A Febrile Seizure with Mucocutaneous Lymph Node Syndrome: A Rare Case Report

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Abstract:

In the course of illness with Kawasaki disease, seizures may happen.Uncertainty persists regarding the characteristics of these convulsions. According to recent research, proinflammatory cytokines can play a vital role in the development of febrile seizures. Blood and CSF levels of proinflammatory cytokines are increased during the initial stage of Kawasaki disease. If cytokines are involved in the seizure occurrences in Kawasaki disease clients, febrile convulsions and seizures may share similar clinical characteristics. A 1 year 4 months-old-child was brought to pediatric intensive care unit by her parents with the presenting complaints of an episode of generalized tonic-clonic seizures and loss of consciousness for around 2 minutes with High grade intermittent fever up to 102°F for three days. He is also dehydrated, irritated and covered in rashes. After all investigation child patient was diagnosed as a case of febrile seizures with Mucocutaneous Lymph Node Syndrome (Kawasaki disease). Now the patient prognosis is better than previous and advice the patient for further treatment.

Keywords: Kawasaki diseases, seizures disorder, fever fit, febrile convulsion, mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome, kawasaki syndrome, febrile seizures

Introduction:

A rare form of systemic inflammation called Kawasaki disease (KD) primarily impacts children under the age of five.(1) It is uncommon to find Kawasaki disease in infants younger thanfour months, presumably indicating matern al antibodies' protective effects. The prevalence rangesfrom ten to twenty cases per 100,000 kids under the age of fiv e.(2)The occurrence of febrile seizures in the initial phase of illness may be too much small. It confirms the result of earlier report. Kawasaki disorder is mainly identified by systemic vasculitis and occasionally it may be complicated intracranial vasculitis(3). In the Kawasaki disease the occurrence aberrant electro bv of encephalograms and pleocytosis in the cerebrospinal fluid(CSF) is more common in patient(4).Despite central nervous system interaction, the reason why febrile convulsions were absent during the initial stages of Kawasaki dis ease still seems to be unknown.(5).

Considering the significant prevalence of epilepsy and seizure disorders among children with Kawasaki disease, foll owup is advised. (6) The primary aim of treatment for Kawasaki disease is to lower body temperature as well as othe r inflammatory symptoms because there is no recognised causative factor. Currently, i.v. immunoglobulin treatment to prevent future coronary artery disorders and large doses of enteral acetylsalicylic acid (aspirin) to quicken settlem ent of the intense symptoms of Kawasaki disease, particularly fever, are recommended as the primary therapies (pref erably administered during the first 10 days of the appearance of symptoms).(7)

Case presentation:

A one-year-and-four-month-old male infant got admitted to the paediatric intensive care unit after suffering from high-grade intermittent fevers of up to 102°F for three days, as well as one episode of generalized tonic-clonic seizures and loss of consciousness for two minutes. He is also dehydrated, irritated, and covered in rashes. The doctor employed primary preventative measures.

An initial investigation and a first assessment were conducted. Physical examination revealed that the baby had dryness of skin, a skinny body build, and an almond-shaped mass that was palpable in the right hypochondriac and right upper quadrant areas of the baby's belly. Additionally, unusual bowel sounds w ere audible, and the child was weak, looked dull, and uncooperative. His laboratory tests showed increased levels of white blood cells and C-reactive protein.(WBC count- 15000/Cumm), Anemia (Hb%-10gm%, total RBC count- 3.25million/Cumm), lymphocytopenia (lymphocytes- 44%). Other laboratory investigation, complete blood count and renal function were all within normal range.

After all investigation child patient was clinically diagnosed as a case of febrile seizures withmucocutaneous lymph node syndrome (Kawasaki disease), and then the patient was treated with IVIG (2 g/kg), aspirin (30 mg/kg/day), He was also started on Inj.Emset 1mg (twice a day intravenously), Tab. Frisium 10mg (twice a day orally), Tab.b-dt 5mg(once a day orally), Syp.Maxtra 2.5ml (thrice a day orally), Syp.becasule 5 ml (once a day orally), Inj.ceftriaxone 400 mg (twice a day intravenously), Inj.amikacine 135 mg (once a day intravenously), also provided appropriate treatment for dehydration as priority i.e. Iv.fluid DNS 400ml (twice a day intravenously) and the infant shows great improvement. On the fourth day of hospitalization patient's vitals were stable. Medical management continued and patient prognosis was good and advised the patient for the regular 15 day follow up.

