

Therapeutic Potential of Tisotumab Vedotin in the Treatment of Recurrent or Metastatic Cervical Cancer: A Short Report on the Emerging Data

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Abstract: Cervical cancer is the fourth most common type of cancer in women worldwide. It is associated with a high death rate, despite the fact that it is a nearly 100% preventable disease because of very effective primary and secondary preventive strategies. Advanced and recurrent disease is incurable with a high relapse risk and the second-line therapies are limited with modest response rates and short durability. Investigating alternative mechanisms of action is crucial because of the high request for effective new therapies. Tisotumab vedotin (TV) is the first antibody-drug conjugated to target a cell surface-expressed tissue factor, and preliminary data in patients with metastatic and recurrent cervical cancer have been promising. In addition, the trials showed a favorable tolerability profile, with limited incidence of grade 3 or worse adverse events. According to the data of ENGOT-cx6/GOG-3023/innovaTV 204, the US Food and Drug Administration granted expedited approval of TV on September 20, 2021, for women with recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer. Actually, two other trials testing TV alone or in combination with other agents are ongoing. ENGOT-cx8/GOG-3024/innovaTV 205 is a Phase Ib/II trial of TV in combination with platinum or bevacizumab or pembrolizumab, in patients with recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer who have not received prior systemic therapy or who have progressed after no more than two prior systemic therapies. ENGOT-cx12/GOG-3057/InnovaTV 301 is a Phase 3 trial of TV vs investigator's choice chemotherapy in patients with advanced or recurrent cervical cancer who had received no more than 2 prior chemotherapy lines. The outcomes of these two trials will potentially confirm and reinforce the use of TV as a new standard of care in advanced or recurrent cervical cancer.

Keywords: cervical cancer, gynecological cancer, antibody–drug conjugate, tissue factor

Introduction

Cervical cancer remains the fourth most frequent type of cancer in women worldwide¹ with an estimated 14.100 new cases in 2022.

In the US cervical cancer is also the fourth leading cause of cancer death with 4.280 death in 2022.² The most significant prognostic factor is the stage of disease³ and the 5-years overall survival (OS) is approximately 92%, 65% and 17% for early stage, locally advanced and metastatic disease respectively.⁴

Cervical cancer is thought to be a nearly 100% preventable disease due to very effective primary (human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine) and secondary (PAP test and HPV test screening) preventive strategies.⁵

HPV is the major cause of cervical cancer,⁶ although other significant cofactors include sexually transmissible infections (HIV and Chlamydia trachomatis), smoking, a higher number of childbirths and sexual partners and long-term use of oral contraceptives.⁷

Actually, the standard of care for locally advanced cervical cancer is represented by concomitant chemoradiation,⁸ while platinum-based (cisplatin or carboplatin) chemotherapy plus paclitaxel and with or without bevacizumab represents

the standard option treatment in patients with metastatic disease.⁹ Unfortunately, after the failure of the first line, no effective therapeutic strategies are available: standard chemotherapies in fact present with a poor response rate of about 10% and an estimated progression free survival of about 3–6 months.¹⁰

In recent years, there has been a considerable interest in the use of immune-checkpoint inhibitors for the treatment of advanced/metastatic cervical cancer with trials showing encouraging results.¹¹

Based on KEYNOTE-158 US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved pembrolizumab in PD-L1 positive cervical cancer patients progressing after platinum-based chemotherapy.¹² Similarly, the Phase III EMPOWER-Cervical-1/GOG3016/ENGOT-cx-9 trial demonstrated that anti PD-1 inhibitor cemiplimab significantly improved progression free survival (PFS) and OS in the same patients setting regardless PD-L1 expression.¹³

In addition, the randomized phase III KEYNOTE-826 trial, which investigated the efficacy of pembrolizumab in combination with platinum-based chemotherapy with or without bevacizumab vs standard of care in the first-line treatment of persistent, recurrent, or metastatic cervical cancer showed an improvement in OS, PFS, and objective response rate (ORR) for the experimental arm defining immunotherapy as the new standard of care for patients with combined-positive score (CPS) ≥ 1 in the treatment of advanced disease.¹¹

Despite immunotherapy improving the outcome of metastatic/advanced disease, the absence of a standard second line treatment for women previously treated with platinum and immunotherapy represents a great unmet clinical need, suggesting that the investigation of treatments with alternative mechanisms of action is crucial for searching effective new therapies.

