Small Vessel Vasculitis

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Overview

- HSP (IgA Vasculitis)
- ANCA associated vasculitides (AAV)

HSP IgA Vasculitis



HSP classification criteria [Ozen S et al 2010, Ann

Rheum Dis. 2010;69:798-806.]

Purpura, predominantly lower limb OR diffuse* (mandatory) PLUS 1 out of 4 of:

- 1. abdo pain
- 2. IgA on biopsy
- 3. haematuria/proteinuria
- 4. arthritis/arthralgia
- *If diffuse (ie atypical distribution) then IgA deposition on biopsy required

Sn 100% Sp 87%

Epidemiology: UK

- Incidence is estimated at 20.4 per 100,000 children in the UK
 - Indian subcontinent: 24 per 100, 000
 - White Caucasians: 17.8 per 100,000
 - Afro-Caribbean: 6.2 per 100,000
- Peak onset age 4 to 5 years of age, M>F
- Higher incidence during winter and the early spring

Pathogenesis nature and nurture...

Lau KK et al. Ped Neph 2010:25:19-26





Main clinical features

- Palpable purpura
- Arthritis or arthralgia
- Abdominal pain
- Gastrointestinal haemorrhage
- Glomerulonephritis

Other features

Intussusception Pancreatitis Pulmonary disease with haemorrhage Orchitis CNS involvement – fits and coma Ureteric obstruction Parotitis Carditis Guillain-Barre syndrome









Bullous HSP



Kausar S et al Journal of Dermatological Treatment. 2009; 20:88–90

Koné-Paut I: http://www.pedrheumonlinejournal.org/jan-feb05/Henoch_Schoelein.htm

HSP: Cerebral vasculitis



Bakkaloglu, S. A. et al. Nephrol. Dial. Transplant. 2000 15:246-248



Vascular deposition of IgA



HSP nephritis



- Focal and segmental proliferative glomerulonephritis
- 20-61% of HSP patients, depending on criteria for definition of nephritis
- Normally manifest between a few days and a few weeks after clinical presentation, but can occur up to 2 months or (rarely) more from presentation

Who needs a renal biopsy?

- 1. Nephritic/nephrotic presentation (urgent)
- 2. Raised creatinine, hypertension or oliguria (urgent)
- Heavy proteinuria (Ua:Ucr persistently >100 mg/mmol) on an early morning urine sample at 4 weeks. Serum albumin not necessarily in the nephrotic range.
- 4. Persistent proteinuria (not declining) after 4 weeks?

HSP Treatment

- Supportive
- Steroids do not prevent nephritis
- For severe HSPN: lack of evidence base

 Individualised: steroids, CYC, MMF, AZA,
 plasma exchange, others
- Zaffanello M, Fanos V (2009) Treatment-based literature of Henoch-Schönlein purpura nephritis in childhood. Pediatr Nephrol. 24:1901– 1911

HSPN: Rx based on severity

- **RPGN**: (>50% crescents) aggressive therapy with corticosteroid, cyclophosphamide and possibly plasma exchange
- Severe nephritis but not rapidly progressive (<50% crescents):
 - Corticosteroids alone or in combination with
 - CYC, AZA, MMF, others
- Persistent proteinuria: ACEI

Zaffanello M, Fanos V, 2009

Indication for steroid in non-renal HSP: personal practice

- Severe haemorrhagic oedema affecting the face or scrotum
- Severe bullous HSP
- Testicular involvement
- Severe gastrointestinal symptoms, particularly abdominal pain and gastrointestinal bleeding
- Other severe systemic manifestation:
 - pulmonary haemorrhage; cerebral vasculitis, pancreatitis etc

HSP outcome

• Benign

• But significant morbidity associated with cutaneous and gastrointestinal disease in short term

and renal disease in the long term

Poorer renal prognosis

- Nephrotic syndrome
- Nephritic and nephrotic syndrome
 - 20% of patients with acute mixed nephritic and nephrotic syndrome progressed to end stage renal failure
 - 44 to 50% develop hypertension or chronic kidney disease
- Older children (>7 yrs) and adults

Duration of clinical features

- 1/3 of children have symptoms for less than 14 days
- 1/3 for 2-4 weeks
- 1/3 greater than 4 weeks
- Recurrence of symptoms occurs in around 1/3 of cases, generally within four months of resolution of the original symptoms.
 - Recurrences are more frequent in those with renal involvement.

