

Ayurvedic Management Of Anovulation - A Clinical Case Report.

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ABSTRACT

Background: Primary infertility is defined as the inability of a couple to achieve conception after one year of unprotected coitus. Anovulation is a significant cause of female infertility, contributing to approximately 35% of cases attributed to ovulatory dysfunction. It is characterized by the failure of follicular rupture despite follicular development, resulting in the absence of ovulation. The etiologies of anovulation are diverse and include polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), hyperprolactinaemia, premature ovarian insufficiency, hypothalamic anovulation, luteinized unruptured follicle syndrome, and luteal phase deficiency. *Acharya Kashyapa* in the *Revati Kalpa Adhyaya* describes a condition termed *Pushpagñi* referring to timely but fruitless menstruation. From an *Ayurvedic* perspective, this clinical presentation can be correlated with anovulation.

Case report: A 31-year-old female patient who has been trying to conceive for the past three years presented for *Ayurvedic* consultation and treatment. Following evaluation, she was diagnosed with primary infertility due to anovulation and elevated prolactin levels. In this particular case, the primary *Doshas* involved were predominantly *Vata* and *Kapha*, along with vitiation of the *Dhatus* - *Rasa*, *Rakta*, and *Artava*. Therefore, the treatment was formulated based on the prevailing *Dosha* dominance and the affected *Dhatus* incorporating both *Shodhana* i.e., *Vamana*, *Basti*, *Uttarabasti* and *Shamana* therapies

Results: Patient conceived after over one year of *Ayurvedic* line of treatment with regular follow-up. UPT was found positive on February 2025.

Conclusion: This case study concludes that the comprehensive and holistic principles of *Ayurveda* contribute significantly to the management and alleviation of infertility resulting from ovarian dysfunction

Keywords: Anovulation, *Beejadushti*, *Apraja Vandyatwa*, *Uttarabasti*, *Yogabasti*

1. INTRODUCTION

Vadhyatva or Female infertility is a gynecological condition that, which significantly impairs a woman's ability to conceive and contribute to progeny. Infertility is termed primary if conception has never occurred and secondary if the patient fails to conceive after having achieved a previous conception. The incidence of infertility in any community varies between 5 and 15% ¹.

According to the *Harita Samhita*, the *Anapathya* type of *Vandhyatva* correlates with primary infertility—which means a women who has never conceived ². According to *Ayurveda*, four essential factors are required for successful conception are *Ritu*, *Kshetra*, *Ambu* and *Beeja* ³. Here *Beeja* can be referred as healthy ovum and sperm. Speaking of female infertility, *Beeja dushti* can be considered as ovulatory dysfunction i.e., anovulation. If any derangement in any of these will result in *Vandyatwa*.

According *Acharya Kashyapa* in the *Revati Kalpa Adhyaya* mentions the condition *Pushpagñi Jataharini*, describing the symptom “*Vrutta Pushpa*” referring to a woman who experiences timely menstruation without the result of conception. This condition, from an *Ayurvedic* perspective, can be correlated with anovulation⁴. Anovulation is an important subset in infertility ⁵. According to FIGO-Ovulatory dysfunction contributes to 30% - 40% causative factors of infertility ⁶.

The ovarian activity is totally dependent on the gonadotropins and normal secretion of the gonadotropins depends on the pulsatile release of GnRH from hypothalamus. Thus the disturbance may result in anovulation ⁷.

This paper presents a successful case report of a patient with primary infertility due to anovulation, managed through

Ayurvedic treatment, demonstrating positive clinical outcomes. The treatment protocol focused on enhancing *Agni* removing *Srotodushti* facilitating the proper formation of *Shuddha Artava* along with *Beejakarmukta* and *Vata Shamana*.

