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Vrikka Vikara Chikitsa: A Case Study Of Ayurvedic Approach In Managing Ckd With A History Of Prameha And Hridroga

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ABSTRACT

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a progressive condition characterized by declining kidney function, often coexisting with hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM), and coronary artery disease (CAD), amplifying cardiovascular risks. *Vrikka Vikar* often manifests as a result of *Prameha* and *Raktagata Vata*, which collectively aggravate *Hridroga*, forming a complex pathophysiological interplay requiring a holistic *Ayurvedic* approach involving *Shodhana* and *Shamana* therapies. This case report presents a 52-year-old male with CKD, hypertension, T2DM, and CAD who underwent *Ayurvedic* interventions alongside conventional treatments at Jeena Sikho Lifecare Limited Hospital, Derabassi, Punjab, India. The patient experienced symptoms such as weakness, fatigue, frothy urine, disturbed sleep, and lower back pain. Following a 13-day inpatient *Ayurvedic* treatment regimen, the patient's symptoms improved significantly. Laboratory investigations revealed a reduction in serum urea from 137.17 mg/dL to 75.44 mg/dL, serum creatinine from 6.88 mg/dL to 5.58 mg/dL, and uric acid from 7.30 mg/dL to 6.44 mg/dL. These outcomes suggest that *Ayurvedic* interventions may support improved kidney function and overall well-being. Further controlled studies are recommended to validate these findings and develop standardized treatment protocols.

INTRODUCTION

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a progressive condition marked by declining kidney function, impairing the filtration of waste and fluids. It is diagnosed when kidney damage persists for over three months or the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) drops below 60 mL/min per 1.73 m². In advanced

stages, known as end-stage kidney disease (ESKD), dialysis or kidney transplantation becomes necessary ^[1]. CKD often progresses silently, with symptoms like hypertension, fluid retention, and bone pain emerging later ^[2,3]. It is a major global health concern due to its high cardiovascular mortality risk, especially among dialysis patients ^[4].

CKD commonly coexists with conditions such as

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hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM), and coronary artery disease (CAD), which amplify cardiovascular risks. About 40% of diabetics develop CKD, which heightens cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk [5]. Uncontrolled hypertension accelerates CKD progression and increases ESKD risk, particularly in T2DM patients who have undergone PCI [6]. The coexistence of CKD and T2DM raises cardiovascular event risks significantly [7]. Obesity, hypertension, and anemia further worsen CKD outcomes [8]. Management strategies focus on controlling blood pressure and blood sugar, with SGLT2 inhibitors and GLP-1 receptor agonists showing promise in reducing CKD progression [5]. Regular renal and cardiovascular monitoring is crucial in preventing complications [7].

Ayurveda offers a holistic approach by addressing root causes rather than symptoms. CKD is seen as a disorder of *Srotas* and *Dosha* imbalances, with anemia resembling *Vataj Pandu* [9]. *Ayurvedic* therapies include nephroprotective herbs like *Punarnava*, *Arjuna*, and *Guduchi* [10], *Panchakarma* detox therapies such as *Virechana* and *Basti* [11-17], and lifestyle practices like yoga and meditation to manage metabolic imbalances. Emerging evidence supports *Ayurveda*'s potential as a complementary therapy for CKD management [18,19]. This study aims to assess the impact of *Ayurvedic* interventions combined with conventional treatments for CKD with hypertension, T2DM and CAD in a 52-year-old male patient.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

CASE REPORT

On February 14, 2025, a 52-year-old male visited Jeena Sikho Lifecare Limited Hospital in Derabassi, India, was diagnosed with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). A comprehensive medical history, family history, physical examination and diagnostic evaluations were all part of the methodical and thorough examination. He had a history hypertension since 5 years, Type 2 diabetes mellitus for 15 years and Coronary artery disease for 2 years. He had a history of cholecystectomy and his father had a history of T2DM. He experienced weakness, fatigue, intermittent left side chest pain, frothy urine, disturbed sleep, lower back pain, shortness of breath and overthinking. The vital signs (Table 1) along with *Ashta-vidh pareeksha* (Table 2) report during the first day of visit and discharge is detailed in following tables. The findings on examination is mentioned in Table 3.

Table 1 Vitals during the first day of the visit and discharge

Parameter	Findings	
Date	14-02-2025	26-02-2025
Blood Pressure	150/80 mm of Hg	140/80 mm of Hg
Pulse Rate	86/min	84/min
Weight	70 Kg	69 Kg

Table 2 Ashta-vidh pareeksha during first day of the visit and discharge

Parameter	Findings	
Date	14-02-2025	26-02-2025
Naadi (Pulse)	Vaataj pittaj	Vaataj Pittaj
Mala (Stool)	Badha (Constipated)	Avikrit (Normal)
Mutra (Urine)	Phenila (Frothy)	Avikrit (Normal)
Jiwha (Tongue)	Saam (Coated)	Saam (Mild coated)
Shabda (Voice)	Spashta (Normal)	Spashta (Normal)
Sparsha (Touch)	Anushna Sheet (Normal)	Anushna Sheet (Normal)
Drik (Eye)	Avikrit (Normal)	Avikrit (Normal)
Akriti (Physique)	Madhyam	Madhyam

Table 3 Findings on examination

Parameter	Condition
Appetite	Low
Sleep	Disturbed
Acid	Increased
Bowel	Constipation
Urine	Frothy
B/L chest	Clear

The patient was in IPD for 13 days, during that period he received consolidated *Ayurvedic* treatments. This treatment procedure encompassed *Panchakarma* therapies such as *Awagaha swedan* (up to navel), *Shiropichu* with *Brahmni oil*, *Shirodhara* with *Brahmi oil*, *Gokshur-Punarnava Siddha Sneha Basti*, *Gokshur-Punarnava kashaya Basti*, *Vrikka Basti* with *Punarnava oil* and *Neem Karela Therapy*. The laboratory investigations during the treatment period is mentioned in Table 5. Diabetic chart during IPD is mentioned in Table 6. The patient was discharged on February 26, 2025.

