

SPIO

1

가 (1H-MRS)

2.5 - 3.0 Kg 가 40 SPIO

15, 1, 2, 4, 24, 98 8

T2- 1H-MRS 1H-

MRS SPIO

T2-

T2- SPIO 15, 1, 2, 4, 24, 98

121.3±15.5, 41.5±12.7, 30.3±7.9, 31.3±3.5, 33.6±9.4, 45.5±10.9, 80.3±15.7, 110.4±22.9 1H-MRS

(3.9 - 4.1 ppm)/() SPIO 15, 1, 2, 4, 24, 98

1.10±0.13, 1.86±0.21, 1.80±0.30, 1.76±0.27, 1.74±0.20, 0.07±0.02, 0.03±0.01

SPIO 가 15 4 가 24 96

1H-MRS (3.9 - 4.1 ppm)/()

T2-

가 3.9 - 4.1 ppm

(MR spectroscopy; MRS)

. Burt (4) C

, Shedlosky (5) C

. Lefkowitz (6)

, B

C

(1 - 3).

MRS

가 가

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(1H-MRS)

: SPIO

40 2.5 - 3.0 kg 가 MRS 5 8 , ¹H -
 10% 1
 2 μm
 (Perls method)
 Tirmann - Schmelzer
 (Ketamine ; ketamine hydrochloride 50 mg/ml) 2.5 ml (Rompun ; xylazine hydrochloride 20 mg/ml) 2.5 ml (7, 8). , 200
 5
 (Pentothal ; thiopental sodium 0.5 g, dried sodium carbonate 0.03 g) 가 . 5 - 10 가 75 4+, 50 - 75 3+, 25 - 50
 2+, 0 - 25 1+,
 가 0 5

Feridex (Super Paramagnetic Iron Oxide; SPIO, Advanced Magnetics, Inc., Cambridge, MA, U.S.A.) 0.25 ml/kg MRS (post processing) SUN SPARC 20 (SUN electronic system, U.S.A.) Spectral analysis/General Electric(SA/GE)

MRI ¹H-MRS (low frequency filtering) , 0.5 Hz
 SPIO , 15 , 1 , 2 line broadening (apodization) , 8 k
 , 4 , 24 , 98 T2 (zero filling), (Fourior trans - formation), 가 (Lorenzian to Gaussian transformation)

MRI ¹H - MRS MRI ¹H - MRS MRI MRS 1.5T MRI (1.5T GE Signa Horizon; GE Medical System, Milwaukee, WI, U.S.A.) (lipid) 0.9 - 1.6 ppm
 MRI (fast spin echo)) 3.9 - 4.1 ppm
 (TR/TE=3000/90 msec) , ¹H - MRS (3.9 - 4.1 ppm)/(
 STEAM(STimulated Echo - Acquisition Mode))
 , ¹H - MRS
 (manual prescan)
 (region of interest: ROI) 8 - 16 cm³(2³ - 2.5³ cm³) 가 SPSS - PC

. MRS v9.0 repeated measures ANOVA test
 TR=3000 ms , TE=30 ms, Number of (3.9 - 4.1 ppm)/
 Scans=128, NEX=1 10
 15 12.7

(sagittal),
 (coronal) (axial) 가 가 SPIO T2 가
 가
 (global shimming procedure) . SPIO
 (volume of interest, VOI) (p<0.05). SPIO , 15 , 1
 , 2 , 4 , 24 , 96
 (pulse sequence) 121.3 ± 15.5, 41.5 ±

