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# A Comprehensive Review on Sameer Pannaga Rasa: An Ayurvedic Formulation

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#### **ABSTRACT:**

Sameer Pannaga Rasa mentioned in various classics is one of the Herbomineral or Mineral drug formulations. Three varieties of this formulation are found in the Ayurveda texts with different ingredients, different Bhavana dravya and different method of preparation. The market available Sameer Pannaga Rasa is of Ayurvedic Formulary of India and its basic reference is taken from Ayurvediya Aushadhi Guna Dharma Shastra text. These three varieties are different from each other in context like Anupana, Bhavana dravya, duration for Bhavana, Dose, and Indications etc. Here an attempt has been made to comprehensive review through compilation of Sameer Pannaga Rasa mentioned in various classics and discuss about the properties of the ingredients, different method of preparation and detailed description about the commonly used method of preparation for the Sameer Pannaga Rasa which is Kupipakwa method.

Keywords: Ayurveda, Rasashastra, Kupipakwa, Sameer Pannaga Rasa,

## INTRODUCTION

Rasashastra and Bhaishajya Kalpana is a branch of Ayurveda which mainly deals with the formulations made from the drugs of Herbal, Mineral, Animal, Aquatic and Herbo-mineral sources of origin. Sameer Pannaga rasa is a Herbo-mineral or mineral preparation mentioned in the classics. The name is made from two words; Sameer +

Pannaga. The word 'Sameer' means Vayu / Vata and the word 'Pannaga' means a snake or snake shaped demon. Hence the word 'Sameer Pannaga' can be expressed as the formulation which is able to pacify or kill the Vatarupi demon or the Vatarupi snake. Ultimately it means, this formulation can heal the disease condition aroused due to



Vata like Mahavata, Sannipata, Unmada, Sandhivata etc. This is an arsenal mercurial formulation mentioned in Ayurvediya Aushadi Guna Dharma Shastra text,2 which is prepared in Kachkupi by Kupipakwa method. Kupipakwa is an unique method of drug preparation of its own kind. The mineral ingredients of this *Kalpa* are highly potent. These are also included in the list of poisonous drug by Drug and Cosmetic Act 1940<sup>3</sup> under schedule E1 because of its highly toxic nature in raw or crude form. But in Ayurveda most of the mineral drug undergoes Shodhana, Marana and other allied processes to eliminate the impurities and toxicity. That is the reason whatever crude drugs taken for preparation of the formulation, the final product will be entirely different which is having total different properties and possesses the capacity to treat the various disease conditions. Different varieties of the Rasayoga named Sameer Pannaga found in various classical texts of Ayurveda. In Rasawangmaya<sup>4</sup>, there are mentioned about three varieties and three methods of preparation

- 1. Kupipakva Method
- 2. Sharava Samputa Method
- 3. Kharaliya method

**1.** *Kharaliya* **method:** This method is suggested for type 1 *Sameer Pannaga Rasa* where all the ingredients taken in a *Khalva Yantra* and triturated well till *Kajjali* preparation. Seven *Bhavana* of *Brinhgraj Swarasa* given and tablet prepared<sup>5</sup>.

**2.**Sharava Samputa Method: This method is advocated for the type 2 Sameer Pannaga Rasa where all the ingredients taken in a Khalva Yantra, triturated well to obtain the appropriate Kajjali. Then Mardana done with the Tulasi Swarasa for 1-2 days. Then bolus is prepared out of the obtained material and it is wrapped in Abhraka Patra. This wrapped bolus is kept in a Sharava and Sandhibandhana done by closing with another Sharava over it. This Sharava kept in ValukaYantra and agni given for four Yama (12 hrs). The obtained Kapla is taken out after self-cooling and used as Sameer Pannaga Rasa<sup>6</sup>.

#### 3. Kupipakwa Method:

If the word *KupipakwaRasayana* splits into four words i.e. *Kupi*(Glass bottle)+*Pakwa* (Heating)+*Rasa* (Mercurial compound)+*Ayana* (*Sthana*). This is an unique method of preparation of drug where usually *Kajjali* is used and the formulation undergoes different processes in gradually increasing fire.

#### Method of Preparation of Sameer Pannaga Rasa:<sup>7</sup>

Out of the three types, most commonly used method to prepare this yoga is *Kupipakwa* method. This method of preparation is described in the text *Ayurvediya Aushadhi* 

Gunadharma Shastra and used to prepare the type 3 Sameer Pannaga Rasa.

