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This case-based live virtual activity will cover the treatment and management of patients with thyroid cancer.

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This educational activity is intended for oncologists and endocrinologists as well as pathologists, along with their multidisciplinary teams in academic centers and the community setting who are especially challenged in keeping up with the most current data on new/emerging less commonly occurring genomic alterations, genomic testing methodologies, and optimal treatment decisions for patients with thyroid cancer.

#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Utilize best practices for identifying actionable thyroid cancer molecular/genomic alterations in routine clinical practice
- Integrate available and emerging targeted treatment options into routine clinical practice for the treatment of patients with advanced thyroid cancer based on results showing actionable molecular/genomic alterations

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#### **PROGAM AGENDA**

#### I. Thyroid cancer overview

- a. Epidemiology
- b. Histological subtypes
- c. Pathophysiology and disease course
- d. Traditional standard of care therapies for advanced thyroid cancer
- e. Advantages and disadvantages associated with the traditional watch and wait approach

#### II. Molecular/Genomic alterations associated with thyroid cancer

- a. RET mutations as an example
- b. Types of tests available to detect actionable molecular/genomic alterations in patients with thyroid cancer
- c. Guidance on which tests should be used, when they should be used, and which patients should be tested
- d. Best practices pertaining to processes and workflows for the integration of routine molecular/genomic testing into clinical practice

## III. Applying precision medicine approaches to the treatment of patients with advanced thyroid cancer

- a. Available targeted therapeutic options for patients with advanced thyroid cancer
- b. Efficacy and safety profiles of available and emerging targeted therapeutic options for patients with advanced thyroid cancer
- c. Integrating available and emerging targeted therapeutic options for patients with advanced thyroid cancer into clinical practice

#### IV. Conclusion and questions and answers

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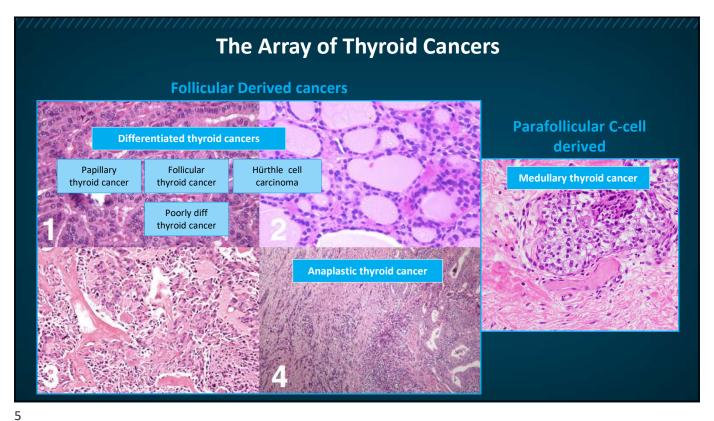
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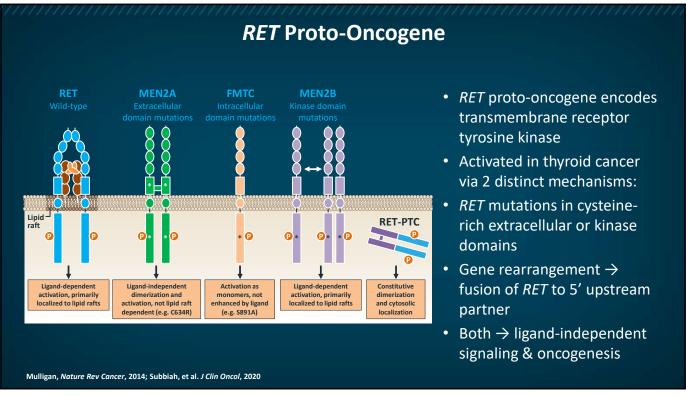
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## **Educational Objectives**

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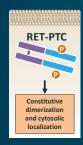


#### Most Common RET Alterations in Medullary Thyroid Cancer (MTC) • RET mutations drive 60% of MTCs **RET C634 RET M918T** • 20% of MTC are hereditary – all patients have germline RET mutations • 50% of sporadic MTCs harbor somatic *RET* mutations • RET M918T most common somatic mutation Germline RET M918T occurs in nearly all MEN 2B patients • Germline *RET* C634 most common Ligand-dependent dimerization and localized to lipid rafts activation, not lipid raft hereditary mutation (MEN 2A) dependent (e.g. C634R) RET C634 can also occur somatically Ciampi, et al. iScience, 2019; Mulligan, Nature Rev Cancer, 2014

