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## Rising antimicrobial resistance pattern among the bacteria isolated from wound cases of domesticated animal in India

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### Abstract

Antimicrobial resistance gained by the microorganisms is a global threat, which leads to economic loss as there will be treatment failure, loss of life, discovery of newer and better antimicrobials of any infections as there is need for discovery of newer and better antimicrobials. A total of forty five samples were collected from clinical wound cases in and around Parbhani Veterinary Hospitals. The total of 39 Gram negative and 17 Gram positive isolates includes *Pseudomonas* (24), *E. coli* (15) and *Staphylococcus* (17) spp, were confirmed by biochemical characterization. Susceptibility of isolates to seven antibiotics was tested using disc diffusion method according to the guidelines defined by Clinical Laboratory Standard Institute. *Pseudomonas* Isolates showing resistance to antibiotic for Ceftazidime, Levofloxacin were for *E.coli* isolates showing resistance to antibiotics Erythromycin, Tetracycline and For *Staphylococcus* isolates Penicillin and Enrofloxacin were resistance.

**Keywords:** animal, wound, bacteria and antimicrobial sensitivity

### 1. Introduction

Wound is defined as the loss or breaking of cell and anatomic or functional continuity of living tissues which might not handiest be prompted by using the external factors, but also as a hardship of a few disorder processes and different internal factors (Ayello, 2005) [2]. Wounds are common and may be challenging to manipulate in each human and animals, specifically non-recuperation wounds and wounds with secondary infection by using multidrug resistant bacteria. (Atiyeh *et al.*, 2009) [1]. Wound therapies have evolved significantly over the past three decades and provided more effective and easily healing methods such as dressings, wound bed preparations, quaterization and ligation. Technology and product proliferation, however, varied by geography, usually as a function of economics and health care policy. A number of research conducted recently discovered that for septic wounds, the most common isolates were *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella* spp. and *Acinetobacter* spp. The management of wound infections has grown to be difficult because of the great bacterial resistance to antibiotics and extra incidence of infections because of poly-microbial plant life (Pallavali *et al.*, 2017) [8]. The use of antibiotics in the treatment of bacterial infections increasingly encounters difficulties caused by the emergence and rapid spread of pathogenic bacteria exhibiting multidrug resistance.

### 2. Materials and Method

#### 2.1 Sample collection

Forty five wound swab and pus samples were collected in sterile vials for collection of samples from various injured animals. The samples were marked with position, date of collection and age of the animal. The sampling area includes local dairies, animal farms and state veterinary clinics. The samples were transported on ice to the laboratory and stored at 4 °C until processing. The samples were collected from March 2018 to April 2019.

## 2.2 Bacterial examination and confirmation

The cultural characters of the typical colonies were studied. The smears were crafted from various colonies and stained by means of Gram's staining method. Hanging drop methods were used to determine the motility of organisms. Primarily, organisms were recognized by their morphological, cultural and staining characters and confirmation was made by method explained by Cruickshank *et al.*, (1975) [4]

## 2.3 Antimicrobial susceptibility test

### 2.3.1 Agar diffusion method

All the bacterial isolates were subjected to antibiotic sensitivity test using standard antibiotic discs by the method described by Bauer *et al.* (1966) [3]. The zone of inhibition (diameter in mm) of each antibiotic disc was then correlated with sensitivity as per standard chart supplied along with disc and results recorded in terms of either sensitive or resistant bacteria to the respective antibiotics.

## 3. Results

In the present study a total of 45 infected wound cases in which 11- cattle, 7- goat, 8- Buffalo, 5- Horse, 14- Dog samples were included in this study. Monomicrobial infection was present in 15 cases, whereas mixed infection by two bacteria was observed in 30 cases. Gram negative bacteria were isolated frequently [30/45 (52.8%)] than gram positive bacteria. The most common Gram-negative isolates were

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (24). Dhawan *et al.*, (2006) [5] reported similar findings though it was 5.63% isolated from wound cases were *Escherichia coli* (15) and *Pseudomonas putida* (02). Among Gram-positive bacteria that is Coagulase positive *Staphylococcus aureus* (5) and Coagulase negative staphylococcus (8) and *Enterococcus faecalis* (4) were observed (Table 1). Acharya *et al.*, (2008) in their studies conducted in Nepal reported Gram positive cocci constituted 57.06% and Gram negative bacteria constituted 42.94% isolates. In this study the bacterial pathogens of wound were isolated and it was found that, among major isolates *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* was the most common isolate (37.3%). This finding is in contrast with the findings of Tiwari *et al.*, (2016) [9] who reported *Staphylococcus aureus* as major bacteria isolated from the wound cases and The bacteria which were identified are presented in Table 2.

