

GELİŞİMSEL PSİKONÖROİMMUNOLOJİ

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BÖLÜM

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GİRİŞ

Psikonöroimmunoloji, immun sistem ile davranış ve Santral Sinir Sistemi (SSS) arasındaki iki yönlü ilişkiyi araştıran bir bilim dalıdır. Sosyal, psikolojik ve davranışsal faktörlerin immun sistem aktivitesi üzerindeki ve immun sistemin biliş, duygusal davranışlar üzerindeki etkileri ile bu çift yönlü etkileşimin fiziksel ve ruhsal hastalıklarla ilişkisi psikonöroimmunolojik bağlamda değerlendirilmektedir (1). Son yıllarda kullanılan “immunopsikiyatri” terimi de aynı tanımı karşılamaktadır (2).

TARİHÇE

Ruh sağlığı ve sinirbilim alanındaki gelişmelerle birlikte psikonöroimmunoloji araştırmaları hız kazanmış olsa da çok eski dönemlerden beri konuya ilgili gözlemsel ve deneysel çalışmaların olduğu görülmektedir. Eski Yunan uygarlığında ruhsal bozuklıkların vücut sıvı dengesindeki bozukluklardan ileri geldiği düşünülmüş, Platon zihin, beden ve ruh dengesizliklerinin duygusal stresse yol açtığını savunmuştur. Sonrasında 18. ve 19. yy'de özellikle çocukluk dönemindeki zorlu yaşam olaylarının psiye üzerine olumsuz etkileri olduğu, bunun erişkinlikte de devam ettiği, kişinin sosyal ve duygusal yaşamını etkilediği gösterilmiştir. Psikonöroimmunoloji terimi ilk kez 1975 yılında Ader ve Cohen tarafından kullanılmıştır (3).

Psikonöroimmunolojinin temelini oluşturan önemli bir gözlem immunolojik koşullanma ile ilgilidir. Oral sakarin çözeltisinin (koşullu uyaran)

immunosupresif ilaç siklofosfamid (koşulsuz uyaran) ile birlikte uygulanmasının farelerde koşullu bir tepkiye yol açtığı gösterilmiştir. Koşullanan farelere tekrar sakarin çözeltisi verildiğinde immun cevabının azaldığı gözlenmiştir. Bu sonuçlar, davranışsal koşullanmanın immun sistemin baskılanmasına yol açan etkilerinin kesin kanıtlarını sağlamıştır (4). Sonrasında Ader ve arkadaşları davranışın immun sistem üzerine etkisinin iki yönde de olabileceğini göstermişlerdir (5).

Modern psikopatoloji alanı, araştırmacıların dikkatini ruhsal bozuklıkların altında yatan biyolojik mekanizmalara odaklamak konusunda önemli ilerleme kaydetmiştir, ancak yine de, sosyal, psikolojik, nörolojik, immunolojik, genetik ve genomik süreçler dahil olmak üzere çok çeşitli yollarla dikkate alınmaktadır (1).

IMMUN SİSTEDE GENEL BAKIŞ

İmmun sistemin işlevi vücudu yabancı patojenlerden koruyarak biyolojik güvenliği sağlamaktır. Fiziksel hasar veya enfeksiyonlara karşı savunma işlevinde rol alan molekül, hücre ve dokuların hepsi birden immun sistemi oluşturmaktadır. Sistem, doğal (doğuştan gelen) ve edinsel (adaptif/kazanılmış) immunité olarak ikiye ayrılmaktadır.

Doğal Immunité

Vücudun doku hasarına ve mikrobiyal enfeksiyonlara karşı ilk savunma sistemidir. Doğal immunité cevabı hızlıdır (dakikalar/saatler içinde), spesifik değildir, uzun süreli koruma sağlamaz. Bu sistem bağılıklık hücrelerinin (makrofaj, nötrofil,

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Tık Bozuklukları/PANDAS/OKB

Tourette Sendromu (TS) ve OKB tanılı çocukların ergenlerde IL-12 ve TNF- α düzeyi yüksektir. TS'de ayrıca adhezyon molekülleri de yüksek düzeyde saptanmaktadır. OKB ile TNF- α gen polimorfizmi, Tourette sendromu ile IL1RN polimorfizmi ilişkilendirilmektedir (33).

