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## ABSTRACT

Cardiac surgery is associated with high rate of postoperative complications including renal dysfunction. Persons with asymptomatic bacteriuria are at increased risk of developing symptomatic urinary tract infection and other complications. This study was performed in the laboratory of Shahid Gangalal National Heart Centre (SGNHC), Bansbari, from March to September, 2008 that included 151 midstream urine samples from postoperative patients who had undergone open heart surgery. The samples were processed for culture by semi quantitative standard loop method. Identification of the significant isolates was done by standard microbiological techniques and antibiotic susceptibility testing was done by Kirby Bauer disc diffusion method. The prevalence of significant bacteriuria was 11.92% among postoperative patients who had undergone open heart surgery. Out of 18 significant bacteriuric cases, 17 were asymptomatic. Females had higher percentage of significant bacteriuria than males, however, was statistically insignificant ( $p=0.22$ ). Significant bacteriuria was higher among valve surgery cases 15.91% (14/88) followed by vascular surgery 10.52 % (2/19) and congenital 5.40% (2/37). The six different bacterial species isolated were *Escherichia coli* (44.44%), *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (16.67%), *Acinetobacter* spp. (11.11%), *Staphylococcus aureus* (11.11%), *Enterococcus* spp. (11.11%) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (5.56%). All the gram negative isolates were sensitive to amikacin and most (92.31%) were resistant to ampicillin. All the gram positive isolates were sensitive to vancomycin and resistant to ampicillin, ciprofloxacin, cotrimoxazole, cloxacillin, cephalexin and erythromycin. Multidrug resistance (MDR) was 87.50 % ( 7/8) in *Escherichia coli* and 100% in *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (3/3), *Acinetobacter* spp. (2/2), *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (1/1), *Staphylococcus aureus* (2/2) and *Enterococcus* spp. (2/2). A significant number of urinary isolates from postoperative cardiac patients were MDR which can result in unavoidable treatment failure. Therefore, the rationale use of antibiotics is suggested.

Keywords: Asymptomatic bacteriuria, Midstream urine, MDR strains, Postoperative patients

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABU	Asymptomatic Bacteriuria
ATCC	American Type Culture Collection
BA	Blood Agar
cfu	Colony Forming Unit
CONS	Coagulase Negative Staphylococci
IDSA	Infectious Diseases Society of America
MA	MacConkey Agar
MDR	Multi-drug Resistant
MHA	Mueller Hinton Agar
ml	millilitre
MSU	Mid-Stream Urine
NCCLS	National Committee for Clinical Laboratory Standards
PAF	Prostatic Antibacterial Factor
PAP	Pyelonephritis-Associated Pili
SGNHC	Shahid Gangalal National Heart Centre
SIM	Sulfide Indole Motility
TSIA	Triple Sugar Iron Agar
TUTH	Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital
UPEC	Uropathogenic <i>Escherichia coli</i>
UTI	Urinary Tract Infection
WBC	White Blood Cell