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STUDY OF VARNYA LEPA ON SWASTHA PURUSH TWAK WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO VASANT RUTU

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ABSTRACT

Beautiful skin is one of the most attractive indicators of beauty and youth. We understand how important our skin is not just for us to look good, but for our overall health as well. Skin care is one of the most important factors of natural beauty, no matter what your age, skin tone, or skin type. Humans give more attention to their appearance from the beginning of the civilization. In *Ayurveda* skin is called as '*Varna*'. According to *Charaka*, *Varna* is not just a colour but it indicates all parameter of healthy and radiant skin. Number of cosmetic products and *lepa* comes in the market, for lightning, giving smoothness to skin and lessening dark spots caused by sun damage and scarring. In *Ashtangahridaya* different *lepas* are told according to *Rutus*. Hence, this paper introduced the study of *lepa* which especially used in *Vasant Rutu* (summer season) to remove dead and dry skin cells from skin surface and boosts natural skin renewal process making your skin look healthy and glowing. This *lepa* gives effective benefits for the skin and maintain the healthy skin. As value of p is very less than 0.05 in both symptoms it was observed that highly significant results were observed in case of both symptoms. Values of p, t, mean and SD at DF 29 are enlisted in Table 2. Hence, it is concluded that the drug *Vasant Rutu Varnya lepa* is highly significant to improve complexion and to reduce dryness.

Keywords: Ashtangahridaya, Vasant rutu, Varnya Lepa

INTRODUCTION

Skin care is one of the most important components of natural beauty, no matter what your age, skin tone, or skin type. Exfoliation removes dead and dry skin cells from skin surface and boosts natural skin renewal process making your skin look healthy and glowing. Humans have been very aware of their appearance from the beginning of the civilization. The external beauty is very important for many. Beauty as a characteristic of a person's appearance, see physical attractiveness considered as beautiful. Number of cosmetic products and beauty contest coming into the market for skin lightening *lepa* and giving you smoother and lessening dark spots caused by sun damage and scarring. In *Ayurveda* Complexion is called as *'Varna'* According to *Charaka "Varna*" means--- (*Charak Indriya sthan.1/11*)

Harsh and Sneha words indicate that the measuring of the Varna is not just a colour but it indicates all parameter of healthy and radiant skin. A soft good healthy skin gives glowing appearance and a radiant complexion.[2] In Ashtangahridaya different lepas are told according to Rutus e.g. - (Astang Hridya sutra.22/20)-(Astang Hridya sutra.22/21) - (Astang Hridya sutra.22/18)

Those *mukha lepas* helps to overcome the premature graying of hairs, discoloured patches over face, wrinkles a kind of blindness. Other benefits of

regular application of those *mukhalepas* are as follows. [1]- (Astang Hridya sutra.22/22)

The vision becomes keen, pleasant facial appearance, good complexion with smoothness resembles like fresh lotus flower. There is enough description regarding maintenance of natural health of skin in *Ayurvedic* texts now it's time to highlight the *Ayurveda* in the word of cosmetic with the unique aspects.

AIM: Study of *Varnya lepa* on *Swastha purush twak* with special reference to *Vasant Rutu*.

OBJECTIVES:

- To review the literature of Varna, Varnya lepa and Vasant Rutucharya.
- To study the concept of *Lepa*.
- To prepare the *Varnya Lepa*.
- To observe the changes due to Varnya lepa on Swastha Purush in Vasant Rutu.

Table1: Material Table

Dravya	Rasa	Veerya	Vipak	Karma	Guna
Darbhamul	Madhur, Kashaya,	Sheeta	Madhur	Tridoghana	Laghu, Snighadha
Karpur	Madhur Tikatta rasa, Katu	Sheeta	Katu	Lekhana Rakatta Utakleshana	Laghu, tikshana
Ushira	Tikkata Madhur	Sheeta		Dhahashamaka,	Laghu, Rusha
			Katu	Varnyakara,	
				Tavkka doshahara,	
				Kaphpittaghana	
Shirisha	Tikkta Kashaya,	Ushna	Katu	Kaphapittaghana,	Tikshna, Ushna
	Madhur			Tavkadoshhara,	LaghuRusha,
				PRABHAVA - Vishaghana	
Mishreya	Madhur, Tikata, Katu	Sheeta	Katu	Dhahashamak,	Laghu,
				Vattapittaghana,	snighadha
				Pachan, Kaphavilayan	
Shali	Madhur, Kashaya	Sheeta		Pittaghana, Balya, Bruhana.	Laghu,Snighdha

