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A STUDY TO EVALUATE EFFECT OF FERRUM PHOSPHORICUM 30 C IN CENTESIMAL SCALE ON CHANGING HEAMATOLOGICAL PARAMETER IN THE CASES OF ANEMIA IN PEDIATRIC AGE GROUP: A CASE SERIES

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ABSTRACT:

Anemia in pediatric age group imposes the major burden on public health status and has significant adverse health, social and economical consequences. Considering all the factors as well as adverse effects and cost of other forms of medications study of Homoeopathic treatment and management in cases of Anemia in pediatric age group is the need of the hour.

Case summary: Hereby, we present 7 case series of anemia in pediatric age group with low haemoglobin values, treated with Ferrum phosphoricum 30 in centesimal scale showing significant changes in haemoglobin value after administration with the help of baseline assessment and re-assessment. There is further scientific exploration needed on larger population to understand complete role of Ferrum phosphoricum 30 in centesimal scale in management of cases of anemia in pediatric age group.

KEYWORDS: Homoeopathy, Ferrum phosphoricum, Anemia

Introduction:

Anemia is a common health problem in developing countries among patient belonging to pediatric age group. Anemia affects an estimated 2.36 billion individuals globally, especially women and children. South Asia accounts for the largest number of Anemia cases, with poor progress. ⁽¹⁾ Available studies on prevalence of nutritional Anemia in India show that 65% infant and toddlers, 60% 1-6 years of age, 88% adolescent girls (3.3% had hemoglobin < 7.0 g/dl; severe Anemia) and 85% pregnant women (9.9% having severe Anemia) were anemic.⁽²⁾

In conventional arrangement of medicine, fundamental reason is dealt with and oral iron therapy started to recuperate the iron stores and who can't endure or assimilate oral iron therapy for that parenteral therapy might be utilized. Iron supplements causes unfavourable impacts on health like nausea, vomiting, constipation, headache, discoloration of teeth and lips, itching, developing rashes on all over the body etc.(3) There are multiple factors contributing to rise of anemic population such as nutritional, physiological, pathological, parasitic infestation etc. This puts burden on national economy. Homoeopathy is a field of medical science which can provide a better, less harmful and efficient solution of the problem. Homoeopathic medicine Ferrum **phosphoricum** consists of a mixture of hydrated ferrous phosphate, ferric phosphate and some hydrated oxides of iron. A greyish-blue amorphous powder; odour less and tasteless. It is insoluble in water and alcohol; readily soluble in hydrochloric acid Its colour darkens on exposure to air. Dr. Schussler introduced it and Dr. John Moffat proved this drug Allen's Encyclopedia Materia Medica Volume X, 525.⁽⁴⁾ Ferrum phosphoricum is used for treatment of anemia since the beginning of homoeopathic science. Ferrum phosphoricum is useful more especially in anaemic patients. (5) Ferrum phosphoricum is of service for the Anemia or chlorosis, which not unfrequently precedes this disease. (6) Iron is the great allopathic remedy for anemia from almost any cause. It is also a great Homoeopathic remedy, but it will not cure every case of anemia; careful individualization is necessary. When the patient has an appearance of full bloodedness or plethora, which is followed by a paleness or earthiness of the face and puffiness of the extremities, the Ferrum will benefit.

When Ferrum is indicated the mucous membranes are pale, more so than with Cinchona, and there is apt to be an anemic murmur in the veins of the neck. The patient is easily exhausted. Vomiting of food after eating may occur. The patient is constantly chilly and perhaps has an afternoon or evening fever simulating hectic fever. In very stubborn cases sometimes Ferrum phosphoricum may serve better than Ferrum metallicum.⁽⁷⁾ Ferrum phosphoricum, an excellent remedy for anemia and especially when accompanied by nose-bleeds.⁽⁸⁾

It is useful in debility of children with failing appetite, becoming dull and listless, loss of weight & strength.⁽⁹⁾

Ferrum phosphoricum also retains the leading features of the other Iron preparations: Anemia, hemorrhages and disorders of the veins. The right-sideness of Ferrum phosphoricum; is as, marked as that of the other Ferrum preparations.⁽¹⁰⁾

CASE SERIES:

Seven cases selected as per the inclusion criteria of clinically established cases of anemia of pediatric age group belonging to both sexes and all socio-economic backgrounds, were treated with Ferrum phosphoricum 30 in centesimal scale and result was analyzed by baseline heamatological value and reassement after administration.

