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alkaline phosphatase (ALP), SGOT, SGPT
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: 21 11 (Klebsiella pneumoniae) Pseudomonas (n=3)
E.coli(n=2), Enterococcus(n=2), Gram positive cocci(n=2), polymicrobial (n=1)
(n=7, p=0.024).
5 (p=0.012).
(n=10, p=0.047), (n=8, p<0.01)
(n=7) (p<0.01).
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CT (endophthalmitis), (6) 가
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12:9 . , , , alkaline phosphatase (ALP), SGOT (serum glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase), SGPT (serum glutamate pyruvate transaminase) . Fisher's exact test 가

CT conventional CT CT (Somatom Plus 4, Siemens, Erlangen, Germany) . conventional CT (Ultravist, Shering AG, Berlin, Germany) 3 mL K NK CT Table1 . 120 mL , 8 7 K 10 mm, 10 mm (p=0.024). 5 NK (p=0.012), (recurrent pyogenic cholangitis) 4 , 가 1 . ALP, SGOT, SGPT 가

CT , 4 mL 120 mL CT 60 () 5 CT 8 K 8 mm, 7.5 mm/sec 5 (K, n=11) (NK, n=3) (p=0.047). (multiloculated) K (n=9) 5 mm 5 mm (NK, n=10) . NK (p=0.0001). (p=0.0001). pseudomonas (n=3), E.coli (n=2), Enterococcus (n=2), Gram (+) cocci (n=2), polymicrobial (n=1) 가 가 , 가 CT 2 가 가 . CT 가 . CT 가 . 8 (single) (multiple), 4 (n=1) (n=7) (uniloculated) (multiloculated), 가 ,

Table 1. Clinical Features and CT Findings of Klebsiella Liver Abscess Compared with Non-Klebsiella Liver Abscess

	Klebsiella (n=11)	Non-Klebsiella (n=10)	P-value*
Clinical Features			
DM (+)	7	1	0.024
ALP/AST/ALT elevation	8/8/9	6/6/7	>0.05
Biliary tract disease(+)	0	5	0.012
CT Findings			
Single	8	3	0.047
Multiple	3	7	>0.05
Contiguous	1	3	>0.05
Discontiguous	2	4	>0.05
Multiloculated	9	1	0.0001
Extrahepatic abnormality	4	4	>0.05
Gas formation	2	2	>0.05
Hepatic parenchymal Enhancement (+)	1	7	0.0001
Peripheral rim Enhancement (+)	1	2	>0.05

*p-values of each parameter were determined, respectively, by Fisher's exact test

ALP: Alkaline Phosphatase

ALT: Alanine Aminotransferase

AST: Aspartate Aminotransferase

DM: Diabetes Mellitus

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가 (endophthalmitis), (6). (chemo-taxis) (phagocytosis) (Kupffer's cell) K 가



Fig. 1. Klebsiella liver abscess in a 41-year-old male with diabetes mellitus. Large, single, multiloculated cavity (arrowheads) with septation, in this case, are most common findings in Klebsiella liver abscess.



Fig. 3. Non-Klebsiella liver abscess in a 58-year-old male. Two abscess cavities (multiple discontinuous) with peripheral rim enhancements (arrowheads) are noted on Rt. lobe of liver. Hepatic parenchymal enhancements (arrows) are demonstrated around the cavities. G(+) cocci was found.

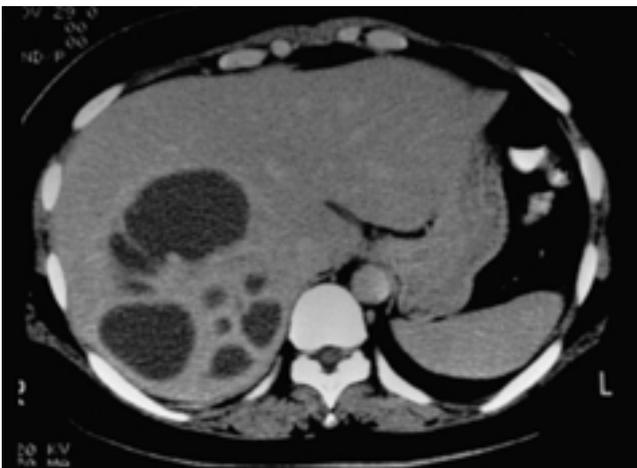


Fig. 2. Klebsiella liver abscess in a 38-year-old female. Multiple contiguous abscess cavities are demonstrated on Rt. lobe of liver.



Fig. 4. A 39-year-old female with recurrent pyogenic cholangitis. Marked dilatation of Lt. Intrahepatic duct and abscess formation (arrowheads) are seen on Lt. lobe of liver. Hepatic parenchymal enhancements (arrows) are demonstrated. E.coli was confirmed.

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Clinical and CT Findings of Klebsiella Liver Abscess: Comparison with Non-Klebsiella Liver Abscess¹

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Purpose: To analyse the clinical features and CT findings of pyogenic liver abscess due to *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, and to compare the findings with those of cases in which abscesses were caused by other pathogens.

Materials and Methods: Twenty-one cases of pyogenic liver abscess were assigned to either the *Klebsiella* or the non-*Klebsiella* group, and the patients' past medical history and intra-abdominal abnormalities such as calculus or malignancy were reviewed. Laboratory data such as alkaline phosphatase (ALP), SGOT and SGPT levels were analyzed, and on the basis of the CT findings, decisions were reached as to (a) whether abscesses were single or multiple, multiple contiguous or discontinuous, uniloculated or multiloculated; and (b) the presence or absence of gas, hepatic parenchymal enhancement, peripheral rim enhancement, and extrahepatic abnormality. For statistical analysis, Fisher's exact test was used.

Results: Among 21 abscesses, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* was the most common pathogen ($n=11$). The others were *Pseudomonas* ($n=3$), *E. coli* ($n=2$), *Enterococcus* ($n=2$), *G. (+) cocci* ($n=2$) and *Polymicrobial* ($n=1$). Diabetes mellitus was more common among patients in the *Klebsiella* group, among whom a multiloculated single cavity was a frequent finding. Five patients in the non-*Klebsiella* group experienced biliary tract obstruction, which was not demonstrated in the *Klebsiella* group. Hepatic parenchymal enhancement was more common in the non-*Klebsiella* group.

Conclusion: In cases of pyogenic liver disease, especially where diabetes mellitus is involved, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* is a major pathogen. Significant CT findings of *Klebsiella* liver abscess included a multiloculated single cavity, rare biliary tract obstruction, and little hepatic parenchymal enhancement.

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