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乳腺癌术后孤立腋窝淋巴结复发的临床特征与治疗进展

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[摘要] 乳腺癌术后孤立腋窝淋巴结复发 (axillary recurrence, AR) 是影响患者预后的关键因素之一。随着诊疗技术的进步, 临床对AR的认识逐渐加深, 但由于AR发生率较低, 目前关于其临床特征的系统性研究仍然有限。ACOSOG Z0011、AMAROS等高质量临床研究证实, 在不同前哨淋巴结状态的患者中, 腋窝淋巴结清扫 (axillary lymph node dissection, ALND) 与前哨淋巴结切除 (sentinel lymph node dissection, SLND) 在AR控制方面的效果均相当。近年来, 腋窝手术去侵袭化的趋势推进了靶向腋窝淋巴结清扫等低创伤手段的诞生。SOUND试验进一步表明, 对于肿瘤直径 ≤ 2 cm的患者, 豁免腋窝手术是安全且可行的。一系列临床研究已识别出了多种潜在的高危因素, 包括患者年龄、阳性淋巴结数量、Ki-67增殖指数高、淋巴结外侵犯以及腋窝软组织浸润, 然而这些因素与AR的关系并不完全清楚。本综述全面梳理AR的临床特征、高危因素及个体化管理策略, 重点探讨不同腋窝手术方式、放疗与系统治疗对AR风险的影响。此外, 未来亟待开展更多高质量临床研究, 进一步明确AR的预后因素, 优化个体化治疗方案, 从而为AR患者提供更精准的管理策略。

[关键词] 乳腺癌; 区域淋巴结复发; 乳腺癌预后

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[Abstract] Isolated axillary recurrence (AR) after breast cancer surgery is one of the critical factors influencing patients' prognosis. With advancements in diagnostic and therapeutic techniques, the clinical understanding of AR has progressively deepened. However, due to the low incidence of AR, systematic studies on its clinical features remain limited. High-quality clinical trials, such as ACOSOG Z0011 and AMAROS, have demonstrated that in patients with varying statuses of sentinel lymph node, axillary lymph node dissection (ALND) and sentinel lymph node dissection (SLND) provide comparable control of AR. In recent years, the trend towards de-escalation axillary surgery has advanced the development of less invasive techniques such as targeted axillary lymph node dissection. The SOUND trial further confirmed the safety and feasibility of omitting axillary surgery in patients with tumors ≤ 2 cm. In addition, a series of clinical studies have identified a variety of potential high-risk factors, including patient age, number of positive lymph nodes, high Ki-67 proliferation, extranodal extension, and axillary soft tissue infiltration. However, there is no broad consensus regarding the association of these factors with AR. This review comprehensively summarized the clinical characteristics, risk factors and personalized management strategies of AR, with an emphasis on the impact of different axillary surgical approaches, radiotherapy and systemic therapy on the AR risk. In addition, more high-quality clinical studies are urgently needed to further clarify prognostic factors and optimize individualized treatment strategies, so as to provide more precise management for patients.

[Key words] Breast cancer; Regional lymph node recurrence; Breast cancer prognosis

据国际癌症研究机构统计,乳腺癌是2022年全球女性患病率与死亡率最高的恶性肿瘤^[1]。随着诊断技术和治疗手段的进步,乳腺癌死亡率在1989年达高峰后持续下降^[2],但乳腺癌手术后的复发风险仍是患者面临的严峻问题之一。乳腺癌术后复发转移可分为局部区域复发(loco-regional recurrence, LRR)和远处转移复发。远处转移复发是影响乳腺癌患者预后的重要因素,LRR患者发生远处转移的风险较高,复发后的5年总生存率(overall survival, OS)为45%~80%^[3]。

