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# Beauty without Blade - In Cosmetology a Case Study

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### ABSTRACT -

Human skin reflects health and personality of person, any skin disease affects the person's psychological status and may disturb social life. The commonest encountered skin disease is Acne vulgaris which affect about 70-80% of adolescent. In Ayurveda *Acharya Sushruta* has mentioned *Yuvan Pidika* or *Mukhadushika* in *Kshudra Rogas* which has similar resemblance with Acne vulgaris. The eruptions are similar as like *Shalmali Kantaka* (thorn) and results due to vitiation of *Kapha, Vata, and Rakta*. They hinder once appearance hence called as *Mukhadushika*. The purpose of the study is to evaluate the effect of *Jaloukvacharana* and *Shamanaoshadhi* in *Yuvan Pidika*. A 21-year-old male visited OPD with complaints of acne all over the face associated with pain, redness, itching and mild discharge since 2 months and aggravated since 6 days. The results were highly encouraging.

Keywords - Acne vulgaris, Mukhadushika, Kshudrarogas, YuvanPidika, Jaloukaavcharna.

# Introduction -

Everyone is concern about their appearance to public, our first outlook is through face. Even a small spot on face especially in younger generation may cause stress. Human skin reflects health and personality of a person, any skin disease affects the person psychological status and may disturb social life. Acne is the most prevalent skin condition about 80% of individual are affected by the disease. *Acharya Sushruta* has mentioned skin disease under *Kshudrarogas* and *Yuvan Pidika* is one among them, they primarily affect young adult or *Yuva* and resemble like boil or *Pidika* hence called as *Yuvan Pidika*. This condition hinders once appearance so known as *Mukhadushika*, the eruptions appears like *Shalmali Kantaka* (thorn) and are caused due to vitiation of *kapha*, *Pitta* and *Rakta*.

Acne vulgaris is a chronic inflammatory disorder consists of pilosebaceous follicles characterised by comedones, pustules, papules, cyst, nodules and scars over face, neck, chest and back region. It occurs due to clogging of sebaceous gland sebum which normally lubricate the skin when gets trapped in the blocked sebaceous gland. Affects the areas like face, upper part of chest and back region. The prevalence of acne is increasing day-by-day factors include continuous and long-term use of oil based cosmetic product, excessive mental stress, irregular eating and sleeping patterns, irregular menstrual cycle (in female), etc.

In Ayurveda namely two types of treatment modalities are used to treat Yuvan Pidika which includes Shodhana and Shamana Chikitsa. Shodhana Chikitsa includes Vamana, Virechana, Basti, Nasya, Raktamokshana whereas Shamana Chikitsa includes internal medicine and local application of Lepa. In this case study management of Yuvan Pidika is done with the help of Jaluakavacharan and Shamana Aushadhis.

### Aims and objective

To evaluate the efficacy of Jaluakavacharan along with Shamana Aushadhis in management of Yuvan Pidika W.S.R to Acne vulgaris.

# Materials and methods

#### Case report

21 year old male patient presented with c/o of *Pidaka* all over the face, *Peeda* (throbing pain), *Kandu* (itching), redness, *Srava* (pus discharge) since 2 months and aggravated since 6 days.

 $\label{eq:associated complaint} Associated \ complaint - Constipation$ 

Aggravating factor- Aggravated on eating fried and oily food.

Past history- Not any relevant history found.

Allergic history – No any allergic history.
Medical history – N/K/C/O – DM, HTN, COPD, IDH.
Family history – No any relevant family history.
Personal history –
Occupation- student
Diet- Excess eating of fried and oily food, *Mamsala* (chicken, egg). *Aharaja-Katu, Amla Rasa Pradhan*Appetite – Irregular
Bowel – Constipation since 5 days
Micturition – Prakrut (4-5 times/day)
Sleep – Disturbed (*Ratri Jagran*)
Habit – Tea (3-4 times/day)
On examination
Site – All over the face
Large size – 1. Over forehead - 1
2. Root of nose - 1

