

Type V biliary cyst with cystolithiasis

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CASE REPORT

We present the case of a 40-year-old female who presented to the General Surgery clinic due to a single episode of abdominal pain which required a visit to the Emergency Department. The patient had undergone surgery during childhood due to the suspicion of a hepatic hydatid cyst. However, an intraoperative cholangiography identified a small, non-complicated biliary cyst. Therefore, a hepatic resection was not performed. The patient did not undergo follow-up of the lesion. A large intrahepatic biliary cyst of 50 x 40 x 35 mm (type V, Todani classification) (1) was identified via ultrasound; it originated from the right hepatic bile duct, with lithiasis inside. This finding was corroborated via nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) (Figs. 1 and 2). Type V biliary cysts are infrequent and they usually consist of multiple intrahepatic cysts (1). Our patient presented with a large single intrahepatic cyst, which highlights the singularity of this case. In addition, cystolithiasis is a rare finding in biliary cysts, especial-

ly in type V (2). Both the hepatic analytical profile and tumor markers were normal. The patient had not suffered previous cholangitis episodes. Despite the fact that type V biliary cysts have a low risk of malignancy, the optimal management of these lesions is surgical resection. Nevertheless, a strict radiologic surveillance was decided upon due to the numerous family related issues that the patient was going through (3).

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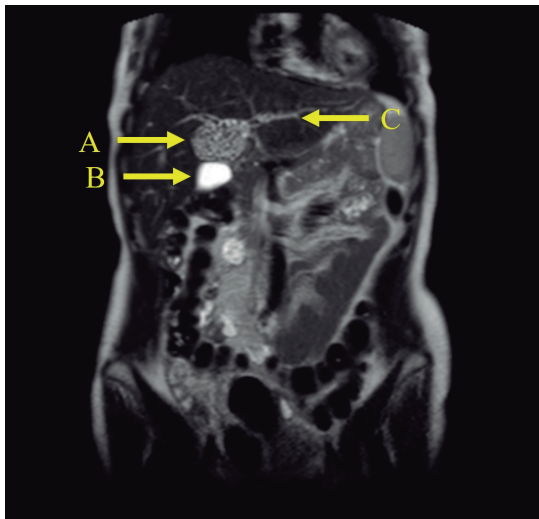


Fig. 1. Coronal view from the NMR showing the large intrahepatic biliary cyst originating from the right hepatic bile duct and placed cranially to gallbladder. A. Intrahepatic biliary cyst originating from the right hepatic bile duct. B. Gallbladder. C. Left hepatic bile duct.

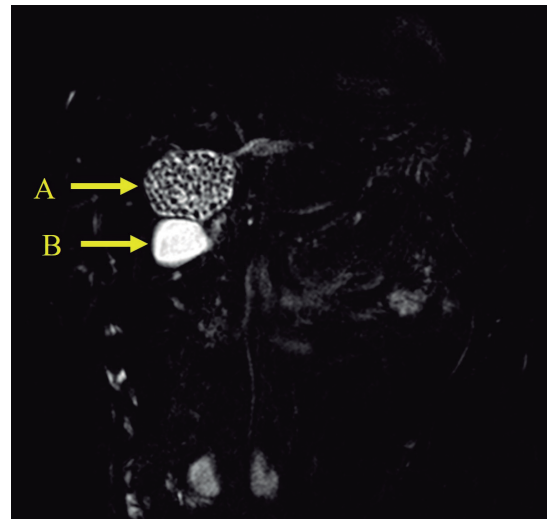


Fig. 2. Reconstruction from the NMR in which the presence of a large amount of lithiasis within the biliary cyst is shown. A. Intrahepatic biliary cyst with multiple lithiasis inside. B. Gallbladder.

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