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A case report: effect of hydrocortisone on hypocortisolism caused by pituitary adenoma

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Abstract

Objectives: Pituitary adenoma is a tumor that can cause hormone secretion disorders, one of which is hypocortisolism. Hypocortisolism has a negative impact, namely an increase in proinflammatory cytokines and immune system activation. The therapy given for hypocortisolism is high doses of hydrocortisone. This case report is presented hypocortisolism therapy with hydrocortisone in a patient with pituitary adenoma.

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Conclusions: Hydrocortisone is a therapy used for hypokortisolism in pituitary adenomas. The hydrocortisone given is a high dose of hydrocortisone, so to stop the therapy, tapering off is done to avoid side effects.

Keywords: hydrocortisone; hypocortisolism; pituitary adenoma

Introduction

Pituitary adenoma is a tumor of the pituitary gland which usually appears in the anterior pituitary¹. Pituitary adenoma is an intracranial tumor that often occurs in adolescents to middle age, with the same incidence of women and men. Based on the size of the pituitary adenoma, it is classified into three types, micro adenoma ($<10\text{mm}$), macro adenoma ($>10\text{mm}$), and giant adenoma ($>40\text{mm}$)². Pituitary adenoma is also divided based on the presence or absence of clinical

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4 syndromes due to hormonal hypersecretion, namely the functioning of the pituitary adenoma and non-functioning pituitary
5 adenoma³.

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7 The prevalence of pituitary adenoma is estimated at 0.2% with incidence of 2 cases out of 100,000 population⁴. About
8 30% of pituitary adenoma tumors are non-functioning pituitary adenomas. The exact prevalence of a non-functioning pituitary
9 adenoma is difficult to determine because many patients are asymptomatic³. Meanwhile, the incidence of pituitary adenoma,
10 both microadenoma and macroadenoma, is very rare in the population of children and adolescents, with a prevalence of 1:
11 1000.000⁵.

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13 The pathogenesis of most pituitary adenomas is still unknown with certainty. Therefore genetic evaluation does not
14 guarantee cause of pituitary adenoma, unless the patient has a family history of ⁶. Pituitary adenomas are not detected
15 clinically or have no specific clinical manifestations, so it usually causes the diagnosis of pituitary adenoma to be delayed⁷.
16 Clinical symptoms of pituitary adenoma develop due to hyperprolactinoma with or without hypopituitarism, as well as due to
17 tumor mass effects. Hypopituitarism that often occurs is growth hormone deficiency and hypogonadism, while hypocortisolism
18 is very rare⁸.

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20 The goals of pituitary adenoma therapy are to normalize serum prolactin, remove tumors or reduce tumor size, and
21 improve hypopituitarism recovery⁸. Therapy in pituitary adenomas is pharmacological dopamine agonist therapy, surgery, and
22 radiotherapy. Treatment of hypocortisolism is given glucocorticoid replacement.

30 31 Case Presentation

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33 A 17 year old boy presents with headaches, difficulty swallowing, vomiting especially in the morning, and visual
34 disturbances in the right eye. Vision problems experienced by the patient in the form of blurred eyes and double vision since 5
35 months before being admitted hospital. The patient experienced loss of vision in the right eye one week before admission
36 hospital. The patient was diagnosed with pituitary macroadenoma in August 2019.

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38 In the history, it was found that the patient had mild depression, blood pressure 110/80 mmHg, pulse 80 beats per
39 minute, respiratory rate 20 times per minute, temperature 36.8 ° C, and oxygen saturation 98% with oxygen mask of 6 liters
40 per minute. . Neurological examination on Glasgow E4V5M6 coma scale, negative meningeal sign, negative facial palsy, and
41 negative lingual palsy. Based on the results of funduscopy and confrontation tests of the right and left eyes, it was found that
42 atrophy and blindness in the right eye. Sensory examination within normal limits and motor skills suggest general weakness.

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44 MRI examination of the brain with contrast revealed a supratentorial extra-axial lesion in intrasellar extending to the
45 supracellar, a clear border of 1.3 x 2.1 x 2.31 cm irregular edge that pressed against the right optic nerve and optic chiasm and
46 caused edema of the right optic nerve, which supports the appearance of pituitary macroadenoma (Figure 1).

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48 In a preoperative laboratory examination on December 20, 2019, it was found that hypocortisol <0.5 µg / dL (reference
49 value 4.30-22.40 µg / dL). On 23 December 2019, an Endoscopic Endonasal Transsphenoidal Approach (EETA) was performed.
50 The results of the anatomical pathology examination showed pieces of tumor tissue arranged in sheets. The tumor consists of
51 cells with a round nucleus, relatively monotonous, smooth chromatin, eosinophilic cytoplasm, no visible mitosis, no signs of
52 malignancy. The results of the anatomical pathology examination are presented in Figure 2. Patients receive hydrocortisone
53 therapy 200 mg / day, then tapering off to 100 mg / day. Patient consent was obtained by signing the informed consent form
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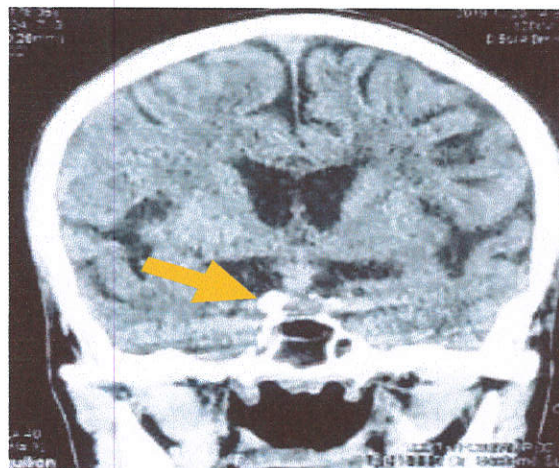


