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Single Nucleotid Polymorphisms of XRCC1, XRCC3, RAD51 and associated haplotypes predict for acute toxicity in patients with locally advanced rectal cancer treated with preoperative radiochemotherapy.

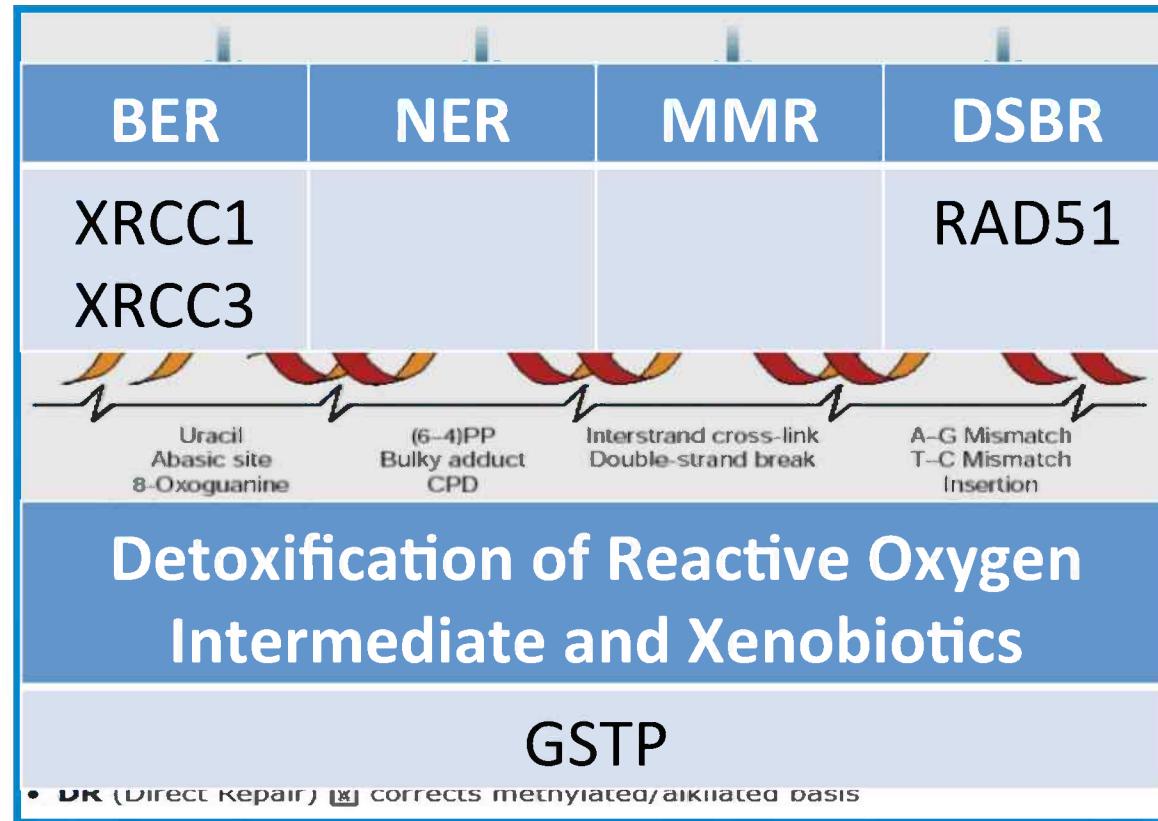


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Background

Ionizing radiations act through DNA damage



Altered function of those mechanism can lead to low repair ability → more damage

Background

- XRCC1 (G28152A) encode for a protein with low repair activity. Higher incidence of acute and late toxicities in prostate, nasopharyngeal and rectal cancer

Vodicka P., et al. Carcinogenesis 2004. Haijun Li , et al. Rad Onc. 2013. Balboa E, et al. Pharmacogenomics 2010. Langsenlehner T, et al. Radiother Oncol. 2011

- RAD51 (G315C) may lead to a m-RNA and a consequent low protein expression. High toxicity in prostate cancer patients.

Russell J.S., et al. Cancer Res. 2003. Levy-Lahad E., et al. ProcNatlAcadSciU.s.A. 2001. Van Oorschot B., et al. IntJRadiatOncolBiol Phys. 2014

Background

- XRCC3 (A4541G) encode for a protein with low repair activity. High rectum and bladder toxicity in prostate and bladder cancer patients.

