



Rare Case of Gallbladder Adenomyomatosis in Female

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ABSTRACT

Adenomyomatosis of gallbladder is a benign condition. Adenomyomatosis of gallbladder is tumor like lesions that are found in 2% of all cholecystectomies. Adenomyomas are characterized by ROKITANSKY ASCHOFF SINUSES. Adenomyomatosis is incidental finding on USG. We report a case of symptomatic adenomyomatosis of the gall bladder.

KEYWORD-*Adenomyomatosis of gall bladder, symptoms, treatment.*

INTRODUCTION

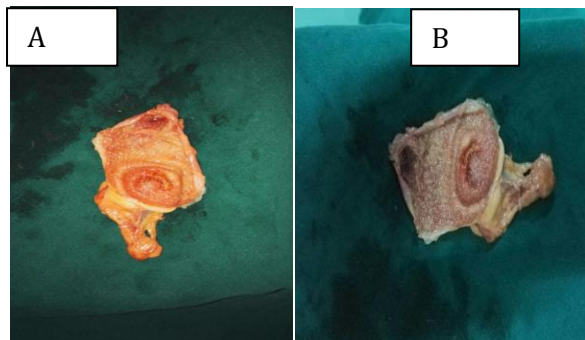
Adenomyomatosis of gall bladder is a benign condition^(1,3). Adenomyomatosis is tumor like lesion that are found in 2% of cholecystectomies⁽¹⁾. It is mainly seen in gall bladder, it may be seen in stomach, small intestine^(2,5,6). Adenomyomatosis of gall bladder is a degenerative condition in which gall bladder wall thickens and mucosa of gall bladder is also thickened; it is also called ROKITANSKY ASCHOFF SINUSES (RAS)⁽⁶⁾. Adenomyomatosis is an incidental finding either USG is performed for right upper quadrant pain⁽⁶⁾. We report a case with 65 yr female with diagnosis of adenomyomatosis as it is a rarely encountered entity.

CASE REPORT

A 65 year female came to OPD with right upper quadrant pain. The pain was colicky and associated with food intake. Patient gave history of pain since 1 year. Since last 5 months pain was more for which she was taking medication but pain became more frequent. There is no history of

any surgery or trauma to abdomen in past. On physical examination mild tenderness present in epigastric and right hypochondrium. Laboratory investigation showed several abnormal findings, including leukocytosis (14500 cells/ μ L; reference range [RR], 4500-11000 cells/ μ L) and elevated aspartate aminotransferase (61 U/L; RR, 10-42 U/L) and alanine aminotransferase (75 U/L; RR, 10-40 U/L) levels. Ultrasonography of the abdomen revealed marked thickening of the gallbladder wall. However, serum bilirubin (0.4 mg/dL; RR, < 1.5 mg/dL), alkaline phosphatase (140 U/L; RR, 40-140 U/L), and gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase (59 U/L; RR, 8-61 U/L) levels were normal. Initially, acute atypical cholecystitis with fever as the only symptom was diagnosed, and empirical antibiotic therapy was indicated (intravenous infusion of ceftazidime [2000 mg] 3 times per day). Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) was performed to clarify the nature of the gallbladder lesion and showed evident thickening of the epithelial and muscular elements and multiple intramural cysts of various sizes. Patient

was posted for cholecystectomy and specimen was sent for HPE. Histopathological examination showed ROKITANSKY ASCHOFF SINUSES with thickened muscosa. ROKITANSKY ASCHOFF SINUSES is typical for adenomyomatosis of gall bladder. Patient remained symptom free after cholecystectomy and was discharged on 9th day of operation. Patient is called for followup for every 6 month in OPD there is no sign of any complication till now.



Surgery specimen showing a huge gallbladder with multiple intramuscular cysts



Surgery specimen showing a huge gallbladder

DISCUSSION

Adenomyomatosis of gall bladder is incidental finding on USG⁽⁶⁾. The term was introduced by JUTRAS et al in 1960.^(7,8,9) The adenomyomatosis with irritative condition of gall bladder such as chronic inflammation or cholelithiasis⁽⁴⁾. In adenomyomatosis there is proliferation of the mucosa and thickening of muscle wall. This will cause proliferation epithelial and invagination and diverticula which penetrate the muscular layer it is called ROKITANSKY ASCHOFF SINUSES⁽¹⁰⁾. There are no symptoms in adenomyomatosis of gall

bladder except for vague pain in abdomen, but there is cholelithiasis is present silent after cholecystectomy⁽²⁾. Our case were operated for cholelithiasis.

Adenomyomatosis of gall bladder is divided into three types. In generalized form there is diffuse thickening and irregularity of mucosal surface which give gland like structure in gall bladder wall. In segmental form compartementalization seen. In focal type lesion confined to fundus and usually present as a nodule bulging into lumen⁽⁴⁾. The clinical implication of adenomyomatosis are controversial about 70% of symptomatic patient present with gall stones, In residual 30% of patient with symptomatic but acalculous adenomyomatosis. The typical radiological appearance of adenomyomatosis is very helpful in obtaining a correct diagnosis. USG is the method of choice as it is inexpensive and practical⁽¹⁴⁾. All patient with symptomatic adenomyomatosis or with gall bladder lesions suggestive of adenomyomatosis but indistinguishable from premalignant or malignant lesions are consider as an indication for cholecystectomy⁽¹⁵⁾. Our patient, who present with a symptom complex similar to that of acalculous cholecystitis, was immediately relieved after cholecystectomy, which was performed laproscopically.

CONCLUSION

Adenomyomatosis of gall bladder is incidental finding on USG. Adenomyomatosis give rise to symptoms like cholecystitis. Most of adenomyomatosis is discovered on excised gall bladder specimen of cholelithiasis. The treatment for adenomyomatosis of gall bladder is by laproscopic approach whenever possible. The main aim of this paper is we can add in differential diagnosis of adenomyomatosis of gallbladder in case of pain in abdomen. Patient can present with features of acute cholecystitis but in case of adenomyomatosis of gall bladder cholecystectomy should be considered before conservative treatment.

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