

Irinotecan-Based Regimen as Second-Line Chemotherapy for Extensive-Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer

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Abstract

Purpose: To evaluate the efficacy and safety of irinotecan-based chemotherapy as second-line treatment for extensive-stage small cell lung cancer (SCLC).

Patients and methods: A total of 20 patients with extensive-stage SCLC were included. All patients received irinotecan-based chemotherapy as second-line treatment. The regimen consisted of irinotecan 120 mg/m² on day 1, followed by cisplatin 75 mg/m² on days 2–4.

Results: The overall response rate was 35% (7/20). The median progression-free survival (PFS) was 3.5 months (95% CI, 2.5–4.5 months). The median overall survival (OS) was 7.5 months (95% CI, 6.0–9.0 months). The most common adverse events were neutropenia (75%), nausea and vomiting (70%), and diarrhea (65%).

Patients who responded to initial chemotherapy and developed

PFS was 3.10 months in the doublet group and 2.10 months in the single-agent group ($P=0.347$) (Figure 1).

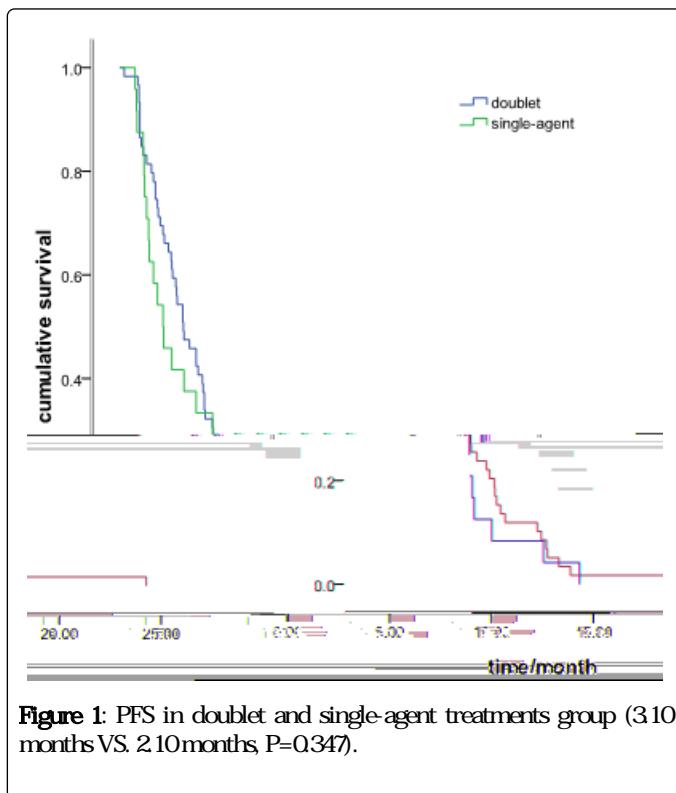


Figure 1: PFS in doublet and single-agent treatments group (3.10 months VS. 2.10months, $P=0.347$).

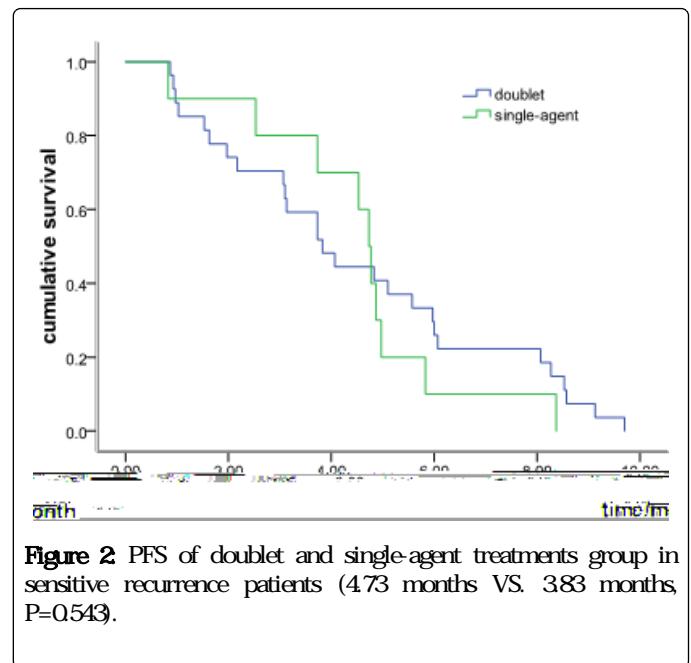


Figure 2: PFS of doublet and single-agent treatments group in sensitive recurrence patients (4.73 months VS. 3.83 months, $P=0.543$).

In the sensitive recurrence group, there were 27 patients with a doublet chemotherapy and 10 with single-agent treatment. The median PFS was 4.73 months (95% CI: 4.37-5.09) and 3.83 months (95% CI: 2.65-5.02), respectively ($P=0.543$) (Figure 2).

In the refractory recurrence group, there were 32 patients with a doublets chemotherapy and 14 with single-agent treatment. The median PFS was 2.57 months (95% CI: 2.19-2.93) and 1.40 months (95% CI: 1.13-1.64), respectively ($P=0.048$) (Figure 3). Response data for the single-agent and doublets group are shown in Table 2.

	All the patients (n=83)			Sensitive recurrence group (n=37)			Refractory recurrence group (n=59)		
	ArmA (n=24)	ArmB (n=59)	P	ArmA (n=10)	ArmB (n=27)	P	ArmA (n=14)	ArmB (n=32)	P
ÜÜÜ	ÍÁGÍD	FÍÁGHÉID	€ÉJ	IÁGIÐ	FÉCHÍÉD	€ÉÍÍ	GÁCFIÉHD	IÁGFGEÍD	€ÉÍÍ
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ÚØÜ	GÉF	HÉF	€ÉHÍÍ	HÉÍH	IÉÍH	€ÉÍIH	FÉI	GÉÍÍ	€ÉÉII
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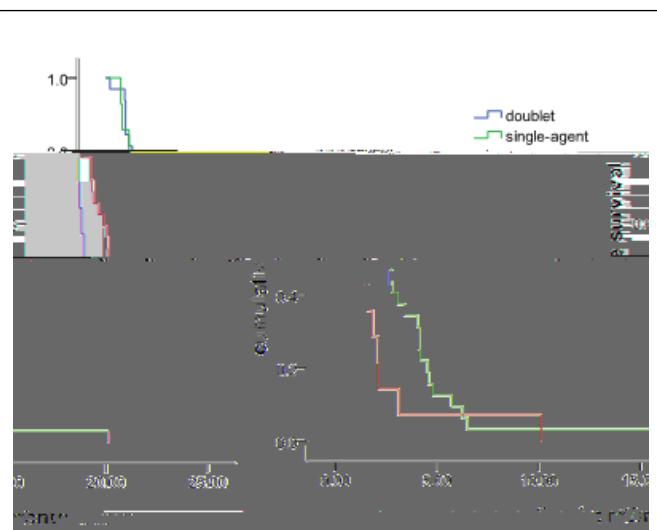


Figure 3 PFS of doublet and single-agent treatments group in the refractory recurrence patients (2.57 months VS. 1.40 months, P=0.048).

PFS	95%CI	P
doublet	0.64	0.0048
single-agent	0.64	