3. On left cheek -1

Types of lesions - Macules - present

Postules - present

Postular nodules - present

Size- size ranging from 0.5-1 cm approximately

### Ashtavidha pariksha

Nadi-80/min

Mutra-4-5 times/day

Mala - Constipated

Jivha – Saama

Shabdha - Prakrit

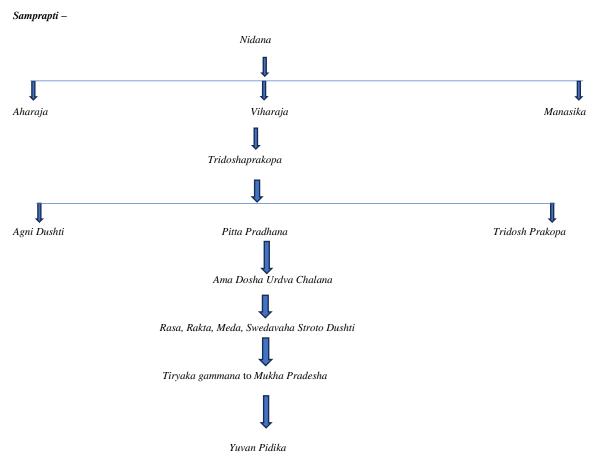
Sparsha - Snighdha

Drik – Prakrit

Akriti - Madhyam

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Table no 2 – Nidana
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Aharaja	Viharaja	Manasika
• Viruddhaahara – Milk shake	• Raatrijagaran	• Santap
• Vishamashana – Late night intake of food		• Chintaa
• Excess eating of oily and fried food	• Use of different cosmetic product	



## Samprapti ghataka:-

Dosha – Pitta Pradhana Tridosha

Dushya - Rasa, Rakta, Meda, Sweda

Agni – Agnimandya

Strotas - Rasavaha, Raktavaha, Medovaha

Rogamarga – Abhyantar

Udbhavastana-Amashaya

Vyaktasthana - Mukha

# Treatment protocol

Date	Day	Treatment	
15/3/24	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	1 <sup>st</sup> sitting of Jalukavacharana	
		Tab kaishora Guggul 1 x BD (A/F)	
		Syp Shodhak 20ml x BD (A/F)	
22/3/24	8 <sup>th</sup> Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> sitting of Jalukavacharana	
		Tab kaishora Guggul 1 x BD (A/F)	
		Syp Shodhak 20ml x BD (A/F)	

Sources of leech - A reputed biological product provider in Bangalore provided all leaches utilized in the study.

# Procedure

Pre operative

Preparation of leech - Fresh leech where utilized every time, activation of leech done by placing in Shudha Jala.

**Preparation of patient** – blood test such as CBC, BT, CT, HIV, HbsAg, Hep-B was performed. Face of patient was thoroughly washed and pat dry patient was made to lie in a comfortable position.

### **Operative**

The leech was b nodular postules no need of lancet prick has been done as leech itself got attached to the desired site. A damp gauze piece was covered over the leech body to keep it wet. At a time 3 leeches where applied which sucked 8 - 10 ml of blood each.

# Post operative

### Leech management

When the leech left the site *Haridra Churna* was applied over the mouth of *Jaluka* following that *Haridra Churna* was applied to the anterior sucker in order to make it vomit. Gently the leech was squeezed to vomit all the blood it sucked. After the procedure leech was placed in fresh water and observed.

#### Patient management

After removing of leech from the site *Haridra Churna* was applied and pressure bandage was done. Patient was kept under observation for 4 hrs for any sign of secondary bleeding. Patient was told not to remove the bandage till next day to prevent bleeding.

