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Oral mucositis associated with targeted therapy and immunotherapy: what's old is new again

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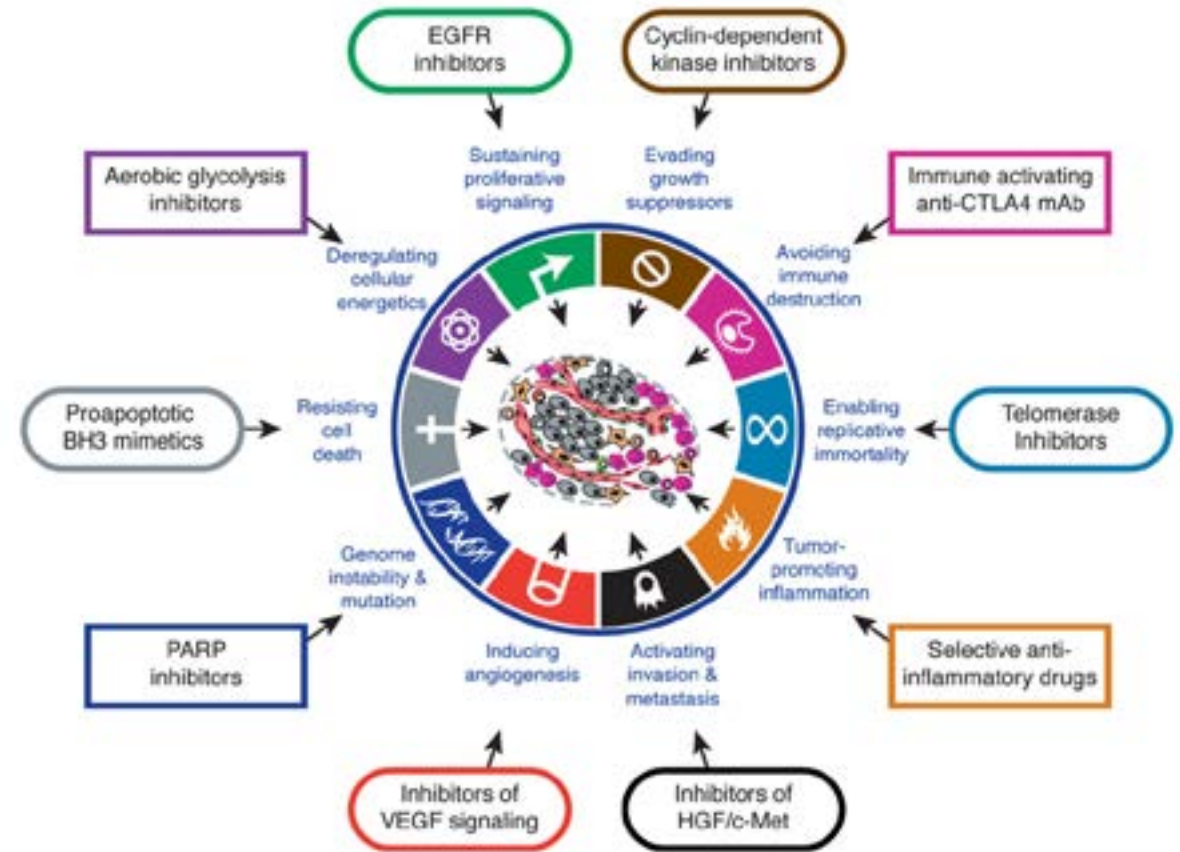


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Outline

- Targeted therapies
 - mTOR inhibitors
 - MEK inhibitors
 - PI3K inhibitors
 - anti-VEGF TKIs
 - EGFR inhibitors
 - BRAF inhibitors
- Immune checkpoint inhibitors
 - CTLA4 inhibitors
 - PD-1/PDL-1 inhibitors



mTOR inhibitor-associated stomatitis

- mTOR pathway
 - PI3K/AKT/mTOR frequently upregulated, proliferation
 - sirolimus, temsirolimus, everolimus
- Clinical features
 - aphthous-like ulcers
 - acute onset, days to weeks
 - recurrent, diminish with time
 - dose dependent
- Management
 - topical steroids
 - palliative care
 - dose modification



