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Diagnostic, monitoring and prognostic challenges in NETs

NETS1

The role of biomarkers in the management of neuroendocrine tumours

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Neuroendocrine tumours are a heterogeneous group of tumours that arise in diverse anatomical locations and vary greatly in behavior and response to treatment. A biomarker is a characteristic that can be objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of a pathogenic process or response to treatment. Biomarkers can be diagnostic, prognostic, predictive or surrogate markers of clinical endpoints. The management of neuroendocrine tumours has changed dramatically with the introduction of new therapies with strong evidence of their efficacy from international clinical trials. However there remains significant heterogeneity in treatment response that cannot be predicted by clinical characteristics alone. Currently available biomarkers are limited as predictive and prognostic tools and only Chromogranin A is currently recommended by the European Neuroendocrine tumour society (ENETS) for monitoring for progressive disease in non-functional NETs. There is a pressing need for biomarkers that help identify more aggressive disease, guide treatment and can be used in surveillance to detect early recurrence or tumour progression. In this talk I will review the currently available circulating biomarkers, both their indications for use and their limitations in clinical practice. There has been great interest in the emergence of novel biomarkers such as circulating tumour cells, NETest and microRNA. I will evaluate each of these biomarkers by presenting the current evidence for their use and discuss their potential applications in real clinical cases.

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NETS2

The role of pathology and the new WHO classification

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Neuroendocrine tumours have a number of different classification and staging systems. I will present the latest of these, which include the latest WHO system with the implications for new entities and how they are diagnosed pathologically and any difficulties that arise from this. There will also be a more general discussion about areas that are difficult for the pathologist and where we can add value to the MDT discussion.

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NETS4

Role of Multimodality Imaging

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This talk aims to highlight the different tracers that are commonly used in the multimodality imaging of neuroendocrine tumours. It will look at both SPECT and PET tracers and their role in diagnosis, planning treatments and monitoring therapies using case examples.

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Management dilemmas in NETs

NETS5

Neo-adjuvant and adjuvant treatment in bronchial NETs

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Collectively, typical and atypical lung carcinoids are referred to as the well differentiated lung neuroendocrine cancers (pulmonary NETs). Pulmonary NETs account for only 2% of lung malignancies, however, account for 25% of the total NET presentations. The incidence and prevalence of these cancers is growing. Most pulmonary NETs tend to be localised at presentation and, therefore, amenable to surgical resection. Following surgical resection, there is very little evidence based guidance on how these patients should be followed up, what the risk factors for relapse are or whether there is a role for the administration of adjuvant therapy. Published guidelines are at odds with each other regarding this issue. It is clear that some cohorts of resected patients do relapse and may benefit from adjuvant treatment. However, currently these cohorts remain ill-defined. Furthermore, due to a historic scarcity of evidence, it is currently not clear what type of therapy should be used as adjuvant treatment. In recent years, better therapies with more robust evidence have emerged. Our basic understanding of pulmonary NETs is also improving. These factors in combination with an increasing incidence/prevalence of the disease are bringing the question about adjuvant therapy back into sharp focus.

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NETS6

Type I gastric NETs: Surveillance, Endoscopic Resection or Surgery

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There are three distinct types of gastric Neuroendocrine tumours using the ENETS classification system. Type I gastric NETs are most common, accounting for 55–70% of all gastric NETs. Epidemiology studies have suggested an increasing incidence of gastric NETs. Generally type I gastric NETs are multifocal in nature and arise in a background of chronic atrophic gastritis. Type I Gastric NETs arise from histamine secreting ECL cells, hypergastrinaemia due to excess gastrin release, for example unopposed gastrin secretion occurs in achlorhydria in patients with atrophic gastritis. Management is generally endoscopic surveillance annually to ensure no development of a dominant lesion. The risk of lymph node or distant metastasis is low 1–5% reported in different series. This risk of metastatic spread is linked to size of lesions. Therefore, the recommendation is for lesions over 10 mm to be removed endoscopically if feasible. This can be performed via endoscopic mucosal resection or endoscopic submucosal dissection. Endoscopic ultrasound prior to resection can be helpful to ensure there is no deep muscle layer involvement. If there is presence of lymph node involvement or the primary tumour appears advanced on imaging (T₂ disease or greater) surgery can be considered. This would involve local resection if possible. The role of antrectomy is unclear in terms of causing regression of these lesions. However, can be considered in individual cases if recurrent large tumours are occurring. Medical therapy in terms of somatostatin analogues is generally reserved for patients with metastatic disease who have positive uptake on somatostatin based function imaging. There may also be a role for gastrin receptor antagonist netazepide, which has demonstrated anti-proliferative properties in gastric NETs. However, further studies are required.

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NETS7

Refractory hypoglycaemia in advanced insulinomas

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Hypoglycaemia due to insulinoma, whether the tumour is advanced or not at the time of diagnosis may be difficult to treat. Profound and recurrent hypoglycaemia may be an important clinical problem for the patient, impacting on daily

activities, resulting in recurrent admissions or even preventing safe discharge from an inpatient setting. In this talk we will review the options available for treating hypoglycaemia due to insulinoma, considering the strengths and limitations of these therapies and examining the evidence base for their use.

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Debate: There is a role in resection of NET hepatic metastases - surgical dilemma

NETS11

Debate: There is a role in resection of NET hepatic metastases - surgical dilemma

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Tom Armstrong will present evidence to support the role of surgical resection NET liver in the case based discussion detailed above.

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Plenary Speaker & Trials update

NETS15

The evolving landscape in Nuclear Medicine in NETs

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A multidisciplinary team is responsible for the management of over 1,200 NET patients per year in our hospital. Tumor board decisions for peptide receptor radiotherapy (PRRT) are based on the Bad Berka Score which takes into account molecular imaging features and clinical aspects. The therapy plan for each patient is individualized. Retrospective analysis was performed in 1048 patients (age 4–85 years) with progressive NETs treated at our center since 2004 using Lu-177 ($n=331$), Y-90 ($n=170$) or both ($n=499$). Follow up was up to 132 months. G1-2- NETs accounted for 54%. The median overall survival (OS) of all patients from start of PRRT was 52 months. A phase III multicentric, randomized, controlled trial (NETTER-1) has evaluated $^{177}\text{Lu-DOTA0-Tyr3-Octreotate}$ (Lutathera[®]) in patients with progressive, somatostatin receptor positive midgut NETs. The primary endpoint was PFS per RECIST 1.1 criteria. Secondary objectives included objective response rate, overall survival, toxicity, and quality of life. Enrolment was completed in Feb-2015 (230 patients in 35 European and 15 US sites). The number of centrally confirmed disease progressions or deaths was 23 in the Lutathera group and 67 in the Octreotide LAR 60 mg group. The median PFS was not reached for Lutathera and was 8.4 months with 60 mg Octreotide LAR (95% CI: 5.8–11.0 months), $P<0.0001$, with a hazard ratio of 0.21 (95% CI: 0.13–0.34). Although data are not mature enough (13 deaths in the Lutathera and 22 in the LAR group), an improvement in OS appears very likely. PRRT lends a significant benefit in PFS (and presumably in OS). The combination of Lu-177 and Y-90 may be more effective than either radionuclide alone. Up to 10 cycles of PRRT, given over several years were tolerated very well by most patients. Severe renal toxicity can be avoided, myelotoxicity is usually mild. MDS occurs in approx. 3% of all patients treated. Quality of life can be significantly improved. PRRT may be effectively combined with TACE, SIRT, radiofrequency ablation (RFA), chemotherapy (e.g. using Capecitabine, Temozolomide), and kinase inhibitors. PRRT should be performed only at specialized centers as NET patients need highly individualized interdisciplinary treatment and long term care.

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Oral Communications

OC1**A predictive quotient index, comprising neuroendocrine gene cluster analysis in blood and tissue grading is specifically predicts PRRT efficacy**

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Background

The efficacy of PRRT is based upon NET over expression of somatostatin receptor (SSR) to deliver targeted isotope therapy. SSR expression (Krenning scale) compared to *Predictive Quotient Index* (PQI) (circulating NET transcript analysis mathematically integrated with grade) indicates the latter is more accurate for predicting PRRT efficacy. We evaluated whether PQI was specifically predictive or was prognostic for PRRT compared to other therapeutic strategies.

Methods

We evaluated three treatment cohorts. ¹⁷⁷Lu-PRRT-treatment ($n=146$ (Rotterdam: Meldola; Bad Berka) and two Comparator cohorts. These comprised GEPNETs ($n=106$, in a watch-and-wait program) and somatostatin analog (SSA)-treated GEP-NETs ($n=28$). Blood prospectively collected. Baseline evaluations: Grade (Ki67) and NETest (qRT-PCR - multianalyte algorithmic analyses). All samples were blinded. The PQI (NETest genes regulating two 'omic' clusters metabolism and growth factor signaling) integrated with the Ki67 index. The PQI has two prediction outputs: 'PRRT-responder' (R) vs 'PRRT-non-responder' (NR). Disease control was by RECIST criteria (R (stable, partial and complete response) vs NR (disease progression)) Statistics: Kaplan-Meier survival analysis.

Results

PRRT cohort ($n=146$). Median follow-up: 14–16 months. Cohort Meldola: mPFS for patients identified as 'PRRT-responders' was not reached versus predicted 'non-responders' mPFS 17 months ($\chi^2=38$, $P<0.0001$). Cohort Bad Berka: Not reached vs. 17 months ($\chi^2=27.4$, $P<0.0001$). Cohort Rotterdam: Not reached vs. 10.4 months ($\chi^2=34.9$, $P<0.0001$). The PQI accurately predicted response in 94–97% of PRRT-treated individuals. **SSA cohort** ($n=28$). Median follow-up 11 months (9–15). No significant difference in mPFS was noted between 'Responders' and 'Non-responders'. The PQI does not predict SSA response. **Comparator cohort** ($n=106$). Median follow-up 19 months (1–36). No significant differences in median survival between 'Responder' vs Non-Responder (both mPFS: 24 months). The PQI was neither predictive nor prognostic in the comparator groups.

Conclusion

An integrated measurement (PQI) of 'omic' NET gene analysis with grading in an individual tumor is a specific predictive marker for PRRT therapeutic efficacy in neuroendocrine tumors.

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OC2**Systematic evaluation of the immune microenvironment of neuroendocrine tumours**

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Background

Immunotherapy is currently being explored in many tumour types with encouraging results, but has not yet been evaluated in neuroendocrine tumours

(NET). Our aim is to characterise the immune landscape of NET and determine which immune-modulatory pathways control the tumour infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) in order to develop a rational approach for immunotherapy in this tumour type.

Methods

Peripheral blood and fresh tissue was obtained from consenting patients with midgut NET, and subjected to multicolour flow-cytometry to determine the abundance of CD8+, CD4+FoxP3- effector (CD4eff) and CD4+FoxP3+ regulatory (Treg) T cell subsets and the expression of co-inhibitory and co-stimulatory checkpoint molecules on these subsets. Additionally, matched FFPE tissue was obtained for multiparametric immunohistochemistry to investigate the distribution of the immune infiltrate.

Results

Tissue from 31 midgut NET patients (20: G1 and 11: G2) was analysed. Overall the tumours contained a higher proportion of Tregs compared with matched healthy tissue with an effector (CD8+ and CD4eff) to Treg ratio of 18.1:24.3 respectively ($P=0.0004$). The co-inhibitory molecules CTLA-4, PD-1, and TIM-3 showed highest expression on Tregs, while LAG-3 expression was similar across all T cell subsets. Co-stimulatory molecules, including ICOS, 41BB and OX-40, were also highest on Tregs, as was the recently identified co-stimulatory receptor TIGIT. Immunohistochemistry revealed that the majority of cases have <1% intratumoural CD4+ and CD8+T cells but a higher number of peritumoural T cells from all subsets. Where present, T cells were predominantly CD8+ and intratumoural CD163+ macrophages were also identified.

Conclusion

These preliminary results provide novel insight into the immune landscape of NET, and may inform the development of targeted combination immunotherapies. Initial results suggest that checkpoint molecules, such as CTLA-4 and PD-1, may be potential targets in this tumour type and work is ongoing to further elucidate the immunogenic potential of NET.

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OC3**Incidence and prevalence of neuroendocrine tumours in England**

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Introduction

Historically the incidence and prevalence of neuroendocrine tumours (NETs) has been difficult to establish due to issues with disease coding and data collection. Studies estimated the incidence of gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumours (GEP NETs) to be 1.3 per 100,000 per year (incidence hereafter given as cases per 100,000). However, the SEER USA data suggests a four-fold higher incidence, and prevalence of 35 per 100,000. This study aimed to identify the incidence and prevalence of NETs over a ten-year period utilising the Public Health England (PHE) population-based cancer registry.

Materials and methods

Age-standardised incidence rates and prevalence from the 1st January 1995 to 31st March 2016 were calculated using data from the PHE National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) database.

