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# EXPLORING THE VERSATILITY OF *SAMEERAPANNAGA RASA*: CLASSICAL PREPARATION AND MULTIDIMENSIONAL THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS

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# **ABSTRACT**

The learned physicians have advised variety of drugs to treat *Sadya roga* only, whereas the *Rasausadhies* are administered to treat the *Yapya* and *Asadya roga* also. *Sameerapannaga Rasa* (SPR) is a classical Ayurvedic formulation renowned for its efficacy in managing *Kapha-Vata* dominant disorders, it stands as a versatile and targeted formulation ranging from *Swasa, Kasa, Sandigatavata, Amavata, Charma roga to Akshepaka, Pakshagata, Ardita vata* etc. Its therapeutic efficacy is deeply rooted in Ayurvedic pharmaceutics (*Rasasastra*), where the method of preparation of *Sameerapannaga ras* includes *Shodhana* (purification), *Bhavana* (levigation), *Kupipakwa* procedures that can transform toxic raw materials into potent, bioavailable medicine. Classical texts states that these *Samskara* procedures enhance safety, specificity, and pharmacodynamic precision, aligning with the principle "*Samskarad guṇantaradanam*" (processing alters properties). *Vata* is the only *Dosha* which has movement and controls the movements of other *Doshas, Dhatus* and *Mala. Sameerapannaga ras* is a compound with three arsenics that is specifically designed to regulate this dynamic force (*Vata*) like a serpent.

### **INTRODUCTION**

"दोषधातुमलमूलं हि शरीरं"[1]—According to Acharya
Susruta human body is made up of Dosa, Dhatu and
Mala, "समदोषः समाप्रिश्च समधातुमलक्रियः | प्रसन्नात्मेन्द्रियमनाः an
स्वस्य इत्यभिधीयते ||"[2] and he says a person is called
Swastha (healthy) whenever the Dosha dhatu agni
mala are in equilibrium and calm, pleasant state of
soul, sense organ and mind is present. Among the three
doshas Vata is the only Dosha which is responsible for
vitiation of other two Doshas as well as the Dhatus and
Malas. It is also said that Pitta and Kapha are Pangu
(lame) without the involvement of Vata [3]. Such is the
importance of Vata, but due to various causative
factors, Vata gets vitiated leading to several diseases.

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Controlling *Vata* is essential because *Vata* governs all movement in the body from nerve impulses and muscle contractions to circulation and elimination.

Sameerpannag Rasa is a unique potent Vatahara Rasayana. It is employed when routine herb-based interventions fail to correct stubborn Vata vitiations. Sameerapannaga ras is a Sagandha sagni ubhayasta kupipakwa preparation mentioned in the classical texts. This Kupipaka process yields nano-sized particles that swiftly penetrate the Srotas, enabling targeted pacification of deranged Vata.

In Sameerapannaga rasa the word Sameera means Vata, pannaga means Serpent, it implies that this formulation controls or kill the Vata like a serpent. It is an Arsenio-mercurial formulation that contains all the three arsenics mentioned in the Ayurveda. Primarily, Sameerapannaga ras has been mentioned in Rasa Chandamshu by the name of Vata Pannaga containing Parada, Gandhaka, Haratala, and Somala in equal parts, and Manahshila has not been mentioned as a constituent. However, later on, in text Ayurveda Aushadhi Guna Dharma Shastra by Gune, Manahshila

was added to formulate composition of *Sameerapannaga ras* which has been accepted by Ayurvedic formulary of India.

This article deals with classical references, preparation of *Sameerapanngaras* and its clinical applications.

#### **Classical References**

Sameerapannaga ras was mentioned as Karaliya preparation in Vaidya Chintamani, Rasa chandamsu yoga 2, Rasayoga sagara yoga 1, whereas Kupipakwa preparation was mentioned in Ayurveda Guna dharma sastra, AFI, Ayurveda Sara sangraha and Puta method was mentioned in Rasa chandamsu yoga 1, Rasayoga sagara 2. Their ingredients and indications are given in the following table 1.