The drugs used in the preparation are to be taken in purified form like Parada, Gandhaka, Manahshila, *Haratala* and *Somala*. The quantity used of the ingredients are equal quantity. All the drugs to be taken in a clean Khalva Yantra. Homogeneous mixture should be done by trituration and Mardana till appropriate Kajjali is formed. This Kajjali then should be filled in a Kachakupi (Glass bottle coated with seven layers of mud smeared cloth). This Kachakupi then should be kept in ValukaYantra and Kramagni (gradually increasing fire) should be given for 8 Prahara (24 hrs). After Swangashita (self-cooled), the Kcachakupi taken out and kupibhedana (procedure of breaking the glass bottle) should be done. Sameer PannagaRasawill be accumulated at the bottom of the bottle should be collected and stored in airtight glass container. The colour of this Sameer Pannaga Rasa will be lustrous black colour and it will show yellowish colour if rubbed.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

All the data of *Sameer Pannaga Rasa* was collected from different Samhitas, Textbooks, Articles, Authentic websites (like NCBI, AYU, Pubmed, etc.)

#### Different References Of Sameer Pannaga Rasa

After going through the Ayurveda classics, one can find three varieties of the Sameer Pannaga Rasa formulation. It is mentioned in the classical text like Ayurveda Sarasamgraha, Rasa Chandamshu, Rasayogsagar, Ayurvediya Aushadhi Guna Dharma Shastra and also in Ayurvedic Formulary of India. Ingredient wise, the formulation mentioned in Rasayogsagar as Sameer Pannaga Rasa Pratham is similar to the formulation mentioned in Rasa Chandamshu as Sameer Pannaga Dwitiya (as shown in Table no.1) likewise Sameer Pannaga Dwitiya of Rasayogsagar is similar to Sameer Pannaga Rasa first of Rasa Chandamshu as shown in Table no 2.The Sameer Pannaga Rasa mentioned in Ayurvedic Formulary of India; reference taken from Ayurvediya Aushadhi Guna Dharma Shastra book; the ingredients are as shown in table no. 3 If all the mineral origin ingredients of all the varieties of the Sameer Pannaga Rasa is compiled and the properties of the respective ingredients are discussed then they will be as per the Table no. 4.

Following table no.5 is showing the properties of herbal ingredients used in the preparation of various *Sameer* 

Pananga Rasa.

In various type of *Sameer Pannaga Rasa* mentioned in different classics, the dose of this *Rasaushadhi*, *Anupana* (adjuvant), *Bhavana dravya*, duration for *Bhavana*, indications and method of preparation of the respective formulation can be discussed as shown in table no. 6.

## **DISCUSSION**

Sameer Pannaga Rasa is a mineral or herbo-mineral formulation of different variety mentioned in the classics. There are mainly three varieties of Sameer Pannaga Rasa. The method of preparation of these three types are also different as kharaliya method, Putpaka method and Kupipkwa method. The most commonly used method for the preparation of this rasa is Kupipakwa method. In Rasayogsagar and Rasa Chandhamshu, two Yogas are given with method of preparation of Kharaliya and Sharavasamputa. If going through type 1 Sameer Pannaga Rasa from Rasa Chandhamshu Rasayogsagar, the ingredient are same and method of preparation is also same. But there is difference in the Anupana and dose. As in Rasa Chandhamshu dose of the rasa is not given in shloka but in Rasayogsagar dose is given in the Shloka. There is slight difference in the Anupana of the drug also in both the texts it is suggested to use in conditions of Vata and Kapha. The use in Nasya form of this drug is also described. In type 2 Sameer Pannaga, it is mentioned in both Rasayogsagar and Rasa Chandhamshu and there is no difference in both the texts. The method of preparation is Kharaliya for this Yoga and the ingredients of this Yoga are entirely different from type 1 Sameer Pannaga Rasa. In type 3 Sameer Pannaga Rasa that is mentioned in Ayurvediya AushadhiGuna Dharma Shastra it is similar to type 2. Only Manahshila is added extra in this yoga and there is no Bhavana Dravya mentioned and method of preparation is Kupipakawa method. This is the most commonly used type in the field of pharmaceutics. Type 1 and Type 2 Sameer Pannaga Rasa are not seen in the market. So, one can also try to make Sameer Pannga Rasa by these two methods and see the difference on the basis of analytical parameters of these Yoga also.

