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AGENESIS OF THE GALLBLADDER: A CASE REPORT

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Congenital agenesis of the gallbladder is a rare anatomical abnormality. A 75-year-old woman was admitted with a history of intermittent pain in the right upper abdominal quadrant in the past few weeks, suggestive of biliary colic. A physical examination showed some mild tenderness in the right upper abdominal quadrant. Abdominal ultrasonography was interpreted as "images consistent with a contracted gallbladder with multiple small stones". Multislice computerized tomography showed a common bile duct dilatation, and a mild intrahepatic dilatation of the left and right hepatic duct. Computerized tomography did not reveal any presence of gallbladder stones. Magnetic retrograde cholangiopancreatography did not show any anatomical variations and anomalies. Intraoperative ultrasonography failed to locate the gallbladder inside the liver. Intraoperative cholangiography confirmed the diagnosis of gall-bladder absence, as well as absence of cystic duct and common bile duct stones. The patient recovered after surgery without any complications. A follow-up examination, one year after the surgery was without any complaints or complications.

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