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Effect of *Dashamooladi Basti* in the Short Term Management of *Amavata* w.s.r. to Rheumatoid Arthritis

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ABSTRACT:

	Context: Bad dietary habits and sedentary lifestyles affect Agni. Weakness of
Article history:	Agnileads to formation of Ama. Ama is indigested Aadya Rasa Dhatu. This Ama
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Available online: 31-01-2022	<i>Vyana Vayu.</i> Thus <i>Prakupita Ama</i> and <i>Vata</i> both lodged in <i>Kostha,Ttrika</i> and <i>Sandhi</i> produces <i>Shotha</i> , <i>Shoola</i> and <i>Stabdhata</i> . Due to their similar mode of presentation, a
Corresponding author-	disease, rheumatoid arthritis can be broadly grouped under the heading Amavata.
Anjali V. Makodiya, Consultant	Aim: To evaluate the role of Dashmooladi Basti in short term management of
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Ayurved hospital, Basna, Mehsana,	Material and Method: To emphasize the effect of Basti Karma on Amavata, 30
Gujarat.	patients having classical sign and Symptoms of Amavata (R.A.)were selected for
Email : anjalimakodiya91@gmail.com	present study. Dashamooladi Basti was given indose of 240-320 ml (320 ml for 1st day
	and 240 ml for 2 nd & 3 rd day) at NatibubhukshitaKala for 3 days to patients. The subjects
	for the study were patients who were between the age group of 16 and 60 years.
	Results: Wilcoxon sign rank test was used to access the effect of therapy on subjective
	criteria of thesis. Statistically highly significant relief was achieved in all the cardinal
	& some associated features. Functional parameters were observed to be highly
	significant, highly significant changes were found on ESR and CRP but changes in RA
	factor were found insignificant. 40.0 % of the patients showed mild improvement and
	unimproved in rest as an overall effect.
	Conclusion: Dashamooladi Basti is effective in the management of Amavata. Most of
	patients had recurrence immediately after omitted treatment, so it can be said that, in
	Amavata long term treatment is required.
	Keywords: Amayata Rhaumatoid Arthritis Dashamooladi Basti Karma

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INTRODUCTION

Today is the era of modernization and fast life; everybody is busy and living stressful life. Bad dietary habits and sedentary lifestyles affect *Agni*. Weakness of *Agni* leads to formation of *Ama*. *Ama* is indigested *Aadya Rasa Dhatu*. This *Ama* produces various *Amaprodoshaja Vikara*. Among these, *Amavata* is most challenging for physician.



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In *Amavata Ama* gets lodged in *Kapha Sthanas* with the help of vitiated *Vyana Vayu*. Thus *Prakupita Ama* and *Vata* both lodged in *Kostha,Ttrika* and *Sandhi* produces *Shotha*,*Shoola* and *Stabdhata*.

Due to their similar mode of presentation, a disease, rheumatoid arthritis can be broadly grouped under the heading Amavata. Rheumatoid arthritis is characterized by inflammation of synovial membrane of the joints. It is a systemic disease. The R.A. exists all over the world & affects women more than men of all races. In India, the prevalence of R.A. is 0.75%.¹ The aetiology of R.A. is still unknown but most theories today either advocate autoimmune mechanism or an infectious agent which is indirectly caused by erroneous life style. Onset is in the fourth and fifth decades of life. Rheumatoid arthritis is painful condition in which pain may persist for years. These lead to difficulty in routine work and make the person crippled and unfit for an independent life. International Association for the study of pains has defined pain as "Pain is an unpleasant sensory and emotional experience associated with actual or potential tissue damage or described in terms of such damage."² It is a major symptom and can interfere with a person's quality of life, one's job, general functioning, relationships and ultimately independence. Amavata is one such disease where in, our Aacharya Madhav categorized the pain as Vrischika Damshavata Vedana.³

