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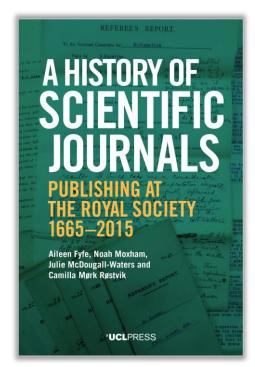
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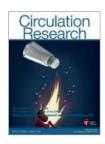


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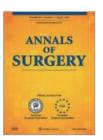
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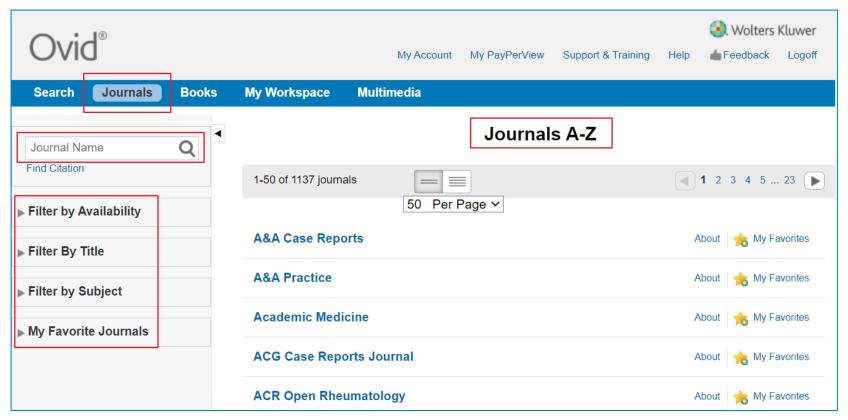


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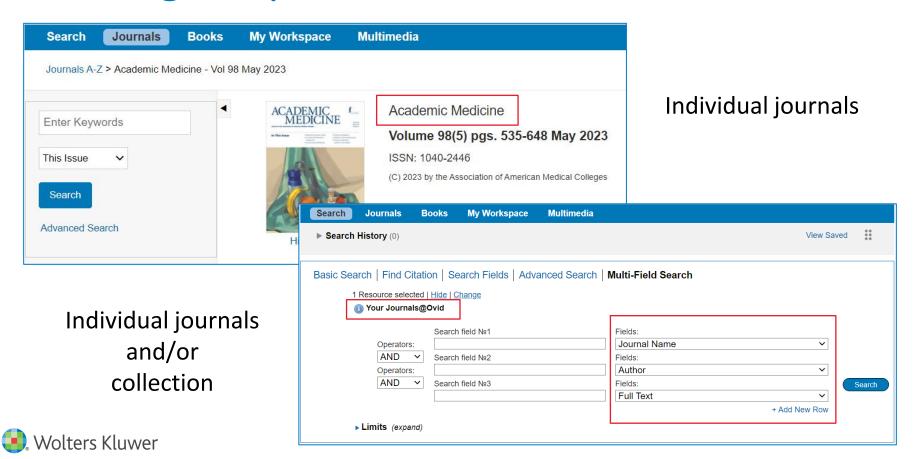
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GIRRENT Mantle cell lymphoma in patients not eligible for autologous stem cell transplantation

Igor Aurer

Mantle cell lymphoma (MCI) is a disease predominantly affecting elderly patients with bad prognosis. Recently, a number of new agents have been shown to be active in this disease. This article reviews this data from the standpoint of everyday practice.

Front-line regimens combining rituximab with CHOP, cytarabine, bendamustine or lenglidomide, frequently followed by rituximab maintenance, remain the standard. Choice depends on the aggressiveness of the disease, patient characteristics and local availability. BTK inhibitors have emerged as most important agents for the treatment of relapsed/refractory disease, but many other options exist, including rituximab, chemotherapy, immunomodulators, bortezomilo and venetoclax that can be used in combination and sequentially. In frail patients, combinations of rituximab with low-intensity chemotherapy, immunomodulators and BTK inhibitors can be useful but care must be taken to avoid additive drug toxicities and interaction.

