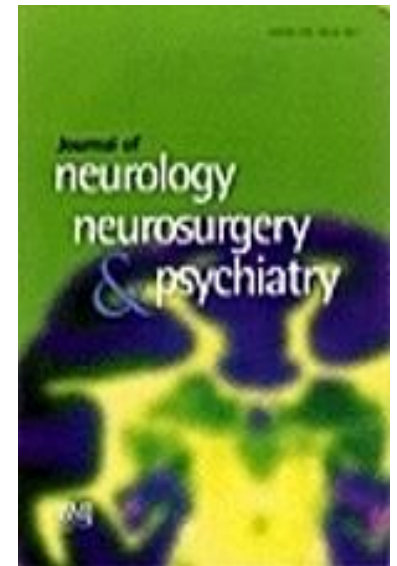


Contribution of Intracranial Vertebral Artery Asymmetry to Vestibular Neuropathy

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- The pathophysiology of vestibular neuronitis or neuropathy (VN) from **viral inflammation** of the vestibular nerve or **labyrinthine ischemia** has been debated.

Acta Otolaryngol Suppl 1993;503:18-22.

Something New?



Case Report

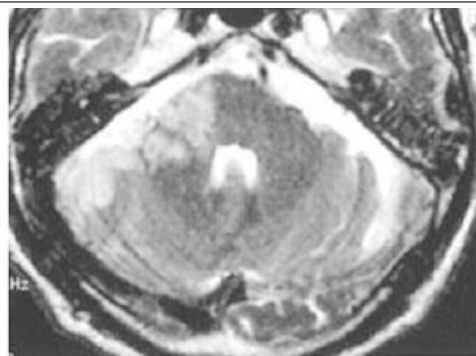
Infarction in Anterior Inferior Cerebellar Artery Territory Caused by Occlusion of Vertebral Artery

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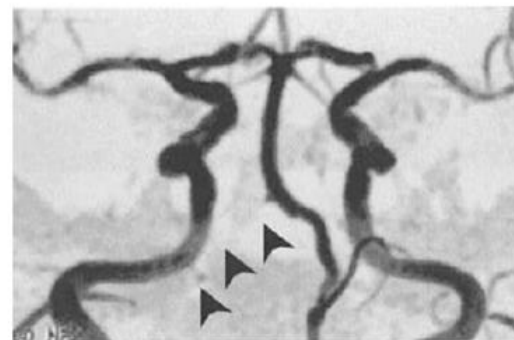
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Table 2. Mean latencies of p13 and n23

Group	No.		p13	n23 (ms)
Subjects with a VAH	26	Rt ear	18.3±2.5*	33.8±2.9*
		Lt. ear	12.0±1.3(p:0.02)	25.1±2.6(p:0.018)
Subjects without a VAH	26	Rt ear	11.9±2.7(p:0.019)	24.8±2.9(p:0.02)
		Lt. ear	12.2±1.5(p:0.02)	24.7±2.8(p:0.017)

VAH denotes vertebral artery hypoplasia. The 26 VAH were all located on right side.

Vertebral Artery Hypoplasia May Contribute to Abnormal Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potentials

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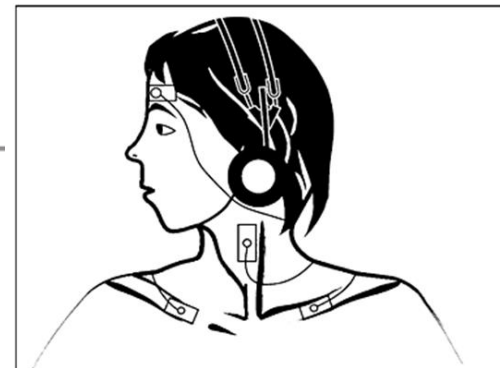