So relieving pain is the first step of treatment along with principle of treatment according to Ayurveda. There are many medications for rheumatoid arthritis, but painful flare-ups are still a fact of life. Modern management includes analgesics, NSAIDS, immunomodulator drugs and surgical treatment. These drugs have adverse effects on GI tract, Renal and Cardiovascular system. They also have negative impact on immune system and gives only temporary relief. Day to day patients get habitual to NSAIDS. So here Ayurveda especially Panchkarma plays good role as a safe and effective management. Among them Basti Karma is considered as Ardha Chikitsa in Ayurvedic texts⁴ and has been specified in the management of Vatvyadhis. Control of Vata by BastiKarma cures 1. majority of disease. In the present research work Dashamooladi Basti mentioned by Acharya Bhavamishra⁵2. is selected for the short term management of Amavata. It has effect on VataDosha as well as Ama.

In this research work 30 patients were registered and *Dashamooladi Basti* was given for 3 days as short term management. In this work aim is to evaluate the role of

Dashamooladi Basti in short term management of Amavata w.s.r. to Rheumatoid arthritis.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: Patients:

For the clinical study, Patients fulfilling the criteria & attending OPD & IPD of Govt. Akhandanand Ayurveda College & Hospital, Ahmedabad and Govt. Maniben Ayurved Hospital, Ahmedabad; were integrated into the study irrespective of caste, religion etc.

Research Design:

- 1. It was a single arm and randomized clinical trial.
- 2. Special Research proforma was prepared.

Study design: Interventional

Inclusion Criteria:

- 1. Patient having classical signs & symptoms of *Amavata* were selected.
- 2. Patients were selected between 16 to 60 years of age.
- **3.** Patients fulfilling criteria of ARA (**American Rheumatism Association**) were selected.

Exclusion Criteria:

- 1. The patients who are suffering from systemic disorders like Cardiac disease, DM, HTN, Cancer, Tuberculosis, Respiratory Diseases and other diseases which may lead to fatal condition for the patient at any time.
- 2. Patients not having pain were excluded.
- 3. Patients of Chronic condition (more than 10 years) were excluded.
- 4. Patient having severe deformity were excluded.
- 5. Patient suffering with *Asadhya Lakshana* as "Sarva DehcharaShotha" given in *Ayurvedic* classics.

Investigations:

Relevant laboratory investigations were undertaken to assess the present condition of the patient.

1- Hematological investigations – T.L.C., D.L.C., E.S.R. and R.B.C. count

2- Urine: Routine and microscopic examinations

3-Biochemical tests: R.A. test

- 4-Serum C.R.P., Serum Uric acid (If possible)
- 5-Radiological investigations (If necessary)

6-E.C.G. (If necessary)

Essential investigations were done before and after

treatment and after follow up if possible.

Method Of Research:

As this was a clinical research, Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) approval was taken prior to initiation of research vides its letter No.46, DATED 25/06/2016.Total 30 patients were registered in this study. This trial is also registered at Clinical Trial Registry of India, ICMR, New Delhi, vide **CTRI/2017/02/007910**[Registered on: 17/02/2017].

Informed Consent:

Written consent of the patient was taken before starting the intervention.

Drugs And Grouping:

No. of patients:30 Table 1: *Basti* contents:

Niruha Basti comprises of following *Dravyas*⁶. **Table 2:**

Criteria For Assessment:

Subjective: Improvement in classical symptoms of *Amavata*.

Objective: Changes in investigations

Scoring Pattern⁷

Cardinal symptoms Table 3

Functional assessment:

Functional assessment was carried out before and after treatment for improvement in function of affected joints. Functional tests include hand grip in mm of Hg, foot pressure in kg and walking time.

- Walking time: patients were asked to walk a distance of 100 ft. And time taken has been recorded before and after treatment by using stop watch.
- Grip strength: To find out the functional capacity of the affected upper limb, patients were asked to squeeze the inflated cuff of the sphygmomanometer and the grip strength has been recorded in mm of Hg.
- Foot pressure: To have an objective view of the functional capacity of the legs, foot pressure was recorded by using a weighing machine.

