Headache

Headache in a primary health care center: an experience
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Background: Headache is a frequent reason for consultation, in both primary and specialized health care, it’s important for non-specialist practitioners to have a clear understanding on the categorization of this symptom in order to achieve a proper diagnosis and subsequently an effective treatment.

Objective: This presentation is oriented to determine the types of headache faced on a primary health care center, of rural location.

Patients and methods: During a month of follow-up, a total of 30 headache cases were treated, characteristics like; localization, type of pain, evolution time and accompanying symptoms were assessed. Once analyzed, each case was classified using the International Headache Society guide.

Results: Out of 30 cases, 90% were women, 69.6% corresponded to primary headaches, and 30.4% to secondary headaches.

Conclusion: The results suggest that in a primary health care center, the tension-type headache is the most frequently encountered followed by migraine, this are very similar to other researches made over comparable populations. We can conclude that the majority of cases are manageable in a basic attention facility with limited capabilities without needing of referral to a more complex institution.

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Table 1
Percentage of cases by age group.

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<td>50–74</td>
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Table 2
Percentage of cases by headache type.

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<td>Homeostasis disorder</td>
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Outcome after treatment.

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<td>Unsuccessful resolution</td>
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<td>Improvement</td>
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<td>Recurrence</td>
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insignificant symptom. We don’t know whether papillary carcinoma or radioactive iodine treatment caused to IIH. However, we also recommend that the patients with similar situations should be investigated in terms of IIH or this etiology should be kept in mind in patient with IIH.

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Headache
Clinical aspects of medication overuse headache
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Clinical aspects of medication overuse headache (MOH)
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Background: The clinical aspects of MOH based on The International Classification of Headache Disorders of International Headache Society (IHS) establish it as important in patients with overused medication and have headache crisis more than 15 days per month. However the patients present other frequent symptoms.

Objective: Determine the incidence of others symptoms such as headache after waking up in the morning, early morning awaking headache, inattention, depression and myofascial syndrome.

Patients and methods: This is a descriptive, prospective, observational and longitudinal study of 76 patients with MOH according to IHS criteria. We controlled the patients at the beginning and during treatment from 0 to 6 months.

Results: The average age is 41 years, 80.3% female and 19.7% male, average body mass index (BMI) of 24.8. The diagnosis of primary headache is migraine without aura in 100%.

The principal overuse medications are NSAID 40.8%, ergots 15.8% and triptans 14.5%.

The others symptoms most frequent at the beginning are headache after waking up in the morning 98.7%, early morning awaking headache, inattention, depression and myofascial syndrome.

Conclusion: This study shows a high incidence of patients with MOH waking with headache in the morning, early morning awaking headache, myofascial syndrome and inattention, thus these other symptoms are useful to MOH diagnosis and to following of patients. These symptoms should be considered in new classifications of MOH.

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Headache
Headache characteristics in cannabis abuse
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Objective: We aimed to investigate a possible association between headache and cannabis use.

Method: The study population consisted of 2655 consecutive patients followed and treated by the authors in the Alcohol and Substance Dependency and Addiction Rehabilitation Center. All patients filled out a detailed headache questionnaire and 2024 patients were included. Six hundred thirty-one patients were excluded because of other substance use. We defined headache attributed to a substance or its withdrawal according to the international classification of headache disorders of the International Headache Society 2004.

Results: Forty-two percent of patients reported having headache. Of the 2024 cannabis abusers, 95.2% were men and 4.8% were women. In this group, 49.4% of women and 28.3% of men reported headache. The mean age of all cannabis abusers was 32.2 years. The mean age of the patients with headache was 31.9 years. Based on headache characteristics on evaluation, 28.2% were diagnosed with migraine, 7.3% gave a history of tension-type headache and 0.7% reported having cluster headache. There were 8.5% patients with headache induced by acute substance use or exposure and 31.6% patients with headache attributed to substance withdrawal. 17.1% of patients reported having medication-overuse headache.

Conclusion: The younger start and the longer duration of cannabis use caused the higher incidence of headache. Migraine headaches were far more prevalent in the substance abuse patients than in previously reported community populations (10–15%). Seventy-eight percent of headache patients have never sought help from a physician despite the severity and frequency of headache.

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Headache
The effect of cilostazol on aura and migraine headache induction and peripheral vascular function
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Background: One third of migraine patients experience the aura phenomenon in addition to migraine, with aura increasing the risk of early onset stroke. The pathophysiology of both migraine and aura remains to be fully understood. Cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP) plays a key role in induction of migraine headache. Cilostazol, a phosphodiesterase 3 inhibitor, which cause cAMP-accumulation, induce migraine-like attacks in both healthy subjects and migraine patients without aura. It has not been investigated if cilostazol also induces aura in migraine patients with aura (MA) and if there may be a common mechanism for the aura, migraine initiation and an increased risk of stroke.

