

# Patient Journey

Approccio personalizzato al  
paziente e esperienze a  
confronto:  
Epatocarcinoma e  
Colangiocarcinoma

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# Caratterizzazione Molecolare nel Colangiocarcinoma Avanzato

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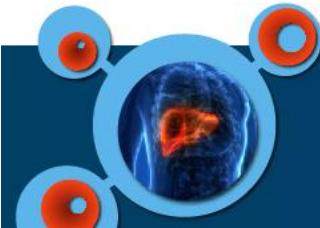
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# TOPICS

- Potentially actionable genetic alterations in CCAs (ESCAT-1 level)
- NGS as gold standard for Molecular Diagnostics
- Critical aspects in Molecular Typing

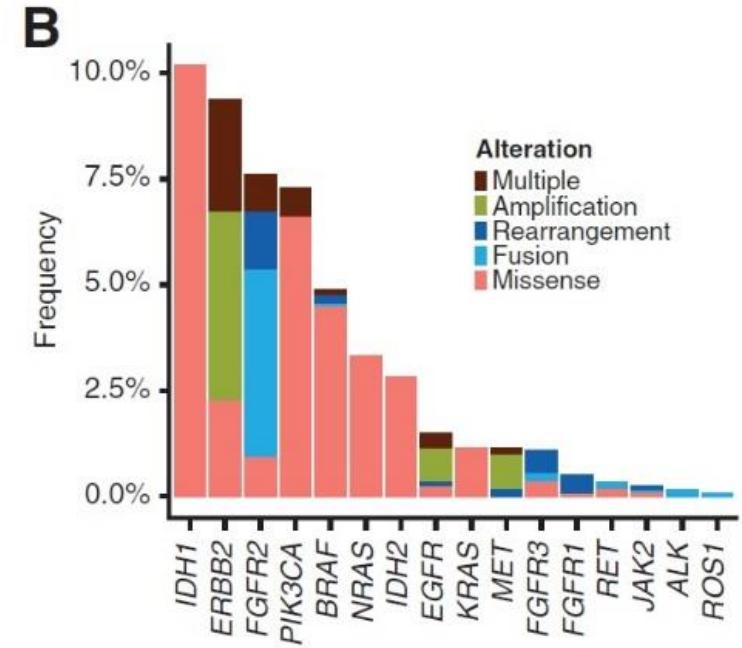
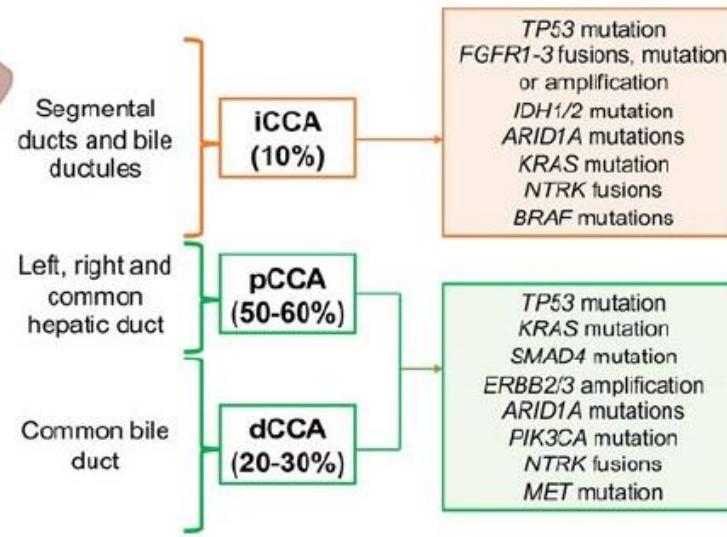
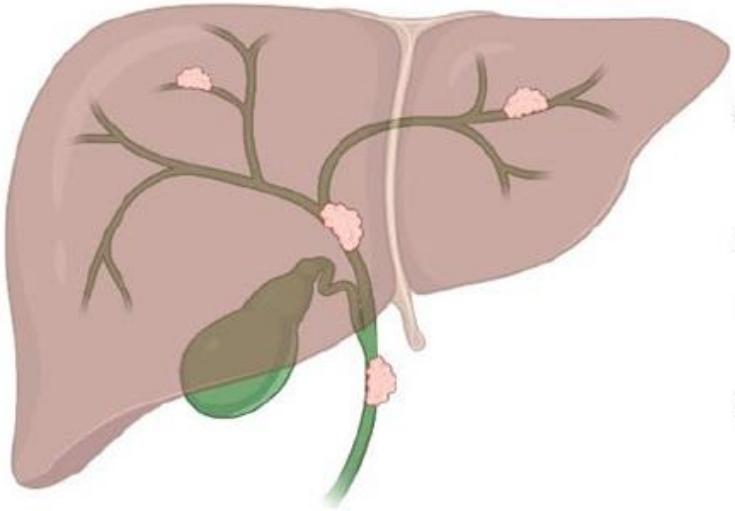


