

प्रभाव

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Prabhavasya Nirukti

पुं स्वभावे । सामर्थ्ये

- The property of a Dravya which has special or peculiar action and has non specific effect.
- Has more power, dominant, excelling, and distinguished are the meanings

Prabhavasya Lakshana.

रसवीर्यविपाकानां सामान्यं यत्र लक्ष्यते ।

विशेषः कर्मणां चैव प्रभावस्तस्य स स्मृतः ॥

(च. सू. 26/67)

Prabhava is a special action exhibited by a Dravya which cannot be explained with respect to its rasa, virya & vipaka .

रसादि साम्ये यत्कर्मविशिष्टं तत्प्रभावजम् ।

(अ. सं. सू. 17/32)

- According to vagbhata,
- The peculiar action of one Dravya seen even when the rasa, virya, vipaka's are similar with those of another Dravya.

Some examples of Prabhava are,

1. Chitraka & Danti

Sl.no	Dravya	Rasa	Vipaka	Virya	Karma
01	Chitraka	Katu	Katu	Ushna	Dipana
02	Danti	Katu	Katu	Ushna	Virechaka

- Here both chitraka & danti have katu rasa, katu vipaka and ushna virya but chitraka acts as dipaka whereas danti acts as virechaka.



2. Kshira & Ghrita.

Sl.no	Dravya	Rasa	Vipaka	Virya	Karma
01	Kshira	Madhura	Madhura	Sheeta	Agnimandya
02	Ghrita	Madhura	Madhura	Sheeta	Dipana

- Here both kshira & Ghrita have Madhura rasa, Madhura vipaka and sheeta virya but kshira acts as agnimandya whereas Ghrita acts as dipana.



3. Raktashali & yava.

Sl.no	Dravya	Rasa	Vipaka	Virya	Karma
01	Raktashali	Madhura	Snigdha	Sheeta	Vatahara
02	yava	Madhura	Snigdha Guru	Sheeta	Vatakara

- Here both Raktashaali & yava have similar properties but raktashali is vatahara and yava is vatakara
- Raktashali has vatahara action on the basis of its properties, but yava is not.



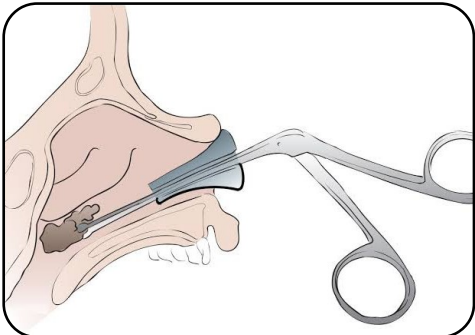
Other examples are...



Manidharana : sometimes wearing precious stones will yield good effect.



Mantra : chanting of mantra will also yield some effects which are considered under Prabhava



Shalyaharana : removal of foreign body by certain dravyas are also an example of prabhavajanya karma.

Prabhavasya Swaroopam.

अत एव सर्वातिशयी द्रव्यस्वभावः प्रभाव इत्याम्नातः।

(अ. सं. सू. 17/13)

- All acharyas considered virya & Prabhava as shakti of a Dravya.
- Even though virya is a strong factor but it perform actions according to gurvadi guna's which may be explained whereas Prabhava is one which cannot be explained based on gurvadi guna's.
- Hence, it is considered as exceptional power of drug.

Samanya pratyarabdha & vichitra pratyarabdha.

इति सामान्यतः कर्म द्रव्यादीनां पुनश्च तत् ।
विचित्र प्रत्यारब्ध द्रव्यभेदेन श्रियते ॥
स्वादुर्गुरुश्च गोधूमो वातजित्वातकृद्ययवः।
उष्णा मत्स्याः पयः शीतं कटुः सिंहो न शूकरः॥

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Samanya pratyarabdha : Samanya pratyarabdha dravyas are those, which have their rasa, guna, virya, vipaka in accordance to their panchabhoutika composition and show the karma accordingly.

- Ex: Godhuma

Rasa	Madhura
Guna	Guru
Vipaka	Madhura
Karma	Vatahara

Samanya pratyarabdha dravys,

Sl.no	Dravya	Rasa	Guna	Vipaka	Virya	Karma
01	Ajamoda	Katu	Laghu, ruksha	Katu	Ushna	Dipana
02	Ashoka	Kashaya	Laghu	Katu	Sheeta	Sthambaka
03	Chandana	Tikta	Laghu	Katu	Sheeta	Dahaprashamana
04	Usheera	Tikta	Ruksha	Katu	Sheeta	Dahaprashamana
05	Khadira	Kashaya	Laghu	Katu	Sheeta	Sthamabaka

Vichitra pratyarabdha : vichitra pratyarabdha dravyas are those, which donot have their rasa, guna, virya, vipaka in accordance to their panchabhoutika constitution or one among those five factors will not fall in the rule & sometimes exhibit different karma.

- Ex: yava

Rasa

Madhura

Guna

Guru

Vipaka

Madhura

Karma

Vatakara

Vichitra pratyarabdha dravys,

Sl.no	Dravya	Rasa	Guna	Vipaka	Virya	Karma
01	Amalaki	Amla	Guru, ruksha	Madhura	Sheeta	Pramehaghna
02	Adraka	Katu	Guru, Tikshna	Madhura	Ushna	Vatahara
03	Guduchi	Tikta	Guru	Katu	Ushna	Jwaraghna
04	Eranda	Madhura	Snigdha, tikhna	Madhura	Ushna	Kushtaghna
05	Nagakeshara	Katu	Laghu	Katu	Ushna	Pachana

Research updates.

To identify the main cause of Prabhava, dravyas have to be tested in many ways viz.,

- Their identification
- Their chemical composition
- Their in – vivo action on the body & various organ of the body
- Their use as medicine in disease

Prabhava in the presented era:

In modern, sometimes drugs with similar chemical structure may have entirely different actions.

Mani dharana : Diamond which is a C^{13} isotope emits certain radiations which may help in various disease conditions including cancer.

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