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REVIEW ON VIRATARUVADI KHASAYA IN MOOTRASHMARI

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ABSTRACT

Mutrashmari is a common problem in primary care practice. Mutrahmari refers to urolithiasis or calculi and the herbs that break the formed calculi and expel it from the body, and also prevent further formation of calculi. Urolithiasis (Mutrashmari) is the condition where stones are formed or located anywhere in the urinary system. Urinary stones are typically classified by their location or by their chemical composition (calcium containing, struvite, uric acid, or other compounds). The main symptoms are the pain most commonly felt in the flank, lower abdomen and groin, nausea, vomiting, fever, blood or pus in the urine and painful urination. Many treatments of modern medical science are present but they are costly and the reoccurrence of the formation of stone cannot be prevented. In Ayurveda a number of drugs and formulation have been mentioned to treat Mutrashmari. Among them the Virataruvadi Kashaya is widely used to treat this condition. The drugs of Virataruvadi Kashaya are; Tripadi(Desmodium triflorum), Panchangula(Ricinus communis), Vrischiva(Boerhavia diffusa), Vidari(Pueraria tuberosa), Vrischikali(Heliotropium Devahva(Cedrus deodara), Mudgaparni(Dysolobium pilosum), Mashaparni(Vigna radiata), Prishniparni(Pseudarthia viscida), Shalaparni(Desmodium gangeticum), Kandukari(Mucuna pruriens), Abhiru(Asparagus racemosus), Veera(Coccinia grandis), Jivanti(Leptadenia reticulata), Dwijivaka(Pueraria tuberaosa substitute), Brihati(Solanum anguivi), Nidigdhika(Solanum virginianum), Gokshura(Tribulus terrestris), Gopasutha(Hemidesmus indicus).

KEYWORDS: *Virataruvadi Kashaya*, Renal Calculi, Urinary Tract, *Ashmari*, *Mutrashmari* etc.

INTRODUCATION

Renal calculus is the most common disorder of the urinary tract. Acharya Sushruta, father as well as pioneer of surgery was the first person to explain this disease as Mutrashmari. He described this disease as one among Ashta Mahagada or 8 major diseases. Surgery is not an answer to renal calculi as they recur in spite of removal. Hence medical dissolution of renal calculi and prevention of recurrence plays an important role in this disease rather than tentative measure of removing them surgically. Prevention of formation and treatment of small calculi is attended with prescription of Ayurvedic medicines even by the modern practitioners, as there is no established treatment in that system. This study is aimed to highlight the drugs and their pharmacological actions towards treating the Mutrashmari, where they present without any complications. In Ayurveda the Mutravaha Strotas(Urinary system) and Mutravaha Stroto Vikaras(Urinary disorders) have given crucial significance. The normal functioning of urinary system is hampered during disease conditions like Prameha

(Urinary disorders including diabetes), *Somaroga* (Urinary diseaes), *Mutrakrichra* (Difficulty in urination), *Mutraghata* (Loss of micturation), *Ashmari* (Renal calculi), *Udavarta* (Upward movement of the *Vata Dosha* due to obstruction), and so on. In such conditions many herbs are used, some of which act directly on the urinary system and some are act indirectly, to maintaining the normal functioning of the system. These group of drugs have been discussed here systematically.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

- The assessment of Virataruvadi drugs were done on the basis of various Ayurvedic texts and digital data.
- Literary survey was done strictly through various *Ayurvedic* classical texts.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

• The aim of the present work is to highlight the drugs of *Virataruvadi Gana Dravyas* on the *Mutrashmari*.

 The objective is to elaborate the actions and properties of the drugs acting on Mutrashmari according to different Ayurvedic texts along with digital data.

RESULTS Table-1.

