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Other Targeted Agents in NSCLC

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## RET, PI3CK, HER-2 and KRAS



## RET Fusion

Patients: AdenoCA and adenoSCC carcinoma, never or former smokers, poor differentiation?, earlier LN metastases

#### Frequency:

- 1.4% in all,
- 5.6 % in "triple negative" (EGFR, ALK, KRAS)
- 6.3% in non smokers negative for EGFR, KRAS, ALK, HER2, BRAF, and ROS1
- 16% in non smokers negative for EGFR, KRAS, ALK, ROS1, NRAS, BRAF, HER2, PIK3CA, MEK1, and AKT
- ▶ Biology: 4-5 variants have been identified in NSCLC so far
  - Clinical significance is unknown.
  - KIF5B-, CCDC6-, NCOA4-. TRIM33

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### **RET** Rearrangements

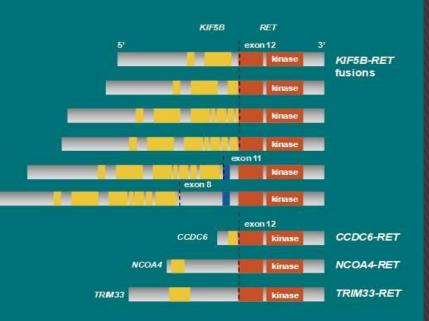
 intact tyrosine kinase domain fused to an upstream gene partner

– most common: KIF5B

others: CCDC6, NCOA4, TRIM33, KIAA1468

 result in ligand-independent dimerization and downstream growth pathway activation

oncogenic in vitro and in vivo



Drilon AD, et al, Cancer Discov 2013;3:630-5, Kohno T, et al, Nat Med 2012;18:375-7, Saito M, et al, Carcinogenesis 2014;35:2452-6 Suehara Y, et al, Nat Med 2012;18:6599-608, Lipson D, et al, Nat Med 2012;18:382-40, Takeuchi K, et al, Nat Med 2012;18:378-81

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## Methods of RET Detection

#### ▶ RT-PCR

 Cons: False negatives; 3 variants have been described in a matter of 12 months. Has to be multiplexed, i.e probes to all known variants. Unknown variants will not be detected.

### FISH break apart

 Cons: if inversion involves a small locus it could be false negative; can not distinguish variants; cut off is 15% of nuclei with split signal; not widely available; low through output

#### IHC

Current IHC antibodies do not correlate with RET fusion

#### Cabozantinib

- oral multi-tyrosine kinase inhibitor with potent activity against RET
  - inhibits growth of RET-rearranged lung cancers in vitro and in vivo
  - FDA-approved for progressive metastatic medullary thyroid cancers
- minimal activity in unselected non-small cell lung cancers
  - phase II randomized discontinuation trial
  - 60 patients with advanced NSCLCs
  - ORR 10%, median PFS 4 months

Kinase	IC <sub>so</sub> (nM)
VEGFR2	0.035
MET	1.3
RET	5.2
KIT	4.6
AXL	7.0
FLT3	11.3
TIE2	14.3

ORR – overall response rate, PFS – progression-free survival, NSCLCs – non-small cell lung cancers
Yakes FM, et al, Mol Cancer Ther 2011;10:2298-308, Kodama T, et al, Mol Cancer Ther 2014;13:2910-8, Hellerstedt BA, et al, J Clin Oncol 2012;(suppl; abstr 7514)

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### **Study Design**

- Phase II, open-label, single-center trial
  - cabozantinib, 60 mg daily, 28-day cycles
  - status: 20 patients treated, 18 of which were evaluable for response → stage I of Simon two-stage design completed (n=16) and reported here
- Objectives
  - Primary: overall response rate (ORR, RECIST v1.1)
  - Secondary: ORR at 12 weeks, progression-free survival (PFS), overall survival (OS), toxicity
- Identification of RET rearrangements
  - FISH: cutoff for positive test was 10% of cells with split green (5') and red (3') signals, or single red signals
  - next-generation sequencing

RECIST: Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors, Eisenhauer EA, et al, Eur J Cancer 2009;45:228-47 SLIDES ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE AUTHOR: PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR REUSE.

