Varying Latency Impact on Incidence of Second Primary Malignancy Among Patients With B-cell Malignancy

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Introduction

- Although cancer survival has improved over time since the introduction of innovative therapies, the occurrence of second primary malignancies (SPM) is an area of growing concern
- The occurrence of SPM is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality among cancer survivors
- Previous studies on SPM in patients with B-cell malignancies have been performed, but utilized registries dating back to the 1970s¹⁻⁴
- Risk of SPM may be expected to vary over time as more innovative treatments and advanced cancer screening techniques (e.g., prostate-specific antigen, colonoscopy, mammography) become available for patients
- This study used a larger registry grouping, National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER), and more recent data to assess the incidence of SPM among patients with B-cell malignancies to complement previous studies

Objectives

Results

- 118,482 patients with an index B-cell malignancy were identified and included in the analysis (Figure 2)
- A majority (53%) of index B-cell index malignancies were either DLBCL, follicular lymphoma, or hairy cell leukemia
- Most patients (92%) did not develop a SPM
- Overall B-cell index population for primary analysis: 118,482



Primary:

 Establish baseline rates of SPM occurring among the general population of patients with an index B-cell malignancy in the United States (US)

Secondary:

- Determine the impact of varying inclusion/exclusion criteria on the calculation of SPM rates by accounting for
 - different latency period lengths,
 - prior tumor histories, and
 - Richter's tumor transformation scenario
- Compare the rates of malignancies occurring as a SPM to the rates expected in the general US population

Methods

- The SPM incidence rate per 100 person-months and the multiple primary standardized incidence ratio (MP-SIR) of observed versus expected were calculated for patients with a B-cell malignancy.
 - Crude SPM incidence rate on single outcomes and 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) for SPM

Calculated as SPM rate = $\frac{\# \text{ patients with SPM}}{\text{total person-months in followup period}^*}$

* Patients were followed until occurrence of first SPM, death, loss to follow-up, resolution of cancer, or end of data collection, whichever came first

• The MP-SIR overall and by latency months since diagnosis (e.g., 3-11 months, 12-23 months, etc.)

Calculated as $MP - SIR = \frac{observed numbers of SPM cases}{population-based expected counts}$

• Data from the SEER 17 Registries database from 2000 to 2019 were analyzed.

Inclusion criteria:

 Index B-cell malignancies included chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), mantle cell lymphoma (MCL), marginal zone lymphoma (MZL), Waldenström macroglobulinemia (WM), diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL), follicular lymphoma, and hairy cell leukemia

Other B-cell malignancies included DLBCL, follicular lymphoma, and hairy cell leukemia

Figure 2. B-Cell Malignancies by Type and SPM Occurrence Sample Populations

SPM Incidence Rates

- The incidence rate of any SPM was 0.19 (95% CI: 0.187, 0.195), ranging from 0.19 (MCL) to 0.23 (WM) (Figure 3)
- Most common solid tumors involved: Respiratory system, Digestive system and Genital system
- Most common hematological tumors: Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- Patients with an index CLL, MCL, MZL, or WM malignancy experienced a SPM at a higher rate than the combined group of patients with a B-cell malignancy– especially after 20 months

MP-SIR Rates

- The MP-SIR for any SPM was 1.58 (95% CI: 1.55, 1.61), ranging from 1.50 (CLL/MCL) to 1.73 (MZL) (Figure 4)
- The MP-SIR for any hematological SPM was 4.46 (95% CI: 4.30, 4.63), ranging from 2.09 (MCL) to 5.92 (MZL)
- The MP-SIR for any solid tumor SPM was 1.25 (95% CI: 1.23, 1.28), ranging from 1.21 (WM) to 1.39 (MCL)
- All MP-SIR values > 1.0 indicating higher than expected SPM event rates

Comparisons

- There was little difference between this study and previous SEER studies in terms of SPM incidence rate (Figure 5)
- Including patients with SPM within 3 months increased incidence rate slightly (0.22, 95% CI: 0.216, 0.224, Sensitivity analysis 1) (Figure 6)
- Excluding patients with a prior malignancy within 3 years had little impact on incidence rate (0.20, 95% CI: 0.198, 0.206, Sensitivity analysis 2, Figure 6)

• Patients were required to be at least 18 years old

Exclusion criteria:

- Patients with a previous malignancy
- Patients with a SPM within 3 months following B-cell malignancy were excluded from the incidence rate calculation
- Patients with a cancer diagnosis confirmed through death certification only or autopsy only were excluded
- Patients with missing data in age, sex, race, cancer summary stage, or surgery information were excluded
- Study outcomes included SPM combinations of all types of tumors and the individual tumors (Figure 1)



Figure 1. SPM Outcomes

• Varying latency, prior tumor histories, and the adoption of Richter's tumor transformation were

 Excluding Richter's transformation cases had a minor effect on incidence rate (All B-cell: 0.19, 95% CI: 0.181, 0.189; CLL: 0.19, 95% CI: 0.182, 0.196) (Figure 7)



Note: Main analysis excluded patients with malignancies any time prior to index date, and did not count SPM cases occurring <3 months after index date. Sensitivity analysis 1 excluded patients with malignancies any time prior to index date, but counted all SPM after index date. Sensitivity analysis 2 excluded patients with malignancies diagnosed <3 years prior to index date and did not count SPM cases occurring <3 months after index date.

Conclusions

- Patients with a B-cell malignancy had a 58% greater occurrence of any SPM and 446% greater occurrence of any hematological SPM than expected in the general population
- Varying latency and the occurrence of prior malignancy had only a slight influence on the incidence rates of SPM, suggesting that estimates may not be significantly affected to

applied as secondary analyses in order to further understand the timing of SPM occurrence relative to the B-cell diagnosis of interest



the methodology imposed

Abbreviations

CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; MCL, mantle cell lymphoma; MP-SIR, multiple primary standardized incidence ratio; MZL, marginal zone lymphoma; SEER, Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results; SPM, second primary malignancy; WM, Waldenström macroglobulinemia

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