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- 32 Abstract
- Background: Hypersensitivity reactions to platinum salts (PS) (cisplatin (CI), carboplatin
 (CA) and oxaliplatin (OX)) can be severe and their incidence is increasing due to their
 widespread use in cancer treatment.

36 **Objective:** To determine the rate of cross-reactivity between platinum salts and whether
37 CI can be administered without prior allergy testing in patients with a history of CA or
38 OX hypersensitivity.

- Methods: From September 2002 to April 2016, patients with suspected immediate PS
 hypersensitivity were tested and cross-reactivity between the three PS was evaluated. We
 then studied patients who were given cisplatin without desensitization after immediate
 hypersensitivity to other PS.
- Results: A total of 155 patients were included. Skin tests were positive in 97 patients 43 44 (OX: 51, CA: 43 and CI: 3). Cross-reactivity to CA in OX-allergic patients was 45% 45 (23/51) (95%CI: 36% to 66%) and cross-reactivity to OX in CA-allergic patients was 37% 46 (16/43) (95% CI: 23% to 53%). In contrast, cross-reactivity to CI was 0% (0/51) (95% CI: 47 0% to 7%) in OX-allergic patients and 7% (3/43) (95%CI: 2% to 17%) in CA-allergic 48 patients. All these 3 patients had previously been exposed to CI in previous courses of chemotherapy. CI was initiated in 24 patients with proven hypersensitivity to CA or OX 49 50 and had no hypersensitivity reactions.
- 51 Conclusion: Initiating CI in patients with proven immediate hypersensitivity to CA or OX
 52 appeared to be safe in our study.
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54 Highlights Box:

1. What is already known about this topic? The management of immediate
hypersensitivity to platinum salts consists in carrying out skin testing and setting up a
desensitization protocol. Moreover, cross-reactivity between the three platinum salts is a
matter of debate.

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What does this article add to our knowledge? This study demonstrates that crossreactivity between carboplatin and oxaliplatin is very frequent whereas cross-reactivity
between cisplatin and the other platinum salts is rare. The use of cisplatin after
hypersensitivity to carboplatin or oxaliplatin appears safe.

- 3. How does this study impact current management guidelines? If desensitization can not
 be proposed and in the accordance with oncologist, cisplatin can be administered safely in
 patients with a history of carboplatin or oxaliplatin hypersensitivity provided it has never
 been used before.
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- Keywords: Allergy, Immediate hypersensitivity, Platinum salt, Cross-reaction, Skin
 testing, Chemotherapy, Intradermal test, Anaphylaxis.
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| 74 | Abbreviations |
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| 76 | CA Carboplatin |
| 77 | CI Cisplatin |
| 78 | IDTs Intradermal Tests |
| 79 | LDH Lactate dehydrogenase |
| 80 | OX Oxaliplatin |
| 81 | PS Platinum salt |

82 INTRODUCTION

83 Platinum salts (PS) (cisplatin (CI), carboplatin (CA) and oxaliplatin (OX)) are commonly used for the treatment of various cancers such as colorectal, pancreatic and ovarian 84 cancer¹⁻⁷. Immediate hypersensitivity reactions to PS are frequent and estimated at 15 to 85 20% in different studies, and can be severe⁸⁻¹⁴. Hypersensitivity reactions to PS are 86 generally observed after a mean of eight infusions^{13,15}, although recent studies have shown 87 that they can appear earlier 1,2,16 . Different studies have identified various potential risk 88 factors linked to hypersensitivity: the interval between the end and the resumption of 89 treatment if more than two years¹⁷, total dose received ^{9,18}, age¹⁹, history of drug allergy¹⁷, 90 HLA DR3²⁰, and high serum lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) level at the beginning of 91 chemotherapy 21 . 92 For diagnosis, skin testing especially intradermal tests (IDTs) are commonly used ²²⁻²⁴. 93 Many authors 1,22,25 demonstrated that IDTs are reliable and have a good negative 94 predictive value. 95 Currently, the incidence of cross-reactivity between the three PS is unclear, although some 96

97 studies in a small number of cases have shown that switching to CI in patients with CA or
98 OX hypersensitivity was safe in a majority of patients²⁶⁻²⁸.

