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Introduction

This case study gives a detailed narrative of the aetiology; epidemiology and pathophysiology of rhabdomyolysis associated acute kidney injury (AKI), critically evaluating current evidence, to identify best practice through the use of a clinical case study (outlined in table 1). Clinical history taking, physical examination skills and laboratory investigations, will be explored as the most influential tools to exclude **differential diagnoses** (Balogh, Miller & Ball 2015), emphasising that accurate diagnosis and improved clinical outcomes must include a multispectral holistic assessment, in combination with diagnostic tools and treatment methods. Understanding the underpinning mechanism of rhabdomyolysis induced AKI and the associated severity of symptoms may improve early diagnosis and initiation of treatment.

What is rhabdomyolysis?

Rhabdomyolysis is a clinical syndrome which is characterised by a rapid dissolution of damaged or injured skeletal muscle (Kuijt et al 2021). According to Hirsch (2007) the disintegration of muscle can be caused by a multitude of different mechanisms that influence the integrity of the cells' plasma membrane, known as sarcolemma. The importance of the sarcolemma is that it provides a physical barrier between cells and external signals, which maintains the regulating process of cellular electrochemical gradients (Chatzizisis et al 2008). Therefore, the breakdown of the sarcolemma in rhabdomyolysis causes intracellular muscle components to move into the circulation (Lane and Phillips, 2003). The result of cell impairment is the release of myoglobin, creatine phosphokinase (CK), lactate dehydrogenase and other electrolytes (Kruijt et al 2021). McMahon et al (2013) emphasises that when progressive muscle damage manifests into development of rhabdomyolysis, the potential of fatal electrolyte imbalances and metabolic acidosis, increases significantly.

Rhabdomyolysis Syndrome

Ziam et al (2020) describe how rhabdomyolysis syndrome sits on a spectrum of severity, dependent on clinical presentation, underlying aetiology and associated risk factors rhabdomyolysis can be isolated to only asymptomatic elevation of CK. In contrast, Hanif et al (2021) explain how severe cases of rhabdomyolysis can manifest into AKI, life-threatening conditions leading to multi-organ failure and death. Cabrel et al (2020) expands that the list of rhabdomyolysis myopathies is exhaustive, specifically separating into traumatic, non-traumatic and metabolic. Unfortunately, due to mild or absent symptoms, data and diagnosis for some myopathies are under reported

(Hohenegger, 2012) questioning the reliability and validity of research surrounding some areas of epidemiology.

Within the case study (Table 1), the patient had a prolonged immobilisation of more than 6 hours following a fall. A combination of clinical history, presenting symptoms and interpretation of CK and Creatinine, informed a diagnosis of **AKI stage 3**, induced by rhabdomyolysis. The **case study** was admitted to a high dependency unit determined by the presence of metabolic acidosis and AKI stage 3 suggesting that the case study's condition was critical.

Risk Factors

Torres et al (2015) identified risk factors which accelerate the development and severity of rhabdomyolysis such as prolonged immobilisation. According to Basile (2012) rhabdomyolysis secondary to prolonged immobilisation is the most common cause of related hospital admissions with the highest mortality rate. The main mechanism is severe muscle ischaemia from compression damage, leading to deprivation of oxygen to muscle tissues (Huerta-Alardí, Varon and Marik 2004). However, Wongrakpanich et al., (2018) suggest that prolonged immobilisation cannot serve as an independent prognostic marker for development in rhabdomyolysis but emphasise that the susceptibility of rhabdomyolysis development is exacerbated by other aetiologies such as multi-comorbidity.

Explored within an epidemiological study by Cheah et al., (2019) are the associated risks versus outcomes of rhabdomyolysis in the elderly. Patients with pre-existing diabetes and hypertension developed adverse outcomes compared to those without these comorbidities. NICE (2015) postulate that this is due to existing compromised circulatory volume, which when combined with rhabdomyolysis, amplifies muscle

necrosis and adverse outcomes. Interestingly, both hypertension and diabetes were present in the case study past medical history, suggesting that this patient was more susceptible to the development of rhabdomyolysis.

Risk factors

Genetic conditions that predispose rhabdomyolysis development include metabolic myopathies, muscular dystrophies, and channelopathies (Nance and Mammen 2015). Lahoria and Milone (2016) explain that many of these conditions are associated with exercise intolerance and rhabdomyolysis secondary to exertion. Therefore, although not present within the case study, amplifies the need for thorough and accurate history taking. Thus, it is important to determine whether there is baseline muscle weakness, a history of exercise intolerance particularly in association and development of disease processes.

