

Interleukin-4 promoter polymorphisms in patients with aggressive or chronic periodontitis

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Introduction

In periodontitis susceptibility individuals, disease progression involves a predominantly Th2-like immune response (1). IL-4 stimulates a Th2-type of immune response while inhibits Th1 cells (2,3). Moreover, IL-4 limits the persistence of macrophages in periodontitis lesions and down regulates CD14 receptor, one of the key receptors for lipopolysaccharides (4).

Objectives

Promoter polymorphisms of the interleukin-4 gene have been associated with altered IL-4 production (5-7). Thus, they could be indicative for periodontitis. Therefore, the aim of this study was to determine allele- genotype- and haplotype- frequencies of IL-4 SNPs at positions -1098T/G, -590C/T and -33C/T in patients with generalized aggressive (AP) or generalized chronic periodontitis (CP) in comparison to periodontitis free controls. Calculation of adjusted Odds ratios (OR) were carried out with respect to established cofactors for periodontitis such as age, gender, smoking, and plaque index.

Material and Methods

Study groups

121 patients with severe periodontitis (attachment loss >4mm in 80% of the teeth; CP: n=54, mean age 49,3 ±10.0 years; AP: n=67, mean age 41 ±9.9 years) and 81 individuals without periodontitis (Controls: mean age 46,9 ±10.7 years) were included.

Proof of IL-4 promoter polymorphisms

IL-4 SNPs were analyzed by PCR-SSP (CTS-Kit, Heidelberg, Germany). Distributions of single alleles, genotypes, and haplotypes were calculated by Chi²-Test with Yates correction or Fisher's exact test. Risk factor analyses were carried out by logistic regression under consideration of established cofactors for periodontitis such as age, gender, smoking status, and plaque index.

Results

Allele frequencies

The mutant allele G at position -1098 was significantly increased among both patient groups. The mutant alleles -590 T und -33 T were more frequently proven only among patients with AP (Fig. 1)

Genotype frequencies

The mutant genotype -1098 TG was significantly increased among both patient groups (Fig. 2). Moreover, the mutant genotypes -590 CT and -33 CT were likewise significantly increased (linkage disequilibrium!) among patients with AP (Fig. 3 and 4).

Haplotype frequencies

Among both, patients with AP and CP the mutant haplotype -1098, -590, -33 GCC was significantly increased. Moreover, the haplotype -1098, -590, -33 TTT was significantly more proven only among patients with AP (Fig. 5).

Risik analysis with binary logistical regression

The haplotype -1098,-590,-33 GCC increased the adjusted OR for AP and CP. Mutations (C>T) at positions -590 and -33 were indicative only for AP (Fig. 6).

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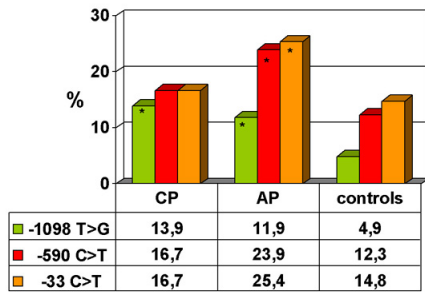


Fig. 2 Significant genotype frequencies at position -1098 T>G

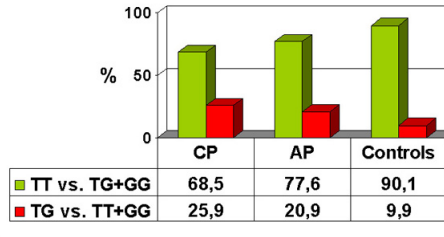


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Fig. 3 Significant genotype frequencies at position -590 T>C

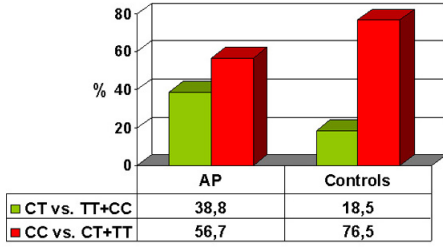


Fig. 4 Significant genotype frequencies at position -33 T>C

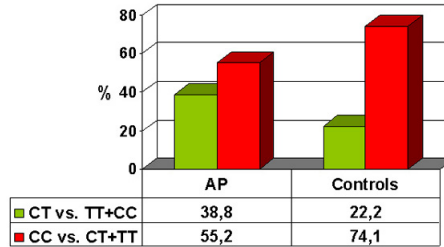


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Fig. 5 Significant IL-4 haplotypes at positions -1098,-590,-33

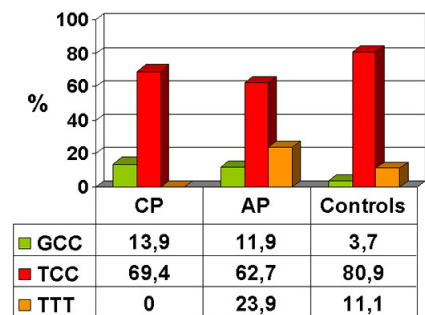


Fig. 6 Odds ratios (OR) adjusted for age, gender, smoking und plaque index

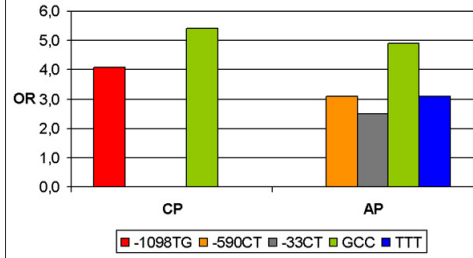


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Conclusions

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Abbreviations

AP = aggressive periodontitis
 CP = chronic periodontitis
 IL = interleukin
 Th = T helper cells
 PCR-SSP = polymerase chain reaction with sequence specific primers

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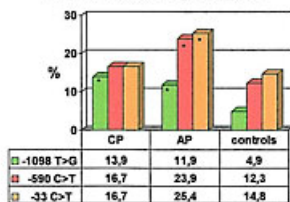
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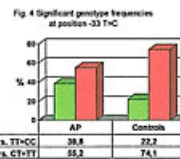
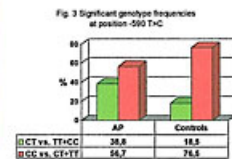
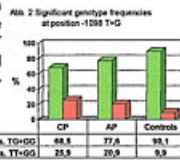
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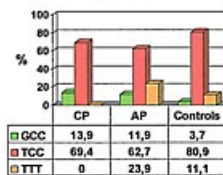
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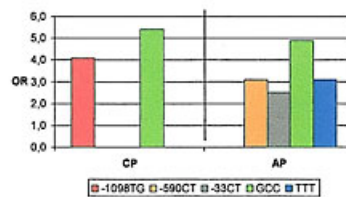
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