Table 1: Reference of Sameerapannaga ras in classical books

Reference	Contents	Indications	
Rasachandamsu (1) Rasayoga Sagara (2) (Puta Method)	Sh.Parada Sh.Gandhaka Sh.Haratala Sh.somala, Abraka patra Tulasi swarasa	Sannipata Unmada, Sandhivata, Kaphajaroga	
Ayu.au.gu.dh.sa, AFI, Ayu.sa.sa Rasatantra sara va siddha prayoga sangraha Kupipakwa Method	Sh.Parada Sh.Gandhaka Sh.Haratala Sh.Manasila Sh.somala Tulasi swarasa	Sannipataroga, Kaphonmada, Kaphaja sandhibandha, Jwara, Kasa, Swasa.	
Vaidya Chinthamani (Kharaliya)	Sh.Parada, Sh.Gandhaka, Sh.Vatsanabha, Sh.Tankana, Sh.Haratala, Trikatu, Haritaki, Tulasi mula, Karkatakasringi, Swarnamakshika, Loha	Vatavyadhi	
Rasachandamsu (2) Rasayoga Sagara (1) (Kharaliya)	asayoga Sagara (1) Abhraka Bhasma,		

# Preparation of Sameerapannagaras

The preparation was carried out in the Department of Rasa Shastra & Bhaishajya Kalpana, Dr.NRS Government Ayurvedic College, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

Sameerapannaga ras was prepared by taking reference from Rasatantra sara va sidhaprayoga sangraha book [4].

Table 2: Ingredients used in Sameerapannaga ras

S.no	Ingredients	Chemical/Botanical Name	Proportion	
1	Parada	Mercury - Hg	1 part	
2	Gandhaka	Sulphur - S	1 part	
3	Somala	White Arsenic - As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1 part	
4	Haratala	Orpiment - As <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub>	1 part	
5	Manahshila	Realgar - As <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	1 part	
6	Tulasi swarasa	Ocimum sanctum Linn.	Quantity sufficient	

In AFI 15:8, all ingredients listed in Table 2 were mentioned except *Tulasi Swarasa*, whereas in *Rasachandamsu*, all ingredients from Table 2 were included except *Manahshila*. Some studies have proved

that extract of *Ocimum sanctum* inhibits the arsenic-induced toxicity. Thus, Ocimum may help in nullifying possible adverse drug reactions. Hence in

our department *Sameerapnnaga Ras* was prepared with the ingredients in Table 2.

#### Purva karma

- ➤ Parada sodhana<sup>[5]</sup>- Mardana with Trikshara, Nagavalli swarasa, Ardraka swarasa for 3 days (R.T 5/34-35)\*\*
- ➤ Gandaka sodhana [6] Bhudhara puta method using Go dugdha and Go ghrita (R.T 8/3-7)\*\*
- ➤ Haratala sodhana [7]— Dola yantra svedana in Kushmanda swarasa for 1 Yama (3 hours) (R.R.S 3/70-73)\*
- ➤ Manahshila sodhana [8]— Bhavana with Nimbu swarasa for 7 times (R.T 11/111)\*\*
- ➤ Somala sodhana [9] Dola yantra svedana using Karavellaka phala and Swarasa for 2 Yama (6 hrs) (R.R.S 3/124)\*
- ➤ Preparation of *Mrit vastra lepitha kachakupi*.

\*R.R.S - Rasa Ratna Samuchaya, \*\*R.T - Rasa Tarangini



Figure 1: Parada Sodhana



Figure 2: Gandhaka Sodhana



Figure 3: Haratala Sodhana





Figure 5: Somala Sodhana

#### Pradhana Karma

- ❖ 50 grams of *Suddha Parada* and 50 grams of *Suddha Gandaka* were taken together in a clean *Khalva yantra* and triturated together to form *Kajjali*.
- This *Kajjali* is added with 50 grams of *Sudha Haratala*, 50 grams of *Shudha Manahshila*, 50 grams of *Shudha Somala* and triturated together to form a homogenous mixture.
- Then it is subjected to Bhavana with Tulasi swarasa for 3 days.
- ❖ The obtained mixture which is 240 grams is filled upto 1/3<sup>rd</sup> level of *Kachakupi*.



