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TOPICAL MANAGEMENT OF NON-HEALING WOUND WITH PROPRIETARY AYURVEDIC CREAM FORMULATION: A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

A chronic non-healing wound is a wound that does not heal in an orderly set of stages and in a predictable amount of time the way most wounds do; wounds that do not heal within three months are often considered chronic. Chronic wounds are difficult to heal and take their own time to do so. These wounds cause patients severe emotional and physical stress and create a significant financial burden on patients and the whole healthcare system. Non-healing ulcers i.e., Dushta vrana mentioned in Ayurveda can be treated effectively with the help of Ayurvedic formulations. Based on the line of treatment prescribed in the Samhitas, a proprietary Ayurvedic formulation Heal+ Cream was developed that includes- Jatyadi Tail, Vrana Ropan Tail, Panchavalkala, Mandukaparni (Centella asiatica), Yashtimadhu (Glycyrrhiza glabra), Nimb (Azadirachta Indica), Lodhra (Symplocos racemosa), Lajjalu (Mimosa pudica), Shala (Shorea robusta), Yashada bhasma (Zinc oxide) and used to treat such a patient of non-healing Wound in this case study. A case study revealed that Heal+ cream is having mode of action collaborated with Vrana shodhan, Vrana ropan, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antibacterial. After the use of Heal+ Cream, the patients with non-healing wounds showed significant improvement regarding the healing of the Wound without any adverse local effects with the restoration of skin structures and health.

Keywords: non healing Wound, chronic Wound, *Dushta vrana*, heel + cream.

INTRODUCTION

A chronic non-healing wound is a wound that does not heal in an orderly set of stages and in a predictable amount of time the way most wounds do; wounds that do not heal within three months are often considered chronic. Chronic wounds are difficult to heal and take their own time to do so. Many factors affect the process of Wound healing like contamination of wounds, vascular insufficiency, foreign bodies, infection, malnutrition, Immune deficiency diseases like diabetes mellitus, and excessive use of steroids etc. These wounds cause patients severe emotional and physical stress and create a significant financial burden on patients and the whole healthcare system. Acharya Sushruta has explained Vrana (Wound) in detail in "Sushruta Samhita" where he explained 60 therapeutic measures for the comprehensive management of Vrana including local as well as the systematic use of different drugs and procedures. Dushta Vrana (chronic non healing Wound) is one where there is vitiation of Dosha vata, pita and kapha locally. Wound which is contaminated and the healing process is very slow is known as Dushta Vrana. HEAL + is an Ayurvedic proprietary topical cream for treating a variety of wounds including nonhealing wounds. This medicine is a combination of various harbo-mineral ingredients includes- Jatyadi Tail, Vrana Ropan Tail, Panchavalkala, Mandukaparni (Centella asiatica), Yashtimadhu (Glycyrrhiza glabra), Nimb (Azadirachta Indica), Lodhra (Symplocos racemosa), Lajjalu (Mimosa pudica), Shala (Shorea robusta), Yashada bhasma (Zinc oxide).

A present Case study includes a 65-year male patient with a known case of diabetes mellitus and hypertension who has developed a wound that did not heal for 6 months in spite of taking allopathic treatment and was successfully treated by a local application of heal + ayurvedic cream. A case study revealed that Heal+ cream is having a mode of action collaborated with *Vrana shodhan, Vrana ropan*, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antibacterial. After the use of Heal+ Cream, the patients with non-healing wounds showed significant improvement regarding the healing of the

Wound without any adverse local effects with the restoration of skin structures and health.

Case study

A 65-year male patient came to Kamakshi Arogya Dham, Shiroda, Shalya OPD with complaints of boil on right foot over the second toe and third toe with swelling of the foot, fever and pain. He is a known case of diabetes mellitus and hypertension on regular allopathic medication for the same. History of present illness revealed that the patient had taken treatment from an allopathic hospital where they drained the pus with debridement of the Wound 6 months back. Till then he was dressing the Wound with povidone-iodine solution. The Wound was chronic and not healing with uncontrolled blood sugar levels. So, he came to Kamakshi Arogya Dham Shiroda Shalya OPD for wound management.

