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Abstract

Necrotizing fasciitis is an infection of subcutaneous tissue and fascia which may spread rapidly to deeper tissue and surrounding tissue which may cause damage to the tissue and present as a localized infection and fulminant septic shock with high mortality rate. Negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) has been used to treat wounds in numerous different anatomical locations, with different levels of complexity and varying pathologies. NPWT has been found to be effective in wound bed preparation but cyclical negative pressure wound therapy (cNPWT) has not been reported in literature. This study highlights our experience in wound bed preparation using cNPWT in a case on necrotizing fasciitis.

Keywords: Cyclical Negative pressure wound therapy (cNPWT); Wound bed preparation; Necrotizing fasciitis.

INTRODUCTION

Necrotizing soft tissue infections (NSTIs) include necrotizing forms of fasciitis, myositis, and cellulitis. These infections are characterized

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E-mail: drchittoria@yahoo.com Received: 21.11.2022 Accepted: 03.12.2022 clinically by fulminant tissue destruction, systemic signs of toxicity, and high mortality.^{1,2} Accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment must include early surgical intervention and antibiotic therapy. Several different names have been used to describe the various forms of necrotizing infections; this is related in part to naming based on clinical features rather than surgical or pathologic findings. The degree of suspicion should be high since the clinical presentation is variable and prompt intervention is critical. The lay press has referred to organisms that cause NSTI as flesh eating bacteria.³ There is sufficient evidence to conclude that healing of necrotizing fasciitis is accelerated by NPWT. Though it is well established therapy in the armamentarium of wound management, its role in wound bed preparation before cover by skin graft

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or flap has not been studied well. NPWT has been found to be effective in wound bed preparation but cyclical negative pressure wound therapy (cNPWT) has not been reported in literature. This study highlights our experience in wound bed preparation using cyclical NPWT in a case on necrotizing fasciitis.

MATERIALS ANDMETHODS

This study was conducted in the department of plastic surgery in a tertiary care center after obtaining the departmental ethical committee approval. Informed written consent was taken from the patient. The study is a prospective observational type done on a 60-year-old male with known co-morbidities including hypertension & coronary artery disease with ejection fraction



Fig. 1: At admission with extensive necrotizing fasciitis of left lower limb & perineum.

RESULTS

After 2 weeks, the wound bed got ready with appearance of healthy granulation tissue (Fig. 3). The future plan is to cover the raw area with skin grafting once patient becomes fit for anesthesia.



Fig. 3: Wound bed with healthy granulation tissue with allograft in position

DISCUSSION

Necrotizing fasciitis is a life-threatening condition, with a high mortality rate (median mortality 32.2%) that approaches 100% without treatment. Numerous conditions are associated with this pathology, such as diabetes mellitus,

of 25%. Patient presented with raw area (Fig. 1) over left lower limb & perineum of one month duration. He was apparently well one month back when he developed multiple blebs over left lower limb & perineum which ruptured leaving raw area with rapid progression of wound infection with foul smelling discharge. He was diagnosed with clinically as a case of necrotizing fasciitis. He underwent multiple debridement in referral surgery department after that he was referred to department of plastic surgery for further wound care. Further multiple wound debridement was done followed by cyclic negative pressure wound therapy was applied for wound bed preparation (Fig. 2). Till wound bed got ready cadaveric human skin (allograft) was used as biological dressing. Wound bed was reassessed every weekly till wound bed got ready for cover by skin graft or flap.



Fig. 2: Application of cNPWT

immunosuppression, chronic alcohol disease, chronic renal failure, and liver cirrhosis, which can be conductive to the rapid spread of necrosis, and increase in the mortality rate. The diagnosis of NF is difficult and the differential diagnosis between NF and other necrotizing soft tissue infections. The delay in diagnosis can be fatal, and septic shock is inevitable if the disease remains untreated. The characteristic of NF is the clinical status change over time. The early clinical picture includes erythema, swelling, tenderness to palpation, and local warmth; once the infection develops, the infection site presents skin ischemia with blisters and bullae. The diagnosis of NF can be secured faster with the use of laboratory based scoring systems, such as the LRINEC score or the FGSI score, especially in cases of Fournier's gangrene. However, the diagnosis is definitely established by performing explorative surgery at the infected site.⁴