Table 5 The laboratory investigations during the treatment period (Fig 1)

Parameter	Findings		
Date	14-02-2025	17-02-2025	21-02-2025
Hemoglobin	10.1 gm/dl	9.4 gm/dl	-
Blood urea	137.17 mg/dL	116.34 mg/dL	75.44 mg/dL
Serum creatinine	6.88 mg/dL	6.00 mg/dL	5.58 mg/dL
Uric acid	7.30 mg/dL	7.20 mg/dL	6.44 mg/dL
BUN	64 mg/dL	54.29 mg/dL	35.21 mg/dL

Table 6. Diabetic chart during IPD

Date	Findings
15-02-2025	109 mg/dL
16-02-2025	126 mg/dL
17-02-2025	170 mg/dL
18-02-2025	232 mg/dL
19-02-2025	225 mg/dL
20-02-2025	193 mg/dL
21-02-2025	113 mg/dL
22-02-2025	108 mg/dL
23-02-2025	99 mg/dL
24-02-2025	101 mg/dL
25-02-2025	100 mg/dL
26-02-2025	105 mg/dL

Treatment Plan

Diet Plan (Fig 2):

A personalized *Ayurvedic* and (Disciplined and Intelligent Person's) DIP Diet was provided to the patient to complement the *Ayurvedic* treatments administered for CKD [18]. Dietary Guidelines from Jeena Sikho Lifecare Limited Hospital were as follows:

Fig.2 Key Recommendations

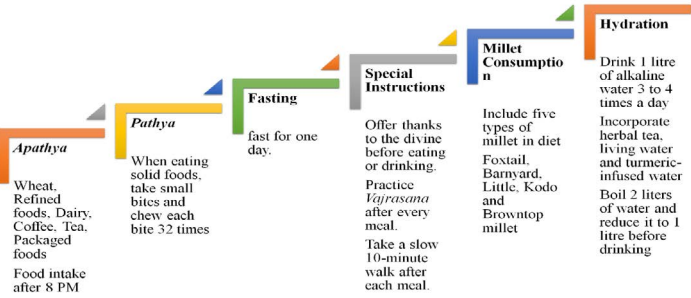
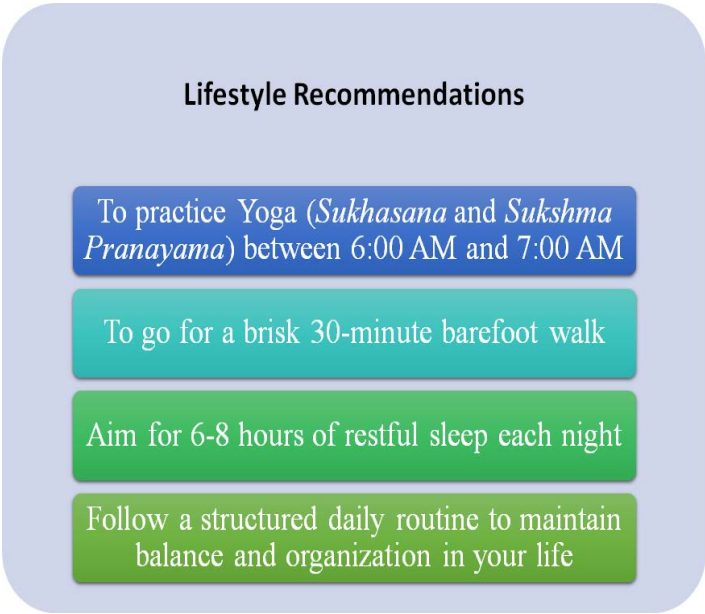


Fig.3 Meal Timing & Structure



Fig.4 Lifestyle Recommendations



Panchakarma procedures administered to patients

Awagah Swedan (Up to navel) [19]

The patient was submerged up to the navel in a tub of warm water.
The temperature of water was maintained at 42°C.
The patient spent 40 minutes under the conditions provided.

Punarnava and Gokshuru Siddha Sneha Basti [20]

A homogenous mixture of *Punarnava* and *Gokshuru* was prepared and mixed with water.
Abhyanga and *Swedana* were performed, and the patient was positioned in the left lateral posture.
90 ml of *Basti Dravya* was warmed to body temperature and introduced into the rectum using a *Basti Netra*, with proper retention ensured based on the type of *Basti*.
The patient was advised to follow a light diet (*Peya*, *Vilepi*), avoid incompatible foods, and the evacuation response was monitored for therapeutic effectiveness.

Punarnava and Gokshuru Kashaya Basti [21,22,23]

A decoction of *Punarnava* and *Gokshuru* was prepared by indirect boiling in water and reducing it to one-fourth.
The patient underwent *Abhyanga* and *Swedana* to relax muscles and facilitate Vata regulation. The patient was positioned in the left lateral posture for ease of administration.
380 ml of prepared *Kashaya Basti* was warmed to body temperature and introduced into the rectum using a *Basti Netra*. The patient was instructed to retain the *Basti* for an appropriate duration to allow absorption.

Shirodhara with Brahmi oil^[24,25]

The patient lay down on a table with their head slightly elevated.

Warm *Brahmi oil* was poured in a continuous stream over the forehead, focusing on the third eye area, for about 80 minutes while the patient relaxed.

After the oil application, the patient rested briefly to absorb the effects.

Shiropichu with Brahmi oil^[26,27]

Brahmi oil was warmed to a comfortable temperature.

40 ml of warmed *Brahmi oil* was gently applied to the forehead and scalp.

A cloth pad soaked in the oil was placed on the forehead, covering the *Ajna Chakra* and crown, and left in place for 20 minutes.

Vrikka Basti with Punarnavadi Oil^[28]

The patient was positioned in a prone posture, and the lumbar region was cleaned. A leak-proof dough ring (*Basti Kunda*) was prepared and placed over the kidney region.

Warm *Punarnavadi Oil* was carefully poured into the reservoir, ensuring even coverage over the kidney area.

The oil was retained for 20 minutes, allowing deep absorption. The oil was removed using sterile cotton pads, and the dough ring was dismantled.

Medicinal Interventions

The *Ayurvedic* treatment employed in this case GFR Powder, Dr. CKD Tablet, Divya Shakti Powder, Prameh Rog Har, Kidney Shuddhi Ark, Cough Har Powder, Dr. Sukoon, Sanjeevani vati capsule and Amal Pitt Har Powder. The medicines advised during the IPD and discharge is mentioned in **Table 7**. The details of the medicine administered during the IPD is described in **Table 8**.