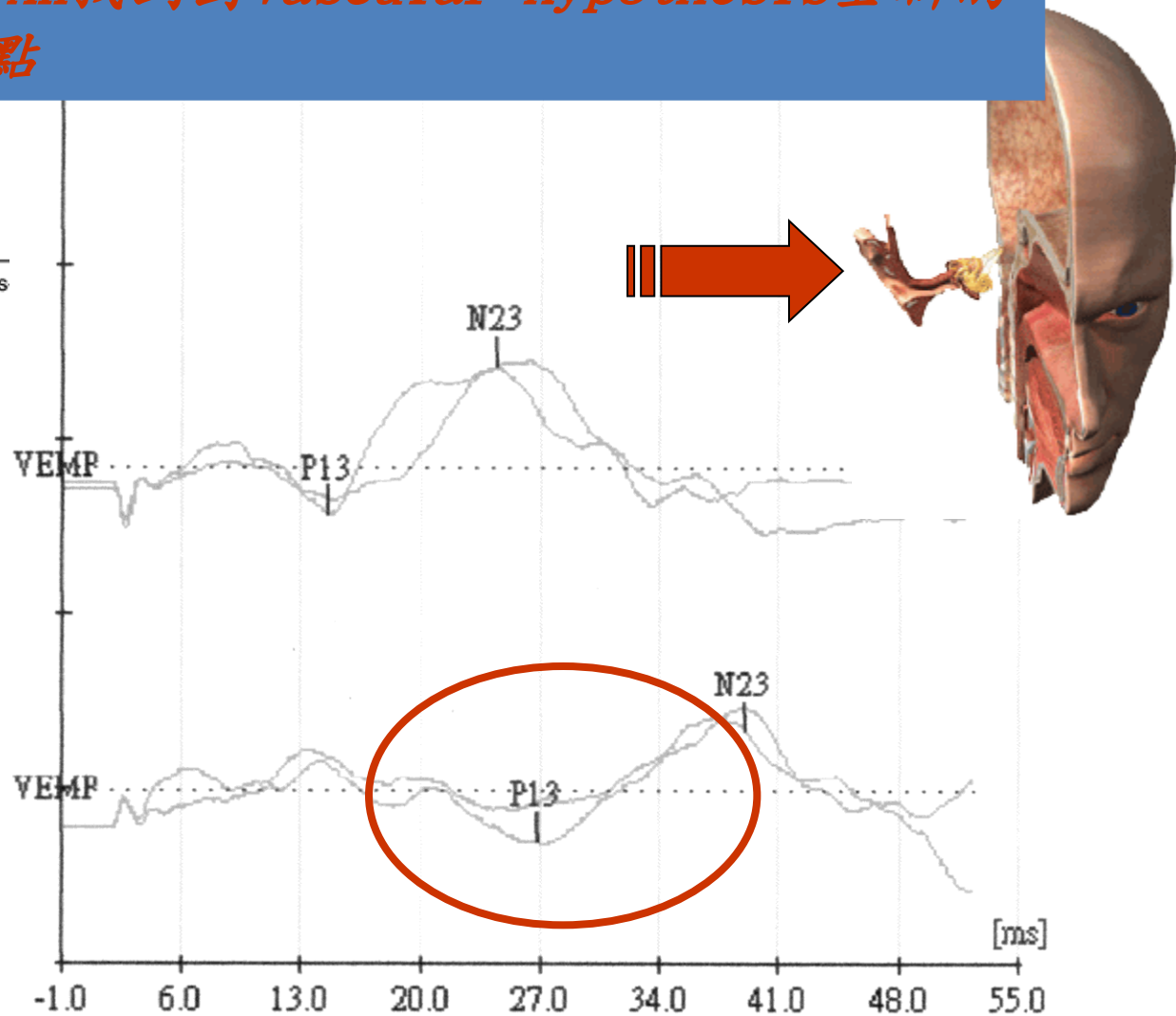
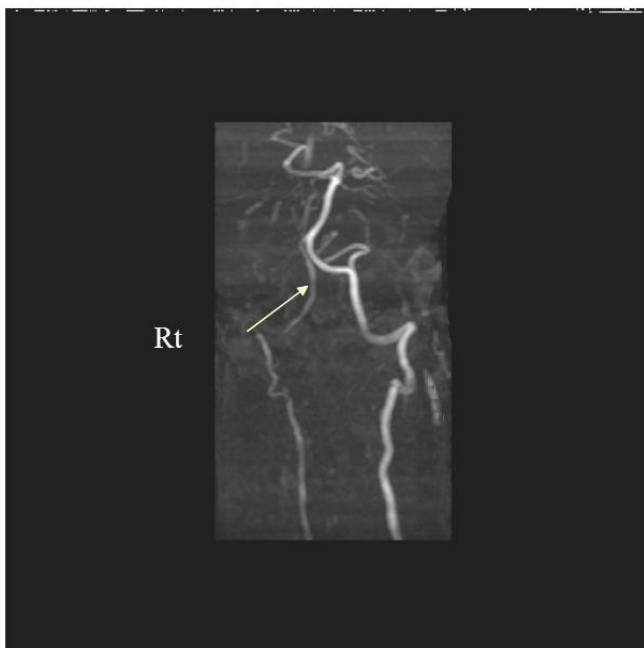
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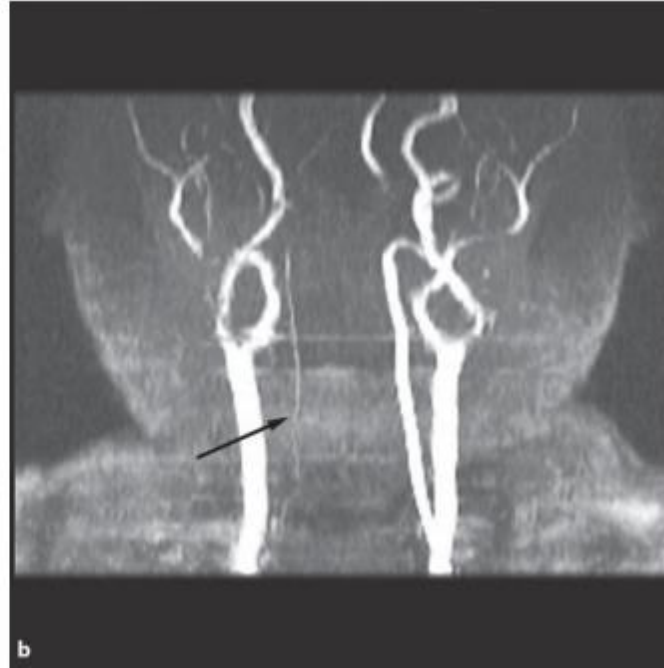
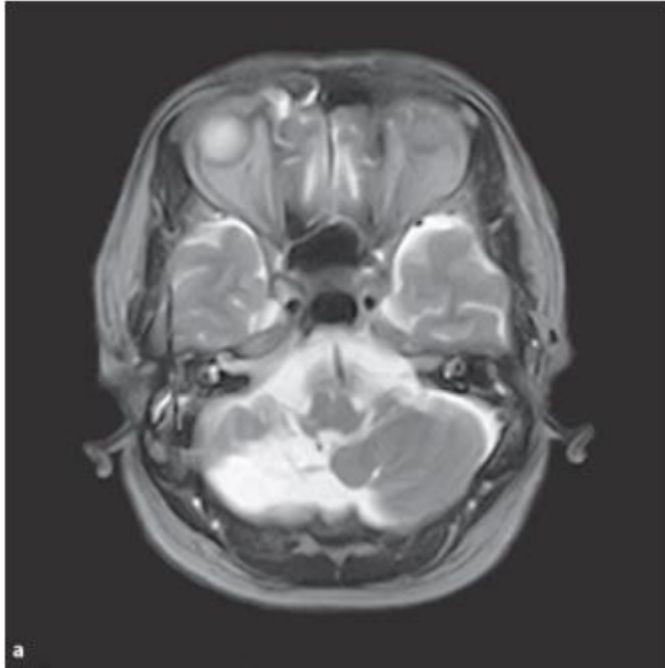
Vestibular evoked myogenic potential

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Toward a Further Elucidation: Role of Vertebral Artery Hypoplasia in Acute Ischemic Stroke

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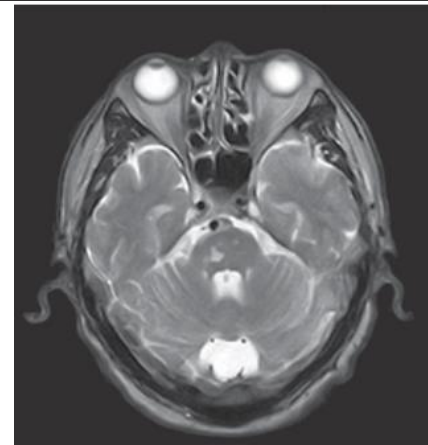


Table 2. Spectral parameters measured during migraine attacks and headache-free periods

