Hyperglycemia Predicts Blend Sign in Patients with Intracerebral Hemorrhage

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Background:
Predictive values of admission blood glucose for early hematoma expansion in patients with intracranial hemorrhage (ICH) remain controversial. Blend sign is a novel image predictor for early hematoma growth that suggests presence of active bleeding. We investigated the association between hyperglycemia and blend sign in predicting early hematoma growth in ICH patients.

Material/Methods:
All patients with intracranial hemorrhage were retrospectively reviewed. Clinical characteristics and radiological parameters were collected. Blood glucose was measured within 24 h after onset. CT scan results for hematoma expansion and blend sign were evaluated by 2 readers. Multivariate logistic regression analyses were applied to reveal the associations between hematoma growth and blend sign, as well as other variables.

Results:
Out of 164 patients with ICH, 52 exhibited early hematoma growth and 18 of these were diagnosed with blend sign. Average blood glucose was 7.53 mmol/L among all patients. By using multivariate analyses, the time of CT scan baseline, GCS score, hematoma size, blend sign, and blood glucose were associated with hematoma expansion, whereas only hyperglycemia was associated with blend sign.

Conclusions:
Admission hyperglycemia is associated with hematoma expansion in the presence of blend sign. These findings suggest that elevated blood glucose is a possible factor predicting continuous bleeding. Strategies to control blood glucose and ameliorate hematoma growth are urgently needed and will be investigated in our future studies.

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Background

Intracranial hemorrhage (ICH) is a serious disease accounting for 10%–30% of all strokes [1]. Serum glucose [2] and early hematoma expansion [3] have been reported to be associated with prognosis in patients with ICH. Although the correlation of hyperglycemia with early hematoma expansion is controversial, findings from experimental studies demonstrate that increased blood glucose promotes continuous bleeding by accelerating the brain blood barrier damage and impairing microvascular integrity around the initial bleeding location [4–6].

Blend sign was first identified by medical imaging scientists to indicate active bleeding, and this phenomenon has also been recently used as a novel imaging biomarker to predict early hematoma expansion in patients with ICH [7]. Accordingly, we hypothesized that there might be a correlation between hyperglycemia and blend sign in the process of hematoma expansion. Therefore, we evaluate whether admission blood glucose is associated with blend sign during hematoma expansion in patients with ICH.

Material and Methods

Patients

All ICH cases between September 2015 and November 2016 in West China Hospital were retrospectively enrolled. This study was approved by the Biomedical Ethics Committee of West China Hospital and all patients or their relatives signed informed consents. This study followed the requirements of relevant regulations and guidelines of Sichuan University.

Inclusion criteria were: (1) Diagnosis of intracranial hemorrhage was confirmed by CT; (2) Admission blood glucose was examined within 24 h after onset; (3) CT scan was performed within 8 h after initial ictus and the follow-up CT scan was performed within 24 h; (4) ages of all patients were over 18 years.

Exclusion criteria were: (1) ICH resulting from tumor, aneurysm, trauma, arteriovenous malformation, or Moyamoya disease; (2) ICH patients without follow-up CT scan; (3) Patients with ICH were under treatment using warfarin and/or anticoagulants; (5) Hematoma evacuation was performed before follow-up CT scan; (6) A stroke history within 6 months.

Data on all clinical characteristics were collected: age; sex; admission blood pressure; smoking and alcohol use; hypertension or diabetes history; family history of ICH, cerebral infarction, or aneurysm; and admission blood glucose.

Image features

At least 2 radiologists independently evaluated all CT scan results without being aware of clinical conditions or patient information. Any conflict between the 2 radiologists would be evaluated by the third one. Radiological results were collected from head CT scan within 8 h after initial ictus, including hematoma location, hematoma size, presence of intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH), cerebral infarction, and blend sign. Hematoma volume was estimated by using ABC/2 method. Hematoma expansion was defined as increased hematoma volume above 33% by follow-up CT scan results, or the absolute growth volume is above 12.5 ml. According to previous studies, blend sign was identified as a hematoma with a hypointensifying area and hyperattenuating area that possessed a well-defined margin that can be easily recognized by the unaided eye. An 18-Hounsfield unit difference between 2 areas is necessary and the relatively hypodense region should not be encapsulated by the hyperdense area [7].

