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# PReS-FINAL-2233: Retrospective analysis of different treatment strategies in chronic non-bacterial osteomyelitis

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# Introduction

Pediatric chronic nonbacterial osteomyelitis (CNO) is a sterile inflammatory bone disorder in which innate and adaptive immunity dysfunction involved. Unifocal and multifocal disease courses are known. The modern treatment modalities include non-steroid anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), steroids, sulfasalazine (SSZ), methotrexate (MTX), bisphosphonates and biologic drugs - TNF $\alpha$  and IL1 $\beta$ -antagonists, with limited data.

# **Objectives**

The aim of our study was to assess children with CNO and to evaluate efficacy of treatment modalities.

### **Methods**

Our cohort of CNO patients included 22 children, 8 boys and 14 girls. Monofocal disease course was in 9/22 children (40.9), multifocal in 13/22 (59.1) with mean 6 foci per patient. Histological confirmation was made in 13/22. Repeated MRI, CT and bone scintigraphy was performed in all patients. 3 patients have family history of autoimmunity (1 Crohn's disease, 1 - psoriasis, 1 - ankylosing. 16 patients (72,7%) had comorbid autoimmune diseases (different types of JIA): 5 had monoarthritis, 1 arthritis with uveitis, 1 - psoriatic arthritis, 1 - polyarthritis PF neg, 6 had enthesitis-related arthritis (3 had ankylosing spondyloarthritis) and 1 had Crohn's disease. Spine involvement was in 5/22 (22.7). Onset age was 8.5 (6.3; 10.5) years, the right diagnosis delay was 3.6 (1.7; 9.5) months.

# Results

Fever at onset, high painVAS and parental VAS scores highly correlated with risk of relapse disease course. Treatment: effectiveness of NSAID only 3/10 (30%), SSZ - 1/5 (20%), corticosteroids - 0/3 (short-term effect only), MTX - 4/7 (57.1%), pamidronate (PAM) with partial response 2/12 (16.7%) and with complete response -10/12 (83.3%). Biologics - adalimumab and etanercept were effective in 3/4 (75%) patients, who fail to NSAID, MTX, PAM and SSZ. During disease course treatment lead to decreasing sings of disease activity, such as: parental VAS (p = 0.015), pain VAS (p = 0.026), MDVAS (p = 0.026), CRP (p = 0.0008), WBC (p = 0.006), ESR (p = 0.00024), PLT (0.014). The main effectiveness belonged to PAM (p = 0.003) and biologics (p = 0.07) in decreasing of pain VAS (-100% and -80%), parental VAS (-92% and -74%) and MD VAS (-93% and -70%, respectively). We calculated the cumulative probability of survival (event of interest: CNO flare) in the entire patient sample, depending the kind of treatment (PAM, MTX and NSAID) obtained by the Kaplan-Meier method. Significant difference was proved comparing 3 therapeutical branches (p = 0.028). MTX treatment was effective (p =0.04), as well as PAM (p = 0.01) than NSAID. Only flulike syndrome during PAM treatment was in 10/12 (83.3%). No any others side effects were reported. All patients who had flu-like syndrome on first infusion had complete response to PAM, vice verse patients, who had no such complication had only partial response to this treatment.

#### Conclusion

CNO is a group of chronic inflammatory conditions associated with different rheumatic diseases. The most effective treatment modalities were PAM, biologics and

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MTX. PAM was safety and can reach the rapid response and maintain long sustained remission.

# **Disclosure of interest**

None declared.

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