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BÖLÜM

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GİRİŞ

Kanser, karsinogenez için gerekli kritik moleküller olaylar olan hücresel proliferasyon, apopitoz, anjiogenez ve invazyonun kontrolünü sağlayan homeostatik mekanizmaların kademeli kaybı ile sonuçlanan uzun bir süreçtir⁽¹⁾. Genellikle kemoprevensiyon olarak adlandırılan kanser riskini azaltma, invaziv kanser gelişimini önlemek, tersine çevirmek için ilaçlardan, izole diyet bileşenlerine, tüm diyet modülasyonlarına kadar bir dizi müdahalenin kullanılmasıdır⁽²⁾. Uzun karsinogenez sürecinin herhangi bir aşamasında kanser riskini azaltmak için müdahalede bulunulabilir. Karsinogenez sürecindeki bu latens dönem risk azaltmak için yapılacak müdahaleleri belirli maruziyetlere ya da risk profillerine göre uyarlama imkani tanımaktadır. Kanser riskini azaltıcı ajanların etkili olduğunu anlamak için, bu ajanların kullanımında kanser insidansının ya da kansere bağlı mortalitenin azaldığını göstermek gerekmektedir⁽³⁾. Hanahan ve Weinberg'in tarif ettiği malign transformasyonun özellikleri; hücrenin büyümeye kendi kendine yetebilirliği, büyümeye karşı sinyallere duyarlılık, apopitozdan kaçma, sınırsız replikasyon potansiyeli, sürekli anjiogenez, doku invazyonu ve metastaz yapabilmedir, bu özellikler hücresel sinyal kontrolünün kaybını yansıtır⁽⁴⁾. Malign transformasyona uğrayan hücrelerin ortak özellikleri ve olası önleyici müdahaleler Tablo 1'de gösterilmiştir⁽³⁾.

Transformasyona neden olan moleküller hasar, kronik inflamasyon, oksidasyon, kalıtsal genetik mutasyonlar veya polimorfizmler ve eksojen çev-

resel maruziyetler gibi çok çeşitli genetik ve çevresel stres faktörleri tarafından tetiklenir. Sinyal ileti yolaklarının karmaşıklığı ve birbiri üstüne binmesi tek bir bölgeyi hedefleyen önleyici ya da tedavi edici müdahalelerin sınırlı etkisi olacağını düşündürmektedir. Karsinogenezi durdurmak ya da tersine çevirmek için birden çok moleküller yolğun hedeflenmesi gerekebilir⁽³⁾.

MİKRONUTRIENTLER

Vitaminler ve mineraller gibi mikronutrientler çok küçük miktarlarda gerekliliği olan temel diyet öğeleri olarak tanımlanmaktadır⁽⁵⁾. Mikronutrientler, diyet ile alınan, normal insan biyolojisinde rol oynayan geniş ve farklı molekül grubunu içermektedir⁽³⁾.

Retinoid

Hücre büyümesi, farklılaşma, apopitoz, bölünme ve morfogenez dahil olmak üzere hücre aktiviteleri üzerinde derin etkilere sahip olan A vitamini ve analogları toplu olarak retinoidler olarak adlandırılırlar⁽⁶⁾. Yüksek doz 13-cis-retinoik asid(50-100 mg/m²/gün) ile yapılan ilk çalışmalarda lokal, rejonel ya da uzak hastalık rekürrensi açısından anlamlı fark görülmemiştir ancak sekonder invaziv malignansi gelişim oranını anlamlı olarak azalttığı ve bu faydanın 5 yıl boyunca sürdüğü gösterilmiştir^(7,8). Retinoidlerin daha düşük dozlarının kullanıldığı sonraki çalışmalarında transformasyon riskini azaltmada başarı elde edilememiştir⁽⁹⁾. Hem retinil palmitatin denendiği EUROSCAN çalışmada hem de 13-cis-retinoik asidin denendiği Lung Intergroup çalışmada 2. primer akciğer kanseri gelişimi önlenememiş-

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