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CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF RAKTAPITTA - A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

As per Ayurveda, the disease Raktapitta is described in the fourth Adhyaya of Agniveshatantra. Acharya Charaka has described Raktapitta as Mahagada, & an acute dreadful disease, which has more severity & quickly acts like fire as Raktapitta is a bleeding disorder in which Rakta gets vitiated by Pitta & flows out through the orifices of the body. The name suggests that the disease Raktapitta is caused by the vitiation of two body elements, namely Rakta & Pitta, together due to the Ashray Ashrayee relationship. The disease Raktapitta is described after Jwara Chikitsa. "Pratimarga (Viruddha) Cha Haranam (Shodhana) Raktapitte Vidheyathe" means eliminating the causative, vitiated Dosha from the opposite direction is the key to the management of Rakta Pitta. This article describes the Nidana, Roopas, Samprapti, Shodhana, Shamana, Pathya, and Apathya mentioned in Bruhatrayee's since ancient times about the disease Raktapitta.

Keywords: Raktapitta, Panchakarma, Shodhana, Shamana.

INTRODUCTION

The chapter on "Raktapitta" is explained immediately after describing the disease "Jwara." The severity of Raktapitta is almost the same as that of Jwara. When Jwara is not treated well, the disturbed Agni, i.e. Teja Mahabhuta, is the factor responsible for Raktapitta. The heat or burning sensation caused by Jwara gives rise to Raktapitta^[2]. The name of the disease is given after the names of Dooshya and Dosha involved in its occurrence.

Acharya Charaka & Vagbhata explained that Raktapitta was after Jwara because Jwara was Nidanarthakara Roga of Raktapitta [3]. Acharya Susrutha & Madhavakara have explained Raktapitta after Pandu Kamala because of the similarity in Nidana, i.e, Pittakara. Pitta is called Raktapitta because it comes into contact with Rakta, and also it acquires the smell and colour of the latter. Kulattha, Masha, Lashuna, Ushna, Teekshana, Vidahi, Amla Aharas. Viharaja Nidanas like Ati Atapa, Anila Sevana, Upavasa, Ayasa, Ativyayama, Ativyavaya & Manasika Kroda, Bhaya, Chinta, Jwara are the Nidanas for Raktapitta. [4][5]

Sthana of Raktapitta is Yakrut & Pliha. From Yakrut & Pliha Dustha Rakta does Sanchara go to Urdhwa, Adha, and Sarvashareera. [6]

Due to *Nidana Sevana's* aggravated *Pitta* entering *Rakta, Pitta* by its *Vidahi Guna* causes *Vidahitva* of *Rakta,* so there will be an increased quantity of vitiated *Pitta & Rakta.* The heat from *Pitta & Rakta* extracts *Drava* from *Dhatus &* there will be an increase in volume and increased in pressure in *Rakthavaha Srotas,* causing Rupture of blood vessels, leading to Bleeding from orifices & causes *Urdhwa* and *Adho Raktapitta.*^[7]

Anannabhilasha, Bhuktasya Vidahata, Sukta Amla Udgara, Swarabheda, Paridaha, Klama, Shiro Gaurava, Kasa, Shwasa, Brahma are the Purvaroopa for the disease Raktapitta. Roopas for the disease are Daurbalya, Kasa, Shwasa, Jwara, Vamatu, Mada, Tandra, Daha, Murcha, Bhukatanna, Vidaha, Hrudpeeda, Trushna, Swarabheda, Shirodaha, Peeta Stheevana, Annadweshi, Vidhai, Viratti.

