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Associations Between β-Amyloid Kinetics and the β-Amyloid Diurnal Pattern in the Central Nervous System

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Abstract

Importance—Recent studies found that the concentration of amyloid- β (A β) fluctuates with the sleep-wake cycle. Although the amplitude of this day/night pattern attenuates with age and amyloid deposition, the relationship of A β kinetics (production, turnover, and clearance) to this oscillation has not been studied.

Objective—To determine the relationships between $A\beta$ kinetics, age, amyloid, and the $A\beta$ day/ night pattern in humans, we measured $A\beta$ concentrations and kinetics in 77 adults 60-87 years old by a novel precise mass spectrometry (MS) method.

Design—We compared findings of two orthogonal methods, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) and MS, to validate the day/night patterns and determine more precise estimates of the cosinor parameters. *In vivo* labeling of central nervous system (CNS) proteins with stable isotopically labeled leucine was performed and kinetics of Aβ40 and Aβ42 measured.

Setting—Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis, Missouri.

Participants—Participants sixty years old or greater without and with amyloid deposition.

Interventions—Serial CSF collection via indwelling lumbar catheter over 36-48 hours before, during, and after *in vivo* labeling with a 9-hour primed constant infusion of ${}^{13}C_{6}$ -leucine.

Main outcome and measures—We determined the amplitude, linear increase, and other cosinor measures of each participants' serial CSF A β concentrations and A β turnover rates.

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Results—Day/night patterns in A β concentrations were more sharply defined by the precise MS method than by ELISA. Amyloid deposition diminished A β 42 day/night amplitude and linear increase, but not A β 40. Increased age diminished both A β 40 and A β 42 day/night amplitude. After controlling for amyloid deposition, A β 40 amplitude positively correlated with production rates, while the linear rise correlated with turnover rates. A β 42 amplitude and linear rise were both correlated with turnover and production rates.

Conclusion and Relevance—Amyloid deposition is associated with premature loss of normal A β 42day/night patterns in aging suggesting the previously reported effects of age and amyloid on A β 42 amplitude at least partially affect each other. Production and turnover rates suggest that day/ night A β patterns are modulated by both production and clearance mechanisms active in sleep-wake cycles and amyloid deposition may impair normal circadian patterns. These findings may have importance in Alzheimer's disease secondary prevention trial design.

Introduction

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is a neurodegenerative disorder characterized pathologically by the extracellular deposition of amyloid- β (A β) in senile plaques and intracellular neurofibrillary tangles of tau leading to neuronal loss and progressive cognitive impairment. AD represents a current and growing public health threat with the worldwide prevalence of the disease projected to increase from 46.8 million people in 2015 to 131.5 million in 2050 (1). Age and A β deposition are major risk factors for AD. Age slows the half-life and clearance of soluble A β while A β deposition causes irreversible loss of soluble A β 42 clearance (2). Since aggregation and deposition of A β into insoluble extracellular plaques is concentration-dependent (3), factors that affect A β concentration through changes in production and clearance are potential therapeutic targets for AD prevention.

Recent studies in animal models and humans have found that 1) the concentration of central nervous system (CNS) A β fluctuates with the sleep-wake cycle as a day/night (i.e. diurnal) pattern, 2) the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) AB concentration increases linearly with serial sampling which is mitigated with amyloid deposition, and 3) the amplitude of this day/night pattern attenuates with age and amyloid deposition (4-6). The findings of the diurnal pattern and linear increases of A β in human CSF have been replicated across multiple studies (7). Decreased Aß production and increased clearance during sleep have been hypothesized to drive the day/night oscillation (8, 9). Sleep has been linked to a mechanistic 'flushing' of extracellular components such as A β that appears to be a normal 'glymphatic' clearance mechanism (9, 10). The relationship of sleep, the day/night pattern, and clearance of A β (potentially by this glymphatic system) is not well-understood. In this study, we assessed the relationships between AB production, clearance, day/night patterns, and the linear rise as it relates to normal and abnormal AB production and clearance mechanisms. These findings will inform the design of future studies, and may lead to approaches to maintain normal physiological control of A β concentrations through sleep-mediated changes in the day/night pattern.

