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**Results:** The baby delivery time, duration of surgery, and blood loss were higher in the High transverse incision group. There were no significant differences between the APGAR score at 5 min and NICU admissions between the two groups. The incidence of wound infection was higher in the Pfannenstiel incision group compared to the high transverse incision group. However, the difference did not reach a statistically significant level.

**Conclusion:** High transverse incision can be considered to reduce wound infections in obese women with BMI >35, based on the grading of pannus.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Obesity has become a major public health problem. About 16% of adults aged 18 years and older worldwide were obese in 2022. According to NFHS-5, 24% (33% in urban and 19% in rural areas) of adult women were in the overweight and obese category [1]. Once it was thought of as a problem in high-income countries, recently the issue of overweight and obesity are increasing in low-income and middle-income countries, especially in urban areas. [2] Due to advances in technology and knowledge, more and more obese women in the reproductive age group seeking pregnancy are conceiving with the help of ART. [3] Still, the journey through pregnancy is difficult for these women and they face many antenatal, intrapartum, intraoperative and postnatal as well as foetal and neonatal complications. Some of the problems faced by these women are increased risk of miscarriage, GDM, GHTN, preeclampsia, VTE, increased risk of prolonged labour, caesarean section,

intraoperative complications, wound infections, stillbirths, NICU admissions, long-term consequences on neonate like obesity. [4][5] Obese women have an increased rate of caesarean sections. [6] Obesity is associated with reduced chances of successful TOLAC. [5], [7] There is increased risk of post-operative wound infection following caesarean section in obese women. [6][8] Postoperative wound infections cause significant morbidity in these women. Considering the higher risk of wound complications, clinicians need to be aware of the measures that reduce its occurrence. In our study, we compared two skin incisions of caesarean section, the Pfannenstiel incision and the high transverse incision, to find a safer incision that will reduce infection-related morbidity in obese women. There are many studies comparing transverse and vertical skin incisions of caesarean section in the literature. But very few studies compared Pfannenstiel and high transverse skin incision. Also, we could not find any such studies in Indian literature done on the Indian population.

## Objectives

### a) Primary Objectives

Wound infection

### b) Secondary Objectives

- 1) Time from start of surgery to baby delivery time
- 2) Amount of blood loss
- 3) Time from start to end of the procedure
- 4) APGAR score at 5 minutes of birth
- 5) NICU admissions
- 6) Postoperative wound discharge
- 7) Culture-positive wound infections
- 8) Postoperative hospital stays and postnatal admissions

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study was done at Fernandez Hospital, Hyderabad, a tertiary care hospital in South India from June 2022 to July 2023. It is a prospective cohort study comparing high transverse incisions and Pfannenstiel incisions in obese women undergoing caesarean section. The sample size was calculated by taking the incidence of wound complications in Pfannenstiel incision as 27.08% and in high transverse skin incision as 15.63%, as per the study by Walton et al. The other parameters considered for sample size calculation were 80% power of study and 5% two-sided alpha error. The ratio of the two groups (Pfannenstiel incision group to

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the High transverse skin incision group) was taken as 3:1. The sample size was calculated by using the ClinCalc sample size calculator. (Reference: Kane SP. Sample Size Calculator. ClinCalc: <https://clincalc.com/stats/samplesize.aspx>. Updated July 24, 2019. Accessed April 30, 2022.)

As per the calculation in ClinCalc, the required sample size was 414 in the Pfannenstiel incision group and 138 in the High transverse skin incision group. On adding a 5% non-response rate, the required sample size was 436 subjects in the Pfannenstiel incision group

and 145 in the high transverse skin incision group. We recruited the study population after proper consent in the antenatal period and the type of incision was based on the grading of pannus.

### III. RESULTS

A total of 581 patients were included in the study among which 145 (25%) underwent a high transverse skin incision and 436 (75%) underwent a pfannenstiel incision.

Table 1: Comparison of Background Characteristics

Variables	Total (n=581)	High transverse (N=145)	Pfannenstiel (N=436)	P-value
Age (years), Median (IQR)	31 (28, 34)	32 (28, 34)	31 (28, 34)	0.733
<b>Age group, n (%)</b>				
<25 years	56 (9.6%)	16 (11%)	40 (9.2%)	0.793
25 to 35 years	441 (75.9%)	109 (75.2%)	332 (76.1%)	
36 to 46 years	84 (14.5%)	20 (13.8%)	64 (14.7%)	
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), Median (IQR)	36.51 (35.26, 40.25)	40.51 (37.73, 44.15)	35.72 (35.17, 38.66)	<0.001
<b>BMI classification, n (%)</b>				
35 to 39.99 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	428 (73.7%)	66 (45.5%)	362 (83.0%)	<0.001
40 to 49.99 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	144 (24.8%)	70 (48.3%)	74 (17.0%)	
>= 50 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	9 (1.5%)	9 (6.2%)	0 (0.0%)	
<b>Parity, n (%)</b>				
Primiparous	297 (51.1%)	73 (50.3%)	224 (51.4%)	0.830
Multiparous	284 (48.9%)	72 (49.7%)	212 (48.6%)	

Age and parity were comparable in the two groups but BMI was higher in the high transverse incision group. The median BMI for the high transverse incision group was 40.51 and for the pfannenstiel incision group 35.72.

Table 2: Comparison of Preeclampsia, Gestational Diabetes/Diabetes Mellitus, Gestational Age and Type of Caesarean Section

Variables	Total (n=581)	High transverse (N=145)	Pfannenstiel (N=436)	P-value
<b>Preeclampsia, n (%)</b>				
Yes	113 (19.4%)	33 (22.8%)	80 (18.3%)	0.245
No	468 (80.6%)	112 (77.2%)	356 (81.7%)	
<b>GDM/DM, n (%)</b>				
None	308 (53%)	60 (41.4%)	248 (56.88%)	0.009
DM Type 1	3 (0.5%)	0 (0%)	3 (0.69%)	
DM Type 2	57 (9.8%)	20 (13.8%)	37 (8.49%)	
GDM on diet	89 (15.3%)	25 (17.2%)	64 (14.68%)	
GDM on OHA	76 (13.1%)	28 (19.3%)	48 (11%)	
GDM on insulin	48 (8.3%)	12 (8.3%)	36 (8.26%)	
<b>Gestation, n (%)</b>				
Preterm	109 (18.8%)	28 (19.3%)	81 (18.6%)	0.845

Term	472 (81.2%)	117 (80.7%)	355 (81.4%)	
<b>Type of caesarean section, n (%)</b>				
Elective	284 (48.9%)	71 (49%)	213 (48.9%)	0.981
Emergency	297 (51.1%)	74 (51%)	223 (51.1%)	

The incidence of preeclampsia, gestational diabetes or diabetes mellitus, gestational age and elective vs emergency caesarean section was comparable in both the study groups. The overall incidence of GDM or DM was more in the high transverse incision group.

