EMERGING CONCEPTS IN SPORADIC CEREBRAL AMYLOID ANGIOPATHY

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INTRODUCTION

• First description by Stefanos Pantelakis in 1954 (Geneva Brain Collection)

- 1) Raised the hypothesis that vascular amyloid may originate in the brain
- 2) Described the pathological hallmarks of CAA:
 - (i) preferential involvement of small arterioles and capillaries of the leptomeninges and cortex
 - (ii) topographical distribution favouring posterior lobar brain regions (especially the occipital lobes)
 - (iii) lack of involvement of white matter small vessels
 - (iv) association with increased age and dementia
 - (v) lack of association with hypertension and arteriosclerosis
 - (vi) lack of any link with systemic amyloidosis
- 1972: invention of CT scanner → post-mortem correlations
- 1996: Greenberg et al → microbleeds, Boston criteria

Pann-lakis, S. : Mochr. Psychiat, Neural, 120, 219–256, 1954

Clinique psychiatrique universitaire, Bel-Air près Genève (Dir.: Prof. D^r F. Morel)

Un type particulier d'angiopathie sénile du système nerveux central: l'angiopathie congophile. Topographie et fréquence

Par STEFANOS PANTELAKIS

1. Introduction.

Les recherches modernes de l'Histor grepathologique du système nerveux central s'orientent de plus en puis vers l'analyse histochimique des processus lésionnels fins. Le bux de ces tendances nouvelles est de mieux comprendre l'origine et le mécanisme pathogé-

INTRODUCTION: Beta-amyloid peptide

- APP \rightarrow cleavage by secretases into isoforms. Toxic isoforms A_{β4}o y A_{β4}2:
 - A_{β 42}, plaques in the parenchyma \rightarrow Alzheimer Disease

 $A_{\beta40} > A_{\beta42}$, vascular involvement \rightarrow Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy (CAA)

- Pathological process of β-folding, aggregation and precipitation, inducing misfolding also to other proteins: dissemination.
- MISFOLDING: soluble oligomers → amyloid fibrils → amyloid plaques









- Both perivascular CSF flow and interstitial clearance of solutes, including β-amyloid, depend on astroglial water transport: AQP4
- This hydrodynamic sequence is faster during sleep than in arousal (Xie et al, *Science*, 2013)
- Meningeal lymphatics assist drainage





Clinical

manifestations

Vascular disease stage

Approximate timeline

(years before first

intracerebral

haemorrhage)

Review > Lancet Neurol. 2023 Jul;22(7):632-642. doi: 10.1016/S1474-4422(23)00114-X. Epub 2023 May 23.

Progression of cerebral amyloid angiopathy: a pathophysiological framework

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BOSTON CRITERIA 2.0 (2022)

- Age of diagnosis: ≥50 y-0
- At least two strictly lobar haemorrhagic lesions

OR

- One + at least one white matter characteristic
- Absence of any Deep haemorrhagic lesions



Panel: Boston Criteria v.2.0 for probable cerebral amyloid angiopathy (Diagnosis can be made when all 5 of the following criteria have been met)

- 1. Patients aged 50 years and older
- 2. Clinical presentations with one of the following:
 - Spontaneous intracerebral haemorrhage
 - Transient focal neurological episodes
 - · Cognitive impairment or dementia
- 3. Brain MRI demonstrating:
 - · At least two of the following strictly lobar hemorrhagic lesions on T2*-weighted
 - MRI, in any combination or alone:
 - intracerebral haemorrhage
 - cerebral microbleeds
 - cortical superficial siderosis
 - convexity subarachnoid haemorrhage
 - OR
 - One stritly lobar haemorrhagic lesion + one white matter feature (severe perivascular spaces in the centrum semiovale or white matter hyperintensities in a multispot pattern)
- 4. Absence of any deep haemorrhagic lesions (i.e. intracerebral haemorrhage or cerebral microbleeds) on T2*-weighted MRI



5. Reasonable exclusion of other causes of hemorrhagic lesions (see paper)

CLINICAL AND POPULATION SCIENCES

<u>Stroke</u>

Clinical, Neuroimaging, and Genetic Markers in Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy-Related Inflammation: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

EMERGING CONCEPTS









Inflammatory CAA



CAA-ri

AB-related angiitis (ABRA)

