



# Aushada Avacharana in Kaphaja Roga

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Aushadhavacharana refers to application of different *Dravya* in various *vikara*. Vikara is of two types Samanyaja and Nanatmaja vikaras. Kaphaja rogas have been given prime importance in classical literatures of Ayurveda. While treating any disease, selection of right, potent and useful drug is very important, here role of Pancha padarthas of Dravya plays an important role. The drugs having Katu, Tikta, Kashaya Rasa pradana, having Gunas like Laghu, Ushna, Ruksha, Tikshna, Vishada, Sukshma, Khara, ushna Veerya, Katu Vipaka can be selected for treating Kaphaja rogas effectively. The action of the Dravya is either by any one of the above Pancha padarthas or in combination, hence before selecting the Dravya to treat the disease proper, examination of Roga and Rogi is must. An effort is made to compel the knowledge about different avacharanas based on various concepts of Dravyaguna which can be selected by vaidya in treating Kaphaja rogas to get the fruitful results.

Key Words Kaphaja roga, Dravya, Aushadha

#### INTRODUCTION

According to *shabdakalpadrum*a the word 'Aushadha' is derived from *khli Dhatu*, which means *aushadheridham¹* (mixtures of different drugs). It also refers to *roga nashaka Dravya*. The word *avacharana* refers to application. So in total *aushadhavacharana* means application of different *Dravya* in various *vikara*.

Vikara is of two types Samanyaja and Nanatmaja vikaras<sup>2</sup>. Samanyaja vikaras are those where combination of Doshas are involved. Nanatmaja vikara are those diseases, which are manifested by involving only one dosha. Acharya charaka in sutrastana has explained 20 types of Kaphaja

Nanatmaja Vikara<sup>3</sup>. Though the number of kaphaja *nanatmaja vikaras* explained is less compared to *vataja* and *pittaja*, treating the *kaphaja vikara* is also important.

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To understand the concept of *Aushada Avacharana* in *Kaphaja Roga* 

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### 1) kaphasya upakrama <sup>4</sup>:

Astanga hrudaya sutra stana 13<sup>th</sup> chapter explained about the treatment aspects to be followed in *nanatmaja vikaras*. The *Kaphasya* 



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Upakrama explained are Shodana measures like Tikshna Vamana, Virechana. Procedures like Dhuma, Gandusha, and Ruksha Vimmardhana. Shamanoushadi having Katu Tikta Kashaya Rasa, Medhogna Guna Yutka Dravyas. Various diet having Ruksha, Alpa, Ushna, Tikshna, Kshoudra Yukta Ahara. Viharas like Upavasa, Vyayama, Rateepreeti, Prajagara, Chinta are the different options for the treatment of Kaphaja Nanatmaja Vikara which are explained in classics.

- 2) Role of *Rasa* in treating *Kaphaja Roga* There are 6 types of rasa explained in the classics<sup>5</sup>. Among them *Katu* Tiktha *Kashaya rasa* is considerd as *Kapha shamaka rasa*. *Madhura Amla Lavana* are *Kapha kopaka rasa*<sup>6</sup>.
- Katu rasa It has Ushna, Teekshna, Laghu, Ruksha, Vishada guna and does kapha hara  $karma^7$ .

If we take example of disease *Sthoulya – Katu* rasa is capable of entering into small *Srotas* due to its *Tikshna Guna*. There it destroys *Medho Dhatu* due to *Ushna* and *Laghu Guna*. *Ushakadi gana Dravyas* like *Ushak*, *Hingu* and other *Katu rasa Pradhana Dravyas* can be administered in *Sthoulya* 

Similarly, in *Kusta - Katu Rasa* destroys *Kleda*, *Kapha* and *Krimi*, it also stimulates the circulation of *Rakta*. Drugs like *Bhallataka*, *Vidanga* and *Chitraka* can administered in *Kusta* 

Tiktha rasa – It has Ruksha ,Laghu and Vishada Guna and does kapha Pitta hara karma<sup>8</sup>..
 Example of Kandu – It is generated by Kleda Guna. Tikta pacifies Pitta and Kapha. It is Rakta

Prasadaka and removes Klinnata. Nimba is the best Tiktha rasa Dravya which is widely used in treating Kusta

In case of *Agni Mandya* if it is due *Kapha prakopa*, then the *Tikta rasa* acts as *Dipana* by increasing the function of *Samana Vayu*, which ignites *Agni*.

• Kashaya Rasa – It is having Ruksha, Laghu, Sheetha and does Kapha harana because of its Rukshatva<sup>9</sup>.

For example in case of *Pooya vrana - Ruksha guna* clears *Kledata* of the wound, drugs like *Panchavalkala kashaya, Vata churna* can be used for treatment. *Kashaya rasa* is having *Vrana ropana karma* as the *Shresta Karma*.

