ABSTRACT

In Ayurveda, Acharyas described three doshas i.e Vata, Pitta, Kapha. Vata is Pradhan among three doshas. All movements are due to Vata and that is why it is called the prana of all living beings. Vata Vyadhi is a set of diseases caused by vitiated vata. Netra is Pradhan in Panchadnyanedriya. Netra is a sensitive and complex organ. There are 76 Netrarogas mentioned by Sushruta. Among these Sushruta described 10 rogas are Vata Pradhan i.e Hatadhimanth, Nimish, Gambheerika, Vatahatvartma, Vataja kacha, Shushkakshipaka, Vataja Abhishyanda, Vataja Adhimantha, Vataparyay, Anyatovat. Netrabhishyanda is explained under the heading Sarvagat Roga because all diseases under this heading are occupying most of the part of the eyeball like Mandala, Sandhi and Patala. The word Abhishyanda means profuse discharge from all parts of eye. Sushruta had recognized a number of disease as communicable i.e Kushtha, Jwara, Shosha, Netrabhishyanda. Abhishyanda is a root cause of almost all the eye diseases. The Eye and eyelids are very common sites for allergic reactions. Vataja Abhishyanda is clinical entity which can be correlated with Allergic Conjunctivitis. According to Sushruta, out of 52 curable eye diseases, 27 diseases respond to medical line of treatment. Out of these 27 diseases 25 are managed on similar lines as abhishyanda depending upon dosha. In Ayurvedic classics Aschyotana is explained as first line of treatment in all eye diseases. Measures like- snehapan, swedana, raktamokshana, snehavirechana, basti, shirobasti, nasya, dhumapana, anjana, pindika etc should be followed in Vataja Abhishyanda.

KEYWORDS: Vataja Netraroga, Vataja Abhishyanda, Allergic Conjunctivitis.
INTRODUCTION

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When the agni (a basic element of eye) is affected by the kapha, then there is diseases of the conjunctiva (slaismikala).

Classification of Eye Diseases according to the Predominant Dosha causing the disease

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Depending on the predominance of doshas, the eye disorders are classified as follows –

- **Vataja Netra Rogas** (caused due to vitiated Vata) – 10.
- **Pittaja Netra Rogas** – 10.
- **Kaphaja Netra Rogas** – 13.
- **Raktaja Netra Rogas** (caused by vitiated Rakta) – 16.
- **Sannipataja or Sarvagata** (caused by vitiation of all the Doshas) – 25.
- **Baahyaja or Aagantuja** (external or traumatic) – 02.

**10 Vataja Netra Rogas (Eye diseases caused by predominant vitiation of Vata)**

- Hataadhimantha – Atrophy of the Eye Ball – Asaadhya (incurable)
- Nimisha – Blepharo-spasm – Asaadhya (incurable)
- Gambheerikaa – Paralysis of the VIth Cranial Nerve – incurable
- Vata Hata Vartma – Paralysis of the VII th Cranial Nerve, Ptosis or Lag-Ophthalmus – incurable

- Vataja Kaacha Roga – Cataract – lifetime treatment is required (Yapya)
- Shushka Akshipaka – Ophthalmoplegia – Saadhya – curable
- Vataja Adhimantha – Glaucoma – curable
- Vata Abhishyanda – Acute Conjunctivitis – curable
- Vata Paryaya Vth Cranial Nerve Atrophy – curable
- Anyatovata – Neuralgia of the Vth Cranial Nerve – curable
Concept of Bacteriology in Ayurveda

Lysozyme is a bacterial enzyme which act upon Staphylococcus, Streptococcus, meningococci which compare the action of sahaja krimies described in Ayurveda. Its occurrence in the lacrimal secretion has been demonstrated.

In Susruta Samhita Nidan 5th Chapter 33 and 34 number of Shlokas proved that the present of organisms for creating the diseases like Kustha (Obstinate type of skin disease including leprosy), Jwara (fever), sosha (tuberculosis) and netrabhishtyandana (conjunctivitis) are communicable(contagious).[3]

1. spread man to man due to prasanga (intimate and frequent physical relationship)
2. gatrasamsprasha (contact of limb as in shaking hands)
3. nihswasat (breathing or air brone)
4. Sahabhoojana (eating together from the same utensil)
5. sahashaiyasana (sharing the same bed)
6. vastra malyanulepana (wearing the same apparel, garland of flowers and unguents).