1. CAA-relation inflammation (CAA-ri)

Predominantly perivascular inflammatory infiltrates

2. AB-related angiitis (ABRA)

Transmural vasculitic process, with or without granulomas (angio-destructive inflammation)

3. Amyloid-Related Imaging Abnormalities (ARIA)

Associated with amyloid-modifying therapies

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EMERGING CONCEPTS: iatrogenic CAA (iCAA)

doi:10.1038/nature15369

Evidence for human transmission of amyloid-β pathology and cerebral amyloid angiopathy

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- 1993: First descriptions of amyloidosis described in coexistence with PrP in CJD (Watanabe, 21 cases)
- 2015: First pathological description of transmission in humans. 4/8 young patients with iCJD: amyloid deposition typical of Alzheimer's disease and CAA
- Marked A_β deposition in parenchyma and vessels in relatively young patients suggests a risk of prion-like transmission of A_{β} in humans



Amyloid ß Prion protein

Amyloid B in pituitary

iatrogenic CAA (iCAA)

> Nature. 2018 Dec;564(7736):415-419. doi: 10.1038/s41586-018-0790-y. Epub 2018 Dec 13.

Transmission of amyloid-β protein pathology from cadaveric pituitary growth hormone

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- 2018: Experimental confirmation of prion transmission of A_β with A_β -contaminated GHh preparations
- Inoculation in mice expressing a humanised form of APP



 A_β seeds confirming suspected A_β transmission in humans with these preparations (and/or other medical procedures)

iatrogenic CAA (iCAA)

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- Newly described form of CAA (2015) and experimentally confirmed (2018)
- Cases with iCJD excluded
- Patients in the 3rd-5th decade of life with ICH and other symptoms (Epilepsy, cognitive impairment)
- Latency period 2-4 decades
- History Remote neurosurgical history, GHh, cadaver embolisation material
- JNNP (2022). Number of cases increasingly recognised 3 cases (48, 39, 34 years) and review of cases of seribed up to that date (n=20)

Cerebrovascular disease

Review

latrogenic cerebral amyloid angiopathy: an emerging clinical phenomenon

Gargi Banerjee (10, 1 Kiran Samra (10, 2 Matthew E Adams,³ Zane Jaunmuktane,^{4,5} Adrian Robert Parry-Jones,^{6,7} Joan Grieve,⁸ Ahmed K Toma,⁸ Simon F Farmer,⁹ Richard Sylvester,⁹ Henry Houlden (10, 5 Peter Rudge,¹ Simon Mead (10, 1) Sebastian Brandner,^{1,2,4} Jonathan M Schott (10, 2 John Collinge,¹ David J Werring (10)

Box 1 Proposed diagnostic criteria for iatrogenic cerebral amyloid angiopathy (CAA)

i CAA

1. Age of onset

- ⇒ Symptom onset before age of 55 years (ie, below the age threshold for 'probable' or 'possible' CAA within the modified Boston criteria⁹); strongly suggestive (although note ascertainment bias)
- ⇒ Note: diagnosis cannot be excluded based on age alone, and should be considered in people aged 55 years or above, should they meet the other criteria (detailed below)

2. History of potential exposure; one or more of the following:

- ⇒ Procedure or treatment using <u>cadaveric human CNS tissues</u> (ie, brain, meninges, pituitary-derived hormones); <u>strongly</u> <u>suggestive</u>
- ⇒ Relevant neurosurgical procedure (ie, those involving the brain, spinal cord, posterior eye)
- ⇒ Note: diagnosis can be considered if history of alternative potential exposure and all other criteria are met

3. Clinical and radiological features consistent with a diagnosis of CAA:

Clinical:

- ⇒ Evidence of at least one of the following features, either at presentation or during disease course:
 - Intracerebral haemorrhage or convexity subarachnoid naemorrhage (single or multiple)
 - \Rightarrow ransient focal neurological episodes ('amyloid spells')
 - \Rightarrow Focal seizures (with or without secondary generalisation)
- Cognitive impairment not attributable to another cause (including acute stroke)

Radiological; at least one of the following:

- \Rightarrow CT:
 - \Rightarrow Lobar intracerebral haemorrhage
 - \Rightarrow Convexity subarachnoid haemorrhage
- ⇒ MRI (blood sensitive sequences; T2*-GRE, SWI) ⇒ Cerebral microbleeds with predominantly lobar distribution, distant from sites of parenchymal
 - intracerebral haemorrhage ⇒ Cortical superficial siderosis (focal or disseminated) on MR blood sensitive sequences

4. Evidence of amyloid-beta (A β) accumulation in the CNS:

- \Rightarrow Positive amyloid-PET scan (note this is not specific for vascular A β deposition)
- \Rightarrow Supportive CSF features (reductions of A β -42, A β -40)
- \Rightarrow Brain biopsy demonstrating vascular A β deposition, in the
- absence of significant inflammation
- → Notes raised:
 - \Rightarrow A positive amyloid-PET scan in isolation might not necessarily be specific for A β accumulation, depending on the tracer used²⁹; correlation with either CSF A β measures, brain biopsy findings and/or genetic testing for non-A β CAAs (details below) is advised
 - \Rightarrow Presence of significant inflammation might support an alternative diagnosis of CAA-related inflammation or A β related angiitis (ABRA)⁴⁹

5. Exclusion of genetic causes of Aβ CNS disease; *this should include*:

- ⇒ Duplications of APP (including Trisomy 21, where relevant)
- ⇒ Mutations of APP, PSEN1, PSEN2
- ⇒ In cases where CNS A β deposition has not been confirmed by other means (CSF A β measures, brain biopsy), nextgeneration sequencing for mutations resulting in non-A β CAA (*CST3*, *TTR*, *GSN*, *PRNP*, *ITM2B*) should be considered

In order for a diagnosis of probable iatrogenic CAA to be made during life, criteria 2, 3, 4 and 5 must be met as a minimum. Features in the history which are strongly suggestive of the diagnosis are highlighted. A diagnosis of possible iatrogenic CAA can be considered if criteria 1, 2 and 3 are met.

CNS, central nervous system; CSF, cerebitive in a fluid; GRE, gradient recalled echo; PET, positron emission tomography; SWI, susceptibility weighted images.

iatrogenic CAA (iCAA)

HISTORY OF POTENTIAL EXPOSURE

- Use of human CNS cadaveric material (Highly suggestive)
 - Lyodura (Braun) Used massively from 1969 to 1995
 - GHh ~2000 treatments in UK between 1959 and 1985
 - Lyophilised dura foam in endovascular embolisations
- *Relevant* neurosurgical history
 - Brain
 - Meninges
 - Spinal cord
 - Posterior eye



B Braun suspends Lyodura production and sales

This article was originally published in Clinica

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EDUCACIÓN + MEDIO AMBIENTE + IGUALDAD + SANIDAD + CONSUMO + LAICISMO + COMUNICACIÓN + ÚLTIMAS NOTICIAS

En España no se usa la hormona del crecimiento que condenó a muerte a 25 niños en Francia

La administración del fármaco sintético cuesta a Sanidad 10.000 millones al año



iatrogenic CAA (iCAA)

• EVIDENCE OF A_{β} ACCUMULATION IN THE CNS

- Positive brain PET
 - Different tracers
 - Subjective component
 - Not specific for vascular accumulation of A_{β}
- Positive brain biopsy in the absence of significant inflammation
 - Positive IHC Abeta and/or Congo Red in vessels, dura mater, parenchyma, or evacuated material
- CSF amyloidosis pattern A_{β} -42 reductions; A_{β} -40 with normal tau and P-tau levels.

> Neurology. 2024 Oct 22;103(8):e209828. doi: 10.1212/WNL.000000000209828. Epub 2024 Sep 16.

CSF and Plasma Biomarkers in Patients With Iatrogenic Cerebral Amyloid Angiopathy

• EXCLUSION OF GENETIC CAUSES

- Male predominance in iCAA
- Ruling out duplications (trisomy 21), APP mutations, PSEN1, PSEN2
- In case A_β deposits are not confirmed: sequence non-A_β AAC mutations (CST₃, TTR, GSN, PRNP, ITM₂B)
- ApoE genotyping: ɛȝ usually present in AACi, mostly homozygous
 - Very rare ε2/ε4 in the iatrogenic form