• Order of intake of Rasa in Kaphaja Vyadi<sup>10</sup>According to Kashyapa samhitha Khilastana.
6/24-26 -A skillful vaidya will administer Katu,
Tiktha, Kashaya rasa yuktha dravya in order for
kaphaja vyadis. Katu rasa dravya to be used first,
if it is administered, it reduces the Pichilatha and
Gouravatha of kapha. Next, tiktha rasa dravya
should be administered as it relieves Mukha
Madhuryata and does kapha shoshana. Later
Kashaya rasa is given which does Kapha
sangrahana and removes sneha amsha.

#### 3) Role of Guna in treating kaphaja roga

There are different *Gunas* explained in classics. 20 *Gurvadi gunas*<sup>11</sup> are called as *Shareerika guna*<sup>12</sup>. These have major role in treatment of the disease. Some of the *Kaphahara gunas* with examples are explained in the table 1.





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**Table 1** Kaphahara Guna with examples

Kaphahara Gunas	Examples			
Laghu guna	Mudga, Dadima, Patola			
	• Kashaya of Patola along with Khadira, Nimba, Triphala is given in Kushta			
	(cha.da.50/61)			
Ushna guna	Chitraka Bhallataka			
	• Chitraka churna along with gomutra is taken in case of Kusta. (su.su.9/45)			
	• Bhallataka taila taken internally in 5-10 drops in krimi (A.hr.chi.20/32)			
Ruksha guna	Vidanga Apamarga			
	• Vidanga is best Krimigna . Its churna along with Triphala, Pippali when taken with			
	Madhu will cure Kusta, Krimi, Meha. (cha.chi.7/159)			
Tikshna guna	• Eranda, Pippali			
	• Eranda – Virechaka			
	• Pippali churna with kantakari taken with Madhu will reduce Kasa.			
	• Pippali mula kashaya +Aja mutra – Krimi (Su.U.54/32)			
	Pippalyadi churna in Kaphaja Swara bheda			
Vishada guna	Yastimadhu, Guggulu			
	Yastimadhu churna with Madhu in shawasa			
Sukshma guna	Madya Madhu			
Khara guna	Medo hara – Vacha Yava Musta			

#### 4) Role of veerya in Kaphaja roga

All the *Brihatrie* has accepted *Dvividha Veerya* that is *Sheetha* and *Ushna*. Among the *Dvividha Veerya*, ushna virya drugs are widely used in treating *Kaphaja vyadis*. *Drayva* having *Ushna veerya* does *karmas* like *Dahana*, *Pachana*, *Swedana*, *Vamana*, *Virechana* and importantly *Kapha harana*<sup>13</sup>, example - *Arka Agaru Guduchi*, *Eranda*, *chitraka* 

Not only *ushna veerya Dravyas* even certain *Sheeta veerya* drugs like *Chandana*, *Kumari* does help in treating *Kaphaja rogas*.

### 5) Role of vipaka in kaphaja vyadhi

Acharya charka and Acharya vagbata have explained Trividha Vipaka; they are Madhura, Amla, Katu<sup>14</sup>. Whereas, Acharya Sushrutha

mentioned *Dvividha Vipaka* they are *Guru Vipaka* and *Laghu Vipaka*<sup>15</sup>. Among all the *Vipaka* explained in classics, *Katu Vipaka* plays important role in treating *Kaphaja roga*.

Examples - *Dravya* which are *Katu Vipaka Pradana* and their indication in *Kaphaja rogas* are as follows –

Chitraka –Kapha vataja arshas , Atisara

Maricha-Dipana, Shwasahara, Krimigna

Vacha -Kantya, Mukharogahara,

Ativisha – Ama atisara , Grahani

Musta -Atisara, Krimi

Nagakesara -Twak roga, Hrullasa nashaka,

Kusta

Vasa-Swarabheda, Kusta, Meha

Kutaja –Atisara

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# 6) Role of Bhaishajya kala in Kaphaja roga

Bhaishajya kala refers to Aoushada sevana kala that is time at which the medicines are to be administered to get the maximum benefits. There are different Aoushada Sevana Kala explained in classics, among them few are used for the administration of medicines in case of Kaphaja roga.

- Ananna Kala- According to Astanga Hrudaya in case of kaphaja roga and balavan vyadhi medicines should be administered on empty stomach<sup>16</sup>. Eg Vamana
- *Muhurmuhur*<sup>17</sup> The drugs are administered repeatedly in disorders where there is involvement of *kapha* like *Kasa*, *Shwasa*, and *Hikka*.
- *Nishi*<sup>18</sup> Most of the *Jatrurdva vikara* are *kaphaja* in origin hence here the drugs are administered in the evening time.

