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# A REVIEW ON AMLAPITTA W.S.R TO DYSPEPSIA

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# ABSTRACT

According to Ayurveda, all disorders are due to vitiating Agni<sup>1</sup>. various factors in the progressive civilization of the present day like speedy environmental changes, adaptation of new food materials, change in method of cooking, atmospheric pollution, encroachment of various chemical agents in newer lifestyle, occupational hazards etc, have precipitated the increasing trend of the diseases. Along with those stimulating factors tremendous stress and anxiety have significantly aggravated diseases like *Amlapitta*(Dyspepsia). *Amlapitta* is a condition where *Pitta* is accumulated previously from self-aggravating causes, gets *Vidagdh* due to *Virudha*(Contrary articles), *Dustha*(unclean food), *Amla*(Sour food), *Vidahi*(food which causeas burning sensation), *Pittakara Ahara*, and *Drava* like *Phanita*(Molasses), *Kulattha, Ikshu Vikara*(Preaparations of sugar cane), *Bhristha Dhanya*(Parched cereals), *Pulaka*, etc. In further days due to repeated *Nidanasevan*, it gets *Shuktatva* residing in *Aamashaya*. *Amlapitta* has symptoms like *Avipaka, Klama, Utklesh, Tiktaamlodgara, Gouravata, HritkanthaDaha, Aruchi* in *Ayurvedic* classics, various therapies like *Vamana, Virechana, Snehapana, Rakta Mokshana, Shamana Chikitsa,* and *Rasayana*, etc are mentioned to manage *Amlapitta*. *Ghrita* (Ghee) is having the unique quality of *Sanskarasya Anuvartanaat*, the ability to imbibe the qualities of herbs by which it is being processed without losing its basic qualities. In *Amlapitta, Ghrita is* mentioned as *Pathya*.

Keywords: Amlapitta, Dyspepsia, Ghrita, Sanskarasya Anuvartanata.

#### INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda is a science of life. The objective of Ayurveda is to maintain a healthy life & to cure disease<sup>2</sup>. Ahara (A balanced diet), Nidra (Proper sleep), and Brahmacharya (Abstinence) if these 3 pillars are well regulated it leads to a healthy life. A balanced diet and regular exercise are the keys to good health. But in the space age food habits of people have undergone innumerable changes. Faulty dietary habits, sedentary lifestyle& stress are the main causative factors for diseases. Preserved foods, curd, excessive alcohol, caffeine, spicy, fast, junk foods & lack of exercise. All these factors result in various diseases of the GI tract. Amlapitta is one of the Vyadhies of Annavaha Srotas. This Vyadhi is described in detail in an ancient treatise i.e, Kashyapa Samhita<sup>3</sup>. It

primarily involves vitiation of Agni(Digestive fire) and Shuktatva of Annarasa<sup>4</sup>. Other authors like Madhavakar, Bhavamishra, Yogaratnakar, Harita, Bhela, Chakradatta & Vangasena have also contributed to it. Acharya Charaka<sup>5</sup> has mentioned this entity Amlapitta as Lakshana of Ajirna(Indigestion). The lakshanas of Amlapitta are Avipaka(Indigestion), without exertion). *Klama*(Tiredness Utkleshna(Nausea), Tiktaamlodgara (Bitter-sour belching), Hrith-kantha Daha(Heart burn), Gouravata(Post-Prandial fullness), Aruchi(Anorexia) etc<sup>6</sup>. In contemporary science this condition resembles Dyspepsia. It includes symptoms like Nausea, Indigestion, Heart burn, Sour & Bitter belchings, post-prandial fullness, etc.<sup>7</sup> Prevalence rate of dyspepsia in India is 30.4%.<sup>8</sup>Medical management of dyspepsia includes pharmacological interventions like administration of Proton-pump inhibitors, H2-Blockers, Antacids. Prolonged use of these drugs may cause adverse effects like loss of appetite, nausea, constipation<sup>9</sup>, etc. Due to this patient are seeking alternative management with

lesser side effects. Hence *Ayurveda* (The traditional healing system of India) has

Described many effective remedies for this illness. Thus, an attempt is made to review its classical references w.s.r to dyspepsia.

#### **DEFINITION OF AMLAPITTA-**

- *AamlapittamAmlapittam (Vachaspatyam)* According to *Vachaspatyam, Amlapitta* means *Pitta* leading to a sour taste.
- VidahyamlagunodriktamPittamAmlapittam (Vijayarakshita)

*Vijayarakshita*, commentator of *Madhava Nidana* defines the word as that the *Pitta* having *Vidahi* quality gives raise to *Amla* or sour taste.

