

BIOMARKER OF CORTICOSTEROID THERAPY FOR MODERATELY TO SEVERELY ACTIVE ULCERATIVE COLITIS

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Retrospective study of 92 ulcerative colitis patients identified higher blood and rectal mucosal eosinophil levels as potential biomarkers predicting responsiveness to prednisolone therapy prior to administration.

KEY POINTS

- Among 92 UC patients who failed 5-ASA therapy, 16% showed complete steroid resistance while 84% were steroid-non-resistant.
- Eosinophil counts in both blood (total count and ratio to WBC) and rectal mucosa biopsies were significantly higher in steroid-responsive patients compared to steroid-resistant patients ($P=0.02$).
- Neutrophil-lymphocyte ratio in blood showed a trend toward being higher in steroid-responsive patients ($P=0.059$).
- The non-remission rate (failure to achieve mucosal healing) was significantly higher in the steroid-resistant group (66%) compared to the steroid-non-resistant group (36%, $P=0.03$).
- Standard inflammatory markers including WBC, hemoglobin, albumin, CRP, and ESR did not differ significantly between steroid-resistant and steroid-responsive patients.

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