

Alzheimer Disease

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ABSTRACT:-

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disease and it is characterized by progressive cognitive deterioration pre-senile and senile dementia are the most common types of Alzheimer's disease. According to world health organization (WHO) survey we found that 5% of men and women of age above 60 years are most affected by Alzheimer's disease. Clinical manifestation of Alzheimer's disease is characterized by dementia and memory impairment. Presently available treatments are acetylcholine inhibitors (rivastigmine, galantamine, donepezil) and D-aspartate receptor antagonist. These drugs have proved that there is a progression of the disease and relief symptomatically but it is failed to achieve a definite cure. The researcher has found a strong connection between the Alzheimer's and food consumption and dementia are similar pathways to cause diabetes. That's why then rename Alzheimer as diabetes 3.

KEYWORDS:- Alzheimer, epidemiology, Neurodegeneration, β -amyloid peptide tau protein, pathophysiology, diagnosis, treatment.

I. INTRODUCTION:-

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia and it is characterized by a progressive form of episodic memory problems.¹ 44 million people of the world-wide population was estimated to be affected by dementia in 2013 and a steep rise to 136 million has been predicted by 2050.² There are no treatments with proven disease modifying effects till to date this Alzheimer's disease remains the largest unmet medical need in neurology. The pathology behind the Alzheimer disease is changes in amyloid precursor protein metabolism, oxidative stress, tau protein phosphorylation impaired energetics, inflammation mitochondrial dysfunction, dysregulation of membrane lipid and neurotransmitter pathway disruption.³ The important factor in Alzheimer's disease is metabolic dysfunction⁴ because the pathological features can be directly linked to

metabolic abnormalities. For example cognitive dysfunction is occurred due to impaired cerebral glucose uptake and it is an invariant feature of Alzheimer's disease.⁵ The pathological events occurs due to neurotoxicity associated with A β 2 causes impaired neuronal energetics and leads to the interaction between A β 2 and mitochondria lead to increased levels of reactive oxygen species (ROS) that affecting glycolysis the TCA cycle and activity of mitochondrial respiratory chain is accumulation of deleterious intermediate metabolites occurs in the mitochondria.^{6 7}

The recent approaches for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease include the use of some natural products with neuroprotective effects and metabolites to modulate pathways which are associated with neurovascular endothelium through multi-omic analyses.

Alois Alzheimer & Auguste D:-

The great German neuropathologist and psychiatrist Dr. Alois Alzheimer's describing the dementing condition for the first time and later it is called as Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer described a case for Auguste D an old woman of age 51 years old suffered with a disease of cerebral cortex with progressive memory and language impairment, behavioral symptoms, disorientation and psychosocial impairment.⁸

Epidemiology of Alzheimer's disease:-

In United States and many other countries around the world this Alzheimer's disease is a critical public health issue and a significant effect on health social and financial burden on society and they estimated that 5 million people of American suffer with Alzheimer's disease and diagnosis is made every 68 seconds the fifth leading cause of death among older elders the major cause is Alzheimer's disease they can estimate that 200 billions are annually spent for individuals suffering with dementia, worldwide we can estimate that people suffering with Alzheimer's disease are nearly 35 million people.⁹

In 2030 we can estimated that 65 million people have dementia. Alzheimer's disease is a multifactorial and has no single cause to know about the disease there are several modifiable risk factors and associated with development and progression. The greatest risk factor for the development of alzheimers disease is age 10,11

The people who are aged 65 or above 65years are suffering from alzheimers disease Alzhemers disease is developed by the rare genetic mutations occurred by the older people before age 65 which it is know as early onset or familiar alzheimers disease12,13

If any dominat mutation occurs on autosome either one of the presenilin gene located on chromosome 21 it is know as epsilon fourallele of that apolipoprotiean E gene located on chromosome 19 it is the major risk factor for development of spordicalzhemers disease14,15

Pathophysiology:-

The main pathological condition of Alzheimer's disease is the presence of amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles[NFT] it leads to secondary dilation of the ventricles. At hippocampus temporal cortex and nucleus basalis of meyeret more deposits are found it can lead to the reduced levels of neurotransmitter specifically acetylcholine causing congunitive deficits.16

