SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY FOR MORBID OBESITY – REGIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Morbidity obesity is the actual issue for healthcare of developed countries. In Russia 51% of men and 58% of women are either overweight or obese [1]. Obesity is closely associated with type 2 diabetes mellitus, arterial hypertension and other diseases [2].

Meta-analysis of numerous randomized studies had shown that bariatric surgery can induce not only weight-loss, but also is more effective in management of type 2 diabetes mellitus than conservative treatment, including long-term period [3].

Sleeve gastrectomy is one of the most recent widely recognized bariatric procedures. While it is not completely clear whether it should be used as primary procedure, number of sleeve gastrectomies constantly increases [4]. In 2012 sleeve gastrectomy became the most common bariatric operation in Russia, shifting adjustable gastric banding to the second position [5].

Objective of research. This study summarizes result of three-year experience of sleeve gastrectomy at regional clinics of Stavropol kray. The results will contribute to the regional strategy of treatment of morbid obesity and diabetes mellitus. This paper also aims to reveal information on bariatric surgery to regional surgeons, endocrinologists and general practitioners.

Material and Methods. We have been performing sleeve gastrectomies since December 2010. 116 operations have been made by the March 2014; 24 (21%) patients are males, 92 (79%) – females. Mean age of patients is 38.0 ± 9.8 years, minimal age – 15, maximal – 62. Average body mass index (BMI) is 46.5 ± 7.3 kg/m², minimal BMI – 34.3 kg/m², maximal – 72.7 kg/m². Maximal patient weight was 215 kg.

Insulin resistance or glucose intolerance pre-operatively were found in 16 (13.8%) patients, 12 (13.8%) patients suffered type 2 diabetes mellitus with oral therapy, 2 (1.7%) more patients were on insulin treatment.

All procedures were carried put under general endotracheal anesthesia that was augmented in 12 (10.3%) cases with peridural anesthesia. In 19% of cases other operations were performed simultaneously – 16 (13.8%) cholecystectomies, 4 (3.4%) hernia repairs, 1 (0.8%) ovarian cyst removal and 1 (0.8%) adhesiolysis.

2 operations were performed by laparotomy (due to multiple previous laparotomies), 1 operation commenced as laparoscopic, but was converted to hand-assisted with usage of minimally invasive system «Dextrus» due to enormous size of left hepatic...
lobe that significantly restricted manipulations in the operative zone. 113 operations (97.4%) were carried out laparoscopically.

Average operative time was 110±51 minutes (including prolonged first operations). The trend towards operative time decreasing can be seen at Fig. 1.

Results. Early postoperative complications developed in 8 (6.9%) patients, directly caused by manipulation were 7 (6.0%) complications. We used Clavien-Dindo staging of surgical complications system for analysis. I stage complications (those that do not require any special treatment) were in 2 (1.7%) patients; II stage (conservative treatment) developed in 1 patient; IIlb (reoperation under general anesthesia) developed in 3 (2.6%) patients; IVa stage (complication that requires treatment at ICU) were in 2 (1.7%) patients. Details of complications are revealed in Table.

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<td>Abdominal bleeding</td>
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<td>Staple line leakage</td>
<td>2</td>
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Both patients with staple line leakages were re-operated (laparoscopic sewing of the leakage site and drainage tube placement). Sewing of distal leak site was completely effective, while operation in patient with proximal leakage did not completely closed the leakage; however, this zone was effectively drained with formation of gastric fistula that spontaneously healed 2 months after.

Analysis of weight loss showed that during first three months after operation average excessive weight loss (% EWL) was 36.0±11.0 %, after 6 months it was 50.1±15.5 %, 9 months post-op excessive weight decreased by 54.0±12.0 %, and one year after it dropped by 57.3±14.0 %. After the first year slight weight regain was noticed: 18 months after operation average %EWL was 48.5±16.8 % with further stabilization at the level of 483±15.2 % 2 years (22 – 30 months) after operation. Moreover, looking at quartiles it can be seen that 75% of patients stabilize their weight 9 months after the primary procedure. This is shown at Fig. 2.

During the first three months after the operation 13 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus stopped conservative treatment due to normal glucose level. 1 patient with diabetes dropped-out from the follow-up program. In two patients time after operation is not sufficient to make any conclusions yet (less than 1 month has passed since operation date to follow-up).

Conclusion. Sleeve gastrectomy has demonstrated good results in treatment of both morbid obesity and type 2 diabetes. During follow-ups patients express their content with increasing quality of life. Influence of sleeve gastrectomy on fertility is not studied so far. We were informed on 5 pregnancies after our operations in previously infertile patients who were unsuccessfully treated conservatively.

Further follow-ups should be recorded to evaluate long-term results of sleeve gastrectomy in weight control. However, the current date available convinces us that this procedure should be used as primary in morbid obesity and co-morbid type 2 diabetes.

References
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This paper summarizes experience of 116 sleeve gastrectomies performed in Stavropol for the last three years. Average operative time was 110±51 minutes. Complication rate was 6.9 % with no mortality. 5 (4.3 %) patients were reoperated due to complications. Staple line leakage rate was 1.7 %.

Average excessive weight loss in 12 months after the surgery equaled operation was 57.3 % with a regain up to 48.3 % two years after the primary procedure. Sleeve gastrectomy demonstrated high efficacy in treatment of 2nd type diabetes mellitus resolving it in all followed up patients. 5 pregnancies in previously infertile patients were reported.

Therefore, this operation may be recommended as standalone primary bariatric procedure.

**Key words:** bariatric surgery, sleeve gastrectomy, obesity

**APARASITISM AND ANTI-PARASITISM PRINCIPLE IN LIVER ECHINOCOCCOSIS SURGERY: RESULTS**

Echinococcosis remains a severe disease affecting both animals and humans, which is associated with a longer course, progressively aggravating condition and, if no treatment taken in due time, with a fatal outcome at an early age. Echinococcosis is spread in various countries of South Europe, Asia, and South America. In Russia, the endemic areas include the North Caucasus and the Stavropol Region namely as part of that. Echinococcosis may develop in any organs and tissues of the intermediate host while affecting the liver most often [2, 8, 9].

In order to improve the surgical treatment of echinococcosis, our clinic (1980–1983) developed and introduced the general principles of aparasitism and anti-parasitism [4] to be further perfected, expanded, and implemented in clinical practices stage by stage [5, 6, 7].