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A Critical Review on *Chandraprabha Vati* - An Ayurvedic Formulation

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ABSTRACT

Herbal and herbo-mineral medicines are been widely used in *Ayurveda*. It has mentioned indications covering in a broader way. *Rasa Oushadhi* plays an important role in *Ayurveda* because of its rejuvenating property along with it provides immunization, long shelf life, and greater efficacy even when given in a low dose. One such classical multi-ingredient herbo- mineral *Ayurvedic* formulation is *Chandraprabha Vati*. It has many pharmaco-therapeutical applications. It is formulated with broad spectrum activity and is indicated in various diseases like *Prameha, Arbudha, Artava, Mutra Vikaras, Arshas* etc. Many formulations are mentioned in the name of *Chandraprabha Vati*. *Chandraprabha Vati* is *Rasayana, Balya, Tridosha Shamaka* properties and also acts as catalyst. It is truly a medicine for all diseases and hence called as *Sarvaroga Pranashini* and is also been used in ailments of reproductive health in both men and women. Certain researches have been done regarding its hypotensive and hypoglycemic properties. It also provides immunity and strength to the body due to *Rasayana*. In this study an attempt is made to gather and analyze the formulation having different varieties of *Chandraprabha Vati* from various classics along with its insight in their ingredients, dosage, indication and mode of action and its applications.

Key words: Chandraprabha Vati, herbo-mineral, Prameha, Rasayana, Sarva Roga Hara

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda the epitome of science aims with prevention of diseases and promotion of health. Administration of drugs in compound formulation can enhance the response and were made to improve the palatability. One such formulation is *Chandraprabha Vati* which comes under *Khalveya Rasa* and they are combination of herbal and mineral products. Though been a *Khalveya*

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Published by Maharshi Charaka Ayurveda Organization, Vijayapur, Karnataka (Regd) under the license CC-by-NC-SA Rasa it preserves the properties of herbal components. The word *Chandraprabha* comes from the word *Chandra* meaning moon and *Prabha* means luster, so which gives luster like that of moon is called as *Chandraprabha*.^[1]

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1. To put an insight on various references and indications of *Chandraprabha Vati*
- 2. To understand the mode of action of Chandraprabha Vati

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The material is taken from various texts like Bhaishajya Ratnavali, Sharangdhara Samhita, Yogaratnakara, Rasayogasagara, Rasaratna Samucchaya, Rasendra Sara Sangraha, Bhavaprakasha, Gada Nigraha, Ayurveda Sara Sangraha, Brihat Rasarajasundaram, articles, books etc.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Table 1: Similar references of Chandraprabha Vati in different books

SN	Name of the book	Same book references
1.	Sharangdhara Samhita	AFI, Bharat Bhaishajya Ratnakar, Rasa Yogasagara
2.	Bhaishajya Ratnavali	-
3.	Yogaratnakara	Bhaishajya Ratnavali
4.	Rasa Ratna Samucchya	Bharat Bhaishajya Ratnakar, Rasa Yogasagara
5.	Rasendra Sara Sangraha	Rasa Yoga Sagara
6.	Bhavaprakasha	Bharat Bhaishajya Ratnakar, Rasendra Sara Sangraha (Arsha Chikitsa)
7.	Gada Nigraha	Bharat Bhaishajya Ratnakar
8.	Bhrihat Rasaraja Sundara	Rasa Yoga Sagara
9.	Bhrihat Rasaraja Sundara	-
10.	Ayurveda Sara Sangraha	-
11.	Rasa Yoga Sagara	-

Indications

Chandraprabha Vati is indicated in wide variety of diseases

Table 2: Indications of Chandraprabha Vati

Name of the book	Indications
Sharangdhara Samhita ^[2]	20 types of Prameha, Mutraghata, Mutrakrichra, Ashmari, Vibhanda, Anaha, Shoola, Granthi, Arbuda, Antravridhi, Katishula, Swasa, Kasa, Vicharchika, Andavriddhi, Pandu, Kamala, Halimaka, Kushta, Arshas, Kandu, Pliha, Udara, Bhagandhara, Danta Roga, Netra Roga, Mandagni, Aruchi, Vata Pitta Kapha Vyadhi Hara, Strinaam Artavam Rujam, Pumsam Sukragataan Doshanam
Bhaishajya Ratnavali ^[3]	20 types of <i>Prameha</i> , 8 types of <i>Mutrakrichra</i> , 4 types of <i>Ashmari</i> , 13 types of <i>Mutraghata, Swasa, Kasa, Antra Vridhi, Pandu, Kamala, Halimaka, Kushta, Mandagni, Aruchi, Vata Pitta Kapha Vyadhi Hara</i>
Yogaratnakara ^[4]	Arshas, Pradara, Jwara, Nadivrana, Ashmari, Vidradi, Agnimandhya, Udara, Pandu, Kamala, Bhagandara, Pitika, Gulma, Prameha, Aruchi, Reto Dosha, Ura-Kshata, Kapha Vata Pitta disorders
Rasaratna Samucchaya ^[5]	Prameha Hara
Rasendra Sara Sangraha ^[6]	Sarva Meha Hara

