Effect of Pacing Site on Left Ventricular Dyssynchrony and Cardiac Performance



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Chronic RV Pacing Deleterious Effects on Cardiac functions

- Chronic RV pacing: detrimental effects on cardiac functions & outcomes
 - Direct electronic stimulation of RV apex induces abnormal activation sequence and asynchronous contraction
 - Higher incidence of chronic heart failure, atrial fibrillation and thromboembolic complication
 compared to atrial pacing Andersen et al. Lancet 1997
 - Higher risk of morbidity & mortality



RV Pacing: Hemodynamic Impact



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MOST (Mode Selection Trial) 2010 patient, 6-yr-trial

Circulation 2006;113:2082



Chronic RV Pacing Effects of Pacing Site on Cardiac Funcitons

 Alternative site pacing : pacing site other than apex in RV

RV apex pacing induced LV mechanical dyssynchrony

Liu et al. JASE 2007

Superiority of septal pacing compared to apical pacing in terms of hemodynamic parameters

TAKAGI et al. PACE 1999

RVOT pacing prevents the long-term deleteriouseffects of RVA pacing on myocardial perfusion andfunctionTSE el al. JACC 2002



RV Pacing Effects of Pacing Site on Cardiac Funcitons



Cardiac Output (ml•min)



Seo et al . KSC annual meeting 2009



Aim of study

- To evaluate the immediate effects of different pacing site on cardiac performance
- We evaluated the differences between atrial and apical pacing and between septal and apical pacing in terms of dyssynchrony indices and LV systolic function





- From Jan 2007 to Oct 2009
- Patients who underwent permanent pacemaker implantation were prospectively enrolled
- Group I : 22 patients with atrial pacing (AAI or AAIR)
- Group 2 : 20 with RV septal pacing (DDD or DDDR)
- Group 3: 28 with RV apex pacing (DDD or DDDR)



Methods: Enrollment

- Conventional echocardiography: before and after implantation
- Tissue Doppler imaging (TDI) and speckle tracking echocardiography (STE) : within 7 days after pacemaker implantation
- Exclusion criteria
 - LV EF<50% before implantation
 - Bundle branch block
 - Atrial fibrillation
 - Presence of coronary heart disease
 - Previous cardiac surgery



Methods

Lead position

- Atrial pacing lead- right atrial appendage
- Ventricular pacing lead
 - Apex
 - Septum : mid septum (mid 1/3 portion)

 -screwed into mid septum under the RV outflow tract
 -septal position of the lead was verified in the left anterior oblique (LAO) view





Method: Interventricular Dyssynchrony, SPWMD



Septal to posterior wall motion delay

Interventricular Dyssynchrony index



Dyssynchrony indices by TDI







A2C T_s -SD 12 T_e -SD 12 T_{st} -SD 12

A3C



Dyssynchrony indices by STI: longitudinal strain





4ch



T=341 mse



T_{st}-SD 18 Tst-SD6 by STI (apex only)



ALAX

Dyssynchrony indices by STE Radial & circumferential strain





Radial strain Maximal time difference

Circumferential strain Maximal time difference



Center

LV twisting & untwisting



Determination of event timings







	Group I	Group II	Group III		
	(atrial pacing)	(Septal pacing)	(apical pacing)		
Age (years)	63±17	63±11	64±12		
Male(%)	41	50	47		
Pre QRS duration(ms)	99±15	105±24	102±21		
Post QRS duration(ms)	100±21	156±26*	153±23*		
Heart rate (BPM)	64.5±13.1	68.5±9.7	67.4±9.1		
Pre ESV (ml)	36.1±5.8	46.0±12.3	45.2±23.1		
Pre EDV (ml)	94.3±13.1	99.2±21.3	102.3±19.1		
Post ESV (ml)	38.1±6.4	44.0±17.6	46.8±25.3		
Post EDV (ml)	95.5±15.1	97.8±27.9	101.3±33.7		
Pre EF (%)	63±4	61±5	62±6		
Post EF (%)	60±3	55±6*	56±6*		
*p<0.05 for difference from Group I.					



	Group I	Group II	Group III	
	(atrial pacing)	(Septal pacing)	(apical pacing)	
Mitral inflow				
E (cm/s)	69±20.6	59±15	62±18	
A (cm/s)	69±21	73±23	72±17	
DT (ms)	223±48	216±52	197±53	
Mitral annulus TDI				
Sm (cm/s)	8.3±1.7	7.1±1.3	7.3±1.4	
Em (cm/s)	5.7±2.0	5.8±2.8	6.3±7.0	
IVRT (ms)	79±22	100±31*	95±36*	
*p<0.05 for difference from Group I.				



	Group I	Group II	Group III	
	(atrial pacing)	(Septal pacing)	(apical pacing)	
Inter-ventricular dyssynchrony index	15.7±14.5	24.5±16.8	26.6±19.8	
SPWMD	78.4±22.8	90.3±41.5	72.8±30.1	
Ts-SD12 by TDI (ms)	39±21	36±11.2	42.4±18	
Te-SD12 by TDI (ms)	25±7	36±24	34±29	
Tst-SD12 by TDI (ms)	62±17	73±21	72±24	
Tst-SD18 by STI	52±15	69±21*	73±16*	
Tst-SD6 by STI (apex only)	38±17	69±21*	68±31*	
LV global longitudinal strain by STI	-25±6	-21±5	-20±4	
Radial dyssynchrony index	74±53	103±50	88±52	
Circumferential dyssynchrony index	121±44	126±44	129±44	
Basal rotation	-6.8±2.6	-5.7±3.4	-6.3±3.4	
Apical rotation	14.1±5.3	9.9±5.5*	10.8±5.5*	
LV twist	21.0±6.8	16.1±6.0*	16.3±5.7*	
*p<0.05 for difference from Group I.				





Atrial pacing







Ventricular pacing







Summary

- Ejection fraction and apical peak rotation degree were significantly higher in atrial pacing group compared to RV pacing group (septum and apex)
- There was no difference in dyssynchrony indices derived from 12 segments between atrial and ventricular pacing
- However, ventricular pacing increased regional heterogeneity of LV apex regardless of pacing site, and led to significant differences in dyssynchrony indices derived from 18 segments
- Any dyssynchrony indices were not different between mid septal and apical pacing group



Summary



Importance of apical rotation as an index of global LV systolic function



Kim et al. Circ Cardiovasc Imaging. 2009



Summary

• High septal pacing vs. mid septal pacing ??

Differences in left ventricular dyssynchrony between high septal pacing and apical pacing in patients with normal left ventricular systolic function

Results: The high septal pacing group had significantly shorter TD-TDI (20.0 ± 24.3 ms vs. 59.7 ± 43.0 ms, p < 0.0001), TD-RS (13.5 ± 19.9 ms vs. 45.8 ± 24.6 ms, p < 0.0001), and TD-LS (42.7 ± 22.0 ms vs. 66.6 ± 26.8 ms, p = 0.001) values compared to the apical pacing group. There was no significant difference in TD-CS between the two groups.

Conclusion: Left ventricular dyssynchrony was smaller in patients with high septal pacing. The results show that 2D-STE is useful for detection of differences in left ventricular mechanical dyssynchrony in patients with permanent pacemaker implantation, in addition to TDI.

Yoshikawa et al. Journal of Cardiology 2010

