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EVALUATION OF MALE REPRODUCTIVE COMPONENT IN AYURVEDA WITH ITS APPLIED ASPECT

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Male Reproductive components, Morphology, Histology, Applied Aspect, Ayurveda. ABSTRACT The reproductive system of the male includes penis, testes, epididymis, vas deferens, ejaculatory ducts, and accessory glandular structures like seminal vesicles, prostate, bulbourethral gland, and scrotum. In Avurveda above components are highlighted with the following words Vrishana, Muska, Sukra vaha srotas, Sukra dhara kala, etc. Even for a single structure various terminologies are mentioned in classics. For example concerning penis, Medhra, Mehana, Upastha, Sepha, Dhwaja, Pausendriya and Linga are mentioned. All the structures are studied according to their contexts and interpreted accordingly with the most relevant components of the male reproductive system. They are differentiated from one another to establish the morphophysiological aspects. Morphological description measuring 10 Angula found for Medhra and 6 Angula for Sepha which represent length of the urethra and penis respectively. "Vrishanayo ando" here it is oval in shape specifically highlighting the shape of testis. Virya vahi sira can be understood with the histological aspects such as seminiferous tubules, reti testis and epididymis. Sukradhara kala is the epithelial lining of entire structures. Vas deferens can be understood with Muska Srota, Phala srota. Sukra vahini. Sukra vaha and Sukra vaha srotas. Seminal vesicle which contains 65-70% of seminal fluid can be taken as Sukrasava.

The present work emphasizing male reproductive components in Ayurveda with different structures are evaluated in different context some time highlighting the morphological, functional, histological, and applied aspects.

INTRODUCTION

The reproductive system of the male includes penis, testes, epididymis, vas deferens, ejaculatory ducts, accessory glandular structures like seminal vesicles, prostate, and bulbo-urethral gland, and scrotum. Mostly these are emphasis in relation to morbidity, therapeutics and also morphological context. The present study here proceeds with the following aim and objectives.

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AIM AND OBJECTIVES

- Evaluation of male reproductive component in Ayurveda.
- Anatophysiological considerations of various terminologies will be elucidated.
- Applied aspects of these structures with references were studied.

MATERIALS & METHOD

The present study was designed to be carried out in the following platform. Male reproductive components are analyzed from classics and interpreted. Elucidated terminologies were analyzed from embryological, surface anatomical, dimensions, histology, and applied aspects. Table presentations were prepared highlighting the above points.

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OBSERVATION AND RESULTS

The present work wants to emphasize male going through all compore reproductive components in Ayurveda with different below **Table 1: Embryological Origin of Testis in Ayurveda**

structures as advocated in different contexts. After going through all components it is summarized as below

Structures **Embryological origin** Correlation Male Reproductive Originate in 2nd month as *Pinda* Development of the reproductive system starts in 2nd month. Components (hard and round) shape zygotemale baby^[1] Testis Sara of Mamsa, Rakta, Kapha and Septum transversium –*Mamsa* Medas^[2] (Vrishana) Tunica vasculasa- Rakta Tunica albugenia- Kapha Tunica vaginalis - Medas

Table 2: Dimension of the Male Reproductive Components

Modern	Ayurvedic	Dimension
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Testis	Vrishana	Size- 2 Angula ^[3]
		Shape- Oval in shaped i.e., "Vrisanoando"[4]
Scrotum (With	Vrisanayo	Length- 6 Angula,
testis)		Circumference- 8 Angula ^[5]
	Mushka	Look like pendulous mass i.e., Galaganda roga ^[6]
Prostate	Paurusha Granthi	Size: Look like a big eye ball ^[7]
	Asthila	Shape: Round in shape ^[8]
Penis	Sepha	Length-6 Angula, Circumference-5 Angula ^[9]
	Medhra	Length-10 Angula (length of urethra) ^[10]
	Mehana	Length in flaccid stat - 4 Angula erect stat- 6 Angula ^[11]
Urethra	Uttara Vasti Netra	Length- 10 Angula, Diameter- equal to Mugda ^[12]

