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# A Brief Review on Mukhdushika W.S.R. Acne Vulgaris

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#### **ABSTRACT**

In today's modern era, different types of pollution, lack of proper diet, uses of various cosmetic, chemicals all this leads prevalence of skin diseases day by day. Now a days acne vulgaris is one of the burning problem in adolescents. Acne vulgaris is self limited disorder primarily in teenagers and young adult, the permissive factor for this disease is the increase in sebum release by sebaceous gland after puberty.

In ayurveda it is termed as mukhdushika is described under the heading of khudraroga, "shalmalikantakprakhya: kaphamarutraktaja"-it's the one line unique identity of Mukhdushika. The shalmalithron like eruption on the face deviation of kapha, vata and rakta which are found on the face of adolescent are called as mukhadushika or yauvanpidika.

The present article is an attempt to highlighting on details of Mukhdushika with co-relating with Acne vulgaris.

*Key words:* Acne Vulgaris, mukhdushika, khudrarog.

#### INTRODUCTION

Skin is the largest organ in human being; it is not only an organ but also a sense organ. Maharshi Charaksaid that, 'the skin is one of the important sense organ in all of the five sense organs'. It is called as Sparshendriya which occupies whole body and *Maana* (mind) also. (1) Changes in the skin color may indicate homeostatic imbalance in the body. According to Ayurveda, the ShalmaliKantak like eruption on the face due to vitiation of Kapha, Vata and *Rakta* which are found in adolescents are called "Mukhdushika." (2) They mostly occur in the youths or the Yuva and in form are like small pustules or boils or Pidika hence they are called "YuwanPidika" (3)

Acne vulgaris is a self-limited disorder primarily of teenagers and young adults, although perhaps 10 to 20% of adults may continue to experience same form of diseases. (4) The permissive factor for expression for disease in adolescence is the increases sebum releases by sebaceous gland after puberty. Small cysts, called 'comedones', (4)

### Causative factor of Mukhadushika (5-8)

#### 1) Kalaja(Time/Age factors):-

Tarunya (young age), Madhyanha (Noon), Vasanta Ritu (blossom), Grishma Ritu (summer), Sharada Ritu

# 2) <u>Viharaja(Activities):</u>-

Vegavarodha (stoppage of natural urge), Jagarana (insomnia), Nidra (excess sleep), Upavasa (fasting), Atapa Sevana (excessive sun bath).

#### 3) Manasika (Mind/Stress factors):-

Ati Shoka (stress), Kshobha (botheration), Krodha (anger), Santapa (irritation), Svabhava (behavioral changes)

#### **Pathogenesis:**

### Samprapti Acne vulgaris as per Ayurveda

In Avurvedic texts the disease. Mukhadushika has not mentions independently, it has been described with some minor diseases. This group of minor diseases is known as "Kshudraroga". According to Sushruta, 44 diseases has been describe under this group, Mukhadushikais one of the diseases between them. The Shalmali thorn like eruptions on the face of adults due to vitiation of Kapha, Vata & Raktaare known as "YuvanaPidika" "Tarunya Pitika" or "Mukhadushika". (3)

#### Purvarupa

This *Purvarupa* of *Mukhadushika* is not mentioned in the texts by *Acharyas*.

#### Rupa

Acharya Vagbhata has described the signs and symptoms in more details than Acharya Sushruta. The signs and symptoms told by him are as follows. (9)

- *Pitika-Pitika* means eruption. The disease is in the form of eruptions.
- *Sa-ruja-* The eruptions are painful. The pain may be mild or acute in nature.
- Ghana- The word Ghana means thick, hard or indurate. So the eruptions of the disease are hard and thick. Pandit Vardhaman Shastri in his commentary of Kalyankarka says that the eruptions of Mukhadushika are thick & caused by the aggravated Kapha.
- Medogarbha- The eruptions are impregnated with Meda. Meda is known as come done.
- YunaMukha- This disease occurs on the face of adults. This word shows the site and time of the occurrence of this disease.

#### **Associated Symptoms:**

Along with *Pidika*, the main associated symptoms are

- 1) Vedana(due to vitiation of Vata)
- 2) *Kandu*(due to dominance of *Kapha*)
- 3) *Daha*(due to dominance of *Pitta*)
- 4) *Srava*(due to dominance of *Kapha*)

# Management of Acne Vulgaris (Mukhadushika) as per Ayurveda:

As Mukhadushika is described under Kshudraroga, the Chikitsa sutra of Kshudraroga is the Chikitsa sutra of Mukhadushika. In Ayurvedic text mainly two types of Chikitsa are described so following therapies are to be advised for the disease Mukhadushika as.

Line of treatment prescribed by different Acharya can be summarized as follows:

Sr.No.	Samhita	Karma
1	Sushrutasamhita	Vamana, Lepa (10)
2	AshtangHridaya	Vamana, Nasya,
		Shiravyadh,Lepa (11)
3	Sarangadharasamhita	Lepa (f2)
4	Bhavaprakasha	Vamana, Abhyanga, Lepa
5	Yoga Ratanakara	Shiravedha, Abhyanga, Pralepa <sup>(14)</sup>
6	BhaishajjyaRatnavali	Shiravedha, Abhyanga, Pralepa (15)

# MODERN REVIEW OF ACNE VULGARIS:

**Definition of acne vulgaris:-**The common form of acne, in teenagers and young adults, that is due to over activity of the oil (sebaceous) glands in the skin that becomes plugged and inflamed. (16)

## Signs and Symptoms: (17)

- Blackheads. (black spots the size of pinhead)
- whiteheads.(white spots similar to blackheads)
- pustules.(small pus-filled lesions)
- Redness and inflammation around eruptions.
- If acne is severe, cysts (larger firm swelling in the skin), abscesses (swollen, inflamed, tender area of infection containing pus)

Pathology of acne vulgaris: The permissive factor for expression for disease in adolescence is the increases sebum releases by sebaceous gland after puberty, small cysts, called 'comedones'. (4) It is more common during teenage years but is known to happen across all age. Adult acne is becoming increasingly popular. (18) It is a disease of the skin which can be painful for those suffering from moderate to severe acne. (19) Acne vulgaris mostly affects the areas of skin with the dense population of sebaceous follicles. (20)

#### SKIN - HAIR-NAIL DISEASES DIET

	Avail	Avoid
Grains	Rice, Barley, Jowar, wheat	
Pulses	Mung	
Vegetables	parvar, karela	sour vegetable
fruits	Tadgola, Amala	
dry fruits	Khajur, Badam, Pista	
other		sour curd, meat,
		fish

# General Management of Acne Vulgaris: (21)

For blackheads apply tretino in 0.025% at bedtime, benzoyl peroxide gel, salicylic acid <sup>(3)</sup> for pustule erythromycin cream, clindamycin <sup>(3)</sup> or tetracycline cream <sup>(3)</sup> cap doxycycline, azithromycin orally; wash the face 4-5 times in a day. Severe nodulocytic acne not responsive to oral antibiotics, hormonal therapy or topical therapy may be treated with the synthetic retinoid isotretinoin. <sup>(22)</sup>

#### **CONCLUSION**

Mukhdushika is well explained in Ayurvedic samhita. That ancient knowledge of Ayurveda will helps in diagnosis and management mukhdushika in present era very well. So its review article is an attempt to highlighting on details of mukhdushika with co-relating with acne vulgaris.

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