Цель. Обобщение литературных и собственных данных о генетико-физиологических и эволюционных процессах, протекающих в популяциях человека экологически неблагополучных промышленных городов.

В обзоре приводятся сведения о повреждении генетического аппарата клеток человека под воздействием неблагоприятных факторов среды и дезадаптаций различного генеза. Для обозначения всей совокупности возникающих изменений при данном воздействии вводится новый термин «генетика дезадаптаций». Обобщаются данные о мутагенных факторах окружающей среды промышленных городов, которые приводят к росту онкологических заболеваний, пороков развития, причиной которых являются хромосомные аберрации в клетках. Обсуждается вопрос о генетическом грузе популяций человека экологически неблагополучных территорий и влиянии на этот процесс дезадаптирующих факторов. Приводятся сведения об экологической обстановке и заболеваемости населения в индустриальном городе Череповце. Показана роль дезадаптаций в генетико-эволюционных процессах, протекающих в человеческих популяциях. Установлено, что причиной возникновения различного рода дезадаптивных проявлений у населения является дезадаптивная дивергенция признаков. Выдвигается гипотеза и приводятся доказательства существования в популяциях человека естественного отбора по дезадаптивному признаку. Высказано предположение о том, что, накапливаясь в организме человека, дезадаптивные нарушения могут передаваться по наследству следующим поколениям, при этом снижая жизнеспособность организмов и вызывая различные заболевания.

Заключение. В рамках темы для предупреждения неблагоприятных изменений генома человека, возникающих под влиянием неблагоприятных экологических и сопутствующих дезадаптирующих факторов приводятся примеры различных проводимых профилактических мероприятий по оздоровлению населения промышленных городов.

Ключевые слова: генетика дезадаптаций; мутагенные факторы; хромосомные аберрации; промышленные города; генетический груз; дезадаптирующий отбор.

DISADAPTIVE GENETIC-EVOLUTIONARY PROCESSES IN HUMAN POPULATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL CITIES

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Aim. Generalization of literature and proprietary data on genetic-physiological and evolutionary processes occurring in human populations in environmentally neglected industrial cities.

In the review information is given about damage to the genetic apparatus of cells of a human organism under influence of unfavorable environmental factors and disadaptations of different
Disadaptation is commonly understood as a disorder of adaptation of an organism to constantly changing environmental conditions. It is a kind of frustration of interaction between an organism and habitat that leads to derangement of physiological functions and to development of pathological processes. ‘Genetics of disadaptations’ is the term introduced by us to describe the whole complex of alterations in the genetic machinery of cells induced by disadaptive environmental factors and leading to transformation of a human genome having evolutionary significance. Of importance is the fact that disadaptation induced by unfavorable ecological and other factors triggers free radical oxidation reaction in an organism leading to degeneration of cells and to damage of DNA [1]. The probability for damage of DNA and instability of genome on exposure to environmental and related disadaptive factors is shown by F.I. Ingel in her genetic toxicology studies [2,3]. The authors showed that the condition of disadaptation (non-adaptive stress characterized by reduction of adaption potential of an organism), especially in healthy teenagers, may develop both under action of social and emotional factors, and also on exposure to chemical compounds, and may lead to DNA methylation [4]. So, instability of human genome may manifest in the form of genetic changes in nucleotide sequence of DNA or in structural (or numeric) changes of chromosomes in the cell nucleus. Here, insufficient repair of double strand rupture of DNA, as well as shortening of telomeres are an important factor in formation of chromosomal aberrations [5].

The analysis showed that the activity of human genome is determined by systemic endocrine regulation of genetic processes [6]. But, nevertheless, action of an extreme stressor induces restructure of the genetic material of the cell to the extent of its complete disintegration which eventually deprives a human of the possibility to adapt to environmental conditions. Such dynamic changes of the activity of genes in response to external damaging stimuli make the basis for cell adaptation or disadaptation. It is noteworthy that the main factors influencing processes of adaptation/disadaptation of an organism in stress include hereditary predisposition, environmental conditions and interaction between the environment and the genome of an organism. But the most
important is the fact that stress is considered a factor of evolutionary development that trig-gers the processes of genetic variability, that is, changes occurring in gametes in stress, provide the genetic basis for gametic selection in human populations. Thus, the direction of adaptive reactions in an organism causing adaptive or disadaptive changes, is determined by individual, genetically determined properties of an organism and its conditions depending on the type and force of influence.

