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## I. INTRODUCTION

There are usually three nasal turbinates in each nasal cavity. The middle and superior turbinates are part of the ethmoid bone, while inferior turbinate is a separate bone. Rarely the fourth supreme turbinate may also present above the superior turbinate [1]. The precursor structures of nasal turbinates appear between the 8th and 10th weeks of fetal life and are the ethmoturbinal and maxilloturbinal {2,3}. Nasal turbinates are derived from several outgrowths of the foetal lateral nasal wall. These outgrowths form a group of ridges known as "ethmoturbinals". The middle turbinate develops from the third one [4]. Its anterior portion inserts into the ascending process of the maxilla and the posteromedial margin of the agger nasi cells. Its superior insertion is to the lateral edge of the cribriform plate. The posterior portion is oriented horizontally and attaches to the ethmoid crest of the perpendicular plate of the palatine bone {5}. The middle turbinate plays a functional role in the nasal physiology, including lamination of airflow, humidification of inspired air and its deflection superiorly towards the olfactory epithelium. Nasal and paranasal sinus mucosal lining produce secretions that are moved to the nasopharynx along the surface of middle turbinate. Thus surface and dimensions of middle turbinate are crucial for maintenance of normal nasal physiology [6]. There are

different anatomic variations of the middle turbinates, including paradoxical curvature, pneumatized, bifurcate, trifurcate, secondary and accessory [4-7]. The anatomical variations may cause specific sinonasal symptoms such as migraine-like headache, smell disorders and nasal obstruction [8]. Here we report a case of a patient who presented with signs and symptoms of chronic rhinosinusitis without nasal polyposis and found to have a secondary middle turbinate.

## II. CASE PRESENTATION

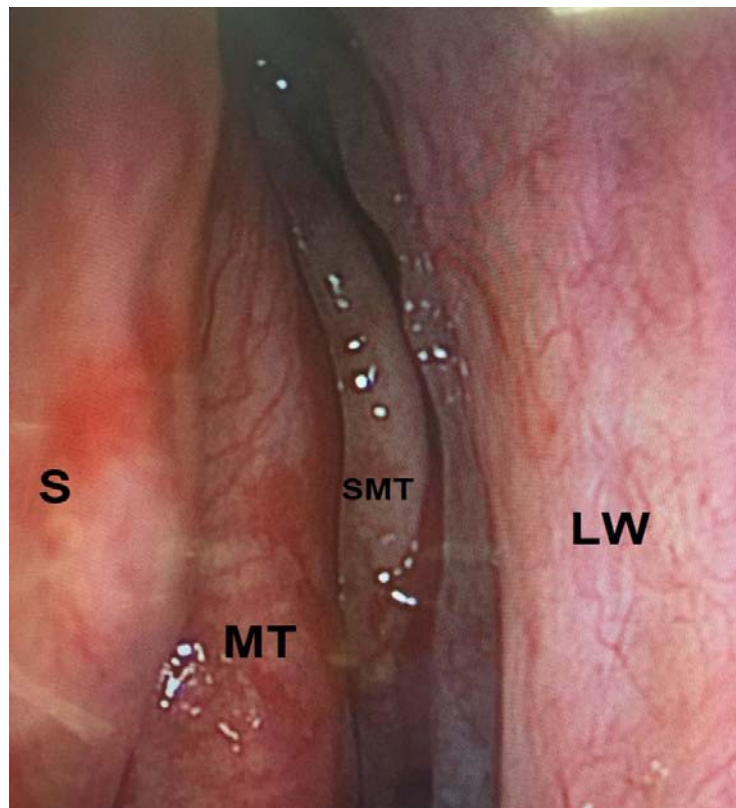
The present case is a 28 years old female who is known to have allergic rhinitis. She presented to our clinic with symptoms of chronic rhinosinusitis, specifically nasal obstruction, decrease smell and facial pain. Nasal examination revealed congested nasal mucosa with mild deviated nasal septum (DNS) and hypertrophy of the left middle turbinate. However, no nasal polyps were seen. A diagnosis of chronic rhinosinusitis with DNS has been made and the management plan was discussed with the patient. It included a medical therapy consisted of normal saline nasal spray and mometasone furoate nasal spray. However, no improvement has been noticed subjectively by the patient after a three months of the medical therapy. Therefore, a CT paranasal sinus has been ordered to the patient. It showed mildly deviated nasal septum, mucosal thickening of the maxillary and ethmoid sinuses, in addition to a secondary middle turbinate in the left side obstructing the osteomeatal complex (**Figure 1**). The patient then underwent limited functional endoscopic sinus surgery (FESS), in addition to septoturbinoplasty. During the intraoperative examination, the left secondary middle turbinate was identified (**Figure 2**) and then with the use of microdebrider, it was resected to improve the drainage of the osteomeatal complex. Postoperatively, the patient's symptoms improved significantly with no recurrence of her symptoms during a three months follow up period.

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*Fig. 1:* A coronal CT scan of paranasal sinuses shows mucosal thickening of the left maxillary sinus, partial opacification of the ethmoid sinuses, and a secondary middle turbinate in the left side obstructing the left osteomeatal complex



*Fig. 2:* An intraoperative view of the left nasal cavity shows the Septum (S) medially, Middle Turbinate (MT), Secondary Middle Turbinate (SMT), and the Lateral Wall of Nasal Cavity (LW)

### III. DISCUSSION

Middle turbinate forms the medial wall of the ethmoid sinus, there are different types of middle turbinates, including pneumatized (concha bullosa), paradoxically curved, bifurcate, trifurcate, secondary and accessory. Accessory middle turbinate is known as an uncinata process that is medially bent with an anterior fold to an extent greater than usual, this makes it look like two middle turbinates [7]. It is different from the secondary middle turbinate because of its distinct developmental origin [7]. According to Bae S and Lim S if the normal uncinata process is present in a patient with a doubled middle turbinate, the term accessory middle turbinate is appropriate. In contrast, if a turbinate-like structure originates from the inferior turbinate and the uncinata process is absent, the term bifid inferior turbinate is appropriate [9]. In a study by Murat Ozcan et al the incidence of accessory middle turbinate was found to be 6.8% [2]. Accessory middle turbinate may appear as an additional middle turbinate during endoscopic examination. Symptomatic accessory middle turbinate in adults commonly reported but in pediatric has not been reported until Andrew Chang, Seckin O Ulualp (2016) reported their case [10]. Secondary middle turbinate is a projection of part of bone which is covered by soft tissue from the middle meatus lateral wall [11]. It is generally located posterosuperior to infundibulum and then curves medially and superiorly. Occasionally, it might protrude inferomedially and be mistaken for an accessory middle turbinate [12-13]. Khanobthamchai et al (1991) were the first to describe that secondary middle turbinate, was an incomplete anterior wall of bulla ethmoidalis [14]. The incidence has been reported to be 1.5% by Khanobthamchai et al [14], 6.8% by Aykut et al [15] and 0.8% by Aksungur et al [16]. Aksungur et al suggested that secondary middle turbinate might be an additional turbinate originating embryologically from a section of a frontal ridge [16]. The secondary middle turbinate can be mistaken for a polyp or an osteoma at endoscopic examination [17]. Usually SMT is reported to be bilateral in all cases. But in Dr. Nebil ARK, SMT was detected unilaterally [18]. According to Apaydin et al., superomedially projected secondary middle turbinate has no clinical significance. However, inferiorly projected secondary middle turbinate, especially if hypertrophied and pneumatized, may narrow the ostiomeatal unit and predispose to inflammatory sinus disease it is a rare nasal cavity variation, where it accounts for 0.8% to 6.8% of cases [11-16-19]. In other hand some studies revealed that complaining of frontal headache in association with sensation of nasal obstruction were frequently observed in 92.8% of their patients with such a variation [16]. The theory behind developing symptoms in SMT like frontal headache and rhinosinusitis. Frontal and periorbital headaches due to

pressure points within the nose and suggested that headaches and facial pain could occur due to contact between the turbinate and other regions of the nasal cavity. Wolff's results showed that stimulation of various intra-nasal mucosal regions caused pain which was felt in the cutaneous distribution of the ophthalmic (V1) or maxillary (V2) division of the trigeminal nerve [20]. Stammberger and Wolf found that mucosal contact could cause headache via substance P (SP), a neuropeptide released from the nasal mucosa. [21] And for rhinosinusitis, sinonasal anatomical variants of middle turbinate and nasal septum, being more common in the osteomeatal complex OMC region, are responsible for predisposing to recurrent attacks of rhinosinusitis [22].

