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Association of radiomic features ± on-treatment ctDNA detection with treatment outcomes in patients with resectable NSCLC: Exploratory analyses from AEGEAN

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Background

In AEGEAN, perioperative durvalumab (D) + neoadjuvant (neoadj) chemotherapy (CT) significantly improved event-free survival (EFS) and pathological complete response (pCR) vs CT alone in patients (pts) with resectable NSCLC (R-NSCLC). In prior analyses from AEGEAN, ctDNA clearance during neoadj treatment (Tx) was associated with EFS and pCR, and radiological response after neoadj Tx in the D arm was associated with pCR. Here, we report exploratory analyses of associations between radiomic features ± on-treatment ctDNA detection with pCR and EFS.

Methods

AEGEAN is a double-blind placebo (PBO)-controlled study (NCT03800134). Pts with Tx-naïve R-NSCLC (stage II–IIIB [N2]) were randomised (1:1) to neoadj platinum-based CT + D or PBO IV (Q3W, 4 cycles), followed by D or PBO IV (Q4W, 12 cycles) after surgery (Sx). Radiological tumour assessment was based on CT scans and ctDNA analysis performed using pt-specific tumour-informed assays. Changes in radiomic features (delta energy of primary lung tumour) from screening to pre-Sx ± ctDNA detection status (i.e., positive or negative) at C3D1 were used to predict pCR and assessed via Cox regression models for associations with EFS.

Results

Of 366 mITT pts in the D arm, radiomics data were available for 235 (rBEP) of whom 111 also had ctDNA status data at C3D1 (rcBEP_C3D1). Radiomic features predicted pCR with an AUC of 0.78 and 0.82 in the rBEP and rcBEP_C3D1, respectively; radiomic features + ctDNA status predicted pCR with an AUC of 0.84 in the rcBEP_C3D1 (Table). Radiomic features were associated with EFS with C-indices of 0.668 and 0.708 in the rBEP and rcBEP_C3D1, respectively; radiomic features + ctDNA status were associated with EFS with a C-index of 0.787 in the rcBEP_C3D1. Table: LBA70

	rBEPn=235	rcBEP_C3D1n=111
Radiomic features		
pCR model, AUC (95% CI)	0.78 (0.75–0.81)	0.82 (0.78–0.86)
EFS model, C-index ± SE	0.668 ± 0.031	0.708 ± 0.041
Radiomic features + C3D1 ctDNA		
pCR model, AUC (95% CI)	–	0.84 (0.80–0.88)
EFS model, C-index ± SE	–	0.787 ± 0.035

Not shown: models using baseline clinical variables ± radiomic features ± C3D1 ctDNA status performed worse (AUC ≤0.76). AUC, area under curve; C3D1, cycle 3, day 1; C-index, concordance index; CI, confidence interval; mITT, modified intent-to-treat; pCR, pathological complete response; rBEP, radiomics biomarker evaluable population; rcBEP_C3D1, radiomics + ctDNA biomarker evaluable population at C3D1; SE, standard error.

Conclusions

In AEGEAN, radiomic features ± C3D1 ctDNA status predicted pCR and had a good association with EFS, suggesting their potential use as early-response biomarkers.

Clinical trial identification

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