Precision Medicine and the Reclassification of Cancer Divide and Conquer

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Question: Is it precision medicine or personalized medicine?

Answer: Both

"Precisionalized Medicine"

The Pillars of Precision Cancer Medicine

Genomics Immunotherapy





Precision Medicine Lessons Learned

- → Use combinations of matched drugs for metastatic or complex tumors
- \rightarrow Treat newly-diagnosed patients
- → Omics is a disruptive technology; retrofitting the reality unveiled into traditional paradigms is suboptimal
- \rightarrow Harness the immune system
- Transformative changes will require new models for clinical research and practice

Why are cancers difficult to treat?

Divide and Conquer



Agents work only in those with a sensitizing aberration



Braiteh....Kurzrock, MCT 2007

Munoz J, Swanton C, Kurzrock R, Molecular Profiling and the Reclassification of Cancer; Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book. 2013:

Sharma, Nat Rev Cancer 2010

What can patients expect from traditionally approved drugs ?			
Drug	Tumor	Survival Gain	Complete remission
gemcitabine	pancreas	1.5 months	≈ 0%
bevacizumab	colon	2.2 months	≈ 0%
erlotinib	pancreas	🔿 11 days	≈ 0%
bevacizumab	NSCLC	2 months	≈0%
sorafenib	renal	2 months	≈0%
temozolamide	glioblastoma	2.5 months	≈0%
docetaxel	prostate	2.4 months	≈0%
cetuximab	colon	1.5 months	≈ 1-2 %

Master Protocol

Profile-Related Evidence Determining

Individualized Cancer Therapy



- Histology-Independent targeted approach
- Multiple molecular aberrations assessed
- Patients matched with targeted agents

The Reclassification of Cancer

PIK3CA mutations were found in 10% of 1,000 patients with advanced cancers

- Endometrial cancers (29%)
- Breast cancers (24%)
- Colon cancers (17%)
- Ovarian cancers (14%)
- Lung cancer (13%)
- Head and neck squamous cell cancers (13%)
- Pancreatic cancers (13%)

Molecular aberrations do not segregate well by organ of origin

Matching patients with targeted drugs increases response rates

Matched therapyTherapy without matchingN=175N=116Complete/Partial Response = 27%Complete/Partial Response = 5%0 < .0001



Janku....Kurzrock, MCT, 2011; Tsimberidou..... Kurzrock, CCR, 2012; Janku.....Kurzrock, JCO, 2012; Janku.....Kurzrock, Cell Reports, 2014

Partnering with the UCSD SuperComputer Center



What if every patient with metastatic disease is different?









Pt number

Molecular Results (Foundation Medicine)

PIK3CA amplification, SOX2 amplification, TP53 G302fs*42, FLT3 L260* 1 2 **AKT1 (E17K)** EGFR amplification, CCND1 amplification, CDKN2A/B loss, 4 FGFR1 amplification, MYC amplification, TP53 P151A ERBB2 amplification, PIK3CA H1047L, AURKA amplification, TP53 R342P, 42 CREBBP P858S, ZNF217 amplification 25 ERBB2 amplification, MYC amplification, CDK6 amplification, TP53 R213^{*} 7 **ESR1 Y537S** 13 GATA3 *445fs*2+ RET C634R, GATA3 P436fs*11+ 16 AKT3 amplification, MYC amplification, MYCL1 amplification, TP53 R248Q 18 NF1 R1276Q 54

Tip of the Iceberg



Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) In Silico Modelling in Lung Cancer



Tsigelny....Kurzrock, Oncotarget

Strategies

Customized Combinations and Immunotherapy for Advanced Disease

Treat Newly-Diagnosed Disease

Transforming Outcomes in Solid Tumors?

Is It About Time?

Lessons from the Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) Story A Fatal Disease Transformed

- Median survival in 1980s was about 4 years
- Median survival in 2012 is 20+ years



Treatment of Medulloblastoma with Hedgehog Pathway Inhibitor GDC-0449

N ENGLJ MED 361;12 NEJM.ORG SEPTEMBER 17, 2009



Figure 1. Tumor Response on Positron-Emission Tomographic (PET) Scanning.