	Tested group (n = 26)		Control (n = 26)	
	headache-free	attack	headache-free	attack
Net VA flow volume, ml/min	128.7 ± 11.6	130.6 ± 12.1 (power: 0.51)	137.2 ± 11.8	135.2 ± 12.5 (power: 0.53)
Resistance index				
Left VA	0.65 ± 0.11	0.68 ± 0.13 (power: 0.49)	0.66 ± 0.12	0.65 ± 0.13 (power: 0.55)
Right VA	0.89 ± 0.12	0.79 ± 0.05 ¹ (p = 0.03)	0.65 ± 0.11	0.66 ± 0.14 (power: 0.53)
Diameter, mm				
Left VA	0.31 ± 0.09	0.30 ± 0.10 (power: 0.51)	0.29 ± 0.08	0.30 ± 0.06 (power: 0.50)
Right VA	0.19 ± 0.04	0.18 ± 0.06 (power: 0.53)	0.28 ± 0.07	0.29 ± 0.05 (power: 0.52)
Left VA				
PSV	59.8 ± 12.6	58.9 ± 13.9 (power: 0.53)	60.8 ± 15.6	61.2 ± 15.4 (power: 0.55)
EDV	30.5 ± 8.7	32.7 ± 9.1 (power: 0.61)	31.7 ± 8.5	32.7 ± 8.9 (power: 0.51)
TAMV	43.6 ± 9.6	43.6 ± 9.6 (power: 0.52)	43.6 ± 9.6	42.9 ± 6.8 (power: 0.57)
Right VA				
PSV	27.8 ± 8.9	28.9 ± 9.1 (power: 0.51)	58.7 ± 12.8	57.9 ± 14.5 (power: 0.52)
EDV	9.6 ± 3.7	14.6 ± 5.7 ¹ (p: 0.032)	29.6 ± 8.8	28.6 ± 8.5 (power: 0.55)
TAMV	14.9 ± 5.8	18.7 ± 6.4 ¹ (p: 0.04)	46.5 ± 9.8	45.7 ± 8.5 (power: 0.55)

Values are means ± SD. PSV = Peak systolic velocity; EDV = end-diastolic velocity; TAMV = time-average mean velocity.

¹ Test group: migraine without a hypoplastic VA; control: migraine with a hypoplastic VA.

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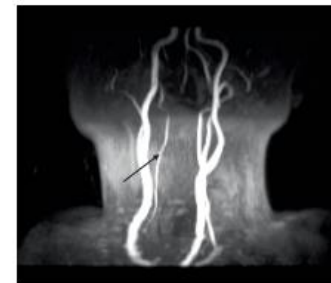
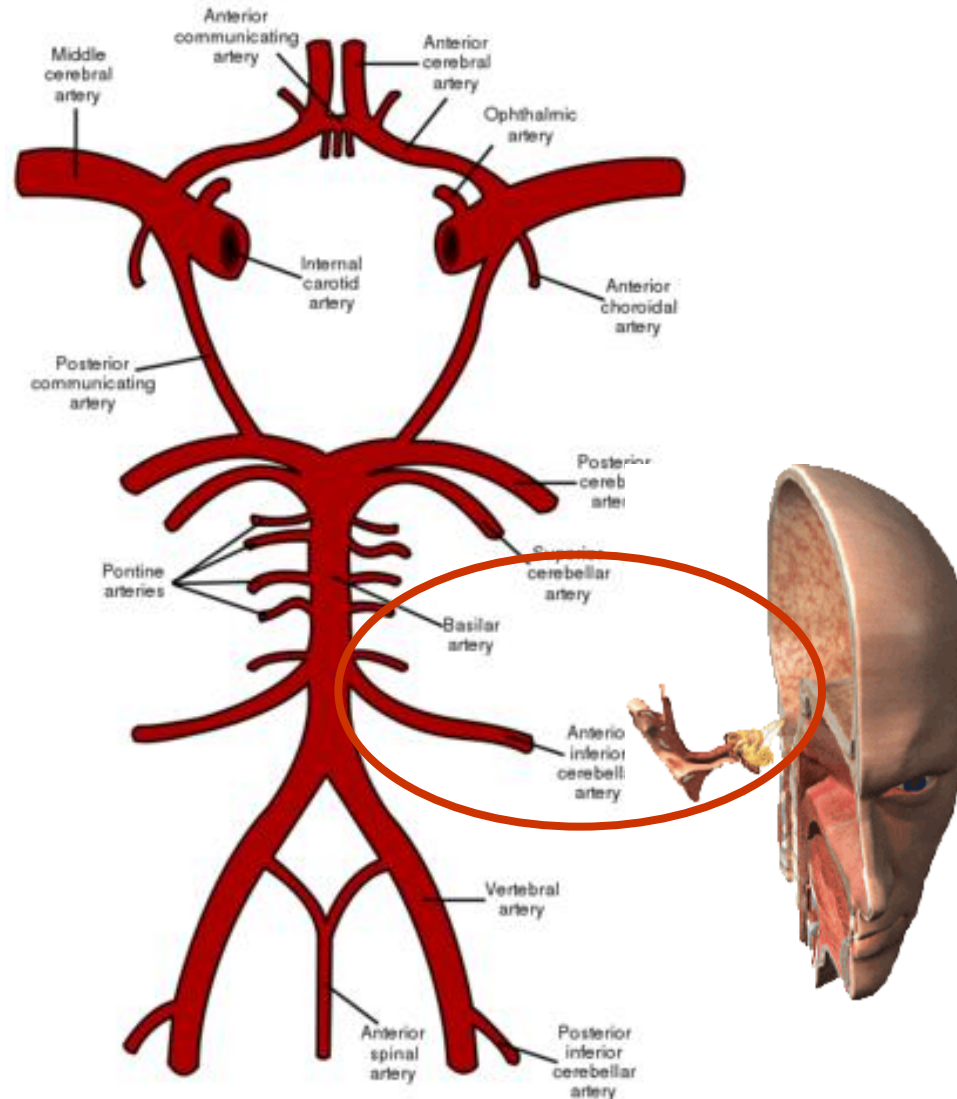
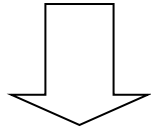


Fig. 1. The net VA flow volume measured in a woman who had migraine with prolonged aura was 128.8 ml/min. The corresponding cervical MR angiogram confirmed the diagnosis of right-sided VA hypoplasia (arrow).

AICA rather than VA: VN supplier?



Does VAH contribute to Vestibular Neuronitis.