Methods

Participants

Seventy-seven participants serving as research volunteers in the longitudinal studies of the Knight Alzheimer Disease Research Center (ADRC) and its affiliated studies at Washington University were recruited to participate in this study. These 77 individuals ranged in age from 60 to 87 years; 46 were men (mean 72.6 years, aged 60.4 to 87.7) and 31 were women (mean 72.6 years, aged 63.8 to 85.2). All 77 participants were assessed clinically with a standard protocol that includes the Clinical Dementia Rating Sum of Boxes (CDR-SB) score that ranges from 0 (no impairment) to 18 (maximal impairment) (11, 12). Thirty-three participants had a CDR-SB of 0 and forty-four participants had a CDR-SB >0. Participant demographics are shown in eTable 1. The study protocol was approved by the Washington University Institutional Review Board and the General Clinical Research Center Advisory Committee. All participants completed written informed consent and were compensated for their participation in the study.

Determining Amyloid Status

Amyloid status was established for each participant as previous described (2). For the 44 participants with PET [¹¹C]PIB (PET: Positron Emission Tomography; PIB: Pittsburgh Compound B) scans, amyloid deposition (amyloid-positive) was established if the mean cortical binding potential (MCBP) was >0.18 (13). For the 33 participants without PET PIB scans, a CSF [Aβ42]: [Aβ40] ratio <0.12 defined amyloid-positive.

Aβ Concentration

Previous studies of the A β concentrations measured in day/night patterns used A β concentrations determined by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), which has a relatively high variance of measurement (typical %CV of 10 to 20%). Recent advances in mass spectrometry (MS) allow for the precise simultaneous quantitation of CSF A β isoform concentrations and A β stable isotope labeling kinetics (SILK).

From each time point collected, A β 40 and A β 42 were measured using ELISA as previously described (5). All samples from each participant were measured together on the same ELISA plate to avoid interplate variation and each sample was assessed in duplicate. MS A β SILK and absolute quantitation of A β were performed simultaneously. All samples were processed and measured as previously described (2, 14).

Aβ SILK

The procedure for stable isotope amino acid tracer administration, sample collection, A β SILK tracer protocol, and compartmental modeling analysis of A β kinetics for all 77 participants were previously reported (2, 15). Analysis of A β SILK kinetics generated three key measures of A β kinetics representing the fractional turnover rates (directly related to the half-life), absolute production rates, and an exchange process or delay component.

Cosinor Analysis

Cosinor analysis was used to fit a cosine wave to each individual's serial CSFA β values measured by both ELISA and MS; as previously described, a 24-hour period was set as the default circadian cycle(7). The y-intercept (equivalent to the mesor or midline of the A β oscillation), amplitude (distance between the peak and mesor), acrophase (time corresponding to the peak of the curve), and slope of the linear rise were calculated for each participant.

Comparison of Cosinor Analysis Between ELISA and MS—To measure the uncertainty of cosine fit between the ELISA and MS measurements, we converted all 77 participants' serial CSF A β 40 and A β 42 concentrations to percent of the mean to control for differences between the assays. The data transformation was calculated separately for A β 40 and A β 42. Then, we calculated the standard deviation of the residuals (SDR) for each cosine fit to determine how well the fitted cosine wave compared between ELISA and MS data. Cosinor analysis determines the curve that minimizes the sum of squares of the distances between individual data points and the best-fit line. SDR is equal to the square root of the sum of squares divided by degrees of freedom and is expressed in the same units as Y (i.e. percent of the mean). Degrees of freedom in this case equals the number of data points minus the number of parameters fit. The greater the SDR, the greater the uncertainty of the true best-fit curve. Cosine fit SDRs was also compared to the SDRs of a straight-line fit.

Statistics

SPSS v. 23 (IBM Co., Armonk, NY, USA) was used for all statistical analyses. Graphpad Prism version 6.0b for Mac (Graphpad Software, San Diego, CA, USA) was used to calculate the parameters of the cosinor analysis for A β 40 and A β 42. Statistical significant was set at p<0.05.

