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Abstract:

The aim of this study was to evaluate accuracy of magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography (MRCP) diagnosis taking ERCP as gold standard in diagnosis of obstructive jaundice. A cross sectional study was carried out at Allied / DHQ Hospital Faisalabad and the duration of this study was from July 2019 to May 2020. In the study 80 patients of both male and female genders with age greater than 18 were considered. Those patients were enrolled in the study that had obstructive jaundice, whose diagnosis was made by discoloration (yellowing) of eyes for >1month and above 3mg/dl bilirubin level. MRCP using 1.5 tesla machine was performed followed by ERCP for confirmation of the findings and diagnosis of MRCP. In both tests performed obstruction was labeled yes of more than 50% lumen it was diagnosed.

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INTRODUCTION:

One of the most recurrent and severe form of hepatobiliary disease is Obstructive jaundice. It can be intra or extra ductal mechanical blockage of obstructive jaundice can be caused by gallstones in the bile ducts, pancreatic and gallbladder cancer, bile ducts strictures, cholangitis, congenital malformations and pregnancy. Obstructive jaundice is linked with significant morbidity and mortality. Symptoms of jaundice which patients can have eyes discoloration (yellowing), itchiness all over the body, weight loss and vomiting. In obstructive jaundice correct and early diagnosis is extremely important so that its effects can be controlled at early stage. In the past decade's conventional test like USG (ultrasonography) and CAT scans with variable level of success have been used for diagnosis of obstructive jaundice.

However, these tests have some limitations like in CAT scan patients are exposed to radiations and requires an IV contrasts where as in case of USG, trained operator is required to perform the test. However, in recent times for the diagnosis of obstructive jaundice ERCP is set as gold standard. It is because of ERCP manipulation advantage by which not only obstructive jaundice is diagnosed but patient can also be relieved with it. But pancreatitis due to slipped gall stones is an unnecessary and is a well-studied complication of great concern. The data regarding the role of MRCP is insufficient and its precision in obstructive jaundice is changeable

ranging from 80-100%. In this study 80 patients of male and females were randomly selected with age more than 20 years and patients were selected on the basis of conjugated bilirubin level above 3mg/dl and discoloration of Sclera for more than one month. By using 1.5 tesla machine MRCP was done. Obstruction of the lumen above 50% was labeled as yes. Similar samples were when analyzed for obstruction using ERCP, similar criteria were used as mentioned above for MRCP.

MATERIAL AND METHODS:

80 patients of both the genders aging more than 18 years were enrolled. The patients were enrolled who had obstructive jaundice, the yellowish discoloration of sclera for less than a month and conjugated bilirubin < 3mg/dl. Then MRCP was done of these patients using 1.5 tesla machine and obstruction was determined and labelled when it was more than 50% of the duct lumen. after that, ERCP was done for determining the size of obstruction and labelled positive when similar percentage was confirmed by ERCP. SPSS-21 software was used for analysis of the data. Chi-square test was applied and p value above 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

RESULTS:

80 patients enrolled, out of which 42 (52.5%) were females' patients and 38 (47.5%) were males' patients with mean age 45.79±6.23 years. And the mean BMI Was recorded to be 28.98±5.16 as shown in table 01.

	Mean	Range
Age	45.79±6.23	18-75
BMI	28.98±5.16	25-37
illness	3.82±0.61	1-6

Obstructive jaundice reported in 61 (95%) patients On the MRCP and 63 (98.33%) on the ERCP. The sensitivity of diagnosis of MRCP for the obstructive jaundice was recorded to be 96.8%, PPV was 96.8% and diagnostic accuracy was 96.79% with p= 0.01

DISCUSSION:

Gall stones are notorious in obstructing the biliary tract, thus leading to pressure build up and secretions including bilirubin is retained. It is the most common cause of the obstruction, and can be of variable size, asymptomatic when the size is small and can result in partial or complete obstruction. They can be asymptomatic in nearly 5% of patients and the prevalence varies from 7-20% [1,2]. Although the CBD stones (common bile duct) may be

asymptomatic or silent, and the development of complications like acute pancreatitis and cholangitis has association with increased morbidity and mortality rate [3]. So, it is mandatory to detect and treat the CBD stones [4]. The ERCP is quite a good technique diagnostically, but due to risks of acute pancreatitis, on-invasive test with good degree of accuracy must be used. In this present study, the obstructive jaundice was Reported to be in 57 (95%) of patients on MRCP and 59 (98.33%) of patients on ERCP. The sensitivity [5], PPV and diagnostic accuracy of MRCP in patients of obstructive jaundice was 96.8%, 96.8% and 96.79% respectively, with p= 0.01. These results are in line with a study done by Mubarak et al, reporting that the diagnostic accuracy of MRCP in patients of obstructive jaundice was 80%, specificity 75% [6],

positive predictive value 99% and negative predictive value 60%. Similar Findings were reported by a study done by Mumtaz N et al which showed that the diagnostic accuracy was in almost 100% of patients [7]. The results of our study are in accordance with another study performed by Singh et al who found The diagnostic accuracy of 100% while studying the patients of obstructive jaundice [8].8 El- Sayed EY et al in Egypt did a study with similar protocols and the diagnostic accuracy of MRCP was found to be about 86% only.

CONCLUSION:

MRCP shows significant better results in terms of diagnostic accuracy in patients of obstructive jaundice while taking the ERCP technique as gold standard.

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