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PHARMACEUTICAL EVALUATION OF KASEESA DRAVA

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ABSTRACT

Ayurveda is a holistic science which primarily focuses on maintain the health of a healthy person and curing the diseases in diseased one. It explains various dosage forms to ease the selection of medicine for physicians. The selection of dose will be based on yukti of a physician considering roga and rogi with several other factors too. Kaseesa Drava is one such formulation explained by Acharya Sadananda Sharma in his text Rasa Tarangini which is mainly indicated in Guda Bhramsha.^[1] Pushpa Kaseesa has vranaghna action. Kaseesa Drava is prepared by adding Shodhita Kaseesa and distilled water. In the present article the objective of the study is to standardize the herbomineral formulation, Kaseesa Drava.

KEYWORDS: Guda Bhramsha, Shodhita Kaseesa, Vranaghna.

INTRODUCTION

Bheshaja is one among the chikitsa chatushpada (4 important factors responsible to set up a clinic or hospital to treat patients). It plays a vital role in treating the diseases. Hence its genuine authentication, preparation and standardization is very necessary to make it fit for a patient. There are various dosage forms we come across while dealing with the diseases. Kaseesa drava is a liquid type of dosage form explained in classical rasa shastra texts. The absorption of this formulation is through skin and rectum.

Kaseesa drava is mentioned in Rasa Tarangini in the context of Upadhatwadivijnaneeya Taranga. It contains Shodhita Kaseesa and distilled water. This is to be given as vasti in Guda Bhramsha condition. It can also be advocated in dushta vrana as Kaseesa has vranaghna property.^[2]

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1) Collection and Authentication of Raw Drugs
- 2) Preparation of Kaseesa Drava

MATERIAL AND METHOD

The methodology mainly includes two steps:

A. Collection and Authentication of Raw Drugs: All the ingredients are collected from the Dept. of Rasashastra and Bhaishajya Kalpana, SDMCA Udupi, Karnataka. They were authenticated by the relevant subject experts.

Table 1: INGREDIENTS and measurement.

SI.NO.	Ingredients	Quantity
1	Bhringaraja Swarasa	Q.S
2	Kaseesa churna	40 grams
3	Distilled Water	100ml

B. Preparation of *Bhringaraja Swarasa*. It includes various steps as follows

Materials required: *Khalva yantra*, *Tula Yantra*, Mixer, Cloth.

Method of preparation:-*Bhringaraja Swarasa* is prepared according to the general method of preparation of *swarasa* explained by *Acharya Sharangadhara*. Whole plant of *Bhringaraja* is completely washed and pounded with hand and then paste is made using mixer. Then the paste is put in a clean cloth and squeezed till *Swarasa* oozes & is collected.

Preparation of Shodhita Kaseesa.

Materials required: Khalva yantra

Method of preparation:-Impure *Kaseesa* crystals of 40gms weight were taken and made into a fine powder. To this powder enough quantity of Bhringaraja swarasa is added little by little and is triturated till complete dry. It is then collected and stored.

Preparation of Kaseesa Drava

Materials Required: Distilled water, Measuring jar, stirrer.

Method of preparation: Purified Kaseesa was taken in a measuring jar and 100ml of distilled water was added and stirred till Kaseesa got dissolved completely. Then the liquid is collected in an airtight stopper bottle.



Fig 1 – Bhringaraja.



Fig 2 - Ashuddha Kasisa.



Fig 3 - Bhringaraja Swarasa.



Fig 4 - Trituration Bhringaraja Swarasa.



Fig 5 - Distilled Water and Shuddha Kasisa.



Fig 6 - Kasisa Drava Final product.

Table 2: Organoleptic characters of Kasisa drava.

Organoleptic characters	Characters of Kasisa drava
Color	Greenish
Odor	Characteristic smell of Bhringaraja
Taste	Acidic
Texture	Liquid

DISCUSSION

Kaseesa Drava, the formulation is comprised of Bhringaraja Swarasa, Shodhita Kaseesa and distilled water. An attempt is made to standardize the medicament. All the procedures are handy i.e. preparation of Bhringaraja Swarasa, etc. Its mode of action is yet to be studied with various studies.

CONCLUSION

In the present study Kaseesa Drava is prepared. It is greenish in color and had a characteristic smell of Bhringaraja. It is ruksha-tikshna guna, usna virya, katu vipaka, and can be used as vrana prakshalana.

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