The main pathological cause of Alzheimer's disease is not known and research is ongoing to known the pathological reason for causing Alzheimer's disease the current understanding many hypothesis are come forward for the pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease.17

Some of them are accepted they are:-

- Amyloid cascade hypothesis

- Tau hypothesis
- Mitochondrial cascade hypothesis

Amyloid cascade hypothesis :-

This is the accepted hypothesis the basic pathology of amyloid cascade hypothesis is deposition of $A\beta_{H2}$. Amyloid-plaques in the brain and this $A\beta_{H2}$ is derived from amyloid precursor protein (app)by the action of γ secretease and β secretease.18 Plaque is formed by the aggregate of $A\beta_{H2}$ and cause oxidative damage and intiates inflammatory process leading to death of a neuron.19,20

In familiar form of Alzheimer's disease is also called early onset and once associated with mutation occurs in Appgene ,pensenillin(chromosome-14) and pensenillin-2 gene all these fragments are come together and mixed with other neuron, non-nerve cells in Alzheimer's disease these develops the plagues in hippocampus areas of cerebral cortex.

Still we don't know these β -amyloid plagues themselves to cause Alzheimer's disease (or) any product of these β -amyloid plagues can cause the Alzheimer's disease.21

Tau Hypothesis:-

The amyloid cascade hypothesis doesn't explain about the sporadic case of Alzheimer's disease and level of amyloid desposit it lead to the cognitive decline. This can lead to Tau hypothesis which asserts the deposition of Tau and formation of neurofibrilliary tangles is the main pathological reason. Tau is binding to tau microtubules then hyperphospherylated occurs at Tau into neurofibrilliary tangles and reduce the amount of Tau then it is available to bind microtubules.22

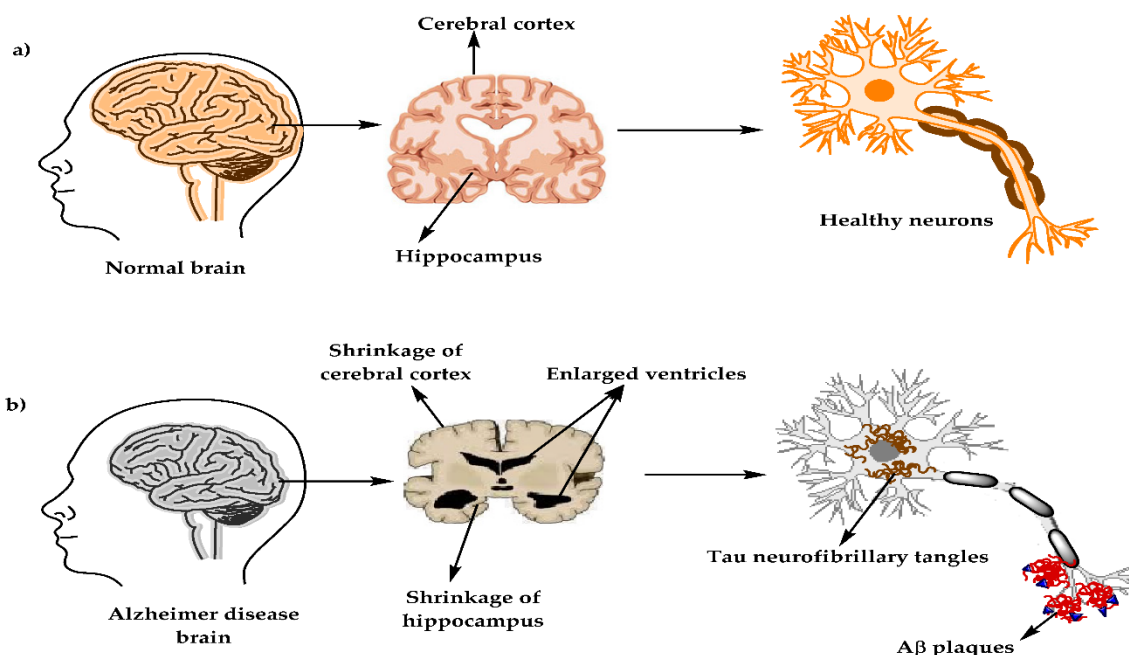


Figure 1
 The physiological structure of the brain and neurons in (a) healthy brain and (b) Alzheimer's disease (AD) brain.