**Genotype-Phenotype Correlation in Hereditary RET** MTC risk level | Incidence of PHEO | Incidence of HPTH G533C MOD MOD MOD MOD MOD MOD MOD TTX in 1st yr of life, G533C C609F/G/R/S/Y C61 1F/G/S/Y/W C618E/R/S C620F/R/S C630R/Y D631Y 8 10 10 10 11 11 11 13 14 15 16 16 ATA Highest central neck **>>>zzzzzzzzzzzz** Risk (MEN2B) dissection RET ATA High Risk C634F/G/R/S/W/Y K666E E768D L790F TTX before yr 5 Germline (MEN2A) mt V804L V804M A883F S891A R912P M918T TTX when calcitonin MOD MOD **ATA Moderate** increases, or in Risk (MEN2A) childhood Phay, Semin Surg Oncol, 2000; Wells, Thyroid, 2015

## **RET** Fusion-Driven Thyroid Cancer

#### CCDC6-RET



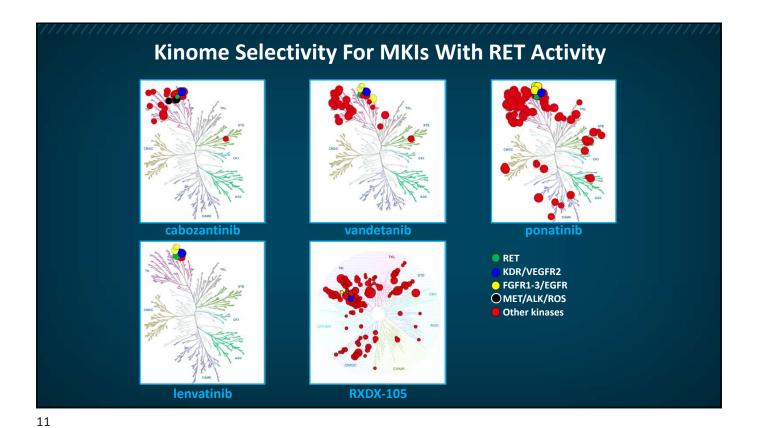
- RET fusions in < 10% of papillary thyroid cancers (PTCs)
- Seen less commonly in poorly differentiated and anaplastic thyroid cancers
- More frequent in pediatric and young adult PTCs, ~30%
- 58% in pediatric Chernobyl-induced cancers
- CCDC6-RET (RET/PTC1) & NCOA4-RET (RET/PTC3) are most common fusions
- More than twenty 5' fusion partners have now been described

TCGA, Cell, 2014; Vanden Borre, Oncologist, 2017; Ricarte-Filho, J Clin Invest, 2013

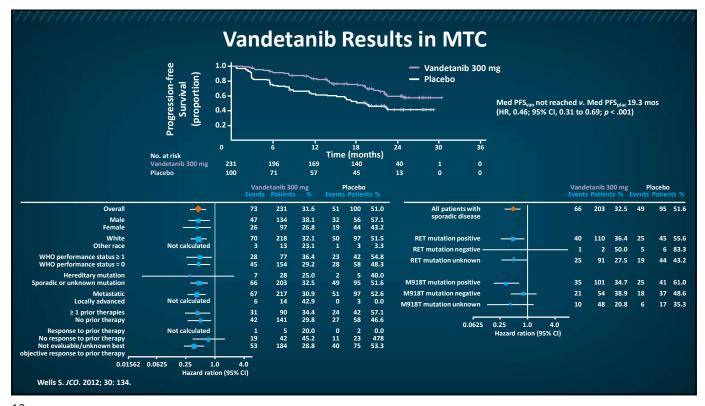
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## **RET-targeted Therapy**

