Cutaneous Lymphoma

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WHO-EORTC classification of cutaneous lymphoma - T cells

- Cutaneous T-cell and NK-cell lymphomas
 - » Mycosis fungoides
 - » MF varants and subtypes
 - Follicolotropic MF
 - Pagetoid reticulosis
 - Ganulomatous slack skin
- Sézary syndrome
- Adult T cell leukemia/lymphoma
- Primary cutaneous CD30⁺ lymphoproliferative disorder
 - » Primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma
 - » Lymphomatoid papulosis
- Subcutaneous panniculitis-like T cell lymphoma
- Extranodal NK-T cell lymphoma, nasal type
- Primary cutaneous peripheral T cell lymphoma unspecified

NCCN Suggested Treatment Regimens for MF and Sézary Syndrome

Skin-Directed Therapies

- Corticosteroids
- Topical chemo
- Local radiation (local/limited involvement only)
- Retinoids
- Phototherapy
- Imiquimod (local/limited involvement only)
- Total skin electron beam therapy (generalized involvement only)

System Therapy (Cat A)

- Retinoids
- IFN
- HDAC inhibitors (vorinostat, romidepsin)*
- Extracorporeal photopheresis
- Methotrexate (100 mg qw)

System Therapy (Cat B)

- Liposomal doxorubicin (1st line)*
- Gemcitabine (1st line)*
- Chlorambucil
- Pentostatin
- Etoposide
- Cyclophosphamide
- Temozolomide
- Methotrexate (> 100 mg qw)
- Bortezomib
- Low-dose pralatrexate*

Combination Therapy

- Phototherapy + systemic retinoids
- Phototherapy + IFN
- Phototherapy + photopheresis
- Total skin electron beam + photopheresis

Combination Systemic Therapy

- Retinoid + IFN
- Photopheresis + retinoid
- Photopheresis + IFN
- Photopheresis + retinoid + IFN

*Preferred options for LCT MF and stage IV non-Sézary/visceral disease (aggressive growth characteristics). NCCN. Clinical practice guidelines in oncology: non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. v.2. 2013.

Therapy for Early-Stage CTCL

Topical chemotherapy

- » Mechlorethamine (Nitrogen Mustard)
 - Used since 1950's
 - Commercial formulation (Valchlor®)*
 - 0.02% gel
 - Applied 1-4 times daily
 - Response:
 - Response rate: 69% (by SWAT score)
 - Median time to response -> 26 weeks
 - + Complete response -> 19%
 - Duration of response -> 90% at 10+ months
 - Adverse reactions
 - Skin irritation (25%)
 - Dispigmentation (6%)
 - Skin cancer

* FDA labeled indication for CTCL. Lessin et al. JAMA Dermatol 2013 149:25-32

Therapy for Early-Stage CTCL

Retinoids

- » Bexarotene gel (Targretin[®]) *
 - Topical gel
 - Partial response 42%
 - Complete response 21%
- » Isotretinoin

(Accutane[®])#

– Oral

- Response rate - 40-45%

* FDA labeled indication for CTCL
Non-FDA indication (clinical)
Hoppe et al. J Clin Oncol. 1987;5:1796–1803.
Ramsay et al. J Am Acad Dermatol. 1988;19:684–691.
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Vonderheid et al. J Am Acad Dermatol. 1989;20:416–428.

- Topical steroids
 - » Medium to high potency
 - » Overall response rate
 - T1 disease
 - CR 63%
 - PR 31%
 - T2 disease

 - PR 57%

Duvic. *Dermatol Online J.* 2001;7:3. Zackheim et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 1990;22:802–

Physicians' Desk Reference. 2003.