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# CCAs MUTATIONAL LANDSCAPE



Silverman et al. 2021

~40%

POTENTIALLY ACTIONABLE

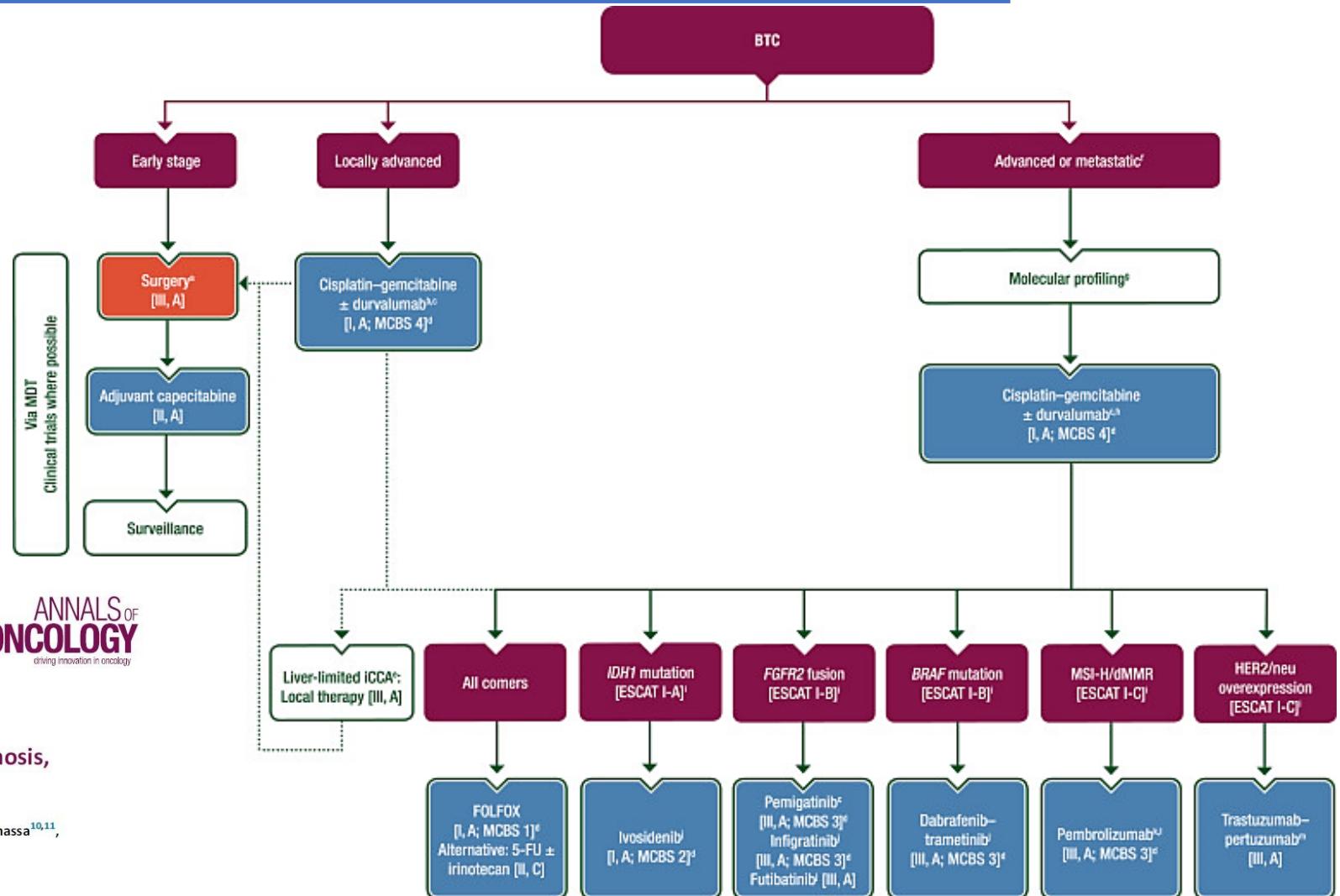
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# MAIN ACTIONABLE TARGETS IN CCAs



