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The echocardiogram new technology in the heart fading patient synchronises in the treatment application

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The heart failure patient has the varying degree generally between the ventricle or the ventricle does not synchronise the movement, the heart synchronises the treatment (CRT) to be valued people’s more and more again. Echocardiogram each kind of new technology in the heart synchronises in the treatment to have the important function again particularly. This article introduced in detail organises Doppler, the two-dimensional strain, the three dimensional entire volume and the velocity vector image formation and so on supersonic new technology after the appraisal heart synchronism, the CRT patient screens, the instruction actuator place, optimises wrestles the procedure, the appraisal curative effect as well as the technique makes a follow-up visit aspect and so on observation progress and the application.

The value of segmental myocardial strain by 2-dimensional strain echocardiography for assessment of scar area induced in a rat model of myocardial infarction

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Backgrounds and Objectives Two-dimensional strain echocardiography (2DSE) technique has enabled accurate quantification of regional myocardial function. This experimental study was aimed to investigate the value of 2DSE in detection of segmental regional myocardial dysfunction induced by fibrosis following myocardial infarction in a small animal (rat) model.

Methods An rat model of myocardial infarction was established by ligation of the proximal left anterior descending coronary artery in 17 SD rats. Regional myocardial function was detected by 2DSE at baseline and 4-weeks post-infarction, including end-systolic radial strain and strain rate (SR and SrR) and end-systolic circumferential strain and strain rate (SC and SrC) of each of six segments. According to the size of scar found by histologic Masson staining, the optimal cutoff points of parameters for detecting scar area were analysed and the sensitivity and specificity of every parameter to detect myocardial scar were obtained using ROC.

Results (1) Comparing with parameters measured at baseline, there were significant decreases in SR, SrR, SC and SrC as well as WTV of each segment at papillary level at 4-weeks post-infarction, with the worst in the infarct area (anterior septal, anterior and lateral wall) and the mildest in distal area (mid-inferior wall), (p<0.05 for each), (2) Significant negative correlations were found between the size of segmental scar and 2DSE parameters (r-value 0.63–0.80, all p<0.05) with the strongest correlation in SR. SR less than 10% has 84% sensitivity and 98% specificity for detecting segments of scar area greater than 30% with AUC=0.97.

Conclusions 2DSE is able to assess regional myocardial dysfunction in a rat model of myocardial infarction and has high accuracy in detecting infarct segments with scar area greater than 30%.

Late gadolinium-enhanced cardiac MRI in restrictive cardiomyopathy

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Objective To evaluate the diagnostic value of MRI in combination of late gadolinium-enhanced imaging in the identification of restrictive cardiomyopathy (RCM).

Methods 116 patients with RCM underwent ECG, X-ray, Echocardiography and MRI. The final diagnosis was made on comprehensive evaluation in consideration of patients’ history, clinical symptom and sign, imaging modalities. All patients had objective evidence of impaired cardiac filling and were referred to rule out pericardial thickening. Five histologically proven cases with RCM included heart transplantation in four patients with RCM, endomyocardial biopsy in one patient with RCM. 55 normal subjects were used for reference. All patients were divided into two groups according to contrast-enhanced MRI: RCM with delayed enhancement (RCM with DE, n=35) and RCM without delayed enhancement (RCM without DE, n=81). Quantitative measurement of bi-atrial and bi-ventricular size, ventricular septal and left free wall thickness were done. A paired t-test was used for statistic analysis and a p-value of less than 0.05 was considered significant. Qualitative assessment of segmental wall motion, in this present study.

Results The parameters, such as bi-atrial size, right ventricular diastolic diameter, ventricular septal and left free wall thickness were significantly larger in 116 patients with RCM than in normal subjects (p<0.05). However, there were no statistical differences between the two groups in left ventricular diastolic diameter. Visual observation showed that mild mitral regurgitation (43%), moderate mitral regurgitation (21%), mild tricuspid regurgitation (28%) and severe tricuspid regurgitation (40%) were noted, respectively. 35 RCM with DE was further divided into diffuse and segmental enhancement. RCM with diffuse enhanced delay was 15 cases, of which 12 cases showed powdery enhancement, and three showed petaline enhancement. three cases with powdery enhancement were histologically proven as myocardial amyloidosis. RCM with segmental enhancement was 20 cases. Ventricular septum was the most vulnerable segment. 6 cases presented subendocardial enhancement that corresponded to apical obliteration, of which one case was confirmed as hypereosinophilia with use of marrow examination. The other 14 cases didn’t present any regular enhancement. 81 RCM without DE, of which histologically proven non-specific findings were in two cases, had marked bi-atrial dilataion, near-normal ventricular chambers and near-normal ventricular thickness.

Conclusions MRI is an excellent imaging modality to identify restrictive cardiomyopathy. Primary RCM presents marked bi-atrial dilation with nonhypertrophied and nondilated ventricles. Diffuse left ventricular thickening associated with powdery enhancement indicates myocardial amyloidosis. Apical obliteration associated with subendocardial enhancement corresponds to endomyocardial fibrosis.
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