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## Sarcodes & Homeopathic Practice

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- Sarcodes - A Bestowal For Ailing Mankind

Dear Readers,

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It was so published- "A French physician Dr. Nobel used secretions of insulin hormone produced by the pancreas for the treatment of diabetes. He later used other substances for the treatment of a variety of conditions with great success. Immediately after this introduction, Organ homoeopathy became widely used due to its simplistic approach and phenomenal results". This therapy came to be known as isotherapy, biotherapy, organotherapy, and immunotherapy.

While there is not much literature on sarcodes and their utilization in different clinical conditions, a few notable works are indeed available to us homeopaths. The paucity of literature stems perhaps from the fact that secretions or tissues of animals, plants and humans are difficult to procure and thus difficult to prove. Largely, the literature that is available to us, though scattered, is from clinical experiences.

When it comes to the sourcing and manufacturing of the drugs with biological origin, the WHO states- 'In general, homeopathic medicinal products of biological origin should warrant sufficient quality and safety within the same principles of the other medicinal products. A risk assessment with respect to viral safety must be carried out for homeopathic medicinal products containing materials of biological origin.

The manufacturer of the stock or homeopathic medicinal product should ensure that animal materials come from documented and recorded sources and should perform regular audits of the suppliers. The supplier of animals should be subject to routine legal supervision by a competent veterinary authority. Any exception to these should be justified. Healthy animals should be used for the production of homeopathic medicinal products unless properly justified. Whenever possible, donor animals should be held in closed breeding and production herds. Wild animal should be avoided as far as possible. The animals should be kept in groups and isolated from contact with other animals at all times during transfer or use. When animal species of higher order are sourced, a regular health monitoring system should be in place ensuring that the animals are subject to continuous and systematic veterinary and laboratory monitoring to ensure freedom from infectious agents."

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Sarcodes find their clinical applicability in the following roles-

As constitutional medicines

1. As intercurrent medicines
2. As case openers in situations where there is a paucity of symptoms
3. As antidotes
4. As complementary to non sarcode medicines to close a cured case and prevent recurrence
5. As organ remedies specific to certain organopathies
6. As specific prophylactics

### Quick Word on Issue Content

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Besides the inclusion of various subjective articles and opinion pieces by young budding homeopaths and seasoned professionals, this issue features a masterpiece by the master of sarcodes Dr Chaturbhujaya Nayak, Former Director General, CCRH, India. The section called Stalwarts’ Expedition authored by Dr Subhas Singh, Director, NIH, Kolkata, delineates the life sketch of Dr Douglas Morrison Borland. We shall see a guest editorial by Dr Amit Sahani and the column titled ‘In Italics’ penned by Dr Rajat Chattopadhyay. Dr Shweta Singh, President, Delhi Homeopathic Medical Association reviews a book titled ‘Miasmatic Prescribing: Its philosophy, diagnostic classifications, clinical tips, miasmatic repertory, miasmatic weightage of medicines and case illustration’ authored by Dr Subrata Kumar Banerjee. The journal concludes with our new section ‘Earnest Colloquy’, and this issue acquaints us with Dr Surjit Singh Makker, author of ‘A Practical Handbook of Veterinary Homeopathy’.

Happy Reading!

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