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#### **FOREWORD**

I feel honoured to be requested to write the foreword for this excellent work as special add on by the efforts from the Department of Dravyaguna Vigyana on conducting Pre International conference Nishkriti under Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav on 16/10/2021 presiding eminent guest speakers – Dr Parkash Hegde and Dr Bhupesh R Patel.

I am indeed happy to write a foreword to the book entitled "Dravyaguna vigyana.- combined efforts from the department of Dravyaguna Vigyana. It has taken a herculean task to compile this book after referring voluminous literature of past and present with reference to Geriatric practice: cure and care by the scholars. This is a genuine work compiling original references by the authors from Ayurveda and contemporary sciences. The resources provide comprehensive knowledge about the subject prepared in accordance with the diseases, drugs involved and and its etiopathogenesis. Ayurvedic system of medicine has been practiced in the country and globally from time immemorial and has stood the test of many adversities over centuries.

This book of special additional edition on Dravyaguna vijnana will be a timely contribution to students, practitioners, Scholars and researchers of ayurvedic medicine. The purpose of this book will be served by the progressive discussions and constructive feedbacks from the readers. I am sure the readers will be benefited immensely by this book. I wish the department to get more such opportunities to convert such intricate subject into an interesting and readable one.

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### EKALA AUSHADHI PRAYOGAS FOR ASTHIVAHA SROTAS IN BRUHATRYEE

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#### **Abstract**

**Introduction**- Osteoporosis is a major clinical problem in older women and men. It makes persons bones thin, lose density and increasingly fragile. This condition results in increase risk of bone fracture. In Ayurved, bone tissue is described as *Asthidhatu* and all the channels which provides nourishment to that *dhatu* known as *Asthivahasrotas*. Aim of this study is to find out single drug from eminent treatise of Ayurveda for prevention and cure of *Asthivahasrotasdushti*.

**Materials & Methods-** All the3 treatise covered under *Bruhatrayee* i.e. *Charak Samhita*, *Sushrut* Samhita and *Asthanghriday* and *Asthangsangraha* were reviewed

**Results-**There were lots of diseased condition found in old aged related to *Asthivahasrotas*. All the *VataShamak Ausadhi* gives good result in this condition as *Vatadosha* is *sthan* of *asthivahasrotas*. **Conclusion-**Medicines found for care and cure of *AsthiVaha Srotodusti* can be served effectively for geriatric patients in society.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Just as a tree is dependent on the inner trunk, similarly the animal body is held by the rods in the form of *Asthi.* Asthi is a strong structure of the body. The flesh is attached to the bones by the muscles or nerves. By holding the *Marma* in itself, the bones are subjected to their external shocks or protects her from injuries. Asthi is one of the seven *Dhatus.* It is also one *Srotas* among thirteen. Moola of that *Srotas* is *Meda* and *Jaghan.* Dusti of that *Srotas* cause by *Vyayam*, *AtiSamkshobha*, *AtiVighajjanat* and most important *Vatas* and in form of *Ahara* and *Vihara.* Imbalance(*Vrudhhi/Kshay*) in *Dhatu* cause *Vikara.* Kesh, Shmshru, Rom and Nakha are known as Mala of Asthi Dhatu. Symptoms which given by Acharya Charaka for Asthi Dhatu Kshay that is Kesh-Lom-Nakha-Smshru-Dwij(Danta) prapatan, Shram, Sandhi Saithilya. Acharya Susruta added Asthitoda and Rokshya. When Dhatukshay occurs, substances that is similar to that substances are used for treatment. Symptoms of Asthi Vrudhhi is Adhiasthi and Adhidant. Treatment for that increased Doshas is Samshodhan and Kshpana. For Dhatu Pradoshaja Vikara Panchkarma, Basti, Tiktakshira and Tiktaghrita was given for mediciation.

Ekalaushadha have their specific affinity towards *Dhatu*, *Ashay*, *Avayav*. Aim of this study to find out *Ekala Aushadhi* for *Asthi Dhatu* related deformities in present era.

**Material and Method** -All the 3treatise covered under *Bruhatrayee* i.e. *Charaka Samhita*, *Sushruta* Samhita and *Asthanghriday* and *Asthangsangraha* were reviewed with tika.

**Result-***Ekalausadha* from *Bruhatrayee* are tabulated as below.

Table-1: Showing Ekalaausadhi for Asthivaha Srotas from Bruhatrayee.

Sr no.	Dravya	Rasa	Guna	Virya	Viapaka	Doshghnta		
1.	Guduchi	Katu,Tikta	Laghu, snigdha	Ushna	Madhur	Tridoshshamak		
2.	Jatamansi	Tikta,Kashaya,Madh ur	Ruksh	shita	madhur	Tridoshshamak		
3.	Musta	Tikta, Kashay, Katu	Grahi	Shita	Katu	Pittakphashamak , Vatvardhak		
4.	Kutaj	Tikta, Katu, Kashay	Ruksh	Shita	Katu	Pittakphashamak , Vatvardhak		
5.	Nimba	Tikta	Laghu, ruksh	Shita	Katu	Pittakphashamak , Vatvardhak		
6.	Kirattikta	Tikta	Ruksha, shita	Shita	Katu	Pittakphashamak , Vatvardhak		
7.	Shalparni	Tikta,Madhur	Laghu	Shita	Madhur	Tridoshshamak		
8.	Patha	Tikta, Katu	Laghu	Ushna	Katu	Kaphavatshamak		
9.	Patol	Tikta	Ruksha	Ushna	Madhur	Tridoshshamak		

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10.	Dhavyasa	Madhur, Tikta,	Laghu, ruksh	Shita	Madhur	Pittakphashamak
		Kashay				, Vatvardhak
11.	Amalaki	Amla, kashay,	Ruksha	Shita	Madhur	Tridhoshnashak
		Madhur				
12.	Haridra	Tikta, Katu	Ruksha	Ushna	Katu	Pittakphashamak
						, Vatvardhak
13.	Guggulu	Madhur, Katu, Tikta,	Ruksha	Ushna	Katu	Kaphvatshamank
		Kashay				
14.	Katuki	Tikta	Ruksha, Laghu	Shita	Katu	Pittakphashamak
						, Vatvardhak
15.	Kokilaksha	Madhur, Amla, Tikta	Laghu	Shita	Katu	Vatshamak,
						Pittavardhak

#### Discussion-

Ekala Ausadhi is very potent and target oriated medicine. But for Kostha and initial Dhatu that is very effective.

We can say that, Above15 drugs given in Samhita for AsthiDhatu possess one or two Bhavfor Asthi.Like There was one reference in Susruta Samhita that Dosha Kupita by one Bhav, two Bhav or three Bhav (वातस्यरुक्षलयुविशदविष्टम्भभागा:)<sup>16</sup>

i.e. Vata Dosha get aggravated by only Ruksha Guna or Ruksha + Shita Guna or Ruksha+ Laghu + Vishada Guna .

When there are Ruksh Guna Vruddhi only Snigdh Guna Pradhan Drug enough for treatment.

Likewise in Vrudhhi of Ruksh+ Shita, Snigdh + Ushna Guna Pradhan Drug is appropriate for treatment.

**Table 2-Probable mode of action of that 15 Drugs** 

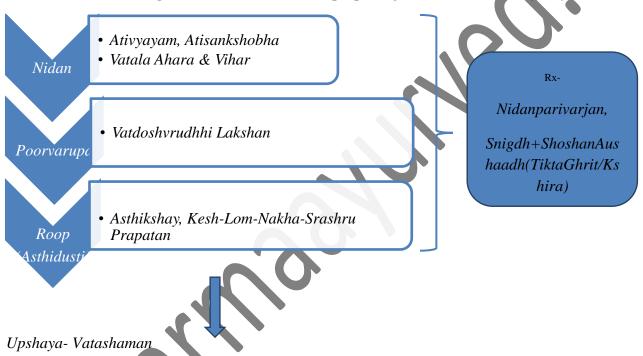
Sr no.	Drugs	Probale mode of action				
1.	Guduchi	Due to its SnigdhGuna subside Vata Dosha				
2.	Jatamansi, Shalparni, Dhanvayash, Amalaki, Patol	Due to its <i>Madhur Vipaka</i> its subside <i>Vata Dosha</i>				
3.	Musta, Nimba, Kirattika, Patha, Kutaj, Haridra, Katuki	Due to its Ruksha Gunaita possess Kharatvain Asthi Dhatu				

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4.	Kokilaksha, Guggulu	Due	to	its	specific	affinity		
		towards Asthi Dhatu its work on			work on			
		AsthiVikruti						

As it has been told in origin of *Asthi Dhatu*, if the *Pruthvi+Anila+Anala* is covered with *Sleshma* in *Slakshna Dhatu* like *Meda*, then after that become *Khara* like *Asthi*.<sup>17</sup>

All *Tikta Dravyas* are *Vatkruta*, *Vata Dosha* increase *Asthi Kshaya* yet why *Tikta Dravyas* are used in treatment? The substance which is *Snigdh* and *Shoshan* that will produce *Khartva* in the *Asthi*. There is no such substance which has *Snigdh* and *Shoshan* properties resides together. Medicated *Ghee* and *Kshira* with *Tikta Dravyas* having that qualities that creating *Kharatva*, make it like earlier. <sup>18</sup>

#### Illustration 1: Showing Nidan Panchak and Samprapti Vighatan of Asthiashraya Vyadhi.



#### Conclusion-

Asthi is Gambhir Dhatu. Formation of Sapta Dhatu also depends on status of Kayagni. Maintainance of Kayagni is required for proper formation of Asthi Dhatu. AsthiVaha Srotas Dusti mainy occudred by Vata Dosha Prakopak Aharaand Vihara. Asthi Ashrayee Vyadhi Chikitsa involve Vata Nashak Upkram maily Basti. For internal medication combination of both 'Snigdha and Shoshak Dravyas are required. Given 15 Drugs in Samhita for treatment of Asthi Dhatu may work on one or two Bhav of Asthi Dhatu, for better treatment in complicated Asthi Vikruti we should use combination of Drugs.

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## CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF AUSHADHAPRAYOGA IN MEDHAKSHAYA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO BHAVPRAKASH NIGHANTU

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#### Abstract

#### Introduction -

Medhya Rasayanas are group of dravyas described in Ayurveda with multi-fold benefits, specifically to improve memory and intellect by Prabhava. Medha means intellect and/or retention and Rasayana means therapeutic procedure or preparation that on regular practice will boost health, intellect, immunity hence longevity. The classic Sharngadhara Samhita quotes about natural depletion of shareer bhavas with each decade of life. The process of degeneration and wear out increases with age and maintenance of normal function obviously requires special efforts.

Materials & Method -Many treatment modalities have been explained in *Brihattrayi ,Bhavprakash*, *Sharangdhara Samhita*. In *Bhavprakash Nighantu*, a part of *Bhavprakash Samhita*, *Bhavmishra* mentions certain drugs having *Medhyakarma* which can be correlated with cognitive enhancement thus useful in *Medhakshya*. *Bhavprakash Nighantu* is the most reputed lexicon of Ayurveda. So, it was referred for the collection of literature regarding *dravyas* having *Medhyakarma*. Research and review articles from peer reviewed journals available online pertaining to those *dravyas* were reviewed. The data compiled was critically analysed & tabulated under various headings like pictures for their botanical source, *Ayurvedic* action and recent evidence based pharmacological actions.

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- 3. Kaphaj:- in this type of Palitya the colour of hairs will be of Shveta or Panduvarna

#### **Etiology:**

The causative factors for *Khalitya* and *Palitya* and which are most relevant for present era:

- -Excessive hot, spicy food
- -Excessive sour, salty and pungent food
- -Excessive use of baking soda
- -Nutrition less foods like junk food, fast food etc.
- -Excessive stress, anger etc.

Various ekala aushadhi prayoga for Khalitya according to Sushruta Samhita

- -Gunja seeds paste application
- -Oil made up with karavira
- -Oil made up of *Dhatturapatra*
- -Paste made up of *Hastidanta*
- -Paste made up of Bhasma of khura of Chatuspadaprani

Various ekala aushadhi prayoga for Palitya according to Sushruta Samhita.

- -Nasya with ghee daily
- -Shirobasti and Shirodhara with ghee or Dugdha
- -Amalakirasayanasevan daily
- -Paste of Amalakichurna soaked with Takra in iron vessel can be used for keshaRanjana
- -Paste of Kashisha, Manahshila, Bibhitaka, Bhringaraj etc

#### **Discussion:**

As we all know *Rasayana* therapy should started since early age before the signs and symptoms of greying start appearing, this will delay the ageing process.

So with above mentioned measure from *Dinacharya* and *Rasayanchikitsa* we can prevent geriatric changes and also with some economic *ekal aushadhi prayoga* we can manage such changes if one is already suffering from it already.

In the treatment of *Khalitya* the remedies given are either *Ushna*, *Tikshna* which can penetrate or subside the *Kapha* which stops regrowth of hair or these remedies are *Dravya*, *Guna* or *Karmasamanya* with *Asthidhatu* like *Khura* or *Asthibhasma* or *Dantabhasma* of animals that's why similar things will increase the similar antity.

And in the treatment of *Palitya* the remedies are either having *pittashamana* properties like *sheetaveerya* and *Guruguna* or having pigmenting agents like in *bibhitaka*, *nili*, *bhringaraj*etc..

#### **Result:**

All the above mentioned causative factors should be avoided as much as possible and all the above mentioned remedies are time tested and economic solutions given by the great author *Maharshi Sushruta*.

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## SPECIFIC EKALAAUSHADHI PROYOGAS FOR ASTHIVAHA SROTAS IN BRUHATRAYEE.

