



## BÖLÜM 36

### Alzheimer ve Psikofarmakolojik Tedavi İlkeleri

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#### GİRİŞ

Demans, bellek, dil süreçleri ve yürütücü işlevler gibi bilişsel fonksiyonlarda bozulmalar, davranış değişiklikleri ve günlük yaşam aktivitelerinde bozulmalar şeklinde bir dizi semptom kümeli-riyle karakterize klinik bir sendromdur. Alzheimer Hastalığı (AH) ise, tüm demansların yaklaşık %75'ini oluşturur(1,2). Herhangi bir semptom kliniğe yansımadan yıllar önce patofizyolojik değişikliklerin başladığını, uzun süreli, ilerleyici-nöro-dejeneratif bir seyre sahiptir. Bu değişiklikler, toksik amiloid- $\beta$  (A $\beta$ ) proteinlerinin ekstraselüler (ES) alanda birikimi, intraselüler (İS) alanlarda hiperforsforile tau proteinlerinden nörofibriler yumaklarının (NFT) gelişimi ve beyinde biriken A $\beta$  proteinlerinin mikroglia ve astrosit hücrelerinin kontrollsüz aktivasyonu ile nörotoksin ve proinflamatuar faktörlerin salınımı sonucu kolinergic nöronlarda sinaps kaybı ve kolinergic iletimin azalmasıdır (3,4). Beyin Omurilik Sivisi (BOS) ve Pozitron Emisyon Tomografisi (PET) biyobelirteçleri ile tanı doğruluğu artırılabilse de AH tanısı halen klinik olarak konulmaktadır. Günümüzde mevcut kolinesteraz inhibitörleri ve NMDA-antagonisti memantin gibi tedaviler ile yaşam kalitesi iyileştirilse de hastalık seyrini değiştiren bir tedavi

henüz bulunamamıştır (5). Bu bölümde AH'ne ilişkin epidemiyoloji, risk faktörleri, tanı kriterleri ve etiyopatogenez ile ilgili genel bir bilgi verildikten sonra AH'nin güncel tedavisi ve geliştirilmekte olan tedaviler konusunda bilgi verilecektir.

#### TARİHÇE VE TANI KRİTERLERİ

Alois Alzheimer'ın ünlü hastası Bayan Deter ilk kez 26 Kasım 1901'de 51 yaşındayken kendisine başvurmuştu. Kliniğe başvurduğunda eşine karşı kıskançlık sanrıları, perseküsyon sanrıları; 8 ay içerisinde ilerleyici biçimde kişilik özelliklerinde değişiklikler ve gittikçe artan bellek zayıflığı vardı. Zamanla konuşması anlaşılmaz olmuş, yaşamının son yılında tamamen apatik hale gelmiş ve zamanının büyük bir kısmını yatağında geçirmeye başlamıştı. 1906 yılında Bayan Deter, dekubit ülserine bağlı sepsis sonucu hayatını kaybetti. O dönemlerde Emil Krapelin ile çalışan Alzheimer, hastasının klinik kayıtlarını ve beyin patolojisini ayrıntılı bir biçimde inceleyerek beyin dokusunda günümüz terminolojisinde Alzheimer Hastalığı ile ilişkilendirilen amiloid plaklar ile nörofibriler yumaklarının varlığını ve nöron kaybını gözlemledi (6).

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gi düşünülmektedir. Tau proteinine karşı immünizasyon tedavileri içinde AAD-vac 1 ve Acl-35 ise iyi güvenlik profilleriyle tauya karşı terapötik etki sağlama konusunda en büyük potansiyele sahip tedaviler olarak görülmektedir ve halen bu aşılarla ilgili çalışmalar devam etmektedir (73,74).

## SONUÇ

AH patofiziolojisini anlamamızı sağlayan gelişmelere rağmen henüz insanlarda etkili olduğu kanıtlanmış bir hastalık modifiye edici tedavi tanımlanmamıştır. Bu zamana kadar amiloid odaklı tedavilerin semptomatik AH tedavisinde etkisiz oluşu, gelecek çalışmaların hastalığın preklinik evrelerine odaklanması gerekliliğini ortaya koymaktadır. Tau proteinine yönelik tedaviler ve immünoterapiler ise ileriye dönük büyük bir potansiyele sahiptir (31). Bu alanda devam eden randomize kontrollü çalışmalarla AH için umut vaad edebilecek optimum bir tedavi geliştirme hedefi devam etmektedir.

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