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# A LITERARY STUDY ON MADHUMEHA (DIABETES MELLITUS) **ACCORDING TO AYURVEDIC CLASSICS - A BRIEF REVIEW**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Ayurveda is a traditional Indian health-care system that dates back to the dawn of civilization. Arogya is essential for achieving Purushartha Chatushtaya, according to Acharya Charak. Ayurveda places a strong emphasis on the preventative and proactive elements of health rather than the curative. In Ayurveda, the concepts of Dinacharya, Ritucharya, Sadvritta, and Achara Rasayana, as well as guidelines for a balanced diet and lifestyle, are well recognised, but few people can follow them adequately in the current scenario. As a result, there has been a large increase in lifestyle illnesses such as pandemics, the most dangerous of which is diabetes. Nearly 80% of the occurrences are

caused by type 2 diabetes mellitus. Madhumeha is one of the kinds of Vataja Prameha in Ayurveda, and it is likened to Diabetes Mellitus because of the disease's etiopathogenesis, clinical symptoms, and prognosis. Lack of exercise, poor dietary practises, excessive consumption of food containing Snigdha and Guru Guna, and food that causes Kapha Dosha vitiation are the main causes of Madhumeha. Modern therapy has its limitations, but Ayurvedic management principles can assist the patient in controlling blood glucose levels and altering their routine.

**KEYWORDS:** – Madhumeha, Diabetes, Ayurveda etc.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Diabetes mellitus is the world's deadliest silent killer. WHO has recognised India as the country with the fastest-growing number of diabetes patients. Between 1995 and 2025, the number of diabetes patients in India is predicted to increase by 195 percent. The problem with diabetes mellitus is that early detection is extremely difficult. A person who follows an Ayurvedic preventative strategy, on the other hand, can easily avoid this ailment from the start. This is a medical condition in which glucose builds up in a person's urine and blood. Diabetes mellitus is a metabolic disorder caused by a malfunction of the pancreas, which is responsible for the hormone insulin production. Insulin secretion is controlled by beta cells in the pancreatic islets of Langerhans. Insulin is critical for the proper use of carbohydrates in our bodies. Because of a metabolic shortage, carbohydrate accumulate as glucose in the circulation if insulin is deficient or does not perform its tasks properly. One of the key characteristics of diabetes is that blood sugar concentrates in the urine.<sup>[1]</sup>

### Methodology

Materials pertaining to Madhumeha or Prameha were provided by various newspapers, ayurvedic and modern text books, authoritative pages, reputable journals, literature, manuscripts, Sanskrit Shabdakosha, and other sources.

#### Madhumeha

Group Prameha is the oldest of all available therapies for Ayurvedic Madhumeha (Diabetes Mellitus). Lack of exercise and poor dietary habits that fall into the ushna category are the main causes of Prameha; Snigdha and guru are the main causes of this disease - fish and curd are ideal examples. Due to dosic imbalances, Prameha has various irregular traits. Foods that increase Kapha, medhas, and moothra are etiological factors in Prameha. Prameha is derived from the words Pra – excess and Meha – kscharane – urine pass. As a result, Prameha has excessive urine and colour turbidity ('Prague').

#### Main causes

Sleeping during the day, lack of exercise, laziness, sedentary habits, consumption of cold foods and beverages, unctuousness, sweet and fatty foods, and so on. [3]

#### Classification

1. Prameha is classed as Sahaja (Hereditary) or Apathya Nimittaja A

- 2. According to physical management, the lean diabetic is described as Apatharpana uthaja prameha. Santharpana uthaja prameha, which is concerned with the obese diabetic.
- 3. These Prameha are divided into twenty categories based on their doshic causes: Vataja Prameha There are four vataja Prameha in total.
- 4. Pittaja Prameha There are six pittaja Prameha in total.
- 5. Kaphaja Prameha There are 10 kaphaja Prameha in total. Madhumeha is the name given to diabetes mellitus. The Vataja Prameha is one of the four Vataja Pramehas.

# Samprapti ghatakas<sup>[5]</sup>

- Dosha Vata, pitta, kapha
- Dushya Meda, mamsa, kleda, Rakta, vasa, majja, lasika, rasa and ojas
- Srotas Mootravaha
- Srotodusti Atipravrutti
- Agni Dhatvagni
- Udhbhavasthana Kostha
- Vyaktasthana Mootravaha srotas

# Samprapti

By etiological factors, Kapha has spread throughout the body, contacting various dooshyas (plasma), and Rakta (blood). Because the body has a Shaithiylata (looseness), it flows, distributes throughout the body, and gets vitiated (body fluids). In the same way that Pitta affects them and Vata develops prameha, body fluids have vitiated and lead them into the urine bladder.<sup>[6]</sup>

#### **Premonitory symptoms**

Soil buildup on your teeth (mouth, eyes, nose, and ears), a burning feeling in your hands, feet, and body, hunger, and a delightful mouth taste, among other things (sweetness of urine).<sup>[7]</sup>

#### **Clinical symptoms**

- 1. Madhu samana varna
- 2. Anga gandha
- 3. Madhuryamasya
- 4. Prabhuta mutrata
- 5. Avila mutrata
- 6. Shithilangata

- 7. Shayana asana Swapna sukha
- 8. Shitapriyatwa<sup>[8]</sup>

#### **Main symptoms**

- 1. Exhaustion
- 2. Bodyache<sup>[9]</sup>
- 3. Polyneuritis
- 4. Polyuria
- 5. Polyphagia
- 6. Polydipsia
- 7. Visual disturbance.
- 8. Delayed Healing of wound
- 9. Alashya
- 10. Thirstiness

# Madhumeha prognosis<sup>[10]</sup>

Charaka explains the prediction

- 1. Sadhya Curable: Patients who have been identified with sthoola (obesity) early on, as well as the basis of apathyaja problem.
- 2. Yapya palpable: Pittaja prameha and other varieties of Prameha Kaphaja, on the other hand, might help with care (palliative management).
- 3. The Sahaja variation defines krisha (lean) patina, an incurable form of prameha and hereditary diabetes.

