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impulse oscillometry(IOS)

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Clinical usefulness of impulse oscillometry(IOS) in bronchial asthma

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Background: Impulse oscillometry(IOS) is a method to characterize the mechanical properties of respiratory system over wide range of frequency. It's most important advantage is to require minimal cooperations from subject. Therefore it is used to estimate pulmonary function of young children and to study epidemiology of occupational asthma. This study was performed to evaluate the usefulness for the clinical applications of IOS in bronchial asthmatics by estimating the associations between asthma severity and IOS parameters, and the relationships between IOS parameters and conventional spirometry.

Methods: 216 subjects with bronchial asthma were enrolled in this study. Subjects were grouped to 3 different groups according to their symptoms and pulmonary functions. Respiratory impedance, resistance (at 5Hz, 20Hz, 35Hz) and resonant frequency were measured by IOS. FEV1, FVC and MMEF were measured with conventional spirometry.

Results: There were significant difference of resonant frequency, resistance at 5Hz and 20Hz, resistance difference at 5Hz and 20Hz according to asthma severity(p<0.05, respectively). Resonant frequency, resistance at 5Hz, impedance were significantly correlated with FEV1 (r= -0.55, 0.48, 0.49, p<0.05, respectively). And resistance at 5Hz had similar reproducibility compared to FEV1 (resistance at 5Hz, r= 0.78 vs FEV1, r= 0.79).

Conclusion : IOS is an useful and alternative method to evaluate clinical status of brnochial asthmatics. And further studies will be needed to clarify its values for wide range of clinical applications.(Korean J Med 59:522-528, 2000)

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Table 1. Clinical characteristics of subjects according to asthma severity

		Group	
	Mild	Moderate	Severe
	(n=111)	(n=78)	(n=27)
M/F	61/50	32/46	9/18
Age (yr)	44.1 ± 13.8	47.5 ± 14.3	50.7 ± 14.8
Height (cm)	164.8 ± 8.2	161.5 ± 7.6	160.2 ± 8.1
Weight (kg)	63.9 ± 9.1	62.5 ± 10.5	59.8 ± 9.4
Sputum eosinophil (%)	32.8 ± 33.7	37.8 ± 35.6	23.8 ± 28.9
Total IgE (U/mL)	588.8 ± 11.2	741.5 ± 8.3	501.0 ± 10.0
M-PC20 (mg/mL)*	4.3 ± 5.8	2.0 ± 4.4	1.2 ± 5.1
PEFR (pred %)*	88.7 ± 11.9	80.1 ± 12.1	61.9 ± 17.1
FEV1 (pred %)*	98.1 ± 16.3	83.2 ± 15.3	57.6 ± 20.0
FEV1/VC (pred %)*	76.1 ± 10.8	68.8 ± 12.2	59.9 ± 13.9
MMEF (pred %)*	65.9 ± 24.4	47.9 ± 28.1	26.6 ± 16.6

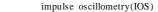
Table 2. Comparison of IOS parameters according to asthma severity

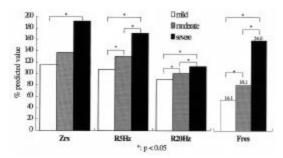
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	Mild	Moderate	Severe
	(n=111)	(n=78)	(n=27)
Resonant frequency (Fres, Hz)*	16.1 ± 4.7	18.1 ± 5.8	24.0 ± 6.9
Impedance (Zrs, pred %) †	115.6 ± 53.2	137.2 ± 61.4	191.9 ± 90.5
Resistance at 5Hz (R5Hz, pred %)*	108.1 ± 49.9	130.1 ± 59.7	171.5 ± 78.2
Resistance at 20Hz (R20Hz, pred %)*	90.3 ± 34.5	100.6 ± 37.3	112.8 ± 42.1
Resistance at 35Hz (R35Hz, pred %)	42.4 ± 4.0	47.7 ± 5.4	51.0 ± 9.8
R5Hz-R20Hz (hPa/l/s)*	1.2 ± 1.1	2.4 ± 1.1	3.3 ± 2.1

^{*} p<0.05: between each group + p<0.05: between mild and severe group R5Hz-R20Hz: difference of resistance at 5Hz and 20Hz

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Figure 1. Comparisons of IOS parameters according to asthma severity. Impedance(Zrs), resistance at 5Hz and at 20Hz are described as % predicted value. Value of resonant frequency(Fres) is marked at the top of each bar.