**Table 3:** Comparison of Incision to Delivery Time, Time from Start to End of the Procedure and Amount of Blood Loss

Variables	Total (n=581)	High transverse (N=145)	Pfannenstiel (N=436)	P-value
Incision to delivery time (mins), Median (IQR)	8 (6, 11)	10 (7, 13)	8 (6, 11)	<0.001
Time from start to end of procedure (mins), Median (IQR)	60 (50, 70)	69 (56, 80)	58 (49, 65.5)	<0.001
PPH (Blood loss in ml), Median (IQR)	500 (380, 650)	600 (480, 790)	495 (350, 600)	<0.001

The incision to delivery time (10min vs 8min, p-value-<0.001), time from start to end of the procedure (69min vs 58min, p-value-<0.001) and amount of blood loss (600ml vs 495ml, p-value-<0.001) were found higher in the high transverse skin incision group.

**Table 4:** Comparison of Postoperative Wound Discharge, Wound Swabs Sent and Positive Wound Cultures and Postnatal Admission

Variables	Total (581)		High transverse incision (145)		Pfannenstiel incision (436)		P Value
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Wound discharge	103 (17.7%)	478 (82.3%)	49 (33.8%)	96 (66.2%)	54 (12.4%)	382 (87.6%)	<0.001
Wound swabs sent	103 (17.7%)		49 (33.8%)		54 (12.4%)		<0.001
Positive cultures	67 (63.8%)		28 (58.3%)		39 (68.4%)		0.284
Variables	Total (581)		High transverse incision (145)		Pfannenstiel incision (436)		P Value
Admissions	6(1.7%)		2 (1.3%)		4 (0.9%)		0.998

More women with high transverse incisions had wound discharge compared to the pfannenstiel incision group (33.8% vs 12.4%), but the culture-positive wound infection was more in the pfannenstiel incision group (68.4% vs 58.3%). Postnatal admissions for wound infections were comparable between the two groups.

**Table 5:** Comparison of APGAR Score at 5 min and NICU Admissions

Variables	Total (581)		High transverse (145)		Pfannenstiel (436)		P value
APGAR score at 5 min (IQR)	9 (8,9)		9 (8,9)		8 (8,9)		0.592
NICU admissions	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	0.798
	47 (8.1%)	534 (91.9%)	11 (7.6%)	134 (92.4%)	36 (8.3%)	400 (91.7%)	

The difference in APGAR score at 5 minutes and NICU admissions was not statistically significant between the two groups.

## IV. DISCUSSION

**Age:** The median age in our study was 31 years and it was comparable in both groups. In Dias et al [9] study, women with a supra-panniculus transverse skin incision were older (32.9 vs. 30.6,  $p = 0.002$ ). Walton et al [10] included parturients aged 18-45 years in their study. The average age of participants in the S S Allah study [11] was 31.4 years, the two study groups having no difference.

**Parity:** In our study the number of primipara and multipara in both the groups were comparable. In the study by S S Allah et al [11], there was no difference in the parity between the two groups in line with our study.

**Mean BMI:** In our study women with high transverse incision had higher median BMI (40.5 vs 35.72). In Walton et al study [10], both the study groups included women with BMI > 40. The mean BMI was 49 for both groups. Dias et al [9] had a higher BMI in the high transverse incision group (49.2 vs. 43.3), similar to our study. The average BMI for both groups in S S Allah et al study was 40.7 [11].

**Gestational Age:** There was no difference in Gestational age between the two groups in our study. The average Gestational age was 38 weeks in the study by S S Allah [11].

**Other Comorbidities:** In the Dias et al [9] study, a higher prevalence of gestational diabetes mellitus (42.6% vs. 21.9%,  $p = 0.002$ ) was found in suprapannus incision, similarly in our study, the overall incidence of DM and GDM was higher in high transverse incision group.

**Duration:** In our study, Incision to delivery time was comparable in both the groups (9 min vs 8 min). Duration of surgery was higher in the high transverse incision group (65 min vs 57 min). However, In the study by S S Allah [11], fetal delivery time was less in the suprapannicular incision group (7.87 min vs 8.89 min). The average operating time was 76.01 minutes, with no difference between the two groups. El Agwani [12] found infra-umbilical (below pannus) incision to be easier and quicker compared to supraumbilical incision.

**Amount of Blood Loss:** In our study, blood loss was higher in the high transverse incision group (615 ml vs 495 ml). In the S S Allah et al study [11], the Hb drop was more in the high transverse incision group (0.76 gm vs 0.51 gm). According to El Agwani [12], a supraumbilical incision is associated with more blood loss.

**NICU Admission and APGAR at 5min:** In the Walton et al [10] study, those having a high transverse skin incision had lower median five-minute Apgars (8 min vs 9 min,  $p$ -value=0.0021) but similar umbilical artery pH values. NICU admissions were higher for neonates in the high transverse group (28.13% vs. 5.21%,  $P$ -value=0.0011). S S Allah study [11] had no difference in NICU

admissions similar to our study but the Apgar at 5min was lower in the high transverse incision group.

