

Molecular biomarkers for Genitourinary Cancers

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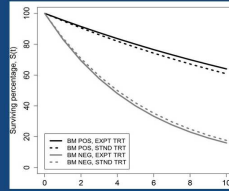
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Molecular biomarkers in GU malignancies

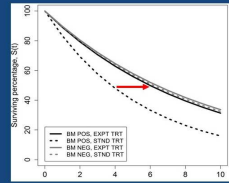
- **Prognostic**

- Identify patients more likely to have a particular outcome



- **Predictive Biomarker**

- Experience a favorable or unfavorable effect from exposure



- **Tissue-based**

- DNA sequencing
- Gene expression / epigenetic profiling
- IHC (protein expression / cellular composition [e.g. immune infiltration])

- **Blood-based**

- CTCs (enumeration, gene expression, IHC [AR-v7], [epi-]genetic profiling)
- ctDNA (screening, MRD [ctDNA+ → adjuvant therapy], [epi-]genetic profiling)

Commercially available gene expression-based diagnostics in primary prostate cancer

Test(s)	Company	List Price,* USD	Sample Requirement	Clinical Utility/Intended Use	Comments
Decipher Biosciences (formally Genome Dx)	Decipher Biosciences (formally Genome Dx)	\$5,150	FFPE tissue from prostate biopsy, or Prostate tissue after RP	Categorize patients into low/high risk to stratify patients to surveillance v treatment (and intensity of treatment) Postprostatectomy for patients with adverse pathologic features to guide whether surveillance, adjuvant, or salvage therapy may be warranted	Evaluates mRNA expression levels of 22 genes from FFPE tissue; generates score from 0 to 1.0 <i>cell cycle proliferation</i> <i>adhesion and motility</i> <i>immune modulation</i> <i>androgen signaling</i>
Oncotype DX [®] Genomic Prostate Score	Genomic Health	\$4,520	Tumor tissue from original biopsy in neutral buffered formalin; prostatectomy specimens not accepted	Biopsy-based likelihood of adverse pathologic features (Grade Group \geq 3 or extracapsular extension); identify those who may benefit from surveillance v treatment	GPS ranges from 0 to 100 based on mRNA expression of 17 genes across four pathways <i>stromal response</i> <i>proliferation</i> <i>androgen signaling</i> <i>cellular organization</i>
MYRIAD Polaris [™] Prostate Cancer	Myriad Genetic Laboratories	\$3,900	FFPE tissue from: prostate tumor biopsy, or prostatectomy specimens	Aggressiveness of cancer; provides a 10-year risk of metastasis after definitive therapy, and disease-specific mortality under conservative management	mRNA expression of cell-cycle progression genes are used to calculate the score; clinical factors are subsequently added for risk assessment (31 genes) <i>cell cycle progression</i>

Clinical utility of genomic classifiers

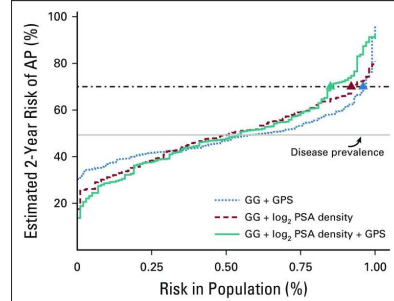
- Decipher®, oncoType DX® and Prolaris® all improve prognostic accuracy of multivariable models for PrCa-related outcomes in addition to clinicopathologic variables
- Role in decision making unclear → e.g. oncoType DX® (GPS) did not add to model including Gleason Grade Group (GG) and PSA density in predicting adverse pathology in pts on active surveillance

Recommendation 1.1

Commercially available molecular biomarkers (ie, oncoType DX Prostate, Prolaris, Decipher) may be offered in situations in which the assay result, when considered as a whole with routine clinical factors, is **likely to affect management**.

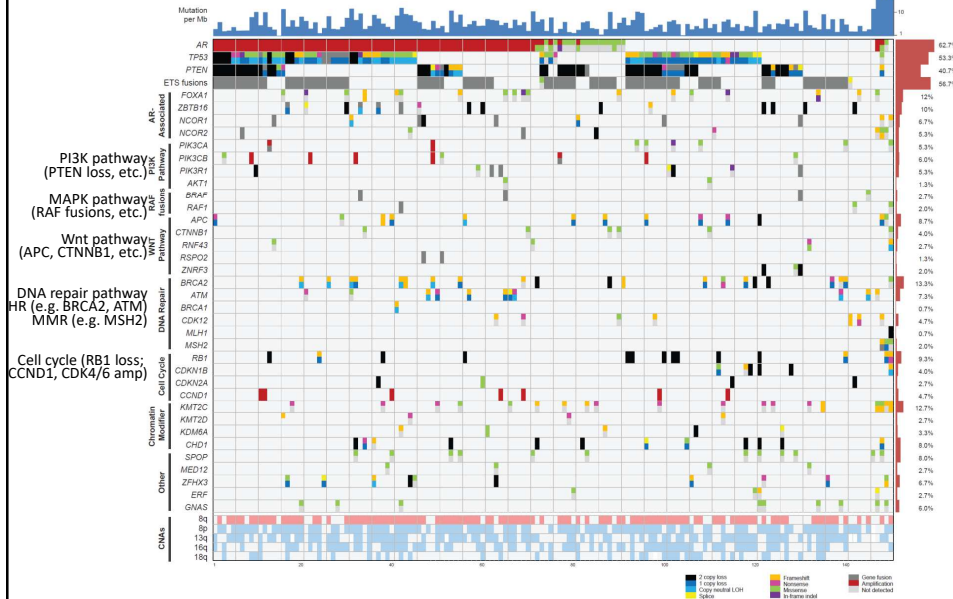
Routine ordering of molecular biomarkers is not recommended

(Type: Evidence based; Evidence quality: Intermediate; Strength of recommendation: Moderate).