### Dietary (do's and dont's)

Pathya	Apathya
Green grains, wheat, fruits, green vegetables	Oily, fried and spicy food
• Enough sleep at night	• Ratrijagran
• Washing of face before going to bed and after coming from outdoors	Acne compression and extraction

### Result -

Improvement in the patient signs and symptoms was visible within 7 days following the start of treatment during  $2^{nd}$  visit *Daha*, *Srava*, *Kandu*, redness was reduced. The details regarding the result showing changes in sign and symptoms before and after treatment can be found in table

Signs and symptoms	Before Treatment	1 <sup>st</sup> sitting	2 <sup>nd</sup> sitting
Macules	Present	Present	Reduced in number
Papules	Present	Present	Reduced in number
Nodules	Present	Reduced	Completely reduced
Ruja	Present	Mild	No Ruja
Kandu	Present	Mild	No Kandu
Redness	Present	Mild	No redness
Tenderness	Present	Reduced	No tenderness
Srava	Present	Mild	No discharge







Leech application



After 1st sitting



## Discussion -

The skin is the largest organ of the body. Tvak according to Ayurveda is not only the outer covering but is a Gyanendriya. Any skin condition can leave an adverse impact on a persons psychological and social life. People are becoming more aware day by day about there skin and appearance. Yuvan Pidika is a major health issue in the adolescent. Adverse factors like stress, changing lifestyle, eating habits, pollution etc damage the skin. In Ayurveda Acharya Sushruta has described the Pidika like Shalmali Kantaka and caused due to Vata, Kapha and Rakta Dosha. The Pidika is the chief complaint found in the patient which is Raktadushti Lakshana. Achraya Vagabhata has given a term Medogarbha Pidika which can be assumed to be a lesion filled with Meda like substance i.e sebum. In modern the acne lesion can be described as a closed comedone filled with sebum. A Shalmali Kantaka like Pidika is a suggestive of a lesion filled with Puya (pus) but in Apakvaavastha which shows the involvement of kapha. Due to vitiation of Vata pain, watery discharge and scar formation takes place Pitta vitiation causes Paka, Srava, Kandu. Yuvan Pidika is one among Kshudra Roga and Raktadushti is primary pathology. Raktamokshana is preferred method of Shodhana in Raktadushti condition. As yuvan pidika is one among the Kshudra roga hence above statement is not an exception to it. According to Acharva Sushruta Jaloukavacharana is best method of blood letting in Nari, Durbala, Bala, Bhiru and Sukumara hence Jaloukavacharana is more preferable option than Siravyadha since it is painless and the amount of blood drawn by Leech is very less when compared with Siravedhana. The saliva of leech contains many physiological and pharmacologically active chemicals found in Leech saliva like hirudin, bdellin, apyrase, hyaluranidase, calin, prostaglandin, proteinase inhibitor, vasodilator substance, anaesthetizing substance etc are some of them. The hirudin and calin have anticoagulant properties it controls inflammation and promote healing. Histamine is a vasodialator which dialates the blood vessel and make more blood to get the location of Leech applied hirudin induce secondary bleeding for a short period of time and promotes faster wound healing without development of scar Leech saliva has analgesic compound which reduces pain. All these physiologically active chemical have thrombolytic, anti inflamatory effect collectively. Jalaukavacharana eliminates deeply ingrained poison by releasing blood, removes Strotoavarodha and pacifies vitiated dosha. The Kaishora Guggulu is indicated in skin condition with secretion and Vrana (nonhealing ulcer). It has anti-bacterial, anti inflamatory, antioxidant properties. It is an excellent blood purifier and has a Rasayana properties hence it corrects Raktadushti. The total duration of the treatment was 15 days. The patient was given strong instruction to adhere to Pathya and Apathya. An interval of 7 days was done between 2 sittings. The pustular nodules, Srava, Daha, Kandu were totally reduced and no of macules were reduced. Hence it suggests that Jaloukavacharana is a choice of treatment in the management of yuvan pidika.



During T/T



Post operative

## Conclusion

Now- a- days Leech therapy has gained great importance especially in skin disease. This study provides strong clinical evidence for the usefulness of the *Jaloukavacharana* in the manegment of *Yuvan Pidika* W.S.R to acne vulgaris.

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