SL.	VIRATARUVADI	PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIONS
NO	KASHAYA DRUGS	
1.	Tripadi(Desmodium triflorum)	Diarrhea, Dysentery, Antipyretic, Antiseptic, Anti inflammatory Expectorant,
2.	Panchangula(Ricinus communis)	Anticonceptive, Antidiabetic, Antifertility, Antiinflammatory, Antimicrobial, Antioxidant, Hepatoprotective, Insecticidal
3.	Vrischiva(Boerhavia	Antimicrobial, Antioxidant, Repatoprotective, insecticidal Antiproliferative, Anti inflammatory, Anticancerous, Anti diabetic,
3.	*	Diuretic.
4	diffusa) Vidari(Pueraria tuberosa)	
4.	,	Anticancerous, Anti convulsant, Anti inflammatory, Anti oxidants, Anti ulcerogenic, Cardioprotective, Anti diabetic, Hepatoprotective, Wound healing, Anti stress activity, Immunomodulatory, Anti cancer
5.	Vrischikali(Heliotropium indicum)	Anti oxidants, Analgesic, Anti microbial, Diuretic, Ant tuberculosis, Anti allergic, Anti inflammatory, Anthelmintic
6.	Devahva(Cedrus deodara)	Analgesic, Anti inflammatory, Anti ulcer, Anxiolytic, Anti convusant, Anti fungal
7.	Mudgaparni(Dysolobium	Anti inflammatory, Anti oxidants, Hepato- protective, Anti lipidemic,
	pilosum)	Carminative, Anti diarrheal, Anti poisonous, Anti pyretic
8.	Mashaparni(Vigna radiata)	Anti oxidants, Anti hyperglycemic, Anti inflammatory, Carminative, Antipyretic
9.	Prishniparni(Pseudarthia	Anti inflammatory, Anti pyretic, Anti diarrheal, Anti emetic, Anti septic,
	viscida)	Anti arthritic, Anxiolytic
10.	Shalaparni(Desmodium	Carminative, Antihelmithic, Anti diarrheal, Anti tubercular, Anti pyretic,
	gangeticum)	Anti inflammatory, Anti arthritic, Anxiolytic.
11.	Kandukari(Mucuna	Anti parkinson's, Aphrodisiac, Anxiolytic, Anthelmintic, Uterine
	pruriens)	stimulant, Neuroprotective,
12.	Abhiru(Asparagus	Anti oxidant, Anti diabetic, Neuroprotective, Aphrodisiac, Anxiolytic,
	racemosus)	Anti tubecular, Galactogogue, Anti inflammatory, Anti pyretic
13.	Veera(Coccinia grandis)	Anti inflammatory, Antipyretic, Galactogogue, Anti hyperglycemic, Anti microbial, Anti bacterial, Analgesic, Reno protetive, Hepatoprotective,
14.	Jivanti(Leptadenia	Anti tubercular, Antipyretic, Anti inflammatory, Anxiolytic, Aphrodisiac,
	reticulata)	Neuroprotective, Anti oxidant, Gastroprotective, Anti fungal,
		Hepatoprotective,
15.	Dwijivaka(Pueraria	Anticancerous, Anti convulsant, Anti inflammatory, Anti oxidants, Anti
	tuberaosa substitute)	ulcerogenic, Cardioprotective, Hepatoprotective, Wound healing
16.	Brihati(Solanum anguivi)	Carminative, Aphrodisiac, Cardioprotective, Analgesic, Expectorant, Anti dermatophytic, Anti bacterial, Antihypertensive, Anti oxidant, Anthelmintic, Anxilytic, Antispasmodic
17.	Nidigdhika(Solanum	Anti inflammatory, Antipyretic, Anti oxidant, Anti convulsant, Anti
	virginianum)	bacterial, Analgesic
18.	Gokshura(Tribulus	Aphrodisiac, Diuretic, Lithotriptic, Anti inflammatory, Analgesic,
	terrestris)	Antipyretic, Antidiabetic, Cardiotonic.
19.	Gopasutha(Hemidesmus	Antipyretic, Anti inflammatory, Antimicrobial, Anticarcinogenic,
	indicus)	Cytotoxix potential, Potent blood purifier, Anti poisonous.

DISCUSSION

The above results were discussed briefly as follows.

1. *Tripadi(Desmodium triflorum*, Fabaceae)^[1]-The plant is antipyretic, antiseptic, expectorant. A decoction is commonly used to treat diarrhea and dysentery and thirst. A decoction is used as mouthwash and crushed plant o a poultice of the leaves is applied externally on wounds, ulcers, and for skin problems in general. The

whole plant is used medicinally for inducing sweat and promoting digestion.

