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CASE-REPORT

Title: Uterine fibriods and its homoeopathic treatment

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ABSTRACT

Uterine fibroid cases are not uncommon in our country. It is one of the distressing problem of women during reproductive age. Surgery is not the choice of treatment. Homeopathy proved to be more efficatious in treating fibroids. Two cases of uterine fibroids successfully treated with *Sabina* and *Calcarea Carbonicum* are presented here.

Keywords: Benign, Fibroid, Leiomyomas, Myomas, Menstruation

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INTRODUCTION

Uterine fibroids are common in women of reproductive age group, uncommon after menopause. Uterine fibroids are almost always benign. Size of fibroids may range from seedlings to large masses which can change the shape of uterus. There may be single or multiple fibroids. [1] Sometimes fibroids can grow so large that they may reach up to rib cage.

SYMPTOMS

Most of fibroids are asymptomatic. However location of fibroids, its size and number determines the symptoms. symptoms of fibroids include:

- **Menorrhagia** Profuse menstrual bleeding, more than a week
- Metrorrhagia Bleeding between menses
- Pelvic pressure or pain

If fibroids increase in size following symptoms are also seen:

- Frequent micturation
- Difficulty in emptying the bladder
- Constipation
- Backache or pain in legs

Classification of fibroids according to location:

- **1.Intramural fibroids -** Grow within the muscular uterine wall.
- **2. Submucosal fibroids -** Bulge into the uterine cavity.
- **3. Subserosal fibroids -** Project to outside of the uterus.

CAUSES

The probable causes include:

- Genetic changes
- **Hormones** Oestrogen and progesterone play important role in growth of fibroids. Due to decrease in oestrogen and progesterone levels after menopause the size of fibroids may shrink.
- Other hormones Insulin like growth factor also affect the growth of fibroids.

The uterine fibroids may grow slowly or rapidly or remain the same. Fibroids present

during pregnancy may shrink or disappear after pregnancy as uterus goes back to its normal size.^[1]

RISK FACTORS

- Race: Black women are more at risk when compared to other groups.
- **Heredity:** If history of fibroids seen in mother or sister, they are at incresed risk.
- Other factors: Early menarche, obesity, deficiency of vitamin D, taking diet rich in red meat and less intake of fiber foods like green vegetables, fruits, drinking alcohol increases the risk of fibroids.^[1]

PREGNANCY AND FIBROIDS

Chances of getting prequancy usually not interfered by fibroids. However submucosal fibroids may cause infertility or abortions. Fibroids may also increase the risk of certain complications of prequancy such as placental abruption, retarded fetal growth and preterm delivery.^[1]

PREVENTION

Prevention of uterine fibroids may not be possible but only a small percentage of these tumors require treatment. Healthy lifestyle changes such as maintaining a normal weight and eating rich fiber foods like fruits and vegetables may decrease fibroid risk.^[1]

INVESTIGATIONS^[1]

Fibroids are most often found during the physical exam. Transvaginal ultrasound.

- MRI.
- Saline Sonohysteragram.
- Hysteroscopy.

CASE 1

Female aged 43 Yrs presented with following complaints:

Irregular menses, early apprearence of menses once in 15to 20 days.

Flow profuse for 5-6days. Nature of flow-bright red with dark clots or pieces.

Dysmenorrhoea. Pain in pelvic region and lumbar region. pain >passing clots Obese women.

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weight increasing since 2-3 months.

TOTALITY OF SYMPTOMS

- 1. Hot patient, desires cold weather 2
- 2. Perspiration more on face and neck
- 3.Thirsty
- 4.Obese

- 5. Early and profuse bright red flow with dark clots or pieces
- 6.Pain in lumbar region and backpain during menses
- 7.Pain > passing clots

In the above case basing on the totality of symptoms ³ Sabina selected as remedy, Thuja⁴ is given as complimentary to Sabina.

Table 1: Follow Up – Case-1

S.NO.	DATE	FOLLOW UP	PRESCRIPTION
1	13-04-2015	Menses, early, profuse, bright red with dark	Sabina 200 weekly one
		clots, pain in lumbar region	dose for 1 month
		USG REPORTS FINDINGS ON 25-3-	With placebo in
		2015	remaining days
		BULKY UTERUS WITH SMALL	
		FIBROIDS OF SIZE 14x9mm and 14x8mm	
		IN INTRAMURAL PLANE	
2	20-05-2015	Menses appeared, flow for 4 days with	Placebo for 1 month
		dysmenorrhoea	
3	10-06-2015	Menses with pain, red clots	Sabina weekly 1 dose
		Ultrasonogram: SOL of 8*7 mm	with placebo
4	10-07-2015	Menses appeared flow for 4 days with less	Placebo for 1 month
		pain and clots. LMP-5-7-15	
		-	
5	20-08-2015	Menses appeared. LMP.15-8-15.	Placebo for 1 month
		No pain	
6	25-09-2015	Ultrasonogram report 20-9-15- No mass	Thuja 1M 2 doses once
		lesion	in 15 days
7		Treatment continued for few more months	No medicine
		.menses appeareing regularly once in 25-28	
		days with much less pain and clots	

