



RISK OF MULTIPLE PRIMARY NEOPLASMS AND IMPACT ON SURVIVAL OF PERSON LIVING WITH HIV (PLWH)

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Introduction/Summary

PLWH are diagnosed with cancer, both AIDS-defining (ADC) and Non-AIDS-defining (NADC), at an increased rate over the general population. Expanding ART use and standardized cancer treatment protocols dramatically increased life expectancy, increasing the number of cancer survivors, who are at high risk of other primary neoplasms. Proportion of multiple primary cancers in PLWH has been recently reported about 14-18%, close to that observed in the general population. Aims of this study were to investigate frequency, incidence rates and possible risk factors for multiple primary cancers in PLWH and to examine survival probability according to the number of cancer diagnoses (1, >=2).

Study design and Methods

Patients (pts) in ICONA Foundation cohort enrolled between 1997 and 2019 were analyzed for relative frequencies of first or subsequent primary cancer diagnosed till 9 years before first HIV test. Comparisons of patients' characteristics between the group with single diagnosis and the group with multiple diagnosis were made using Mann-Whitney for continuous parameters and Chi square test for categorical variables. Poisson regression was used to investigate factors recorded at first cancer associated with the onset of a second diagnosis. Weighted Cox regression was used to estimate causal HR of death for patients with a second diagnosis of cancers (time-varying exposure), adjusting for the main confounders (age, gender, HCV/HBV/CMV coinfection at baseline and time-varying CD4, CD4/CD8 ratio, HIVRNA and virus-related first cancer). Baseline of this analysis was the date of first cancer.

TABLE 1. MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

Variables measured at first diagnosis	Overall n = 1177	Single cancer n = 1116	>=2 cancers n = 61	p - value
Female gender, n(%)	294 (25.0%)	94.8%	5.2%	0.401
Age, yrs, median (IQR)	45 (37-54)	276 (24.7%)	18 (29.5%)	0.892
Nationality, n(%)				
Italian	1041 (88.5%)	988 (88.5%)	53 (86.9%)	0.696
Not Italian	136 (11.6%)	128 (11.5%)	8 (13.1%)	
Years from first HIV test to diagnosis, median (IQR)	1.3 (0.04-8.5)	1.3 (0.04-8.5)	0.9 (0.04 - 10.4)	0.635
Smoke				
No	570 (48.4%)	542 (48.6%)	28 (45.9%)	0.864
Yes	463 (39.3%)	437 (39.2%)	26 (42.6%)	
not known	144 (12.2%)	137 (12.3%)	7 (11.5%)	
Alcohol				
No	405 (34.4%)	388 (34.8%)	17 (27.9%)	0.083
Yes occasionally	190 (16.1%)	186 (16.7%)	4 (6.6%)	
Yes regularly	69 (5.9%)	65 (5.8%)	4 (6.6%)	
Abuse	21 (1.8%)	20 (1.8%)	1 (1.6%)	
not known	492 (41.8%)	457 (41.0%)	35 (57.4%)	
BMI				
<18.5	65 (8.1%)	59 (7.7%)	6 (15.8%)	0.138
18.5-25	502 (62.4%)	480 (62.6%)	22 (57.9%)	
25-30	191 (23.7%)	181 (23.6%)	10 (26.3%)	
30+	47 (5.8%)	47 (6.1%)	0	
Drug abuse				
No	1164 (98.9%)	1105 (99.0%)	59 (96.7%)	0.095
Yes	13 (1.1%)	11 (1.0%)	2 (3.3%)	
Mode of HIV transmission				
heterosexual	481 (40.9%)	460 (41.2%)	21 (34.4%)	0.081
IDU	214 (18.2%)	196 (17.6%)	18 (29.5%)	
MSM	395 (33.6%)	379 (34.0%)	16 (26.2%)	
Other/unknown	87 (7.4%)	81 (7.3%)	6 (9.8%)	
HCV co-infection				
Negative	746 (63.4%)	722 (64.7%)	24 (39.3%)	<0.001
Positive	236 (20.0%)	220 (19.7%)	16 (26.2%)	
not known	195 (16.6%)	174 (15.6%)	21 (34.4%)	
HBV co-infection				
Negative	910 (77.3%)	874 (78.3%)	36 (59.0%)	0.001
Positive	63 (5.3%)	59 (5.3%)	4 (6.6%)	
not known	204 (17.3%)	183 (16.4%)	21 (34.4%)	
CD4 cell/mmc, median (IQR)	300 (103-553)	304 (105-554)	178 (58 - 521)	0.081
<200	366 (31.1%)	344 (30.8%)	22 (6.1%)	0.097
200-351	156 (13.2%)	149 (13.4%)	7 (11.5%)	
350+	418 (35.6%)	404 (36.2%)	14 (23.0%)	
Missing	237 (20.1%)	219 (19.6%)	18 (29.5%)	
HIV-RNA, copies/mL				
<=200 copie/mL	394 (33.5%)	383 (34.3%)	11 (18.0%)	0.013
>200 copie/mL	531 (45.1%)	501 (44.9%)	30 (49.2%)	
Missing	252 (21.4%)	233 (20.8%)	20 (32.8%)	
Nadir CD4, median (IQR)	178 (51-319)	181 (51-320)	135 (48 - 261)	0.148
<200	528 (44.9%)	501 (44.9%)	27 (44.3%)	0.146
200+	442 (37.6%)	424 (38.0%)	18 (29.5%)	
Missing	207 (17.6%)	191 (17.1%)	16 (26.2%)	
CD4/CD8 ratio				
<0.30	287 (24.4%)	273 (24.5%)	14 (23.0%)	0.460
0.30-0.45	104 (8.8%)	98 (8.8%)	6 (9.8%)	
0.45-1.00	196 (16.7%)	187 (16.8%)	9 (14.8%)	
1.00+	80 (6.8%)	79 (7.1%)	1 (1.6%)	
Missing	510 (43.3%)	479 (42.9%)	31 (50.8%)	
cART exposure				
Naive	772 (65.8%)	429 (65.3%)	43 (70.5%)	0.408
Experienced	405 (34.4%)	387 (34.7%)	18 (29.5%)	
Missing	0	0	0	
Calendar year of diagnosis, median (IQR)	2011 (2004-2015)	2011 (2004-2015)	2004 (2000-2012)	<0.001
Type of cancer				
AIDS-related	635 (54.0%)	604 (54.1%)	31 (50.8%)	0.614
Non AIDS-related	542 (46.0%)	512 (45.9%)	30 (49.2%)	
Type of cancer				
Virus-related	789 (67.0%)	747 (66.9%)	42 (68.9%)	0.756
Not virus-related	388 (33.0%)	369 (33.1%)	19 (31.2%)	