Define VA/AICA hemodynamic association

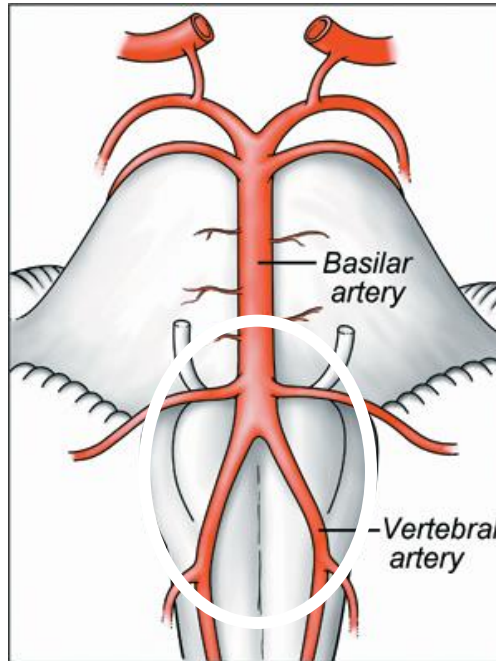
Other Cerebral vessels

垂直整合



Basilar artery: 唯一由兩條上游血管(VA)匯聚而成,

水平整合



We need larger sample size to test this hypothesis

Clinical effect of valacyclovir drug for vestibular neuronitis

Protocol No.: DOH94-TD-I-111-012

Development phase: Local Research Study

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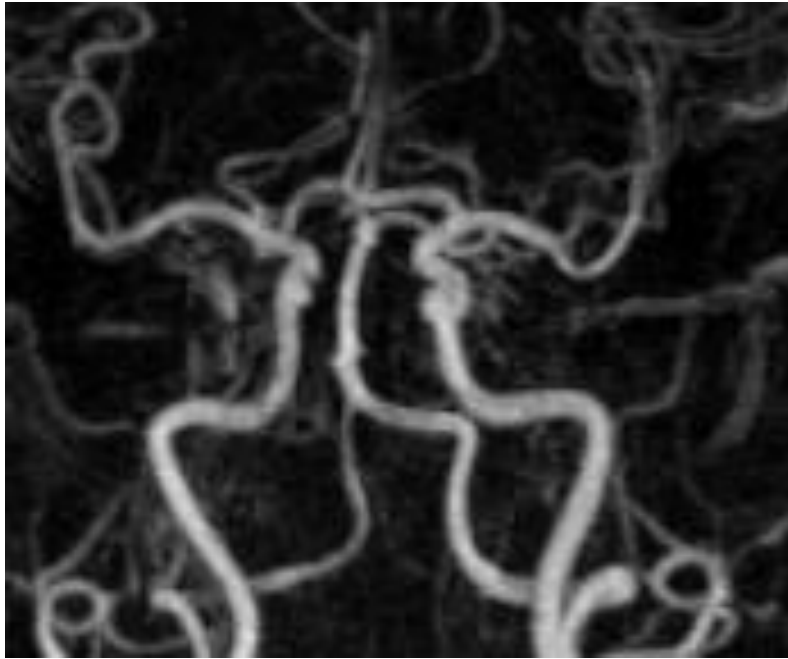
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How to define V4 hypoplasia ?



AI= left minus right VA diameter/left plus right VA diameter

AI >40% (specificity for VAH: 90.9%)

if < 0.22 cm in diameter

Ultrasound Med Biol 2004; 30: 605-9.
J Neurol Sci. 2007;260:183-7.

From January 2006 to October 2007, consecutively recruited 70 **unilateral VN** patients who participated in a double-blind randomized placebo controlled trial on the therapeutic effect of **valacyclovir** on VN in a tertiary referral medical center



All patients underwent complete **neurologic examination, caloric irrigation, cranial MRI with contrast medium(3T),** and laboratory testing



The inclusion criteria:

1. Within 72 hours of acute or subacute onset of severe, prolonged rotatory vertigo, nausea and postural imbalance unilateral functional deficit of the horizontal semicircular canal and caloric irrigation showed >25% canal paresis of the affected ear
2. A horizontal spontaneous nystagmus with a rotational component toward the unaffected ear (fast phase) and the head-thrust test showed an ipsilateral deficit of the horizontal canal,
3. No tinnitus or acute hearing loss, and
4. Exclusion of central, bilateral or other peripheral vestibular dysfunction.

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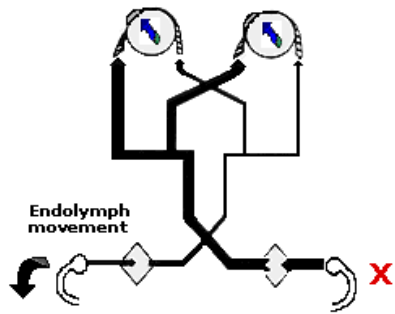
Methylprednisolone, Valacyclovir, or the Combination for Vestibular Neuritis

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and Thomas Brandt, M.D.



Cranial MRI with contrast medium(3T)

Caloric Irrigation



Jongkee's formula

$$CP: \{(RW+RC) - (LW+LC)/RW+RC+LW+LC\} \times 100\%$$

$$DP: \{(RW+LC) - (RC+LW)/RW+RC+LW+LC\} \times 100\%$$

RW and LW: warm air irrigation response in right (RW) or left (LW) ear
RC and LC: cold air irrigation response in right (RC) or left (LC) ear

Pract Otorhinolaryngol (Basel) 1962;24:65-93.



The control group:

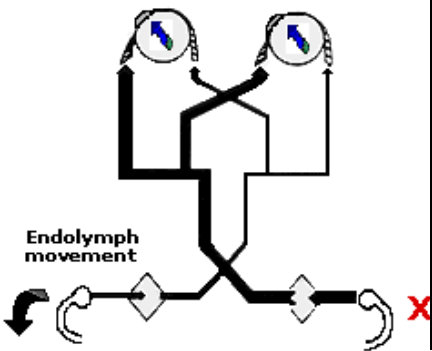
50 age/sex matched healthy subjects
(22 males) aged 48.4 ± 14.5 years
(range 30 to 86 years)
Physical check-up and MRI/MRA study
Imaging Center of Taipei Veterans General Hospital
January to August 2006.



