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### *Why the snakes bite: a conceptual study*

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## **Abstract:**

Snakebite is not uncommon experience of the physicians. A physician of any field, specially working in the rural areas, experience snakebite frequently which in most of the times difficult to deal with. Though the number of poisonous snakes is said to be of very low percentage in comparison to the total number of snakes identified then also the number of death due to snakebite is not negligible. In almost all the cases of snakebite there is a common tendency to give the responsibility to the snake. In most of the times the actual cause behind the bite is not analysed. But when the classical concepts on the causes of snakebite (sarpadangsa hetu) is studied it becomes clear that, a number of causes are identified, elaborated and discussed by the Ayurvedic scholars in this concern.

Here an effort is given to explore and explain the concepts of the great scholars, Charaka, Susruta and Bagbhata on the specific point related to critical question “WHY SNAKES BITE?” as an effort to eliminate the common tendency to make the snakes responsible for bite always and also to expose the depth of study and research of the Ayurvedic scholars on the topic for appraisal of the modern scientists.

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