Statistical analysis

All statistical analyses were performed using SPSS 23.0. Baseline clinical characteristics, laboratorial parameters, and imaging features were compared between patients with or without hematoma expansion. Data are expressed as the mean ±SD or median with interquartile range (IQR) or frequency with percentage. Comparisons were conducted with the independent-samples t test, Mann-Whitney U test, chi-square test, or Fisher’s exact test. Multivariable logistic regression analysis was performed to adjust the association between blend sign and hyperglycemia on hematoma expansion when the P-value of the variable was below 0.15 in univariate analysis. K-value was used to analyze the interobserver reliability of blend sign. Receiver-operator analysis was conducted to evaluate the predictive abilities of admission blood glucose for hematoma expansion and blend sign. The variables with P<0.05 were considered statistically significant.

Results

In this study, there are 164 eligible patients (125 males and 39 females, detail exclusions in Figure 1) in total. The average age was 59.26±11.92 years with a range from 31 to 89 years. The mean hematoma size was 28.16±16.38 ml and the mean admission blood glucose was 7.53±2.58 mmol/L. The average period from symptom onset to initial CT scan was 3.81 h. There were 148 patients with supratentorial hematoma and 16 patients with subtentorial hematoma. Early hematoma expansions were observed in 52 patients and of these, blend signs were observed in 18. The K-value of interobserver reliability...
Patients diagnosed with ICH  
$n=678$

31 Patients excluded:  
- More than 24 hours to admission 18  
- Blood glucose performed exceed 24 hours 13

Patients underwent initial CT within 8 hours from ictus and follow-up CT within 24 hours after initial CT scan  
$n=216$

431 Patients excluded:  
- Initial CT conducted exceed 8 hours 269  
- Follow-up CT exceed 24 hours 162

26 Patients excluded:  
- Brain tumor 3  
- Angiocavernoma 11  
- Aneurysm 12

29 Patients excluded:  
- Hematoma evacuation before follow-up CT 21  
- Corticosteroid 2  
- Aspirin 2

Patients included  
$n=164$

Patients without secondary ICH  
$n=190$

Admission blood glucose was measured within 24 hours from ictus  
$n=647$

Table 1. Clinical characteristics related to hematoma expansion in patients with ICH.

| Characteristic                      | Patients with HE (n=52) | Patients without HE (n=112) | P    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------|
| Male                               | 39                     | 86                          | 0.803|
| Age (years)                        | 60.31±11.96            | 58.78±11.92                 | 0.446|
| Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)     | 169.09±26.45           | 168.94±35.55                | 0.977|
| Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)    | 97.65±18.05            | 97.95±19.95                 | 0.926|
| Mean arterial pressure (mmHg)      | 120.41±19.75           | 121.56±23.77                | 0.763|
| Medical history                    |                        |                             |      |
| Hypertension                       | 25                     | 62                          | 0.385|
| Diabetes mellitus                  | 4                      | 9                           | 0.941|
| Ischemic stroke                    | 3                      | 12                          | 0.307|
| Smoker                             | 26                     | 51                          | 0.594|
| Alcohol (>3 drinks per 24 hours)   | 27                     | 47                          | 0.233|
| Time to CT (hour)                  | 3.20±1.84              | 4.10±2.04                   | 0.007*|
| Hematoma size (ml)                 | 39.98±14.83            | 22.64±14.00                 | <0.001*|
| Presence of SAH                    | 27                     | 24                          | <0.001*|
| Presence of IVH                    | 16                     | 19                          | 0.045*|
| Supratentorial hematoma            | 50                     | 98                          | 0.082|
| Blend sign                         | 15                     | 3                           | <0.001*|
| Blood Glucose                      | 8.63±3.13              | 7.02±2.11                   | 0.001*|