SPECIAL ARTICLE

Biliary tract cancer: ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up<sup>☆</sup>

A. Vogel<sup>1</sup>, J. Bridgewater<sup>2</sup>, J. Edeline<sup>3,4</sup>, R. K. Kelley<sup>5</sup>, H. J. Klümper<sup>6</sup>, D. Malka<sup>7,8</sup>, J. N. Primrose<sup>9</sup>, L. Rimassa<sup>10,11</sup>, A. Stenzinger<sup>12</sup>, J. W. Valle<sup>13,14</sup> & M. Ducreux<sup>8,15</sup>, on behalf of the ESMO Guidelines Committee

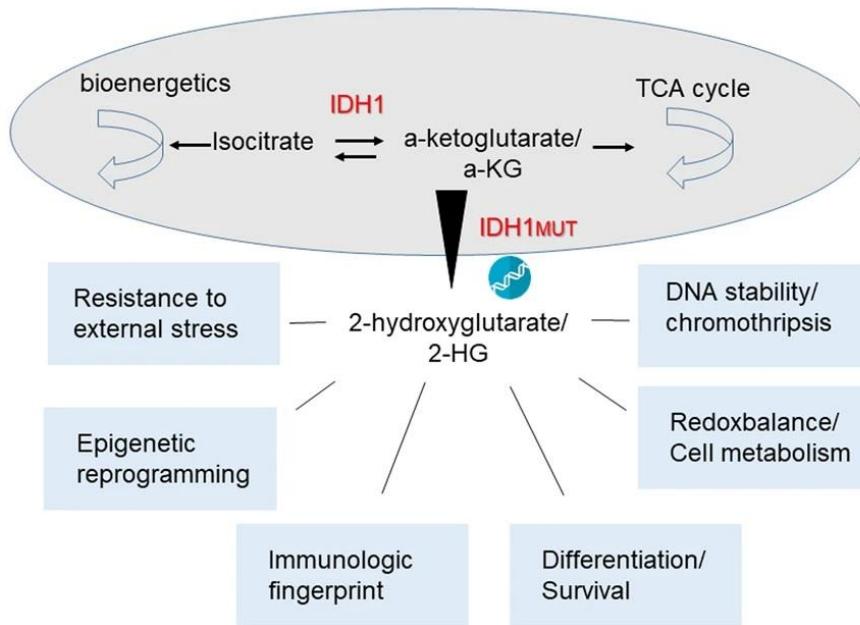
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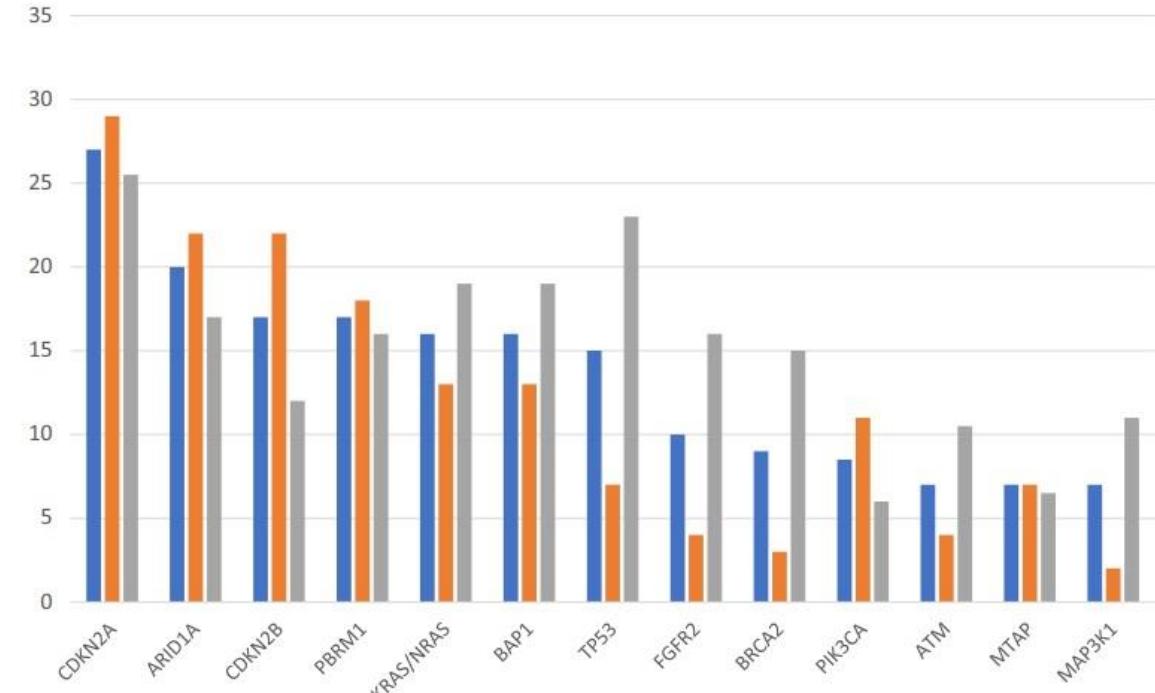
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# IDH1



