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ABSTRACT

Aims. With the explosion of anticancer drugs, an emerging concern is the risk for drug-induced suddendeath (SD) via ventricular arrhythmias (VA).

Methods. We used the international pharmacovigilance database VigiBase (n=18,441,659 reports) to compare drug-induced long-QT (diLQT, n=18,123) and VA (n=29,193) (including torsade-de-pointes (TdP, n=8,163) reporting for 663 anticancer drugs versus all other drugs until 01/01/2019. The analysis used the 95% lower-end credibility interval of the information-component (IC_{025}) , an indicator for disproportionate Bayesian reporting; significant when $IC_{025} > 0$.

Results. There were 2301 reports (13.8% fatal) for 40 anticancer drugs significantly associated with diLQT (with 27 also associated with VA or SD), and 9 drugs associated with VA without diLQT. Half of these (46·9%, 23/49) were associated with SD. Most (41%, 20/49) were kinase inhibitors, 8% (4/49) were hormonal therapies, 6% (3/49) were immunotherapies, 24% (12/49) were cytotoxics, and 20% (10/49) were miscellaneous. In VigiBase, reports of diLQT, TdP or VA increased from 580 in the period 1967-1983 to 15,070 in 2014-2018 with the proportion related to anticancer drugs increasing from 0.9% $(5/580)$ to 14.0% $(2115/15,070)$ (p<0.0001). Concordance between these VigiBase signals and data concerning diLQT and VA/TdP identified in CredibleMeds or US FDA labels were moderate (κ=0.47 and 0.40, p<0.0001). Twenty-three drugs represent new signals, while 24 flagged by CredibleMeds or FDA had no signal in VigiBase. A three-level SD risk stratification relying on isolated long QT (lowrisk), associated with VA without SD (moderate-risk) and VA with SD (high-risk) is proposed.

Conclusion. This list of liable anticancer drugs may prove useful for physicians and regulatory authorities to reevaluate cardiac monitoring requirements.

Keywords. Disproportionality analysis, anticancer drugs, long QT, ventricular arrhythmias, pharmacovigilance, torsade de pointes

Graphical Abstract. Evolution of reporting for drug-induced long QT, ventricular arrhythmias and torsade de pointes associated with

anticancer drugs (A) as a function of their classes (B) in VigiBase from inception (1967) to January 2019.

Introduction.

The development of cancer therapeutics has resulted in a better prognosis and long-term survival for patients with many malignancies.¹ Anticancer drugs may also lead to severe cardiovascular adverse drug reactions (ADR) carrying a high morbidity burden, and can be fatal. ² This interplay between cancer and heart conditions is the subject of the booming field of cardio-oncology. Cardiac ADR of cytotoxic anticancer drugs have been identified for decades, such as anthracycline-induced heart failure or acute myocardial infarction with anti-metabolites.^{2, 3} With the exponential development of new classes of anticancer drugs (including immunotherapy and kinase inhibitors, KI), other heart-related ADR have emerged and represent an important concern for regulatory agencies, companies, and patients care providers. A striking example is the increased reporting of myocarditis (fatality rate \sim 30-50%) occasionally induced by immune checkpoint inhibitors, which are breakthrough therapeutics approved in a wide variety of cancers.^{4, 5} Cardiac arrhythmias are another emerging and poorly characterized concern of anticancer drugs with an increasing number of targeted therapies such as KI and anti-hormonal agents prolonging QT interval, a well-recognized marker of increased risk for cardiac arrhythmias and sudden death (SD).^{6,7}

The QT interval on the electrocardiogram (ECG), corrected for heart rate (QTc), is a measure of the duration of ventricular repolarization and is a widely used proxy of the drug-induced ventricular arrhythmia risk.⁸ It remains the recommended standard surrogate used in human studies despite its wellrecognized limitations.⁹ Many drugs slightly prolong the QT interval, but in some patients, this prolongation can be exaggerated and provoke the morphologically distinctive polymorphic ventricular arrhythmia (VA) torsade de pointes (TdP). Symptoms associated with TdP include syncope and SD if the arrhythmia is prolonged or degenerates into ventricular fibrillation. More recently, it has been reported that some anticancer drugs, such as ibrutinib (a Bruton KI) can also lead to fatal VA without prolonging QT.¹⁰

Using VigiBase, the World Health Organization's (WHO) global pharmacovigilance database, we aimed to better define and risk stratify these severe cardiac arrhythmia ADR to improve patient safety and facilitate monitoring guidelines after administration of anticancer drugs. We also sought to identify new drugs with signals for VA, long QT and TdP which were not previously identified during clinical trials.

Methods.

Study design and data sources

This observational, retrospective, pharmacovigilance study is a disproportionality analysis based on ADR reported in VigiBase, the WHO deduplicated database of individual case safety reports (i.e., reports thereafter).¹¹ VigiBase is managed by the Uppsala Monitoring Centre (UMC, Uppsala, Sweden) and contains approximatively 19 million reports (through January 2019) submitted by national pharmacovigilance centers since 1967. The use of confidential, electronically processed patient data was approved by the Vanderbilt University Medical Center institutional review board (#181337, USA).

Procedures

This study included all drug-induced long QT (diLQT), TdP or VA classified by group queries according to the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA, **Supplementary Table 1**), between inception on November 14, 1967, and January 1, 2019. DiLQT, TdP or VA specifically assessed in the analysis were those reported as suspected to be caused by a drug (versus concomitant use). Each report contains general administrative information (country of origin, date of reporting, and reporter qualification), patient characteristics (sex, age), drugs (indication, start and end dates of administration, dosage regimen, and route of administration), and reactions or events (reported terms, onset and end date, seriousness, and final outcome). A severe ADR was defined as causing death; being life-threatening; requiring hospital stay (initial or prolonged); or leading to persistent or clinically significant disability, congenital anomaly, birth defect, or any other medically important conditions.

