

## · 精神分裂症专题 ·

## 细胞因子与精神分裂症机制关联研究进展

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**【摘要】** 精神分裂症是一种严重的致残性精神障碍, 其病理生理机制仍不明确, 治疗方面存在个体差异及异质性, 造成较高的社会、经济负担。本文从多个角度对细胞因子在精神分裂症及其治疗中的变化最新进展进行综述, 以期从机制方面理解精神分裂症与细胞因子的关系, 为将来从更多维度对精神分裂症病因及个性化治疗提供新的思路。

**【关键词】** 精神分裂症; 细胞因子; 神经炎症; 治疗; 综述

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### Progress on the study of the correlation between cytokines and pathological mechanism of schizophrenia

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**【Abstract】** Schizophrenia is a serious disabling mental disorder. Its pathophysiological mechanism is still unclear, and there are individual differences and heterogeneity in treatment, resulting in high social and economic burden. In this paper, we review recent updates on the variations of cytokines in schizophrenia and their therapy from multiple perspective, with the aim of understanding the relationship between schizophrenia and cytokines from the mechanism, and providing new ideas for personalized treatment of schizophrenia patients from a more multidimensional perspective in the future.

**【Key words】** Schizophrenia; Cytokines; Neuroinflammation; Treatment; Review

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精神分裂症是一种严重的、致残率高的精神障碍, 全球终生患病率在1%左右, 对社会造成了巨大负担<sup>[1-2]</sup>。遗传易感性、环境因素、神经炎症机制、神经递质等生物学因素在精神分裂症发生过程中发挥着巨大作用<sup>[3-4]</sup>。1976年的研究发现炎症异常与精神分裂症的相关性<sup>[5]</sup>, 但其确切的病理生理机制仍不明确。随着时间的推移, 免疫系统、炎症之间复杂的交互作用可以导致情绪、认知和行为的改变被发现<sup>[6]</sup>, 与神经炎症机制密切相关的细胞因子影响多巴胺、5-HT、去甲肾上腺素间的神经传递, 导致

精神症状或抑郁症状<sup>[7]</sup>。大量的研究聚焦于细胞因子与精神分裂症之间的关系, 以期寻找出精神分裂症的可能致病原因并给予有效治疗, 减少疾病带来的负担。因此, 本文着重对最近10年间细胞因子变化与精神分裂症的潜在病理生理及治疗机制最新进展进行简要综述。

#### 一、细胞因子的分类

当机体受到病毒或细菌侵入、组织损伤或社会-心理应激状态时, 抗原递呈细胞与辅助T细胞(Th0)促进免疫作用分泌不同的细胞因子<sup>[8-9]</sup>。根据

免疫反应方式的不同,细胞因子分为获得性细胞因子[如IL-2、IL-3、IL-4、IL-5、IL-7、IL-9、IL-13、IL-15、IL-21、粒细胞巨噬细胞集落刺激因子(granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor, GM-CSF)、炎症细胞因子[如IL-1、IL-6、IL-17、TNF- $\alpha$ 、干扰素(interferon, IFN)、抗炎细胞因子(如IL-10、IL-12家族)。根据细胞因子功能的不同,可以分为IL、TNF、IFN、GM-CSF、转移生长因子(transfer growth factor, TGF)等<sup>[10]</sup>。这样的分类并不足以概括众多的细胞因子,而作为炎症的关键调节因子,细胞因子通过复杂的相互作用网络在机体发挥重要的作用。

## 二、细胞因子进入大脑通路

细胞因子不易透过血-脑脊液屏障,而是经过体液通路、神经通路、细胞通路进入大脑<sup>[11-12]</sup>。在精神分裂症患者脑脊液研究中发现,血-脑脊液屏障缺陷与高水平炎症过程中的可溶性细胞间黏附分子相关<sup>[13]</sup>,表明精神分裂症患者的血-脑脊液屏障缺陷与炎症机制相关。此外,细胞因子还可以由微生物-肠-脑轴通路进入大脑。肠道环境的变化促进细胞因子如TNF- $\alpha$ 、IFN- $\gamma$ 等的产生,进而增加肠道炎症和上皮细胞屏障的通透性。肠道内细菌产物脂多糖或短链脂肪酸进入循环系统,再通过神经通路或体液通路进入大脑<sup>[14-16]</sup>。外周免疫的激活使外周细胞因子进入大脑引起中枢细胞因子水平变化,可能影响中枢神经递质释放、神经内分泌功能、神经元可塑性以及神经环路架构,共同参与精神分裂症病理生理过程。

