



Case Study

AYURVEDIC MANAGEMENT OF EOSINOPHILIC ESOPHAGITIS (EOE): A COMPREHENSIVE CASE STUDY FROM AUSTRALIA

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a structured case study of an EoE patient treated with individualized Ayurvedic protocols at the Institute of Applied Food Allergy® (IAFA). The results demonstrate significant symptomatic relief, improved eosinophil profiles, and normalization of associated conditions. The Avuryedic approach included Agnideepana, Ama Pachana, Dosha Pratyaniak Chikitsa, and Rasayana therapy, supported by dietary and lifestyle guidance. Objective: To document and evaluate the outcomes of individualized Ayurvedic management of biopsy-confirmed EoE patients at the Institute of Applied Food Allergy (IAFA), focusing on symptom regression, immunological moderation, digestive correction, and overall quality of life. Methods: A longitudinal observational case study was conducted. Clinical presentation, endoscopic and hematologic parameters, food allergy testing, and quality of life were documented. The Ayurvedic diagnosis corresponded with Amlapitta (acid reflux disorder) and Rikshajivha (Tinea Versicolor). Treatment included herbal formulations like Aahar Amrutham Ras, Pitpapra Capsules, Triphala, etc., along with dietary regulation and topical applications. The patient was concurrently on Budesonide and proton-pump inhibitors (PPI). Results: Over one year, the patient demonstrated progressive clinical resolution, including normalization of eosinophil counts, improvement in food tolerance, and endoscopic evidence of complete esophageal healing by October 2024. No relapse was reported by the September 2025 follow-up. Conclusion: This case supports the integrative role of Ayurvedic principles in managing EoE by addressing gut immunity, systemic inflammation, and allergen sensitivity, offering a viable adjunctive approach alongside modern therapies.

INTRODUCTION

The chronic immune condition that is Th-2 mediated and characterized esophageal by eosinophilia and functional impairment, such as dysphagia, GERD, and food intolerance, is known as Eosinophilic **Esophagitis** Conventional (EoE). management relies on corticosteroids, elimination diets, and biologics with varying efficacy and adverse effects.[1-4] Avurveda interprets EoE as a multi-srotas (channel) disorder involving Annavaha, Rasavaha, Raktavaha, and Pranaavaha Srotas affected due to Dosha Dushti (particularly Pitta-Kapha), Ama,



Agnimandya, and long-term Ahara-Asatmyata (incompatible food reactions).[5-7] Therapeutic goals targeted root-level correction via Agni, Dosha Pratyanika Chikitsa, mucosal Rasayana, and restoration of Srotas blockage.[8] Various formulations that are full of herbs with immunomodulatory, anti-inflammatory, antihistaminic, and gut-regenerative actions formed the gem of therapy. This paper presents detailed cases from IAFA showcasing comprehensive Ayurvedic protocols that led sustained treatment to improvements in clinical and systemic manifestations.

Case Presentation

Patient Profile

- Demographic and clinical details
- Patient ID: Case 1- Male
- Age/Sex: 19 years / Male
- Location: Australia
- UID (Clinical Record Number): 8031

- Date of Case Initiation: 04/09/2023
- Treating Institution: Institute of Applied Food Allergy® (IAFA®), India
- Consent: Written informed consent for case publication obtained from the patient.

Clinical History

- Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at age 2.
- Recurrent reflux symptoms from early childhood, initially attributed to milk intolerance.
- 2013: Episode of hematemesis led to endoscopic evaluation, revealing EoE and a nodular lesion at the gastroesophageal junction.
- Periodic dermatological issues identified as *Rikshajivha* (Tinea versicolor).
- Past medications included Siddha therapy and supplements.

Initial treatment taken by patient (Modern Medicine/ Allopathy): Patient was under treatment with Budesonide 2 mg OD and proton pump inhibitors (PPIs).

Diagnostic Workup

Histopathology: Biopsy-confirmed Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE)

Modern Investigations and serological findings: [10-12]

 Endoscopy (2013 & 2023): Confirmed mucosal eosinophilic inflammation and esophageal nodularity.

• Biopsy (October 2024): Resolved esophagitis, no eosinophilic infiltration.

