

学位論文の要旨

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Reversible Right Ventricular Regional Non-Uniformity Quantified by Speckle-Tracking Strain Imaging in Patients With Acute Pulmonary Thromboembolism			
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<p>We evaluated the effects of acute right ventricular (RV) pressure overload (PO) on RV systolic function and its regional uniformity using speckle-tracking strain analysis in patients with acute pulmonary thromboembolism (APTE). Twenty-three patients with APTE (59 ± 16 years) and 23 age-matched and gender-matched normal subjects were examined. Global and segmental longitudinal RV peak systolic strain (PSS) was analyzed using speckle-tracking strain echocardiography. The heterogeneity of RV regional functions was assessed by calculating the standard deviation (SD) from 6-segmental PSS divided by the absolute value of PSS. The SD of the heart rate-corrected intervals from QRS onset to PSS for the 6 segments was used to quantify RV dyssynchrony. Patients with APTE had reduced PSS, large heterogeneity, and large dyssynchrony with basal-mid RV contraction delay (global PSS: $-14 \pm 4^*$ vs. $-25 \pm 3\%$, heterogeneity: $0.54 \pm 0.26^*$ vs. 0.24 ± 0.09, dyssynchrony: $91 \pm 38^*$ vs. 25 ± 10 msec, $*p < 0.05$ vs. controls for all comparisons). After the amelioration of acute RVPO by primary treatments, both RV heterogeneity and dyssynchrony returned to normal values. In conclusion, speckle-tracking strain echocardiography can effectively quantify reversible RV regional non-uniformity and can characterize the pattern of RV regional impairment in patients with APTE.</p>			

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