- *AmlapittachaitiAmlagunodriktamPittam* (*Chakrapani*): It means the qualities of *Pitta* i.e, sourness increased leading to *Amlapitta*.
- This is a disease mainly due to vitiation of *Pitta* (*Pachaka*) but associated with *Kapha*(*Kledaka*) and *Vata* (*Samana*) vitiation, as mentioned by *Shrikantadatta*<sup>10.</sup>

NIDANAS OF AMLAPITTA-Nidana is the sum

total of all the causative factors of the disease. They are the contributory factors that help in the development of disease at any level. They also aid in the management of the disease by preventing the further progress of the disease and by reversing pathology.<sup>11</sup> As *Acharya Sushrutha*<sup>12</sup>said, *Nidana parivarjana* is the first line of treatment. So, a definite knowledge of these etiological factors is needed.

In classical textbooks, *Nidanas* are told which are classified as:

- Aharaja hetu
- Viharaja Hetu
- Anya (Manasika, Kalajaetc.)

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AHARAJA	VIHARAJA	MANASIKA	KALAJA
Food articles-	AtiSnana	Kama	Pravrut
Kulatthasevana	BuktwaAvagahana	Krodha	Varsharutu
Phanitasevana	BuktwaDiwaswapa	Moha	
Amapakwanna	Vegavidharana	Irshya	

Table No.1- Shows the Aharaja, Viharaja, Manasika and Kalaja Nidana

Guna Pradhan-	Shoka
• Amlasevana	Udvega
Abhishyandi	Bhaya
• Atiushna, Snigdha, Ruksha	
• Drava sevana	
• Atisheeta, Shushkaahara	
VidahiAnnapana	
ApakwannaSevana	
VisthambhiAhara	
• Dustanna	
• Paryushitanna	
Pitta PrakopiAnnapana	
AtiTikshnaAhara	
Ahara Vidhi Vidhana-	
• Adhyasana	
Akalabhojana	
Ameamecapuranant	
ApriyaAhara	
Virudhahara	
• Viruddhasana	
• Vishamashana	
SAMPRAPTI OF AMLAPITTA-	
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Vidagdha Pitta Vidagdha Anna	

#### SAMPRAPTI GHATAKAS-

Dosha - Pitta (Pachaka) Vata (Samana, Apana)

Kapha (Kledaka, Bodhaka)

Dushya - Rasa

Agni - Mandagni, Vishamagni

Ama- MandagnijanyaSrotas - Annavaha, Rasavaha,

Purishavaha

Srotodusti - Sanga, Vimargagamana

Udbhava Sthana-Amashaya

Sanchara-Mahasrotas

Adhisthana - Amashaya, Grahani

Vyakti-Amashaya, Grahani

Marga-Abhyantra, Kostha

Swaroopa- Chirkari

Prabhava-Daruna

Sadhyasadhyata-Sadhyavyadhi

SAMANYA LAKSHANAS OF AMLAPITTA<sup>13</sup>-

- Avipaka
- Klama
- Utklesha
- Tiktoudgara
- Amloudgara
- Gaurava
- Hriddaha

### Table No. 2- Shows the Sapeksha Nidana of Amlapitta

- Kanthadaha
- Aruchi

## **CLASSIFICATION OF AMLAPITTA-**

1) Madhavakar classified Amlapitta in two ways-

A) According to Gati<sup>14</sup>

- Urdhwaga
- Adhoga
- B) According to Dosha<sup>15</sup>
- Vataja
- Vata-kaphaja
- kaphaja
- 2) *Kashyapa* explained types according to *dosha* predominance<sup>16.</sup>
- Vataja
- Pittaja
- Kaphaja

## SAPEKSHA NIDANA

It is required for assessing disease before starting any treatment as there are diseases with similar presentation but different in some aspects. The disease *Amlapitta*should be differentiated from *PittajaAtisara*, *PittajaGrahani*, *Vidagdha Ajirna*.<sup>17</sup>

Samprapti	Amlapitta	PittajaAtisara	PittajaGrahani	Vidagdhajirna
Dosha	Pitta (Amla anddrava)	Pitta (Amla anddrava)	Pitta (Tikshna)	Pitta (Usna)
Dushya	Rasa	PurishaRasadidhatus	Purisha	Rasa
Srotas	Rasavaha Annavaha Purishavaha	Purishavaha Rasavaha	Purishavaha Annavaha	Annavaha
Adhistana	Amashaya	Pakwashya	Grahani	Amashaya

## UPASHAYA-ANUPASHAYA-

*Upashaya-Anupashaya* helps in diagnosing *Vyadhi* when *Lakshanas* are *Gudha*(hidden) and also gives an idea regarding prognosis <sup>18</sup>. Acharya Kashyapa<sup>19</sup> while describing the *Doshaja* type of *Amlapitta* talked about the *Upashaya* of *Amlapitta*.

