

PERSPECTIVES FOR OPTIMIZING THE MOLECULAR GENETIC LABORATORY IN EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND PREDICTION OF MULTIFACTORIAL DISEASES IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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Abstract

The widespread use of molecular genetic methods in multifactorial diseases makes it possible to improve the prediction of pathology long before the onset of clinical signs, which significantly helps in the prevention of the disease. Based on the study of molecular genetics and functional characteristics of children with acute obstructive pulmonary disease (AOB) and recurrent bronchial obstruction (RBO) with a predisposition to bronchial asthma (BA), the optimization of early diagnosis and medical rehabilitation measures was carried out. The distribution frequencies of alleles and genotypes of the Arg16Gly (rs1042713) and Gln27Glu (rs1042714) locus of the β 2-adrenergic receptor (ADRB2) locus, children with RBO, OOB, AD, and healthy children were studied by real-time PCR using the SNP-express-SHOT reagent kit. on modern equipment "Rotor Gene 6000/Q". The need for specialized molecular genetic laboratories with certified equipment based on multidisciplinary clinics is a promising direction in optimizing the early diagnosis of diseases in children.

At the present stage of development of medicine, the use of genetic examination methods in clinical practice and understanding of the molecular genetic mechanisms of childhood pathology is an urgent and necessary problem in pediatrics. Early diagnosis of childhood pathologies based on the determination of hereditary genetic factors is not only an urgent medical, but also a socio-economic problem. Medical genetics, aimed at early detection and prevention, has received particularly great development in the world in recent years due to the widespread introduction of new molecular genetic technologies. The use of molecular genetic methods in multifactorial diseases makes it possible to improve the prediction of pathology long before the onset of clinical signs, which significantly helps in the implementation of disease prevention [2,4,7].

The widespread use of genetic diagnostic methods makes it possible to improve the direction of pharmacogenetics and a personalized approach to patient therapy. Currently, clinical practice does not have a sufficiently wide range of laboratory diagnostic methods that allow not only diagnosing diseases, monitoring therapy, but also monitoring treatment. Until recently, laboratory diagnostic methods used in clinical practice had one common drawback - they did not take into account the patient's predisposition to various diseases according to genetic factors. Questions of the patient's predisposition to various diseases underlie a new direction of medicine - personalized medicine, which can be defined as a strategy, prevention and treatment of diseases based on the results of molecular genetic studies.

Due to scientific research, it became known that

genetic polymorphisms play an important role in the development of various diseases - genome changes that occur in the human population in at least 2 variants (alleles) with a frequency of at least 1%. The most common type of genetic polymorphism is single nucleotide substitutions (SNPs), which are genetically unique to each individual [3,5,8]. Some polymorphic variants of genes ("susceptibility genes"), under certain unfavorable conditions, can contribute to the development of multifactorial diseases. Combinations of allelic variants of various genes that provide a normal metabolic process or are involved in the development of a specific pathology are called "gene networks". Elucidation of the components of the gene network of each multifactorial disease, the development on this basis of a set of preventive measures for a particular patient form the basis of predictive medicine.

Abroad, at present, molecular diagnostic technologies are being developed, improved and introduced into clinical practice. So, even now clinical laboratory diagnostics has a wide range of methods based on the detection and diagnosis of nucleic acid analysis methods - polymerase chain reaction (PCR), genotyping, biochips, sequencing, etc. Currently, using the PCR method in Russia and abroad, methods for studying the human genome have been developed - sequencing according to Sanger, Edman, pyrosequencing. The purpose of these studies is to determine the sequence of nucleotides. The pyrosequencing method based on the principle of "sequencing by synthesis" is already being introduced into clinical practice. When a nucleotide is included in the DNA chain under study, pyrophosphates are released, then a chain of chemical reactions occurs with their participation,

which leads to the formation of light quanta. The intensity of the glow is determined by a special device [6,9]. A series of reagents have been developed in scientific laboratories around the world to determine predisposition to diseases of bronchial asthma, the cardiovascular system (arterial hypertension, myocardial infarction), diabetes mellitus, obesity, osteoporosis, etc. Upon receipt of this information, the doctor can develop individual recommendations for prevention for the patient, and the patient, in turn, can take timely measures and thereby prevent the development of the disease.

