

库欣病临床诊断研究进展

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【摘要】 库欣病亦称垂体促肾上腺皮质激素腺瘤,是一种临床罕见且严重的神经内分泌疾病。其诊断主要基于临床表现、影像学检查和内分泌功能测定。随着影像学技术的发展、实验室检查的精细化和基因组学技术的成熟,库欣病的诊断水平显著提高。本文拟从临床表现、影像学检查、内分泌功能测定、分子标志物检测和基因检测方面对库欣病的定性诊断和定位诊断进展进行综述。

【关键词】 库欣综合征; 垂体肿瘤; 促肾上腺皮质激素; 综述

Advances in clinical diagnosis of Cushing's disease

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【Abstract】 Cushing's disease, also known as pituitary adrenocorticotrophin-secreting adenoma, is a rare and serious neuroendocrine disease. At present, the diagnosis of disease is mainly based on the patient's clinical manifestations, imaging examinations and endocrine-related examinations. With the development of imaging technology, the refinement of laboratory tests and the maturation of genomics technology, the diagnostic level of the Cushing's disease has improved significantly. This article will review recent research advances on the qualitative and localized diagnosis of Cushing's disease in clinical manifestations, biochemical detection, imaging diagnostics, molecular markers and genomics detection.

【Key words】 Cushing syndrome; Pituitary neoplasms; Adrenocorticotrophic hormone; Review

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库欣病亦称为垂体促肾上腺皮质激素腺瘤,系指促肾上腺皮质激素(ACTH)细胞或垂体促肾上腺皮质激素腺瘤细胞异常增生,使下丘脑-垂体-肾上腺(HPA)轴调节失衡,导致体内皮质醇过度分泌不受负反馈抑制,进而引起的全身代谢紊乱综合征。临床遇到与库欣综合征相似的临床表现时,明确判断病因是提供及时准确治疗的关键。随着实验室检测技术和影像学技术的发展,加之多学科诊疗模式(MDT)的应用,库欣病的诊治水平显著提高。本

文拟对近年来库欣病在定性诊断和定位诊断方面的研究进展进行综述,以为临床更好地鉴别诊断库欣病与异位ACTH依赖性库欣综合征提供参考。

一、定性诊断

库欣病是一种垂体源性病变,约占垂体腺瘤的14%、库欣综合征的70%^[1-2]。目前,主要根据临床表现和内分泌功能测定定性诊断库欣病。

1. 临床表现 库欣综合征的典型症状与体征包括面部潮红,满月脸,痤疮,体毛增多,体重增加,体脂重新分布呈向心性肥胖,水牛背,皮肤纤薄并色素沉着、瘀斑,腹部和大腿遍布条形紫纹,真菌感染(好发于手、足、指甲、肛周),精神心理异常(如失眠、焦虑、抑郁、记忆力减退、认知功能障碍),男性性功能障碍,女性月经紊乱甚至停经、呈男性化等;常见并发症包括高血压、糖尿病、高脂血症、关节痛、骨质疏松症、骨折、心功能障碍、凝血功能障碍

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等^[3]。但有文献报道,经术后病理证实的垂体促肾上腺皮质激素腺瘤患者中有 6%~43% 无明显的库欣综合征典型症状与体征,属于静息性垂体促肾上腺皮质激素腺瘤^[4]。

