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A new case of translocation t(14;14)(q11;q32) in B lineage ALL

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Clinics

Age and sex 43 years old male patient.

Previous history no preleukemia ; no previous malignancy ; no inborn condition of note.

Organomegaly hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, no enlarged lymph nodes, central nervous system involvement.

Blood

WBC: 227X 10⁹/l **HB**: 5,9g/dl **Platelets**: 51X 10⁹/l **Blasts**: 12% **Bone marrow**: aspirate: 90% lymphoblast%

Cyto-Pathology Classification

Cytology LLA-L2 Immunophenotype HLA-DR+, TdT+, CD79a+, CD19+, cyCD22+, CD20+, CD10+

Rearranged Ig Tcr rearranged IGH (FISH)

Pathology not done

Electron microscopy not done Diagnosis common B-ALL

Survival

Date of diagnosis: 02-2009

Treatment: Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB) protocol Complete remission : not evaluated Treatment related death : Neutropenia and lung infection Relapse : no Status: Death. Last follow up: 03-2009 Survival: 20 days

Karyotype

Sample: Bone marrow

Culture time: 24 and 48 hours without stimulating agents

Banding: G

Results: 46,XY,t(14;14)(q11;q32.1)[20]

Karyotype at Relapse: not done

Other molecular cytogenetics technics FISH using IGH Break Apart Rearrangement Probe, Vysis

Other molecular cytogenetics results nuc ish(IGHx2)(5'IGH sep 3'IGHx1)[154/200]/ (5'IGHx2,3'IGHx1)(5'IGH con 3'IGHx1)[33/200]



G- banded partial karyotypes showing the t(14;14).



Interphase FISH shows IGH gene rearrangements (IGH Dual Color, Break Apart Rearrangement probe).

Comments

Translocation t(14;14)(q11;q32) in B lineage acute lymphoblastic leukemia was described in few cases, some of them associated with other recurrent

rearrangements such as t(4;11) and t(8;14). Lui et al, in 2004 showed IGH rearrangement in two cases, although the partner was unknown. Akasaka et al in 2007, described CEBPE involvement in a patient with B-ALL and t(14;14)(q11;q32). In 2008, Han et al showed through FISH analysis the presence of trisomy 4 as a simultaneous involvement of IGH and CEPBE genes.

The t(14;14)(q11;q32) CEBPE/IGH may be associated with good prognosis in B-ALL. In 4 cases with clinical follow-up, complete remission was achieved and those were alive at the time of report. In the case described herein, the t(14;14) was the sole anomaly, IGH rearrangement was detected but CEBPE involvement was not studied. This patient has well known bad prognostic features as high WBC count and CNS involvement and died few days after diagnosis.

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