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# 腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术治疗老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛的疗效分析

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**【摘要】目的** 探讨腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术治疗老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛的有效性。**方法** 共76例老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛患者,分别采用腰神经后支阻滞术(37例)和腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术(39例),采用视觉模拟评分(VAS)、Oswestry功能障碍指数(ODI)和12条简明健康状况调查表(SF-12)评价手术疗效。**结果** 与治疗前相比,腰神经后支阻滞术组和腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术组患者治疗后VAS和ODI评分降低(均 $P=0.000$ ),SF-12量表8个维度(躯体功能、躯体角色、疼痛、健康状况、活力、社会功能、情绪、心理卫生)评分和总评分升高(均 $P=0.000$ );与腰神经后支阻滞术组相比,腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术组患者治疗后VAS和ODI评分降低( $P=0.044, 0.027$ ),SF-12量表8个维度(躯体功能、躯体角色、疼痛、健康状况、活力、社会功能、情绪、心理卫生)评分和总评分升高( $P=0.032, 0.037, 0.028, 0.024, 0.035, 0.047, 0.038, 0.026, 0.029$ )。**结论** 与腰神经后支阻滞术相比,腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术治疗老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛的临床疗效更显著,值得临床推广应用。

**【关键词】** 骨折,压缩性; 骨质疏松; 腰椎; 疼痛; 脊神经; 脉冲射频(非MeSH词); 神经传导阻滞

## The clinical effect of pulse radiofrequency via posterior branch of lumbar nerve combined with nerve block in the treatment of senile lumbar osteoporotic compression fracture pain

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**【Abstract】Objective** To explore the clinical effect of pulse radiofrequency via posterior branch of lumbar nerve combined with nerve block in the treatment of senile lumbar osteoporotic compression fracture pain. **Methods** A total of 76 patients with senile lumbar osteoporotic compression fracture pain were reported. Thirty-nine cases underwent pulse radiofrequency via posterior branch of lumbar nerve combined with nerve block (combination group), and 37 cases only underwent nerve block via posterior branch of lumbar nerve (control group). Visual Analogue Scale (VAS), Oswestry Disability Index (ODI) and Medical Outcomes Study 12 - Item Short - Form Health Survey (SF - 12) were used to evaluate clinical efficacy. **Results** Compared with before treatment, VAS and ODI scores were significantly decreased ( $P = 0.000, 0.000$ ), 8 dimension scores (physical function, physical role, pain, health status, vitality, social function, mood and mental health) and total score of SF - 12 were significantly increased ( $P = 0.000$ , for all) after treatment in both groups. Compared with control group, VAS and ODI scores were significantly decreased ( $P = 0.044, 0.027$ ), 8 dimension scores (physical function, physical role, pain, health status, vitality, social function, mood and mental health) and total score of SF-12 were significantly increased ( $P = 0.032, 0.037, 0.028, 0.024, 0.035, 0.047, 0.038, 0.026, 0.029$ ) in combination group. **Conclusions** Compared with nerve block, the clinical effect of pulse radiofrequency via posterior branch of lumbar nerve combined with nerve block is more prominent in the treatment of senile lumbar osteoporotic compression fracture pain, so it should be used in clinical practice.

**【Key words】** Fractures, compression; Osteoporosis; Lumbar vertebrae; Pain; Spinal nerves; Pulse radiofrequency (not in MeSH); Nerve block

随着我国老龄化程度越来越严重,老年人各种疾病发生率逐渐升高,其中骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折(OVCF)是老年人的常见疾病,受多种因素影响,好发于下胸椎和腰椎等部位,椎体压缩后易发生脊柱稳定性失衡、脊神经后支和脊髓卡压等现象,众多患者合并慢性难治性疼痛,严重影响正常生活和工作。传统治疗方法是脊神经后支阻滞术,近年逐渐应用于临床的脉冲射频术可以使局部组织温度 $\leq 42^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,通过调节神经功能达到治疗疼痛且不损伤神经的目的,临床常用于三叉神经痛和椎间盘突出症等的治疗,而用于治疗老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛的报道极少。本研究对76例老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛患者行腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术并探讨其有效性,以为临床治疗提供依据。