PATIENT INFORMATION

A 31-year-old married woman visited the *Prasuti Tantra* and *Stree Roga* outpatient department (OPD) with the concern of being unable to conceive despite trying for three years during her regular and unprotected married life. Patient gave a detailed history that couple consulted allopathic gynaecologist in Bangalore where she underwent hormonal therapy and ovulation induction for 3 cycles and one cycle of intrauterine insemination (IUI) but no any results. Patient also underwent hysterosalpingography (HSG) investigation in 2022 - it was suggestive of bilaterally both fallopian tubes were patent. Later in 2023 she came to JSS Ayurvedic Medical Hospital for the further management

Past History: No history of DM/HTN/hypo- hyperthyroidism or any major medical or surgical history

Family History: Nothing significant

Occupation: Accountant

Menstrual History:

LMP- 20/10/2023

Menarche – 13 years

Regularity – regular

Menstrual cycle duration – 4-5 days

Interval – 28 to 30 days

Flow – moderate flow with mild lower abdomen pain

Obstetric History:

Married Life: 3 ½ years (NCM)

O/H – G₀P₀L₀A₀ (Nulligravida)

Contraceptive History – Nil

General Examination:

Built: lean built

Nourishment: Moderate

Pulse: 73 per min

Temperature: 97F

Weight: 45kg

Height: 156 cms

BMI- 18.1kg/m²

Pallor - Absent

Icterus – Absent

Cyanosis – Absent

Clubbing – Absent

Oedema - Absent

Lymphadenopathy - Absent

Systemic Examination:

CNS - Conscious, well oriented to place, time, person

CVS – S1-S2 heard, Normal

R/S – B/L Air entry clear, No added sound - No abnormality found on other system

On clinical Examination –

P/A- soft, no palpable mass, no tenderness

Pelvic Examination - P/S, P/V was normal

Investigations -

USG Abdomen and Pelvis (11/09/2023) –

Uterus is normal in size and retroflexed in position. Echoes returning from myometrium and endometrium are normal. Uterus measures 7.5*3.9*4.3 cms.

Endometrial thickness – 9mm

Follicular Study - on 12th Day

Right Ovary showing - 6 mm

Left Ovary showing - 10.8 mm

No dominant follicle noted on either side.

ET 9 mm

Hormonal assay -

TSH - 3.47mIU/L

Serum Prolactin - 77.23ng/ml

2. THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION

Table 1: Timeline of Therapeutic Intervention

Date	Therapeutic Approach	Medicines With Dosage	Duration
September 2023	1. <i>Deepana Pachana</i>	• With <i>Agnitundi Vati and Chitrakadi Vati</i> (1-1-1) / BF	5 days
	2. <i>Snehapana</i>	• With <i>Varunadi Ghrita</i> (30,60,90,110,130 ml)	5 days
	3. <i>Sarvanga Abhyanga and Bashpa Sweda</i>	• With <i>Mahanarayana Taila</i>	2 days
	4. <i>Vamana karma</i>	• With <i>Madanaphala Kalka and Yashtimadhu Phanta</i>	1 day
December 2023 (follow up)	Oral medicines	• Cap Ovarin (1-1-1) A/F • Tab Leptaden (1-1-1) A/F • Syrup Ovarin 10 ml TID	1 month
January-March 2024	1. <i>Yonyoniprakshalana</i> 2. <i>Uttarabasti</i>	• With <i>Panchavalkala Qwatha</i> • With <i>Phalaghrita</i>	3 consecutive cycle
April 2024 (follow up)	Oral medicines	• <i>Shatapushpa Churna</i> <i>Ksheerapaka</i> (1tsp/BD/BF) • <i>Pratimarsha Nasya</i> with <i>Mahanarayana taila</i> (4 ⁰ - 0 -4 ⁰) • Syp Manol (1tsp BD/BF)	1 month

