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REVIEW ARTICLE ON IMPORTANCE OF KRIYAKALPAS IN NETRAROG

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ABSTRACT

Ayurvedis the ancient medical science which is developing as a result of various discussion and researches from ancient time onwards. The Principles of Ayurvedhave made the world to believe it. Ayurved not only explains about the management of disease, but also explained how to maintain the health. Ayurved is divided into 8 branches, out of which Shalakya tantra is one of them. Shalakya tantra deals with the study of disease and their management specific to supra clavicular region and above. so called as Urdhavang Chikitsa. Our eyes are the most important organs in Urdhawajatrugata Sthana. We must protect and take care of this delicate organ. Urdhawajatrugata vyadis includes the diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat. Among all of them eye is only organ whose anatomy, diseases and their treatment are detailed described in Uttar Tantra of Sushruta Samhita. In the modern

science, eye diseases are classified according to parts, visual disorders and blindness. Ayurved classified Netraroga (ophthalmic diseases) according to Dosha (basic constituents of body), as doshaprakopa (vitiation of dosha) is main etiological factor. In Sushrut Samhita Uttartantra, Acharya Sushruta described kriyakalpa asmain therapeuticprocess for netraroga. It is nothing but an Ayurvedic ocular therapeutic procedure. Acharya Dalhan said that Kriyakalpa is the therapeutic external application for the eyes. Different types of Kriyakalpa, their indications, probable mode of action and their importance in netrarogs will be discussed in present review article.

KEYWORDS: Kriyakalpa, Netrarog, Pharmacological action, Netravyadhi.

INTRODUCTION

Ayurved the ancient science of human life deals with physical, physiological as well as spiritual well being of individual. Ayurved is the first to give an elaborated descriptions of various therapeutic measures of radical removal of causitive factors and restoration of equilibrium for body. Acharya charaka mentioned that Ayurved is the science which not only cures the disease but also helps to maintaince the health of human being. Ayurved is upweda of Atharved and is the science of life based upon Tridosh siddhant. It is divided into 8 branches, out of which Shalakya tantra is one of them. Shalakya tantra deals with the study of disease and their management specific to supra clavicular region and above so called as Urdhavang Chikitsa. Acharya Sushrutahas explained the Opthalmology and ENT in a systemic manner in Uttartantantra portion. In the Sushrut Samhita Uttartantra, first twenty six adhyaya are regarding Shalakya tantra, out of which first nineteen adhyayas are devoted to Netrarogas and their management.

Eyes are the reflectors of mind. Among the five perceivd sences namely Shabda, Sparsha, Roop, Rasa, Gandha the perception of vision is very important for acquiring knowledge of everything. According to modern science, the systemic drugs cannot cross blood- aquous, blood- Vitrous and blood Retinal barriers. So there is immence importance to the local therapies in Ophthalmology. Ayurvedic samhitas have explained various types of treatments& procedures to preserve the vision & to cure the eye diseases. Treatment include both bahya (topical) & abhyantara (systemic) chikitsa. The sthanik chikitsa includes different kriyakalpas. Acharya sharangdhar mentioned seven kriyakalpas asseka, aschyotana, pindi, bidalaka, tarpana, putapak, anjana. [4] kriyakalpaismain therapeutic process for netraroga which is describedinchapter 18 in Uttar Tantra of Sushruta Samhita. According to Sushrutacharya, there are five Kriyakalpas as Tarpan, Putpaka, Seka, Aschyotan, Anjana. It also helps to prevent eye diseases and improve vision. As Acharya Sushruta assumed 'doshaprakopa' (vitiation of dosha) is prime etiological factor, kriyakalpa therapy is effective through its doshghna (purificative) and chakshushya (rejuvenating) properties. So different types of Kriyakalpas with their indications, probable mode of action and its importance in netra roga will be discussed in this present review article.

AIM AND OBJECTIVE

1. To study the literature regarding *kriyakalpas*.

- 2. To study the efficacy of *Kriyakalpas in Samhitas in various Netra rogas*.
- 3. To study the pharmacological action of Kriyakalpas.

