Letter to the Editor

Predicting cancer through Medical Astrology:

A new horizon

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Cancer is the world’s leading cause of death and in India nearly seven lakh people die each year due to some form of cancer. An important joint report, written by Dr. Rijo John and Dr. Hana Ross of the American Cancer Society, states that cancer also has a major economic impact from premature death and disability apart from other causes of death worldwide. This data provides undeniable evidence that harmonizing the world’s global health agenda to address cancer will not only save millions of lives, but also billions of dollars [1].

Since prevention is one of the most important tools to fight cancer, it becomes important that cancer is detected as initially as possible before it spreads. There are numerous cancer detection tests that can be used to detect cancer. To name a few such as Anti-malignin antibody screen test, Biological terrain assessment, Cancer marker tests, Electrodermal screening, Maverick monitoring test, etc. These tests are not easily available in underdeveloped and developing countries and are very expensive; moreover, these tests are non-specific and only one test may not suffice probability of having or developing cancer in the near future.

Medical astrology is one such arena which associates various parts of the body, diseases, and drugs as under the influence of the sun, moon, and the planets, along with the twelve astrological signs. Each of the astrological signs (along with the sun, moon, and planets) is associated with different parts of the human body [2].

In the ancient astrological scriptures, there exist various permutations and combinations of planetary positions and their effect in the causation of cancer and other chronic diseases in various body organs. The preliminary data that is required from the individual, in whom planetary positions that predispose towards developing cancer is to be known, is the date of birth, place of birth and time of birth. This data is very easy to obtain and involves no ethical issues.

We collected the above mentioned data of 43 patients suffering from some form of carcinoma from two tertiary cancer treatment centres. Using astrological softwares, horoscopes were made for each patient and were sent sent to two medical astrologists for analysis. To avoid bias, the experts were not pre-informed about the medical condition of the people. The data that we obtained from our study matched to a high degree with the results of some previous studies done in this arena.

Our study was done based on 43 patients’ data obtained from two tertiary cancer treatment centres, hence, further studies on a larger and varied samples from various parts of the globe is desired to authenticate our observations and develop reliable cancer predicting planetary configuration.

Moreover, to further sustain and substantiate our findings we need to match our findings with the molecular and genetic assessment of the person in whom planetary positions predict the development of cancer. If found positive, the analysis of planetary position can replace the expensive investigations and tests being done in order to predict or ascertain cancer development.

It is the need of the hour to utilize every possible means available in our fight against growing incidence of cancer, especially in India.
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