Results

A β 40 and A β 42 concentrations measured by MS and ELISA for all 77 participants were transformed to percent of the mean. The average correlation coefficients between MS and ELISA for both isoforms were 0.3. Serial A β concentrations were fitted to a straight-line and a cosine wave. Cosinor analysis fit both the MS and ELISA data with lower SDRs than a straight-line (two-tailed t-test, p<0.0001) indicating a day/night pattern in A β concentrations by both methods (eTable 2).

All 77 participants were separated into amyloid-negative (N=39) and amyloid-positive (N=38) groups. A β 40 and A β 42 percent of the mean values for both assays were averaged for each time point. The cosine wave fitted the MS group-averaged data with significantly narrower standard deviations than ELISA for both A β 40 and A β 42 (Figure 1A-H, all p 0.001). We compared the individual cosinor parameters for each group. A β 40 and A β 42 day/night amplitude and acrophase did not differ significantly between assays in either group (all p>0.05). A β 42 amplitude and linear rise calculated by MS was significantly decreased in amyloid-positive individuals compared to amyloid-negative (Figure 1D and 1H, p<0.002), replicating previous findings (5). However, the linear increase of A β 40 and A β 42

determined by the MS data was not as high compared to ELISA in both amyloid-negative and amyloid-positive groups (Figure 1A-H, p 0.01).

Based on these findings, we conclude that MS more precisely fit the day/night oscillation of A β 40 and A β 42 using cosinor analysis compared to ELISA. Only A β concentrations measured by MS are analyzed throughout the remainder of this paper. The cosine fitted data for A β 40 and A β 42 measured by MS and ELISA is shown for all participants in the supplement (eFigures 1-77).

Aβ42 day/night amplitude and linear increase decline with age

A β 40 and A β 42 day/night amplitude and linear increase were compared to age for both amyloid-negative and amyloid-positive individuals. A β 42 amplitude declined 0.91 pM/year in amyloid-negative subjects while A β 42 day/night amplitudes in the amyloid-positive group did not vary significantly with age (Figure 2A). The magnitude of the A β 42 rise with serial CSF sampling significantly declined with age in the amyloid-negative group (-0.12 pM/hour each year, Figure 2B). In contrast, there was no linear rise for A β 42 with serial CSF sampling in amyloid-positive individuals regardless of age (0.01 pM/year, Figure 2B). After approximately 73 years old, there were no significant differences between the two amyloid groups in the average day/night amplitude or linear increase of A β 42 (eTable 3).

For A β 40, both amyloid-negative and amyloid-positive groups suggested a decrease in day/ night amplitude with age of 3.0-3.5 pM/year although the decline was only significant in the amyloid-positive individuals (Figure 2C). There was no age-related change in A β 40 linear increase in either amyloid-negative or amyloid-positive participants (Figure 2D).

Relationship of amyloid burden to Aß day/night amplitude and linear rise

Amyloid deposition decreases $A\beta$ linear increases but has less effect on $A\beta$ day/night amplitude (5). To assess the effect of amyloid burden, we compared the $A\beta$ day/night amplitude and linear increase to MCBP and CSF [$A\beta42$]: [$A\beta40$] concentration ratios. $A\beta42$ amplitude and linear increase showed a sudden discontinuous "step-change" between amyloid-negative and amyloid-positive individuals measured by PET PIB. All amyloidpositive participants had a significant loss of amplitude variability (p=0.0003) and linear increase (p=0.02) compared to amyloid-negative individuals (eFigure 78A and 78B). Only $A\beta42$ amplitude was significantly correlated with MCBP (r=-0.41, p=0.006). This finding is similar to that seen with CSF [$A\beta42$] and MCBP in the setting of amyloid deposition (16). In contrast, $A\beta40$ amplitude and linear rise did not show this loss of variability with amyloid deposition (p>0.05, eFigure 78C and 78D).

