

Post-Radiation Neurocognitive Deficit in the Chornobyl Clean-Up Workers: Geriatric Aspects

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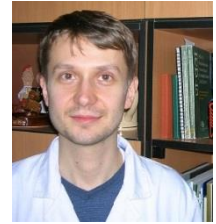
Abstract

Neurocognitive deficit is one of the main neuropsychiatric effects of radiation exposure. The impact of ionizing radiation (IR), particularly in the low-dose range, and age-related factors may have a synergistic effect on the development of post-radiation cognitive impairment. It is suggested that the low doses of IR is a risk factor associated with age-related diseases, in particular, neurodegenerative ones. The prospective clinical study of the randomized samples of 52 elderly male Chornobyl clean-up workers (aged $64,1 \pm 2,9$) irradiated at doses of 0.002–1.1 Sv at mean arithmetic dose ($M \pm SD$) of 0.31 ± 0.29 Sv, mean geometric dose of 0.16 Sv, median dose of 0.25 Sv and 13 male non-exposed controls (aged $63,3 \pm 2,9$). All patients were examined using the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, premorbid IQ assessment, and audial ERPs.



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