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ROLE OF PATHADI KWATHA IN THE MANAGEMENT OF OLIGOMENORRHOEA CAUSED DUE TO PCOS

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ABSTRACT

Menstrual bleeding occurring more than 35 days apart and which remains constant at that frequency is called as oligomenorrhoea. The affected women typically menstruate between 4 and 9 times per year. Oligomenorrhoea can be age related- during adolescence and preceeding menopause, weight related-stress and exercise related, due to tubercular endometritis, due to androgen producing tumors- ovarian, adrenal, endocrine disorders hyperprolactinaemia, hypothyroidism, PCOS(commonest). Women with pcos have raised levels of male hormones androgens, which causes oilgomenorrhoea. Low oestrogen levels are also a component of oligomennohoea. Oligomenorrhoea result infertility. The of can in causes oligomenorrhoea include hypothalamic, pituitary, or ovarian

dysfunction. Hypothalamic oligomenorrhoea or ammenorrhoea is due to decreased pulsatile secretion of GNRH. Decreased GNRH secretion may be caused by psychological or emotional disorders. Pituitary causes include hyperprolactinaemia. Ovarian causes include premature ovarian failure. Information about the cause of oligomenorrhoea may be revealed by measurements of Sr.FSH, Sr.LH, Sr.Prolactin, Sr. Testosterone. High Sr. FSH, Sr.LH levels indicates the presence of ovarian dysfunction (primary hypogonadism) whereas low levels indicates the presence of hypothalamic or pituitary dysfunction (secondary hypogonadism). Some people are at risk to develop oligomenorrhoea, such as athletes, models, dancers due to their intense strenuous physical training and strict diet.

KEYWORDS: Oligomenorrhoea, PCOS, Artava Kshaya, Pathadi Kwatha.

INTRODUCTION

PCOS is the commonest heterogeneous endocrine metabolic disorder affecting 6-10% of peri-menopausal women and 30% of women of reproductive age group. ^[1] This syndrome is a major non-communicable health problem worldwide in women of different age groups due to increasing faulty life style. It results in stress, anxiety and emotional upsets due to multifaceted dermatological presentations like acne, hirsutism and acanthosis nigricans.

CASE REPORT

An unmarried female patient of 18 yrs visited the OPD of Stree roga and Prasuti tantra, IPGT & RA, Jamnagar, on 17/02/2017, with the chief complaint of irregular and scanty menstruation since menarche, associated with weight gain since 3 yrs. She attained the menarche at 14 yrs of age. Her menstruation was limited to 1-2 days with scanty flow, at an interval of 2-3 months, requiring only 2 pads per cycle. Last menstrual period was on 20/02/2017, following a period of 3 months amenorrhea. Her previous medication history included allopathic treatment with hormonal therapy (mala D for 3 months 1 od.) to regulate the periods. She used to menstruate only after taking the monthly hormonal therapy. She discontinued the medicines 3 months back due to side effects like weight gain, headache, acne etc.

The patient was admitted in the IPD, Stree roga and Prasuti tantra ward on 23/02/2017.

General examination- Built-obese, Height 153cm and weight (B.T) 68 kg BMI -29.05 kg/m². Vitals are - B.P. 110/70mm-hg. P/R-78/min. R/R-14/m. Temp-98.4⁰F) She was administered with *Pathadi Kwatha* 20 ml b.d. before meal with warm water for 2 months. The details of posology are mentioned in Table no. (1). Routine investigations were carried out both before and after the treatment. The values are listed in Table no. (2).

Table (1): Treatment protocol followed in the patient.

Drug	Dose	Duration	Time	Route
Pathadi Kwatha	20 ml B.D.	2 month	Before meal	Orally

After administration of *Pathadi Kwatha*, the patient achieved menstruation in the very next month i.e., 18/03/2017 with the bleeding phase lasting for 4-5 days, requiring 6-7 pads per cycle (fully soaked pad). Her next period was on 17/04/2017 with same duration and amount.

There was also reduction in the weight up to 5 kg after treatment. Her BMI decreased to $26.92 \text{ kg/m}^2 \text{ from } 29.05 \text{kg/m}^2 \text{ after the treatment.}$

Table no. (2): Investigation carried out.

Investigations	BT	AT		
Hb	15.1gm/dl	15.1gm/dl		
TLC	7000/Cumm	7000/Cumm		
DLC	N,L,E,M- 59%,32%,06%,03%	N, L,E,M- 66%,29%,02%,03%		
ESR	07mm/hr	10mm/hr		
Sr. cholesterol	188mg/dl	184mg/dl		
Sr. triglycerides	123mg/dl	105mg/dl		
FBS	95mg/dl	77mg/dl		
PPBS	101mg/dl	101mg/dl		
	SGPT-14 IU/L,SGOT-15 IU/L,	SGPT-19 IU/L ,17 IU/L,113 IU/L,		
LFT	Alkaline phosphatase-113 IU/L,	Alkaline phosphatase-113iu/l,		
	bilirubin-1.1mg/dl.	bilirubin-0.7mg/dl.		
RFT	Blood urea-17 mg/dl, S.creatinine-	Blood urea-16 mg/dl, S.creatinine-		
	0.8mg/dl.	0.8mg/dl.		
Sr. testosterone	56.9ng/dl.	-		
urine routine	NAD	Ca. oxalate crystals.		
USG	Ovarian volume- Rt. Ovary-12cc,	Rt. Ovary-10cc, Lt ovary-9.0 cc		
	Lt.ovary -11.8 cc	Rt. Ovary-10cc, Lt Ovary-9.0 cc		

