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Pharmaceutical evaluation of *Madhutailika Basti* formulation prepared by Classical and Modified Methods

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ABSTRACT

Madhutailika Basti, is a type of 'Aasthapana Basti' also termed as 'Niruha Basti'. The formulation of *Madhutailika Basti* comprises of *Madhu*, *Lavana*, *Taila*, *Kalka* and *Kwatha*. These ingredients are not easily miscible with each other. But to get the optimum therapeutic action from the formulation homogenous mixture of ingredients is necessary. Homogeneity of final mixture is assessed with certain features like, non-spreading, not-staying as a lump, not retaining its markings when it is placed on the palm. As this process needs creation of vigorous shear force within the mass material usage of sophisticated equipment for mixing may make the preparation processing easier and convenient, especially in large scale work. Hence it is planned to conduct the study on *Madhutailika Basti* formulation prepared by classical and modified methods. An effort is been put to know the reason behind serial order of mixing and difference between classical and modified methods of mixing *Madhutailika Basti* formulation.

Key words: *Madhutailika Basti*, *Madhu*, *Taila*.

INTRODUCTION

Madhutailika Basti, a type of 'Aasthapana Basti' also termed as 'Niruha Basti'. The formulation of *Madhutailika Basti* comprises of *Madhu*, *Lavana*, *Taila*, *Kalka* and *Kwatha*.^[1] These ingredients are not easily miscible with each other. But to get the optimum therapeutic action from the formulation homogenous mixture of ingredients is necessary. References regarding serial order of mixing of

ingredients is available in classics as *Madhu* and *Saindhava* followed by *Taila*, then *Kalka* after that *Kashaya*.^[2] Homogeneity of final mixture is assessed with certain features known as *Su-yojitha Niruha Lakshanas*. They are non-spreading, not staying as a lump, not retaining its markings when it is placed on the palm.^[3] Importance towards methodology of mixing might be to maintain these features i.e. physical stability of the mixture for a longer duration. Manual method of mixing is adopted during the addition of each ingredient to get the homogenous mixture. As this process needs creation of vigorous shear force within the mass material, usage of sophisticated equipment for mixing may make the preparation processing easier and convenient, especially in large scale work. Hence it is planned to conduct the study on *Madhutailika Basti* formulation prepared by classical and modified methods.

History of Basti

In *Kaushika Sutra* of *Atharvaveda*, *Basti* is indicated as a substitute for minor operation.^[4] *Garuda Purana* has described the *Yantra* of *Basti* and *Doshas* of *Basti*. *Siddhaushadha Kathana Adhyaya* of *Agni Purana*

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indicates *Basti* as a principle treatment in complaints marked by predominance of *Vata*. In *Charaka Samhita* detailed description about *Basti Karma* is available in the *Siddhithana*. *Acharya Susruta* has devoted four full chapters for the description of *Basti* in *Chikitsasthana*.^[5] In *Astanga Sangraha* references in *Sutrasthana* explains about *Basti*. *Astanga Hrudaya Sutrasthana* provides information regarding classification, indication, contraindications, process of administration, *Bastineta* etc. *Acharya Vriddha Jeevaka* has explained the *Basti* in general as well as with respect to *Kumara*. Three chapters of *Uttarakhanda* in *Sharangadhara Samhita* describes various aspects of *Anuvasana Basti*, *Niruha Basti* and *Uttara Basti* respectively. In *Bhavaprakasha Basti* is explained in detail in *PurvaKhanda*, *Vranabasti* the type of *Basti* has also been explained in this *Grantha*.^[6] Other than these *Basti* is also explained in *Bhela Samhita*, *Harita Samhita*, *Vangasena* and so on.

Vyutpatti of the word *Basti*

The word *Basti* is derived from 'Vas' *Dhatu*, by adding 'Tich' *Pratyaya*, *Vasti* word is derived.

Vas +Tich = *Vasti* (*Vachaspatya*)

The word "*Basti*" has been defined as, The therapy which while moving in the *Naabhipradesha*, *Kati*, *Parswa* and *Kukshi* does the churning of *Shakrut* and morbid matter located there and then evacuate them in proper manner and provides nourishment to the body is called as *Basti*.^[7]

Drug Review

Madhutailika Basti is prepared with following ingredients,

Drugs	Rasa	Guna	Virya	Vipaka	Karma
<i>Madhu</i>	<i>Madhura</i> , ^[8] <i>Kashaya</i>	<i>Laghu</i> , <i>Ruksha</i> <i>Sukshma</i>	<i>Sita</i>	<i>Katu</i>	<i>Ropana</i> <i>Shodhana</i> , <i>Tridosha</i> <i>Shamana</i>
<i>Saindhava</i>	<i>Lavana</i> , <i>Madhura</i>	<i>Snigdha</i> <i>Tikshna</i>	<i>Sita</i>	<i>Madhura</i>	<i>Tridosha</i> <i>Shamana</i>

<i>Lavana</i>		<i>Sukshma</i>			<i>a</i>
<i>Tila</i>	<i>Madhura</i> <i>Katu</i> <i>Tikta</i> <i>Kasaya</i>	<i>Vyavai</i> <i>Guru</i> <i>Snigdha</i> <i>Suksma</i>	<i>Usna</i>	<i>Madhura</i>	<i>Vataghna</i> <i>Agnibala</i> <i>Vardhaka</i> .
<i>Shatapushpa</i>	<i>Katu</i> <i>Tikta</i>	<i>Laghu</i> <i>Ruksha</i>	<i>Usna</i>	<i>Katu</i>	<i>Kaphavata</i> <i>Shamaka</i>
<i>Eranda</i>	<i>Madhura</i>	<i>Guru</i> , <i>Snigdha</i>	<i>Usna</i>	<i>Madhura</i>	<i>Vatahara</i> , <i>Vrushya</i> <i>Amapacana</i>

Methodology

In the present study 6 samples of *Madhutailika Basti* are prepared with same ingredients taken in same quantity but with different methods.

