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IgG4 関連疾患 診断基準

Clinical diagnostic criteria of IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis 2012

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Abstract

Background IgG4-sclerosing cholangitis (IgG4-SC) patients have an increased level of serum IgG4, dense infiltration of IgG4-positive plasma cells with extensive fibrosis in the bile duct wall, and a good response to steroid therapy. However, it is not easy to distinguish IgG4-SC

from primary sclerosing cholangitis, pancreatic cancer, and cholangiocarcinoma on the basis of cholangiographic findings alone because various cholangiographic features of IgG4-SC are similar to those of the above progressive or malignant diseases.

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Association have set up a working group consisting of researchers specializing in IgG4-SC, and established the new clinical diagnostic criteria of IgG4-SC 2012.

Results The diagnosis of IgG4-SC is based on the combination of the following 4 criteria: (1) characteristic biliary imaging findings, (2) elevation of serum IgG4 concentrations, (3) the coexistence of IgG4-related diseases except those of the biliary tract, and (4) characteristic histopathological features. Furthermore, the effectiveness of steroid therapy is an optional extra diagnostic criterion to confirm accurate diagnosis of IgG4-SC.

Conclusion These diagnostic criteria for IgG4-SC are useful in practice for general physicians and other nonspecialists.

Keywords IgG4 · Sclerosing cholangitis · Primary sclerosing cholangitis · Autoimmune pancreatitis · Cholangiocarcinoma

Introduction

IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis (IgG4-SC) is a characteristic type of sclerosing cholangitis with an unknown pathogenic mechanism. IgG4-SC patients show increased levels of serum IgG4 [1] and dense infiltration of IgG4-positive plasma cells with extensive fibrosis in the bile duct wall [2]. IgG4-SC is frequently associated with autoimmune pancreatitis, and it shows a good response to steroid therapy [3–7]. Various cholangiographic features of IgG4-SC are similar to those of primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), pancreatic cancer, and cholangiocarcinoma [8, 9]. Therefore, it is not easy to discriminate IgG4-SC from these progressive or malignant diseases on the basis of cholangiographic findings alone [10, 11], and accurate diagnosis of IgG4-SC not associated with autoimmune pancreatitis is particularly difficult [12].

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Therefore, the Research Committee of IgG4-related Diseases (Chairman, Kazuichi Okazaki) and the Research Committee of Intractable Diseases of Liver and Biliary Tract (Chairman, Hirohito Tsubouchi) in association with the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare of Japan, and the Japan Biliary Association (Chairman, Kazuo Inui) have set up a working group consisting of researchers specializing in IgG4-SC. After several meetings held on 15 October 2010, 1 February 2011, and 2 August 2011, and after the exchange of opinions via e-mail, this working group developed a tentative proposal for the clinical diagnostic criteria of IgG4-SC, including the clinical features of IgG4-SC, in order to avoid the misdiagnosis of PSC and malignant diseases. The open forum was held at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Japan Biliary Association on 17 September 2011, and the official announcement was made on the home page of the Japan Biliary Association, where extensive discussion of the tentative proposal can be found.

Disease concept of IgG4-SC

The working group analyzed the clinical features and conditions of IgG4-SC, resulting in the following disease concept of IgG4-SC.

IgG4-SC is a characteristic type of sclerosing cholangitis with an unknown pathogenic mechanism. IgG4-SC patients show increased levels of serum IgG4 [1] and dense infiltration of IgG4-positive plasma cells with extensive fibrosis in the bile duct wall [2]. Circular and symmetrical thickening of the bile duct wall is observed not only in the stenotic areas but also in the areas without stenosis that appear normal in the cholangiogram [13]. IgG4-SC is frequently associated with autoimmune pancreatitis [3–7]. IgG4-related dacryoadenitis/sialadenitis and IgG4-related retroperitoneal fibrosis are also occasionally observed in IgG4-SC [14–17]. However, some cases of IgG4-SC do not show any other organ involvement [12].

IgG4-SC is more common in elderly men. Obstructive jaundice is frequently observed in IgG4-SC. The clinical and radiological features of IgG4-SC are resolved by steroid therapy, though long-term prognosis of this disease is not clear [4–7].

The differential diagnosis of IgG4-SC from PSC and neoplastic lesions such as pancreatic or biliary cancers is very important. It is also necessary to rule out secondary sclerosing cholangitis caused by diseases with obvious pathogenesis.

The new clinical diagnostic criteria of IgG4-SC 2012

The working group established their final proposal for the new clinical diagnostic criteria of IgG4-SC 2012 (Table 1).

Table 1 Clinical diagnostic criteria of IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis 2012

Diagnostic items
(1) Biliary tract imaging reveals diffuse or segmental narrowing of the intrahepatic and/or extrahepatic bile duct associated with the thickening of bile duct wall
(2) Hematological examination shows elevated serum IgG4 concentrations (≥ 135 mg/dl)
(3) Coexistence of autoimmune pancreatitis, IgG4-related dacryoadenitis/sialadenitis, or IgG4-related retroperitoneal fibrosis
(4) Histopathological examination shows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Marked lymphocytic and plasmacyte infiltration and fibrosis Infiltration of IgG4-positive plasma cells: >10 IgG4-positive plasma cells/HPF Storiform fibrosis Obliterative phlebitis
Option: effectiveness of steroid therapy
A specialized facility, in which detailed examinations such as endoscopic biliary biopsy and endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration (EUS-FNA) can be administered, may include in its diagnosis the effectiveness of steroid therapy, once pancreatic or biliary cancers have been ruled out.
Diagnosis
Definite diagnosis <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) + (3) (1) + (2) + (4) a, b (4) a, b, c (4) a, b, d
Probable diagnosis <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) + (2) + option
Possible diagnosis <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) + (2)
It is necessary to exclude PSC, malignant diseases such as pancreatic or biliary cancers, and secondary sclerosing cholangitis caused by the diseases with obvious pathogenesis. When it is difficult to differentiate from malignant conditions, a patient must not be treated with facile steroid therapy but should be referred to a specialized medical facility

