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A SHORT REVIEW ON VIPADIKA WRS PALMOPLANTAR PSORIASIS

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Skin plays a chief role in maintaining barrier between internal and external environment of human body. The healthy skin is the primary requirement for the beauty as well as attractive personality. Palmo-planter psoriasis produces significant functional and social disability. It is the second most common type of psoriasis produces followed by chronic plaque type psoriasis1. Skin is the first organ of the body interacting with the environmental agents like physical, chemical and biological agents. The skin disorders are intrinsic in origin, most of the skin diseases in Ayurveda have been considered under the heading of Kustha. Vipadika is one of such disease which has been included under the heading of Kshudrakusta. It is characterised by sphutanam (cracks) either in palms or soles or in both with teevra vedana (severe pain). The pain present in vipadika is so intense that it severely affects the quality of life of the patient. In spite it being a minor condition it cripples the daily activities of patients. Based on the symptoms of vipadika, The present article is an attempt to highlighting on details of Vipadika with co-relating with Palma-plantar psoriasis

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda broadly explains all skin disorders under one umbrella called 'kusta'. Kusta is the disease which causes deride or disgraceful situation. Basically in all kusta roga there is vitiation of Tridosha, twak, rakta, mamsa and lasika, but depending upon the amshamsha kalpana dosha pradhanyata differs in various varieties so only it is rightly marked as innumerable in classics. For the systematic study Acharya Charak have classified kusta as as mahakusta (T) and kshudra kusta (11). Vipadika is one among kshudra kusta².

Acharya Sushruta has mentioned the term vipadika, in nidana sthana but commentator Dalhana has clearly stated that vicharchika if occurs at pada then it is termed as *vipadika*. Padadari has been explained under the kshudra roga adhikara Acharya vagbhata has mentioned it among ekadasha kshudra *kusta* Along with pratyatma laxanas pani and padasputana, teevra vedana, kandu, raga and pidaka have been added in the symptoms.

Acharya Madhava also mentioned Vipadika under kshudra kusta, while in commentary they have mentioned that vicharchika occurring at pada (feet) itself is termed as Vipadika⁷. Vipadika is mentioned among kshudra kusta by Bhavamishra. He also quotes that Vicharchika occurring at the site of foot is called as Vipadika. While explaining samprapti he includes pidaka, daha, kandu as laxanas of Vipadika⁸. The main symptoms of vipadika are cracks in the palm and sole, severe pain and others like itching, inflammation, eruptions. In vipadika, dosha pradhanata is of vata and kapha. Based on its symptoms it can be correlated to different conditions like heel fissures, hand and foot eczema, palmoplantar psoriasis. In samhitas we don't find particular nidana mentioned for vipadika, but as it is one among the kshudra kusta, the general nidana of kusta can be considered. The nidanas can be subdivided as aharaja, viharaja, manasika, achara. samsargaja, krimija, kulaja nidana etc

Palmoplantar psoriasis is a chronic autoimmune disease characterized by the rise of desquamative plaques on the palms and soles. Due to the thick stratum corneum of the palmoplantar regions, the search for effective topical treatments has been significantly more difficult than other forms of psoriasis. Current topical treatments include phototherapy, methotrexate gel, laser therapy, and tazarotene ointment; most treatments outside of phototherapy, however, do not have sufficient high-level clinical evaluations to justify

their efficacy. In this systematic review, we explore the literature on different topical treatment regimens for palmoplantar psoriasis. According to Acharya Sushruta fourth skin layer called as Tamara its dushti occurs in vipadika and Acharya Charka also says fourth skin layers involved in Kusta. In modern science in Psorasis the top layer of skin (called the epidemis) thickens and blood vessels in the second layer (called dermis) widen.

DISCUSSION:

Discussion is made on the nidan panchaka. As it include nidan, purvarupa, roopa, samprapti and chikitsa.

1.1 Nidan^{10,11}

1. Aharaja Nidan: Virudha Ahara for Kushta- Virudahara like Intake of Mulaka, Lashuna, Gramya, Anupa, audaka Mamsa, intake of Chilchima fish with milk. Milk with nimbuka etc. For example Chilchima fish is usna virya and milk is sheeta virya, so this is the example of virya virudaahara.

