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Can adaptive designs help to proceed in clinical trials in lung cancer? 5 reasons contra

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Adaptive designs



New paradigms...

treatments

patients



design

endpoints

Better treatments...

treatments

patients

Targeted drugs,
immunotherapies, ...

design



endpoints

Stratified patients...

treatments

Targeted drugs,
immunotherapies, ...

design



patients

Predictive biomarkers
(*EGFR, KRAS, BRAF, FGFR, NGS, ...*)

endpoints

Biomarker-based endpoints...

treatments

Targeted drugs,
immunotherapies, ...

design



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PD biomarkers

(molecular targets,
CTCs, cDNA,
functional imaging, ...)

Innovative trial designs...

treatments

Targeted drugs,
immunotherapies, ...



design

Biomarker-driven, Adaptive,
Bayesian, Platform, ...

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Example of a
Bayesian Adaptive Design
for patients with NSCLC
refractory to chemotherapy

Enrollment into BATTLE umbrella protocol



Blomarker profiling, marker group assignment,
and adaptive randomization

Biomarker group					
Biomarker	1	2	3	4	5
EGFR	+	–	–	–	–
K-ras/B-raf	×	+	–	–	–
VEGF/VEGFR	×	×	+	–	–
RXR/Cyclin D1	×	×	×	+	–
Percentage	15%	20%	30%	25%	10%

