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EP IMAGE

Intracardiac echocardiography from the right ventricular outflow tract confirms an accessory pathway in the aortomitral continuity

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A 40-year-old man presented to our clinic with occasional short episodes of palpitations. Twelve-lead electrocardiogram showed sinus rhythm (SR) with preexcitation. The delta wave was positive in V2-V6, I, II, III, aVF and negative in augmented vector left (aVL) and augmented vector right (aVR). He was admitted for an invasive electrophysiological study. A decapolar catheter was advanced into the coronary sinus, as well as a quadripolar catheter and a 4 mm nonirrigated radiofrequency (RF) ablation catheter into the right ventricle (RV) and his position, respectively. Programmed ventricular stimulation was performed and concentric, nondecremental ventriculoatrial conduction was recorded. Programmed atrial stimulation-induced nonsustained orthodromic atrioventricular reentrant tachycardia. An intracardiac echocardiography (ICE) catheter (AcuNav, Siemens) was introduced into the right heart to guide mapping. During SR, mapping of the tricuspid annulus failed to identify any ventricular activation preceding the delta wave, thus transseptal puncture was performed. Surprisingly, in the course of the mapping procedure, the earliest ventricular activation was found at the left anteroseptal

region. Imaging from the ICE catheter introduced into the right ventricular outflow tract (RVOT) clearly depicted the site to be at the aortomitral continuity (Figure 1 and Video). Conventional RF energy (temperature-controlled mode; 30 W; 1 minute) delivered at this site permanently eliminated accessory pathway (AP) conduction.

Once APs were thought to be nonexistent between the left and right fibrous trigones, where the left atrial myocardium is not in direct juxtaposition with the left ventricular myocardium, the region of the aortomitral continuity.¹ However, this assumption was challenged by two case reports, that described APs ablated in the left anteroseptal region using fluoroscopy only.^{2,3} Our case with ICE imaging of the ablation site from the RVOT unequivocally demonstrates that an AP can exist where the aortic and mitral valves are in fibrous continuity.

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

The authors declare that there are no conflict of interests.

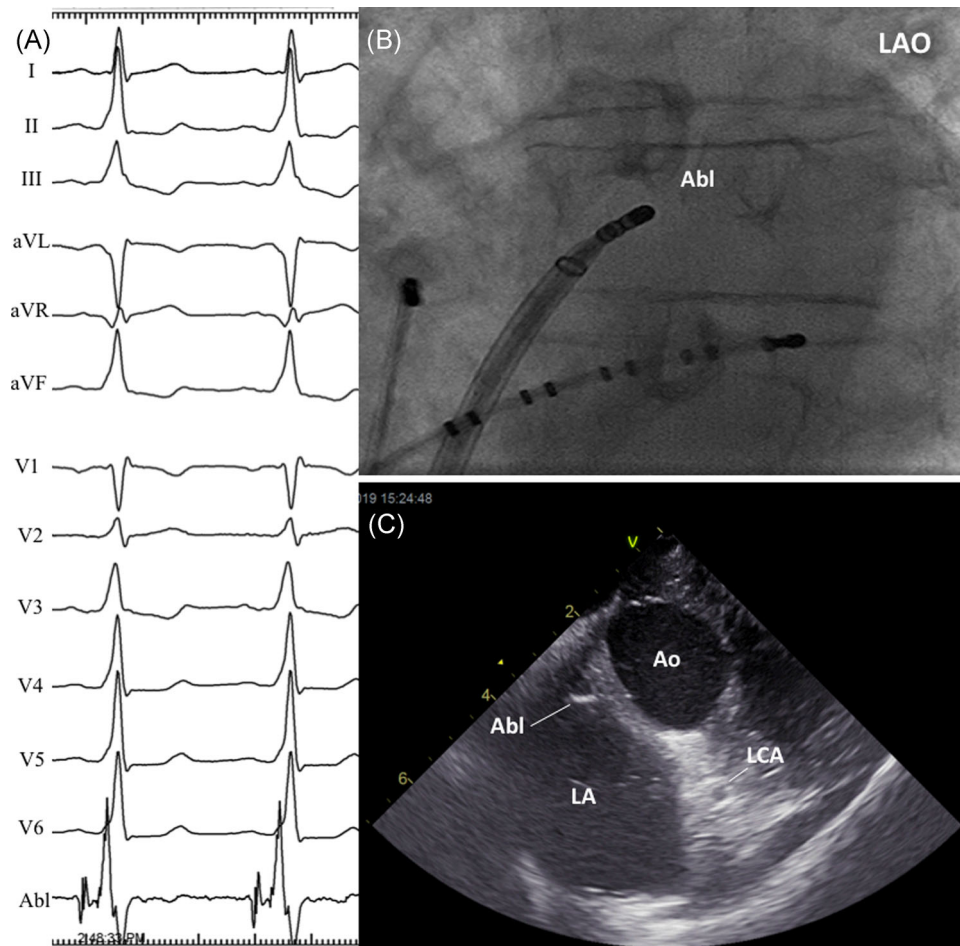


FIGURE 1 A, Preexcitation pattern on the twelve-lead surface electrocardiogram during sinus rhythm, and local electrogram recorded by the ablation catheter (Abl) at the successful site. B, Fluoroscopic image of the ablation catheter (Abl) at the successful ablation site in left anterior oblique (LAO) projection. C, Intracardiac echocardiography image shows the ablation catheter at the aortomitral continuity. Ao, aortic annulus; LA, left atrium; LCA, left coronary artery

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