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A Survey Study of Joint Pain to Develop the Assessment Criteria of Agnidushti in Amavata

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Abstract

Introduction: Due to Agni dusti Nidana Sevana when Agni is vitiated it becomes incapable in digesting the ingested food, lead to Ama formation. In Amavata as Ama gets accumulated in the joints leads to restriction in moments of the joints, pain, tenderness, swelling in affected site or joints. Aims-To assess the Agnidusthi in Amavata, a scale will be prepared on the basis of Ayurvediya concept of Amavata. To make universal parameters to major status of Agnidusthi in patients of Amavata.

Methods: 500 subjects of joints pain were taken in the survey study to know the cause of Agni dusti in Amavata. In the study we use two methods were to assess of Agni. Result Method-1, effect of Agni was assessed using six parameters Ayu, Varna, Bala, Svasthya, Utsaha and Upacaya and Method-2 was scoring of Jaranashakti by using Utsah, Laghuta, Udgarshuddhi, Kshut, Trishnapravritti Yathochitmalotsarga parameters.

Results: In first method-1-41.4% patients were having Grading-2 & 40.8% patients were having Grading-3 of *Ayu, Varna, Bala, Utshaha, Upchaya, Swasthaya and* in second method-2-38% patients were having Grading-1 and 23.1% patients were having Grading-2 of *Jaran Shakti, Abhayavaharan Shakti, Ruchi* and *Vata Mutra Purisha Retasam Mukti*.

Conclusion: Both methods result showed that majority of population were involved in Agni dusti nidana which indicate Agniduști and further Ama formation.

Keywords: Ama, Agni dusti, Amavata& survey study

Introduction

पुष्टभूमि अग्निदृष्टि के कारण जिस समय निदान सेवन करा जाता है तो अग्नि के विकृत होने के कारण ग्रहण करा गया भोजन भी पचने में असमर्थ हो जाता हैद्य जिससे आम की उत्पत्ति होती हैद्य आमवात में आम आम के रूप में जोड़ों में जमा हो जाता है जिससे जोड़ों में दर्द, स्पर्श असह्यता, प्रभावित संधियों में सूजन द्यलक्ष्य आमवात में अग्निद्ष्टि का आंकलन करने के लिए आमवात के आयुर्वेद कंसेप्ट के आधार पर स्केल तैयार किया गया आमवात के रोगियों में अग्निदिष्ट की प्रमुख स्थिति के लिए सार्वभौमिक मापदंडों को बनाने के लिएद्य विधियाँ विधि-1 अग्नि के प्रभाव का मूल्यांकन छह मापदंडों का उपयोग करके किया गया थाद्य आयु, वर्ण, बल, उत्साह, उपचय, स्वास्थ्यद्य विधि–2 जरणशक्ति के आधार पर स्कोरिंग की गईद्य उत्साह, लघुता, उदगारशुद्धि, क्षुत, तृष्णाप्रवृत्ति, यथोचितमलोत्सर्गद्य परिणाम विधि-1 -41.4: मरीजों के ग्रेडिंग 2 रही 40.8: मरीजों की ग्रेडिंग 3 रहीद्य आयु, वर्ण, बल, उत्साह, उपचय, स्वास्थ्य द्य विधि–2 द 38: मरीजों की ग्रेडिंग 1 रहे और 23.1: मरीज ग्रेडिंग 2 के थेद्य जरणशक्ति, अभ्यवहरणशक्ति, रुचि, वातमूत्रप्रीषरेतसामम्किद्य निष्कर्ष दोनों विधियाँ के परिणाम से पता चला है कि अधिकांश आबादी अग्निद्ष्टि निदान में शामिल थी जो अग्निद्ष्टि और आगे आम गठन का संकेत देती है।

Due to hypo functioning of Agni [1] the first Dhatu Rasa [2] is not formed properly & is retained in the Amashaya [3] that is called as Ama [4]. In Amavata [5] as Ama gets accumulated in the joints leads to restriction in moments of the joints, pain, tenderness, swelling in affected site or joints. Ama [6] is a major factor the production of Amavata. Assessment of Agnidushti [7] by preparing the scale will be helpful to select the better regimen to disintegrate the pathogenesis of Amavata.

