

# Statistical Comparative Study Between Splenomegaly And Splenectomy In Thalassemia Patients

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## INTRODUCTION

The spleen is a major lymphoid and blood filtration organ and is located in the left cranial abdomen .It is responsible for storing and removing erythrocyte form the blood as well as antigen surveillance of the blood and antibody production (**Katcher, 1980**).There are many factor effects on spleenand it's role and control it's function in the body and this can bethalassemia which is one of most a blood disorder passed down through families (inherited) in which the body makes an abnormal form or inadequate amount of hemoglobin (Hemoglobin is the protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen) (**Hameed, and Abbas, 2018**).The disorder results in large numbers of red blood cells being destroyed, which leads to anemia (**Casu, et al., 2018**). There are many causes of thalassemia like inheriting abnormal and mutated genes involved in hemoglobin production from the parents, if one of the parent is a carrier for thalassemia, child may become a carrier of the disease, though child will not have any symptoms.(**Prathyusha, et al ., 2019** ). As well there is some changes can occur like splenomegaly which grouped on the basis of the pathogenic mechanismwhich can be acute due to increase in function of spleen in some of condition or due massive splenomegaly due to parasitic infection includedvisceral leishmaniasis (**Shaheed and Faleh, 2018**). Splenectomy causes an increased risk of sepsis due to encapsulated organisms (such as *S. pneumoniae* and *Haemophilus influenzae*).It has been found that the risk of acquiring sepsis is 10 to 20 times higher in a splenectomized patient compared to a non-splenectomized patient, which can result in death, especially in young children but in some condition the splenectomy is usually considered a life-saving procedure in traumatized individuals, certain hematological disorders, malignant conditions, and for the sake of diagnostic purposes (**Tahir , et al., 2020**).

**Key words :** Thalassemia, splenomegaly , Splenectomy.

## Material and methods

The samples were collected exclusively from males aged 9 to 15 years and the number of specimens that have been worked is 44 sampleof which were eradication of spleen and 24 samples of spleen enlargement (**A : Splenomegaly B : Splenectomy** ).The cbc has been used to obtain the required results.

**Methods:** This device is used to give a complete picture of the blood components. EDTA blood tubes are used as the best anticoagulant for the Department of Hematology, which prevents the accumulation of blood cells and other components on each other, which helps to give correct results and ensure the safety of the CBC device from the obstruction of the ducts in the device The passage of clotted clusters of blood components.The platelets coulter process of the C.B.C process counts the white blood cells, red blood cells and blood components.The scientific idea in the method of counting the blood components is to contain the device in the first two chambers measured by the white blood cells and hemoglobin is measured by the analysis of red blood cells by a material to break the red blood cells and the exit of hemoglobin, which is measured by the optical measuring device spectrophotometers.The second chamber is measured in red blood cells and platelets (**Shirish, and Kawthalkar, 2013**).

**Measurement :**The measurement method depends on the presence of an electric field saturated with the solution of Isoton to offset the charges, and the presence of a column passes by a constant voltage current, when the passage of one of the components of blood, it generates partial resistance to the current passing through the electric bar and measuring the strength of resistance generated by the passage of these components.Depending on the size of the blood components passing by and the intensity of the electrical resistance, the difference between these components is as follows: 1-Platelets Platelets of 20-40 µm. , 2-Red blood cell from 40-60 microns and White blood

cell > 60 microns. The following tests are measured and calculated mathematically by equations stored in the machine: A CBC usually includes white blood cell count (WBC), red blood cell count (RBC), hemoglobin, hematocrit, red cell indices (MCV, MCH, MCHC), and platelet count. Some other tests listed under the CBC include red cell distribution width (RDW), mean platelet volume (MPV) and a differential examination of the quality and quantity of various white cells reported either in percent or absolute terms (James, 2009).



Figure(3.1) explain CBC Full Blood Analysis hematology Genex count

#### Results

Table 1 : showed the differences of WBCs in Splenomegaly and Splenectomy:

	mean	St.d	maxima	minima
<b>Splenomegaly</b>	7.33	3.36	16.20	1.80
<b>Splenectomy</b>	15.26	8.58	41.70	4.40

	Low ( <4 )	moderate( 4- 11 )	High ( >11 )	sum
<b>Splenomegaly</b>	3	17	3	23
<b>Splenectomy</b>	0	7	15	22
<b>sum</b>	3	24	18	<b>45</b>

Table 2 : showed the Chi- Sq. for WBC :

**Table 3 : showed the result of Chi- Sq. for each cell WBC:**

<b>t</b>	<b>t1</b>	<b>(t-t1)^2</b>	<b>(t-t1)^2/t1</b>
<b>3</b>	1.53	2.15	1.40
<b>17</b>	12.27	22.40	1.83
<b>3</b>	9.20	38.44	4.18
<b>0</b>	1.47	2.15	1.47
<b>7</b>	11.73	22.40	1.91
<b>15</b>	8.80	38.44	4.37
			<b>15.15</b>

