

## Discussion

For proper understanding of various aspects of a subject discussion is an essential component. In different kind of research works it adds quantum of knowledge and makes the approach more scientific and versatile. It also forms the basis for the future research works. It should be based on certain authentic classics, experiences and proofs.

*Āyurveda* is a holistic science which provides treatment for various diseases based on their aetiopathogenesis. Acharya *Caraka* mentioned that *Shastra-Sahita-Tarka* (comments and discussions based on texts) is essential for *Jñāna Sādhana* (to attain the knowledge). Present era is of proofs and verifications. The research work should have a scientific basis well endorsed by proper experiments, observations and statistical analysis. The authenticity of a fact can be well established by a good reasoning and scientific explanation of the same. An idea becomes an established fact only after passing through series of examinations and reasoning.

The selected topic *Sandhigatavāta* seems to be more problematic from the days of *Suçruta* and appears to be remained a challenge for physician. *Suçruta* has given for most place to *Vāta Vikāra* as *Vātavyādhi Nidāna* in *Nidāna Sthāna*. All *Ācārya* have unanimously accepted and mentioned *Vātavyādhi* on the top of the *Añōamahāgada*. However description available regarding its aetiopathogenesis is very concise, and no extensible approach has been made to this disease like other diseases. *Suçruta* has given scientific principles regarding its aetiopathology, symptomatology, and management. Based upon this hypothesis a definite *Samprāpti* has been put forth to understand the nature of disease. Due to more exposure to *Vātika Āhāra Vihāra*

(continuous work, *Dukhāsana*, *Dukhaçaiyā* occupational trauma etc.) *Vāta* gets vitiated and circulates all over the body and after *Sthānasaàçraya* gets accumulated in the joints, normal function of the joint is disturbed and *Sandhi* does not get nutrition from *Pūrvadhātu*. Vitiating *Vāyu* gradually starts degenerative process and diminishes the *Çleñmaka Kapha* which fascinate the joint movement. If it is not controlled in this phase *Sandhi* loses its normal structure and anatomical deformity takes place. The pathogenesis leads to the restriction of the movements of the joints. *Suçruta* has mentioned cardinal symptoms of *Sandhigatavāta* are *Sandhiçūla*, *Sandhiçopha*, *Caraka* has given new symptom *Vātapūrēadāti Sparça* on palpation *çopha* feels like a bag filled with air and pain during flexion and extension. This sign is most appropriate for Osteoarthritis. *Mādhava* has added another new symptom *Äöopa*. Appearance of cracking sound (Crepitus) on affected joint. It may be caused by increased *Rūkña Guëa* of vitiated *Vāta Doña*. This sign also most appropriate for osteoarthritis.

This disease is not fatal instantly but causes more severe complications in later stage. It cripples the patient, make him a burden to others, he cannot perform day to day routine work on his own due to severity of disease. It does not cut years to life but life of the years. Modern medical science provides various types of medical and surgical treatments but no one is able to cure the disease completely. Due to untoward effects of pain relieving drugs like NSAIDS, Steroids, and Surgical procedure, there is a need of alternative medicine to find out better remedy for the same. In present research work *Cap. Çallaké* and *Abhādi Cūrana* were selected for internal administration.

### Discussion on Observations

1. **Age:** In this study 22% of the patients were in the age group of 51-60 years, 36% of the patients were in the

age group of 61-70 years, 31% patients were in the age group of 71 years and above, and only 11% patients were found in age group of 41-50 years.

The study shows that this disease is more prevalent from the age of 51 years. At this age group *Vāta* is more predominant which takes part in *Dhātu Kñaya* hence from this age group natural *Dhātu Kñaya* or degenerative process starts and manifest as *Sandhigatavāta*. Thus, observations made are similar to textual references. [Table number-13].

2. **Sex:** 64% of patients were females while 36% were male in the trial. Female sex is a risk factor for osteoarthritis above 55 years. Similar view is evolving in this study. [Table number- 14].
3. **Religion:** In this study participation of Hindu patients were more i.e. 62% as compared to other religions which was 19% of Muslims, 13% of Christians and 6% of Sikhs. [Table number- 15].

