

FLAIR MR : CT T1 MR 1

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: FLAIR (fluid-attenuated inversion recovery)

CT T1

: FLAIR

13, 14

CT(10, 11) T1 MR (9)

CT

MR 1.0T

MR

(3

) 10,

(4-14) 2,

(15) 2,

CT FLAIR

FLAIR

6

1

2 2-3,

3

4-7

CT

9,

1,

1

(anterior basal cistern),

(posterior basal cistern),

(perimesencephalic cistern) 5

4

: FLAIR MR

14

(100%)

CT T1

100%(11/11)

89%(8/9)

T1

MR

FLAIR

MR

(p<0.05), CT

FLAIR가

(p<0.05)

FLAIR가

FLAIR MR

CT

FLAIR MR

MR

CT

(1, 2),

가

MR

(5, 6).

FLAIR MR

CT

(1, 3, 4)

가

가

CT가

CT

(8-11).

FLAIR MR

CT

T1

MR

, Fluid-attenuated inversion recovery(FLAIR) MR

90 °-180 ° RF pulse

180 ° inversion pulse

가 ,

1998
1999

11 5

1999 12 30

1996 10

1998 12

FLAIR MR 13, 14 가 2, 15 가 2

10 (11) CT 2, 1 CT MR

3 CT 11 MR

가 6, 2-3 가 2, 3 6 2, 7 1

CT (3) 9, (4-14

(15) 1 T1

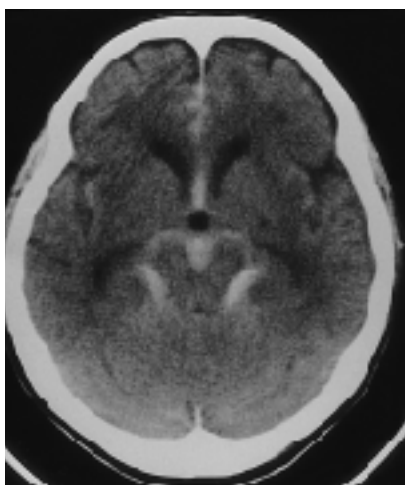
MR 9 FLAIR

MR 1.0T Magnetom Impact (Siemens, Erlangen, Germany), fast FLAIR TR 9,000msec, TE 105 150msec, TI 2,200msec, matrix number 210-240 × 256, slice thickness 5mm, gap 1mm, acquisition 1 2

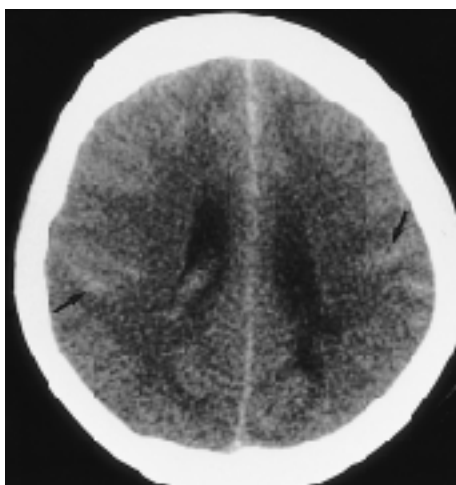
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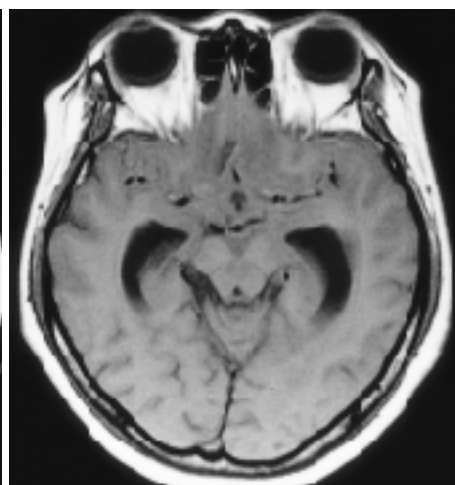
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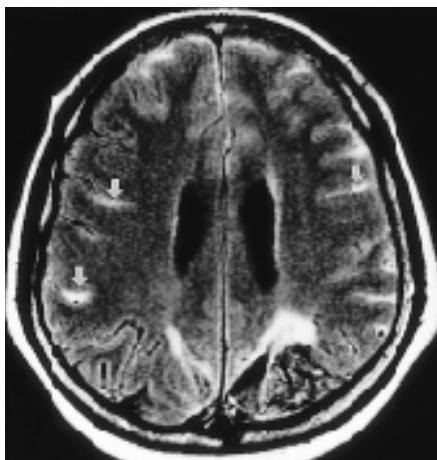
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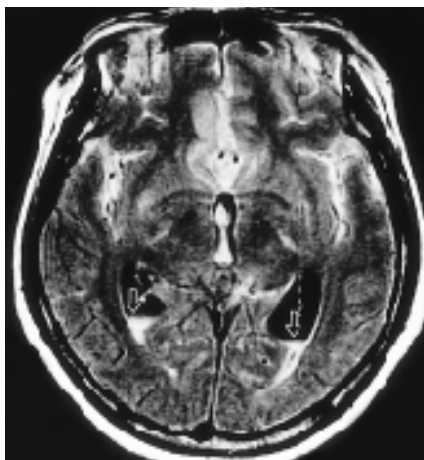
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D



