

Pain in Inflammatory Diseases: Mechanisms, Management and Future Directions

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Abstract

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1. Inflammatory diseases (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis (RA), psoriasis, Crohn's disease) are characterized by chronic inflammation, which leads to tissue damage and pain. Key cytokines involved in this process include TNF- α , IL-1, and IL-6.
2. Pain management in inflammatory diseases involves a combination of pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches. Pharmacological options include NSAIDs, corticosteroids, and disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs).
3. Non-pharmacological approaches include physical therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy, and acupuncture.
4. Newer treatments, such as biologics (e.g., TNF inhibitors, IL-6 inhibitors), have shown promising results in reducing inflammation and pain in various inflammatory conditions.

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1. Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA): A chronic autoimmune disease characterized by joint inflammation and pain. Treatment options include NSAIDs, corticosteroids, and DMARDs.
2. Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD): A group of chronic inflammatory conditions of the gastrointestinal tract, including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Treatment options include corticosteroids, immunosuppressants, and biologics.
3. Psoriasis: A chronic autoimmune disease characterized by skin inflammation and pain. Treatment options include topical corticosteroids, phototherapy, and systemic immunosuppressants.

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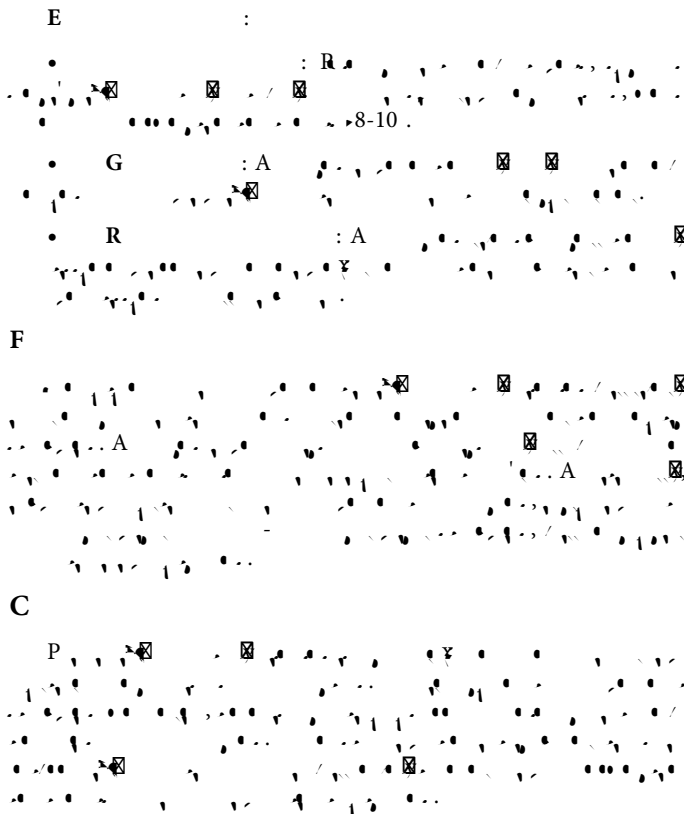
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