Statistical analysis

VigiBase allows disproportionality analysis (also known as case–non-case analysis), which we used to assess whether suspected diLQT, TdP and VA were differentially reported with each drug (663 individual molecules pertaining to the anticancer drugs) *vs.* the full database of 20,222 drugs (**Supplementary Figure 1** for the flow-chart). Disproportionality analyses compare the proportion of a

selected specific ADR reported for a single drug with the proportion of the same ADR for a control group of drugs (i.e., full database with all drugs). The denominator in these analyses is the total number of ADR reported for each group of drugs. If the proportion of cases associated with a specific drug is greater than in patients without this ADR (non-cases), there is a disproportional association (signal identification) between the ADR and the drug.¹² We calculated a Bayesian disproportionality estimate suitable when taking the full database as comparator, i.e. the information component (IC). IC compares observed and expected number of reports for drug-ADR pairs. The IC_{025} is the lower-end of the 95% credibility interval for the IC so a positive value of the IC_{025} is deemed significant. More information concerning calculation of the IC/IC025 is provided in **Supplementary Methods** and these methods have been recently used in similar settings and detailed elsewhere.^{10, 12-14} Since this work focused on identifying culprit anticancer drugs, we further performed a sensitivity analysis and estimated the frequentist disproportionality association (reporting odds ratio, ROR) with diLQT, TdP, VA and SD for each anticancer drug already flagged with positive IC_{025} restricting the background database to reports associated with at least one anticancer drugs (defined as drugs pertaining to the anatomical therapeutic classification L: Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents). ROR was calculated by Chi² test, and the 95% confidence interval ($CI_{95\%}$) was estimated, as previously described.^{12, 15} A lower end of the ROR CI_{95%} \geq 1 is considered significant.

Characteristics of reports in VigiBase were described in terms of means \pm standard-deviation or medians and interquartile range [IQR] for quantitative variables, and in terms of numbers and proportion for qualitative ones. Comparisons were performed by Chi2 test, Wilcoxon test with Dunn's post-tests, as appropriate. P<0.05 was deemed significant.

Concordance (agreement) between the data describing liability of anticancer drugs to induce cardiac arrhythmias according to VigiBase vs. US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) labels (accessible at [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/\)](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/) and CredibleMeds® (accessible at [www.crediblemeds.org\)](http://www.crediblemeds.org/) was computed using the Cohen kappa coefficient.

Results.

Trends in anticancer drug-associated cardiac arrhythmia reporting over decades

The study included 42,462 reports of diLQT, TdP or VA from VigiBase inception, through January 1st, 2019. The number increased from 580 in the period 1967-1983 to 15,070 for 2014-2018 (**Supplementary Figure 2**). The corresponding proportion related to anticancer drugs increased from 0·9% (5/580) to 14·0% (2115/15,070) (p<0.00001). Anticancer drugs were divided into five subgroups: cytotoxic treatments (CT, including antimetabolites and anthracyclines), hormone therapies (HT), immunotherapies (IT, including immune-related cell therapies), KI (including any drug interacting directly with a kinase protein or its ligands) and other therapies (miscellaneous, Misc). The majority of this increase in reporting over years was in the KI group (**graphical abstract**) representing 51·6%, (1091/2115) of these cardiac arrhythmia reports associated with anticancer drugs within the 2014-2018 period versus 14·7% (311/2115) with CT, 5·9% (124/2115) with HT, 2·5% (52/2115) with IT, and 12·5% (265/2115) with a combination of any of these anticancer classes (Combo; i.e one drug or more pertaining to at least two of these classes: CT, HT, IT, KI, Misc) $(p<0.00001)$.

Anticancer drugs associated with long QT, VA including TdP and SD

Forty anticancer drugs were significantly associated with diLQT (including 27 also associated with VA or SD), and 9 with VA without diLQT when taking as background either the full database $(n=18,441,659; IC_{025}>0)$ or when restricting the database to cases involving at least one anticancer drug used (n=4,197,602; ROR CI95% ≥1) (**Table 1**). Most (41%, 20/49) were KI, 24% (12/49) were CT, 8% (4/49) were HT, 6% (3/49) were IT, and 20% (10/49) were Misc. Details regarding the magnitude of the association by drug and per subtype of arrythmia (diLQT, VA and TdP) and signals for SD are shown in **Table 1**. Details concerning the year for which these anticancer drugs were first significantly associated with any of these cardiac arrhythmias are shown in **Supplementary Figure 2**. Details concerning number of reports per year of these cardiac arrhythmias are shown in **Figure 1**. To further evaluate the seriousness

of these cardiac events (diLQT, VA including TdP), we stratified the 49 drugs of interest as a function of the presence or not of a significant association with drug-induced SD (**Table 2**). Half of these anticancer drugs (46·9%, 23/49) were associated with SD. We generated a three-level SD risk stratification (**Figure 2**) constituted of drugs associated with only isolated diLQT without VA nor SD (low-risk, $n=13$), drugs associated with VA without SD (moderate-risk, $n=13$) and drugs associated with VA and SD (high-risk, n=23). Among anticancer drugs with moderate and high-risk for SD, most were also associated with diLQT (75%, 27/36) but not all (25%, 9/36). The top three drugs with the highest disproportional association (**Table 1**, **Supplementary Figure 3**, using IC025) with diLQT were vandetanib (KI, n=97, IC₀₂₅=5.8, year of FDA approval 2011), arsenic trioxide (Misc, n=115, IC₀₂₅=5.5, year of FDA approval 2000) and ribociclib (KI, n=105, IC₀₂₅=5.3, year of FDA approval 2017). This was concordant with arsenic trioxide (n=14, $IC₀₂₅=2.7$), vandetanib (n=10, $IC₀₂₅=2.5$) and vorinostat (Misc, n=6, $IC₀₂₅=1.2$, year of FDA approval 2006) carrying the highest association with TdP. The top three drugs associated with VA were amsacrine (CT, $n=14$, IC $_{025}=3.1$), arsenic trioxide ($n=25$, IC $_{025}=2.4$) and daunorubicin (CT, $n=52$, $IC_{025}=1.8$, year of FDA approval 1979). The top drugs in terms of absolute number of reports were respectively nilotinib for diLQT (KI, $n=369$, $IC_{025}=0.4$, year of FDA approval 2007) and TdP (n=18, IC₀₂₅=0.4), and capecitabine for VA (CT, n=161, IC₀₂₅=0.8, year of FDA approval 1998) (**Table 1**, **Figure 1**). The major mechanisms of action of these drugs are detailed in **Table 2**.