Modern Concept of Ama

Ama can be defined as intermediary product of metabolism of carbohydrates fats and proteins. Improper metabolisms of carbohydrates produce lactic acid. Improper metabolisms of proteins produce lactic acid which is accumulate in joints.

Free radicals Ama

Free radical is an atom/molecule that containing one or more unpaired electron, which requires neutralization by free radical scavengers. Free radicals causes' damage to cell membrane and thus the cell is destroyed.

Material Methods

This study is approved by Ethical committee IEC No is IEC/ACA/2018/43

Aims and Objectives

- To conduct an epidemiological survey of joint pain.
- To make universal parameters to major status of *Agnidusthi* in patients of *Amavata*.
- To develop assessment criteria of Agnidushti in patients of Amavata.

Need of Study

- To assess the correlation between Agnidushti in Amavata.
- With the help of survey among the patients of joint pain, patients of Amavata will be selected on the basis of questionnaire. Questionnaire will be prepared according to Ayurvedic symptoms of Amavata and American College of Rheumatology. With the help of survey an attempt will be made to establish correlation between dietary habits and Amavata.

Inclusion Criteria

- Patients of 16 years and above
- Either sex presenting with clinical features of Joint pain.
- Patients willing to sign the consent form.

Exclusion Criteria

- Diagnosed patients of Asthimajjagat Vata.
- Pregnant women and lactating mother.
- Any critical disease and Psoriatic arthritis.

500 subjects of joints pain were taken in the survey study to know the cause of *Agni dusti* in *Amavata*, to develop the parameter of *Agni*. Subjects were taken from NIA hospital and various camps conducted by NIA.

500 Subjects were According to Age, Sex, Religion, Occupation, Socio Economic Status *Desha*, Appetite, Bowel Habits, Micturition, Sleep Pattern, Addiction, Menstruation Cycle, Present Illness History etc.

• Age: In the present study maximum patients, 28.6% (143) were from age group of 41-50 years, 27.6% (138) patients were from age group of 31-40 years, 21.6% patients were from age group 51-60 years.

Discussion: The probable cause for more number of patients in this age group might be that middle age group patients are prone to excessive exercises, irregularity in diet, *Virudha Ahara-Vihara* [8] due to their professional responsibilities, mental stress [9] and depression. Thus psychic factor along with weather changes condition will aggravate the *Amavata* disease.

• Sex: 51.8% (259) patients were females and 48.2% (241) patients were males.

Discussion: After survey study it reveals that females are more prone for this disease due to tendency of heaving mostly spicy, sour, irregular food time and *Virudha Ahara* [10] rather than a balanced diet.

• **Religion:** 84.8% (424) patients were from Hindu religion, 14.4% (72) patients were from Muslim religion.

Discussion: There is no relation between religion and disease.

• Occupation: Maximum patients were House wife. 43.2% (216), 10.4% (52) was government Job, 13% (13) was

privet job, 8.8% (44) was labor work, 7.8% (39) was agriculture work.

Discussion: As we know that this disease is more prevalent in females

• Socio-Economic Status: 62.4% (312) patient's socioeconomic status was middle class and 37.6% (188) patient's socio-economic status was poor.

Discussion: The reason for acquiring *Amavata* in lower middle class people has not capacity to buy different types of food as per the need of the body, so they consume inappropriate food with wrong combination, habit of skipping breakfast and meal due to their busy life style. Patients from poor and lower middle class cannot afford expensive healthy diet.

• **Desha:** Maxium 79% (395) patients belonging to Jangalpradesha, 17% (85) patients were Sadharana Pradesha and 4% (20) patients were Anooppradesha.

Discussion: There is no significant relationship found this disease and *Desha*.

• **Appetite:** 66.2% (331) patients having normal appetite, 31.6% (158) patients having reduced appetite, 2.2% (11) patients having increased appetite.

Discussion: *Mandagani* [11] and *Virudhaahara* cause of *Ama* formation, due to *Ama* and vitiated *Vata* [12] develop this disease.

• **Bowel:** 53.6% (268) patients having regular bowel habits and 46.4% (232) patients having irregular bowel habits.

Discussion: *Mandagani* [13] leads to faulty digestion resulting in *Ama* formation.

