## Identification of Therapeutic Targets in Human Cancers



- Cancer patients are living longer
- Surgery can be "curative"
- But in some cancers- of 'high unmet clinical need" there are no therapeutic benefits of biologic or chemotherapies



Adeno data above Allum W H et al. JCO 2009;27:5062-5067



We are focusing on two therapeutic paths; receptor-target discovery and/or development of neoantigen therapeutics in specific cancers of unmet clinical need

#### Four common cancers of "high unmet Males version clinical need" include: Testis Malignant Melanoma of the Skin Bladder Thyroid Hodokin's Disease **Brain** Larynx Head and Neck Prostate Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Colon Oesophagus Oral Cavity Rectum Kidney Multiple Myeloma Pancreas Leukaemia Brain and other CNS Stomach Oesophagus Lung Trachea, Bronchus and Lung Pancreas All Malignant Neoplasms 25 50 75 100 Survival (%)

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- What genes regulate the MHC I class landscape in cancers?
- What is the nature of the immune-cancer synapse in cancers of unmet clinical need?
- Can this R&D drive therapeutic developments that exploit the proteogenomic landscape of cancers?
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### Today's review:

- The genomic landscape of oesophageal adenocarcinoma
- The proteomic landscape of oesophageal adenocarcinoma
- Identification of the IFITM1 receptor as a regulator of MHC Class I protein synthesis



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## Risk Factors for SCC and ACC of the Oesophagus



## Translational Research Priorities in Oesophageal Adenocarcinoma

## Metaplasia-Dysplasia-Adenocarcinoma Sequence



## Early detection

- Identify patients with Barrett's from the whole population
  - a) Non-endoscopic screening (cytosponge) & Imaging tools for endoscopic surveillance
  - b) Plasma biomarker development
  - c) Steroids impacts as risk factors

## **Effective Treatment**

- Identify new therapeutic targets in patients with adenocarcinoma
  - a) Define therapeutic targets based on existing knowledge; for chemotherapies or antibody therapies
  - b) Incorporate whole-genome, transcriptome and proteome data-sets to uncover cancer-specific mutant proteins; neoantigen therapies



## Ordering of mutations in preinvasive disease stages of esophageal carcinogenesis

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## Exome and whole-genome sequencing of esophageal adenocarcinoma identifies recurrent driver events and mutational complexity

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## EGFR inhibition is ineffective in OAC

## Epirubicin, oxaliplatin, and capecitabine with or without panitumumab for patients with previously untreated advanced oesophagogastric cancer (REAL3): a randomised, open-label phase 3 trial



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#### Summary

Background EGFR overexpression occurs in 27–55% of oesophagogastric adenocarcinomas, and correlates with poor prognosis. We aimed to assess addition of the anti-EGFR antibody panitumumab to epirubicin, oxaliplatin, and capecitabine (EOC) in patients with advanced oesophagogastric adenocarcinoma.

Methods In this randomised, open-label phase 3 trial (REAL3), we enrolled patients with untreated, metastatic, or locally advanced oesophagogastric adenocarcinoma at 63 centres (tertiary referral centres, teaching hospitals, and district general hospitals) in the UK. Eligible patients were randomly allocated (1:1) to receive up to eight 21-day cycles of open-label EOC (epirubicin 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and oxaliplatin 130 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 1 and capecitabine 1250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> per day on days 1–21) or modified-dose EOC plus panitumumab (mEOC+P; epirubicin 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and oxaliplatin 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on day 1, capecitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> per day on days 1–21, and panitumumab 9 mg/kg on day 1). Randomisation was blocked and stratified for centre region, extent of disease, and performance status. The primary endpoint was overall survival in the intention-to-treat population. We assessed safety in all patients who received at least one dose of study drug. After a preplanned independent data monitoring committee review in October, 2011, trial recruitment was halted and panitumumab withdrawn. Data for patients on treatment were censored at this timepoint. This study is registered with ClinicalTrials.gov, number NCT00824785.

Findings Between June 2, 2008, and Oct 17, 2011, we enrolled 553 eligible patients. Median overall survival in 275 patients allocated EOC was 11.3 months (95% CI 9.6–13.0) compared with 8.8 months (7.7–9.8) in 278 patients allocated mEOC+P (hazard ratio [HR] 1.37, 95% CI 1.07–1.76; p=0.013). mEOC+P was associated with increased incidence of grade 3–4 diarrhoea (48 [17%] of 276 patients allocated mEOC+P vs 29 [11%] of 266 patients allocated EOC), rash (29 [11%] vs two [1%]), mucositis (14 [5%] vs none), and hypomagnesaemia (13 [5%] vs none) but reduced incidence of haematological toxicity (grade ≥3 neutropenia 35 [13%] vs 74 [28%]).

