Percutaneous imaging guided techniques of PV patency and integrity management - catheter directed local thrombolysis, stenting, endoluminal **RFA&angioplasty or endoluminal RFA&stenting** 

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## Material:

- 20 patients with PV patency problem in total;
- 15 underwent percutaneous recanalization using a novel endovascular bipolar radiofrequency device; RFA was followed

a) by balloon angioplasty in 7 cases (6 - HCC, 1retroperitoneal sarcoma)

b) vascular stent placement in 8 cases (7 - HCC, 1 - liver cirrhosis).

- In 3 cases PV percutaneous recanalization was performed by stent placement to pancreatitis induced PV thrombosis/stricture; in one of them the stent placement the same time was used to restore PV integrity also (porto-biliary fistula was documented).
- In 2 cases PV percutaneous recanalization was performed by catheter directed local thrombolysis (clinically manifested fresh PV thrombosis, caused by thrombophylia and HCC).

## **Technique:**

- The PV tributary was percutaneously accessed under US guidance and 5Fr guiding catheter was manipulated through the block using guidewire technique under DSA guidance.
- In case of thrombolysis thrombolytic agent was injected directly below the thrombus
- For RFA processing the endoluminal radiofrequency device was inserted into the thrombus; procedure was completed by immediate balloon angioplasty or stenting.
- The stenting procedure was completed by selfexpanding vascular stent placement

## Portal Vein Tumor thrombus recanalization

## Pre-procedure CT. PVT- patent branch of RPV-yellow, completely obliterated LPV - red



### **VesOpen procedure**







# VesOpen procedure – 2 RFA sessions has been performed before stent positioning



# VesOpen procedure - stent is released, balloon postdilation has been performed



# VesOpen procedure – restored blood flow from PV confluence the the RPV has been documented





After VesOpen

Before VesOPen

## **CT after VesOpen**







## **Results:**

- The technical success rate was 85.0%; in 3 cases (15.0%) wire conduction through the organized thrombus was impossible.
- Posprocedure portography documented significantly improved portal vein blood flow in all patients, to whom the procedure was completed.
- Porto-biliary fistula was successfully managed by percutaneous stenting.
- Patients tolerated the procedure easily; no intraprocedural complications were detected.
- In 1 case serious postprocedure bleeding was documented, which led to polyorganic failure and death.

## **Conclusions:**

- The percutaneous management of PV patency and integrity problems by percutaneous stenting and endoluminal RFA is an effective technique
- It should be suggested as a treatment option for otherwise incurable patients and might be used as a bridge for further treatment.
- Post-procedure intraperitoneal bleeding is a possible life-threatening complication which should be prevented by procedure track ablation or embolization.
- A larger study is needed to assess the usefulness and long-term impact of PV percutaneous intervention on patient outcome

# Thanks!

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PV stenting in case of pancreatitis induced PV patency problem We suggest pancreas divisum; 1- pseudocyst, 2 – dilated PD, 3 – stones in Wirsung, 4 – stones in Santorini, 5 – obstructed PV (pancreatitis induced thrombosis)





# Pancreatic psedocyst drainage under CT guidance



Wire is adequately positioned in PD



Drainage "target" – pancreatic pseudocyst

### Pseudocyst drainage under CT guidance (Jan.17,2015)









## **PV** recanalization by stenting









#### PV recanalization by stenting – restored patency and track ablation by 5 FR endoluminal RF device in order to prevent the bleeding





# PV patency has been restored – CT before and after PV stent placement





Stent in situ; SMV connection with intrahepatic PV is completely restored. Huge collaterals arising from spleen hilum identify the SV patency problem, which is not clinically important, causing just the spleen enlargement



### CT and fluoroscopy guided PD drainage





## BAPDL



## Fistulography after BAPDL



Percutaneal management of pancreatitis induced bilioportal fistula

66 years old patient with mechanical jaundice and cholangitis. The primary suggestion was CBD neoplasm, but CT suggested CBD stones; patient was referred to IR for PTC

### BAPDL procedure (stone – yellow arrow, bilioportal fistula –red arrow, PV – green arrow)



# BAPDL procedure (bilio-portal fistula –red arrow, PV – green arrow)



# BAPDL has been stopped and finished by external-internal drainage



PV confluence patency problem - most likely the complication of previous pancreatitis; most likely the bilio-portal fistula is also induced by pancreatitis



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