Case 1:

A 12 years old female belonging to rural background and low economic status reported in Swasthya Kalyan Homoeopathic Medical College and research center on 19 Jan 2021 presented with generalized weakness, fatigue, since 1 year, increased since 2 months. There is shortness of breath with mild chest pain since 1 month. Complaints aggravated on movement, exertion, climbing staircase. No ameliorating modality was reported. Continuous coldness of both hand and feet since childhood. Headache, whole head feels heavy occurs frequently. Patient took allopathic medication for pain, slight relief in pain but not complete cure was reported. Pain relieved by drinking tea. Decreased appetite with eructation's frequently, aggravation after dinner, drinking milk, at night. Eructation taste like ingesta. No ameliorating modality, relieves spontaneously. Nutritonal intake status was moderate.

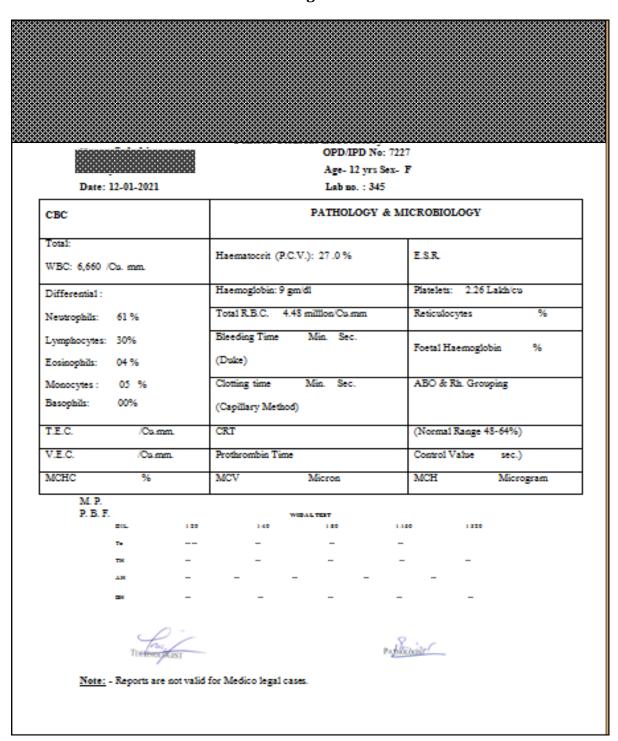
On physical examination pallor was present on face and palm. Patient had a previous haematogical report depicting serum hemoglobin 09 gm/dl.

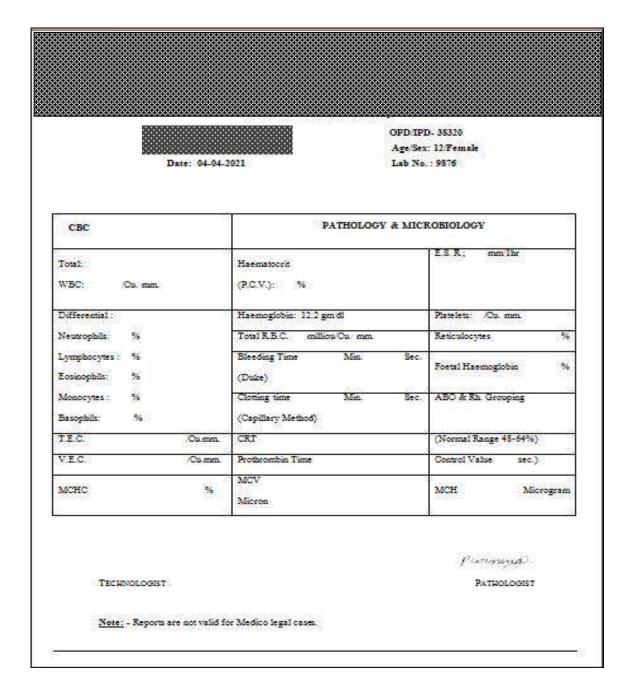
The family background of child is good. She lives in a joint family including grandfather, father, mother and elder brother and family of uncle. Family life is good. She is studying in class7, bright student who loves to study. Her mother complaint that she cannot recall the lessons quickly, have weak memory and requires extra effort to learn and retain the information. She scores average marks in her class. Extrovert personality, who likes to talk with everyone. She, always helps family members in their work. She has few friends and has cordial relationship with all. No significant trauma or history affecting mental sphere is reported.

