Dedication

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Abstract

Visceral leishmaniasis which is known as Kala azar, or black fever, is a chronic infectious disease caused by a protozoan parasite of the genus leishmaniasis, it is transmitted by an insect bite such as fly bite and affects all organs in the body. Therefore, the main objective of this study was to evaluate the impact of Kala azar on the visceral organs.

The study was conducted on Gadaref state; the sample consisted of 144 of Kala azar patients (112 males and 32 females) in the period from October 2010 to February 2011. The data was collected by using ultrasound scanning technique where the patients were scanned in order to evaluate the condition of the liver, gall bladder, spleen and portal vein using B-mode. The data were collected on the following variables: texture, echogenecity and size for all the respective organs. The results of this study showed that; there is a significant difference between the liver, spleen, gall bladder and portal vein from the normal sizes using t-test at p = 0.05 except for gall bladder thickness where the results were inconclusive. The results also revealed that the predominant texture was the homogeneous one 95.1% while echogenecity showed that 92.4% of the cases had hyper echoic appearance.

الملخص العربي

الحمى السوداء المسماة علميا كلازار أو (ليشمانيا) هي مرض معدي مزمن يتسبب بواسطة طفيليات الليشمانيا تعرف بالبروتوزو و التي تنتقل بواسطة عضة الحشرات كالذباب و تغزو هذه الطفيليات كل أعضاء الجسم. هدفت هذه الدراسة الى تقييم أثر الحمى السوداء على الأعضاء الإحشائية مثل الكبد، الطوحال، الصفراء والوريد البابي.

أجريت هذه الدراسة بولاية القضارف على عينة من المرضى تتكون من ١٤٤ مريض منهم ١١٢ ذكر و ٣٦ أنثى في الفترة ما بين أكتوبر ٢٠١٠ و فبراير ٢٠١١. تم جمع البيانات بواسطة تقنية الموجات الصوتية مع استخدام نموذج التباين الضوئي B-mode لكل من نوعية النسيج، إبتعاثية الصدى الصوتي Echogenecity و الحجم لكل من الأعضاء أعلاه. أوضحت الدراسة إن هناك فرق معنوي بين كل من حجم الكبد، الطوحال، الحوصلة الصفراء والوريد البابي مقارنة بالحجم الطبيعي بواسطة إختبار التا و عند درجة معنوية قدرها ٥٠٠٠. كما أوضحت الدراسة ان نوعية النسيج السائد هي المتجانس بنسبة ١٥٠١، ابتعاثية الصدى الصوتي الزائد كانت بنسبة هي المتجانس بنسبة ١٥٠١، ابتعاثية الصدى الصوتي الزائد كانت بنسبة

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List of Abbreviation

GB Gallbladder

HIV Human immune deficiency virus

IVC Inferior vena cava

LD Leishmania donovani

PV Portal vein

SPSS Statistically package for social science

US Ultrasound

VL Visceral leishmaniasis