Effect of bougienage and washing of the pancreatic duct on the course of experimental acute pancreatitis

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Introduction
The presence of many hypotheses of the development of acute pancreatitis such as duct hypertension, pancreatic reflux, vascular, allergic, neuro-reflex, infectious, etc. confirm the lack of a clear understanding of the development mechanisms of this pathology, and hence inaccuracy in the treatment and negative consequences. The purpose of this study was to investigate the effect of bougienage and flushing of the pancreatic duct on the course of experimental acute pancreatitis. Experiments were carried out on 12 dogs, for which a model of pancreatitis was created by autobile administration into the pancreas duct. Animals were divided into four groups, 3 animals per each, with the term of deduce from the test in one, three, seven days and six months respectively. Before the pancreas duct perfusion, it was injected with polyvinylchloride bougie that was removed through the incision in the distal part of the pancreas duct. Such manipulation allowed to conduct duct washing with medicinal substances at a pressure of 0.49-0.6 kPa and confirmed the assumption that in acute pancreatitis, filling of pancreas duct with condensed protein masses was observed, and this, changes the approach not only to the establishment of the pathogenetic link in the process of acute pancreatitis development, but also to its treatment. The duct was washed once. The common comprehensive drug therapy was carried out in dogs within the next five, six days. At the end of the first day, out of the 12 dogs, nine stood independently, the rest - on the second day. On the third day, all animals drank water, responded to stimuli. On the seventh day on their behavior and feeding manner the dogs of this group did not differ from healthy ones. To study morphological changes in pancreas after duct washing, three dogs were withdrawn from the test in one day. At autopsy effusion in peritoneal cavity was not observed. The left lobe of pancreas was a little bit shorter. Place of dissection of the tissues of the pancreas and the duct is covered with a blood clot. In the area of duodenum dissection, isolated patches of steatoenecrosis retained. Microscopically, in the duct area dissection changes in pancreas tissues, in general, were the same as in duct dissection without perfusion. At the same time, the plethora for this term was great. Necrotic centers of parenchyma were isolated and with moderate neutrophilic infiltration. Distant from the dissection zone in pancreas tissues there were minor focal hemorrhages with a violation of its structure, however, hyperplasia, foci of neutrophilic infiltration of the interstitial connective tissue were less manifested. In the proximal part of the duct, the pancreatic tissue retained moderate plethora. In addition, there were small foci of hemorrhages with a violation of the structure of individual acinus and slight neutrophilic infiltration in interstitial connective tissue. The latter was also marked by the accumulation of macrophages and the proliferation of fibroblasts, there were isolated areas of hemorrhages. In intact part there was an insignificant edema of interstitial connective tissue. As a result of the conducted experiments, we were convinced of the effectiveness of this method of treating acute pancreatitis.

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negative consequences [13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18].

The leading role of duct hypertension in the pathogenetic mechanism of the development of acute pancreatitis is indicated by many researchers, as in the past century, and modern [3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12].

Significant interest in this regards the studies conducted by Napalkov P.M. with co-authors [7]. Describing drainage operations on the pancreas duct in acute pancreatitis, they noted that hypertension develops in all forms of acute pancreatitis. In addition, in patients with progressive pancreatic necrosis, according to their data, there was a significant increase in pressure in the pancreatic duct with a sharp decrease in secretion of pancreatic juice. For the rejection of the envelope epithelium in the pancreas duct in animals that died from pancreatic necrosis in 14 days pointed out Vladimirov V.G. and co-authors [1], which, according to their data, indicates a violation of the protein synthesizing function of acinar cells.

Other authors in their studies conducted on four dogs, after induction of acute pancreatitis, who died within the first day of pancreatic necrosis, observed in its pancreas duct obstruction with condensed protein mass [2, 4, 5].

Thus, if acute pancreatitis, in the first stages of its development, there is occlusion of the duct with protein masses, then there was an idea in some way to restore its patency, and to investigate how the restoration of patency will affect the course of the disease.

The purpose of this study was to investigate the effect of bougienage and duct washing of the pancreas on the course and the morphological state of the pancreas in experimental acute pancreatitis.

Material and methods

Experiments were carried out on 12 dogs, which created a model of pancreatitis by introducing autobile into the pancreas duct. Animals were divided into four groups, 3 animals per each, with the term of withdrawal from the test after one, three, seven days and six months respectively. Before perfusion of the pancreas duct, it was injected with polychlorinated bougie that was removed through the incision in the distal region of the pancreas duct. Such manipulation allowed conducting duct washing with medicinal substances at a pressure of 0.49-0.6 kPa, that is several times less than the working pressure in the duct. In addition, it confirmed the assumption that in acute pancreatitis, filling of the pancreas duct with condensed protein masses is observed, and this, as we have been sure, changes the approach not only to the establishment of the pathogenetic link in the development of acute pancreatitis, but also to its treatment. The duct was washed one time. Animals were given a common, comprehensive drug therapy within the next five to six days.

