

# **RESEARCH ARTICLE**

### EFFECT OF MULTIMODALITY AYURVEDA TREATMENT IN PAKSHAGHATA

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#### ..... Manuscript Info Abstract Manuscript History As VataDoshabeing the regulator and controller of all other Dosha, the Received: 20 April 2020 diseases which are caused by VataDosha is considered as more Final Accepted: 25 May 2020 important. Among all these VataVyadhi, Pakshaghata is having the Published: June 2020 prime position. It makes the patient feels like a worst creature by considering their activities as the patient not only suffers a bodily Key words:illness but also severe Mental Depression. They have to face a very Stroke, Pakshaghata miserable and dependent life. Here it is mentioning about the Multimodality Ayurveda Treatment in Pakshaghatawith the help of a single case study.

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# Introduction:-

The term Pakshaghata literally means" paralysis o one half of the body" where "paksha" denotes either half o the body and "Aghata(=paralysis)" denotes impairement of Karmendriya(organ of action), Gyanendria(knowledge) and Mana(mind). Pakshaghata is the disease in which excessively aggravated VataDosha(airy element) affects the joints and ligaments making other side of the body dysfunctional. The disease is due to the vitiation of VataDosha and getting Sthanasamshraya(localization of doshas)in the Khavaigunya(defective space), leading to the formation of different Lakshana<sup>1</sup>(symptoms). Pakshaghata produced by VataDosha alone can be cured. Aggravated VataDosha associated with the aggravated Pitta(bile) or Kapha(phlegm) are curable with efforts and the one which produces due to Dhatukshaya (Diminution of Tissue) is Asadhya (incurable)<sup>2</sup>.Pakshaghata, most of the times is presented when it ventures in Yapya(difficult to cure) or Asadhya(incurable) stage This makes it difficult to treat it with the anticipation of complete cure...A WHO study in 1990 incidense of mortality due to stroke in india to be 73/100000 per vear.Inindia the incidence of cva was found to be 13/100.000 population per vear.(etal., megha g).In stroke cases 85% of patients suffer from cerebral infraction and 15% from cerebral haemorrhage and 11.5times more often in male and female(etal..Megha). In this study also patient were having Kshinamansa, Daurbalya, which render the disease Yapya or Asadhya. Even in such Yapya stage of Pakshaghataquality of life after the stroke was substantially improved by Shaman(paliative) and Shodhana(purification) therapy. Present study of Pakshaghata which was shown a remarkable improvement without further worsening and to provide better quality of life with ayurvedic treatment like Shamanaand Mridushodhana.

#### **Case Description:**

A 65 year old male visited our Hospital on 17/1/2020 IPD- 2000052, OPD-20001257with chief complaints of weakness of left side of his body including face and inability to stand, walk, slurring of speech and loss of movement over left upper limb.

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#### **Presenting Complaints:**

Patient came with reduced strength in the left upper and lower limbs associated with drowsiness, difficulty in walking, slurred speech, heaviness of affected side of the body with pain, stiffness and bladder incontinence since 2weeks.

#### **History of Present Illness:**

By the statement of bystander he was apparently healthy before 8 weeks. While working he suddenly fell down and complained of reduced strength in the left upper & lower limbs along with difficulty in walking, slurred speech, heaviness of the left side with pain, stiffness and bladder incontinence since 2 week. For the same complaints they consulted an allopathic physician, took treatment for 7 days. But did not get any relief. So for further treatment they came to our hospital and admitted for treatment from 17/1/2020 to 06/2/2020.

#### **Associated Complaints:**

Hypertension

#### **Physical examination:**

Built - Normal Hairs and nails- Normal. Blood pressure- 140/90 Pulse rate- 80/minute.

#### Systemic examination:

Respiratory system- O/A-normal bronchi vascular sounds heard and no abnormality detected CVS-S1-S2 heard Central nervous system-Higher mental functions found to be normal Eye opening response was-4 Verbal response-3

#### **Motor functions:**

**Power:** Right upper and lower limb-5/5 Left upper and lower limb-2/5

#### **Reflexes:**

Deep reflex such as Biceps, Triceps, Supinator, Kneejerk, and Ankle jerk on affected side (left) were found to be 2/5 Sensory functions: Normal Babinskis sign: positive on left side Tone: Left lower limb was found to be hypotonic

#### Laboratory investigations:

Hematological investigations was done and found to be normal

#### Specific investigation:

Computerized tomography scan of head done showed acute Hemorrhage in Thalamus

#### **Diagnosis:**

Case was diagnosed as a *PittakaphavruttaPakshaghata* (cerebro vascular accident).as per the classics, the treatment was planned according to the *Dosha* and *Sthana*(site)as following

**Table 1:-** Showing details of treatment given to patient Allopathymedications were continued along with our course of treatment.

