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Abstract

Histopathologic Findings in Ascending Aortas from Individuals with Loeys-Dietz Syndrome.

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Loeys-Dietz syndrome (LDS) is an autosomal dominant connective tissue disorder resulting from genetic mutations in the transforming growth factor beta receptors 1 and 2 (TGFBR1 and TGFBR2). The mutations result in a characteristic phenotype as well as an increased propensity for aortic dissection. Ascending aortic tissue was compared between fifteen patients with confirmed LDS, eleven patients with confirmed Marfan syndrome (MFS) and eleven control aortas to identify the range of histopatholoigc changes in LDS. Standard hematoxylin & eosin (H&E) and Movat pentachrome stains were performed. By H&E, LDS samples were somewhat less remarkable than the MFS samples, showing a more subtle but diffuse form of medial degeneration. Movat staining revealed increased collagen within the tunica media of the vessels of LDS patients compared to controls and, to a lesser extent, the MFS cases. Overall, the histologic findings of LDS are best appreciated with special stains to evaluate fibrosis and elastic fiber fragmentation.