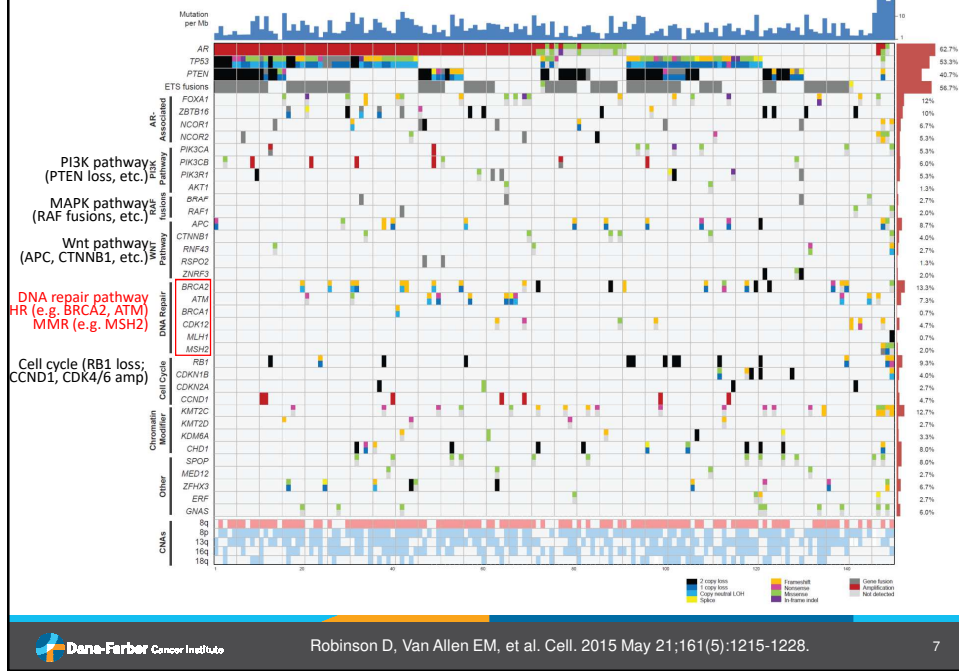


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The Genomic Landscape of the SU2C-PCF mCRPC Cohort

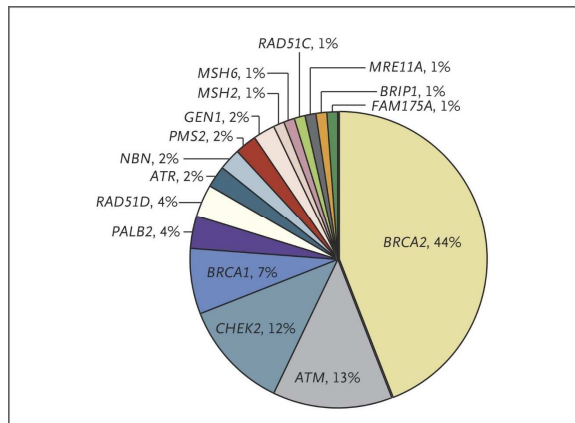


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Inherited DNA-Repair Gene Mutations in Men with Metastatic Prostate Cancer

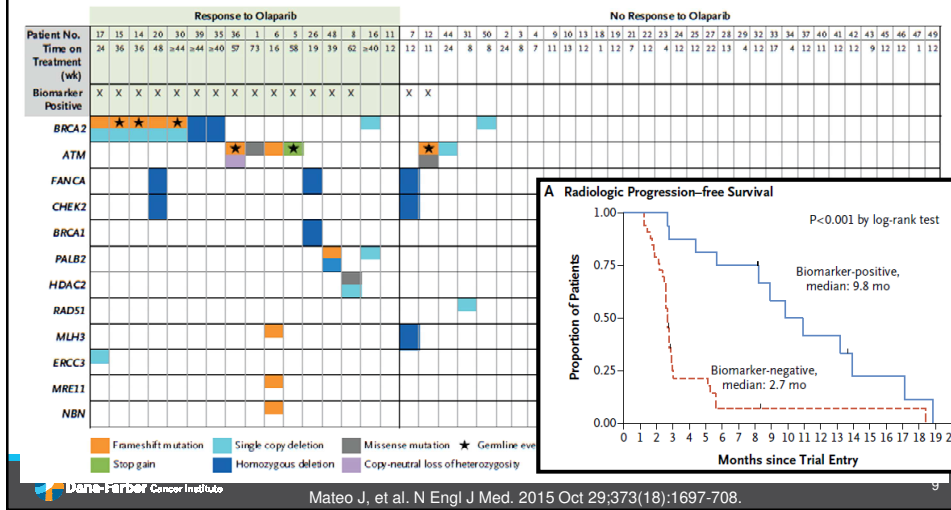
-A total of 84 germline DNA-repair gene mutations that were presumed to be deleterious were identified in 82/692 men (11.8%)
 -Mutations were found in 16 genes



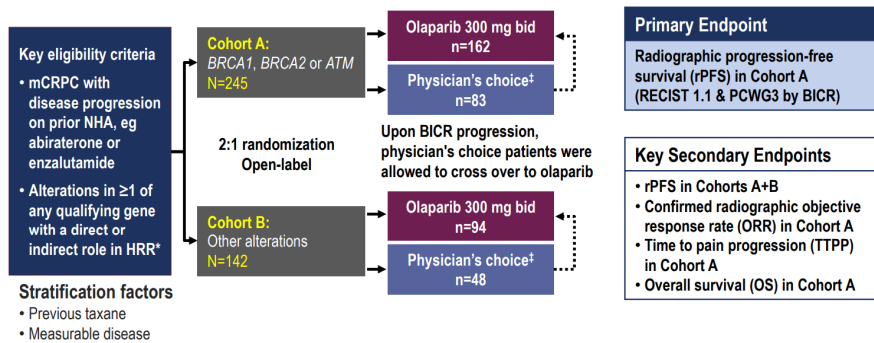
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DNA-Repair Defects and Olaparib in Metastatic Prostate Cancer

