

Genomic profiling and new immunotherapies: an oncologist's perspective



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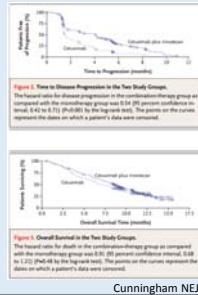
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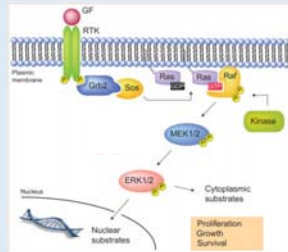
Colon cancer: EGFR, RAS and BRAF

- Anti-EGFR Ab therapy
 - Cetuximab FDA-approval 2004
 - Approved as single-agent or combination with irinotecan
 - **EGFR-expressing**, refractory to irinotecan
- Randomized trial cetuximab alone vs cetuximab + irinotecan
 - RR 11% vs 23%
 - DCR 32% vs 55%
 - HR PFS 0.54 (TTP 1.5 mos vs 4.1 mos)



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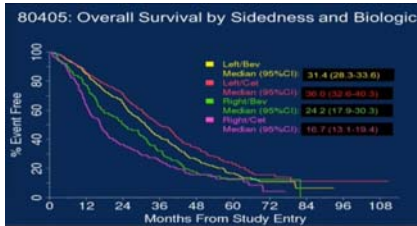
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“Sidedness”

- Marked survival difference
- Detrimental effect with cetuximab?
- Midgut vs hindgut
- Molecular determinants?

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 - *Current status: extended RAS testing and BRAF mutations* - ~60% will have biomarker suggesting lack of benefit with anti-EGFR antibody therapy (this is not reflected in PI/FDA-approvals). Additionally with questionable benefit, potential harm in patients with right-sided primary tumors

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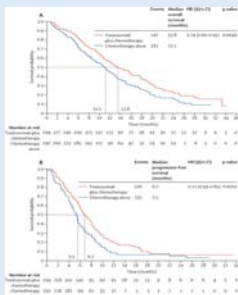
- Colon cancer: summary
 - SOC to check extended RAS, BRAF
 - SOC to check MSI status
 - Everything else probably not SOC (but rare actionable findings – HER2 amplification, POLE mutations, ATM mutations, etc, unclear significance of PTEN loss, PIK3CA mutations)
 - BRAF mutations are a big problem

SOC Molecular testing and implications

- Esophagogastric cancer: Her2
 - Approximately 20% of gastric cancer overexpress Her2
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 - Clinical data: TOGA trial
 - Randomized phase III trial (2010)
 - 5FU + cisplatin +/- trastuzumab
 - RR 47 % vs 35%
 - OS 14 vs 11 mos
 - Higher ratio / gene copy number more likely to benefit

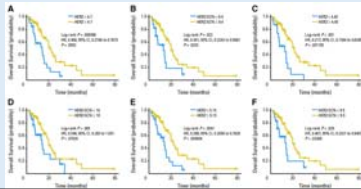


Bang, Lancet 2010

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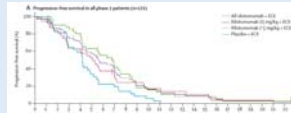
- Her2/CEP17 ratio and gene copy number predictive of benefit
 - Small retrospective analysis suggests ration of 4.7 as optimal cutoff discriminating benefit
 - Ratio > 4.7 = "sensitive" (median OS 21 vs 14 mos)
 - Ratio > 5.1 → OS > 16 mos (median OS 28 vs 14 mos)



Gomez-Martin, JCO 2013

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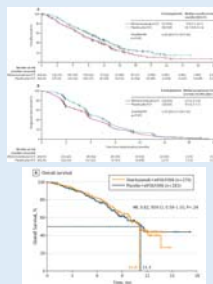
- Esophagogastric cancer: **MET**
 - MET expression in 25 – 75%
 - MET amplification ~ 5%
 - Randomized phase 2 trial evaluating ECX +/- rilotumumab (anti-hepatocyte growth factor / ligand-blocking)
 - Median PFS 5.7 vs 4.2 mos
 - Median OS 10.6 vs 8.9 mos



