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## **Bacteriological profile of osteomyelitis patients in government hospital, Ambikapur**

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**Abstract**--Osteomyelitis is an infection and inflammation of the bone. Bacteria are the primary cause of osteomyelitis. Infections with fungi and viruses can also cause it. It usually affects children and others who are immunocompromised. Although bacteria cannot colonise bone ordinarily, events such as trauma, ischemia, surgery, the presence of foreign particles, or the insertion of prostheses can disrupt bone integration, eventually leading to infection. AIM : To study Bacteriological profile of osteomyelitis patients in Government Hospital, Ambikapur. Material And Material : During the study period of April 2021 to Oct 2021 for this study 30 patients who were diagnosed clinically and radiologically as a case of Chronic Osteomyelitis are participating in this study. The risk factors for Chronic Osteomyelitis were obtained from patient case sheets with the help of orthopedic surgeons in the department of orthopedic RSDKSGMC and Hospital. In this study, the total number of cases Chronic Osteomyelitis considered was 30. with age group of 1-60 years and both the sexes. CONCLUSION: Chronic osteomyelitis is a chronic

disease that affects the long bones, particularly the femur and tibia, and is most common in adults. Haematogenous Osteomyelitis is becoming less common as antibiotics become more widely available and children's growing bones have a higher vascular metaphysis. The most common organism causing Chronic Osteomyelitis in this study was *Staphylococcus aureus*.

**Keywords**---chronic osteomyelitis, *enterococcus* spp., *streptococcus* spp., *pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

## **Introduction**

Osteomyelitis [1] is an infection and inflammation of the bone. Bacteria are the primary cause of osteomyelitis. Infections with fungi and viruses can also cause it. It usually affects children and others who are immunocompromised. Although bacteria cannot colonise bone ordinarily, events such as trauma, ischemia, surgery, the presence of foreign particles, or the insertion of prostheses can disrupt bone integration, eventually leading to infection. The most prevalent site for osteomyelitis is a long bone [2]. After bacteremia, hematogenous dissemination can lead to osteomyelitis [3]. Osteomyelitis typically begins as an acute infection, although it can progress to a chronic illness [4].

Osteomyelitis is classified based on the aetiology, pathophysiology, and degree of bone involvement, as well as the patient's age and immunological status [5]. *S. aureus* is the most common causal microorganism, but other infections such as *Enterococcus* spp., *Streptococcus* spp., *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Enterobacter* spp., *Mycobacterium* spp., anaerobes, and fungi, particularly *Candida* spp., are less prevalent [6]. *S. aureus* causes both acute and chronic osteomyelitis by building a biofilm that rapidly acquires antimicrobial resistance and virulence factors, regardless of the immunological condition of the patient [7]. Surgical intervention is required in some cases to control the infection. Antimicrobial resistance causes a delay in treatment, which increases the risk of illness chronicity and periprosthetic infection [8].

The duration of treatment for acute osteomyelitis is 4-8 weeks. Osteomyelitis is uncommon in developed countries, but it does exist in poor countries, where morbidity is higher in lower socioeconomic groups [9]. Although the incidence of chronic osteomyelitis has decreased as a result of faster diagnosis, newer antibiotics, and modern treatment modalities, the rise of multidrug-resistant strains and the prevalence of predisposing conditions such as diabetes mellitus have made osteomyelitis a major problem [10].

## **Aim and Objectives**

The present study was conducted to determine bacteriological profile of osteomyelitis and various epidemiological/risk factors associated with osteomyelitis.

## **Materials and Methods**

The study was carried out in the department of microbiology, central laboratory RSDKSGMC and Hospital, Ambikapur, CG. study period: April 2021 to Oct 2021. Observational Study covering bacteriological profile of chronic osteomyelitis and their antibiogram. The study was approved by the ethical committee of RSDKS GMC, Ambikapur, Surguja, C.G. with reference number 2390/GMC/2021/06-04-2021.

