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MORPHOLOGICAL CHANGES IN LIVER TISSUE ASSOCIATED WITH NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE

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Abstract

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease is a common metabolic liver disorder associated with obesity, insulin resistance, dyslipidemia, and type 2 diabetes. The disease ranges from simple steatosis to steatohepatitis, fibrosis, cirrhosis, and hepatocellular carcinoma. The aim of this article was to analyze morphological changes in liver tissue associated with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. The findings indicate that macrovesicular steatosis, hepatocyte ballooning, lobular inflammation, fibrosis, and sinusoidal alterations are key pathological features. Early morphological assessment is important for prognosis and prevention of progressive liver damage.

Keywords: non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, liver morphology, steatosis, inflammation, fibrosis

Introduction

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease has become one of the most prevalent liver disorders worldwide. It is closely associated with metabolic syndrome and represents a major cause of chronic liver injury. The disease may progress silently, and many patients remain asymptomatic until advanced fibrosis develops. Morphological evaluation of liver tissue provides important information about disease activity and progression. Understanding histological features is essential for differentiating simple steatosis from steatohepatitis and fibrosis.

This topic is relevant because modern medical practice requires evidence-based analysis, early diagnosis, and interdisciplinary approaches. A deeper understanding of pathogenetic and clinical mechanisms allows healthcare professionals to improve prevention, monitoring, and treatment outcomes.

Materials and Methods

A review of pathological and hepatological literature on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease was performed. Studies on hepatic steatosis, inflammation, ballooning degeneration, fibrosis, and disease progression were analyzed. Morphological features were evaluated according to their diagnostic and prognostic significance.

Results

The analysis showed that early disease is characterized by accumulation of lipid droplets in hepatocytes, mainly in macrovesicular form. Progression to steatohepatitis involves hepatocyte ballooning, lobular inflammation, and oxidative injury. Fibrosis usually begins in perisinusoidal and pericellular regions and may progress to bridging fibrosis and cirrhosis. In advanced stages, architectural distortion and nodular regeneration occur.

Discussion

Morphological changes in non-alcoholic fatty liver disease reflect interaction between metabolic dysfunction, inflammation, oxidative stress, and fibrogenesis. Simple steatosis may remain stable, but steatohepatitis carries a higher risk of progression. Histological assessment remains important in selected cases, although non-invasive methods are increasingly used. Lifestyle modification and metabolic control are essential for preventing progression.

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The reviewed evidence indicates that practical implementation depends on clinical context, patient characteristics, available resources, and professional competence. Therefore, future studies should include larger cohorts, standardized protocols, and long-term follow-up to improve reliability of conclusions.

Conclusion

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease is associated with characteristic morphological changes including steatosis, hepatocyte injury, inflammation, and fibrosis. Identification of these features is important for diagnosis, staging, and prognosis. Early intervention may prevent progression to cirrhosis and liver failure.

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