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Liver and Drugs

Introduction

Drugs can cause toxic effects which can mimic almost every naturally occurring liver disease in man. About 2% of all cases of jaundice in hospitalised patients are drug induced. About one – quarter of cases of fulminant hepatic failure in the USA are thought to be medicament – related (Sherlock and Dooley 2002) .

Acute hepatitis is by far the most common drug induced liver lesion . The gold standard for classification of drug-induced hepatitis is the liver histology. In all cases of acute hepatitis there is at least some degree of inflammation without fibrosis. This inflammation may be associated with necrosis of the hepatocytes “ cytolytic hepatitis ” with cholestasis “ cholestatic hepatitis: or with both necrosis and cholestasis “ Mixed hepatitis” Mechanisms of hepatotoxicity could be related to the therapeutic effect of the drug itself or to the formation of hepatotoxic metabolites through cytochrome P450 (Pessayre et al 1999)

Formation of reactive matabolites by cytochrome P-450. May lead to direct toxicity while the combination of cytochrome P450 and the immune system may lead to the immune destruction of hepatocytes (Pessayre et al 1995)

Prolonged damage to the hepatocytes whatever the initial mechanism may lead to chronic hepatitis and cirrhosis. (Zimmerman 1978) Drugs and chemicals can cause lesions at all levels of the vascular systems of the liver perhaps through toxicity to endothelial cells.

the molecular and cellular mechanisms remain unknown Tumour development after exposure to chemicals is a long stepwise process (Pessayre et al., 1999).

Aim of work

In this review we aim to clarify the relation between the commonly used drugs in Egypt and the liver.

We hope to answer the question? Which drug should be avoided particularly for diseased liver and which drug can be safely given.

Chapter 1

IMPORTANCE, TYPES AND DIAGNOSIS Of Drug-Induced Liver Diseases

Importance of Drug-Induced Liver Diseases

Drug-induced liver injury is a major challenge, both for the pharmaceutical industry, because hepatic injury is a frequent cause of drug recall, and for the physician, who can cure his patient by establishing the diagnosis and withdrawing the drug, whereas failure to recognize the liver disease and/or its drug aetiology may lead either to the worsening of the acute liver lesions or the progressive development of chronic liver lesions. Drug-induced liver injury is not uncommon, and may indeed be the main cause of hepatitis in elderly subjects receiving many drugs. [Benhamou et al. 1986]

Acquiring some knowledge of drug-induced liver lesions may seem a formidable task, however. Indeed, a thousand drugs may be hepatotoxic. [Stricker et al. 1992]

Marketing of hepatotoxic drugs: The main reason, however, for the steady release of hepatotoxic drugs is that clinical trials are extremely expensive and are therefore restricted to several hundred or a few thousand patients. If the frequency of clinical hepatitis is low (1/1000 or less) it will go undetected in these clinical trials. Additional factors may further contribute to the inefficiency of clinical trials in the detection of hepatotoxicity. Some drugs may be intended for short use (e.g. antibiotics) and clinical trials are accordingly devised. When, however, the drug is released on the market, some patients may start taking it for longer periods. This will leave more time for immunization to

occur, for example, and cases of immunoallergic hepatitis may then appear.

Frequency of adverse drug reactions among recipients The frequency of clinical hepatotoxicity often remains undermined.

Therefore, one should be able to estimate this frequency from the number of prescriptions. Although this reporting is supposed to be mandatory in several countries, there are many reasons why it tends to be neglected. It is clear that frequencies estimated from the spontaneous reporting of adverse events by physicians probably represent gross underestimates of the real frequencies. [pessayre et al. 1999]

Prevalence of adverse drug reactions among various causes of liver disease

One would like also to know what is the proportion of patients with drug-induced hepatic injury among all patients affected with liver disease at a given time. Surveys conducted among patients admitted to liver units have given proportions ranging from 2 to 5 per cent of cases of jaundice and about 10 per cent of cases of hepatitis. [Esterbauer et al. 1991]

An estimate is possible, however, in cases that are necessarily sent to the hospital, such as cases of fulminant hepatitis. In a large survey of causes for fulminant hepatitis, 10 to 15 per cent of cases were probably drug induced. [Bernuau et al. 1987]

Hepatic Drug Metabolism

Phase 1. The main drug-metabolizing system resides in the microsomal fraction of the liver cell (smooth endoplasmic fraction of the liver cell (smooth endoplasmic reticulum)). The enzymes concerned are mixed function mono-oxygenases, cytochrome c-reductase and cytochrome P450. Reduced NADPH in the cytosol is a co-factor. The drug is rendered more polar by hydroxylation or oxidation. Alternative phase 1 drug-metabolizing reactions include the conversion of alcohol to acetaldehyde by alcohol dehydrogenases found mainly in the cytosolic fraction.

Enzyme inducers include barbiturates, alcohol, anaesthetics, hypoglycaemic and anticonvulsant agents, griseofulvin, rifampicin, glutethimide, phenylbutazone and meprobamate. Enlargement of the liver following the introduction of drug can be related to enzyme induction.

Phase 2. These biotransformations involve conjugation of the drug or drug metabolite with a small endogenous molecule. The enzymes concerned are usually not confined to the liver, but are present there at high concentration.

Active transport. This system is located at the biliary pole of the hepatocyte. The mechanism is energy dependant and can be saturated.

Biliary and urinary excretion. Factors determining whether the metabolized drug will be excreted ultimately in bile or urine

are multiple and many are unclear. Highly polar substances excreted unaltered in the bile and also those which become more polar after conjugation. Those with a molecular weight exceeding 200 tend to be excreted in the bile. As the molecular weight falls, the urinary route becomes more important. [Sherlock et al, 2002]