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ABSTRACT

Body composition has gained increasing attention in oncology in recent years due to fact that sarcopenia has been revealed to be a strong prognostic indicator for survival across multiple stages and cancer types and a predictive factor for toxicity and surgery complications. Accumulating evidence over the last decade has unraveled the “pharmacology” of sarcopenia. Lean body mass may be more relevant to define drug dosing than the “classical” body surface area or flat-fixed dosing in patients with cancer.

Since sarcopenia has a major impact on patient survival and quality of life, therapeutic interventions aiming at reducing muscle loss have been developed and are being prospectively evaluated in randomized controlled trials. It is now acknowledged that this supportive care dimension of oncological management is essential to ensure the success of any anticancer treatment.

The field of sarcopenia and body composition in cancer is developing quickly, with (i) the newly identified concept of sarcopenic obesity defined as a specific pathophysiological entity, (ii) unsolved issues regarding the best evaluation modalities and cut-off for definition of sarcopenia on imaging, (iii) first results from clinical trials evaluating physical activity, and (iv) emerging body-composition-tailored drug administration schemes.

In this context, we propose a comprehensive review providing a panoramic approach of the clinical, pharmacological and therapeutic implications of sarcopenia and body composition in oncology.

Keywords: cachexia, chemotherapy, sarcopenic obesity, targeted therapy, toxicity.

ABBREVIATIONS

5-FU: 5-fluorouracil

ACF: 5-FU, cisplatin, and adriamycin

APA: adapted physical activity

AUC: area under the curve

BIA: bioelectrical impedance analysis

BMI: body mass index

BSA: body surface area

CMF: cyclophosphamide, methotrexate, 5FU

Cr: creatinine

CRP: C reactive protein

CT: computed tomography

CYP: cytochrome

CysC: cystatin C

DCF: docetaxel, cisplatin, and 5FU

DXA: dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry

DLT: dose-limiting toxicity

FM: fat mass

FOLFOX: 5FU, leucovorin and oxaliplatin

GFR: glomerular filtration rate

HRQoL: health-related quality of life

HU: Hounsfield unit

IL-1: interleukin-1

IL-6: interleukin-6

L3: third lumbar vertebra

LBM: lean body mass

mAb: monoclonal antibody

MKI: multikinase inhibitor

MRI: magnetic resonance imaging

NLR: neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio

NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer

OS: overall survival

OR: odds ratio

PK: pharmacokinetics

PS: performance status

SCLC: small cell lung cancer

SMA: skeletal muscle area

SMI: skeletal muscle index

TGF- β : transforming growth factor beta

TMA: total muscle area

TNF: tumor necrosis factor

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TEXT**1. Introduction**

Sarcopenia (*i.e.* loss of muscle mass and function) is a hallmark of cachexia, a multi-organ syndrome characterized by negative protein and energy balance, weight loss (including muscle with or without fat), anorexia, and decreased physical function (Fearon et al., 2011). Cachexia has been defined in the setting of underlying inflammatory disease as: (i) unintended weight loss of > 5% over the past 6 months; or (ii) body mass index (BMI) < 20 kg/m² and any degree of weight loss > 2%; or (iii) muscle atrophy (*i.e.* reduced muscle mass) as determinable by various modalities of body composition analysis and any degree of weight loss > 2% (Fearon et al., 2011). Not all cachectic patients have sarcopenia, and not all sarcopenic patients meet consensus criteria for cachexia, while most cancer patients in this context have both sarcopenia and cachexia (Figure 1). Sarcopenia is observed in more than 50% of patients with metastatic cancers (Morishita et al., 2012). It negatively affects survival and health-related quality of life (HRQoL) of patients due to decreased tolerance to anticancer treatments and increased susceptibility to infections and other complications (Bozzetti, 2017). Therefore, sarcopenia and cachexia represent a major clinical target in oncology.

Cancer-related sarcopenia is multifactorial in origin, involving mainly inflammatory and hypercatabolic syndrome, anxiety/depression, and chemotherapy adverse effects (nausea/vomiting, mucitis, diarrhea, and loss of appetite) (Fearon et al., 2011). Given this multifaceted pathophysiology, a multimodal therapeutic approach to sarcopenia management including nutritional support and exercise on a background of personalized oncology care and family-centered education is advocated for (Morley et al., 2010). Several techniques and markers are used to characterize sarcopenia. Lean body mass (LBM) may be more relevant to adapt drug dosing than the “classical” body surface area or flat-fixed dosing. Sarcopenia and changes in body composition present a rapidly developing field of oncology, with the newly identified concept of sarcopenia defined as a specific pathophysiological entity, unsolved issues regarding evaluation modalities and best cut-off for imaging definition of sarcopenia (probably not a “one-size-fits-all” value), first results

from clinical trials evaluating physical activity, and emerging body-composition-tailored drug administration schemes.

2. Sarcopenia definition and modalities of body composition analysis

2.1 Definition and pathophysiology

Sarcopenia was first described in 1989 as an age-related loss of muscle mass (Rosenberg, 1989). Later, the definition was expanded to a syndrome combining three criteria: (i) loss of skeletal muscle mass, (ii) loss of function, and (iii) loss of physical performance (Rosenberg, 1997; Roubenoff, 2000). Three consensus papers established a definition of sarcopenia based on these three parameters (Cruz-Jentoft *et al.*, 2010; Fielding *et al.*, 2011; Muscaritoli *et al.*, 2010). The European Working Group on Sarcopenia in Older People (EWGSOP) proposed three stages of sarcopenia: pre-sarcopenia (presence of one criterion), sarcopenia (two criteria), and severe sarcopenia (three criteria) (Table 1). The techniques used to diagnose sarcopenia include (i) cross sectional imaging, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA), or bioelectrical impedance analysis (BIA) for the assessment of muscle mass, (ii) handgrip test for the assessment of muscle strength, and (iii) a short physical performance battery (*i.e.*, a group of measures that combines gait speed, chair stand, balance tests, and walk speed) (Guralnik *et al.*, 2000) (Figure 2). The muscle function was added into the sarcopenia definition based on the results demonstrating that its decrease is correlated with mortality (Baumgartner *et al.*, 1998). Nevertheless, beside motor functions, skeletal muscle mass plays an important role in the endocrine regulation of metabolism (Janssen & Ross, 2005). Overall the motor function is overly narrow and does not reflect the endocrine function of the muscle. Thus, muscle mass should take the priority over muscle function and be considered as the cornerstone of the definition criteria for sarcopenia (Bulow, Ulijaszek, & Holm, 2018). Sarcopenia is also classified as “primary” when age-related and “secondary” when activity, nutrition, or disease-related such as in cancer or other chronic diseases (Cruz-Jentoft, Landi, Topinková, & Michel, 2010).

Inflammation is a predominant driving mechanism in cancer-related sarcopenia pathophysiology. C reactive protein (CRP) is a marker for inflammation and has been suggested as a

biological marker for sarcopenia (Bano et al., 2017). In a comparable way, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratios (NLR) are higher in sarcopenic patients than in those without sarcopenia (Öztürk, Kul, Türkbeyler, Sayiner, & Abiyev, 2018) as well as circulating levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines (*e.g.* tumor necrosis factor [TNF], interleukin-1 [IL-1], and interleukin-6 [IL-6]) (Narsale & Carson, 2014; Schaap, Pluijm, Deeg, & Visser, 2006; Visser et al., 2002). The cytokines of the transforming growth factor beta (TGF- β) family, *i.e.*, TGF- β , myostatin, GDF11, and activins are major atrophic factors widely involved in cancer-induced cachexia (Wakefield & Hill, 2013). Their circulating levels are increased in most cancers, including pancreatic and colorectal cancers (Wildi et al., 2001; Zhao et al., 2016). These molecules trigger intracellular signals leading to loss of contractile proteins linked to a decrease in protein synthesis and a significant increase in the degradation of muscle myofibrillar proteins, inevitably impacting muscle strength production (Cohen, Nathan, & Goldberg, 2015). Preclinical studies have shown that ZIP14, a metal-ion transporter, and Twist1, a transcription factor, are overexpressed in muscle progenitor cells, highlighting the roles of zinc homeostasis and activin/myostatin signaling in cancer-related muscle loss (Parajuli et al., 2018; G. Wang et al., 2018). In addition, muscle proteolysis induces an important efflux of muscle amino acids, which constitutes “bricks and fuel” to boost tumor progression (Mayers et al., 2016). However, the mechanisms underlying cancer-related muscle dysfunction appear to be more complex than just a negative balance between muscle protein synthesis and degradation. It has recently been shown that microenvironmental alterations affecting cells located at the periphery of the muscle fiber also play a key role in cancer-related muscle atrophy. Indeed, muscle fibers are surrounded by muscle stem cells called “satellite cells”. During muscle injury, these cells become activated and proliferate to produce myoblasts, which differentiate and fuse to form new myofibers and thus restore muscle tissue integrity. In cancer, inflammation induces muscle damage leading to the activation of satellite cells that are engaged in a myogenic muscle tissue repair program, but cannot differentiate (He et al., 2013). Other mechanisms have recently been shown to be involved in cancer-related sarcopenia, such as epigenetic alterations involving bromodomain protein BRD4 (Segatto et al., 2017) and calcium homeostasis involving ryanodine receptors (A. Agrawal, Suryakumar, & Rathor, 2018;

Waning *et al.*, 2015). Endocrine and metabolic factors also play a pivotal role in the pathogenesis of sarcopenia. Some publications suggests an association between insulin resistance and mitochondrial dysfunction leading to the development of skeletal muscle lipid deposition (Corcoran, Lamon-Fava, & Fielding, 2007) and to reduced muscle oxidative activity (Simoneau & Kelley, 1997) in sarcopenia and cancer-induced cachexia (Abbatecola *et al.*, 2011; van der Ende *et al.*, 2018). Moreover, insulin promotes amino acids transport into cells through nitric oxide synthase (Mann, Yudilevich, & Sobrevia, 2003). Therefore, insulin resistance may lead to poorer protein synthesis due to reduced internalization of amino acids. These hypotheses may explain why patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus are more at risk of developing sarcopenia (Leenders *et al.*, 2013; Morley, Malmstrom, Rodriguez-Mañas, & Sinclair, 2014; Park *et al.*, 2007).

Overall, systemic inflammation, metabolic changes, and secreted “atrophying” cytokines along with the muscle microenvironmental dysfunction alter cell signaling in muscle fibers and lead to imbalance between protein synthesis and degradation (Argilés, Campos, Lopez-Pedrosa, Rueda, & Rodriguez-Mañas, 2016) (Figure 2). These phenomena are very early in some malignancies, particularly in pancreatic cancer, and may precede cancer diagnosis by several years (Agustsson, D’souza, Nowak, & Isaksson, 2011; Mayers *et al.*, 2014). Moreover, sarcopenia itself is affected by chemotherapy, since a variety of common chemotherapy drugs are known to experimentally induce sarcopenia in rodent cancer models (Hojman *et al.*, 2014; Sakai *et al.*, 2014). Data on humans carry some caveats because chemotherapy agents are not given to healthy adults and it seems that muscle wasting is exacerbated by chemotherapy (Awad *et al.*, 2012; Coletti, 2018) through reduced food intakes (Spotten *et al.*, 2017) and induced NF- κ B expression (Damrauer *et al.*, 2018). The decrease in food intakes in cancer patients is multifactorial and classically thought to result from changes to appetite, smell and taste and to behavior-regulating regions of brain occurring as a result of inflammatory mediators (Ezeoke & Morley, 2015).

2.2 Modalities of body composition evaluation

In clinical practice, physical performance assessment by short physical performance battery, usual gait speed, and get up and go test (Cruz-Jentoft, Baeyens, et al., 2010; Owusu, Margevicius, Schluchter, Koroukian, & Berger, 2017) and muscle strength evaluation using handgrip test (Kilgour et al., 2013; Veni et al., 2018) are quite standardized. On contrary, there is no consensus on the optimal modality to assess muscle mass in cancer patients.