It may be due the reason that the catching area of the hospital was Hindu prone. No textual reference is found about relation of disease with any kind of religion.

4. **Socio-economic status:** In this study 46% of patients were from Middle class and 37% from Lower middle class and 17% were from Upper middle class. [Table number-16].

The Data of this study indicate that habits, nutrition and economic status may play supportive role in manifestation of *Sandhigatavāta*. This data is in accordance with the literature that economic status affects the incidence of disease and this disease is more prevalent in middle class population.

5. **Marital Status:** In this study 98% patients were married. This observation has no relation with prevalence of OA, because it is a degenerative disease which mostly occurs after 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> decade of life. However no textual reference is found regarding the relation between the marital status and osteoarthritis,

but as in various text stated that OA is the disease of old age. This data support our text. [Table number-17].

6. **Dietary Habits:** The observational data show that 28% of patients were consuming vegetarian diet while 72% of them were consuming mixed diet. The diet shows no relation with disease. [Table number - 18]
7. **Duration of illness:** In the present study, the duration of illness shows that maximum number of patients 61% give the history of disease for more than one year, 27% give the history of 6 to 12 months duration 12% were suffering for 6 months and less. [Table number - 19]

Most of the patients are found affected from more than one year, it indicates the chronicity of the disease. The most important cause behind it is the negligence of disease by using pain killer medicines which give only symptomatic relief. However, there is no precise reference in any text in support of this data but it may be due to the slow onset of disease that increases the chronicity of disease.

8. **Family History:** In maximum number of patients (89%) there was no family history of disease whereas only 11% showed the family history of *Sandhigatavāta*. [Table number - 20]

According to our literature OA have its relation with family history which indicate that the disease is hereditary as well as acquired. This data also shows that 11% patients show family history. So this data support our literature.

9. **Incidence of education:** The patients educated up to Primary school were 53%, 21% were educated up to pre university level, whereas 9% were educated up to graduate level, 17% patients were illiterate. School education doesn't have any impact on the pattern of this disease. [Table number - 21]
10. **Nature of Work:** This study illustrate that 88% patients were active and were having ambulatory life

style where as 12% were having sedentary life style. [Table number - 22]

This observation shows that excessive work plays an important role in the development of pathology in weight bearing joints to produce *Sandhigatavāta*. This also support the textual references which quote that excessive use of any joint causes OA of that particular joint.

11. **Koñōha:** In this study 59% of patients had *Krūra Koñōha* and 27% had *Madhyama Koñōha* and 14% had *Mādu Koñōha* . [Table number - 23]

This is in accordance with *Āyurvedika* view that *Karūra Koñōha* which is due to Predominant *Vāta Doña* is also the causative factor for *Sandhigatavāta* (OA).

12. **Çärérīka Prakāti:** The data shows that in *Doñīka Prakāti*, *Vātakaphaja* is at predominant incidence of 62% followed by *Vātapittaja* 29% and *Pittakaphaja* 9%. [Table number - 24]

It can be interpreted that peoples of *Vāta* associated *Prakāti* are more prone to this disease. It is in accordance to textual references.

13. **Mānasa Prakāti:** In this study 72% patients were of *Rājasa Mānasa Prakāti* followed by 28% of *Tāmasa Mānasa Prakāti*. [Table number - 25]

*Rājasa Mānasa Prakāti* is developed from *Vātika* predominance. We can understand that the main etiological factor behind the whole thing is *Vāta*. So, the people with *Rājasa Mānasa Prakāti* are more prone to this disease. However precise textual reference in support of this fact is not available.

14. **Āhāra Mātrā:** In the present study 61% had moderate amount of consumption of food and 27% had *Avara* (subnormal) consumption of food followed by 12% *Pravar* consumption of food. [Table number - 26]

The amount of food taken do not show any relation to disease. And no textual references are available in this relation.