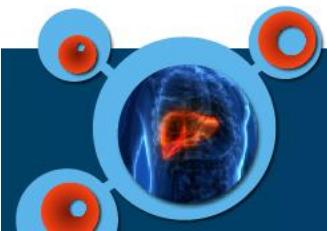
Mehrjardi et al. 2020

- IDH1 altered in ~15% iCCA;
- Most common alteration: codon R132 Missense;
- Treatment: Ivosidenib.



Rimini et al. 2022

- Common associations: CDKN2A-B, PBRM1; KRAS;
- Less common associations: TP53, BRCA2, FGFR2;
- Prognostic value?

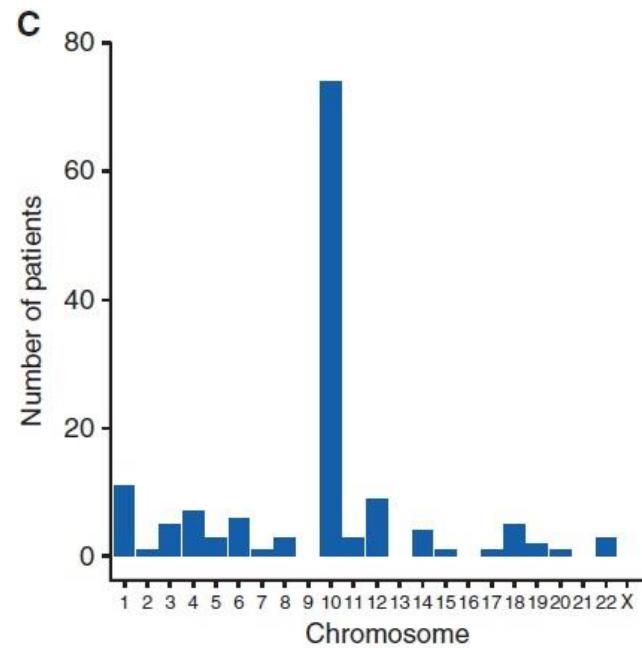
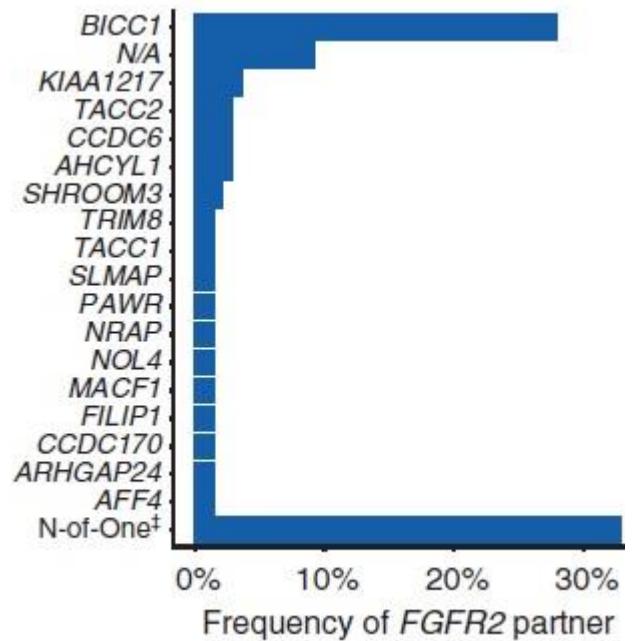
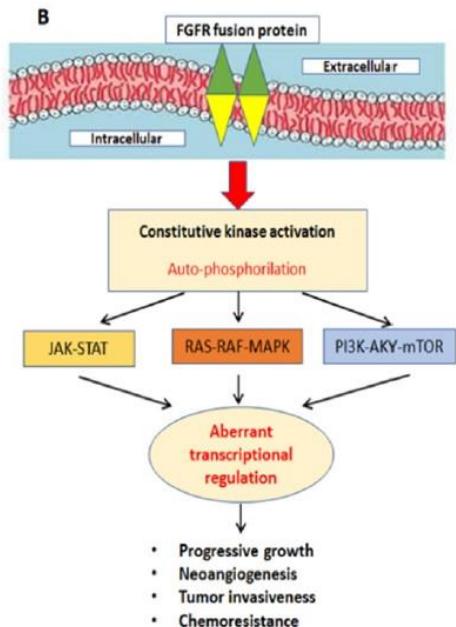