Of note, we further validated this disproportionality method using positive and negative controls in terms of drugs at known risk of diLOT and TdP (dofetilide, sotalol, ibutilide with IC_{025} values among the highest (4.9 to 5·82)) vs. protective for diLQT and TdP (progesterone, levonorgestrel and testosterone carrying among the lowest IC⁰²⁵ values). 7, 9, 16 These data are shown in **Supplementary Figure 3** and the top 25 highest and lowest IC_{025} values for diLQT among all drugs available in VigiBase are shown in **Supplementary Table 2** and **Supplementary Table 3**.

Clinical features of cardiac arrhythmias associated with anticancer drugs in VigiBase

Clinical characteristics derived from the 2301 reports (diLQT without TdP, n=1406; TdP, n=196, and VA without TdP, n=699) associated with the 49 anticancer drugs of interest are displayed in **Table 3** and in **Supplementary Table 4**. Overlap between culprit anticancer drug classes within these reports is represented in **Figure 3**. Median age was 63 years (IQR 51-71). Male predominance was found in VA reports excluding TdP (64·9%, 431/664), contrasting with female predominance in diLQT and TdP reports (51·4%, 698/1359, p<0.0001). Most reports were in the last 5 years (1434/2301, 62%) and were by health-care professionals (1701/1943, 88%) in America (1038/2301, 45%) or Europe (762/2301, 33%). Most reports involved at least one culprit KI (64%, 1477/2301). A majority of reports were considered serious (94%, 1946/2078). All-cause fatality was 13·8% (317/2301) and 10% reported SD (228/2301, **Table 3**). The final outcome after stopping the culprit anticancer drug was available for 397 reports, of which 326/397 (82%) resolved. Most patients (49%, 766/1555) had hematologic diseases, particularly chronic myeloid leukemia (23%, 363/1555) or other leukemia (17%, 272/1555). Among solid tumors, the most represented were colorectal, lung, breast, and kidney cancers (8·1%, 126/1555; 7·3%, 114/1555; 6·7%, 104/1555 and 6·1%, 95/1555; respectively).

Details concerning concurrent drugs and conditions favoring QT prolongation, TdP and VA are shown in **Table 3**. Most reports 1381/1602 (86%) had no concomitant drugs at known risk of TdP on top of the culprit anticancer drug in the diLQT and/or TdP patients. Among these 1602 reports, the most reported drug classes with molecules concomitantly used at known risk of TdP were proton pomp inhibitors $(8.6\%; n=137)$, antiemetics $(7.4\%, n=119)$, anti-infectious agents $(7.1\%, n=114)$ and antidepressants (6%, n= 96). Reports of concurrent conditions favoring diLQT and VA were frequent with 12% (275/2301) of infection, or cardiac conditions including 10% (239/2301) of heart failure, and 8% (183/2301) of cardiac ischemia (**Table 3**).

Median time to onset (in days) was not significantly different between patients with diLQT without TdP, TdP and non-TdP VA (21 [IQR 7-91] *vs*. 23 [IQR 5·5-139] *vs*. 24 [IQR 4-120] days, respectively; p=0·93) (**Figure 3**). When comparing different drug classes, median time to onset were variable ranging from 9 days [IQR 3-23] for IT, 9 [IQR 3-34] for CT, 12 [IQR 3-38] for Misc treatments, 31 [IQR 11-140] for KI, to 142 [IQR 25-409] for HT (p<0.0001). The differences between anticancer drug classes are displayed in **Figure 3**. The differences between anticancer drug molecules are displayed in **Supplementary Table 4**.

Concordance of cardiac arrhythmia risk evaluations between VigiBase, CredibleMeds and FDA

A total of 663 anticancer drugs were referenced in VigiBase (through July 1st 2019), of which 199 were FDA approved at least once and 195 currently approved (through July $1st 2019$). Concordance between VigiBase results and data concerning diLQT, TdP and/or VA available in CredibleMeds database (which aggregates all known drugs prolonging QT) or US FDA labels were moderate (κ =0·47 [0.34-0.6], p<0·0001 and 0·40 [0.27-0.54]], p<0·0001, respectively, **Supplementary Figure 4**). Corresponding concordance between CredibleMeds and VigiBase was high (κ=0·74 [0.62-0.85], p<0·0001). Twenty-three drugs (16 for diLQT or TdP, and 14 for VA) were not described in CredibleMeds and/or FDA databases. In contrast, CredibleMeds and/or FDA databases described 24 drugs associated with these ADR which yielded no significant association in VigiBase. Details concerning the concordance per drug and specific type of cardiac arrhythmia (diLQT, TdP, VA) between these databases are presented in **Table 4**. Analyses of concordance restricted to the 199 FDA approved drugs showed similar results (**Supplementary Figure 4**). The most relevant new signals were those carrying a very high proportion of single suspect culprit drug (SSCD) in the reports (not confounded by the concurrent intake of other liable anticancer drugs) (**Supplementray Table 4**). Within FDA approved drugs, these latter were carfilzomib $(n=19, SSCD=100\%$, proteasome inhibitor), imatinib $(n=64,$ SSCD=73%, KI), alectinib (n=5, SSCD=100%, KI), axicabtagene-ciloleucel (n=4, SSCD=100%, CAR-T anti-CD19), mogamulizumab (n=5, SSCD=100%, C-C chemokine receptor type 4 inhibitor), and bicalutamide (n=30, SSCD=93%, androgen receptor antagonist). Interestingly, four drugs were flagged

before any FDA approval (amsacrine [CT], combretastatin a4 [CT], chidamide [histone deacetylase inhibitor] and enzastaurin [KI]).

Discussion.