- 15. Vikâti:** The data shows that 86% of cases had *Prakâti Sama Samaveta* type of pathology and 14% had *Vikâti Viñama Samaveta*. [Table number - 27]  
However, incidence of *Vikâti* doesn't have any impact on the pattern of this illness.
- 16. Saàhanana:** In this study 91% patients were of *Madhya Saàhanana* followed by 5% of *Héna* and 4% *Susaàhata Saàhanana*. [Table number - 28]  
*Madhya Saàhanana* people were found most affected in this study. There is no exact reference available in our texts to justify the above data.
- 17. Abhayâharaëa Çakti:** The data shows that 81% of cases had moderate capacity to take food and 16% had least capacity, whereas 3% had Maximum capacity of food intake. [Table number - 29]
- 18. Jâraëa Çakti:** The data shows that 83% of the cases had moderate capacity of digestion (*Madhyam Çakti*), 12% had subnormal capacity (*Héna Çakti*) and 5% had Extreme (*Uttama Çakti*) power of digestion. [Table number - 30]  
In the patients suffering from *Sandhigatavâta*, the vitiated or aggravated *Vâta* may not reduce the appetite of patients so mostly patients come with *Madhyam Abhayâharaëa Çakti* and *Madhyam Jâraëa Çakti*.
- 19. Vyâyâma Çakti:** In this study 72% patients were of *Avara Vyâyâma Çakti*, 26% were of *Madhya* followed by 2% of *Pravara Vyâyâma Çakti*.  
This disease affects mostly old aged patients in which the power and vigour has already lost. Hence no relation of *Vyâyâma Çakti* with disease could be established. [Table number - 31]
- 20. Nidrâ:** 82% patients in this trial showed *Alpa Nidrâ*, 14% *Samyaka Nidrâ* and only 4% patients showed *Ati Nidrâ*. [Table number - 32]  
As per Ayurvedic principals the persons of *Vâtaja Prakâti* show the symptom *Alpa Nidrâ*. Hence it can be established that persons suffering from *Alpa Nidrâ* can suffer more from this disease as compare to others.

**21. Sära:** The data shows that *Meda Sära* 52% were the maximum number of patients suffering from *Sandhigataväta* (OA) followed by 32% *Asthi Sära* & 16% *Määsa Sära*. [Table number - 33]

It may be due to the reason that *Meda* of *Meda Sära* patients causes the obstruction of channels of *Väta*, whereas *Asthi Sära* patients are already *Väta* predominant. Both these conditions causes aggravation of *Väta* and causes this disease.

**22. Involvement of joints:-** The data shows that all patients (100%) were suffering from OA of knee joint, which was followed by Lumbosacral joint (76%), Cervial spine (56%), Hip joint was 26%, interphalangeal joints was 12%, and shoulder joint was just 2%. This data is very near to the global trend of osteoarthritis. [Table no. 34].

It may be due to the reason that knee joint is weight bearing joint which carry whole weight of the body, after knee joint the next joint which carry the load of body during various day to day activities is Lumbosacral spine.

### **Discussion on Effect of Therapy:**

#### **A. Subjective Criteria**

##### **1. Effect of therapy on *Vedanä* (Pain in joints)**

The symptom *Vedanä* was improved by 15.83% after one month of therapy, 40% after two months of therapy and 30% at follow up after third month in Group 1. Where as in Group 2 the improvement after one month of treatment was 20.59%, it was 68.66% after second month of therapy and 61.19% at follow up after third month. [Table number - 35]

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on *Vedanä* in Group 1 and Group 2 was Highly Significant ( $p < 0.0001$ ). [Table number - 36]

**2. Effect of therapy on Vātapūrēa Dātivata Sparça** [Table number - 37]

The symptom **Vātapūrēa Dātivata Sparça** was improved by 31.58% after one month of therapy, 47.37% after two months of therapy and 42.11% at follow up after third month in Group 1. Where as in Group 2 the improvement after one month of treatment was 45%, it was 65% after second month of therapy and 55% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on **Vātapūrēa Dātivata Sparça** in Group 1 and Group 2 was insignificant ( $p=0.513$ ). However, Group 2 showed 65% improvement as compare to Group 1 which showed 47.37% improvement. [Table number - 38]

**3. Effect of therapy on Sandhiçotha (Swelling)** [Table number - 39]

Improvement in **Sandhiçotha** was 19.15% after one month of therapy, increased to 48.93% after two months of therapy and 38.29% at follow up after third month in Group 1. The improvement in Group 2 was 28.57% after one month of treatment, it was 73.21% after second month of therapy and 55.35% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on **Sandhiçotha** in Group 1 and Group 2 was insignificant ( $p=0.074$ ). However, Group 2 showed 73.21% improvement as compare to Group 1 which showed 48.93% improvement. [Table number - 40]

