## Association of *NUDT15* gene polymorphism with adverse reaction, treatment efficacy, and dose of 6-mercaptopurine in patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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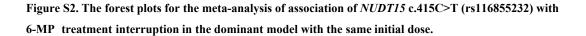
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	CT+1	гт	cc			Odds Ratio	Odds Ratio
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Fixed, 95% Cl	M–H, Fixed, 95% Cl
Correa-Jimenez 2021	1	4	19	64	15.5%	0.79 [0.08, 8.08]	
Tanaka 2015	15	24	36	68	65.3%	1.48 [0.57, 3.85]	
Pai 2021	17	18	98	115	13.7%	2.95 [0.37, 23.64]	
Choi 2019	30	30	84	109	5.6%	18.41 [1.09, 311.72]	
Total (95% CI)		76		356	100.0%	2.51 [1.23, 5.15]	•
Total events	63		237				
Heterogeneity: $Chi^2 = 4.06$ , $df = 3$ (P = 0.26); $I^2 = 26\%$							
Test for overall effect: $Z = 2.52$ (P = 0.01)							0.01 0.1 1 10 100 Favours [CT+TT] Favours [CC]

Figure S1. The forest plots for the meta-analysis of association of *NUDT15* c.415C>T (rs116855232) with 6-MP treatment interruption in the dominant model excluding the study Zhou.

	CT+T	т	cc			Odds Ratio	Odds Ratio
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Random, 95% CI	M-H, Random, 95% CI
Choi 2019	30	30	84	109	20.1%	18.41 [1.09, 311.72]	<b>_</b>
Correa-Jimenez 2021	1	4	19	64	23.8%	0.79 [0.08, 8.08]	
Pai 2021	17	18	98	115	25.8%	2.95 [0.37, 23.64]	
Zhou 2018	2	31	16	74	30.3%	0.25 [0.05, 1.16]	
Total (95% CI)		83		362	100.0%	1.48 [0.23, 9.32]	
Total events	50		217				
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 2.31; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 8.95, df = 3 (P = 0.03); I <sup>2</sup> = 66% Test for overall effect: Z = 0.41 (P = 0.68) Favours [CT+TT] Favours [CT+TT] Favo							



	CT+	гт	cc			Odds Ratio	Odds Ratio
Study or Subgroup	Events	Total	Events	Total	Weight	M-H, Fixed, 95% Cl	M–H, Fixed, 95% Cl
Correa-Jimenez 2021	1	4	1	64	8.8%	21.00 [1.04, 423.51]	
Liang 2016	1	72	2	238	91.2%	1.66 [0.15, 18.60]	
Total (95% CI)		76		302	100.0%	3.36 [0.56, 20.33]	
Total events	2		3				
Heterogeneity: $Chi^2 = 1.76$ , $df = 1$ (P = 0.19); $I^2 = 43\%$							0.01 0.1 1 10 100
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.32 (P = 0.19)						0.01 0.1 1 10 100 Favours [CT+TT] Favours [CC]	

Figure S3. The forest plots for the meta-analysis of association of *NUDT15* c.415C>T (rs116855232) with death of ALL patients treated with 6-MP in the dominant model.

