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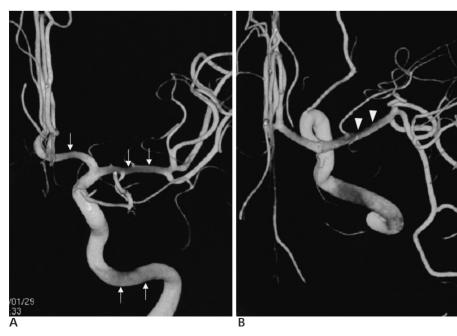
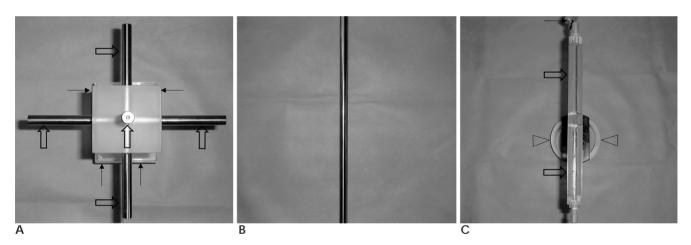


Fig. 1. Three-dimensional DSA image of normal internal carotid artery, which is secondarily reconstructed with high resolution.

- **A.** Anterior view of the left internal carotid artery is nicely displayed with good opacity, homogeneity, and sharp margin except for petrous internal carotid artery, anterior and middle cerebral artery (arrows).
- B. Superior view shows more blurred margin of the middle cerebral artery than the anterior view (arrowheads).

(Fig. 3F). (4 mm) (250, 200 lmg/ml) 가 (p value < 0.05),(0.029 mm) 95% (0.0225 - 0.0355(Table 1). mm) (30 mm) 95% (-0.0633 mm) (-0.0742 - -0.0524 mm) 가 10% 가 (p value < 0.05),



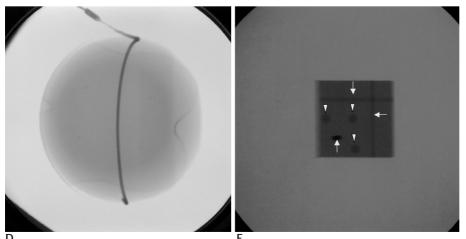


Fig. 2. Five phantoms.

A. The crossed metal rods consist of three crossing right-angled metal rods (open arrows). One acryl cube and another rectangular parallelepiped are overlapped each other (arrows).

B. The one metal rod.

C. The one contrast rod consists of a acryl rod containing contrast (open arrows) with two three ways closing (arrow), a supporting vertically-oriented rod (not shown due to overlapping), and a supporting acryl cylinder (arrowheads).

D. Fluoroscopic anterior projection of the contrast rod under water shows a

plastic cup containing one liter of water, and a segment of line of intravenous set containing contrast.

E. Fluoroscopic anterior projection of the verification phantom shows three rods (arrows) and bullets (arrowheads) within an acryl cube.

0.068; , 0.006 mm) 95% (, 0.0052 - 0.1308; , -0.0097 - -0.0023 mm) (4-7).

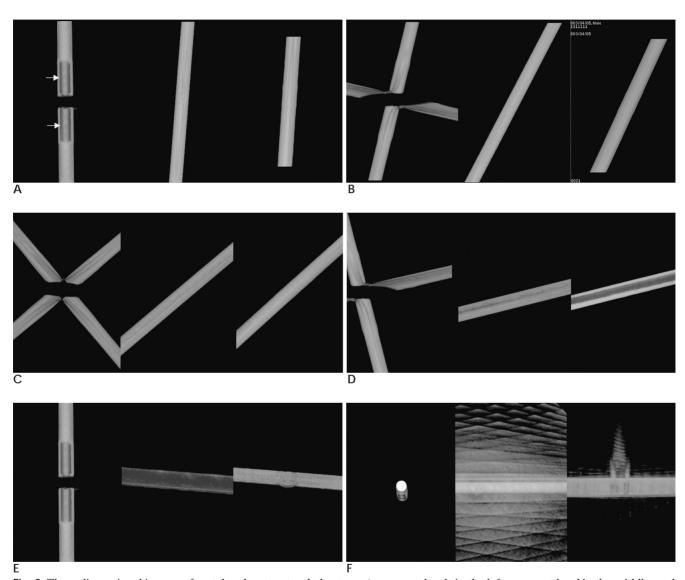


Fig. 3. Three dimensional images of metal and contrast rod phantoms (cross metal rods in the left, one metal rod in the middle, and one contrast rod in the right).