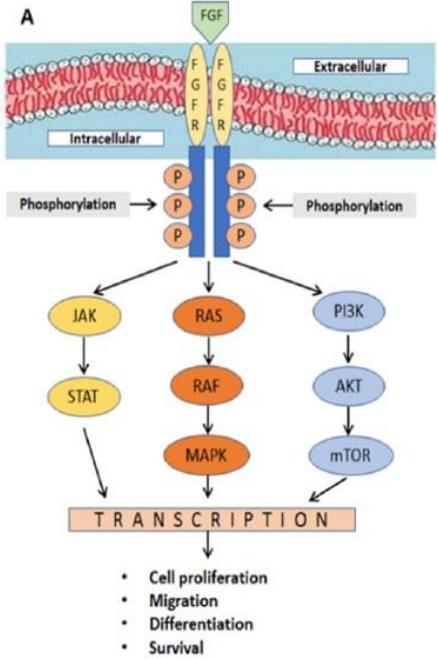


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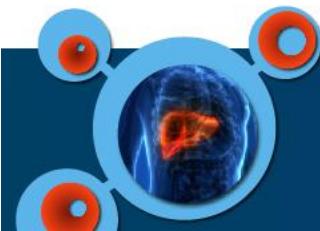
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# FGFR2



- FGFR2 altered in ~10% iCCA;
- Most common alteration: FGFR2 fusions;
- Treatment: Pemigatinib.

- Common partner: BICC1 (30%);
- Intrachromosomal Re-arrangement is common;
- Difficult molecular testing.