Alongside inherited risk factors of genetics and co morbidity, pre-disposing medications are classed as an associated risk. Certain medications can cause metabolic disturbances specifically statins (Chatzizisis et al 2010). Statin induced myopathy can lead to the development of rhabdomyolysis due to the catabolism within the cell causing breakdown and secretion (Mamen 2016). Hilton-Jones (2018) highlights that this is particularly the case in older patients.

Importance of history taking

On history taking it was noted that the **case study** was prescribed Atorvastatin. However, the mechanism by which statins cause severe muscle necrosis and toxicity is not well understood, therefore the term statin-associated muscle symptoms (SAMS) is utilised to imply that these symptoms are not always truly caused by statin use

(Brunham et al., 2018). However, earlier research by Mendes et al (2014) emphasised that although approximately 10% of patients experience myalgia on a statin, the actual risk of rhabdomyolysis was low, specifically 1-2 cases for every 100,000 patients.

Methodical history taking for the clinical situation is essential **in to reduce** risk of rhabdomyolysis development, particularly vital when identifying and determining a diagnosis from other potential differentials. This notion is reinforced through historic and current studies (Saparadmadu et al 2021; Russel 2000; Cheah et al 2019). Good quality history taking is reliant on effective communication between the patient and practitioner, Cole and Bird (2014) emphasised that in order to refine the process of differential diagnosis, a focused and collaborative approach is paramount. In relation to this case study, obtaining an accurate history was difficult due to the patient's fluctuating level of consciousness due to their and acute illness thus impairing and challenging communication.

Acute Kidney Injury

The severity and mortality of rhabdomyolysis is exacerbated by the presence of AKI. De Meijer et al (2003) demonstrated that the associated mortality of patients admitted into Intensive Care Units (ICU) with rhabdomyolysis was 22% however, this increased to 59% if AKI was present. This is potentiated by the fact that 33% of all rhabdomyolysis cases develop an AKI with and a further 12% requiring ICU admission, including renal replacement therapy (McMahon, 2013). Conversely, Sawhney (2021) explains that no single factor can accurately predict AKI development in rhabdomyolysis.

Wczarek (2005) explains how Rhabdomyolosis induced AKI manifests from impaired glomerular filtration through three different ways, tubular obstruction, acute tubular injury and renal vasoconstriction. Petejova and Martinek (2014) associate renal tubular obstruction with excessive myoglobin. Extensive muscular damage causes substantive release of myoglobin into the blood stream (Holt and Moore 2000). Within normal pathophysiology myoglobin, the iron and oxygen binding protein support the conversion of oxygen to utilise into energy, this is then filtered via the kidneys and ultimately excreted via urine (Keltz et al 2013). However, in the presence of Rhabdomyolosis, myoglobin saturates the blood stream, causing cells to become overwhelmed (Block and Manning 2001). Myoglobin interacts with Tamm-Horsfall protein in the distal tubules and result in cast formation, obstructing renal tubules therefore decrease glomerular filtration (Blanco and Echeverria 2002). This is reiterated in Zager et al (2012) study which explains how the severity of tubular obstruction is exacerbated in hypovolaemia and acidosis due to increased concentration and acidic urine interaction. Both hypovolaemia and acidosis are aspects which were present within the case study, therefore suggesting tubular obstruction was exacerbated. However, the most significant indication of excessive myoglobin is 'brown coloured urine' known as myoglobinuria **which was present within the case study.**

Myoglobinuria

Cervellin et al (2010) define that myoglobinuria presents as a brown pigment which can be a visual sign of significant rhabdomyolosis, cell damage and likely associated tubular obstruction AKI. Hunter et al (2006) offers subjection to preliminary diagnoses from just 'brown coloured urine', expanding that urine changes depend on many factors such as the patient's muscle mass, severity of injury, urine concentration, and

renal function therefore is too subjective. Specifically, Keltz (2014) identifies how elevated plasma and urine myoglobin testing may be used in the early stages of the syndrome to support diagnosis. This is however conflicted within the case study as serum myoglobin levels were low. Basile, Anderson and Sutton (2012) explain how Myoglobin increases approximately 2 to 3 hours after muscle damage and peak levels at 8 to 12 hours post injury. However, because of its rapid excretion and metabolism to bilirubin, serum levels may return to normal much quicker (Mikkelsen and Toft 2005). Highlighting that it is not unusual for CK levels and 'brown urine' to remain elevated in the absence of serum myoglobin.