May 2024 (follow up)	1. Oral medicines 2. <i>Pratimarsha Nasya</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sukumara Kashaya</i> (10 ml TID) A/F • Tab Gynakot (1-0-1) A/F • with <i>Phalagritha</i> (0-0-2 drops) 	2 months
July (1/7/2024)	<i>Yogabasti</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Niruha basti</i> with <i>Erandamooladi Kashaya</i> • <i>Anuvasana basti</i> with <i>Mahanarayana taila</i> (80 ml) 	for 8 days
July (24/7/24) (follow up)	1. <i>Pratimarsha Nasya</i> 2. Oral Medicines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with <i>Phalagritha</i> (0-0-2⁰) • <i>Streevyadihara Rasa</i> (2-0-2) A/F • <i>Cap Nashtapushpantaka Rasa</i> (2-0-2) A/F • <i>Varunadi Kashaya</i> 10ml BD/AF 	2 months
October 2024 (follow up)	1.Oral Medicines 2. <i>Pratimarsha Nasya</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tab Torchnil (1-0-1) A/F, • Cap <i>Shatavari</i> (1-0-1) A/F • with <i>Mahanarayana Taila</i> 	3 months
January 2025 (Follow up)	1. <i>Pratimarsha Nasya</i> 2.Oral Medicines (Advised For Follicular Study on 12 th day of cycle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with <i>Mahanarayana Taila</i> (0-0-2 drops) • Tab Torchfree (1-0-1) A/F • <i>Pushpadanwa rasa</i> (2-0-2) A/F 	For one month

3. RESULTS

After over a year of undergoing *Ayurvedic* treatment, patient missed her menstrual cycle in February 2025, UPT was done, which showed a positive result, later confirmed by ultrasound (USG).

Table 2: Shows Before and After Treatment Results

SI no	Date	BT Report	AT report
1.	31/10/2023	Follicular study Impression : Anovulatory cycle	
2.	10/02/2025		Follicular scan : Ovulation Occurred

Before Treatment

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Patient ID: K12573
Referred by: Dr. Vidya Narayan

Age/Sex: [REDACTED]
Visit no: 1
Visit date: 11/09/2023

Abdomen and pelvis ultrasound scan report

Real time B-mode Ultrasonography of Abdomen, KUB and Pelvis done

Abdomen
LIVER: Is normal in size, shape and echotexture. Intrahepatic biliary radicals and portal vasculature are normal. Main portal vein and C.B.D are normal.

GALL BLADDER: Well distended and no abnormal intra-luminal echoes seen. Wall thickness is within normal limits. No obvious calculus.

PANCREAS: Is normal in size, contour and echogeneity. No peripancreatic fluid collection is noted. No duct dilatation / calcification noted.

SPLEEN: Is normal in size, shape and echotexture.

KUB
KIDNEYS: Both the kidneys are normal in size, shape and echotexture. Corticomedullary differentiation is within normal limits. No evidence of calculus/ hydronephrosis.
The measurements are: Bipolar length: Mid cortical thickness
Right kidney measures: 9.2 cms. 1.3 cms.
Left kidney measures: 10.4 cms. 1.6 cms.

URINARY BLADDER: Is well distended. No abnormal internal echoes seen. Wall thickness is normal. Both UVJ are clear.

Pelvis
UTERUS: Is normal in size and retroflexed in position. Echoes returning from the myometrium and endometrium are normal. Uterus measures: Length: 7.5 cms, A-P: 3.9 cms, Transverse: 4.3 cms & Endometrium: 9 mm.

ADNEXA: Both the ovaries are normal in size, shape, echopattern and shows multiple follicles. Largest in left ovary measures 10 x 8 mm.
Right ovary measures: 3.8 x 2.5 cms.
Left ovary measures: 4.1 x 2.3 cms.
No free fluid seen in the abdomen and pelvis.

Impression
NO SIGNIFICANT SONOLOGICAL ABNORMALITY DETECTED IN THE ABDOMEN AND PELVIS.
Suggested clinical and lab correlation.