Table 7 Medications taken during the treatment period

Date	Medicines	Dosage with <i>Anupana</i>
14-02-2025 (IPD)	GFR Powder	A teaspoon BD (<i>Adhobhakta</i> with <i>koshna jala</i> - After
	Dr. CKD Tablet	1 TAB TDS (<i>Adhobhakta</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)
	Dr. Sukoon	2 TAB HS (<i>Nishikala</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)
	Divya Shakti Powder	Half a teaspoon HS (<i>Nishikala</i> with <i>koshna jala</i> - Before bed with lukewarm water)
	GFR Powder	Half a teaspoon BD (<i>Adhobhakta</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)
	Cough Har Powder	Half a teaspoon BD (<i>Adhobhakta</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)
	Sanjeevani Capsule	2 TAB BD (<i>Adhobhakta</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)
	Prameh Rog Har Powder	1 TSF BD (<i>Adhobhakta</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)
	Amal Pitt Har Powder	1 TSF BD (<i>Adhobhakta</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)
26-02-2025 (Discharge)	Dr. CKD Tablet	2 TAB BD (<i>Adhobhakta</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)
	Kidney Shuddhi Ark	10 ml BD (<i>Adhobhakta</i> with <i>sama matra kosha jala</i>)
	GFR Powder	Half a teaspoon BD (<i>Adhobhakta</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)
	Dr. Sukoon	2 TAB HS (<i>Nishikala</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)
	Divya Shakti Powder	Half a teaspoon HS (<i>Nishikala</i> with <i>koshna jala</i>)

Table 8 Details of the medications taken during the treatment period

Medicine name	Ingredients	Therapeutic Effects
GFR Powder	Bhoomi Amla (<i>Phyllanthus niruri</i>), Badi Harad (<i>Terminalia chebula</i>), Bahera (<i>Terminalia bellirica</i>), Kasni (<i>Cichorium intybus</i>), Makoy (<i>Zea mays</i>), Punarnava (<i>Boerhavia diffusa</i>), Gokshur (<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>).	<i>Mutral</i> (Diuretic), <i>Shoth har</i> (Anti-inflammatory), <i>Virechana</i> (Purgation), <i>Raktaprasadana</i> (Blood purifier), <i>Vatanulomana</i> (<i>Vata</i> regulator), <i>Mutravirechana</i> (Urinary purgation), <i>Rasayana</i> (Rejuvenator), <i>Amapachan</i> (Toxin digestant), <i>Kledahara</i> (Moisture remover), <i>Vrikkadoshahara</i> (Kidney toxin eliminator)

Dr. CKD Tablet	Pashanbhed (<i>Bergenia ciliata</i>), Varun (<i>Crataeva nurvala</i>), Punarnava (<i>Boerhavia diffusa</i>), Gokhru (<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>), Apamarg (<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>), Haldi (<i>Curcuma longa</i>), Charila (<i>Embelia ribes</i>), Kulthi (<i>Dolichos biflorus</i>), Harad (<i>Terminalia chebula</i>), Bhumiawla (<i>Pyrrosia piloselloides</i>), Giloy (<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>), Shitalchini (<i>Vernonia cinerea</i>), Anantmoool (<i>Hemidesmus indicus</i>), Khas (<i>Vetiveria zizanioides</i>), Yab Kshar (Alkaline substance, botanical origin unclear), Muli Kshar (<i>Raphanus sativus</i>), Kalmi Shora (Sodium bicarbonate), Sajji Kshar (Traditional alkaline substance, botanical origin unclear), Shilajeet (<i>Asphaltum</i>), Hajral Yahud (<i>Silicon dioxide</i>), Shwet Parapati (Mercury-based preparation in Ayurvedic medicine).	<i>Raktashodhak</i> (Blood purifier), <i>Mutral</i> (Diuretic), <i>Vatanulomana</i> (Vata regulator), <i>Agnideepan</i> (Digestive stimulant), <i>Shoth har</i> (Anti-inflammatory), <i>Pitta Shaman</i> (Pitta pacifier), <i>Rasayana</i> (Rejuvenator), <i>Srotoshodhana</i> (Channel cleanser), <i>Vishagna</i> (Detoxifier)
Divya Shakti Powder	Trikatu , Triphala , Nagarmotha (<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>), Vay Vidang (<i>Embelia ribes</i>), Chhoti Elaichi (<i>Elettaria cardamomum</i>), Tej Patta (<i>Cinnamomum tamala</i>), Laung (<i>Syzygium aromaticum</i>), Nishoth (<i>Operculina turpethum</i>), Sendha Namak , Dhaniya (<i>Coriandrum sativum</i>), Pipla Mool (<i>Piper longum</i> root), Jeera (<i>Cuminum cyminum</i>), Nagkesar (<i>Mesua ferrea</i>), Amarvati (<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>), Anardana (<i>Punica granatum</i>), Badi Elaichi (<i>Amomum subulatum</i>), Hing (<i>Ferula assafoetida</i>), Kachnar (<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>), Ajmod (<i>Trachyspermum ammi</i>), Sazzikhar , Pushkarmool (<i>Inula racemosa</i>), Mishri (<i>Saccharum officinarum</i>).	<i>Ojakshaya</i> (Loss of vitality/immunity), <i>Agnimandya</i> (Low digestive fire), <i>Chakshukshaya</i> (Weak vision), <i>Deepan</i> (Appetizer), <i>Rasayana</i> (Rejuvenator)
Prameh Rog Har	Kutki (<i>Picrorhiza kurroa</i>), Chiraita (<i>Swertia chirata</i>), Neem (<i>Azadirachta indica</i>), Karela (<i>Momordica charantia</i>), Rasonth (<i>Berberis aristata</i>), Imli Beej (<i>Tamarindus indica</i>), Kala Namak , Giloy (<i>Tinospora cordifolia</i>), Sonth (<i>Zingiber officinale</i>), Babool Chaal (<i>Vachellia nilotica</i>), Sarpgandha (<i>Rauvolfia serpentina</i>), Trivang Bhasam , Yashad Bhasam , Revend Chinni (<i>Rheum emodi</i>), Sodhit Guggulu (<i>Commiphora mukul</i>), Methi (<i>Trigonella foenum-graecum</i>), Jamun (<i>Syzygium cumini</i>), Babool Fruit (<i>Vachellia nilotica</i>), Karanj (<i>Milletia pinnata</i>), Shilajit , Haldi (<i>Curcuma longa</i>), Harad (<i>Terminalia chebula</i>), Inderjaun (<i>Holarrhena antidysenterica</i>), Banshlochan (<i>Bambusa arundinacea</i>), Bahera (<i>Terminalia bellirica</i>), Amla (<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>), White Musli (<i>Chlorophytum borivilianum</i>), Gurmar (<i>Gymnema sylvestre</i>).	<i>Pramehaghna</i> (Anti-diabetic), <i>Raktashodhak</i> (Blood purifier), <i>Deepan</i> (Appetizer), <i>Pachan</i> (Digestant), <i>Rasayana</i> (Rejuvenator), <i>Medohara</i> (Fat reducer), <i>Shoth har</i> (Anti-inflammatory), <i>Mutral</i> (Diuretic)
Kidney Shuddhi Ark	Punarnava (<i>Boerhavia diffusa</i>), Varuna (<i>Crataeva nurvala</i>), Gokshura (<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>), Bhumiyaamalaki (<i>Phyllanthus niruri</i>), Palash Pushp (<i>Butea monosperma</i>), and Shigru (<i>Moringa oleifera</i>).	<i>Kaphahara</i> (<i>Kapha</i> pacifier), <i>Shwasahara</i> (Respiratory reliever), <i>Vata-kapha Shaman</i> (<i>Vata-Kapha</i> pacifier), <i>Swasanirmulana</i> (Expectorant), <i>Utklesha nivaran</i> (Vomiting reliever), <i>Shoth har</i> (Anti-inflammatory), <i>Kanduhara</i> (Itch reliever), <i>Prana vardhan</i> (Life force enhancer)
Cough Har Powder	Tvak Patra (<i>Cinnamomum tamala</i>), Sukshmaila (<i>Elettaria cardamomum</i>), Pippali (<i>Piper longum</i>), Vamsha (<i>Bambusa arundinacea</i>), Shitopala (Rock Candy / <i>Khanda Sharkara</i>).	<i>Kaphahara</i> (<i>Kapha</i> pacifier), <i>Shwasahara</i> (Respiratory reliever), <i>Vata-kapha Shaman</i> (<i>Vata-Kapha</i> pacifier), <i>Swasanirmulana</i> (Expectorant), <i>Utklesha nivaran</i> (Vomiting reliever), <i>Shoth har</i> (Anti-inflammatory), <i>Kanduhara</i> (Itch reliever), <i>Prana vardhan</i> (Life force enhancer)
Dr. Sukoon	Apamarga (<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>), Shatawar (<i>Asparagus racemosus</i>), Ashwagandha (<i>Withania somnifera</i>), Brahmi (<i>Bacopa monnieri</i>), Vacha (<i>Acorus calamus</i>), Shankh-pushpi (<i>Convolvulus pluricaulis</i>), Calcium (Ca)	<i>Manonukulya</i> (Mind soothing), <i>Nidrajanana</i> (Sleep inducing), <i>Medhya</i> (Cognitive enhancer), <i>Vatanulomana</i> (Pacifier and regulator of Vata), <i>Rasayana</i> (Rejuvenation therapy)
Sanjeevani vati capsule	Bhumiamla (<i>Phyllanthus niruri</i>) and Ajwain (<i>Trachyspermum ammi</i>)	<i>Rasayana</i> (Rejuvenator), <i>Balya</i> (Strengtheners), <i>Deepan</i> (Digestive stimulant), <i>Pachan</i> (Digestive/metabolism enhancer), <i>Vyadhi Kshamatva</i> (Disease resistance/immunity), <i>Ojas Vardhaka</i> (Enhancer of vitality/immune booster), <i>Vata-Pitta Shaman</i> (Pacifier of Vata and Pitta doshas)
Amal pitt Har Powder	Shunti (<i>Zingiber officinale</i>), Maricha (<i>Piper nigrum</i>), Pippali (<i>Piper longum</i>), Amalki (<i>Phyllanthus emblica</i>), Bibhitaki (<i>Terminalia belerica</i>), Haritaki (<i>Terminalia chebula</i>), Musta (<i>Cyperus rotundus</i>), Sulshmaila (<i>Sida cordifolia</i>), Tvak patra (<i>Cinnamomum verum</i>), Vidanga (<i>Embelia ribes</i>), Bid lavana (<i>Sodium chloride</i>), Lavanga (<i>Syzygium aromaticum</i>), Trivita (<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>), Sharkara (<i>Saccharum officinarum</i>).	<i>Deepan</i> (Appetizer), <i>Pachan</i> (Digestant), <i>Shoth har</i> (Anti-inflammatory), <i>Vata-kapha shamaka</i> (Dosha- balancer), <i>Rasayana</i> (Rejuvenator), <i>Ojovardhaka</i> (Immunity enhancer)

