

**ROLE OF PENTRAXIN-3 IN PERIODONTAL INFLAMMATION - A  
COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW**

**Abstract:**

Acute phase reactants like C-reactive protein (CRP), and pentraxin 3 (PTX3) are increased with inflammation and tissue injury. PTX3 is an acute phase protein and a member of the long pentraxin family. CRP is synthesized in the liver but PTX3 is generated locally at the inflammatory site. It is a fluid-phase pattern-recognition molecule that regulates antimicrobial immunity and inflammation by interfering with selectin-dependent neutrophil recruitment and regulating the complement cascade. Hence, PTX3 could be used as a potential biomarker to identify inflammatory response in both acute and chronic diseases. In this review, we discuss the role of PTX3 in periodontal inflammation

**Keywords:** Acute phase reactants, Pentraxins, PTX3, Periodontitis, Inflammation

**Introduction:**

Pentraxins are a superfamily of ancient evolutionarily conserved versatile pattern-recognition proteins made up of five identical subunits. The pentraxins are divided into two groups based on the subunit's primary structure: short pentraxins and long pentraxins. The C-reactive protein (CRP) and serum amyloid P-component (SAP) comprise the two short pentraxins, while Pentraxin-3(PTX-3) is the long pentraxin prototype protein group. In the case of acute

inflammation, CRP and SAP, are produced primarily in the liver, whereas PTX3 is produced in a variety of tissues.<sup>1</sup> PTX-3 is the most studied protein among the superfamily of Pentraxins. Hence in this review, the authors aim to brief the role played by PTX-3 in inflammation with an emphasis on its role in periodontal inflammation.

**Pentraxin-3: Structure and Functions:**

PTX-3 is also called tumor necrosis factor-stimulated gene 14. It is a prototypic soluble long pentameric structural protein-containing of 381 amino acids.<sup>2,3,4</sup> PTX3 is produced mainly by dendritic cells, endothelial cells and macrophages in response to primary inflammatory stimuli.<sup>5</sup> PTX3 plays complex, non-redundant functions in vivo. It interacts with several ligands and acts as a predecessor of antibodies, recognizes microbes, activates complement, facilitate certain pathogen recognition and protective responses by phagocytes.<sup>6,7</sup> Hence, PTX3 has an essential role between innate immunity, various inflammatory processes, tissue repair, female fertility and cancer biology.<sup>2,8</sup>

Structurally, the long pentraxin 3 (PTX3) is a member of a complex superfamily of multifunctional proteins characterized by a cyclic multimeric structure.<sup>6</sup> PTX3 is a long pentraxin with a cyclic multimeric structure with an unrelated N- terminal domain linked to a pentraxin-like C-terminal domain which is required for c1q recognition and complement activation.<sup>2,8</sup>

Table-1: Functions of Pentraxins:

<b>Author/s</b>	<b>Role of Pentraxins</b>
<b>TISSUE REPAIR</b>	

Ristagno et al 2019 <sup>9</sup>	Tissue repair, resolution and fibrinolysis.
Garlanda C, et al 2018 <sup>10</sup>	It shows complex regulatory roles in inflammation and extracellular matrix organization and remodeling.
Grcevic D et al 2018 <sup>11</sup>	Pentraxin 3 plays a role in bone turnover and repair
Doni A, Musso et al 2015 <sup>12</sup>	Promote migration of remodeling cells.
Zlibut et al 2009 <sup>13</sup>	PTX3 increases the matrix metalloproteinases synthesis. It increases the MMP synthesis directly or by blocking NO synthesis.
Doni et al 2006 <sup>14</sup>	PTX3 is a component of extracellular matrix and models the tissue in chronic inflammation.
<b>INNATE IMMUNITY</b>	
Ristagno et al 2019 <sup>9</sup>	Innate immunity - Resistance to selected microbes, Opsonization of certain pathogens.
Iwasaki and Medzhitov 2010 <sup>15</sup> , Bonacina et al 2013 <sup>16</sup>	PTX3 recognizes and binds to various ligands including microbial moieties, complement components, and P-selectin. It recognizes the pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) expressed by microorganisms and binds a number of bacteria, fungi, and viruses.
Doni et al 2006 <sup>14</sup>	PTX3 plays a vital role in Humoral Immunity.
<b>INFLAMMATION</b>	

