# A Clinico-epidemiological study of Neurotoxic Snake bite Patient in Tertiary care Hospital

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#### Introduction

- Snake bite is an important health hazard and medical emergency particularly in rural areas of Bangladesh.
- The current Nationwide survey in Bangladesh revealed around 7,00000 snake bite in a year with 6,000 death. (Ridwan et al)
- Ninety-nine percent incidents are recorded from rural areas. During the monsoon the incidence is high, due to rainfall; the snakes come out of their shelters.

Cobra bites usually causes neurotoxic features with local envenoming

 Krait bites usually causes neurotoxic features without local envenomation.

- Most often the victim is an active poor young people who gets the bite during day to day occupational activity like
  - -cultivation, fishing, plantation, wood collection lying in the floor, kitchen or even during rural foot walker.



#### Methods:

• Study Design: Hospital based observational study

Study site: Medicine Department and
 Pediatrics Department of
 Dhaka Medical College Hospital

• Study Period: July'2015-October'2016

• Total Patient (n)=40



### Inclusion and Exclusion criteria:

 Inclusion criteria: All the patients with history of snake bite with at least one of the following criteria:

**Ptosis** 

Broken neck sign

Opthalmoplegia

Respiratory difficulty

Difficulty in speech

Salivation

Exclusion criteria:

Preexisting neurological illness.

Patient who received Antihistamine or

sedative before hospital admission



## Study procedure

 Patient of suspected snake bite with neurological manifestation(according to inclusion and exclusion criteria)

Seen by Physician: General and Systemic Examination done

Data was collected in preformed case record form with written consent

Treatment according to National guideline

Follow-up

Statistical analysis done in this method



### **Snake Identification**

- Brought live specimen by victim or attendance
- Brought killed specimen
- Specimen was identified by Zoologist
- Specimen was identified by victim by showing the photograph or preserved killed specimen



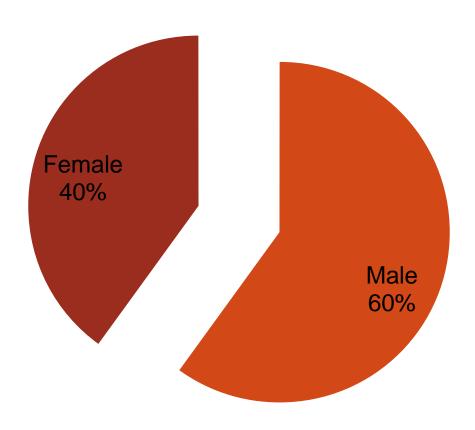
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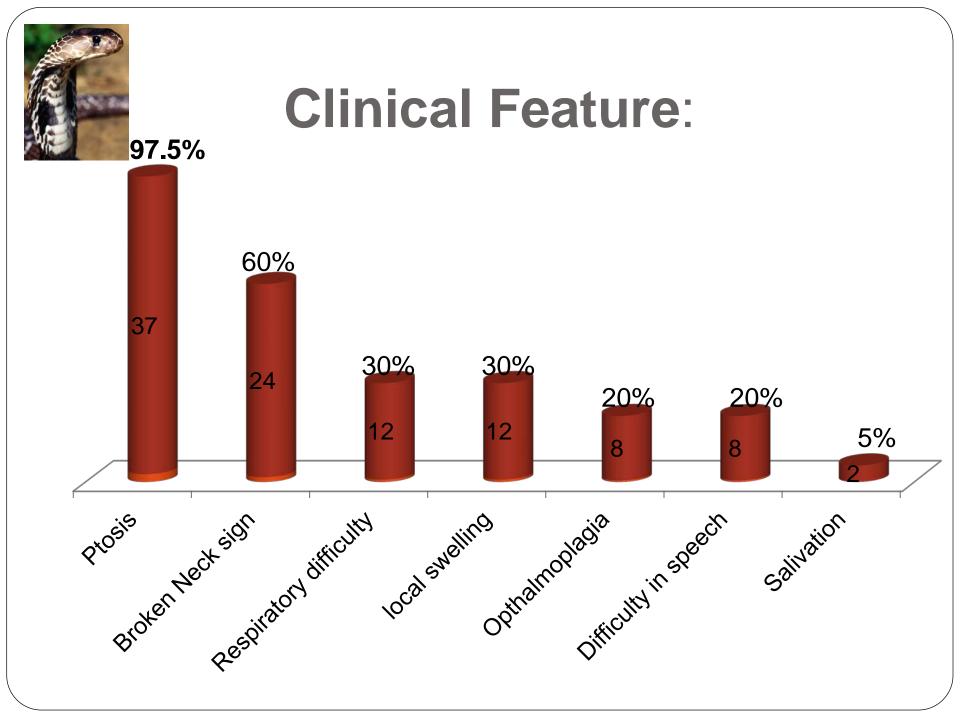
### Age distribution

