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# A SINGLE CASE STUDY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF AMLAPITTA WITH MOKSHAYAN

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#### ABSTRACT

Now a days *amlapitta* is commonly found as a disease & also as a symptom of various diseases. There are various causative factors like mental stress, late night work, day sleep, improper food habits, oily-spicy food habits, excessive use of pesticides etc. In contemporary science use of PPI &  $h_2$  blockers gives a temporaray management to the disease. This disease has been described in various classical texts like *yog ratnakar, kashyap Samhita* & *bhaishajya ratnavalai*. So the need for management of *amlapitta* led to the trial of *Mokshayan*.

KEYWORDS: Yog ratnakar, kashyap Samhita & bhaishajya ratnavalai.

#### INTRODUCTION

Amlapitta is a condition where amlarasa of the Pitta dosha gets amplified, in an unusual manner. For any dosha, the rise in a pecuiliar characteristic of it, eventhough it is its natural one, is considered as pathological. The normalcy of the various properties of a dosha is essential for its ideal functioning. In Amlapitta, the Pitta gets vitiated by one or all the gunas, causing various pathophysiological conditions of annavaha srotus and purishavaha srotus,<sup>[1]</sup> Amlapitta has been mentioned in various Ayurvedic texts since Samhita period. This disease has been described in detail in classical texts such as Kashyapa Samhita,<sup>[2]</sup> Yoga Ratnakara,<sup>[3]</sup> and Bhaishajya Ratnavali,<sup>[4]</sup> Excessive formation of vitiated pitta is thought to be the main pathological mechanism behind manifestation of this disease. Now a days amlapitta is commonly found as a disease & also as a symptom of various diseases. There are various causative factors like mental stress, late night work, day sleep, improper food habits, oily-spicy food habits, excessive use of pesticides etc. In contemporary science use of PPI

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#### CASE REPORT

A 36 year old male patient came with complaints of *avipaak, klama, utklesa, tikta amla udgaar, gauravata, hrit-kantha daha* and *aruchi*. Patient was on rabeparazole 20 mg & domperidome 30 mg empty stomach once a day with water from last 2 months. Patient was also having complaints of generalised weakness with mood irritability in doing day to day work. There were no associated complaints like constipation or diarrhoea. There was no any past history of injury, wound, in contact to any chemical or harmful dietary substance.

#### Examination

Vitals were normal. Local & systemic examination reveals no any abnormality. Bowel habits were normal. Micturation was 5-6 times in a day. No mouth ulcers were found.

#### **Evaluation of Symptoms**<sup>[5]</sup>

 Table 1: Grading of clinical features of Amlapitta according to severity.

Grades of Severity	Characteristics
Avipaak	
G0	no indigestion
G1	digests normal usual diet in 09 hours
G2	digests normal usual diet in 12 hours
G3	digests normal usual diet in 24 hours or more
Klama	



G0	no tiredness
G1	feel tired after exertion work
G2	feel tired after normal work
G3	feel tired even after taking rest
Utklesha	
G0	no nausea
G1	Feel nausea after eating some peculiar food
G2	feel nausea after eating all kinds of food
G3	full day nausea, not related to eating
Tikta amla udgaar	
G0	no sour and bitter belching
G1	sour and bitter belching after taking spicy food
G2	sour and bitter belching after taking any type of food
G3	sour and bitter belching having no relation with food intake
Guruta	
G0	no feeling of heaviness in the body
G1	heaviness after taking more quantity of heavy food
G2	heaviness even after taking light food
G3	heaviness even on empty stomach
Hrit-Kantha Daha	
G0	no Burning sensation
G1	burning sensation after intake of spicy food
G2	feeling of burning sensation even after intake of normal food
G3	burning sensation even empty stomach
Aruchi	
G0	no anorexia
G1	eat food only two times without any snacks in between
G2	eat only once
G3	have no feeling of appetite

**Medication:** 5 ml *mokshayan* daily at night after food for 30 days with no milk & milk products during the course of treatment.

Mokshayan- Contents.

Ayurvedic name	Botanical name
Haridra	Curcuma Longa
Punarnava	Boerhaavia Diffusa
Bilva	Aegle Marmelos
Lodhra	Symplocos Racemosa
Vacha	Acorus Calamus
Tulsi	Ocimum Sanctum L
Brahmi	Bacopa Monnieri
Manjishtha	Rubia Cordifolia
Amla	Emblica Officinalis
Ashwagandha	Withania somnifera
Guduchi	Tinospora Cordifolia
Ghritkumari	Aloe vera
Raw honey	

## Haridra<sup>[6]</sup>

Gastrointestinal disorders, disorders, Respiratory Inflammatory disorders, Diabetes mellitus, Hepatoprotective, Cardiovascular disorder, Neuroprotective activity, Alzheimer's disease. Chemoprotective activity, Anti cancer activity, Anti allergic activity, Anti-dermatophytic activity.

