EFFECTS OF CHEMOTHERAPY DOSE REDUCTIONS IN OVERWEIGHT AND OBESE PATIENTS WITH ACUTE MYELOID LEUKEMIA – A DANISH NATIONWIDE COHORT STUDY

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- Aggressive hematological malignancy
- Achieving complete remission and potentially long-term cure rely on the ability to tolerate toxic intensive induction therapy
- Overweight patients frequently receive dose reduction (DR) of chemotherapy, relative to weight-based doses
- Evidence regarding dose reduction in AML is limited

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We utilized the Danish National Acute Leukemia Registry to conduct a retrospective cohort study



Overweight (BMI \ge 25) AML patients aged 18 - 75 years and treated between 2000 - 2012 were included



We defined dose-reduction as \leq 95% of actual BSA-based induction chemotherapy dose



Complete remission rates, and 30/90-day mortality were modeled, and OS and RFS were compared using 5-year restricted mean survival time difference (Δ 5y-RMST)



| Variable | Stratification | N | Relative risk of DR | Estimate (95%CI) | P-value |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Sex | Female | 227 | • | Reference | |
| | Male | 309 | <u>, ∎</u> | 1.74 (0.97, 3.13) | 0.062 |
| Age | 18-59 | 281 | ↓ | Reference | |
| | 60-75 | 255 | · | 1.02 (0.60, 1.75) | 0.933 |
| Body Mass Index | 25-29.9 | 369 | ↓ | Reference | |
| | 30-34.9 | 113 | ¦ ⊢∎ | 2.52 (1.34, 4.75) | 0.004 |
| | >= 35 | 54 | | 4.66 (2.42, 8.98) | <0.001 |
| Body Surface Area | < 2.0 | 264 | • | Reference | |
| | 2.0-2.2 | 191 | → | 4.61 (1.85, 11.47) | 0.001 |
| | >= 2.2 | 81 | · | 15.21 (6.30, 36.73) | <0.001 |
| WHO performance | 0-1 | 445 | • | Reference | |
| | 2-4 | 91 | | 0.85 (0.40, 1.80) | 0.672 |
| Smoking status | Never-smoker | 200 | • | Reference | |
| | Ever-smoker | 250 | | 1.08 (0.61, 1.93) | 0.794 |
| No. of Comorbidities | 0 | 308 | | Reference | |
| | 1 | 114 | ····· | 1.54 (0.84, 2.85) | 0.166 |
| | 2+ | 79 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 1.39 (0.68, 2.87) | 0.369 |
| AML subtype | De novo AML | 433 | • | Reference | |
| | sAML | 83 | ···· | 1.51 (0.77, 2.95) | 0.229 |
| | tAML | 20 | · | 2.85 (1.12, 7.24) | 0.028 |
| Cytogenetic | Intermediate risk | 355 | i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i | Reference | |
| | Adverse risk | 80 | | 1.15 (0.53, 2.49) | 0.732 |
| | Favorable risk | 52 | · | 2.20 (1.08, 4.49) | 0.030 |

Results

- The study cohort included 536 overweight AML-patients of whom 54 patients (10.1%) were categorized as DR (mean reduction 11.2%)
- We found no significant differences for rates of CR, 30- and 90day mortality between patients receiving DR and non-DR chemotherapy
- Dose reduction did not affect:

| median OS | DR | 17.0 [11.9-45.5] months |
|------------|--------|-------------------------|
| | non-DR | 17.5 [14.8-20.5] months |
| median RFS | DR | 14.5 [9.0-41.7] months |
| | non-DR | 15.0 [12.3-19.3] months |

 Sensitivity analyses using a case-matched cohort and ≤90% cut-off to define DR led to the same conclusions

Discussion

- Our results suggest that IC dose reduction (using ≤ 95/90% threshold) does not adversely impact AML outcomes including 30- and 90-day mortality, rates of CR, RFS and OS
- What degree of reductions worsens outcomes? Difficult question as detecting small differences require many patients



| | | Total cohort (n = 536) | | | | | | Case-match | Case-matched cohort (n = 108) | | |
|---------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------------|-----|------------------|---------------------|-----|------------|-------------------------------|-----|--|
| Outcome | Strata | n/events/% | RR (95% CI) | Р | n/events/% | aRR# | Р | n/events/% | RR | Р | |
| 30-day mortality | Non-DR | 482/43/8.9 | ref. | - | 401/37/9.2 | ref. | - | 54/6/11.1 | ref. | - | |
| | DR | 54/7/13.0 | 1.45 (0.60-3.03) | .36 | 47/6/12.8 | 1.24 (0.42-3.11) | .67 | 54/7/13.0 | 1.17 (0.39-3.62) | .78 | |
| 90-day mortality | Non-DR | 482/77/16.0 | ref. | - | 401/66/16.5 | ref. | - | 54/11/20.4 | ref. | - | |
| | DR | 54/11/20.4 | 1.28 (0.64-2.29) | .45 | 47/9/19.1 | 1.11 (0.48-2.28) | .79 | 54/11/20.4 | 1.00 (0.43-2.33) | 1.0 | |
| CR* | Non-DR | 482/298/61.8 | ref. | - | 401/254/63. 3 | ref. | - | 54/34/63.0 | ref. | - | |
| | DR | 54/35/64.8 | 1.05 (0.73-1.47) | .79 | 47/30/63.8 | 1.04 (0.68-1.55) | .84 | 54/35/64.8 | 1.03 (0.64-1.65) | .90 | |

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