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A REVIEW ON CELIAC DISEASE

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ABSTRACT

Celiac disease, often called "celiac sprue," is a chronic inflammatory disorder of small intestinal that arises on exposure to gluten dietary products in susceptible individuals. The chance of getting celiac disease can be raised by a number of conditions, such as diabetes (type 1), Crohn's disease, down syndrome and Addison's disease. There are a lot of contributing factors to this condition, both environmental and inherited. While the major histocompatibility complex region has been shown to be a genetic predisposition, gluten is an environmental trigger. 1% of people worldwide suffer from celiac disease. The main reason it goes unrecognized is that about half of individuals afflicted don't show the gastrointestinal symptoms instead, they show other indications of deficiency in calories or do not show symptoms at all. In this article, we review the recent data regarding the pathology, clinical indications, available tests for diagnosis, and management of celiac disease by various treatment methods.

KEYWORDS

Celiac disease, Gluten, Pathogenesis, Diagnostic methods and Treatment of celiac disease.

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INTRODUCTON

Celiac disease is an autoimmune disorder caused by an abnormal adaptive response of immune system in susceptible individuals allergic to gluten-containing foods¹. Celiac disease was first defined in 1888 by Samuel Gee^{2,3}. In celiac disease patients due to gluten ingestion it causes mucosal impairment surface and enteropathy⁴⁻⁷. It can also lead to various multiple diseases in humans. In comparison to other autoimmune diseases, celiac disease has special properties, such as complete recovery of mucosal injury and disease severity can be reversed by avoiding gluten exposure. It is now classified as undetected celiac disease can have

catastrophic consequences for both adult and young patients⁸⁻¹¹.

It is an immune-triggered systemic disorder by gluten intake in some individuals, occurring in genetically predisposed individuals. Gluten is an insoluble protein of cereal, including Prolamins found in

Gliadin (wheat),

Secalins (rye),

Hordein (barley)¹²⁻²⁰.

Gluten: The environmental trigger for the cause of celiac disease

Gluten has viscoelastic qualities which are important for dough creation to give to bread from wheat flour which has define texture and flavor which is widely used for manufacturing various food items. Gluten is applicable in various food industries due to its different properties, the food items manufactured from gluten are bread, cookies and pasta but also used in sauces, quick soups and even in pharma industry as a hidden product. As a result, the gluten intake is ranging from 15-20grams per day in western countries, the gluten containing diet is high in most of the countries. Patients with celiac disease have to follow a strict gluten-free diet²¹⁻²³. The daily intake of more than 10-50mg of gluten can cause histological abnormalities. The celiac disease patients were advised to lower their gluten intake to 10-50mg per daily²⁴⁻²⁶.

Gluten is mixture of various gliadin's and glutenin's, which are found in wheat, barley and rye. Three main types of gliadin's are α , γ , ω , low and high molecular weight glutenin's. Gluten consist of high content of amino acids glutamine of 30% and proline of 15%. The proline content makes gluten highly resistant to gastro-intestinal enzymes degradation, which make them large immunogenic gluten peptides to mucosal layer surface. It also has high in nitrogen content due to it high levels of glutamine which is required for seed germination. The modern wheat variety consist of three complete genomes of gliadins and glutenin's and up to 100 different gluten proteins in single wheat variety which may pose threat for pathogenesis of celiac disease^{21,22}.

Gluten is absorbed poorly from the human gut in normal healthy individual (with or without celiac disease). The peptides of gluten can pass through small intestines submucosa. The human enzyme transglutaminase 2 (also known as tissue transglutaminase {tTG}) will help in deamidation of gluten peptides in small intestine, which has high binding capacity to human leucocyte antigen HLA DQ8 and HLA DQ2 molecules as a result it acts as a triggering factor for inflammation in celiac disease patients^{27,28}.

Other than gluten various environmental factors are responsible for pathogenesis of celiac disease^{29,30}. The life events also influence the intestinal environment such as breast-feeding after delivery and other habits which alter gut health and gut microbiota. According to research the children's suffering from gastrointestinal infections from are a risk of developing celiac disease in future³².

The gliadins proteins are permeable between epithelial enterocytes to lamina propria and it may activate transglutaminase and enhance interferon production^{31,33-35}.

