Fig. 1. Posterior view of sharp kinking *“extracranial siphon”* of the highest portion of the cervical part of the left internal carotid artery (ICA). Upright position.

1-cervical part of ICA; 2-petrous part of ICA; 3-cerebral part of ICA; 4-external carotid artery; 5-superior thyroid artery; 6-ascending pharyngeal artery; 7-pharyngeal venous plexus; 8-accessory nerve (elevated); 9-vagus nerve (shifted to the right and upward); 10-superior laryngeal nerve; 11-superior cervical sympathetic ganglion (SCSG) (shifted to the right, forward and upward); 12-connecting trunk to middle cervical ganglion; 13-cardiac branch of SCSG; 14-superior pharyngeal constrictor; 15-pharyngo-basilar fascia; 16-basilar part of occipital bone; CCA-common carotid artery; CS-carotid sinus; D-posterior belly of digastric; IJV-internal jugular vein; S-stylopharyngeus; SM-sternocleidomastoid; Black Arrowheads-hypoglossal nerve (elevated); White Arrowheads-glossopharyngeal nerve (elevated)

Fig. 2. Posterior view of sharp kinking *“extracranial siphon”* of the highest portion of the cervical part of the left internal carotid artery (ICA). Horizontal position with left side at the top of the picture.

1-cervical part of ICA; 2-petrous part of ICA; 3-cerebral part of ICA; 4-external carotid artery; 5-superior thyroid artery; 6-ascending pharyngeal artery; 7-pharyngeal venous plexus; 8-accessory nerve (elevated); 9-vagus nerve (shifted to the left and upward); 11-superior cervical sympathetic ganglion (shifted to the left and upward); 12-connection between superior cervical sympathetic ganglion and vagal ganglion; 13-superior pharyngeal constrictor; 14-pharyngo-basilar fascia; 15-lateral wall of pharyngeal recess; 16-posterior pharyngeal raphé; 17-basilar part of occipital bone; LCCA-left common carotid artery; CS-carotid sinus; LIJV-left internal jugular vein; S-stylopharyngeus; SM-sternocleidomastoid; Black Arrowheads-hypoglossal nerve; White Arrowheads-glossopharyngeal nerve