
Incidence and risk of xerosis with targeted anticancer therapies

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Background: Many targeted therapies used in the treatment of cancer can lead to the development of xerosis, but the incidence and relative risk of xerosis have not been ascertained.

Objective: We conducted a systematic review and metaanalysis of clinical trials, to ascertain the incidence and risk of developing xerosis after taking anticancer drugs.

Methods: The PubMed (1966-October 2013), Web of Science (January 1998-October 2013), and American Society of Clinical Oncology abstracts (2004-2013) databases were searched for clinical trials of 58 targeted agents. Results were calculated using random or fixed effects models.

Results: The incidences of all- and high-grade xerosis were 17.9% (95% confidence interval [CI]: 15.6-20.4%) and 1.0% (95% CI: 0.9-1.5%), respectively. The risk of developing all-grade xerosis was 2.99 (95% CI: 2.0-4.3), and it varied across different drugs ($P < .001$).

Limitations: The reporting of xerosis may vary among clinicians and institutions, and the incidence may be affected by age, concomitant medications, comorbidities, and underlying malignancies or skin conditions.

Conclusion: Patients receiving targeted therapies have a significant risk of developing xerosis. Patients should be counseled and treated early for this symptom to prevent suboptimal dosing and quality of life impairment. (J Am Acad Dermatol 2015;72:656-67.)

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Targeted therapies have improved survival in numerous cancer patients because of their ability to inhibit specific pathways essential for tumor growth and survival.^{1,2} Because of this

selective pharmacologic action, targeted therapies have a more favorable systemic toxicity profile than conventional cytotoxic chemotherapies.^{3,4} The signaling pathways inhibited, however, are also

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essential for cutaneous homeostasis and functioning. Consequently, these agents lead to the development of unique dermatologic adverse events (dAEs).⁵ With improved survival rates and the increasing use of targeted therapies, dAEs are now at the forefront for many patients,⁶ and dermatologists have a greater role in the health care teams of patients with cancer.

The dAEs of targeted therapies, while usually not life threatening, are common and may result in interruptions or the discontinuation of life-saving anticancer therapy.⁷ Whereas toxicities such as acneiform rash, paronychia, and hair changes have received considerable attention, the incidence and characteristics of xerosis have not been systematically ascertained. In oncologic clinical trials of epidermal growth factor receptor inhibitors (EGFRIs), for example, xerosis is reported in 7% to 90% of patients; evaluation by a dermatologist reveals 100% incidence in patients who are treated for >6 months.⁸⁻¹⁰

The clinical and psychosocial importance of xerosis and its association with pruritus has received little consideration in the oncology field. It must be emphasized that the use of targeted anticancer agents is the most common cause of pruritus in cancer patients and that these therapies may impair patients' quality of life (QoL).¹¹ A systematic review revealed a significant risk of pruritus with targeted therapies.¹² In addition, a questionnaire study of 283 cancer patients revealed that patients receiving targeted therapies experience a significantly greater amount of dAEs in comparison to those treated with nontargeted therapies.¹¹ In that study, dAEs were associated with a diminished QoL. A separate survey of 379 cancer survivors revealed that xerosis occurred in 34% of patients, of which 44% reported a negative effect on QoL.¹³

Awareness, early recognition, and management of xerosis may prevent suboptimal treatment, infections, and improve the overall QoL of patients receiving targeted therapies. Therefore, we conducted a systematic review and metaanalysis of the literature to determine the overall incidence and risk of developing xerosis with anticancer drugs.