Ayurveda believes that the infectious diseases can spread
Through- vayu (air borne diseases), jala (water borne disease) dosha and kala (environmental pollution diseases).

ABHISHYANDA

Abhishyanda is a root cause of almost all the eye diseases.[4] In Ayurvedic classics Aschyotana is explained as first line of treatment in all eye diseases.[5]

The word ‘Abhishyanda’ is derived from two words viz. “Abhi” and “Syandana”. “Abhi” means-profuse or more. “Syandana” means-discharge or secretion. Combined meaning is profuse discharge from all parts of eye.[6]

OBJECTIVES

1. To study the relation between hetusevan and Vataja Abhishyanda.
2. To study the Pathogenesis of Vataja Abhishyanda.
3. To find out the solution for the relief from Abhishyanda.
MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials
Present study is literay study. Hence only literary material was used as data. Literary data was collected using Textbooks, Articles, Internet.

METHODS
No specific methods were used during the study as it is literary study.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE
The cause of Vyadhi was described as dosha-viṣhāmya i.e the impaired equilibrium of tridoshas and that this state is brought by following:-

1. Ritucharya: The Ritucharya have vividly described the adoptive reactions of the human organism to changes engendered in the external environment due to changes in successive seasons (Ritu) in terms of chaya, Prakopa of vata, pitta and kapha, which latter, in turn are stated to confer a state of susceptibility or predisposition to vataja, pittaja and kaphaja type of disorders.

2. Asatmindriyartha samyoga
Ayurveda has explained about atiyoga, hinayoga andmithya yogas of indriya and indriyartha samyoga.

Some of the occupational diseases of eye fall under the category. Eg: the industrial workers, drivers and swimmers are more sufferer to Abhishyanda with Asatmindriyarta samyoga, from Ati ushaabhitapasya, Ati Sheegrayana (Travelling), Ati Raja-Sevana-dust allergies may cause allergic conjunctivitis.

Pradnya aparadha
According to Charaka in Shareera Sthanam Prajna Apardha is-Direct injuries to eye is pradnya aparadh Exposing to hazardous chemicals, inflammable materials, crackers etc.

Polluting the atmosphere and improper waste disposal is also pradnya apardha. Choosing the job where eye strain occurs is pradnya apardha. Briefly, all types of Abhishyanda are due to pradnya apardha.
Pathogenesis of Vataja Abhishyanda

The samprapti (pathogenesis) is the process which occurs in the body in between Nidana Sevana and the stage of Rupa of the diseases. Samanya samprapti of Netra-Roga as described by Acharya Sushruta

Vishesh samprapti for Vataja Abhishyanda can be considered as follows:

Dosh prakopak hetu sevan
   ↓
Vata dosh prakop
   ↓
Vata dosh-Sira anusaran
   ↓
Netra pradeshi Stansanshray
   ↓
Toda, Stambhana, Sangharsha, Shishirashsruta, Alpa Shopha
   ↓
aadi lakshan utpatti
   ↓
Vataja Abhishyanda

Sushruta mentioned following stages of kriyakala

Sanchaya

Kapha dosa is stated to have accumulated and stagnated in its own place (conjunctiva) instead of freely circulating as in its normal avastha or state.

Prokopa

In Abhishyanda, prakopa stage can be given a swelling, burning sensation irritation and redness of the slaismika kala(conjunctiva) indicate the stage of inflammation.

Prasara

Acharyas have said that Rasa, Rakta, Mamsa dhatu dushti takes place at this stage.
In this stage both bulbar and palpebral conjunctiva get friable which is an indication of advance stage of hyperaemia in acute inflammation.

**Sthana Samsraya**
This stage is also called poorvaroopa i.e prodromal symptoms. A disease identified at this stage can be cured much easily.

**Stages of inflammation in relation to purvaroopa of Vataja Abhishyanda.**

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**Vyakta**
In this stage Vataja Abhishyanda will represent the signs and symptoms which are very much similar to the various types of conjunctivitis.

**Vataja Abhishyanda and Allergic Conjunctivitis.**

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**Bheda**
It is this stage of Bheda only where an idea of complication as well as prognosis of the disease can be understood. eg. Adhimanthya is a complication of Abhishyanda as per ancient scholars.

