

Clinical Verification

Anthrakokali

Clinically verified Symptoms

Introduction : "A very absurd combination," says Hering, "proved on many people, but in a very superficial way." It has been used in skin affections, scabies, chronic herpes, chronic cracks and ulceration of nostrils. Eruptions decreased with full moon. The intense thirst and diuresis suggest a place for the remedy in diabetes.¹

The CCRH has not proved this drug. The symptoms, which are given in the Homoeopathic literature, were put to clinical verification.

English : Lithanthrakokali Simplex¹

Description : Black, hygroscopic, staining, powder; taste alkaline; odourless. It is prepared by adding seven parts of freshly prepared caustic potash in a state of fusion to five parts of finely pulverized anthracite coal; the vessel is taken from the fire, and the mixture triturated till a perfectly uniform black powder obtained.¹

Identification

1. Shake about 0.1 g in 10ml of water and filter; the filtrate when examined under UV light, a yellowish fluorescence is observed, which disappeared on heating¹.
2. To 10 mg of the drug add 5ml of water, a brown solution is formed¹.

Loss on drying : Loss not more than 10 percent of its weight on heating at 20 celsius temperature for two hours¹

Ash value : Not more than 20.0 percent¹

Alkalinity : Dissolve 10 gram in 25 ml of water and filter. Not more than 7.0 ml of 1N hydrochloric acid is required for neutralization using phenol red as indicator¹.

Water soluble matter : Weigh accurately about 2.0 gram and boil with 40 ml of recently boiled and cooled water for one minute, Evaporate 20ml of the filtrate to dryness and dry the residue to constant weight at 105 degree celsius. Residue is not less than 10 percent¹.

Source of drug : Hahnemann Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata
 Period of study : April 1984- March 2003
 Potencies used : Q, 6, 30, 200
 Number of cases studied : 5367

Clinical Verification conducted at:

- A. Regional Research Institute (H), New Delhi
- B. Homoeopathic Drug Research Institute, Lucknow (U.P.)
- C. Homoeopathic Research Institute. Jaipur (Rajasthan)
- D. Clinical Research Unit, Jammu (J&K)
- E. Clinical Verification Unit, Ghaziabad (U.P.)
- F. Clinical Verification Unit, Patna (Bihar)
- G. Clinical Verification Unit, Vrindavan (U.P.)

Clinically verified Symptoms observed during the study:

Location	Symptom	No. of patients prescribed	No. of patients relieved
Head	Vertigo ^N	5	5
	Dull frontal headache <Sun heat, evening ^N	8	7
	Headache in vertex ^N	3	3
Face	Pimple on face ⁵	2	2
Nose	Coryza- scanty, whitish discharge ^N	4	4
	Chronic cracks & ulceration of nostrils ^{3,5}	79	72
Mouth	Dryness of mouth & throat ^{3,5}	32	30
Throat	Burning in pharynx with dirty tongue ³	32	25
	Pain in throat ⁴	2	2
Stomach	Intense thirst ^{2,3,4}	76	56
	Loss of appetite ^{3,4,5}	106	60
	Thirstless ^N	2	2
	Desire for salt ^N	8	8
Abdomen	Flatulence with distension of abdomen ^{2,4}	31	16
	- <night ^N	31	16
	- with heaviness of abdomen ^N	2	2
	Pain in abdomen with distension ⁴	5	4

Location	Symptom	No. of patients prescribed	No. of patients relieved
	Small black eruptions on abdomen with itching, on scratching feels burning ⁶	2	2
Rectum	Constipation with scanty stool, unsatisfactory ^N	71	63
	Stools hard constipated ^N	26	26
Bladder	Burning micturition <during urination ^{3,4,5}	9	6
	Profuse frequent urination 15 to 16 times in a day ^{3,4,5}	2	2
Extremities	Rheumatic pain in joints ²	10	9
	- <on walking ^N	10	9
	- <cold ^N	2	2
	-<morning ^N	5	3
Respiration	Dry cough <night ^N	6	6
Fever	Fever- febrile shivering alternate with heat , perspiration of all over body & quickness of pulse ⁵	58	51
Perspiration	Sweating increased over whole body ⁵	7	4
Skin	Small, dry reddish eruptions with itching ^{2,5,6}	815	536
	- <at night ^{2,5,6}	398	298
	- with itching followed by burning ^{2,5,6}	405	304
	- itching <from exposure to Sun ^N	2	2
	- itching <from undressing ^N	2	2
	- itching <from warmth of bed ^N	10	10
	- itching followed by bleeding ^N	28	28
	Blackish eruptions with itching ⁶	959	857
	- itching <at night ⁶	865	827
	- itching followed by bleeding ^N	6	6
	- itching followed by burning ^N	106	68
	- itching <from heat >by cold ^N	1	1
	Eczematous eruptions with itching ²	457	430
	- with thin sticky discharge ^N	8	8
	Herpes ²	42	36
	Vesicular eruptions with itching ^{2,6}	231	141
	- < night ^{2,6}	38	30
	- with exudation ^N	35	35
	- with scabies like eruptions in between fingers ^{2,3,5,6}	32	25

