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EFFICACY OF THE USE OF SERUM MARKERS FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF LIVER FIBROSIS

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he introduction into practice of non-invasive methods for the diagnosis of liver fibrosis can significantly reduce the time and material costs of the examination. **Objective:** To determine the efficacy of WFA±M2BP in clinical practice to determine the extent of liver fibrosis and the

possibility of using it to predict the risk of developing cirrhosis.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The study included 41 patients, of them 9 patients with chronic hepatitis B (CHB), 15 with CHB + D, 11 with CHB + D with signs of transition to liver cirrhosis (LC), 6 with HBV and HDV etiology.

The diagnostic accuracy of WFA±M2BP was compared with various fibrosis markers, such as puncture biopsy and liver elastography. Diagnoses are focused on the parameters of the histological examination. WFA±M2BP was determined by ELISA.

RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH

The analysis of the obtained data showed that at CHB the WFA \pm M2BP levels were represented by values from 0.33 to 4.13 (an average of 1.14 \pm 0.2). Clinical diagnoses coincided with histological diagnoses in practically all patients and corresponded to low values of WFA \pm M2BP.

In terms of elastography, the degree of liver fibrosis corresponded to F0-F3 on average 10.6 ± 2.1 kPa. In one patient with a histological diagnosis of chronic hepatitis of minimal activity, with fibrosis sites, WFA±M2BP had a high index of 10.6. In a given patient, signs of LC appeared after 1 year.

In patients with CHB + D, the mean serum concentration of WFA \pm M2BP was 1.60 \pm 0.23. Histological diagnosis in 7 (46.7%) patients did not coincide with clinical. There was a reassessment of the patient's condition. The mean indices of the degree of hepatic fibrosis were 7.8 \pm 2.4 kPa (from F0 to F3) according to the elastography data. Histological indices did not correspond to the data of elastography in 6 (40%) patients.

In 5 out of 11 patients with histological diagnosis of chronic hepatitis with transition to LC or starting LC, clinical diagnoses did not correspond to the results of histological studies - underestimation of the state occurred. In 3 cases out of 11 the liver fibroscanization data did not coincide with the histological indices and indicated F3. Against this backdrop, WFA \pm M2BP had the best result. The mean values of WFA \pm M2BP in this group corresponded to 3.22 \pm 0.5.

In a group of patients with a Child-Pugh class A and B developed from 6 people, one had low M2BP values of 1.41, the remaining five serum markers ranged from 3.33 to 14.73, an average of 6.62 ± 0.5 . Heavy liver elastography was observed at 20.8 ± 7.0 kPa, which corresponded to the F3-F4 degree. Clinical diagnoses in 5 out of 6 patients coincided with histological and with WFA±M2BP.

CONCLUSIONS

An important serum marker of chronic viral hepatitis B and D, reflecting the degree of fibrosis should be considered WFA±M2BP. In chronic hepatitis B, histological diagnoses coincided with those of WFA±M2BP. A prognostically favorable outcome of the disease should be associated with a low score of WFA±M2BP. Patients with a pattern of low or moderate chronic hepatitis, but with high WFA±M2BP values, need close and longer follow-up, since normal ALT, absence of complaints and objective changes do not exclude the possibility of transition to LC. The levels of serum WFA±M2BP can be used to interpret the prognosis of the disease.

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