

Diagnosis of Subclavian Steal :
Contrast Enhanced 3D MR Angiography vs 2D TOF

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목적 : Subclavian steal refers to the retrograde flow of blood in a vertebral artery that supplies the ipsilateral shoulder and arm caused by proximal subclavian artery stenosis or occlusion. The purpose of this exhibit is to demonstrate MR findings of subclavian steal on contrast-enhanced 3D (CE 3DMRA) and 2D TOF MR angiography.

대상 및 방법 : Four patients (men 3 and women 1, age: 28-78 years) with subclavian steal obtained both CE 3DMRA and digital subtraction angiography (DSA) including subclavian artery. Sequential imaging was undertaken during the first pass after a double dose of Gd-DTPA (0.1 mM/kg) injected by a power injector. Coronal source images were obtained with a coronal D-fast low angle shot sequence (TR/TE/flip angle=3.8/1.3/35, acquisition time=10sec/one measurement). Precontrast imaging was subtracted from enhanced images and maximum intensity projection was done. 2D time-of-flight MR angiography (2D TOF) of the carotid bifurcation was added in all cases with post-saturation. All studies were reviewed retrospectively.

결과 : Three patients (Takayasu arteritis 2 and atherosclerosis 1) had vertebro-vertebral (VV) type and one patient (atherosclerosis) had vertebro-cervical (VC) type of subclavian steal. All patients had occlusion of the left proximal subclavian artery. In VV type, CE 3DMRA showed left vertebral arteries in all, but 2D TOF detected left vertebral artery in only one case. A DSA showed delayed filling of the left distal subclavian artery, CE 3DMRA in the late arterial phase revealed gradual increased signal intensity of the left subclavian artery. In one VC type, CE 3DMRA showed subclavian steal, but 2D TOF did not detect retrograde flow but few collaterals on the left neck.

결론 : CE 3DMRA is a potent tool to evaluate patients with subclavian steal, and 2D TOF would be added to demonstrate the blood flow direction in the neck vessels.