hepatic neoplasms but according to

4) Hypertrophy of the left lobe

12 of 31 cases (39%) were the disease of bile duct system.

5) Hypertrophy of the left lobe and moderate visualization of the spleen.

13 of 17 cases (76%) were postnecrotic hepatic cirrhosis.

6) Marked spleen visualization.

All 3 cases were Banti's syndrome.

 Atrophy of the right lobe, hypertrophy of the left lobe and the spleen visualization.

This is a typical pattern which we should like to emphasize.

37 of 38 cases (97%) were exclusively postnecrotic hepatic cirrhosis.

8) Poor appearance of the liver, visualization of the spleen and the bone marrow.

Three of four cases were postnecrotic hepatic cirrhosis.

9) Hypertrophy of the both lobes.

Generally no diagnostic specificity in this pattern but in mottled appearance of this pattern 6 of 7 cases were probed to be metastatic hepatic cancer. In the moderate visualization of the spleen in addition to hypertrophy of the both lobes, 4 of 6 cases were hepatic cirrhosis.

10) A huge filling defect 55% of this pattern were primary hepatic cancer.

11) A solitary filling defect 90% of this pattern were malignant

this pattern no one could not differentiate whether primary or secondary.

12) Multiple filling defect

79% of this pattern were metastatic hepatic cancer.

As a rare case a hepatic tuberculosis and a polycystic desease of the liver showing this pattern were found out.

13) Other intersting cases

Complete defect of the left lobe were seen in two benign tumor, hemangiom and cyst.

Huge defect of the right lobe and hypertrophy of the left lobe were noticed in two cases, the first of hemangiom of the liver and the second of the case with left lobectomy of the liver. Liver is easily movable in position and changeable in shape by extrinsic factors such as abdominal mass, ascites or plural effusion.

It should be emphasized that not only the localized liver diseases but also the diffuse diseases to some extent could be diagnosed according to the size, shape and position of the liver and the intra-and extra-hepatic distribution of ¹⁹⁸Au.

For example, when the typical pattern of atrophy of the right lobe, hypertrophy of the left lobe and visualization of the spleen is obtained, we may diagnose the case as postnecrotic cirrhosis.

A Preliminary Study on the ¹³¹I Rose Bengal Test for the Liver Function

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The ¹³¹I rose bengal (¹³¹I RB) test for the liver function was reported by many investigators as one of the excellent method to secure of the liver function. Some analytical methods of the liver uptake and excretion curve of ¹³¹I RB were also reported. However, above mentioned methods could not analyze enough the uptake and excretion

curves of the liver under the pathological conditions.

In this report, an analytical method of the ¹³¹I RB uptake and excretion curves of the rabbit liver was examined on the materials of the normal and X-ray irradiated conditions.

Experimental method and results were as

follows;

 $20\mu {\rm C}$ of $^{131}{\rm I}$ RB in 1 cc of physiological saline solution was injected into the marginal ear vein of adult male rabbit, weighing ca. 2 Kg. After the injection of $^{131}{\rm I}$ RB, radioactivity in the liver was measured by γ -spectrometer with the lead collimator for rabbit liver measurement.

Uptake and excretion curves of ¹³¹I RB of the rabbit liver consisted of two phases, the initial phases by ¹³¹I RB uptake and the followed phase by excretion of ¹³¹I RB as described by Lowenstein (1956).

The excretion curve consisted of the first phase curve (E_1) and the second phase curve (E_2) in any case.

The ¹³¹I RB uptake curve were differentiated into three expornetial curves, uptake line (U), the second phase excretion line (E₂) and the excretion line of the difference between the first and second phase (E₁-E₂).

On the non-irradiated rabbits, the mean

time of Tu, TE₂ and T(E₁-E₂) were 5.0, 62 and 16 minutes respectively.

The mean excretion time of the second phase Te₂ of liver irradiated animals was clearly prolonged after 200 R irradiation and the excretion time recovered to the normal state in 6 hours after irradiation. By 500 and 1000 R irradiation, the Te₂, was markedly prolonged and returned to normal state in 24 hours after irradiation. Tu and T(E₁-E₂) were independent of the irradiation dose. The second phase excretion time (Te₂) and its recover time depended on the dose irradiated.

The uptake curve (U) related to the translation of the ^{131}I RB from blood to liver and the (E₁-E₂) curve was concerned with the excretion of the ^{131}I RB from blood to the excretion systems, such as urine secretion. The second phase (E₂) of the excretion curve showed the excretion faction of the liver cells.

Diagnosis of the Infantile Jaundice by ¹³¹I-Rose Bengal Test

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The differential diagnosis between the congenital biliary atresia and the infantile hepatitis with obstructive jaundice is perplexing only by usual laboratory diagnostic manouver.

In case of the atresia, the clear-cut differential diagnosis from the infantil hepatitis is essentially cardinal, because the delay of the diagnosis gives serious damage upon the progress of the disease.

In this report, we discussed the value of the clinical application of the ¹³¹I-Rose Bengal test to the cases of the infantile jaundice admitted to Dept. of Keio Univ. Hospital.

Comparing with the other diagnostic procedures such as usual liver function test, the liver biopsy, the diagnostic operation or the clinical pictures, ¹³¹I-Rose Bengal method is verified to have a most advisable diagnostic value to attain a clear-cut diagnosis.

Clinical Studies with ¹³¹I-Labeled Rose Bengal in Hepatobiliary Diseases

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Besides the external counting over the liver, the disappearance curve of intravenous-