E

Fig. 1. Acute subarchnoid hemorrhage in 43-year-old woman due to rupture of anterior communicating artery aneurysm. Unenhanced CT scan was obtained on the day of ictus. T1-weighted and FLAIR MR images were obtained 1 day after ictus. A, B. CT scans show definite high density in both the sylvian and anterior interhemispheric fissure, perimesencephalic and interpeduncular cisterns, and cortical sulci. The high density in the cortical sulci (arrows) is less prominent (score 2). C. T1-weighted MR image shows iso- and slightly high signal intensity in the basal cistern.

D, E. FLAIR MR image shows bright high signal intensity in both the sylvian fissures, anterior interhemispheric fissure, and cortical sulci (arrows) (score 3). Fluid-fluid levels with high signal intensity in the dependent portion in both the lateral ventricles are also seen, due to intraventricular hemorrhage (open arrows).

(suprasellar cistern)
(perimesencephalic cistern)
tern) 5
3, 2, 1, 0
Wilcoxon's signed-rank test
CT FLAIR MR
FLAIR MR

Table 1. Comparison of FLAIR MR Image with CT and T1-Weighted MR Image(T1WI) (mean score)

	CT	T1WI	FLAIR	P value (CT vs FLAIR)	P value (T1WI vs FLAIR)
Sylvian fissure	2.2	1.3	2.6	NS	p< 0.05
Cortical sulci	1.4	0	1.9	p< 0.05	p< 0.05
Anterior basal cistern	1.6	1.0	1.9	NS	NS
Posterior basal cistern	1.9	0.3	2.0	NS	p< 0.05
Perimesencephalic cistern	1.7	0.7	2.0	NS	p< 0.05
Overall	8.8	3.3	10.4	NS	p< 0.05

Statistical analysis by Wilcoxon's signed-rank test

NS : Not significant

FLAIR : Fluid-attenuated inversion recovery

FLAIR 2 (18%) FLAIR가
FLAIR MR 가 CT T1 MR
FLAIR CT FLAIR가
(p<0.05), FLAIR T1
FLAIR (p<0.05) (Table 1).
1), 가 (4)
(Fig. 2).
FLAIR 14 (5)
) 100% , T1 MR 9 가
8 , CT 11 11 89%
100% , T1 MR 9
FLAIR가 T1 CT 11 7
(Fig. 3), CT 11 7
(64%) FLAIR가 , 2 (18%) CT
T1 T2 (10).

