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A CRITICAL REVIEW ON THE IMPACT OF AYURVEDIC DIETETICS (PATHYA APATHYA) IN THE MANAGEMENT OF DYSLIPIDEMIA

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ABSTRACT

Dyslipidemia is defined as abnormal amount of lipids in the blood. It is a metabolic disorder, manifested as increased plasma levels of total cholesterol, triglyceride or a decrease in high density lipoprotein. Dyslipidemia is the main disposing factor for the atherosclerosis, and the atherosclerosis is the main pathogenesis factor for cardiovascular disease. In Ayurvedic view, dyslipidemia can be considered similar to aggravated Dusta Meda Dhatu in the body which is caused due to hypofunction of Medo-Dhatwagni leading to Medovaha Srotodusti Vikara. *Nidanparivariana* is the main treatment principle of Avurveda.

For dyslipidemia, diet which is Laghu, Ruksha, Kaphamedohara and Srotoshodhana property should be followed. While, Guru, Snigdha, Kaphamedokara and Abhishyandhi food should be avoided. According to Bhaisjya Ratnawali, Pathya for Hridroga are Dadima, Shunthi, Yavani, Patol etc while Apathya are Ksheer Vikruti, Dadhi, Guru Bhojan etc. Using healthy diet rich in complex carbohydrates, vegetables, and fruits seasoned with adequate quantity of spices with minimum amount of oils and fats are ideal for management and prevention of dyslipidemia. So this research article, will explain the properties of *Pathya* and *Apathya* their mode of action in prevention and management of dyslipidemia with the help of previous research work done on related Pathya Apathya food article.

INTRODUCTION

Dyslipidemia is the imbalance of lipids such as cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol which is considered as one of the risk factor of the development of CVDs. Cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death worldwide.[1] Together CVD resulted in 17.9 million deaths (32.1%) in 2015, up from 12.3 million (25.8%) in 1990.[2] It is estimated that dietary risk factors are associated with 53% of CVD deaths.[3] Dyslipidemia is the main causative factor for the Atherosclerosis, and the Atherosclerosis is the main pathogenesis factor for Cardiovascular diseases.

In Ayurvedic view, Dyslipidemia can be compared with Dusta Meda Dhatu in the body which is caused due to hypo-function of Medo-Dhatwagni leads

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quantitatively excessive homologous Poshak Medodhatu or Asthayi Medodhatu in circulation. As it is said that "Prevention is better than cure" so with Pathya Aahara and Vihar prevention and management of dyslipidemia can be done. The lifestyle modification and diet is a part of the management for dyslipidemia, regardless of pharmacologic intervention. management of dyslipidemia is not satisfactory in modern science because of prolong use of modern medicine and their side effects, so there should be an alternative. Hence, it is a need of an hour to explore Pathya Aahara that could be able to prevent such conditions and its side effects. In Ayurveda, Pathya is itself considered as a medicine which will help in prevention and cure of dyslipidemia.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Thorough literary search done on various Avurveda classics for various *Pathya* and *Apathya* Aahara Vihar and research evidences was reviewed. Dyslipidemia discussed according to Ayurveda & modern system of medicine. Properties of Pathya Apathya Aahar and their pharmacological action was reviewed as per research evidences.

Types and Causative Factors of Dyslipidemia Primary Dyslipidemia: Mostly have genetic relation.

- Familial combined hyperlipidemia
- Familial hypertriglyceridemia
- Homozygous familial or polygenic hypercholesterolemia

Secondary Dyslipidemia: Develops due to environmental factors.

- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Hypothyroidism
- Alcoholism
- Polycystic ovary syndrome
- Metabolic syndrome
- · Cushing syndrome
- Severe infection such as, HIV

Risk Factors [4]

- Family history of dyslipidemia
- Current cigarette smoking
- Diabetes mellitus
- Hypertension
- Obesity (BMI>30kg/m2)
- Atherosclerosis
- Chronic kidney disease (eGFR < 60ml/min/1.73m2)
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Clinical manifestations of hyperlipidemias (xanthelasmas, xanthomas)
- Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Dyslipidemia: Ayurveda View

There is no direct reference of Dyslipidemia in Ayurvedic classics. It can be included under Ayurvedic Dietetics for control of Dyslipidemia^[7]

santarpanjanya vyadhis "Medoroga". In many research studies hyperlipidemia is termed by different nomenclature, e.g. Rasagata Sneha Vriddhi (increase in lipids in plasma), Rasa Raktagata Sneha Vriddhi (increase in the lipids in plasma and blood), Medovriddhi (generalized lipid increase), Medoroga or Medodosha (obesity), Aam Medo Dhatu (abnormally formed adipose tissue). [5]

When there is derangement of *Medodhatwagni*, then it will lead to excess accumulation of abnormal quantities of *Poshakamedodathu* in *Rasa*. This excess accumulation of abnormal quantities of *Poshakamedodathu* in *Rasa Dhatu* resembles hyperlipidaemia of modern medicine. The consequence of such increase in *Poshakamedodhatu* leads to disorders such as *Dhamanipratichaya* described by *Acharya Charak* in *Kaphajananatmajayyadhi*.^[6]

Specific *Pathya* and *Apathya Aahara-Vihara* for the Management of Dyslipidemia

The concept of *Pathya* and *Apathya* is the peculiarity of Ayurveda. *Pathya* & *Apathya* are defined as the substance or regime which does not adversely affect the body and mind are regarded as *Pathya*, those which adversely affect them are considered to be *Apathya*.

Pathya mentioned for Hridroga in various Samhita can be used in Dyslipidemia. As dyslipidemia is a disease of Medo Dushti so the Pathya Apathya those are mentioned in Ayurveda classics for Prameha and Medoroga could be used here also.

Pathya Aahara classified here are according to therapeutic effect at various level of Samprapti Ghatak in management of dyslipidemia (Medo Roga).

Table 1: Pathya & Anathya Aahara

Pathya Aahara (Do's)	Apathya Aahara (Don'ts)					
Rakta Shali, Takra	Aavi Dugdh					
Patola, kushmand, Shunthi, Vilepi	Madhuka					
Kadli phala, Dadima, Draksha, Haritki	Virrudha Anna					
Yavani, Lasuna, Purana Madhu, Ardrak,	Guru Paki Aahara					
Purana Gud, Saindhav lavan, Mulak	Puran Patra Shaka					
Mudga yusha, Kullatha yushsa,	Naveen Anna, Ksheer-Ikshu Vikrati					
Kodo, Katu Tikta Kashaya Dravya, Sarshap Taila, Ela Patra Shaka, Ushan Jala, consumption of water before food ^[8]	Madhura Dravya, consumption of water after food, Matsya, Mansa					
Chandan panak, Kasturi panak	Dadhi, Pishta Anna, Abhisyandi Padarth ^[9]					

Specific Regimen for control of Dyslipidemia^[10]

Table 2: Pathya & Anathya Vihar

Table 2.1 dulya & Apathya Vinai					
Pathya vihar	Apathya vihar				
Swedana, Vaman, Virechan, Lekhana Basti, Langhan	Trishana, Mala Mutradi Vegadharan				
Yoga	Dant Dhawana				
Pranayam, Meditation, Agaru lepa[11]	Rakta Mokshana, Diwaswapna,				

Properties of *Pathya Aahara* (specific food Items) described for management of Dyslipidemia [12] Table 3: *Pathya Aahara* & their properties