Examination of patient

On local inspection of Wound, it was found that Wound of irregular size and shape was there on the dorsum of the right foot above the third and fourth toe, the slough was present at the floor of a wound, edges were inflamed, underneath tendons was exposed, the Wound was deep-reaching up to the bone, swelling over second third and fourth toes and around the wound Redness and blackish discoloration of the skin present around the Wound and serosanguinous discharge was seen from the Wound.

Wound healing management

Management of Wound healing is done by Vrana karma with the action of Dushta vrana shodhana, Vrana ropan chikitsa upkrama locally by Vrana dhavan with Panchavalkal kashayam once a day, Vrana dhupana with Vacha Haridra varti once a day and application of Dvija heal + cream over the Wound for 1 month. In the course of treatment, internal medicine was given for the action of Langhana, Aama pachana, Srotoshodhana. Aragwadhadi kashayam tablet- 2 tablets twice a day, Patolakaturohinyadi kashayam tablet- 2 tablets twice a day were given to the patient. Guduchi siddha jala was given for drinking in place of regular water.

Result and discussion

After 1 month of treatment, it is observed that wound contraction is gradually achieved with the formation of healthy granulation tissue and Restoration of skin.

Most all the clinical features of *Dushta vrana* were cured by the end of 1 month.



Figure 1; Wound before treatment.



Figure 2; Wound after treatment.

Probable mode of action of drugs

Jatyadi Tail is recommended for topical application in the treatment of wounds, cuts and burns. Jatyadi Taila contains flavonoids, essential oils, tannins, glycosides, steroids and alkaloids, which help in faster healing of wounds. This oil promotes both wound cleansing by reducing and eliminating the dead tissue debris from the Wound and Wound healing with no or minimal scarring. Vrana Ropana Tail is formulated for wound healing. It encourages angiogenesis and granulation. It improves blood vasculature and provides micronutrition to the growing tissues. Drugs like Manjishta and Sariva in Vranaropan tail remove toxic impurities from the blood which speeds up

Wound repairing. Panchavalkala is a combination of barks of five trees - Pareesha, Vata, Ashwatha, Udumbar and Plaksha. Panchavalkala are rich in tannins, phytosterols and flavonoids. Tannins are known antioxidants and blood purifiers with anti-inflammatory actions. Flavonoids and phytosterols are anti-inflammatory, thereby they reduce pain, tenderness, redness, and swelling. Tannins and phytosterols further promote the healing process by increasing the collagen content that connects and supports the new tissue framework. Mandukaparni (Centella asiatica) enhances generation of new blood capillaries, connecting tissues, fibers that help in contraction and closure of wounds. Nimba (Azadirachta

indica) is a well-known broad spectrum natural antimicrobial and thus protects wounds from getting infected. It also has anti-inflammatory, antioxidant and astringent potential that facilitates wound healing. Yashtimadhu (Glycyrrhiza glabra) and Shala (Shorea robusta) have anti-inflammatory, antioxidant properties. These drugs soothe the Wound and reduce pain, burning, itching, and irritation. Lodhra (Symplocos racemosa) has astringent potential. It reduces oversecretions, oozing and excess moisture from the Wound further helping in contraction of Wound. Like Nimba, it is also effective in diabetic wounds. Lajjalu (Mimosa pudica) is classified as "Sandhankar" which means the one which binds or brings together as it supports knitting of connective tissue matrices and encourages closure of Wound. The essential micronutrient zinc present in the Yashad bhasma plays a major role in wound healing. Zinc shortage has been considered responsible for delays in wound healing. Zinc deficiency causes inflammation that damages host tissue. Zinc is observed to be beneficial in postneurosurgical wounds, severe burn injury, diabetic wounds and pressure ulcers.

CONCLUSION

Wound healing can be scientifically achieved by applying the principles of vrana chikitsa. A case study revealed that Heal+ cream is having mode of action collaborated with *Vrana shodhan*, *Vrana ropan*, anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antibacterial. After the use of Heal+ Cream, the patients with non-healing wounds showed significant improvement regarding the healing of the Wound without any adverse local effects with the restoration of skin structures and health.

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