NETRA KRIYAKALPA

Netra is most important sense organ among all sense organs. *Kriyakalpa* is the main therapeutic process for netrarog in *Shalakya tantra*, The word *Kriyakalpa* is made up of two words: *Kriya* and *Kalpa*. *Kriya* meantherapeutic procedures for *chikitsa* which isused to cure the disease and *Kalpa* means medical formulation which is practicable. So *Kriyakalpa* means specific formulation used for therapy in *Ayurvedic* Ophthalmology. It comprises of selection of specific procedure, preparation of special drug form and its proper application to the eyes. *Acharya Sushruta* mentioned five kriyakalp as as *Tarpan*, *Putapaka*, *Seka*, *Aschyotanam and Anjana*. ^[5] *Sharangdhara* desribed *Pindi* and *Vidalaka*along with themunder the heading of *Kriyakalpa*. In *Charak samhita*, *Charakacharya mentioned three kriyakalpa as Bidalaka*, *Aaschyotana and Anjana*. ^[6]

Types of Kriyakalpa

| Charak Samhita (3) | Sushrut Samhita (5) | <pre>\$ Sharangdhar samhita (7) \$ BhavPrakash (7) \$ Yogratnakar(7)</pre> | § Ashtang Sangraha (6) |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1)Bidalaka | 1)Tarpan | Tarpan | Tarpan |
| 2)Aschyotana | 2)Putpak | Putpaka | Putpak |
| 3)Anjana | 3)Seka | Seka | Pariseka |
| | 4)Aschyotan | Aschyotana | Achyotan |
| | 5)Anjan | Anjana | Anjana |
| | | Pindi | - |
| | | Bidalaka / Vidalak | Bidalak |

11 TARPANA

- The word "*Tarpana*" is derived from the root "*Trup*" by adding the "*Lyut*" *Pratyaya*.
- *Tarpana* is highly modified procedure by which eye is nourished, toned up, strengthened and patient feels contentment. The literary meaning of the *Tarpana* is to give nourishment to the eye through *Ghrita*, *Ghrita Manda*, medicated *Ghrita*, *Vasa*, *Majja*, (bone marrow), milk.^[7]
- Alochaka pitta is predominantly present in Netra. Ghrita is being a Madhura rasa, Madhura vipaka, sheeta virya, it acts as a good medicine for vitiated vata and pitta diseases.
- By Tarpana procedure using Ghrit, vitiated Doshas present in the eye get eliminated due to snigdha, sheeta, guru, mrudu and agnivardhaka properties of ghrita.

- *Ghrit* has also contains the property 'Sanskarasya anuvartanat.^[8] That is when The drugs are processed with *Ghrita* are used for tarpana, ghrita takes the qualities of the drugs along with its own. It facilitates the transportation of drug to the target area of eye and acts as a main vehicle to cross cornea and lipid soluble barriers of eye.
- *Netra Tarpana* gives nourishment to the eyes and it cures the *vata pittaj vikara*.
- In sushrut samhita uttartantra, it is indicated mainly Tamiyati, Atiruksht netra, Ati Sushka-netra, Ati-daruna, Sheernapakshma, Avildarshan.^[9]
- we can use this *kriyakalpa* When a patient sees darkness / blackouts in front of eyes, in eye fatigue, In severe dryness of the eyes, Stiffness of the eyelids, Madrosis, highly diseased eyes. *Vagbhata* has further added a list of diseases specifically in the indications of TarpanaasArjun, Shukra, Abhishyanda, Timir, Siraharsha, Sirotpata, Kricchonmeelan, Abhighataj netrarog.
- In Netratarpana procedure, the Lukewarm medicated ghee is put in eyes for specific time in specific formed frame.^[10]

| Vyadhi according to Adhishthan | Tarpana Matra |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Vartmagat yadhi | 100 |
| Sandhigat vyadhi | 300 |
| Shuklagat vyadhi | 500 |
| Krushnagat vyadhi | 700 |
| Drushtigat vyadhi | 800/1000 |
| Sarvagat vyadhi | 1000 |

2] PUTAPAKA

- After tarpan kriyakalpa, eyes get fatiqued.
- So Putpaka is the kriyakalpa which is used to rejuvenate the eyes after tarpana.
- *Putapaka*is used to give energy to the eyes to overcome from fatigued stage.
- Putpaka procedure is similar to that of *tarpana vidhi*, except the drug used for this procedure is medicinal juice extracted with *Putpaka vidhi* instead of *ghrita*.^[11]
- Indication of *putpaka* is same as *tarpana*.