Objective: We investigate whether cilostazol induces aura and/or migraine attacks in patients with MA. Further, the effect of cilostazol on peripheral endothelial function and association to markers of the endothelial function and cell signaling is investigated.

Methods: 16 patients are included in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled crossover study with administration of oral cilostazol (200 mg) or placebo on two separate days. Aura and headache characteristics are recorded using a diary/questionnaire. Endothelial function is assessed by peripheral arterial tonometry before and after cilostazol intake.

Results: The study is ongoing and the results will be presented at the Congress.

Conclusion: Cilostazol is a specific tool to investigate the role of cAMP-signaling in MA and possible association with endothelial function and stroke and may pinpoint if aura is linked to the induction of migraine-like headache.

I have obtained Institutional Review Board approval.

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Three years of experiences with onabotulinumtoxin A in patients with chronic migraine in Czech Republic

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Objective: To assess efficacy, safety and tolerability of onabotulinumtoxin A as headache prophylaxis in adults with chronic migraine in Czech Republic.

Background: Several studies have demonstrated an effect of onabotulinumtoxin A in patients with refractory chronic migraine.

Design/methods: ICHD-III beta criteria for chronic migraine were applied to symptoms described by patient headache. Diagnosis was made by ICHD-III criteria for chronic migraine. MIDAS and HIT-6 was applied in all patients at week 0 and at follow-up, and every three months after first injection. Patient diary was provided for six months for documentation of headache episode frequency. All patients had poor headache control, poor quality of life, high disability scores and high acute medication intake. Subjects were treated to injections every 12 weeks of onabotulinumtoxin A (155 U). The primary endpoint was mean change from baseline in headache episode frequency. The second endpoint was mean change from baseline in MIDAS and HIT-6 at week 24, 36 and 48.

Results: We reported data of 29 patients mean age 44 years (median 43 years), who fulfilled ICHD-III beta criteria for chronic migraine Mean score on a pain scale of 0–10 were 8 (standard deviation 2) at week 0, MIDAS grade IV (severe disability) at week 0 and HIT-6 mean score 62 (median 62) at week 0. Fourteen patients interrupted treatment for lack of efficacy at week 12. The subjects had only one adverse event.

Conclusions/relevance: About 50% of our patients had the effect of treatment with onabotulinumtoxin A. Unfortunately, health insurance does not cover treatment of chronic migraine with onabotulinumtoxin A in Czech Republic.

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Headache

Benign paroxysmal torticollis, vertigo and migraine attacks in a patient

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Background: Childhood periodic syndromes that are assumed to be related with migraine are commonly encountered but under-recognized conditions. They occur as periodic and paroxysmal attacks mimicking other vestibular or intracranial pathologies, but with complete remissions between episodes. Though periodic syndromes may lead to migraine headaches in adulthood, they may usually present without a headache component. They are rarely recognized to be transforming into each other.

Case: A three year-old girl referred to our out-patient clinic with a 2 year history of severe vertigo attacks recurring once or twice a month and newly onset headache attacks. Vertigo attacks were started at age 13 months, they are intense for minutes repeatedly, lasting three or five days, accompanied by frightening, nausea and rare vomiting. She was also complaining headaches for 5 months occasionally during vertigo attacks. She had a normal developmental background in perinatal period and early infancy. Her detailed history revealed periodic episodes of irritability, pallor and head-tilt to the left side lasting about 24 hours, recurring once a month during first year of infancy. The clinical feature was consistent with a diagnosis of benign paroxysmal torticollis evolving into benign paroxysmal vertigo at age 13 months and accompanied with occasionally probable migraine attacks started at age 2.5 years. Family history revealed that her mother has migraine attacks. Detailed investigations were done. She was successfully treated with cyproheptadine and remains attack-free for 4 months.

Discussion: Childhood periodic syndromes are thought to be early life expressions of genes that later in life are expressed as migraine headache. There is often also a positive family history of migraine. Periodic syndromes possess a particular importance of being recognized and treated in order to prevent shifting into migraine headaches in following years.

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A survey on comorbidities of migraine in a hospital-based population

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Background: Migraine often appears associated with various diseases. The success of treatment will improve by taking care of such comorbidities.

Objective: To evaluate the existence of comorbid diseases in a group of migraineurs registered in our out-patient clinic.

Method: We applied a questionnaire inquiring comorbid diseases to the migraine patients and a group of control subjects. A family history of migraine, level of education, smoking and socio-cultural level were particularly asked together with the history of sinusitis, tension headache, psychiatric diseases, allergies, gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, urologic, respiratory and rheumatologic diseases. The data of the two groups were statistically compared using chi-square and logistic regression analyses.

