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Evaluation of regional work from ECG-gated SPECT images through solution of equations of continuity for fluids—mechanical cardiac work calculated using thin wall model

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Regional contraction work (RCW) of left ventricle (LV) was evaluated from cardiac perfusion images of ECG-gated single photon emission computed tomography (ECG-SPECT). The mechanical work was computed as a product of force and displaced distance. Force was determined from Laplace's law under a rectangle pressure. Deformation of wireframe representing LV was calculated from equations of continuity for two-dimensional fluids. Experiments were performed with homemade life-sized cardiac models. Total contraction work (TCW) and stroke work (SW) were 524.0 ± 166.1 mJ/beat and 709.8 ± 169.5 mJ/beat, respectively, in normal subjects ($n = 23$). Moderate correlation was seen between TCW and SW ($y = -43.4 + 0.779x$, $r = 0.815$). The regional contraction amplitude (RCA), synchronous contraction index and RCW were $35.4 \pm 3.5\%$, $95.4 \pm 3.1\%$ and 5.58 ± 0.97 mJ cm⁻²/beat in normal subjects, whereas those in patients with decreased ejection fraction (EF) 30% ($n = 6$) were $19.6 \pm 7.7\%$, $64.4 \pm 32.2\%$ and 2.58 ± 0.82 mJ cm⁻²/beat ($p < 0.0001$, Student's t-test). There was a poor correlation between RCW and RCA ($y = 1.648 \pm 0.116x$, $r = 0.501$) in normal subjects, suggesting that it might not be suitable to use RCA as an alternative to evaluate RCW.

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