



## Epidemiology of Staphylococcus aureus in a burn unit of a tertiary care center in Bhubaneswar

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### Abstracts

**Background:** *In creating nations, hospitalized consume exploited people are at high danger of nosocomial contaminations caused by Staphylococcus aureus. Hazard factors incorporate poor contamination control rehearses, delayed hospitalization and restricted limit with regards to research center microbiological examinations. These issues are exacerbated by boundless utilization of anti-infection agents that drives the spread of multidrug safe microbes.*

**Methods:** *Amid the investigation time frame (November 2014-June 2015), nasal and intrusive S. aureus disengages were gathered sequentially from patients and human services specialists (HCWs) inside the consume unit of the Reconstructive Plastic Surgery and Burn Center of Korle Bu Teaching Hospital in Ghana. Anti-microbial remedy, anti-microbial weakness and bacterial composing were utilized to evaluate anti-microbial weight, anti-toxin obstruction, and conceivable transmission occasions among patients and HCWs.*

**Results:** *Eighty S. aureus confines were gotten from 37 of the 62 included consume patients and 13 of the 29 HCWs. At affirmation, half of patients conveyed or were tainted with S. aureus including ethicillin safe S. aureus (MRSA). Anti-toxin use per 100 days of hospitalization was high (91.2 days), demonstrating high particular weight for safe pathogens. MRSA segregates got from 11 patients and one HCW had a place with a similar spa-type t928 and multi-locus grouping type 250, inferring conceivable transmission occasions. A death rate of 24% was recorded over the season of affirmation in the consume unit.*

**Conclusion:** *This examination uncovered a high potential for MRSA episodes and development of safe pathogens among consume patients because of absence of patient screening and expanded exact utilization of anti-infection agents. Our perceptions underscore the need to actualize an arrangement of anti-toxin stewardship and disease counteractive action where microbiological diagnostics results are made accessible to doctors for convenient and suitable patient treatment.*

**Keywords:** *MRSA, VRSA, S. aureus, Antibiotic resistance, Burn.*

### Introductions

Normally happening strains of methicillin-safe Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) were first

revealed from England in 1961<sup>[1]</sup>, not long after the presentation of semisynthetic penicillins. Inside 10 years, MRSA was accounted for in the

United States, with 22 such strains confined from 18 patients at Boston City Hospital<sup>[2]</sup>, and by 1981, it had turned out to be endemic in for all intents and purposes all US human services offices<sup>[3,4]</sup>. A meta-examination of investigations of *S. aureus* bacteremia that were distributed from January 1980 through December 2000 showed fundamentally expanded mortality related with MRSA disease, contrasted with contamination due with methicillin susceptible *S. aureus* (MSSA)<sup>[5]</sup>. Information gathered from July 2004 through December 2005 by the Active Bacterial Core observation organize (the research center reconnaissance part of the Emerging Infections Program of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]) demonstrated an expected rate of obtrusive MRSA contamination (circulatory system or other sterile destinations) of 31.8 case per 100,000 populace<sup>[6]</sup>. This pattern is related with high horribleness and mortality. As indicated by one gauge of rate rates of MRSA contamination in 2005, among 5287 patients hospitalized with MRSA disease, there were 988 passings<sup>[6]</sup>; based on these information, an expected 18,650 patients kicked the bucket of intrusive MRSA contamination in the United States in 2005<sup>[7]</sup>. On the off chance that exact, this projection proposes that MRSA-related passings surpassed the all out assessed number of passings (17,011) owing to HIV disease and AIDS in the United States in 2005<sup>[8]</sup>. As the predominance of MRSA strains has consistently expanded in human services offices (wellbeing care– related [HA] MRSA), people group related (CA) contaminations have turned out to be progressively endemic in numerous parts of the world<sup>[9– 11]</sup>. Principally connected with skin and softtissue diseases, CA-MRSA can likewise cause extreme aspiratory contaminations, including pneumonia and empyema<sup>[12,13]</sup>, and osteomyelitis or septic joint pain, urinary contaminations, and bacteremia<sup>[13]</sup>. As of late, thinks about on *S. aureus* hereditary decent variety in medicinal services and network settings have identified spa-types t084, t314 and t355 to be transcendent in

Ghana [14±18]. In any case, there has so far been no information distributed on the commonness of *S. aureus* and this present pathogen's relationship with intrusive diseases in consume focuses in Ghana. The present investigation was in this way gone for surveying the study of disease transmission of *S. aureus* in consume patients in the Reconstructive Plastic Surgery and Burn Center of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital (KBTH), Korle Bu, Ghana, amid a seven-month overview. Consume patients and medicinal services laborers (HCWs) were screened for *S. aureus*, and the anti-infection opposition profiles of nasal or obtrusive *S. aureus* disengages were researched. Information from this investigation is expected to manage future antimicrobial treatment and powerful healing center disease control.