Phototherapy in Early-Stage CTCL

Psoralen with UVA irradiation (PUVA)

- » Response rates
 - Stage IA 79% to 88%
 - Stage IB 52% to 59%
 - Patch disease 90%
 - Plaque disease 76%
 - Overall response rates of 50%
- » FFP ~2.5 years
- » Generally well tolerated
- » Adverse reactions:
 - Psoralen can cause nausea, need to protect eyes from light
 - Associated with secondary skin cancers

Duvic et al. J Am Acad Dermatol. 1996;35:573–579. 2003;16:303–310.
Herrmann et al. J Am Acad Dermatol. 1995;33:234–242.
Roenigk et al. J Invest Dermatol. 1990;95 (suppl 6):198–205.

Baron et al. *Dermatol Ther.*

Ramsay et al. *Arch Dermatol*. 1992;128:931–933. Rampino et al. *Radiol Med*. 2002;103:108–114.

PUVA + Interferon- α

- Study of 96 patients with stage I and II MF
- Response
 - » PUVA 72%
 - » PUVA + INF 80%
- Less UVA exposure in PUVA + INF treatment



Stadler et al, 2006 JCO 24(suppl):7541

Phototherapy in Early-Stage CTCL

• UVB irradiation

- » Remissions 71% (25 of 35) of patients after a median treatment of 5 months
- » Median duration 22 months
- » No patients with plaque-stage disease had remission
- » No nausea/? Less secondary skin cancer
- Electron beam irradiation
 - » Can control depth of penetration of electrons
 - Most of the radiation delivered to top 5 mm
 - » Effective in thick generalized plaques or tumors
 - » Response rate of 55-95% in IA/IIA disease
 - » Total body E-beam
 - T2: CR 76% with 15 yr FFR of ~15%
 - T3: CR 44% with 10 yr FFR ~15%
 - » Increased DFS but not OS

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Systemic/Phototherapy for CTCL -Photophoresis (ECP)

- Removal and exposure of white blood cells to UVA light in the presence of psoralen and re-infusing back into patient
- ~10% of white cells treated
- Given on 2 consecutive days monthly

THERAKOS[™] CELLEX[™] Photopheresis System

Extracorporeal Photopheresis (ECP)

- ECP more effective for erythroderma than for plaques and tumor disease (CTCL-1)
 - » More effective when circulating Sezary cells
- Median time to response was 2-4 months
- Median duration of response varied
 - » CTCL-1 > 14 months

Extracorporeal Photopheresis (ECP)

Retrospective review of the largest series of ECP treatment

- » 16 studies
- » 411 total patients
- » Responses
 - Overall response 60%
 - Partial response 36%
 - Complete response 18%
- Combined with immunostimulatory agents (INF- α)
 - » ORR 75% (35/47 pts)
 - » Median survival 66 months

Management of Late-Stage (IIB–IVB)/Refractory CTCL

Chemotherapy

- » Gemcitabine (*Gemzar*)#
- » Liposome-encapsulated doxorubicin (*Doxil*)*
- » Cladribine (Leustatin)*
- » Methotrexate
- » Pralatrexate
- » Pentostatin
- » Cyclophosphamide
- » Temozolomide
- » Etoposide

Retinoids

- » Bexarotene
- » Isotretinoin

- Histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor
 - » Vorinostat
 - » Romidepsin
- Interferon
 - » Interferon alpha
 - » Interferon gamma
- Others
 - » Bortezomib
 - » Brentuximab vedotin
 - » Alemtuzumab (CamPath)

Gemcitabine treatment of CTCL

• Treatment

- » Gemcitabine 1200 mg/m² IV on days 1, 8, 15.
- » Repeated every 28 days (x 3 cycles)

• Response

- » Overall response -> 70.5%
 - Complete response -> 11.5%
 - Partial response -> 59%
- Median response duration -> 15 months (range 6 to 22 months)

• Toxicity

- » Anemia, low white cell count, low platelet count
- » Hair loss (mild)
- Increased liver enzymes

Zinzani et al. J Clin Oncol 2000, 18:2603-2606

Responses in Patients With CTCL Treated With Oral Bexarotene Early-Stage Refractory Advanced CTCL Stage CTCL

Response based on the physician's global assessment Duvic et al. *Arch Dermatol.* 2001;137:581–593.

