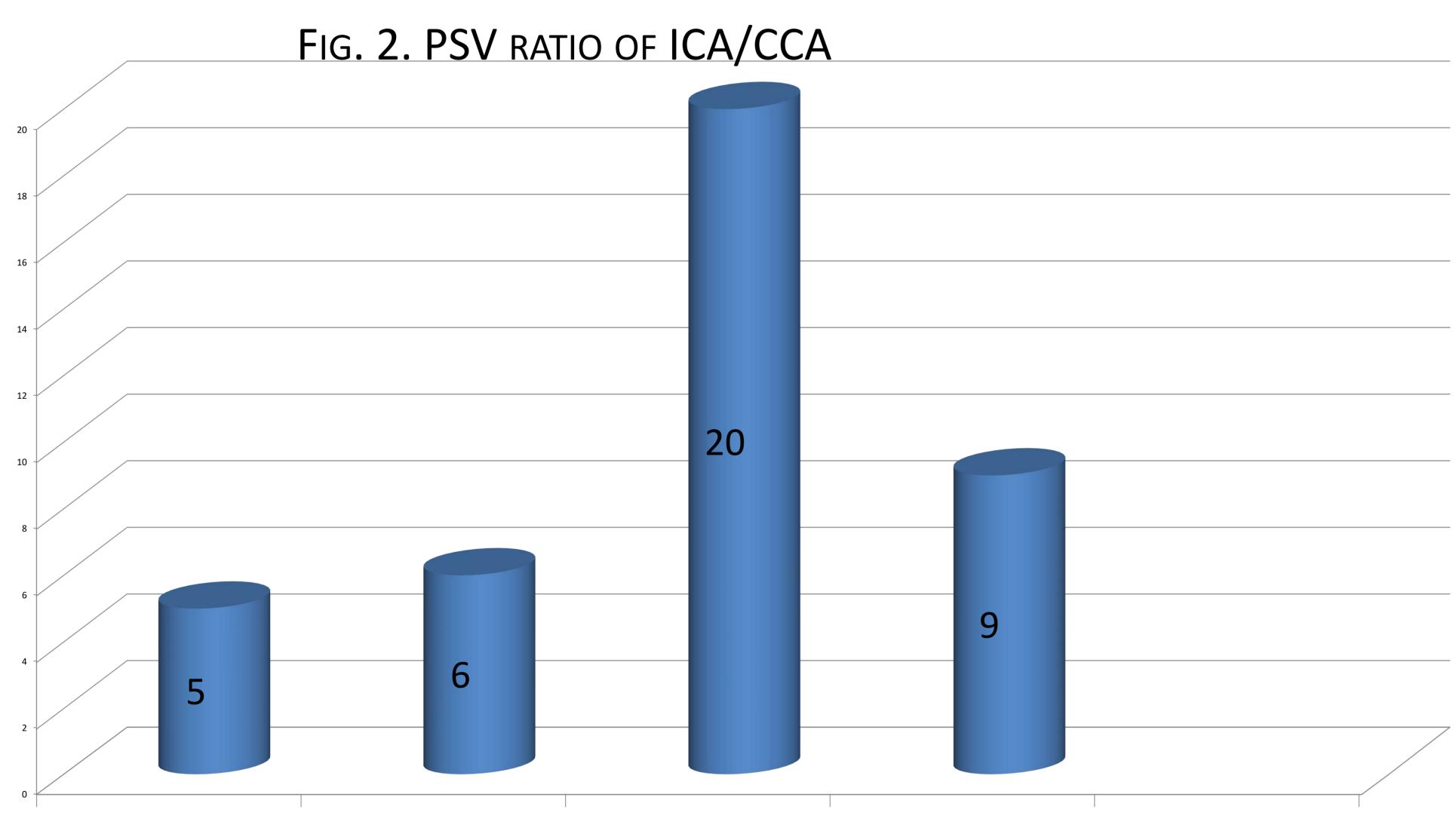


Evaluation of carotid arteries using color Doppler ultrasound in the diagnosis of Ischemic Stroke

Results Also, based on PSV of ACI, 20 patients had significant stenoses (greater than 60%), 11 - stenoses less than 60%, and 9 patients had occlusion of the internal carotid artery. The PSV ACI / ACC ratio was also a useful informative indicator, according to which the result higher than 3 indicates significant stenosis (> 60%). (see Fig. 2)



No of cases <2 No of cases >2 No of cases >3 Total occlusion

Results CT brain findings showed normal findings in cases, whereas MCA infarct (18 cases) were the most common pathological involvement (Table 1).

Table 1. CT brain findings in stroke patients (CT-compuetd tomography, MCA – middle cerebral artery, ACA – anterior cerebral artery)

Type of infarct	No of cases	%
MCA infarct	18	45%
Lacunar infarct	13	32.5%
ACA infarct	2	5%
Normal study	7	17.5%

Conclusions This study highlights the importance of Doppler sonography in patients with ischemic stroke with the association of the percentage of extracranial carotid artery stenosis.

Color Doppler examination is a safe, informative, economical method that requires little time to confirm the cause of cerebrovascular insufficiency in extracranial carotid artery system with subsequent guidance of treatment modalities.