

**Research Article**

## **Significance of Antibiotics Cover in Common Infections of Throat and Are They Necessary for Combating Throat Infections**

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### **ABSTRACT**

**Objective:** To know the significance and need of antibiotics cover necessary for common infections of throat or not.

**Study Design:** prospective study.

**Location and time:** From March 2016 to March 2017, in a private laboratory and diagnostic center in Lahore, Pakistan.

**Method:** 362 patients isolates of all ages patients with ITRs were identified and cultured using basic protocol. Susceptibility of these isolates to antibiotics was confirmed using a diffusion method of Kirby-Bauer disc and 23 drugs in a private laboratory in Lahore. 30 questionnaires in addition were collected to know the antitrust susceptibility of otorhinolaryngologists to their prescriptions and the prescription drugs.

**Findings:** Among 362 isolates, more frequent were pneumococci (35.34%), followed by Klebsiella pneumoniae (14.5%) and Staphylococcus aureus (23.01%). The otolaryngologists checked generally 20 antibiotics which were prescribed, most commonly Amoxicillin or even Cefotaxime, for pharyngitis Ceftriaxone injectables. Isolates were more susceptible in our study to Ceftriaxone (91.0%), Cefotaxime (91.2%), Penicillin (71.0%) and Amoxiclavate (80.4%). cefixime (30.7%) and Erythromycin (43.1%) were not much effective.

**Conclusion:** Staphylococci and pneumococcal were isolated more frequently in throat infections. They were probably part of the flora reside in GIT associated with infected respiratory viruses, so pharmacological treatment was unnecessary and probably harmful.

**Key words:** Tonsillitis, pharyngitis, antibiotic, isolation.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Increasing antimicrobial resistance has become a global health problem. Respiratory tract infections can occur and are particularly common in children with documentan.1-2 Repetitive respiratory infections (ITRR) are the most common of all infections that are worldwide and most of these infections with ITRR are caused by the viral pathogen causing many lines of antibiotics. antibiotics instead of prescriptions do not show the increased activity of bacterial resistance. why throat infections doctors usually choose antibiotics for common pathogens. Haemophilus influenzae, Streptococcus pneumoniae and Moraxella catarrhalis have become resistant to various

classes of antibiotics, including S. pneumoniae, penicillins, macrolides, which are important bacterial pathogens in respiratory tract infections that are comunitated among these pathogens.3-4 Cytrimoxazole and flouroquinolonas. commonly prescribed antibiotics, reported resistance to ampicillin.7-8 for penicillin and 52% for 25% of cotrimoxazole for 84% resistance levels An antibiotic without prescription in most pharmacies Another issue that has prompted antibiotics to abuse in the past has been the emergence of a resistance in the past years. In a recent study, throat pain and diarrhea were shown to be highly prescribed (90%) by antiabi6ticos.9 given local

study of antibiotics 77.6% of pharmacists prescribe without prescription URTICAL antibiotic treatment in children in Lahore most physicians (84%) reported resistance to overuse antibiotics (35%), anticipation of meeting expectations, fear of losing patients (24.7%), prescription antibiotic suitability course (according to the description of the disease), but presumably the antibiotic prescription, 33) and the cost of a return visit (26%) has led to greater difficulties in controlling the development of 10 treatment and resistant pathogens. Studies have shown that resistance to antibiotics varies with geographic location and time. 11-12 It is therefore interesting to know the sensitivity models of antibiotic pathogens often prescribed in Lahore to update knowledge during this time. about the use of antibiotics. For URTI management in Lahore.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study was conducted in a local diagnostic lab From March 2016 to March 2017, in a private laboratory and diagnostic center in Lahore, Pakistan. Patients agreed to incorporate their data into their investigations during pharyngeal swab sampling. . Throat surveys were taken and the antibiotic susceptibilities of patients of all ages and both types were evaluated at the private laboratory and diagnostic center in Lahore. The highly educated senior nurse was assigned to take throat swabs. A total of 362 pharyngeal swabs were obtained during this period. The samples were tested to determine antibiotic susceptibility patterns for 23 different drugs using the Kirby-Bauer disc diffusion method. Inclusion criteria were the URTI presence referred to the patient or the doctor. The main complaints of the patients were sore throat and nasal discharge. Patients taking antibiotics for the last 4 weeks were excluded from the study. For Kirby-Bauer disc diffusion method; The sample colonies were cultured on different agar, including chocolate agar, blood agar and methylene blue eosin agar. Some of each sample was inoculated in these citrus fruits and incubated at 37 ° C for 24-48 hours in aerobic medium, but the chocolate agar was kept at CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere of 5-10%.

