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CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Neonatal suppurative parotitis (NSP) is an uncommon illness. Parotid abscess is uncommon in neonates. It is frequently with, prolonged gavage feeding and dehydration. We report a case of a late preterm infant who developed the classical manifestation of unilateral (right) acute klebsiella spp suppurative parotitis progressing to formation of abscess which responded to antibiotic therapy in the neonate. Here, to the best of our knowledge we describe first case of newborn who developed neonatal suppurative parotitis due to *Klebsiella* bacteria species

Key words:

Klebsiella spp., neonatal
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INTRODUCTION

Neonatal suppurative parotitis (NSP) is an uncommon illness in the neonate. Neonatal suppurative parotitis is a rare disease. Only few cases were reported in the English-language literature between 1970 and 2012¹. This relatively rare entity generally responds well to antibiotic therapy, but does have the potential for serious complications. It is commonly caused by *S. aureus* but other bacterial isolates may be emerging. It is frequently related to prematurity, oral trauma, immunosuppressant, prolonged gavage feeding, ductal obstruction and dehydration of newborn that develop NSP¹. Prematurity was reported in almost one-third of cases (32%) of NSP. This contrasts with the average worldwide prematurity rate of 9.6%.¹⁰ Prematurity, therefore is a risk factor we describe first case of newborn who developed NSP due to *Klebsiella* species.

Case Report

A 22 days old male newborn presented With seizure like activity, irritability, hypoglycemic and icteric presentation Baby was delivered at 36 wks of Gestation through elective caesarian section in view of severe oligohydrominos. with birth weight was 2.500kg was done at institutional delivery, no trauma during birth; there were no evidence of maternal

history of fever during antenatal period, regular antenatal scans were normal. Baby cried immediately after birth as there was mild respiratory distress baby was admitted in NICU and discharged on day 5 of life, and was on direct breast feeds. At home, baby was on exclusively breast fed, and no top feeds were given. Baby was brought to hospital on 22 postnatal day with complaints of fever, irritability, refusal of feeds, seizure like activity unilateral (right) pre-auricular swelling. There was no history of trauma to the infant's face or head. On admission, the baby was febrile, irritable and dehydrated, weighing 2.3kgs and rectal temperature was 38.5. Examination revealed unilateral (right) fluctuant swelling and (left side was normal with no swelling or growth seen) swelling: from the right mandibular to the right preauricular region was observed, It was warm to touch. The overlying skin was inflamed. 4x5cm (Fig. 1). And coated tongue seen on anterior and posterior aspect of tongue with no bleeding sites. On applying pressure pus discharge was observed from the stenson's duct was collected by sterile swab and sent for culture sensitivity. The anterior fontanelle was 1.5cm*1.5cm and occipito-frontal circumference was 33.5cm plotted on the 50th centile on the IAP growth chart corresponding to his length.

There was no lymphadenopathy or hepatosplenomegaly. Findings on the remainder of the physical examination were unremarkable. Laboratory test revealed-GRBS 117mg/DL, Hb

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13.6gm%, Total Wbc count 16000cells/mm³, Differential Count (N-68, L-28, E-3, M-0) ESR 19 mm at end of 1hour, urine analysis, renal and liver function tests were normal. Ultrasonography of the parotid glands demonstrated enlarged unilateral (right) parotid gland with hypoechoic area compatible with acute suppurative parotitis (fig 3). Parotid pus was obtained by sterile swab, blood and urine cultures were obtained and sent for culture sensitivity .baby was supported with 2lits/min of O₂ and first line of antibiotics started. but parotid pus culture isolated klebsillae organism which is sensitivity to vancomycin drug and baby was administered appropriate drugs with doses in the course time. After six days of therapy, the swelling started regressing. A 7days (week) course of iv medication resulted in complete recovery and baby discharged on 30th postnatal day of life.



Fig no 1



Figure No 2



Figure3

DISCUSSION

NSP is reported as more prevalent among male¹, with a male to female 3:1. Our patient was male, late preterm. In the presented case, the infant was breastfed. The most common presentation of NSP is fever and swelling and erythema in the pre-auricular area beginning at between 7 and 14 days of life. It is more common with prematurity, prolonged gavage feeding and dehydration². Other risk factors implicated were environmental hot weather³, excessive oral suctioning and nasogastric tube feeding⁴. The infection may be bilateral as in our case it presented with only on unilateral (right) side. Neonatal suppurative parotitis is one of the differential diagnoses of facial swelling which include trauma, lipoma, and adenomas⁵. Parotid ultrasound may reveal a diffusely enlarged gland with a coarse echo pattern. Parotid gland infection may take place by one of two routes. Either ascending through the Stensen duct, and this appears to be the most common way, or by hematogenous spread as part of septicemia.^{5,3,12,13}. Hematogenous spread was seen less frequently as part of septicemia either associated with early pneumonia, congenital malformations⁵⁻¹⁴. Multiple skin abscesses⁶⁻¹⁵ as part of late onset neonatal sepsis. Our patient fulfilled the diagnostic criteria of suppurative parotitis, a combination of parotid swelling, purulent exudation from the Stensen's duct, and growth of pathogenic bacteria in culture of the pus. with ultrasound imaging with heterogeneous echogenicity.

S. aureus is the most common pathogen (61%), MRSA was isolated in two of our three patients and was reported in one other study⁶, followed by viridians *Streptococcus* species and *Escherichia coli*. Gram-negative organisms such as *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *P.aeruginosa* have been implicated in nosocomial and hematogenous infections secondary to sepsis⁵. Recently anaerobic species have also been implicated. In our patient *Klebsiella pneumoniae* grew in the parotid pus culture. This is the third case of neonatal parotitis by *Klebsiella pneumoniae*²⁻⁷. The ideal duration of antibiotic treatment is not known, but the shortest effective duration reported in treating NSP due to *S.aureus* and in the absence of septicemia was 7 days⁸⁻⁹ and the longest was 21 days with anaerobic organisms¹⁰. Our patient progressed to develop abscess of 4cm*5cm that is of large on size to neonatal age despite incision and drainage was not needed in our case. Only 23% needed surgical drainage. This included patients who came late to medical attention (more than 4-5 days from disease onset)³⁻¹⁰ or the organism was resistant to the empiric antibiotic therapy⁸⁻¹⁰. As adequate dose of antibiotics. Initially we started with first line of drugs cefipime and nitilimicin, later switched to vancomycin on culture sensitivity report and a treatment of 7 days was given supportive drugs with calcium gluconate and neonatal multivitamin given duration in the course. Parotid swelling, purulent exudates from the Stensen's duct and growth of the pathogenic bacteria in the parotid pus culture were the diagnostic criteria (1). However in our experience. Fortunately, baby responded well without any significant complication. Fistula formation, facial nerve palsies, mediastinitis and extension to the auditory canal following acute suppurative parotitis are rare since the introduction of antimicrobial therapy⁸.

CONCLUSION

Infection of the salivary gland should be strongly considered in cases of neonatal sepsis associated with facial swelling as suppurative parotitis could be easily missed without a care. early identification and isolation of organism and starting on appropriate antibiotics will improve survival rate and without any morbidity.

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