| Putpaka Types | Dharan kal |
|------------------|------------|
| Snehana | 100 Matra |
| Lekhana | 200 Matra |
| Ropana/Prasadana | 300Matra |

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• Seka is the kriyakalpa in which the continuous pouring of medicated liquid at inner

canthus from 4 angular of height. [12]

- it is mostly used in the acute conditions of eye diseases.
- It is more powerful than *aashchyotana*, so used in the diseases having *prabal doshas*.
- Seka can be also done with Putapaka Rasa.
- SEKA should be done at day time but can also be done at night time in emergency conditions.
- Acharya Sushruta mentioned that lekhana Parisheka in Purvanhe(beforenoon), snehana parishekha in Aparanha (Afternoon) and Ropna Parishek in Madhyanha(afternoon) should be done. [13]
- But, when the disease is severe, one can do it at night times also.
- Different types of *Kwath*, *siddha tail* and *ghrit*are also used for *seka kriyakalpa*.

| Seka types | Matra |
|------------|-------|
| Snehan | 600 |
| Lekhana | 300 |
| Ropana | 400 |

4] ASCHYOTANA

- According to *Acharya Vagbhatta Ashchyotana* is an *aadya Upakrama.it is benificial* in the treatment of all the eye diseases.^[14]
- All Acharyas have given immence importance to Ashchyotan kriyakalpa.
- It is an eye dropinstillation in the form of liquid like *swaras,kwath,fant heema,siddha ghrita*at inner canthus from 2 angular of height.
- It is highly economical, safe and easyprocedure.
- It removes the vitiated *Doshas* from each and every parts of eye.
- It can be retained for 100 matra kala.

| Aschyotana types | Matra ^[15] |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Snehan | 10 Bindu |
| Lekhana | 7 or 8 Bindu |
| Ropana | 12 Bindu |

5] ANJANA

- The word *Anjana* is derived from the root "anj" = to apply an ointment or pigment, to decorate, to shine etc.
- The Local application of different kinds of medicine in eye is called as *Anjana*. i.e collyrium.

- The references of *Anjana* is also available in *Rigveda*. It is described in *Vedas* by the word "*Aanjana*."
- All the *Acharya* have mentioned *Anjan* and *Aschyotana*.
- Anjana is the kriyakalpa in which medicine is applied in the eye to internal surface of lid margin from Kaneenika sandhi to Apanga sandhi using shalaka (probe) or by using finger.
- It is indicated in *Pakwaawastha* of eye disorders. It should not be used in *Amavastha* of disease.
- In *Ayurvedic samhitas*, *Anjana* is the preventive measure and also is a treatment speciality of *Netraroga*.
- It helps tomaintain the proper vision of individual, so daily we can use it. It is effective in *Lakshanas* like *Vedana*, *Ragata*, *Daha*, and *Shotha*. [16]
- Action of *Anjana* is well explained in *Sushruta Samhita*. According to *Sushruta,Anjana* by its inherent quality drains the *doshas* accumulated in the *netra*, *sira*, *vartma*, *akshikosha* and *sringataka* through eyes, nose and mouth. [17]
- From the above reference it is well understood that *Anjana* has wide range of action apart from the action which is specific to eye.

| Anjana types | Matra |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Lekhana | One Harenu |
| Prsasadan | One and half <i>Harenu</i> |
| Ropanaa | Two Harenu |

6] PINDI

- It is nothing but the Poultice of different *Ayurvedic* medicine over the eye.
- In this paste of medicines are covered in a cloth and placed over closed eyes. [18]
- It is also called as *Kavalika*.
- Pindi is indicated in *Abhishyandha* and localized swelling and oedema at lid and ocular pain.

7] BIDALAK

- *Bidalak* is the *kriyakalpa* in which medicated paste is applied over the skin of closed eye in circular manner except eye lashes.
- 'Bidal' means 'cat'. In this procedure of Kriyakalpa eye looks like cat so it is called as Bidalak.

