Prevention Strategies for Pediatric Headaches

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Objectives

- To understand the latest update on prevention of headaches in children and adolescents
- To develop a treatment strategy for prevention of headaches in children and adolescents.





Classification of Headache

International Classification of Headache Disorders – 3rd Edition (beta version), Cephalalgia, 2013

- Migraine without aura
- Migraine with aura
 - Migraine with typical aura
 - Migraine with brainstem aura
 - Hemiplegic migraine
 - Retinal migraine
- Chronic migraine
- Complications of migraine
 - Status migrainosus
 - Persistent aura without infarction
 - Migrainous infarction
 - Migraine aura-triggered seizure

- Probable migraine
 - Without aura
 - With aura
- Episodic syndromes that may be associated with migraine
 - Recurrent gastrointestinal disturbance
 - Cyclical vomiting syndrome
 - Abdominal migraine
 - Benign paroxysmal vertigo
 - Benign paroxysmal torticollis





Why Migraine

- Migraine prevalence
 - 4 % of young children
 - Up to 10.5% of children age 5-15
 - Up to 28% age 15-19
 - Adults 12% (17.1% women, 5.6% men)
- Migraine pathophysiology
 - Migraine as a genetic disease
 - Early intervention may have lifetime implications

- Migraine Impact
 - Up to 200,000 lost school days in US
 - \$17 billion (1998) direct and \$17 billion indirect cost
 - Individual cost (2006)
 - Direct \$127 to \$7089
 - Indirect \$709 to \$4453
 - Chronic Mig vs Episodic Mig (2016)
 - CM Direct (\$4943), Indirect (\$3300)
 - EM Direct (\$1705), Indirect (\$943)
 - Pharma CM (\$3925), EM (\$1196)
 - Potential progression to refractory headaches if not treated





Why Migraine – Global Burden of Disease

GBD 2015 Disease and Injury Incidence and Prevalence Collaborators, Lancet, Oct 8, 2016

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Early neonatal	Iron	NN sepsis	PEM	Haemog	Other inf	Diarrhoea	NN preterm	Congenital	Endocrine	NN encep
Late neonatal	Iron	PEM	Diarrhoea	Congenital	Haemog	NN preterm	Other nutr	NN enceph	Other inf	Epilepsy
Post neonatal	Iron	Diarrhoea	PEM	Haemog	Skin	Other NTD	Congenital	Other inf	NN preterm	Endocrine
1–4 years	Iron	Skin	PEM	Diarrhoea	Sense	Asthma	Haemog	Other NTD	Congenital	Otitis
5–9 years	Iron	Skin	Asthma	Sense	Haemog	Other NTD	Conduct	Malaria	ASD	Anxiety
10–14 years	Iron	Skin	Conduct	Anxiety	Asthma	Migraine	Sense	Depression	Back & neck	Haemog
15–19 years	Skin	Depression	Iron	Back & neck	Migraine	Anxiety	Sense	Conduct	Other MSK	Asthma
20–24 years	Depression	Back & neck	Skin	Migraine	Iron	Other MSK	Anxiety	Sense	Other mental	Drugs
25–29 years	Back & neck	Depression	Migraine	Skin	Iron	Other MSK	Anxiety	Sense	Drugs	Schiz
30–34 years	Back & neck	Depression	Migraine	Skin	Iron	Sense	Other MSK	Anxiety	Schiz	Gynae
35–39 years	Back & neck	Depression	Migraine	Sense	Other MSK	Skin	Iron	Anxiety	Diabetes	Schiz
40–44 years	Back & neck	Depression	Sense	Migraine	Other MSK	Diabetes	Skin	Iron	Anxiety	Schiz
45–49 years	Back & neck	Depression	Sense	Diabetes	Other MSK	Migraine	Skin	Iron	Anxiety	Schiz
50–54 years	Back & neck	Sense	Depression	Diabetes	Other MSK	Migraine	Skin	Osteoarth	Anxiety	Schiz
55–59 years	Back & neck	Sense	Diabetes	Depression	Other MSK	Migraine	Osteoarth	Skin	Oral	Anxiety
60–64 years	Back & neck	Sense	Diabetes		Other MSK	Osteoarth	Oral		Migraine	COPD
65–69 years	Sense	Back & neck	Diabetes	Depression	Other MSK	Osteoarth	Oral	COPD	Skin	IHD
70–74 years	Sense	Back & neck	Diabetes	Depression	Oral	Other MSK	Osteoarth	COPD	IHD	Skin
75–79 years	Sense	Back & neck	Diabetes	Alzheimer's	Depression	Oral	Osteoarth	Other MSK	COPD	IHD
	Conco	Alzheimer's	Back & neck	Diabetes	Falls	IHD	Osteoarth	Depression	COPD	Oral





