Treatment of Non-Clear Cell Kidney Cancer

Past, Present, and Future

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Histologic Classification of Renal Cell Carcinoma



Non-clear cell Kidney Cancers:

- 15 20% of all kidney cancers
- Major types of Non-Clear Cell RCC:
 - Papillary type 1 and type 2
 - Chromophobe
 - Unclassified
- Several additional less common subtypes
- Sarcomatoid admixed with any RCC subtype

Clear Cell

Our understanding of the treatment of Non-Clear Cell RCC is *evolving*.

Single uniform entity \rightarrow spectrum of different diseases:

- distinctive molecular and genetic alterations
- differing clinical courses
- variable responses to treatment

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FIRST-LINE THERAPY FOR CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY						
Risk	Preferred regimens	Other recommended regimens	Useful under certain circumstances			
Favorable ^a	• Axitinib + pembrolizumab • Pazopanib • Sunitinib	 Ipilimumab + nivolumab Cabozantinib (category 2B) Axitinib + avelumab 	• Active surveillance ^b • Axitinib (category 2B) • High-dose IL-2 ^c			
Poor/ intermediate ^a	 Ipilimumab + nivolumab (category 1) Axitinib + pembrolizumab (category 1) Cabozantinib 	• Pazopanib • Sunitinib • Axitinib + avelumab	• Axitinib (category 2B) • High-dose IL-2 ^c • Temsirolimus ^d			

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SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR NON-CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY					
Preferred regimens	Other recommended regimens	Useful under certain circumstances			
• Clinical trial • Sunitinib	• Cabozantinib • Everolimus	 Axitinib Bevacizumab or biosimilar^e Erlotinib Lenvatinib + everolimus Nivolumab Pazopanib Bevacizumab or biosimilar^e + erlotinib for selected patients with advanced papillary RCC including hereditary leiomyomatosis and renal cell cancer (HLRCC) Bevacizumab or biosimilar^e + everolimus Temsirolimus^d (category 1 for poor-prognosis risk group; category 2A for other risk groups) 			

Two trials evaluated systemic treatments specifically in Non Clear Cell Disease. Head to Head comparison: Sunitinib versus Everolimus



Conclusion: VEGF-directed therapies are the 'standard' treatment for Non Clear Cell Disease (but with very modest clinical outcomes)

Treatment of Non-Clear Cell RCC: the PRESENT



- Non-clear cell RCC is a heterogeneous disease group
 - SPLITTERS (not LUMPERS)
- Each subtype bears a distinct biology
- Improved understanding of the molecular underpinnings of each subtype
- Defining characteristics based on chromosomal alterations, tumor metabolism, etc.

Treatment of Non-Clear Cell RCC: the PRESENT

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The Somatic Genomic Landscape of Chromophobe Renal Cell Carcinoma

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Clear Cell RCC

- Inactivation of VHL
- Mutations in chromatin remodeling pathways (PBRM1, SETD2, BAP1)
- Mutations in PI3K-Akt-mTOR pathway
- Loss of CDKN2A

Chromophobe RCC

- Alterations in TERT promoter region
- Mitochondrial function
- TP53, PTEN mutations
- Loss of CDKN2A
- Mutations in PI3K-Akt-mTOR pathway

Papillary RCC

Type 1

• Activating mutations, copy number alterations MET protooncogene

Type 2

- NRF2-ARM
- NF2, SMARCB1
- Loss of CDKN2A
- MET mutation





Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors:



KEYNOTE-427: (NCT02853344)



^aPD-L1 positive defined as combined positive score [CPS] \geq 1.

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Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic, n (%)	N = 165	
Age, median (range), years	62 (22-86)	
≥65 years	59 (36)	
Men	109 (66)	
Race		
White	145 (88)	
Asian	17 (10)	
Black or African American	1 (1)	
Other	1 (1)	
Karnofsky performance scale		
90-100	124 (75)	
70-80	41 (25)	

Characteristic, n (%)	N = 165
Confirmed RCC histology	
Papillary	118 (71)
Chromophobe	21 (13)
Unclassified	26 (16)
IMDC risk category	
Favorable	53 (32)
Intermediate/poor	112 (68)
PD-L1 status	
CPS ≥1	102 (62)
CPS <1	58 (35)
Missing	5 (3)

Database cutoff: September 7, 2018.

ORR by Confirmed RCC Histology per Blinded Independent Central Review

	Papillary n = 118	Chromophobe n = 21	Unclassified n = 26
Confirmed ORR, % (95%Cl)	25.4 (17.9-34.3)	9.5 (1.2-30.4)	34.6 (17.2-55.7)
DCR, % (95%Cl) ^a	43.2 (34.1-52.7)	33.3 (14.6-57.0)	34.6 (17.2-55.7)
Confirmed BOR, %			
CR	4.2	4.8	7.7
PR	21.2	4.8	26.9
SD	34.7	47.6	7.7
PD	33.9	42.9	46.2
No assessment ^b	5.1	0.0	7.7
Not evaluable ^c	0.8	0.0	3.8

^aDCR = CR + PR + SD ≥6 months. ^bIncludes patients who discontinued or died before first postbaseline scan. ^cIncludes patients with insufficient data for response assessment. Database cutoff: September 7, 2018.

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Maximum Change From Baseline in Target Lesions by Central Review



Includes patients who received ≥1 dose of pembrolizumab, had a baseline scan with measurable disease per RECIST v1.1, and had a postbaseline assessment (n = 155). *Patient had an increase in target lesions above 100%. Database cutoff: September 7, 2018.

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Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors: Sarcomatoid RCC



★ = responders

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OS: Intermediate/Poor-Risk Sarcomatoid Patients

Treatment of Non-Clear Cell RCC: CONCLUSIONS

- Our understanding of non-clear cell RCC is evolving
- Non-clear cell RCC represents unique subtypes with distinct molecular alterations and clinical courses

- We are now understanding the areas of overlap and difference with conventional clear cell RCC

• Ongoing and Future Studies will evaluate treatment strategies targeting the unique biology of each subtype

