

Homeopathy: For Hepatitis B & C

Editor: The author had given us some general aspects also, but since general aspects have already been covered by other authors, in this paper we shall focus ON HOMOEOPATHIC ASPECTS:

Conium has won laurels for very painful liver tumour, which matches with the clinical picture of Hep-C; *Conium* is a deep psoric and sycotic, anti-cancerous drug, a good oncologist in dynamic doses, particularly when the predominant cause of cancer is sycosis (suppressed gonorrhoea).

Flouric-acid has similar pathology of HBV (in chronic alcoholics) of syphilitic destructive nature, where the fibrosis begins with deposition of connective tissue around the terminal hepatic venules. As the lesion progresses, fibrosis also extends to surrounding zone 3 hepatocytes, creating a "Chicken wire", or "Hobnail" appearance. This is effective when the liver is engorged or indurated with ascites.

Hepatitis-B pathology has soreness on the liver, while Hepatitis-C has pain. 'B' has syphilitic tubercular type



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of pathology in form of cirrhosis while 'C' is sycotic in form of tumours. If soreness of a Hep B patient is better lying on abdomen, think *Phosphorus*. If pain of a tumour case > lying on abdomen, *Medhorrinum* would be the remedy. *Phosphorus* & *Flouric-acid* have more ascitis than *Medhorrinum*. In Hepatitis 'B' the history of blood transfusion is common, while in Hepatitis 'C' suppressed gonorrhoea.

Similarly, *Opium* has therapeutic efficacy on persistent fibrosis. *Opium* patients usually do not express their sufferings but their fear of extravagance speaks. It reminds me a case of a lady, of around 50 yr, in an advanced stage of pathology: Abdomen bloated and hard, with colic and vomiting, diagnosed as multi-nodular hyper-texture homogeneity of liver due to ? possibly Hepatitis-C. She was in a very bad state with poor prognosis but she kept on refusing to take homoeopathic medicines in a state of anticipated fright that "something else would happen". Although struggling with pain & discomfort, she said, "Kaheen kuch aur ho gaya to?" ("What if something else happens?") A dose of *Opium* 1M brought back the fight, and she developed malaria. After few days her malaria disappeared without further medicine and the nodule started disappearing. *Thuja* as an intercurrent helped her recoup completely.



If jaundice is due to obstruction to the flow of bile, the symptom of jaundice, with itching and white stools occur. Here *Dolichos* will help. This may also cause gastroduodenal reflux, with esophageal varices causing hematemesis or malaena, with jaundice. In such conditions, '*Leptandra*' can be considered. We have observed that HBV is often associated with physical or emotional trauma or psychological stress, which may aggravates or turns them pathogenic faster. In such cases *Carcinosin* is a better intercurrent HCV has anticipated anxiety for very small reasons; Here *Medorrhinum* and *Virionum* found very effective.

In other cases *Arnica*, *Apis*, *Bryonia*, *China*, *Nuxvomica*, *Ignatta*, *Pulsatilla* and *Sepia* were found effective. Certain herbs, eg *Chionanthus*, *Ceanonthus*, *Nyctanthes*, *Primul*, & *Ptelea* prove good complementary medicines.

CASE REPORT:

8.6.2001: JV, 33 yr male, came with severe pain in hypochondria, extending from right to left. He was restless and weak, pain not better in any position and medicine. History revealed hospitalisation for observation of abdominal problem. He had fever, pain in the liver with vomiting. He was investigated for all possible causes –all NAD; so he was discharged with analgesics, antibiotics and sedatives. F/H Father died of kidney failure. Mother- diabetes. Other family members: asthma & TB. P/H: Jaundice, typhoid, malaria twice and urinary problem.

SGOT was borderline with direct bilirubin slightly elevated, but urinary bile salts & pigments were normal. Other reports normal except Sonography, which revealed hyper echotexture, suggestive of fatty liver.

Other complaints: Azoospermia - treated with androgens and male sexual hormones for 1 year. He re-

sponded initially, his sperms count went up to six million from zero count but then started falling again, and later did not respond. During one stage when his sperms count came down to 2 million, out of anxiety he took a few extra doses. From this story we suspected some neoplastic condition. It appeared in form of hyper echotexture and advised screening for Hep C.

Prescribed *Natrum-sulph-30* on following rubric:

Pain in the liver region > body leaning forward; Appetite less, vomiting eating after (Nausea eating while).

Ineffectual urge, only flatus no stool. Yielding nature and <draught air.

9.6.2001: Patient came with reports and little relief. His sera specific for CA 19-9 was within range 2.5 (N=0.0-37.0U/ML), but SGPT was 67- out of range (N= 30-65U/L). Considering this as sycotic miasm: A dose of *Thuja* 200 as an intercurrent was given on the same day, supplemented with *Conium* in molecular doses, repeated one hourly.[Explanation: *Thuja* antidotes the after-effects of vaccine, while *Medorrhinum* is usually needed when the organ is involved]

14.6.2001: Patient much better; liver problem much less, but developed pain in the region of kidneys and knee joints. Placebo

28.6.2001: No pain in the liver or kidney, but pain in knee joints was much more, with cloudy urine. *Medorrhinum* 200 single dose given.

26.7.2001: Much better. Placebo continued.

27.7.2001: Patient now wanted to be treated for his sperms. Considering his anxiety we prescribed him *Carcinosin* as constitutional along with '*Ikshugandha*', an Indian herb, in material doses. *Ikshugandha* (*Tribulus*) has good results in enhancing the male vigour, and also improves sperms.

14.8.2001: Patient still under treatment for that.

INVESTIGATION:	9.06.01	19.3.01	19.7.01
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