Clinical Characteristics and Pathway of Care of Breast Cancer Patients

Receiving Targeted Therapy in Hungary

Results

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Background

- In Hungary, breast cancer is the most frequent cancer and was the second most common cause of tumor-related mortality among women in 2020
- Growing collection of real-world health data enables a better understanding of cancer care pathways in diagnosis and the evaluation of treatment efficiency

Objective

Methods

- Study design: Retrospective analysis
- Data source: Datalake clinical database and itemized medication claims database of the University of Pécs
- Time period: 2010-2020
- Database contains: In-, and out-patient services of all patients examined and/or treated at the University of Pécs
- Patient identification: Patient characteristics, healthcare and medication data of patients diagnosed with breast cancer (ICD code:C50) received targeted therapy were analyzed



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- To investigate the clinical characteristics and pathways of care of patients receiving targeted therapy for breast cancer in a real-world setting in Hungary
- Research method: Descriptive statistics using software R
- We identified 263 patients with breast cancer diagnosis who received targeted therapy
- General characteristics are presented in Table 1
- During follow-up until 2020, 70 patients died
- Data were available between 2012 and 2021 for targeted therapy
- Patients treated with different targeted therapies and therapy initation are presented in Figure 1 and Figure 2

	Table 1. Patient characteristics	
Patient characteristics	n (%)/ mean±SD N=263	
Sex		
Female	262 (99.6)	
Male	1 (0.3)	
Age (at therapy initiation)	59.51±12.45	
Stage of breast cancer		
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II-IV	212 (80.6)	
Surgery		
Yes	189 (71.8)	
No	74 (28.1)	
HER2 (at diagnosis)		
Positive	187 (71.1)	
Negative	58 (22.1)	
No data	18 (6.8)	
Hormone receptor		
(ER, PR at diagnosis)		
Positive	93 (35.3)	
Negative	122 (46.4)	
No data	48 (18.3)	



Bevacizumab Trastuzumab Trastuzumab emtansine Pertuzumab Lapatinib

- The mean time from initial diagnosis to the start of targeted therapy was 259.84 (SD 437.29) days
- Mean length of therapy was 570.16 (SD 1083.68) days per patient
- Over the study period, 31 patients switched from one medication to another at least once







- The availability and analysis of real-world data contribute to optimizing the management, and consequently, health outcomes of future breast cancer patients
- Further studies are needed to analyse the impact of targeted therapies on clinical outcomes

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