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MODE OF ACTION OF AVIPATTIKAR CHURNA IN THE MANAGEMENT OF AMLAPITTA – A REVIEW ARTICLE

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ABSTRACT

When vitiation of *Pitta* causes transformation of *Katu rasa* of *pitta* into amla rasa and also increases dravata of pitta leads to the utapatti of vyadhi known as Amlapitta. People are attracted towards the junk food which causes 50% of Gastro-intestinal tract (GIT) disorder. For normal digestion of food, there should be balance between Pachak Pitta, Kledak Kapha and Saman Vayu, specially Pachak Pitta plays vital role in digestion. In Amlapitta vyadhi, because of Hetu sevan, Tridosha – Prakop occurs specially the Amla and Drava guna of Pitta increases which causes Agnimandya which leads to vidhagdh awastha and Amlapitta vyadhi occurs. Symptoms include Avipaka, Amlodgara, Hrid-Kanta daha, Aurichi. Avipattikar Churna is mentioned in Bhaishajya Ratnavali and Rasendra Chintamani. It is prepared from 14 different herbal drugs. It is useful in Amlapitta, Agnimandya janita Vyadhi, Arsh, Prameha, Mala-Mutra vibandh, etc. Drugs like Trikatu,

Vidang, Lavang do Deepan and Pachankarma by its Ushna guna. Trivrit has Rechan and Shothahara property leading to excess Pitta Virechan, thus helpful in Samprapti Vighatna of Amlapitta. In present review an attempt has been made to understand the possible mode of action of Avipattikar Churna in Amlapitta.

KEYWORDS: Amlapitta, Gastro-intestinal tract, Agnimandya, Pitta dosha, Avipattikar Churna.

INTRODUCTION

Amlapitta is a disease of Gastro-intestinal tract, especially mentioned in Kashyap Samhita, Madhav-Nidan, Bhav-Prakash & Chakradatta. This disease is not seperately described in Charak Samhita, Sushrut Samhita, Ashtang Hriday & Ashtang Sangraha. Amlapitta is described as a symptom or complication of many disorder in *Brihatrayi*. Charak has mentioned only term Amlapitta but it is clearly mentioned in CharakSamhita Chikitsa stana 15th chapter that Agnimandya is root cause of Amlapitta.^[1]

Amlapitta is most common in modern era due to changing lifestyle, food culture, sleeping pattern & also depends upon one's body constitution. The word Amlapitta comprises of two components i.e. Amla&Pitta. We see the life of man has become run-of-the-mill due to work, tension, responsibility, money. Every person is currently living a stressful life & suffering from disease.

Avipattikar churna a polyherbal Ayurvedic formulation which is being used for the treatment of Amlapitta. It has fourteen different ingredients which are: Shunthi(Zingiber officinale Roxb), Maricha (Piper nigrum Linn), Pipali (Piper longum Linn), Haritaki (Terminalia chebula Retz), Vibhitaki (Terminalia bellerica Roxb), Amalaki (Emblica officinalis Gaerth), Mustha (Cyprus rotudus Linn), Salt (Vida lavana), Vidanga (Embelia ribes Burmf), Ela (Elettoria cardomum Maton), Patra (Cinnamonum tamala Nees & Eberm) Lavanga (Syzgium aromaticum Linn), Trivrit (Operculina trpethum Linn) and Sarkara (Sugar candey).

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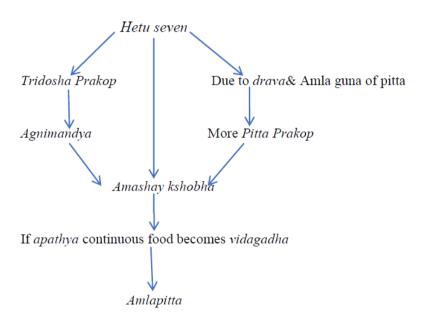
REVIEW OF DISEASE

According to Madhav Nidan Vyakhya 'अम्लगुणोद्भिन्तं पित्तं अम्लिपित्तम् i.e. Pitta become Vidagdha because excessive increase in Amla Guna of Pitta&vidagdhata of Pitta is called Amlapitta.^[2] Amlapitta is caused by aggrevation of Pitta Drava&Amla gunas of pitta increases.^[3] Sushrutacharya in Sutrasthana mentioned that quality of Pitta is normally Katu & it becomes Amla in Vidagdha avastha.^[4] Amla has been said a natural property of Pitta along with Katurasa according to Charak.^[5]

Heartburn & Hyperacidity are primarily lifestyle related. Biggest contributing factor towards hyperacidity is improper eating habits, heavy meals. Main causes of disease are improper *Aahar*, *Vihar*, stress & not following *AaharVidhi Vishesha ayatana*, etc.^[6] A person with preexisting tendency of excessive *Pitta* secretion & takes incompatible unhygienic, sour & *pitta* vitiated food and drinks leads to mal- secretion of *Pitta*.

