Primary renal non-Hodgkin lymphoma in a child

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Case report

A six year old boy presented with intermittent fever for 2 months along with puffiness of face and oliguria for 4 days. On examination, he had pallor, hypertension and bilateral renomegaly. Blood urea was 64 mg/dl, serum creatinine 1.83 mg/dl, and uric acid 6.8 mg/dl. Urinalysis revealed +1 protein but no active sediments. Ultrasound abdomen revealed bilateral enlarged (13 × 6.8 and 12.6 × 7.2 cm) and echogenic kidneys. Chest x-ray was normal. Percutaneous renal biopsy showed a core of renal tissue infiltrated by a tumour comprising cells arranged in sheets with increased mitotic activity (Figures 1 & 2).

Figure 1: Biopsy findings in low power showing renal tissue comprising cells arranged in sheets.

Figure 2: Biopsy findings in high power showing individual cells with hyperchromic round nuclei and scanty cytoplasm with increased mitotic activity.

Discussion

Primary renal lymphoma is a very rare entity and is often reported to show clinically aggressive characteristics. It should be considered in the differential diagnosis of unusual renomegaly in paediatric patients1.

References


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