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An international randomized trial, comparing post-operative conformal radiotherapy (PORT) to no PORT, in patients with completely resected non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and mediastinal N2 involvement: Primary end-point analysis of LungART (IFCT-0503, UK NCRI, SAKK) NCT00410683

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Background: Adjuvant PORT has been controversial since publication of a meta-analysis showing PORT could be deleterious especially in pN0 pN1 pts. However, changes have taken place in the management of stage II/III NSCLC pts including use of adjuvant chemotherapy (CT), patients' workup, quality of surgery and radiotherapy. Therefore the role of PORT warranted further investigations in high risk pts.

Methods: LungART is a multi-institutional randomized phase III trial comparing mediastinal PORT (54 Gy/27-30 fractions) to no PORT. Pts were eligible if they were PS 0-2, had a complete resection with nodal exploration, proven N2 disease; prior (neo)-adjuvant CT was allowed. The main end-point was disease-free survival (DFS). 500 pts and 292 events were required to show an improvement in DFS from 30% to 42% with PORT (bilateral test). Secondary endpoints included toxicity, local control, patterns of recurrence, overall survival (OS), second cancers, prognostic and predictive factors of treatment effect.

Results: Between August 2007 and July 2018, 501 patients were randomized after surgery or after CT: 252 pts allocated to PORT, and 249 to CA. Median age was 61 (range=36-85), 66% male, histology: mostly adenocarcinoma (73%) and work-up included PET scan in 91% pts. Most patients received CT (post op 77%, pre-op 18%). Analysis for DFS was performed with a median FU of 4.8 yrs; toxicity evaluated on 487 pts (246 in CA). Early and late Gr 3-5 cardio-pulmonary toxicity was respectively 7 and 20% in PORT vs 3.2 and 7.7 % in CA. DFS hazard ratio was 0.85 (95% CI 0.67; 1.07); p=0.16; median DFS was 30.5 months in PORT arm [24;48] and 22.8 in CA [17;37]; 3-year DFS was 47.1% with PORT vs 43.8% with no PORT. 3-year OS was 66.5% with PORT vs 68.5% with no PORT.

Conclusions: LungART is the first European randomized study evaluating modern PORT after complete resection, in pts selected predominantly with PET scan and having received (neo)adjuvant CT. 3-year DFS was higher than expected in both arms and PORT was associated with a non-statistically significant 15% increase in DFS among stage II/III NSCLC pts.

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Durvalumab after chemoradiotherapy in stage III NSCLC: 4-year survival update from the phase III PACIFIC trial

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Background: In the phase III PACIFIC trial of patients (pts) with unresectable Stage III NSCLC without disease progression after concurrent chemoradiotherapy (cCRT), durvalumab significantly improved progression-free survival (PFS; stratified HR 0.52, 95% CI 0.42–0.65; P<0.0001; median 16.8 vs 5.6 months; data cutoff [DCO], 13 Feb 2017) and overall survival (OS; stratified HR 0.68, 95% CI 0.53–0.87; P=0.0025; median not reached vs 28.7 months; DCO, 22 Mar 2018) vs placebo (pbo), with manageable safety. We report updated, exploratory analyses of survival outcomes at 4 years, including the first estimate of median OS for the durvalumab arm.

Methods: Pts with WHO PS 0/1 (any tumour PD-L1 status) who had received ≥2 cycles of platinum-based cCRT (RT dosage typically 60–66 Gy in 30–33 fractions) were enrolled and randomised (2:1), 1–42 days post-cCRT, to IV durvalumab 10 mg/kg or pbo (q2w for ≤12 months), stratified by age, sex, and smoking history. Primary endpoints were PFS (blinded independent central review; RECIST v1.1) and OS (both measured from the time of randomisation). HRs and 95% CIs were estimated using a stratified log-rank test in the ITT population. Medians and OS/PFS rates at 48 months were estimated by Kaplan–Meier method.

Results: In total, 709/713 randomised patients received durvalumab (n/N=473/476) and pbo (n/N=236/237). The last pt had completed study treatment in May 2017, almost 3 years prior to the current DCO. As of 20 Mar 2020 (current DCO; median follow up, 34.2 months [range, 0.2–64.9]), updated PFS (stratified HR 0.55, 95% CI 0.44–0.67; median 17.2 vs 5.6 months) and OS (stratified HR 0.71, 95% CI 0.57–0.88) remained consistent with previous reports. Median OS for the durvalumab arm was determined for the first time: 47.5 months (pbo, 29.1 months). The 48-month OS rates were 49.6% vs 36.3% for durvalumab vs pbo, and PFS rates were 35.3% vs 19.5% respectively. Updates to treatment effects for pt subgroups will be reported.

Conclusions: These updated analyses of PFS and OS demonstrate durable benefit with durvalumab after cCRT. Approximately half of patients randomised to durvalumab in PACIFIC remain alive at 4 years, and about a third remain both alive and progression free, almost 3 years after the last pt completed study treatment.

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