

A Retrospective Evaluation of PD-L1 expression on primary non-small cell lung cancer samples and associated involved hilar or mediastinal lymph nodes (N1 or N2) (REPLICA)

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Study

Planned

Administrative details

EU PAS number

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Study ID

26468

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No

Study countries

 United Kingdom

Study description

The aim of this study is to evaluate whether there is heterogeneity of PD-L1 expression, between the primary NSCLC tumours and the associated hilar/mediastinal lymph nodes (LNs) from the same patient at the time of lung resection. Samples (primary tumour and hilar/mediastinal LNs, N1 or N2) from 500 consecutive chemotherapy naïve patients who have undergone lung resection and hilar/mediastinal lymphadenectomy for NSCLC (squamous and non-squamous cell cancer) without primary systemic treatment or Radiotherapy have been collected and will be analysed for PD-L1 expression. All tissue samples will be anonymized.

Study status

Planned

Research institutions and networks

Institutions

[Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust](#)

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Institution

[Birmingham University Hospital Birmingham, UK](#)

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Study timelines

Date when funding contract was signed

Planned: 04/09/2018

Study start date

Planned: 30/10/2018

Date of final study report

Planned: 31/07/2019

Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

More details on funding

MSD

Study protocol

[REPLICA protocol v1.0 19Jan2018.pdf](#) (702.7 KB)

Regulatory

Was the study required by a regulatory body?

No

Is the study required by a Risk Management Plan (RMP)?

Not applicable

Methodological aspects

Study type

Study type list

Study type:

Non-interventional study

Scope of the study:

Disease epidemiology

Main study objective:

To analyse the correlation of PD-L1 expression in the primary site (lung) and associated hilar/mediastinal LNs (N1 and N2) in NSCLC looking at all variables in both primary tumour and hilar/ mediastinal LN.

Study Design

Non-interventional study design

Other

Non-interventional study design, other

Retrospective Observational Study with no medicinal product involvement

Study drug and medical condition

Medical condition to be studied

Non-small cell lung cancer metastatic

Population studied

Age groups

- Adults (18 to < 46 years)
 - Adults (46 to < 65 years)
 - Adults (65 to < 75 years)
 - Adults (75 to < 85 years)
 - Adults (85 years and over)
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Estimated number of subjects

500

Study design details

Outcomes

To analyse the correlation of PD-L1 expression in the primary site (lung) and associated hilar/mediastinal LNs (N1 and N2) in NSCLC looking at all variables in both primary tumour and hilar/ mediastinal LN. Correlate the PD-L1 expression with: Histology Tumour size tumour location Predominant adenocarcinoma subtype Lymphovascular invasion Clinical characteristics age sex smoking history PET SUV data if available

Data analysis plan

Samples (primary tumour and hilar/mediastinal LNs) from 500 patients who underwent lung resection and hilar and/or mediastinal lymphadenectomy for NSCLC (squamous and non-squamous cell cancer) without primary systemic treatment or Radiotherapy will be collected and analysed for PD-L1 expression. Expression of PD-L1 will be analysed on tumour samples in both primary tumours and hilar/ mediastinal LNs using the 22C3 pharmdx DAKO assay (5). The selected blocks will be retrieved and processed using DAKO PD-L1 immunohistochemistry 22C3 pharmDx Kit. PD-L1 stained slides will be reviewed by two pathologists independently, using the recommended scoring system. For cases where there is discrepancy, the two histopathologists will review the stains jointly and the consensus score will be used for data analysis. The tumour proportion score (TPS) will be documented for each sample according to the following categories: PD-L1 negative: <1% ≥ 1-49% ≥ 50%

Data management

ENCePP Seal

The use of the ENCePP Seal has been discontinued since February 2025. The ENCePP Seal fields are retained in the display mode for transparency

but are no longer maintained.

Data sources

Data sources (types)

[Disease registry](#)

[Other](#)

Data sources (types), other

Prospective patient-based data collection

Use of a Common Data Model (CDM)

CDM mapping

No

Data quality specifications

Check conformance

Unknown

Check completeness

Unknown

Check stability

Unknown

Check logical consistency

Unknown

Data characterisation

Data characterisation conducted

No