局部复发包括同侧乳腺或胸壁,区域复发则涵盖腋窝、锁骨下、锁骨上和内乳淋巴结等。其中,腋窝淋巴结的10年累积复发率为1.3%~5.0%,无论初诊时原发肿瘤是否累及腋窝淋巴结,其复发率均低于其他部位^[4]。腋窝淋巴结复发(axillary recurrence, AR)的发生与预后也受患者临床病理学特征及治疗等相关因素的影响,目前仍缺乏针对AR的个性化管理与治疗指南。本综述将总结不同腋窝手术方式对AR发生率的影响、AR相关高危与预后因素,归纳现有治疗方案,并提出未来研究方向。

1 腋窝手术方式对AR的影响

腋窝淋巴结转移是乳腺癌的重要预后因素,是指导局部区域和全身治疗决策的关键。21世纪之前,腋窝淋巴结清扫(axillary lymph node dissection, ALND)是乳腺癌腋窝外科管理的标准治疗手段。NSABP B-04研究结果显示,ALND未显著降低腋窝淋巴结阳性患者的区域复发风险(8% vs 11%, $P=0.67$);而在腋窝淋巴结阴性患者中,ALND的区域复发率显著低于乳房切除术组(4% vs 6%, $P=0.002$)^[5]。多项研究数据证实:未接受腋窝手术的患者AR发生率显著增加(8.9% vs 1.7%, $P=0.038$)^[6];未接受ALND、无LRR的患者的生存率更低[86% vs 71%, 风险比(hazard ratio, HR)=2.35, 95% CI: 1.91~2.89]^[7]。有研究^[8-13]报道,早期乳腺癌接受ALND后AR的发生率降至2%以下。

1.1 前哨淋巴结(sentinel lymph node, SLN)阴性患者的AR发生率及研究进展

SLN活检的引入开启了乳腺癌外科治疗新时代,也为一部分早期乳腺癌患者提供了豁免ALND的替代方案。目前,SLN无转移的患者仅需接受前哨淋巴结切除(sentinel lymph node dissection, SLND)已作为早期乳腺癌的标准治疗手段。毫无疑问,该临床实践是建立在AR发生率极低且患者预后良好的基础之上的^[14]。一项纳入14 959例SLN阴性患者的meta分析发现,

SLND术后AR发生率仅有0.3%^[15]。另一项多中心前瞻性研究^[16]表明,SLN阴性患者中出现孤立AR的比例只有1.6%。与之对应的是,多项单中心研究结果显示仅行SLND患者的AR发生率均在0.4%~0.9%^[17-22]。虽然以上研究均纳入了一定数量接受术后放疗的患者,但研究^[23]显示,即使未接受辅助放疗,进行乳房全切术+SLND的SLN阴性患者在随访16年后的AR发生率仅有1.7%。而多中心SOUND随机对照临床试验^[24]则进一步推动了临床淋巴结阴性患者腋窝手术的降级,该临床试验纳入了1 405例肿瘤直径 ≤ 2 cm、cN0且术前超声检查无淋巴结受累的患者,经过5.7年随访后研究结果显示,即使SLND组存在13.7%的淋巴结病理学检查结果为阳性的患者,SLND组和无腋窝手术组的5年AR累计发生率差异无统计学意义(0.4% vs 0.4%, $P=0.91$),初步证实了以上患者省略腋窝手术的安全性。目前针对腋窝管理降级的多中心随机对照研究仍在不断推进,例如BOOG试验^[25]和SNIPE试验^[26]正进一步探讨低肿瘤负荷患者豁免SLND的可能,有望在SOUND试验的基础上提供更多有力的循证医学证据。

