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Prathyoushadha Prayoga of Upavisha in Kriyakoumadi-A Review Article.

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ABSTRACT:

Introduction: Ayurveda is covered in a number of regionally written books. One such book that is popular in Kerala is Kriya koumadi. It is among the most well-liked and often used books in toxicology. It offers a number of simple, workable formulae that may quickly be created and used to cure toxic diseases. A few essential criteria, including as origin, base, features, and potency, are used to categorize poisons. *Upavisha*-related symptoms are less toxic, less severe, and often not life-threatening, and their toxicity may be controlled with therapeutic therapies. In addition to providing an in-depth analysis of each of the 11 *Upavisha* and their treatments, Kriyakoumadi also offers a variety of simple, doable remedies that may be used to reduce toxicity.

Material and Methods: Consulted mainly from kriya Koumadi, famous toxicology book in kerala, from a range of databases websites and publications.

Aim: By learning about the *Prathyoushadha* (medicine which is used for pacifying the poison) for the *Upavisha* (semipoisonous substances) aims to raise public knowledge.

Result: *Upavisha* classification was done and *Prathyoushadha* for each *upavisha* has been documented

Discussion and conclusion: As our forefathers, the Vishavaidyas, showed, even with less advanced medical technology than we presently have, these remedies may result in amazing outcomes in situations of poisoning. If the *Vishavaidyas* of today spread more essential knowledge about poison management, the human species would tremendously benefit. Additionally, it will help throw light on the traditional regional practices that are still observed in many parts of the world.

Keywords: Agada tantra, Kriya koumadi, Upavisha, Prathyoushadha

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda is covered in a number of regionally written books. One such book that is popular in Kerala is Kriya koumadi. It is among the most well-liked and often used books in toxicology. It provides a variety of straightforward and realistically viable formulas that are quick to create and can be applied to treat poisonous conditions. According to its etymology, "Visha" is that which results in "Vishannatva" (distress) and/or "vishada"



(sadness) in the body. Therefore, the term "Visha" has been defined as substance which is destructive to life and possess properties such as Vyavayi, Vikasi, Ushna, Tikshna, Ruksha, Sukshma, Ashukari, Anirdeshya rasa/Apaki etc., 1". The classification of poisons is based on a few fundamental standards, including origin, base, characteristics, potency. Upavisha-related symptoms are less toxic, less severe, and typically not life-threatening, and their toxicity can be managed with therapeutic treatments. In literature, 'Rasarnava' appears to be the first text to mention about 'Visha' 'Upavisha' classification. Rasarnava mentioned five groups in upavisha ,while Rasaratna Samucchaya and Rasendra Chintamani enumerated seven drugs, in later texts like Ayurveda prakasha and Yogaratnakara it is increased to nine while in Rasa Tarangini it has gone upto eleven. Kriyakoumadi includes a thorough overview of 11 upavishas and its treatment as well as a number of clearcut, practical medications that can be easily created and utilised to alleviate toxicity. Prathyoushadha chikitsa (medicine which is used for pacifying the poison) is important treatment measure in emergency & severe condition of poisoning. The mode of action of Prathyoushadha can be better understood by their individual properties, mode of action, Guna (qualities) & Karma (action)². Prathyoushadha Dravyas should have affinity for that very specific system or organ in the body and also it will act vigorously like that of poison so as to nullify it and save the life of a patient.