When an allergic reaction occurs during an infusion of PS, treatment is immediately
stopped and all three PS are contraindicated until consultation with a specialist and skin
allergy testing. Desensitization is considered safe and supported by many publications.

- 102 If desensitization is not an option, could cisplatin be safely used in patients reactive to103 oxaliplatin or carboplatin in accordance with oncologist?
- 104 The aim of this study was to determine the rate of cross-reactivity in patients receiving PS 105 in a teaching hospital in France and whether CI can be administered without prior allergy 106 testing in patients with a history of CA or OX hypersensitivity.
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111 **METHODS**

112 We conducted a retrospective, descriptive, single-center study from September 2002 to April 2016 at the Dermatology Department of Dijon University Hospital, France. Patients 113 114 coming for a dermato-allergology consultation for immediate hypersensitivity reactions to 115 PS were included. An immediate reaction to PS was defined as a reaction that occurs 116 during the infusion or within 1 hour after the infusion of one of the three PS (CA, OX or 117 CI). Skin tests were performed after a minimum of 4-6 weeks after resolution of the 118 hypersensitivity reaction. Indeed, false negative skin testing is possible if it is too early 119 after the hypersensitivity reaction probably due to a period of "anergy" after a systemic reaction.25,29 120

121 Intradermal tests (IDTs) were performed by using a sterile solution of each PS (active 122 product and excipients): Cisplatine Accord® (cisplatin, injectable form, 100mg/100ml; 123 Accord Healthcare France), Carboplatine Hospira® (carboplatin, injectable form, 124 450mg/45ml; Hospira, France) and Oxaliplatine Hospira® (oxaliplatin, injectable form, 125 100mg/20ml; Hospira, France) diluted in 0.9% saline successively according to the 126 following sequence (1/1000, 1/100 and 1/10). Dilutions were prepared following a 127 standardized procedure at the Dijon University Hospital Pharmacy Department under laminar flow 2 hours before injection. IDTs were performed on the patients' upper back 128 129 by injecting 0.02 mL of sterile dilutions, which produced a 4 mm to 6 mm wheal. IDTs were considered positive if the diameter of the wheal measured 3 mm more than the 130 131 diameter of the initial one after 20 minutes.

All concomitant treatments and/or premedications (corticosteroids, antiemetic agents,
 other chemotherapy agents) were also tested if suspected, according to the European
 Society of Contact Dermatitis guidelines for drug skin testing³⁰.

After the dermatology consultation and IDTs, the oncologist was consulted to choose the most appropriate PS that was negative during the test to be used for the patient. The drug was then initiated at the therapeutic dose and regimen, without desensitization. Any hypersensitivity reactions were assessed.

In addition, clinical data were collected: age of the patient, sex, cancer type, number of
 courses administered until a reaction occurred and symptoms of the hypersensitivity
 reaction. Symptoms were graded according to Brown's classification³¹.

143 **RESULTS**

144 **Patients**

During the 14-year study period, 184 patients had investigations for hypersensitivity reactions to PS. Among these patients, 29 were not analysed because they had a delayed rather than immediate reaction. Finally, 155 remaining patients with immediate hypersensitivity were included (see figure 1). Patients' clinical data are summarized in Table I.

150 Treatments and hypersensitivity reactions

151 The suspected PS was CA in 64 cases, OX in 87 cases and CI in 4 cases. The median 152 number of courses administered until the reaction occurred was nine (range: 1-37). Eleven 153 patients had already received another treatment with a different PS in the past (CA: 5, OX: 154 2 and CI: 4). Clinical signs of immediate hypersensitivity to the PS were grade 1 (mild) in 30% (47/155), grade 2 (moderate) in 62% (96/155) and grade 3 (severe) in 8% (12/155) 155 according to Brown's classification³¹. The most common symptoms were cutaneous 156 manifestations in 107 patients (107/155: 69.0%). These cutaneous signs were urticaria, 157 158 pruritus, erythema and angioedema. Other manifestations are detailed in Table II. There 159 were six cases of anaphylactic shock, which occurred during the drug infusion.

160 Skin tests

161 Skin tests were positive to the suspected PS in 97 of the 155 patients (62.6%) (CI: 3 cases, 162 CA: 43 cases, OX: 51 cases). Tests were thus negative for 58 patients (58/155: 37.4%) 163 and two hypersensitivities to concomitant treatment were seen: one positive test for 164 epirubicin (Farmorubicine®, Pfizer) anthracycline chemotherapy and another for 165 raniditine (Azantac®, GlaxoSmithKline) an antagonist of histamine receptor type 2 166 (Figure 1). No incidents occurred during the test procedures.

