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AB0922 METABOLIC SYNDROME IS ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVE DISEASE IN PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS AND MAY CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF SYNDESMOPHYTES

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Background: An increased prevalence of metabolic syndrome (MetS) has been reported in psoriatic arthritis (PsA) suggesting an association between the inflammation and MetS.

Objectives: The aim of this study is to investigate its relationship with disease activity in patients with PsA. We also evaluated whether an association exists between MetS and axial involvement in PsA.

Methods: This study included patients with PsA followed in the Rheumatology outpatient clinic at Dokuz Eylul University. Age-matched patients with Takayasu arteritis (TA), an inflammatory systemic disease, were enrolled as diseased controls. The NCEP-ACT III criteria were used to identify subjects with MetS. Disease activity was assessed in patients with PsA by using several parameters including BASDAI, ASDAS, VAS patients' and physician' global, Tender and Swollen joint assessment (28/68), DAS28, DAPSA, CPDAI and SPARCC Enthesitis Index. ESR and serum CRP levels were measured. BASFI and BASMI were used to evaluate functional status and HAQ, ASQoL and DLQI to evaluate health and PASI to measure the severity of psoriasis. Hand and pelvis X-rays and sacroiliac joint MRIs were performed when indicated.

Results: There were 104 PsA patients (63.5% F; mean age: 50.9±13.0 years) who fulfilled the CASPAR criteria and 28 TA patients (89% F, mean age: 46.3±9.1) who fulfilled the ^{ACR 1990} criteria. The prevalence of MetS was found to be considerably higher in PsA patients compared to TA patients (45.2% and 21.4% respectively, p<0.001). In the comparison of PsA patients with and without MetS, no differences were found regarding treatment frequencies of NSAIDs, glucocorticoids, DMARDs and anti-TNFs and also mean glucocorticoid dosages. PsA patients with MetS had higher BASDAI, BASFI, BASMI, VAS, ASQoL, CPDAI, ASDAS and HAQ scores compared to PsA patients without MetS (table 1). More patients with syndesmophytes were found among PsA patients with MetS compared to those without MetS (p=0.027). There were no differences in indexes related predominantly peripheral involvement, such as tender and swollen joint counts, enthesitis score and presence of dactylitis. In multivariable regression analysis, presence of syndesmophytes had no relationship with MetS, but still related with ESR and BASMI.

Abstract AB0922 – Table 1. Clinical features and disease activity parameters in PsA patients with and without MetS.

	PsA Patients with MetS (n:47)	PsA Patients without MetS (n:57)	p value
Age (mean, yrs)	55.49	47.28	0.001
Smoking (%)			0.016
None	25/47 (53%)	17/57 (29%)	
Ex-smoker	13/47 (27%)	14/57 (24%)	
Active smoker	9/47 (19%)	26/57 (45%)	
BMI (med, IQR)	30.3 (6.6)	26.4 (5.9)	<0.001
Disease duration (yrs)	7 (6)	9 (8)	0.386
BASDAI (med, IQR)	22 (34)	11 (25)	0.042
BASFI (med, IQR)	18 (36)	5 (14)	0.009
BASMI (med, IQR)	20 (20)	10 (20)	0.001
VAS (med, IQR)	31 (33)	20 (31)	0.030
DAS28 (med, IQR)	2.4 (1.2)	2.1 (1.4)	0.059
PASI (med, IQR)	0.1 (4.8)	1.5 (7.2)	0.164
CPDAI (med, IQR)	6.3 (6.0)	3.6 (7.4)	0.049
ASQoL (med, IQR)	7 (8)	3.0 (6)	0.017
DLQI (med, IQR)	0 (4)	1 (2)	0.794
ASDAS (med, IQR)	2.5 (1.8)	1.7 (1.2)	0.008
HAQ (med, IQR)	0.375 (1.125)	0.125 (0.438)	0.011
VAS physician (med, IQR)	16 (17)	13 (16)	0.151
DAPSA (med, IQR)	15.8 (13.4)	10.6 (19.9)	0.190
TJC (med, IQR)	1 (2) min-0 max-9	0 (1) min-0 max-6	0.31
SJC (med, IQR)	0 (1) min-0 max-5	0 (1) min-0 max-4	0.83
ESR (med, IQR) (mm/h)	11 (13)	10 (15)	0.478
CRP (med, IQR) (mg/L)	5.5 (9.6)	3.8 (5.6)	0.280
Dactylitis (n, %)	2/47 (4.2%)	7/56 (12.5%)	0.140
Enthesitis (n, %)	3/46 (6.5%)	6/56 (10.7%)	0.458
Uveitis (n, %)	1/47 (2.1%)	2/56 (3.5%)	0.664
Syndesmophytes	22/36 (61%)	16/44 (36%)	0.027
Sacroiliitis (radiographic) (n, %)	8/44 (18%)	13/53 (24%)	0.296
Hand X-ray erosions (n, %)	12/31 (38%)	14/37 (37%)	0.589
Hand X-ray osteoproliferation (n, %)	9/31 (29%)	10/37 (27%)	0.589
Obesity/ overweight (n, %)	44/47 (93%)	35/57 (61%)	<0.001
Sij MRI positivity (active sacroiliitis) (n, %)	9/13 (69%)	10/18 (55%)	0.44