Results: One hundred forty-two migraine patients diagnosed according to IHS criteria had responded the questionnaire as well as 265 age and gender matched control subjects. The mean ages were 41.1 ± 10.7 (17–69) and 39.6 ± 10.5 (18–68) years for the migraineurs and controls, respectively. The majority of patients in both groups were females. The educational level of the migraine patients was meaningfully low (p = 0.0007). The statistical comparison for comorbid states revealed a significant difference only for sinusitis being higher in the migraine group (p < 0.0001).

Conclusion: In this study, we evaluated some previously reported associations in our migraine out-patient population. We could not find any association except with sinusitis. However, depression was very frequent in both migraine and control groups. With that, depression must be specifically taken into account in the treatment of migraine. As sinusitis is one of commonest causes of headache, its detection and treatment carries a particular importance.

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FACIAL DIPLEgia COMPLICATING FEVER OF DENGUE

Introduction: Dengue is the most frequent human arboviral infection, the symptoms depends on the clinical form, ranging from headache to a myography with bilateral peripheral facial palsy, cerebrospinal fluid, and after ten days of symptomatic treatment and positive serological test for dengue evolves with diffuse paresthesias, paresis global with cranial predominance, dysphagia, dysphonia, diplegia facial. Electro-mycography with bilateral peripheral facial palsy, cerebrospinal fluid examination with mild pleocytosis, and in serologies positivity in specific IgM titers to dengue.

Discussion: Bilateral simultaneous facial paralysis is rare clinical entity, association with dengue is rarer. Diagnosis workup for a patient presenting with bilateral facial paralysis depends upon the history. The history should include time sequence of onset, prior history of facial paralysis, recent viral or upper respiratory tract infection, recent camping or hiking, ontological symptoms, change in taste, facial numbness, vesicles, or recent immunization.

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REFRACTORY CLUSTER HEADACHE

Introduction: Cluster headache is classified as unilateral primary headache characterized by intense pain associated with ipsilateral autonomic symptoms. Typically it occurs with short periods of crises, called clusters. It is included in the group of trigeminal autonomic headache. It affects 0.1 to 0.4% of the population, being more prevalent in men in the ratio of 3:1 compared to women. Report atypical and refractory to drug treatment table with various therapeutic attempts to neurosurgical approach of a case of cluster headache. Clinical case.

Discussion: Chronic cluster headache occurs in less than 8 a 10% of cases. The rhizotomy of the trigeminal nerve compression with Fogarty balloon. The literature describes a frequency of 83% relief of at least 53% pain after the procedure. In the long term the rate drops to about 50% of cases.

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INCIDENCE OF MIGRAINE AND OTHER HEADACHE IN A NEUROLOGY OPD CLINIC IN A SOUTH INDIAN SUPERSPECIALITY HOSPITAL BY A GENERAL NEUROLOGIST

Objective: To highlight recent trend of incidences and prevalence of Migraine and other Headache disorders in a Private Hospital in India.
**Background:** India as a second populous country in world has a high burden of Headache patients. Data collection from private institutes with recent trends will help in defining characteristics of Headache disorders in Asian population.

**Methods:** In my General Neurology OPD, I’ve collected data of all patients visited to me. From 1st May, 2014 to 30th Apr, 2015, during 12 months of duration, total 1389 neurology patients consulted to me in General Neurology OPD.

**Results:** Total 307 patients of Headache consulted to me during 12 months of duration among 1389 OPD patients.

Details of all these patients are shown in Table 1

Others types included TACs(2), Catamenial(2), Orgasmic(1), IH(2), CSVT(2), Depression(3), Calcified Granuloma(3), Glaucoma(1), Sinusitis(4), Metastasis(1), Meningitis(2), Aqueductal stenosis(1), Gloma(1), Alcohol(1), Status Migrainous(1).

**Conclusions:** In my short duration observational studies in General Neurology OPD, different types of Migraine (193) have the highest incidences, followed by Tension Type Headache/TTH (42), as expected from other epidemiological studies.

Limitation of my study is a short duration and single person observational study, but likely to continue this project for longer duration with more conclusive data.

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**Headache**

**Reversible cerebral vasocostriction in migraine headaches**

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Reversible cerebral vasocostriction syndrome (RCVS) is relatively new finding and can be detected in Migraine Headache patients aswell.

