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Correlation Between Uterine Hypertrophy and Reproductive Health Outcome in Women of Reproductive Age and Homoeopathic Management with A Case Report

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ABSTRACT

Background:

Uterine fibromyomas are the commonest benign neoplasm arising from the uterus seen in women of reproductive age group causing bulky uterus. The enlargement of uterus is due to uterine fibroids, adenomyosis, myohyperplasia, pyometra, hematometra, Lochiometra, malignancy. The Prevalence of fibroids is 35 to 45 years and of adenomyosis is high amongst infertile women.⁶

Uterine fibromyomas (Leiomyoma, Fibroma, Fibroids) are the commonest benign neoplasm arising from uterus seen in women of Reproductive age. Incidence varies from 5% - 20% of women.³

Uterine fibroid in pregnancy – about 1 in 1000 and it depends on population.⁶

Introduction:

Uterine hypertrophy is common in women of reproductive age group due to various benign and malignant pathologies resulting in adverse reproductive outcomes. In homoeopathy uterine hypertrophy is not just approached as localized pathology but as a constitutional imbalance.⁶

Materials and Methods: Literature search was done from standard authenticated text books, Homeopathic books, research data bases.



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Result: Summary of the case: A female patient of age 47 yrs k/c/o Diabetes mellitus came to the clinic with complaints of profuse menstruation associated with pain during menses, Burning in palms and soles. On homoeopathic treatment, after considering the case analysis and repertorial analysis, the chosen similimum is proven to be effective in treating uterine hypertrophy.

Conclusion: Uterine hypertrophy is associated with profuse bleeding and pain during menses. This case illustrates that individualised homoeopathic management, including the administration of lac canninum 200 contributed to reduced hypertrophy of uterus and maintenance of diabetes mellitus

Keywords: Uterus, Uterine enlargement, Reproductive age, Uterine fibroids, Ultrasonograpghy. Homoeopathic individualised treatment.

1. INTRODUCTION

OBJECTIVES: The objective of this case report is to evaluate the effectiveness of Homoeopathic medicine in managing uterine hypertrophy.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Embryology:

The epithelium of the uterus develops from the fused paramesonephric ducts. The myometrium is derived from surrounding mesoderm.⁴

Gross anatomy of uterus

Uterus is a hollow pyriform muscular organ situated in the pelvis between bladder in front and the rectum behind.⁶

Measurements: Uterus measures about 8cm long, 5cm wide, at the fundus and its walls are about 1.25 cm thick. Its weight varies from 50 to 80 grams.⁶

Parts: Upper expanded part is Body, the wall of the body consists of three layers. Parametrium, Myometrium, Endometrium. Lower cylindrical part is Cervix. The junction of these two parts is marked by a circular constriction called isthmus. Part of uterus above the opening of fallopian tube is called fundus.⁵



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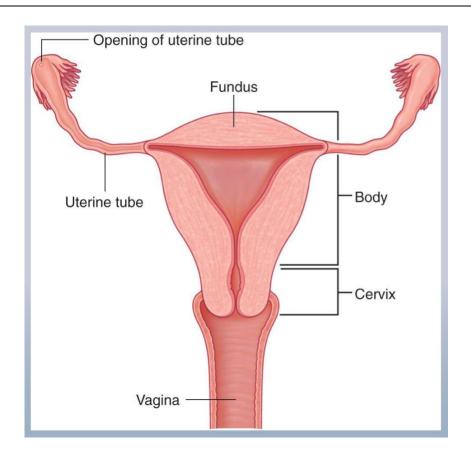


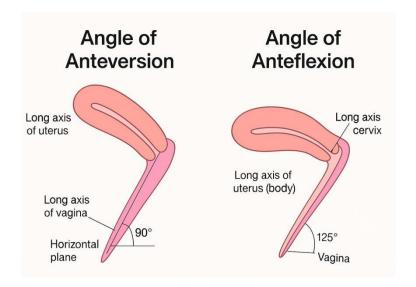
Image source⁵: Normal position and angulations

Normally, the long axis of the uterus forms an angle of about 90° with long axis of vagina. The angle is open forwards.

