EFFECT OF INDIGENOUS DRUG RECIPES KOHILĀDĪ KASĀYA AND MŪLA ARŚAS LEKHANA THAILAYA IN PARISRĀVĪ ARŚAS

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

SUMMARY

- 1) The present study is entitled 'Effect of indigenous drug recipes Kohilādī Kaṣāya and Mūla Arśas Lekhana Thailaya in Parisrāvī Arśas' has been launched with the aim of undertaking a critical conceptual study on Aršas roga, with special reference to Raktasrāvī Arśas, which is clinically correlated with bleeding piles.
- 2) The aetiological factors of *Pariasrāvī Aršas*, clinical trial of *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* and *Mūla Aršas Lekhana Thailaya*, experimental study on *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* and the ethnomedical survey on *Aršas* was also undertaken.
- 3) The literature and conceptual study reveals that *Aršas* is the term used, for an abnormal fleshy growth in ano rectal region and also protruded fleshy masses growing out in other sites.
- 4) According to $\overline{A}yurveda$ aetiological factors are $\overline{A}hara$ viharana (diet and regimen), Sahaja (hereditary), $Mand\overline{a}gni$ (weakness of digestive fire), emaciation due to prolong illnesses and pressure or irritation in the anal canal.
- 5) Due to verifying of aetiological factors, vitiation of one or two or combination of all three *Dosās*, with or without involvement of *Rakta*, will spread downwards through *Pradāna Dhamani* (main blood vessels) to reach *Guda*. This will afflict *Guda vali* and produce fleshy excrescences which are described as *Arsas* in *Guda* region.
- 6) Arśas is categorized in various ways by different Ācāryās. Caraka divided this as Śuṣka and Srāvī Arśas and again divided to Sahaja and Janmottara. He and Suśruta further described Arśas such as Vātaja, Pittaja, Kaphaja, Sannipātaja, Raktaja and

Sahaja. Suśruta again divided Arśas into two groups, Bāhya and Abhyantara and Bheṣaja sādya, Kśāra sādya, Agni sādya and Śastra sādya. Again Caraka classified according to prognosis such as Sādya, Kaṣta sādya, Yāpya and Asādya. Pittaja Arśas and Raktaja Arśas are considered as Srāvi Arśas by Ācārya Caraka.

- 7) As mentioned above, the present study concentrates only on *Parisrāvī Arśas* and its treatment classically. *Parisrāvī Arśas* is a disease characterized by following main clinical features.
 - i) Rakta srāva (bleeding)
 - ii) Arśas ankura (Pile masses)
- 8) The parameters of assessment were essentially based on symptomatic relief. The effect of treatment as assessed in this study indicated that the treatment given to these patients brought about a notable clinical relief. The group of patients treated with <code>Kaṣāya</code> and the group of patients treated with <code>Kaṣāya</code> and <code>Thaila</code> (combined) therapy were completely relieved of symptoms of bleeding, bleeding frequency, bleeding quantity, constipation, pain in anal region, tenderness in anal region, burning sensation in anal region, degree of prolapse, anorexia and thirst.

Other group of patients treated with *Thaila* were completely relieved the symptoms of bleeding, bleeding frequency and burning sensation in anal region.

9) An experimental study of *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* on rats was also carried out. The rats treated with 380mg/ kg showed statistically significant reduction on clotting time in the day two post treatment but not in the day one. It was observed that clotting mechanism is activated may be through extrinsic pathway. Further, it also has statistically significant vaso constrictive action.

The rats treated with dose 380mg/ kg and 570mg/ kg showed statistically significant analgesic effect on the day one during the first hour.

This decoction also had shown anti oxidant properties in vitro.

Long term treatment of *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* on rats showed triglyceride lowering properties and no overt signs of toxicity and no renal and hepato toxicity was shown.

Since *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* has analgesic and vaso constricting action along with blood clotting enhancing preparation and anti oxidant properties without any noticeable toxic effects, it could be concluded that it is suitable in treatment of *Parisrāvī Arṣas*.

But it is better in future, if research can be carried out of each ingredient separately to ascertain the efficacy vividly.

CONCLUSION

- 1) The main causes for *Arṣas* as noted in this study were heredity, straining during defaecation due to constipation and been seated in one place for long period.
- 2) In this study, *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* was more effective in the treatment of *Parisrāvī Arśas*. There was statistically significant reduction of bleeding, bleeding frequency, bleeding quantity, constipation, pain in anal region, tenderness in anal region, burning sensation in anal region, degree of prolapse, anorexia and thirst.
- 3) The group of patients suffering from *Parisrāvī Aršas* treated with *Mūla Aršas*Lekhana Thailaya also showed a reduction in severity of symptoms such as bleeding, bleeding frequency and burning sensation in anal region, but to a less degree than those patients treated with *Kohilādī Kaṣāya*.
- 4) The group treated with combined therapy of *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* and *Mūla*Arśas Lekhana Thailaya showed a reduction of severity in symptoms such as bleeding, bleeding frequency, bleeding quantity, constipation, pain in anal region, tenderness in

anal region, burning sensation in anal region, anorexia and thirst which occurs in *Parisrāvī Aršas* patients. In a statistical comparison of reduction of clinical symptoms with the with the group that was treated with *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* alone against the combined therapy of *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* and *Mūla Aršas Lekhana Thailaya*, the combined therapy did not show any statistically significant difference.

- 5) Except in a case where a patient may not show tolerance to *Kohilādī Kaṣāya*, *Mūla Arśas Lekhana Thailaya* is comparatively less effective in giving symptomatic relief to *Parisrāvī Arśas* (bleeding piles).
- 6) Kohilādī Kaṣāya showed experimentally, that it possesses blood clotting enhancing property in vivo which acts through may be an extrinsic pathway when treated with a dosage of 380mg/kg. This action takes place from second day post treatment. Kohilādī Kaṣāya shows experimentally that it possesses vaso constrictive properties.
- 7) Kohilādī Kaṣāya has an analgesics effect on experimental rats during the second hour at dosages of 380mg/ and 570mg/kg.
- 8) In vitro testing of *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* showed it to possess anti oxidant properties.
 - 9)Kohilādī Kaṣāya has triglyceride lowering properties on long term treatment.
- 10) No toxicity was observed in Kohilādī Kaṣāya during long term treatment (thirty days).
- 11) In view of the observations and results obtained in this study, it is concluded that *Kohilādī Kaṣāya* is a very effective traditional preparation that could be used in treatment of *Parisrāvī Arśas* providing speedy and positive effects with a powerful action in controlling bleeding.