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- 9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.
- 10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.
- 11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.
- 12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

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# NAVIGATION SURGERY FOR INTRAOPERATIVE SENTINEL LYMPH NODE DETECTION USING ICG IN BREAST CANCER PATIENTS

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#### Abstract.

**Introduction:** In 2020 more than 2.2 million cases of breast cancer were registered, and these figures indicate that this disease is very widespread. Lymphatic metastasis is one of the most important causes of local recurrence of breast cancer and is unfavorable factor of prognosis.

The purpose of the work is to improve the method of intraoperative diagnosis of the sentinel lymph node in patients with breast cancer.

Material and methods: Between 2016 and 2021, 200 patients with T1-T3N0M0 breast cancer were operated at the Odesa Regional Clinical Hospital. Two types of dyes – Patent Blue and ICG were used. The patients who had mastectomy with sentinel lymph node biopsy as a rule had a clinical diagnosis of T2-T3N0M0 breast cancer. In group 1, 100 patients had sentinel lymph node biopsy. Staining of lymph nodes was performed using Patent Blue. In group 2, 100 patients, sentinel lymph nodes biopsy was conducted using fluorescent dye ICG, which was also administered subdermally.

**Results:** A total five-year survival rate after axillary lymph dissection and sentinel lymph node biopsy was 91% and 92%, respectively. A five-year recurrence-free survival rate after axillary lymph dissection was approximately 82.2%, and after sentinel lymph node biopsy – 83.9%. Regional recurrence in the sentinel lymph nodes on the affected side were found in only 1.1% of cases. The sentinel lymph nodes were intact in 58% of patients, so, the next lymph dissection was not performed. The affected lymph nodes were observed in 42% of patients.

The time of follow-up ranged from 60 to 180 months. The recurrence was registered in 0.2%. The study revealed no difference in total and recurrence-free survival rate between the groups.

**Conclusions:** With detected mts lesions of the axillar (sentinel) lymph nodes, the operation should be continued with an obligatory determination of the second and third order lymph nodes. The extent of surgical intervention is determined on the operating table based on the results of intraoperative histological examination. The fluorescent lymphography method has a high accuracy – 99%, which allows to recommend it for implementation into clinical practice.

**Key words.** Breast cancer, sentinel lymph node, ICG.

### Introduction.

In 2020, more than 2.2 million cases of breast cancer were registered, and these figures indicate the high prevalence of this disease [1-3]. Soon approximately every twelfth woman will be diagnosed breast cancer [4-7]. Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in women. In recent decades, significant progress has been made in breast cancer treatment [8-11]. The possibilities of the current surgery in breast cancer treatment

directly depend on severity of lymph nodes involvement [11-13]. Breast cancer occurs in the cells that line epithelium of the milk ducts (85%) or lobules (15%) of the glandular tissue of the breast. At first, the tumor growth is limited to a duct or a lobe (a preinvasive cancer, cancer at place – in situ), where it does not cause any symptoms and has a minimal potential for metastasis. Lymphatic metastasis is one of the most important causes of local recurrence of breast cancer and an unfavorable factor of prognosis [5,7,14,15].

There is not any method that can definitely detect lesions of regional lymph nodes (LN) in patients with breast cancer [1,2,10]. The main criterion which testifies to metastatic lesion of LN is its size [5,7,16,17]. At the same time, the size of lymph nodes does not always indicate to its involvement in the tumor process or intactness [9,15,18]. There are reports that LNs less than 5 mm in diameter were affected in 15% of patients [2,16,19].

Introduction of the sentinel lymph nodes staining technique to the surgical practice changed radically the extent of the surgical approach [4,19,20]. This technique served as a breakthrough in the detection of sentinel lymph nodes in patients with breast cancer. Staining of sentinel lymph nodes in breast cancer allows to minimize most of the complications, as well as to reduce surgical injury [2,3,6,14,17]. Breast cancer treatment can be very effective and increase the survival rate to 90% or higher, especially if the disease is detected at an early stage. The treatment usually includes surgery and radiation therapy to control disease in the breast, lymph nodes, and surrounding areas, as well as systemic therapy, endocrine therapy (hormone therapy), chemotherapy, and, in some cases, targeted therapy (using antibodies).

