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Therapeutic Outcomes of Langerhans' Cell Histiocytosis

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Background : Langerhans' cell histiocytosis is a proliferative histiocytic disorder of unknown cause formerly referred to histiocytosis X, with pathologic characteristics of abnormal proliferation of histiocytes which belong to the mononuclear phagocytes. The clinical manifestations range in severity from solitary lytic bone lesions to fatal multisystem disease, typically with indolent clinical courses. The authors reported here, the clinical features and therapeutic outcomes of Langerhans' cell histiocytosis according to stage and prognostic features.

Methods : We reviewed the medical records of 38 cases with Langerhans' cell histiocytosis confirmed by biopsy from March 1983 to March 1998 in Severance hospital for disease course, treatment, and late sequelae.

Results : 1) Median age of the patients was 3 years-old, and the male to female ratio was 2.2:1. 2) Fifteen cases were less than 2 years of age, 21 had soft tissue involvements, 10 had more than 4 organ involvement, and 8 had involved organ dysfunction. 3) As for the clinical stages, 19 cases were in stage I, 9 in stage II, 4 in stage III, and 6 in stage IV. As for the pathologic stages, 15 had monostic disease, 2 had polyostic disease, and 21 had multisystemic disease. 4) The incidence of more than 4 organ involvement in cases <2 years was significantly higher than that of cases ≥2 years [53.3% (8/15) vs 8.7% (2/23), *P*=0.004], and the incidence of organ dysfunction in cases <2 years

of age had a trend toward higher than that of cases ≥2 years [33.3% (5/15) vs 3% (3/23)], indicating that cases <2 years had more frequent multisystem disease. In contrast, the incidences of more than 4 organ involvement and organ dysfunction in cases <15 years were similar to those of cases ≥15 years. There was a significant correlation between the presence of more than 4 organ involvement and organ dysfunction (*P*=0.041). 5) The response rate of all cases was 71% (27 cases), and the response rate of 25 cases who received chemotherapy was 60% (15 cases). There was no difference in the response rate according to the type of chemotherapy. Overall survival rate was 63.4% at 50 months, disease-free survival rate was 56.7% at 24 months. The disease free survival rate was significantly lower in cases younger than 2 years of age than cases older than 2 years of age (*P*=0.047), in cases with 4 or more organs involvement than 3 or less (*P*=0.0002), in cases with evidence of organ dysfunction than without evidence of organ dysfunction (*P*=0.082), and in cases with soft tissue involvement than with only bone involvement (*P*=0.043). There was significant differences in disease free survival rate according to clinical stage (*P*=0.001). The overall survival and disease free survival rate of the cases older than 15 years of age were similar to those of the cases younger than 15 years of age were similar to those of the cases young-

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Table 1. The characteristics of the patients with Langerhans' cell histiocytosis (n=38)

	Number (%)
Median age at diagnosis (range)	3 years (1 month - 32 years)
Age <2years	15 (39.5)
Sex	
Male/Female	26/12
Clinical manifestations	
Mass	17 (44.7)
Skin lesion	12 (31.6)
Hepatosplenomegaly	5 (13.2)
Back pain	5 (13.2)
Limping gait	4 (10.5)
Otorrhea	4 (10.5)
Number of organ involved	4 10 (26.3)
Distribution of involved organ	
Bone	27 (71.1)
Liver	9 (23.7)
Skin	8 (21.1)
Upper air way	6 (15.8)
Bone marrow	5 (13.2)
Spleen	5 (13.2)
Lymph node	4 (10.5)
Lung	4 (10.5)
Pituitary	3 (7.9)
Presence of organ dysfunction	8 (21.1)
Clinical stage	
Stage I	19 (50.0)
Stage II	9 (23.7)
Stage III	4 (10.5)
Stage IV	6 (15.8)
Pathologic stage	
Monostotic	15 (39.5)
Polyostotic	2 (5.3)
Multisystemic	21 (55.3)

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Table 2. Therapeutic modalities according to the pathologic stage

	Monostotic (n=15)	Polyostotic (n=2)	Multisystemic (n=21)	Total (n=38)
Surgery alone	11	-	2	12
Surgery + chemotherapy	1	-	3	4
Surgery + chemotherapy + RTx	1	-	-	1
Chemotherapy alone	1	2	14	18
Chemotherapy + RTx	1	-	1	2
Supportive only	-	-	1	1
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Abbreviation : RTx, radiotherapy

5 (20%), 2 (40%), 1 (20%)
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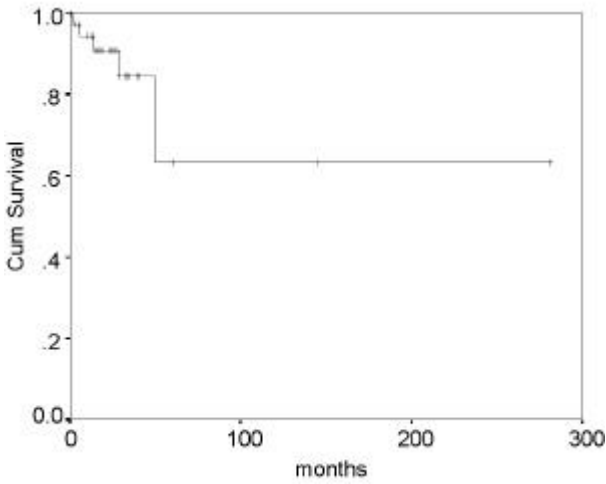


Fig. 1. Overall survival of the total 38 cases with Langerhans' cell histiocytosis.