Results

In 2015, the age-standardised incidence rate for NETs in England (excluding small and large cell neuroendocrine carcinomas, SCLC and LCNEC respectively) was 8.84, 8.37 in males (95% CI, 8.02–8.72) and 9.30 in females (95% CI,

8.91–9.71) and; rising from 3.9 in 2001, with an average yearly increase of 0.39 cases. The incidence of SCLC was 7.72 and LCNECs was 0.44. The cohort was 90.1% White, 2.6% Asian, 1.8% Black, 1.4% other and 4.0% ethnicity unknown. The most common primary tumour sites were: 20.2% colorectal, 19.5% lung, 14.1% small intestinal, 9.6% pancreatic, 6.9% skin, and 5.3% stomach. The stage breakdown was 23.3% stage I, 11.7% stage II, 14.2% stage III, 25.9% stage IV and 24.8% stage unknown in the 91.3% of the tumours with a histological confirmation from a primary, the remaining 8.7% were unknown primaries at diagnosis. The prevalence was 19,268 (34.9 per 100 000), 8,743 males and 10,525 females.

Conclusion

This study has clearly demonstrated that incidence of NETs in England is significantly higher than previously reported. The data demonstrate similar incidence and prevalence rates to those reported in the SEER database. Importantly, it highlights that colorectal and lung NETs are the most common primary sites.

Keywords: Neuroendocrine cancer; prevalence; incidence

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Poster Presentations

P01**Genetics and diagnostic characterisation of bladder paragangliomas**

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Bladder Paragangliomas (PGLs) are a rare manifestation of sympathetic chain PGLs and occur in prone patients with SDH mutation. They often display an aggressive phenotype with metastatic disease and require long-term follow up. SDHB immunostaining plays a significant role in initial risk stratification and facilitating appropriate genetic testing. We report four cases illustrating diagnostic management and outcome issues in this rare neuroendocrine pathology; two with SDHB mutation, 1 SDHA and 1 awaiting extended genetic analysis in view of young age (33 years). We anticipate a positive SDH mutation due to the anatomical location and pathogenicity. Our patients ranged from 29 to 67 years of age (median 42 years), 2M and 2F with predominant presentation being haematuria. Headache and sympathetic symptoms during micturition were also present in two patients. Plasma normetadrenaline was elevated in three patients and urine dopamine was also elevated in one who tested positive for SDHB mutation and subsequently developed metastatic disease. Initial biochemistry was not available in one patient as he underwent tumour resection in another centre several years ago. The tumours in all four patients displayed MIBG avidity although they are reported to have preference for FDG-PET and Gallium Dotatate. SDHB immunostaining is currently available in one patient only (67 year old lady) who tested negative in our initial routine genetic panel. However, she underwent screening for SDHA as the tumour sample repeatedly stained negative on SDHB immunohistochemistry indicating a likely mutation. SDHA frameshift variant Exon 2 c.133_136delinsCCT was identified which has not been previously reported in bladder PGLs. We conclude that SDHB immunostaining still remains an indispensable tool especially for the evaluation of bladder Paraganglioma. As new causative genes become validated, extended genetic panel should be included in screening bladder PGLs especially mutations involving all SDH and other genes involved in the regulation of citric acid cycle.
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P02**Validation of a blood biomarker test for the diagnosis and management of bronchopulmonary neuroendocrine tumors**

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Background

There is currently no effective blood biomarker for lung neuroendocrine neoplasia diagnosis and management. We describe the clinical utility of a 51 neuroendocrine-specific gene expression set in blood to diagnose bronchopulmonary neuroendocrine tumors (BPNETs) and define their clinical status.

Methods

The discovery set included BPNETs ($n=154$) and controls ($n=90$), randomly assigned (1:1) to a test and validation set. Specificity was evaluated in: lung adeno ($n=54$) and squamous cell carcinoma: ($n=37$), other neuroendocrine neoplasia ($n=13$), and COPD: ($n=18$). We assessed clinical efficacy: disease presence versus absence in a surgical cohort ($n=45$) and progressive versus stable disease ($n=154$). We measured gene expression (real-time PCR) and chromogranin (ELISA-Euro Diagnostica). Gene expression and CgA levels were evaluated by non-parametric, ROC, Fisher's test and decision curve analysis.

Findings

Control gene levels were $6 \pm 6\%$ and elevated in test ($47 \pm 3\%$) and validation ($50 \pm 3\%$) cohorts ($P < 0.0001$). Sensitivity and specificities were respectively 94 & 95%; 82 & 93%. The AUC for differentiating carcinoids from controls was 0.98–0.99. Levels were elevated in other lung neuroendocrine neoplasia ($59 \pm 9\%$) but were low in non-neuroendocrine lung cancers ($23 \pm 3\%$) and COPD ($23 \pm 0.8\%$). Progressive disease ($n=49$) was significantly higher ($72 \pm 23\%$; $P < 0.0001$) than stable disease ($n=105$; $33 \pm 17\%$). The AUC for differentiating

progressive/stable was 0.89 ± 0.03 . Tumor resection significantly decreased scores ($70 \pm 7\%$ to $23 \pm 3\%$, $P=0.0005$). Levels in surgical recurrent or residual disease remained elevated: $66 \pm 8\%$. CgA was elevated in only 38% of carcinoids and levels were unrelated to clinical status (AUC: 0.51 ± 0.05). Decision Curve Analysis confirmed the utility of gene expression analysis (net benefit > 75% to a disease risk threshold of 0.92 vs < 30% for CgA).

Interpretation

NET-specific gene measurement in blood accurately diagnoses bronchopulmonary carcinoid neoplasia. Gene expression levels identify the effectiveness of surgery and distinguish stable from progressive disease.

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P03**Blood measurements of Neuroendocrine Tumor (NET) transcripts and gene cluster analysis predict efficacy of PRRT**

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Background

Peptide receptor radionuclide therapy (PRRT) is based on tumor somatostatin receptor (SSR) overexpression to deliver targeted isotope therapy. Functional imaging of SSR expression (SRE) is used as a predictor of efficacy, but there is no method to objectively predict PRRT efficacy. We report the efficacy of *Predictive Quotient Index* (PQI) to predict the utility of PRRT. PQI is derived from circulating NET transcript analysis (NETest) integrated with the tumor grade. We validated the utility of this PRRT complementary diagnostic in a prospective, blinded study conducted at Rotterdam.

Methods

NETs ($n=42$); with progressive disease (74%) were treated with ¹⁷⁷Lu-PRRT-treated (29.1 ± 2.2 GBq). Baseline evaluations included clinical status, Grade (Ki67), SRE, CgA (NeoLisa, ULN > 108 ng/ml), and NETest (qRT-PCR - multianalyte algorithmic analyses, NETest score: 0–100%; ULN > 14%). The PQI (a calculation of 'omic' NETest genes regulating metabolism and growth factor signaling) is mathematically integrated with tissue Ki67. The PQI has two prediction outputs: 'responder' (R) vs 'non-responder' (NR). Disease assessment was by RECIST criteria (Partial Response and Disease Stabilization = Responder vs. Disease Progression = NR). All samples were blinded. Statistics: Cox proportional multiple regression, Kaplan-Meier survival, & McNemar-test. Results

At restaging, the overall response (disease control rate) was 76%; median PFS not reached (follow-up 5–20 months). Histology: GI: 12; GII: 21; GIII 2; and lung: TC: 2; AC: 4. SRE was Grade 3 (in 80%). NETest was elevated in (NETest score: $61 \pm 22\%$) in all. Predictive accuracies of baseline SRE, clinical status, and CgA ranged from 25 to 54% (not-significant). PQI was the only predictive marker by multivariate analysis ($P=0.001$). The PQI diagnostic was 95% concordant with response to therapy and significantly more accurate than all other markers (McNemar: $P < 0.002$). Cox-proportional modeling confirmed PQI utility (OR: 9.1, $P < 0.004$). K-MS analysis identified significantly different mPFS between R (not reached) and NR (10.4 months; Hazard Ratio: 92, $P < 0.0001$).

Conclusion

The predictive quotient index comprising blood based 'omic' analysis and tissue grading when measured prior to therapy predicts the efficacy of PRRT therapy in GEP and lung NETs in 95%.

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P04**A liquid biopsy for the diagnosis and monitoring of bronchopulmonary/lung carcinoid**

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Background

No effective blood biomarker exists to detect and clinically manage bronchopulmonary (BP) neuroendocrine tumors. We developed a blood-based

51 neuroendocrine tumor (NET)-specific transcript set to diagnose and monitor gastroenteropancreatic NETs. In this study, we examined whether the signature functioned in lung NETs. Thereafter, we examined performance metrics to assess clinical utility. The multianalyte gene signature accurately diagnosed the tumor and in addition differentiated stable from progressive disease as determined by RECIST criteria.

Methodology

Gene expression was evaluated in: i) publicly-available BPNET transcriptomes (GSE35679); ii) two BPNET cell lines; and iii) BPNET tissue with paired blood ($n=7$). A pilot study assessed blood gene expression in 25 small bowel NETs and 25 BPNETs and a separate validation study in age- and gender-matched BPNETs/controls ($n=25$ each) was undertaken. Gene expression measured by real-time PCR was scored (0–100%; normal: < 14%). Data was assessed by regression analyses, hierarchical clustering, Fisher's and non-parametric evaluations.

Results

All 51 genes were identified in BPNET transcriptomes, tumor tissues and cell lines. Significant correlations were evident between paired tumor and blood ($R^2:0.63-0.91$, $P<0.001$). In the pilot study, blood gene expression was highly correlated ($R^2:0.91$, $P=1.7\times 10^{-15}$) between small bowel NET and BPNET. In the validation cohort, all 25 BPNETs exhibited a positive score compared to only 20% of controls ($P<0.0001$). Transcript scores were significantly elevated ($P<0.0001$) in BPNETs ($57\pm 28\%$) compared to controls ($4\pm 5\%$). BPNETs with progressive disease ($85\pm 11\%$) exhibited higher scores than stable disease ($32\pm 7\%$, $P<0.0001$).

Conclusion

Blood measurements of NET-specific genes accurately diagnosed bronchopulmonary carcinoids and distinguished stable from progressive disease. We envisage this marker panel to have clinical utility as a liquid biopsy able to identify disease and monitor progression in real-time.

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P05

Incidence of PCC/PGL in mutation positive family members at first contact

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SDH mutations that contribute 15%–20% of PCC/PGL syndromes predispose to the development of tumours that originate from Adrenal, Parasympathetic and extra-adrenal sympathetic-associated chromaffin tissues. We conducted a retrospective analysis to identify the prevalence of PCC/PGL and elevated biomarkers during initial screening in patients newly identified as carrying a pathogenic SDH mutation.

Method

Data collection from our random cohort of patients with SDH mutations at Guy's and St. Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust. Following confirmation of a pathogenic SDH mutation, all patients had measurement of plasma Metanephrines and whole-body (incl. head & neck) MRI.

Results

Thirty-five adult patients (mean age 39 years; range 10–66) were included. All were asymptomatic and identified as carrying a mutation in SDH gene through family screening (3 with SDHA, 24 with SDHB, 3 with SDHC and 5 with SDHD). 10 of 35 patients (29% - 5 with SDHB mutation and 5 with SDHD mutation) had a tumour at initial screening. Tumour locations were as follows; Four head and neck ($3\times$ SDHD, $1\times$ SDHB), five abdominal ($2\times$ SDHD, $3\times$ SDHB) and one thoracic (SDHB). Four patients had elevated plasma Metanephrines at initial screening (11%), one of whom had a malignant thoracic PGL detected 6 months during follow up. (mutation in SDHB).

Conclusion

The tumour burden is high (29%) in these adult patients with SDH mutations during initial screening. Tumours involving the genes SDHD and SDHB were more prevalent and malignant potential is consistently prevalent in SDHB as reported in literature. Interestingly, few abdominal PGLs in our cohort were non-secretory. A multivariate analysis of our cohort of more than 500 patients will guide the screening and follow-up strategy for these patients long term.

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P06

Nutritional assessment and vitamin deficiencies in patients with NETs

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Introduction

Neuroendocrine tumours (NETs) have diverse natural history and clinical syndromes. As a result of the disease or related to management, patients may have altered gut or pancreatic function that can cause nutritional deficiencies. There is a lack of consistent evidence-based dietetic guidance for patients with NETs.

Aim

This study evaluated whether nutritional status and nutritional deficiencies had been assessed in patients with NETs in an existing service in South Wales.

Method

A retrospective study included 141 NET patients seen in Gastroenterology ($n=74$) and Endocrinology ($n=67$) clinics. Key parameters collected were: BMI, weight, vitamin B12, Ferritin, Folate, Albumin, vitamins A/D/E and presence of steatorrhea. Evidence of treatment with vitamin or iron replacement and use of bile acid sequestrants or Creon was also recorded.