In Urdhwaga Raktapitta Lakshanas like Kapha Samsarga, Urdhwagamana of Dushita Rakta, Raktasrava from Nasa, Akshi, Karna, Mukha. Where as in, Adhoga Raktapitta Lakshans like Vata Samsarga, Adhogamana of Dushita Rakta, Raktasrava from Medha, Yoni, Guda. And there will be Kapha Vata Samsarga, Raktasrava from Urdhwa, Adho, Ubhaya Bhaga. [9]

CHIKITSA KRAMA FOR RAKTAPITTA^[10]

- Santarpana or Apatarpana Chikitsa
- Mrudu, Sheetala, Guru Ahara
- Madhura, Tikta, Kashaya Rasa Ahara
- Pradeha, Parisheka, Avagaha, Samsparshana etc..
- Pratimargaharana Chikitsa

CHIKITSA -

In *Samavastha* of *Raktapitta*, *Stambhana* therapy should be avoided if the patient is *Balavan* and well nourished.^[11]

Chakradatta explains that Raktapitta severly occured should not be checked at the very beginning, especially in starting and for Balavan Rogi, as it may cause Hridroga, Pāndu Grahani Dosa, Pliha, Gulma and Jvara etc. disorders. [12]

According to *Vagbhata*, in *Bahudosha Avastha*, *Santarpana* measures are adopted, & in *Urdhwaga Raktapitta Virechana*, *Adhoga Raktapitta Vamana*. *Shamana* and *Bruhmana* measures are adopted after determining whether the patient is *Yogya* for *Langhana* and *Bruhmana Karma*. ^[13]

CHIKITSA FOR ADHOGA RAKTAPITTA –

In the case of *Adhogata Raktapitta*, *Peya* processed with *Salaparnyadi Gana Dravyās* should be given first and followed by *Vamana Karma* with *Madanaphala* mixed with *Mantha* (churned drink) prepared with *Madhu* and *Sarkara*. [14]

INDICATIONS FOR APATARPANA

Apatarpana, which means Anashanam or Abhojana, is a line of treatment for Santarpanajanya Raktapitta. Urdhvagata Raktapitta Tarpana is given, followed by Virechana as per the patient's strength & in Adhogata, Raktapitta Peya is provided and followed by Vamana. [15]

LANGHANA IN RAKTAPITTA

Measures are adopted in Amavastha Langhana & Niramavastha Stambhana, followed by Shamana. Acharya Sushrutha in Chikitsasthana, Langhana is given when Doshas are in Adhika Avastha & the Rogi is having Uttama Bala, Mamsa Upachaya, Agni. After Langhana, Peya with Swalpa Tandula, Mamsa Rasa and Rasa Yusha is advised. [16]

Acharya Vagbhata in Chikitsa Sthana, Urdhwaga Raktapitta Langhana with Sadangodaka devoid of Shunthi & Shamana with Tikta, Kashaya Rasa Dravyas. In Adhoga Raktapitta Mamsa Rasa, Bruhmana measures & Peya is advised. [17]

Langhana is given in conditions like — Urdhwagata Raktapitta, Samapittayukta, Kaphanubandhayukta, Snigdha Ushna Nidana Janita Raktapitta.

TARPANA IN RAKTAPITTA

Tarpana with Kharjura, Draksha, Amla, Shrutasheeta Jalam or Usheera, Parpataka, Musta, Jalam or Peya, Pachana, Lehya (Shobhanjana Lehya), Ghruta (Vasa Ghruta) or Kharjūradi Mantha, Drākṣā, Madhuka, Paruṣaka mixed with Sarkara.

Chakradatta mentions that Urdhvagata Raktapitta Laja Churna mixed with Ghrita & Sarkara should be given for Tarpana in Raktapitta. [18]

Tarpana is indicated in *Urdwamargagata Raktapitta*, Vatanubandha Raktapitta, Rooksha Ushna Nidana Janya Raktapitta.

VAMANA IN RAKTAPITTA

Vamana – in Adhoga Raktapitta – Madanaphala Yoga.

