

가 (hyoid bone)
 : 31
 23
 30 (97%), 14
 (45%), 11 (35%), 6 (20%)
 18 (58%), 9 (29%), 4 (13%)
 15, 12, 3
 1 - 3.8 cm (2 cm)
 (strap muscle) 9, 6, 12, 10, 2
 1 mm 17 (55%), 1 mm 8 (25%), 1 mm
 6 (20%), 23, 18, 3,
 2

(thyroglossal duct cyst) 가
 (remnants)
 1/3 30

(1).

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 (2 - 4) (n = 20) (n = 11)
 31

가,

(5 - 7).

가

(5, 8 - 10).
 가

1 - 71 (28) , 가 17
 가 14

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(scan)

gel pad

(hyoid bone)

1 30 (97%)
 (Fig. 1). 14 (45%), 11 (35%),
 가 6 (20%) . 18 (58%),
 9 (29%),
 4 (13%) .
 3 , 1
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1 mm 가
 가

13
 4 , 2 , 7
 12 2 10
 가 ()
 (Fig. 2) 15 (48%),
 가 3 (10%),
 12 (39%),
 1 (tubular)
 가 가 28 (90%) 가 3
 (10%) 1 - 3.8 cm (2 cm)
 가 12 (39%)
 (Fig. 3), 10 (32%) , 9 (29%)

Table 1. Contents of the Thyroglossal Duct Cyst: Ultrasonographic Features

Content nature	Number	Echogenicity			Septum	Mural nodule
		Anechoic	Hypoechoic	Isoechoic		
Mucous	18	8	6	4	5	2
Serous	3	0	0	3	0	0
Purulent	2	0	0	2	0	0

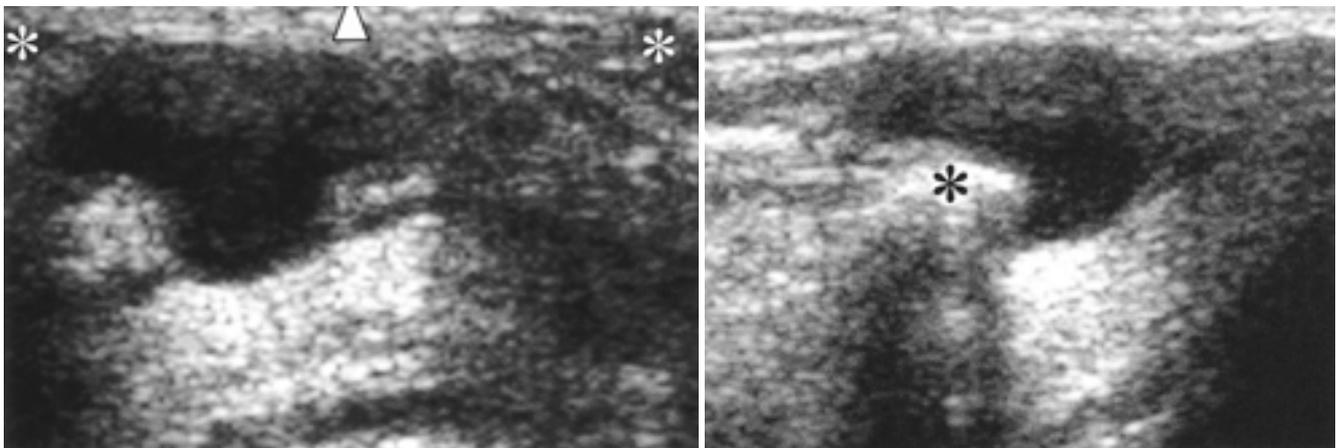


Fig. 1. A case of the anechoic thyroglossal duct cyst.
A. Transverse scan shows a midline (arrow head) lobulating cyst between strap muscles (*).
B. Longitudinal scan shows the cyst is attached to the hyoid bone (*). The cystic content was proved as mucous fluid without inflammation.