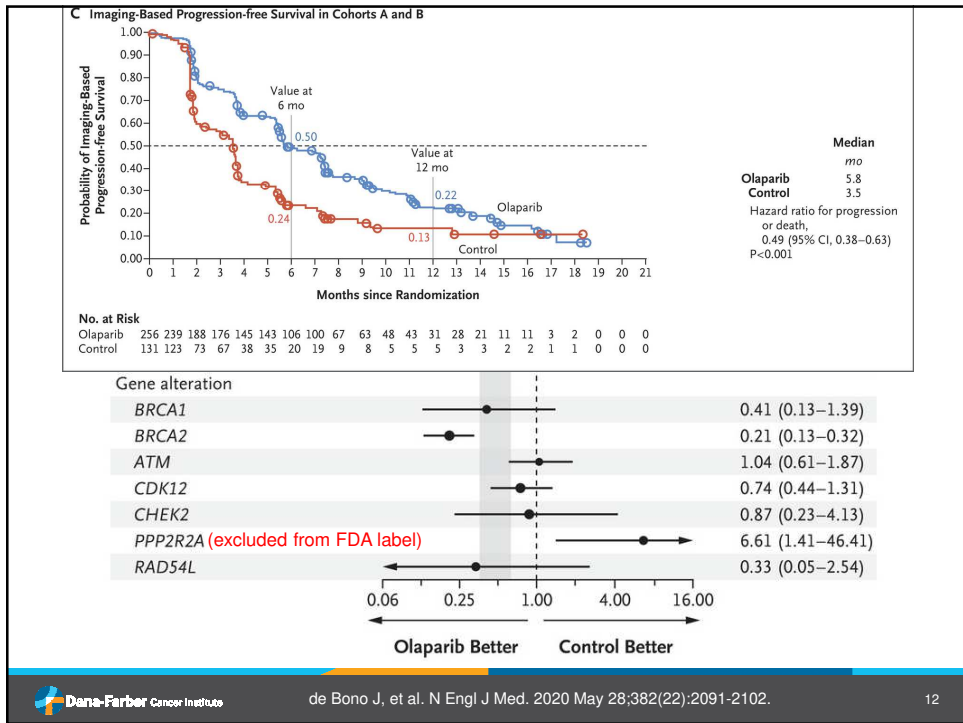
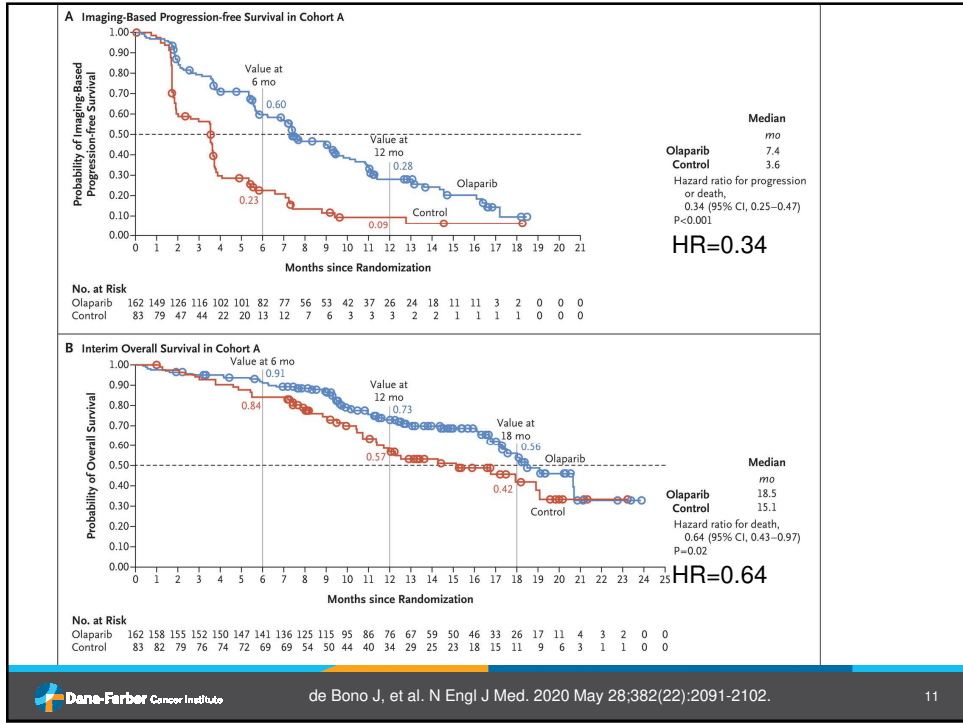


PROfound – Study Design



*An investigational Clinical Trial Assay, based on the FoundationOne® CDx next-generation sequencing test. Developed in partnership with Foundation Medicine Inc, and used to prospectively select patients harboring alterations in BRCA1, BRCA2, ATM, BARD1, BRIP1, CDK12, CHEK1, CHEK2, FANCL, PALB2, PPP2R2A, RAD51B, RAD51C, RAD51D and/ or RAD54L in their tumor tissue

†Physician's choice of either enzalutamide (160 mg qd) or abiraterone (1000 mg qd + prednisone [5 mg bid])
BICR, blinded independent central review



TRITON2: A Phase 2 Study of Rucaparib in Patients with Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer (mCRPC) Associated with Homologous Recombination Repair (HRR) Gene Alterations

Figure 3. Best Change from Baseline in PSA (n=84)

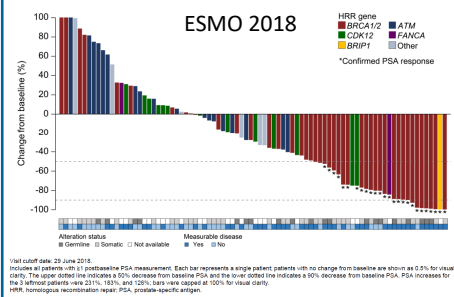


Figure 4. Best Change from Baseline in PSA in Rucaparib-Treated Patients with BRCA1/2 Alteration (n=96)

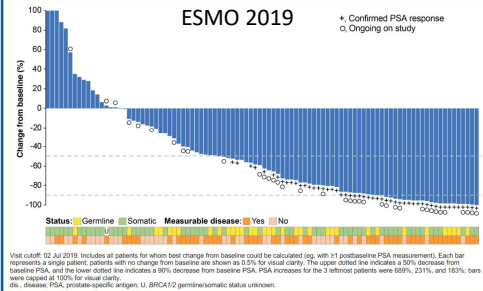
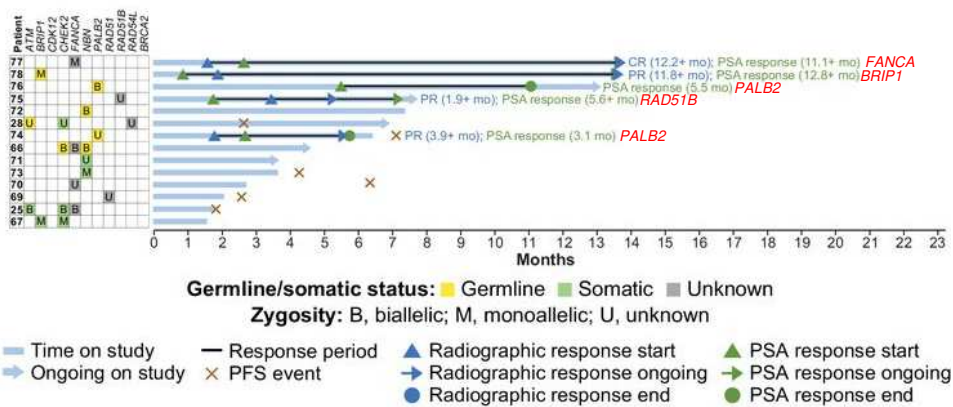