**Samprapti Ghataka**
Nidana- Kapha, pitta, prakopaka Nidana
Dosha-Vata, Kapha, Pitta, Rakta
Dushya- Rasa, Rakta, Mamsa
Srotas- Rasavaha, Raktabaha, Mamsavaha
Srotas dusti- Sanga, Atipravriti, Siragranthi and Vimarga Gaman
Agni- Jatharagni, Manda, Dhatuwagni
Dosha marga- Slaismik Kala  
Roga Marga- Bahya  
Udbhava sthana- Amashya  
Adhisthana- Shuklamandala  
Pratyatma Lakshana- Pitta srava, jala srava, Puyasrava  

**The characteristic features of the srotasdusti, according to Charak are**[9]

**Atipravritti:** amount of increased permeability, resulting in the leakage (discharges from the conjunctiva).

**Sanga:** (the retention of fluids and material)→ results chemosis in conjunctiva,

**Siragranthi:** (dilalation of sira/veins)→ leads to congestion of the conjunctiva.

**Vimarga gamana:** L i.e. the fluid moves through collateral vessels or back pressure leading to oedema on the lids.

In this manner the inflammation of the conjunctiva is occurs and it is called as conjunctivitis

**Classification of Abhishyanda**
There are four types of Abhishyanda (viz., vataja, pittaja, kaphaja and Raktaja) according to Vagbhata and Susruta.

**SIGN AND SYMPTOMS OF VATAJA ABHISHYANDA**[10]  
In Abhishyanda arising from (aggravation of) vata, there will be- distension of the nose (Nasa-Naha), slight swelling, pricking, pulsating and puncturing type of pain in the temporal region, eye, eyebrows, forehead, tear cold, unsteady pain difficulty in opening and closing the lids, feeling as through worms are crawling inside(Grittiness), In Abhishyanda produce by vata, the eye has constant pricking pain, less of movement.

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Vataja Abhisyanda Treatment

1. (a) Nidana parivarjanam
   (b) Rest
   (c) Sheetopachar (1-4 days)
   (d) Ushnopachar (in niram stage)
2. In sama dosha 4 days langhana etc.
3. Ghrita, Kashayarasa, guruhara, anjana and snana are rissedha in samaja.

After Ama Pachana
1. Sneha panam (ghrita pana)
2. Mridu sweda
3. Rakta mokshana (at upanasika, lalata and apanga)
4. Sneha virechana
5. Sneha tarpanas
6. Sneha putapaka
7. Sneha dhooma
8. Sneha nasya
9. Aschyotana
10. Sneha pariseka
11. Sirovasti
12. Pradeha
13. Abhyanga
14. Sneha anjana

Snehana
1. Intake of ghee after meal
2. Intake of medicated milk and ghee prepared with Triphala
3. Intake of medicated milk & ghee prepared with the dashamoola

Mridu sweda
Seka with any of the following
1. Anupa mamsa
Ashchyotana Yoga
1. With decoction of Eranda and Shigru and Triphala
2. With decoction of Nimba patra and Lodhra.

Pindika
Hot pindika (poultice) is prepared with erandapatra mole and twacha.

Anjana
With the following remedies
1. Yastimadhu, haridra, haritaki, mixed with Ajaksheera.
2. Swarna gyrika 1, pippali 4 parts, shunti & parts should grind with Aja ksheera to prepared varti
3. Madhu, saindhava lavan, swarna gyrika, grinded well and has to use as anjana.

Bidalaka
1. Haritaki fry in ghrita and has to apply to the eye lids.
2. Lodhra fry in ghrita and has to paste to the eye lids.
3. Saindhavalavan, Daru haridra, gyrika, haritaki and rasanjan has to paste to the eye lid.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION
No statistical data and statistical tests have been used. Only collected literary data was analyzed. It was seen that Abhishyanda is a root cause of all eye diseases. Acharyas describe that Abhishyanda is a contagious disease. According to Sushruta, out of 52 curable eye diseases, 27 diseases respond to medical line of treatment. Out of these 27 diseases 25 are managed on similar lines as abhishyanda depending upon dosha.\(^{[11]}\) By studying the pathogenesis and shatkriyakala we can prevent Abhishyanda by Ayurvedic therapies.

CONCLUSION
1. Abhishyanda is a contagious disease.
2. Vataja abhishyanda is correlated with Allergic conjunctivitis.
3. Study the pathogenesis of Vataja abhishyanda to cure it.

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