LUPUS LOW DISEASE ACTIVITY STATE (LLDAS-50) IS A SIGNIFICANT PREDICTOR FOR DAMAGE ACCRUAL AND MORTALITY: A NORWEGIAN COHORT ANALYSIS

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Objectives: To determine whether 50% of time spent in Lupus Low Disease Activity State (LLDAS-50) impacts on mortality and damage accrual in SLE.

Methods: A retrospective analysis of prospectively collected data was conducted on 3650 clinic visits by 207 patients in the Tromsø Lupus Cohort. Lupus Low Disease Activity State – 50% (LLDASSO) score was defined as at least 50% of follow-up time with SLE Disease Activity Index (SLEDAI) ≤4, no new disease activity, prednisone ≤7.5 mg/day and no escalation of maintenance immunosuppressant therapy. Cox regression analysis was used to evaluate the impact of LLDAS50 in terms of mortality and damage development (either new or severe) by Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Clinical Criteria (SLICC)/American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Damage Index (SDI). New damage was defined as a rise in SDI by 1 from baseline whereas severe damage was defined as a rise of 3 points or more from baseline.

Results: The median age at diagnosis of the cohort was 34 years with the majority (84%) being female. The median follow-up time was 125 months. A total of 69 patients (33.5%) spent at least half of their follow up time in LLDAS, thus achieving LLDAS50. After correction for age and gender, LLDAS50 was associated with a significant reduction in the risk of having any new damage (OR 0.65; 95% CI 0.44–0.96, p<0.01), severe damage (OR 0.46; 95% CI 0.25–0.83, p<0.01), and also a reduction in mortality risk (OR 0.42; 95% CI 0.21–0.82, p<0.01). These values were also significant for patients who spent 30% or more time in LLDAS, and were also found to be significant for death (OR 0.46, 95% CI 0.26–0.83, p<0.05) but not for new damage (OR 0.92; 95% CI 0.62–1.35, p=0.67) or severe damage (OR 0.71, 95% CI 0.42–1.19, p=0.19).

Conclusions: The significant reduction in the risk of long term damage and mortality supports the use of LLDAS50 as a therapeutic goal.

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Background: The kidney is one of the most commonly involved major organ in systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). It may occur as an initial presentation at the onset of SLE and it can also present later in the course of the disease.

Objectives: To compare clinical characteristics, management, and outcomes after 12 months in patients with early-onset lupus nephritis (LN) and late-onset LN and to assess the risk factors for late-onset LN.

Methods: Patients with lupus nephritis enrolled in the Hanyang BAE Lupus Cohort were retrospectively assessed. Patients who developed LN within one year of the diagnosis of SLE (early-onset) were compared with those who developed LN more than a year later from the diagnosis of SLE (late-onset). Clinical characteristics including the features of SLE, management, and outcomes including renal responses and SLE disease activity were assessed.

Results: From 1,294 SLE patients in the Hanyang BAE Lupus Cohort, 641 (49.5%) patients had LN. Early-onset LN was observed in 469 (73.2%) and late-onset LN in 172 (26.8%). Hypertension was more frequent in early-onset LN while malar rash, discoid rash, photosensitivity, oral ulcer, arthritis, leukopenia, anti-Sm Ab, and anti-RNP Ab were more frequent in late-onset LN. Late-onset LN patients also showed lower C2 and higher activity index in renal biopsy. There was no significant difference in ISN/RPS classification and in induction therapy. SLEDAI score at onset of LN and after 12 months was similar in the two groups. Multivariate analysis identified younger age at onset, malar rash, arthritis, serositis, anti-dsDNA Ab, and anti-Sm Ab as independent risk factors for late-onset LN.

Conclusions: Early-onset LN patients showed more mucocutaneous symptoms, autoantibodies, and higher activity index in renal biopsy compared to early-onset. However, there were no differences in outcomes after 12 months. Younger age at onset, malar rash, arthritis, serositis, anti-dsDNA Ab, and anti-Sm Ab were risk factors for late-onset LN.

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Methods: Cross-sectional study. Inclusion criteria: lupus patients with and without clinical significant lupus nephritis (classes III, IV, V and mixed classes).

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Results: We included 29 lupus patients, 11 with LN. The median SLEDAI score in LN patients was of 13 vs. 3 in those without NL (p<0.0001). Class IV nephritis was present in 45%, mixed class in 36%, and class V in 18%. The median proteinuria of patients with NL was 1 g/L; (IQR 2.7). The variance explained using the first two principal components was 80%. With random forest we selected, 2 nonanone, as the metabolite with the best diagnostic accuracy, (sensitivity of 0.87 and specificity of 0.93) of proliferative LN. Obtaining the ratio of 2-bromopropane/2-nonanone, the diagnostic accuracy improved, with a positive likelihood ratio (LR) of 14 and a negative LR of 0.1 (AUC 0.90).

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DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF QUESTIONNAIRES TO ASSESS HEALTHCARE UTILISATION AND ACCESS IN COHORTS OF PATIENTS WITH PRIMARY SJÖGREN’S SYNDROME AT THE DIAGNOSIS AND DURING THE DISEASE COURSE

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Background: The geographic variation in healthcare spending, utilisation and quality, across and within countries is well documented. Part of this geographic variation is linked to differences in population health and needs. However, some of the variation may be unwarranted and driven by factors including provider discretion, availability and distribution of resources, financing and reimbursement models.

Objectives: To develop and validate an instrument a) to assess the pSS patients’ experience and satisfaction along their clinical pathway including both primary care services and specialists, b) to collect comparable information in Europe to establish practice profiles in the diagnosis, management and treatment of patients with primary Sjögren’s Syndrome (pSS).

Methods: The questionnaire consists of 32 items and collects patient-reported data on: type and intensity of treatments and services received (e.g. diagnostic testing, hospitalizations, specialist visits), costs, patients’ satisfaction with the care received and general information covering patients’ overall health, education, ethnicity and marital status. A narrative-based medicine section is also included in the questionnaire administered to newly diagnosed patients to explore their journey to pSS diagnosis. Additionally, a short questionnaire is administered to the specialists treating the pSS patients to collect data on the organisation of their clinical centres.

Results: The pilot version of the questionnaire was administered to 164 pSS patients (mean (SD) age: 60 (12.2) yrs) from 6 clinical centres. The majority of the respondents had a primary or secondary school (59%). Disease activity was significantly associated with frequency of rheumatologist visits and diagnostic tests (p<0.001). Both the total number of specialists involved in the care other than the rheumatologist and the number of treatments received in the last 12 months before the interview varies significantly among patients and across centres (p<0.001). Patients with lower education have attended on average less specialists than those with a high school or university degree (p<0.001). Construct validity was supported by the questionnaire’s ability to discriminate between groups with different levels of activity of the disease and socio-demographic characteristics.

Conclusions: Preliminary results confirm that the questionnaire is a valid instrument to assess and compare patterns of care for pSS patients in terms of access and utilisation of treatments and services across and within providers. Patient-reported data linked with available information from clinical records will allow to measure quality of care more comprehensively and to identify best practices and opportunities for improvement, enhance care outcomes, and increase value for patients. Further analysis will be conducted in other clinical centres within the European Horizon2020 project “HarmonicSS” to verify the generalizability and additional psychometric properties of the instrument before collecting data across and within countries.

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