

BÖLÜM 5

COVID-19 KOENFEKSİYONLARI: VİRAL ETKENLER

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Konakçının aynı anda veya art arda birden fazla patojenle enfeksiyonu yaygındır ve bu fenomen koenfeksiyon olarak tanımlanır. Doğada viral koenfeksiyonlar tek etkenle gelişen viral enfeksiyonlar kadar yaygın görülmektedir. Virolojide koenfeksiyon bir hücrenin veya organizmanın ayrı virüsler tarafından eş zamanlı enfeksiyonu anlamına gelmektedir. Viral koenfeksiyonlar sıkılıkla viral patojenitede değişiklik, konak savunmasında bozulma ve karışık klinik semptomlara neden olurlar ve bunların tümü tanı ve tedavide olumsuz etki yaratır (1).

Enfekte bir hücrede virüsler, virüs replikasyonunu destekleyebilecek veya inhibe edebilecek çok sayıda hücresel proteinle (virüs-konakçı interaktomu) etkileşime girebilir. Viral koenfeksiyonlardaki etkileşimler öncelikle virüs replikasyon döngülerindeki (viral faktörler) ve replikasyon ortamındaki (konakçı faktörleri) değişikliklerden kaynaklanır. Konakçı faktörleri çevresel değişiklikler ile virüslerin buluşmasını ve patojenitesini etkiler (2).

KOENFEKSİYONLarda GÖRÜLEN ETKİLEŞİMLER

Koenfeksiyonların diğer koenfeksiyon oluşturan ajanlar ve konakçıya olan etkileriyle ilgili çok az bilgi vardır. En yaygın bilinen etkileşim olan viral interferenste, bir virüs koenfeksiyondaki diğer virüsün replikasyonunu yarışmaya olarak bastırır. İnterferensin yanı sıra bazı virüsler diğer virüsün replikasyonunda

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