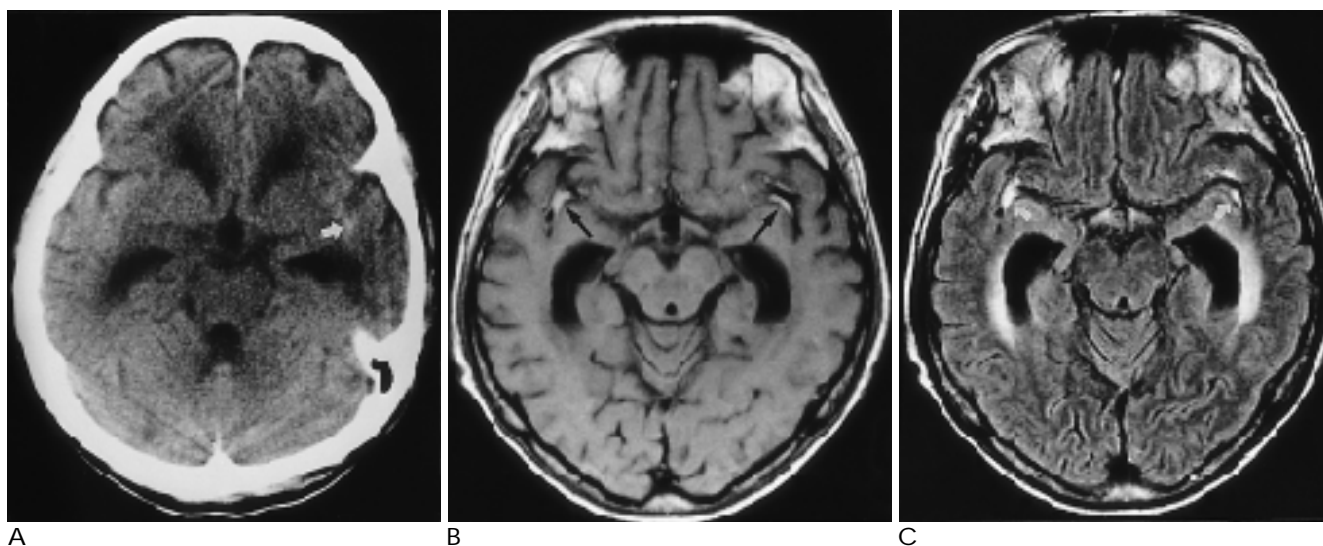


Fig. 2. Chronic subarachnoid hemorrhage in 66-year-old woman with unknown cause. Unenhanced CT scan was obtained 3 weeks after ictus. T1-weighted and FLAIR MR images were obtained 4 weeks after ictus.

A. CT scan shows suspicious high density in left sylvian fissure (arrow).

B. T1-weighted MR image shows bright signal intensity in both the sylvian fissures(arrows).

C. FLAIR MR image shows bright high signal intensity in both the sylvian fissures(arrows).

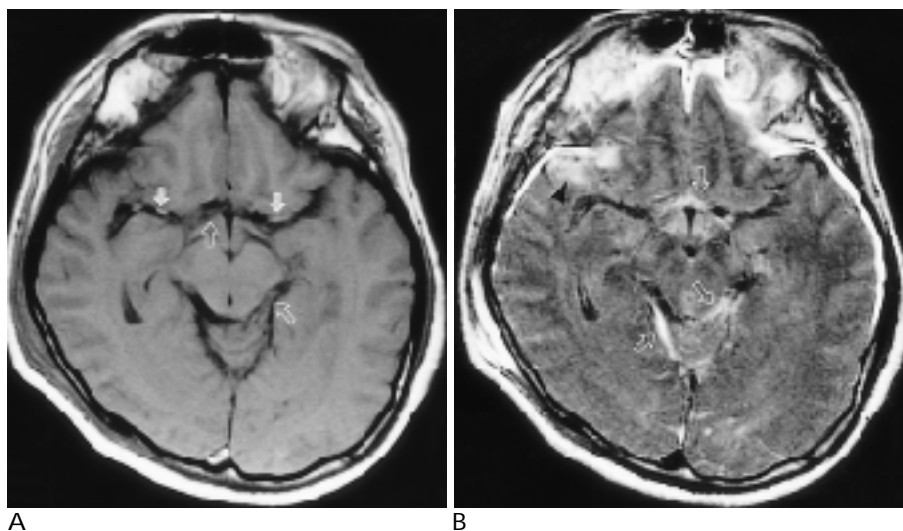


Fig. 3. Acute subarachnoid hemorrhage in 39-year-old man by trauma. T1-weighted and FLAIR MR images were obtained 3 days after trauma.