Anteversion - The forward tilting of the uterus relative to vagina is called Anteversion.

Retroversion - The backward tilting of the uterus relative to vagina is known as Retroversion.

Anteflexion - The uterus is also slightly flexed at the level of anteflexion is 125°





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3. APPLIED ANATOMY

Supports of uterus:

Primary Supports – Pelvic diaphragm, Perineal body, Distal urethral sphincter mechanism, Uterine axis, Pubocervical ligaments, Transverse cervical ligaments of mackenrodt, Uterosacral ligaments, Round ligaments of uterus.⁵

Secondary supports – Broad ligaments, Vesicouterine pouch and fold of peritoneum, Rectovaginal or rectouterine pouch and fold of peritoneum.⁵

APPLIED PHYSIOLOGY

Functions of uterus:

The uterus nurtures the fertilized ovum, which passes through the fallopian tube. The ovum then implants into the endometrium, where it receives nourishment from the blood vessels. As the embryo grows and mature, the uterus expands to accommodate the developing fetus. During normal labor the uterus contracts as the cervix dilates, resulting in delivery of the infant.¹

Pathophysiology:

Estrogen stimulation of Endometrium, is unopposed by progesterone causes proliferative glandular epithelial changes and hyperplasia causing enlargement of uterus. Endometrial hyperplasia results from estrogen predominance and relative progesterone insufficiency causes for estrogen excess. Hyperplasia is due to prolonged exposure to estrogens.

Endometrial polyps – Endometrial polyps mostly arise because of hyperplasia of Endometrium. Endometrial lining protrude into uterine cavity as Polyps. They may appear single or multiple as pink swellings 1-2cm diameter with pedicle.³

Causes of enlargement of uterus ⁵:

Pregnancy, Submucous or intramural fibroid, Adenomyosis, Myohyperplasia, Pyometra, Hematometra, Lochiometra, Malignancy Dysmenorrhea, dyspareunia, menorrhagia, infertility.

Signs and symptoms ⁶:

- 1. Menstrual disturbances: Menorrhagia, polymenorrhagia, Inter Menstrual bleeding, Continues bleeding, postmenopausal bleeding.
- 2. Infertility
- 3. Pain: Spasmodic Dysmenorrhea, Backache, Abdominal pain.
- 4. Lump in the abdomen or mass protruding at the introitus.
- 5. Pressure symptoms on adjacent viscera bladder, rectum.

Investigations ⁶:

- 1. Clinical Evaluation: History, Bimanual examination
- 2. Ultrasound: Transvaginal and Transabdominal USG
- 3. Doppler USG



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- 4. Endometrial Biopsy
- 5. MRI Pelvis
- 6. CT Scan
- 7. Hysteroscopy
- 8. D&C
- 9. Laproscopy

CASE REPORT:

A 47 year old muslim female, house wife who is k/c/o Diabetes mellitus since 2 yrs approached to the clinic on 05/12/2023 with the complaints of

- 1. Burning in palms and soles since 6 months
- 2. Profuse menstruation associated with pain during menses since 6 months

H/O presenting complaints:

Patient is suffering with Diabetes mellitus since 2 yrs with the complaints of increased frequency of urination and generalized weakness for which she is on allopathic medication. Since 6 months she gradually developed burning in palms and soles.

Patient is also suffering from profuse menstruation associated with spasmodic dysmenorrhea since 6 months. Character of the flow: profuse, bright red, stringy in nature. No. of days: 7. LMP: 15/8/2023.

Treatment History: on allopathic medication for Diabetes mellitus since 2 years.