Putative
treatment

Erlotinib

Sorafenib

Vandetanib

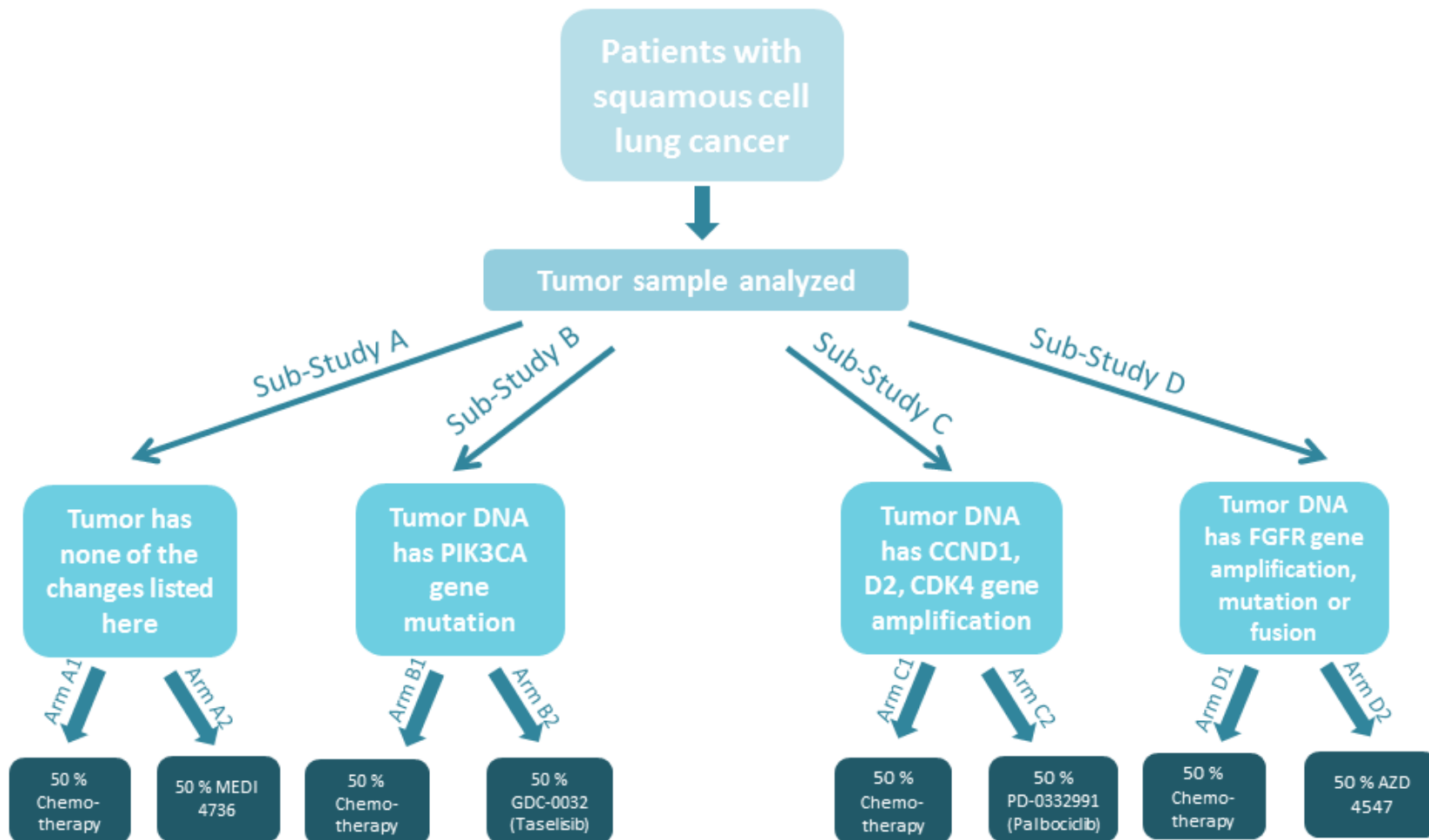
Erlotinib +
Bexarotene

Refs: Zhou et al, Clinical Trials 2008;5:181-93; Lee et al, Clinical Trials 2010; 7:584-596; Kim et al, Cancer Discov 2011;1:44-53.

Example of a
stratified, randomized, master protocol
trial for 2nd line treatment of patients
with squamous cell NSCLC



Lung-MAP Sub-Studies for Treatment



Comparison between BATTLE and LUNG-MAP

Innovative treatments

BATTLE

Targeted agents

(erlotinib, vandetanib,
bexarotene, sorafenib)



Docetaxel

vs. targeted agents
(MEDI4736, palbociclib,
taselisib, AZD4547)

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Stratified patients

BATTLE

5 biomarker groups
based on putative
predictive factors



4 sub-studies based
on established
predictive factors

Biomarker-based endpoints

BATTLE

8-week DCR



PFS and OS

Biomarker-based endpoints

BATTLE



8-week DCR

PFS and OS



Is 8-week DCR a good predictor of PFS/OS?

Innovative design

BATTLE

Bayesian Adaptive



Stratified Randomized

Innovative design

BATTLE



Bayesian Adaptive

Stratified Randomized



- *Bayesian: requires prior distribution of 8-week DCR by treatment by biomarker group*
- *Adaptive: allocates more patients to "better" treatment*

On the inefficiency of the adaptive design for monitoring clinical trials

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For any adaptive design, one can always construct a standard group-sequential test based on the sequential likelihood ratio test statistic that, for any parameter value in the space of alternatives, will reject the null hypothesis earlier with higher probability, and, for any parameter value not in the space of alternatives, will accept the null hypothesis earlier with higher probability.

Outcome-Adaptive Randomization: Is it Useful?

Edward L. Korn and Boris Freidlin

With no differential patient accrual rates because of the trial design, we find no benefits to outcome-adaptive randomization over 1:1 randomization, and we recommend the latter. If it is thought that the patient accrual rates will be substantially higher because of the possibility of a higher proportion of patients being randomly assigned to the experimental treatment (because the trial will be more attractive to patients and clinicians), we recommend using a fixed 2:1 randomization instead of an outcome-adaptive randomization.

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The magic world of adaptive designs...

Adaptive designs are required / useful
when biomarkers are available



The magic world of adaptive designs...

Adaptive designs are required / useful



when big errors are available

wrong



to test many treatments at once



The magic world of adaptive designs...

Adaptive designs are required / useful



when big numbers are available

wrong



to test multiple treatments at once

wrong



to make trials more ethical



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