- It is indicated in the amavastha i.e early stage of eye disease.
- In *Bidalak*, the application of medicine is over the eye is done by *Mukhalepa vidhi* of *Sharangdhara*. [19]

Amavastha and Niramavastha of netra

Severe pain, redness, oedema, Foreign body sensation, pricking type pain and watering are the signs suggestive of *Amavastha* of *Netrarog*.while the clinical features of *Niramavastha* are resolved symptoms like severity of pain, itching,oedema and watering and colour of eye become clear.

Photos

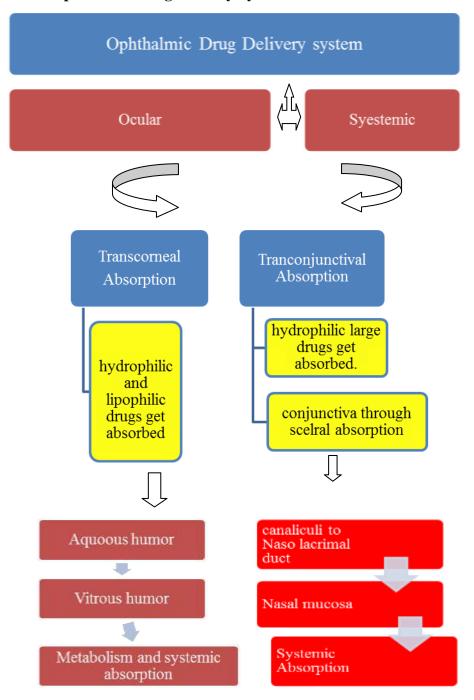


Modes of Administration of Ophthalmic Drug

According to modern science, there are different and specific modes of administration of ophthalmic drug present. Topical instillation, periocular route, intra ocular route are most commonly used during the treatment of eye diseases. Topical instillation into conjunctival sac i.e the extra ocular route consist of Eye Drops, ointment, Gels, and Ocuserts. Theperiocular route consist of Subconjunctival injections, Sub-Tenon injections, Retrobulbar injections, Peribulbar injections. While the Intraocular route are having Intraocular injections in the form of intravitral injections.

In Ayurveda, we are applying ophthalmic therapeutic mostly in the form of local therapy known as Kriyakalpa, rather that in the form of systemic use i.e. oral Chakshushya dravyas.

Flow Chart Of Ophthalmic Drug Delivery System:



OCULAR PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTION OF KRIYA KALPA

* Tarpana

- This is the local form of procedure in which the *Ayurvedic Aushadhi siddhaghrita* (ghee) substance is kept in eye for particular time period. This procedure is done in the special manner by using 2 angula *mash*(udid) dough. [20]
- The medicated ghee used is in the form of suspension. So its particles do not leave the eye. Due to its lipophilic property, It will easily cross corneal epithelium barrier.

- The corneal epithelium and endothelium have 100 times more lipid content than in the stroma. The lipid soluble drugs readily penetrate the epithelium and the endothelium.
- However, only water soluble drugs can penetrate the stroma. Therefore, the drug used for *Tarpan*a procedure should be amphipathic i.e. of both lipophilic and hydrophilic characters to penetrate properly.
- The tissue contact time in the *Tarpana* procedure is more. Therefore the absorption of the drug in the cornea and conjunctiva is highly significant in the *Tarpana* procedure.

Putpaka

- Procedure is same as *Tarpana* but medicine preparation is *Swarasa* extracted by *putpaka* vidhi.
- Tissue Contact time is same as *Tarpana* but absorption is more than *Tarpana*. because it is a suspension of fat and water soluble contents so having both lipophilic and hydrophilic property to penetrate cornea.

❖ Seka

- In this process, the medicine is poured on closed eye (on eye lids) continuously from four inches height.
- For the *seka* procedure, *koshnakashaya* is used.when the medicated liquid comes in contact with skin of eyelid, *netra sandhi*, and *netragat siras*, it acts by its *virya*, *karma and prabhav*. *Seka* helps to remove the vitiated *doshas* from *netra vartma*, *sira*, *kosha*, *strotas* and *shrungatak marma* through *mukha*, *nasa* and *netra*. [21]
- Hence *shaman* and *pachan* of *netragat doshas* can be achieved.
- The medicated drug used is in the form of aqueous extract. So it is in concentrated form and get absorbed through the skin of lids.
- The continuous stream reduces the surface tension. while the lypophilic drugs get absorbed through the epithelium of cornea while the hydrophilic drugs gets absorbed through the stroma of cornea. Hence the drug is deliverd by corneal and conjunctival pathway also.
- So it is used in all inflammatory conditions of diseases of anterior segments.