Past History:

Typhoid – 10 years back

Anaemia 1 yr back

Family History:

Mother: K/C/O Diabetes mellitus

Husband: K/C/O Hypertension

Physical Generals:

Appetite: increased

• Thirsty for large quantities

• Increased flow of urine at night

• Chilly patient

Vital data:

Pulse rate: 68/min

Heart rate: 72 bpm



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Blood pressure: 120/80 mm of Hg

Height: 153cm

Weight: 62kgs

BMI: 26.5kg/m²

No signs of pallor, clubbing and cyanosis.

Life space investigation: Patient hails from a middle-class family. Relationship with family is good. She did not study much. Got married at the age of 21 yrs.

Mental history:

Anxious about her health, thinking that her problem is incurable, weeping tendency.

Diagnosis: K/C/O Diabetes mellitus, cholelithiasis with bulky uterus

Investigations performed: USG of the abdomen and pelvis (TVS) on 22/8/2023

Findings:

- Mild Hepatomegaly with grade 1 fatty liver
- Cholelithiasis
- Mild bulky uterus with coarsened echotexture
- Endometrial polyps (two small, well defined, oval shaped hyperechoic SOL's measuring 7x4 mm and 6x4 mm seen in endometrial cavity)
- Minimal free fluid in pouch of Douglas

HbA1C on 21/11/2023: 8.2 %

Case analysis:

Mental generals:

- 1. Anxious about her health
- 2. thinking that her problem is incurable

Physical generals:

- 1. Appetite: increased
- 2. Thirsty for large quantities of water
- 3. Increased flow of urine at night

Characteristic particulars:

- 1. Burning in palms and soles
- 2. Profuse menses associated with dysmenorrhea



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Clinical findings:

- 1. Cholelithiasis
- 2. Hepatomegaly
- 3. Fatty liver
- 4. Bulky uterus

Repertorial Totality:



Remedies covered:

Natrum muriaticum, China, Cocculus, Lac can, Hepar sulph, Medorrhinum.

Rx: Lac can 200 1 dose, SL for 15 days

General management:

Advised intake of low glycemic index vegetables, nuts and fruits.

Advised to practice meditation for stress management.

Follow up:

S.NO	DATE	COMPLAINTS	TREATMENT GIVEN
1	5/12/2023	Burning in palms and soles- slightly better	Lac can 200 3 doses
		than before.	SL 15 days



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		Increased flow of urine at night D/N: 4/5-6 times	
		LMP: 16/11/2023	
		Character of flow: profuse, bright red, flow was for 6 days.	
		Dysmenorrhoea- better than before	
		General weakness – improved slightly.	
		Generals- good	
2	26/12/2023	Burning in palms and soles- same as before	Rubrum 3 doses
		Increased flow of urine at night D/N: 4/5-6 times	Phytum 1 month
		LMP: 16/12/2023	
		Character of flow: profuse, bright red, flow was for 5 days.	
		Dysmenorrhoea- better than before	
		No general weakness	
3	27/01/2024	Burning in palms and soles- reduced by 50%	Lac can 200 3 doses
		Increased flow of urine at night D/N: 4/5-6 times	SL 1 month
		LMP: 17/01/2024	
		Character of flow: profuse, bright red, flow was for 5 days with clots.	
		Dysmenorrhoea- better than before	
4	25/02/2024	Burning in palms and soles- reduced by 50%	Nihilinum 3 doses
		LMP: 17/02/2024	Rubrum 1 month
		Character of flow: profuse, bright red, flow was for 5 days, clots reduced	
		Dysmenorrhoea- better than before	
5	27/03/2024	Burning in palms and soles- reduced by 70%	Nihilinum 3 doses
		LMP: 17/03/2024	Rubrum 1 month