Iveson, Lancet Oncology 2014

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- Randomized phase 3 trials:
 - ECX +/- rilotumumab (RILOMET-1)
 - Median OS 8.8 vs 10.7 mos
 - FOLFOX +/- onartuzumab (METGastric)
 - Median OS 11 vs 11.3 mos
 - PFS 6.8 vs 6.7 mos
- **WHY?**
 - Early discontinuation (toxicity)
 - Wrong biomarker (expression vs amplification vs mutation, etc)
 - Bad target



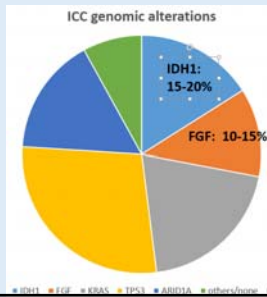
Catanecci, Lancet Oncology 2017; Shah JAMA Oncology 2017

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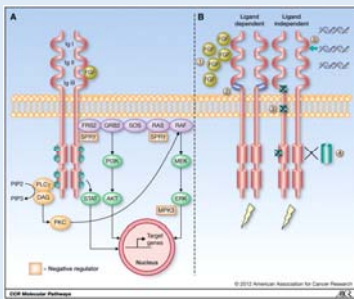
- Gastric cancer: summary
 - SOC to check Her2 amplification
 - Her2 ratio / GCN predictive of benefit
 - MET started out promising, ended up a flop
 - SOC to check MSI status
 - Everything else probably not SOC

Promising molecular testing and implications

- Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma
 - Actionable genetic alterations identifiable in ICC
 - FGF alterations
 - IDH1 mutations
 - Other (EPHA2, BAP1, BRCA, KRAS, ERBB family, PTEN, ARID1A, SMAD4, etc)



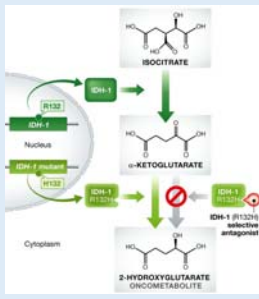
Targeting FGF alterations in Intrahepatic CC



Targeting FGFR alterations in Intrahepatic CC

- Multiple FGFR inhibitors under study
 - ORR 15 - 30% (almost always with FGFR2 fusions)
 - DCR > 50% (range 50-90%)
 - Median PFS 4-6 months, median duration of response 1 year
 - Well-tolerated – fatigue, dry mouth, stomatitis, asthenia, dysgeusia hyperphosphatemia
- Multiple ongoing trials, phase 2 and phase 3

Targeting IDH1 in Intrahepatic CC



- IDH1 Mutations**
- IDH1 normal function catalyzes decarboxylation of isocitrate to alpha-KG, ultimately a major source of NADPH production
 - Somatic point mutations (R132-) prevent conversion of isocitrate to alpha-KG, AND acquire neomorphic activity enabling IDH-1 to convert alpha-KG to 2HG
 - 2HG accumulation induces epigenetic deregulation → DNA and histone hypermethylation → block differentiation, promote proliferation

Targeting IDH1 in Intrahepatic CC

- AG-120 – phase 1 study
 - Dose escalation 3+3 design
 - 73 patients with IDH1 mutated CC
- Toxicity:
 - Very well tolerated. No DLT
- Efficacy:
 - ORR 5%, SD 56%
 - 6 months PFS 38.5%
 - 12-month PFS 21% (8 patients on therapy > 1 year)
- Ongoing international phase 3 trial (ClarIDHy)

Most Common Drug-Related AEs, n (%)	Pts With CC (n = 73)
Fatigue	15 (21)
Nausea	14 (19)
Dizziness	9 (12)
Headache	8 (11)

• 4 pts (5%) had grade ≥ 3 drug-related AEs at 500 mg QD (n = 2) and 1200 mg QD (n = 2)
 - 500 mg QD: fatigue (n = 1), increased blood phosphate (n = 1)
 - 1200 mg QD: fatigue (n = 1), decreased blood phosphorus (n = 1)

Best Overall Response, n (%)	AG-120 Dosing			All Pts With CC (n = 73)
	< 500 mg QD (n = 6)	500 mg QD (n = 62)	> 500 mg QD (n = 5)	
PR	1 (17)	3 (5)	1 (20)	4 (5)
SD	3 (50)	36 (58)	2 (40)	41 (56)
PD	1 (17)	27 (44)	2 (40)	24 (33)
Not assessed*	1 (17)	2 (3)	1 (20)	4 (5)