Pathya	Properties	
Dadima	Madhura rasa, Tridoshagna, Hridya, Deepan	
Shunthi	Katu Rasa, Madhura Vipaka, Ushna Kapaha Vatahara	
Yava	Kashaya Rasa, sheeta, Kapha Pitta hara, Lekhana	
Madhu	Madhura kashaya, Ruksha, Hridya, Kapha Medohara	
Kushmand	Ushana virya, Tridoshagna, Hridya, Deepan	
Rasona	Madhura katu, Ushna, Hridroga nashak, Kaphagna	
Saindhav Lavan	Madhura, Sheeta Virya, Laghu, Tridoshagna, Hridya, Deepan	
Takra	Madhura Amla, Ushna, Kapha Medohagna, Hridya	
Erand tail	Madhura, Ushna, Srotovishodhana, Deepan	
Patol	Pachan, Hridya, Deepan, Ushna,	
Purana Ghrita	Katu Tikta Rasa, Lekhan, Tridoshagna	
Yavani	Tikshan, Ushan, Deepan pachan, Kapha Vata hara	
Vilepi	Deepani, Hridya, Grahi, Laghu, Madhura Rasa	
Rakta Shali	Deepan, Mutral, Hridya,Tridoshagna	
Ardrak	Kapha-Vatahara, Hridya, Ushna, Katu Rasa, Katu Vipaka	
Mulak	Katu-Tikta Rasa, Hridya, Rochan, Deepan, Sarva Dosh hara	
Sarshap Tail	Laghu, Kapha-Medo-Anil Hara, Lekhan, Katu, Deepan	
Haritki	Ushan, Kashay, Amla, Deepan, Bhedan, Laghu, Ruksha	
Ushan Jala	Kapha-Medo-Vata Roga Nashak, Aam Nashak, Deepan	
Mudga Yusha	Kapha Nash <mark>a</mark> k, Ag <mark>ni De</mark> epak <mark>, H</mark> ridya	

Pathya mentioned here are mainly cardioprotective and have anti-hyperlipidemic property established in various clinical and experimental researches.

Food not to be used (*Apathya Aahara*) in management of Dyslipidemia^[13]

Apathya Aahar Dravya such as Dadhi is Kapha-Meda Karak, Guru, Snigdha, Abhisyandi. Guru, Snigdha Guna will cause Agni Mandya and Abhisyandi Guna will lead to Srotoavrodh further there will be Medodhatwagni Mandya so there will be excessive Poshak Medo Dhatu.

Aavi Dugdh should be avoided in dyslipidemia as it is Madhur, Snigdh, Guru, Kapha-Pitta karak. As Madhur Rasa, Snigdh & Guru Guna will cause the vitiation of Kapha-Meda & Sroto-avrodh will occur.

Madhuka is specifically considered as *Ahridya* so it is not good for heart also it is *Guru* and cause the vitiation of *kapha*. Hence it is regarded as *Apathya* in dyslipidemia.

Ksheer Vikruti is Vishtambh, Guru which leads to Agni Mandya and hence Aam formation will be there, also it causes the vitiation of Kapha.

Physical Activity in Management of Dyslipidemia

Physical activity is an excellent choice for patient with mild to moderate elevation in cholesterol because of the multiple and long term benefits. The World Health Organization (WHO) states that

subst<mark>antial</mark> health benefits, for CVD risk reduction, can be achieved by moderate-intensity physical activity of at least 150 minutes a week, or vigorous-intensity physical activity of at least 75 minutes a week, or any combination of moderate and vigorous-intensity PA. It is also emphasises that any amount of PA leads to health benefits.^[14]

ACSM recommends adults with dyslipidemia to perform moderate to vigorous intensity aerobic exercise 30 to 60 minutes per day. These kind of physical activity recommended in various lifestyle diseases because these physical activity will increase metabolic rate, and helps in reduction of fat and central obesity which is responsible for this disease.