METHODS

Data source and extraction

We conducted a PubMed search (1966-October 2013) by combining the following 2 concepts using the operator "and": the generic name of the drug (ie, ado-trastuzumab, afatinib, alemtuzumab, alitretinoin, anastrozole, axitinib, bevacizumab, bexarotene, bortezomib, brentuximab, bosutinib, cabozantinib, carfilzomib, ceritinib, cetuximab, crizotinib, dabrafenib, daclizumab, dasatinib, denileukin diftitox, denosumab, erlotinib, everolimus, exemestane, fulvestrant, gefitinib, ibritumomab, ibrutinib, imatinib, ipilimumab, lapatinib, letrozole, nilotinib, ofatumumab, panitumumab, pazopanib, pertuzumab, ponatinib, pralatrexate, ramcirumab, regorafenib, rituximab, romidepsin, ruxolitinib, sorafenib, sunitinib, tamoxifen, temsirolimus, toremifene, trametinib, trastuzumab, tositumomab, tretinoin, vandetanib, vemurafenib, vismodegib, vorinostat, and ziv-aflibercept) and "phase II OR phase III." The results were limited to human-only reports published in English. In addition, we reviewed abstracts (2004-2013) presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology meetings to identify relevant clinical trials. An independent search on the Web of Science database was also conducted.

We reviewed each publication and included only the complete or most recent report of the clinical trial when duplicate publications were identified. The first author's name, year of publication, trial design, type of malignancy, enrollment number, treatment numbers, treatment arms, numbers of patients with all- and high-grade xerosis in each treatment group, and the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) grading used were extracted from selected trials. Data were available for analysis for only afatinib, alemtuzumab, anastrozole, axitinib, bexarotene, cabozantinib, cetuximab, dasatinib, erlotinib, everolimus, exemestane, gefitinib, imatinib, lapatinib, letrozole, panitumumab, pazopanib, regorafenib, sorafenib, sunitinib, temsirolimus, trametinib, vandetanib, and vorinostat.

CAPSULE SUMMARY

- Xerosis is reported as an adverse event in cancer clinical trials, but its true incidence and risk have not been systematically analyzed, and the associated drugs are not known.
- Targeted anticancer therapies are associated with a significant risk of xerosis.
- Dermatologists should assist in the prevention and treatment of xerosis in cancer patients to ensure improved quality of life while maximizing the dose intensity of cancer treatment.

Abbreviations used:

ADL:	activities of daily living
AE:	adverse event
CI:	confidence interval
CTCAE:	Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events
dAE:	dermatologic adverse event
EGFR:	epidermal growth factor receptor
EGFRI:	epidermal growth factor receptor inhibitor
MEK:	mitogen-activated extracellular kinase
mTOR:	mammalian target of rapamycin
QoL:	quality of life
RR:	relative risk
VEGF:	vascular endothelial growth factor
VEGFR:	vascular endothelial growth factor receptor

Study selection

Targeted therapies are approved for the treatment of various malignancies at specific doses. To ensure clinical significance, we calculated the incidence of xerosis at these dosing levels. Accordingly, phase I and clinical trials using unapproved doses were excluded from analysis. We also excluded trials that combined targeted therapies with other chemotherapies and/or treatment modalities (eg, radiotherapy). Trials that met the following criteria were selected for the final analysis: (1) prospective phase II and III clinical trials in cancer patients, (2) assigned participants to treatment with targeted agents at their approved doses, and (3) reported data regarding the occurrence of xerosis.

Clinical end points

The clinical end point of xerosis was extracted from the safety data of each trial. Xerosis was recorded according to the National Cancer Institute Common Toxicity Criteria (v 2.0) and CTCAE versions 3.0 and 4.0.^{14,15} CTCAE version 2.0 has only 2 grades for xerosis: grade 1, controlled with emollients and grade 2, not controlled with emollients. In version 3.0, xerosis is rated with the following grades: grade 1, asymptomatic; grade 2, symptomatic but not interfering with activities of daily living (ADL); and grade 3, interfering with ADL.¹⁴ With version 4.0, body surface area (BSA) is taken into account as follows: grade 1, covering <10% of the body surface area (BSA) and not associated erythema or pruritus; grade 2, covering 10% to 30% BSA and associated with erythema or pruritus, limiting instrumental ADL; and grade 3, covering >30% BSA and associated with pruritus, limiting self-care ADL.¹⁵

Statistical analysis

Statistical analyses were performed with the Comprehensive MetaAnalysis program (v 2; Biostat,

Englewood, NJ).¹⁶ The numbers of patients with all- and high-grade xerosis in treatment and control groups (if applicable) were identified from trials that met the aforementioned criteria. The incidence of xerosis and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated for each trial. For placebo-controlled trials, the relative risk (RR) of xerosis was determined.