The diagnosis of IgG4-SC is based on the combination of the following 4 criteria: (1) characteristic biliary imaging findings, (2) elevation of serum IgG4 concentrations, (3) coexistence of IgG4-related diseases except those of the biliary tract, and (4) characteristic histopathological features. However, it is not easy to obtain sufficient biliary tract tissue to determine the characteristic histology of IgG4-SC by biopsy [[13], [18]]. Furthermore, the effectiveness of steroid therapy is an optional additional diagnostic criterion to confirm accurate diagnosis of IgG4-SC. The types of typical cholangiographic features are shown schematically [19]. The diseases to be discriminated from IgG4-SC and the necessary examinations for diagnosis are also described so that these diagnostic criteria can be used clinically [20].

Diagnostic imaging findings

Narrowing of the bile duct

Although magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography provides useful information, the narrowing of the bile duct

should be assessed by direct cholangiography such as endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography or percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography.

IgG4-SC associated with autoimmune pancreatitis frequently shows a stricture of the lower common bile duct. This stricture might be caused by both the thickening of the bile duct and the effect of inflammation and/or edema of the pancreas [21].

Dilation after the confluent stricture is a characteristic feature of IgG4-SC. The typical cholangiographic findings of PSC, such as a band-like stricture, beaded appearance, pruned-tree appearance, and diverticulum-like outpouching are not observed in IgG4-SC (Fig. 1) [8].

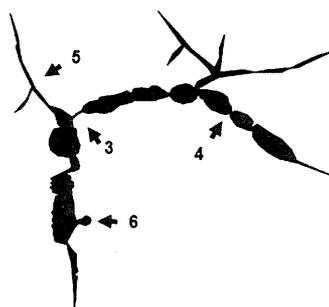
The characteristic features of IgG4-SC can be classified into 4 types based on the regions of stricture as revealed by cholangiography and differential diagnosis (Fig. 2) [19]. Type 1 IgG4-SC shows stenosis only in the lower part of the common bile duct, and it should be differentiated from chronic pancreatitis, pancreatic cancer, and cholangiocarcinoma. The modalities useful for differential diagnosis are intraductal ultrasonography (IDUS) [13], endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration [22], and cytology and/or biopsy of the bile duct [13, 14]. Type 2 IgG4-SC, in

IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis

Primary sclerosing cholangitis



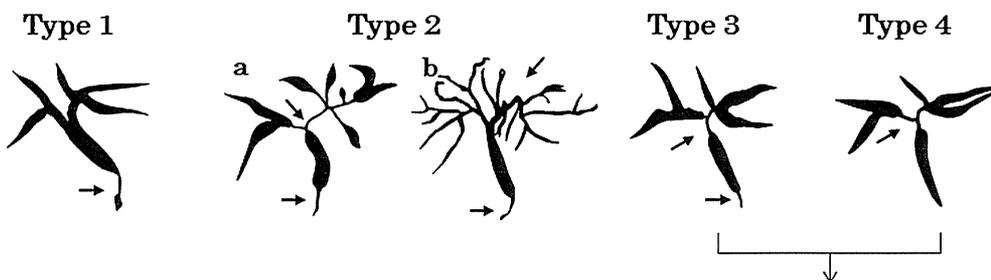
- 1. dilation after confluent stricture
- 2. stricture of lower common bile duct



- 3. band-like stricture
- 4. beaded appearance
- 5. pruned-tree appearance
- 6. diverticulum-like outpouching

Fig. 1 The schematic comparison of cholangiographic findings between IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis and primary sclerosing cholangitis. IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis showing dilation after confluent stricture (>10 mm) and stricture of lower common bile duct. Primary sclerosing cholangitis showing band-like stricture (short

stricture 1–2 mm), beaded appearance (short and annular stricture alternating with normal or minimally dilated segments), pruned-tree appearance (diminished arborization of intrahepatic duct and pruning) and diverticulum-like outpouching (outpouchings resembling diverticula, often protruding between adjacent strictures)



	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4
Differential diagnosis	Pancreatic cancer Bile duct cancer Chronic pancreatitis	Primary sclerosing cholangitis	Bile duct cancer Gallbladder cancer	
Useful modalities	IDUS* (bile duct) EUS-FNA** (pancreas) Biopsy (bile duct)	Liver biopsy Colonoscopy (R/O coexistence of IBD***)	EUS (bile duct, pancreas) IDUS (bile duct) Biopsy (bile duct)	

