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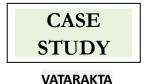
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## Ayurvedic Management of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus with Respect to

Vatapradhana Vatarakta: A Case Report

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## **ABSTRACT**

**Introduction**: Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) is a multisystem autoimmune disorder affecting connective tissues, where the immune system attacks healthy body tissues like skin, joints, kidneys, and other organs. Symptoms include fever, fatigue, myalgia, arthralgia, arthritis, malar rash, and oral ulcers. SLE can be correlated with *Vatarakta* in Ayurveda, presenting symptoms such as pain, swelling, and stiffness at multiple joints with blackish discoloration.

**Objective**: To explore the Ayurvedic management of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) with reference to *Vatapradhan Vatarakta*.

**Materials and Methods**: As vitiated *Vata* is involved in the pathology of *Vatarakta*, *Basti* (an Ayurvedic enema therapy) is considered the most effective treatment for relieving this condition. *Mridu Virechana* (mild purgation) was selected before *Basti* to detoxify the body, considering the patient's history of steroid use.

**Results and Discussion**: Both *Vata* and *Rakta* were vitiated, which contributed to the symptoms. The management plan focused on addressing both *Vata* and *Rakta Dushti* (imbalance). The detoxifying effects of *Virechana* were aimed at reducing the harmful impact of steroids, followed by *Basti* to balance *Vata*.

**Conclusion**: This case report highlights the potential of Ayurveda in managing autoimmune disorders like SLE by targeting the vitiation of *Vata* and *Rakta* through specific treatments like

Basti and Virechana.

Keywords: Vatarakta, SLE, Basti, Virechana, Vatapradhan Vatarakta, Ayurveda

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