IS CHINA OFFICINALIS A PROPHYLACTIC IN CHOLELITHIASIS OR GALLSTONE COLIC

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I firmly believe from long clinical experience that China will often cure the cause of chronic cholelithiasis, thereby the attacks of colic disease. It is not claimed that the stones already formed are dissolved, but it will prevent the formation of new stones.

The action of China upon the liver changes an abnormal secretion to a normal state, thereby overcoming the condition predisposing the formation of biliary calculus. Some contend that Gallstones are most often prevalent with those who use Quinine habitually, but as to this I do not know.

Consult any Homœopathic Materia Medica from Hahnemann down and you will see recorded under China provings and verified clinical symptoms similar and very similar to those found during or after Gallstone colic. None claim that China will produce genuine colic, although we have seen the alkaloid Quinine produce the most severe colic. By removing the original cause, the prevention of future attacks, first by lengthening the intervals, is brought about; although I have frequently seen patients where there never was another attack of colic. You may say this was merely a coincidence. No, these coincidences are most common.

Dr. David Thayer of Boston was the first to call attention to this remedy as a cure for Gallstones. He reports a large number of cases in the New England Medical Gazette.

Dr. Stacy Jones also recommended in his Beeline Therapia & Repertory, China as a preventative to Gallstone. He advised to prescribe China 2X, 5 grains daily for a week, then three times a week for a month, then once a week for three months.

Dr. Samuel Lilienthal recommends China, in cases of obstruction in Gall bladder with colic, periodic recurrences. Yellow skin and conjunctiva constipation with dark greenish Scybala, sensitive to least pressure, is suitable to persons of thin, dry, bilious constitution or to leucophlegmatic person.

I shall herewith narrate some cases from my practice. Sri Das age about 65 years was subject to severe attacks of colic for years. The cause of which was unknown, until Gallstones were detected by X-ray. I gave him China 3X, thrice a day for a week, then twice a day, then once for a month and has had no return of the disease for many years. After that I prescribed cholesternum 3X by which the stones dissolved.

Wife of Sri Mandal of Jafrabad 24 Parganas whom I cured a few months ago. Whenever she took a dose of China once a month she experienced a sensation in the vicinity of the Gall bladder, I advised her to stop the medicine since then she had no attack.

Mrs. Basu Mallick age about 50, healthy for the past two months had sudden attacks of severe pain in epigastric region with vomiting, the attacks lasted 24 hours and ceased suddenly, leaving her jaundiced and very weak. She came under my treatment, I found tenderness in the region of the Gall-bladder, and a hard mass, advised her to take X-ray thereby Gall-stone found. China 3X was given for three days then China 6X for four days, then 30 once daily for a week, finally China 200 one dose after a month then prescribed Nat. Sulph. 200 no. 10 globule two globules in aqua distillata one oz, put two mark— first day first mark then add aqua distillata same quantity— advised to take after ten strokes half in this way twice a week for about three months. In this way she was cured and no return of pain and stone also dissolved.

Another case Mr. Chakraborty of Midnapore age about sixty has had repeated attacks of bilious colic with violent acidity, he was addicted to tobacco with betel and also chewing raw tobacco, came under my treatment, I diagnosed stone in Gall-bladder. First I prescribed Sulphur 200 and China 3X for pain, then Arsenic 200 once a week then again China 3X five drops daily for a week, then three times a week for a month, then once a week for three months and he was cured. Now hearty and healthy. In this way I prescribe China in various potency to my patients.