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Background: Human epidermal growth factor receptor (HER-2/*neu*) has been implicated in certain cancers like breast and gastric cancers. Literature on its significance in colorectal cancers is scarce. In this study, we have investigated the frequency of HER-2/*neu* expression in colorectal adenocarcinomas and its association with histological variables.

Methods: A total of 95 patients who underwent colectomies for colorectal adenocarcinoma at the institutional archives were included. Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) staining was done and all the tissue sections were examined. Expression of HER-2/*neu* was investigated by immunohistochemistry using Herceptin-2 antibody. In cases of HER-2/*neu* expression, the criteria applied for staining, intensity of staining and percentage of cells stained. The association was analyzed with clinicopathological variables including age, gender, histological type, grade and stage of the tumors. Data was entered and analyzed using SPSS version 21. A p-value of <0.05 was considered significant.

Results: From the total of 95 cases, 75 (78.9%) cases showed HER-2/*neu* expression. Patterns of HER-2/*neu* staining was significantly associated with the grade (p-value=0.030) and location of colorectal cancers (p-value=0.024). We also observed significant association between percentage of cells stained and stage (p-value=0.006).

Conclusion: HER2/*neu* is considerable expressed in colorectal adenocarcinomas in Pakistani population. Our findings suggest significant association of HER-2/*neu* expression with high grade of colorectal cancers.

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