

Final anatomical diagnosis :

Glycogen storage disease, Type II (Pompe disease)

Hypertrophy, myocardium, severe, LV:17mm, RV:5mm, IVS:20mm in thickness, 200gm (normal 42.5gm).

Macroglossia

Hepatomegaly (340gm, normal 280 gm).

Vacuolar change of all skeletal muscle fibers.

Marked glycogen accumulations in: myocardia, liver, all skeletal muscle fibers and neurons of anterior horn of spinal cord.

Bronchopneumonia, lungs, bilateral, multifocal.

Effusions, peritoneal, 6 C.C.; pleural, right: 8 C.C.; pericardial, 17 C.C., all serosanguinous.

Hemorrhage, subdural, left temporal lobe; subarachnoid, left temporal and left frontoparietal.

Congestion, visceral, generalized

Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC), evidenced by small fibrinous microthrombi in lungs.

Abnormal lobulation, lung, right: 2 lobes, with absence of horizontal fissures.

Clinical summary :

This is a 8-month-old male infant died of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and acute bronchiolitis. His birth history was unremarkable (G2P2, BBW : 2700GM, NSD) and had an elder brother who also died of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy at 5 month old.

He suffered from cough, poor appetite, restlessness and shortness of breath on Dec. 2000 when he was 5 month old and was brought to our OPD. Cardiac sonography was performed and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy with congestive heart failure (ejection fraction 54%) was found. He was admitted on Dec.12, 2000 , under the impression of cardiomyopathy with congestive heart failure and acute bronchiolitis. During admission, splenomegaly, protruded tongue and hypotonia were also noted on physical examination. The laboratory date showed : Lactate : 10.3, CK : 1262, MB : 2.8% , BB : 0% , MM : 97.2% ,AST : 377 and Pyruvate 0.29 . Therefore, Pompe's disease was suggested he was discharged on Dec. 26, 2000 , he was admitted again for acute bronchiolitis and stool impaction and was discharged o Jan. 6, 2001.

He suffered from fever, cough, rhinorrhea, poor activity and poor appetite since Mar. 19, 2001 and visited our emergency room. Physical examination showed coarse breath sound with rhonchi over bilateral lung fields. He was admitted to PICU under the impression of Pompe's disease, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and R/O bronchopneumonia.

The chest X-ray showed cardiomegaly. Cardiac sonography revealed hypertrophic cardiomyopathy with the ejection fraction of 5%. The laboratory data showed GLU : 236 , AST : 393 , CRP < 2 , WBC : 12700 , SEG : 58% , HB : 11.2 . Oxygen, fluid restriction, digoxin, lasix and carnitine were used. The symptoms improved and he was transferred to ward on Mar. 20, 2001. However, cyanosis, bradycardia and no breath were noted on Mar. 22, 2001 and CPR was performed. He was transferred to PICU again. Due to poor response to CPR, the patient expired on Mar. 22, 2001.

Autopsy findings :

(1) Body and external appearance :

Weight	6400 GM
Length	68 CM
Development	Fair
Nutritional state	Fair
Tongue	Macroglossia
Nail bed	Cyanosis
Circumference	Head : 41CM
	Thorax : 41CM
	Abdomen : 39CM

(2) Body cavities :

Pleural	Right	8 C.C. serosanguinous fluid
	Left	Unremarkable
Peritoneal	6 C.C. serosanguinous fluid	
Pericardial	17 C.C. serosanguinous fluid	

(3) Cardiovascular system :

Greater vascular structures	
Gross	Normal position

Heart General :			
Weight	200 GM	Pulmonary valve	2.48 CM
Left ventricle	1.7 CM	Mitral valve	3.7 CM
Right ventricle	0.5 CM	Right ventricle IVS	2.0 CM
Tricuspid valve	3.14 CM	Aortic valve	3.14 CM
Foramen ovale	Close	Aortic valve	Close

Cardiovascular system	Gross	Microscopic Diagnosis
Valves	Unremarkable	
Epicardium	Unremarkable	Unremarkable
Myocardium	Hypertrophic	Sections show cardiac muscle with cytoplasmic vacuolization
Endocardium	Unremarkable	Unremarkable
Coronary arteries	Unremarkable	

(4) Respiratory system :

Respiratory system	Gross	Microscopic Diagnosis
Trachea and major bronchi	Contents : No aspiration materials	
Mediastinum : Thymus	6 GM, 5.5 x 5.0 x 0.4 CM	Unremarkable

Lung						
Gross	Weight	Right	60 GM	Size	Right	10 x 9.0 x 1.5 CM
		Left	80 GM		Left	12 x 9.0 x 3.0 CM
Congestion and consolidation						
Microscopic Diagnosis	Sections show congestion and focal accumulation of neutrophils and eosinophils in the alveolar spaces. Multiple fibrinous microthrombi are seen in the small arterioles.					

(5) Gastrointestinal Tract :

Pharynx	Gross	Microscopic Diagnosis
	Unremarkable	

Esophagus	
Gross	Unremarkable
Microscopic Diagnosis	Sections show skeletal muscle with cytoplasmic vacuolization. There is acute and chronic inflammatory cell infiltration in the submucosal and muscular layers.

