

primary Immunodeficiency

general characteristic

- caused by a genetic abnormality which is in some cases X-linked
- most PIDs are diagnosed in childhood, ~40% are not diagnosed until adolescence or early adulthood

types

Defective innate

In number; as neutropenia (less than 500 cells/μl), no symptoms to severe.

In function

failure of producing oxygen radicals by phagocytes; as chronic granulomatous disease

Chédiak-Higashi syndrome

caused by mutations that result in

- defective phagosome-lysosome
- fusion in neutrophils and macrophages (causing increased infection),
- defective melanosome formation in melanocytes (causing albinism),
- and lysosomal abnormalities in cells of the nervous system (causing nerve defects)
- and platelets defect (leading to bleeding disorders).

mutations in the gene which regulates intracellular trafficking of lysosomes.

The leukocyte adhesion deficiencies

- autosomal recessive disorders
- caused by defects in leukocyte and endothelial adhesion molecules.

These diseases are characterized by

- a failure of leukocyte, particularly neutrophil, recruitment to sites of infection
- severe periodontitis (gum infection) and other recurrent infections starting early in life, and the inability to make pus

Different types are caused by mutations in different genes

Complement deficiencies

defects in acquired cellular immunity

treatment

- Managing infections treatment and prevention
- Immunoglobulin therapy.
- Interferon-gamma therapy. It's used to treat chronic granulomatous disease
- Growth factors for immune cells
- Bone marrow transplantation in SCID

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