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The literary study of *Raktavrita Vata* w. s.r. to *cellulitis* Apurva A. Pathak*¹, Archana A. Kulkarni²

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ABSTRACT:-

Ayurveda consider that the body is controlled by three fundamental factors called tridosha. They are the pillar of the body. They all in equilibrium perform their normal functions by which the body is sustained free from diseases. Any disturbance to their balance state leads to disease. Among these three dosha, vata found similar to raktavrita vata. has very much significance. It plays a key role behind maintenance of body in normal healthy state. Vata is strongest of all dosha and it causes large number of diseases if get vitiated.

Avarana is one of the least understood concepts among the basic mechanism of ayurvedic fundamentals. Avaran plays an important part in understanding the samprapti of many diseases. In any type of avarna there are two components one is Avrutt dosha, the dosha whose function get affected by obstruction or covering and the second component is the Avarak which causing avarana of peculiar dosha. Acharyas have explained many avarana and its sign and symptoms will give clue to the diagnosis of increased avarana. The sign

symptoms will suggest the avaraka and decreased sign and symptoms suggest avarutta. Once the diagnosis confirmed then the treatment can be initiated. This study aims to observe correlation between lakshanani of raktavrita vata and Cellulitis. It can be concluded that the most of symptoms of *cellulitis* are

KEYWORDS :- Avarak. Avarana. Avarutta, Cellulitis, Raktavrita vata.

INTRODUCTION:-

Avurveda considered three dosha and saptadhatu to be fundamental of the human body. Among them three dosha are interdependent, synergetic in action and unable to work without each other. In all the three dosha, vata is unique dosha as it differs from other dosha many ways, pitta and kapha are pangu and vata regulates their functions¹. Acharya Sushruta has mentioned three pathological conditions of vata viz. Kevela Vata, Dosha yukta Vata and

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Avrita Vataii. Kevala vataiii refers to dosha asamashrishta i.e. pathological state of vata without association of other dosha. Doshayukta vataiv refers to the association with other dosha. It is pathological state of vata due to the association of pitta or kapha or both. The clinical manifestation of associate dosha as anubandha may be there. The third one is Avrita vata. Avarana is one of the basic fundamental concepts of Ayurveda. Gati is the unique feature of vata. When its gati is disturbed due to avarana, then its vitiation occurs. The avarana of vata can be caused by the dosha, dhatu, mala, anna and ama. In avarana there are two major factors i.e. avaraka and avrita. The increased sign and symptoms indicate avaraka and the decreased sign and The symptoms suggest avrita. accumulation of avaraka can occur only when the patients indulge in the causative factors of that particular avaraka. There will be no history of specific etiological factors of *vata* though resulting in condition is vata disorders. Based on this, it can be inferred that here vata disorders are produced without indulging in its own etiological factor. This has been central idea of avrita vata. Concept of avarana is another but unique method of explaining samprapti of disease. However, it is not very popular and not routinely followed for vyadhidnyan and vyadhi-chikitsa. Comparative study of avarana is essential for better insight of concept of avarana.

The avarana on vata dosha by rakta dhatu is known as raktavrita vata. The clinical feature shows karma hani of vata and karma-vrudhi of rakta. This give rise to feature like sadaha, arti, twakmamsataryo, saraga, shwayathu and mandala in raktavrita vata^v.

Cellulitis is suppurative non along inflammation spreading subcutaneous tissue, connective tissue plane and across intercellular spaces. The clinical features of cellulitis are fever, localized heat, erythema, pain, swelling, blisters. Cellulitis is an entity having systemic and external origin. Systemic causes include Diabetes Mellitus, HIV, patient receiving chemotherapy external causes include bites, cuts and trauma. The complications of Cellulitis include Necrotizing Fasciitis, sepsis and The concept of shock. avarana particularly raktavrita vata was studied theoretical and its correlation was observed with cellulitis. An attempt is made to observe correlation between lakshanani of Raktavrita vata Cellulitis and to understand etiopathogenesis of *Cellulitis* in terms of avarana.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES:

To study the correlation between lakshanani of Raktavrita vata and Cellulitis

To understand the etiopathogenesis of *Cellulitis* in terms of Raktavrita vata.

MATERIAL AND METHOD

As a conceptual study literature regarding the *Avrita vata* was reviewed from Ayurvedic classics.

Modern review of *Cellulitis* was taken for study from modern text books.

Internet data and various research papers reviewed.

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REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Avrita Vata :-

Term avarana refers to, to cover, to mask or to obstruct. Here gati is unique feature ofvata; whenever its gati is disturbed due to avarana then its vitiation occur. This has been central idea of avrita vata.