Age(Year)	Total No(n=40)	Percentage
<20yr	9	22.5%
21-30	16	40%
31-40	8	20%
41-50	4	10%
51-60	3	7.5%



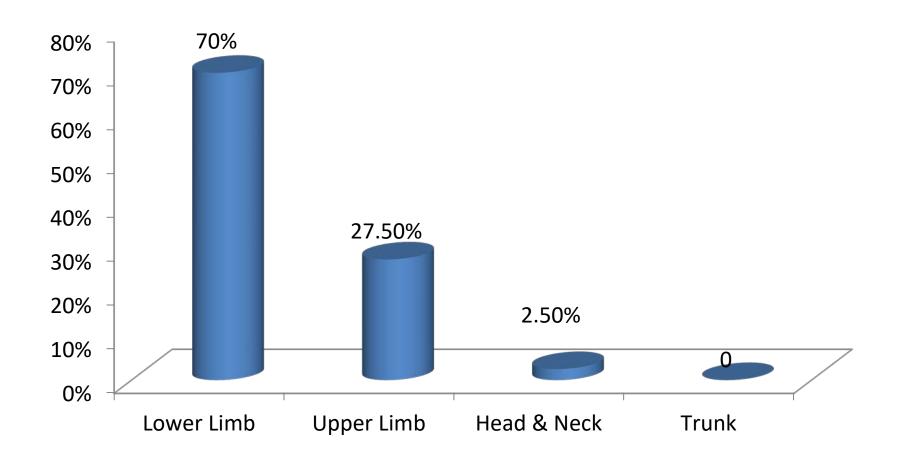
## **Sex Distribution:**







## Site Of Bite:



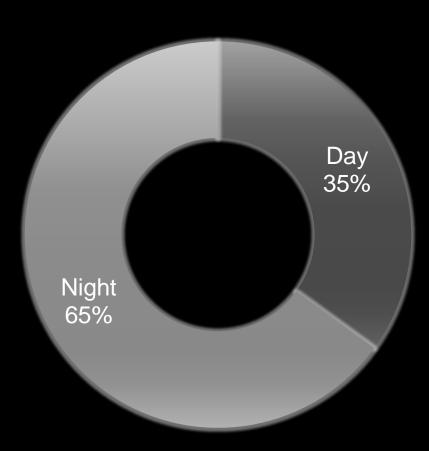


## Occupational status

Occupation	Total No(n=40)	Percentage
Farmer	16	40%
Housewife	12	30%
Student	6	15%
Business	4	10%
Day labor	1	2.5%
Service	1	2.5%
Ohzas	2	5%