Table No:1 Upavisha And Its Prathyoushadha

DISCUSSION

Kriyakoumadi emphasises the value of learning about poisons and how to protect people from their consequences. Even an acute toxin can transform into a good medication if it is used correctly, according to Charaka. On the other hand, even a medicine might become an acute toxin if it is not taken as prescribed. Upavishas either lack all 10 gunas or have gunas with lower potency. When consumed or administered, but it does cause certain toxic effects. It is primarily used in numerous medicinal treatments for a variety of disorders. The medications described for the treatment of *upavisha* poisoning in kriyakoumadi are easy to understand and have practical applications. Nearly all recommended medications are readily available at home. Antidotes are the substances used to counteract or neutralize the effects of poison¹³. The term derives from the Greek Pharmacon or Antidote, given as a remedy. Sometimes referred to as reversal agents. *Ayurvedic* classics have mentioned ghrita as the as the drug of choice for treatment of poisons. *Acharya Sushuruta* says the qualities of *ghrita*, it is destroyer of poison and clearly mention that in all type of poisonings, irrespective of state of the *ghrita* is best treatment. *Ghrita* has mentioned as a *prathyoushada* in *kriyakoumadi* in certain *upavishas* like *Ahiphena,Karaveera,Snuhi,kupilu,Bhallataka*¹².

Godugdha has similar properties to that of Ojas, so act as Rasayana, hrudya, balavardhaka, jeevaneeya, ayushya and It is also mentioned in certain upavishas as prathyoushada.Lot of Single herbs we get as Vishaghna, Vishahara, Vishajita and Vishnut and directly as Prativisha. Neelini acts as vishahara due to its prabhava (unexpected unique pharmacodynamics of a drug), as Charakacharya rightly quotes 'vishagnamuktam yath prabhavastatra karanam (visha hara property of drugs is due to their prabhava)¹³. Prayogasammucchayam explains 16 types of mandali and its treatment. Neelini has been mentioned for the treatment of kumbha mandali and rakta mandali (two varieties of viper snake) .In Modern view, according to mode of action, antidotes are classified into physical, chemical, physiological .Physical antidotes are the agent which interfere with poison through physical properties. Egg white which is a physical antidote is also mentioned as a prathyoushada for Bhang (cannabis sativa linn). Haridra is an important herb to treat many diseases. Due to its anti-oxidant, antitoxic, antimicrobial activity it shows Vishaghna property. Not only Acharya Charaka, most of the Nighantukara described about the Vishaghna property of Haridra¹⁴. Haridra is mentioned as a prathyoushada for Datura (Datura metel Linn). Acharya Harita has explained the role of stanya (breast milk) in keeping a person free from various ailments and mentioned that stanya purifies srotas, keeps dosas in a balanced state increases appetite, and improves digestion ¹⁵. Shirodhara with stanya (breast milk) is mentioned as a prathyoushada in Snuhi (Euphorbia nerifolia Linn) and Datura (Datura metel Linn). The Galayantra Prayoga (stomach wash) is only explained for ahiphena. For certain upavishas, vamana and virechana treatment has been recommended. In almost all upavishas, ksheera, ghrita ,dadhi, takra are advised. Lepana (external applications) of medications are also encouraged in addition to internal ones. Dhara, for upavishas like datura, ahiphena, snuhi, and bhang has been mentioned. It is stated that moorcha chikitsa can be performed if sanjanasha (loss of consciousness) occurs in ahiphena. Treatment recommended for *snuhi* can be followed with *arka*. While comprehending the medications directed, it exhibits properties that are in opposition to *upavishas*. If one understands this fundamental concept, even a layperson in an emergency situation without access to a doctor or medical care nearby can give these readily available drugs at home as a first aid treatment. As there is a dearth of information and understanding regarding this therapy technique, this treatments that were once used in ancient traditional vaidyas are now no longer recognisable

CONCLUSION

One of the most well-known and commonly used books in toxicology is kriya koumadi. It has an elaborated discussion on upavishas and its treatment which are numerous straightforward and realistic compositions in it that can be quickly made and used to treat poisonous conditions. As our ancestors, the Vishavaidyas, demonstrated, even with less sophisticated medical equipment than we currently have, these treatments can produce spectacular results in cases of poisoning. The human race will benefit greatly if the Vishavaidyas of today impart more fundamental information on poison management. It will also aid in shedding light on the traditional regional customs still practised in various regions across the world.