Mendes et al (2014) explain that excessive myoglobin also has a direct nephrotoxic effect, causing acute tubular injury (ATI). Necrosis of renal tubules affects the adequacy of filtration (Petejova and Martinek 2014). Hanif et al (2021) expands that renal vasoconstriction and hypovolaemia is a pathogenesis of severe AKI. Reduced renal blood flow activates the renin-angiotensin system (RASS) leading to renal vasoconstriction (Vanholder 2000). Therefore, a low circulating volume concludes to decreased kidney function. In addition, Kellum et al (2021) highlights the association with acute tubular injury (ATI), acknowledging that prolonged hypoperfusion of the kidney accelerates to necrosis of nephron tubules. Basile, Anderson and Sutton (2012) agree that renal vasoconstriction is a leading cause for majority of AKI. Hypotension and hypovolaemia are both conclusions from the fluid assessment undertaken within the case study. However, additional finding within examination was bilateral peripheral oedema. NICE (2017) argues that bilateral pitting oedema is a clinical sign of fluid overload. This highlights the significance of accurate fluid balance assessment and documentation, requiring the collaborative approach between the

medical team and ward nurses as any error in correction hypovolaemia has significant adverse effects to AKI recovery.

Peripheral oedema

Ejikeme et al (2021) report that peripheral oedema bilaterally collating within arms and leg is cited within many case reports of **Rhabdo**. Anderson and Sutton (2012) suggests that this is due to the imbalance of extravascular fluid and intravascular depletion explaining that a rhabdomyolysis diagnosis adds an additional complexity of sequestration or 'third' spacing' of fluids into injured muscles. Torres, Helmstetter and Kaye (2015) expand that the release of cellular constituents from damaged muscles lead to a number of imbalances particularly metabolic acidosis, hyperkalaemia, hypophosphataemia and hyperuricaemia therefore triggers secondary activation of the **RASS** system, stimulating accumulation of fluid within the extravascular space (Roumelioti et al 2018).

In application to the case study, it could be argued the pathophysiology of AKI through rhabdomyolysis had an element of **all three**; renal vasoconstriction, tubular obstruction and ATI. Waikar et al (2018) state that accurate exploration of mechanisms of intrinsic AKI, require a kidney biopsy. However, within an acute setting **is argued** to be high risk of bleeding, inappropriate and too subjective to add clinical value to management (Waikar and McMahon 2018).

Symptoms

Cervellin et al (2010) describes a classic triad of rhabdomyolysis symptoms specifically oliguria of 'Brown' coloured urine, acute/subacute myalgia and weakness. All three of these symptoms were expressed within the clinical presentation of the case

study. Remarkably however, Torres, Helmstetter and Kaye (2015) argues that these are present concurrently in less than 10% of cases. Additional generalised systemic symptoms reported alongside similar presentation of Rhabdo include fever, general malaise, tachycardia, nausea and vomiting (Huerta-Alardín et al 2004). Bagley et al (2007) suggests that diagnosis rests upon the presence of a high level of suspicion of any abnormal laboratory values in the mind of the treating physician.

The hallmark of rhabdomyolysis is an elevation in CK. Serum CK level is argued the most sensitive laboratory finding pertaining to muscle injury and is used within current practice (Leverenz et al 2016). Clinical diagnoses is based on threshold of 10 times the upper limit of normal (1,000 IU/L). Within the case study explored, the initial CK was 1200, and progressed to peak at 24000, 48hr from admission. According to Al-Hadi and Fox (2009) serum CK begins to rise within 2 to 12 hours following the onset of muscle injury and reaches its maximum within 24 to 72 hours. Subsequently a decline is usually seen within three to five days of cessation of muscle injury, if adequate treatment is given (Keltz, Khan and Mann 2014). Moghadam-Kia et al (2016) add caution to this algorithm, explaining that in patients with chronic muscle diseases or genetic conditions may already have chronically elevated CK levels. Therefore, in this cohort of patients, CK trends and comparison should inform diagnosis, emphasising a holistic evaluation when informing diagnosis (Zimmerman 2013).