From here it follows that accumulation of genetically altered cells in an organism leads to dysfunctional disorders and to reduction of its ability to adaptation. This genetic instability of human genome is accompanied by dysregulatory disorders and by all possible disorders in homeostasis. Deviations of homeostasis induce changes in the activity of functional systems manifested by reduction in the working capacity, impairment of well-being and phenomena of disadaptation.

**Mutagenic Factors of the Environment of Industrial Cities. Accumulation of Disadaptations and Mutation Process**

It is known that chemical carcinogenesis and mutagenesis condition initiation and development of genetic diseases in an organism and increase the risk of congenital pathology in the population of ecologically unfavorable regions of the world. One of dangerous contaminants of the environment is 1-nitropyrene widely famous for its mutagenic and carcinogenic activity. Thus, it was shown in experiments on mice that introduction of this ecotoxicant into their stomach through the tube leads to vacuolization of placenta, proliferation and limitation of growth of fetus [7].

Nevertheless, such fact as a high incidence of malformations and oncological diseases in the population, permitted to forecast several spontaneous and induced effects of carcinogenesis. It was found that initiation of malignant tumors follows a strictly determined genetic program of the oncoprocess irrespective of living condition of the population, but predominantly occurs in the part of the population predisposed to cancer development. This predisposition may be present in 15-20% of each population per generation [8]. However, a clear evidence of interaction of genes with the environment is the identified shortening of telomeres on exposure to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons [9].

It is known that in Russia and in the whole world the amount of chemical substances contaminating the environment steadily grows. This creates additional health risks for different groups of human population. The studies showed genotoxic influence of the environmental mutagens on the population of Vladikavkaz. A correlation was established between increase in the level of chromosomal disorders in individuals engaged in hazardous industry and in those having no relation to it. Indeed, there is an increased rate of congenital abnormalities, dead births and fetal deaths in the population of this city [10].

At the same time the study of influence of ecological factors on human constitutional type showed that variability of anthropometric parameters in the population of Mordovia is an element of morphological adaptation of an organism to unfavorable factors of the environment. It was found that females in ecologically friendly regions are characterized by normal evolutive type of constitution, whereas in the areas contaminated with emissions of industrial enterprises evolutive somatotype of females was formed differing in some anthropometric parameters (in particular, in length and mass of body, chest circumference, force of wrists muscles, pulse rate, level of arterial pressure) [11].

Besides emerging constitutional-environmental alterations of an organism, in the literature a question is being discussed about contamination of the environment as a triggering mechanism for – as compared to individuals engaged in administrative service. Here, the amount of cells with chromosomal aberrations varied depending on remoteness from the sources of industrial emissions. The average incidence of cells with chromosomal
aberrations in cytological analysis was maximal in individuals living at the distance 3 km from the enterprise, and minimal in those living in remote regions [14,15].

The following works [16] indicate the probability for chromosomal aberrations in the population of an industrial center of West Siberia – Kemerovo – under influence of contaminated atmosphere. Formation of the population level of cytogenetic instability showed dependence of chromosomal aberrations on concentration of the main contaminants of the atmosphere (benzpyrene, formaldehyde). A significant reduction of the level of chromosomal aberrations in citizens of this industrial center in the 2000s as compared with the previous years which was associated with reduction of emission of contaminants into the atmosphere. At the same time, it is shown in the work of I. Jamebozorgi, et al. [17] that chronic occupational exposure to low concentrations of benzol may lead to methylation of DNA of genes-suppressors of tumor which may eventually promote development of cancer in a human. Besides, in Chinese workers exposed to polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, the fact of oxidative damage to DNA was ascertained [18]. It should be noted that on an example of citizens of some populated areas of the Kemerovo region, the influence of polymorphism of LIG4 gene on the level of chromosomal aberrations in human lymphocytes on exposure to the background and excess emission of radon [19] was identified.

