

Recurrent Pregnancy Loss: A Study on Its Etiological Factors, Endoglin Gene's Impact and Genetic Polymorphisms

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Abstract – Recurrent pregnancy loss is a significant conceptive medical problem, influencing 2%–5% of couples. Basic built up causes incorporate uterine irregularities, antiphospholipid syndrome, hormonal and metabolic issues, and cytogenetic variations from the norm. However, different etiologies have been proposed as yet thought to be disputable, for example, incessant endometritis, acquired thrombophilias, luteal stage insufficiency, and high sperm DNA fracture levels. Throughout the years, proof-based medicines, for example, careful adjustment of uterine abnormalities or anti-inflammatory medication and heparin for antiphospholipid syndrome, have improved couples with recurrent pregnancy loss. Be that as it may, practically 50% of the cases stay unexplained and are exactly treated utilizing progesterone supplementation, anticoagulation, as well as immunomodulatory medicines.

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INTRODUCTION

The absence of a steady and, for the most part, acknowledged phrasing, and severe meanings of antagonistic pregnancy results, makes it hard to analyze logical outcomes from various exploration bunches in early pregnancy. In this Consensus Statement from the ESHRE Special Interest Group, Early Pregnancy, we present our pregnancy wording proposals and definitions for unfavourable pregnancy results before practicality. We planned to give an unmistakable, reliable and generally material phrasing for early pregnancy research.

Regardless of whether these flagging frameworks are dysregulated during placentation or disturbed because of occasions emerging late in the sickness procedure must be tended to by getting to EVT cells in the primary trimester without upsetting pregnancy result. Acquiring flawless trophoblast cells from continuous pregnancies has been restricted to chorionic villous inspecting, which is solely performed for prenatal genetic diagnostics. Besides, chorionic villous examining is intrusive and is related to a pregnancy loss pace of roughly 0.5% to 1.0%. Subsequently, it isn't achievable to procure trophoblast cells by chorionic villous testing to research their brokenness in EPL.

Trophoblast cells are shed into the lower uterine fragment during pregnancy. They can be recovered by negligibly obtrusive strategies from the cervix of continuous pregnancies as ahead of schedule as 5 weeks of pregnancy. Generally, the restricting advance in utilizing these cells for placental assessment was the failure to segregate them, liberated from maternal cervical cells.

RECURRENT PREGNANCY LOSS (RPL)

We suggest that recurrent pregnancy loss can portray rehashed pregnancy end with the previously mentioned wording as a top priority. The (mean or middle) number of pregnancy losses and miscarriages should be referenced consistently in research writing. As a reference, the meaning of recurrent pregnancy loss and recurrent miscarriage is dubious. The precise clinical information detailing is the initial move towards a proof-based meaning of recurrent pregnancy loss.

ETIOLOGICAL FACTORS FOR RPL

Uterine oddities are supposedly found in up to 19% of women with RPL and can be delegated gained or intrinsic. Gained variations from the norm incorporate intrauterine bonds, myomas, and endometrial polyps. Intrauterine bonds, or synechiae, happen in destinations where the

endometrial basal layer has been wrecked, most now and again following curettage, a uterine medical procedure or contamination of an entangled birth. The recurrence and seriousness of bonds increment with the quantity of curettages. Studies have demonstrated that adhesiolysis essentially diminishes miscarriage rates and is the favoured treatment for women with RPL.

Be that as it may, until this point in time, there is no agreement with respect to the careful technique, the instruments and physical obstructions used to forestall repeat, and the hormonal treatment required for endometrial recovery. Myomas are grouped by their situation in the uterus (submucosal, intramural, or subserosal) and cause RPL by means of mechanical and atomic instruments. Innate irregularities result from an unusual advancement of the Müllerian pipes and incorporate septate, bicornuate, unicornuate, didelphic, and arcuate uteri. They are found in up to 10% of women with RPL. The two most generally utilized arrangements are the American Fertility Society/American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology/European Society for Gynecological Endoscopy orders.

Inherent peculiarities are found in 8.4%–12.6% of women with RPL, seven to multiple times higher than the general population. There is an absence of randomized controlled preliminaries (RCTs) concerning the effect of uterine metroplasty on regenerative results in women with intrinsic uterine abnormalities and RPL. The Septate uterus is the most widely recognized sort and is related to an opportunity of spontaneous miscarriage. There is proof to propose improved pregnancy rates following metroplasty, and it is prescribed to precisely expel septa in women with RPL.