J.S.C Ko, M.D

Matching intracranial VAH side and VN side by caloric test

Caloric Irrigation



Results

None of our patients exhibited contrast enhancement of the inner ear,

Distinct scenario from Bell's palsy



Relative risk (RR) of VAH in VN **RR = 2.21**

VN subjects :29 VAH (right/left: 23/6) (42.0%)

Controls : 6 VAH (right/left: 5/1) (12%)

Results

	VN with VAH	VN without VAH	
No. of cases	29	40	p
Age, year	50.29±8.5	48.55±6.5	0.073
Radiological findings			
Asymmetry index of VA	0.49±0.06	0.28±0.11	0.018*
No. of right VAH	23		
No. of left VAH	6		0.019*
<u>No. of ipsilateral VAH according to VN lesion side</u>			
Global	19/29 (65.52%)		
Right VAH with ipsilateral. VN	14/23 (60.87%)		
Left VAH with ipsilateral. VN	5/6 (83.33%)		0.037*



	Vascular risk group	Non-vascular risk group	p
No. of cases	51	18	
Age, year	63.29±8.5	48.55±6.5	0.019
Risk factors (%)			
Hypertension	31	0	
Diabetes mellitus	18	0	
Smoking	20	0	
Coronary artery disease	10	0	
Hyperlipidemia	32	0	
Radiological findings			
VAH	21 (41.17%)	8 (44.44%)	0.230
	R/L: 17/4	R/L: 6/2	
No. of ipsilateral VAH according to VN lesion site			
Global	17/21 (80.95%)	2/8 (25%)	0.009
Right VAH with ipsilateral VN	13/17 (76.47%)	1/6 (16.6%)	0.009
Left VAH with ipsilateral VN	4/4 (100%)	1/2 (50%)	0.068

* left VAH versus right VAH

Summary



- Accordance of VAH and ipsilateral VN
- Left VAH/VN higher association?
- Medical vascular risk summation effect

Hemodynamic association of VA and ipsilateral AICA?

Double hump profile
Fahraeus-Lindqvist effect

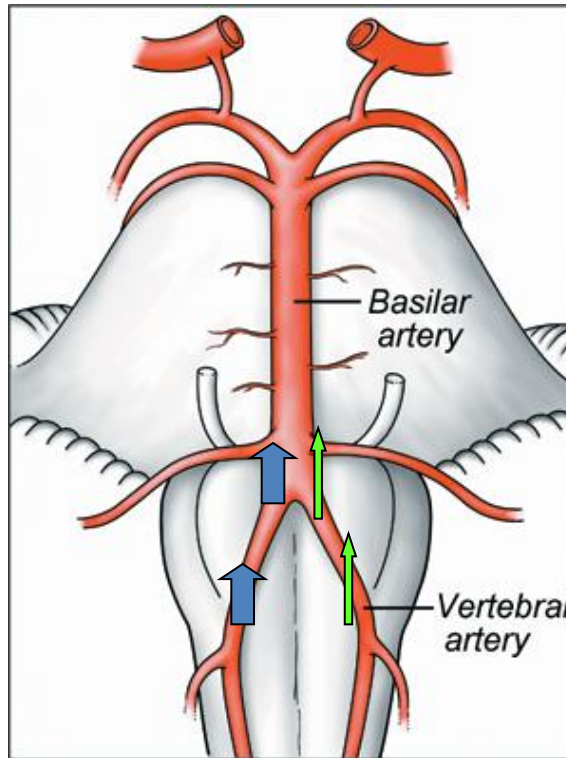


Double hump profile



Merging flows in an arterial confluence: the vertebro-basilar junction.

J Fluid Mechanics Digital Archive 1995; 304 : 119-141.



BA 'double hump' axial velocity profile just downstream of the VA confluence

Fahraeus-Lindqvist effect



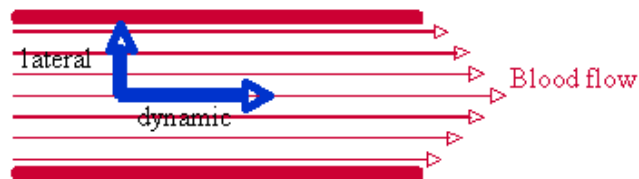
Fahraeus-Lindqvist effect

only plasma along wall more plasma than red blood cells
 small vessels - thus reduced hematocrit

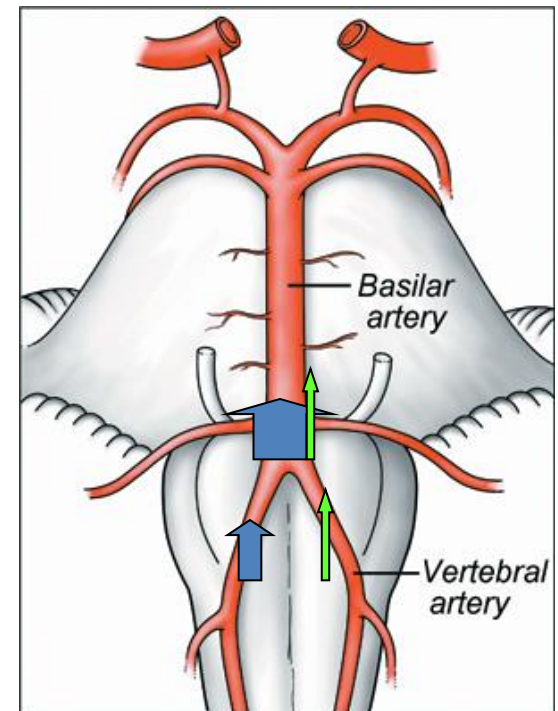
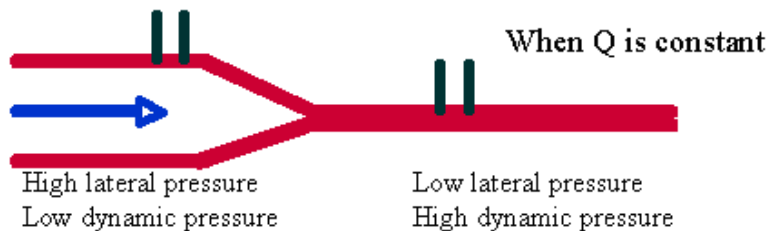
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Velocity and Pressure