As it is seen from the data [20,21], contamination of the atmosphere of large industrial cities with nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide, carbon oxide, ammonia, phenol and formaldehyde produce multifactor influence of the health of adult population, pregnant females and children. Recently, there started to occur genetic damages in the organisms of children living in Italian cities with high levels of atmospheric contamination that play an important role in development of chronic diseases including cancer [22]. It should be stated that direct action of carcinogens (for example, of chromium) on the reproductive function of male population leads to reduction of the motility and of average concentration of gametes. A consequence of mutagenic effects on gametes is also an increase in the amount of degenerative forms of spermatozoids in workers of chromium industry [23].

The monitoring of congenital pathology in the Kuzbass region showed increased morbidity of the population associated with emissions of toxic substances possessing gonadotoxic, mutagenic, embryotoxic and teratogenic effect. A contribution to initiation of congenital pathology is also made by such atmospheric contaminants as benzpyrene, nitric oxide (IV), formaldehyde [24]. There are also traced ecological risks of triclosan that may appear in the natural environment by different ways and threatens the health of the population through affecting the reproductive sphere [25].

All these are evidences of the fact that congenital malformations are ecoassociated diseases with multifactor causes associated with combined influence of genetic and exogenous factors (concentration of hazardous substances in small territories of industrial enterprises). Thus, in the structure of congenital malformations of newborns of Shymkent of South-Kazakhstan region of Republic of Kazakhstan who were born in the territory contaminated with lead and other heavy metal salts, pathology of the nervous system was identified in 28% of cases [26]. Epidemiological studies established a close connection between the presence of arsenic in the drinking water and increase in the incidence of cancer of liver, lungs, urinary bladder, prostate and skin [27].

Thus, contamination of habitat and gradual deepening of global ecological crisis increases the rate of mutations of genes and produces a negative influence on health of the population of different regions [28]. And of much importance for elucidation of mechanisms of hereditary pathology are improved molecular cytogenetic methods of study of the
structure and functions of chromosomes that open new prospects for understanding the chromosomal-molecular bases of ecologically conditioned diseases including cancer, degeneration of tissues and adaptive alterations of the genome [29].

**Disadaptations and Genetic Burden of Populations of Ecologically Unfriendly Territories**

At present there is an increasing amount of works in medico-biological literature presenting the data of population health and quality of life of different regions of Russia. This is not occasional since genetic-evolutionary changes are especially fast in certain groups of populations living in ecologically and socially neglected regions of the country and in most cases are associated with disadaptive disorders [30,31]. According to the existing data, hereditary diseases also make a considerable ‘contribution’ to the health of population and account for 20.0% in the total list of factors influencing health level [32].

In this respect attention should be paid to genetic polymorphism which, on the one hand, is a part of adaptive processes, and, on the other hand, provides genetic basis for diseases with hereditary predisposition. It plays a key role in development of desynchronoses and socially significant diseases of the cardiovascular system, such as venous thromboembolism. Here are the facts that evidence accumulation of genetic burden in human populations. Analysis of distribution of alleles and genotypes of polymorphic markers in healthy individuals of North Ossetia demonstrated predomination of negative carriage over positive one for the majority of mutations, which proves the fact of accumulation of genetic burden in the local population [33]. At the same time it was found that polymorphism of genes of glutathione-S-transferase in mothers may be involved in teratogenesis in their progeny [34]. A study of spontaneous mutation in the gene pool of citizens of Vladikavkaz showed that in 27.9-29.0% of studied individuals the level of chromosomal aberrations ranges within 3.0-6.0%. This is 1.5-2 times the control level, and in 10.7% of studied individuals the control level is exceeded 2.5-3 times. The obtained data evidence a serious mutation burden accumulated in the population of Vladikavkaz [35].

Analysis of the data obtained by the present moment showed that the incidence of single-gene hereditary diseases among child population of Chuvash Republic makes 1.0%, of Republic of Udmurtia – 1.2%, of Republic of Bashkortostan – 1.4%. It was also ascertained that genetic burden of hereditary diseases in Udmurtian population is formed under a considerable influence of genetic drift of genes in the population [36,37].

