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Ruxolitinib or Interferon- α Treatment As a Protective Strategy for Patients with Philadelphia-Negative Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPN) during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Background: Both myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs) and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) are characterized by systemic inflammation and with intrinsic thrombotic risk. Series of studies found that ruxolitinib treatment was efficacy for COVID-19 in patients with hyperinflammation, and interferon- α as the innate immune system rapidly to combat viral infections, has been considered a potential therapeutic strategy to treat COVID-19 disease. However, ruxolitinib or interferon- α treatment with response outcomes for MPN patients were still unidentified.

Patients and methods: We prospectively analyzed the outcome of ruxolitinib (n=175) or interferon- α (n=165) treatment group versus other available therapy (n=478) group for MPN patients during the COVID-19 Pandemic (from May, 2020, to December, 2022). Outcomes were the rate of thrombosis, bleeding, acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) and death.

Results: There were no difference between ruxolitinib and interferon- α treatment group in thrombosis rate, bleeding, the rate of ARDS and death. Thrombosis occurred lower frequently in patients treated with ruxolitinib or interferon- α than other available therapy group (1.1% vs 1.8% vs 5.6%, p = 0.004), rates of bleeding (1.7% vs 1.8% vs 2.0%, p = 0.93), rates of ARDS (1.1% vs 1.8% vs 4.2%, p = 0.048), and death (6.8% vs 3.0% vs 6.9%, p = 0.22) of COVID-19 disease were similar.

Conclusion: Ruxolitinib or interferon- α therapy was associated with lower thrombosis event and lower rate of ARDS for MPN patients in COVID-19 Pandemic.

Keywords: MPN, Ruxolitinib, thrombosis event, interferon- α

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