**4. Effect of therapy on Vedanā during Prasāraëa & Äkuicana (Pain during flexion & Extension)** [Table number - 41]

Effect of therapy on **Vedanā during Prasāraëa & Äkuicana** was 13.47% improvement after one month period, further increased to 23.32% after two months

of therapy and reduced to 17.09% at follow up after third month in Group 1. Whereas in Group 2 the improvement was 30.54% after one month of treatment, it further improves to 67.55% after second month of therapy and 61.06% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison the data showed that the difference in efficacy on *Vedanā during Prasāraëa & Äkuicana* in Group 1 and Group 2 was highly significant ( $p < 0.0001$ ). Group 2 showed better recovery i.e. 67.55% as compare to Group 1 which showed only 23.32% improvement in the patients of *Sandhigataväta*. [Table number - 42]

**5. Effect of therapy on *Jadhayam* (Morning Stiffness on severity score)**

Effect of therapy on *Jadhayam* was 5.495% improvement after one month period, further increased to 45.05% after two months of therapy and 36.26% at follow up after third month in Group 1. Whereas in Group 2 the improvement was 13.43% after one month of treatment, it further improves to 52.61% after second month of therapy and 51.86% at follow up after third month. [Table number - 43]

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on *Jadhayam* in Group 1 and Group 2 insignificant ( $p = 0.396$ ). In terms of percentage improvement in both Groups, Group 2 showed better recovery i.e. 52.61% as compare to Group 1 which showed only 45.05%. [Table number - 44].

**6. Effect of therapy on *Jadhayam* (Morning Stiffness on duration)**

In the symptom *Jadhayam* in terms of Morning Stiffness on duration, improvement was 10.43% after one month period, which further increased to 30.43% after two month of therapy and 31.30% at follow up after third month in Group 1. In Group 2, 14.05% improvement was

observed after one month of treatment, it further improves to 38.84% after second month of therapy and 34.71% at follow up after third month. [Table number - 45]

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on *Jadhayam* in Group 1 and Group 2 was insignificant ( $p=0.052$ ) statistically. The percentage improvement at the end of trial period, Group 2 showed better recovery i.e. 34.71% as compare to Group 1 which showed 31.30% improvement . [Table number - 46].

**7. Effect of therapy on *Äöopa* (Crepitations) [Table number - 47]**

In Group 1, the improvement on was *Äöopa* was 0.97% after one month period, which further increased to 1.94% after two months of therapy and remain 1.94% at follow up after third month in Group 1. In Group 2, 1.75% improvement was observed after one month of treatment, it further improves to 2.63% after second month of therapy and remain stable at 2.63% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on *Äöopa* in Group 1 and Group 2 was insignificant ( $p=1$ ) statistically. [Table number - 48]

**B. Objective Criteria**

**8. Effect of therapy on Range of motion [Table number - 49]**

Effect of therapy on Range of motion showed 2.19% improvement after one month period, further increased to 2.86% after two months of therapy and 2.90% at follow up after third month in Group 1. Whereas in Group 2 the improvement was 2.31% after one month of treatment, it

further improves to 3.27% after second month of therapy and 3.40% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on Range of motion in Group 1 and Group 2 was not significant ( $p=0.536$ ). In terms of percentage improvement in both Groups, Group 2 showed better recovery i.e. 3.40 as compare to Group 1 which showed only 2.90%. [Table number - 50]

**9. Effect of therapy on Muscular strength** [Table number - 51]

In Group 1, the improvement on Muscular strength was 13.82% after one month period, which further increased to 28.45% after two month of therapy and 24.39% at follow up after third month in Group 1. In Group 2, 22.22% improvement was observed after one month of treatment, it further improves to 47.61% after second month and 38.09% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on Muscular strength in Group 1 and Group 2 was significant ( $p<0.0001$ ) statistically. Percentage improvement at the end of trial period was 38.09% in Group 2 whereas it was 24.39% in Group 1. Group 2 showed better results. [Table number - 52]

