

Buruli ulcer (UB) in children treated with Ozone Therapy and Hyperoil. A new horizons in the topical treatment of BU.

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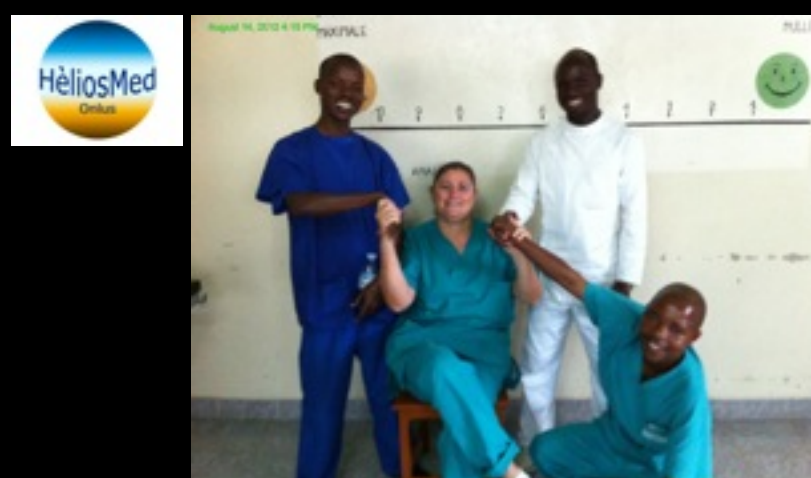
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Background

Ozone therapy (OT) is a cheap and effective treatment for Buruli Ulcers (BU) needing a specific equipment to produce ozone from oxygen (TO3A- Medica, Bologna, Italy).

Hyperoil™ is an original extract of hypericum flowers (*Hypericum perforatum*) and nimh oil (*Azadirachta indica*) produced by Ri.Mos, Mirandola-Italy, effective for tissue recovery, and complicated cutaneous ulcers with osteomyelitis.



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InterMed onlus had **treated with OT** 150 children (age range 4-12 yrs) with chronic (age >2 months) Buruli ulcer (BU), from 2007 to 2013 in Ivory Coast and Benin.

Helios Med onlus **treated with OT and Hyperoil gauze gel** 28 children (age range 4-8 yrs) with chronic (legs) and 4 with acute BU (age <2 months - 1 at arm, 1 at head and 2 at legs) from 2011 to 2013 in Benin and D.R. Congo.



OT was administered topically positioning a bag around the lesion, insufflating an O₂-O₃ mixture having an O₃ concentration of 15-20 µg/ml.

The inflated bag was sealed just above the lesion to avoid gas leakage. Then, the bag was positioned to let the gas mixture contacting the ulcer wound for about 10-15 minutes.

When the bag was removed, the wound was covered usually applying **sterile gauze** or **was treated with Hyeproil gauze gel**, too, positioned with a fixing bandage.

This procedure was repeated three times a week to stimulate BU debridement and healing.

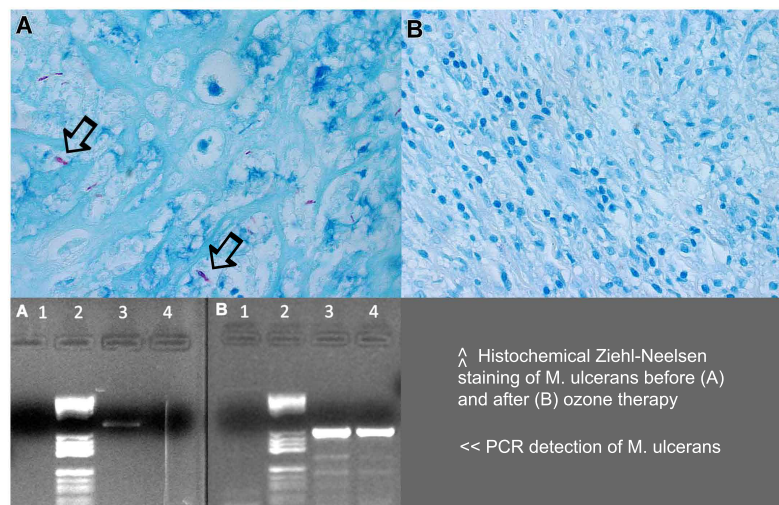
BURULI ULCER OZONE TREATMENT



REFERENCE

THE USE OF OZONE THERAPY IN BURULI ULCER HAD AN EXCELLENT OUTCOME

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Results

chronic BU treated with OT

About 50% of 150 chronic BU treated with OT

has completely recovered in 4/6 weeks and about 30% recovered in 4/6 months.

The remaining 20% dropped out treatment mainly for cultural or logistic issues.

Results

treated with OT and Hyperoil gauze gel

26 of the 28 children (2 dropped out) **with chronic BU**
treated with OT and Hyperoil gauze gel
rapidly improved
and fully recovered *after 4-5 weeks*

while the 4 children **with acute BU**
showed a rapid improvement since the 1st week
and *fully recovered within 2 months*

CONCLUSION

The encouraging outcome observed in patients with chronic and new BUs treated with OT and Hyperoil could suggest a new cheap therapeutic option for this already difficult-to-treat illness.

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