**Aim:** Study aimed at detection and evaluation of RCVS in Migraine Headache.

**Patients and Methods:** Totally 48 migraine, female patients, aged 18 to 60 years, with 1-2 attacks per month had been investigated. Control consisted with 15 healthy persons. Patients and control underwent the ultrasound investigations during 2 months. Patients were researched 2 times per month during headache attack and interictal period as well. Controls researched 1 time per month. Sonography examinations performed using Transcranial Dopplerography (TCD) and Transcranial Color-Coded Duplex Sonography (TCCD) methods. Data were calculated by nonparametric Binomial test.

**Results:** In Migraine patients no correlation was found between site and side of pain and pain intensity. Vasospasm was revealed during severe headache attacks and in interictal period as well in 65% of patients. In these patients the mean flow velocity (MFV) in carotid siphons (CS) was 74.2 ± 11.8 cm/sec, MFV in middle cerebral arteries (MCA) amounted 116.4 ± 22.7 cm/sec, MVF in anterior cerebral arteries (ACA) amounted 101.6 ± 12.8, MFV in Basilar Artery (BA) amounted 72.6 ± 16.2, averaged Lindegaard Index (LI) was 2.9 ± 0.7 and revealed vasospasm as compared to controls: MFV (MCA) amounted 62.2 ± 8.4 cm/sec, LI (2.1 ± 0.3), p < 0.001; The MCA was involved in 18.9% of patients, the ACA in 12.8%, the PCA in 28.1% and the BA-S in 40.2% of migraine patients.

**Conclusion:** Present study showed that vasospasm in migraine headaches is more determined to posterior circulation.

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Headache

Chiari I malformation – the aims of neurosurgical treatment and postoperative outcome

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Background: Chiari I malformation in adults emerge from craniocephalic disproportion and tonsillar ectopia. Overcrowded posterior fossa compartment and accompanying tonsillar valve effect cause intracranial hypertension and subsequent symptoms.

Objective: To present clinical outcome in surgically treated patients. The most common clinical symptoms in patients were headache and neck or shoulder pain, vertigo, ataxia, brachial pain and paresthesias.

Patients and methods: All of patients underwent a neurosurgical treatment in prone or sitting position in a regular fashion, which included suboccipital craniectomy, C I / C II laminectomy, “Y” – shaped dural incision, arachnoid opening and enlargement duroplasty. Authors also performed tonsillectomy with large opening of the fourth ventricle and careful preservation of both PICAs, when needed.

Results: Preoperative clinical symptoms slowly resolved after surgery. A cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) leak tends to be the most common postoperative complication which was successfully resolved. All of patients underwent physical rehabilitation under surveillance of physical therapist in an early postoperative period and proceeded with further physical rehabilitation as recommended after discharge from Department. Postoperative radiologic follow-up scans revealed visible CSF spaces and syrinx regression.

Conclusion: Posterior fossa decompression and CSF flow reestablishment following by an extensive postoperative physical rehabilitation provide a good outcome in patients suffered from Chiari I malformation.

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Headache

Giant cell arteritis with coronary complications


Background: Giant cell arteritis (GCA) is a systemic immune-mediated chronic granulomatous vasculitis affecting arteries of large and medium caliber.

Objective: Report a case of GCA with coronary artery involvement likely that evolved into sudden death.

Patients and methods / material and methods: Male patient, 81, sought the neurology service of HC/UFG for headache and behavioral changes. One year ago started with recurrent frontotemporal headaches of moderate or strong intensity accompanied by verbal aggression, loss of appetite and worsened after 9 months with visual hallucinations. One month ago presented with progressive vision loss and bilateral temporal artery tenderness to palpation. Evidence of altered inflammatory activity and cranial MRI showed thickening of the extracranial arteries. Suspicion of GCA, the temporal artery biopsy was performed and pulse therapy with methylprednisolone prescribed for 5 days, with a significant improvement of cognition mainly, but not full of visual symptoms of the patient. After two days of finished pulse therapy, the patient evolved to cardiopulmonary arrest and sudden death. Necropsy proved a coronary infarct. The artery biopsy confirmed the diagnose of GCA.

Results: We report a case of Giant Cell Arteritis evolving to myocardial infarction.

Conclusion: The diagnostic criteria of GCA supported by American College of Rheumatology are: Age > 50 years; New onset cefalalgia; Temporal artery abnormalities; VHS > 50 mm/h; Altered arterial biopsy. Although coronary is not a commonly affected artery, the patient presented with all criteria for the disease and realized treatment in accordance with the current practice, but evolved to death.

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Headache

IV ventricle cyst and cluster headache

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Background: The relationship between structural lesions and cluster headache remains a controversial issue. Symptomatic cases have shown resolution of headache after treatment of underlying mass. MRI brain in routine cluster headache patients has not been recommended.

