Molecular Pathology of Solid Tumors: Cancer Profiling for Targeted Treatment Prediction

Targeted Treatment and Molecular Biomarkers in Lung Cancer

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Topics for Discussion

- 1. Recent advances in lung cancer treatment and diagnosis
- 2. Targeted therapy and predictive biomarkers for adenocarcinoma
- 3. Molecular profile of squamous cell carcinoma
- 4. Primary tumor xenograft as research model in targeted therapy

2004 WHO Classification of Malignant Lung Cancer

- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Small cell carcinoma
 - combined
- Adenocarcinoma
 - mixed type (>80%)
 - Acinar type
 - Papillary type
 - Bronchioloalveolar carcinoma
 - Solid type
- Large cell carcinoma
 - LCNEC (neuroendocrine)
 - etc.
- Adenosquamous carcinoma
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma

- Carcinoid tumour
 - Typical
 - Atypical
- Salivary gland tumors
 - Mucoepidermoid
 - Adenoid cystic
 - Epithelial-myoepithelial

Mesenchymal tumours

- Epithelioid
 hemangioendothelioma
- Etc.



Before 2004

- Histological classification underwent minor revisions (1982, 91, 97, 2004)
- Most important to distinguish small cell from non-small cell carcinoma
- Distinction between major subtypes of NSCLC, i.e. adeno, squamous, large cell is not crucial
- Use of non-specific term such as "Non-small cell Not Otherwise Specified (NOS)" has been acceptable

Landmark Discoveries and Studies Leading to Paradigm Shift in Lung Cancer Diagnosis EGFR Mutations in Lung Cancer: Correlation with Clinical Response to Gefitinib Therapy

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SCIENCE April 29, 2004

Activating Mutations in the Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Underlying Responsiveness of Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer to Gefitinib

 Thomas J. Lynch, M.D., Daphne W. Bell, Ph.D., Raffaella Sordella, Ph.D., Sarada Gurubhagavatula, M.D., Ross A. Okimoto, B.S., Brian W. Brannigan, B.A., Patricia L. Harris, M.S., Sara M. Haserlat, B.A.,
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NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE, MAY 20, 2004

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Erlotinib in Previously Treated Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer

Frances A. Shepherd, M.D., José Rodrigues Pereira, M.D., Tudor Ciuleanu, M.D., Eng Huat Tan, M.D., Vera Hirsh, M.D., Sumitra Thongprasert, M.D., Daniel Campos, M.D., Savitree Maoleekoonpiroj, M.D., Michael Smylie, M.B., Ch.B., Renato Martins, M.D., Maximiliano van Kooten, M.D., Mircea Dediu, M.D., Brian Findlay, M.D., Dongsheng Tu**NGIC**, **GTG** BR 2107, riad rea Bezjak, M.D., Gary Clark, Ph.D., Pedro Santabárbara, M.D., Ph.P. 4, 2005, Seymour, M.D., Ph.D., for the National Cancer Institute of Canada Clinical Trials Group*

Gefitinib or Carboplatin–Paclitaxel in Pulmonary Adenocarcinoma

Tony S. Mok, M.D., Yi-Long Wu, M.D., F.A.C.S., Sumitra Thongprasert, M.D., Chih-Hsin Yang, M.D., Ph.D., Da-Tong Chu, M.D., Nagahiro Saijo, M.D., Ph.D., Patrapim Sunpaweravong, M.D., Baohui Han, M.D., Benjamin Margono, M.D., Ph.D., F.C.C.P., WKAS Phinose, M.D., Yutaka Nishiwaki, M.D., Ph.D., Yuichiro Ohe, M.D., Ph.D., Jin-**(September 3**, **2009**) kulyong, M.D., Haiyi Jiang, M.D., Emma L. Duffield, M.Sc., Claire L. Watkins, M.Sc., Alison A. Armour, F.R.C.R., and Masahiro Fukuoka, M.D., Ph.D. Personalized Cancer Therapy Based on Biomarkers Or Molecular Pathology Information

New Therapies in NSCLC

Drug (Target)	Selection Marker	Histology Selection	
Gefitinib (EGFR)	EGFR mutation		
Erlotinib (EGFR)	(1 st line)	Adenocarcinoma	
Crizotinib (ALK)	ALK rearrangement		
Bevacizumab (VEGFR)		Non-squamous	
Pemetrexed	Histology	carcinomas	
(Folate Pathway)		caremonias	
Cetuximab (EGFR)	EGFR protein by IHC (potential)	NSCLC	

Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR/HER/ErbB)