In the present case, a secondary middle turbinate leading to chronic rhinosinusitis and headache was diagnosed based on nasal endoscopy and CT sinuses and managed successfully by functional endoscopic sinus surgery.

### IV. CONCLUSION

Although secondary middle turbinate is considered a rare anatomical variation, it might lead to the development of chronic rhinosinusitis which has a significant impact on the patient. Surgeons should be aware of this entity before performing endoscopic sinus surgery to ensure a safe and effective surgery.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Nose and paranasalis sinus are the organs that play an important role as the front line of the body's defence in the lower air way to the microorganism and hazardous materials [1]. Its effectiveness depends on the integrity of mucociliary system called the mucociliary transport system [2]. It consists of ciliary cells of the respiratory epithelium, mucous – producing glands and mucous membranes

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produced by goblet cells in epithelial and submucosal seromucinous glands. [3].

According to Waguespack (1995), several conditions which affect mucociliary transport were physiologic factor, air pollution, smoking, congenital disorder, rhinitis allergy, viral infection, bacterial infection, topical drugs, systemic drugs, preservatives, and surgery. [4].

Gas station is one of the places where pollution and discharge of gas or waste from vehicles that contained heavy metals such as lead or Plumbum (Pb) occurs, where Pb is the most dominant pollutant in the gas station [5]. Pb level in the air around the gas station is likely to be sucked thorough the air or even attached to the body tissue especially the skin (hair) [6]. Analysis of lead in hair has more advantages, because hair has longer memory period and even a permanent result. Head hair grows at an average speed of half an inch (1 inch = 2.54 centimeters) per month. Therefore, three inches of human hair can tell the history of the human body for six months [7]. Gas station position which near the highway makes it easier for officers to be exposed to lead pollutants from the smoke of the vehicles on the highway [8].

The Regional Environmental Agency has conducted a study about lead level at several points in Makassar in 2013, and the results found that the highest lead level is on the Ratulangi street with 1.319 µg/Nm<sup>3</sup> and the lowest is on Monginsidi street with 0,374 µg/Nm<sup>3</sup>[9]. Based on the results of Makassar Centre for Health and Occupational Safety (COHS) study about air quality monitoring in several points of vehicle's traffic, it can be seen that in the last three years, lead is still polluting Makassar even though gasoline without lead has been applied, however the pollution remains occur. In 2012, concentration of lead in the air was 0.528 µg/Nm<sup>3</sup> and in 2013, concentration of lead in the air became 0.592 µg/Nm<sup>3</sup> [9].

## II. MATERIALS AND METHOD

### a) Location and Time

The study was conducted at Tamalanrea gas station and gas station of Gunung Bawakaraeng street in Makassar, South Sulawesi Province, for 1 month from August 2017 until September 2017.

*b) Population Dan Sample*

The population is Tamalanrea gas station operators and gas operators of Gunung Bawakaraeng street in Makassar. Samples are the entire affordable population that met the inclusion criteria.

*c) Design and Sampling*

This is an observational analytic study with cross sectional design. Samples were taken at random, every gas station operators who fulfilled the study requirement, the identity will be recorded and then anamnesis and physical examination will be taken. Each samples will undergo mucociliary transport time examination using saccharin test, hair Pb level examination using Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS), and nasal cytogram examination to assess eosinophil and neutrophil.

*d) Data Analysis Technique*

The collected data is processed and presented in the form of tables and graphs. Data processing is

analysed with statistical test using SPSS 22.0 version with unpaired t test and significance at the  $p < 0.05$  level.

III. RESULTS

An observational analytic study was conducted with cross sectional study design to determine the correlation between work duration of gas station operators with mucociliary transport time, hair Pb level, eosinophil and neutrophil count in nasal mucosa. This study was conducted in Tamalanrea gas station and in Gunung Bawakaraeng street in Makassar, South Sulawesi Province. For 1 month, from August 2017 until September 2017. Samples number are 30 people, divided into two groups, 15 gas station operators with work duration  $< 1$  year and 15 gas station operators for work duration  $\geq 1$  year. The highest number of samples at age 15-23 years old are 23 people (76.7%), 18 women (60%) and 12 men (40%), 10 smokers (33.3 %) and 4 people (13.33%) with atopic history. (Table 1)

Table 1: Sample Characteristics

Categories	Frequency (n)	Percentage (%)
Age		
15 – 25 years old	23	76,7
26 – 35 years old	7	23,3
Gender		
Men	12	40,0
Women	18	60,0
Work Duration		
$< 1$ year	15	50,0
$\geq 1$ year	15	50,0
Smoking History		
Yes	10	33,3
No	20	66,7
Atopic History		
Yes	4	13,33
No	26	86,67

Source: Primary Data, 2017

Unpaired t test result showed a significant correlation between mucociliary transport time with work duration  $< 1$  year and  $\geq 1$  year with p value=0,01 ( $p < 0.05$ ). There are 4 people in a group with work duration  $< 1$  year (13.33%) who experienced the

disorder, 11 normal people (36.67 %), and mean value 8.48 (SD±4.49). while in the work duration  $\geq 1$  year group, there are 3 normal people (10%), 12 people (40%) experienced the disorder and mean value 14.68 (SD±3.39). (Table 2)

Table 2: Comparison of Mucociliary Transport Time (MTT) with work duration in gas station operators

Categories	Mucociliary Transport Time (MTT)				Mean±SD	OR	p
	Disorder		Normal				
	n	%	n	%			
Work Duration $< 1$ Year	4	13,33	11	36,67	8,48±4,49	11**	0,01*
Work Duration $\geq 1$ Year	12	40	3	10	14,21±4,07		

\* Unpaired t test, \*\* Chi square test



Comparison of Pb level analysis in the gas station operators with work duration between  $< 1$  year and  $\geq 1$  year using unpaired t test demonstrated a significant correlation with p value=0.001 ( $p < 0.05$ ). There is 1 person (3,33%) in work duration  $< 1$  year

group with abnormal Pb level, 14 normal people (46.67%) and mean value 6.45 ( $SD \pm 2.14$ ). In work duration  $\geq 1$  year group, there are 6 people (20 %) with abnormal Pb level, 9 people (30%) with normal Pb level and mean value 10.92 ( $SD \pm 1.89$ ). (Table 3)

*Table 3:* Comparison of Pb Level in Gas Station Operators in Makassar

Categories	Lead Level (Pb)				Mean $\pm$ SD	OR	p
	Not Normal		Normal				
	n	%	n	%			
Work Duration $< 1$ Year	1	3,33	14	46,67	6,45 $\pm$ 2,14	9**	$< 0,001^*$
Work Duration $\geq 1$ Year	6	20	9	30	10,92 $\pm$ 1,89		

\* Unpaired t test, \*\* Chi square test

Comparison of eosinophil count in nasal mucosa analysis in the gas station operators in Makassar with work duration between  $< 1$  year and  $\geq 1$  year using fisher test shows no significant correlation with p value  $p=0,29$  ( $p > 0,05$ ). There is 1 person

(3,33%) in work duration  $< 1$  year group with abnormal eosinophil count and 14 people (46,67%) with normal count. In work duration  $\geq 1$  year group, there are 3 people (10 %) with abnormal eosinophil count and 12 people (40%) with normal eosinophil count. (Table 4)

*Table 4:* Comparison of eosinophil and neutrophil count of nasal mucosa in gas station operators

Categories	Eosinophil				p	Neutrophil				p
	Normal		Not Normal			Normal		Not Normal		
	n	%	n	%		n	%	n	%	
Work Duration $< 1$ Year	14	46,67	1	3,33	0,29*	12	40	3	10	0,21*
Work Duration $\geq 1$ Year	12	40	3	10		9	30	6	20	

\*Fisher test

The result of fisher test analysis shows no significant correlation between neutrophil in nasal mucosa of gas station operators in Makassar with p value=0,21 ( $p > 0,05$ ). There are 3 people (10%) in work duration  $< 1$  year with abnormal neutrophil count and 12 normal people (40%). In work duration  $\geq 1$  year group, there are 6 people (20 %) with abnormal neutrophil count and 9 people (30%) with normal neutrophil count. (Table 4)

work duration  $< 1$  year and  $\geq 1$  year showed a significant correlation by using unpaired t test with p value = 0.01 ( $p < 0.05$ ) and mean value 8.48 ( $SD \pm 4.49$ ) for work duration  $< 1$  year group, and in work duration  $\geq 1$  year group, the mean value was 14.68 ( $SD \pm 3.39$ ). In work duration  $< 1$  year group, there are 4 people (13.33%) who experienced the disorder, this may be caused by the history of smoking and allergies. However, in the work duration  $\geq 1$  year group there are 3 normal people (10%), this may be caused by the use of maximum protective equipment and immune system of the operators. (Figure 1)

#### IV. DISCUSSION

The major sample characteristics according to age is 15-23 years old with 23 people (76.7%), With the plenty amount of women than men, i.e. 18 people (60%). Munir D, 2010 stated that there was no significant difference in MCT time based on gender [10]. The influence of age and gender on MCT time is still not known clearly. Some researchers say that age and gender have no effect on the speed of mucociliary transport. Prijanto, 2002 suggested that nasal mucociliary transport is related to age, i.e. older age has a slower mucociliary transport rate than younger age. This is due to the possibility that older people are more exposed to air pollution [11].