Anthropometric measurements include weight variation, BMI, waist and hip circumference, waist-to-hip ratio, and skinfold. These are non-invasive, easy to perform, and routinely used to estimate body surface area (BSA; derived from weight and height) for chemotherapy dosing calculation (Griggs, Mangu, Temin, & Lyman, 2012). However, anthropometry is unreliable in some cancer patients, particularly in case of short-term changes in body water composition (*e.g.* in presence of ascites or lymphedema), or in obese patients (Di Sebastiano & Mourtzakis, 2012).

Bioelectrical impedance analysis (BIA) is an additional widely available, non-invasive modality that uses reactance and resistance to determine total body water, fat mass (FM), and fat-free mass. However, BIA is highly dependent on patient hydration state and is biased in case of pathological increase in body water content such as ascites and lymphoedema. Other limitations of BIA is the lack of specific predictive equations for cancer patients leading to frequent inaccuracies (under or overestimations) and the lack of standardization resulting in heterogeneity of sarcopenia prevalence rates across studies (Gonzalez, Barbosa-Silva, & Heymsfield, 2018).

Dual energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) uses a three-compartment model comprising FM, fat-free mass, and bone mineral content. This method can detect early lean mass variations, is highly accurate and reproducible (Ellis, 2001; Shiel et al., 2018). However, it cannot discriminate between different types of fat tissues (visceral, subcutaneous, and intramuscular) as only an overall assessment of FM at the molecular and not at compartmental tissue level can be provided by DXA and no differentiation of specific lean tissues like skeletal muscle and the internal organs within the thorax or abdomen can be made (Guglielmi et al., 2016; Prado & Heymsfield, 2014). Consequently, muscle mass using DXA is estimated based on the appendicular skeleton.

Finally, it has been shown that cross sectional muscle surface at the third lumbar vertebrae (L3) best reflects total skeletal muscle mass determined by computed tomography (CT) or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) (Heymsfield, 2008; Mitsiopoulos *et al.*, 1998; Shen *et al.*, 2004). In practice, total muscle area (TMA, in cm^2) is measured at L3 using a semi-automatic segmentation software on a dedicated post-treatment station (with most packages being interchangeable) (Bonekamp *et al.*, 2008). TMA is then normalized to stature (using height^2 in m^2 , similarly to BMI) (Baumgartner *et al.*, 1998) to obtain the skeletal muscle index (SMI) in cm^2/m^2 .

However, uncertainties remain regarding technical aspects of this method. To date, the only technical guideline available for L3 skeletal muscle surface estimation using CT is the one described by Mitsiopoulos *et al.* in 1998 and recommended by Prado *et al.* in 2008 (Mitsiopoulos *et al.*, Prado *et al.*). It recommends measurement of the mean skeletal muscle surface value on two consecutive slices at the L3 level based on Hounsfield unit (HU) thresholds (-29 to $+150$), followed by manual corrections where necessary. Nevertheless, several technical issues that can influence skeletal muscle surface measurements need clarification such as the effect of intravenous contrast injection (van Vugt *et al.*, 2018), slice thickness (Fuchs *et al.*, 2018), or the influence of tube potential (Morsbach *et al.*, 2018).

Regarding MRI, there are no clear technical recommendations on image acquisition techniques. Most studies used standard T1 and T2-weighted imaging protocols (Heymsfield, 2008; Mitsiopoulos *et al.*, 1998; Yang *et al.*, 2017) and fat-water separated imaging techniques (Dixon, 1984) with manual segmentation to determine L3 skeletal muscle surface, which is time consuming. Very few studies have used or investigated the reproducibility of automated methods applied to MRI (Borga, 2018). This is most likely due to the fact that MRI is not used in a quantitative way because, unlike HU on CT imaging, the intensity levels on MRI are expressed in arbitrary units and are not correlated to tissue composition.

A single-muscle approach to muscle mass quantification using cross-sectional analysis (surface and/or density) of the psoas muscle on abdominal CT and of the pectoralis muscle on thoracic CT in patients who do not undergo abdominal CT (*e.g.* osteosarcomas and head and neck

cancers) has been proposed (Go *et al.*, 2017; Y. S. Kim, Kim, Kang, Ahn, & Kim, 2017). However, these single-muscle, simplified approaches, which hypothesized that one muscle may be representative of total skeletal mass have not been validated by any expert group (Bahat *et al.*, 2016; Baracos, 2017; Cesari *et al.*, 2012). Automated total muscle segmentation on CT imaging has been suggested as an alternative, more accurate method to improve body composition quantification availability and routine application (Baracos, 2017; Popuri, Cobzas, Esfandiari, Baracos, & Jägersand, 2016).

Assessment of muscle quality may provide prognostic information beyond quantity estimation (Sami Antoun *et al.*, 2013; Looijaard *et al.*, 2016; Martin *et al.*, 2013). Skeletal muscle lipid content has been associated with muscle quality *i.e.*, high-lipid content being correlated with poor muscle quality. It can be assessed by measuring muscle density on CT imaging, as the latter decreases with lipid infiltration (Heymsfield, 2008). Goodpaster *et al.* showed that muscle density in elderly patients can account for differences in muscle strength not explained by muscle quantity (Goodpaster, Kelley, Thaete, He, & Ross, 2000). This however was not confirmed by another study of healthy adults (Weeks, Gerrits, Horan, & Beck, 2016). Similarly to TMA estimation, there is no consensus for important technical aspects of CT acquisition such as contrast enhancement, slice thickness, and tube potential influence, which significantly impact HU density values of the muscle. Further research is needed for the standardization of image acquisition and protocols of analysis.

In summary, cancer-related sarcopenia and body composition can be estimated by simple anthropometric values (weight loss and BMI) and L3 SMI using CT or MRI, with CT being the most commonly used modality in clinical practice and oncology research (Kazemi-Bajestani, Mazurak, & Baracos, 2016) (Table 3). Indeed, CT is routinely performed for diagnosis, treatment evaluation, and follow-up in oncological care and TMA assessment. In addition, it can be performed on the same imaging exam without requiring an additional procedure. However, in the foreseeable future, with the development of artificial intelligence, the next gold standard for body composition assessment will most likely rely on 3D body-scanning with automated scoring systems (Cornet *et al.*, 2015; Fang, Berg, Cheng, & Shen, 2018).

2.3 Unsolved questions including cut-off issues

A major unsolved issue in sarcopenia evaluation is the question of the best cut-off value for sarcopenia definition. Sarcopenia is more often considered in a binary fashion for research purposes in the literature, patients being classified as either “sarcopenic” or “non-sarcopenic”. Several cut-offs have been proposed (Cornet *et al.*, 2015; Cruz-Jentoft, Baeyens, *et al.*, 2010) for sarcopenia diagnosis, yielding broad variations in sarcopenia prevalence (Bijlsma *et al.*, 2013). The first available cut-off values specific to patients with cancer were published by Prado *et al.* reporting on a population of obese Canadian patients with respiratory and gastrointestinal tract cancers (Prado *et al.*, 2008). They defined cut-off value of 52.4 cm²/m² in men and 38.5 cm²/m² in women associated with mortality. Mourtzakis *et al.* showed that CT-based muscle analysis at L3 was strongly related to appendicular skeletal mass measured with DXA (Mourtzakis *et al.*, 2008). They generated corresponding CT cut-off values of 55.4 cm²/m² in men and 38.9 cm²/m² in women using established DXA cut-off values (7.26 kg/m² and 5.45 kg/m², respectively). In 2011, an international panel of cachexia experts established a new diagnostic criterion for cancer cachexia, using both anthropometric measures and SMI based on cut-off values of 55 cm²/m² in men and 39 cm²/m² in women by CT imaging (Fearon *et al.*, 2011). Following, Martin *et al.* proposed SMI thresholds for sarcopenia in non-obese Caucasians according to sex and BMI (Martin *et al.*, 2013) based on optimal stratification of SMI and survival; selected cut-off values were 43 and 53 cm²/m² in men with a BMI < and > 25 kg/m², respectively, and 41 cm²/m² in women. Several further studies have demonstrated predictive value for toxicity (Sjøblom *et al.*, 2015; Srdic *et al.*, 2016; Stene *et al.*, 2015; B. H. L. Tan *et al.*, 2015), post-surgery complications (Liefvers, Bathe, Fassbender, Winget, & Baracos, 2012; P. Peng *et al.*, 2012; Reisinger *et al.*, 2015), and survival (M. H. Choi, Oh, Lee, Oh, & Won, 2018; Lee *et al.*, 2018) using these thresholds (Table 2).

However, normal amounts of muscle and adipose tissues depend on demographic factors such as age (McCormick & Vasilaki, 2018) and ethnicity (Wells, 2012). It seems that sarcopenia is less prevalent among African-American (Parsons, Baracos, Dhillon, Hong, & Kurzrock, 2012) and Asian

patients (Lau, Lynn, Woo, Kwok, & Melton, 2005) as compared to Caucasians. Therefore, these cut-offs may not be optimal for all patients and may be refined depending on type and stage of the cancer, sex, age, and ethnicity.

Nevertheless, rather than classifying a patient dichotomically as sarcopenic vs. non-sarcopenic based on a cut-off value, imaging biomarkers like SMI may be considered as continuous variables as suggested by Voron *et al.* (Voron *et al.*, 2015). In such way, these may be used as the next reference for chemotherapy dosing calculation. This approach is already being tested with promising results (Baracos & Arribas, 2018; Iannesi, Beaumont, Hebert, Dittlot, & Falewee, 2018).

3. Sarcopenia prevalence and prognostic value

Sarcopenia has been reported across all cancer types. Prevalence rates according to primary tumor location and stage are displayed in Table 3. Most studies reported sarcopenia rates above 50% using L3 CT scan, particularly at advanced stages and in pancreatic, lung, bladder, and hematological malignancies. Noticeably, heterogeneity in prevalence rates is observed within single cancer types due to different cut-offs used to define sarcopenia and factors (*e.g.*, clinical stage, ethnicity, age, cancer treatment).

Several studies investigated the prognostic value of sarcopenia in cancer patients. In a meta-analysis of patients with solid tumors a significant association between sarcopenia and shorter overall survival (OS; overall HR = 1.51, $p < 0.001$) has been reported, both for advanced and localized stages (Shachar, Williams, Muss, & Nishijima, 2016). However, a recent study suggested that survival may not be different for combined muscle and fat loss compared to fat-only loss in patients with advanced pancreatic cancer (Kays *et al.*, 2018). Besides, a higher risk of post-surgical complications has been identified in several cancers, especially infectious complications following surgery for gastrointestinal (Ida *et al.*, 2015; Krell *et al.*, 2013; Lieffers *et al.*, 2012; P. Peng *et al.*, 2012; Takagi *et al.*, 2017; Zhuang *et al.*, 2016) and lung cancers (Miller *et al.*, 2018; R. Nakamura *et al.*, 2018). Finally, loss of skeletal muscle mass during chemotherapy has also been described as a negative prognostic factor (Daly *et al.*, 2018).

Overall, several studies evaluating body composition using various modalities have consistently reported that sarcopenia is a strong prognostic indicator for localized and advanced cancers.

4. Sarcopenia and toxicity of anticancer treatments

In addition to its prognostic value, sarcopenia is a predictive factor of anticancer drug toxicity and may be more relevant for drug dose calculation than the “classical” body surface area or flat-fixed dosing. Anticancer drugs display various pharmacokinetics (PK) properties but share a narrow therapeutic index. Serious adverse events that may result in toxic death are common in this setting. Furthermore, specific cancer patient populations may exhibit vulnerabilities due to age and comorbidities. Identifying factors that can explain individual variations in treatment efficacy and toxicity is a new challenge of modern oncology. Performance status (PS) has a strong prognostic value (Atkinson *et al.*, 2015) and is predictive of anticancer treatment-related acute toxicity (Sargent *et al.*, 2009). However, PS evaluation is only semi-quantitative and is subjected to inter-observer variability. Thus, additional parameters are needed for the risk assessment of anticancer treatments. Other studies have investigated whether wide variations in body composition could be associated with morbidity in cancer patients. In recent years a large interest has grown in muscle mass due to the development of muscle mass assessments by CT.