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TABLE NO:1 UPAVISHA AND ITS PRATHYOUSHADHA

SL	UPAVISHA(semipoisonous substances	PRATHYOUSHADHA (medicine which is used for pacifying the
NO:		poison)
NO: 1.	Datura¹ (Datura metel Linn)	 Tender coconut water Padma kandha (tuber of lotus) and Mrunala (lotus stalk) swarasa made into bhasma Ksheera (milk) with sita (sugar) for the mada (intoxication) of datura Tender coconut water with chandana (Santalum album Linn.) Karpasa (Gossypium herbaceum Linn.) patra (leaf) swarasa added with haridra choorna (turmeric powder) Sama bhaga of haridra (Curcuma longa Linn.) swarasa and tandulodaka Padma patra (lotus leaf) rasa Agasthya (Sesbania grandiflora)moola kwatha (root decoction) Dadhi (curd) added with madhu (honey) Vazhuthana (Solanum melongena) seed extract Mrunala (lotus stalk) with tila (Sesamum indicum Linn) Chincha (Tamarindus indica Linn.) leaf extract Mrunalla swarasa (lotus stalk) If seeds are ingested – mrunnala kwatha, mrunalla swarasa (lotus stalk decoction or extract) Shirodhara with sheeta jala (cold water) /stanya (breast milk)
2.	Arka ² (Calotropis gigantea Linn)	 Tila (Sesamum indicum) kashaya (decoction) mixed with guda Takra (Buttermilk) Tila taila (Sesame oil) Tila powder (Sesame powder) Guda (jaggery) Treatment which is mentioned for snuhi can be followed
3.	Ahiphena ³ (Papaver somniferum Linn)	 Galayanta prayoga (Stomach wash can be done) Vamana (emesis) Followed by vamana (emesis), tea / coffee which is more potent internally For Ubhaya shudhi – virechana (puragtion) One can adhere to any of the following internally Bimbi (Coccinia indica) moola or patra (root or leaf) swarasa with takra (buttermilk) Ardraka (Zingiber officinale) swarasa

		 Ushnatoya(hot water) added with shunti (Zingiber officinale) Takra (buttermilk) added with jambeera (Citrus limon)swarasa Mrunala kashaya Amari veru kashaya Kharjura kashaya added with ghrita Navaneeta (butter) added with draksha phala kalka Nimbu (Citrus limon) swarasa Ghrita (ghee) Bolus of lasuna (Allium sativum) kalka for swallowing Tender coconut water Dhara with tender coconut water Should not allow vishakta (poisoned person) to sleep All kind of swedana karmas (sudation therapy) can be administered. If sanjanasha (loss of conciousness) happens moorcha chikitsa can be done
4.	Karaveera ⁴ (Nerium odorum)	One can adhere to any of the followng internally • Buffalo milk added with <i>sita</i> (sugar) internally • Buffalo milk ghrita added with <i>sita</i> (sugar) • <i>Haritaki</i> (<i>Terminalia chebula</i> Linn) <i>peshana</i> in water
5.	Snuhi ⁵ (Euphorbia nerifolia Linn)	 Exposure of the cold breeze by waving the wet cloth to the patient One can adhere to any of the followng internally Amrutha / guduchi (Tinospora cordifolia) prayoga For snuhi ksheera (latex) poisoning Tila taila (Sesame oil) internally Vazhapindi (Banana Shoot) rasam Is snuhi ksheera(latex) exposure to eyes – instillation of goghrita Dhara with stanya (breast milk) If seed is ingested – chandana (Santalum album) kalka can be given
6.	Gunja ⁶ (abrus precatorius linn)	One can adhere to any of the followng internally • Mrunala (lotus stalk) kashayam with honey as menbodi • Musta (Cyperus rotundus) kashaya • Fried tankana (kazhanju matra) for 3 days if gunja seed ingested • Vibhitaki (Terminalia bellirica) kashaya • kadali pazha (banana) • chandana (Santalum album) pishta • gokheera (cow's milk)