Aacharya Kashyap also gave importance to Desha as main causative factor of Amlapitta. Kashyap said that, Amlapitta seen mostly in Anup-desha. [7] Aacharya Madhav has given more importance to Ritu-vishesha in pathogenesis of Amlapitta. There is Sanchay of Pitta in Varsha ritu & Prakop in Sharad naturally. So Pitta becomes vidagadha due to excessive use of *nidan* factors in those *ritu* & creates *Amlapitta* in both *Ritus*.

Pathogenesis



Samprapti takes place due to virudhashana, adhyashana, ati-ushna, amla-atiseven & other hetu seven causes vitiation of Tridoshas & causes Agnimandya. In Varsha-ritupittacharya takes place due to Swabhavik kalaj effect. In this condition if pitta recopy & other aahar vihar continued, person get Ajirna, this again leads to increase in Amla guna of pitta causing vidagdhata of pitta. This pitta makes function of agni more suppressed & hence vicious cycle goes on. The food consumed is not properly digested & so gets fermented (Shuktatva). The fresh food material taken inside comes in contact with undigested food & food continuously remains in state of Shuktatva. The food is not made available to dhatus in absorbable state & there is no formation of *Rasadi dhatus* & then symptoms of *Amlapitta* occurs.

Symptoms

A] Samanya lakshan

- 1) Avipak It means indigestion or ajirma.
- 2) *Klama* Feeling of exhaustion or fatigue without any reason.
- 3) *Utktesha* Increased *kledak kapha & pachak pitta* give rise to *utklesha*.

- 4) Udgara Belching. Prana & Udana gets vitiated gives rise to movement of gas from Jathar to Urdhwagati.
- 5) Gourav Can be either udar gourav or Sarvanga gourav. Heaviness of abdomen or body. It is due to ama.
- 6) Hruthkanthdaha It is due to ushna, tikta, katu, rasatmak food which causes increase in pitta. Burning sensation in oesophagus, epigastic & gastric region
- 7) Aruchi Anorexia; due to agnivikruti. Disliking towards food.

B] Vishesh lakshan

Madhav Nidan described two types of Amlapitta. [8]

Type	Direction	Symptoms			
	Downward	1) Trishna(Thirst)			
		2) Daha(Burning sensation)			
Adhaga		3) Murccha (Fainting or unconsciousness)			
Adhoga Amlapitta		4) Bhram (Giddiness)			
		5) <i>Moha</i> (False illusions of mind)			
		6) <i>Kotha</i> (inflammatory skin rash)			
		7) Dravamalapravurtti(loose motion)			
	Upward	1) Chhardi (vomiting Varn-harit, pita. Rasa-Sour			
		taste. Gandha-Visragandha.)			
		2) Utklesh (Nausea)			
Undhugaa		3) <i>TiktaAmlodgar</i> (Bitter-Sour Blenching)			
Urdhwaga		4) Hrutkantha daha (Retrosternal Burning)			
Amlapitta		5) Kara-padatala daha (Burning sensation at hand-			
		legs)			
		6) Shirashoola (headache)			
		7) Aruchi (Tastelessness)			

MODE OF ACTION OF AVIPATTIKAR CHURNA

It is mentioned in Bhaishjya Ratnavali. Avipattikar churna a polyherbal Ayurvedic formulation which is being used for the treatment of Amlapitta. It has fourteen different ingredients which are: Shunthi(Zingiber officinale Roxb), Maricha (Piper nigrum Linn), Pipali (Piper longum Linn), Haritaki (Terminalia chebula Retz), Vibhitaki (Terminalia bellerica Roxb), Amalaki (Emblica offcinalis Gaerth), Mustha (Cyprus rotudus Linn), Salt (Vida lavana), Vidanga (Embelia ribes Burmf), Ela (Elettoria cardomum Maton), Patra (Cinnamonum tamala Nees & Eberm) Lavanga (Syzgium aromaticum Linn), Trivrit (Operculina trpethum Linn) and Sarkara (Sugar candey). [9]

While preparing this Churna, add all Kashtaushadhi in the form of Sukshma Churna then add Sharkara& store Churna in glass container.

Anupam - शीततोयान्पानश्च नारिकेलोदोकं तथा। (रसेंह सार संग्रह)[10]

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Matra – 3-8 gms

Kala- Bhojan aado/ Madhe

Gandha – Lavang Gandhi

Varna- Shwetabh

Swadh -Madhur

Rogaghanta – Amlapitta, Mala-Mutra vibandh, Agnimandya janita Vyadhi, Arsh, Prameh.