**Table 4 : showed the differences ofLYM in Splenomegaly and Splenectomy**

	<b>mean</b>	<b>St.d</b>	<b>maxima</b>	<b>minima</b>
<b>Splenomegaly</b>	<b>2.78</b>	1.43	6.12	0.61
<b>Splenectomy</b>	6.06	2.60	13.90	2.38

**Table 5 : showed the Chi- Sq. for LYM:**

	<b>Low ( &lt; 1.09 )</b>	<b>Moderate ( 1.09- 2.99 )</b>	<b>High ( &gt; 2.99 )</b>	<b>sum</b>
<b>Splenomegaly</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Splenectomy</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>sum</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>45</b>

**Table 6 : showed the result of Chi- Sqr for each cell LYM:**

<b>t</b>	<b>t1</b>	<b>(t-t1)^2</b>	<b>(t-t1)^2/t1</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.468</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>12.78</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.004</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>14.82</b>	<b>33.90</b>	<b>2.287</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.489</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>12.22</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.004</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>14.18</b>	<b>33.90</b>	<b>2.391</b>
			<b>5.64</b>

**Table 7 : showed the differences of RBCin Splenomegaly and Splenectomy:**

	<b>mean</b>	<b>St.d</b>	<b>maxima</b>	<b>minima</b>
<b>Splenomegaly</b>	<b>3.32</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>5.78</b>	<b>1.96</b>
<b>Splenectomy</b>	<b>2.98</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>5.21</b>	<b>1.98</b>

Table 8 : showed the Chi- Sq. for RBC:

	Low ( < 4.0 )	moderate ( 4.0- 5.0 )	High ( > 5.0 )	sum
<b>Splenomegaly</b>	17	4	2	23
<b>Splenectomy</b>	19	2	1	22
<b>sum</b>	36	6	3	45

Table 9 : Showed the result of Chi- Sq. for each cell RBC :

t	t1	(t-t1)^2	(t-t1)^2/t1
17	18.40	1.96	0.107
4	3.07	0.87	0.284
2	1.53	0.22	0.142
19	17.60	1.96	0.111
2	2.93	0.87	0.297
1	1.47	0.22	0.148
			1.09

Table 10 : : showed the differences of HGB in Splenomegaly and Splenectomy:

	mean	St.d	maxima	minima
<b>Splenomegaly</b>	7.02	2.05	13.2	5.18
<b>Splenectomy</b>	7.33	1.46	10.40	4.98

Table 11 : showed he Chi- Sq. for HGB:

	Low ( < 11.0 )	moderate ( 11.0- 16.0 )	High ( > 16.0 )	sum
<b>Splenomegaly</b>	22	1	0	23
<b>Splenectomy</b>	22	0	0	22
<b>sum</b>	44	1	0	45

Table 12 : : showed the differences of PT in Splenomegaly and Splenectomy:

	mean	St.d	maxima	minima
<b>Splenomegaly</b>	215.53	81.18	395.00	42.10
<b>Splenectomy</b>	512.75	306.13	1116.00	81.50

Table 13 : showed the Chi- Sqr for PT :

	Low ( < 150 )	moderate ( 150- 400 )	High ( > 400 )	sum
<b>Splenomegaly</b>	3	20	0	23
<b>Splenectomy</b>	1	9	12	22
<b>sum</b>	4	29	12	45

Table 14 :showed the result of Chi- Sq. for each cell PT :

t	t1	(t-t1)^2	(t-t1)^2/t1
3	2.04	0.91	0.447
20	14.82	26.81	1.809
0	6.13	37.62	6.133
1	1.96	0.91	0.467
9	14.18	26.81	1.891
12	5.87	37.62	6.412
			17.16

<b>Splenomegaly</b>	<b>7.02</b>	<b>3.32</b>	<b>2.78</b>	<b>7.33</b>
<b>Splenectomy</b>	<b>7.33</b>	<b>2.98</b>	<b>6.06</b>	<b>15.26</b>
<b>Range</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>7.50</b>

