

Supplementary Material

Concomitant exposure to benzodiazepines during pembrolizumab-based therapy for advanced non-small-cell lung cancer: a propensity-score matched analysis of monitoring agency data

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Table S1. Patient characteristics depending on benzodiazepine classification (N=108)

Variable	N-substituted (N=57)	N-unsubstituted (N=51)	P value
Drug			-
- alprazolam	28 (49.1%)	-	
- diazepam	17 (29.8%)	-	
- bromazepam	8 (14.0%)	-	
- triazolam	4 (7.0%)	-	
- lorazepam	-	23 (45.1%)	
- clonazepam	-	11 (21.6%)	
- delorazepam	-	10 (19.6%)	
- lormetazepam	-	5 (9.8%)	
Median length of therapy before ICI initiation, days (IQR)	44 (37-71)	51 (39-67)	0.348
Therapeutic indication			0.979
- Generalized anxiety disorder	26 (45.6%)	22 (43.1%)	
- Anxiety-depressive disorder	14 (24.6%)	13 (25.5%)	
- Insomnia	11 (19.3%)	9 (17.6%)	
- Panic disorder	2 (3.5%)	3 (5.9%)	
- Others	4 (7.0%)	4 (7.8%)	
Age			
- Mean (SD), years	71 (10.7)	69 (6.7)	0.266
- ≥ 70 years	32	22	0.177
Sex			0.235
- Female	23 (40.3%)	15 (29.4%)	
- Male	34 (59.7%)	36 (70.6%)	
ECOG PS			0.783
- 0-1	47 (82.5%)	41 (80.4%)	
- 2	10 (17.5%)	10 (19.6%)	
Histologic subtype			0.757
- Nonsquamous	45 (78.9%)	39 (76.5%)	
- Squamous	12 (21.1%)	12 (23.5%)	
No. of metastatic sites			0.023
- ≤ 2	37 (64.9%)	22 (43.1%)	
- > 2	20 (35.1%)	29 (56.9%)	
Bone metastases	11 (19.3%)	12 (23.5%)	0.592
Brain metastases	17 (29.8%)	11 (21.6%)	0.328
Liver metastases	4 (7.0%)	5 (9.8%)	0.601
PD-L1 TPS			0.104
- $< 1\%$	16 (28.1%)	19 (37.3%)	
- $\geq 1\%$ and $\leq 49\%$	11 (19.3%)	3 (5.9%)	
- $\geq 50\%$	30 (52.6%)	29 (56.9%)	
BMI			
- Mean (SD), (kg/m ²)	25.1 (4.5)	26.1 (4.5)	0.958
- ≥ 25	29 (50.9%)	29 (54.9%)	0.676
Smoking habits			0.383
- never	6 (10.5%)	3 (5.9%)	
- ever	51 (89.5%)	48 (94.1%)	
Previous thoracic RT	16 (28.1%)	3 (5.9%)	0.003
Autoimmune disease	4 (7.0%)	-	0.054

LIPI score			0.908
- 0	22 (38.6%)	18 (35.3%)	
- 1	18 (31.6%)	18 (35.3%)	
- 2	17 (29.8%)	15 (29.4%)	
First-line therapy			0.811
- Only pembrolizumab	30 (52.6%)	30 (58.8%)	
- Pemetrexed-based	22 (38.6%)	17 (33.3%)	
- Paclitaxel-based	5 (8.8%)	4 (7.8%)	
Corticosteroids ^a	21 (36.8%)	28 (54.9%)	0.060
APAP ^b	18 (31.6%)	16 (31.4%)	0.982
Systemic antibiotics ^c	9 (15.8%)	11 (21.6%)	0.440
PPI ^d	17 (29.8%)	12 (23.5%)	0.461

SD, standard deviation; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; PD-L1 TPS, programmed cell death ligand-1 tumor proportion score; BMI, body mass index; RT, radiotherapy; LIPI, lung immune prognostic index; APAP, acetaminophen; PPI, proton pump inhibitors

^a Corticosteroids indicate intake of prednisone equivalent ≥ 10 mg daily for at least 5 days within the 30 days prior to the start of treatment (excluding premedication for chemotherapy); ^b APAP indicates a therapeutic intake of at least 1000 mg per day for more than 24 hours during the 30 days prior to the start of treatment; ^c systemic antibiotics indicate a therapeutic intake in the 30 days prior to the start of treatment; ^d PPI indicates any intake at the start of treatment.

Table S2. Logistic regression analysis for factors associated with specific benzodiazepine intake (N-unsubstituted vs. N-substituted compounds, N=108)

Covariate	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value
Age - ≥ 70 years (vs < 70 years)	0.59 (0.27-1.27)	0.179	0.29 (0.09-0.88)	0.029
Sex - Female (vs. male)	1.62 (0.72-3.62)	0.236	1.74 (0.58-4.93)	0.325
ECOG PS - 2 (vs. 0-1)	1.14 (0.43-3.02)	0.783	0.72 (0.18-2.79)	0.638
Histologic subtype - Squamous (vs. non-squamous)	1.15 (0.46-2.86)	0.757	1.22 (0.30-4.97)	0.774
No. of metastatic sites - > 2 (vs. ≤ 2)	2.43 (1.12-5.30)	0.024	29.10 (3.80- > 100)	0.001
Bone metastases - yes (vs. no)	1.28 (0.51-3.23)	0.592	0.32 (0.07-1.49)	0.142
Brain metastases - yes (vs. no)	0.64 (0.26-1.55)	0.330	0.10 (0.01-0.68)	0.018
Liver metastases - yes (vs. no)	1.44 (0.36-5.68)	0.602	0.23 (0.01-3.24)	0.277
PD-L1 TPS - $< 50\%$ (vs $\geq 50\%$)	1.28 (0.60-2.75)	0.518	0.17 (0.02-1.22)	0.079
BMI (kg/m ²) - ≥ 25 (vs. < 25)	1.17 (0.55-2.50)	0.676	1.19 (0.42-3.38)	0.739
Smoking habits - ever (vs. never)	1.88 (0.44-7.95)	0.390	3.13 (0.41-23.52)	0.267
Previous thoracic RT - yes (vs. no)	0.16 (0.04-0.58)	0.006	0.08 (0.01-0.49)	0.006
LIPI score - 0 - 1 - 2	1.00 (reference) 1.22 (0.49-3.01) 1.07 (0.42-2.74)	- 0.663 0.874	1.00 (reference) 0.97 (0.30-3.06) 0.76 (0.21-2.66)	0.905 0.964 0.668
Corticosteroids ^a - yes (vs. no)	2.08 (0.96-4.51)	0.061	1.64 (0.55-4.89)	0.373
APAP ^b - yes (vs. no)	0.99 (0.43-2.23)	0.982	0.93 (0.29-2.93)	0.904
Systemic antibiotics ^c - yes (vs. no)	1.46 (0.55-3.89)	0.442	1.27 (0.29-5.43)	0.747
PPI ^d - yes (vs. no)	0.72 (0.30-1.71)	0.462	0.30 (0.08-1.09)	0.069

OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; PD-L1 TPS, programmed cell death ligand-1 tumor proportion score; BMI, body mass index; RT, radiotherapy; LIPI, lung immune prognostic index; APAP, acetaminophen; PPI, proton pump inhibitors

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