The result of mucociliary transport time (MTT) comparison analysis between gas station operators with

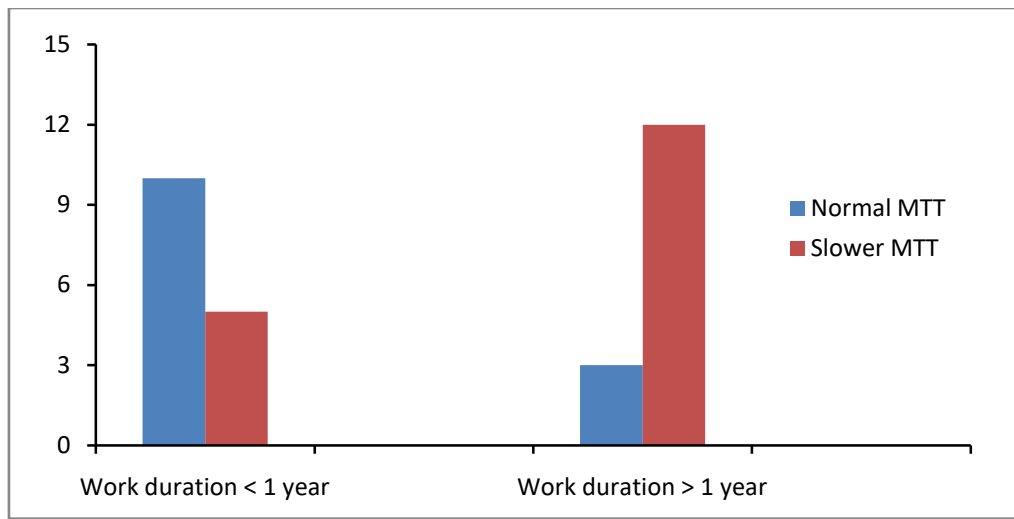


Fig. 1: Comparison of Mucociliary Transport Time (MTT) between gas station operators with work duration < 1 year and ≥ 1 year

Smoking can affect mucociliary transport time. This is due to the ciliostatic effects of tobacco smoke. Prolongation of mucociliary transport time may be caused by a decrease in the amount of cilia or mucus viscoelasticity changes. In addition, increased mucociliary transport time was also associated with an increase in smoking duration where subjects who smoked more than 5 years had a slower mucociliary transport time [12]. In the case of a very long rhinitis allergy, elongation of mucociliary transport time occurs and associated with alternation in nasal mucus flow features [13].

The result analysis of Pb level in gas station operator in Makassar between work duration <1 year and ≥ 1 year shows significant correlation by using unpaired t test with p value = 0.001 (p <0.05) and mean value 6.45 (SD ± 2.14) while mean value 10.92 (SD ± 1.89) for work duration ≥ 1 year group. In work

duration <1 year group there is only 1 person (3.33%) with abnormal level of Pb, this may be due to the lack use of protective equipment, food and drinks or other factors. Poisoning caused by Pb metal compounds can occur due to the metal compounds entering the body. The process entry of Pb in the body can be through several routes, such as food and drink, air, permeation or penetration of the membrane or skin layer [6].

In the work duration ≥ 1 year group there are 9 people (30%) with normal Pb level, this may be due to the Threshold Limit Level of Pb at the gas station in Makassar below the mean value and there are 6 people (20%) with abnormal Pb level. Gas station operators who do not use protection equipment such as masks and gloves are susceptible to exposure of lead particles that came out directly from the gas waste-pipes and inhaled gasoline vapour at a higher rate compared to operators using protective equipment [6].

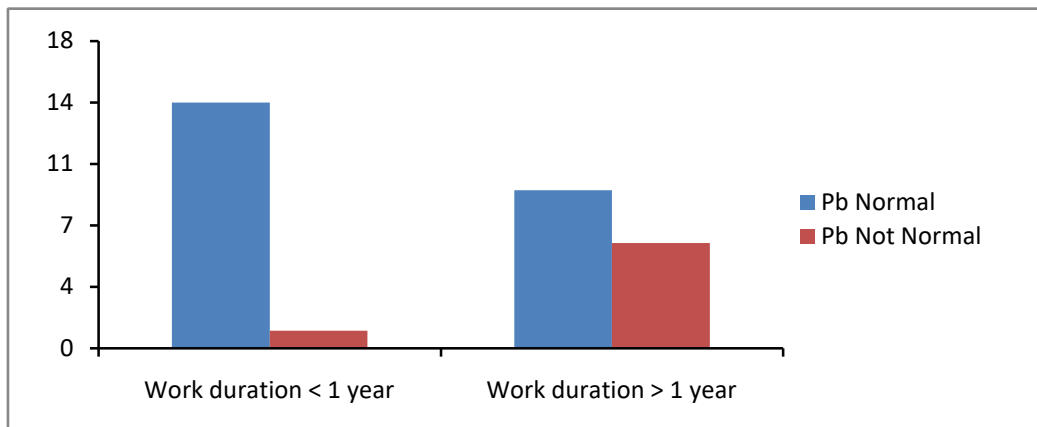


Fig. 2: Comparison of Pb level between gas station operators with work duration < 1 year and ≥ 1 year

The results of fisher test analysis showed no significant correlation of work duration with eosinophil and neutrophil count in nasal mucosa of gas station operators in Makassar, where p=0.29 (p>0,05) for

eosinophil and p=0,21 (p>0,05) for neutrophil. Zachariah 2015. suggested that there is no significant correlation between the mass of work with eosinophil and neutrophil. Neutrophils are short-lived cells with a

half-life in the blood between 6-7 hours and lifespan between 1-4 days in connective tissue. Neutrophils form a defence against the invasion of microorganisms, especially bacteria. Neutrophils are active phagocytes against small particles and are called as microphages to differentiate them from macrophages which are larger cells. Eosinophils can survive in the blood circulation for 8-12 hours, and last longer about 8-12 days in the tissue if there is no stimulation. [14]

## V. CONCLUSION

There is a significant correlation between work duration of gas station operators with mucociliary transport time and Pb level. The longer the work duration of gas station operators are the higher risk to have slower mucociliary transport time and risk of lead exposure.

There is no significant correlation between work duration with eosinophil and neutrophil.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

A solitary thyroid nodule is a palpable discrete swelling within an otherwise apparently normal thyroid gland. Though it is a common disorder of the thyroid gland, it is less prevalent among children. Childhood thyroid nodules need special attention due to higher incidence of malignancy as compared to adults. Differential diagnosis of a thyroid nodule is crucial as malignancy necessitates surgery; while strict follow up is necessary in benign cases.<sup>1</sup> Fine needle aspiration cytology (FNAC) is a cost effective procedure that provides specific diagnosis rapidly with minimal complications. Our objectives were to study the demographic descriptions, clinical, cytological, histopathological profile and correlation of cytological finding with that of histological, of patients with solitary thyroid nodule attending our tertiary referral centre.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Fifty consecutive patients irrespective of age, sex, religion and socio-economic status with solitary thyroid nodule admitted in the department of Otorhinolaryngology, Regional Institute of Medical

Sciences, Imphal between August 2015 to September 2017 were prospectively studied.

