MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT ARTHRALGIA: A DOUBLE BLIND PLACEBO - CONTROLLED COMPARATIVE CLINICAL STUDY.

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## **ABSTRACT**:

Five hundred patients suffering from acute temporomandibular joint arthralgia were entered into a double blind randomized study in an attempt to compare between the efficacy of certain new drugs in the treatment of acute TMJ arthralgia .Patients were divided into 5 groups; 100 patients each .Nabumetone , indomethacin , azapropazone , tapride or placebo were administered to the patients for 6 weeks . Joint pain disappeared completely in the majority of patients with much improvement in patients taking tiapride .One year follow-up showed no prompt recurrence of pain in the TMJ region .