**10. Effect of therapy on Pressing power** [Table number - 53]

Effect of therapy on Pressing power was 18.25% improvement after one month period, further increased to 30.16% after two months of therapy and 23.02% at follow up after third month in Group 1. Whereas in Group 2 the improvement was 20.74% after one month of treatment, it further improves to 37.04% after second month of therapy and 28.89% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on Pressing power in Group 1 and Group 2 was significant ( $p=0.025$ ) statistically. Group 2 showed better recovery i.e. 28.89% as compare to Group 1

which showed only 23.02% improvement in the patients of *Sandhigatavāta*. [Table number - 54]

**11. Effect of therapy on Grip power** [Table number - 55]

In this criteria of assessment, in Grip power the improvement was 9.70% after one month period, which further increased to 22.39% after two month of therapy and 17.91% at follow up after third month in Group 1. In Group 2, 13.01% improvement was observed after one month of treatment, it further improves to 26.03% after second month of therapy and 23.29% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on Grip power in Group 1 and Group 2 was not significant ( $p=0.103$ ) statistically. In terms of percentage improvement at the end of trial period, Group 2 showed better recovery i.e. 23.29% as compare to Group 1 which showed 17.91% improvement. [Table number - 56]

**12. Effect of therapy on Hb Gm%** [Table number - 57]

Effect of treatment on Hb Gm% showed 0.62% improvement after one month period, after two month of therapy it was increased to 0.71% and 0.74% at follow up after third month in Group 1. Whereas in Group 2 the improvement was 1.27% after one month of treatment, it further improves to 1.34% after second month of therapy and 1.16% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on Hb gm% in Group 1 and Group 2 was not significant ( $P=0.176$ ). However, in terms of percentage improvement in both Groups, Group 2 showed better recovery i.e. 1.16 as compare to Group 1 which showed only 0.74%. [Table number - 58]

**13. Effect of therapy on Total Leukocyte count (TLC) [Table number - 59]**

Mean difference observed in Total Leukocyte count was 4.26% after one month of therapy, it was increased to 3.19% after two month of therapy and 2.12% at follow up after third month in Group 1. The improvement in Group 2 was 6.52% after one month of treatment, it rose up to 7.61% after second month of therapy and 5.43% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on TLC in Group 1 and Group 2 was insignificant ( $p=0.332$ ). Group 2 showed 5.43% improvement as compare to Group 1 which showed 2.12% improvement. [Table number - 60]

**14. Effect of therapy on ESR [Table number - 61]**

Improvement recorded in Group 1 for ESR was 2.67% after one month period, it further increased to 7.54% after two months of therapy and 6.56% at follow up after third month in Group 1. Whereas in Group 2 the improvement was 11.67% after one month of treatment, it further improves to 13.93% after second month of therapy and 13.81% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on ESR in Group 1 and Group 2 was significant ( $p=0.008$ ) statistically. Group 2 showed better recovery i.e. 13.81% as compare to Group 1 which showed only 6.56% improvement in the patients of *Sandhigatavāta*. [Table number - 62]

**15. Effect of therapy on CRP [Table number - 64]**

In Group 1, the improvement in CRP was 2.48% after one month period, which further increased to 3.97% after two months of therapy and 4.167% at follow up after third month in Group 1. In Group 2, 4.31% improvement was observed after one month of treatment, it further improves to 5.65% after second month of therapy and 5.84% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, it is observed that the difference in efficacy on CRP in Group 1 and Group 2 was insignificant ( $p=0.359$ ) statistically. Percentage improvement at the end of trial period was 5.84% in Group 2 whereas it was 4.167% in Group 1. Group 2 showed better results. [Table number - 65]

**16. Effect of therapy on WOMAC SCORE** [Table number - 65]

Improvement in *WOMAC Score* was 6.39% after one month of therapy, increased to 25.57% after two months of therapy and 23.39% at follow up after third month in Group 1. The improvement in Group 2 was 16.01% after one month of treatment, it was 27.99% after second month of therapy and 25.48% at follow up after third month.