Mithya Ahara Hetu for Kushta - Improper food habits is another major causative factor of Kushta. Ahara Vidhi vishesha ayatanani, when it's not followed is called Mithya Ahara¹². Mithya Ahara deranges the digestive power of Jatharagni and also causes Dushti of Grahani. Thus the food doesn't get digested properly leading to production of Ama13. As Grahani is also dushita, Ama undergoes putrification and Amavisha is produced. So along with Kushta, other diseases which can be formed due to Ama, Amavisha, and Grahani Dushti etc14 Adhyashana:-Taking food even before digestion of previous meal is called Adhyashana, which leads to formation of Amavisha . These factors are the root cause of all diseases which are produced due to different permutation and combination of Dosha and Dushya. Atyashana- Atimatra Ashana is- "Amapradoshahetu". Ahita bhojana when takes atimatra (excess) and at improper time (Akala) leads to dushti in Annavaha Srotas and also disturbs the Pakaprakriya (Process of food digestion). Vishamaashana- Taking food at irregular time is called as Vishamashana. It produces Vishama Agni¹⁵. It also does vata prakopa. Ajirne Anne-Intake of food in state of indigestion is called Ajirne Anne. According to Acharya Charak, taking food in state of indigestion is known to cause Grahani dushti. Ajirna, Adhaysahana causes Agnimandya and Dushti in Pureesha Vaha Srotas¹⁶.Both of them also vitiate Rakta. If this pathology continues for long time Kushta may be produced 17 . Continuous and excessive use of Madhu, Phanita, Mulaka etc. in state of Ajirna cause dusti of

Grahani and produce Ama. Excessive Guru, Snigdha and Drava: Taking excessive Guru, Snidgha Ahara produces dusti in Rasavaha Srotas. Guru Ahara causes Dusti of Mamsavaha Srotas. Excessive Drava does dushana of Raktavaha srotas.

- 2 Viharaj Nidan: If swiftly changes happen like cold to hot and vice versa, without judiciously following the rules of gradual change, this causes dushti in Swedavaha Srotas. Unaware diving in cold water or drinking cold water in fear, exhaustion or sunlight causes the same effect. Swedavaha Srotas is also vititated due to Krodha, Shoka, and Bhaya and may predispose skin disorders 19, 20. Suppression of urge of vomiting can cause Kushta. An urge for vomiting is only²¹ present when the Doshas are dislodged from their seat and are ready to be ex]pelled (Utklista Avastha) but when the urge is suppressed, Utklishta doshas cannot be expelled out. These dislodged Doshas initiate the Vyadhi. Divaswapna²² Sleeping in day time after food intake vitiates Kapha, Pitta and leads to Kandu, Kotha, and Pidika. It is also said that day sleep after abhishyandi and guru diet causes dushti of Mamsavaha srotas and Medovaha Srotas²³. walking bare foot for long distance will cause cracks in the foot. (ref:padadari²⁴)
- 3 Achara Nidan²⁵: Behavioural misconduct, antisocial, sinful activities and other punishable activities are considered under this heading. Due to Raja and Tama *Doshas* the Manas is always in search of materialistic pleasures and to satisfy its desires, it is always doing good and bad deeds (Papa karma). Chinta, Bhaya, Krodha are Vata Prakopa Nidana. Bhaya, Krodha and Shoka produce Dushti of Svedavaha Srotas. Chinta causes Dushti of Rasavaha Srotas.
- 4. Other Nidan: Samsargaja Hetu²⁶: Kushta spreads by means of Prasanga, Gatrasamsparsha, Nihishwasat, Sahabhoja etc from one man to another. Kushta is Adi Bala Pravritta Vyadhi. Kushtayukta Shukra Shonita results in the birth of child who is more likely to get Kushta²⁷. Krimija Hetu: -Krimi may be taken as one of the causative factor for Kushta²⁸. Chikitsa Vibharamsajanya Hetu: -Stambhana in intial stage of diseases like Raktaarsha, Raktapitta and Amatisara²⁸ can cause Kushta. Stambhana might lead to Tiryaka Gati of Dosha and hence cause Kushta. Kushta has been mentioned as Rakta Pradoshaja and Santarpanajanya Vyadhi.