- **Micturition Frequency:** Micturition Frequency is 6T/D, 2T/N, 46.6% (233) patient's Micturition Frequency is 4T/D, 2T/N and 31.6% (158) patient's Micturition Frequency is 2T/D, 1T/N.
- Sleep-46% (230) patients sleep frequency 2H/D, 6H/N,43.4% (217) patients sleep frequency 7H/N and 10.6% (53) patients sleep frequency 6H/N.
- Addiction: Maximum 28.8% (144) patients addict of tea, 24% (120) patients were addict of smoking, pan, tea,19.8% (99) patients were addict of smoking, alcohol, tea, 16.2% (81) patients were addict of mobile, tea, 7.8% (39) patients were addict of pan, gutaka, tea and3.4% (17) patients were addict of alcohol, smoking, coffee.

Discussion: Maximum patients generally have tea addiction. These are mainly *Kashaya Rasa* predominance which vitiates *Vata* and *Pitta Dosha*, they destroy digestive pattern and produce *Ama*. According to modern point of view, tea increase free radical in body that may be a root cause of *Amavata*.

• Menstruation Cycle: In the present study 241were female, 24.8% (124) patients was having menopause condition, 20.8% (104) patients were having regular Menstruation, 2.6% (13) patients were having irregular.

Present Illness History: 84.6% (423) patients suffer from multiple joints pain with inflammation, 8.4% (42) patients suffering from B/L knee and wrist joints pain, 4.6% (23) patients suffering from lower back and knee joints pain and 2.4% (12) patients suffering from lower limb and knee joints pain.

Discussion: The production of Ama [14] and vitiated Vatadosha [15], maximum patients are suffering from multiple joints pain and inflammation. These are main sign and symptoms of Amavata.

Assessment the Effect of Agni uses Two following Methods

1. Effect of Agni was assessed using six parameters Ayu, Varna, Bala, Svasthya, Utsaha and Upacaya [16]. Maximum score given was 18 following the scoring pattern of 1, 2 and 3 respectively for each question.

Varna:

- Lustrous appearance,
- Normal,
- Dull

Balam

a) Can tolerate even the strenuous exercise

- b) Able to do the normal activities
- c) Not able to do the normal activities

Utsaham

- a) Readiness to even the difficult task
- b) Readiness to do the normal activities
- c) Not enthusiastic even in the normal activities

Upacaya

- a) Endency to gain weight.
- Does not gain weight/Constant
- Tendency to lose weight

Svasthyam

- a) Generally have the feeling of well-being.
- Usually do not have the feeling of wellbeing.
- Usually remain sick.
- Second methods for assessment Agnibala [17]
- a) Jaranashakti: Scoring according Jeerna Aaharalakshana present after 4-6 hrs after taking food. They are Utsah, Laghuta, Udgarshuddhi, Kshut, Trishnapravritti Yathoc hitmalotsarga (Table No 1)

Table 1: Scoring symptoms

Symptoms	Score
Presence of five symptoms	0
Presence of four symptoms	1
Presence of three symptoms	2
Presence of two symptoms	3
00 of one symptom	4
Absence of all the symptoms	5
Abhyavaharan Shakti	
Taking food in good quantity twice / thrice	0
Taking food in normal quantity twice a day	1
Taking food in moderate quantity twice a day	2
Taking food in less quantity twice a day	3
Person taking food in less quantity once in a day	4
Person not at all taking food.	5
Ruchi	
Equally willing towards all the Bhojyapadartha.	0
Willing towards some specific Aahara / Rasavisesha	1
Willing toward only one among Katu/Amla/Madhura food stuffs.	2
Willing towards only most liking foods not to the other.	3
Unwilling for food but could take the meal	4
Totally unwilling for meal.	5
Vaata Mutra PurishaRetasam Mukti	
Occurs easily in normal routine times	1
Difficulty in defecation but Malapravritti daily with discomfort in abdomen	2
Can't pass stool daily & feeling heaviness in abdomen.	3
Passes stool after 2-3 days having gaseous distension	4
Passes stool after 3-4 days with Grathita, Sakasta Malapravritti & having gaseous distention with Udgarapravritti.	5

Scoring to assessment of Agnibala

Table 2: Table showing Scoring to assessment of Agnibala

If the score is under 0-7 indicate	Pravara Agnibala
If the score is under 8-14 indicate	Madhyama Agnibala
And score is above 14 indicate	Avara Agnibala

Agnidushti Method (1): 17.8% patients were having Grading: 1 of Ayu, Varna, Bala, Utshaha, Upchaya, Swasthaya, 41.4% patients were having.