Location	Symptom	No. of patients prescribed	No. of patients relieved
	- <during sleep, evening, day time ^N	4	4
	- with bleeding on scratching ^N	5	5
	Urticaria with itching ^{3,5}	193	179
	- <from warmth >by cold ^N	2	2
	- <from cold >by warmth ^N	1	1
	- <night with burning ^{3,5}	189	175
	Cracks generalized ²	141	85
	- in corner of mouth ^N	1	1
	- in palms ²	116	68
	- with dryness of skin with pain ²	1	1
	- in soles ^N	118	72
	- on lips & chin ^N	4	4
	- with bleeding in hand ^N	6	6
	- pain <from warmth ^N	1	1
	Cracks painful with itching followed by burning ²	7	6
	Eruptions with itching , burning & cracks ⁵	402	387
	Ringworm like eruptions with itching <night ^N	655	583
	Psoriasis with itching followed by burning ^N	1	1
	Scabies - eruptions - vesicular with watery fluid discharge with burning -on legs, hand, palm, between fingers & groins ^{2,3,4,5}	325	234
	- with itching ^{2,3,4,5}	248	195
	- <exposure to heat, day time ^N	1	1
	- <night ^N	19	19
	- <sweating ^N	3	3
	- <evening & bathing after ^N	4	4
	- <changing clothes when ^N	5	5
	- burning after scratching ^N	5	5
	- oozing of watery fluid ²	26	24
	Eczema on fingers- wet eczema with oozing of watery discharge on scratching with itching ²	13	11
	- itching <night & evening ²	4	4
	- itching <morning ²	2	1
	Bleeding from eruptions with burning pain ²	2	2
	- <scratching after ^N	2	2
	Itching in groins & ears <at night ^{2,5,6}	10	5
	Small boils in nostril- right sided with bleeding & dry eruptions ^N	40	26

Herpes like eruptions with burning & itching ³	695	663
Papular reddish eruptions on dorsal surface of palm with itching <night ⁶	513	486
Purulent pimple like eruptions with itching, <night >in day time ⁵	712	688
Itching <warmth of bed ⁶	2019	1956
Generalized rashes ^N	19	19
Pustular eruptions over neck with itching, pus oozes with burning sensation <night ²	18	14

Observation:

- Note:** i) The symptoms superscribed with a particular number (1,2,3,4) are found in the literature, as well as clinically verified by CCRH.
- ii) Symptoms superscribed with (N) are those reported by patients but not mentioned in the literature.
- iii) The figure 1,2,3 & 4 stand for the source literature referred.

The picture, given below is drawn from the data obtained during the course of clinical verification study. To make the data more reliable, those symptoms found relieved in more than 30 patients, after the use of the medicine, are only incorporated in the following drug picture.

Drug picture:

- Chronic cracks & ulceration of nostrils^{3,5}
- Dryness of mouth & throat^{3,5}
- Burning in pharynx with dirty tongue³
- Intense thirst^{2,3,4}
- Loss of appetite^{3,4,5}
- Flatulence with distension of abdomen^{2,4}
- Constipation with scanty stool, unsatisfactory^N
- Fever- febrile shivering alternate with heat , perspiration all over body & quickness of pulse⁵
- Small, dry reddish eruptions with itching followed by burning <at night^{2,5,6}
- Blackish eruptions with itching <at night⁶
- Blackish eruptions with itching followed by burning^N
- Eczematous eruptions with itching²
- Herpes²
- Vesicular eruptions with itching < night^{2,6}
- Vesicular eruptions with exudation^N
- Urticaria with itching & burning < night^{3,5}
- Cracks- generalized²
- Cracks on palms²
- Cracks in soles^N

- Eruptions with itching , burning & cracks⁵
- Ringworm like eruptions with itching <night^N
- Scabies - eruptions - vesicular with watery fluid discharge with burning & itching -on legs, hand, palm, between fingers & groins^{2,3,4,5}
- Small boils in nostril- right sided with bleeding & with dry eruptions^N
- Herpes like eruptions with burning & itching³
- Papular reddish eruptions on dorsal surface of palm with itching <night⁶
- Purulent pimple like eruptions with itching, night >in day time⁵
- Itching <warmth of bed⁶

Conclusion:

Clinical conditions:

Herpes, Urticaria, Ringworm, Scabies, Pimples, Fever, Constipation

Prescribing Symptoms:

- Chronic cracks & ulceration of nostrils
- Dryness of mouth & throat
- Burning in pharynx with dirty tongue
- Constipation with scanty stool, unsatisfactory
- Fever- febrile shivering alternate with heat , perspiration all over body & quickness of pulse
- Small, dry reddish eruptions with itching followed by burning < night
- Blackish eruptions with itching followed by burning < night
- Urticaria with itching & Burning < night
- Eczematous eruptions with itching
- Vesicular eruptions with itching < Night
- scabies like eruptions in between fingers,
- Papular reddish eruptions on dorsal surface of palm with itching <night
- Purulent pimple like eruptions with itching, <night, >in day time
- Itching <warmth of bed
- Eruptions with itching, burning & cracks
- Ringworm like eruptions with itching <night
- Herpes like eruptions with burning & itching

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