Data are expressed as n(%), mean±standard deviation, median(interquartile range), as appropriate. SAH – subarachnoid hemorrhage; IVH – intraventricular hemorrhage; GCS – Glasgow coma scale; WBC – white blood cells; ANC – admission neutrophil count; ALC – admission lymphocyte count; AMC – admission lymphocyte count; NLR – neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio; PLR – platelet to lymphocyte ratio; PLT – platelet count.
for identifying blend sign was 91.7%, thus exhibit an excellent interobserver agreement between the 2 radiologists. The clinical characteristics of patients with or without hematoma expansions are listed in Table 1 and the comparison of detailed information on clinical variables between ICH patients with or without blend signs is presented in Table 2. No significant difference was found in age, sex, blood pressure, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, smoking, or drinking.

Univariate analysis demonstrated that there was a significantly shorter period between initial ictus and CT scan in ICH patients with hematoma expansions, as well as lower GCS score on admission, larger hematoma size, higher prevalence of SAH, higher prevalence of IVH, and higher admission blood glucose. Multivariable logistic regression analyses were performed when the P-value of a variable was below 0.15 in univariate analyses. Multivariate analysis revealed that the time to baseline CT scan (OR 0.788, 95%CI 0.61–0.989, p=0.048 or OR 0.771, 95%CI 0.610–0.976, p=0.03), GCS scores (OR 0.817, 95%CI 0.717–0.931, p<0.01 or OR 0.851, 95%CI 0.753–0.960, p=0.01), hematoma sizes (OR 1.080, 95%CI 1.046–1.116, p<0.01 or OR 1.082, 95%CI 1.048–1.116, p<0.01), blend sign (OR 16.242, 95%CI 3.528–74.762, p<0.01), and admission blood glucose (as continuous data, OR 1.263, 95%CI 1.056–1.510, p=0.01 or as categorical data, OR 3.536, 95%CI 1.419–8.510, p<0.01) can independently predict early hematoma expansion (Table 3). The univariate logistic analysis also indicated the time to baseline CT scan, history of ischemic stroke, hematoma volume, and blood glucose were associated with blend sign; after the adjustment of potential confounders, although admission blood glucose (OR 1.713, 95%CI 1.357–2.163, p<0.01), time to baseline CT, ischemic stroke, and hematoma size were not significantly associated with blend sign (Table 4). Receiver operating characteristic analyses was used to estimate the ability of admission blood glucose to predict early hematoma expansion and blend sign. Hyperglycemia exhibited a better predictive value for hematoma growth compared with blend sign (area under the curve [AUC] 0.674, p<0.001 vs. AUC 0.631, p<0.001.

| Characteristic                      | patients with blend sign (n=18) | patients without blend sign (n=146) | P       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| Male                               | 13                              | 112                                | 0.673   |
| Age (years)                        | 59.44±13.01                     | 59.24±11.83                        | 0.945   |
| Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)     | 172.89±21.22                    | 168.51±34.03                       | 0.595   |
| Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)    | 92.61±17.29                     | 98.51±19.51                        | 0.223   |
| Mean arterial pressure (mmHg)      | 115.99±18.41                    | 121.84±22.95                       | 0.301   |
| Medical history                    |                                 |                                    |         |
| Hypertension                       | 7                               | 80                                 | 0.202   |
| Diabetes mellitus                  | 2                               | 11                                 | 0.596   |
| Ischemic stroke                    | 4                               | 11                                 | 0.041*  |
| Smoker                             | 9                               | 68                                 | 0.784   |
| Alcohol (>3 drinks per 24 hours)   | 10                              | 64                                 | 0.346   |
| Time to CT (hour)                  | 30.0±18.8                       | 39.1±2.01                          | 0.085   |
| GCS score on admission             | 9.94±3.09                       | 9.71±3.76                          | 0.802   |
| Hematoma size (ml)                 | 36.60±11.51                     | 27.13±16.62                        | 0.021*  |
| Presence of SAH                    | 5                               | 46                                 | 0.747   |
| Presence of IVH                    | 5                               | 30                                 | 0.48    |
| Supratentorial hematoma            | 18                              | 130                                | 0.139   |
| Blood glucose                      | 11.20±4.11                      | 7.08±1.90                          | 0.001*  |

Table 2. Clinical characteristics related to blend sign in patients with ICH.

