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## Lung Adenocarcinoma with Neuroendocrine Differentiation: A Case Series Study

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#### Introduction

• The importance of lung cancer has arose in Taiwan, due to its increasing incidence and relatively poor outcome

	發生		
項目	男性	女性	
· 個案數(人)	7,661	5,827	個案
年齡中位數	68	65	年齡
粗率(每10萬人口)	65.37	49.30	粗率
年齡標準化率2(每10萬人口)	37.62	26.85	年齡
年齡標準化率3(每10萬人口)	43.23	29.89	年齡
性別比(年齡標準化率)	1.45	1	性別

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	死亡	個案	Age-adjusted incidence rates (per 100,000)				
項目	男性	女性	.∟. q.				
個案數(人)	5,961	3,411	Iste				
年齡中位數	73	72	uļbe				
粗率(每10萬人口)	50.86	28.86	Je-9				
年齡標準化率2(每10萬人口)	27.55	14.11	Â				
年齡標準化率3(每10萬人口)	32.82	16.45					
性別比(年齡標準化率)	2.00	1					



Year of diagnosis



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#### Introduction

- Pulmonary neuroendocrine (NE) malignancy includes two distinct categories
  - A series of neoplasms with NE light-microscopic appearance: low-grade typical carcinoid, intermediate grade atypical carcinoid, and high-grade large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma (LCNEC) & small cell lung carcinoma (SCLC)
  - Combined neuroendocrine tumor: combined SCLC or combined LCNEC
- NE differentiation can also be detected in 10~20% of NSCLC by IHC studies
- Among NSCLC, adenocarcinoma (ADC) is the most common type in Taiwan
- We are interested in adenocarcinoma with neuroendocrine differentiation's (NED) clinical features



\* LCNEC: Large Cell Neuroendocrine Carcinoma, SCLC: Small Cell Lung Carcinoma, TC: Typical Carcinoid, AC: Atypical Carcinoid, NSCLC: Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, IHC: Immunohistochemistry



#### Materials and Methods





### Results

- Age: 47~89 (mean: 69.3), male : female = 7 : 2
- TTF-1 (+): 8, synaptophysin (+): 9, chromogranin (+): 4
- Four had tested for *EGFR*➢ Wild type: 3, exon 19 deletion: 1
- Stage I (n = 4)  $\rightarrow$  operation (2 lobectomy and 2 wedge resection) without recurrence
- Stage II  $(n = 1) \rightarrow$  lobectomy and recurred 11 months later
- Stage III  $(n = 1) \rightarrow$  lobectomy + adjuvant platinum doublet, PD after 4 months
- Stage IV (n = 3)
  - ≻ Platinum doublet, PD in 6 months
  - Empirical Iressa and then loss follow-up
  - ➢ Bi-lobectomy + adjuvant platinum doublet, no PD for 13 months



Case No.	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	3	9
Age (years)	84	72	89	71	65	61	47	74	59
Gender	М	М	М	М	М	М	М	F	F
Smoking	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν	Y	Ν	Ν
Diagnostic year	2005	2011	2013	2013	2014	2017	2018	2013	2019
TTF-1	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Synaptophysin	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Chromogranin	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+
EGFR	NA	NA	Wild type	Wild type	NA	NA	Wild type	NA	Exon 19 deletion
ALK	NA	NA	NA	NA	-	+	-	NA	-
PD-L1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0%	NA	0%
Cancer stage	Ι	IV	IV	Ι	Ι	II	IV	Ι	III
First line treatment	OP	C/T	TKI	OP	OP	OP	OP + C/T	OP	OP + C/T
Death	Y	Y	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	Y	Ν
*Overall survival	71.8 months	11.0 months	46.7 months	77.6 months	65.9 months	32.1 months	17.3 months	30.7 months	7.3 months

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\*Follow-up until 2019/11/30 \*\*OP: Operation, C/T: Chemotherapy





### Results

- ADC with NED is adenocarcinoma with neuroendocrine markers (usually with one of the 3 markers: synaptophysin, chromogranin A, or CD56)
- In this case series study, we demonstrated a high positive rate of synaptophysin (9/9) in ADC with NED, while about half were chromogranin positive (4/9)





#### Case 1, HE Stain, Cribriform Pattern





#### CK7 (+)



#### Synaptophysin (+)









TTF-1 (+)

Chromogranin (+)



### Discussion

- ADC with NED is seen more often in male and smokers
  > Our study suggested the same result: male (7/9), smoker (6/9)
- ADC with NED seldom has driver mutations
  Our data showed one with *EGFR* mutation and another with *ALK*
- ADC with NED shows high positive rate of synaptophysin than chromogranin
  - We found compatible results: synaptophysin (9/9), chromogranin (4/9)











### Conclusion

- According to the 2015 WHO lung cancer classification and the 2011 IASLC/ATS/ERS lung ADC classification, NSCLC have NED is not formally recognized as a class of tumors
- Until now, there is no conclusion about its significance on prognosis
- Further studies with more cases are needed



\* WHO: World Health Organization, IASLC: International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer, ATS: American Thoracic Society, ERS: European Respiratory Society

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# Thank you for your attentions