Date	Treatment	<b>External Medicines</b>	Internal medicines
17/1/202	Sarvangabhyang(massage is done to the whole body	Mahanarayantail,bal	ErandamuladiKhada
0	with the help o medicated	a tail	20ml (b/f)
	oil)+nadisweda(sudation)+matravasti(therapeutic		Ashwagandhachurn(1ts
	enema)+ <i>physiotherapy</i>		p tid(b/f)

18/1/202	Sarvangabhyang+nadiswed+matravasti+physiother	_	Yogarajagugglu2bd
0	apy		(b/f)
19/1/202	Sarvangabhyang+nadiswed+matravasti+physiother	_	<i>EBH</i> (3 <i>hs</i> ) with
0	apy		hotwater
20/1/202	Sarvangabhyang+nadiswed+matravasti+physiother	_	Chandraprabhavati
0	apy		2bd(b/f)
21/1/202	Sarvangabhyang+nadiswed+matravasti+physiother	-	-
0	apy		
22/1/202	Sarvangabhyang+nadiswed+matravasti+physiother	-	_
0	apy		
23/1/202	Sarvangabhyang+nadiswed+matravasti+physiother	-	_
0	apy		
24/1/202	Shirovasti(holding oilon the head)+	Ksheerabaltail +	-
0	matravasti+physiotherapy	balaashwangandha	
		tail(shirovasti),Bala	
		tail(matravasti)	
25/1/202	Shirovasti + matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
0			
26/1/202	Shirovasti + matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
0			
27/1/202	Shirovasti + matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
0			
28/1/202	Shirovasti + matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
0			
29/1/202	Shirovasti + matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
0			
30/1/202	Shirovasti + matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
0			
31/1/202	Matravasti+physiotherapy	Bala tail	-
0			
1/2/2020	Matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
2/2/2020	Matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
3/2/2020	Matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
4/2/2020	Matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
5/2/2020	Matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-
6/2/2020	Matravasti+physiotherapy	-	-

# **Results:-**

The condition of the patient was improved gradually along with the course of the treatment. The strength and power of both upper and lower limb was increased to +4/5, also tone of the muscle improved, deep tendon reflex was exaggerated(g3) and was normal (g2) after the course of treatment, gait before treatment was hemiplegic and at the time of discharge he can able to walk alone over all condition was improved. Glasgow coma scale-Eye opening response was 4, Verbal response -5 and motor response -6 therefore total score 15/15.

### Motor function:

**Power:** 

**Table 2:-** power grade before and after treatment.

	Left(B/T)	A/T	Right
Upper limbs	2/5	+4/5	5/5
Lower limbs	2/5	+4/5	5/5

#### **Reflexes:**

Table 3:- reflexes grade before and after treatment.			
	Affected side(left)	Right(normal)	

	B/T	A/T	
Biceps	3	1	2
Triceps	3	1	2
Supinator	3	2	2
Knee jerk	3	2	2
Ankle jerk	3	2	2
Babinski'ssign	Positive	Negative	Negative

# **Discussion:-**

## A. On*Nidana*&Samprapti:

*Pakshaghata* is one of the important diseases among the *VaatajaNanaatmajaVyaadhi* (Diseases which are exclusively of VataDosha predominance). The *Sadhya-Asadhyata* (Prognosis of the disease) are of 3 types as 1-*SuddhaVatajaPakshaghata* (With only VataDosha) 2–*AnyadoshaSamsristaPakshaghata* (One with combination with other Dosha) and 3 – *KshayahetujaPakshaghata* (One which is due to diminution of tissues). Here in this study, it was diagnosed as *PittakaphavrutaPakshaghata*(CVA).So the treatment was planned based on *Dosha* and SthanaDushti. Therefore both *MriduShodhana* (Purification) and *Shamana* (Palliative) line of management are indicated.The term corresponding to *Pakshaghata* in modern medical science can be included under Hemiplegia. Hemiplegia also get manifested as a consequence of a wide variety of pathological condition involving brain like vascular disorders of brain, infective disorder, tumor, trauma, degenerative disorder of brain. As the pathological processes in hemiplegia, due to the above diseases are different, the treatment of hemiplegia also varies in each condition (etalDrsahu..)<sup>3</sup>. Cerebrovascular accident is the most frequent disease manifesting as *Pakshaghata* in course of time.

In the present study an effort had been made to establish a standard *Samprapti*(acquisition) for the *Pakshaghat*a due to cerebrovascular accident with its Treatment Protocol. The risk factors associated with the stroke includes Hypertension, Heart disease (Heart failure, Atrial fibrillation), Diabetes mellitus, Hyperlipidemia, Obesity, Smoking, Excess alcohol consumption. Hypertension usually results from *Aavarana*(Occlusion) of *VyaanaVaayu* with other *Dosha&Dushya*(weak and susceptible tissues)depending upon individual condition. Heart diseases like heart failure are due to *Aavarana*of *Vata* with *Kapha*, *Meda*(adipose tissue)etc resulting in diminished pumping action of heart. Hyperlipidemia or impaired fat metabolism is a condition of vitiated *Kapha*, *Pitta*, *Rasa*, *Rakta* and *Meda*. In case of altered blood hemodynamic the decrease in blood viscosity is a condition of vitiation of *Rakta* with *Pitta* and the increase in blood viscosity is a condition of vitiation of *Rakta* with *Kapha*. From the above discussion it is clear that not a single disease which leads to the disease stroke is associated with the *VaataDosha*; if any disease is associated then it is due to *Aavarana* by other *Dosha*or *Dushya*. The disease stroke get manifested as a consequence of diseases in which there is vitiation of *Kapha*, *Pitta*, *Rasa*(plasma), *Rakta*(blood), *Meda* and *Vata* is involved due to the *avarana* by these factors. So in the disease stroke also there may be the vital role of these *Dosha* and *Dushya*with *Aavarana* of *Vayu*.<sup>4</sup>