Damaraju S., et al. ClinCancer-Res. 2006. Fachal L., et al. RadiotherOncol. 2012. Sakano S., et al. Pharmacogenomics. 2010

- XRCC3 (C18067T) encode for a protein with low repair activity. High *in vitro* radiosensitivity

Alsbeith G., et al. IntjRadiatOncolPhys. 2007

Background

- GSTP1 (A313G) therefore a reduced catalytic activity due to an altered affinity with the electrophile substrate

Ambrosone c. B., et al. Breast Cancer Res. 2006

SNPs of XRCC1, XPD, and TP53 may predict acute toxicity in a population of 132 locally advanced rectal cancer patients treated with Neoadjuvant Radiochemotherapy (N-RCT)

Duldulao, et al. Cancer 2013

Rationale

Grade \geq 3 adverse effects can lead to discontinuity of treatments that can reduce the outcome and may require hospitalization with increase in resources spent on patients

In some studies it is reported a rate of acute severe toxicity, after N-RCT with fluoropyrimidine in a range from 1% to 15%.

End-point

Series of 67 patients (locally advanced rectal cancer) treated with N-RCT

Primary end-point: high-grade acute toxicities during N-RCT can be predicted by Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs):



XRCC1 G28152A

XRCC3 A4541G

XRCC3 C18067T

RAD51 G315C

GSTP1 A313G

Secondary end-point: high-grade acute toxicities during N-RCT can be predicted by combinations of SNPs

Materials and Methods

Patients' characteristics and clinical outcome (n=67).

| | No. pts (% of tot) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mean age (years) | 64 |
| Range (years) | 36-85 |
| Gender | |
| - Male | 38 (57) |
| - Female | 29 (43) |
| T, stage | |
| - T2 | 7 (10) |
| - T3 | 56 (84) |
| - T4 | 4 (6) |
| N, stage | |
| - N0 | 31 (46.5) |
| - N1 | 29 (43.5) |
| - N2 | 7 (10) |
| Distance from anal verge | |
| - ≤ 5cm | 36 (54) |
| - > 5cm | 31 (46) |
| Longitudinal extension | |
| - ≤ 5cm | 30 (45) |
| - > 5cm | 37 (55) |
| Surgery procedure | |
| - AR | 56 (83.5) |
| - APR | 9 (13.5) |
| - TAE | 1 (1.5) |
| - No surgery | 1 (1.5) |

Locally advanced rectal cancer patients

Stage II-III


Blood samples for the study of SNPs

(Pyrosequencing technology)

Materials and Methods

Neoadjuvant Treatment

3DRT: 1,8Gy in 25 fr (total dose 45 Gy) + concomitant boost on GTV twice weekly, 1 Gy in 10 fr (total dose on GTV 55 Gy)



35 pts: capecitabine at 825 mg m²
twice daily for five days a week

32 pts: 5-Fluoruracil (5-FU) at
225mg/mq/day in continuous
infusion (c.i) for five days a week

66 of 67 patients underwent surgical resection 8 weeks after N-RCT

Materials and Methods

Acute toxicities were scored, according to the CTCAE v3.0, in terms of:

Organ-non-specific acute toxicity (gastro-intestinal, hematological, skin and genitourinary)

Organ-specific acute toxicity (diarrhea, abdominal/pelvis pain, rectal discomfort, rectal bleeding, nausea/vomiting, proctitis, haemoglobin, leukocytes, platelets, cystitis, hematuria, urinary frequency/urgency).

Acute toxicity was considered as severe for grade ≥ 3 , and when quality of life was significantly impaired.

Materials and Methods

Patients were classified into three groups for each gene:

- normal homozygous group (NH; patients who doesn't carry the SNP),
- heterozygous group (H; patients heterozygous for the SNP) and mutated
- homozygous group (MH; patients homozygous for the SNP).

NH vs. H

NH vs. MH

NH vs. H+MH



overall acute toxicity

organ-non-specific acute toxicity

organ-specific acute toxicity

Materials and Methods

Polymorphisms characteristics.

| Allelic assessment | Polymorphisms | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | XRCC1 G28152A (n=67) | XRCC3 A4541G (n=67) | XRCC3 C18067T (n=67) | RAD51 G315C (n=67) | GSTP1 A313G (n=66) |
| NH | 26 (39) | 40 (60) | 31 (46.5) | 58 (86.5) | 38 (57.5) |
| H | 31 (46) | 24 (35) | 25 (37) | 8 (12) | 21 (32) |
| MH | 10 (15) | 3 (5) | 11 (16.5) | 1 (1.5) | 7 (10.5) |

NH: Normal Homozygous; H: Heterozygous; MH: Mutated Homozygous.