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		Flow was for 5 days, quantity: normal.	
		Dysmenorrhoea- reduced by 50%	
		Increased flow of urine at night D/N: 4/5 times	
6	26/04/2024	LMP: 18/04/2024	Lac can 200 3 doses
		Quantity: normal, flow was for 4 days	SL 1 month
		Dysmenorrhoea- much reduced than before	
		Burning of palms and soles- better than before	
		Sleep- Disturbed	
		Increased flow of urine at night D/N: 4/5 times	
7	23/06/2024	Burning of palms and soles on and off	Lac can 200 3 doses
		Sleep- Disturbed	SL 1 month
		LMP: 17/05/2024, LMP: 18/06/2025	
		Quantity: normal, flow was for 4 days	
		Dysmenorrhoea- first 2 days	
		Increased flow of urine at night D/N: 4/5 times	
8	07/09/2024	Patient came with USG abdomen report dated 06/09/2024	Lactopen 3 doses
			Rubrum 1 month
		• Findings: Grade I fatty liver, cholelithiasis	
		Burning of palms and soles- reduced	
		LMP: 18/07/2024, 17/08/2024	
		Quantity: normal, flow was for 4 days	
		Dysmenorrhoea- first 2 days	
		Generals- good	



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Before treatment



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PtName

: 100991 Regno

Age/Gender

: 47 Years/ Female

Reg date

: 22/08/2023 09:47:28

Referredby

: Dr.EXCEL HOSPITAL

Reportdate

: 22/08/2023 10:58:48

ULTRASONOGRAM OF THE ABDOMEN & PELVIS (TVS)

LIVER

Mildly increased in size (19.3 cms) with increased echogenecity.

No intra or extra hepatic biliary duct dilatation.

CBD & Portal vein are normal.

GALL BLADDER

E/o few (3) calcull, largest measuring 15 mm with minimal

echogenic sludge seen in GB - Cholelithiasis.

PANCREAS SPLEEN

Head, body, visualized parts of tail are normal. Normal in its size, shape and echotexture.

Size : 105 x 36 mm

Right kidney is normal in size, shape and echotexture.

Collecting system is normal. No evidence of calculi.

LEFT KIDNEY

RIGHT KIDNEY

Size : 107 x 50 mm

Left kidney is normal in size, shape and echotexture. Collecting system is normal. No evidence of calculi.

URINARY BLADDER

Normal, No calculi.

UTERUS

Size: 78 x 41 x 52 mm

Mild bulky uterus with coarsened echotexture.

Endometrial thickness: 7 mm.

E/o two Small, well defined, oval shaped hyperschoic SOL's, measuring 7x4 mm and 6x4 seen in endometrial cavity - ? Polyps.

OVARIES

Right ovary: 39 x 20 mm; Left ovary: Not visualised clearly.

Aorta and IVC are normal.

Excess bowel gas seen in the abdomen.

IMPRESSION:

- Mild Hepatomegaly with Grade I Fatty Liver.
- Cholelithiasis.
- Mild bulky uterus with coarsened echotexture.
- ? Endometrial polyps.
- Minimal free fluid in pouch of Douglas.

For clinical & MRI PELVIS correlation.

Adv : Follow up.

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Radiologist

Radiologist



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After Treatment





MR No 96952 Req. No 24256120 Pt. Name

Age/Sex : 45 Years / Female

Mobile No : 9948411838

Requisition: 06/09/2024

Sampling Date :

Reporting Date : 06/09/2024

ULTRASOUND WHOLE ABDOMEN

LIVER :Normal in size and increased echotexture. No focal area of altered echotexture in liver parenchyma. No IHBD. Portal vein and CBD are normal.

GALL BLADDER: Three 15 mm calculi seen.

SPLEEN: Normal in size and echotexture. No focal lesion seen.

PANCREAS: Normal in size and echotexture .No evidence of any calcification's in pancreatic region . No evidence of any collection in relation to pancreas

KIDNEYS: Right kidney: 10.9 x 4.1 cm , Left kidney: 10.4 x 3.9 cm ,Normal in size and echotexture . Corticomedullary differentiation is maintained . No hydronephrosis or calculi seen

URINARY BLADDER: Normal.

UTERUS: Normal in size and measures 6.8 x 3.9 x 3.6 cm. Endometrium: 6.8 mm

OVARIES: Not visualized.