Management of the infection begins with antibiotic treatment. In the majority of cases with NF (70–90%) the reasonable pathogens are two or more, suggesting the use of broad spectrum antibiotics. The value of antibiotic treatment in NF is relatively low, and early and aggressive drainage and debridement is required. In NF of the extremities, the clinician should consider amputating the infected limb, although this will not reduce the risk of mortality. Finally, postoperative management of the surgical wound is important, along with proper nutrition of the patient.⁵

The introduction of the negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) system by Moryk was and Argenta, it has been applied to a number of wounds and has become an influential and effective technique for healing simple and complex wounds. The conventional NPWT system adopts either 'intermittent' or 'continuous' mode.6 While the continuous mode constantly applies a subatmospheric pressure of 125 mmHg, the intermittent mode creates a sub-atmospheric pressure of 125 mmHg for 5 minutes and a 2 minute resting phase of 0 mmHg.⁷ In experiments performed on animal models, the intermittent mode showed increased perfusion level and formation of granulation tissue in the wound area compared with the continuous mode.8 Despite the effectiveness of intermittent mode in wound healing, it has been avoided in clinical application because of the pain occurring every few minutes during the initiation phase of the system to reach 125 mmHg. Thus, 'cyclic' mode would minimize the pain while maintaining the superior efficacy of the intermittent mode. The cyclic NPWT system is similar to the intermittent mode in terms of using the same maximal sub atmospheric pressure, but the pressure never reaches zero in the cyclic mode. So, it continuously creates certain pressure gradient that oscillates between 125 mmHg and the preset sub atmospheric pressure. The cycle runs based on the changes in sub atmospheric pressure, not time, and thus its frequency reflects the wound volume.Within this preclinical study on acute changes of cutaneous microcirculation under an applied NPWT dressing, we observed a significant increase of local perfusion dynamics with consecutive improvement of tissue oxygen saturation.9

Interestingly, all three compared modes of application, continuous, intermittent, and cyclic, resulted in locally enhanced microcirculation of a greater or lesser extent. In the comparison of different application modes, we observed superior effects on local and remote cutaneous perfusion in the cyclic group.¹⁰ The continuous mode represented the most common setting in clinical wound care according to a published meta-analysis of Suissa et al. in 2011, in which discontinuous applications were rarely reported.

Notably, continuous treatment represents the generally accepted standard of care despite already available early evidence of superior capabilities of an intermittent NPWT treatment with respect to formation of granulation tissue or angiogenesis. Most likely, this is attributable to the fact that intermittent activation of "negative pressure," which causes repeated spikes in surface pressure to the wound, is believed to be unpleasing. Lately, the introduction of the "cyclic mode" appears as a promising compromise combining both the satisfaction of patients and superior wound treatment. Pain levels were generally low in cyclic NPWT.¹¹

In human cutaneous microcirculation, resting capillary pressure was reported in a range from 10.5 to 22.5 mmHg or even 41.0 mmHg. Thus, applied surface pressure of 30.0 mmHg via a NPWT dressing could potentially result in an occlusion of cutaneous capillaries. Given the finding that capillary pressure also increases in response to a higher venous pressure, at least a sub-total occlusion of the dermal microvasculature due to the intervention can be assumed.¹⁶ Overall, the mechanisms of cutaneous vascular response to certain stimuli are complex, especially concerning vasodilation and improvement of local flow.12 Repeated capillary (subtotal) occlusion represents a strong stimulus for the affected tissue. Both post-occlusive reactive hyperemia (PORHA) and increased mechano-humoral transduction to the vascular bed result in alterations of intravascular shear stress and could be accountable for superior effects in the intermittent and, particularly, in the cyclic group. We also assessed changes of cutaneous microcirculation on the contralateral thigh and found stronger effects in the cyclic group. Previous studies on Remote Ischemic Conditioning (RIC), showed alterations in the applied stimulus can influence the triggered improvement of cutaneous perfusion.¹³ Duration of applied pressure, number of repeated cycles, and body site are important variables to optimize the conditioning effect on the improvement of remote microcirculation. An ideal application of a NPWT dressing must respect the individual circumstances of each patient and treated wounds with respect to comorbidities, location of the wound, and tissue composition. In our study cyclical negative pressure wound therapy plays an effective role as an adjuvant in the wound bed preparation in necrotizing fasciitis.