## Punarnava<sup>[7]</sup>

Immunomodulatory effects, Immunosuppressive activity, Antidiabetic activity, Anti-metastatic activity, Antioxidant Antiproliferative activity, and Antiestrogenic activity, Analgesic and Antiinflammatory activity, Antilymphoproliferative Activity, Anti-viral activity, Hepatoprotective Activity, Antibacterial Activity, Antistress & adoptogenic Activity, Nitric Oxide Scavenging Activity, Adaptogen Activity, Growth Inhibition of Struvite Crystals, Anti fibrinolytic activity, Chemopreventive action

## Bilva<sup>[8]</sup>

Antioxidant activity, Antifungal and Antibacterial activity, Anti-inflammatory activity, Antidiabetic activity, Hepato-protective activity, Anti-arthritic activity, Antidiarrheal activity.

#### Amalaki

Cytoprotective, immunomodulatory, prevent hepato and renal toxicity of heavy metals like lead and aluminium,hypolipidaemic,<sup>[9,10]</sup> antioxidant<sup>[11]</sup> mild CNS depressant, anti- atherosclerotic<sup>[12]</sup> antiatherogenic<sup>[13]</sup> anti-inflammatory,antidiabetic<sup>[14]</sup>

antihypercholesterolaemic<sup>[15]</sup> improves liver function<sup>[16]</sup> adaptogenic<sup>[17]</sup> analgesic<sup>[18]</sup> possesses scavenging activity.<sup>[19]</sup>

#### Ashwagandha

pain<sup>[21]</sup> Adaptogenic<sup>[20]</sup> attenuates nociceptive antidepressant<sup>[22]</sup> antistress<sup>[23]</sup> immunomodulatory<sup>[24,25]</sup> free radical scavenger activity (antioxidant activity)<sup>[26]</sup> reduces lipid peroxidation<sup>[27]</sup> increases superoxide dismutase and catalase<sup>[28]</sup> nootropic<sup>[29]</sup> anxiolytic<sup>[30]</sup> diuretic<sup>[32]</sup> antiinflammatory<sup>[31]</sup> hypoglycemic. hypocholestrolaemic<sup>[33]</sup> anti-apoptotic<sup>[34]</sup> cardioprotective<sup>[35]</sup> suppresses vascular endothelium growth factor (VEGF) induced neovascularization<sup>[36]</sup> prevent osteoporosis<sup>[37]</sup> prevents oxidative stress<sup>[38]</sup> helps in regeneration of neural tissues<sup>[39,40]</sup> improves memory impairment, neurite atrophy and synaptic loss in the cerebral cortex and hippocampus<sup>[41]</sup> prevented loss of dendrites. and synapses and axons. causes antidiabetic<sup>[43]</sup> hemopoietic regeneration<sup>[42]</sup> and rejuvenating<sup>[44]</sup> improves insulin sensitivity<sup>[45]</sup> improves reduced locomotor activity and anxiety levels<sup>[46]</sup> reduces elevated serum cholesterol, triglycerides, lipoprotein levels,<sup>[47]</sup> anticoagulant, platelet antiaggregatory, lipase releasing,<sup>[48]</sup> cytoprotective,<sup>[49]</sup> lipoprotein lipase releasing,<sup>[48]</sup> increases Interferon gamma, IL-2 & Granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor, decreases TNF- $\alpha$ .<sup>[50]</sup> interleukin-1beta, cyclooxygenase & lipooxygenase.<sup>[51]</sup> & other cell signaling intermediates, prevents glycation induced pathogenesis, prevents aging.<sup>[52]</sup>

## Lodhra<sup>[53]</sup>

Management of Diabetic Complication, Antibacterial Activity, Anthelmintic effect, Anti-inflammatory activity, Anti-oxidant activity, Anti ulcer property, Hypolipidemic activity, Neuro supportive role, Hepato protective activity, Lipoxygenase and urease inhibitory activity

## Tulsi<sup>[54]</sup>

Anticancer activity, Chemopreventive activity, Radioprotective activity, Antioxidant activity, and cardioprotective Antihypertensive activities, Antimicrobial activity, Central Nervous System (CNS) depressant activity, Antiinflammatory activity, Analgesic activity, Antipyretic activity, Memory enhancer activity, Hepatoprotective activity, Antifertility activity, Antidiabetic activity, Antiulcer activity, Antiarthritic activity. Adaptogenic activity/antistress activity, Anticataract activity, Anticoagulant activity.

## Bramhi<sup>[55]</sup>

Anti Asthmatic Activity, Anti cancer activity, Anticonvulsive, Antidepressant, Anti inflammatory, Anti nociceptive activity, Antioxidant activity, Anti stress Activity, Anti Spasmodic Activity, Anxiolytic effect, Cardiovascular activity, Gastroprotective activity, Hepatoprotective activity, Learning and memory.