Tisotumab vedotin (TV) is the first antibody-drug conjugate (ADC) targeting cell surface-expressed tissue factor (TF), a protein that is abnormally expressed in several solid tumors, including cervical cancer.¹⁴ In physiological condition TF is central to the coagulation cascade, while in oncogenesis it is a major component in tumor-associated angiogenesis and it plays a role in tumor progression and metastasis.¹⁴

TV is conjugated with microtubule-disrupting agent monomethyl auristatin E (MMAE) through a protease-cleavable linker. TV targets TF-expressing cells with MMAE, causing direct cytotoxicity and indirect death of adjacent cells. According to in vitro studies, TV induces immunogenic cell death and efficiently engages immune cells to promote tumor cell death via Fcγ receptor-mediated effector functions such as antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity and antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis. Furthermore, TV was discovered to suppress TF-activated factor VII (FVIIa)-dependent intracellular signaling while having no effect on procoagulant activity.¹⁴

FDA granted expedited approval of TV on September 20, 2021, following the readout of pivotal trial, ENGOT-cx6 /GOG-3023/innovaTV 204 results, reporting 24% ORR with long response duration in women with recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer progressing after platinum-based regimen.¹⁵

The present review reports the existing evidence and future perspectives on TV in the treatment of recurrent or advanced cervical cancer in order to clarify its potential role in the treatment of advanced cervical cancer.

Materials and Methods

The studies included in the present review were selected from PUBMED/GoogleScholar/ ScienceDirect databases. We used the terms “Cervical Cancer”, “Gynecological Cancer”, “Metastatic Cervical Cancer” and “Recurrence Cervical Cancer” for tumour location and setting of disease; the terms “Tisotumab Vedotin”, “Second-line Chemotherapy”, “Recurrence Cervical Treatment” and “Metastatic Cervical Treatment” to select papers focused on the therapy.

The following inclusion criteria were used to select the studies included in the present review:

- Type of published study: clinical trial, review articles, guidelines, conference abstracts;
- Selected population: patients affected by cervical cancer with an advanced and/or recurrence disease;
- No limitation regarding the year of the publication of papers was used.

Conversely, exclusion criteria are reported below:

- Duplicate papers;
- Articles not written in English language.

Based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria, some of the selected articles are those whose results have allowed an accelerated approval of the drug by the FDA.

Results

How Tisotumab Vedotin Works

TV, or HuMax-TF-ADC or TIVAK, is a human TF (TF-001) directed ADC. It is formed by a human monoclonal immunoglobulin G1 (subtype κ) linked to the MMAE through a protease-cleavable linker.¹⁶

TF, also known as coagulation factor III or thromboplastin, has a significant impact on cancer biology; it is a transmembrane glycoprotein expressed on the cell membranes of several cancers, including breast cancer, gastrointestinal tumors, gliomas, melanomas, lung tumours, and also cervical cancer, with limited expression in healthy tissue cells.¹⁷ TF is expressed in about 94–100% of cervical cancer cells.¹⁸

TF may activate an intracellular signaling cascade, and its expression is increased in cancer through a variety of mechanisms.¹⁹ It appears to have a pro-tumor impact and has been related to cancer pathogenesis, including thrombogenicity, angiogenesis, tumor growth, proliferation, and metastasis.²⁰ Tumor cells produce TF, which in turn induces the production of interleukin-1 and vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), both of which increase hypercoagulability while interacting with platelets and endothelial cells.²¹

Furthermore, TF may promote tumor progression and metastasis by intracellular signal transduction. In fact, TF, by prothrombin hydrolyzation, may enhance the synthesis and release of cytokines such as interleukin-1 and interleukin-8, which control inflammation and promote tumor cell invasion. Enhanced tumor spread is also favored by extracellular matrix degradation caused by activated plasmin's proteolytic activity, which is promoted by TF's increased expression of plasminogen activator receptors. Finally, VEGF secretion, in combination with the aforementioned mechanisms, stimulates angiogenesis by promoting the development of new blood vessels.²²

TV has several mechanisms that contribute to its therapeutic efficacy, the most impacting being represented by the MMAE-mediated tumor cell death. MMAE is a strong anti-microtubule agent that binds to tubulin and interrupts microtubule polymerization, inducing cycle arrest during the G2/M phase and, as a result, apoptosis.²³

When ADC interacts to TF-positive tumor cells, it is internalized and undergoes lysosomal degradation, releasing MMAE within the tumor cell; MMAE can also be released outside the cell in the tumor microenvironment by causing the death of adjacent cells (bystander effect).¹⁴

Additionally, TV has the ability to induce immunogenic cell death in tumor antigen-expressing cells by stimulating both innate and adaptive immune responses²³ (Figure 1).

