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Jack Stone - A Rare Case of Submucosal Vesical Calculus

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Abstract

Jack stone resembles the toy jacks. It has a core with radiating spicules. Jackstone implanted submucosally in the urinary bladder has not been reported yet.

Keywords: Jackstone, vesical calculus, submucosal jackstone, toy jack.

Case Report

A 40 yr. old male came in our OPD with complains of lower abdominal pain and burning micturition for 1 year (off & on episodes). Ultrasound of the lower abdomen reported normally distended, mildly thickened oedematous bladder wall measuring approx. 5mm (cystitis) and calculus of approx. 20 mm seen in bladder lumen. Kidney and prostate were normal. Urinalysis confirmed urinary tract infection. Patient underwent open cystolithotomy and intraoperatively it was observed that the stone was lying submucosally in pedunculated fashion. Incision was given over the mucosal surface containing the stone and the stone was extracted (pic.1) Bladder closed in two layers with perivesical drain and peruretheral foley's catheter which was removed on seventh postop. day. After two weeks the patient came for follow up with complete resolution of pain and urinary symptoms.

Picture 1 Showing the Stone insitu before and after extraction.



Discussion

Bladder stones are mainly of two types primary and secondary. When there is no functional, anatomic and infectious factor responsible than it is called as primary stone. Secondary stones develop in bladder mainly in cases of lower urinary tract obstruction, infection, foreign body etc. Composition of bladder stone comprises of calcium oxalate, uric acid, cysteine (in cases of cystinuria) triple phosphate calculus (ammonium, magnesium and calcium phosphates). Symptoms of bladder stones varies from increased frequency of urination, pain referred to tip of penis, hematuria (passage of bright red blood) at the end of micturition, lower abdominal pain increased by movement.^[1]

Jackstone is named so as it resembles a child's toy. They are mainly reported in animals like cats, dogs etc. composed of silica^[2]. In humans it is composed of calcium oxalate dihydrate^[3]

In this case a nidus may have lodged in the wall of the urinary bladder and the mucosa has grown over it making the calculus submucosal. The chemical composition of stone extracted in this case obtained using Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) was calcium oxalate monohydrate (90%) and calcium oxalate dihydrate (10%).

Ethical Policy

This is a case report so no special permission was required from the ethical committee for the same .However, a written concent of the patient was taken for publication.

Conflict of interest: None.

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