In a study of causes of difference in the parameters of the burden of single-gene diseases in the population of the Rostov region it was found that distribution of genetic burden in the areas of this region and peculiarities of genetic structure (inbreeding, migrations, gene drift) largely influence formation of autosomal hereditary pathology. Here, evident distribution of genetic burden of autosomal-dominant and autosomal-recessive diseases between populations is noted. The analysis showed that the incidence of single-gene diseases in the region is 1: 336 [38,39]. Materials of study of peculiarities of genetic burden and of diversity of single-gene hereditary diseases in Karachaevsk and in the Karachaevsk region of Karachai-Cherkess Republic showed that they have 47 nosological forms. The most common autosomal-dominant disease is Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (1:1815) and oligophrenia (1:3992) [40].

It is not a secret that increasing anthropogenic pressure on the biosphere is associated with increased probability for self-destruction of genetic links between an organism and habitat in result of buildup of genetic burden and accumulation of disadaptations in the human populations. In the absence of natural selection or with its low intensity in human populations, mutations and disadaptations that do not significantly reduce the vital capacity of
Role of Disadaptations in Genetic-Evolutionary Processes. Selection of Disadaptations in Human Populations of Industrial Cities

Considering the role of disadaptations in genetic-evolutionary processes, we inevitably come to the question of health of the population of industrial cities since contamination of the habitat, stress and social woes are additional risk factors for hereditary alterations. Cherepovets city is a large industrial and environmentally neglected center of the Vologda region of Northwestern Federal District of Russia. The dominating branches of industry here are iron and metalworking industries, chemical and wood-processing industry. To the estimates of Department of Natural Resources Management and Environmental Protection, in 2017 the level of atmospheric contamination was evaluated as increased. Maximal permissible one-time concentrations of carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, carbon disulphide, dust, nitrogen dioxide, phenol were exceeded. Analysis of morbidity of the adult population showed that diseases of the circulatory system rank first, followed by diseases of respiratory organs, and by diseases of eye and its appendages. Disadaptive disorders and low hemoglobin parameters are identified in 20-25% of students of Cherepovets State University [44,45].

Existence of sufficiently high number of disadapted individuals of juvenile age with different symptoms in the social student community leads to the idea of the existence of some disadaptive divergence of traits and accumulation of disadaptive disorders in an organism over time. Indeed, in different groups of studied population of 18-22 years of age, 1030 in total, 20 to 45% of individuals of juvenile age were disadapted. With this, in each group there were individuals with psychological problems, disharmonious physical development and with functional disorders. In this context the term ‘disadaptive divergence’ was used understood as non-uniformity of disadaptive manifestations in certain groups of population of the city (Figure 1).
Fig. 1. Disadaptive divergence of characteristics in human populations [46].

Types of disadaptation:

D – disadaptive; CD – completely disadapted; PD – partially disadapted; PA – partially adapted; Int_psy – intermediate with predomination of psychological disadaptation; Int_phys – intermediate with predomination of physical disadaptation; Int_physiol – intermediate with predomination of physiological disadaptation; A – adapted

One may think that accumulation of different disadaptations in a human organism is associated with multifactorial inheritance and natural selection of disadaptive traits. It is polygenic inheritance of disadaptive traits that explains diversity of disorders in the adaptation in human populations. At present a question of multifactorial diseases in modern populations is considered in the context of the evolution. The evolutionary approach permits to widely investigate the origin, spread of pathological phenotypes and their rate staying at a high level in human populations [47]. In this connection, the genetic identification of polymorphisms responsible for the regenerative capacity of DNA, carried out in Saudi Arabia, will be helpful in screening of individuals exposed to environmental carcinogens and having predisposition to cancer [48].

The facts available at present indicate the key role of genetic alterations and natural selection in adaptation of the indigenous population of the North East Asia to extreme conditions of the Far North. In the Eskimos, Chukchi and Koryaks, the maximal frequency of loss (deletion) of the pancreatic amylase gene AMY2A required for cleavage of starch is found. It is very likely that the loss of the ability not to assimilate certain carbohydrates may be associated with a reduction of negative selection for SI and AMY2A genes due to deficit of starch and disaccharides in the traditional food of the indigenous population in the past. Thus, genetic alterations in the populations of aboriginals of the Far North in modern conditions when there is no more deficit of carbohydrate substrates in their ration, become harmful since they enhance the risk for development of diseases of metabolism and disorders in adaptation [49].