**Wound Infection:** In the Walton et al [10] study, there was a lower incidence of wound complications in the high transverse group, but this did not reach statistical significance (15.63% vs. 27.08%,  $p$ -value=0.2379), in line with our study. In our study, more women with high transverse incisions had wound discharge compared to the Pfannenstiel incision group (33.8% vs 12.4%), but the culture-positive wound infections were more in the Pfannenstiel incision group (68.4% vs 58.3%). S S Allah's study [11] (at 6 weeks postnatal), there was no difference in wound complications between the two incisions. El Agwani, [12] in their article mentioned that the supraumbilical skin incision is associated with more wound infections compared to infra umbilical skin incision. Adrian Salvant Tames, Katherine Romero Viamonte [13], in their case report of a morbidly obese, 43-year-old woman with medical comorbidities used infra umbilical suprapannicular skin incision for preterm caesarean section, and suggested that the incision can be used as an effective alternative in obese patients to reduce the wound infection. Sagi Y et al [14], in their observational study in women with class 3 obesity, reported that Pfannenstiel incision is preferred by most surgeons for emergency as well as non-emergency caesarean sections in obese women and high transverse skin incision does not reduce wound infections in these women. And suggested that incisions should be individualised similar to the study by Kristina Roloff K et al [15].

## V. CONCLUSION

The purpose of the study was to find a safer incision in obese women undergoing caesarean section to reduce wound infection-related morbidity. We found that the incidence of wound infection was lower in the high transverse incision group. The duration of surgery and amount of blood loss were more in the high transverse incision group. However, there was no difference in foetal delivery time or neonatal outcomes in both groups. We can consider high transverse skin incisions in obese women with BMI > 35, depending upon the grading of the pannus.

**Strengths and Limitations:** This can be the reference study for further research in this area as there are no studies in the Indian population.

The study period is short and being a prospective study, it needs to be continued further.

The sample size is small and by increasing the duration of the study, a larger study population can be included.



*Recommendations:* The above limitations can be overcome by continuing the study for a longer duration that will have a larger sample size for analysis.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Infertility has always been one of the elusive symptom complex that perplexes the best gynecologists. The couple is said to be infertile if they fail to conceive after one year of unprotected and regular sexual intercourse.<sup>1-2</sup>

It is also known as subfertility. 60-80 million couples are subfertile all over the world. It is said to be primary if she fails to conceive at all and secondary if she fails to conceive after a child birth or undoubted miscarriage. It affects 10-15% of couples in the reproductive age group. Its overall prevalence has been stable during past 50yrs however a shift in etiology and patient age has occurred<sup>1-4</sup>.

Due to increased awareness and eagerness to have a pregnancy, couples are seeking medical help early. Focus of infertility treatment has shifted from systematic correction of each identified factor to apply most efficient therapy<sup>6</sup>.

Of the causes of infertility, female factors contribute 40-50%, male by 30- 40%, both partners-10% and unexplained -10% in the remainder. Among this female factors have pathology in either uterine, cervical, tubal, ovarian, peritoneal, endometrial tissue etc. The ability to see and manipulate the uterus, tubes, and ovaries during laparoscopy made it an essential part of infertility evaluation<sup>2-6</sup>.

The main advantage of laparoscopy over laparotomy is, it decreases postoperative pain, shorter hospital stay and decreases mortality.

Laparoscopy is one of the most significant advances in the investigation of the infertile couple in the last six years.

It is an indispensable tool which can be considered as a definitive day care procedure for evaluation and treatment of infertility.

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But hystero-laparoscopy has become the “third eye of gynaecologists in the diagnosis of infertility. Though both represent invasive procedures laparoscopy aid for studying the peritoneal, endometrial, peritubal and ovarian morphology whereas hysteroscopy gives exact picture of intrauterine pathology<sup>7-8</sup>.

Chromopertubation at the laparoscopy also gives idea of tubal patency and also avoids false negatives obtained by HSG because of tubal spasm. While it is probably true to say that no infertility investigation is complete without endoscopic evaluation. With the introduction of this hysteroscopy and laparoscopy there is tremendous uplift as the mere diagnosis of the causes of infertility and offering management also at the same setting<sup>7-8</sup>.

The current evidence indicates a 9% prevalence of infertility, 56% of couples seeking medical care. Therefore approximate prevalence of female infertility is 5-6%, as female infertility accounts for 40-50% (of which ovulatory dysfunction 40%, tubal and pelvic pathology 40%, uterine and cervical factors 10%, unexplained 10%.

WHO estimates the overall prevalence of primary infertility is between 3.9 and 16.8%, affects 8-12% of couples worldwide, and 3-5% unknown conditions.<sup>12</sup>

Hence present study planned to evaluate role of hystero-laparoscopy in primary and secondary infertility to identify the causes in female genital tract leading to infertility and to develop plan of therapy.

## II. METHODOLOGY

**Study Design:** An observational study to evaluate the infertility cases with hystero-laparoscopy in women with primary and secondary infertility in tertiary care centre.

**Study Period:** JUNE 2018-MAY 2019

**Sample Size:**

$$N = z^2PQ/L^2$$

N=sample size Z=1.96 at 95% CI

P (prevalence) = 3.9% (The WHO estimates the overall prevalence of infertility in India to be between 3.9 and 16.8 per cent. To yield more sample size ,lower prevalence is considered for sample size calculation)<sup>12</sup>

Q=100-3.9=96.1%

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N= 3.94×3.9×96.1/5×5

N=57.56 Making it to near value sample size considered is 60.

