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Real-World Study of Polatuzumab Vedotin-Based Regimen for Relapsed or Refractory Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma in Chinese Cohort: Updated Results of 2-Year Follow-up

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Introduction

Patients with relapsed or refractory (r/r) DLBCL had poor prognosis when ineligible to autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (auto-HSCT). Polatuzumab vedotin (Pola) has demonstrated significant efficacy and acceptable safety in such patients in Clinical trials and real-world data. Here we reported long-term follow-up result of Pola-based regimen in real-world Chinese cohort.

Aims

To evaluate the efficacy and safety of Pola-based regimens for the treatment of r/r DLBCL using real-world data.

Methods

This retrospective study analyzed data from the Chinese Pola compassionate use program, conducted at four tertiary hospitals from December 2019 to June 2021. Patients with r/r DLBCL were enrolled. The treatment regimens included Pola in combination with rituximab (Pola+R) or with additional bendamustine (Pola+BR) administered for six cycles, with each cycle lasting 21 days. The objective response rate (ORR), progression-free survival (PFS), overall survival (OS) and adverse events (AEs) were analyzed.

Results

Thirty-nine patients were included in the analysis, with a median follow-up of 23.5 months (range: 0.6–35.2). The ORR at the end of treatment was 38.5% (15/39), while the best ORR achieved was 69.2% (27/39). The median PFS and OS were 6.6 months (95%CI: 3.7–9.6) and 15.6 months (95%CI: 3.4–27.9), respectively. Compared to those who did not complete six cycles of treatment, a significantly longer PFS (12.1 vs. 3.5 months, $P=0.006$) and OS (18.8 vs. 6.3 months, $P=0.001$) was observed in patients who completed all six cycles of treatment. Among 16 patients receiving Pola+R and 23 receiving Pola+BR, the proportion of patients who completed all six-treatment cycles was 56.3% and 34.8%, respectively. Grade 3–4 AEs were reported in 48.7% of patients with most commonly occurred being neutropenia (28.2%), leucopenia (17.9%) and thrombocytopenia (15.4%).

Conclusions

The 2-year follow-up analysis demonstrated sustained progression-free and overall survival, with no new safety signals. The full cycles of Pola-based regimen may contribute to better efficacy for real-world populations. These findings supported Pola-based regimens as an effective real-world treatment option for Chinese patients with r/r DLBCL.

Key words

Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; refractory/relapsing; polatuzumab vedotin; real-world study; China.

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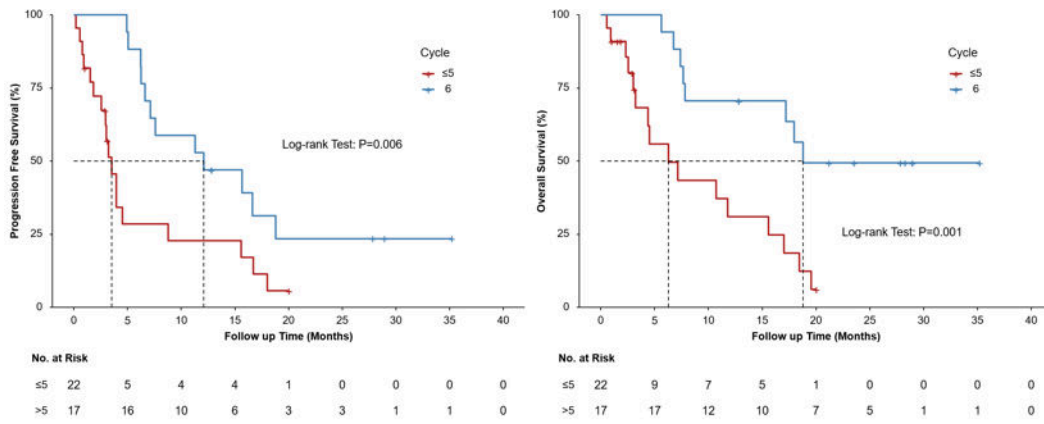


Figure 1. Progression-free survival (PFS) and Overall subgroup (OS) subgroup results.

Table 2. Treatment pattern.

Variables	Total (n=39)	Pola+R (n=16)	Pola+BR (n=23)
Cycles of treatment, median (range)	5 (1-6)	6 (1-6)	4 (1-6)
Completed 6 cycles, n (%)	17 (43.6)	9 (56.3)	8 (34.8)
Treatment delay, n (%)	33 (84.6)	11 (68.8)	22 (95.7)
Delay time, day, median (range)	3.0 (1.0, 55.0)	1.0 (1.0, 15.0)	4.5 (1.0, 55.0)

Figure 1

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