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#### **Abstract**

**Introduction:** Srotas or channels performing process of transportation & distributed through- out the body. The Srotas supply nutrients to the tissue, transport of Vayu, maintain physiological balance, helps to maintain metabolic & digestive activities of body. Improper functioning of Srotas can leads to pathological events. Causes of vitiation of Asthivaha Srotas are over indulgence in exercise causing excessive pressure and abrasion of bones, also intake of food that vitiate Vata. Asthivaha Srotas Dushti Lakshana mentioned in Classics includes Adhyaasthi, Dantabheda, Asthibheda, Asthishoola, Asthivivarnata, Dantavivarnata, Kesha-Loma-Nakha-Smashru Dosha, Kunakha, Asthitoda, etc. Among that Asthivedana, Katishoola, Dantshoola, Keshapatana, & Sandhishoola are most prevalent conditions in day today life. In modern medicine surveyed 22 States of India on Syndrome of bone disease and diformities. Data described as patients identified with the disorders of bone & mineral metabolism 52%, nutritional bone disease 43%, skeletal fluorosis 5%etc. Aim of present study is to compile Ekalaaushadhi Prayoga for Asthivaha Srotas which has some inherent advantages like easy to sourse and process, drug-drug interaction free etc, which are mentioned in Bruhatrayee. Materials & Methods: Bruhatrayee i.e Charak Samhita, Samhita, Ashtang Sangraha and Ashtang hridya. Conceptual review of Ekalaaushadhi. Results: There are many references of Ekalaaushadhi in Bruhatrayee being used for curing Asthivaha Srotas Vikar and also nourishing it. Also, they have been indicated particularly with their specific action. Conclusion: The Drugs which have Madhur- Katu Rasa, Ushna Virya, Kaphavatahara properties can be effective to treat Asthivaha Srotas Vikar.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Ayurveda is a traditional system of Indian medicine which aims to promote health and wellness by maintaining equilibrium of the body. Natural medicinal herbs are an important component of this science which aim to protect the body from various ailments and offer a user a variety of health benefits including physical as well as mental health. In Ayurveda the term *Srotas* is used as dynamic inner transport system of body-mind-spirit organization in addition to circulatory system, which provides platform for activities of other important bio-factors like *Triguna*, *Tridoshas*, *Saptadhatu*, *Ojas*, *Agni* and *Mana*. *Charak* has explained that *Sravanat Srotansi* means the structure through which *Sravanam* takes place. *Chakradatta* has explained that *Sravanat* means *Sravanam* of *Rasadi Poshya Dhatu*. Thus, the word *Srotas* is used as a generic term indicating all the macro and micro channels and pathways operating in the living organism.

Among all the Srotas, *Asthivaha Srotas* having its own importance with its susceptibility to get vitiated and giving rise to different disorders. *Asthivahanaamsrotasammedomoolamjaghanam cha¹* (Ref- Charaka Viman 5/7) According to *Charak*, the roots of *Asthivaha Srotas* are located in *Meda* and *Jaghan*-Hip bone, since in the chronology of formation of dhatus, *Asthi* is formed after *Meda*. *Acharya Sushruta* has not mentioned *Asthivaha Srotas* in his list of Srotas. Symptoms of vitiation of Asthivaha Srotas including Adhyasthi-Extra growth of bone tissue, *Adhidanta*- Extra growth of teeth, *Dant bheda*, *shoola*, *Asthibheda*, *shoola*, *Vivarnata*, *Kesha dosha*, *Loma dosha*, *Shmashru dosha*. <sup>2</sup>Cuases for vitiation of *Asthivaha Srotas*-Vyaayaama, *Atisankshobha*, *Asthivighattana*, *Vaatala Ahara* <sup>3</sup>The diseases getting their origin from the vitiation of *Asthivaha Srotas* should be managed by the administration of *Panchkarma* Treatments, including *Vamana*, *Virechana*, *Asthapan Basti*, *Anuvasan Basti*, *&Nasya*. *Basti Chikitsa* and *Tiktaksheera&Sarpi*. <sup>4</sup>(Ref Charaka Sutra 28/27). Therefore, specific *Ekalaushadhi* (single drugs) mentioned in *Bruhatryee* were compiled through this study which have their indication to treat *Asthivaha Srotas* disorders easily.

#### **AIM & OBJECTIVE:**

To compile references of *Ekalaaushadhi* in *Bruhatrayee* being used for curing *Asthivaha Srotas Vikar* and also nourishing it.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

#### Materials:

- 1. Charak Samhita were reviewed in context of Ekalaaushadhi prayoga for Asthivaha Srotas.
- 2. Shushruta Samhita were reviewed in context of Ekalaaushadhi prayoga for Asthivaha Srotas.
- 3. Ashtang Sangraha were reviewed in context of Ekalaaushadhi prayoga for Asthivaha Srotas.
- 4. Ashtang Hridya were reviewed in context of Ekalaaushadhi prayoga for Asthivaha Srotas.

#### Methods:

Conceptual review of Ekalaaushashadhi Chikitsa for Asthivaha Srotas.

Compilation of various form of Ekalaaushadhi for Asthivaha Srotas used in Bruhatrayee

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#### **OBSERVATIONS:**

After a complete review of *Bruhatrayee*, it has been observed that all sources of Dravya -plant origin, animal origin, and metal origin have been taken for use as *Ekalaaushadhi* in *AsthivahaSrotas*. *Ekalaaushadhi* have been classified in following table.

Table 1. List of *Ekalaaushadhi* mentioned in *Charaka Samhita*(Preventive Aspect) used in *Asthivaha Srotas*<sup>5</sup>

1.	Milk	Sandhanam	Cha.Su.1/130
2.	Sandhaniya,Balya,Vedanasthapan, Angamardaprashaman Mahakashaya	•	Cha.Su.4
3.	Karnja/Karvira/Arka/Malati/Arjuna	Danta-dardhyakar	Cha.Su.5/73
4.	Til taila-Shiro dharan	Khalitya -Palitya	Cha.Su.5/182
5.	Majja Sneha	Asthyanamchbalakruta	Cha.Su.13/17
6.	Yashthimadhu	Keshya	Cha.Su.25/40
7.	Shastika Dhanya	Sthiratmaka	Cha.Su.27/13
8.	Yava	Sthyairyakruta	Cha.Su.27/19
9.	Godhuma	Sthyairyakar	Cha.Su.27/21
10.	Til	Keshya, Balya	Cha.Su.27/30
11.	Madhu	Sandhankruta	Cha.Su.27/245
12.	Tulasi	Parshvashoola-vinashana	Cha.Su.27/169

Table.2-List of Ekalaaushadhi mentioned in Charaka Samhita (Curative Aspect) used in Asthivaha Srotas

1.	Laksha churna along with honey & milk	Urahkshata	Cha.Chi.11/15
2.	Yava Prayog with Ghee and milk	Urahkshata	Cha.Chi.11/19
3.	Naagbala Kalpa	Urahkshata	Cha.Chi.11/91
4.	SarshapalepawithGomutra	Urustambha	Cha.Chi.27/53
5.	Mansa upanah	Vatavyadhi	Cha.Chi.28/108
6.	Nirgundi taila-abhyagartha	Vatjanitvedana	Cha.Chi.28/134
7.	Amshumati Kshirpaka	Vaatrakta	Cha.Chi.29/80
8.	Erandtaila with milk	Jirna -Bahudosha Vaatvyadhi	Cha.Chi.29/83
9.	Madhuka taila	Vaatarakta	Cha.Chi.29/106

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10.	Madhushigru	Vaatarakta	Cha.Chi.29/151

## Table.3-List of *Ekalaaushadhi* mentioned in *ShushritaSamhita* (Preventive Aspect) used in *Asthivaha Srotas*<sup>6</sup>

1.	Rasonkanda	Asthi-bhagnasandhankar	Su. Su. 46/244

## Table 4.-List of *Ekalaaushadhi* mentioned in *Sushrita Samhita* (Curative Aspect) used in *Asthivaha Srotas*

1.	Kulatthayusha	Vatajshola	Su. U.42/93
2.	Bijapurakphalaswaras siddha dugdha	Parshwashoola	Su. U. 42/122
3.	Hastidantamashi	Romasanjanan	Su. Chi.1/103
4.	Gunja Lepa	Indralupta	Su. Chi.20/25
5.	Ksharproyog	Dantvaidarbha	Su. Chi.22/22
6.	Lakshachurna + Madhu	DantaSharkara	Su. Chi.22/22

## Table 5-List of *Ekalaaushadhi* mentioned in *Ashtang Hridya*(Preventive Aspect) used in *Asthivaha Srotas*<sup>7</sup>

1.	Godugdha	Balya, Shramhar, Rasaayan	A.H.Su.5/21-22
2.	Hastini dugdha	Sthairyakar	A.H.Su.5/27
3.	Ekashafadugdha	Shakhavathar	A.H.Su.5/28
4.	Madhu	Vrana-Shodhan-Sandhan-Ropan	A.H.Su.5/52
5.	Priyangu dhanya	Bhagnasandhankrut	A.H.Su.6/12
6.	Godhum	Sandhankari, Sthairyakar	A.H.Su.6/15

#### Table 6.-List of Ekalaaushadhi mentioned in Ashtang Hridya (Curative Aspect) used in Ashtivaha Srotas

1.	Shalparni Ksheerapaka	Hritshoola	A.H.Chi.21/17
2.	Dharoshnadugdha/Gomutra	Vaatrakta	A.H.Chi.22/9
3.	Kokilakshakwath	Vaatrakta	A.H.Chi.22/18
4.	Ksharchurna with madhu- Pratisaran	Dantasharkara	A.H.Chi.22/17

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5.	Kshar-Nasya &Gandush	Dantvidarbha	A.H.Chi.22/39
6.	Gunja Moola &Phala/	Indralupta	A.H.Chi.24/29
	Dhattur Patra/		
	BhallatakSwaras		
7.	HastidantMashi	Indralupta	A.H.Chi.24/31
8.	Mesha-ShringaMashiwth taila Lepartha	Palitya	A.H.Chi.24/32
9.	Laksha Proyog	Bhagna	A.H.Chi.27/21

Table 7-List of *Ekalaaushadhi* mentioned in *Ashtang Samgraha*(Preventive Aspect) used in *Asthivaha Srotas*<sup>8</sup>

1.	Mansaras	Bagna-Vishlishtha Sandhi Used	A.S.Su 7/33
2.	Talphal	Keshya	A.S.Su 7/158
3.	BibhitakiMajja	Keshya	A.S.Su 12/24

Table 8.-List of Ekalaaushadhi mentioned in AshtangSamgraha(Curative Aspect) used in Asthivaha Srotas

1.	Yashtimadhu	Vatrakta	A.S.Chi.24/16

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Asthivaha srotas diseases can be well managed by providing nutrition to all the Dhatus and Rasayana drugs. All the drugs mentioned above have got the properties of providing nourishment to the dhatus. Mansrasa has Vrihana, Prinana properties thereby indicated in Vata Rogas. Talafala is Keshya, Rasayana and Medhya. Bibhitiki is Kashaya, Madhura Vipaki but Shleshmapittahara, while Bibhitaki Majja is Keshya which is evident that it has got dhatu poshana karma also. Madhuyashti has got the properties like Snehana, Keshya, Varnya, Balya and Vrishya which helps in Sandhana karma at various levels. Kokilaksha being Madhura Snigdha, Santarpan, Balya helps in Asthidhatu Sandhana. Yava is mentioned as Sthairyakara which indicates that it can nourish the Dhatus and Srotas as Aahara (diet). Naagbala being Uttam Rasayana and Pushtidayaka also acts as tonic in Asthivaha Srotasa. Karanja being Vataghna, relieves the Asthivaha Srotas Vyadhi by the principle of Vyadhipratyaneekatwa. Aaharadravyas like Shashtidhanya, Godhuma, Tila, Madhu also have Sandhanakara and Santarpana properties which justify their role as diet in such disorders. Shalaparni, having its role in Kshaya, helps nourish the Srotas as a whole. Erand being Vrishya Vatahara is best in musculoskeletal system disorders, hence can be advocated in maximum diseases.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

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All the drugs indicated on *Asthivaha Strotas Vyadhi* have *Snigdha, Snehana, Vrihana, Rasayana* and *Balya* properties. Maximum drugs are *Katu, Madhur rasa, Ushna Virya* and carry *Tikshnaguna* which helps deep penetration of the drugs. Some drugs carry the properties of being *Keshya* which can be interpreted as acting on *Dhatuposhana Krama* thereby helping to heal the *Asthivaha Srotas*. Hence it can be concluded that above mentioned drugs can be used in different diseases forms in musculoskeletal disorders.

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## ROLE OF RASAYANA DRAVYAS ON GERIATRIC CONDITIONS: CRITICAL ANALYSIS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO CHARAK SAMHITA RASAYANA CHAPTERS

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#### Abstract

The definition of sharira is *sheeryate anena iti shariram*, means which is constantly undergoing destruction, called sharira. In this destruction, more catabolism and low anabolism are taken place as the age grows more. It hampers immunity, digestion, strength, cardiac, mental, musculoskeletal, and overall health. *Jaravyadhi nashanashakam aushadhama rasayanam*. Rasayana therapy gives the highest and best features of that particular age. Also, those Rasayana drugs like, *Amalaki*, *Nagabala*, *Haritaki*, *Bhallataka*, *Guduchi*, *Mandukaparni*, *Sankhapushpi*, *Yastimadhu*, and *pippali* has different-different aspects for rejuvenation in the body. So the full paper will discuss the properties and actions of these medicinal plants according to Ayurveda as well as recent research works on them. Contemporary correlation by the words anti-oxidants, anti-aging, immunity booster will be considered. All drugs are beneficial to revive the body by *rasa-ayanam*: by giving transformation of all seven *rasadidhatu* within the body. In this paper, all *Rasayana* drugs and their co-relation with geriatric problems will be discussed, and it comprises geriatric disease prevention and how to expand longevity by Rasayana drugs.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Rasayana *means* which gives *rasadi* all *dhatu* maintain equilibrium and do appropriate work as their normal conditions, like rasa dhatu karma- *preenana*, *rakta dhatu karma- jeevana*, *mansa dhatu karma-lepana*, *meda dhatu karma – dharana*, *asthi dhatu karma – dharana*, *majja dhatu karma- poorana*, *and shukra dhatu karma – garbhotpadana*. The definition of sharira is *sheeryate anena iti Shriram*, means which is constantly undergoing destruction, called sharira.

In geriatric diseases mainly High Cholesterol, Chronic Kidney Disease, Heart Failure, Ischemic/Coronary Heart Disease, Arthritis, Depression, Alzheimer's disease and Dementia, Diabetes, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease are most common.

All Rasayana dravyas are different responses in the body, as they all are good in a different area of work in the body, like particularly rasa dhatu vruddhi and kshaya are maintain by particular one dravya (herb), thus all Rasayana dravya is important for all different 7 dhatus.

In Charaka Samhita benefits of rejuvenating therapy are mentioned like Swasthsyorjaskara-increases energy or strength of individuals or revitalizes a healthy person, Dirghamayushya- longevity, Smriti- enhances memory, Medha- refine intellect, Aarogyam- free from disease or remain healthy, Tarunam Vayam – keep best features of the individuals' specific age or delays the aging progression, Prabha, Varna, Swaraudarya – the excellence of voice, complexion, and luster, Dehendriyabalam Pradam – the estimable potentiality of the body and the sense organs.<sup>3</sup>

#### Materials and methods:

- Charaka samhita *Rasayanaadhyaya* four *pada* were studied.
- Single dravyas which were used as Rasayanakarma were sorted.
- Their functions, indications were compiled from bhavaprakash nighantu
- Modern researches regarding the above drugs were searched from peer-reviewed online journals
- The data so collected was critically analyzed, presented in tabular form and appropriate conclusions were derived.

