Background Intracranial aneurysms (IAs) associated with dural arteriovenous shunts (DAVSs) are rare and infrequently discussed in conjunction with brain arteriovenous malformation (bAVM). We studied at two cerebrovascular centers IAs and associated DAVSs.

Patients and methods Between 2005 and 2018, 103 subjects with DAVSs were retrospectively analyzed for the presence of remote IAs. Demographics, clinical symptoms, aneurysm and DAVS location, treatment and clinical outcomes were studied. Pertinent literature on IAs associated with DAVSs was also reviewed.

Results In our study the incidence of remote IAs associated with DAVSs was 13.6%. Fourteen patients with Borden type DAVS I-III (m/f 1:1; age: 32–84 yrs; mean: 60 yrs) harbored a total of 18 aneurysms. Five patients had multiple aneurysms. High cervical DAVSs were found in 4 subjects. Eleven patients presented with history of a high blood pressure. Most common symptoms were headaches and tinnitus (n= 6) followed by subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH) and or intracranial hemorrhage (ICH) in 6 patients and cranial nerve deficit in one patient. Treatment was commenced in a staged fashion initially addressing the symptomatic lesion. Eleven DAVSs and 9 aneurysms were successfully treated endovascularly while one patient underwent surgery for his DAVS and 2 aneurysms were clipped. A total of 6 tiny unruptured aneurysms and one high-cervical DAVS as well as a frontal slow-flow DAVS did not receive any treatment for various reasons. Seven aneurysms were treated with and without stent-assisted coil embolization and one pericallosal artery aneurysm was successfully treated with a flow diverter. There were no treatment related complications. Follow-up angiography showed an untreated low-flow DAVS shrank in size and another DAVS spontaneously resolved. During clinical follow-up period, 11 subjects presented with a mRS score of 0 while 3 subjects had a mRS of 1. Literature review included a total of 28 cases with 41 aneurysms. Data were compared with our own findings.

Conclusions Since remote IAs were not flow-related but showed typical distribution, DAVSs may share the pathomechanism with IAs. Most IAs were located in the anterior circulation and half of the DAVSs were found in the anterior cranial fossa. Aneurysm rupture was more common than a bleed from the DAVS, especially when multiple IAs were present. Carefully planned and executed EVT and surgery were effective for this complex population with an excellent long-term clinical outcome.

aneurysms appeared more frequent at older ages (log rank p<0.001), See figure 1.

Conclusion Centrally located bAVM, especially when supra-tentorial and with deep or mixed venous drainage are more frequent in patients with ruptured bAVM early in life. On the contrary, arterial or nidal aneurysm is less frequent in younger patients, possibly indicating that these frailty features develop later. Whether their occurrence in adult unruptured bAVM justify treatment need to be confirmed in prospective studies.


E-066 ONYX EMBOLIZATION OF CAROTID-CAVERNOUS FISTULAS AND ITS IMPACT ON INTRAOCULAR PRESSURE AND RECURRENCE

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Introduction Carotid-cavernous fistulas (CCF) are pathologic arteriovenous shunts into the cavernous sinus (CS) leading to venous congestion. The arterial supply arises from the internal carotid (ICA, type A), meningeal ICA branches (type B), meningeal external carotid branches (type C), or internal and external carotid meningeal branches (type D). Patients usually present with chemosis, proptosis, diplopia, or vision loss. Ophthalmologic examination often reveals an intra-ocular pressure (IOP), greater than 20 mmHg.

Methods A prospectively maintained database of all CCF patients with IOP data was reviewed and 48 cases were identified from 2009–2018 and included in the analysis. Patients were followed for an average of 13.2 months.

Results Most type A fistulas were treated with transarterial embolization (93%), balloon-assistance was used in 66% of those cases. Most type B-D fistulas were embolized transvenously (69%) via the inferior petrosal sinus, facial vein, or superior ophthalmic vein (SOV). In cases with difficult venous catheterization, an SOV cutdown was performed. Mean preoperative IOP was 23.6±9.1 mmHg, with highest IOPs noted in type B fistulas (32.2±11.2 mmHg). In all subtypes, complete occlusion achieved immediate IOP normalization (=20 mmHg) in 79.5% vs. 57.1% with partial occlusion. In type A, complete occlusion achieved IOP normalization in 100% of the cases, but only in 75% of types B-D fistulas. Postoperative increase in IOPs was only noted in type B-D (15.4%). All of these had been completely occluded. Recurrence was noted in 11.3% of all patients, specifically in 7.1% of type A and 12.5% of types B-D. In partially occluded fistulas, recurrence occurred in 33.3% in type A and 9.5% in types B-D. A postoperative increase in IOP was associated with recurrence in only 16.7% of patients. In multivariate analysis, complete occlusion of types B-D CCF was associated with lower odds of recurrence (OR 0.09).

Conclusions Most patients with CCF have elevated IOPs and complete embolization a higher rate of IOP normalization in our series. Recurrence of the fistula was only seen in a small proportion of patients and was lower in type A fistulas after complete occlusion.


E-067 ENDOVASCULAR OCCLUSION OF A CAROTID CAVERNOUS ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA COMPlicated WITH POSTERIOR COMMUNICATING ARTERY-SPHENOPARIETAL SINUS FISTULA: A CASE REPORT, TECHNICAL CONSIDERATION, AND LITERATURE REVIEW

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Background Traumatic injury of the posterior communicating artery causing arteriovenous fistula is rare. Here, we present a complicated case in which a patient presented with a traumatic carotid-cavernous fistula and subsequently developed recurrence. Recurrence was complicated by shunting of the posterior communicating artery to the sphenoparietal sinus post-treatment that was successfully treated endovascularly.