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Role of Rasnadi Guggulu and Snehana in Sandhivata (Osteoarthritis) Upadhyay A.G., Upadhyay K.G

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Abstract: In Ayurveda Osteoarthritis is known as Sandhivata and it is headed under Vatavyadhi. Regarding management, modern science mainly focuses on pain reduction by medication with rest & simple exercise for mild Osteoarthritis. **Objectives:** To study the degenerative disease O.A. and its management and to evaluate the efficacy of Rasnadi Guggulu and Snehana with compound oil(combination of Dashmul and Prasarini tail)in O.A. **Methods:** It was a single arm, open, randomized study. The patience with clinical sign and symptoms of O.A. and radiological evidence of Osteoarthritis i.e., X-ray were selected. **Results:** The data was assessed based on each symptom and most symptoms found to be relieved after treatment with the intervention of Rasnadi Guggulu and Snehana. Symptoms like joint pain, joint inflammation, crepitus, function impairment, painful movement showed highly significant result whereas symptoms like restricted movement, joint deformity showed significant results.

Key words: Rasnadi Guggulu, Snehana, Sandhivata, Vatavyadhi

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INTRODUCTION:

The complex aging process bring about many changes in an individual like physical, physiological, degenerative & hormonal changes. One of the most important joint disorder which is result of degenerative changes of aging is OA. OA is also known as degenerative arthritis. In modern sciences it is headed under a type of arthritis & is considered as commonest type of arthritis in old age. In Ayurveda it is known as Sandhivata & headed under Vatavyadhi. In Madhav nidan & Charak Chikitsa Sutra(28/37)has given depth information of Sandhivata, it's sign & symptoms & treatment. Primarily OA, not resulting from injury, is most commonly result of natural aging of joint, as with aging the water content of cartilage increases & the protein makeup of cartilage degenerates. Cartilage is a protein substance that serves as cushion between bones of joints. OA is a joint inflammation that result from cartilage degeneration. In progress with age and most people over 60, have OA to some degree but severity may vary. Radiological evidence of OA is present in majority of people over age 65 & 80% of those over 75. Approximately 11% of these over 65, have symptomatic arthritis of knee joint. OA can affect any joint though it most commonly affects joint in hands, hips, knees, spine i.e. mostly weight bearing joints. Symptoms of OA often develops slowly but worsens with time. Regarding management, modern science mainly focuses on pain reduction by medication with rest & simple exercise for mild OA. But moderate OA along with pain killer, they suggest NSAID'S which reduces inflammation as well, but has side

effect for long term treatment. For Severe OA joint replacement surgery is the best option available in modern sciences. Whereas, Ayurvedic medication are more beneficial, as Rasnadi Guggulu is very useful in vatic disorder & external oil application is very well known to reduce vata prakopa. So, thought in mind was to evaluate the efficacy of Rasnadi guggulu & ted as research work entitled 'Role of Rasnadi Guggulu & Snehana in Sandhivata' was conducted at Shri Ayurveda College & hospital, Nagpur.

Aim and objectives

- 1. To review all literature regarding O.A and its co relation with Sandhivata
- 2. To study the degenerative disease O.A and its management
- To evaluate the efficacy of Rasnadi Guggulu and Snehana with compound oil(combination of Dashmul and Prasarini tail)in O.A.

Material and methods

It was a single arm, open, randomized study. The patience with clinical sign and symptoms of O.A and radiological evidence of Osteoarthritis i.e., X-ray were selected.

Inclusive criteria

- 1. Patient aged more than 30, irrespective of sex occupation, socio economic status
- 2. All patients presenting with sign and symptoms of O.A
- Radiological evidence i.e X-ray (of affected joint and narrowing space within the joint)

Exclusive criteria

- 1. Patients below age 30.
- 2. Joint pain due to trauma or accident.

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- 3. Patient with long term steroidal treatment.
- 4. Patient with other systemic illness.
- 5. Patient not willing for trial.

