

Indication of Ambrosia Artemisiifolia in Treatment of Increased Allergic Response

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Abstract: *Ambrosia Artemisiifolia or Ragweed pollen is allergens that produce symptoms like sneezing, runny nose, itching of eyes and little other hypersensitive reaction. For such cases ambrosia Artemisiifolia is frequently indicated but usually underrated medicine.*

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1. Introduction

FDA approved RAGWITEK – medicine prepared from Ambrosia Artemisiifolia on April 22, 2021. The article suggests efficacy of this remedy as immunotherapy for allergy.

In homeopathy the mother tincture of Artemisia which belongs to compositae family has been used since many years to treat pollen allergy and it plays important role in reducing IgE levels based upon its principle like cures like.

Worldwide distribution-Plant of Ragweed produce upto 1 billion pollen grains annually and pollen is a potent allergen. According to the asthma and allergy foundation of America, pollen has been found 400 miles out at sea and 2 miles up in the air

Ragweed is resistant to herbicides thus it is difficult to kill it by farmers when it is on land. Count tends to be high when temperatures are warmest between 10am to 3 pm.

Homoeopathic history- it was first mentioned in the Homoeopathic Recorder, 1889, (by Dr. C.F. Millspaugh, at that time the editor.)

With the 3 years of extensive experiments by Dr. E.J. Marsh he produced all the earlier symptoms of hay fever, severe coryza, etc by direct application of the pollen to mucus membrane of the nose

Allergy symptoms of Ambrosia Artemisiifolia:

- Watery coryza
- Sneezing, watery discharge
- Nose bleed
- Stuffed up feeling of nose and head
- Irritation of trachea & bronchial tubes
- Wheezy cough
- Hay fever
- Whooping cough. Asthmatic hay fever. Feeling as if the entire respiratory tract is stuffed up.

Other medicines in comparison with Ambrosia Artemisiifolia:

1) Aralia Racemosa:

- Hay fever, Frequent sneezing.
- Sneezing worse least drafts with copious, watery excoriating nasal discharge.

- Dry cough coming on after first sleep, about middle of night.
- Raw, burning feeling behind the sternum.
- Feels as if a foreign body were in throat.

2) Arundo

- Hay fever begins with burning and itching of palate and conjunctiva.
- Annoying itching in the nostrils and roof of the mouth.
- Coryza, loss of smell.
- Sneezing, itching of nostrils.

3) Sabadilla

- Hay fever.
- Spasmodic sneezing with running nose.
- Copious, watery, nasal discharge. Coryza fluent, worse from the odour of flowers, even thinking of flowers increases the discharge.
- Oversensitiveness to odours.
- Coryza with severe frontal pains and redness of eyes and lachrymation.
- Dry. Itching, tickling in nose, rubs or picks at it.
- Tickling in nose spreads over the whole body then dyspnoea.
- One or the other nostril stuffed up.
- Cannot tolerate the smell of garlic.
- Hawks bright red blood from naso-pharynx.

4) Wyethia

- Hay fever symptoms.
- Sensation as if something in nasal passages.

2. Conclusion

There are effective results of allergic rhinitis cases after differentiating the characteristic symptoms among above mentioned medicines. Ragweed is widely used in its crude form for the same complaint which is safe and effective, used since long in potency.

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