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Reg. No. : K12573
Name : [REDACTED]
Ref. by : Dr. VIDYA NARAYAN *

Reg. Date : 11/09/2023 16:27
Age / Sex : [REDACTED]
Reported on :

HORMONES REPORTS

Test Parameter	Result(s)	Reference Range
Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)	3.47 mIU/ml	0.4 - 5.5 mIU/ml Pregnancy: First trimester: 0.1 - 2.5 Second trimester: 0.2 - 3.0 Third trimester: 0.3 - 3.0 mIU/ml
Prolactin	77.23 ng/ml	Female: Normally Menstruating: 2.8 - 29.2 Pregnant: 9.7 - 208.5 Postmenopausal: 1.8 - 20.3 Male: 2.1 - 17.7

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All Biochemistry Analyses is done by A-25 / RA-50 / BTS-330, Haematology by Advia - 60, Hormones by Minividas, Urine Analysis by Clinitek - 50

Note : Individual Laboratory investigations are never conclusive but should be used along with other relevant clinical examinations and other Lab findings to achieve final diagnosis. The results of a Laboratory investigation are dependant on the quality of the sample as well as assay procedures used.

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NAME: [REDACTED] REG. NO.: 24080951 / NSDC1213123
AGE/SEX: 31Yrs / Female BILLED TIME: 31-10-2023 at 03:10 PM
REF. BY: DR. VIDYA NARAYAN DATE OF REPORT: 31-10-2023 at 03:10 PM
CONTACT NO: [REDACTED] DATE OF REPORT: 11-10-2023 at 04:00 PM

FOLLICULAR STUDY

LMP - 28/10/2023

- Urinary bladder is well distended. Lumen is anechoic and no bladder thickening seen.
- Uterus is normal in size and retroflexed in position. Uterus measures 7.5 x 3.9 x 4.3cms. No focal myometrial lesion seen.
- No adnexal mass lesion seen.
- No free fluid is seen in the abdomen and pelvis.
- Right Ovary measures approx: 3.8 x 2.5 cms
- Left Ovary measures approx: 4.1 x 2.3 cms
- Both ovaries followed from 12th day of menses for growth of follicles. Size of largest follicle in ovary was as follows.

Date	Day of Menses	Right Ovary	Left Ovary	Endometrial thickness
31/10/2023	DAY 12	6 mm	10.8 mm	9 mm
02/11/2023	DAY 14	7 mm	10.8 mm	9 mm

----- End of report -----

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After Treatment

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Patient Name : [REDACTED]
Referred by: DR. VIDYA NARAYANA
AGE: [REDACTED]
SEX: FEMALE
BILL NO: [REDACTED]
Date: 07/02/2025

FOLLICULAR STUDY REPORT

Uterus is retroverted and measures ~ 78 x 40 x 46 mm.
Endometrium is normal and measures ~ 08 mm.
Both ovaries appear normal.

DATE	RO	LO	ET	POD
07/02/2025	14 TH DAY Largest follicle is 13 x 14 mm	Largest follicle is 13 x 12 mm	08 mm	
10/2/25	largest follicle 20 x 18 mm	largest follicle 15 x 12 mm	8.5 mm	

Note: Impression is professional opinion, not a final diagnosis. This has to be correlated clinically and with other tests. If there is variance clinically this examination may be repeated or re-evaluated by other investigation.

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AGE: [REDACTED]
SEX: FEMALE
BILL NO: [REDACTED]
Date: 24/03/2025

EARLY OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND REPORT

L.M.P: 25/01/2025 G.A.by L.M.P: 8 weeks 2 days.

URINARY BLADDER:
Is normally distended. Normal in size and contour.

UTERUS:
Is Gravid and shows a single fundal gestational sac with fetus.

Decidual reaction is good.

Yolk sac, fetal pole are imaged.

Yolk sac appears rounded and normal in size (3 - 4 mm)

Fetal C.R.L measures 11.5 mm corresponding to 7 weeks 2 days of gestational age.

Fetal cardiac activity, parts and fetal movements imaged.

FHR: 150 bpm.

Cervix normal to the extent imaged.

Internal os is closed.

OVARIES:
Both ovaries appear normal.

