"Study on the efficacy of Karveeradi Tail in the management of Pama with special reference to Scabies"

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Abstract: Scabies occurs in Individuals at all age group. Factors influencing the distribution of scabies including: age, gender, overcrowding, hygiene and season. Ancient seers categorized all skin disorders under the term "Kustha" By the sign & symptoms "Pama" can be compared with Scabies in modern science. "Study on efficacy of karveeradi Tail in the management of Pama with special reference to scabies". In this study, 40 patients of Pama will divided into 2 groups (20 in each). In Group A (Control) – Karveeradi Tail will give for local application twice a day and Group B (Experimental) – Permethrin will give for local application twice a day for 7 days. Changes will be observed in subjective and objective outcomes. karveeradi Tail will be more effective than permethrin in Pama.

Keywords: kustha, pama, karveeradi Tail, Scabies, Permethrin

I. Introduction

Skin is one of most important organs of the body because it provides a protecting cover to internal organs¹. It is the largest organ of our integumentary system. As it is the only one which interfaces with the environment, skin plays an important role in protecting the body against pathogens and excessive water loss. Its other functions are protecting against chemicals, particles, ultraviolet radiation (UVR), and microorganisms. Maintenance of fluid balance, shock absorber, sensation, vitamin D synthesis, hormonal and temperature regulation². An interaction that occur between the causative factors and the skin results in specified reaction pattern which leads to the production of characteristic skin lension and their distribution on the body. "Acharya *Charaka*" and "Vaghbatta" in "Astangsangaha" has mentioned that there are six layers of skin^{3,4}. Whereas "AcharyaSushruta" and "Astanghridayakara" has mentioned seven layers of skin^{5,6}. Ancient seers categorized all skin disorders under the term "kustha" Which are mainly produced by seven factors i.e *Tridosha and* four *dushya* viz. *twacha, mass, rakta, lasika*⁷. *Kustha* is categorized into "Mahakustha" and "Kshudrakustha". Pama is one of the *kustha* among eighteen types of *Kushdra-kustha* according to "CharakaSamhita".

Scabies is an infestation caused by the mite, "Acarusscabiei". It occurs in individuals at all ages. It is transmitted from one individual to other and sometimes from pet animals such as dogs, cats, horses, or any other pet animal (Animal Scabies) by close physical contact. Infestation occurs when the pregnant female mite burrows into skin

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and lay eggs. The incubation period of infection is 2-4 weeks, after which patients starts experiencing severe itching and diffusely scattered papules and papulo-vesicles. Patients with scabies complaints of itching, which is most severe at night⁸. A study conducted in ruler area among people notify that rate of scabies was 70%⁹. But in Ayurveda it caused by preponderance of *pittadosa* and *kaphadosa*¹⁰. In context of Agadtantra, *Karveera* is categorized under upvishavarga (low potency poison). It has *kusthghna* properties. In Samhita, so many medications are mentioned for treatment of *pama*. '*Karveeradi tail*' is one of formulation mentioned in 'Chakradatta'¹¹.

The exact number of infected cases in world-wide, are estimated to be upto 300 million. It is notable that particularly the high prevalence figures have been reported in India, south pacific, and northern Autralia. A number of epidemiological factors have been proposed as influencing the distribution of the scabies infestation in population, including: age, gender, overcrowding, hygiene and season¹². Several medications are indicated for scabies but the side effects are much more such as irritant dermatitis in hot and humid climate, CNS toxicity, convulsion. some medications are contraindicated in infants and pregnant patients and some are most expensive¹³. Even after successful treatment, the itching can be continuing and nodular tension persist. It may persist for weeks even through the mite is gone. However itching beyond six weeks indicate treatment failure.

Keeping in view side effects of recent treatment, we need to evaluate the new medications which are safe and effective. Its method of preparation given in Sharandhar Samhita are simple and cheap¹⁴, so this clinical study is an attempt to evaluate the efficacy of *'karveeraditail'* and develop a safe and cost-effective medication. Few other articles on skin diseasesre studied ^{15-16.}

<u>Methodology:</u> This will be a single arm clinical trial of 40 patients (20 in each group). The subjects will be selected from Kaychikitsa OPD of MGAC, Hospital & Research centre, salod (H), Wardha.

Eligibility criteria: Patients between age group 16-50 years of either sex suffering from *Pama-kustha*, i.e Scabies with the symptoms Kandu, Toda, Daha, Pidika, Strav.

Interventions:

karveeraditail in sufficient quantity on affected area for local application twice a day for 21 days. Permethrin cream in sufficient quantity on affected area for local application twice a day for 21 days.

Investigation during treatment: CBC

Criteria for discontinuing or modifying allocated interventions:

Subjects will be withdrawn from the study if any untoward incidence, features, feature of drug sensitivity or any other disease or problem arises the subjects will be offered from free treatment till problem subsides.

Follow up period after treatment:

Follow up period during treatment 3rd and 7th day and after treatment 14th and 21st day. Patient will be advised to take rest, avoid spicy and heavy foods.

Primary outcome:

We will see the effect of interventional drug on pama, Shweta karveera leafs and sarshap seed oil.

Secondary outcomes: We will see reccurence of interventional drug, total number of participants are 40 (20 in each group). The patient will be recruited by simple random sampling (lottery method)

Implementation: Principle invigilator will allocate and enroll the patient.

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Methods: Data collection, management and analysis

Subjective: Clinical presentation of Pama is described as presence of kandu, Toda, Daha.

Objectives: Pidika and Strav

Clinical presentation of *pama* is described as presence of *Kandu*, *Toda*, *Daha*, *Pidika and Strav* will be graded by present and absent method.

Sr.no	Symptoms	0 day	3rd day	7th day	14th day	21st day
1	kandu	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent
2	Toda	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent
3	Daha	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent
4	Pidika	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent
5	Strav	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent

Statistical analysis: Mc-nemar test to compare the predictive accuracy of two groups.

Ethical consideration: Study will be started after the ethical clearance from IEC.

Expected Results:

The expected result of this study is that group A with interventions *karveeraditail* is potentially more effective in subsiding the symptoms *kandu, toda, daha, padika and strav*. Patient who will take all follow up by following *pathya* and *Apathya* during treatment will have less chance of reoccurrence of symptoms as compare to group B with intervention permethrin.

II. Discussion

In this protocol two formulation intervention will done in two groups consisting 20 in each group .One group will receive trial drug while another will receive the standard drug. The assessment will be done on the basis of subjective and objective parameters, after that data will be analyzed by using statistical test and present in form table and chart. A number of articles related to different factors and systematic co-morbidities are available ¹⁷⁻⁴².

III. Conclusion

The interventional *karveeraditail* is more effective in *pama* patient as compare to permethrin with least side effects.

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