2. 内分泌功能测定 排除长期服用过量糖皮质激素和酒精类饮料等外源性因素的影响后,内分泌功能测定有助于定性诊断库欣综合征。(1)血清皮质醇、血浆 ACTH 和 24 小时尿游离皮质醇水平升高,应至少重复检测两次,但仍有 8%~15% 的库欣综合征患者上述生化指标无明显异常^[5]。(2)1 mg 过夜地塞米松抑制试验(ODST):午夜 23 00-24 00 口服地塞米松 1 mg,维持 8~9 小时。血清皮质醇 < 50 nmol/L 排除库欣综合征的灵敏度为 95%,但特异性较低^[6]。(3)小剂量地塞米松抑制试验(LDDST):小剂量(0.50 mg)地塞米松每 6 小时口服一次,持续 48 小时。血清皮质醇 < 50 nmol/L 排除库欣综合征的灵敏度和特异度均接近 100%^[7]。(4)夜间唾液皮质醇 > 5.50 nmol/L 诊断库欣综合征的灵敏度为 100%、特异度为 96%^[8-10]。此外,临床亦可根据皮质醇分泌节律异常诊断库欣综合征,人体皮质醇分泌呈现明显的昼夜节律,清晨最高,随后逐渐下降,午夜最低,随后逐渐升高,而库欣综合征患者午夜血清皮质醇谷值消失,但是该方法不作为临床首选检测手段。Wester 和 van Rossum^[11]收集高皮质醇血症患者的头发标本,采用酶联免疫吸附试验(ELISA)和液相色谱-串联质谱(LC-MS/MS)测定其皮质醇水平,该方法不受皮质醇分泌节律、应激反应、激素脉冲式分泌的影响,但目前罕见通过测定头发皮质醇水平诊断库欣综合征的临床研究。

二、定位诊断

根据影像学检查和内分泌功能测定,明确病因,准确定位病灶来源,是及时准确治疗库欣综合征的关键。

1. 影像学检查 (1)CT 和 MRI:随着影像学技术的发展,CT 和 MRI 已常规用于垂体腺瘤的临床诊断。术前准确定位垂体促肾上腺皮质激素腺瘤的患者,手术治愈率达 80%~90%,而术前未准确定位的患者手术治愈率仅 50%~70%,因此,术前准确定位垂体腺瘤至关重要^[12]。由于 80% 的垂体促肾上腺皮质激素腺瘤为微腺瘤(直径 < 1 cm),故 CT 的诊断意义有限,目前分辨力最高的 CT 对垂体微腺瘤的检出率仅 60%,且常需间接改变提示病变,如垂体柄移位、垂体上缘局部膨隆、垂体不对称、鞍底局部

下陷、骨质变薄等^[13-14]。CT 骨窗对经蝶窦入路手术有一定的指导意义,可明确蝶窦气化程度、蝶窦腔间隔,避免手术无法到达鞍区。MRI 对软组织的分辨力更高,通过冠状位和矢状位 T₁-自旋回波序列(SE)对鞍区进行 3 mm 的薄层平扫和增强扫描,可定位直径 > 6 mm 的垂体微腺瘤。对于常规 MRI 增强扫描难以发现的垂体微腺瘤,动态对比增强 MRI 可以根据肿瘤与正常垂体的强化时间顺序定位病变。此外,高场强(3.0T 和 7.0T)MRI 较传统 1.5T MRI 对垂体微腺瘤的敏感性更高。研究显示,注射促肾上腺皮质激素释放激素(CRH)后,垂体血流量明显增加,高场强(3.0T)MRI 可获得更高分辨力的图像,从而提高垂体微腺瘤的检出率^[15-16];亦有学者持相反观点,高场强 MRI 对垂体微腺瘤的敏感性并不优于传统 1.5T MRI^[17]。故常规 MRI 扫描阴性的垂体微腺瘤可经高场强 MRI 检出并明确定位^[18-19]。稳态扰相梯度回波采集(SPGR)序列通过更具优势的软组织显示能力、更薄的层厚、更快速的图像获取,被国外学者推荐用于库欣病的诊断^[20-21]。此外,术中 MRI 的应用为术中准确定位垂体腺瘤提供了依据^[22]。(2)PET:PET 显像对库欣综合征的病因诊断尤为重要,对异位 ACTH 依赖性库欣综合征有一定的定位诊断价值。例如,正常垂体组织¹⁸F-脱氧葡萄糖(¹⁸F-FDG)呈低代谢,垂体微腺瘤则放射性摄取能力均匀增高。国内学者回顾比较 MRI 和 PET 对垂体微腺瘤的检出率,¹⁸F-FDG PET 检出率为 85.7%,MRI 检出率为 71.4%,二者结合定位垂体微腺瘤的准确率为 100%^[23]。亦有国外学者认为,对于 MRI 扫描阴性的垂体微腺瘤,¹⁸F-FDG PET 诊断价值并不显著^[24-25]。