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# HER2, BRAF

HER2 Amplification  
(~10% CCA)

**Pertuzumab and trastuzumab for HER2-positive, metastatic biliary tract cancer (MyPathway): a multicentre, open-label, phase 2a, multiple basket study**

Milind Javle, Mitesh J Borad, Nilofer S Azad, Razelle Kurzrock, Ghassan K Abou-Alfa, Ben George, John Hainsworth, Funda Meric-Bernstam, Charles Swanton, Christopher J Sweeney, Claire F Friedman, Ron Bose, David R Spigel, Yong Wang, Jonathan Levy, Katja Schulze, Vaikunth Cuchelkar, Arisha Patel, Howard Burris

Lancet 2021

PERTUZUMAB/TRASTUZUMAB

BRAF V600E Mutation  
(~5% CCA)

**Dabrafenib plus trametinib in patients with BRAF<sup>V600E</sup>-mutated biliary tract cancer (ROAR): a phase 2, open-label, single-arm, multicentre basket trial**

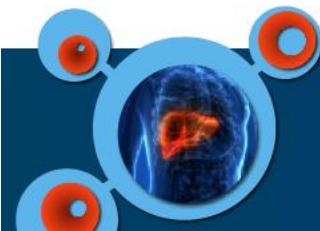
Vivek Subbiah, Ulrik Lassen, Elena Élez, Antoine Italiano, Giuseppe Curigliano, Milind Javle, Filippo de Braud, Gerald W Prager, Richard Greil, Alexander Stein, Angelica Fasolo, Jan H M Schellens, Patrick Y Wen, Kert Viele, Aislyn D Boran, Eduard Gasal, Paul Burgess, Palanichamy Ilankumaran, Zev A Wainberg

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DABRAFENIB/TRAMETINIB

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NTRK1,2,3 Fusions  
(<1% CCA)

# NTRK, MSI

## Entrectinib in patients with advanced or metastatic NTRK fusion-positive solid tumours: integrated analysis of three phase 1-2 trials

Robert C Doebele\*, Alexander Drilon\*, Luis Paz-Ares, Salvatore Siena, Alice T Shaw, Anna F Farago, Collin M Blakely, Takashi Seto, Byung Chul Cho, Diego Tosi, Benjamin Besse, Sant P Chawla, Lyudmila Bazhenova, John C Krauss, Young Kwang Chae, Minal Barve, Ignacio Garrido-Laguna, Stephen V Liu, Paul Conkling, Thomas John, Marwan Fakih, Darren Sigal, Herbert H Loong, Gary L Buchschacher Jr, Pilar Garrido, Jorge Nieva, Conor Steuer, Tobias R Overbeck, Daniel W Bowles, Elizabeth Fox, Todd Riehl, Edna Chow-Maneval, Brian Simmons, Na Cui, Ann Johnson, Susan Eng, Timothy R Wilson, George D Demetri, on behalf of the trial investigators

Lancet 2020

ENTRECTINIB/LAROTRECTINIB

dMMR/MSI  
(<1% CCA)

## Efficacy of Pembrolizumab in Patients With Noncolorectal High Microsatellite Instability/Mismatch Repair–Deficient Cancer: Results From the Phase II KEYNOTE-158 Study

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JCO 2019

PEMBROLIZUMAB

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# MOLECULAR TYPING OF CCAs: NGS



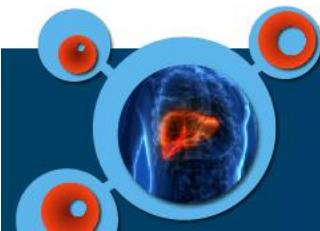
- Parallel Analysis of SNPs, InDels, Fusions, CNVs;
- Low Input DNA/RNA;
- Ready to Use Gene Panels;
- High Multiplexing capacity.