**Table 1:** Bacteria isolated from clinical wound following cases

Bacteria isolated (n=56)	Number
<b>Gram-negative bacteria (n=39)</b>	
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	22
<i>Pseudomonas putida</i>	02
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	15
<b>Gram-positive bacteria (n=17)</b>	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	5
Coagulase negative staphylococcus	8
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	4

**Table 2:** Morphological and cultural characteristics of bacterial isolates

Sr. No.	Pathogen	Media used	Colony characteristics	Gram stain and morphology
1.	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Cetrimide agar	Yellow green, fluorescent	Negative (Rod)
2.	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	EMB agar	Metallic sheen coloured	Negative (Rod)
3.	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	Nutrient agar	Smooth, cream/white	Positive (Cocci)
4.	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Mannitol salt agar	Smooth, Golden yellow	Positive (Cocci)

The 37 Gram negative bacteria and 17 Gram positive bacteria isolates from clinical wound cases were grown on discriminatory media and further subjected to biochemical characterization by MR, VP, Indole and Nitrate test. The suspected isolates of both species were subjected to different sugar fermentation tests. For *Pseudomonas* spp. different sugars viz. Glucose, Lactose, Arabinose, Rhamnose, Mannitol, Dulcitol, Inositol, and Sucrose were used. For assumed *Staphylococcus* spp. different sugars viz. Glucose, Rhamnose, Maltose, Arabinose, Mannitol, Dulcitol, Xylose, Raffinose, Inositol, Sucrose, Lactose were used. The clinical wound isolated bacteria of *Pseudomonas* spp. were subjected to different tests such as Catalase, Citrate, Urease, and Haemolysis. Similarly Catalase, Citrate, Coagulase, Urease and Haemolysis were done for detection of suspected characters of *Staphylococcus* spp. The results of biochemical tests for *Pseudomonas* spp were MR, VP and Indole tests negative whereas Nitrate test was positive exceptional for *P. putida* spp. For sugar fermentation test all positive *Pseudomonas* spp fermented glucose, Arabinose but did not ferment to Inositol, Lactose, Dulcitol and Sucrose. The results of different tests for detection of different characters of *Pseudomonas* spp are that all 24 *Pseudomonas* spp were positive for Catalase, Urease and Citrate where as hemolysis test negative. Similar work is done by Mokate and More (2013) who have reported the isolation and identification of *Pseudomonas* spp by using biochemical tests.

### 3.1 Antimicrobial susceptibility of *Pseudomonas* spp, *E. coli* and *Staphylococcus* spp.

Antimicrobial susceptibility test was performed on 45 bacterial spp. by agar disc diffusion method and as many as 7 antibiotics for *Pseudomonas*, 7 antibiotics for *E.coli* and 7 antibiotics for *Staphylococcus* spp. were used for studying the resistance and sensitivity pattern of Bacterial species. Among the *P. aeruginosa* isolated, all the antibacterial antibiotics were most lively with 100% susceptibility to Gentamicin followed by Ciprofloxacin (80%), Ceftazidime (28.5), Meropenem (54.7%), Imipenem (38%), Levofloxacin (28%) and Amoxicillin (57.7%). For *E. coli* isolates were 100% sensitive to Gentamicin, followed by Chloramphenicol (95%), Ceftriaxone (85%), Norfloxacin (20%), Erythromycin (37%), Ciprofloxacin (57%), and Tetracycline (28%). and for *Staphylococcus* isolates were 100% sensitive for ciprofloxacin followed by Chloramphenicol (87%), Gentamicin (67%), Amoxicillin (37%), Penicillin (5%), Enrofloxacin (10%), Ampicillin (28%).

## 5. Discussion

In the present study the wound infection is the most dynamic that retards the normal wound healing. Wounds are caused by various reasons such as trauma, injury during surgery etc. A wound is either simple with superficial injury or complicated with involvement of deeper structures e.g., muscle, tendons, vessels, bones etc. Infected wounds illustrate deferred epithelial growth and migration, superior cellular necrosis and

lysis of collagen tissue. Bacteria are proficient of producing collagenase enzyme which degrades collagen tissue synthesized by fibroblast to decrease the tensile strength, and ultimately to cause wound disruption. Wounds are congregation by a polymicrobial flora comprising synergistic bacteria, such as *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococci* and *Escherichia coli* spp bacteria.

The injudicious uses of antibiotics throw in to the development of super infection and resistant microbial species. When a wound is treated with antimicrobial drug, a selective pressure is applied to all bacteria exposed to the drug. Pallavali *et al.*, (2017) [8] who demonstrated for *Pseudomonas* spp a relatively higher sensitive to gentamicin, Cefotaxime and the antibiotic resistance pattern demonstrated to ampicillin (80.7%), amoxicillin (88.4%). The sensitivity patterns exhibited by *E. coli* had been highly decrease than the ones in previous reports, which demonstrated ampicillin (96.6%), tetracycline (79%) and gentamicin (51.7%) a particularly higher percent of drug resistance than our findings within the current examine as quoted by Mama *et al.*, (2014) [6]

The study conducted in Andhra Pradesh verified a relatively greater percentage of multi-drug resistance in comparison to our observations (95.5 to 100%) *S. aureus* was 100% resistant to benzyl penicillin, ampicillin and had variable resistances to other tested drugs, including kanamycin (13.6%), vancomycin (9%), cefotaxime (9%) and tobramycin (4.7%) as reported by Pallavali *et al.*, (2017) [8].

## 6. Conclusion

It was observed that from clinical wound cases *Pseudomonas* (60%), *Staphylococcus* (30%) and *E. coli* (10%) was present. The level of multidrug resistance to the commonly used antibiotics in veterinary hospitals has increased. In the present study *Pseudomonas* spp were resistant to antibiotics such as Ceftazidime (78%), Imipenem (88%) and Levofloxacin (90%). *Staphylococcus* showed resistance to antibiotics *viz.* Penicillin (95%), Enrofloxacin (90%), Ampicillin (78%). and *E. coli* were resistant to antibiotics Tetracycline (80%) and Erythromycin (88%). The antibiotic Gentamicin was observed to express sensitivity against *Pseudomonas*, *Staphylococcus* and *E. coli* organisms isolated from wound

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