Content and preparation of Rasanadi guggulu:

Rasana, Guduchi, Erandmool, Devadaru, Sonth, Guggulu.

Content of compound oil: The compound oil consists of combination of Dashmula and Parsarini tail in same proportion.

Content: Dashmula, Erand, Prasaran are siddha in Teel tail.

Duration: 30 days follow up for 10 days.

Time and days of administration:

1. Rasandi Guggulu 2 tab 500 mg each twice a day with Luke warm water.

2. Snehana (Oleation therapy) at the affected joint with compound oil-twice a day.

Criteria of assessment

- 1. Join pain (after use or after period of inactivity) sandhi shula.
- 2. Joint inflammation-sandhi shotha.
- 3. Vata purna druti sparsha.
- 4. Crepitus.

Table-1 Sex incidence found in 55 patients of O.A.

- 5. Restricted movement-sandhi maryada.
- 6. Functional impairment kriya haani.
- 7. Pain full movement-vedna yukt halchal.
- 8. Joint deformity-sandhi naash.
- 9. Stiffness.

Gradation of Symptoms on degree of severity;

- Completely absent:0:
- Mild presence:1
- Moderate presence:2
- Severe presence:3

OBSERVATIONS AND RESULTS:

The randomized single arm study "Role of Rasandi guggulu and Snehana in Sandhivata (osteoarthritis) was carried out for 60 patients as per diagnostic criteria described in material and method ,out of which 55 patients completed the study.

The observations found in the study are presented herewith in tabular form given below:

Sr. no	Sex	No. of patient	percentage
1	Female	33	60%
2	Male	22	40%

Table-2 Age pattern found in 55 patients of O.A

Sr. no	Age	No. of patient	Percentage
1	30-40	1	1.8%
2	40-50	2	3.6%
3	50-60	4	7.27%
4	60-70	9	16.36%
5	Above 70	39	76.90%

Table-3 Socio economic condition found in 55 patient of O.A

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Sr.no	Socio economic	No. of patient	Percentage
	condition		
1	lower	2	3.63%
2	Lower middle	4	7.27%
3	Middle	24	43.63%
4	Upper middle	16	29.09%
5	Upper	9	16.36%

Table-4 Evidence of occupations in 55 patients of O.A

Sr.no.	occupations	No. of patient	Percentage
1	housewife	21	38.18%
2	service	19	34.54%
3	business	7	12.72%
4	student	3	5.45%
5	retired	3	5.45%
6	Physical work	2	3.63%

Table-5 Involvement of joints in 55 patients of O.A

Sr.no.	Involved joints	No. of patient	Percentage
1	Knee	27	49.09%
2	Lambo sacral	18	32.72%
3	Ankle	11	20%
4	Shoulder	10	18.18%
5	Meta carpel&	8	14.54%
	Metatarsals		
6	Cervical	6	10.90%
7	Waist	5	9.09%
8	Femoral	1	1.82%

Subjective assessment:

The patients suffering from Sandhivata who were included in the trial had to undergo clinical examination at every follow up for clinical assessment for improvement in signs and symptoms. The assessment was done Before treatment (BT) and After treatment (AT) and assessment parameters i.e. sign and symptoms of Sandhivata described in criteria of assessment in material and methods were subjected to Paired t - test for each symptom as follow :

1.Sandhi shola :

