

Personalized medicine in head and neck cancer

CONCLUSION AND CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES

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• **SF:** Honoraria from Merck, Novartis.



Trials of 2e line for advanced HNSCC in ALL COMERS...

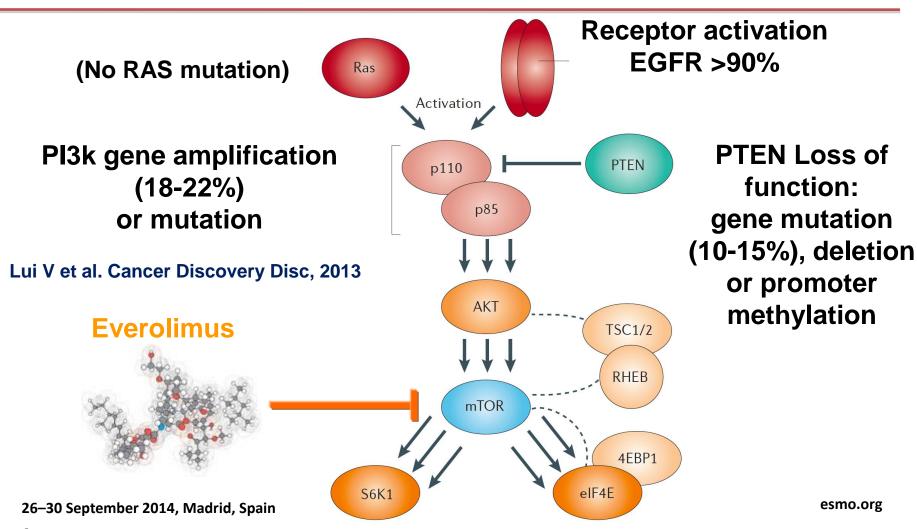
1st line including EGFR inhibitors

Other
Targeted
Therapies
(PI3K-I, CXCR4-I)

Optimisation
EGFR-I
(Broad spectrum inhibitors)



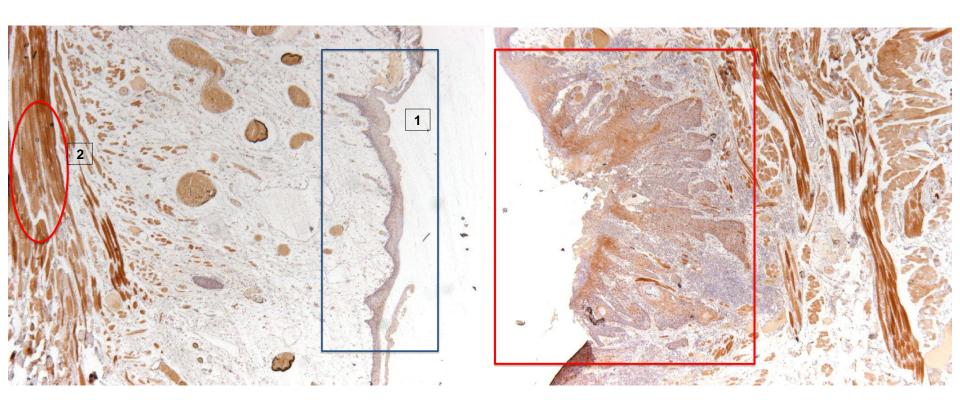
The PI3K/mTOR pathway is frequently activated in HNSCC



Faivre et al. Nat Rev Drug Disc, 2006

Prognostic value of the chemokine receptor CXCR4 and epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition in patients with squamous cell carcinoma of the mobile tongue *

CXCR4 Expression (IHC)



Albert S, Oral Oncol 2012



Deciphering ACC biology using molecular genetics



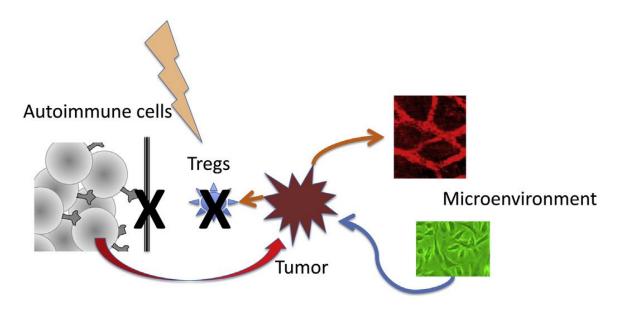
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Active immunotherapy for head and neck cancers: Induction of T cell response

Tumor immunotherapy:

Antibodies to endogenous suppressor pathways (anti-PD1, anti-CTLR4) block Tregs & unleash autoimmune anti-tumor effector immunity.