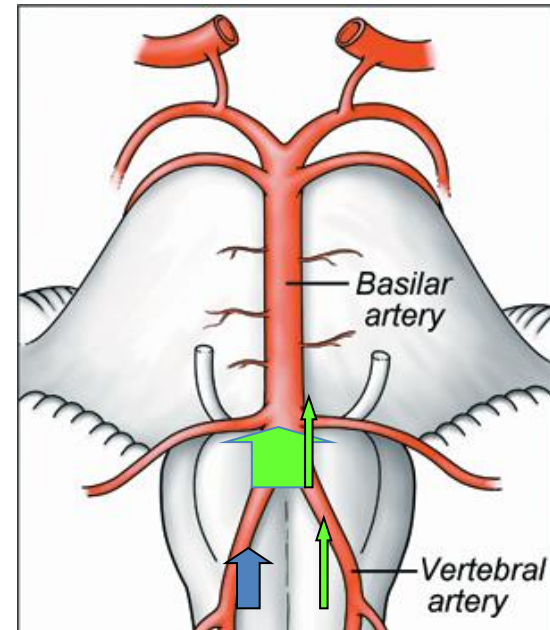
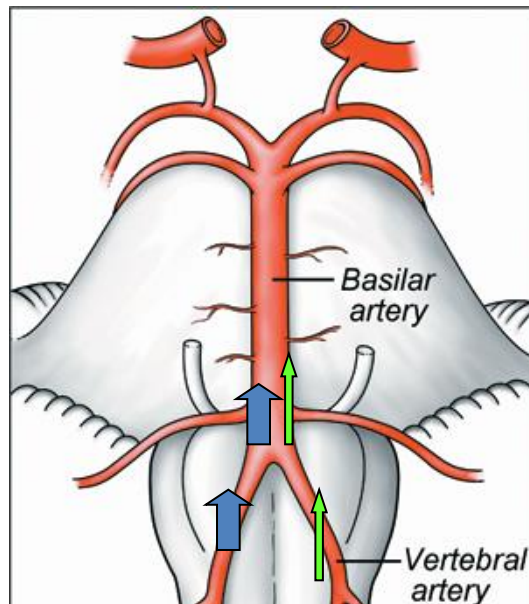
Total pressure = lateral pressure + dynamic pressure



Merging flows in an arterial confluence:
the vertebro-basilar junction.

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Fahraeus-Lindqvist effect



Higher accordance VAH and VN at left side?

Compensation compromise of left VBA
Asymmetrical Neurovascular modulation

Compensation compromise of left VBA



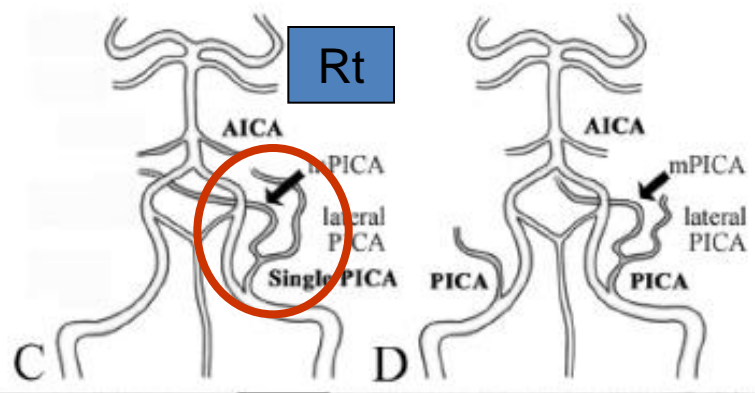
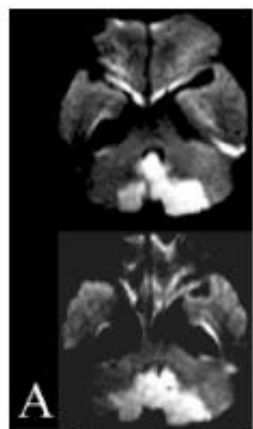


Compensatory widening of downstream branches

In our cases, 35% of them showed normal distribution, 64% dominant Rt AICA, and 65% dominant Rt PICA.

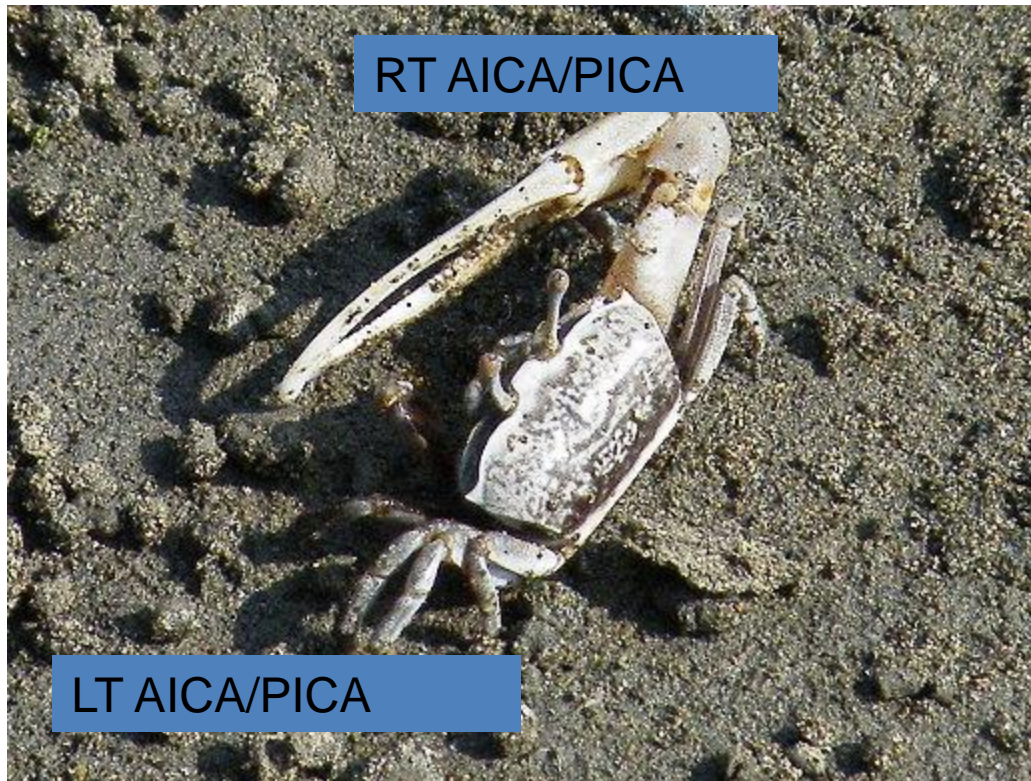
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VAH: compensatory by ipsilateral bigger **AICA**
PICA