Avarana of vata is a distinctive pathological condition, where obstruction to its gati occurs due to etiological factor other than own, leading to its vitiation and result into various types of avarana of vata. The Avarana of vata can be caused by the dosha, dhatu, mala, anna and ama. Even any of subtypes of vata may cause avarana of each other, which is termed as Anonya avarana.

Avruta _ Avaraka Avarana sankalpana :-

The substance, which obstructs the pathway of *vata*, is termed as *avaraka*. While, vata whose avarana occurs is termed as avrita or avruta. According to Chakrapani, the excessively increased strong Avaraka suppresses the normal Raktavahasrotas dusti hetu are mentioned in hand, excessively increased Avaraka manifested its action. Avarana of Vata in the form of obstruction to the functional channel of Vata leading to its parakopa, hence at that stage its prakopa symptoms are also manifested depending upon its site of function involved^{vi}.

It is well known that Pitta, Kapha, Dhatu and Mala are considered as Pangu (inactive) and Vata is the motive force behind their action. So, when they act as Avaraka, then they must be sufficiently strong to overpower as well as to obstruct the function and functional channel of Vatavii. Therefore, in the initial stage of the condition, as the Avaraka are strong and Vata is nearly in the normal sate, so in the beginning, there would be karma hani of Vata with karma vrudhi of Avarakaviii.

Thereafter, when obstruction is complete, it leads to prakopa of vata resulting in vitiation manifestations of vata symptoms as well as its disorder. ix

It is clear from the above that the *Vata* is initially in its normal state. accumulation of Avaraka occurs.

The accumulation of Avaraka can occur only when the patients indulge in the causative factors of that particular Avaraka. Hence, it may be deduced that in the condition of Avarana of Vata there will be no history of specific etiological factors of Vata though resulting in condition is Vata disorders.

On other hand, the history of etiological factors of Avaraka will be available. Based on this, it can be inferred that here Vata disorders are produced without indulging in its own etiological factor.

Charak viman sthana which occurs due to intake of vidahianna and pana (food which cause burning sensation and drinks), snigdha (oily), ushna (hot), drava (liquid) food consummation also excessive sevan of aatapa anila (exposure to sunlight air) these factors leads to raktavaha srotasdusti.

Also rakta dushti hetu in vidhishonit adhaya can be consider as viprkrushta hetu for raktaavuruta vata

Symptoms complex in Avrita Vata

Often the symptoms manifested comprised of disturbed function of, the obstructing factor as well obstructed vata. The symptoms produced based the principles are on

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Rupahani (Karma Hani), Rupa vruddhi (Karma vrudhhi) and Rupantara (Anya Karma) and which depend upon the intensity of the obstruction i.e. partial or complete; functional or organic; acute or chronic: transient or persistent etc^x. For instance, less string obstruction of Vata will leads its provocation, whereas the very powerful obstruction may makes it weak and likewise. The symptomatology of the avarana depends up on the place wherever dosha-dushya sammurchana has taken place. For instance, the symptom of shula of Avrita Vata may occurs in different parts like head, ears, abdomen, back, depending upon the organ involved in the process of Avarana. Similarity clinical manifestations are primarily depend on the direction of movement of which is obstructed. anatomical limitation of particular dosha or sub type of Vata which is involved in pathogenesis, nature Vata, the prana seated in uttamanga and its direction of movement is towards the center i.e. Urah and Kantha and it govern the function like etc. The direction of movement of Prana Vata by Kapha in urdhva amashaya then it leads to the pathological state i.e. movement in opposite direction resulting in disorders spitting, deglutination, sneezing, eructation, vomiting and Anorexia etc.

Classification of Avarana

The Avarana may be innumerable types^{x1}. However, 42 types of Avarana of Vata have been described in detail in the texts, which can be categorized under the following major division:

1) Murta Avarana- 22 types

- a) Dosha Avarana-12
- b) Dhatu Avarana-7
- c) Mala Avarana- 2
- d) Anna Avarana- 1
- 2) Amurta Avarana- 20 types when the subtype of vata impedes the function of each other it may be termed as an amurta or anyonya avarana. It is of 20 types in which symptoms complex of twelve conditions are explained^{xii}.