#### RET rearrangement Pathologically-confirmed NSCLC

Age ≥ 18, KPS ≥ 80%, Stage IV, Measurable disease, Adequate hematologic, renal, and hepatic function

#### STAGE 1

16 patients

1 response to move to next stage



#### STAGE 2

9 additional patients

5 responses to meet primary endpoint

Simon two-stage minimax: H<sub>null</sub>10% ORR, H<sub>alt</sub> 30% ORR, type I error 10%, power 90%

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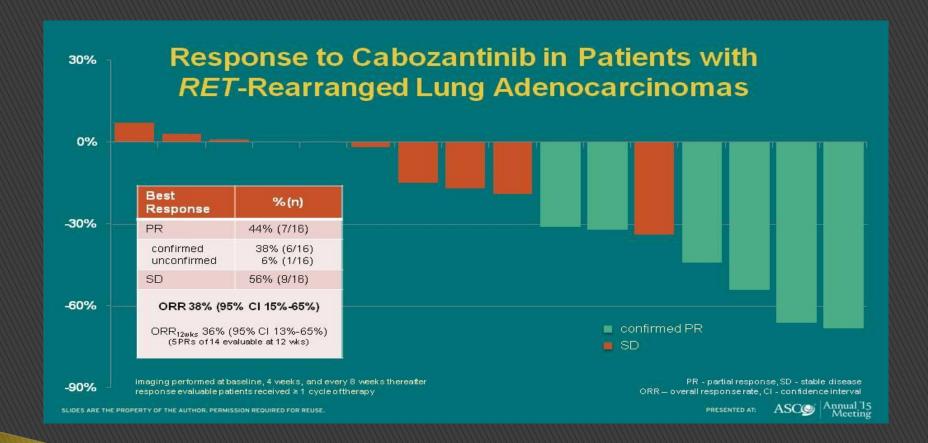
### **Patients**

Patient Characteristics (Stage 1, n=16)				
Age	median 59 (range 38-80 years)			
Sex	Male Female	38% (n=6) 62% (n=10)		
Race	Caucasian Asian African American	69% (n=11) 25% (n=4) 6% (n=1)		
Cigarette smoking history	Never smoker >0-15 packyears >15 packyears	75% (n=12) 19% (n=3, range 1-7 packyears) 6% (n=1,55 packyears)		
Lines of prior chemotherapy	0 1 ≥2	25% (n=4) 44% (n=7) 31% (n=5)		
Prior bevacizumab	Yes 50% (n=8) No 50% (n=8)			
Histology	Aden ocarcinoma	100% (n=16)		
Fusion type	KIF5B-RET CLIP1-RET TRIM33-RET FISH Positive	50% (n=8) 6% (n=1) 6% (n=1) 38% (n=6)		

never smoker: <100 lifetime cigarettes

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# Response to Cabozantinib

- 46-year-old female never smoker with CLIP1-RETrearranged lung adenocarcinoma
- received cabozantinib as first-line therapy
- confirmed partial response lasting 19 months



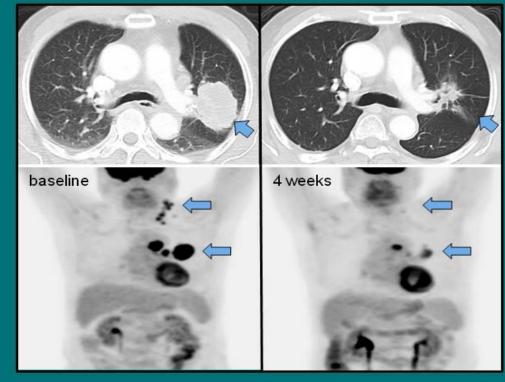
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# Response to Cabozantinib

- 80-year-old male never smoker with KIF5B-RETrearranged lung adenocarcinoma
- received cabozantinib
   after progression on
   chemotherapy (carboplatin and
   permetrexed followed by maintenance
   permetrexed)
- confirmed partial response lasting 5 ½ months

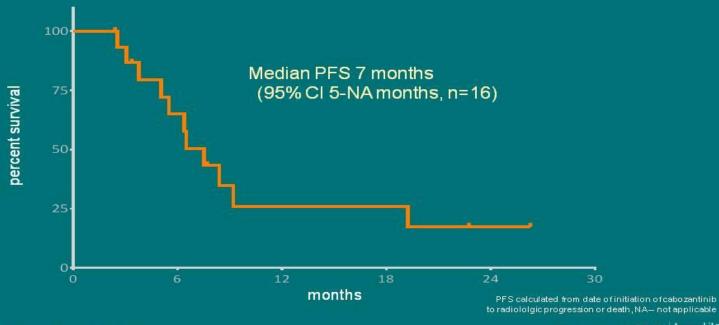


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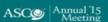
#### Most common drug-related adverse events

