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INTRODUCTION: Several factors like genetic susceptibility is required for systemic rheumatic diseases development. Immunomodulatory PRL effect supports autoimmunity.

AIMS:

1. To detect the immunogenetic background (alleles HLA class I, II and microsatellite polymorphism of the transmembrane part exon 5 of MIC-A gene) of SLE and PsA.
2. To detect PRL serum and synovial fluid with regard to clinical and laboratory RA activity.
3. To find the role of the functional polymorphism -1149G/T SNP PRL of extrapituitary promoter of PRL gene in SLE, RA, PsA, SSc and inflammatory myopathies development.

METHODS: Genetic analyses of patients with SLE (n=156), RA (n=173), PsA (n=100), SSc (n=75), PM (n=47) a DM (n=68) and 123 healthy individuals: PCR-SSP (HLA class I and II), PCR-fragment analysis (MIC-A) a PCR-RFLP (-1149 G/T SNP PRL). In 29 RA a 26 OA PRL serum and synovial fluid concentrations were detected using immunoradiometric assay.

RESULTS:

1. The allele HLA-DRB1*03 ($p_c=0.008$; OR 2.5) and haplotype HLA-DRB1*03-DQB1*0201 ($p_c < 0.001$; OR 4.54) were determined as risk immunogenetic markers for SLE in Czech population. In SLE versus controls allele MIC-A5.1 was increased ($p_c = 0.005$; OR 1.88). MIC-A5.1 together with HLA-DRB1*03 increases the risk for SLE development, $p_c < 0.000001$; OR 9.71. Allele HLA-Cw*0602 was appeared frequently in PsA with psoriasis type I compared to controls, $p_c < 0.05$; OR 3.33.
2. Serum and synovial fluid PRL levels were increased in RA (299.55 ± 27.28 a 338.85 ± 33.49 mIU/l, respectively) than OA, 230.59 ± 16.61 a 245.97 ± 21.88 mIU/l, respectively, both $p < 0.05$. Synovial fluid and serum PRL levels correlate with DAS-28 ($p = 0.010$) and structural damage ($p = 0.014$), respectively.
3. Genotype GT -1149 G/T SNP PRL is more frequent in RA than in controls, $p_c = 0.039$; OR 1.82. Genotype GG is more common in patients with SLE onset in range of 21. - 40. years compare to others, $p_c = 0.023$; OR 2.94 and genotype TT seems to be rare in SSc with disease onset after 45.years compare to others, $p_c = 0.02$; OR 0.13.

CONCLUSION: In our first SLE and PsA immunogenetic study in Czech population we detected increasing effect of allele MIC-A5.1 in HLA-DRB1*03 individuals on SLE. Allele HLA-Cw*0602 is a risk for PsA with psoriasis type I. PRL modulates course of systemic rheumatic diseases: PRL reflectS RA activity and severity and alleles of -1149G/T SNP PRL gene show age-related differences of SLE and SSc development.