RESULT

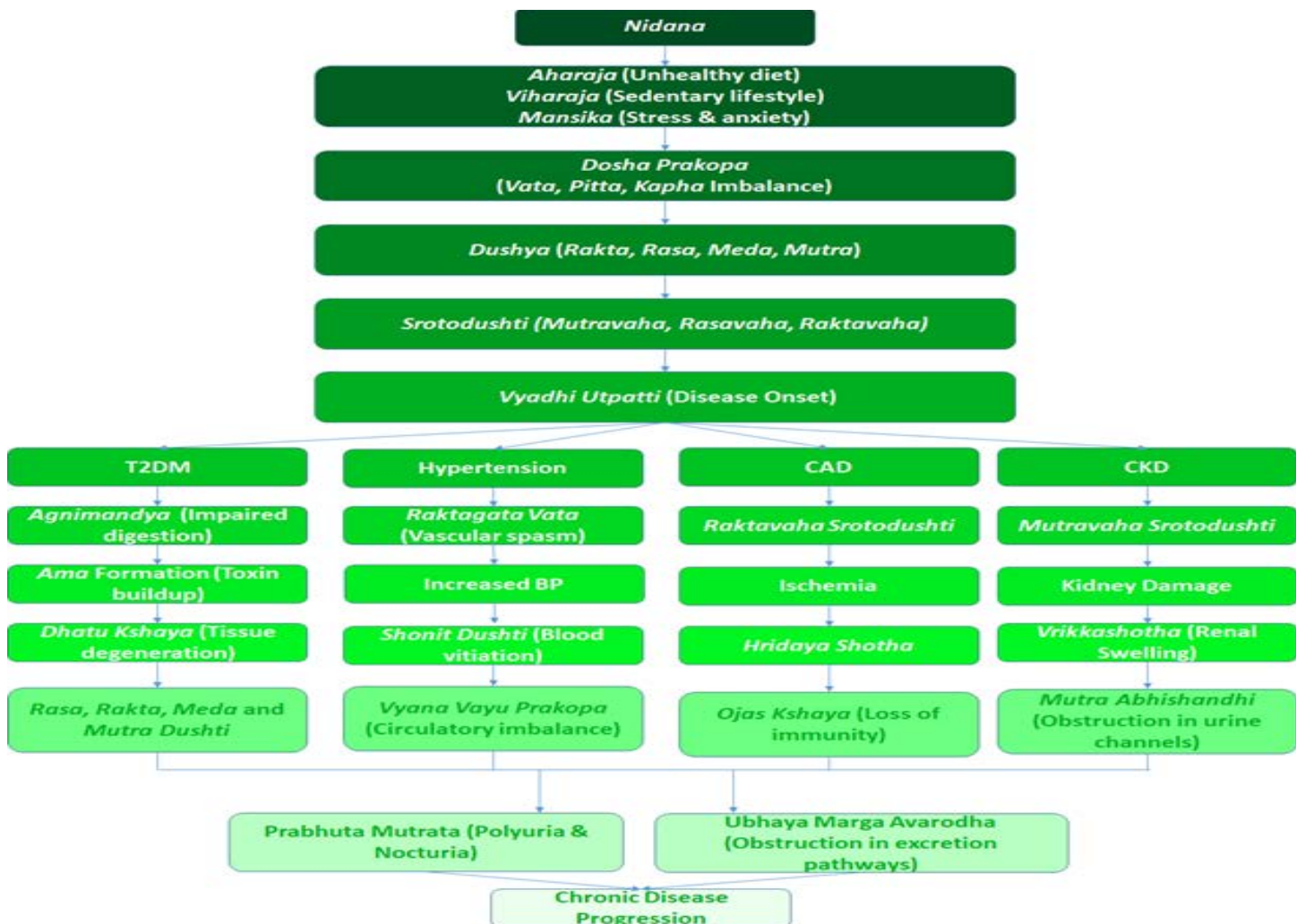
After 13 days of IPD, the patient experienced noteworthy development in symptoms, which denotes the interventions used in the study are effective against CKD, T2DM, CAD