#### **B. On Treatment:**

SnehayuktaSwedana and SnehayuktaVirechana are to be given in Pakshaghata<sup>5</sup>. The Treatments given were Snehana (Oleation) and Swedana (Fomentation) followed by MriduVirechana (Mild Purgation), MurdhiniTaila(application of oil on head)and Physiotherapy. Along with that patient was also administered AnuvasanaBasti with Bala Taila<sup>6</sup>. Finally employed Masthiskya Shirobasti<sup>7</sup>. These treatments were administered to manage the disease without further worsening and to provide better quality of life to the patient with medication. The treatment measures should be followed for a certain period of one month continuously which had shown remarkable improvement with Ayurvedictreatment. Here in this study, Shamana (Palliative) and MriduSodhana In ShamanChikitsa (Purification) line of treatment had been given. (Palliative)-*Erandamuladikada<sup>8</sup>*, Ashwagandhaachurna<sup>9</sup>, Yogarajagugglu<sup>10</sup> and Chandraprabhavati<sup>11</sup> had been administered during and after external therapy. It helps in VataAnulomana (Downward movement of VataDosha) and maintaining the equilibrium of all three doshas and it is also Apanaanulomana(downward movement o apanavata)in quality .Chandraprabhavatiis Tridoshahara(pacifying tridosha). At the same time will act as Balya (Providing Strength) and Sarvarogaprashamana (Reduction of all Diseases).

Charakacharya mentioned Swedana (Sudation), Snehana (Oleation) and Virechana (Purgation) as treatment modality for Pakshaghata (Hemiplegia). ErandaBhrishtaHaritaki was administered daily due to irregular bowel

habit. It is a combination of two ingredients namely ErandaTaila(Castor Oil) and another is Haritaki(Terminalia chebula) having properties of MriduVirechaka (Laxative) and helps to relieve constipation<sup>12</sup>. MruduVirechana (mild purgation) helps to correct the root pathogenesis of Pakshaghata(Hemiplegia) leading to the proper Anulomanaof Vata, correction of Agni and reduces Prakupita Pitta. Externally Sarvanga Abhyanga<sup>13</sup>(Full Body Massage) for 7 days,  $Shirovasti^{14}$  for 7 days and  $Matravasti^{15}$  for 14 days along with physiotherapy were administered. In KevalaVataAvastha, SarvangaAbhyangawith Mahanarayana Taila<sup>16</sup> and Nadisweda were adopted. Abhyanga makes body sturdy and resistant to Vataja disorders<sup>17</sup>. It brings smoothness (Mardava) in the body. It depletes morbid Vata and Kaphaand replenishes all Dhatus. After 300 Matras<sup>18</sup> from massage commenced oil reaches up to Romakupa(hair follicles) and then progressively reaches into the most deeply situated tissues. By the time of 500, 600, 700, and 800 Matras<sup>19</sup>Snehapenetrates Rakta, Mamsa, Meda and Asthi-Majjarespectively. After all these treatment, the patient got improvements in Coordination, Consciousness and Regaining the Motor Function of the Body. The patient was able to walk independently without any type of support. Also MahanarayanaTaila acts as Vatahara and Ayushyam. After Abhyanga<sup>20</sup>, started with Shirovasti for 7 days with KsheerabalaTaila and BalaashwagandhadiTaila. BalaashwagandhaTaila is Tridhosaharaand Raktaprasadanaand Ksheerabala is best in Pittanubandhaavatacondition because of its Sheeta- Ushna property. Charakamentioned it as Sahasrapaka  $Balataila^{21}$ . Matravasti<sup>22</sup> was given with Balataila to restore the Prasarana of Vata and BastiChikitsa is the prime treatment modality of Ayurveda. Sneha or Matravasti promote Bala of person who is emaciated and debilitated. This BalaTaila is best in all types of Vatavyadhi<sup>23</sup>.

# **Conclusion:-**

In most of the times *Pakshaghata* due to CVA present as sudden onset without prodormal symptoms. The chief pathological phenomena taking place in the manifestation of *Pakshaghata*due to CVA is *Aavarana*of *Vata* with *Pitta, Kapha, Rakta* and *Meda*. At first stage of treatment, should be done at the level of Jataragni with adoption of *BahiparimarjanaChikitsa*(external therapy)and oral medicines and in second stage *Amapachana*was attend with the *Moordhinichikitsa* and *vastiall* this done for 1month.virechana that is *Mriduvirechana* was adopted to restore the function of *Agni, Srotas* and *Vatadosha*. Physiotherapy also continued upto 1 and half month. All treatment significantly improves the signs & symptoms of *Pakshaghata* as well as the activities of daily livings there by making better the quality of life of the patients.

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