Results

Weight was recorded in under half of patients (70/141) and BMI in just 14% ($n=20$). This rose to 100 and 73% respectively in patients seen by a gastro-specialist dietician; only 22 patients (16%) had this specialist input. Fifty four patients reported weight loss, 70% of these ($n=38$) had a quantified weight loss, 46% had percentage weight loss calculated. One hundred and six patients (75%) had been investigated for a form of vitamin or iron deficiency. The likelihood of investigation was significantly higher in Gastroenterology clinic patients than Endocrine clinics (95% vs 54%, $P<0.01$). 57% of those investigated were found to have a deficiency, which was consistent across specialities: 59% (41/70) of those from Gastroenterology clinics and 53% (19/36) from Endocrine clinics. 41/60 patients (68%) with a recorded deficiency did not have sufficient replacement. 7/27 patients with iron deficiency were given supplementation. Thirty eight patients had vitamin D levels tested (27%), 29 were insufficient (76%). Twenty seven patients reported steatorrhea, 26 of whom were prescribed somatostatin analogues. 96% of these patients were also prescribed Creon.

Conclusion

Although higher rates of nutritional assessment were found in patients who had been assessed by Gastroenterology and with gastro-specialist dietetic involvement, assessment and management of nutritional status in patients with NETs remains an unmet need. Further evidence is required to evaluate nutritional assessment in NETs.

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P07

Piloting a group programme aiming at psychologically supporting neuroendocrine patients

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Background

The median survival for patients with metastatic neuroendocrine tumours is greater than 5 years. Despite a heavy burden of metastatic disease and an incurable diagnosis many patients continue with a relatively normal lifestyle. Vast amounts of time and money is spent on diagnosing and treating the physical aspects of cancer but little is currently available to help with the psychological wellbeing of our patients. As NET nurses we spend large amounts of our time talking to patients. Much of this contact is directed at alleviating anxiety surrounding diagnosis, investigations and treatment. Despite our efforts for some, there is a continual cycle of stress and anxiety fuelled by periodic scans, clinics and episodes of treatment. This anxiety limits quality of life. Ironically it's this 'quality of life' we are attempting to maintain with our medical intervention.

Method

In Dorset we have set up a group programme study to psychologically support Neuroendocrine patients. Each group consists of 6–8 patients all with neuroendocrine tumours all requiring follow up from the neuroendocrine service. Each patient is selected by the NET nurse and asked if they felt they required further psychological support. Selection is based on recent conversations with patients either face to face or over the telephone. Patients are then contacted by programme psychotherapist and current psychological needs discussed. One to One interviews are then arranged for the Psychotherapist to speak face to face

to the patients. For each group 6 sessions are set up to be held weekly. The group meetings are scheduled and adapted to address the individual needs of the patients. Sessions focus on giving the patients tools in order to manage their anxiety and stresses going forward into the future. The sessions included visualization, centralisation, relaxation and mindfulness. These sessions may touch on other aspects such as exercise and benefits it also included visit from a nutritionist all of which patients said caused them additional stress and anxiety.

Results

Patient feedback and quality of life data from the first group pilot will be presented.

Conclusion

The psychological impact of a diagnosis of neuroendocrine tumour cannot be underestimated.

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P08

Audit of a new nurse-led non-medical prescribing (NMP) clinic for systemic anti-cancer agents (SACTs)

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The number of people diagnosed and living with cancer in the UK continues to rise and this also places increasing demands on specialist cancer care services (NHS England 2015). Neuroendocrine Tumours (NETs) incidence and prevalence increases alongside this demand (PHE 2016). NETs still remain a rare cancer with specialist needs and the clinical nurse specialist (CNS) team are ideally placed to support these patients. Oncology clinics are becoming increasingly pressured and the need to think of innovative ways of reducing pressure whilst maintaining and enhancing the patients experience is important. In order to address this we set up a nurse-led SACT NMP clinic alongside the oncology clinic to improve patient experience and reduce oncologist clinic review.

Aims/objective

To assess the impact of the NMP nurse-led clinic on the patient and the NET service.

Methodology

Questionnaires were sent out either via email or given in clinic to patients after 3 months of the nurse clinic starting. A questionnaire was also given to all oncologists within the clinic and also to the oncology pharmacist for analysis.

Results

29 SACT NMP prescriptions for 15 patients were prescriptions. The nurse prescribed targeted agents (Sunitinib and Everolimus) and IV Chemotherapy regimes (Carbo/Etop, FCIST and FCarboSt). Patient Feedback: 14/15 completed patient experience questionnaire: Quality of nurse review Excellent- 84%, Confidence in Nurse knowledge- 100%. Patients felt involved in decision making- 100%. How satisfied were patients with experience- 57% extremely satisfies, 43% very satisfied. Clinician feedback: - Was safe practice observed - 100% yes, Was decision making by the NMP appropriate and safe - 100% yes. Felt more time for the medical team to review other patients - 100% yes.

Discussion

The experience for this nurse-led clinic is very positive; benefitting patients experience and consultants. The nurse felt increased satisfaction in her role taking part in this clinic. The audit highlights that with experienced NET CNS' and NET physicians this is a viable model for enhancing patient care.

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P09

Audit of South Wales Neuroendocrine MDT pathology reports

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The South Wales regional NET Multidisciplinary Meeting (MDT) discusses patients on a monthly basis. The European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society (ENETS) have guidance on expected pathology input into a NET MDT service. We assessed pathology reports submitted and discussed in 2016 for compliance with ENETS criteria, and determined the time from pathology reporting to MDT discussion. 117 patients had pathology submitted for review in 2016 and were assessed by one specialist NET pathologist. Of these, 105 pathology reports were available for audit, consisting of 60 biopsies and 45 surgical samples that were 55 and 11% complete respectively. Overall, only 36% of reports were complete.

26% of cases were submitted and discussed within one month of reporting, 62% taking 2-9 months to be submitted, and 12% were historical diagnoses for review.

Conclusion

Completeness of pathology reports are below the target level (36% vs target 100%). Surgical cases are particularly poor (11% complete). Time from reporting to referral was below standard with only 26% being discussed at the next MDT.

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P10

Neuroendocrine Tumour (NET) patients experiences of support in the community setting across the cancer treatment trajectory

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Background

Neuroendocrine tumours (NETs) and carcinomas (NECs) are a heterogeneous group of malignancies, with no common clinical pathway, but previous study has highlighted a common need for effective, well-timed support. There is geographic variation in the availability and provision of specialist NET cancer services across the UK and this is reflected in the diverse patient experiences reported.

Service improvement

To improve the patients journey, the NET Patient Foundation are developing the Support Nurse service, to provide the support patients have identified as being the most appropriate, at the times when it was most needed and signpost to available allied services.

Aim

The aim of the study is to explore the changing nature of support requirements throughout the patient journey and identify sources, with optimal timings, of effective patient support.

Methodology

A focus group approach has been chosen as it is particularly useful where it is important to highlight common experience, or identify different views. The data will be collected in July 2017 from 3 to 4 focus groups at different locations in England and Wales, consisting of 4-8 NET patients and using a pre-determined, structured sequence of questions in a focused discussion.

Results

The data will be analysed using an inductive qualitative content analysis process.

Discussion

The themes identified by the analysis of the focus group discussions will define further study and inform the discussion of an optimal support strategy that can be tailored for each individual patient.

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P11

The Missing Malignancies - Follow up of patients with pulmonary carcinoid tumours in the UK: Results from the National Lung NET Pathway ('LEAP') project

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Introduction

Close long-term follow-up of patients with pulmonary carcinoid (PC) tumours is important for detection of recurrence, which can occur many years after primary surgery. Expert consensus guidelines for management of PC were published in 2015 (European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (ENETS)) and provide recommendations for follow-up type, frequency and duration. The LEAP Project aimed to describe current follow-up practices in the UK following publication of the guidance, to inform future service improvements.

Methods

Between October 2016-May 2017 face-to-face or telephone surveys were conducted with 27 lung NET clinicians from 27 UK centres, including all ten UK ENETS Centres of Excellence. Clinicians were asked about their current practices for follow-up of patients with PC after completion of initial treatment.

Results

Thirteen medical oncologists, six clinical oncologists and eight other specialists participated in the survey. The respondents were from centres with an estimated 5-250 PC patients under current management and 2-80 new patients/year. Initial follow-up frequency in PC patients following completion of initial surgical treatment ranged from 2-monthly to annually. Follow-up duration ranged from 2-years to indefinite according to disease stage. The proportion of respondents

using computed tomography (CT) scanning as part of follow-up in patients with typical carcinoid (TC) tumours ranged from 37% (10/27) for localised disease (N0M0 tumours) to 56% (15/27) for R1-resected cancer; and in atypical carcinoid (AC) tumours ranged from 41% (11/27) to 59% (16/27), respectively. Thirty-percent (8/27) of respondents reported using more intensive monitoring (i.e. more frequent, longer duration or greater use of scans) for AC than TC. Sixty-seven-percent (18/27) of respondents believe that patients may be lost-to-follow-up in the current PC management pathway. Possible reasons include patients being discharged or not referred to an appropriate specialist/MDT post-surgery, the perception of PC as 'low-risk' tumours, patient non-attendance and age-related co-morbidities. Forty-eight-percent (13/27) of respondents have a database of lung NET patients.

Conclusion

Whilst there appeared to be some evidence of more intense follow-up of patients with AC tumours, these findings highlight large variations in practice in the UK and the opportunity to optimise management consistent with recently-published ENETS guidelines.

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P12

1-Year survival rates for neuroendocrine tumour patients in England

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Introduction

Accurate survival data for patients with neuroendocrine tumours (NETs) across the UK has been difficult to capture. Individual centres often report good survival rates, however, national data has not previously been available.

Materials and methods

NET patient survival was calculated for England using the Public Health England (PHE) National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) dataset which captures tumour stage using TNM staging. Grade was based on dysplasia and morphology. The Kaplan-Meier survival method was used to analyse overall death in 12,755 patients diagnosed with a NET between 2013 and 2015.

Results

The 1-year overall survival was 75% for NETs (95% CI, 74.5–76.1), 72% in males vs 79% in females ($P < .001$). Survival by age group was as follows: 0–55 years 90% (95% CI, 89.2–91.2); 56–65 80% (95% CI, 78.3–81.4); 66–75 71% (95% CI, 70.0–72.9); > 75 60% (95% CI, 57.9–61.5) (with $P < .001$ for comparisons between all age groups). Survival decreased with increasing grade (1/2 and 3) and stage (1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively):

Colorectal ($n = 2712$):

Grade 1/2 (excluding Mixed adenoneuroendocrine carcinoma (MANEC)): 99% (97.6–99.4); 97% (93.9–98.3); 99% (95.4–99.7); 80% (72.9–86.2)

Grade 3 (excluding MANEC): 89% (70.4–96.4); 90% (72.9–96.8); 67% (56.3–76.2); 22% (16.3–27.9)

MANEC: 98% (85.8–99.7); 97% (92.3–99.2); 85% (74.4–91.8); 60% (45.2–72.6)

Overall (including unknown stage): 88% (86.5–88.9)

Lung ($n = 2,460$, excluding *small and large cell lung cancer):

Grade 1/2: 98% (97.2–99.1); 98% (93.7–99.6); 93% (82.9–97.4); 69% (59.1–76.8)

Grade 3: 93% (89.4–95.6); 81% (71.4–88.2); 63% (55.0–70.7); 26% (22.5–30.0)

Overall: 74% (72.7–76.2) in comparison, *SCLC ($n = 97,239$) 42% (42.2–42.8)

Pancreas ($n = 1,207$):

Grade 1/2: 97% (92.7–98.7); 95% (88.8–97.6); NK: 85% (79.7–89.6)

Grade 3: 87% (68.3–94.8); 87% (58.6–96.7); 56% (30.5–74.7); 42% (35.9–48.9)

Overall: 81% (78.3–82.8)

Small bowel ($n = 1,688$):

Grade 1/2: 98% (90.8–99.4); 96% (89.7–98.5); 96% (93.6–97.3); 88% (84.3–90.7)

Grade 3: NK; NK; 83% (60.1–93.1); 72% (60.5–80.5)

Overall: 90% (88.6–91.5)

Conclusion

The survival results show that tumour grade has the potential to be a good prognostic indicator for all types of NET. This is the first large series regarding MANEC demonstrating poor outcomes.

Keywords: Neuroendocrine cancer; survival; grade; stage; age

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P13

Metachronous primary cancers in neuroendocrine tumour patients

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Introduction

Historically there has been an association with neuroendocrine tumours (NETs) and other cancers. However, this has not previously been well characterised. We aimed to determine the incidence of second malignancies in patients with NETs and investigate any association of the anatomical site of NETs with other malignancies.