A. T1-weighted MR image shows high signal intensity in both sylvian fissures (arrows, score 3) and slightly lower signal intensity to brain parenchyma at left quadrigeminal cistern and suprasellar cistern (open arrows, score 1).

B. FLAIR MR image shows slightly high signal intensity in both sylvian fissures(score 2), but obviously high signal intensity at left quadrigeminal cistern, suprasellar cistern, and right superior cerebellar cistern(open arrows, score 3). Cortical sulci are filled by slightly high signal intensity(score 2).

Also subdural hematoma and cortical contusion at right temporal lobe (arrowhead) are well seen.

MR
(1, 3, 11-13),

(19-26). FLAIR

MR

(1, 14). Yoon (15) ,

T1

, T2

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echo time FLAIR
      (10, 13, 19).
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FLAIR MR

MR
Charke-res (16)

($p < 0.05$), CT

T1 MR
FLAIR MR

($p < 0.05$),

MR	CT
<p>1. Normal</p> <p>2. Abnormal</p>	<p>1. Normal</p> <p>2. Abnormal</p>

가 FLAIR MR

가

CT

17, 18). Ogawa (7) Noguchi (8)

MR
가 (7,

X-

(9).

가

0.5T MR unit

CT FLAIR MR

40
(10, 13, 19)

FLAIR MR

T2

T2

FLAIR MR

가 2

가
FLAIR

T2
가

T2

FLAIR MR

MR

FLAIR MR

가 (5, 6, 19).

(9),

가 FLAIR

MR

가

MR

CT가

가 MR

가 가

FLAIR

MR CT

CT

CT FLAIR MR

가 가 MR

MR 가가 CT

FLAIR MR

CT

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FLAIR MR Imaging in the Detection of Subarachnoid Hemorrhage : Comparison with CT and T1-Weighted MR Imaging¹

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Purpose : To compare the findings of fluid-attenuated inversion recovery (FLAIR) MR imaging in the detection of subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH), with those of precontrast CT and T1-weighted MR imaging.

Materials and Methods : In 13 patients (14 cases) with SAH, FLAIR MR images were retrospectively analyzed and compared with CT (10 patients, 11 cases) and T1-weighted MR images (9 cases). SAH was confirmed on the basis of high density along the subarachnoid space, as seen on precontrast CT, or lumbar puncture. MR imaging was performed on a 1.0T unit. FLAIR MR and CT images were obtained during the acute stage (less than 3 days after ictus) in 10 and 9 cases, respectively, during the subacute stage (4-14 days after ictus) in two cases and one, respectively, and during the chronic stage (more than 15 days after ictus) in two cases and one, respectively. CT was performed before FLAIR MR imaging, and the interval between CT and FLAIR ranged from 24 hours (6 cases) to 2-3 (2 cases) or 4-7 days (3 cases). In each study, the conspicuity of visualization of SAH was graded as excellent, good, fair, or negative at five locations (sylvian fissure, cortical sulci, anterior basal cistern, posterior basal cistern, and perimesencephalic cistern).

Results : In all cases, subarachnoid hemorrhages were demonstrated as high signal intensity areas on FLAIR images. The detection rates for SAH on CT and T1-weighted MR images were 100% (11/11) and 89% (8/9), respectively. FLAIR was superior to T1-weighted imaging in the detection of SAH at all sites except the anterior basal cistern ($p < 0.05$) and superior to CT in the detection of SAH at the cortical sulci ($p < 0.05$).

Conclusion : On FLAIR MR images, subarachnoid hemorrhages at all stages are demonstrated as high signal intensity areas; the FLAIR MR sequence is thus considered useful in the detection of SAH. In particular, FLAIR is more sensitive than CT for the detection of SAH in the cortical sulci.

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