In this worldwide pharmacovigilance study which included almost 19 million reports, disproportionality analyses yielded significant association between 49 anticancer drugs and cardiac arrhythmias including diLQT, TdP, and VA. This detailed report summarizes all available data addressing drug-induced cardiac arrhythmias extracted from US FDA labels, CredibleMeds and VigiBase. We believe our data can serve as a compendium for all clinicians using anticancer drugs and considering their potential arrhythmic risk (**Table 4**). FDA labels mainly summarize data systematically gathered and analyzed during drug development (thorough and concentration QT studies, clinical trials), and in some cases updates arising from post-marketing evaluation. Consensus achieved by experts from academia of these available data is found in the widely-recognized CredibleMeds website for TdP risk. VigiBase is a complementary source which assembles data from real-life surveillance with spontaneous post-marketing reporting mainly arising from healthcare professionals. VigiBase has previously been utilized to describe other cardiovascular sequelae from anticancer therapies and has allowed a better appreciation of the magnitude of these toxicities.^{5, 7, 10} Interestingly, in our work, 23 drugs represented new signals, while 24 flagged by Crediblemeds or FDA had no signal in VigiBase. These findings may guide clinicians and regulatory institutions to conduct further research to reevaluate cardiac monitoring requirements focusing on these specific drugs. Moreover, information generally contained in FDA labels focus on magnitude of QT prolongation identified in QT studies, but does not provide information concerning VA and TdP risk as such, because these events are often too rare and not adjudicated in cancer-focused clinical trials. CredibleMeds website only assess TdP risk in context of QTc prolongation. Herein, we were able to identify three levels of SD risk profile with anticancer drugs only associated with isolated long QT (low-risk), associated with VA without SD (moderate-risk) and VA with SD (highrisk). This SD risk stratification may prove useful to clinicians when confronted to difficulties in the risk/benefit assessment of pursuing a liable anticancer drug with a possible overall benefit for the patient.

Importantly, we have identified a novel group that has not been particularly well flagged previously: drugs associated with potentially fatal VA but not mediated by QTc prolongation. This group is important to recognize in clinical situations where arrhythmias are suspected with a normal QTc on ECG. Lastly, this work provides a quantitative magnitude of disproportional association of 663 anticancer drugs with diLQT, TdP and VA. These data may prove useful for translational cardio-oncology researches seeking at identifying new pathways involved in arrhythmias, as we recently showed with ibrutinib and identification of kinase-dependent off-target inhibition leading to atrial fibrillation.¹⁷

To date, this study is the most extensive, analyzing over 42,000 suspected drug-induced cardiac arrhythmia events internationally reported from healthcare professionals. The evolution of reporting in VigiBase has been marked in the last decade by the introduction of new drug classes, KI, and IT; they currently represent the majority of reported drug-induced cardiac arrhythmias. As expected, CT have been associated with these ADR for far longer. In VigiBase, the first treatment to yield a significant association with cardiac arrhythmias was an anthracycline, idarubicin, in 1995. Of note, an average QTc >500 ms (normal <450 ms for men and <460 ms for women) or a >60 ms QTc change from baseline is considered as of particular concern (grade 3) according to the Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events, the grading mostly used in oncology trials. Anthracycline-related increase in QTc >60 ms vs. baseline has been reported with an incidence up to 14% with doxorubicin, and relates to their propensity to induce cardiomyocyte injury via overproduction of free radicals and alteration of cardiac ion currents, notably via I_{Ks} channel blockade and intra-cellular calcium dysregulation.^{3, 6, 18} Our study also supports multiple observations previously reported in the literature, highlighting the robustness of the methodology with positive controls (e.g. arsenic trioxide, nilotinib, vandetanib, vorinostat, ribociclib).^{6,} $18-20$ The anticancer drug most reported with long QT in VigiBase was arsenic trioxide, a drug used against some leukemia, and significantly associated with long QT/TdP since 2002 in VigiBase. The most comprehensive QT study included 99 patients with advanced malignancies who received 170 courses of

arsenic trioxide. Of them, 35/99 (35.4%) developed increase in QTc >60 ms vs. baseline, and one developed asymptomatic TdP.¹⁹ Nilotinib, a second-generation BCR-ABL inhibitor, has been previously linked to moderate increase in QTc (average QTc prolongation of 5 to 15 ms).⁶ In studies, 2.5% to 4% of patients exhibited QTc prolongation >60 ms on nilotinib, and in one study, 1.2% of patients showed $QTc > 500$ ms.^{6, 18, 21} Similarly, vandetanib, a vascular endothelial growth factor receptor inhibitor, has been associated with long QT in a meta-analysis including nine phase II-III trials, which found a significant risk of QTc prolongation (all-grade according to the National Cancer Institute Common Toxicity Criteria v.2.0 or 3.0), 123/2552 (4.82%) in treated patients vs. 6/2204 (0.27%) in control groups (relative-risk 7.90, $_{95\%CI}$ [4.03-15.50]).²² Vorinostat, a histone deacetylase inhibitor used in the treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, was associated with QTc prolongation (>470 ms or delta >60 ms from baseline) in 5/116 (4.3%) patients in a retrospective review including phase I-II trials.²³ Ribociclib, a CDK 4/6 inhibitor used in breast cancer, was associated with QTc prolongation (>480 ms) in 11/334 (3.3%) of ribociclib-treated patients vs. 1/334 (0.3%) in the placebo arm, in its landmark randomized controlled trial.²⁴

 Distinct from drugs prolonging QT, several drugs were associated with VA without long QT. They included ibrutinib, and CAR-T. Indeed, although ibrutinib has not been associated with long QT (studies reported concentration-dependent QTc shortening), 25 it has been associated with atrial and ventricular arrhythmias and SD.^{10, 26} As described previously, it may correspond to a short-coupled variant of polymorphic ventricular tachycardia, which is thought to involve alteration in cardiac sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca^{2+} homeostasis associated with cardiac ryanodine receptor-calmodulin-dependent protein kinase pathways.10, 26 In our study, which found a few cases of CAR-T (axicabtagene-ciloleucel) related VA, there was also a signal towards association with VA but not long QT. In a retrospective study, 54% of tested patients who received CAR-T showed myocardial injury with troponin elevation and 12% developed a cardiac ADR (including heart failure, arrhythmias, and cardiac deaths).²⁷