Materials and methods

12,844 patients were diagnosed with a NET between 2013 and 2015 and captured by the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS). A count of tumours per person, and the most common sites for second malignancies was made. The relative risk of future site-specific NETs after non-neuroendocrine cancer was investigated.

Results

Of the 12,844 people in the analysis, 2,805 (21.8%) had at least one NET or non-NET, metachronous or synchronous cancer comprising: 2,311 patients with two cancers; 424 with three cancers; 61 with four cancers; seven with five cancers; and two with six cancers. The most common sites for metachronous cancer primaries were prostate (14.4%), breast (13.4%), non-melanoma skin cancer (12.0%), colon (11.4%), lung (5.5%), lymphoma (4.7%), kidney (3.8%), melanoma (3.4%), bladder (3.4%), rectum (3.3%), ovary (2.4%), endometrium (2.4%), leukaemia (2.0%), stomach (1.3%), thyroid gland (1.3%) and pancreas (1.1%). Eighty-one percent of patients had a second primary pre-NET diagnosis, 12% had a second primary post-NET diagnosis and 7% had a synchronous second primary. For males who had previously been diagnosed with prostate cancer the risk of site-specific NETs were as follows: bladder NET (RR 1.86 (CI: 1.33–2.62)); rectal NET (RR 1.47 (CI: 0.98–2.21)); pancreatic NET (RR 0.99 (CI: 0.73–1.36)); and small intestinal NET (RR 1.08 (CI: 0.84–1.36)).

Conclusion

Based on a large national cancer registry, most patients with NETs who presented with second cancers had pre-NET non-neuroendocrine primary cancers. This study identified prostate cancer as the most common site in male NET patients, and a possible association between prostate cancer and bladder neuroendocrine cancer needs further exploration.

Keywords: Neuroendocrine cancer; second primary; metachronous cancers; synchronous cancers

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P14**Efficacy and safety of telotristat ethyl in patients with carcinoid syndrome inadequately controlled by somatostatin analogs: Analysis of the completed TELESTAR extension period**D Horsch¹, MH Kulke², M Caplin³, L Anthony⁴, E Bergsland⁵, K Oberg⁶, R Warner⁷, P Kunz⁸, E Grande Pulido⁹, J Valle¹⁰, J Dillon¹¹, P Lapuerta¹², P Banks¹², S Jackson¹² & M Pavel¹³

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Background

The phase III, placebo-controlled, randomized TELESTAR study evaluated efficacy and safety of telotristat ethyl (TE) in patients (pts) with diarrhoea (≥ 4 bowel movements (BMs)/day) due to carcinoid syndrome (CS) inadequately controlled by somatostatin analogs (SSAs). TE, a tryptophan hydroxylase inhibitor, decreases peripheral serotonin levels. As add-on treatment to SSAs, TE 250 mg 3x/day (tid) and TE 500 mg tid significantly reduced BM frequency ($P < 0.001$) compared with placebo over the 12-week Double-blind Treatment (DBT) period. After Week 12, pts crossed over to a 36 week Open-label Extension (OLE) period with TE 500 mg tid; data from the full 48 weeks are presented.

Methods

Changes from baseline in BM frequency (monitored weekly), urinary 5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid (u5-HIAA; Weeks 18, 24, and 48), European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire-Core 30 (EORTCQLQ-C30) score (Weeks 24 and 48), and safety during the OLE period were evaluated.

Results

Of the 135 pts randomly assigned, 118 completed the DBT period; 115 pts subsequently entered (and 79 completed) the OLE period. Of the 36 pts who discontinued the OLE period, the most frequent reasons were adverse event (AE; 15 pts) and withdrawal of consent (9 pts). Treatment-emergent AEs led 18 pts to discontinue TE; gastrointestinal disorder was the most commonly reported reason (6 pts). Reductions from baseline in BM frequency (~ 2 BMs/day) and u5-HIAA levels (range -20.0 mg to -49.5 mg/24 hours) during the OLE were consistent with results of the DBT period and persisted through Week 48. Improvement in EORTCQLQ-C30 diarrhea subscale scores relative to baseline (range -18.8 to -30.6 points) was notable and persisted through Week 48. Crossover into the OLE period was well tolerated. Treatment-emergent AEs were mainly mild to moderate and occurred at a similar rate as in the DBT period.

Conclusions

Patients benefitted from TE throughout the OLE period. TE was well tolerated over 48 weeks and its efficacy was consistent with previously reported data.

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P15**Platinum-etoposide chemotherapy for extra-pulmonary high grade neuroendocrine carcinoma (EP-G3-NEC): A survey of clinical practice**Angela Lamarca¹, Melissa Frizziero¹, Jorge Barriuso^{1,2}, Mairéad G McNamara^{1,2}, Richard A Hubner¹ & Juan W Valle^{1,2}
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Platinum-etoposide chemotherapy is a globally established chemotherapy combination for EP-G3-NEC. However, there are many different schedules for such chemotherapy, and the preferred one for EP-G3-NEC has not been established.

Methods

An international survey was created, and completed by colleagues with an expertise in the field of neuroendocrine neoplasms. The aim was to explore which schedules of platinum-etoposide chemotherapy are used across centres and to assess consistency in clinical practice.

Results

Sixty four replies were received (June-August'17); completed by medical oncologists (43;67.2%), clinical oncologists (11;17.2%), gastroenterologists (8;12.5%) and endocrinologists (2;3.1%). United Kingdom was the most represented country (25;39.1%), followed by Spain (13;20.3%). Most of the physicians completing the survey (39;60.9%) had > 10 years of experience in the field; 29 (46.0%) were working in European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (ENETS) Centres of Excellence (CoE). A small minority did not take Ki67 (7;11.1%) or morphology (7;10.9%) into consideration when selecting type of chemotherapy to be administered. Regarding choice of chemotherapy, most (61;95.3%) agreed on selecting platinum-etoposide chemotherapy as first-line treatment for NEC tumours \pm poor-differentiation \pm Ki67 $> 55\%$, although there was a large number of different schedules used: cisplatin-based (28/60;46.7%), carboplatin-based (32/60;53.3%). Most centres chose a schedule with intravenous etoposide (53/60;88.3%), while oral etoposide was less popular (7/60;11.7%). Chemotherapy was usually administered up to a maximum of 6 cycles (49;79.0%). At time of progression, choice of second-line chemotherapy was influenced by the time between completion of first-line chemotherapy and tumour progression. When this period was > 6 months, re-challenge with platinum-etoposide was the preferred choice (29;46.0%). Conversely, when time to progression was < 6 months, platinum-etoposide was not considered by any of the physicians as an option for second-line chemotherapy (0%), and alternative combinations such as fluoropyrimidine/irinotecan (21;34.4%) and temozolomide/capecitabine (18; 29.5%) were preferred.

Conclusions

Although there appears to be consensus in selection of platinum-etoposide based chemotherapy for first-line treatment for patients with advanced EP-G3-NEC, significant variation in the exact regimen employed across different institutions exists. Prospective studies in this patient population are required in order to standardise practice.

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P16**Relationship between symptoms and health-related quality of life benefits in patients with carcinoid syndrome: post-hoc analyses from TELESTAR**Marianne Pavel¹, David Cella², Jennifer Beaumont², Stacie Hudgens³, Florence Marteau⁴, Marion Feuilly⁴, Sylvie Gabriel⁴, Aude Houchard⁴, John Ramage⁵, Dieter Horsch⁶ & Matthew Kulke⁷
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The safety and efficacy of telotristat ethyl (TE) in patients (pts) with metastatic neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) and carcinoid syndrome (CS) not adequately controlled with somatostatin analogs (SSAs) have been demonstrated. TE-treated pts showed significantly greater reductions in bowel movement (BM) frequency and more presented with durable response than placebo (PBO)-treated pts. These post-hoc analyses examined the relationship between improvements in symptoms and health-related quality of life (HRQoL) in pts who were durable responders (DRs; $n=48$) and non-durable responders (NDRs; $n=87$), irrespective of treatment group, in TELESTAR (NCT01677910).

Methods

Pts were randomized 1:1:1 to TE 250 mg, 500 mg, and PBO three times daily during the 12-week (wk) double-blind (DB) treatment period; durable response was predefined as a daily BM frequency reduction of $\geq 30\%$ from baseline for $\geq 50\%$ of the DB period. Clinical symptoms were assessed via daily records, HRQoL by the EORTC QLQ-C30 and QLQ-GINET21 questionnaires. The difference in arithmetic means and associated 95% CIs were used as a descriptive measure of group effects.

Results

135 pts were randomized, 45 in each group. The mean difference (95% CI) in change from baseline between DRs and NDRs at Wk12 was (1.8 (-2.3, -1.2))

for daily BM frequency, (-1.2 (-1.6 , -0.7)) for daily flushing, (-38.7 (-70.0 , -7.3) mg/24 hrs) for u5-HIAA levels, (-1.2 (-1.8 , -0.6)) for abdominal pain severity and (-0.3 (-0.4 , -0.2)) for urgency to defecate. DRs showed meaningful and/or significant improvements in QLQ-C30 global health (8.1 (-0.3 , 16.5)), summary score (4.9 (0.6, 9.2)), social functioning (5.1 (-4.7 , 14.9)), nausea/vomiting (-7.5 (-15.4 , 0.4)), pain (-16.0 (-27.0 , -5.0)), dyspnoea (-5.7 (-15.5 , 4.1)), diarrhoea (-14.7 (-26.5 , -2.9)), and GINET21 gastrointestinal symptoms (-9.3 (-16.3 , -2.2)) versus NDRs.

Conclusions

Durable response was associated with reductions in the symptoms and overall clinical burden of CS. DRs showed significant and/or meaningful improvements in global HRQoL, nausea, pain, diarrhoea, and gastrointestinal symptoms.

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Surgical therapy for appendiceal neuroendocrine tumours: is appendicectomy adequate?

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Background

Neuroendocrine tumours of the appendix (ANET) are relatively indolent tumours typically identified incidentally at surgery for suspected appendicitis. The role of right hemicolectomy (RH) for tumours with 'high risk' features is debated. We compared the management of ANET at three centres against ENETS criteria for therapy selection.

Methods

Retrospective review of all patients diagnosed with ANET at three tertiary centres. Patients that underwent appendicectomy alone or as part of another abdominal operation were reviewed – patients with histologically confirmed ANET were identified. All other histology types were excluded. Patient demographic, operative, biochemical/radiological, and follow-up data were extracted from a prospectively maintained database.

Results

Of 14,850 patients undergoing appendicectomy, 215 (1.45%) were diagnosed with ANET. There were 85 males (39.5%) and 130 females (60.5%). Regarding tumour size, 95 (44.2%) were <1 cm, 69 (32.1%) were 1–2 cm, and 51 (23.7%) were >2 cm. Two hundred (92%) patients had grade 1 tumours, whereas 9 (4.2%) and 1 (0.5%) had grade 2 and 3 tumours, respectively (data for five patients unavailable). Regarding index operation, 193 (89.8%) underwent appendicectomy, others: index RH ($n=16$, 7.4%), sub-total colectomy ($n=1$, 0.5%), panproctocolectomy ($n=2$, 0.9%), or appendicectomy at laparoscopy for gynaecological indication ($n=3$, 1.4%). Seventeen patients that underwent appendicectomy (7.9%) had involved lymph nodes. Sixty-four patients met ENETS criteria for completion RH (after appendicectomy) due to 'high risk' features. Forty-nine patients underwent completion RH, twelve of which (24.5%) had metastasis to the lymph nodes. No patients developed imaging detectable lymph node metastases, recurrence or died, regardless of whether they underwent completion hemicolectomy ($n=49$) or not ($n=15$). Two patients (<1%) had distant metastases. Four patients had additional, primary tumours. In patients with ANET as the sole primary tumour, within a median follow-up of 38.5 months (range 1–143), no patient exhibited any evidence of recurrence: 5- and 10-year overall survivals were 99.05%.

Conclusions

ENETS guidelines appear to identify patients at higher risk of nodal metastasis, however the oncological relevance of lymph node metastases in ANET is questionable. In most patients with ANET, right hemicolectomy may represent over-treatment.

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Circulating Tumour Cells (CTCs) are associated with bone metastases in patients with Neuroendocrine Tumours (NET)

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Background

Bone metastases have been described in up to 15% of patients with NETs and are associated with a worse clinical outcome. Here we investigate the role of CTCs as a marker of bone metastases in a large cohort of patients with gastroenteropancreatic NETs.

Methods

To be eligible for the study, patients were required to be ≥ 18 years old, have histologically confirmed midgut or pancreatic NET (pNET) and metastatic disease measurable by RECIST. Data were collected on age, gender, primary site, grade, metastatic sites and previous treatments. Patients provided 7.5 ml blood samples which were collected into CellSave tubes, maintained at room temperature and processed within 96 hours of collection. The CellSearch platform was used for detection and enumeration of CTCs by two independent operators, as previously described.