Mitochondrial cascade hypothesis:-

The initiating step in Alzheimer's disease is reduced mitochondrial function to handle the free radicals.²³

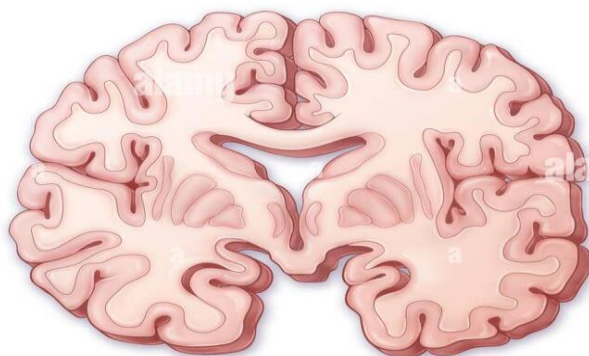
Brain changes associated with A.D

100 billion neurons are present in a healthy adult brain. Each neuron are long and branching extensions these extensions of individual neurons helps to connections with other neurons. Such connections are called "synapse" information flows in a small bursts of chemicals that are realised by one of neuron and then detected by other

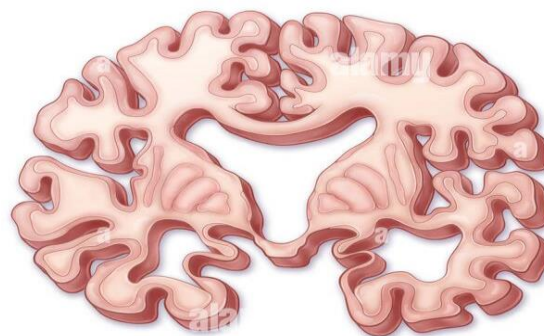
neuron. The normal brain contains 100 trillion synapses. The signals travel rapidly through the brain's neuronal circuits. It creating the cellular basis of memories, movements, sensation etc.,²⁴

The fragments of protein called as beta-amyloid plaques accumulated at outside the neuron and this accumulation of these abnormal form of the protein is called tau tangles. So by observing these changes we can conclude that inside neuron there are two of several brain changes associated with Alzheimer's. The accumulation of the plaques and small beta amyloid called oligomer's²⁴

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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE



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Pharmacological therapy review for Alzheimer's disease :-

The pharmacologic therapy for Alzheimer's disease provides only for short-term improvement for a short period of time i.e., 6 to 8 months.²⁵ In US and several parts of Europe the only medicine approved for those countries are cholinesterase inhibitors and memantine these drugs do not alter the pathology of Alzheimer's disease but they allow the brain to compensate the loss of neurons that communicate via acetylcholine, which acts as a neurotransmitter.²⁶

cholinesterase inhibitors :-

They act by increasing the acetylcholine levels, and it is used by the nerve cells to communicate with each other and it is an important factor for memory learning and some cognitive functions for this category. 3 drugs are available donepezil, rivastigmine and galantamine these are used for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and approved by food and drug administration (FDA).^{27,28}

In all stages of Alzheimer's disease we can use donepezil, galantamine and rivastigmine are used for treatment in mci and dementia stages only galantamine and donepezil are the reversible

inhibitors of acetylcholinesterase. Donepezil is used only once- daily dosing and galantamine is used for twice daily as a tablet form (or) as a once- daily extended release in capsule form. If the person has severe liver dysfunction (or) end- stage of renal disease these drugs cannot be used. Rivastigmine is available in transdermal and oral formulation. The common side effect of cholinesterase inhibitors are nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. These due to increased vagal tone bradycardia, cardiac conduction defects can occur.²⁹

Partial N- methyl D – Aspartate (NMDA) Memantine

NMDA antagonist memantine blocks the NMDA receptors and slows the intracellular calcium accumulation it is used to treat moderate to severe A.D and approved by FDA the common side effects are dizziness, headache, constipation, and headache it can also be used in combination with cholinesterase inhibitors.^{16,30}

