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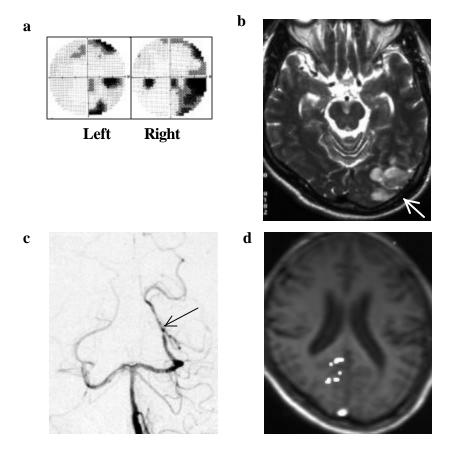


Figure 1. 55 year-old man (case 1) with a symptom of visual field defect. (a) Visual field examination shows the right-side homonymous inferior quadranopsia. (b) T2-weighted image shows infarction in the left occipital lobe (arrow). The left-side primary visual cortex and the visual pathway are spared. (c) Digital subtraction angiogram shows focal stenosis at the left posterior cerebral artery (arrow). (d) fMRI shows decreased activity in the left-side visual cortex.

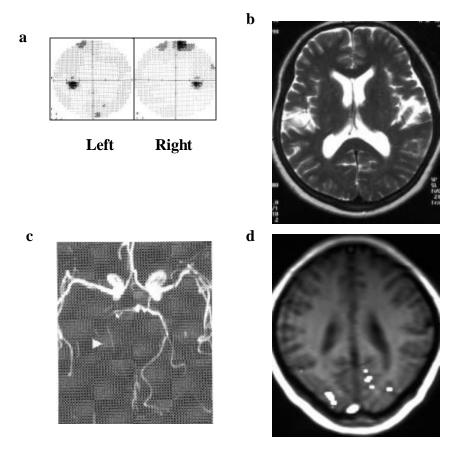


Figure 2. 52-year-old woman (case 2) with several previous episodes of visual disturbance. Visual field examination (a) and T2-weighted image (b) are no.mal. (c) MR angiogram shows poor blood flow (arrow heads) in the right posterior cerebral artery. (d) fMRI shows decreased activity in the right-side visual cortex.

Table 1. Summary of the Results of fMRI, Visual Field Examination, Conventional MRI, and Vascular Imaging

Patient	Sex/Age	e fMRI	Visual Field Examination	Conventional T2-weighted Image	Diffusioin-weighted Image	Vascular Imaging	
1	M/55	decreased left VCA	right inferior HQ	high signal in the	high signal in the	left PCA stenosis	
				left occipital lobe*	left occipital lobe*		
2	F/52	decreased right VCA	normal	normal	not available	right PCA stenosis	
3	F/29	decreased right VCA	intermittent left HH	normal	not available	dissection in the right VA	
4	M/71	decreased right VCA	left HH	high signal in the right occipital lobe †	not available	right PCA stenosis	
5	M/74	decreased left VCA	right HH	high signal in the left occipital lobe †	not available	left PCA stenosis	
6	M/28	decreased right VCA	left superior HQ	high signal in the	high signal in the	right PCA stenosis	
				right medial temporal lobe	right medial temporal lobe		
7	M/61	decreased both VCA	left HH	high signal in the both occipital lobe#	no significant signal change	segmental stenosis of the BA	

abbreviations - fMRI indicates functional MRI; HQ, homonymous quadrantanopsia; HH, homonymous hemianopsia; VCA, visual cortical activation; PCA, posterior cerebral artery; VA, vertebral artery; BA, basilar artery

^{* :} Infarction in the left-side postero-lateral occipital lobe, which was the border zone between the middle and posterior cerebral artery.

The left-side primary visual cortex itself and visual pathway were spared.

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^{# :} Right occipital lobe infarction was larger than that of left side. Left occipital lobe infarction was minimal and spared primary visual cortex

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Abstract

Visual functional MRI(fMRI)

in patients with ischemia in the visual cortex

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The purpose of this study was to evaluate the sensitivity of functional MRI (fMRI) of the visual cortex for the detection of vascular compromised status in the occipital lobe.

Seven patients with the symptoms and signs of visual cortical ischemia and/or infarct were included. fMRI was performed by a gradient echo sequence which was 2D-FLASH (fast low angle shot). An axial slice including both visual cortices was selected and alternative stimulation and resting of the visual cortex was performed using a red-color photostimulator. All patients undertook visual field examination and vascular imaging (MR angiography in 7 patients, conventional catheter angiography in 2 patients). fMRI results were compared with the results of a visual field test, conventional MRI and vascular imaging.

Vascular abnormalities in the posterior circulation were found in all of 7 patients.

In conventional MRI, 5 patients were found to have infarction in the occipital lobe

and the remaining 2 patients were normal. In visual field examination, 6 of 7

patients showed homonymous hemi- or quadrantanopsia suggesting postchiasmic

abnormalities. fMRIs showed decreased activity in the visual cortices where the

vascular abnormalities (7/7), infarction (5/7) or visual field defect (6/7) were found.

Two patients with normal conventional MRI had vascular lesions in the posterior

circulation, and fMRI showed decreased activity in the corresponding visual

cortices. One patient with normal visual field test had multi-focal stenosis in the

posterior cerebral artery without infarction, and fMRI showed decreased activity in

the corresponding visual cortex.

In conclusion, fMRI may be a sensitive method for detection of the status of

decreased blood flow or vascular reserve.

Index terms: Magnetic resonance (MR), functional; Magnetic resonance (MR),

Angiography; Magnetic resonance (MR) imaging, brain