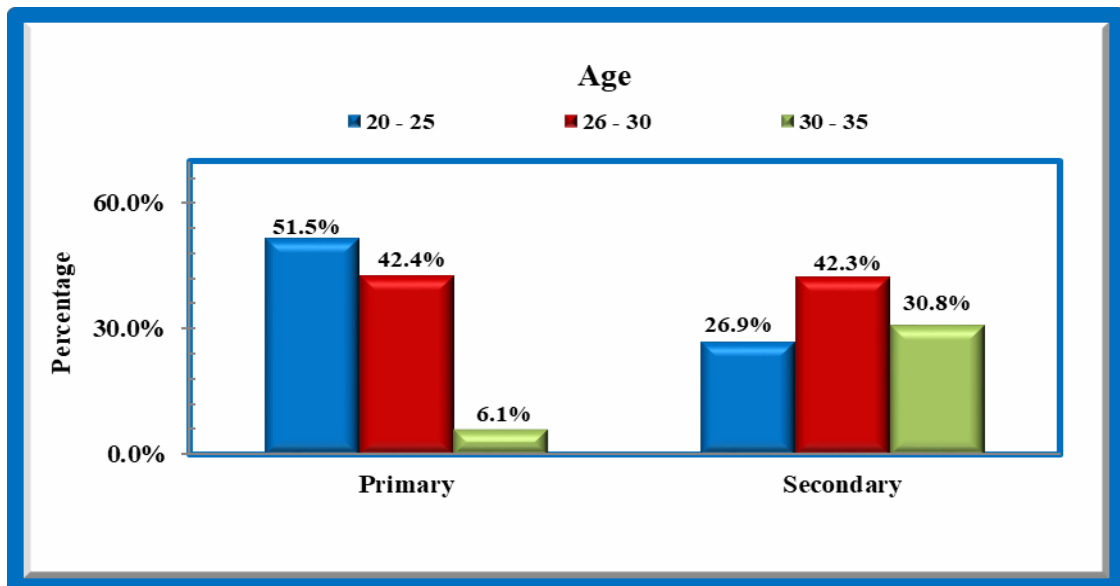
### Data Collection Technique and Tools:-

Study is conducted in all patients in our hospital who attended infertility clinic for the treatment of infertility. All patients were evaluated clinically by diagnostic tests and are given treatment accordingly. By considering exclusion and inclusion criteria sample size was taken as 60.

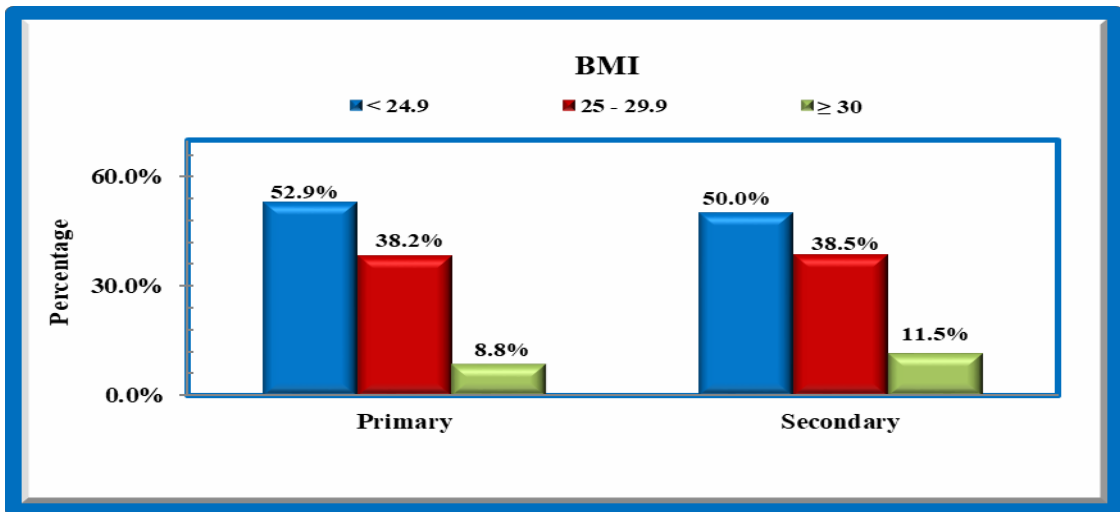
Written and informed consent were taken after explaining the nature and purpose of the study. Patients who were willing to participate and met the inclusion criteria were included. Data collection was done by asking the questionnaire. The relevant questionnaire has been prepared and piloted for its applicability, reliability, validity and consistency and then finalized. A detailed history was taken by preparing a questionnaire.

## III. RESULTS

Most of 51.5% women of primary infertility are in the age group 20-25 years. 42.4% of primary and 42.3% of secondary fall in the age group of 26-30yrs .In primary, significantly less numbers are in the age group 30-33yrs.