Figure 6: Sameerapannaga ras Kajjali

- ✓ This is placed in EMF (Electronic Muffle Furnace) and subjected to heat as per the temperature and time mentioned below:
  - *Mrudu agni* 32° 250°C for 6 hours
  - Madyama agni 250° 500°C for 6 hours
  - *Teevra agni* 500° 580°C for 6 hours.
  - Maximum temperature recorded is 580°C and time duration is 18 hours.

Table 3: Temperature and Observations during preparation of Sameerapannaga ras

Hours	Time	Set Temperature In °C	Observation
	4.20 Am	50	
1	5 Am	100	
2	6 Am	150	Mild <i>Tulasi</i> aroma
3	7 Am	150	Tulasi smell 150°C/coffee bean smell
4	8 Am	200	Mild white fumes started to appear
5	9 Am	250	Dense white fumes with smell of sulphur
6	10 Am	250	Kajjali started melting
7	11 Am	300	Yellow fumes appear
8	12 Pm	300	Dense Yellow coloured fumes with sulphur smell
9	1 Pm	350	Hard <i>Kajjali</i> rose up from bottom, it was pushed down with <i>Tapta shalaka</i>
10	2 Pm	400	Kajjali become melted and soft
11	3 Pm	450	Kajjali was raising up, pushed down with Shalaka
			Neck of bottle was also cleared
12	4 Pm	450	Kajjali was pushed back with Sheeta shalaka at regular interval

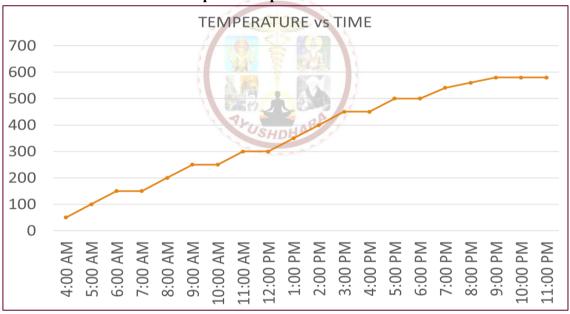
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13	5 Pm	500	Deposition on <i>Sheeta shalaka</i> found to be yellow, black Shining particles appeared as floating around the neck
14	6 Pm	500	White fumes near the neck region, gradually decreased
15	7.30 Pm	541	Aruna Bhaskara varna Sheeta shallaka yellowish orange colour, tip black Fumes very less, disappeared Copper foil test, whitish margins with light yellow in middle
	7.45 Pm	560	Corking done
	7.50 Pm	580	Temp maintained for 3 hours 7.45 Pm to 10.45 Pm.

Table 4: Ingredients with their Melting and Boiling points

S.No	Drug	Chemical formula	Melting point (°C)	<b>Boiling point (°C)</b>
1	Parada	Hg	-38.9	356.7
2	Gandhaka	S	115.2	444.6
3	Kajjali Black sulphide of mercury	HgS	583.5	583.5
4	Haratala	$As_2S_3$	310	707
5	Manashila	$As_2S_2$	360	565
6	Somala / Gouripasana	$As_2O_3$	312	465

**Graph 1: Temperature vs Time** 



#### Paschat karma

- After self cooling the *Kachakupi* is taken out of EMF.
- Mud and cloth covering the Kupi are carefully removed.
- *Kupi* is carefully wrecked by tying kerosene or spirit-soaked thread around the bottle and then it is ignited, after thread is burned it is immediately covered with wet cloth.
- SPR formed at the *Talasta* and *Galasta* regions of *Kupi* were collected, triturated.
- Final product is weighed and stored in an air tight container.
- Total weight of *Sameerapannga ras* taken 240 grams, Obtained *Talasta* 159 grams, *Kantasta* 30 grams, *Ubhayasta* (total weight) 189 grams. Total percentage of yield was 78.75%.



