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Prevalence of somatic dysfunctions in adult patients with cystic fibrosis – A pilot study

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Introduction

Context

- Cystic Fibrosis (CF)
- Treatments Traditional medicine
- Treatments Alternative medicine

Purpose

- Symptoms associated with a higher frequency of somatic dysfunctions (Snider et al, 2008)
- To our knowledge, no osteopathic studies have been published on CF
- A simple descriptive study

STUDY DESIGN

- Submitted to the local ethics committee
- Pilot observational study between two populations
- From October 1, 2007 to January 31, 2008
- Localisation
 - Study group: Adult CF care Center at Cochin Hospital in Paris
 - Control group: European Center for Higher Education in osteopathy (CEESO) in Paris

Population study

	Study group	Control group
Number	14	14
Gender (Male – Female)	8 / 6	8 / 6
Mean age (min – max) (years)	32.0 (18 – 53)	31.6 (19 – 54)

METHODS

- A single practitioner for the study (LS)
- Full osteopathic standard examination
- Data collection on a modified file, the « Outpatient Osteopathic SOAP Note Form »
 - 14 anatomical regions
 - Addition of 16 specific anatomical regions according to practitioner experts opinions

METHODS

- Diagnosis criteria of somatic dysfunction (SD)
 - Restriction of passive mobility
 - Pain: spontaneous or induced by palpation
 - Anatomical landmarks asymmetry during movement
 - Soft tissue changes

Osteopathic tests	Criteria of presence	Criteria of absence
Cranial	3 - 5 clinical manifestations found	0 - 2 clinical manifestations found
Neuro-musculo-skeletal	3 - 5 clinical manifestations found	0 - 2 clinical manifestations found
Visceral	3 - 5 clinical manifestations found	0 - 2 clinical manifestations found

Methods – Statistical Analysis

Fisher's exact test

o α risk set at 5%

Qualitative data were compared

 Presence or absence of clinical signs of SD among adult patients with CF and patients without chronic pain

RESULTS

 Prevalence of somatic dysfunctions in the two groups – Anatomical regions of « Outpatient Osteopathic SOAP Note Form »

Anatomic Regions		Study group (n=14)	Control group (n=14)	Fisher's Test
Head (CRI)		12	4	p<0.01
Neck		20	25	Ns
Thoracic	T1-T4 T5-T9 T10-T12	25 38 22	24 28 18	Ns Ns Ns
Lumbar		28	29	Ns
Ribs	R1-R4 R5-R9 R10-R12	14 9 1	5 4 0	p=0.052 Ns Ns
Sternum		13	2	p<0.0001
Sacrum/pelvis		13	14	Ns
Pelvis/innominate		6	7	Ns
Upper extremity	G D	3 3	2 3	Ns Ns
Lower extremity	G D	3 14	8	Ns Ns

RESULTS

 Prevalence of somatic dysfunctions in the two groups – Anatomical regions described by practitioner experts

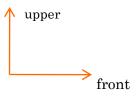
Anatomic regions	Study group (n=14) Number (Prevalence %)	Control group (n=14) Number (Prevalence %)	Fisher's test
Chest Superior Orifice (CSO)	13 (93)	5(36)	p<0.01
Right sub-clavicular muscle	9 (64)	2(14)	p=0.02
Left sub-clavicular muscle	14 (100)	2 (14)	p<0.0001
Right pleural dome (ligament)	7(50)	0 (0)	p<0.01
Left pleural dome (ligament)	13 (93)	0 (0)	p<0.0001
Mediastinum	11 (78)	4 (28)	p=0.02
Motility of the lungs	13 (93)	0 (0)	p<0.0001
Diaphragm (right dome)	11 (78)	4 (28)	p=0.02
Pelvic floor (Muscles)	12 (86)	5 (36)	p=0.02

DISCUSSION

- Use of the biomechanical and neurophysiological model of somatic dysfunction as described in the WHO Benchmarks (2010) for description and interpretation of the clinical signs
- Possible associations between pathophysiology of CF and palpated signs attributed to SD
 - Somato-somatic
 - Viscero-somatic
 - Somato-visceral
 - Viscero-visceral

SOMATO-SOMATIC REFLEXES

- Chondro-costal SDs (p<0.0001)
 - Chest distension with a kyphosis and a bulging sternum (Davies et al, 2007)
- Ribs SDs (p=0.052)
 - Adaptation to chondro-costal dysfunctions?
 - Adaptation to postural changes?



