

Thrombocythapheresis in patient of essential Thrombocytosis with acquired von willebrand syndrome : A case report

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INTRODUCTION

- Essential thrombocythemia is one of the chronic myeloproliferative neoplasms characterized by clonal proliferation of myeloid cells with variable morphological maturation and hematopoietic activity.
- It is characterized by excessive clonal platelet production with a tendency to thrombosis and bleeding.
- Thrombocythapheresis is the removal of platelets by apheresis techniques.
- Thrombocythapheresis is generally recommended in patients with essential thrombocythemia with acute, severe thrombotic or hemorrhagic events.
- Therapeutic thrombocythapheresis using an automatic cell separator can help to achieve prompt platelet count reduction to decrease the rate of thrombotic events.
- In cases of extreme thrombocytosis, therapeutic thrombocythapheresis can be a useful procedure. The present case report is of a 76-year-old-man previously diagnosed with leukocytosis with acquired von willebrand syndrome ?myeloproliferative neoplasm.

CASE DETAIL

76 year old male patient presented to haematology at BMT center with complaints of ecchymosis over right forearm, generalised weakness and bodyache. He also complained of inability to walk due to severe pain along left lower limb. On examination there was swelling with redness noted in left gluteal region. Swelling was tender suggestive of ?underlying hematoma. Patient also had 4 cm splenomegaly on examination.



❖ LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS :

1. **Bone marrow report :** The bone marrow biopsy findings suggestive of Myeloproliferative disorders suspicious of essential thrombocythemia.

2. **MPN Panel report :** V617F mutation detected in exon 14 of JAK2 gene.

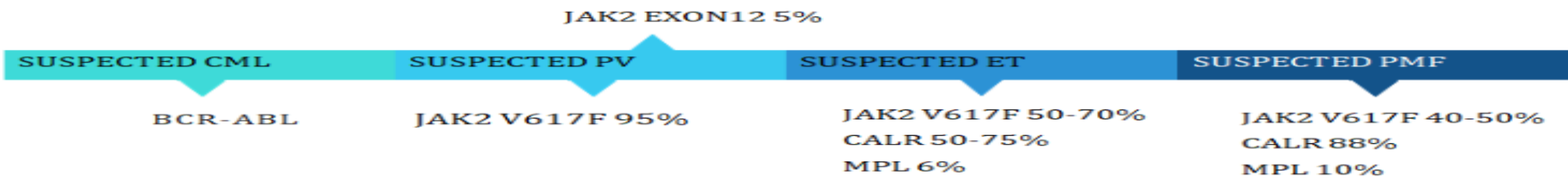
POSITIVE
(JAK2 V617F DETECTED IN EXON 14)

Gene	Variant	Location	Classification
JAK2 (NM_004972.4)	JAK2:c.1849G>T;p.V617F	EXON 14	Pathogenic

Interpretation:

- V617F mutation detected in exon 14 of JAK2 gene.

Myeloproliferative Neoplasm:



MATERIALS AND METHODS

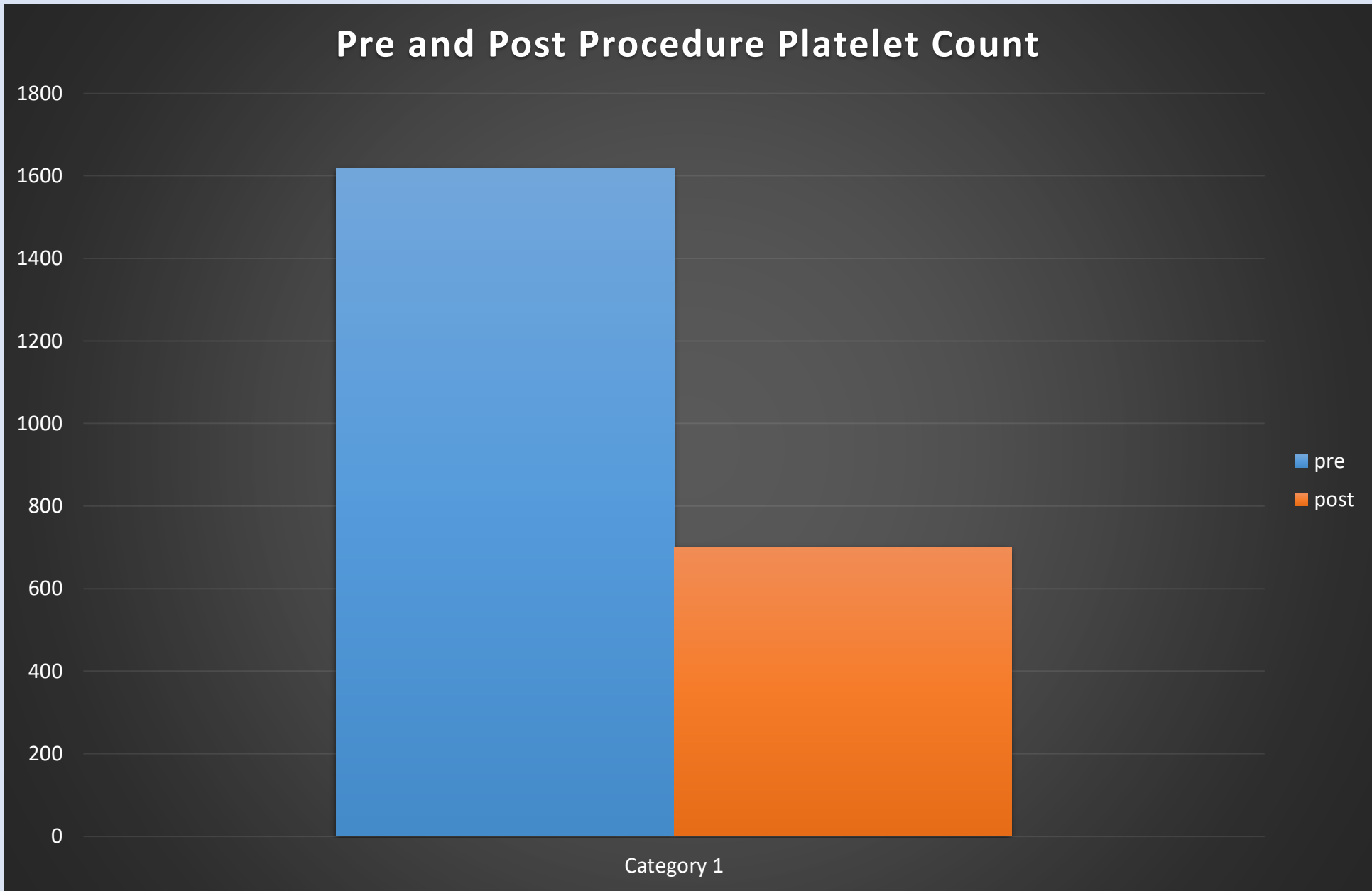
- This a case report presented in Department of Transfusion medicine at Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad, Gujarat,India.
- **Materials: Apheresis Machine: Centrifuge-based apheresis system** (e.g., Spectra Optia devices): These machines are specifically designed to separate and collect blood components, including platelets, using centrifugal force.
- **Method:**
- Thrombocythapheresis done using the Terumo BCT Spectra Optia Apheresis System in the Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) unit with pre-transfusion of Four units of cryoprecipitate in view of AVWD. Pre- and post-complete blood count (CBC) values were compared, and changes in clinical symptoms were noted to assess improvement in the patient’s condition.
- **Informed Consent:** Obtain written informed consent from the patient or their guardian, explaining the procedure, risks, and benefits.

Run values	Final
Collection preference	73
Packing Factor	20
Whole Blood Processed (ml)	7160
Run Time (min)	177
TBV Processed	2
Target Fluid Balance	106
AC (Anti Coagulant)	796
Inlet (ml)	7956
Collect (ml)	701
Replacement used NS (ml)	7

RESULT

The thrombocythapheresis procedure was well tolerated by the patient with no adverse reactions. The platelet count decreased from 17.80 lakh/μL to 7 lakh/μL, representing a 58% reduction. Clinically, the patient showed resolution of the hematoma and bleeding episodes. The patient regained mobility, and was discharged four days after the apheresis procedure.

	PRE PROCEDURE INVESTIGATION	POST PROCEDURE INVESTIGATION
Total Leukocyte Count	80.2 x 1000/ul	61.9 x 1000/ul
Red Blood Cell Count	6.50 million/cmm	6.24 million/cmm
Haemoglobin	10.6 g/dl	10.4 g/dl
Haematocrit	40.2 %	38.5 %
Platelet Count	1780 x 1000/ul	700 x 1000/ul
PT	14.60 sec	13.30 sec
APTT	37.50 sec	35.20 sec
S. Creatine	0.96 mg/dl	0.96 mg/dl



CONCLUSION

Thrombocythapheresis is an effective treatment for acute uncontrolled thrombocytosis. This case report shows rapid improvement in symptoms and resolution of thrombotic/hemorrhagic complications following apheresis procedure in timely manner.

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