

Genomic Signatures and Clinicopathological Correlation in Uterine Smooth Muscle Tumors of Uncertain Malignant Potential, Leiomyosarcoma, and Leiomyoma with Bizarre Nuclei

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Background: Differentiating uterine smooth muscle tumors of uncertain malignant potential (STUMP), atypical leiomyoma (LEIO), and leiomyosarcoma (LMS) is challenging. In addition, prognostic genomic biomarkers are not available for these entities. Using copy number variation (CNV) chromosomal microarrays (CMA), we investigated the genomic landscape of these tumors. Our goal was to identify genetic alterations in oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes and evaluate how these genomic signatures may correlate clinicopathologically in patients with STUMP, LEIO, and LMS.

Design: We retrospectively reviewed the pathology and follow up on 20 patients, including 10 STUMP, 5 LMS, and 5 LEIO, and correlated with CMA result. For each patient sample, the results were filtered to only include 720 genes from the COSMIC 2 tier cancer gene census, causally implicated in cancer. The cases were grouped by tumor type (LMS, STUMP, LEIO) and subsequently the net frequency of gene gains and losses within each group was calculated. These lists were then filtered to include genes that were lost or gained only in LMS, only in STUMP, and only in LEIO.

Results: The average age at diagnosis was 66 years for LMS, 50 years for LEIO and 44.9 years for STUMP. The average size of the dominant tumor for LMS was 8.5 cm, 7.3 cm for LEIO and 5.8 cm for STUMP. TSG loss was the predominant CNV in all STUMP. Four of 10 STUMP had a unique 1p loss. Similarly, in LMS, TSG loss was the predominant CNV (CBFB, CTCF, FAT1, KLF6, LARP4B and LRP1B). TP53 loss and gain of oncogenes were only observed in LMS. One case with high nuclear grade, increased mitotic count, and coagulative necrosis had a hybrid genomic fingerprint with loss of 1p only seen in STUMP and loss of TSG CBFB and CTCF also seen in LMS. 17 patients had follow-up ranging from 2 months to 108 months with an average of 37.6 months. Four of 5 LMS patients presented with distant metastases including one who died of the disease. No metastases or death was reported among the STUMP and LEIO patients.

Fig 1. General Parameters of LMS, STUMP and LEIO

Parameters	LMS	STUMP	LEIO
Total No. of Cases	5	10	5
Age, Mean (yr)	66	44.9	50
Tumor Size, Largest (cm)	8.5	5.8	7.3
Followup, Mean (Range) (mo)	20.6 (13-29)	46.1 (0~108)	40.3 (0-60)
Metastasis	4	0	0
Dead With Disease	1	0	0*

* one case dead with colonic adenocarcinoma

Fig 2. LMS Specific CNV Frequencies

Location	Only lost in Leiomyosarcoma		Function	Only Gained in Leiomyosarcoma		
	Freq lost (out of 5 cases)	Freq gained (out of 5 cases)				
17p13	TP53	5	TSG	SSX2	2	OG
10p11.2	ABI1	3	oncogene, fusion	SSX4	2	OG
16q22	CBFB	3	TSG, fusion	ARAF	1	OG
16q22.1	CTCF	3	TSG	BIRC3	1	OG
4q35.2	FAT1	3	TSG	TFE3	1	OG
10p15	GATA3	3	oncogene, TSG	CRLF2	1	OG
10p15	KLF6	3	TSG	TNFRSF17	1	OG
10p15.3	LARP4B	3	TSG	EIF1AX	1	
13q14.1	LCP1	3		ERG	1	OG
2q21.2	LRP1B	3	TSG	FAM47C	1	
	ACBR1	<=2		FLCN	1	TSG
19q13.2	AKT2	<=2	OG	GATA1	1	OG
Xq28	ATP2B3	<=2	TSG	GRIN2A	1	TSG
Xq22.1	BTK	<=2	OG, TSG	KDM5C	1	TSG
4q35.1	CASP3	<=2	TSG	KDM6A	1	OG
16q24.3	CBFA2T3	<=2	TSG, fusion	OLIG2	1	OG

Fig 3. STUMP Specific CNV Frequencies

Location	Only lost in STUMP		Function	Only Gained in STUMP	
	Freq (out of 10 cases)	Freq (out of 10 cases)			
1p36.13	ARHGEF10L	4	TSG	CDH11	
1p36.11	ARID1A	4	TSG, fusion		
1p13.1	ATP1A1	4	oncogene, TSG		
1p36.21	CASP9	4	TSG		
1p12	FAM46Cx	4	TSG		
1p36.12	ID3	4	TSG		
1p36.11	MDS2	4			
1p36.22	MTOR	4	oncogene		
1p12	NOTCH2	4	oncogene, TSG		
1p13.2	NRAS	4	oncogene		
1p36.21	PRDM2	4	TSG		
1p13.3	RBM15	4			
1p22.1	RPL5	4	TSG		
1p36.13	SDHB	4	TSG		
1p36	SPEN	4	TSG		
1p13	TRIM33	4	TSG, fusion		
5q31	ARHGAP26	3	TSG, fusion		
15q21.1	B2M	3	TSG		
1p22	BCL10	3	TSG, fusion		
13q31.3	GPC5	3	TSG		
1p35	LCK	3	oncogene, fusion		
1p36.2	PAX7	3	fusion		

Conclusions:

- The results of this pilot study suggest that LMS display a unique loss of TP53, loss of other TSG, and gain of oncogenes.
- STUMP is associated with a unique loss of 1p and loss of TSG.
- High grade STUMP displays loss of CBFB and CTCF observed in LMS, in addition to 1p loss typically associated with STUMP.
- Additional studies with a larger cohort and longer clinical follow-up are needed to further ascertain genomic markers of biologic behavior in uterine smooth muscle tumors.

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