

# HAMSTER BITE: A SUMMARY ON CLINICAL DATA FROM A MEDICAL CENTER

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## ABSTRACT

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**KEYWORDS:** Hamster, Bite, Tropical.

## INTRODUCTION

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## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The authors retrospectively summarized the record in a medical center in Thailand. The record on animal bite incidences in 1 year (2017) was done. The special focus is on hamster bite. The clinical epidemiology of hamster bite was summarized and reported.

## RESULTS

According to the review, there are 287 incidences of animal bites recorded in patient database of the medical center. Of those cases,

there are 2 cases of hamster bites. The patients are girls (age between 9 and 13 years old) and got bite at the finger. The bite is due to the playing with hamster pet. All cases received wound care, tetanus prevention and rabies prevention.

## DISCUSSION

Hamster is a new imported animal to Thailand. The animal is usually kept as pet. The children usually plays with hamster and the parents usually lack for the knowledge on the possible danger of the hamster.

The hamster bite is the new thing in Thailand. This kind of animal bite might relate to rabies [1]. In the literature, the hamster bite is reported as a possible cause of tularemia [2]. The control of the new coming imported pet for the new setting is important. The knowledge of one who will feed the new imported animals becomes the new consideration in public health.

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