We performed systematic search on PubMed using MeSH terms “Neoplasms AND (Sarcopenia OR Body composition OR Malnutrition OR Cachexia) AND Toxicity”. Forty-two studies that focused on sarcopenia and toxicity of anticancer treatments were selected (Figure 3).

4.1 Chemotherapy

In total, among 32 studies that investigated the association between sarcopenia and chemotherapy toxicity, 24 showed a significant association between sarcopenia and chemotherapy toxicity (Table 4). Although most of the studies were conducted retrospectively and with a small number of patients ($n < 100$), this correlation was found consistently across studies regardless of the

time of assessment (*i.e.*, early, within the first months of chemotherapy, or later), the tumor type and stage (*i.e.*, from localized/curative to the metastatic/palliative setting), and the chemotherapy regimen. For example, Prado *et al.* (Prado *et al.*, 2009) evaluated prospectively the tolerance of capecitabine in 55 patients with metastatic breast cancer after the first treatment cycle. Toxicities occurred in 50% of sarcopenic patients vs. 20% of non-sarcopenic patients ($p=0.03$). Sarcopenia was also a predictive factor of toxicity in apparently fit patients (*i.e.*, PS 0-1) such as those treated in phase I trials (Cousin *et al.*, 2014). Indeed, Cousin *et al.* studied body composition in 93 phase I patients and showed that low SMI was the only factor associated with severe toxicity (Cousin *et al.*, 2014).

Body composition in cancer patients can also be evaluated through renal function assessments in cancer patients. In daily practice, Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) is evaluated using the Cockcroft–Gault, Chronic Kidney Disease - Epidemiology Collaboration (CKD-EPI), and Modification of diet in renal disease (MDRD) formulas, which are derived from serum creatinine (Cr) level; this latter is influenced by the total muscle mass (Perrone, Madias, & Levey, 1992). In sarcopenic patients, reduced muscle mass may result in apparently low Cr level and overestimation of renal function by these formulas. Serum cystatin C (CysC) is an alternative marker of GFR, independent from muscle mass (Baxmann *et al.*, 2008; Rule, Bergstralh, Slezak, Bergert, & Larson, 2006). Thus, CysC appears as a better alternative for assessing renal function in patients with low muscle mass. The Cr/CysC ratio can be used as a quantitative surrogate marker of muscle mass (Tetsuka, Morita, Ikeguchi, & Nakano, 2013). In a study including 25 patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) (Suzuki *et al.*, 2015), a significant difference was noted in the Cr/CysC ratios of patients exhibiting moderate (grade 1-2) vs. severe (grade 3-4) toxicities (mean ratios: 0.84 vs. 0.70, respectively; $p<0.05$). Similar results were found in a prospective study of ovarian cancer patients treated with carboplatin (Bretagne *et al.*, 2017). Moreover, renal failure from the early stages exacerbates sarcopenia, explaining the frequent overlap between these two conditions (de Souza *et al.*, 2017).

Contrarily, eight studies showed no association between sarcopenia and chemotherapy toxicity (Blauwhoff-Buskermolen *et al.*, 2016; Jung *et al.*, 2015; Miyata *et al.*, 2017; Palmela *et al.*, 2017; Parsons, Tsimberidou, *et al.*, 2012; Rollins *et al.*, 2016; Srdic *et al.*, 2016; Stene *et al.*, 2015; Versteeg *et al.*, 2017). One explanation could be that not all forms of chemotherapy exhibit sarcopenia-dependent toxicity, even if the studies were adequately powered to detect an association. Finally, one study used liver intra-arterial chemotherapy (Parsons, Tsimberidou, *et al.*, 2012), which displays a specific PK profile.

4.2 Targeted therapy

Eight studies investigated the association between sarcopenia and toxicity of targeted therapies with multikinase inhibitors (MKI), mainly antiangiogenics (Table 5). Overall, patients were metastatic in all studies and had infrequent tumor types in all but one study (four studies of renal carcinoma, two studies of hepatocellular carcinoma, and one study of thyroid carcinoma). The association between sarcopenia and toxicity was reported in seven studies. A meta-analysis pooling the results of four studies of metastatic renal cell carcinoma, showed that dose-limiting toxicities (DLT) of antiangiogenic drugs were more frequent in patients with low SMI ($p=0.03$) (Vrieling *et al.*, 2016). As observed with chemotherapy, increased toxicity in sarcopenic patients was observed from the first cycle of treatment (Huillard *et al.*, 2013) and was associated with high serum concentration of MKI (Massicotte *et al.*, 2013; Mir, Coriat, Blanchet, *et al.*, 2012). In one study of NSCLC patients treated with afatinib (Arrieta *et al.*, 2015), sarcopenia was not found predictive of toxicity using sex-specific cut-offs defined by Prado *et al.* (Prado *et al.*, 2008) and low LBM and malnutrition were associated with severe gastro-intestinal toxicity and DLT.

4.3 Immunotherapy

In recent years, immune checkpoint blockade inhibitors have opened new opportunities in cancer therapy. They have markedly improved the clinical outcomes in several cancers, including metastatic melanoma (Hodi *et al.*, 2010; Robert *et al.*, 2014), renal cancer (Motzer *et al.*, 2018), and

lung cancer (Reck *et al.*, 2016). Severe immune-related adverse events occurred in 10%-20% of patients treated with single-agent immune checkpoint inhibitor (Brahmer *et al.*, 2015; Hodi *et al.*, 2010; Motzer, Escudier, *et al.*, 2015). Predictive factors of toxicity are still poorly known. Unlike for chemotherapy, the use of DLT for immune therapies, and more broadly for monoclonal antibodies (mAb), is inappropriate. Indeed, no maximum tolerated dose was found in phase I trials with bevacizumab (Gordon *et al.*, 2001), rituximab (Ghielmini, 2005), cetuximab, pembrolizumab (Sachs, Mayawala, Gadamsetty, Kang, & de Alwis, 2016), and nivolumab (S. Agrawal, Feng, Roy, Kollia, & Lestini, 2016). Several dosing schemes have been developed based on weight (dose in mg/kg) or flat doses. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) concluded that response/toxicity of nivolumab is not related to dose/exposure and shifted from body weight dosing (*i.e.* 3 mg/kg) to fixed dosing (240 mg) (www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ApprovedDrugs/ucm520871.htm). However, the rate of severe toxicities seems to increase with ipilimumab dose. In a retrospective study of exposure-response analysis in advanced melanoma patients, Feng *et al.* (Feng *et al.*, 2013) showed that the occurrence of grade 3-4 immune-related adverse events was related to ipilimumab dose, with 3%, 13%, and 24% of patients developing severe toxicities when treated with 0.3 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, and 10 mg/kg ipilimumab, respectively. Interestingly, no DLT was observed with tremelimumab despite a similar toxicity profile to ipilimumab (Camacho *et al.*, 2009). A study of 84 patients with metastatic melanoma (Daly *et al.*, 2017) treated with ipilimumab showed that sarcopenic patients developed higher grade adverse events than non-sarcopenic patients (OR=5.34, $p=0.033$). Similar results were observed in 68 metastatic melanoma patients treated with nivolumab and pembrolizumab (Heidelberger *et al.*, 2017). However, it is hard to discern differences between a direct PK link and a consequence of increased frailty and susceptibility to treatment complications in sarcopenic patients in this setting.

4.4 Summary and discussion

Overall, this literature review shows that sarcopenic patients exhibit high rates of toxicity and highlights the role of body composition in the risk assessment of anticancer treatment in this

setting. However, several questions remain unsolved due to methodological limitations and heterogeneity across reviewed studies. Reporting biases favoring positive over negative studies may have affected the validity of evidence. In addition, most of these studies included limited numbers of patients, with no preliminary estimation of sample size for statistical analysis. Besides, the evaluation of toxicities varied from one study to another: some studies considered all DLT, while other only analyzed some specific toxicities such as hematologic adverse events. The duration of toxicity evaluation ranged from the first cycle only to the entire length of treatment. Moreover, for a single tumor location, the thresholds and techniques used to detect sarcopenia differed between studies. Finally, although several studies using the SMI cut-offs defined for survival by Prado *et al.* showed a positive correlation between sarcopenia and toxicity, it is not certain that these are the best suited for toxicity (Table 2). As it was achieved for prognosis, it would be relevant to conduct a meta-analysis of studies dedicated to toxicity.

5. The pharmacology of sarcopenia

Several hypotheses can be raised to explain the association between cancer-related sarcopenia and toxicity. Evidence has accumulated during the last decade unravelling the “pharmacology” of sarcopenia. We will below develop the main hypotheses through PK and pharmacodynamics.

6.1 Pharmacokinetics

The PK hypothesis assumes that toxicity may be explained by overexposure of anticancer drugs in sarcopenic patients. From a pharmacological perspective, sarcopenia increases drug exposure and several studies showed correlation between LBM, drug exposure, and toxicity (Ali *et al.*, 2016; Arrieta *et al.*, 2015; Prado *et al.*, 2007, 2014, 2011; Sjøblom *et al.*, 2017, 2015; Stanisavljevic & Marisavljevic, 2010; Sucak *et al.*, 2012). Regarding mAb (*e.g.* immune therapies and some of targeted therapies), no data was published so far on sarcopenia and PK. However, mAb are a category of drugs known for larger therapeutic index than cytotoxic chemotherapies or MKI. For

instance, no DLT were observed for the highest doses of anti-programmed-death-1 (PD-1)/anti-programmed-death-ligand-1 (PD-L1) antibodies in phase I and II trials (Motzer, Rini, et al., 2015; Robert et al., 2014).

6.1.1 Absorption changes

It has been suggested in animal models that cancer-induced cachexia is associated with a gut barrier dysfunction due to microbiota dysbiosis and increased intestinal permeability (Klein, Petschow, Shaw, & Weaver, 2013), possibly leading to overexposure to drugs that are taken orally. The same mechanisms may exist in sarcopenia, but no studies have been conducted to confirm this hypothesis in specific models. This issue would be most pertinent when the drug in question is not typically well-absorbed orally. Absorption of drugs that are intended to be taken with meals may be compromised in patients with low oral intakes.

Obese sarcopenic patients have higher fat-to-lean-mass ratios than obese non-sarcopenic patients. This may explain an overexposure to targeted subcutaneous therapies (*i.e.* trastuzumab) through an increase in (highly vascularized) fat tissue and subcutaneous blood flow. Studies supporting this hypothesis are warranted. Similarly, no studies have been conducted to assess whether intramuscular fat deposits in obese sarcopenic patients alter absorption of intramuscular lipophilic injection drugs (*i.e.*, decapeptyl, fulvestrant). In contrast, drugs with intravenous administration route are not affected by absorption changes.

6.1.2 Distribution changes

Changes in tissue relative proportion are likely to alter PK. Body composition is described as a two compartments model consisting of FM and LBM. LBM is defined as the sum of cellular mass and non-fatty intercellular connective tissue including tendons, ligaments, and bone (Ronenn Roubenoff & Kehayias, 2009). Indeed, muscle mass, being part of LBM, acts as a diffusion compartment for cancer treatments. Thus, decreased LBM in sarcopenia may lead to increased plasma levels of anticancer drugs. Five studies showed that toxicities were increased for higher

doses of chemotherapies per kilogram of LBM (Ali *et al.*, 2016; Prado *et al.*, 2007; Sjøblom *et al.*, 2017, 2015; Stanisavljevic & Marisavljevic, 2010). Other chemotherapy and MKI studies showed increased toxicity in women (Arrieta *et al.*, 2015; Huillard *et al.*, 2013; Prado *et al.*, 2007; Sloan *et al.*, 2002). The most likely explanation is that LBM is lower in women compared to men of the same age (Bredella, 2017), resulting in higher exposure to these drugs. Indeed, BSA, which is used for chemotherapy prescription, does not properly reflect the relative proportion of LBM and FM that are usually higher in men and women, respectively, in body composition (Gusella, Toso, Ferrazzi, Ferrari, & Padrini, 2002). Distribution volumes of mAb are low (*i.e.* only extracellular fluids and blood plasma) due to their high hydrophilicity and size (Keizer, Huitema, Schellens, & Beijnen, 2010). As a result, they are less affected by body composition since changes in blood volume are less than proportional with the change in body weight (Boer, 1984). Several studies based on population PK showed that fixed dosing of mAb is more relevant than body weight dosing since it reduces interpatient variability (Hendrikx *et al.*, 2017).

