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Nuovi farmaci e ruolo dell'autotrapianto nel linfoma follicolare



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DECORD DDDD

Improvements in survival in FL during 4 decades: the Stanford University experience on 1334 pts

Era 1 (1960-1975): pre-anthracycline (median FU 11.1 yrs) Era 2 (1976-1986): anthracycline (median FU 8.6 yrs) Era 3 (1987-1996): aggressive chemotherapy/purine analogs (median FU 11.3 yrs) Era 4 (1997-2003): Rituximab (median FU 6.1 yrs)





Integration of gene mutations in risk prognostication for patients receiving first-line immunochemotherapy for follicular lymphoma: a retrospective analysis of a prospective clinical trial and validation in a population-based registry



Prognostic value of PET-CT after first-line therapy in patients with follicular lymphoma: a pooled analysis of central scan review in three multicentre studies 246 patients centrally reviewed











Trotman J, S Luminari et al, Lancet Hematol 2014

Baseline Metabolic Tumor Volume Predicts Outcome in High–Tumor-Burden Follicular Lymphoma: A Pooled Analysis of Three Multicenter Studies 185 patients centrally reviewed





| | PFS | | | OS | | |
|--|------|---------------|--------|------|--------------|------|
| | HR | 95% CI | Р | HR | 95% CI | Р |
| TMTV > 510 cm ³ | 2.32 | 1.374 to 4.04 | .002 | | | NS |
| β ₂ -microglobulin greater than ULN | 1.68 | 1.01 to 3.04 | .045 | | | NS |
| TMTV > 510 cm ³ | 2.46 | 1.49 to 4.70 | .001 | 3.53 | 1.14 to 10.9 | .029 |
| BMB positive | 1.46 | 0.86 to 2.49 | NS | 2.04 | 0.55 to 7.55 | NS |
| TMTV > 510 cm^3 | 2.83 | 1.71 to 4.69 | < .001 | 2.71 | 0.89 to 8.22 | .079 |
| FLIPI score in two groups | 1.05 | 0.64 to 1.73 | NS | 1.93 | 0.65 to 5.74 | NS |
| TMTV > 510 cm^3 | 2.25 | 1.34 to 3.78 | .0021 | | | NS |
| FLIPI2 score in two groups | 2.17 | 1.32 to 3.58 | .0024 | | | NS |

NOTE. **Bold** indicates variable with P < .05; not significant (NS) corresponds to variables with P > 0.1. Data were adjusted for β_2 -microglobulin, bone marrow involvement on biopsy (BMB), Follicular Lymphoma International Prognostic Index (FLIPI), or FLIPI2 and stratified by the factor "study." Abbreviations: HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; TMTV, total metabolic tumor volume; ULN, upper limit of normal.

Meignan M et al, J Clin Oncol 2016

Prognostic relevance of MRD response after induction

PFS according to MRD response

PFS according to MRD status and clinical response



| Multivariate Coxregression | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|--|--|--|
| MR | HR 5,5 | (95%CI 1.6-18.7) | p=0,0067 | | | |
| Rituximab | HR 1,4 | (95% CI 0.45-4.4) | p=0,5524 | | | |
| ASCT | HR 0,08 | (95% CI 0.01-0.62) | p=0,0158 | | | |
| FLIPI HR | HR 2 | (95% CI 0.7-5.6) | P=0,1740 | | | |

By courtesi of Christiane Pott

R-FND Elderly FL: Predictive value of MRD at the end of induction therapy



Ladetto M, Blood 2014



PET RESPONSE AND MINIMAL RESIDUAL DISEASE IMPACT ON PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL IN PATIENTS WITH FOLLICULAR

LYMPHOMA

piPET-

piPET+

Luminari et al. Haematologica 2016

- Pts with centrally reviewed PET(5PS x3 with liver cutoff) (FOLL05; N=79)
- Baseline search for t(14;18)*(N=68)
- MRD analysis* on postinduction BM sample (N=41)



Table 1. Distribution of casesaccording to piPET and MRD

MRD -

28 (68%)

2 (5%)

MRD+

8 (20%)

3 (7%)



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Luminari et al. Haematologica 2016



FOLL12 study: A phase III multicenter, randomized study comparing standard treatment with rituximab maintenance versus response adapted post-induction treatment as first line treatment in advanced follicular lymphoma.