Promising molecular testing and implications

Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma

- Multiple phase 2 trials evaluating role of FGFR inhibitors
- Phase 3 trial evaluating role of IDH-1 inhibition with AG-120 (ClariDHy)
- ? Potentially move it up to first-line setting
 - avoid chemotherapy
 - lag time for NGS results
 - add-on → toxicity



Promising molecular testing and implications

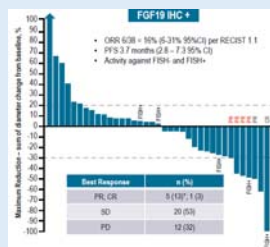
Cholangiocarcinoma cancer: summary

- No FDA-approved targeted therapy
- SOC to check MSI status
- Given early data suggesting benefits with targeted therapies, would strongly consider genomic profiling (with clinical trial enrollment)
- Other uncommon mutations potentially targetable
 - DDR (eg BRCA, ATM, POLE, CHEK2, PALB2, etc)
 - mTOR - PTEN, STK11, TSC1, TSC2
 - MAK - BRAF, NF1

Molecular testing and implications

Hepatocellular carcinoma

- 2 FDA-approved drugs ("targeted") – sorafenib and regorafenib
 - Modest benefits
 - Moderate toxicity
 - No biomarker
- BLU-554 – potent, highly selective FGFR4 inhibitor
 - FGF19 signals via FGFR4, aberrant expression appears to drive HCC
 - FGF19 expression ~25-30%
- Nivolumab – no biomarker

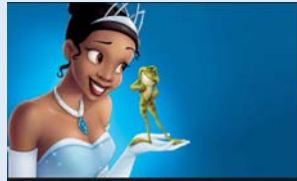


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Genomic profiling – clinical trials and off-label treatment

- Genomic alterations with emerging evidence of benefit:
 - BRCA1, BRCA2
 - other DDR genes (e.g. PALB2, ATM, CHEK2, POLE, BAP1, etc)
 - IDH1 (CC)
 - FGFR2 fusions (CC)
 - Her2 (not gastric)
 - Colon
 - EHCC (mutations)
 - NTRK, ROS1 fusions

Genomic profiling – clinical trials and off-label treatment

- DNA Damage Response genes (BRCA1, BRCA2, PALB2, ATM, CHEK2, POLE, etc)
 - Pancreas, colon, CC, gastric
 - ? Higher response to platinum agents
- Role of PARP inhibitors
 - Pancreas →
 - Gem + cis + veliparib, PR 66%, DCR 88%
 - Cisplatin, olaparib in mice → cisplatin active, better w/ addition of olaparib
 - ongoing trials w/ veliparib, rucaparib, olaparib
 - Colon → not active in unselected patients, case reports with activity
- Role of immunotherapy
- Implications for germline testing, etc.

SOC Molecular testing and implications

- Summary:
 - Colorectal: extended ras, braf, MSI
 - Gastroesophageal: Her2
 - Pancreas: not much
 - Cholangiocarcinoma: promising early data
 - Hepatocellular carcinoma: not much (FGFR4/FGF19)
 - Orphans:
 - Neuroendocrine tumor / neuroendocrine carcinoma
 - Small bowel tumors (extrapolate from colon / ampullary / pancreas cancer)
 - Appendix cancer (extrapolate from colon cancer)
 - Anal cancer
 - ? MSI in everyone

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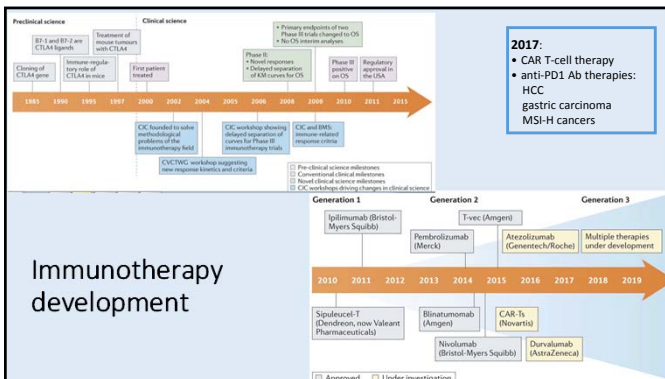
- What do we do?
- NGS –
 - Foundation Medicine
 - Others: Caris, Tempus, Guardant, ARUP, etc
- MSI
- Practical issues:
 - Reimbursement / payment
 - Tumor samples
 - Repeat biopsies
 - Liquid biopsies