Material & Method:

- 1. Sampling Method –Simple Random Sampling
- 2. Sample Size- Total 30 *Swastha purush* were included in this study.
- 3. Written informed Consent was taken from healthy volunteers

Inclusion Criteria

- 1. Healthy volunteers.
- 2. Age group- 20 to 45 years.
- 3. Irrespective of Sex.

Exclusion Criteria

- 1. Volunteers having any present or past history of skin diseases.
- 2. Any fungal, bacterial and viral infection.
- 3. Immunodeficiency stage.
- 4. Pregnant, lactating and women on O.C.Pills.
- 5. Big and dark scar on face.
- 6. Autoimmune skin diseases.
- 7. Chronic Systemic diseases.

According to Ashtang Hridaya Rhinitis, loss of sleep, Indigestion anorexia, Lock jaw, after giving nasya, and those For whom snana is contraindicated.

Hypothesis -

Null Hypothesis (H0) - *Varnya lepa* is not effective for increased complexion to decrease the dryness of the face of healthy individuals in *Vasant Rutu*.

Alternate Hypothesis (H 1)-Varnya lepa is effective for increased complexion to decrease the dryness of the face of healthy individuals in Vasant Rutu.

Method: Preparation of drug- The fine powder of *Dhrabhamula Karpur, Ushira, Shirisha, Mishreya, Shali*, was taken in equal quantity to prepare *lepa* which mixed with Adequate distilled water then mixture was used to application on face.

Dose – 10 to 15 gm. and Duration – 2 Months

- Patient advised to wash face before application of *Lepa*. And dry the face with soft cotton cloth.
- Sufficient Quantity of all *Dravya* was taken, as mentioned in "*Vasanta Rutu Lepa*"
- Content of "Vasant Rutu" lepa mixed with sufficient, distilled. Water and lepa applied on face once a day in the Morning time, in "Ardhagulipramana" (Approximet-1.8cm as mentioned by Sharangdhar Samhita Purvakhanda. Adhyay.1.) as mentioned in "Astang Hridya samhita"
- After lepa was dry it wet with water and then removes the lepa from face. refer. (Astang Hridya sutra.22/16)

Observation & Results:

a) Observation Criteria:

SR.NO.	VAREABLES	GREAD1	GREAD 2	GREAD3	GREAD 4
1.	Fitzpatrick com-	No Complexion	Increased by Grade 1	Increased by grade 2	Increased by grade 3
	plexion scale				
2.	Dryness Scale	Scratches appear	Dryness Subsides with	Decreased By Grade	No Dryness
		on skin	Mukhalepa	2	

1. Fitzaptrik complexion scale-

Grade 1- No Complexion.

Grade 2-Incresed by grade 1.

Grade 3-Incresed by grade 2.

Grade 4-Incresed by grade 3.

2. Dryness Scale-

Grade 1- Scratches appear on skin

Grade2-Dryness Subsides with Mukhalepa

Grade3-Decreased By Grade 2

Grade 4-No Dryness

Statistical Analysis -

Table 2: Shows statistical analysis by Student's t Test for paired data

Sr. No	Symptoms	BT/AT	N	Mean	SD	t	p
1	Complexion	BT	30	1.000	3.600	28.580	P < 0.0001
		AT	30	0.000	0.4983		
2	Dryness	BT	30	1.067	0.2537	23.378	P < 0.0001
		AT	30	3.400	0.4983		

As value of p is very less than 0.05 in both symptoms it was observed that highly significant results were observed in case of both symptoms. Values of p, t, mean and SD at DF 29 are enlisted in **Table 2.** Hence, it is concluded that the drug *Vasant Rutu Varnya lepa* is highly significant to improve complexion and to reduce dryness.