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Early Relapse of Follicular Lymphoma After Rituximab Plus Cyclophosphamide, Doxorubicin, Vincristine, and Prednisone Defines Patients at High Risk for Death: An Analysis From the National LymphoCare Study



Casulo C et al, JCO 2015



The use of anthracycline at first-line compared to alkylating agents or nucleoside analogs improves the outcome of salvage treatments after relapse in follicular lymphoma The REFOLL study by the Fondazione Italiana Linfomi



582 R/R FL in FIL centers

Time to next treatment duration after second-line therapy according to the type of first line chemotherapy received and to the use of Rituximab



Time to next treatment duration after second-line therapy according to the type of treatment received and to the sequence of treatments

Rossi et al, Am J of Hematology, Vol. 90, No. 1, January 2015

3 yrs EFS

3 yrs OS



Le Gouill S et al. Haematologica 2011

Patient outcome (EFS) according to rituximab up front or not

Rituximab naive pts

Rituximab treated pts



Patient outcome (OS) according to rituximab up front or not



Patient outcome according to progression period and use of ASCT



Autologous stem cell transplantation for follicular lymphoma is of most benefit early in the disease course and can result in durable remissions, irrespective of prior rituximab exposure

Single-centre experience on 70 FL pts (1988-2009) Median follow-up: 6.8 yrs



Significant difference in OS comparing pts transplanted in 1st or 2nd remission vs later remission Plateau on PFS curves for pts transplanted in 1st or 2nd remission after 9.3 yrs and 6.4 yrs, respectively Kothari J, et al. BJH 2014 Autologous stem cell transplantation for follicular lymphoma is of most benefit early in the disease course and can result in durable remissions, irrespective of prior rituximab exposure

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No differences in OS and PFS in those treated with Rituximab before ASCT vs those were not

Kothari J, Ardeshna KM et al: BJH 2014

Autologous stem cell transplantation with in vivo purged progenitor cells shows long-term efficacy in relapsed/refractory follicular lymphoma

- 112 relapsed/refractory FL treated with 4 CHOP/6 VACOP + 2 R-COP+ HD Ara-C+ ASCT
- CR 85%, PR 10%, PG/NR 5%
- Median FU 6.7 yrs, 54% still in CR
- 52/112 bcl2+ at enrollment, 29 bcl2- after ASCT





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211 pts relapsed/refractory low-grade, follicular or transformed NHL



Yttrium-90 Ibritumomab Tiuxetan as a Single Agent in Patients With Pretreated B-Cell Lymphoma: Evaluation of the Long-Term Outcome

| Pts. Characteristics | (N = 57) |
|------------------------|------------|
| Median Age, Y. (Range) | 53 (33-78) |
| M/F | 24 / 33 |
| Follicular Lymphoma | 53 |
| Median prev. Therapies | 3 (1-9) |

| RESULTS: 57 Patients, median FU 48 mo. | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| ORR | 53 / 57 93 % | | | | | |
| CR | 40 / 57 70 % | | | | | |
| Median pretreatments of CR pts = | 3 (2-5) (11 pts > 4 diff. Chemoimmunother) | | | | | |
| CCR | 26 / 40 = 65 % of CR pts / 46% of total pts | | | | | |

Zinzani et al. Clinical Lymphoma, Myeloma & Leukemia August 2010

Short duration immunochemotherapy followed by radioimmunotherapy consolidation is effective and well tolerated in relapsed follicular lymphoma: 5-year results from a UK National Cancer Research Institute Lymphoma Group study







Obinotuzumab GAUDI Phase Ib in R/R FL



| | Patients, n (%) | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Response | G-CHOP (n = 28) | G-FC (n = 28) | | |
| Overall response | 27 (96.4) | 26 (92.9) | | |
| Complete response | 11 (39.3) | 14 (50.0) | | |
| Partial response | 16 (57.1) | 12 (42.9) | | |
| Stable disease | 1 (3.6) | 0 | | |
| Progressive disease | 0 | 1 (3.6) | | |
| No response assessment | 0 | 1 (3.6) | | |

Radford J, et al; Blood 2013

Phase III Obinotuzumab GADOLIN



Is it possible to abrogate the chemoimmunotherapy?