No.	Drug name	Quantity	Part used	Rasa	Vipak	Veerya	Guna	Doshghnata
1)	Shunthi ^[11]	1 part	Rhizome	Katu	Madhur	Ushna	Laghu Snigdha	Vata Kapha shamak
2)	Marich ^[12]	1 part	Fruit	Katu	Katu	Anushna sheeta	Laghu ruksha Tikshna	Kaphavata Shamak
3)	Pippali ^[13]	1 part	Fruit	Katu	Madhur	Ushna	Laghu Snigdha	Kaphavata Shamak
4)	Haritaki ^[14]	1 part	Fruit	Kashay Tikta Madhur katu amla	Madhur	Ushna	Laghu Ruksha	Tridosha Shaman
5)	Bibhitaki ^[15]	1 part	Fruit	Kashay	Madhur	Ushna	Laghu Ruksha	Tridosha Shaman
6)	Amalaki ^[16]	1 part	Fruit	Amla Madhur Kashay Tikta katu	Madhur	Sheeta	Guru Ruksha	Tridosha Shaman
7)	Musta ^[17]	1 part	Tuber	Tikta katu kashay	Katu	Sheeta	Laghu Ruksha	Kaphapitta Shaman
8)	Vid lavan ^[18]	1 part			Katu	Sheeta	Laghu Ruksha	Kaphavata Shamak
9)	Vidang ^[19]	1 part	Fruit	Tikta katu	Katu	Ushna	Laghu Ruksha Tikshna	Kaphavata Shamak
10)	Ela ^[20]	1 part	Seed	Katu Madhur	Madhur	Sheeta	Laghu	Tridosha Shaman
11)	Tamal patra ^[21]	1 part	Leaf	Katu Madhur	Katu	Ushna	Laghu Tikshna	Kaphavata Shamak
12)	Lavang ^[22]	11 part	Floral bud	Katu Tikta	Katu	Sheeta	Laghu Tikshna	Kaphapitta Shaman
13)	Trivrit ^[23]	44 part	Root	Katu Tikta Madhur Kashay	Katu	Ushna	Laghu Tikshna Ruksha	Kaphapitta Shaman
14)	Khanda sharkra	66 part		Madhur	Madhur	Sheeta	Snigdha	Vatapitta Shaman

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Mode of action of Avipattikar Churna

- *Shunthi:* It has *Katu rasa* and *Ushna veerya* thus helps in digesting *rasa dhatu* gata *sama dosha*. It is *agnipradeepaka* in nature thus helps in reducing *gaurava*, *shotha* and *atisara*.
- *Maricha*: It is *deepaniya* in *prabhava*, thus plays a major role in reducing *mandagni*. Due to *katu rasa* and *ushna veerya* it causes *deepan* and *pachana* thus used in *agnimandya janit vikara*.
- *Pippali*: It is rich in *Katu Rasa* thus *deepaniya*, *kapha shamak* and *triptighna* in nature. *Pippali* due to *snigdha* and *ushna guna* it is *vatanulomaka*, *shoolaprashmana*, *vatshamaka* and *mridurechaka*. *Thus* helps in reducing symptoms like *Aruchi*, *Agnimandya*, *Ajirna*.
- *Haritaki*: Due to *Madhura*, *Tikta*, *Kashaya rasa* it is vitiated *pitta shamak*, due to *katu tikta kashay* rasatmaka it is vitiated kapha shamak, due to amla, madhura rasa it is vitiated vata shamak. It is deepaniya, pachaniya, anulomaka, mrudurechaka and krimighna in properties thus helps in treating symptoms of Amlapitta such as aruchi, agnimandya, udar shool, vibandha and anaha.
- *Bibhitaki*: It is tridoshahara but mainly acts on vitiated kapha. Due to ruksha, laghu guna kashaya *rasa* it pacifies vitiated *kapha*, due to *madhura rasa* it pacifies the vitiated *Pitta* & its *ushna* property helps in pacifing vitiated *Vata*. As it is *deepaniya*, *anulomaka*, *krimighna* in nature thus helps in reducing *aruchi*, *agnimandya* and *adhman*.
- Amalaki: It is *tridoshahara* but mainly acts on vitiated *Pitta*. Due to *ruksha guna* & *kashaya rasa* it pacifies vitiated *kapha*, due to *madhura rasa* and *sheeta guna* it pacifies the vitiated *Pitta* & its *amla* helps in pacifing vitiated *Vata*. As it is *deepaniya*, *anulomaka*, *krimighna* in nature thus helps in reducing *aruchi*, *agnimandya* and *adhman*.
- All these above three drugs are *rasayan* in *prabhav* thus play a major role in improving *oja* as immunity in the body.
- *Musta:* It is *Kapha pitta shamak*. Due to *tikta rasa* it is *grahi*, *deepaniya* & *pachaniya* in nature. Thus helps in reducing *aruchi*, *agnimandya*, *utklesha*, *chardi*, *ajeerna* and *krimiroga*.
- *Vid lanan:* Due to ushna, teekshna and vyavayi in properties it is Jatharagni pradeepaka, Shoolaprashamak and Vatanulomak.
- *Vidanga*: It is *Ushna* in potency thus it is *Kapha vata shamak*. It is *Krimighna* in nature. It has *deepan*, *pachan* and *anulomka* properties thus reduces *agnimandya*, *ajeerna*, *chardi*, *adhmana*, *udar shoola*, *vibandha* and *krimi roga*.