The predominance of arcuate uteri is equivalent to everyone, and their effect on regenerative results remains controversial. Therefore, arcuate metroplasty isn't suggested in women with RPL. The other inborn variation from the norm is usually connected with third-trimester pregnancy loss and preterm birth, and the choice to treat or not is more complicated. Metroplasty isn't suggested for unicornuate uteri, is exceptionally dubious for didelphys, and is just suggested if all else fails for bicornuate uteri. At long last, it ought to be noticed that for women with RPL auxiliary to irreversible uterine anatomic imperfections, the utilization of a pregnancyal transporter is a suitable alternative.

The built-up etiological components that may result in RPL fall into two general classifications, particularly embryonal imperfections like the chromosomal variation from the norm restraining the incipient organism from embedding or creating maternal adjustments the baby develops. This incorporates disease, anatomic, endocrine, genetic and immunological variations from the norm. Fig 1.1

speaks to more or less these two classes of etiological factors.



Figure 1: Etiological factors for recurrent pregnancy loss

GENETIC POLYMORPHISMS IN RPL

The look for genetic markers of malady weakness frequently uses the up-and-comer quality methodology. Quality is focused on dependent on the properties and metabolic pathways of its protein item.

When these qualities are polymorphic, and the variations are disseminated distinctively across populaces, enthusiasm for them increments since variety in the DNA succession could change protein capacity and result in varieties in infection hazard.

Ongoing investigations have uncovered a relationship among RPL and genetic polymorphisms in metabolic catalysts, cytokines, coagulation factors, methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase and histocompatibility antigens.

Genetic polymorphisms in Immunomodulatory genes

The human insusceptible framework is notable for its capacity to segregate between non-self antigens like diseases and strong tissue transplantation over self-antigens. Throughout the years, it has become obvious that exceptionally polymorphic particles encoded by qualities situated on chromosome named Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC), alluded to as Human Leukocyte Antigens (HLA) in people, assume a key job in safe dismissal.

The exemplary transplantation rules indicate that the beneficiary dismisses MHC jumbled transfers, while MHC coordinated transfers are acknowledged. An outstanding yet so far uncertain exemption from the great transplantation standards is pregnancy, where a semiallogeneic hatchling flourishes in the mother's belly. Although an itemized instrument behind the maternal-fetal immunotolerance stays, subtle, explicit and direct

collaborations among maternal and fetal cells are recommended to assume a significant job.

Late proof unequivocally bolsters the dynamic resistant resilience of the baby during pregnancy. The significant qualities are controlling this immunomodulation incorporate HLA, Natural Killer cell receptors and cytokines.

Genetic polymorphisms in Xenobiotic metabolism

RPL is accepted to be related to maternal introduction to different xenobiotics like ecological poisons and teratogens. Substantial metals, for example, lead and mercury, natural solvents, liquor, and ionizing radiation, are ecological teratogens, and presentation to these could add to pregnancy loss. Caffeine, cigarette smoking, and hyperthermia are suspected teratogens, while pesticides' teratogenic effect stays obscure. Expanded caffeine consumption and poor detoxification have been decidedly identified with an improved danger of RPL. Further, maternal presentation to dioxin has likewise been related to increment in fetal loss and decreased birth weight in test creature considers. Be that as it may, there are just a couple of epidemiological examinations on the connection between maternal dioxin and pregnancy result in people.

Notwithstanding the deadly impacts of the different xenobiotic substances portrayed above, oxidative pressure likewise weakens RPL. The placental blood course expansion towards the first trimester's finish brings about an upgraded oxidative burden, encouraging early-stage separation and improvement. In any case, an unnecessary oxidative burden alongside wasteful cancer prevention agent resistance creates bountiful free radicals that could initiate regenerative harmfulness and, in this way, demonstrate deadly to the undeveloped organism, coming about in RPL. Consequently, the decidual or placental detoxification framework should be effective and utilitarian to shield the conceptus from expanded free radicals, just as xenobiotics.

Genetic polymorphisms in DNA repair genes

In normal pregnancies, the early stages of development take place in a low oxygen environment. This excess oxidative load and the subsequently induced DNA damage have to be cleared and repaired. Cellular oxidants, such as free radicals and reactive oxygen species (ROS), are also produced during the natural metabolic process. ROS are highly reactive and potentially damaging to the cells because they directly affect macromolecules and organelle functions. Damage to DNA by ROS results in single-strand and double-strand breaks, apurinic and apyrimidinic sites and adducts formation. Also, ROS can catalyze the oxidative modification of proteins, including enzymes involved in DNA repair. If the cell machinery recognizes the

damage, responses like cell cycle arrest may occur to prevent replication in the presence of genetic errors.

