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Brain and Neuronal Changes Associated With Over Weight and Obesity

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ABSTRACT: Considerable brain and neural alterations associated with obesity affect behavior, thought, and emotional control. Changes in brain shape and function are revealed by neuroimaging research, especially in reward-processing regions like the striatum and prefrontal cortex. These alterations could result in a rise in the desire for foods rich in calories and a decline in judgment. Furthermore, neuroinflammation and changes in neurotransmitter systems are linked to obesity and can impact mood and cognitive function. To effectively treat obesity and the health problems it causes, it is essential to comprehend these brain alterations. Obesity is a complex medical problem that has significant effects on brain structure and function in addition to physical health. With an emphasis on changes in brain regions related to reward, food management, and cognitive function, this study examines the most recent research on the neuronal modifications linked to overweight and obesity.

KEY WORDS: obesity, neuroinflammation, cognitive function, SAT – scholastic assessment test, VAT- value added tax

INTRODUCTION

An important worldwide issue, obesity is closely related to biological, physiological, behavioural, social, environmental, political, and economic aspects, overweight and obesity are associated with more deaths than underweight, with obesity rates exceeding 50% in several nations, Since obesity is now one of the main causes of death and a global handicap, epidemic levels [1]. The immunological and neurological system's interactions are becoming more widely recognized in a variety of neuropsychiatric disorders. The traditional claim with immunological privilege experienced significant change monitoring baseline neuronal activity and responding quickly to tissue damage are microglia's main responsibilities microglia can directly cause cell death [2]. The WHO classifies adults as overweight or obese if their BMI is between 25.0 and 29.9 and higher than 30.0 [3]. anatomical locations the two types of adipose tissues—SAT and VAT—within the body differ significantly. Notably, visceral obesity more strongly connected with higher obesity-related morbidity than extra-abdominal (subcutaneous) obesity [4]. This intricate link includes insulin resistance, inflammation, and the effects of obesity on the structure and physiology of the brain [5].

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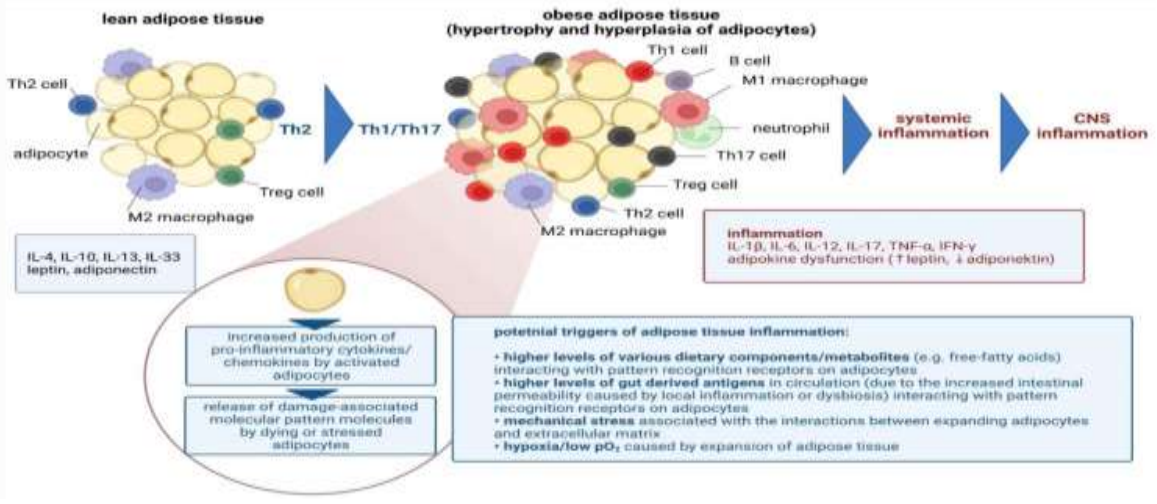