Burgess AW, et al. Molec Cell 2003;12:541-52

Roskoski Jr, BBRC 2004;319:1-11

High Frequency of EGFR Expression in Non-small Cell Lung Cancer

	SQCC	ADC	LCC
Rusch (1997)	94%	57%	63%
Fontanini (1998)	57%	35%	23%
Hsieh (2000)	92%	53%	60%
Hirsch (2003)	82%	46%	33%

SQCC: squamous cell ca, ADC: adenoca; LCC: large cell ca



Lynch T, et al. NEJM 350: 2129-39, 2004

EGFR Activation and Signaling



Kumar A, et al. J Clin Oncol 26:1742-1751

EGFR Mutant Lung Cancer Cells are more Sensitive to EGFR TK Inhibitors



Paez et al: Science 2005;304:1497-1500

EGFR TKI Improves Survival of EGFR Mutant Compared to Wild Type Patients



Han S-W et al. J Clin Oncol 2005;23: 2493-2501



Fig 3. Kaplan-Meier plot of overall survival according to epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) mutation status. MST, median survival time.

Takano T et al. J Clin Oncol 2005;23: 6829-37

EGFR TK Domain Mutations

- Adeno > Squamous (<5%)
- Women > Men
- East Asian (40-50%) > Caucasian (10-20%)
- Never smokers > smokers

EGFR TK Domain Mutations



Sharma SV, et al. Nat Rev Cancer 2007;7:169-81

IPASS (Iressa Pan-ASia Study)



Carboplatin / paclitaxel was offered to gefitinib patients upon progression

PS, performance status; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor

Mok et al, Chicago 2008

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N Engl J Med 2009;361:947-57.

Gefitinib Treatment Should be Directed Only to EGFR Mutant Patients



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Phase III studies of EGFR-TKI vs. Platinum doublet in EGFR Mutant Patients

Group	EGFR mutation	Primary endpoint	N (TKI vs. CT)	ткі	Control
WJOG 3405	EX19, L858R	PFS	172 (HR=0.49)	G	CDDP+DOC
NEJ 002	EX19, L858R, G719X, L861Q	PFS	320 (HR=0.69)	G	CBDCA+PAC
EURTARC	EX19 <i>,</i> L858R	PFS	174 (HR=0.37)	E	Pt doublet
Optimal	EX19, L858R, T790M	PFS	165 (HR=0.16)	E	CBDCA+GEM

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Current Guideline for EGFR Mutation Testing

- Advanced NSCLC patients being considered for treatment with 1st line gefitinib therapy (chemotherapy naïve)
- Mainly for adenocarcinoma or NSCLC with adeno component – Important to use immunohistochemistry markers for more precise histological diagnosis



EGFR Mutation Testing

- Testing performed in a certified clinical diagnostic laboratory
- Minimum test includes exon 19 deletion and exon 21 L858R mutation; rare sensitizing mutations should also be tested
- Pre-testing analysis include examination of the histology/cytology slide by a pathologist to confirm tumor type and define cellularity and areas for microdissection or coring

International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer/American Thoracic Society/European Respiratory Society International Multidisciplinary Classification of Lung Adenocarcinoma

Pathology Consideration for Good Practice

- 2. Tissue specimens should be managed not only for diagnosis but also to maximize the amount of tissue available for molecular studies.
- 3. To guide therapy for patients with advanced lung adenocarcinoma, each institution should develop a multidisciplinary team that coordinates the optimal approach to obtaining and processing biopsy/cytology specimens to provide expeditious diagnostic and molecular results.
- 7. Cell blocks should be prepared from cytology samples including pleural fluids.



Modern Pathol 2012;25 (suppl2): 490A (Abstract 2045)

Identification of the transformingEML4-ALK fusion gene in non-small-celllung cancerNature 2007 (Aug 2);448:561-566

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cDNA prepared from lung cancer specimen of a 62 year old smoker man negative for *EGFR* and *KRAS* mutation