A. Rods of right-angled plane: two rods of rotational plane are not seen on cross metal rod image, which shows an arfifact (arrows) resulted from acryl cube in the middle portion of a rod in the right-angled plane.

- B. Rods of close to right-angled plane: these phantom images have similar quality to images in A.
- C. Rods of intermedial plane: these phantom images have similar quality to images in A.
- D. Rods of close to rotational plane: compared with images in A, these three images are graded as intermediate for opacity and margin, which is more evident on superior view (not shown). Only one contrast rod image shows poor homogeneity
- E, F. Anterior (E) and superior (F) view of rods of rotational plane: two rods of this plane of cross metal rods are not seen. One contrast rod image shows intermediate quality in opacity and homogeneity, and poor sharpness of margin on superior view, while cross metal rods and one metal rod images are displayed with lack of or poor opacity, homogeneity, and sharpness of margin. Blurring of margin is much more in one metal rod than in one contrast rod on superior view (F).

 Table 1. Grading of the Three-dimensional Image Quality of Phantoms

	Opacity	Homogeneity	Margin sharpness
Cross metal rods			
Rotational	poor	poor	poor
Close to rotational	intermediate	intermediate	intermediate
One metal rod			
Rotational	poor	poor	poor
Close to rotational	intermediate	intermediate	intermediate
One contrast rod			
Rotational	intermediate	intermediate	poor
Close to rotational	intermediate	poor	intermediate
Contrast (300 Img/ml) in water		-	
Rotational	intermediate	poor	poor
Close to rotational	intermediate	intermediate	intermediate
Contrast (250 Img/ml) in water			
Rotational	intermediate	intermediate	intermediate
Close to rotational	intermediate	intermediate	good
Contrast (200 Img/ml) in water			
Rotational	intermediate	intermediate	intermediate
Close to rotational	intermediate	intermediate	good
Contrast (150 Img/ml) in water			-
Rotational	poor	poor	poor
Close to rotational	intermediate	intermediate	good

Grades for intermedial, close to right-angle, and right-angle planes are high in all three items of all phantoms.

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A Phantom Study for Revealing Factors Related to Image Distortion of Three-Dimensional Reconstruction Rotational Angiogram¹

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Purpose: To determine, by means of a phantom study, the distortion-related factors and appropriate iodine concentration for three-dimensional reconstruction rotational angiography.

Materials and Methods: Four phantoms were created: crossed metal rods, one metal rod, one contrast rod, and a contrast rod under water. Iodine concentrations were 300, 250, 200, and 150 Img/ml, respectively. For each phantom, rotational angiography was performed in the rotational, right-angled (90 °to rotational), intermedial (45 °), close to rotational (20 °), and close to right-angled (70 °) planes. Two-dimensional projection images were transferred to a workstation at which 3D images were produced using the volume rendering technique. Image quality in each plane was evaluated in terms of opacity, homogeneity, and margin sharpness, which were graded as low, intermediate or high by two neuroradiologists who used images obtained in the right-angled plane as the standard reference. The same assessors evaluated in terms of the same parameters, cross-sectional images obtained at the central, intermedial, and peripheral portions of one metal rod positioned in the right-angled, close to right-angled, and intermedial planes, and in order to compare the values at different sites, one neuroradiologist measured the horizontal and vertical diameters of each cut image.

Results: Three-dimensional images of all four phantoms were high quality in the close to right-angled and intermedial plane, but in the rotational and close to rotational plane were degraded. In particular, metal rod images obtained in the rotational plane were poor for all three items. In these two planes, image quality was better for the contrast rod than the metal rod, and at 200 and 250 Img/ml concentrations than at 300 and 150 Img/ml concentrations. There was no significant difference in image quality, nor in measured values of the diameter between cut images.

Conclusion: A three-dimensional image was more distorted when a linear object was placed at a lesser angle to the rotational plane and when inherent X-ray attenuation was greater, a finding which must be closely related to the beam-hardening artifact. Distortion was least at 200 - 250 Img/ml of iodine concentration, the concentration thought to be most appropriate for *in-vitro* 3D angiography.

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