Changes in Character with Age

- 5659 patients headache characteristics compared
- Age 4 to 18, mean 11.95 ± 3.53
- Analysis of diagnostic criteria across the developmental ages
- McKenzie Miller, summer student











Menstrual Effects

- Is Puberty the Reason?
- Reviewed Headache Center Database
 - 896 girls, age 9 to 18
 - Clinically asked
 - Had first period
 - Headaches worsen with periods
 - Monthly pattern of worsening headaches









Urinary Hormone Effect (Adults)

Martin et al, Headache, 2005



AUCs/Interval [†]	Cycle 1‡	Cycle 2 [‡]	Cycle 3 [‡]
AUC E1 peak vs. E1 peak interval EL interval	250 213	178 170	036 060
AUC E2 peak vs. E2 peak interval EF1 (next cycle)	130 071	211 202	150 .005
P1 peak interval EF1 (next cycle) PdG/ E1G ratio	.461 (.036)§ .226	.481 (.027)§ .189	.400 (.070) .486 (.026)
of P1 peak vs. P1 peak interval EF1 (next cycle)	.460 (.036) .165	.553 (.0093) .189	.285 .206





Urinary Hormone Effect

Martin et al, Cephalalgia, 2017

- Adult studies revealed hormonal fluctuations could predict headache
- What role does development have in this influence
- Stratification across 3 ages
 - 8-11 years old
 - 12-15 years old
 - 16-17 years old
- Daily urine samples
 - Estrone glucuronide (ElG), pregnandiol glucuronide (PdG)
 - 96.2% of days with sample collection
- Diary of headache characteristics and presentation





Pubertal Urinary Menstrual Level Changes







■ 8 to 11 ■ 8 to 15 ■ 12 to 15 ■ 12 to 17 ■ 16 to 17





Urinary Hormone Effect (Children and Adolescents)









Family History







Migraine Twin Children

Svensson et al, Cephalalgia 1999

- 1480 Swedish twins
 - Born between Apr 1985 and Dec 1986
 - 8 to 9 year olds
 - Clinical Dx based on ICHD-I

		Twin pairs				
	N	-/-	+/-	+/+		
MZ Boys	178	146	21	11		
DZ Boys	183	142	36	5		
MZ Girls	164	127	24	13		
DZ Girls	200	155	38	7		
DZ Us	314	227	80	7		
Total	1039	797	199	43		



Table 5. Estimates of components of variance in 8 to 9-year-old boys and girls.

	a ²	c ²	e ²
Estimate	0.70	0	0.30
95% CI	0.54 - 0.82	-	0.18-0.46

 a^2 = Additive genetic effects (heritability); c^2 = shared environmental effects; e^2 = nonshared environmental effects.





Persico et al, Neurogenetics 2015

- Examined by groupings
 - Neurological Candidates
 - Vascular Candidates
 - Hormonal Candidates
 - Inflammatory Candidates





