ABSTRACT

Background: Monoclonal antibodies plays an important role in surgical disease practice specially cancers, Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis. Monoclonal antibodies is a type of biological therapy that utilizes a person’s natural immune defense system to fight diseases. Monoclonal antibodies for cancers is essentially the stimulation of immune system via a variety of reagents such as vaccines infusion of T cells or cytokines. These reagents reacted through one of several mechanisms: 1- By stimulating the antitumor response either by increasing the number of effector cells or be production one or more soluble mediators such as lymphokines. 2- By decreasing suppressors mechanisms. 3- By altering tumor cells to increase their immunogenicity and make them more susceptible to immunological defenses. 4- By improving tolerance to cytotoxic drugs or radiotherapy such as stimulating bone marrow function with granulocyte colony stimulating factor (G-CSF). Monoclonal antibodies is a type of immunotherapy but there is another types of immunotherapy such as nonspecific immunotherapies and cancer vaccines mechanism of monoclonal antibodies in surgical disease.

Objective: This work was aimed to study the role of monoclonal antibodies in surgical disease as a new tool to surgical armamentarium.

Conclusion: It could be concluded from this study that monoclonal antibodies helps the body to fight disease and infection. Monoclonal antibodies are used to treat many types of carcinoma and cancers.

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INTRODUCTION

Monoclonal antibodies are immunoglobulin molecules (IgG, IgM, IgA, IgE) that are secreted from a population of identical cells. The commercial utility of these highly specific molecules lies in the simplicity by which large quantities of IgG or other antibodies with identical binding sites are generated by in vivo or in vitro methods (1).

Over the last decade, anti-epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) have been firmly established as essential drugs for the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer (CRC). Cetuximab and panitumumab have been approved by American and European drug agencies (2).

Monoclonal antibodies are an indispensable cornerstone of clinical oncology. Notably, all FDA-approved antibodies comprise the IgG class, although numerous research articles proposed monoclonal antibodies of the IgM, IgG, IgA and IgE classes directed specifically against tumor-associated antigens. In particular, for the IgE isotype class, several recent studies could demonstrate high tumoricidal efficacy (3).

Since their development more than 30 years ago, monoclonal antibodies have taken their place as established and effective cancer therapies. Early investigations into the effectiveness of monoclonal antibodies were disappointing: the murine origins of the first monoclonal antibodies led to host-immune reactions against them, leading to rapid clearance of the antibodies and rendering treatment possibly ineffective, and in some cases, dangerous. Since then, advances in technology, especially in the development of chimeric and humanized antibodies, have greatly improved their therapeutic applications (4).

Based on the work of Köhler and Milstein (1), who produced the first monoclonal antibody (mAb) in 1975, numerous mAbs have been approved for treatment of various diseases by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in oncology (alemtuzumab, rituximab, ofatumumab, bevacizumab), rheumatology (tocilizumab, adalimumab, golimumab), gastroenterology (infliximab, certolizumab pegol), dermatology (efalizumab, ustekinumab)
and transplant rejection prevention (daclizumab, basiliximab) (5).

Challenges still exist, however results to date have demonstrated weak activity with these agents as monotherapies, suggesting that combinations of targeted agents and other therapies will be necessary to achieve improved outcomes. Heterogeneous antigen expression, restricted penetration of the targeting agent into the tumor, limited tumor toxicity, or even resistance to the targeting agent might be some of the problems encountered in a monotherapy setting. Targeted radionuclide therapy (TRT) may be a promising way to improve targeted treatment of head and neck cancer (6).

Aim of the Work

This work was aimed to study the role of monoclonal antibodies in surgical disease as a new tool to surgical armamentarium.

Monoclonal Antibodies

Antibodies are proteins produced by an individual in response to the presence of a foreign molecule in the body. These foreign molecules are known as antigens, and they usually result from invading organisms such as bacteria, fungi or viruses. Antibodies bind to antigens and elicit a range of effector mechanisms to destroy the invading organism. Monoclonal antibodies are immunoglobulin molecules (IgG, IgM, IgA, IgE) that are secreted from a population of identical cells (i.e., cloned cells). The commercial utility of these highly specific molecules lies in the simplicity by which large quantities of IgG or other antibodies with identical binding sites are generated by in vivo or in vitro methods (7).

In 1975 Kohler and Milstein described a method for the ‘production of antibodies of predefined specificity’. This technical breakthrough allowed, for the first time, the production of antibody molecules of a single specificity which could be characterized and defined. Such monoclonal antibodies immediately became valuable research tools, and applications in the diagnosis and therapy of human disease began to be widely investigated. A second technical revolution has now arrived in the ability to manipulate antibody genes and to design and produce antibody molecules tailor-made for their application. Such redesigned antibody molecules are now rapidly becoming valuable reagents for therapy of human diseases as well as improved diagnostics and research reagents (7).