Prescription: Ferrum phosphoricum 30c x 1 dose Phytum 200c x TDS X 15 days

Case was closely followed for following months, patient visit every 14 days with proper follow ups. All the changes were closely monitored and record of each visit was maintained. Patient stated condition of well being. After treatment reassement of heamoglobin level was done showing improvement in heamoglobin level from 09 g/dl (12/01/2021) to 12.2 g/dl (4/14/2021).

Fig 1





CASE 2:

A 10years old female belonging to urban background and high economic status reported in Swasthya Kalyan Homoeopathic Medical College and research center on 22 Feburary 2021 presented with easy fatigue and tiredness, since 1year, There is pain in thighs, calf muscle along

with some time breathlessness. Complaints aggravated on movement, exertion, climbing

staircase. No ameliorating modality was reported. Frontal headachewith mild senasation of

heaviness aggravated aftery continous study since 3 years. Pain in lower abdomen with white

dischardge, watery offensive, itching and burning of genitals since 5 months. She suffered with

dust allergy ,sneezing and lachrymation since 3 years. She had good nutritional intake status.

On physical examination pallor was present on face and palm. Patient had a haematogical report

depicting serum hemoglobin 10gm/dl.

The family background of child is good. She lives in a joint family including grandfather, father,

mother and elder brother and family of uncle. Family life is good. Patient was dull child . She

avoided eye contactthroughout case taking and always looked at her father for the answer. She

had weak memory, average student in school. She was shy and reserved. She has few friends and

has cordial relationship with all. She inferiority complex regarding her dark skin colour. No

significant trauma or history affecting mental sphere is reported.

Prescription: Ferrum phosphoricum 30c x X BD X 3 Days

Phytum 200c x TDS X 15 days

Case was closely followed for following months, patient visit every 14 days with proper follow

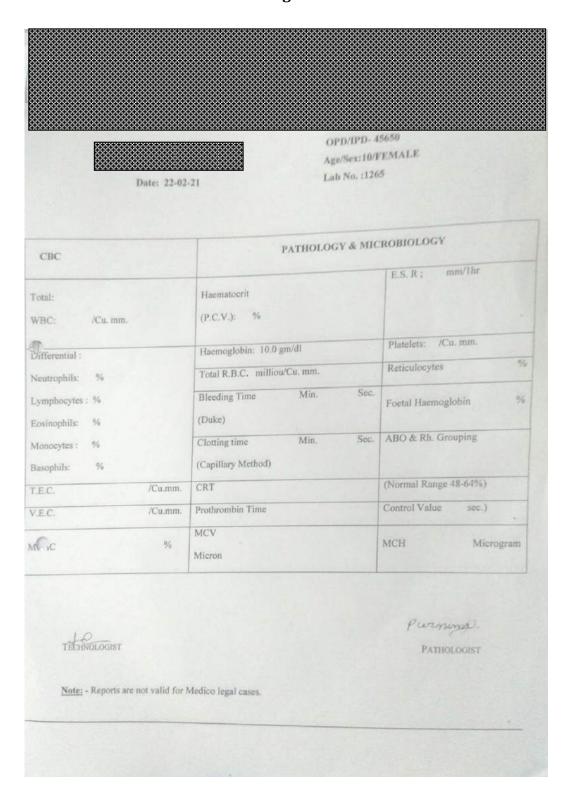
ups. All the changes were closely monitored and record of each visit was maintained. Patient

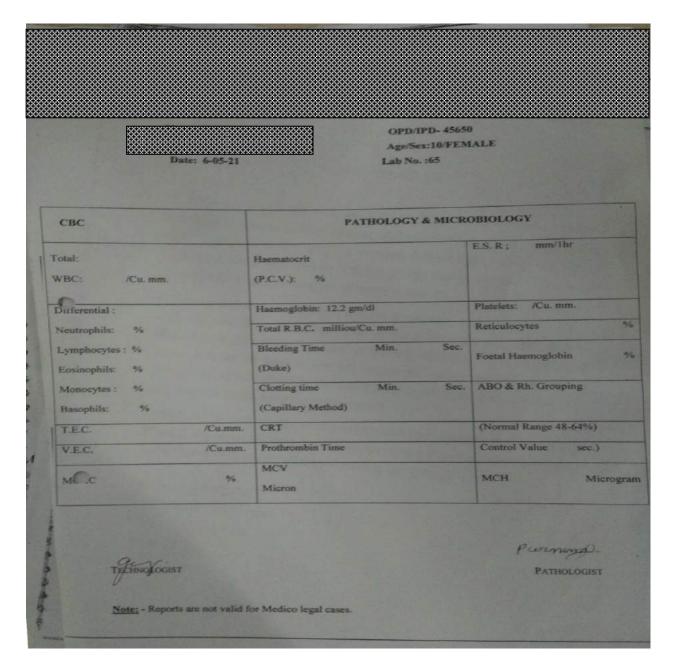
stated condition of well being. After treatment reassement of heamoglobin level was done