Murta Avarana- 22 types

a) Dosha Avarana-12

Doshavrita Vata -2

- 1. Pittavrita Vata
- 2. Kaphavrita Vata Mishravrita Vata-10

When two or more factors are involved in the pathogenesis of Avarana, it is termed Mishra Avarana. permutation and combinations of *Pitta* of obstruction i.e. dosha, dushya, mala and Kapha and sub-type of vata result in etc. For example in Kaphavrita prana innumerable numbers of pathogenesis of Avarana: Pittavrita prana, Kaphavrita prana, Pittavrita udana, Kaphavrita udana, Pittavrita vyana, Kaphavrita vyana, Pittavrita samana, Kaphavrita

b) Dhatuvrita Vata-7

Tvakavrita Vata. Raktavrita Vata Mamsavrita Vata, Medovrita Vata. Asthivrita Vata, Majjavrita Vata and Shukravrita Vata

samana, Pittavrita apana and Kaphavrita

c) Malavrita Vata-2

- 1. Mutravrita Vata
- 2. Purishavrita Vata
- d) Others-2
- 1. Annavrita Vata
- 2. Sarvadhatuvrita Vata

RAKTAVRITA VATA-

According to Avarana sankalpana, Rakta is Avaraka and Vata vayu gets Avrita i.e. here Avarana of Rakta (blood) formed on Vata vavu. So it is known as Raktavrita Vata. In this condition the vitiation of both Rakta and Vata occurs. The clinical features are due to prakopa of Rakta and karma hani of Vata dosha. If Vata gets occluded in the blood, there will be severe burning sensation in the area between the skin and the flesh and there will be edema with reddish tinge and rashes. According to Sushruta, Raktavrita Vata is preceding stage of Mamsavrita Vata. This shows involvement of succeeding dhatu i.e. Mamsa dhatu in Avarana xiii. It is also known as Supta Vata.xiv

Clinical features of Raktavrita Vata-

1. Daha-

It is the one the important clinical feature contributes in *RaktavritaVata*. It provide important clues to etiology. manifested to be inflamed or consumed by internal heat or grief suffer pain, be distressed.

2. Mandala-

It manifested circular. round. disk shaped. It is anything round (in heat, also applied to anything triangular). It is sort of cutaneous eruption or leprosy or circular spot.

3. Raga-

This is an important manifestation in this pathological condition. particular resembles the act of coloring, red color or color due to inflammation.

4. Shwayathu-

This is one of important clinical feature. It is synonym of shopha. It manifested having intumescences, having swelling or morbid swelling.

5. Arti (Vedana)-

It is one important feature. It is mainly due to vitiation of the Vata. It resembles to the pain.

CELLULITIS

Cellulitis suppurative non a inflammation spreading along subcutaneous tissue and connective place intercellular space. across various varieties of aerobic and nonaerobic bacteria produce cellulitis, causative organism mostly the streptococcus and pyogen staphylococcus. Cellulitis is a transient involvement inflammatory subcutaneous tissue and intercellular space. Cellulitis may be caused by indigenous flora colonizing the skin and appendages (e.g. S. Aureus and Pyogen) or by a wide variety exogenous bacteria. Because of exogenous bacteria involved in *cellulitis* occupy unique nitches in nature; through history (including epidemiology data)

Etiological factors -

A variety of etiological factors or agents have been implicated in the causation of cellulitis are -

- 1. Predisposing factors: Diabetes, Liver cirrhosis, Renal failure, HIV, Taenia pedis- extension infection of hair follicle
- 2. Diet and personal habit:-Poor nourishment, Poor personal hygiene.
- 3. Severe stress: Factors like shock and anger due to Extensive burns ,Trauma ,Surgery
- Epidemiological factors: epidemiological hygiene, Slum area
- 5. Foreign body insertion: Due to penetration of Insect bite, Dog bite, Needle ,Pin ,Intravenous catheter.

- 6. Surgical factors: Surgical wound, Post-surgical wound
- 7. Wound / ulcers:-Wound and ulcers due to Trauma, Burn, Varicose vein ulcer, Diabetic foot / ulcer

Risk factors

Chemotherapy, Abuse to intravenous drugs, Alcoholism, Recurrence

It may occur with automatically abnormality that compromise the venous or lymphatic drainage.

Complication

Necrotizing Fascitis

SITES FOR CELLULITIS:-

Lower leg - more common, Pinna Perianal - common in pediatric May in normal skin

CLINICAL FEATURES CELLULITIS -

- 1. Redness of local skin
- 2. Swelling
- 3. Pain
- 4. Affected part is warm swollen
- 5. Varying degrees of fever

PATHOGENESIS -

Staphylococcal infection is most common infection of skin. These bacteria present all over skin of the body. Most staphylococcal infection caused due to staphylococcus aureus.

The infection begins, due to poor hygiene leads to lodgments of cocci in hair root and result in obstruction of sweat or sebaceous gland duct. This is known as folliculitis. Involvement of adjacent folliculitis creates larger lesion called furuncle. Further spread of infection horizontally under skin and subcutaneous tissue causes *cellulitis*.