The fixed effects (weighted with inverse variance) and random effects models were both applied during the metaanalysis.¹⁷ Cochran's *Q* statistic was first calculated to assess the heterogeneity of the included trials. For $P < .1$, the trial was deemed heterogeneous, and the random effects model was used.¹⁸ Otherwise, data from both statistical models were evaluated. If the results of the fixed and the random effects models were comparable, only fixed effects model results were reported. $P < .05$ was considered statistically significant.

RESULTS**Search results**

In our systematic search, we identified 12,734 published articles on targeted therapies (Fig 1). A total of 130 clinical trials met criteria for this analysis, including 99 phase II and 31 phase III trials. One hundred twenty-seven of these studies focused on solid organ malignancies and 3 involved hematologic malignancies.¹⁹⁻¹⁴⁵

Incidence of all-grade xerosis

The calculated aggregate (overall) incidence of all-grade xerosis using the random effects model (heterogeneity: $Q = 39.7$, $I^2 = 62.2$, and $P \leq .001$) was 17.9% (95% CI: 15.6-20.4%); it was lowest for anastrozole (1.0% [95% CI: 0-8.0%]) and highest for panitumumab (46.5% [95% CI: 16.5-79.3%]). When individual trials of different drugs were analyzed, the incidence ranged from 1.0% to 84.0%. The lowest incidence was noted with anastrozole (1.0% [95% CI: 0-8.0%]), in a trial of anastrozole alone or with gefitinib in early breast cancer ($n = 270$).²² On the other hand, the highest incidence was noted with sorafenib (84.0% [95% CI: 72.0-91.0%]) in a phase II trial of sorafenib in metastatic thyroid cancer ($n = 58$; Table D).¹²³

Incidence of high-grade xerosis

High-grade xerosis (grade 3) is a significant dAE and may result in dose reduction or interruption. The calculated aggregate (overall) incidence of high-grade xerosis using the random effects model was 1.0%. The highest overall incidence of high-grade xerosis for an individual drug was noted with dasatinib (4.0% [95% CI: 1.0-15.0%]), in a phase II study of dasatinib in patients with metastatic