Adverse Event (Stage I, n=16)	Grade 1 % (n)	Grade 2 % (n)	Grade 3 % (n)	All grades % (n)
ALT increased	88% (14)	6% (1)		94% (15)
AST increased	69% (11)		6% (1)	75% (12)
Diarrhea	44% (7)	19% (3)		63% (10)
Fatigue	38% (6)	19% (3)	6% (1)	63% (10)
Mucositis oral	38% (6)	6% (1)	6% (1)	50% (8)
Skin and hair hypopigmentation		44% (7)		44% (7)
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia	31% (5)	6% (1)	6% (1)	44% (7)
Lipase increased	25% (4)	6% (1)	13% (2)	44% (7)
Platelet count decreased	25% (4)		19% (3)	44% (7)
Serum amylase increased	31% (5)	6% (1)		38% (6)
Nausea	31% (5)			31% (5)
Vomiting	31% (5)			31% (5)
Dysgeusia	31% (5)			31% (5)
Anorexia	6% (1)	19% (3)		25% (4)
Hypophosphatemia		19% (3)	6% (1)	25% (4)
Hypertension		13% (2)	6% (1)	19% (3)
Proteinuria		19% (3)		19% (3)
Hypothyroidism		13% (2)	Hr.	13% (2)

graded using CTCAE (Common Toxicity Criteria for Adverse Events) version 4.0

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### **Toxicity**

- dose modifications
  - the majority of patients required at least one dose reduction during the course of therapy

number of cabozantinib dose reductions (from 60 mg daily)	%(n)
1 (to 40 mg daily)	50% (8/16)
2 (to 20 mg daily)	19% (3/16)

- other
  - 1 patient discontinued therapy secondary to a grade 3 retroperitoneal hemorrhage
  - 1 death unrelated to drug: grade 5 respiratory failure (post-thoracentesis)

reasons for dose reduction: fatigue, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, transaminitis, mucositis, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia, elevated lipase, thrombocytopenia, proteinuria

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### **Summary**

- Cabozantinib is active in patients with RET-rearranged lung adenocarcinomas.
  - stage 1 completed
    - ORR 38% (95% CI 15%-65%)
    - Median PFS 7 months (95% CI 5-NA months)
    - Median OS 10 months (95% CI 8-NA months)
  - stage 2 currently accruing
- Drug-related adverse events were mostly grade 1 or 2 but were frequent.
  - at a starting dose of 60 mg daily, most patients required a dose reduction
  - clinical benefit can be maintained despite dose reduction
- This phase II trial has met its primary endpoint.
  - sufficient total responses (minimum of 5 at any stage surpassed) to meet primary endpoint
  - a larger, confirmatory trial is warranted

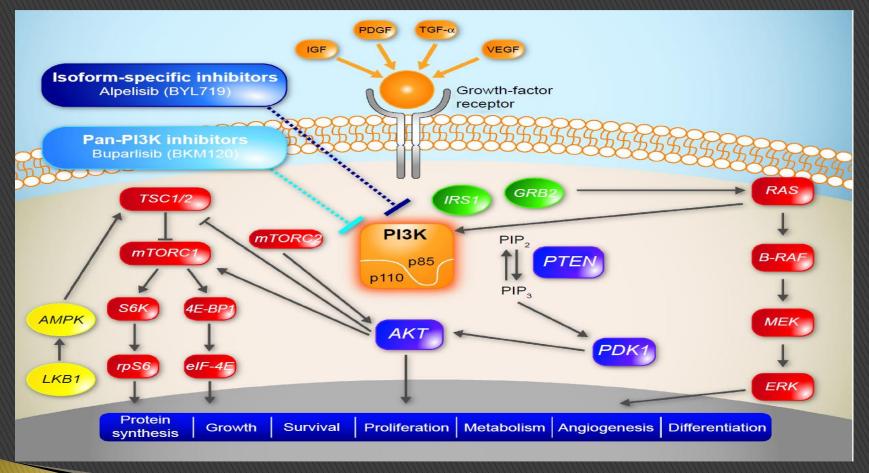




## RET Fusion Gene Agents

- Sunitinib, Sorafenib, Vandetanib, Carbozatinib,
   Ponatinib, and Lenvatinib all have potential for activity
- All active in KIF5B-RET—transformed cell lines
- -Last 4 are in formal clinical trials