Effect of microbiome on celiac disease

Most of the studies have been done on microbiome in celiac patients, most of the studies focused on certain species like Bifidobacterium and Lactobacillus in gut microbial concentrations in celiac disease patients. The results observed that patient with this disease have increased concentration of gram-negative bacteria mostly proteobacteria. *In-vitro* studies reveal that patients with celiac disease can lead to modification of mucosal barrier and prolonged immune activation or sensitization for activation of gliadin causing symptoms clinically. Gluten-free diet is only treatment for celiac disease, to normalize the microbiome in patients the use of probiotics can be beneficial. Treatment with Bifidobacterium or Lactobacterium can help in restoring the altered gut microbiome and immune activation³⁶.

Celiac disease is a female predominant disease according to the studies. According to the Italian studies women had more symptoms, Lower body weight and severe anemia. Iron- deficiency anemia and lower serum cholesterol are common problem

for celiac disease patients. As autoimmune disorder usually has female predominance than male³⁷.

Symptoms

The Gastro intestinal symptoms of celiac disease are:

Nausea and vomiting
Stools of pale color with foul smell
Pain in the abdominal region
Diarrhea
Constipation
Fatty stools that float
Bloating, gas³⁸⁻⁴⁴.

Celiac Disease related disorders

Digestive disorders

Irregular bowl movement
Diarrhea for longer period of time
Irregular occurrence of stools
Malabsorption of nutrients
Vomiting
Pain in the abdomen
Anorexia
Constipation that is chronic (mostly seen in children's)

Low weight gain
Reduced appetite

Extra-digestive disorders

Delay in puberty
Tooth enamel hypoplasia
Fatigue for longer time
Iron deficiency
Vitamin deficiency
Retardation of growth
Dermatitis
Liver cytolysis
Early Menopause
Pain in bones
Fractures
Osteopenia, Osteoporosis
Neuropathy

Associated pathologies

Williams syndrome
First degree Celiac disease
Diabetes (type 1)
Down syndrome
Deficiency of IgA
CVID (common variable immune deficiency)

Sjogren syndrome
Autoimmune disorders
Corhn's disease
Neurological disorders
Turner syndrome⁴⁵⁻⁵⁵.

CELIAC DISEASE AND CONCOMITANT CONDITIONS

Celiac disease with nutritional deficiencies

As celiac disease is characterized by malabsorption, weight loss, vitamin and mineral deficiencies. The celiac disease patients are at a risk of vitamin and mineral deficiencies like calcium, copper, folate, folate and zinc. The untreated celiac disease experienced vitamin B12 deficiency, anemia, iron deficiency and zinc deficiency⁵⁶.

Celiac disease with rheumatoid arthritis

There is a physiology overlap between celiac disease and rheumatoid arthritis, as they both are autoimmune disorders. Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) affect the joints and celiac disease (CD) affect small intestine. RA is related to human leukocyte antigen HLA DRB1 and CD is related to HLA DQ2 and D haplotypes. The autoantibodies which is commonly found in CD, other name is immunoglobulin G anti-gliadin antibodies (IgG AGA) was found in some patients with RA disease⁵⁷.

Celiac disease with sepsis

Celiac disease increases the permeability of the intestine as well as impaired functioning of mucosal barrier. Due to exposed to gluten individuals and weaker spleen there is increased mortality from streptococcal, pneumococcal and gram-negative bacteria infection. As this can lead to sepsis⁵⁸.

Celiac disease with risk of Hodgkin's lymphoma

Celiac disease patients are at risk of malignancy, the exact mechanism is unknown. It is thought that combination of inflammatory cytokines, prolonged antigenic stimulation, chronic inflammation and increased permeability. Regardless of their diet CD patients are nine times more likely to develop non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL)⁵⁹.

Celiac disease vs inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

Celiac disease patients had mostly diagnosed with Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, IBD as they

common symptoms such as weight loss, abdomen pain and diarrhea and pathology is also similar to celiac disease⁶⁰.

Celiac disease with thyroid disorders

CD patients due to gluten intake there is release of antibodies which is also found to increased levels of thyroid-related and antiphospholipid autoantibodies⁶¹.

PATHOGENESIS

Celiac disease is caused by the both environmental and genetic factors. Many research studies have been done to study genetic and immunological causes of celiac disease in recent years. In normal conditions epithelia is impermeable to macromolecules such as gliadin.

In celiac disease the permeability is increased and causes the disruption of tight junction (TJ) systems integrity. The increased permeability across the endothelium and epithelial layers cause breach in intestinal barrier functions is caused by celiac disease⁶²⁻⁶⁴.

By the interaction of three genes, environment, gluten according to (Figure No.1). The predisposing factors responsible for celiac disease are two HLA class II genes: HLA-DQ8 (DQA1*03-DQB1*0302) and HLA-DQ2 (DOA1*05-DQB1*02).