In vitro, TV treatment resulted in tumor cell death by antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity, phagocytosis, and immunogenic cell death.²⁴

First Trials in Solid Tumours and Cervical Cancer

In phase I/II studies in patients with metastatic solid tumors expressing TF, TV demonstrated clinically relevant and durable anticancer efficacy with a manageable and tolerable toxicity profile.¹⁴

TV's pharmacokinetic (PK) profile was evaluated during the dose-escalation phase of the first-in-human, open-label, dose-escalation/expansion innovaTV 201 phase I/II trial. TV used to have a manageable safety profile in the dose escalation phase including 27 patients, and the recommended Phase II dose of 2.0 mg/kg every 3 weeks was determined.¹⁴

The most common adverse events of any grade were: epistaxis (69%), fatigue (56%), nausea (52%), alopecia (44%), conjunctivitis (43%), decreased appetite (36%), constipation (35%), diarrhea (30%), vomiting (29%), peripheral neuropathy (22%), and dry eye (22%).¹⁴

Patients in the cervical cancer cohort received an intravenous infusion of TV 2.0 mg/kg every three weeks for four cycles. Patients who had clinical benefit (stable disease or partial response) after four cycles had the option of continuing therapy for an additional eight cycles (up to a total of 12 cycles), or until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity²⁵ (NCT03245736).

