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A Review of WBC Count and Neutrophil/lymphocyte Ratio in Patients with Acute Appendicitis

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Purpose: The total white blood cell count is an unreliable predictor of appendicitis. We focused on the leukocyte count and neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio related to the severity of inflammation for better preoperative diagnosis. **Methods:** Five hundred and fifty seven patients with acute appendicitis operated at Kangwon National University Hospital were reviewed retrospectively. Cases were classified into 4 groups according to the pathological grade of inflammation, those are focal (AF), suppurative (AS), gangrenous (AG), and no diagnostic abnormality (NDA). The leukocyte count and neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio were compared according to groups and presence of periappendiceal abscess. **Results:** Male to female ratio was 1.13 : 1 and 2nd and 3rd decades were the most prevalent. Histopathologically, AF cases were 6.3%, AS were 51.29%, AG were 23.9% and NDA were 18.7%. The leukocyte count was abnormally elevated in 411 patients (73.8%). The average counts of leukocyte were different statistically between AS & AG, AF, and NDA (p < 0.001) (9,676/mm³ in NDA, 11,591/mm³ in AF, 13,235/mm³ in AS, and 13,601/mm³ in AG). The neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio was 3.11 in NDA, 3.89 in AF, 5.20 in AS, and 6.69 in AG. The value was also statistically significant between NDA & AF, AS, and AG groups (p < 0.001). Using an upper limit of 3.5, it was found that there is a linear trend in NA (0.46), AF (0.75), AS (1.94), and AG (5.65) (p < 0.001). The leukocyte count of 85 cases with periappendiceal abscess was 13,190/mm³, and that of remains 12,440/mm³ (p > 0.05). The average of neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio of 85 cases with periappendiceal abscess was 6.37, and that of remains 4.85 (p < 0.001). **Conclusions:** The leukocyte count and neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio may be sensitive parameters for severity of inflammation, and the severity of inflammation in appendix show relation with leukocyte count, and the leukocyte count was valuable for predicting the severity of inflammation in appendix. (JKSCP 2000;16:456-461)

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(no diagnostic abnormality; NDA)가 104 , AF가 35 , AS가 285 , AG가 133 (Table 2).

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Table 1. Age and sex distribution of 557 appendectomy specimens

Age	Sex		Total (%)
	Male	Female	
0-9	22	13	35 (6.3)
10-19	88	74	162 (29.1)
20-29	50	64	114 (20.5)
30-39	53	23	76 (13.6)
40-49	40	25	65 (11.7)
50-59	20	23	43 (7.7)
60-69	11	23	34 (6.1)
70-79	8	13	21 (3.8)
80-89	3	4	7 (1.3)
Total	295	262	557

Table 2. Incidence and age distribution of disease in 557 appendectomy specimens

Age	NDA*	AF	AS	AG
0-9	3	5	17	10
10-19	43	7	77	35
20-29	28	8	63	15
30-39	12	6	40	18
40-49	7	6	41	11
50-59	5	1	25	12
60-69	5	0	12	17
70-79	1	2	9	9
80-89	0	0	1	6

*NDA = no diagnostic abnormalities; AF = acute focal appendicitis; AS = acute suppurative appendicitis; AG = acute gangrenous appendicitis.

Table 3. WBC count and pathologic diagnosis

	≤6,000	6,000	8,000	8,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	20,000	> 20,000	Total
NDA*	15	25		21		35		8			104
AF	1	2		8		20		3		1	35
AS	8	16		30		149		68		14	285
AG	3	4		13		74		33		6	133
Total	27	47		72		278		112		21	557

*NDA = no diagnostic abnormalities; AF = acute focal appendicitis; AS = acute suppurative appendicitis; AG = acute gangrenous appendicitis.

Table 4. Pathologic diagnosis vs average of WBC count and neutrophil count

	WBC count	Neutrophil count
NDA*	9,676.0 ± 3,499.0	6,934.0 ± 3,366.5
AF	11,591.4 ± 3,196.7	8,593.0 ± 3,109.1
AS	13,225.4 ± 3,769.9	10,520.5 ± 3,739.2
AG	13,600.8 ± 4,015.3	11,248.2 ± 3,846.9

*NDA = no diagnostic abnormalities; AF = acute focal appendicitis; AS = acute suppurative appendicitis; AG = acute gangrenous appendicitis.

Table 5. Average of neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio and pathologic diagnosis

Pathologic diagnosis	Neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio
NDA*	3.11 ± 2.02
AF	3.89 ± 2.39
AS	5.20 ± 3.34
AG	6.69 ± 3.99

*NDA = no diagnostic abnormalities; AF = acute focal appendicitis; AS = acute suppurative appendicitis; AG = acute gangrenous appendicitis.

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NDA 9,676/mm³, AF
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 가 (p < 0.001).
 NDA 6,934/mm³, AF
 8,593/mm³, AS 10,520/mm³, AG 11,248/mm³

Table 6. Neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio and pathologic diagnosis

	< 3.5	> 3.5	Total	Ratio*	Odds ratio [†]
NDA [†]	71	33	104	0.46	1.00
AF	20	15	35	0.75	1.61
AS	97	188	285	1.94	4.17
AG	20	113	133	5.65	12.16
Total	208	349	557		

*ratio = (No. of > 3.5)/(No. of < 3.5); [†] Chi square for linear trend (EpiInfo ver. 6 result): (p < 0.001); [†] NDA = no diagnostic abnormalities; AF = acute focal appendicitis; AS = acute suppurative appendicitis; AG = acute gangrenous appendicitis.

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 (p < 0.001).

Table 7. Average of WBC count, neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio and neutrophil count in appendicitis without and with abscess

Abscess	WBC count	Neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio	Neutrophil count
(-)	12,440.3 ± 3,895.7	4.85 ± 3.35	9,736.9 ± 387.12
(+)	13,191.6 ± 4,572.6	6.37 ± 3.82	10,828.5 ± 4366.9
p value (T-test)	0.1577	0.0008	0.033

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AG, AF & NDA (p < 0.001), NDA AF 가 . 3.5 4 , 11

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(Table 7). 12,440/mm³, 13,190/mm³ T-test . 20.3%, 5.4%, 55.1%, 13.6% , 14 31.8%, 30.6%

4.85, 6.37 T-test 3 가(10,000/mm³)가 (p < 0.001).

9,736/mm³, 73.8% , 10,000 15,000/mm³ 2.16 49.9% 가

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