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PROSTATE CANCER AS RECTAL MASS A RARE FINDING: A CASE REPORT

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ABSTRACT

Prostate cancer invasion to the rectum mucosa as T4a disease is common scenario, but as rectal mass quite uncommon. Findings in the patient reported here emphasize the importance of the relationship between urinary and gastrointestinal symptoms in detecting prostatic neoplasms in older malepatients.

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INTRODUCTION

Prostate cancer has the potential to advance locoregionallyto adjacent organs. This spread can take place via different routes, including direct invasion and through lymphatic channels. It is very rare for prostate cancer to invade rectum to extent as rectal mass. We describe here a patient presenting with prostate cancer presenting as rectummass.

CASE REPORT

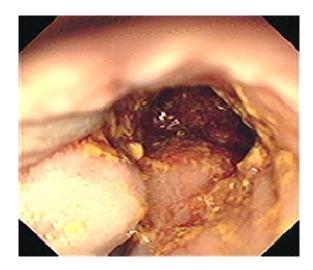
A 78-year-old man was referred to our hospital for constipation and voiding difficulty with history of occasional hematuria as well as bleeding per rectum. He also experienced severe weight loss (30 kg in 3 months) and bleeding from the rectum, together with vague abdominal pain and vomiting. Over the previous year, he had voidingdifficulty. He was thoroughly examined, digital rectal examination suggested rectal growth predominantly through posterior surface. The colonoscopy showed a hard ulceroinfiltrative lesion seen upto6 cm from anal verge, however examination could not be completed due to poor bowel [Figure]

Ultrasonographyabdomen suggestedheterogenousechotexture of prostate with irregular outline of prostate (Volume 65 cc) and residual urine about 650 ml, liver had

Multiloculated heterogenous lesion in bilateral lobes. Per cathaterisation urethral tried failed, suprapubiccystotomy done. CEA (6.9ng/ml), CA 19 -9(238 U/ml), AFP (1.69ng/ml) S. PSA T (1012ng/ml), LFT markedly dearranged (Alkaline phosphatase = 736 U/L), KFT markedly dearranged. Digitally guided core biopsy histopathologicexamination of the biopsy showed that it was prostatic adenocarcinoma, Gleason score (4+5). TC-99 MDP bonescintigraphy showed widespread bone metastatic lesions. He was advised for castration, opted for surgical castration (bilateral orchiectomy) and referred to medical oncology department for further management.

DISCUSSION

Prostate cancer is a slowly growing neoplasm, often missed during its early stages. Patients not previously diagnosed with prostatic adenocarcinoma may present initially with metastases [Hematpour et al., 2006]. In contrast, PSA may not be expressed in all patients with prostatic adenocarcinoma [Gallee, 1998]. Prostate cancer extension to colorectal tissue canoccur through at least 3 potential routes. The first is direct invasion through Denonvilliers fascia and infiltration into the rectum. The second is through lymphatics, since the prostate and rectum share some lymphatic drainage to groups of pelvic lymph node [Murray, 2004]. Third, prostate cancer cells can spread through needle biopsy, by seeding into peri-rectal or rectal tissue along the needle biopsy; this, route, however, is extremely rare [Vaghefi, 2005; Lane, 2008]. Prostate cancer metastasis to the recto-sigmoid region can occur by subserosal metastatic implant of the malignant tissues [Gengler, 1975].



The incidence of rectal infiltration by prostatic adenocarcinoma is extremely rare, being encountered on average once every two years by a busy colorectal practice [Bowrey, 2003].

Conclusion

Patient's findings reported to highlight the importance of the relationship between urinary and gastrointestinal symptoms in detecting prostatic neoplasms in older male patients. Rectal mass due to prostatic carcinoma is a rare terminal manisfestation.

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