AB1159

INTER-READER RELIABILITY AND COMPARISON OF FLUORESCENCE OPTICAL IMAGING ENHANCEMENT IN PATIENTS WITH EROSIVE HAND OSTEOARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

Oystein Maugesten1, Sarah Ohndorf2, Daniel Glinatsi3, Mads Ammitzbøll4, Lene Terslev3, Tore K. Kvien5, Ida Kristin Haugen5, 1Department of Rheumatology, Diakonhjemmet Hospital, Oslo, Norway; 2Charité Universitätsmedizin, Department of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, Berlin, Germany; 3Rigshospitalet, Glostrup, Center for Rheumatology and Spine Diseases, Copenhagen, Denmark; 4Karolinska University Hospital, Department of Medicine, Rheumatology Division, Stockholm, Sweden

Background: Fluorescence Optical Imaging (FOI) is an imaging technique combining indocyanine (ICG)-enhanced microcirculation in wrist and finger joints, as a sign of inflammation. A reliable scoring method is essential in the assessment of these images.

Objectives: To assess inter-reader reliability of three FOI scoring methods from Berlin, Stockholm, and Copenhagen, and to compare the amount of enhancement in joint groups of both hands in patients with erosive hand osteoarthritis (OA) and rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

Methods: Patients with erosive hand OA (n=13) and with RA (n=13) underwent FOI of both hands. Five readers blinded for clinical diagnoses scored all finger and wrist joints bilaterally on semi-quantitative 0-3 scales using three different FOI scoring methods. In the Berlin method, FOI enhancement was evaluated on three different images, defined as different phases based on the enhancement in the fingertips. A composite image (Prima Vista Mode, PVM) of the 240 first images was also assessed. The Copenhagen method assumed that inflamed tissues will demonstrate a more rapid FOI enhancement than the surrounding tissues, defining inflammation as sharply marginated enhancement over a joint area with clear delineation from surrounding tissues lasting ≥3 sec. The Stockholm method was evaluated in a format of 240 images, the first 120 images in a targeted palette setting, with additional scrolling through the image sequence to detect ambiguous signals. To evaluate inter-reader reliability, we calculated the intraclass correlation coefficients (ICC) of the sum scores on patient level and weighted kappa values and prevalence and bias adjusted kappa values for ordinal scales (Pabak-OS) on joint level. Finally, we compared the averaged sum scores in the different groups in patients with erosive hand OA vs. RA using the Mann-Whitney test.

Results: The ICC of the sum scores was very good for the Stockholm method (0.83), and for Berlin PVM (0.93) and Phase 2 (0.83), while the Copenhagen method (0.65) and Berlin phase 3 (0.73) showed good reliability. Berlin phase 1 showed fair reliability (0.30). On joint level we found moderate to good agreement with Pabak-OS for all methods (table). Patients with erosive hand OA had significantly more enhancement in DIP joints across all methods, while PIP enhancement was more common in erosive hand OA for the Berlin PVM and Stockholm methods only. Enhancement in the 1st CMC was not detected in any of the methods, and no consistent differences were observed for the wrist (data not shown).

Conclusion: We found moderate to very good inter-reader reliability on patient level for all methods except for Berlin phase 1 and moderate to good agreement on joint level for all methods. FOI showed different enhancement patterns between erosive hand OA and RA, with more enhancement in the DIP joints in the OA patients across all methods, supporting its validity.

Disclosure of Interests: Øystein Maugesten: None declared, Sarah Ohndorf: None declared, Daniel Glinatsi: None declared, Mads Ammitzbøll-Danielsen: None declared, Yogan Kisten: None declared, Mikkel Østergaard: Ljiljana Smiljanic Tomicevic, Darija Cubelic, Goran Sukara, Branimir Anic, Miroslav Mayer, University Hospital Centre Zagreb, University of Zagreb, School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, Zagreb, Croatia

Background: Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) is a chronic autoimmune disease with heterogeneous clinical manifestations. The musculoskeletal involvement is among most common and earliest symptoms occurring in 95% of patients. The clinical examination of the ankle joints may underestimate the type and distribution of pathological changes. Musculoskeletal ultrasound (US) is a useful diagnostic tool for evaluation of joints and tendons in the majority of inflammatory rheumatic diseases.

Objectives: The aim of this study is to assess the ankle joints and tendons involvement in SLE patients using US and to correlate the findings with the physical examination, laboratory tests and disease activity scores.

Methods: Forty consecutive SLE patients were enrolled in the study and underwent clinical evaluation, laboratory tests and bilateral high-resolution US on the same day. Grey-scale and power Doppler (PD) US of the talocentral (TC), subtalar joints (ST), ankle tendons, second and third MCP joints, second and thirdPIP joints, wrists and second and third MTP joints were performed.