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CONCLUSION

Cyclic application of "negative pressure" results in a superior local enhancement of cutaneous microcirculation with regards to blood flow and consecutive tissue oxygenation. Beyond that, repeated alterations between different levels of "negative pressure" due to cyclic application represent a greater stimulus for remote conditioning effects, indicating a superior local interaction with the underlying tissue. Further research is warranted to investigate the correlation between local perfusion enhancements and granulation tissue formation due to cyclic NPWT in humans.

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Abstract

Introduction: Sonebhadra is the only district in India which borders four states namely MP, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Jharkhand. This district has eight blocks Babhani, Chatra, Chopan, Duddhi, Ghorawal, Myorpur, Nagwan and Robertsganj. This district has an area of 6,788km² and a population of 1,862,559 (2011 census), with a population density of 270 inhabitants per square kilometre. It lies in extreme south-east of the state. About 83.12% population of this district lives in rural areas. Nature is integrated part of their life. These tribes having distinct culture, values and practices hold on their traditional knowledge which is transmitted only to people belonging to their clan. The present study is designed to explore the traditional medicine used for skin disorders, cuts, wounds and fractures by different tribal communities of Sonebhadra.

Objectives: (1) To find out the ethnobotanical knowledge of different tribes of Myorpur and Chopan block of Sonebhadra district of Uttar Pradesh; related to cure of skin diseases, wounds and fractures. (2) Collection of medicinal plants used by tribes for treatment of skin disorders, cuts, wounds and fractures and their botanical identification in lab.

Methodology: It is a survey study in which primary and secondary data has been collected. Primary data was collected by interview of participants; collection of medicinal plants used by tribes for the treatment of skin disorders, cuts, wounds and fracture and their botanical identification in lab. Audio and visual aids (camera and mobile) was used to take photographs and videos related to the present study. Secondary data was collected by related books and previous researches.

Result: Many of the plants used by different tribal communities of Sonebhadra for the treatment of skin disorders, cuts, wounds and fracture. There are many plants which are known by different vernacular names by different tribal communities. Some of the plants used by them are – Dhawai (Wood for diafruticosa Kurz.), Chilbil (Holopteleaintegrifolia Planch), Kuthua (Xanthium strumarium L.), Mamarkhi, Bhains (Martyniaannua L.), Giloy (Tinosporacordifolia Willd.), Shatawar (Asparagus racemosus Willd.), Hadjod (Cissusquadrangularis Linn.), Indarbagai,

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Conclusion: Tribal communities of Sonebhadra have Unique life style and culture. Their Knowledge about herbs related to treatment of skin disorders, cuts, wounds and fractures are unique and surprising. There is need to explore their knowledge and to establish it on scientific basis.

Keywords: Ethnobotanical; Skin disorders; Cuts; Wounds and Fractures.

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INTRODUCTION

C onebhadra is the second largest district of Uttar \bigcirc Pradesh by area.¹ It is the only district in India which borders four states namely MP, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Jharkhand.² This district has eight blocks-Babhani, Chatra, Chopan, Duddhi, Ghorawal, Myorpur, Navgaon and Robertsganj.² Northern part of district lies on a plateau of Vindhya range and is drained by tributaries of Ganges including the Belan and Karmnasa river. South of the steep escarpment of the Kaimur range is the valley of Son river, which flows through the district from West to East. This district has an area of 6,788km² and a population of 1,862,559 (2011 census), with a population density of 270 inhabitants per square kilometre. It lies in extreme south-east of the state This district has an area of 6,788km2 and a population of 1,862,559 (2011 census), with a population density of 270 inhabitants per square kilometre. It lies in extreme south-east of the state Chopan and Myorpur is the first and second largest block of this district by area and area covered by forest.3 Most of the Scheduled Tribes of this district reside in Myorpur and Chopan blocks.⁴ These tribal communities believe that they are son of natue and nature is integrated part of their life. These areas are inhabited by a large number of tribes such as Baiga, Gond, Kharwar, Bhil, Panika etc. Therse tribes having distinct culture, values and practices hold on their traditional knowledge which is transmitted only to people belonging to their clan.