 Our study also yielded new signals requiring further investigations to confirm the causality of the association, its magnitude and mechanisms at play. Alectinib, an ALK inhibitor, was not previously associated with VA nor QT modification, but it was associated with mild sinus bradycardia.²⁸ Carfilzomib, a proteasome inhibitor approved for the treatment of multiple myeloma, was known for its risk of cardiac failure, but not long QT and SD.²⁹ We also found imatinib associated with long QT, while imatinib was considered so far as relatively safe from a cardiovascular standpoint, as compared to other BCR-ABL inhibitors including nilotinib, ponatinib and dasatinib.^{6, 18, 30} In our study, a key element strengthening the association between these drugs and cardiac arrhythmias is the fact that in most reports alectinib (100%), carfilzomib (100%) and imatinib (73.4%) was the only anticancer drug suspect involved in the appearance of these cardiac ADR. Notably, we also observed hormone therapies blocking testosterone association with long QT and TdP, such as bicalutamide, an androgen receptor antagonist used in prostate cancer. In a translational study combining pharmacoepidemiologic and mechanistic studies using iPSC cardiomyocytes, we recently confirmed the causal association between androgen deprivation and long QT and TdP.⁷ Interestingly, our analysis showed that in four instances, signals of association between an incriminated drug under development and long QT, VA and TdP, in VigiBase, appeared prior to FDA approval of those drugs (namely, amsacrine, chidamide, combrestatin-a4 and enzastaurin). In the specific field of drug-induced QT prolongation and cardiac arrhythmias, the agreement between the FDA labels, CredibleMeds and VigiBase remains modest at best, and emphasizes the complementarity of a multimodal approach to apprehend the toxicity of a specific drug.

 The variety of anticancer drug classes associated with long QT highlights the heterogeneity of the mechanisms which may underly cardiac arrhythmias related to these agents. The generally accepted common mechanism whereby drugs prolong QT is block of a key cardiac repolarizing potassium current, IKr.⁸ While some anticancer drugs associated with diLQT and TdP have been shown to inhibit IKr, recent works focusing on anticancer drugs prolonging OT identified new pathways.⁸ The *in-vitro* effects of

some KI to prolong cardiac action potentials (the cellular correlate of QT) can be rescued by intracellular phosphatidylinositol 3,4,5-trisphosphate, the downstream effector of phosphoinositide-3-kinase. This finding supports a role for inhibition of this enzyme, either directly or by inhibition of upstream kinases, to prolong QTc through mechanisms that are being investigated, but include enhanced inward 'late' sodium current (INaL) activation during the plateau of the action potential.⁸ These observations emphasize the need to better explore the kinome in general, and in particular, the effects of kinases located up- and downstream to that of phosphoinositide-3-kinase, to better understand their influence on cardiac electrophysiology.³¹

We acknowledge several inherent limitations to our results related to pharmacovigilance studies.¹³ First, the exact denominator of patients exposed to anticancer drugs cannot be evaluated, hence the true incidence of the events cannot be computed, and all values are expressed as relative to each other, with the basis that VigiBase aggregates millions of reports, hence may allow for a generalization of the findings. The second bias stems from the observational and declarative nature of the reports with variable degree of exhaustivity. Third, the number of reports for a particular medicinal product may be influenced by the extent of use of the product, publicity, the nature of the reactions, and other bias.¹³ Fourth, some drugs specifically annotated in **Supplementary Table 4** (low SSCD) were systematically used in association, which require cautious interpretation of the results when one of these were known to be associated with cardiac arrhythmias. Finally, in the specific context of anticancer drugs, the added risk due to these drugs is difficult to assess, as end-stage cancers may be associated with cardiac arrhythmias; however, this have been partially mitigated by our sensitivity disproportionality analysis restricted to patients on anticancer drugs. While these limitations are numerous, the added value of pharmacovigilance studies have already been demonstrated in various settings.^{10, 12, 15, 16} Nevertheless, they are only to be taken as signal-generating studies and all hypotheses generated require validation by translational mechanistic or prospective studies.^{7, 10} Indeed, while they are mandatory to establish efficacy, their power

to detect ADR may be lower, due to the rarer incidence in these events and the fact that "real-world population" may differ from included patients in the said clinical trial. Translational experimental studies specifically designed to answer a question of cardiotoxicity in oncology remain the most comprehensive design available, yet.⁷

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Tables and Figures.

Table 1.

Anticancer drugs associated with at least one of the following adverse drug reactions: drug-induced long QT syndrome (diLQT), torsade de pointes (TdP), and ventricular arrhythmias (VA) based on disproportionality analysis in VigiBase (through 01/01/2019). Associations were deemed significant when the lower end of the 95% credibility interval was positive $(IC_{025} > 0)$ for analysis vs. full database (n=18,441,659); or when the lower end of the 95% confidence interval of the reporting odds ratio was >1 ($rOR₀₂₅ > 1$) for analysis restricted to reports with anticancer drugs as background (n= 4,197,602). Non-significant associations are not represented. Results with sudden death (SD) are also represented for these latter drugs.