Monoclonal Antibodies in Research and Diagnostic Applications

Introduction:

Antibodies have proved to be invaluable reagents for the detection and quantitation of many types of substances both in vitro and in vivo and have, therefore, found wide application in both the research laboratory and the diagnostics industry. Many of the techniques used in these two situations are similar, and thus it is helpful to review them together. In a chapter of this length it is impossible to cover all the ways that MAbs have been used in these areas; thus the emphasis in this chapter is on applications which are particularly widely used and those which are likely to benefit most from the ability to design engineered or modified antibodies (8).

Immunoassays in diagnostics and research:

Immunoassays are carried out to detect and quantitate the presence of a particular antigen or antibody in a test fluid. The development of immunoassays began with polyclonal antiserum and thus precedes the introduction of MAbs. However, today MAbs are widely used, and many assays routinely used in, for example, hospital clinical biochemistry laboratories which rely on them. In fact, MAbs have found widespread use in laboratories of all types, in applications from drug discovery to detecting drugs of abuse in athletes and horses. In contrast to polyclonal antiserum, production of MAbs allows a potentially unlimited supply of identical reagent which can be selected from a number of different clones to have the optimal characteristics for the intended assay. For some assay formats such as radioimmunoassay, however, polyclonal antiserum remain the best reagents, as they are frequently of higher apparent affinity than MAbs (4).

Therefore, it is useful to examine the types of immunoassays to appreciate the role of monoclonal antibody reagents. Some of the properties of MAbs of interest for immunoassay development are given in Table 1 (9).

Table 1: Properties of monoclonal antibodies important for immunoassay design

Unlimited quantity of identical antibody

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Antibodies to distinct epitopes can be selected from panels of clones
Easily purified to reduce background binding
Readily digested to produce fragments with equivalent specificity
Can be produced to impure antigen
Often of lower apparent affinity than polyclonal antisera

Surgical Application of Monoclonal Antibodies

Breast cancer:
Adjuvant treatment of breast cancer: impact of monoclonal antibody therapy directed against the HER2 receptors.

The use of chemotherapy and endocrine therapies as adjuncts to the treatment of early-stage breast cancer has yielded small but significant improvements in disease-free and overall survival. Increased understanding of the role of growth factor receptors enabled the rational development of agents that are capable of modulating their function. A humanized monoclonal antibody to the HER2 receptor, trastuzumab, has demonstrable single-agent activity in metastatic breast cancer and enhances the anti-tumour effects of chemotherapy. As a consequence, trastuzumab has been tested in the adjuvant setting the results of which have been presented recently. This review briefly summarizes the use of trastuzumab in advanced breast cancer and describes recent studies of its use in the adjuvant setting. The development of trastuzumab and its application in the treatment of breast cancer is now often quoted as the paradigm for translational research. In other words, increased understanding of tumor biology is yielding more effective, less toxic, targeted therapies. The large benefits attributable to trastuzumab have not previously been seen with any other agent in the past. The challenge for the future is how to incorporate it into clinical practice for the benefit of patients.

Effects on quality of life of combined trastuzumab and chemotherapy in women with metastatic breast cancer.

After completion of chemotherapy, patients treated with trastuzumab and chemotherapy reported significant improvement in fatigue (P +ADw-. 05) as compared with their baseline scores. Higher proportions of patients receiving the combined therapy achieved improvement in global QOL (P +ADw-. 05) than did patients treated with chemotherapy alone. Higher proportions of the combined therapy group also achieved improvement in physical and role functioning and in fatigue as compared with the chemotherapy group, but the differences were not statistically significant. There were no differences in the proportions of patients in the two groups that reported worsening. Conclusion: Statistically significantly higher proportions of patients treated with a combination of trastuzumab and chemotherapy reported improved global QOL than did patients treated by chemotherapy alone.

Role of subcutaneous formulation of trastuzumab in the treatment of patients with positive breast cancer.

Agents targeting human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) represent the cornerstone of systemic treatment of patients with HER2-positive breast cancer, irrespective of the stage at presentation. Trastuzumab, monoclonal antibody against HER2, is the most commonly used anti-HER2 agent. Trastuzumab is often administered as a single agent for prolonged periods of time, and the need for repeated dosing represents a significant logistic problem. Subcutaneous formulation of trastuzumab represents a response to the challenge posed by the need for repeated dosing of the drugs. It was demonstrated in a randomized clinical trial that subcutaneous administration of trastuzumab is noninferior to intravenous delivery in terms of efficacy as well as pharmacokinetics. Moreover, prospective data from another randomized trial indicate that subcutaneous injection is preferred by the patients over intravenous administration.

