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**INTRAOPERATIVE NEAR INFRARED GUIDED SURGERY USING
INDOCYANINE GREEN (ICG) FOR IDENTIFICATION OF
POSITIVE MARGINS IN ORAL SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA
– A DIAGNOSTIC ACCURACY TEST**

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES:

Globocan 2023 data reveals OSCC is the most common cancer amongst men (**22.6%**), second most common amongst women (**12.8%**), with a mortality rate of **75.1%** in Asia. Current methods of intraoperative margin assessment, including frozen sections and intraoperative ultrasound are **labour-intensive** and **time-consuming**. Molecular imaging in OSCC is **not as well documented** as it is in other malignancies such as ovarian, breast, hepatocellular, and sarcomas. The main objective of my study was to **identify intraoperative positive margins**, thereby minimizing the **chances of recurrence** and **improving the prognosis**.

METHODS:

Indocyanine green dye was administered intravenously (**2 mg/kg**) one hour before the tumour resection in OSCC patients. The **margins** were assessed through a series of pictures taken through a near-infrared (NIR) microscope using **white light, IR-800 flowmetry and colour-segmented mode** when the image visibility score was highest. The final histopathology report served as confirmation for the outcomes derived from the photos.

RESULTS:

The study comprised a cohort of **31 patients**. The most frequent subsite being buccal mucosa, which extended to the gingivobuccal sulcus in 19 patients. The study has a **sensitivity of 100%**, **a specificity of 85%**, and **positive predictive value of 6%** with **0% being the negative predictive value**. The study's overall **accuracy rate is 87%**, and the **p value**, as determined by the Kappa measure of agreement, is **0.6**, which indicates **substantial agreement**.

INTERPRETATION & CONCLUSION:

The ICG-NIR method is a **valuable tool** in the detection of intraoperative positive margins. Further studies in the form of multi-centric, randomized control trials and carcinoma-targeted dyes are required to validate this technology.

KEYWORDS

Oral squamous cell carcinoma; Indocyanine green dye; Near infrared fluorescence; Diagnostic accuracy test; Intraoperative positive margins; Overall survival; Local recurrence

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