

Amivantamab-chemotherapy in NSCLC with *EGFR* exon 20 insertions: Treatment crossover analysis from PAPILLON

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Background

In PAPILLON, first-line amivantamab-chemotherapy in epidermal growth factor receptor (*EGFR*) exon 20 insertion–mutated non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC) demonstrated significantly prolonged progression-free survival and favorable overall survival over chemotherapy; consistent benefit was observed with secondary endpoints. Nevertheless, overall survival in the intention-to-treat population may underestimate the clinical benefit of amivantamab-chemotherapy because 65/155 participants crossed over per-protocol from chemotherapy to amivantamab monotherapy. Therefore, intention-to-treat–based comparisons may not fully reflect the survival advantage of amivantamab-chemotherapy for appropriate clinical application.

Method

Intravenous amivantamab was administered weekly for the first 4 weeks (1400 mg; ≥ 80 kg, 1750 mg) and every 3 weeks from Week 7 (1750 mg; ≥ 80 kg, 2100 mg). Carboplatin (area under curve 5 mg/mL/min) was administered for 4 cycles. Pemetrexed (500 mg/m²) was administered until disease progression. Time to treatment discontinuation and time to subsequent therapy were evaluated. Crossover-adjusted survival estimates were generated using established statistical methods.

Results

From December 2020 to November 2022, 308 participants with treatment-naïve, *EGFR* exon 20 insertion–mutated NSCLC were randomized (amivantamab-chemotherapy, n=153; chemotherapy, n=155). At a median follow-up of 14.9 months, median time to treatment discontinuation was 13.2 versus 7.5 months for amivantamab-chemotherapy versus chemotherapy, respectively (hazard ratio, 0.38 [95% CI, 0.28-0.51]; nominal $P < 0.0001$). Median time to subsequent therapy was 17.7 versus 9.9 months (hazard ratio, 0.35 [95% CI, 0.25-0.49]; nominal $P < 0.0001$). Compared with the intention-to-treat estimate (hazard ratio, 0.67 [95% CI, 0.42-1.09]), crossover-adjusted overall survival analyses demonstrated a more favorable benefit for amivantamab-chemotherapy versus chemotherapy, with hazard ratios ranging from 0.52 to 0.60.

Conclusion

Time to treatment discontinuation and subsequent therapy were substantially longer for amivantamab-chemotherapy versus chemotherapy. Crossover-adjusted overall survival analyses demonstrated a greater survival benefit for amivantamab-chemotherapy versus chemotherapy, further supporting amivantamab-chemotherapy as the first-line standard-of-care in *EGFR* exon 20 insertion–mutated NSCLC.