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Hyperglycemia also showed an excellent ability to predict blend sign (cut-off value 7.96, sensitivity 83.33%, specificity 70.55%, positive predictive value 25.9, negative predictive value 97.2, AUC 0.819, p<0.001, Figure 3).

Discussion

We found that elevated admission blood glucose and blend sign were independently associated with early hematoma growth, while hyperglycemia exhibited a better predictive value. This is the first study to show hyperglycemia is an independent predictor of blend sign.

As a common secondary disease, early hematoma expansion occurs in many patients with ICH. Previous studies reported one-third of ICH patients had a significantly hematoma growth, and the incidence of absolute hematoma expansion was as high as 70% of all ICH patients [8–10].

Since both hematoma growth and blood glucose level are preventable in patients with ICH, research on identifying good
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Our results further confirmed that hyperglycemia has strong predictive ability for early hematoma growth in patients with ICH. Moreover, the present study is the first to report that elevated blood glucose independently predicts the presence of blend sign, which is emerging as a novel and easy-to-use imaging predictor for hematoma expansion that shows the liquid blood from active bleeding [7,38]. Experimental studies have suggested the deleterious effect of increased blood glucose-accelerated blood-brain barrier damage, impaired microvascular integrity, and promoting continuous bleeding [39]. In addition to results from animal model studies, our results directly show that hyperglycemia is associated with the pathological

Figure 3. Receiver operating characteristic curves of admission blood glucose for predicting blend sign.

| Sensitivity | Specificity | PPV | NPV | Cut-off value | AUC  | P     |
|-------------|-------------|-----|-----|--------------|------|-------|
| Admission blood glucose | 73.10% | 57.10% | 44.20% | 82.10% | 7.15 | 0.674 | <0.001 |
| Blend sign | 28.80% | 97.30% | 83.30% | 74.70% | 0    | 0.631 | <0.001 |

Figure 2. Receiver operating characteristic curves of blood glucose and blend sign with their corresponding areas under the curve (AUC) for predicting hematoma expansion. The best cut-off points were identified with their sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value (PPV), and negative predictive value (NPV).
process of active bleeding in patients with ICH. In consideration of the risk of hematoma growth in patients with blood glucose level of >7.15 mmol/L, which is more than 3 times that of those with glucose level of <7.15 mmol/L, we want to highlight the management of glucose-lowering, which improve the prognosis and should be performed to decrease the prevalence of hematoma growth.

Several limitations should be taken into account when interpreting our results. Firstly, all the patients enrolled in this study came from a single institution (West China Hospital), which is one of the largest hospitals in China; therefore, the patients usually have worse clinical grades than in other hospitals due to the lack of a medical referral system. Furthermore, a small number of patients can be examined by CT scan within 8 h after initial ictus and a large proportion of patients do not meet the criterion, which may have resulted in selection bias. Third, this was a retrospective clinical study and the sample size was relatively small. In addition, the black hole sign [40] and the island sign [41], which also indicate active bleeding, were are not studied and further studies are urgently needed to investigate the associations between hyperglycemia and these signs.

Conclusions

Although hyperglycemia has been reported to be associated with high mortality in patients with ICH, the relationship between admission blood glucose level and hematoma expansion remains controversial. Our study demonstrates that hyperglycemia is not only associated with early hematoma expansion, but also is a predictor for blend sign, which to the best of our knowledge has never been documented before. Because blend sign can indicate active bleeding, we further raise the possibility that hyperglycemia also participates in the pathological process of bleeding in ICH patients.

Conflict of interests

None.

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