Persico et al, Neurogenetics 2015

Gene	Locus	Corre	Controls	Ethnicity	n. SNPs analyzed	Associated SNPs/VNTRs	P value	Refs
5-HT-relat	ed genes							
DDC	7p12.2	528 (308 MO, 220 MA)	528	Spanish	15	rs2329340 rs11974297 rs2044859	0.0019 (MA)	[77]
MAOA	Xpl1.3	528	523	Spanish	2	rs11761683 rs3027400G rs2072743C	0.006 (MO)	[77]
HTR2B	2q37.1	528	523	Spanish	23	rs16827801 rs10194776	0.0017 (MO)	[77]
		91	119	Japanese	1	rs6323	<0.05	[78]
SLC6A4	17q11.2	154 (92MO, 52MA)	105	Italian	-	5-HTTLPR S/S	<0.05 (MA)	[79]
		251	192	German	2	rs1979572	<0.05 (MA)	[80]
Dopamine	-related gen	es						
DBH	9q34	177	182	Australian	1	rs7239728	0.019	[81]
		275	275	Australian	2	rs7239728	0.003 (MA)	[82]
		200 300	200 300	Australian	2	rs1611115 rs1611115	0.012 0.031	[83]
		650	2937	German/Br	1	rs2097629	5.57×10 ⁻⁸	[84]
		263	274	Spanish	11	rs1611131	0.04	[85]
		301 (99MA, 202MO)	202	Indian	1	rs72393728	0.027	[86]
		208, 127 (II)	200	Indian	2	rs7239728	<0.05	[87]
SLC6A3	5p15.3	650	2937	German/Br	1	rs40184	6.36×10 ⁻⁷	[84]
DRD2	11q23	650	650	German	1	rs7131056	0.034	[84]
DRD3	3q13.3	263	274	Spanish	10	rs12363125	0.03	[85]
DRD4	11p15.5	194 (93MA, 101MO)	117	Italian	1	rs22832265	0.008	[88]
Glutamate	receptors							
GRIA1	5q31.1	250	260	Italian	6	rs2195450	0.00002 (MA)	[89]
GRIA3	X425	250	260	Italian	8	rs548294 rs3761555	0.0003 (MO) 0.0001 (MA)	[89]
		472	472	Australian	1	rs3761555	0.008 (MA)	[90]

Table 3 Positive experiation findings with neurological candidate gene





Persico et al, Neurogenetics 2015

Gene	Locus	Cases	Controls	Ethnicity	n. SNPs analyzed	Associated SNPs/polymorphisms	P value	Refs
ACE	17¢23.3	191	201	Italian	1	±4646994	<0.05	[91]
		176	248	Japanese	1	154646994	<0.01 (MA)	[92]
		150	150	Indian	1	154646994	0.04 (MA)	[93]
MTHFR	1p36.3	74	261	Japanese	1	1801133 n	<0.01	[94]
		102	136	Turkish	2	1801133 n	0.015	[95]
	78MA,152MO	204	Spanish	1	1801133 state	0.006 (MA vs MO)	[96]	
		270	270	Australian	1	1801133 state	0.017 (MA)	[97]
		91	119	Japanese	1	rs1801133	<0.05	[78]
		124	1725	British	1	1801133 state	<0.05 (MA)	[98]
		151	137	Chinese	1	rs1801133	0.003 (MO)	[99]
		150	107	Turkish	1	rs1801133	<0.001	[100]
NOTCH3	19p13.12	97 275	97 275	German Australian	2 2	ங1043994 ங3815188	0.005 0.002 (MO)	[101] [102]
		300 (II)	300 (II)		2	ь1043994 ь3815188 ь1043994	0.001 (MA) 0.06 (MO) 0.003 (MA)	
EDNRA	4q31.22	850	890	Finnish	13	152048894	0.015 (MA)	[103]
	-	648 (II)	651 (TI)	German	1	152048894	0.010 (MA)	
		217+179TTH	217	Indian	1	152048894	0.002 (MA/MO)	[104]
		77MA; 111MO	287	Portuguese	3	rs702757-rs5333	<0.05	[105]
		140		French	5	c231A>G		[106]
NOS2	17q11.2	504	512	Chinese	2	PNRP	0.007	[107]
	-	200 (52MA, 148MO)	142	Brazilian	1	52779249 52297518	<0.05	[108]
NOS3	12q14	156	125	Italian	1	s1799983	<0.05 (MA)	[109]





