Letter to Editor

Immunotherapy: A New Era for Breast Cancer Treatment

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The breast cancer is one of the most fatal diseases of female. It can be categorized by various biomarkers depending on the cancer cell's own nature [1]. In the past 10 years, clinical trials had shown successful and promising efficacy in specific her2positive breast cancer patients [2]. Although breast cancer is not inherently immunogenic, recent researches have posed robust evidence of effective immunotherapy in the treatment of breast cancer. The application of immune checkpoint PD-1inhibitor pembrolizumab, has shown solid effect in every clinical setting of the breast cancer, including the metastatic breast cancer, early stage Triple-Negative breast cancer, hormone receptor positive Breast Cancer and her2 positive breast cancer patients [3-6]. Counterparts such as anti-PD-L1 antibody, atezolizumab and the CTLA-4 antibody, tremelimumab or ipilimumab posed the same positive effect [7,8]. Therefore; the immunotherapy did open a new era for breast cancer therapy, Not; Also the efficacy and safety of checkpoint inhibitor with other anticancer agents such trastuzumab/ pertuzuab are still needed to be warranted by multicenter clinical trials with larger amounts of participants. Furthermore, some potential biomarkers are still needed for future investigation.

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