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Giant Hepatic Hematoma after Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP): A Rare Etiology of Hemorrhagic Shock

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1. Clinical Image

A 38-year-old bile prosthesis bearer, not anti-coagulated nor anti-aggregated, was subjected to an ERCP to move it away. A hard-working procedure was made so multiple attempts were needed. After it, the patient felt right lumbar pain and hemoglobin fall, developing hemorrhagic shock and requiring orotracheal intubation, blood components transfusion and use of vasopressors.

An abdominal CT was performed (Figure 1), realizing a hepatic subcapsular hematoma with multiple places of blood leakage. Consequently, a hepatic arteriography was carried out (Figure 2A and B), confirming multiple bleeding points comprising the right liver lobe.

Due to the multiplicity of leakage spots, an endovascular embolization was done with microparticles, achieving a successful angiography and clinical results (discharged from ICU 48 hours after the bleeding ceased).



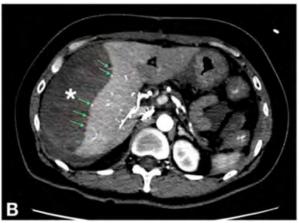


Figure 1: Coronal (A) and axial (B) reconstruction of abdominopelvic CT showing a huge subcapsular hepatic hematoma (white asterisks) with multiple blood leakage points (green arrow).

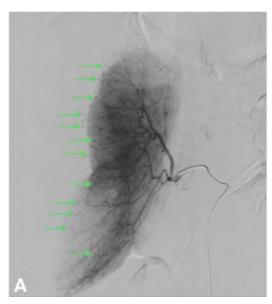




Figure 2: A) Liver arteriography confirming countless peripheric active bleeding points (green arrows) affecting the right liver lobe. B) Successful result of selective embolization from the right liver artery with micro-particles, showing no active bleeding at all.

2. Ethical Statement

The authors are accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved. All procedures performed in studies involving human participants were in accordance with the ethical standards of the institutional and/or national research committees and with the Helsinki Declaration (as revised in 2013). Consent to writing and publishing this case report was obtained from the patient.