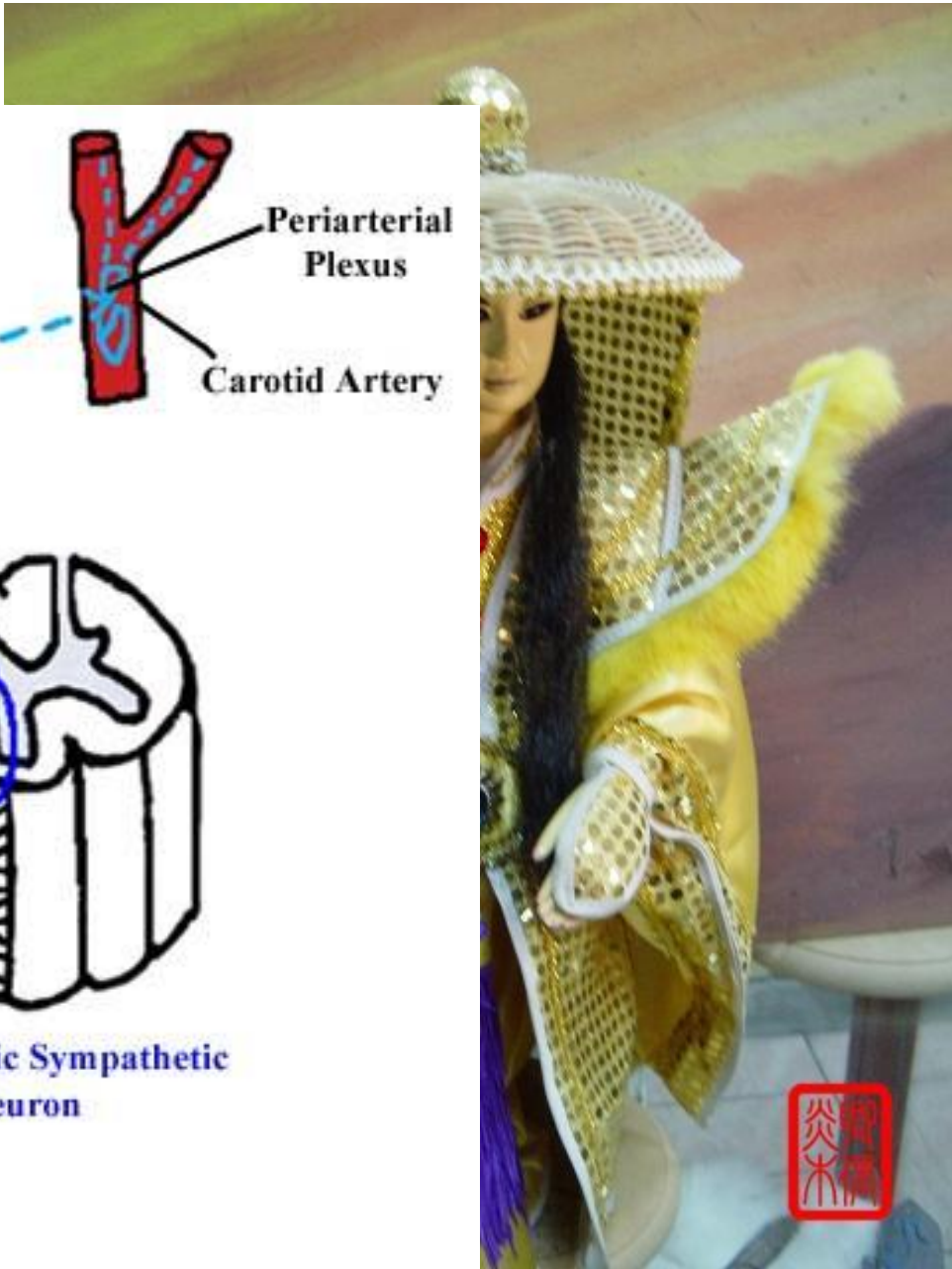
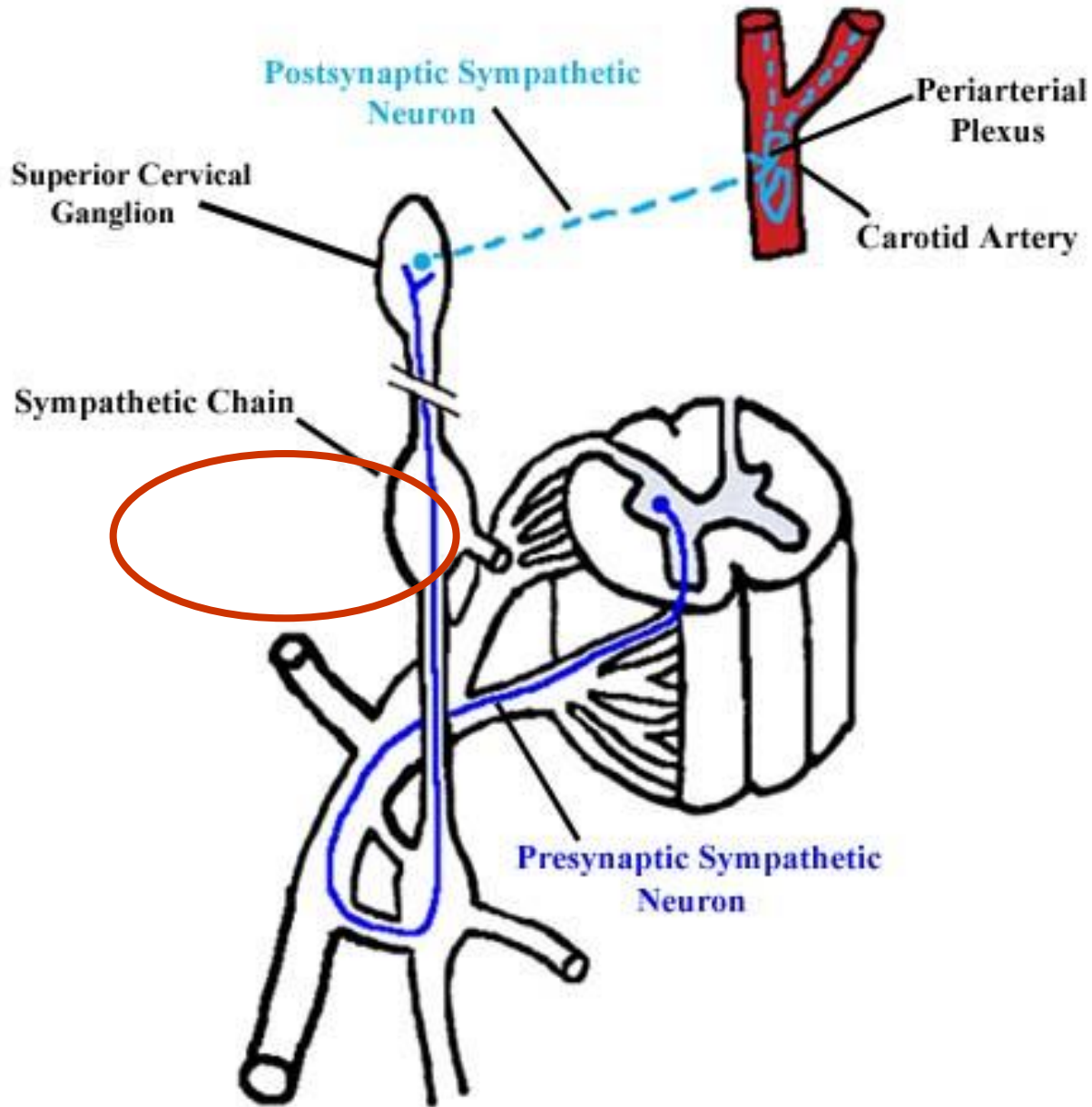
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A compensatory bigger AICA/PICA developed for VAH existed exclusively on the right side