			$diLQT$ (Neffect [†] =3,036)			TdP* (N _{effect} [†] =761)			VA $(N_{effect}^{\dagger} = 3,748)$			$SD(N_{effect}^{\dagger} = 13,288)$		
drug	class	N_{drug}	N_{obs}	IC_{025}	rOR $[CI_{95\%}]$	$N_{\rm obs}$	IC_{025}	rOR $[CI_{95\%}]$	N_{obs}	IC_{025}	rOR $[CI_{95\%}]$	N_{obs}	$\rm IC_{025}$	rOR $[CI_{95\%}]$
amsacrine ϵ	CT	287	5	$1-3$	25 [10-59]	3	0.4	58 [19-183]	14	$3-1$	58 [34-99]	10	1.5	11.4 [6.1-21.4]
capecitabine $s - \epsilon$	CT	49174							161	0.8	3.8 [$3.2-4.4$]	319	0.3	2.1 [1.9-2.3]
clofarabine $s - \epsilon$	CT	2216	5		3.1 [1.3-7.5]	$\sqrt{2}$		$5 [1.2-20]$	11	0.5	5.6 [$3.1-10$]	57	2.0	8.3 [6.4-10.9]
combretastatin a4	CT	25	3	0.7	189 [56-630]	$\mathbf{1}$		230 [31-1703]	$\mathbf{1}$		47 [6.3-345]			
cytarabine $s-\epsilon$	CT	26300	52	0.6	2.8 [$2.1 - 3.6$]	14		$3 [1.8-5]$	89	0.8	3.9 [$3.1-4.8$]	358	1.4	4.4 [4-4.9]
daunorubicin $s-\epsilon$	CT	6655	28	1.4	5.9 [4.1-8.5]	9	0.4	7.5 [3.9-15]	52	1.8	8.9 [6.8-12]	149	2.0	$7.3 [6.2-8.6]$
decitabine $s - \epsilon$	CT	2894	10	0.6	4.8 [2.6-8.9]							22		2.4 [1.6-3.7]
fluorouracil ^{\$-$\epsilon$}	CT	65547							138	0.2	2.4 [2-2.9]	383	0.2	$1.9 [1.7-2.1]$
idarubicin $s-\epsilon$	CT	3539	12	0.7	4.7 [$2.7 - 8.3$]	5		7.8 [3.3-19]	18	0.9	5.7 [$3.6-9.1$]	42	0.9	$3.8 [2.8 - 5.1]$
mitoxantrone ^{\$-$\epsilon$}	CT	4847	12	0.3	3.4 [1.9-6.1]	9	0.8	10 [5.4-20]	28	$1-2$	6.5 [4.5-9.5]	60	$1-0$	$4 [3.1 - 5.1]$
nelarabine $s - \epsilon$	CT	370							$\overline{4}$	0.3	12 [4.6-33]			
pegaspargase ^{§-ϵ}	CT	4481							22	0.9	5.5 [$3.6-8.4$]	146	2.5	10.7 [9.1-12.6]
bicalutamide ^{\$-$\epsilon$}	HT	4802	13	0.5	3.8 [$2.2-6.5$]	10	$1-0$	12 [6·2-22]	23	0.9	5.4 [$3.6-8.2$]	24		1.6 [$1.1-2.4$]
letrozole $s-\epsilon$	HT	15564	25	0.1	2.2 [1.5-3.3]									
tamoxifen ^{\$-$\epsilon$}	HT	18567	28	0.0	2.1 [1.4-3]	$\,8\,$		2.4 [1.2-4.8]						
toremifene ^{\$-$\epsilon$}	HT	258	\overline{c}		11 [2.7-43]	1		21 [3-153]	$\overline{4}$	0.6	$18[6.6-47]$	8	$1-2$	10.1 [5-20.4]
aldesleukin ^{\$-$\epsilon$}	IT	1553							15	1·6	$11 [6.6-18]$	29	$1-4$	$6[4.2-8.7]$
axicabtagene ciloleucel ^{\$-$\epsilon$}	IT	117							4	$1-0$	40 [15-108]	\mathfrak{Z}		8.3 [2.6-26.1]
interferon alfacon-1#	IT	742							5	0.2	$7.6 [3.2-18]$			
alectinib ^{\$-$\epsilon$}	KI	1346	5	0.1	5.2 [$2.1-12$]									
bosutinib ^{\$-$\epsilon$}	KI	2927	9	0.4	4.3 [$2.2-8.2$]									
ceritinib ^{\$-$\epsilon$}	KI	1747	21	2.6	17 [11-26]	$\mathfrak{2}$		6.3 [1.6-25]						

CI_{95%}: 95% confidence interval; CT: chemotherapy; HT: hormonotherapy; IT immunotherapy; KI: kinase inhibitor; Misc: miscellaneous; N_{drug}: number of reports for the drug; N_{obs}: number of reports observed for the ADR with the drug of interest

*Data of disproportionality for TdP breakdown (vs. VA) was considered only for drugs with a positive signal for diLQT

[#]Withdrawn from US market, $\frac{1}{2}$ available on the US market, $\frac{1}{2}$ available on the European market

[†]N_{effect} refers to the number of reports for the ADR of interest in the anticancer group. The N_{effect} in the full database background is 18,123 for diLQT; 8,163 for TdP; 29,193 for VA; and 85,350 for SD.

Table 2. Classification of the 49 anticancer drugs as a function of the signals identified in VigiBase for drug-induced long QT syndrome (diLQT), ventricular arrhythmias (VA) including torsade de pointes (TdP), and sudden death (SD).

CAR: chimeric antigen receptor; CT: chemotherapy; HT: hormonotherapy; IT immunotherapy; KI: kinase inhibitor; MAB: monoclonal antibody; Misc: Miscellaneous; SERM: selective estrogen receptor modulator

* decitabine was significantly associated with diLQT and SD, but not with TdP nor VA

Table 3. Characteristics of patients receiving at least one of the 49 anticancer drugs associated significantly with

diLQT, TdP or VA through 01/01/2019, in VigiBase.

	Total N= $23\overline{01}$
Age at Onset, years; median [IQR]	$63; [51-71]$
Time to Onset, days; median [IQR]	N=1609 available $25; [7-97]$
	N=776 available
Reporting Year	
1973-1993	$22/2301 (1.0\%)$
1994-1998	$34/2301$ (1.5%)
1999-2003	67/2301(2.9%)
2004-2008	191/2301(8.3%)
2009-2013	553/2301 (24%)
2014-2018	1434/2301 (62.3%)
Notifier	
Healthcare professionals	1701/1943 (88%)
Non-healthcare professionals	242/1943 (12%)
Country of reporting	
Africa	$1/2301(0.1\%)$
Americas	$1038/2301(45.1\%)$
Asia	423/2301 (18.4%)
Europe	762/2301 (33.1%)
Oceania	$77/2301(3.3\%)$
Sex	
Female	931/2023 (46%)
Male	1092/2023 (54%)
Type of report	
diLQT without TdP; % including SD	1406/2301 (61%); 0/1406 (0%)
TdP; % including SD	196/2301 (9%); 44/196 (29%)
VA (not TdP); % including SD	699/2301 (30%); 184/699 (26%)
Seriousness	
Serious	1946/2078 (94%)
Death	317/2301 (14%)
Sudden death	228/2301 (10%)
Number of anticancer drug suspected/interacting	
$\mathbf{1}$	1793/2301 (78%)
2	313/2301 (14%)
\geq 3	195/2301 (8%)
Type of anticancer drugs suspected/interacting	
At least one cytotoxic	621/2301 (27%)
At least one hormonotherapy	138/2301 (6%)
At least one immunotherapy	$33/2301(1.4\%)$
At least one kinase inhibitor	$1477/2301(64.2\%)$
At least one miscellaneous drug	300/2301 (13%)
2 types or more combined	258/2301 (11.2%)

diLQT: drug-induced long QT syndrome; VA: ventricular arrhythmia; SD: sudden death; TdP: torsade de pointes

Table 4.

