

医生表示，阿司匹林或许能够有助对抗侵袭性乳腺癌，让那些很难治疗的肿瘤对某些抗癌药物产生更积极的反应。

Around one in five breast cancers are triple-negative. It's a type that hormone treatment and most **targeted** cancer drugs don't work against.

大约五分之一的乳癌病例属于三阴性乳腺癌。激素治疗和大部分针对性抗癌药物对这种乳腺癌都没有作用。

8,000 women are diagnosed with this type of breast cancer every year and it **disproportionately** affects those aged under 40 and black. They face a treatment combination of surgery, **chemotherapy** and **radiotherapy** that can come with side effects.

每年有八千名女性被诊断患上三阴性乳腺癌，而且影响到 40 岁以下人群和黑人族群的比例很大。这些患者接受综合治疗，包括外科手术、化学疗法和放射疗法，但这些治疗方法可能会引起副作用。

If the clinical trial in humans using aspirin is successful, it could boost the effectiveness of the **immunotherapy** drug avelumab, which helps the immune system target and attack cancer. Trials on animals have been successful.

如果在人体使用阿司匹林的临床试验取得成功，将可以提高免疫疗法药物 **avelumab** 的有效性，这种药物帮助免疫系统针对性地攻击癌症。目前，在动物身上的试验已经获得成功。

Dr Anne Armstrong, the trial lead, says that **inexpensive** aspirin, combined with immunotherapy, could ultimately provide a safe new way to treat breast cancer.

领导试验的安妮·阿姆斯特朗博士指出，使用价格低廉的阿司匹林和免疫疗法相结合，或许最终可以为对抗乳腺癌提供新的安全治疗方法。

1. 词汇表

targeted	针对性的
disproportionately	不成比例地
chemotherapy	化学疗法
radiotherapy	放射疗法
immunotherapy	免疫疗法
inexpensive	便宜的，价格低廉的

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

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