In intergroup comparison, the data showed that the difference in efficacy on *WOMAC SCORE* in Group 1 and Group 2 was not significant ( $p=0.143$ ). Group 2 showed 25.48% improvement as compare to Group 1 which showed 23.39% improvement. [Table number - 66]

**17. Effect of therapy on Functional index (Lequesne Algofunctional Index' )** [Table number - 67,68,69]

Mean difference in Group 1 was 0.238 with 31.87% improvement, the results were highly significant. In Group 2 Mean difference was 0.371 with 52.89% improvement, the results were highly significant. However, the results were highly significant in both the groups. Intergroup comparison of both groups shows highly significant result. The %age improvement was also higher in Group 2, showing that therapy used in Group 2 is more efficient in relieving the symptoms in the patients of *Sandhigatavāta*.

**Overall effect of therapy**

Total results were assessed on the basis of %age improvement in the clinical features, laboratory investigations. It was observed that patients of Group 2 showed better results as compared to Group 1. Out of total, 8% patients showed complete remission, 18% patients showed marked improvement, 40% showed Moderate improvement and 34% showed mild improvement in Group 2 as compared to Group 1 in which 4% patients showed complete remission, 10% patients showed marked improvement, 34% showed Moderate improvement, 48% showed mild improvement and 4% patients showed no improvement at the end of clinical trial, showing better efficacy of drugs used in Group 2.

#### **Discussion on follow up Examination**

In the present study, patients were followed up to three months at one month interval. In the first follow up visit there was stability in features i.e. no further increase in the symptoms recorded. On second follow up, significant improvement was recorded in both groups. However, on third visit which was one after month of caseation of therapy, there was some reoccurrence of symptoms. So, use of medicines for longer period and prevention of the causative factors is essentially required.

#### **Probable Mode of action of Drugs**

##### **Çallaké<sup>121</sup>**

Çallaké possesses *Tikta Madhura* and *Kañāya Rasa*; *Guëa* of Çallaké is *Rukña*, *Laghu* and *Tékñaëa*; *Viapāka* is *Kaöu*; whereas *Vérya* is *Uñëa*. The *Doñakarma* is *Kaphapittaçāmaka*. According to classics, Çallaké has potent *Vātakaphahara* properties. The key constituents of Çallaké are volatile oil (4-8%), acid resin (56-65%) and gum (20-36%). The triterpenoids are the active constituents and are collectively called boswellic acids. The gum resin of B.

serrata usually contains 43% boswellic acids, which contain a combination of six major constituents, mainly 3 acetyl, 11 keto, boswellic acids (AKBA), which help to preserve the structural integrity of joint cartilage and maintain a healthy immune mediator cascade at a cellular level, which is active against pain and inflammation by inhibiting leukotriene synthesis. Specifically, it inhibits the activity of the enzyme 5 lipoxygenase through a non-redox reaction in OA.

In the present study, improvement was seen in the chief complaints, *Sandhiçūla*, *Sandhiçōtha*, *Ākuīcana Prasāriēayo Vedanā*, *Stambha*, due to *çōthahara* and *Vedanāsthāpana* properties of *çallaké*. The main site of *Sandhigatavāta* is *Sandhi* which is the site of *çleñakakapha*. Due to its *Tiktarasa*, *Kaöu Vipāka* and *Uñëa Vérya*, *çallaké* pacifies vitiated *Kapha* and *Vāta Doña*, resulting in reduction of *çōtha*, *çūla* and other related symptoms. The pacified *Vāta* in the *Sandhi* helps to rearrange *çleñakakapha* and thereby improves the symptoms of *Sandhigatavāta*. *çallaké* possesses analgesic and anti-arthritic properties, which are responsible for its analgesic and anti-inflammatory activities. It also acts as COX-2 inhibitor and reduces the pain and inflammation without affecting the gastric mucosa. It soothes the joints and also helps treat levels of synovial fluid, making the entire structure lubricated and easy to rotate or to move.

The symptoms of *Medovaha Srotas Duñöi* improved due to its *Rukña*, *Laghu Guna* and *Uñëa Vérya*; it also reduces *Medas*. The symptoms of *Asthivaha* and *Majjāvaha Srotasa Duñöi* improved due to *Tikta Rasa* and *Kaöu Vipāka*, as they counteract the pathogenic process of *Sandhigatavāta*. The main site of *Sandhigatavāta* is *Sandhis* which are the site of *çleñakakapha*. By pacifying *Kaphadoña*, *Tikta Rasa* leads to proper nutrition of the other *Dhātu*.