Comparison of VigiBase signals (IC $_{025}$ >0 vs. full database; or rOR $_{025}$ >1 vs. anticancer drug background) for drug-induced long QT (diLQT), torsade de pointes (TdP), and ventricular arrhythmias (VA) with information retrieved in CredibleMeds[®] website and US FDA labels (through July 1st, 2019). Among the 663 anticancer drugs screened (full list in **Supplementary Table 3**), only those with evidence of association with diLQT, TdP, VA mentioned in one of these three reference sources are shown. For these latter drugs, information concerning sudden death (SD) is also represented.

* Signals accounted when drugs were flagged at possible or known risk for TdP (conditional risk not accounted); BW: box warning; CT: cytotoxic therapy; FDA: Food and Drug Administration; HT: hormone therapy; IT: immunotherapy; KI: kinase inhibitor; Misc: Miscellaneous; NA: Not available

Figure Legends.

Figure 1. Evolution of the absolute number of long QT syndrome and/or ventricular arrhythmias including torsade de pointe reports over time for each of the 49 culprit anticancer drugs identified using VigiBase (see **Table 1**). For each drug, the year of FDA approval was added when available (otherwise, NA stands for not available).

Figure 2. Three-level sudden death (SD) risk stratification for the 49 liable anticancer drugs associated with isolated diLQT (low-risk), ventricular arrhythmias (VA) without SD (moderate-risk) and VA with SD (highrisk) identified in VigiBase (through Jan 1, 2019). Absolute number of VA (N_{VA}) including torsade de pointes (TdP) associated ($N_{\text{LOT}}+N_{\text{VA}}$) or not with diLQT reports by drug and SD risk level is displayed in panels A and B, respectively. The corresponding proportion of such cases (N_{VA} or $N_{LOT+}N_{VA}$) over the total number of overall adverse drug reactions per drug (N_{drug}) are displayed in panels C and D, respectively.

Figure 3. Overlap and overall fatality rate of drug-induced long QT syndrome (diLQT), torsade de pointe (TdP), and ventricular arrhythmia (VA) reports associated with the 49 drugs identified in VigiBase (A) with their respective time to onset (B). Overlap in VigiBase for reports of diLQT and VA including TdP for these 49 drugs as a function of the underlying drug classes (C) with their corresponding time to onset (D). Differences in median time to onset by groups were compared by Wilcoxon tests and Dunn's post-test. * and ** stands for p≤0.05 and ≤ 0.0001 , respectively.

Abbreviations: combo: reports containing at least one culprit anticancer drugs from at last 2 different anticancer drug classes; CT: cytotoxic therapy; HT: hormone therapy; IT: immunotherapy; KI: kinase inhibitor; Misc: Miscellaneous

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Supplementary Data.

Spectrum of anticancer drug-induced Long QT, Torsade-de-Pointes, and ventricular arrhythmias – a WHO pharmacovigilance study

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Supplementary methods.

 Disproportionality analysis compares the proportion of selected specific adverse drug reaction (ADR) reported for a single drug (e.g., each anticancer drugs) vs. the proportion of the same ADR for a control group of drugs (e.g., full database). The denominator in these analyses is the total number of ADR reported for each group of drugs. If the proportion of ADR is greater in cases exposed to a specific drug (cases) than in cases not exposed to this drug (non-cases), then an association can be made between the specific drug and the reaction and is deemed a potential safety concern. Disproportionality can be calculated by the information component (IC, Bayesian approach) or the reporting odds ratio (ROR, frequentist approach).10,33 Calculation of the IC using a Bayesian confidence propagation neural network was developed and validated by the Uppsala Monitoring Center as a flexible, automated indicator value for disproportionate reporting that compares observed and expected drug–ADR associations to find new drug–ADR signals with identification of probability difference from the background data (full database). Probabilistic reasoning in intelligent systems (information theory) has proved to be effective for the management of large datasets, is robust in handling incomplete data, and can be used with complex variables. The information theory tool is ideal for finding drug–ADR combinations that are highly associated compared with the generality of the stored data. Several examples of validation with the IC exist, showing the power of the technique to find signals soon after drug approval by a regulatory agency (e.g., an association between immune-checkpoint inhibitors and myocarditis),10,33 and to avoid false positives, whereby an association between a common drug and a common ADR occurs in the database only because the drug is widely used and the ADR is frequently reported (e.g., between bevacizumab and acne, and between bevacizumab and rash). The statistical formula is as follows:

 $IC = log2 ((N_{observed}+0.5)/(N_{expected}+0.5))$

with N_{expected} being the number of reports expected for the drug–ADR combination and

 $N_{expected} = (N_{drug} * N_{effect}) / N_{total}$

- Nobserved (Nobs) being the actual number of reports observed for the drug–ADR combination

- N_{drug} being the number of reports for the drug, regardless of ADR
- *-* Neffect being the number of reports for the ADR, regardless of the drug.

- N_{total} being the total number of reports in the database.

IC₀₂₅ is the lower end of a 95% credibility interval for the IC. A positive IC₀₂₅ value (>0) is the traditional threshold used in statistical signal detection at the UMC. IC $_{025}$ values have only been validated for comparison of drug-specific ADR vs. the full database and cannot be used to compare disproportionate reporting with a subgroup background. Since the focus of this work concerned identification of culprit anticancer drugs, we further performed a sensitivity analysis and estimated the frequentist disproportionality association (ROR) with LQT, TdP, VA and SD for anticancer drugs already flagged as signal with $IC₀₂₅$ filtering, restricting the background database to reports associated with at least one anticancer drugs (defined as drugs pertaining to the anatomical therapeutic classification L: Antineoplastic and immunomodulating agents). ROR was calculated by Chi²-test, and the 95% confidence interval (CI95%) was estimated, as recently described elsewhere [Grouthier V et al. , Heart 2018]. A lower end of the ROR CI $_{95\%}$ and α algorithment.

Supplementary Figure 1. Flow chart of drugs analyzed in VigiBase. There were 663 anticancer drugs in total, of which 199 had an FDA approval (195 still active).

Supplementary Figure 2. Cumulative number of individual case safety reports in VigiBase for druginduced long-QT syndrome (diLQT), or ventricular arrhythmias (VA) including Torsade-de-pointes (TdP) over years for all drugs with the subset of anticancer drugs per classes in VigiBase (A). The year for which the disproportional reporting became significant $(IC_{025} > 0$ vs. full database, see **Supplementary methods**) for each of the 49 identified liable anticancer drugs significantly associated with either diLQT, or VA including TdP is in bracket (B).