1.2 Purvarupa of Kustha

Though there is no specific description about Purvarupa of *vipadika* in the classical texts, but being a variety of Ksudra Kushta, the samanya purvarupa of Kushta may be considered, they are aswedana, ati swedana, parushya, ati shlakshnata, vaivarnyam, kandu, nistoda etc³⁰. Among these purvaroopa we can find parushya, kharatva, kandu as purvarupa of *vipadika*, Due to various nidanas there is mainly vata vriddhi followed by kapha.parushyata or kharata may occur even before the manisfestation of cracks and also due to excessive dryness there will be tendency for itching so these can be considered as the purvaroopa of *vipadika*.

1.3 ROOPA OF VIPADIKA

Pani and pada sputana, teevra vedana are the roopa mentioned by Acharya Charaka³¹, but Vagbhata along with this has mentioned other symptoms like alpa kandu, raga, pidaka in the symptoms of vipadika³². The cracks in the palm and sole is due to the vitiated vata dosha, which causes rukshata of the twak and produces pain. This is purely vataja in nature which can be compared with heel fissures and fissures in the palm. There is mild itching sensation which is due to vitiated kapha dosha, raga and pidakas may be seen in acute manifestations or any infectious conditions. These laxanas are suggestive of palmoplantar psoriasis, hand and foot eczema. Acharaya Bhavaprakash has included daha as one of the symptom of vipadika along with other symptoms.

Table no 5: lakshan as according to do sha and dhatu dusti

Lakshanas	Doshas	Dhatu
Pani sputana	Vata	Rasa
Pada sputana	Vata	Rasa
Vedana	Vata	Mamsa
Kandu	Kapha	Rakta
Raga	Pitta	Rakta
Pidaka	Kapha	Mamsa
Daha	Pitta	Rakta

Signs and symptoms:

- The appearance of red patches of skin topped with scales typical of psoriasis on the palms and elsewhere on the body.Ø
- Thickening and scaling of the skin accompanied with the formation of deep, painful fissures on the palms and soles.
- · It is often bilaterally symmetrical
- Palmoplantar pustulosis- the appearance of deep, yellowish pustules.

1.4 SAMPRAPTI

The involvement of the dosha in the samprapti can be assessed by the laxanas exhibited. The laxanas mentioned by Charakacharya are pani, pada sputana, teevra vedana which shows that there is vitiation of vata dosha. Acharya Vagbhata have included other symptoms viz. alpa kandu, raga, pidaka which indicates association of kapha and pitta dosha also. Acharya Bhavamishra has explained the samprapti elaborately as the prakupita doshas does dushana of twak, mamsa dhatu and takes sthana samshraya at pani and pada pradesha and produces sputana in pani and pada and pada pradesha along with that pidakas, daha, kandu may also be associate

PROBABLE SAMPRAPTI OF VIPAD

Due to the sevan of Aharaj and viharaj hetu etc as per explain above



Chaya: Virudha ahara, Adhyashana, Atyashana, Vishamashana etc Aharaja hetu Sudden change from cold to hot & vice versa, suppression of urge, diwaswapna etc

 $\label{prakopa: Due to the hetu sevan Vatadi dosha\ get vitiated.}$

Prasara: In this avastha dosha shows

Sthansanshraya: Pani-Pada Vayakti:Kshudarkustha

Bheda:Vipadika

Vata	Pani-Pada sputana, Vedana
Pitta	Raga, Daha
Kapha	Kandu, Pidaka

1.5 SADHYA ASADHYATA

According to Charaka, the Kushta having all the symptoms along with complications like trisna, daha, agnimandya & Krimi are to be avoided by a wise physician. If the patient suffers from Vata-Kaphaja Kushta or only one *Dosha* is involved, then it is easily curable. But Kushta with deranged Kapha-Pitta or Vata-Pitta are difficult to cure³³. According to Madhava Nidana, sadhya *kusta* are those which are located in the Tvacha, Rakta or Mamsa & in which Vata & Shleshma are deranged together. Yapyas are those located in Medo Dhatu or which are Dwandaj (Vata-Pittaja or Pitta-Kaphaja). Those located in the Asthi or Majja Dhatu are Asadhya. As *vipadika* is a vatakaphaja and it is located in twacha, rakta, mamsa it is a sadhya Tripathi B.editor, Charak Samhita of Acharya Charak,

