

Vasculitic Syndrome with Neurologic Involvement

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Background : The vasculitis are a group of diseases and disorders sharing the central feature of inflammation of the blood vessel wall with attendant tissue ischemia. The purpose of this study was to determine the types and frequency of neurological involvement in patients with vasculitis. **Methods** : We reviewed the medical records of 131 patients with vasculitis who were examined at Severance Hospital. **Results** : The nervous system was involved in 47 out of 131 cases. Patients with systemic necrotizing vasculitis showed the highest frequency of neurological involvement (78.3%) of which peripheral involvement was the most common. Patients with Wegener's granulomatosis showed 36.4% of neurological involvement of which all cases were cranial nerve palsy. Neurological involvement was found in 18.7% of cases with Takayasu's arteritis and was limited to the central nervous system. Neurological symptoms were initial manifestations in 56.5% of cases with systemic necrotizing vasculitis, 9% with Wegener's granulomatosis, and 2.7% with Takayasu's arteritis. Among various laboratory values, positive rate of p-ANCA was significantly higher in Wegener's granulomatosis cases with neurological involvement than cases without involvement. **Conclusions** : We found that the frequency and distribution of neurological involvement vary with the underlying disorder. Neurological manifestations may provide an important clue for the diagnosis of systemic necrotizing vasculitis because neurological involvements frequently occur as an initial manifestation of it.

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matosis), (Temporal arteritis), (Takayasu's arteritis), (Henoch-Schönlein purpura), SAS

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B (rheumatoid factor), (antinuclear antibody), 36.4%, 18.7%, 30% (Table 1).

CRP (C-reactive protein), ANCA (anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic autoantibodies), C3, C4

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Table 1. Distribution of vasculitic syndrome with neurological manifestation

Diagnostic category	No. of neurologic manifestation		Total No. of cases	Frequency of nervous system involvement(%)	
SNV	18		23	78.3	
PAN		14			82.4
CSS		4			66.7
WG	4		11	36.4	
Temporal A.	0		3	0	
Takayasu's A.	14		75	18.7	
Predominantly cutaneous vasculitis	3		11	27.3	
SLE		3			10
RA		0			1
Other vasculitic syndromes	8		8	100	
ICA		5			5
IVN		3			3
Total	47		131	35.9	

CSS; Churg-Strauss syndrome, ICA; isolated CNS angiitis, IVN; isolated vasculitic neuropathy, PAN; polyarteritis nodosa, RA; rheumatoid arthritis, SLE; systemic lupus erythematosus, SNV; systemic necrotizing vasculitis, Takayasu's A; Takayasu's arteritis, Temporal A; temporal arteritis, WG; Wegener's granulomatosis

17, 4, 1, 12, 3, 22, 66, 56.5%, 4, 83.4%, 3, 40.9%, 80%, 1, 14, 9, 56.1% (Table 3), 3, 2, 2, 4, 1, 2, 5, 가 (p<0.05), 가 (p<0.05), p-ANCA (p<0.05), (Table 2), (perinuclear ANCA) 가 (p<0.05).

Table 2. Characteristics of the neurologic manifestation of patients with vasculitic syndromes

Neurologic manifestation	SNV		WG	TA	SLE	ICA	IVN
	PAN	CSS					
CNS	3	1	0	14	1	5	0
CI	2	1		9	1	5	
TIA	0	0		3	0	0	
CH	0	0		2	0	0	
Sz	1	0		0	0	0	
PNS	13	4	0	0	2	0	3
MM	8	4			0		2
PN	4	0			2		1
MN	1	0			0		0
CN palsy	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

CH; cerebral hemorrhage, CI; rebral infarction, CN palsy; cranial neuropathy, CNS; central nervous system abnormality, CSS; Churg-Strauss syndrome, ICA; isolated CNS angiitis, IVN; isolated vasculitic neuropathy, MM; mononeuritis multiplex, MN; mononeuropathy, PAN; polyarteritis nodosa, PN; polyneuropathy, PNS; peripheral nervous system abnormality, RA; rheumatoid arthritis, SLE; systemic lupus erythematosus, SNV; systemic necrotizing vasculitis, Sz; Seizure, TA; Takayasu's arteritis, WG; Wegener's granulomatosis.

Table 3. Distribution of other organ involved in vasculitic syndromes

Organ Involvement	Systemic necrotizing vasculitis (N=22)		Wegener's granulomatosis (N=10)		Takayasu's arteritis (N=66)	
	F	%	F	%	F	%
Systemic*	19	83.4	8	80.0	30	50.0
Skin	12	54.6	7	70.0	0	0.0
Mucosa [†]	3	13.6	4	40.0	4	10.0
Nose/sinus	7	31.8	9	90.0	0	0.0
Pulmonary	12	54.6	6	60.0	0	0.0
Cardiovascular	3	13.6	1	10.0	66	100.0
Gastrointestinal	9	40.9	0	0.0	4	100.0
Renal	11	50	8	80.0	37	60.0

F; Frequency, *, fever, weight loss, malaise, [†]; mouth ulcers, conjunctivitis

Table 4. Comparison between non-neurologic manifestation group and neurologic manifestation group in vasculitic syndromes

	Systemic necrotizing vasculitis		Wegener's granulomatosis		Takayasu's arteritis	
	Non-N group (N=5)	N group (N=18)	Non-N group (N=7)	N group (N=4)	Non-N group (N=61)	N group (N=14)
Age (yr±SD)	48.8±13.4	45.3±14.8	42.0±16.6	61.5±4.8*	31.8±12.7	40.5±15.9*
Sex (M:F)	3:2	9:9	5:2	3:1	7:54	2:12
Hb (g/dl±SD)	10.4±2.7	11.1±1.7	11.5±1.9	11.8±2.5	11.0±1.9	11.0±1.7
WBC (/ul±SD)	9626.5±3203.4	17744.7±15011.5	9696.7±6411.5	9925.7±3694.5	7355.5±2752.5	7790.3±4595.4
PLT (*1000/ul)	333±120	343±156	362±109	263±76	283±99	265±85
ESR (mm/hr)	65.2±32.8	60.1±24.5	62.7±33.9	64.8±24.1	38.6±28.1	41.8±26.9
Proteinuria (%)	20.0	5.6	40.0	50.0	17.0	37.5
Hematuria (%)	40.0	16.7	80.0	50.0	25.5	37.5
CRP (%)	100.0	86.7	100.0	66.7	46.4	50.0
RF (%)	0.0	57.1	40.0	50.0	0.0	0.0
ANCA (%)	33.3	63.6	60.0	100.0	25.0	0.0
C-ANCA (%)	0.0	18.2	60.0	33.3	0.0	0.0
P-ANCA (%)	33.3	72.7	0.0	66.7*	25.0	0.0
C4 (%)	0.0	28.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0

Non-N group; Non-Neurologic group, N group; Neurologic group, PLT; Platelet, *P<0.05, CRP; C-reactive protein, RF; rheumatoid factor

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