and hypertension. Also the relief from weakness, fatigue, frothy urine, disturbed sleep, lower back pain, shortness of breath shows that the *Ayurvedic* interventions used in the case study are effective for CKD. The conditions before and after treatment is mentioned in **Table 9**.

Table 9. The conditions before and after treatment

Conditions	Before treatment	After treatment
Weakness ^[29]	Moderate	Relief
Pain ^[30]	Intermittent left side chest and lower back (2/10)	Relief (1/10)
Urine	Frothy	Normal
Sleep ^[31]	4/10	8/10
Shortness of breath ^[32]	Grade 2 (Walks slower than people of the same age)	Grade 0 (No breathlessness)

The 2D echocardiogram conducted on 28/01/2025 revealed a dilated left ventricle (LV), suggesting the heart is under strain. Mild LV systolic dysfunction was also noted. Moderate eccentric left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH) was observed. The presence of Grade 1 LV diastolic dysfunction further indicates impaired relaxation of the heart during the filling phase (Fig 5). The chest X-ray performed on 16/02/2025 revealed an area of inhomogeneous haziness in the left lower lung zone (Fig 6).

Fig 4 The *Samprapti* for this study

Future Research perspectives: This study was conducted on a 52-year-old male patient with CKD, hypertension, T2DM and CAD. While the results were promising, thorough evaluation and further investigation are necessary as the study involved only a single patient. Larger randomized controlled trials are essential to validate the reliability, efficacy, and safety of the integrated *Ayurvedic* therapies used in this study, ultimately aiming to establish standardized protocols and guidelines for clinical practice.

DISCUSSION

Managing CKD with *Ayurvedic* interventions for the treatment of CKD assures a promising alternative for conventionally practicing expensive treatment methods. This case report is about the procedure of *Ayurvedic* therapies and medications works in a 52-year-old male, diagnosed with CKD, T2DM, CAD and hypertension. The patient presented symptoms such as weakness, fatigue, intermittent left side chest pain, frothy urine, disturbed sleep, lower back pain, shortness of breath and overthinking. The *Samprapti*^[32-37] for this study is depicted in Fig 4.

The Samprapti and Nidan Parivarjan

In CKD with T2DM, CAD, and Hypertension, the primary *Ayurvedic* involvement begins with *Madhumeha* (T2DM) due to *Kapha-Meda Dushti* and *Agni Mandya*, leading to *Ama* formation and *Rakta-Meda Vaha Srotas Dushti*. This produces *Ati-Madhyurya* in *Rasa* and *Rakta Dhatus*, impairing microcirculation and damaging the *Vrikka* (kidneys). Simultaneously, *Uccharaktachapa* (Hypertension), arising from *Rakta Dushti*, *Vata-Prakopa*, and *Rasa-Rakta Stambhana*, causes endothelial dysfunction and *Siragranthi* (vascular rigidity). CAD develops due to *Kapha-Meda-Rakta Dushti*, resulting in *Dhamani Pratichaya* (atherosclerosis), further aggravating *Vyana Vata* and impairing *Hridaya Karma*. The cumulative effect leads to *Vrikka Srotas Avarodha* and *Dhatu Kshaya*, manifesting as reduced *Mutra Nirmiti Shakti* (GFR decline), fluid overload, and progressive renal damage, while systemic *Vata-Kapha-Pitta Dushti* perpetuates multi-organ dysfunction [32-37].

Management emphasizes avoidance of causative and aggravating factors (*Hetu Sevana*) such as *Atimadhura*, *Amla*, *Lavana Ahara* (excess sugar, sour, and salty foods), *Guru-Snigdha Ahara* (heavy, oily foods), sedentary lifestyle, stress, day-sleeping, alcohol, and smoking [38]. Dietary discipline (*Pathya Ahara*) with *Laghu*, *Tikta*, *Kashaya Rasa Yukta Ahara* (light, bitter, astringent foods), regulated fluid intake, and avoidance of nephrotoxic substances is essential [39]. Lifestyle corrections (*Vihara*) include regular mild exercise, yoga, meditation, proper sleep cycle, and stress reduction to balance *Vata-Kapha*. Avoiding irregular eating habits, late-night waking, and suppression of natural urges prevents further *Agni Dushti* and *Srotorodha* [40]. Thus, strict *Nidan Parivarjan* slows down progression of CKD, improves glycemic and blood pressure control, protects *Hridaya* and *Vrikka*, and restores *Dosha-Dhatu Samya*. The *Ayurvedic* treatment involved following *Panchakarma* procedures:

The effects of Ahar-Vihar

The combination of appropriate *Ahara* (diet) and *Vihara* (lifestyle) plays a pivotal role in preventing progression and supporting management of chronic conditions like CKD with T2DM, CAD, and Hypertension. A diet based on millets, sprouts, fruits, raw salads, and fermented preparations is *Laghu* (light), *Rasayana* (rejuvenative), and rich in antioxidants, which helps in reducing *Ama* and balancing *Kapha* and *Meda Dhatu*. These foods support healthy *Agni*, regulate blood sugar, and protect vascular health by minimizing *Rakta-Meda Dushti* that underlies CAD and hypertension [39]. Herbal tea, green juices, and limited intake of oil, salt, and heavy foods prevent *Kapha-Pitta* aggravation, improve circulation, and reduce stress on the kidneys [41]. Regular and structured mealtimes further stabilize *Agni* and metabolic rhythms, preventing fluctuations in blood glucose, blood pressure, and cardiac load.

