

Management of Facial Angiofibroma Related to Tuberous Sclerosis Complex and use of Topical mTOR Inhibitor in the United States: Retrospective Analysis of the Natural History Database

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Introduction

- Facial angiofibroma (FA) is the most predominant (74.5% to 83%)¹ cutaneous manifestation of tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC), a genetic disorder impacting the mechanistic target of rapamycin (mTOR) signaling pathway.
- Invasive therapeutic modalities (e.g. surgery and laser therapy) used for treatment of FA are associated with pain, bleeding, and recurrence.^{1,2}
- Topical rapamycin formulations, which can provide beneficial effects without systemic exposure and associated risks, were effective in the management of FA,³⁻⁸ however, lack of FDA-approved formulation in the United States is a major limitation.
- This retrospective analysis of the data from the TS Alliance's Natural History Database aimed to evaluate current treatment approaches for management of FA.

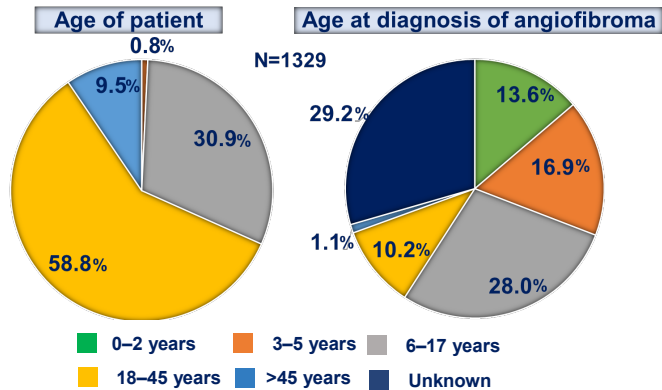
Methods

- The TS Alliance's Natural History Database, the largest repository of longitudinally studied TSC patients, is an IRB-approved research database implemented in 2006.
- In this retrospective analysis, data from patients with FA (n=1329) enrolled in the 18 US-based clinical sites to date were included.

Results

- The median (range) age of participants included in this analysis was 22 (3-86)

Figure 1. Age distributions of patients

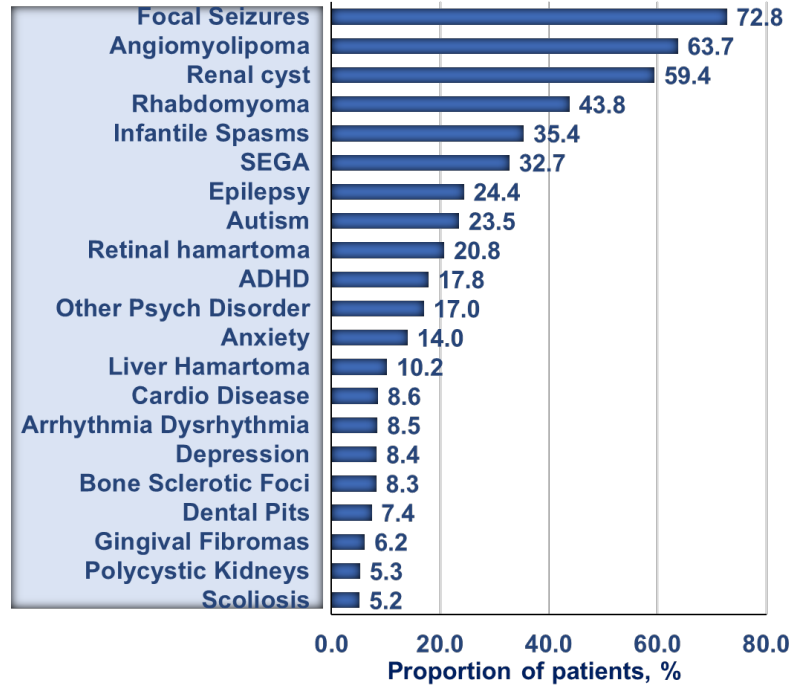


Conclusions:

- Despite the lack of an FDA-approved formulation, use of topical mTOR inhibitor for the management of facial angiofibroma was observed in nearly 25% of individuals and use of systemic mTOR inhibitor solely for management of facial angiofibroma was observed in a few individuals (1.2%).
- This analysis emphasizes the unmet need for an FDA-approved topical mTOR inhibitor formulation, access to which could benefit many individuals with angiofibroma currently not receiving treatment.

- Race:** Majority of patients were white (79.3%), followed by African American (6.4%).
- Diagnosis:** Of the 798 participants who had genetic testing, 517 (64.8%) had TSC2 mutations and 164 (20.6%) had TSC1 mutations

Figure 2. Comorbid conditions related to TSC observed in >5.0% of patients with FA



ADHD, Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder; SEGA, subependymal giant cell astrocytoma; TSC, tuberous sclerosis complex

Treatment:

- Although 163 (12.3%) of participants with AF used a systemic mTOR inhibitor, only 16 (1.2%) received systemic mTOR inhibitor exclusively for management of FA.
- Additionally, 222 (16.7%) participants used systemic mTOR inhibitor for other conditions.

Figure 3. Treatments received by patients with facial angiofibroma related to TSC

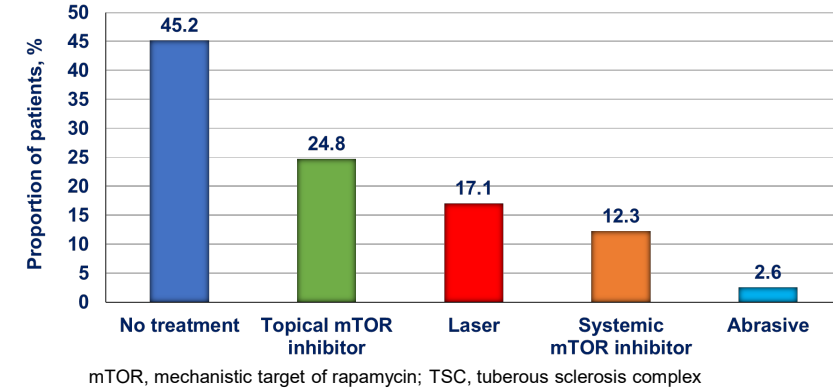
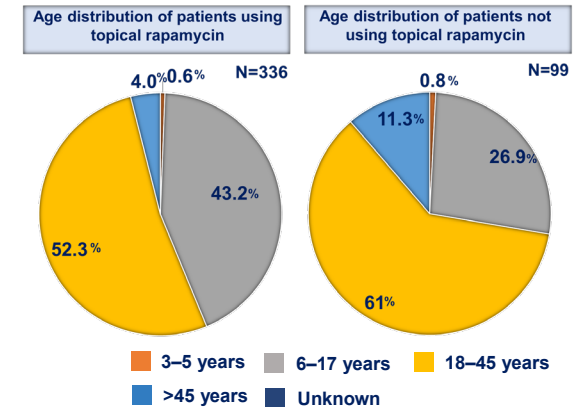


Figure 4. Age distributions of patients by topical rapamycin use



Limitations

- Major limitation:** This is a retrospective analysis and not prospectively designed to characterize the FA related to TSC.