Recent insights into Early Onset Dementia (EOD): A Review

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Abstract

The present study aims to review the prevalence and etiology of Early Onset Dementia (EOD) reflected in the population-based studies worldwide. For this purpose, Bibliographic database searches and rigorous literature review were performed using the following keywords namely: “Dementia”, “Early onset dementia”, “Alzheimer’s disease” and “Senile Dementia” from the following databases: Pubmed, Medline between the years 2005 to 2019. The summary of report findings suggest that the prevalence of early onset dementia is reported to occur in 3-5% of the Indian population among predisposed individuals. This is an attempt to accumulate and collate in one spot all sort of multifactorial associations behind the pathogenesis of EOD in youth. These causes are Genetic change, Brain comorbidities, Alzheimer’s ailment, vascular complications and increasingly other neuropsychiatric complications. We have made an attempt to analyze the pathogenesis of the early onset dementia in relation to their outcomes and a few manifestations which demonstrate the same. Future large-scale systematic reviews and network meta-analysis in this domain would facilitate dissemination of credible information with regards to the causative mechanism and possible therapeutic interventions and viable alternatives to possibly tackle and mitigate EOD.

Keywords: Dementia, Early onset dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, Genetic alterations.

Introduction

Dementia, is a disease which say a typically disease of old age and these are generally occurred after the age of 65. As per the 2001 Census, in India more than 70 million people are older than 60 years. This age group, only 7.5% of the population in 2001, in the coming decades is expected to grow dramatically. The problem of dementia comes with demographic ageing. In every 5 years the numbers of dementia affected person are increases and the increase rate are double and for these reasons India will become a city where a largest numbers of elders shall be present with this problem. Dementia usually is a chronic syndrome, which characterized by a progressive and global deterioration in intellect including memory, orientation, judgment, learning, comprehension and language due to disease of the brain. Dementia affects mainly older people; and it start before the age of 65 years are noticed only 2% of cases. In some cases where dementia are notified before the 65 years, are called Early onset dementia. Generally, 3%-5% patient are suffer by this disease. In case of dementia, patient lose their cognitive function and behavioral ability. Normally, it is an age-associated process. Several factors are present in case of early onset dementia. Those are, genetic-abnormalities, which accelerate the onset of the illness. Generally two type of dementia are seen, those are, i) Presenile Dementias, and ii) Senile Dementias. Main cause of presenile dementia are, corticobasal degeneration, progressive supra nuclear palsy and front temporal lobar degeneration. In the presenile age it’s generally occurring. It rarely seen also in senile age. In senile age, vascular dementia, sporadic Alzheimer’s disease are occur Less frequently it’s occur in presenile age. People with EOD, in their life phase often act as an active role in the society and may have young children. They loss their roles and responsibilities and also they deal with some specific issues those are, difficulties in obtaining a proper diagnosis, unemployment, family conflict, marital problems and financial issues.

Diagnosis of Early Onset Dementia:

Report said that 30-50% diagnosis case are mistaken or say uncertain. Therefore several reasons are also arrived for this difficulties. Firstly differences are noticed in EOD diagnosis and LOD diagnosis and that is, the EOD diagnosis more diverse then the LOD diagnosis. Second reasons are, EOD may be present salient cognitive deficits apart from loss of memory in the case of AD. Third reasons are, EOD often take place together with neuropsychiatric characteristics. A man or woman who has a psychiatric disorder in his history, then his diagnosis is problematic. In case of EOD patients several step are taken for his diagnosis. First of all they are taking a clinical history of the patient, and at the
same time also taking a clinical history of dementia. Besides this, carrying on a neurological examination, a factitive MRI and also other tests are needed for the diagnosis.3,9

In any type of disease, early diagnosis is very much important and it is cardinal. Early treatment can be started if early diagnosis are done and therefore patient family be assured. For this early diagnosis patient family can take the right decision and future plan can be made.10,11,12

Comparison shows that the distribution of diagnoses of dementia differs dramatically between older and younger patients. In both groups, Alzheimer’s disease is the most common cause of dementia, accounting for almost two-thirds of cases in older people, but only a third of cases in younger people. Comprising between the younger population and older population the Fronto-temporal dementia are occurs mainly in younger population. In younger population, rarer causes of dementia are happen with frequency.10,13,14

**Symptoms that may indicate Dementia:**

Numerous more seasoned grown-ups experience the ill effects of dementia. Positive responses to the accompanying inquiries can recognize conceivable dementia.