 $A\beta$ and tau levels comparable with

elderly patients with sCAA



CLINICAL CASE SERIES

Albacete University Hospital



CASE Born 1977 Cocaine abuse 2017 1978 2014 Thunderclap headache Severe headache H. La Fe Valencia Toxic withdrawal Neonatal surgery of Recurrent and selfcraniosynostosis with limited paroxysmal CSF fistula. sensory-motor episodes in the left limbs Lyophilised dura mater from cadaver (Lyodura) **MRI:**

> Cortico-subcortical microbleeds
> Superficial siderosis
> Macrohaemorrhages

• cSAH

2021 Pulsatile headache Paresthesias right limbs - Prednisone at decreasing doses - Azathioprine - Slicarbazepine

2023 Abrupt headache, bradypsychia and instability

CASE

New left temporal macrohaemorrhage and MRI progression. Arteriography unchanged since 2017 2017





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CASE

- Negative genetic panels
- microangiopathy.
- amiloidosis familiar, APP, PSEN1, PSEN2
- Biopsy:
- H-E staining: reactive astrocytosis and neuropil oedema. Presence of haemosiderophages, lymphocytes and plasma cells in the vascular walls
- Congo red staining: Positive in dura mater vessels (arrow) and parenchyma
- PET-CT: Positive for cortical amyloid deposition











1972 Subependymoma IV ventricle + VP shunt valve

- **PET-CT: Positive** for cortical deposition of amyloid
- Ventricular CSF ventricular (+ sensitivity):

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□ Tau ↑↑↑ (>2000 pg/mL)

CASE

- □ P-Tau ↑↑↑ (>400 pg/mL)
- **β**A-42 NORMAL (980 pg/mL)
- □ βA-40 ↑ (23334 pg/mL)
- □ Ratio βA-42/40 ↓ (0.042)
- Peritoneal biopsy: Congo red +, IHC AA -
- Genetic panels: negative
- DIAGNOSIS iCAA + COPATHOLOGY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE





Woman, 1978 TBI

1980 Surgery for post-traumatic skull fracture (H. Ruber Madrid) + dural plasty of uncertain origin

CASE



June 2024

Paroxysmal, stereotyped episodes of altered speech output lasting seconds

Oppressive holocranial headache of mild intensity





Angiogram: normal



PET-CT: overall radiotracer deposition in the main cortical reference areas

August 2024

Outpatient LP
 3 days later: global aphasia
 right hemiparesis
 Rebleeding 1 day later,
 surgery: <u>exitus</u>





Woman, 1978 TBI

Genetic panels: negative

Lumbar Puncture:

Tau NORMAL (397 pg/mL) P-Tau NORMAL (11.1 pg/mL) β A-42 \downarrow (462 pg/mL) β A-40 NORMAL (7907 pg/mL) Ratio β A-42/40 \downarrow (0.058) NFL $\uparrow\uparrow$ (3157 pg/ml)

Brain Biopsy: **β-IHC positive**



- A_β shows prion-like characteristics: _β-folding, selfreplicating, assemblies, transcellular/trans-synaptic spread
- Growing evidence from cell experiments and animal models for the propagation and dissemination of misfolded protein assemblies in neurodegenerative diseases (e.g. Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, etc. Jucker & Walker, Nature, 2013)
- Very long latency period: projection of cases unknown
 - Apparent safety of non-disposable material
 - Doubts about transfusion of blood products and transplants

(SCANDAT registry)



Copathology with Alzheimer's disease

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Case 3: Ratio β A-42/40 \downarrow (0.042), Tau $\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$ (>2000 pg/mL) + Cognitive symptoms

Article	https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-023-02729-2
Iatrogenic A of cadaveric hormone	lzheimer's disease in recipients pituitary-derived growth
Received: 3 October 2023	Gargi Banerjee 🖸 ^{1,2} , Simon F. Farmer ³ , Harpreet Hyare ^{4,5} ,
Accepted: 17 November 2023	Zane Jaunmuktane 🖲 ^{6,7} , Simon Mead 🖲 ^{1,2} , Natalie S. Ryan ^{8,9} ,
Published online: 29 January 2024	John Collinge 012



- Glymphatic system and CSF clearance to other tissues as drainage.
 Case 3: peritoneal biopsy and evolution (less haemorrhagic involvement).
- Experimental brain seeding in mice and primates after peritoneal inoculation
- Studies in AD with low-flow shunting to increase circulation and CSF turnover



 Immune response, glial activation, perivascular inflammatory exudate are involved in Aβ clearance: Anti-A_β vaccine, intranasal Copaxone, monoclonal drugs....