EML4-ALK Gene Fusion

EML4-ALK v1

MDGFAGSLDDSISAASTSDVQDRLSALESRVQQQEDEITVLKAALADVLRRLAISEDHVA 60 120 SVKKSVSSKGQPSPRAVIPMSCITNGSGANRKPSHTSAVSIAGKETLSSAAKSGTEKKKE KPOGOREKKEESHSNDOSPOIRASPSPOPSSOPLOIHROTPESKNATPTKSIKRPSPAEK 180 SHNSWENSDDSRNKLSKIPSTPKLIPKVTKTADKHKDVIINOEGEYIKMFMRGRPITMFI 240 PSDVDNYDDIRTELPPEKLKLEWAYGYRGKDCRANVYLLPTGEIVYFIASVVVLFNYEER 300 TORHYLGHTDCVKCLAIHPDKIRIATGQIAGVDKDGRPLOPHVRVWDSVTLSTLQIIGLG 360 TFERGVGCLDFSKADSGVHLCVIDDSNEHMLTVWDWQKKAKGAEIKTTNEVVLAVEFHPT 420 DANTIITCGKSHIFFWTWSGNSLTRKOGIFGKYEKPKFVOCLAFLGNGDVLTGDSGGVML 480 IWSKTTVEPTPGKGPKVYRRKHOELOAMOMELOSPEYKLSKLRTSTIMTDYNPNYCFAGK 540 TSSISDLKEVPRKNITLIRGLGHGAFGEVYEGQVSGMPNDPSPLQVAVKTLPEVCSEQDE 600 LDFLMEALIISKFNHQNIVRCIGVSLQSLPRFILLELMAGGDLKSFLRETRPRPSQPSSL 660 AMLDLLHVARDIACGCOYLEENHFIHRDIAARNCLLTCPGPGRVAKIGDFGMARDIYRAS 720 YYRKGGCAMLPVKWMPPEAFMEGIFTSKTDTWSFGVLLWEIFSLGYMPYPSKSNQEVLEF 780 VTSGGRMDPPKNCPGPVYRIMTQCWQHQPEDRPNFAIILERIEYCTQDPDVINTALPIEY 840 900 GPLVEEEEKVPVRPKDPEGVPPLLVSQQAKREEERSPAAPPPLPTTSSGKAAKKPTAAEV SVRVPRGPAVEGGHVNMAFSOSNPPSELHRVHGSRNKPTSLWNPTYGSWFTEKPTKKNNP 960 IAKKEPHERGNLGLEGSCTVPPNVATGRLPGASLLLEPSSLTANMKEVPLFRLRHFPCGN 1,020 VNYGYQQQGLPLEAATAPGAGHYEDTILKSKNSMNQPGP 1.059





EML4-ALK Signaling Pathway



ALK Break Apart FISH



EML4-ALK Positive NSCLC Patients are Highly Responsive to Crizotinib



Overall Response Rate = 57% Disease Control Rate (CR+PR+SD) at 8 weeks= 87%

Kwak EL, et al. NEJM 2010;363:1693-703

(EML4)-ALK Fusion Gene Tumors Occur Mainly in Adenocarcinoma

First author	Adeno (total no.)	Squamous (total no.)	Others (total no.)
Imamura (2008)	3.4% (149)	0% (48)	0 (24)
Shinamura (2008)	4% (50)	0% (20)	0% (7)
Takeuchi (2008)	4.3% (253)	0% (71)	0% (19)
Koivunen (2008)	3.8% (208)	0% (88)	0 (100)
Rodig (2009)	5.6% (358)	-	-
Martlelli (2009)	4.8% (63)	8.3% (48)	22.2% (9)
Wong (2010)	5.3% (209)	0% (34)	8.7% (23)
Salido (2010)	4.3% (69)	0% (30)	0% (8)
Jokoji (2010)	3.1% (254)	-	-
Takahashi (2010)	2.4% (211)	0% (75)	0% (27)
Paik (2011)	6.3% (423)	0% (163)	3.7% (27)
Tumors studied	2247	577	244

ALK Immunohistochemistry



Screening of Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase Rearrangement by Immunohistochemistry in Non-small Cell Lung Cancer *Correlation with Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization*

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IHC, immunohistochemistry; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase.

J Thoracic Oncol 2011;6:466-72





EML4-ALK Variants

- E13;A20 E13;A20 (variant 1), E13;ins69 A20
- E6;A20 E6a/b;A20 (variant 3a/b)
- E20;A20 E20;A20 (variant 2), E20;ins18A20
- E14;A20 E14;ins11del49A20(variant 4'), E14;del12A20 (variant 7)
- E18;A20 E18;A20 (variant 5')
- E15;A20 E15 del19;del20A20 (variant 4)
- E2;A20 E2;A20 &E2;ins117A20 (variant 5a/b)
- E17;A20 E17;ins68A20

NSCLC Cell lines

H3122 and DFCI032 contain E13;A20. H2228 contain E6;A20

Sasaki T, et al, Eur J Cancer. 2010 Jul;46(10):1773-80.