Fig. 2 The cholangiographic classification of IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis and differential diagnosis. Stenosis is located only in the lower part of the common bile duct in type 1; stenosis is diffusely distributed in the intra- and extrahepatic bile ducts in type 2. Type 2 is further subdivided into 2 types: extended narrowing of the intrahepatic bile ducts with prestenotic dilation is widely distributed in type 2a; narrowing of the intrahepatic bile ducts without prestenotic

dilation and reduced bile duct branches are widely distributed in type 2b. Stenosis is detected in both the hilar hepatic lesions and the lower part of the common bile ducts in type 3; and strictures of the bile duct are detected only in the hilar hepatic lesions in type 4. *IDUS intraductal ultrasonography, **EUS-FNA endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration, ***IBD inflammatory bowel disease

which stenosis is diffusely distributed throughout the intrahepatic and extrahepatic bile ducts, should be differentiated from PSC. Type 2 is subdivided into 2 further

types: type 2a, with narrowing of the intrahepatic bile ducts with prestenotic dilation; and type 2b, with narrowing of the intrahepatic bile ducts without prestenotic dilation and

reduced bile duct branches, which is caused by marked lymphocytic and plasmacyte infiltration into the peripheral bile ducts. Type 3 IgG4-SC is characterized by stenosis in both the hilar hepatic lesions and the lower part of the common bile duct. Type 4 IgG4-SC shows strictures of the bile duct only in the hilar hepatic lesions. Cholangiographic findings of types 3 and 4 need to be discriminated from those of cholangiocarcinoma. The modalities useful for the differential diagnosis of types 3 and 4 are endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS), IDUS [13], and cytology and/or biopsy of the bile duct [13, 14]. Nevertheless, there are some IgG4-SC cases whose cholangiographic findings do not fit into any of the above 4 types.

Thickening of the bile duct

Abdominal ultrasonography (US) [23], abdominal computed tomography [24], abdominal magnetic resonance imaging, EUS, and IDUS show circular and symmetrical thickening of the bile duct wall, smooth outer and inner margins, and a homogenous internal echo [13]. These characteristic features are recognized not only in stenotic areas or occasionally in the gallbladder but also in areas without stenosis that appear normal on cholangiogram.

Hematological examination

Elevated level of serum IgG4 (135 mg/dl or higher, nephelometric method) is one of the diagnostic criteria for IgG4-SC [1]. Elevation of serum IgG4 levels is not necessarily specific to IgG4-SC because it is also observed in atopic dermatitis, pemphigus, asthma, etc.; in particular, elevated levels of serum IgG4 are also observed in some malignant cholangiopancreatic diseases (e.g., pancreatic cancer, cholangiocarcinoma) [25, 26].

Other organ involvement

IgG4-SC is frequently associated with autoimmune pancreatitis. It is particularly difficult to accurately diagnose IgG4-SC in cases not associated with autoimmune pancreatitis. Occasionally, IgG4-SC is associated with other systemic IgG4-related diseases, including IgG4-related symmetrical dacryoadenitis/sialadenitis and IgG4-related retroperitoneal fibrosis [14–17]. These associations are helpful in the correct diagnosis of IgG4-SC. Although IgG4-related dacryoadenitis/sialadenitis is basically characterized by symmetrical bilateral swelling, unilateral swelling can be included only if pathological diagnosis is made. Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is not usually an

associated feature, unlike the frequent association of IBD with PSC [27, 28].

Pathological findings of bile ducts

In IgG4-SC, fibroinflammatory involvement is observed mainly in the submucosa of the bile duct wall, whereas the epithelium of the bile duct is intact [29]. However, slight injury and/or neutrophil infiltration are occasionally observed in IgG4-SC with associated secondary cholangitis. PSC should be excluded if inflammation is observed, particularly in the epithelium of the bile duct wall.

Cytological examination is commonly used for the diagnosis of cholangiocarcinoma. Endoscopic transpapillary bile duct biopsy is performed to rule out cholangiocarcinoma; however, it is not easy to obtain sufficient biliary tract tissue to study the characteristic histology of IgG4-SC biopsy specimens (e.g., storiform fibrosis, obliterative phlebitis) [13]. Liver biopsy is sometimes useful to diagnose IgG4-SC cases with intrahepatic bile duct strictures [30–32].

Exclusion of secondary sclerosing cholangitis

It is necessary to rule out the following features of secondary sclerosing cholangitis with obvious pathogenesis, including common bile duct stones, cholangiocarcinoma, trauma, previous operation on the biliary tract, congenital biliary anatomy, corrosive cholangitis, ischemic bile duct stenosis, AIDS-related cholangitis, and biliary injury caused by intra-arterial chemotherapy.

Effectiveness of steroid therapy

This optional diagnostic criterion should be applied only to the IgG4-SC cases in which the effect of steroid therapy can be evaluated by imaging modalities. Accordingly, clinical conditions or hematological findings cannot be evaluated by this method. It is sometimes difficult to obtain sufficient biopsy specimens from patients suffering from diseases of not only the biliary tract but also of other organs, such as the pancreas, lachrymal gland, salivary gland, and retroperitoneum. However, efforts should be made to collect enough tissue samples for diagnosis and steroid trials should be strictly avoided.

The effectiveness of steroid therapy should be cautiously evaluated because some malignant lesions may occasionally improve after steroid administration [33]. If neoplastic lesions cannot be clinically ruled out after

steroid therapy, it is advisable to perform re-evaluation to rule out malignant cholangiopancreatic diseases.

Conclusion

These IgG4-SC 2012 clinical diagnostic criteria, established by a working group consisting of researchers specializing in IgG4-SC, are thought to be useful practically for general physicians and nonspecialists. In the future, detailed investigation of IgG4-SC cases, improvement in diagnostic modalities, and basic research should be undertaken to evaluate the clinical features and pathogenic mechanism of IgG4-SC.