showing improvement in heamoglobin level from 10 g/dl (22/2/2021) to 12.2 g/dl (

6/5/2021).

Fig 2





CASE 3:

A 10 years old male belonging to rural background and low economic status reported in Swasthya Kalyan Homoeopathic Medical College and research center on 18 Feburary 2021 presented with Pain in lower extremities, calf muscles bilaterally since 7-8 months Aching type

of pain localized in leg aggravated after pl;aying,going outside and climbing stairs and

ameliorated by rest. He suffered with generalized weakness, fatigue, since 6 month, Mascular

pain whole body since 5-6 months. Aching type of pain gets better after pressure and massage.

He suffered with frequent cold and cough with every climatic chage since childhood. Nutritonal

intake status was moderate.

On physical examination pallor was present on face and palm. Patient had a previous

haematogical report depicting serum hemoglobin 11 gm/dl.

The family background of child is poor. Family life is good. He had lack of interest in

studying,;lack of concentration,easily forgets and suffered with weak memory. He got annoyed

very easy and stated nobody understand him. Anger expressive, gets into fight with everyone at

school or home. Dullnes and do not like company. He enjoyed playing vedio games. No

significant trauma or history affecting mental sphere is reported.

Prescription: Ferrum phosphoricum 30c x BD X 4 Days, Phytum 200c x TDS X 15 days

Case was closely followed for following months, patient visit every 14 days with proper follow

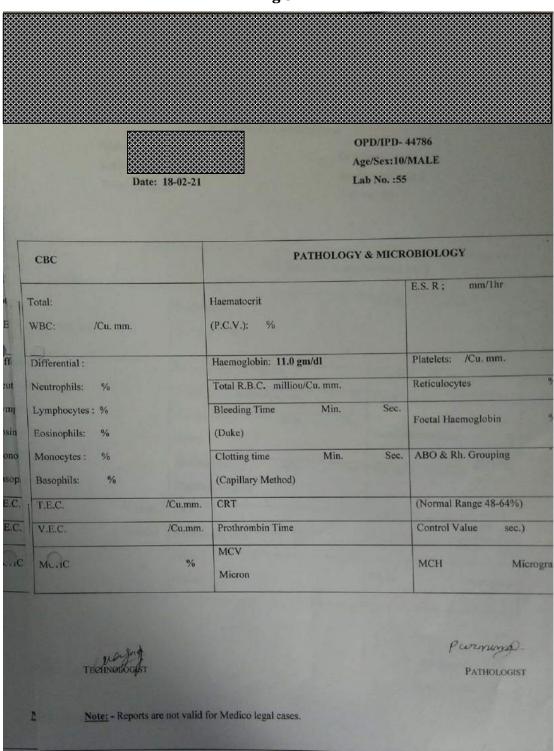
ups. All the changes were closely monitored and record of each visit was maintained. Patient

stated condition of well being. After treatment easement of heamoglobin level was done

showing improvement in heamoglobin level from 11 g/dl (18/2/2021) to 12.4 g/dl (

28/5/2021).

Fig 3:



	Date: 28-0:	5-21	Age	D/IPD- 44786 /Sex:10/MALE o No. :89
СВС		PATHO	LOGY & MI	CROBIOLOGY
Total: WBC: /Cu. mm.		Haematocrit (P.C.V.): %		E.S. R; mm/lhr
Differential:		Haemoglobin: 12.4 gm/dl		Platelets: /Cu. mm.
Neutrophils: %		Total R.B.C. milliou/Cu. mm	e	Reticulocytes
Lymphocytes: % Eosinophils: %		Bleeding Time Min (Duke)	. Sec.	Foetal Haemoglobin
Monocytes: % Basophils: %		Clotting time Min. (Capillary Method)	Sec.	ABO & Rh. Grouping
T.E.C.	/Cu.mm.	CRT		(Normal Range 48-64%)
V.E.C.	/Cu.mm.	Prothrombin Time		Control Value sec.)
Mc.ic	%	MCV Micron		MCH Microgra

