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Methods A total of 2158 EH patients were divided into EH without ischaemic stroke group and EH with ischaemic stroke group. Four BMI quartiles were defined based on BMI level (The first quartile: BMI =22.65 kg/m², n=540; The second quartile: BMI 22.65–24.82 kg/m², n=538; The third quartile: BMI 24.83–26.84 kg/m², n=541; The fourth quartile: BMI ≥26.85 kg/m², n=559). The incidence of ischaemic stroke in four BMI levels was evaluated by multivariable logistic regression analyses.

Results (1) The average BMI in EH with ischaemic stroke group is lower than that in EH without ischaemic stroke group (24.36±5.21 vs 25.15±3.15 kg/m², p<0.001). (2) Form the first quartile to fourth quartile of BMI, the incidence of ischaemic stroke were decreasing (35.7%, 34.5%, 30.9%, 25.0%, p<0.001). With 6.2% (95% CI 3.5% to 9.0%) decreased risk of incidence ischaemic stroke per 1 kg/m² increase of BMI. (3) Compared with the lowest BMI group, the adjusted OR (aOR) for ischaemic stroke in the highest BMI group was significantly lower (aOR: 0.800, 95% CI: 0.730 to 0.875, p<0.001). (4) In male group, comparing with the lowest BMI group, the aOR for ischaemic stroke in the highest BMI group was significantly lower (aOR: 0.511, 95% CI: 0.717 to 0.918, p=0.001); Similar trend was found in female group (aOR: 0.776, 95% CI: 0.678 to 0.899, p<0.001).

Conclusion Lower BMI was associated with increased incidence of ischaemic stroke in EH patients.

MRI CHARACTERISTICS: COMPARISON OF ARRHYTHMOGENIC RIGHT VENTRICULAR CARDIOMYOPATHY PATIENTS WITH AND WITHOUT SYNCPE

Objectives This study was designed to review MRI characteristics and its risk factors for life-threatening arrhythmia in arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC).

Methods We collected a consecutive series of 63 patients with clinical diagnosis of ARVC at a single institution. In all cases the diagnosis was performed according to ESC/ISFC diagnostic criteria. MRI characteristics were compared between patients with syncope and concomitantly sustained ventricular tachycardia or ventricular fibrillation (group 1) and remaining patients (group 2). Morphological and functional parameters and tissue differentiation were assessed.

Results Univariate analysis showed significantly differences between both groups in terms of familial history of ARVC or sudden death (14% vs 46%, p=0.015), the accordan sign (58% vs 81%, p=0.031), left ventricular (LV) involvement (47% vs 74%, p=0.032), number of regions with intramyocardial fat infiltration (2.4±1.4 vs 3.1±1.5, p=0.047), number of regions with myocardial fibrosis (1.0±0.9 vs 1.6±0.9, p=0.013). No differences were noted when comparing baseline characteristics of the patient population. A binary logistic regression model showed that familial history of
ARVC or sudden death (OR=7.300, 95% CI 1.606 to 33.177, p=0.013), the ascension sign (OR=7.000, 95% CI 1.509 to 32.468, p=0.013) and number of regions with myocardial fibrosis (OR=2.204, 95% CI 1.116 to 4.354, p=0.023) were independent predictors for life-threatening ventricular arrhythmia in ARVC.

Conclusions MRI is the optimal imaging approach for detecting ARVC. Familial history of ARVC or sudden death, the ascension sign and number of regions with myocardial fibrosis were associated with an increased risk of life-threatening ventricular arrhythmia in patients with ARVC.

**Conclusion**

While the echocardiography was 75%. It is difficult to diagnose endocardial cushion defect, interruption of aortic arch, coarctation of aorta, transposition of great arteries were 2 cases, main malformation diagnosed by MRI, double-outlet of right ventricle, and function of the valves in all cases. There is 20% of the cases that MR can clearly and precisely show the number, morphology and function of the valves in all cases. There is 20% of the cases that MR can clearly and precisely show the number, morphology and function of the valves in all cases.

**Objective**

To evaluate the diagnostic value of MRI in complicated congenital heart disease, comparing with echocardiography and x-ray cardio-angiography.

**Methods**

20 patients with complicated or complex congenital heart disease (male 12, female 8, mean age 17.8 y, ranging from 3–46 y) underwent MR examination. A wireless vector ECG-gating was used for triggering, all the sequences were applied with breath hold or free breathing. Turbo spin echo and multiple gradient echo sequences including FLASH (fast low angle shot) and TrueFISP (true fast imaging with steady-state precession.) with TSENSE (adaptive sensitivity encoding incorporating temporal filtering) and TREAT (time resolved echo-shared technique) were used to evaluate the morphology, function, flow status of the heart. MR findings were compared with the results of echocardiography and x-ray cardio-angiography.