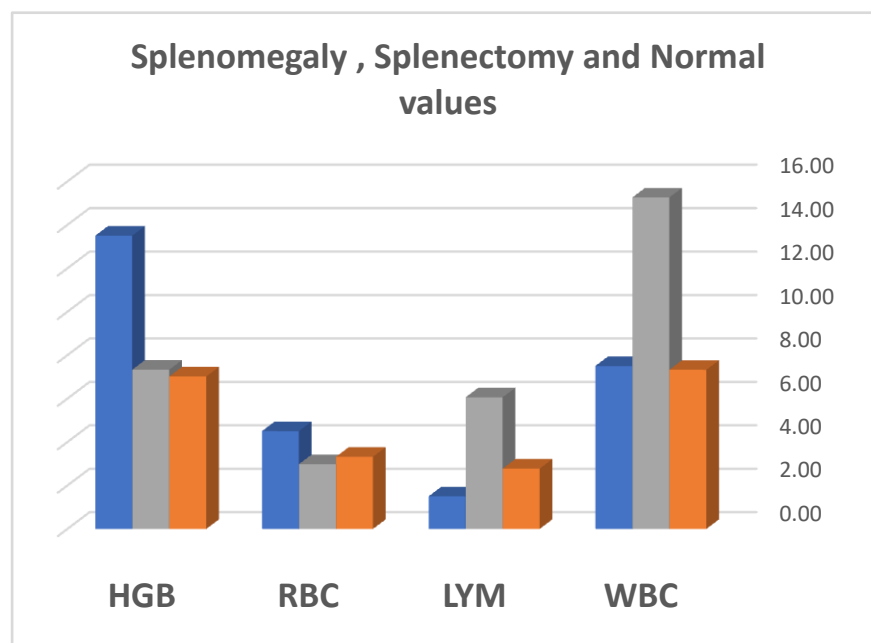


Figure (1) shows the means of WBC , LYM , RBC and HGB for the two cases Splenomegaly and Splenectomy in comparison with the natural means.

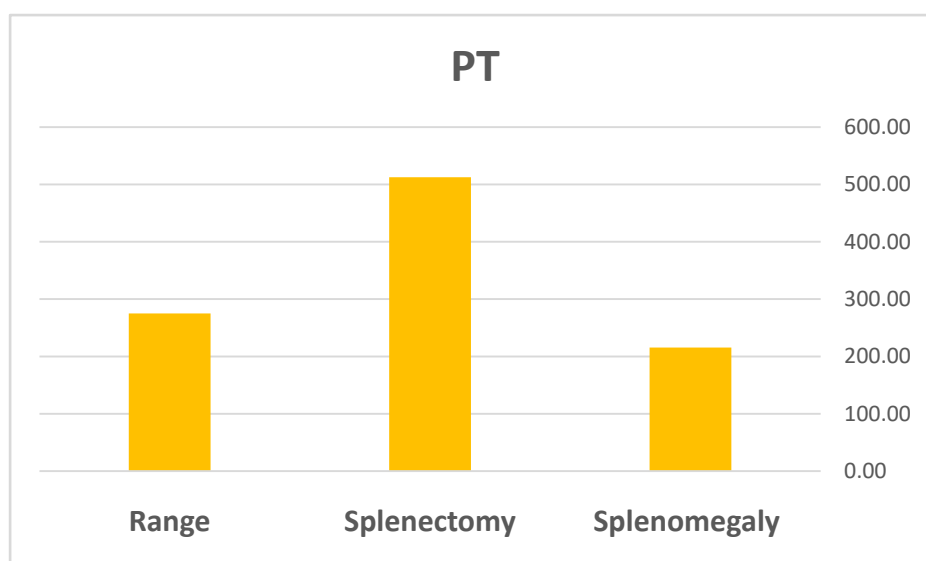


Figure (2) shows the means of PT for the two cases Splenomegaly and Splenectomy in comparison with the normal mean.

### Dissection

In this study we found that the mean of WBC in the case of Splenomegaly (7.33) is within the natural range (7-11), but that of Splenectomy (15.26) is much above the upper limit (11). For finding a statistical significance to this difference in the two cases a chi-square test is made as showed in the table (1) and table (2) (**Luu et al., 2019**). While the final sum of Chi – Sq. which is (15.15) and for a degree of freedom equals (2). there is a statistical significance for a confidence of 0.1% as showed in table (3) (**Vikse, et al., 2017**). The mean of LYM in the case of Splenomegaly (2.78) is within the natural range (1.09-2.99), but that of Splenectomy (6.06) is much above the upper limit (2.99). For finding a statistical significance to this difference in the two cases a chi-square test is made as showed in the table (4) while the final sum of Chi – Sq. showed a value of (5.64) and for a degree of freedom equals (2). there is a statistical significance for a confidence of 5% approximately as showed in table (5) (**Lewis et al., 2019**). The mean of LYM in the two cases of Splenomegaly and Splenectomy (3.32) and (2.98) is under the lower natural range (4-5). However a chi-square test is made for more investigation, while the final sum of Chi – Sq. which is (1.09) and for a degree of freedom equals (2). there is no statistical significance as showed in table (6). The mean of HGB in the two cases of Splenomegaly and Splenectomy (7.02) and (7.33) is much under the lower natural range (11-16) as showed in table (7 and 8). However a chi-square test is made for more investigation as showed in table in table (9,10 and 11) (**Hameed, and Abbas, 2018**). The mean of PT in the case of Splenomegaly (215.53) is within the natural range (150-400), but that of Splenectomy (512.75) is much above the upper limit (400). For finding a statistical significance to this difference in the two cases a chi-square test is made as showed in table (12). as well as the final sum of Chi – Sq. which is (17.16) and for a degree of freedom equals (2). there is a statistical significance for a confidence of 0.1% approximately as showed in table (13 and 14) (**Casuet al., 2020**).

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