Biochemical tests and Standard microbiological techniques were performed using 20E API kit to confirm isolates. Each bacterial isolate, a light vaccine is placed in normal saline 4ml in bijou bottle; the density was higher than the standard barium chloride (0.5 McFarland). Plates were inoculated with standardized bacterial cultures with the help of Mueller-Hinton agar sterile cotton and dry solids were left. Amikicillin (10 mg), amoxicillin (20 mg), imipenem (10 mg), cefotaxime (30 mg), amikacin (30 mg), antibiotic discs with the following drug load (5 µg), ceftriaxone (30 mg), ceftazidime (30 mg), fosfomycin (200 µg), clindamycin (2 µg), enoxacin (10 µg), ofloxacin (5 µg), doxycycline (30 mg), ciprofloxacin 5 g), oxacillin cefuroxime (30 g), tobramycin (10 g), gentamicin (10 g), erythromycin (15 g) and penicillin were conveniently positioned using spaced-apart standard clamping plates to prevent a collision. *Staphylococcus aureus* ATCC 25923 Biological Safety level (BSL) 2: after plate incubation at 35 ° C for 24 hours was compared with the diameter of the control well defined diameters in the plates to determine sensitivity and resistance.

## RESULTS

The frequency of the defined isolations of pharyngeal swabs is shown in Table 1. Among the 362 isolates, pneumococci were observed more frequently (35.34%) than those of unrelated *Neisseria* species (17.80%), followed by *Staphylococcus aureus*. (23.01%) and remarkable *Klebsiella pneumonia* (14.5%). *Candida albicans* were cultured from 5 faryng swabs. Other isolates were *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (4.38%), *Moraxella catarrhalis* (1.09%) and *E. coli* (1.64%). *Streptococcus pyogenes* and *Hemophilus influenzae* were rarely found.

Table:1 Frequency of Isolates identified from throat swabs

| S.No.         | Isolates                      | No. | Percentage |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-----|------------|
| 1             | <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> | 16  | 4.38       |
| 2             | Pneumococci                   | 129 | 35.34      |
| 3             | <i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>  | 4   | 1.09       |
| 4             | <i>Neisseria subflava</i>     | 65  | 17.80      |
| 5             | <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>  | 84  | 23.01      |
| 6             | <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>  | 53  | 14.5       |
| 7             | <i>E.coli</i>                 | 6   | 1.64       |
| 8             | <i>Candida albicans</i>       | 5   | 1.36       |
| <b>Total:</b> |                               | 362 |            |

Antibiotic susceptibility patterns evaluated in isolates are shown in Table 2. In our study, isolates were more sensitive to Imepenem (96.7%), Piperisilin + Tazobactam (93.3%), Cefotaxime (91.2%) and Seftriaxon (91.0%). , Fosfomycin (81.0%), Cefuroxime (80.5%) and

Augmentin (80.4%) followed by Penicillin (71.0%), Amoxicillin (66.6%) and Ciprofloxacin (65.1%). Erythromycin (43.1%), sefixim (30.7%), cotrimoxazole (16.3%) and doxycycline (13.0%) were less effective.

**Table:2 Antibiotic Sensitivity Patterns for the antibiotics currently available in pharmacies**

| No. | Antibiotic              |       | Sensitive (S) | Resistant (R) | Total | Percentage (%) |
|-----|-------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|-------|----------------|
|     | Name                    | Code  |               |               |       |                |
| 1   | Amikacin                | (AK)  | 70            | 7             | 77    | 90.9           |
| 2   | Gentamicin              | (CN)  | 113           | 232           | 345   | 32.07          |
| 3   | Tobramycin              | (NN)  | 37            | 70            | 107   | 34.57          |
| 4   | Amoxicillin             | (AML) | 168           | 184           | 252   | 66.66          |
| 5   | Amoxiclav (Augmentin)   | (AMC) | 284           | 67            | 353   | 80.45          |
| 6   | Imepenem                | (IPM) | 59            | 2             | 61    | 96.72          |
| 7   | Piperacillin+Tazobactam | (TZP) | 42            | 3             | 45    | 93.33          |
| 8   | Cephadrine (Velocef)    | (V)   | 182           | 171           | 353   | 51.55          |
| 9   | Cefuroxime              | (CXM) | 277           | 67            | 344   | 80.52          |
| 10  | Cefixime                | (CFM) | 107           | 241           | 348   | 30.74          |
| 11  | Cefotaxime              | (CTX) | 313           | 30            | 343   | 91.25          |
| 12  | Ceftazidime             | (CAZ) | 95            | 23            | 118   | 80.50          |
| 13  | Ceftriaxone             | (CRO) | 295           | 29            | 324   | 91.04          |
| 14  | Fosfomycin              | (FOS) | 283           | 66            | 349   | 81.08          |
| 15  | Ofloxacin               | (OFL) | 158           | 87            | 245   | 64.48          |
| 16  | Enoxacin                | (ENX) | 158           | 82            | 240   | 65.83          |
| 17  | Ciprofloxacin           | (CIP) | 157           | 84            | 241   | 65.14          |
| 18  | Sparfloxacin            | (SPX) | 173           | 68            | 241   | 71.78          |
| 19  | Doxycycline             | (DOX) | 32            | 213           | 245   | 13.06          |
| 20  | Septran                 | (SXT) | 52            | 267           | 319   | 16.30          |
| 21  | Penicillin              | (P)   | 27            | 11            | 38    | 71.04          |
| 22  | Erythromycin            | (ER)  | 22            | 29            | 31    | 43.13          |
| 23  | Lincomycin              | (LN)  | 30            | 33            | 63    | 47.61          |