## 三、细胞因子在精神分裂症中作用机制

1. 细胞因子在动物模型的研究:在精神分裂症动物模型研究中,同宗小鼠出现脱髓鞘、少突胶质细胞丢失、小胶质细胞聚集,当给予有效剂量的腺苷治疗,抑制了小鼠前额叶和海马区炎症细胞因子IL-1 $\beta$ 和TNF- $\alpha$ 的异常升高,但在再髓鞘化过程中抗炎细胞因子IL-4或IL-10水平升高<sup>[17]</sup>。rTMS治疗的小鼠神经元突触和功能发生变化<sup>[18]</sup>,而IL-10可以使暴露于细菌脂多糖诱导的神经元恢复突触可塑性<sup>[19]</sup>。暴露于IL-1 $\beta$ 、IL-6和TNF- $\alpha$ 的大鼠,其树突发育和皮层神经元发育明显减少<sup>[20]</sup>,大鼠断奶之后长期的社会性隔离引起外周和中枢细胞因子IL-6、TNF- $\alpha$ 、IL-10水平表达降低<sup>[21]</sup>。切断腹侧海马的初生大鼠成长中出现精神分裂症相关行为和突触改变,补充抗炎细胞因子TGF-1 $\beta$ 可以为大鼠发育性腹侧海马损伤提供保护,减轻神经元树突损失<sup>[22]</sup>。猕猴母体免疫激活后,其子代产生的精神分裂症及

孤独症谱系障碍样刻板行为与先天细胞因子如粒细胞集落刺激因子、趋化因子(CCL)-3、CCL-8、IL-1 $\beta$ 、IL-6、IL-12p40、Th2细胞因子有关,自主行为则与IL-4、IL-10、IL-13有关<sup>[23]</sup>。细胞因子在精神分裂症动物模型的研究尽管没有发现特定种类的细胞因子解释精神分裂症症状的产生,但也从病因学更进一步阐释了细胞因子在精神分裂症中的关键作用。

2. 细胞因子在基因及蛋白水平的研究:基因及蛋白水平研究表明,细胞因子异常蛋白表达与精神分裂症病理生理机制关系密切。IL-1 $\alpha$  rs1800587、IL-6 rs1800796、TNF- $\alpha$  rs361525和IFN- $\gamma$  rs2069718的炎症细胞因子基因多态性与精神分裂症相关<sup>[24]</sup>。在精神分裂症患者全基因组表达分析方面,CD40信号、趋化因子-3受体1、IL-17A信号通路与神经炎症机制有关<sup>[25]</sup>。首发精神分裂症患者血清中的IL-1 $\beta$ 、IL-6、IL-8抗体IgG水平升高,IL-1 $\alpha$ 抗体IgG水平降低<sup>[26]</sup>,住院患者中的血管紧张素转换酶活性与IL-17a、TNF- $\alpha$ 、IFN- $\gamma$ 水平呈正相关<sup>[27]</sup>。大脑尸检研究显示,精神分裂症患者前额叶皮质中的IL-2未被检测到,TNF- $\alpha$ 、IL-6蛋白和mRNA水平明显升高,IL-10蛋白和mRNA水平降低明显,IL-8蛋白表达水平降低<sup>[28]</sup>,IFN- $\beta$  mRNA表达增加<sup>[29]</sup>,前额叶皮质背外侧IL-6、IL-8、IL-1 $\beta$  mRNA表达增加<sup>[30]</sup>,颞上回IL-1 $\alpha$ 、IFN- $\gamma$ 诱导蛋白P表达降低,IFN- $\alpha$ 蛋白表达增加<sup>[31]</sup>。Monji等<sup>[32]</sup>在尸检研究中发现,精神分裂症患者脑部小胶质细胞激活或密度增加,释放IL-6、TNF- $\alpha$ 、IFN- $\gamma$ 等炎症细胞因子,导致神经元变性、神经发生减少、脑白质异常。精神分裂症患者的细胞因子基因及蛋白水平的变化表明神经炎症机制参与了这一疾病的产生。

3. 细胞因子在血液水平及与临床症状关系的研究:既往研究表明,精神分裂症患者外周血细胞因子水平发生变化,且一些细胞因子与临床症状之间存在关联。如Aricioglu等<sup>[4]</sup>报道,母体接触细菌脂多糖、多核糖体和多核糖体酸(poly I:C)等感染因子后,其子代出现类似精神分裂症样的行为变化,同时,血液中炎症细胞因子水平增加。Wu等<sup>[33]</sup>的研究发现,慢性精神分裂症患者较健康人群的血清IL-2、IL-6、IL-8水平升高,降低的血清TNF- $\alpha$ 水平与丙二醛交互作用和阴性症状相关,IL-8与丙二醛或者IL-8与过氧化物歧化酶交互作用和执行功能相关。在缺陷型精神分裂症患者中,血清IL-1 $\beta$ 、IL-1RA、TNF- $\alpha$ 、CCL-11、TNFR1可以部分预测其慢性疲劳综合征,且可能与激活的免疫途径有

关<sup>[34]</sup>。TNF- $\beta$ 、IL-6水平与精神分裂症阴性症状的高危人群、精神分裂症伴抑郁症状的严重程度显著相关<sup>[35]</sup>。患精神障碍超高风险人群中,血清IL-6水平升高,IL-17水平降低,并且血清IL-17水平与整体功能评估量表呈正相关<sup>[36]</sup>。精神分裂症患者升高的TGF- $\beta$  1血浆水平与攻击行为和临床症状呈正相关,降低的补体C3与临床症状呈负相关,升高的IL-23水平与兴奋症状呈正相关<sup>[37]</sup>。在慢性精神分裂症患者中,血清中升高的IL-18水平与一般病理症状分和认知功能呈正相关<sup>[38]</sup>。外周血细胞因子失调支持神经炎症假说在精神分裂症中起着重要作用,值得将来进一步研究。