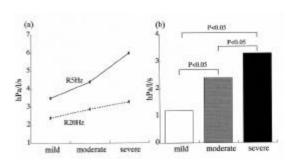


Figure 2. Resistance difference at 5Hz and 20Hz. Resistance is increased according to asthma severity both at 5Hz and at 20Hz(a). There is significant difference of resistance difference at 5Hz and 20Hz between each groups(b).

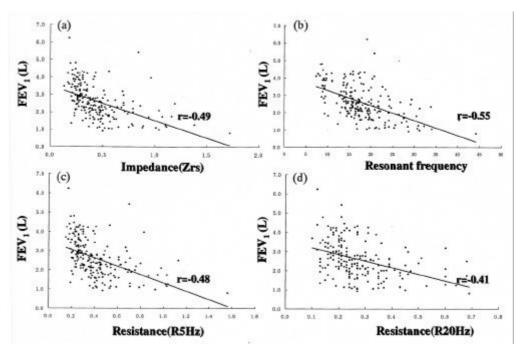


Figure 3. Correlation between FEV1 and impedance(a), resonant frequency(b), resistance at 5Hz(c), and resistance at 20Hz(d). Each correlation show statistically significant relationship(p < 0.05).

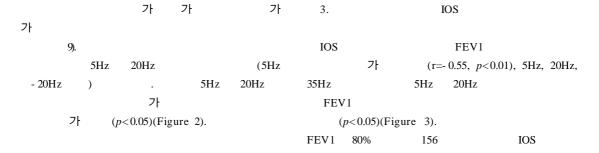


Table 3. Correlation between IOS and spirometry parameters

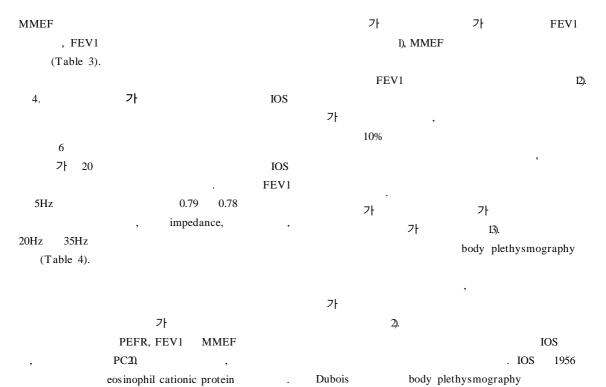
	FEV1	MMEF†
	(n=216)	(n=156)
Impedance (Zrs)	- 0.49*	- 0.34*
Resonant frequency (Fres)	- 0.55*	- 0.37*
Resistance at 5Hz (R5Hz)	- 0.48*	- 0.35*
Resistance at 20Hz (R20Hz)	- 0.41*	- 0.36*
Resistance at 35Hz (R35Hz)	- 0.35*	- 0.32*

^{*:} p < 0.05

Table 4. Reproducibility of IOS parameters in subjects with no severity change

	Correlation coefficient	p-value
FEV1 (L)	0.79	< 0.01
Impedance (Zrs, hPa/l/s)	0.49	< 0.05
Resonant frequency (Fres, Hz)	0.47	< 0.05
Resistance at 5Hz (R5Hz, hPa/l/s)	0.78	< 0.01
Resistance at 20Hz (R20Hz, hPa/l/s)	0.65	< 0.01
Resistance at 35Hz (R35Hz, hPa/l/s)	0.81	< 0.01
Reactance at 5Hz (X5Hz, hPa/l/s)	0.18	> 0.05

n = 20, mean time interval of repeated test : 6 month



^{†:} measured for subjects with normal pulmonary function (FEV1 80%)

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