In addition to oxidative stress, transplacental exposure to carcinogenic air pollutants such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons might cause DNA damage by forming chemical-DNA adducts. This suggests that DNA repair capacity is essential for maintaining pregnancy, but little is known about the direct effect on RPL. Complex pathways involving numerous molecules perform DNA repair. Cells with unrepaired DNA damage either undergo apoptosis or unregulated growth to malignancy. The integrity of the damaged DNA is typically restored due to DNA repair enzymes, the normal function of which is vital to maintain genomic integrity.

DNA repair pathways

DNA fix pathways that work on explicit DNA harm are Base extraction fix, Nucleotide extraction fix, Mismatch fix, Homologous recombination and non-homologous end-joining

- **Base excision repair**

Base extraction fix expels necessary base adjustments, including single-strand breaks, oxidative DNA harm and non-cumbersome adducts. Base-explicit DNA glycosylases expel the harmed base. The abasic site is extracted by the endonuclease activity of apurinic/apyrimidinic endonucleases (APEX). DNA blend is then catalyzed by DNA polymerase utilizing the other strand as the format. Following this, the DNA strands are ligated. Particles engaged with the polymerization and ligation of base extraction fix incorporate polynucleotide kinase, XRCC1 and DNA ligase.

- **Nucleotide excision repair**

It expels more significant injuries, such as pyrimidine dimers, photograph adducts, enormous compound adducts, and cross-joins that frequently result from ecological harm, including UV radiation and outer cancer-causing agents. The nucleotide extraction fix pathway includes four stages. Harm acknowledgement by a complex of bound proteins including XPC and XPA; loosening up of the DNA by the TFIIH (record Factor II H) complex that incorporates XPC, XPA, XPD and XPB; Removal of the harmed single-stranded piece (as a rule around 27–30 bp) by particles including ERCC1 and XPG complex; and Polymerization or union of the strand by DNA polymerase and ligation. As genetic polymorphisms in DNA-fix chemicals impact DNA adduct levels, the DNA fix limit might be related to the danger of RPL. The current investigation concentrated on the DNA fix qualities, X-beam fixes cross supplementing bunch 1 (XRCC1) and xeroderma pigmentosum bunch D

(XPD). The relationship of these polymorphisms in XRCC1 and XPD qualities has appeared in different diseases like lung, head and neck and bosom.

• XRCC1 gene polymorphism

The XRCC1 quality planned to 19q13.2–13.3, ranges 32.25 kb encoding XRCC1 protein (Fig 1.17). XRCC1, associated with base extraction fix, seems to assume a framework job in uniting a complex of DNA fix proteins, including poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP), DNA ligase 3 (LIG3), polynucleotide kinase, AP endonuclease and DNA polymerase β (185). XRCC1 is accepted to shape buildings with DNA polymerase β at its NH2 end and with DNA ligase III by means of the bosom malignant growth COOH-end (BRCT) space to fix the holes during base extraction fix.

Two common single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) that have been accounted for in the coding district of XRCC1 quality are C to T change at position 26304 in exon 6, which prompts an Arg to Trp replacement at codon 194 and G to A progress at position 28152 in exon 10 which prompts an Arg to Gln replacement at codon. These polymorphisms include an amino corrosive change at the developmentally monitored locales and could modify the XRCC1 function.

• Xeroderma pigmentosum group D (XPD) gene polymorphism

XPD quality, likewise alluded to as ERCC2, planned to 19q13.3 is included 23 exons, ranges around 54 kbp (Fig 1.17). XPD quality encodes the 86.9 kDa XPD protein, which is a segment of the recording factor TFIIH. XPD have single strand DNA-dependent ATPase movement and 5'-3' helicase action, in this manner taking part in DNA loosening up during NER and record

Two typical SNPs detailed in the XPD quality are G to A progress in exon 10, which brings about Asp to Asn replacement at codon 312. C to A transversion at 35931 nucleotides of exon 23 brings about a Lys to Gln replacement at codon 751. Changes in XPD quality can forestall DNA loosening up and extraction of the influenced strand (187).

David Baebes et al. 2001 (181) detailed that people with the XPD 751 Lys/Lys genotype have a 7-overlap expanded danger of problematic DNA fix. Qiao et al. 2002 (187) watched people with 751 Gln/Gln to show imperfect DNA fix to evacuate UV photoproducts contrasted with the XPD 751 Lys/Lys genotypes. Since the XRCC1 and XPD qualities are significant in DNA fix components, these qualities may influence pregnancy support and be related to RPL. As far as we could know, there are no examinations on DNA fix quality polymorphisms in RPL. The current investigation is the first to examine polymorphisms in DNA fix qualities as a vulnerability marker for RPL.