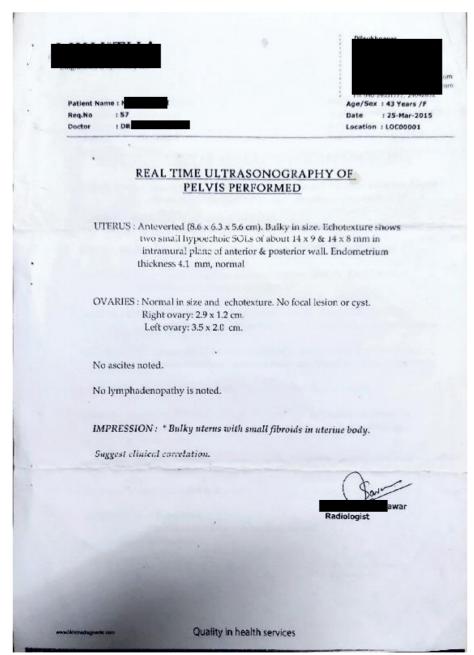


Figure 1: Report dated 25/03/2015

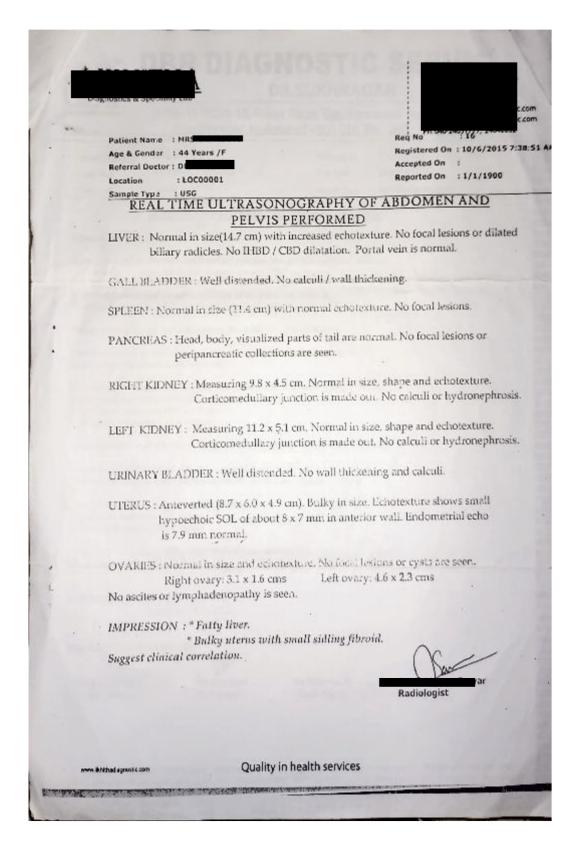


Figure 2: Report dated 10/06/2015

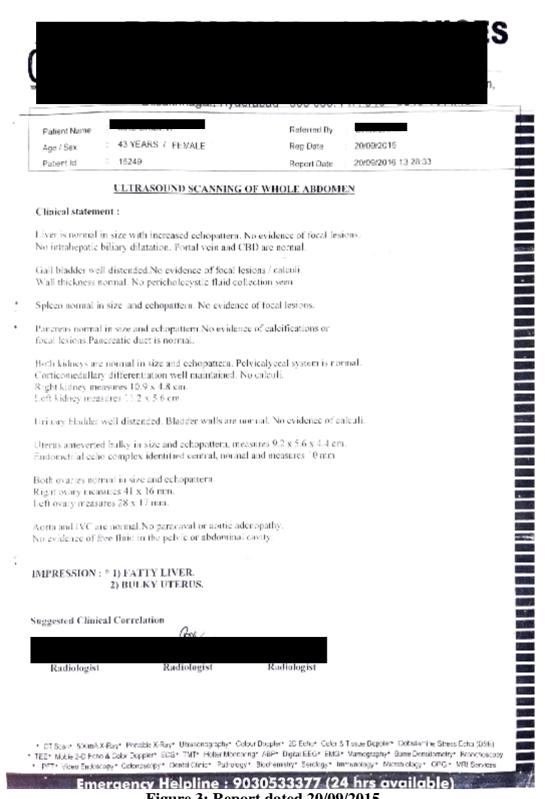


Figure 3: Report dated 20/09/2015

CASE 2

Women of age 48 years complaining irregular menses with heavy flow once in 20 days

gynecologist advised to undergo hysterectomy as her menstrual cycle is contuning even at age

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of 48 years. She became very panic and does not want to undergo any surgery at that age. She is very anxious person with lot of anxieties. Obese, profuse menses bright red flow.