Among patients with positive skin tests, 41 patients were positive to more than one PS. Thirty-eight patients had positive IDTs to CA and OX, two patients had positive IDTs to CA and CI and only one had positive IDTs to all three PS. Cross-reactivity to CA in OXallergic patients was 45% (23/51) (95%CI: 36% to 66%) and cross-reactivity to OX in CA-allergic patients was 37% (16/43) (95%CI: 23% to 53%). In contrast, cross-reactivity to CI was 0% (0/51) (95%CI: 0% to 7%) in OX-allergic patients and 7% (3/43) (95%CI: 2% to 17%) in CA-allergic patients but those 3 patients had been previously exposed. In the 38 cases of cross-reactivity between CA and OX, only two patients had received the
two PS successively. The results about the different positive skin tests are resumed in
Table III.

177 **Drug re-exposure**

- After skin testing, the oncologists decided to reinfuse PS in 58 patients (30 patients with positive tests and 28 patients with negative tests). The choice of PS was made by the oncologists and the PS was reinfused without any particular precautions and at the recommended dose.
- Among the 28 with negative tests: 16 patients were re-exposed to the same PS (CA: 6 and OX: 10), and 12 patients to another PS (CA: 1, OX: 2 and CI: 9). No hypersensitivity reactions were notified.
- Among the 97 patients to which skin tests were positive, 30 patients were re-exposed with another PS: 24 with CI, two with CA and four with OX; and one patient was desensitized with OX. There were no reactions during the administration (Table IV).
- 188 Al together, 33 patients were given cisplatin. These patients were given between one and
- 189 24 cycles of cisplatin (mean 9 cycles). No patients experienced hypersensitivity reactions.
- 190 The treatment was stopped for three reasons: renal failure, deterioration of the patient's191 general health status, or lack of efficacy.

193 **DISCUSSION**

Hypersensitivity to PS was first described by Hunter et al. in 1945 among employees
 working in a refinery³². Since then, the incidence of hypersensitivity has risen due to the
 widespread use of PS in many cancers treatments. Skin testing has proven to be helpful in
 the diagnosis of IgE-mediated hypersensitivity to a platinum salt. ^{22,25,29}

We present here, a study with a large number of patients tested after immediate hypersensitivity to PS. Our study included 155 patients with the same baseline epidemiological profile as other published studies on hypersensitivity to PS^{10,26,33,34}.

To date, the incidence of cross-reactivity between the three most widely used PS is not 201 well-established. Some rare previous studies have demonstrated cross-reactivity between 202 PS based on skin tests ^{35,36}. In a majority of studies about hypersensitivity to PS, skin tests 203 have been performed just with the suspected PS, and cross-reactivity has been not 204 investigated¹. Brault et al. have found only one case of cross-reactivity between CA and 205 OX in 14 patients with positive IDTs to PS³⁷. All IDTs to CI were negative. In our study, 206 we showed for the first time that cross-reactivity between CA and OX was very frequent: 207 208 cross-reactivity to CA was 45% in OX-allergic patients and cross-reactivity to OX was 209 37% in CA-allergic patients with only two patients who had received both PS in the past. 210 This finding therefore probably reflects a true cross-reactivity. In contrast, cross-reactivity 211 between CI and OX or CA was rare: 0% in OX-allergic patients and 7% in CA-allergic 212 patients. In our study, there were no cases of cross-reactivity between CI and other PS 213 when CI had never been used in previous courses of chemotherapy. To our knowledge, 214 this observation has never been described in the literature.

215 The different chemical structures of the PS could explain this phenomenon (Figure 2). The three molecules are different and have various pharmacological properties: CI is a 216 217 diaminodichloroplatin, CA is cyclobutane-dicarboxyloplatin, and OX is a diaminohexaneplatin derivative. The first hypothesis suggested by Caiado et al.³⁸ was that the central 218 219 platinum atom was an epitope. They supported her their theory by showing the presence 220 of platinum specific IgE. Our testing results, however, did not confirm this hypothesis. 221 Indeed, the active metabolites do not seem to be involved in cross-reactivity because CI 222 and CA are transformed into the same diaquaplatin after hydrolysis and these two PS were 223 less involved in cross-reactivity in our study. We therefore propose a new hypothesis,

namely that the nitrogen-platinum-oxygen-carbon-oxygen-carbon chain (N-Pt-O-CO-C),
which is present only in CA and OX and not in CI, could be the common epitope
explaining cross-reactivity.