Differential diagnoses

Other differential diagnoses should be considered in which the presence of myalgia, elevated CK and dark urine exist. For example, patients with inflammatory myopathy may also exhibit myalgia, elevated CK and exhibit Myoglobinuria (Cervellin, Comelli and Lippi 2010). However, these patients can be differentiated from patients with

rhabdomyolysis by the assessing practitioner, via a thorough history exploring the chronicity of symptoms. Dimachkie and Barohn (2012) clarify that usually symmetric proximal muscle weakness due to inflammatory myopathy **develop** over weeks to months whereas patients with rhabdomyolysis present with an acute deterioration associated to an event. Extensive evidence exists whereby serum CK rises acutely with myocardial infarction (MI) (Mannix et al 2006). However, in contrast to MI patients, rhabdomyolysis is not directly associated with ischaemic chest pain nor abnormal changes to electrocardiogram (ECG).

Diagnosis

When the triad of symptoms, laboratory and history present together, and if the CK elevation is acute and myoglobinuria is present, the diagnosis of rhabdomyolysis can be made with confidence. The aforementioned differentials may be considered, depending upon the combination of findings that are present, but distinctions can usually be made with readily available information from the medical history as well as the physical and laboratory results.

Treatment

Torres et al (2015) explains that rhabdomyolysis induced AKI primary treatment goals are to preserve renal function and restoring metabolic derangements. The underlying aetiologies such as hypovolaemia, hypotension and tubular obstruction should be treated with early and adequate volume replacement (Hanif et al 2014). Volume expansion increases renal blood flow and consequently glomerular filtration, conflicting research exists on specific type and volume of intravenous fluid should be used (Keltz et al 2014). Within the case study described initial treatment was 0.9% normal saline to support fluid resuscitation. One study by Cho et al (2007) compared

normal saline and lactated Ringer's for serum potassium or CK clearance. Interestingly, findings sought no significant weighting difference. Additionally, research by Lobo and Awad (2014) suggest there is an optimum level of normal saline which should be monitored, placing specific focus to chloride concentrations and increasing risk of hyperchloraemic metabolic acidosis.

Additionally, NICE (2018) emphasise that careful monitoring is essential due to cardiopulmonary risk factors specifically large fluid infusion can lead to congestive heart failure and pulmonary oedema. Therefore, conflicting evidence exists. Due to the multifactorial considerations required in managing metabolic derangements and extravascular versus intravascular fluid demand. Consideration should be made to electrolytes results, clinical volume status examinations and laboratory results in order to inform optimum fluid constitutes, rather than having a blanket approach to all cases.

Rhabdomyolysis is associated with decreased urinary pH specifically acidosis. Efstratiadis et al (2007) defines how this can further result in myoglobin precipitation and obstruction. Wider reading has identified sodium bicarbonate being used in addition to fluid replacement in rhabdomyolysis management (Somagutta et al 2020) as it aids alkalinisation of the urine and assists to prevent cast formation through crystallisation of uric acid, thereby reducing AKI risk (Michelsen et al 2019). However, Valette et al (2017) explain that there are no randomised controlled trials which evidence the benefit in improving AKI, preventing acute dialysis, or influence mortality when compared to aggressive fluid rehydration. Therefore, remains difficult to define sodium bicarbonate as an optimum Rhabdo treatment.

Loop diuretics, specifically furosemide, have also been reportedly used in Vanholder (2000) study for forced diuresis. However, this has not demonstrated benefit when

compared to fluid resuscitation alone. Specifically, Efstratiadis et al (2007) argues that loop diuretics can worsen urine acidosis. Evidence does not demonstrate improved mortality, need for dialysis, or hospital length of stay when furosemide was used in patients with AKI and Rhabdo. Therefore, the use of diuretics in such patients is debatable, as limited evidence exists in favour of their role in improving outcomes.

Multidisciplinary team communication

Verbal and written communication with the multidisciplinary team is crucial in management to optimise treatment (Frassetto, 2018). In this case, discussions between the nursing staff and medical team were necessary to ensure fluid and medication prescriptions were being adhered to. The teamworking of nursing staff is vital in order to monitor improved patient condition. Appropriate escalation is paramount to effective fluid status optimisation, constant feedback and communication to monitor response to treatment, oliguria and any deterioration (NICE 2015).