2. 内分泌功能测定 由于约 40% 的库欣病 MRI 扫描呈阴性,且亦有 10% 的正常人 MRI 可见垂体异常表现,因此,明确病灶来源更依赖于内分泌功能测定^[26]。(1)CRH 兴奋试验:主要用于鉴别诊断库欣病与异位 ACTH 依赖性库欣综合征,其灵敏度达 85%~90%,尤其对女性患者更为敏感,但是针对该试验的阳性结果判断尚无统一标准^[27-29]。因 CRH 价格昂贵,目前国内普遍采用去氧加压素兴奋试验作为代替,该试验对库欣病的诊断灵敏度为 86%、特异度为 55.6%^[30]。该试验仅适合于 ACTH 依赖性库欣综合征的诊断,而对库欣病与异位 ACTH 依赖性库欣综合征的定位诊断意义则有限^[31]。(2)大剂量地塞米松抑制试验(HDDST):大剂量(2 mg)地塞

米松每 6 小时口服一次,持续 48 小时。约 90% 的库欣病患者 24 小时尿游离皮质醇下降 > 50%, 而仅不足 50% 的异位 ACTH 依赖性库欣综合征患者有此表现。尿游离皮质醇下降 > 90% 对库欣病的诊断特异度达 100%^[32]。(3) 双侧岩下窦采血(BIPSS)联合 CRH 兴奋试验:是一种有创性检查方法,被认为是鉴别诊断库欣病与异位 ACTH 依赖性库欣综合征的“金标准”。对于临床高度怀疑库欣病但 MRI 扫描呈阴性的患者,可考虑行 BIPSS 联合 CRH 兴奋试验。同时,采集患者双侧岩下窦和外周静脉血,测定血浆 ACTH,计算岩下窦/外周血 ACTH 比值(IPS/P)和双侧岩下窦 ACTH 比值(IPS/IPS),若 IPS/P \geq 2 且经 CRH 刺激后 IPS/P \geq 3,即可诊断为垂体源性库欣病;IPS/IPS \geq 1.4 是定位垂体微腺瘤侧别的标准,如果 IPS/IPS < 1.4,则认为肿瘤居中。该方法结合术中实际情况,定位垂体腺瘤侧别的准确率可达到 72.5%^[33-36]。北京协和医院比较去氨加压素兴奋试验与 BIPSS 联合 CRH 兴奋试验诊断库欣病和异位 ACTH 依赖性库欣综合征的准确性,共纳入 226 例库欣病患者和 24 例异位 ACTH 依赖性库欣综合征患者,通过受试者工作特征(ROC)曲线将去氨加压素兴奋试验诊断两种疾病的诊断标准值(cutoff 值)设定为 1.4 和 2.8, BIPSS 诊断两种疾病的灵敏度分别为 94.7% 和 97.8%、特异度均为 100%,而且,当垂体腺瘤直径 > 6 mm 时,CRH 兴奋试验并非必须^[37]。

三、其他诊断方法

除上述定性诊断和定位诊断方法外,还包括潜在的分子标志物检测和基因检测等。例如,血浆前阿黑皮素原(POMC)前体作为一种肿瘤标志物在肿瘤细胞中呈高表达,可以用于鉴别诊断库欣病与异位 ACTH 依赖性库欣综合征,但是目前尚处于基础研究阶段^[38];新近研究发现的热点突变基因 *USP8*,与其他类型垂体腺瘤相比,特异性表达于垂体促肾上腺皮质激素腺瘤细胞,有可能成为库欣病诊治的新靶点^[39-40]。

四、展望

库欣综合征病因复杂,应结合临床表现、影像学检查和内分泌功能测定综合诊断。尽管目前对于库欣病的定性诊断和定位诊断仍存争议,但是随着血液游离 DNA、微小 RNA(miRNA)、长链非编码 RNA(lncRNA)、外泌体等分子检测技术以及全基因组、转录组、外显子组、代谢组、蛋白质组等多组学技术的发展和成熟,新的研究方法有望为库欣病的

诊断带来新的思路。

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