Objectives: To describe a 24-year old man with recurrent cluster headaches. Patient has met the International Classification of Headache Disorders criteria for cluster headaches. Patient responded to injectable sumatriptan and oxygen therapy. MRI brain revealed presence of a IV ventricle cyst with mild capsular enhancement.

Discussion: Cases of symptomatic cluster headache particularly pituitary lesions are described in the literature. Most symptomatic cases have been reported in late-onset patients.

We suggest that contrast-enhanced MRI should be considered in early onset classic cluster headaches as well.

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Headache

Thunderclap headache prevalence and modification of preexisting headache patterns after endovascular embolization in patients with ruptured intracranial aneurysm

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Background: Thunderclap Headache (TH) is a common symptom of onset of a Ruptured Intracranial Aneurysm (RICA), which is reported by almost 60% of patients. However, pain evolution course and modifications of preexisting primary headaches after aneurysm endovascular embolization are not well-described patterns.

Objective: Our aim is to analyze the prevalence of TH as a symptom of a RICA and evaluate pattern modification of pre-existing headaches 3, 6 and 12 months after the endovascular embolization.

Material and Methods: Prospective analysis was performed with 60 patients from a Brazilian university hospital who were submitted to endovascular embolization due to a RICA between 2013 and 2014.
The analysis consisted of interviews regarding preexisting headaches, headache presence and its characterization at RICA onset, 3, 6 and 12 months after endovascular treatment. Institutional Review Board approval was obtained, as necessary.

Results: 31 patients (51.6%) referred TH as an onset symptom of a RICA. The frequency of preexisting headache pain episodes was reduced in the comparison analysis between third and sixth months (p < 0.003) and between sixth and twelfth months (p < 0.001) after endovascular coil embolization.

Conclusion: Though literature data shows a high specificity of TH for RICA diagnosis, our study found it to be less sensitive as a marker of RICA (in accordance with description made by previous studies). There might be a relation between endovascular embolization of intracranial aneurysms and pain frequency reduction of preexisting headaches. Other types of pattern changes of preexisting headaches were not significant.

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Headache
Benign intracranial hypertension associated to portal hypertension: a case report and review of the literature
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Background: Portal hypertension is responsible for many clinical manifestations such as gastrointestinal bleeding and ascites. Benign intracranial hypertension is an uncommon described complication associated with portal hypertension in the absence of hepatic acute or chronic disease.

Objective: This report describes a case of a benign intracranial hypertension in a patient with portal hypertension and performs a review of the literature.

Patients and Methods: A 37-years-old woman referring a 20-day history of diffuse compressive headache (VSA 7), worsened by head flexion, and tinnitus. Photopsia, nausea and vomiting were absent. Neurological examination showed bilateral (symmetric) papilledema. There were no signs of impairment of other cranial nerves. We have obtained patient approval, as necessary.

Results: CSF lumbar puncture showed elevated opening pressure (520cmH2O), CSF cytabiochemical analysis were normal. Liver function tests were also normal. Cranial MRI did not show abnormalities. Acetazolamide 250 mg was instituted, without improvement after 4 months of therapy. The patient had upper gastrointestinal bleeding due to esophageal varices, confirmed by endoscopy. MRA showed portal, splenic and mesenteric venous thrombosis. Warfarin sodium therapy was instituted and an INR of 2.5 was maintained. Acetazolamide therapy was interrupted. After 30 days of anticoagulation, headache improvement and papilledema regression were noticed, concomitantly to the resolution of venous thrombosis.

Conclusion: Association between portal hypertension and benign intracranial hypertension is not commonly described. It might be due to lack of monitoring of intracranial pressure in patients with portal hypertension. This case shows the necessity of investigation of portal hypertension in patients with benign intracranial hypertension.

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Headache
Cypriot headache survey: a pilot study of headache prevalence and comorbidities in Cyprus
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Background: Cyprus is an island country in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea which is divided into Greek and Turkish Cypriots with no data on headache, depression or anxiety. Headache surveys in neighboring Turkey report 43–71% headache prevalence.

Objective: To study headache prevalence and comorbidities in Cyprus.

Methods: We conducted an interview based study of 399 random participants ages 14-57 and collected demographic information. Headache Impact Test (HIT-6), Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD-7) and Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) in Turkish language in the city of Morphu. We have obtained patient approval, as necessary.