VAS Scale Assessment:^{8,9} (Table 4)

No pain	0-4 mm
Mild pain	5-44 mm
Moderate pain	45-74 mm

Severe pain

75-100 mm

The obtained results were measured according to the grades given below,

- 1. Complete remission: 100% relief in signs and symptoms
- 2. Markedly improved: 99%-75%
- 3. Moderately improved: 74%-50%
- 4. Mild improved: 49%-25%
- 5. Unchanged: < 25%

The information gathered on the basis of the abovementioned observations was subjected to statistical analysis in terms of mean difference (df), Percentage in relief and W value. The Wilcoxon sign rank test was carried out at P < 0.05, P < 0.01, and P < 0.001 levels. The obtained results were interpreted as:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Insignificant} & P > 0.05 \\ \mbox{Significant} & P < 0.05 \mbox{ or } P < 0.01 \\ \mbox{Highly significant} & P < 0.001 \end{array}$

OBSERVATION AND RESULT:

Table 5 :-Effect on cardinal symptom: Improvement in *Sandhi Shoola* was observed in 34.44% of the patients, improvement in *Sandhigraha*, relief observed in 48.97% of the patients. Improvement in *Sandhishoth* was observed in 41.86% and in the symptom *Sparshasahtva* relief was noted in 42.59% of patients. Here the result was highly significant.(Table 2)

Table 6:- Effect of therapy on associated symptom:

Improvement in feeling of feverishness (*Jwara*), *Angamarda*, *Alasya* and feeling of *Gaurava* observed58.33%,42.5%, 34.78 % and 34.04% respectively which were statistically highly significant. Analyzed data shows that the change occurred in *Apaka*, *Aruchi* and *Trushna* with the treatment was statistically insignificant. (Table 3)

Table 7 ;-Effect of therapy on *Rasavaha, Annavaha* and *Asthivahasrotasa:* Depicted data shows that Relief in *Rasavaha Srotodushti Lakshana* was 26.66% and in *Asthivaha Srotodushti* observed improvement was 28.86% which was highly significant. Improvement in *Annavaha Srotodushti Lakshana* was 10.34% which insignificant.

Table 8:- Effect of therapy on investigation: Aftertreatment statistically highly significant decrease inE.S.R. where improvement observed was 9.40% whichwas significant not due to chance. Decrease in CRP where

improvement observed was 34.63% which was also significant not due to chance. After treatment decrease in RA factor was -5.52% which was insignificant, it may be due to chance.

Table 9 :- Effect of therapy on functional test:

Improvement in foot pressure (Right) after treatment was 13.88% which was highly significant. On other side (left) 11.79% improvement noted which was highly significant. For grip strength on right side 20.40% improvement was noted which was highly significant. On Left side 18.67% improvement was noted which was noted which was highly significant. Improvement in walking time was 9.77% which was highly significant change after treatment. The depicted data shows the changes in DAS 28 Scale was 9.15% which was highly significant. Improvement in Disability Index was 27.09% which was highly significant. The depicted data shows improvement in VAS scale was 31.84% which was highly significant.

Overall effect as Basti :

By acting on Vata Dosha -Ushna Veerya(76%), Laghu Guna(76%),Tikta Rasa(80%), Katu Rasa(52%) Deepana Karma (56%) all will help in Agnisthapna. Vata rapkopa occurs simultaneously- Dashamoola, Tila Taila,Ushna Veerya drugs(76%) all will counter act Vata Dosha.

By acting on Agnimandya & Ama- Kanji, Saindhava, Gomutra, Musta,Ushna Veerya(72%), TiktaRasa(68%), KatuRasa(52%) Pachana Karma(32%) Laghu Guna(76%),Ruksha Guna(54%) all will help in Amapachana.

3) *Khavaigunyata* is produced in *Shleshma Sthanas- Kanji*, *Gomutra*, *Madanaphala*, *Ushna Veerya*(76%) all will help in correcting *Srotoshuddhi*.

Overall effect of therapy: Table 10- The depicted data shows that the improvement of overall effect of therapy, 60% of the patients showed unimproved, while 40% patients showed mild improvement after treatment.