Case 4:

A 12 years old female belonging to urban background and middle economic status reported in

Swasthya Kalyan Homoeopathic Medical College and research center on 18 march 2021

presented with generalized weakness with dullness since 10-12 months. Mascular pain which

was localized, aching type of pain. Aggravation in summer after playing, amelioration after rest

and massage. Pain in epigastrium region, mild aching type of pain aggravation after eating

ameliorating modality not specific. He sufferd with frequent diarrhea episode since

childhood. Nutritonal intake status was moderate.

On physical examination pallor was present on face and palm. Patient had a previous

haematogical report depicting serum hemoglobin 10.2 gm/dl.

The family background of child is good. Family life is good. He was extrovert child who liked to

make friends. Easily adjust with new people at new places. Visted many places with family enjoy

all trips. Forgetfullness, easily forgets places, name and keeps things at different spots. He

suffered with weak memory and lack of concentration in studies. No significant trauma or

history affecting mental sphere is reported.

Prescription: Ferrum phosphoricum 30c X BD X 2 days, Phytum 200c x TDS X 15 days

Case was closely followed for following months, patient visit every 14 days with proper follow

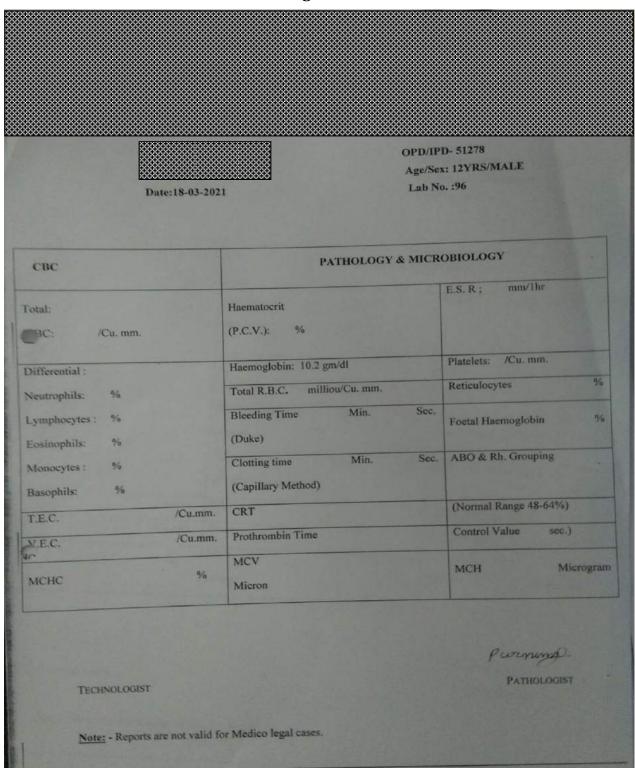
ups. All the changes were closely monitored and record of each visit was maintained. Patient

stated condition of well being. After treatment reassement of heamoglobin level was done

showing improvement in heamoglobin level from 10.2 g/dl (18/3/2021) to 12 g/dl (

5/6/2021).

Fig 4



Date:05-06-2	Age/Sc	PD- 51278 33: 12YRS/MALE 40: :247
СВС	PATHOLOGY & MICR	OBIOLOGY
Total: WPC: /Cu, mm.	Haematocrit (P.C.V.): %	E.S. R; mm/1hr
Differential:	Haemoglobin: 12.0 gm/dl	Platelets: /Cu. mm.
Neutrophils: %	Total R.B.C. milliou/Cu. mm.	Reticulocytes %
Lymphocytes: % Eosinophils: %	Bleeding Time Min. Sec. (Duke)	Foetal Haemoglobin %
Monocytes: % Basophils: %	Clotting time Min. Sec. (Capillary Method)	ABO & Rh. Grouping
T.E.C. /Cu.mm.	CRT	(Normal Range 48-64%)
V.E.C. /Cu.mm.	Prothrombin Time	Control Value sec.)
MCHC %	MCV Micron	MCH Microgram
		Promanual)
TECHNOLOGIST		PATHOLOGIST

Case 5:

A 14 years old female belonging to rural background and low economic status reported in

Swasthya Kalyan Homoeopathic Medical College and research center on 16 March 2021

presented with white discharge per vaginum since 2-3 years. Watery, sticky, acrid discharge,

stain undergarments white. Aggravated before menses at night. She sufferd with weakness with

paleness since 6 month, increased before menses. Mild bodyache, pain in lower extrimities since

1 week. Agrrayated in climbing stairs and palyinfg better after rest. Decreased appetite with no

desire to eat. Nutritional intake status was poor.

