GIANT CELL TUMOR DI REGIO FEMUR DISTAL DEXTRA PADA LAKI-LAKI 25 TAHUN DENGAN HIV POSITIF (KASUS LANGKA)

GIANT CELL TUMOR OF THE RIGHT DISTAL FEMUR REGION IN A MALE 25 YEARS OLD WITH HIV POSITIVE (RARE CASE)

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ABSTRACT

Giant cell tumor (GCT) with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection is a rare case. At present, few literatures reported about GCT with HIV positive patients and there are no effective treatments of this disease currently. The aim of this article is to report the change the surgical treatment from limb salvage (wide excision and endoprostheses) to another way limb salvage (wide excision and knee arthrodesis) to minimize risk and further complication. A case of male, 25 years old, with diagnosis GCT of the right distal femur with HIV positive. In this case we administered antiretroviral treatment (ARV) and planned to limb salvage surgery (wide excision and knee arthrodesis). We follow up this patient in the first 4 weeks. There were no complaints, good postoperative wounds, no signs of infection, and histopathological examination postoperative showed the positive results of a GCT. The conclusion the surgical treatment from limb salvage (wide excision and endoprostheses) to another way limb salvage (wide excision and knee arthrodesis) could minimize risk and further complication.

Keywords: Giant Cell Tumor, HIV, Limb Salvage Surgery, Wide Excision, Arthrodesis Knee

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BACKGROUND

Giant cell tumor (GCT) is a locally aggressive tumor with a low metastatic potential. The primary areas of involvement are the metaphyseal-epiphysial junction of femoral condyles, tibial plateau, proximal humerus, and distal radius (Malawer and Sugarbaker, 2004). It’s a kind of osteolytic tumor with high recurrence rate. The main component of this tumor are mononuclear cells and osteoclasts multiple nuclear cells (Sun et al., 2017).

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection leads to a decrease of the count of CD4 T-cell, and the dysfunction of the macrophages and monocytes. It finally leads to immunodeficiency (Sun et al., 2017). Loss of CD4 cells makes it hard for the body to fight off infections and certain HIV-related cancers (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2019). At present, few literatures reported about HIV positive patients with GCT and there are no effective treatments of this disease currently (Sun et al., 2017).

Treatment of GCT is surgical removal. Surgical choices of GCT are curettage, curettage with cytotoxic agents, curettage and a physical adjuvant, primary resection, radiation therapy, and embolization (Malawer and Sugarbaker, 2004).

Antiretroviral therapy (ART) is the use of HIV medicines to treat HIV infection. People on ART take a combination of HIV medicines (called an HIV treatment regimen) every day. A main goal of ART is to reduce a person’s viral load to an undetectable level. Overall, the benefits of HIV medicines far outweigh the risk of side effects (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2019).

CASE REPORT

Male patient, 25 years old, with chief complaint lump on his right knee since 3 months before admission. Patient complained about pain on his right knee region, no radiculating pain, the pain increase when standing and walking 1 year before. The pain getting worst, and then a lump appears 6 months ago. Patient cannot fully moving his right knee. The patient is also accompanied by additional complaints, including night pain, anorexia and loss of body weight. No family and tumor history.

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tenderness, with ROM of the knee 5-90°. Laboratory examination showed slight increase of ESR and Positive HIV rapid test with increase of CD4 count. Plain anterior-posterior and lateral radiograph of right knee (Figure 2) showed signs geographic lytic lesion, with cortical destruction and no pathological fracture. From FNAB that taken in previous hospital, the result is suspicious to Giant Cell Tumor, with differential diagnosis Chronic granulomatous infection.

Figure 1. Preoperative clinical picture. The Lump at right knee of the patient

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Figure 2. Plain Radiographs. Geographic Lytic Lession of Right Distal Femur with Cortical Destruction

The patient was diagnosed with Primary Bone Tumor Right Distal Femur Region, Suspicious to Giant Cell Tumor, with HIV positive. The patient underwent a limb salvage surgery (wide excision and knee arthrodesis) and AntiRetroviral Therapy.
After operation procedure, the patient was motivated to do a rigorous post-operative rehabilitation program and continuous ARV therapy program. We follow up this patient in the first 4 weeks. There were no complaints, good postoperative wounds and no signs of infection. The histopathological examination postoperative showed positive results of a giant cell tumor of the bone.
DISCUSSION

There are few literatures reported about GCT patients with HIV positive, and no standard treatments in this case. Limb salvage surgery is the right choice for these cases, in addition to the use of ARV regimens for HIV infection. In these patients, limb salvage surgery can still be performed due to adequate tumor margins and good motor function (Puri, 2014).

There are a variety of reconstruction options after excision of bone tumors. Metallic prostheses (megaprostheses) is the best choice, providing both mobility and stability (Gosheger et al., 2006). Although had beneficial, megaprostheses also has the risk of complications due to advanced techniques, long duration of operation, and greater risk of infection especially in immunocompromised patients (Puri, 2014).

Thus, surgeons chose to avoid these risks with the choice of limb salvage surgery in the form of tumor excision followed by knee arthrodesis. The general indication of arthrodesis are bone or tissue damage, weakness or loss of the knee extensor mechanism, inadequate ligamentous constraint, substantial bone loss or defects, osteosarcoma, posttraumatic arthritis, arthrofibrosis, infection. This technique can enable patients to ambulate without the use of assistive devices, facilitates mobility and allow patients to maintain independence (Lucas et al., 2016). Although the patient's clinical outcome will not be as good as using megaprostheses, the risk of surgery can be reduced and the risk of amputation can be avoided.

CONCLUSION

GCT with a reactive HIV infection is a rare case. Because of the risk of immunodeficiency and few literatures reported about HIV positive patients with GCT and there are no effective treatments of this disease currently, we change the surgical treatment from limb salvage (wide excision and endoprostheses) to another way limb salvage (wide excision and arthrodesis knee) to minimize risk and further complication.

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