- Vataja Amlapitta- Snigdha Upashaya
- Pittaja Amlapitta- Swadu and Sita Upashaya
- Kaphaja Amlapitta- Ruksha and Ushna Upashaya

Anupashaya of Amlapitta can be considered Nidanasevanas which are mentioned in classics.

**UPADRAVAS-** Upadravas are manifested after the genesis of the main disease.<sup>20</sup>Upadravas of Amlapitta is mentioned by Acharya Kashyapa.<sup>21</sup>He has mentioned 8 Upadravas and told that in their presence the disease becomes Asadhya.

The Upadrava are.

- Jvara(Fever)
- Atisara(Diarrhoea)
- Panduta(Anemia)

- Shula(Pain)
- Shotha(Oedema)
- Aruchi(Anorexia)
- Bhrama(Confusion)
- Grahaniroga(Diseases of Bowel)

#### SADHYASADHYATA-

Sadhyasadhyata helps in prognosing the disease.

It depends on the strength of the *Doshas*, the severity of the *Purvarupa* and *Rupas*, the presence of *Upadravas*, and also on the age, physical condition, and strength of the patient. *Kashyapa* is told when *Amlapitta* is accompanied by *Upadravas* and *Dhatu Kshinata* then it is said to be Asadhya.<sup>22</sup>

### CHIKITSA OF AMLAPITTA23-According to

*Charaka* all diseases are managed by 3 types of treatment modalities.

- Nidana Parivarajana
- Shodhana Chikitsa
- Shamana Chikitsa

*Nidana Parivarjana*-*Nidana Parivarjana* refers to avoiding both *Ahara* and *Viharas* which is *Dosha* aggravating and disease-producing.only those dietetic articles are advisable to be used which are wholesome and beneficial.

Shodhana Chikitsa- So far Amlapitta is concerned, it originates in Amashaya, and Mostly the Doshas are localized there. for this condition, Vamana(Emesis) is the best treatment. If the Doshas are localized in Pachyamanashaya, then Virechana (Purgation)is the ideal therapy. If the Doshas are located in Pakwashaya then Basti (Enema) is suitable therapy. In other words, Apakarshana is the Shodhana therapy. In Shodhana therapy Vamana is advocated in Urdhwaga Amlapitta and Virechana in the case of PathyaAdhoga Amlapitta. The use of Niruha Basti is stated by Chakrapani and Vrinda Madhav where as Yoga Ratnakar has mentioned the use of Raktamokshana (Blood letting therapy).

*ShamanaChiktsa-* It refers to the use of drugs that pacifies the *Doshas*. Such treatment is termed

Shaman Chikitsa. According to Acharya Kashyapa after vamana karma, if some of the vitiated Doshas remain in the body then they should be pacified through langhana(fasting), Laghu Bhojana (light food intake), Satmya Kala (Proper time), Desh (Habitat), and Pachana Karma ( digestive stimulation) with Shamana Yoga.<sup>24</sup>

Shamana Yoga in Amlapitta- In Amlapitta, Ghrita is mentioned as Pathya. Thus, Ghrita is utilized as supreme media for drug administration. Ghrita is Vata-Pittahara, Na cha Shleshma Vardhana, Daha-Shamaka, and Agnideepana. Hence it is used in the management of Amlapitta. Narayana Ghrita,<sup>25</sup>Jeerakadhya Ghrita<sup>26</sup>,Sukumar Ghrita<sup>27</sup>, Avipattikar Churna<sup>25</sup>, Sutashekhar Rasa<sup>28</sup>, Khanda Kushmand Avaleha<sup>25</sup>etc

### PATHYA AND APATHYA IN AMLAPITTA-

*Pathyapalana* is part of *Chikitsa* as it helps in curing disease. On the other hand, *Apathya* aggravates disease pathology<sup>29</sup>. *Pathya* is a wholesome regimen in the form of *Ahara* and *Vihara* provides *Sukhanubandha* to the body while *Apathya* is opposite to it. *Pathyapathya* differs from one person to another. It depends on various factors like *Matra*, *Kala*, *Desha*, etc.<sup>30</sup> Various *Acharyas* talked about *Pathyapathya* which are listed below.