DISCUSSION

Ama is produced in Annavaha Srotasa due to Agnimandya & later on involves the Madhyama Roga Marga as Sandhis are the Sthana Samshraya of Vyadhi. Rasavaha Srotasa & Rasa Dhatu are mainly affected initially. Ashudaurbalya told in the Samprapti indicates involvement of Bala. Hence Autoimmunity told in Rheumatoid Arthritis could be correlated with Balabhransha which is the symptom of Sama Dosha. Here Kapha Dosha is involved in pathology and Acharyas have described it as Bala in its Prakrut Avastha.Bhransha means not doing its work properly. So, when Kapha is in PrakrutAvastha then it works as Bala which can interpret as Immunity. But when there is Bala Bhransha then immune system does not work properly instead. Here Dushya is Rasa Dhatu, Asthi Dhatu which has similarity with involved Dosha (Kapha&Vata) in disease.

Amavata is produced by Yugpat Prakopa of Ama & Vata-Basti is best Chikitsa of Vata & Kshara is best Amapachaka (Kshara Bastih Prashasyate).So, Basti is best Chikitsa for Vata &Kshara is best Pachaka. Kshara Basti is best treatment for Amavata as described by Acharya Chakrapani. Main ingredients of Dashamooladi Basti are Dashamoola as Kwath and Vacha, Madanfala, Bala, Shatahva, Kushtha, Pippalee, Ativisha, Musta, Rasna, Katfala, Pushkara as Kalka Dravya, Gomutra, Kanji and Saindhav .Dashamoolahave Vedanasthapana &Shothaghna properties. Dashamoola, Ativisha, Musta, Rasna and Pippalee have Aampachana effect.

As *Basti Karma*- Ultimately it is the *Veerya* of *Basti* with which it performed its *Sarvadaihika Karma*, Expelled the vitiated *Dosha* out and cleared the pakwashay aa well as *Sukshma Srotas*. Through this action *Vata Shaman* occurs and *Amadosha* is expelled out and patient got relief in symptoms. As *Basti* works in whole body and this was type of *Shodhan Basti* it gives significant relief in *Shotha, Shool* and *Stiffness*. Here *Pakwashay Shuddhi* occurs and due to *Amapachan* drugs some of *Amashay Shuddhi* also occurs. So, *Dashamooladi basti* is effective in *Amavata*.

CONCLUSION

"Amavata" is a chronic and crippling disease with gradual onset. Amavata is the disease having Vata and Kapha predominance with origin from Pakvashaya and Amashaya. Dashamooladi Basti is proved to be effective in Amavata disease. Role of Dashamoola upon VataDosha &Kapha Dosha & role of Kshara over Ama is established. Ultimately it is the Veerya of Basti with which it performed its Sarvadaihika Karma, Expelled the vitiated Dosha out and cleared the Sukshma Srotas. So, above mentioned regimen has been found to be an effective in the short term management of uncomplicated cases of Amavata. Most of patients had recurrence immediately after omitted treatment, so it can be said that, in Amavata long term treatment is required.

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Table 1:

Sr. No.		Group A
1.	Karma	Dashamooladi Basti
2.	Dose	320ml (1 st day)-240ml (2 nd & 3 rd day)
3.	Kala	Natibubhukshita Kala
4.	Duration	3 days

Table 2: Niruha Basti comprises of following Dravyas.