No evidence of any fluid in POD.

E.D.D BY SCAN: 08/11/2025

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IMPRESSION:

SINGLE LIVE INTRAUTERINE GESTATION OF ESTIMATED GESTATIONAL AGE 7 - 8 WEEKS +/- 1 WEEK.

ADVICE NT SCAN AT 12 - 13 WEEKS.

I, Dr. Prathima do hereby declare that while performing the antenatal ultrasonography for the patient Mrs. SANJANA that, I have neither detected nor disclosed the sex of her fetus to anyone in any manner. Not all anomalies can be detected by ultrasound. Scan done beyond 30 weeks are not anomaly scans.

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4. DISCUSSION

In this case, evaluation of the follicular study confirmed anovulation, and laboratory investigations revealed elevated serum prolactin levels as contributing factors to primary infertility. Also involvement of *Vata* and *Kapha Doshas* was observed, along with *Dushti of Rasa, Rakta*, and *Artava*.

Therefore the primary line of treatment focused on *Agnideepana* and *Pachana*.

The next step was *Snehapana* with plain *Varunadi Ghrita* which became the ideal medicine for *Snehana* in the conditions where predominance of *Kapha* and *Vata Dosha*. After *Abhyanga* and *Swedana*, *Vamana* was the selected *Shodhana* therapy because of the involvement of *Kapha Dosha*⁸ as it removes the vitiated *Doshas* and clears *Abhishyandi* from *Srotas* and

helped for proper absorption of medicines.

In anovulation, *Uttara Basti* is an effective treatment as it helps remove *Srotosangha* and restores *Artava*. It stimulates ovarian hormone secretion, supports follicular development, and promotes ovulation. *Phalaghrita* was used in *Uttara Basti*, because *drugs* possess the properties like *Yonishukradoshahara*, *Prajasthapana*, *Ayushya*, *Medhya*, *Pachana*, *Deepana*, *Lekhana*, *Shothahara*, *Balya*, *Anulomana*⁹.

Basti was selected as the next line of treatment. This was due to the predominant involvement of *Vata Dosha* in the pathogenesis. *Acharya Charaka* stated that conception occurs only in a *Shuddha Yoni*. He highlighted *Basti* as the most effective treatment, as *Yonivyapad* are primarily caused by *Vata dosha*¹⁰. He especially recommended *Niruha Basti* for infertility, comparing it to nectar for a *Vandhya*¹¹, as it helps to balance *Vata* and *Raja*, thus promoting conception. Therefore *Eranḍa mooladi niruha basti* was selected, as it balances *Vata-Kapha* and removes *Srotorodha*¹². *Taila* used for *Anuvasana Basti* was *Mahanarayana Taila* which is *Brimhana* and *Vatahara*.

Mahanarayan Taila and *Phalaghrita* were used as *Pratimarsha Nasya*, it reaches to *Shringataka Marma* (*Siro Antarmadhyam*) through the route of nasal. It spreads all over *Urdhwajatrugata* part. It eliminates the morbid *Doshas*. It stimulates the Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone (GnRH) neurons¹³. Thus, it regulates the pulsatile secretion of Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone. Finally, it leads to ovulation aids in conception.

5. CONCLUSION

The present case study demonstrates that the integrative and holistic approach of *Ayurvedic* medicine shows significant efficacy in the management of infertility associated with ovarian factors, particularly anovulation. Anovulation, defined as the failure of the ovary to produce and release a mature oocyte, is a leading cause of female infertility. In this study, *Srotoshodhana* was achieved through *Vamana Karma* and *Basti*, which facilitated the elimination and pacification of vitiated *Doshas*. The administration of *Uttara Basti* helped remove *Srotorodha* and corrected *Artava*, thereby promoting ovulation. Additionally, the *Pratimarsha Nasya* procedure was employed to stimulate the hypothalamic-pituitary-ovarian (H-P-O) axis, further supporting the induction of ovulation. Throughout the course of treatment, no adverse effects were observed.

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