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### The Relationship Between the TNF $\alpha$ of the Microglial Cells and the Multiple Sclerosis

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#### Abstract

TNF $\alpha$  is an inflammatory cytokine and the caspase and apoptotic processes can be activated by TNF $\alpha$ . There are two classes of TNF $\alpha$  (solTNF and tmTNF $\alpha$ ) which are important from the receptor aspect, so that solTNF $\alpha$  and tmTNF $\alpha$  can attach to the TNFR1, but tmTNF $\alpha$  just attaches to the TNFR2. Microglia cells are resident immune cells of the central nervous system (CNS) and they respond to the injury and infection and also remove the cellular debris. In the neurological disorders, the microglia cells are activated and they secrete cytokines such as TNF $\alpha$ . Some neurological disorders are associated to the TNF $\alpha$  of activated microglial cells and one of the common diseases is multiple sclerosis (MS). The TNF $\alpha$  which is secreted by microglial cells, functions through various mechanisms and causes the multiple sclerosis. One of the ways would be that TNF increases the caspase 3 and 8 and stimulates the neuronal destruction. Furthermore, this cytokine changes the levels of the proteins such as tau protein and impairs the synaptic formation. In this article, we will investigate the association between this cytokine and MS.

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