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Synergistic role of bromelain, curcumin and boswellic acid in management of pleural oedema in a case of carcinoma of the lungs stage 3b

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Carcinoma of lungs presents with Oedema and inflammation as co-dependent conditions. It is more prevalent in males with a growth of 13 % of all newly diagnosed cases. The pathophysiology of CA lungs suggests formation of a proteinous gradient influencing the ionic environment across the microvasculature and lymphatic drainage of the lungs which induces ionic polarity, thus increasing the rate of pleural filtration and reduces re-absorption. This causes effusion due to impaired hydrostatic and ionic gradients.

A combination of *Curcuma longa* rhizome extract (500 mg)+*Anana squamosa* stem extract (125 mg)+*Boswellia serrata* stem & leaf extracts (200 mg) per dose was orally administered to a pre-diagnosed stage 3B Lung Cancer patient TID.

In the Ayurvedic perspective, pleural environment may be considered as pitta kaphaja. In case of CA lungs it has a vitiated vata and Kaphaja Avarana impairing the transduction of jal across the pleural membrane. This causes a kaphaja co-existence where with progression pitta gets self-limited and vata-kaphaja predominance.

Fluid formation was nearly 4l per week before treatment. The skiagrams showed effused right lung. Thoracentesis after treatment showed the drop of volume as -2.5l-15 days; 0.75l-1 month; 0.45l-50 days; 0.2 to 0.25l-90 days and onwards.

The individual ingredients are known to have anti-inflammatory and anti-oedematic properties. The results show the synergistic impact in reducing pleural effusion more effectively by vitiating pitta and reducing jal and prithvi mahabhoot's by different mechanisms.

Biography

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