Every patient was meticulously worked up with a thorough history taking and clinical examination followed by routine laboratory investigations and investigations specific to thyroid like thyroid hormone assay, Fine needle aspiration cytology (FNAC) and Ultrasonography (USG) of the thyroid. Post operatively the thyroidectomy specimens were sent for Histopathological Examination (HPE).

## III. RESULTS AND OBSERVATION

The age of the patients ranged from 15 to 70 years. The youngest patient was a 15 year old male while the oldest was a 70 year male. The female to male ratio was 6.1:1.25; (50%) cases presented with swelling with duration of less than 1 year while 3(6%) cases had duration of 9-10 year. The shortest duration of swelling was 2 months which was diagnosed as follicular adenoma, while the longest was for 10 years which was diagnosed as colloid goiter.

All the 50 patients came with chief complaint of swelling in front of the neck of whom 46(92%) had a gradual increase in size while in 4(8%) cases there was rapid increase in size. There was Dysphagia in 2(4%) cases. Associated pain, difficulty in breathing, hoarseness, decreased appetite, weight loss and cervical lymphadenopathy were seen in a 70 year old male patient who was diagnosed as papillary carcinoma. Firm consistency was observed in 38(78%) cases of which maximum were of colloid goiter while other varieties of consistency (soft/cystic) in follicular adenoma, papillary carcinoma, hashimoto's thyroiditis and Hurthle's neoplasm were also seen. One case had hard consistency with metastatic lymphadenopathy.

In FNAC 30 (60%) cases were found to be colloid goiter while papillary carcinoma was seen in 9 (18%) cases. There were 7 (14%) cases with follicular neoplasm, 2 (4%) cases of Hurthle's neoplasm and 1 (2%) each of Hashimoto's and Lymphocytic thyroiditis. On Ultrasonography 30 (60%) cases were of cystic nature while 12 (24%) were solid and 8 (16%) cases were of suspicious malignancy. On Histopathological examination of the operated tissues 27 (54%) cases were colloid in nature, 11 (22%) cases were papillary carcinoma while 3 (6%) cases were of papillary-follicular variant. There was also a case of squamous carcinoma

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in a female patient of 26 years who was diagnosed as colloid nodule on FNAC. Most of the solid findings and suspicious cases of malignancy on ultrasonography

were found to be papillary carcinoma and follicular adenoma on HPE. Majority of cystic findings on Ultrasonography were colloid goiter in nature.

*Table 1:* Characteristics of the patients presented with clinical solitary thyroid nodule

Age Distribution		
Age in years	No. of cases	Percentages (%)
0-9	0	0%
10-19	7	14%
20-29	8	16%
30-39	17	34%
40-49	8	16%
50-59	4	8%
60-69	5	10%
70 & above	1	2%
Sex Distribution		
Sex	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
Male	7	14%
Female	43	86%
Duration of Swelling		
Duration (months)	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
0-12	25	50%
13-24	10	20%
25-36	6	12%
37-48	4	8%
49-60	1	2%
61-72	1	2%
73-108	0	0%
109-120	3	6%
Symptoms of Patient		
Symptoms	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
Swelling	50	100%
Gradual progression	46	92%
Rapid progression	4	8%
Associated pain	1	2%
Dysphagia	2	4%
Difficulty in breathing	1	2%
Hoarseness	1	2%
Decrease appetite	1	2%
Weight loss	1	2%
Lymphadenopathy	1	2%
Location of Swelling		
Location	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
Right lobe	22	44%
Left lobe	18	36%
Isthmus	10	20%
Consistency of Swelling		
Consistency	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
Cystic	3	6%
Soft	8	16%
Firm	38	76%
Hard	1	2%

Table 2: Investigations Reports

FNAC Results		
Cytology	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
Colloid Goiter	30	60%
Papillary Carcinoma	9	18%
Follicular Carcinoma	7	14%
Hashimoto's Thyroiditis	1	2%
Hurthle's Neoplasm	2	4%
Lymphocytic Thyroiditis	1	2%
Ultrasound Results		
Ultrasound	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
Cystic	30	60%
Solid	12	24%
Suspected Malignancy	8	16%
Histopathological Results (HPE)		
HPE	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
Colloid Goitre	27	54%
Papillary Carcinoma	14	28%
Follicular Adenoma	6	12%
Follicular Carcinoma	0	0
Hashimoto's Thyroiditis	1	2%
Hurthle's Carcinoma	1	2%
Squamous Cell Carcinoma	1	2%

Out of 30 patients of colloid nodule on FNAC, 27 cases were found to be colloid goiter on HPE. The remaining turned out to be papillary carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma in 1 case. All cases of papillary carcinoma on FNAC were diagnosed to be the same on HPE.

Hashimoto's and Hurthle's cases were almost same in both examinations. All except one case of

follicular neoplasm on FNAC turned out to be follicular adenoma on HPE. There was significantly more occurrence of malignancy at both the extremes of age, a rate of 42.85% below 20 years and 33.33% above 60 years. The youngest patient was a 15 year old male and the oldest 70 year old patient and both were diagnosed as papillary carcinoma.

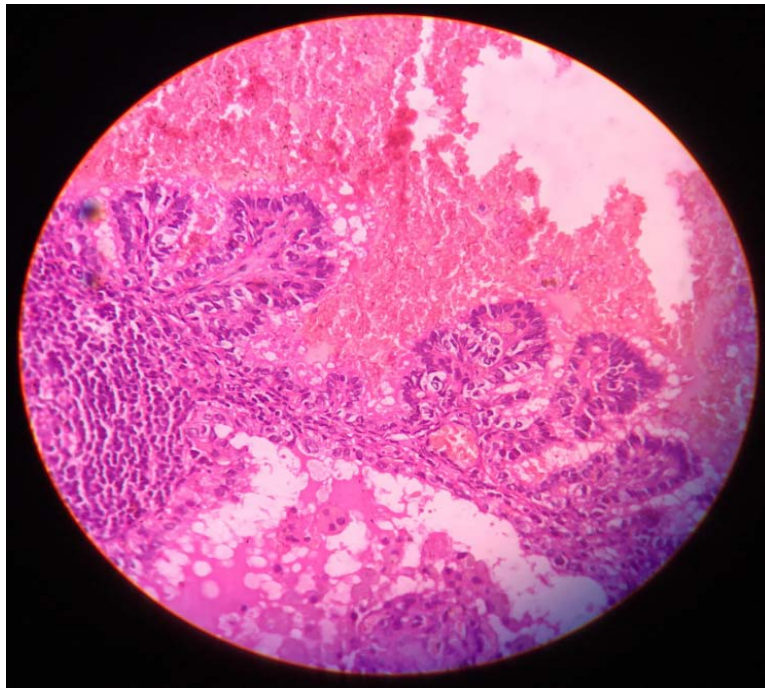
Table 3: Comparison of FNAC/HPE reports

Type	FNAC (%)	Subdivision	HPE	%
Colloid Goitre	30 (60%)		27	54%
Papillary Carcinoma	9 (18%)		14	28%
Follicular Neoplasm	7 (14%)	Follicular Adenoma	6	12%
		Follicular Carcinoma	0	
Hashimoto's Thyroiditis	1 (2%)		1	2%
Hurthle's Neoplasm	2 (4%)	Hurthle's Carcinoma	1	2%
Lymphocytic Thyroiditis	1 (2%)			
Squamous Carcinoma			1	2%

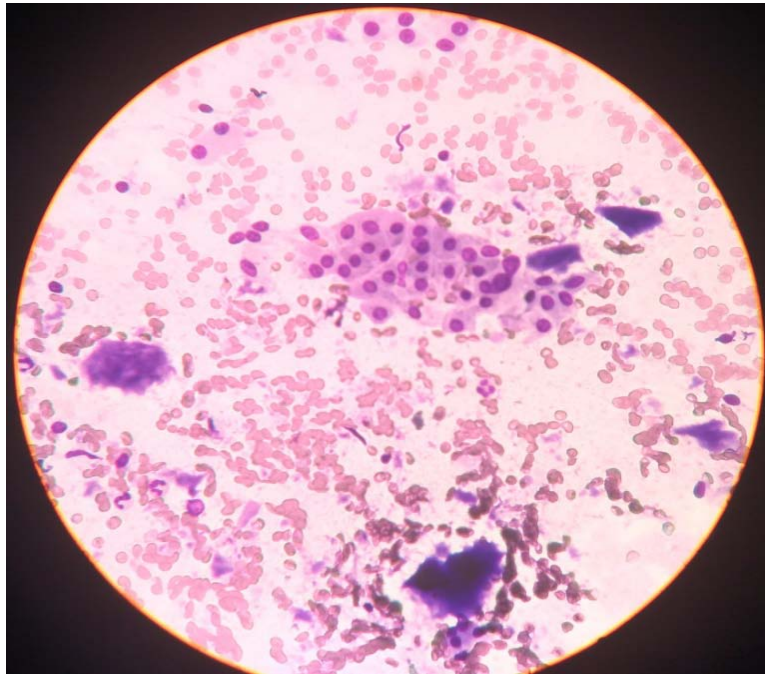
Table 4: Carcinoma occurrence in Male/Female with correlation between age and malignancy