PathyaAhara	<i>KS</i> <sup>31</sup>	<i>YR</i> <sup>32</sup>	<b>BP</b> <sup>33</sup>	$CD^{34}$	
Mudga	+	-	-	-	
Masura	+	-	-	-	
Harenu	+	-	-	-	
Purana Shali	+	+	+	-	
Yava	-	+	+	-	
Godhuma	+	+	+	-	
Saktu	+	+	+	+	
Nistushayava	-	+	-	+	

Table No. 03- Shows PathyaAhara by different scholars.

Gau- Ghrita	+	-	-	-
Gau-Dugdha	+	-	-	-
JangalaMamsa	+	+	+	+
Kalaya	+	-	-	-
Pautika	+	-	-	-
Vasa pushapa	+	+	+	-
Tikta Shaka	+	-	-	-
Laghu Shaka	+	-	-	-
Lasuna	+	-	-	-
Haritaka	+	-	-	-
Pippali	+	-	-	-
Karvellaka	+	+	+	-
Patola	+	+	+	-
Karkotaka	+	+	+	-
Hilmochika	-	+	+	-
Vetrgra	-	+	+	-
VriddhaKushmanda	+	+	+	+
Vastuka	+	+	+	-
Kapittha	+	+	+	+
Dadima	+	+	+	-
Dhatri	+	+	+	-
Madhu	+	+	+	+
Sarkara	+	+	+	-
PuranMadira	+	-	-	-
Taptashitanijalani	+	+	+	-
Avidahi	+	-	-	-

#### Pathya Vihara

Table No. 04- Shows Pathya Vihara by different scholars.

PATHYAVIHARA	<i>KS</i> <sup>35</sup>	YR <sup>36</sup>
Nidanaparivarjana	-	+
Samuchitavyayama	+	-
Satmyaprayoga	-	+
Deshantaragamana	+	-

ApathyaAhara- ApathyaAahara told by Yogaratnakar<sup>37</sup> are: Amlanna, Lavana Anna, Katu Anna, Guru Anna, Avidugdha, Navanna, Virudhaahara, Pitta prakopi Ahara, Tila, Masha, Kulatha, Taila, Sandhan Kalpa, Dadhi, Mandhya, Dhanyamla *Apathya Vihara- Apathya Aahara* told by *Yogaratnakar*<sup>38</sup> are: *Chinta, Shoka, Krodha, Atapasevana, Vegadharana.* 

#### DISCUSSION

Amlapitta is Pittapradhan and Saamavyadhi. Kledhaka Kapha and Pachaka Pitta are Drava in dominancy. The *Dravatah Vriddhi* of *Pitta* reduces *Tikshnata* of *Pachaka Pitta* as well as vitiates

Kledaka Kapha leading to Agnimandya and unable to digest even a small quantity of food. Amlapitta shows its direct impact on AnnavahaStrotas. Am*lapitta* is a psychosomatic disorder, where psychological factors play an equally important factor along with dietary indiscretion. The principle of AstaAhar Vidhi Visheshayatana and Dashvidha Ahar vidhi vidhan mentioned in Charak Samhita are the most important aspects for preventive and curative aspects of health. They are to be examined before food intake and are to be followed during food intake. The normal function of Amlarasa is attributed to Pitta dosha. The Samprapti of Amlapitta, Amla rasa, and Amla Vipaka plays an important role in the pathogenesis of Amlapitta. Dosha, Dushya, Strotas, Adhisthan, Agni, and Ama is the basic component of any disease process as also Amlapitta. Urdhvagati Amlapitta symptoms are related to Annavaha Srotodushti and Adhogati symptoms of Amlapitta are related to Purishvaha strotodushti. Due to the incident of Amlapitta, Acharya may have given a detailed explanation of Amlapitta and its way of approach to management. A person living in Anup desha is prone to Amlapitta and Anup Desh is Ahita Desha according to Acharya Charaka<sup>39</sup>. Acharya Kashyap says to "Deshantara Gaman" where all other treatment modalities fail.40

## CONCLUSION

Amlapitta is a most common disease due to faulty lifestyle, dietetic indiscrimination, and mental stress. Vitiation of *Pitta* is necessary for the clinical manifestation of *Amlapitta*. Vitiation of *Vata* and *Kapha* may be associated with this disease. If not treated this disease properly it may give various complications in our body like *Jwara*, *Atisara*, *Pandu*, *Shoth*, *Aruchi*, *and Bhrama*. The basic principle of treatment is *Nidanparivarjana*, *Shodhana*, *and Shamanachikitsa*. Along with it *Pathyaahara* and *Vihar* also play an important role in the management of *Amlapitta*. A person by performing appropriate diet and mode of life doing befitting exercise, free from greed, having control upon oneself and also being truthful the disease subsides.

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