Results

Between 2009 and 2017, 251 patients with metastatic NETs were recruited from the Royal Free Hospital including 128 patients with pNET and 123 with midgut NET. Of patients with pNETs, 38% had CTCs detected with a mean of 11 CTCs per 7.5 ml of blood (range 0–430). Bone metastases were reported in 29 pNET patients (23%) and were significantly associated with CTC presence ($P < 0.0001$).

There was no association between lung, peritoneal or lymph node metastases and CTC presence. Of patients with midgut tumours, 52% had detectable CTCs with a mean number of 15 (range 0–636). Bone metastases were reported in 36 midgut patients (29%) and were significantly associated with CTC presence ($P=0.02$). There was no association between grade, lung, peritoneal or lymph node metastases and CTC presence. In both midgut and pNETs, the association between bone metastases and CTC presence was confirmed by logistic regression analysis and was independent from grade as well as from other sites of metastases.

Conclusion

Presence of CTCs measured by CellSearch is associated with bone metastases in NET patients. CTCs will be further analyzed for expression of markers involved in the molecular mechanisms underlying skeletal metastasis.

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Mixed Adeno-Neuroendocrine Carcinoma (MANEC): a multicentre retrospective study

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Introduction

MANEC is a rare diagnosis and little is known on its epidemiology/prognosis/management.

Methods

Demographic/clinical-pathological/survival data of patients with a diagnosis of MANEC (2010 WHO criteria) from five European centres were retrospectively reviewed.

Results

Sixty-six patients were identified (09/80–07/17); median age: 62.5 years (range 34–89); male: 66.7%; ECOG-PS 0-1: 59%; primary tumours from: small/large bowel 62.1%, oesophagus/stomach 22.7%, pancreas/biliary tract 13.6%, unknown 1.5%; adult-comorbidity-evaluation (ACE)-27 score 0: 36.4%. The NE component (predominant histology in 58.1% of 43 cases where this information was available) was poorly-differentiated (PD) in 80.3%, with a median Ki-67 value of 70% (95%-Confidence-Interval (CI): 60–73.6). Most frequently expressed IHC markers were: synaptophysin (87.9%), chromogranin-A (CgA) (54.5%) and CDX2 (48.5%). Histology from recurrent/metastatic sites (14 patients) was PD-NE in 71.4%. Median follow-up time was 11.5 months (mo). Of 34 (51.5%) patients with localised-stage (LA) disease, 91.2% had curative surgery (22.5% had neoadjuvant chemo-radiotherapy (CT-RT), 29% had adjuvant or peri-operative CT), 5.9% had definitive CT-RT and 2.9% had unknown management; 77.4% recurred. Fifty-four (81.8%) patients were treated for advanced-stage (adv) disease: 50% had platinum-based CT, 5.5% irinotecan-based CT, 1.8% gemcitabine, 1.8% 5-fluorouracil/leucovorin, 3.7% unknown CT regimen, 1.8% CT-RT, 1.8% RT, 24% best-supportive-care (BSC), and 9.25% unknown management. Median overall-survival (OS) for all patients was 16.2 mo (95%-CI 12.1–21). Median recurrence-free-survival and OS in patients with LA disease were 12.9 mo (95%-CI 6.7–21) and 21 mo (95%-CI 14.57–35). Median progression-free-survival (PFS) and OS in patients with adv disease were 4.9 mo (95%-CI 3.5–7.2) and 14.6 mo (95%-CI 9.6–19.4). On univariable analysis, age <70 years and ACE-27 score 0 (vs ≥1) were prognostic for better OS (both $P < 0.05$); IHC negativity for CgA and first-line active treatment (vs BSC) were prognostic for better PFS (both $P < 0.05$).

Conclusion

This is one of the largest series of MANEC in current literature. PD-NE is predominant in both primary tumours and recurrent/metastatic sites. Survival outcomes are poor. Curative surgery is the preferred choice for LA patients. Platinum-based CT is the most frequently offered strategy in the adv setting.

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Prophylactic right hemicolectomy in Appendiceal Neuroendocrine Neoplasms: challenging the current indications

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Introduction

To prevent loco-regional recurrence and subsequent development of distant metastases in Appendiceal Neuro-Endocrine Neoplasms (ANEN), the existing Guidelines have suggested several criteria for a prophylactic right hemicolectomy, following the initial appendectomy. However, some of those criteria seem rather arbitrary and have not been validated by large studies.

Aim

To assess the outcomes of prophylactic right hemicolectomy (RHC), focusing on regional lymph nodal invasion.

Materials and methods

Over a 10-year period, 263 patients with ANEN were identified. Patients with 'goblet cell tumours' or 'mixed adenoneuroendocrine carcinomas' were excluded. Patients who underwent RHC were categorized into Group A (GA): those with lymph nodal invasion (LNI) at RHC and Group B (GB): those without LNI. The original tumour size, tumour location, margin invasion, proliferation rate, meso-appendiceal invasion (MAI), as well as angioinvasion and lymph vessels invasion were assessed.

Results

Based on Guidelines' recommendations, 72/263 (27%) patients underwent prophylactic RHC. GA included 23 patients (32%), and GB had 49(68%). All patients from both groups had R0 appendectomy. 30.5% tumours from GA and 45% from GB were measuring less than 1 cm, 30.5% from GA and 31% from GB

were measuring between 1 and 2 cm, whilst 39% from GA and 24% of GB, had tumours measuring more than 2 cm. Location at appendiceal base was demonstrated in 22% from GA, but only in 8% from GB. Deep (more than 3 mm) MAI was noted in 13% of GA and in 6% of GB. Angioinvasion and lymph vessel involvement were demonstrated in 30 and 57% from GA, in comparison with 10% and 8% from GB, respectively. Finally, 35% patients from GA and only 2% of GB had grade 2 tumours.

Conclusions

A significant percentage of patients had lymph nodal invasion at the time of prophylactic RHC for ANEN. Grade 2 tumours, angioinvasion and lymphatic invasion, location at appendiceal base and size more than 2 cm seem to be the most important risk factors. Larger studies with prolonged follow-up are needed, to identify the actual role of lymph nodal invasion to the overall disease prognosis.

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Carboplatin-etoposide chemotherapy for patients with advanced extra-pulmonary (EP) poorly differentiated (PD) neuroendocrine carcinoma (NEC); outcomes from a European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society Centre of Excellence

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Introduction

Platinum-etoposide is considered standard-of-care first-line treatment for patients diagnosed with advanced EP-PD-NECs. The optimal platinum-etoposide schedule remains undefined; carboplatin is often substituted for cisplatin, although quality data is lacking.

Methods

Electronic records of patients with advanced EP-PD-NEC treated with carboplatin-etoposide (06/09-02/17) were reviewed retrospectively, with aim to provide real-life efficacy/safety data on carboplatin-etoposide in this setting. Chi-square test, Kaplan-Meier and univariate/multivariate Cox-regression analyses were performed, as appropriate.

Results

Seventy-three patients were screened, 57 eligible; median follow-up 8.57 months (m); median age 70.4 years (range 36.2–88.4). Most patients were male (68.4%), had Eastern-Cooperative-Oncology-Group performance-status (ECOG-PS) 0-1 (79%) and none-mild comorbidities (72%). Site of primary tumour: foregut 35.1%, hindgut 24.6%, unknown 21%, pancreas 8.8%, others 10.5%. Most had stage IV disease (87.7%); median number of metastatic sites: 2 (range 1–6), liver (68%) being the most common. Histopathology: median Ki-67 75% (95%-Confidence-Interval (95%-CI) 60–80%); morphology included small-cell (33.3%), large-cell (22.8%), others (3.5%), not-specified (40.4%). The 57 patients received a total of 64 courses of carboplatin-etoposide: 54 (84.4%) first-line, 9 (14%) second-line and 1 (1.6%) third-line. Etoposide was administered orally (81.2%) or intravenously (18.8%); median number of cycles: 4 (range 1–7). In the first- and second-line settings, median progression-free-survival (PFS) was 5.4 m (95%-CI 3.6–6.9) and 3.4 m (95%-CI 1.6–11.0) and median overall-survival was 7.5 m (95%-CI 6.2–11.5) and 5.8 m (95%-CI 1.6–15.4), respectively. Most common grade 3-4 adverse events in first/second-line were myelotoxicity (29.6%/44.4%), infections (13%/11.1%), venous thromboembolism (11.1%/22.2%); no differences between first-/second-line were identified (all P -values > 0.05). Median carboplatin-etoposide dose-intensity was 94.8 and 94.4% in first-/second-line, respectively. Line of chemotherapy did not impact PFS (P -value > 0.3). Liver metastases and age were significant in the univariate analysis for PFS and included in the multivariable Cox-regression: presence of liver metastases was the only independent factor related to worse PFS (Hazard-Ratio 1.9 (95%-CI 1.1–3.3); P -value 0.03).

Conclusion

Carboplatin-etoposide is associated with survival outcomes in real-life comparable to those reported in current literature. It is an active combination for patients with advanced EP-PD-NECs, with a manageable toxicity profile which allows adequate dose-intensity.

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P22**Long-term survival of patients with carcinoid syndrome in clinical trials of telotristat ethyl**

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Background

Patients with carcinoid syndrome (CS) in the setting of metastatic neuroendocrine tumors (NETs) experience considerable morbidity and mortality. From the time of diagnosis of metastatic NETs, median survival has been estimated to be approximately 31–75 months. CS is associated with tumoral secretion of serotonin and subsequent debilitating diarrhea, which poses a significant health risk. In previous studies, telotristat ethyl (TE), a tryptophan hydroxylase inhibitor, was effective and well tolerated in treating CS diarrhea. At enrollment, patients in these studies had already survived an average of 6–8 years with metastatic NETs since their initial diagnoses.

Methods

Adverse events reported during treatment with TE were pooled from 2 Phase 2, and 3 Phase 3 clinical trials of TE in patients with CS. The long-term safety of TE was examined, causes of hospitalization and death were reviewed, and an estimate of overall survival was obtained.

Results

A total of 239 patients with CS received treatment with TE in Phase 2 and 3 clinical trials. For these patients, as of the end of 2016, the mean duration of exposure was 1.3 years, and maximum 5.7 years. The leading causes of hospitalization were gastrointestinal disorders and surgical and medical procedures, mostly attributable to the underlying tumor and related treatment. Survival estimates at 1, 2, and 3 years were 93, 88, and 77%, respectively. Nearly all deaths were due to progression or complication of the underlying disease, and none were attributable to TE. There was 1 death in Year 4 and no deaths in Years 5 and 6 of patient follow-up in this data set. The median survival with TE was not reached at the end of the 6-year follow-up period.

Conclusions

Our review of the long-term safety data for TE indicates that patients with CS treated with TE in Phase 2 and 3 studies experienced encouraging survival rates.

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P23**Above-label doses of lanreotide Autogel for the treatment of advanced neuroendocrine tumours (NETs)**

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Introduction

High doses/frequency of somatostatin analogues (SSA) are often used to control refractory functional symptoms and/or tumour progression in patients treated with standard doses of SSAs, but there is limited evidence for the efficacy of this strategy.

Methods

Retrospective analysis of 47 NET patients on lanreotide Autogel 120 mg every 3 weeks (as monotherapy). Progression-free survival (PFS) and clinical outcomes were assessed. A 30% change in symptomatology and biomarker levels was considered significant.

Results

Mean age was 62 ± 12 years. The primary tumour site was in the small bowel in 72%, colon/rectum in 13%, pancreas in 11%, lung in 2% and unknown in 2% of

cases. Tumour grade was G1 in 49%, G2 (Ki67 2–5%) in 26%, G2 (Ki67 6–20%) in 13%, G3 in 2% (grade unavailable in 10%). Locoregional spread was present in 92% and liver metastases in 85% of patients. Treatment indications were control of functional symptoms (51%), disease progression (38%) and/or increasing biomarkers (11%). Median PFS was 25 months (95% CI 5, 45). In patients with refractory functional symptoms, diarrhoea and flushing improved significantly in 17% and remained stable in 39% of cases. In patients with available biomarkers before and after treatment, CgA and U-5-HIAA levels significantly reduced in 58 and 15% while they remained stable in 16 and 20% of cases, respectively. Treatment was discontinued in 34 cases because of death (8), radiological progression (10), ongoing symptoms (8), a combination of disease progression/functional symptoms (6) and side effects (2). Treatment after discontinuation included PRRT (15), interferon (2), everolimus (2), sunitinib (1), chemotherapy (1), reduction of the administration interval to 2-weekly (1), increase of the lanreotide dose to 180 mg (1), octreotide LAR (1), while one patient was palliated and another returned to standard doses of lanreotide due to side effects on the high frequency regimen.

