

# Homoeopathy Within Traditional Complimentary Integrative Medicine [TCIM] (Case Series of Cancer Patients Treated with Hydrastis Q)

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## ABSTRACT

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## Introduction

The approach of medical care combining standard medical treatment with complementary and alternative medicine [CAM] therapies is becoming more and more safe and reliable. It can help people with chronic diseases as well as their acute exacerbations like that of cancer, persistent pain, chronic fatigue, etc. This integrative approach improves quality of life by recharging the vitality. Homeopathic medicine has proved to be very useful in chronic maladies especially one like cancer where the associated problems are more distressful. Medicine like Hydrastis Canadensis in homoeopathic preparations is very much well used in a malingering disease like cancer.

## Review of Literature

Cancer is characterized by proliferation of cells that have managed to evade central endogenous control mechanisms. Cancers are

grouped according to their organ or tissue of origin, but increasingly also based on molecular characteristics of the respective cancer cells. [1] As far as health issues are concerned, cancer causes one out of every six deaths around the globe. As potent therapeutics are still waited for the successful treatment of cancer, some unconventional treatments like radiotherapy, surgery, and chemotherapy and some advanced technologies like gene therapy, stem cell therapy, natural antioxidants, targeted therapy, photodynamic therapy, nanoparticles, and precision medicine are available to diagnose and treat cancer. The best possible way to treat cancer is by developing novel therapeutics through translational research. In the present scenario, an important event in modern oncology therapy is the shift from an organ-centric paradigm guiding therapy to complete molecular investigations. The lacunae in anticancer therapy may be addressed through the creation of contemporary and pertinent cancer therapeutic techniques [2].

Available data suggest that homeopathy has potency not only to treat various types of cancers but also to reduce the side effects caused by standard therapeutic modalities like chemotherapy, radiotherapy or surgery [3]. Hydrastis Canadensis also commonly known as Golden seal is a well-known homoeopathic drug for treating various types of diseases especially cancer and its associated symptoms. Hydrastis is especially active in old, easily-tired people, cachectic individuals, with great debility. Cerebral effects prominent, feels his wits sharpened, head cleared, facile expression. Weak muscular power, poor digestion and obstinate constipation. Lumbago. Emaciation and prostration. Its action on the liver is marked. Cancer and cancerous state, before ulceration, when pain is principal symptom. Dose: Tincture, to thirtieth attenuation. Locally colorless. Hydrastis, mother tincture, or fluid extract [4].

### Aim and Objectives

The objective was to study the clinical changes of Hydrastis Mother Tincture on cancer patients.

### Study Design

The study was retrospective and analytic. A study was conducted among 20 patients diagnosed with cancer [Squamous Cell Carcinoma of Buccal Mucosa] were enrolled. Cases were studied in detail those were already on allopathic treatment.

### Materials and Methods

Along with the allopathic treatment, Hydrastis Mother Tincture was administered on each and every patient. Data collection was done by personal interview method.

### Study Site

A study was conducted at the OPD of Dr. VH Dave Homeopathic Medical College, Anand, Gujarat, India.

### Study Duration

Cases were enrolled during 2022-2023 and were observed every month for a period of 1 year.

### Statistical Data Analysis

Paired test was done in Microsoft Excel using pre-treatment and post-treatment scores from MYMOP 2 scoring system.

### Result

Total twenty patients were under observation; of which 17 were male and 3 were female. Most of them were in the age bracket of 40-50 years. Five patients had a history of smoking and 8 patients had a history of chewing tobacco (Figures 1-3).