Does the individual have expanded trouble with any of the exercises recorded underneath? In the event that the appropriate response is truly, the person ought to get a dementia evaluation from a specialist.15

- **Learning and retaining new information.** Is progressively tedious; experiences difficulty remembering ongoing discussions, occasions, arrangements; habitually loses objects.15
- **Handling complex tasks.** Experiences difficulty following a mind boggling line of reasoning or performing errands that require numerous means, for example, adjusting a checkbook or preparing a dinner.15
- **Reasoning ability.** Can’t react with a sensible arrangement to issues at work or home, for example, comprehending what to do if the restroom is overwhelmed; shows strange dismissal for rules of social direct.15
- **Sense of direction.** Experiences difficulty driving, sorting out articles around the house, discovering their way around natural spots.15
- **Language.** Has expanding trouble with finding the words to express what the person needs to state and with following discussions.15
- **Behavior.** Shows up progressively uninvolved and less responsive, is more bad tempered than expected, is more suspicious than expected, misjudges visual or sound-related upgrades.15

![Figure 1: Estimation of judgments in youthful beginning dementia.](image)

![Figure 2: Appropriation of analyses of dementia outcomes.](image)
Beginning Dementia Assessment

Dementia appraisal created by the Care Management Advisory Group of the Chronic Care Networks for Alzheimer’s malady activity. Warning Group accept that individuals with conceivable dementia have been recognized utilizing case discovering strategies, for example, supplier training about signs and manifestations of conceivable dementia, utilization of a family survey, or other wellbeing hazard appraisal. It isn’t normal that all pieces of the appraisal will fundamentally be executed in one visit, rather a few visits could be required. The aftereffects of the Initial Dementia Assessment (IDA) bolster both the doctor’s conclusion and the advancement of a consideration plan and the executives of care over the long haul. The Advisory Group prescribes a three-advance way to deal with evaluation. The assessments and tests recorded in Level 1 ought to be accomplished for all customers. We gauge that 65 percent of customers will require close to this degree of evaluation. Level 2 assessments and tests ought to be accomplished for all customers except if there is relative conviction about the conclusion dependent on the Level 1 data, or the aftereffects of a Level 2 test would not change the consideration plan. We gauge that practically all outstanding customers will be in this classification. Level 3 mediations are once in a while required in the standard appraisal and the executives of dementia in essential consideration settings. Be that as it may, if beginning is early (age < 65), if course is atypical, or if analytic vulnerability is high, they might be useful.15

The rounds of Initial Dementia Assessment Level 1 are Interview of the patient, Family interview, Examination (Physical, Neurological, Mental etc.), Laboratory test(CBC, Glucose, TSH, Drug levels etc.), Therapeutic Diagnostic Tests. Rounds of Level 2 are Laboratory Tests (Liver function test, B12 and folate levels, Calcium etc.) Brain Imaging. Rounds of level 3 are Consultation, Neuropsychological Evaluations, Laboratory Tests (Genetic testing, Heavy-metal screen etc.) and Studies (Lumbar puncture, EEG, SPECT, diffusion MRI etc.).15,16

Different causes of Dementia

Early-Onset Dementia occur due to TREM2 mutations – Without bone cysts.17,23

Progranulin gene (PGRN), Chromatin-modifying protein 2B gene (CHMP2B), Valosin-containing protein gene (VCP), Microtubule-associated protein tau gene (MAPT) are to be show the cause of FTLD or frontotemporal lobar degenerations. presenilin 1 (PSEN1), presenilin 2 (PSEN2) and amyloid precursor protein (APP) are smeared in early onset AD. DAP12 named also TYROBP (TYRO protein tyrosine kinase binding protein; MIM# 604142) and TREM2 (triggering receptors expressed on myeloid cells-2; MIM# 605086) are responsible for Polycystic Lipomembranous Osteodysplasia with Sclerosis (MIM# 221770), an autosomal recessive disease characterized by early-onset progressive dementia and bone cysts.17,23