Toxoplasma IgG pozitifliğinin çocukların ergenlerde OKB ve yaygın anksiyete bozukluğu riskini 4-5 kat artırdığı belirtilmektedir (93). Sosyal fobi ise geç başlangıçlı kızamık, kabakulak ve su çiçeği enfeksiyonları ile ilişkilendirilmektedir (94).

Çocukluk çağında "Streptokok Enfeksiyonları" ile "İlişkili Otoimmun Nöropsikiyatrik Bozukluklar" (PANDAS), grup A hemolitik streptokok enfeksiyonu geçirdikten sonra tıkkılar, istemsiz hareketler ve obsesif kompulsif semptomların görüldüğü, çocukların tanımlanan bir sendromdur. Antistreptokok antikorları ve bazal beyin ganglionlarının proteinleri (otoantijenleri) arasında çapraz bir reaksiyonun varlığı bilinmektedir. Bu antijenler, streptokok proteinlerine benzer bir yapıya sahip olan nörotransmisyon, nöronal metabolizma ve hücresel sinyalleşme ile ilgili bazı enzimleri (aldolazlar ve enolazlar) içermektedir. OKB belirtileri olanlarda bazal gangliyonlara karşı gelişen antikorlar pozitif saptanmakta ve BOS'ta yüksek düzeyde saptanan glisin, glutamaterjik tonus artışını göstermektedir. İmmun tedaviler ile OKB semptomlarında görülen düzelleme, bu antikorların OKB patogenezinde veya semptomları PANDAS ile ilişkilendiren grupta önemli role sahip olduğunu desteklemektedir (95).

Psikoz, Şizofreni

Şizofrenide Toxoplasma gondii enfeksiyonlarının sikliğinin arttığı belirtilmiştir (90). Çocukluk dönemi psikozunda serum TNF- α , IL-1 β , IL-6, IL-5, IL-10, IFN- γ düzeyleri yüksek saptanmıştır (96). İlk psikotik atak sırasında pro-inflamatuar (TNF- α) yanıtın artmış olarak saptanması çocukluk dönemi stres ile de ilişkilendirilmiştir (97). Çocuklukta artmış IL-6'nın genç erişkinlikte psikoz riskini artırdığı bildirilmiştir (98). Çocuklar ve ergenlerde yapılan bir sistematik derlemede şizofrenide TNF- α düzeylerinin normal, IL-10'un ise düşük olduğu belirtilmiştir (33).

Yeme Bozuklukları

Obezite inflamasyonla ilişkilendirilirse de anoreksiya nervozada da pro-inflamatuar bir durum görüldüğü bilinmektedir. IL-6 ve IL- β 'nın hipotalamik nöropeptidlerin salınımını düzenleyerek kilo kontrolü üzerinde rol aldığı düşünülmektedir (99). Yeme bozukluklarında ayrıca bağırsak mikrobiyomlarının ve stres reaktivitesinin serotonergik sistemi ve nöroinflamasyonu aktive ettiği belirtilmektedir (100).

SONUÇ

İmmunolojik hipotezler, çocukluk çağında davranışsal ve nörogelişimsel bozuklukların etiyolojisine yönelik önemli açıklamalar sağlamaktadır. Biyopsikososyal tıbbî model ve psikonöroimmunoloji çocuk ruh sağlığını anlama ve iyileştirme süreçlerinde açık ve anlaşılır bilgiler sunmaktadır. Ayrıca çocukluk dönemi psikiyatrik bozukluklarında immun sistem işlevlerini araştırmak tedavi sürecinde de fayda sağlamaktadır.

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