#### 7) Role of treating *Ama* in *kaphaja vyadhi*

Madukosha says due to Agni mandya proper digestion of Ahara rasa doesn't take place leading to formation of *Ama*<sup>19</sup>. Ama is responsible for the manifestation of various *Roga* (*Sarva Rogam Amam Ityabhidhiyate*<sup>20</sup>). So *Ama* needs to be treated priorly.

Chikitsa is of 2 types *Santarpana* and *Apatarpana*. In case of *Ama* involvement in *Kaphaja roga Apatarpana* line of management is to be followed.

Apatarpana is of 3 types Rukshana, Swedana and Langhana.

• Rukshana - Rukshana dravyas have qualities such as Laghu, Ushna, Sthira, Ruksha, Katina, and Tikshna. Among rasa- Kashaya (best), Katu (modarate) and tiktha (least) acts as Rukshana<sup>21</sup>. Two forms of Rukshana administration one is Abhyantara Rukshana and second is Bahya rukshana. Different ways of Rukshna with certain example are compelled in the table 2

Table 2 Types of Rukshana with example

Abhyantara Rukshana		Bahya rukshana	
0	Usha jala pana	0	Valuka sweda
0	Kashaya pana –eg; Amrittotara kashaya	0	Atapa sweda
	Nimbadi kashaya	0	Udwartana –eg; Kolakulattadi churna udvartana i
0	Arista –eg; Abhyarista, Takrarista		shoulya
0	Churna -eg; Triphala churna , Panchakola	0	Lepa
	churna		-

- <u>Swedana</u> It is of two types Sagni (13), Niragni (10)<sup>22</sup>. Again it can be done in 2 ways Ruksha sweda, Snigda sweda in conditions where symptoms are due to Ama or Kapha prakopa Ruksha sweda is preferred Eg Valuka Sweda, Istika churna Sweda.
- <u>Langhana</u> The patient who is *balavan* and having *brihat sharira* if suffering from disorders

of *Kapha, pitta, raktha* in association with *Vata*, may undergo *langhana*<sup>23</sup>. Langhana therapy includes *Chatushprakara Samshudhi*, *Pachana*, *Vyayama*, *Atapa*, *Maruta*, *Pipasa*, *Upavasa*<sup>24</sup>. In case of *alpa dosha prakopa* - *pipasa*, *upavasa* are to be followed, where as in case of *balavan rogi* suffering from *madyama roga- Vyayama*, *Atapa*, *Marutha* are to be followed. In conditions





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of *Bahu dosha* and *balavan rogi – Shodana* needs to be followed.

# 8) Role of *Gana /Vargas* which are Explained in Classics in Treating *Kaphaja Rogs*

Varga refers to a group having limited number of Dravyas and having similar pharmacological

Table 3 Vargas which are used in treating the kaphaja rogas

actions. Different Vargas are explained in classics which can be selected during the treatment of *vyadi*, among them some of the *Vargas* which can be used in treating the *kaphaja rogas* are compiled in the table 3

Charaka	Sushrutha	<b>Vagbhata</b>	Misraka varga
• Deepaniya	<ul> <li>Ushakadi</li> </ul>	• Vamana gana	• Trikatu
• Lekhaniya	<ul> <li>Varunadi</li> </ul>	Sleshmagna gana	<ul> <li>Panchakola</li> </ul>
• Kustagna	<ul> <li>Aragwadadi</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Patoladi gana</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Panchavalkala</li> </ul>
• Kandugna	<ul> <li>Salasaradi</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aragwadadi gana</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Kshara traya</li> </ul>
• Krimigna	<ul> <li>Rodradi</li> </ul>	Asanadi gana	•
• Triptigna	<ul> <li>Arkadi</li> </ul>	• Varunadi gana	
• Vamanopaga	<ul> <li>Surasadi</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ushakadi gana</li> </ul>	
• Swedopaga	<ul> <li>Mushakadi</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Shyamadi gana</li> </ul>	

# 9) <u>Chikitsa</u> which can be adopted in treating <u>Kaphaja roga</u>

- Utsadana:- Ex.Valmika Mrittikadi ,Ashwagandhadi Utsadana in Urustambha.
- Lepa:- Ex.Sarshapa Lepa, Vatsakadi Lepa in Urustambha.
- Ruksha Sweda:- Ex.Valuka Sweda in Amayata
- Abhyanga:- Ex Karanja Taila Application in Kaphaja Kusta.Chakramarda Taila
- Parisheka: Using Kashaya Prepared By Kandugna Dravya Like Nimba Patra, Aragvada, Karanja.
- Shiro Lepa: Triphala and Nimba Patra in Darunaka.
- Shiro Abhyanga: Vidanga Taila , Maricha Taila in Indraluptha.
- Vrana Dhupana and Avachurnana –
   Kandugna Krimigna Dravya
- 10) Role Of Anupana in Kaphaja Vikara

The one which is taken along with or after intake of food or *Aushadha* is *Anupana*<sup>25</sup>. It distributes throughout the body in less time. *Anupana* is an essential part of *Bheshaja prayoga*. It is necessary that we understand its mechanism, and carefully select suitable *Anupana* with due importance to all selection factors.