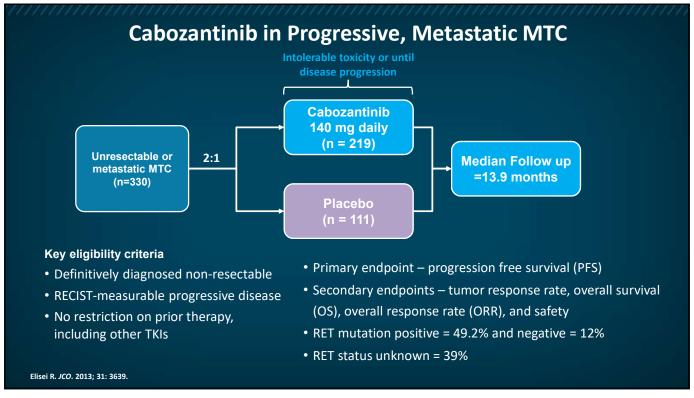
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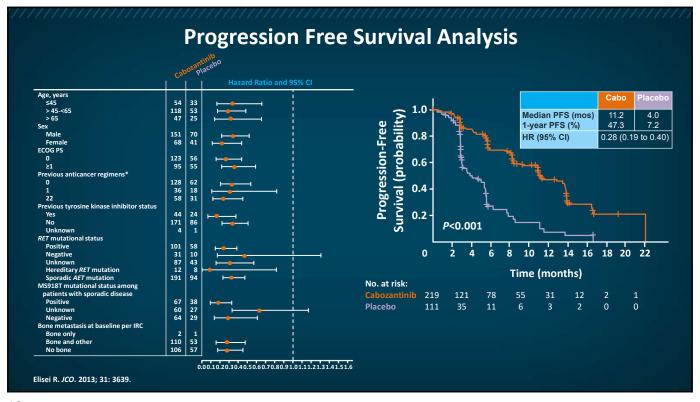


Vandetinib in Metastatic Medullary Thyroid Cancer disease progression Vandetinib 300 mg daily in 28 day cycles Median Follow up = (n = 231)24 mos Unresectable or 2:1 **Unblinding at** metastatic MTC (n=331) progression Crossover to open Placebo label allowed (n = 100)Key eligibility criteria Primary endpoint – progression free survival (PFS) • RECIST-measurable disease • Secondary endpoints – overall survival (OS), overall response • PS 0-2 rate (ORR), and safety • Serum calcitonin ≥ 500 pg/mL Of 298 pts with sporadic MTC • No more than one prior therapy • 52.0% RET mutation positive with a TKI • 45.3% RET unknown • 2.7% No RET mutation Wells S. JCO. 2012; 30: 134.



			pulation Placebo		Vendeten	Vandetanib (n=231)					
Adverse Event		Vandetanib (n=231)		(n=99) %	Adverse Event	No.					
		,,,	No.	%			%	No.	%		
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Diarrhea	130	56	26	26	Diarrhea	25	11	2	2		
Rash	104	45	11	11	Hypertension	20	9	0	_		
Nausea	77	33	16	16	ECG QT prolonged*	18	8	1	1		
Hypertension	73	32	5	5	Fatigue	13	6	1	1		
Fatigue	55	24	23	23	Decreased appetite	9	4	0	_		
Headache	59	26	9	9	Rash	8	4	1	1		
Decreased appetite	49	21	12	12	Asthenia	6	3	1	1		
Acne	46	20	5	5	Dyspnea	3	1	3	3		
Asthenia	34	14	11	11	Back pain	1	0.4	3	3		
Vomiting	34	14	7	7	Syncope	0	_	2	2		
Back pain	21	9	20	20							
Dry skin	35	15	5	5							
Insomnia	30	13	10	10							
Abdominal pain	33	14	5	5	Prolonged QTc – vandetanib is only available through						
Dermatitis acneiform	35	15	2	2							
Cough	25	10	10	10	REMS program.						
Nasopharyngitis	26	11	9	9							
ECG QT prolonged*	33	14	1	1							
Weight decreased	24	10	9	9							

