

## Bölüm 3

### MİGREN VE KADIN

**Selcen DURAN<sup>1</sup>**

#### 1. GİRİŞ

Migren, 4-72 saat süren fotofobi ve fonofobinin eşlik ettiği ve genellikle bulantı ve bazı durumlarda kusma ile seyreden bir primer baş ağrısıdır (1). Aura, kademeli olarak gelişen ve genellikle baş ağrısı fazından önce gelen görsel, duyusal, konuşma ve/veya motor semptomları içeren tamamen geri dönüşümlü fokal nörolojik semptomdur ve her dört migren hastasından biri auralı migrendir (2, 3). Daha yaygın olarak izlenen ise auranın görülmediği aurasız migren alt tipidir (2). Migren hafif özürlülükten çalışmamaya kadar değişken şekilde dizabiliteye neden olur ve dizabilitenin onde gelen ikinci sırada sebebidir (4).

Son yıllarda, migrenin altında yatan mekanizmalara ilişkin bilgiler gelişerek; fonksiyonel sinir ağlarının aktivasyonu, vasküler değişiklikler, hipereksitabilite, nörotransmitter ve nöropeptid sinyalizasyonunu içeren karmaşık bir dizi süreci ortaya çıkarmıştır (5). Migren patofizyolojisinde kilit rol oynayan trigeminovasküler sistem; nosisepsiyonu, meninksler ve serebral arterlerden beyin sapı trigeminoervikal kompleksine (trigeminal nukleus kaudalis ve üst servikal dorsal boynuzdan oluşur), ardından hipotalamus, talamus ve kortikal bölgelere iletten fonksiyonel bir yoldur (5). Çok sayıda kanit, östrojenin merkezi ağrı ağlarında nosiseptif girdinin işlenmesini modüle ettiğini göstermiştir (6). Kadın cinsiyet hormonları (özellikle östrojen) seviyelerindeki dalgalanmaların, farklı üreme dönemlerinde, trigeminovasküler sistemdeki kalsitonin geniyle ilişkili peptidi (CGRP) modüle ettiği gösterilmiştir (7). CGRP'yi inhibe eden ilaçların başarılı bir şekilde piyasaya sürülmESİ, migren patofizyolojisine ve yeni tedavilerin geliştirilmesine olan ilgiyi artırırsa da, özellikle kadınlarda migren tedavisini iyileştirmek için migren mekanizmaları üzerindeki hormonal ve genetik etkilerin daha iyi anlaşılması gerekmektedir (8).

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## **8. SONUÇ**

Migren, kadın cinsiyette daha sık görülen ve daha şiddetli klinik bulgulara neden olan bir primer baş ağrısıdır. Migren, yaşam boyu süren bir hastalıktır ve hormonal durumlarındaki dalgalanmalar migrenin kötüleşmesine veya iyileşmesine neden olur. Kadının yaşam döngüsündeki özel durumlarda migren kötüleşebilir ve verilecek tedavi uygulamada zorluklara yol açabilir. Klinisyenlerin, hormonal tedavilerin migren üzerindeki etkileri yanı sıra, auralı migreni veya diğer vasküler risk faktörleri olan bir kadında hormon kullanımına ilişkin endişeler de dahil olmak üzere, bu son derece yaygın ve özürleyici durum hakkında iyi bilgi sahibi olmaları gereklidir. Migren ve kadın alanında daha fazla bilimsel çalışmaya ihtiyaç vardır.

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