Chemical Components- Flavonoids, gangetin, gangetinin, desmodin, catechin, alpha tocoferol, trolox, ascorbic acid.

2. Panchangula(Ricinus communis, Linn, Euphorbiaceae)^[2]. The Eranda is Tikta(Bitter), Madhura(Sweet), Ushna Virya(Hot in potency),

Malabhedaka(Laxative), subsides Vata Dosha, Rakta Vikara(Diseases of blood). Both types of Eranda are Shukravardhaka(Promotes semen), Madhura(Sweet), subside Pitta, Vata Doshas.

Chemical Components- Ricin, ricinine, albumin, octacosanol, gallic acid, lupeol, sodium, magnesium, chloride, nitrate, iron, calcium, oleic acid, palmitic acid, ricinoleic, stearic acid.

3. *Punarnava*- (*Boerhaevia* diffusa Linn, Nyctaginaceae)^[3] It is pungent in taste, followed by astringent, cures anaemia and is a good appetizer. It cures aggravated *Vata* and *Kapha*, chronic poisons, herniation, and visceral diseases.

Chemical Components - Root contains alkaloid punarnavine, C- methyl flavone, ratenoid analoguesboeravinone A to F, Punanavoside, aminoacids, fatty acids, hentriacontanes, beta sitesterols. Liridodendrine, hypoxanthne 9- L arabinofuranaside.

4. Vidari- (Vidarikanda- Pueraria Fabaceae) [4],[5],[6],[7],[8],[9],[10]- Vidarituberosa DC, Kanda is Madhura(Sweet) taste, Snigdha(Demulcent), Brimhani(Nourishing), Sthanya, Shukraprada(Promotes breast milk and semen), Sheeta Veerya(Cold in potency), Swarya(Improves voice), Mutrala(Diuretic action), Jivani(Protects Bala-Varnakara(Tonic life), It is enhances complexion). Guru(Heavy), Rasayana(Tissue vitalizer), Veerya Vardhaka(Increases semen), Rasayana(Tissue vitaliser), subsides aggravated Vata, Pitta, Rakta and Daha(Burning sensation).

Chemical components- Puerarin, daidzein, genistein, quercetin, isoorientin, mangiferin, irisolidone, biochanin A, biochanin B, saponins, terpenoids.

5. Vrischikali(Heliotropium indicum)^[11] Sheeta Virya(Cold in potency), Madhura(Sweet), Chakshushya (Good for eye disorders). It alleviate Shotha(Edema), Trishna (Excess thirst), Vamana(Vomiting), Shwasa (Dyspnoea), Hridroga(Cardiac ailments), Visha(Poison), Kasa(Cough), Kustha(Skin diseases).

Chemical Components- Pyrrolizidine alkaloids, tannins, saponins, echinatine, supinine, heleurine, heliotrine, lasiocarpine, lasiocarpine N-oxide

6. Devadaru^[12] -Cedrus deodara (Roxb). Linn. Pinaceae. Devadaru is Laghu(Light), Snigdha (Demulcent), contains oils, Tikta(Bitter) in taste, Ushna(Hot in potency), Katu Paka(Pungent in post digestive effect). It cures Vibandha(Constipation), Adhmana(Abdominal distention), Shotha(Edema), Tandra(Drowsiness), Hikka(Hiccough), Jwara(Fever), Asra(Blood diseases), Prameha(Urinary disorders including diabetes), Peenasa(Chronic rhinitis), Shleshma(Kaphaja diseases), Shwas(Dyspnoea), Kasa(Cough), Kandu(Itching),

Samirana(Vataja diseases). Devadaru and Chitraka Moola Choorna cures Udara Rogas(Abdominal diseases).