Female	No. of cases	Percentage %	Male	No. of cases	Percentage %
Malignant	13	30.2%	Malignant	3	42.8%
Benign	30	69.8%	Benign	4	57.2%
Age group		Total cases	Malignancy		Percentage
< 20 years		7	3		42.85%
> 60 years		6	2		33.33%
20-60 years		37	6		16.21%





*Fig. 1:* HPE under high magnification (40x) view shows cellular smear with cells arranged in papillary architecture having enlarged round to ovoid nuclei with nuclear overcrowding, overlapping and having fine granular powdery chromatin; suggestive of a papillary carcinoma



*Fig. 2:* FNAC smear under high magnification (40x) shows benign follicular cells arranged in clusters in a background of thin and thick colloid; suggestive of colloid goiter

#### IV. DISCUSSION

In the present study, the maximum number of cases occur in the age group of 30-39 years, i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> decade of life. Other studies also reported a higher incidence in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> decade age group.<sup>2,3,4</sup>

Several studies have highlighted the greater risk of malignancy in thyroid nodules in younger age group

and older age-group people.<sup>5,6</sup> Several studies have highlighted the greater risk of malignancy in thyroid nodules in younger age group and older age-group people. Similar findings noted in our study. Female: Male ratio was 6.1:1, comparable to other literature.<sup>2,3,7</sup> The overall malignancy rate was 32%, similar to older literature.<sup>8,9</sup>

The most common presenting feature was swelling in the neck seen in all 50 cases (100%). This correlates with the observance made by other authors.<sup>4,7,10</sup> There was a gradual increase in size of the solitary thyroid nodule in 46 (92%) cases, while 4 (8%) cases had rapid progression. Dysphagia noted in 2 cases of papillary carcinoma and follicular adenoma. Associated pain with hoarseness, weight loss, difficulty in breathing, decreased appetite, and cervical lymphadenopathy was seen in 70-year-old patient with papillary carcinoma. All these clinical indicators suggestive of malignancy reported in other studies.<sup>8,11</sup>

The presence of nodule on the right lobe was in 22 (44%) cases, 18 (36%) in the left lobe and 10 (20%) in the isthmus. Similar findings reported by another author.<sup>10</sup> Firm consistency felt in 38 (76%) cases, cystic in 3 (6%) cases and soft in 8 (16%) cases. An elderly patient with hard nodule diagnosed as papillary carcinoma. Similar observations found in other studies.<sup>4,6</sup>

The diagnostic assessment by FNAC in this study produces a sensitivity of 92.71%, specificity of 78.26%, a positive predictive value of 83.33% and negative predictive value of 90%. The accuracy of FNAC found to be 86%. This finding was comparable to other studies.<sup>6,12</sup>

Histopathological examination (HPE) revealed a colloid occurrence in 54%, papillary carcinoma in 28%, follicular adenoma in 12%, 2% each in Hashimoto's and Hurthle's. These findings tally with that of other studies. The percentage of malignancy in our study was 29% whereas other series reported 8-37%.<sup>12,13</sup> The most common finding in FNAC in our study is colloid goiter which accounts for almost 60%, which is consistent with the other studies.<sup>14</sup> Out of total 14 cases of papillary carcinoma cases diagnosed from HPE, almost 9 (64.3%) cases were identified in FNAC also. This shows there is a chance of false negativity for papillary carcinoma, should always be kept in mind. It is consistent with the study conducted by Sukumaran et al.<sup>15</sup>

## V. CONCLUSION

The incidence is highest in the 4<sup>th</sup> decade of life. The rates of malignancy in extremes of age group are significantly higher than other general population. The incidence of a solitary thyroid nodule is much higher in female (F: M-6.1:1).

The most common mode of presentation is swelling in the neck with a majority of (92%) patients giving a history of gradual progression of size. Location of the nodule was slightly more on the right (44%) as compared to the left lobe and isthmus and most nodules presented with a firm consistency.

FNAC was found to be not only an easy and inexpensive mode of diagnosis but, also a highly accurate means of investigation with an accuracy of

86% in this study. Histopathological examination remains the gold standard for the final correct diagnosis of a solitary thyroid nodule.

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## INTRODUCTION

Stem cells are pluripotent cells which can divide and increase for a protracted period and differentiate into specialized cell types and tissues of a wide variety. Dental stem cells are a subset of adult mesenchymal stem cells which proliferate rapidly and differentiate into many cell lines.<sup>4</sup>

Adult stem cell therapy applies to medical presentations as metabolic disorders, bone marrow transplant for hematopoietic cancers and congenital immunodeficiency syndromes. It is undergoing clinical testing for diabetes, brain trauma/ spinal cord injuries and Parkinson's disease among other conditions.<sup>5,6</sup>

The oral health applications of stem cells include dental and periodontal tissue regeneration, craniofacial structure repair (cleft lip/palate) and wound healing.<sup>7</sup> They are derived from various sources such as preserved umbilical cord blood, pulp tissue of exfoliating primary teeth, fibroblasts from oral mucosa,<sup>8</sup> periodontal ligaments, surgically removed third molars<sup>9</sup> and gingival fibroblasts.<sup>2, 9, 10</sup> They are secured and stored for conserving their proliferation and differentiation potential.<sup>11,12</sup> Since these dental stem cells are not very stable and lead to in vivo tumours,<sup>2</sup> more studies are required to assess their safety and efficacy prior to initiating clinical trials in humans.<sup>11,12</sup>

Modern regenerative endodontics is augmented by newer techniques including tissue engineering and regenerative medicine.<sup>13</sup> Stem cell transplantation and cell homing strategies are applicable to pulp regeneration. Stem cells are isolated, expanded, seeded and transplanted into the scaffold. Cell homing achieve tissue repair/regeneration by replacing the necrotic, inflamed or injured pulpal tissue with a regenerated pulp-like tissue by recruiting endogenous cells via signaling molecules. Compared with stem cell transplantation, cell homing strategies do not need to isolate and manipulate stem cells in vitro.<sup>14, 15, 16</sup>

An example of cell homing strategy is pulp revascularization of immature teeth. Histologically most of the tissues formed in such cases are unlike pulp like tissue and comprise of cementum, periodontal, and bone-like tissues.<sup>17</sup> Additional studies are required to increase the success rate of pulp revascularization in immature teeth, facilitate the formation of pulp-like tissues and applying cell homing in mature teeth.

The first prerequisite for promoting pulpal regeneration include disinfection of the pulp space and dentinal walls via different root canal disinfectants including intracanal medication with antibiotics, ultrasonic-assisted irrigation, EndoVac apical negative-pressure system of irrigation and laser irradiation.<sup>18</sup>

Another precondition for pulp regeneration is the proper size of the apical foramen, especially in mature teeth with closed apex in adults. An apical foramen too small in size will affect both the migration of endogenous cells as well as neovascularization and re-innervation during regeneration. A minimum of 1.1 mm apical foramen is necessary to obtain revascularization.<sup>19</sup>

Morphologically the regenerated tissues should encompass connective tissues for new dentin formation at a controlled rate similar to healthy pulp, display cell density, and architecture as the natural tissue, and have innervation and vascularization.<sup>20</sup> Vascularization and innervation are vital pulpal characteristics hence the new regenerated blood vessels must connect with the periapical or bone marrow tissues around the teeth to receive a regular blood flow from circulation, nutrient supply and sense hot/cold stimulation and pain during infection.<sup>21</sup>

An area of concern for homing cell strategy is the source of stem. They are derived from dental pulp stem cells (DPSCs), apical papilla (SCAP), bone marrow stem cells (BMSCs), periodontal ligament cells migrating to the root canal by chemokines and others.<sup>22</sup> To conclude; even though some experimental and clinical studies yield pulp-like vascularized tissue; the information about the function of this tissue is insufficient. Hence further studies are required to succeed in functional pulp regeneration.