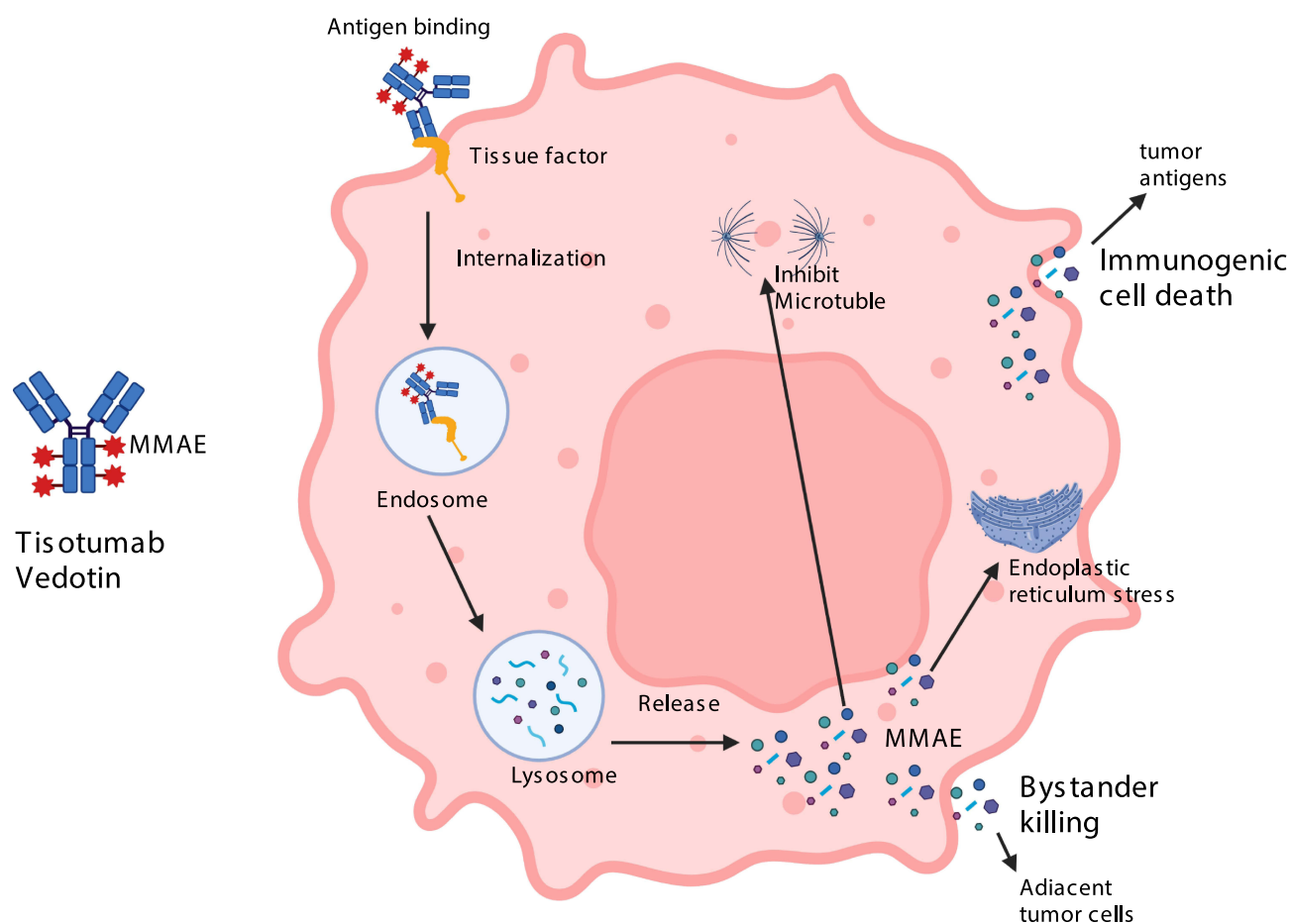


Figure 1 Mechanism of action of tisotumab vedotin.

During dose expansion, InnovaTV 201 had included 147 patients with bladder cancer ($n = 15$), cervical cancer ($n = 34$), endometrial cancer ($n = 14$), non-small-cell lung cancer ($n = 15$), ovarian cancer ($n=36$), and a few others. The objective response rate (ORR) for all treated patients was 15.6%, with bladder cancer and cervical cancer patients showing the highest response (26.7% and 26.5%, respectively).¹⁴

These results encouraged the continuation of the clinical research of TV in the treatment of TF-expressing solid tumours.²⁶

ENGOT-cx6/GOG-3023/innovaTV 204 is an open-label, multicentre, single-arm, phase-2 trial²⁷ (NCT03438396) which enrolled 101 patients with recurrent or advanced cervical cancer (squamous cell, adenocarcinoma, or adenosquamous histology) who had a disease progressing after platinum based chemotherapy plus or minus bevacizumab, and had received no more than 2 previous systemic regimens for recurrent or metastatic disease.²⁸

The primary endpoint of the study was confirmed ORR by RECIST (version 1.1). Secondary efficacy endpoints included duration of response (DOR), time to response, PFS, OS and safety. The exploratory endpoints were to determine TF expression in pre-treatment tumor biopsies and to assess the clinical responses according to TF expression level.²⁸

Patients received TV 2 mg/kg every 3 weeks until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. After a median follow up of 4.2 months, the ORR was 24% (95% CI: 15.9%, 33.3%) with 7% complete responses and 17% partial responses. The trial showed a median DOR of 8.3 months (95% CI: 4.2, not reached), median PFS of 4.2 months (95% CI: 3.0, 4.4) and OS of 12.1 months (95% CI: 9.6, 13.9).²⁸

Adverse events occurred in 92% of patients with 65% reporting grade 1–2 toxicities and 25% grade 3. The most common grade 1–2 adverse events were: alopecia (38%), epistaxis (30%), nausea (27%), conjunctivitis (26%), fatigue (24%), and dry

eye (23%) while the most common grade 3 adverse events were: peripheral neuropathies (8%); sensory neuropathy (2%); sensorimotor neuropathy (2%); motor neuropathy (4%); neutropenia (3%); fatigue (2%); and ulcerative keratitis (2%).²⁸

A pre-specified exploratory analysis aiming at evaluation of TF expression on tumour tissue samples reported the presence of the receptor on 77 (96%) out of 80 patients but, interestingly, the response to TV were observed regardless of membrane TF expression.²⁸

On September 20, 2021, based on the results of InnovaTV-201 and InnovaTV-204 the FDA grants TV accelerated approval for patients with recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer who have disease progression during or after platinum-based chemotherapy.¹⁶

ENGOT-cx12/GOG-3057/InnovaTV 301 (NCT04697628) is a randomized, open-label, phase 3 trial of TV vs investigator's choice chemotherapy (topotecan, vinorelbine, gemcitabine, pemetrexed, or irinotecan) in second- or third-line recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer.²⁹

The trial has concluded the recruitment and the primary end point data readout is estimated for Q2 2024 and will potentially represent, if positive, the registration trial for TV in Europe.