## Table S1 Definition of ADR, standard of 6-MP dose adjustment and 6-MP interruption

Study	Definition of ADR	Initial dose (mg/m <sup>2/</sup> d)	6-MP dose adjustment	6-MP interruption
Buaboonnam 2019	Neutropenia: ANC <500/µL	Maintenance:50	<ol> <li>maintain ANC 500-1,500/μL</li> <li>Those who had a second episode or more of neutropenia and thrombocytopenia received 50% of the standard dose of 6-MP to maintain ANC &gt;750 /μL and PLT &gt;75 000 /μL, with the exception of those who had neutropenia secondary to an intercurrent viral infection. This latter group continued to receive the previous dose without reduction.</li> <li>Those with ANC &gt;1,500 /μL for 2 consecutive months received a 25% dose increase of either 6-MP or MTX, after which these medications were increased alternately if ANC was maintained &gt;1,500 /μL</li> </ol>	ANC <500 /μL or PLT <50×10 <sup>3</sup> /μL
Cao 2020	Leukopenia: NA	remission induction stage (60), consolidation stage (25), and maintenance stage (50)	1. remission induction: planed 6-MP: 60 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d po qn d29-35, if d33 WBC $<2.0 \times 10^{3}/\mu$ L or ANC $<0.8 \times 10^{3}/\mu$ L reduce 50% of 6-MP 2. maintenance: to maintain WBC (1.8~3.0) $\times 10^{3}/\mu$ L, and ANC (0.5~1.2) $\times 10^{3}/\mu$ L and PLT $\geq 50 \times 10^{3}/\mu$ L 3. direct bilirubin 24~51 $\mu$ mol/L, reduce 50% of 6-MP; 51~85 $\mu$ mol/L, reduce 75%	<ol> <li>consolidation: ANC &lt;0.5×10<sup>3</sup>/μL or WBC &lt;1.5×10<sup>3</sup>/μL or PLT &lt; 50×10<sup>3</sup>/μL</li> <li>maintenance: ANC &lt;0.5×10<sup>3</sup>/μL or WBC &lt;2×10<sup>3</sup>/μL or PLT &lt;50×10<sup>3</sup>/μL</li> <li>ALT≥10ULN or direct bilirubin≥85 μmol/L</li> </ol>
Chiengthong 2016	Neutropenia: ANC <500/µL	Maintenance:50	6-MP was either increased by 25% of the previous dose or discontinued, to keep ANC 500-1,500 / $\mu L$	6-MP was either increased by 25% of the previous dose or discontinued, to keep ANC 500-1,500 / $\mu L$
Choi 2019	Leukopenia: WBC <1.5×10 <sup>3</sup> /µL Neutropenia: ANC <500/µL Interruption: when patients showed significant hematopoietic toxicity	Maintenance:50	if WBC is out of the range (1.5~3×10 <sup>3</sup> /µL) and 6-TGN levels were out of the rapeutic range (235-450 pmol/8×10 <sup>8</sup> RBC)	1. significant hematopoietic toxicity (ANC< $0.5 \times 10^{3}/\mu L$ or PLT< $50 \times 10^{3}/\mu L$ ) 2. serious infectious events.
Correa-Jimenez 2021	Neutropenia: NA	Maintenance:50	WBC 1000-2000/µL, MP/MTX dose 50%; WBC >2,000-3,000/µL, MP/MTX dose 100%; WBC >3,000/µL, MP/MTX dose up to 150%; Lymphocytes <300/µL, MP/MTX dose 50%	<ol> <li>WBC&lt;1,000/µL;</li> <li>Infections;</li> <li>Grade≥3 liver toxicity (ALT/AST&gt;5×ULN for age; Bilirubin&gt;3× ULN for age);</li> <li>Long-standing diarrhea</li> </ol>
Fan 2022	Hepatotoxicity: ALT >500 U/L	Maintenance:50	NA	NA
Khaeso 2022	Neutropenia: ANC <500/µL	Maintenance:50	maintain ANC >750/ $\mu$ L and PLT > 75,000 / $\mu$ L	the 6-MP dose was adjusted or 6-MP dose interruption was performed based on the clinician's judgement every month
Khera 2019 Kim 2018	Neutropenia: ANC <750/μL Neutropenia: ANC <500/μL	Maintenance:60 Maintenance:50	maintain an ANC between 750-1500/µL maintain WBC (2.0-3.5) ×10 <sup>3</sup> /µL and ANC>500/µL	NA NA
Li 2021	Leukopenia: WBC $<2.0 \times 10^3 / \mu L$ Neutropenia: ANC $<1000/\mu L$	Maintenance:50	<ol> <li>maintenance: to maintain WBC (1.8 ~3.0) ×10<sup>3</sup>/μL, and ANC (0.5~1.2) ×10<sup>3</sup>/μL, and PLT≥50×10<sup>3</sup>/μL</li> <li>direct bilirubin 24~51μmol/L, reduce 50% of 6-MP; 51~85 μmol/L, reduce 75%</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>maintenance: ANC&lt;0.5×10<sup>3</sup>/μL or WBC&lt;2×10<sup>3</sup>/μL or PLT</li> <li>&lt;50×10<sup>3</sup>/μL</li> <li>ALT≥10 ULN or direct bilirubin≥85 μmol/L</li> </ol>
Liu 2018	Leukopenia: WBC <2.0×103 /µL	Maintenance:50	maintain WBC about $3 \times 10^3 / \mu$ L, and ANC (1.0~1.5) $\times 10^3 / \mu$ L	NA
Mao 2021	Leukopenia: WBC <2.0×10 <sup>3</sup> /µL Hepatotoxicity: ALT or AST >5-fold of normal	Maintenance:50	maintain WBC (2.0-3.0) ×10 <sup>3</sup> / $\mu$ L	NA