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IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎臨床診断基準 2012

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IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎は、血中 IgG4 値の上昇、病変局所の線維化と IgG4 陽性形質細胞の著しい浸潤などを特徴とする原因不明の硬化性胆管炎である。その多くは自己免疫性膵炎を合併し、ステロイド治療が奏功する比較的予後良好な疾患とされているが、胆管像からは、原発性硬化性胆管炎および胆管癌、膵癌などの腫瘍性病変との鑑別は容易ではない。特に、IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎単独で発症する症例ではその診断に難渋することが多い。

そこで厚生労働省 IgG4 関連全身硬化性疾患の診断法の確立と治療方法の開発に関する研究班、厚生労働省難治性の肝胆道疾患に関する調査研究班および日本胆道学会は、本症例を数多く経験している専門医からなる診断基準案作成のワーキンググループを組織した。そして、IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎の病態や臨床像を明らかにするとともに、原発性硬化性胆管炎や膵癌、胆管癌などの腫瘍性病変との鑑別を念頭に置いた本症の診断基準の策定を行った。

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基準案が日本胆道学会ホームページに公開され、平成 23 年 11 月 4 日まで日本胆道学会の一般会員から広く意見をのり、最終的に「IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎臨床診断基準 2012」(表 1) として報告するに至った。

「IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎臨床診断基準 2012」では、まず疾患概念を明確にし、次に診断項目として 1)胆管の特徴的な画像所見、2)高 IgG4 血症、3)胆管外の IgG4 関連合併症の存在、4)胆管壁の病理組織学的所見の 4 つの項目を掲げ、基本的にはこれらの組み合わせにより診断することが示されている。さらに本症では確定診断に必要な量の胆管組織を非観血的に得ることが容易ではないため、診断率の向上のためにステロイドによる治療効果がオプションの項目として採用された。また、代表的な胆管像を具体的にシエマで示し、各タイプの胆管像を示す症例において、鑑別すべき疾患と追加すべき検査を明記して、実際の臨床現場で有用な診断基準になるよう配慮されている。

今回の「IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎臨床診断基準 2012」は、現在までに数多くの IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎症例を経験してきた専門医により作成された実用的な診断基準であると考えられるが、今後の症例の蓄積、診断技術の発展および基礎的研究により本症の病態解明がさらに進展していくことが期待される。

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表 1 IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎臨床診断基準 2012

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【疾患概念】

IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎とは、血中 IgG4 値の上昇、病変局所の線維化と IgG4 陽性形質細胞の著しい浸潤などを特徴とする原因不明の硬化性胆管炎である。狭窄部位では全周性の壁肥厚を認め、狭窄を認めない部位にも同様の変化がみられることが多い。自己免疫性膵炎を高率に合併し、硬化性唾液腺炎、後腹膜線維症などを合併する症例もあるが、単独で発症する場合もある。

臨床的特徴としては高齢の男性に好発し、閉塞性黄疸を発症することが多い。ステロイド治療に良好に反応して臨床徴候、画像所見などの改善を認めるが、長期予後は不明である。

本症の診断においては胆管癌や膵癌などの腫瘍性病変、および原発性硬化性胆管炎との鑑別が極めて重要である。また、原因が明らかな二次性硬化性胆管炎を除外する必要がある。

【臨床診断基準】

A. 診断項目

1. 胆道画像検査にて肝内・肝外胆管にびまん性、あるいは限局性の特徴的な狭窄像と壁肥厚を伴う硬化性病変を認める。
2. 血液学的に高 IgG4 血症 (135mg/dl 以上) を認める。
3. 自己免疫性膵炎、IgG4 関連涙腺・唾液腺炎、IgG4 関連後腹膜線維症のいずれかの合併を認める。
4. 胆管壁に以下の病理組織学的所見を認める。
 - ①高度なリンパ球、形質細胞の浸潤と線維化
 - ②強拡大視野あたり 10 個を超える IgG4 陽性形質細胞浸潤
 - ③花筵状線維化 (storiform fibrosis)
 - ④閉塞性静脈炎 (obliterative phlebitis)

オプション：ステロイド治療の効果

胆管生検や超音波内視鏡下穿刺吸引法 (Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration, EUS-FNA) を含む精密検査のできる専門施設においては、胆管癌や膵癌などの悪性腫瘍を除外後に、ステロイドによる治療効果を診断項目に含むことができる。

B. 診断

- I. 確診 : 1+3, 1+2+4①②, 4①②③, 4①②④
- II. 準確診 : 1+2+オプション
- III. 疑診 : 1+2

ただし、胆管癌や膵癌などの悪性疾患、原発性硬化性胆管炎や原因が明らかな二次性硬化性胆管炎を除外することが必要である。診断基準を満たさないが、臨床的に IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎が否定できない場合、安易にステロイド治療を行わずに専門施設に紹介することが重要である。

【解説】

1) 画像診断

(1) 胆管狭窄像

- a. MRCP にて狭窄の存在診断はある程度可能であるが、基本的には ERCP や経皮経肝胆管造影などによる直接胆管造影が必要である。
- b. 自己免疫性膵炎を合併する症例の多くは下部胆管の狭窄 (stricture of lower common bile duct) を伴うが、胆管壁の肥厚と、膵の炎症と浮腫による影響の両方を加味して評価する必要がある。本症では、比較的長い狭窄とその上流の単純拡張 (dilation after confluent stricture) が特徴的であり、原発性硬化性胆管炎に特徴的な長さ 1-2mm の短い帯状狭窄 (band-like stricture)、狭窄と拡張を交互に繰り返す数珠状所見 (beaded appearance)、剪定したように肝内胆管分枝が減少している剪定状所見 (pruned-tree appearance)、憩室様突出 (diverticulum-like outpouching) を認めることは少ない (図 1)。
- c. 鑑別すべき疾患を念頭におき胆管像は 4 型に分類される (図 2)。