Lifestyle measures (*Vihara*) such as daily yoga, pranayama, and brisk walking help in balancing *Vata*, calming the mind, enhancing *Vyana Vata* (circulatory function), and improving insulin sensitivity [42]. Proper sleep of 6–8 hours ensures restoration of *Dhatus*, pacifies aggravated *Vata-Pitta*, and supports hormonal and metabolic balance. Following *Dinacharya* (daily routine) brings order to digestion and circulation, preventing *Ama* accumulation and *Srotorodha* (obstruction of channels) [42]. By avoiding *Nidana* such as irregular meals, late-night waking, alcohol, stress, and heavy or incompatible foods, the risk factors aggravating CKD, diabetes, hypertension, and CAD can be minimized. Thus, adopting this integrative approach of *Ahara-Vihara* not only maintains *Dosha-Dhatu Samya* but also slows disease progression and enhances overall quality of life [44].

The effects of Panchkarma

Awagaha Swedana (up to navel) creates local *Swedana* (sudation) effect, improving peripheral circulation, reducing *Shotha* (edema), relieving stiffness, and facilitating *Avarana Mukti* of *Vata* by liquefying and mobilizing *Ama* and excess *Kapha* [19]. *Punarnava* and *Gokshuru Siddha Sneha Basti* provides a *Mutral* (diuretic), *Shothahara* (anti-inflammatory), and *Vata-anulomana* action. By rectal route, *Basti* directly influences *Pakvashaya* (colon), the seat of *Vata*, normalizing *Apana Vata* and thereby regulating urination, fluid excretion, and kidney function. The unctuous quality nourishes tissues, prevents degeneration, and helps detoxify *Vrikkas* (kidneys), reducing progression of CKD [20]. *Punarnava* and *Gokshuru Kashaya Basti* works as a *Lekhana* and *Shodhana Basti*, clearing *Mala*, *Kleda*, and *Ama* from channels. Its *Tikta-Kashaya Rasa*, *Laghu-Ruksha Guna* facilitate *Srotoshodhana* (channel cleansing), diuresis, and reduction of *Shotha*. This *Basti* is especially effective in chronic renal disorders with associated fluid overload and metabolic derangements [21,22,23]. *Shirodhara* with *Brahmi* oil pacifies *Prana Vata* and *Sadhaka Pitta*, producing *Manonukulya* (mental calmness), *Nidrajanana* (inducing sleep), and *Medhya* (cognitive enhancement). Continuous oil stream stimulates the hypothalamic-pituitary axis, reduces stress, anxiety, and hypertension, while improving autonomic balance [24,25]. *Shiropichu* with *Brahmi* oil offers localized *Shiro-Rasayana* effect by nourishing the brain tissues, stabilizing *Vata-Pitta*, and reducing stress-induced sympathetic overdrive. Its cooling, soothing property supports mental relaxation, improves sleep, and reduces vascular stress, indirectly benefiting blood pressure and cardiac rhythm [26,27]. *Vrikka Basti* with *Punarnavadi* Oil provides direct local action over the renal region, enhancing absorption of *Punarnava's* *Shothahara*, *Mutral*, and *Vrikkadoshahara* properties. By sustaining warmth and unctuousness at the kidneys, it improves local circulation, supports renal detoxification, reduces inflammation, and helps in maintaining renal tissue vitality [28].

The effects of Ayurvedic medication

Ayurvedic formulations for chronic conditions such as CKD, T2DM, CAD, and Hypertension work through a multidimensional approach guided by the *Rasapanchaka* of their ingredients. For instance, herbs in GFR Powder like *Punarnava* [45], *Gokshura* [46], *Bhoomi Amla* [47], and *Haritaki* [48] are predominantly *Tikta-Kashaya* (bitter-astringent) in *Rasa*, *Laghu-Ruksha* in *Guna*, *Ushna* in *Virya*, *Katu* in *Vipaka*, and act with *Prabhava* of *Mutral* and *Vrikkadoshahara*, thereby reducing fluid overload, inflammation, and supporting kidney function. Dr. CKD Tablet contains *Varuna*, *Pashanbhed* [49], *Apamarg* [50], and *Shilajit* [51], which are *Tikta-Kashaya*, *Laghu-Ruksha*, *Ushna* *Virya*, *Katu* *Vipaka*, with *Srotoshodhana* and *Ashmarihara* *Prabhava*, helping in diuresis, lithotriptic action, and detoxification while balancing *Vata-Pitta*. Divya Shakti Powder with *Trikatu* [52], *Triphala* [53], *Jeera* [54], and *Nagkesar* [55] primarily exhibit *Katu-Tikta-Kashaya* *Rasa*, *Laghu-Tikshna* *Guna*, *Ushna* *Virya*, *Katu* *Vipaka*, with a special *Agnideepana-Rasayana* *Prabhava*, improving *Agni*, reducing *Ama*, and rejuvenating *Ojas*. Prameh Rog Har contains bitter antidiabetic herbs like *Neem* [56], *Karela* [57], *Kutki* [58], *Chirayata* [59], *Jamun* [60], and *Gudmar* [61] with *Tikta-Kashaya* *Rasa*, *Laghu-Ruksha* *Guna*, *Sheeta* *Virya*, *Katu* *Vipaka*, and a special *Pramehaghna* and *Medohara* *Prabhava*, making it highly effective in *Prameha* (Diabetes) by reducing *Kapha-Meda* and improving insulin sensitivity. Kidney Shuddhi Ark and Cough Har Powder are dominated by herbs with *Tikta-Kashaya-Katu* *Rasa*, *Laghu-Ruksha* *Guna*, *Ushna* *Virya*, *Katu* *Vipaka*, having *Mutral*, *Shothahara*, *Kapha-Vata* *Shamaka* *Prabhava*, helping in kidney cleansing, reducing edema, and relieving respiratory burden. Nervine tonics like Dr. Sukoon with *Ashwagandha* [62], *Brahmi* [63], *Shankhapushpi* [64], and *Vacha* [65] are *Madhura-Tikta* *Rasa*, *Snigdha* *Guna*, *Sheeta* *Virya*, *Madhura* *Vipaka*, with *Medhya-Rasayana* and *Nidrajanana* *Prabhava*, which pacify *Vata*, reduce stress, improve cognition, and promote restful sleep. Sanjeevani Vati Capsule and Amalpitt Har Powder enhance digestion and immunity through herbs like *Ajwain* [66], *Bhoomi Amla*, *Pippali* [67], *Amalaki*, and *Haritaki* with *Katu-Tikta-Amla* *Rasa*, *Laghu-Tikshna* *Guna*, *Ushna* *Virya*, *Katu* *Vipaka*, having *Agnideepana*, *Rasayana*, and *Ojovardhaka* *Prabhava*, useful in balancing *Pitta-Kapha* and preventing complications.