Reference for the study is taken from *Bhavaprakasha*,^[9] which include following ingredients:

- *Madhu* : 50ml
- *Saindhavalavana* : 3.125gms
- *Tilataila* : 50ml
- *Shathapushpakalka* : 6.25gms
- *Erandamulaquatha* : 100ml

In this study an attempt has been made to document minute details of the preparation of *Madhutailikabasti* through following procedures.

Step 1: Preparation of *Erandamulakashaya*

Step 2: Preparation of *Shatapushpakalka*

Step 3: Preparation of *Madhutailikabasti* with following equipment as mentioned below:

- Sample 1: Mixing the ingredients in serial order using mixer.

- Sample 2: Mixing the ingredients all together using mixer.
- Sample 3: Mixing the ingredients all together using edge runner mill.
- Sample 4: Mixing the ingredients in serial order using edge runner mill.
- Sample 5: Mixing the ingredients in serial order using churner.
- Sample 6: Mixing the ingredients all together using churner.

Analyzing the mixing process

While adding ingredients in serial order

- Initially *Madhu* and *Saindhava Lavana* are taken in the equipment.
- Preparation is continued until *Lavana* is completely dissolved.
- Then *Tila Taila* is added and again mixed for specific time period. Here oil layer should become minute globules, mixture should become homogeneous.
- It is followed by adding of *Shatapushpa Kalka*. Mixing is done so that *Kalka* particles remain uniformly distributed and do not settle down at the base of the vessel.
- At last *Erandamula Kwatha* is added, mixing is continued until it properly mixes with oil globules.
- Homogeneity of final mixture is assessed with certain features under the heading *Suyojithaniruhalakshana*.
- Finally quantity of *Basti* formulation is measured.

When adding ingredients altogether;

- All ingredients are mixed and preparation is done in particular equipment as mentioned above. The process is continued until *Suyojithaniruhalakshanas* are seen
- Finally quantity of *Basti* formulation is measured.

Results

Sample s	Time consumed for the ingredients to get mixed
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	Madhu + Lavana	+ Tila Taila	+ Shatapushpa Kalka	+ Eranda Mulaquatha	Total time taken
1 st sample (mixer –serial order)	6 min	2 min	5 min	2 min	15min
2 nd sample	mixer-all together				13min
3 rd sample	edge runner mill -all together				40min
4 th sample (edge runner mill-serial order)	11 min	13 min	4 min	20min	48min
5 th sample (churner-serial order)	15 min	15 min	11 min	10min	51min
6 th sample	churner-all together				66min

OBSERVATIONS

Colour of *Madhu* starts to become dull when mixing is started. Initially *Lavana* settles down at the base. Roughness of *Lavana* can be felt on placing it in between thumb and index finger.

When *Madhu* is completely mixed with *Lavana*, its golden brown colour changes into dull brown and

Lavana cannot be felt. When *Tila Taila* was added it remains as separate shiny layer.

As mixing is continued oil layer splits into minute globules and all the ingredients remain as a single entity. Then on adding *Kalka*, it starts to settle at the base. After specific time period *Kalka* gets uniformly distributed. *Kwatha* is added at the end and preparation is continued. All the ingredients could be seen uniformly mixed with each other.

Photographs of 6 sample as follows:

1st Sample: Mixing the ingredients in serial order using mixer



2nd sample: Mixing the ingredients all together using mixer



3rd sample: Mixing the ingredients all together using edge runner mill



4th sample: Mixing the ingredients in serial order using edge runner mill



6th sample: Mixing the ingredients all together using churner



DISCUSSION

Mechanism adopted having a great influence on mixing of immiscible ingredients. In Mixer (1st sample)-ingredient are rotating in single direction with fixed base. No pressure is applied on particles. More over mixer gets heated up while doing the preparation, hence temperature has its impact on final formulation. Separation rate is mild in this method.

In Edge runner mill (4th sample) base will be rotating in circular motion with two stone running opposite to each other. This produce both positive and negative mixing, results in union and separation at the same time. As soon as *Taila* and *Kwatha* are mixed they get separated into two layers. Here particles loose the attraction toward each other. So it takes much time to mix the immiscible ingredients like *Taila* and *Kwatha*. Separation rate is rapid in this method.

Churning (5th sample) is the ancient method followed by our *Acharyas*. Mixing is unidirectional with the application of manual pressure. Each and every particle pass in between churner and base of vessel makes the drugs to be miscible with each other. Formulation remain stable for long time.

While adding ingredient all together they are not getting sufficient time to get mixed. It interferes with mixing of drugs with each other. They are not stable, separation begins immediately in edge runner mill method (3rd sample). Separation starts slowly in mixer method (2nd sample) and very slowly in churner method (6th sample).

CONCLUSION

Immiscible ingredients are made miscible with each other to get optimum therapeutic action and to have maximum stability. So in churner method while adding ingredient in serial order we could see proper mixing and poor separation of ingredients which remained stable for long period. But there was moderate rate of separation in samples from mixer and rapid separation in samples from edge runner mill. Hence compared to samples prepared with churner, those from mixer and edge runner mill can be considered as inferior respectively. As these samples were subjected for analytical study, proper

understanding of classical and modified methods and finding a reason behind serial order of mixing would be explained in a better way with analytical study results.

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