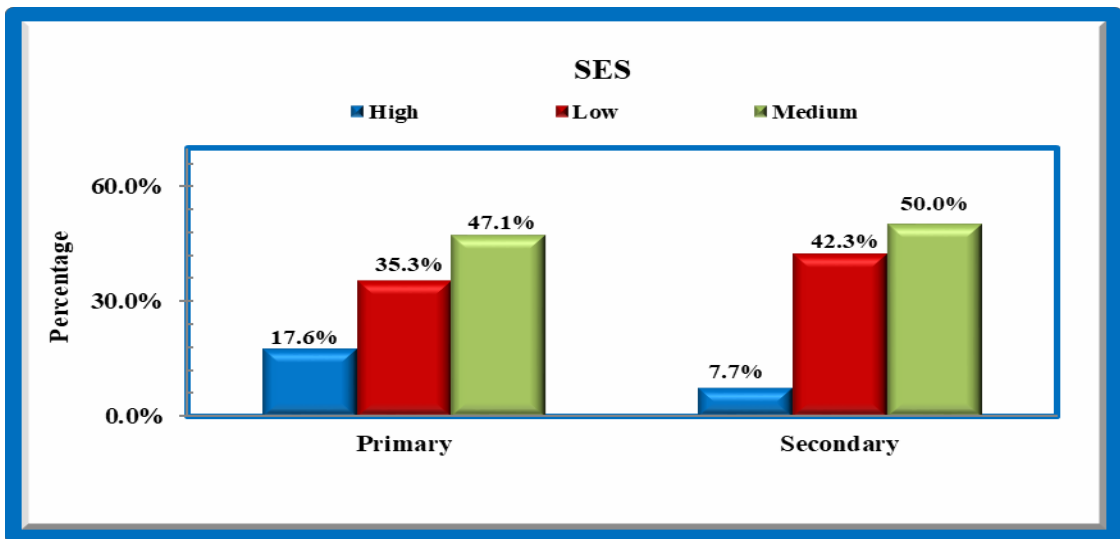


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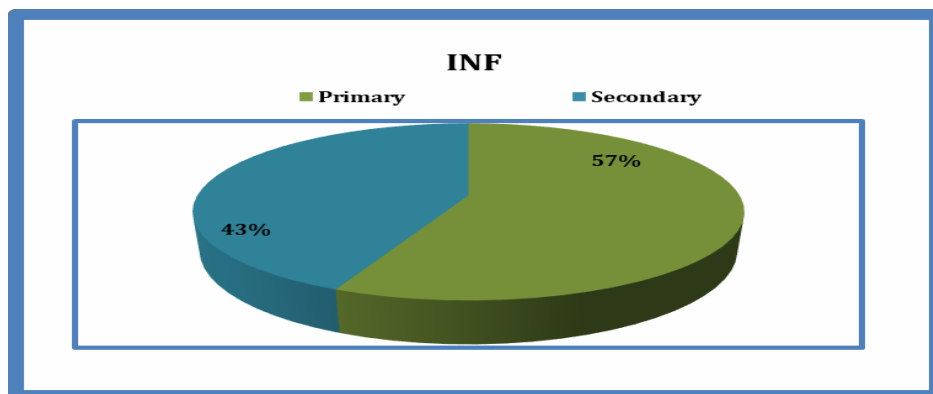
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Majority are in grade 1 BMI, 52.9% of primary and 50% of secondary .38.2% of primary and 38.5% of secondary belongs to grade 11 BMI.



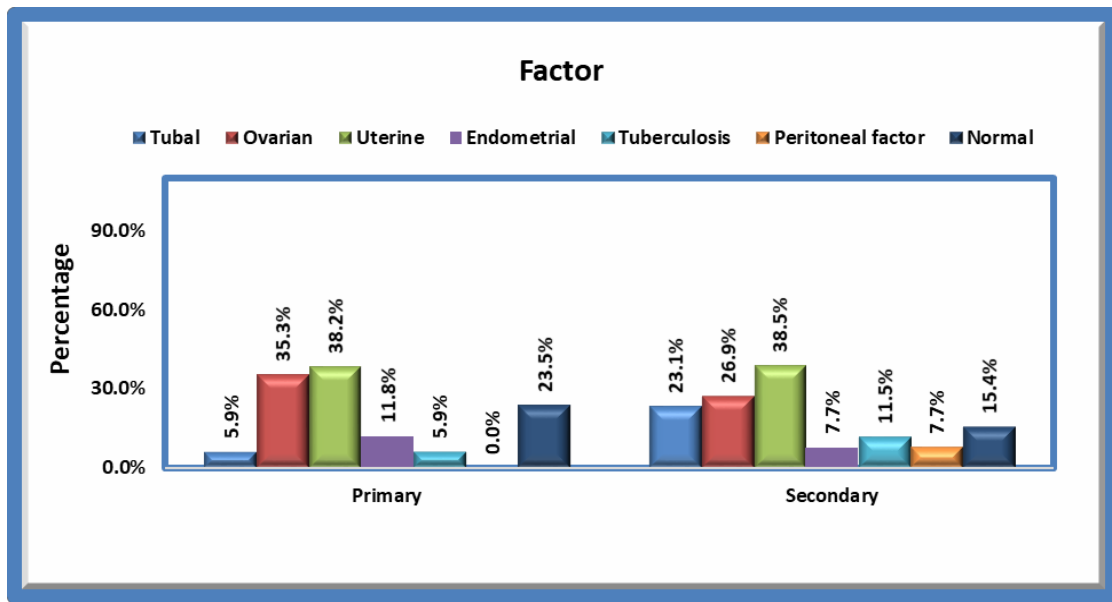
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Majority belongs to middle socio economic status 47.1% of primary and 50% of secondary.



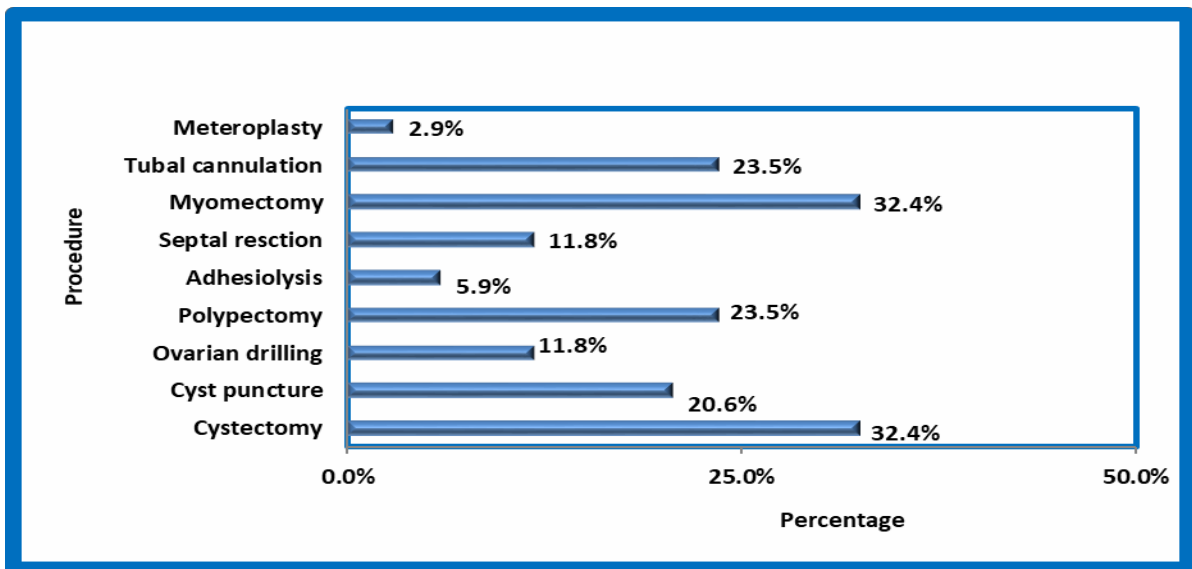
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57% cases have primary infertility and 43% cases have secondary infertility.