### 资料与方法

#### 一、临床资料

1. 纳入标准 (1)腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛的诊断依据:无明显外伤,出现腰背部疼痛症状,不伴下肢放射痛,若姿势改变则疼痛加剧,并经脊椎CT和(或)MRI证实为腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折<sup>[1]</sup>。(2)年龄50~90岁。(3)身体状况可以耐受手术,且无手术禁忌证。(4)本研究经天津港口医院道德伦理委员会审核批准,所有患者或其家属均知情同意并签署知情同意书。

2. 排除标准 (1)腰椎间盘突出症。(2)脊椎恶性肿瘤或转移性肿瘤。(3)合并心、肺、肝、肾等重要脏器功能障碍。

3. 一般资料 选择2013年8月~2017年11月在天津港口医院疼痛科住院治疗的老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛患者共76例,男性42例,女性34例;年龄60~77岁,平均( $69.10 \pm 3.31$ )岁;病程4~68 d,平均( $34.68 \pm 13.11$ )d;根据患者意愿分别采用腰神经后支阻滞术(对照组)或腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术(联合组)。(1)对照组:共37例患者,男性20例,女性17例;年龄为60~77岁,平均( $69.29 \pm 3.22$ )岁;病程4~68 d,平均( $34.21 \pm 13.08$ )d。(2)联合组:共计39例患者,男性22例,女性17例;年龄62~76岁,平均( $68.66 \pm 3.29$ )岁;病程4~65 d,平均( $35.08 \pm 13.12$ )d。两组患者性别( $\chi^2 = 0.043, P = 0.836$ )、年龄( $t = 0.317, P = 0.601$ )和病程( $t = 0.418, P = 0.479$ )差异均无统计学

意义,均衡可比。

### 二、研究方法

1. 腰神经后支阻滞术 患者俯卧位,腹部垫薄枕,选择受损椎体及其上椎体的双侧脊神经后支,采用C型臂CT定位目标椎体上关节突与横突的交界部位,以其体表投影为穿刺点,以体积分数为1%的利多卡因4 ml进行局部麻醉。于CT引导下,以长度为10 cm的22G穿刺针穿刺,正面观穿刺针尖位于椎体上关节突与横突的交界处,侧面观穿刺针尖位于椎间孔下后缘,回抽至无血液和脑脊液为穿刺成功,每一椎体节段均注入复方倍他米松0.25 ml、2%利多卡因1 ml和生理盐水3.75 ml,药物总体积为5 ml。

2. 腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术 患者体位、麻醉方法和穿刺方法均同对照组。(1)腰脊神经后支脉冲射频术:穿刺成功后将射频电极与射频发生器相连,首先,定位感觉刺激和运动刺激,感觉刺激模式频率50 Hz、电压0.50~1.00 V,将麻木或疼痛所包含的范围加以复制,为缩小治疗的椎体节段,应将疼痛范围进行删减;再进行运动刺激模式刺激,频率2 Hz、电压2 V,若未出现肌肉运动,即可推测电极尖端靠近脊神经后支。然后予脉冲射频治疗,针尖电极温度42 °C,每一椎体节段治疗时间>4 min。(2)神经阻滞术:完成脉冲射频术后,每一椎体节段注入复方倍他米松0.25 ml、2%利多卡因1 ml和生理盐水3.75 ml,药物总体积5 ml。

3. 疗效评价 治疗前后采用视觉模拟评分(VAS)、Oswestry功能障碍指数(ODI)和12条简明健康状况调查表(SF-12)评价疗效。(1)VAS量表:评价疼痛程度,0分,无疼痛;1~3分,轻度疼痛;4~6分,疼痛影响睡眠,但尚可忍耐;7~10分,疼痛难以忍耐,严重影响睡眠和食欲。(2)ODI量表:评价功能障碍程度,包括腰腿部疼痛程度、生活自理能力、提举重物、行走、坐、站立、睡眠、性生活、社会活动和旅行共10项内容,每项评分1~5分,总评分50分,评分越高、功能障碍程度越严重。(3)SF-12量表<sup>[2]</sup>:包括躯体功能、躯体角色、疼痛、健康状况、活力、社会功能、情绪和心理卫生共8个维度,每个维度评分为1~5分,总评分40分,评分越高、生活质量越佳。