Tisotumab Vedotin Combinations

The encouraging results of these two studies, as well as the manageable toxicity profile of the drug, prompted the development of other studies with TV combinations in metastatic or recurrent cervical cancer.

ENGOT-cx8/GOG-3024/innovaTV 205 (NCT0378608) is a multicentre, open-label phase Ib/II trial of TV in combination with bevacizumab (arm A) or pembrolizumab (arm B, E, F) or carboplatin (arm C and D) or in monotherapy (arm G), in patients with recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer. Participants enrolled to Arm G will receive tisotumab vedotin weekly.

Arm H is the combination of TV with carboplatin and pembrolizumab with/without bevacizumab in previously untreated patients. The trial consists of a dose escalation part with patients progressing during or after standard chemotherapy, and an expansion phase that included both cervical cancer patients who have not received prior systemic therapy for recurrent or metastatic disease and patients who had progressed on or after at least one but no more than two prior systemic therapies.³⁰

The trial is still ongoing, but the first results of dose escalation phase had shown encouraging activity of TV' combinations: in arm A (TV + bevacizumab) 5/15 patients, in arm B (TV + pembrolizumab) 2/12 and in arm C (TV + carboplatin) 4/13 had confirmed objective response (cOR).²⁷ The activity was corroborated by first results of dose expansion cohort: the confirmed ORR was 54.5%, 40.6% and 38.3% in patients treated with first line TV + carboplatin (arm D), first line TV + pembrolizumab (arm E) and second/third line TV + pembrolizumab (arm F), respectively.³¹

The recommended phase II dosing of TV was 2.0 mg/kg every three weeks in the three arms.²⁷

The most common adverse events were grade 1 and 2 and they predominantly are: alopecia, diarrhoea, epistaxis, conjunctivitis, and nausea.³¹ Individual percentages differ based on the study arm.

Table 1 and Table 2 summarizes clinical trials of TV in patients with recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer.

Safety and Adverse Events of Tisotumab Vedotin

According to results of InnovaTV 201 the most common adverse events of any grade were epistaxis (69%), fatigue (56%), nausea (52%), alopecia (44%), conjunctivitis (43%), decreased appetite (36%), constipation (35%), diarrhoea (30%), vomiting (29%), peripheral neuropathy (22%), dry eye (22%), and abdominal pain (20%). Serious adverse events occurred in 46% of patients and 22% of patients discontinued treatment due to adverse events.¹⁴

The same adverse events were also found in InnovaTV 204 where 92% of patients reported treated-related adverse events (65% grade 1 or 2), the most common being alopecia (38%), epistaxis (30%), nausea (27%), conjunctivitis (26%), fatigue (24%), and dry eye (23%).²⁸

The most common grade 3 or worse adverse events were: peripheral neuropathies (8%); Neuropathy peripheral (2%); Peripheral sensory neuropathy (2%); Peripheral sensorimotor neuropathy (2%); Peripheral motor neuropathy (2%); neutropenia (3%); fatigue (2%); ulcerative keratitis (2%); occurring in 28% of patients.²⁸

Table 1 Completed Clinical Trials of TV in Patients with Recurrent or Advanced Cervical Cancer

	InnovaTV 201¹⁴		InnovaTV 204²⁸
Phase	I/II		II
Setting	Advanced or metastatic solid tumors		Recurrent or advanced cervical cancer
Patients enrolled	Dose escalation	Dose expansion	101
	TOTAL: 27 Bladder: 2 (7%) Cervix: 2 (7%) Endometrium: 3 (11%) Esophagus: 4 (15%) NSCLC: 4 (15%) Ovary: 7 (26%) Prostate: 4 (15%) SCCHN: 1 (4%)	TOTAL 147 Bladder: 15 (10%) Cervix: 34 (23%) Endometrium: 14 (10%) Esophagus: 15 (10%) NSCLC: 15 (10%) Ovary: 36 (24%) Prostate: 18 (12%) –	
ORR (95% CI)	26.5% (12.9–44.4)		24% (16–33)
DCR (95% CI)	–		72% (63–81)
mDOR months (95% CI)	–		8.3 (4.2–NR)
mPFS months (95% CI)	–		4.2 (3–4.4)
mOS months (95% CI)	–		12.1 (9.6–13.9)