#### Role of herbs used for Rejuvenation:

#### Amalaki (Emblica officinalis):

#### Ayurveda perspective:

Amalaki has Raktapittahara, Pramehaghna, Vrishya, Rasayanaproperties.<sup>4</sup>

Amalaki is useful to treat many geriatric diseases like mutradosha, mutrakrichha, timira, and prameha.<sup>5</sup>

#### **Contemporary perspective:**

Amalaki (Emblica officinalis) is testified to have bioactive compounds like tannins, flavonoids, saponins, terpenoids, and ascorbic acids.

Which are definite to have varied pharmacological activities like antimicrobial, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, radio-protective, hepatoprotective, antitussive, immunomodulatory, hypolipidemic, and many other activities. This medicinal plant is also reported to have anticancer, anti-HIV-reverse transcriptase, antidiabetic, antidepressant, antiulcerogenic, wound healing activities.<sup>6</sup>

#### Haritaki (Terminalia chebula):

#### Ayurveda perspective:

Haritaki has Rasayana, Chakshusya, Ayushya, Brimhanaproperties.<sup>7</sup>

Haritaki is useful to treat udararoga, aama, ajirna, and dorbalya.8

#### **Contemporary perspective:**

Free radicals respond with organic particles and terminate the arrangement of cells, which ultimately causes free-radical stimulated diseases such as cancer, renal failure, aging, etc. They possess anti-superoxide radical formation or antioxidant activity.<sup>9</sup>

#### Nagabala:

#### Ayurveda perspective:

Nagabala has Balya, Kantikrita, Snigdhaproperties. 10

Nagabala is beneficial in such geriatric diseases like hridroga, and kshata, swasa, kasa and kshaya. 11

#### **Contemporary perspective:**

Grewia tanex has the presence of phenolics, carbohydrates, alkaloids, flavonoids, and tannins in high amounts.

The antioxidant potential of *Grewia tanex* is been proved. Free radical scavenging potential of the plant has also been establishedPhytochemically. 12

#### Bhallataka:

#### Ayurveda perspective:

Bhallataka has Snigdha, Medhya, Vahnikruta, Pachaka properties. 1

Bhallataka treats various geriatric diseases like indralupta, urustambha, grahani, swasa, atisara.14

#### **Contemporary perspective:**

Semecarpus anacardium showed higher antioxidant activity. The comparison between antioxidant activities of the Semecarpus anacardium and standard antioxidant compounds shows near to similar. Thus the comprehensive use of these nuts took place as folk remedies.<sup>15</sup>

#### Guduchi:

#### Ayurveda perspective:

*Guduchi* has *Rasayana, Balya, Agnideepani, Tridoshahara* properties. It is one of the important as well as very common herbs used in various Ayurvedic medicines. <sup>16</sup>

Guduchi is useful to treat vatarakta, prameha, akshishoola, and timira. 17

#### **Modern perspective:**

The herb largely comprises Alkaloids, Glycosides, Steroids, Sesquiterpenoids.

*Tinospora cordifolia* has Antiulcer, Antidiabetic, Anti-inflammatory, Anticancer, Antiallergic activity. The pharmacological activities of *Guduchi* like Antioxidant, Antiaging in immune modulation in conditions like diabetes type-2, Antioxidant, Radioprotective properties.<sup>18</sup>

#### Mandukaparni:

#### **Ayurveda perspective:**

Mandukaparni has Medhya, Swarya, Rasayana, Smrtiprada properties. 19

Mandukaparni is used for the treatment of smritikshaya, udarroga, and kustha.<sup>20</sup>

#### **Contemporary perspective:**

*Centella asiatica* has potent antioxidant activity and depigmentation of the skin. *Centella asiatica* can stimulate the formation of collagen, thus reducing wrinkles in aging skin. It has an effect on collagen levels, elasticity, skin sensitivity, moisture content, and large pores.<sup>21</sup>

#### Sankhapuspi:

#### Avurveda perspective:

Sankhpuspi has Medhya, Vrushya, Rasayani, Smritikantiprada, Balya, Agnikruta properties.<sup>22</sup>

Sankhpuspi is beneficial in various diseases treatment like dantaroga, unmada, apasmara, and medhakshaya.<sup>23</sup>

#### **Contemporary perspective:**

Sankhapuspi also possesses a high content of flavonoids and polyphenols.

Convolvulus pluricaulis exhibited antioxidant potential evident by free radical scavenging activities. Anti-oxidation means alleviate radical-induced cell destruction. It has antioxidant and anti-apoptotic properties too.<sup>24</sup>

#### Yastimadhu:

#### Ayurvedic perspective:

Yastimadhu has Chakshushya, Balya, Varnaprada, Shukrala, Keshya, Swarya properties.<sup>25</sup>

Yastimadhu is useful to treat geriatric diseases like swarabheda, timira, apasmara, khalitya, vatarakta, hridroga, and kshatkshina roga.<sup>26</sup>

#### **Contemporary perspective:**

Glycyrrhiza glabra has many phytoconstituents like glycoside glycyrrhizinic acid, flavonoids, starches.

Roots of licorice (*Glycyrrhiza glabra*) have found antioxidative activity in evaluation with ideal standard antioxidants. It is an effective natural antioxidant for substances that are oxidation-susceptible.<sup>27</sup>

#### Pippali:

#### Ayurvedic perspective:

Pippali has Snigdha, vrushya, medhya, and agnivardhini properties.<sup>28</sup>

*Pippali* is useful to treat naktandhya, ajirna, sotha, prameha, grahani, twakaroga, and vatrakta.<sup>29</sup>

#### **Contemporary perspective:**

*Piper longum* has volatile oil, starch, alkaloids, saponins, carbohydrates, and amygdalin.<sup>30</sup>

*Pippali* has antimicrobial and antioxidant, and anti-inflammatory activities.<sup>31</sup>

#### Table: 1 Ayurveda vis-à-vis contemporary view

Activities 0 Rejuvenating herbs	Direct or indirect correlation with the contemporary view
Ayushya	Gives healthy life
Aama-hara	Antioxidants

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Agni kruta	Gives metabolic boosts
Balya	Strengthening
Brimhana	Body weight/bulk promoting.
Chakshushya	Good for eyesight / promoting vision.
Deepana	Appetizing
Hridya	Cardio-tonic
Jeevani	Life-giving
Kantikrita	Gives good luster to the skin
Keshya	Beneficial for hair
Medhya	Upholds retentive intellect
Paachana	good digestive
Rasayani	Rejuvenating
Shukrala	Promotes reproductive health
Santarpana	Nourishing
Swarya	Good for throat and voice
Twachya	Improves skin health
Varnaprada	Enhances skin complexion
Vrushya	Promotes semen
Vayasthaapana	Delays aging process, anti-aging
Vyadhiksamatva	Promote immunity
Vishaghna	Antipoisonous

Result and discussion: After critical analysis of the above observations the result is presented and discussed as below:

Table: 2 dhatu involvement in geriatric diseases that treat by given herbs

Rasayana herbs	Usefulinthese Dhatugata rogas	Affected <i>Dhatus</i> In theseDiseases	Contemporaryco- relation	
Amalaki	Mutrakrichha, Prameha, Timira	Rasa, rakta, mansa, meda, majja, shukra	Anti-diabetic, diuretic, eye-tonic	
Nagabala	Swasa, Kasa, Hridroga, Kshata	Rasa, Rakta	Antiasthmatic, anti- cough, strengthening	
Haritaki	Udar, Aama, Ajirna,	Rasa, meda	Digestive,	

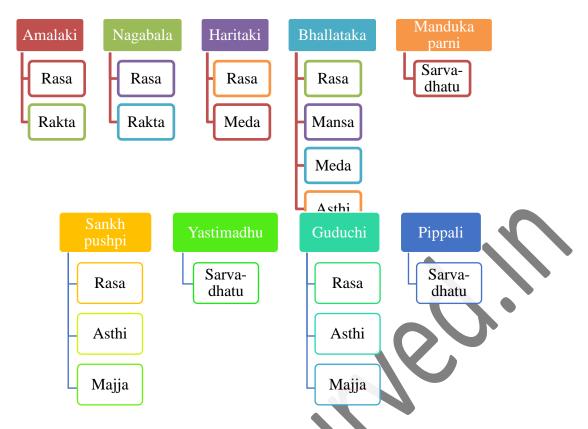
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	Dorbalya		oxidant	
Bhallataka	Atisara, Grahani, Indralupta, Urustambha	Rasa, Mansa, Meda, Asthi	Anti-diarrheal, anti- dyssenteric, analgesic	
Mandukaparni	Smritikshaya, Udararoga, Kshayaj Roga	Sarvadhatu	Memory-booster, digestive, strengthening	
Sankhapushapi	Unmada, Apasmara, Medhakshaya, Dantaroga	Rasa,, Majja, Asthi	Anti-anxiety, anti- epileptic, memory booster, toothache reliever	
Yastimadhu	Kshatakshina, Hridroga, Swarabheda, Vatarakta, Khalitya, Timira	Sarvadhatu	Strengthening, cardiotonic, anti-gout, hair tonic, eye tonic, speech promoting	
Guduchi	Vatarakta, Prameha, Akshishoola, Timira	Majja, Rasa, Asthi	Anti-gout, anti- diabetic, eye tonic	
Pippali	Naktandhya, Ajirna, Prameha, Grahani, Twakroga, Vatarakta	Sarvadhatu  Eye tonic, digestive anti-diabetic, anti-dysenteric, skin healt promoting, anti-gou		

These herbs are most prominently used in the Ayurveda treatment, but as a *Rasayanayoga/* formulation, they protect the body from diseases as well. Also, their holistic effects on the body give *Vyadhikshamatva/* immunity to the body.

Effects of herbs on *Dosha-Dhatu* are considerably imperative to recognize and relate in treatment as well as prevention of such diseases. The preventive aspect is not much explored in the sense of different views of activities or *karmas* according to the Ayurveda. But, the overall body effect and criteria in the texts give more idea about it.

So, it could be co-relate all *Rasayanadravyas* are individual effects on dhatu and different effects on such diseases as below. Further use of these drugs for geriatric conditions will be easy for particular dhatu involving diseases.



#### **Conclusion:**

- Ayurveda and modern contemporary outlook suggest that these 9 dravyas affect those diseases and especially those diseases.
- Therefore, there are different *Rasayana dravyas* for the prevention of diseases and rejuvenation for a new way of promoting old age health.

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### ROLE OF THEKARAJA RASAYANA IN NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS: CRITICAL ANALYSIS

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#### **Abstract**

Neurodegenerative disorder encompasses a wide range of conditions that result from progressive damage to nerve cells and nervous system connections that are essential for mobility, coordination, strength, sensation and cognition. The prevalence and incidence of neurodegenerative disorder rise dramatically with age. Ayurveda science has addressed the geriatric health issues under a heading *rasayana chikitsa*. This branch of Ayurveda aiming at rejuvenation and geriatric care. *Rasayana chikitsa* has importance from both the preventive and curative aspect of disease. *Thekaraja rasayana* is an important *rasayana* described in *ashtanga hridaya*. *Thekaraja* is the synonym of *Bhringaraja*. Official source of the drug is *Eclipta alba*(L). The present study aims at the effect of *Bhringaraja* (*Eclipta alba* (L) in prevention and curative aspect of neurodegenerative disorders.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Neurodegenerative disorder encompasses a wide range of conditions that result from progressive damage to cells and nervous system connections that are essential for mobility, coordination, strength, sensation and cognition. The major neurodegenerative disorders include Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, progressive supranuclear palsy etc.<sup>1</sup>. The prevalence and incidence of neurodegenerative disorder rise dramatically with age. According to WHO in 2005, global burden of neurological disorders was 2%.WHO ranked the neuronal disorders as the world's second most reason of death. In India, surveys shown that contribution of neurological disorders doubled from 4.0% in 1990 to 8.2% in 2019.<sup>2</sup>

Ayurveda, the science of life has two main aims i.e prevention and promotion of health and secondly cure from disease. *Rasayana* is the one among the eight branches of Ayurveda. *Rasayana chikitsa* can be employed in both cases i.e prevention and promotion of health and secondly cure from disease. *Rasayana chikitsa* also known as rejuvenation therapy. The main purpose of *rasayana* therapy is to impede the aging process and to delay the degenerative process in the body. According to Susrutha the substances which decrease the aging process and increase the longevity and increase the mental as well as physical strength and which destroy disease process.

Thekaraja rasayana is an important rasayana described in Ashtanga hridaya Uttara sthana[3]. Thekaraja is synonymn of bhringaraj, source plant of bhringaraja according to Ayurvedic pharmacopoeia of India is Eclipta alba(L). Eclipta alba(L) is an erect or prostrate annual herb of Asteraceae family. In Thekaraja rasayana, it is advised to administer the swarasa of bhringaraja for one month with milk only as food the person attains a life span of 100years with increased bala(strength) and veerya(potency)<sup>3</sup>. The research works on Eclipta alba(L) shows that it has significant effect of neuroprotection. The present study is an attempt to analyse the effect of bhringaraja in neurodegenrative disorders.

#### Materials and methods

Literary review from ayurvedic text books brihatrayees, laghutrayees, Nighantus etc. and articles from google scholar, pubmed etc. Bhringaraja is an important ayurvedic herb. The synonymns of Bhringaraja are Thekaraja, maarkava, bhringa, angaraka, kesaraja, bhringara, kesaranjana. The ayurvedic pharmacological properties of bhringaraja are katu, thikta rasa, rooksha, ushna guna and doshakarma iskaphavatahara. In Bhavaprakasha and kaiyadeva Nighantu rasayana karma of the drug is mentioned. Vagbhata in Ashtanga hridaya describes in rasayana chapter of Uttara sthana as Thekaraja rasayana. According to Gunapadam, literature of kerala, Bhringaraja has effect in clearing and increasing the budhi(intellect). On analysing the ayurvedic pharmacological properties katu thikta rasa, and ushna veerya, here the ushna veerya is overpowered so action of drug is kapha vatahara. Since the neurological disorders are correlated under vata dosha, the drug Bhringaraj possess specific action in nervous system.