Due to living in the forest and surrounding areas and poor hygienic condition such people are more prone to skin diseases, cuts, wounds and fractures. These tribal communitespossess a pool of undisclosed ethnomedicinal information regarding the flora of their surroundings.

AIM & OBJECTIVES

To find out the ethnobotanical knowledge of different tribes of Myorpur and Chopan block of Sonebhadra district of Uttar Pradesh related to skin diseases, cuts, wounds and fractures.² Collection of medicinal plants used by tribes for skin diseases, cuts, wounds and fracturesand their botanical identification in lab.

STUDY AREA

Myorpur and Chopan block of Sonebhadra district of Uttar Pradesh (23°45′ to 24°30′N; 82°45′ to 83°23′E) have been selected for the present study. The elevation above the mean sea level ranges between 315 and 485 m⁵. Due to presence of more forests and more tribal communities in these blocks of the district, these areas were selected for the study. Sonebhadra district has a relatively subtropical climate with high variation between Summer and Winter temperatures. The average temperature is 30°C to 46°C in the Summer and 2°C to 15°C in the winter. The weather is pleasant in rainy season from July to October.⁶

The average annual rainfall of this area is 1115.00 mm. About 90% of rainfall takes place from June to September. The average relative humidity ranges from 25 to 81%.⁷

METHODOLOGY

The present study is a survey study based based on field excursion during 2020-2022. In this study primary data was collected by interview of participants including traditional medical practitioners of different tribal communities of this area and other local informants; collection of medicinal plants used by tribes for the treatment ofskin diseases, cuts, wounds and fractures. and their botanical identification in lab. The plant species collected during these field trips were identified at Department of Dravyaguna, Faculty of Ayurveda, IMS, BHU, Varanasi, India. Audio and visual aids (camera and mobile) was used to take photographs and videos related to the present study. Secondary data was collected by related books and previous researches.

There is no explicit rule and regulations to the practice of ethnomedicinal research in India. The purpose of the research project had explained to participants before their interview. Each participant agreed to participate voluntarily and they were allowed to discontinue the interview at any time.

RESULTS

There are forty nine plant species (five unidentified) belonging to thirty six families were recorded to be used by the local tribal communities for treatment related to cure of skin disorders, cuts, wounds and fractures. Medicinal plants used for the same purpose are arranged in table 1 where different species are arranged according to their family in alphabetical order. Vernacular names, type of plant and parts used for the treatment are also mentioned in table 1. Various ways of using the plants are given in table 2. Voucher herbarium specimens were identified and deposited in Dravyaguna Department Laboratory, Faculty of Ayurveda, IMS,Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India. The newly reported vernacular names and uses (not found in earlier studies) are marked by an asterisk (*). Doule asterisk (**) mark is used for the plants which are not yet identified.

Table 1: Family, Botanical name, Vernacular name, Plant type and Parts used for treatment

