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GASTROSCHISIS WITH CONGENITAL TALIPES EQUINO VARUS : A CASE REPORT

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ABSTRACT

Gastroschisis is a congenital abdominal wall defect. Its incidence has been increased up to 4-5 cases per 10000 live births. Gastroschisis has no covering sac and most of the infants with gastroschisis do not have any other anomalies and no associated syndromes. We are presenting a case of male fetus of 20 weeks with gastroschisis on right side of the umbilicus with congenital talipes equino varus in left foot. This study highlights the association of gastroschisis with CTEV.

INTRODUCTION

Gastroschisis is an abdominal wall defect which is present at birth characterised by herniation of abdominal viscera outside the abdominal cavity through a defect in the abdominal wall to the side of the umbilicus.¹ It is most common of the wall closure defects of the abdomen. The incidence of Gastroschisis has been increasing in recent year and has reached 4–5 cases per 10,000 for all live births.^{2,3} Gastroschisis has no covering sac and most of the infants with gastroschisis do not have any other anomalies and no associated anomalies. This differentiates it from an omphalocele, which usually is covered by a membranous sac and more frequently is associated with other chromosomal and structural malformation.⁴

Cardiac and genitourinary abnormalities have been commonly associated^{5,6,7,8,9,10} with gastroschisis as compare to extra-gastrointestinal anomalies. In the presented case, gastroschisis associated with congenital talipes equino varus has been reported. Congenital talipes equino varus comprises equinus, inversion of foot and adduction of the forefoot relative to the hind-foot.¹¹

OBSERVATION

During routine fetal autopsy in pathology department in DR RPGMC Tanda, received a male fetus of 20 weeks gestational period, with crown rump length is 29cm, weight 6.17grams with unilateral talipes equino varus in left foot, with gastroschisis on right side of umbilicus. The content consists of loops of bowel without any sac. On deep dissection, rest of the organs were normal and found in their original position.



Fig3: Shows the part of bowel below this arrow was outside the abdominal wall.



Fig. 1: Gastroschisis on right side of umbilicus.

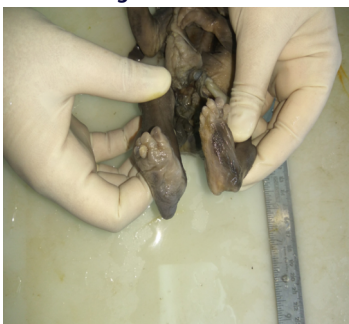


Fig 2: Left foot with talipes equino varus anomaly

DISCUSSION

In most of the cases, gastroschisis is present without any associated defect.¹² In contrast, omphalocele is more likely to be associated with other major genetic or somatic anomalies. There is a low rate of concurrent malformations with gastroschisis, but a careful review on published data revealed the rates ranging from 5% to 27% of anomalies association with gastroschisis.¹³

In the study of Benjamin and Wilson¹², rate of associated anomalies with gastroschisis was 32%, including musculoskeletal anomalies which contributed 9.6%. Musculoskeletal abnormalities reported include limb reduction defects, clubfoot and skeletal dysplasia.¹² Mastroiacovo et al¹⁴ found 2.2% incidence of associated limb anomalies with gastroschisis.

In the study of Stoll C et al. out of 86 patients with omphalocele, 64 (74.4%) had associated malformations and in 60 patients with gastroschisis, 10 (16.6%) had associated malformations.¹⁵

Singal R et al. reported a rare case of a newborn baby with an abdominal wall defect, together with multiple congenital abnormalities and diagnosed as gastroschisis. There were multiple defects found as spinal deformity, imperforate anus, esophageal fistula, and lower limb deformity (congenital talipes equinovarus) along with the webbing of neck.¹⁶

CONCLUSION

This case report highlights the association of congenital gastroschisis with congenital talipes equino varus. In case of

omphalocele, the long term outcome depends on its associated malformations, whereas the kids with gastroschisis usually achieve normal growth and development as they progress through childhood. There is no immediate interventions are needed in foot defects and are not fatal.

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