Grading: 2 of *Ayu, Varna*, *Bala*, *Utshaha*, *Upchaya*, *Swasthaya*, 40.8% patients were having.

Grading: 3 of Ayu, Varna, Bala, Utshaha, Upchaya, Swasthaya.

Discussion: This indicate these patients *Agni* is diminish and improper. *Acharya Caraka* mentioned in *Grahani* chapter that *Ayu, Varna, Bala, Utshaha, Upchaya, Swasthaya* [18] are depends on *Agnibala. Avara* [19] *Agnibala* produces *Ama*, which is root cause of *Amavata*.

Agnidushti Method (2): 22.55% patients were having Grading: 0 of Jaran Shakti, Abhayavaharan Shakti, Ruchi and Vata Mutra Purisha Retasam Mukti, 38% patients were having

Grading: 1 of *Jaran Shakti, Abhayavaharan Shakti, Ruchi* and *Vata Mutra Purisha Retasam Mukti,* 23.1% patients were having

Grading: 2 of *JaranShakti, Abhayavaharan Shakti, Ruchi* and *Vata Mutra Purisha Retasam Mukti,* 11.5% patients were having

Grading: 3 of *Jaran Shakti, Abhayavaharan Shakti,Ruchi* and *Vata Mutra Purisha Retasam Mukti*, 4.5% patients were having

Grading: 4 of *Jaran Shakti, Abhayavaharan Shakti, Ruchi* and *Vata Mutra Purisha Retasam Mukti* and 0.25% patients were having

Grading: 5 of Jaran Shakti, Abhayavaharan Shakti, Ruchi and Vata Mutra Purisha Retasam Mukti.

Discussion: *Mandagani* and impairment of *Agnibala* produce *Ama* ^[20] formation *Amashaya*. This is route cause of disease.

Aharajnidana Questionnaire and there Analyzed Data

Q 1: What is your Food Habit-?: 76.6% patients were vegetarian and 23.4% patients were mixed (veg. + non veg.). **Discussion**-There is no relationship between diet types of disease. This only signifies the demographical dominance of *Hindu* community in the zone.

- **Q 2: Quantity of Food Compared to other Family Members:** 34% patients were having equal quantity of food, 59.2% patients were having less quantity of food and 6.8% patients were having more quantity of food. **Discussion-**These data support that *Mandagni* increasing *Ama* [21] and vitiated *Vata* are more responsible for *Amavata* [22].
- **Q 3:** *Atimatrashana*: 42% patients were having *Atimatrasana* of food Daily, 9.6% patients were taking *Atimatrasana* of food monthly, 14.8% patients were taking *Atimatrasana* of food same time and 67.2% patients were taking *Atimatrasana* of food weakly.

Discussion: *Atimatrasana* responsible for *Ajeerna* [23] and *Ama* production, leading cause of *Amavata*.

Q 4: Get Hunger for the Successive Food Time: 5.8% patients were having get hunger before successive food time, 10% patients were having no hunger successive food time, 62.6% patients were having not specific hunger successive food time and 21.6% patients were having get hunger successive food time.

Discussion: Due to Agnimandha [24] and Ama formation patients are not having hunger at successive food time. This is leading cause of Amavata.

Q 5: Digestion Pattern?: 31.8% patients were having longer time to digest the food, 6.2% patients were having shorter time to digest the food and 62% patients were having usually digested the food.

Discussion: *Mandagni* [25] and *Avaraagnibala* leads to pathogenesis of *Ama Pradoaaja Vikara*. When *Ama* mixes with *Dohsa*, *dhatu*, *mala*, it develops certain complex adverse reactions, which is the basis of disease.

Q 6: *Ajeernashana*: 37.6% patients were having *Ajeernashana* daily, 12% patients were having *Ajeernashana* monthly, 2.4% patients were having *Ajeernashana* same time and 48% patients were having *Ajeernashana* weakly.

Discussion: Hypo functioning of *Agni* ^[26], caused due to abstinence from food, indigestion, overeating, irregular diet habits, which produced *Ama*. *Ama* mixed other *Doshas* and develops the cause of disease.