Persico et al, Neurogenetics 2015

Table 5	Table 5 Positive association findings with hormonal candidate genes										
Gene	Locus	Cases	Controls	Ennicity	n. SNPs analyzed	Associated SNPs/polymorphisms	P value	Refs			
ESR1	6q25.1	224 260 (II)	224 260 (II)	Australian	1	rs2228480	0.003 8×10 ⁻⁶	131			
		240	160	Spanish	1	rs1801132	0.008 (females)	132			
		356 (198MA, 158MO)	374	Spanish	1	rs1801132	0.004	133			
		217MA, 179TTH	217	Indian	1	rs2234693	0.002 MA	134			
		207 127 (II)	200	Indian	4	rs2234693	Poort0.01	135			
ESR2		356 (198MA, 158MO)	374	Spanish	1	rs4986938	0.004	133			
FSHR	2p21- p16	356 (198MA, 158MO)	374	Spanish	1	rs6166	0.004 MA (females)	133			
CYP19A1	15@1	207 127 (II)	200	Indian	1	rs10046	pccr0.01	135			
PGR	1 1q22	275 300 (II)	275 300	Australian	1 1	PGR PROGIN insert	0.002 0.003	136			





Persico et al, Neurogenetics 2015

Gene	Locus	Cases	Controls	Editicity	n. SNPs analyzed	Associated SNPs/polymorphisms	P value	Refs
TNFA	6p21.3	299	306	Italian	1	rs1800629	<0.001 (MO)	[110]
		221 (MO)	183	Iranian	1	rs1800629	<0.0001	[111]
		216	216	Indian	1	rs1800629	<0.006 (MA)	[112]
		67 (MO)	96	Turkish	1	rs1800629	0.004 (MO)	[113]
		203	202	Turkish	1	rs1800629	<0.0001	[114]
TNFB/LTA	6p21.3	79 (47MO+32MA)	101	Italian	1	TNFB*2al.	0.004 (MO)	[115]
		439	382	South Korea	15	LTA-294C	0.005	[116]
		299	278	Italian (Sardinian)	1	rs909253	0.018	[117]
		91	119	Japanese	1	rs909253	<0.05	[78]
TNFRSF1B	1p36.22	416	415	Chinese Han	1	rs5745946	0.004	[118]
HLA- DRB1	6p21.3	255 (41MA, 214MO)	325	Italian	-	DRB1*16al.	0.043 (MO)	[119]
Π.1 β	2q14	67 (MO)	96	Turkish	1	rs1143634	0.004	[113]
COX-2	1q25.2	144	123	Turkish	2	rs20417	0.0001	[120]

Table 6 Positive association findings with inflammatory candidate genes





MEG

- Migraineurs frequently note that it is hard to think during an acute attack
- MEG can measure cortical function
 - Finger tapping (200 trials, randomly presented clicks in right or left ear to tap fingers)
 - Mis-matched negativity
- Compared subjects with acute migraine seen in the acute headache unit vs. controls





MEG Methodology

Guo et al, PLoS ONE 2012







Delayed Movement-evoked Response in migraine







Movement-evoked Magnetic Fields (MEFs) in Children with Migraine (left)









16Y

12Y

Preventive Treatment





Pathophysiology to direct strategies

- Changing Characteristics
- Menstrual development
- Genetic basis
 - Neuronal
 - Vascular
 - Hormonal
 - Inflammatory
- Hypersensitive nervous system





Preventative Treatment Barriers

- What works best
- Need to reduce to <1/week
- May require 8-10 weeks to achieve dose
- Up to 16 weeks to reach full response
- Adherence





Treatment of Migraine

Preventive

Reviewed by Igarashi et al., 1992, Welch 1993

- Anticonvulsants
 - Phenobarbital
 - Phenytoin
 - Carbamazepine
 - Valproic acid
- Antiserotonergic
 - Methysergide
 - Cyproheptadine
- Antidepressants
 - Amitriptyline
 - Imipramine
 - Phenelzine
 - SSRIs

- NSAIDs
 - Aspirin
 - Naproxen
 - Indomethacin
 - Ketoprofen
- Beta-blockers
 - **Propranolol**, metoprolol, timolol nadolol, atenolol
 - Not alprenolol, osprenolol, acebutolol
- Ca-channel blockers
- Vitamin B₂ (riboflavin)
- Biofeedback