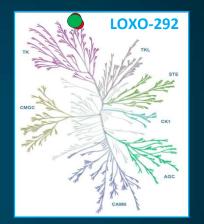




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Adverse Events	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	Adverse Events	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Diarrhea	135	63.1	34	15.9	36	33.0	2	1.8	Hypertension	70	32.7	18	8.4	5	4.6	1	0.9	
Palmar-plantar	107	50.0	27	12.6	2	1.8	0	-	Hemorrhage	54	25.2	7	3.3	17	16.6	1	0.9	
erythrodysesthesia*					_	_			Venous thrombosis	12	5.6	8	3.7	3	2.8	2	1.8	
Decreased weight	102	47.7	10	4.7	11	10.1	0	-	GI perforation	7	3.3	7	3.3	0	_	0	-	
Decreased appetite	98	45.8	10	4.7	17	15.6	1	0.9	GI fistula	2	0.9	1	0.5	0	_	0	_	
Nausea	92	43.0	3	1.4	23	21.1	0	-	Abdominal/pelvic	5	2.3	2	0.9	0	_	0	-	
Fatigue	87	40.7	20	9.3	31	28.4	3	2.8	abscess			<b>—</b>						
Dysgeusia	73	34.1	1	0.5	6	5.5	0	-	Non-Gl fistula	8	3.7	4	1.9	0	_	0	-	
Hair color changes	72	33.6	1	0.5	1	0.9	0	-	Arterial thrombosis	5	2.3	2	0.9	0	_	0	-	
Hypertension	70	32.7	18	8.4	5	4.6	1	0.9	Proteinuria	4	1.9	2	0.9	0	_	0	-	
Stomatitis	62	29.0	4	1.9	3	2.8	0	-	Wound complication	4	1.9	2	0.9	1	0.9	0	-	
Constipation	57	26.6	0	-	6	5.5	0	-	Osteonecrosis	3	1.4	1	0.5	0	_	0	-	
Hemorrhage	54	25.2	7	3.3	17	15.6	1	0.9	RPLS	1	0.5	1	0.5	0		0	_	
Vomiting	62	24.3	5	2.3	2	1.8	1	0.9										
Mucosal inflammation	50	23.4	7	3.3	4	3.7	0	-										
Asthenia	45	21.0	12	5.6	16	14.7	2	1.8										
Dysphonia	43	20.1	0	-	10	9.2	0	-										
Rash	41	19.2	2	0.9	11	10.1	0	-										
Dry skin	41	19.2	0	_	3	2.8	0	-	Treatment-related AEs:									
Headache	39	18.2	1	0.5	9	8.3	0	-	- 79% of cabo pts had dose reductions									
Oropharyngeal pain	38	17.8	1	0.5	5	4.6	0	-										
Abdominal pain	36	16.8	6	2.8	7	6.4	1	0.9	- 16% of cab	o pts l	nad do	se dis	contin	ued				
Alopecia	35	16.4	0	_	2	1.8	0	-										
Pain in extremity	33	15.4	3	1.4	12	11.0	1	0.9										
Back pain	32	15.0	5	2.3	12	11.0	1	0.9										
Dyspnea	29	13.6	5	2.3	19	17.4	11	10.1	RPLS, reversible posterio				yndrom	e;				
Arthralgia	29	13.6	2	0.9	8	7.3	0	_	VEGF, vascular endothel	ial grow	th factor.							

## **Honing in on RET**

- 2 new highly potent and specific RET inhibitors completed first-in-human trials
  - Selpercatinib (LOXO-292)
  - Pralsetinib (BLU-667)
- Both designed to potently inhibit
  - wildtype RET in fusions (in PTC, NSCLC, etc)
  - Oncogenic RET mutations (in MTC)
  - And V804 acquired gatekeeper mut, to prevent emergence of acquired resistance
- With little activity against KDR/VEGFR-2
- Efficacy of other MKIs may be limited by insufficient RET inhibition as toxicity from dose limiting off target effects, esp. at KDR, limiting RET blockade



## LIBRETTO-001

#### Efficacy of Selpercatinib in RET-Altered Thyroid Cancers

- LIBRETTO-001: open-label phase 1-2 trial, 65 centers, 12 countries
- 3 thyroid cohorts:
  - RET-mutant MTC, previously treated with vandetinib +/or cabozantinib
  - RET-mutant MTC, not previously treated with vandetinib or cabozantinib
  - RET fusion-positive previously treated thyroid cancer

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## **Patient Characteristics**

- RET-mutant MTC, previously treated:
   n = 55
  - 60% *RET* M918T
  - 13% extracellular cysteine-rich domain mt
  - Familial and sporadic patients enrolled
- RET-mutant MTC, not previously treated: n = 88
- *RET* fusion+ thyroid cancer: n = 19
  - PTC, PDTC, ATC, HCC
  - 47% CCDC6-RET
  - 32% NCOA4-RET