Case 1: immune response to $A\beta$, biopsy with inflammation data and good evolution with immunosuppressive treatment.





> Stroke. 2023 May;54(5):1214-1223. doi: 10.1161/STROKEAHA.122.041690. Epub 2023 Apr 10.

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RN - AACi Registro Nacional de Angiopatia Amiloide Cerebral latrógena

Información General (Fecha inclusión)

 № de Paciente

 Año de nacimiento

 Hospital

 Departamento

 Ciudad

 Comunidad Autónoma

 Centro de NeuroCirugía remota

 Correo de contacto

 Criterios Boston 2.0

Paciente	Diagnóstico - RM	Diagnóstico - Biomarcadores	
Edad Paciente al diagnóstico (años)	RM en el momento del Diagnóstico - Año	Estudio genético	
Edad Paciente en las primeras manifestaciones clínicas (años)	- 3T	Genotipo ApoE	
Periodo de latencia desde la primera exposición (años)	- T2*GRE	Citobioquímica LCR	
Raza	- SWI	Αβ-42	
Fumador	- Múltiples HIC	Α _β -40	
Drogas simpatico-miméticas (cocaína, anfetaminas)	- HIC lobular	Ratio A _β -42/A _β -40	
Tratamiento antitrombótico (Antiagregante o anticoagulante)	- HIC profunda	p-TAU	
Tratamiento estatinas	- HIC mixta (lobular y profunda)	TAU total	
Hipertensión arterial	- HIC cerebelosa	Neurofilamentos	
Diabetes Mellitus 2	- Microsangrados lobulares (cortico-subcorticales)	Diagnóstico - Anatomía patológica	
Antecedente de TCE	- Microsangrados profundos	Método Diagnóstico	
Antecedente de malformación arterio-venosa rota	- Siderosis superficial focal	Hallazgos AP	
Enfermedad inflamatoria crónica (especificar)	- Siderosis superficial multifocal o extensa	- Birrefringencia/IHQ Abeta + en hematoma evacuado	
mRS al diagnóstico	- Hiperintensidad sustancia blanca moderada-importante	- Birrefringencia/IHQ Abeta + en vasos	
Otras causas de lesión hemorrágica (detallar)	- Espacios perivasculares visiblemente dilatados	- Birrefringencia/IHQ Abeta + en duramadre	
Intervención Neuroquirúrgica previa (cerebro, meninges, hipófisis, médula espinal, ojo poster	- Lesiones puntiformes alteración DWI	- Birrefringencia/IHQ Abeta + en otros tejidos	
Duramadre liofilizada de cadáver documentada	- Lesión isquémica definida	- Exudado inflamatorio de bajo/moderado grado	
Duramadre de origen incierto	Diagnóstico - PET TAC	- Exudado inflamatorio importante	
Otro material de cadáver documentado (GH, material de embolización, otros - especificar)	lsótopo utilizado	Placas seniles (CERAD)	
Drenaie I CR definitivo	Afectación cortical generalizada - Estadio ABC (NIA-AA)		
Presentación primeras manifestaciones clínicas	Afectación cortical localizada	- Otras enfermedades neurodegenerativas (especificar)	
Manifestaciones clínicas en el momento del Diagnóstico	Afectación subcortical	- Otros (especificar)	
- Hemorragia parenguimatosa	Positivo	Diagnóstico - Otros	
- Hemorragia Subaracnoidea		Estudio cognitivo	
- Episodios Eocales transitorios (amyloid spells)		Perfil deterioro cognitivo	
- Crisis enilénticas		Arteriografía cerebral	
- Encefalopatía		EEG al diagnóstico	
- Deterioro cognitivo		Otros (detallar)	
- Cefalea		Tratamiento	
- letus isquémico		Quirúrgico	
Otros (conscilios)		Médico	

CONCLUSIONS

 iCAA new emerging communicable disease
 Mechanism of prion-like transmision
 Other mechanisms involved: inflammation, drainage of neurodegenerative proteins
 Copathology with Alzheimer's disease described and its implications
 Need for comprehensive registries, research and new therapeutic targets



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