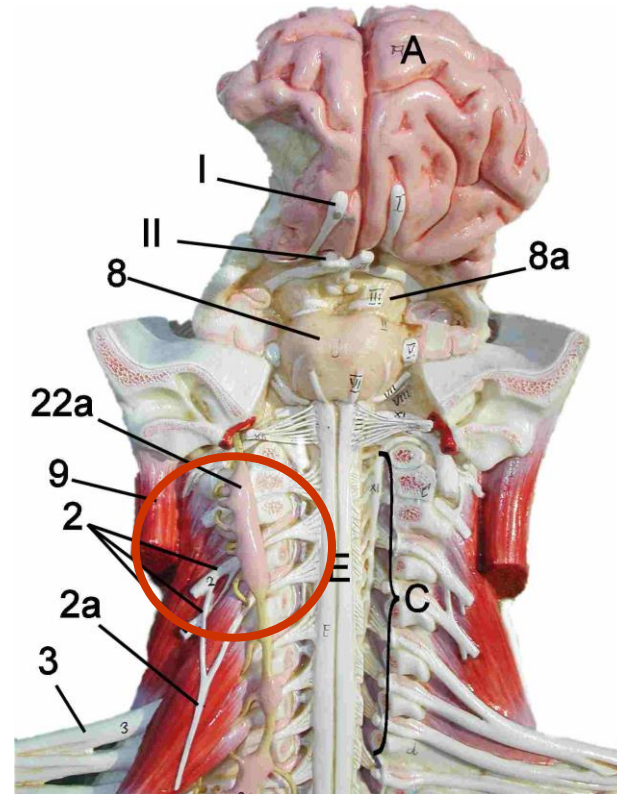
Asymmetrical Neurovascular modulation





Asymmetric post-natal development of **superior cervical ganglion** of paca (Agouti paca).

Int J Dev Neurosci. 2009;27:37-45.



Right SCG neurons (mono and binucleate) are bigger than the left SCG neurons (mono and binucleate), irrespective of the animal age

Against inflammation hypothesis of VN ?

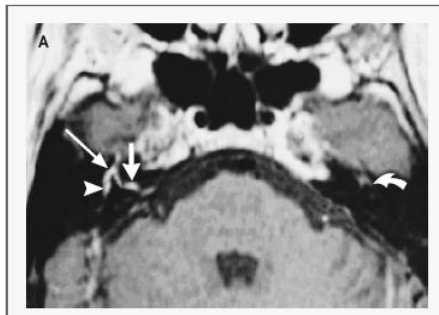
Distinct scenario from Bell's palsy



Unlike Bell's palsy
None of our patients exhibited contrast
enhancement of the inner ear,
This argued against a viral etiology of VN.

J Vestib Res. 1998; 8: 427-33.

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CLINICAL PRACTICE

Bell's Palsy

Donald H. Gilden, M.D.

This Journal feature begins with a case vignette highlighting a common clinical problem. Evidence supporting various strategies is then presented, followed by a review of formal guidelines, when they exist. The article ends with the author's clinical recommendations.

contrast enhancement indicate inflammation

REVIEW ARTICLE

Interactive Role of Infection, Inflammation and Traditional Risk Factors in Atherosclerosis and Coronary Artery Disease

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VAH降低血量而致局部免疫障礙
因此容易得HSV infection?

Anatomical risk factor of Vestibular Neuritis?

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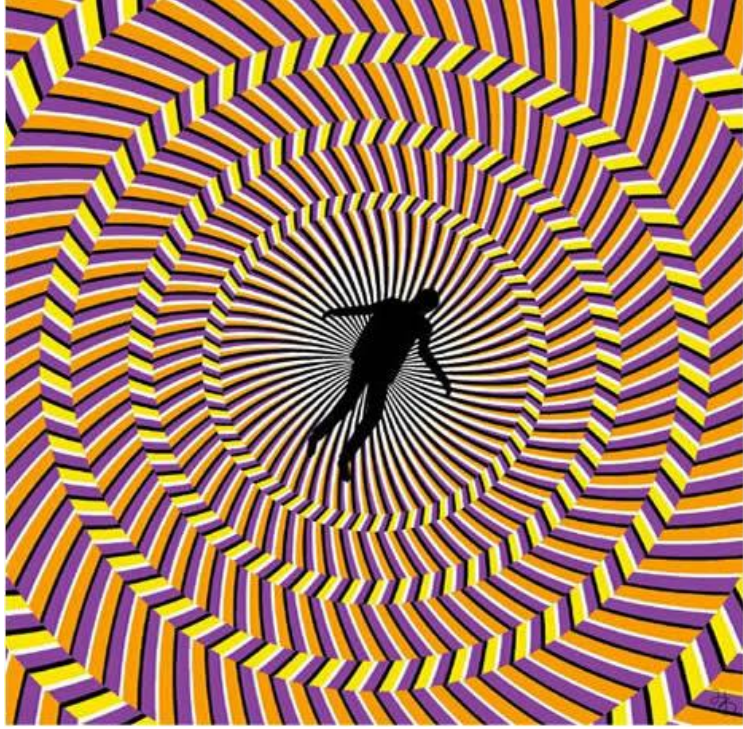


Medical vascular risk summation effect to VN

Independent risk factor?



Independent risk factor: VAH ?



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Perspective

	Efficacy		Efficacy
VAH (N=29) 服 ACYCLOVIR(N=15)	9/15*(60%)	VAH (N=29) 服 Placebo (N=14)	6/14(42.8%)
Non-VAH (N=40) 服 ACYCLOVIR(N=20)	6/20 (30%)	Non-VAH (N=40) 服 Placebo (N=20)	14/20(70%)
VAH and drug response			

Efficacy:

The primary measure of efficacy was the percentage of subjects with normal (CP) result (canal paresis $\leq 25\%$) at week 24.