Çallaké is mediated through the vascular phenomenon; it improves blood supply to joints and restores integrity of vessels obliterated by spasm of internal damage. Decrease in biochemical parameters, mainly, CRP, serum triglycerides and erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), is due to anti-inflammatory activity.

### **Äbhädi Cürëa**

The constituents of Äbhädi Cürëa has Vätäçämaka properties thus alleviates Väta and pacify it:

- Äbhä being Kaphaghna, Grähé and Kañäya Rasa Pradhäna alleviates vitiated Kapha and open the channels blocked by Kapha this helps in free movement of Väta and relives pain.
- Çuëöhé is also called Mahauñadha. It is Kaöu, Laghu and Snigdha, Uñëa Vérya and Madhura Vipäké. By these properities it is Vätakaphaçämaka. It is anti-inflammatory, Ämavätahara, Vätavyadhihara, and improves digestive fire to help in digestion of Äma. It is anti-inflammatory, relieves pain, Vätäçämaka, Vätänulomana and analgesic in its properties.
- Vidhärä is Tikta, Kaöu and Kañäya in Rasa. Its Guëa are Laghu, Snigdha. It is Uñëa Vérya and Madhura Vipäké, with these properties it pacify Väta and relieves pain in the body specifically in joints in Sandhigataväta.
- Açvgandhä is known Analgesic, and Kaphavätäçämaka. It is Tikta, Kaöu and Madhura Rasa Pradhäna, Uñëa Vérya, and pacify Väta. Due to its anti-inflammatory, analgesic properities it very effective in Vätavyadhi especially in joint disorders like Sandhigataväta.
- Tikta, Kañäya Rasa Pradhäna Guòucé has Guru and Snigdh Guna and due to its Uñëa Vérya and Madhura Vipäka it is Tridoñaçämaka. It has Vedanästhäpaka Päcana and Dépana properties. It is very useful in Painful conditions.

- *Hāpuñā* is *Kaphavātaçāmaka*. It is anti-inflammatory and analgesic. *Uñëa Vérya*, it helps in digestion of *Āma*, open the channels blocked due to *Sāma Kapha* and pacify *Vāta*. With the proper circulation of *Vāta* the pain is relieved.
- *Rāsnā* has *Vātakaphaçāmaka* property. It is very useful in *Vātavyadhi*, painful and inflammatory conditions, it has analgesic properties. Being *Uñëa Vérya* and *Guru* in *Guëa* it alleviates *Vāta* and useful to improve pain in the patients of *Sandhigatavāta*.
- *Guòucé* is *Çéta Vérya*, *Madhura Vipāké*, with *Madhura* and *Tikta* rasa *Pradhāna*. It is *Vātapittaçāmaka*. By its properties it is very useful in painful conditions because of *Vāta*.
- *Yavāni* is carminative, stimulant, cures indigestion, improves digestive fire and helps in digestion of *Āma*. It is *Uñëa Vérya*. It is *Kaphavātaçāmaka*. It is used in resolving pain due to vitiation of *Vāta*. These properties of *Yavāni* make it the part of *Ābhādi Cūrëa* to relieve *Sandhigatavāta*.
- Fennel i.e. *Saumpha* being *Madhura*, *Tikta*, *Kañāya* in *Rasa*, and *Çéta Vérya*. It improves the digestion and don't allow fresh formation of *Āma* in body. It also has analgesic property.
- Because of its property to improve digestive fire, *Uñëa Vérya* it alleviates *Vāta* and *Kapha*. It has anti-inflammatory and anti-arthritis property. It is also a good nerve tonic.

After discussion on the properties of the ingredients of *Ābhādi Cūrëa* it can be interpreted that *Ābhādi Cūrëa* is very useful in alleviating the signs and symptoms of *Sandhigatavāta*. *Çallaké* is known for its anti-arthritis properties. Both these drugs when used in combination, show very good results in the patients of *Sandhigatavāta*. To stop the reoccurrence of symptoms therapy should be continued for longer periods under close supervision.