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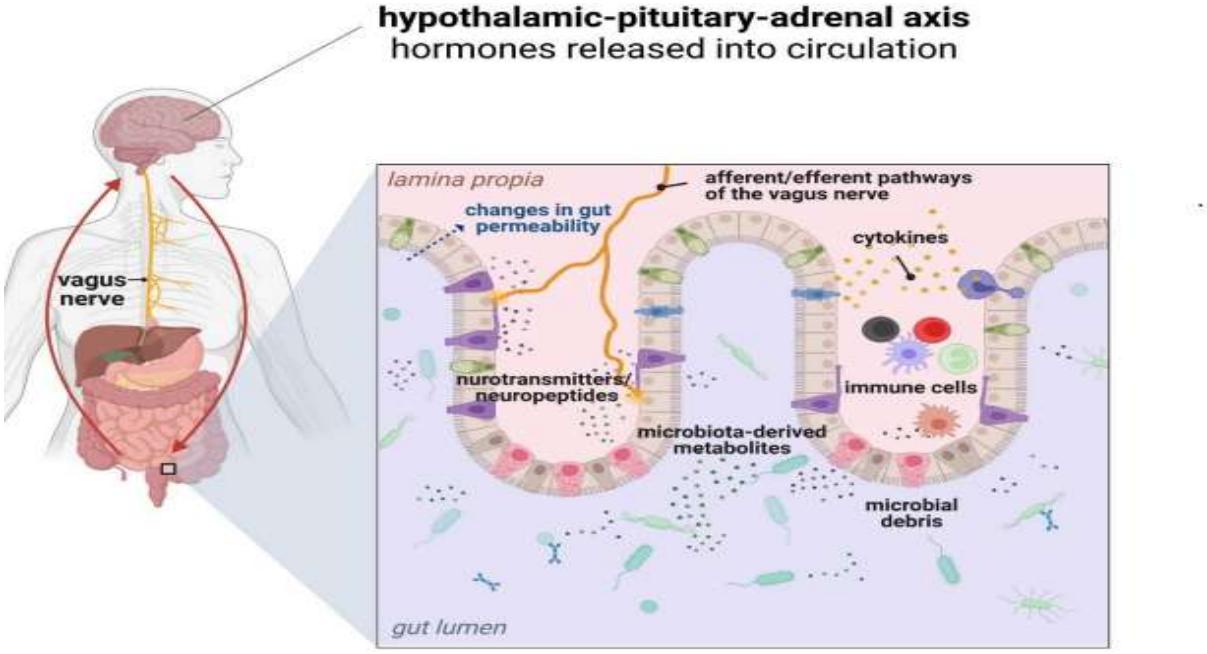
Macrophages control inflammation in accordance with distinct based (M2) "alternatively" regulate immune response to lower inflammation, encourage tissue remodeling, and release growth factors [6]. The activated macrophages (M2) "alternatively" control the immune response and reduce inflammation [7]. Coexisting M1 and M2 macrophages can result in chronic inflammation and fibrosis [8]. Adipose tissue accumulation is the primary cause of systemic inflammation in obesity [9]. Necrotic clearance pathways may be comparable to the inflammatory response that M1 mediates in obesity [10,11].The blood-brain barrier (BBB) is made up of tight junctions, components tightly control movement chemicals Primarily, it maintains the CNS safe from dangerous materials while allowing vital nutrients and signaling molecules to flow. nonfenestrated capillaries, central nervous system[12].

2. Brain Structure Changes:

The brain regions that control energy balance create vast neural networks that connect autonomic hypothalamus and brainstem neuronal circuits to a corticolimbic appetitive network in the forebrainT. homeostatic processes, motivation, and reward. The most researched and focused homeostatic circuits that control energy balance [13]. Grey matter and comprise component that enables people to carry out their regular tasks normally. The brain's outermost layer is composed of grey matter. Since both the white matter and the grey matter are vital components of the brain and spinal cord, they are comparable. An abundance of neuronal cell bodies gives the grey matter its grey hue [14]. As previously mentioned, hypothalamic injury happens early in obesity. However, along with changes, may work together complex way create ultimately impacts .mice fed a high-fat diet, lead to hippocampal damage [15].



3. Neurotransmitter Imbalances:

Obesity-related adipose tissue growth lowers blood supply to adipocytes, resulting in hypoxia and cytokine release that causes inflammation both locally and systemically. In fact, Hypoxia-inducible factor 1α caused increased expression of inflammatory genes in the adipose tissue of obese insulin-resistant individuals. Furthermore, both HFD consumption and obesity increased the release of cytokines from central and peripheral immune cells. By encouraging lipopolysaccharide .saturated fatty acids directly cause inflammation. They do this in order to induce receptor internalization by attaching to toll-like receptor-4 (TLR4) and binding partners cluster of differentiation 14 and myeloid differentiation factor-2 (MD-2). Pathogen recognition, signalling are all triggered by toll-like immune receptors [16]. The neurotransmitter serotonin is an inhibitory one, mood, appetite, and sleep habits. Chronic pain, fibromyalgia, sadness, anxiety, and seasonal affective disorder are among the conditions [17].

