

## Ethanol Infusion into the Cardiac Veins to Treat Ventricular Tachycardia Arising from the Left Ventricular Summit.

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LV summit ventricular arrhythmia remains challenging to ablate as substrates are often midmyocardial. Subxiphoidal epicardial access raises procedural risk and has a modest success rate. Circ AE 2015;8:337-343

**RF** ablation in the CS and its tributaries allows access to the epicardium but is limited by inability to place the ablation catheter in the appropriate vessel, impedance rises, and proximity to coronary arteries.

Other therapeutic option has to be considered.

# **Trans-venous Chemical Ablation**

## Retrograde Coronary Venous Infusion of Ethanol for Ablation of Canine Ventricular Myocardium

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Mechanism of tissue injury by intravenous ethanol infusion

- One report offered
  - ▼the direct ethanol toxicity to the target tissue
  - ✓the tissue infarction by the loss of venous perfusion as the important mechanism of lesion formation of coronary venous El.

#### **Infarcted Area after Ethanol Injection**



Courtesy of Prof. O. Igawa



# **Histological Findings**

**Courtesy of Prof. O Igawa** 



#### Time course change of intra-cardiac Electrograms after Ethanol Injection



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#### A case of incessant VT from an intramural septal focus: Ethanol or bipolar ablation?



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#### Chemical ablation of ventricular tachycardia arising from the left ventricular summit

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# **Case Presentation**

# 38 years old, male

#### **Current History:**

 2012, December Hospitalized for treatment of CHF, and diagnosed as HCM.
2014, October ICD was implanted for sustained VT <u>RF catheter ablation</u>

 2016, September VT was non-inducible by EP Study under Tx of d, l-Sotalol & Mexiletine.
2017, June <u>Appropriate</u> treatment of ICD for sustained VT.





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#### **RF catheter ablation**



SUP

AP



Significant prolongation of VT cycle length

**VT termination during RF application** 

#### Spatial relationship between endocardia ablation success site and cardiac vein location RAO 30 LAO 60



#### VT recurred two days after RF ablation





# **Chemical ablation**

#### **Catheter setting:**

**RAO 30** 

CPS Direct<sup>TM</sup> Universal (Outer Guide Catheter) CPS Direct Aim<sup>TM</sup> Universal(inner Guide Catheter)

Guidewire: 0.014 Fr.

Balloon Bandicoot 1.5 mm \* 10 mm

LAO 45





# **Coronary sinus venography(1)** RAO 30



# **Coronary sinus venography(2)**

LAO 60



## **Coronary angiography** RAO 30 LAO 60



# Saline infusion into the cardiac vein (communicating vein)



# Mexiletine of 5mg into cardiac vein



#### Ethanol infusion into cardiac vein



# **Endo**cardial voltage map after ethanol infusion

#### **Before ethanol**



#### After ethanol



#### Non-inducible of any VT

# Left ventriculography RAO 30 LAO 60



# <u>Acute and Long-Term</u> Scar Characterization of Venous Ethanol Ablation in the Left Ventricular Summit

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# \*Early cardiac MRI (CMRI) showed microvascular obstruction (MVO) after ethanol infusion.

Venous ethanol

\*Follow-up CMRI exhibited evolution of MVO to scar.

\*Scar volumes correlated with ethanol volume.

\*These scar volume does not compromise septal integrity or ventricular function.

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# Rationale

\*Unobstructed vascular access to targeted myocardium, unaffected by disease processes.

\*Welcoming anatomy free of arterial complications.

\*Familiarity with and tools for CS venous catheterization.

# Conclusion

Ethanol infusion into the cardiac vessel seems to be one of the best therapeutic options to treat ventricular arrhythmias arising from the LV summit in terms of the safety and efficacy.

