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# Benefit of Cow Urine, Milk, Ghee, Curd, and Dung Versus Cow Meat

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#### **Abstract**

In world both cow urine and meat consuming people are enough. It is mostly directed by religious boundaries like Hindu don't eat cow meat and prefer cow urine, milk, curd, dunk, and ghee but Muslim and Christian can also eat cow meat with higher priority. Cow is regarded as mother in eastern culture. The urine of Cow is panacea of all disease so; it is a divine agent to treat migraine, asthma, psoriasis, diabetes, hypertension, eczema, heart attack, acidity, ulcer, constipation, menstrual problem, piles, cancer, arthritis, thyroid, prostate, burns, and many more. Also used as bio enhancer, to fix nitrogen level of soil, pesticide, antibacterial, anthelmintic, antifungal, larvicidal for fodder corps etc. The cow urine contains most of the needed micro elements for human, thus using it helps to balance needed trace minerals and other agents to make healthy and cure incurable diseases. Behind this it's ecofriendly without any bad effect it's very useful to human, animals, soil and the environment where we exist. Behind this various use and benefits of cow milk, dunk, curd, and ghee are reported. On the other hand many use as well as bad effect of consuming cow meat is also reported like mad cow disease, allergies, etc. This review will discuss about merit and demerit of consuming cow and its related products.

Keywords: Cow Urine; Cow Meat; Panchagawya; Cow Urine Therapy; Antibacterial; Antioxidant

### Introduction

Cow being considered as a holey animal from ancient time in eastern philosophy [1-5]. Hindu religion placed cow as a mother position [6, 7]. The milk constituent of the cow and the mother are similar, so they consider the cow as a mother. On the other hand, the urine of cow contains antibacterial [8], antifungal [9-11], antiviral, insecticidal [12,13] etc. property which supports more about the use of cow urine. Similarly, the dunk of the cow also has antibacterial, antiseptic property and used as a fuel also for cooking foods as well as its burning fumes kills the insects, and other harmful organism, so used to clean the environment [13]. On the other hand, the people who belongs to the other religion specially the Muslim, Christian easily accept the cow as a source of protein by eating their meat [14-17]. So, they don't hesitate to kill the cow but the Hindu person its beyond humanity [17]. The people are divided in to two categories as, cow killing people and treating cow as a mother people. This critical review will provide a detail comparison and benefit of using the cow urine rather than the cow meat. When we kill a cow as a source of meat then its life ends there. On the other hand, if we consider cow as a source of milk, dung, urine, ghee, curd then we can get regular more benefit from it. Besides having individual nutritional value of meat and milk [18] if we compare the net benefit the later one will be far much more than the meat using [19]. The scientifically proved research now gives a better way of using the cow urine from the househ old, sanitation, fertilizer, insecticides, pesticides to a more advanced disease model from common disease to a cancer and more [20-24]. The Hindu literature Veda gives great value to cow, treating as a mother and a greater part of this universe for purifying the devils to impure airs and environments.

## Biochemical analysis of cow urine

Many potent constituents which are almost needed to our body physiology were identified by the biochemical analysis of urine like sodium, sulfur, nitrogen, minerals, vitamins A, B, C, D, E, manganese, silicon, iron, chlorine, enzymes, magnesium, succinic, citric, phosphate, calcium salt, carbolic acid, creatinine, lactose, hormones etc, so having deficiency of these can be recovered by using cow urine [13, 20,25]. The various fraction of cow urine via different solvents extraction signifies antioxidant and antimicrobial potency; it might be due to the above mentioned compositions [26-28]. Cow urine also promotes phagocytic activity to defense against bacterial infections, the synthesis of interleukine 1 and 2 [29, 30], IgA, IgG, IgM, T-lymphocytes thus promotes immunity [31]. Cow urine generally regarded as safe because 95% is water, 2.5% urea and remaining other 2.5% is mixture of above mentioned minerals, hormones and salts [13,32].

#### Traditional use of cow related products

From time immemorial cow is being a holey animal not only in the religious sense but in eastern culture they treat it as mother because it is feeding a whole family good diet through its milk and related products like ghee, butter and curd like a mother is doing for her children. The urine has its diverse use to treat various diseases as well as to maintain normal life and as fertilizer, pesticide etc. The dung is used as fertilizer, as fumigating agents to avoid mosquito, insects and other harmful organism and as an energy source to cook food etc [13]. Other various traditional use of cow urine is verified by scientific study as listed in Table 2. The various use of cow related products are previously discussed in our vedic scriptures like Charak Samhita, Manu Smriti, Sushruta Samhita and recent few decade scientific study, published articles, developed formulations, patent etc. signifies the traditional use of cow and related products are worthwhile [25,28]. The Figure 1 shows the common traditional use of cow urine. Various synergistic activity of cow urine with different plants extract and other potential herbal plants are shown in Table 1 [20,23].

Figure 1: Common use of Cow Urine.