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		RET-Mutant MTC Previously Treated (N=55)	RET-Mutant MTC Not Previously Treated (N=88)	Previously Treated RET Fusion— Positive Thyroid Cancer
1	Characteristics	(14-55)	(14-00)	(N-19)
	Median age (range) — yr	57 (17-84)	58 (15-82)	54 (25-88)
	Sex— no. (%)	07 (17 01)	30 (10 02)	01 (20 00)
1	Male	36 (65)	58 (66)	9 (47)
1	Female	19 (35)	30 (34)	10 (53)
ı	Race — no. (%) <sup>†</sup>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
1	White	49 (89)	75 (85)	14 (74)
ı	Asian	Ò	4 (5)	2 (11)
ı	Black	1 (2)	1 (1)	1 (5)
1	Other	5 (9)	8 (9)	2 (11)‡
1	ECOG performance-status score — no. (%)	. ,	"	
1	0	11 (20)	43 (49)	5 (26)
ı	1	41 (75)	42 (48)	12 (63)
1	2	3 (5)	3 (3)	2 (11)
1	Histologic type of thyroid cancer			
ı	Medullary	55 (100)	88 (100)	
1	Papillary	-		13 (68)
1	Poorly differentiated	_	_	3 (16)
ı	Hürthle cell	_		1 (5)
1	Anaplastic	_	_	2 (11)
	Median no. of previous systemic regimens (range)	2 (1-8)	0 (0-2)	4 (1-7)
1	Previous regimen — no. (96)			
ı	Cabozantinib, vandetanib, or both	55 (100)	0	
ı	Vandetanib only	18 (33)	0	
1	Cabozantinib only	13 (24)	0	_
1	Cabozantinib and vandetanib	24 (44)	0	_
ı	Radioiodine	_	_	16 (84)
1	Sorafenib, lenvatinib, or both	_	_	13 (68)
ı	Muktitargeted kinase inhibitor therapy	55 (100)	7 (8)	15 (79)
1	1	26 (47)	6 (7)	7 (37
ı	≥2	29 (53)	1 (1)	8 (42)
1	Therapy other than multitargeted kinase inhibitor	17 (31)	9 (10)	14 (74)
ı	therapy	4 (7)	2 (2)	6 (32)
ı	Brain metastases — no. (%)			
ı	RET alteration — no. (%)			
1	RET M918T mutation	33 (60)	49 (36)	_
1	RET V804 M/L mutation	5 (9)	6(7)	_
1	RET extracellular cysteine mutation	7 (13)	20 (23)	_
1	Other mutations	10 (18)	13 (15)	_
ı	CCDC6-RET fusion	_	_	9 (47)
ı	NCOA4-RET fusion	_	_	6 (32)
ı	Other RET fusion	_	_	4 (21)

## **Selpercatinib Safety Profile in Thyroid Patients**

- Most common ≥ gr 3/4 treatment-related AEs
  - HTN
  - Transaminitis
  - Diarrhea
- 30% patients had dose reduction d/t TRAE
- 2% discontinued selpercatinib d/t TRAE

d/t = due to . TRAE = treatment-related adverse events.
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AEs repo	rted in	≥ 15%
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	Adv	erse Events	, Regardle	ss of Attrib	oution	Treatment-Related Adverse Events					
Adverse Events	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any Grade			
			٨	lumber of p	patients (percent)						
Any adverse event	9 (6)	42 (26)	95 (59)	11 (7)	162 (100)	45 (28)	3 (2)	153 (94)			
Dry mouth	69 (43)	5 (3)	Ò	0	74 (46)	Ó	0	63 (39)			
Hypertension	10 (6)	25 (15)	34 (21)	0	69 (43)	19 (12)	0	49 (30)			
Diarrhea	44 (27)	8 (5)	9 (6)	0	61 (38)	4 (3)	0	27 (17)			
Fatigue	35 (22)	24 (15)	2 (1)	0	61 (38)	1 (1)	0	41 (25)			
Increased aspartate aminotransferase level	37 (23)	6 (4)	13 (8)	1 (1)	57 (35)	12 (7)	1 (1)	45 (28)			
Nausea	44 (27)	13 (8)	0	0	57 (35)	0	0	25 (15)			
Constipation	44 (27)	11 (7)	1 (1)	0	56 (35)	0	0	26 (16)			
Increased alanine	26 (16)	7 (4)	17 (10)	1 (1)	51 (31)	16 (10)	1 (1)	42 (26)			
aminotransferase level			4 (2)	ò′	51 (31)	1 (1)	ò´	21 (13)			
Headache	36 (22)	11 (7)									
Peripheral edema	42 (26)	5 (3)	1(1)	0	48 (30)	0	0	29 (18)			
Increased blood creatinine level	27 (17)	12 (7)	0	0	39 (24)	0	0	22 (14)			
Abdominal pain	25 (15)	8 (5)	5 (3)	0	38 (23)	0	0	6 (4)			
Arthralgia	25 (15)	10 (6)	Ò	0	35 (22)	0	0	8 (5)			
Vomiting	26 (16)	8 (5)	1(1)	0	35 (22)	0	0	12 (7)			
Hypocalcemia	14 (9)	13 (8)	6 (4)	1 (1)	34 (21)	0	0	5 (3)			
Back pain	19 (12)	10 (6)	2 (1)	0	31 (19)	0	0	1 (1)			
QT interval prolonged on electrocardiography	11 (7)	16 (10)	4 (2)	0	31 (19)	3 (2)	0	21 (13)			
Cough	25 (15)	4 (2)	0	0	29 (18)	0	0	2 (1)			
Rash	25 (15)	3 (2)	0	0	28 (17)	0	0	13 (8)			
Dizziness	25 (15)	2 (1)	0	0	27 (17)	0	0	9 (6)			
Abdominal distension	18 (11)	7 (4)	0	0	25 (15)	0	0	12 (7)			
Hypothyroidism	14 (9)	11 (7)	0	0	25 (15)	0	0	12 (7)			
Weight increased	11 (7)	9 (6)	5 (3)	0	25 (15)	1 (1)	0	8 (5)			