#### Aim.

The aim of the work is to improve the method of intraoperative diagnosis of the sentinel lymph node in patients with breast cancer.

# Materials and Methods.

Between 2016 and 2021, 200 patients with T1-T3N0M0 breast cancer were operated on at the Odesa Regional Clinical Hospital. Two types of dyes – Patent Blue and ICG were used. Age of patients 35–68 years. All the patients were divided into two groups. All patients gave written informed consent, and the local ethics committee approved the study.

Patients who had mastectomy with sentinel lymph node biopsy more often are diagnosed T2-T3N0M0 breast cancer. The exceptions were T3-T4 tumors, tumors > 5 cm in diameter, or invasion to the skin and chest, palpable axillary lymph nodes, 3 and more affected lymph nodes detected by sentinel lymph node biopsy.

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The preoperative examination protocol included: digital mammography in two projections (Figure 1), ECG, general, biochemical blood test, coagulogram, and trepan biopsy with histological examination and subsequent immunohistochemistry with ER, clone6F11, PR, clone16, Her-2 examination, breast and lymph nodes ultrasound, computed tomography (CT) of the chest, abdominal cavity and pelvic organs. Preoperative preparation met the standard.

In the group 1, 100 patients had sentinel lymph node biopsy. Staining of lymph nodes was performed with Patent Blue dye.

In group 2, sentinel lymph node biopsy was performed in 100 patients using fluorescent dye ICG, which was also administered subdermally. This method of staining lymph nodes is based on the dye luminescence effect when exposed to a certain wavelength light [3,6,12,20]. After ICG introduction, green colored lymph nodes were determined in 15 minutes (Figure 1). All the patients with the sentinel lymph nodes lesions had adjuvant therapy at the postoperative period according to the ESMO/NCCN recommendations [10,11,16].



Figure 1. The lymph node stained with ICG.



Figure 2. Subdermal injection of Patent Blue along the outer edge of the areola.

All the patients were injected with Patent Blue dye subdermally along the outer edge of the areola, in amount of 2 ml of diluted dye in order to give an opportunity to spread through the lymphatic system (Figure 2). A standard time period of the stained lymph node appearance was 15–20 minutes. The stained lymph node (nodes) was sent for pathomorphological examination (Figure 3).

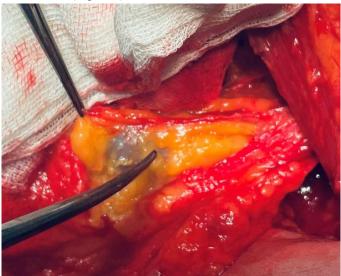


Figure 3. The removed lymph node stained by Patent Blue.

Cytological examination of stained lymph nodes was performed intraoperatively. Histological evaluation using permanent preparations was conducted, because false-positive results were observed.

Pathomorphological examination was performed using a standard hematoxylin-eosin staining. The false negative sentinel lymph nodes were examined using immunohistochemical analysis. The advantages of this technique are absence of radiation exposure and simplicity of implementation. However, after the injection the dye may remain in the tissues for some time. The results of our study made a breakthrough in the detection and determination of strategically important lymph nodes in the surgical treatment of breast cancer.

#### Results.

In the past all the cases of breast cancer were treated surgically by mastectomy. Today, mastectomy is also performed in case of multifocal growth. Currently, most cases of breast cancer can be treated with a more sparing technique - lumpectomy or sectorial resection, but with an obligatory sentinel lymph node biopsy. In these cases, it is usually followed by the radiation therapy in order to minimize the chance of recurrence. A total five-year survival rate after axillary lymph dissection and sentinel lymph node biopsy was 91% and 92% respectively. A five-year recurrence-free survival rate after axillary lymph dissection was near 82.2%, and after sentinel lymph node biopsy – 83.9%. Regional recurrences in the sentinel lymph nodes on the affected side were found in only 1.1% of cases. The sentinel lymph nodes were intact in 58% of the patients, therefore, the subsequent lymph dissection was not performed. Metastatic affected lymph nodes were found in 42% of patients.