Chemical Components-The bark of Cedrus deodara contains large amounts of taxifolin. The wood contains cedeodarin, ampelopsin, cedrin, cedrinoside, (3',4',5,6-tetrahydroxy-8-methyl deodarin dihydroflavonol). The main components of the needle essential oil include α-terpineol, linalool (24.47%), limonene, anethole, caryophyllene, and eugenol. The deodar cedar also contains lignans and the phenolic sesquiterpene himasecolone, together with isopimaric acid. Other compounds have been identified, including (-)-matairesinol. (-)-nortrachelogenin, dibenzylbutyrolactollignan (4,4',9-trihydroxy-3,3'dimethoxy-9,9'-epoxylignan).

7. Mudgaparni(Vigna trilobata Linn,/ Phaseolus trilobus Ait, Fabaceae) [13],[14],[15],[16],[17],[18],[19] Mudgaparni is Sheeta Virya(Cold in potency), Ruksha(Drying), Tikta(Bitter), Madhura(Sweet) in taste. Shukrala(Increases semen). It is Chakshushya(Good for eyes), Shothagni(Relieves edema), Grahi(Absorbent), Jwara Dahajit(Relieves fever and burning sensation). It is Laghu (Light in action), cures Grahani-Arsha-Atisara (Dysentery- Haemorrhoids and Diarrhoea).

Chemical Components- Flavonoids, isoflavonoids, stigmasterol, tannins, Vitamin K, Vitamin C, and protein.

8. Mashaparni (Teramnus labialis Spreng, Leguminosae)^[20] - Mashaparni is Sheeta virya(Cold in potency), Madhura(Sweet), Tikta(Bitter) in taste, Ruksha(Drying), Vrishya(Aphrodisiac), Increases Kapha. Grahi(Absorbant), alleviates Shotha(Edema), Vata, Pitta, and Rakta diseases, Jwara(Fever).

Chemical Components- Potassium, magnesium, calcium, phosphorus, amino acids, lysine, leucine, isoleucine, arginine, valine, and histidine.

9. Prishniparni- (Uraria Picta Desv, Leguminoseae)^[21]. Prishniparni is Madhura(Sweet), Laghu(Light), Ushna Virya(Hot in potency). It subside Rakta Doshas(Blood diseases), Tridoshas(Vata-Pitta-Kapha Doshas), Shwasa(Dyspnoea), Kasa(Cough), Jwara(Fever), Trishna(Excess thirst), Daha(Burning sensation).

Chemical Components- Alkaloids, saponins, flavonoids, glycosides, proteins, steroids, tannins, and phytosterols.

10. Shalaparni^[8]- Desmodium gangeticum DC, Leguminosae)^[22]- Shalaparni is Tikta(Bitter), Guru(Heavy), Ushna Virya(Hot in potency). It alleviate Vata diseases, Vishama Jwara(Fever), Prameha(Urinary diseases including diabetes), Arsha(Haemorrhoids), Shotha(Edema), Santapa(Fever).

Chemical Components- The roots contain several alkaloids, flavonoids, pterocarpanoids- gangetin (gives anti-inflammatory activity), gangetinin, and desmodin. The aerial parts contain indole-3-alkylamines, and their derivatives.

11. Kandukari(Mucuna pruriens DC, Leguminoseae)^{[23][24]}. The Kapikacchu is Madhura(Sweet), Tikta(Bitter), Sheeta Virya(Cold in potency). It is Vatagna(Subsides Vata Dosha), Shukra Vardhaka(Increases semen), Raktapitta Shamaka(Subsides bleeding diseases), Dushta Vrina Shodhana(Heals chronic wound).

Chemical Components- L-DOPA, with trace amounts of serotonin, nicotine, Bufotonine, 5- MeO- DMT-noxide, and beta-carboline, L- DOPA, DMT, 5-MeO-DMT and DMT n-oxide.

12. Shatavari-(Asperagus racemosus, Asperagaceae)^[25]-Shatavari is Guru(Heavy), Sheeta Veerya(Cold in Tikta(Bitter) in taste, Rasayana(Tissue potency), vitalizer), Medhya(Brain tonic), Dipana(Appetizer), Balya(Tonic), Snigdha(Demulcent), Netrya(Good for vision), Gulma(Intestinal growths), Arsha(Haemorrhoids). Shukrala(Promotes semen) and Sthanya(Breast milk), improves muscle tone and reduces Vata, Pitta, Kapha and Rakta. Maha-Shatavari is Medhya(Brain tonic), Hridya(Good for heart), Vrishya(Aphrodisiac), Rasayana(Tissue vitalizer), Sheeta Veerva(Cold in potency), cures Arsha(Haemorrhoids), Atisara(Dysentery), and Netra rogas(Eye diseases). Its young shoots subsides aggravated Doshas, Laghu(Light action). Kshaya(Muscle wasting).