Results: Our cohort included 399 participants (175 adults and 224 adolescent) with slightly higher (54%) female ratio. Average age was 24.7 years (range 14-57). 40% of participants reported headaches and were given additional surveys. Among the adults 66(38%) adults had headaches, the majority were 44(67%) female, with at least high school education 103(59%). Average HIT-6 score for adult participants with headaches was 55.6, which indicated some impact on daily activity due to the headache. Average PHQ-9 score was 7.3 which indicated mild depression and average GAD-7 score was 6.2 indicating mild anxiety.Among the adolescents, 42% had headaches with a significant majority being female (66,p = 0.009)). Headache impact was significantly higher in adolescent females ( HIT-6, 56.6) (p = 0.005) than males’ HIT-6, 51.7).

Conclusion: Headache is common in Cyprus in both adults and adolescents. Among adolescents,there may be a significantly higher prevalence of headache among females, who report more impact on daily life compared to adolescent males. Larger studies need to confirm these findings.

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Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo increases the risk of migraine: a population-based study
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Background: Different cranial nerve involvements of migraine were noted in recent population-based study.

Objective: To investigate the association between benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV) and migraine.

Method: The retrospect cohort study was conducted using data from the Taiwan National Health Insurance Research Database. The study cohort consisted of patients who were newly-diagnosed with BPPV from 2000-2010. An age- and gender-matched comparison group that excluded patients with a diagnosis of BPPV was selected. All cases were followed up from January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2010, death, or occurrence of migraine event. The demographic characteristics and medical comorbidities in both
groups were investigated using student’s t test and chi-square test. Cox proportional hazards regression analysis was used to estimate hazard ratio for migraine in BPPV cohort compared to the control group.

**Results** During the 12-year follow-up period, 387 of the 6243 subjects with BPPV and 526 of the 24972 subjected without BPPV developed migraine. The crude hazard ratio of BPPV for migraine is 2.98. After adjustment of demographic state and comorbidities, the adjusted hazard ratio is 2.7-fold higher than the risk among those without BPPV (confidence interval: 2.36-3.09, p < 0.001). BPPV remained independently associated with a higher risk of migraine after subgroup analysis.

**Conclusion:** Benign paroxysmal vertigo of childhood is previously thought to be a migraine precursor in children. The study found the association between BPPV and migraine among all age groups. The association is supported with recent genetic study on vestibulopathy and migraine.

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The effects of continuous theta burst transcranial magnetic stimulation in migraine patients  
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**Background:** Theta burst stimulation (TBS) is a form of repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) that has been suggested to induce long-term potentiation/depression (LTP/LTD) on synaptic transmission. Several studies have demonstrated that continuous TBS (cTBS) has inhibitory, and intermittent TBS (iTBS) has excitatory effects on motor evoked potential (MEP) responses.

**Objective:** To investigate whether cTBS has effects on cortical excitability in migraine patients with and without aura.

**Material and methods:** Twenty migraine patients (17 females) and 18 healthy volunteers (13 females) were included. First, MEP amplitude, motor threshold (MT), cortical silent period (CSP), intracortical inhibition (ICI) with 2 ms interstimulus interval (ISI) and intracortical facilitation (ICF) with 10 ms ISI were evaluated. Next, cTBS was administered; and ICI, ICF and CSP were studied again.

**Results:** No significant difference was determined in baseline MEP, CSP and ICI values between migraine patients and healthy controls. However, ICF was significantly lower in migraine patients compared to controls. ICF in response to cTBS was significantly decreased in controls; whereas no difference was observed in migraine patients.

**Conclusion:** Increased cortical excitability is one of the major mechanisms considered in migraine pathogenesis. Lower ICF obtained in migraine patients in this study implies the involvement of intracortical facilitator circuits in migraine pathogenesis. Administration of cTBS, the established inhibitor of ICF in normal individuals, exhibited no change in ICF in migraineurs, suggesting insensitivity of the impaired facilitator circuits in migraine. Further studies will be worthwhile to extrapolate these pathogenetic insights into the diagnosis and treatment of migraine patients.

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Spontaneous intracranial hypotension in association with venous sinus thrombosis: a case report  
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**Background:** Spontaneous intracranial hypotension (SIH) is a disease characterized by orthostatic headache, low cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) opening pressure, and gadolinium enhancement of pachymeninx on MRI.

**Objective:** Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVT) in patients with intracranial hypotension is rare. We present a case of spontaneous intracranial hypotension associated with venous sinus thrombosis.

**Patient-Method:** A 39-year-old male presented with a double-sided throbbing headache which was alleviated upon standing. Neurological examination was normal except left hand clumsiness. In computerized tomography, a hypodense lesion was observed in the right aspect of parietal lobe. There was hyperdensity in the center of this area, suggesting hemorrhagic venous infarction. Superior sagittal sinus thrombosis showing elongation to the confluence of the sinuses was identified via MRI venography. Pachymeningeal thickening and enhancement was observed in MRI, suggesting intracranial hypotension. Hematological parameters were as follows: proteinC: 149.7%(70-140), proteinS: 49.3%(60-130), Factor8: 197.4%(70-150). Genetic analysis found factorV and MTHFR to be heterozygous. When clinical and radiological findings were evaluated together, CVT secondary to SIH was diagnosed Anticoagulant and analgesic therapy was given. An isotonic solution was administered parenterally.