Table 4. Clinical Benefit Rates in Rucaparib-Treated Patients^a

	DDR gene				
	BRCA1/2	ATM	CDK12	CHEK2	Other
6 mo, n/N (%)	47/84 (56.0)	14/48 (29.2)	3/14 (21.4)	2/3 (66.7)	6/12 (50.0)
[95% CI]	[44.7–66.8]	[17.0–44.1]	[4.7–50.8]	[9.4–99.2]	[21.1–78.9]
12 mo, n/N (%)	13/53 (24.5)	2/25 (8.0)	1/14 (7.1)	0/1 (0)	3/9 (33.3)
[95% CI]	[13.8–38.3]	[1.0–26.0]	[0.2–33.9]	[0.0–97.5]	[7.5–70.1]

Visit cutoff: 02 Jul 2019.
^aClinical benefit rate was the proportion of patients without radiographic progression per modified RECIST/PCWG3 criteria (per investigator assessment) who were ongoing with treatment through the indicated time interval.
 CI, confidence interval; DDR, DNA damage repair; PCWG3, Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Working Group 3; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors version 1.1.

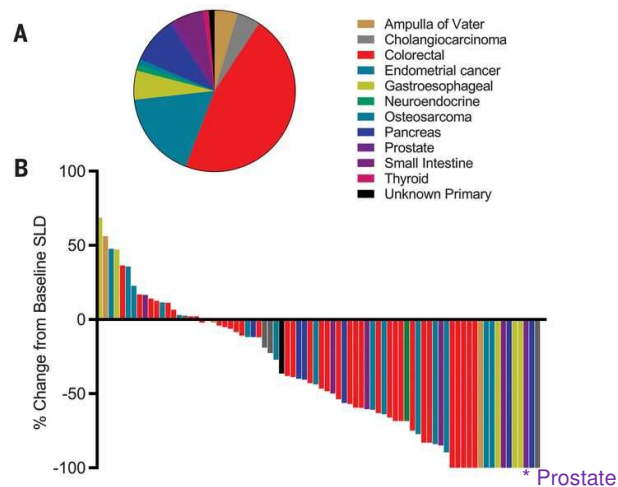
Non-BRCA DNA Damage Repair Gene Alterations and Response to the Rucaparib: Analysis From the Phase II TRITON2 Study



PARP inhibitors - Conclusions

- Approved by the US Food and Drug Administration in May 2020
 - Olaparib - mCRPC patients (**post AR-directed therapy**) with deleterious or suspected deleterious germline or somatic **homologous recombination repair gene mutation**
 - Rucaparib - mCRPC patients (**post AR-directed therapy AND taxane**) with deleterious germline or somatic **BRCA gene mutation**
- Clear benefit to patients with mutations in *BRCA2* (and likely *BRCA1*)
- Unclear benefit in patients with mutations in *ATM*, *CHEK2*, *CDK12*
- ? Benefit in patients with mutations in genes canonically involved in HR (*PALB2*, *FANCA*, *RAD51C/D*, *RAD52*, *RAD54L*)

Mismatch repair deficiency predicts response of solid tumors to PD-1 blockade

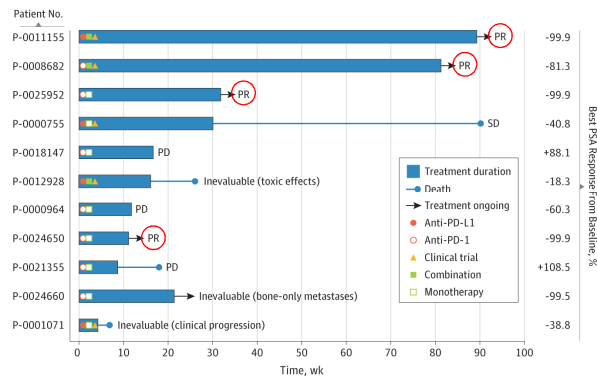


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Analysis of the Prevalence of Microsatellite Instability in Prostate Cancer and Response to Immune Checkpoint Blockade

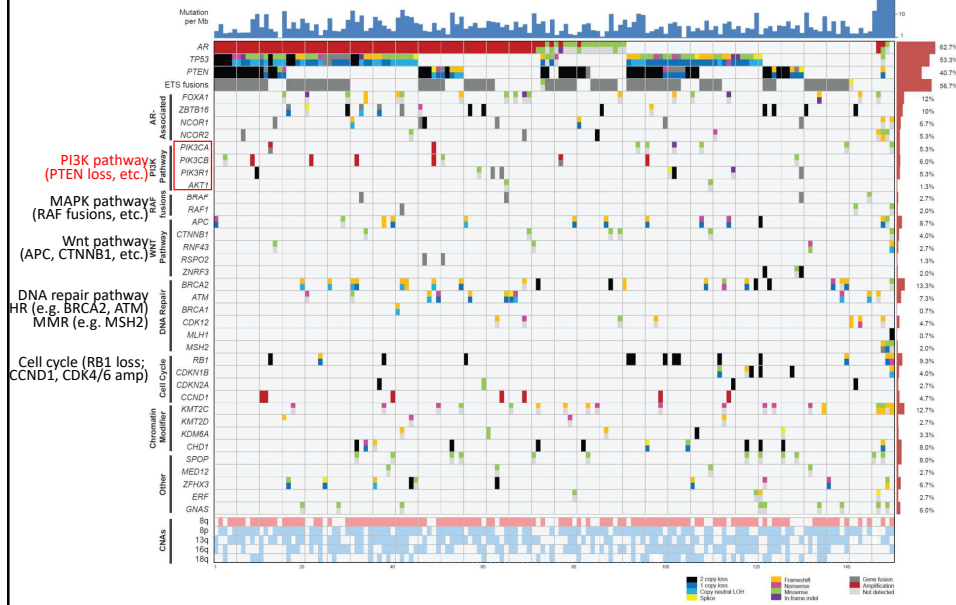
1346 PrCa pts underwent MSK-IMPACT testing

- 32 of 1033 patients (3.1%) with adequate tumor quality for analysis had MSI-H/dMMR disease
- 11 treated with anti-PD1/PD-L1 CPI
- 6 of 11 (54.5%) with PSA response, of whom 4 also had radiographic responses
- 5 of the 6 responders still on therapy for as long as 89 weeks