227 Moreover, our study showed that there were no hypersensitivity reactions when CI was 228 initiated in patients with hypersensitivity to CA and OX, when CI had never been used before. In the same way, several studies have shown that re-exposure with CI after OX or 229 CA hypersensitivity is safe ^{3,8,28,36,39-46}. To date, only Zweizig et al. ⁴⁷, Shelbak et al. ⁴⁸ and 230 Dizon et al.²⁶ have reported hypersensitivity reactions following a switch to CI. There 231 were four cases of patients who received CI after a hypersensitivity reaction to CA and 232 233 subsequently developed a severe reaction to CI. Analysis of these four cases showed that 234 all of these patients had received CI several years previously for the first treatment of the Callahan et al. 27 and Bergamini et al. 45 also reported eleven cases of cancers. 235 hypersensitivity to CI at re-exposure after a hypersensitivity reaction to CA. In ten cases, 236 237 the reaction developed after a median of 3 courses of CI. In our opinion, these cases 238 cannot be regarded as a failure of the re-exposure, but as a new hypersensitivity to CI. In 239 our study, no patient re-exposed to CI experienced hypersensitivity reaction. In two cases of the Callahan et al.²⁷ and the Ottaiano et al.⁴⁹ studies, patients experienced a reaction to 240 CI during the first infusion of the re-exposure. Unfortunately, we do not have enough 241 242 information to analyze these hypersensitivity reactions as we do not know if the patient had previously been treated with CI. 243

In 2015, Kolomeyevskaya et al.³⁹ proposed the reintroduction of OX in patients with an allergy to CA, without a skin test. Our results go against this strategy because our tests showed a high frequency of cross-reactivity between CA and OX.

247 The results of all these different studies are summarized in Table V.

248 When patients experience a hypersensitivity reaction during PS infusion, treatment 249 should be stopped immediately. The collaboration between allergist and oncologist is essential. After patient's risk stratification, as proposed by Giavina-Bianchi et al.⁵⁰ based 250 251 on the severity of the initial reaction, the patient's comorbidities and the drug given to the 252 patients, several possibilities can be proposed to the oncologist. If the oncologist wants to 253 continue the same PS, skin testing should be done as soon as possible. If these tests are 254 positive, desensitization is the best option. Indeed several studies have reported that desensitization is a safe and effective method. ^{29,25,37,50} However, this approach needs to be 255 used repeatedly before each infusion. If the oncologist wants to change for any reason, the 256 257 best approach is skin testing with the three PS: OX, CA and CI. If the oncologist chooses

CI, the risk of immediate hypersensitivity reaction seems very low as shown in this study. In our experience, this option can be useful in gynecologic cancer but less so in digestive cancer as the three PS are not equivalent in terms of efficacy and tolerance. If skin testing is negative, a drug provocation test or regular infusion can be proposed based on the risk stratification⁵⁰. As the administration of chemotherapy is far from risk-free, the benefitrisk ratio must always be evaluated. Moreover, patients should be advised about the risk and closely monitored by experienced medical staff.