가 2 (Fig. 4). 6 (19%) 1
 1 mm 가 17 (55%), 1 mm
 가 8 (25%), 1 mm 가 6 (20%)
 23 18 , 3 ,
 2 8 , 6 ,
 4 , 가 13 , 가
 5 3
 2

(Table 1).
 (foramen cecum)
 (thyroid anlage)
 (thyrohyoid)
 (6 - 11).
 membrane) 65%가 ,
 20%가 , 15%
 (12).
 45% 가 97%
 (9).
 (siphone like widening)
 (11 - 14). 가
 (Fig. 5).
 Sistrunk
 procedure (5, 8).
 (2 - 7, 15) 42%

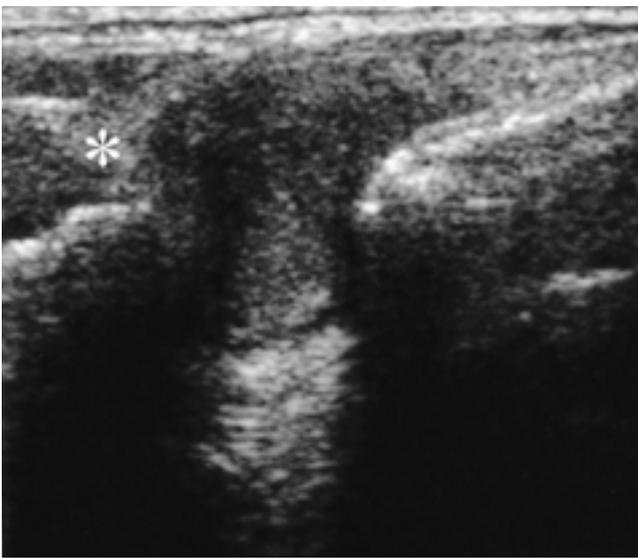


Fig. 2. A case of the heterogeneous hypoechoic thyroglossal duct cyst. Longitudinal scan shows a triangular shaped cyst, upper margin of which is attached to the hyoid bone (*).

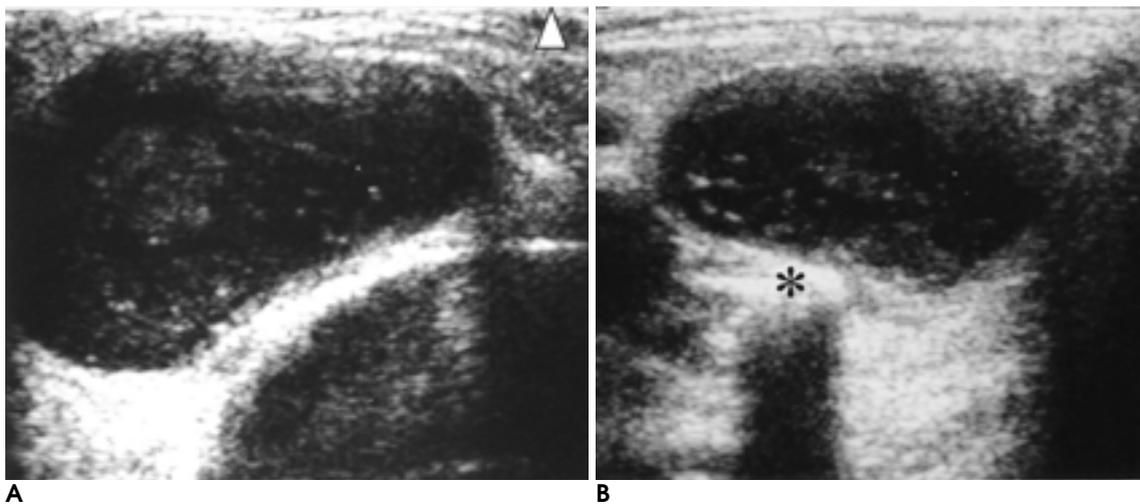


Fig. 3. A case of the hypoechoic thyroglossal duct cyst.
A. Transverse scan shows a triangular shaped cyst located on the off-midline (arrow head).
B. Longitudinal scan shows a triangular shaped hypoechoic cyst, with heterogeneous internal echo, is attached to the hyoid bone (*). The cystic content was proved as mucous fluid without inflammation.

