## 5 Fluorouracil

## Doxifluridine

## Prospective Randomized Trial Comparing Intravenous 5 Fluorouracil and Oral Doxifluridine as Preoperative Concurrent Chemoradiation for Locally Advanced Rectal Cancer

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Purpose: Preoperative radiation treatment with concomittant intravenous infusion of 5-fluorouracil has been known to be effective in shrinking and downstaging the tumor. Treatment with Doxifluridine (synthetic 5-deoxynucleoside derivative) medication prolongs drug exposure to tumor tissue, so it can be considered synergistic to concurrent radiotherapy. Intravenous 5-FU and oral Doxifluridine were compared with respect to tumor response, toxicity, and quality of life of patients. Methods: Twenty eight patients with rectal cancer, staged as over T3N1 or T4 by transrectal ultrasonography between July 1997 and December 1998 were included. Intravenous 5-FU (450 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day) and leucovorin (20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) was given for five consecutive days during first and fifth weeks of irradiation therapy (50.4 Gy) (N=14). Oral Doxifluridine (700 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day) and leucovorin (20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) was given daily during radiation treatment (N=14). Quality of life was scored according to twenty two activity items (good: >77, fair: >58, poor: <57). Surgical resection was performed four weeks after completion of concurrent chemoradiation treatment. Tumor response was classified as CR (Complete Response), PR (Partial Response: 50% diminution of tumor volume or downstaging), or NR (No Response). Results: Tumor response was CR: 3/14 (21.4%), PR: 7/14 (50%) and NR: 4/14 (28.6%) in IV arm versus CR: 2/14 (14.2%), PR: 6/14 (42.9%) and NR: 6/14 (42.9%) in oral arm (p=0.16, 0.23, 0.24, respectively). Quality of life was poor (36.4%) vs 33.3%), fair and good (63.6% vs 66.7%, respectively) between IV arm and oral arm. Systemic recurrence during follow up periods was 1/14 (7.1%) in IV arm and 2/14 (14.3%) in oral arm, respectively (p=0.307). One local recurrence was observed in oral arm. Hematologic toxicity was 3/14 (21.4%) in IV arm versus 4/14 (28.5%) in oral arm, respectively. Gastrointestinal toxicity was 2/14 (14.3%) versus 5/14 (35.7%) and stomatitis was observed in IV arm (1/14, 7.1%) Conclusion: Oral doxifluridine based chemotherapy shows a comparable tumor response and oncologic results, but there was no benefits as far as quality of life and toxicity were concerned. (JKSCP 2000;16:469-473)

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APR = Abdominoperineal Resection; LAR = Low Anterior Resection; CAA = Coloanal anastomosis; T4 = In case of adjacent organ invasion such as prostate gland, seminal vesicle and posterior vaginal wall.

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Table 2. Tumor response

Tumor	IV arm	Oral arm
response	(N=14)	(N=14)
Non response* Partial response <sup>†</sup> Complete response <sup>‡</sup>	4 (28.6%) 7 (50%) 3 (21.4%)	6 (42.9%) 6 (42.9%) 2 (14.2%)

Partial response = 50% diminution of tumor volume or downstaging; Complete response = no microscopic evidence of tumor.

\*p = 0.247, † P = 0.235, † P = 0.168.

Table 3. Quality of life score

Quality of life score	IV arm (n=11)	Oral arm (n=12)
Poor Fair and good	4 7	4 8

Poor = 4/11 (36.4%) versus 4/12 (33.3%); Fair and good = 7/11 (63.6%) versus 8/12 (66.7%).

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Table 4. Toxicity profiles

IV arm (n=14)	Oral arm (n=14)
2 (14.3%)	3 (21.4%)
1 (7.1%)	1 (7.1%)
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1 (7.1%)	0
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Table 5. Rate of recurrences

Recurrence	IV arm (n=14)	Oral arm (n=14)
Local Systemic	0 1 (7.1%)	1 (7.1%) 2 (14.3%)*

p = 0.307.

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