Family	Botanical name	Vernacular name	Plant type	Parts used/Treatment
Acanthaceae	Lapidagathiscristata Willd.	Ot-dhompol	Undershrub	Whole plant / Allergy, Itching / Boils
Amaryllidaceae	Curculigoorchioides Gaertn.	Kali-Musali, Dhutara, Tinpatia	Herb	Root / Itching & other skin disease
Anacardiaceae	Lanneacoromendelica (Houtt.) Merrill.	Jingan	Tree	Bark / Leprous & other ulcers, impetigenous eruptions, *Cuts & Wounds
Anacardiaceae	Semecarpusanacardium Linn.	Bhela / Bhelwa	Tree	Resin, Seed oil / Leprosy & other skin diseases; Warts, Tumours,Cuts
Apocynaceae	<i>Hemidesmusindicus</i> (L.) R.Br.	Anantmoola, Kapuri, Badi Banwar, Dudhiya	Climber	Whole plant / Leucoderma
Apocynaceae	Tylophorarotundifolia Buch- Ham ex Wight.	Anto-mul	Climber	Whole plant / Leucoderma, Psoriasis
Asteraceae	Blumeabifoliata DC	Kukrauna	Herb	Whole plant / Cuts & Wounds
Asteraceae	Eclipta alba Hassak	Bhangra	Herb	Whole plant / Leucoderma
Asteraceae	Sonchusarvensis Linn.	Bari - sahadevi	Herb	Whole plant / Cuts, Wounds,Swelling
Asteraceae	Tridaxprocumbens Linn.	Masbhari	Herb	Whole plant/ Cuts & wounds
Begoniaceae	Bigoniapicta Sm.	Lundiara	Herb	Fresh leaves / Ulcer of mouth & tongue
Bombacaceae	Bombaxceiba Linn.	Semur, Semal	Tree	Seed / Small- pox boils
Caesalpinaceae	Cassia tora Linn.	Chakawad, Chakunda	Herb	Seed / Skin diseases like itches,eczema& ringworm
Caesalpinaceae	<i>Cassia fistula</i> Linn.	Amaltas, Dhanba	Tree	Leaf / Skin diseases
Caricaceae	Carica papaya L.	Papita	Tree	*Leaf / Boils
Celastraceae	<i>Cassineglauca</i> (Rottb.) Kuntze	Mamar	Tree	*Leaf / Wound & Ulcers
Cochlospermaceae	Cochlospermumreligiosum (L.) Alston	Galgal	Tree	Bark / Sore caused by septicaemial poisoning
Commelinaceae	Commelinabenghalensis Linn.	Kanchura	Herb	Whole plant / Skin disease
Convolvulaceae	<i>Argyreia nervosa</i> (Burm.f.) Bojer	Samundar –ka-pat,Ghao- bel	Climber	Leaves / Wound & skin diseases
Convolvulaceae	Ipomeapes-tigridis	Besharama,Panchpatri, *Bilariputu	Climber	Leaf / Pimples, boils& sores, carbuncles
Dioscoreaceae	Dioscoreabulbifera Linn.	Piska	Climber	Roasted tubers / ulcers
Euphorbiaceae	Emblicaofficinalis Gaertn.	Aonla / Aamla	Tree	Bark / Sores & pimples
Fabaceae	<i>Buteamonosperma</i> (Lam.) Taub	Palash / Dhak / Paraas	Tree	Bark / Ulcers
Fabaceae	Pterocarpusmarsupium Roxb.	Bijaisal	Tree	Leaves / Boils, Sores & Skin diseases
Fabaceae	Tephrosiapurpurea Pers.	Sarphonk / Sarpunkha / Sarpankha	Shrub	Seed oil / Scabies, eczema & other skin diseases
Fabaceae	Urariapicta Desv.	Dabraa	Herb	Whole plant / Bone fracture
Flacourtiaceae	<i>Flacourtiaindica</i> (Burm.f.) Merr.	Kantaila	Tree	Bark / Eczema
Lamiaceae	Leucascephalotes Spreng.	Guma	Herb	*Whole plant / Leucoderma
Lauraceae	Listeaglutinosa (Lour.)	Meda	Tree	*Leaf. Bark / Injury