Sr.No	Drugs	Latin name	Proportion	Total Part
	Kwathya Dravya			20 part
1.	Bilva	Aegle marmelos	Equal part	
2.	Gambhari	Gmelina arborea	Equal part	
3.	Paatala	Stereospermum sauveolens	Equal part	
4.	Agnimantha	Premna mucronata	Equal part	
5.	Shyonaka	Oroxylum indicum	Equal part	
6.	Shaliparni	Desmodium gangaticum	Equal part	
7.	Prushniparni	Uraria picta	Equal part	
8.	Bruhati	Solanum indicum	Equal part	
9.	Kantakari	Solanum xenthocarpum	Equal part	
10.	Gokshura	Tribulas terrestris	Equal part	
	Kalka Dravya			1 part
1.	Vacha	Acorus calamus	Equal part	
2.	Madanafala	Randia dumetorum	Equal part	
3.	Vatya (Bala)	Sida cordifolia	Equal part	
4.	Shatahva	Anethum sowa	Equal part	
5.	Kushtha	Saussurea lappa	Equal part	
6.	Saindhava	-	Equal part	
7.	Pippalee	Piper longum	Equal part	
8.	Ativisha	Aconitum heterophyllum	Equal part	
9.	Musta	Cyperus rotundus	Equal part	
10.	Rasna	Pluchea lanceolata	Equal part	
11.	Katafala	Myrica nagi	Equal part	
12.	Pushkara	Iris germanica	Equal part	
	Other Dravya		-	
1.	Tila Taila	-	-	8 part
2.	Kanji	-	-	16 part
3.	Gomutra	-	-	20 part

Sr. No.	Severity of pain	Grade
1	No pain	0
2	Mild pain	1
3	Moderate , but no difficulty in moving	2
4	Slight difficulty in moving due to pain	3
5	Much difficulty in moving body parts	4

Cardinal symptoms Table 3

Sr. No	Severity of swelling	Grade
1	No swelling	0
2	Slight swelling	1
3	Moderate swelling	2
4	Severe swelling	3

Sr. No	Sandhigraha (Stiffness in joints)	Grade
1	No stiffness	0
2	5 min to 2 hours	1
3	2 hours to 8 hours	2
4	More than 8 hours	3

Sr. No	Sparshasahatva (Tenderness)	Grade
1	No Tenderness	0
2	Subjective experience of Tenderness	1
3	Wincing of face on pressure	2
4	Wincing of face on pressure and withdrawal of the affected part on pressure	3
5	Resist to touch	4

Associated symptoms

Sr. No	Angamarda (bodyache)	Grade
1	No Bodyache	0
2	Slight Bodyache	1
3	Moderate Bodyache	2
4	Severe Bodyache	3

Sr. No	Aruchi	Grade
1	No Aruchi	0
2	Willing towards some specific foods	1
3	Willing towards only most liking food and not to others foods	2
4	Totally unwilling for food	3

Sr. No	Trishna	Grade
1	No Trishna	0
2	Occasional Trishna	1
3	Very often Trishna	2
4	Always feeling of Trishna	3

Sr. No	Aalasya	Grade
1	No Aalasya	0
2	Doing work satisfactorily with late initiation	1
3	Doing work unsatisfactorily under mental pressure and takes time	2
4	Not starting any work on his own responsibility and doing little work very slowly	3
5	Does not take any initiation and doea not want to work even after pressure	4

Sr. No	Gaurava	Grade				
1	No heaviness in the body	0				
2	2 Feels heaviness in the body but it does not hamper routine work					
3	Feels heaviness in the body which hampers daily routine work	2				
4	4 Feels heaviness in the body which hampers movement of the body					
5	Does not take any initiation and doea not want to work even after pressure	4				

Sr. No	Apaka	Grade
1	No Apaka	0
2	Occasionally indigestion related to heavy food	1
3	<i>Apaka</i> occurs daily after each meals and takes 4 to 6 hours for <i>udgarashuddhi</i> etc symptoms	2
4	Apaka occurs daily after each meals does not have hunger	3
5	Never gets hungry always heaviness in abd. Followed by vomitingetc, symptoms	4

Sr. No	Jwara	Grade				
1	No fever					
2	Occasional fever subsides by itself					
3	Occasional fever subsides by drug					
4	Remittent fever					
5	Continuous fever	4				

Table 4 DAS -28 Score (degree of disease activity)

Current DAS 28 score	>1.2	>0.6 and <1.2	<0.6		
< 3.2 Inactive	Good improvement	Moderate improvement	No improvement		
>3.2<5.1 moderate	Moderate improvement	Moderate improvement	No improvement		
>5.1 very active	Moderate improvement	Moderate improvement	No improvement		