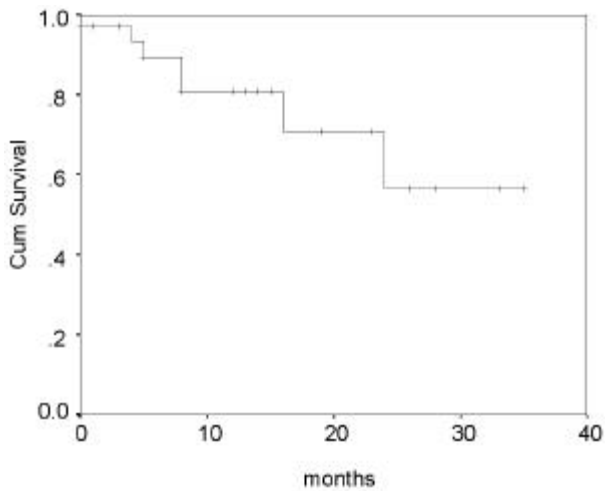


Fig. 2. Disease-free survival of the patients with Langerhan's cell histiocytosis.

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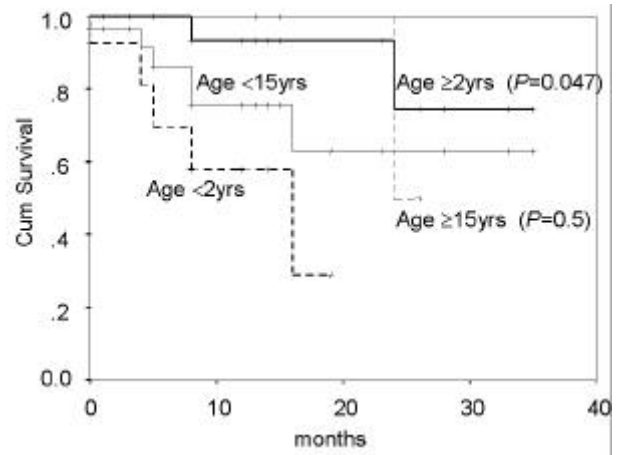


Fig. 3. Disease-free survival according to the age (age <2yrs vs age ≥ 2 yrs and age < 15 yrs vs age ≥ 15 yrs).

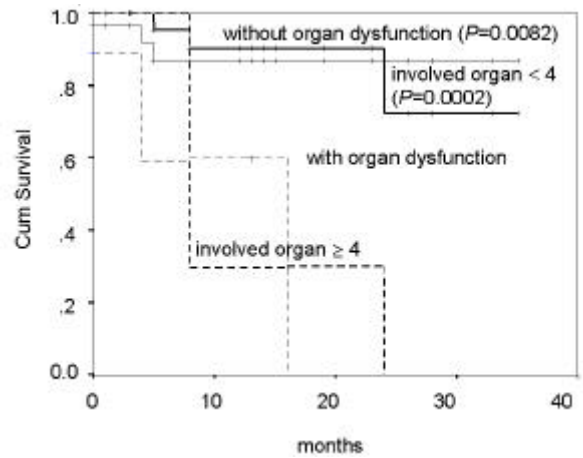


Fig. 4. Disease-free survival according to the number of involved organs and evidence of organ dysfunction (without organ dysfunction vs with organ dysfunction and involved organs <4 vs ≥ 4).

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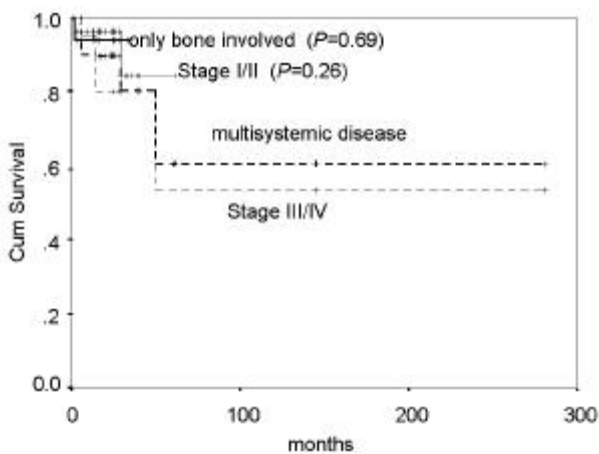


Fig. 5. Overall survival according to the clinical stage and pathologic stage.

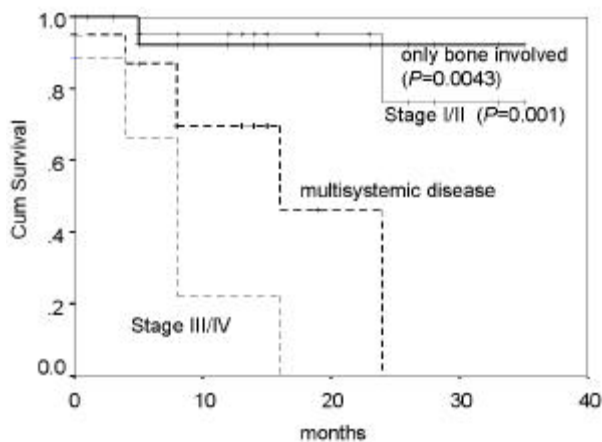


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