* Aschyotana

■ The medicated drops are put into eye from the height of two inches on open eye. It enters in the *Netragata siras* and *srotas* and there by it eliminates the accumulated *malas* and removes the vitiated *doshas*.

- Drug is used in the form of decoctions. In Aschyotana the drug and tissue contact time is very less.
- According to Modern science, eye drops are the simplest and most convenient method of topical application where the drug is instilled in the cul-de-sac i.e conjunctival sac in the form of eitheraqueous solution or lipophlic solution.
- The bioavailability is very less due to less tissue contact time. 70-80% of each drop is instantly drained out through the NLD(Nasolacrimal Duct).
- The forms of drug instilled in eyes are of two types as Aqueous solutions and Aqueous suspensions.
- In Aqueous Solutions, there is total dissolution of the given drug. Therefore there is immediate absortion of the drug through conjunctiva and cornea.it is quickly diluted by tears also and drains out through the nasolacrimal duct. So tissue contact time is short.
- In Aqueous suspensions, the constituent drug is present in the form of small particles which are kept suspended in the Aqueous medium. These particles do not leave the eye, therefore tissue contact time is increases.
- When the drug drain out through the naso lacrimal duct, it also get absorbed through the nasal mucosa and then it gets distributed systemically.
- The ocular distribution is by transcorneal or transconjunctival absoption pathway to other intraocular structures.

Anjana

- Anjana is the application of medicine at the internal surface of lid margin from kaneenika sandi to apanga sandi with the anjana shalaka. After the application of medicine, the patient is asked to move the eyeballs and rotate slowly so that the medicine is spread into the ocular structures. [22]
- It's bioavailability is more due to more tissue contact time.
- According to modern science, It directly act on the ocular tissues especially on conjunctiva, so it is most usefulin all conjunctival disorders. It removes debris and unwanted tissue at conjunctiva and root of eye lashes.
- So it helps to prevent clogging at the opening of glands present at the lids.
- Anjana has thick consistency, so it remains in contact to cell long time. Consequently it
 has high bioavailability and efficacy of the drug at local site.
- In charak samhita, charakacharya explained the importance of anjana karma by giving a beautiful example. As ornaments shine after cleaning with oil, cloth, brush etc, the eyes

become bright like moon in the clear sky by the use of Anjan. It improves the eye sight and beautifies the eyes.^[23]

* Pindi

- Medicated paste is kept in a fresh thin cloth applied on eye is named as *Pindi*.
 It is nothing but the poultice of the *Ayurvedic* medicine which is absorbed through skin of lid.
- Due to heat of poultice, local temperature at lid is increased. So it causes the local vasodilatation. Hence there is expulsion of the toxins from the swelling site occurs.
- Different layers of skin are not equally permeable. As per modern science the epidermis
 is less permeable than dermis.
- The water soluble substances pass through the sweat ducts. But ducts have not contributed for skin permeation. Therefore, most neutral molecules pass through the cornea by passive diffusion.
- Almost in all Yogas of Pindi and Bidalaka, paste of medicated drugs are prepared by using specially water or any kind of liquid medium.
- Hence, hydrophilic portion gets absorbed via intra cellular pathway while the lipophilic part present gets absorbed through inter cellular route and enters into the micro circulation.
- Pindi kriyakalpa have higher absorption power as compare to Bidalaka as there is a
 pressure factor acting apart from all other factor.

Bidalaka

- In this process medicated paste is applied to closed eye lids leaving behind the eye lashes. It is more effective if the paste is made using the lukewarm water. The *Bidalaka* is kept on skin for about 15-20 minutes depending on weather. It is wiped out before it gets dried.
- Mechanical effect of pressure of drugcauses vasodilatation and drains out the aqueous humour. So there is decrease of intraocular pressure.
- Medicine is absorbed through the skin of lids. The epidermis layer of skin is selectively
 permeable for lipid and water content.
- Water soluble contents get absorbed through skin by a passive diffusion process. While
 the drugs get absorbed through physiological membranes. Hence it goes into the
 capillaries and blood stream. The pharmacological action took place at the target tissue.

