

A PHASE 2 STUDY ON ROLE OF CURCUMIN IN POST SURGICAL PERINEAL WOUND HEALING AT A TERTIARY CANCER CARE CENTER, HBNI, MUMBAI.

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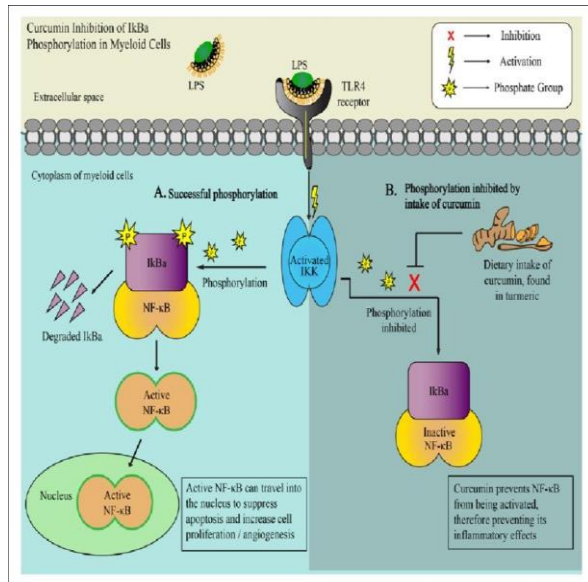
INTRODUCTION

CRC predicted to discover 1.93 million cases. 0.94 million CRC related deaths
By 2040 global number of new CRC cases to reach 3.2 million. China and India to have the highest number of CRC. [yue.xi, Translational oncology, volume 14, issue 10, October 2021, 101174](#)

Types of rectal resections can be local excision, low anterior resection, abdominoperineal resection, total mesorectal excision, transanal endoscopic microsurgery. Curcumin is regarded a natural medicine, anti-oxidant and anti-neoplastic agent
Increased level of current microorganism lipopolysaccharide (LPS) square measure have been causally linked to occurrence of diet induced metabolic disorders, chronic inflammatory diseases and malignancies.
Curcumin regulates the multiple layers of the intestinal barrier and significantly lowers plasma lipopolysaccharide levels.
Curcumin inhibits the activity of NF- κ B transcription, t1:5 lowering the assembly of L-1 cytokines, and thereby reducing inflammation.
Curcumin acts on the VIT D receptor mediated signal, increasing paracellular permeability and activating MAPK's (mitogen activated protein kinase) via triggering wound healing human keratinocytes.
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Wound complications following APR are delayed wound infection, abscess, dehiscence and protracted area sinus. Morbidity that needs prolonged hospitalization, increased cost and family involvement with poor quality of life. Percentage of wound healing: Complications are described in 35% of APR cases.
Primary objective was to assess the effect of curcumin in post-surgical perineal wound healing in GI surgery patients and secondary objective was to assess the safety of curcumin.



MATERIALS AND METHODS

Research approach: quantitative approach

Research design: single arm study design

Sampling technique: Probability sampling technique sample size 35

Standard wound treatment in APR was wound dressing with noster ointments and solutions

Methodology: Oral curcumin of 500 mg tablet given thrice a day from day -5 (five days before the surgery) after food till day 21 in post-operative patients undergone GI surgery of APR, Day 27 being the final wound assessment.

Inclusion criteria: Patients planned for rectal resection with a perineal phase of operation with 18-75 years of age, with comorbidities of hypertension and diabetes and patients from TMH and ACTREC and **exclusion** being patients with primary squamous cell carcinoma of rectal cancer and active perineal infection prior to surgery.

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SURGICAL WOUND ASSESSMENT TOOL (SWAT)				Patient code No.
				Date of admission.
				Date of operation.
After operation at first assessment				Score
1. Patient's disease factors				
Large (aged or greater than 65 years)	No = 0	Yes = 1.5		
2. BMI (kg/m ²)	Less than 18.5 (underweight) = 1	18.5-22.9 (normal) = 0	23-27.5 (overweight) = 0.5	Over 27.5 (obese) = 1.5
3. Diabetes (currently diagnosed with diabetes)	No = 0	Yes, the level of HbA1C before surgery?		
		- Unknown = 1 - Less than or equal to 7% = 1 - Greater than 7% = 2		
4. Smoking	No smoking = 0	Previously smoked but gave up at least 4 weeks before surgery = 1.5	Currently smoking = 2	
5. Use of steroids	Not used at all or used for less than 30 days before surgery = 0	Used regularly for more than 30 days before surgery = 1		
6. Chemotherapy	Not received at all = 0	Received either currently or in the 30 days before surgery = 1		
7. Immune deficiency (e.g. HIV, kidney failure, infectious disease)	No = 0	Yes = 1		
8. Risk of malnutrition (e.g. decreased food intake and/or unintentional weight loss over the last three months)	No = 0	Yes = 1		
9. Trauma wound	No = 0	Yes, the duration from injury to surgery?		
		- Less than 6 hours = 1 - Greater than 6 hours = 2		
Sub TOTAL A				