Abbreviations: ORR, objective response rate; DCR, disease control rate; mDOR, median duration of response; mPFS, median progression free survival; mOS, median overall survival.

Table 2 Ongoing Clinical Trials of TV in Patients with Recurrent or Advanced Cervical Cancer

	InnovaTV 205³⁰	InnovaTV 301²⁹
Status	Active, non recruiting	Active, not recruiting
Phase	Ib/II	III
Setting	Recurrent or advanced cervical cancer	Recurrent or advanced cervical cancer
Patients enrolled	214	482
ORR (95% CI)	TV+beva 1L: 33%* TV+pembro 1L: 42%* TV+carbo 1L: 55%* TV+pembro 2L: 38%* TV+carbo+pembro+/-beva 1L: NA	NA
mDOR months (95% CI)	TV+beva 1L: – TV+pembro 1L: NR TV+carbo 1L: 8.3* TV+pembro 2L: 13.8* TV+carbo+pembro+/-beva 1L: NA	NA
mPFS months (95% CI)	–	NA
mOS months (95% CI)	–	NA

Note: *Preliminary data.

Abbreviations: ORR, objective response rate; mDOR, median duration of response; mPFS, median progression free survival; mOS, median overall survival; NR, not reached; NA, data not yet available.

Of interest, InnovaTV 205 trial showed that the most common adverse events (grade 1–2/grade ≥ 3) were ocular events (55%/3%), peripheral neuropathy (27%/12%) and bleeding events (48%/6%).³²

The onset of adverse events in this combination trial could be associated with the other drugs too.

In arm D the most common grade 1–2 adverse events were: nausea (64%), alopecia (55%), fatigue (49%), epistaxis (46%), dry eye (42%), and conjunctivitis (30%); while the most common grade 3 or worse were anaemia (39%), nausea and diarrhoea (15%), and neutropenia (12%).³¹

In arm E the most common grade 1–2 adverse events were: alopecia (58%), diarrhoea (52%), epistaxis (48%), nausea (45%), conjunctivitis (42%), and dry eye (39%); and the most common grade 3 was anaemia (12%).³¹

In arm F the most common grade 1–2 adverse events were: diarrhoea (49%), nausea (46%), and epistaxis (37%), while conjunctivitis and dry eye only 26% while the most common grade 3 was anaemia (29%).³¹

Ocular events and neuropathy are common toxicities in MMAE-containing drugs while haemorrhage is associated with TF coagulation properties and its effect on coagulation and haemostasis.

Based on the safety profile of the drug in InnovaTV 201 trial, both the drug manufacturer and FDA developed some mitigation strategies to anticipate and manage these adverse events.³³

Ocular toxicities can be anticipated with TV as TF is expressed also in the conjunctiva.³⁴

In InnovaTV 201 conjunctivitis affected 39% (grade 1–2) and 3% (grade 3) of patients¹⁴ and in the InnovaTV 204, 26% of patients had grade 1–2 conjunctivitis.²⁸

The implementation of an eye care plan in the studies was of utmost importance to reduce ocular adverse events.²⁸ Patients were instructed to administer adequate ocular premedication with steroid eye drops (prior to start treatment until 72 h after each infusion), vasoconstrictor eye drops (prior to infusion), lubricating eye drops (from the first dose to 30 days after the last TV dose). Moreover, refrigerator-based eye cooling pads were maintained throughout the infusion, and patients were instructed to avoid using contact lenses for the entire duration of the treatment.^{14,28}

These mitigation strategies revealed to be very effective in patients participating in the innovaTV 201 trial, where the percentage of grade 1–2 ocular events dropped down from 80% to 25% after the introduction of preventive measures.²⁵