Gastrointestinal Tract	Gross	Microscopic Diagnosis
Stomach	Unremarkable	Unremarkable
Duodenum	Unremarkable	Unremarkable
Salivary gland	Unremarkable	Unremarkable
Small bowel	Unremarkable	Unremarkable
Large bowel	Unremarkable	Unremarkable
Cecum and appendix	Unremarkable	
Pancreas	Weight : 5 GM	Unremarkable
	Size : 7.0 x 1.0 x 1.0 CM	
	Unremarkable	

(6) Hepatobiliary system :

Liver		
Gross	Weight	340 GM
	Size	16.5 x 15 x 7.0 CM
	Outer surface	Smooth hepatomegaly
	Cut surface	Unremarkable
Microscopic Diagnosis	Section show hepatocytes with diffuse cytoplasmic vacuolization. PAS stain is strongly positive. Electron microscopic examination reveals glycogen deposition in multiple membrane-bound nodules. FAT stain is focally positive.	

Gallbladder, Bile ducts	Gross	Microscopic Diagnosis
	Unremarkable	Autolysis

(7) Hematopoietic-Lymphoid system :

Spleen		
Gross	Weight	20 GM
	Size	9.5 x 4.5 x 1.5 CM
	Unremarkable An accessory spleen measuring 1.2 CM and diameter is also found.	
Microscopic Diagnosis	Unremarkable	

Hematopoietic-Lymphoid system	Gross	Microscopic Diagnosis
Lymph nodes	Unremarkable	Unremarkable
Bone marrow	Unremarkable	Unremarkable

(8) Urogenital system :

Kidney						
Gross	Right	Weight	26 GM	Left	Weight	27 GM
		Size	5.5 x 4.0 x 2.5 CM		Size	5.5 x 2.5 x 2.5 CM
	Unremarkable					
Microscopic Diagnosis	Congestion					

Urogenital system	Gross	Microscopic Diagnosis
Ureters	Unremarkable	Unremarkable
Bladder and urethra	Unremarkable	Unremarkable

Prostate/Testes						
Gross	Right	Weight	1.0 GM	Left	Weight	1.0 GM
	Unremarkable					
Microscopic Diagnosis	Unremarkable					

Tongue	
Gross	Macroglossia
Microscopic Diagnosis	Sections show skeletal muscle with cytoplasmic vacuolization consistent with glycogen storage disease.

(9) Endocrine system :

Endocrine system	Gross	Microscopic Diagnosis
Thyroid	Weight : 2 GM	Unremarkable
	Unremarkable	
Pituitary	Unremarkable	Unremarkable
Adrenals	Right : 1 GM	Unremarkable
	Left : 1 GM	
	Unremarkable	
Psoas muscle	Unremarkable	Sections show skeletal muscle with cytoplasmic vacuolization consistent with glycogen storage disease.
Skin	Unremarkable	Unremarkable

(10) Central nervous system :

Central nervous system		Gross	Microscopic Diagnosis
Brain	Weight	783 GM	Marked ballooning and swelling of all the neuron cells in the spinal code, especially anterior horn. The posterior nerve roots also show similar change of neurons. The neuron cells and astrocytes in medulla are also involved. PAS stain are strongly positive in all these cells. The cerebrum shows no significant change.
	Shape size	13 x 11 x 10 CM	
Leptomeninges		Intact	
Cranial nerves		Intact	
Circle of Willis		Intact	
Spinal cord		Intact	
Cerebellum		95GM	

Central nervous system:	
Scalp	Unremarkable
Dura	Subdural hemorrhage, multifocal
Falx	Unremarkable
Tentorium	Unremarkable

Section Taken and Labeled :

Labeled	Section Taken	Labeled	Section Taken
1	Chest wall skeletal muscle	27	Lung, LUL
2	Liver	28	Lung, LLL
3	Heart	29	Liver, left lobe
4	Accessory spleen	30	Liver, caudate lobe
5	Carotid lymph node	31	Liver, right lobe
6	Psoas muscle	32	Gallbladder
7	Skin	33	Spleen
8	Pituitary gland	34	Diaphragm
9	Psoas muscle	35	Stomach, duodenum
10	Left ventricle	36	Left kidney and ureter
11	Right ventricle	37	Right kidney and ureter
12	Bone marrow	38	Urinary bladder
13	Pancreas	39	Mesentery lymph node
14	Pericardium	40	Salivary gland
15	Left adrenal	41	Thyroid
16	Right adrenal	42	Tongue
17	Left testis	B1	Right frontal lobe
18	Right testis	B2	Right parietal lobe
19	Thymus	B3	Right hippocampus
20	RA	B4	Right basal ganglia

Section Taken and Labeled :

Labeled	Section Taken	Labeled	Section Taken
21	RV	B5	Right temporal lobe
22	LA	B6	Right occipital lobe
23	LV	B7	Medulla
24	Aortic arch	B8	Midbrain
25	Lung, RUL	B9	Spinal cord
26	Lung, RLL	B10	Dentate nucleus
1, 2, 3, 9 and 10 fixed in alcohol		B11	Spinal cord

Final Comments :

This is a 8 month-old male infant with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and died of cardio-respiratory failure. Autopsy findings mainly shows vacuolar change and marked glycogen deposition in all skeletal muscle, myocardium, liver and the neurons of spinal cord and medulla. The whole pictures are compatible with type II glycogen storage disease. Genetic study of the myocardium and skeletal muscle revealed mutation of the specific gene for acid-maltase at the exon 13. The lungs show mild bronchopneumonia multifocally. The latter should be secondary to severe heart failure and poor motor function .