Vamana Panchakam:

- 1. Madana + Madhu, Sharkara
- 2. Madana + Ksheera
- 3. Madana + Sharkara, Jalam
- 4. Madana + Ikshu Rasam
- 5. Madana+Madhukodakam (Yastimadhu Kwatham) Vamana with the Phala of Vatsaka, Musta, Madana, Madhuka and Madhu or Vamana with Yastimadhu and Madhu is beneficial.^[19]

According to *Yogaratnakara*, *Vamana* has *Churnas* of *Musta*, *Yastyahva*, *Indrayava*, *and Madana*, along with *Madhu*, *Seetambhu*, or *Ksheera*.

VIRECHANA IN RAKTAPITTA

Virechana is indicated in Urdhwaga Raktapitta.

Virechana with Trivrut and Abhaya, Aragwadha Phala, Trayamana, Gavakshi, Mulaka, Amalaki, and Madhu and Sarkara were administered.

Acharya Susrutha has told Virechana with Draksha, Madhuka, Kashmarya and Sarkara. [20]

According To Acharya Vagbhata ir Chikitsasthana, [21]

- ✓ Kashaya & Kalka of Trivrut, Syama and Sarkara
 licked in 1 Panitala (Karsha) as per dose.
- ✓ *Urdhwaga Raktapitta* and Modaka, prepared from *Trivrut*, *Triphala*, *Syama*, *Pippali*, *Sarkara* and *Madhu*, cure *Raktapitta* caused by all *Doshas*.
- ✓ *Modaka* is prepared with an equal quantity of *Trivrut, Sarkara* and 1/3 of *Pippali*.

According to Yogaratnakara: Urdhva Raktapitta - Virechana with Churnas of Aragvadha, Dhatri, Trivrt, or Pathya mixed with Sarkara & Madhu.

Virechana with Draksa, Madhuka, Kashmari and Sarkara.

BASTI IN RAKTAPITTA

Niruha basti with Ksheera is boiled with Vidarigandhadi drugs and added with Draksha, Ghrita, Madhu, Sarkara, and Anuvasana basti with Gritha.

E.g., Priyangvadi Niruha Basti, Vidari Gandhadi Gana Siddha Ksheera Astapana Basti, Draksha, Madhu, Sarkara, Ghruta Siddha Anuvasana Basti. [22] Uttarabasti indicated in Haemorraghic Urinary Bladder, Rakatarshas, Medhra Gata Raktapitta. Moreover, intake of Trina Panca Mula Kşira Paka is also advised. [23]

NASYA IN RAKTAPITTA

Urdhwaga Raktapitta is associated with *Kapha*, *Karanja Bija*, and Kernel of *Inguda* as *Nasya*.

Nasya with triturated Mula & Puspha of Matulungi or Draksha Rasa, Ghrita extracted by Ksheera or cooled Ikshu Rasa mixed with Sarkara.

Eg: Durva Swarasa Nasya, Dadimapuspa Rasadi Nasyam ^[24]

According to *Yogaratnakara Nasya*, the administration of *Swarasa* of either *Dadima* flowers, *Durva*, *Amrasthi*, or *Palandu* overcomes Epistaxis.

Avapeeda Nasya, which is given in case of epistaxis, should be instilled into the nostrils with Jala or Ksheera mixed with Sarkara. Swarasa of Haritaki, Dadima flowers, Durva, or Laksha cures chronic and severe Epistaxis.

STAMBHANA IN RAKTAPITTA

Stambhana is not immediately indicated in Raktapitta because the disease Raktapitta is vitiated with Asuddha Rakta, Utklista & Udrikta Dosha Dusthi. If Stambhana is done at appropriate timings, give rise to Murcha, Jwara, Gulma, Anaha, Pleeha vruddhi, Kilasa, Kusta, Pandu, Grahani etc., [25]

Stambhana is indicated in Heena Dosha when Suddha Rakta comes out when Rogi loses the Bala, Alpashana or Anashana of Rogi or when Rakta Kshaya Lakshana is observed.

The patients of *Raktapitta* who Bala are and *Vruddha*, having *Dourbalya*, *Kshaya*, the residue of consumption, are unfit for *Vamana* and *Virecana Karma* & are eligible for *Stambhana Karma*.

