WHO IS THE CHIEF CULPRIT OF THE ULCER?

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Background As a painkiller, NSAID is widely used in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and other rheumatic diseases. Its common side effects are mainly lead to gastrointestinal damage, kidney damage, liver and blood other system damage. NSAIDs related gastrointestinal disease is not uncommon, which mostly occur in the stomach and duodenum, and it is extremely rare in the large intestine, only a few cases have been found in this location to date.

Methods A 66-year-old man who presented abdominal pain and hematochezia, was admitted to our hospital in May 2017. The pain was located in the umbilicus and lower abdomen, and hematochezia 6–7 times a day. These symptoms lasted about 20 days. No abnormal finding was revealed throughout physical examination except slight tenderness around the cord and lower abdomen. Gastroscopy found a gastric ulcer and Colonoscopy found multiple ulcers in the colon (figure 1a, 2a). What are these ulcers? Do gastric ulcer and colon ulcer have the same aetiology, or they have their own aetiology? So laboratory tests (T-spot, CEA, CA19–9, Related rheumatology indicators, pathology) and image examinations (Abdominal B-ultra, CT) were taken. But these examinations cannot fully support the diagnosis of similar symptoms, such as inflammation, cancer, tuberculosis, and ischaemic bowel disease. We asked the patient history carefully again. He told us that he took a few tablets of NSAID to control neck and shoulder pain more than 4 years. We guessed that he was NSAID-related gastrointestinal disease.

Results So we suggested the patient stop taking NSAIDs, and give omeprazole, mucosa protectant and probiotics to treat these ulcers. Two months later, gastroscopy and colonoscopy found that ulcers healed (figure 1b, 2b).
Bilateral adrenalectomy with segmentectomy VI was performed.

Results The resection was performed with curative intent; histopathological examination revealed malignant pheochromocytoma with infiltrates in the liver. Resection margins were negative and the patient is normotensive six months postoperatively. Though bilateral pheochromocytomas are well-known in many familial syndromes, this is probably the first case of VHL to have undergone bilateral adrenalectomy and curative liver resection for metastatic phaeochromocytoma in the available English-language literature. Hepatectomy for neuroendocrine tumours especially phaeochromocytoma can be technically easier due to the well-circumscribed nature of the lesion, and also rewarding as complete removal leads to sudden relief from symptoms of hormone excess. Due to favourable histopathology in our patient, we are hopeful for a good long-term survival.

Conclusions Familial bilateral pheochromocytomas have a high propensity for malignancy. Surgical resection should be attempted for metastatic phaeochromocytoma whenever possible, i.e., with limited metastatic disease, good performance status, and in an equipped centre.

Background Bilateral pheochromocytomas can be seen in von Hippel-Lindau disease (VHL) and Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia (MEN) syndrome. Metastases occur in 10%–15% of all pheochromocytomas. Resection of the primary, metastasectomy and/or debulking are acceptable surgical options; despite liver being the second most common site of metastases, only a few reports of concomitant adrenalectomy and liver resection for phaeochromocytoma are available.

Methods A 33-year-old man with a history of excision of familial bilateral phaeochromocytomas have a high propensity for malignancy. Surgical resection should be attempted for metastatic phaeochromocytoma whenever possible, i.e., with limited metastatic disease, good performance status, and in an equipped centre.

Results Five herbal recipes and 17 herbs (28 species from 16 families) were identified from the interview. Nine species from family FABACEAE (LEGUMINOSAE) were the most commonly mentioned for their astringent and anti-inflammatory effects. Regarding the part used of medicinal plants, the survey indicated that the use of barks, from 10 species, were frequently found. With informant consensus factor, Areca catechu Linn. and Sesbania grandiflora (Dew.) Linn. were the most recognised by 12 and 11 folk healers, respectively.

Conclusions Herbal species from the family FABACEAE have been considered useful by Thai folk healers in Kalasin. Their astringent and anti-inflammatory properties should be further tested.