It is also used to treat anxiety, psychosis and depression which are found in the mild to late stages of A.D avoid tricyclic antidepressants because of their anticholinergic activity

New medicines under development for A.D



DRUG NAME	COMPANY	INDICATION	DEVELOPMENT STSTATUS
ABT-126	Abbot	A.D	Phase-2
ABT-12-Acetyl-cholinesterase	Abbot	A.D	Phase-2
AZD 3480	Targaceptinc	A.D	Phase-2
LY2886721	Elililly& company	A.D	Phase-1
MABT5102A	Genentech	A.D	Phase-2
AVP-923	Avonir-pharmaceuticals	A.D,Mildcongentive impairment	Phase-2
AZD5213	Astrazeneca	A.D	Phase-2
GANTENERUMAB	Hoffmann-la rachea	A.D	Phase-3
GSK2647544	Glaxosmithkline	A.D	Phase-1
B11B037	Biogen Idec	A.D Partial or mild A.D	Phase-1
BMS-241027	Bristol-Myerssquibb	A.D	Phase-1
AAB-003	Pfizer	A.D	Phase-1

NON-PHARMACOLOGICALTherapy:-

Non Pharmacological therapy does not involvemedication the main goal of non pharmacology therapy of A.D is maintaining or Improving congentive function overall quality of life and reducing behavioral symptoms such as apathy, disturbances and aggression³¹

A recent analysis is done for pharmacological treatment for agitation and aggression in people with dementia. It concluded that non-pharmacological interventions which reduces the aggression and agitation some examples of non-pharmacological therapies include computerized memory training, using special lighting to lessen sleep disorders and to listening to favorite music as a way to recall. These pharmacologic therapies dose not stop or slow down

the damage and destruction of neurons that cause alzheimers symptoms^{32,33}

It is difficult to know the effectiveness of non-pharmacological therapies because of the large number of unique therapies are tested the lack of standard method for carrying out any individual therapy. So based on these multiple factors it is challenging to group together and compare those with non-pharmacological therapies³⁴

Researchers have done multiple studies of non-pharmacologic therapies to provide insight into their potential effectiveness .A meta analysis concluded of aerobic exercise and a combination of aerobic and non aerobic exercise had a positive effects on cognitive function in people with A.D

Another systematic review that cognitive stimulation had benefical effects on cognitive

stimulation had beneficial effects on cognitive function with people leaved in Alzheimer’s dementiaanother review that cognitive stimulation is music based therapie and psychological treatment^{35,36}

Causes of disease:-

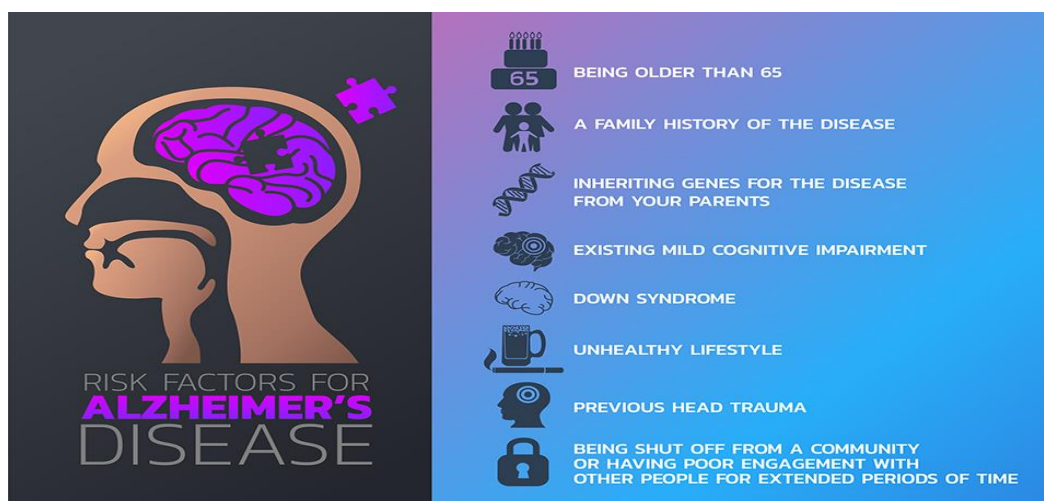
Alzheimer’s disease deteriorate of brain cells causes the lose connections with each other and eventually die. These changes area associated with accumulation of abnormal proteins that form plaques and tangles in brain cell.