Acharya charaka says the Anupana selected in case of Kaphaja roga should be Ruksha and Ushna guna Pradhana<sup>26</sup> whereas Acharya sushrutha says it should be only Ushna guna Pradhana

Anupana matra in case of Kaphaja roga according to Sharangadhara is one Pala.

#### Example -

Ushnajala as anupana it acts as kapha hara, relieves ama, ajirna, agnimandhya and medohara, Sitopaladi churna with Madhu helps in enhancing the kapha chedana

Bhavaprakasha while explaing about Guduchi prayoga says Madhuna Kapham cha – which

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means in case of *Kaphaja roga Madhu* is the best choice for *Anupana*.

# 11) Some Folklore Claims in Treating Various *Kaphaja Roga*

- Cyclea peltata (Lam.) Hook. f. & Thoms. Menispermaceae- Leaf mucilage is used as shampoo for itches, scabies and dandruff.
- Moringa oleifera Lam. Moringaceae -shigru
   curna Diabetes and hypercholesterolemia.
- Wrightia tinctoria (Roxb) R.Br, Apocynaceae – leaf juice is boiled with coconut oil and applied in affected area of scabies.
- Bridelia retusa (L).A.Juss. Phyllanthaceae bark decoction in whooping cough.
- Leucas biflora , Lamiaceae leaf decoction in Leucorrhoea
- Anisochilus carnosus (L.f) Wall, Lamiaceae
- whole plant decoction is used in chronic bronchitis, bronchial asthma.

## **DISCUSSION**

Aushadhavacharana refers to selection and application of different drugs or procedures in treating diseases. Kaphaja rogas have given prime importance in classical literatures of Ayurveda. Astanga Hrudaya sutra stana 13<sup>th</sup> chapter explained Kaphasya Upakrama, where various Shodhana, Shamana, Ahara and Vihara which are to be practiced in Kaphaja Nanatmaja vikara have been mentioned.

While treating any disease selection of right, potent and useful drug is very important here role of *Pancha padarthas* of Dravya plays an important

role. The drugs having *Katu*, *Tikta*, *Kashaya Rasa* pradana, *Gunas* like *Laghu*, *Ushna*, *Ruksha*, *Tikshna*, *Vishada*, *Sukshma*, *Khara*, *ushna Veerya*, *Katu Vipaka* can be selected for treating *Kaphaja* rogas effectively.

Different Vargas is explained in classics which can be selected during the treatment of *vyadi*; these are the readymade prescriptions which are mentioned by *Acharyas* in classics. These helps in selecting the drugs for the effective treatment, among them some of the *Vargas* are exclusively mentioned for the usage in treating *kaphaja rogas* After selection of drugs the time of administration of the medicine is also important to get the fruitful result of treatment. So in case of kaphaja vyadi *Ananna Kala, Muhurmuhur, Nishi* are the principal time of drug administration.

Agni mandya does not allow the proper digestion of Ahara rasa, leading to formation of Ama. This Ama is responsible for the manifestation of various Roga. So Ama needs to be addressed first .In case of Kaphaja roga where there is involvement of Ama- Apatarpana is the line of management to be followed. Different types of Rukshana, swedana, and Langhana can be adopted for treating Kaphaja rogas

Anupana is an essential part of Bheshaja prayoga. It is necessary that we understand its mechanism, and carefully select suitable Anupana with due importance to all selection factors. The Anupana selected in case of Kaphaja roga should be Ruksha and Ushna guna Pradhana where as Acharya sushrutha says it should be only Ushna guna Pradhana.

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### **CONCLUSION**

Every Dravya consists of Pancha padarthas- Rasa, Guna, Veerya, Vipaka, Prabhava and the karma of the Dravya is either by the action of any one of the above Pancha padarthas or in combination. Before selecting the Dravya to treat the disease proper, examination of Rogi is must, after knowing about the Roga and Rogi the treatment has to be planned. This article gives the knowledge about different avacharanas based on various concepts of Dravyaguna which can be selected based on the yukthi of the vaidya in treating Kaphaja rogas to get the fruitful results





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