PCR is one of the few methods of laboratory diagnostics currently used in clinical practice, characterized by the highest specificity and sensitivity in the detection of many diseases. PCR has the following advantages over other methods of clinical laboratory diagnostics: universality, high specificity (up to 100%) of the method is due to the fact that due to the selection of specific primers, a unique DNA or RNA fragment is determined that is characteristic only for this pathogen; high sensitivity (at present, the sensitivity threshold of some amplification test systems allows you to determine single copies in the test sample; high manufacturability and automation of the method allow you to get the results of the study in the hands of the doctor and the patient on the day of the study; analysis is possible in a minimum sample volume, which is extremely important in neonatology, forensic medicine, clinical genetics, etc.; the possibility of simultaneous diagnosis of several pathogens or abnormal genes in one sample without compromising the sensitivity or specificity of the test result [2,4,7,8].

In the Central Asian region, the PCR method, in most cases, has private clinics that have the necessary equipment and high prices for genetic analysis. Given these circumstances, most medical institutions that use PCR diagnostics and diagnostics of genetic predispositions in their work tend to equip their own laboratories with appropriate equipment.

In the conditions of the 1st multidisciplinary clinic of the Tashkent Medical Academy, a research work (R&D) was carried out using molecular genetic research methods. Despite the fact that significant changes are taking place in the field of medicine in Uzbekistan, in-depth molecular genetic studies for early diagnosis and prediction of recurrent bronchial obstruction (RBO) and bronchial asthma in children of the Uzbek population have not been carried out.

The role of genetic factors in the development of bronchopulmonary diseases (BLD), in particular in children with recurrent bronchial obstruction, is one of

the least studied problems. The results of studies by many scientists are mainly devoted to AD and are contradictory: in some studies, the significance of the influence of polymorphic alleles of the ADRB2 gene in the pathogenesis of AD, as well as in the formation of the response of patients to therapy with β 2-agonists, has been determined, and in other studies it has been shown that these polymorphic variants of the ADRB2 gene do not associated with BA. In foreign and domestic literature, great importance is attached to the role of polymorphic variants rs1042713 (Arg16Gly) and rs1042714 (Gln27Glu) of the β 2-adrenergic receptor ADRB2 gene in the pathogenesis of BA, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, and COPD. There are no studies studying the association of Arg16Gly and Gln27Glu polymorphic variants of the ADRB2 gene in recurrent bronchial obstruction in children. Authors Ponomareva M.S., Furman E.G., Khuzina A.M. (2015) in children with BA from the city of Perm found that a mutation in the ADRB2 gene in children with BA occurs 2 times more often in Arg16Gly polymorphism and 3 times more often in Gln27Glu, compared with practically healthy children [6,12].

Abroad, a large number of scientific works are devoted to the analysis of the rs1042713 A>G polymorphic variant of the ADRB2 gene and its effect on the development of AD and the effectiveness of β 2-agonist therapy (Figueiredo RG, 2021 [11]. Bliker Y., Dir-cye C., et al. (2012) studied the polymorphism of the ADRB2 gene for long-term therapy with β 2-agonists in combination with inhaled glucocorticosteroids [10]. of European origin, the absence of an association of the polymorphic variant rs1042713Gln27Glu A/G of the ADRB2 gene with the frequency of exacerbations and indicators of respiratory function was revealed (E. Israel et al., 2010). Scientists from the Asyut Medical University of Egypt found that carriers of the heterozygous Arg16Gly allele group were good responders to β 2-agonist therapy, and carriers of the G/G mutation genotype were poor responders (Heba S. E. et al., (2018). Scientists Srinivas B., Jyoti A. et al. (2015) analyzed the ADRB2 gene variant (Arg16Gly) with pharmacogenetic response and disease severity in South Indian asthmatics. receptor insensitivity after exposure to a β 2-agonist.