Table 3: Surface Anatomy of the Male Reproductive Components

Modern	Ayurvedic	Surface Anatomy	
Testis	Vrishana	Vitapamarma present between Vrishana and Vangsana. ^[13]	
	Mushka	<i>Muska</i> is a structure which is placed below bladder along with <i>Sepha</i> ^[14]	
Prostate	Paurusha Granthi	"Vastisirshachaopaurusha". It is placed around the internal orifice. ^[15,16]	
	Asthila	It is present at <i>Vastimukha</i> (internal orifice) ^[17]	
Penis	Sepha is bound in the middle by Sephasevani (i.e., raphe) and it is situated not to the urinary bladder (Basti). ^[18]		
	Mehana	Distance from umbilicus- 12 <i>Anguli. Medhra</i> contains one <i>Kurcha</i> which forms due to <i>Dhamanisannipata</i> ^{119]} .	
	Medhra	Located in <i>Gudaasthivivara</i> along with other structures like <i>Vasti, Vastisira, Vrishana, Guda.</i> ^[20]	
	Paurusham	Located in Vasti mukha ^[15]	
Seminal Vesicle	Sukrasaya	It is located below the <i>Vasti 2 Angula</i> in right side where <i>Sukra</i> is ejaculated in <i>Mutrasrota</i> . ^[21]	

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	Table 4: Applied Anatomy of the Male Reproductive Components
Components	Applied Importance
Testis	 Vrisana parshasiravedhya is indicated in Mutravridhi roga.^[22] Vitapa marma present between Vrisana and Vangsana and injury leads to Sanda (impotence), Alposukrata.^[23] Injury to Vrisana leads to infertility or impotence. ^[24,25] In Vatikasanda congenital disorders Vrishana get affected by Vayu.^[26] In the treatment of Medajavridhi, Phalasevani should excluded from giving incision.^[27] Mushkasayathu (swelling) is one of the symptoms due to excess sexual intercourse.^[28]
Scrotum	 In <i>Muska</i> one should use moderate <i>Bandage (Samabandha)</i>.^[29] In the <i>Samprapti</i> of <i>Vriddhirogaphalokoshavahinidhamani</i> get affected and thus swelling occur at <i>Phalakosha</i>.^[30] <i>Vrishanokandu</i> means scrotal dermatitis occur in scrotum^[31].
Epididymis & Vasa Diferens	 During <i>Ashmari</i> extraction operation precaution should be taken not to get injury to <i>Mushkasrota</i> or it will causes <i>Dhwajabhanga</i> (erectile dysfunction).^[32] Disease occur due to <i>Sukravahasrotavidhya</i> i.e., <i>Klaibya, Chiratproseka</i> and <i>Raktasukrata</i>.^[33]
Ejaculatory Duct	 Sukraharini should not be injured during Ashmari extraction operation. Injury to these cause Marana (death) and Klibya (impotency).^[32] One of the cause of Sukavahasrotadusti is the use of Sastra, Kshara and Agni in Sukra vahini.^[34] Sukramargasanitam is one of the symptom due to excess sexual intercourse.^[35]
Seminal Vesicle	In <i>Pavanindriya</i> , a congenital disease <i>Sukrasaya</i> get affected by <i>Garbhasayavayu</i> at the time of formation. ^[36]
Penis	 "Klaibyam Sarvadalingapatenavasthanam". Inability to achieve erection of Sepha seen in Klaibya.^[37] Uttaravastinetra length is equal to the Medhra i.e., 10 Angula. And diameter like Mutravahasrota and i.e., equal to the size of Mugda.^[10] In the upper part of Medhra there are 2 Avedyasira which present on both side of Romaraji (pubic hair).^[38] Medhra Madhya siravyadha is indicated in Parivartika, Upadhamsa, Sukaroga, Sukradhatu vikar.^[39] Diseases occur in Sukadosha due to the abnormal use of "Lingavridhikara yoga".^[40] Sex with Pravidha lingam purusha one of the cause of Yoni vyapad.^[41] Severe Medhraroga which causes Marmacheda is the cause of Poumsatyaupaghatajaklaibya which is of incurable.^[42] In relation to Shataponakguhyaroga, one of the main symptom is "Sidrenumukhityammehanam" (penis become porous).^[43] Ativevaya without taking Vajikarana cause Sukrakshaya and thus produce Dhwajabhanga klaibya.^[43] O. 10. Diseases of penis: 5 types Upadhansharoga (venereal disease) occur in Medhra,^[45,46] Medhra arsa,^[47] Medhrasopha (swelling)^[48], Nirudhaprakasha^[49] Napumsaka^[50], Suka roga^[51], Guhya roga^[52], Klaibya^[53].
Urethra	 Injury to Mutravaha cause Marana (death) and Mutrapurnavasti.^[54] In case Asmari chikitsa if it gets obstructed in Mutramarga then it should remove by Nadisastra and collected by Badisayantra. In case of Mutrajatharaadharasrota get obstructed.^[56] Sukra ashmari get obstructed the Mutramarga which is produces in between the tract of Medhra and Vrisana.^[57] Vata asthila causes Bohirmargaavorodha (obstruction).^[58]
Glans and Prepuse	 In case of <i>Niruddhaprakasha</i> (phymosis) disease <i>Manicharma</i> get affected by <i>Vata</i> and thus blocks the <i>Mutrasrotas</i> (urethra).^[60] IIRAPS April 2024 Vol 8 Issue 4.