Recent advances in treatment of MCL enable the delivery of multiple lines of therapy resulting in prolonged survival in most patients. Results of treatment of blastoid MCL with high Ki67 remain unsatisfactory and are an unmet medical need.

type with intermediate, blastoid and pleomorphic

forms with inferior prognosis, and small-cell and

marginal zone-like type forms that usually have a

more indolent course. Other important prognostic

factors are age, performance status, LDH, leukocyte

count (combined in the Mantle cell lymphoma

international prognostic index - MIPI) and rate of

Ki67 positivity [3]. The integration of MIPI with Ki67

positivity is known as the combined MIPI (MIPI-c) [4].

not completely clear. Patients whose tumors harbor

these mutations usually also have other negative

prognostic characteristics [5] and in some, but

not all series, do not respond well to standard

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The prognostic implication of p53 mutations is

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Mantle cell lymphoma (MCL) is a rare type of B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphomas (NHL), constituting annroximately 6% of all cases, usually affecting elderly men and presenting with aggressive dissemdisease and a continuous tendency to relapse [1 2]. All hough still one of the B-NHLs with worst prognosis the median overall survival (OS) increased in the last decade from around 3 years to above 5 years. Recently, a number of new agents, with relatively low toxicity have been identified to be active in MCL. This substantially not only increased the possibilities of treatment but also made therapeutic decisions more complicated. This review focuses on practical approach to elderly MCL patients, not eligible for autologous stem cell transplantation (ASCT), which is considered standard for vounger and fit patients.

PROGNOSTIC FACTORS

In MCL, disease characteristics are an important factor in deciding on the aggressiveness of treatment. Morphologic variants include the classical

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KEY POINTS

- Indolent MCL exists and needs to be recognized in order to avoid unnecessary treatment.
- Rituximab, combined with standard cytotoxic agents (CHOP, bendamustine and cytorobine) or lenglidomide remains the preferred front-line therapy option.
- BTK inhibitors are the most important and effective agents for treatment of R/R/MCL, but multiple other options exist and should be exploited in the course of

immunochemotherapy [6*]. It seems possible that different agents (e.g. bendamustine) [7] are less sensitive to the effects of p53 mutations than others (e.g. cytarabine).

MCL is staged similar to other types of NHL, Lymph node biopsy should be performed whenever feasible because Ki67 positivity cannot be reliably determined from a bone marrow biopsy. Due to frequent marrow infiltration, bone marrow biopsy is strongly recommended except in cases with lymphoma cells in the blood. In patients with clinically localized MCL, PET scanning and colonoscopy are useful in excluding asymptomatic extranodal and colon involvement, Minimal residual disease (MRD) determination in blood or marrow, by PCR using individually sequenced primers spanning the IgH rearrangement region or flow cytometry, is not recommended outside of clinical studies.

INDOLENT MANTLE CELL LYMPHOMA

At least 10% of MCL cases are indolent and do not require therapy for a longer period of time [8**]. They typically present with leukemic disease and splenomegaly, without significant lymphadenopathy. Patients are usually women, and tumor cells are usually SOX11 negative. Rare findings of in-situ mantle cell neoplasia restricted to mantle zones of hyperplastic appearing lymphoid tissue have been described [9]. Occasionally, patients with typical nodal MCL (SOX11 positive) present with indolent features. Asymptomatic patients with low-tumor mass should first be observed without treatment in order to reliably determine their need for therapy. This is even more important in frail elderly.

FRONT-LINE THERAPY

European guidelines for front-line treatment of MCL recommend bendamustine with rituximab, R-CHOP Mantle cell lymphoma in patients not eligible for ASCT Aurer

(rituximab, cyclophosphamide, dox orubicine, vincristine, steroid), VR-CAP (bortezomib, rituximab, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicine, steroid) and R-BAC (rituximab, bendamustine, cytarabine, dexamethasone) [10*]. American (NCCN) recommendations also include Vcr-CVAD (rituximab, bortezomib, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, doxorubicin and dexamethasone) and lenalidomide with rituximab [11**]. A recently described regimen not included in these recommendations is R-CHOP alternating with intermediate doses of cytarabine and rituximab (R-CHOP/R-HD-AraC) [12*], Published results of these regimens are presented in Table 1. All of them have excellent response rates, but the duration of response after less intensive regimens is suboptimal if maintenance is not used. Addition of bendamus. tine to lenalidomide with rituximab results in an increase in immune-mediated side-effects, without clear-cut improvement in efficacy, and should probably not be used outside of clinical trials [20].

