Matrix metalloproteinase-9 in the ventricular cerebrospinal fluid correlated with the prognosis of traumatic brain injury <u>Chun-Lin Liu</u>; Chun-Chang Chen; Han-Chung Lee; Der-Yang Cho Department of Neurosurgery, China Medical University Hospital 以腦脊髓液中間質蛋白酶-9(MMP-9)濃度預測腦外傷病患之預後 <u>劉俊麟</u>陳春忠 李漢忠 周德陽 中國醫藥大學附設醫院 神經外科

**Purpose:** Matrix metalloproteinase 9 (MMP-9) has been shown to be a potential biomarker for outcome prediction after neuron damage. This study investigated whether MMP-9 could be used for outcome prediction after traumatic brain injury (TBI).

**Material and Methods:** For the TBI group, cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) was collected at different days after surgery from 6 head injury patients who had received surgical intervention with external ventricular drainage insertion. CSF collected from non-TBI patients (N=85) diagnosed with isolated hydrocephalus by a ventricular puncture during a ventriculo-peritoneal shunt surgery was used as control. The concentration of MMP-9 in the CSF of 85 non-TBI patients was determined to be  $1.172\pm0.859$  ng/mL. We found that the CSF MMP-9 concentration from TBI patients was elevated immediately after head injury with a median of 1.926 ng/mL [ranging, 0.673 to 24.990]). Despite an early increase in the concentration of MMP-9, levels decreased within 72 hrs and nearly reached the normal range. Nevertheless, the concentration of MMP-9 was negatively correlated with the Glasgow Coma Scale (t = -0.337, P = 0.013).

**Conclusion:** MMP-9 concentration in the CSF of TBI patients correlated with neurological outcome and may represent an early indicator for the prognosis of this condition.

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