4. 统计分析方法 采用SPSS 22.0统计软件进行数据处理与分析。计数资料以相对数构成比(%)或率(%)表示,采用 $\chi^2$ 检验。呈正态分布的计量资料以均数±标准差( $\bar{x} \pm s$ )表示,行两独立样本的t检

**表1** 两组患者治疗前后疼痛程度和功能障碍程度的比较( $\bar{x} \pm s$ , 评分)

**Table 1.** Comparison of the degrees of pain and dysfunction before and after treatment between 2 groups ( $\bar{x} \pm s$ , score)

Group	N	VAS		ODI	
		Before treatment	After treatment	Before treatment	After treatment
Control	37	7.68 ± 0.78	3.77 ± 0.55	41.20 ± 2.72	29.32 ± 1.77
Combination	39	7.82 ± 0.90	2.02 ± 0.23	40.89 ± 2.21	16.69 ± 1.24

VAS, Visual Analogue Scale, 视觉模拟评分; ODI, Oswestry Disability Index, Oswestry功能障碍指数。The same for Table 2

**表2** 两组患者治疗前后疼痛程度和功能障碍程度的前后测量设计的方差分析表

**Table 2.** ANOVA for pretest - posttest measurement design of pain and dysfunction degrees before and after treatment between 2 groups

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F value	P value
VAS					
Treatment	23.121	2	11.561	1.033	0.044
Time	254.233	1	254.233	145.256	0.000
Treatment × time	21.796	2	10.898	5.151	0.000
Error between groups	362.131	76	4.764		
Error within group	64.489	76	0.848		
ODI					
Treatment	170.306	2	85.153	1.468	0.027
Time	1408.072	1	1408.072	4.119	0.000
Treatment × time	197.886	2	98.943	52.536	0.000
Error between groups	478.119	76	6.291		
Error within group	151.619	76	1.995		

验;两组患者治疗前后 VAS、ODI 和 SF-12 评分的比较,采用前后测量设计的方差分析。以  $P \leq 0.05$  为差异具有统计学意义。

## 结 果

与治疗前相比,对照组和联合组治疗后 VAS 和 ODI 评分均降低(均  $P = 0.000$ ),表明无论腰神经后支阻滞术还是腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术均可以改善老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛患者的疼痛程度和功能障碍程度;与对照组相比,联合组治疗后 VAS 和 ODI 评分均降低( $P = 0.044, 0.027$ ),表明腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术较腰神经后支阻滞术更显著改善老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛患者的疼痛程度和功能障碍程度(表 1,2)。

与治疗前相比,对照组和联合组治疗后 SF-12

量表 8 个维度(躯体功能、躯体角色、疼痛、健康状况、活力、社会功能、情绪、心理卫生)评分和总评分均升高(均  $P = 0.000$ ),表明无论腰神经后支阻滞术还是腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术均可以改善老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛患者的生活质量;与对照组相比,联合组治疗后 SF-12 量表 8 个维度(躯体功能、躯体角色、疼痛、健康状况、活力、社会功能、情绪、心理卫生)评分和总评分均升高( $P = 0.032, 0.037, 0.028, 0.024, 0.035, 0.047, 0.038, 0.026, 0.029$ ),表明腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术较腰神经后支阻滞术更显著改善老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛患者的生活质量(表 3~12)。

## 讨 论

随着人口老龄化的加剧,腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛业已成为老年人群较常见的疾病。