GRAPH 5

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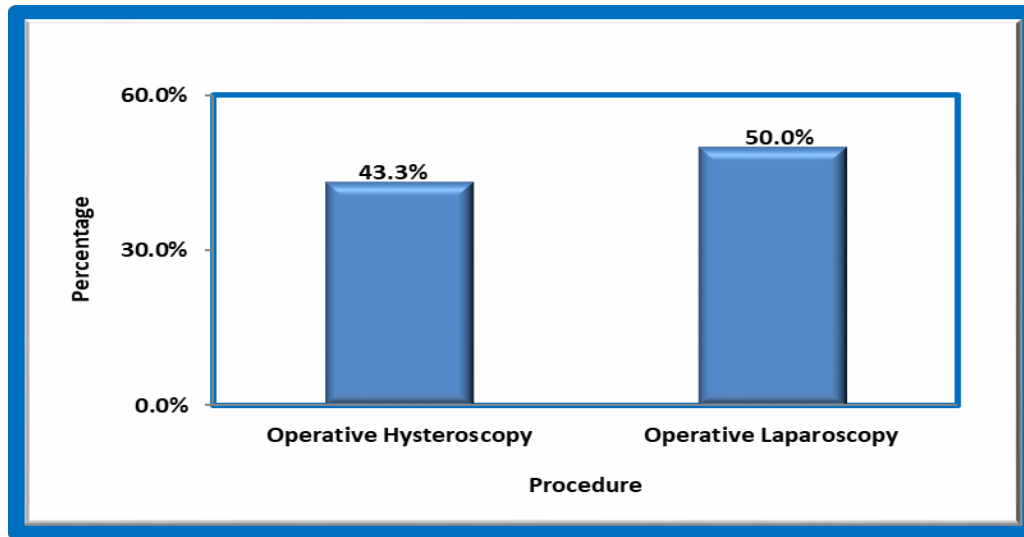


GRAPH 6

Distribution of cases according to procedure hysteroscopy and laparoscopy.



GRAPH 7



Operative Hysteroscopy is done in 43.3% cases which constitute 23.5% polypectomy, 5.9% adhesiolysis, 11.8% of septal resection, 32.4% myomectomy, 23.5% tubal cannulation.

Operative laparoscopy done in 50% cases which constitute 32.4% cystectomy, 11.8% ovarian drilling, and cyst puncture of 20.6%.

#### IV. DISCUSSION

Infertility is generally defined as one year of unprotected intercourse without conception. Approximately 85-90% of healthy couples conceive within one year. Infertility therefore affects approximately 10-15% of couples.

Laparoscopy is considered as the gold standard for diagnosing tubal and peritoneal disease. It is trans peritoneal endoscopic technique that provides direct visualization of pelvis and complete view of cul de sac, pelvic side walls and all the pelvic viscera. Hysteroscopy is a procedure that involves the insertion of an endoscope through the cervical canal into the uterine cavity and distension media to allow for visualization.

Hystero-laparoscopy is minimally invasive technique reaching new horizons in management of infertile patients. Direct visualization with optical magnification has an added advantage of diagnosing pathologies which cannot be picked up in ultrasound and other radiological tests.

The Study is conducted at Muslim maternity hospital who attended the infertility department from: JUNE 2018 - MAY 2019.

**Age:** In the current study majority of infertile women are in the age group of 20- 30yrs. Primary infertility majority are in 20-25yrs (51.5%) and secondary infertility majority are in 26-30yrs (42.3%). According to Gufareen et al (2010) 55% had primary in the age group of 20- 25yrs ,60% had secondary in 26-33yrs which is nearly similar to current study.

**Socioeconomic Status:** In the current study most of primary infertile women 47.1% belong to middle socio economic status, most of secondary infertile women belong to both low and middle socio economic status 42.3% and 50.0% respectively. Only 17.6% of primary infertile and 7.7% of secondary infertile women belong to high socio economic status. According to Nadia et al (2011) 65% of primary and 40% of secondary belong to low to middle socio economic status which is similar to current study.

**Type of Infertility:** In the current study primary infertility is 57% and secondary infertility is 43% which is almost similar to studies done by Erhong Zhang et al<sup>12</sup> (2014) 53.8% women had primary infertility and 46.2% had secondary infertility, Jamshoro et al (2010) 64% in primary and 36% in secondary and Nadia et al (2011) 63% in primary 37% in secondary.

**Tubal Factors:** Hysteroscopy and laparoscopy are the two methods for evaluation and treatment of tubal pathology and are complementary to each other.

In the current study, hydrosalpinx is 2.9% in primary and 7.7% in secondary, which is similar to the studies done by Saima et al (2010), 4% in primary and 16% in secondary infertile women, whereas lead pipe and kinked tubes are 2.9% in primary and 7.7% in secondary which is similar to the studies done by Jamshoro et al (2010) 3% in primary and 16.7% in secondary infertile women and many tubal blocks were demonstrated on sono hysterosalpingography, but the tubal patency was demonstrated on laparoscopic chromo perturbation by the release of tubal spasm and

minor blocks which were cleared by selective tubal cannulation and tubal patency was established. Also, edematous tubes are seen only in secondary infertility 7.7% and also there are absent tubes due to previous surgeries which is about 15.4%.

**Ovarian Factors:** In the current study, polycystic ovarian syndrome contribute to 24% and 20% in primary and secondary infertility which is similar when compared to the study of Saima et al (2010) 28% in primary and 12% in secondary.

**Uterine Factors:** Developmental uterine anomalies have long been associated with pregnancy loss and obstetric complications, but the ability to conceive is generally not affected. In the current study anomalous uterus is 4% in primary which is less when compared to study of Vidya et al (2011) where it is 14% in primary. Anomalous uterus in total contribute to 8.8% of infertility which is similar to Boricha et al (2011) 11% but less compared to Sajida et al<sup>13</sup> (2009) 13%. In my study most common of anomalous uterus is septate uterus. In modern operative hysteroscopic techniques, septal resection was done in my hospital and everywhere nowadays. Other than septate uterus, other uterine anomalies were arcuate uterus and didelphus uterus. Other causes such as ashermans syndrome, fibroids and polyps are also found.

**Endometriosis:** In the current study, endometriosis contributed to 11.8% of infertility which is similar to Sarkar et al. (2008) and Javid et al<sup>10</sup> (2009) 15% but less when compared with the studies done by Boricha et al (2011) and Sajida et al<sup>13</sup>. (2009) where they estimated as 22% and 20% respectively.

**Peritoneal Causes:** In the current study peritoneal factors contribute to 7.7% in secondary which is less compared to the studies done by Jamsharoo et al. estimated 22.2%, Nausheen et al. (2010) estimated 22.2%. Saima et al. (2010) estimated 16%.