In neurodegenerative disorders, progressive damage of neurons and nervous system connections occur. There are different pathogenesis theories of neurodegenerative disorder are present. Oxidative stress and neuro inflammation, excitoxicity are one among them. The symptoms of neurodegenerative disorder can be broadly divided into two<sup>1</sup> **problems controlling movement**-tremours, muscular rigidity slowness beginning and execution of movements, alteration in reflexes and problems with balance<sup>2</sup> **Cognitive problems**- memory impairement, disorientation, deficiencies in intellectual abilities. According to Ayurveda during old age *vata dosha* is increased, *chala guna* of vata is responsible for proper movement in the body. In *vata dosha* vitiation symptoms like *kampa*(tremor), *balahani, indriyabhramsa* (loss of power of perception by sense organs). So by the *kapha vata hara* action of *bhringaraja* certainly acts as remedy for the above symptoms. *rasayana* action of the drug will prevent the neuronal cells from oxidative stress. If the oxidative stress is more severe, it can cause apoptosis and cell death occurs. *Rasayana,balya*, action of *bhringaraja* will nourish the *dhathus* and prevent the degeneration.

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Eclipta alba (L.) contains wide range of active principles which includes coumestans, alkaloids, flavonoids, glycosides, triterpenoids. The leaves contain stigmasterol, β terthienylmethanol, wedelolactone, demethylwedelolactone and demethylwedelolactone-7-glucoside. The roots give hentriacontanol and heptacosanol<sup>4</sup>. The roots contain polyacetylene substituted thiophene. The aerial part contains phytosterol, β-amyrin in the n-hexane extract and luteolin-7-glucoside, β- glucoside of phytosterol, a glucoside of a triterpenic acid and wedelolactone. The polypeptides isolated from the plant yield cystine, glutamic acid, phenyl alanine, tyrosine and methionine. <sup>5</sup>. The plant is known to have some important pharmacological activities such as antimicrobial, antinociceptive, antioxidant, neuropharmacologicaleffects, analgesic. inflammatory. antiviral. hepatoprotective, anti immunomodulatory activity, etc.6

Traditional African literature highlights the neuropharmacological potentials of  $Eclipta\ alba(L)^7$ . Research suggests that the plant shows learning and memory modulating properties. Luteolin, an active component of the plant, helps in minimizing the cognitive and memory deficits formed due to cholinergic dysfunction. It also can control the neuronal tissue degeneration obtained as the result of stress perturbations. Thereby indicating that  $Eclipta\ alba\ (L)$  can be treated against Alzheimers disease, as a potential memory modulator <sup>8</sup>. Aqueous extract of  $Eclipta\ alba(L)$  has significant protective action againstscopolamine induced memory deficits in mice<sup>9</sup>. Aqueous extract of  $Eclipta\ alba\ (L)$  has protective action on Parkinsonism induced mice by haloperidol injection<sup>10</sup>. The plant can efficiently prevent stress induced neurological complications by its anti-oxidant and efficiently regulating altered neurotransmitters and preventing DNA damage<sup>11</sup>. Hydroalcoholic extract of  $Eclipta\ alba\ (L)$  shows significant cerebroprotective effect against global model of cerebralischemia induced oxidative stress in rats <sup>12</sup>. The above research works shows that  $Eclipta\ alba$ 

(L) can be used as a powerful herb in prevention and treatment of neurodegenerative disorder.

#### RESULTS

The study shows that *Bhringaraj* (*Eclipta alba*(L)possesses the action of preventing neurodegeneration. *Thekaraja rasayana* is systematic administration of whole plant juice of *Bhringaraja*. So, the present study reveals that *thekaraja rasayana* can prevent the incidence and reduce the symptoms of neuro degeneration in old age

#### **DISCUSSION**

The prevalence and incidence of neurodegenerative disorders rise dramatically with age. So, there is an urgent need of the preventive measures. The proper administration of whole plant of *Eclipta alba*(L). plant for a duration of 1month can prevent the progress of neurodegenerative disease. The plant is easily available and by using this simple remedy of traditional ayurvedic knowledge can prevent neurodegeneration and also improve the quality of life of patients with these disorders.

#### CONCLUSION

The study reveals that *Thekaraja rasayana* is having significant action in neurodegenerative disorders. There is an urgent need of clinical studies of *thekaraja rasayana* in neurodegenerative disorders, also in people who have a familial history of neurodegenerative disorder to assess the preventive aspects of medicine.

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## RATNADHARANA-ADISTINCTIVE PRACTICE ON RASAUSHADHI IN GERIATRICS

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#### Abstract

Navaratnasare classified as precious stones in Rasashastra. These are extensively used as internal medicines by subjecting them to specific pharmaceutical procedures. It is already known that these ratnas have its relation with the navagrahas. In parallel to this many astrological texts describe the causative graham for various diseases. Further many Rasashastra texts also believe that wearing of ratnas in accordance with its grahams bestow health by reducing the ill effects of the disease caused. This practice of Ratnadharana that treats diseases with the same rasadravyas without subjecting them for pharmaceutical procedu ressaves energy, time and resources. Yet this unique practice is unaware among the majority of Ayurvaidyas. Based on the concept of Ratnadharana, this paper focuses on how a specificst one shall be selected depending on the planetary positions in the horoscope of a person suffering from geriatric disorder. To accomplish this, basic knowledge on astrology about the rashi, grahas present in each rashi, their enmity and friendliness etc needs to be known. Considering Vataas the key component, as Ayurveda states that in vriddhavastha, vatarogas occur predominantly and keeping in view the findings made from the basic horoscope analysis, we shall conclude in a broad sense that dharana of Nila(Sapphire) could help in treating the disease caused due to Vata in geriatrics. Similarly all other diseases can be understood under the lines of grahas and their management can be successfully done by adopting Ratnadharana that proves to be a distinctive treatment in the field of Rasashastra.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Rasashastra is a unique branch in Ayurveda that deals with identification, processing, preparation and utilization of resources mined from the earth crustin majority. Good importance has also been given to Rasaushadhis owing to their quick acting property, use in small doses, imperceptible taste and of course to be considered as a science of fortune as well. The most important part in the field of Rasashastra is preparation of Rasaushadhis. To perform the various procedures involved in the preparation of Rasaushadhis such as shodhana, jarana, marana, lohitikarana, amritikarana, satwapatana etc, utmost care and precaution needs to be taken in every step, as any flaw or lethargy paid anywhere in the entire process of medicine preparation may alter the therapeutic potency of the medicine which will turn fatal when administered on patients.<sup>2</sup> Parallel to this, we come across many instances with common people wearing gemstones as ornaments either to combat hardships in life or to add on grace to their existing lives and situations. This practice called as *Ratnadharana* is also doneas at reat ment against illness. Mostly this is done under the guidance of an astrologer who analyzes the horoscope of the person suffering any hardships or illness. The gems used in Ratnadharana are nothing but the navaratnas that are categorised as a separatese to frasadravyas. Various texts of Rasashastra also state the correlation between the navagrahas and then avaratnas.<sup>4</sup> Astrologically these ratnas are believed to nullify the negative vibes from the planets by the radiance that it emits out. Also it attracts the positive energy from the planets and transfers the same in the form of aura to the body which in turn will resolve the disrupted metabolism in those who wear it.<sup>5</sup> In this way Ratnadharana is said to influence the health of a person through cosmic power. This unique method of treating a disease with the same rasadravya without subjecting them for any of the pharmaceutical procedures, saves a lot of energy, time and resources and it needs to be put into a wide use. Unfortunately this rare practice which can be developed as a separate treatment method or as an added on treatment with other yuktivyapashrayachikitsa is left untouched by the majority of Ayur-Rasa vaidyas. Keeping in view the prime importance of Ratnadharana, with the help of basic knowledge in horoscope analysis, one can learn how to arrive at a ratna that can be worn in case of geriatric diseases in a broad sense.

#### **MATERIALS AND METHODS:**

The good effects of suitable one among *navaratn as* when worn includes protection from visha, deadly animals and diseases. As Jyotisha and Ayurveda are considered as sister sciences, the basic ideologies of both the sciences go hand in hand. There are few astrological texts that give a better understanding about *karmajavyadhi*, the *grahanidana* and its *chikitsa* with respect to the *graham* involved. On referring to those, *Shanigraha* can be broadly suggested as the causative *graham* for geriatric diseases. This is stated considering *vatadosha* as the key component. Also, in Ayurveda it is said that it is only the *vatadosha* that gains predominance in causing diseases in old age. Hence when the corresponding *ratna* for *Shanigraha* is looked for, *Nila*(Sapphire) can be arrived at as the *ratna* to be worn in geriatric diseases of *vatao*rigin. This conclusion can also be given a justification for using *Nila* in *vatarogas* in *vriddhavastha* by astrological horoscope analysis and observation of a 68 year old female suffering from degenerative bilateral osteoarthritis of knee joint.

#### **CASEDETAILS:**

Chief complaints:

O pain and swelling in both the knee joints since 15 years. Difficulty in walking and climbings teps.

Upashaya:

Oil massage followed by hot water compression

#### Anupashaya:

Long standing, continuous

walking Pre - treatment history:

Underwent allopathic pain management initially for 2months. Patient had only temporary relief with allopathic medications

Later under went homeopathy management for 2 years. Pain level decreased but started again due to strain.

**Examination:** 

Inspection - both knees swollen, no redness, jeno varum of both legs.

Palpation-tenderness present more in the left knee than in the right, warmth present in both knee joints, crenitus present in both knees but more in the left knee

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Janu-sandhi-gata-vatavyadhi (Bilateral degenerative osteoarthritis of knee joint)

चन्द्रः			सूर्यः बुधः	केतुः शुक्रः
			ਲ ਥ੍ਰ	<b>ग्न</b> जः गुरुः
राहुः		शनिः		

Figure 1 (Horoscope of patient suffering from *Janu-sandhi-gata-vata-vyadhi*)

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Since the conclusion was made based on Shani as the causative graha, in the above shown horoscope, Shani is to be located. We find the Shani graham being placed in the 4th position from the lagna. The 4th place is called the Sukhasthana (place of comfort and happiness). Similarly the remaining places also hold respective positions for various aspects such as job, marriage, disease, education etc. Each of these 12 places corresponds to the 12 rashis and is owned by their respective graha. Now for the place where Shani is located, the rashi corresponds to Tula and is owned by Shukragraha. In general the grahas such as Shani, Rahu, Ketu, Managala and Soorya are considered as ashubha and the remaining Chandra, Guru, Budha and Shukra are considered as shubhagraha. The logic behind naming them so is that the shubhagrahas in general are best ower so fall good and the ashubhagrahas are vice versa. Both the shubha and ashubhagrahas do good and bad based on the karmaphala of the native in present and previous birth. But there are few selective rashi(boxes) where each of the nine graham sattains a state of exaltation and debilitation (ucchasthanaprapti and neechasthanaprapti). As a matter of fact, we find that Shani attains exaltation (ucchasthanaprapti) in Tularashi (the place where Shaniis present in the horoscope). Here in this case, since the ashubhagraha Shani is located in the Sukhasthana and also because it attains anexalted state it gains more potential in giving dukha destroying the sukha in the form of disease. This can be understood as the severity and chronicity of the disease that the native suffers from. On the other hand, if we observe the relationship between Shani (aagantugraha) and Shukra (nijagraha), both the grahas are friendly to eachother. Hence the intensity of the suffering is a bit lower. This could probably be the reason why the condition is yapya (with the help of bahya and abhyantarayuktivyapashrayachikitsa) instead of asadhya where it has to be so due to ashubhagraha's (Shani's) ucchasthanaprapti. Another precise justification can be given regarding the knee joint to get affected. According to the Astro-medical text called Parasharahorashastra, when there is dominance of Shani, the body parts that get affected are knees and legs.<sup>9</sup> Here in the present case, it becomes quite evident that due to the dominance of shani in the form of exalted state, both the knee joints have got affected.

### **CONCLUSION:**

From the above made findings and discussions, we could arrive at a gross conclusion that *Nila* (Sapphire) could be the suggestive ratna for *Ratnadharana* in case of geriactric diseases caused out of *vata*. Also from the justification which we saw from the horoscope analysis for a case suffering from *janu-sandhi-gata-vata-vyadhi*, *Ratnadharana* with *Nila* seemed to be appropriate. However, for precise suggestion of ratna in other geriatric diseases occuring in separate individuals consideration needs to be given to the existing dasha kala of the native inorder to avoid *Pratikula-ratnadharana*.

मीनः	मेषः	वृषभः	मिथुनम्
गुरुः	कुजः	शुक्रः	बुधः
कुंभः शनिः			कर्कटः चन्द्रः
मकरः शनिः			सिंहः सूर्यः
धनुः	वृश्चिकः	तुला	कन्या
गुरुः	कुजः	शुक्रः	बुधः

Figure 3 (twelve rashi and grahas that owns the rashi)

12 गुरु: Expenses, Death Liberation ankles	1 কুজ: Soul, Body, Physique <b>head</b>	2 Wealth, Family <b>face</b> शुक्रः	3 Siblings <b>shoulders</b> ৰুध:
11 शनिः Income, Prosperity legs 10 Job knees शनिः			4 चन्द्रः Mother, Happiness chest/heart  5 सूर्यः Children, Knowledge stomach
9 Fortune <b>thighs</b> गुरुः	8 Longevity <b>marma</b> কুত্ৰ:	7 Spouse <b>vasti</b> शुक्रः	6 ৰুध: Loan, Disease, Enemies <b>hip</b>

Figure 2 (schematic picture showing respective aspects of twelve rashis, the graha that owns and the dominant site of action of grahas on different body parts)



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PLANETS	FRIENDS	ENEMIES	NEUTRAL	EXALTATIO N (RĀŚI)	DEBILITATI ON (RĀŚI)
सूर्यः	कुजः, चन्द्रः, गुरुः	शुक्रः, शनिः	<b>ब्</b> धः 3	मेषः	तुला
चन्द्रः	सूर्यः, बुधः		कुजः, गुरुः, शुक्रः, शनिः	वृषभः	वृश्चिकः
कुज:	सूर्यः, चन्द्रः, गुरुः	बुधः	शुक्रः, शनिः	मकरः	कर्कटः
<u>ৰু</u> धः	सूर्यः, शुक्रः	चन्द्रः	कुजः, गुरुः, शनिः	कन्या	मीनः
गुरुः	सूर्यः, चन्द्रः, कुजः	बुधः, शुक्रः	शनिः	कर्कटः	मकरः
शुक्रः	बुधः, शनिः	सूर्यः, चन्द्रः	कुजः, गुरुः	मीनः	कन्या
शिनः	बुधः, शुक्रः	सूर्यः, चन्द्रः, कुजः	गुरुः	तुला	मेषः