Ulcerative colitis:
Tumor necrosis factor alpha blocking agents for induction of remission in ulcerative colitis (Review):

Tumor necrosis factor alpha blocking agents for treatment of active ulcerative colitis. Ulcerative colitis is a chronic relapsing inflammatory disorder of the large bowel. Although corticosteroids are effective for treating ulcerative colitis, approximately 20% of patients who respond become sick again when steroids are withdrawn and become steroid dependent. Furthermore, corticosteroids...
exhibit significant adverse effects. Tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF) is an inflammatory cytokine that is involved in the pathogenesis of rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn’s disease and psoriasis. TNF blocking drugs may provide an alternative treatment for patients who do not respond to corticosteroid and/or immunosuppressive drug treatment. This review shows that intravenous infusions of infliximab, a TNF blocking agent is effective in inducing clinical remission, promoting mucosal healing, and reducing the need for colectomy in patients with active ulcerative colitis whose disease has not responded to conventional treatment. In patients with moderate to severe ulcerative colitis whose disease is refractory to conventional treatment using corticosteroids and/or immunosuppressive agents, infliximab is effective in inducing clinical remission, inducing clinical response, promoting mucosal healing, and reducing the need for colectomy at least in the short term. Serious adverse events attributable to infliximab were not common in the included studies but physicians should be aware of and be prepared to deal with potential adverse events such as anaphylactic reactions and infections

Pancreatic cancer:
Emerging antibodies for the treatment of pancreatic cancer:
Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma cancer (PDAC) is the fourth leading cause of cancer death worldwide. Recently, two chemotherapy regimens have proven to improve median overall survival in comparison with gemcitabine. Based on better understanding of tumor molecular biology and of the role of tumor microenvironment, monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) could be an interesting and new type of targeted treatment of PDAC. After a decade of failures of targeted agents in advanced pancreatic cancer seems to see some novelties. The advancement in our knowledge of the complex biology of the tumors with the identification of relevant pathways such as NOTCH and Wnt as well as driver mutations led to the development of new therapeutic agents. Obviously, we need to expect the results from phase III trials. Therefore, the advancement in safety, identification of adequate sequence and combination of treatment options, and predictive biomarkers should be the principal research goals for the future. It is not the light at the end of the tunnel but probably it could be the real first step ahead and a new history in the treatment of this lethal malignancy

Prostate cancer:
Advances in the therapy of prostate cancer induced bone disease
Prostate cancer calls are characterized by an exquisite tropism for the bone, which translates into one of the highest rates of bone metastasis and skeletal morbidity. New effective treatments have emerged from a better understanding of the pathophysiology of bone metastasis. Prevention and treatment of bone metastases and ADT-induced bone loss is essential for the management of men with aggressive PCa. Bone metastasis and SREs are the first metastatic site and source of morbidity, respectively RANKL signalling is a key regulator for osteoclast-mediated bone destruction in both normal bone remodeling and pathologic conditions. In addition, RANKL contributes to the vicious cycle of bone destruction and tumor growth in PCa. Inhibition of RANKL using RANKL antibodies or RANK fusion proteins resulted in a prolonged inhibition of bone resorption and diminished PCa progression in bone in postmenopausal women and a preclinical animal model, respectively. Recently, a multicenter randomized open label active controlled phase 2 study demonstrated that denosumab a fully human monoclonal antibody against RANKL reduced the incidence of SREs. In a study done to summarize current insights and future perspectives in the therapy of prostate cancer -induced bone disease. Showed that denosumab reduced skeletal related events in patients with bone metastasis from prostate cancer. In addition, the potential rule of denosumab in the management of treatment induced bone loss and the prevention of bone metastasis is currently under investigations

Colorectal cancer:
Epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) inhibitors for metastatic colorectal cancer (Review)
Bowel (colorectal) cancer is the third most common cancer worldwide. The International Agency for Research on Cancer estimated a crude colorectal cancer incidence rate of 1,361,000 in 2012 (with 694,000 deaths), with 55% of cases occurring in high-income countries. Although improvements
in treatment, particularly over the last 10 years, have brought significant improvements in survival, metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC) remains a major cause of morbidity and mortality. Epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) inhibitors prevent cell growth and have shown benefit in the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer, whether used as single agents or in combination with chemotherapy. Clear benefit has been shown in trials of EGFR monoclonal antibodies (EGFR mAb) but not EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitors (EGFR TKI). However, there is ongoing debate as to which patient populations gain maximum benefit from EGFR inhibition and where they should be used in the metastatic colorectal cancer treatment paradigm to maximize efficacy and minimize toxicity (17).