治疗腰椎压缩性骨折引起疼痛的方法较多,但是每种治疗方法的缺陷也很明显。长期服用镇痛药易造成胃损伤,且患者依从性差。开放性手术亦有许多缺点,首先患者依从性差,患者多为老年人,老年人通常不愿意选择开放性手术治疗;其次开放性手术创伤大,并发症多,恢复慢。由于老年人普遍存在骨质疏松,脊柱内固定术操作困难。微创手术包括经皮椎体成形术和经皮椎体后凸成形术,此类手术也存在一些缺陷,患者依从性模糊,很多患者不愿意选择微创手术;疼痛症状缓解不明显,且微创手术适应证较局限,很多患者的病情无法适用于微创手术。微创手术虽然并发症较少,但也可能出现严重致命性并发症。腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折后发生腰椎高度部分丧失和关节失稳等,导致腰骶部难治性疼痛,对患者生活质量造成极大影响,且易引发多系统功能障碍等并发症,其神经支配主要来源腰神经后支。

解剖学研究显示,腰神经后支较纤细,自椎间孔发出,向后经骨纤维孔,在下位椎体横突根部上缘与上关节突外侧之间向后下方走行,直至横突间肌内侧缘。腰神经后支在走行过程中经横突、关节突和韧带构成的骨纤维孔,以及腰椎乳突与副突间的骨纤维管。上述结构发生骨质增生、错位或韧带硬化时,腰神经后支由于受到压迫或刺激而产生剧烈疼痛<sup>[3]</sup>。临床研究显示,腰部疼痛的原因主要与腰神经后支支配结构的解剖学或电生理学异常存

**表3** 两组患者治疗前后生活质量的比较( $\bar{x} \pm s$ , 评分)**Table 3.** Comparison of quality of life before and after treatment between 2 groups ( $\bar{x} \pm s$ , score)

Group	N	Physical function		Physical role		Pain	
		Before treatment	After treatment	Before treatment	After treatment	Before treatment	After treatment
Control	37	2.35 ± 0.69	3.68 ± 0.96	2.09 ± 0.67	3.15 ± 0.78	2.29 ± 0.78	3.32 ± 0.96
Combination	39	2.37 ± 0.72	4.66 ± 1.15	2.16 ± 0.73	4.45 ± 1.27	2.35 ± 0.82	3.97 ± 0.96
Group	N	Health status		Vitality		Social function	
		Before treatment	After treatment	Before treatment	After treatment	Before treatment	After treatment
Control	37	1.87 ± 0.63	2.62 ± 0.74	2.27 ± 0.69	3.66 ± 0.92	2.02 ± 0.65	3.18 ± 0.78
Combination	39	1.90 ± 0.66	3.54 ± 0.95	2.15 ± 0.69	4.33 ± 1.02	2.00 ± 0.70	4.16 ± 1.00
Group	N	Mood		Mental health		Total score	
		Before treatment	After treatment	Before treatment	After treatment	Before treatment	After treatment
Control	37	2.02 ± 0.73	3.28 ± 0.82	1.93 ± 0.65	2.69 ± 0.78	19.36 ± 3.99	29.25 ± 4.65
Combination	39	2.06 ± 0.77	3.78 ± 0.93	1.92 ± 0.68	3.80 ± 0.96	19.98 ± 4.04	36.55 ± 9.28

**表4** 两组患者治疗前后SF-12量表之躯体功能评分的前后测量设计的方差分析表**Table 4.** ANOVA for pretest - posttest measurement design of physical function in SF-12 scale before and after treatment between 2 groups

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F value	P value
Treatment	11.183	2	5.591	1.850	0.032
Time	34.506	1	34.506	69.463	0.000
Treatment × time	10.194	2	5.097	14.041	0.000
Error between groups	153.263	76	2.017		
Error within group	21.181	76	0.279		

**表6** 两组患者治疗前后SF-12量表之疼痛评分的前后测量设计的方差分析表**Table 6.** ANOVA for pretest - posttest measurement design of pain in SF-12 before and after treatment between 2 groups

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F value	P value
Treatment	38.373	2	19.186	2.158	0.028
Time	213.457	1	213.457	107.537	0.000
Treatment × time	50.689	2	25.345	12.262	0.000
Error between groups	360.243	76	4.740		
Error within group	77.735	76	1.023		