- Ela: It is Chardi nigrahana, mukhshodhana, durgandhnashaka, trishnanigrahana, rochana, deepana, pachana, & anulomaka thus play a major role in vamana and helps in reducing symptoms such as Asyavairsya, aruchi, agnimandya, pratiloma gati of vayu, udarshool, adhaman.
- **Tamalpatra**: Due to katu, tikta rasa and Ushna guna it is deepaniya and pachaniya, Vatanulomaka, yakrituttejaka and grahi.
- **Lavang:** It is chedaniya in prabhava, thus play a beneficial role in chedan of Kapha from the body. Due to its richness in tikta, katu rasa it is deepaniya, Pachaniya, ruchivardhaka. Snigdha guna in it make it vatanulomaka and shoolprashamak. Thus helps in Amlapitta to reduce symptoms such as ayuchi, agnimandya, ajirna, adhamana, udar shool, trishana, chardi. It plays a beneficial role digesting ama thus increasa jatharagni and improves digestion. It pacifies the vidaha of vitiated pitta and reduces the increased drava guna of pitta.
- Trivritta: It is sukhirechniya in prabhava, bhedana and rechana in properties. Due to its Ushna veerya it causes vishyandan and chedana of dosha sanghata of whole body, bring it in koshta and pacifies the vitiated doshas through purgation from adhobhag of body.
- Khanda sharkara: It is rich in madhura rasa thus thus pittavishamarutghna, dahamurchaprashaman. Snigdha, sheeta & guru in properties.

Agnimandya [Trikatu, Lavang, Vidang do Deepan, Pachan karma by its Ushna Guna Tridoshaprakop specially Drava&Amla guna of Pitta increases [1] Ruksha&Laghuguna of Vidang, Musta, Triphala do Shodhan. 2)Khanda- Sharkara having Madhur rasa do Shaman of Amla guna. 3) Ushna guna of ingredient do Shodhan karma of Drava guna.]

If apathya continue Anna becomes Vidhagdha&Amlapittavyadhi occurs.

[1) Trivrit, Triphala helps in Samprapti Vighatna of Amlapitta by removing excess Pitta. 2) Khanda sharkra helps in reducing daha like symptoms.]

DISCUSSION

Thus *amlapitta* is the leading life style disorder now a day, which disturbed the metabolic rate of due to the formation of *Ama*, this *ama* causes *shukta paka* of *anna*, this undigested food is termed as *visha*. Which leads to the *utpatti* of *Ajirna* when various disturbed *pitta prakopaka nidan* are taken it causes development of *Vidagdhajeerna*, the *mandaagni* then finally develop *Amlapitta* in body.

Avipattikar churna is Deepaniya, Pachaniya, Agnivardhaka, Vibandhnashaka, Triptighna, in properties. Avipattikar churna has purgative action thus used in Shodhan of vitiated pitta in Amlapitta.

Avipattikar Churna correcting the vitiated state of *Pitta* improves the whole digestion process and results in proper functioning of *Agni*. Conceptually it is concluded that the substances having properties like *laghu*, *katu*, *snigdha*, *ushana* has the effect to decrease the vitiated *Drava roop* of *Pitta* and maintaining the proper functioning of *agni*. The contents of it are deepaniya means Jatharagni pradipaka and Pachaniya hence helps in amapachana. It is mentioned as *Koshtabadhatanashak*, *mala mutra vibandha nashaka* in ayurvedic texts.

CONCLUSION

Sleeping immediately after meal causes *Amlapitta* as you are not giving your body adequate time to digest food properly. When you sleep soon after eating, the reclined position also makes it easier for acid reflux to occur. Keeping long gap between meals & skipping meals also cause acid to build up in stomach & lead to acidity.

Amlapitta is a lifestyle disorder, which can be prevented by following a healthy life style. Avipattikar Churna is a polyherbal drug rich in Tikta, Katu and Madhura rasa thus helps to combact etiopathogenesis of Amlapitta. As the medicine, releives people from the tentacles of the disease. Neverthless, proper following of Trayopsthambha is very mandatory. Which can be done by avoiding hurry, worry, curry. By involving tikta rasa dominating vegetables, madhura rasa dominant fruits in diet, avoiding stress and anxiety, one should take at least 6-7 hrs sleep for a healthy and graceful body.

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