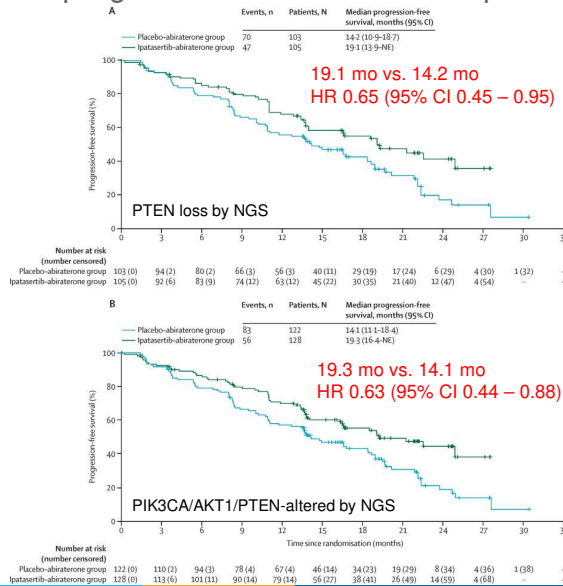


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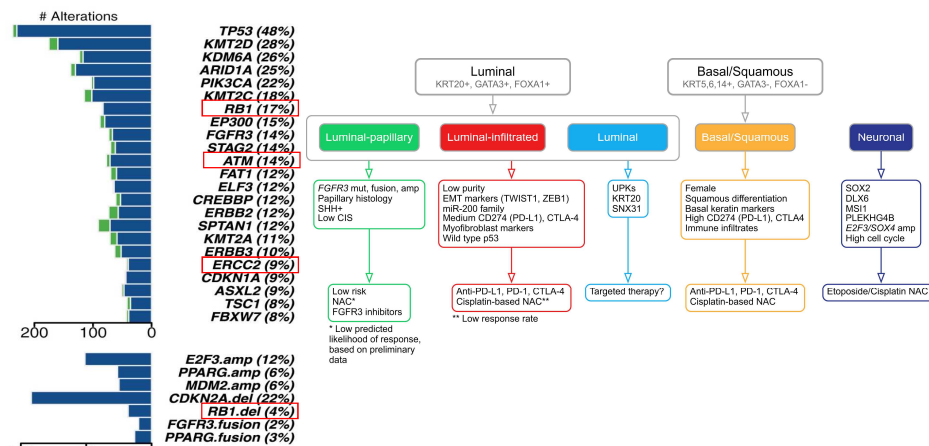


The AKT inhibitor ipatasertib with abiraterone prolongs radiographic progression-free survival compared to placebo

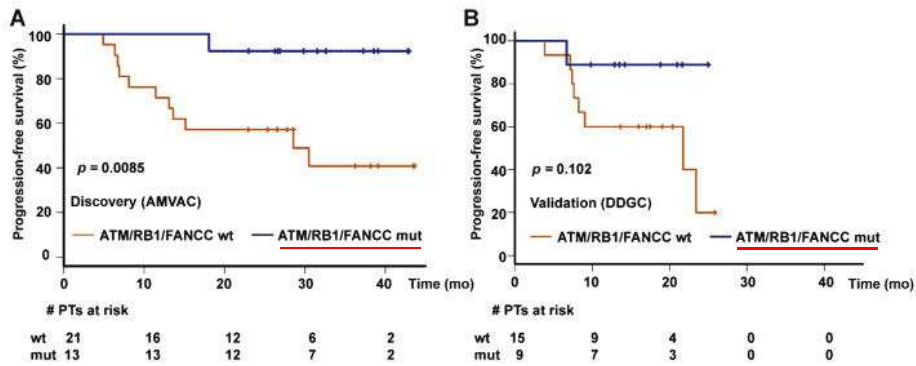


Biology of Urothelial Carcinoma

Molecular heterogeneity but target-rich environment

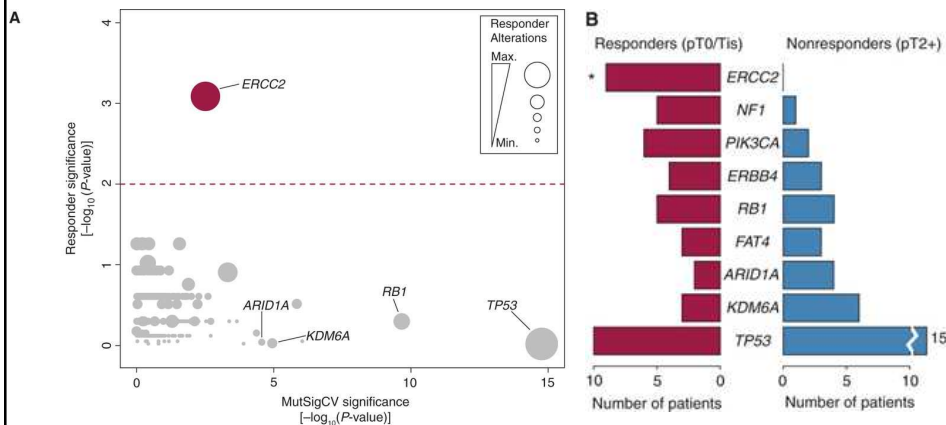


Association of molecular features with response to cisplatin-based chemotherapy



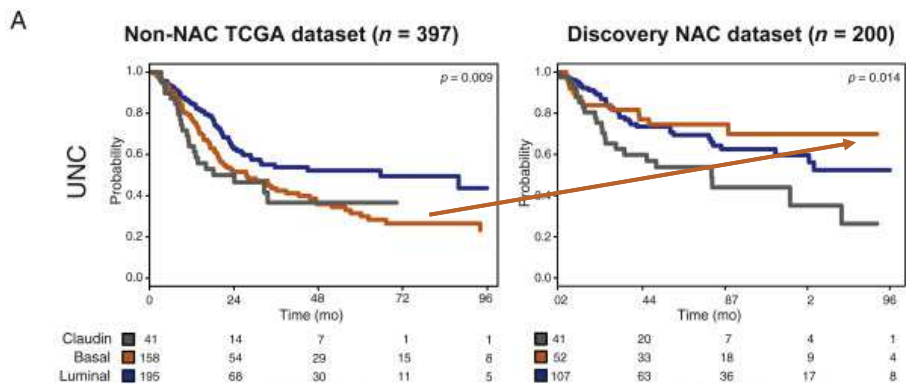
DNA repair gene variants associated with pCR and prolonged PFS