Sonis S, et al. Cancer 2010;116:210–5; Martins F, et al. Oral Oncology 2013;49:293–298; Shameem R, et al. Cancer Investigations 2015;33:70-7



mIAS management w/ corticosteroids

- Retrospective, open label phase 1/2 trials
 - 17 cancer patients, everolimus/ridaforolimus
 - 10 days median onset (4–25)
 - median pain = 7/10
 - 5 dose reductions, 1 DLT
 - improvement in ~90% w/ steroid therapy
 - topical (15), intralesional (5), systemic (1)
 - palliative treatments w/ limited benefit
- SWISH trial (n = 92), open label phase 2
 - advanced HR+/HER2+ breast ca
 - EVE 10 mg/EXE 25 mg
 - dexamethasone 0.5 mg/5 mL, 2 min, s/s, QID
 - incidence of \geq grade 2 stomatitis at 8 wks compared w/ BOLERO-2:
 - 2.4% vs. 33% (p <0.001), 21.2% vs. 67% all grades



Aphthous stomatitis w/ other targeted therapies?

- PI3K inhibitors

- idelalisib
 - multiple phase 1 and 2 studies, no mucositis
- copanlisib
 - phase 1, 6/57 (11%) w/ “oral cavity mucositis”, table, no description

Patnaik A, et al. Annals Oncol 2016;27:1928–40

- MEK inhibitors

- trametinib (selumetinib, cobimetinib)
- “mucositis”/“mucosal inflammation” reported infrequently (2-36%), aphthous-like? no description...

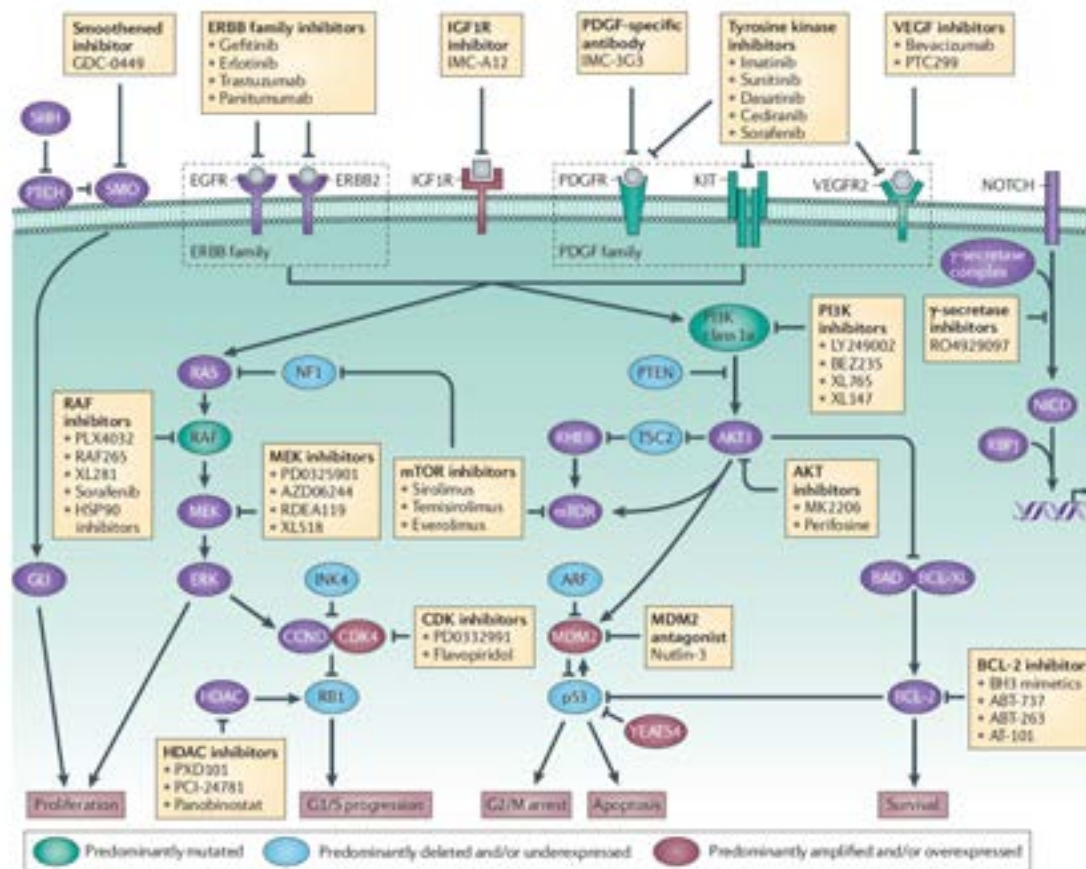
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- acneiform rash common