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**Results:** The study was conducted on 81 patients in intention-to-treat analysis and 61 patients in per-protocol analysis. In intent to treat; the clinical success of amoxicillin-metronidazole, spiramycin-metronidazole combinations was greater than 90% in the treatment of serous circumscribed cellulitis. Clinical tolerance and compliance were not different from one group to another.

**Conclusion:** The non-inferiority of amoxicillin-metronidazole combination compared to spiramycin-metronidazole combination was demonstrated in intention-to-treat and per-protocol analysis.

**Keywords:** cellulitis, amoxicillin, spiramycin, metronidazole, per-protocol, intent to treat.

**Résumé- Introduction:** En critique clinique (critique clinique), l'association amoxicilline-métronidazole est largement utilisée dans le traitement des infections odontogènes. Par conséquent, cette étude était conçue pour générer des données à l'appui de son utilisation. Il s'agissait de démontrer l'efficacité clinique de l'association amoxicilline-métronidazole par rapport à l'association spiramycine-métronidazole chez les sujets ayant une cellulite circonscrite odontogène. L'essai

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clinique était complété par une évaluation de l'observance et de la tolérance des antibiotiques à l'étude.

**Méthodologie :** Il s'agissait d'un essai clinique, randomisée, parallèle, en double insu. Cette étude évaluait l'efficacité, la tolérance et l'observance des associations amoxicilline-métronidazole et spiramycine-métronidazole chez des sujets adultes victimes d'une cellulite circonscrite odontogène. Les sujets étaient réévalués après trois, cinq et sept jours. A la fin du traitement, les patients ont été classés en (succès clinique) ou « échec ».

**Résultats :** L'étude a été menée sur 81 patients en analyse en intention de traiter et 61 patients en analyse per-protocole. En intention de traiter, le succès clinique des associations amoxicilline-métronidazole, spiramycine-métronidazole était supérieure à 90 % dans le traitement des cellulites circonscrites séreuses. La tolérance clinique et l'observance n'étaient pas différentes d'un groupe à un autre.

**Conclusion:** La non-inferiorité de l'association amoxicilline-métronidazole par rapport à l'association spiramycine-métronidazole a été démontrée en analyse en intention de traiter et en per-protocole.

**Mots clés:** Cellulite, amoxicilline, spiramycine, métronidazole, per-protocole, intention de traiter.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Among dental emergencies that the odontostomatologist has to face in his daily practice, circumscribed cellulitis of dental origin play an important role because of the pain they cause and especially the speed with which they can appear and develop.<sup>1</sup> It is an infection of the cellular spaces of the face whose origin is a dental, peri-dental organ.<sup>2,3</sup>

Decreasing since the advent of antibiotics,<sup>1</sup> they are still common in developing countries such as Cameroon with a prevalence of 7.4%.<sup>2,4</sup> Cellulitis can be divided into two groups: diffuse cellulitis often serious, sometimes life-threatening and cellulitis circumscribed, less formidable. Their medication management is poorly codified in our context because it is based on the sole bacteriological presumption.<sup>5</sup> The consequence that follows is the advent of bacterial resistance.

Thus, the French Agency for Sanitary Safety of Health Products (AFSSAPS) recommends first-line



monotherapy and second-line combination antibiotics according to the severity of infection.<sup>6,7</sup> Among other recommended combinations, amoxicillin/metronidazole combination has bacteriological and pharmacokinetic characteristics to consider its use in circumscribed cellulitis of dental origin.<sup>8,9</sup> Also in a precarious economic and social environment, the use of this combination should reduce the cost of taking care of odontogenic cellulitis because it is accessible and inexpensive.

In the current, we tested the hypothesis of the non-inferiority of the amoxicillin / metronidazole combination compared to the spiramycin / metronidazole combination in the treatment of odontogenic circumscribed cellulitis. The objective of this study was therefore to evaluate in a clinical study, the efficacy, safety and compliance of the oral amoxicillin- metronidazole combination and of another reference association, namely the spiramycin / metronidazole combination.

## II. METHODOLOGY

### a) Description of the clinical trial

This was a multicenter, double-blind, randomized, non-inferiority clinical trial in two patient groups. The study was carried out for five months, from January 9, 2017 to May 29, 2017, in Cameroon in odontostomatology departments of: University Teaching and Hospital Center of Yaounde, Central Hospital of Yaounde, Military Hospital of Yaounde and the Jamot Hospital of Yaounde. The study was conducted according to the guidelines on good clinical practices, the Declaration of Helsinki (2008). The risk analysis was carried out as part of the protocol development. The study protocol has been approved by the Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (FMSB). The trial included a principal investigator and four secondary investigators from the previously mentioned hospitals.

### b) Eligibility criteria

Any patient over the age of 18 who had given informed consent was likely to be included as soon as he had evidence of odontogenic circumscribed cellulitis (pain, swelling) with or without suppuration, trismus, or 'enantherma. The non-inclusion criteria were: cellulitis fistulized to the skin, diffuse or diffused perimaxillary cellulitis,

- A severe pathology that may not allow an evaluation of the efficacy and the tolerance of the treatment under study,
- Pregnant or lactating women,
- Patients with contraindications specific to the studied drugs
- Anyone who has received antibiotic therapy in the previous two weeks.
- Patients treated with an anti-inflammatory

### c) Assessment of infection / inflammation

Clinical data were collected at baseline, at reassessment visits, and at the end of treatment. They included general (fever, asthenia) and locoregional signs of inflammation and infection: pain, edema, suppuration, trismus, lymphadenopathy, enantherma.

The trismus was quantified according to a scale of gravity comprising 4 classes: absent (mouth opening 3 fingers), medium (2 fingers), large (1 finger crossing), and total (0 finger crossing). The size of the edema was measured using the tape measure method [10]. Three measurements were obtained by five reference points ipsilateral to the lesion: the tragus, the cutaneous pogonion, the external can thus of the eye, the gonion, the labial commissure (figure1). The sum of the three measurements was the average of the edema size for that day.

The pain was graduated by the simple verbal scale. It is an ordinal scale, usually consisting of five ordered categories of verbal descriptors. Each is related to a score from 0 to 4. Absence of pain = 0; Slight pain = 1; Moderate pain = 2; Severe pain = 3; Unsupportable pain = 4.

The presence or absence of an enantherma was also noted.

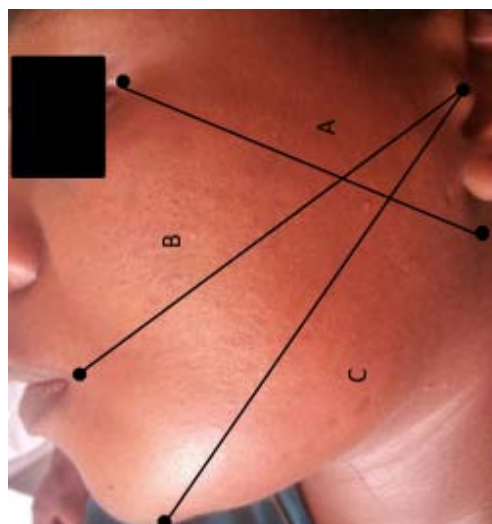


Figure 1: Measurement Method by Tape Measure

A- The distance between the outer can thus and the gonion; B-Tragus and labial commissure; C-Tragus and coetaneous pogo ion.

### d) Outcome measures

At the end of the treatment, the patients were classified by the investigator as "cure" (clinical success) or "failure" according to precise rules.

The primary outcome retained was the success rate of treatment. Success was defined by the disappearance of edema and pain after seven days of antibiotic therapy, the absence of suppuration (suppurative cellulitis), trismus, enantherma with respect to inclusion.