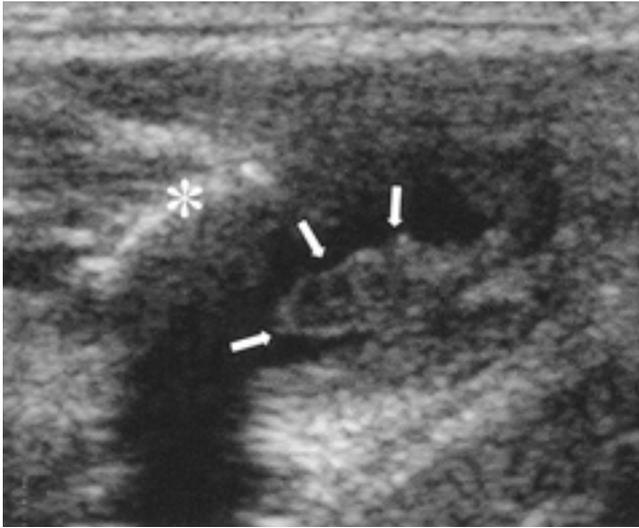


Fig. 4. A case of complicated thyroglossal duct cyst. Longitudinal scan shows the triangular cyst with a solid component (arrows) below the level of the hyoid bone (*). The cyst contained mucous fluid without inflammation.

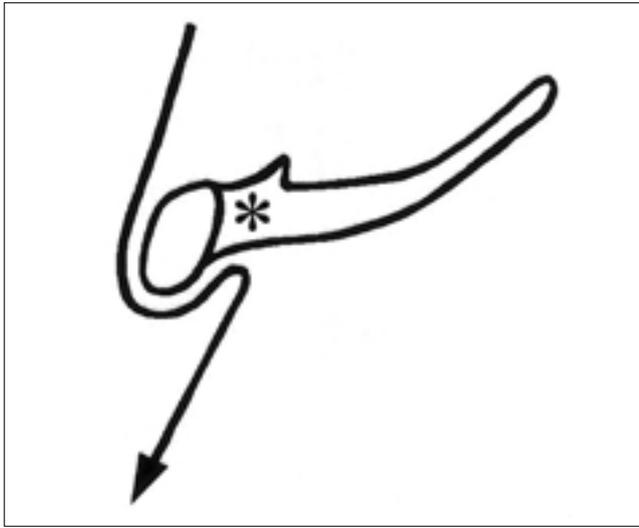


Fig. 5. Diagram of the course of thyroglossal duct at the hyoid level (long curved arrow). The thyroglossal duct cyst curves back to the hyoid bone (*).

46%, 54%

(5)

가 48%

가 68%

가 10 (32%)

가, (6, 8, 9).

가 (8, 10).

50%, 가 가 (7)

가 가

가 가 (6). 2 (sternocleidomastoid muscle)

가 가 (7, 8, 16).

5 가 가 (5, 6).

가 가 (mural nodule) (ectopic thyroid tissue) (5, 6).

가 가 (10).

2 (dermoid), (external laryngocele), (second branchial cleft cyst), (cystic hygroma), (5, 16).

(5, 8, 16 - 18).

(laryngeal ventricle) (supra-glottis)

(8, 18).

(8, 18).

(hilum)

(7).

(6).

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Thyroglossal Duct Cyst: Sonographic Findings Revisited¹

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Purpose: The purpose of this study was to review and re-evaluate the well-known ultrasonographic characteristics of cysts of the thyroglossal duct.

Materials and Methods: We retrospectively reviewed the ultrasonographic findings in 31 patients with pathologically proven cysts of the thyroglossal duct. Assessment involved the following variables: relationship to the hyoid bone, location, shape, size, margin, internal echogenicity, the presence of septa, solid component, and thickness of the cystic wall. The echogenicity of cystic contents was evaluated in 23 cysts for which surgical or aspiration biopsy reports were available.

Results: Cysts were closely attached to the hyoid bone in 30 cases (97%). Their location was infrahyoid in 14 cases, hyoid in 11, and suprahyoid in six; and midline in 18, both midline and off-midline in nine, and off-midline in four. A triangular shape was seen in 15 cases, a round or oval shape in 12, and a lobulated shape in three. Their diameter varied from 1 to 3.8 (mean, 2) cm, while internal echogenicity was hypoechoic in 12 cases, anechoic in ten, and isoechoic in nine. Septations were noted in six cases, and a solid component in two. The cystic wall was less than 1mm thick in 17 cases, even and greater than 1mm in eight, and uneven and greater than 1mm in six. Among 23 cases, the cystic contents were mucous in 18, serous in three, and purulent in two. The echogenicity of cysts with mucous content varied, while serous or purulent cysts were isoechoic.

Conclusion: The characteristic sonographic finding of cyst of the thyroglossal duct is a centrally located triangular neck cyst, closely related to the hyoid bone.

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