Besides distribution volumes, cancer-related sarcopenia could also be linked to overexposure through its association with hypoalbuminemia (Visser *et al.*, 2005). Plasmatic free fraction increases for highly albumin-bound drugs (*e.g.* carboplatin, etoposide, cisplatin, docetaxel, paclitaxel, irinotecan) in patients with hypoalbuminemia. In a prospective cohort of 100 patients with NSCLC (Srdic *et al.*, 2016), albumin concentration was established as a predictive factor for both chemotherapy toxicity and survival. This finding was confirmed in other studies of NSCLC (Arrieta *et al.*, 2010; X. Wang *et al.*, 2014).

6.1.3 Metabolic and clearance changes

Another explanation for overexposure in sarcopenic patients may be decreased activity of liver cytochromes (CYP) that are involved in metabolism of numerous anticancer drugs. In a PK study conducted to evaluate liver metabolism in rats affected by cancer-induced cachexia (Cvan Trobec *et al.*, 2015), midazolam and propranolol clearances were used as reliable markers of CYP3A4 (Rogers, Rocci, Haughey, & Bertino, 2003) and CYP2D6 (Pirttiaho *et al.*, 1980) activities. In the cachectic

setting, midazolam and propranolol clearances decreased by 80%, leading to higher drug concentrations. Cancer-related inflammation, which is associated with sarcopenia, leads to decreased expression of liver CYP450 (Charles *et al.*, 2006). Beside cytochromes, other enzymes are involved in drug metabolism and may be modulated by nutritional status and cancer-related sarcopenia. An experimental study in rats showed that protein uptake impacted 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) toxicity, with 85% mortality in rats fed with low-protein diet vs. 12% with high-protein diet (Davis, Lenkinski, Shinkwin, Kressel, & Daly, 1993). The group of protein-deficient rats showed decreased activity of dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase, the key enzyme of 5-FU catabolism. Conversely, a high-protein diet was associated with decreased 5-FU toxicity (Flanigen-Roat, Milholland, & Ip, 1985).

In addition, through the reduction of liver enzyme activity, sarcopenia is associated with a lower clearance for drugs which elimination relies on liver metabolism (characterized by low extraction ratio), including anthracyclines (Ballet, Vrignaud, Robert, Rey, & Poupon, 1987). In a study of 24 breast cancer patients, Prado *et al.* (Prado *et al.*, 2011) showed a correlation between LBM and epirubicin clearance. Similar results were found in two other studies including adults and children treated with doxorubicin (Thompson *et al.*, 2009; Wong *et al.*, 2014). Cancer-related inflammation could be a confounding factor by downregulating CYP450 activity and thus detoxification of most of antineoplastic agents (Christmas, 2015). Nevertheless, the epirubicin study of Prado *et al.* included only localized and operated breast cancer cases for which a systemic inflammation level is low, suggesting that sarcopenia may also have a direct, inflammation-independent effect on drug metabolism (Prado *et al.*, 2011). For most MKI, exposure is mainly dependent on liver clearance and LBM was shown to be a good PK predictor. In a study of 40 hepatocellular carcinoma patients treated with sorafenib, median area under the curve (AUC) of sorafenib was twice higher in sarcopenic than in non-sarcopenic patients (Mir, Coriat, Blanchet, *et al.*, 2012). Similar results were found in medullary thyroid cancer patients treated with vandetanib (Massicotte *et al.*, 2013). Moreover, clearance of mAb differs from MKI and does not rely on liver elimination. Indeed, they are primarily eliminated through intracellular degradation after binding to the target, which is fast

and saturable, and to a lesser extent through proteolytic catabolism, a non-specific immunoglobulin G pathway, which is slow and linear (Keizer et al., 2010). As a result, mAb clearance is not related to body weight, but to their affinity, tumor burden, and target expression levels. Overall, except mAb, changes in drug metabolism in sarcopenic patients are related to liver function with an overlap with malnutrition and inflammation.

6.2 Pharmacodynamics

Alternatively, the PD hypothesis postulates that, independently from PK, sarcopenic patients are more sensitive to treatment and may experience toxicities even in the absence of overdose. This is related to the concept of frailty, which has become increasingly recognized as one of the most important issues in health outcomes and is of particular importance in cancer patients (Kumar Pal, Katheria, & Hurria, 2010). Frailty can be defined as a state of diminished physiologic reserve that results in increased vulnerability to stressors (cancer itself, anticancer treatments) and higher risk of adverse events (complications, dependency, death) (Xue, 2011). Frailty, malnutrition, sarcopenia, and cachexia are overlapping entities. Even if frailty is a phenotype that has been primarily described in older adults (≥ 70 years), similar to sarcopenia, it is also observed in younger patients (Smart et al., 2017) and it is associated with increased risk of postoperative complications, chemotherapy toxicities, disease progression, and death (Ethun et al., 2017). Although the Clinical Frailty Scale (Rockwood et al., 2005) is widely used, there is no standardized scale or cut-off to assess frailty, contributing to variable prevalence rate. In a systematic review including 20 studies and nearly 3 000 older cancer patients, the median prevalence of frailty was 42% (range 6%-86%) (Handforth et al., 2015). One explanation is that sarcopenic patients exhibit decreased immunity and slower cell renewal, which results in higher risk of febrile neutropenia and severe mucositis. The association between nutritional status and radiotherapy toxicity (Hill, Kiss, Hodgson, Crowe, & Walsh, 2011) is another argument in favor of the frailty hypothesis since radiation therapy exposure is independent of PK parameters.

6. Sarcopenic obesity: a new entity

Sarcopenic obesity is defined by the association of low muscle mass and obesity (*i.e.*, BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²). The growing prevalence of obesity worldwide and the recent gain of interest in cancer-related sarcopenia contributed to identification of a growing number of patients presenting with both the highest ranges of fat mass and the lowest ranges of muscle mass. The mean prevalence of sarcopenic obesity in cancer patients is around 10% (Baracos & Arribas, 2018). However, there is a large variation in prevalence (range 1-27%; Table 3), depending on the methods used for the body composition assessment, the inclusion of sarcopenic overweight patients (*i.e.* BMI ≥ 25 kg/m²), and the tumor type and stage. Sarcopenic obesity is observed more frequently in advanced and metastatic tumors than in localized stages (Anandavadivelan, Brismar, Nilsson, Johar, & Martin, 2016; Dalal *et al.*, 2012; Del Fabbro *et al.*, 2012; Heidelberger *et al.*, 2017; Rollins *et al.*, 2016). In comparison to Caucasian patients, the prevalence of sarcopenic obesity seems lower in Asians, probably owing to the low prevalence of obesity in this population (Zhuang *et al.*, 2016).

Sarcopenic obese patients carry the burden of both obesity and sarcopenia, which result in higher health-related risks than any of these conditions alone. Indeed, sarcopenic obesity is associated with shorter survival, worse postoperative outcomes, and increased toxicities of antitumor treatments. Prado *et al.* (Prado *et al.*, 2008) were first to report an association between sarcopenic obesity and survival in cancer patients. They found that sarcopenic obese patients have poorer functional status and shorter survival compared to those with normal SMI (21.6 vs. 11.3 months respectively, $p < 0.001$). Moreover, sarcopenic obesity was an independent predictor of poorer survival (HR=4.2, $p < 0.0001$) in a multivariate analysis adjusted for age, sex, tumor type, tumor stage, and PS. These findings were confirmed by other studies in different cancer types (Table 2), especially pancreatic cancer (Dalal *et al.*, 2012; Rollins *et al.*, 2016; B. H. L. Tan *et al.*, 2015). Obese cancer patients present with usually poor outcomes, with a U-shaped association between BMI and survival, called the “obesity paradox” (Caan *et al.*, 2017; Valentijn *et al.*, 2013), which may be explained by high prevalence of sarcopenic obesity. In a cohort of 1,473 patients with lung or gastrointestinal cancer, Martin *et al.* (Martin *et al.*, 2013) showed that non-sarcopenic obese patients had longer survival (median OS: 35.6 months, *i.e.*, a doubling of overall median OS: 16.7

months) than sarcopenic and weight-losing obese patients (median OS: 8.5 months). Sarcopenic obesity is also associated with worse short and long-term outcomes after cancer surgery. Several studies reported lower survival rates in obese sarcopenic compared to non-obese non-sarcopenic patients after surgery for bladder (Psutka *et al.*, 2015), colon (Malietzis *et al.*, 2016), hepatocellular (Kobayashi *et al.*, 2017), or gastric cancers (Palmela *et al.*, 2017). Sarcopenic obesity has also been associated with surgical complications such as infections and delayed wound healing. Sarcopenic obese patients have 3 to 6-fold higher risk of developing major postoperative complications than non-sarcopenic patients after gastrectomy for gastric cancer (Lou *et al.*, 2017; Nishigori *et al.*, 2016) and after liver (P. D. Peng *et al.*, 2011) or colorectal resection (Berkel *et al.*, 2018; Malietzis *et al.*, 2016) for colorectal cancer. Additionally, sarcopenic obesity is associated with longer hospital stay (Lou *et al.*, 2017; P. D. Peng *et al.*, 2011) and the higher 30-day readmission rates (Lou *et al.*, 2017). However, in another recent study, no relationship was found between sarcopenia or sarcopenic obesity and postoperative complications (Lodewick *et al.*, 2015).

Several hypotheses can be raised to explain the association between sarcopenic obesity and postoperative complications in cancer patients. Obesity is commonly associated with insulin-resistance, which could be exacerbated in case of sarcopenia, since skeletal muscle is a major target for insulin-mediated glucose storage (Cleasby, Jamieson, & Atherton, 2016; Srikanthan, Hevener, & Karlamangla, 2010). Moreover, obesity and sarcopenia are both strongly associated with chronic inflammation (Cancello & Clément, 2006; Malietzis *et al.*, 2016; Neves *et al.*, 2016; Reisinger *et al.*, 2015), which could in turn negatively affect the metabolic response and impair the immune response to surgical stress, leading to higher susceptibility to surgical site infections and impaired wound healing (Pierpont *et al.*, 2014). Although the association with chemotherapy toxicity is less documented for sarcopenic obesity than for sarcopenia *per se*, a few recent studies reported an association between sarcopenic obesity and the occurrence of DLT (Table 4). Anandavadivelan *et al.* reported that sarcopenic obese patients have a 5-fold higher early DLT (during cycle 1) rate after neo-adjuvant therapy for esophageal cancer, compared to non-sarcopenic obese patients (Anandavadivelan *et al.*, 2016). Conversely, high BMI or sarcopenia alone were not associated with a

significantly increased risk of DLT. Similar results were found in the neoadjuvant setting in gastric cancer, where all sarcopenic obese patients had to discontinue chemotherapy prematurely due to severe adverse events (Palmela *et al.*, 2017). Heidelberger *et al.* showed that sarcopenic obese women treated with anti-PD1 checkpoints inhibitors for metastatic melanoma had more frequent early DLT (50% vs. 7.7% in non-sarcopenic obese, $p < 0.01$) (Heidelberger *et al.*, 2017). In contrast, some authors did not find any association between sarcopenic obesity and the occurrence of DLT (Cushen *et al.*, 2016; Grotenhuis *et al.*, 2016).

In conclusion, sarcopenic obesity has an increased prevalence in oncology and is associated with worse functional status, shorter survival, and higher risk of developing postoperative complications or DLT. This new entity reinforces the importance of body composition measurement in daily oncology practice since muscle loss in sarcopenic obese patients is often hidden by the increased BMI and stable body weight.