Ongoing issues w/ genomic profiling

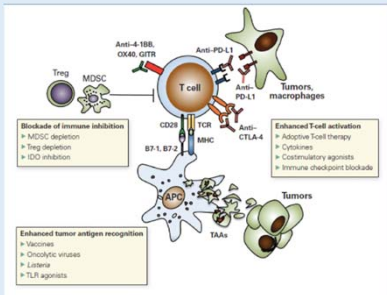
- Oncogene addiction
- Driver mutations, passenger mutations, co-mutations, resistance mutations
 - adding multiple medications → overlapping toxicity, *contracts / budgets*
- Sub-clonal populations, tumor heterogeneity
- Germline vs somatic mutations

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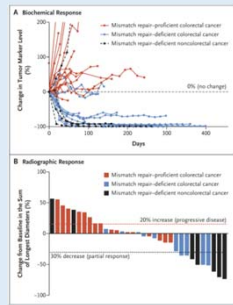


Cancer immunotherapy



Immunotherapy: MSI-H (“tissue agnostic”)

- phase 2 trial: refractory cancers
 - MSI-H colorectal (n=11)
 - MSS colorectal (n=21)
 - MSI-H non-colorectal (n=9)
- MSI-H CRC
 - ORR 40%
 - 20-wk PFS 78%
- MSI-H non-CRC
 - ORR 71%
 - 20-wk PFS 67%



Le NEJM 2015

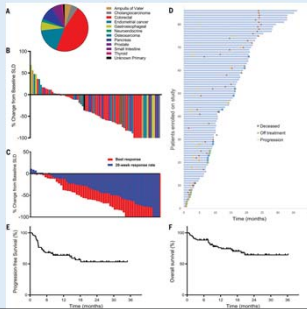
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FDA Announcement

Release Date: May 22, 2017
 Announcement: FDA approves first cancer treatment for any solid tumor with a specific genetic feature

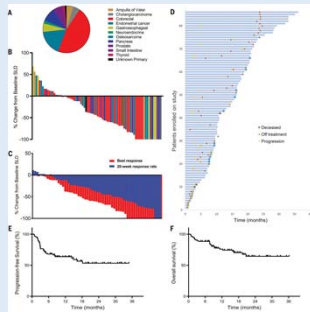
- 5 uncontrolled single arm trials
- 149 patients
- RR 40%
- response duration - 78% responses > 6 months

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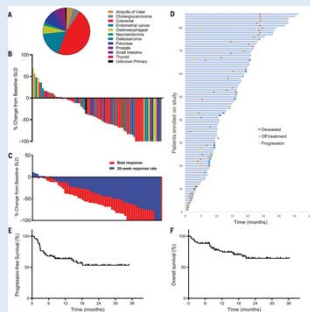
Le Science 2017

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 - other cancers?

Immunotherapy: MSI-H (“tissue agnostic”)



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 - all GI cancers? - yes ?
 - other cancers? - ???

Immunotherapy: gastroesophageal cancer

- Keynote 059 — phase 2 trial gastric/GEJ (refractory)
 - 259 patients — 57% PDL1+ (>=1%, 223C)
 - ORR PDL1+ 16% vs PDL1- 6%
 - Median duration of response: 14 mos
 - 1st line ORR 26%