Randomized studies compared R-CHOP to bendamustine with rituximab, and R-CHOP to VR-CAP [13.14], R-CHOP had inferior PFS but not OS in both. In the former study, median PFS of patients treated with R-CHOP was 22 and 35 months with bendamustine with rituximab (hazard ratio 0.49, P = 0.0044). In the latter study, median PFS was 14 months with RaCHOP and 25 months with VR-CAP (hazard ratio 0.63, P < 0.001), 4-year OS was 54 vs. 64% (P = 0.17). None included rituximab maintenance making the interpretation of this difference for everyday practice difficult.

Rituximab maintenance is proven to be beneficial after R-CHOP induction [16]. Phase II studies and the extrapolation of data from a trial performed in younger patients, suggest that the same containing regimens and Vcr-CVAD[12*,19,21**]. The role of rituximab maintenance after b containing regimens is debatable. The randomized study designed to address this question after bendamustine with rituximab has so far been presented only as an abstract with statistically insignificantly prolonged PES (median 69 months with and 57 without maintenance) and no difference in OS (66% with vs. 70% without maintenance at 6 years) [17]. There are no data on rituximab maintenance after R-BAC [15"] The seminal study [16] was designed using rituximab every 2 months until progression or unacceptable toxicity and a substantial number of patients continues with it for more than 5 years [22*]. Therefore, continuation of rituximab maintenance until progression or unacceptable toxicity, should be considered the standard of care in elderly MCL patients treated with R-CHOP or similar regimens.

In the lenalidomide plus rituximab regimen double maintenance with both agents was used

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been no comparative studies to suggest its superiority over rituximab [47]. The efficacy of thalidomide in MCL has been known for years [48], but the drug was never directly compared with lenalidomide. Thalidomide is more toxic [49], causes more severe neuropathy, has a higher risk of thromboembolism, and is therefore nowadays rarely used except in countries where lenalidomide is not available and possibly in patients with severe renal failure. There are no data on the efficacy of pomalidomide in MCL. The combination of oral arsenic trioxide, chlorambucil and ascorbic acid in R/R MCL resulted in a response rate of 49% and 16 months median PFS [50]. A combination with the PI3K inhibitor idelalisib has been tested in MCL and found to be very toxic and not very effective [51*].

As with other types of lymphoma, routine performance of radiologic studies to detect asymptomatic relapse is not useful and should be avoided [52**].

FRAIL ELDERLY

It is paramount to balance treatment efficacy and toxicity. Rituximab is generally well tolerated, but not effective as monotherapy [53]. In patients with low Ki67 and nonblastoid morphology, it is reasonable to combine it with less aggressive chemotherapy, such as lower dosed bendamustine, mini-CHOP, CVP or even chlorambucil and steroids. Alternatives include combinations of rituximab with lenalidomide or thalidomide that can sometimes, if it does not cause neuropathy, be better tolerated than the former because of less systemic and hematologic side-effects. Ibrutinib (and other BTK inhibitors) are effective and usually reasonably well tolerated, but care must be taken to adjust comedications accordingly.

None of the available treatment options show reliable prolonged activity in very aggressive blastoid disease. In that case, best supportive care, after thorough discussions with the patient and his/her family, might be an appropriate option.

CONCLUSION

MCL remains an incurable lethal disease for most patients, but the sequential use of wisely chosen options enables the majority to receive multiple lines of therapy and enjoy prolonged survival with reasonable quality of life. Both older (i.e. cytotoxic agents, rituximab and radiotherapy) and newer agents (i.e. immunomodulators, BTK, proteasome and BCL2 inhibitors) should be used in sequence or combination adapted to patient characteristics and local circumstances. Due to the continuous propensity for relapse, continuous therapy or maintenance should be preferred. Current data suggest that BTK inhibitors, possibly in combination with rituximab, should be used as early in the course of R/R disease,

Prognosis of blastoid disease with high Ki67 is still grave. This remains an unmet need, together with the treatment of multiply relapsing patients.

