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A Critical Review on Role of Ajirna in Pathogenesis of Pralapa

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Abstract: Ajirna (indigestion) is a commonly occurring gastrointestinal disorder described in classical Ayurvedic texts, which, if left unmanaged, can give rise to various systemic complications. One such complication is Pralapa—characterized by incoherent, irrelevant, or excessive speech—classified as an Upadrava in Yogaratnakara. This review explores the Ayurvedic pathogenesis (samprapti) of Pralapa, focusing on the vitiation of Udana Vata, obstruction of Vyana Vata by aggravated Samana Vata (Samanavrita Vyana), and the impaired circulation of Rasa Dhatu. The accumulation of Ama due to Agnimandya plays a central role in initiating this cascade, ultimately affecting manovaha srotas and higher cognitive functions. The study highlights the gut-brain axis described in Ayurveda centuries ago and correlates Ayurvedic concepts with modern understanding of delirium. A thorough review of classical texts was performed to interpret the interconnected roles of Agni, Ama, Vata dosha, and srotas in the manifestation of Pralapa.

Keywords: Ajirna, Pralapa, Udana Vata, Samanavrita Vyana, Ama, Delirium





