An effect of Ayurvedic formulations orally and Karanj Tailam topically in the management of Vicharchika w. s. r. to Eczema - A case study.

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Abstract:-
Skin diseases are occurs all over the world at significant levels. The skin is much more than just a protective layer and protect the body from higher number of antigens which occurs in surrounding environment. In the ayurvedic text all skin diseases were included under the “Kushtharog” which is classified in two divisions i.e. Mahakushtha and kshudrakushtha. In ayurveda vicharchika is described under kshudrakushtha. All the clinical features of vicharchika are similar to eczema in modern dermatology. Eczema which is also known as Atopic dermatitis is characterized by dry itchy skin, which is classified in two phase i.e. acute phase and chronic phase. Modern science is very developed in dermatology but still there is no sure cure of eczema. Most of the time steroids are used as a symptomatic treatment, which can produced serious side effect like osteoporosis, skin cancer etc. In ayurveda there are many formulations for internal and topical application mentioned by the different Acharays in samhitas, which can shows significant effect on vicharchika.

Methodology:- In this case Arogyavardhini vati and Gandhak rasayan administer orally and Karanj tailam topically given to the patient.

Result:- There is significant effect on clinical signs and symptoms of patient and size of affected area.

Conclusion:- In this case study combine use of Arogyavardhini vati and gandhak rasayan orally and Karanj tailam topically was very effective in reducing signs, symptoms, and size of affected area of vicharchika.

Keywords:- Vicharchika, Kushtha, Arogyavardhini vati, Eczema, Karanj tailam.

INTRODUCTION:-
Skin is the outermost covering of the body, accounting for 16-20% it’s weight, skin forms the integumentary system which acts as a protective barrier between the body and external environment. But very often, it is exposed to many microbes which can
damage it and many cause various skin disorders.
In Ayurveda, all skin disorders describes under the heading of ‘kushtha’.

“kushnatee iti kushtham”
The disease which destroy the affected part of the skin called kushtha.
(cha.chi7/3). Which have been classified mainly into two groups-
Viz. Mahakushtha and Kshudrakushtha

Vicharchika being one among kshudrakushtha, is also a rasa, rakta and mansa dhatu pradoshaj vikara.
Vicharchika is described in many of ayurved text.

symptoms of vicharchika are kandu(itching), shyava varna(blackish discolouration) ,pidika(carbuncles) ,bahu strava(discharge), ruja (pain), rajo (marked lining due to thickness of lesion), rukshata (dryness) ,lohit varna(redness of lesion).
All the clinical features of vicharchika can be very well correlate to clinical features of Eczema, which is distinctive pattern of inflammatory response of the skin, i.e dermatitis according to modern science.

Eczema is broad term used for many types of skin inflammations, usually first symptom of eczema is intense itching, the rash appears later ,and is red in nature has a carbuncles of different sizes ,for this reason ,Eczema is also called as “itch that rashes.”
In some of the people there may be different types of skin inflammations occurred such as chapping (roughness), flaking rupturing of skin and bleeding too.
Even the intensity of eczema differs from one person to another,so the present study research is to treat vicharchika with the oral administration of Arogyavardhini vati and Gandhak rasayan and topical application of karanj tailam .
According to the journal of allergy and clinical immunology, prevalence of current eczema ranged 0.9%in INDIA .

A CASE REPORT:-
A 18 years female patient came to OPD of kayachikitsa department of L.K.Ayurvedic hospital, Yavatmal with chief complaints of-
1. Kandu(itching)
2. Shyava varna(Blackish discolouration)
3. Pidika
4. Bahu strava
5. Ruja (pain)
6. Rajyo (marked lining due to thickness of lesion)
7. Rukshata (dryness)
8. Lohit varna (redness of lesion)

on Right thumb and right elbow joint.
Patient having above complaints since 10 years
N/H/O- HTN & DM
No any H/O major illness.