1.2 SLN阳性患者的AR发生率及研究进展

随着乳腺癌放疗及系统性治疗的快速发展,在SLN有限阳性的患者中,不同手术方式(保乳手术、乳房切除术)和腋窝外科管理对AR的影响逐渐受到关注。2016年美国临床肿瘤学会(American Society of Clinical Oncology, ASCO)指南建议,1~2枚SLN转移、接受保乳术联合全乳放疗的早期乳腺癌患者无需接受ALND;SLN转移的乳房切除术后患者应接受ALND^[27]。ACOSOG Z0011^[11]对1~2枚SLN阳性的保乳手术术后患者开展了研究,所有患者术后均完成了全乳放疗,但未接受任何特异性腋窝治疗。中位随访5年后,SLND组和ALND组的AR发生率相似(0.9% vs 0.5%),差异无统计学意义^[28];9.3年的中位随访时间后也得到了相似结论:两组的AR发生率分别仅为1.5%和0.5% ($P=0.28$)^[29]。纳入30项研究的系统综述^[30]显示,豁免ALND未对SLN阳性患者的AR发生率及预后造成影响($P=0.69$),但能使ALND相关不良事件发生率与LRR发生率($OR=0.76$, 95% CI: 0.59~0.97)显著降低,另一项meta分析也得到了相同的结论^[31]。AMAROS研究^[32]显示,对于SLN阳性患者,SLNB联合腋窝I~III组淋巴结及锁骨上窝内侧放疗与传统ALND在AR控制方面具有相当的效果(1.82% vs 0.93%, 表1)。此外,有两项针对

腋窝放疗的研究^[33-34]进一步支持了这一结论: 当放疗野覆盖腋窝 I~II 组淋巴结或腋窝 III 级与锁骨上窝时, AR 发生率与 ALND 组差异无统计学意义。同时, IBCSG 23-01^[35] 等前瞻性或一系列相关的回顾性研究均证实, 对于 SLN 低肿瘤负荷的患者, 免除 ALND, 甚至豁免 SLND, 仍能将 AR 发生率控制在 1.2%~1.6% 这一较低水平^[8-10]。除此之外, 纳入更多乳房单纯切除手术以及高危患者的 SENOMAC 临床研究^[12] 结果显示, 在所有患者均接受乳房放疗的情况下, 中位随访 46.8 个月后, SLND 和 ALND 组的区域复发率分别为 0.4%、0.5%, 远处复发或死亡风险差异无统计学意义。多项前瞻性或回顾性研究^[36-39] 同样表明, 对于 1~2 枚 SLN 阳性的乳房切除手术后的患者而言, 即使未额外接受腋窝放疗, SLND 或 ALND 组的 AR 发生率或 LRR 发生率差异无统计学意义。

针对新辅助治疗患者, 2024 年 ASCO 指南建议, 对于初始腋窝淋巴结阳性的患者, 若在新辅助化疗后淋巴结仍有残留病灶, 应进行 ALND^[40]。靶向腋窝淋巴结清扫术 (targeted axillary lymph node dissection, TAD) 的应用能够在减少腋窝手术侵入性的同时, 降低淋巴结

阳性患者 SLND 的假阳性率^[41]。多项前瞻性与回顾性研究证实, 对于新辅助治疗反应较差的患者 (ycN⁺ 或 ypN⁺) 应优先选择 TAD 联合 ALND 以确保疗效; 而 ycN0 期患者接受 SLND 或 ALND 后的 AR 发生率均为 1%~2%, 差异无统计学意义^[42-45]。未来的研究需进一步验证这些策略的长期疗效。

此外, 胸大小肌间淋巴结, 又称 Rotter 淋巴结, 因其解剖位置的特殊性逐渐受到关注。由于复发率极低, 相关研究多为个案报道或早期临床研究, 缺乏系统总结。一项纳入了 4 097 例乳腺癌患者的回顾性研究显示, 在接受 ALND 并中位随访 8 年的患者中, 4 例 (0.1%) 出现 Rotter 淋巴结复发^[46]。值得注意的是, 其中 3 例在初次诊断时腋窝淋巴结状态为阴性。此外, 1 例侵袭性导管癌伴腋窝淋巴结微转移的患者在术后 2 年出现 Rotter 淋巴结复发, 尽管已完成术后化疗、内分泌治疗和靶向治疗^[47], 提示该区域可能作为罕见的复发部位。然而 Rotter 淋巴结在乳腺癌淋巴引流系统中的病理学特征和临床意义依旧未知总之, 腋窝淋巴结转移是患者预后的高危因素^[48]。