On physical examination pallor was present on face and palm. Patient had a previous

haematogical report depicting serum hemoglobin 10.2 gm/dl.

The family background of child is good. Family life is good. She was very sensitive child cries

easily on small things, scolding or emotional situation at home and public. Timid, speak less and

answer confusingly. Always seeked advise from parents especially mother. Indecisive cannot

decide what she wanted to eat, or have while shopping, always wanted other people opinion.

Patient suffered with weak memory and forgot the lesson learned. No significant trauma or

history affecting mental sphere is reported.

Prescription: Ferrum phosphoricum 30c x BD X 5 days, Phytum 200c x TDS X 15 days

Case was closely followed for following months, patient visit every 14 days with proper follow

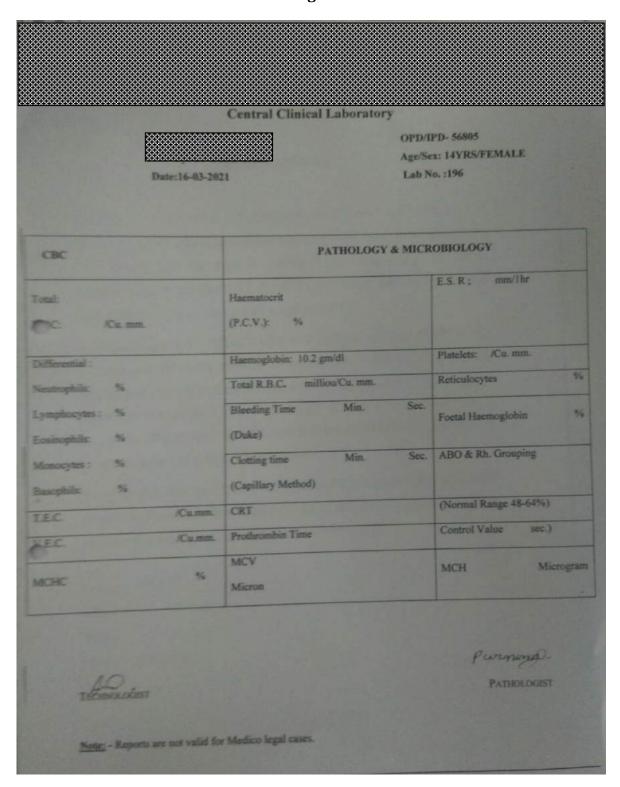
ups. All the changes were closely monitored and record of each visit was maintained. Patient

stated condition of well being. After treatment reassement of heamoglobin level was done

showing improvement in heamoglobin level from 10.2 g/dl (16/3/2021) to 12.2 g/dl

(2/6/2021).

Fig 5



Date:02-06-2	L1 Age/5e	D- 56805 x: 14YRS/FEMALE o. :16
	PATHOLOGY & MICR	114
Total:	Haematocrit (P.C.V.): %	I. de No.
	Haemoglobin: 11.6 gm/dl	Platelets: /Cu. mm. Reticulocytes
Differential : Neutrophils: %	Total R.B.C. milliou/Cu, mm. Bleeding Time Min. Sec.	Foetal Haemoglobin %
Lymphocytes: % Eosinophils: %	(Duke) Clotting time Min. Sec	ABO & Rh. Grouping
Monocytes: %	(Capillary Method)	(Normal Range 48-64%)
Basophils: % /Cu.mn /Cu.mn	,bio Time	Control Value sec.)
E.C.	MCV	MCH Microgram
MCHC	Micron	permisso
TECHNOLOGIST		PATHOLOGIST

Case 6:

A 11 years old male belonging to rural background and low economic status reported in

Swasthya Kalyan Homoeopathic Medical College and research center on 15 Feburay 2021

presented with generalized weakness with shortness of breath with mild chest pain since 1-2

years. Aggravated after playing, working and climbing stairs and better after sleep and massage.

