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All the patients have died from the continued growth of the tumour. Only one patient survived longer than 12 months, and in this case the tumour was histologically of low malignancy.

Side-effects included nausea, vomiting, marked alopecia, iron-deficiency anaemia, and severe leucopenia; the last disappeared when the drug was discontinued. In one case, transient obstructive jaundice occurred.

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