## PI3K pathway



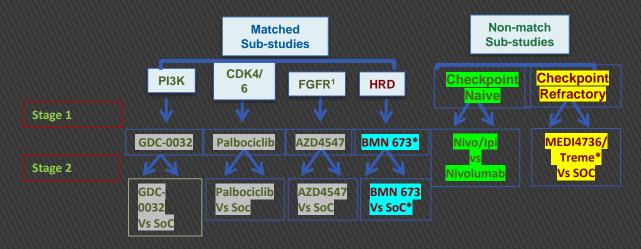
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### PI3K pathway clinical trials

Drug	Target(s)	Clinicaltrials.gov #
BKM120	PIK3CA	NCT01297491 (phase 2)
carboplatin + paclitaxel + BKM120	РІКЗСА	NCT01723800 (phase 1)
GDC0032	РІКЗСА	pending

 Overlap with FGFR1 amplification, NFE2L2/KEAP1 mutations complicates clinical validation

## Updated Lung-MAP Trial Schema (2016 with Revs # 3 & 4)



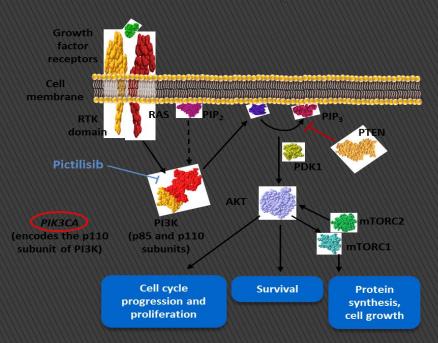
- Lung-MAP amended to 2<sup>nd</sup> line therapy & beyond to accommodate Nivolumab approval
- Pre-screening added back
- Eligibility criteria broadened; \*Sub-studies in development

CDK, cyclin D-dependent kinase; FGFR, fibroblast growth factor receptor; HRD, Homologous Recombination Defects; Ipi, ipilimumab; Pl3K, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase; SoC, standard-of-care

1. Lung-MAP. Available at:

\_Accessed February, 2016

## Pictilisib (GDC-0941)



- PI3K has been implicated in the development of several cancers<sup>1</sup> including NSCLC
- Pictilisib (GDC-0941) is a potent and selective orally available pan-PI3K inhibitor that has been shown to potentiate the activity of taxanes and platinum agents in preclinical NSCLC models<sup>2,3</sup>
- FIGARO is the first randomized phase II trial of a PI3K inhibitor in combination with chemotherapy in first-line squamous NSCLC

PI3K, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase;

PIK3CA, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase, catalytic subunit

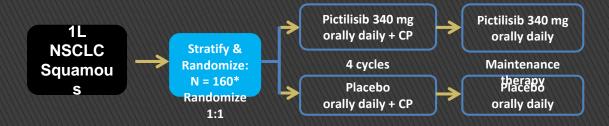
1. Wong KK, et al. Curr Opin Genet Devel 2010; 20:87;

2. Spoerke JM, et al. Clin Cancer Res 2012; **18:**6771–6783;

3. Folkes AJ, et al. J Med Chem 2008; **51**:5522–5532.

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### FIGARO study design: squamous NSCLC



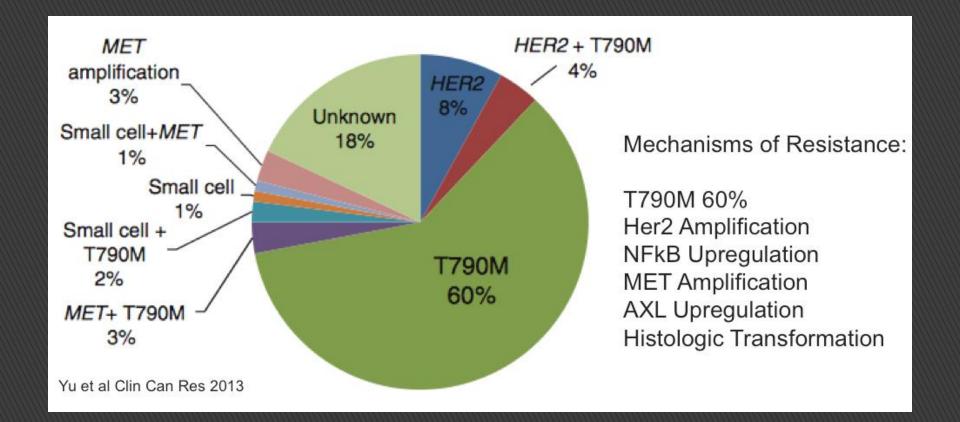
- In this first randomized phase II trial of a PI3K inhibitor in first-line squamous NSCLC, combining pictilisib with chemotherapy resulted in:
  - · Minimal PFS improvement
  - No OS benefit
  - Additional toxicity AE-related discontinuations and deaths were higher in the pictilisib arm than the placebo arm
- In the PIK3CA amplification subpopulation, no clear benefit in PFS was observed
- Overall, the safety profile observed was consistent with those previously seen in other pictilisib trials