**Result:** After 1 week, the patient’s complaints resolved completely. In the follow-up MRI, recanalization of the thrombosed sinus was observed.

**Conclusion:** SIH is a risk factor for CVT. In this report, it is noteworthy that mutations of factorV Leiden and MTHFR gene are additional risk factors, as are diabetes and hyperlipidemia. Among SIH and VST patients in the literature, 2 cases involved additional risk factors: a prothrombin gene mutation in one case, the presence of abnormal protein C1 in the other. SIH and CVT rarely coexist, so we found it valuable to present this case.

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Contribution of intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells in the photophobia of migraine patients  
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**Background:** It has been reported that the intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells (ipRGCs) are involved with migraine headache caused by the photophobia, based on a research in which
photosensitive tests induced headache attacks in migraine patients with damaged cones/rods and normal ipRGCs.

Aim: This study aimed to elucidate the effect of ipRGCs in photosensitivity experiences of migraine patients with normal vision.

Method: The subjects were 30 migraine patients and 30 normal controls. The subjects rated the discomfort of the glare under four kinds of light source condition. Stimulations from light source 1 (LS-1) for S, M, L cones, and ipRGCs were each defined as 100 each and those from the other light sources were calibrated relative to LS-1: for LS-2 and LS-3, ipRGCs stimulations were set at 80 and 62; and for LS-4, cone stimulations were set differently from LS-1 (S: 185, M: 107, L: 95).

Results: No differences were observed in discomfort glare estimation between the migraine group and normal control group for any of the four light sources. Within the migraine group, discomfort glare from LS-4 was higher than that from LS-1 and LS-2 with low luminance.

Conclusion: In migraine patients, no differences were noted in discomfort glare among different levels of ipRGCs stimulation. However, the light sources with higher levels of S-cone stimulation may produce more severe discomfort glare, which indicates that the difference in colors (blue light) might play a critical role in causing discomfort glare.

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Temperament, impulsivity and chronobiology in patients with episodic and chronic migraine
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Background: Psychiatric comorbidity in patients with migraine has negative effects on treatment. Although there is a well-established relation between psychiatric disorders and migraine, studies regarding the relation of temperament, circadian rhythm dysregulation and impulsivity with migraine are still lacking.

Objective: To evaluate the effects of temperament differences, chronobiology and impulsivity among episodic and chronic migraine patients.

Methods: The study was performed on 30 episodic and 31 chronic migraine patients and 53 healthy controls. Subjects were administered Morningness–eveningness Questionnaire, Barratt Impulsiveness Scale, Hamilton Depression and Anxiety Rating Scales, Epworth Sleepiness Scale, Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index and TEMPS-A to measure the temperament. The results were compared with headache frequency and severity.

Results: 25% of patients with chronic migraine, 13% of patients with episodic migraine and 11% of healthy control had eveningness chronotype. 22% of patients with chronic migraine, 33% of patients with episodic migraine and 26% of healthy control had morningness chronotype. Impulsivity scores were significantly higher in migraine groups than control group (p = 0.05) but it was not associated with chronification. The cyclothymic temperament was significantly more frequent in patients with chronic migraine (p = 0.006). There were no significantly association between headache types, sleep quality and the other temperaments.

Conclusion: Impulsivity in general in migraine and cyclothymic temperament mainly in chronic migraine is significantly more prominent than healthy controls. Therefore chronobiology, temperament and impulsivity should be evaluated in patients with migraine to apply appropriate treatment strategies.

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Do serum lipid hydroperoxide and free sulfhydryl use for biochemical markers of migraine?
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Aim: In this study we aimed to evaluate the serum Lipid Hydroperoxide (LOOH) and Free Sulphhydryl (-SH) levels of Common Migraine Patients compared to healthy controls.

Material and methods: This study was conducted as a prospective case-control study. Fourty Common Migraine Patients according to the diagnostic criteria of the International Headache Society and fifty two healthy volunteers as controls were included to the study. The participants were informed of the content and conduct of the study and informed consent forms were obtained. Serum samples were collected and were centrifuged. Serum Lipid Hydroperoxide and Free Sulfhydryl levels were studied in the same Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory at the same time.

Results: Serum SH levels were statistically decreased in Common Migraine Patients group compared to control group (P<0.005). There was no statistically significant difference in Serum LOOH between patients and the control group (P>0.005). There was a negative correlation between SH and LOOH serum levels.