7. Therapeutic implications

7.1 Muscle mass-guided dose adjustments in daily practice and clinical trials

From the pharmacological point of view, body composition assessment could be helpful for identifying patients at higher risk of complications and severe toxicity and, as a next step, for adjusting dose administration of anticancer treatments. In recent years, many studies highlighted the relationship between body composition and toxicities of anticancer drugs. However, in clinical practice, dose calculation does not take into account body composition. On the one hand, the doses of chemotherapeutic agents are calculated using BSA, which relies on the fact that blood volume – *i.e.*, distribution volume - is correlated to BSA. The BSA equations are based on weight and height and were validated 100 years ago on nine subjects (Du Bois & Du Bois, 1989). Although several formulas have been proposed for BSA calculation since then, none of them seem to fit all patients correctly (Redlarski, Palkowski, & Krawczuk, 2016). On the other hand, oral targeted therapies are prescribed at a flat dose, regardless of body composition. As mentioned above, sarcopenic patients show increased drug exposure. For prescriptions, dose calculations may be adapted to the type of

drug and to the patient body composition. Regarding drugs prescribed for BSA, obese sarcopenic patients are particularly at risk of overdose (La Colla et al., 2007). Indeed, an increase in the distribution volume is expected for lipophilic molecules and thus extending their elimination half-lives (Baker, Grochow, & Donehower, 1995) and requiring a dosage adjustment based on the total body weight. Conversely, low lipophilic molecules have limited diffusion in adipose tissue and can be then adjusted to LBM. On the contrary, for MKI that are prescribed in flat doses, underweight sarcopenic patients (BMI <18.5 kg/m²) are more prone to drug overexposure since they display low body mass in addition to low LBM. Patients treated with MKI may also benefit from therapeutic drug monitoring (*i.e.*, assessment of circulating levels). Therapeutic drug monitoring of drugs with strong binding to albumin or subject to liver metabolism is also of interest. Following first cycle administration and assessment of early toxicity, dose adaptation for subsequent cycles may be made according to individual tolerance, as previously proposed (Gurney, 1996).

Beyond the aforementioned “frailty” hypothesis, PK changes may explain the increased incidence of DLT in sarcopenic obese patients treated with chemotherapy. For BSA-based prescriptions, such as cytotoxic chemotherapies, sarcopenic obesity results in high absolute doses (due to large BSA/obesity), while drug distribution volume and metabolism are reduced. Indeed, many cytotoxic chemotherapies are hydrophilic, with distribution and metabolism into the LBM compartment, which is very depleted in case of sarcopenia, resulting in overexposure (La Colla et al., 2007) and a higher incidence of DLT. The distribution volume of lipophilic drugs will also be altered due to decreased plasma protein binding in both obesity and sarcopenia (Feldschuh & Enson, 1977; Hunter et al., 2009). In a study of ovarian cancer patients treated with lipophilic drugs such as liposomal doxorubicin and trabectedin toxicity was strongly associated with a higher FM/LBM (reflecting sarcopenia) in obese and overweight patients (Prado et al., 2014). Drug metabolism may be altered not only by muscle depletion, but also by obesity itself. Indeed, the clearance capacity of liver and kidneys does not grow proportionally with total body weight (Young et al., 2009). For instance, Demirovic *et al.* showed that incorporation of LBM into the Cockcroft-Gault equation provides an accurate estimation of kidney function in obese patients (Demirovic, Pai, & Pai, 2009).

Finally, experimental studies in rats with fatty-liver showed that lipid accumulation results in reduced CYP expression and activity (Su, Sefton, & Murray, 1999), which may partially explain excess toxicity in obese patients.

Studies assessing DLT in obese patients should also be considered in relation to the common practice of “dose-capping”, *i.e.*, calculating chemotherapy doses with a maximum BSA of 2.0 m² for obese individuals (Griggs, Mangu, Anderson, et al., 2012; Pai, 2012). Given that dose capping is done without considering body composition, the dose reduction cannot be optimal and may result in under or overdosing (Hunter et al., 2009). Dose capping leads to overestimation of drug dose in sarcopenic obese patients, and to underestimation in non-sarcopenic obese patients. Dignam *et al.* showed that obese patients treated with capped doses of adjuvant chemotherapy for colon cancer, generally tolerate more chemotherapy cycles than normal weighted individuals (Dignam et al., 2006). However, obese patients receiving chemotherapy based on unadjusted BSA develop more severe toxicities (Furlanetto et al., 2016). LBM-based prescriptions would then appear as a better approach for determining chemotherapy doses, although further studies are needed for further clarification of the potential benefit from dose modifications in obese sarcopenic patients. An ongoing LEANOX study (NCT03255434) will compare an impact of LBM-based and BSA-based normalization of oxaliplatin-based chemotherapy on the incidence of severe neurotoxicity in stage III colon cancer patients.

For treatment subjected to renal clearance, we recommend calculation of GFR using CysC since GFR formula based on creatinine may overestimate renal function in sarcopenic patients. In addition, the calculation of carboplatin dose relies directly on GFR estimation and CysC may be considered instead of creatinine for this agent (Schmitt et al., 2009). The relevance of CysC and LBM-based dose adjustment for drugs with renal elimination in clinical practice needs to be confirmed by prospective studies evaluating not only safety parameters, but also response rates, progression-free survival, and OS to ensure that dose adjustments will not translate into decreased drug efficacy. A randomized phase II trial of advanced lung cancer (NCT01624051) comparing cisplatin dosing based on LBM or BSA is ongoing.

Finally, it is now possible to monitor immunotherapies (Puszkiel *et al.*, 2017), even if they display a larger therapeutic index for which the usual definition of DLT is inappropriate (Postel-Vinay, 2015). Thus, our proposal is not to include LBM-based dose adjustment, but only to closely monitor toxicities in sarcopenic patients receiving mAb as these are more vulnerable. If a total body weight is lower than a threshold in which the flat dose was studied, it is necessary to be careful and switch to weight-adjusted dose (*i.e.*, mg/kg).

Given the prognostic and predictive toxicity values of cancer-related sarcopenia, it is preferable in phase I trials to either exclude sarcopenic patients or to perform a subgroup analysis of those patients (*i.e.*, specific cohort or stratification). For malignancies in which sarcopenia is extremely prevalent, it could be argued that including a sarcopenic subanalysis in safety studies is crucial data for determining whether the drug is a generally feasible option for that type of cancer.

7.2 Nutritional interventions, physical activity and drugs targeting muscle loss

Since sarcopenia has a major impact on patient survival and HRQoL, therapeutic interventions aiming at reducing muscle loss (nutritional, physical activity, and pharmacological interventions) have been developed and are prospectively evaluated in randomized controlled clinical trials. It is now acknowledged that this supportive care dimension of oncological management is essential to ensure the success of any anticancer treatment.

7.2.1 Nutritional interventions

A multicenter randomized trial by Cramer *et al.* evaluating the impact of high-protein oral nutritional supplements during 24 weeks in sarcopenic patients with cancer (Cramer *et al.*, 2016) showed no benefit of nutritional intervention in the severe sarcopenia stage (like in refractory cachexia). In patients with moderate sarcopenia, an improvement was observed only in leg muscle strength with no benefit on muscle mass. Oral solutions enriched with specific amino acids such as glutamine (Ishikawa *et al.*, 2016) and leucine (Deutz *et al.*, 2011) also appeared to improve muscle mass loss in cancer patients. Omega-3 fatty acids such as eicosapentaenoic acid promote muscle

synthesis and decrease muscle degradation by downregulating IL-6 and TNF-alpha production via ubiquitin proteasome pathway and by increasing muscle insulin sensitivity (Pappalardo, Almeida, & Ravasco, 2015). Four randomized trials showed a positive effect of eicosapentaenoic acid on LBM (maintenance or increase) despite the lack of survival benefit (Ryan et al., 2009; Mantovani et al., 2008; Sánchez-Lara et al., 2014; Vasson et al., 2014).

Finally, enteral nutrition appears to provide a significantly greater benefit than parenteral route due to the high infectious risk that is associated with this latter (Koretz, Lipman, Klein, & American Gastroenterological Association, 2001; Zaloga, 2006). In terminally ill patients, it is now clear that implementing artificial nutrition brings no benefit to patients in terms of OS and HRQoL (McCann, Hall, & Groth-Juncker, 1994).

However, nutritional interventions alone are ineffective in improving survival. They may be active and essential as a part of multimodal approaches, including combination with exercise.

7.2.2 Physical activity

In cancer patients, adapted physical activity (APA) reduces disease and/or treatment-induced symptoms (including pain, fatigue, and anxiety/depression), improves physical fitness, muscle function, and HRQoL (Buffart, Galvão, Brug, Chinapaw, & Newton, 2014; Cramp & Byron-Daniel, 2012), even in advanced-stage disease (Mustian et al., 2017). On contrary, no drug has shown any benefit in the treatment of cancer-related fatigue (Mücke et al., 2015; Mustian et al., 2017).

A randomized controlled trial reported by Cormie et al. showed that patients with prostate cancer benefit from supervised exercise in terms of muscle mass gain and FM loss, preventing treatment toxicity of androgen-deprivation therapy (Cormie et al., 2015). Similarly, positive results were found in breast cancer premenopausal women during endocrine therapy (Hojan, Milecki, Molińska-Glura, Roszak, & Leszczyński, 2013). Two randomized trials also demonstrated a benefit of supervised APA in breast cancer in the adjuvant setting on physical fitness, fatigue and

chemotherapy completion (van Waart *et al.*, 2015), and metabolic syndrome, sarcopenic obesity and circulating biomarkers in overweight/obese patients (Dieli-Conwright *et al.*, 2018), respectively.

Exercise have beneficial effects on tumor outcome (Schmid & Leitzmann, 2014) by modulating various pro-tumoral signaling pathways such as reduced insulin resistance and inflammation (Ashcraft, Peace, Betof, Dewhirst, & Jones, 2016). Besides, combining a high protein diet less than two hours after exercise seems to promote muscle synthesis (Atherton *et al.*, 2010; Pennings *et al.*, 2011). The benefit of physical activity and nutritional interventions for treating sarcopenia in elderly patients by promoting muscle mass, muscle strength, and physical function was confirmed in a meta-analysis reported by Yoshimura *et al.* (Yoshimura *et al.*, 2017). In cancer patients, the extent of the benefit appears lower because chronic fatigue and a deficient oxidative metabolism are current in advanced stage disease (Argilés, Busquets, López-Soriano, Costelli, & Penna, 2012). In any case, as sarcopenia and fatigue frequently affect patients with metastatic cancer, physical exercise is a promising strategy to improve HRQoL (Focht *et al.*, 2013).

Implementation of an APA program in cancer patients implies a multidisciplinary collaboration between physicians, nurses, dietitians, and the physical activity professionals (Wolin, Schwartz, Matthews, Courneya, & Schmitz, 2012). The APA program should be personalized to the patient characteristics (physical fitness, exercise type preferences, psychological functions, and expectations) and the cancer type and settings (stage, treatments, and tolerance) in order to improve the patient adherence. A combined aerobic exercise and resistance-training program in groups of patients having similar physical capabilities and under the supervision of a physical activity professional seems to be the best setting for exercise intervention efficacy (Cadore & Izquierdo, 2013; Pahor *et al.*, 2014). Besides, cancer patients often present with an elevated basal resting energy expenditure (Jouinot, Vazeille, & Goldwasser, 2018). Given that the APA program is expected to increase energy expenditures, nutritional management is crucial for monitoring and adapting food intakes to ensure that patients meet their nutritional needs. Moreover, the main difficulty is to propose exercise interventions to all patients suffering from sarcopenia, particularly to the most

severely deconditioned (*i.e.*, $PS \geq 2$) for whom participation in voluntary exercise sessions in hospital can be challenging.