Figure 1. MRI results before the EETA procedure

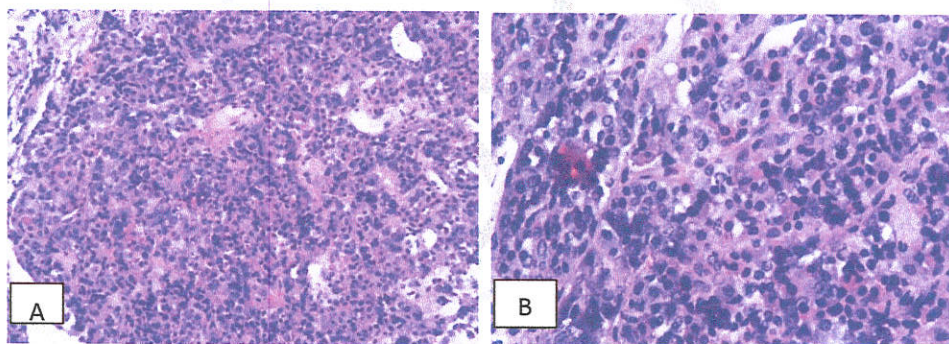


Figure 2. Tumor histopathological examination results

Discussion

Pituitary adenoma is one of intracranial tumor that often occurred in adult population but the prevalence in children and adolescents is small³. Prior studies reported pituitary adenoma only happened in 1 : 1000.000 of children population⁵. In our case patient was a 17 years old that diagnosed with macroadenoma hypophysitis.

Pituitary adenoma are categorized as functioning adenoma (hormone secreting) and non-functioning adenoma (non-secreting). Functional adenomas are more common and tend to present earlier, in younger patients, with symptoms or signs of hormone excess (ex. Hyperprolactinaemia). In contrast, non-functioning adenomas are clinically silent until lesion has become large enough (usually >1 cm) to have mass effect⁷. Clinical symptoms of pituitary adenoma develop due to hyperprolactinoma with or without hypopituitarism, as well as due to tumor mass effects. Hypopituitarism that often occurs is growth hormone deficiency and hypogonadism, whereas hypocortisolism was less common⁵.

Pasien presented an adrenal crisis, which characterized by hypotension, abdominal symptoms, nausea, vomiting, altered mental state, fatigue, fever, and laboratory abnormalities. Our patient presented with loss of right eye vision, headache, difficulty swallowing, and vomiting especially in the morning at admission. In addition, the patient also experienced hypocortisol <0.5 µg / dL (reference value 4.30-22.40 µg / dL).

Hypocortisolism have wide spectrum of clinical symptoms and signs. Diagnosis of hypocortisolism recommend measuring serum cortisol level at 8-9 AM, and plasma corticotropin as the first line test for diagnosing. In addition, recommend measuring plasma aldosterone and renin activity. Cortisol level $< 3 \mu\text{g} / \text{dL}$ is indicative of hypocortisolism^{9,10}.

The daily physiological production of cortisol is about 5-6 mg/m² body surface area. Recommendation hormone replacement therapy for hypocortisolism is hydrocortisone 15-25 mg, usually given in two to three doses per day, with 50-66% given in the morning on awakening. If given two times a day, the second dose is usually given 6-8 h after the morning dose. If given three times per day, the second dose is given 4-6 h after the early morning dose and the third dose 4-6 h after this. Some clinicians recommend weight-adjusted dosing to reduce intervals of excess in cortisol concentrations during the day and decreases variability of cortisol profiles¹¹. In acute illness possibly attributable to hypocortisolism, a different diagnostic strategy should be applied, because immediate therapeutic intervention is absolutely needed even before the diagnosis is formally confirmed⁹.

In this patient who was diagnosed with pituitary macroadenoma apart from experiencing hypocortisolism, the patient also experienced hyperprolactinemia who would receive dopamine agonist therapy, namely bromocriptine and also EETA (Endoscopic Endonasal Transsphenoidal Approach). Hypocortisolism therapy modalities in patients undergoing pituitary surgery are recommended using stress doses of steroid before surgery and tapered doses after surgery before repeating testing. In these patients, hydrocortisone therapy before surgery. Patients received hydrocortisone 100 mg IV morning and night for four days from 21-24 December 2019, then tapering off to 100 mg / day. Tapering off is done to avoid the side effects of giving high doses of hydrocortisone. The EETA (Endoscopic Endonasal Transsphenoidal Approach) was carried out on 23 December 2019. There was an increase in pre-treatment cortisol $< 0.5 \mu\text{g} / \text{dL}$ and $5.3 \mu\text{g} / \text{dL}$ post-treatment and there was no side effect while the patient was hospitalized.

Hydrocortisone is short action glucocorticoid, with elimination half life 1-2 hours. Hydrocortisone is primarily bound to corticosteroid-binding globulin (transcortin). When transcortin binding sites are saturated, hydrocortisone binds to albumin. Only 5% to 10% is unbound and biologically active. Hydrocortisone is metabolized in the tissues and the liver to biologically inactive compounds, including glucuronides and sulfates. Hydrocortisone is excreted in renal, less than 1% of hydrocortisone is excreted unchanged in the urine¹².

Conclusions

Hydrocortisone is a therapy used for hypokortisolism in pituitary adenomas. The hydrocortisone given is a high dose of hydrocortisone, so to stop the therapy, tapering off is done to avoid side effects.

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SECTION 4.

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