Conclusions

The use of a shortened interval of lanreotide Autogel administration in patients with radiological and/or symptomatic progression on standard doses of SSA therapy is effective and may prevent or delay the use of other treatments with a more toxic side effect profile.

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P24**Shortened interval of octreotide LAR administration for the treatment of advanced neuroendocrine tumours (NETs)**

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Introduction

Escalated doses of octreotide LAR are commonly used to control functional symptoms and/or tumour growth, but there is limited evidence regarding the efficacy of this approach.

Methods

Retrospective analysis of 69 NET patients treated with octreotide LAR 30 mg every 3 weeks (as monotherapy). Progression-free survival (PFS) and clinical outcomes were assessed. A 30% change in symptomatology and biomarker levels was considered significant.

Results

Mean age was 64 ± 11 years. The primary tumour site was in the small bowel in 74% of cases, colon/rectum in 9%, lung 6%, pancreas 4% and unknown in 7%. 41% of tumours were G1, 28% G2 (Ki67 2–5%), 10% G2 (Ki67 6–20%) (grade unavailable in 22%). Loco-regional spread was present in 36% and liver metastases in 55% of cases. Treatment indications were control of functional symptoms (62%), disease progression (33%) and/or increasing biomarkers (10%). Median PFS was 25 months (95% CI 6, 44). Median PFS in patients with radiologically progressive disease was significantly shorter than those with stable disease at initiation of treatment (11 vs 38 months). Diarrhoea and flushing improved significantly in 36 and 14% of patients who received treatment for ongoing functional symptoms, while they remained stable in 46 and 59% of cases, respectively. In patients with available biomarkers before and after treatment, CgA and U-5-HIAA levels reduced significantly in 35 and 29% while they remained stable in 20 and 29% of cases, respectively. Treatment was discontinued in 45 cases because of death (7), disease progression (15), ongoing functional symptoms (9), a combination of radiological progression and ongoing symptomatology (10), symptomatic deterioration and increasing biomarkers (2) and side effects (2). Treatment after discontinuation of the 3-weekly regimen included PRRT (22), interferon (4), sunitinib (1), chemotherapy (1), lanreotide autogel (3), further reduction of the interval of administration to 2-weekly (2), everolimus (2), MIBG therapy (1), external beam radiotherapy (1) and transarterial embolization (1).

Conclusions

A shortened interval of octreotide LAR administration is well-tolerated and can be effectively used as maintenance therapy or as a bridge to other therapies in patients with progressive disease and/or symptomatology.

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P25**Weight change associated with telotristat ethyl in the treatment of carcinoid syndrome**

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Background

In the Phase 3 TELESTAR study, the oral tryptophan hydroxylase inhibitor telotristat ethyl (TE) significantly reduced bowel movement (BM) frequency compared with placebo over a 12-week Double-blind Treatment (DBT) period in patients with carcinoid syndrome (CS). Weight loss (WL) has previously been associated with uncontrolled CS and may result in reduced survival, so it is important to examine weight changes in patients with neuroendocrine tumors (NETs).

Methods

We conducted a prespecified analysis of the incidence of weight change of $\geq 3\%$ at Week 12 in TELESTAR. Patients with metastatic NETs, CS, and ≥ 4 BMs/day were randomly assigned to receive placebo, TE 250 mg, or TE 500 mg 3 \times /day (tid) for 12 weeks, in addition to somatostatin analog therapy.

Results

Each group had 45 patients. Mean baseline age was 63.5 years, with 5.8 BMs/day and mean body mass index 24.87 kg/m². Weight gain (WG) $\geq 3\%$ at Week 12 was observed in 2/39 (5.1%), 7/41 (17.1%), and 13/40 (32.5%) patients on placebo, TE 250 tid, and TE 500 mg tid, respectively. The Cochran–Armitage test for trend in WG incidence across groups yielded $P=0.0017$. Among 20 patients with a $\geq 3\%$ WG on TE, 10 experienced a reduction of at least 30% in BM frequency at Week 12 (maximum reduction 75%). WL $\geq 3\%$ at Week 12 occurred in 5 (12.8%), 4 (9.8%), and 6 (15.0%) patients on placebo, TE 250 tid, and TE 500 mg tid. Adverse events of vomiting, decreased appetite, cachexia, and performance status decreased were reported during the DBT period among those with WL but not those with WG.

Conclusion

The incidence of WG on TE was dose related and greater than that on placebo. It was possibly related to reduced diarrhoea severity and may be a relevant aspect of TE efficacy among patients with functioning metastatic NETs.

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P26**Multi-parametric assessment improves prognostication of small bowel neuroendocrine neoplasms: external validation of the NET nomogram**

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Background

Small-bowel neuroendocrine tumours (SB-NET) commonly metastasise despite most being low grade. The NET nomogram developed, estimates 5- and 10-year survival in SB-NET by allocating scores for 15 clinicopathological parameters. We comparatively evaluated the prognostic power of this nomogram, the WHO/ENETS grading and AJCC/UICC staging systems.

Methods

Patients with histologically-confirmed SB-NET were identified from databases at two tertiary centres. Demographics, tumour grade and stage, and additional biochemical/imaging data were extracted, as per the parameters in the NET nomogram. Nomogram scores for each patient were calculated, with survival estimates derived therefrom. Patients were categorised into low/medium/high-risk on the basis of nomogram scores. Kaplan-Meier methodology was used for all three systems to assess prognostic power.

Results

Seventy patients were identified (39 male, 31 female). Median age at diagnosis was 57 (range 32–82). There were 62 (88.6%) G1, 6 (8.6%) G2 and 2 (2.8%) G3 tumours. Regarding tumour stage at presentation, 2 (2.8%), 3 (4.3%), 2 (2.8%), 19 (27.1%), and 44 (62.9%) had AJCC/UICC stage I, II, IIIa, IIIb and IV disease, respectively. There were no statistically significant differences in survival when patients were stratified by grade or stage ($P=0.28$; $P=0.6$). There were significant differences between survival when patients were stratified by nomogram scores: median survivals in low, medium and high risk tumours were 156, 129, and 112 months, respectively ($P=0.031$). When considering G1 tumours (all stages, $n=62$), disease stage was not associated with survival ($P=0.33$). Low-, medium- and high-risk G1 tumours had median survivals of 156, 129 and 62 months, respectively ($P=0.005$). Similar results were obtained in G1 IIIb/IV tumours (171, 143 and 126 months, respectively; $P=0.006$) and in G1 stage IV tumours (114, 129 and 62 months, respectively; $P=0.035$).

Conclusions

Predominantly, SB-NET are G1 but most present with nodal/distant metastases, hindering prognostication based purely on grade/stage. Our data demonstrate that multi-parametric assessment may translate into improved prognostication in SB-NET that otherwise would be erroneously predicted to exhibit similar clinical behaviour.

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P27**Supplementation of vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency in patients with GEP-NET using over the counter vitamin D3 preparations**

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Vitamin D (vit-D) deficiency is common in patients with gastro-entero-pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours (GEP-NET) and has been linked to reduced survival in these patients. Vit-D status was assessed in 183 patients with GEP-NET, at the time of their first presentation in the ARDEN-NET-Centre; and following simple advice at routine 6-monthly follow-up appointments to increase vit-D intake using over-the-counter vit-D preparations (Colecalciferol (Vit-D3), 1000–2000 units/day), over a prospective observation period of 24-months. At baseline, 67% of the patients were either vit-D insufficient (31%; 25-OH-vit-D 25–50 nmol/l) or deficient (36%; 25-OH-vit-D <25 nmol/l). 25-OH-vit-D significantly increased from 38 ± 4 nmol/l at baseline to 60 ± 6 nmol/l ($P < 0.0001$) and 57 ± 7 nmol/l ($P = 0.039$) after 12 and 24-months, respectively. Percentage of vit-D insufficiency decreased from 66.6% at baseline to 44.9 and 46.2% after 12 and 24 months, respectively. Previous abdominal surgery was the only significant predictor of serum 25-OH-vit-D concentrations in bootstrapped linear regression analyses ($P = 0.037$). In summary: simple advice to increase vit-D intake using over-the-counter preparations significantly improved highly prevalent vit-D deficiency/insufficiency in GEP-NET patients; although, 15% of patients remained deficient and should be considered for additional measures of vit-D replacement.

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P28**Outcomes of radical treatment of NET Liver Metastases: a single tertiary centre 18-year experience**Amanda Tan^{1,2}, James Pape³, Panagis Lykoudis^{1,3} & Brian Davidson^{1,3}¹University College London, London, UK; ²Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin, Ireland; ³Royal Free Hospital, London, UK.**Background**

The presence of liver metastases is a poor prognostic factor in patients with Neuroendocrine tumours (NET). Resection of NET liver metastases (NET mets) has been reported to be associated with good long-term outcomes but must be balanced against the risks of major surgery. Thermal ablation or arterial embolisation offers an alternative to surgery.

Objective

To review the outcomes of radical treatment of NET mets.

Materials and methods

Data was collected retrospectively between 1998 to 2016 of consecutive patients with NET mets who underwent radical treatment (surgical resection, radio-frequency ablation (RFA) and/or trans-arterial embolisation (TAE)) in a single specialist HPB/NET centre.

Results

Fifty-four patients (38.9% male) were included. Median age at treatment was 55 years (range: 14–78). Twenty-one (38.9%) patients had a pancreatic primary NET tumour, 24 (44.4%) in the midgut and 9 (16.7%) in other locations. Forty-four patients had a previous operation for primary tumor resection. Radical therapy consisted of surgical resection in 41 (75.9%), TAE in 5 (9.3%), RFA in 2 (3.7%) and 1 (1.8%) underwent liver transplant. Five (9.3%) patients underwent surgical resection and simultaneous intra-operative RFA. Seventeen (31.5%) patients had low-grade, 21 (38.9%) had intermediate-grade and 8 (14.8%) had high-grade liver metastases and in 8 the grade was not defined. Those with high-grade tumour had a significantly shorter survival. Median follow-up period was 49 months (range: 1–172). Progression occurred in 50% of patients. Median progression-free survival (PFS) was 14.5 months (range: 0–120). Forty of the 54 patients (74.0%) were alive at last follow-up. Median overall survival (OS) was 41 months (range: 0–140).

Conclusion

In this single center experience, liver resection has been the main form of radical therapy for NET mets despite RFA and TAE being available throughout this period. Although progression occurred in 50%, 74% of patients were alive at median follow-up of over 4 years supporting a radical approach for selected patients with NET mets.

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P29**Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) of gastric and rectal neuroendocrine tumours (NETs)**Alberto Murino¹, James Bailey², Andrea Telese¹, Faidon-Marios Laskaratos³, Nikolaos Koukias¹, Erasmia Vlachou¹, Tu Vinh Luong⁴, Dalvinder Mandair³, Martyn Caplin³, Christos Toumpanakis³ & Edward Despot³¹Royal Free Unit for Endoscopy, London, UK; ²Medical School, University College London, London, UK; ³Neuroendocrine Tumour Unit, Royal Free Hospital, London, UK; ⁴Academic Department of Cellular Pathology, London, UK.**Background**

Gastrointestinal (GI) neuroendocrine tumours (NETs) are potentially malignant lesions originating from the enterochromaffin cells of the GI tract. These neoplasms often produce characteristic hormonal syndromes and can cause debilitating symptoms. Endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) is a well-established, complex, endoscopic technique, which allows for full resection of the mucosal and submucosal lesions without the need for open surgery.

Methods

We retrospectively reviewed all cases of GI NETs resected by ESD at the Royal Free Hospital between October 2014 and June 2017. Demographic, endoscopic, histopathological and follow-up data were collected and analysed.

Results

Six ESD's were performed on five patients (all women mean age 57.8 ± 12.1 years). Of the six NETs, there were five located in the stomach (83%) and one in the rectum (17%). All of the gastric NETs were identified as type 1. The main presenting symptoms in patients with gastric NETs were epigastric discomfort, dyspepsia, weight loss, tiredness and gastro-oesophageal reflux. In the case of the rectal NET, the patient presented with similar non-specific abdominal symptoms, but also bleeding per rectum. One patient was identified after a routine workup

prior to bariatric surgery. ⁶⁸Ga-DOTATATE PET/CT imaging revealed no distant sites of disease in any of the patients. Median lesion diameter was 13 mm (range 4.7–16 mm). Histopathological analysis showed three (50%) well-differentiated grade G1 NETs and three (50%) well-differentiated grade G2 NETs. Using the European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society classification staging system there were four pT1 (67%) and two pT2 (33%) lesions. After ESD, R0 resection was obtained in five lesions (83%) with R1 resection being encountered in one case (17%). No significant adverse events (i.e. perforation, bleeding, sepsis or need for surgery) were observed. Follow-up beyond three months (range: 28-5 months, mean follow-up 21.7 months) showed that all four patients with R0 resections had no evidence of recurrence.