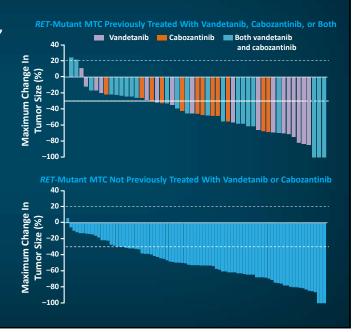
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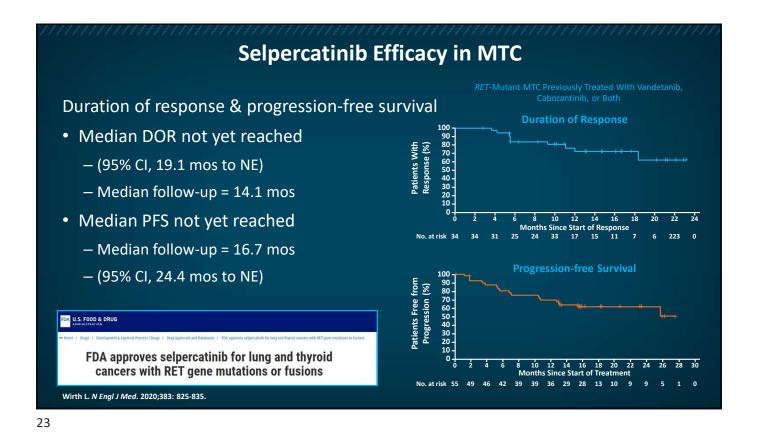
## **Selpercatinib Efficacy in MTC**

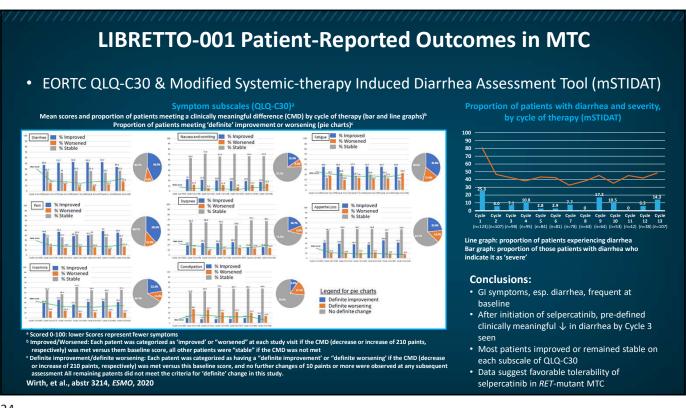
Objective response rate per RECIST v1.1, determined by independent review committee