Gaps in Prevention

- Very limited number of studies in pediatric and adolescent headaches
- Translation from adults studies may be problematic
 - Are they really generalizable
- Prevention does not only mean medication



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Table 3 Prophylactic drugs for migraine management evaluated in placebo-controlled and open clinical trials

References	Drug	Daily dose	Age in (years)	Number of patients	Study design	Evidence level	% responders or p values (*)
Antihypertensive drugs							
Ludvigsson [50]	Propranolol	60-120 mg	7-16	28	RCT	с	82 vs. 14%
Forsythe et al. [51]	Propranolol	80 mg	9-15	39	RCT		NS
Olness et al. [52]	Propranolol	3 mg/kg	6-12	28	RCT		NS
Sillampää [53]	Clonidine	25-50 µg	≤15	57	RCT	с	NS
Sills et al. [54]	Clonidine	0.07-0.1 mg	7-14	43	RCT		NS
Calcium channel blockers							
Guidetti et al. [55]	Flunarizine	5 mg	10-13	12	от	Α	66%
Sorge et al. [56]	Flunarizine	5 mg	5-11	63	RCT		p < 0.001 (HA frequency)
							p < 0.01 (HA duration)
Visudtibhan et al. [57]	Flunarizine	5-10 mg	7-15	21	от		%66
Battistella et al. [58]	Nimodipine	10-20 mg	7-18	37	RCT	с	NS
Serotonergic drugs							
Gillies et al. [59]	Pizotifen	1-1.5 mg	7-14	47	RCT	с	NS
Lewis et al. [60]	Cyproheptadine	2-8 mg	3-12	30	от	с	83%
Antidepressants							
Battistella et al. [61]	Trazodone	1 mg/kg	7-18	35	RCT	с	NS
Hershey et al. [62]	Amitriptyline	1 mg/kg	9-15	192	от	с	80%
Lewis et al. [60]	Amitriptyline	10 mg	3-12	73	от		89%
Anticonvulsants							
Caruso et al. [63]	Divalproex sodium	15-45 mg/kg	7-16	42	от	в	76%
Sedaroglu et al. [64]	Divalproex sodium	500-1,000 mg	9-17	10	от		p = 0.000 (HA severity)
							p = 0.002 (HA frequency)
							p = 0.001 (HAduration)
Hershey et al. [65]	Topiramate	1.4 ± 0.7 mg/kg	8-15	75	от	Α	p < 0.001 (HA frequency)
Winner et al. [66]	Topiramate	2-3 mg/kg	6-15	162	RCT		NS
Lewis et al. [67]	Topiramate	100 mg	12-17	103	RCT		72%
Miller [68]	Levetiracetam	250-1,500 mg	3-17	19	от	в	p < 0.0001 (HA frequency)
Pekalnis et al. [69]	Levetiracetam	250-1,500 mg	6-17	20	от		p < 0.0001 (HA frequency)
Belman et al. [70]	Gabapentin	15 mg/kg	6-17	18	от	с	80%
Pakalnis and Kring [71]	Zonisamide	5.8 mg/kg	10-17	12	от	с	66%



J Headache Pain (2011) 12:25-34



AEDs for Migraine

Wheller, 2000

- GABAergic Agents
 - Valproate
 - Gabapentin
 - Tiagabine
 - Vigabatrin

- Other compounds
 - Topiramate
 - Levetiracetam
 - Zonisamide
 - Pregabalin
 - Oxcarbazepine
 - Lamotrigine





Treatment of Migraine - Prophylactic

- Amitriptyline
 - Non-specific re-uptake inhibitor
 - Effects on
 - Serotonergic receptors
 - Adrenergic receptors
 - Cholinergic receptors
 - Histaminergic receptors





CHAMP Study Design

Real World Approach

- Subjects to reflect patients seen in typical headache, neurological and pediatric practice
- Subjects are children and adolescents, ages 8 to 17 years old
- Consistent headache frequency that indicates need for prophylaxis (>4 headaches per month)
- Standardized dosing of most commonly used preventative medication
 - AMI 1 mg/kg/day
 - TPM 2 mg/kg/day





