

(9.3±4.8 and 7.1±4.2 months, respectively), here we aimed to compare the QoL between the AS and OP groups after 18 months (22.8±4.0 and 22.3±4.3 months, respectively) of follow-up.

Methods: QoL of 108 participants who chose AS, 101 who underwent OP, twelve who changed from AS to OP was evaluated using a thyroid-specific QoL questionnaire at diagnosis and during follow-up (median 23 months).

Results: The mean ages of the participants in the AS and OP groups were 47.7±11.0 and 45.1±10.0 years ($p=0.075$), respectively. At baseline, better physical (8.2±1.4 vs. 7.6±1.8, $p=0.032$), psychological (7.4±1.2 vs. 6.7±1.6, $p=0.010$), and total health (7.4±1.0 vs. 6.7±1.3, $p=0.005$) were observed in the AS group than in the OP group. After a mean follow up of 22.7±4.2 months, better physical (8.1±1.5 vs. 7.4±1.7, $p=0.008$), psychological (7.7±1.3 vs. 7.0±1.5, $p=0.002$), and total health (7.5±1.2 vs. 6.8±1.3, $p=0.001$) were observed in the AS group than in the OP group, whereas spiritual health was comparable between the two groups: compared with the AS group, the OP group experienced more alterations in appetite, sleep, menstrual cycle, voice, motor skill, weight, appearance, cold or heat tolerance, and body swelling. Furthermore, better QOL scores were observed in the AS group in self-concept, personal relationships, sexual life, work motivation, productivity and quality of work, feeling of isolation, driving, doing household chores, preparing meals and doing leisure activities after long term follow up.

Conclusion: Patients who underwent AS had better QOL even after long term follow up. Low risk papillary thyroid microcarcinomas do not influence survival, however surgery related deterioration of QOL lasted long and did not improve even in late post-operative stages when patients were fully recovered from surgery.

Keywords: Quality of life; papillary thyroid microcarcinoma; active surveillance; immediate surgery

Neuroendocrinology and Pituitary PITUITARY TUMORS I

Discordant Biological Parameters of Remission in Acromegaly Do Not Increase the Risk of Hypertension or Diabetes: A Study With the Liege Acromegaly Survey Database

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Introduction: Acromegaly is a rare disease due to growth hormone (GH)-secreting pituitary adenoma. GH and IGF-1 levels are usually congruent, indicating either remission or active disease, however a discrepancy between GH and IGF-1 may occur. We aimed to evaluate the outcome of acromegalic comorbidities in patients with congruent GH and/or IGF-1 levels vs discordant biochemical parameters. **Methods:** Retrospective analysis of the data of 3173 patients from the *Liège Acromegaly Survey* (LAS) allowed to include 190 patients from 8 tertiary referral centers across Europe, treated by surgery, with available data concerning diabetes mellitus (DM) and hypertension (HT) both at diagnosis and at last follow-up. We recorded for all the patients the number of antihypertensive and antidiabetic drugs used at the first evaluation and at last follow-up. **Results:** Ninety-nine patients belonged to the REM group (Concordant parameters), sixty-five patients were considered as GH_{dis} and 26 patients were considered as IGF-1_{dis}. At diagnosis, 63 patients (33.1%) had HT and 54 patients had DM (28.4%). There was no statistically significant difference in terms of number of anti-HT and anti-diabetic drugs at diagnosis versus last follow-up (mean duration=7.3+/-4.5years) between all 3 groups. **Discussion:** The results highlight that the long-term outcome of acromegaly does not tend to be more severe in patients with biochemical discordance in comparison with patients considered as in remission on the basis of concordant biological parameters, suggesting that patients with biochemical discordance do not require a closer follow-up.

Neuroendocrinology and Pituitary HYPOTHALAMIC-PITUITARY DEVELOPMENT AND FUNCTION

Molecular Investigation of Recessive Inheritance by Exome Sequencing of Patients With Congenital Hypopituitarism

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Background: Growth hormone deficiency (GHD) occurs in ~ 1/8000 individuals, and 14% of the patients have mutations in five major candidate genes. However, over 30 genes have been implicated in hypopituitarism. WES (Whole Exome Sequencing) is a promising approach for molecular diagnosis of patients with GHD because it offers the opportunity to screen for all known genes in