TOTALITY OF SYMPTOMS 3

- 1. Anxiety about health
- 2. Fear of surgery

- 3. Chilly patient
- 4. Perspiration profuse
- 5.Thirsty
- 6. Obese
- 7. Profuse menses with bright red flow In this case remedy selected basing on totality of symptoms, felt better after calc carb 1m basing on her totality.

Table 2: Follow Up – Case-2

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S.NO	DATE	FOLLOW UP	PRESCRIPTION		
1	04-09-14	Anxiety about health, chilly, obese, profuse flow, red USG DONE ON3-9-14 SOL of 9*6mm in Ant wall, Endometrium thickness 6.5 mm	Calc carb 200 weekly 1 dose with placebo		
2	10-09-2014	bleeding stopped	Placebo for 1 month		
3	15-10-2014	again menses appeared ultrasonogram 10-10-14 SOL 9*7, Endometrial thickness 6.6mm	Calc carb 200, 3 doses		
4	25-10-2014.	bleeding stopped	Placebo 1month		
5	25-11-2014	No menses. but spotting seen now and then	Placebo for 1 month		
6	9-12-2014	no menses. but spotting seen now and then. Ultrasonogram: No Mass Lesion, endometrial thickness 5mm	Calc carb 1M 1 dose		
7	10-01-2015	Apparently healthy	Placebo for 1 month		
8	8-02-2015	Ultrasonogram 8-2-15: No Mass lesions	No medicine		

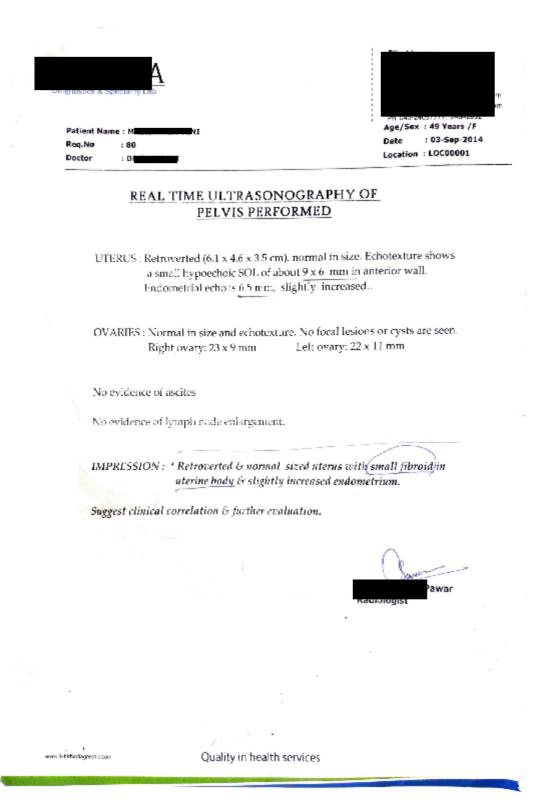
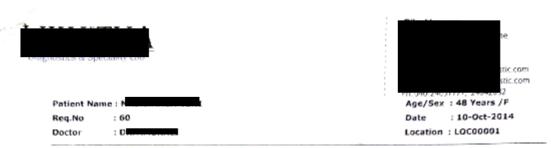


Figure 4: Report dated 03/09/2014



REAL TIME ULTRASONOGRAPHY OF ABDOMEN AND PELVIS PERFORMED

LIVER: Normal in size(14.0 cm) with increased echotexture. No focal lesions or dilated biliary radicles. No IHBD / CBD dilatation. Portal vein is normal.

GAUT BLADDER: Well distended. No calculi / wall thickening. SPLEEN: Normal in size (9.9 cm) with normal echotexture. No focal lesions.

PANCREAS: Head, body, visualized parts of tail are normal. No focal lesions or peripancreatic collections are seen.

RIGHT KIDNEY: Measuring 10.2 x 3.3 cm. Normal in size, shape and echotexture.

Corticomedullary junction is made out. No calculi or hydronephrosis.

LEFT KIDNEY: Measuring 9.1 x 4.1 cm. Normal in size, shape and echotexture. Corticomedullary junction is made out. No calculi or hydronephrosis.

URINARY BLADDER: Well distended with thickened walls upto 5.9 mm.

