

**A SHUNT DEPENDENCY OUTCOME OF
ENDOSCOPIC THIRD VENTRICULOSTOMY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF
OBSTRUCTIVE HYDROCEPHALUS**

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Abstrak:

“Endoscopic third Ventriculostomy” (ETV) merupakan satu prosedur untuk merawat masalah air otak yang bertakung yang disebabkan oleh sekatan saluran air otak. Prosedur ini adalah alternatif kepada prosedur shunt. Tujuan utama penyelidikan ini adalah untuk menganalisa kegagalan ETV and factor-faktor yang mempengaruhinya. Seramai 206 pesakit dari 3 buah hospital dianalisa, iaitu dari Hospital Besar Kuala Lumpur, Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia and Hospital Umum Sarawak. Mean umur pesakit 21.1 ± 22.6 tahun dengan 47.6% pediatrik (<12 tahun) dan 52.4% dewasa (≥ 12 years). 30.6% berpunca dari masalah kelahiran, 43.7% berkaitan dengan barah, 19.4% oleh pendarahan dan 6.3% post-infeksi. Kadar kejayaan ETV pada satu bulan adalah 86.9% manakala 85.9% pada enam bulan. Analisa univariate menggunakan “logistic regression” menunjukkan pesakit yang mempunyai membran Lilliequist adalah 4 kali lebih kerap untuk gagal ETV dalam satu bulan selepas prosedur itu. Pesakit dengan lubang ETV yang besar dan mengepak dengan baik adalah 17 kali pada satu bulan dan 19 kali pada enam bulan lebih kerap untuk mengubati penakungan air otak dan tidak perlu menjalani prosedur yang lain. Manakala Analisa multivariate menunjukkan pesakit dengan lubang ETV yang besar dan mengepak dengan baik adalah 0.2 kali pada satu and enam bulan untuk mengubati penakungan air otak. Kesimpulannya ETV merupakan satu prosedur yang selamat dan efektif dalam mengubati masalah penakungan air otak disebabkan oleh sekatan aliran air otak. Pesakit yang memiliki membran “Lilliequist” mempunyai kebarangkalian yang lebih tinggi untuk gagal prosedur ETV manakala sifat lubang yang dibuat dalam prosedur ETV memainkan peranan yang penting dalam kejayaan prosedur ETV. Pesakit kanak-kanak mempunyai kebarangkalian

yang lebih tinggi berbanding dewasa untuk gagal prosedur ETV. Pesakit dengan barah bahagian pineal and juga pangkal otak didapat mempunyai kebarangkalian yang lebih tinggi untuk manfaat dari ETV berbanding kes-kes masalah kelahiran.

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Multiple studies analysing the outcome of endoscopic third ventriculostomy has been done however no such study has been done in the Malaysian population. Most of the large series studies published are from developed countries⁽⁷⁾. Sacko, Oumar, et al ⁽⁷⁾ reported a large series 368 cases of endoscopic third ventriculostomies in France with a success rate of 68.5%. Predominant cause of obstructive hydrocephalus was tumors (53%), aqueductal stenosis (18%) and hemorrhage related (13%). Another study done in Britain, Waqar, Mueez, et al.⁽⁸⁾ studied 190 cases of endoscopic third ventriculostomy for hydrocephalus with a success rate of 73%. The largest series publish from developing countries was the studies done by Benjamin Warf in Uganda^(9, 10) amongst paediatric population. Total 403 patients underwent endoscopic third ventriculostomy with a success rate of 57% mainly failures were seen under the age of 6 months with cisternal scarring following hemorrhage or infection.

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2 Materials and Methods

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This was a cross-sectional study studying the shunt dependency outcome of endoscopic third ventriculostomy in the management of obstructive hydrocephalus. All patients presenting with obstructive hydrocephalus that underwent endoscopic third ventriculostomy was included in this study and patients who had previous cerebro-spinal fluid (CSF) diversions or prior endoscopic third ventriculostomies were excluded. All causes of obstructive hydrocephalus were taken into account. Diagnosis of obstructive hydrocephalus is

confirmed with computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging evidence of dilated ventricles. For purposes of this study the causes of obstructive hydrocephalus was broadly put into 4 different groups ie. congenital, tumoral, hemorrhage and post-infective causes. All patients were evaluated clinically and with imaging immediate post-operatively, at one month and six months post- endoscopic third ventriculostomy. Successful endoscopic third ventriculostomy is taken as clinically no symptoms of raised intracranial pressure and imaging evidence of resolution of dilated ventricles⁽¹⁾. Data was collected from 3 major centres; Kuala Lumpur General Hospital, Hospital Universiti Sains Malaysia and Sarawak General Hospital.