CONCLUSION

The following conclusions can be drawn from this case study on treating CKD, T2DM, CAD with hypertension using Ayurvedic interventions:

Symptoms: The patient showed significant improvement after treatment when compared to the baseline condition. Weakness, which was initially moderate, was relieved

completely. Pain that was intermittent in the left side of the chest and lower back with an intensity of 2/10 was reduced to 1/10, indicating near relief. Urinary changes such as frothiness normalized, reflecting improved renal function. Sleep quality improved remarkably from 4/10 before treatment to 8/10 after treatment, suggesting better rest and recovery. Shortness of breath, which was initially grade 2 (walking slower than peers of the same age), was completely relieved to grade 0, with no breathlessness. Overall, these outcomes demonstrate substantial symptomatic improvement and enhanced quality of life following treatment.

Investigations: Laboratory tests conducted during the treatment period represented the overall health improvement. The Serum urea level before treatment was 137.17 mg/dL and it reduced to 75.44 mg/dL after IPD, indicating enhanced kidney function. The serum creatinine level also reduced from 6.88 mg/dL to 5.58 mg/dL and uric acid was reduced from 7.30 mg/dl to 6.44 mg/dl. These investigation supports the reliability of Ayurvedic treatment methods for CKD.

This study concludes that Ayurvedic treatments for CKD yielded positive outcomes, including symptom alleviation, improved vital signs, and better laboratory test results. This approach seems to support kidney function and enhance overall patient health. However, additional research with larger, controlled trials is necessary to confirm these findings and develop standardized treatment guidelines.

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Fig 1. The laboratory reports before and after treatment


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Test Description	Value(s)	Reference Range	
Complete Blood Count(CBC)			
Hemoglobin (HB)	10.1	13.0 - 17.0	g/dL
Method : Cymeth Photometric Measurement			
Total Leucocytes Count (TLC)	12600	4000 - 11000	/cmm
Method : Electrical Impedance			
DIFFERENTIAL COUNT			
Neutrophils	82	40 - 75	%
Method : VCSn Technology			
Lymphocytes	11	20 - 45	%
Method : VCSn Technology			
Monocytes	04	2 - 10	%
Method : VCSn Technology			
Eosinophils	03	1 - 6	%
Method : VCSn Technology			
Basophils	00	0 - 1	%
Total RBC Count	3.23	3.50 - 6.50	Mill/Cumm
Method : Electrical Impedance			
Platelet Count	2.46	1.50 - 4.50	Lacs/Cumm
Method : VCSn Technology			
PCV/HCT	29.8	35.0 - 47.0	%
Method : Calculated			
Red cell distribution width (RDW)	12.4	13.0 - 18.0	%
Method : Electrical Impedance			
Mean corpuscular volume (MCV)	92.1	76.0 - 96.0	fl
Method : Electrical Impedance			
Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin (MCH)	31.4	27.0 - 32.0	pg
Method : Calculated			
Mean Corpuscular Hemoglobin Concentration(MCHC)	34.0	30.0 - 35.0	%
Method : Calculated			
Microscopy, Fully Automated Hematology Analyser alfa swelab double chamber 3 Part			
Liver Function Test (LFT)			
Total Bilirubin	0.45	0.20 - 1.00	mg/dL
Method : Vanadate : oxidation			
Direct Bilirubin	0.24	0.00 - 0.60	mg/dL
Method : Vanadate : oxidation			
Indirect Bilirubin	0.21	0.00 - 0.80	mg/dL
Method : Derived			

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LABORATORY REPORT

Patient Name : [REDACTED] Age / Sex : 52 years / Male UID No : 23838	Reference : Dr. JEENA SIKHO LIFECARE LTD Organization : WELLCARE PATH LAB PVT.LTD Org ID : WELLCARE PATH LAB	Registered On : FEB 14, 2025, 10:57 A.M. Collected On : FEB 14, 2025, 10:57 A.M. Reported On : FEB 14, 2025, 12:19 P.M. 
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Test Description	Value(s)	Reference Range	
AST (SGOT) Method : IFCC* Without Pyridoxal Phosphate Activation	18.70	< 40.0	IU/L
ALT (SGPT) Method : IFCC* Without Pyridoxal Phosphate Activation	13.47	< 41.0	IU/L
Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP) Method : Modified IFCC	131.65	0.00 - 150.0	U/L
Total Protein Method : Biuret Method	7.78	6.4 - 8.2	g/dL
Albumin Method : Albumin Bcg1	4.17	3.4 - 5.0	g/dL
Globulin Method : Derived	3.61	1.8 - 3.8	g/dL
A/G Ratio	1.16	0.9 - 1.8	
Interpretation:			
Enhanced liver fibrosis (ELF) test is used to evaluate liver fibrosis in patients with suspected chronic liver disease due to Viral Hepatitis B & C, Alcoholic liver disease and Non alcoholic fatty liver disease			
RENAL FUNCTION TEST (RFT)			
BLOOD UREA Method : Urease/ UV	137.17	15.0 - 46.0	mg/dl
BLOOD UREA NITROGEN (BUN) Method : Kinetic UV Assay	64.01	7.0 - 25.0	mg/dl
CREATININE - SERUM Method : Modified jaffe method	6.88	0.70 - 1.40	mg/dl
BLOOD UREA NITROGEN / CREATININE RATIO Method : Derived	9.30	9.1 - 23.1	Ratio
URIC ACID Method : Uricase/ Peroxidase	7.30	3.0 - 7.2	mg/dL
Note:			
Please correlate with clinical conditions.			
Electrolytes			
Sodium (NA+) Method : Method: ISE Direct	138.4	136.0 - 148.0	mEq/L
Potassium (K+) Method : Method: ISE Direct	3.84	3.50 - 5.50	mEq/L
Chloride (CL) Method : Method: ISE Direct	105.2	96.0 - 108.0	mEq/L
Method:			
ISE Indirect			

