

Effects of EGFR Mutations on NSCLC Patients Treated by Ramucirumab plus Docetaxel

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ABSTRACT The present paper attempted to define the effects of epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutations on patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) treated by ramucirumab plus docetaxel. Of the 82 enrolled patients, 48 underwent EGFR mutations, showing relevance to sex and smoking history ($P < 0.05$). The analysis yielded that EGFR-mutant (EGFR-Mut) group had a higher objective response rate versus EGFR-wild-type (EGFR-Wt) group ($P < 0.05$). Subsequent to treatment, serum VEGF, bFGF, HDGF, CEA, CA153, CYFRA21-1 and CA199 levels dropped more significantly in EGFR-Mut group ($P < 0.05$). Beyond that, EGFR-Mut exhibited a lower ZPS score and a higher KPS score versus EGFR-Wt group ($P < 0.05$). Further, EGFR-Mut patients displayed strikingly longer median survival time versus EGFR-Wt patients ($P < 0.05$). Ramucirumab plus docetaxel can safely inhibit tumour angiogenesis and regulate the levels of serum tumour markers. EGFR-Mut NSCLC patients with brain metastasis have better treatment outcomes and longer survival.