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### ROLE OF RASAYANA KARMA IN VARDHAKYAJANYA KRUSHATA W.S.R TO FRAILTY SYNDROME: A REVIEW

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### Abstract

Aging is viewed as an unavoidable, undesirable, and problem-ridden phase of life which is generally accompanied by a number of problems that an individual has to confront. With the growing age, a person has to face physiological, psychological, emotional, financial, etc problems in their day-to-day life due to degenerative changes in the body. Frailty is a condition characterized by weight loss, muscle weakness/ fatigue, low physical activity and slow walking speed associated with ageing, comorbidity and disability. As per Ayurveda, Vriddhavastha (old age) is Vata dosha prominent periods of life. Vata's qualities are degenerative by the nature and whenever Vata will be increased, concurrently these qualities of Vata is also increased and they are result in degenerative changes in the body in terms of Dhatukshaya, Balakshaya and Ojokshaya. Rasayana tantra is a branch of Ashtang Ayurveda, an unique therapy to which help in delay ageing process and to reduce the intensity of problems occurring old age. Gau Dugdha and Gau ghrita (Cow milk & ghee) is cost effective, easily available and compatible to all.. Their qualities almost opposite to Vata's quality. According to concept of Ayurveda the therapy used for promoting and preserving health, increasing strength and life span in a healthy person are called Rasayana therapy. It ensures healthy life span including mental health and better resistance against various geriatric disease conditions. Rasayana therapy also acts as antioxidants so they inhibit free radicals and delay ageing process. This review article will explore Role of Gau Dugdha and Ghrita in Vatavriddhijanya krushata w.s.r. to Frailty syndrome

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### **INTRODUCTION**

### Aging:1

Aging can be defined as the gradual progressive decline in structure and function which begins to unfold after the achievement of sexual maturity. There are various mechanisms that cause aging such as Telomere shortening (decreased cellular replication), Environmental and Metabolic insults (Reactive oxygen species, free radicals, endotoxins, etc), Defective proteins homeostasis (decrease proteins), etc these all are leads to cell loss and /or decreased cellular functions which result in cellular aging. Aging is associated with more morbidity, mortality, hospitalization, and loss of functional status.

### **Geriatric Giants:**

This term is coined by Bernard Issacs. It refers to the principal chronic disabilities of old age that have an impact on physical, mental and social domains of older peoples.

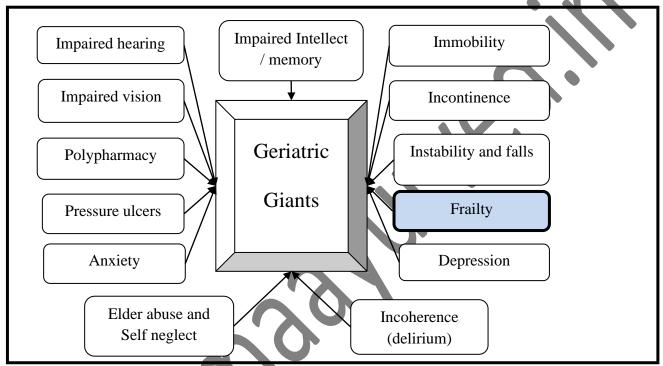


Figure No. 01. Shows Modern Geriatric Giants

### Frailty:<sup>2</sup>

Frailty is a wasting syndrome of old age that leaves a person vulnerable to falls, functional decline, morbidity and mortality. Alternatively, it is also defined as a geriatric syndrome of increased vulnerability to environmental factors with underlying pathophysiology mechanisms related to hormonal adjustments, sarcopenia and vitamin deficiencies.

Frailty is usually described as a complex condition that occurs during the ageing process and results from an imbalance and dysregulation of inter related systems such as:

- The immune system (with cytokine expression)
- The neuroendocrine system (with hormonal decline)
- Body compositional changes (with the loss of muscle mass and muscle strength or sarcopenia)

Older peoples who are considered frail by any definition have overt changes in the four main processes-

- 1. body composition,
- 2. homeostatic deregulations,
- 3. energetic failure and neurodegeneration,
- 4. the characteristic of the ageing 'phenotypes'

### Role of Rasayana:

O Yajjarāvyādhividhvamsi bheshajam tat rasāyanam || (Chakradutt)<sup>3</sup>

The medicine destroys the Vriddhavastha or Vardhakya janya vyadhi is termed as Rasayanam.

Lābhonāvo hi Śastānām rasādīm rasāvanam || (Ch.chi. 1)<sup>4</sup>

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Rasayana drugs are those drugs or medicines which are capable of imparting supreme Rasas and Dhatus to the body and harmonizing the system of healthy persons. Rasayana aid in increasing Vyadhikshamtva (Immunity), Sukha (Happiness), Varna (Complexion), Svara (Good voice), Ayu (longevity), Bala (Strength) etc and keep the signs of early aging aside. The main purpose of Rasayana therapy is to impede the aging process and to delay the degenerative process in the body. Therefore rasayana is helpful in frailty syndrome because this condition is manifested due to the degenerative changes in the body. Rasayana is being any form in the terms given to special herbs, fruits or any other form of medication that are known to promote positive health and longevity. Clinical manifestations of Frailty largely similar with Vata vriddhi lakshana and Ojokshya lakshana. Here the choice of the Rasayana drugs as Gau milk and ghrita might be give good result in the Frailty (Vardhakya janya Krushata).

### Qualities and benefits of Gau Dugdha:5

Svādu šītam mṛdu snigdham bahalam ślakṣaṇa picchilam |
Guru mandam prasannam ca gavyam dashagunam paya: ||
tadevam guṇam eva oja: sāmānyādabhivardhayeta|
pravaram jīvanīyānām ṣkīramuktam rasāyanam || (Cha. Su. 27/217)

### Qualities and benefits of Gau Ghrita:6

Smṛti buddhi agni śukra oja: kapha medo vivardhanam | vātapittaviṣha unmāda śoṣa alakṣamī jvarāpaham || sarvasnehottamam śītam madhuram rasapākayo: | mada apasmāra murcchā śoṣa unmāda jvarān | Yonikarṇaśira: śulam ghṛtam jīrṇamapohati || (Cha. Su. 27/232-23

Here Acharya Charaka has mentioned that Cow milk has a similar properties like Oja. We already seen that in older age Oja is physiologically depleted. Oja is essential part for maintain the good health and longevity. Hence cow milk is best choice for Oja kshaya janya Frailty. Acharya Charaka has give the terms 'Jivaniyam' and 'Uttam Rasayanam' for cow milk which clearly suggested their rejuvenating activity.

In ageing, memories, intellect, digestion, semen, oja are depleted along with Kapha and Medo kshaya which lead to Vardhakya janya krushata – Frailty. Here Acharya Charak emphasis the quilities and benefits of Cow ghrita. Charaka mentioned that Cow ghee is best for Shosha (Dhatu kshaya – chiefly Mamsa and Medo dhatu) which result in debilitating and at the end this degenerative condition termed as Frailty.

Here the selected both the rasayana - Cow milk and Cow ghrita is beneficial in Frailty with both aspects viz. they can increase the Oja and counteract the Vata vridhdhi Lakshana.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Ayurvedic perspective on Frailty Syndrome (Vardhakya Janit Krushata):

The life continuance of an individual is basically divided into 3 phases: Balyavastha (Childhood), Yauvanavashtha (Middle age), and Vridhdhavastha (Old age). Acharyas have an individual viewpoint on years computed for Vridhhavastha. Some acharyas had given some reference for degenerative changes that occur in the body prior to proceeding in Vriddhavastha is by termed Parihani avastha (age period 40-70 years). The entire ayurvedic science is built upon the Tridosha Siddhanta. The first stage-Balyavshatha is governed by Kapha dosha. The second stage, Madhyamavastha is governed by pitta dosha. And the third stage, Vridhavsahtha's death is governed by Vata dosha.

Vridhdhavastha (Senile period) is Vata dosha prominent avastha. During this period of time, Kapha and Pitta dosha is diminished naturally and Vata is being flare-up. Simultaneously qualities of Vata dosha are increasing in the body. Vata has some Guna (qualities) that get involved in the degenerative process in the body like Laghuguna and Khara guna which is act as Lekhaniya (scraping), Vishad guna has Kshalanshakti (elution power) and, Rukshaguna has Shoshana shakti (absorbability), etc. Whenever Vata dosha will get aggravated, these above Gunas will also be increased; might be together or separately and will initiate the process of degeneration in the body in the terms of Dhatukshaya, Ojokshaya and Bala kshaya etc. Charak samhita mentioned Kala (aging) is one of the cause of Ojokshaya. Above all kshayas (degeneration) leads to Frailty (Vardhakya janya krushta).

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As per above said both Cow milk and ghrita has agonist effect for Oja and antagonist effects for Vata vriddhi. So both are working well to rid out from this degenerative condition. Cardinal symptoms of the Frailty is 'Sarcopenia' means loss of Muscles (Mamsa kshaya). Use of Cow ghrita on the daily basis along with the milk or adding Ashwagandha churna gives an excellent result.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Frailty syndrome is ageing related degenerative condition occurs in the body. As per ayurveda we considered this as Dhatu kshayajanya Daurbayata. Mostly of the symptomatology occurs due to Vata vriddhi particular by increasing its Ruksha, Khara, Vishada and Laghu guna. Cow Dugdha and Ghrita have exact opposite qualities to the Vata dosha. There for use of this both as Rasayan play an excellent role in this Vata vriddhi janit degenerative condition in the terms of both Preventive and Curative aspect.

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### **Abstract**

The main aim of each individual in lifetime is to lead a disease free healthy life throughout the entire span for which Ayurveda stands first in it's place as it is the science of life, giving much importance to preventive aspect than the curativeones by explaining the regimens to be followed according to different seasons. It explains that the human body is made up of Dosha, Dhatu & Malas in which the 'congenial homeostasis' of these regarded as the healthy state. Amongst these, the function of dhatu is dharana (maintain the structure) of the sharira (body), among the dhatus, Asthi (Bony Tissue) is responsible for maintenance of structural frame work of the body, it gives shape to the body and protects the vital organs. Pathogenesis of Asthikshaya can be explained in many ways in Ayurveda, according to the principles of ashrayaashrayibhava, Asthidhatu is the seat of vata dosa and inversely related to each other. Increase of vata is the main factor responsible for asthikshaya. Acharya Charaka has opined increase of vata may follow two patterns; one is from margavarana and another is from dhatukshaya which can further lead to asthikshaya. Hence with relation to its vitiation there are several important herbs that are used to treat the above-mentioned condition. Drugs like Guduchi, Ashwagandha, Prishnaparni, Samanga, Vacha etc. possess kaphavatashamaka properties which helps in breaking the pathogenesis by clearing and nourishing the srotas (channels). Drugs like Madhuyasti, Priyangu, Vidarikanda, Shatavari etc. have vatapittashamaka, Balya (tonic), Brimhana (nourishing) properties works directly on Dhatukshaya gives Poshana to the Asthidhatu. The paper will deal about the Herbs mentioned for Asthikshaya, their qualities and probable mode of actions would be discussed.

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### INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda is a "Divine science" due to its origin as well as its incredible strength. It has two aims; one deal with the preventive way that is to safeguard the health of the healthy individual and another is the curative way that is to treat the disease. The three pillars of life are mana (mind), atma (soul) and sareera (body) and their perfect balance considered as complete health in Ayurveda. Ayurveda explains this human body as a homeostasis of dosha, dhatu and mala. The function of dhatu is dhāraṇa (maintain the structure) of the śarīra (body). Among the dhātu, asthidhātu is responsible for maintenance of structural frame work of the body. It gives shape to the body and protects the vital organs.

Asthi dhātu is the seat of vāta doṣa. Asthi and vāta are reciprocalto each other. Asthi is the fifth among metamorphic chain of dhatus, sthayiasthi dhatu can be considered as bones. Asthikshaya is a condition explained in almost all the Samhita granthas of Ayurveda, and is one among the 18 types of kshaya by acharya charaka. It can be compared to osteoporosis in contemporary era.

Acharya charaka has included Asthivaha srotas as one among thirteen srotas mentioned by him, mentioned their roots in Meda and Jaghana. (Ca. V. 5 / 8)

In classics there is no direct mentioning about the Asthikshayanidana or factors that cause asthiksahaya, Charaka says that, even though food is taken in proper quantity and quality and is wholesome, it is not digested properly if a person is afflicted by chinta, bhaya, shoka and krodha etc. Hence these psychological factors have the direct influence on functioning of agnis and also results in vataprakopa leading to Asthi Kshaya.

Acharya Sushruta has not mentioned Asthi vaha srotas in his eleven pairs of srotas, but the treatment principle of asthikshaya has been interpreted as Tatra Swayoni Vardhana Dravya Prayogaha Pratikaraha (Su.su.15)

### **Incidence & Prevalance:**

In contemporary texts stated that bone loss a "silent" process affecting millions of individuals around the globe is often overlooked. WHO identifies that there is relative lack of quantitative data from developing countries on incidence and prevalence, this shows wide variation in prevalence across India. Further, the risk of osteoporosis is higher in women than men and in elderly than young adults. The differences in the two gender are largely accounted by menopausal state of females. Multiple other factors affect overall bone health. Increasing age, lack of formal education, lack of engagement in occupational activities, higher weight, duration of use of dairy products etc.

### **Materials & Methods:**

By considering the subjective symptoms in the disease of Asthikshaya like Vedana, Katishoola, Sandhishoola, Shrama etc, the substantial use of few Plant & Animal sources which are mentioned are stated and an attempt is made to establish the effect of these to overcome the Samprapti of Asthi vaha sroto gata vyadhhis on the basis of Rasapanchakas.

### **Discussion:**

The importance of medodhatwagni, vitamin D, which is derived from sterols, is essential for absorption of calcium in the body. Hence the moola of Asthi vaha srotas is rightly considered as meda. Imbalance of asthidhatwagni leads to improper formation of sthayi asthi dhatu from poshakaasthi dhatu

From the ahararasa asthiposhakansa goes to the sthayi asthi dhatu by Vyana vayu through the Asthi vaha srotas. The poshakansha are permeated inside the asthi cells either by syandana (oozing) between the liquid or are transported in by the action of vyana vayu. These asthi cells can be correlated with Asthi vaha srotas and these are none other than osteocytes..