In this research process STR markers are used to locate and recognize the gene which coated in early-onset dementia (EOD) without bone cysts.17,23

Early- Onset Dementia and Later Onset Brain Disorders are occur due to TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) and MTBI (Mild Traumatic Brain Injury)

After doing a successful research work it was notified that the Traumatic Brain Injury which also called TBI and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury called MTBI are epigenetic risk factors. This epigenetic risk factors for organic personality changes, mania, depression, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, and Parkinson’s disease (PD), include obsessive-compulsive disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder.18 MTBI which is more likely to be associated with PTSD than more severe TBI involving loss of consciousness. Recently, some data suggest that Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) has been identified as a strong positive predictor of developing other brain disorders, such as dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease (AD).18 Therefore through this Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) diagnostic procedure of those other brain disorder are accelerated.

Early onset dementia and the Octapeptide repeat insertions in the prion protein gene

Various genes are known in familial early onset dementias. Mainly the most common mutations are noticed in the genes involved in Alzheimer’s disease. This concerns mutations in the APP and the PSEN1 and 2 genes. Again, mutations in the PRNP gene may be common in EOD.29

Here sequencing the coding region of amyloid precursor protein, presenilin 1 and 2 and PRNP in a population based sample of 17 patients with EOD and identified in one patient an insertion of two-octapeptide repeats. Here present a meta- analysis in which, studied the relation of the number of inserted repeats with age at onset and duration of disease in all patients with PRNP octapeptide repeat insertions reported in the literature to date.29

Alzheimer’s disease 10,19,20,21,22,24,25,26

For almost one third of early-onset dementia cases are responsible for Alzheimer’s disease. A typical presentation of AD are, progressive episodic memory loss and visuospatial and perceptual deficits, but well preserved language and social functioning. In younger people, posterior cortical variant of the disease, along with prominent impairment of parietal lobe functions, is more common. AD is more common in women than men. Outbreak increases with increasing age. Total average time of illness is 8 years. In the younger population Alzheimer’s disease (AD) are mostly occurs, which is a sporadic disorder. However, traditional forms are more likely in the younger population.10,19,20,21,22,24,25,26

Vascular Dementia:

Vascular dementia is an etiological classification that incorporates clinical type of dementia brought about by ischemic or hemorrhagic cerebrovascular ailment or by ischemic hypoxic mind sore of cardiovascualar cause. Vascular dementia is the most well-known reason for dementia after Alzheimer’s malady. Vascular dementia brought about by various vascular injuries and pathogenic systems. Those are multi infarct dementia, which are various huge complete infarcts happen in the cortical and sub cortical bit of the cerebrum. Strategic infarct dementia, Small vessel disease with dementia, ischemic-hypoxic dementia and Hemorrhagic dementia.10,26,28
### Table 1: Depicting the inferences and findings from previous studies