10. Wound bed	Incision edges closed = 0	Mostly epithelialising = 0	Mostly granulating = 1	Mostly sloughy = 2	Mostly necrotic = 3
11. Swelling at incision and/or surrounding tissue	No = 0	Yes = 1			
12. Erythema at incision or within 4cm of wound edges	No = 0	Yes = 1			
13. Signs of haematoma (e.g. focused area of swelling, hardness or lumpiness, painful)	No signs of haematoma = 0	One or more signs of haematoma = 1			
14. Exudate colour and type	Mostly clear, amber = 0	Mostly bloodstained = 1	Mostly cloudy, milky = 2	Mostly green or yellow = 3	
15. Exudate volume	Dry (no visible exudate) = 0	Mild (less than 50% exudate on dressing) = 1	Wet (50-75% exudate on dressing) = 2	Saturated (over 75% exudate on dressing, leakage to secondary dressing, or increased volume in drain tube) = 3	
16. Odour	None = 0	Present after removing dressing = 1	Present before dressing removed = 2		
17. Surgical wound cleaning agents	Iodine = 0	Sodium chloride 0.9% = 1	Both = 2		
18. Wound pain on a numeric rating scale 0-10	0 (no pain) = 0	1-3 (mild) = 1	4-6 (moderate) = 2	7-10 (severe) = 3	
Sub TOTAL C					
TOTAL SWAT SCORE (A+B+C)					

Scoring – higher the scoring indicates the contamination and lesser indicates wound healing

A-10.5

B-10

C-17.0

Total 37.5

RESULTS

Surgical wound contamination

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean Rank	Chi square	P value	Significance
Surgical wound contamination classification B1	35	0.0000	0.00000	1.41			
Surgical wound contamination classification B2	35	1.1286	.62241	2.71	41.78	0.001	Significant
Surgical wound contamination classification B3	35	.4143	.57504	1.87			

Wound dimension length

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean Rank	Chi square	P value	Significance
Wound dimension length	35	12.8143	2.49141				
Wound dimension length	35	9.7429	4.23114		57.292	0.001	Significant
Wound dimension length	35	7.8286	2.95541				

Wound Bed Mostly granulating

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean Rank	Chi square	P value	Significance
Wound Bed Mostly granulating_C_1	35	0.5429	0.81684	1.84			
Wound Bed Mostly granulating_C_2	35	0.7429	.56061	2.16	2.881	0.237	Not Significant
Wound Bed Mostly granulating_C_3	35	.6000	.49705	2.00			

Wound Bed Mostly sloughy

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean Rank	Chi square	P value	Significance
Wound Bed Mostly sloughy_C_1	35	0.0857	0.37349	1.46			
Wound Bed Mostly sloughy_C_2	35	1.5429	.74134	2.74	44.327	0.001	Significant
Wound Bed Mostly sloughy_C_3	35	.4000	.65079	1.80			

Odour

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean Rank	Chi square	P value	Significance
Odour_C_1	35	0.0000	0.00000	1.49			
Odour_C_2	35	0.8824	.59108	2.63	38.268	0.001	Significant
Odour_C_3	35	.3529	.64584	1.88			

Subtotal B Score

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean Rank	Chi square	P value	Significance
Subtotal B_1	35	3.4143	0.64723	1.59			
Subtotal B_2	35	4.5700	.89247	2.81	39.626	0.001	Significant
Subtotal B_3	35	3.3000	1.37306	1.60			

Subtotal C Score

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean Rank	Chi square	P value	Significance
Subtotal C_1	35	3.6765	1.55155	1.51			
Subtotal C_2	35	9.2794	3.59122	2.82	36.01	0.001	Significant
Subtotal C_3	35	4.3235	3.08192	1.66			

DISCUSSION

Sibusiso Alven's study on polymer-based material loaded with curcumin had proven to be a best wound healer and our study showed oral curcumin as an effective wound healer in the perineal area for patients with colorectal cancers¹.

Zhen-Yu He et al concluded that curcumin treatment improved the general health of patients with colorectal cancer via the mechanism of increased p53 molecule expression in tumor cells and consequently sped up tumor cell apoptosis and it was agreed in our study of the quick wound healing².

Nita C found up to 8000 milligram curcumin as a safe administration and Dhilon in her study stated about the tolerance of oral curcumin of 8 gm daily in this study we administered 1500 mg of curcumin per day safely without any adverse side effects^{3,6}.

Toan-Thang Phan and Yokosaid the epidermal safety of curcumin and our study stated the significant granulation of the wound bed⁴.

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