

DIRECT ORAL ANTICOAGULANTS IN ATYPICAL SITE VEIN THROMBOSIS: A SINGLE CENTRE EXPERIENCE FOCUSED ON CANCER PATIENTS.

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BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Atypical sites venous thromboembolism (VTE-AL) is a rare disease has an incidence of 4% in the general population with an involvement of organ-related venous districts such as portal, mesenteric, hepatic, splenic, gonadal, renal, and cerebral venous segments. The risk of VTE in patients with cancer is increased by 12-fold compared with the general population. Major clinical trials on direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs) have excluded patients with VTE-AL. We aimed to evaluate the safety and efficacy of anti-Xa DOACs in our cancer patients with VTE-AL referred to our Centre for congenital bleeding and thrombotic disorders. **METHODS:** We evaluated 7 cancer patients with VTE-AL (3 female and 4 male, median age 65,71 years) referred to our centre since April 2023 till March 2025: 3 (42.3%) with splenoportal axis thrombosis, 2 (28.5%) with inferior vena cava thrombosis, 1 (14%) renal thrombosis. 2/4 patients (45%) had oncohematological disease (Multiple Myeloma, Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma) and 5 patients (55%) had solid cancer (Renal Cancer, Ascending Colon Adenocarcinoma, Sigma

Adenocarcinoma, Pulmonary Adenocarcinoma). All patients were diagnosed with received DOACs at full or reduced doses according to the reduction criteria in the drug label.

RESULTS: All patients underwent regular oncological follow-up of 24 months. During this follow-up period, no major bleeding or further thrombotic events were observed. Minor bleeding as to ecchymosis was observed in one patient with Non-Hodgkin Lymphomashe developed anaemia undergoing chemotherapy, resulting in discontinuation of DOAC and initiation of low molecular weight heparin (LMWH)at prophylactic dose after 5 months of treatment. 5 patients (55%) resolved the thrombotic episode and continued treatment due to disease activity, while 3 patients (33%) still present thrombosis at ultrasonographic and radiographic follow-up. 1 (11%) patient died due to the progression of the cancer.

CONCLUSION: Our case series, limited because of the small sample size, shows that the use of DOACs in the management of VTE-AL in cancer patients is not associated with progression of VTE or major bleeding events.

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PATIENT	AGE (YR)	SEX	SITE OF THROMBOSIS	DISEASE	THERAPY	Hb pre DOAC	Hb post DOAC	PLT pre DOAC	PLT post DOAC
001	47	F	left renal vein	Minimolecular multiple myeloma lambda chain	Apixaban 5 mg x 2	8	12.9	314000	150000
002	65	M	inferior vena cava	Lung adenocarcinoma	Apixaban 5 mg x 2	9.9	11.1	320000	333000
003	65	M	splenic hilum vessels	Advanced renal cell carcinoma under immunotherapy	Apixaban 2.5 mg x 2	11.7	9.8	200000	135000
004	65	F	Splenic vein	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma large B-cell (DLBCL) + K breast	Edoxaban 60 mg	11.7	12.3	141000	171000
005	76	M	inferior vena cava extending to the right atrium	Hepatocarcinoma	Edoxaban 60 mg	14.4	13.3	286000	308000
006	52	F	portal vein	Sigmoid adenocarcinoma	Edoxaban 30 mg	9	9.6	143000	293000
007	90	M	portal mesenteric axis	Ascending colon adenocarcinoma	Edoxaban 30 mg	15	12.9	250000	226900