

Oral Abstracts

O-001 **DWI-FLAIR MISMATCH DOES NOT PREDICT TIME OF STROKE ONSET IN DEFUSE 3 PATIENTS**

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Introduction Acute stroke patients with unclear time of symptom onset have traditionally been ineligible for treatment with IV tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) based on a strict time window of treatment within 4.5 hours of symptom onset. Recently, the use of DWI-FLAIR mismatch to identify patients within the 4.5 hour time window has been suggested to broaden eligibility for tPA. Patients who are DWI positive and FLAIR negative qualify for treatment, while those who are both DWI and FLAIR positive are ineligible. In this study, we examined the MRI-selected patients in DEFUSE 3 and applied the rules for DWI-FLAIR mismatch ratings. DEFUSE 3 patients were all selected based on the presence of a PWI/DWI mismatch. We hypothesized that 1) inter-rater agreement is suboptimal for the detection of DWI-FLAIR mismatch; 2) the percentage of DWI-FLAIR mismatch patients is similar between known and unknown onset groups, and 3) intervention with mechanical thrombectomy (MT) yields favorable outcomes irrespective of DWI-FLAIR mismatch.

Methods This study examines the 30 patients from the DEFUSE 3 trial who were selected by PWI/DWI mismatch on MRI, rather than CT perfusion. Patients were either known to be >6 hours from symptom onset, had unknown time of symptom onset, or awoke with symptoms. Imaging was reviewed by two neuroradiologists and one vascular neurologist. Images were adjudicated in regard to whether a DWI-FLAIR mismatch was present, blinded to all other clinical and imaging data. The percentage of reader agreement was assessed. The primary endpoint was functional independence (0–2) on the 3-month modified Rankin scale.

Results 30 patients were evaluated. Of these, 3 were excluded due to poor image quality. All patients (27/27) were found to have DWI positive lesions with 100% agreement. All three readers agreed on FLAIR positivity in 9/27 patients (33% agreement). By consensus read, 15/27 patients were considered FLAIR positive (no DWI-FLAIR mismatch). Overall calculated inter-rater agreement was 72% for the detection DWI-FLAIR mismatch. In the unknown onset group, 8/14 (57%) had no DWI-FLAIR mismatch by consensus read. In the known onset group, 7/13 (54%) had no DWI-FLAIR mismatch. There were 7 patients with no DWI-FLAIR mismatch who underwent MT; 57% achieved functional independence, which compares favorably with the overall study rate of 45% in the MT group. In contrast, patients with no DWI-FLAIR mismatch who did not receive MT had a favorable outcome rate of 12.5% (1/8).

Conclusions In this study, the inter-rater agreement for detection of FLAIR-DWI mismatch among skilled readers was suboptimal. The rate of DWI-FLAIR mismatch did not differ in the known >6 hrs vs unknown onset patients. Nearly half of the patients in the known >6 hrs group did not have DWI-FLAIR mismatch, suggesting that FLAIR positivity is not a sensitive marker for being >6 hours from onset in patients with PWI/DWI mismatch. The absence of a DWI-FLAIR

mismatch does not preclude a favorable DWI/PWI mismatch or favorable outcomes following late-window MT.

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O-002 **FAVORABLE VENOUS MICROPERFUSION PROFILE CORRELATES WITH PIAL ARTERIAL COLLATERAL STATUS AND CLINICAL OUTCOME IN ACUTE STROKE PATIENTS WITH LARGE VESSEL OCCLUSION**

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Purpose Robust pial arterial collaterals (PAC) preserve blood flow to critically hypoperfused brain tissue in patients with acute ischemic stroke due to large vessel occlusion (AIS-LVO). CT angiography (CTA) based methods of pial collateral assessment do not provide tissue level perfusion information, and prior studies have shown that PAC assessment on CT perfusion imaging strongly predicts outcome in AIS-LVO patients treated by thrombectomy. Patients with favorable pial collaterals and brain tissue perfusion also likely have robust cortical venous drainage relative to patients with more impaired cerebral perfusion. We determined the venous microperfusion profile (VMP) in AIS-LVO patients. We hypothesized that robust PAC on CT perfusion predict robust cortical venous contrast opacification on pre-treatment CTA and that a favorable VMP is associated with good clinical outcomes in AIS-LVO patients.

Materials and Methods We performed a multicenter retrospective cohort study of consecutive AIS-LVO patients who underwent thrombectomy. Included patients had interpretable pre-thrombectomy CT angiography (CTA) and CT perfusion (CTP) studies and clinical outcome data. Patient details were obtained from prospectively maintained stroke databases and the electronic medical record. Pre-thrombectomy CTA and CTP studies were reviewed and scored for tissue-level collaterals using the Hypoperfusion Intensity Ratio (HIR). HIR was defined as the volume ratio of brain tissue with [Tmax>10 sec/ Tmax>6 sec] such that a lower HIR correlates with favorable collaterals. HIR was automatically calculated by RAPID (iSchemaView). VMP was determined by opacification of the vein of Labbé, sphenoparietal sinus, and superficial middle cerebral vein on CTA as: 0, not visible; 1, moderate opacification; and 2, full. Primary outcome measure was VMP. Secondary outcome measure was ordinal modified Rankin Scale (mRS). Ordinal linear regression models were performed to predict the effect of HIR on VMP, as well as the effect of VMP on mRS.

Results 186 patients met inclusion criteria. HIR was dichotomized into lower (≤ 0.4 , good collaterals) and higher (≥ 0.5 , poor collaterals) ratios. Mann-Whitney-U test indicated that subjects with higher HIR (median COVES = 1) had lower VMP than patients with lower HIR (median COVES = 3) ($p < 0.001$). In an ordinal logistic regression model, we tested the effects of VMP on mRS at 90 days after discharge while controlling for HIR (nondichotomized), age, and TIC1 score. High (favorable) VMP predicted lower (favorable) mRS