Case Report

Fallopian tube fibroid

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Introduction

Leiomyomas arise from smooth muscle cells of uterus or vascular walls that supply the uterus. Very rarely the ovary, broad ligament and fallopian tubes can also be involved. Though the uterus and tubes are derived from Mullerian system and both contain smooth muscles, uterine myomas are very common whereas fallopian tube myomas are least frequently encountered. Most cases of fallopian tube leiomyomas are asymptomatic and chance-findings at surgical exposure for other reasons or found only at autopsy.

Case report

A 41year Para 3 was admitted with colicky pain abdomen with vomiting and features of dehydration. Her cycles were 5-7days/30days with excessive flow accompanied with pain and dyspareunia since 7months. Her L. M. P. was 7days prior to admission. She was treated with antibiotics for PID in peripheral institutions during this period. All her deliveries were normal with uneventful post-partum period and she underwent minilap tubal ligation 11years back. Her vitals were stable, abdominal examination revealed a tender distended lower abdomen. On pelvic examination a tender ill-defined mass attached to uterus with restricted mobility was felt in the left adnexa. USG reported Left adnexal mass simulating Left Ovarian Cyst (Figure 1). The uterus was normal in size with thin endometrium and the endometrial cavity was empty. The blood picture revealed Hb count 11gram/dl, TLC 10, 200/cmm, β-hcg 6ng/ml, other tumour markers (CA 125, CEA, AFP, LDH) within normal limits. With provisional diagnosis of Twisted Ovarian tumour (left) or degenerated subserous fibroid, we proceeded with the case. Under G. A. laparoscopy was performed, which showed a mass in the left fallopian tube at the isthmic portion undergone torsion. The uterus, right tube and ovary were normal. After untwisting the mass LAVH with BSO was performed. The specimen clearly showed a left fallopian tube leiomyoma (Figure 2). Post-operative period was uneventful. The histopathology report came out to be LEFT FALLOPIAN TUBE ADENOLEIOMYOMA at its isthmic portion without any features of malignancy.

Discussion and review of literature

Leiomyomas of fallopian tube are rare, typically co- incidental findings at autopsy or unrelated surgical procedures.1 They are mostly single, small and unilateral but may be of variable size from microscopic to more than 15cm large.2 They may grow excessively and undergo torsion or degenerations.3 They are rarely diagnosed pre-operatively. Powerful USG could be helpful in diagnosing this condition, but laparoscopy can be used for definite diagnosis and management.4 Neither CT nor laparoscopy sometimes could specify the tumour where final diagnosis is made by biopsy.5 In 2004 for the first time a case could be successfully managed by laparoscopy.6

Conclusion

Asymptomatic fallopian tube leiomyoma being chance-findings are very rare and symptomatic fallopian tube leiomyoma as in this case are still rarer. This condition should be kept in mind as a differential diagnosis of any adnexal mass.

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None.

Figures:

Figure 1 USG simulating an ovarian cyst.

Figure 2 Showing left tubal solid growth at its isthmic portion. 

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