Rituximab-Lenalidomide?

Anti-PD1?

PI3K-inhibitors?

Anti-BCL2?

Drug-coniugated antibodies?

BTK inhibitors?

Clinical studies of lenalidomide or lenalidomide + rituximab in patients with relapsed/refractory FL

| Regimen | Reference | Patient population | | ORR (%) | CR (%) |
|---|---------------------------|--|----|---------|--------|
| Lenalidomide monotherapy | Witzig et al ¹ | Relapsed/refractory FL | 22 | 27 | 9 |
| | Witzig et al ² | Relapsed/refractory FL grade III | 19 | 42 | 11 |
| Lenalidomide + rituximab combination | Dutia et al ³ | Relapsed FL (33% rituximab refractory) | 16 | 86 | 50 |
| | Ahmadi et al ⁴ | Rituximab refractory FL + MCL | 15 | 53 | 33 |

Witzig TE, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2009;27(32):5404-5409; 2. Witzig TE, et al. Ann Oncol. 2011;22(7):1622-1627;
Dutia M, et al. Ann Oncol. 2011;22(suppl 4): Abstract 306); 4. Ahmadi T, et al. Blood. 2009;114: Abstract 1700.

Frontline Combination of Lenalidomide and Rituximab (R2) for FL: Clinical Response

| | <u>cu</u> | Marginal | Fallindar | All patients | | |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| | SLL (N = 24) | Marginal (N = 24)* | Follicular (N = 45)* | Eval (N = 93) | ITT (N = 100) | |
| ORR, n (%) | 20 (83) | 21 (88) | 44 (98) | 85 (91) | 85 (85) | |
| CR/Cru | 6 (25) | 16 (67) | 38 (85) | 60 (65) | 60 (60) | |
| PR | 14 (59) | 5 (21) | 6 (13) | 25 (27) | 25 (25) | |
| SD, n (%) | 2 (8) | 3 (13) | 1 (2) | 6 (6) | 6 (6) | |
| PD, n (%) | 2 (8) | 0 | 0 | 2 (2) | 2 (2) | |



*7 patients inevaluable for response:

- 5 due to adverse event in cycle 1
- 1 due to non-compliance
- 1 due to withdrawal of consent

RELEVANCE: Phase 3 Study Design (Rituximab and LEnalidomide Versus ANy ChEmotherapy, FL-001)

International, multi-centre, randomized study (Frank Morchhauser, Nathan Fowler)



- R-Chemo
 - investigator choice of R-CHOP, R-CVP, R-B
- Lenalidomide 20 mg x 6 cycles, if CR then 10 mg
- Co-primary end-points
 - surrogate end-point: CR/CRu rate at 1.5 years
 - PFS



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Phase 2 Study of PI3K-Delta Inhibitor Idelalisib in Patients With Double (Rituximab and Alkylating Agent)–Refractory Indolent B-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: 125 patients



CCL3 CCL4

BCR

Gopal A, et al. N Eng J Med 2014

Phase 2 Study of PI3K-Delta Inhibitor Idelalisib in Patients With Double (Rituximab and Alkylating Agent)–Refractory Indolent B-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: 125 patients



Overall Response Rate By Disease Subgroups: 2014



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Phase 2 Study of PI3K-Delta Inhibitor Idelalisib in Patients With Double (Rituximab and Alkylating Agent)–Refractory Indolent B-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: 125 patients



Gopal A, et al. N Eng J Med 2014
Adverse Events Occurring in >20% of Patients

| All Patients, N=79 | | | |
|--------------------|--|--|--|
| All Grades | Grade ≥3 | | |
| 43 (54) | 2 (3) | | |
| 35 (44) | 0 | | |
| 34 (43) | 3 (4) | | |
| 31 (39) | 12 (15) | | |
| 30 (38) | 7 (9) | | |
| 28 (35) | 0 | | |
| 18 (23) | 0 | | |
| 17 (22) | 15 (19) | | |
| 16 (20) | 1 (1) | | |
| | | | |
| 44 (56) | 13 (16)* | | |
| 44 (56) | 32 (41) | | |
| 37 (47) | 8 (10) | | |
| 33 (42) | 6 (8) | | |
| | All Grades 43 (54) 35 (44) 34 (43) 31 (39) 30 (38) 30 (38) 28 (35) 18 (23) 18 (23) 17 (22) 16 (20) 44 (56) 44 (56) 37 (47) | | |

