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A Case Study on Treatment of Infertility Due to PCOS by *Pathadi Kwatha*

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ABSTRACT

The polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS) is an endocrine, metabolic, reproductive disturbance affecting women and is the foremost cause of anovulatory infertility. This syndrome is a major non-communicable health problem worldwide in women of different age groups due to increasing faulty life style modifications. The World Health Organization estimated that there are one out of forty newly reported cases of PCOS worldwide. Incidence of clinical features are menstrual symptoms-(Oligomenorrhoea (87%)/ Amenorrhoea (26%); Hirsutism (80%), Infertility (20%), Obesity (50%), Acne (30%), Acanthosis nigricans (5%). Infertility means not being able to get pregnant after at least one year of unprotected intercourse. Current modern medical and surgical treatments for PCOS have many limitations like use of Metformin for Insulin resistance, Ovulation induction agents like Clomiphene citrate, Human Menopausal Gonadotrophins (HMG), etc. and laparoscopic ovarian drilling for ovulation induction; oral contraceptive pills for Hirsutism, etc. No single definitive and successful modalities are known to the day.

KEYWORDS

Anovulatory infertility, PCOS, Pathadi Kwatha, Metformin



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INTRODUCTION

Female infertility can result from age, physical and hormone problems, lifestyle or environmental factors. Infertility in women mainly results from the problem of anovulation. In PCOS, the ovaries may not release an egg regularly or they may not release a healthy egg. Polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS) is a hormonal imbalance in women that is thought to be one of the leading causes of female infertility¹. Not all with **PCOS** women have difficulty becoming pregnant. For those who do, anovulation is a common cause. The mechanism of this anovulation is uncertain, but there is evidence of arrested antral follicle development, which, in turn, may be caused by abnormal interaction of insulin and luteinizing hormone (LH) on granulosa cells. Endocrine disruption may also directly decrease fertility, such as changed levels of gonadotropin-releasing hormone² gonadotropins (especially an increase in luteinizing hormone, hyperandrogensim and hyperinsulinemia.

CASE REPORT:

A 20 year old patient came to the hospital IPGT &RA, (prasuti tantra & stree roga OPD) Jamnagar on 30/1/2017, OPD/IPD no-

91548/5759, having complaints of failure to conceive since 1.5 years. She had irregular, delayed, scanty menstruation since 1.5 years. Associated complaints were -increase in weight, acne, acanthosis nigricans on neck and mild hair growth on face since 1 Menstrual yr. history-Age Menarche12yrs, LMP-29/01/2017, duration 4 days/interval 35-45 days, painful, only 1 pad(mild socked) change per day. Marital history-2 years, obstetrics history(O/H)- $G_0P_0A_0L_0$, coital history (C/H) - 3-4 times /week, Co/H(contraceptive history)- nill, history of previous treatment -nill. Her height was 145 cm and weight 60 kg. After taking treatment(Pathadi kwatha for 1 month)she had her next period 05/03/2017, duration 5 days/interval 33 days, mild pain, 6-7 pads used in present cycle. Then in the follow up period-LMP on 26/04/2017. She had missed her periods in next month and got her UPT positive on 01/06/2017.USG done 15/06/2017 on reports are- GS of 6 weeks and 3 days.FCP present.

Table 1 P/S-P/V findings

| Tubic 1 1/5 1/ v illianigs | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| P/S examination- | P/V examination- | | |
| Vulva –Normal | Uterus- size normal, | | |
| | position-anteverted, | | |
| | mobile | | |
| Vagina-Discharge absent | Fornix-normal | | |
| Cervix- Posterior | Cervix-posterior | | |
| Size- normal | Consistency-normal | | |
| Os- nulliparous | Movement -painless | | |
| Discharge –present | _ | | |



Table 2 General examination

| B.P. | P/R | R/R | Temp. | Built | Height | Weight | BMI |
|-------------------|--------|------|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|-----------------------|
| 120/80mm of Hg | 78/min | 14/m | 98.4 ⁰ F | Obese | 1.45m | 60kg | 28.53kg/m^2 |

She was administered with *Pathadi Kwatha* 20 ml b.d. before meal with warm water for 2 months. The details of posology are mentioned in Table no. (3). Routine

investigations were carried out both before and after the treatment. The values are listed in Table no. (4).

Table 3 Treatment protocol followed in the patient

| Drug | Dose | Duration | Time | Route |
|---------------|------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| PathadiKwatha | 20 ml B.D. | 2 month | Before meal | Orally |

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|----------|-------------|---------------|-----|
| Table 4 | Investigati | ons carried o | 11t |
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| Investigatio | BT | AT | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| ns | | | |
| Hb | 12.8gm/dl | 12.2gm/dl | |
| TLC | 8900/ cumm | 5300 /cumm | |
| DLC | N,L,E,M- | N,L,E,M- | |
| | 54%,41%,02%,0 | 66%,29%,02%,0 | |
| | 3% | 3% | |
| ESR | 10mm/hr | 30mm/hr | |
| Sr. | 174mg/dl | 160mg/dl | |
| cholesterol | | | |
| Sr. | 146mg/dl | 95mg/dl | |
| triglycerides | | | |
| FBS | 81mg/dl | 94mg/dl | |
| PPBS | 101mg/dl | 101mg/dl | |
| LFT | SGPT-11 | SGPT-26 IU/L | |
| | IU/L,SGOT-19 | SGOT-21IU/L | |
| | IU/L, Alkaline | Alkaline | |

