Successful recanalization (TICI 2b/3) 91.1%
Symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage 12.9%
Asymptomatic small parenchymal hematomas 3%
Stent thrombosis 6.9%
Favorable clinical outcome at 3 months (mRS 0–3) 54.9%
Mortality at 3 months 15.8%

2b/3 was obtained in 91.1% following stenting. Symptomatic intracranial hemorrhage occurred in 13 patients (12.9%), only two of which had received tPA. Significant in-stent stenosis/thrombosis occurred in 7 cases (6.9%). 54.9% had a favorable mRS score at 90 days (0–3) and 90-day mortality occurred in 15.8%. The primary factor associated with complications was placement of multiple stents (P=0.018). 71.3% of patients were loaded with antiplatelet agents intraoperatively prior to stent placement, most commonly with aspirin/Plavix ± eptifibatide or Tirofiban, followed by maintenance on dual antiplatelet treatment. There were no significant differences in outcomes between different antithrombotic regimens.

Conclusion Stent placement as a rescue strategy for thrombectomy failure and for tandem configurations offers a high rate of recanalization and favorable outcome without an increase in the hemorrhagic risk regardless of antithrombotic regimen and tPA status.


E-053 PERI-PROCEDURE ANEMIA IS ASSOCIATED WITH POOR FUNCTIONAL OUTCOME AFTER MECHANICAL THROMBECTOMY FOR ACUTE ISCHEMIC STROKE: SINGLE CENTER EXPERIENCE

Introduction Anemia has been associated with worse clinical outcomes and increased mortality following acute ischemic stroke; however, the study of anemia in acute ischemic stroke patients treated with mechanical thrombectomy has been limited.

Methods We performed a retrospective study of 346 anterior circulation stroke patients treated with mechanical thrombectomy to investigate the impact of peri-procedure anemia (Hgb <10 g/dL within 48 hours of admission) on outcomes and to determine the relationship between peri-procedure anemia and multiple thrombectomy passes/procedure time at a single Comprehensive Stroke Center from April 2012 to July 2019. Bivariate and multiple logistic regression analyses were performed. A p-value <0.05 was considered statistically significant.

Results One hundred patients (29%) met the criteria for peri-procedure anemia after admission for thrombectomy. Females comprised 73% of patients (n=73) with peri-procedure anemia compared to 39% (n=97) of patients without anemia (p<0.001). Peri-procedure anemia was associated with a longer thrombectomy procedure time (62.80 [3.89] min. vs. 54.38 [2.14]; p=0.044). There was a trend towards a greater number of thrombectomy passes among patients with peri-procedure anemia compared to those without anemia (p=0.058) on bivariate analysis. Peri-procedure anemia was associated with greater rates of poor functional outcome (73% vs. 54%; p=0.001) and death (35% vs. 18%; p=0.001). The final logistic regression model included the following variables: patient age, female sex, NIHSS, tPA, procedure time and number of thrombectomy passes. Among these variables, only female sex (OR 4.28, 95% CI 2.54–7.22; p<0.001) and ≥3 thrombectomy passes (OR 2.05, 95% CI 1.01–4.15; p=0.047) were independently associated with peri-procedure anemia after admission for thrombectomy (AUC=0.724). Several clinical factors were included in the final logistic regression model. Age (OR 1.03, 95% CI 1.00–1.05; p=0.015), history of diabetes (OR 1.90, 95% CI 1.07–3.37), admission NIHSS (OR 1.09, 95% CI 1.04–1.15; p<0.001) and peri-procedure anemia (OR 1.82, 95% CI 1.03–3.22; p=0.040) were independently associated with an increased odds of poor outcome. TICI grades 2C/3 (OR 0.18, 95% CI 0.08–0.40; p<0.001) were associated with a reduced odds of poor outcome. There was a trend towards an independent association between ≥3 thrombectomy passes and poor outcome (OR 1.80, 95% CI 0.94–3.45; p=0.078) although not statistically significant.

Conclusion Female sex and ≥3 thrombectomy passes were independently associated with peri-procedure anemia. Peri-procedure anemia was associated with worse clinical outcomes at 3-month follow-up. The interventional neuroradiologist should consider the potential adverse effects of peri-procedure anemia and minimize overall procedural blood loss when able, mainly in women that inherently have lower hemoglobin levels than men. Future studies are required to better understand the causal relationship between procedural blood loss and clinical outcomes following thrombectomy.


E-054 DEVELOPMENT OF AN ANTHROPOMORPHIC XMR PHANTOM FOR NEURO-INTERVENTIONAL CATHETERS

Introduction Integrated imaging suites possess great clinical significance. In the case of dual MRI and X-ray suites, devices designed to be used in their workflow have lagged in development due to engineering challenges presented by the unique working environment. In the field of neuro-intervention, device visibility is paramount. Such device efficacy must be tested in vitro in vascular phantoms that mimic the in vivo environment; however, the imaging physics of X-ray and MRI mean that a standard phantom in one imaging environment cannot be used effectively in the other. Here, we sought to develop a carotid artery and vertebral bone phantom using poly(vinyl) alcohol cryogel (PVA-C) and epoxy resin to navigate neuro-interventional catheters in integrated MR and X-ray imaging suites.