For all 12 animals pancreatic ducts were washed with a therapeutic fluid consisting of 0.25% Novocaine solution - 10 ml, Fibrinolysin - 3 ml, and 10 000 antitrypsin units of Contrykal- 2 ml. The flushing was carried out at a rate of 20-30 drops per minute. After 14-20 minutes after duct washing, the pancreas decreased markedly in width, foci of hemorrhage took a pale coloration, areas of the gland of the usual color appeared, the number and area of foci and steatoenecrosis did not increase. After perfusion, the catheter was removed. To the place of dissection of the gland and duct was fed drainage tube. The abdominal cavity was sewn in a layer.

In the postoperative period, the withdrawal from the drainage tube was negligible - from 2 to 12 ml. In addition, in almost all animals, they were observed, mainly during the first day after the operation.

Results

Of the 12 dogs, at the end of the first day, nine stood up, the rest - on the second day. On the third day, all animals drank water, responded to stimuli. On the fifth day they were active, taking liquid feed. On the seventh day on the behavior and eating of dogs of this group did not differ from healthy ones.

To study morphological changes in the pancreas after duct washing, three dogs were withdrawn from the experiment after one day. At the intersection effusion in the peritoneal cavity was not observed. The left part of the pancreas was somewhat reduced in length. Place of dissection of the tissues of the pancreas and the duct was covered with a clot of blood. In the area of the autopsy of the duodenum, isolated patches of steatoenecrosis persisted.

Microscopically, in the region of dissection of the duct changes in the pancreas, in general, were the same as in the dissection of the duct without perfusion. At the same time, at this term was marked only large foci of plethora. Necrotic centers of parenchyma were isolated and with moderate neutrophilic infiltration. Distant from the dissection zone in the pancreas tissue there were minor focal hemorrhages with a violation of its structure, however, plethora, foci of neutrophilic infiltration of the interstitial connective tissue were less pronounced. In the proximal part of the duct, the tissue of the pancreas retained moderate plethora. In addition, there were small foci of hemorrhages with a violation of the structure of individual acinus and slight neutrophilic infiltration in the interstitial connective tissue. The latter also marked the accumulation of macrophages and the proliferation of fibroblasts. Although the wall of the ducts was not tense in their lumen, as in the dissection of the duct without rinsing, there were isolated foci of hemorrhages. In intact part there was an insignificant edema of interstitial connective tissue.

Thus, in dogs of this group perfusion of the pancreas duct by Novocaine-Fibrinolysin- Contrykal solution allowed to reduce the number of foci of hemorrhage, necrosis and neutrophil infiltration. It allowed to remove the tension of the duct wall in the proximal part of the section of the pancreas and stimulate, albeit not to a large extent, processes of productive inflammation.

At the autopsy of 3 dogs that were withdrawn from the test in three days, macroscopically observed the same
changes as in dogs, which performed only the dissection of the duct with the same term of experiment.

During histological examination of the region of dissection of the pancreas duct in it tissues, moderate plethora and edema were maintained. Exudative phenomena, when compared with the first day, were slightly expressed. The layers of the connective tissue became larger and denser due to the formation of fibrous structures and cell proliferation. When coloring tissues by Van Gieson’s, intermediate connective tissue was characterized by an increase in the number of collagen fibers. At this time there was no abundant infiltration by neutrophils of the pancreas tissue. Attention was paid to the active organization of small foci of necrosis and hemorrhages. State of ducts was very special: they were semi-closed, their epithelium was swollen with hypochromic nuclei. In the lumen, there was a dense eosinophilic substrate that contained isolated detached cells. The proliferation of cells in the middle of the lacrimal ducts and interstitial connective tissue were markedly pronounced. Parenchyma in general retained the usual structure.

Similar changes were observed in the distal from the dissection pancreas duct, however, the phenomena of productive inflammation were expressed not so intensively. Gap of the duct was characterized by the expansion and presence of dense eosinophilic masses. In the proximal direction (3 cm from the dissection of the duct) there was a well-defined organization of mosaic necrosis. Characteristic was the lack of pronounced changes in the lumen of the ducts and parenchyma.

Intact part, except for insignificant plethora, was no different from the normal structure.

Thus, in dogs of this group, in comparison with the previous term of research, there were not observed the expressed phenomena of acute inflammation. Significantly more intensive was the proliferative process. Unlike dogs, where only one dissection of the duct of the pancreas was performed, the organization of small foci of necrosis and hemorrhages was more active. Gap of the duct outside the dissection zone was unobtrusive, whereas in the comparative group of animals, during this period, the eosinophilic masses and erythrocytes were partially stored there. Significantly fewer changes were noted in the proximal section of the pancreas, i.e. in the part of the gland that was washed out.

Discussion

During examination abdominal organs of dogs that had been withdrawn from the experiment after seven days, the same changes were observed in the same way as dogs in this period without flushing the duct. Results similar to ours, can be found in other authors who described the destructive forms of pancreatitis without treatment [2, 6]. However, in the literature available to us, we did not meet the description of the method of treatment similar to our [1, 7, 12, 13]. However, despite the fact that the microscopically in the pancreas of these dogs marked changes similar to those in the comparative group. Nevertheless, it should be noted that in the group of animals being studied, the growth of connective tissue was more moderate, there was regeneration of acinus without changes in the ducts of the pancreas. In the distal from the dissection of the duct region of the gland, the process of atrophy of the parenchyma was significantly pronounced.