| Data                                                                 | Observation                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Inference                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Ref  |
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| TYROBP and TREM2 are reliable for Polycystic Lipomembranous Osteodysplasia with Sclerosing Leukoencephalopathy. An autosomal latent ailment portrayed by beginning stage dynamic dementia and bone pimples. | In this examination, we recognized a novel cancellation, c.40+3delAGG, in the 5’ agreement donor join site in intron 1 of TREM2 in three sibs from a Lebanese family influenced with beginning stage dementia. Dementia is a clinically and hereditarily heterogeneous ailment, including many recognized loci and qualities. | This outcome expands the clinical range related with TREM2 changes, which ought to be considered in all patients with EOD even without bone pimples. | 17   |
| Different qualities are known in familial beginning stage dementias. | Discovered an expanding number of rehashes related with more youthful age at beginning (p<0.001). Term of the ailment diminished essentially with the length of the octapeptide rehash (p<0.001) while changing for age at beginning. | Our discoveries show huge backwords relationship of the length of the PRNP octapeptide rehash with age at sickness beginning and malady span in the spongiform encephalopathies. | 29   |
| For just about 33% of beginning stage dementia cases are answerable for Alzheimer’s illness. Promotion is more typical in ladies than men | This examination show that, in spite of the fact that the extent with AD among females stayed steady at ~70%, among guys the extent expanded continuously from 38% among those matured 65-69 years to 80% in those >90 years old. | Alzheimer's disease is commonly viewed as the most well-known dementia subtype, representing somewhere in the range of 60% and 80% of dementia cases. | 10, 19, 25 |
| Vascular dementia is the most notable purpose behind dementia after Alzheimer’s ailment. | Vascular dementia is the second most regular reason for dementia in more youthful individuals. The favoured symptomatic measures for vascular dementia are the NINDS–AIREN standards which express that for a clinical analysis of likely vascular dementia, both dementia and cerebrovascular ailment must be available and there must be a connection between the two issues. | Vascular dementia (VaD) is the second commonest dementia after Alzheimer’s sickness (AD). Epidemiological investigations of this condition experience the ill effects of numerous weaknesses identified with meaning of the illness, indicative models and evaluation of subjects. | 10, 26, 28 |
| If there should arise an occurrence of Fronto temporal dementia a gathering of conditions are answerable for dementia. | This examination, the first to address the issue of pervasiveness of FTD in a characterized populace, distinguished 17 patients with FTD from a populace of roughly 300,000 of whom 11 were as yet matured <65 years. This created an age-explicit (45 to 64 years) pervasiveness of 15 for each 100,000. | FTD is less normal than Alzheimer’s sickness generally speaking, one examination thought that it was as basic in individuals under age 65 | 19, 30, 31 |
| Horrendous Brain Injury which additionally called TBI and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury called MTBI are epigenetic chance variables. | Studies show that TBI and MTBI are epigenetic hazard factors for natural character changes, schizophrenia, melancholy, insanity, Parkinson’s sickness (PD), and tension issues, which incorporate over the top urgent issue, and post-horrerous pressure issue | TBI has been distinguished as a solid positive indicator of creating other cerebrum issues, for example, dementia, including Alzheimer’s infection | 18   |

### Huntington’s disease

The trademark set of three of clinical highlights in Huntington’s malady are engine issue, subjective issue and passionate issue. However, there are changes among the patients in the time of onset also specific symptoms and the development of illness. Huntington’s disease, which is an autosomal dominant disorder and with complete penetrance caused by prolongation of the CAG trinucleotide repeat. In the middle life beginning is generally and the duration of the illness is typically 15–20 years. Diagnostic and predictive testing is available.7

**Mixed dementia:**

Caused of dementia May combination of AD and cerebrovascular conditions and compared with people who have only Alzheimer’s disease. Those with mixed dementia tend to develop symptoms earlier.19,32,27,28

### Fronto temporal dementia (FTD):

Here a group of conditions are responsible for dementia, including Pick’s disease and primary progressive aphasia that affect the frontal and temporal regions of the brain. The average age of onset for FTD is 50-60; although FTD is less common than Alzheimer’s disease overall, one study found it is as common in people under age 65.19,30,31

### Lewy body disease:

It is a progressive, neurodegenerative brain disease and this is the causes of dementia, hallucinations. The movement and gait disorders that are common in Parkinson’s disease.10,19,33
Other:

Cause of dementia in people under age 65 include, Huntington's disease, HIV/AIDS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), progressive supranuclear palsy, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, chronic alcoholism, Chronic drug abuse, Brain tumors, Traumatic brain injury, Normal-pressure hydrocephalus and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Conclusion

Reported literature review surrounding Alzheimer's disease has pointed towards associations with activating receptors communicated on myeloid cells-2 change, major cerebral injury and other forms of granular brain injury and also vascular dementia, lewy body illness, front-temporal dementia are additionally reasons for this debilitating condition in mid-life. In this review article we have attempted at holistic and multifactorial modalities responsible for the pathogenesis of this form of dementia in the youth population worldwide. Needless to emphasize that large scale systematic reviews and meta-analysis are warranted to corroborate the present findings.

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