- Food Allergy Panel (Sep 2023): Positive for yeast (2.2 IU/ml), tomato (1.8), capsicum (1.6), dal chana (2.0), vinegar (1.2), and house dust mite (D. farinae, 3.5).
- Haematology (Sep 2023): Eosinophils 2.3%, Absolute eosinophil count: 0.2 ×10⁹/L, ESR: 7 mm/hr (within range).
- Biopsy 2025: On biopsy oesophagus was normal, the stomach was normal and on examination duodenum was normal.

Ayurvedic Assessment[6-8]

- *Hetu* (Causative factors): *Ahara-Asatmyata* (incompatible food substances), *Mandagni*, and *Ama Utpatti*
- **Dosha Involvement:** Pitta Pradhana with Kapha and Rakta Anubandha
- *Agni:* Vishamagni → Mandagni
- *Mala:* Avipaka, acidic regurgitation
- Srotas involved: Annavaha, Raktavaha, Rasavaha
- **Diagnosis:** *Amlapitta* with *Rikshajivha*

Avurvedic Treatment Protocol

A 10-month personalized protocol was initiated under the supervision of Dr. Sahil Gupta (IAFA). Treatment was structured across internal, external, and dietary axes.

Internal Medications (Swaras Chikitsa)

Formulation	Dose/Time	Properties
Aahar Amrutham Ras	15 ml BID after meals	Agnideepana, Ama Pachana
Pitpapara Capsules	1 cap BID before meals	Pitta Shamaka, anti-inflammatory
Triphala Capsules	2 caps HS	Rechana, gut detox, and antioxidant
Saraswatharishtam Gold	10-20 drops OD	Nootropic, Rasayana, neuroimmune modulator

External Medications

AF-7 Bar and Cream: For fungal skin lesions

Pathya-Apathya (Diet and Lifestyle)

- **Avoided:** A comprehensive *Pitta*-alleviating diet was followed, avoiding dairy, citrus fruits, yeast-based products, along with Nightshades (e.g., tomato, brinjal), *Urad dal*, and fermented foods.
- **Included:** Pomegranate, tender coconut water, figs, bottle gourd, broccoli, quinoa, oats, black gram, lentils, virgin coconut and olive oil, etc. are included in the diet.
- Lifestyle: Daily regimen included lukewarm water, moderate exercise, and a stress-free routine.

Outcome and Follow-Up

Progress Timeline

Date	Observation/Action	
Sep 2023	Initiated Ayurvedic treatment	
Nov 2023	Skin lesions reduced; Budesonide continued	
Feb 2024	Normal eosinophil count, no acute symptoms	
Oct 2024	Biopsy: No esophagitis	
Jan 2025	No clinical symptoms	
Jun 2025	Stable, relapse-free	
Jul 2025	Mild emetic reaction to raw honey; managed	
Sept 2025	On biopsy normal esophagus, stomach and examined duodenum is normal	

DISCUSSION [13-14]

This case demonstrates how Ayurvedic treatment successfully addressed the immunepathogenesis of EoE. Amlapitta, characterized by acid reflux, inflammation, and mucosal damage, overlaps with the pathophysiology of EoE. Key herbs like Fumaria indica (Pitpapra), Triphala (combination of three fruits), and Aahar Amrutham Ras exhibited antiinflammatory, hepatoprotective, and gut-regenerative effects. Food selection, aligned with Pathya-Apathya, eliminated immunogenic triggers and supported mucosal repair. The neuroimmune aspects of EoE were concurrently managed using Saraswatharishtam Gold, which supported cognitive balance in an ASD background. This integrative regimen not only offered symptomatic relief but also restored gut-immune homeostasis and esophageal health, highlighting Avurveda's potential in managing inflammatory gut disorders. This synergy of immune modulation, gut-mind stabilization, and mucosal restoration presents a model for integrative treatment.

CONCLUSION

Ayurvedic protocols, when individualized and systematically applied, may offer sustained relief in chronic EoE. This case evidenced complete histological resolution, improved quality of life, and reduced dependence on conventional steroids. Ayurveda's *Rasapanchaka* and *Srotovigyan* approach can serve as a promising adjunct to modern therapies in immuneallergic conditions like EoE.

Ethical Approval and Patient Consent

Written informed consent was obtained from the patient (or guardians in pediatric cases) for publication of the case details. No invasive procedures beyond standard care were performed.

Conflict of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest. This manuscript is a non-sponsored academic report from IAFA®'s Ayurvedic clinical practice.

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