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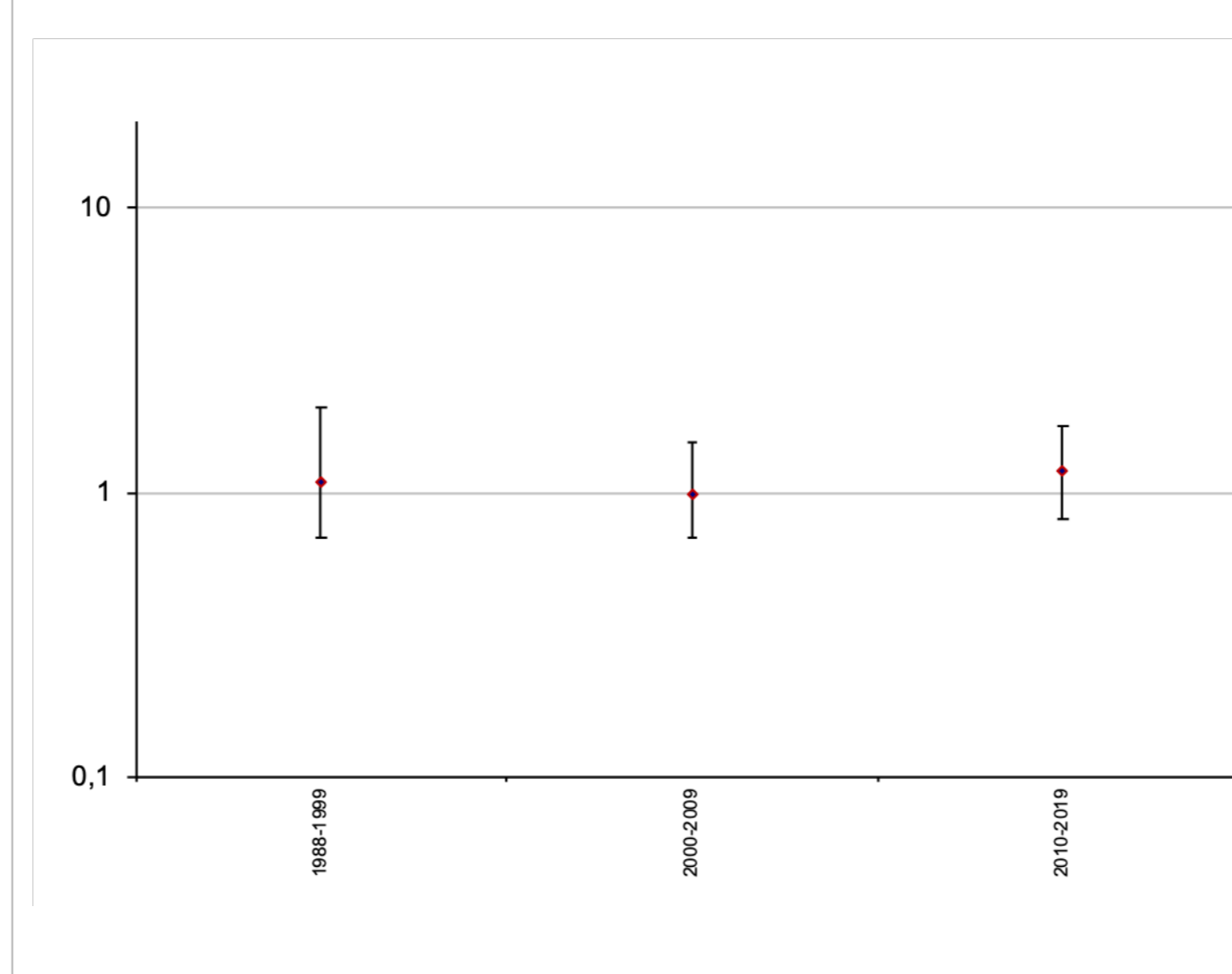
Results