**In Re-Evaluation:** of already treated cases, many factors were seen by diagnostic hystero-laparoscopy among which stenosed cervical os and abnormally directed cervical canal were found in a few cases, which were treated by dilatation of the os and uterine factors were septate uterus, endometrial polyps and the narrow uterine cavity, which were managed accordingly by septoplasty, polypectomy and metroplasty respectively. On laparoscopy, other causes were pelvic tuberculosis, pelvic disease and endometriosis. Tubal factors were tubal blocks, adhesions and inflamed tubes, which were managed accordingly.

**Management:** In the current study operative hysteroscopy was performed in 43.3%, operative laparoscopy was performed in 50%, which is similar to the studies done by Boudrak et al<sup>4</sup>. (2008) they performed 27.3% and 70% of operative hysteroscopy

and laparoscopy respectively, also tubal surgeries were done in 23.5% of cases, ovarian drilling in 11.8%, excision of cyst in 32.4%, cyst puncture in 20.6%, polypectomy in 23.5%, adhesiolysis in 5.9%, septal resection in 11.8%, myomectomy in 32.8%. Boudhraak et al<sup>4</sup>. (2008) studies shows that adhesiolysis (27.2%), excision of cyst (17.2%), ovarian drilling (17.8%) and tubal surgeries (37%) which is similar to current study except for tubal surgeries. Boricha et al (2011) studies shows that adhesiolysis in 13.63%, cystectomy in 13.63%, cyst puncture in 22.72%, ovarian drilling in 40%. Cases that were diagnosed to have tubal pathology due to Kochs, PID or tubal blocks secondary to extensive endometriosis were directly advised for ART procedure.

## V. CONCLUSION

In the investigation of cases of infertility, normal semen analysis of husband, routine traditional investigation of tubal patency, and endometrial biopsy, ovulation study, cervical factor study, are not the end points. The investigation is incomplete without an evaluation of the exact cause of infertility.

The traditional tests of tubal patency may be false negative due to tubal spasm, which were overcome in chromopertubation test in laparoscopy, which not only gives additional information about the exact site of block and the pathology behind, but also serves the purpose of treatment by doing adhesiolysis.

Laparoscopy also gives the exact picture of the morphology of the ovaries and the periovarian adhesions, at the same time has a role of treatment in the form of multiple drillings of the polycystic ovaries, endometriotic spots cauterization, adhesiolysis and evidence of ovulation can be confirmed by the presence of corpus luteum.

Laparoscopy also gives the picture of the abnormalities of uterus, about the peritoneum, and about endometriosis, which can be treated in the same sitting by electrocautery.

Hysteroscopy gives a good picture of the intracervical and intrauterine pathology and in addition to this diagnostic role, it has a therapeutic role to perform in releasing intrauterine adhesions, releasing cornual blocks by chromopertubation, tubal cannulation, and excision of endometrial polyps, fibroids, septum and an endometrial biopsy can be taken at the same sitting for hormonal assay.

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The etiology found in reevaluated cases were stenosed cervical os, abnormally directed cervical canal, septate uterus, endometrial polyps, narrow uterine cavity, pelvic tuberculosis, pelvic disease, endometriosis, tubal blocks, adhesions and inflamed tubes. Operative procedures were carried out in the same sitting to get optimal outcome.

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## I. BACKGROUND

Third stage of labour is the period from the delivery of the baby until the delivery of the placenta(1). Active management of third stage of labour involves; routine administration of a prophylactic uterotonic drug just before, with, or immediately after, the birth of the baby; early cord clamping and controlled cord traction to deliver the placenta(2). According to WHO the most common complication of third stage of labour is Postpartum hemorrhage (PPH) which is defined as a blood loss of at least 500ml after vaginal delivery and 1000ml after cesarean section and/or necessity of postpartum blood transfusion within 24hours of delivery(3,4).

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Drugs conventionally used for prophylaxis against PPH includes oxytocin, methylergotmetrin, carboprost and syntometrin(5). Among them Oxytocin acts through receptor and voltage mediated calcium channels to initiate myometrial contractions. It is on the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines, the most effective and safe medicines needed in a health system (6). In other hand Carboprost It shortens induction to delivery interval. Carboprost being a prostaglandin promotes myometrium contraction irrespective of the duration of gestation, whereas oxytocin acts predominantly on the uterus at term or in labour.

The present study is an attempt to evaluate the scope of using carboprost tromethamine 125 µg which is half the therapeutic dose for PPH and to evaluate its efficacy in terms of amount of blood loss, duration of third stage, side effects in comparison with oxytocin 10 units in active management of third stage of labor.

## II. METHODOLOGY

This study was a hospital based comparative study, conducted at National Medical College and Teaching

Hospital, Birgunj, Nepal which is a tertiary level hospital. The study period was twelve months from 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. Ethical clearance was taken from institutional Review board (IRB) of National Medical College. Convenient Sampling method was used for sampling.

This study includes 300 women with singleton pregnancy with cephalic presentation in labor at term (37-42 weeks of gestation). Excluding the women who underwent caesarean section, hypersensitivity to drugs, underlying comorbidity like respiratory diseases (asthma), cardiac disease, renal, liver disorder, epilepsy, psychiatry disorder, preeclampsia and eclampsia, severe anemia, multiple pregnancy, Polyhydramnios/Oligohydramnios, Past History of PPH, Grand Multipara. These women are recruited in two group after taking informed consent with standardized form after admission in labor ward. Women who were likely to have vaginal delivery were offered entry to the trial with computer generated random numbers, to either control group to receive intramuscular oxytocin 10 units (group



A) or to the study group to receive intramuscular carboprost 125 $\mu$ g(group B) just after the delivery of the baby. A sterile tub is immediately placed at the vulva after delivery of fetus and blood volume was measured by measuring jar. Differences in the weight of drapes and sanitary pads was also estimated by weighing it before and after delivery and converting it into grams per milliliter. It is done by dividing difference in weight of drapes along with sanitary pads with density of blood (i.e 1gm/ml)(7).Estimated total blood loss was calculated by adding the 2 values. If intravenous oxytocin infusion was used during the second stage of labour, it was stopped immediately after delivery. The drape was removed 10 minutes after the episiotomy or laceration repair unless the patient continued to have significant PPH. Patients were further monitored for 1 hours postpartum for PPH and side effects of drugs.

