

The Calculation Algorithm of Cerebral Arteriovenous Malformations Residual Volume After Endovascular Embolization

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Abstract

The treatment strategy of arteriovenous malformations (AVMs) of the brain is the actual problem of modern neurosurgery. Stage care AVM embolization is most often used in endovascular surgery for a safer turn it off. Therefore, it becomes actual to develop algorithms and objective criteria for assessing the degree of AVM turn off, in time as a visual assessment by angiograms and MR studies is subjective and has high deviation. We suggest an algorithm of a mathematical calculation of AVM devascularization percent after endovascular embolization with MRI. 13 patients with MRI of the brain (GE Signa Infinity, 1,5 T) were taken for analysis before and after partial embolization of AVM on angiography (Toshiba Infinix CS-s). During MRI was performed unenhanced and contrast angiography (TOF). Volume of Onyx-18 and AVM node with perinodular part of afferent and efferent vessels (before and after embolization) was calculated on the basis of mathematical and graphical analysis raster graphics exported from DICOM files MRI contrast angiography. Estimated volume Onyx® LES-eV3 on MRI compared to the amount specified in the surgical protocol. The analysis was performed independently by five specialists visually and with an original algorithm to determine the percentage of AVM devascularization after surgery. Average difference of values between specialists in visual assessment was $14,8 \pm 1,6$ % (range 40 %). Mean difference of values between experts with using the algorithm was $3,1 \pm 0,34$ % (range 5,8 %). Developed algorithm has shown its high independence from investigator in assessing the degree of AVM devascularization after embolization, which allows to receive standardized values.

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