Conclusion

ESD has been demonstrated to be a reliable, minimally invasive therapeutic tool for the resection of gastric and rectal NETs

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P30**Outcomes of surgical and endoscopic resection of duodenal NETs: a systematic review of the literature**Sarah Al-Shakhshir¹, Bobby VM Dasari² & Tahir Shah¹¹Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, UK; ²Queen, Birmingham, UK.**Introduction**

Duodenal neuro endocrine tumors (d-NETs) comprise about 2% of all NETs. Treatment of d-NETs involves resection of the tumour either by endoscopic or surgical resection. Local resection of the lesion is usually a safer option compared to a more radical pancreaticoduodenectomy. However, inadequate clearance by local resection might result in recurrent disease and reduce the overall survival. There is no current available evidence regarding the extent of resection.

Methods

The current systematic review compares the differences in outcomes of endoscopic resection (ER), local resection (LR) and pancreaticoduodenectomy (PD) in the management of dNETs. Searches were performed on MEDLINE, PubMed, Embase and Cochrane databases using MeSH keyword combinations: 'duodenal', AND, 'neuroendocrine tumours'. All relevant articles published up to 2016 were included. Post-operative morbidity, R0 resection status and recurrence rates were the outcomes assessed.

Results

Eight non-randomised retrospective studies with 335 participants were included (LR = 122; PD = 118; ER = 64). PD is associated with higher morbidity compared LR (27/64 vs 10/74; $P=0.002$) but is associated with better R0 resection status (3/97 vs 15/97; $P=0.007$) and lesser recurrence rates (3/51 vs 6/46; $P=0.21$). ER is associated with a higher resection margin positive status when compared to LR group (22/51 vs 14/91; $P=0.0002$).

Conclusions

Radical surgical resection in the form of PD is associated with better long-term outcomes but with higher post-operative morbidity in patients with dNETs. Larger multi-institutional studies are required to help obtain data to gain consensus based on well-matched cohorts.

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P31**The utility of the Ki67-Index in predicting pulmonary carcinoid metastasis: a single centre experience**Matilde Calanchini¹, Lai Mun Wang², Bahram Jafar-Mohammadi¹ & Ashley Grossman¹¹Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism, Churchill Hospital, Oxford, UK; ²Department Histopathology John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK.**Background**

Pulmonary-NETs are classified in low-grade typical carcinoid (TC), intermediate-grade atypical carcinoid (AC), and high-grade large cell carcinoma (LCNEC) and small cell carcinoma (SCLC). However, the proportion of pulmonary-NETs with similar histology that behave quite differently is not negligible. Recent studies favour the use of the proliferation marker Ki67.

Aim

To evaluate the utility of Ki67 for predicting metastasis in a cohort of patients with lung-NETs from a single centre.

Methods

Retrospective analysis of pulmonary-NETs (2014–2016). Ki67 counting was performed by an experienced pathologist using a manual conventional method when a representative section of tumour was available. The patients were divided into the group with metastasis (M1) and without metastasis (M0).

Results

Seventy nine lung-NETs were identified. Ki-67 were available for 50 cases: 24 TCs, 9 ACs, 15 LCNEC and 2 SCLC. The median age was 71 years, 26 female. 31 patients underwent surgical resection. Median follow-up: 28 months for the M0-group and 33 months for the M1-group. Tumour size ranged from 0.6 to 7.5 cm; mitoses ranged from 0 to 75. Twenty-six/50 developed metastases, most commonly in mediastinal lymph nodes and liver. Lymphovascular invasion was identified in 9. Twelve patients died due to disease progression. The mean Ki67 was 4.7% (± 8.4 s.d.) for TC, 13.8% (± 8.4 s.d.) for AC, 67% (± 19.9 s.d.) for LCNEC and 60% for the two SCLC (25 and 95%, respectively). The mean Ki-67 was significantly higher for AC compared with the TC group ($P=0.01$) and for pulmonary neuroendocrine carcinomas (LCNEC and SCLC) versus well-differentiated carcinoids (65.6 ± 23.7 s.d. vs 7.2 ± 9.2 s.d.; $P=0.000$). Ki67 was significantly higher in the M1-group ($37.9\% \pm 32.6$ s.d. vs $15.3\% \pm 27.2$ s.d.; $P=0.011$). No statistically significant differences were found between the M0 and M1 groups regarding age, age at diagnosis, tumour size or mitotic count.

Conclusions

The Ki67-index showed higher values in AC compared to TC and in patients with metastases. This study suggests that analysis of Ki67-index may be a useful adjunctive measure for predicting metastasis and therefore for initiating early adjuvant multimodal therapy in pulmonary-NETs.

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P32**Impact of somatostatin analogues on quality of life in patients with neuroendocrine tumours**

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Somatostatin analogues (SSAs) are regularly used in the treatment of neuroendocrine tumours (NETs) to control the symptoms of hormonal hypersecretion. Evidence shows that SSAs can reduce tumour progression, and are therefore also being used in patients with non-functioning tumours. As many NETs present with advanced disease curative therapy is often not possible; therefore, assessing the impact of therapy on quality of life (QoL) is vital to patient management. This is particularly true in patients with non-functioning tumours where symptom control is not the primary aim of commencing SSAs.

Aim

To assess whether QoL was being evaluated in patients with NETs being treated with SSAs, and the impact on QoL following treatment with SSAs, comparing symptomatic with asymptomatic patients.

Method

Twenty patients with NETs treated at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham (QEHB) were included: the last 10 symptomatic patients and 10 asymptomatic patients that had been started on SSA therapy and had completed at least 3 months of treatment (as of October 2016). Data was collected about whether validated QoL questionnaires (EORTC QLQ GI.NET21) had been recorded and what the average QoL score was. This was then compared over the course of treatment.

Results

75% of patients completed a QoL questionnaire before starting SSA therapy, and 65% of patients completed a further questionnaire after 1 month. Nine symptomatic patients had completed both pre-SSA and post-1-month questionnaires, with six showing an improvement in average QoL score after 1 month. In the equivalent five asymptomatic patients, four showed an improvement in average QoL score.

Conclusion

Three quarters of patients completed a baseline QoL questionnaire, however fewer patients completed a questionnaire after 1 month, and this rate dropped again with subsequent treatments. At QEHB it is now standard practice for patients to complete a QoL questionnaire when attending for SSA treatment; which ensures higher completion levels for the first three months of treatment. The majority of symptomatic and asymptomatic patients showed an improvement in average QoL score after 1 month of treatment, indicating that SSAs can improve QoL in patients with NETs, and the benefits of commencing SSAs outweigh side-effects in asymptomatic patients.

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P33**Double-balloon enteroscopy (DBE) is useful and effective for the diagnosis, assessment and management of small bowel neuroendocrine tumours (SBNETs): a case series from a national tertiary referral centre**

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Background

Although small bowel (SB) neuroendocrine tumours (SBNETs) often present as indolent lesions, late diagnosis may result in poor outcomes. Successful management is therefore dependent on early identification. Double-balloon enteroscopy (DBE) enables direct SB mucosal visualisation, sampling and endotherapy. Our aim was to evaluate the role of DBE for early diagnosis and management of SBNETs.

Methods

Retrospective review of all SBNETs diagnosed/evaluated by DBE at our institution (November 2016–July 2017). Demographic, endoscopic, histopathological and follow-up data were collated/analyzed.

Results

A total of five patients were included (mean age: 49 (s.d. ± 13.2) years; male/female ratio: 1.5). All patients presented with obscure-overt mid-gut bleeding (OOGIB) ($n=3$) or iron deficiency anaemia ($n=2$). A total of six SBNETs were identified in the five patients at DBE. Dedicated SB radiological imaging was performed in four patients and this showed a potential primary lesion in three cases. At DBE, identified lesions were marked with a submucosal tattoo of sterile India ink and histopathology of lesion biopsies was diagnostic of SBNETs in all five patients. Three patients underwent minimally-invasive oncological SB resection (mean resection length: 30.3 (s.d. ± 15.1) cm); marking tattoos placed at DBE, successfully guided surgery in all three cases; the remaining two patients await resection. The final number of SBNETs identified at surgery was 6 (average dimension: 7.9 (s.d. ± 3.8) mm; mean number/patient: 2 (s.d. ± 0.8). Histopathological evaluation: Well-differentiated grade 1 SBNET ($n=4$; 66.6%), well-differentiated grade 2 SBNET ($n=2$; 33.3%). The largest tumour (diameter: 15 mm), a well differentiated grade 2 NET was not identified by Gallium-68 PETCT scanning during staging/assessment.

Conclusion

DBE is an essential procedure for early diagnosis and pre-surgical assessment of SBNETs. The role of DBE also extends to localization and marking which may be used to guide minimally-invasive surgical resection.

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P34**Grading systems in gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumours**

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Objective

To compare 3 methods of generating Ki-67% in gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumours (GEP-NETs).

Methods

Twenty-four slides were used to generate 49 images for analysis. Each image was analysed and 3 different methods were used to calculate Ki-67%.

Results

The comparison of Ki-67% from counting and estimating using the diameter (shortcut method) was strongly positively correlated, whereas the Ki-67% from counting and using 'immunoratio' were only weakly positively correlated.

Conclusion

Guidance from The Royal College of Pathologists 2017 states that clinicians must now count 2000 cells from hotspots within the tissue sample to calculate a Ki-67%. The shortcut method gives reasonably accurate results, the online 'immunoratio' is less reliable.

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P35**A family of SDHB mutation and paraganglioma Alam K, Owen D, Ganatra R, Nakas A, Lloyd D, Levy MJ university hospitals of Leicester NHS trust**

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Case presentations

Case 1: The index case is a 10 year old girl who presented episodic symptoms of feeling unwell, unexplained headache, seizure, vomiting and dehydration over a period of 8 months. She was subsequently found to have systemic hypertension which led to further investigations revealing raised plasma noradrenaline of 32 and 103.7 (NR 0–5 nmol/l). US abdomen suggested bilateral pheochromocytoma but an MIBG showed unilateral left sided increased uptake. She underwent a successful laparoscopic adrenalectomy with clinical and biochemical remission. Case 2: Cascade testing revealed a positive SDHB mutation in her 55 year old paternal uncle. He had been investigated by cardiology for intermittent chest pain, palpitations and sweating. Investigation showed persistently elevated plasma 3-Methoxytyramine (3-MT) level (561.6/796.5/540.5; NR 0–180 pmol/l) and urine at 6.86/6.51/3.94 (NR 0–2.3 umol/24 hr. MRI head /neck /abdomen and MIBG were unremarkable, and CT chest showed indeterminate nodule. Subsequent 18F-FDG-PET showed an intensely PET avid lesion. He underwent surgical resection and histology confirmed an intra-thoracic paraganglioma.

Case 3: The 17 year old daughter of the above patient also had the SDHB mutation but was completely asymptomatic. She had mildly raised urinary metanephrine at 3.04 (NR 0–2.7 umol/24 hr) and plasma metanephrine at 1539.4 (0–1180 pmol/l) but normal 3-MT levels. MRI thorax/abdomen was normal but 18F-FDG-PET showed an intensely PET avid paraganglioma between the caudate lobe of liver and inferior vena cava.

Discussion

These cases demonstrate paragangliomas can show no or minimally positive symptoms or biochemistry and imaging plays a key role in surveillance. Interestingly all three family members were positive for three different metabolites associated with SDHB mutation. These cases demonstrated very intense uptake on 18F-FDG-PET, highlighting that functional imaging plays an important role in this condition.

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P36**Phase 1/2 open-label trial to assess the safety and preliminary efficacy of ¹⁷⁷Lu-OPS201 as peptide receptor radionuclide therapy in patients with somatostatin receptor-positive, progressive neuroendocrine tumours**

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Introduction

Peptide receptor radionuclide therapy (PRRT) with radiolabelled somatostatin receptor (SSTR) agonists is highly effective and has become an integral part of neuroendocrine tumour (NET) treatment. However, tumour uptake and tumour-to-tissue dose ratios may be higher with radiolabelled SSTR antagonists than agonists. OPS201 (DOTA-JR11) is a very promising next-generation SSTR antagonist selective for SSTR2 (expressed by NETs). This phase 1/2, international, single-arm, open-label study will evaluate ¹⁷⁷Lu-OPS201 as PRRT in 45 adults with unresectable, SSTR-positive, progressive gastroenteropancreatic (GEP)-NETs, lung NETs, pheochromocytomas and paragangliomas. **Subjects & methods**

Patients are recruited at 15 study centres in Australia, Europe, and the US with experience in the use of PRRT (or other radionuclide therapy). The core trial comprises phases A and B. Phase A: six patients receive three cycles of ¹⁷⁷Lu-OPS201 at 4.5 GBq over 24 weeks; a further nine patients receive three cycles of ¹⁷⁷Lu-OPS201 at 4.5 GBq, or an activity not evoking dose-limiting toxicity, dependent on initial safety/dosimetry data. Phase B: 30 patients receive three cycles of ¹⁷⁷Lu-OPS201 at up to 7.4 GBq, dependent on phase-A safety/dosimetry data. In a subsequent long-term follow-up, tumour response (centrally reviewed [RECIST v1.1]) will be assessed using computed

tomography/magnetic resonance imaging every 3 months from the end-of-core-trial visit for 2 years, or until progressive disease/death. This core study and long-term follow-up are together expected to last 42–45 months.