In our Republic, a number of works have been carried out to study the clinical, immunological and some genetic aspects of acute obstructive bronchitis (AOB) and BA in children. Thus, immunological and genetic approaches have been studied in optimizing

the treatment of BA in adolescents (Ziyadullaev Sh.Kh., 2014); the role of the T-31c polymorphism of the IL-1 β gene in recurrent bronchitis in children was determined [1]; revealed pathogenetic features of the treatment, rehabilitation and prevention of acute respiratory diseases occurring with SBO in children (Khaidarova M.M., 2018).

Zakirova U.I. (2021), based on the study of molecular genetics and functional characteristics of children with recurrent bronchitis, with a predisposition to bronchial asthma, optimized early diagnosis and medical rehabilitation measures. The distribution frequencies of alleles and genotypes of the Arg16Gly (rs1042713) and Gln27Glu (rs1042714) locus of the β 2-adrenergic receptor (ADRB2) locus, children with RBO, OOB, AD, and healthy children were studied by real-time PCR using the SNP-express-SHOT reagent kit. on modern equipment "Rotor Gene 6000/Q" (Real-time CFX96 C1000 Touch) Bio-Rad (Germany).

Differences in the frequency and nature of occurrence of ADRB2 gene genotypes depending on gender differences were established; for the first time, the predictor role of the polymorphic locus rs1042713 (Arg16Gly(46G>A)) was determined in carriers of the G/G genotype of the ADRB2 gene, which was a genetic marker of the incidence of RBO and AD in children of Uzbek ethnicity; for the first time, the predictor role of the polymorphic locus rs1042714 (Gln27Glu(79C>G)) of the A/G and G/G genotypes of the ADRB2 gene was established, which was a genetic marker of the incidence of RBO in children and a factor in the formation of asthma in children of Uzbek ethnicity; children with the homozygous G/G genotype of both ADRB2 gene loci, as well as those with the heterozygous C/G genotype of the Gln27Glu ADRB2 gene locus, are at risk for severe RBO in children. an allele with polymorphism of the Gly16/Glu27 locus of the ADRB2 gene in carriers of the homozygous A/A genotype provided protection against the development of AD and was associated with a milder course of RBO and AD in children. In children with RBO, high efficacy of salbutamol was found in the greatest amount in carriers of the A/G and A/A genotypes, while low efficacy was found in carriers of the G/G genotype of both variants of the ADRB2.

The practical use of the obtained results of the study determined the effectiveness of the use of molecular genetic data as an indicator for determining the hereditary burden to RBO and AD in children; determination of alleles and genotypes of the ADRB2 gene in the blood showed effectiveness for the early diagnosis of RBO and the prediction of BA in children; as-

sessed the clinical significance of the ADRB2 gene polymorphism with a therapeutic response to β 2-agonists for children with RD and BA of the Uzbek population for the correction of anti-relapse treatment; in children with recurrent obstructive bronchitis scientifically effective use of kinesiohydrotherapy (KHT) at the stage of long-term rehabilitation; developed and proven the effectiveness of using the electronic program "Model for predicting bronchial asthma in children with recurrent bronchial obstruction.

Today, molecular genetic studies are an integral part of the diagnosis and choice of treatment in modern oncology. At present, it has become possible to develop drugs that act directly on the molecular target in the tumor cell without causing serious damage to other organs and tissues of the patient. The use of such drugs is called "targeted therapy". Of great importance is also the identification of hereditarily caused forms of cancer. The use of new drugs focused on a "point" effect on molecular mechanisms necessitates the mandatory identification of genetic disorders [3,7].

Abroad and in Russia, the detection of genetic disorders by real-time allele-specific PCR (PCR-HRM) makes it possible to relatively quickly detect and quantify mutations in oncogenes, which is necessary for prescribing a treatment regimen and monitoring the effectiveness of therapy. Using the pyrosequencing method, it is also possible to determine the most common mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 oncogenes, which are the cause of hereditary cancer of the breast, ovaries, pancreas, and prostate. The use of modern diagnostic approaches to detect somatic mutations in oncogenes and determine the genetic predisposition to cancer development allows targeted treatment depending on the individual genotype of some types of cancer.

