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Chronic dacryocystitis is an inflammatory condition of the lacrimal sac commonly associated with partial and total obstruction of the nasolacrimal duct, which affects patients of every age more commonly occurring in women than in men. It is most often unilateral . In addition to the irritation and

discomfort caused by this disease, it may sometimes also be sight threatening. The main symptoms are chronic discharge, lacrimal sac distension and even abscess. The treatment of chronic dacryocystitis is by either external or endonasal dacryocystorhinostomy (DCR), and less commonly by lacrimal silicon intubation. Chronic dacryocystitis should be surgically treated before intraocular surgery is performed.

And up-to-date knowledge of the spectrum of causative bacteria and their sensitivities is a valuable asset in the treatment of this disease, and contributes significantly to postoperative recovery following surgery.

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#### List of Abbreviations

**A.** Aspergillus

**AFB** Acid fast bacilli

**BCG** Bacilli Calmette-Guerin vaccination

C. Candida

**CA-MRSA** Community Associated Methicillin Resistant

Staphylococcus aureus.

**CDCR** Canaliculo-Dacryo-Cysto-Rhinostomy

**CLSI** Clinical and laboratory Standard Institute.

**CoNS** Coagulase negative Staphylococci.

**CT** Computerized Tomography

**DCR** Dacryocystorhinostomy

**D.M** Diabetes Mellitus

**DNA** Deoxyribonucleic acid

**DNAse agar** Deoxyribonucleic agar

**E. COLI** Escherichia Coli

**ELISA** Enzyme-linked Immunoassay

**ENT** Ear, Nose and Throat

**FDA** Food and Drug Administration

FTA-ABS Fluorescent Treponemal Antibody Absorbed

test

**H.** Haemophilus

**HD** Hansen's disease

**HIV** Human Immune Deficiency Virus

**HTN** Hypertension

IG ImmunoglobulinID Identification

**IFN-g** Inteferon gamma

LTBI Latent tubercolosis infection

**M.** Mycobacterium

MHA-TP Microhemagglutination assay for Treponema

pallidum

MIC. Minimal inhibitory concentration.

MPL Medial palpepral ligament

MRSA Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus

**NLD** Nasolacrimal duct

NLDO Nasolacrimal duct obstructin

PCR Polymerase chain reaction

**QFT-G** Quantiferon TB Gold test

**R** Resistant

**RPR** Rapid Plasminogen Reagent

S. Sensitive

**SPP.** Species

**Staph.** Staphylococcus

**S. aureus** Staphylococcus aureus

S.epidermidis Staphylococcus epidermidis

S.pneumoniae Streptooccus pneumoniae

**TB** Tuberculosis

**TST** Tuberculin skin test

**VDRL** Venereal disease research laboratory

WB Western Blot assay

WBC White blood cell

#### Introduction

Dacryocystitis is the inflamation of the lacrimal sac, characterised clinically by epiphora and regurgitation of pus or mucopus through the punctum on pressure over the sac and caused frequently by bacteria . Nasolacrimal duct obstruction convert the lacrimal sac into a stagnant pool which become easily infected, leading to chronic dacryocystitis. Bacteriological analysis of chronic dacryocystits has been importance to prevent the gaining vision threatening complication like endophthalmitis, hypopyon and corneal ulcer after intra-ocular operation like cataract surgery and glaucoma filtration surgery (Mandal et al., 2008).

The predisposing factors of chronic dacryocystitis are recurrent or chronic unilateral conjunctivitis, previous acute dacryocystitis, chronic nasolacrimal duct obstruction, facial fracture and foreign bodies (e.g. punctual or canalicular plug) (Sun et al., 2005).