The treatment principle involved to treat the disease of Asthivaha srotas as stated under:

Asthyashrayanam vyadhinam pancakarmani bheshajam | Bastayaha kshira sarpishi tiktakopahitani cha || (C.Su.28/27) ||

A drug which is having Snigdha, Shoshana and Khara Gunas only can nourish the Asthidhatu but unfortunately no single Dravya is available having all these 3 properties so Acharyas explained to use the

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combination of Dravyas having all three properties to act at Dhatu level by the combination of Tikta Rasa Dravya, Ksheera and Sarpi

Tikta rasa is predominance of akasha and vayu mahabhuta. Hence, it can enter any part of the body specially that part which having the similar mahabhutapredominance like asthidhatu. So, the vasti dravya prepared with tikta dravya siddha ksheera has capacity to reach the asthidhatu.

Usually, tikta rasa aggravates vata but when processed with milk (samskara), its pharmacological activity is changed and it helps to promote asthidhatu formation from medodhatu by combination of properties like unctuousness (snigdhatva), dryness (soshanatva) and solidity (kharatva), which is described by Arunadatta. Here, this therapeutic application creates the same atmosphere as in transformation of bone from fat i. e. 'snigdham soshanam kharatvam'. When medodhatu is subjected to drying by tikta rasa, solidity and hardness are achieved. The drug having the properties like snigdha, soshana and kharatvam is useful for bone formation and the ksheera vasti prepared with tikta dravyas (amruta and patola)has same properties because tikta rasahas shoshana and khara property and ksheera has snigdha property. As we are giving milk prepared with tikta dravyas which is nutritive and vatashamaka, so it subsides vata which is the main factor in asthidhatu kshaya. In this way, tikta samyukta ksheera vasti influences asthivaha srotas

It is mentioned in Ashtanga sangraha that all tikta dravyas are vata prakopaka except Amruta and Patola.

The KukkutandaTvak which is rich in Calcium mineral when used acts as replacement substance which is very much essential factor in treating the diseases of Asthivaha sroto rogas.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Hence the rational use of combined tikta rasa dravyas withsnigdha guna will form an ideal combination in all Astivaha srotogata rogas as told by Acharyas.

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### EFFECT OF PUNARNAVA RASAYANA IN OLD AGE INSOMNIA

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### **Abstract**

Insomnia remains one of the most common sleep disorders encountered in the geriatric population. It leads to many psychosomatic manifestations like high blood pressure, fatigue, inability to perform mental and physical activities. In present days many old aged people are dependent on sleeping drug and become habitual on them. Ayurveda recognize the significance of sleep to health and has considered it as an *upasthambha* of life. Ayurveda mentioned three main factors to keep a person in healthy conditions and one among them is *Nidra*. Ayurveda used the term *nidranasa* to the stage of loss of sleep. Ayurveda prescribes many single and compound drugs for this condition. The drug *punarnava* is used as a *vatatapika rasayana* and explained in Ayurvedic literature Ashtanga Hridaya Utharasthana. The name *punarnava* itself means rejuvenation. In Haritha samhitha the use of the drug *punarnava* is explained in the condition *nidranasa*. Milk, which is considered *nithya rasayana* and is an ingredient of *punarnvava rasayana* is also have the property to induce sleep. This paper attempted to discuss the effect of *punarnava rasayana* in old age insomnia.

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### INTRODUCTION

Insomnia is one of the major geriatric conditions that need utmost care.WHO reveals that about 35 % of the respondents in india have reported mild to severe trouble associated with sleeping. Insomnia is usually associated with one or more of the conditions like difficulty initiating sleep, difficulty maintaining sleep, characterized by frequent awakenings or problems returning to sleep after awakenings, and early-morning awakening with inability to return tosleep. Researcher's show that inappropriate sleep can increase risk of increasing obesity, high BP, diabetes etc. Chronic Insomnia can lead to severe fatigue, anxiety, depression and lack of concentration. Stress related insomnia in old age is one of the major cause.

Ayurveda, the Indian holistic health science has broad spectrum of preventive measures for combating the aging process. It has focused branch called *rasayana* which deals primarily with geriatric problems. *Rasayana* drugs are likely to be nutrient tonics, antioxidants, antistress, adaptogenic and immunomodulatory. According to Acharya susrutha the substance which decrease the aging process, increase longevity and increase mental as well as physical strength and which destroys the disease process is called *Rasayana*. According to Acharya Charaka substance which invigorate a healthy person by producing the best quality of *Rasa*, *Raktha dathu* and other *Dathus* are called *Rasayana*. Ayurveda classified *nidranasa* under *Vatananatmaja vikara*. In the famous Ayurvedic literature Haaritha samhitha, the drug *Punarnava* is explained as the beneficial drug for *Nidranasa*. *Punarnava* is mentioned in Ashtanga Hridaya as *vatatapika rasayana*. Punarnava is explained as the drug, one which renews our body. *Vatatapika rasayana* does not bear stringent rules and can be practised in our routine life. Milk is mentioned as *nithya rasayana* in Ayurveda. There is considerable scope to develop a safe and cost-effective rasayana for this condition in geriatrics.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

The literary review on effect of *Punarnava rasayana* in old age insomnia has been obtained from ayurvedic classics and traditional knowledge. Scientific journals and scientific papers were also referred.

In the famous Ayurvedic literature Haaritha samhitha, *Punarnava* is explained as the drug for *Nidranasa*. In Ashtanga Hridaya utharasthana *Punarnava Rasayana* is explained as *Vatatapika rasayana.Punarnava rasayana* with milk rejuvenate the whole body. Milk is mentioned as *nithya rasayana* in Ayurveda. In the literature the method of administration of *punarnavarasayana* is mentioned as ½ pala of fresh punarnava made into a paste and consumed along with milk for 14 days, two months, six months or one year and mentioned that such a person though old, become young again. This simple and cost effective *rasayana* also can be administered in many of the geriatric conditions. Insomnia is one of the major geriatric problems. It will be better to administer a *rasayana* withproperty to induce sleep in this geriatric condition.

### **PUNARNAVA**

Botanical name: Boerhaavia diffusa Linn.

Family: Nyctaginaceae

English name: Horse Purslene, Hog Weed

Synonyms: Varshabhu, Sophaghni, Sothaghni

### Rasa panchaka of punarnava (API)

Rasa: Madhura, Tikta, Kasaya

Guna : Rooksha Virya :Usna Vipaka : Madhura

Karma: Anulomana, Sothahara, Mootrala, Vatasleshmahara. 10

Acharya susrutha mentioned*punarnava* mitigates*vata*and beneficial in *dathukshaya*. <sup>11</sup>In Bhavaprakasha

Nighantu mentioned as punarnava mitigates pitha. <sup>12</sup>Raktha punarnava is mentioned as rasayana in madanapala Nighantu. In the famous ayurvedic classics yogarathnakara, punarnava is mentioned as beneficial in different types of vataroga. Acharya Charaka has categorized punarnava as Vayasthapana gana (Promotes longevity and maintains youth).

### **Chemical constituents**

The root of *Boerhaavia diffusa linn*. contains alkaloids(punarnavine), rotenoids (boeravinones A-F), flavonoids, amino acids, lignans (liriodendrons), ßsitosterols ,tetracosanoic, esacosanoic, stearic and ursolic acids. <sup>13</sup>

Previous research studies about evaluation of Punarnava vvanabala choorna vaishamya(hypertension) done as a clinical study. On that study the researcher analyse one of the parameter Anidra with punarnava choorna and found effective. 14 The researcher further explains that trail drug possess rasayana property by which it helps in receiving stress, anxiety and giving stability to mind which might be the reason for effective it in Anidra. Another experimental study about antistess, adaptogenic and immunopotentiating activity of root Boerhaavia diffusa Linn, were done in mice and found effective as an antistress drug. In that study they found that Boeravinone B present in Boerhaavia diffusa is the antistress agent. 15

### KSEERA(MILK)

In Astanga sangraha Cow's milk is explained as *jeevaneeyam*, *Rasayanam*, *Medhyam* and *balyam*. It has the properties like Swadu, seetha, snightha, Bahala and *guru*. it has also have the property of promotion of ojus. <sup>16</sup>There are some previous research studies available with the sleep inducing property of milk. There was a study conducting about A tryptic hydrolysate from bovine milk  $\alpha_{S1}$ -casein improves sleep in rats subjected to chronic mild stress found effective and proved milk contain the sleep inducing aminoacid tryphtophan. <sup>17</sup>Another study about milk collected at night induces sedative and anxiolytic like effects augments pentobarbital induced sleeping behaviour in mice. <sup>18</sup>

### NIDRANASA OR ANIDRA

As per ayurvedic text it is called as Anidra or nidranasa as an inequality in Tarpaka kapha,sadaka pitha and prana vayu. Acharya charaka mentioned kaala as one of the etiology of nidranasha. It is connected with our life and affects directly on our sleep <sup>19</sup>. Where as in old age, because of dominance of vata dosha and diminished kapha, the duration of sleep further decreases. According to Ayurveda mainly the diseases of vataja basis can cause insomnia. Acharya vagbhata mentioned nidrahani as increased vata symptom and alpanidratha or reduce sleep as increased pitha symptoms. Increase in rajoguna ultimately increases vatadosha and diminishes the effect of tamoguna ultimatetly leading the person insomnia

### **INSOMNIA**

Insomnia may be defined as trouble in falling asleep, difficulty maintaining sleep, early morningawakening. In daily routine a person can't focus on adequate and in timesleep, so he is affliction from many problems related with mind & body. Older individuals with insomnia have a 23% increase in risk of development of depression symptoms.

### RESULT AND DISCUSSION

As nidrahani is increased vata symptom and alpanidratha or reduce sleep as increased pitha symptoms. The drug Punarnava is mitigates vata and pitha and has the property of dathuposhana. Madhura rasa of punarnava mitigates vata and pitha, and increase rasaadi saptha dathu . Punarnava has madhura vipaka . Madhura vipaka is snightha and guru and can be equated with gurupaka. So it increases kapha. Madhura rasa and Madhura vipaka is increaseskapha, nourishes body and sustains life. Boeravinone B present in Boerhaavia diffusa is the antistress agent. The alkaloid fraction isolated from the plant showed restorative activity against stress induced changes in plasma and adrenal cortisol levels.  $\beta$ -Ecdysone- Increases protein synthesis, antidepressant, antistress and immunomodulation Fatty acid naiming Triacont-24-en-1-oic acid and Hydrocarbons naiming Boeradiffusene also Increases protein synthesis, antidepressant, antistress and immunomodulation. Madhura rasa of milk mitigates vata, pitha and increases kapha. The property of guru and snighta is mitigates vata and increase kapha. milk contain the sleep inducing aminoacid tryphtophan.

### **CONCLUSION**

Ayurveda mentioned a better concept of health-giving importance not only to physical health but also mental health. It has formed a branch called *rasayana* which deals primarily with geriatric problems. *Punarnava rasayana* can be used as a choice for old age insomnia. As *punarnava rasayana* is *vatatapika rasayana* it can be used without any stringent rules. It is now felt necessary to develop newer strategies for geriatric condition from the natural source. More preclinical & clinical studies should be done by research scholars for the benefit of specific use of *punarnava rasayana* in old age insomnia.

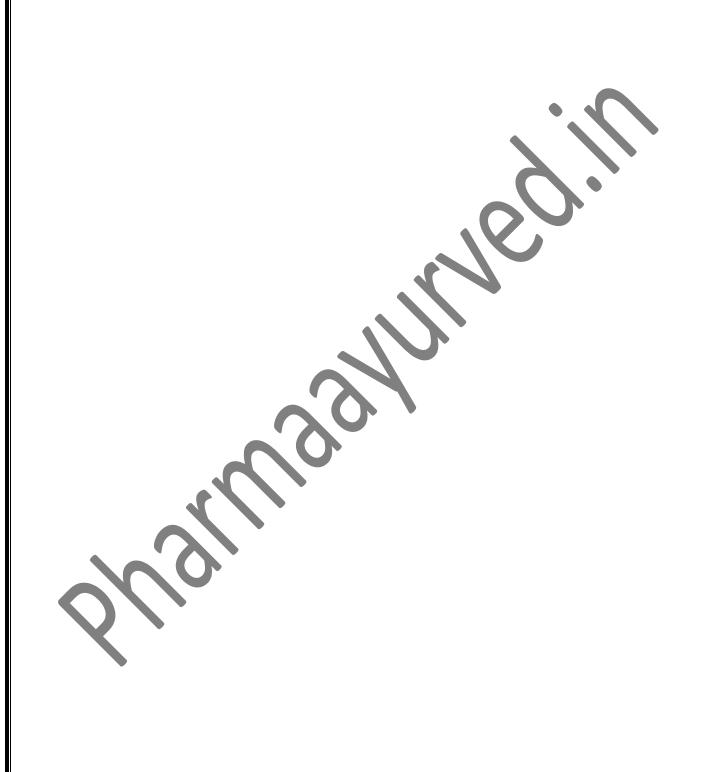
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### EFFECT OF SANKHAPUSHPI (CLITORIATERNEATA LINN) IN AGE RELATED DEMENTIA.

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### Abstract

Dementia is a term used to describe a group of symptoms affecting memory, thinking and social abilities severely enough to interfere with our daily life. It isn't a specific disease, but several diseases can cause dementia. Dementia is a syndrome in which there is deterioration in cognitive function beyond what might be expected from the usual consequences of biological ageing. Prevalence of dementia in India is reported to be 2.7%. As the age increase, prevalence of dementia increases. Dementia prevalence increased with age, from 5% of those aged 71–79 years to 37.4% of those aged 90 and older. Dementia is currently the seventh leading cause of death among all diseases and one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people globally. Shankhapushpi (Clitoriaterneata Linn) one of Medyarasayana is known worldwide for its action on boosting memory and improving intellect power and advantageous for brain related disorders like epilepsy, mental retardation etc. Shankhapushpihas shown to help in regeneration of brain cells and in dendritic arborization which is the neuronal basis for improved learning and memory. Cell loss in these areas has been implied with age related nervous disorders including memory loss. Increase in the cell number after administration of *Shankhapushpi* provides considerable evidence of the efficacy of this drug in learning and enhancement of memory. It may also help in preventing changes in the neuron cell bodies in specific brain areas. So, with this review, I would like to highlight the wonderful effect of Sankhapushpiin age related Dementia.

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### INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda is a science dealing with wonderful effects of many herbal sources. Early humans recognized their dependence on nature for a healthy life, and since that time humanity has depended on the diversity of plant resources for food, clothing, shelter, and medicine to cure myriads of ailments. In the present world, the use of herbal preparations is being promoted to treat various disorders especially in old aged people and in children. This consideration for the traditional therapeutic intervention is due its less side effects.