**表5** 两组患者治疗前后SF-12量表之躯体角色评分的前后测量设计的方差分析表**Table 5.** ANOVA for pretest - posttest measurement design of physical role in SF-12 scale before and after treatment between 2 groups

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F value	P value
Treatment	22.731	2	11.365	1.353	0.037
Time	254.545	1	254.545	143.579	0.000
Treatment × time	19.669	2	9.835	4.458	0.000
Error between groups	368.432	76	4.848		
Error within group	67.758	76	0.892		

**表7** 两组患者治疗前后SF-12量表之健康状况评分的前后测量设计的方差分析表**Table 7.** ANOVA for pretest - posttest measurement design of health status in SF-12 scale before and after treatment between 2 groups

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F value	P value
Treatment	31.289	2	15.645	15.315	0.024
Time	61.473	1	61.473	60.789	0.000
Treatment × time	44.684	2	22.342	22.743	0.000
Error between groups	521.210	76	6.858		
Error within group	65.526	76	0.862		

在紧密联系。由于腰神经具有较为特殊的解剖学结构而使其极易被牵拉或压迫,患者发生压缩性骨折时已损伤腰神经后支,从而导致腰部疼痛。传统治疗方法主要是腰神经后支阻滞术,可以使腰部疼痛完全缓解,然而这种方法虽然可以使疼痛症状完全消失,但却不能较好地解决腰神经易牵拉和压迫等问题。

Sluiter于1997年首次提出“脉冲射频术”的概念并应用于临床<sup>[4]</sup>:采用2 Hz、20 ms的冲击式射频

电流并控制电极最高温度≤42℃。脉冲射频术的镇痛作用机制目前尚不十分清楚。与传统射频热凝术不同,脉冲射频术是间断性射频电流,产生的温度≤42℃,对神经纤维的解剖学结构无破坏作用,仅使疼痛传导纤维失去活性,不引起肌力和感觉减退等并发症<sup>[5-7]</sup>。本研究结果显示,与治疗前相比,腰神经后支阻滞术组和腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术组患者治疗后VAS和ODI评分降低,SF-12量表8个维度(躯体功能、躯体角色、疼痛、

**表8** 两组患者治疗前后SF-12量表之活力评分的前后测量设计的方差分析表

**Table 8.** ANOVA for pretest - posttest measurement design of vitality score in SF-12 scale before and after treatment between 2 groups

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F value	P value
Treatment	16.496	2	8.248	2.726	0.035
Time	197.402	1	197.402	38.618	0.000
Treatment × time	12.877	2	6.439	23.705	0.000
Error between groups	371.697	76	4.891		
Error within group	29.841	76	0.393		

**表9** 两组患者治疗前后SF-12量表之社会功能评分的前后测量设计的方差分析表

**Table 9.** ANOVA for pretest - posttest measurement design of social function in SF-12 before and after treatment between 2 groups

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F value	P value
Treatment	17.610	2	8.805	0.046	0.047
Time	57.738	1	57.738	0.979	0.000
Treatment × time	9.255	2	4.628	0.865	0.000
Error between groups	60.033	76	0.789		
Error within group	17.557	76	0.231		

**表10** 两组患者治疗前后SF-12量表之情绪评分的前后测量设计的方差分析表

**Table 10.** ANOVA for pretest - posttest measurement design of mood score in SF-12 scale before and after treatment between 2 groups

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F value	P value
Treatment	38.013	2	19.006	8.105	0.038
Time	200.157	1	200.157	133.263	0.000
Treatment × time	26.894	2	13.447	17.157	0.000
Error between groups	250.736	76	3.299		
Error within group	87.842	76	1.156		

健康状况、活力、社会功能、情绪、心理卫生)评分和总评分升高,表明无论腰神经后支阻滞术还是腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术均可以改善老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛患者的疼痛程度、功能障碍程度和生活质量;与腰神经后支阻滞术组相比,腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术组治疗后VAS和ODI评分降低、SF-12量表8个维度(躯体功能、躯体角色、疼痛、健康状况、活力、社会功能、情绪、心理卫生)评分和总评分升高,表明腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术较腰神经后支阻滞术更显著改善老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛患者的疼痛程度、功能障碍程度和生