Conclusions: This study demonstrates a higher prevalence of MetS in PsA patients compared to TA. It also suggests that MetS might be associated with high disease activity and more severe disease especially in patients with axial involvement.

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AB0923 AUTONOMIC DYSFUNCTION IN PSORIATIC ARTHRITIS PATIENTS AND PSYCHO-EMOTIONAL DISORDERS FREQUENCY

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Background: Progressive autonomic dysfunction syndrome development is a characteristic for the most of immune inflammatory processes. Pain syndrome chronization in patients with psoriatic arthritis (PsA) is one of the leading factors contributing to the development of psycho-emotional disorders. They, in turn, exacerbate the disorders of the autonomic nervous system.

Objectives: to evaluate function of the autonomic in PsA patients and the presence of psycho-emotional disorders in them

Methods: 73 patients with PsA (≥5 SJC and ≥5 TJC; CRP≥0.3 mg/dL) were examined by psycho-emotional testing using the Spielberger anxiety and Hamilton depression scales. Autonomic disorders were detected by "Vein-Patient"-VP method's questionnaire, filled by the patient (when more than 15 points – autonomic dysfunction is possible (AD)) and "Vein-Doctor"-VD questionnaire, filled by the doctor (more than 25 points – confirmation of the presence of AD); studied the general indicators of heart rate variability (HRV) – mode (Mo), mode amplitude (AMo), autonomic equilibrium index (AEI), activity index of regulatory systems (AIRS); spectral characteristics – standard deviation of normal RR intervals (SDNN); square root of the mean of the sum of the squares of the differences between consecutive RR-intervals (RMSSD) and the ratio of balance between sympathetic and parasympathetic activities (LF/HF) of autonomic nervous system (ANS). All the patients received MTX in a stable dose for 6 months at least, prior the time of the study.

Results: in 39 PsA patients (53,4%) increased reactive anxiety (37,0±1,5 points) and personal anxiety (45,4±1,5 points) levels were determined as results of testing. They made up the 1st observation group, and the remaining 34 patients – the 2nd observation group. In the first group, according to the questionnaire VP and VD more significant excess of the norm was defined (19,79±0,54 points and 29,8±0,77 points respectively) than in the 2nd group (16,92±0,62 and 27,1±0,8 points). The decrease of the SDNN и RMSSD in comparison with norm was revealed in the both groups, that evidences an inanced sympathetic regulation. However, more significant LF/HF growth (4,15±0,64) and SDNN decrease (22,4±5,6 ms) in the 1st group, than in the 2-nd (3,0±0,86; 29,1±8,4 ms, respectively) occurred. It indicates a link between the increase in the sympathetic level of regulation and the presence of signs of psycho-emotional disorders. And also the growth of AMO in the 1st group (47,9±8,4%) shows the strength of sympathetic mobilising influence and evidences an increased medullary vasomotor centre activation and growth of sympathetic regulation in PsA patients with depression. In general, the severity of changes in HRV in PsA patients can be due to a high content of pro-inflammatory cytokines, which induce the synthesis of free acid radicals and worsen ANS maintenance of the organisms' activity.

Conclusions: Emotional disorders of the anxiety-depressive spectrum contribute to the regulatory mechanisms tension increase and adaptive capabilities