## Manjistha<sup>[56]</sup>

Anti-Inflammatory Effect:, Neuroprotective Properties, Antibacterial Activity, Hepatoprotective Activity, Anti Diabetic Property, Radioprotective Property, Nephrotoxicity, Anti-proliferating Property, Protective effect, Antioxidant effect, Anti Ulcer Effect, Anti-Adipogenic Activity, Anti-HIV Activity, Wound Healing Effect, Anti-tumour activity.

## Guduchi<sup>[57]</sup>

Anti-stress activity, enhance verbal learning and logical memory, protects against neuro-degeneration, antiinflammatory, mild analgesic effect, anti-allergic and bronchodilator, Antioxidant activity, effective in ironmediated lipid damage and gamma-ray-induced protein damage, Antineoplastic and Radio-protective activity, Antipyretic, Anti-infective activity, hepato-protective activity, anti-hyperglycemic activity, immunomodulatory action, diuretic effects, cardio-protective, anti-leprotic activity in a combination formulation, Gastrointestinal and anti-ulcer activity, Antifertility Activity, anti-osteoporotic agent, increase the blood profile and has lead scavenging activity.

# Vacha<sup>[58]</sup>

Nootropic Activity, Anti-diabetic Activity, Anti-seizures Activity, Antidepressant Activity, Neuromodulatory Effect, Anticancer Activity, Antioxidant Activity, Antihypertensive Effect, Anti HIV Activity, Cytotoxic Effect, Immunosuppressive Activity, Radioprotection and DNA Repair Activity, Coronary Vasodilator Effect, Antispasmodic and Anti-diarrhoeal Effect, Insulin Sensitizing Activity, Wound-healing Activity, Anti-inflammatory Activity, Synergistic Anthelmintic Activity, Antihepatotoxic Activities, Anti-ischemic Heart Disease Activity, Antifungal Activity, Antibacterial Activity, Analgesic Effect, Antipyretic Activity, Bronchodilatory Activity, Licicidal Activity, Mosquito Larvicidal Activity, Repellent and Oviposition Deterrent Activity.

## Ghritkumari<sup>[59]</sup>

Antiinflammatory action, Anti-diabetic effects, Anti mutagenic effects, Anti-oxidant effects, Immunomodulatory effects, Antibacterial/ antifungal/ antiviral actions, Effect on gastric acid secretion and ulcers, Arthritis, Joint and Muscle Pain, Laxative effects, Antiseptic effect.

# Honey<sup>[60]</sup>

Antimicrobial Activity of Honey, Antibacterial Activity, Anti viral activity, Diabetic Benefits, Gastrointestinal Effects, Arthritis, Bladder Infections, Anti-cholesterol, skin infections, immune booster

## Observation

Parameters	B.T.	A.T.
Avipaak	2	0
Klama	2	1
Utklesha	1	0
Tikta amla udgaar	3	1
Guruta	2	0
Hrit-Kantha Daha	3	1
Aruchi	2	0

# DISCUSSION

There were remarkable changes in the grades of severity of amlapitta in the patient. The action of ingredients being hepato protective, gastro protective, antioxidant, anti stress and adaptogenic activity. By virtue of its properties, it pacifies aggravated pitta and thereby improves the digestion and metabolism. Due to the presence of above-mentioned properties, mokshayan helps in reducing the aggravated Pitta Dosha, stabilizes the state of Agni, helps in Ama Pachana (digestion of unmetabolised food), pacifies Vidagdhajirna and thereby improves digestion, absorption and assimilation, thus relieving the symptoms of Amlapitta.

One of the aetiology of amlapitta is mental stress & vice versa. The modern medicine has established that gastritis is resulting from the mental stress and strain which shows the imperative role played by the psychogenic factors, in the production of diseases like Amlapitta.so the ingredients mokshyana are having neuroprotective activity, anti stress activity, mild cns depressant activity which gives relief in amlapitta due to mental stress or in mental stress due to amlapitta.

The role of mokshayan in relieving amlapitta is as important as to avoid apathya which includes avoiding oily spicy food, avoiding ratri jagran, specifically avoiding vegetables like potato, cauliflower, brinjal, lady finger, fenugreek & spinach as they all are having ushna guna property & thus increasing the pitta dushti.

Pathya includes specifically having vegetables like bottle gourd, ridged gourd, Indian round gourd & fruits like apples, avocados, coconuts, figs, melons, oranges, pears, plums, pomegranates.

However accuracy to the result can more justified with the large number of patients. In this study a single case study was selected because of the cost the medicine as it can't be afforded by a lower class or middle class patient.

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