DNA					RNA		
Deletions, insertions, and substitutions					Copy number alternations		Fusions and splicing variants
AKT1	CTNNB1	FGFR4	MAP2K1	PTEN	AR	FGFR2	ALK
AKT2	EGFR	FLT3	MAP2K2	RAF1	EGFR	FGFR3	NRG1
AKT3	ERBB2	GNAS	MET	RET	ERBB2	KRAS	NTRK1
ALK	ERBB3	HRAS	NRAS	ROS1	ERBB3	MET	NTRK2
AR	ERBB4	IDH1	NTRK1	STK11	FGFR1	PIK3CA	NTRK3
ARAF	ESR1	IDH2	NTRK2	TP53			NUTM1
BRAF	FGFR1	KEAP1	NTRK3				RET
CDK4	FGFR2	KIT	PDGFRα				ROS1
CHEK2	FGFR3	KRAS	PIK3CA				RSP02

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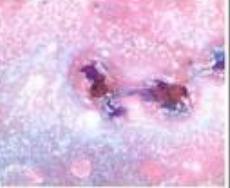
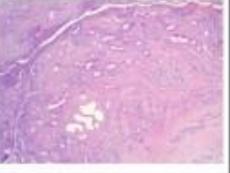


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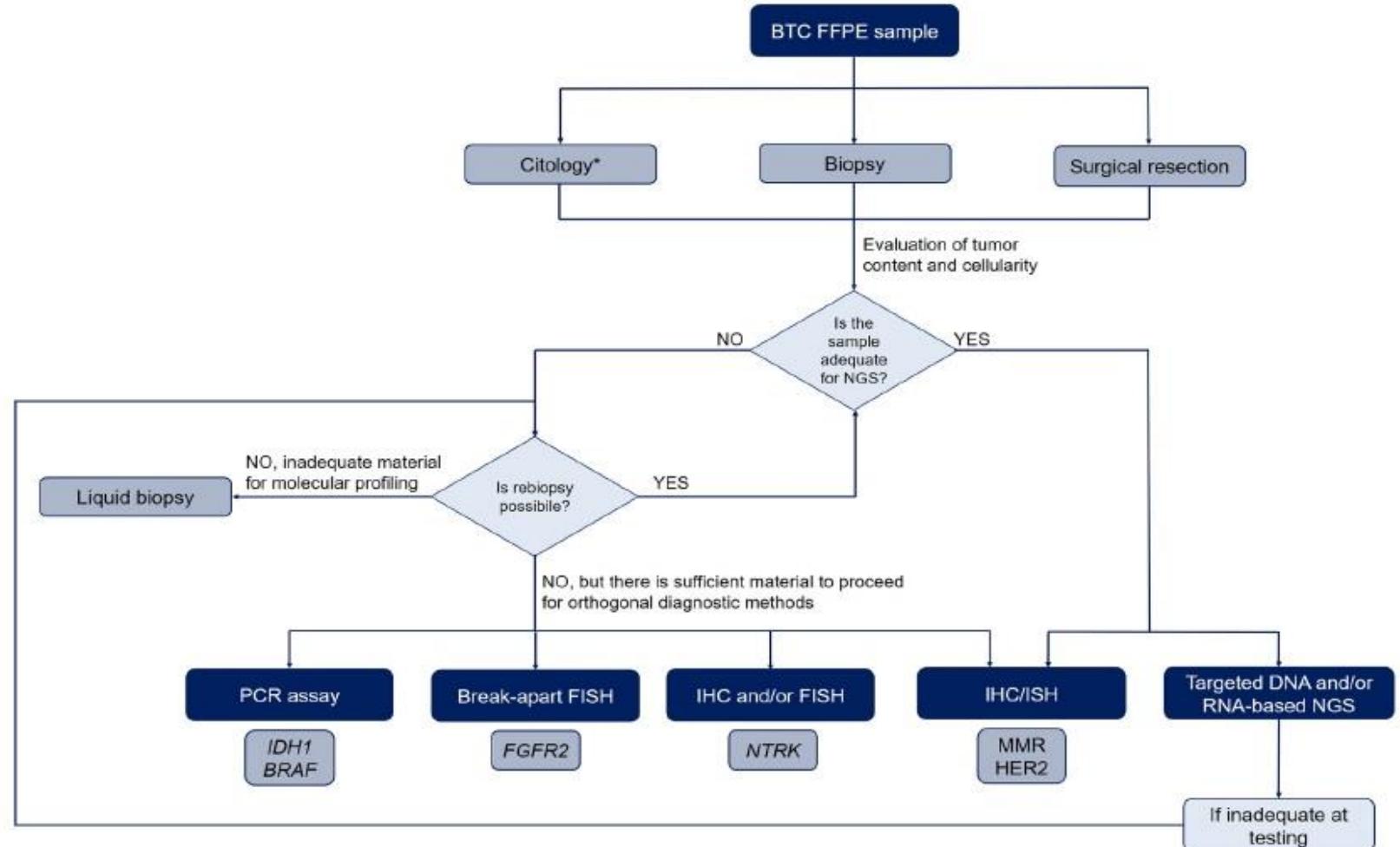
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# THE ROLE OF THE PATHOLOGIST