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Bhavaprakasha ^[7]	6 types of Arshas, Bhagandara, Kamala, Pandu, Mandagni, Nasa Roga, Marmagata vrana, Granthi, Arbudha, Vidradhi, Rajayakshma, Prameha, Yoni Roga, Pradara, Sukra Kshaya, Ashmari, Mutrakrichra, Bahumutrata, Udara, Vata Pitta Kapha Vyadhi Hara
Gada Nigraha ^[8]	6 types of Arshas, Gulma, Sosha, Kshaya, Kamala, Nadi Dourbalya, Marma Roga, Jalodara, Dirgha Kaleena Jwara, Vidradhi, Yakshma Roga, Bhagandara, Pandu, Granthi, Arbudha, Shlipada, Prameha, Shukra Nasha, Ashmari, Mandagni, Jaravyadhi Nashanam, Kapha Vata Pitta Vyadhi Hara
Brihat Rasaraja Sundaram ^[9]	Pandu, Bhagandara, Mutrakrichra, Prameha, Kshaya, Kasa
Brihat Rasaraja Sundaram ^[10]	Tridoshaja Atisara, Jwara
Ayurveda Sara Sangraha ^[11]	Prameha, Prameha Upadrava, Bahumutrata, Sveta Pradara, Virya Dosha, Mutrakrichra, Mutraghata, Ashmari, Bhagandara, Antra Vriddhi, Pandu, Asrhas, Katishoola,
Rasa Yoga Sagara ^[12]	Shwitra Kushta

Table 3: Drugs mentioned in *Chandraprabha Vati* from different authors

Drugs	Sh.Sa	B. R	Y. R	R.R. S	R.Sa. S	Bh. P	Ga.Ni	B.R.Su	B.R.Su	Ay.Sa.S	R.Yo.Sa
Chandraprabha (Karpura)	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacha	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Musta	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Bhunimba	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Amrita (Guduchi)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Devadaru	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Haridra	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Ativisha	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Darvi	+	+	-	-	-	-	-		-		-
Pippalimula	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Chitraka	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Dhanyaka	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Amlaki	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Vibhitaki	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-

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Haritaki	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Chavya	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
Vidanga	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Gajapippali	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Shunti	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Maricha	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Pippali	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Swarna Makshika	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Yava Kshara	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Sarja Kshara	+	+	+	-	-		-	+	-	+	-
Saindhava Lavana	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Sauvarchala Lavana	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
Vida Lavana	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Trivrit	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
Danti	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-
Patra	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Twak	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Ela	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Vamsalochana	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-
Loha Bhasma	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Sita	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
Shudha Shilajatu	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Guggulu	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Kadali	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shati (Kachura)	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Syama	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tvakshiri	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-

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Varana	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bola Churna	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jatiphala	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yashtimadhu	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Khadira	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puga	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kasisa	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dadima	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mudgaparni	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mashaparni	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dhatura Beeja	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amlavetasa	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jatikosa	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lavanga	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madhuka	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dhatri	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shatapuspa	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rasa Sindoora	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kantakari	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abraka Bhasma	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
Naga Bhasma	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanga Bhasma	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jatamansi	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Daruharidra	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
Amaraharidra	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Gokshuru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Sveta Chandana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-

Big Ela	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Kabab Chinni	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Shudha Parada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Shudha Gandhaka	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Bakuchi Beeja Churna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Khadira Sara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Mocharasa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Swarna Bhasma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-

Table 4: Anupana, Bhavana and Prakshepaka Dravyas according to different authors are given below.