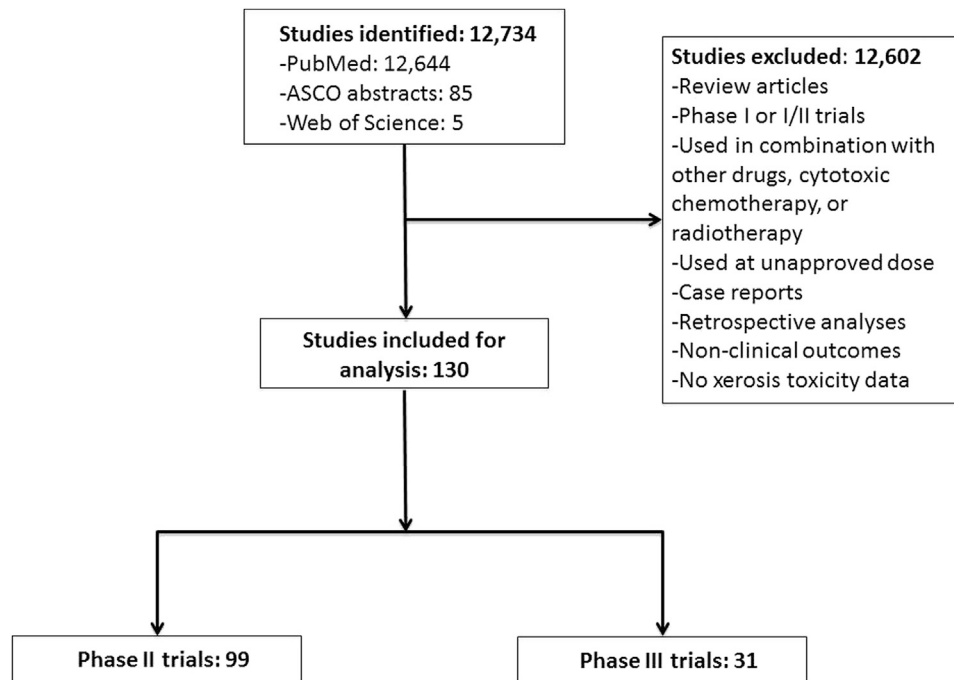


Fig 1. Selection process for studies included in this metaanalysis. ASCO, American Society of Clinical Oncology.

castration-resistant prostate cancer ($n = 47$).³⁷ High-grade xerosis was not noted with vandetanib, regorafenib, cabozantinib, letrozole, and exemestane; for lapatinib, axitinib, pazopanib, trametinib, alemtuzumab, bexarotene, vorinostat, and anastrozole, the calculated overall incidence appeared to be $<0.1\%$ (95% CI: 0.01-2%; Table I).

Relative risk of all-grade xerosis (compared to placebo)

We calculated the RR of developing all-grade xerosis in patients receiving targeted therapies compared to placebo and performed a metaanalysis of 16 randomized, controlled trials (RCTs) involving imatinib,⁹⁵ erlotinib,⁴⁹ gefitinib,^{67,79,89} lapatinib,¹⁰² vandetanib,^{142,143} regorafenib,¹¹³ cabozantinib,²⁷ sorafenib,^{115,122,126,130} and everolimus.^{38,39} All-grade xerosis was noted in 551 of 5055 patients receiving targeted therapies, which presented an overall RR of 2.99 (95% CI: 2.0-4.3) compared to placebo (134/4421 patients), according to the random effects model (Fig 2). Statistical heterogeneity was moderate ($Q = 39.7$, $I^2 = 62.2$, and $P \leq .001$). The RR was lowest with sorafenib (0.86 [95% CI: 0.43-1.7]; $P = .68$) and highest with gefitinib (19.19 [95% CI: 2.6-140.6]; $P \leq .004$; Fig 2).

DISCUSSION

Pruritus associated with targeted therapies has been shown to be a source of chemotherapy dose reduction and interruption,¹² but the effect of xerosis

had not been assessed. In our metaanalysis of published trials, we found that patients receiving targeted therapies were at a significantly increased risk of developing xerosis during treatment (Fig 3). The calculated overall incidence of all-grade xerosis was 17.9% (95% CI: 15.6-20.4%), with near negligible rates of high-grade xerosis. Among the drug classes that were examined, inhibitors of epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), vascular endothelial growth factor receptor (VEGFR), mitogen-activated extracellular kinase (MEK), and mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) pathways were associated with the highest rates of xerosis.

EGFRIs had among the highest rates of xerosis, especially panitumumab, with a 47% incidence of all-grade xerosis. Panitumumab, approved for the treatment of metastatic colon cancer, has been shown to result in skin toxicities in 90% to 97% of patients. Because it improves progression-free survival, panitumumab will likely continue to be prescribed.¹⁴⁶⁻¹⁴⁹ The pathogenesis of xerosis associated with EGFRIs appears to be a mechanism-based effect. Previous research has indicated that EGFR plays a prominent role in epidermal differentiation and homeostasis.⁵ Indeed, administration of EGFRIs results in increased inflammation, keratinocyte apoptosis, ultraviolet radiation sensitivity, and altered differentiation.¹⁵⁰