### **Materials**

During the study period of April 2021 to Oct 2021 for this study 30 patients who were diagnosed clinically and radiologically as a case of Chronic Osteomyelitis are participating in this study. The risk factors for Chronic Osteomyelitis were obtained from patient case sheets with the help of orthopedic surgeons in the department of orthopedic RSDKSGMC and Hospital.

### **Inclusion Criteria**

All cases of chronic osteomyelitis with the following clinical features are included in this study

1. Prolonged history of disease present
2. Frequent flare up of infection occurs
- 3 Constitutional symptoms are absent
4. Occasionally bony spicules emerges out of the discharging sinus
5. Restricted neighbouring joint movement

### **Exclusion Criteria**

The below cases were excluded from this study

1. Acute osteomyelitis cases
2. Tuberculous osteomyelitis
3. Osteomyelitis due to Anaerobic organisms

### **Sample Collection**

The specimen included bone aspirate and bone curettings are plated under aseptic conditions in the ortho ward or in ortho operation theatre. Surface swabs are not included in this study.

### **Smear Preparation**

After plating the bone aspirate, the residual pus is spread uniformly on a clean slide and allowed to air dry before being heat fixed by passing the slide through the flame 3-4 times. The smear is then stained with Gram's staining and examined under a 40x oil immersion microscope for pus cells and micro organisms.

## Results

Each plate was evaluated after 16 to 18 hours of incubation for evenly semi-confluent growth and circular zones of inhibition around each disc. Using a zone scale that was held by flipping the Petri plate, the diameter of the zones of inhibition was measured. The Petri plate was illuminated with reflected light while held a few inches above a black, non-reflective background. During the study period of April 2021 to Oct 2021 for this study 30 patients who were diagnosed clinically and radiologically as a case of Chronic Osteomyelitis are participating in this study. The risk factors for Chronic Osteomyelitis were obtained from patient case sheets with the help of orthopedic surgeons in the department of orthopedic RSDKSGMC and Hospital.

In this study, the total number of cases Chronic Osteomyelitis considered was 30. with age group of 1-60 years and both the sexes.

1. Haematogenous Osteomyelitis – 3 cases
2. Trauma patients without diabetes – 12
3. Postoperative patients without implants – 15

## Bones involvement in Chronic Osteomyelitis

The involvement of long bones in Chronic Osteomyelitis is as follows

1. Femur – 46%
2. Tibia – 30%
3. Femur + Tibia – 4%
4. Tibia + Fibula – 6%
5. Radius+ Ulna – 8%
6. Humerus – 4%
7. Acetabulum – 2%

Table 01: Age & Sex Distribution of Chronic Osteomyelitis

S.No	Age Group	Male	Female
01	1-20	06	04
02	21-40	05	05
03	41-60	04	06
	Total	30	

## Discussion

In this study occurrence of haematogenous osteomyelitis is only 6%. S.aureus was shown to be the most prevalent pathogen in haematogeneous osteomyelitis in this investigation, accounting for 66% (2/3 cases), which matches Lipsky et al findings.[11] 's Haematogenous osteomyelitis is fully eradicated in developed countries, according to Lipsky. Staphylococcus aureus was found to be the primary causative agent in haematogenous osteomyelitis by Haider Abdul-Lateef Mousa et al (45.2 percent ).[12, 13, 14] According to Haider Abdul-Lateef Mousa et al., males have an 84 percent prevalence of osteomyelitis, while females have a

16 percent prevalence. The male-female ratio is 5.25:1, while the female-female ratio is 1.9:1.

## Conclusion

Chronic osteomyelitis is a chronic disease that affects the long bones, particularly the femur and tibia, and is most common in adults. Haematogenous Osteomyelitis is becoming less common as antibiotics become more widely available and children's growing bones have a higher vascular metaphysis. The most common organism causing Chronic Osteomyelitis in this study was *Staphylococcus aureus*.

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