UTERUS : Retroverted (5.8 x 4.8 x 3.4 cm). Normal in size. Echotexture shows a small hypocchoic SOL of about 9 x 7 mm in subserous plane of anterior wall.. Endometrial echo is 6.6 mm slightly increased.

OVARIES : Normal in size and echotexture. No focal lesions or cysts are seen. Right ovary: 2.5×0.9 cms Left ovary: 2.2×1.0 cms

No ascites or lymphadenopathy is seen.

IMPRESSION: * 1) Fatty liver.

2) Signs of cystitis.

3) Retroverted uterus with very small fibroul in uterine body

& slightly increased endometrium.

Suggest clinical correlation.

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Figure 5: Report dated 10/10/2014



REAL TIME ULTRASONOGRAPHY OF ABDOMEN AND PELVIS PERFORMED

LIVER: Enlarged in size(15.2 cm) with increased echotexture. No focal lesions or dilated biliary radicles. No IHBD / CBD dilatation. Portal vein is normal.

GALL BLADDER: Well distended. No calcult / well dischaning.

SPLEEN: Normal in size (9.1 cm) with normal echotexture. No focal lesions.

PANCREAS: Head, body, visualized parts of tail are normal. No focal lesions or peripancreatic collections are seen.

RIGHT KIDNEY: Measuring 10.6 x 3.7 cm. Normal in size, shape and echotexture.

Corticomedullary junction is made out. No calculi or hydronephrosis.

LEFT KIDNEY: Measuring 9.3 x 3.7 cm. Normal in size, shape and echotexture.

Corticomedullary junction is made out. No calculi or hydronephrosis.

URINARY BLADDER: Well distended. No wall thickening and calculi.

UTERUS: Anteverted (6.6 x 4.7 x 3.3 cm). Normal in size with echotexture. No mass lesions. Endometrial echo is 5 mm normal.

OVARIES: Normal in size and echatexture. No focal lesions or cysts are seen.

Right ovary: 2.3 x 1.0 cms

Left ovary: 2.0 x 1.1 cms

No ascites or lymphadenopathy is seen.

IMPRESSION: * Fatty liver.

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Figure 6: Report dated 09/12/2014



REAL TIME ULTRASONOGRAPHY OF ABDOMEN AND PELVIS PERFORMED

LIVER: Normal in size(14.6 cm) with increased echotexture. No focal lesions or dilated biliary radicles. No IHBD / CBD dilatation. Portal vein is normal.

CALL BLADDER : Partially distended.

SPLEEN: Normal in size (9.1 cm) with normal echotexture. No focal lesions.

PANCREAS: Head, body, visualized parts of tail are normal. No focal lesions or peripancreatic collections are seen.

RIGHT KIDNEY: Measuring 10.6 x 4.1 cm. Normal in size, shape and echotexture.

Corticomedullary junction is made out. No calculi or hydronephrosis.

LEFT_KIDNEY: Measuring 9.6 x 4.3 cm. Normal in size, shape and echotexture.

Corticomedullary junction is made out. No calculi or hydronephrosis.

URINARY BLADDER: Well distended. No wall thickening and calculi.

UTERUS: Anteverted (5.7 x 4.1 x 3.3 cm). Normal in size with echotexture. No mass lesions. Endometrial echo is 7.8 mm thickened.

OVARHS: Normal in size and ecrotexture. No total lesions or cysts are seen, Right overy: 1.6 x 1.5 cms Left overy: 1.8 x 1.8 cms

No ascites or lymphadenopathy is seen.

IMPRESSION: * Faity liver.
Thickened endometrium.



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Figure 7: Report dated 08/02/2015

DISCUSSION

In comparision to previous clinical case presentation on Uterine fibroids compiled by Dr. T.K.Kasi Viswanathan ⁵ in Nation Journal

of Homoeopathy, Nov-Dec 2001 Mother tinctures like Fraxinus Americana and specific organopathic remedies like Aurum Muriaticum Natronatum suggested for treating uterine fibroids but in our clinical cases remedies given on totality of symptoms proved effectively in pathological conditions also.

Fatty liver is common manifestation in obese and diabetic patients, constitutional selected remedies play important role in treating fatty liver conditions but takes time when there is maintain cause like obesity and diabetes.

CONCLUSION

Hysterctomy is the most widely practiced surgery world wide. It is SENSELESS to consider that "THE UTERUS HAS NO FUNCTION BUT CHILDBEARING AND REMOVAL **FOR CERTAIN** DISORDERS NOT AFFECT GENERAL HEALTH". The commonest reasons for hysterectomy are menstrual disorders, fibriods and malignancy. Menstrual disorders and fibroids are easily treatable by homeopathy. By prompt constitutional approach we can preserve the uterus of many women.

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