Discussion:

The exact source of Mucocutaneous Lymph-Node Syndrome(Kawasaki disease) is unknown. The occurrence of familial clusters and a higher prevalence in Asian populations suggest a genetic component. Kawasaki disease is mainly present in young age children. Among 80% of patient are below 4 year age. The peak incidence is occurs at the 9 to 11. Median age was 2 year in the united states.(8-12)The disease occurrence is rare in infant below age 3 month. In one Japanese series mentioned that about 1.7% of patient having age below 3month. A two week old neonate is the youngest patient ever reported in the literature.(13-21)A typical presentation (extended duration of the disease before diagnosis, low prevalence of conjunctivitis, lower prevalence of rash, low c-reactive protein and low occurrence of extremity change) are similar which might delay diagnosis and treatment. Under age of 3 month, the illness is rare but the severe coronary artery disease and the coronary artery involvements is mostly occurs.(22-27) The child's delayed diagnosis of kawasaki disease was determined to be one major contributing factor to the child's c oronary artery anomalies.(28) Furthermore there may some changes occur that are physiological difference among the patient having kawasaki disease at the extremities of pediatric patient that increased risk of coronary complication that are still unknown. Perhaps the youngest patient reported was belong to Turkey.(29-35) Hemiconvulsion-hemiplegia-epilepsy syndrome and acute right middle cerebral artery blockage aggravate mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome. Various neurological engagements linked to KWD have recently been found. Meningoencephalitis, ptosis, hearing impairment, facial paralysis, seizure s, drowsiness, agitation, migraines, and convulsions are a few of those symptoms. Nevertheless, the majority of sym ptoms disappeared entirely once KWD was successfully treated, and there was no visible medical evidence of CNS

damage. Furthermore, our findings demonstrated that children with KWD under the age of five seemed to have an increased chance of seizures. The hypothesis is that a developing brain grows more rapidly from birth to age five compared to any other period in life, and that K WD, a vasculitis that most frequently affects young children, might impact the developing brain and likely quietly m odify the shape of the brain at this time, causing epilepsy.(36)

There is currently no defined treatment that is efficient. Serum levels of IL-6, IL-10, and TNF- were higher in KD patients, according to one study, and these cytokines are now linked to early encephalopathy following prolonged febrile seizures. Additional research has shown that cerebral vasculitis-caused focused disruption of the vascular system may be the source of the central nervous system problems linked to KD. I.V immunoglobulin is used as the first therapeutic strategy for acute illnesses, following aspirin. Children are given two rounds of intravenous immunoglobulin, either with corticosteroids or other adjuvant therapies, when there is no improvement after management, whether or not there was a response. (36)

Conclusion:

Given that Kawasaki disease (KD) is a systemic vasculitis illness that is typically febrile, frequently associated with aseptic meningitis, and typically occurs in children below five years of age, it is expected that a significant fraction of KD individuals might experience febrile convulsions. The much more frequent type of paediatric seizure is febrile seizures. Children having Kawasaki illness can develop hyperthermia, swollen forearms with epidermal peeling, red eyes and tongue, cardiac abnormalities, and neurological dysfunction like hemiplegia, seizures, and myositis. As a result, it's crucial to keep a watchful eye on kids who have suffered from Kawasaki disease to ensure they're recovering and to look out for problems. When Kawasaki disease is treated, the majority of kids heal without experiencing major anv issues. When Kawasaki disease is treated within ten days following manifestation, the majority of kids improve without exp eriencing any major issues. There is no transmission of Kawasaki disease. Members of the family or youngsters in da ycare facilities are not affected. this the In case, patient was treated with the usual course of care in the beginning phases, which included fluid resuscitation, immunoglobuli n immunotherapy, antipyretics, antibiotics, anticonvulsants, and anti-nausea medications. The patient's prognosis remains good.

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