DISCUSSION

As shown in Table-1,

Total 30 healthy volunteers were selected by simple random sampling for present observational study; written Informed consent was taken from Healthy volunteers. *Vasant Rutu Varnya Lepa* was given to Healthy Volunteer for application on face.

Preparation of drug - The fine powder of Dhrabhamula, Karpur, Ushira, Shirisha, Mishreya, Shali, was taken in equal quantity to prepare lepa which mixed with adequate distilled water, then mixture was used to application on face. Vasant Rutu comes under the Aadan kala. Rutu kal consider as 2month forms the 1 Rutu, Vasant Rutu form by Chaitra and Vaishakh month. - (Astang Hridya sutra3/1, 2, 3,) - during the period of 19 February to 19 April generally, As per study is conducted.

Varnya lepa is also more effective in people when is lepa applied followed with the Dincharaya Plan and Rutucharya Plan.

Aacharya Vagbhata explained [Dincharya (How to live daily lifestyle)] and how to live Rutucharya (seasonal life style) as mentioned in Astang Hridya in "Dincharya and Rutucharya Adhyay")-(Astang Hridya sutra. Adhyay 1,2) -.

In Sutrasthan, Aacharya Charaka also explained in various samhita for planning of daily regimen.for living healthy life and seasonal regimen is also explained. And along with that health Acharaya gave importance of health and beauty also.

Ingredients Darbhamul, Karpur, Ushira, Shirisha, Mishreya, and Shashti Shali were used. Darbhamul Laghu, Snighdha Guna Madhur Kashaya Rasa Sheet veerya acts as Tridoshghana. The drug Karpur of Laghu, Tikshana Guna, and Madhur Tiktta Rasa

helps in Lekhana and Rakatta Utakleshana increases Brahnjakpitta in skin. The drug Ushira of Laghu Ruksha Guna, Tiktta Madhur Rasa Sheet veerya helps in Dhahashamak, Varnyakara, doshahara and Kaphapittaghana. The drug Shirisha of Laghu Ushna, Tikshna, Ruksha Guna of Tiktta Kashaya, Madhur Rasa, Ushna veerya act as Tavkadoshhara and Prabhava acts as Vishaghana. The drug Mishreya of Madhur, Tikata, Katu Rasa Sheet veerya act as Dhahshamak, Vattapittaghana, Pachan, Kaphavilayan and the drug Shali of Madhur, Kashaya Rasa Sheet veerya Pittaghana, Balva and Bruhana. Both drugs are of Laghu Snighdha Guna. (Drugs Refer. Deshapande Javalagekar "Dravya guna Vigynan"),

Bhavaprakash Nighantu of Shri Bhavamishra,

In Shishir Rutu accumulated Kapha dosha in Vasant Rutu get melted by high Stroke of Sun it melted Kapha Vatadi dosha get aggravated. In Vasant Rutu aggravated Kapha Vatadi dosha affects the function of Brajaka Pitta. The properties of these above helpful in Kaphapittaghana.and drugs Dhahshamak. Vattapittaghana, Tavkadoshhara, Vishaghana: Rakatta Utakleshana increases Brahnjakpitta in Skin, improves the function of Brajaka Pitta. Hence, Brajaka pitta is useful in improving complexion of skin in Vasant Rutu and reducing the dryness of skin.

In season *Vasant Rutu the* heat is extremely level. It gives the freshness and cooling effect to the facial skin. From **Table-2.**, of statistical analysis we observe that as value of p is very less than 0.05 in both symptoms it was observed that highly significant results were observed in case of both symptoms. Values of p, t, mean and SD at DF 29 are enlisted in **Table-2**. Hence it is concluded that the drug *Rutu Varnya Lepa* is highly significant to improve complexion and to reduce dryness.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the drug Vasant Rutu Varnya Lepa are effective and given results like this lepa

improves complexion of skin. This *lepa* improves the smoothness of the skin.

The *lepa* reduces the dryness of the skin. This *lepa* is also improves complexion in all type of tan skin.

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