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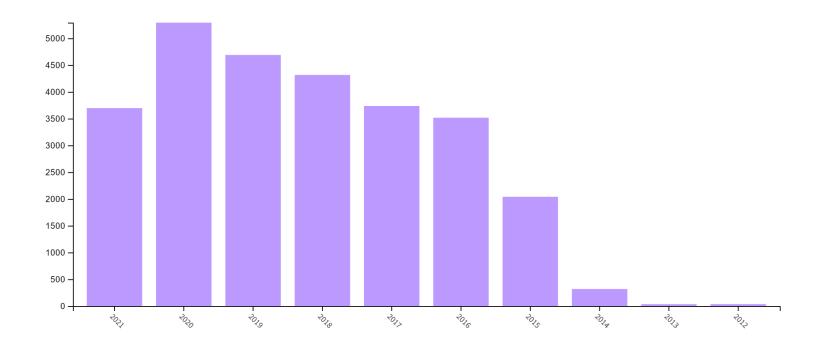


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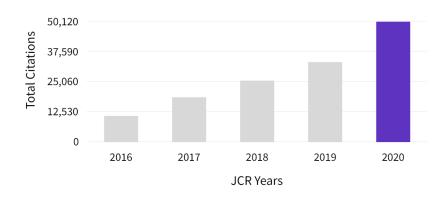
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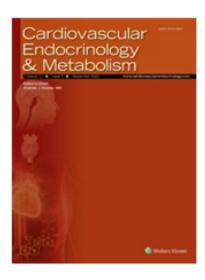


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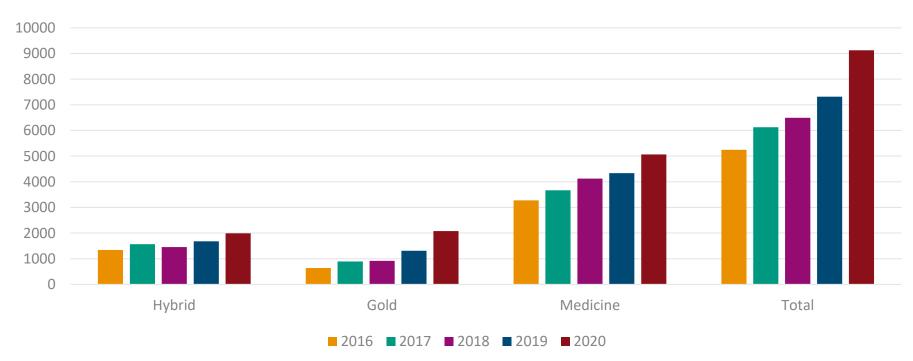
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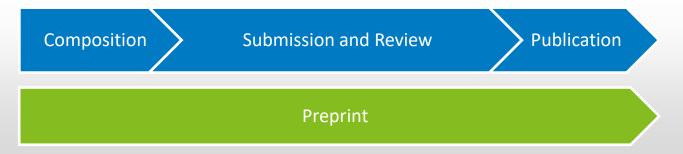


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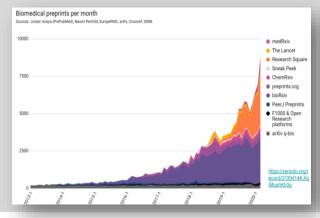


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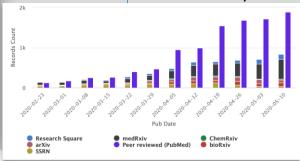
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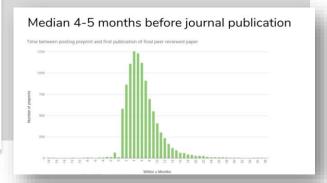
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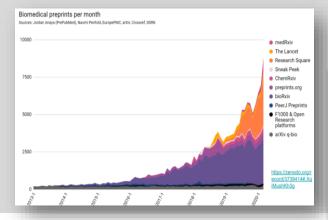