SAMSHAMANA CHIKITSA

It is indicated in

- 1. Bala Mamsa Vyadhi Ksheena
- 2. Krusha with Bharavahana, Adhwagamana
- 3. Agni, Surya, Santapa
- 4. Garbhini, Vruddha and Bala
- 5. Rooksha, Alpa, Paramita Bhojana Sheeli
- 6. Avamya, Avirechya

AVASTIKA CHIKITSA

- 1) Grathita Rakta Kapota Visha with honey.
- 2) Kapha Anubandha Grathita Rakta Utpala Chandanadi Churna (YR) Nala Kshara with Madhu + Ghruta
- 3) Agni Deepti with Kapha Nasha -
- a) Aja Dugdha
- b) Go Dugdha with 5times water
- c) Vidarigandhadi Gana Sheetala Dugdha
- d) Jeevaka Rushabhaka Dudgam
- **4)** Nasa Gata Rakta Nasya after the conformation of Dusta Rakta
- a) Usheera Lodhradi kwatha

- b) Pathya Ataroosha kwatha
- c) Goksheera
- d) Amrasti Mocharasaadi Jalam
- e) Draksha Rasa + Sharkara
- f) Ikshu Rasa and Pakwa Udumbara with Guda
- 5) Mootra Marga Gata-
- a) Shatavari Ksheera
- b) Raktapitta Hara Dravya Yukta Uttaravasti
- 6) Shastra Kshata Priyangu, Lodhra, Anjana, Aavachurna
- Gudagata Mocharasa + Dugdha, Vatasrunga Dugdha, Madhuka Anjana Manjistha etc, Astapana Basti, Yastimadhu Ghruta Anuvasana Basti.
- 8) Bahya prayoga Sheetala Dravya Pralepa, Pradeha, Parisheka, Avagaha, Shayana, Asana, Dhara Gruha

KSHEERA PRAYOGA IN VATANNUBANDHA-[26]

- Chaga Dugdha
- Go Dugdha boiled with Draksha or Nagaraka or Bala or Gokshura
- Go Dugdha with Jeevaka, Rushabaka added with Gritha & Sarkara

In the administration of different *Kashayas*, when *Agni* is stimulated, and *Kapha* is pacified. Still, *Rakta pitta* is not cured; the *Vata Prakruthi Rogi* administration of *Ksheera* is advised in that condition.

The following milk-processed preparations are helpful to check *Rakta pitta*.

- 1. *Aja Dugdha* or *Go Dugdha* boiled with five times of water.
- Aja Dugdha or Go Dugdha boiled with Laghu Pancamúla.
- 3. Aja Dugdha or Ksheera boiled with Draksha, Balamula, Yastimadhu, Gokshura, or Shatavari.
- 4. Aja Dugdha or Go Dugdha boiled with Śālaparni, Priśniparni, Mudga Parni and Masha Parni.

KSHARA PRAYOGA IN RAKTAPITTA —^[27]

The *Ksharas* should be prepared of *Neela*(stalk) of *Utpala, Mrunala, Keshara* of *Padma, Utpala, Palasha, Madhuka* and *Asana* should be administered.

SWARASA PRAYOGA IN RAKTAPITTA -

1. Vrushapatra Swarasa ^[28]	Vrusha Patra should be mixed with Madhu & Sarkara
2. Udumbaraphala Swarasa ^[29]	Unripe <i>Udumbara Phala</i> mix it with <i>Madhu</i> & taken daily
3. Vasa Swarasa ^[30]	Swarasa of Vasa (5ml) mixed with Talisadi Churna (5gm) taken along with Madhu (50gm) – Kapha Pitta Vyadhi, Tamakaswasha, Swarab-
	heda, Raktapitta

SHAMANOUSHADHI'S —[31]

