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Abstract

Platelet derived growth factor- α (PDGFR- α) is expressed in peripheral T cell lymphoma, not otherwise specified (PTCL, NOS). Imatinib mesylate demonstrated in vitro cytotoxicity against primary PTCL, NOS cells. We initiated a trial of imatinib in 12 patients with relapsed or refractory T-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma (T-NHL). PDGFR- α expression by immunohistochemistry and fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) to assess for FIP1L1-PDGFR- α fusion and/or PDGFR- α amplification were not required for study entry. We documented no objective responses. The median progression-free survival was 21.0 days (90% confidence interval [CI] 15.0, 28.0) and median overall survival was 154 days (90% CI 35, 242). Four patients had tissue available for analysis

of PDGFR- α by immunohistochemistry and three of these patients' tumors expressed PDGFR- α . Imatinib was not effective for the treatment of peripheral T cell lymphoma in an unselected group of patients in which PDGFR- α expression was not required for study entry.

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