

21/9 MEDIATORS OF ACUTE INFLAMMATION

Inflammation is a response of vascularized tissues to infections and damaged tissues that brings

Mediators of Inflammation

substances that initiate & regulate inflammatory rxns.

Therapeutic targets to limit inflammation

Mediators of acute inflammation

1. Vasoactive amines - histamine, serotonin
 2. lipid products - prostaglandins (PG) and leukotrienes (LT)
 3. cytokines - TNF, IL1, IL6, chemokines.
- Complement system

Vasoactive Amines (histamine, serotonin)

Good as preformed molecules - released during inflammation

- mast cells, basophils, platelets

Function: dilation of arterioles and permeability of venules.

Mediators $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{cell derived} \\ \rightarrow \text{Plasma derived. (Complement system)} \end{array} \right.$ (1)

Histamine act on H1 receptors (microvascular endothelial cells)

Anti histamine drugs - Cetirizine

Serotonin: platelets, neuroendocrine cells (GI tract)

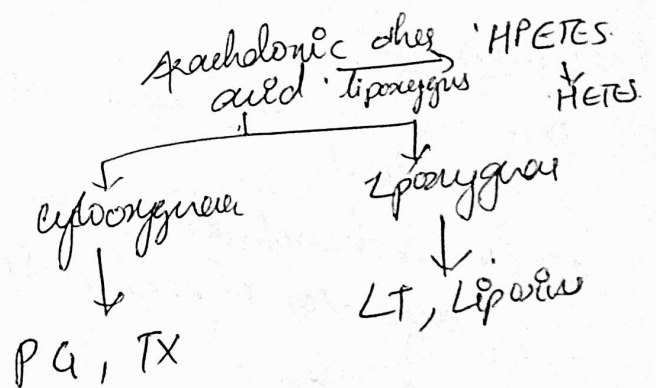
primary fn - neurotransmitter in GI tract.

Arachidonic acid metabolites

Cell membrane - phospholipids - arachidonic acid - PGs,

LTs.

cell membrane phospholipids
↓
phospholipases.



Prostaglandins

Most important PGs in inflammation. PGE2, PGD2, PGF2, PGI2 (prostacyclin) and TxA2 (thromboxane A2).

Prostaglandin
PGI₂ → vasodilation
v platelet aggregation.

Thromboxane A₂
↳ vasoconstriction
promote platelet aggregation

PGD₂ → vasodilation, T
PGE₂ → vascular permeability.

Leukotrienes
PGF_{2α}
↓
cont. of uterine
and bronchial smooth
muscle & small
arteries

PGD₂ → chemotactic
* PGE₂ → fever, hyperalgesia

Leukotrienes
produced by leukocytes and
mast cells
LTB₄ → chemotactic agent,
activates of neutrophils.

LTC₄, D₄, E₄.
vaso constriction -
Bronchospasm.
↑ permeability of vessels.

Lipoxins
Lipoxin A₂, B₄.
Inhibition of inflammation.

Pharmacologic Inhibitors (PGs, PGEs)
COX Inhibitors (COX 1 & 2)

→ Lipoxigenase inhibitors
aspirin

→ Cyclooxygenase: broad
spectrum anti-inflammatory
agents

Leukotriene receptor antagonist
drug → Montelukast
modify intake

Cytokines and chemokines
produced by infl. cells
mediate & regulate response.

→ In Ac. Inflammation.
TNF, IL-1, IL-6,
Chemokines, IL-17.

→ chronic inflammation
IL-12.
IFN
IL-17.

① Endothelial activation
(TNF & IL-1)

↑ expression of endothelial
adhesion molecules
↑ production of other cytokines
and chemokines.
↑ procoagulant activity.

2. Activation of cell

TNF $\rightarrow$ augments neutrophil response

macrophage activity

IL-1 $\rightarrow$ activate fibroblast.
stimulate TH1 response.

③ Systemic acute phase response $\rightarrow$ fever.

$\rightarrow$ regulate energy balance (promote lipid and protein mobilisation).

Chemokines

family of proteins - chemoattractants for specific type of leukocytes.

$\rightarrow$ C-X-C chemokines

IL8

neutrophils

$\rightarrow$ C-C chemokines

MCP-1, eotaxin

monocytes, eosinophils
basophils & lymphocytes.

$\rightarrow$ C chemokines.

lymphocytes

lymphocyte

$\rightarrow$ C-X3C chemokines

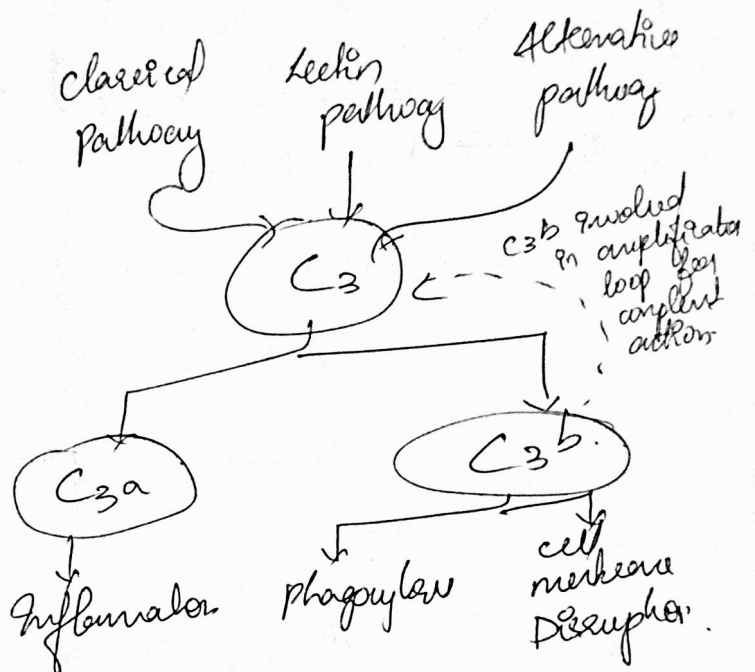
Extracellular

monocytes & T cells.

Complement system

function: host defense against microbes, inflammation etc.

consists of 20 proteins (produced by liver, mainly found in the plasma).



C3a, C5a $\rightarrow$ anaphylatoxins
C3b - opsonine.

Regulatory proteins of complement system

① C1 Inhibitor & blocks C1 action.

② Decay accelerating factor (DAF) and CD59:

DAF $\rightarrow$ prevents formation of C3 convertase

CD59 → inhibits formation of MA
paucarysma nodular hemoglobin
Morphological patterns of inflammation