| | phosphotosa 60 | nhosphotoso 56 |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | phosphatase-60 | phosphatase-56 |
| | IU/L bilirubin- | IU/L,bilirubin- |
| | 0.7mg/dl. | 0.5mg/dl. |
| RFT | Blood urea-24 | Blood urea-15 |
| | mg/dl, | mg/dl, |
| | S.creatinine- | S.creatinine- |
| | 0.9mg/dl. | 0.7mg/dl. |
| Sr. | 30.3ng/dl. | = |
| testosterone | | |
| urine routine | Pus cells-1-2. | Albumin +nt, pus |
| | | cells 2- |
| | | 3.,epi.cells-2-3 |
| USG | Ovarian volume- | Rt. Ovary- |
| | Rt. Ovary- | 11.90cc, .Lt |
| | 13.70cc,Lt | ovary-10.80 cc |
| | 11.96сс | |

Discussion on the drugs of *Pathadi Kwatha*:

Table 5 Ingredients and properties of *Pathadi Kwatha*³

| Sr. No | Drug | Botanical name | Part used | Rasa | Guna | Virya | Vipaka | Quantity |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| 1 | Patha | Cissampelospareira.Linn. | Root | Tikta | Laghu, Tikshna | Ushna | Katu | 1Part |
| 2 | Pippali | Piper longumLinn. | Dry Fruit | Katu | Laghu, Snighda, Tikshna | Anusna Shita | Madhura | 1Part |
| 3 | Sunthi | ZingiberofficinaleRoxb. | Dry Rhizome | Katu | Laghu, Snigdha | Ushna | Madhura | 1Part |
| 4 | Maricha | Piper nigrumLinn. | Dry Fruit | Katu | Laghu, Tikshna | Ushna | Katu | 1Part |
| 5 | Vrikshak a | HolarrhenaantidysentricaLinn. | Bark | Tikta, kashaya | LaghuRu ksya | Shita | Katu | 1Part |



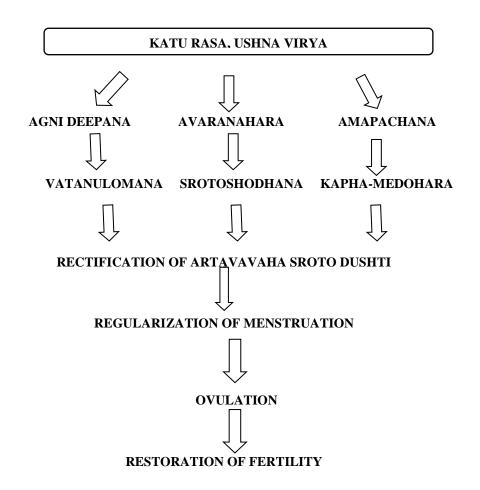
Method of Kwatha preparation⁴

As per the standard method of preparation of *Kwatha*, the drugs were cleaned boiled with 16 times water and reduced to 1/8th. Then the prepared *Kwatha* is cooled down and filtered.

| Tab | Table 6 Action of PathadiKwatha | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Sr | Drug | Dosha karma | Pradhana karma | | | | |
| .no | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Patha | Kapha-Pitta Shamaka | Stanyashodhana | | | | |
| 2 | Pippali | Vata- KaphaShamaka | Kasahara | | | | |
| 3 | Sunthi | Kapha- VataShamaka | Triptighana | | | | |
| 4 | Maricha | Vata- KaphaShamaka | Deepana | | | | |
| 5 | Vrikshaka | Kapha Pitta Shamaka | Aamhara(Upshoshana) | | | | |

DISCUSSION

PROBABLE MODE OF ACTION OF PATHADI KWATHA





In Pathadi Kwatha most of the drugs are of Ushna Virya and of Katu Rasa. So it helps in reduction of weight. Artava & Stanya are the Updhatu of Rasa. Patha, Kutaja and Shunthi all have Stanyashodhaka and Raktashodhaka properties. Pcos is a type of Artava Dushti. So all the three drugs will indirectly purify the Artava. Kutaja and Trikatu both have Lekhana and Amashoska All property. these drugs causes Vatanulomna ,Srotoshodhana,Medonasha due to that Rasadhatu Pushti occurs and ractification of Artavavaha Srotas occurs. Artava shuddhi and ovulation takes place and lastly restoration of fertility occur.

So it can be concluded that the drug *Pathadi* Kwatha was effective not only in relieving cardinal features like menstrual irregularity, scanty menses, pain during menses, obesity but also substantially improved the ovarian dysfunctions (anovulation) by virtue of regularization of H-P-O axis and balance of Tridosha's in women suffering from infertility caused due to PCOS.

CONCLUSION

Infertility is not a disease but a social stigma especially in indian society.

Childlessness brings: Marital disharmony → Social rejection → Result in anxiety and disappointment Hampers sexual functions.

Most of couples (84 out of 100)conceive within a year. About 15% of all couples experience difficulty in conceiving. In present era due to high level of stress, there is imbalance in the hormonal level. Stress is one of the causative factor of PCOS which causes ovarian dysfunctions which ultimately leads to infertility.

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