Among 1177 patients with cancer we identified 1116 (94,8%) with single and 61 (5,2%) with a second cancers; only one of 61 had a third primary cancer. Out of the population study, 294 (25%) were female and median age was 45 years. (see table 1). Follow up median duration from first cancer diagnosis was 3.2 (0.9-7.3) years, 3.0 (0.9-7.1) for single and 6.9 (1.4-13.6) for multiples cancers.

Results of 2

Incidence of multiple cancers was 1.1 per 100 PYFU (95%CI 0.8-1.4) (1988-1999 IR 1.1, 2000-2009 IR 1.0, 2010-2019 IR 1.2) (See figure 1).

FIGURE 1. INCIDENCE OF MULTIPLE CANCERS



Kaposi sarcoma, Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and Hodgkin Lymphoma were the 3 more common first neoplasm in the two groups (59.8%, 34.6% and 13.3% in single and 54.8%, 41.9% and 16.7% in multiple, respectively).

TABLE 2. TYPES OF CANCER

TYPES OF CANCER	SINGLE	MULTIPLES		
		1* diagnosis N=61	2* diagnosis N=61	3* diagnosis N=1
AIDS-related	N=604	N=31	N=26	N=1
LNH	209 (34.6%)	13 (41.9%)	18 (69.2%)	
Kaposi sarcoma	361 (59.8%)	17 (54.8%)	5 (19.2%)	1 (100%)
invasive cervical cancer	34 (5.6%)	1 (3.2%)	3 (11.5%)	
non-AIDS related	N=512	N=30	N=35	
LH	68 (13.3%)	5 (16.7%)	2 (5.7%)	
lung	61 (11.7%)	1 (3.2%)	5 (14.3%)	
cervical dysplasia/in situ cancer	50 (9.8%)	5 (16.7%)		
kidney and urinary tract	38 (7.4%)	3 (10.0%)	2 (5.7%)	
breast	37 (7.2%)		2 (5.7%)	
head and neck	36 (7.0%)	1 (3.3%)	5 (14.3%)	
uterus	24 (4.7%)	3 (10.0%)		
liver	25 (4.9%)	1 (3.3%)	5 (14.3%) (2HCC)	
prostate	23 (4.5%)			
anus	21 (4.1%)	1 (3.3%)	3 (8.6%)	
colon	18 (3.5%)	1 (3.3%)		
melanoma	16 (3.1%)	1 (3.3%)	1 (2.9%)	
rectum	14 (2.7%)	1 (3.3%)	1 (2.9%)	
testicles	13 (2.5%)	3 (10.0%)		
pancreas	11 (2.1%)		2 (5.7%)	
other gynecological	9 (1.8%)	1 (3.3%)	1 (2.9%) (vulva)	
leukemia (limphoid or myeloid)	6 (1.2%)	1 (3.3%)		
thyroid	7 (1.4%)		2 (5.7%)	
esophagus/stomach	12 (2.3%)		1 (2.9%)	
lip and mouth	4 (0.8%)	1 (3.3%)		
SNC	4 (0.8%)			
myeloma	2 (0.4%)	1 (3.3%)		
biliary tract	3 (0.6%)			
bone	2 (0.4%)			
connective tissue	1 (0.2%)		1 (2.9%)	
other	7 (1.4%)	1 (3.3%)	2 (5.7%)	