Interpretation Addition of panitumumab to EOC chemotherapy does not increase overall survival and cannot be recommended for use in an unselected population with advanced oesophagogastric adenocarcinoma.

#### Lancer Oncol 2013; 14: 481-89

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NGS tools have not identified a druggable target in OAC

## Proteomic approaches to define key features of the Oesophageal Adenocarcinoma Progression Sequence

## Metaplasia-Dysplasia-Adenocarcinoma Sequence



## Progression mechanisms

 Identify gene products implicated in bile acid reflux responses in normal tissue and Barretts epithelial cells

## **Effective Treatments**

Identify & validate oncogenic pathways as potential therapeutic targets OAC

## Production of steroids implicated in OAC progression



#### Α

Bile Acid	Rt (Min)	RRt	Std ratio
Cholesterol	4.31	0.40	1.69
Lithocholic	5.55	0.52	1.65
Deoxycholic	6.35	0.59	1.11
Chenodeoxycholic	7.19	0.67	1.15
Ursodeoxycholic	7.84	0.73	1.63
Cholic	8.89	0.83	1.16
7-Ketolithocholate	10.74	1.00	1.00

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Bile Acid	Range uM	Mean uM	Range uM	Mean uM
	(cong)	(cong)	(uncong)	(uncong)
CA	1-2447	118	1-211	5
CDCA	1-3655	112	1-121	3
DCA	1-1592	63	1-115	3
LCA	1-515	17	1-82	2
UDCA	1-860	13	1-720	5
Total	1-6386	323	1-978	18

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From Darragh et al.,

36%

### Bile signatures in >300 patients

Fig. 2. Concentration of naturally occurring bile acids. (A) Data from a representative chromatogram indicating the retention times of each bile acid. Peaks: 1, cholesterol; 2, LCA; 3, DCA; 4, CDCA; 5, UDCA; 6, CA; 7, 7-ketolithocholic acid (internal standard). The retention (Rt) times and relative retention times (RR) of the bile acid standards are shown and were used as a standard to quantify the bile acids from patients. Standard ratios represent the peak area of each 1 mg·mL<sup>-1</sup> standard compared with the peak area of the internal standard. (B) Summary of the range of the total bile acid concentrations found in gastric fluid samples. (C) Percentage of patients with bile acid concentrations as indicated. (D) Percentage of patients with unconjugated bile acids concentrations as indicated. (E) Ratio of bile

Novel stress genes are expressed in normal oesophageal squamous tissue that protect from bile acid steroid-induced death











Bile steroids are risk factors for carcinogenesis and the OAC-bile network Forms a system to understand how stress responses effect cancer development

## Metaplasia-Dysplasia-Adenocarcinoma Sequence



- 1. An novel "stress" response system exists in squamous cells.
- 2. What pathways might be bile acid responses in Barrett's?

# Development of isogenic P53 null Barrett's cell lines using CRISPR/Cas gene editing



## Effect of bile acids on P53 dependent cell cycle checkpoints



Summary: P53 loss sensitizes to LCA-induced cell death

## Proteomics screens identify SMAD4 as a target



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## Strategy for Target Discovery in OAC