Idelalisib in Combination With Rituximab, Bendamustine, or Both, in Recurrent Indolent Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: Phase 1/2 Results: 79 patients



- 3 non-randomized treatment groups; treatment regimen based on investigator's discretion
- Patients enrolled from April 2010 to May 2012 (US only)

| | All | Idelalisib + | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Patient Characteristics | Patients N=79 | Rituximab n=32 | Bendamustine n=33 | Bendamustine/ Rituximab, n=14 | |
| Median age, y (range) | 61 (37–84) | 65 (40–84) | 59 (37–80) | 56 (48–76) | |
| Bulky adenopathy, %* | 48 | 50 | 52 | 36 | |
| Refractory disease, % [†] | 42 | 34 | 39 | 64 | |
| Median prior therapies, n (range) | 3 (1–11) | 4 (1–11) | 3 (1–10) | 3 (1–7) | |
| Rituximab | 98 | 94 | 100 | 100 | |
| Alkylating agent | 86 | 91 | 82 | 86 | |
| Anthracycline | 53 | 56 | 49 | 57 | |
| Bendamustine | 32 | 44 | 21 | 29 | |
| Purine analog | 25 | 22 | 33 | 14 | |

Sven De Vos et al ASH 2015

Idelalisib in Combination With Rituximab, Bendamustine, or Both, in Recurrent Indolent Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: Phase 1/2 Results: 79 patients

| Best Overall Response Rate by Treatment Group | | | | | |
|---|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | All | Idelalisib + | | | |
| Patients, n (%) | Patients N=79 | Rituximab n=32 | Bendamustine n=33 | Bendamustine / Rituximab n=14 | |
| ORR, n (% [95% CI])* | 64 (81 [71–89]) | 24 (75 [57–89]) | 29 (88 [72–97]) | 11 (79 [49–95]) | |
| Complete response | 25 (32) | 7 (22) | 12 (36) | 6 (43) | |
| Partial response | 39 (49) | 17 (53) | 17 (52) | 5 (36) | |
| Stable disease | 7 (9) | 4 (13) | 3 (9) | 0 | |
| Progressive disease | 4 (5) | 2 (6) | 1 (3) | 1 (7) | |
| Not evaluable | 4 (5) | 2 (6) | 0 | 2 (14) | |



PD-1 Pathway and Immune Surveillance



- PD-1 is expressed on the surface of activated T cells
- Its ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2, are overexpressed in certain tumor cells
- Binding of PD-1 to its ligands inhibits T-cell activation, allowing tumors to evade the immune response

Safety and Activity of PD1 Blockade by Pidilizumab in Combination with Rituximab in Patients with Relapsed Follicular Lymphoma: a Single Group, Open-label, Phase 2 Trial

- Single arm phase 2 study: 32 patients
- Pidilizumab (3.0 mg/kg) every 4 weeks x 4 doses + rituximab administered weekly x 4 doses
 - Rituximab was started 2 weeks after 1st dose of pidlizumab
 - Up to 8 additional doses of pidilizumab every 4 weeks could be administered to patients whose disease did not progress on above
 - Median number infusion: 10
 - ORR 66% , CR 52%





Anti-CD79b Antibody-Drug Conjugate (ADC): DCDS4501A Polatuzumab Vedotin

Preliminary Results of a Phase II Randomized Study (ROMULUS) of antiCD22 ADC DCDT2980S or antiCD79 ADC DCDS4501A Plus Rituximab in Patients with Relapsed/ Refractory NHL

| | DLBCL | | FL | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| RESPONSE ANALYSIS | R+CD22 ADC (N=42) | R+CD79b ADC (N=39) | R+CD22 ADC (N=21) | R+CD79b ADC (N=20) |
| ORR, n (%) | 24 (57%) | (N=39) 22 (56%) | 13 (62%) | 14 (70%) |
| CR | 10 (24%) | 6 (15%) | 2 (10%) | 8 (40%) |
| PR | 14 (33%) | 16 (41%) | 11 (52%) | 6 (30%) |
| SD | 3 (7%) | 4 (10%) | 6 (29%) | 6 (30%) |
| PD | 7 (21%) | 11 (30%) | 1 (5%) | 0 |
| Not evaluable | 8 (19%) | 2 (5%) | 1 (5%) | 0 |
| Median DOR, mo (95%CI) | 6.0 | NR | 5.8 | NR |
| | (2.9-12.2) | (2.6-NR) | (2.6-10.1) | (5.7-NR) |