He frequently falls sick and cold and cough every 6-7 month on change of weather. Nutritonal

intake status was poor.

On physical examination pallor was present on face and palm. Patient had a previous

haematogical report depicting serum hemoglobin 10.6 gm/dl.

The family background of child is poor. He had extrovert personality and likes to talk to

everyone. He made friends easily and shared everything with them. Responsible child, take care

of his younger sister when parents go out for working. Memory good takes interest in learning

maths. No significant trauma or history affecting mental sphere is reported.

Prescription: Ferrum phosphoricum 30c x BD X 5 days, Phytum 200c x TDS X 15 days

Case was closely followed for following months, patient visit every 14 days with proper follow

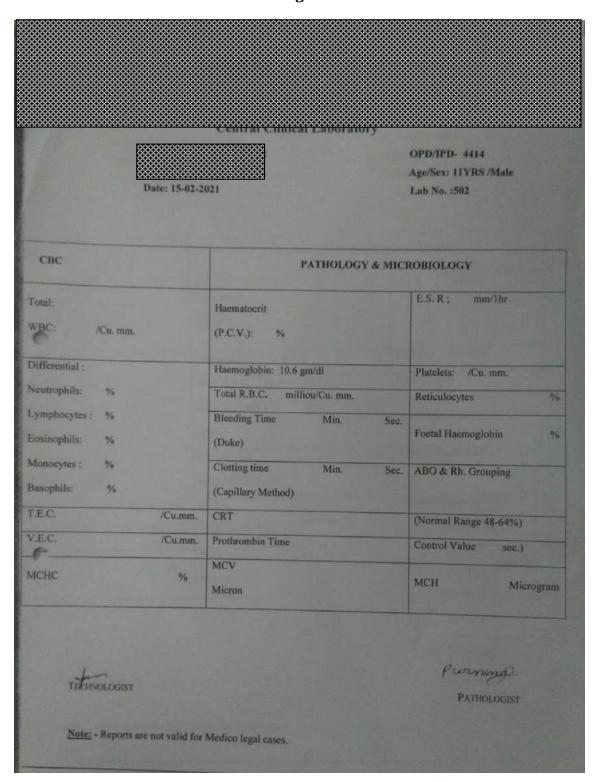
ups. All the changes were closely monitored and record of each visit was maintained. Patient

stated condition of well being. After treatment reassement of heamoglobin level was done

showing improvement in heamoglobin level from 10.6 g/dl (15/2/2021) to 11.8 g/dl (

2/5/2021).

Fig 6



Date: 02-05-2	021	OPD/IPD- 4414 Age/Sex: 11YRS /Male Lab No. :42
СВС	PATHOLOGY & MIC	ROBIOLOGY
tal: BC: /Cu. mm.	Haematocrit (P.C.V.): %	E.S. R; mm/lhr
fferential : cutrophils: %	Haemoglobin: 11.8 gm/dl Total R.B.C. milliou/Cu. mm.	Platelets: /Cu. mm.
mphocytes: % osinophils: %	Bleeding Time Min. Sec. (Duke)	Foetal Haemoglobin %
onocytes: % asophils: %	Clotting time Min. Sec. (Capillary Method)	ABO & Rh. Grouping
E.C. /Cu.mm.	CRT Prothrombin Time	(Normal Range 48-64%)
CHC %	MCV Micron	Control Value sec.) MCH Microgram

Case 7:

A 14 years old female belonging to urban background and low economic status reported in

Swasthya Kalyan Homoeopathic Medical College and research center on 31 March 2021

presented with generalized weakness since 2-3 month increased after working, increased since

2 months. Mild pain in abdomen hypogastric regionsince 3-4 months aching type of pain

extending towards pelvic region aggravated before menses. White discharge

vaginum, offensive, watery no stains or itching since year increased since 2 months. Weakness

with vertigo since 1 year. Nutritonal intake status was poor.

On physical examination pallor was present on face. Patient had a previous haematogical report

depicting serum hemoglobin 9.2 gm/dl.

The family background of child is good. Family life is good. She was extrovert child who liked to

make friends. Easily adjust with new people at new places. Travelled many places with family

enjoy all trips. Forgetfullness, easily forgets places, name and keeps things at different spots.

She suffered with weak memory and lack of concentration in studies. She was very sensitive

child cries easily on small things, scolding or emotional situation. No significant trauma or

history affecting mental sphere is reported.