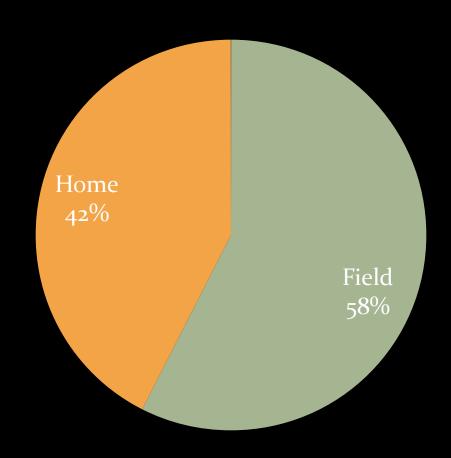


## Bite Time





## Circumstances Of Bite



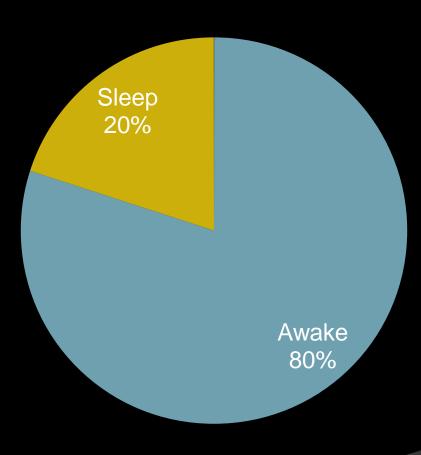


## Interval between Bite and Hospital admission:

Time interval (Hour)	Number of Patient(n=40)
0-4	7
4-8	12
8-12	8
12-16	4
16-20	4
20-24	2
>24-48	2
>48	1

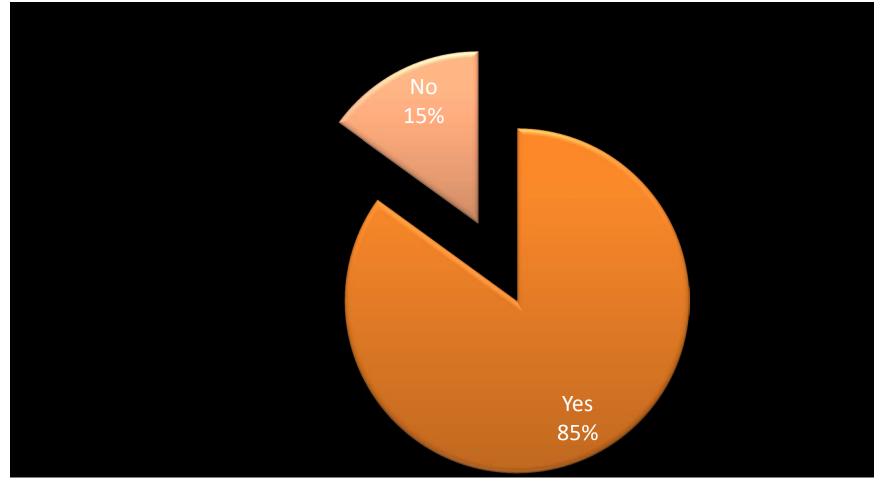


## Activity while bitten





## Treatment by Ohzas:





## Outcome of venomous snakebite patient:

 92.5% of patient received Anti Snake venom after hospital admission.

22.5% patient required respiratory support.

 The case fatality rate was 12.5% after getting hospital admission.



## Limitation of this study

- Most of the snake was identified by patient throw pictorial of book late
- Absence of facilities of venom antigen identification from swab of wound site, serum or urine by ELISA technique.
- PCR amplification and sequencing of snake DNA obtained from bite-site swabs is not available



#### **Discussion:**

 Neurotoxic snakebite is a medical emergency and one fourth of them report respiratory difficulty which is similar to another two study (Faiz et al) and (Robed et al)

 Ptosis is common manifestation than broken neck or opthalmoplegia which is consistent with other study.



- Respiratory difficulty is the late consequence of neurorological snake bite patient which was not observe other study ( Alam et al)
- 85% patient received medication from Ohzas which was more in number with the study (Probal et al )in2014
- Lower extremities (70%) were the most common site of bite which was consistent with other study

### Conclusion

- It is predominantly a problem of rural and peri-urban area.
- Most of the fatalities are due to the victim not reaching the hospital in time and waste their time by going to traditional healers.
- Attention should be given to respiratory function and if needed support by Amboo bag while on transport.
- Availability of antivenom at primary health care centers and rapid transportation facility may change the mortality





Prompt treatment with Antivenom, auxiliary treatment and good management can save valuable life

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