A 8-month-old female infant, weighing 7kg, with persistent cloaca, anal atresia, right renal agenesis, grade 3 vesicoureteral reflux, double-barrel colostomy and left nephroptosis was admitted to Department of Nephrology of Children’s Hospital Zagreb for a urinary tract infection. On the sixth day, due to clinical deterioration and inadequate response to given antibiotic therapy she underwent a central venous catheter placement, amikacin was replaced with cefepime. That night, around midnight, she got a high fever and, as antipyretic, 100 ml of intravenous acetaminophen solution was administered. Shortly after, the nurse contacted the doctor on call and admitted to making a therapeutic error – instead of 100 mg of acetaminophen, she administered 100 ml of intravenous acetaminophen solution (10mg/ml), thus administering 1000 mg (142 mg/kg). Four hours after the administration serum acetaminophen concentration was 465 mcg/ml. She was transferred to intensive care unit and intravenous N-acetylcysteine (NAC) was started immediately, starting with loading dose of 1 gram in 25 ml 5% glucose solution over 1 hour, then 350mg in 50 ml 5% glucose solution, continued with maintenance dose of 700mg in 100 ml 5% glucose solution over the next 16 hours, following the 21-hour NAC protocol. Blood tests (liver and kidney functions, ammonia, prothrombin time, blood gas analysis) were performed daily, all values were in normal range. The patient who did reach an adequate sedation level underwent an intravenous line positioning and a dose of ketamine or propofol.

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Our multicentre trial was conducted in a tertiary pediatric teaching hospital and in a secondary hospital on patients in need of procedural sedation who referred to our hospitals from November 2019 to March 2020.

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[199] ABNORMAL TSH LEVELS AND PEDIATRIC OBESITY

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To determine the prevalence of elevated thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) levels in obese children and adolescents referred to pediatric endocrinology clinics and its association with positive Anti Thyroid Peroxidase Antibodies. (Anti TPO) A retrospective review of medical records of 100 obese children referred for abnormal thyroid function test was performed. Children were younger than 18 years of age with BMI above 95th percentile.

Data about age, sex, body mass index, TSH, thyroid functions, thyroid antibodies, were collected.

All patients were referred for abnormal thyroid function tests and got repeated tests along with Anti TPO levels. Interpretation of TSH results showed normal level for age in 65% and slightly elevate TSH but below 10 uiu/ml in 32%. Only three obese patients (3%) had Hashimoto disease (positive Anti TPO) and elevated TSH requiring therapy.

Obese children are often screened and referred to pediatric endocrinology for abnormal thyroid function test. It is well known that TSH levels are mildly increased in obese children but there are no evidence-based data that treating this elevation can change the outcome of obesity.

Mild elevation of TSH values in the absence of autoimmune thyroid disease is common in obese children and adolescents. This elevation is often a result of obesity rather than a cause. High Leptin level in obese children has been postulated as an etiology.

Many primary care providers and even parents are looking for an easy fix of obesity by making the diagnosis of hypothyroidism and treating it.

Screening for thyroid dysfunction in obese children should be done based on symptoms and family history rather than dealing with obesity alone.