Reference	Name	Prakshepaka Dravya	Bhavana Dravya	Anupana
Sharangdhara Samhita / AFI	Chandraprabha Vati/ Chandraprabha Guggulu Vati	-	-	-
Bhaishajya Ratnavali	Chandraprabha Vatika	-	-	-
Yogaratnakar	Chandraprabha Gudika	-	-	Takra, Mastu, Go Ghrita, Madhu, Mamsa Rasa
Rasa Ratna Samucchya	Chandraprabha Vati	-	Dadhi, Dugdha, Tumbi Rasa, Laangali Rasa, Mudgaparni Rasa,	Mehahara Anupana
Rasendra Sara Sangraha	Chandraprabha Vatika	-	Laangali Rasa, Mesha Dugdha, Nagavalli Rasa	Kashaya prepared with Dhatri, Patola, Guduchi Kashaya and added with 1 Tola of Madhu
Bhavaprakasha	Chandraprabha Vati/Gutika	-	Ghrita	Takra, Mastu, Dadhi, Shita Jala
Gada Nigraha	Chandraprabha Gutika	-	-	-
Brihat Rasaraja Sundaram	Chandraprabha Vati	-	-	Jeeraka
Brihat Rasaraja Sundaram	Chandraprabha Vati	-	-	-
Ayurveda Sara Sangraha	Chandraprabha Vati	-	Guduchi Swarasa for 3 days	Guduchi Kwatha, Daruharidra Rasa, Bilwapatra Rasa, Gokshura

				Kwatha, Madhu, Dharoshna Kshira
Rasa Yoga Sagara	Chandraprabha Vati	-	Gomutra	Udumbarika Mula, Jala, Takra

Commonly available formulation of *Chandraprabha Vati* in market is from *Sharangdhara Samhita and Bhaishajya Ratnavali* which is also mentioned in AFI. Drugs used in *Sharangdhara Samhita* are listed below

Table 5

SN	Drug name	Quantity
1.	Chandraprabha (Karpura)	3 gms (1 shana)
2.	Vacha	3 gms (1 shana)
3.	Musta	3 gms (1 shana)
4.	Bhunimba	3 gms (1 shana)
5.	Amrita (Guduchi)	3 gms (1 shana)
6.	Suradaru	3 gms (1 shana)
7.	Haridra	3 gms (1 shana)
8.	Ativisha	3 gms (1 shana)
9.	Darvi	3 gms (1 shana)
10.	Pippalimula	3 gms (1 shana)
11.	Chitraka	3 gms (1 shana)
12.	Dhyanaka	3 gms (1 shana)
13.	Amlaki	3 gms (1 shana)
14.	Haritaki	3 gms (1 shana)
15.	Vibhitaki	3 gms (1 shana)
16.	Chavya	3 gms (1 shana)
17.	Vidanga	3 gms (1 shana)
18.	Gajapippali	3 gms (1 shana)
19.	Shunti	3 gms (1 shana)

20.	Maricha	3 gms (1 shana)
21.	Pippali	3 gms (1 shana)
22.	Makshika	3 gms (1 shana)
23.	Sarja Kshara	3 gms (1 shana)
24.	Yava Kshara	3 gms (1 shana)
25.	Saindhava lavana	3 gms (1 shana)
26.	Souvarchala lavana	3 gms (1 shana)
27.	Vida lavana	3 gms (1 shana)
28.	Trivrit	12 gms (1 karsha)
29.	Danti	12 gms (1 karsha)
30.	Patraka	12 gms (1 karsha)
31.	Tvak	12 gms (1 karsha)
32.	Ela (Sukshma ela)	12 gms (1 karsha)
33.	Vamslochana (Vamsa)	12 gms (1 karsha)
34.	Loha	24 gms (2 <i>karsha</i>)
35.	Sita	48 gms (4karsha)
36.	Shilajatu	96 gms (8 <i>karsha</i>)
37.	Guggulu	96 gms (8 karsha)

Method of preparation according to *Sharangdhara* Samhita

The *Churna Dravyas* are powdered and mixed well. In a vessel filled with warm water add *Shudha Shilajatu* and *Shudha Guggulu* stir and melt it. After melting keep the vessel from fire and allow it to cool. Then, add all the above powdered drugs with it and make it into a fine bolus. Add rest of *Bhasma Dravyas* along with *Sharkara*. With the mixture add little warm water and

make a fine mixture. Roll the pills and keep it in shade for drying.

DISCUSSION

Chandraprabha Vati is one of the important formulations used in the classics. It is considered as Sarva Roga Pranaashini which cures all types of diseases. There are various formulations of Chandraprabha Vati in various Samhitas. In this article 11 formulations of Chandraprabha Vati have been discussed. Rasa Yogasagara has mentioned 5 types or varieties of Chandraprabha Vati. Bharat Bhaishaiya Ratnakar has mentioned references from various books.[13] In Sharanaadhara Samhita 37 ingredients have been mentioned whereas Guduchi is excluded in Bhaishajya Ratnavali. According to Aadamala Chandraprabha is used as Karpura while in Vaidyaka Shabdasindhu Chandraprabha means Kachura or Bakuchi.[14] Others have mentioned Shatavari. Rasendra Sara Sangraha has mentioned two varieties of Chandraprabha Vati one in Prameha Adhikaara and other in Arsha Adhikaara which is similar to Bhavaprakasha in Vatarakta chapter.