The secondary outcomes were on the one hand a reduction of at least 70% of the pain; a reduction of edema; a trismus score decreased by at least two levels; the absence of adverse effects.

e) *Sample size*

As for an equivalence study, the number of subjects to be included was estimated at 138 evaluable patients per group, based on the following assumptions: 90% expected success rate, 10% equivalence threshold, risk 5%  $\alpha$  and 20% risk of  $\beta$  in unilateral formation. This corresponded to a total of 276 patients to include.

f) *Randomization and blinding*

The patient was taken to the investigator of each center, who was responsible for the random assignment of drugs. The patient should not inquire about the treatment to be taken, nor to do anything to know the same for the secondary investigators. Each patient randomly drew two vials in non-transparent bags. These contained 10 to 12 vials per center. Once the draw was done, the bottle was no longer put in the bag (draw without discount) and the patient was put under the treatment carried by the draw. The prints were made successively by the selected patients until the last bottle. Beforehand, the drugs were removed from their packaging to be inserted in bottles of different colors. Green for amoxicillin or spiramycin and red for metronidazole. Each patient included had to be treated with an antibiotic combination for seven days and received:

either the spiramycin / metronidazole combination (3 MIU / 500mg): one tablet, twice a day for 7 days), or the amoxicillin / metronidazole combination (1000mg / 500mg): one amoxicillin tablets, twice daily and one tablet of metronidazole twice daily for 7 days). Group I corresponded to the amoxicillin / metronidazole combination and group II to the spiramycin / metronidazole combination.

Standard local treatment was performed at 72 hours. It consisted in carrying out either an extraction, associated or not with a drainage or a canal treatment, associated or not with a drainage.

Finally, each subject had to undertake to perform another 03 visits planned for the test: day3; day5; day7. These control visits made it possible to judge the disappearance or the preservation of the signs present at the time of inclusion, the presence or absence of signs of drug intolerance and finally the existence or not of a relapse. Tolerance and compliance were assessed at the level of both groups.

g) *Statistical tests*

The quantitative variables were compared by a Student's test, and the qualitative variables by a Chi<sup>2</sup>test. The comparison of the efficacy of the treatments was carried out using a test of equivalence in unilateral formation. The non-inferiority of spiramycin /

metronidazole was considered to be demonstrated if the confidence interval was included within  $[-\infty ; 10\%]$ , the equivalence threshold being set at 10%. The analysis was performed using  $\alpha$  risk threshold of 5%. The analysis was performed in the treatment intent (ITT) population and the per-protocol population (PP).

### III. RESULTS

a) *Populations and treatments*

We selected 86 patients who were randomized. Five were excluded because they were lost after the inclusion visit. The remaining 81 cases were analyzed for intent to treat (41 in group I and 40 in group II). The per-protocol analysis led us to exclude 20 patients for non-compliance. Thus, the study was conducted on 61 patients (32 in group I and 29 in group II) in per-protocol analysis.



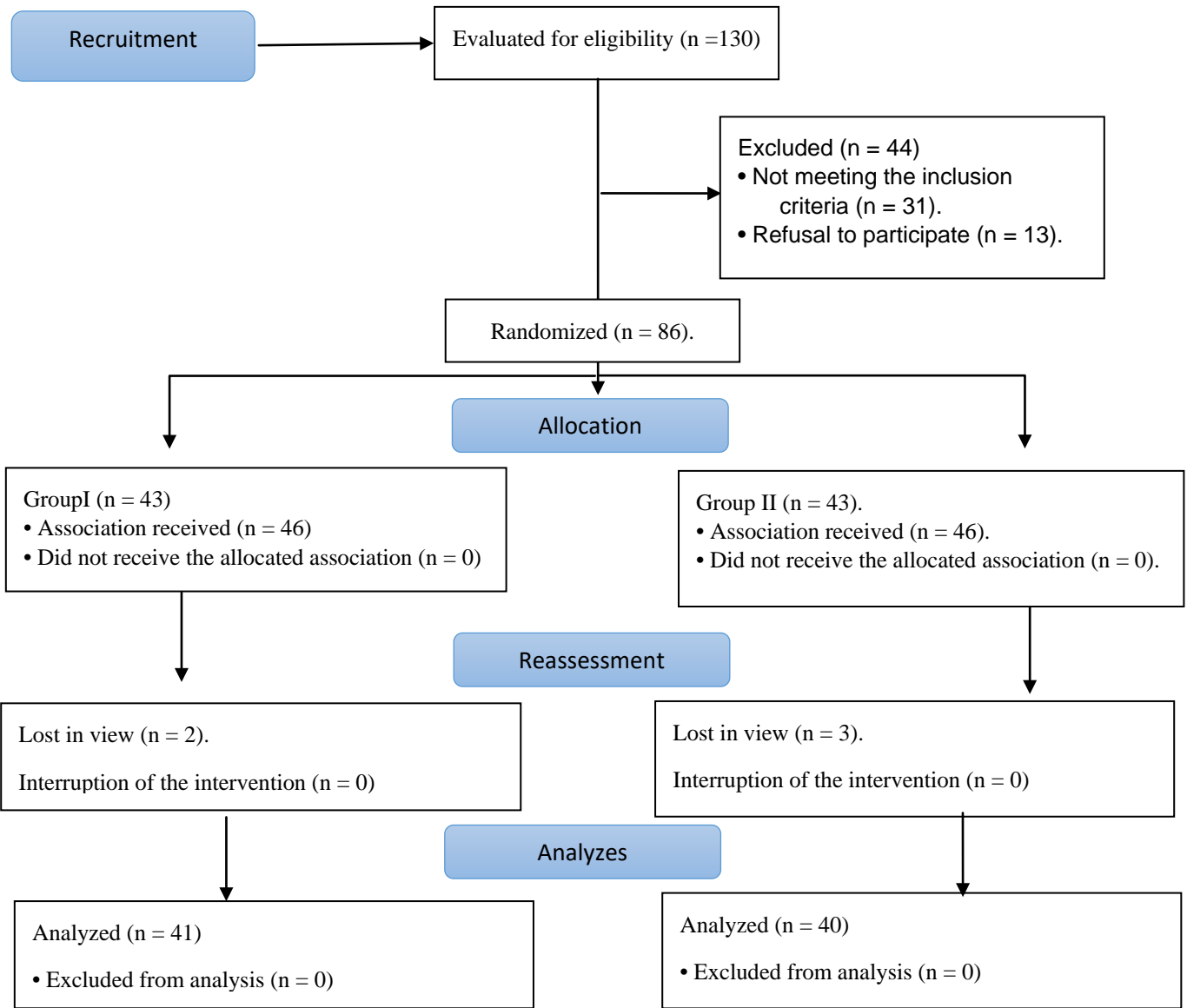


Figure 2: Chronology of the clinical trial

b) Baseline characteristics

The population included 47 men and 37 women with a mean age of  $34 \pm 14$  years and an average weight of  $72.2 \pm 9.2$  kg with no difference between the two groups (ITT). Regarding the signs and symptoms at baseline, no significant differences were noted between the two groups. Pain, enanthema and edema were present in all cases. Suppuration in 41 cases, lymphadenopathy in 64 cases, trismus in 40 cases, most often of mild or significant intensity. The general characteristics are presented in Table I.

Table I: Baseline Characteristics (ITT)

General characteristics	Group I		Group II		P
Mean age +/- SD (years)	34± 15		33 ± 14		0.68
Sex					
Male	25		22		
Female	16		18		0.41
Average weight +/- SD (Kg)	72.7 ± 9,7		71.8 ± 9.9		0.84
Average size +/- SD (cm)	169 ± 9		169 ± 10		0.68
<b>Signs and symptoms</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	
pain	41	100	40	100	81 100
					<b>0.25</b>
edema	41	100	40	100	81 100
Trismus					<b>0.34</b>
Absent	20	48.8	17	42.5	37 45.7
Mild	11	26.8	12	30	23 2.3
Important	09	22	08	20	17 21
Total	01	2.4	03	7.5	04 05
Lymphademopathy					
	33	80.4	31	77.5	64 79
Suppuration	23	56	18	45	41 50.6
					<b>0.15</b>
Enanthema	41	100	40	100	81 100
<b>Clinical forms</b>					
Cellulitis					
Serous	21		20		41
suppurative	20		20		40

ITT: Intent to treat

c) Primary outcomes

▪ Serous Cellulitis

The percentage of patients do not show clinical signs from the third visit was comparable in both groups (100% and 95% for group I and II respectively in intent to

treat, 100% in the per-protocol for group I and II). Table II illustrates the success rate and failures after taking antibiotics.