Disability Index (the health assessment questionary)

Without any difficulty	0
With some difficulty	1
With much difficulty	2
Unable to do	3

Table 5 Effect on cardinal symptom:

Sr.	Cardinal symptom	Ν	Mean score			%	W	Р	S
No.			B.T.	A.T.	Diff.				
1	Sandhishoola	30	3	1.96	1.03	34.44	300	< 0.001	HS
2	Sandhigraha	30	1.43	0.83	0.6	41.86	171	< 0.001	HS
3	Sandhishotha	26	1.88	0.96	0.92	48.97	190	< 0.001	HS
4	Sparshasahyata	29	1.86	1.06	0.79	42.59	253	< 0.001	HS

Table 6Effect of therapy on associated symptom:

Sr.	Associated	Ν		Mean score		%	W	Р	S
No.	symptoms		B.T.	A.T.	Diff.				
1	Angamarda	18	2.22	1.27	0.94	42.5	120	< 0.001	HS
2	Aalasya	21	2.19	1.42	0.76	34.78	105	< 0.001	HS
3	Gaurava	22	2.13	1.40	0.72	34.04	105	< 0.001	HS
4	Jwara	12	1	0.41	0.58	58.33	28	0.0016	HS
5	Apaka	19	2.31	2.10	0.21	9.09	10	0.125	NS
6	Aruchi	17	1.94	1.70	0.23	12.12	10	0.125	NS
7	Trushna	8	1.25	1	0.25	20	3	0.5	NS

Table 7 Effect of therapy on Rasavaha, Annavaha and Asthivahasrotasa:

Sr.	Strotasa	Ν	Mean score			%	W	Р	S
No.			B.T.	A.T.	Diff.				
1	Rasavaha	26	0.98	0.72	0.26	26.66	190	< 0.001	HS
2	Annavaha	20	0.96	0.86	0.1	10.34	15	0.063	NS
3	Asthivaha	30	1.61	1.15	0.46	28.86	300	< 0.001	HS

Table 8 Effect of therapy on investigation:

Sr.	Investigations	Ν	Mean score			%	SD	SE	Т	Р
No.			B.T.	A.T.	Diff.					
1	ESR (after 1 hr in mm)	30	43.93	39.80	4.13	9.40	10.88	1.98	2.079	0.047
2	RA factor	30	77.69	81.98	-4.29	-5.52	36.72	6.70	-0.640	0.527
3	CRP test	30	26.79	17.51	9.28	34.63	25.72	4.69	1.976	0.058

Sr	Functional test		Ν	Γ	Mean score	e	%	SD	SE	Т	Р
no.				B.T.	A.T.	Diff.					
1	Foot	R	30	20.40	23.23	-2.833	13.88	3.63	0.66	-4.27	< 0.001
	pressure	L	30	21.20	23.70	-2.500	11.79	3.24	0.59	-4.21	< 0.001
	(in kg)										
2	Grip	R	30	85.26	102.66	-17.40	20.40	21.00	3.83	-4.53	< 0.001
	strength	L	30	95.33	113.13	-17.80	18.67	21.89	3.99	-4.45	< 0.001
	(in mm of										
	hg)										
3	Walking		30	31.70	328.6	3.100	9.77	2.234	0.40	7.601	< 0.001
	time(25										
	feet/sec)										
4	DAS 28 Sc	ale	30	5.695	5.174	0.521	9.15	0.528	0.09	5.403	< 0.001
5	DI Scale		30	1.267	0.924	0.343	27.09	0.255	0.04	7.362	< 0.001
6	VAS Scal	e	30	6.700	4.567	2.133	31.84	1.592	0.29	7.341	< 0.001

Table 9 Effect of therapy on functional test:

Overall effect of therapy: table 10

Effect of therapy	No of patients	%
Complete remission (100%)	0	00.00%
Marked improvement (99-75%)	0	00.00%
Moderate improvement (74-50%)	0	00.00%
Mild improvement (49-25%)	12	40%
Unimproved (<24%)	18	60%