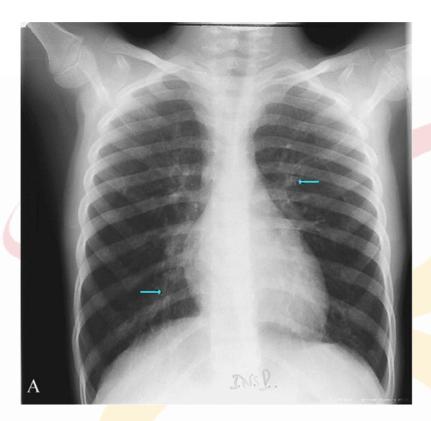


SOMATO-SOMATIC REFLEXES

- Diaphragm hypertonia (p=0.02)
 - Lung distension with a distended chest at its base (Davies et al, 2007)
 - Diaphragmatic dome flattening and shortening of its muscle fibers, resulting in a decrease in strength of contraction (Perez et al, 2003)

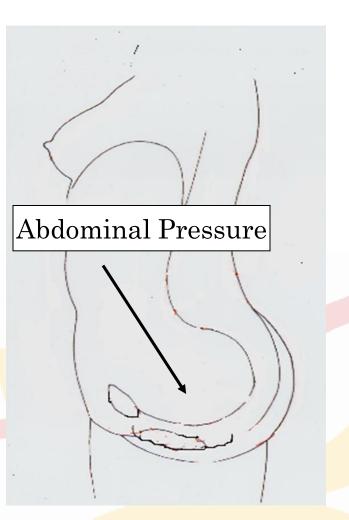
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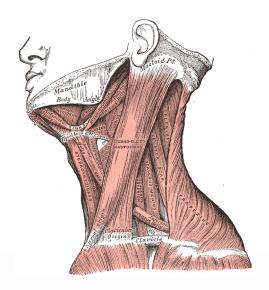
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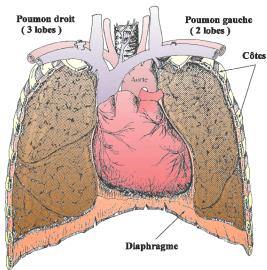
- Perineum muscle hypotonia (p=0.02)
 - Pulmonary distension with a diaphragmatic dome flattening (Perez et al, 2003)
 - Increased pressure on the abdominal organs, including pelvic organs?
- Decrease in the rate of cranial rhythmic impulse
 (CRI) and spheno-basilar SDs (p=0.006)
 - Patients suffering from Parkinson's disease (Rivera-Martinez et al, 2002)
 - Related to postural changes of patients?



VISCERO-SOMATIC REFLEXES

- Overstressing leads to sub-clavicular muscle hypertonia (p=0.02 on the right and p<0.0001 on the left)
 - Evolution of severity of vertebral SDs due to viscera-somatic reflexes in diabetic population (Licciardone et al, 2007)
- Loss of lung expansion (p<0.0001) and decrease in pleural elasticity of the dome tissue (p=0.006 on the right and p<0.0001 on left)
 - Pathology of an organ could be associated with disturbances of its motility (Barral, 2004)

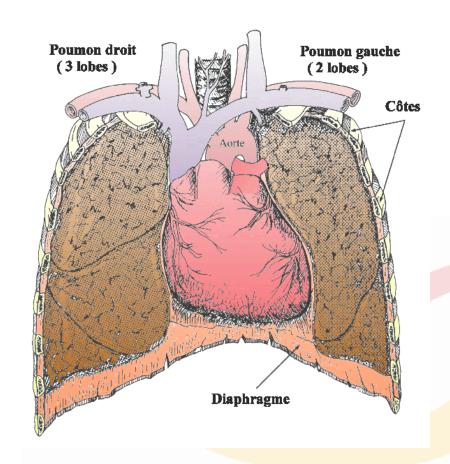




VISCERO-VISCERAL REFLEXES

- Tissue resistance to compression of the anteriorposterior mediastinum (p=0.02)
 - Tissue adaptation of the mediastinum in close anatomical relationship with pulmonary cylinders?
 - Lung distension with a bulging sternum
 (Davies et al, 2007)

Barral, 2004



STUDY LIMITS

- Practitioner was not blinded
- Intra-operator reliability was not assessed but recommendations for filling « Outpatient Osteopathic SOAP Note Form » were followed
- Palpation of the tissue changes
 - Some were attributable to somatic dysfunction, considered « reversible » after osteopathic manipulative treatment
 - And some were physiopathological impairments of CF, considered « irreversible »
 - A challenge to describe the place of OMT for patients suffering from CF

CONCLUSION

- To our knowledge, this study is the first one to evaluate the prevalence of somatic dysfunctions in adult patients with cystic fibrosis
- We observed a higher frequency of signs associated with somatic dysfunctions in these patients
- Associated with changes in their posture and the impact of disease on the respiratory system, based on the biomechanical and the neurophysiological model of somatic dysfunction

PERSPECTIVE

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 Clinical Research on « Contribution of osteopathic treatment on pain of adult patients with cystic fibrosis -A pilot Study »

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