Table II: Clinical Success and Failures in the Treatment of Serous Cellulitis (Day 7)

	Group I		Group II		Différence in % Group I/Group II	I.C at 95%	P
	n= 21	%	n =20	%			
<b>ITT</b>							
Clinical success	21	100	19	95	5	[-3.8% ;9.4%]	0,9
Clinical failure	0		1	5			
<b>PP</b>	<b>n= 17</b>		<b>n=15</b>				
Clinical success	17	100	15	100	0		
Clinical failure	0		0				

ITT: intent to treat; PP: per-protocol

The difference in treatment between the two groups was 5% in intention of treatment with confidence interval [-3.8%, 9.4%]. Table II illustrates clinical success and failure rates after taking antibiotics.

▪ Suppurative Cellulitis

Clinical success from intent-to-treat analysis was 85% in group I and 80% in group II. Table III details the clinical success and failure rates after taking antibiotics.

Table III: Success and Failures in the Treatment of Suppurative Cellulitis (Day 7)

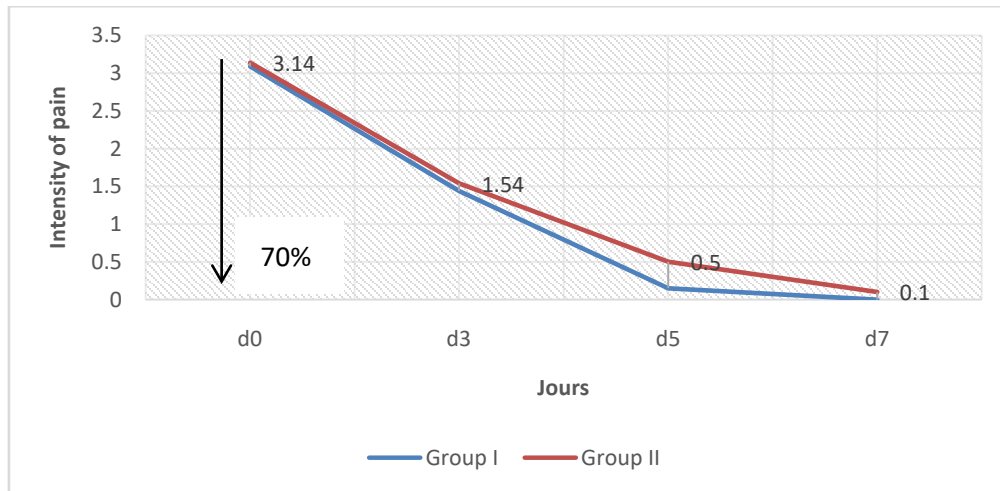
	Group I		Group II		Différence in % Group I/Group II	I.C at 95%	P
ITT	n= 20	%	n=20	%			
Clinical success	17	85	16	80	5	[-3.2% ;11.7%]	0.6
Clinical failure	3	15	4	20			
PP	n= 15		n=14				
Clinical success	13	86,6	12	85,8	0,8	[-2.7% ;3.16%]	0.1
Clinical failure	2	13,3	2	14,2			

ITT: intent to treat; PP: per-protocol

d) Secondary outcomes

- Pain: The average pain was reduced more than 70% from one group to the other inclusion at the

end of treatment. This reduction is illustrated in Figure 3 below.



- Edema: The mean edema at baseline was  $18.5 \pm 1.7$  cm in group I versus  $18.4 \pm 1.5$  cm in group II ( $P = 0.66$ ) The average of the edema on the seventh day was  $12.9 \pm 1$  and  $12.4 \pm 3.6$  cm from one group to another.  $P = 0.15$
- Trismus: On the seventh day trismus three finger was present in 41 patients in group I and 36 patients in group II.

compliance was non-compliant in 30 patients, 73.2% of group II.  $P = 0.811$

IV. DISCUSSION

In order to overcome the subjectivity of the Verbal Rating Scale (VRS), only subjects who showed a 70% decrease in pain were considered in calculating the response to clinical success. The required number of patients was not reached due to a strict methodology, refusal and / or delay of some hospital structures to allow this study and finally the time allowed for it was reduced. The percentage lost to follow-up did not exceed 10%. Proportion beyond which the interpretation of the results becomes prejudicial.

The primary objective was to evaluate the clinical efficacy of two antibiotic treatments of which only one, the spiramycin-metronidazole combination, had been the subject of previous studies already cited in the literature. This led to the choice of a statistical analysis called "non-inferiority", the spiramycin-metronidazole

e) Clinical tolerance of antibiotics

A total of 47 side effects were reported, 20 in group I and 27 in group II. The most frequently observed adverse reactions with a frequency  $\geq 3\%$  were nausea, candidacies, epigastralgia and headache. The incidence of side effects was similar between treatment groups, with the exception of nausea that was reported in 37% of patients in group II.

f) The observance

Treatment compliance was consistent in 32 patients, or 78% of Group I ( $p = 0.396$ ). Treatment

combination being used as a reference. These antibiotics are the most prescribed by Cameroonian dental doctors.<sup>11</sup>

In serous cellulitis, the clinical success rate was higher than the expected 90% per-protocol and intention-to-treat ratio in both groups. The non-inferiority amoxicillin / metronidazole combination is demonstrated because the difference between the two antibiotics is less than the allowed threshold (10%) and the confidence interval is included in the limits  $[-\infty; 10\%]$ . This result is similar to that of Mello et al who achieved a clinical success rate of 85% for amoxicillin and 89.2% for the spiramycin / metronidazole combination in the treatment of pericoronitis.<sup>12</sup> This is explained by the fact that aerobic microbial flora predominates in circumscribed cellulite.<sup>5</sup> This flora would be highly sensitive to amoxicillin. Amoxicillin is a bactericidal antibiotic whose broad spectrum of activity includes most aerobic and anaerobic bacteria in the oral cavity.<sup>8</sup> However, its important use for years led to the selection of natural resistant or related to the production of beta-lactamases, questioning its use as monotherapy.<sup>13,14</sup> Metronidazole, derivative of 5-nitroimidazole, is a bactericidal agent.<sup>15</sup> Its spectrum of activity is carried on most anaerobic strains associated with oral infections, including those found in abscesses of dental origin.<sup>16</sup> This activity is particularly useful for producing anaerobic bacteria beta-lactamase.<sup>13,15-17</sup>

The combination of amoxicillin and metronidazole, because of the complementarity of the spectra of antibacterial activity, also makes it possible to cover most of the strains present in serous cellulites. Additionally, simultaneous administration of both antibiotics can be accompanied by a synergistic effect. In suppurative cellulitis, success rates were lower than expected in both intention-to-treat groups. This result is the consequence of the inclusion of patients with both non-compliant compliance and high failure rate.

In addition, inadequate and inappropriate ant biotherapy significantly modifies the bacteriology of perimaxillary cellulitis.<sup>18</sup> Although it is a protective factor, inappropriate antibiotic therapy may be a factor in the progression of infection because it is administered at sub-therapeutic doses. Inappropriate and abusive antibiotic therapy promotes the proliferation of antibiotic-resistant pathogenic bacteria.<sup>18</sup> *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, enterobacteria and *Acinetobacter baumannii*, often found in odontogenic cellulitis are known for their high resistance to certain antibiotics (spiramycin, metronidazole, amoxicillin, amoxicillin/clavulanic acid).<sup>13,18-20</sup>

Their resistance may be due to the existence of a selection pressure exerted by the antibiotics. Nevertheless, the confidence interval is included in the bounds  $[-\infty; 10\%]$ . Thus, we can conclude that amoxicillin / metronidazole is non-inferior.

A higher percentage of the pain reduction (95.1%) was achieved in group I compared to group II (84%) after five days of treatment. In a similar study to demonstrate possible differences in the severity of symptoms after using amoxicillin and spiramycin/metronidazole in pericoronarites, pain was considered less acute with amoxicillin.<sup>12</sup> Thus, these results indicate that the amoxicillin / metronidazole combination administered twice daily for the treatment of circumscribed cellulitis serves as an appropriate treatment option with the potential benefit of an early clinical response.

## V. CONCLUSION

The results of our study confirm the equivalence of efficacy, tolerance and compliance of the amoxicillin/metronidazole combination compared to the spiramycin/ metronidazole combination. A seven-day treatment with amoxicillin/metronidazole (1000mg / 500mg) with four tablets for amoxicillin and two tablets for metronidazole a day is therefore as effective in the treatment of odontogenic circumscribed cellulitis as the combination spiramycin/metronidazole.

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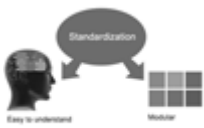
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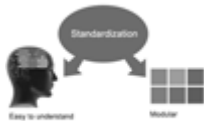
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