Other Genetic Polymorphisms in RPL

• Cytochrome P450c17 alpha (CYP 17)

The CYP17 quality encodes the chemical cytochrome P450c17a, which intervenes both 17 α -hydroxylase and 17, 20-lyase action in the steroid biosynthesis pathway. T to C polymorphism in the 5' advertiser locale of CYP17 brings about a variation allele (A2). Women with the CYP17A2 allele have been accounted for to show the expanded danger of RPL.

• p53

p53, a tumour silencer quality encodes a multifunctional record factor enacted by pressure improvements, including DNA harm and hypoxia. It is a notable figure managing apoptosis in many cells and assumes a primary angiogenesis job. Likewise, p53 has, as of late, been accounted for as an expected middle person of pregnancy by estrogen and progesterone initiation. A typical grouping polymorphism in p53 has situated inside the proline-rich space, encoding either proline or arginine at the position. The Proline allele has been accounted for to build the danger of RPL (192).

From the writing, polymorphisms in qualities controlling immunomodulation, angiogenesis, vascular system, xenobiotic detoxification, and DNA fix affect the individual weakness of RPL. Further, the commitment of genetic polymorphisms to the danger of RPL is reliant on the populace contemplated, just as ecological and dietary factors that impact the populace. Epidemiological examinations have indicated that polymorphisms in the qualities directing commencement and support of pregnancy credit to the danger of RPL. Be that as it may, these investigation reports are conflicting. Besides, concentrating on genetic polymorphisms in patients with RPL is exceptionally restricted in the Indian populace, particularly in South Indians. Along these lines, an ID of defenselessness markers is fundamental to decide the genetic inclination to RPL.

For an effective pregnancy result, the initial step is to balance the safe maternal framework to endure the semi allogenic embryo. HLA G and KIR alleles have been proposed to assume a significant job in this procedure. The following stage is the vascular system's foundation and appropriate angiogenesis between the developing baby and the mother's uterine mass. This procedure is directed by the VEGF, MTHFR and ACE quality items. The abundance of oxidative pressure incited during angiogenesis may demonstrate deadly to the creating undeveloped organism. This oxidative overflow burden and the resulting DNA harm that could be actuated must be cleared and fixed. This

capacity is interceded by the chemicals encoded by detoxifying qualities, such as CYP1A1, GSTM1, GSTT1, GSTP1 and the DNA fix qualities XRCC1 and XPD. Thus, the current investigation receives a multigenic approach and speculates that polymorphisms in qualities that change these pathways' ordinary capacity may bring about an expanded vulnerability to RPL.

ENDOGLIN

Endoglin furthermore, activin receptor-like kinase 1 is a specific changing development factor-beta (TGF- β) superfamily receptor, essentially communicated in endothelial cells. Transformations in the relating ENG or ACVRL1 qualities lead to innate hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT1 and HHT2 separately). To find proteins interfacing with Endoglin, ACVRL1 and TGF- β receptor type 2 and associated with TGF- β flagging, we applied LUMIER, a high-throughput mammalian interactome planning innovation. Utilizing rigid rules, we distinguished novel interesting and imparted communications to ACVRL1, TGF- β receptor type 2, and Endoglin, characterizing potential novel significant vascular systems. Curiously, the PPP2R2B quality lies in a stretch in linkage disequilibrium with HHT3, for which the quality stays unidentified.

We show that the PPP2R2B protein connects with the ACVRL1/TGFB2/Endoglin complex and enlisted PP2A to nitric oxide synthase 3 (NOS3). Endoglin overexpression in endothelial cells represses the relationship of PPP2R2B with NOS3, though Endoglin-insufficient cells show improved PP2A-NOS3 cooperation and lower levels of endogenous NOS3 Serine 1177 phosphorylation.

Our information recommends that Endoglin directs NOS3 actuation status by controlling PPP2R2B access to NOS3 and that PPP2R2B may be the HHT3 quality. Moreover, Endoglin and ACVRL1 add to a few novel systems, including TGF- β needy and autonomous ones, essential vascular capacity and possibly inadequate HHT.

Changing development factor- β (TGF- β) 1 superfamily ligands, including TGF- β s, activins and bone morphogenic proteins (BMPs), manage a few pathways essential for the vascular turn of events and capacity (1). Reactions to these ligands are constrained by type I and II serine kinase receptors, coreceptors and flagging SMAD intermediates. Endothelial cells express the coreceptor, Endoglin, and the specific kind I receptor, ACVRL1 (activin receptor-like kinase 1 or ALK1); the two particles are essential for guideline of angiogenesis and vasomotor capacity by TGF- β superfamily ligands.