As per charakacharya, Bidalaka kriyakalpa has tremendous efficacy to cure the diseases in acute condion to decrease the swelling and redness.^[24]

DISCUSSION

- Eyes are the most complex sence organ among all. Though it is small in parameters, it is structurally and anatomically very complex.
- Eyes help human body to do its tasks with co-ordination. Without it a man won't be able to see the beauty of this wonderful world. Eyes are the windows of the soul without eyes the five basic senses would be incomplete.
- > So it's presence in human body is very important because it is impossible to imagine life without sight. Hence all sincere efforts should be made by men to protect the eyes throughout the life.
- According to Ayurveda, the vision has immence importance. Sight and vision are important because they allow us to connect with our surrounding.
- > The man who is blind, this world is useless and the night and day are same even though he may have wealth. He says that as long as there is desire for living, so long all efforts should be made always by men to protect the eyes; because for the blind man, night and day are the same; all the things of this world are useless through he might have plenty of money.^[25]
- Today's modern era is full of unhealthy life style and bad habits. It not only affects the metabolism of body but also causes the eye disorders. So eyes get impacted and cause the eye fatigue.
- > Kriyakalpas are the ocular therapeutics in the form of topical or local administration of medications.
- The main aim of kriyakalpa is to give the effective absorption of the Ayurvedic medication to the target site by all possible ways. Its function is also to eliminate the diseases of *netra* by balancing the vitiated *doshas*.
- The specific kriyakalpas likeSeka, Aschyotana, Pindi and Bidalaka aremostly useful in the Aamavasthas of netravyadhi. It decreases the inflammations, redness and pain of eye.
- In our Samhitas, it is mentioned that Anjana is used in diseased as well as in normal eyes. They are mostly indicated in *drushti gata rogas*.
- ➤ Bidalaka is the procedure where medicine is applied over the closed eye except eye lashes. It is the external procedure in which epitheliazation actively occurs.
- ➤ *Pindi* procedures enhances the absorption of the drug through skin.

- > *Tarpana* is the procedure in which there is effective absorption and penetration of the medication in anterior as well as posterior segment.
- ➤ The different types of drugs are used in *Tarpana* and *Putpaka*.
- > Putapaka has greater efficacy of penetration due to Agnisanskara effect.
- ➤ In *Anjana*, the tissue contact time is more, so its bioavaibility is also large. it facilitates the good vision its *shodhan* and *prasadan* property.
- ➤ In local ocular therapeutic procedures, the ayurvedic medication given is acts by topical and systemic route. The topical route contributes of transcorneal and transconjunctival absorption. While the systemic route contributes the systemic distribution through the nasal mucosa.
- Then the ocular drugs are eliminated by the liver and kidney after systemic absorption.
- The medications which are administerd orally are digested due to *pachak pitta* and *jatharagni*. But they cannot cross blood-aqueous, blood-vitreous and blood-retinal barriers, so it is difficult for them to reach target tissues of the eye.
- ➤ While the drug given by topical route, it can easily pass through the different barriers of eye. The topical drugs can reach there and achieve higher bio-availability.

CONCLUSION

In *Ayurveda*, *Kriyakalpa*is the special therapeutic local or topical type of procedure for *Netrarogas*. Here is, we are presenting this article to correlate the *Kriyakalpas* with the their pharmacological actions to treat various types of diseases of *Netra*. So the present article gives focus on the pharmacological actions and therapeutic effect of all *Kriyakalpas*. So that, in ourdaily practice and in OPD, we can use the various drugs and *kriyakalpas* respective of the different types and stages of *Netrarogas*. It is up to us that how we correlate scientifically according to diseases.

The *kriyakalpas* directly achieve the positive effect by giving concentration and rapid drug absorption at the target tissue which is not effectively done by systemic drug therapy. These are non surgical, cost effective and less time consumption procedures. Hence we can conclude that *kriyakalpas* has emmence importance in prevention and control of *Netrarogas*.

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