表 1 关于不同腋窝术式对 AR 发生率的影响的临床试验

Tab. 1 Clinical trials on the impact of different axillary surgical approaches on AR incidence

Clinical scenario	Reference	Year	Research type	No. of patients	Tumor stage	Follow-up t/month	AR incidence/%
SLN(-)+SLND	Van der Ploeg I M, et al. ^[15]	2008	Systemic review	14 959	T1-3	34	0.3
	Van Wely B J, et al. ^[16]	2012	Prospective study	929	T1-3	77	1.6
	Ogiya A, et al. ^[19]	2016	Prospective study	2 578	T1-3	75	0.9
	Veronesi U, et al. ^[17]	2006	Randomized controlled trial	167	T1	79	0.6
	Krag D N, et al. ^[18]	2010	Randomized controlled trial	2 011	T1-3	95.6	0.4
ALND	Giuliano A E, et al. ^[29]	2017	Randomized controlled trial	420	T1-2	111.6	0.5
	Bilimoria K Y, et al. ^[8]	2009	Prospective study	77 097	T1-3	63	1.2
	Houvenaeghel G, et al. ^[10]	2016	Retrospective study	1 671	T1-3	60.4	0.6
	Bartels S A L, et al. ^[32]	2023	Randomized controlled trial	744	T1-2	120	0.9
SLN(+)+SLND	Giuliano A.E. et al. ^[28-29]	2017	Randomized controlled trial	436	T1-2	75.6	0.9
						111.6	1.5
	Tvedskov T F, et al. ^[9]	2015	Prospective study	240	T1-3	75	1.6
	Houvenaeghel G, et al. ^[10]	2016	Retrospective study	338	T1-3	60.4	1.2
	Bilimoria K Y, et al. ^[8]	2009	Prospective study	20 217	T1-3	63	1.0

2 其他可能影响 AR 的因素

2.1 临床特征

年龄与乳腺癌患者预后的相关性是临床关注的重点之一, 但针对 AR 的研究较少。有研究^[4] 报道, 在不同年龄段中, 仅 <40 岁亚组患者的 AR 发生率高于 5% (5.1%), 且多变量竞争风险回归分析也进一步证实了年龄是 AR 的独立风险因素。另一项前瞻性多中心临床研究^[16] 结果显示, 在 SLN 阴性患者中, 较小的年龄的患者发生 AR 的风险显著增加 ($P=0.007$), 但该研究并未

给出年龄的明确界定值。有两项早期研究^[45, 49] 却得出了不同的结论: 年龄或绝经状态并非 LRR 或 AR 的直接危险因素, 肿瘤生物学特点和治疗方案的影响可能更大。此外, 不同研究对患者年龄分组的标准存在差异, 这种不一致性也可能对研究结论产生一定的影响。

2.2 病理学特征

一般认为, 阳性淋巴结数量是与 AR 直接相关的高危因素。一项纳入 13 项随机对照临床试验的 meta 分析评估了 8 106 例乳房切除术后接受

化疗和（或）内分泌治疗的患者中与AR相关的高危因素。中位随访15.2年的结果显示，不同病理学特征患者的10年AR累计发生率差异有统计学意义，从1.3%（T1期、pN0、 ≥ 17 枚未受累淋巴结）到5%（ ≥ 4 枚阳性淋巴结、年龄 < 40 岁、0~7枚未受累淋巴结）不等。多变量竞争风险回归分析也显示，阳性淋巴结和未受累淋巴结数量均为AR的关键风险因素。STEPP分析也提示，AR发生率随着未受累淋巴结数量的增加而下降^[4]。然而，也有研究^[50]对889例SLN阳性和阴性患者的AR发生率开展了研究，结果显示差异无统计学意义（1.2% vs 0.8%）。值得注意的是，该研究所纳入的SLN阳性患者均接受了ALND，因此不能排除腋窝管理方式对SLN阳性患者AR发生率的影响。

