



3. Bölüm

COVID-19 ve Tiroid

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Koronavirüs hastalığı Aralık 2019'da Wuhan'da başlayan (COVID-19), küresel sağlık açısından benzeri görülmemiş sorunları olan yeni milenyumun salgınıdır(1). Sebep olan ajan, şiddetli akut solunum sendromu koronavirüs 2 (SARS-CoV-2) olarak adlandırılan yeni bir zarflı RNA β -koronavirüs 2' dir. SARS-CoV-2, şiddetli akut solunum sendromundan (SARS) sorumlu virüs olan SARS-CoV-1 ile filogenetik benzerliğe sahiptir. SARS-CoV-1'e benzer şekilde SARS-CoV-2, anjiyotensin dönüştürücü enzim 2 (ACE2) reseptörü aracılığıyla hücrelere giren insan dokularını enfekte eder(2-4).

Aseptomatik hafif seyirden, ciddi hipoksemik akut solunum yetersizliği ve çoklu organ yetersizliğine kadar değişen birbirinden farklı klinik seyirler gösterebilmektedir. SARS-CoV-2 enfeksiyonu hem pulmoner hem de sistemik inflamasyona neden olabilir ve yüksek risk faktörleri olan hastalarda (yani yaşlılık, erkek cinsiyet, kronik hipertansiyon ve diğer kardiyovasküler komorbiditeler, diyabet) çoklu organ işlev bozukluğunu belirleyebilir (5, 6). Akut solunum sıkıntısı sendromu (ARDS) ve solunum yetmezliği, sepsis, akut kardiyak hasar ve kalp yetmezliği, COVID-19'un en yaygın kritik komplikasyonları olarak kabul edilir (5). Hem doğrudan (hedef hücrelerin virüs enfeksiyonunun neden olduğu) hem de dolaylı yaralanma (virüse karşı anormal immün-enflamatuvar yanıtlar yoluyla ve muhtemelen pıhtılaşma, sitokin ve tamamlayıcı sistemleri içeren) geniş klinik ekspresyon spektrumu ve multisistem ile ilişkilendirilmiştir (7).

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SONUÇ

Tiroidde virüsün immun histokimyasal değişikliklere neden olabileceği gösterilmiştir. Klinik öncesi ve klinik çalışmalar, tiroid bezinin COVID-19'un hedef organı olabileceğine dair ikna edici kanıtlar mevcuttur. COVID-19 hem tiroid bezini hemde tiroid aksını etkileyerek tiroid bozukluklarına ve hormonal değişikliklere yol açabileceği unutulmamalıdır. COVID-19'un ciddiyeti, tiroid hastalarının tipine bağlıdır. Tirotoksikoz, COVID-19 hastalarında kliniği daha da kötüleştirmekte ve sonuçları olumsuz yönde etkilemektedir. "Tiroid ve COVID-19" ile ilgili toplanan çalışmalar, akut hastalık sırasında ve SARS-CoV-2'nin iyileşme döneminde tiroid fonksiyon testlerinin izlenmesi önerilmektedir. Hastalık seyri sırasında metabolik etkileri açısından tiroid hormon düzeylerindeki değişiklikler takip edilmeli ve hastalara ek sorun oluşturmaması ve iyileşme sürecine olan katkısı dolayısıyla hiper ve hipotiroidili hastaların tedavilerine ara verilmeden devam edilmelidir. Tiroid nodül ve kanserlerinde acil müdahale edilmesi gereken özel koşullar dışında tanıda yaşanan gecikme hastalığın seyrinde büyük bir değişikliğe neden olmamaktadır. Bununla birlikte, hastanede yatan COVID-19 vakalarında tirotoksikoz ve tiroid dışı hastalık sendromu tedavilerine ilişkin veriler eksiktir. Devam eden COVID-19 salgınının ne kadar süreceğini kimse bilmiyor, ancak önümüzdeki dönemde COVID-19 ve tiroid ilişkisini içeren data'lara ve çalışmalara ihtiyaç olduğu kaçınılmazdır.

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