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CASE STUDY

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Role of *Vaman Karma &* Ayurvedic Herbal Preparations in PCOD - A Case Report

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ABSTRACT

A number of women of reproductive age all over the world suffer from the hormonal disorder "polycystic ovarian disease" (PCOD). PCOD is common endocrine disorders in women. In Ayurveda, we will not get any direct reference of PCOD. Indirectly PCOD may be correlated with Kshaya of Artava¹ or with one of the type of Jataharani (i.e. Pushpaghni) described by Acharya Kashyapa². In this case study Vaman Karma is done for Shodhan effect along with *Garbhashya Shodhak & Shulahar* properties of *Dashmula Kashaya and Granthihara, Bhedaneeya and Lekhaneeya* Guna of *Kanchanar Guggulu vati and Prashanvajrak Rasa* in a present case study on PCOD. The selected drugs for case study was purchased from the local market. Shodhan Karma (Vaman) along with this Shaman Yoga remarkably improved the functions of female genital organs (especially ovaries). After this treatment, successful conception is achieved in that patient.

KEYWORDS

Ayurveda, PCOD, Vaman Karma, Shamam Yoga





INTRODUCTION

Poly Cystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD) is a condition where a woman develops enlarged ovaries & characterized by multiple small cysts that are of the diameter 0.5-1.0cm. Meaning of word "polycystic" is "multiple cyst". PCOD is more common during reproductive phase (16 to 38 years). It affects 25-30% of women of reproductive age. The etiology of PCOD is unknown it may be due to variations in normal hormonal levels, high levels of insulin, family history (mother or sister) and lifestyle or environment. Common symptoms of PCOD are menstrual abnormalities (amenorrhea or oligomenorrhea), infertility, hirsutism, skin problems, acne, obesity, depression or anxiety³. Following investigations are done for the diagnosis of PCOD-

a) Hormonal assay:

• Serum Estradiol, Serum Testosterone, Serum FSH, Serum LH, Serum sex hormone binding globulin (SHBG), Serum Prolactin and Serum Cortisol, Thyroid test

b) Lipid profile

- c) Glucose tolerance test
- d) Ultrasonography (pelvis)

e) Laparoscopy 4,5 .

The treatment of PCOD is mainly done by combination of estrogen & progesterone

hormones. Metformin (anti-diabetic), ovulation induction drugs (if patient is having infertility), Gonadotropin therapy, Exercise and by surgical treatment such as ovarian drilling laparoscopic (LOD), ovarian diathermy and pelvic laparoscopy, which are having their limitations and own side effects. Women with PCOD have a chance of developing endometrial cancer, breast cancer, cardiac disease, diabetes, various high blood pressure and psychological disorders in future^{6,7}.

In Ayurveda PCOD can be correlated with Kshaya of Artava or with one of the type of Jataharani (i.e. Pushpaghni). The Lakshan of Artava Kshaya is Yathochita Kala Adarshana means Apravrutti of Artava in its Yogya Kala (it may be delayed or get disappeared), Artava is Alpa in pramana (less bleeding) and Yonivedana⁸. The Lakshana of Pushpaghni Jataharani is Vyartha Pushpa-darshana (anovular menstruation), Sthula Ganda-pradesha (cheeks are corpulent) and Lomayukta (hirsutism)⁹.

Chikitsa of Artavakshaya is done by Sanshodhana Karma (Vaman, Virechana adi Panchakarma, Uttar Basti) and Upayoga of Agneya Dravyas in various ways. Chikitsa of Pushpaghni Jataharani is not described by Acharya Kashyapa. In present case study, for Shodhana of Doshas Vaman Karma¹⁰ is selected along with Shamana



Kashya^{11,12}, Yoga (i.e. Dashmula Guggulu^{13,14} Kanchanar and *Prashanvajrak Rasa*¹⁵) for the treatment of PCOD. Vaman Karma helps in Strotasa-Shudhi (cleaning or removing obstructions in the channels) along with this Shamana Yoga (Dashmula Kashya, Kanchanar Guggulu and Prashanvajrak Rasa) is having Garbhashya-shodhak, Shulahar, Bhedaneeya, Lekhaneeya, Arbuda, Garnthi and *Basthishulahar* properties¹⁶.