与淋巴管血管侵犯相似，淋巴结外侵犯（extracapsular tumor spread, ECS）可能也是AR的高危因素^[51-54]。纳入美国得克萨斯大学MD安德森癌症中心5项临床试验的队列研究^[55]发现，锁骨上/腋尖淋巴结复发与多个风险因素显著相关： > 4 枚阳性腋窝淋巴结、 $> 20\%$ 腋窝淋巴结受累、淋巴管血管侵犯、存在明显ECS，存在以上高危因素之一的患者10年实际发生率分别为15%、15%、12%和19%（ $P < 0.000 8$ ），而腋下一中淋巴结复发与淋巴结受累数量无显著关联。与淋巴脉管浸润类似，反映淋巴结病灶侵袭程度的ECS也可能是AR的风险因素。一项入组1 475例患者的随机对照临床研究^[56]发现，存在腋窝淋巴结ECS的患者10年AR累计发生率更高（4.1% vs 2.1%， $P = 0.09$ ），但在校正其他风险因素（如淋巴结转移数量）后ECS则不具有独立预测作用。此外，腋窝软组织（axillary soft tissue, AXT）肿瘤细胞浸润通常与阳性淋巴结及ECS并存，也引起了研究者的注意。一项对2 162例淋巴结阳性患者的研究发现，中位随访9.4年后，AXT+ECS组、AXT组、ECS组的10年AR发生率分别为4.5%、4.6%和0.8%（ $P = 0.003 6$ ）。多变量分析提示，AXT与AR（HR=3.3， $P = 0.003$ ）显著相关，而ECS并未表现出独立影响因素的情况（HR=0.98， $P = 0.96$ ）^[57]。目前推测ECS可能伴随着更多数量的阳性淋巴结（ $P < 0.001$ ），而后者与AR有更强烈的相关性^[56]。因此，ECS与AR的关系仍存在争议，未来研究需要在排除其他影响因素后，进一步探究ECS对AR的影响，这将为临床实践提供参考。

针对腋窝淋巴结阴性患者，AR相关风险因素似乎与肿瘤的病理学特征关系更密切。一项中位随访时间为8.3年的研究^[58]结果显示，对

于接受保乳手术与术后放疗的T1期、SLN阴性患者，Ki-67增殖指数高和组织学类型（导管癌 vs 其他）是AR的独立预后因素。而在纳入2 872例淋巴结阳性的乳腺癌患者的临床研究^[59]中，并未发现组织学类型（导管癌 vs 小叶癌）与AR的发生率相关（ $P = 0.20$ ）。另一项针对未接受腋窝手术的老年患者（ ≥ 70 岁）的研究^[6]发现，增殖活跃（Ki-67增殖指数 $\geq 20\%$ ）和Luminal B型的患者在10年内的AR复发率显著增高，分别达17.1%和16.8%。纳入1 088例单病灶、肿瘤直径 ≤ 3 cm患者的随机对照试验则提示，雌激素受体（estrogen receptor, ER）状态、组织学分级、淋巴管血管侵犯、是否接受内分泌治疗均与AR相关（ $P = 0.002$ ， $P < 0.001$ ， $P < 0.001$ ， $P = 0.004$ ）^[61]。一项单中心前瞻性临床研究^[60]结果显示，在SLN阳性、肿瘤大小 ≤ 5 cm、接受SLND与辅助治疗的1 056例cN0患者中，激素受体阴性（ $P < 0.01$ ）、三阴性乳腺癌（ $P = 0.047$ ）、乳房切除术（ $P < 0.01$ ）和未接受辅助放疗（ $P < 0.01$ ）与AR显著相关。一项回顾性研究^[21]还发现，SLN阴性患者的核分化程度与AR相关（单因素分析：HR=5.12，95% CI: 1.52~17.26， $P < 0.01$ ）。不过，这些研究均纳入了特定患者，在一定程度上影响了结论的外推性与适用性。

