



Rare Association of Renal Echinococcosis with Oncocytoma



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Abstract

This is a review to highlight the occurrence of a common parasitic lesion at a rare site that is kidney and that too associated with a renal tumor and is not reported in the world literature so far. Echinococcosis in kidney occurs in 2-3% of all cases. Renal oncocytomas are 5-7% of all renal tumors and they originate from distal renal tubules.

Keywords: Echinococcosis; Oncocytoma

Introduction

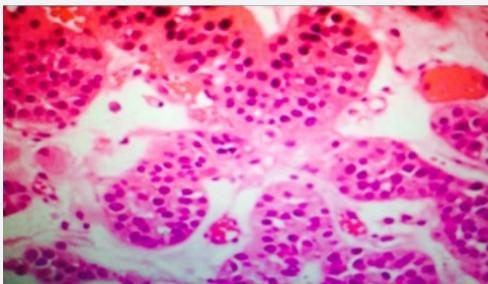


Figure 1: Microphotograph showing oncocytoma in kidney with large eosinophilic cells with granular cytoplasm.

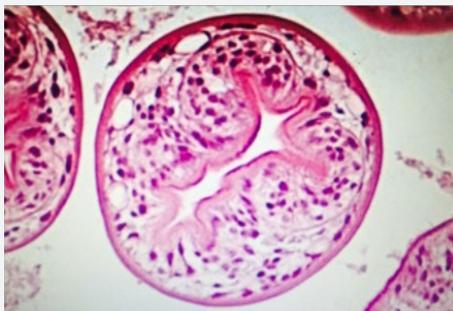


Figure 2: Microphotograph showing renal echinococcus.

Occurrence of a common parasitic lesion at a rare site that is kidney and that too associated with a renal tumor is not reported in the world literature so far. Echinococcosis in kidney occurs in 2-3% of all cases [1-3]. Renal oncocytomas are 5-7% of all renal tumors and they originate from distal renal tubules [4-8]. 70-year man with a renal mass detected on Computed

tomography measuring 8×4×3cm, associated with the left kidney, Left nephrectomy was performed. While slicing the specimen pus exuded out and a tan colored cystic solid mass. In gross appearance, the tumor was mahogany brown, well circumscribed and contained a central scar. Tumor was cystic solid with variegated irregular cyst wall and was measuring 7x4x3cms with a purulent exudate on the cut surface (Figure 1). The histology was interesting showing parasite echinococcus (Figure 2) with all three layers of the cyst i.e. pericyst, ectocyst and endocyst (germinal layer) containing daughter cysts, scolices and hooklets. Echinococcosis is a parasite borne disease. Renal echinococcosis caused by *E multilocularis* [1-3].

The tumor was renal oncocytoma with the cells which appeared to be round to polygonal with abundant granular eosinophilic cytoplasm, a regular round nucleus, and a central nucleolus Surgery that is nephrectomy is the treatment of choice in renal hydatid cyst which is diagnosed preoperatively. Pre and postoperative one-month courses of Albendazole lessens the chance of anaphylaxis and decrease the tension in the cyst wall (thus reducing the risk of spillage during surgery) and to reduce the recurrence rate [4-7]. IHC was not performed due to the characteristic histology. Vimentin, CK7, CD10, and

Hale's colloidal iron can be used for the differential diagnosis of problematic tumors of kidney like conventional renal cell and chromophobe renal cell carcinoma which may pose differential problems with oncocytoma. Chromophobe Renal cell carcinoma is Vimentin, CD10 negative, CK7-positive and positive diffuse fine reticular cytoplasmic pattern of Hale's colloidal iron;

Oncocytoma is Vimentin, CK7, CD10-negative and Hale's colloidal iron -negative; Conventional renal cell carcinoma CK7-negative, Vimentin, CD10-positive and Hale's colloidal iron -negative [7].

Discussion

Renal oncocytoma is a benign solitary lesion diagnosed incidentally however, it may metastasize or infiltrate peripheral renal tissues. In this case renal oncocytoma was associated with a parasitic cyst of echinococcus which is a rare association. Renal Echinococcosis or the hydatid cyst of the kidney is a very rare condition caused by the Echinococcus. Granulosa and Kidney is the third commonest organ involved after the liver and the lungs. The incidence of renal involvement is about 2% of all hydatid disease in man and isolated renal involvement is very rare. Management is mainly surgery to prevent cyst rupture. Conservative management with oral Albendazole is successful in only 40% of cases. Surgical management consists of various options like partial and total excision. Partial excision should be preceded by the injection of scolicidal agents into the cyst which include 20% hypertonic saline, Chlorhexidine, 80% Ethanol, 0.5% Cetrimide, 3% H₂O₂ and 0.5% Silvernitrate. Patient has to be operated under the cover of antihistaminics and steroids for the fear of anaphylaxis if cyst rupture occurs during surgery.

Conclusion

This review article is to highlight the association of renal echinococcosis with oncocytoma.

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