Type 1 は下部胆管のみに狭窄をきたし、膵癌や慢性膵炎による締め付けまたは下部胆管癌との鑑別を要する。管腔内超音波検査 (Intraductal ultrasonography, IDUS), EUS-FNA, 細胞診, 胆管生検などにより鑑別診断を行う必要がある。

Type 2 は下部胆管のみならず、肝内胆管に狭窄が多発し、原発性硬化性胆管炎との鑑別を要する。Type 2 はさらに上流胆管の単純拡張を伴う a と、肝内末梢胆管への強い炎症細胞浸潤により拡張を伴わない b に分類される。

Type 3 は下部胆管と肝門部胆管に狭窄をきたし、Type 4 では肝門部胆管のみに狭窄が認められ、いずれも胆管癌との鑑別を要する。超音波内視鏡検査 (Endoscopic ultrasonography, EUS), IDUS, 細胞診, 胆管生検などにより鑑別を行う。

なお、少数ながら上記 4 つの型に分類されない胆管像を呈する症例も存在し、今後検討していく必要がある。

(2) 胆管壁肥厚像

腹部超音波検査 (US), 腹部 CT 検査, 腹部 MRI 検査, EUS, IDUS にて胆管狭窄部に全周性の壁肥厚所見を認め、内膜面、外膜面は平滑で内部は均一である。また、明らかな狭窄部以外の胆管壁、時には胆嚢壁にも広範に同様の肥厚所見を認めるのが特徴的である。

2) 血液検査

高 IgG4 血症とは 135mg/dl 以上が一つの基準である (測定方法: ネフェロメトリー法)。IgG4 高値は、アトピー性皮膚炎、天疱瘡、喘息など他疾患にも認められるため、本疾患に必ずしも特異的ではない。特に胆管癌、膵癌などの他の膵胆道の悪性疾患でも高値を呈する場合があるため注意を要する。

3) 胆管外病変

本症は自己免疫性膵炎を高率に合併するが、単独で発症する症例の診断は難しい。時に、左右対称性の硬化性涙腺・唾液腺炎、後腹膜線維症など全身に IgG4 関連疾患を合併することがあり、診断の参考となる。硬化性涙腺・唾液腺炎は原則的には左右対称性とするが、病理組織学的に IgG4 関連涙腺・唾液腺炎と診断されている場合は、片側性のものも含む。原発性硬化性胆管炎のように炎症性腸疾患を合併することはまれである。

4) 胆管の病理組織学的所見

胆管壁結合織に炎症の主座があり、上皮は正常であることが多い。しかし、本症に二次的な炎症を合併して、軽度の上皮障害や上皮を中心とする軽度の好中球浸潤を伴うこともある。炎症が上皮を主体とするものである場合には、原発性硬化性胆管炎との慎重な鑑別を要する。

一般的に、細胞診は胆管癌との鑑別に用いられる。経乳頭的胆管生検も胆管癌を除外するために施行されるが、通常 IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎に特徴的な花筵状線維化や閉塞性静脈炎などの病理像を得ることは難しい。また、肝内の胆管に狭窄を認める症例では肝生検が診断に有効なことがある。

5) 除外すべき二次的硬化性胆管炎

以下の原因などによる二次的硬化性胆管炎を除外する。

- ・ 総胆管結石
- ・ 胆管癌
- ・ 外傷
- ・ 胆道系手術
- ・ 先天性胆道系異常
- ・ 腐食性胆管炎
- ・ 虚血性胆管狭窄
- ・ AIDS 関連胆管炎
- ・ 動注化学療法による胆管障害

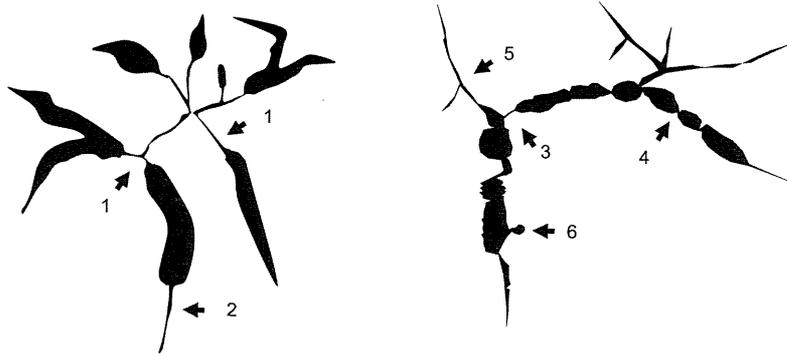
6) オプション: ステロイド治療の効果

画像で評価可能な病変が対象であり、臨床症状や血液検査は評価の対象としない。胆管病変を含め、膵、涙腺、唾液腺、後腹膜などの胆管外病変でも組織診が難しいことがあるが、できる限り病理組織を採取するよう努力し、安易なステロイドトライアルは厳に慎むべきである。

ステロイド治療を行うときは、必ずその反応性を確認することが必要である。ステロイド治療の経過から腫瘍性病変が否定できない場合、膵胆道悪性腫瘍を念頭においた再評価を行う必要がある。また、一部の悪性腫瘍性病変でもステロイド投与により改善することがあるので注意を要する。

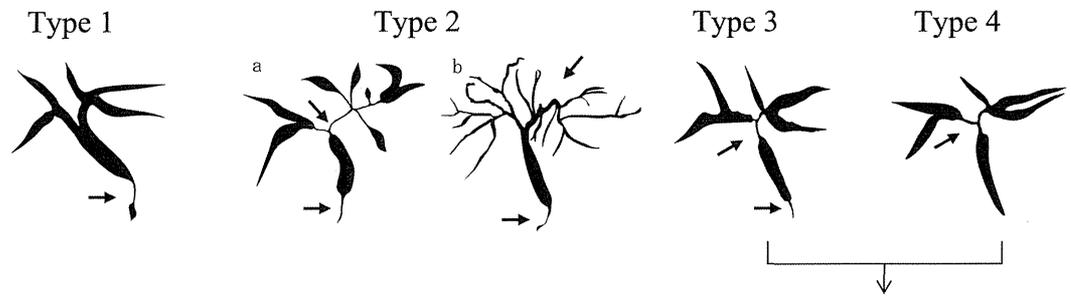
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原発性硬化性胆管炎



