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# A LITERARY STUDY ON CAUSES AND SAMPRAPTI OF PANDUROGA

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Pandu means pallor. In this disease there is predominance of paleness all over the body. Due to its similarity it can be co-related with modern disease anemia. Pandu Roga is explained by almost all of our Acharyas. This article is based on Nidana and samprapti of Pandu Roga from Ayurvedic texts. Rasavaha and Raktavaha srotas are chiefly involved in pathogenesis of Pandu Roga. Our faulty dietary habits and lifestyle produces Ama which further causes Agnimandya and ultimately Amayukta Ahararasa produced. It hampers Rasa Dhatu utpatti and manifests Pandu Roga. Aggravated Pitta is responsible for the production of Poshaka (nutrient portion) from the Rasadhatu as a

result depletion of *Rakta* takes place. The detail knowledge of *nidana* and *samprapti* of pandu roga is important for further management. In India Malnutrition, poverty, illiteracy, contribute to anemia which can be correlated as *pandu roga* in Ayurveda.

**KEYWORDS:** *Nidana, Ama, Agnimandya,* anemia, *Panduroga.* 

#### INTRODUCTION

A detail explanation of *Pandu Roga* is found in almost all Ayurveda *Samhitas*. It is called *Pandu Roga* because of predominance of *Pandubhava* (paleness) all over the body.<sup>[1]</sup> *Pandu Rogi* suffers from decreased blood count, *Bala* (strength), *Varna* (complexion), *Sneha*, *Meda and Oja*. Patient becomes *Nihsara* (loss of natural integrity, tone and strength) and *Shithilendriya*. In this there is vitiation of *Pitta Pradhana Vatadi Dosha and Raktadhatu* in the body.<sup>[2]</sup> *Pandu* is described under *Rasapradoshaja Vikara*.<sup>[3]</sup> In this article review on causes and *samprapti* of *panduroga*. In this article mainly causes and *samprapti* i.e pathology

of *pandu roga* studied details according to ayurvedic text. The disease *pandu* has been widely described in all ayurvedic *samhita* with description of anemia in modern texts.

#### **VYUTPATI**

The word "Pandu" is derived from root "Padi Nasane" with suffix "Ku" and elaboration through "Ni". The meaning is always taken in sense of "Nashana" i.e. the loss. (Shabdakalpadruma – Part3)<sup>[4]</sup> -According to Charaka Samhita.: - In this disease the skin of patient is discoloured as Pandu or like haridra or greenish tinge. -According to Sushruta Samhita in all types of Pandu body of the patient is more Pandu (shweta rakta or shweta pita). So it is named as Pandu. -According to Amarakosha:- Pandu means a white colour mixed with yellowish Tinge as mentioned in Amarakosha. -According to Chakrapani, Dalhana:- Acharya Chakrapani, the commentator of Charaka Samhita and Dalhana, the commentator of Sushruta Samhita have explain the word "Pandu" as Shweta, Dhusara, Shwetavabhasa, Pitavabhasa.

#### AIM AND OBJECTIVE

1. To study the causes and *samprapti* of the *Panduroga* (Anemia) according to Ayurvedic classics.

#### MATERIAL AND METHODS

This article is based on review of *Nidana* and *samprapti* of *Pandu Roga* from available Ayurvedic texts and *Samhitas*. Principal texts referred are *Charak Samhita*, *Susruta samhita*, *Astanga hrudaya*, *Astang sangraha* and *Madhava nidana* along with commentaries.

#### NIDAN (etiology)

The general etiology or *samanya nidana* of *Panduroga* is described in *Charaka samhita*, *Sushruta samhita* etc. Treatises in which all the factors, mainly related to *ahara*, *vihara* and other disease are mentioned. By excessive sexual intercourse, intake of sour & salty items, wine and dust, enjoying day sleep, use of highly irritant things will aggravate *Doshas*. These doshas will vitiate blood and thus producing paleness of skin.<sup>[5]</sup>

The *Nidana* (causative factors) of *Pandu Roga* is broadly divided in 3 types.

1) Aharaja Nidana (dietary causes) ¬ Excessive intake if Kshara, Amla, Lavana, Ushna, Viruddha Ahara, Asatmya Bhojana. ¬ Nispava, Masha (black gram), Pinyaka, Tila taila, Madya. [6,7]

- **2) Viharaja Nidana (Habitual cause)**  $\neg$  *Divaswap* (sleeping during day time)  $6 \neg$  Exercise and sexual intercourse during burning (indigestion) of food  $6 \neg$  Erratic administration of Panchakarma.  $^{[6,7]} \neg$  Faulty management of *Ritucharya* (seasonal regime).  $^{[6,7]} \neg$  Suppression of *Adharaniya Vegas*.  $^{[6,7]}$
- 3) Manasika Nidana (mental cause)  $\neg$  Afflication of mind with *Kama* (sexual desire), *Chinta* (anxiety), *Bhaya* (fear), *Krodha* (anger) and *Shoka* (grief)<sup>[6,7]</sup>  $\neg$

Sometimes Pandu Roga is also find due to the complications of some diseases eg. Raktarbuda, Raktapitta, Raktapradara, Arsha, Krimi, Grahani etc.