Thus, in dogs removed from the test after 7 days, unlike the previous term, in the proximal part from the dissection of the duct of the pancreas, a less pronounced productive inflammation of the indurational nature was observed, no changes in the parenchyma of the pancreas were observed. Consequently, bougienage with subsequent perfusion of the pancreatic duct Novocaine-Fibrinolysin-Contrykal solution, along with improving its permeability, promotes the active process of restoring pancreatic tissue and eliminating the effects of acute inflammation during the first day. In other words, the faster the conditions for the movement of pancreatic juice develop without any delay in acute pancreatitis, the sooner the restoration of pathological processes in the pancreas passes, with which other authors agree [4, 5, 15]. If there were changes, they were without significant violations of its structure.

To confirm this thesis, it was necessary to follow the state of the pancreas in the long term of treatment of acute pancreatitis. For this purpose, three dogs after bougienage followed by pancreatic duct washing with Novocaine-Fibrinolysin-Contraykal solution were withdrawn from the test six months later. At the animal’s autopsy, attention was paid to preserving the form of the pancreas to the point of dissection of its tissues and ducts. The other part of the gland was presented in the form of a dense strain.

During microscopic examination of the dissection zone (between stored and atrophied parts of the pancreas), attention was paid to the preservation of the parenchyma of the gland, in which, along with the enlarged acinus, there was observed acinus with a narrow lumen. It is possible that this state reflects the functional cyclicality in the accumulation and release of pancreatic juice, which is observed in normal functioning of the pancreas. In the studied area, the phenomena of minor sclerosis between the pancreas part and in the periductal connective tissue are sometimes fixed.

In the proximal from the boundary part of the direction, a clear structure of acinus and intercellular ducts was detected. Characteristic was also the absence of intra acinus sclerosis. However, the signs of the latter were observed in periductal tissue. The area of the body and the right part of the pancreas did not differ from the normal structure.

Thus, after 6 months in animals after bougienage followed by flushing of the pancreatic duct with Novocaine-Fibrinolysin-Contraykal solution observed stabilization of the formation of connective tissue. The more pronounced growth of the latter occurred in periductal tissue.

However, despite insignificant sclerosis of the circulatory connective tissue, bougienage with subsequent duct washing is an effective measure in the complex treatment of experimental acute pancreatitis, it allows to preserve the
pancreatic tissue, which distinguishes it favorably from other methods of treating acute pancreatitis.

The prospect of further research may be the use of this technique in clinical settings.

Conclusions
Bougienage with the subsequent perfusion of the pancreas duct with a medicinal mixture has a positive effect on the course and outcome of experimental acute pancreatitis, namely:

1. Lack of death of animals;
2. Effectively relieves pressure in the duct system of the pancreas, as a result of which the spread of the pathological process is prevented;
3. Eliminated duct obstruction of the pancreas with dense protein masses;
4. Structural changes in the duct, tissues, vessels of the pancreas are not developing;
5. Saved in the functional sense of the proximal part of the pancreas from the dissection of the duct.

References
Собаки даної групи не відрізнялися від здорових. Для вивчення морфологічних змін у підшлунковій залозі після промивання протоки 3 собаки були виведені із досліду через 1 добу. Випоту в очеревинній порожніні не спостерігався. Ліва доля підшлункової залози була лиш багато зменшена у довжину. Місце розсічення тканини підшлункової залози і протока прикрита густим кровом. В області розтину 12-ти палої кишки зберігалися порожні святанечерези. Мікроскопічно в області розсічення протоки зміни тканин підшлункової залози були аналогічними з розсічення протоки без перфузії. Разом із тим, повреждень в цій термін відмічалося тільки великовогнищеве. Некротичних вогнищ паренхіми були поодиньоми в з пім'яною нейтрофільною інфільтрацією. Дистальні зони розсічення в тканині підшлункової залози спостерігаються незначні вогнищеві крововиливів у порушеннях її структури, однак повреждень, вогнища нейтрофільної інфільтрації у міжмісткової сполучній тканині були менше вираженіми. У процесі розсічення частини протоки тканина підшлункової залози зберігало помірне повреждень. Крім того, в ньї зустрічалися мілкі вогнища крововиливів з порушенням структури окремих ацинусів і зміною нейтрофільної інфільтрації в міжмісткової сполучній тканині. В останній вплинуло також скупчення макрофагів і пролиферація фібробластів. У проксимальній долях зберігалися незначні вогнищеві крововиливів. У інтерпретації дія спостерігали незначні вогнищеві крововиливів. В інтактній доля тканин зберігалась помірна повреждень. Крім того, в них зустрічалися мілкі вогнища крововиливів з порушенням структури окремих ацинусів і зміною нейтрофільної інфільтрації в міжмісткової сполучній тканині. У результаті проведених експериментів ми переконалися в ефективності даного методу лікування острого панкреатита.

**Ключові слова:** гострий панкреатит, бужування протоки підшлункової залози.