7.	Langali (gloriosa superb linn) ⁷	One can adhere to any of the following internally
7.	Languii (gioriosa superb tinn)	 Samabhaga chanambayar (Cicer arietinum), Bhoomi amalaki (Phyllanthus Niruri), ardraka (Zingiber officinale) -minchi matra Vibhitaki (Terminalia bellirica) seed & bark kwatha Shirisha (Moringa oleifera) moola bark extract and dadhi sambhaga Neelini (Indigofera tinctoria) moola extract with maricha pana lepana guduchi (Tinospora cordifolia) kwatha Shirisha (Moringa oleifera) bark with madhu
8.	Kupilu ⁸	One can adhere to any of the following internally
0.	(strychnos nux vomica)	Njaval (Syzygium cumini) patra rasa
		 Vazhapoo (Banana blossom) rasam
		Kapitha (Feronia elephantum) plant extract
		• Vamana (emesis)
		• If kupilu seeds ingested – njaval (Syzygium cumini) bark
		in milk internally or ext application
		• Ghrita, sita, madhu combinely can be given
		Mango tree flowers extract- internally and external
		application
		• Njara (Syzygium cumini.) seed paste – whole body external
		application
		Shunti (Zingiber officinale), maricha (Piper nigrum Linn)
		kwatha added with <i>shilajithu</i>
		Excesss milk can be taken
9.	Bhang ⁹	One can adhere to any of the following internally
	(cannabis sativa linn)	• Takra (buttermilk)
		• Nimbu (Citrus limon) swarasa
		• Bimbi (Coccinia indica) kanda
		• Takra added with kathaka (Strychnos potatorum Linn.)
		• Egg white
		Chincha (Tamarindus indica Linn)
		Bimbi (Coccinia indica)
		Bimbi (Coccinia indica) patra rasa
		Tuvara (Hydnocarpus laurifolia) patra rasa Gli Hydnocarpus laurifolia) patra rasa Gli Hydnocarpus laurifolia) patra rasa
		Shirodhara - vazha pindi (banana shoot) extract
		White rice mixed with sour curdSour curd
		 Kharjura (Phoenix dactylifera Linn) phala rasa Muthanga (Cyperus rotundus) rasa
		 Muthanga (Cyperus rotundus) rasa Bruhati (Solanum indicum) kwatha
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10.	Jayapala ¹⁰	One can adhere to any of the following internally
	(croton tigilum)	• Dadhi (curd) with sugar
		Dhanyaka (Coriandrum sativum) choorna
		Kathaka (Strychnos potatorum Linn.) toya
		Butter milk
		• Water boiled with haridra (Curcuma longa Linn.),vacha
		(Acorus calamus Linn) chandana (Santalum album) in
		lukewarm water
		Chandana (Santalum album) kalka
11.	Bhallataka ¹¹	Vamana , Virechana
	(semicarpus anacardium linn.)	Tandulakeeyaka moola kwatha added with sita
		• Chincha (Tamarindus indica Linn) patra added with
		vibhitaki(Terminalia bellirica) lepana
		Haritaki (Terminalia chebula Linn) with tanduleeya lepana
		Vibhitaki (Terminalia bellirica) bark paste sarvanga lepana
		Nava navaneeta lepana
		Shatadouta ghrita lepana
		Gonavaeeta with jala lepana
		Parpataka swarasa added with nimba bark – lepana
		Tila kalka added with purana guda
		Buttermilk added with madhu lepana
		Milk added with tandulleyaka moola internally
		• Haritaki (Terminalia chebula Linn), jeeraka , vibhitaki
		(Terminalia bellirica) togrther made into kashaya
		Tanduleeyaka swarasa added with sita
		• For swelling – tila added with ksheera, navaneeta, madhu, ghrita - lepana
		Sand obtained from the ground of <i>bhallataka</i> plant- <i>lepana</i>
		Shaaka patra lepana
		• For reddish discolouration – coriander extract pana and
		lepana
		Vibhitaki(Terminalia bellirica) kashaya added with jeeraka
		and sita madhu for pana – for shamana of jwara
		If boils due to touch of bhallathaka taila – apply shatadhouta ghrita