#### **SAMPRAPTI**

Acharya Charaka has clearly described the Samprapti of Pandu. According to Acharya Charaka, Due to Nidana Sevana; Pitta located in the Hridaya gets aggravated, and this Pitta being forcefully propelled by Vayu enters into the 10 vessels (attached to the heart) and circulates in the entire body. Being located between the skin and muscle tissue, this aggravated Pitta Vitiates Kapha, Vayu, Asrika, Twacha and Mamsa as a result of which different types of colouration, like Pandu, Haridra and Harita appear in the skin. [8]

Acharya Vagbhatta mentioned, Samprapti is the step by step progress of any disease. Vata, Pitta, and Kapha all three doshas are responsible for development of Panduroga. But out of these three doshas "Pitta Dosha" plays a very important role in Samprapti of Panduroga. Sushrutacharya has not given much importance to Pittadosha in Samprapti of Panduroga. He has given great importance to Raktadushti in the process of Panduroga Samprapti.

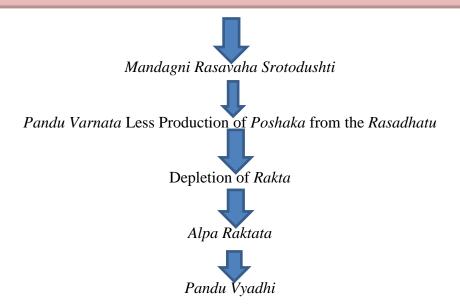
#### SAMPRAPTI CHARAKA



Hrudayasthapitta Expelled Pitta Pradhana Tridosh Via Dash Dhamani by powerful Vata
Prakopa



Vitiate Vata, Rakta, Kapha, Twak and Mamsa



#### Samprapti Ghataka

Dosha -Pitta Pradhana Tridosa (mainly Sadhaka Pitta)

Dusya -all Dhatus including Oja

Agni - Jatharagni, Dhatwagni

Srotas -Rasavaha, Raktavaha

Srotodushti -Sanga, Vimargagamana

Udbhavasthana - Amashaya, Hridaya

Sanchara - Sarva Sharir

Vyaktasthana - Twak

Vyadhi Swabhava -Chirkari

Roga Marga -Madhyama Roga Marga

**Bheda (types) of Pandu Roga** ¬ According to *Acharya Charaka Pandu* is classified into 5 types. [9]

- 1) Vataja Pandu
- 2) Pittaja Pandu
- 3) Kaphaja Pandu
- 4) Sannipataja Pandu
- 5) Mrittika Bhakshanajanya Pandu

#### Vataj pandu roga

*Hetu Evum Samprapti*<sup>[10]</sup>- Due to consumption of *Vata Prakopaka* dietetics and activities leads to aggravation of *Vata* and manifest *Vataja Pandu Roga*.

#### Pittaja Pandu roga

### Hetu Evum Samprapti<sup>[11]</sup>

Pitta is already disturbed in Pandu Roga, in such circumstances if patients consume Pitta aggravating Ahara and Vihara and also having Pitta Prakriti than Pitta exacerbates. Due to intake of Nidana, Pitta aggravates in excess and brings abnormality in Rakta and manifest Pittaja Pandu Roga.

#### Kaphaj pandu roga

#### Hetu Evum Samprapti<sup>[12]</sup>

Excessive consumption of *Kapha Prakopaka* diets and activities leads to development of *Kaphaja Pandu Roga*.

#### Sanipataj pandu

## Hetu Evum Samprapti<sup>[13,14]</sup>

If a person consumes all kinds of food substances without following rules and regulations of *Ahara* leading to exacerbation of all the three *Doshas* and manifest *Sannipataja Pandu roga*.

#### 5) Mrittika Bhakshanajanya Pandu Roga

#### Hetu Evum Samprapti

One who consumes mud (clay) habitually causes aggravation of either *Vata* or *Pitta* or *Kapha. Kashaya Rasa* of *Mrida* aggravates Vata, *Ushara Rasa* of *Mrida* aggravates Pitta and *Madhur Rasa* of *Mrida* aggravates *Kapha*. Due to its unctuousness it brings dryness in the *Rasadi Dhatus*. Undigested mud fills of *Srotas* and brings obstruction in them as a result loss of function of senses, strength and lusture, energy and *Ojas*. This type of *Pandu Roga* further deteriorates strength, complexion and power of *Agni*. [15]

#### **CONCLUSION**

From above article it is clear that *Pandu Roga* is characterized predominantly presence of paleness all over the body. Majority of *Nidanas* are *Pitta* and *Rakta Prakopaka*. These *Nidanas* causes *Mandagni* and *Rasavahasrotodushti* which further causes less production of *Poshaka* from the *Rasadhatu* and depletion of *Rakta* and ultimately *Raktalpata*. In second type of pathogenesis *Prakupita Pitta* of *Hridaya* expelled through *Dasha Dhamani* by powerful *Vata* which further vitiate *Vata*, *Rakta*, *Kapha*, *Twak* and *Mamsa* and results as *Pandu Varnata* and ultimately *Pandu Roga*. Mainly *Rasavaha* and *Raktavaha Srotas* are mainly manifestation of *Pandu Roga*. Five types of *Pandu Roga* may be clearly differentiated

based on the predominance of *Doshas*. These are *Vataja Pandu*, *Pittaja Pandu*, *Kaphaja Pandu*, *Sannipataja Pandu and Mrittikabhakshanajanya Pandu*. In acute stage all *Pandu Roga* are curable or manageable but in chronic stage they are incurable. The study of *Nidana* and *samprapti* will helpful in accurate understanding of aggravating factors, relieving factors, major outcome and prognosis of *Pandu Roga*. This ancient knowledge of Ayurveda will help in specific, rational, scientific, result oriented treatment and management planning in patients.

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