same duration of time. The onset was gradual with fever, joints pain. He was student and living at village. On investigation, rheumatoid factor and anti CCP were seen to be increased. And he was HLAB 27 positive. All needed investigation mentioned in Table 4. He was diagnosed on a clinical basis. No significant history or any addiction was reported by the patient.

Case 2

A female patient aged 30 years developed pain and stiffness at the bilateral lower back region, both ankle joint, bilateral thigh and pelvic region and also gradually increase in numbness at lower limbs for 1 year. Patient reported walking and getting up from the floor was very painful. The pain was usually aggravating in the morning hours. Pain worsens when the cold climate was there and was subsiding by hot fomentation and sudation therapy. On investigations, x-ray of pelvis with hip showed oval density at right sacroiliac joint. The patient was taking allopathic treatment for 1 year but she didn't get any relief.

Case 3

A 22 years old female patient presented with chief complaints of pain at lower back side, bilateral shoulder joint, with mild restricted movements since past 3 years. Numbness and tingling sensation at lower limb, stiffness at lumbar region, limited range of motion at the lumbar region and occasionally giddiness were also present. The pain and stiffness was usually aggravating in the morning. She is ASLO and HLAB 27 positive. MRI of sacroiliac joint revealed that diffused edema and early erosion at sacroiliac joint and acetabulum. MRI of LS spine showed inflammatory spondyloarthropathy. Patient used to feel nausea and giddiness with all other symptoms.

Case 4

A 21 years old male patient worked in IT department was complaining of pain at lower back region, bilateral shoulder joint. Morning stiffness at painful region was also present for 1 year. He had history of dengue fever before 6

years. Patient took allopathy treatment for all above symptoms. But he didn't get relief. He was RA negative and HLAB 27 positive.

Case 5

A 27 years old male patient who was bank accountant was suffering from the complaints of gradual onset of pain in lumbar region bilateral knee joint, cervical joint, bilateral shoulder joint, bilateral ankle joint, since past 8 years. He was having painful and restricted joint movements. She also admitted the history of loss of appetite; weakness, fever, giddiness, numbness and tingling sensation in both were there with the same duration of time. The pain was usually aggravating in the morning time. The patient has reported a history of typhoid and malaria 6 years ago. He gave the history of fall from bike. And there was injury to right leg. His bowel was not clear regularly. In MRI there was mild sclerosis of iliac and sacral articular surface noted. End plate degenerative changes noted.

Investigation

All patients already came with HLAB27, RA positive report. All blood routine investigation such as complete blood count, blood sugar level, liver function test, renal function test, lipid profile were within normal limits. Only the ESR was raised.

Methodology:-

Consent-Informed consent was obtained for experimentation with human subjects. The privacy rights of human subjects always observed.

Clinical assessment

Objective criteria-

RA, HLAB27 finding

Subjective criteria-

Schoberstest, BASFI SCORE, BASDAI SCORE before and after treatment.

Table No.1:- BASDI SCORE(Both Ankylosing Spondylitis Functional Index).

That contains 0-10 score . 0 means patient can do activity easily; 10 score means impossible to do

1	Pulling on your socks or tight without help	Score 0-10
2	Bending forward from the waist to pick up a pen from the floor without help	Score 0-10
3	Reaching upto high shelf without help	Score 0-10
4	Getting up out of an armless dining room chair without using your hand	Score 0-10
5	Getting up of the floor without help from lying on your back	Score 0-10
6	Standing unsupported for 10 mins without discomfort	Score 0-10
7	Climbing 12-15 steps without using handrail or walking aid one foot on each step	Score 0-10
8	Looking over your shoulder without turning your body	Score 0-10
9	Doing physically demanding activities	Score 0-10
10	Doing Full days activities, whether it be at home/work	Score 0-10

Table no 2:- BASDAI(Contains 0-10 score).

1	Fatigue	Score 0-10
2	Spinal pain	Score 0-10
3	Arthralgia, Joints pain	Score 0-10
4	Enthesis or Inflammation of tendons & ligaments	Score 0-10
5	Morning stiffness duration	Score 0-10

Table no 3:- Treatment protocol.