12.7, 30.3 ± 7.9, 31.3 ± 3.5, 33.6 ± 9.4, 45.5 ± 10.9, 80.3 ±

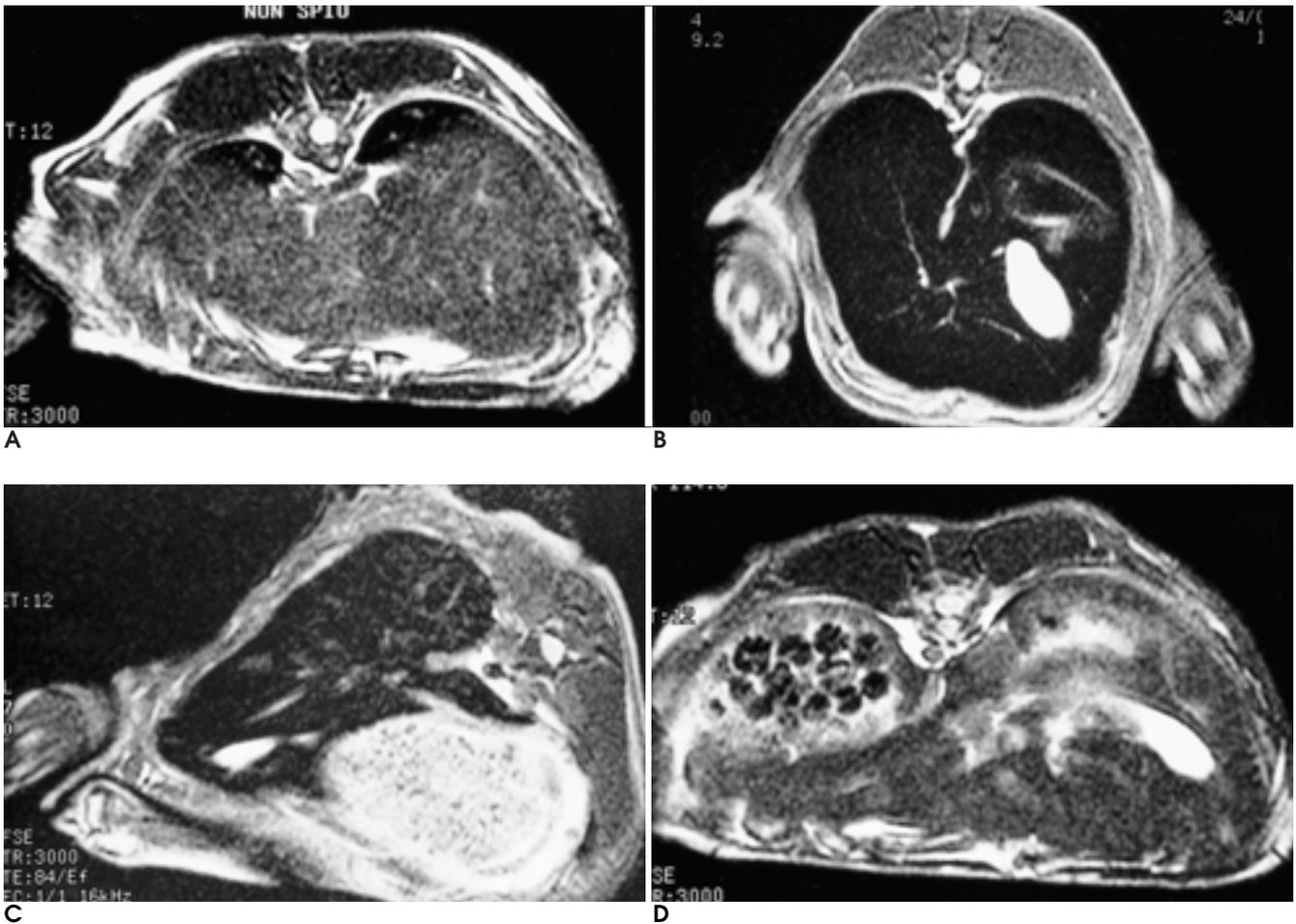


Fig. 1. The changes of signal intensity on serial T2-weighted images in the rabbit liver after IV injection of SPIO; **A)** pre-injection state **B)** 15 minutes after SPIO injection **C)** 24 hours after SPIO injection **D)** 96 hours after SPIO injection. Note the signal intensity change of the liver along the time passing. The MR images show the signal intensity of the normal liver initially (**A**), lowest signal intensity on the image of 15 minutes after SPIO injection (**B**), and gradual recovery of the signal intensity on the images of 24 (**C**) and 96 hours (**D**) after injection.

Table 1. Serial Changes of Signal Intensity on T2WI, the Ratio of Unknown Peak at 3.9-4.1 ppm to the Lipid at 0.9-1.6 ppm on ¹H-MRS, and the Grade of Iron Content on Histopathologic Specimen in Rabbit Livers after IV Infusion of SPIO.