2.3 治疗特征

放疗是乳腺癌局部治疗的重要组成部分，因此部分研究对放疗与AR的关系进行了探索。有研究^[58]表明，对于T1且SLN阴性的乳腺癌患者，部分乳腺照射（partial breast irradiation, PBI）与全乳放疗（whole breast radiotherapy, WBRT）的10年AR累积发生率分别为4.0%和1.3%（ $P < 0.001$ ）。与PBI相比，WBRT能够将AR风险降低约2/3，这为WBRT在预防AR方面的作用提供了相关证据。一项纳入2 767例患者的多中心队列研究^[61]显示，与保乳手术加放疗相比，乳房切除术后未加放疗是AR的独立风险因素（HR=2.98，95% CI: 1.44~6.17）。此外，外照射放疗降低SLN阴性患者AR风险的作用也在其他研究中得到了验证，但需考虑所纳入研究的异质性^[62-63]。EBCTCG的meta分析^[64]表明，乳房切除术后放疗能使腋窝淋巴结阳性患者的LRR发生率显著降低，但研究未单独区分AR的发生率。

腋窝放疗是否能够预防cN0期患者发生AR也是研究者们关心的话题。OTOASOR试验^[65]对SLN阳性、T1-2cN0期患者进行了研究，97个月的中位随访时间后，分别接受区域淋巴结放疗和ALND的患者的AR发生率差异无统计学

意义 (1.7% vs 2.0%, $P=1.00$)。虽然无病生存率 (disease-free survival, DFS) 和 OS 差异无统计学意义, 但区域淋巴结放疗组的复发后预后更优 ($P=0.0197$, $HR=0.52$)。AMAROS 临床试验^[32]也得到了相似结论, 接受腋窝放疗和 ALND 的 10 年累计 AR 发生率分别为 1.82% 和 0.93%, 均表现出极好的区域控制效果。而在年龄 ≥ 45 岁、肿瘤小于 1.2 cm 的 cN0 期患者中, 腋窝放疗和未接受腋窝管理的患者 AR 的发生率均极低 (0.5% vs 1.5%), 无法进行统计学评估。值得一提的是, 在腋窝放疗组中, 只有 1 例患者出现了临床可触及的 AR, 这提示腋窝放疗可能是低危患者减少 AR 发生的保护因素^[66]。还有研究^[57]报道, 对于伴有 AXT 和 (或) ECS 的淋巴结阳性患者, 腋窝放疗剂量 < 50 Gy 可能将 AR 发生率提高 200% ($HR=3.0$, $P=0.04$), 强调了腋窝放疗在 AXT 受累人群中的重要性。总之, 术后放疗在降低乳腺癌患者 AR 发生率中扮演着关键角色, 然而针对 AR 的研究多围绕 cN0 期患者展开, cN1 期患者术后是否需要放疗、是否增加区域淋巴结放疗以及放疗与患者术式、淋巴结状态等因素的关系需要更多研究探讨。

另外, 一项回顾性系列研究^[67]评估了新辅助化疗后腋窝淋巴结阳性状态对 AR 的影响, 结果显示, pN (-) 的患者 AR 发生率显著低于其他 pN (+) 患者; 新辅助治疗后达到病理学完全缓解 (pathological complete response, pCR) 的 cN3b 期患者的 5 年无复发生存率显著提高 ($HR=0.27$, 95% CI: 0.07~0.99, $P=0.05$)^[54]。

由于关于 AR 的研究数量较少, 我们还可以借鉴 LRR 相关的高危因素, 如年龄 ≤ 45 岁^[68] 或 < 50 岁^[51-52, 69]、肿瘤大小^[69]、阳性淋巴结数量^[49]、未受累淋巴结^[70]、分子分型^[64, 71]。然而, 考虑到 AR 的发生机制及其预后与 LRR 存在差异, 因此目前仍需要更多针对 AR 的独立研究, 以便为 AR 的精准预防、治疗和长期预后评估提供更为有力的依据。