Current health problems require mandatory verification of modern methods of molecular genetic analysis and equipment. The closest to practical application is the FISH method, which is already widely used to diagnose not only frequent chromosomal diseases, but also multifactorial diseases. It should be noted once again that, despite its seeming simplicity, as our many years of experience show, the application of the method requires not only appropriate equipment (an ABI 3600 type sequencer), but, most importantly, a highly qualified specialist with extensive experience in molecular genetic diagnostics. Even higher requirements for the qualification of a specialist are made by the technology of comparative genomic hybridization (GHG) on chips.

In addition to the experience of molecular genetic testing, the application of this method requires the ability to work with the appropriate computer programs necessary for the correct interpretation of the results of the analysis of microchromosomal rearrangements. When analyzing chromosomal abnormalities by molecular methods, specialists should adhere to the recommendations adopted by the European Cytogenetic Society, and to describe the results obtained by FISH, non-invasive prenatal diagnosis (NIPD), SGG, etc., use the rules of the International System for Cytogenetic Nomenclature. However, the high cost of the test, even by US standards, failures due to insufficient amounts of fetal DNA in a pregnant woman's blood, a hitherto unknown false-negative rate, and the lack of standards are a serious obstacle to the use of genetic analysis methods.

The widespread use of molecular genetic methods is relatively accessible to any medical institution through the use of public laboratories. The creation of new molecular genetic laboratories is necessary and timely in the Central Asian region. When working with molecular genetic laboratories, but also with clinical diagnostic laboratories, we face a large number of problems at all stages of analysis. At the preanalytical stage, the use of the services of third-party laboratories often entails the need to use additional consumables for the collection of biological material and the necessary reagents. Today, we are forced to abandon the universal method of sampling biological material, which can lead to errors both on the part of clinicians and at the stage of sorting and transporting biological material: at the analytical stage, there is no possibility of quality control of the work performed and operational information on the use of one or another implementation method. Taking into account the need to provide the most accurate results, as the basis of a PCR laboratory, there is a Rotor-Gene Q instrument widely used in scientific and practical medical institutions (QIAGEN, Germany; Fig. 1)



Fig.1 Rotor-Gene Q instrument ("QI-AGEN", Germany)

This equipment is characterized by the highest quality of data obtained, high performance and flexibility.

A possible way to solve these problems in the Central Asian region is to organize specialized molecular genetic laboratories with certified equipment on the basis of existing molecular research centers, as well as ongoing cycles to improve the skills of pediatricians in medical genetics and prenatal diagnostics.

When planning the center, it is necessary to proceed from the following tasks:

- organization of a high-performance PCR diagnostic laboratory;
- organization of a genetic laboratory;
- maximum automation of all stages of the laboratory process;
- use of "open" type equipment, which allows to reduce the dependence of the laboratory on suppliers of test systems;
- full compatibility of methods for sampling biological material with those already used;
- maximum adherence to official instructions and recommendations on the organization of laboratories working with molecular biological methods in order to improve the safety and quality of services.

Thus, the creation and optimization of a molecular genetic laboratory in the early diagnosis and prediction of multifactorial diseases in women and children is an integral part of medical education. It is known that, in addition to the listed difficulties, the creation of molecular genetic laboratories is associated with additional difficulties, both financial and organizational.

New technologies that have significantly increased the possibilities of perinatal diagnosis and make it more efficient and safer can significantly reduce the natural genetic burden of hereditary pathology in the population.

At the same time, the introduction of molecular genetic diagnostic methods creates certain organizational and methodological difficulties, making it necessary to make adjustments to the traditional method of patient therapy that has been established for many years.

Today, the Tashkent Medical Academy has all the conditions for organizing a laboratory for motherhood and childhood, there is an appropriate material and technical base, trained personnel, young people striving for science, pregnant women and children who need timely diagnosis and effective treatment of various diseases.

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