#### 四、细胞因子与精神分裂症治疗

1. 细胞因子与药物治疗: 抗精神病药物可以改变细胞因子的水平,而抗精神病药物治疗效果可能与细胞因子的内表型有关,药物通过细胞因子或其受体基因表达调节单核细胞、T细胞和B细胞,继而影响免疫系统<sup>[9, 39]</sup>。在首发精神分裂症患者中,应用氟哌啶醇、利培酮、奥氮平等药物治疗后,血清TGF- $\beta$ 水平升高,IL-17水平降低,降低的血清IL-4、IL-6、IL-27水平与抗精神病药物治疗相关<sup>[39]</sup>。氯氮平、利培酮激活精神分裂症患者中枢神经系统小胶质细胞,降低IL-2、IL-6、TNF- $\alpha$ 的表达水平,哌罗匹隆和喹硫平则对IFN- $\gamma$ 激活的小胶质细胞有抑制作用<sup>[32]</sup>。而且抗精神病药物治疗后可改变血清IL-6、IL-8水平,血清IL-6水平越高,IL-8水平越低,精神分裂症的阴性症状改善越好<sup>[40]</sup>。Zhang等<sup>[41]</sup>在一项大脑尸检研究中发现,IL-6 mRNA在精神分裂症患者脑内的表达与抗精神病药物摄入量及每日摄入量显著相关,患者大脑皮质灰质体积缩小是神经炎症和抗精神病药物共同作用的结果。Stapel等<sup>[42]</sup>在体外细胞分离实验研究中发现,奥氮平和阿立哌唑影响免疫功能,体外治疗可降低IL-1 $\beta$ 、IL-6、TNF- $\alpha$  mRNA在外周血单核细胞和单核THP-1细胞的表达和分泌,同时减少IL-2、IL-6、IFN- $\gamma$ 诱导蛋白IP-10和巨噬细胞炎症蛋白MIP-1 $\beta$ 的分泌水平;两种药物治疗后的IL-9呈下降趋势,IL-1RA呈升高趋势,且均有减少IL-10、MIP-1 $\alpha$ 分泌的趋势。精神分裂症患者出现炎症反应时,氯氮平血药浓度升高,可能与作为细胞色素P-450酶抑制剂的炎症细胞因子的释放有关<sup>[43]</sup>。经过12周的药物治疗,药物治疗无效的首发精神分裂症患者的IL-6和IFN- $\gamma$ 水平升高<sup>[44]</sup>,而精神分裂症患者出现的轻度炎症与抗精神病药物治疗不良反应有关<sup>[45]</sup>。越来越多的研究表明,特定的抗炎药物和免疫调节剂

对精神分裂症患者有益,抗精神病药物联合抗炎药物如阿司匹林、米诺环素、N-乙酰半胱氨酸、雌激素类药物能更好地改善精神分裂症患者的症状,有效降低精神分裂症患者的临床症状严重程度评分,而减少血清中IL-1水平、增加IL-10水平对精神分裂症的治疗有效<sup>[46-48]</sup>。抗精神病药物可以影响细胞因子水平,细胞因子反过来改善抗精神病药物的治疗效果。因此,从抗炎治疗的角度探索新型抗精神病药物可能是将来药物研发的新方向。

2. 细胞因子与物理治疗: 改良电休克治疗(modified electroconvulsive therapy, MECT)被认为是治疗精神分裂症的有效手段,其机制可能是MECT可以改善大脑内与神经递质相关区域的分子水平,改善犬尿氨酸代谢,影响神经递质的表达<sup>[49]</sup>。MECT后,细胞因子组织抑制剂基质金属蛋白酶-9和TNF- $\alpha$ 血清浓度显著降低<sup>[50-51]</sup>,同时,显著降低炎症/免疫反应主要调控通路核转录因子 $\kappa$ B(nuclear factor, NF- $\kappa$ B)的表达<sup>[52]</sup>。随着精神症状的好转,血浆IL-4、TGF- $\beta$ 水平显著增加,且增加的TGF- $\beta$ 与临床症状改善呈负相关<sup>[53]</sup>。另一种物理治疗方法rTMS可以激活炎症相关的神经元功能和细胞因子的表达<sup>[54]</sup>。物理治疗如MECT和rTMS可以调控细胞因子水平,间接表明细胞因子与精神分裂症的密切关系,这为将来推广精神分裂症的个性化治疗提供了新思路。

综上所述,细胞因子在动物模型、基因及蛋白水平、外周血、治疗中的变化均与精神分裂症密切相关,表明神经炎症机制参与精神分裂症的病理生理过程。但由于细胞因子种类繁多、不同机制间的交互作用、研究方法不同、药物等的影响,探索其确切的病理生理机制面临着重大挑战。寻找潜在的、特异性的细胞因子作为精神分裂症的生物学标志物以指导临床仍需要进一步研究。

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