| 265 | Figure legends |
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| 266 267 | Figure 1. Flowchart of the study. 155 patients had immediate hypersensitivity to PS and were |
| 268 | included in the retrospective study. |
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| 270 | Figure 2. Chemical structure of cisplatin (a), carboplatin (b) and oxaliplatin (c) molecules are |
| 271 | presented in this figure. The N-Pt-O-CO-C chain present in both carboplatin and oxaliplatin is |
| 272 | highlighted in the blue diagram. |
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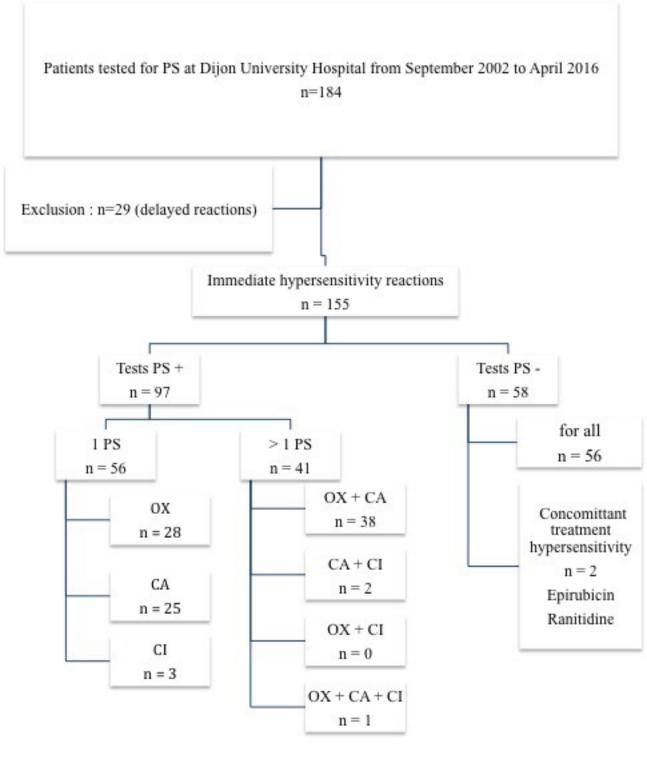
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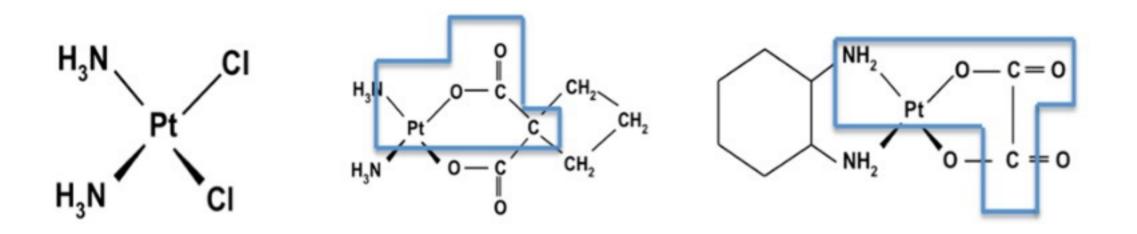
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a. cisplatin

b. carboplatin

c. oxaliplatin

N-Pt-O-CO-C chain

| Age, years | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Range | 27-82 | | | | | | | |
| Mean | 60.8 | | | | | | | |
| Median | 60 | | | | | | | |
| Gender, no (%) | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 103 (66.4) | | | | | | | |
| Male | 52 (33.6) | | | | | | | |
| Sex ratio | 1.9 | | | | | | | |
| Tumor type, no (%) | | | | | | | | |
| Colorectal | 55 (35.5) | | | | | | | |
| Ovarian | 52 (33.6) | | | | | | | |
| Pancreatic | 14 (9) | | | | | | | |
| Cholangiocarcinoma | 6 (3.8) | | | | | | | |
| Gastric | 6 (3.8) | | | | | | | |
| Pulmonary | 6 (3.8) | | | | | | | |
| Breast | 4 (2.6) | | | | | | | |
| Endometrial | 4 (2.6) | | | | | | | |
| Esophageal | 3 (1.8) | | | | | | | |
| Cervix | 1 (0.7) | | | | | | | |
| Fallopian tube | 1 (0.7) | | | | | | | |
| Peritoneal | 1 (0.7) | | | | | | | |
| Pharynx | 1 (0.7) | | | | | | | |
| Prostate | 1 (0.7) | | | | | | | |

Table I. Baseline demographic characteristics of patients (n = 155)

<u>Table II</u>. Clinical signs experimented during hypersensitivity reaction with platinum salts in the 155 patients.

