

Lanreotide Autogel/Depot (LAN) Post-Octreotide Long-Acting Release (OCT) for Safe and Tolerable Treatment of Gastroenteropancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors (GEP-NETs)

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Background: The Controlled Study of Lanreotide Antiproliferative Response in Neuroendocrine Tumors (CLARINET) demonstrated LAN provides significantly prolonged progression-free survival for unresectable, well/moderately differentiated, locally advanced or metastatic GEP-NETs.¹ However, assessment of LAN after OCT treatment among GEP-NET patients is still needed. This case series measured LAN tolerability for GEP-NETs patients who had disease progression, lack of OCT tolerance, or changed therapy.

Methods: This is a retrospective chart review of GEP-NETs patients at Tufts University Medical Center who received LAN post-OCT. Information obtained included demographic data, tumor stage/grade, somatostatin analog treatment/dose, baseline/current levels of biochemical markers (chromogranin [CgA], urinary 5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid [5-HIAA, serotonin]), radiological response, and adverse events (AEs).

Results: Patients (n=15; 43-81 yrs; 5 men) with non-functional, low-grade GEP-NETs receiving OCT 30-60mg were switched to LAN. Metastatic sites, locations, grades of primary tumors, and reasons for switching are presented in Table 1. LAN started at 120mg (n=13), 90mg (n=1), or 60mg (n=1) based on renal dysfunction, and median number of LAN cycles=5.23 (range 2-10). 5-HIAA values were obtained (n=5, baseline: 3.6-8.7mg/L, post-LAN: 3.1-4.1mg/L). Both serum serotonin (<10-1280 to <10-533ng/mL) and CgA levels (7-38,200 to <5-660nmol/L; normal ≤15nmol/L) decreased. Gastrin declined (n=1; 239 to 76pg/mL; normal: ≤100pg/mL), PPP declined (n=1; 1401 to 387pg/mL; normal: 60-69 yrs: <312pg/mL), and ACTH decreased (n=1; 92 to 10pg/mL; normal: 6-50pg/mL). Concomitant therapies included chemotherapy (n=2), targeted agents (n=3), surgery (n=2), and liver-directed therapy (n=5). Radiological responses were SD (n=7), PR (n=4), PD (n=1), CR (n=1), or not reported (n=2). Treatment-related AEs included fatigue (n=3) and constipation, diarrhea, nausea, hyperglycemia (all n=1).

Conclusion: Among these post-OCT GEP-NET patients who experienced disease progression and poor OCT tolerance, LAN alone or with concomitant therapies was well tolerated. LAN was also associated with biochemical and radiological responses.

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Table 1: Tumor locations and grades, metastatic sites, and factors that resulted in changing to treatment with LAN

Location of primary tumors	Tumor grade	Metastatic sites	Reasons for changing treatment
Pancreas (n=4)	Pre-G1	Liver (n=5)	Increased serological marker, new liver lesion
Small bowel (n=3)	G1 (n=6)	Liver, mesentery	Diarrhea and abdomen pain
Gastric (n=2)	G1-2 (n=2)	Liver, right inguinal node	Progressive disease (liver)
Unknown (n=2)	G2 (n=4)	Liver, lymph node (n=2)	Cost, GI pain, nausea
Ileocecal	G3	Liver, spleen	Radiological, serological PD
Med LN	NA	Liver, spleen, bone, lung	GI upset, bone progression (stable liver)
Antrum		N/A (n=3)	Serological marker, serological progression (n=2)
Duodenum		Small bowel, peritoneal fluid (adenoma)	Intolerance, low muscle mass (anorexia)
			Patient decision (n=6)

n=1 unless otherwise indicated