Within the case study, collaborative relationships were formed to support family members due to the patient's labile condition and risk for deterioration. Aligning with patient and family wishes, values and beliefs was crucial to inform early decisions (De Decker et al., 2012). A discussion took place in regard to ceiling of treatment, resuscitation decision and realistic explanation of prognosis and recovery. Ahearn et al., (2010) explain that this type of communication allows the predetermined highest level of intervention deemed appropriate to be outlined by a medical team. Walzl et al., (2019) research suggests that the presence of a strong working relationship with the nursing team helps improve patient and family experience of life changing medical conditions and the dying process. De Decker et al (2012) add that such discussions

improve the recognition and allowance of natural death, whilst avoiding futile life sustaining treatments.

Careful fluid resuscitation and fluid status optimisation is vital to enhance a recovery process. Complications of prolonged rhabdomyolysis and un-resolving AKI exist, particularly acute haemodialysis. Temporary 'rescue' dialysis treatment may be offered in the most severe of cases to aid removal of nephrotoxic substances and correction of the electrolyte abnormalities (Torres et al., 2015). Evidence exists the early initiation of dialysis in patients with rhabdomyolysis may improve the outcome of kidney injury (Candela et al., 2020; Petejova et al., 2014). [It would be helpful to know what happened to the patient](#)

Conclusion

Current research regarding the aetiology and presentation of rhabdomyolysis induced AKI is expansive, however no current guidelines for 'gold standard' management exist. The presentation of rhabdomyolysis induced AKI can present a myriad of different ways to an assessing practitioner, although, themes of presenting symptoms exist. This emphasises the importance of quality history taking combined with refined physical examination skills and interpretation of laboratory investigation. Balogh, Miller & Ball (2015) identifies these as the two most influential means to exclude differential diagnoses, concluding that the management of rhabdomyolysis requires a collaborative and multidisciplinary approach to management to reduce associated risk of adverse outcomes.

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Table 1- Case Study

Age: 78
Gender: Male
History of presenting complaint and symptom Admitted to High dependency unit from accident and emergency department after admission to hospital due to being found by a relative on the floor. Fallen in the night whilst trying to get out of bed to , lost balance but did not lose consciousness and has no obvious head injuries. Approximately spent minimum of 6 hours on the floor.
<u>Presenting Symptoms</u> Mild confusion Hypotension Malgias Muscle weakness and decreased mobility Oliguria - Concentrated 'brown urine' Requiring oxygen to meet saturations between 94-98%
Observations BP: 85/45 HR: 105 RR:15 SATS: 95% Oxygen: 35% VFM Temp:39.0
<u>Examinations</u>
Fluid status <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JVP not raised• Tongue coated and dry mucus membrane

- Mild odema to lower limbs and forearms
- Oliguria < 100ml in 24hr concentrated and brown

Chest

- Reduced air entry and coarse crackles to left lower lung bases

Heart

- Normal heart sounds
- Regular Tachycardia

Past medical history

- Type two Diabetes Mellitus
- Chronic Kidney Disease Stage 2
- Hypertension
- Heart Failure

Drug history

Metformin	500mg	Twice Daily
Ramipril	2.5mg	Twice Daily
Folic Acid	5mg	Once Daily
Atorvastatin	20mg	Once Daily
Bisoprolol	5mg	Once Daily

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Additional Medication- ‘ over the counter’

Paracetamol	1g	As and when required
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Allergies –

No Known Drug Allergies

Social History

- Lives alone
- Family live Nearby
- No social support
- Normally independent with all activities of daily Living

Family History

- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Diabetes

Risks

- No Illicit Drug Use
- Non- smoker – quit smoking 30+ years prior
- Minimal alcohol intake ‘on special occasions’
- No Recent Travel

Differential Diagnosis(s)

- Inflammatory response to infection
- Cardiac ischemia, myocardial infarction

Potential management /referrals/communication

Laboratory investigations including inflammatory screen

- Flood Blood Count
- Urea and Electrolyte
- Liver Function Test
- C-reactive protein
- Blood Cultures
- Creatine Kinase

Imaging investigations

- Chest X-ray

- Regular fluid status assessment
- Rehydration Intravenous fluids
- Intravenous Antibiotics
- **communication to family to gain collateral history and to discuss treatment options, escalation management and ceiling of care**

