

Carcinosinum- A boon in homoeopathy

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Abstract: *Carcinosinum*, a nosode in homoeopathy is much useful as a cancer medicine as well as constitutional medicine. When given as constitutional, it is selected on the characteristic peculiar symptoms given by different authors. And as well in cancer cases it is known to be used much amongst homoeopaths in different potencies as well shown effectiveness as an anticancer medicine in-vivo studies.

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Introduction^{1,2,3,4}

When we go to the history, we find that nosodes were first introduced by C. Hering when he prepared and proved *Psorinum* on himself in 1830 and he is the first person to name these diseased preparations nosode. Nosode is derived from the Greek word "noso" means morbid roots of disease and this term is connected with the latin word, "noxa", which is the root of the word, noxious. *Carcinosinum* is also a nosode which is known to be the preparation from cancer breast and the drug picture of *Carcinosinum* was first given by Foubister. *Carcinosinum* is widely used like other nosodes as constitutional, as an intercurrent, as a preventive as well as medicine in cancer cases. There are also going on many researches on *Carcinosinum* in animal models to show its effectiveness in cancer cases.

Source of *Carcinosinum*:^{4,5,6}

Most of authors write that the medicine *Carcinosinum* is prepared from cancer of breast tissue in respect to it they mention it as the preparation from epithelioma of breast, cancerous breast tissue and also as prepared from discharge of breast cancer. There are various other preparations from different sites of cancer name differently, for

example, carcinoma adeno stom prepared from an epithelioma of the stomach; carcinoma adeno vesica prepared from an epithelioma of the bladder and many more.

Carcinosinum as constitutional medicine:^{6,7,8}

Like other polychrest medicines, *Carcinosinum* can also be prescribed as constitutional medicine based on the totality of symptoms of the patient. Its indications as constitutional medicine are as follows:

Adapted to people having dominating parents with too strict parental control and too many expectations placed on them which leads to the development of different characteristics in the patient such as sensitive to reprimands, intolerant of consolation where kind words aggravates, get offended easily and takes everything in bad part, have strong sense of duty, becomes fastidious and do everything in perfection and do work beyond their capacity.

Another strong indication is family history of cancer or the past history of cancer in the patient himself. There may also be history of diabetes or infectious diseases, such as tuberculosis, mumps, measles, chickenpox, malaria, typhoid and

at the same time absence of any infectious disease in childhood.

Sleeplessness is marked and the *Carcinosinum* patient have a characteristic position of sleep that is either knee-chest position like a foetus in the womb or he sleeps on abdomen.

They love dancing, animals and enjoy rainy weather and also have desire to travel.

Craving for chocolates.

Carcinosinum in cancer cases:^{7,9}

Dr J.H. Clarke in his book, *The Prescriber*, under the heading "CANCER", he has given the following indications:

In all cases of chronic illnesses having a cancerous heredity or the constitutional symptoms of the diathesis, a course of treatment with *Carcinosinum* 30 - 200 once a week will be likely to benefit.

After removal of cancer of the breast, a prolonged course of constitutional treatment is essential. Weekly doses of *Carcinosinum* 30 - 200 or *Scirrhinum* 30 - 200, and remedies indicated by the constitutional state.

Dr Sunirmal Sarkar, a renowned homoeopath practising in Kolkata

known to see 50 cancer cases daily shared his clinical experience in his book “**Just you See**” and under medicine “**CARCINOSINUM**”, he wrote:

Without the remedy *Carcinosinum*, it would be very difficult to heal cancer patients in today’s generation. Most cases of cancers would need *Carcinosinum* 1M, 10M, 50M, in ascending potencies, even during acute conditions.

Recent researches on *Carcinosinum*:^{10,11,12}

There are researches that is done in vivo giving *Carcinosinum* in different potencies in animals testing its anticancer activity and have seen significant results. In one study, it is seen that the anticancer activity of the *Carcinosinum* increases with the increase in potency. *Carcinosinum* 200C is found to promote the expression of TP53 in neoplastic cells of lymphoid origin.

Carcinosinum 1M with other five medicines in the same potency were found to be increasing the lifespan of Swiss albino mice suffering from Ehrlich tumor cell-induced ascites. *Carcinosinum* 200C showed inhibition of p-DAB hepatocarcinogenesis in mice while *Carcinosinum* 200C in combination with *Chelidonium majus*

200C shown better results than the single medicine administration. Also, *Carcinosinum* 200C combined with *Natrium sulphuricum* 200C shows higher antitumor efficacy.

Conclusion

It is concluded that when and how to prescribe *Carcinosinum* either in cancer cases as well as in other diseases. Various studies also shown that it is effective in cancer cases showing anticancer activity and much more these studies are needed to be done. Either one can see the clinical experiences or studies, it can be concluded that higher potencies of *Carcinosinum* are more effective. No human trial have found and no documented cases which supports this which are required to be done in future.

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