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The Current PBPath Journal Watch Articles

Wellcome to our journal watch for pancreatobiliary pathology articles, which is released every other month. You may find the previous issues in the archive.

We have created several categories for convenience; however, articles in each category are in no particular order.

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Rab14 overexpression regulates gemcitabine sensitivity through regulation of Bcl-2 and mitochondrial function in pancreatic cancer

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- Precursor Lesions of Pancreatic Cancer

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Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) is one of the leading causes of cancer death. Although the treatment modalities are improving, the prognosis of PDAC continues to be poor. Therefore, early detection of PDAC or its precursor lesions may be the best way to improve patient survival. PDACs have several different precursor lesions, including pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasias (PanINs), intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasms (IPMNs), intraductal tubulopapillary neoplasms (ITPNs), intraductal oncocytic papillary neoplasms (IOPNs), and mucinous cystic neoplasms (MCNs). PanINs cannot be identified using imaging modalities, while the other lesions are radiologically detectable. These precursor lesions are categorized based on structural and cytological atypia as low-grade and high-grade lesions. We discuss recent updates regarding histopathological and molecular pathological overviews of PDAC precursor lesions. Better understanding of such lesions may contribute to earlier detection of PDAC or its precursor lesions and improve PDAC patient survival.

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- Host IDO2 gene status influences tumor progression and radiotherapy response in KRAS-driven sporadic pancreatic cancers

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PURPOSE: Heritable genetic variations can affect the inflammatory tumor microenvironment, which can ultimately impact cancer susceptibility and clinical outcomes. Recent evidence indicates that IDO2, a positive modifier in inflammatory disease models, is frequently upregulated in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC). A unique feature of IDO2in humans is the high prevalence of two inactivating single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) which affords the opportunity to carry out loss-of-function studies directly in humans. In this study we sought to address whether genetic loss of IDO2 may influence PDAC development and responsiveness to treatment. EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN: Transgenic Ido2+/+and Ido2-/-micein which oncogenic KRAS is activated in pancreatic epithelial cells were evaluated for PDAC. Two patient datasets (N=200) were evaluated for the two IDO2-inactivating SNPs together with histologic, RNA expression and clinical survival data. RESULTS: PDAC development was notably decreased in the Ido2-/- mice (30% vs 10%, P<0.05), with a female predominance similar to the association observed for one of the human SNPs. In patients, the biallelic occurrence of either of the two IDO2-inactivating SNPs was significantly associated with markedly improved disease-free survival in response to adjuvant radiotherapy (P<0.01), a treatment modality that has been highly debated due to its variable efficacy. CONCLUSIONS: The results of this

study provide genetic support for IDO2 as a contributing factor in PDAC development and argue tha IDO2genotype analysis has the immediate potential to influence the PDAC care decision-making process through stratification of those patients who stand to benefit from adjuvant radiotherapy.
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- Global surveillance of trends in cancer survival 2000-14 (CONCORD-3): analysis of individual records for $37\ 513\ 025$ patients diagnosed with one of $18\ cancers$ from $322\ population-based$ registries in $71\ countries$

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BACKGROUND: In 2015, the second cycle of the CONCORD programme established global surveillance of cancer survival as a metric of the effectiveness of health systems and to inform global policy on cancer control. CONCORD-3 updates the worldwide surveillance of cancer survival to 2014. METHODS: CONCORD-3 includes individual records for 37 · 5 million patients diagnosed with cancer during the 15-year period 2000-14. Data were provided by 322 population-based cancer registries in 71 countries and territories, 47 of which provided data with 100% population coverage. The study includes 18 cancers or groups of cancers: oesophagus, stomach, colon, rectum, liver, pancreas, lung, breast (women), cervix, ovary, prostate, and melanoma of the skin in adults, and brain tumours, leukaemias, and lymphomas in both adults and children. Standardised quality control procedures were applied; errors were rectified by the registry concerned. We estimated 5-year net survival. Estimates were age-standardised with the International Cancer Survival Standard weights. FINDINGS: For most cancers, 5-year net survival remains among the highest in the world in the USA and Canada, in Australia and New Zealand, and in Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. For many cancers, Denmark is closing the survival gap with the other Nordic countries. Survival trends are generally increasing, even for some of the more lethal cancers: in some countries, survival has increased by up to 5% for cancers of the liver, pancreas, and lung. For women diagnosed during 2010-14, 5-year survival for breast cancer is now 89.5% in Australia and 90.2% in the USA, but international differences remain very wide, with levels as low as $66 \cdot 1\%$ in India. For gastrointestinal cancers, the highest levels of 5-year survival are seen in southeast Asia: in South Korea for cancers of the stomach $(68 \cdot 9\%)$, colon $(71 \cdot 8\%)$, and rectum $(71 \cdot 1\%)$; in Japan for oesophageal cancer $(36 \cdot 0\%)$; and in Taiwan for liver cancer $(27 \cdot 9\%)$. By contrast, in the same world region, survival is generally lower than elsewhere for melanoma of the skin $(59 \cdot 9\%)$ in South Korea, $52 \cdot 1\%$ in Taiwan, and $49 \cdot 6\%$ in China), and for both lymphoid malignancies ($52 \cdot 5\%$, $50 \cdot 5\%$, and $38 \cdot 3\%$) and myeloid malignancies ($45 \cdot 9\%$, $33 \cdot 4\%$, and $24 \cdot 8\%$). For children diagnosed during 2010-14, 5-year survival for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia ranged from 49 · 8% in Ecuador to 95 · 2% in Finland. 5-year survival from brain tumours in children is higher than for adults but the global range is very wide (from 28 · 9% in Brazil to nearly 80% in Sweden and Denmark). INTERPRETATION: The CONCORD programme enables timely comparisons of the overall effectiveness of health systems in providing care for 18 cancers that collectively represent 75% of all cancers diagnosed worldwide every year. It contributes to the evidence base for global policy on cancer control. Since 2017, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has used findings from the CONCORD programme as the official benchmark of cancer survival, among their indicators of the quality of health care in 48 countries worldwide. Governments must recognise population-based cancer registries as key policy tools that can be used to evaluate both the impact

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Extrahepatic bile duct cancer (EBDC) is a combined type of malignancy mainly consisting of extrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma and gallbladder cancer. Clinically, it is featured with latent symptoms and early metastasis, leading to a poor prognosis. Therefore, this cohort study aimed to depict the possible metastatic patterns of EBDC of diverse sub-types and evaluate the prognostic significance of diverse metastatic destinations with data from the clinical database. Relevant data of total 4061 confirmed EBDC patients diagnosed between 2010 and 2013 from the Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) database was obtained. We applied t test to describe the baseline data of patients included and used chi-square test to compare the distribution of distant metastatic sites. We further adopted odds ratio assess the combined metastatic patterns and compared survival difference of patients with different distal metastasis organ by Kaplan-Meier analysis. We identified totally 4061 patients over 18 years old diagnosed with extrahepatic bile tract malignancies between 2010 and 2013, with clear metastatic status and follow-up data, without primary malignancies. Liver and distant lymph (DL) are the two most common sites as a single metastasis organ. In combined metastasis patterns, bi-organ is more frequent than the other types. Lung is the organ preferentially for bi-organ metastasis, while bone and distant lymph similarly intend to co-metastasize with brain. Distal metastasis in EBDC patients indicates an extremely poor prognosis. According to the final analysis results, malignancies in extrahepatic bile duct exhibit similar metastatic patterns, suggesting that we can regard them as a unity to assess its development. Profound differences exist in distribution of distant extrahepatic metastatic sites and their combinations. Results from our studies would provide some information for follow-up strategies and future studies.

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