Figure 7: Paschat karma

# **Therapeutical Applications**

Properties of Sameera Pannaga Rasa [10]

- > Rasa Katu
- > Guna Tikshna, Balya
- > Virya Ushna
- Vipaka Katu
- > Doshagnata -Vataghna and Vata Kaphaghna

# **Table 5: Indications of Ingredients**

S.No	Drug	Rasapanchaka	Karma / Indications	
1	Haratala	Katu Kasaya Snigdha Ushna	R.T <sup>[11]</sup> – Ghora Phiranga, Vata Rakta, Visarpa, Vipadika, Vicharchika, Vividha Kusta, Vishama Jwara, Apasmara, Bhagandara, Visphota Ra.Sa.Sangrah <sup>[12]</sup> – Kanthi Virya Ojaha, Mrityunasanam R.R.S <sup>[13]</sup> – Sleshma Rakta Hara, Visa Hara, Bhuta – Infections Ayu.Prak <sup>[14]</sup> – Visa, Kandu, Kusta, Vrana, Raktapitta	
2	Manahshila	Katu Tikta Snigdha Guru Ushna, Lekhana	R.T [15]— Kasa, Swasa, Bhuta Upadrava Nashini, Agnimandya, Kshaya, Anaha, Kandu, Rasayana, Jwarahara, Varnya, Virility Vishahara	
3	Gouripasana	Snigdha Rasabandakrit Kaphavata hara	R.T [16]- Swasa, Vrischikadi Visha Hara, Kusta, Slipada Jwara, Virility / Kamavardaka, Agnimandya, Vishamajwara, Sandigata Vata, Phiranga, Kanthiprada, Jeerna Pandu, Yaksma, Hritsula Hritdourbalya, Atisara, externally acts as Kshara	
4	Parada	Shadarasa Snigdha, Sara, Ushna Madhura Prabhava- Yogavahi	Yogavahi, Rasayana, Balya, Vrisya	
5	Gandaka	Madhura Ushna Katu Vipaka	RRS [17]- Kandu, Kusta, Visarpa, Dadru, Deepan Pachana Amapachaka, Sosana, Vishahara, Krimihara, Mrutyu, Jara Nasana, Virya Vridhi. R.T [18]- Gara Visha hara, Kusta Swasa Kasa Hara, Dadru, Amahara Rasayana, Rasendra Virya Vardana.	

6	Tulasi	Katu, Tikta, Laghu,	Deepana, Dourgandhya Hara, Ruchikara, Kusta, Kasa Swasa
		Ruksha Teeksna,	Hara, Hikka Nigraha, Hridya, Parswa Sulanasaka, Krimigna,
		Ushna, Katu Vipak,	Vishahara, Jwarahara. [19]
		Kaphavata hara	It reduces the toxicity of mercury and arsenics.

Note: R.R.S- Rasa Ratna Samuchaya, R.T- Rasa Tarangini.

Sameerapannaga Ras is useful in wide range of diseases as follows:

- Non-communicable diseases- Chronic respiratory diseases such as Bronchial asthma, COPD, Lung cancer etc.
- Communicable diseases
  - a. Gram-positive Bacteria- Streptococcus pneumoniae, Staphylococcus aureus, Staphylococcus sanguis and Staphylococcus epidermidis.
  - Bacteria- Klebsiella pneumoniae, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Protius species and E.Coli.
  - c. Fungus: Candida albicanse and Candida krusei.
- **■** Degenerative diseases Osteoarthritis.
- Autoimmune disease Rheumatoid arthritis.
- Neurological disorders CVA / Stroke, Bells / facial palsy etc.

Due to the presence of three arsenics in this formulation, it has *Atyantha ugra* and *Ushna virya*, mostly due to *Somala*. But when compared to the *Malla sindura*, *Malla puspha*, and *Malla bhasma* this formulation is less *Ushna*. So, for this reason, this can be used instead of *Malla bhasma* without any fear. Even though it has *Malla*, if given in some / little high dose, any toxic symptoms cannot be found, this may be due to the method of preparation and mixture of compounds [20].

#### **DISCUSSION**

The pathophysiology of bronchial asthma can be holistically interpreted through both biomedical and Ayurvedic frameworks. Biologically, allergen exposure activates dendritic cells and macrophages, triggering a cytokine cascade- primarily IL-4, IL-5, and that culminates in bronchoconstriction. IL-13vasodilation, mucus hypersecretion, and epithelial damage<sup>[21]</sup>. These events manifest as airway obstruction, fibrosis, and compromised respiratory function. As per Ayurveda, this sequence parallels Kapha Vata Prakopa, where Vata-induced bronchospasm and Kapha-mediated mucus accumulation leads to Srotorodha (bronchial obstruction) and Dhatukshava (epithelial degeneration). In this context, Sameerapannaga Rasa (SPR) emerges as a rational therapeutic candidate, targeting both Vata and Kapha derangements while offering potential immunomodulatory and antiinflammatory effects.