Dementia is not a specific disease but is rather a general term for the impaired ability to remember, think, or make decisions that interferes with doing everyday activities. Although dementia mainly affects older people, it is not an inevitable consequence of ageing. Currently more than 55 million people live with dementia worldwide, and there are nearly 10 million new cases every year. Dementia results from a variety of diseases and injuries that primarily or secondarily affect the brain. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and may contribute to 60-70% of cases.<sup>1</sup>

Shankhpushpi of the Ayurvedic pharmacopeia of India consists of the whole plant of Convulvuluspluricaulis Choisy (Convolvulaceae) syn (C. pluricaulis) and Convulvulusmicrophyllus Sieb. ex Spreng (C. microphyllus). Plants other than C. pluricaulis use the name Shankhpushpi in different parts of the country. These include Evolvulusalsinoides Linn, Clitoriaternatea Linn and Canscora decussata Schult. In Kerala Sankhapushpi is equated as Clitoriaternatea Linn, belonging to Papillonaceae family. Except for the term "Sankhapushpi" which indicates resemblance of its flowers to that of a conch-shell, the synonyms do not give any clue in identifying the plant. Here I am taking Clitoriaternatea Linn as the source plant.

In Ayurveda, this herbSankhapushpi (Clitoriaternatea Linn) is classically described as a memory and intellect booster. Moreover, it is employed in a variety of formulations used for the treatment of nervous disorders, such as insanity, epilepsy, hysteria, insomnia, and psycho-neurosis. More specifically, in ancient texts, this plant has been mentioned as sara, medhya, vrsya and rasayana, which refers to the laxative, nootropic, aphrodisiac and rejuvenator properties of this herb, respectively. It is also believed that a paste prepared from its roots and flowers act as anti-aging agents, thereby indicating its apparent anti-oxidant activity. Here we specifically consider the nootropic effect of Sankhapushpiin aged persons.

### **Materials and Methods**

As per the literary search done from the *Samhithas, Nighantus* and databases available we have collected relavantevidences regarding the effect of *Sankhapushpi*(*Clitoriaternatea* Linn) in central nervous system there by establishing its effect in curing age related dementia.

### Sankhapushpi

The plant Sankhapushi is called in Sanskrit as Aparajithaor Gokarna. Caraka, Sushruta and Vagbhatta have mentioned Shankhapushpi as a vital ingredient in various memory enhancer formulations along with other therapeutic attributes. Moreover, Carakahas expounded the Medhya Guna (nootropic property) of Shankhapushpias 'MedhyaVisheshena cha Shankhapushpi'. While describing DivyaAushadhi (divine herb), Sushruta has considered Vegavati herb similar to Shankhapushpi. Commentators of Vagbhatta, Arunadatta and Hemadri have not commented regarding Shankhapushpi but Indu has attributed the synonym Supushpi to it.<sup>3</sup>

Meda is defined in the text Amarakosha as "Dharanat buddhi".ie mental vigour or power, intelligence, wisdom. [धीर्धारणावतीमेधासङ्कल्पःकर्ममानसम्. अवधानंसमाधानंप्रणिधानमंतथैवच।चित्ताभोगामनस्कारश्चर्चासंख्याविचारणा।विमर्शोभावनाचैववासनाचिनगद्य

definition (Smaran). MedhyaRasayanas are group of medicinal plants with multi-fold benefits, specifically to improve memory and intellect by Prabhava (specific action). They improve all the three faculties of mind: a) Dhi (Intellect/Acquisition power) b)Dhriti (Retention power) c) Smriti (Memory/Recalling power). Ushna virya and sheetavirya drugs acts through different mechanism and enhance cognition. It may provide parameters for selection of medhya drug in different memory disorder. Sankhpushpi (Clitoriaternatea Linn) is having seetavirya and katuvipakawhich promotes kapha and enhances "Dharana Karma" (i.e., retention of cognition). Extracts of this plant have been used as an ingredient in medhya-rasayana, a rejuvenating recipe used for treatment of neurological disorders.

### **Ayurvedic parameters**

Rasa -tiktha

Guna -laghurooksha

Veerya -seeta

Vipaka- katu

### Action on dosha, dathu, mala

Dosha:tridoshagnam

Dathu **medyam**,kantya,chakshuksya,vedanastapana,vranaropana,vishagna,kushtagna, dahasamaka, pittasamaka, rakthadoshasamaka, amapachaka, jwaragna, saraka, rechaka, rasayana, balya.

Mala:virechaka, mutrala

### Indications of Sankhapuspi

Apasmara, kushta, krimi, visha, kasa, unmada, chardi,manasikaroga, lutavisha,foragnideepti,sotha,gandamala,galaganda,apachi,netraroga,sarpavisa

### **Dementia**

Dementia is a syndrome – usually of a chronic or progressive nature – that leads to deterioration in cognitive function (i.e., the ability to process thought) beyond what might be expected from the usual consequences of biological ageing. It affects memory, thinking, orientation, comprehension, calculation, learning capacity, language, and judgement. Consciousness is not affected. The impairment in cognitive function is commonly accompanied, and occasionally preceded, by changes in mood, emotional control, behaviour, or motivation. Dementia is currently the seventh leading cause of death among all diseases and one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people worldwide. Dementia has physical, psychological, social and economic impacts, not only for people living with dementia, but also for their carers, families and society at large. There is often a lack of awareness and understanding of dementia, resulting in stigmatization and barriers to diagnosis and care.<sup>1</sup>

The worldwide number of persons with dementia in the year 2000 was estimated at about 25 million persons. About 6.1% of the population 65 years of age and older suffered from dementia (about 0.5% of the worldwide population) and 59% were female. The forecast indicated a considerable increase in the number of demented elderlies. Prevalence is equal to 0.3 to 1.0 per 100 people in individuals aged 60 to 64 years, and increases to 42.3 to 68.3 per 100 people in individuals 95 years and older. The incidence varies from 0.8 to 4.0 per 1000 person years in people aged 60 to 64 years, and increases to 49.8 to 135.7 per 1000 person years when the population was older than 95 years.

### Signs and symptoms

Dementia affects each person in a different way, depending upon the underlying causes, other health conditions and the person's cognitive functioning before becoming ill. The signs and symptoms linked to dementia can be understood in three stages.

**Early stage:** the early stage of dementia is often overlooked because the onset is gradual. Common symptoms may include:

- forgetfulness
- losing track of the time
- becoming lost in familiar places.

**Middle stage:** as dementia progresses to the middle stage, the signs and symptoms become clearer and may include:

- becoming forgetful of recent events and people's names
- becoming confused while at home
- having increasing difficulty with communication
- needing help with personal care
- experiencing behaviour changes, including wandering and repeated questioning

Late stage: the late stage of dementia is one of near total dependence and fractivity. Memory disturbances are serious and the physical signs and symptoms become more obvious and may include:

- becoming unaware of the time and place
- having difficulty recognizing relatives and friends
- having an increasing need for assisted self-care
- having difficulty walking
- experiencing behaviour changes that may escalate and include aggression.<sup>1</sup>

### 2.2 Approach of using Sankhapushpi in age related Dementia

There are no cures in sight for chronic diseases of aging, only increasingly expensive chronic treatments. A major shift from costly disease management toward prevention is now mandated because the U.S. and other developed and developing nations with aging populations face projections of unsustainable health care costs to pay for the health care of aging populations. Many of the most costly and debilitating conditions are neurodegenerative. Therefore, the best interventions will be those that are cheap, safe, pleiotropic, and with multiple potential benefits. Prevention of dementia requires much greater safety and very few or no adverse side effects. Interventions that have safety and side effect track records, broad spectrum utility in preclinical models, and low cost is preferred.

A number of changes take place in the brainduring ageing molecular, cellular, structural, and functional level. Neural cells may succumb to neuro-degeneration. Here is considerable loss of neurons, reduced synthesis of neurotransmitters like glutamate, acetyl Cho-line, dopamine which leads to formation ofplaques and tangles, accumulation oflipofuscin (yellow-brown pigment granules which are residues of lysosomal digestion) innerve tissue, resulting in the breakdown of nerves. Associated conditions accelerating the process of brain ageing include, vitamin Bgroup deficiencies (B vitamin protect brainfunction by regulating energy metabolism), high levels of inflammatory cytokines, high C-reactive proteins, deficiency of dietary anti-oxidants like acetyl-L carnitine which delaythe onset of age-related cognitive decline and improve overall cognitive function in the elderly subjects. Hyperglycaemia has shown anadverse effect on hippocampus and thus in-creases the risk of Alzheimer's disease.<sup>8</sup> Keeping our brain functions as in young age is an important task for neuroscientists to prevent aging-associated neurological disorders. A holistic approach in anti-aging research seems to be more reasonable. Several drugs of plant origin may serve as promising therapeutics for the treatment of dementia. The oxidative stress and mitochondrial dysfunction are of high importance in the pathology and pathogenesis of dementia. Therefore, natural antioxidants and mitochondria targeting molecules can be important strategies to treat elderly individuals with Dementia.

Medhya drugs (Sankhpushpi(Clitoriaternatea Linn)) act at different levels –

- a) at level of Rasa
- b) by stimulating and improving the function of Agni
- c) By improving circulation of *Rasa* by opening and cleaning the micro channeland thus improving *Medhya* function.

Various research has been done to prove the significant effect of *Sankhapushpi as* antioxidant and having wide spectrum of CNS activity. A wide range of phytocompounds including ternatins, alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins, carbohydrates, proteins, resins, starch, taraxerol, taraxerone and secondary metabolites such as triterpenoids, flavonol glycosides, anthocyanins, steroid elevates the hope of endorsing *C. ternatea* as an efficient botanical medicine combating neurological ailments. Phytochemical assay of the plant *C. ternatea* was performed to divulge the essential phytocompounds which draw a base line in accessing their medicinal significance. The roots of the plant have an extended antiquity to promote mental power memory retention and alleviate psychotic stress. Studies have revealed that aqueous root extract of *C.ternatea* enhances memory in rats while, alcoholic extracts of aerial and root parts of *C.ternatea* attenuated electroshock-induced amnesia. Increase in the ACh content in rat hippocampus may be the neuro-chemical basis for improved learning and memory. Hence that study determined root as the vital part that reveals the utmost essential phytocompounds *C.ternatea* has monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MOAI) fetching as a stoppage solution against depression and neurological problems which hoists Ayurveda extensively

### **Results and Discussion**

From the review of various sources, we got clear evidence that *Sankhapushpi* is very effective in control and cure of age-related dementia since the ayurvedic pharmacological properties and specific phytoconstituents like MOAI of the source plant *Clitoriaternatea* Linn is having significant effect on the regeneration of brain cells. The researchers concluded that in vitro and in vivo results suggest the potential of hydroalcoholic extract of *Clitoriaternatea* for treatment of cognitive deficit in neurological disorders. Also the seeds and leaves of *Clitoriaternatea* have been widely used as brain tonic and believed to promote memory and intelligence. <sup>10</sup>Sankhapushpi is being indicated as *medya* in various samhithas especially in *Charakasamhitha* and can be given in the dosage of I palain the *kalka* form to the age related dementia cases. The source plant helps to perform various brain functions and helps to attain anxiety free life. *Sankhapuspi* (*Clitoriaternatea* Linn), one of *medhyarasayan* is easily available and every person of any age group can consume it without having any side effects.

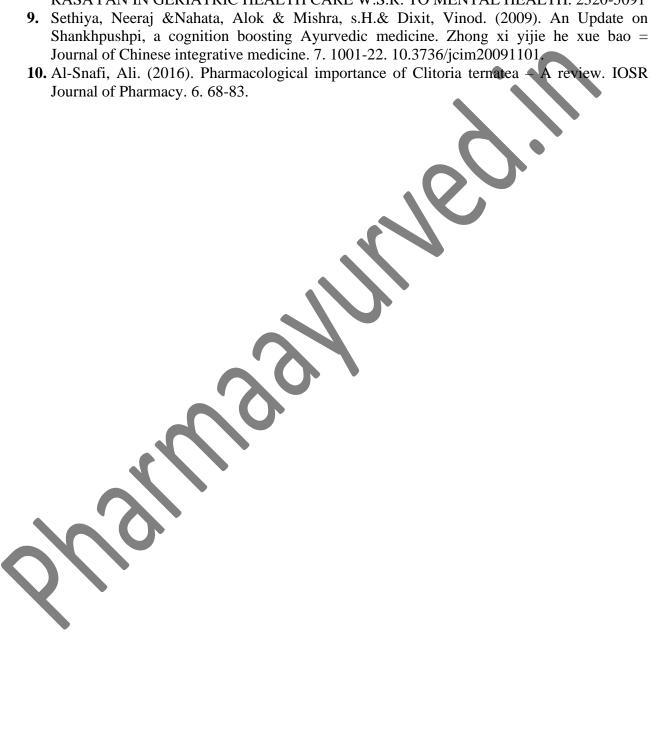
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### CRITICAL REVIEW OF JYOTISMATI AS MEDHYA INGERIATRIC CARE

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### **Abstract**

Ayurveda is unique in its holistic pro nature approach and safe effective green pharmaceutical processings. It is also known as science of life & longevity in which geriatric health care is its prime concern. Due to changing lifestyle and rapid use of chemicals in daily life, these all factors accelerate aging process and diminish cognitive functions of body. In Ayurveda, Jara word is used to describe aging process. Jara is inevitable catabolic process occur in every human being because of degradation of parmanu vibhaga. In geriatric phase, every human has to face various physical as well as psychological issues. So, To stabilize the symtoms associated with aging process through intellect herb, one such elixir of life is Jyotismati. Jyotismati is wonderful intellect tree as it miraculously improves cognitive function, memory & mental acuity. Present paper is a critical review to update complete knowledge of pharmacodynamic & pharmacokinetics of Jyotismati and to evaluate its Medhya karma in geriatric disorders from various classical literature. Concurrently, it opens up for further research & standarisation of nootropic drugs of Ayurveda.

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Geriatrics is emerging as a major medical speciality over the world. In india too the last decade has projected significantly rising rate of aging & hence it is great need to strengthen the geriatric care system. Ayurveda is essentially the science of life & longevity which incorporates jara/rasayana tantra as one of its astanga specialities which is devoted to nutrition, immunology & geriatrics. *Jara* is inevitable catabolic process occur in every human being because of degradation of *parmanu vibhaga*. Acharya shusruta has mentioned Jara under swabhava bala pravritta vyadhi. The etiopathogenesis & consequences of jara are not clearly mentioned in Ayurveda but rasayana therapy explained with vast concept. So, rasayana drugs which are known to promote physical & mental health but also promote intellect (Medha). Medhya drugs mainly acts by its achintya virya i.e prabhava & these drugs exert pronounced effect on mental capabilities of person. One such elixir of life is jyotismati which is named after its ability to enhance cognitive function & natural luminosity (jyoti) of mind (mati). Since time immemorial, it has been used to treat brain related diseases and enhance learning & mental acuity. The jyotismati seed oil is known to have effect on centralnervous system with main activity of memory enhancing effect.

