



National Based, Retrospective Study on the Evaluation of Clinical, Laboratory, and Imaging Research of Angelman- Turkey's Multicenter Study

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INTRODUCTION

Angelman syndrome (AS) is a rare genetic neurodevelopmental disorder with severe learning difficulties, ataxia, and dysmorphic facial features. It often has a characteristic epileptic EEG pattern. They are happy and social patients. disturbance There are often jerky movements, frequent and sometimes inappropriate laughter, water addiction, and sleep.

OBJECTIVES

It is an important genetic disorder that should be considered in behavior, language, and gait disorders that accompany a happy and sociable personality. A comprehensive evaluation was aimed in terms of epilepsy frequency and treatment approaches.

MATERIALS& METHODS

Patients diagnosed with Angelman syndrome between 01.01.2010 and 01.01.2022 through a 14-centered retrospective study in Turkey were followed up for at least 3 months. Their presenting complaints, demographic data, radiological findings, electroencephalographic records, sleep disorders, intellectual disability, recurrent infections, medical treatment options, response to treatment and follow-up time, and evaluations of psychosocial support were examined. Statistics were done with Turcosa and SPSS22 program.

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RESULTS

In a total of 102 pediatric patients, the mean age at presentation was 51.2 months. 48.3% had seizures, 33.3% had development delay, typical phenotype and behavior was 6.9%, psychiatric symptoms easy excitability, sleep problems, and atypical autism) was 4.9%, isolated speech disorders were 2.9%, and attention-deficit admitted with hyperactivity disorder(ADHD) was 1 %. Patients not able to speak were 43%. Intellectual disability was 76.4%. Behavior problems were 86%; Extremely friendly, unusually happy behavior pattern %67.6, frequent and unusual laughter %55.7, clapping hands 47%, and difficulty walking was 90 %. Epilepsy frequency was 85%, and 61% was generalized. EEG rhythm was: Type1 persistent rhythmic 4–6Hz activity 32.8%, Type2 rhythmic delta 2–3Hz sharp spike-wave 45.2%, and Type 3 high amplitude 3-4 Hz sharp spike wave was 23 %.

CONCLUSION

This study recommends that clonazepam/clobazam or valproate could be the first choice in antiepileptic therapy.

Tablo 1. Treatment Options For Angelman and Follow-up

Treatment Used		Number of Patients	*Benefit rate of the treatment method
Psychotherapy		44	%18
Special Education		71	
Antiepileptic Drugs	Totally	88	
	Clonazepam/ Clobazam	37	36/37 - 97.2%
	Lamotrigine	16	13/16 - 82.2%
	Valproate	68	53/68 - 77.9%
	ACTH	13	10/13 - 76%
	Levetiracetam	43	22/43 - 53.6%
	Phenobarbital	23	10/23 - 43%
	Steroids	7	3/7 - 42%
Antipsychotics		26	9/26 - 34.6
ADHD treatment stimulant		19	10/19 - 52%
Melatonin		27	17/27 - 62.9
Follow up	Going on	83	81.3%
Mortality		1	0.9

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