A transforming *KIF5B* and *RET* gene fusion in lung adenocarcinoma revealed from whole-genome and transcriptome sequencing

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Genome Res 2012;22:436-445 (Epub December 22, 2011)

New Potential Target for RET inhibitors

March 2012



KIF5B-RET fusions in lung adenocarcinoma

Takashi Kohno^{1,15}, Hitoshi Ichikawa^{2,15}, Yasushi Totoki³,

Identification of new ALK and RET gene fusions from colorectal and lung cancer biopsies

Doron Lipson^{1,9}, Marzia Capelletti^{2,9}, Roman Yelensky¹,

RET, ROS1 and ALK fusions in lung cancer

Kengo Takeuchi^{1,2}, Manabu Soda³, Yuki Togashi^{1,2},

Molecular Targets for Lung Cancer Treatment



Molecular Targets for Lung Cancer Treatment



Chromosome 8p12 Frequent and Focal FGFR1 Amplification Associates with Therapeutically Tractable FGFR1 Dependency in Squamous Cell Lung Cancer

Jonathan Weiss,¹* Martin L. Sos,¹*[†] Danila Seidel,^{1,2}* Martin Peifer,¹ Thomas Zander,³ *et al* FGFR1 amplification: 15/155 (9.7%)



Science Trans Med 2010;2:1-7

Mutations in the DDR2 Kinase Gene Identify a Novel Therapeutic Target in Squamous Cell Lung Cancer

11/290 (3.8%) samples screened; 9/277 (3.2%) primary SqCC



Hammerman PS, et al. Cancer Discovery 2011;1:79-89.

Comprehensive genomic characterization of squamous cell lung cancers

The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network*

Nature September 9 (published on line)

Lung squamous cell carcinoma is a common type of lung cancer, causing approximately 400,000 deaths per year worldwide. Genomic alterations in squamous cell lung cancers have not been comprehensively characterized, and no molecularly targeted agents have been specifically developed for its treatment. As part of The Cancer Genome Atlas, here we profile 178 lung squamous cell carcinomas to provide a comprehensive landscape of genomic and epigenomic alterations. We show that the tumour type is characterized by complex genomic alterations, with a mean of 360 exonic mutations, 165 genomic rearrangements, and 323 segments of copy number alteration per tumour. We find statistically recurrent mutations in 11 genes, including mutation of *TP53* in nearly all specimens. Previously unreported loss-of-function mutations are seen in the *HLA-A* class I major histocompatibility gene. Significantly altered pathways included *NFE2L2* and *KEAP1* in 34%, squamous differentiation genes in 44%, phosphatidylinositol-3-OH kinase pathway genes in 47%, and *CDKN2A* and *RB1* in 72% of tumours. We identified a potential therapeutic target in most tumours, offering new avenues of investigation for the treatment of squamous cell lung cancers.

Potentially Targetable Mutated/Amplified Genes								
PI3KCA PTEN AKT 1-3 FGFR 1-3 EGFR ERBB2 BRAF NOTCH RAS								RAS
16%	8%	20%	12%	9%	4%	4%	13%	6%

NSCLCs are among the most genomically deranged of all cancers



Mutations in Lung SqCCs



HLA-A mutations: possible mechanism for immune avoidance

NFE2L2/KEAP1/CUL3

- Mutations in KEAP1 are loss of function (frequent LOH of 2nd allele)
- Mutations in NRF2 cluster in DLG and ETGE motif -> prevent KEAP1 interaction -> results in NRF2 stabilization and nuclear entry





Increased resistance to chemotherapy

Altered Signaling Pathways in Lung Squamous Cell Carcinoma



Molecular Targets for Lung Cancer Treatment



Benchmarking of Mutation Diagnostics in Clinical Lung Cancer Specimens

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Illumina MiSeq (1.5 Gigabase in 1 day)



Compared 'Sanger' and pyrosequencing against massively parallel sequencing on patients who have been treated by EGFR TKI:

"..... all patients with a confirmed response to EGFR inhibition, only massively parallel sequencing detected all relevant mutations"

Ion Torrent PGM (1 Gigabase 6 hr)





PLosONE 2011;6:e19601

Potential New Therapeutic Targets in Lung Adenocarcinoma



Ding L, et al. Nature vol. 455 (23 October 2008): pg. 1069

"Short" List of Targeted Agents in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

VEGF targeted agents

- **EGFR targeted agents**
- **mTOR** inhibitors
- **Proteasome inhibitors**
- Cell cycle targeted agent
- PARP inhibitors
- CDK inhibitors
- Novel chemotherapy
- Proapoptotic agents



Sundry Kinase Inhibitors:

- PI3K
- AKT
- MAP kinase
- MEK (Ras, Raf)
- SRC
- Aurora kinase
- Polo-like kinases

• PKC

HSP 70, 90 targeted agents

HIF1-alpha antagonists

C-met inhibitors

Vaccine Therapy

Primary Lung Cancer Xenografts Mimic Primary Tumor Histologies



A549 lung adenocarcinoma cell line





Patient Tumor

Primary Xenograft





IMP4 in Lung Cancer

(Integrated Molecular Pathology, Pharmacodynamic, Pharmacogenomic & Proteomics)



Primary NSCLC Xenograft Establishment (up to End of August)

Year	Tumor Implanted	Confirmed Xenograft (>P1)	Confirmed Take Rate	Potential (still in P1)	Potential Take Rate
2005	21	5	24%	-	-
2006	24	7	29%	-	-
2007	52	21	40%	-	-
2008	53	22	42%	-	-
2009	46	19	41%	-	-
2010	85	35	41%	-	-
2011	80	31	39%	7	48%
2012	69	13	19%	14	39%
Total	430	153	36%	21	40%

The Ability to Form Primary Tumor Xenografts Is Predictive of Increased Risk of Disease Recurrence in Early-Stage Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer

Thomas John^{1,2,5}, Derek Kohler^{2,3}, Melania Pintilie⁴, Naoki Yanagawa^{2,3}, Nhu-An Pham², Ming Li², Devang Panchal², Frances Hui², Fannong Meng³, Frances A. Shepherd^{5,6}, and Ming-Sound Tsao^{2,3,7}

First 157 patients

Characteristic	Xenograft (%)	No Xenograft (%)	P-value (Fisher Exact Test)
Total	63 (40%)	94 (60%)	
Adenocarcinoma	29 (30%)	66 (70%)	
Squamous Cell	30 (65%)	16 (35%)	<0.001
Other	4 (25%)	12 (75%)	
Differentiation			
Well	2 (10%)	17 (90%)	
Moderate	26 (38%)	41 (62%)	0.003
Poor	35 (53%)	31 (47%)	

PHL-196: Similar Histologies

Primary Tumor – Mucinous adenocarcinoma





Fragment xeno

Isolated cells xeno





Tumor Engraftment Predictive of Higher Recurrence Rate and Poorer DFS



Time to relapse/death (years)

Mechanisms of TKI Resistance

37 patients with re-biopsy of tumor that progress during EGFR TKI therapy



Sequist LV, et al. Sci Transl Med. 2011 March 23; 3(75): 75ra26.

Afatinib (BIBW 2992)

- Afatinib is an irreversible EGFR and HER2 inhibitor with preclinical activity against H1975 (L858R/T790M) (EC₅₀: 99 nM)
- Designed to irreversibly bind to the ATP binding pocket of EGFR and HER2
- Highly specific for EGFR and HER2
 - EGFR IC₅₀: 0.50 nM
 - HER2 IC₅₀: 14 nM





Phase 3 trial comparing Afatinib vs Chemotherapy in EGFR mutant Patients

PFS: Common mutations (Del19/L858R)

Independent review – patients with Del19/L858R (n=308)



Yang JC, et al. PRESENTED AT: ASCO

Interruption of TKI Therapy May Lead to Loss of Resistant Mutant Tumor Clones and Restore Sensitivity

Histology	Adeno		Adend	D	Adeno	
Genotype	L858R TP53		L858F TP53 T790M	L858R TP53 T790M		L858R TP53
EGFR TKI status	Sensitive		Resista	nt		Sensitive
Tumor burden	/		/			
Treatment	Chemo	Erlotinib		Chemo	Chemo	Erlotinib*
Timeline	2007	2008		2009		2010

Sequist LV, et al. Sci Transl Med. 2011 March 23; 3(75): 75ra26.

Mechanism of Resistance

More complicated than resistant mutant clones or amplification

A Chromatin-Mediated Reversible Drug-Tolerant State in Cancer Cell Subpopulations

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Induction of DTP and DTEP appears linked to chromatin alteration

Cell 2010;141:1-12

Conclusions

- 1. Future pathology practice must be both diagnostic and predictive (of therapeutic outcome)
- 2. Predictive pathology will mostly be based on molecular markers
- 3. Molecular profiling will soon become routine in oncologic pathology reporting
- 4. Future cancer classification system must integrate molecular features of tumors
- 5. The FUTURE IS ALREADY HERE!

Opportunities in Pathology

MECHANISMS OF DISEASE





Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research (STIHR)



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