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# CASE FROM PRACTICE. RADIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS OF GAUCHER DISEASE (CLINICAL OBSERVATION)

#### **ANNOTATION**

This observation points to the difficulties of radiation diagnosis of Gaucher disease. Patients with a long time is not established diagnosis, whereby treatment can be delayed. As a result of analysis of the case of Gaucher disease presents opportunities clinical laboratory and radiological methods of research, allowing to establish the presence of the disease.

Key words: Gaucher disease, radiation diagnostics, ultrasound (US), CT of research, MRI.

Gaucher disease (Gancher, 1862.) – inborn disease, hereditary. Beginning of disease has been already observed in infants or children at any age and more often in females.

This disease of the reticuloendothelial system in which there are giant cells with clusters of Gaucher kerazina.

Infiltrates may appear in various organs and bone marrow.

The reason – a hereditary defect generation enzyme (glucocerebrosidase).

Clinic is diverse, determined a significant increase in spleen – splenomegaly, slightly less than the liver, lymph nodes. Yellowish color of the conjunctiva of research, the yellow staining of the skin (hemosiderosis) of research, expressed infantilism, frequent bleeding from the nose and gums.

In the blood – leukopenia and thrombocytopenia are impermanent, anemia.

Recognition of Gaucher disease based on history of research, clinical presentation of research, detected in a punctate from the spleen or bone marrow of specific Gaucher cells and data ray diagnostic methods.

Modern radiation diagnosis of Gaucher disease consists of:

1) US – revealed signs of portal hypertension without its clinical manifestations. In children, with the presence of enlarged spleen volume blood flow

in portal venous is increased and after splenectomy – reduced (control after 2-3 months).

2) X-ray method of diagnostics. In modern conditions the preferred digital radiography of long bones. X-ray picture of Gaucher disease is very diverse in different age periods of research, from mild to very severe. In the long bones marked expansion of the medullary canal and the thinning of the cortical layer inside. Especially characteristic picture of the femur, which is the most valuable feature of Gaucher disease according to statement of S.A. Reinberg (1969.) of research, Namely, the distal third of the diaphysis and metaphysis of the femur on both sides symmetrically moderately swells as mace or «bottle» (Figure 1a), and sometimes less than a typical spindle, and has the uniform hyperostosis, then uneven, more the medial side, so that the most compact lifts the thinned shell over the inner condyle.

This symptom is «bottles» or «jar», is known as a symptom of Erlenmeyer, there may be focal changes in the form of round or oval bounded enlightenment spongy sections of the tubular bones, sometimes the coarse pattern (Figure 1b). In chronic cases, sclerotic changes predominate, particularly in the head and neck of the femur. In severe cases, dominated by destructive changes of research, especially pronounced in the femoral head and neck of research, as in tuberculous Cox, cartilage always





Fig. 1a. Symptom «bottle» in the metaphyseal part of the femur. Fig. 1b.Enlightenment in the long bones.



Fig. 2. Pathological fractures

remains the same. Flattening and deformity of the femoral head leads to a similar picture osteochondropathy with aseptic necrosis of the head. Frequent pathological fractures (Figure 2).

In severe cases, multiple brahispondiliya is observed. In the differential diagnosis of anemia with skull helps unchanged in Gaucher disease.

- 3) CT a method of supplementing radiological evidence of long bones (Fig. 3).
- 1) MRI a method detects bone disease in the early stages of research, which are inaccessible identify their X-ray (control 1.5-2 times a year of research, Zub N.V., 2011.).
- 2) In order to assess bone density (osteoporosis) is more sensitive method for diagnosis of bone

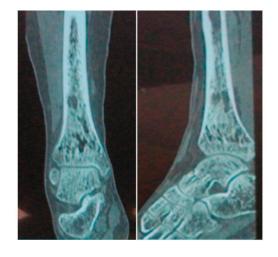


Fig. 3. CT: signs of tubular bones

disease – densitometry (control – 1.5-2 times a year of research, Zub N.V., 2011.).

Tissue Diagnostics – exceptional diagnostic value of bone marrow smears are – identification of Gaucher cells; aspiration biopsy of the liver should be carried out with negative results of special puncture.

The prognosis of chronic course of Gaucher disease is favorable, in the acute form is unfavorable, death on the 1st - 2nd year of life. Die mostly from intercurrent disease of research, pericarditis of research, infections.

Treatment – orthopedic.

The timely diagnosis of diagnosis of Gaucher disease is possible with the application of the integrated beam diagnostics:

- 1) US of spleen, liver, lymph nodes
- 2) Digital radiography bones
- 3) CT and MRI in the early stages of bone disease in Gaucher disease
  - 4) Densitometry.

In all cases, improving methods of investigation and diagnosis of Gaucher disease is a histological examination of the bone marrow (the identification of Gaucher cells).

# Conclusions.

Modern principles of radiation diagnosis of Gaucher disease:

- 1) US of spleen, liver, lymph nodes
- 2) Digital radiography bones
- 3) CT and MRI in the early stages of the disease

In all cases, refined diagnosis of Gaucher disease is possible only histology – detection of Gaucher cells.

Give their own observation. B – research, 1987. On the radiographs of the right shin in 2 projections from February 3, 2014 and CT of the lower third of the right shin and ankle from February 3, 2014 determined by the restructuring in the distal metadiaphysis right tibia of research, ankle – without features

In view of the X-ray data from the right thigh September 27,2007 of research, August 13, 2011 of research, Right shin from September 5, 2010 of research, October 12, 2011, X-ray picture of the pathological changes of the right femur in a clavate swelling and structural adjustment characteristic of Gaucher disease. In the history of splenomegaly in Gaucher 2002. (in 5 years old). The diagnosis of Gaucher disease for the first time on the bone changes was exhibited in 2012. Densitometry – June 27, 2013 – Osteoporosis.

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Проведенное наблюдение указывает на возникающие трудности лучевой диагностики болезни Гоше. Больным длительное время не устанавливается диагноз, поэтому лечение может быть несвоевременным. Представлены возможности клинико-лабораторных и лучевых методов исследования, позволяющих установить наличие данного заболевания.

Ключевые слова: болезнь Гоше, лучевая диагностика, УЗИ, КТ, МРТ.

## ТҮЙІН

Бұл бақылаудың негізінде Гоше ауруының сәулелі диагностикасының қиындықтары анықталады. Диагноз ұзақ уақыттың ішінде анықталмағандықтан, емі де кешігеді. Гоше ауруының жағдайын талқылау нәтижесінде осы патологияның клинико-зертханалық және сәулелі әдістерді қолданып, анықтауға болады **Түйінді сездер:** Гоше ауруы, сәулелі диагностика, УДЗ, КТ, МРТ.