#### OAC biopsy section for proteomic analysis





Compared to adjacent normal oesophageal and gastric tissue biopsies

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#### **Bioinformatics**

Log<sub>2</sub> TvG

## Strategy for Target Discovery in OAC

Pt	Ехр	Sex	Age	Loc	NA Rx	Diff	LVI	Vnl	NI	R	Т	No. +ve Node	Total Nodes	ICGC	Surv (All)	Surv (DSS )
15	Tmt	М	61	1	1xC F	Poor	Y	Y	Y	1	Т3	17	29	Х	20	20
17	Tmt	М	63	1	2xC F	Poor	Y	Y	Y	1	Т3	0	19	х	18	18
23	Р	М	57	1	2xC F	Mod	Y	Y	N	0	T2	0	43	12	18.9	18.9
26	Р	М	53	1	2xC F	Poor	N	N	Y	1	Т3	2	14	14	4.4	4.4
27	Р	М	60	OLT	2xC F	Poor	Y	N	N	1	Т3	7	20	15	17.9	17.9
32	Р	М	57	1	2xC F	Poor	Y	Y	Y	1	Т3	7	19	No	19.5	18
45	Р	М	78	1	Nil	Poor	Y	Y	Y	1	Т3	6	16	7	9	8.9
44	Tmt	М	59	1	2xC F	Mod	Y	N	N	0	T2	2	27	6	12.2	12.2
46	Tmt	М	67	1	2xC F	Poor	Y	N	Y	1	T4a	8	18	8	12.7	12.7
48	Tmt	М	65		2xC F	Poor	Y	Ν	Y	1	Т3	16	28	8	10.2	10.2
50	Tmt	М	59		2xC F	Mod	Y	Y	Y	0	Т3	0	39	11	11.5	11.5
51	Tmt	М	41	1	2xC F	Poor	Y	Y	Y	1	Т3	7	28	16	7.3	7.3
53	Tmt	F	52	1	2xC F	Poor	Ν	Ν	Ν	0	Т3	1	23	17	5.9	5.9
60	Tmt	М	60	OLT	2xC F	Poor	Y	Y	Y	0	<i>T</i> 3	7	21	21	7.7	7.7
61	Tmt	М	58	1	2xC F	Poor	Y	N	Y	0	T3	3	27	No	5.5	5.5

~ 3000 protein identified/patient; ~ 6000 protein total/~60 mutant proteins

#### Bioinformatics: Network Analysis of the expressed cancer genome



O'Neill et al; Molecular & Cellular Proteomics 2017 Jun;16(6):1138-1150

## Bioinformatics: Identification of a subset of ISG proteins over-represented in OAC verse normal oesophagus and gastric tissue



# Interferon-Stimulated Genes (ISG) Proteins as a therapeutic target)



Cheon H1 et al. EMBO J. 2013 Oct 16. IFN $\beta$ dependent increases in STAT1, STAT2, and IRF9 mediate resistance to viruses and DNA damage.



Cheon et al. Semin Oncol. 2014

## ISG protein subset: Interferon Related DNA-damage Resistance Signature (IRDS)

• The IFITM1 protein the only 'oncogenic' receptor in the IRDS pathway

Association

Genesvmbol	Alternative symbols	Entrez Gene Name	Association with radio/chemoresistence	with
BST2	tetherin	bone marrow stromal cell antigen 2	+	+
CCNA1		cyclin A1	+	+
CXCL1	GRO1; GROA; SCYB1	chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 1	+	+
CXCL10	IP10; SCYB10 INP10	chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 10	+	+
EIF2AK2	PRKR; PKR; p68 KINASE	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2-alpha kinase 2 (PKR)	+	+
HERC6	FLJ206371	hect domain and RLD 6		+
HLA-B	SPDA1; MHC Class I HLA heavy chain	major histocompatibility complex, class I, B	+	
HLA-G	TCA; HLA-6.0; HLA60	major histocompatibility complex, class I, G	+	
IFI27	ISG12	interferon, alpha-inducible protein 27	+	+
IFI35	IFP35	interferon-induced protein 35	+	+
IFI44	p44	interferon-induced protein 44	+	+
IFI44L	C1orf29	interferon-induced protein 44-like	+	+
IFI6	G1P3	interferon, alpha-inducible protein 6	+	+
IFIH1	MDA5	interferon induced with helicase C domain 1		+
IFIT1	IFI56; G10P1; ISG56	interferon-induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 1	+	+
IFIT3	RIGG; IFI60	interferon-induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 3	+	+
IFITM1	IFI17; leu13; fragilis; 9-27	interferon induced transmembrane protein 1	+	+
IRF7	IRF7A	interferon regulatory factor 7	+	+
ISG15	G1P2; IFI15	ISG15 ubiquitin-like modifier	+	+
LAMP3	DCLAMP	lysosomal-associated membrane protein 3		
LGALS3BP	MAC2BP, L3 ANTIGEN	lectin, galactoside-binding, soluble, 3 binding protein		+
LY6E	RIGE; TSA1	lymphocyte antigen 6 complex, locus E		
MCL1	BCL2L3	myeloid cell leukemia sequence 1 (BCL2-related)	+	+
MX1	IFI78; MxA	myxovirus (influenza virus) resistance 1	+	+
MX2	MxB	myxovirus (influenza virus) resistance 2		
OAS1	OIAS	2',5'-oligoadenylate synthetase 1, 40/46kDa	+	+
OAS3	p100	2'-5'-oligoadenylate synthetase 3, 100kDa		
OASL	TRIP14; p59OASL	2'-5'-oligoadenylate synthetase-like		
PLSCR1	MMTRA1B	phospholipid scramblase 1		
STAT1	STAT91	signal transducer and activator of transcription 1, 91kDa	+	+
USP18	UBP43	ubiquitin specific peptidase 18	+	+