Whole-body projections from ¹⁸F-fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG)–PET scans are shown. Panel A shows the pretreatment scan; Panel B, the repeat scan after 2 months of therapy with the hedgehog pathway inhibitor GDC-0449; and Panel C, the repeat scan after 3 months of therapy.

Response Rate of Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia Rises Rapidly in Newly Diagnosed Disease



Key factors leading to the revolution in outcome of chronic myelogenous disease

- Key factors:
 - Known driver target (Bcr-Abl)
 - Targeted agent (imatinib)
 - -Treat newly-diagnosed patients



Metastases = Blast Crisis in Leukemia

Tumor Microhetergoeneity



- Molecular profile can differ even within the single lesion
- Discrepancy between molecular profile of primary and metastic lesion (~20%).

Harnessing the immune system

Immunotherapy is revolutionizing cancer care Metastatic Melanoma: Long-term remissions



Robert et al. Melanoma.....N Engl J Med 2015; 372:320-330

Combinatorial immune blockade is likely the rule, not the exception

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab in Advanced Melanoma

Jedd D. Wolchok, M.D., Ph.D., Harriet Kluger, M.D., Margaret K. Callahan, M.D., Ph.D., Michael A. Postow, M.D., Naiyer A. Rizvi, M.D., Alexander M. Lesokhin, M.D., Neil H. Segal, M.D., Ph.D., Charlotte E. Ariyan, M.D., Ph.D., Ruth-Ann Gordon, B.S.N., Kathleen Reed, M.S., Matthew M. Burke, M.B.A., M.S.N., Anne Caldwell, B.S.N., Stephanie A. Kronenberg, B.A., Blessing U. Agunwamba, B.A., Xiaoling Zhang, Ph.D., Israel Lowy, M.D., Ph.D., Hector David Inzunza, M.D., William Feely, M.S., Christine E. Horak, Ph.D., Quan Hong, Ph.D., Alan J. Korman, Ph.D., Jon M. Wigginton, M.D., Ashok Gupta, M.D., Ph.D., and Mario Sznol, M.D.

- ASCO 2014 update
 - 2 year survival rate-79%
 - Comparison: datarbazine monotherapy 2 year survival rate- 18%
 - Prior therapies (1-3+) in 38%

Wolchok JD et al. N Engl J Med 2013;369:122-133

Predicting super-responders to immunotherapy

Biomarker
PDL-1 negative: 0-17%
PDL-1 positive: 36-100%

Patel and Kurzrock, MCT 2015

Unique characteristics

- Delayed responses with initial progression
- Subset of patients with advanced disease that have long-term complete remission (?cure)

Liquid Biopsy Program

Doing genomics on DNA from a small tube of blood sample

No tissue biopsy

~700 patients



Liquid Biopsy Program



→ Urine



Theoretically samples shed DNA from multiple metastatic sites.

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Lung Cancer Early Detection of Progression



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Actionable	67/171 (39%)	
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Detecting EGFR Amplifications in Ascites in Lung Cancer

Case No.	Age/Sex	Diagnosis	Tissue NGS ^a	Ascites ctDNA ^b
1	64/man	Adenocarcinoma of the lung, metastasis to pleura and peritoneum	CDK4 amplification ^c MDM2 amplification [Also, PCR-based assay (Response Genetics) of primary lung tumor in December 2010 was negative for EGFR, ROS1 and ALK aberrations] (March 2013, Pleural mass)	Somatic Mutations: EGFR amplification Total CNVs detected: 23 (May 2014)

Liquid biopsy applications

Customized combinations for advanced disease.

Need to know all genomic aberrations from multiple metastases Follow newlydiagnosed disease

Monitor resistance

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Precision Medicine Lessons from meta-analyses of 70,253 patients

Meta-Analyses Conducted

 Trials leading to FDA approval from trastuzumab (1998) until June 2013
 → 38,104 patients; 112 trials

2) Phase II studies published between
 → 32,149 patients; 570 trials

Summary of results Multivariable analysis: N = 38,104





Pooled analysis

Meta-analysis

CONCLUSIONS

 Non-personalized targeted arms led to poorer outcomes than cytotoxics arms

(All P<0.0001, except P=0.048 for OS meta-analysis).



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