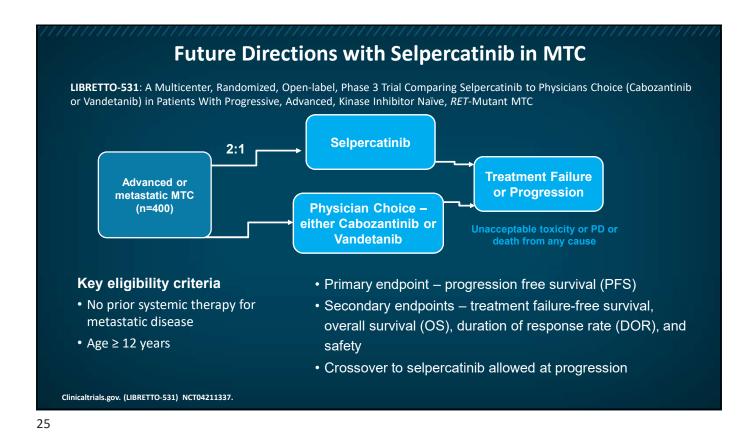
- *RET*-mutant MTC, previously treated:
  - ORR = 69% (95% CI, 55 to 81)
  - CR = 9%, PR = 60%
- RET-mutant MTC, not previously treated:
  - ORR = 73% (95% CI, 62 to 82)
  - CR = 11%, PR = 61%
- Responses seen across all RET mutations
  - incl RET V804

Wirth L. N Engl J Med. 2020;383: 825-835.









**NCCN Guidelines Version 2.2020** Thyroid Carcinoma - Medullary Carcinoma **RECURRENT OR PERSISTENT DISEASE DISTANT METASTASES**  Disease monitoring Consider resection (if possible), ablation (eg, RFA, embolization, other regional therapy) Systemic therapy if not resectable and progressing by RECIST criteria Preferred RegimensVandetanib (category 1) Asymptomatic disease Cabozantinib (category 1)Selpercatinib (*RET* mutation-positive) Useful in Certain Circumstances Pembrolizumab (TMB-H [210 mut/Mb]) Systemic therapy or clinical trial Preferred Regimens

Vandetanib (category 1) Cabozantinib (category 1) Selpercatinib (RET mutation-positive) Other Recommended Regimens Asymptomatic disease Consider other small-molecule kinase inhibitors Dacarbazine (DTIC)-based chemotherapy progression - Useful in Certain Circumstances Pembrolizumab (TMB-H [210 mut/Mb]) EBRTI/IMRT for local symptoms Consider intravenous bisphosphonate or denosumab therapy for bone metastases Consider palliative resection, ablation (eg, RFA, embolization, other regional therapy), or other regional treatment Best supportive care

# Case Study History of breast cancer

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### **Case Study**

- 59 yr old woman with a history of breast cancer was found to have an elevated carcinoembryogenic antigen (CEA) of 456 ng/dl during a routine follow up visit.
- Her PMH is significant for atherosclerotic heart disease and HTN
- She had no specific complaints and presented with no signs or symptoms.
- PET/CT was performed with a left thyroid lobe uptake and metabolically active lymphadenopathy, bilaterally. CT scans of neck, chest, abdomen and pelvis revealed extensive lymphadenopathy in neck and upper mediastinum and a 2.6 cm liver mass consistent with metastatic disease.
- FNA cytology confirmed medullary thyroid carcinoma

## **Case Study (continued)**

- A total thyroidectomy with central compartment and bilateral neck dissection is conducted
- Mutational testing was positive for RET mutation
- Calcitonin levels 7500 pg/dl preoperatively were reduced to 3400 pg/dl 3 months postoperatively

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## **Audience Polling Question**

#### What are your possible treatment options?

- A. Begin vandetanib
- B. Begin selpercatinib
- C. Begin cabozantinib
- D. Follow serial calcitonin levels and begin systemic therapy when trending up from post-operative levels
- E. A and B
- F. B and C

## **Case Study (continued)**

- Patient begins on selpercatinib
- Monitor calcitonin and CEA every 3 months
- Three months after start of selpercatinib patient's calcitonin and CEA are WNL
- Patient's LFTs are WNL

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## **Discussion Question**

Have you seen de novo resistance to RET targeted therapy? If yes, when/how did you make that determination? Confirmed with mutational testing?