Anforth R, et al. Australasian J Dermatol 2014;55:250-4





idelalisib (PI3K inhibitor)



MEK+ PI3K inhibitor



Oral dysesthesia associated w/ TKIs

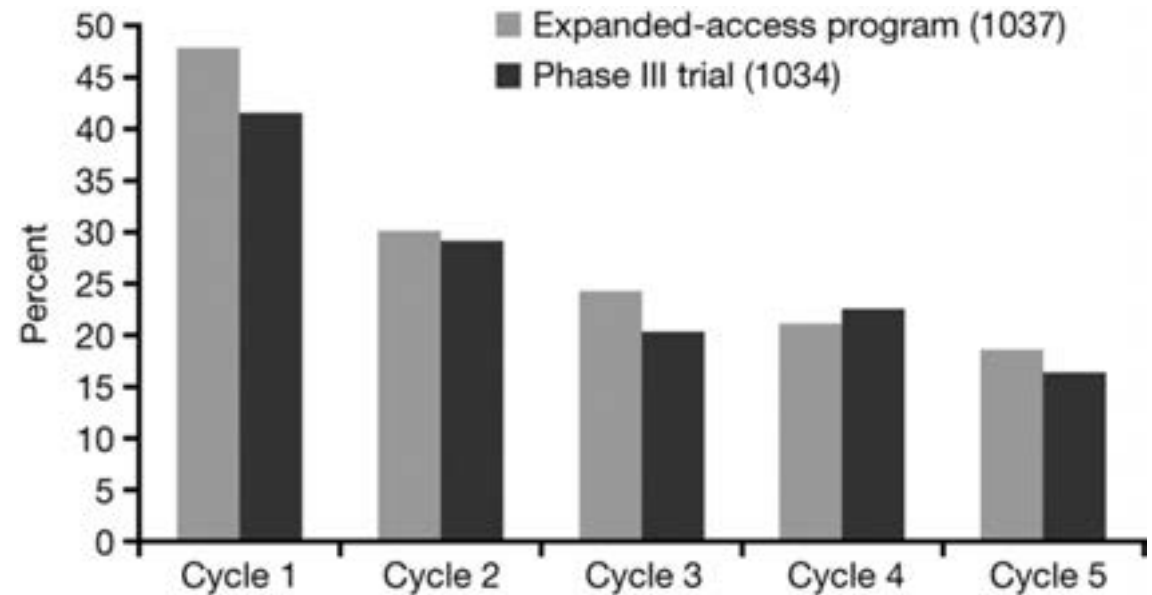
- Multi-targeted tyrosine kinase inhibitors
 - anti-VEGF
 - sunitinib, sorafebib, others
- Clinical features
 - *poorly described in literature*
 - normal appearing mucosa
 - oral/tongue sensitivity, dysesthesia, taste changes
 - association w/ hand-and-foot skin reaction, increasing severity
- Management?
 - treat as pain or dysesthesia?
 - diet modifications



Kollmannsberger et al. *Oncologist* 2011;16:543-53; Lee W, et al. *Br J Dermatology* 2009;161:1045-51; Yuan A, et al. *Oral Oncology* 2015;51:1026–33; Schmidinger M, et al. *Oncologist* 2017;22:1-10; Gerendesh B, et al. *Oncotargets and Therapy* 2017;10:5053-64