Similar relationships were observed when comparing A β amplitude and linear increase to [A β 42]:[A β 40]. For all 77 participants, A β 42 day/night amplitude (r=-0.53, p<0.0001) and linear increase (r=-0.41, p<0.0002) correlated with [A β 42]: [A β 40], but A β 40 was not (p>0.05). After separating participants into amyloid-negative and amyloid-positive groups, only A β 42 amplitude in amyloid-negative individuals remained significant (Figure 3A). Then, we divided participants into three groups based on [A β 42]:[A β 40] as previously described (2): [A β 42]:[A β 40]<0.1, [A β 42]:[A β 40] 0.1-0.16, and [A β 42]:[A β 40]>0.16. The [A β 42]:[A β 40] cutoff for amyloid-positive was <0.12. When participants' [A β 42]:[A β 40]

was 0.12-0.16, both the amplitude and linear rise of A β 42 declined rapidly to levels similar to amyloid-positive individuals (Figure 3A and 3B). A β 40 amplitude and linear rise do not show the same pattern (Figure 3C and 3D).

Relationship of A_β kinetics to A_β day/night amplitude and linear rise

The half-life of A β increases by 250% between 30 to 80 years of age and the fractional turnover rate (FTR) of A β 42 is specifically increased relative to A β 40 in the presence of amyloid deposits, consistent with active deposition of A β 42 relative to A β 40 (2, 17). To assess how changes in A β kinetics (e.g. FTR) are associated with the day/night oscillation of A β , we assessed the Spearman correlations of FTR A β 40, FTR A β 42, FTR A β 42/40 (elevated in amyloid-positive subjects), CSF [A β 40], CSF [A β 42], and A β production rates to A β 40 and A β 42 day/night amplitude and linear rise with partial correlations controlling for age and amyloid (Table 1). Complementary associations between A β FTRs, concentrations, production rates, and cosinor parameters are expected since the kinetic parameters are interrelated (eMethods1)(18). In this study, CSF A β concentration was highly correlated with the production rate but weakly with FTR (eTable 4).

We compared CSF A β day/night and linear concentrations to SILK kinetic parameters of production and clearance rates, in order to determine the relationships between hypothesized mechanisms of production and clearance active during sleep and wakefulness. The FTR is the turnover rate or soluble clearance rate of A β . As expected, markers of amyloid deposition such as amyloid status, increased A β 42/40 turnover rate, lower CSF [A β 42], and increased A β 42 production strongly correlated with low A β 42 day/night amplitudes and linear increases regardless of age. The turnover rate of A β 42 was not significantly associated with A β 42 amplitude or linear rise (p>0.05). The clearance of A β 42as measured by FTR A β 42/40 was correlated with both A β 42 day/night amplitude and linear rise in the amyloid-negative group, but not in the amyloid-positive group (Figure 4A and 4B). In contrast, A β 40 day/night amplitude and linear rise were not correlated with FTR A β 42/40 for either amyloid group (Figures 4C and 4D).

Different relationships were found for A β 40. A β 40 day/night amplitude and linear increase were not changed by markers of amyloid deposition (Table 1, all p>0.05). A β 40 amplitude was associated with age, A β 40 production rate, and CSF [A β 40], while A β 40 linear rise was associated with CSF [A β 40] and A β 40 turnover rate. The correlations remained significant even after controlling for age and amyloid status. These findings suggest that production and clearance mechanisms affect two relatively similar peptides, A β 42 and A β 40, differently.

