

stenting²². There is concern that occlusion of the ostia of small side branches and perforating arteries by stent placement may result in ischemia or infarction in the territory of these vessels¹¹.

However, experimental evidence suggests that small lateral carotid branches in dogs, which approximate human intracranial perforating vessels with respect to their diameter and angle of origin, tend to remain patent if less than 50% of the ostial diameter is covered by the stent struts^{11, 22}. Similarly, no difficulties involving perforating branch occlusions were encountered after stenting in our cases. Our procedure was balloon angioplasty to predilate the lesions. Then they delivered the balloon-expandable stent. Long-term follow-up data and additional clinical experience are required to effectively assess this novel approach for the treatment of vertebrobasilar occlusive disease.

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