2.2 Statistical methods

The data was analyzed using commercially available IBM Statistical Packages for Social Sciences (SPSS) statistics for windows version 20. All variables were expressed as mean \pm standard deviation ($X \pm SD$). Chi-square, logistic regression univariate and multivariate analysis and survival analysis using Cox regression to generate Hazard ratio; analysis was used to study correlations of the investigated parameters (significance was assumed at a level of p-value < 0.05). [National Medical Research Register (NMRR), www.nmrr.gov.my, Identifier: NMRR-15-1145-24949].

3 Results

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Table 1 Demographic variables with outcome at one and six month intervals

Variables	No of patients (%)	Success (%)		Failure (%)	
		1 month	6 months	1 month	6 months
Mean age in years	21.1 (Paediatric 2.4 years and Adults 37.1)				
Paediatric (< 12yrs)	98(47.6%)	83(84.7%)	83(84.7%)	15(15.3%)	15(15.3%)
Adults (≥12 yrs)	108(52.4%)	96(88.9%)	94(87.0%)	12(11.1%)	14(13.0%)
Sex					
Male	117(56.8%)	102(57.0%)	102(57.6%)	15(55.6%)	15(51.7%)
Female	89(43.2%)	77(43.0%)	75(42.4%)	12(44.4%)	14(48.3%)
Diagnosis					
Congenital	63(30.6%)	50(27.9%)	50(28.2%)	13(48.1%)	13(44.8%)
Tumoral	90(43.7%)	86(48.0%)	84(47.5%)	4(14.8%)	6(20.7%)
Hemorrhage	40(19.4%)	32(17.9%)	32(18.1%)	8(29.6%)	8(27.6%)
Infection	13(6.3%)	11(6.1%)	11(6.2%)	2(7.4%)	2(6.9%)
Operation done					
ETV	96(46.6%)	82(45.8%)	80(45.2%)	14(51.9%)	16(55.2%)
ETV & biopsy	61(29.6%)	57(31.8%)	57(32.2%)	4(14.8%)	4(13.8%)
ETV & washout	41(19.9%)	32(17.9%)	32(18.1%)	9(33.3%)	9(31.0%)
ETV & fenestration	8(3.9%)	8(4.5%)	8(4.5%)	0	0
Scope degree					
Zero degree	169(82.0%)	147(82.1%)	145(81.9%)	22(81.5%)	24(82.8%)
Thirty degree	37(18.0%)	32(17.9%)	32(18.1%)	5(18.5%)	5(17.2%)
CSF nature					
Clear	158(76.7%)	143(79.9%)	141(79.7%)	15(55.6%)	17(58.6%)
Blood stained	38(18.4%)	30(16.8%)	30(16.9%)	8(29.6%)	8(27.6%)
Turbid	2(1.0%)	0	0	2(7.4%)	2(6.9%)
Xanthochromic	8(3.9%)	6(3.4%)	6(3.4%)	2(7.4%)	2(6.9%)

Table 1 continued

Variables	No of patients (%)	Success (%)		Failure (%)	
		1 month	6 months	1 month	6 months
Choroid plexus					
Normal	201(97.6%)	174(97.2%)	172(97.2%)	27(100%)	29(100%)
Abnormal	5(2.4%)	5(2.8%)	5(2.8%)	0	0
Anterior Septal Vein					
Normal	205(99.5%)	178(99.4%)	176(99.4%)	27(100%)	27(100%)
Abnormal	1(0.5%)	1(0.6%)	1(0.6%)	0	0
Thalamostriate Vein					
Normal	205(99.5%)	178(99.4%)	176(99.4%)	27(100%)	29(100%)
Abnormal	1(0.5%)	1(0.6%)	1(0.6%)	0	0
Third Ventricle Floor					
Thin & Bulging	140(68.0%)	122(68.2%)	120(67.8%)	18(66.7%)	20(69.0%)
Thick & Bulging	15(7.3%)	12(6.7%)	12(6.8%)	3(11.1%)	3(10.3%)
Thin & not bulging	47(22.8%)	41(22.9%)	41(23.2%)	6(22.2%)	6(20.7%)
Thick & not bulging	4(1.9%)	4(2.2%)	4(2.3%)	0	0
Infundibular recess					
Normal	200(97.1%)	173(96.6%)	171(96.6%)	27(100%)	29(100%)
Abnormal	6(2.9%)	6(3.4%)	6(3.4%)	0	0
Mamillary body					
Normal	202(98.1%)	175(97.8%)	173(97.7%)	27(100%)	29(100%)
Abnormal	4(1.9%)	4(2.2%)	4(2.3%)	0	0
Fogarty catheter size					
3 Fr	178(86.4%)	155(86.6%)	153(86.4%)	23(85.2%)	25(86.2%)
4 Fr	28(13.6%)	24(13.4%)	24(13.6%)	4(14.8%)	4(13.8%)