Study conducted by Ali M. Albarrati on Effectiveness of Low to Moderate Physical Exercise Training on the Level of Low-Density Lipoproteins which indicates that aerobic exercise of both low and moderate intensity resulted in a significant reduction of total cholesterol. At the same time, exercise improved the health status and physical fitness of all the participants in the included studies.^[15]

Dislipidemia as a Risk of Cardio Vascular Diseases

1. Study conducted by Rea Ariyanti et al on dyslipidemia associated with hypertension increases the risks for Coronary Heart Diseases: A case control study which indicates that in hypertensive respondents those with Dyslipidemia

- was 18.1 times more likely to develop coronary heart disease compared with non-dyslipidemic.^[16]
- 2. Study conducted by Mahshad Hedayatnia et al on Dyslipidemia and cardiovascular disease risk among the MASHAD population which shows that total cholesterol baseline level was significantly associated with risk of Myocardial infarction among men.^[17]
- 3. Study conducted by Abo Bakr Omar Hussain et.al on Association between Ischemic Heart Disease and Dyslipidemia among adult Hypertensive patients which indicates that the combination of hypertension and dyslipidemia is a significant risk
- of Ischemic heart disease for male gender, obese, diabetes, or smoker.[18]
- 4. Study conducted by Benoi Lamarche et.al on prevalence of dyslipidemic phenotypes in Ischemic heart disease which confirm the importance of both elevated plasma cholesterol and decreased HDL cholesterol levels as a risk factor for ischemic heart disease. [19]
- 5. Study conducted by Syed Nauman Ali et.al on pattern of dyslipidemia in young patients with acute ST elevation myocardial infarction which concluded that there is high frequency of dyslipidemia in young patients presenting with acute myocardial infarction.^[20]

Table 4: Food Articles and their Properties According to Research Evidences

S.No.	Aahara Dravya	Botanical name	Properties	Reference
1.	Yavani	Trachyspermum ammi	Antioxidant, antihyperlipidemic, hepato and nephro-protective effect	Saleem U et.al.[21]
2.	Kadliphala	Musa paradisiaca	hepato- protective and antihyperlipidemic activity.	Adekiya T et.al. ^[22]
3.	Ardrak	Zingiber officinale	ginger has significant lipid lowering effect	Alizadeh N et.al. ^[23]
4.	Patol	Trichosanthes dioica	Antioxidant properties, scavenges free radicals, anti-hyperlipidemic, anti-diabetic activity.	Shrivastava AK et.al. ^[24]
5	Rasona	Allium sativum	Aqueous extract possess significant hypolipidemic activity and the decrease in the elevated levels of the fat was also observed	Narkhede R R. et al. ^[25]
6.	Dadima	Punica granatum	Crude powder of <i>Punica granatum</i> husk reduced the concentration of glucose, triglycerides, cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, VLDL cholesterol and raised the level of HDL cholesterol and hemoglobin content	Radhika S. et.al. ^[26]
7.	Yava	Hordeum vulgare	High-dose whole-grain highland hull-less barley has antihyperlipidemic activity.	Xia X et.al. ^[27]
8.	Kushmand	Benincasa hispida	Antiobesity, antihyperlipidemic, antioxidant, antiulcer, diuretic activity	Ayubkhan N et.al. ^[28]
9.	Haritaki	Terminalia chebula	Reduction in total cholesterol, triglyceride, total protein & elevation of HDL	V Maruthappan et.al ^[29]
10.	Mulak	Raphanus Sativus	Anti-atherosclerotic effect	Jinhyuk Na et.al ^[30]
11.	Ela	Elettaria Cardamomum	Reduction in blood total cholesterol, LDL, Triglyceride	Shamarao N et.al ^[31]
12.	Sarshap Tail	Mustard oil	Reduction in body weight, Lipid profile, and atherogenic index	Khalid G et.al. ^[32]

DISCUSSION

Dyslipidemia is a metabolic disorder related to abnormal fat metabolism. It is one of the risk factors which cause atherosclerosis, stroke and cardiovascular diseases (CVDs). But it can be prevented by adopting healthy dietary habits and lifestyle. For the prevention of cardiac diseases screening for early detection of high blood lipids is recommended by American Association of Clinical Endocrinologist. According to

Ayurveda it can be correlated with *Dushta Meda Dhatu*. So, the *Pathya* useful in dyslipidemia might have the properties such as *Deepan, Pachan, Ushna Virya, Ruksha, Tikshana, Srotoshodhana, Hridya, Lekhan, Kaphaghna* and having *Medo Nashak* property.