Discussion

We report the first comparison of the relationships between A β production and clearance rates with CSF A β day/night amplitude and linear increases and account for aging and amyloid deposition effects. Although longitudinal follow-up studies are needed, our results suggest that amyloid deposition leads to premature loss of A β 42 day/night patterns associated with aging, in contrast to A β 40 which is largely driven by production rates. These results may have implications for the design of AD prevention trials targeting A β production (i.e. BACE inhibitors) and using CSF A β as a marker of target engagement. First, these

results may affect the timing of therapeutic intervention. In amyloid-negative individuals, timing of anti-amyloid intervention and age of participants may be critical factors. Adults <73 years old may benefit from anti-amyloid therapy during the day or waking hours when production and concentrations are highest. For amyloid-positive individuals, the timing of anti-amyloid therapy may be irrelevant because there are no significant time-of-day differences for A β are no significant most prone to aggregate into insoluble plaque. Second, sleep disturbances have been implicated in AD pathogenesis (8), potentially exacerbating amyloidosis with impaired clearance mechanisms. Improving sleep quality or treating sleep disorders to reduce A β production and increase clearance could decrease growth of amyloid and may prevent AD. However, this approach may not be effective in adults >73 years old or in amyloid-positive individuals of any age. Third, CSF sampling frequency and volume need to be carefully controlled in studies to avoid sampling effects that may be due to concentration gradients that give rise to linear rise, especially in those without amyloidosis.

The FTR includes a process of irreversible loss of $A\beta$. The strong correlations between amyloid status, FTR $A\beta42/40$, $A\beta42$ day/night amplitude and linear increase suggest that loss of $A\beta42$ is to amyloid plaques. The changes in $A\beta42$ amplitude and linear rise associated with amyloid deposition were seen at borderline [$A\beta42$: $A\beta40$] ratios between 0.12-0.16 when participants were classified as amyloid-negative. This finding complements recently published work showing that CSF $A\beta42$ levels are tightly correlated with cortical amyloid load and decrease markedly prior to passing the threshold for "amyloid-positive" on PET PIB (19). For $A\beta40$, the linear rise correlated with FTR $A\beta40$, but not to FTR $A\beta42/40$ or amyloid status. The etiology of $A\beta40$ loss is unclear and may be due to clearance across the blood-brain barrier, degradation, formation of higher order $A\beta$ structures, or other causes including clearance by more frequent sampling of higher volumes of CSF. It is possible that collecting 6 ml/hour would substantially increase the clearance of $A\beta$ species which can diffuse into the CSF and may represent the mechanism for the linear rise in $A\beta$ seen in many CSF catheter studies.

In the last 10-15 years, multiple lumbar catheter studies have measured the effect of CSF sampling and time-of-day on CSF A β concentration ((5-7, 20-26), eTable 5). Several of these prior studies reported that the linear increase and day/night variability in CSF A β levels during serial collection depends on the sampling frequency and/or volume (7, 21, 26), possibly due to shifting CSF flow toward the lumbar space with repeated draws. However, none of these studies controlled for amyloid deposition. Our group previously reported that the amplitude of CSF A β oscillation decreased with age, while amyloid deposition markedly decreased linear rise (5). We have extended these findings to show that the linear rise of CSF A β also demonstrates an age-dependent effect and amplitude is decreased in individuals with amyloid deposition regardless of age when the draw frequency and volume is uniform. Further, these amyloid effects were observed in A β 42 rather than A β 40. This finding has important implications in study designs using lumbar catheters in order to control for these effects.

A major weakness of our study is the lack of sleep-wake monitoring. Decreased A β production from neuronal activity and increased clearance via bulk fluid flow during sleep are two mechanisms hypothesized to drive the A β day/night pattern. We hypothesize that

both A β amplitude and linear increase in amyloid-negative individuals are likely dependent on the sleep-wake cycle and other factors. However, deposition into amyloid plaques acts as a "sink" and is the dominant factor affecting the A β 42 amplitude and linear rise in amyloidpositive individuals; since A β 42 is more likely to aggregate into insoluble plaques than A β 40, A β 40 amplitude and linear rise are not significantly changed. Without concurrent sleep studies, we cannot determine if variability of A β amplitude and linear rise in individuals less than 73 years old is affected by alterations in total sleep time or other sleep parameters.

MS is a novel assay that simultaneously measures absolute A β concentration and A β SILK. The profound age-dependent effect of amyloid on A β amplitude and linear rise, particularly for A β 42, was not previously appreciated until the more precise MS method was used. We also found novel associations between A β concentration and production rates to A β amplitude and linear rise, as well as A β turnover and linear rise, independent of age and amyloid deposition. Further A β SILK studies in participants under different sleep conditions are needed to determine the sleep parameters that can manipulate A β production, clearance and concentrations. Understanding the factors which influence A β physiology throughout the sleep/wake cycle could establish potential approaches and targets for the prevention or treatment of AD.

