Organ Toxicities from Targeted Therapies

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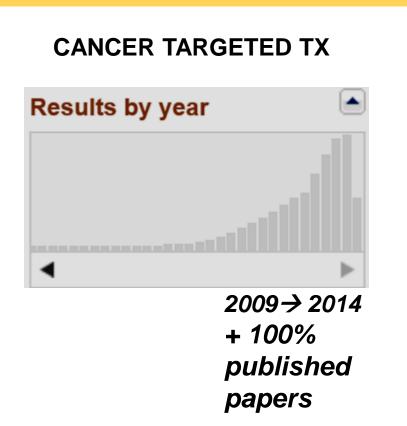
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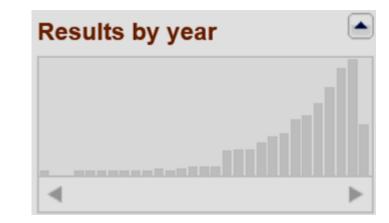
TARGETED THERAPIES

A growing field in oncology

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CANCER TARGETED TX and TOXICITIES



Only 2.5% of all the papers specifically regarding TOXICITIES

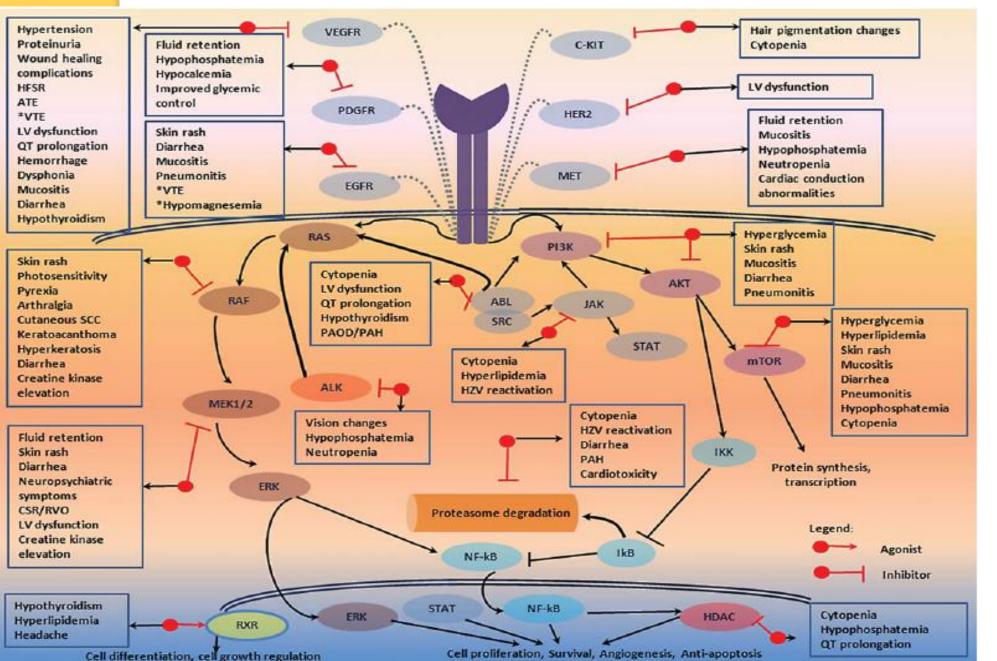
TARGETED THERAPIES

The mirage of the target?



"They are able to act only on cancer cells, so producing fewer adverse events than traditional chemotherapy drugs"

AN OVERVIEW OF THE MOLECULAR



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AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOXICITIES

Pulmonary Tox

Gastroenteric Tox

Neurotoxicity

Dermatological tox

Endocrine Tox

Systemic Tox Cardiac and cardiovascular Tox

Muscoloskeletal Tox

Hematologic Tox

TARGETED THERAPIES

Class effect toxicities

 Toxicities typical of the target (e.g. skin rash or hypertension)

Off target toxicities

 Inhibition of other unintended targets (e.g. hepatotoxicity or some types of diarrhea)

TARGETED THERAPY TOXICITIES

MEASUREMENT: who measures? – which grade of toxicity? third axis - cost/effectiveness