Therefore, there is a need for developing alternative physical-therapy strategies in these severely deconditioned patients. Neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES) consists in generating muscle contractions using portable devices connected to surface electrodes. NMES was proven effective to improve muscle mass and function in sarcopenic patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (Maddocks *et al.*, 2016) and has recently been introduced in cancer patients. NMES is safe, does not require the active cooperation of the patient and can be self-administered at home, thereby providing an acceptable physical therapy for patients with advanced cancer and an altered PS and/or a high-symptom burden for whom attendance to hospital-based exercise training is difficult. However, the effectiveness of NMES in cancer patients remains equivocal (Crevenna, Marosi, Schmidinger, & Fialka-Moser, 2006; Maddocks *et al.*, 2013; O'Connor & Caulfield, 2018; Windholz, Swanson, Vanderbyl, & Jagoe, 2014). Conflicting findings from previous clinical studies may be due to methodological limitations (small sample size, timing of intervention, suboptimal adherence) and heterogeneity of NMES protocols. Indeed, the main determinant of the NMES effectiveness is strength produced in response to stimulation (Gondin, Cozzone, & Bendahan, 2011; Maffioletti, 2010), which has never been monitored in cancer patients. Overall, there is a need for carefully designed studies in order to draw definitive conclusions on the potential benefits of NMES interventions on cancer-related sarcopenia. It is therefore necessary to better understand the cellular and molecular mechanisms involved in the development of sarcopenia associated with cancer and to propose new complementary and/or alternative therapeutic interventions to APA.

7.2.2 Drugs

7.2.2.1 Hormonal therapy

Testosterone showed a benefit on muscle mass and grip strength in older men (Bakhshi, Elliott, Gentili, Godschalk, & Mulligan, 2000; Ferrando *et al.*, 2002). This improvement is counterbalanced by harmful side effects (*i.e.*, prostate cancer, vascular thrombosis, and sleep apnea)

leading to the development of selective androgen receptor modulators that demonstrate a safer therapeutic profile. Enobosarm is a selective androgen receptor modulator tested vs. placebo in 159 pre-cachectic patients with hormone-naïve prostate cancer. It showed a significant positive effect on muscle mass ($p=0.046$) with a positive impact on HRQoL, but without difference on tumor progression and muscle strength (Dobs et al., 2013). Similar results were observed in a randomized, prospective, double-blinded study of 170 sarcopenic women without cancer (Papanicolaou et al., 2013). These therapies may behave differently in young versus aged individuals.

Ghrelin is a neurohormone secreted by the stomach that stimulate appetite and muscle anabolism in the hypothalamus (Guillory, Splenser, & Garcia, 2013). Ghrelin analogues such as anamorelin have been developed. More than 450 cachectic advanced NSCLC patients were randomized to receive anamoreline or placebo for 12 weeks in the ROMANA trials (Currow et al., 2017; Temel et al., 2016). The results were in favor of a muscle mass gain in the experimental arm. However, there was no benefit on muscle strength or on OS. In contrast, there was a significant improvement in HRQoL and OS from 9 to 13 months only in patients with increased muscle mass ($p<0.001$). Overall, there is a subgroup of good responders to anamorelin that could benefit from this treatment in terms of survival. Another Japanese study, which enrolled 180 patients, found similar results with an improvement in muscle mass and HRQoL, but with no effect on muscle strength and OS (Takayama et al., 2016).

Vitamin D supplementation reduces the risk of falls in elderly patients (Bischoff-Ferrari et al., 2004) because of its strengthening effects on muscle and bone (Arik & Ulger, 2016). A meta-analysis that included 29 randomized clinical trials found a benefit of vitamin D supplementation on muscle strength, without impact on muscle mass (Beaudart et al., 2014). Even if the benefit seems more important for patients > 65 years and deficient in vitamin D, the precise therapeutic role of vitamin D in cancer-related sarcopenia remains to be defined. Considering its favorable tolerance profile, it would be interesting to combine it with other agents for synergistic effect.

7.2.2.2 Other therapies

As mentioned above, pro-inflammatory cytokines (*e.g.* IL-1, IL-6, TNF- α) are involved in muscle wasting in cancer-related sarcopenia. Therefore, counteracting their effects is a relevant strategy to reverse sarcopenia. Infliximab, an anti-TNF agent, has been shown to reverse sarcopenia in inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's disease (Subramaniam *et al.*, 2015). However, in a phase II study of 89 patients with pancreatic cancer and cachexia, infliximab failed to significantly improve LBM when compared to placebo (Wiedenmann *et al.*, 2008). Besides TNF, other cytokines may be more attractive targets. Targeting IL-6 with tocilizumab, an anti-IL-6 receptor antibody, was demonstrated to be effective in a patient with lung cancer cachexia by reversing weight loss, inflammation, and altered PS (Ando *et al.*, 2013). Furthermore, blocking IL-1 pathway with MABp1 has led to a statistical increase of LBM ($p=0.02$) with limited adverse events in a phase I study of 30 metastatic cancer patients (Hong *et al.*, 2014). Randomized clinical trials are warranted to demonstrate the benefit of targeting IL-6 and IL-1 pathways in cancer-related sarcopenia. As an alternative strategy, antagonization of myostatin pathway by targeting activin type II receptor highlighted the potential therapeutic effects in muscle growth in preclinical models (Lach-Trifilieff *et al.*, 2014; Zhou *et al.*, 2010). Clinically, the same positive results (safely increased LBM and improved physical performance) have been found in two phase I studies in cancer patients treated by antimyostatin mAb. (Jameson *et al.*, 2012; Padhi *et al.*, 2014). However, a recent randomized phase II trial in pancreatic cancer patients showed no clinical benefit of antimyostatin mAb, with decreased progression-free survival and OS in patients treated with LY2495655 (Golan *et al.*, 2018). Other cytokines from the TGF β family may be alternative drug targets.

Other strategies to reduce muscle loss are currently being explored such as mirtazapine, a noradrenergic and specific serotonergic antidepressant (NCT03254173, NCT03283488), and espidolol, a non-selective beta-blocker (Stewart Coats *et al.*, 2016).

Combining physical activity dietary counseling and drugs in a multimodal strategy is expected to be the most effective approach and therefore is recommended (Figure 2). In addition, administration of anticancer drugs must be considered in order to reduce tumor burden and inflammation along with the optimal management of their adverse events in order to limit

malnutrition and sarcopenia (Yip *et al.*, 2014; Temel *et al.*, 2010). It is therefore necessary to question the risk benefit ratio of each prescription.

8. Conclusions

Overall, body composition has gained increasing attention in oncology practice and research in recent years due to fact that sarcopenia has been revealed as a prognostic and predictive factor across multiple stages and cancer types and responsible for a significant proportion of cancer-related deaths, increased risk of surgery complications and treatment toxicities, and severe impairment of HRQoL. About 30% of cancer deaths are related to cachexia and sarcopenia (von Haehling & Anker, 2010). Hence, implementing therapeutic strategies to preserve or increase muscle mass in cancer patients, in order to optimize anticancer treatment tolerance and efficacy, is now acknowledged as an essential part of supportive care. Treatment of cancer-related sarcopenia should be multimodal and implemented as early as possible. The assessment of body composition may allow more accurate treatment dose calculation in sarcopenic patients. Prospective studies are needed to evaluate the effect of dose adjustment to LBM for toxicity and for the efficacy outcomes such as response rate and survival. The treatment efficacy may even be improved due to a more favorable toxicity profile and less dose adjustments, leading to a better dose-intensity.

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Tables**Table 1. Consensus definitions of sarcopenia**

Society	Low muscle function	Low muscle mass	Low muscle strength	Subgroups
European Working Group on Sarcopenia in Older People (EWGSOP)	<p>- Measured by short physical performance battery (SPPB), which is a summation of three tests: Balance, Gait Speed and Chair Stand Score ≤ 8</p> <p>- Measured by Gait Speed Several suggested cut-offs</p>	<p>Measured by BIA or DXA Several suggested cut-offs</p>	<p>Measured by Handgrip Strength Several suggested cut-offs according to age and sex</p>	<p><i>Presarcopenia:</i> decreased muscle mass only</p> <p><i>Sarcopenia:</i> - decreased muscle mass - with decreased muscle function or decreased muscle strength</p> <p><i>Severe sarcopenia:</i> decreased muscle mass, muscle strength and muscle function</p>
International Working Group on Sarcopenia (IWGS)	<p>Measured by Gait Speed Speed below 1.0 m/sec over a 4-meter walking test</p>	<p>Measured by BIA Appendicular lean mass/height² < 20th percentile of values for healthy young adults (i.e. ≤ 7.23 kg/m² in men and ≤ 5.67 kg/m² in women)</p>	Not specified	Not specified
European Society for Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism Special Interest Groups (ESPEN-SIG)	<p>Measured by Gait Speed Speed below 0.8m/sec over a 4-meter walking test</p>	<p>Measured by BIA Percentage of muscle mass ≥ 2 standard deviations below the mean mass in young adults (18-39 years) of the same sex and ethnic group</p>	Not specified	Not specified

Abbreviations: BIA: bioelectrical impedance analysis, DXA: dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry

Table 2. Correlation of sarcopenia with clinical outcomes according to different cut-offs measured by computed tomography at the third lumbar vertebrae.

Cut-offs	Study	N	Cancer type/Stage	Country/Ethnicity	Overweight/Obese	Correlation
SMI \leq 52.4 cm ² /m ² for men SMI \leq 38.5 cm ² /m ² for women	(Parsons, Tsimberidou, et al., 2012)	48	Mostly colorectal Metastatic	USA	27% obese 17% overweight	No association with toxicity or survival
	(Prado et al., 2008)	2115	Respiratory or gastrointestinal cancers All stages	Canada	15% obese	Association with poorer status functional status and worst survival
	(Parsons, Baracos, et al., 2012)	114	Mixed Advanced	Canada Including: Caucasian 81% Hispanic 9% African-American 8% Other 2%	63% overweight	Association with survival for patients \leq 65 years
	(Del Fabbro et al., 2012)	129	Breast cancer Nonmetastatic	USA Including: White 60% Hispanic 17% Asian 10% African-American 13%	39% obese 26% overweight	Association with survival
	(Prado et al., 2009)	55	Breast cancer Metastatic	Canada	Not specified	Association with toxicity and time to tumor progression
	(Arrieta et al., 2015)	84	NSCLC Metastatic	Canada	Not specified	No association with toxicity
	(Anandavadivelan et al., 2016)	72	Oesophageal cancer Localized	Sweden	57% overweight/obese	Association with toxicity
	(B. H. L. Tan et al., 2015)	89	Oesophago-gastric cancer Localized	United Kingdom	Not specified	Association with toxicity and survival
	(Benjamin H. L. Tan,	111	Pancreatic cancer	Canada	39.6 % overweight/obese	Association with survival

	Birdsell, Martin, Baracos, & Fearon, 2009)		Metastatic			
	(Voron et al., 2015)	109	Hepatocellular carcinoma	France	42.2% overweight	Association with survival
	(Kamachi et al., 2016)	92	Hepatocellular carcinoma	Japan	12.8% obese	
	(Dalal et al., 2012)	41	Hepatocellular carcinoma		19.6% overweight	Association with tumor recurrence
			Non metastatic		1.1% obese	
	(Dalal et al., 2012)	41	Pancreatic cancer	USA	59% overweight	Association with survival only in obese patients
			Locally advanced	Including: Caucasians 95%	37% obese	
<p>SMI \leq 43cm²/m² for men with a BMI under 25</p> <p>SMI \leq 53cm²/m² for men with a BMI above 25</p> <p>SMI \leq 41cm²/m² for women</p>	(Daly et al., 2017)	84	Melanoma	Ireland	21% obese	Association with toxicity
			Metastatic		45% overweight	
	(Cushen et al., 2016)	63	Prostate	Ireland	40% overweight	No association with survival
			Metastatic		36% obese	
	(Fukushima et al., 2016)	92	Renal cell carcinoma	Japan	27% overweight/obese	Association with survival
			Metastatic			
	(Fukushima, Yokoyama, Nakanishi, Tobisu, & Koga, 2015)	88	Urothelial carcinoma	Japan	Not specified	Association with survival
			Metastatic			
	(Shachar, Deal, Weinberg, Nyrop, et al., 2017)	40	Breast cancer	USA	Not specified	Association with toxicity
		Metastatic				
(Palmela et al., 2017)	48	Gastric cancer	Portugal	38% overweight	Association with survival and toxicity	
		Locally advanced		2% obese		
(Tegels et al., 2015)	152	Gastric cancer	Netherlands	Not specified	No association with survival and postoperative complications	
		Localized				
(Meza-Junco et al., 2013)	116	Hepatocellular carcinoma	Canada	41% overweight	Association with survival	
			Including:			