Dysregulation of epidermal differentiation during treatment with an EGFRi results in an abnormal

Table I. Incidence of xerosis with approved targeted agents in monotherapy (n = 130)

Drug class	Drug and reference(s)	No. of eligible studies	All-grade xerosis incidence (95% CI)	High-grade xerosis incidence (95% CI)
VEGFR inhibitors	Axitinib ^{23,24,114}	2	17.7% (7.9-35.0%)	1.0% (0.1-7.2%)
	Cabozantinib ²⁷	1	19.2% (14.4-25.0%)	0.2% (0.0-3.6%)
	Pazopanib ^{111,112}	2	2.8% (0.7-10.4%)	1.4% (0.2-9.0%)
	Regorafenib ¹¹³	1	7.8% (5.8-10.5%)	0.1% (0.0-1.6%)
	Sorafenib ¹¹⁴⁻¹³⁰	17	14.3% (8.7-22.6%)	0.6% (0.3-1.1%)
	Sunitinib ¹³¹⁻¹³⁷	7	10.6% (6.0-18.1%)	1.2% (0.4-3.2%)
Monoclonal antibody to CD52	Alemtuzumab ²¹	1	5.3% (0.7-29.4%)	2.5% (0.2-29.8%)
HDAC inhibitor	Vorinostat ¹⁴⁵	1	8.6% (2.8-23.4%)	1.4% (0.8-18.7%)
EGFR/VEGFR inhibitor	Vandetanib ^{54,77,142-144}	5	13.4% (9.8-18.1%)	0.4% (0.1-1.5%)
Retinoid	Bexarotene ^{25,26}	2	13.5% (5.6-29.0%)	0.9% (0.1-6.3%)
Bcr-Abl inhibitors	Dasatinib ³⁷	1	10.6% (4.5-23.1%)	4.3% (1.1-15.5%)
	Imatinib ⁹⁵⁻⁹⁹	5	6.6% (5.1-8.5%)	2.6% (0.8-8.5%)
EGFR/HER2 inhibitors	Afatinib ^{19,20*}	2	28.6% (23.4-34.4%)	1.2% (0.2-8.4%)
	Lapatinib ¹⁰⁰⁻¹⁰⁶	7	16.5% (13.1-20.6%)	0.9% (0.2-4.7%)
Endocrine therapies	Anastrozole ²²	1	1.2% (0.2-7.9%)	0.6% (0.0-8.6%)
	Exemestane ⁴²	1	1.2% (0.54-2.7%)	0.2% (0.0-1.4%)
	Letrozole ¹⁰⁷	1	4.3% (3.0-6.2%)	0.0% (0.0-1.3%)
MEK inhibitor	Trametinib ¹⁴¹	1	22.6% (14.6-30.9%)	0.5% (0.0-7.6%)
EGFR inhibitors	Cetuximab ²⁸⁻³⁶	9	20.1% (16.0-24.8%)	3.4% (1.8-6.3%)
	Erlotinib ^{43-67*}	24	27.3% (19.6-36.6%)	1.3% (0.8-2.2%)
	Gefitinib ^{52,67-94*}	29	24.7% (19.2-31.1%)	0.9% (0.5-1.5%)
	Panitumumab ^{108-110*}	3	46.5% (16.5-79.3%)	1.7% (0.3-8.4%)
	Everolimus ³⁸⁻⁴¹	4	10.8% (8.0-14.5%)	0.4% (0.1-1.5%)
mTOR inhibitors	Temsirolimus ¹³⁸⁻¹⁴⁰	3	17.6% (9.0-31.6%)	3.0% (0.8-10.5%)

CI, Confidence interval; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; HDAC, histone deacetylase; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; MEK, mitogen-activated extracellular kinase; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; VEGFR, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor. *Drugs with an incidence of xerosis $\geq 25\%$.