PATHOLOGICAL CHANGES -

It is diffuse inflammatory, mainly of deep subcutaneous tissue and even muscle may be involved. Diffuse edema is feature and streptococci are present in large amount at speeding edge of the lesion. Pus, if present, is water and blood stained, possibly because of activity of streptokinase and desoxyribonucleas.

The pathological observation suggests that relatively low number of bacteria may cause *cellulitis* and that the expanding area of erythema within skin may be a direct effect of extra cellular toxins or of the soluble mediators of inflammation elicited by host.

DISCUSSION:

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The literature study of *Cellulitis* is done under the concept of *Avrita vata*. The symptoms of *Cellulitis* are Redness of local skin, Swelling, Pain, Affected part is warm swollen, Varying degrees of fever, in some people discharge and itching on site are compared with symptoms of *Raktavrita Vata sadaha*, arti, twak-mamsataryo, saraga, shwayathu and mandala.

The most of symptoms of *Cellulitis* are found similar to *Raktavrita vata*.

Clinical	Observed clinical
features of	features of Raktavrita
Cellulitis	Vata
Localized heat	Sthanika Daha
Pain	Arti (vedana)
Erythema	Raga
Swelling Fever	Shwayathu
Blister	Mandala
Mandala	

Discharge	
Itching	

Out Eight clinical features of Cellulitis: five clinical features of Raktavrita Vata were correlated These *lakshanas* (62.66%). can compared with each other and hence there are similarities in clinical features of Cellulitis and Raktavrita Vata.

Samanya Samprapti of Raktavrita vata:

In avarana, generally the vitiation of vata is passive. When vitiated rakta dhatu obstructs the pathway of vata, avarana Rakta dhatu happens. by Normal state of

vitiated vata gets as avarana of rakta progresses. The rakta dhatu obstructs the pathway of *vata* is called as avaraka and the dosha (vata in general or its components) affected by avarana is called as avrita vata. The Raktavrita vata is caused by the etiological factors for consider in rakiavina vana.

Friological Hetu:- Raktavaha strotas dushti hetu. the vitiation of rakta dhatu. Etiological factors for the vitiation of vata (sva nidana) will be absent. In the process *chala* property of avarana of vata is diminished due to obstruction of rakta. Other properties are not involved in the ofobstruction. process In avarana the gati of vata is obstructed partially or fully by rakta dhatu. Once gets obstructed the vata may simply get lodged (baddha there marga, margarodha), nullify try to the obstruction, may get covered by the obstructing substance (avrita), adopt an opposite direction (pratiloma) or alter the direction (viloma). The different terminologies have been used to denote avarana in different contexts according to the nature of avarana and the state of vata

and marga (passage).

In avarana of vata. swakarma vriddhi (exaggerated activities) of avaraka (covering dosha) i.e. rakta dhatu manifested. is The avrita (i.e. vata) will show swakarma hani (diminished activity). This is the general feature of avarana. Here the excessively increased strong avaraka (Rakta dhatu normal) suppresses the of avrita (i.e. vata). Therefore, when the obstruction is complete it may lead to the prakopa

of *vata* resulting in the presentation of vata vitiated symptoms as well as its disorders. In case of Raktavrita vata, the *rakta dhatu* is important for treatment since vitiation of vata is passive. When avarana is removed vitiated *vata* gets pacified.

Following Samprapti Ghatak may be

Dosha :- Vata

Dushya :- Rakta

Strotodushti Sanga and vimargagaman.

Avarak :- Rakta

Avrita :- Vata

Symptoms:-Sadaha, Arti, twakmamsataryo, saraga, shwayathu and mandala.

CONCLUSION

Rakta avritta vata is a process of pathogenesis wherein raktavriddhi (quantitative increase of rakta) impedes the gati of vata. Hetu explained in vidhishonitiya adhyaya which are responsible for quantitative increase of rakta dhatu impedes the gati of vata dosha hence normal parivahan is hampered and stagnation takes place leading to sanga this is the reason why in

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raktaavritavata, raga yukta shotha, mandala, local daha and vedana have been explained. After studying and analyzing the results following conclusion were noted. This study helps in diagnosis of cellulitis with the help of basic Ayurvedic concepts and fundamental principles. The literature study of cellulitis is done under the

concept of *Avrita vata*. The most of symptoms of *cellulitis* are found similar to *raktavrita vata*. So, theoretically *Cellulitis* can be compared with *raktavrita vata*. Aim of the present study "Study of correlation between *Lakshanas* of *Raktavrita* and *Cellulitis*" significantly validated.

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