| Clinical signs | Patients, no (%) |
|--|------------------|
| Cutaneous (erythema, pruritus, urticaria, angioedema) | 107 (69) |
| Cardiovascular (chest tightness, Tachycardia, blood | 47 (30) |
| pressure alterations) | |
| Pulmonary (dyspnea, bronchospasm, desaturation) | 18 (12) |
| Gastro-intestinal (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) | 13 (8) |
| Neurological (paresthesia, malaise, vertigo) | 45 (29) |

| Suspected PS with positive IDTs | IDTs results | Patients, no. (%) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Oxaliplatin n=51 | OX alone | 28 (55) |
| | OX + CA | 23 (45) |
| | OX + CI | 0 (0) |
| | OX + CA + CI | 0 (0) |
| Carboplatin n=43 | CA | 25 (58) |
| - | CA + OX | 15 (35) |
| | CA + CI | 2 (5) |
| | CA + CI + OX | 1 (2) |
| Cisplatin n=3 | CI alone | 3 (100) |
| | CI + CA | 0 (0) |
| | CI + OX | 0 (0) |
| | CI + OX +CA | 0 (0) |

Table III. Results of positive IDTs: risk of cross-reactivity between the platinum salts (n=97)

IDTs, Intradermal tests OX, Oxaliplatin

CA, Carboplatin CI, Cisplatin

| Suspected PS | | Results of skin tests | PS administered | | Hypersensitivity reaction | |
|--------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | |
| Cisplatin | n = 1 | CI + | Carboplatin | n = 1 | NO | |
| | | | | | | |
| Carboplatin | n = 9 | CA + | Cisplatin | n = 6 | NO | |
| | | | Oxaliplatin | n = 3 | NO | |
| | n = 8 | CA +, OX + | Cisplatin | n = 8 | NO | |
| | | | | | | |
| Oxaliplatin | n = 7 | OX + | Cisplatin | n = 6 | NO | |
| | | | Carboplatin | n = 1 | NO | |
| | n = 5 | OX +, CA + | Cisplatin | n = 4 | NO | |
| | | | Oxaliplatin (desensitization) | n = 1 | | |

Table IV. Re-administration of PS in patients with POSITIVE allergy testing (n=30)

PS, platinum salts; CA, carboplatin; OX, oxaliplatin; CI, cisplatin; + means positive skin test

Table V. Cisplatin rechallenge studies.

| Study | | Type of cancer | n | PS suspected | Successful, no (%) | Allergy, no (%) | Skin testing |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|----|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Our study | 2016 | all types | 33 | Carboplatin Oxaliplatin | 33 (100) | 0 | Yes |
| Bergamini et al. | 2016 | gynecological | 38 | Carboplatin | 33 (86.8) | 5 (13.2) | No |
| Kolomeyevskaya et al. | 2015 | gynecological | 19 | Carboplatin | 19 (100) | 0 | No |
| Syrigou et al. | 2010 | ovarian, pulmonary | 3 | Carboplatin | 3 (100) | 0 | Yes |
| Greene et al. | 2009 | gynecological | 1 | Carboplatin | 1 (100) | 0 | No |
| Enrique et al. | 2008 | ovarian | 2 | Carboplatin | 2 (100) | 0 | Yes |
| Elligers et al. | 2008 | pancreatic | 1 | Oxaliplatin | 1 (100) | 0 | Yes |
| Callahan et al. | 2007 | gynecological | 24 | Carboplatin | 18 (75) | 6 (25) | No |
| Kandel et al. | 2005 | gynecological | 5 | Carboplatin | 5 (100) | 0 | No |
| Libra et al. | 2003 | ovarian | 3 | Carboplatin | 3 (100) | 0 | NA |
| Ottaiano et al. | 2003 | ovarian | 10 | Carboplatin | 9 (90) | 1 (10) | NA |
| Dizon et al. | 2002 | ovarian | 7 | Carboplatin | 5 (71.4) | 1 (14.3) | No |
| Porzio et al. | 2002 | ovarian | 1 | Carboplatin | 1 (100) | 0 | Yes |
| Polygos et al. | 2001 | ovarian | 4 | Carboplatin | 4 (100) | 0 | No |
| Shukunami et al. | 1999 | ovarian | 1 | Carboplatin | 1 (100) | 0 | NA |
| Shelbak et al. | 1995 | ovarian | 1 | Carboplatin | 0 | 1 (100) | No |
| Weidmann et al. | 1994 | ovarian, pancreatic | 2 | Carboplatin | 2 (100) | 0 | No |
| Zweizig et al. | 1994 | ovarian | 1 | Carboplatin | 0 | 0 | No |

NA, Not available; PS, Platinum Salt