IMPRESSION:

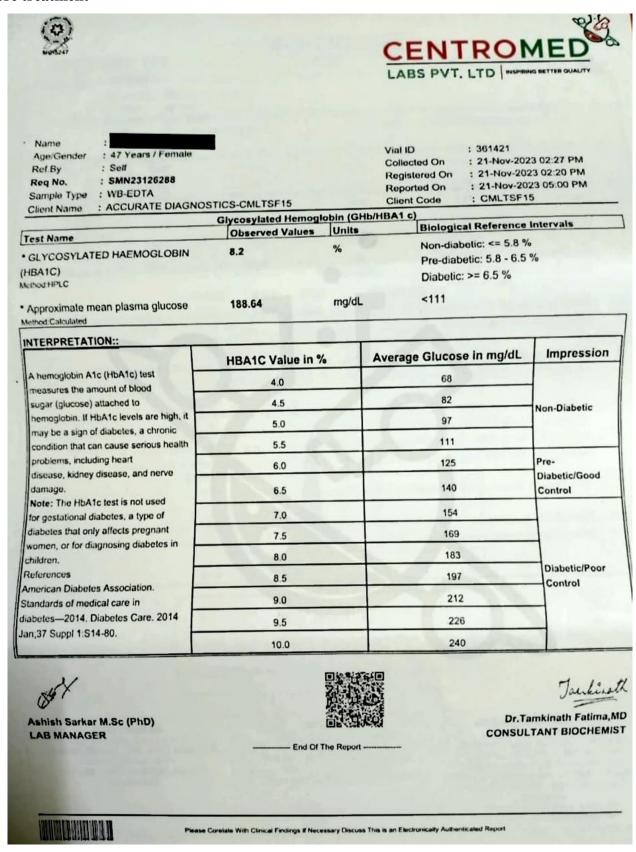
- * GRADE-I FATTY LIVER.
- · CHOLELITHIASIS.
- -For clinical correlation.

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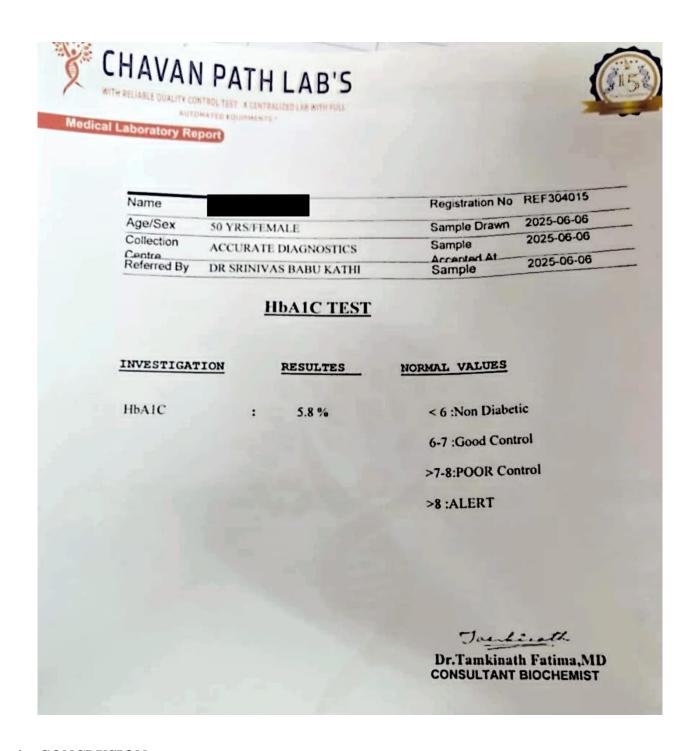
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After Treatment



4. CONCLUSION:

Homoeopathy is a holistic system of medicine that aims to treat the individual as a whole. A bulky uterus can significantly impact a woman's quality of life causing symptoms such as heavy bleeding, pelvic pain and discomfort. Homoeopathic remedies for uterine hyperplasia may focus on balancing hormonal levels, reducing symptoms and promoting overall reproductive health.



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