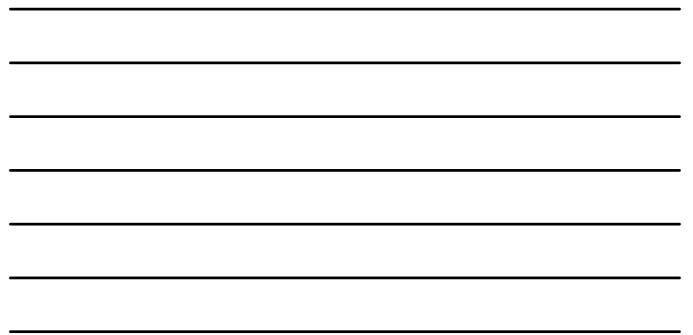
Wainberg ESMO 2017



Immunotherapy: gastroesophageal cancer

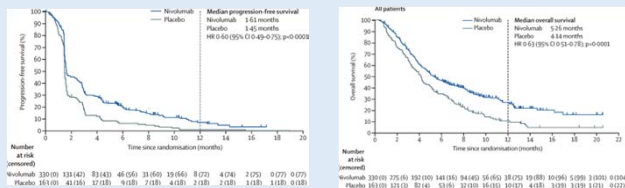
FDA grants accelerated approval to pembrolizumab for advanced gastric cancer

On September 22, 2017, the Food and Drug Administration granted accelerated approval to pembrolizumab (KEYTRUDA, Merck & Co., Inc.) for patients with recurrent locally advanced or metastatic, gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma whose tumors express PD-L1 as determined by an FDA-approved test. Patients must have had disease progression on or after two or more prior systemic therapies, including fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-containing chemotherapy and, if appropriate, HER2/neu-targeted therapy.



Immunotherapy: gastroesophageal cancer

ATTRACTION-2: Japan, salvage setting with nivolumab

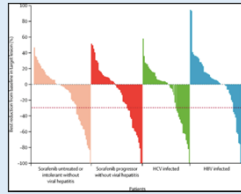


Kang Lancet 2017



Immunotherapy: hepatocellular carcinoma

- CHECKMATE-040
- phase 1/2
- child-pugh A, sorafenib failure
- 262 patients
 - 159 sorafenib failure
 - 80 sorafenib naive
- ORR 20% in expansion, DCR 56%
- OS 16 mos, 29 mos if sorafenib naive



6-month PFS 37%
9-month PFS 28%

El-Khoueiry Lancet 2017

Immunotherapies: signals of activity

- Biliary tract cancers
 - KEYNOTE 026 — 17% response rate
 - KEYNOTE 158 — 100 cases cholangiocarcinoma, results pending this year
- Neuroendocrine carcinoma (high grade)
 - Merkel cell carcinoma, SCLC, case reports with high grade NET/NEC
- What about colon?
 - Generally disappointing
 - Multiple ongoing trials evaluating immunotherapy combinations
 - anti-PDL1 Ab + MEK inhibitor with responses

Immunotherapies: clinical trials

- anti-PD1 Ab + “drug X”
 - second immunomodulatory agent
 - second checkpoint inhibitor (eg CTLA4, LAG, etc)
 - costimulatory agonist (OX40, GITR, etc)
 - anti-VEGF
 - oncolytic virus
 - other (eg IDO, mTOR, p53 stabilizer, chemokine, cytokine)
- chemotherapy (with antigen release)
- abscopal effect → add RT, SIRT

Genomic profiling and immunotherapies: HCl trials

Colon Cancer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOLFOX +/- PD1 (MSI-H) FOLFOX + PD1 + IDO FOLFIRI + VEGF/DLL4 FOLFIRI + MEK (kras mutated) BRAF inhibitor ("paradox breaker") Immunotherapy combinations 	Pancreas Cancer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preoperative chemo Gem/ABI +/- olaratumab Gem/ABI + PD1 + IDO Gem/ABI + BB1668 	Cholangiocarcinoma: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FGFR inhibitor IDH1 inhibitor anti-CD166 ADC ("probody") 	Hepatocellular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBRT (unresectable) anti-FGFR4/FGF19 anti-PD1 + bevacizumab
Gastroesophageal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemo +/- PD1 MEK ADC Immunotherapy combinations 	Neuroendocrine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> anti-DLL3 ADC ("Rova-T") anti-PD1 (high grade) anti-PD1 + anti-LAG (well-differentiated) 	GIST: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> novel KIT inhibitors 	All-comers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> immunotherapies: STING anti-TGFβ +/- anti-PD1 anti-PD1 "probody" targeted therapies: NTRK DDR

Genomic profiling and immunotherapies: summary

Standard:

Colon: kras, nras, braf, MSI
Gastric/esophagus: Her2, PDL1
Pancreas:
Biliary:
HCC:
NET:
Other (ampullary, small bowel, appendix, etc.):
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Promising:

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PROBLEMS: ras, TP53, APC, braf



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