Discussion on the drugs of Pathadi Kwatha

Table (3): Ingredients and properties of *Pathadi Kwatha*. [2]

Sr. no	Drug	Botanical name	Part used	Rasa	Guna	Virya	Vipaka	Quantity
1	Patha	Cissampelos pareira.Linn.	Root	Tikta	Laghu, Tikshna	Ushna	Katu	1Part
2	Pippali	Piper longum Linn.	Dry Fruit	Katu	Laghu, Snighdha, Tikshna	Anusna Shita	Madhura	1Part
3	Sunthi	Zingiber officinale Roxb.	Dry Rhizome	Katu	Laghu, Snigdha	Ushna	Madhura	1Part
4	Maricha	Piper nigrum Linn.	Dry Fruit	Katu	Laghu, Tikshna	Ushna	Katu	1Part
5	Vrikshaka	Holarrhena antidysentrica Linn.	Bark	Tikta, kashaya	Laghu Ruksya	Shita	Katu	1Part

Method of *Kwatha* preparation^[3]

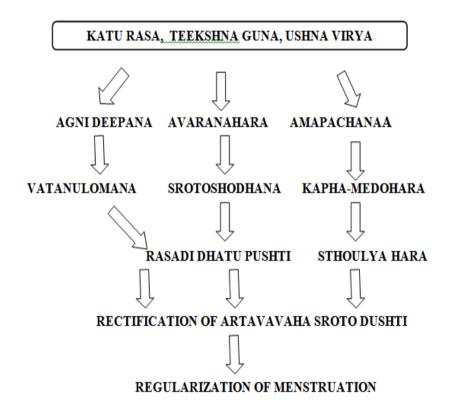
As per the standard method of preparation of Kwatha, the drugs were cleaned boiled with 16 times water and reduced to 1/8th. Then the prepared Kwatha is cooled down and filtered.

Table (4): Action of Pathadi Kwatha.

Sr.no	Drug	Dosha karma	Pradhan karma
1	Patha	Kapha-Pitta Shamaka	Stanyashodhana
2	Pippali	Vata-Kapha Shamaka	Kasahara
3	Sunthi	Kapha-Vata Shamaka	Triptighana
s4	Maricha	Vata-Kapha Shamaka	Deepana
5	Vrikshaka	Kapha Pitta Shamaka	Aamhara(Upshoshana)

DISCUSSION

PROBABLE MODE OF ACTION OF PATHADI KWATHA



In *Pathadi Kwatha* most of the drugs are of *Ushna Virya* and of *Katu Rasa*. So it helps in reduction of weight. *Patha* is a hypoglycemic agent which helps in reduction of sugar level. *Artava & Stanya* are the *Updhatu* of *Rasa*. *Patha*, *Kutaja* and *Shunthi* all are *Stanyashodhaka* and *Raktashodhaka* properties. Pcos is a type of *Artava Dushti*. So all the three drugs will indirectly purify the *Artava*. *Kutaja* and *Trikatu* both have *Lekhana* and *Amashoska* property. So it helps in weight reduction. *Vata-Kaphaja Artava Dushti* is conceptualized based on the predominant *Doshas* involved in the manifestation of the clinical condition characterized by *Vataja Lakshana* like *Karshnya* (acanthosis nigricans), *Karshya* (lean built), *Sakritgraha* (constipation), *Rajonasha* etc.

This may be the reason for enhanced activity of *Pathadi Kwatha in Amapachana*, *Srotovishodhana*, *Medohara*, *Artava Janana* and *Artava Pravartana*.

CONCLUSION

In present era due to high level of stress, there is imbalance in the hormonal level. Stress is one of the causative factor of Pcos which leads to menstrual problems i.e. oligomenohoea etc. Oligomenohoea can further leads to infertility. So it should be treated carefully. *Acharya Sushruta* said that *Aagneya Dravyas* are the treatment of *Artava Khasya*. So these properties of *Pathadi Kwatha* are helpful in treating the menstrual irregularities.^[4]

So it can be concluded that the trial drug *Pathadi Kwatha* was effective not only in relieving the cardinal features like menstrual irregularity, scanty menses, pain during menses and obesity in *Vata-Kaphaja-Artava-Dushthi*, but also substantially improved the associated complaints by virtue of regularization of H-P-O axis and balance of *Tridosha's* in women suffering from PCOS.

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