### III. DATA ANALYSIS AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The data collected were entered daily in the master chart. Pre-test of data was done after completing 10 cases and necessary adjustment were made after discussing with the guide. Regular meetings with guide were held to clear up any confusion. Analysis of the data was done. Data were summarized as mean and proportion with the help of the statistician and the final analysis was done using independent t test to test the difference between the 2 different groups. Paired data were analyzed using paired t test. Chi-square test was

used to analyze the difference in proportions, and p values were reported accordingly. These findings were then presented in the form of tables, graphs and diagrams. P value was considered significant if  $p < 0.05$ . SPSS version 21 was the software used for calculation and tabulation of data.

### IV. RESULT

The study population included 300 obstetric cases fulfilling inclusion and exclusion criteria. Out of which 150 received Intramuscular oxytocin 10 units and 150 cases received Intramuscular Carboprost 125 $\mu$ g just after the delivery. The age group ranged between 15-42 years. The mean age group of oxytocin group was  $22.85 \pm 3.34$  years and that of carboprost group was  $25.29 \pm 4.07$  years. 101 and 131 women belongs to age group 21-35 years among oxytocin and carboprost groups respectively.

Duration of third stage of labour in oxytocin group ranges from 4-12 minutes and mean duration was  $5.57 \pm 1.20454$ . In Carboprost group, the duration ranges from 4-11 minutes with mean duration of  $4.85 \pm 0.84$ . The difference in mean duration of third stage between two groups was 0.72. Intergroup comparison of both study groups showed p value of  $< 0.001$  which is statistically significant.

There was reduction of hemoglobin in both the groups. In oxytocin group difference in hemoglobin was 1.49 gm/dl while in carboprost group was 0.78gm/dl.

#### Comparison of Blood Loss in Study Groups

Blood loss range(ml)	Oxytocin n(%)	Carboprost n(%)
<100	0(0.00%)	41(27.33%)
101-150	0(0.00%)	31(20.66%)
151-200	29(19.33%)	53(35.33%)
201-250	37(24.66%)	18(12%)
251-300	49(32.66%)	2(1.33%)
301-350	31(20.66%)	2(1.33%)
351-400	2(1.33%)	0(0.00%)
401-500	0(0.00%)	1(0.66%)
>500	2(1.33%)	2(1.33%)

The above table shows distribution of both the groups according to amount of blood loss. The postpartum blood loss was less in carboprost group

compared to oxytocin group which was statistically significant ( $p \text{ value} < 0.001$ ) and 2 cases went into PPH in Both groups.

#### Comparison of Estimated Total Blood Loss

Groups	Total Blood Loss(ml)	P<0.001
Oxytocin	269 $\pm$ 61.83	
Carboprost	156 $\pm$ 80.01	

The above table shows comparison of blood loss between two groups. The blood loss in Oxytocin group was  $269 \pm 61.83$  compared to carboprost group which was  $156 \pm 80.01$  with p value of 0.001. Intergroup comparison showed that the mean difference in estimated total blood loss between study groups was 113 with p value of 0.001 which was statistically significant.

In oxytocin group 26 Out of 150 i.e. 17.3% required additional uterotonics whereas in carboprost group 9 out of 150 i.e. 6.0% required additional uterotonics. The difference in usage of additional uterotonics was statistically significant ( $p=0.002$ ).

Women in oxytocin group had side effects like nausea and vomiting (6%), shivering (3.33%) and retained placenta (0.66%) while carboprost group had side effects like nausea and vomiting (7.3%), diarrhea (12%) and retained placenta (1.33%).

## V. DISCUSSION

This study was conducted in department of obstetrics and gynecology, at National medical college and teaching hospital to evaluate the two uterotonics for management of third stage of labor. 300 women were selected who fulfilled the selection criteria and they were divided in group A and group B 150 of each by computer generated random numbers. In this study we evaluated the efficacy of oxytocin 10 units (group A) with Carboprost  $125\mu\text{g}$  (group B) in the third stage of labour and also recorded duration and blood loss in third stage of labour along with side effects and need for additional uterotonics.

Postpartum hemorrhage has been considered one of the most dreadful cause of maternal mortality worldwide with uterine atony being most common cause (70-90%). Active management of third stage of labour and prophylactic use of oxytocics after the delivery of baby has reduced its incidence by 40% (8,9). Main aim is to prevent PPH.

While it is clear that the use of prophylactic uterotonics will substantially reduce PPH, the most cost effective and ideal uterotonics has not been found, although intramuscular oxytocin is recommended by WHO. Methyl ergometrine is a conventional oxytocics used extensively but with hypertension as side effect. Intramuscular oxytocin has been found effective in preventing PPH even when used alone with fewer side effects. Oxytocin is probably the most commonly used oxytocic but is not the most potent drug and additional dosage or additional drugs may be needed at times with more blood loss compared to other oxytocics(10).

Carboprost is a strong uterotonic agent with a physiological role in human parturition both in the delivery and control of PPH. The discovery of prostaglandins and its analogues as an oxytocics has improved prospect in modern era in control of PPH due

to its significant influence on uterine tone resulting in less blood loss that outweighs its cost. The side effects are also subtle(11,12).

## VI. CONCLUSION

In our conclusion, our study favors that intramuscular carboprost  $125\mu\text{g}$  is a better and cost-effective option compared to intramuscular oxytocin 10U and more effective in AMTSL. Carboprost minimized blood loss significantly with less need for additional uterotonics and effectively shortened the duration of third stage of labor compared to oxytocin. The result of our study demonstrated that prophylactic dose of carboprost is well tolerated and may be considered in all woman at risk of PPH. However, a large multicentric randomized controlled trial is required to draw conclusion.

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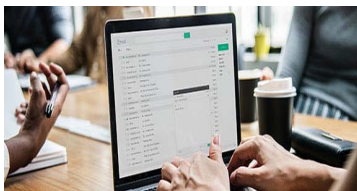
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