In InnovaTV 204 peripheral neuropathy was reported in 42% of patients and the most common adverse events were peripheral neuropathy (10%), peripheral sensory neuropathy (9%), and peripheral motorial neuropathy (5%).²⁸

Haemorrhage occurring in 39% of patients and the most common reported were epistaxis (30%), vaginal haemorrhage (7%), and haematuria (3%).²⁸

The presence of TF in the nasal mucosa is associated with the high prevalence of epistaxis.³⁵

Discussion

Despite screening and vaccination, cervical cancer continues to be a leading cause of death worldwide. Moreover, after first-line, almost all patients with metastatic cervical cancer will recur and all the second-line available single agent chemotherapies (such as docetaxel, gemcitabine, pemetrexed, topotecan, or vinorelbine) have quite low response rates with short response duration.³⁶

To meet this high unmet clinical need, new drugs with new and different mechanism of action are required and ADCs represent, in our opinion, the most interesting class of agents in this setting.

TV is the first ADC to demonstrate remarkable clinical activity in advanced and recurrent cervical cancer by targeting TF, a receptor overexpressed in many solid cancers and related with poor outcomes.

Early clinical data on TV were reported in the innovaTV201 trial, where antitumor activity was demonstrated in patients with pretreated, advanced bladder, cervical, endometrial, esophageal, lung, and ovarian cancers, despite the fact that the trial was not designed to evaluate anticancer activity.¹⁴

The results of the phase II InnovaTV 204 trial demonstrated strong and durable antitumor activity of TV in advanced and recurrent cervical cancer with a 24% ORR, a mDOR of 8.3 months, a mPFS of 4.2 months and a mOS of 12.1 months.²⁸ Of note, the responses to TV were rapid with a median time to response of 1.4 months suggesting a possible antitumor activity within the first two cycles; moreover a reduction in tumor lesion sizes from baseline was seen in 79% of patients.²⁸

Overall, TV had a manageable safety profile: both in InnovaTV 201 and in InnovaTV 204 there was reported a limited number of grade 3 or higher adverse events and the most common all grades adverse events were peripheral neuropathy, ocular toxicity and bleeding events. Almost all epistaxis and ocular events were grade 1/2, and none required clinical intervention.^{14,28} Moreover, the frequency of ocular events, including conjunctivitis, was further reduced after the implementation of mitigation measures.²⁶

The interim analysis of the phase I/II InnovaTV 205 study showed promising activity when TV was used in combination with platinum and pembrolizumab with manageable and non overlapping toxicity profiles^{31,32} ORR was 54.5%, 40.6% and 38.3% in patients treated with first line TV + carboplatin, first line TV + pembrolizumab and second/third line TV + pembrolizumab, respectively.³¹

In the last year, the results of KEYNOTE-826 changed the paradigm of first line treatment of advanced/recurrent cervical cancer and pembrolizumab has been approved for patients with CPS ≥ 1 in combination with carboplatin-paclitaxel $\pm$ bevacizumab for advanced or recurrent, chemo-naïve, cervical cancer patients.¹¹ The anticipation in first line of immunotherapy treatment, raises the question about what treatments can be offered to immune-resistant patients in second and later lines and in this setting ADC will play a major role. In addition, patients who are not candidates for checkpoint inhibitor therapy can still benefit from TV.

Moreover, KEYNOTE-826 data prompted the addition of another arm in InnovaTV 205 trial: in the arm H previously untreated advanced or metastatic cervical cancer patients will receive the combination of TV, carboplatin, and pembrolizumab with/without bevacizumab.

The results of arm H are currently greatly expected. If this combination will demonstrate to be feasible in terms of safety and active in terms of preliminary efficacy data, it would be of interest to compare it to standard of care in the first-line setting.

Conclusion

TV appears to be an attractive therapeutic option in patients with metastatic or recurrent cervical cancer due to the advantageous reported results in terms of clinical responses and also with a modest safety profile, particularly with devices learnt to use over time.

Additional data from the ongoing clinical trials will further clarify the role of TV in the treatment algorithm both in terms of line of treatment and optimal combination partner.

Abbreviations

ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; FDA, US Food and Drug Administration; HPV, human papillomavirus; MMAE, microtubule-disrupting agent monomethyl auristatin E; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS progression free survival; PK, pharmacokinetic; PR, partial response; TF, tissue factor; TV, tisotumab vedotin; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor.

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