**表11** 两组患者治疗前后SF-12量表之心理卫生评分的前后测量设计的方差分析表

**Table 11.** ANOVA for pretest - posttest measurement design of mental health in SF-12 before and after treatment between 2 groups

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F value	P value
Treatment	29.815	2	14.908	2.526	0.026
Time	953.789	1	953.789	154.315	0.000
Treatment × time	27.473	2	13.737	44.921	0.000
Error between groups	828.684	76	10.904		
Error within group	35.210	76	0.463		

**表12** 两组患者治疗前后SF-12总评分的前后测量设计的方差分析表

**Table 12.** ANOVA for pretest - posttest measurement design of total score in SF-12 scale before and after treatment between 2 groups

Source of variation	SS	df	MS	F value	P value
Treatment	17.955	2	8.978	1.170	0.029
Time	141.834	1	141.834	41.563	0.000
Treatment × time	19.938	2	9.969	57.961	0.000
Error between groups	47.101	76	0.619		
Error within group	13.788	76	0.181		

活质量。

综上所述,与腰神经后支阻滞术相比,腰神经后支脉冲射频术联合神经阻滞术治疗老年腰椎骨质疏松性椎体压缩骨折疼痛的临床疗效更显著,值得临床推广应用。

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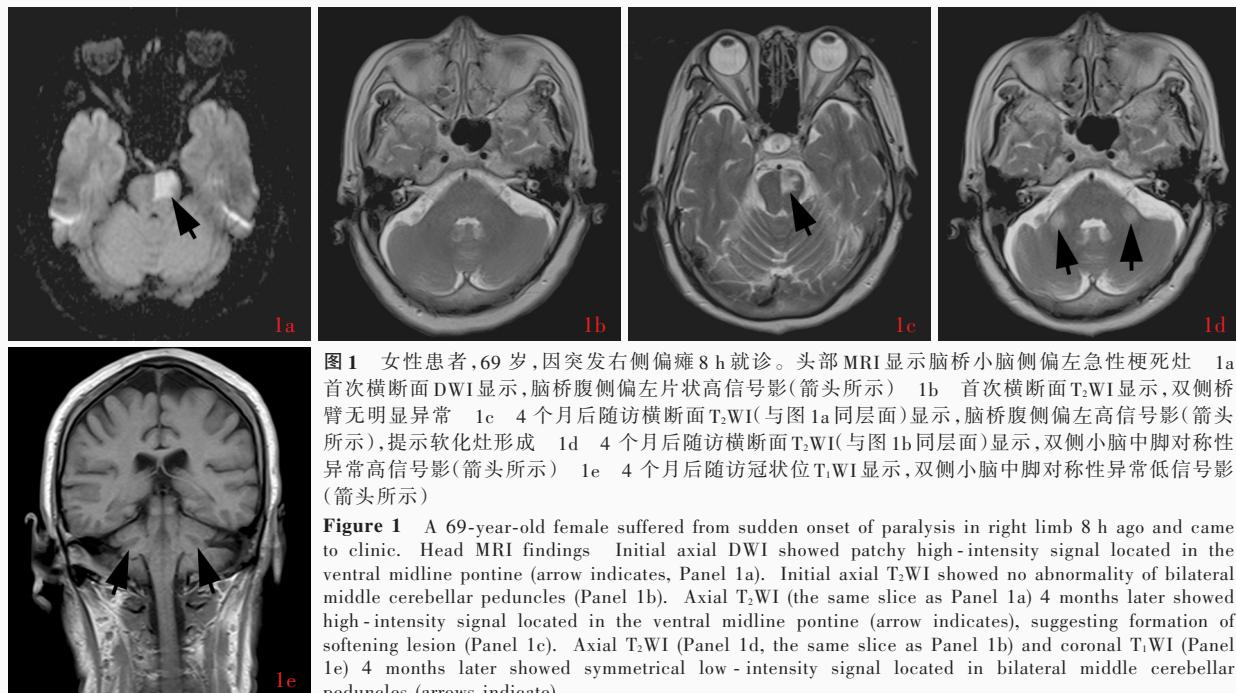
## 继发于脑桥缺血性卒中的双侧小脑中脚 Wallerian 变性