DURATION: late toxicities – cumulative effects

IMPACT: underreported? – frail patients compliance – dose reduction

METHODS: ANALYSIS OF 5 TRIALS LEADING TO FDA APPROVAL OF NEW TT

Efficacy and safety of neoadjuvant pertuzumab and trastuzumab in women with locally advanced, inflammatory, or early HER2-positive breast cancer (NeoSphere): a randomised multicentre, open-label, phase 2 trial

Luca Gianni, Tadeusz Pienkowski, Young-Hyuck Im, Laslo Roman, Ling-Ming Tseng, Mei-Ching Liu, Ana Lluch, Elżbieta Staroslawska Juan de la Haba-Rodriquez, Seock-Ah Im, Jose Luiz Pedrini, Brigitte Poirier, Paolo Morandi, Vladimir Semiglazov, Vichien Srimuninnimit, Giulia Bianchi, Tania Szado, Jayantha Ratnayake, Graham Ross, Pinuccia Valagussa

Comparative effectiveness of axitinib versus sorafenib in advanced renal cell carcinoma (AXIS): a randomised phase 3 trial

Brian I Rini, Bernard Escudier, Piotr Tomczak, Andrey Kaprin, Cezary Szczylik, Thomas E Hutson, M Dror Michaelson, Vera A Gorbunova, Martin E Gore, Igor G Rusakov, Sylvie Negrier, Yen-Chuan Ou, Daniel Castellano, Ho Yeong Lim, Hirotsugu Uemura, Jamal Tarazi, David Cella, Connie Chen, Brad Rosbrook, Sinil Kim, Robert | Motzer

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Improved Survival with Vemurafenib in Melanoma with BRAF V600E Mutation

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Cetuximab Monotherapy and Cetuximab plus Irinotecan in Irinotecan-Refractory Metastatic Colorectal Cancer

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Crizotinib versus Chemotherapy in Advanced ALK-Positive Lung Cancer

Alice T. Shaw, M.D., Ph.D., Dong-Wan Kim, M.D., Ph.D., Kazuhiko Nakagawa, M.D., Ph.D., Takashi Seto, M.D., Lucio Crinó, M.D., Myung-Ju Ahn, M.D., Tommaso De Pas, M.D., Benjamin Besse, M.D., Ph.D., Benjamin J. Solomon, M.B., B.S., Ph.D., Fiona Blackhall, M.D., Ph.D., Yi-Long Wu, M.D. Michael Thomas, M.D., Kenneth J. O'Byrne, M.D., Denis Moro-Sibilot, M.D., D. Ross Camidge, M.D., Ph.D., Tony Mok, M.D., Vera Hirsh, M.D., Gregory J. Riely, M.D., Ph.D., Shrividya Iyer, Ph.D., Vanessa Tassell, B.S., Anna Polli, B.S., Keith D. Wilner, Ph.D., and Pasi A. Jänne, M.D., Ph.D.

METHODS: ANALYSIS OF 5 TRIALS LEADING TO FDA APPROVAL OF NEW TT

FIRST AUTHOR/YEAR	CANCER DISEASE	TREATMENT
Cunningham D, 2004	Colon cancer	CETUXIMAB
Rini B, 2011	Renal cancer	AXITINIB
Chapman P, 2011	Melanoma	VEMURAFENIB
Gianni L, 2012	Breast cancer	PERTUZUMAB
Shaw A, 2013	NSCLC cancer	CRIZOTINIB

- Different methods of collecting data regarding AEs lead to large differences in the reported rates in clinical trials

- Detailed Patient Reported questionnaires are able to discover more AEs compared with unstructured reporting

- Scientific evidence demonstrates that health professionals underestimate the burden and severity of symptoms in comparison to pts

- Increased regulatory focus on PROs as subjective domains for clinical research

Annals of Internal Medicine

ARTICLE

Brief Communication: Better Ways To Question Patients about Adverse Medical Events A Randomized, Controlled Trial Stephen Bent, MD; Amy Padula, MS; and Andrew L. Avins, MD, MPH

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EDITORIAL

Using Patient-Reported Outcomes in Clinical Practice: A Promising Approach?