#### **Treatment**

Prameha, according to Ayurveda, is perceived differently depending on a person's constitution. In addition to drugs and diets, the patient is urged to maintain a healthy lifestyle and lead an independent existence based on a whole lifestyle transformation.<sup>[11]</sup>

Diabetics are divided into two groups:

Type 1 diabetes and Type 2 diabetics.

- 1. Sthulya
- 2. Krusha

## 1. In sthulya

The treatment must be mainly based on proper utilization of excess fat i.e. he should be give:

- 1. Diet control
- 2. Cleansing therapies Vamana, Virechana, Basti
- 3. Shodhana
- 4. Apatarpana
- 5. Fasting
- 6. Physical exercise

#### 2. In krusha

Treatment for an asthenic form should primarily focus on improving resilience and stamina through tonic (brumha) nutrition, medication, and other means, and the patient should never be subjected to excessive Langhana or Apatarpana, i.e. should not be starved. Diabetics and obese people have an abnormally high hunger and thirst, hence they should constantly be given some sort of diet —

# **Diet**<sup>[12]</sup>

The following food which can be given to the diabetes: -

#### 1. Cereals

Yava can be fed the best, most varied meal dishes, such as barley (Hordeum vulgare - Barley). Appopa, bread, Mantha, Odana, and other such items are available. Roti is a type of bread. Wheat may be given as well (Godooma). Rice: Purana shali (ancient rice) is suggested. Diabetics should consider Ayurveda as one of the grains to consume.

#### 2. Pulses

Mudga (Vignaradiata Greengram), Chanaka (Cicer arietinum Linn. – Bengal gram), Kulattha (Dolichos biflorus), etc, can be taken.

#### 3. Vegetables

Bitter vegetables (Tikta shaka), such as Karela (Momordica charantia - Bitter gourd), Methi (Trigonella foenum-graecum - Fenugreek), Patola (Vietnamese luffa, Vietnamese gourd, or Chinese okra), Rasona (Allium sativum Linn. – Garlic), etc.

#### 4. Phalas

Amalaki (Phyllanthus emblica - Nepalese/Indian gooseberry, or Dhatrik (in Maithili) or amla), Jambu (Syzygium cuini - Black berry), Kapitta (Phyllanthus emblica - Nepalese/Indian gooseberry, or Dhatrik (in Maithili) or amla), Jambu (Syzygium cuini - Black berry), Jambu (Limonia acidissima - Wood Apple, Elephant Apple, Monkey Fruit or Curd Fruit).

#### 5. Vyayama

- 1. Gomukhasana
- 2. Salbhasam
- 3. Vyayarma
- 4. Niyuddha
- 5. Kreeda
- 6. Gajacharya
- 7. Turagacharya
- 8. Rathacharya
- 9. Padacharya to ride an elephant, horse, cart riding and walking etc,

# Drugs<sup>[13]</sup>

- 1. Shilajatu
- 2. Guggulu
- 3. Haritaki
- 4. Amalaki.

#### Single formulations

- 1. Guduchi swarasa (Tinospora cardifolia) 10ml twice a day with honey (A.H.Ci 12/6)
- 2. Amalaki Curna (Phyllanthus emblica) 6 gm twice a day with honey (A.H.Ut. 40/48)

#### Avaleha

- 1. Saraleha: (Bhavaprakash): Dose: 3to 5 mg / day.
- 2. Gokshuradyavaleha (Bhavaprakash): Dose: 3to 5 mg / day.

#### **Kwatha**

- 1. Darvi, Surahwa, Triphala, Musta.
- 2. Triphala, Darvi, Vishala, Musta. [14,15]

#### **DISCUSSION**

Diet, on the other hand, is the primary driver of bodily growth and development, and a bad diet leads to a variety of illnesses. The proper diet, according to Acharya Charaka, rebuilds the shattered structures, nourishes the Dhatus (tissues), and maintains the equilibrium of the body's elements. A irrational diet, on the other hand, causes sickness. Limiting food has also been demonstrated to improve insulin sensitivity and beta cell activity (insulin-secreting

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pancreatic cells) in various studies. In diabetes, the role of Ahar and Vihara is just as important, if not more important, in controlling blood sugar levels and preventing problems. In addition to herbal therapy, Ayurveda recommends dietary changes such as avoiding sugary and simple carbohydrate-rich meals while increasing consumption of a variety of healthy grains. All category 2 treatment regimens are built around diet.<sup>[16]</sup>

#### **CONCLUSION**

Diabetes mellitus does not see Ayurveda as a disease that can be treated with simple medications or a diet plan. Though Yapya is not completely curable, long-term usage of the aforementioned treatments can assist a person not only become diabetes-free but also ensure a long life (deergha jeevanam), a stable (sukhayu), and a supportive community (hitayu). Madhumeha can be prevented if Pathya Ahara and Vihara are administered in the early phases, either before diabetes or when the disease is stabilised.

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