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继发于原发性甲状腺功能减退症的垂体增生

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Pituitary hyperplasia secondary to primary hypothyroidism

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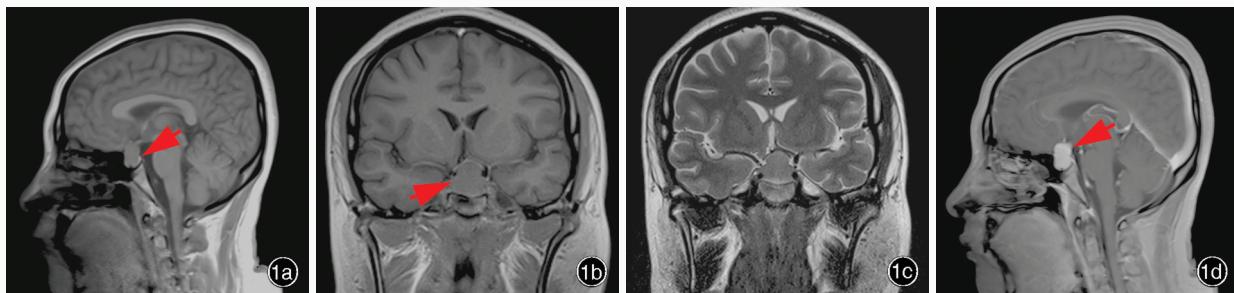


图1 女性,19岁,因月经失调、间断性溢乳1年伴视力减退9个月就诊。诊断为甲状腺功能减退症;鞍区占位性病变。予鞍区占位性病变探查术。术后病理学证实为垂体增生 1a 矢状位T₁WI显示,垂体弥漫性增大,呈均匀等信号,向上突入鞍上池,压迫视交叉;神经垂体略受压,呈高信号(箭头所示) 1b 冠状位T₁WI显示,鞍区病变呈“葫芦”状(箭头所示),鞍上部分宽度小于鞍内部分,双侧海绵窦未见受累 1c 冠状位T₂WI显示病灶呈均匀等信号 1d 矢状位增强T₁WI显示病变呈明显均匀强化(箭头所示)

Figure 1 A 19-year-old female patient suffered from irregular menstruation and intermittent lactation for one year and progressive vision loss for 9 months. The admitting diagnosis was hypothyroidism and a space-occupying lesion in sellar region. Then an exploratory craniotomy was performed and postoperative pathological diagnosis was pituitary hyperplasia. Sagittal T₁WI showed diffuse enlargement of the pituitary gland with homogeneous isointensity, extending into suprasellar cistern and compressing the optic chiasm. Neurohypophysis was mildly oppressed with hyperintensity (arrow indicates, Panel 1a). Coronal T₁WI revealed a "calabash" mass located in sellar region (arrow indicates). The width of suprasellar part was shorter than that of intrasellar one. There was no involvement of bilateral cavernous sinuses (Panel 1b). Coronal T₂WI showed homogeneous isointensity of the lesion (Panel 1c). Sagittal contrast-enhanced T₁WI showed homogeneous enhancement of the lesion (arrow indicates, Panel 1d).

原发性甲状腺功能减退症是多种原因引起甲状腺素合成、分泌或生物效应降低的内分泌系统疾病。部分可继发病理性垂体增生,严重者出现视力障碍、视野缺损和泌乳素升高相应症状,常以溢乳、月经紊乱为主诉。原发性甲状腺功能减退症血清甲状腺激素降低,负反馈性刺激下丘脑分泌促甲状腺激素释放激素,后者刺激腺垂体促甲状腺激素分泌细胞代偿性增生,促甲状腺激素分泌增加;促甲状腺激素释放激素同时对泌乳素分泌细胞有刺激作用,泌乳素分泌增加;垂体柄漏斗分泌的多巴胺是泌乳素的抑制因子,如果增生的垂体压迫垂体柄,亦刺激泌乳素分泌增加。增生的垂体在形态和信号上具有特征性MRI表现。形态上表现为垂体不同程度弥漫性增大,高度增加;病变向上呈对称性生长,垂体上缘膨隆呈半球形;增生明显者向上突入鞍上池(图1a),类似于垂体大腺瘤,病变鞍上部分位于中线处,直径小于鞍内部分,呈“葫芦”状,向上推挤视交叉,多不侵犯周围脑组织,亦不侵犯双侧海绵窦内侧壁(图1b);垂体柄多居中,无增粗。信号上增生的垂体与正常垂体相似,呈等T₁、等T₂或略长T₂均匀信号,无出血、囊性变和坏死(图1a~1c);增生的垂体无论位于鞍内还是突入鞍上,病变后方均为正常神经垂体。增强扫描呈均匀强化,无明显相对低信号影和延时强化区(图1d)。经甲状腺素替代治疗后,增生的垂体可恢复正常形态和高度。位于鞍膈内的垂体增生应注意与生理性垂体增生、垂体微腺瘤、淋巴细胞性垂体炎、鞍区囊肿、垂体脓肿和鞍区转移瘤相鉴别:生理性垂体增生主要见于新生儿期、青春期(男性和女性垂体高度上限分别为8和10mm)、妊娠期和围产期(孕后期和产后1周内垂体高度上限分别为10和12mm,此后逐渐恢复正常),垂体微腺瘤位于一侧垂体内,多有垂体上缘不对称性膨隆、垂体柄偏移、一侧鞍底下陷等间接征象,增强扫描表现为相对低增强区,可见延时强化。血清内分泌学指标对鉴别诊断十分重要。突入鞍上的垂体增生应注意与垂体大腺瘤相鉴别:垂体大腺瘤鞍上部分通常大于或等于鞍内部分,呈“叉腰征”;侵犯海绵窦、鞍底等周围结构;信号强度不均匀,常合并坏死、出血或囊性变。

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