How effective are antibiotics in preventing postoperative complications in patients after tooth extraction surgery?

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16/12/2018	No longer recruiting	☐ Protocol
Registration date	Overall study status	Statistical analysis plan
18/12/2018	Completed	Results
Last Edited	Condition category	Individual participant data
19/12/2018	Oral Health	Record updated in last year

Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Despite evidence that antibiotics abuse is related to unknown pathogen infection, antibiotics are badly overused in China, as common people can easily buy antibiotics in pharmacy stores, even without prescriptions from doctors. The necessity and feasibility of antibiotics treatment after tooth extraction surgery, among the most common surgical operations, remain unclear. In order to ensure that the efficacy of antibiotics treatment in preventing postoperative complications in patients after tooth extraction surgery. We prescribe antibiotics for patients after tooth extraction. Then we invite then to have an examination about the wound to assess the degree of pain, swelling, opening degree and alveolitis. This study aims to recruit 200 blood donors to compare different intervals between patients with tooth extraction. The goal is to find the optimum interval for which it is safe for patients with tooth extraction.

Who can participate?

Adults over the age of 17 who have pericoronitis in the distal aspect of a third molar and are willing to have the tooth extracted at Nanjing University of Science and Technology Hospital.

What does the study involve?

Participants are asked to join this study while they are at Hospital of Nanjing University of Science and Technology in China. Participants must be over the age of 17 and have infection in the last molars. Participants are randomly allocated to one of two groups. Those in the first group as asked to took amoxicillin 0.5g/ and metronidazole 0.2g one hour postoperatively (three times every day) after tooth extraction. Those in the second group are asked to took a placebo with the same shape and dose on the same times. The study lasts for 7 days. Participants are asked to go back to check the wound in tooth extraction.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

There will be no immediate direct benefit to those taking part. By taking part in this study there are no risks of physical injury or harm.

Where is the study run from?

The INTERVAL study is being run by the Nanjing University of Science and Technology and takes place in Hospital of Nanjing University of Science and Technology.

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for? June 2015 to December 2017

Who is funding the study? Wuxi Young Medical Talents (China) (No. QNRC095)

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Study information

Scientific Title

Efficacy of antibiotics treatment in preventing postoperative complications in patients after tooth extraction surgery: a prospective, randomized, double-blind controlled study

Study objectives

Using antibiotics after tooth extraction surgery does not provide additional benefits to Chinese population.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

The Institutional Review Board of Nanjing University of Science and Technology, 22/06/2015.

Study design

Single-centre prospective, randomized, double-blind controlled study

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Prevention

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Pericoronitis

Interventions

Patients in the treatment group took amoxicillin 0.5g/ and metronidazole 0.2g one hour postoperatively (three times every day) for three days after tooth extraction. Patients in the placebo group took a placebo with the same shape and dose on the same times. Pain, swelling, mouth opening degree, and Alveolitis events were assessed at 7th days after tooth extraction.

Bilateral molars in each group was were randomly assigned to two groups using a randomization software (version 1.0; Random Allocation Software, Isfahan, Iran)

Intervention Type

Drug

Phase

Not Applicable

Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)

Amoxicillin and metronidazole

Primary outcome(s)

- 1. Pain was measured using a visual analogue score (VAS) at 7th days after tooth extraction.
- 2. Swelling was measured as the difference between the distance (mm) between the lower earlobe and the mesomentum on the extraction side at 7th days after tooth extraction.
- 3. Mouth opening degree was measured as the distance between upper and lower incisors at 7th days after tooth extraction.

Key secondary outcome(s))

Alveolitis event was diagnosed by a dry appearance of the exposed bone in the socket after trauma.

Completion date

31/01/2018

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

Current inclusion criteria:

- 1. Have pericoronitis in the distal aspect of a third molar and pericoronitis-related lymphadenopathy.
- 2. Have indication for extraction of the third molars due to recurrent infections (at least two times) occurred at certain intervals.
- 3. Had tooth in the vertical position.
- 4. Had operculum covering 1/2-2/3 of the outer surface of the tooth.

Previous inclusion criteria:

- 1. Have pericoronitis in the distal aspect of the mandibular third molars and pericoronitis-related lymphadenopathy.
- 2. Have indication for extraction of the third molars due to recurrent infections (at least two times) occurred at certain intervals.
- 3. Had tooth in the vertical position.
- 4. Had operculum covering 1/2-2/3 of the outer surface of the tooth.

Participant type(s)

Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

All

Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Have a systemic disease
- 2. Pregnant women or women having suspicion of pregnancy
- 3. Lactating women
- 4. Received bisphosphonate at any time
- 5. Received antibiotic or anti-inflammatory drugs within the last month

Date of first enrolment

01/07/2015

Date of final enrolment

31/12/2017

Locations

Countries of recruitment

China

Study participating centre Hospital of Nanjing University of Science and Technology

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Hospital of Nanjing University of Science and Technology

ROR

https://ror.org/00xp9wg62

Funder(s)

Funder type

Other

Funder Name

Wuxi Young Medical Talents (China) (No. QNRC095).

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

The data sharing plans for the current study are unknown and will be made available at a later date.

IPD sharing plan summary

Data sharing statement to be made available at a later date

Study outputs

Output type Date created Date added Peer reviewed? Patient-facing? **Details** Participant information sheet 11/11/2025 11/11/2025 No Yes

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