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**Bilateral Wallerian degeneration of middle cerebellar peduncles secondary to pontine infarction**

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**图1** 女性患者,69岁,因突发右侧偏瘫8 h就诊。头部MRI显示脑桥小脑侧偏左急性梗死灶 1a首次横断面DWI显示,脑桥腹侧偏左片状高信号影(箭头所示) 1b首次横断面T<sub>2</sub>WI显示,双侧桥臂无明显异常 1c 4个月后随访横断面T<sub>2</sub>WI(与图1a同层面)显示,脑桥腹侧偏左高信号影(箭头所示),提示软化灶形成 1d 4个月后随访横断面T<sub>2</sub>WI(与图1b同层面)显示,双侧小脑中脚对称性异常高信号影(箭头所示) 1e 4个月后随访冠状位T<sub>1</sub>WI显示,双侧小脑中脚对称性异常低信号影(箭头所示)

**Figure 1** A 69-year-old female suffered from sudden onset of paralysis in right limb 8 h ago and came to clinic. Head MRI findings Initial axial DWI showed patchy high-intensity signal located in the ventral midline pontine (arrow indicates, Panel 1a). Initial axial T<sub>2</sub>WI showed no abnormality of bilateral middle cerebellar peduncles (Panel 1b). Axial T<sub>2</sub>WI (the same slice as Panel 1a) 4 months later showed high-intensity signal located in the ventral midline pontine (arrow indicates), suggesting formation of softening lesion (Panel 1c). Axial T<sub>2</sub>WI (Panel 1d, the same slice as Panel 1b) and coronal T<sub>1</sub>WI (Panel 1e) 4 months later showed symmetrical low-intensity signal located in bilateral middle cerebellar peduncles (arrows indicate).

Wallerian 变性系轴索顺行性崩解及其所属髓鞘变性的过程,是继发于神经元胞体和近端轴索损伤的退行性变,最常累及皮质脊髓束和皮质脑桥束,累及脑桥-小脑通路者并不少见,但鲜为人所熟知。脑桥小脑束起源于对侧脑桥核(位于脑桥基底部),接受皮质脑桥束的传入,在脑桥上部水平交叉过中线,经小脑中脚达小脑皮质。当损害发生在一侧脑桥时,同侧脑桥核、对侧脑桥小脑束和来自对侧脑桥核穿过该处的纤维束同时受累,故继发于单侧脑干缺血性卒中的 Wallerian 变性常累及双侧桥臂。首次MRI检查可见脑桥腹侧急性梗死灶(图1a),而双侧小脑中脚正常(图1b);发病1~3个月后可见脑桥基底部单侧软化灶形成(图1c),双侧小脑中脚外上部对称性 Wallerain 变性,T<sub>2</sub>WI呈高信号,强度低于软化灶(图1d),T<sub>1</sub>WI呈稍低均匀信号(图1e),DWI 和 ADC 呈等或高信号。双侧小脑中脚 Wallerian 变性应注意与累及双侧桥臂的血管性病变(缺血性卒中)、感染(病毒感染)、脱髓鞘病变(脱髓鞘病、进行性播散性脑脊髓炎)、退行性变(多系统萎缩、脊髓小脑共济失调、Creutzfeldt-Jakob 病),以及中毒性和代谢性疾病(毒品、低血糖脑病、肝豆状核变性、脑桥外中央髓鞘溶解)、自身免疫性疾病(免疫性脑炎,副肿瘤综合征)等相鉴别。首诊为脑桥中线旁病变的患者,随访时MRI出现对称性小脑中脚高信号,应考虑脑桥小脑束继发性 Wallerian 变性。

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