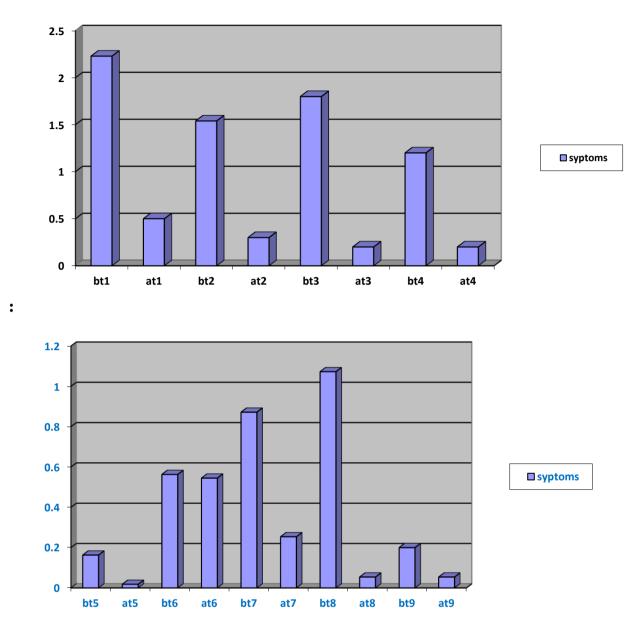
Sympt1	Median	Mean	SD	SE	P value
ВТ	2	2.23	0.719	0.096	

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AT	0	0.5091	0.54	0.072	***
2. Sandhi shotł	na:		-		
Sympt2	Median	Mean	SD	SE	P value
ВТ	2	1.545	0.834	0.112	
AT	0	0.3091	0.466	0.062	***
3.Vata purna d	ruti sparsha :		l	I	
Sympt3	Median	Mean	SD	SE	P value
BT	2	1.8	0.847	0.114	
AT	0	0.2	0.403	0.05443	***
4.Cripitus:	I		I		
Sympt4	Median	Mean	SD	SE	P value
BT	1	1.2	0.89	0.12	
AT	0	0.2	0.403	0.0544	***
5.Sandhi marya	ada :		I		
Sympt5	Median	Mean	SD	SE	P value
BT	0	0.163	0.42	0.0566	
	0	0.0181	0.134	0.0181	**
6.KriyaHaani					
Sympt6	Median	Mean	SD	SE	P value
BT	0	0.5636	0.788	0.106	
AT	0	0.5455	0.229	0.030	***
7.Vedana vyak	t halchal				
Sympt7	Median	Mean	SD	SE	P value
BT	1	0.8727	0.746	0.1007	
AT	0	0.254	1.377	0.1857	**
8.Sandhi naash	n :				•
Sympt8	Median	Mean	SD	SE	P value
ВТ	1	1.073	0.662	0.089	
AT	0	0.054	0.229	0.030	***
9.Stiffness:		<u>.</u>			
Sympt9	Median	Mean	SD	SE	P value
ВТ	0	0.2	0.447	0.060	
AT	0	0.054	0.229	0.030	*

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Graph 1. presenting effect of treatment on patients of Sandhivata before and after treatment



RESULTS:

All the patients of Sandhivata of this series were examined in detail with respect to the special preformat as prescribed in material and method. Before starting the treatment, symptoms present in all patients were graded and their value noted as BT. After completion of treatment the values were again reviewed. The data was assessed on the basis of each symptoms and most symptoms found to be relieved after treatment. Symptoms like joint pain, joint inflammation, crepitus, function impairment, painful movement showed highly significant result whereas symptoms like restricted movement, joint deformity showed significant results.

DISCUSSION:

Out of 55 patients of Sandhivata, 33 (60%) were females and 22 (40%) were male

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showing more prevalence of Sandhivata in females especially after menopausal stage .(Table no.1) Most of the patients were above 70 and between 60-70 years of age referring to its degenerative disorder. (Table 2). Majority of the patients belonged to Middle(24%) and Upper middle-class condition (16%) refer(table no.3). Housewives were more prone to O.A. Out of 55 patients who completed the study,21(38.18%) were housewives and 19(34.54%) were service persons (Table 4).Most of the joint affected were weight bearing joints .27(49.09%) patients having knee joint pain and 18 (32.72%) patients were having lumbar sacral joint pain. (Table no.5) **CONCLUSION:**

Symptoms like joint pain, joint inflammation, crepitus, function impairment, painful movement showed highly significant result symptoms like restricted whereas movement, joint deformity showed significant results. Rasandi Guggulu along with Snehan can be administered in the management of Osteoarthritis treatment and it would be add on therapy in the Osteoarthritis.

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