### Materials and Methods

The consume unit of the Reconstructive Plastic Surgery and Burn Center of KBTH records around 328 confirmations for each year with about 27% in-clinic mortality. All consume patients are alluded from either the emergency unit of the doctor's facility or from other local or area clinics in the nation. Patients are alluded dependent on the seriousness of the consumes, the careful mediation required, and once in a while for calculated reasons. The consume unit involves six beds each in the grown-up male and female wards, seven beds in the youngsters' ward and two beds in the confinement ward. The unit has a working theater and a treatment/changing area. Injuries of consume patients are cleaned with water containing sterile arrangement (cetrimide 3% w/v and chlorhexidine gluconate 0.3% w/v). The injuries are in this way washed with typical saline and topical salves containing sterilizers. Silver sulphadiazine and sulphadiazine are connected onto the consume wound. This is trailed by an occlusive dressing with paraffin-doused cloth, sterile cotton and a wrap. The dressings are changed at regular intervals. Bacterial disengagement, recognizable proof, mecA discovery and antimicrobial vulnerability testing

All swabs were streaked on 5% sheep blood agar (BA) and the individual plates were brooded at 37°C medium-term. Hypothetical *S. aureus* settlements were tried for coagulase utilizing the Pastorex Staph Plus test (Bio-rad, Marnes-la-Coquette, France) and nuc PCR<sup>[19]</sup>. *S. aureus* disconnects were affirmed utilizing lattice helped laser desorption ionization-time of flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF MS) with a microflex LT Biotyper (Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany) as per producer's guidelines. Blood societies gathered fortnightly from patients were brooded in the BACTEC-9240 blood culture framework (Becton Dickinson, Sparks, MD, USA) for seven days. Societies were produced using blood tests that gave positive signs for ID of *S. aureus* as portrayed already. To distinguish MRSA, all *S. aureus* disconnects were screened for *mecA* quality as recently portrayed<sup>[20]</sup>. Antimicrobial powerlessness testing of *S. aureus* was at first performed utilizing the circle dispersion technique on Muller Hinton Agar and translated by the CLSI rules at Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research in Ghana<sup>[21]</sup>. These investigations were, be that as it may, just performed on the *S. aureus* detaches from the nares and injuries of patients as well as HCWs that tried positive for the *mecA* quality, and for the methicillin touchy *S. aureus* (MSSA) and MRSA secludes from obtrusive contaminations. Antimicrobial powerlessness testing was additionally performed on all *S. aureus* disconnects with the VITEK 2 framework (AST-P633, bioMerieux Corporate, Marcy l'Etoile, France) as indicated by the producer's directions at the diagnostics research facility of the University Medical Center Groningen in the Netherlands. The utilized cards contained the accompanying anti-infection agents: benzylpenicillin, cefoxitin, chloramphenicol, ciprofloxacin, clindamycin, erythromycin, fosfomycin, fusidic corrosive, gentamicin, kanamycin, linezolid, mupirocin, oxacillin, rifampicin, teicoplanin, antibiotic medication, tobramycin, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole and vancomycin. The base

inhibitory fixation results were deciphered by EUCAST rules ([www.eucast.org](http://www.eucast.org)). Discovery of the Panton-Valentine leukocidin qualities and bacterial composing All *S. aureus* segregates were screened for the nearness of Panton Valentine Leucocidin (PVL) by PCR as recently portrayed<sup>[22]</sup>. Spa-composing of *S. aureus* segregates was executed as recently portrayed by Harmsen et al.<sup>[23]</sup>. DNA arrangements were resolved utilizing an ABI Prism 3130 hereditary analyser (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, USA). Spa-types were doled out utilizing the Ridom Staph Type programming variant 2.2.1 (Ridom GmbH, Wuèrzburg, Germany)<sup>[23]</sup>. Multilocus Sequence Typing (MLST) was performed on a subset of confines (n = 70) as depicted by Enright et al.<sup>[24]</sup>.