Components-Asparagamine Chemical A, a polycyclic alkaloid was isolated from the dried roots and subsequently synthesized to allow for the of Steroidal construction analogs. saponins, shatavaroside A, shatavaroside B, filiasparoside C, shatavarins, immunoside, schidigerasaponin D5 (or asparanin A) were isolated from the roots of Asparagus racemosus. Also known is the isoflavone 8-methoxy-5,6,4'-trihydroxyisoflavone 7-*O*-β-D-glucopyranoside.

Coccinia 13. Veeracordifolia Cogn, Cucurbitaceae)^[26] It is Raktapittahara(Subsides blood diseases), Madhura Rasa(Sweet in taste), Madhura Vipaka(Sweet post digestive effect), at Pittaghni(Alleviates Pitta Dosha, Kamala- Jaundice). It Kaphakaraka(Increases Kapha Dosha. Vamanakara(Induces vomiting).

Chemical Componets- The plant contains resins, alkaloids, fatty acids, flavonoids and proteins as chief chemical constituents. Aspartic acid, Glutamic Acid, Asparagine, Tyrosine, Histidine, Phenylalanine, Threonine, Valine, and Arginine are also found. The

methanolic extract of fruit contains alkaloids, steroids, tannins, saponins, ellagic acid, phenols, glycosides, lignans, and triterpenoids. Roots contain Triterpenoid, saponin coccinioside, Flavonoid glycoside ombuin 3-oarabino furanoside, Lupeol, β-amyrin, and βsitosterol and Stigmast -7- en-3-one. 4 It contains many chemical constituents in every of its part. They include: I. Aerial Heptacosane, Cephalandrol, β -sitosterol, Alkaloids Cephalandrins A and B. II. Fruits:- β- Amyrin Acetate, Lupeol, Cucurbitacin B, Taraxerone, Taraxerol, β-carotene, Lycopene, Cryptoxanthin, Xyloglucan, Carotenoids, β-sitosterol, Stigma-7-en-3one. III. Root: -Resin, Alkaloids, Starch, Fatty Acids, Carbonic acid, Triterpenoid, Saponin Coccinoside, Glycoside, Lupeol, β-amyrin, β- sitosterol, Taraxerol.

14. *Jivanti*(*Leptadenia reticulata* A **Asclepiadaceae**)^{[27],[28],[29],[30],[31],[32],[33]}-Madhura Rasa(Sweet in taste), and Madhura Vipaka(Sweet at post digestive effect), Sheeta Virya(Cod in potency), Guru(Heavy). Shukrala(Increases Brimhana(Nourishing), Bhagna Sandhanakara(Heals fractures), Balya(Tonic), Vajikara(Aphrodisiac), Kaphakara(Increases Kapha Dosha), Vata-Pittashamaka(Subsides Vata and Pitta Doshas), Rakta-Pittahara(Subsides Haemorrhage), Trishnashamana(Alleviates thirst), Dahashamana(Subsides sensation), burning Jwaragna(Fever), Pramehagna(Cures urinary diseases including diabetes), Kshayahara(Cures emaciation).

Chemical Components- The main chemical constituents of jivanti are Hentriacontanol, α - and β -amyrin, stigmasterol, β -sitosterol, tocopherols and leptadeno. It is also contains flavonoids-diosmetin, rutin and luteolin.