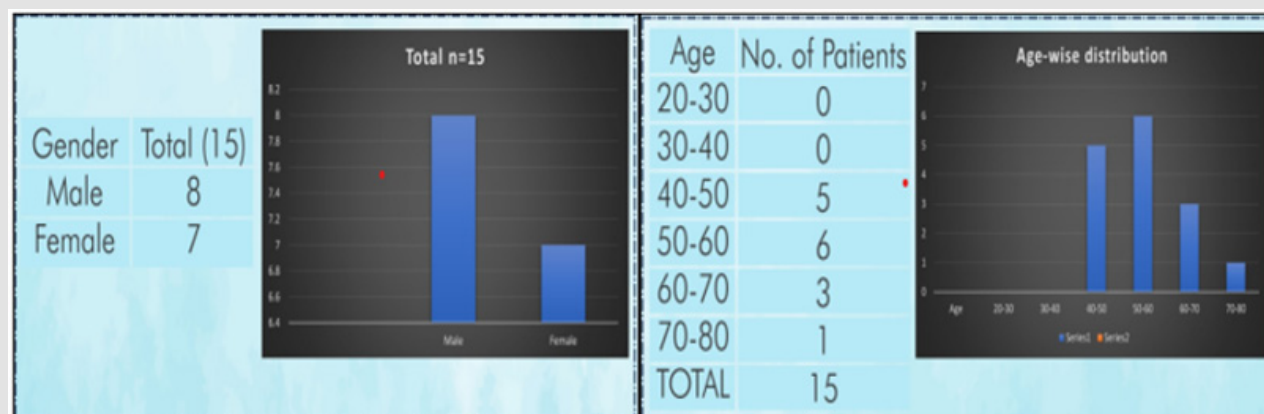


Figure 1.

Mean MYMOP2 Score (SD)	Pre-Treatment Score	Post-Treatment Score
Symptom 1 S1 (Decrease Appetite)	30	16
Symptom 2 S2 (Decrease Weight)	32	10
Activity A1	35	8
Wellbeing W1	40	9
Profile P	42	10

Figure 2.

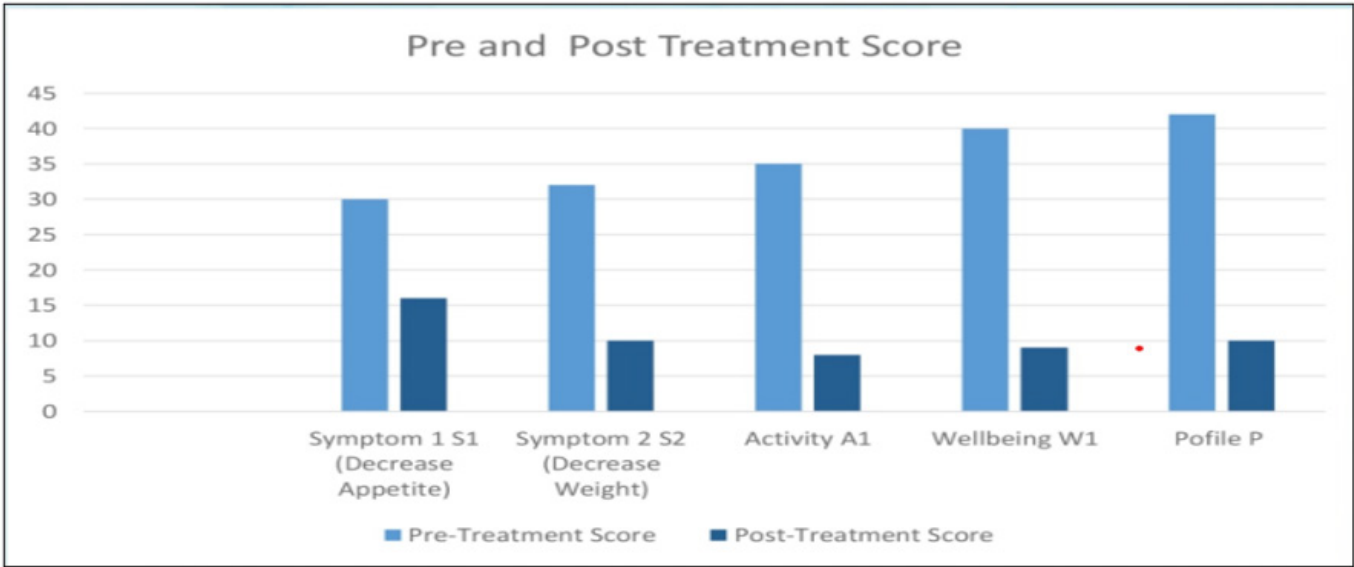


Figure 3.

Conclusion

Study found that there is a good utility of Hydrastis Mother Tincture in cancer cases; and found a remarkable improvement in pre and post treatment scores.

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