Supplementary Material

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Figure 1.

Cosinor analysis of percent of the mean for Aβ40 and Aβ42 measured by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay and mass spectrometry. Group-averaged Aβ40 and Aβ42 measured in serial cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) and mass spectrometry (MS) in 39 amyloid-negative (A-D) and 38 amyloid-positive (E-H) individuals over 48 hours. Concentration values were converted to percent of the mean for all participants and then averaged for each group. The cosinor fit and standard deviations are shown. MS quantitation resulted in narrower standard deviations (all p 0.001) and therefore more precise fit to the cosine wave compared to ELISA. Amyloid-negative individuals: A. Aβ40 measured by ELISA. B. Aβ40 measured by MS. C. Aβ42 measured by ELISA. D. Aβ42 measured by MS. Amyloid-positive individuals: E. Aβ40 measured by ELISA. F. Aβ40 measured by MS. G. Aβ42 measured by ELISA. H. Aβ42 measured by MS.



Figure 2.

Relationship between A β amplitude and linear rise to age. A. A β 42 amplitude (pM) vs. age (years). B. A β 42 linear rise (pM/hr) vs. age (years). C. A β 40 amplitude (pM) vs. age (years). D. A β 40 linear rise (pM/hr) vs. age (years). Amyloid-negative (blue) and amyloid-positive (red) participants are shown. r- and p-values are shown. A β : amyloid-beta; pM: picomolar; hr: hour.



Figure 3.

Relationship between A β amplitude and linear rise to [A β 42]:[A β 40]. A. A β 42 amplitude (pM) vs. [A β 42]:[A β 40] ratio. The horizontal dashed line is at 15 pM. B. A β 42 linear rise (pM/hr) vs. [A β 42]:[A β 40] ratio. C. A β 40 amplitude (pM) vs. [A β 42]:[A β 40] ratio. The horizontal dashed line is at 200 pM. D. A β 40 linear rise (pM/hr) vs. [A β 42]:[A β 40] ratio. For all panels, the vertical dashes lines are at [A β 42]:[A β 40]=0.1, [A β 42]:[A β 40]=0.12, and [A β 42]:[A β 40]=0.16. Participants with the highest CSF [A β 42]:[A β 40] ratios (>0.16) were previously reported to have normal A β stable isotope labeling kinetics. A β SILK alterations become progressively more pronounced as the CSF [A β 42]:[A β 40] ratio decreases from 0.16 to 0.1 and then <0.1. For this reason, these cutoffs were used in the figures with [A β 42]:[A β 40] ratio. Amyloid-negative (blue) and amyloid-positive (red) participants are shown. A β : amyloid-beta; pM: picomolar; hr: hour.



Figure 4.

Relationship between A β amplitude and linear rise to FTR A β 42/40. A. A β 42 amplitude (pM) vs. FTR A β 42/40 ratio (pools/hr). The horizontal dashed line is at 15 pM. B. A β 42 linear rise (pM/hr) vs. FTR A β 42/40 ratio (pools/hr). C. A β 40 amplitude (pM) vs. FTR A β 42/40 (pools/hr). The horizontal dashed line is at 200 pM. D. A β 40 linear rise (pM/hr) vs. FTR A β 42/40 ratio (pools/hr). The vertical dashes line marks FTR A β 42/40=1.1. Amyloid-negative (blue) and amyloid-positive (red) participants are shown. A β : amyloid-beta; FTR: fractional turnover rate; pM: picomolar; hr: hour.

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Spearman partial correlations; Two-tailed significance

Amyloid refers to "amyloid status" as defined in the methods FTR: Fractional Tumover Rate; PR: Production Rate; Aβ: Amyloid-β; r_S=Spearman correlation

* p<0.05

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