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RISK FACTORS

Comparing pts with single cancer vs those with multiple diagnoses (Table 1) HCV coinfection (20% vs 26%) and HIV RNA>200 cp/mL (45% vs 49%) were more frequent in multiple cancers group. At multivariable Poisson regression, HCV coinfection, older age and CD4<200 mmc were associated with higher probability of a subsequent diagnosis of cancer. (See table 3).

TABLE 3. FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH MULTIPLE CANCERS AT MULTIVARIABLES ANALYSIS

Variables measured at first diagnosis	IRR	95%CI	p	Adj IRR	95%CI	p
Female gender vs male	0.96	0.55 - 1.66	0.878	1.05	0.58 - 1.89	0.882
Age, per 10 yrs older	1.26	1.02 - 1.56	0.036	1.36	1.08 - 1.71	0.008
Nationality, n(%)						
Italian	1.00			1.00		
Migrants	1.37	0.65 - 2.87	0.411	1.68	0.76 - 3.71	0.197
Years from first HIV test to diagnosis, per 1 year more	1.01	0.97 - 1.05	0.683			
Smoke						
No	1.00					
Yes	1.04	0.61 - 1.78	0.882			
unknown	1.21	0.53 - 2.77	0.654			
Alcohol						
No	1.00					
Yes occasionally	0.50	0.17 - 1.49	0.214			
Yes regularly	1.57	0.53 - 4.67	0.417			
Abuse	1.07	0.14 - 8.06	0.946			
unknown	1.36	0.76 - 2.42	0.302			
BMI						
<18.5	1.92	0.73 - 5.08	0.187	2.16	0.80 - 5.85	0.129
18.5-25	1.00			1.00		
25+	1.01	0.48 - 2.14	0.970	1.18	0.54 - 2.56	0.681
unknown	1.46	0.82 - 2.61	0.198	1.31	0.60 - 2.84	0.501
Drug abuse						
No	1.00					
Yes	2.54	0.62 - 10.40	0.195			
Mode of HIV transmission						
heterosexual	1.00					
IDU	1.84	0.98 - 3.45	0.058			
MSM	1.02	0.53 - 1.95	0.953			
Other/unknown	2.07	0.84 - 5.13	0.116			
HCV co-infection						
Negative	1.00			1.00		
Positive	1.97	1.05 - 3.71	0.035	2.42	1.25 - 4.70	0.009
unknown	2.69	1.50 - 4.83	0.001	1.96	0.61 - 6.27	0.257
HBV co-infection						
Negative	1.00			1.00		
Positive	1.95	0.70 - 5.49	0.203	1.88	0.66 - 5.33	0.236
unknown	2.27	1.33 - 3.89	0.003	1.84	0.58 - 5.84	0.304
CD4 cell/mmc						
<200	2.21	1.13 - 4.33	0.020	2.01	0.92 - 4.40	0.079
200-351	1.54	0.62 - 3.81	0.354	1.24	0.46 - 3.33	0.669
350+	1.00			1.00		
unknown	1.76	0.88 - 3.55	0.111	0.97	0.17 - 5.61	0.970
HIV-RNA, copies/mL						
<=200 copie/mL	1.00			1.00		
>200 copie/mL	1.60	0.80 - 3.20	0.180	1.36	0.61 - 3.04	0.450
unknown	1.66	0.79 - 3.46	0.178	1.17	0.24 - 5.70	0.844
Nadir CD4						
200+	1.00					