3 腋窝淋巴结区域复发患者预后

虽然腋窝淋巴结在区域淋巴结复发中的发生率相对较低, 且预后明显优于锁骨上淋巴结 ($P<0.0001$)^[52, 72] 或其他区域淋巴结 ($P=0.004$)^[73], 但有研究^[61]发现, AR 仍然是无远处转移生存 (distant metastasis-free survival, DMFS)、OS 及乳腺癌死亡的独立预后因素之一, 5 年 DMFS、OS 分别为 31.5%~59.2%、58.0%~59.8%^[52], 而 10 年生存期仅 2.5 年。另外, AR 患者的 DMFS 和 OS 显著差于其他类型区域淋巴结复发的患者^[74]。然而, 该研究并未对

比分析不同区域复发部位对预后的影响, 需要在未来研究中进一步探讨。

一项纳入 22 例 AR 患者的单变量分析研究^[75]结果显示, 诊断原发肿瘤时腋窝淋巴结为阴性、根治性切除复发灶的患者在 AR 后的生存期更长 (5.4 年 vs 1.6 年, $P<0.001$)。同样的结论也能在初始 ALND 术后的 59 例患者中发现^[76-77]。此外, 对 54 例 SLN 阴性患者进行 47 个月的随访后的结果表明, 原发肿瘤为 ER 阴性以及接受化疗作为初始治疗的患者 OS 更低 ($P=0.012$, $P=0.021$), 而不同补救治疗方案、AR 发生时间的早晚与预后无显著关系^[78]。

由于 AR 发生率较低等原因, 孤立 AR 相关临床研究多为观察性研究, 且纳入患者数量较少, 因此可信区间范围较宽, 证据强度较弱, 多数研究也无法进行多变量分析。目前关于乳腺癌术后复发的研究多聚焦于 LRR, 并发现了一系列相关预后因素: 年龄 < 50 岁^[52]、肿瘤分级^[52, 72, 79]、腋窝淋巴结状态及数量^[52, 72, 79-80]、原发肿瘤受体状态、^[53, 72, 79, 81] 是否接受新辅助治疗^[72]、DFS 或无复发生存率^[79-81]、复发时间^[52, 82]。

然而, 由于局部和区域复发的预后差异较大, 加上各研究中对 LRR 的定义不同、各部位所占比例也不同, 因此 LRR 发生率、DMFS、OS 等预后指标的范围较为宽泛。有鉴于此, LRR 的预后因素并不能完全反映 AR 的实际情况, 我们对 AR 的生物学行为及其对患者长期预后的影响的了解仍较为有限, 亟待更多研究来填补这一空白。

4 AR 后的治疗手段

乳腺癌术后 AR 是高度异质性的疾病, 其治疗选择因患者临床表现、肿瘤生物学、复发前接受的治疗、患者意愿以及不同国家医疗实践而异^[83], 需制定个体化的多模式治疗方案, 通常包括手术局部切除复发灶、放疗和系统治疗等 3 种治疗手段。研究^[84-85]显示, 与单一治疗方案相比, 手术联合放疗 (5 年 OS: 63% vs 38.3%, $P<0.001$)、手术联合系统治疗 (5 年 OS: 53.2% vs 35.3%, $P=0.02$)、手术联合化疗与系统治疗 (AR 控制率: 81.8% vs 36.4%, $P=0.005$) 与较好的预后显著相关。

关于 AR 的局部手术治疗原则已在全球范围内达成共识。2024 年美国国家综合癌症网络 (National Comprehensive Cancer Network, NCCN) 指南推荐: 对于 SLNB 术后 AR 的患者, 临床首选补救性 ALND; 而 ALND 术后复发的患者, 则推荐实施复发灶切除 \pm ALND; 既往未行术后放疗的 AR 患者建议补充区域放疗, 范围