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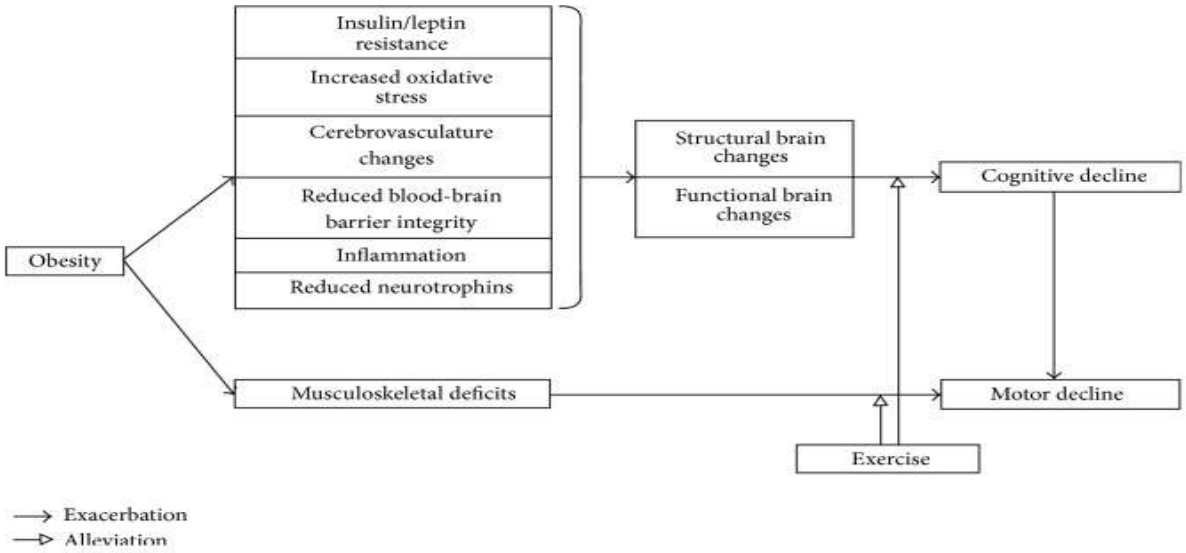
4. Cognitive Function:

Across the lifespan, being overweight or obese is typically associated with worse cognitive function. Older adults' adiposity is measured inaccurately, which contributes to the decreased correlation between BMI and cognitive performance. There is indirect evidence linking a high-fat Western diet to cognitive decline [18]. BMI alone might not be sensitive enough to detect cognitive dysfunctions brought on by obesity. Neuroimaging studies show that elderly obese people have atrophy in their thalamus, hippocampus, anterior cingulate gyrus, and frontal lobes [19] .



The above factors that mediate how exercise and obesity affect motor skills and thought processes. Obesity primarily alters the brain, which impacts cognition, and it damages the musculoskeletal system, which affects motor behaviors. cognition can be mitigated by exercise.

5. Metabolic Functions:

White adipose tissue releases the 167 amino acid hormone leptin, which resembles a cytokine. encoded by the gene for Ob, it was first adipocytokine discovered. Different tissues express different types of leptin receptors. The expression of leptin has been found to be mostly found in adipocytes, although it is also found in the liver, skeletal muscle, placenta, ovary, and stomach wall [20]. Numerous adipokines, including visfatin, adiponectin, and leptin, have been demonstrated to increase insulin sensitivity. Conversely, the retinol binding protein and resistin cause insulin resistance. Insulin sensitivity is thought to be dependent on adiponectin. Reduced Adipo R expression levels in obesity result in decreased and increased [21] .

6. Impact of Diet and Lifestyle:

The fundamentals of dietary adjustment by establishing and upholding four fundamental lifestyle pillars, we shift our focus to nutritional macronutrient balance. In our largely westernized diets, which are full of UPFs and frequently high in carbohydrates and low in fiber, it is more important than ever to balance dietary macronutrients. It is worthwhile to consider the part that the contemporary food environment and its incompatibility with our genetic makeup have played in the pressing need for macronutrient balance. We developed to consume as much as we could during periods of limited food availability, rather than having a preference for particular food kinds as dictated by the "palaeolithic diet." This made us more likely to gain weight and become obese during periods of excess food [22]. Dietary needs are likely to differ from person to person, and healthy diets are those that promote and preserve health. It's interesting to note that long-term low dietary carbohydrate intake does not alter the physiology of ethnic groups like Inuits, who retain their capacity for carbohydrate digestion [23]. Numerous diet-related data can be found assessments research subjects like Mediterranean diet's advantages and how food affects the gut-brain axis [24].

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CONCLUSION

Obesity and overweight have a complicated and multidimensional link with alterations in the brain and neurons. There is evidence that being overweight can cause major notably areas food management, cognitive performance. A cycle of overeating and additional weight gain could be exacerbated by these neurological alterations, making managing obesity even more difficult. Inflammation, insulin resistance, and hormone imbalances linked to obesity can also affect brain health and neuroplasticity, raising the risk of mental health issues and cognitive loss. Combating obesity necessitates a comprehensive strategy that takes these neurological aspects into account, stressing the value of early intervention, individualized treatment plans, and on going research to better understand the complex relationships between the brain and body.

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