

# Case of month : NTM infection

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Consultant : Infectious diseases

# Case history

- 28 years old female
- History of LSCS on 08-03-2015
- Stitch removed on 10<sup>th</sup> day
- Discharge from stitch site after one month
- Repeated dressing done
- Various antibiotics received

# Case history

- No history of fever, loss of appetite or loss of weight
- No other systemic symptoms
- No history of pain or redness at local site
- General examination is normal except pallor
- Systemic examination normal
- Two sinus opening on stitch line
- Watery discharge present

# Microbiology on 03-06-2015

- Discharge/pus smear positive for AFB +
- Negative for pyogenic culture
- Negative for fungal culture

**LABORATORY REPORT**



Name : [REDACTED]  
Lab ID : 1506100037 Pat ID 1506100037  
Sex/Age : F / 28 Years  
Ref. By :  
Location : Shradhdha Multispeciality Hospital @ Khanpur

Registration on : 03-Jun-2015 21:16  
Collected on : 03-Jun-2015 21:15  
Approved on : 05-Jun-2015 20:17  
Sample Type : PUS

**RESULTS**

**PYOGENIC CULTURE AND SUSCEPTIBILITY FOR BACTERIA**

Specimen Pus from Post LSCS Wound  
Gram Stain Many pus cells, no organisms seen.  
Ziehl-Neelsen Stain Acid fast bacilli detected (+)  
Microscopic Examination Negative for fungal elements.  
Culture Result Negative  
Organism Not Applicable  
Colony Count Not Applicable  
Comments Adv: (1) AFB Culture and Susceptibility; (2) GeneXpert TB  
Sensitivity reporting has not been done as there was no growth of any bacteria after two days of aerobic incubation.

# AFB culture

- Positive on 11-06-2016
- Positive after 6 day
- Turned to be Non Tuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM) also known as Mycobacterium Other Than Tuberculosis (MOTT)



# SYNERGY

## Micropath Laboratory

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### LABORATORY REPORT



Name: [Redacted] P  
 Lab ID: 1506100045 Pat ID: 1506100037  
 Sex/Age: F / 28 Years  
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 Location: Shradhdha Multispeciality Hospital @ Khanpur 25600018

Registration on : 04-Jun-2015 12:42  
 Collected on : 04-Jun-2015 12:41  
 Approved on : 11-Jun-2015 11:47  
 Sample Type : PUS

TEST

RESULTS

### ACID-FAST-BACILLI(AFB) CULTURE AND IDENTIFICATION

Specimen	Pus from Post LSCS Wound
Ziehl-Neelsen Stain	Acid fast bacilli detected (+)
3 Culture Primary Report	Not Applicable
3 Culture Intermediate Report	Not Applicable
3 Culture Final Report	Positive for AFB culture after 06 days of incubation.
Organism	<u>Mycobacterium other than tuberculosis complex (MOTT/NTM)</u>

The specimen was processed by high throughput fully automated continuous monitoring instrument BD BACTEC MGIT (Mycobacteria Growth Indicator Tube) system which provides early detection of mycobacterial (AFB) growth in liquid culture and susceptibility of MTB to First line and Second line antitubercular drugs. It works on advance fluorescence technology for giving rapid and accurate reports. In case of Positive result; Identification of Mycobacteria is done by rapid immunochromatography assay targeting TB antigen-MPT 64.

# Line Probe Assay (LPA)

- LPA done for speciation of MOTT/NTM
- Found to be *M. Fortuitum*
- Drug Sensitivity Test (DST) done



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 Sex/Age : F / 28 Years  
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Registration on : 15-Jun-2015 19:31  
 Collected on : 15-Jun-2015 19:31  
 Approved on : 19-Jun-2015 18:41  
 Sample Type : ANY SPECIMEN

TEST

RESULTS

**Speciation of Common Mycobacteria by Line Probe Assay**

Specimen **Mycobacterial growth (Pus from Post LSCS Wound)**

Result of Line Probe Assay **Mycobacterium fortuitum ✓**

Methodology of Line Probe Assay  
 The GenoType LPANTMCM test is based on DNA Strip technology. The test consists of three steps: DNA extraction from cultured material (solid/liquid medium); a multiplex PCR amplification; reverse hybridization where single-stranded amplicons bind to specific probes attached to the LPA strips. The visualised band patterns on the strips are then interpreted by either a manual comparison with a printed template or read and analysed in the GenoScan reader.