Chandraprabha vati has Katu, Tikta, Kashaya and Madhura Rasa, Ushna Virya and Gunas like Laghu, Ushna, Tikshna and Ruksa. It acts mainly on urinary and genitary systems. Chandraprabha Vati is mainly indicated in Prameha but according to Rasa Yogasagara 5th formulation it is indicated in Switra Kushta and Bhrihat Rasaraja Sundaram has indicated in Jwara Atisara and Arsha chapters.

According to *Dosha* - Chandrapabha Vati is mainly Tridoshaja more commonly Vatakapha Shamaka in nature

According to *Dhatu* - On analyzing the indications and properties this *Vati* acts on *Rasa*, *Rakta*, *Mamsa*, *Medas*, *Asthi*, *Majja*, *Shukra Dhatus*

According to Rogamarga

Diseases in Bahya Rogamarga - Vicharchika, Arshas, Shwitra Kushta, Kandu

Diseases in Madhyama Rogamarga - Kati Shula, Mutrakrichra, Mutraghata, Prameha, Pandu, Kamala, Halimaka, Antra Vriddhi Diseases in Abhyantara Rogamarga - Swasa, Kasa, Arshas, Udara, Jwara, Atisara, Vibandha, Anaha, Pliha Roga, Udara, Aruchi, Agnimandhya

According to Srotas

Pranavaha Srotas - Kasa, Swasa,

Annavaha Srotas - Agnimandhya, Aruchi, Shoola, Anaha

Udakavaha Srotas - Udara, Atisara

Rasavaha Srotas - Jwara, Pandu

Raktavaha Srotas - Kamala, Halimaka, Vicharchika, Shvitra

Mamsa-Medo Vaha Srotas - Prameha

Asthi-Majja Vaha Srotas - Kati Shula

Sukravaha Srotas - Artava Rogas, Pumsatva

Mutravaha Srotas - Mutrakrichra, Mutraghata, Ashmari, Bhagandhara

Purishavaha Srotas - Atisara, Arshas, Vibandha

The drugs like *Trivrit*, *Pippalimoola*, *Guggulu*, *Yavakshara* relieve anxiety & pain. Drugs having anti-inflammatory properties are *Karpoora*, *Musta*, *Devadaru*, *Guggulu*, *Triphala*, *Ela*, *Shilajatu* & *Makshika Bhasma* help in reducing the pain. [15] As it contains *Loha Bhasma* and *Shilajatu* it helps in increasing the *Bala* and reduce fatigue and general debility.

Vitsanga may be considered as Apana Vata Vaigunya and can be understood as constipation. Constipation can also be associated with diverticular disease. Rukshata of Pakwashaya is one of the important causes for Vitsanga and the ingredients of Chandraprabha Vati helps in Apana Anulomana thereby relieving constipation.

In Yakrut Vikara (hepatomegaly), due to Tikta Katu Rasa, Kapha Hara and Mutrala properties of Chandraprabha Vati it helps in reducing the symptoms. In Kumbha Kamala, jaundice patients end up in ascites with portal hypertension. The liver tissues are replaced by scar tissue. So, Chandraprabha Vati possesses properties like Tikta Madhura Rasa, Agni Dipana, Yakrut Vishesha and Rasayana.

In Prameha there will be Mutra Atipravritti and Chala Guna of Vata increases, so Sthira and Sthambana line of treatment should be adopted. Avarna Janya Madumeha mainly vitiates Kapha and Pitta which in turn disrupts Dhatwagni and Jataragni thereby hampering the Dhatus. Chandraprabha Vati due to its Laghu, Ruksha Guna helps in Sodhana of Bahudrava Shleshma and decreases the vitiated Kleda. Shilajatu and Guggulu have properties like Virukshna and Chedaneya which acts on Kapha Dosha and also have Rasayana properties which helps in Madhumeha

CONCLUSION

Chandraprabha Vati is a herbo mineral classical formulation having wide range of indications and is efficient mostly in genito-urinary diseases. In clinical practice Chandraprabha Vati of Sharangdhara Samhita is been used widely which is also mentioned in AFI. It has many therapeutic utilities in multi system organ.

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