Other non-HLA genes can also contribute for the development of celiac disease but HLA-DQ8 and HLA-DQ2 are virtually present in all celiac disease patients^{65,66}.

Different types of celiac disease

Asymptomatic celiac disease

In this type of celiac disease symptoms are not observed as mentioned above symptoms even at diagnosis, patients do not exhibit any reactions to gluten or gluten removal which makes the diagnosis difficult⁶⁷⁻⁸⁰.

Typical celiac disease

It is defines as gluten induced enteropathy by symptoms and signs. Malabsorption or malabsorption syndrome, diarrhea, weight loss, steatorrhea, oedema owing to hypoalbuminemia⁸¹.

Atypical celiac disease

It is also gluten-induced enteropathy but symptoms like weight loss and other symptoms and signs were

not observed. Extraintestinal signs were observed like metabolic disease or symptoms⁸²⁻⁸⁴.

Classical celiac disease

It is characterized by symptoms and signs such as malabsorption, weight loss, defects in growth, steatorrhea are all were recorded in this type⁸⁵⁻⁹³.

Non- classical celiac disease

No symptoms and signs of malabsorption were observed in celiac disease patients²⁸.

Silent celiac disease

It correlate with asymptomatic celiac disease, hence silent name can be added as no signs and symptoms were observed²⁸.

Sub-clinical celiac disease

This is less detected type of celiac disease, no signs and symptoms were observed but they have laboratory signs such as anemia, liver abnormalities in liver biomarkers in function tests, enamel defects, osteoporosis, other endoscopic findings⁹⁴⁻⁹⁸.

Symptomatic celiac disease

By the name itself we can define this type as clinically noticeable symptoms can be seen in reaction to gluten such as gastrointestinal and extraintestinal symptoms⁹⁹⁻¹⁰⁸.

Overt celiac disease

Clinically gluten related symptoms are observed such as gastrointestinal (diarrhea, bloating) and extraintestinal symptoms such as neurological symptoms and exhaustion^{109,110}.

Refractory celiac disease

It is defined as chronic or recurring symptoms and signs of malabsorption associated with villous atrophy (VA)¹¹¹⁻¹¹⁹.

Latent celiac disease

There are many definitions of latent celiac disease, in this type patients will get positive serology celiac disease with normal mucosa or absence of villous atrophy, it can also lead to other autoimmune diseases¹²⁰⁻¹²².

Potential celiac disease

They are detected positive to celiac serology test with a risk of developing intestine mucosa related issues¹²³.

Differential diagnosis

Malabsorption and villous atrophy are symptoms of celiac disease. Other disorders, however, can induce

significant villi flattening and increased intraepithelial lymphocytes (IEL). Differential diagnosis is especially important in people with CD who have negative serology. The following list of diseases, which may exhibit similar signs and symptoms.

Graft-vs- host disease Viral enteritis

Tropical sprue

Carbohydrate intolerance

Collagenous colitis

Giardiasis

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

Crohn's disease of small intestine

Autoimmune enteropathy

Small intestinal lymphoma

Cow's milk intolerance¹²⁴.

DIAGNOSIS

If IgA anti transglutaminase antibodies are detected then it confirms the presence of celiac disease and it is preferred for above 2 years age patients it has high level of evidence for proving disease.

IgG based detection, it has to be conducted in low IgA patients, it is strongly recommended with moderate level of evidence

Serological tests can be performed, if they are negative then intestinal biopsy should be performed on gluten-free patients.

Antibody test against gliadin is not suggested for primary test detection of celiac test.

Combining various celiac disease tests in replacement of TTG IgA test.

while screening children's below 2 years of age for celiac disease IgA and IgG tests has to be considered.

CONFIRMATORY TESTS FOR CELIAC DISEASE

This disease has to be confirmed based on medical history observation, serology test, physical examination, endoscopy.

Endoscopy of small intestine is important for patients with suspected celiac disease to confirm the diagnosis.

Duodenal biopsy is also recommended for confirming celiac disease¹²⁵.

Treatment for celiac disease

The most effective treatment of celiac disease is to follow a gluten-free diet for life-long. Avoid gluten and gluten containing foods and pharmaceuticals which are derived from barley, wheat and rye.

Gluten-free diet

Patient is not allowed to take gluten products and gluten related products as they cause serious effects such as grains, starch, barley, malt, wheat.

