# الاية

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

هَلْ أَتَى عَلَى الْإِنسَانِ حِينٌ مِّنَ الدَّهْرِ لَمْ يَكُن شَيْئاً مَّذْكُوراً {1} إِنَّا خَلَقْنَا الْإِنسَانَ مِن نُّطْفَةٍ أَمْشَاحِ نَّبْتَلِيهِ مِن نُّطْفَةٍ أَمْشَاحِ نَّبْتَلِيهِ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ سَمِيعاً بَصِيراً {2} إِنَّا هَدَيْنَاهُ السَّبِيلَ إِمَّا شَاكِراً وَإِمَّا كَفُوراً {3 السَّبِيلَ إِمَّا شَاكِراً وَإِمَّا كَفُوراً {3 صدق الله العظيم

سورة الانسان الايات من 1-3

## **Dedication**

My parents ...

Thank you for your unconditional support with my studies, I am honored to have you as my parents

Thank you for giving me a chance prove and improve myself through all my walks of life

Thank you for believing in me, for allowing me to further studies

My brothers ...

Thank you a lot for your supports

Thanks for anyone who helped me...

## **Acknowledgement**

This work was carried out under the auspices of Allah.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to my supervisor Professor Caroline Edward Ayad for her helpful guidance and consistence through the study.

My thanks also go to the staff of radiology department of Khartoum Teaching Hospital, Elniline Medical Center, and Ibnelhaithum medical center.

#### **Abstract**

Intracranial physiological calcifications are unaccompanied by any evidence of disease and have no demonstrable pathological cause. They are often due to calcium and sometimes iron deposition in the blood vessels of different structures of the brain.

This study was done to assess the incidence of intracranial physiological calcifications and the relation with age as well as the calcium level in the blood.

The study was done in Khartoum state in: Khartoum Teaching Hospital and Elniline Medical Center, 50 patients were included in the study; 27 males and 23 females with age range between 14-74.

The main findings of this study were that:

Intracranial calcifications are more common in males than females, the pineal gland has highest incidence in the sample data by 78%, the pineal gland scored high degree of calcification by mean of CT number value 192.7HU.

When correlated the calcifications with age the pineal gland calcification CT number values were decreased by age, while the Rt and Lt choroid plexuses values were increased.

When correlated blood Ca<sup>++</sup> level with calcifications, the pineal gland and habenula calcification had positive relationship, whereas the Rt and Lt choroid plexuses had negative relation as well as the falx had negative relation

CT scan has value in detection of brain calcifications.

#### الخلاصه

التكلسات الوظيفيه التى تحدث داخل الراس لاتحدث باى سبب مرضى, وهى غالبا ناتجه عن ترسب الكالسيوم وفى بعض الاحيان الحديد داخل الاوعيه .الدمويه فى الاجزاء المختلفه من المخ

هذه الدراسة عملت لتقييم حدوث التكلسات الطبيعيه التى تحدث داخل المخ .والعلاقه مع العمر ومستوى الكالسيوم فى الدم

الدراسة عملت فى ولاية الخرطوم فى مستشفى الخرطوم التعليمى و مركز .النيلين الطبى

مریض تمت دراستهم منهم 27 زکور و 23 اناث بمعدل عمری بین 14-50 .74 سنه

:النتائج الرئيسية من هذه الدراسه كانت كالتالي

التكلسات التى تحدث داخل الراس هى اكثر فى الرجال من النساء,الغده الصنوبريه الصنوبريه لديها حدوث عالى فى بيانات العينه ب 78%,الغده الصنوبريه احرزت اعلى درجه من التكلس بمتوسط مقداره 192.7وحده هاونسفيلد

عندما تم ربط التكلسات مع العمر, التكلس فى الغده الصنوبريه قل مقداره مع العمر, فى حين ان الضفائر المشيميه اليمنى واليسرى زاد مقدارهما هع .العمر

عندما تم ربط مستوى كالسيوم الدم مع التكلسات وجد ان تكلس الغده الصنوبريه والهابنيلور كان لديهما علاقه ايجابيه, بينما تكلس الضفائر المشيميه اليمنى واليسرى كان لديهما علاقه سالبه بنفس الطريقه منجل المخ كان لديه علاقه سالبه مع كالسيوم الدم

الاشعه المقطعية قيمه في اكتشاف تكلسات المخ

#### **List of Abbreviations**

Abbreviation	Full name
ICC	Intracranial Calcification
PC	Physiologic Calcification
CT	Computed Tomography
CTNo	Computed Tomography number
Ca <sup>++</sup>	calcium
CNS	Central Nervous System
CSF	CerebroSpinal Fluid