Prescription: Ferrum phosphoricum 30c x BD X 5 days, Phytum 200c x TDS X 15 days

Case was closely followed for following months, patient visit every 14 days with proper follow

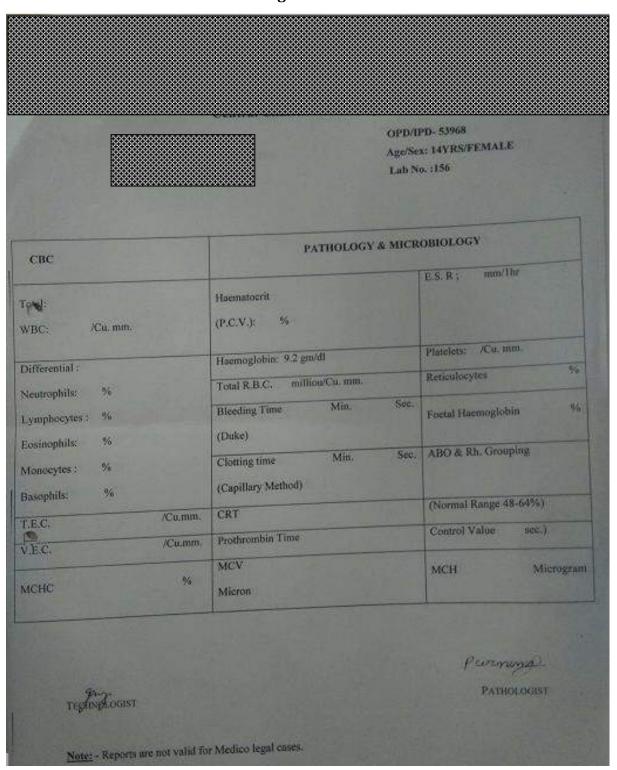
ups. All the changes were closely monitored and record of each visit was maintained. Patient

stated condition of well being. After treatment reassement of heamoglobin level was done

showing improvement in heamoglobin level from 9.2 g/dl (31/3/2021) to 11.4 g/dl (

16/6/2021).

Fig 7



Date:	16-06-2021	Age/S	PD- 53968 Sex: 14YRS/FEMALE D. :26
СВС		PATHOLOGY & MICRO	OBIOLOGY
WBC: /Cu. mm.		Haematocrit (P.C.V.): %	E.S. R; mm/1hr
Differential:		Haemoglobin: 11.4 gm/dl	Platelets: /Cu. mm.
Neutrophils: % Lymphocytes: %		Total R.B.C. milliou/Cu. mm. Bleeding Time Min. Sec.	Reticulocytes % Foetal Haemoglobin %
Eosinophils: % Monocytes: %		(Duke) Clotting time Min. Sec. (Capillary Method)	ABO & Rh. Grouping
Basophils: % T.E.C.	/Cu.mm.	CRT	(Normal Range 48-64%)
V.E.C.	/Cu.mm.	Prothrombin Time	Control Value sec.)
мснс	%	MCV Micron	MCH Microgram
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DISCUSSION

In the above discussed cases, there were few similarities such as all these cases were anemic

belonging to pediatric age group. All have baseline haemoglobin values below as described by

WHO haemoglobin concentration for particular age and sex for diagnosis of anemia. (11). In all

the above cases, patient was not taking any other medicine at the time of study. The careful

observations were made by closely following the cases after prescribing Ferrum phosphoricum

30 C in variable dosage as per the susceptibility.

In the presented case series, demonstrate the efficacy of homoeopathic medicine Ferrum

phosphoricum 30 c in centesimal scale in bringing the change in haemoglobin value in g/dl after

intake of medicine in variable dose as per the susceptibility of the patient of pediatric age

group. This case series in undisputed manner reconfirms the homoeopathic literature, that

ferrum phosphoricum plays a significant role in treatment of Anemia. This case series raises

awareness in scientific community about the role of homoeopathyin treatment of anemia in

pediatric age group.

Conclusion:

This seven cases presented here, clearly depicts the effect of Ferrum phosphoricum 30 c in

changing the haematologigal parameter haemoglobin level in g/dl after administration by

comparing baseline assessment and re asssement investigation reports. This case series shows

encouraging result, which require further randomised controlled studies at larger level to

generalize the result on larger population and to generate powerful evidence based medicine

study data for future references.

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The authors certify that they have obtained appropriate patient consent forms; the patient has

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