Sr no	Treatment protocol	Drug and dose	Duration
1	Deepan and pachan	Shunthisiddhaerandkashay(20ml)- in the morning Arogyavardhinivati 500 mg BD	30 days

2.	Shaman Chikitsa	Sinhnadguggul 500 mg BD Amrutarisht 20 ml BD Tribhuvankirti 125 mg Bd	30 days
3	Vaitaranbasti	Amlikakalk 40ml Saindhav 10gm Gud(jaggery)1 shukti(24gm) Gomutra1kudav(100ml) Tiltail 50 ml	At empty stomach early in the morning Kalbasti
3	Matrabasti	Dhanvantartail 120 ml	After taking light meal kalbasti
4	Dashanglep		30 days
5	Valukapottalisweda		30 days

Method of preparation of Vaitaranbasti.

Preparation of vaitaranbasti is done according to classical methods. At first 24g (1 Shukti) of jaggery was mixed with equal amount of lukewarm water. 10g (1 Karsha) of Saindhava added to above mixture. Warm Tiltaila (50 ml) was added till the mixture became homogenous. 48 g (1 Pala) of Amlika Kalka was taken and added to the above mixture carefully. Lastly 60ml (1 Kudawa) Gomutra added slowly and kept stirring. Getting of uniform bastidravya. Then filtered it. After filtering, bastidravya was made lukewarm by keeping it into hot water.

Table no4:- Results of cases before and after treatment.

	Case 1		Case 2		Case 3		Case 4		Case 4	
	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT
Pain by vas scale	9	5	10	3	9	4	7	3	10	5
Schober's test	17cm	20cm	15cm	20cm	18cm	21cm	19cm	21cm	15cm	19cm
BASFI score	3.3	1.3	7.7	4	7.5	3.2	6	2	8.8	4
BASDAI SCORE	3.3	1.1	3.7	1.8	3	1.8	2	1	4	2

Discussion:-

Aamvata is one of the most challenging inflammatory disorders. As pathological factors of it possess exact opposite qualities. Morbid Ama along with vitiated vatadosha circulate all over the body. They mostly attack on kaphsthan (sites of kaphadosha) and that are mostly joints. Where they produce symptoms like fever, arthralgia, swelling, stiffness, weakness, polyuria, general debility. Same sign and symptoms can be seen in HLAB 27 positive patients. Chronicity of disease is kashatsadhyah (not easy to recover fast). Due to similarity in sign and symptoms diagnosis is aamvat. Treatment of aamvat is explained by Acharya Chakradatt in detailed manner. Treatment of this disease is very challenging as we have to treat 2 opposite nature doshas simultaneously. Vatadosha is having laghu, sar, shita properties where ama is ushn, sticky in nature. Kaphadosha possesses sthir, gurugunas. Ayurveda explained many bio-purificative methods which expelled out toxins (ama) from the body. Vaitaranbasti which is emphasized by Acharya Chakradatt has good outcome on above patients. Vaitaranbasti contains jaggery, tiltail, saindhava, gomutra, amlika. Amlika is ruksh, ushnagunatmak and is of amlarasatmak. Which rises the doshas and helps in elimination of them. It is also vat-kaphashamak.^[9] Puranguda (jaggery) possesses laghu, pathya, anabhishyandi properties so acts as vat-kaphashamak. It causes agnideepan.^[10] Jaggery and saindhav make homogeneous mixture of basti. Saindhav has sukshma and tikshna property that leads to strotoshodhan. So drugs can pass through mucosa in the systemic circulation thus reach up to molecular level.^[11] Saindhav irritates the colon so eliminates the waste material. And it breaks viscous matter into particles. Tiltail helps in forming uniform solution. It reduces vatadosha. It prevents anal canal from irritation.^[12] Among all the drugs; gomutra (cow's urine) is foremost. As it is tridoshashamak so pacifies all three doshas, strotovishodhan so can reach up to molecular level to remove ama and kapha, vatanulomak, agnideepak so it repairs impaired Agni.^[13] Matrabasti of Dhanvantartail propitiates vatadosha.^[14] Shunthisiddhaerandkashay contains castor oil. It causes anuloman. Shunthi makes deepanpachan. Medicines also having deepanpachan, vatanuloman, kaphashamak properties. Basti intersperses pathophysiology. Hence it plays a focal role in reducing aamvat and HLAB27 symptoms.

Conclusion:-

Ama and vata are core component of aamvat. Being opposite in nature, it becomes hard to reduce them. HLAB 27 is type of rheumatic disease that don't have permanent curative treatment. In this demanding situation vaitaran basti and dhanvantar tailmatrabasti set right the impaired situation of body. Bring improvement in the health. After this quality of life improves and people can do daily routine work.

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