Moradveisi 2019	Hepatotoxicity: the highest direct bilirubin values ≥1.5 mg/dL Maintenance:75		maintain WBC (2.0-3.0) ×10 <sup>3</sup> / $\mu$ L	NA
Pai 2021	Neutropenia: ANC <1500/µL Interruption: cessation of medicine administration resulting from cytopenia, infections, or hepatotoxicity.		maintain WBC >3.0 × $10^3/\mu$ L	<ol> <li>hepatotoxicity: ALT/AST &gt;5.0-20.0 × ULN if the baseline was normal; &gt;5.0-20.0 × baseline if the baseline was abnormal at any time point during maintenance therapy</li> <li>severe myelotoxicity/neutropenia: ANC &lt; 500/µL</li> <li>infections</li> </ol>
Tanaka 2015	Leukopenia: WBC $<2.0 \times 10^3 / \mu L$ Hepatotoxicity: ALT >700 IU /L Interruption: the cessation of the administration of treatment resulting from any adverse events	Maintenance:40	maintain WBC (2.0-3.5) $\times$ $10^3/\mu L$	WBC<2×10 <sup>3</sup> /µL or ALT>700 IU/L
Tanaka 2018	Leukopenia: WBC <2.0×10 <sup>3</sup> /µL Hepatotoxicity: ALT >700 IU /L	Maintenance:40	maintain WBC (2.0-3.5) × $10^3/\mu L$	WBC<2×10 <sup>3</sup> /µL or ALT>700 IU/L
Wang 2022	Neutropenia: ANC <500/µL	Maintenance:50	if ANC <0.5×10 <sup>3</sup> /µL, 6-MP reduces 25%~50%	ANC<0.2×10 <sup>3</sup> /μL
Wang 2021	Hepatotoxicity: either ALT or AST or ALP or TBIL is more than 2 ULN	Maintenance:50	NA	NA
Zhou 2018	Leukopenia: WBC <2.0×10 <sup>3</sup> /µL Hepatotoxicity: ALT or AST>500 U/L Interruption: the cessation of the administration of medicine resulting from infections and/or hepatotoxicity	Maintenance:50	6-MP was either increased or decreased by 50% of the previous dose or even discontinued to maintain WBC (2.0-3.0) $\times$ $10^3/\mu L$	1. infections 2. ALT or AST > 500 U/L
Zhu 2018	Leukopenia: NA Hepatotoxicity: more than 5 times of increased ALT and/or AST	remission induction stage (60), consolidation stage (25), and maintenance stage (50)	l.remission induction: planed 6-MP: 60 mg/m <sup>2</sup> /d po qn d29-35, if d33 WBC $<2.0\times10^{3}/\mu$ L or ANC $<0.8\times10^{3}/\mu$ L reduce 50% of 6-MP 2. maintenance: to maintain WBC (1.8 ~3.0) $\times10^{3}/\mu$ L, and ANC (0.5~1.2) $\times10^{3}/\mu$ L and PLT $\geq$ 50 $\times10^{3}/\mu$ L 3.direct bilirubin 24~51 $\mu$ mol/L, reduce 50% of 6-MP; 51~85 $\mu$ mol/L, reduce 75%	<ol> <li>consolidation: ANC &lt;0.5×10<sup>3</sup>/μL or WBC &lt;1.5×10<sup>3</sup>/μL or PLT&lt; 50×10<sup>3</sup>/μL</li> <li>maintenance: ANC &lt;0.5×10<sup>3</sup>/μL or WBC &lt;2×10<sup>3</sup>/μL or PLT &lt;50×10<sup>3</sup>/μL</li> <li>ALT ≥10 ULN or direct bilirubin≥85 µmol/L</li> </ol>

Abbreviations: 6-MP, 6-mercaptopurine; ADR: adverse drug reaction, including leukopenia, neutropenia, hepatotoxicity and interruption; ALP, alkaline phosphatase; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; ANC, absolute neutrophil count;

AST, aspartate aminotransferase; MTX, methotrexate; NA, not available; PLT, platelet; TBIL, total bilirubin; ULN, upper limit of normal; WBC, white blood cell.