GHRITA'S	CHURNA'S	RASA'S
Vasa Ghrita	Priyangvadi Churna	Raktapittakula Kuthara Rasa
Satavaryadi Ghrita	Utpaladi Churna	Bolaparpati Rasa
Palasa Ghrita	Talisadi Churna,	Sudhanidhi Rasa
Trayamana Gritha	Khadira Puspadi Churna	Arkesvara Rasa
Vrusha Gritha	Chandanadi Churna	Raktapittantaka Rasa
Durvadya Gritha	Usiradi Churna	Rasamrita Rasa
Brihat Shatvari Gritha	Kiraatatiktadi Churna	Kapardako Rasa
Sanadi Ghrita	Priyangvadi Churna	Pittantaka Rasa
Kamadeva Gritha	Prithvika Churna	Mahapittantaka Rasa
Sataprastha Gritha		Vasasuta Rasa
Kusmanda Gritha		Raktapittakulakandana Rasa
Satavari Gritha		
Hriberadyam Taila		

LOHA'S	KWATHA	AVALEHA'S
Khandakadya Lauha,	Atarusadi Kwatha	Kusmanda Avaleha
Samasarkara Loha	Vasakadi Kwatha	Khanda Kusmanda
Satmulyadi Loha	Madayantika Kwatha	Vasa Khanda
Sarkaradya Loha		Khandakadyavaleha
Raktapittantaka Loha		

PATHYA —[32]

- Rasa Kashaya
- **Dhanya Varga** Jeerna Shashtika Shali. Priyangu. Nivara, Yava, Godhuma
- Shimbi Varga Mudga, Masoora, Chanaka, Adhaki, Koradoosha Shyamaka
- Mamsa Varga Aja, Pakshi, Harina, Kukkuta
- **Dugdha Varga** Godugdha, Ksheeranavaneet, Ghrita,Aja Dugdha,Santanika
- Drava Sheeta Jala, Narikela Jala, Varuni, Audbhid Jala, Shrutasheeta Jala, Madhu +Jala, Laghu Panchamoola Siddha Jala
- Phala Kadali, Talaphala , Dadima, Amalaki, Narikela, Kapittha, Draksha, Ikshu Pakva Amra Phala, Shrungataka, Gambhari, Kharjura,

Panasa, Mocharasa, Karkati, Taruni, Vidarikanda, Shatavari ,Kasheruk, Shrungataka etc

 Krutanna - Utpalad Siddha Ksheera, Peya, Yusha, Yavagu, Mamsa Rasa.
 Other Mishreya, Laja, Saktu, Madhu Shrakara, Gajapippali, Vasa-Meda-Majja

APATHYA -

- Rasa Katu, Amla, Lavana
- **Guna** Vidahi
- **Drava** Kaupa Jala, Madya
- Shaka Varga Rasona, Vartaka
- Shimbi Varga- Tila, Masha, Sarshapa, Kulatta
- Other Guda, Tambula, Viruddhanna, Matsya, Kshara, Lavana, Tapioca, Fried Food, Fermented Food like Idli, Asafoetida, Mustard Seeds, Red

Chilly, Green Chilly, Fenugreek, Ginger, Starchy Food.

DISCUSSION

Raktapitta involves Rakta & Pitta, as Rakta is the Dushya & Pitta is the Dosha. Pitta does Samsarga with Rakta & in Dushana, Avastha Pitta attains Lohita Varna, Gandha of Rakta. Pitta, Rakta Dushita Aahara, Vihara, Manasika, Atibhojana Nidana cause an increase in the amount of Rakta & Pitta, & this increased Prakupitta Pitta enters the Raktavaha Srotas, & this Prakupitta Pitta does Rakta Dooshana that leads to the Vyadhi Raktapitta.

