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ABSTRAK

Pelaksanaan analisis dinamik bendalir berkomputeran (CFD) telah dilakukan secara meluas untuk menyiasat hemodinamik dengan menggunakan reka bentuk geometri aneurisma serebrum khususnya dari pesakit yang ditemberengkan dan dibina melalui imej perubatan dalam penyelidikan ini. Menurut kajian sebelum ini, imej perubatan pengimejan resonans magnetik (MRI) yang beresolusi rendah menghasilkan ralat pengukuran yang tinggi dan mengakibatkan pendekatan hemodinamik yang tidak tepat dengan perbezaan halaju besar sekitar 40 % antara pengukuran MRI dan simulasi CFD berdasarkan kajian sedia ada. Selain itu, penetapan syarat yang sempadan dengan pesakit adalah amat penting sebelum memulakan analisis CFD, tetapi tidak ada peraturan yang tetap terutamanya pada penetapan reka bentuk geometri dengan percabangan yang memerlukan pelbagai sempadan pada saluran keluar. Oleh itu, kajian ini bertujuan untuk mengkaji kesan reka bentuk geometri yang dihasilkan daripada nilai kitaran ambang, C_{thres} , yang berbeza melalui proses segmentasi gambar terhadap aneurisma serebrum khususnya dari pesakit dan menilai faktor hemodinamik untuk aneurisma serebrum dengan menggunakan imej perubatan angiografi penolakan digital (DSA) dan MRI melalui pendekatan tekanan tetap (P -fixed) dan pengukuran MRI yang amat penting untuk mencapai matlamat-matlamat kajian ini. Seterusnya, tren purata halaju, V_{avg} , dan halaju maksimum, V_{max} , antara pengukuran MRI dengan simulasi CFD turut dianalisis melalui purata ralat relatif, $E_{r,avg}$, pada simulasi keadaan tunak. Kajian penyelidikan ini disimpulkan bahawa penghasilan reka bentuk geometri dengan nilai kitaran ambang yang berbeza telah membawa kesan yang mendalam pada unsur fizikal dan hemodinamik. Reka bentuk geometri aneurisma serebrum yang optima adalah didapati di antara nilai kitaran ambang, C_{thres} , 0.3 hingga 0.5. Selain itu, taburan tekanan ricih dinding (WSS), taburan tekanan dan medan aliran halaju yang tinggi adalah antara faktor hemodinamik menyumbang kepada pertumbuhan dan perpecahan aneurisma serebrum. Akhir sekali, penyelidikan ini mendapati bahawa terdapat perbezaan medan aliran halaju dengan purata ralat relatif, $E_{r,avg}$, 11.6723 % dan 37.3647 % dari segi purata halaju, V_{avg} , dan halaju maksimum, V_{max} , masing-masing di antara pengukuran MRI dan simulasi CFD melalui pendekatan P -fixed.

ABSTRACT

The implementation of computational fluid dynamics (CFD) analysis was extensively performed to investigate the hemodynamics using segmented patient-specific cerebral aneurysm model geometry reconstructed from a medical image in this research. According to previous studies, the low-resolution magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) medical image produces a high measurement error and leads to inaccurate hemodynamics approximations with a large velocity difference of approximately 40 % between MRI measurement and CFD simulation. Besides, setting patient-specific boundary conditions before CFD analysis is critical, but there is no unified rule, especially for the setup of model geometry with bifurcation, which requires multiple outlet boundaries. Therefore, this study investigated the extracted model geometry with different threshold coefficients, C_{thres} , through image segmentation process on the patient-specific cerebral aneurysm and to evaluate the hemodynamics factors for cerebral aneurysms using digital subtraction angiography (DSA) and MRI medical images with the implementation of pressure fixed (P -fixed) approach as well as MRI measurement, which are the crucial elements in achieving the objectives. Moreover, the average relative error, $E_{r,avg}$, upon steady-state simulation, was used to examine the trend of average velocity, V_{avg} , and maximum velocity, V_{max} , between MRI measurement and CFD simulation. This study concluded that the cerebral aneurysm model geometry extraction with different threshold values has profound effects on physical and hemodynamics parameters. The optimised cerebral aneurysm model geometry was found at threshold coefficients, C_{thres} , ranging from 0.3 to 0.5. Nevertheless, high wall shear stress (WSS) distribution, pressure distribution, and velocity flow field are among the hemodynamics factors contributing to the cerebral aneurysm growing and rupturing. This study also found a velocity flow field difference with average relative error, $E_{r,avg}$, of 11.6723 % and 37.3647 %, in terms of average velocity, V_{avg} , and maximum velocity, V_{max} , respectively, between MRI measurement and CFD simulation through the P -fixed approach.

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