Composition containing	Indication
Urine, Kuraila and Neem bark, Vasaka and Kaner leaves	Chronic leprosy
Cow urine, milk and tripala or Cow urine, milk and loh bhasma	Anemia
Urine and Dhruhardi or Nimbuchal, and Urine in severe condition	Leprosy
Urine, Mustard oil,Neem bark, and Somapada bark	Epilepsy
Urine, Ghee, Pepper, and Curd	Fever

**Table 1:** Traditional practice of cow urine with other medicinal valued one.

SN	Use of Cow urine as	SN	Use of Cow urine as
1	Antibacterial [8, 27]	10	Bio enhancer [22,36]
2	Antifungal [9-11]	11	Chemotherapeutic potential [24]
3	Antiviral [37]	12	Anticancer [21]
4	Anthelmintic [38]	13	Immunomodulator [39,40]
5	Insecticide [12]	14	Antidiabetic [33,41,42]
6	Fertilizer [43]	15	Antioxidant [26,40,42,44,45]
7	Antiseptic [12]	16	Antimicrobial [31, 34, 46]
8	Wound healing [35]	17	Plant growth enhancer [47]
9	Multi drug resistant [48]	18	Lipid lowering activity [49]

**Table 2:** Diversified use of cow urine.

#### Health benefits of Cow urine

Many health benefits of consuming cow urine distillate or other processed form are reported [10,13,26,33-35]. The variation of different species of cow matter a lot in biological activities. The beneficial health effects of urine are due to its chemical constituents as discussed above in biochemical analysis of urine. The benefit of cow urine are not limited to human physiology but also as a fertilizer, antiseptic, other cleansing purposes, and many more. Below Table 2 shows the diversified use of cow Urine.

## Benefit of other cow product except meat

The mainly universal acceptance is consumption of cow milk. The constituent of cow milk is nearly similar to human mother milk. Along with milk and urine the other processed product of milk are popular like curd, ghee, cheese, and dunk. Each has various benefits to the human body as well as to the environment which are reported in various scientific literatures. The crude or heated cow milk have different taste as well as varied risk and benefits [50]. The benefits of cow milk are shown in Figure 2. and the Figure 3 shows Panchagavya formulation.

Figure 2: Benefits of Cow Milk.

Figure 3: Panchagavya formulation constituents.

#### **Common Disease from Cow meat eating**

Mad cow disease: IIt is Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) [51], which is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy and the fatal neurodegenerative disease in cattle which can passed to human subject by eating infected flesh [52-54]. The spongiform degeneration of the brain and spinal cord caused by BSE makes animal to die in near future via serious other health complications. The BSA has 2.5 to 5 years of incubation period so, it's hard to identify immediate after consuming infected meat [55]. Prion is a misfolded protein that cause BSE [56]. The frequent way of transmission to human by eating contaminated brain, spinal cord, or digestive tract. The infecting agent is highly concentrated in nervous tissue and be available virtually to all tissue throughout the body of cow including the blood [57]. reduced the latter as well as apoptotic and necroptotic cell death markers and the ROS and RNS moieties [unpublished findings]. We believe our findings on programmed cell death and autophagic proteins, if found in humans imbibing heroin-fentanyl mixtures, may go a "long-way" towards indicating why cognitive and memory processes become severely impaired in the abusers of these very dangerous opiates.

After transmitted to human it is known as a new variant Creutzfeldt-jakob disease (vCJD or nvCJD) [58]. By June 2014 it had killed 177 people in UK. The prion, a misfolded protein in brain cause native cellular prion protein to deform to an infectious state which go further to exponential cascade and leads to aggregation of proteins which then forms a dense plaque fiber with microscopic

**Figure 4:** A cow with BSE that lost its ability to stand.

holes then the degeneration of physical and mental ability of brain and ultimately death. The public perception towards this disease becomes diverse [59].

Beside this consuming meat is related to various other health's complications including the short to chronic diseases [60]. The choice of food [61] and eating habits played a crucial role in human health [62-64]. The quality of meat is largely determined by the eating habit of cow, its surrounding, disease conditions and many more [65-70]. So the concern about the healthier meet should be of prime concern [71, 72]. The present consumption, processing, and transportation of meat is changed to the past and may more different in future [73-75].

## Adverse effect of cow urine

Based on what kinds of food the cow is consuming, its environmental effects, health conditions and the nature of the consuming person etc. can determine the adverse effects associated with cow urine. Although these days distillated cow urine consuming is growing very fast but still in village area direct fresh consumption of cow urine is common. To get clean urine we need to collect the urine at middle part of urination and the clean collection vessel, properly washed clean vagina of cow will helps to prevents so many contaminations. It has strong pharmacological effects as mentioned in above table so the dose should be controlled to get optimum benefits and fewer side effects. The common effects associated with consuming cow urine include itch, soreness, diarrhea, pain, fever and allergy etc. Some dog [76] mice model of cow urine toxicity are observed [77,78].

# Other complications using cow products and overcoming action

The feeding of cow milk to infants may have potency to lose GI blood and decrease the iron contents [79]. Some people may have cow milk allergy [80]. To decrease the fat contents in milk various processes were carried out to remove the fat. Modification of milk fat contents to promote fatty acids usefulness to the human health become popular now [81] and many other action are playing great role for making more nutritional and quality meat and milk products [82]. In this open market people sometime contaminate the cow milk with other animal milk like buffalo, goat, sheep's etc. To detect the adulteration a multiples polymerase chain reaction can be performed [83].

## **Environmental effects of meat consumption**

Either it is from eating cow meat or any other animals, birds etc. they are responsible for causing environmental changes mostly the green house effects [84-86]. The meat is ready source of energy so it can undergo fast decomposition and causes many correlated problems to the environment or the consumers.

#### Conclusion

Although the large number of population is consuming milk, urine as well as meat of cow, the restriction of religion leads sometime the disturbance among religion people. Much scientific evidence is proving the benefit of vegetarian over meat eating. If we treat cow as a source of milk, dunk, ghee, curd, and urine we can use a single cow for a long time as well as it benefit are far more than consuming it meat and make limited the cow for one time meat eating which will close other door. It's hard to tell someone to eat this or not to eat that but the core things is we need to analyze the risk benefit ratio. Like consuming the beef leads death of many people by mad cow disease.

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