Ristagno et al 2019 <sup>9</sup>	Inflammation: Regulation of complement activity & neutrophils recruitment.
Deban et al <sup>17</sup> Agarwali et al 2009 <sup>1</sup>	PTX3 is an essential tuner of inflammation. It has multifunction soluble pattern recognition property. It works in tandem with other components of inflammation.
<b>OTHER FUNCTIONS</b>	
Parente et al. 2019 <sup>4</sup>	PTX3 is a mediator of bone homeostasis.
Bonacina F et al 2016 <sup>18</sup>	PTX3 controls arterial thrombosis by targeting collagen and fibrinogen induced platelets aggregation
Rodriguez-Grande B et al 2014 <sup>19</sup>	PTX3 is an essential mediator of glial scar formation and resolution of brain oedema after ischemic injury
Armstrong-James and Harrison, 2012 <sup>20</sup>	PTX3 is protective against invasive aspergillosis
Garlanda 2011 <sup>21</sup>	PTX3 plays a cardiovascular protective effect.
Maugeri N et al 2011 <sup>22</sup>	PTX 3 leads to release of leukocytes during acute myocardial infarction.
Bonacina F 2013 <sup>16</sup>	Deficiency of the long pentraxin PTX3 promotes vascular inflammation and atherosclerosis.
Reading PC et al 2008	Antiviral activity (PTX3 against Influenza Viruses and dengue virus)

23 Mairuhu AT 2005 <sup>24</sup>	
27 Bonavita E et al 2005	PTX3 is a suppressor of complement-dependent inflammation in cancer.
Rusnati M et al 2004 <sup>28</sup>	Selective recognition of fibroblast growth factor-2 by the long pentraxin PTX3 inhibits angiogenesis
Rolph MS et al 2002 <sup>29</sup>	Atherosclerotic lesions in humans showed strong expression of PTX3

**Table-2: Pentraxin-3: Its association with various diseases and possible use as a disease biomarker:**

Author/s: Year	Pathogenesis	Disease
Brunetta et al 2021 <sup>30</sup> Tong et al 2021 <sup>31</sup>	High levels of PTX3 are expressed by myelomonocytic cells and endothelial cells in patients with COVID-19. Independent strong prognostic indicator of short-term mortality. PTX3 Serum level is positively correlated with COVID-19 disease severity and coagulopathy.	COVID-19
Zlibut et al 2019 <sup>13</sup> , Ching et	PTX 3 stimulates vascular inflammation by modulating inflammatory cells. It is involved in	Vascular inflammation &

al 2020 <sup>33</sup>	endothelial dysfunction via several pathogenetic pathways.	Vascular endothelial Dysfunction
Fujita et al 2012 <sup>47</sup> , Pradeep et al 2011 <sup>48</sup> Gumus et al 2014 <sup>49</sup>	GCF and Salivary PTX3 concentrations may have diagnostic potential.	Periodontal tissue inflammation
Garlanda et al 2011 <sup>21</sup>	It is a biomarker for vascular pathology. It correlates with events that have the risk of developing vascular events.	Vascular pathology
Iwata Y 2009 <sup>52</sup>	PTX3 expression in skin from Systemic sclerosis was more intense relative to skin of healthy individuals. Serum PTX3 levels increase with the disease severity in systemic sclerosis.	Systemic Sclerosis
Bevelacqua et al.2006 <sup>55</sup> Ctirad et al 2008 <sup>56</sup>	Disease activity of psoriasis positively correlates with PTX3. PTX3 is a reliable prognostic inflammatory disease marker in untreated psoriatic patients.	Psoriasis
Ctirad et al 2008 <sup>56</sup>	PTX3 is a reliable prognostic inflammatory disease marker.	Rheumatoid arthritis

Tong et al, 2004 <sup>57</sup>	Predictor of all-cause mortality	Chronic Kidney Disease
Muller et al 2001 <sup>58</sup>	PTX3 levels increase in critically ill patients. This increase directly correlates with the severity of disease and infection	Critically ill patients

### **Circulating Pentraxins concentrations:**

PTX3 is an acute phase response protein. The blood levels of PTX3 is low in normal conditions and is < 2 ng/mL in humans, increase rapidly (peaking at 6–8 h after induction) and dramatically high (200–800 ng/mL) during certain conditions like endotoxic shock, sepsis and other inflammatory and infectious conditions mentioned in table 1, correlating with the severity of the disease. PTX3 is a rapid marker for primary local activation of innate immunity and inflammation<sup>58,59,24, 60</sup> Thus the circulating levels of PTX3 is related to the severity of various diseases.<sup>61</sup>