RT Right

LT Left

SWS Strug-Weber Syndrome

TS Tuberous Sclerosis

NF Neuro Fibromatosis

CS Cackayne

GS Gorlin Syndrome

AVM Arteriovenous Malformation

TORCH Toxoplasmosis Rubella Cytomegalovirus

Herpes simplex virus

CMV Cytomegalo virus

HSV Herpes Simplex Virus

### **List of Tables**

Tabl e	Title	Page number
2-1	The cranial nerves and their functions	10
4-1	The sample information according to gender	49
4-2	The sample classification according to age	49
4-3	The sample classification according to race	49
4-4	The statistics of classification sites with gender	50
4-5	The sample clinical data	50
4-6	The means and standard deviations of the variables	50
4-7	The statistics of calcifications with age	50

# List of figures

Figu re	Title of figure	Page number
2-1	Lateral view of the brain	5
2-2	Midsagittal section of the brain	8
2-3	The ventricular system of the brain	9
2-4	The blood supply of the brain	13
2-5	Venous drainage of the brain	17
2-6	The reticular formation	21
2-7	Cranial nerves	23
2-8	Some internal structures of the brain	27
2-9	Somatic sensory pathways	29
2-10	Cortical functions areas	33
2-11	Axial nonenhanced CT images	26
2-12	Axial nonenhanced CT images	37
2-13	Axial unenhanced CT images	39
2-14	Axial unenhanced CT images	39
2-15	Axial unenhanced CT images	41

2-16	Axial unenhanced CT images	42
4-1	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation between blood calcium and age	51
4-2	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation between pineal calcification and age	51
4-3	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation between RT ventricle calcification and age	52
4-4	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation LT ventricle calcification and age	52
4-5	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation between the falx calcification and age	53
4-6	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation between the habenular calcification and age	53
4-7	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation between blood Ca and pineal gland calcification	54
4-8	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation between blood Ca and RT ventricle calcification	54
4-9	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation between blood Ca and LT ventricle calcification	55

4-10	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation between blood Ca and falx calcification	55
4-11	Scatter plot diagram shows the relation between blood Ca and habenular calcification	56

### **List of Contents**

الاية	I.
Dedication	II.
Acknowledgement	III.
Abstract in English	IV.
Abstract in Arabic	V.
List of abbreviations	VI.
List of tables	VII.
List of figures	VIII.
Chapter one	1
1.1 Introduction	1
1.3 computed tomography	2
1.4the problem of the study	2
1.5 objectives	3
1.6 material and methods	3
1.7 scope of the study	3
Chapter two	4
2.1 brain anatomy	4
2.1.1 the cerebrum	4
2.1.2diencephalon	6
2.1.3midbrain	6
2.1.4hindbrain	7
2.1.5ventricles of the brain	9
2.1.6 cranial nerves	10

2.1.7 blood supply of the brain	10
2.1.7.1 internal carotid artery	10
2.1.7.1.1 branches of the cerebral portion of the internal carotid artery	11
2.1.7.2 vertebral artery	11
2.1.7.2.1 cranial branches	12
2.1.7.3 basilar artery	12
2.1.7.3.1 branches	12
2.1.7.4 veins of the brain	13
2.1.7.4.1 venous drainage	14
2.1.7.4.2 dural venous sinuses	14
2.1.7.4.2.1 superior sagittal sinus	14
2.1.7.4.2.2 inferior sagittal and straight sinuses	14
2.1.7.4.2.3 confluence of sinuses, transverse and sigmoid sinus	15
2.1.7.4.2.4 cavernous sinuses	16
2.1.7.4.2.5 superior and inferior petrosal sinuses	16
2.2 physiology of the brain	18
2.2.1brainstem	19
2.2.2reticular formation	19
2.2.3cranial nerves	20
2.2.4 medulla oblongata	23
2.2.5 hypothalamus	23
2.2.6the thalamuds	24
2.2.7 cerebrum	24

2.2.7.1 gray matter	24
2.2.7.2 convolutions	24
2.2.7.3 lobes	25
2.2.8 basal ganglia	25
2.2.9 white matter	26
2.2.10 neural connections	27
2.2.11 localization of functions in cortex	31
2.3 intracranial calcifications	35
2.3.1age-related physiologic and neurodegenerative	35
2.3.2 congenital calcifications	36
2.3.3 infectious calcifications	37
2.3.4calcifications related with hormonal and metabolic disorders	38
2.3.5 vascular calcifications	40
2.3.6 neoplastic calcifications	40
2.4 previous studies	43
Chapter three material and methods	
3.1 material	47
3.1.1 patients	47
3.1.2 area and duration of the study	47
3.1.3 machine used	47
3.2 methods	47
3.2.1 CT brain technique	47
3.2.2 the inclusion criteria	47

3.2.3 the exclusion criteria	48
3.2.4 image interpretation	48
3.2.5 data analysis	48
Chapter four results	49
Chapter five discussion, conclusion and recommendation	57
5.1 discussion	57
5.2 conclusion	59
5.3 recommendations	59
References	60
Appendices	62