15. Dwijivaka (Pueraria tuberaosa substitute [14]
16. Brihati [34] - Botanical Name- Solanum indicum Linn, Family- Solanaceae- Brihati is Grahi (Absrobent), Hridya (Good for heart), Pachani (Digestant), Kapha-Vatahara. It is Katu (Pungent), Tikta (Bitter) in taste. It cures Aasyavairasya (Loss of taste perception), Ushna veerya (Hot in potency), Kusthagna (Cures skin diseases), Jwara (Fever), Hridroga (Cardiac problems), Shwasa (Dyspnoea), Amashoola (Colic Pain), Kasa (Cough), Agnimandya (Indigestion).

Chemical Components- The plant contains phytoconstituents like saponins, glycoside, sesquiterpenoids, sesquiterpenoids, hydroxycoumarins, phenolic compounds, coumarins, coumarinolignoids alkaloids, saponin, fatty acid, glycerides of the oil, polysachharide, triterpenes.

17. Kantakari^{[35],[36]}- (Solanum Xanthocarpum Schrad & wendl, Solanaceae- Kantakari is Sara(Laxative), Tikta(Bitter), Katu(Pungent) in taste, Deepani(Appetizer), Laghu(Light in action),

Grahi(Drying), Dipani(Digestant), Kasagna(Relieves cough), Shwasagna(Relieves dyspnoea), Jwaragna(Fever), and Kapha-Vata diseases. It is used in the Peenasa(Chronic cold), Parshwa Peeda(Flanks pain), Krimi(Worms), Hridayamaya(Hear problems). The both types of fruit is Tikta(Bitter) in taste, Katu Vipaka(Pungent in post digestive effect). Bhedi(Expells out hard stools), increases Pitta and Agni(Digestive fire).

Chemical Components- Steroidal alkaloids- solasodine, solamargine, beta-solamargine, solasonine and strols like cycloartenol nor carpestrol, cholesterol and their derivatives. Potassium chloride and nitrate.

18. *Gokshura*^[37]-Tribulus terrestris Linn. Zygophyllaceae. The Gokshura is Brimhana(Nourishing), Shukravardhaka(Boosts semen), Agnidipaka(Appetizer). It alleviate Vata, Pitta and Doshas, Shoola(Pain), Hridroga(Cardiac Kapha ailments), Mutrakrichra(Dysuria), Prameha(Urinary disorders including diabetes).

Chemical Componets- The dried fruits of T. terstris consist of steroidal saponins as the major constituents. It includes terestrosins A, B, C, D and E, desgalactotigonin, F-gitonin, desglucolanatigonin and gitonin. The hydrolysed extract consists of sapogenins such as diosgenin, chlorogenin, hecogenin and neotigogenin. Certain other steroidal such as terestroside F, tribulosin, trillin, gracillin, dioscin have also been isolated from the aerial parts of the herb. The flavonoid derivatives reported from the fruits includes tribuloside and number of other glycosides of quercetin, kaempferol and isorhamnetin. It also consists of common phytosterols, such as, β -sitosterol, stigmasterol and cinnamic amide derivative, terestiamide.

19. Gopasutha^[38]- Hemidesmus indicus R. Br. Asclepiadaceae. It is Madhura(Sweet), alleviate Kapha, Vata, Rakta Doshas, Kustha(Skin diseases), Kandu(Itching) Jwara(Fever), Prameha(Urinary diseases including diabetes), Trishna(Excess thirst), Aruchi(Loss of taste), Raktapitta(Bleeding diseases).

Chemical Components- Hexatriacontane, lupeol, its octacosanoate, α -amyrin, β -amyrin, its acetate and sitosterol. It also contains new coumarino-lignoid-hemidesminine, hemidesmin I and hemidesmin II50, six pentacyclic triterpenes including two oleanenes, and three ursenes.

CONCLUSION

By the above discussion it is concluded that the drugs of *Virataruvadi Gana* are anti inflammatory, analgesic, anti oxidant and anti pyretic activities. These help in the subsiding the symptoms of renal calculi. The *Gopasthu* also called *Sariva* helps t relieve in burning micturation. The drugs like *Gokshura* has the lithotriptic action which help in the breakdown of the calculi as well as helps in expell the calculi out of the urinary tract. The Hence the

Virataruvadi Gana drugs not only prevents the damage of the tissues but also cure the renal calculi and maintain the proper functioning of the urinary system.

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