Q 8: *Adhyashana* ^[27]: 19.8% patients were intake of food before digestion of previous meal daily, 35% patients were intake of food before digestion of previous meal monthly, 9.2% patients were intake of food before digestion of previous meal same time and 36% patients were intake of food before digestion of previous meal weakly.

Discussion: After fasting intake heavy food diminishes *Agni*; this is cause of *Ama* and disease formation.

O 9: Which Taste Usually Prefer in Diet

Mostly 53.4% patients prefers sweets taste, 13.2% patients prefer Spicy, bitter, sour taste, 11.6% patients prefer Sweet, spicy, bitter, salt taste, 11.6% patients and other taste prefer below 3% patients.

Discussion: Hypo functioning of Agni caused due to abstinence from food, indigestion which produced Ama. Ama mixed other Doshas and develops the cause of disease [28].

Q 10. Aharaja Nidana (Non-Veg): 16.8% (84) patients were taking and 83.2% (416) patients were not taking Chicken in food, 21.6% (108) patients were taking and 78.4% (392) patients were not taking Eggs in food, 8.4% (42) patients were taking and 91.2% (458) patients were not taking Fish in food, 23.4% (117) patients were taking and 76.6% (383) patients were not taking Mutton in food.

Discussion: Excessive quantity of non-vegetarian food cause of *Vidagdhajeerana*, Due to *Vidagdhajeerana* vitiated of *Pitta* cause the *Vidaha* of *Rasadhatu* impairing formation of further *Dhatus* and by product formation of *Ama* mala which is cause of the disease

Q 11. Virudha Ahara: 2.8% (14) patients were taking and 97.2% (486) patients were not taking Virudhaahara in form of milk shakes, 19.4% (97) patients were taking and 80.6% (403) patients were not taking Virudhaahara in form of milk+sweets, 23.6% (118) patients were taking and 76.4% (382) patients were not taking Virudhaahara in form of Khichadi+milk, 76.4% (382) patients were taking and 23.6% (118) patients were not taking Virudhaahara in form of Raita+pineapple+tomato+ cucumber, 99% (495) patients were taking and 1% (5) patients were not taking Virudhaahara in form of green leafy vegetables, 11.4% (57) patients were taking and 88.6% (443) patients were not taking Virudhaahara in form of milk Palak paneer.

Discussion: According to *Madhav-Nidana* ^[29] *Virudha Ahara* is main cause of the *Amavata* disease.

Q 12. Vidahi and Vidagdha Ahara: 44.2% (221) patients were taking and 55.8% (279) patients were not taking Vidahi and Vidagdha Ahara in form of Namkeen + milk, 40.6% (203) patients were taking and 59.4% (297) patients were not taking Vidahi and Vidagdha Ahara in form of Fast food, 1.6% (8) patients were taking and 98.6% (492) patients were not taking Vidahi and Vidagdha Ahara in form of Fast food+ cold drinks, 2% (10)) patients were taking and 98% (492) patients were not taking Vidahi and Vidagdha Ahara in form of Preserved food, 29.8% (149) patients were taking and 70.2% (351) patients were not taking Vidahi and Vidagdha Ahara in form of Refrigerated food, 25.2% (126) patients were taking and 74.8% (374) patients were not taking Vidahi and Vidagdha Ahara in form of Lunchbox.

Discussion: Vidahi and Vidagdha Ahara vitiated of Pitta cause the Vidaha of Rasa dhatu impairing formation of further Dhatus and by product formation of Ama mala which is cause of the disease.

Q 13. *Pishtanana*: 58.8% (294) patients were taking and 41.2% (206) patients were not taking *Pishtanana Ahara* in form of *Dalbhati*.

Discussion: Maximum 59% patients taking *Pishtanana*, which is *Guru*, *Snigdha* and diminish the *Agni*.

Q 14. Fried items and fast food *Ahara*: 55.2% (276) patients were taking and 44.8% (224) patients were not taking Fried items *Ahara* in form of *Samosa*, 5.2% (26) patients were taking and 94.8% (474) patients were not taking Fried items *Ahara* in form of *Kachori*, 24.4%(122) patients were taking and 75.6% (378) patients were not taking Fried items *Ahara* in form of *Pakoda*, 2.6% (13) patients were taking and 97.4% (487) patients were not taking Fried items *Ahara* in form of *Alutikki*, 67.8% (339) patients were taking and 32.2% (161) patients were not taking Fried items *Ahara* in form of *Poori*.