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Adverse Events: The More You Search, the More You Find

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Patient-Reported Outcomes and the Evolution of Adverse Event Reporting in Oncology

Andy Trotti, A. Dimitrios Colevas, Ann Setser, and Ethan Basch

How Accurate Is Clinician Reporting of Chemotherapy Adverse Effects? A Comparison With Patient-Reported Symptoms From the Quality-of-Life Questionnaire C30 Erik K. Fromme, Kristine M. Eilers, Motomi Mori, Yi-Ching Hsieh, and Tomasz M. Beer

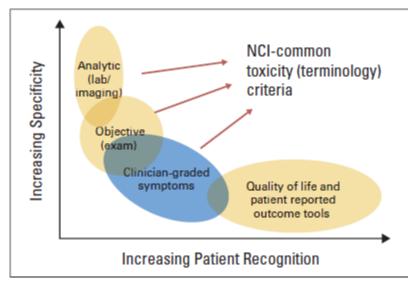


Fig 1. Adverse effects domains. NCI, National Cancer Institute. Adapted with permission.⁸

Patient self-reporting improves the accuracy of recording subjective AEs

PROs offer opportunity for labeling claims and are tools for comparative effectiveness

Towards the development of a PRO version of the CTCAE

Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences

http://cancercontrol.cancer.gov

Patient-Reported Outcomes Version of the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (PRO-CTCAE)

Applied Research Program

What about assessment of toxicities due to targeted agents with PROs?

PHYSICIAN ASSESSED OR PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOME?

FIRST AUTHOR/DRUG	CTCAE	PRO
Cunningham D, CETUXIMAB	YES	NO
Rini B AXITINIB	YES	NO
Chapman P VEMURAFENIB	YES	NO
Gianni L PERTUZUMAB	YES	NO
Shaw A CRIZOTINIB	YES	YES

The case of palifermin and the value of PRO:

hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation

head and neck cancer

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Palifermin Reduces Patient-Reported Mouth and Throat

Patrick J. Stiff, Christos Emmanouilides, William I. Bensinger, Teresa Gentile, Bruce Blazar, Thomas C. Shea,

Soreness and Improves Patient Functioning in the

Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation Setting

John Lu, John Isitt, Alessandra Cesano, and Ricardo Spielberger

Palifermin Reduces Severe Mucositis in Definitive Chemoradiotherapy of Locally Advanced Head and Neck Cancer: A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Study

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Palifermin Decreases Severe Oral Mucositis of Patients Undergoing Postoperative Radiochemotherapy for Head and Neck Cancer: A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Trial

Michael Henke, Marc Alfonsi, Paolo Foa, Jordi Giralt, Etienne Bardet, Laura Cerezo, Michaela Salzwimmer, Richard Lizambri, Lara Emmerson, Mon-Gy Chen, and Dietmar Berger Both trials were positive according to physician-assessed mucositis

hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation head and neck cancer

Palifermin significantly reduced the intensity and duration of WHO grade 3 and 4 mucositis in respect to placebo

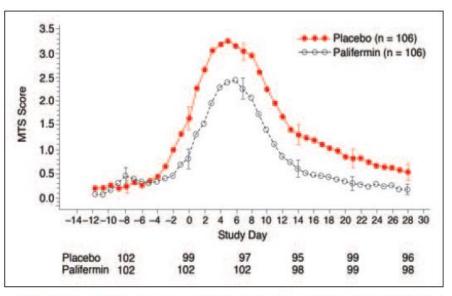
A different result was obtained when employing PRO (OMDQ or OMWQ)

hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation

The OMDQ was able to detect a statistically significant improvement of patient selfreported MTS



The benefit of palifermin in physician-assessed mucositis was not paralleled by a better patient-reported outcome



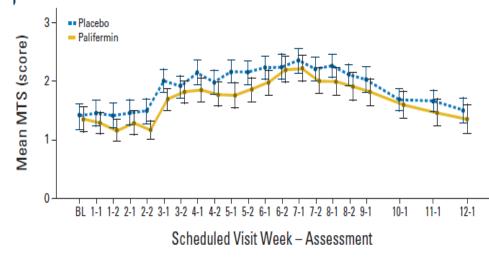


Fig 4. Mouth and throat soreness (MTS) scores (placebo v palifermin). Vertical lines represent 95% Cls.