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IJRAPS, 2024:8(4):1-8 2. In case of Parivartika (parapimosis) disease Manicharma and Mani get affected Vata.^[62]

3. *Mani charma* get affected in *Nirudhyamaniguhya roga*.^[61]

DISCUSSION

The present work wants to emphasis the male reproductive components in Ayurveda with different structures as advocated in different contexts. A series of terminologies are available which highlight the morphological and sometimes related to functional aspect too. Below all these components of male reproductive system are interrelated logically.

- Testis: The basic component of the male reproductive system is the testis. The present study finds the following terminologies to interpret testis, Vrishana, Mushka, and Phala. Relating to the embryological origin of Vrisana, Sara of Mamsa, Rakta, Kapha, and Medas are mentioned which can be understood with structural components of testis as Tunica vaginalis for Medas. Tunica vasculasa for Rakta, Tunica albugenia for *Kapha*, and Septum transversium or intermediate septum Mamsa. for Vrisanaparshasiravedhya indicated in is *Mutravridhiroaa* (hvdrocele) which can be understood with pempiniform plexus of vein.
- **Scrotum:** For scrotum terminology are mainly used like *Vrishanayo, Phalakosha, Andokosha* and sometimes *Mushka. Chakrapani* told the word *Vrishana* is singular number so there should be *Vrisanyayo* word which can be correlated with testis along with scrotum. (Chakrapani, Ch. chi. 12/94). Size of *Vrishanayo* is 6 *Angula* in length and 8 *Angula* circumference which is logical to indicate the scrotum.
- In *Vridhiroga* swelling occurs in *Phalakosha* where *Phalakosha vahiny dhamani* get affected which clearly indicate accumulation of fluid in scrotum seen in hydrocele where accumulates in the cavity of the tunica vaginalis. *Mushka* sometime indicate both testis and scrotum. The *Mushka* is identical with the *Galaganda* i.e., pendulum like mass is observe around the neck. Here *Mushka* representing scrotum along with testis.
- **Epididymis:** The epididymis is a mass made up highly coiled tubes that act as reservoirs of spermatozoa. Terminologies like *Adhivrishanika* and *Viryavahi sira* are correlating to it.
- **Vas Deferens:** It is the structures that extend form tail of epididymis up to the base of prostate and persist in the spermatic cord finally join with the duct of seminal vesicle and form ejaculatory duct. To indicate the structure some terminology are available like *Virya vahi sira, Muska srota,*

Phala srota, Sukra vahini, Sukra vaha and Sukra vaha srota.

