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Dr. Gabriel N. Hortobagyi Honored With 2019 David A. Karnofsky Memorial Award

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Gabriel N. Hortobagyi, MD, FACP, professor of medicine with The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, has been named the 2019 David A. Karnofsky Memorial Award recipient for his career-long contributions to translational research in oncology. He will deliver an award lecture during the ASCO Annual Meeting on June 1.

Dr. Hortobagyi is credited for introducing neoadjuvant systemic therapy to the management of breast cancer and developing combined modality treatment strategies for locally advanced and inflammatory breast cancer. His team played an active role in the clinical development and integration of paclitaxel and docetaxel in the treatment of primary breast cancer in the neoadjuvant and adjuvant settings.



Dr. Gabriel N. Hortobagyi



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Presentazione e premiazione Gabriel Hortobagyi
P.F. Conte, A. Bottini

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EDITORIALS



Trastuzumab in the Treatment of Breast Cancer

Gabriel N. Hortobagyi, M.D.

The results are simply stunning

On the basis of these results, **our care of patients with HER2-positive breast cancer must change today**

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ORIGINAL REPORT

Prognostic Value of Pathologic Complete Response After Primary Chemotherapy in Relation to Hormone Receptor Status and Other Factors

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ABSTRACT

Purpose

To evaluate whether hormonal receptor (HR) status can influence the prognostic significance of pathologic complete response (pCR).

Patients and Methods

This retrospective analysis included 1,731 patients with stage I to III noninflammatory breast cancer treated between 1988 and 2005 with primary chemotherapy (PC). Ninety-one percent of patients received anthracycline-based PC, and 66% received additional taxane therapy. pCR was defined as no evidence of invasive tumor in the breast and axillary lymph nodes.

Results

Median age was 49 years (range, 19 to 83 years). Sixty-seven percent of patients ($n = 1,163$) had HR-positive tumors. A pCR was observed in 225 (13%) of 1,731 patients; pCR rates were 24% in HR-negative tumors and 8% in HR-positive tumors ($P < .001$). A significant survival benefit for patients who achieved pCR compared with no pCR was observed regardless of HR status. In the HR-positive group, 5-year overall survival (OS) rates were 96.4% v 84.5% ($P = .04$) and 5-year progression-free survival (PFS) rates were 91.1% v 65.3% ($P < .0001$) for patients with and without pCR, respectively. For the HR-negative group, 5-year OS rates were 83.9% v 67.4% ($P = .003$) and 5-year PFS rates were 83.4% v 50.0% ($P < .0001$) for patients with and without pCR, respectively. After adjustment for adjuvant hormonal treatment, HR status, clinical stage, and nuclear grade, patients who achieved a pCR had 0.36 times the risk of death.

Conclusion

pCR is associated with better outcome regardless of HR status in breast cancer patients who receive PC.

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INTRODUCTION

Primary chemotherapy (PC) represents the standard of care for locally advanced and inflammatory breast cancer, and its use is increasing in earlier stage disease. Upfront administration of systemic chemotherapy has proven to increase the rate of breast-conserving surgery (BCS).^{1,2} Furthermore, the response to PC and, in particular, the achievement of a pathologic complete response (pCR) are predictors of outcome³⁻⁵ and can be considered as surrogate markers of treatment efficacy. As a consequence, early identification of features that can predict for response may allow a better selection of patients who will benefit from this line of therapy and, more importantly, may spare the patient the toxicity of a potentially ineffective treatment.

Several studies have been conducted with the aim to identify predictive factors of pCR after PC. Despite

the lack of a global consensus, the predictive value of hormone receptor (HR) status, tumor grade, and tumor cell proliferation has been established. Poorly differentiated tumors with a high proliferation rate and without expression of HR are more chemosensitive and are associated with a higher percentage of pCR.⁶⁻¹³ On the contrary, well-differentiated tumors with a low proliferation rate and with expression of HR are less likely to achieve a pCR after PC. However, this relative chemoresistance does not automatically translate into a worse outcome. Ring et al¹³ from the Royal Marsden Hospital have recently reported interesting data showing that, in patients with HR-positive tumors, the achievement of pCR does not correlate with a better outcome compared with not achieving a pCR. Unfortunately, there were few HR-positive patients in the study who achieved a pCR, precluding a definitive conclusion.



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Dear Dr. Conte:

Dr. Valentina Guarneri was an Observer the Department of Breast Medical Oncology at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center from February 1, 2005 to July 8, 2005. We enjoyed Dr. Guarneri's visit with us, and hope that her experience at MD Anderson Cancer Center was beneficial to her and to your institution.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at the above phone numbers.

Sincerely,

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