	SI (T2WI)	Pu/Lipid	Gr (histopathology)
pre-inj.	121.3 ± 15.5	-	0
immed.	41.5 ± 12.7	1.10 ± 0.13	3+
15min	30.3 ± 7.9	1.86 ± 0.21	3+
1hr	31.3 ± 3.5	1.80 ± 0.30	3+
2hrs	33.6 ± 9.4	1.76 ± 0.27	3+
4hrs	45.5 ± 10.9	1.74 ± 0.20	3+
24hrs	80.3 ± 15.7	0.07 ± 0.02	2+
96hrs	110.4 ± 22.9	0.03 ± 0.01	1+

**p* < 0.05 between pre-inj., immed., 24hrs, and 96hrs groups
p > 0.05 between immed., 15min, 1hr, 2hrs, and 4hrs groups
 #Abbreviations:

SI, signal intensity; T2WI, T2-weighted image; Pu, unknown peak at 3.9-4.1 ppm; Gr, grade of iron staining; pre-inj., pre-injection state of SPIO; immed, immediate after SPIO injection

15.7, 110.4 ± 22.9 , SPIO 4
 (p < 0.05)
 24 가 가 96
 (p < 0.05)
 (Table 1,
 Fig. 1).
 가 ¹H - MRS 가
 0.9 - 1.6 ppm 2.4 - 2.5
 ppm (glutamine and
 glutamate complex), 3.0 - 3.2 ppm
 (phosphomonoesters), 3.4 - 3.9 ppm
 (glycogen and glucose complex)
 . 0.9 - 1.6 ppm
 , + ,
 , +

