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Catheter-related candidemia and identification of causative *Candida* species in patients with cardiovascular disorder

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خلاصه مقاله:

Background and Purpose: Catheter-related blood circulation infection is the most dangerous and serious side-effects of vascular catheters, which leads to the enhancement of the costs, mortality, and hospital stay duration, especially in the Intensive Care Unit. Regarding this, the aim of the current study was to identify the prevalence of catheter-induced candidemia in the Tehran Heart Center, a heart hospital in Tehran, Iran. **Materials and Methods:** This study was conducted on patients admitted to Tehran Heart Center for a minimum of 7 days during 18 months. To detect the fungal elements, blood culture and catheter culture were performed in the patients receiving central or peripheral venous catheter. Then, the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) was applied to determine the possible diagnosis. **Results:** The investigation of 223 samples led to the identification of a total of 15 (6.7%) yeast isolates obtained from 9 (40%), 4 (17.9%), and 2 (9.0%) catheter, blood, and skin (of the catheter insertion areas) cultures, respectively. Out of nine *Candida* isolates obtained from the catheter samples, 1 (11.1%), 1 (11.1%), 2 (22.2%), and 5 (55.6%) cases were identified as *C. tropicalis*, *C. membranifaciens*, *C. glabrata*, and *C. albicans*, respectively, using the internal transcribed spacer region sequencing. Furthermore, the four yeasts isolated from the blood culture included *C. tropicalis*, *C. carophila*, *C. membranifaciens*, and *Cryptococcus albidus*. Additionally, one case of *C. glabrata* and one case of *C. albicans* were isolated from the skin culture of the catheter insertion areas in patients with positive catheter culture. We reported two cases of catheter-related candidemia caused by *C. membranifaciens* and *C. tropicalis* on the basis of the genetic similarity of the species isolated from the blood and catheter. These cases were treated successfully with intravenous fluconazole and catheter removal. **Conclusion:** There is some evidence indicating the growing prevalence of non-albicans *Candida* infections. Many risk factors, including prior antibiotic therapy, use of a central venous catheter, surgery, and parenteral nutrition, are considered to be associated with candidemia in hospitalized heart failure patients. The identification of the route of infection in candidemia is difficult. In the current study, the positive blood and catheter cultures for *Candida* isolates and the similarity of the ITS region of ribosomal DNA sequence of *Candida* isolated from two patients confirmed the diagnosis of intravenous catheter-related candidemia.

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