

GİRİŞ

Antihistaminikler gelişmiş ülkelerde en sık reçete edilen ilaçlar arasındadır(1). Terapotik aralığı geniş olması nedeni ile çoğu formu reçetesiz de alınabilmektedir. Antihistaminikler, histamin ile yarışarak onların etkilerini azaltır veya ortadan kaldırırlar. Alerjik hastalıklar ve uyku bozuklukları tedavisinde kullanılmaktadır. Klasik antihistaminikler, difenhidramin, klorfeniramin, hidroksizinin, bromfeniramin, siproheptadin gibi etkili moleküllerdir, ancak kullanımları antikolinergik ve sedatif özellikleri nedeni ile kısıtlıdır. Klasik antihistaminiklerin etkileri, yan etkileri ve diğer ilaçlarla etkileşimleri iyi bilinmektedir. Bu nedenle zamanla sedatif ve antikolinergik yan etkileri olmayan nonsedatif H1 antihistaminikler ve H2 reseptör blokerleri geliştirilmiştir. Nonsedatif olarak değerlendirilen yeni antihistaminiklerin zamanla daha sık kullanılması ile ilaç etkileşimleri ve birçok yan etki ve ortaya çıkmıştır. Nonsedatif H1 antihistaminikler, sedatif ve antikolinergik etkilerinin olmaması nedeniyle alerjik hastalıkların tedavisi için yaygın olarak reçete edilir; bununla birlikte, terfenadin ve astemizol gibi bazı nonsedatif antihistaminiklerin, özellikle aşırı dozda veya imidazol grubu antifungallerinin veya makrolid grubu antibiyotiklerinin birlikte alınmasıyla QT uzamasına ve Torsades de Pointes (TdP) olarak bilinen ventriküler aritmilere neden olduğu artık bilinmektedir(2). Tüm bu ilaçlar, farmakolojik etkileri bilinerek ve doğru dozlarında kullanıldığı zaman güvenlidir.

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en acil sorunlara, yani, özellikle genetik kökenli olanlar olmak üzere, bu nadir fakat potansiyel olarak ölümcül kardiyotoksik belirtilere yatkınlaştırıcı faktörlerin rolü, belirli moleküllerin detoksifikasyonunda yer alan metabolik yollar çeşitli zorluklara yanıt vermek için önümüzde durmaktadır.

Şimdiye kadar elde edilen ilerlemeler, klinisyenlere ve hastalara gelişmiş bir güvenlik profili ile karakterize edilen ilaçlar sağlamaya kesin olarak yardımcı olmuş olsa da, QT uzamasının tamamen tarihsel değeri olan bir advers ilaç reaksiyonu olarak kabul edilmesinden önce bu yönde daha fazla çalışmaya ihtiyaç vardır. Kardiyak yan etkiler antihistaminik kaynaklı olabileceği gibi genetiğe bağlı olarak da oluşabilmektedir. Genetik nedenli kardiyak yan etkiler karaciğer enzimlerinin hastalar arasında farklılık göstermesine ve iyon kanallarındaki mutasyona bağlı olarak gözükürken, ilaç kaynaklı yan etkiler ise HERG1 kanalının blokajı nedeni ile gözükür. Kardiyak hastalık riski olan hastalarda ilaç etkileşimlerine çok dikkat etmek gerekir.

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