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# Clinical profile of patients with colorectal cancer attending tertiary care hospital

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**Abstract**

Many studies on Indian colorectal cancer patients have shown different type genetic Alterations compared to west and other parts of world. Blood samples were collected from 30 colorectal cancer patients admitted at department of surgical gastroenterology. One sample from each collected during preoperative period another sample on post-operative day 7. All the blood samples were collected in EDTA coated blood collection tubes. Stage wise distribution of our patients showed that 56.6% of our patients are of stage 3 followed by stage II, stage I, and stage IV respectively. In our study 93.3% patients underwent curative surgery remaining 6.7% patients underwent non curative resection. Among two patients of non-curative one had unresectable metastatic disease underwent diversion stoma another had locally advanced disease with obstruction though underwent resection, margin was positive.

**Keywords:** Colorectal Cancer, Clinical Profile, Stage of cancer

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**Introduction**

Adenoma-carcinoma sequence initiated by mutations in Adenomatous polyposis coli (APC) and beta-catenin (CTNNB1) genes, dysregulated Wnt pathway accounts for majority of colorectal cancer (CRC) in West. In Indian study by V, Sharanya *et al*<sup>1</sup> shown that Lesser prevalence of polyps in Indian patients (5.1%) suggests different mutational landscape and alternate pathways in Indian CRC. The prevalence of mutations in APC, CTNNB1, KRAS and BRAF genes were 16.6, 14.28, 15.05 and 1.07%. Only 18.18% showed down regulation of APC, up-regulation of CTNNB1 and c-Myc. Genes typical of canonical Wnt signaling and 34.27% of the tumors showed dysregulation in any two of APC, CTNNB1 and c-Myc. Interestingly, 47.61% of tumors showed up-regulation of c-Myc without dysregulation of APC and CTNNB1 genes. Junction plakoglobin (JUP), a gene that is dysregulated in our study is known to directly up-regulate c-myc independent of canonical Wnt signaling.

Many studies on Indian colorectal cancer patients have shown different type genetic Alterations compared to west and other parts of world. Study by Niraj Kumari *et al*<sup>2</sup> in their study shown KRAS mutation in 18.5% patients. Smitha *et al*<sup>3</sup> in her study

shown KRAS mutation frequency of 18.75%. Sameer *et al*<sup>4</sup> in his study found that low frequency of beta-catenin mutations in CRC patients from Kashmir valley.

H A patil *et al*<sup>5</sup> in his study shown that the KRAS tumour mutation rate was 23% NRAS mutations were observed in 2% and 5% of cases had PIK3CA mutations.

Jauhriet *et al*<sup>6</sup> reported that KRAS mutated in 35.7%, BRAF mutations in 7.14%, NRAS in 6.25% CRC tumors, and a mutant form of TP53 was persistent in 39.3% CRC patients.

**Methodology****Inclusion criteria**

- Patients diagnosed with colon or rectum cancer attending department of surgical gastroenterology were included.
- Patients more than 12 years less than 75 years were included.

**Exclusion criteria**

- Patients having any other synchronous malignancy.
- Patients less than 12 years and more than 75 years old.

**Study design:** prospective case control study

**Sample size:** 30 cases

#### Sample collection

Blood samples were collected from 30 colorectal cancer patients admitted at department of surgical gastroenterology. One sample from each collected during preoperative period another sample on post-operative day 7. All the blood samples were collected in EDTA coated blood collection tubes.

Blood samples were also collected from 10 matched healthy controls who are staff of institute of gastroenterology. They were centrifuged at 1500 rpm for 15 min. for plasma separation. Plasma was stored at -80°C for long time preservation.

#### Results

In our study age of patients ranged from 19 years to 71 years, median age was 53 years.

**Table 1: profile of patients by Age**

Profile of patients		n=30
Age (years)	Range	20-71
	Median age	53
	Inter quartile range	40-63

Profile of patients according to sex distribution showed 66.7% were males and 33.3% were females.

**Table 2: Distribution of patients by Gender**

Sex	no	%
Male	20	66.7
Female	10	33.3
Total	30	100

70% patients had left sided tumors 16.3% right and 6.6% transeverse colon tumours.

**Table 3: Distribution of patients by location of tumour**

Location of tumour	No patients	Percentage
Right side	7	16.3%
Tranverse colon	2	6.6%
Left side	21	70%

Stage wise distribution of our patients showed that 56.6% of our patients are of stage 3 followed by stage II, stage I, and stage IV respectively.

**Table 4: Distribution of patients by stage of cancer**

Stage	No patients	%
I	4	13.3
II	8	26.6
III	17	56.6
IV	1	3.3
Total	30	100

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**Table 5: Distribution of patients by type of surgery**

Surgery type	No	%
curative	28	93.3
non-curative	2	6.7
Total	30	100

#### Discussion

This prospective case control study was conducted at Asian institute of gastroenterology from April 2017 to March 2018. our study comprised of 30 patients, age distribution of patient ranged from 19 to 71 years. 40% patients were between 40 to 60 years with mean age

of 53 years. It is consistent Indian studies by MusthafaChalikandyPeedikayilet *al*<sup>7</sup> and Gupta S *et al*.<sup>8</sup>

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MusthafaChalikandyPeedikayil *et al*<sup>7</sup> and Gupta S *et al*.<sup>8</sup>

In present study most patients are of advanced stage 59.9% stage III and stage IV, this observation consistent with other Indian study by Gupta S *et al*.<sup>8</sup>

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Studies from various parts of world have shown different pattern of expression of miRNAs in colorectal cancer patients, to best of our knowledge there are no studies from India about Circulating miRNA-1290 in colorectal cancer patients. In our study based on study by H.Imoaka *et al*<sup>9</sup> we wanted to validate expression miRNA-1290 in Indian patients and to examine whether miRNA-1290 can be used as biomarker for Indian colorectal cancer patients.<sup>10</sup>

### Conclusion

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