SPIO

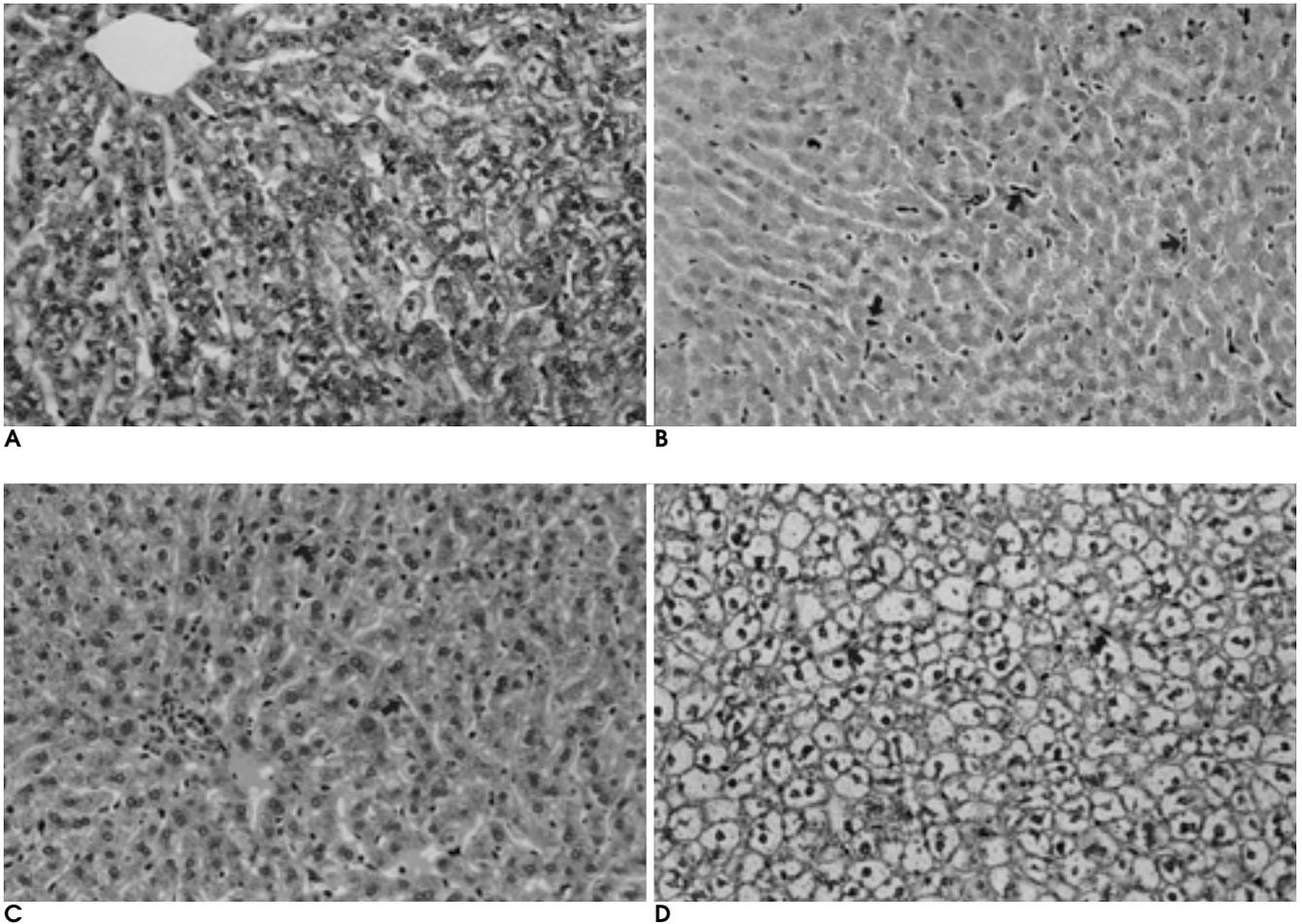


Fig. 3. The changes of the iron content after IV injection of SPIO on histopathologic specimens with iron staining ($\times 200$); **A**) pre-injection state **B**) 15 minutes after SPIO injection **C**) 24 hours after SPIO injection **D**) 96 hours after SPIO injection. Note the change in number of iron containing Kupffer cells (arrows).

가 (9 - 12). T2 2%가 SPIO 3 , 4 . SPIO 30 - 40 . SPIO 3 가 , 24 (centrilobular zone) (periportal zone) 가 (midacinar zone) . 2 가 (portal tracts) 9 . 2 89% 가 가 . 16 30 SPIO SPIO 4 19% 가 , 가 56%, 5%, 4 34%,

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Proton MR Spectroscopic Features According to Change of Hepatic Parenchymal Iron Content after SPIO Injection¹

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Purpose: To determine the effect of iron on proton MR spectra (¹H-MRS) by evaluating changes in ¹H-MRS of the liver according to changes in hepatic parenchymal iron content.

Materials and Methods: We evaluated serial changes in ¹H-MRS of the liver after intravenous infusion of SPIO in 40 rabbits. These were divided into eight groups of five, and in each group, respectively, ¹H-MRS and T2WI MR images were acquired prior to SPIO infusion, just after infusion, and at 15 minutes and 1, 2, 4, 24 and 96 hours after infusion. MR spectra were evaluated with particular attention to the curve pattern observed at specific times after the infusion of SPIO, and the results were correlated with the signal intensity observed on T2WI images and the histologic grade of iron content of samples of resected liver parenchyma.

Results: As observed on T2WI, the mean signal intensity of rabbit liver in its pre-SPIO infusion state, just after infusion, at 15 minutes, and at 1, 2, 4, 24 and 96 hours after SPIO infusion was 121.3 ± 15.5 , 41.5 ± 12.7 , 30.3 ± 7.9 , 31.3 ± 3.5 , 33.6 ± 9.4 , 45.5 ± 10.9 , 80.3 ± 15.7 and 110.4 ± 22.9 , respectively ($p < 0.05$). Mean standard deviation of the ratio of the area of the peak (3.9-4.1 ppm) / lipid peak (1.3 ppm) peak at each of the above times except for the pre-infusion state was 1.10 ± 0.13 , 1.86 ± 0.21 , 1.80 ± 0.30 , 1.76 ± 0.27 , 1.74 ± 0.20 , 0.07 ± 0.02 and 0.03 ± 0.01 , respectively ($p < 0.05$). The hepatic parenchymal iron content increased rapidly from just after SPIO infusion, reaching its maximal level (as revealed by histologic specimens) at 15 minutes, sustaining this for up to 4 hours, and then decreasing gradually over periods of 24 and 96 hours. These results show that serial changes in patterns of MR spectra and the signal intensity seen on T2WI images correlate closely with changes in hepatic parenchymal iron content.

Conclusion: Elevated hepatic parenchymal iron content leads to increases in the relative intensity of unknown peaks at around 4.0 ppm and decreases in the relative intensity of lipid peaks.

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