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Patient Name: [Redacted]
Age / Sex: 52 years / Male
UID No: 23836
Reference: Dr. JEENA SIKHO LIFECARE LTD
Organization: WELLCARE PATH LAB PVT.LTD
Org ID: WELLCARE PATH LAB
Registered On: FEB 21, 2025, 12:55 P.M.
Collected On: FEB 21, 2025, 12:55 P.M.
Reported On: FEB 21, 2025, 01:06 P.M.



Test Description	Value(s)	Reference Range
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RENAL FUNCTION TEST (RFT)

BLOOD UREA Method: Urease/ UV	75.44	15.0 - 46.0	mg/dl
BLOOD UREA NITROGEN (BUN) Method: Kinetic UV Assay	35.21	7.0 - 25.0	mg/dl
CREATININE - SERUM Method: Modified jaffe method	5.58	0.70 - 1.40	mg/dl
BLOOD UREA NITROGEN / CREATININE RATIO Method: Derived	6.31	9.1 - 23.1	Ratio
URIC ACID Method: Uricase/ Peroxidase	6.44	3.0 - 7.2	mg/dL

Note:

Please correlate with clinical conditions.

Electrolytes

Sodium (NA+) Method: Method: ISE Direct	135.2	136.0 - 146.0	mEq/L
Potassium (K+) Method: Method: ISE Direct	4.47	3.50 - 5.50	mEq/L
Chloride (CL) Method: Method: ISE Direct	105.1	96.0 - 108.0	mEq/L

Method:

ISE Indirect

Interpretation

Sodium measurements are used in the diagnosis and treatment of aldosteronism (excessive secretion of the hormone aldosterone), diabetes insipidus (chronic excretion of large amounts of dilute urine, accompanied by extreme thirst), adrenal hypertension, Addison's disease (caused by destruction of the adrenal glands), dehydration, inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion, or other diseases involving electrolyte imbalance. Potassium measurements are used to monitor electrolyte balance in the diagnosis and treatment of disease conditions characterized by low or high blood potassium levels. Chloride measurements are used in the diagnosis and treatment of electrolyte and metabolic disorders such as cystic fibrosis and diabetic acidosis.

END OF REPORT

AFTER

Dr. Ankita Aggarwal
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Fig 5. The 2D Echocardiogram

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Echocardiography
THE ECHO CENTRE



ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY & COLOR DOPPLER REPORT

Patient's Name [REDACTED] Age/Sex : 54Yrs /M
 Ref. by : Dr Gyan Prakash, MD(Med), PDCC Date : 28-Jan-25

ECHOCARDIOGRAPHIC WINDOW : GOOD

2D & M MODE ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

Left ventricle			
EDD: 57 mm (20 - 28 mm / m ²)	ESD: 42 mm (13 - 21 mm / m ²)		
IVS: 14 mm (6 - 11 mm)	PW: 14 mm (6 - 11 mm)		
Ejection Fraction: 45% (67 ± 8%)	FS: 28 % (34 - 44 %)		
IVS: Intact	LV clot Absent		

Left atrium/ Aorta 37/31mm

Right ventricle Normal

Right atrium Normal

Pericardium Normal

2D:

Dilated LV Size with Mild LV systolic dysfunction, . No
RWMA, Moderate Eccentric LVH

Mitral valve

AML/ PML: Normal

Tricuspid valve Normal

Aortic valve Normal

Pulmonary valve Normal

Continuous & Pulse Wave Doppler study

Valve	Velocity (m/sec)			Gradient (mmHg)			Valve area (PHT Method)	Regurg.
	Peak	Mean	EDV	Peak	Mean	EDG		
Mitral	E=1.0 A=0.6			4.0	2.0			Nil
Tricuspid	E=0.5 A=0.3			1	0.2			Trivial
Aortic	1.12			5.0	2.5			Nil
Pulmonary	0.9			3.5	1.7			Nil

Facilities : * ECG * Echocardiography (a) adult (b) Pediatric (c) Str * TMT * Holter

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**COLOUR FLOW IMAGING**

Trivial TR, No MR, No PR/AR
No shunt flow

COMMENTS :

- ◆ Dilated LV and normal LA Cavity
- ◆ Moderate Eccentric LVH
- ◆ No RWMA, Global LVEF = 45%
- ◆ No MR, Trivial TR, No PAH
- ◆ Mild LV systolic dysfunction
- ◆ Grade I LV diastolic Dysfunction
- ◆ All cardiac valves are normal
- ◆ No MS / TS / PS / PR/AR
- ◆ No clot / vegetation / pericardial effusion.

IMPRESSION:

Moderate Eccentric LVH
Dilated LV and normal LA Cavity
No MR, Trivial TR, No PAH
Grade I LV diastolic Dysfunction
Mild LV systolic dysfunction, LVEF - 45%
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Please correlate clinically. Not valid for medical legal purposes.
Facilities : * ECG * Echocardiography (a) adult (b) Pediatric (c) Stress * TMT * Holter

Fig 6. Chest X-Ray

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Complete Diagnostic Terminal

PATIENT NAME [REDACTED]
REFD. BY: HIIMS HOSP.

AGE/SEX: 52Y/ M
DATE: 16-02-2025

X-RAY CHEST PA VIEW
CLINICAL PROFILE - NOT KNOWN

- *An area of inhomogeneous haziness is seen in the left lower zone .*
- Right lung field appears clear.
- B/L CP angles appear clear.
- Cardiac size appears within normal limits.
- Bony cage appears normal.

SUGGESTED:

FURTHER EVALUATION

- *Kindly Correlate Clinically.*

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MD (RADIOLOGY)

• CT SCAN (SPIRAL-3D WHOLEBODY) • ULTRASOUND 3D/4D • LEVEL-III • NT/NB SCAN • BPP SCAN • C/DI OR DOPPLER • DIGITAL X-RAY