Discussion: These types of Ahara are *Vidhahi* and *Vidhagdh*, which vitiated *Pitta* and cause of *Vidhagdhajeeran*. This is main cause of disease formation.

Q 15. *Drava-Ahara*: 88.6% (443) patients were taking and 11.4% (57) patients were not taking *Drava Ahara* in form of *Milk*, 100% (500) patients were taking *Drava Ahara* in form of Water, 17% (85) patients were taking and 83% (415) patients were not taking *Drava Ahara* in form of any favorite juice

Discussion: Excessive quantities of *Dravya-Ahara* dilutes *Pachak rasa* and diminishes *Jatharagni*, which produce *Ama*.

Q 16. 500 Patients According to Viharaja Nidana:

Q 16(a). Taking Cold Water Bath/Drink Immediately After Exposure to Sun/ Exhaustion/Terror?: 57.8% (289) patients were taking and 42.2% (211) patients were not taking cold water bath/drink immediately after exposure to sun/exhaustion/terror.

Discussion: There is no relation with this *Viharaj Nidana* and disease

Q 16(b). Heavy Exercises?: 46.2% (231) patients were doing heavy exercise and 52.8% (269) patients were not doing heavy exercise.

Q 16(c). *Ati Asana*?: 58.2% (231) patients were doing *Ati Asana* and 53.8% (269) patients were not doing *Ati Asana*.

Discussion: According to *Madhav Nidana-Nishchalsata* [30] is major cause of disease.

Q 16(d). Heavy Work Immediately after Intake of Heavy Food?: 34.4% (172) patients were doing very often heavy work immediately after intake of heavy food, 2% (10) patients were doing rarely heavy work immediately after intake of heavy food, 63.6% (318) patients were not doing very heavy work immediately after intake of heavy food.

Discussion: According to *Madhavnidana* it is major cause of *Amavata* disease.

Q 16(e). Day Sleeps?: 43.4% (217) patients were having day sleep very often, 5% (25) patients were having day sleep rarely, and 51.6% (258) patients were not having day sleep.

Discussion: According to *Acarya Caraka, Diwaswapna* leads to vitiation of *vata-pitta dohsa,* while according to *Acarya Susruta Diwaswapana* leads to vitiation of all the three *Dohsavata, pitta* and *kapha.* These vitiated *Dosha* leads to *Agni dusti* results in *Ama* formation in body. This is cause of disease formation.

Q 16(f). Day Sleep Immediately After Intake Food?: 40.8% (202) patients were having day sleep very often immediately after intake food, 4.8% (24) patients were having day sleep rarely immediately after intake food, 54.8% (274) patients were not having day sleep immediately after intake food.

Discussion: This is cause of *Abhishayandi* and vitiated *Kapha-Pitta*. These vitiated *Dohsa* leads to *Agni dusti* results in *Ama* [10] formation in body. This is cause of disease formation.

Q 16(g). Day Sleep Immediately After Intake Food?: 40.8% (202) patients were having day sleep very often immediately after intake food, 4.8% (24) patients were having day sleep rarely immediately after intake food, 54.8% (274) patients were not having day sleep immediately after intake food.

Q 16(h). Depression?: 12.4% (62) patients were having depression very often, 3.6% (18) patients were having

depression rarely, 1.8% (9) patients were having depression weakly and 82.2% (411) patients were not having depression.

Discussion: When the stressful state becomes ongoing and inappropriate, the different parts of the gastro-intestinal tract start to work independently of each other. Communication breaks down between cells, organs and their various functions. The stomach may start secret too much acid and inability to digest results.

Conclusion

- Mandagni and Avaraagnibala leads to pathogenesis of Amapradoşajavikara. When Ama mixes with Dosha, dhatu, mala, it develops certain complex adverse reactions, which is the basis of disease.
- As per the *Ayurvedic* principles, a new tool was developed with 17 questions and validated in a sample size of 500 individuals and the observations were matching the fundamental principles of *Agni* and it can be further studied in large sample group.
- Majority of population were involved in *Mansikanidana*, cinta, şoka, bhaya, and krodha [25] which indicate *Agniduşti* and further *Ama* formation.

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