stratum corneum and inadequate function of sebaceous glands, leading to dry skin. Inhibition of EGFR largely affects basal keratinocytes, leading to growth arrest and premature differentiation. Patients who are taking EGFRIs have decreased epidermal thickness and a thin, parakeratotic stratum corneum. As in atopic dermatitis, a defective corneum from EGFR inhibition compromises barrier function and leads to transepidermal water loss (TEWL) and xerosis.^{150,151}

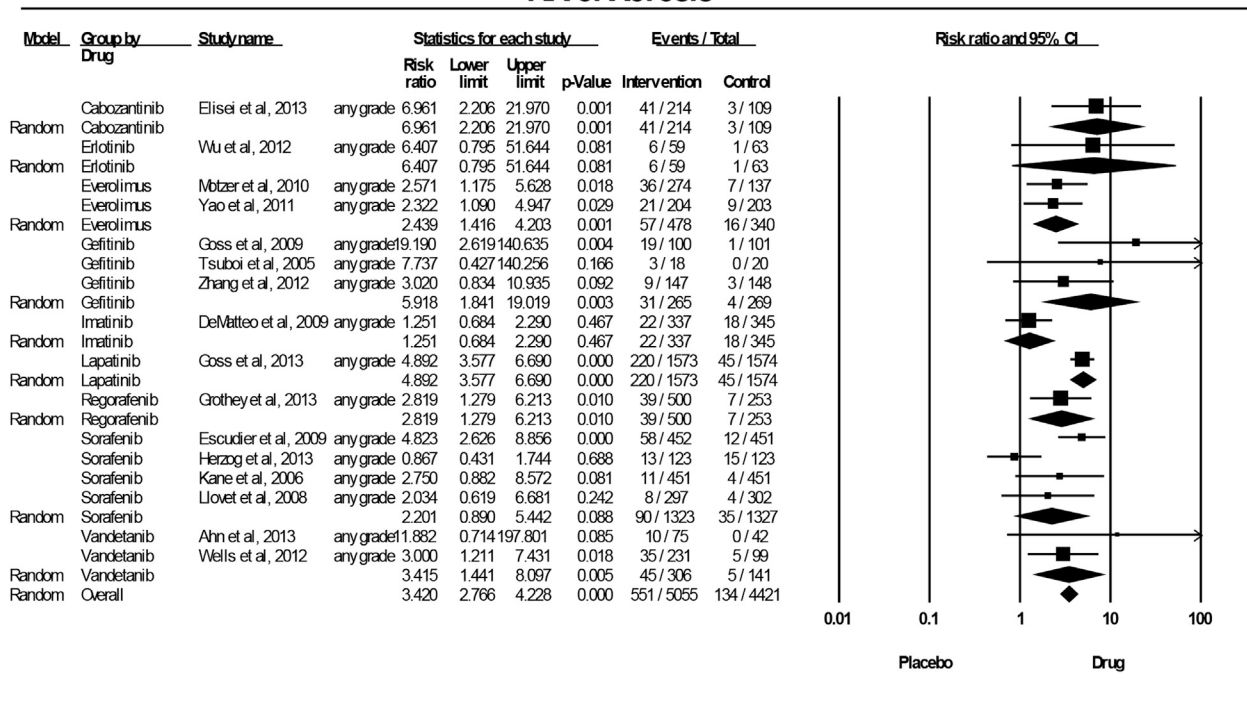
In addition to aberrant keratinocyte differentiation, EGFRIs disrupt barrier function in other ways. Claudin-1, an essential component of tight junctions, is downregulated with the use of EGFRIs.¹⁵² Tight junctions are known to be critical to maintaining skin barrier and preventing TEWL.¹⁵³ Mouse models with faulty EGFRs have increased TEWL, resulting in skin dryness similar to patients who are taking EGFRIs.¹⁵²

The use of trametinib, a small-molecule inhibitor that was recently approved for the treatment of metastatic melanoma, is also accompanied by a high incidence of xerosis (22%). The drug inhibits MEK, an integral component of the Raf pathway, which is frequently mutated in melanoma. In addition to xerosis, rashes, including papulopustular eruptions involving the face and chest, are also

common dAEs of this drug, described in 75% to 85% of patients.^{141,154,155} MEK is downstream of EGFR in the EGFR-Ras-Raf-MEK-ERK signaling pathway.^{156,157} The effector role of MEK in this pathway likely explains the overlap of dAEs for trametinib and EGFR inhibitors.