Summary of Phase 2/3 Experience With Oral Bexarotene

- Responses are dose dependent
- Time to maximum response is several months
- Treatment complicated by hypertriglyceridemia and hypothyroidism
 - » Hypertriglyceridemia treated with fibrate or statin (NOT gemfibrozil)
 - » Often started on Synthroid
- Hypertriglyceridemia and hypothyroidism resolved with bexarotene stopped

Multiple Proteins Are Regulated by Acetylation/Deacetylation

Romidepsin – histone deacetylase inhibitor

• Treatment

- Romidepsin 14 mg/m2 over 4 h IV weekly for 3 weeks
- » Repeat every 4 week
- Median time to response -> 2 months
- Median duration of response -> 11-15 months

Pivotal Open-Label Phase II Study of Romidepsin in Refractory CTCL

Whittaker SJ, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2010;28:4485-4491.

ZOLINZA[™] (vorinostat) Study 1: Clinical Results

- Histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor
- Response rate
 - » Overall response rate -> 29.7%
 - » Stage IIB and higher CTCL -> 29.5
- Median times to response was ~ 55 days (range 28 to 171 days)
- Median duration of response not reached but estimated at ~6 months

Pralatrexate Mechanism of Action

Rationally designed antifolate to improve cellular uptake and retention

Pralatrexate

- Treatment schedule
 - » 15 mg/m2 weekly for 3 of 4 weeks
- Response rate
 - » Overall -> 41%
 - » Partial response -> 35%
- Side effects
 - » Mouth sores -> 54%
 - » Fatigue -> 43%
 - » Skin toxicity -> 28%
 - » Edema -> 26%
 - » Anemia -> 22%
 - » Fevers -> 22%

Brentuximab Vedotin Mechanism of Action

Brentuximab vedotin antibody-drug conjugate (ADC)

Monomethyl auristatin E (MMAE), microtubule-disrupting agent Protease-cleavable linker Anti-CD30 monoclonal antibody

ALCANZA: ORR4, PFS, CR, and Change in Symptom Burden

Endpoint	Brentuximab Vedotin (n = 64)	Methotrexate or Bexarotene (n = 64)	Difference (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value
ORR4, n (%)	36 (56.3)	8 (12.5)	43.8 (29.1 to 58.4)	< .0001
CR, n (%)	10 (15.6)	1 (1.6)	14.1 (-4.0 to 31.5)	.0046*
Median PFS, mos	16.7	3.5		< .0001*†
Mean max. reduction in Skindex-29 symptom domain, points	-27.96	-8.62	-18.9 (-26.6 to -11.2)	< .0001*

*Adjusted *P* value from weighted Holm's procedure. †HR: 0.270 (95% CI: 0.169-0.430).

PFS significantly improved for subgroups defined by pt characteristics (baseline ECOG PS of 0, sex, age < 65 yrs, geographical region), disease characteristics (MF and pcALCL, skin involvement, baseline skin tumor score), and treatment (bexarotene and methotrexate)

Combination Chemotherapy for Advanced MF/SS

Combination chemotherapy

- » Small studies
- » Various regiments
- » +/- electron beam irradiation or nitrogen mustard
- Retrospective analysis
 - » 24 studies involving 331 patients
 - » Response rate
 - Complete responses 38%
 - Partial responses 43%
 - » Duration 5 to 41 months
- Unclear if improved survival

WHO-EORTC classification of cutaneous lymphoma - B cells

Cutaneous B-cell lymphoma

- » Primary cutaneous marginal zone B-cell lymphoma
- » Primary cutaneous follicle center lymphoma
- » Primary cutaneous diffuse large B cell lymphoma, leg type
- » Primary cutaneous diffuse large B cell lymphoma, other
 - Intravascular large B cell lymphoma
- Precursor hematologic neoplasm
 - » CD4+/CD56+ hematodermic neoplasm (blastic NK-cell lymphoma)

Primary cutaneous B cell lymphoma - survival