Supplementary Figure 3A. Information component (IC) and its 95% lower-end credibility interval (IC025>0, see **methods**) for all drugs significantly associated with drug-induced long-QT syndrome (diLQT), Torsade-de-pointes (TdP) or ventricular arrhythmias (VA) in VigiBase thru Jan 1, 2019. Anticancer drugs are flagged by their name and different colors depending on their classes: cytotoxic chemotherapy (CT); hormone therapy (HT); immunotherapy (IT); kinase inhibitor (KI) and Miscellaneous (Misc). See **Supplementary-Figure-3B** and **Supplementary-Table-2** for more details for top associations with diLQT and TdP of non-anticancer drugs including positive controls at know risk of diLQT and TdP (ibutilide, dofetilide, sotalol),15,16 and negative controls (testosterone, progesterone, and levonorgestrel).5,17

Supplementary Figure 3B. Information Component (IC, a Bayesian disproportionality estimate) and its 95% lower end credibility interval $(IC_{025} > 0$ is deemed significant) for diLQT (drug-induced Long-QT syndrome) and TdP (Torsade-de-Pointes) associated with all drugs with at least one report available in VigiBase(n=330/1,498 significant for diLQT and all drugs in VigiBase of which 37/164 anticancer molecules, and n=239/1,134 significant for TdP and all drugs in VigiBase of which 10/105 anticancer drugs). Each bar represents one drug including the anticancer drugs (AntiK) which are displayed in red or pink if the association is significant or not, respectively. Drugs known to prolong QT and to induce TdP, such as sotalol, ibutilide, and dofetilide are used as positive controls (blue).^{15,16} Drugs known to protect against drug-induced QT-prolongation and eventually TdP, such as progesterone, testosterone, and levonorgestrel were used as negative controls.^{5,17}

Supplementary Figure 4. Concordance (Cohen's kappa coefficient) of signals in VigiBase and information retrieved in crediblemeds¹³ and US FDA (Food and Drug Administration) labels¹⁴ for druginduced long-QT syndrome (diLQT) and/or ventricular arrhythmias (VA) including Torsade-de-pointes (TdP) for anticancer drugs (See **supplementary-Table-3** for the full list of 663 screened anticancer drugs). Drugs were considered at risk of diLQT and/or VA (including TdP) cardiac pro-arrhythmias in VigiBase if there was any significant association with diLQT, VA or TdP (IC_{025} >0 ; vs. full database); in CredibleMeds (queried July $1st$,2019) if the drugs were flagged at possible or known risk for TdP (conditional risk not accounted); and in USA FDA labels (queried July $1st$,2019) if the last available drug label mentioned a risk for diLQT, VA or TdP as a warning (boxed or not) or a clear mention in the text (**Table-4**). Panel A shows the results when considering the 663 VigiBase referenced anticancer drugs and panel B when restricting the analysis to FDA approved drugs (199, of which 195 with still an active approval).

Supplementary Table 1. Cardiac phenotypes grouping used in our VigiBase analysis as a function of Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA) preferred term (PT) levels Classification Version 21.1.

Supplementary Table 2. Number of reports observed (N_{obs}) for a given drug and an adverse drug reaction (ADR); and disproportionality association evaluated by the IC_{025} (lower-end of the 95% credibility interval, >0 is significant) for the top 25 drugs (highest and lowest IC_{025}) with drug-induced Long-QT Syndrome (diLQT) in VigiBase thru Jan 1, 2019 (using full database as background). Association with ventricular arrhythmias (VA), Torsade-de-Pointes (TdP) and sudden-death (SD) are also displayed for these latter drugs. Positive control drugs are in blue (sotalol, ibutilide, and dofetilide),^{15,16} negative control drugs are in green (progesterone, testosterone, and levonorgestrel),^{5,17} and anticancer drugs are in red. (-) stands for the absence of reports and the possibility for IC_{025} evaluation.

Abbreviations: N_{drug} being the number of reports for the drug, regardless of the adverse drug reaction (ADR); Neffect being the number of reports for the ADR, regardless of the drug.

Supplemental Table 3. Number of reports observed (N_{obs}) for a given drug and the adverse drug reaction (ADR) of interest; and disproportional association evaluated by the IC_{025} (lower-end of the 95%) credibility interval, >0 is significant) for anti-cancer drugs with drug-induced Long-QT Syndrome (diLQT), ventricular arrhythmias (VA), Torsade-de-Pointes (TdP) and sudden-death (SD) in VigiBase thru Jan 1, 2019 (using full database as background). Anticancer drugs approved by US FDA (as of 1st of July 2019) are also shown even in the absence of any N_{obs} (-) for diLQT, TdP, VA and SD in VigiBase. In total, 663 anticancer drugs were referenced in VigiBase, of which 199 had an US FDA approval (195 still active as of $1st$ of July 2019).

Abbreviations: N_{drug} being the number of reports for the drug, regardless of the adverse drug reaction (ADR); Neffect being the number of reports for the ADR, regardless of the drug.

Supplemental Table 4. Characteristics of drug-induced cardiac arrhythmia events including long-QT (diLQT), Torsade-de-Pointes (TdP), and ventricular arrhythmias (VA) associated with each of the 49 liable anticancer drugs identified as signals thru VigiBase.

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NA, not applicable; N_{obs}: number of reports observed for diLQT, TdP and/or VA with the drug of interest

* In this analysis, the denominator is the total number of reports (Nobs of diLQT, TdP and/or VA) associated significantly (IC025>0, **Table-1**) with the drug of interest

^a number (proportion) of reports associated with (other) antimetabolites and/or (other) anthracyclines co-suspected: clofarabine 5/11 (45%); cytarabine 84/134 (63%); daunorubicin 59/77 (77%); gemtuzumab ozogamicin 7/16 (44%); idarubicin 14/27 (52%); mitoxantrone 15/36 (42%); nelarabine 1/4 (25%); pegaspargase 17/22 (77%)

^b number (proportion) of ribociclib coreporting in letrozole cases: 15/25 (60%)

 \textdegree number (proportion) of dabrafenib coreporting in trametinib cases: 23/26 (88%)

^d number (proportion) of arsenic trioxide coreporting in tretinoin cases: 9/14 (64%)