Monitoring

Lifelong they have to adhere to the gluten-free diet as it is best way to reduce the risk of other diseases and it also improves the quality of life. It is easy to manage in this way as it results in reducing the risk of celiac disease and other malignant diseases and other autoimmune diseases

Laboratory assessment

Specific serological tests can performed to check the progression of disease and the frequency of testing will be depending up on the time spent on gluten free diet. According to recent studies IgA and IgG tests are best way to detect compliance as they can detect small dietary infractions¹²⁶.

Anti-inflammatory compounds

Inflammation is the main sign as it is autoimmune disorder or due to use of corticosteroids and immunosuppressants medications. Hence administration of topically active medications for celiac disease may be beneficial¹²⁷.

Detoxification by probiotic bacteria

Celiac disease is related with changes in the gut bacteria which may leads to disease development. There are certain bacteria which is identified in celiac disease patients in cell cultures hence they can be treated using probiotics and increasing the gut health.

Enzyme supplementation therapy

The enzyme supplement therapy can be an option for celiac patients as they breakdown gliadin and other prolamins. The enzymes responsible for gluten digestion has yet to found and it can serve as great replacement therapy for celiac disease¹²⁸.

Surgery

In obese celiac patients the surgeries can be safe, if diet is not helpful as it boosts weight loss and decreases the chances of death¹²⁹.

Prevention of celiac disease

According to the study it states that newborn of celiac parents as they are high susceptible of developing celiac disease as they are in risk group. Not only gut health and genes cause celiac disease but also some kind of viruses can also cause celiac disease. The gastrointestinal infections can also lead to celiac disease.

Rota virus vaccination have great preventive measure of reducing the risk of developing celiac disease. Lowering the exposure to gluten containing food from childhood onwards (from 6 month of age) can be a preventive method. Ongoing genomic, environment, microbiome and metabolic studies in celiac disease aim to identify potential primary prevention targets by identifying the microbiome, metabolic and environmental factors responsible for loss of gluten tolerance, thus translating genetic predisposition in to clinical outcome¹³⁰.

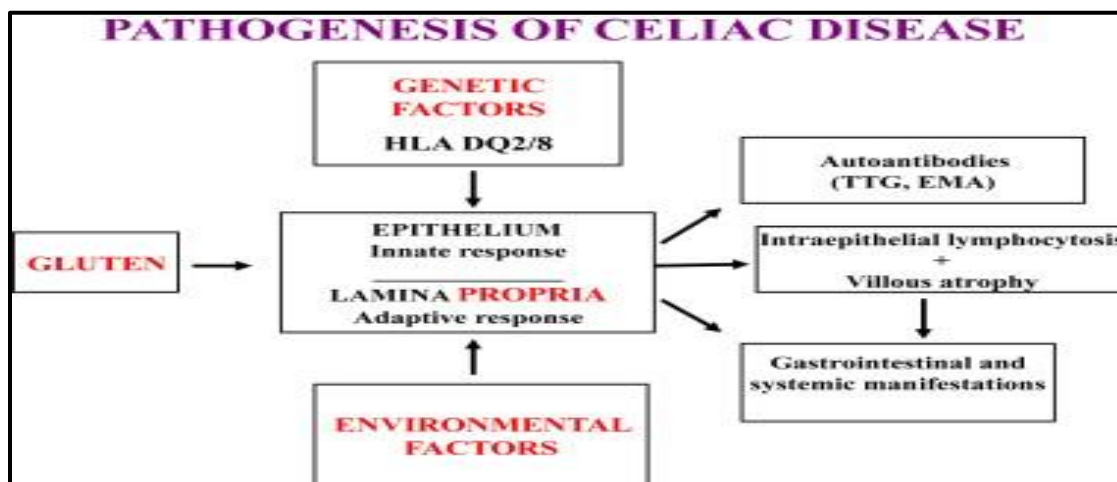


Figure No.1: Pathogenesis of celiac disease

CONCLUSION

Celiac disease is a chronic inflammatory, autoimmune intestinal illness caused by gluten indigestion in people who are genetically predisposed to it. This condition is caused by environmental factors and produces inflammation in the small intestine, which can lead to nutrient malabsorption. It may operate as a risk factor for a variety of intestinal ailments as well as extra-intestinal disorders such as vitamin deficiencies.

This disease's diagnosis can be difficult because it shares many characteristics with other intestinal ailments; nonetheless, several diagnostic approaches are available based on the intensity with which it can be treated. The gluten-free diet is the most effective treatment, and several novel therapeutic techniques are being tested. To avoid problems, early diagnosis and treatment are critical.

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