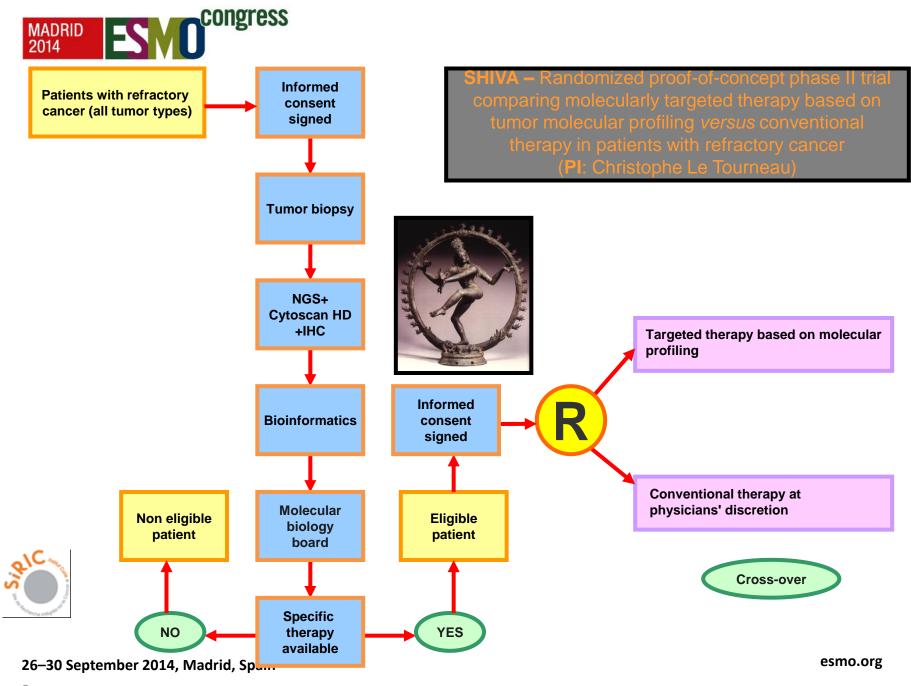


Cohen IR. Journal of Autoimmunity 2014



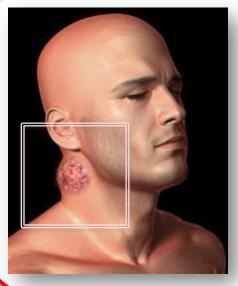
From all comers... to PERSONALIZED therapeutic approach

Determination of drugable targets (PI3K/mTOR, PD1...) **EGFR** overexpressing tumors (SCC) Identification of resistance pathways





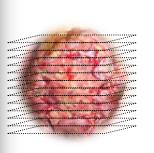
Ex Vivo evaluation of drugs in HNSCC

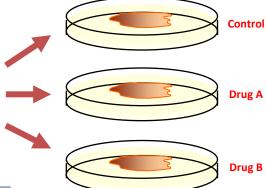


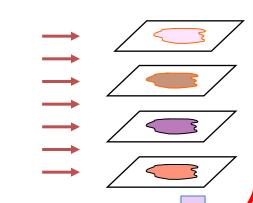
Biopsy under local anesthesia

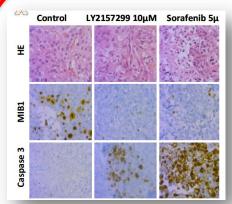
Fresh tumor-tissue cultured for 48h
To test targeted therapies

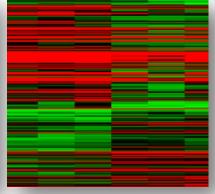
Biomarkers analysis by immunofluorescence



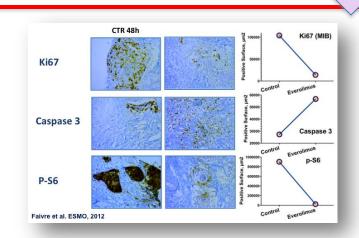








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Chemo-biogram

Effects of drugs on tissue biomarkers esmo.org



Conclusions

- ✓ New biological techniques allow better characterization of HN cancers
- ✓ Several targets (PI3K/mTOR, PD1) are currently emerging as promising to improve therapeutic options
- ✓ Modern design of clinical trials are warranted to include tumor biological profile
- ✓ A real breakthrough will result from testing new drugs in selected HN cancer patient subpopulations