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Loranthaceae	<i>Dendrophthae falcate</i> (L.f.) Etting	Banda / Banjha / *Manjha	Shoot parasite	Bark / Wounds
Lytheraceae	Wood for diafruticosa Kurz.	*Dhawai	Shrub	*Bark / Burn
Martyniaceae	Martyniaannua L.	*Bhains / Kaknasa	Shrub	*Fruit / Chronic wound
Meliaceae	Azadirachtaindica A.Juss.	Neem	Tree	Bark (Root & Stem) / Skin diseases; Oil / leprosy
Menispermaceae	<i>Tinosporacordifolia</i> Willd Miersex Hook f. & Thomas	Guruch	Cllimber	*Stem / Fracture of bones
Mimosaceae	Acacia catechu willd.	Khair	Tree	Heartwood / Canceroius sores
Mimosaceae	<i>Albizizaodoratissima</i> (Willd.) Benth.	Kala - Shirish	Tree	Stem bark / Leprosy, persistent ulcers & other skin diseases
Moraceae	Ficusreligiosa L.	Peepal	Tree	Bark / Scabies
Nyctaginaceae	Boerhaaviadiffusa L.	Chotwa Bhaji / Patharchatta	Herb	Leaves / Skin diseases
Papaveraceae	Argemone Mexicana Linn.	Satyanashi / Peeli – Kateli / *Bhatkataiya	Herb	Plant juice / Chronic skin diseases; Latex / Scabies
Plumbaginaceae	Plumbagozeylanica Linn.	*Chit /Chita /Jaharbaj	Shrub	*Root / Boils in cheek
Rubiaceae	Randiaulginosa DC	*Pandar	Tree	*Bark / Fracture of Bone
Sapindaceae	<i>Schleicheraoleosa</i> (Lour.) oken.	Kusum	Tree	Seed oil / Burns, skin diseases
Sterculiaceae	Helicterusisora Linn.	Aithani / Marodphali	Shrub	Root / Sores & carbuncles
Ulmaceae	Holopteleaintegrifolia Planch	*Chilbil	Tree	*Leaf / Ringworm, Wound
Verbenaceae	Clerodendrumindicum (L.) Kuntze.	Bhaarangi	Under shrub	Whole plant / Skin diseases
Vitaceae	Cissusrepanda Vahl.	Pani – Bel / dahini	Climber	Leaf / Neck sore of cattle
Vitaceae	Cissusquadrangularis Linn.	Hadjod	Climber	*Stem / Fracture of Bone
Vitaceae	Vitisreparia Michx	*Amlola	Climber	*Leaf / Wound
Zingiberaceae	Curcuma longa Linn.	Hardi	Herb	*Rhizome / Injury
		**Barwat	Climber	*Leaf / Fracture of bone
		**Bhudakki	Climber	*Leaf, Root / Cut & injury
		**Indarbagai	Herb	*Whole plant / Injury in animals
		**KauwaKanna	Herb	*Root /
		**Korkach	Tree	*Bark / Fracture of Bone
	Slaked llime / Calcium hydroxide	Chuna		*Chuna / Fracture of Bone

Table 2: Various ways to use the plants

Plant	Method to Use
**Barwat	*Juice of 3 or 5 or 7 leaves are administered orally as single dose and should consume only that much quantity which fill the mouth and throw the rest juice.Crushed leaf paste are also applied over the broken area.
**Bhudakki	*Paste of its leaves & root are applied to stop bleeding from cut area.
**Indarbagai	*Decoction of paste of Indarbagai, Turmeric, Ginger and Jaggery are given orally to animals for any kind of injury and injury related pain.
**KauwaKanna	*Root paste are applied over wound
**Korkach	*In case of fracture of bone paste of its bark are given orally and also applied externally on affected area.
Carica papaya L.	*Papaya leaf juice is given in case of boils due to impurity of blood.
<i>Cassineglauca</i> (Rottb.) Kuntze	*Leaf paste is applied externally in case of wounds and ulcers.
Chuna	*Lime paste is applied externally for injury.
Cissusquadrangularis Linn.	*For fractured bone 3-4 inch of stem is to be crushed and given orally and its paste is also to be applied on the broken area.