Results - Toxicities

Acute toxicity rates based on NCI CTCAE v. 3.0

| Toxicity | Grade 1-2 | | Grade 3-4 | | Total | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|-------|--------|
| | N. | % | N. | % | N. | % |
| Gastrointestinal | | | | | | |
| Diarrhea | 28 | (42) | 2 | (3) | 31 | (45) |
| Abdominal/pelvis pain | 6 | (9) | 4 | (6) | 10 | (15) |
| | 16 | (24) | 6 | (9) | 22 | (33) |
| Rectal discomfort | 5 | (7.5) | 1 | (1.5) | 6 | (9) |
| Rectal bleeding | 4 | (6) | 1 | (1.5) | 5 | (7.5) |
| Nausea/vomiting | 21 | (31) | 0 | (0) | 21 | (31) |
| Proctitis | 16 | (24) | 1 | (1.5) | 17 | (25) |
| Skin erythema | | | | | | |
| Haematological | | | | | | |
| Hemoglobin | 6 | (9) | 2 | (3) | 7 | (12) |
| Platelets | 5 | (7.5) | 0 | (0) | 5 | (7.5) |
| Leukocytes | 12 | (18) | 1 | (1.5) | 13 | (19.5) |
| Genitourinary | | | | | | |
| Cystitis | 12 | (18) | 9 | (13.5) | 21 | (31.5) |
| Hematuria | 3 | (4.5) | 1 | (1.5) | 4 | (6) |
| Urinary frequency/urgency | 5 | (7.5) | 3 | (4.5) | 8 | (12) |

Results – Single SNPs analysis

| Alleles correlations | XRCC1 G28152A | | | XRCC3 A4541G | | | RAD51 G315C | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|----------|-------------|---------|----------|
| | NH vs H+MH | NH vs H | NH vs MH | NH vs H+MH | NH vs H | NH vs MH | NH vs H+MH | NH vs H | NH vs MH |
| Gastrointestinal (Grade ≥ 3) | 0.717 | 0.619 | 0.895 | 0.785 | 1.0 | 0.487 | 0.06 | 0.036 | 0.734 |
| Abdominal/pelvis pain | 0.559 | 0.661 | 0.470 | 0.520 | 0.594 | 0.570 | 0.027 | 0.017 | 0.850 |
| Skin erythema (Grade ≥ 3) | 0.422 | | 0.102 | 0.408 | 0.435 | 0.749 | 0.691 | 0.708 | 0.895 |
| Skin erythema (any Grade) | 0.03 | 0.044 | 0.061 | 0.1 | 0.194 | 0.015 | 0.04 | 0.101 | 0.074 |
| Urinary frequency/urgency | 0.311 | 0.452 | 0.367 | 0.031 | 0.022 | 0.001 | 0.485 | 0.510 | 0.815 |

NH: Normal Homozygous; H: Heterozygous; MH: Mutated Homozygous.

Results – Combined analysis

Univariate analysis for combined polymorphisms (haplotypes) (*p* values).

| Alleles correlations | RAD51 G315C + XRCC1 G28152A (n=24) both NH vs both mutated | XRCC1 G28152A + XRCC3 A4541G (n=27) both NH vs both mutated | RAD51 G315C + XRCC3 A4541G (n=39) both NH vs both mutated | RAD51 G315C + XRCC1 G28152A + XRCC3 A4541G (n=13) NH vs mutated |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Abdominal/pelvis pain | 0.002 | | 0.732 | |
| Skin erythema (G3-4) | | | 0.732 | |
| Skin erythema <u>(any G)</u> | 0.003 | 0.01 | 0.017 | 0.000 |

NH: Normal Homozygous; H: Heterozygous; MH: Mutated Heterozygous.

Conclusions

Our study showed a significant correlation between acute severe toxicities and SNPs (XRCC1, XRCC3 and RAD51)

Screening for SNPs before treatment may help to identify patients who are at increased risk of severe toxicity

This can guide clinicians to personalize treatments, selecting patients that can tolerate and complete therapy and will receive the maximum efficacy with minimal morbidity

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