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This abstract has been removed at the request of the Editor-in-Chief and author because it contains a drug dosage error which could have serious health consequences. The abstract contained a dosage error for the drug, docetaxel.

The corrected abstract should read as follows:

P57 Nimotuzumab in combination with docetaxel and carboplatin as treatment for advanced non-smallcell-lung-cancer

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Background: We evaluated the efficacy of nimotuzumab combined with docetaxel and carboplatin (TP) for treatment of advanced non-small-cell-lung-cancer (NSCLC), as well as the effect on circulating blood markers and patient's side-effects.

Methods: Twenty one patients with advanced NSCLC were enrolled in the study. Patients were given nimotuzumab

(200 mg/week for 6 weeks) and DP regimen (60 mg/m² docetaxel and 400 mg/m² carboplatin, twice). Each patient had two cycles of chemotherapy. Response data were collected before and after treatment. Tumour size and reduction were recorded by thoracic CT scan and compared. Treatment related side-effects were compared by statistical methods.

Findings: Tumour size and levels of CEA, NSE, and CYFR21-1 were decreased after treatment ($p = 0.01$, $p = 0.02$, $p = 0.03$). Four patients had a complete response, five had a partial response, nine had stable disease, and three had progressive disease. Three patients had side-effects on facial skin and were graded as stage I-II disease.

Interpretation: Nimotuzumab combined with DP regimen may increase the efficacy of treatment, with few side-effects.

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