## Results

Persistent attributes Sixty-seven patients were admitted to the consume unit amid the examination time frame. Sixty-two patients were enlisted while five patients declined interest. The patients were alluded from 20 doctor's facilities (n = 26) in Ghana and the ICU of the KBTH (n = 36). General patient qualities are displayed in Table 1. The middle age was 25 years (IQR: 3±35) and 36% of the members were more youthful than 10 years. Blazes represented the reason for consumes for most of the patients. The middle TBSA of the consume was 15% (IQR: 7.8±28.2%). Twenty-nine HCWs (inhabitant (n = 1), house officer (n = 1), medical caretakers (n = 30) and cleaners (n = 2)) were incorporated amid the examination time frame. Twenty-four HCWs finished the investigation; alternate HCWs were exchanged to different units inside the doctor's facility. Twenty-nine HCWs were swabbed on each event including recently exchanged HCWs. None of the HCWs declined investment amid the examination. *S. aureus* the study of disease transmission in the consume unit Eighty *S. aureus* segregates were gotten from 37 (60%) of the 62 patients and 13 (45%) of the 29 HCWs. Twenty-two (28%) confines tried positive for the *mecA*

quality. On the principal day of confirmation (inside 24 hours) 31 (half) patients conveyed something like one *S. aureus* strain in their nares ( $n = 21$ ), consume wounds ( $n = 17$ ), or both ( $n = 9$ ). Four patients had *S. aureus* identified in their blood culture. Two of these patients conveyed *S. aureus* in their nares and consume wounds all the while. Seven (11%) of the 62 patients tried MRSA-positive on the primary day of confirmation, two of whom had MRSA identified in their blood societies. Four of these seven MRSA-positive patients were alluded from the KBTH ICU and three from one of the other referral focuses. In eight (13%) of the 62 patients *S. aureus* was refined after the affirmation. These eight patients conveyed no less than one strain in their nares ( $n = 5$ ), consume wounds ( $n = 5$ ) or both ( $n = 3$ ). In five of these eight patients the procured *S. aureus* strain was MRSA. Thirteen (45%) of the 29 HCWs tried positive at any rate once with *S. aureus* amid the investigation time frame. One of the HCWs conveyed MRSA. Anti-microbial solution and *S. aureus* obstruction design Cefuroxime was one of the anti-infection agents as often as possible devoured by consume patients. Further utilization of antimicrobials was activated by clinical occasions (fever or suspected sepsis) orđin a minority of casesđby the recognition of *S. aureus* intrusive contaminations and some of the time MRSA twisted colonization amid the present investigation. The anti-infection agents recommended in the consume unit amid the examination time frame are exhibited in Table 2. Every one of the 80 *S. aureus* separates were tried for helplessness to anti-toxins. The outcomes are introduced in Table 2. None of the secludes were impervious to fosfomycin, fusidic corrosive, linezolid, mupirocin, teicoplanin, or vancomycin. Then again, all disconnects were impervious to benzylpenicillin and over portion of the segregates (51%) were impervious to antibiotic medication. Twenty-two (28%) segregates were impervious to cefoxitin and oxacillin, and 21 of these detaches from 11 patients and one HCW showed a comparative anti-infection obstruction example to

gentamicin, kanamycin, tobramycin and ciprofloxacin (S1 Table). Discovery of PVL qualities and bacterial-composing PVL-encoding qualities were distinguished in 27 (34%) of the 80 confines acquired from 17 (27%) of the 62 patients (front nares [ $n = 6$ ] and wound [ $n = 12$ ]) and 6 (21%) of the 29 HCWs. *S. aureus* separates from patients and HCWs were relegated 20 distinctive spa-types and 16 STs including four new STs: ST3248, ST3249, ST3250, ST3251 and one untypeable detach (Table 3)

**Table 1** Patients characteristics

Patient characteristics	Number (IQR or % frequency)	
	Sex (female, percentage)	37
Age (years, median (IQR))	25	(3±35)
Type of burn		
Acid	1 (1.6%)	
Chemicals	2 (3.2%)	
Electrical	1 (1.6%)	
Flame	24	(38.7%)
Gas	16	(25.8%)
Scald (hot fluids)	18	(29%)
TBSA (median %)	15	(7.8±28.2)
Hospital stay (days)*	11	(5±17.5)
In-hospital mortality	15	(24.2%)

**Table 2** Number of days of antibiotics prescribed per 100 days in the burn unit and antibiotic resistances of the 80 investigated *S. aureus* isolates.

Antibiotics	Number of days of antibiotic used per 100 in-patient hospital days	No. (resistance rate %)
Amoxicillin-clavulanic acid	1.9	-
Cefuroxime	60.6	-
Ceftazidime	1.6	-
Benzylpenicillin	-	80 (100)
Oxacillin	-	22 (28)
Vancomycin	0.4	0 (0)
Gentamicin	11.9	21 (26)
Tobramycin	-	21 (26)
Kanamycin	-	22 (28)
Ciprofloxacin	5.6	21 (26)
Levofloxacin	4.1	-
Chloramphenicol	-	35 (44)
Clindamycin	-	1 (1)
Erythromycin	2.3	1 (1)
Fosfomycin	-	0 (0)
Fusidic acid	-	0 (0)
Mupirocin	-	0 (0)
Linezolid	-	0 (0)
Teicoplanin	-	0 (0)
Rifampicin	-	1 (1)
Tetracycline	-	41 (51)
Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole	-	20 (25)
Metronidazole	2.9	-
Total	91.2	