**DISCUSSION**

This study focuses on the prevalence of bacterial pathogens causing antibiotics to URCs and susceptibility patterns. In the current study, it is known that ITR is the main cause, not H. influenza and S. pyogenes, aislaron. In another study, isolation rates for Group A and B Streptococci (8%) were low. and URC previoswere also observed as the major causes of infection, respectively 23.01% and 14.5% for isolates K. pneumoniae and S. aureus reported the use of antibiotic imprudents15 in this study. It is consistent with previous studies on prevalence. This study showed a high isolation for S. aureus and K. pneumoniae at 31.8% and 10.3% at the younger age of 20 years compared to the adult age

group of 20 to 40, where adultos.17 and Gambi on the table compared to Sazawal S and Black RE showed a higher prevalence of pathogenic UTIs in young children than in young children. The isolation rates were 19.6% and 8.6%, respectively, as shown in Table 3.

**Table: 3 Number of Isolates in specific age group**

| Age Group             | 1-20 years | 20-40 years | 40 years and onwards |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Total No. of Isolates | 135        | 127         | 78                   |
| S. Aareus             | 43 (31.8%) | 25 (19.6%)  | 10 (12.8%)           |
| K. Pneumoniae         | 14 (10.3%) | 11 (8.6%)   | 1 (1.2%)             |
| P. aeruginosa         | 4 (2.9%)   | 6 (4.7%)    | 3 (3.8%)             |
| E.coli                | 3 (2.2%)   | 2 (1.5%)    | 1 (1.2%)             |

We believe that 2003 younger children are most sensitive to cold, URGENT Our study showed that

the prevalence of pathogens emphasized in previous studies was the same. Because of this, the youth group is more vulnerable to URTIs because of the high risk of such UTIs leading to malnutrition, poor sleep, and humid climate predisposing factors that can lead to seconding viruses that can easily cause infection and cause a bacterial infection seconding already present with normal flora. However, in this study, pneumococci (35.34%) and *Neisseria* (17.80%) are also frequently isolated from infected throat; These were probably part of the resident flora accompanied by infected respiratory viruses, and drug treatment in such cases was unnecessary and essentially harmful for this reason. In general, the initiation of viral pathogens is considered to be a sequel of R secondary bacterial infection and initiation of viral<sup>18</sup>. For this reason, prescribing antibiotic therapy to all patients may cause more damage by increasing resistance to antibiotics. More often, antibiotics should be prescribed only to high-risk groups that are likely to have only secondary bacterial infections. *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and *Streptococcus pyogenes*<sup>19</sup> are the major microbial pathogens isolated from severe infections, bacterial infection secondary to the influenza virus. In addition, there are also isolates, for example, pathogens such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and some species of *Enterobacteriaceae*. A study showed that a group of healthy children in a study showed a ratio of 2.2% of carriers to a group of streptococci (GAS), 9.7% for group G and 3.2% for group G and rational antibiotic use to download the most aza, respectively, for group C.<sup>21</sup> according to the theme of this study. The basic reason for facilitating the emergence of antibiotic resistance is its widespread use. Cefotaxime (91.25%), Ceftriaxone (91.04%) and amikacin (90.9%) are other antibiotics because of this injection and less abuse than the application with high prices. These factors may be due to the low rate of resistance recorded for such antibiotics. On the contrary, for

a high use, it is generally less effective to isolate during penicillin (71.04%), augmentin (80.45%) and amoxicillin (66.66%). Antibiotics against erythromycin (43.1%), 30.7), cotrimoxazole (16.3%) and doxycycline (13.0%) are the most commonly available time and cheaper drugs become passive and are not a good choice to handle URCs. Another study showed that 95% of isolates were infected with erythromycin-resistant strains. This suggestion

A rapid diagnostic method for throat pain such as a correlation study between the use of antibiotics and the grade of drug resistance, polymerase chain reaction analysis can also be used to identify antibiotic prescription rates on the first visit (PCR) In our society, the emergence of antibiotic resistance may be a good means to reduce antibiotic prescription rates. In Spain, a study showed that corticosteroids were the antidepressant and the presence of tonsillitis exudates following purulent sputum were the antecedents to the cough that showed the prescription of antibiotics with only 27.9% of the patients, contrary to the signs. This study shows the need for a similar predefined criterion for antibiotic prescription.

## CONCLUSION

As a result, routine application for PCR analysis or culture / susceptibility testing is preferred to determine whether an important bacterial strain is indeed irritant and drug profile. *Pneumococcus* and *Neisseria* were more frequently isolated than infected throats; These were probably part of the residential flora associated with infected respiratory viruses, and therefore drug treatment was unnecessary and essentially harmful. This study provides basic evidence for additional studies on susceptibility patterns, although there is very little data on the sensitivity patterns of pathogens causing URTI, although a very high rate has been reported. high overuse and abuse of antibiotics.

For this reason, this study has clinical and epidemiological importance.

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