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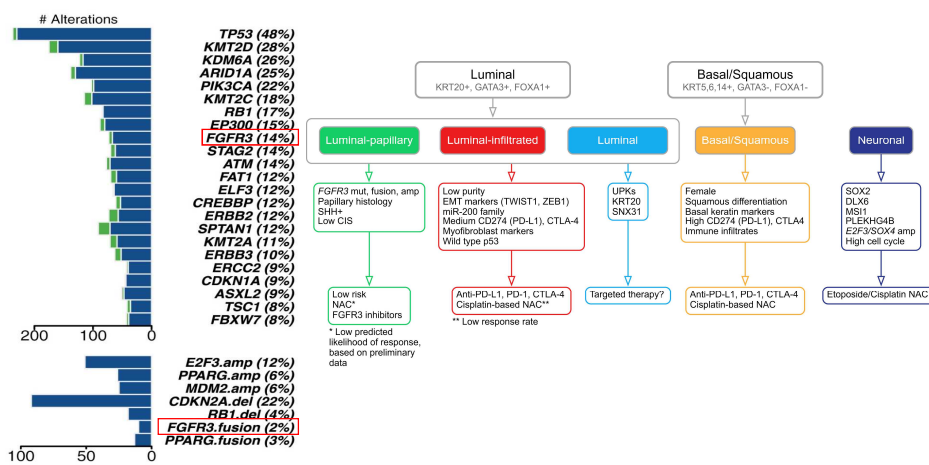
ERCC2 mutations associated with pCR → Bladder sparing approach for those with somatic ERCC2 mutations planned to be prospectively investigated

Association of molecular features with response to cisplatin-based chemotherapy



Basal gene expression subtype showed most improvement in OS with NAC

Biology of Urothelial Carcinoma Molecular heterogeneity but target-rich environment



Erdafitinib: Antitumor Activity in Post-Platinum mUC With FGFR3/2 Activating Mutations/Fusions (RT-PCR)

		[95% CI]
Patients, n	99	
Response per investigator assessment ^a , n (%)		
ORR	40 (40.4)	[30.7-50.1]
CR	3 (3.0)	
PR	37 (37.4)	
SD	39 (39.4)	
PD	18 (18.2)	
Unknown	2 (2.0)	
Median time to response	1.4 months	
Median duration of response	5.6 months	[4.2-7.2]
ORR among patient subgroups, n (%)		
Chemo-naïve	5/12 (41.7)	
Progressed or relapsed after chemo	35/87 (40.2)	
With visceral metastases	30/78 (38.5)	
Without visceral metastases	10/21 (47.6)	

FGFR gene fusions (RT-PCR)

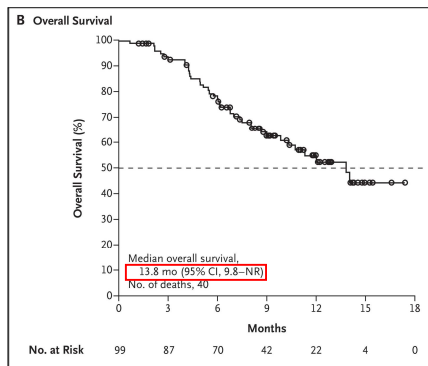
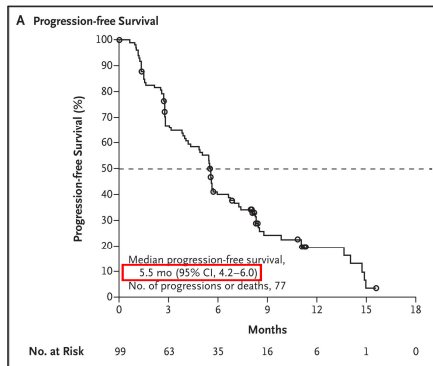
FGFR3-TACC3, FGFR3-BAIAP2L1, FGFR2-BICC1, FGFR2-CASP7 (n=6)

FGFR3 gene mutations (RT-PCR)

R248C, S249C, G370C, Y373C

^aConfirmed with second scan at least 6 weeks following the initial observation of response.

Erdafitinib: PFS and OS

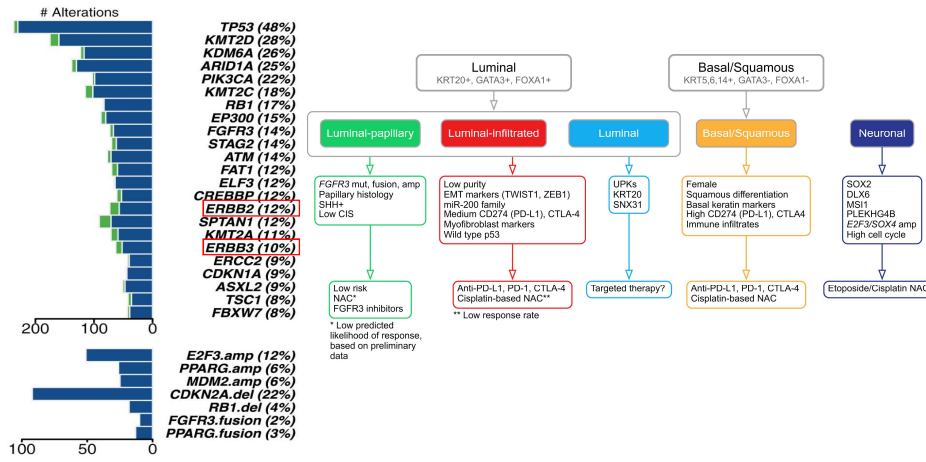


FDA-approved for locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma that has

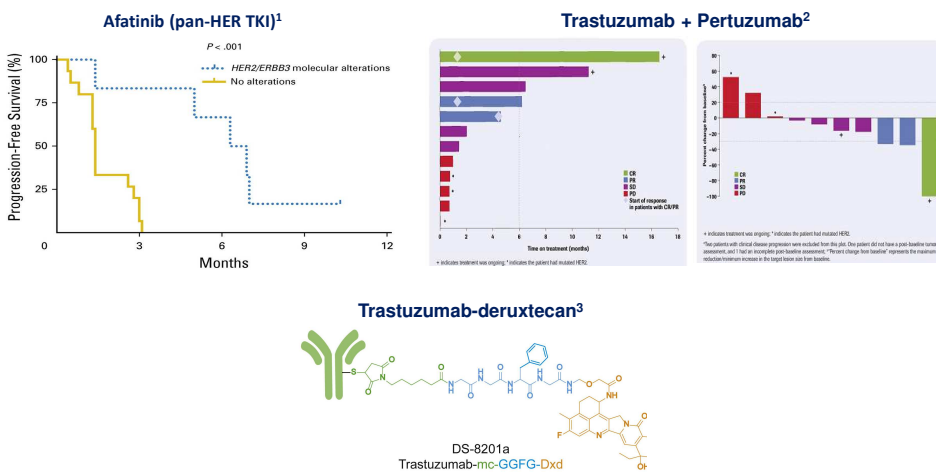
- susceptible FGFR3 or FGFR2 genetic alterations and
- progressed during or following at least one line of prior platinum containing chemotherapy including within 12 months of neoadjuvant or adjuvant platinum-containing chemotherapy.