The VEGFRIs, axitinib, cabozantinib, sorafenib, and sunitinib, exhibited a >10% incidence of all-grade xerosis; pazopanib and regorafenib had lower rates of xerosis. These drugs target VEGFR, an essential modulator of angiogenesis, tumor growth and invasion, and wound repair of healthy skin.^{158,159} The discrepancy in xerosis between the individual VEGFRIs may be explained by the low number of trials that met criteria for regorafenib and pazopanib. In addition, pazopanib is mostly eliminated in the feces, while the other VEGFRIs are eliminated renally.¹⁶⁰ Interestingly, there were no eligible trials reporting xerosis with bevacizumab, a monoclonal antibody to the VEGF molecule. The discrepancy suggests that xerosis is more likely with inhibition of the receptor kinases than general inhibition of the VEGF pathway. While the association between VEGFR inhibition and xerosis is not well defined, the inhibition of angiogenesis

RR of Xerosis



Meta Analysis

Variation among drugs: P=0.007

Fig 2. Relative risk (RR) of all-grade xerosis associated with targeted therapies compared to controls. The first author's name was used to represent each trial. Final combined results are shown numerically on the left and graphically as a forest plot on the right. Squares indicate the incidence in each trial; the solid line indicates the 95% confidence interval; and the diamond indicates the overall results of the included trials. The size of the squares represents the weight of the study.



Fig 3. Grade 1 xerosis in a patient receiving erlotinib for non-small cell lung carcinoma.

may make the skin more susceptible to damage and impact overall skin health.

Aside from being a psychosocial concern, xerosis can be a precursor to more significant skin

complications, such as infections, sensitization to allergens, and pruritus. Patients receiving anticancer therapies may be relatively immunosuppressed, and are therefore at greater risk of infection as a consequence of a dAE.¹⁶¹ Untreated dry skin is often the precursor of pruritus and excoriated skin, perpetuating breakdown of the skin barrier.¹² Timely identification and treatment of xerosis may halt the evolution into more serious skin complications.

The successful management of xerosis begins with prevention. Skin care is essential for patients who begin a targeted therapy, and cancer patients who begin a gentle skin care regimen report improved QoL.¹⁶² Providers should ensure that patients avoid hot showers, scrubbing, and products containing fragrances, alcohol, or elevated pH. Moisturization and barrier replacement are central to treatment. Agents containing urea have been shown to prevent TEWL, and salicylic acid preparations are helpful for their keratolytic, bacteriostatic,