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 Registration on : 15-Jun-2015 19:31  
 Collected on : 15-Jun-2015 19:31  
 Approved on : 19-Jun-2015 18:44  
 Sample Type : ANY SPECIMEN

TEST	RESULTS	UNIT	BIOLOGICAL REFERENCE RANGE
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NTM/MOTT DRUG SUSCEPTIBILITY REPORT

Specimen **Mycobacterial growth (Pus from Post LSCS Wound)**

Ziehl-Neelsen Stain **Acid fast bacilli detected (+)**

Organism **Mycobacterium fortuitum**

Trimethoprim / Sulphamethaxole **Resistant (4/76)** microgm/ml  
(0.25/4.75 - 8/152)

Linezolid (1 - 32) **Sensitive (4)** microgm/ml

Ciprofloxacin (0.12 - 4) ✓ **Sensitive (1)** microgm/ml

Imipenem (2 - 64) **Sensitive (4)** microgm/ml

Moxifloxacin (0.25 - 8) **Sensitive (0.25)** microgm/ml

Cefepime (1-32) **Resistant (32)** microgm/ml

Cefoxitin (4 -128) **Sensitive (8)** microgm/ml

Amoxicillin / clavulanic acid (2/1 - 64/32) **Resistant (64/32)** microgm/ml

Amikacin (1-64) ✓ **Sensitive (1)** microgm/ml

Ceftriaxone (4 - 64) **Resistant (64)** microgm/ml

Doxycycline (0.12-16) **Sensitive (0.5)** microgm/ml

Minocycline (1 - 8) **Sensitive (<1)** microgm/ml

Tigecycline (0.015 - 4) **Sensitive (0.5)** microgm/ml

Tobramycin (1 - 16) **Intermediate (4)** microgm/ml

Clarithromycin (0.06 - 16) ✓ **Sensitive (0.12)** microgm/ml

Comments

Tobramycin should not be used to treat infections with the Mycobacterium fortuitum group.

# Treatment

- Patient put on treatment
- Inj Amikacin 1 gm (500 mg + 500 mg) IV
- Tab Clarithromycin 500 mg BID
- Tab Ethambutol 800 mg OD
- Discharge stopped after one month
- Repeat USG satisfactory

# Follow up

- Creatinine was monitored
- Amikacin stopped after two months
- Clarithromycin and ethambutol continued
- After total of 5 month of therapy USG was done
- Complete obliteration of sinus tracts
- Stopped treatment at 9 months

# Introduction : NTM

- Non tubercular mycobacterial infection (NTM) does exist in India but does not look as a common problem to most of internist.
- High degree of suspicion is required to think & diagnose NTM infection.
- Causes a range of disease in both immunocompetent and immunocompromised patients and may affect different organs.
- The role of laboratory is very vital to identify, speciate and differentiate from MTB by culture & molecular method.
- Treatment is totally different of NTM from MTB.

## Runyon Classification of NTM

<p><b><i>SG- NTM</i></b>  <b><i>(SGM)</i></b>  <i>(&gt; 7 days)</i></p>	<p><b>Photochromogens</b>  (Runyon group I)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>M. kansasii</i></li> <li>• <i>M. marinum</i></li> <li>• <i>M. simiae</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Scotochromogens</b>  (Runyon group II)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>M. scrofulaceum</i></li> <li>• <i>M. gordonae</i></li> <li>• <i>M.szulgai</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Nonchromogens</b>  (Runyon group III)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAC</li> <li>• <i>M. xenopi</i></li> <li>• <i>M. ulcerans</i></li> <li>• <i>M. terrae</i></li> <li>• <i>M haemophilum</i></li> </ul>
<p><b><i>RG- NTM</i></b>  <b><i>(RGM)</i></b>  (Runyon group IV)  <i>(&lt; 7 days)</i></p>	<p><i>M. fortuitum , M. chelonae, M. abscessus, , M. smegmatis</i></p>		

# Clinical Classification of NTM diseases.

Immunocompromised Status

Disseminated disease with multisystem involvement, with MAC, *kansasii* and similar organisms

Immunocompetent Status

## (1) Inhalation / Ingestion

- Chronic pulmonary disease
- Lymphadenitis

## (2) Post Inoculation NTM

- Surgical inoculation
- Post injection abscess
- Swimming pool granuloma
- Buruli ulcer

## (3) Intravascular stent / cardiac procedure related blood stream infection

# Treatment of NTM infection

- No empirical therapy is recommended
- Confirm the diagnosis, rule out contamination – pulmonary NTM
- Duration: pulmonary & disseminated : 12 months post negative cultures.
- For skin & soft tissue, bone & joint & lymphadenitis 4 – 6 months.
- Surgical debridement : once or repeated should be considered from risk / benefit perspective
- As there are no randomized control trials done in recent past, treatment recommendation is given as per guideline of ATS / IDSA of 2007.



# Treatment of Infection

- MAC : Clarithromycin / Azithromycin, Ethambutol, Rifampicin
- *M. Kansasii* : Rifampicin, isoniazid, Ethambutol, Streptomycin & Clarithromycin – Usually preferred three drug regimen (HER)
- *M. Fortuitum* : Amikacin, Clarithromycin, Linezolid, Ciprofloxacin, Imipenem, TMP/SMX, Tigecycline, Cefoxitin, Doxycycline.
- *M. Absceus* : Amikacin, Clarithromycin, Tigecycline, Cefoxitin, Imipenem Linezolid, Doxycycline, Ciprofloxacin.
- *M. Chelonae* : Tobramycin / Amikacin, Clarithromycin, Imipenem, Tigecycline Linezolid, Doxycycline, Ciprofloxacin.

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