E-095 THE EMBOTRAP STENT RETRIEVER FOR TREATMENT OF ACUTE ISCHEMIC STROKE: IMPACT OF HOSPITAL PROCEDURAL VOLUME ON REAL WORLD OUTCOMES

Introduction: The EmboTrap® Revascularization Device (CERENOVUS, Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices, Irvine, CA, USA) is an innovative revascularization device with a dual layer design for thrombus retrieval. The objective of this study was to examine the impact of hospital mechanical thrombectomy (MT) volume on clinical outcomes among acute ischemic stroke (AIS) patients treated using the EmboTrap® device.

Material and Methods: Adult patients (≥18 years), who underwent MT for AIS with the EmboTrap® (alone or with another MT device) from July 2018-December 2019, were identified from the Premier Healthcare Database (PHD). The PHD is a nationwide hospital database, with more than 1,000 hospitals of varying size, location (urban/rural), geographic region, and teaching status. The influence of hospital MT volume (classified into quartiles based on MT volume in the six-month pre-index AIS admission period) on in-hospital mortality, length of stay (LOS), and rate of 30-day readmissions (all-cause and cardiovascular [CV]-related) was assessed. Generalized estimating equation regression was used to examine the relationship between MT volume and outcomes, adjusting for patient demographic and clinical characteristics, and provider characteristics. In addition, the use of other MT devices was controlled in study analyses. A logit link function was used for in-hospital mortality and readmission assessments and a log link function for LOS assessment. The distributions used were binomial distributions for in-hospital mortality and readmission assessments, and negative binomial distributions for LOS assessment.

Results: The study included 400 patients (mean age 70.5 ±14.32 years) based on inclusion/exclusion criteria. Hospitals were classified into four volume categories: <63, 63-83, 84-139, and >139 MT procedures. Patients treated with EmboTrap® (alone or with another MT device) in hospitals in the first MT volume quartile (<63 procedures) had lower odds of all-cause (odds ratio [OR] 0.22; 95% confidence interval [CI] 0.05-0.96) and CV-related (OR 0.12; 95% CI 0.02-0.65) inpatient readmission as compared to patients treated with EmboTrap® (alone or with another MT device) in hospitals in the first MT volume quartile (<63 procedures). No significant differences were observed in mortality and LOS.

Conclusions: Hospital MT volume significantly influenced the rate of readmissions among AIS patients treated with the EmboTrap® (alone or with another MT device) device. The lack of difference in mortality may also be reflective of limited statistical power to detect differences in study groups. Further research to understand the impact of hospital MT volume on patient outcomes, as well as identify the threshold volume that optimizes positive outcomes, could help inform future stroke care guidelines and contribute to improved treatment protocols in low-volume centers.


E-096 MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY FOR RESECTION OF VATSCULAR LESIONS: A TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE USE OF THE BRAINPATH TUBULAR RETRACTOR SYSTEM IN PATIENTS WITH VARYING SUBCORTICAL VASCULAR LESIONS

Introduction/Purpose: Vascular malformations in the subcortical and/or periventricular regions can cause devastating intraventricular/intracranial hemorrhages (IVH/ICH). These lesions are typically reached via open surgical techniques requiring significant cortical brain retraction to establish sufficient operative corridors for safe resection. The NICO BrainPath tubular retractor system offers a minimally invasive alternative for resection of deep-seated vascular lesions. Using a minimally invasive, trans-sulcal approach originally pioneered for tumor resection, this tubular retraction system has the potential to improve patient outcomes by reducing trauma to adjacent cortical tissue, utilizing smaller craniotomies, and reducing post-operative hospitalization times. Here, we report our experience using this minimally invasive approach for safe, and effective, complete resection of several subcortical vascular lesions.

Materials and Methods: Patients were admitted to the neurosurgical service at our institution with varying subcortical vascular lesions. All participants (or family members) were consented for minimally invasive lesion resection using the NICO BrainPath 13.5 mm tubular retractor system. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) with stereotactic and DTI sequences was obtained prior to surgery. A trans-sulcal approach was used for tubular retractor insertion taking care to avoid important fiber tracks identified on pre-operative imaging. Post-operative imaging with MRI and/or angiogram was obtained to ensure complete lesion resection. Data was collected from six patients including age, initial diagnosis, technical success of surgery, follow-up imaging, and post-operative complications.

Results: Seven patients ranging from 12 to 58 years old underwent minimally invasive BrainPath resection of deep-seated vascular lesions. Vascular lesions included: choroidplexus arteriovenous malformation (AVM) with resultant IVH, occipital periventricular AVM with resultant IVH, deep anterior communicating artery (ACA) mycotic aneurysm refractory to antibiotics, enlarging thalamic cavernous malformation, midbrain cavernoma with resultant IVH, gyrus rectus renal cell