Commonly used Sameer Pannaga Rasa is prepared by the method of Kupipakwa method of preparation, it is described that it will accumulate at the bottom of the Kachakupi. The Sameer Pannaga Rasa mentioned in the Ayurveda Sarasamgraha is similar to that of Ayurvediya AushadhiGunaDharmaShastra text; only difference is that in Ayurveda Sarasamgraha text, the Bhavana dravya is Tulasi Swarasa or Kumari Swarasa, duration of

bhavana is 3 bhavana, Dose is ½ to 1 ratti and Anupana mentioned is Nagavalli swarasa/ Ardraka swarasa/ Honey/Sharkara.<sup>22</sup>

In the classics like *Ayurveda Sara Samgraha*, one more type of *Sameer Pannaga Rasa* is found called *Suvarna Sameer Pannaga Rasa*<sup>23</sup> where *Suvarna* is added in 1/4<sup>th</sup> quantity and rest of the ingredients are same as mentioned in *Ayurvediya AushadhGunaDharmaShastra* for *Sameer Pannaga Rasa* i.e. type 3 *Sameer Pannaga*.

As per the commentary of *AyurvedSaraSamgraha*<sup>24</sup> text, nowadays this preparation is coming in practice by preparing it as *Kanthastha* (accumulated at the bottle neck) and showing good results.

#### **CONCLUSION**

From above it is seen that there are different ways of preparing the mercurial formulation called *Sameer Pannaga Rasa*. But most common used method is the *kupipakwa* method. In AFI also this method only is available. Market availability of this *Rasaushadhi* is also of *kupipakwa* method only. Other methods are not in practice in today's date. This *rasa* is commonly used by *Vaidyas* for various *Vatarogas* and respiratory ailments. All the ingredients in this *rasa* contains heavy metals and are considered as toxic in nature. So before preparing this *rasa*, proper *shodhana* and *marana* procedures of all the ingredients should be done carefully and this medicine should only be taken under the expert medical supervision.

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**Table no.1:** Type one - Reference from *Rasayogsagar (Pratham)*<sup>5</sup>, *Rasa Chandamshu (Dwitiya)* 

S.No.	Ingredient	Quantity	
1.	AbhrakBhasam	1part	
2.	ShuddhaParada	1part	
3.	ShudahaGandhak	1part	
4.	ShuddhaVatsnabh	1part	
5.	ShuddhaSuhaga	1part	
6.	Shutnhi	1part	
7.	Maricha	1part	
8.	Pippali	1part	
9.	BhringrajSwarasa	Q.S.	

**Table no.2:** Type 2- Reference from *Rasayogsagar* <sup>6</sup>, *Rasa Chandamshu* (*Prathama*)

S.No.	Ingredient	Quantity	
1.	ShuddhaParada	1part	
2.	ShuddhaGandhaka	1part	
3.	ShuddhaHaratala	1part	
4.	ShuddhaSomala	1part	
5.	Tulasiswarasa	Q.S.	

Table no.3: Type 3-Reference from AyurvediyaAushadhiGunadharma Shastra, Ayurved Sara Samgraha, AFI<sup>8</sup>

S.No.	Ingredients	Quantity	
1.	ShuddhaParada	1 part	
2.	ShuddhaGandhaka	1part	
3.	ShuddhaSomala	1part	
4.	ShuddhaHaratala	1part	
5.	Shuddha Manahshila	1part	