Scientist believe that combination of lifestyle, environmental and genetic risk factor trigger the

abnormal biological process in brain that results in Alzheimer’s disease.

Some risk factors include:-

- Increasing age
- Down syndrome
- Family history
- Lack of regular exercise
- History of a head injury
- Poor sleep habits
- High blood pressure
- High blood cholesterol
- Obesity
- Poorly controlled type 2diabetes etc

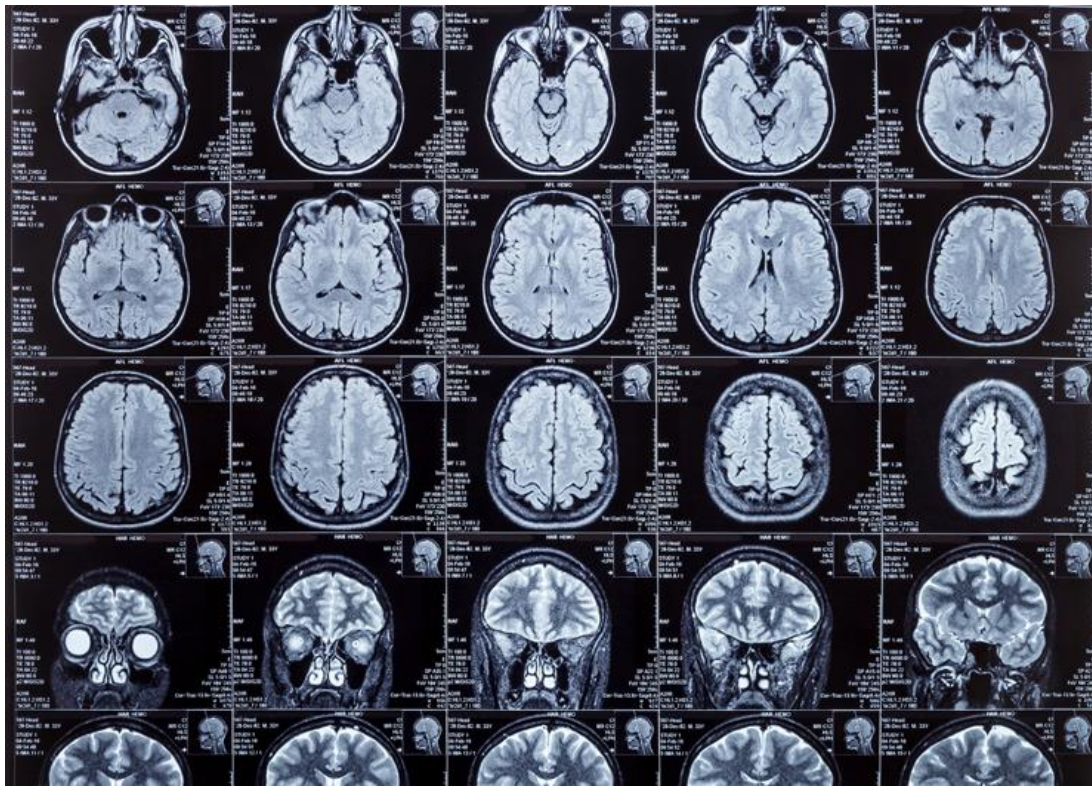


Diagnosis:-

There are no accurate diagnostic methods for Alzheimer’s disease. The early diagnosis was very important since it is stage when the pharmacological therapy will be successful to treat reversible diseases currently the definition of the gray zone between mild dementia and aging is high priority. This state is called mild cognitive impairment (MCI)

The mild cognitive impairment include:-

- Normal daily activities
- Abnormal memory of the age
- Absence of derrentia
- Memory complaints
- Other cognitive functions are actually normal³⁶.