A Phase 1 Study of Venetoclax (ABT-199 / GDC-0199) Monotherapy in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Venetoclax is a selective, potent, orally bioavailable BCL-2 inhibitor

Venetoclax was administered once-daily. Stepwise, intrapatient dose rampup to mitigate the risk of tumor lysis syndrome (200 to 1200 mg in 3 weeks)





A Phase 1 Study of **Venetoclax** (ABT-199 / GDC-0199) Monotherapy in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma



Median DOR 10 months (1-30)

5% discontinued due to AE.

Treatment emergent-AEs of any grade: diarrhea and fatigue (each 44%), nausea (33%) and vomiting (23%), anemia (14%).

SAE in ≥ 2 pts were hyponatremia (4%), and dehydration, diarrhea, and febrile neutropenia (each 3%).

No new events of laboratory TLS and no pts had clinical TLS.



3, 7, or 28 consecutive days of each 28-day cycle

- Ongoing phase 1, open-label, dose-escalation study, with BR standard dose
- Patients had a median of 3 (range: 1–8) prior therapies.
- Most common grade 3/4 AEs (≥10%) during combination therapy were neutropenia (32%, FN 9%), lymphocyte count decrease (26%), thrombocytopenia (21%), anemia (15%), and leukopenia (13%). G-CSF encouraged (febrile neutropenia 9%).
- MTD not reached (1200 ongoing). ORR 78% (CR 30%) in 27 FL.

De Vos S et al ASH 2015, ABSTR 255

Long-Term Follow-up and Analysis of Dose Groups with **Ibrutinib** in Relapsed **Follicular Lymphoma**

Patient Characteristics and Efficacy (8+8)

| | Low dose (MAX420mg) | Higher dose (>420mg*) |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Median age, yrs (range) | 57 (48-70) | 62.5 (41-71) |
| Median no. of prior therapies | 3 (1-4) | 2 (1-5) |
| FLIPI score, % (low / interm/ high) | 25 / 38 / 38 | 13 / 38 / 50 |
| Median treatment duration, months (range) | 3.8 (0.5-11.1) | 12.4 (0.2-61.5) |
| ORR, n (%) CR, n (%) | 2 (25) 0 (0) | 5 (63) 3 (38) |
| Median DOR, months (range) | 3.4 (1.8-4.9) | 12.3 (4.8-51.3) |
| 10-month PFS, % | 35.7 | 70 |
| Median OS, months (95% CI) | NR | NR |

Higher doses associated with increased response rates and prolonged PFS. No increase of AEs or cumulative toxicity.

Single-agent ibrutinib at 560 mg/day in pts with R/R FL is ongoing (Bartlett Blood 2014), and in chemoimmunotherapy refractory FL.

*≥8.3 mg/kg/day

Fowler N et al, ASH 2015, ABSTR 2706

Conclusions

- A personalized treatment is now feasible and it is worthy to be tested with different tools such as:
 - > PET and MRD analysis allow a better assessement of the quality of response
 - Duration of response
 - No impact of prior Rituximab treatment
- Chemo-free regimens are available with promising results however require a more prolonged treatment (for all life?), higher cost and may have unexpected toxicities
- Until now, no novel drugs or combinations have shown superior or non inferior clinical outcome compared to the results of ASCT
- Transplant based treatments are affected by significant toxicities and require carefully and multidisciplinar evaluation.

Conclusions





- High-dose chemotherapy with ASCT prolongs PFS and OS and should be considered, especially in patients who experience short-lived first remissions
- New approaches, including lenalidomide-rituximab and additional inhibitors of the B-cell signalling pathway, have proved active in phase II studies, but to date their benefit has yet to be confirmed in randomised phase III studies.
- The PI3K inhibitor idelalisib has been registered in double-refractory FL

Dreyling et al, Ann Oncol Volume 27 | Supplement 5 |September 2016