

A Case of Acute Motor Axonal Guillain-Barré Syndrome combined with Acute Cervical-Upper Thoracic Transverse Myelitis

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- Abstract -

Guillain-Barré syndrome(GBS) is a common demyelinating disease of the peripheral nervous system. But recently, the axonal types are also reported. Acute transverse myelitis(ATM) is also a common inflammatory disease of the spinal cord. Generally, it is difficult to identify the etiology of GBS and ATM. I guess the occurrence of the 2 diseases at once is hard to take the place.

A 63-year-old woman showed an acute motor axonal GBS and a cervical-upper thoracic ATM occurring at the same time. She was treated by intravenous immunoglobulin and solumedrol therapy. Her sensory symptoms were improved rapidly but motor symptoms showed only mild improvement.

Key Words : Guillain-Barré syndrome, Acute transverse myelitis

GBS) (Guillain-Barré syndrome, 63 GBS
 GBS ATM
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11 가

가

4/5, 2-3/5 가

가

(magnetic resonance imaging, MRI)

2 가 1/5

가 38 가

3 (compound muscle action potential, CMAP)

50% H F 가

가

(conduction block) (temporal dispersion) CMAP

7/mm³ 104 mg/dl IgG index oligoclonal band (intravenous immunoglobulin, IVIG)

GBS 38

5

9 4

Foley CMAP H F 가

GBS



Figure 1. T2-weighted sagittal image reveals a poorly marginated area of increased signal intensity in the spinal cord at C3 and 4 level about 2 cm in length. Diffuse subtle increased signal intensity is also seen around the lesion from C2-3 level to T1 level. Gd-enhanced image also reveals a poorly marginated area of Gd-enhancement at C3 and 4 level.



Figure 2. T2-weighted axial image reveals increased signal intensity in the central area of the spinal cord.

GBS

IVIG

IVIG

MRI 가 12

MRI 가

(Fig.

1, 2) solumedrol (fecal)

가 ATM 가 가 5,8

18

2

가 가

MRI

MRI

4.5/5

2-7

3/5

MRI

CMAP 50%

H F 가

H F GBS (anterior horn cell) (antidromic) (motor neuron) 1~5% (discharge) (excitability) F (persistence)

F 가

F 가

F H 가

가 ATM F 가

63

9,10

가 가

가

IVIG

H F 가 ATM GBS GBS ATM

GBS

가

CMAP 80%

가 GBS

(spontaneous activity) (paraspinal muscle)

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가 , ATM 가

GBS

5,8

1,6-8

가

38

4

가

IVIG

GBS ATM

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