QUALITY OF INFORMATION

 Reporting toxicities is highly dependent on the methods employed and the rigor adopted to elicit information (loannidis 2006)

Table. Improving the Identification and Understanding of Information about Medication-Related Harms

Variable	Strategy
Generalizability Validity	Study appropriate clinical settings and patients. Use unambiguous definitions, validated assessment Instruments, appropriate comparison groups, and masked assessments when possible.
Reporting	Follow CONSORT (Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials) guidance.*
Interpretation	Appreciate limitations of small sample sizes and different sources of evidence and measurement methods; distinguish between clinical harms and their surrogates.
Standardization	Promote common definitions and assessment methods for similar conditions and treatments.
Sources	Support the collection of high-quality trial and observational data.
Integration	Produce large-scale evidence by combining data from multiple trials.

QUALITY OF INFORMATION

"We must no longer accept confusing lists of noncomparable percentages of adverse events for clinical or for scientific purposes.

(...)

We must insist on better understanding about how numbers about harms were collected, where they came from, and what they mean."

WHAT THEY MEAN...

- The case of vismodegib

ADVERSE EVENTS

As of the data-cutoff point, approximately half the patients had discontinued the study treatment, and the median duration of drug exposure was approximately 10 months in both cohorts (Table 2). The most common reasons for discontinuation of vismodegib were disease progression in the group of patients with metastatic basal-cell carcinoma (18%) and the patient's decision in the group of patients with locally advanced basalcell carcinoma (25%) (Table 3 in the Supplementary Appendix); the reasons for this decision were not documented.

All patients had at least one adverse event during the study; more than half the treated patients (57%) had only grade 1 or 2 adverse events. Adverse events of any grade occurring in 20% or more of patients are summarized in Table 3; these findings are consistent with the pattern of adverse events in the phase 1 study. Adverse events of grade 3 or 4 included muscle spasms, weight loss, fatigue, and loss of appetite. Of the 104 patients in the study, 13 (12%) had an adverse event leading to the discontinuation of the study drug; the most common was muscle spasms, reported in 2 patients.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Efficacy and Safety of Vismodegib in Advanced Basal-Cell Carcinoma

Event	Any Grade	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3 or 4
		percenta	ge of patients	
Muscle spasms	68	48	16	4
Alopecia	63	49	14	0
Dysgeusia	51	28	23	0
Decrease in weight	46	27	14	5
Fatigue	36	27	5	4
Nausea	29	21	7	1
Decrease in appetite	23	14	6	3
Diarrhea	22	16	5	1

* These adverse events occurred in at least 20% of all patients and were coded with the use of the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA), version 13.1. The highest grade of event is reported here for each patient.

RECORDING ALL GRADE TOX?

- Grade 3-4 toxicities are usually more reliably scored and reported (protocol-specific guidance; dose reduction; clinical alert)
- If we record only maximum grade of toxicity or only grade > 3 we may neglect a considerable burden of lower grade adverse effects

ALL-GRADE TOXICITIES OR ONLY THE HIGHEST?

FIRST AUTHOR/DRUG	GRADE 1-2?	GRADE 3-4?
Cunningham D, CETUXIMAB	NO	YES
Rini B AXITINIB	YES	YES
Chapman P VEMURAFENIB	YES	YES
Gianni L PERTUZUMAB	YES	YES
Shaw A CRIZOTINIB	YES	YES

