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cancer and to determine the possibility of inhibiting ovarian cancer progression using novel therapeutics.

**Methods** In this study, we analyzed the conditioned media in SKOV3 ovarian cancer cell line treated with catecholamine to identify secreted proteins responding to chronic stress.

**Results** We observed that epinephrine and norepinephrine enhanced the secretion and mRNA expression of CXC-chemokines (CXCL1, 2, 3, and 8). Neutralizing antibody to CXCL8 and CXCL8 receptor (CXCR2) inhibitors significantly reduced catecholamine-mediated invasion of SKOV3 cells. Finally, we found that the concentration of CXCL1 and CXCL8 in the plasma of ovarian cancer patients increased with stage progression.

**Conclusion/Implications** Therefore, not only can CXCL1 and CXCL8 be used as diagnostic markers for ovarian cancer, but their inhibition also holds promise as a potential therapeutic option for suppressing ovarian cancer progression. Taken together, these findings suggest that stress-related catecholamines may influence ovarian cancer progression through the secretion of CXC-chemokines.

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#### PERIPHERAL PD-1+REGULATORY T CELLS FOR PREDICTING TREATMENT RESPONSE TO PARP INHIBITOR MAINTENANCE IN PATIENTS WITH EPITHELIAL OVARIAN CANCER

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**Introduction** Poly (adenosine diphosphate [ADP]-ribose) polymerase inhibitors (PARPis) are becoming the standard of care for epithelial ovarian cancer (EOC). Recently, clinical trials of triple maintenance therapy (PARPi+anti-angiogenic agent+anti-PD-1/L1) are actively ongoing. Here, we investigated the immunological effects of PARPi or triple maintenance therapy on T cells and their impact on clinical responses.

**Methods** We collected serial blood from EOC patients receiving PARPi therapy (cohort 1: PARPi, n=49; cohort 2: olaparib+bevacizumab+pembrolizumab, n=31). Peripheral T cells were analyzed using flow cytometry and compared according to the PARPi response. Progression-free survival (PFS) was assessed according to predictive biomarkers identified in a comparative analysis

**Results** Regulatory T cells (Tregs) were suppressed by PARPi therapy, whereas PD-1 was not significantly changed. Short PFS group exhibited a higher percentage of baseline PD-1<sup>+</sup>Tregs than long PFS group, and the patients with high percentage of PD-1<sup>+</sup>Tregs before treatment showed poor PFS in cohort 1. However, the expression of PD-1 on Tregs significantly decreased after receiving triple maintenance therapy, and the reduction in PD-1<sup>+</sup>Tregs was associated with superior PFS in cohort 2 (P=0.0078).

**Conclusion/Implications** PARPi suppresses Tregs, but does not affect PD-1 expression. Addition of PD-1 blockade to PARPi decreases PD-1<sup>+</sup>Tregs, which have negative predictive value for PARPi monotherapy. Our data suggest that addition of PD-1 blockade to PARPi maintenance therapy is a promising option to improve survival outcomes for high-risk patients with ovarian cancer.

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#### CELL-FREE DNA FROM ASCITES IDENTIFIES CLINICALLY RELEVANT VARIANTS AND TUMOUR EVOLUTION IN A COHORT OF PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED OVARIAN CANCER

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