			Localized and metastatic	White 76% Oriental 10% Asian Indian 4% Arabian 3% Other 7%	30% obese	
SMI ≤ 55 cm ² /m ² for men SMI ≤ 39 cm ² /m ² for women	(Camus et al., 2014)	80	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL)	France	38% obese/overweight	Association with survival
	(Lanic et al., 2014)	82	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL)	France	39% obese/overweight	Association with survival
	(Srdic et al., 2016)	100	NSCLC Locally advanced and metastatic	Croatia Including: Caucasians 100%	26% overweight 14% obese	Association with survival and toxicity
	(Sharma, Zargar-Shoshtari, Caracciolo, Richard, et al., 2015)	43	Penile Locally advanced	USA	Not specified	Association with postoperative complications
	(E. Y. Kim et al., 2015)	149	Small cell lung cancer	Korea	21% overweight 20% obese	Association with survival
	(Nault et al., 2015)	52	Hepatocellular carcinoma Advanced	France	38% overweight 12% obese	Association with toxicity
	(Mir, Coriat, Boudou-Rouquette, et al., 2012)	18	Hepatocellular carcinoma Advanced	France	22.2% overweight 11.1% obese	Association with survival
	(Barret et al., 2014)	51	Colorectal cancer Metastatic	France	41.2% overweight 3.9% obese	Association with toxicity
	(Huillard et al., 2013)	61	Renal cancer Metastatic	France	26.2 % overweight 21.3% obese	Association with toxicity
SMI ≤ 52 cm ² /m ² for men SMI ≤ 39.5 cm ² /m ² for women	(Levolger et al., 2015)	99	Hepatocellular carcinoma Non metastatic	Netherlands	36.7 % overweight 15.6% obese	Association with survival and postoperative complications
SMI ≤ 43.7 cm ² /m ² for men SMI ≤ 41.1 cm ² /m ² for	(van Vledder et al., 2012)	196	Colorectal cancer Metastatic	Netherlands	Not specified	Association with tumor recurrence and survival

women						
SMI < 43.2 cm ² /m ²	(Wendrich et al., 2017)	132	Head and neck Locally advanced	Netherlands	Not specified	Association with toxicity
SMI ≤ 47.1 cm ² /m ² for men SMI ≤ 34.4 cm ² /m ² for women	(N. Nakamura et al., 2015)	207	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL)	Japan	Not specified	Association with survival
SMI ≤ 42.2 cm ² /m ² for men SMI ≤ 33.9 cm ² /m ² for women	(Y. Choi et al., 2015)	484	Pancreatic cancer Advanced	Korea	11.6% overweight/obese	Association with survival
SMI ≤ 36 cm ² /m ² for men SMI ≤ 29 cm ² /m ² for women	(S.-L. Wang et al., 2016)	255	Gastric cancer Localized	China	Not specified	Association with postoperative complications
	(Huang et al., 2015)	142	Colorectal cancer Localized	China	Not specified	Association with postoperative complications

Table 3. Prevalence of sarcopenia

Tumor type	Stage	Study	Sarcopenia evaluation	Prevalence of sarcopenia
Head and neck	Locally advanced	Wendrich <i>et al.</i> , 2017	L3 CT scan	54 %
Breast	Localized	Shachar, Deal, Weinberg, Williams, <i>et al.</i> , 2017	L3 CT scan	3% obese sarcopenic
		Del Fabbro <i>et al.</i> , 2012	L3 CT scan	14% 3% obese sarcopenic
	Metastatic	Carla M. M. Prado <i>et al.</i> , 2009	L3 CT scan	25%
		Shachar, Deal, Weinberg, Nyrop, <i>et al.</i> , 2017	L3 CT scan	58%
Lung	Metastatic	Srdic <i>et al.</i> , 2016	L3 CT scan	47%
		Stene <i>et al.</i> , 2015	L3 CT scan	74%
		Arrieta <i>et al.</i> , 2015	L3 CT scan	69%
	All stages	Kim <i>et al.</i> , 2015	L3 CT scan	79%
		Go <i>et al.</i> , 2016	T4 CT scan	25%
		Baracos, Reiman, Mourtzakis, Gioulbasanis, & Antoun, 2010	L3 CT scan	47%
Oesophagus	Localized	Anandavadivelan <i>et al.</i> , 2016	L3 CT scan	43% 14% obese sarcopenic
		B. H. L. Tan <i>et al.</i> , 2015	L3 CT scan	49%
		Tamandl <i>et al.</i> , 2016		65%
	Locally advanced	Murimwa <i>et al.</i> , 2017	L4 CT scan	41%
		Awad <i>et al.</i> , 2012	L3 CT scan	57%
		Yip <i>et al.</i> , 2014	L3 CT scan	43%
		Miyata <i>et al.</i> , 2017	BIA	47%
Stomach	Locally advanced	Palmela <i>et al.</i> , 2017	L3 CT scan	23% 10% obese sarcopenic
		Tegels <i>et al.</i> , 2015	L3 CT scan	58%
		Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2016	L3 CT scan	12%
Liver	Localized	Meza-Junco <i>et al.</i> , 2013	L3 CT scan	30%
		Levolger <i>et al.</i> , 2015	L3 CT scan	58%
		Voron <i>et al.</i> , 2015	L3 CT scan	30%
		Kamachi <i>et al.</i> , 2016	L3 CT scan	66%
		(Harimoto <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	L3 CT scan	40%
	Advanced	Dhooge <i>et al.</i> , 2013	L3 CT scan	50%
		Mir, Coriat, Blanchet, <i>et al.</i> , 2012	L3 CT scan	27%
		Nault <i>et al.</i> , 2015	L3 CT scan	76%

		Mir, Coriat, Boudou-Rouquette, et al., 2012	L3 CT scan	50%
	All stages	Fujiwara et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	11%
		Iritani et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	11%
Pancreas	Localized	Amini et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	25%
		Cooper et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	52%
		Joglekar et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	26%
	Advanced	Rollins et al., 2016	L3 CT scan	60% 25% overweight/obese sarcopenic
		Dalal et al., 2012	L3 CT scan	63%
		Benjamin H. L. Tan, Birdsell, Martin, Baracos, & Fearon, 2009	L3 CT scan	40% 16% overweight/obese sarcopenic
		Choi et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	21%
All stages	Di Sebastiano et al., 2013	L3 CT scan	48%	
Colorectal	Localized	Broughman et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	57%
		Miyamoto et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	25%
		Reisinger et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	48%
		Huang et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	12%
	Locally advanced	Chemama et al., 2016	L3 CT scan	40%
		Van Vugt et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	44%
	Metastatic	Lene Thoresen et al., 2013	L3 CT scan	39%
		L. Thoresen et al., 2012	L3 CT scan	20%
		Van Vledder et al., 2012	L3 CT scan	19%
		Barret et al., 2014	L3 CT scan	71%
		Blauwhoff-Buskermolen et al., 2016	L3 CT scan	57%
		Parsons, Tsimberidou, et al., 2012	L3 CT scan	42%
	All stages	Lieffers, Bathe, Fassbender, Winget, & Baracos, 2012	L3 CT scan	39%
	Kidney	Localized	Psutka et al., 2016	L3 CT scan
Metastatic		(Fukushima et al., 2016)	L3 CT scan	68%
		Sharma, Zargar-Shoshtari, Caracciolo, Fishman, et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	29%
		Huillard et al., 2013	L3 CT scan	53%
		Cushen et al., 2017	L3 CT scan	33% 13% overweight sarcopenic
		Ishihara et al., 2016	L3 CT scan	63%
		Antoun et al., 2010	L3 CT scan	55%
Bladder	Localized	Psutka et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	83%

				5% obese sarcopenic
	Advanced	Fukushima, Yokoyama, Nakanishi, Tobisu, & Koga, 2015	L3 CT scan	60%
Prostate	Metastatic	Cushen et al., 2016	L3 CT scan	47% 27% obese sarcopenic
Penile	Locally advanced	Sharma, Zargar-Shoshtari, Caracciolo, Richard, et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	51%
Hematological malignancies		Sucak et al., 2012	LBM: Cunningham formula*	13%
		Morishita et al., 2012	BIA	50%
		Camus et al., 2014	L3 CT scan	55%
		Nakamura et al., 2015	L3 CT scan	56%
Melanoma	Metastatic	Heidelberger et al., 2017)	L3 CT scan	50% 16 % overweight sarcopenic
		Daly et al., 2017	L3 CT scan	20%
Mixed	All stages	Carla M. M. Prado et al., 2008	L3 CT scan	15%
		Bretagne et al., 2017	Cr/CysC ratio	62%
	Advanced	Parsons, Baracos, Dhillon, Hong, & Kurzrock, 2012	L3 CT scan	51%
		Cousin et al., 2014	L3 CT scan	50%

Abbreviations: BIA: bioelectrical impedance analysis, Cr: creatinine, CysC: cystatin C, L3 CT scan: computed tomography at the third lumbar vertebra level, LBM: lean body mass.

* Male; $[(79.5 - 0.24 \times \text{mass (kg)} - 0.15 \times \text{age (years)}) \times \text{mass (kg)} + 73.2]$ which is divided by square of height (m^2).

Female; $[(69.8 - 0.26 \times \text{mass (kg)} - 0.12 \times \text{age (years)}) \times \text{mass (kg)} + 73.2]$ which is divided by square of height (m^2).

Table 4. Sarcopenia and chemotherapy toxicity

Study	Tumor type	Treatment	N	Sarcopenia evaluation	Toxicity assessment	Main Results	Significant association
Wendrich et al., 2017	Locally advanced head and neck cancer	Primary radiochemotherapy	112	L3 CT scan SMI < 43.2 cm ² /m ²	Entire length of chemotherapy Retrospective	More DLT in sarcopenic pts (OR=0.93)	Yes p=0.005
Carla M. M. Prado et al., 2011	Localized breast cancer	Adjuvant Epirubicin	24	L3 CT scan LBM as continuous variable	First cycle Retrospective	Lower LBM (mean 41.6 vs 56.2 kg) in pts with toxicity Correlation of LBM with neutrophil nadir (r = 0.5)	Yes p=0.002 p=0.023
Shachar et al., 2017	Localized breast cancer	Anthracycline and taxane-based chemotherapy	151	L3 CT scan Skeletal muscle gauge (SMG) = SMI x SMD	Entire length of chemotherapy Retrospective	More hematological (RR=2.12), gastrointestinal grade 3–4 toxicities (RR=6.49), and hospitalizations (RR=1.91) in pts with lower SMG (<1475 units)	Yes p=0.02 p=0.02 p=0.05
Shachar, Deal, Weinberg, Nyrop, et al., 2017	Metastatic breast cancer	Taxane-based chemotherapy	40	L3 CT scan SMI < 41 cm ² /m ²	Entire length of chemotherapy Retrospective	More grade 3-4 toxicity (57% vs 18%) in sarcopenic pts More toxicity-related hospitalizations (39% vs 0%) in sarcopenic patients	Yes p=0.02 p=0.005
Carla M. M. Prado et al., 2009	Metastatic breast cancer	Capecitabine	55	L3 CT scan SMI < 38.5 cm ² /m ²	First cycle Prospective	More toxicity ≥ grade 2 (50% vs 20%) in sarcopenic pts	Yes p=0.03
Go et al., 2016	Localized and metastatic SCLC	Platinum plus etoposide or irinotecan	117 Men only	T4 CT scan (pectoralis muscle) Lowest quartile SMI	First cycle Retrospective	More dose reduction in sarcopenic pts (51.7% vs 29.5%) Higher treatment-related mortality (50.0 vs. 8.4 %) in sarcopenic pts with high NLR	Yes p<0.001
Suzuki et al., 2015	Metastatic lung cancer	Mostly platinum-based chemotherapy	25	Cr/c ratio as continuous variable	First cycle Retrospective	Higher Cr/CysC ratio (0.83 vs 0.7) in pts with grade 3-4 toxicity	Yes p<0.05
Stene et al., 2015	Metastatic NSCLC	Carboplatin plus vinorelbine or gemcitabine	35	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.5 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 52.4 cm ² /m ² for men	Cycles 1-3 Retrospective	No association between sarcopenia and grade 3-4 toxicity	No p=0.33
Sjøblom et al., 2015	Metastatic NSCLC	Gemcitabine vinorelbine	153	L3 CT scan LBM as continuous variable	First cycle Retrospective	Higher dose /kg LBM of gemcitabine (41.9 vs 38.2 mg/kg) and vinorelbine (2.5 vs 2.3 mg/kg) in pts with grade 3-4 hematological toxicity	Yes p=0.008 p=0.18
Sjøblom et al., 2017	Metastatic NSCLC	Carboplatin-doublet (gemcitabine, pemetrexed,	424	L3 CT scan LBM as continuous variable	Cycle 1-4 Retrospective	Regarding grade 3/4 hematological toxicity, higher risk for dose/kg LBM > 20% above mean (OR=1.93) and lower risk for dose/kg LBM < 20% below mean (OR = 0.52)	Yes p=0.004