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1.6 UPADRAVA

Upadrava caused by Vata in Kushta may be Krishna, and Raktha Varnata, Kshata, Shula, Toda, Karshyata, Kampa, Romaharsha, Shrama, Sthabdata, Shunyata, Kotha etc. Upadrava caused by Pitta may be Ushnata, Atisveda, Snigdhata, Srava, Paka, Raktavarnata etc. Upadrava caused by Kapha in Kushta may be Shwetavarnata, Sheetata, Kandu, Sthabdata, Guruta, Snigdhata and Upalepa.

1.7 CHIKITSA

- 1. Nidan Parivarjan
- 2. Shodhan Chikitsa
- 3. Shaman Chikitsa
- 4. Pathya-Apathya
- 1. Nidan Parivarjana- Nidana or Hetu is the main causative factor for the disease which has major role in Samprapti. Hence to stop further progression of disease and restrict vitiation of Doshas, Nidana should be avoided. Here Viruddhahara, Vega-vidharana, Shitoshna Krama Sevan etc
- 2. Shodhan Chikitsa- Kushta is Bahu doshaja, Kleda Pradhana Vyadhi. In Vata Pradhana Kushta Sarpipana should be advised, in Kapha Pradhana Kushta Vamana should be administered, and in Pitta Pradhana Kushta Virechana and Raktamokshana should be performed. Sushrutacharya has advised to follow Vamana once in every 15 days, Virechana once in every 30 days, and Raktamokshana once in every 6 months, and Nasya once in every 3 days³⁴. Sushruta also explains Shodhana i.e. Vamana and Virechana should be done even in Purvarupavastha³⁵. Chakrapani comments that Dosha Nirharan should be done frequently in Kushta but doshas expelled should be in Stoka Matra i.e small amounts. Acharaya Vagbhata advices to follow Doshanusara Shodhana karma after Snehapana. Vipadika is a Vata-Kapha Pradhana Vyadhi so vata kapha hara dravyas should be used, and for vataja variety of kusta sarpipana has been advised. Many sneha kalpas have been discussed in the kusta adhikara like tiktaka ghruta, Maha+tiktaka ghruta, khadiradi ghruta, nimbadi ghruta etc.

Basti – Both Anuvasana and Asthapanabasthi are contraindicated in Kushta. But one can find some references for specific conditions. For Asthapan Darvi, Bruhati, Patol etc. are used and Tila taila medicated with same drugs is used for Anuvasana.

Nasya- If Kapha Prakopa and Krimi Avastha are present in Kushta, Nasya can be adviced with Saindhava, Danti and Maricha.

Rakta-mokshana- In Alpavastha of Kushta Pracchana karma and in Mahat avastha (widely spread), Sira vyadhana is indicated. For this Shring, Alabu, Jalauka are used. In case of Kushta, extra precaution has to be taken for execution of Shodhana process.

3. Shaman Chikitsa- Shamana therapy is very beneficial in treatment of kushta. Charaka has described *shamana* therapy with *tikta* and *kashaya rasa pradana dravyas*.

Lepa-Ksharadi Prayoga -Only after proper Shodhana process, Sushruta further explains Chikitsa of Kushta based on the involvement of Dhatus in Kushta, the usage of Lepa and other Shamanoushadhi will definitely relieve. Vipadikahara ghruta taila- a yamaka preparation for external application is specially mentioned for Vipadika.