Results

The primary endpoint is safety and tolerability (based on physical examination, vital signs, electrocardiogram, clinical laboratory measurements, adverse events, dose-limiting toxicities, concomitant medication, pituitary markers and bone marrow aspirate in case of persisting toxicities of grade 3 or more). Secondary endpoints include: biodistribution and pharmacokinetics (maximal uptake, area-under-curve, terminal half-life); radiation dosimetry; preliminary efficacy (tumour response, progression-free survival), and quality of life. Treatment in phase A is underway.

Conclusions

This study will provide important information regarding the safety and efficacy of the radiolabelled SSTR antagonist ¹⁷⁷Lu-OPS201 as PRRT in patients with SSTR-positive, progressive GEP-NETs, lung NETs, pheochromocytomas and paragangliomas (EudraCT 2015-002867-41; NCT02592707).

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P37**Choroidal metastases as a Harbinger of Metastatic Typical Pulmonary Carcinoid: regression and stability with Lanreotide autogel**

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Choroidal metastases were first reported by Perls in 1872. The choroid is the most common ocular site for metastatic disease due to the abundant blood supply. Bilateral lesions are commonly associated with breast carcinoma (40–47%) and unilateral with lung (21–29%). Treatment frequently depends on the patient status but includes observation, systemic chemotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy, radiotherapy, plaque therapy, or photodynamic therapy. Neuroendocrine tumours (NETs) rarely metastasize to the choroid, however cavitating metastases from lung NETs have been reported in the literature. We report an asymptomatic 23 year old mother of three, who on a routine optician check was found to have bilateral choroidal lesions 5 years after curative right upper lobectomy for a Typical Carcinoid of the lung. Clinically these lesions were thought to be either dormant metastatic carcinoid or bilateral uveal melanocytic proliferation. Multimodal imaging available at that time including full body CT and Octeoscan, complemented by full NET biochemistry proved unremarkable, and the patient was closely monitored. At 2 years follow up these lesions increased in size and a chorioretinal biopsy was performed. Histology confirmed this to be a metastatic NET. Gallium scanning was requested and skeletal lesions suspicious of metastases were revealed. The patient was commenced on a somatostatin analogue (SSA), Lanreotide autogel 120 mg, deep subcutaneous injection every 28 days. Close monitoring revealed possible early regression followed by stabilization of the lesions for 6 months, deeming the SSA treatment successful. MEN 1 gene testing previously proved normal, as were pituitary and bone profiles, and the patient consented to entry into the 100,000 genome project. Given the changing paradigm for management of lung NETs, further treatment options for progression would include targeted therapy or PRRT. Previous studies have reported success with SSA and PRRT. Access to gallium scanning for routine NETs is of importance in detecting metastases, which may not be picked up by other modalities. NETs can metastasise to the eyes, which highlights the significance of multidisciplinary collaboration. They need to be closely monitored as an increase in size may necessitate further evaluation and treatment. Choroidal biopsy may be useful in confirming the diagnosis.

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P38**Paraneoplastic syndrome or De Novo diagnosis?: Metastatic small bowel neuroendocrine tumour presenting with Giant cell arteritis**

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Neuroendocrine tumours are rare, with an incidence of 8/100,000 in the UK. They result from excessive proliferation of neuroendocrine cells and are classified based on their site of origin, differentiation and clinical syndrome. Giant cell

arteritis (GCA), a systemic vasculitis of unknown aetiology, rarely appears as a paraneoplastic syndrome. It is histologically characterised by granulomatous infiltrates with multinucleated giant cells at the intima media junction. The relationship between *association or causation* of malignancy remains unclear. With an incidence of 1-2/10,000 in the UK, diagnostic criteria include at least three of the following:

- i) Sudden onset headache
- ii) Age over 50 years
- iii) Elevated ESR
- iv) Temporal artery abnormality
- v) Biopsy abnormality

We present a 70 year old lady who was referred to the NET clinic with intractable pain, and metastatic NET from a small bowel primary with extensive liver and bone lesions and carcinoid syndrome. On careful review of her pain history, she gave a history of proximal muscle weakness and pain at presentation and a 2 week history of severe headache, causing nocturnal waking. She was reviewed having commenced opiate analgesia (including tramadol, oromorph and buprenorphine then fentanyl patch) and neuropathic agents (amitriptyline) for management of presumed bone pain, with little relief. However clinically there was temporal artery/scalp tenderness and jaw claudication. Multimodal imaging had already been performed. CRP and ESR were measured at 73 mg/l and 106 mm/hr respectively. She was commenced on high dose prednisolone, with stomach protection, with rapid improvement of symptoms leading to subsequent discontinuation of opiates. Subsequent ESRs were measured at 17 mm/hr and prednisolone tapered accordingly. Literature search on CGA/NET was quite minimal. In one study the temporal relationship of CGA diagnosis 1 year prior to a malignancy, was 3.4% compared to 2.7% in controls, possibly leaning to a paraneoplastic aetiology. In another study 7.4% of patients had concurrent malignancy, albeit 45% of these were haematological. CGA has been reported in atypical pulmonary NET, but to our knowledge never previously in metastatic small bowel neuroendocrine tumour. This case highlights the need for stringent clinical assessment in this group as successful therapeutic changes may be indicated.

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A case of carcinoid crisis despite high dose somatostatin analogue therapy peri-operatively

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Introduction

Carcinoid crisis is a life threatening endocrine emergency. It remains unclear whether there is an optimal dose of prophylactic somatostatin analogue (SSA) therapy in the peri-operative period

Case Study

A 62 year old lady with a new diagnosis of metastatic carcinoid disease was electively admitted for a right hemicolectomy for a well differentiated neuroendocrine tumour in the terminal ileum. A multi-disciplinary decision was made to offer de-bulking surgery despite a co-existing diagnosis of multiple liver metastasis due to the risk of imminent bowel obstruction. The patient had clinical symptoms of carcinoid syndrome, including flushing, intermittent diarrhoea and biochemically had an elevated urinary 5HIAA of 1327 umol/24 h (NR 0-50). A transthoracic echocardiogram revealed fibrosis of the posterior leaflet of the tricuspid valve. A prophylactic octreotide infusion of 500 mcg/hr was commenced, following a stat dose of 500 mcg IV two hours prior to surgery. The surgery was planned as a laparoscopic right hemi-colectomy, however due to an intense desmoplastic reaction surrounding the tumour and associated neovascularisation, the decision was made to convert to an early open procedure. During tumour mobilisation, PCO2 dropped as evident on the capnogram and was abruptly followed by a sudden hypotensive episode and a PEA arrest and the patient subsequently developed a wide spread maculopapular rash. A bolus of epinephrine (1 mg), hydrocortisone 400 mg IV and two additional octreotide boluses of 100 mcg were given. A cardiovascular response was achieved after the bolus of epinephrine and anti-histamine therapy, octreotide 500 mcg/hr and 3 mls/hr of adrenaline was commenced. A decision was made to continue with the hemicolectomy and form an ileostomy. Post operatively, the patient was admitted

to ITU for 2 days and has since fully recovered. Despite the use of high dose prophylactic SSA this lady suffered a carcinoid crisis. This case emphasises the importance of close communication between the surgical, anaesthetic and medical teams in order to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with this endocrine emergency.

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Pancreatic VIPoma – a diagnostic and symptom control challenge

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A case is reported of a man with stage IV grade 2 pancreatic VIPoma. At diagnosis he had several features which may have expedited the diagnosis including refractory diarrhoea containing undigested foodstuffs, alcohol-related flushing, electrolyte abnormalities and intestinal oedema on imaging. Symptom control was challenging. There was no benefit from creon, loperamide or codeine and escalation to both short and long acting somatostatin analogues was futile. Consistent with a published case report, he gained rapid symptomatic benefit from the tyrosine kinase inhibitor sunitinib. The duration of benefit, however, was less than 6 months. Sunitinib is a symptom control option in somatostatin analogue-refractory VIPoma whilst other more definitive symptom or disease control options are explored. He received one dose of peptide radionuclide therapy but after this never left hospital due to deteriorating symptoms. Interferon-alpha, known to be of use in carcinoid syndrome, provided some brief symptomatic benefit but unfortunately by this time he was too far along a downward clinical trajectory and he died shortly after.

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Two cases of metastatic neuroendocrine tumours stabilised with somatostatin analogues

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Somatostatin analogues (SSA) have an established role in the medical management of patients with neuroendocrine tumours (NETs). They are effective in the symptomatic treatment of some metastatic NETs and may also provide tumour stabilisation or reduction. We report two patients with disease progression who benefited from SSA. Mrs HW, 64-year old woman, was diagnosed with a grade 1 small-bowel NET with lymph node and liver metastasis in 2012: Ki-67 index < 1%. Despite a segmental bowel, metastatic lymph node and liver segment resection in 2012, she had disease progression with para-aortic, mesenteric lymph node and bilateral breast deposits in 2016. Histology from the breast deposits confirmed neuroendocrine features with Ki-67 <5%. In July 2016, she started SSA with Lanreotide. Serial imaging from August 2016, February 2017 and June 2017 has since confirmed no disease further progression, highlighting the success of SSA therapy. Mrs BW, 58-year old woman, was diagnosed with a grade 2 right kidney NET secreting somatostatin with liver metastasis in 2010. She underwent a right hepatic arterial embolization (September 2010), right nephrectomy (December 2011) with Ki-67 index <10%, and completed systemic chemotherapy in September 2013. In February 2016, there was a marked increase in somatostatin levels and disease progressions on imaging, prompting SSA to be commenced. Since starting SSA with Octreotide LAR, her subsequent imaging from February 2016, September 2016 and February 2017 has demonstrated stable disease. She is unkeen for further systemic therapy other than SSA. Our cases demonstrate two patients with advanced and metastatic NETs. In both cases, they had disease progression prior to starting SSA and have both benefited from clinical and radiological disease stability since starting therapy.

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P42**Therapeutic options in metastatic pheochromocytomas**Edouard Mills¹, Roberto Dina², Fausto Palazzo¹, Rohini Sharma² & Florian Wernig¹¹Imperial Centre for Endocrinology, London, UK; ²Imperial College Healthcare, London, UK.

Pheochromocytomas are rare neuroendocrine tumours. Prediction of aggressive tumour behaviour remains a major challenge. We report a 68-year-old female who was found to have a locally arising colonic adenocarcinoma on biopsies. Staging also identified a 10.7 cm right adrenal lesion and work-up revealed markedly raised urinary metanephrines and positive MIBG imaging. The MDT decision was to first remove the colonic cancer with appropriate alpha blockade. It was felt that a combined laparoscopic approach would not be appropriate given the size of the adrenal lesion, which might require an open procedure. Histology confirmed a stage III Duke's C tumour and adjuvant chemotherapy was commenced. Although adrenal surgery had been planned once she completed chemotherapy, she did not tolerate chemotherapy and it had to be discontinued. An open adrenalectomy was finally undertaken. Histology was consistent with a pheochromocytoma with a PASS score of eight. Two months after adrenal surgery, she reported intermittent tingling and numbness in the left arm with

intermittent thoracic back pain. An MRI confirmed a soft tissue mass at T2 extending into the spinal cord. Urinary metanephrines confirmed persistently elevated normetadrenaline levels. She underwent bilateral laminectomy followed by spinal radiotherapy. Histology confirmed a metastatic pheochromocytoma. Post-operative Ga⁶⁸-DOTATATE PET-CT has since revealed DOTATATE avid lung and mediastinal lymph node metastases. Further systemic treatment of this metastatic pheochromocytoma has been delayed as a frontal brain lesion has now been identified, which is not DOTATATE avid, and likely represents a low-grade glioma; a craniotomy is planned. Treatment with ¹⁷⁷Lu-DOTATATE is being considered following surgery. The management of malignant pheochromocytomas remains challenging. Radical resection of the primary and metastatic tumours is the treatment of choice. High-dose iodine (131)-MIBG therapy can be used to treat unresectable metastatic disease when MIBG-positive lesions are present. Chemotherapy has been associated with symptomatic improvement and external beam radiation is being used to provide local tumour control or to treat symptoms of local invasion. Peptide receptor radioligand therapy with ¹⁷⁷Lu-DOTATATE and/or ⁹⁰Y-DOTA-TOC has shown encouraging results in small case series and offers an exciting new method in the management of inoperative or metastatic pheochromocytomas.

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