- 1.比較的長い狭窄とその上流の単純拡張 (dilation after confluent stricture)
- 2.下部胆管の狭窄 (stricture of lower common bile duct)
- 3.带状狭窄 (band-like stricture)
- 4.数珠状所見 (beaded appearance)
- 5.剪定状所見 (pruned-tree appearance)
- 6.憩室様突出 (diverticulum-like outpouching)

図1 胆管像によるIgG4関連硬化性胆管炎と原発性硬化性胆管炎の比較



主な鑑別疾患	膵癌 胆管癌 慢性膵炎	原発性硬化性胆管炎	胆管癌 胆嚢癌
主な追加検査	IDUS*(胆管) EUS-FNA**(膵病変) 胆管生検	肝生検 下部消化管内視鏡検査 (炎症性腸疾患合併の検索)	EUS(胆管、膵) IDUS(胆管) 胆管生検

図2 IgG4 関連硬化性胆管炎の胆管像の分類

*IDUS : Intraductal ultrasonography

**EUS-FNA : Endoscopic ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration

Clinical diagnostic criteria of IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis 2012

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IgG4-related sclerosing cholangitis (IgG4-SC) is a characteristic sclerosing cholangitis showing the increased level of the serum IgG4, the dense infiltration of lymphocytes and IgG4-positive plasma cells with extensive fibrosis in the bile duct wall, and a good response to steroid therapy. IgG4-SC shows various cholangiographic features similar to those of primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), pancreatic cancer, and cholangiocarcinoma. Therefore, it is not easy to discriminate IgG4-SC from those progressive or malignant diseases on the basis of cholangiographic findings alone. The Research Committee of IgG4-related Diseases and the Research Committee of Intractable Diseases of Liver and Biliary Tract provided by the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare of Japan, and the Japan Biliary Association organized a working group consisting of researchers specializing in IgG4-SC. This working group proposed the new clinical diagnostic criteria of IgG4-SC 2012 in order to avoid the misdiagnosis of PSC and malignant diseases as far as possible, after several meetings and the open forum on 17 September 2011 to discuss the tentative proposal.

Clinical Diagnostic Criteria of IgG4-SC

1. Biliary tract imaging studies showing diffuse or segmental narrowing of the intra and/or extra-hepatic bile duct associated with the thickening of bile duct wall.
2. Hematological examination shows elevated serum IgG4 concentrations ($\geq 135\text{mg/dl}$).
3. Coexistence of autoimmune pancreatitis, IgG4-related dacryoadenitis/sialoadenitis or IgG4-related retroperitoneal fibrosis.
4. Histopathologic examination shows:
 - ① Marked lymphocytic and plasmacyte infiltration and fibrosis.
 - ② Infiltration of IgG4-positive plasma cells: >10 IgG4-positive plasma cells/HPF
 - ③ Storiform fibrosis
 - ④ Obliterative phlebitis

Option: Effectiveness of steroid therapy

A specialized facility may include in its diagnosis the effectiveness of steroid therapy, once pancreatic or bile duct cancers have been ruled out.

Definite: 1 + 3, 1 + 2 + 4①②, 4①②③, 4①②④

Probable: 1 + 2 + Option

Possible: 1 + 2

It is necessary to exclude malignant diseases such as pancreatic or biliary cancers.

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A novel clinical entity, IgG4-related disease (IgG4RD): general concept and details

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Abstract IgG4-related disease (IgG4RD) is a novel clinical disease entity characterized by elevated serum IgG4 concentration and tumefaction or tissue infiltration by IgG4-positive plasma cells. IgG4RD may be present in a certain proportion of patients with a wide variety of diseases, including Mikulicz's disease, autoimmune pancreatitis, hypophysitis, Riedel thyroiditis, interstitial pneumonitis, interstitial nephritis,

prostatitis, lymphadenopathy, retroperitoneal fibrosis, inflammatory aortic aneurysm, and inflammatory pseudotumor. Although IgG4RD forms a distinct, clinically independent disease category and is attracting strong attention as a new clinical entity, many questions and problems still remain to be elucidated, including its pathogenesis, the establishment of diagnostic criteria, and the role of IgG4. Here we describe the concept of IgG4RD and up-to-date information on this emerging disease entity.

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Abbreviations

IgG4RD	IgG4-related disease
MD	Mikulicz's disease
SS	Sjögren's syndrome
MHLW Japan	Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare Japan
LPSP	Lymphoplasmacytic sclerosing pancreatitis
AIP	Autoimmune pancreatitis
FMF	Familial multifocal fibrosclerosis
ANA	Anti-nuclear antibody

Introduction

In 1892, Dr. Johann von Mikulicz, also known as Jan Mikulicz-Radecki, published a paper describing a patient with symmetrical swelling of the lachrymal, parotid, and submandibular glands, with massive infiltration of these glands by mononuclear cells [1]. Following reports describing similar patients, this condition was called Mikulicz's disease (MD). In contrast, patients with similar symptoms, but with diseases such as leukemia, malignant lymphoma, and sarcoidosis, were reported to have