## HER 2 Insertions

- Patients: Adenocarcinomas, never smokers
- Frequency: Incidence 2.8-4.2%
- Biology:
  - In-frame insertions into exon 20. Transgenic mouse models confirm oncogenicity

#### Therapy:

- Drugs of interest: neratinib, afatinib, dacomitinib
  - Preclinical models show synergy with mTOR inhibitors.
  - Clinical trial of neratinib + temsirolimus ongoing, several PR are reported
  - Both afatinib and dacomitinib have case reports of responses



### Agents for Her-2 Inhibition

#### Afatinib

3 pts non-smokers stage IV with HER2 mutations with ORR in all cases.

#### Neratinib

(irreversible pan ERBB inhibitor)

phase II trial in pts with NSCLC who progressed following erlotinib or gefitinib. 3 subgroups, EGFR mutant, with EGFR and EGFR TKI naive were compared with ORR of 3.4%, 0% and 0%. Only pts with G719X mutation at exon 18 of EGFR-(+) refractory to reversible TKIs, benefited from neratinib.

#### PF00299804 (dacomitinib)

Irreversible TKI targeting ERBB family members EGFR, HER2 and HER4. In the HER2-mutant reveal a 14% (3 /22) PR and 27% SD (6 /22).

Other molecules: Heat shock protein 90 (Hsp90)

### HER2 in Lung Cancers Agents Targeting HER2

### Amplification and Protein Expression

- Trastuzumab
- Pertuzumab
- Lapatinib
- Ado-Trastuzumab Emtansine

## Trials of Investigational Agents Targeting HER2 Mutations

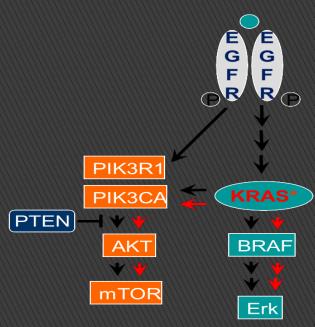
- Dacomitinib
- Afatinib
- Neratinib
- Neratinib + Temsirolimus

## HER-2 Inhibition

- Her2-targeted therapies, such as trastuzumab, have been insufficiently powered to determine whether patients with NSCLC with Her2 gene amplification (rather than overexpression by IHC) may benefit. It is unclear whether agents targeting Her2 might prove successful either with Her2 amplification or Her2 gene mutations.
- The frequency of Her2 mutations in NSCLC may be too low to justify a prospective clinical trial.
- The frequency of Her2 amplification (2-23%) in NSCLC and the use of FISH might justify a study of trastuzumab monotherapy.
- The most promising Her2-targeted strategy will likely prove to be combinatorial approaches using an EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor together with Her2 dimerization inhibitors.

# Kirsten ras oncogene homolog from the mammalian ras gene family (KRAS)

- proto-oncogene -> central regulator of growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase signaling cascades
- important downstream component of the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) signaling pathway
- germline KRAS mutations are associated with cardio-facio-cutaneous syndrome and Noonan syndrome
- oncogenic somatic KRAS mutations are frequently identified in leukemia, colorectal and pancreatic cancers and in lung adenocarcinoma
- KRAS and EGFR activating mutations have been described to be usually mutually exclusive



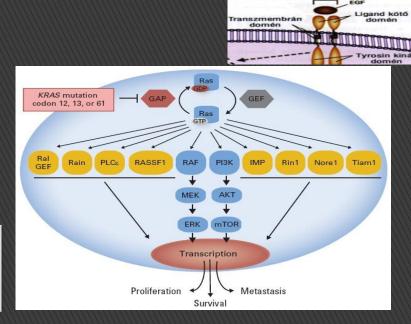
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KRAS mutation in NSCLC