### **MATERIAL & METHODS** –

In this review, we gather thorough information about *Jyotismati* from the ancient *Nighantu* literature and different textbook of *Dravyaguna*, Scientific journals, research articles related to the topic & formulate pharmacodynamic & pharmacokinetic of *Jyotismati* in management of geriatric care.

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION ABOUT JYOTISMATI** -

Botanical Name - Celastrus paniculatus

Wild.Family - Celastraceae

Hindi Name - Malkagani

English Name - Staff tree

Synonyms Agnibha, Durjara, Kakandi, Katabhi, Lata, Medhya,

. Vega,Peetataila, Paravatapadi

Part used - seed, leaves

### RASA - PANCHAKA

RASA	Katu, Tikta
GUNA	Teekshna, Snigdha, Sara
VEERYA	Ushna
VIPAKA	Katu
PRABHAVA	Medhya
DOSHA KARMA	Kapha-vatahara

### **CHEMICAL CONSTITUENTS** -

Root bark & stem - Pristimerin

Leaves – alkaloids, saponin, steroid, terpentoid

Seed – Celapagine, celastrol, malkanguni, paniculatine, acetic acid, linoleic acid, benzoicacid etc.

### CLASSICAL CATEGORIZATION FROM A YURVEDIC LITERATURE

AYURVEDIC LITERATURE	VARGA / GANA
Charak Samhita	Shirovirechnopaga
Sushrut Samhita	Adhobhagahara, shirovirechana, Arkadi
Astang Hridaya	Arkadi
Bhavaprakasha	Haritakyadi varga
Raja Nighantu	Guduchyadi varga, Gokshuradi varga
Dhanvantari Nighantu	Guduchyadi varga
Kaiyadeva Nighantu	Oushadhi varga
Madanpala Nighantu	Abhyadi varga , Paniyadi varga
Priya Nighantu	Pippalyadi varga
Shodhala Nighantu	Guduchyadi varga
Shaligrama Nighantu	Haritakyadi varga
Nighantu Adarsha	Jyotismatyadi, Arka varga, Ashta varga

### THERAPEUTIC USE OF JYOTISMATI IN NIGHANTU -

NIGHANTU	THERAPEUTIC USE IN GERIATRIC CARE
Bhavaprakasha	Vahini-buddhi-smriti prada
Raja Nighantu	Deepta, medhya, Pragyakaraka
Dhanvantari Nighantu	Vahini-buddhi-smriti prada
Kaiyadeva Nighantu	Tikshna, moha-medha-akshi-varnyada
Madanpala Nighantu	Vahini-buddhi-smriti prada, smriti buddhim

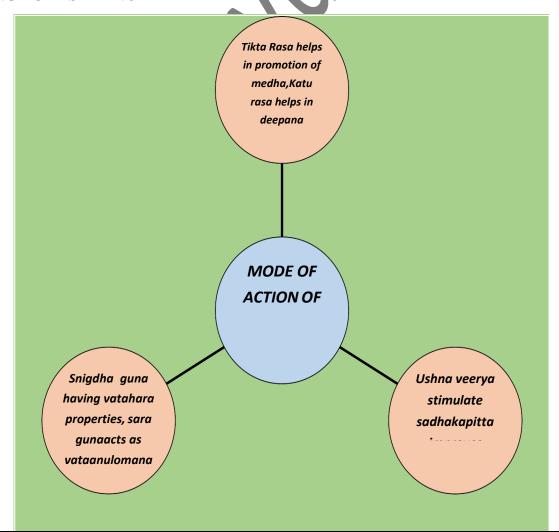
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Shodhala Nighantu	Tikshna medhya

### MODE OF ACTION OF JYOTISMATI IN GERIATRIC CARE



### ACCORDING TO RASA-PANCHAKA -



### ACCORDING TO PARTS OF JYOTISMATI -

PART USED	MODE OF ACTION	THERAPEUTIC EFFECT
Seed extract	Inhibiting acetylcholinesterase enzyme.  Increase acetylcholine level in brain  This will Enhance memory power	Nootropic activity, Improve Cognitive function
seed oil	Increase dopamine & serotonin level in brain  Malkangni decrease activity of monoamine oxidase-A(MAO-A)  Prevent metabolism of dopamine & serotonin  Thus acts as anti-depressant drug	Anti-depressant activity
Seed	Decrease malanodialdehyde  Increase glutathione & catalase level in brain  Decrease oxidative stress  This will Enhance memory	Antioxidant activity, Neuroprotective agent

### **CONCLUSION** -

The ageing process leads to the dramatic alterations in the physiology of all organisms, including reduced cellular function, compromised resistance to stress & pathological agents, and increased agerelated disorder. As we all know that memory loss, dementia, alzehimer's disease, sleep disorder, low immunity etc. these are common ailments in old aged people. In order to cope up with this burning issue in society, our Ayurveda advocates wonderful approach to delay jara janya vyadhi by improving the quality of life by using rasayana sevana, dincharya, hitakara ahara-vihara along with various herbal drugs to manage geriatric health in present scenario. Due to presence of active metabolites in jyotismati, it definitely improve quality of life in geriatric population. In this critical review we get complete knowledge of pharmacodynamic & pharmacokinetics of *Jyotismati* and to verify its *Medhya karma* according to ayurvedic concept on geriatric disorders from different source. To sum up all, jyotismati advocated to enhance body immunity & also helps in prevention and management of cognitive decline among the elderly population.

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### EKALA AUSHADHI PRAYOGAS FOR ASTHIVAHA SROTAS IN BRUHATRYEE

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### **Abstract**

**Introduction**- Osteoporosis is a major clinical problem in older women and men. It makes persons bones thin, lose density and increasingly fragile. This condition results in increase risk of bone fracture. In Ayurved, bone tissue is described as *Asthidhatu* and all the channels which provides nourishment to that *dhatu* known as *Asthivahasrotas*. Aim of this study is to find out single drug from eminent treatise of Ayurveda for prevention and cure of *Asthivahasrotasdushti*.

**Materials & Methods-** All the3 treatise covered under *Bruhatrayee* i.e. *Charak Samhita*, *Sushrut* Samhita and *Asthanghriday* and *Asthangsangraha* were reviewed

**Results-**There were lots of diseased condition found in old aged related to *Asthivahasrotas*. All the *VataShamak Ausadhi* gives good result in this condition as *Vatadosha* is *sthan* of *asthivahasrotas*. **Conclusion-**Medicines found for care and cure of *AsthiVaha Srotodusti* can be served effectively for geriatric patients in society.

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### INTRODUCTION

Just as a tree is dependent on the inner trunk, similarly the animal body is held by the rods in the form of *Asthi.* Asthi is a strong structure of the body. The flesh is attached to the bones by the muscles or nerves. By holding the *Marma* in itself, the bones are subjected to their external shocks or protects her from injuries. Asthi is one of the seven *Dhatus.* It is also one *Srotas* among thirteen. Moola of that *Srotas* is *Meda* and *Jaghan.* Dusti of that *Srotas* cause by *Vyayam*, *AtiSamkshobha*, *AtiVighajjanat* and most important *Vatas* and in form of *Ahara* and *Vihara.* Imbalance(*Vrudhhi/Kshay*) in *Dhatu* cause *Vikara.* Kesh, Shmshru, Rom and Nakha are known as Mala of Asthi Dhatu. Symptoms which given by Acharya Charaka for Asthi Dhatu Kshay that is Kesh-Lom-Nakha-Smshru-Dwij(Danta) prapatan, Shram, Sandhi Saithilya. Acharya Susruta added Asthitoda and Rokshya. When Dhatukshay occurs, substances that is similar to that substances are used for treatment. Symptoms of Asthi Vrudhhi is Adhiasthi and Adhidant. Treatment for that increased Doshas is Samshodhan and Kshpana. For Dhatu Pradoshaja Vikara Panchkarma, Basti, Tiktakshira and Tiktaghrita was given for mediciation.

Ekalaushadha have their specific affinity towards *Dhatu*, *Ashay*, *Avayav*. Aim of this study to find out *Ekala Aushadhi* for *Asthi Dhatu* related deformities in present era.

**Material and Method** -All the 3treatise covered under *Bruhatrayee* i.e. *Charaka Samhita*, *Sushruta* Samhita and *Asthanghriday* and *Asthangsangraha* were reviewed with tika.

**Result-***Ekalausadha* from *Bruhatrayee* are tabulated as below.

Table-1: Showing Ekalaausadhi for Asthivaha Srotas from Bruhatrayee.

Sr no.	Dravya	Rasa	Guna	Virya	Viapaka	Doshghnta
1.	Guduchi	Katu,Tikta	Laghu, snigdha	Ushna	Madhur	Tridoshshamak
2.	Jatamansi	Tikta,Kashaya,Madh ur	Ruksh	shita	madhur	Tridoshshamak
3.	Musta	Tikta,Kashay,Katu	Grahi	Shita	Katu	Pittakphashamak , Vatvardhak
4.	Kutaj	Tikta, Katu, Kashay	Ruksh	Shita	Katu	Pittakphashamak , Vatvardhak
5.	Nimba	Tikta	Laghu, ruksh	Shita	Katu	Pittakphashamak , Vatvardhak
6.	Kirattikta	Tikta	Ruksha, shita	Shita	Katu	Pittakphashamak , Vatvardhak
7.	Shalparni	Tikta,Madhur	Laghu	Shita	Madhur	Tridoshshamak
8.	Patha	Tikta, Katu	Laghu	Ushna	Katu	Kaphavatshamak
9.	Patol	Tikta	Ruksha	Ushna	Madhur	Tridoshshamak

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10.	Dhavyasa	Madhur, Tikta,	Laghu, ruksh	Shita	Madhur	Pittakphashamak
		Kashay				, Vatvardhak
11.	Amalaki	Amla, kashay,	Ruksha	Shita	Madhur	Tridhoshnashak
		Madhur				
12.	Haridra	Tikta, Katu	Ruksha	Ushna	Katu	Pittakphashamak
						, Vatvardhak
13.	Guggulu	Madhur, Katu, Tikta,	Ruksha	Ushna	Katu	Kaphvatshamank
		Kashay				
14.	Katuki	Tikta	Ruksha, Laghu	Shita	Katu	Pittakphashamak
						, Vatvardhak
15.	Kokilaksha	Madhur, Amla, Tikta	Laghu	Shita	Katu	Vatshamak,
						Pittavardhak

### Discussion-

Ekala Ausadhi is very potent and target oriated medicine. But for Kostha and initial Dhatu that is very effective.

We can say that, Above15 drugs given in Samhita for AsthiDhatu possess one or two Bhavfor Asthi.Like There was one reference in Susruta Samhita that Dosha Kupita by one Bhav, two Bhav or three Bhav (वातस्यरुक्षलयुविशदविष्टम्भभागा:)<sup>16</sup>

i.e. Vata Dosha get aggravated by only Ruksha Guna or Ruksha + Shita Guna or Ruksha+ Laghu + Vishada Guna .

When there are Ruksh Guna Vruddhi only Snigdh Guna Pradhan Drug enough for treatment.

Likewise in Vrudhhi of Ruksh+ Shita, Snigdh + Ushna Guna Pradhan Drug is appropriate for treatment.

**Table 2-Probable mode of action of that 15 Drugs** 

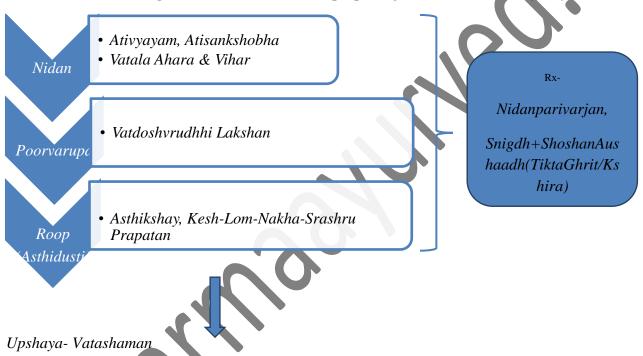
Sr no.	Drugs	Probale mode of action
1.	Guduchi	Due to its SnigdhGuna subside Vata Dosha
2.	Jatamansi, Shalparni, Dhanvayash, Amalaki, Patol	Due to its <i>Madhur Vipaka</i> its subside <i>Vata Dosha</i>
3.	Musta, Nimba, Kirattika, Patha, Kutaj, Haridra, Katuki	Due to its Ruksha Gunaita possess Kharatvain Asthi Dhatu

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4.	Kokilaksha, Guggulu	Due	to	its	specific	affinity
		towa	rds A	Asthi	Dhatu its	work on
		Asthi	Vikr	uti		

As it has been told in origin of *Asthi Dhatu*, if the *Pruthvi+Anila+Anala* is covered with *Sleshma* in *Slakshna Dhatu* like *Meda*, then after that become *Khara* like *Asthi*.<sup>17</sup>

All *Tikta Dravyas* are *Vatkruta*, *Vata Dosha* increase *Asthi Kshaya* yet why *Tikta Dravyas* are used in treatment? The substance which is *Snigdh* and *Shoshan* that will produce *Khartva* in the *Asthi*. There is no such substance which has *Snigdh* and *Shoshan* properties resides together. Medicated *Ghee* and *Kshira* with *Tikta Dravyas* having that qualities that creating *Kharatva*, make it like earlier. <sup>18</sup>

### Illustration 1: Showing Nidan Panchak and Samprapti Vighatan of Asthiashraya Vyadhi.



### Conclusion-

Asthi is Gambhir Dhatu. Formation of Sapta Dhatu also depends on status of Kayagni. Maintainance of Kayagni is required for proper formation of Asthi Dhatu. AsthiVaha Srotas Dusti mainy occudred by Vata Dosha Prakopak Aharaand Vihara. Asthi Ashrayee Vyadhi Chikitsa involve Vata Nashak Upkram maily Basti. For internal medication combination of both 'Snigdha and Shoshak Dravyas are required. Given 15 Drugs in Samhita for treatment of Asthi Dhatu may work on one or two Bhav of Asthi Dhatu, for better treatment in complicated Asthi Vikruti we should use combination of Drugs.

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