Interesting Retinal Cases

Idiopathic inflammatory occlusive vascular disease of the retina termed as Eales' disease requires exclusion of systemic and ocular conditions with retinal vasculitis, occlusion and neovascularisation. Strong association between occlusive vasculitis and tuberculosis reported in Indian studies termed such cases as presumed tubercular retinal peri vasculitis, those with negative work up as idiopathic occlusive vasculitic First case - a 30 years old male with decreased vision RE with NVI, sclerosed vessels and non perfusion was investigated, Mantoux positive (16 x16 mm), CRP raised. Received a course of systemic steroid, ATT and sector laser, had vitreous haemorrhage, under went vitrectomy, PCR of specimen positive for tubercle bacillus, diagnosis tubercular peri vasculitis. 2nd case a 44 years old female with HM vision LE, RAPD and vit haemorrhage was found to have vision RE 6/6, NVD, multiple NVEs and sclerosed vessels. Investigations were normal, diagnosis - idiopathic occlusive vasculitis. Treatment - PRP RE, vitrectomy with silicon oil injection LE, no systemic steroid/ATT. 3rd an interesting case of a 24 years old female with decreased vision RE 2 days after uneventful LSCS, found to have VA PL+, NVI and fundus showing combined arterial and venous occlusion with exudative RD, LE few retinal haemorrhages. She had high ESR, low Hb, low platelet count (34,000/cc) and low clotting factors, became unconscious, imaging showed sagittal vein thrombosis with frontal lobe infarcts. Provisional diagnosis of amniotic fluid embolism causing DIC was made, differentials- thrombocytopenia related retinopathy and anaemic retinopathy. Patient survived the event, VA unimproved. Factors supporting the diagnosis - young lady with no systemic disease, loss of vision following C section, fundus picture explainable with retinal manifestations of DIC, decreased platelets, clotting factors, increased PT and cerebral venous thrombosis suggestive of DIC though visual loss due to DIC following amniotic fluid embolism is very rare. A 37 years old male with VA of PL+, sluggish pupils, posterior sub capsular cataract, IOP 56 mm of Hg, open angles both eyes, NVA RE was found to have bilateral CRVO. Glaucoma probably was the predisposing factor since systemic work up was normal. No family history of glaucoma. What is the cause of glaucoma? Patient underwent PRP RE, trabeculectomy RE and was put on anti glaucoma medications. Repeated Enquiry revealed the use of steroid skin ointment for six years. Steroids in any form on long term usage can cause secondary glaucoma, in our case lead to rare event of bilateral CRVO. A 50 years old female with idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura presented with decreased vision RE and fundus picture suggestive of bilateral fungal endophthalmitis, underwent vitreous tap, intra vitreal injection of Amphoterecin B. Systemic fluconazole was started. Condition deteriorated, underwent vitrectomy both eyes, improved but reported ten months later with retinal detachment and cataract RE, underwent cataract extraction with RD surgery. At 2 years review vision RE 6/36, LE1/60. What’s challenging? Patient had platelet count of 9000/cc, post splenectomy status, bone marrow involvement was present. Patient received 12 doses of high dose chemotherapy and RE enucleation with orbital implant. Adjuant external beam radiation was given. Initial Clinical diagnosis of retinoblastoma was challenging.

Biography

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