Conclusion: The data of this study demonstrate decreased serum SH level in Common Migraine. Based on these findings, we suggest that these parameters may be used as biochemical markers for Common Migraine.

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Plasma total antioxidant status, antioxidant status and oxidative stress and their relationship to migraine disease
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Background: Many studies have been conducted to study the pathogenesis of migraine disease.

Objective: To evaluate whether plasma Total Oxidant Status (TOS), Antioxidant Status (TAS) and Oxidative Stress Index (OSI) in the form of plasma reactive oxidants differs between patients with
migraine and healthy controls and to investigate associations between plasma antioxidants and Migraine.

Patients and Methods: This study was conducted as a prospective case-control study. Forty Common Migraine Patients according to the diagnostic criteria of the International Headache Society and fifty two healthy volunteers as controls were included to the study. The participants were informed of the content and conduct of the study and informed consent forms were obtained. Serum samples were collected and were centrifuged. Plasma Total Antioxidant Status, Antioxidant Status and Oxidative Stress levels were studied in same Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory at the same time.

Results: TAS levels in migraine patients was significantly decreased compared to control group and statistically significant (p < 0.005). There was no statistically significant difference in serum TOS between patients and the control group (p > 0.005). OSI levels in migraine patients increased compared to control group markedly and statistically significant (p < 0.005).

Conclusion: The vascular endothelial dysfunction has been implicated in the pathogenesis of migraine. The results of this study indicate an increased oxidative stress in migraine. This stress factor may have a role in the pathogenesis of migraine.

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508 WFN15-0523 Headache Serum oxidant and antioxidant status of patients with chronic tension type headache: possible effects of medical treatment

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Background: Tension-type headache (TTH) is one of the most common and costly primary types of headache in clinical practice, with an unknown etiology. TTH is a complex disorder and heterogeneous mechanisms are thought to play a role.

Objective: This study assessed to investigate oxidative and anti-oxidative status in patients with chronic tension type headache (CTTH), and to evaluate possible effect of medical treatment.

Material and Methods: The study included 41 CTTH patients and 19 age- and sex-matched healthy subjects without headache as controls. The CTTH group comprised 20 patients receiving treatment and 21 untreated patients. We evaluated oxidant/antioxidant status by measuring serum malondialdehyde (MDA) levels and activities of antioxidant enzymes, namely glutathione peroxidase (GSH-Px) and catalase (CAT).

Results: Comparison of oxidative parameters in the patient and control groups revealed significantly lower CAT activities and higher MDA level and GSH-Px activities in the patient group. In the CTTH group, serum CAT activities were found to be significantly decreased in patient groups, while serum MDA levels and GSH-Px activities were found to be higher in the untreated CTTH patients.

Conclusion: These findings suggest that oxidative stress is increased in the patients with CTTH, and medical treatment abolishes the stress in part. It has been concluded that antioxidant support might be helpful for the patients with CTTH to prevent oxidative stress and peroxidation damages further.

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510 WFN15-0258 Headache High altitude headaches in climbers of Mount Aconcagua in the Andes Mountain range

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Background: High altitude headache is the most common complaint among climbers.

Objective: Features of high altitude headache, correlating it with acute mountain sickness and alterations in hematocrit in climbers of Mount Aconcagua, Mendoza, Argentina.

Patients and Methods: A cross-sectional, descriptive, observational and correlative analysis of Mount Aconcagua climbers was conducted during 2013. Individuals were classified into two groups: climbers suffering from high altitude headache (CA) or not (NCA). Anamnesis, neurological examination, opthalmoscopy, measurement of vital parameters and hematocrit were performed at different heights H1:3300 m; H2: 4370 msnm; H3: 5050 msnm; H4: 5570 msnm + 5955 msnm. The Lake Louise Scale was used to assess the severity of Acute Mountain Sickness.

Results: Of 160 people, 30 were excluded; 53 suffered from CA and 77 did not suffer from CA (NCA). The CA group had a mean age of 37 ± 9 years (p = 0.02). The days spent in Mount Aconcagua in the CA group was 7 ± 4 days and in the NCA group it was
37 ± 14 days (p < 0.01). Regarding vital signs, the average heart rate (p = 0.177) showed no statistically significant differences (p = 0.177); but it did so in O2 saturation, hematocrit, neurological examination and fundus (p < 0.01) between both groups. There was a positive association between acute mountain sickness severity and height (Kendall Tau B = 0.424).

**Conclusions:** The existing relationship among different heights and high altitude headache, mountain sickness, neurological disorders and hematocrit was confirmed. Science Committee of Hospital Lagomaggiore intervened.

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