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Hetuvyadhikar Roga in Ayurveda: Menstruation Irregularity Associated with Type 2 Diabetes – A Case Study

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Abstract

Introduction:

In Ayurveda, the concept of *Hetuvyadhikar Roga* refers to the development of a secondary condition (*Paratantra Vyadhi*) as a consequence of a primary disease (*Swatantra Vyadhi*). This case study explores the clinical application of this Ayurvedic principle in the management of a female patient suffering from irregular and heavy menstruation, diagnosed with hypermenorrhoea (*Asrigdara*, specifically *Kapha-Pittaja* type), along with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM).

Methods:

A 38-year-old female presented with irregular and excessive menstruation, diagnosed as Asrigdara (Kapha-Pittaja type), and was concurrently diagnosed with T2DM. Diagnostic work-up, including laboratory tests and ultrasonography, revealed PCOD morphology. Ayurvedic treatment was focused on the Dosha Pratyanika and Vyadhi Pratyanika approaches, beginning with Vamana (therapeutic emesis), followed by oral administration of Ayurvedic formulations such as Avipattikara Churna, Kutki Churna, and Ashokarishta. The patient was also advised on a Pitta-pacifying diet and lifestyle changes.

Results:

Over the course of one year, the patient demonstrated significant improvement in menstrual regularity and reduced bleeding intensity. The use of sanitary pads decreased from 27–28 pads per cycle to 10 pads. HbA1c levels improved from 12.2% to 8.3%, and fasting glucose levels reduced from 180 mg/dL to 106.5 mg/dL. Menstrual cycles normalized within six months of initiating treatment.

Discussion:

This case study highlights the efficacy of treating *Asrigdara* (hypermenorrhoea) as the primary disorder, which led to favorable outcomes in the secondary condition of T2DM. The interrelationship between PCOD, menstrual irregularities, and metabolic disturbances underscores the Ayurvedic concept of *Nidānarthakara Roga*. The holistic approach to managing both conditions concurrently, using classical Ayurvedic principles, demonstrates clinical relevance in treating complex metabolic and reproductive disorders.

Keywords:

Ayurveda, *Hetuvyadhikara Roga*, hypermenorrhagia, diabetes mellitus, *Asrigdara*, *Madhumeha*, case study.

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