Urdhwaga Raktapitta is Sadhya when Rogi is Kapha Bahula Shareera, Rakta, Pitta along with Kapha Dosha, Raktasrava from Urdhwabahaga is involved. Adhoga is Yapya when Rogi is Vata Bahula Shareera as Vata Marga is Adhomarga, Rakta, Pitta along with Vata & in Ubhayaga Raktapitta is Asadhya as both Vata, Kapha, Pitta, Rakta Doshas will be involved.

Charakacharya mentioned Prathimarga Harana Chiktisa in Raktapitta, i.e., in Urdhwaga, Raktapitta Virechana Karma is indicated. Virechana is the line of treatment for Pitta Dosha, & Tikta, Madhura, and Kashaya Rasa will subside Pitta & many Guruvadi Gana Dravya are available to treat Pitta.

Adhoga Raktapitta Vamana Karma is indicated, as Adhoga Bhaga is the Sthana of Pakwashaya, i.e., Vata Sthana & Vamana is not suitable for Pitta Dosha as it is Pratimarga. So, Vamana may cause complications for the patient & Madhura Rasa Dravya will cause aggravation of Kapha because only Alpa Virya Dravyas are available for Vamana.

Ubhaya Raktapitta is Asadhya as there will be Tridosha involvement along with symptoms like Kunapagandhi, Samsrustha Kapha Vata, Ksheena Deha, etc., so doing Pratimarga Harana Chikitsa is difficult, as it is a Viruddha Upakrama.

Langhana is indicated for increased Ama Dosha and pitta Rakta; Ama Dosha Deepana, Pachana is the best treatment. Depending on Raktapitta Marga, Doshanubandha, and Nidana, Langhana or Tarpana is given. When Rogi is Balawan in Urdhwa (Kapha),

Langhana is involved, *Adhoga* (*Vata*) is engaged, and *Tarpana* is given.

Pathya in Urdhwaga Raktapitta is Tarpana, and Peya in Adhoga Raktapitta depends on Kala, Satmya, Prakruti, Dosha, and Rogi. In Doshanuara if Kapahanubandhja Yusha or Shaka, Vatanubandha Mamsa Rasa is advised.

Aksheena Bala Mamsa Rogi Sthambhana should not be done; in Dustha Rakta Stambhana is done.

In Chirakaleena Raktapitta Asthapana Basti with Ghrita, Godugdha, Ksheera, & Susrutha mentioned Uttarabasti in Mutragata Raktapitta with Shatavari, Gokdhura, Godugdha, Charaparnyadi Ksheera, Panchapanchamuladi Ghrita, Vasa Ghrita etc.,

Nasagata Raktapitta is a type of Urdhvaga Raktapitta, where in the Anubandhi Dosha is Kapha & is said to be Sukhasadhya. In classic treatment, principles like Avapeedana Nasya, Pradeha, Parishechana, and Ghritapana have been mentioned for the Disease.

Shamana Chikitsa is indicated in Ksheena Balamamsa, Garbhini, Ruksha, Alpa, Pramitasahana, & those who are Avamya, Avirechya, Rajayakshma Rogi, Mandagni Rogi Amla Rasa like Dadima, Amalaki is given.

Some of the essential *Drugs* used in *Raktapitta* are *Vasa Ghrita*, *Shatavari Ghrita*, *Hriberadi Paneeya*, *Shadanga Paneeya*, *Kharjuradi Mantha*, *Laja Tarpana*, *Draksha Rasa*, *Dhurva Swarasa*, *Stree Dugdha*, *Palaandu Mula*, *Yavasa Mula*, *Padmakadi Kwatha*. *Atarushaki Kwatha* etc.,

CONCLUSION

Proper assessment should be made for weak Raktapitta patients with excess Dosha who are on a regular diet. The *Shodhana* type of *Langhana* is advised for strong patients with excess *Kapha*, *Pitta*, *Rakta*, and *Mala*.

Raktapitta is a Mahagada that has Mahavega and is Sheegrakari. Therefore, a wise physician should have clear-cut knowledge of the Hetu and Lakshanas of Raktapitta and treat them immediately, without any delay.

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