**Results**

All the examination were accomplished successfully and diagnostic MR images were obtained satisfactory. The mean total scan time was 38 min ranging from 29–55 min. According to the main malformation diagnosed by MRI, double-outlet of right ventricle (DORV) were 11 cases, single ventricle were 3 cases, function-corrected transposition of great arteries were 2 cases, endocardial cushion defect, interruption of aortic arch, coarctation of the aorta and pulmonary atresia was 1 case, respectively. The total coincidence was 95% comparing with cardio-angiography, while the echocardiography was 75%. It is difficult for x-ray cardio-angiography to evaluate the atrio-ventricular valve in 25% cases, while MR can clearly and precisely show the number, morphology and function of the valves in all cases. There is 20% of the cases that traditional x-ray cardio-angiography cannot demonstrate the connection of ventricular-great arteries, or the main pulmonary artery and its main branches because of anatomy overlapping, tolerance of the patients and skill of catheterisation, while MR provide important complementarities for these cases.

**Conclusion**

Combined with new robust techniques, MRI can provide a comprehensive evaluation of complicated congenital heart disease including morphology, function, and flow and so on. With some characteristics of both echocardiography and x-ray angiography, in some aspects MRI is even better than x-ray angiography and can offer important supplemental information.

**Transcatheter Closure of a Gigantic Right Sinus of Valsalva Aneurysm to Right Ventricular Fistula: A Case Report**

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Ruptured aneurysms of the sinus of Valsalva with a gigantic fistulous tract are extremely rare. A single origin of the coronary arteries is a rare coronary anomaly. We describe the case of a 6-year-old girl who had a ruptured aneurysm of the right coronary sinus with a gigantic fistulous tract and an anomalous origin of the right coronary artery. Transthoracic echocardiography showed the right coronary artery (RCA) aneurysm and RCA fistula connecting to the right ventricular (RV). Aortography revealed the presence of a right coronary sinus of Valsalva aneurysm (SVA)-RV fistula and the originating of right coronary artery (RCA) from left circumflex artery (LCX). She was diagnosed as having a gigantic SVA to right ventricle fistula and a single origin of the coronary arteries. Successful transcatheter closure of the fistulous ostium was performed.

**Analysis on Early Diagnosis Grading Model of Acute Aortic Dissection**

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**Objective**

To investigate the features of the clinical manifestation, laboratory data and imageology information in acute Aortic Dissection (AD) patients, to find the early, right and easy grading model of diagnosing AD.

**Method**

Analyze the clinical manifestation, Laboratory data and imageology information of 182 AD patients, who were our patients at Emergency Department in last three years, and meanwhile, compared them with 184 chest and back ache patients, to search the early diagnosis grading model of AD.

**Results**

If 5 score was the standard of the grading system to early diagnose AD on the basis of logistic regression equation and clinical practice, the sensitivity of AD forecast is 96.7%, specificity is 81.0%.

**Conclusions**

We can improve the emergency diagnose level of AD through establishing the early grading model which contains the stabbing and severe pain, distinct rise of the blood pressure, asymmetry of the blood pressure and/or the pulse, wide arteriae aorta and/or mediastinum on chest x-ray, obvious rise of D-dimmer.

**A Nitinol Occluder and a Special Delivery Device for Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) Closure**

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**Background**

Nitinol occluders used for patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) may result in the stenosis of aortic and pulmonary artery when applied for smaller-sized children. The present study sought to design and develop an improved nitinol occluder and delivery system, and to verify the reliability and safety of this device on canine model of PDA.

**Methods**

A canine PDA model was established by anastomosing the internal jugular vein with the left pulmonary artery and the descending aorta in an end-to-side fashion. The effects of the novel nitinol occluder and its delivery system were followed-up for 6 months after the closure.

**Results**

PDA was successfully established in 10 out of 18 dogs and was treated by transcatheter occlusion with the novel nitinol occluder. Postoperative echocardiography showed that the location and shape of the occluder were normal without any regurgitation. Morphological examination revealed that the surface of the occluder was covered by a grey membrane-like tissue, which was identified as endothelial tissue by histological and electron microscopy examinations. There was no corrosion or severe inflammation on the