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Application of the next generation L-PDT with talaporfin sodium (Laserphyrin) for Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia (CIN)

We have treated more than 900 cases of CIN and uterine cervical cancer using PDT with Photofrin (P-PDT) (Sakamoto, et al. In: Cryosurgery and Colposcopy, Nova Science Publishers, p127-144, 2016). PDT is considered to be a treatment modality with higher fertility sparing capacity than cone resection as uterine preservation therapy for CIN3. P-PDT has high efficacy for CIN and has low obstetric risks such as premature delivery after P-PDT. However, the side effect of photosensitivity is strong and the hospitalization period is long, so P-PDT has not reached standard treatment. In order to investigate the safety and effectiveness of L-PDT using semiconductor laser and Laserphyrin with less half-life in blood, we started Phase I/II study of L-PDT after registration to UMIN.

Methods: After approval of the ethical committee, phase I/II study of L-PDT was performed on 43 cases of CIN2-3 with IC. Phase I study was performed to investigate safety and the optimal dose of laser irradiation. Three cases were performed for each step of 50, 75 and 100 J/cm2. Phase II study was performed to further investigate safety and effectiveness of L-PDT with recommended dose of 100 J/cm2. [Results] Intra-tumor accumulation of Laserphyrin was confirmed by Fluorescence microscopy. Dose Limiting Toxicity was not observed. The main side effects were lower abdominal pain of G1-2 and fever of G1-2. Photosensitivity of G1 within 15 days was seen only in 3/43 cases (7%). Histological disappearance of CIN2-3 was observed in 41/43, 42/43 cases at 3, 6 months after L-PDT, respectively.

Conclusion: Although temporary lower abdominal pain and fever were observed in L-PDT, photosensitivity was hardly seen unlike P-PDT, suggesting safety. CR rates 3 and 6 months after L-PDT were 95 and 98%, suggesting efficacy. These data suggested L-PDT would become the next generation PDT for CIN as uterine preservation therapy.

Clinical response of P-PDT at Kyoundo Hospital

| | Case | CR | (%) | PR | (%) | NC | (%) |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|
| Dysplasia | 347 | 345 | 99.4 | 2 | 0.6 | 0 | 0 |
| CIS | 491 | 476 | 97.1 | 14 | 2.9 | 1 | 0.2 |
| | | 485 | 98.8 | 5 | 1.0 | | |
| AIS | 10 | 10 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ICC Ia | 39 | 37 | 94.9 | 2 | 5.1 | 0 | 0 |
| ICC Ib | 2 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| EC-Ad-Ca Ia | 1 | 1 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EC-Ad-Ca Ib | 1 | 1 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIN | 28 | 22 | 78.6 | 6 | 21.4 | 0 | 0 |
| VIN | 7 | 5 | 71.4 | 2 | 28.6 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 926 | 898 | 97.0 | 25 | 2.9 | 1 | 0.1 |
| | | 897 | 97.9 | 18 | 1.9 | | |

* 4 PR cases became CR after 2nd PDT. (1989-2018)
VIN: Vaginal Intraepithelial Neoplasia, VIN: Vulvar Intraepithelial Neoplasia

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Biography

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