Mikulicz's syndrome [2]. In 1930, Dr. Henrik Sjögren, an ophthalmologist, published a paper describing a woman with rheumatoid arthritis accompanied by keratoconjunctivitis sicca and severe swelling of the parotid glands, a condition that has been recognized as Sjögren's syndrome (SS) [3]. In 1953, Morgan and Castleman examined 18 patients with MD and concluded that this condition is one manifestation of SS [4]. Since then, MD has attracted very little interest in western countries. In Japan, however, there have been many patients with MD, such that differences between MD and SS have been clarified [5–7]. For example, their gender distribution is quite different, in that MD occurs in both men and women, whereas SS occurs mainly in women. Second, patients with MD have relatively mild xerostomia and xerophthalmia, despite significant enlargement of their lachrymal and salivary glands. Further, MD is accompanied by more complications, such as autoimmune pancreatitis (AIP). Patients with MD show a better response to glucocorticoid therapy than patients with SS. Finally, it has become clear that MD is related to elevated serum IgG4 concentrations and infiltration of IgG4-positive cells [5–9].

Following the description of a patient with chronic pancreatitis due to an autoimmune mechanism [10], lymphoplasmacytic sclerosing pancreatitis (LPSP) was found to be a characteristic histopathological finding in patients with AIP [11]. These findings led to the concept of AIP, which has characteristics similar to those of other autoimmune diseases, such as hypergammaglobulinemia, the

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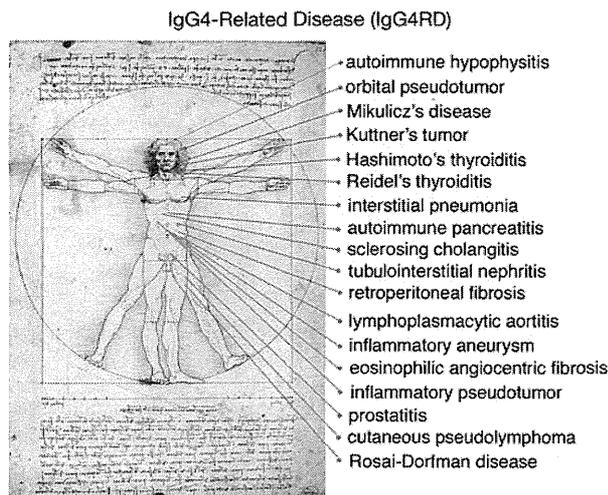


Fig. 1 IgG4-related conditions. Many diseases have been reported to be IgG4-related

presence of various autoantibodies, lymphocytic infiltration into pancreatic tissue, and good responsiveness to steroids [12]. Following a report showing elevated serum IgG4 concentrations in patients with AIP [13], the pancreatic research team of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare Japan (MHLW Japan) showed that AIP was related to IgG4 [14].

IgG4-positive plasma cell infiltration has also been observed in patients with other conditions, including retroperitoneal and mediastinal fibrosis [15, 16], inflammatory pseudotumor of the lung and liver [17], Küttner tumor [18], and interstitial nephritis [19], indicating that these diseases and conditions collectively constitute a new disease concept, IgG4-related disease (Fig. 1). These findings have led to the organization of two study groups by MHLW Japan to analyze the condition of IgG4-related disease. These groups consist of doctors and researchers in various fields, including rheumatology, hematology, gastroenterology, nephrology, pulmonology, ophthalmology, odontology, pathology, statistics, and basic and molecular immunology, from all over Japan. One of these groups, chaired by Professor Umehara of Kanazawa Medical University, is seeking to establish diagnostic criteria for IgG4-related multi-organ lymphoproliferative syndrome (IgG4-MOLPS), whereas the second group, chaired by Professor Okazaki of Kasai Medical University, is seeking to understand the etiology and pathogenesis of IgG4-related systemic disease.

Unification of different nomenclatures for IgG4-related disease (IgG4RD)

The concept of IgG4RD arose when elevated serum IgG4 concentrations were first reported in patients with sclerosing pancreatitis [13]. Autoimmune pancreatitis (AIP) is also

Table 1 Nomenclatures of IgG-related conditions

IgG4-related autoimmune disease	Kamisawa [21]
IgG4-associated multifocal systemic fibrosis	van der Vliet [76]
IgG4-related systemic disease	Kamisawa [20]
IgG4-related sclerosing disease	Kamisawa [15]
Hyper-IgG4 disease	Neild [59]
IgG4-related disease (IgG4-RD)	Zen [77]
Systemic IgG4 plasmacytic syndrome (SIPS)	Yamamoto [22]
IgG4-related multi-organ lymphoproliferative syndrome (IgG4-MOLPS)	Masaki [29]
IgG4-associated disease	Geyer [78]

associated with a variety of extrapancreatic lesions, including sclerosing cholangitis, sclerosing sialadenitis, and dacryoadenitis, resulting in the concept of IgG4-related systemic disease [20], also called IgG4-related autoimmune disease [21] or IgG4-related sclerosing disease [15]. The finding of elevated serum IgG4 and IgG4-positive plasma cell infiltration in MD suggested that MD was a systemic disease, which was called systemic IgG4 plasmacytic syndrome (SIPS) [22]. Further, a comparison of patients with MD and those with typical SS resulted in the formulation of a new clinical entity, IgG4+MOLPS [23]. Although many reports from Japan and other countries have described IgG4-related conditions under different names (Table 1), these may refer to the same condition, familial multifocal fibrosclerosis (FMF). Indeed, retroperitoneal fibrosis (RPF), mediastinal fibrosis, sclerosing cholangitis, Riedel's thyroiditis, and pseudotumor of the orbit may all be different manifestations of a single disease [24].