Transformations in ENG and ACVRL1 qualities lead to inherited hemorrhagic telangiectasia (HHT), types 1 and 2, individually. HHT influences 1 out of 5000–8000 individuals worldwide and is described by

arteriovenous mutations (AVMs) in different organs, possibly prompting extreme haemorrhages and strokes.

Haploinsufficiency is the fundamental reason for HHT, demonstrating decreased degrees of useful Endoglin or ACVRL1 (ALK1) proteins incline to endothelial brokenness and AVMs. Even though the instruments liable for AVMs stay muddled, clarifying how individuals from the TGF- β superfamily and their sub-atomic systems manage vascular trustworthiness is imperative for future medicines of HHT.

We have shown that Endoglin collaborates with endothelial nitric oxide synthase (NOS3 or eNOS) and directs its actuation. NOS3 is a Ca²⁺ and calmodulin-managed chemical that delivers NO because of humoral and mechanical boosts through dynamic connections with different allosteric controllers, such as heat shock protein 90 (HSP90). Notable changes in its phosphorylation status likewise manage NOS3.

For instance, the vascular endothelial development factor (VEGF) impacts angiogenesis, vascular porousness, and vasomotor tone are intervened partially through Akt-subordinate phosphorylation NOS3 Ser1177 and by expanded NOS3-HSP90 affiliation. Although phosphorylation of NOS3 Ser1177 demonstrates agonist-instigated enactment, it is gone before by dephosphorylation at Thr495.

Soluble Endoglin in pre-eclampsia

Although not an individual from the VEGF family, solvent Endoglin (sEng), mixed with PIGF and sFLT-1, might be valuable in expectation of toxemia. Endoglin (CD 105) is a transmembrane glycoprotein transcendently communicated on endothelial cells. It is a co-receptor for TGF- β 1 and TGF- β 3 (Cheifetz et al., 1992). Endoglin adjusts the motioning of TGF- β by cooperating with TGF- β receptors I and II (Fonsatti and Maio, 2004). Endoglin controls nitric oxide-subordinate vasodilatation (Jerkic et al., 2004), and its appearance is up-managed in tissues experiencing angiogenesis (Fonsatti and Maio, 2004). Endoglin quality changes are related to innate haemorrhagic telangiectasia type 1, an avascular issue described by central telangiectases and arteriovenous deformities (Lebrin and Mummery, 2008).

These recommend Endoglin's contribution in angiogenesis, vascular turn of events, and keeping up vessel divider honesty (Fonsatti and Maio, 2004). Proteolytic handling of the film bound Endoglin results in sEng, an N-terminal cleavage result of the full-length Endoglin (Venkatesha et al., 2006). In vitro examinations have exhibited that sEng hinders TGF- β flagging, squares TGF- β -interceded vasodilatation and meddles with

endothelial multiplication and acceptable arrangement (Venkatesha et al., 2006). Endoglin lack doesn't influence vasculogenesis; however, it brings about poor vascular smooth muscle improvement and captures endothelial redesigning, and Endoglin is demonstrated to be basic for angiogenesis (Li et al., 1999).

Eng is additionally involved in the pathophysiology of toxemia. Placental articulation of sEng is up-directed in toxemia. It is suggested that sEng enters the maternal course and hinders TGF- β flagging, bringing about endothelial brokenness (Venkatesha et al., 2006). Over-articulation of sEng in rodent's prompts expanded vascular penetrability and hypertension without proteinuria, and over-articulation of both Eng and sFLT-1 outcomes in extreme vascular harm, nephrotic-go proteinuria, serious hypertension, a syndrome like HELLP syndrome and IUGR (Venkatesha et al., 2006). Maternal serum sEng focuses increment during the most recent 2 months of ordinary pregnancy, and this ascent is higher and happens prior in women who create toxemia. The expansion in sEng is related with an increment in the proportion of sFLT-1: PIGF and a composite measure fusing each of the three particles, the proportion of (sFLT-1+ sEng): PIGF, is viewed as a prescient biomarker for toxemia (Levine et al., 2006).

CONCLUSION:

RPL is a significant conceptive medical problem. Different etiologies have been distinguished throughout the years and effective therapeutic techniques executed. A complete workup can be started following two back to back losses to recognize treatable causes that incorporate uterine variations from the norm, APS, endocrine women, and adjusted movements. Way of life changes ought to likewise be executed to improve conceptive visualization. Notwithstanding, practically 50% of the cases stay unexplained, for which different medicines are continually being created. Notwithstanding, a careful catch up with significant mental help can enable most couples to accomplish an effective live birth.

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