CASE PRESENTATION

Female subject aged 30 years, married 5 years back, anxious to conceive, housewife, was examined in the hospital OPD) on 26-09-2018 (OPD No.40887/17-18) for PCOD. She had no previous history of secondary amenorrhea, gonorrhea, syphilis, hepatitis, tuberculosis, mumps, and exposure to radiation or any toxin or chemical agent. She had history of PCOD conventional therapy and also for infertility but was unsuccessful. On examination, patient was found to be obese in body proportion her secondary sexual characters was normal, along with facial hairs. Patient was having *Kapha-vata prakruti* and *Medasarata*. During physical and pelvic examination (per speculum & per vaginum) any abnormal finding was not found in the tpatient.

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Treatment:

The treatment was done by Vaman Karma along with Shamana Yoga. (refer table 1 and 2). During treatment patient was advised to take *Samayaka ahara* (like green vegetables, fruits, milk etc.). Ati ushna, Tikshna, *Amla*, and *Snigdha* (oily) *ahara* should be avoided during this period. After this treatment, successful conception occurred in the concerned patient.

Sr. No	Drugs	Days	Matra (Dose)
1)	Snehapana with Go Ghrita	For 7 days	First day-30 ml then everyday Matra increased gradually till Lakshana of Samyak Siddhi got in patient (130 ml)
2)	With Mahanarayan Tail Abhyanga Karma along with Sarvanga Swedan done	For 3 days	-
3)	Vaman (with Yasthimadhu + Haridra + Ghrita + Ksheera + Madhu		Matra decided according to Koshta and Bala of patient.

Before Snehapana, Chitrakadi Vati + Trikatu Churna is given for three days (for improving Agni-Deepna & Pachana property of patient)

OBSERVATION & RESULT

The patient had followed the *ahara* & drug restriction strictly. The findings of

sonography report before and after treatment is attached.



Table 2 Shamana Yoga

Yoga	Matra	Anupana
Dashmula Kashya		Jala
	15ml	
Kanchnar Guggulu		Jala
	250mg	
Prashanvajrak Rasa		Jala
Ū	250mg	

Twice daily

Figures:

• Scanned copies of sonography before & after treatment are given below.

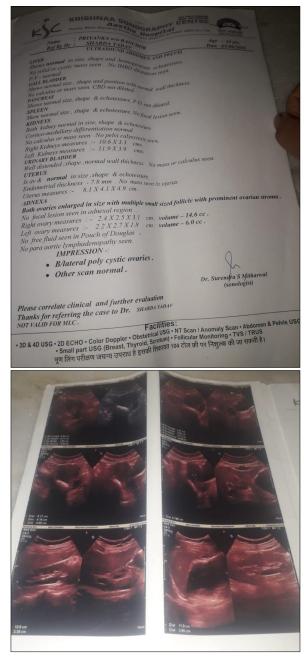


Fig 1 (Before Treatment)

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Fig 2 After Treatment



DISCUSSION & PROBABLE MODE OF ACTION

PCOD is one of the common cause for infertility in women and also responsible for hormonal dysfunction of ovaries. Due to this reason excessive secretions of androgens from the ovaries along with improper development of ovum (egg) formation occurs. Disturbance in hormonal level is main cause of PCOD. PCOD problem treatment aims at correcting this hormonal imbalance & keeping their weight under control. Vaman karma and Shaman Yoga helps to bring back deviations of these hormones to normalcy. Vaman Karma will reduce Saumya Guna, resulting into relative increase in Agneya Guna of Sharira, ultimately increasing the pramana of Artava. Garbhashya-shodhak, Shulahar, Granthihara, Lekhane and Bhedana properties of Dashmula Kashya, Kanchanar Guggulu and Prashanvajrak Rasa act on female reproductive organs, along with improvement in the ovarian functions.

condition results in imbalance of female hormones and vitiation of Kapha Dosha, which results into formation of multiple cysts in ovaries, an-ovulatory periods, strotasa -avarodha and other symptoms. Vaman is considered as best chikitsa for Kapha- disorders & also helpful to remove Avarodha (obstructions) in Strotasa. Garbhashya-shodhak and Shulahar properties of Dashmula Kashya stimulates reproductive system and Leekhaneeya, Bheedaneeya and Granthihar Guna of Kanchanar Guggulu vati and Prashanvajrak Rasa also help in reducing the size and arrests further growth of ovarian cysts.

Consent: Written consent of the patient is taken. Proper advice and counseling also done during treatment.

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CONCLUSION

Imbalance in Tri-Doshas (mainly by Kapha Dosha) is a main cause of PCOD. In this disease, the vitiated Doshas get stuck in the Manovahi strotas, leading to dysfunction of pituitary gland (hormonal imbalance). The



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