TYPE OF TISSUE AVAILABLE FOR TESTING	ANALYTIC PROBLEMS
Needle biopsy 	Small sample size Low cellularity Marked desmoplasia/necrosis
Surgical resection specimen 	Problems in pre-analytic variables (fixation, cold ischaemia etc)
Biliary brushing or microbiopsy 	Difficulty of diagnosis Extremely low cellularity
Surgical resection specimen 	Problems in pre-analytic variables (fixation, cold ischaemia etc)

Fassan et al. 2024

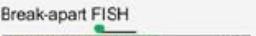
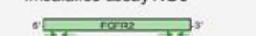
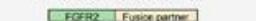
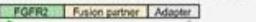
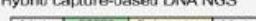


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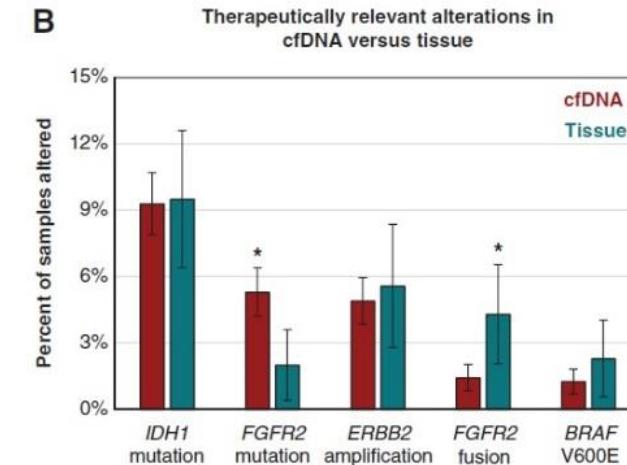
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# Best NGS Practice

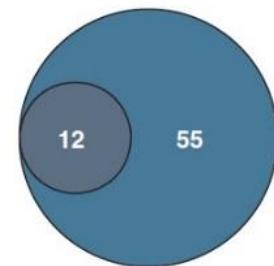
	Known partner	Unknown partner	Partner not in frame	Intergenic	Close partner	C-terminal deletion
Dual fusion probe FISH 	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗
Break-apart FISH 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
Imbalance assay NGS 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Amplicon-based NGS 	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
Single primer extension-based NGS 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hybrid capture-based RNA NGS 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hybrid capture-based DNA NGS 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Angerilli et al. 2023



Berchuck et al. 2022

D FGFR2 fusion concordance in cfDNA versus tissue



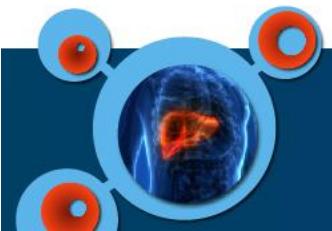
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NGS technology  
Should be  
Carefully  
selected:  
FGFR2 docet!

Liquid Biopsy:  
Poor  
performances  
in FGFR2 fusions  
detection.

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# Take Home Message

- Virtually, 40% of genetic alterations in CCA are actionable;
- ESCAT-1 level alterations in IDH1, FGFR2, HER2, BRAF, NTRK, MSI;
- NGS is the suggested standard for molecular diagnostics in CCAs;
- Gene associations may be helpful in molecular diagnostics;
- If material inadequate for NGS orthogonal techniques are required;
- Liquid Biopsy not still reliable for FGFR2 fusions.



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# THANK YOU!



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