The name "IgG4-related sclerosing disease" is mainly based on the swelling of fibrous organs, such as the pancreas and retroperitoneum, whereas "SIPS" and "IgG4+MOLPS" are based on lymphoplasmacytic proliferation in glands and swollen lymph nodes without fibrosis. Although many patients with this condition (i.e., IgG4-related sclerosing disease, etc.) have lesions in several organs, either synchronously or metachronously, other patients show involvement of only a single organ. At this point, it is unclear whether the pathogenetic mechanism of this disease is systemic or whether it consists of manifestations in individual organs. In addition, several reports have described patients with IgG4-associated conditions concomitant with malignant tumors such as pancreatic [25, 26] and salivary [27] carcinomas, and ocular adnexal lymphoma [28]. Therefore, using the term 'systemic' may lead to an incorrect diagnosis of an IgG4-related condition in a patient with malignant

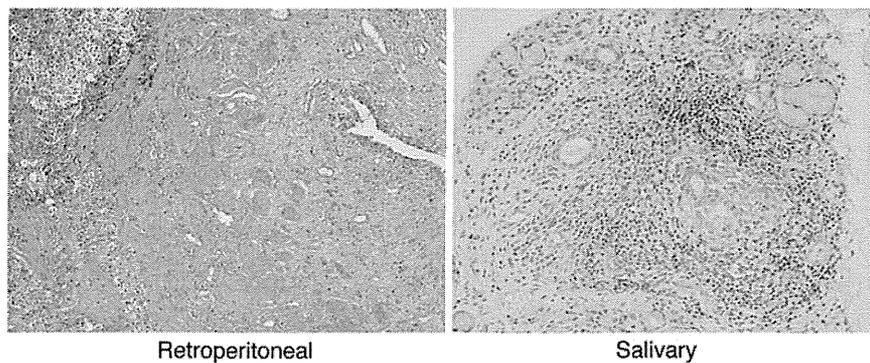


Fig. 2 Histopathology of IgG4-related disease (IgG4RD). IgG4RD is characterized histopathologically by the infiltration of IgG4-positive plasma cells and fibrosis. However, the severity of fibrosis is dependent

tumors in other organs. Based on these reasons, the members of the two MHLW Japan research teams agreed, at their second meeting in Kanazawa on February 11, 2010, to use the term “IgG4-related disease (IgG4RD)”.

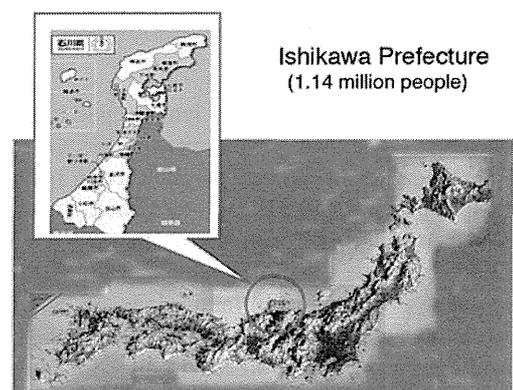
General concept of IgG4RD

After the unification of the disease name as IgG4RD, both MHLW Japan research teams have sought to determine its pathogenesis and to formulate diagnostic criteria. The two teams reached a consensus that IgG4RD can occur in various organs, including the central nervous system, salivary glands, thyroid gland, lungs, pancreas, biliary duct, liver, gastrointestinal tract, kidneys, prostate gland, retroperitoneum, and lymph nodes, but that clinical symptoms depend on the location of the lesion. IgG4RD mainly affects middle-aged to elderly men. Its clinical symptoms are relatively mild, and the condition usually comes to clinical attention due to organ swelling or damage. Many patients with IgG4RD are treated effectively by steroid therapy. Although the infiltration of IgG4-positive cells and increased serum concentrations of IgG4 are characteristic of IgG4RD, the severity of fibrosis is dependent on the individual organs involved. For example, storiform fibrosis and obliterative phlebitis are characteristic of pancreatic, biliary tract, and retroperitoneal lesions, but are very seldom found in salivary glands or lymph nodes (Fig. 2).

Prevalence of IgG4RD

It is difficult to ascertain the number of patients with IgG4RD because its diagnostic criteria have not yet been established, the awareness of this disease is low, and its symptoms vary. An attempt was made to estimate the number of individuals with IgG4RD throughout Japan by

on the individual organs involved. For example, storiform fibrosis and obliterative phlebitis are characteristic of retroperitoneal lesions, but are very seldom observed in salivary glands ($\times 40$)



	KMU	KUH	total
2003	2	2	4
2004	0	1	1
2005	1	3	4
2006	1	3	4
2007	1	4	5
2008	1	3	4
2009	1	6	7
	7	22	29

Fig. 3 Prevalence of patients with IgG4RD. An attempt was made to estimate the number of individuals with IgG4RD throughout Japan by using as an example Ishikawa Prefecture (population 1.14 million people) with little population inflow/outflow. If all new patients with IgG4RD visit Kanazawa Medical University Hospital (KMU) or Kanazawa University Hospital (KUH), the incidence of this disease throughout Japan would be 0.28–1.08/100,000 population, with 336–1,300 patients newly diagnosed per year. If life expectancy after diagnosis is 20 years, then approximately 6,700–26,000 patients in Japan would have developed IgG4RD over the past 20 years. The numbers in the table represent the numbers of patients who visited KMU or KUH each year

using as an example Ishikawa Prefecture, which has a population of 1.14 million people with little population inflow/outflow (Fig. 3). In Ishikawa Prefecture, there are