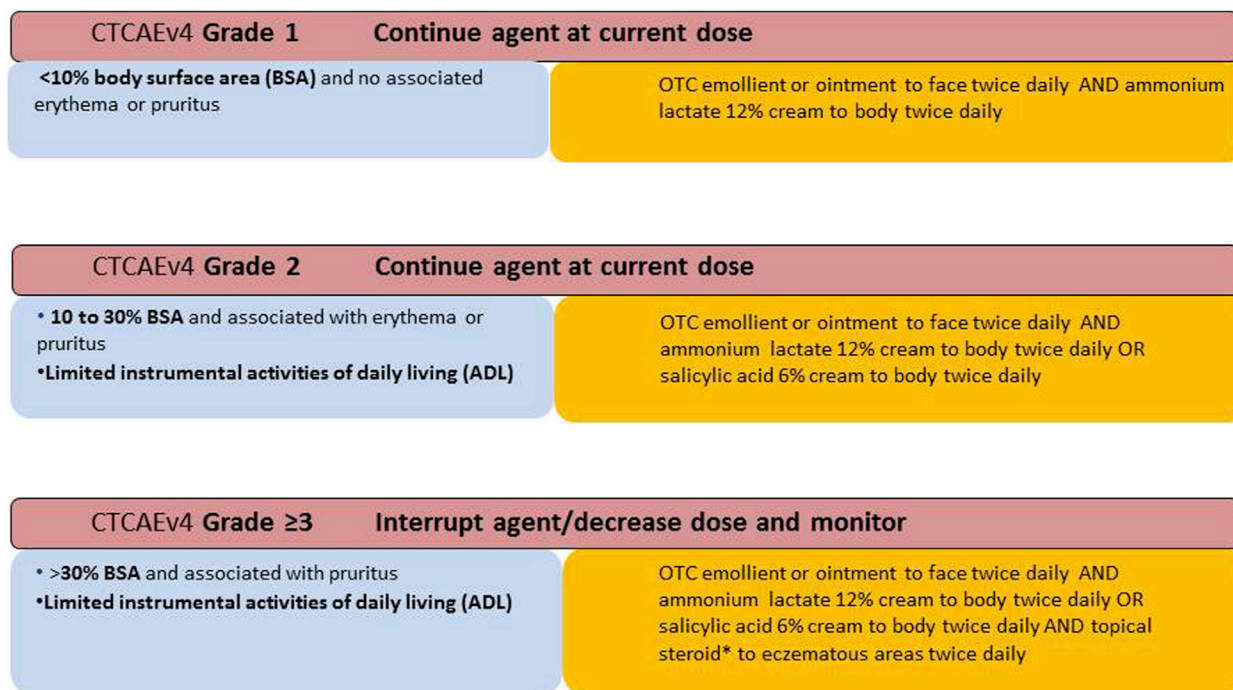


Fig 4. Treatment algorithm for xerosis associated with targeted agents. *CTCAEv4*, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events, version 4.0; *OTC*, over-the-counter. *Hydrocortisone 2.5% ointment to the face and skin folds or triamcinolone 0.1% ointment to the rest of the body.

and fungicidal effects.¹⁶³ Finally, alpha-hydroxy acids thin out a thickened stratum corneum and are thought to increase ceramide production in the epidermis.^{164,165} If pruritus occurs, patients should be reminded to avoid scratching to prevent the itch-scratch cycle, which further perpetuates dry skin. Previous recommendations for EGFR-related xerosis include the use of potent topical steroids for xerosis greater than grade 1, and then lower potency steroids as symptoms improve.¹⁶⁶ The use of CTCAE grading can guide the provider toward appropriate treatment options (Fig 4).

Inconsistent reporting of xerosis across investigators/institutions was a limiting factor in our analysis. A number of studies clubbed all dAEs together in their safety data, while others grouped xerosis with rash, desquamation, or pruritus. Such disparity in reporting may decrease our ability to accurately assess the risk and prevalence of xerosis in patients who are undergoing targeted therapies. In addition, xerosis reported in clinical trials (performed in major institutions) may not reflect real-world scenarios. Finally, there is a possibility of sampling bias. There were 130 studies that met our criteria for analysis (see “Study selection” in “Methods” section for details); our estimates may therefore be an underrepresentation of the actual burden.

In conclusion, our results show that there is a significant risk of all-grade xerosis with targeted cancer agents. While xerosis was largely mild, this symptom may lead to patient distress. Additional research is needed to improve the understanding of the pathogenesis, prevention, and management of xerosis in the oncology setting. Improved awareness among oncologists and consistent reporting in forthcoming trials may prevent these shortcomings. With better comprehension of adverse events of anti-cancer therapies, dermatologic health is critical to ensure that cancer patients have an improved QoL and to avoid suboptimal dosing.

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