Table 1 continued

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Cauterization					
Monopolar	44(21.4%)	39(21.8%)	39(22.0%)	5 (18.5%)	5(17.2%)
Bipolar	161(78.2%)	139(77.7%)	137(77.4%)	22(81.5%)	24(82.8%)
Laser	1(0.5%)	1(0.6%)	1(0.6%)	0	0
Fenestration attempts					
Once	180(87.4%)	157(87.7%)	155(87.6%)	23(85.2%)	25(86.2%)
More than once	26(12.6%)	22(12.3%)	22(12.4%)	4(14.8%)	4(13.8%)
Liliequist membrane					
Absent	118(57.3%)	108(60.3%)	106(59.9%)	10(37.0%)	12(41.4%)
Present	88(42.7%)	71(39.7%)	71(40.1%)	17(63.0%)	17(58.6%)
Nature of fenestration					
Flapping well with large stoma	198(96.1%)	175(97.8%)	173(97.7%)	23(85.2%)	25(86.2%)
Flapping well with small stoma	6(2.9%)	4(2.2%)	4(2.3%)	2(7.4%)	2(6.9%)
Flapping poorly	2(1.0%)	0	0	2(7.4%)	2(6.9%)
Outcome	206(100%)	179(86.9%)	177(85.9%)	27(13.1%)	29(14.1%)

Table 2 Logistic regression (Odds ratio- OR) at one and six month intervals

	At One Month			At Six Months		
	β(S.E.)	OR (95% CI)	P	β(S.E.)	OR (95% CI)	P
Age	0.024(0.016)	1.025(0.994,1.057)	0.121	0.038(0.015)	1.039(1.008,1.07)	0.012
Sex	0.352(0.554)	1.422(0.48,4.212)	0.525	0.586(0.546)	1.796(0.615,5.242)	0.284
Diagnosis	-0.294(0.522)	0.745(0.268,2.072)	0.573	-0.296(0.524)	0.744(0.266,2.077)	0.572
Operation done	0.249(0.572)	1.283(0.418,3.935)	0.663	-0.058 (0.607)	0.944(0.287,3.104)	0.924
Scope Brand	2.114(1.734)	8.278(0.277,247.627)	0.223	2.231(1.697)	9.311(0.335,259.116)	0.189
Scope Degree	-0.627(1.125)	0.534(0.059,4.845)	0.577	-0.716(1.136)	0.489(0.053,4.527)	0.528
CSF nature	0.193(0.331)	1.212(0.633,2.321)	0.561	0.165(0.339)	1.179(0.606,2.294)	0.627
Choroid Plexus	-16.433(19995.745)	0	0.999	-16.291(19959.214)	0	0.999
Anterior Septal Vein	32.649(52052.415)	1.51x10 ¹⁴ (0)	0.999	32.877(52041.574)	1.90x10 ¹⁴ (0)	0.999
3rd Ventricular Floor	-0.339(0.312)	0.713(0.386,1.314)	0.278	-0.339(0.307)	0.712(0.391,1.299)	0.269
Infundibular Recess	-17.611(16717.365)	0	0.999	-17.869(16652.35)	0	0.999
Mamillary Body	-17.991(20363.8)	0	0.999	-18.461(20424.957)	0	0.999
Fogarty catheter size	-0.912(1.159)	0.402(0.041,3.898)	0.432	-1.17(1.207)	0.31(0.029,3.303)	0.332
Cauterization	1.715(1.466)	5.558(0.314,98.287)	0.242	1.895(1.443)	6.651(0.393,112.614)	0.189
Fenestration Attempts	0.608(1.059)	1.837(0.231,14.644)	0.566	0.519(1.061)	1.68(0.21,13.428)	0.625
Liliequist Membrane	1.476(0.665)	4.375(1.188,16.115)	0.027	1.174(0.63)	3.234(0.941,11.12)	0.063
Nature Of Fenestration	2.889(1.101)	17.969(2.077,5.957)	0.009	2.952(1.125)	19.154(2.11,173.868)	0.009

Table 3 Multivariate Logistic regression (Adjusted ratio- AR) at one and six month intervals

	At One Month			At Six Months		
	β (S.E.)	AR (95% CI)	P	β (S.E.)	AR (95% CI)	P
Age	0.002(0.001)	0.114(-0.001-0.116)	0.211	0.03(0.001)	0.202(0.109-0.206)	0.006
Cauterization	0.171(0.389)	0.035(-0.595-0.937)	0.708	0.160(0.403)	0.032(-0.635-0.954)	0.692
Liliequist Membrane	0.094(0.048)	0.138(0.000-0.188)	0.050	0.073(0.050)	0.104(-0.024-0.171)	0.141
Nature Of Fenestration	0.304(0.108)	0.231(0.091-0.518)	0.005	0.327(0.113)	0.241(0.092-0.535)	0.006

Table 4 Survival analysis using Cox regression to generate hazard ratio (HR)

	β (S.E.)	HR (95% CI)	P
Congenital	0	1	0.114
Tumor	-1.134 (0.494)	0.322 (0.122 , 0.847)	0.022
Hemorrhage	-0.011 (0.449)	0.989 (0.410 , 2.387)	0.981
Infection	-0.232 (0.760)	0.793 (0.179 , 3.514)	0.760