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Vitex negundo phonophoresis: A key for pain free life in knee osteoarthritis

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Background & Aim: Osteoarthritis is a progressive disease. It is the most common form of joint disease in the world. Various invasive and noninvasive treatments are available for OA knee management. Physiotherapy along with pharmacological management can prove better outcomes in Knee pain cases. Objective of our study was to find out effectiveness of diclofenac sodium phonophoresis and Vitex negundo phonophoresis along with knee exercises in osteoarthritis.

Method: In this randomized control trial, 32 diagnosed cases of grade 2 knee osteoarthritis without any other knee pathology were divided in two groups using computer generated random numbers. First group was treated with diclofenac sodium phonophoresis along with quadriceps strengthening and active knee exercises and second group was treated with Vitex negundo oil phonophoresis along with quadriceps strengthening and active knee exercises for 2 weeks. Outcome measures such as pain (VAS score) and WOMAC score was assessed at baseline and at the end of 2 weeks.

Results: On analysis using unpaired t test showed significant difference in two groups ($p < 0.005$). Pain intensity and knee disability using MODQ score showed more improvement in group two. (i.e. Vitex negundo group).

Conclusion: Vitex negundo oil phonophoresis along with physiotherapy is more beneficial than diclofenac sodium phonophoresis in knee osteoarthritis cases.

Biography

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