THE THIRD AXIS: TIME TIME DURATION FREQUENCY

INTENSITY

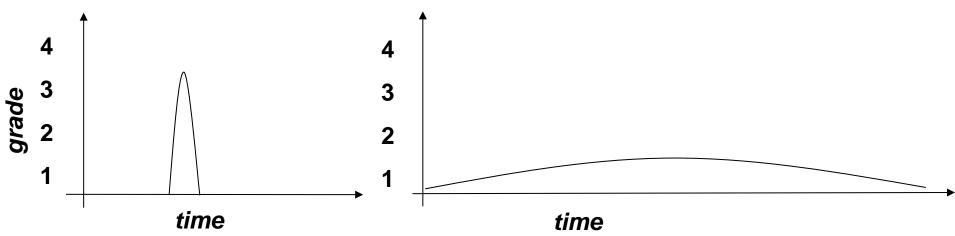
MEASUREMENT

THE THIRD AXIS: TIME

- Evaluating the impact of adverse event duration on patients' well being

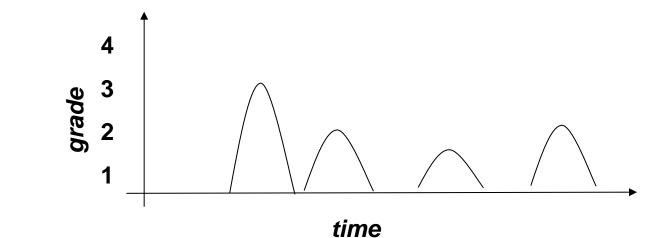
- Greater impact inasmuch as the duration of TT treatment is increasing

- Which toxicity worsens QoL the most?



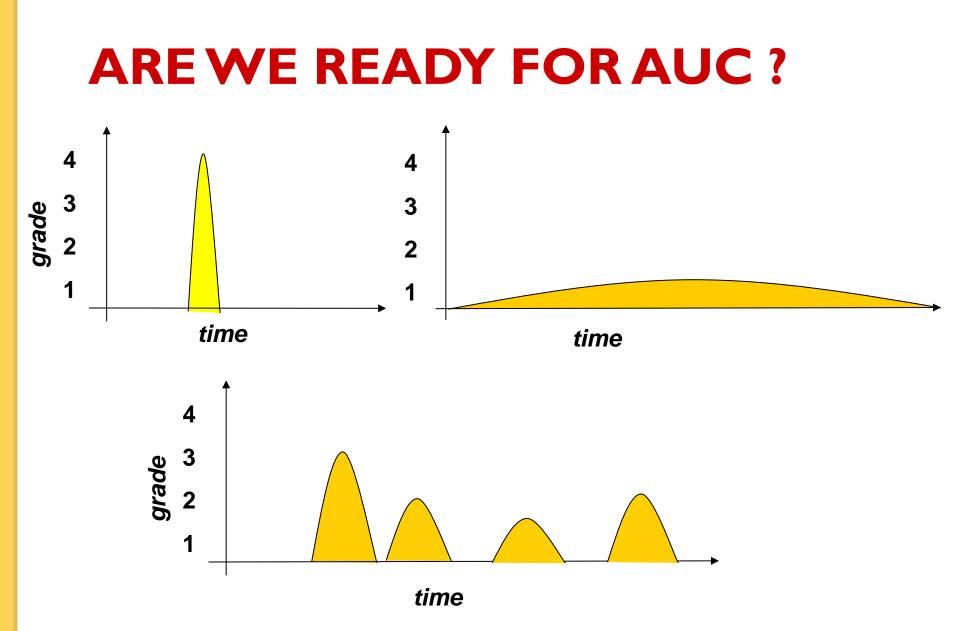
What is worse? A grade 3 diarrhea induced by polychemotherapy lasting for 3 days or a grade 1 diarrhea due to multikinase angiogenesis inhibitors for several months?

- How to measure recurring adverse events?



MEASUREMENT





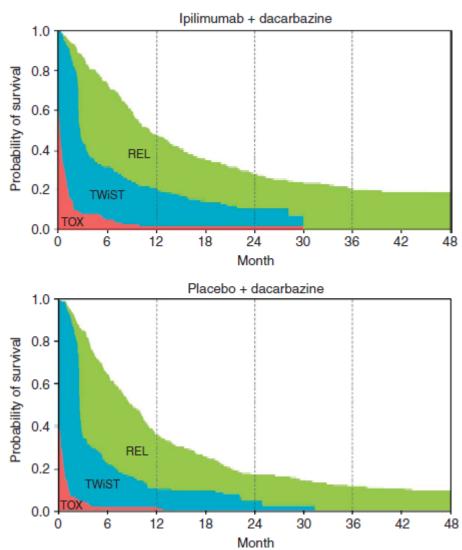
MEASURING DURATION OF AE?