- Here *Virya vahisira* used by Sarangadhar can also be interpreted as it carries the spermatozoa. The terminology like *Muskasrota, Phala srota* etc are indicating both vas deferens and spermatic cord, most of the time and some time separately.
- **Ejaculatory Ducts:** The structure formed by union of vas deferens and 2 duct of seminal vesicle. Its secretion almost takes 65-70% of semen. Observing the functional and applied aspects, the terminologies like *Sukramarga, Sukravahinadi, Sukraharini* and *Sukra proseka* can be mentioned. It is clearly mentioned in *Sukragata vata* that obstruction of *Sukramarga* induces decrease or absence of *Sukra*. This clearly shows obstruction of ejaculatory duct. In *Sukrakshaya* symptom like *Chirtaproseka, Proseka cha alpo rakta sukra darsanam,* also represent delayed ejaculation and ejaculation with blood mixed semen. Here *Sukra proseka* means ejaculatory duct.
- Seminal Vesicles: These are fibro muscular pouches lined with columnar epithelium lying on the posterior aspect of the bladder. The seminal vesicles are two in numbers. *Sukrasaya* and *Reta Sthanam* terminologies are mainly used to represent it.
- *Sukrasaya* is located below the *Vasti* 2 *Angula* in right side where *Sukra* ejaculated in *Mutravahasrota* almost exhibit nearer identity in the aspect of anatomical position.
- **Prostate:** The prostate gland lies in the pelvic cavity in front of the rectum and behind the symphysis pubis, surrounding the first part of the urethra. It secretes 30-35% of ejaculate semen. Two terminologies namely *Paurushagranthi*, *Asthila* are mainly mentioned to indicate it, which are located at the neck of the urinary bladder and looks like big eye ball i.e. round in shaped.
- Penis: Following terminologies are mainly used to identify the penis i.e., Medhra, Mehana, Sepha, Dhwaja, Upastha, Paurusham, Sisna, Linga, Purushindriya.
- In above terminology dimension found in *Medhra*, *Mehana* and *Sepha*. *Mehana* measures 4 *Angula* in flaccid state and 6 *Angula* in erect state *Uttara vastinetra* length is equal to the *Medhra* i.e., 10 *Angula*. Probably *Mehana* is the external part of penis and *Medhra* is the entire length of the penis from the internal orifice at the bladder up to the

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external opening or meatus of penis. The measurements of Sepha are 6 Angula length and 5 Angula circumference. Here it is clearly mean at erect state only as *Mehana* at erect state 6 Angula lengths. So Mehana and Sepha seems to be used in terms of normal copulative part. Distance from umbilicus to Mehana is 12 Anguli which indicate surface anatomical landmark for the base of the penis from umbilicus. The consideration of *Upastha* which synonym is yoni and it is one of the *Karmendriya* shows its importance in both male and female. Further the function Ananda i.e., pleasure attributed to it indicates its psychological importance also in parlance other to is mainly Karmendriyas. Linaa used for reproductive organ i.e., penis which also serve for urination and semen ejaculation. The terminology *Dhwaja* means flag, which is mean for potentiality of muscularity emphasis through erectile functional aspect of penis essential in reproduction.

• Function of the *Upastha* is *Ananda* and it is one of the *Karmendriya* which shows its reproductive functional aspect on *Sukra* comes out through the *Sepha* at the height of sexual intercourse under the influence of *Apanavayu*.

Internal Structure of Penis

- **Urethra:** Male urethra is a tube extended from the urinary bladder to external opening or meatus at the tip of penis and it is 18 to 20cm long. The structural identity of urethra like a tube can be with following terminologies *Mutravahisrota, Mutravaha, Mutrapatha, Mutramarga, Mehanamarga, Adharasrota, Adharamarga, Mutraproseka, Mutraseka, Nala, and Bohirmarga.*
- Here it is to be noted the length of *Uttara vatinetra* in relation to male is 10 *Angula* from the applied aspect of its application in this passage. So it is considered as length of male urethra which is logical.
- **External Orifice:** Terminologies are mainly used i.e., *Mehanarandra, Medhrarandra, Medhradwar* to understand the external orifice. The size of *Uttara vastinetra* is equal to *Mugda*, which is identical with the size of external orifice itself.
- **Internal Orifice:** In *Susruta samhita nidan sthana* it is said that *Vasti* having *Aka dwar* (one opening) in middle of the lower part which is surrounded by *Sira* and *Snayu. Vastimukha* terminology is mainly used to represent the internal orifice which is present near prostate.
- **Prepuse and Glans:** To understand these terminologies are mainly used i.e., *Mani* and *Mani charma*, *Medhragra*, *Medhracharma*. Here

terminology *Mani* is used for glans, *Mani charma* and *Medhracharna* for prepuse while *Medhraagra* may interpret with both prepuse and glans as *Sthagika* bandage is advised in *Medhraagra*.