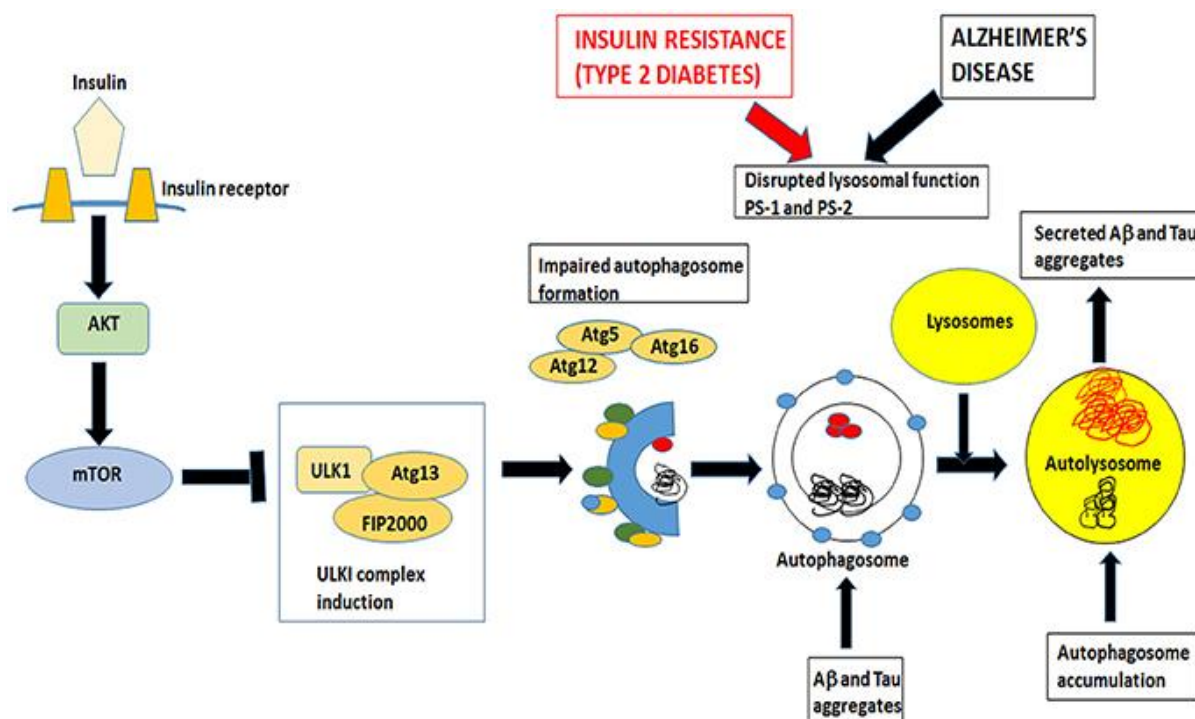
Alzheimer's and diabetes:-

There are certain disease that connected to our diet like diabetes the researchers are found a consume and dementia are similar pathway to cause diabetes², that's why they rename Alzheimer's is diabetes 3. In Alzheimer's disease the brain glucose metabolism level are deteriorated. According to research type 2 diabetes mellitus are increase the risk of Alzheimer's disease.³⁷

The studies show that increase glucagon like peptide helps to normalize insulin signalling in

diabetes type 2. This glucagon like peptide is involved majority in activities in brain functions. Animal study researchers Alzheimer is a characteristics in interfering the insulin signal in brain.³⁸

Alzheimer's disease and diabetes are linked together because insulin resistance and diabetes are both increased the development of plaques in brain.³⁸



Invitro models of A.D:-

Invitro models of A.D allow study of any changes in pathological and cellular level. These models have strictly controlled all conditions and lower costs a simpler maintenance and handling when compared to invivo models.39.40 These studies can be carried out with preliminary

efficacy and with shorter time scales with pharmacodynamic experiments can be carried out Of cell models.for the report purpose we use invitro models like 2-D &3-D cell culture and included pluripotent stem cells (ipscs) using tissue models and primary cultures will also used.41,42

MODEL		PATHOLOGICAL RELEVANCE TO A.D	PHENOTYPE & ASSESMENT	ADVANTAGE	DISADVANTAGE
2D cell culture	HBMEC	Barrier property like BBB	Study drug delivery	Inexpensive	Not representative of real environment
	BCEC	Retain BBB characteristics	Study drug delivery	Inexpensive	Not representative of real environment

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