In tracheostomized patients presenting with secretions and secondary excessive infections. demonstrates Sameerapannaga Rasa secretionreducing activity. thereby facilitating granulation tissue formation. This therapeutic effect is attributed to its classical properties like Dushta Vrana hara. Balva and Rasavana.

Sameerapannaga Rasa (SPR) demonstrates promising anti-proliferative activity against A549 lung cancer cell lines, as evidenced by its induction of apoptosis and cellular death [22]. From a biomedical standpoint, cancer is characterized by uncontrolled proliferation and mass formation-processes that align with the Ayurvedic principles of *Vata* (cell division) and Kapha (growth and accumulation). SPR formulation includes Somala (arsenic trioxide), a compound recognized in modern oncology for its efficacy in treating acute promyelocytic leukaemia, particularly in patients with the PML-RARa fusion gene[23].

The pathophysiology of osteoarthritis highlights progressive hyaline cartilage loss. chondrocyte-driven inflammatory cascades, and the upregulation of cytokines such as IL-1, which stimulate matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) and accelerate joint degradation [24]. From an Ayurvedic standpoint, this degenerative and inflammatory changes align with Vata-Kapha vitiation. By harmonizing Vata-Kapha and countering cytokine-mediated cartilage breakdown, SPR may support joint integrity and functional recovery in osteoarthritic conditions.

Sameerapannaga Rasa (SPR) demonstrates multifaceted therapeutic potential in Rheumatoid Arthritis through its classical actions such as Amapacana, Sothahara, Vedanasthapana, Rasayana and Balya. These properties may be correlated as inhibition of pro-inflammatory cvtokines (TNF-α. enhancement of mitochondrial detoxification. modulation of nociceptive pathways possibly via GABA nergic tone, and neuro-immunoprotection. Thus, SPR helps in managing inflammation, pain, and systemic degeneration in autoimmune joint disorders.

Leena Dosha refers to a latent state of Doshas wherein the aggravated Doshas remain concealed within the Dhatus, expressing minimal or no symptoms due to the absence of conducive factors [25]. This dormancy is influenced by the individual's Vyadhi-Kshamatva and persists until favourable conditions such as Kala (season), Bala (strength), and other

etiological triggers- enable disease manifestation. Diseases like *Vishama-jvara*, *Shvasa*, *Grahani*, *Vilambika*, and *Apasmara* are traditionally associated with this *Leena dosha* state. *Sameerapannaga ras* is very useful in such conditions that are mainly due *to Vata kapha doshas*.

Sameerapannaga ras is also indicated in skin diseases due to Vata Kapha like eczema, tenia, and other conditions. It is also useful in Upadrava of Upadamsha, Puyameha. Indicated in neurological disorders such as Pakshagata, Jihwastamba, Hanustamba, Vata Aksepaka, Kaphaja Unmada etc predominantly involving Vata and Kapha.

Sameerapannaga ras acts on Vata kapha disorders. Acts on Rasa, Rakta, Mamsa dhatus and Uras, Amashaya, Yakrit, Pliha, Vatavahini nadi, Mastiska, Twak [26].

#### **CONCLUSION**

In Ayurvedic pharmaceutics, Samskara refers to transformative processes applied to substances to enhance their therapeutic efficacy, safety, and compatibility. When preparing Sameerapannaga Ras, Samskara plays a pivotal role in refining and energizing its ingredients. In essence, Sameerapannaga Rasa (SPR) reflects the Ayurvedic principles that a drug's efficacy is shaped not just by its ingredients but by its Samskara, the transformative pharmaceutical processes. As noted in Rasa Ratna Samuccaya, Bhaishajya Ratnavali etc, procedures like Shodhana, Bhayana, Marana etc refine the drug's potency and safety. When prepared classically, Sameerapannagaras becomes a precise intervention for Kapha-Vata disorders, acting deeply across Rasa, Rakta, Mamsa Dhatus, Mastishka and Twak. It is not merely a formulation, but a pharmaceutically evolved entity.

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