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predictive performance of FMT efficacy in CD. The combination of them will better serve the clinical decision-making. ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT1793831.

IDDF2021-ABS-0093 ANALYSIS OF THALIDOMIDE ASSOCIATED PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY IN PATIENTS WITH CROHN'S DISEASE

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Background Crohn's disease (CD) is an incurable chronic non-specific inflammatory bowel disease associated with environmental, genetic, infectious and immune factors. A previous study has shown that thalidomide alleviates symptoms and signs of children and adolescents with CD. But it is limited by thalidomide-induced peripheral neuropathy.

Methods Recruited were patients paying consecutive visits for refractory and active CD at the Sixth Affiliated Hospital, Sun Yat-sen University, between August 2016 and November 2021. We evaluated the peripheral nerve symptoms and EMG.

Results 69 patients were recruited in this study; among them, 31 patients had peripheral neuropathy symptoms and 24 were EMG positive. But of the 38 asymptomatic patients, 20 remained EMG positive. Of these 44 patients with peripheral neuropathy, 30 had mild impairment, 13 had moderate impairment, and one had severe impairment. 42 patients had sensory neuropathy, 1 patient had motor neuropathy, and 1 patient had both

Peripheral neuropathy-free patients were found in 17 of 52 patients who received thalidomide for 1 year. After discontinuation of thalidomide, 25.53% had complete response, 53.19% had partial response and 21.28% had no response. About 3.91 months later, peripheral neurological symptoms began to show relief.

Conclusions Peripheral neuropathy is common in patients with inflammatory bowel disease, but is generally mild and tolerable, with predominantly sensory nerve damage. Peripheral neuropathy should be monitored by electromyography during thalidomide administration.

IDDF2021-ABS-0100 PRIORITIZATION ON WHOLE-SLIDE IMAGES OF CLINICAL GASTRIC CARCINOMA BIOPSIES THROUGH A WEAKLY SUPERVISED AND ANNOTATION-FREE SYSTEM

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Background Recent advances in digital pathology and artificial intelligence provided the potential for the development of robust clinical diagnostic tools to support pathologists. With a worldwide shortage of pathologists and increased cancer screening programs, digital pathology is expected to grow and will revolutionize the workflow of pathologists. However, the development is hindered by the time-consuming whole slide imaging (WSI) annotation process during model training and lack of experience in integration into clinical workflow. This study aims to target these issues by developing a weakly supervised and annotation-free system to triage suspicious gastric carcinoma biopsies.

Methods We digitized 965 (2795 images) gastric biopsy cases from Prince of Wales Hospital, including 648 (2062 images), 192 (576 images) and 125 (157 images) cases for model development and as first and second external validation sets respectively to evaluate model performance. A neural network-based binary classifier for cancer detection was trained using 41 averaged cellular features generated from WSI and case diagnostic labels. Accuracy and AUC were measured for model performance. To evaluate our model to carcinoma case prioritization, another 90 cases (122 images) were digitized. 16 pathologists from 4 centers were recruited for a randomized study to review these cases in a simulated clinical workflow, with and without the assistance of our system. The final diagnosis was compared to ground truth and time spend per case was measured to demonstrate the clinical utility of triage.

Results We developed a weakly supervised system (GastroFLOW), achieving the accuracy of 78-83% and AUC of 0.92-0.95 on external validation sets, which can skip 69-78% of the non-carcinoma cases while retaining 100% sensitivity. In a simulated pathology clinical setting, GastroFLOW prioritized all CA cases forward. Moreover, 52.29-54.79% time was saved from viewing all non-carcinoma cases as compared with random scenarios (IDDF2021-ABS-0100 Figure 1).

Conclusions In summary, we developed a clinical decision support tool from annotation-free WSI, based on automatically generated cellular features for gastric carcinoma. GastroFLOW

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