		vinorelbine)					
Srdic et al., 2016	Metastatic NSCLC	Platinum-based chemotherapy	100	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 39 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 55 cm ² /m ² for men	First cycle Prospective	No association between sarcopenia and toxicity \geq grade 2	No p>0.05
(B. H. L. Tan et al., 2015)	Localized oesophago-gastric cancer	Neo-adjuvant 5FU cisplatin or capecitabine, epirubicin, cisplatin	89	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.5 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 52.4 cm ² /m ² for men	Cycles 1-3 Retrospective	More DLT in sarcopenic pts (54.5 vs 28.9%)	Yes p=0.015
Anandavadivelan et al., 2016	Resectable oesophageal cancer	Neo-adjuvant cisplatin and 5FU	72	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.5 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 52.4 cm ² /m ² for men	First cycle Retrospective	More DLT in sarcopenic pts with normal BMI but non-significant (OR = 1.60) More DLT in obese sarcopenic pts (OR = 5.54)	Yes p<0.1 p=0.04
Murimwa et al., 2017	Locally advanced esophageal cancer	Neo-adjuvant chemoradiation (cisplatin and continuous infusion 5FU)	56	L4 CT scan (psoas muscle) Bottom median SMI	Three first months Retrospective	More acute grade 3/4 toxicity in sarcopenic pts (OR = 5.78)	Yes p=0.004
Miyata et al., 2017	Locally advanced esophageal cancer	Neo-adjuvant (DCF or ACF)	94	BIA Skeletal muscle mass < 90% of the standard	Cycles 1-3 Retrospective	No association between sarcopenia and toxicity	No p > 0.05
Palmela et al., 2017	Locally advanced gastric cancer	Neo-adjuvant (5FU or capecitabine based chemotherapy)	48	L3 CT scan SMI < 41 cm ² /m ² in women SMI < 43 cm ² /m ² in men and < 53 cm ² /m ² in obese men	Entire length of chemotherapy Retrospective	More treatment termination in sarcopenic pts (OR=4.23)	Yes p=0.05
Rollins et al., 2016	Unresectable pancreatic cancer	Gemcitabine-based	228	L3 CT scan SMI < 41 cm ² /m ² for women SMI < 43 cm ² /m ² for men and < 53 cm ² /m ² for overweight/obese men	Cycles 1-6 Retrospective	No association between sarcopenia and toxicity	No p=0.4321
C. M.M. Prado et al., 2007	Stage II/III colon cancer	5FU	62	L3 CT scan LBM as continuous variable	First cycle Retrospective	Higher dose of 5FU mg/kg LBM in pts with DLT (17.9 vs 16.3) Threshold of 20 mg 5FU/kg LBM for developing overall toxicity	Yes p=0.036 p=0.05
Jung et al., 2015	Stage III colon cancer	Adjuvant FOLFOX	229	L4 CT scan (psoas muscle) Sex-adjusted lowest quartile SMI	Cycles 1-12 Retrospective	No association between decreased psoas index and toxicity (OR=1.36 in multivariate analysis)	No p>0.05
Cespedes Feliciano et al., 2017	Stage II/III colon cancer	Adjuvant FOLFOX	533	L3 CT scan Sex-adjusted lowest tertile SMI	Cycles 1-12 Retrospective	More neutropenia in pts in the lowest tertile (54.9 vs 38.4%) More thrombocytopenia in pts in the lowest tertile	Yes p=0.008 p=0.02

						(13.2% vs 5.1%)	
Barret et al., 2014	Metastatic colorectal cancer	Mostly fluoropyrimidine based chemotherapy	51	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.9 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 55.4 cm ² /m ² for men	Two first months Prospective	More grade 3-4 toxicity in sarcopenic pts (OR=13.35 in multivariate analysis)	Yes p=0.043
Blauwhoff-Buskermolen et al., 2016	Metastatic colorectal cancer	Mostly capecitabine oxaliplatin +- bevacizumab	67	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.9 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 55.4 cm ² /m ² for men	Period between two CT scans Prospective	No association between SMI and DLT	No p=0.99
Ali et al., 2016	Metastatic colorectal cancer	FOLFOX	138	L3 CT scan LBM as continuous variable	Cycles 1-4 Retrospective	Stratification into three groups based on oxaliplatin dose/kg LBM. More DLT in pts with highest dose/LBM (39.9% including 25% of neuropathy vs 8.3% including no neuropathy).	Yes p<0.01
Chemama et al., 2016	Locally advanced colorectal cancer	5FU + hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy with oxaliplatin and irinotecan	97	L3 CT scan SMI < 41 cm ² /m ² for women SMI < 43 cm ² /m ² for men and < 53 cm ² /m ² for overweight/obese men	Days 1-30 after surgery Prospective	More toxicity in sarcopenic pts (OR=3.97)	Yes p=0.005
(Parsons, Tsimberidou, et al., 2012)	Metastatic cancers, mostly colorectal	Hepatic arterial infusion chemotherapy with systemic 5FU bevacizumab	48	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.5 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 52.4 cm ² /m ² for men	Not specified Retrospective	No association between sarcopenia and grade 3-4 toxicity	No p>0.05
Cushen et al., 2016	Metastatic castrate-resistant prostate cancer	Docetaxel	63	L3 CT scan SMI < 43 cm ² /m ² in men SMI < 53 cm ² /m ² in obese men	Cycles 1-3 Retrospective	Lower SMI in pts with neutropenia grade 1-2 (46.5 cm ² /m ² vs. 51.2 cm ² /m ²)	Yes p=0.005 p=0.044
Carla M. M. Prado et al., 2014	Advanced or metastatic ovarian cancer	Pegylated liposomal doxorubicin Trabectedin	74	L3 CT scan LBM as continuous variable	First cycle Retrospective	Lower ratio of fat mass / LBM (0.54 vs 0.63) in overweight/obese pts with toxicity	Yes p=0.006
Stanisavljevic & Marisavljevic, 2010	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma	R-CHOP (rituximab, cyclophosphamide, vincristine, prednisolone)	30	BIA LBM as continuous variable	Cycles 1-6 Prospective	Higher dose /kg LBM of cyclophosphamide (27.2 vs 22.9 mg/kg) and doxorubicin (1.71 vs 1.5 mg/kg) in pts with hematological toxicity	Yes p <0.05
Sucak et al., 2012	Hematologic malignancies	Busulfan-cyclophosphamide	71	LBM: Cunningham formula* LBM ≤ 14.5 kg/m ² LBM ≤ 16.6 kg/m ² for men	Not specified Retrospective	Lower LBM (median 17 kg/m ² vs 18.59 kg/m ²) in patients with cardiac toxicity and emesis.	Yes p=0.001
Cousin et al., 2014	Diverse tumor types	Phase I drugs	93	L3 CT scan SMI below sex-adjusted median	First cycle Prospective	More severe toxicity (25.5 vs 6.5%) in sarcopenic pts	Yes p=0.02

Bretagne et al., 2017	Diverse tumor types	Carboplatin alone or with paclitaxel	24	Cr/CysC ratio as continuous variable	Entire length of chemotherapy Prospective	Higher Cr/CysC ratio (1.3 vs 1.0) in pts with severe thrombocytopenia ¹	Yes p=0.006
Versteeg et al., 2017	Diverse tumor types	Not specified	103	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.9 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 55.4 cm ² /m ² for men	Entire length of chemotherapy Prospective	No association between sarcopenia and toxicity	No p=0.29

Abbreviations: 5FU: 5-fluorouracil, ACF: 5FU, cisplatin, and adriamycin, BIA: bioelectrical impedance analysis, Cr: creatinine, CMF: cyclophosphamide, methotrexate, and 5FU, CysC: cystatin C, DCF: 5FU, cisplatin, and docetaxel, FOLFOX: 5FU, folinic acid, and oxaliplatin, L3 CT scan: computed tomography at the third lumbar vertebra level, LBM: lean body mass, N: number of patients included in the study, NLR: neutrophil lymphocyte ratio, Pts: patients, SCLC: small cell lung cancer, SMI: skeletal muscle index, OR: odds ratio.

* Male; $[(79.5 - 0.24 \times \text{mass (kg)} - 0.15 \times \text{age (years)}) \times \text{mass (kg)} + 73.2]$ which is divided by square of height (m²).
 Female; $[(69.8 - 0.26 \times \text{mass (kg)} - 0.12 \times \text{age (years)}) \times \text{mass (kg)} + 73.2]$ which is divided by square of height (m²).

Table 5. Sarcopenia and targeted therapy toxicity

<i>Study</i>	<i>Tumor type</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Sarcopenia evaluation</i>	<i>Toxicity assessment</i>	<i>Main results</i>	<i>Significant association</i>
Massicotte et al., 2013	Metastatic medullary thyroid carcinoma	Vandetanib	33	L3 CT scan SMI as continuous variable	Not specified Prospective	Lower SMI (37.2 vs 44.3 cm ² /m ²) in pts with DLT	Yes p=0.003
Arrieta et al., 2015	Metastatic NSCLC	Afatinib	84	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.5 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 52.4 cm ² /m ² for men LBM as continuous variable	First 4 months Prospective	No association between sarcopenia and severe toxicity More DLT in pts with low LBM and BMI < 25 kg/m ² (71.4 vs 18.8%)	Yes p=0.0017
Mir et al., 2012	Advanced hepatocellular carcinoma	Sorafenib	40	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.9 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 55.4 cm ² /m ² for men	First month Retrospective	More DLT in sarcopenic pts (82 vs 31%)	Yes p=0.005
Nault et al., 2015	Advanced hepatocellular carcinoma	Sorafenib or brivatinib	52	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 39 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 55 cm ² /m ² for men	Not specified Retrospective	More hand-foot syndrome in sarcopenic pts (OR = 9.16)	Yes p=0.049
Huillard et al., 2013	Metastatic renal cancer	Sunitinib	61	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.9 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 55.4 cm ² /m ² for men	First cycle Retrospective	More DLT in sarcopenic pts (50 vs 19.5%)	Yes p=0.01
Cushen et al., 2017	Metastatic renal cancer	Sunitinib	55	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.9 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 55.4 cm ² /m ² for men	After 4 cycles Retrospective	Lower SMI in pts with DLT (51.7 vs 59.4 cm ² /m ²)	Yes p=0.01
Ishihara et al., 2016	Metastatic renal cancer	Sunitinib	71	L3 CT scan SMI < 41 cm ² /m ² for women SMI < 43 cm ² /m ² for men and < 53 cm ² /m ² for overweight/obese men	Cycle 1-6 Retrospective	No association between sarcopenia and toxicity	No p=0.157
Antoun et al., 2010	Metastatic renal cancer	Sorafenib	84	L3 CT scan SMI ≤ 38.9 cm ² /m ² for women SMI ≤ 55.4 cm ² /m ² for men	Not specified Retrospective	More DLT in sarcopenic pts (41 vs 13%)	Yes p=0.03