Study Design

Primary and Secondary Outcomes

- Greater than 50% reduction in migraine frequency
- Absolute reduction in monthly migraine frequency
- Reduction in migraine disability
- Tolerability of drug therapies





Definitions

- Headache Frequency
 - Headache Day any headache in 24 hour period midnight to midnight
 - Headache Episode any headache, start to headache free
 - Migraine Day any headache with ICHD Migraine characteristics in 24 hour period
 - Migraine Episode any migraine from start to headache free





Baseline Results

Table 2.—History of Headache Characteristics at Screening Visit†





Protocol - Powers, et al, Headache 2016



CHAMP results

- Primary > 50% reduction in headache frequency (day)
 - 28 days prior to randomization vs 28 days prior to end of treatment phase
- Secondary
 - Headache Disability PedMIDAS; compare randomization to end of treatment
 - Tolerability whether or not subject completed entire 24 weeks
- Additional Secondary
 - Absolute reduction in headache frequency
 - Side effects





CHAMP results – Consort

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Primary (>50%)

- Primary all subjects without data considered failures
- Last Observation Carried Forward – most recent visit with 28 day calendar
- Multiple Imputation methods with multiple chains
- Observed data all subjects with baseline and last 28 days







Primary (>50% distribution)







Neutriceuticals





Neuronal Theory of Migraine

• Cortical hyperexcitability

- Mitochondrial Association
 - Riboflavin
 - CoEnzyme Q10
 - Carnitine
 - Mitochondrial disorders





Riboflavin

- Involved in initial stages of electron transport
- Deficient in some migraineers
- Prophylactic response similar to VPA

• Barile, Eur J Biochem 267:4888 2000







Riboflavin

Schoenen et al., 1998

- 54 patients in Belgium and Luxemburg
- Double-blinded, randomized placebocontrolled trial
- Reduction in HA frequency and headache days

- 50% "responders"
 - Riboflavin 59%
 - placebo 15%
- Number needed to treat
 - 2.3 (for adverse events 33.3)
 - vs Divalproex 1.6 (for adverse events 2.4)
- ? Increases complex I and II,
 ...mitochondrial





Riboflavin







CoEnzyme Q10

• Geromel et al, 2002



• Rozen et al, 2002 Cephalalgia







Q10 and CCHMC

Hershey et al, Headache 2007







Q10 and CCHMC

Slater et al, Headache 2011







Vitamin D





Vitamin D

- Neurological implications of Vitamin D
 - Association with Multiple Sclerosis
 - Association with early dementia
 - Association with chronic pain conditions
- Increasing incidence of Vitamin D deficiency





Vitamin D

Initial







Coping Skills in Chronic Migraine

- NIH/NINDS
- Chronic Migraine (>15 days per month)
- PedMIDAS restriction (>20 and <140)
- No Medication Overuse
- Randomized to Coping Skills vs. Education Control
- 8 year treatment, 20 week treatment phase, 12 month follow-up
- Enrollment and Treatment phase complete, 12 month follow-up pending





Coping Skills in Chronic Migraine







Where do we go from here?

- Children and adolescents with real world migraine get better
 - 50 to 70% with a >50% reduction in headache frequency
 - Mean frequency at end down to almost 1 per week
 - Thus, multidisciplinary care works
- Biochemical effect of medication is not the reason
- Is the reason expectation of response?
- What do we do with the 30-40% that don't get better?





Expectation of Response

Cormier et al, Pain 2016







Trajectory Response







Putting it all together – a treatment strategy

- Patients and parents present because headaches are impacting their lives "Need to do something"
- Baseline of CHAMP shows that just because you diagnosis, provide acute treatment, and introduce healthy habits, it's not enough
- Expectation of response is needed
 - Pharmaceutical expectation
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
 - Wait and see
 - "The Expert Effect"





Strategies

- Migraine in pediatrics and adolescents can be diagnosed with standardized criteria
- The "why" of migraine is multifactorial, but likely a genetic basis with environmental factors
- A multidisciplinary treatment plan is ideal
- Plan must include education of the patient and addressing barriers while enhancing expectation
- SMART and MOST designs may be the next way to go











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