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Curcuma longa Linn.	*Tturmeric and jaggery is given to drink in any kind of injury.
Holopteleaintegrifolia Planch	*Leaf paste is used externally to cure wounds and ring worm infection. But it should not be applied for longer time otherwise it burns the skin.
<i>Lanneacoromendelica</i> (Houtt.) Merrill.	*Paste of bark is applied for cuts and wounds. Its bark juice has been poured over penis after circumcision.
Leucascephalotes Spreng.	*Its paste are applied along with black pepper paste over the white patches of leucoderma and the patches starts getting cured in one month.
Listeaglutinosa (Lour.)	*The warm paste of leaves and bark are applied in case of injury.
Martyniaannua L.	*The wound which is not getting cured, it gets cured by application of paste of fruit of this plant.
Plumbagozeylanica Linn.	*Root –paste is applied over the boils of face 2-3 times once in a day for 3-4 days and after removing the paste cow ghee should be applied over it.
Randiaulginosa DC	*For fractured bone, juice of bark of this plant is given orally and bark-paste is also applied externally.
<i>Tinosporacordifolia</i> Willd Miersex Hook f. & Thomas	*Juice of stem is administered orally in case of injury.
Vitisreparia Michx	*Leaf paste is applied locally over any kind of wound.
Woodfordiafruticosa Kurz.	*Paste of dried bark powder mixed with oil is applied over burnt area.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

The information collected from different tribal communities of Sonebhadra district and previous studies like Wealth of India (Anonymous 1948-1992), Indian Medicinal Plants (Kartikar & Basu), Medical ethnobotany of the tribals of Soneghati of Sonebhadra (A.K. Singh et al, 2002), Indian folk medicine and other plant based products (editor-V. Singh) etc. shows that these tribal people use a number of plants and plant parts on the basis of their acquired knowledge. As they live in forest and hilly area they and their cattles are more prone to cuts, fractures and injuries. Due to poor hygienic condition they usually also get skin infection like ring worm, itching etc. They often use medicine orally as well as for local application to cure fracture, cuts, wounds, injuries and various skin diseases. But due to urbanization and continuous exploitation of natural resources, traditional knowledge of these communities related to use of plants and other natural resources is depleting day by day. Hence, there is an urgent need for the preservation of flora of this region and systematic documentation of related traditional knowledge before it disappears. The claims emanating from present survey need to be studied pharmacologically and clinically. The purpose of this work is not to prescribe any remedies for above mentioned conditions but to document the uses and draw the attention of research scholars and pharmacologists for further scientific research in this field.

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Blood Culture Methods Advancing in Technology

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Abstract

Culture and sensitivity (C & S) tests are the tests generally used for the detection of the causative microbes. The Culture and sensitivity tests are also important to know the resistance or sensitivity of a particular antibiotics to the microbes cultured and grown. It will be helpful for the physician to decide the line of treatment for the patients. Over period of 3-4 decades the technology of blood culture advanced which resulted into less time in results, easy testing. The BECTEC method is an automated blood culture systems are the important choice for the detection of pathogens from blood specimens. The automated method is better over the manual broth based conventional methods. The method requires laboratories to continuously monitored. The automated blood culture systems for the processing of blood culture specimens are taking lesser time more accuracy in present times. The present study involves the methods and its advancement in the diagnosis. The impact of saving lives due to adoption of advanced method over the conventional ones.

Keywords: Blood Culture; Culture and Sensitivity; Antibiotics; Public Health.

INTRODUCTION

Aculture is aninitiation of a matter to an artificial growth culture medium such as liquid (broth), solid (agar), or cell culture lines.

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Received: 18.07.2022 Accepted: 20.08.2022 These can be classified as selective, non selective, or differential, depending on the growth support needed by microorganisms to be studied. Liquid and solid media are used to culture bacteria and fungi. The cell lines are used to culture viruses and chlamydiae. Culture media are contained in Petri dishes, test tubes, and dilution containers. After the material is introduced into the proper medium, the culture is incubated for a specific length of time (usually 48 to 72 hours for agar and 3 to 7 days for broth media), at a specific temperature [usually 95°F (35°C)], and under other conditions suitable for thesuspected microorganism (e.g., CO₂ for anaerobic culture). Another 24 hours are needed to identify the pathogen that is causing a particular infectious disease.

In combining with the culture, microorganisms are tested for sensitivity to specific antibiotics. This is known as culture and sensitivity (C & S) testing. The bacteria are classified according to their response to antibiotics as (1) resistant (growth not inhibited), (2) sensitive (growth inhibited), or (3) intermediately sensitive (some inhibition).