In the general biological plan an important factor is discovery of the role of natural selection in the evolution of mitochondrial genomes of the populations of the North-East Eurasia. A directional effect of selection on region-specific C haplogroup is reliably shown. The character of its spread in the indigenous population of Siberia and America and detection of traces of the purifying selection may evidence the fact that evolution of the system of oxidative phosphorylation was directed to adaptation to severe climatic conditions, and any newly occurring replacements are rejected by selection. Weakening of the pressure of
selection seen at present, may be associated with the modern way of life of the population in these territories and its lower dependence on the environmental conditions [50].

However, at the present stage of the evolution a sharp expansion of intervention of a human into the natural environment is seen which results in a considerable change in conditions of natural selection that have been established throughout centuries. In connection with low physical activity of a human and growth of the role of the brain in the everyday activity, some researchers predict gradual devolution of a human into a physically weak dwarf with a large head. Besides, inexpedience of some actions, stimuli, instincts of a human draw more and more attention to the problem of natural selection in the modern life of an individual [51].

As far as we understand, in recent years a real growth of the amount of individuals with disadaptive disorders is seen in the population that impair the vital activity of an organism. Increase in the amount of different disadaptations leads to their accumulation in an organism and to their increasing participation in genetic evolutionary processes in the form of disadapting selection. In considering this problem, one may not doubt that in disadapted individuals a higher probability for initiation of mutations exists. And it is known that mutations may enhance or weaken manifestations of any trait of an organism irrespective of the level of adaptation since they are elementary evolution material. In human populations, in adapted, partially adapted and disadapted individuals mutations accumulate in the concealed form, but in different combinations and in unfavorable ecological conditions induced mutations may influence the evolution process or induce alterations of morphofunctional traits in an individual (Figure 2).

Fig. 2. Disadapting form of selection in human population [46]

As it is known, one of factors of the evolution is isolation that is considered to be the initial stage of divergence of populations. But as it is shown by the existing data, there does not exist a single genetic structure of the population isolate. Thus, comparative analysis of Latin-American and Finnish isolates of population showed that Latin-American isolation of
the population increases genetic diversity in the populations in comparison with Finnish one [52]. Therefore, at present within the evolution-genetic structure of populations the problem of longevity is actively studied, since the ability of individuals to long life is determined by interaction of genes and the environment. In this context, genetics of longevity is undoubtedly considered in the ecological and evolution prospect [53].

And, eventually, it should be also noted that both in our country and abroad the problem of evolution of cancer has been discussed with the increasing frequency, with discussion of the functional role of the microenvironment of the tumor in progress of the pathological process in a human. Evolution aspects of the tumor growth and invasion are discussed from the point of view of the modern therapeutic challenges and potentials of personalized medicine [54].

Conclusion

Thus, we have the facts evidencing that increasing diversity of mutagenic factors in the environment of industrial cities may lead to acceleration of mutation process in a human, to buildup of genetic load in the human populations, to accumulation of disadaptations and to initiation of natural selection for disadaptive trait. Diversity of disadaptive manifestations in a human probably reflects different degree of expression of polygenic factors of predisposition to somatic diseases in conditions of interaction with ecological and social factors of different strength.

Health and quality of life of urban citizens are largely determined by problems associated with rapidly increasing urbanization of the population worldwide, including the problem of contamination of the environment. Therefore, in 1986 the World Health Organization undertook realization of the plan «Healthy Cities» that supports populated areas that try to eliminate problems associated with growing density of the urban population. Based on this concept, many cities can achieve ecologically clean environment which could be beneficial for the health of their citizens [55]. In 2001 Cherepovets also joined the International movement «Healthy Cities». In 2002 the municipal targeted program was accepted with the main positions corresponding to the strategic plan of protection and strengthening of health of the population of the Vogodga region.

‘Healthy Cities’ concept determines responsibility of a human for ecological catastrophes on the Earth, for reduction of the species of rare animals in the natural populations. Deformation of optimal environmental conditions reduces the ability of a human to adapt, leads to accumulation of disadaptations in an organism and to emergence of disadaptive forms of selection transmitting unfavorable characteristics to the next generations [56]. These changes negatively influence health and well-being of the population of different regions of our country and of the whole world [57].
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