### **Pentraxins in Periodontal inflammation:**

PTX3 is expressed in response to inflammatory stimuli, including TNF  $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$  and LPS by a variety of cell types in periodontal tissue like neutrophils, fibroblasts, monocytes/macrophages, dendritic cells, epithelial cells, endothelial cells and vascular smooth muscle cells, adiposities, dendritic cells<sup>62 63</sup>. The plasma levels of PTX3 as mentioned above are very low in normal subjects and are raised in inflammatory conditions resulting from a wide range of disease states from infections to autoimmune and/or degenerative disorders<sup>64</sup>. Its levels may directly reflect the inflammatory status because PTX3 is produced from vascular endothelial cells and

macrophages, not as CRP which is produced in the liver. In addition; short pentraxins are conserved during phylogenesis. This possibly indicates that PTXs confer a survival advantage. For the above reasons; the measurements of PTX3 in GCF or plasma may help identify patients who are at a higher risk for destructive disease, or those patients who are undergoing a process of periodontal breakdown <sup>59,64,65</sup>.

Furthermore, infectious diseases of the bone, like periodontitis and osteomyelitis, set the scene for even tighter cooperation between bone and immune components, as exemplified by the involvement of the complement system in the onset and progression of periodontitis.<sup>66</sup>

**Table-3: Pentraxin-3 and Periodontal inflammation:**

Author/s-Year	Biological sample	Pathogenesis/ Biological effect
Leira et al 2020 <sup>67</sup>	Experimental Periodontitis in rats-Serum	Increase in serum PTX3 levels post-induction. Periodontitis is associated with increased systemic inflammation.
Leira et al 2020 <sup>39</sup>	Serum	Increased PTX3 levels as compared to Chronic migraine without PD
Leira et al 2019 <sup>68</sup>	Serum	PTX3 is independently associated with levels positively correlated with PISA in patients with poor prognosis.
Mohan et al 2019 <sup>69</sup>	GCF and Saliva	Scaling and root planing led to a reduction in PTX3

		levels. This reduction was greater in periodontitis patients who smoked than those who were nonsmokers.
Mohan et al 2019 <sup>69</sup>	GCF and Serum	Scaling and root planing led to a statistically significant reduction of PTX3 levels.
Boyapathi et al 2018 <sup>70</sup>	Serum	PTX3 is significantly correlated with clinical periodontal parameters such as pocket depth, clinical attachment loss and periodontal inflamed surface area.
Temelli B et al 2018 <sup>71</sup>	Serum	PTX3 and SAA levels positively correlate with periodontal inflamed surface area (PISA) in Coronary artery disease (-) groups.
Vijayalakshmi et al 2017 <sup>72</sup>	GCF	PTX3 in the gingival crevicular fluid increases with an increase in inflammation irrespective of the presence or absence of systemic diseases.
Thukral et al 2017 <sup>73</sup>	GCF	PTX-3 is associated with periodontal remodeling under the effect of orthodontic forces.
Rauten et al 2016 <sup>74</sup>	GCF	PTX3 has a role in the inflammation and angiogenesis in wound healing in patients with post orthodontic gingivectomy.

Lakshmanan et al 2014 <sup>75</sup>	Gingival tissue sample	PTX3 levels correlated positively with clinical parameters in periodontitis.
Gumus et al 2014 <sup>49</sup>	Saliva and Serum	PTX3 levels correlate with periodontal tissue inflammation
Elgendy et al 2013 <sup>76</sup>	GCF	GCF levels of PTX3 can be used as a marker of periodontal tissue healing.
Surlin et al 2012 <sup>77</sup>	GCF	PTX-3 involvement in periodontal orthodontic remodeling and the aseptic inflammation induced by the orthodontic forces. PTX3 levels increase at early time points.
Surlin et al 2012 <sup>77</sup>	GCF	PTX-3 has a role in periodontal orthodontic remodeling and the aseptic inflammation induced by the orthodontic forces.
Fujita et al 2012 <sup>47</sup>	GCF	A strong correlation between PTX3 and periodontal status was observed.
Keles et al 2012 <sup>78</sup>	Experimental Periodontitis in Rats	PTX3 seems to be associated with tissue destruction.
Pradeep et al 2011 <sup>48</sup>	GCF and Serum	PTX3 levels increase during disease progression

## Conclusion:

PTX3 is generated locally at the site of inflammation in response to chemokines and bacterial components. It may play an important role in modulating the cross-talk between inflammatory cells and endothelium in various diseases. It can act as a biomarker to estimate the disease activity in inflammation and help in patient management, follow-up and clinical trial designing. Large studies are needed to assess the diagnostic and prognostic value of PTX3.

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