Pathya Aahara Dravya such as Yavani, Rasona, Shunthi, Erand Tail are Katu Rasa, Usna Virya, Tikshna Guna. Katu Rasa is Ushna tikshna and has the property of *Srotoshodhan*. Because of this property *Kapha Dosha* and *Meda* will reduce which is mainly aggravated in dyslipidemia. Pharmacological studies on *Yavani* also reveal its antihyperlipidemic, antioxidant hepato and nephro-protective effect which confirm its beneficial use in dyslipidemia. Pharmacological studies on *Rasona* also reveal its antihyperlipidemic activity and body weight reduction was observed.

Purana Ghrita is Katu Tikta Rasa Pradhan Tridoshagna, Yava is Kashaya Rasa, sheeta, Kapha Pitta hara, Lekhana. Purana Ghrita and Yava will cause Lekhan of Kapha and Meda which confirms their utility in dyslipidemia. Pharmacological studies on Yava also reveal its anti-hyperlipidemic activity.

Dadima is Madhura, Amla, Hridya, Ushna. As Amla Rasa is Prithvi and Agni Mahabhuta Pradhan so it is Agni Deepan and Kapha Shamak which will help in Dyslipidemia. Pharmacological studies on Dadima also reveal its anti-hyperlipidemic activity, helps to reduce the concentration of glucose, and raise the level of HDL cholesterol and hemoglobin content.

Sarshap Tail is Laghu, Kapha-Medo-Anil Hara, Lekhan, Katu, Deepan. So this will help in Lekhan and reduction of Kapha & Meda. Pharmacological studies on Sarshap Tail also reveal its antihyperlipidemic activity, Reduction in body weight, and atherogenic index.

Haritaki is Ushan, Kashay, Amla, Deepan, Bhedan, Laghu, Ruksha. It has Rukshaneeya effect which will reduce vitiation of Kapha and Meda. Pharmacological studies show its effect in reduction of total cholesterol, triglyceride, total protein and elevation of HDL Hence effective in dyslipidemia.

S. Karpagam Kumara Sundari et al. conducted a study on Antihyperlipidemic activity of fresh juice of Benincasa hispida cogn. which showed significant reduction of cholesterol, triglyceride, LDL, VLDL and increased the HDL level. It also showed significant effect on body weight reduction.^[33]

Patola is Tikta Rasa Pradhan it is Laghu, Ruksha. It has Rukshaneeya effect which will reduce vitiation of Kapha and Meda which in turn cause reduction in total cholesterol. Pharmacological studies on Patola also reveals its anti-hyperlipidemic activity Antioxidant properties, scavenges free radicals and anti-diabetic activity.

Sharma G et al. have showed influence of alcoholic extract of whole fruit of T. dioica on blood sugar, serum lipids, lipoproteins, and fecal sterols in normal albino rabbits. It was observed that this extract lowered the blood sugar, total cholesterol, low density lipoprotein cholesterol, and triglyceride levels and increased high density lipoprotein cholesterol, phospholipid.[34]

Dravya such as Dadima, Kushmand, Takra etc are Hridya so these worked as cardio protective to control Dyslipidemia.

CONCLUSION

Each Aahara Dravya has specific pharmacological actions like, some act on Agni Deepan Pachana, some on Srotoshodhana property, some directly act on Medo Dhatu. This study provide lipid lowering Pathya Aahara Vihar in prevention and management of dyslipidemia as per Ayurveda and research evidences. It can be concluded that Diet and lifestyle modification can be helpful to manage such type of diseases and prevent their side effects.

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