## Discussion

The present examination depicts the *S. aureus* the study of disease transmission in consume patients and HCWs in a consume unit in Ghana. As far as anyone is concerned, this is the primary report of such information from Ghana. In created nations, the older are frequently vulnerable to consume wounds<sup>[25,26]</sup>. Our examination depicts an a lot more youthful patient gathering with consumes, which is steady with reports from other wellbeing focuses in Ghana and other African nations, where offspring of 10 years and underneath speak to most of consume unfortunate casualties<sup>[4,10]</sup>. The greater part of the consume patients experienced fire consumes (39%) because of the utilization of candles and lamp oil lights for lighting because of the national power emergency in Ghana. Referrals from the 20 healing facilities and the ICU of the KBTH were frequently made because of the compounding states of patients, absence of assets or talented experts for specific consideration of severely charred areas, or calculated reasons. Routine screening of patients for MRSA carriage or multi-tranquelize safe life forms (MDRO) are not performed in the consume unit. Here, disease control measures were taken as to just a single MRSA tolerant, which shows the high danger of patient-to-persistent transmission occasions. Strikingly, the MRSA cases included patients who tried positive upon the arrival of affirmation and patients who obtained the MRSA amid confirmation. Most of these segregates (21 of 22) were appeared to have a place with the spa-type t928 and ST250. Hence, patients that tried positive on confirmation could be the conceivable wellspring of the nosocomial MRSA transmission occasions. This perception features the requirement for actualizing contamination control and counteractive action measures in alluding social insurance focuses to avoid episodes of infection that at present stay unnoticed. Past investigations have appeared colonized yet non-disconnected patients increment the hazard for nosocomial transmission occasions<sup>[27,28]</sup>. Since most directly distinguished MRSA cases were

referrals, it is essential that patients from referral focuses that habitually report MRSA, for example, the KBTH ICU, be screened for MRSA when exchanged to the consume unit to avoid conceivable episodes. Further, practically 50% of the HCWs (45%) were transient transporters of *S. aureus*, including MRSA, which shows their conceivable association in nosocomial transmission occasions in the consume unit. *S. aureus* carriage of 23% among HCWs in different offices in this doctor's facility has been accounted for<sup>[29]</sup>. In this regard, it ought to be noticed that bacterial composing strategies, for example, spa-composing and MLST, are not ideal for construing nosocomial occasions, since they have a generally low prejudicial power contrasted with entire genome sequencing. In this way, entire genome sequencing investigations of the MRSA disconnects (ST250) will be expected to affirm such occasions. The high occurrence of MRSA separates with ST250 is important. First revealed as the reason for pestilence MRSA infection and overwhelming MRSA genotype in the mid-1960s in Australia, Europe (Denmark, Germany, Switzerland), Uganda and the United Kingdom, and amid the 1970s-1980s in Ireland [30±32], there are by and by no reports of ST250-I MRSA in these locales<sup>[31]</sup>. As of late, ST250-I MRSA has, be that as it may, rose in skin and delicate tissue contaminations in a social insurance focus in Ghana<sup>[14]</sup>. Further, our present information demonstrates a more extensive conveyance of ST250-MRSA with the SCCmec type IV variation from other referral medicinal services focuses in Ghana proposing the fast dispersal of this strain in healing facilities of this nation. The general utilization of anti-infection agents per 100 intolerant healing center days was seen to be high because of the all-encompassing utilization of observational treatment and absence of microbiological symptomatic outcomes. Clinical disconnects got from copy patients have been accounted for to be impervious to usually recommended medications in copy units [33±35]. Accordingly, fitting solution of anti-infection

agents is essential to avoid development of safe microscopic organisms. Be that as it may, this must be accomplished if the consume units are furnished with some gauge epidemiological and microbiological information. We watched a 27% of carriage of PVL-positive *S. aureus* in consume patients. PVL-positive MRSA was not identified in this investigation. PVL-positive MRSA has been accounted for in consume focuses in the United Kingdom (9%), United States of America (2.5%) and Iran (7%) [36±38]. Also, none of the *S. aureus* secludes from intrusive diseases conveyed the PVL quality. This is striking as, more much of the time, *S. aureus* confines from intrusive diseases have been accounted for to convey PVL-encoding qualities in Ghana and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (49±75%) [18,39]. Here, it ought to be referenced that the significant *S. aureus* spa-types t084, t355 and t928 as distinguished in our investigation have been depicted beforehand in Ghana [14±18].

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