Long term renal involvement in HSP

- Narchi et al 2005. ADC, 90:916-920
 - 1133 children (12 studies)
 - Renal involvement 34%
 - 80% isolated haematuria/proteinuria
 - 20% nephritis or nephrotic syndrome
 - Renal involvement occurred by 4 weeks in 85%
 - Persistent renal involvement in 1.8%

ANCA associated vasculitides

- Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (GPA) (formerly Wegener's granulomatosis)
- Microscopic polyangiitis (MPA)
- Eosinophilic Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA; formerly Churg Strauss Syndrome)

ANCA





cANCA PR3-ANCA

pANCA MPO-ANCA

How do ANCA cause vasculitis?

How do ANCA cause vascular injury? TNF-α

LPS



Why do patients develop ANCA? Nature and nurture...



Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener's granulomatosis)



GPA (Wegener's granulomatosis) [2010, Ozen S et al ARD]

At least 3 out of 6 of the following criteria:

- 1. histopathology
- 2. upper airway involvement
- 3. laryngo-tracheobronchial stenoses
- 4. pulmonary involvement
- 5. ANCA positivity
- 6. renal involvement

Sn 93.3% Sp 99.2%







A



B

WG: lung











Microscopic polyangiitis

- Necrotizing SVV with few or no immune deposits
- Pulmonary capillaritis and glomerulonephritis (rapidly progressive renal failure)
 - But any organ can be affected
- pANCA; MPO-ANCA
- Renal Limited form (but watch out for other organ involvement)

Microscopic polyangiitis: alveolar haemorrhage



MPA: glomerulus



Microscopic polyangiitis (MPO-ANCA)





A

9A: Resected colon taken from a 13-year-old girl with microscopic polyangiitis (initially regarded clinically as renal limited vasculitis; MPO ANCA positive), and severe renal failure due to crescentic nephritis. Torrential gastrointestinal haemorrhage was the result of vasculitis affecting the colon, and a vasculitic ulcer is depicted.

B

9B: Magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) of the brain performed following acute visual loss in a 12 year old previously well female, with MPO ANCA positivity, but normal renal function. Multiple parieto-occipital haematomas are depicted. The intra and extra-cranial t large and medium-sized arteries were normal, and the final diagnosis was MPO ANCA positive small vessel vasculitis of the brain.

Churg Strauss Syndrome

CSS

- Eosinophil rich and granulomatous inflammation, esp. of respiratory tract
- Necrotizing vasculitis of small and (possibly) medium vessels
- Associated with asthma and hypereosinophilia
- MPO-ANCA positivity

CSS in kids: n=32

Zwerina et al 2008

- All patients had significant eosinophilia and asthma
- Histological evidence of eosinophilia and/or vasculitis was present in virtually all patients
- ANCA were found in only 25%







ANCA to monitor disease activity and guide Rx?

Annals of Internal Medicine

Ann Intern Med. 2007;147:611-619.

Article

Antiproteinase 3 Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies and Disease Activity in Wegener Granulomatosis

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Treatment

Standard treatment of AAV in children: "induction/maintenance"

- Induction:
 - Corticosteroids PLUS CYC (+/-PE) PLUS
 Antiplatelet agent
- Maintenance:
 - Low dose corticosteroid; AZA, MMF, other
- Rituximab: induction and/or maintenance

AAV outcome in children

- GPA: 40% develop renal failure; 12% mortality
- MPA: mortality 0-14%
- EGPA: mortality 18%

SHARE guidelines http://www.printo.it/SHARE

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