**HISTORY OF PERSONAL ILLNESS:**

The patient was normal before 10 years ago
Since then patient has been suffering from kandu, shyav varna, pidika, bahu strava, ruja, rajyo, rukshata and lohit varna on right thumb symptoms get aggravated from 5-6 months.
For Ayurvedic treatment patient came to our hospital L.K. Ayurvedic hospital Yavatmal in OPD of kaychikitsa department.

**Rugna parikshan:-**
- Nadi (pulse) - 68/min
- Mala (stool) - Prakrit
- Mutra (urine) - Prakrit
- Jivha (tounge) - Alpa sam
- Netra (eyes) - shwetabh
- Shabd (speech)-Spashta (normal)
- Sparsh (skin) - samshitoshna
- Akriti - Madhyam
- Bala - Madhyam
- Raktachaap (B.P) - 110/70 mm of Hg

**MATERIAL AND METHODS:-**

**METHOD:-**
1) A case study.
2) Centre of study:- Postgraduate Department of kaychikitsa, L.K Ayurvedic hospital , Yavatmal affiliated to D.M. M. Ayurved college Yavatmal.

**MATERIAL:-**

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<tr>
<th>Sr. No</th>
<th>Dravya</th>
<th>Dose</th>
<th>Matra</th>
<th>Anupana</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Arogyavardhini Vati Gandhak Rasayan</td>
<td>250mg each</td>
<td>Twice a day</td>
<td>Warm water</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Karanj tailam</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>Twice a day</td>
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**DISCUSSION:-**

**Hetu :-**
1) **Aahar** – Virodhi Annapana,
   - Snigdha / Guru Ahar,
   - Kshara-amla-lavana-ushna

2) **Vihar** - Diwaswap
   - Ativishranti
   - Chinta virhita

3) **Manas** - Kama, chinta, Bhay, Krodh, Shok etc.

**SAMPRAPTI GHATAK:-**
1) Dosha – kapha
2) Dushya – Rasa ,Rakta, mansa
3) Strotas - Rasavaha strotas
   Raktavaha strotas
   Mansvaha strotas
4) Udbhavsthan – Twaka
5) Adhishthan - Rasa, Rakta, Mansa,
6) Vyaktisthan- Twaka

TABLE 2-MODE OF ACTION OF FORMULATIONS USED IN CHIKITSA:-

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<td>1</td>
<td>Arogyavardhini vati</td>
<td>Regulation of pitta secretion, Agnideepana, Grahani dosha nashak</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Gandhak Rasayan</td>
<td>Balances Tridosha, vanhikara, Kandughna</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Karanj tail</td>
<td>Vata-kaphahara, Shothahara, Bhedana etc.</td>
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The patient had started improving during treatment and the symptoms decreased gradually.

TABLE 3- SHOWING CHANGES IN AFFECTED AREA DURING CHIKITSA:-

AFTER TREATMENT

Discussion :-
In this case study the drug used Arogyavardhini vati and Gandhak Rasayana contains dravya which mostly acts as kaphagna and vatashamak which reduced the symptoms like kandu, rukshata, shyavata, rajyo, ruja, lohit varna etc. And the Karanj tailam which also contain kaphavatshamak dravya decreases the kandu (Itching) and shyavata (blackish discolouration) significantly.

The symptomatology of vicharchika is similar with eczema. Eczema can be defined as a disease in a form of dermatitis or inflammation of the epidermis. The term eczema is broadly applied to a range of persistent skin conditions. There is no sure cure for eczema in modern medical science. The treatment of eczema was discussed here in detail, but they have many side – effects e.g topical corticosteroids have side effects.

So, now the duty of ayurveda is to provide a safe and effective medicine to the world so, present case study is a humble effort to give a medicine from classical ayurvedic preparation.
Conclusion and result:-
From above discussion it is concluded that a classical ayurvedic preparation can also be shows significant effect in the skin diseases. Arogyavardhini vati and Gandhak Rasayan orally twice a day and Karanj tailam topically twice a day decreased symptoms of vicharchika with some pathyapathya (i. e. avoid fish intake) without any side effects.

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