Table 1. Group 2 – control. LN painting by Patent Blue.

n = 100	Average number of removed LN	LN without mts	LN with mts	Lymphostasis	Recurrence is local	Recurrence is remote
T1N0M0 (n = 35)	2	26 (74.3 %)	9 (25.7 %)	1 (2.8%)	0	1 (2.8 %)
T2N0M0 (n = 35)	3	20 (57.1 %)	15 (42.8 %)	2 (5.7%)	1 (2.8%)	6 (17.4%)
T3N0M0 (n = 30)	4	8 (26.6 %)	22 (73.3 %)	1 (3.33%)	3 (10%)	6 (20%)

**Table 2.** Group 1 – main. LN painting by ICG.

n = 100	The average number of removed LN	LN without mts	LN with mts	Lymphostasis	Recurrence is local	Recurrence is remote
T1N0M0 (n = 35)	2	28 (80%)	7 (20%)	0	0	1 (2.8%)
T2N0M0 (n = 35)	2	22 (62.8%)	13 (37.2%)	1 (2.8%)	0	4 (11.4%)
T3N0M0 (n = 30)	3	10 (33.3%)	20 (66.6%)	1 (3.3%)	1 (3.3%)	3 (10%)

The follow-up period ranged from 60 to 180 months. Recurrence was registered in 0.2% of women as isolated metastases to the axillary lymph nodes. Biopsy revealed no cases of upper extremity lymphostasis. As a result of the study, there was no difference in total and recurrence-free survival rate between the groups (Tables 1 and 2).

Our data confirm improvement of surgical approach of breast cancer. The study proved low recurrence rate, a decrease in complications such as lymphedema and disease of the upper extremity when performing sentinel lymph node biopsy as compared with the 1st -2nd order lymphadenectomy. Our research highlights that the complete axillary lymph dissection for staging and prognosis of breast cancer is a thing of the past. Mastering new technologies with new approaches to lymph nodes staining becomes necessary in the practice of an oncological surgeon.

Statistical analyses were performed using program Statistica 10.0.

#### Discussion.

The vast majority of drugs used for the treatment of breast cancer are already included in the WHO List of Essential Medicines [3,4,10,14]. So, significant global improvements in breast cancer control can be achieved by implementing the proved measures. Therefore, we show in our work that the sentinel lymph node detection is a qualitative indicator in staging and improving the life quality of patients with breast cancer after surgery.

The sentinel nodes detection with ICG dye can reduce the severity and number of complications [6,9,17]. All known methods of the sentinel lymph nodes detection by the sentinel lymph node concept determine one function – show the way of lymphatic drainage from the tumor to the regional nodes [7,18,21]. In our study, the sentinel lymph node detection was at a high level and made up 100%. The false negative results rate when summing all the groups was 9%. So, detection of the sentinel LN is an effective method for the disease staging, as well as a prognostic factor and a guideline in the further management of breast cancer [5,10,14].

#### Conclusions.

1. ICG is a universal fluorescent dye that provides the surgeon with additional complete information about the individuality

of the patient's anatomy and individuality of the surgical intervention, allows to effectively and quickly determine the scope of the surgical intervention, and thereby reduce the number of complications.

- 2. If mts lesions of the axillar (sentinel) lymph nodes are detected, the operation should be continued with an obligatory determination of the second and third order lymph nodes.
- 3. The extent of surgical intervention is determined on the operating table according to results of intraoperative histological examination.
- 4. The diagnostic algorithm with ICG in breast cancer treatment allows in the vast majority of cases to avoid o traumatic operations in favor of organ-preserving operations with sentinel lymph node biopsy.
- 5. The fluorescent lymphography method has a high accuracy of 99%, which makes it possible to recommend it for implementation into clinical practice. The frequency of sentinel lymph nodes detection in breast cancer patients is 98% in the control group, 100% in the main group. The sensitivity of the method is 91.6% in the main group, and 96.67% in the control group. The specificity is no more than 97.5% 100%, the false negative response was 3.5% in the control group and 9% in the main group, p > 0.05. The predicted value of a positive result is 91.6% in the main group, 100% in the control group. The predicted value of a negative result is 97.5% in the main group, 98.5% in the control group.

# Prospects for further research.

Identification and targeted examination of sentinel LN in breast cancer patients is a promising technology of the future. In this regard breast cancer should be considered as an example of a disease, which treatment techniques can be used in other diseases management.

#### Conflict of interest statement.

The author declares no conflict of interest.

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