1. Pathya: Ahara: Laghu Anna, Tikta Shaka, Purana Dhanya, Jangala Mamsa, Mudga, Patola, Food and Ghee prepared by Bhallataka, Triphala, Nimba, Purana Shali, Shashtika, Yava, Godhuma, Shyamaka, Udaalaka, Mandukaparni, Bakuchi, Siddha Ghrita. Vihara: Abhyanga with different taila or ghruta, using medicated Kashayas, Parisheka or Avagaha can be done. Apathya: Ahara: Guru Anna, Amla Rasa, Dugdha, Dadhi, Matsya, Guda, Tila, Mamsa, Taila, Adhyasana, Ajirnasana, Vidahi-Abhishyandi Ahara. Vihara: -Divasvapna, Maithuna, Vegadharana, Paapa Karma, Tapa Sevana Svedana etc Walking bare foot, excessive walking, exposure to mud, dust, water, winter season etc should be avoided. The choice of treatment to be adopted for psoriasis depends on many factors like extent and type of psoriasis, psychological condition of the patients, health status of the patient, previous treatment and age of the patient etc.

Topical therapy

- A) Tar Therapy: The exact mode of action of tar in psoriasis is unknown. Tar has anti inflammatory and cytosatic activity.
- B) Anthralin or Dithranol: It is generally used in ascending concentration. Dithranol act in psoriasis by inhibiting mitosis and thus slowing down the excessive rate of keratinocyte division in psoriasis.
- C) Keratolytic agents: Salicylic acid (2-20%), urea (2-20%), amoniated mercury (2-20%), propylene glycol solution (40 60%) are keratolytic agents which are used to remove scale in discoid, inveterate plaques or hyperkeratosis of palms and soles
- D) Bland Preparations: It inclued soft colite paraffin or 1% ichthamol in zinc paste. These agents facilitate easy removal of excessive scales and reduce fissure formation.
- G) X-ray and Grenz-ray Therapy: Conventional X-ray treatment is rarely used today. Grenz-rays are often helpful in selected patients with localized psoriasis that is resistant to other therapy.
- H) Radiation therapy: Improvement of skin lesions is noticed in most patients subjected to natural radiation. This effect can also be brought about by exposure to artificial light twice in a

I.)Photo therapy: Ultra- violet radiation may be used either alone or in combination with other treatment in the range of (290 to 320nm) In Goekerman's therapy UVB is combined with tar application where as in Ingram method UVB is combined with anthralin paste. J) Vit D Analogues: The most important topical therapy is Vit D analogues. These are used as a first line treatment in combination with the other topical treatments. They decrease the rate of epidermal proliferation. The main potent side effects are hypocalcaemia and hypercalcuria, resulting in nephrolithiasis and hypocalcaemia. K)Topial Cytostatic Therapy: Mechlorethamine as a 0.01% -0.05% aq. solution is used, having risk of allergic contact sensitization occurring in 80% of cases which lessened by combining therapy with UVB photo therapy. L) Intra- lesional Steroids: The injection of intralesional steroids used for quick resolution of small psoriatic areas. It is used through a needle or pressure jet injection. It has no systemic side effects. Some of the adverse effects of this therapy are atrophy, telangiactasia, hypo/hyper pigmentation.

Systemic therapy:

a. Systemic corticosteroids: If other drugs are contraindicated or ineffective it should be used for short term in severe erythrodermic or pustular psoriasis. On withdrawal, psoriasis tends to relapse promptly and may rebound. b. Retinoids: Retinoid are natural and synthetic analogues of Vitamin A. Etretinate is one of new synthetic retinoids found beneficial in the treatment of Pustular, Erythrodermic and chronic Plaque psoriasis.

c. PUVA:The mechanism of action is not fully understood but probably relates to an interaction of the psoralen molecule and light energy to decrease DNA synthesis and thus reduce the increase number proliferating cells seen in Psoriasis. d. Anti Metabolites: i. Methotrexate ii. Hydroxy urea iii. Razoxane iv. Cyclosporin

CONCLUSION:

Vipadika is well explained in Ayurvedic samhita. That ancient knowledge of Ayurveda will helps in diagnosis and management Vipadika in present era very well. So its review article is an attempt to highlighting on details of Vipadika with co-relating with Palmoplantar psoriasis.

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