Table no.4: Properties of mineral ingredients

S.no.	Ingredient	Properties		
1.	ShuddhaParada <sup>9</sup>	Shadrasa, snigdha,sara guru rasa, ushnavirya, madhuravipaka, yogvahi, tridoshahara, rasayana, balya, vrusya		
2.	Shuddha Gandhaka <sup>10</sup>	Garavishahara, kshudrakushthahara, kasashwasahara, dadrurugahara, chakshushya, jatharagnipradeepak, sara, rasayana, katu rasa, ushnavirya, pachakguna, rasendraviryavardhan		
3.	Shuddha Manahshila <sup>11</sup>	Katutikta rasa, snigdha, ushna, guru, lekhanguna, kasashwasa hara, bhootopdravanashini, agnimandyakshayaanahkandu hara, rasayana, jwarahara, varnya, antidote forvisha, enhances vitality(kamam)		
4.	Shuddha Somala <sup>12</sup>	Snigdha, used inparada bandha, tridoshahara, swasahara, kushthahara, shlipadjanyajwaranashak, sandhigatvatajwarahara, agnimandyahara, vishmajwarahara, atisarhara, shothahara		
5.	Shuddha Haratala <sup>13</sup>	Snigdha, bhootjawarvinashnam, kushtha hara, Rasayana		
6.	Shuddha Vatsanabh <sup>14</sup>	Katutiktakshaya rasa, ushnavirya, yogvahi, rasayan, tridoshahara mainly vatakaphahara, deepan, bruhman, balya, agnimandyahara, pliharogahara, vataraktahara, shwasa hara, kasahara, kushtha hara, panduhara, jwarahara, amavatahara, timirrogahara, vishaghna		
7.	Shuddha Suhaga <sup>15</sup>	Katu rasa, ushnavirya, rukshatikshnasaraguna, kaphahara, vatahara, hrudya, kasashwasahara, kamam, agnipradeepak, adhmanhara, balya, stripushpajanan, vrananashan, moodhgarbhpravartak		
8.	Abhrak Bhasma <sup>16</sup>	Snigdha, sitavirya, madhur rasa, ayushya, keshya, varnya, ruchikar, deepan, balya, netrya, medhya, stanyavardhak		

**Table no. 5:** Properties of herbal ingredients

S.No.	Ingredients	<b>Botanical Name</b>	Part Used	Properties
1.	Shunthi <sup>17</sup>	Zingiberofficinale	Rhizome	Katu rasa, laghusnigdhaguna, ushnavirya, madhuravipaka, deepan, pachan, anulomana, amadoshahara, hrudya, vatakaphapaha
2.	Maricha <sup>18</sup>	Piper nigrum	Fruit	Katutikta rasa, laghuruksha, tikshanaguna, ushnavirya, katuvipaka, shleshamhara, pittakara, kaphavatajit, vatahara, chedana, dipana, ruchya, jantunashana, medohara, chedi, hrudroga, vataroga
3.	Pippali <sup>19</sup>	Piper longum	Fruit	Katutiktamadhura rasa, snigdhalaghuguna, anushnavirya, madhuravipaka, vatahara, kaphahara, deepan, ruchya, Rasayana, rechan, hrudya, vrushya, tridoshahara
4.	Tulasi <sup>20</sup>	Occimum sanctum	Leaf	Katu, tikta, kashaya rasa, laghu, ruksha, tikshnaguna, ushnavirya, katuvipaka, deepanhrudya, kaphahara, pittahara, vatahara, krimiaghna
5.	Bhringaraj <sup>21</sup>	Eclipta alba	Whole plant	Katutikta rasa, rukshnatikshnaguna, ushnavirya, katuvipaka, balya, kaphahara, vatahara, rasayana, amahara, vishahara, keshya, dantya, tvachya, chakshushya

 Table No. 6: Detailed therapeutics according to various references

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Therapeutics	SameerPannaga Rasa Type1 RasaYogSagara	SameerPannaga Rasa Type 1 RasaChandamshu	SameerPannaga Rasa Type 2	SameerPannaga Rasa Type 3
Dose	1 <i>Gunja</i> (125mg)	Not mentioned	2 Gunja (250 mg)	1 Gunja (125mg)
Anupana	ArdrakaSwarasa or Sharkara or Triphala	ArdrakaSwarasa or Nagavalliswarasa or Sharkara or Trikatu	Nagavallidala	Nagavallidala
Bhavana Dravya	Bringarajswarasa	Bringarajswarasa	TulasiSwarasa	No Bhavana
Duration for Bhavana	7 Days	7 Days	1-2 Days	No Bhavana
Indication	All types of Vatavikaras, Mahavataandmurchha	All types of Vatavikaras, Mahavata and murchha	Sannipata, Unmada, Sandhibandha, Kapharoga	Sannipata, Kaphaunmada, sandhibandha, Kaphavicar
Method of preparation	Kharaliya	Kharaliya	SharavaSamputa	Kupipakwa