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HER2/3 Kinase Inhibitors in Urothelial Carcinoma



Response rates and median overall survival with anti-PD-1/PD-L1 blockade in metastatic urothelial carcinoma

	Medication	Phase	# Patients	ORR (%)	PFS (m.)	OS (m.)	PD-L1 Response
Metastatic 2nd Line Therapy	Atezolizumab	I	100	21.0	–	8	–
		II	310	15.0	2.1	7.9	PD-L1 on IC > 5% associated with ORR, testing not required for treatment (1)
	Pembrolizumab	III P	270	21.6	2.1	10.3	PD-L1 TC and IC composite score > 10%, no difference in ORR or mOS (2)
		C	272	6.7	3.3	7.4	–
	Nivolumab	II	270	19.6	2.0	8.74	PD-L1 on TC > 1% not associated with ORR but associated with OS (3)
	Avelumab	Ib/II	241	17.6	1.6	7.0	PD-L1 on TC > 5% associated with improved ORR, no OS data as of yet (4)
	Durvalumab	Ib	191	17.8	–	–	Composite biomarker of PD-L1 > 25% on TC or IC predicts response rates, approved companion diagnostic (5)
Metastatic 1st Line*	Atezolizumab	II	100	23.0	2.7	15.9	PD-L1 on IC not associated with improved ORR or mOS (6)
	Pembrolizumab	II	370	29.0	–	–	PD-L1 TC and IC composite score with cutoff of 10%, no difference noted in ORR (7)

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FDA update 6/19/18

FDA limited use of pembrolizumab and atezolizumab in 1st line due to decreased survival compared to platinum-based chemotherapy in patients with low PD-L1.

KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab) is indicated for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who:

- Are **not eligible for cisplatin**-containing therapy and whose tumors **express PD-L1** (Combined Positive Score ≥ 10 by **Dako PD-L1 IHC 22C3 PharmDx Assay**), or
- In patients who are **not eligible for any platinum**-containing chemotherapy **regardless of PD-L1 status**.

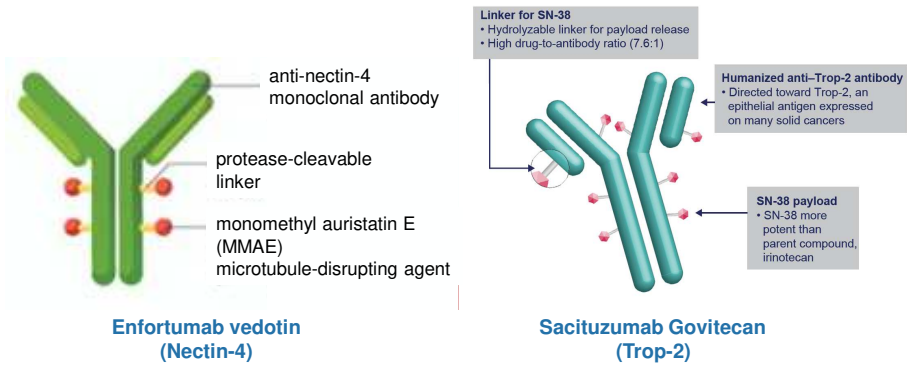
TECENTRIQ (atezolizumab) is indicated for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who:

- Are **not eligible for cisplatin**-containing therapy, and whose tumors **express PD-L1** (PD-L1 stained tumor-infiltrating immune cells [IC] covering $\geq 5\%$ of the tumor area by **Ventana PD-L1 [SP142] Assay**)
- Are **not eligible for any platinum**-containing therapy **regardless of PD-L1 status**.

➤ Carboplatin-containing chemo preferred over pembro/atezo for 1st line tx if PD-L1 low

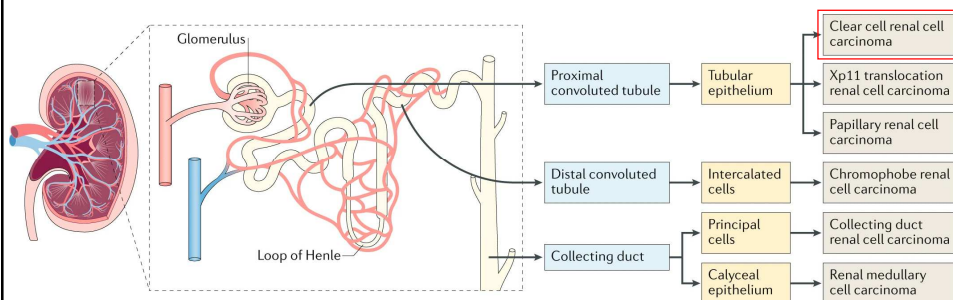


Antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs)

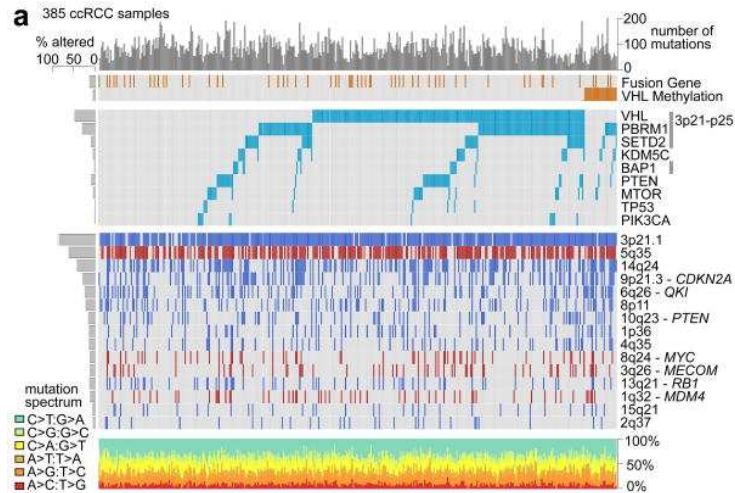


No biomarkers of response (Nectin-4 and Trop-2 levels not predictive)

Location and cell of origin of RCC histological subtypes



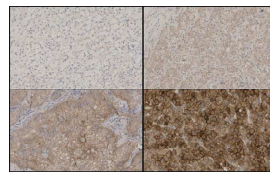
Comprehensive molecular characterization of clear cell renal cell carcinoma



Inactivation of von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) gene seen in familial and most sporadic clear cell RCC
 Leads to increased levels of hypoxia-inducible factors (HIF) and overexpression of HIF targets, such as VEGF
 VEGF-targeted agents are standard in advanced clear-cell RCC, but biomarkers of activity are lacking