FIRST AUTHOR/DRUG	DURATION OF AE	RECURRING TOXICITY
Cunningham D, CETUXIMAB	NO	NO
Rini B AXITINIB	NO	NO
Chapman P VEMURAFENIB	NO	NO
Gianni L PERTUZUMAB	NO	NO
Shaw A CRIZOTINIB	NO	NO

READY TO RELY ON Q-TWiST?

Q-TWiST is an analytical approach comparing **time with toxicities + clinical outcomes** to evaluate the trade-off between **AEs** and **benefits** of treatment during the entire survival period.

READY TO RELY ON Q-TWiST?



MEASUREMENT

Q-TWiST analysis comparing ipilimumab/ dacarbazine vs placebo/dacarbazine for patients with stage III/IV melanoma

B Sherrill^{*,1}, J Wang¹, S Kotapati² and K Chin²



British Journal of Cancer (2013)

READY TO RELY ON Q-TWiST?

In terms of cost-effectiveness, it is important to give a <u>utility weight</u> to each period, considering each grade of toxicities.

In terms of shared decision, the patients <u>have their own ways of valuing their</u> <u>time</u>, so it's important to customize the utility weights.

LATE EFFECTS

Early effects \rightarrow poor compliance to tx

Late effects -> affect long term quality of life of survivors and may compromise the survival benefit from Tx (regardless disease status)

LATE EFFECTS

Most trials fail to detect late toxicities

- too limited follow up?
- accustomed to evaluating late effects of TT?
- lack of standards for reporting?
- setting of population where TT employed?

LATE EFFECTS MEASURED?

FIRST AUTHOR/DRUG	LATE EFFECTS BY PHYSICIAN	LATE EFFECTS BY PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOME
Cunningham D, CETUXIMAB	NO	NO
Rini B AXITINIB	NO	NO
Chapman P VEMURAFENIB	NO	NO
Gianni L PERTUZUMAB	NO	NO
Shaw A CRIZOTINIB	NO	NO

LATE EFFECTS

The problem of fast approval:

FDA Safety and Innovation Act of 2012 compelled the FDA to create a new status, known as a "breakthrough" designation, for treatments of lifethreatening diseases where "preliminary clinical evidence indicates that the drug may demonstrate substantial improvement over existing therapies.

LATE EFFECTS

The balance between the need to get new drugs to patients fast and the competing desire to make sure they are safe and effective first.



This is particularly true for late toxicities... should we wait for long-term toxicity data to approve a new drug?

TT TOXICITIES ARE UNDER-REPORTED?

New drugs are tested in clinical trials with selected population: the rates of AEs may underestimate the frequency or severity of toxicities seen in practice.

→ Trials are conducted under controlled dosing and monitoring conditions

 \rightarrow Patients with few comorbidities and are not using many concomitant medications.

TT TOXICITIES ARE UNDER-REPORTED? The case of cetuximab plus RT in H&N cancer

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Radiotherapy plus Cetuximab for Squamous-Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck

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Table 4. Adverse Events.*						
Adverse Event	Radiotherapy A	lone (N=212)	Radiotherapy plus	Cetuximab (N=208)	P V	alue†
	All Grades	Grades 3–5	All Grades	Grades 3–5	All Grades	Grades 3–5
		perce	ent of patients	_		
Mucositis	94	52	93	56	0.84	0.44
Acneiform rash	10	1	87	17	<0.001	<0.001
Radiation dermatitis	90	18	86	23	0.24	0.27
Weight loss	72	7	84	11	0.005	0.12
Xerostomia	71	3	72	5	0.83	0.32
Dysphagia	63	30	65	26	0.68	0.45
Asthenia	49	5	56	4	0.17	0.64
Nausea	37	2	49	2	0.02	1.00
Constipation	30	5	35	5	0.35	1.00
Taste perversion	28	0	29	0	0.83	_
Vomiting	23	4	29	2	0.18	0.42
Pain	28	7	28	6	1.00	0.84
Anorexia	23	2	27	2	0.26	1.00
Fever	13	1	26	1	0.001	1.00
Pharyngitis	19	4	26	3	0.10	0.80
Dehydration	19	8	25	6	0.16	0.57
Oral candidiasis	22	0	20	0	0.63	_
Coughing	19	0	20	<1	1.00	0.50
Voice alteration	22	0	19	2	0.47	0.06
Diarrhea	13	1	19	2	0.11	0.50
Headache	8	<1	19	<1	0.001	1.00

