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I dedicate this research to

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My husband ...

My sun and daughter

My brothers and sisters

My friends and my colleagues ...

The persons, whom I love, respect and appreciate

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Abstract

This is a descriptive study conducted in the Research Laboratory, Sudan University of Science and Technology in the period from February to March 2011. The aim of

the study was to determine frequency of and susceptibility pattern of *Staphylococcus aureus* among patients with otitis media in Khartoum State. One hundred ear swabs were collected from patients with different ages and sexes suffering from ear discharge, the isolates were identified by morphological characteristics on culture and biochemical tests. And antimicrobial sensitivity was performed in vitro by disc diffusion method. The results revealed that, 27%*Staphylococcus species* (15 % *S.aureus* and 12% *S.epidermidis*), 53% other bacteria and 20% no growth. *S. aureus* was sensitive to vancomycin (100%), then ciprofloxacin (93%), amikacin (86%), methicillin (86%) and oxacillin (86%), norfloxacin (80%), cefuroxime (66%), co-trimoxazole (46%). Otitis media caused by *S. aureus* constitute a significant and a major health problem, affects children mainly and less common in adults. Further investigations are needed to study the etiology of otitis media and the resistance to antimicrobial agents.

أجريت هذه الدراسة في معمل الأبحاث بجامعة السودان للعلوم والتكنولوجيا في الفترة ما بين مارس إلى ابريل 2011. وهدف هذه الدراسة هو تحديد تردد ونمط حساسية المكورات العن قودية الذهبية لدى مرضى التهاب الأذن الوسطى بولاية الخرطوم. جمعت مائة مسحة من الأذن من مرضى بمختلف الأعمار والأجناس يعانون من إفرازات الآذن. تم التعرف علي البكتيريا التي تم عزلها حسب خصائصها المظهرية والتفاعلات الكيميائية. وكذلك اجريت اختبار الحساسية عن طريق الأ قراص بالتشرب. واظهرت الدراسة ان نسبة المكورات العن قودية 27% (منها 15% المكورات العن قودية البيضاء) وكانت العزلات الاخري تمثل المكورات العن قودية الذهبية حساسة للفانكوميسين (100%), سبروفلوكسين (100%), سبروفلوكسين (100%), ميسيسلين 86% ثم اوكساسلين 86%, نورفولوكساسين 80%, سيفوروكزيم 66%, كوترايمكزازول 46%. التهاب الاذن الوسطي الناتجة المكورات العن قودية الذهبية يمثل مشكلة صحية هامة يصيب الأطفال بصورة كبيرة وا قل عند الكبار.

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