Results: A total of 720 joints and 800 tendons were examined. US detected inflammatory joint abnormalities were present in 35/40 (87.5%) patients while tenosynovitis was present in 7/40 (17.5%) patients. The most frequently affected were MTP joints (87.5%) followed by PIP and PIP joints (72.5%) while MTP joints were not affected (0%). The most prevalent pathological US finding was joint effusion.Synovial hypertyrophy and positive PD signal were less frequently observed. Effusion in TC joints was present in 40%, synovial hypertrophy in 20% and positive PD in 2.5% of the patients. Only two patients had bony erosions detected.Six out of forty patients (15%) reported pain or swelling in ankle joints and two (33%) of them didn’t have any US abnormalities. As many as 47% of patients without inflammatory joint symptoms had pathological US findings in ankle joints. The most commonly affected tendon was tibialis anterior (7.5% of patients), followed by extensor hallucis longus tendon (5% of patients).

Conclusion: Results of this study show a high prevalence of US verified inflammatory joint changes in SLE patients, while tendon changes were extremely rare. Foot joints were most commonly affected, followed by wrists and ankle joints. It is important to stress that a great number of asymptomatic patients had pathological US findings in ankle joints. From this and previous studies it is clear that US should be used more in the periodical assessment of the musculoskeletal system in patients with SLE.
REFERENCES


Table: MASEI score:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ultrasound Findings</th>
<th>Case (n=144)</th>
<th>Control (n=24)</th>
<th>p</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number of entheses changed</td>
<td>1728</td>
<td>288</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Structure (n (%))</td>
<td>472 (27.3)</td>
<td>16 (5.6)</td>
<td>&lt; 0.001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thickening (n (%))</td>
<td>503 (28.1)</td>
<td>37 (12.8)</td>
<td>&lt; 0.001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Burstitis (n (%))</td>
<td>95 (16.5)</td>
<td>05 (1.73)</td>
<td>0.004</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Erosion n (%)</td>
<td>48 (2.8)</td>
<td>02 (0.7)</td>
<td>0.035</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calcification (n (%))</td>
<td>373 (21.6)</td>
<td>34 (11.8)</td>
<td>&lt; 0.001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PD (n (%))</td>
<td>124 (7.2)</td>
<td>08 (2.8)</td>
<td>0.005</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Test: Chi-Square; (PD: power Doppler).

Disclosure of Interests: None declared


ABS1162

ARE SONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS CORRELATED WITH DISEASE ACTIVITY SCORE IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS REMITTED PATIENTS?

Saoussen Miladi, Myriam Moalla, Ala Fazaa, Kmar Gueuennice, Leila Souabni, Selma Kassab, Selma Chekli, Zakraoui Lehth, Kauther Ben Abdelghani, Ahmed LAalza, Mongi Slim Hospital, Rheumatology department, Tunis, Tunisia

Background: Obtaining remission is the ultimate and now attainable goal of treatment in rheumatoid arthritis (RA). However, the definition of remission kept changing over the last decade. Several composite scores and indices are now validated to assess remitting RA such as the Disease Activity Index 28 joints (DAS28), and more recently, the Simplified Disease Index (SDAI) and the Clinical Disease Index (CDAI). Despite more stringent definition criteria, progressive radiographic damages still occur in RA patients who reached remission. Defining other criteria for remission including ultrasonography (US) might help preventing such evolution.

Objectives: The aim of this study was to compare US findings and composite score results in RA patients that achieved a status of remission according to DAS28.

Methods: Thirty Tunisian patients followed up for RA with DAS28 ≤2.6 for at least three months were enrolled. Among them, we identified patients in remission according to the SDAI (≤3.3) and the CDAI (≤2.8). US (Esate MyLab 60 machine and a 13-18 MHz linear array transducer) was performed by an experienced rheumatologist blinded to clinical and laboratory data. For each patient, 22 joints were scanned (wrists, metacarpo-phalangeal, and proximal interphalangeal joints) using a semi-quantitative score.

Results: Over the 26 patients in CDAI remission, ultrasonographic synovitis in B-mode were noted in 81% of patients. The average ultrasound score per patient was 4.58. In PD mode, US abnormalities were noted in 58% of patients. The average PD score per patient was 2.6. Neither correlation between CDAI and B-mode US score (r = 0.104; p = 0.319) nor between CDAI and DP US score (r = 0.251; p = 0.217) was noted.

Background: Assessing entheses these patients.

Conclusion: The ultrasonography shows an important perspective in assessing entheses these patients.

REFERENCES