# Current knowledge of IFITM1 function and regulation



Abraham L. Brass et al. Cell. 2009 December 24; 139(7): 1243–1254. IFITM Proteins Mediate the Innate Immune Response to Influenza A H1N1 Virus, West Nile Virus and Dengue Virus

# Current knowledge of IFITM1 function and regulation

Expression of IFITM1 as a prognostic biomarker in resected gastric and esophageal adenocarcinoma



David Borg<sup>\*</sup>, Charlotta Hedner, Alexander Gaber, Björn Nodin, Richard Fristedt, Karin Jirström, Jakob Eberhard and Anders Johnsson

IFITM1 promotes the metastasis of human colorectal cancer via CAV-1 Fang Yu<sup>a</sup>, Dan Xie<sup>b</sup>, Samuel S. Ng<sup>c</sup>, Ching Tung Lum<sup>c</sup>, Mu-Yan Cai<sup>d</sup>, William K. Cheung<sup>c</sup>, Hsiang-Fu Kung<sup>ef</sup>, Guimiao Lin<sup>g</sup>, Xiaomei Wang<sup>g</sup>, Marie C. Lin<sup>g,\*</sup>

Prognostic significance of INF-induced transmembrane protein 1 in colorectal cancer

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J Neurooncol (2011) 103:187–195 DOI 10.1007/s11060-010-0377-4

LABORATORY INVESTIGATION - HUMAN/ANIMAL TISSUE

Knockdown of interferon-induced transmembrane protein 1 (IFITM1) inhibits proliferation, migration, and invasion of glioma cells Reduction of IFITM1 reduces components of the IFN and IRDS system

What pathways are being driven by IFITM1?

Deplete using siRNA in IFITM1-positive cell lines

Process cell pellets for differential protein determination using SWATH-MS

Define pathway clusters using bioinformatics



## Potential Targets in the IRDS/ ISG pathway IFITM1 (Interferon Inducible Transmembrane Protein-1) expression in OAC



C. IFITM1 membrane localization:lymph





100 microns

B. IFITM1 membrane localization

In a TMA of 115 OAC patient samples, approximately 60% of patients express IFITM1 with 30% showing strong membrane staining

Metastatic lymph node show positivity

#### The IRDS in OAC:

### Interferon Interferon-induced transmembrane protein 1 (IFITM1)

- What are the IFITM1 driven signalling pathways that might be important for oncogenic functions?
- Is IFITM1 a key upstream signalling receptor in the IRDS pathway in human cancers?

# Production of an *ifitm1-ifitm3* double null cell line model

#### *ifitm1* null

## *ifitm1-ifitm3* double null

ifitm3





Isogenic cell models for a control to measuring IFITM1-dependencies in cells

## Pulse SILAC; can we identify dominant proteins whose synthesis is attenuated after IFN treatment in *ifitm1-ifitm3* double null cells?





lfitm1/3 double null

Immunohistochemistry to determine whether IFITM1 & HLA-B co-express in OAC







## MHC class I HLA-A/-B/-C can impact on immunotherapies

Loss of MHC class I expression is observed abudantly in many types of cancer

MHC class I loss is correlated negatively with cancer survival prognosis

In order to work cancer immunotherpies require a functional antigen processing and presenting machinery

The heterozygosity at HLA-I loci affect response to checkpoint inhibitor immunotherapies (Chowell et al. 2017)



Frequency of HLA-I loss in different types of cancer

A model that rationalizes IFITM1 as an IFN<sub>γ</sub> responsive translation factor for HLA-B





## Cancer progression mechanisms

- What is the role of steroids like LCA as risk factors?
- How might LCA drive selection pressures for loss of p53 and SMAD4?

## Therapeutics

- What is the role of IFITM1 in tumour intrinsic INF signalling and/or chemoresistance?
- How might IFITM1 loss impact on MHC class I presentation and immune escape?
- Can we develop vaccine or therapeutic programmes that exploit IFITM1 + or phenotypes?







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