## Oncogenic KRAS mutations

- The KRAS oncogene in certain malignant tumors is present in one third of cases
- KRAS mutations in codon 12, 13 or 61
- KRAS mutation in CRC is a negative prognostic factor
- Prognostic and predictive role in lung adenocarcinoma is the most intensively studied question

	EGFR	KRAS
Lung adenocarcinoma	8-20%	15-25%
Colorectal cancer	~40% (amplif.)	35-45%



Roberts, Stinchcombe JCO 2013

## The most frequent oncogenic subtype mutations of KRAS in lung adenocarcinoma

Nucleotid change	Amino ac	id change	
	Mutation		(1)))))
GGT> <mark>T</mark> GT	Glycin	Cystein	G12C
GGT>G <b>⊺</b> T	Glycin	Valin	G <b>12</b> V
GGT>G <b>≜</b> T	Glycin	Aspartat	<b>G12</b> D
GGT>G <mark>O</mark> T	Glycin	Alanin	<b>G12</b> A
GGT> <b>A</b> GT	Glycin	Serin	G <b>12</b> S
GGT> <mark>©</mark> GT	Glycin	Arginin	G1 <b>2</b> R
GGC>G <mark>€</mark> C	Glycin	Aspartat	<b>G13</b> D

sign

Dogan S et al, Clin Cancer Res. 2012

### Incidence of KRAS mutation/smoking habits MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Study	No. of smokers	No. of non- smokers	KRAS mutation in smokers	KRAS mutation in non-smokers	P-value
Nelson	180	16	44 (24%)	0	0,028
Marchetti	35	35	12 (34%)	0	0,00016
De Gregorio	160	23	47 (29%)	0	0,0013
Gealy	32	23	8 (25%)	2 (9%)	0,18
Westra	84	27	36 (31%)	2 (7%)	0,017
Ahrendt	92	14	40 (43%)	0	0,0014
All	583	138	177 (30%)	4 (2,9%)	<0,001

Incidence of KRAS mutation in smoker adenocarcinoma patients: 24-43% Strong correlation with number of cigarettes during lifetime and with pack-year

Abrendt et al. Cancer 2001 Mitzadomi t al. Int J Clin Oncol 2006 Kosaka at al. Cancer Res 2004

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# Comparison of KRAS and EGFR mutations in lung cancer



	KRAS	EGFR
Discovery of mutation	1982	2004
Biochemical function	Small GTP-binding protein	Receptor tyrosine kinase
Common mutation	Missense mutation at codons 12, 13 or 61	Exon 19 deletion, missense mutation at codon 858 (L858R) in tyrosine kinase domain
Allele-specific imbalance	Present (uniparental disomy common)	Present (copy number gain common)
Mutation in tumors other than lung cancer	Common (pancreas, colon, bile duct, etc.)	Absent <sup>a</sup>
Smoking status	Smokers	Non-smokers
Ethnicity	Caucasians>East Asians	East Asians>Caucasians
Sex	Male> female	Female>male
Histology	Adenocarcinoma (mucinous BAC <sup>b</sup> )	Adenocarcinoma (non-mucinous BACb)
Prognostic impact	Poorer	Better
Response rate for EGFR-TKI therapy	0%	70-80%

Suda et al. Cancer Metastasis Rev, 2010



#### No response to EGFR-TKI treatment in KRAS mutant lung adenocarcinoma

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	Agent	n	Responses
Pao 2005	Gefitinib/Erlotinib	9	0
Tsao 2006	Erlotinib	20	1
Fujimoto 2006	Gefitinib	6	0
van Zandwijk 2006	Gefitinib	3	0
Han 2006	Gefitinib	9	0
Hirsch 2006	Gefitinib	6	0
Miller 2006	Erlotinib	19	0
Glaccone 2006	Erlotinib	10	0
Jackman 2007	Erlotinib	6	0
Douillard 2007	Gefitinib	20	0
Total		108	1 (< 1%)

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### **Summary & Take home messages**

- Mainly in adenocarcinoma
- 30% in Caucasian patients
- < 10% in Asian patients</li>
- Typically related to smoking habits
- Rare in never smokers
- Prognostic and predictive value is debated
- KRAS mutation is heterogenous
- Different KRAS mutation subtypes could be prognostic

## The end

Thanks