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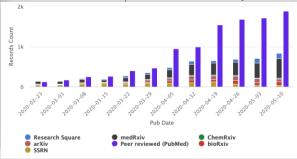
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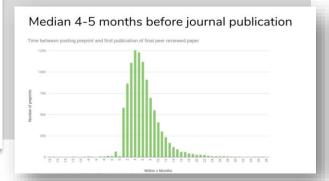
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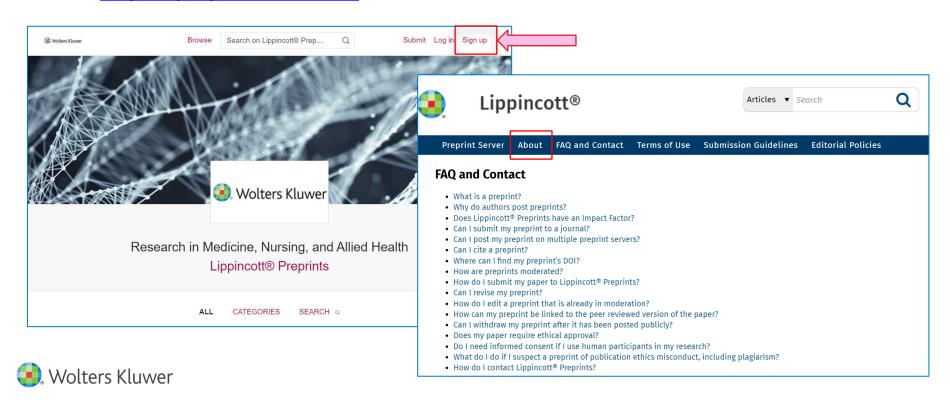
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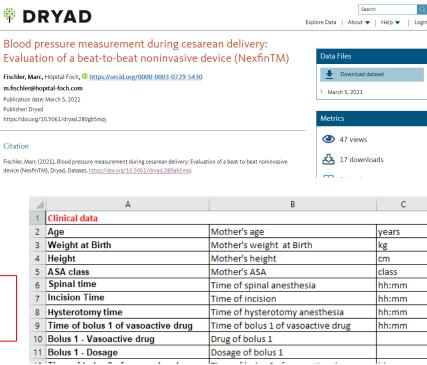




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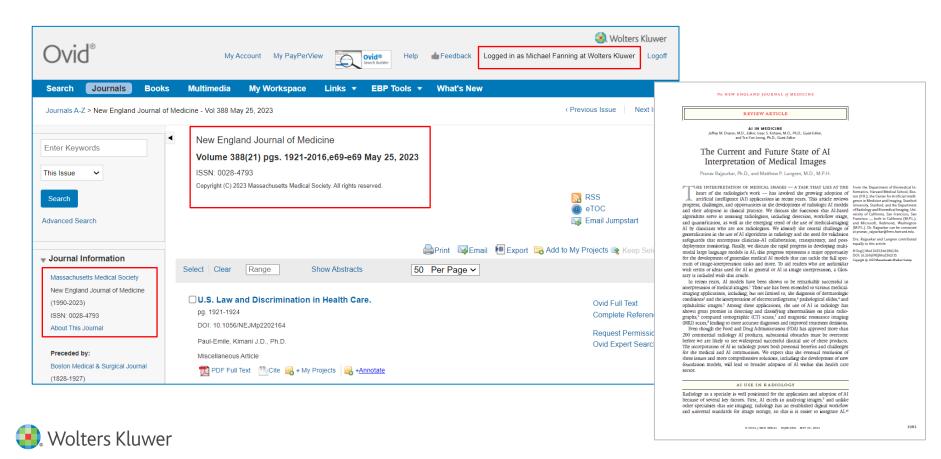
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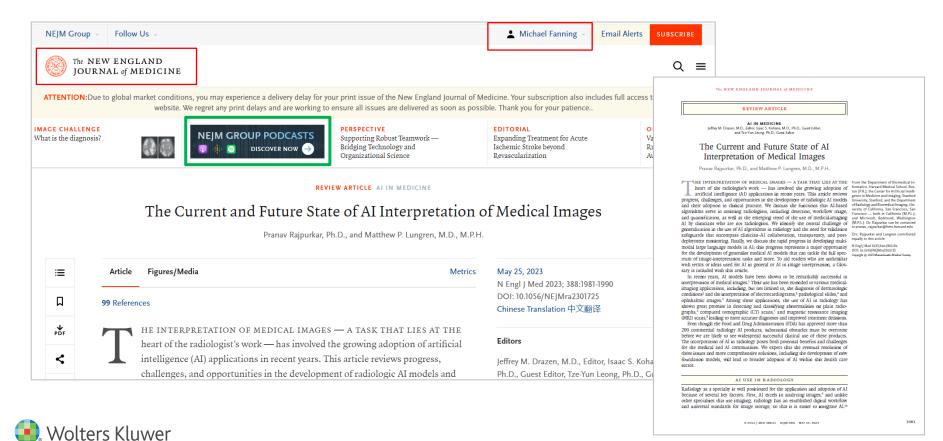
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