Blood cultures are microbiological tests performed to help diagnose bacteremia, septicemia, or infectious diseases such as typhoid, plague, and malaria. When bacteria or fungi enter the blood stream, an infection of greater or lesser severity can occur. Pathogens entering the bloodstream from sites of soft tissue infection, contaminated intravenous (IV) lines, or invasive procedures such as minor surgery, tooth extraction, or cystoscopy do not usually lead to infections severe enough to cause sepsis. But if the infection is persistent or recurrent, may lead to septicemia, a life-threatening condition, i.e presenting with severe signs and symptoms of infection. Microorganisms are the most common in adultscausing septicemia are Staphylococcus aureus, gram negative rods such as Escherichia coli, Aerobacter spp. and Klebsiella spp.; in infants, microorganisms are E. coli and haemolyticstreptococcus.

For patients who have received antimicrobial therapy prior to the test, an antimicrobial removal device containing a resin is used to remove the inhibitory effects of antibiotics from the blood sample prior to culture. This practice allows for faster growth and identification of the organism.

Test results are recorded as negative without growth or as positive if growth occurs. After culture, the microbiologist identifies the pathogen based on colony characteristics, Gram staining methods and other biochemical tests. In the past 50 years ago, man had less advanced techniques and tests were mostly done manually. Now, in every industry, newer techniques are emerging day by day that allow the user to easily achieve results in less time than in the past. It was the same with Blood Culture.

A blood culture is a test prescribed to investigate foreign invaders such as bacteria, yeast, and other microorganisms in the blood. If any of these pathogens are present in the bloodstream, it will be a sign of a blood infection called a condition known as bacteraemia.

AUTOMATED BLOOD CULTURE METHODS

There are several automated blood culture systems are available commercially. Some of the most popular continuous monitoring blood culture systems are: BACTEC (Becton Dickinson and Company), BacT/ALERT (bio Mérieux), and Versa TREK (Thermo Scientific).

Composition of Bactec Blood Culture vials

All the BACTEC culture vials has soybean casein digest broth, yeast, amino acids, sugar, vitamins, and sodium polyanetholsulfonate. The resin containing vials hasnon-ionic adsorbing resins and cationic-exchange resins. Sodium polyanetholsulfonate is an anticoagulant and prevents the killing of bacteria by innate cellular and humoral factors. Resin neutralizes the effect of antibiotics present in the blood and increases the chances of recovery of the pathogen.³

The study executed by Anja von Laer et al. 2021 concluded that implementation of the automated Blood Culture in a resource limited setting is easy which can provide improvement in the microbiological diagnostic. The automated BC increased yield and shortened turn around times. Regular training and mentorship of clinicians must be intensified to increase number and quality of BC. Pre-analytical training to improve diagnostic stewardship is essential when new microbiological method implemented in the laboratory. The Bectec Dickinson system uses generation of CO₂ by the growing Mycobacterium tuberculosis bacteria as an indicator. This technology of sensing inbuilt into the cultured tubes can give the growth of bacteria too early than the conventional techniques.¹

Automated continuous monitoring of blood cultures (CMBC) systems is having a key role in the clinical microbiology laboratory. Despite the critical role of these systems in the diagnosis of life-threatening bloodstream infections, their basic technology and performance characteristics have remained essentially unchanged since their introduction in the 1990s. This stability and uniformity allowed the development of qualitative measures such as percent positivity and contamination rate; subsequent diagnostics, e.g., as direct identification and sensitivity testing of microorganisms in positive cultures and clinical recommendations based on time to positivity or duration of bacteremia.² ***0***-

CONCLUSION

The blood culture testing shifted to highly advanced mode. The newer method requires less time for reporting. Due to reduction in time for results the patients get benefits in line of treatment. The test results enable physician to decide the antibiotics to be administered to the patients. Thus, the advancing technology is saving lives and plays an important role in Public Health. The BECTEC method is well adopted by the microbiologists. The review study concluded that more advancement is further needed for the more benefits in future.

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