包括患者胸壁、内乳和锁骨上/下淋巴引流区，以提高患者的局部控制率和生存率^[86]。《中国乳腺癌术后局部和区域淋巴结复发外科诊治指南（2024版）》^[87]也提出了类似的推荐。有研究^[84]表明，复发后接受ALND的患者复发灶控制率更优（89% vs 41%， $P=0.0007$ ），但ALND无法预防远处转移的发生（41% vs 65%， $P=0.12$ ）。而另一项纳入220例AR患者的研究^[85]显示，接受孤立病灶切除术和ALND作为补救性治疗的两组患者的5年DFS、OS差异无统计学意义（ $P=0.72$ ， $P=0.26$ ）。此外，目前有对复发后个性化放射剂量等问题开展了相应研究，美国得克萨斯大学MD安德森癌症中心的159例术后LRR患者被分为标准治疗组（50 Gy+10 Gy）和升级治疗组（54 Gy+12 Gy），未观察到两组的5年DFS和OS差异有统计学意义（52% vs 57%， $P=0.29$ ；39% vs 43%， $P=0.30$ ）^[81]，这或许能为AR的放疗剂量提供一定参考。

AR是否需要全身治疗是临床关注的重点之一。然而，AR的极低发生率使得关于AR全身治疗方案及其效果的高质量临床研究数据十分有限。CALOR随机对照临床试验^[88]可能是目前能够提供参考的唯一高质量研究。该研究纳入了162例LRR患者，其中85例接受术后辅助化疗，从而探究LRR切除后是否加化疗对预后的影响。结果显示，经过中位9年随访时间后，化疗能够显著改善ER阴性患者的10年DFS（70% vs 34%；HR=0.29；95% CI: 0.13~0.67），而ER阳性患者却未能从化疗中获益，化疗组与未化疗组的10年DFS分别为50%和59%。接受化疗对ER阴性患者（73% vs 53%，HR=0.48；95% CI: 0.19~1.2）的10年OS改善程度也优于ER阳性患者（76% vs 66%，HR=0.7；95% CI: 0.32~1.55），但两种干预均无法显著改善OS。另外，交互作用检验证实，化疗的不同疗效主要取决于LRR（而不是原发灶）的ER状态。该研究也从侧面进一步提示，内分泌治疗依旧是ER阳性患者的主要治疗手段。然而该研究的样本量较少，因此无法评估复发灶分子亚型、原发辅助化疗与LRR发生时间以及其他治疗方案（内分泌治疗、靶向药）对LRR患者预后的影响。

5 总结及展望

现阶段，大多数关于AR的研究多为回顾性分析，缺乏前瞻性研究，尤其是大规模、多中心的随机对照试验，使得我们对AR的风险因素、患者预后和最佳治疗策略的认识仍不够全面。因此急需对AR这一患者群体展开更多针对性的临床试验，以迅速建立其治疗标准。

另外，单细胞测序、液体活检等新兴技术的迅速发展，为深入解析AR背后独特的免疫微环境特征、分子机制及特异性治疗靶点提供了有力支持，为精准治疗奠定了理论基础。例如，通过单细胞形态和拓扑分析，研究者对乳腺癌进行了不同生态型的分类，并发现其为无复发生存率的独立预后因素^[89]。此外，利用Arc-well测序技术揭示了导管原位癌和复发灶在基因组层面上存在高度相似性，同时携带复发相关的染色体畸变，提示疾病潜在的进化规律^[90]。液体活检技术更是为早期复发监测和干预提供了可能，有研究^[91-93]表明其在复发前即能检测到循环肿瘤DNA，灵敏度高达89%~93%，并能够提供长达2年的早期监测窗口期^[94]。

通过整合不同肿瘤分型、微环境变化与治疗应答之间的关系，基于临床试验验证分子靶点，将为这部分具备治愈潜力的患者制订个体化治疗方案，进而提高患者的生存率和生活质量。

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