Sunitinib oral toxicity

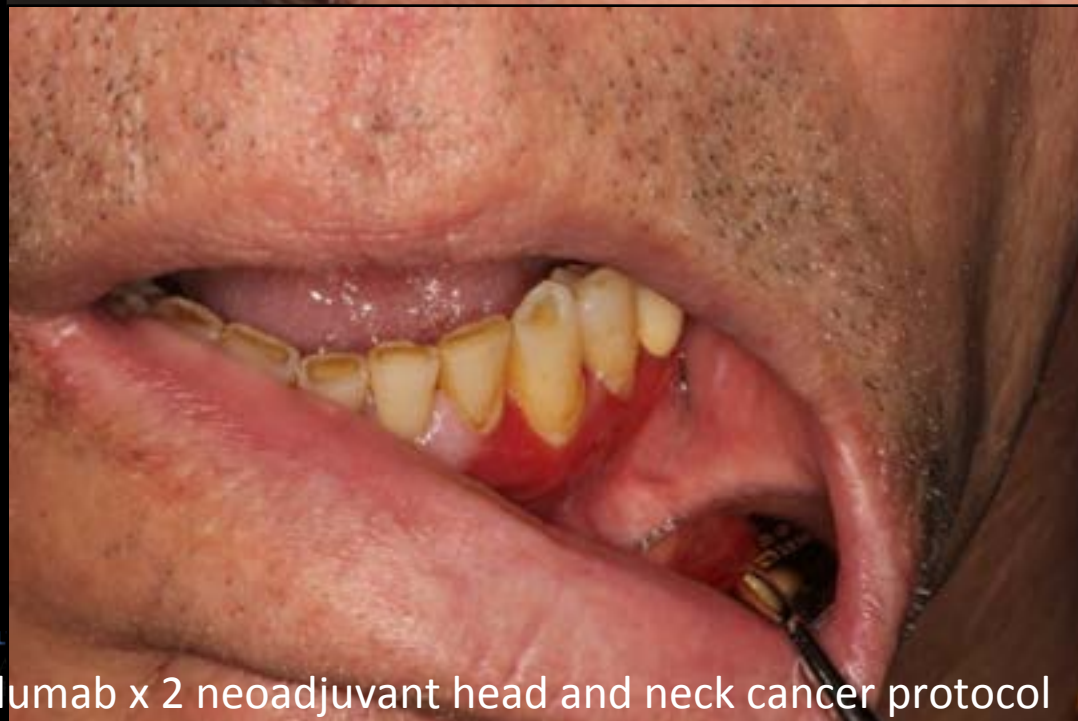
- Mucosal sensitivity
 - most \leq grade 2
 - <10% required dose reduction
 - <1% required discontinuation
- Clinical course
 - 7-14 days after start/severity increases
 - resolves during 2 wk rest
 - recurs, severity lessens
- *Clinical findings normal*
 - single report of “bullous mucositis”(?)



Immunotherapy-associated oral AEs

- Immune checkpoint inhibitors
 - block CTLA-4, PD-1/PD-L1; T cell activation
 - ipilimumab, nivolumab, pembrolizumab
- Clinical features
 - lichenoid inflammation, (bullous pemphigoid)
 - ~3 months mean onset (cutaneous); highly variable, case reports/series, multisystem possible
 - sicca syndrome (n=4, Hopkins, abrupt onset of severe hypofunction, timeframe variable)
 - GVHD after alloHSCT (relapse), potentially severe/refractory
 - acute, overlap, chronic forms
 - combination therapy w/ higher rates
- Management
 - lichenoid – topical steroids, +/- modifications
 - sicca – palliative, sialogogues, dental
 - early recognition, referral









Other reported oral toxicities

- Imatinib
 - lichenoid reactions, cheilitis, SJS
- EGF inhibitors
 - mucositis, ‘which rarely includes aphthous ulcers’, ‘without mucosal changes’
- Vemurafenib
 - mucosal keratosis
 - symptomatic, gingiva, palate, linea alba, labial
 - regressed on discontinuation
 - SCC (lower lip, n = 1)
- Benign migratory glossitis/erythema migrans
 - bevacizumab, sunitinib, sorafenib (anti-VEGF?...)



Figure 1 (a) painful erythematous hyperkerototic area set on the hard palate and (b) the lower gingiva.

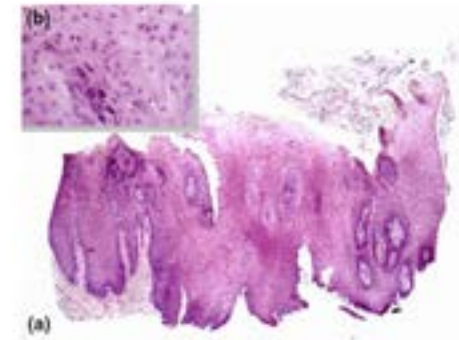


Figure 2 (a) hyperkeratotic verrucous proliferation, thickened granular zone, presence of koilocytes as well as dilated vessels in the corium (Haematoxylin and Eosin \times 10), (b) koilocytes detail at higher scanning magnification (Haematoxylin and Eosin \times 40).

s/p alloHSCT, cGVHD, s/p IL-2, mild symptoms



s/p alloHSCT, cGVHD, de novo, severe symptoms



Summary

- Novel cancer therapies, novel oral toxicities, but mimic other conditions
- Understand risk, recognize early signs/symptoms
- Patient education, prevention, awareness
- Management depends on correct diagnosis, specialty referral
- Research opportunities abound