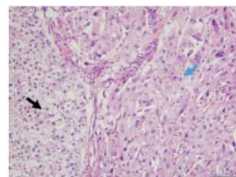
Current landscape of IO biomarker investigation in ccRCC

Immuno-histochemistry



PD-L1 IHC¹

Histology



Sarcomatoid histology²

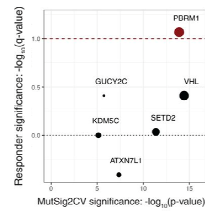
Benefit to 1st line IO combination over TKI alone regardless of PD-L1 status

- IO-IO (ipilimumab+nivolumab)
- TKI-IO (axitinib+pembrolizumab, cabozantinib+nivolumab, lenavatinib+pembrolizumab)

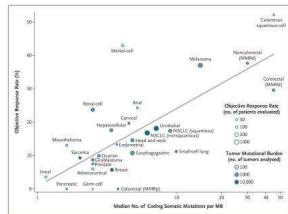
Multiple retrospective studies suggest preferential benefit to IO with sarcomatoid histology

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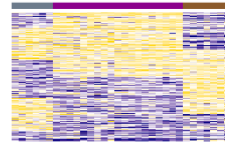
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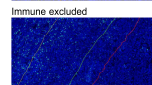
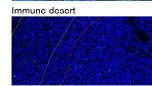
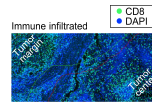
PBRM1 LOF mutations¹



Immune infiltration



Immune RNA signatures³



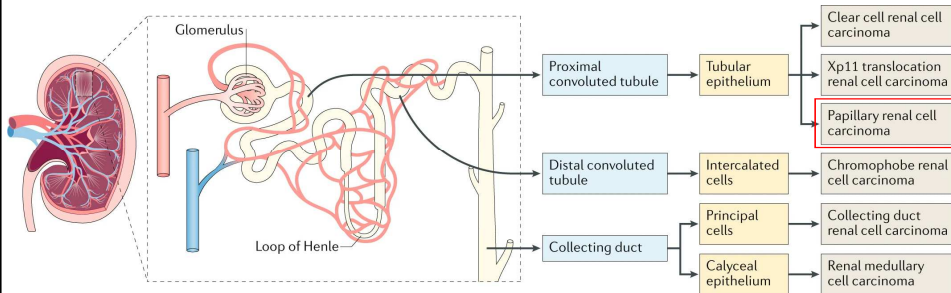
CD8⁺ infiltration⁴

Integration of biologically important features likely necessary to better predict benefit from IO in RCC

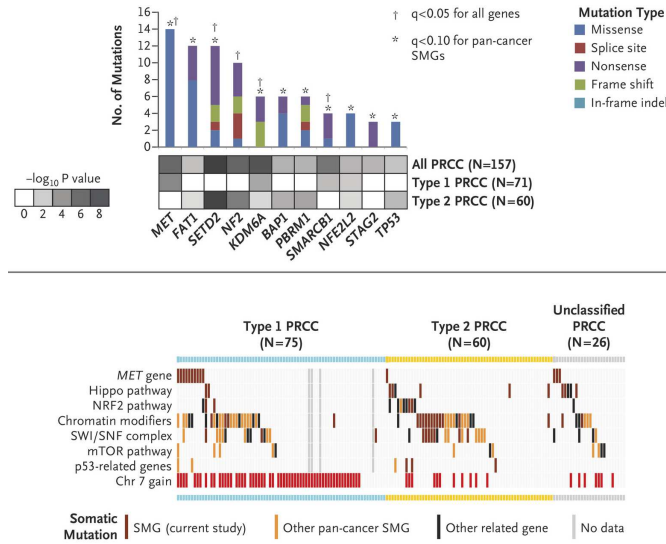


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Location and cell of origin of RCC histological subtypes



Comprehensive Molecular Characterization of Papillary Renal-Cell Carcinoma



Outcomes in clinical trials of MET-targeting agents in metastatic papillary renal cell carcinoma

Cohort size	Tissue source for analysis of MET mutations	Therapeutic agents	Overall PFS or TTF (months)	ORR (%)	Response in patients with MET alterations	Response in patients without MET alterations
74	Archival tumour tissue or liquid biopsy	Foretinib	9.3	13.5	Germline MET alterations: PR, 5/10; SD, 5/10 Patients with non-germline MET alterations: PR, 3/20; SD, 16/20	NA
50	Archival tumour tissue	Tivantinib or tivantinib-erlotinib	Tivantinib, 2; tivantinib-erlotinib, 3.9	0	PR or SD, 0/1	PR, 0/34; SD, 0/34
23	Archival tumour tissue	Crizotinib	5.8	17.4	PR, 2/4; SD, 1/4	PR, 1/16; SD, 11/16
109	Archival tumour tissue	Savolitinib	NA	7	PR, 8/44; SD, 22/44	PR, 0/46; SD, 11/46
37	Archival tumour tissue	Cabozantinib	6.9	32	PR, 4/10; SD, 4/10	PR, 7/27; SD, 15/27

Tissue-based molecular biomarkers in GU malignancies

- **Prostate cancer**
 - Gene expression-based genomic classifiers (Prolaris, onco*type* DX, Decipher)
 - Homologous recombination repair deficiency → olaparib or rucaparib (PARP inhibitor)
 - Mismatch repair deficiency → pembrolizumab (anti-PD1 checkpoint immunotherapy)
 - PTEN alteration → candidacy for trial of AKT inhibitor
 - **Urothelial cancer**
 - PD-L1+ by IHC → CPI (rather than carboplatin-based chemo) for 1st tx in cisplatin-ineligible patients
 - Activating FGFR2/3 alteration → erdafitinib (FGFR inhibitor)
 - **Kidney cancer**
 - MET alteration in papillary RCC → candidacy for trial of MET inhibitor
- Many others investigated but with limited clinical utility to date
- Targeted agents based on molecular biomarkers under study

FDA update 8/31/21

On 8/31/21, the FDA converted accelerated approval of pembrolizumab for first line treatment of locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma (UC) to full approval. Full approval was accompanied by a label change.

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Current full approval:

- Those who are **not eligible for any platinum**-containing chemotherapy

Cisplatin-ineligible patients who are eligible for another platinum-containing chemo (i.e. carboplatin) are not included in full approval regardless of PD-L1 status.

- PD-L1 is no longer a relevant biomarker for selection of pembrolizumab for 1st line treatment of UC.

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