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AYURVEDIC MANAGEMENT OF PRIMARY INFERTILITY DUE TO TUBAL BLOCKAGE- A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Infertility is defined as failure to conceive within one or more years of regular unprotected coitus. Tubal blockage is one of the most common causative factors for female infertility. The prevalence of fallopian tubal obstruction was 19.1% in the fertility age group. In this case study patient suffered from infertility since 1 yr and diagnosed as primary infertility due to bilateral mid tubal blockage after allopathic consultation. Patient was advised for IVF. But she was reluctant to do the same. So she approached OPD of GACH, Assam for Ayurvedic management. Patient was managed with Ayurvedic treatment protocol including internal medications. The line of treatment was to normalize the Vata-kapha dosha and removes the Sroto avarodha in the fallopian tube. Just after one cycle of treatment patient came with positive urine pregnancy test after one and half month of missed period.

KEYWORDS: Artava-bija vahasrotorodha, Infertility, Tubal blockage.

INTRODUCTION

Infertility is a global problem in the field of reproductive health. It affects approximately 10-15% of reproductive couples. Among responsible factors of Female infertility, the tubal blockage is the 2nd highest affecting around 25-35% of population and difficult to treat. Peritubal adhesions, previous tubal surgery, salpingitis etc are the common causes of tubal blockage. Tubal reconstructive surgeries and invitro fertilization are only alternative management but that are unable to provide satisfactory results.

Ayurveda has explained Vandyatva as equivalent for infertility. According to Harita, Vandhyatva is failure to get a child rather than conception. [2] He has described six types of Vandhyatva.

- 1. *Kakavandhya* (One child sterility)
- 2. *Anapatyata* (Primary infertility)
- 3. *Garbhasravi* (Recurrent abortion)
- 4. *Mritavatsa* (Still birth)
- 5. *Balakshaya* (Loss of strength)
- 6. Vandhya due to Balya avastha, Garbhakoshabhanga and Dhatukshaya.

Susruta has explained in detail about Garbha Sambhavasamagri (Factors for conception). They are Ritu (fertile period), Kshetra (Reproductive system- Artavavaha srotas), Ambu (Nourishment) and Bija (Ovum and Sperm). Derangement in these factors especially Artavavaha srotas results Vandhyatva (infertility). [3]

Here the clinical condition can be better correlated to Strivandhyatva (Female infertility) due to Artava-bija vaha Srotorodha (Obstruction in fallopian tube). Fallopian tubes are very important structures of Artavavaha srotas (Reproductive tract) as they carry Beeja roopa artava (Ovum & Sperm). Vitiation of Vata and Kapha dosha responsible for Sroto rodha (Obstruction) in fallopian tube ultimately results infertility due to tubal blockage.

Normalizing the vitiated Vata-kapha-dosha leads to restoration of tubal function and easy conception. It can be achieved through proper Ayurvedic management.

CASE REPORT

A female patient of 21 years age, came with her husband to OPD of GACH, Dept of Prasuti Tantra Evum Stree Roga, Assam with complaint of inability to conceive since 1yr of unprotected intercourse.

At 19 yrs of age she was married to a non-consanguineous man of 30 yrs in 2022. They tried to conceive since one year but failed even after 1 year of unprotected intercourse. Hence in 2024 they consulted an allopathic gynecologist. After examination of the couple, her follicular study was found to be normal. On HSG (Hystero salpingography), bilateral mid tubal block was detected. Semen analysis of male partner was normal. In 2024, IVF (Invitro Fertilization) was suggested for the couple and they were reluctant to do the same. So they prefer to follow Ayurvedic management for this condition.

From case history it was known that she had regular menstrual cycle with the duration 4-5 days and 28-35 days of interval without any associated symptoms. On gynecological examination, no inflammation or ulcerations present on vulva. Per- speculum findings were healthy vaginal walls, no active discharge from cervix. Per vaginal findings showed antiverted and normal size uterus, mobile, fornices free, no tenderness. No other major medical & surgical history was noted. She had normal bowel and bladder habit. Sleep was sound and appetite also normal. Blood investigations are within normal limit.

From Ayurvedic perspective this condition can be better compared with Stree vandhyatwa (Female infertility) due to Artava-Bija vaha sroto rodha (Sanga) and the following treatment protocol were adopted.

Date	Medicines	Dose	Duration (for 1 month)	Anupan
29.06.2024	Arogyavardhani Vati	500mg	Twice daily	Ushnodaka (Lukewarm water)
	Chandraprabha Vati	500mg	Twice daily	
	Kaishore Guggulu	1000mg	Twice daily	
	Amycordial Syrup	10ml	Twice daily	

After completed one course of treatment she missed her periods and urine pregnancy test was positive with LMP on 6.07.2024. On 29.08.2024 obstetric sonography revealed single intra uterine gestation corresponding to a gestational age of 6 weeks GA with EDD 24.04.2025.

DISCUSSION

Tubal blockage is one of the leading causes in female infertility. In Ayurveda, it can be better correlated with Artava-bijavaha Srotorodha (Obstruction in fallopian tube). Vata-kapha Doshas are the prime causative factor in tubal blockage. Sankocha produced by vitiated Vata dosa due to its Ruksha (Dryness), Khara (Rough) and Darana guna (Tearing). Sthira (Stable), Mantha (Slow) property of vitiated Kapha dosa result Sanga-srotodushiti (Obstruction due to stagnation) in Arthava vaha srotas. ^[4] This ultimately leads to Vandhyatwa (Infertility). Hence, the treatment principle should be pacifying Vata -kapha dosa, Vata anulomana, Deepana pachana etc.

Arogyavardini Vati possess Tikta katu rasa, Laghu Ruksha Sukshma guna, Ushna virya. Thats why it has Deepan Pachan, Shrota sodhan and lekhan properties. It corrects all the three

agni, specially dhatwagni and reduces the Ama and Avadhmedadhatu deposition.

Chandraprabha Vati indicated in Kapha medo vikar acts as Agnideepana, Tridosha hara, possess Lekhan property.

Kaishore Guggulu possess Laghu, Ruksha, Sukshama guna, Ushnaveerya, Katuvipaka and Lekhana property. Main ingredient of Kaishore Guggulu is guggulu which promotes detoxification, rejuvenation, purification of blood have karshana and sothahara property.

Amycordial Syrup contains scientifically validated herbal extracts rich in bioflavonoids, glucosides, tannins, phytosterols and micronutrients. The syrup improves capillary permeability, hormonal balance, endometrial tone and female health.

CONCLUSION

Tubal blockage is one of the important causes of female infertility. In contemporary medicine, management including hormonal correction, ovulation induction and ART (Artificial Reproductive Techniques). Most of the patients with infertility due to tubal blockage end up with IVF (Invitro Fertilization) management.

Ayurveda aims to enhance the proper functioning of reproductive system by providing natural and effective medicines. Ayurvedic treatment protocol was found to achieve enormous result in tubal blockage as in this case. Srothorodha (Obstruction) in the Artava vaha srotas (Fallopian tube) were eliminated by proper Shaman chikitsha (Palliative) therapy which results expeditious conception by patient just after treatment as in this case.

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