Comparing EGFR MAb to bevacizumab in combination with standard therapy in KRAS exon 2 wildtype (WT) populations, progression-free survival and overall survival are not improved, but tumour response rate is increased. The odds of overall grade 3 to 4 toxicity are increased with EGFR MAb compared with bevacizumab. In practice, this does not change the treatment paradigm in a country where both EGFR MAb and bevacizumab are available without restriction. In the RASWT population, one is usually used in the first line in combination with chemotherapy, and the other is used in combination with another chemotherapy on progression (e.g. FOLFIRI with cetuximab first line, then FOLFOX with bevacizumab second line, or FOLFIRI with bevacizumab first line, then FOLFOX with cetuximab second line). The choice of line in which EGFR MAb is used, and the chemotherapy partner it is used with, remain up to clinician preference at this point given the lack of definitive evidence showing that choice of oxaliplatin or irinotecan affects EGFR MAb efficacy (17).

Considering the other areas of investigation, there is no evidence that either EGFR mAb vacizumab is superior in combination with chemotherapy. A full discussion of sequencing of the agents for optimal benefit is again outside the bounds of this review. Nevertheless, assuming that the agents are of equal cost, there is no evidence to support restriction of EGFR MAb to a particular line of therapy or bind its provision to prior bevacizumab exposure (or lack thereof).

However, it is clear that the addition of EGFR-I to the combination of chemotherapy and bevacizumab in people with KRAS exon 2 WT metastatic colorectal cancer does not improve progression-free survival, overall survival, or tumour response rate but does increase rates of toxicity (overall grade 3 to 4 toxicity, grade 3 to 4 diarrhoea and rash) and may cause harm. The use of EGFR MAb in addition to the combination of chemotherapy and bevacizumab is therefore not supported by the current data. Similarly, there is current evidence to support the use of EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitors in metastatic colorectal cancer (whether in KRAS WT or MT populations), and their use should remain investigational at present (17).

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Monoclonal antibodies are immunoglobulin molecules (IgG, IgM, IgA, IgE) that are secreted from a population of identical cells. The commercial utility of these highly specific molecules lies in the simplicity by which large quantities of IgG or other antibodies with identical binding sites are generated by in vivo or in vitro methods (1). The generation of human mAbs is often desirable for clinical applications. This is because murine antibodies are recognised as foreign when administered to humans and therefore elicit an immune response directed against the administered MAb: a human anti-mouse antibody response or HAMA. This prevents repeat administration of MAb as the HAMA results in formation of immune complexes which are rapidly cleared, rendering the antibody ineffective. In addition, HAMA responses may result in adverse reactions by the patient such as allergic reactions, hepatic dysfunction and in some cases anaphylactic shock. Attempts to overcome this problem have driven much research both in reconstructing rodent antibodies by genetic engineering and in attempts to generate human MAbs. Human antibodies may also be advantageous in that they are compatible with human effector mechanisms such as complement and ADCC which are often not fully activated by rodent antibodies (18).

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Conclusion
It could be concluded from this study that monoclonal antibodies helps the body to fight disease and infection. Monoclonal antibodies are used to treat many types of carcinoma and cancers. That are minimize risk of spreading such as Crohn’s Disease and ulcerative colitis monoclonal antibodies also can lessen the side effects from other cancers treatments such as chemotherapy and also concluded that monoclonal antibodies may be given after surgery either alone or as an adjuvant therapy in combination with chemotherapy and radiotherapy monoclonal antibodies are usually given be intravenous. It may also be used to minimize the side effects often caused by chemotherapy and radiation therapy. monoclonal antibodies are also used by itself to treat cancers but they are most often used along with or after another type of treatment to post its effects lastly we can concluded that the future of monoclonal antibodies are used armenterum of surgical interventions. Surgical applications of monoclonal antibodies available and has been the subject of many studies which support its effects however, the cost of these monoclonal antibodies is high. And there is a risk of systemic reaction as a result of this limitation scientists have tried to modify the monoclonal antibodies uses in surgical applications to lower this allergiencty.
and increase their immunogenicity. In this way lower doses of less reactive allergens could induce tolerance with much lower incidence of side effects and perhaps greater convenience. Finally, monoclonal antibodies have good roles in recent clinical research, diagnosis and treatment of surgical disease.

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