



Fifth Lecture

Vasculitis



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Extra info

Veins' vasculitis (phlebitis)

Arteries Vasculitis(arteritis)

Vasculitis: Inflammation of the blood vessels often associated with necrosis of the walls of blood vessels.

Classification of Vasculitis according to:

According to the cause:

1) Immune mediated

- Immune complex deposition
- ANCA: anti-neutrophils cytoplasmic antibodies
- AECA: anti-endothelial cells antibodies

2) Infectious pathogens : invade the walls of the blood vessels

3) Physical and chemical Injury : Trauma, drugs, Toxins

#According to the size of the vessel affected:

Large vessel: (Granulomatous diseases) Takayasu's arteritis, **Temporal arteritis (Giant cell arteritis)**

Medium vessel:, Kawasaki disease, **Polyarteritis nodosa (PAN)**

Small vessel:, **Microscopic polyangiitis(no asthma no granuloma)**, **Wegener's granulomatosis(with Granuloma , No Asthma)** , **Churg–Strauss syndrome (with asthma,with Granuloma and Eosinophilia)**

#According to the location of the affected vessels : limited to skin, Muscles, .. etc (additional wasn't mentioned in the slides)

(for understanding) What are ANCAs ?

Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (ANCAs) are a group of autoantibodies against antigens in the cytoplasm of neutrophil granulocytes (the most common type of white blood cell) and monocytes. They are detected as a blood test in a number of **autoimmune disorders**, but are particularly associated with **systemic vasculitis**, so called **ANCA-associated vasculitides**.

How do we detect ANCA?

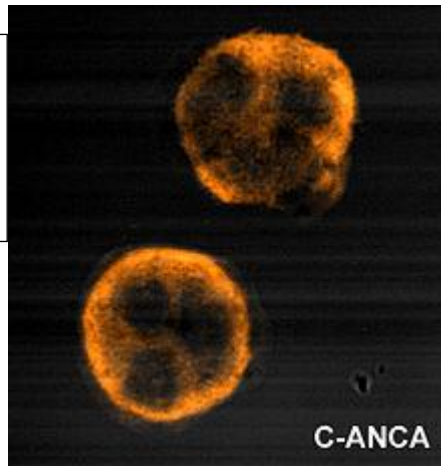
Immunofluorescence (IF) is used to detect ANCA, it may be used to help **differentiate ANCA patterns**.

ANCA can be divided into four patterns when visualised by IF (**doc shaiesta only explained two which are mentioned in the slides**):

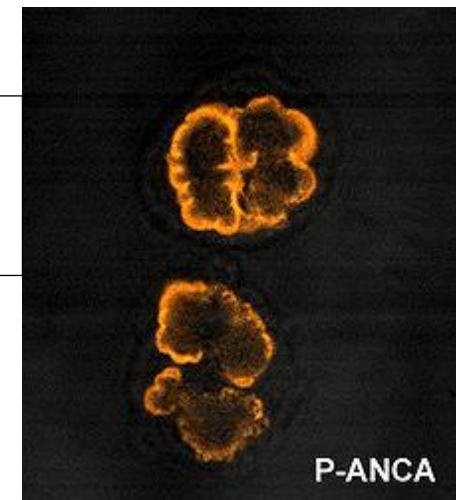
cytoplasmic ANCA (c-ANCA) : autoantibodies target proteinase-3 (PR-3)>> present with **Wegener's syndrome**

perinuclear ANCA (p-ANCA): autoantibodies target for myeloperoxidase (MPO)>>> present in **Microscopic polyangiitis** and **Churg-strauss syndrome**

C-ANCA: the stain is distributed and you can find it surrounding the cell and also inside the cytoplasm



P-ANCA: the stain is more concentrated around the nuclear, as if it's surrounding it



Type of Vasculitis	Giant Cell(Temporal) Arteritis	Poyarteritis Nodosa
Nature	Chronic, typically granulomatous inflammation	Systemic involvement
Size/Type of vessels	Large-small arteries	Small or medium-sized muscular arteries (But not arterioles, capillaries, or venules)
Age	+50 old	young adults
Etiology	Immune origin,T cell mediated	Immune complex mediated
Symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever,Fatigue,weight loss • facial pain ,headache • Pain most intense along the superficial temporal artery, which is painful to palpation 	episodic, with long symptom-free intervals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever and weight loss • Renal (arterial) involvement • Hypertension (developing rapidly) • Abdominal pain and melena (bloody stool) • Diffuse muscular aches and pains • Peripheral neuritis
clinical features	Nodularity, thickness and firm vessel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the clinical findings may be varied and puzzling . • The course can vary from acute to chronic .
Microscopic changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disruptions of the elastic lamina with inflammation and giant cells. • granuloma on the internal elastic lamina. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed infiltrate of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Neutrophils ✓ eosinophils ✓ mononuclear cells • fibrinoid necrosis
Diagnosis depend on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • biopsy of an adequate segment • histological confirmation 	Biopsy
Other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - especially the <u>Temporal arteries</u> - Rarely affects the aorta (giant cell aortitis) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. involve renal and visceral vessels but spare pulmonary circulation. 2. All stages from early to latemay coexist in different vessels or within the same vessel 3. No association with ANCA
associated with	—	30% have hepatitis B antigenemia
treatment	corticosteroids	

Type of Vasculitis	Wegener's granulomatosis	Churg-Strauss Syndrome	Microscopic polyangiitis
Nature	Necrotizing or granulomatous vasculitis (necrotizing granulomas)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eosinophil-rich and granulomatous inflammation necrotizing vasculitis affecting <u>small vessels</u> 	Pauci immune necrotizing vasculitis
Size/Type of vessels	small to medium-sized vessels	medium-sized vessels	small vessels
Age	40-50 years	—	—
Etiology	(C-ANCA)	(P-ANCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (P-ANCA) an antibody response to antigens such as : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> drugs (e.g., penicillin) microorganisms (e.g., streptococci) heterologous proteins tumor proteins
clinical features	involving the respiratory tract	involving Lung (respiratory tract) and splenic vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hemoptysis Hematuria and proteinuria Bowel pain or bleeding Muscle pain or weakness Palpable cutaneous purpura
Microscopic changes	granulomatous inflammation including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> epithelioid cells giant cells 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fibrinoid necrosis extravasation of RBCs neutrophilic infiltration with debris (leukocytoclasia)
Other information	—	—	tend to be of the same age in any given patient
associated with	glomerulitis	asthma and eosinophilia	Necrotizing glomerulonephritis (90% of patients) and pulmonary capillaritis
treatment	Corticosteroids , Immunosuppression		

Questions:

1/ With what is PAN associated ?

Hepatitis B infection

2/ What is the most effective treatment ?

Steroids

3/ What are the characteristic serum markers for the following disorders :

Wenger granulomatous : c-ANCA

Churg-strauss : Eosinophil

4/ How is the temporal arteritis diagnosed ?

By history and physical exam. Definitive diagnosis is by temporal artery biopsy.

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