- **Corpus Spongiosum:** It is basically a mass of spongy like region of erectile tissue surrounding the male urethra throughout its whole length inside the penis. The term *Medraantra* which mentioned in relation to *Mutrasula* is clearly identical with corpus spongiosum.
- **Corpus Cavernous:** Corpora cavernosa is another erectile tissue present entire length of penis which filled with blood during erection. They are in close apposition with each other throughout their length. Two corpora cavernosa lies along the penis shaped. They are formed by a spongy like tissue containing trabaculae with irregular blood filled space.
- Most identical terminology is Sukra vahi sira. Here
 it is emphasized due to the "Harsa" Sukra vahasira
 become Sphurna (full & dilated) and thus penis
 becomes erect (Dhwajautsata). These clearly
 indicate erection of penis with corpus cavernous
 get filled with blood flow during copulation.
- **Perineal Raphe:** Perineal raphe is present in whole length of both scrotum and penis. Two terminologies are *Sevani* and *Phalasevani* mainly used for perineal raphe. Apart from these above structure the vascular distribution as well as nerve supply of male reproductive organ are also tried to interoperate as below
- Artery Supply: In spermatic cord, testicular artery, artery to vas deferens and artery to cremester are present. Injury to these structures leads to atrophy to the testis and thus can cause impotence oligospermia and infertility. In Avurveda 4 numbers of Avedvasira is said to be present in these region along with Vitapa marma. Vitapa marma present between Vrisana and Vangsana and injury leads to Sanda (impotence), Alposukrata (oligospermia). This clearly indicates the vulnerability of the structure hypnotized as *Vitapamarma.* Hence it is logical to interpret the therapeutic aspect of testicular artery and artery to vas deferens with Avedyasira (prohibited to surgery).
- Veinous Drianage: Siravyadha in Parivartika, Upadhamsa, Sukaroga, Sukradhatu vicar roga is advised in Medhra Madhya sira. This can be understood with deep dorsal vein which drains into the prostatic plexus of veins. Vrisana Parshasira vedhya is indicated in Mutra vridhiroga (hydrocele) which can be understood with pempiniform plexus of vein.

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- Nerve Supply: Nerve supply of penis contains second, third and fourth sacral spinal segments via the pudendal nerve and pelvic plexuses. Among 6 *Kurcha, 1 Kurcha* present in *Medhra* which form due to *Dhamani sannipata*. Haranchandra clarify here that all the 5 *Kurcha* are *Snayu sannipata* while *Kurcha* present in *Medhra* is *Dhamani sannipata*. It can be understood with nerve plexus. To represent nerve supply of remaining parts these terminologies are mainly used i.e., *Sukra pradurbhaba dhamani* 2 in numbers and *Sukra visarga dhamani* 2 in numbers.
- **Histology:** The structures of reproductive system • are formed by connective tissue and muscular tissue. The layers of the testis are formed by epithelial tissue. The terminologies like Virvavahisira. Sukradharakala. Retodhara Kala can be mentioned in this aspects. Also as the Vrisana get originated from Mamsa, Rakta, Kapha, Meda shows its histological aspects too. Relating to embryological origin of Vrisana, Sara of Mamsa, *Rakta, Kapha* and *Medas* are mentioned which can be understood with structural components of testis as e.g. Tunica vaginalis -Medas. Tunica vasculasa- Rakta, Tunica albugenia- Kapha, and Septum transversium or intermediate septum -Mamsa.
- Embryological Origin: The zygote should be of *Sukrabahulya* (i.e., dominancy of y chromosome) to produce male child. Reproductive system starts development in 2nd month of intra embryonic life. In Ayurveda also it is seen that reproductive system originates in 2nd month. If the embryo is male baby 2nd month it looks like *Pinda* (i.e., hard and round) shaped *Peshi* (elongated for female baby) and *Arbuda* (tumour like for hermaphrodite).

CONCLUSION

Male reproductive components are mentioned with different terminologies which are incorporated with some specific structures. This interpretation is mostly based on structural, functional as well as from the applied preview. They are highlighted in relation with dimension or physiological activity and clinical importance. The testis is understood with Vrishana, Mushka, Anda, and Phala. Viryavahisira can be understood with somniferous tubules, straight tubules, reti testis and body of epididymis. Sukravahasrota, most common terminology and used for single structure or even multiple structure in different references accordingly. The present research study advocates further research study in this platform with deeper

knowledge to establish the hypothesis for the benefits of upgrading science.

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