(figure 1a). He was treated with emergency stenting using multiple overlapping devices to reconstruct the vessel lumen and restore anterograde flow (figure 1b). He made full neurologic recovery and was maintained on dual antiplatelet therapy. Despite maintenance therapy, follow up imaging 3 months later demonstrated development of a new high-grade dissecting pseudoaneurysm of the contralateral right cervical carotid artery that was subsequently treated with stent reconstruction on elective basis, with satisfactory result. Further follow up imaging demonstrated maintained patency of the bilateral stent constructs and he remained symptom free.

Discussion/Conclusion Osteogenesis imperfecta (OI) has been associated with numerous cerebrovascular conditions including carotid cavernous fistulas, cerebral aneurysms, and carotid dissections with attendant risk of stroke. While our patient was able to be successfully treated for his initial carotid dissection in the acute phase, he was at higher risk for stroke, whereas his subsequent carotid dissection was identified pre-symptomatically and treated electively. Judicious evaluation of patients with OI for cervical carotid dissections is warranted for early identification and treatment.

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ANALYSIS OF CLINICAL ASSOCIATIONS OF SERUM SCFAS TAKEN AT THE TIME OF THROMBECTOMY IN AIS PATIENTS

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Introduction Gut dysbiosis has become a well-recognized process that occurs following stroke, which may provide clinically relevant implications in stroke severity and patient outcome. Short chain fatty acids (SCFAs) are gut microbiota-derived metabolites that contribute to the gut-brain axis and have shown growing importance in stroke recovery and patient functional outcomes. However, the systemic role of these molecules at the time of thrombectomy immediately following stroke and their risk factors have not been well explored.

Methods Blood and Clot Thrombectomy Registry and Collaboration (BACTRAC), a continuously enrolling tissue bank, was used to obtain stroke samples. Arterial blood distal and proximal to the thrombus was obtained from Acute Ischemic Stroke (AIS) Patients (n=81), and plasma was immediately isolated and frozen. Patient demographics, stroke severity, and functional outcomes were also recorded. The concentrations of the SCFAs: Acetate, Propionate, Isobutyrate, Butyrate and 2-Methylbutyrate were quantified from the proximal plasma samples via chemical derivatization Ultra-High Performance Liquid Chromatography (UHPLC) coupled tandem mass spectrometry using electrospray ionization and multiple reaction monitoring. Bivariate analysis and two-tailed t-testing of the patient parameters with the SCFA concentrations were computed to identify results. Significance was set at P<=0.05.

Results Our analysis found serum concentrations of the SCFAs, with the exception of Acetate, were all positively correlated with patient age. Propionate, Isobutyrate, and 2-Methylbutyrate were only positively correlated with age in males but not females. Interestingly, Propionate, Isobutyrate, Butyrate and 2-Methylbutyrate were positively correlated with each other, but not with Acetate. Acetate, Isobutyrate, and 2-Methylbutyrate were positively correlated with the time from last known normal to thrombectomy (minutes), suggesting a temporal aspect in the levels of these molecules following stroke. Patients who never smoked were found to have significantly higher concentrations of Isobutyrate (p=0.009), Butyrate (p=0.023), and 2-Methylbutyrate (p=0.045) than those who were current smokers. In women only, higher Isobutyrate concentrations were correlated with more severe patient disability at the time of stroke, and with worse functional outcomes at discharge. Beyond this finding, stroke severity (i.e. infarct volume) and functional outcome parameters (i.e. NIHSS score) were not found to be associated with SCFAs in this study.

Conclusions The evaluation of SCFAs in the serum at the time of stroke provides novel insight into the potential role of SCFAs during stroke in human patients. Age remains a significant factor to SCFA concentrations in stroke patients. The length of time following stroke also contributes to the levels of SCFAs. Previous studies have shown that increased levels of SCFAs is associated with decreased severity of stroke, however our data did not detect any such effect. This observation may be due to the acute time of the blood collection following stroke and analyzing serum instead of fecal samples. Furthermore, acquiring information about variations in diet and gut microbiota between patients may help explain inter-individual differences in baseline SCFA levels. The quantification of serum SCFAs prior to thrombectomy warrants additional analysis to determine their early role in the systemic response to stroke.

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TIMELINE OF OCCLUSION FOR INTRACRANIAL ANEURYSMS TREATED WITH PIPELINE EMBOLIZATION DEVICES

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Introduction/Purpose The Pipeline Embolization Device (PED) is commonly used to treat intracranial aneurysms. The rate of aneurysm occlusion at pre-specified timepoints after PED treatment is known from clinical trials, but the actual time evolution of aneurysm occlusion is not known. In this study, we take advantage of real-world variability in the timing of angiographic follow up to characterize the time evolution of aneurysm occlusion.

Materials and Methods Data from a large, urban, tertiary care center was retrospectively analyzed. Only saccular, unruptured aneurysms treated with PED were included in this study. Aneurysm occlusion over time was characterized with Kaplan-Meier analysis. Aneurysms were censored after angiographic confirmation of complete aneurysm occlusion. Aneurysms were