# Case Study 37 yo Female

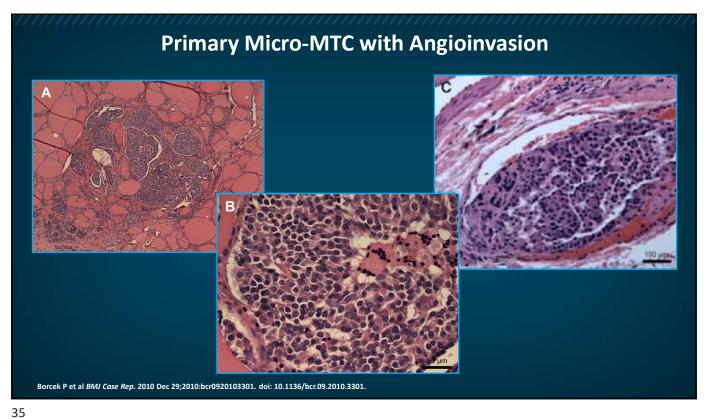
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## **Case History**

- 1998: 37-year-old female
- Presents with enlarged cervical lymph nodes
- FNA Cytology: medullary thyroid carcinoma
- Total thyroidectomy with central compartment & bilateral neck dissection
- Thyroid micro-medullary carcinoma 0.6 cm in the R thyroid
  - Multiple foci of vascular invasion
  - No C cell hyperplasia in either lobe
  - Multiple LNM involving 32 of 63 nodes with extranodal extension in 1 R neck LN
- No family history of multiple endocrine neoplasia (MEN)
- Germline genetic testing was negative for RET mutation

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# **Discussion Question** What prompts you to order germline genetic testing for RET in a patient with thyroid carcinoma?

## **Post-Operative Course**

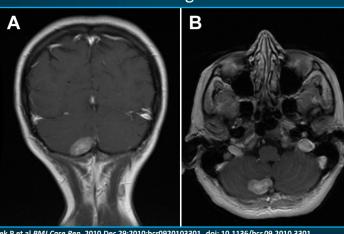
- Calcitonin levels declined from >100,000 ng/l (normal <100 ng/l) preoperatively to 42,900 ng/l @3 months postoperatively
- CEA remained persistently elevated at 39 μg/l (normal <3 μg/l)
- CT scan 1 month post-op revealed a liver mass of 2.8 cm and a small, sclerotic lesion in the third lumbar vertebra
- Somatostatin analogue and interferon for 1 year postoperatively, discontinued due to lack of structural regression on serial imaging
- Followed regularly by CT scans

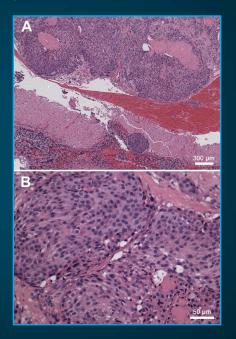
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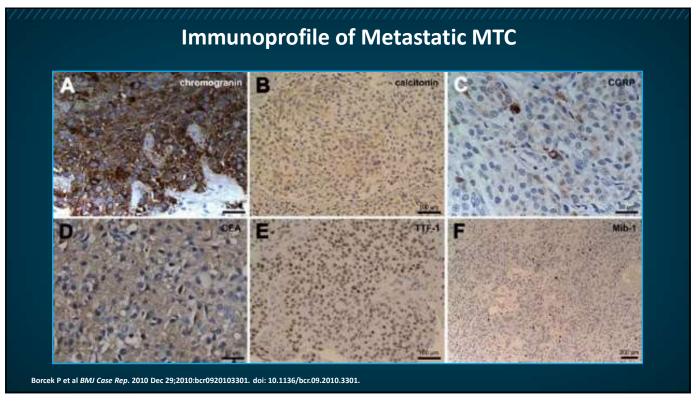
## **Case History (continued)**

- June 2007, mass in cerebellum on CT
- MRI displayed a homogeneously enhancing 2.3 cm intra-axial mass in the right cerebellar hemisphere





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## **Clinical Course**

- Tumor resected by a midline suboccipital incision
- Rx with tyrosine kinase inhibitor vandetanib until the spring of 2009
- September 2010, no evidence of disease progression; no evidence of cerebellar recurrence and no abnormal enhancement and no evidence of other metastatic disease in the brain

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## **Audience Polling Question**

In a patient with documented MTC which is most appropriate?

- A. Order RET mutation testing with initial pathology
- B. Order RET mutation testing upon progression from newly biopsied tissue
- C. Order RET mutation testing on archived tissue upon disease progression

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## Thank you!

**Questions & Answers** 