IMPACT

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Head and neck radiotherapy

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Toxicity of cetuximab versus cisplatin concurrent with radiotherapy in locally advanced head and neck squamous cell cancer (LAHNSCC)

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	RT-CDDP (n = 33) A	RT/CTX (n = 34) B	Comparing A with B
RTX skin dermat		24 (22.00)	0.0004
Grade ≥3	6 (18%)	21 (62%)	p = 0.0004
Oral mucositis Grade ≥3	14 (42%)	25 (74%)	p = 0.014
Acneiform rash			
Grade ≥3	NA	3 (11%)	NA
Compliance with	treatment		
Yes	16 (48%)	25 (74%)	p = 0.05
No	17 (52%)	9 (26%)	-
Delay >5 days			
Yes	12 (36%)	5 (15%)	p = 0.05
No	21 (64%)	29 (85%)	
Received <5 infu	sions		
Yes	12 (36%)	5 (15%)	p = 0.05
No	21 (64%)	29 (85%)	
Hospital admissi	on		
Elective	17 (52%)	19 (56%)	p = 0.60
Unplanned	8 (24%)	10 (29%)	
Not admitted	8 (24%)	5 (15%)	
% Weight loss			
≥10%	5 (15%)	14 (41%)	p = 0.03
Enteral feeding		-	
No	17 (52%)	9 (26,5%)	p = 0.097
Elective	9 (27%)	16 (47%)	
Symptomatic	7 (21%)	9 (26.5%)	

Key: NA - not applicable.

TT TOXICITIES ARE UNDER-REPORTED?

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Head and Neck

GRADE 3/4 DERMATITIS IN HEAD AND NECK CANCER PATIENTS TREATED WITH CONCURRENT CETUXIMAB AND IMRT

GABRIELA STUDER, M.D.,* MICHELLE BROWN, M.D.,* EVELINE BARATA SALGUEIRO,* HILDEGARD SCHMÜCKLE,* NATALIE ROMANCUK,* GISELA WINKLER,* SOON JAE LEE,* ARIANE STRÄULI,* BEATRIX KISSLING,* REINHARD DUMMER, M.D.,[†] AND CHRISTOPH GLANZMANN, M.D.*

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EGFr inhibitor toxicity

High rate of severe radiation dermatitis during radiation therapy with concurrent cetuximab in head and neck cancer: Results of a survey in EORTC institutes

Christian Giro^a, Bernhard Berger^b, Edwin Bölke^a, I. Frank Ciernik^c, Frederic Duprez^d, Laura Locati^e, Sophie Maillard^f, Mahmut Ozsahin^g, Raphael Pfeffer^h, A. Gerry Robertsonⁱ, Johannes A. Langendijk^j, Wilfried Budach^{a,*}

Concomitant cetuximab resulted in a 10-fold increase in the rate of severe transient dermatitis

TTTOXICITIES ARE UNDER-REPORTED?





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Severe Cutaneous Reaction during Radiation Therapy with Concurrent Cetuximab

IMPACT OF TOXICITIES DUE TO TARGETED THERAPIES

- **Specific population of frail patients**
- →elderly
- \rightarrow with comorbidities
- \rightarrow low PS

Lack of information about the impact of TT in these patients regarding toxicities

Conclusions: take home messages

- 1) <u>Measurement (importance of screening</u> <u>toxicity in routine care)</u>:
- The importance of PRO in parallel with physician assessed toxicities
- Evaluate also lower grades
- Third axis: time
- New instruments for AE evaluation: PRO-CTCAE, Area Under the Curve, Q-TWiST

Conclusions: take home messages

2) Duration:

- late effects (assess to complete safety profile)
- Recurring adverse events

3) Impact

- **Compliance** to the treatment
- Lack of data on frail population

Next steps

- Need to build protocol-specific safety plan for each study
- Endpoint: fully inform the patients about foreseen toxicities and share with them the impact of the treatment

Thanks for your attention!

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