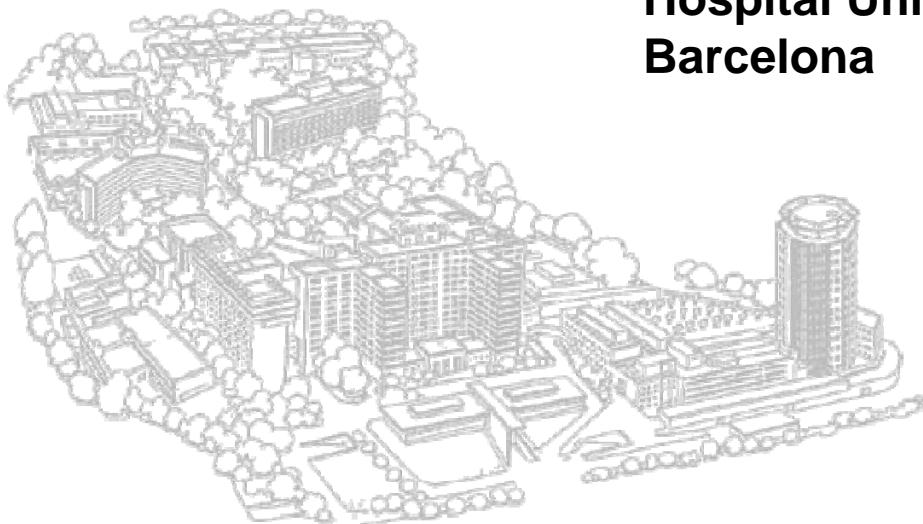


# Cáncer de Tiroides Avanzado: *Nuevas Opciones Terapéuticas*

**Jaume Capdevila**

**Hospital Universitario Vall d'Hebron  
Barcelona**



Experts, acollidors i solidaris



# Epidemiology of Thyroid C.

---

- Rare tumor but most common endocrine malignancy
- > 44.000 new cases in 2010 (US)
- Female > Male
- 25-65 y
- 3 main tumor types:
  - Differentiated (papillary, follicular, Hürthle cell carcinoma)
  - Medullary
  - Anaplastic
- Increasing incidence: 1950-2010 → >300%
- Prognostic factors:
  - > 45 y
  - Follicular histology
  - Primary tumor > 4 cm or T4
  - Distant metastases
  - Molecular markers: VEGF and p53



# Management and Outcome of Thyroid C.

---

- Main treatment: total or near-total thyroidectomy.
- Radioactive Iodine treatment: Tumors > 1.5 cm → benefit in recurrence rate, disease-progression and overall survival.
- Thyroid hormone suppression therapy: high-risk patients (stage III and IV).
  
- 10-y OS:
  - Papillary → 93%
  - Follicular → 85%
  - Medullary → 50-75%
- Recurrence rate: 30%
  - Locoregional → 80% (cervical lymph nodes, thyroid remnant)
  - Distant → 20% (lung, bone, SNC)
- 3-y OS refractory setting: 50%



# Management and Outcome of Thyroid C.

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Chemotherapy of Thyroid Cancer with Adriamycin — Experience with 30 Patients

Jeffrey A. Gottlieb, M.D., and C. Stratton Hill, Jr., M.D.

N Engl J Med 1974; 290:193-197

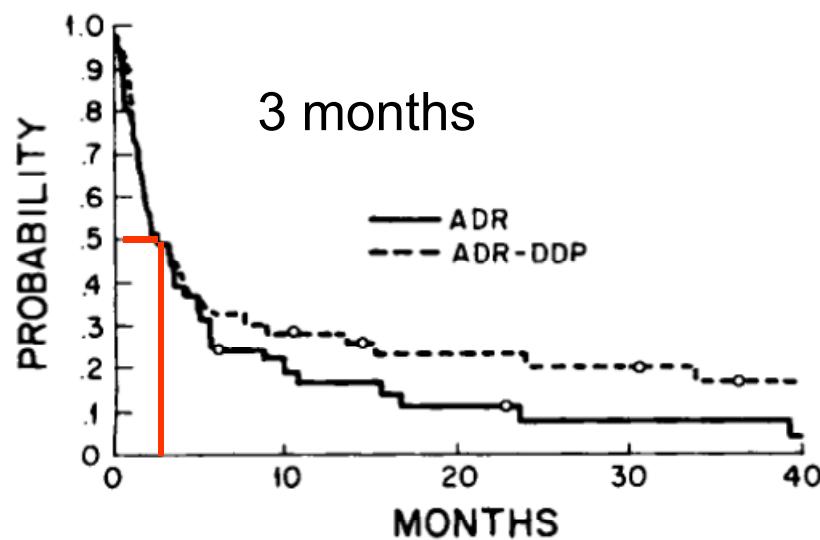


FIG. 1. Time to treatment failure.

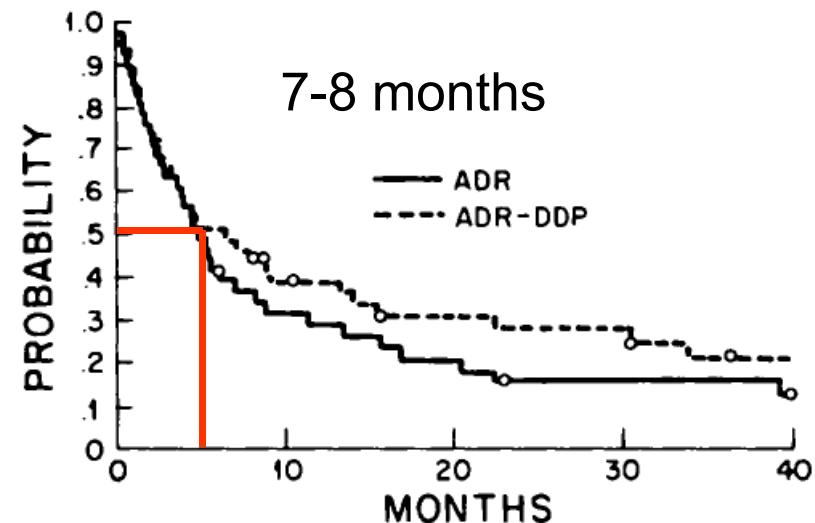
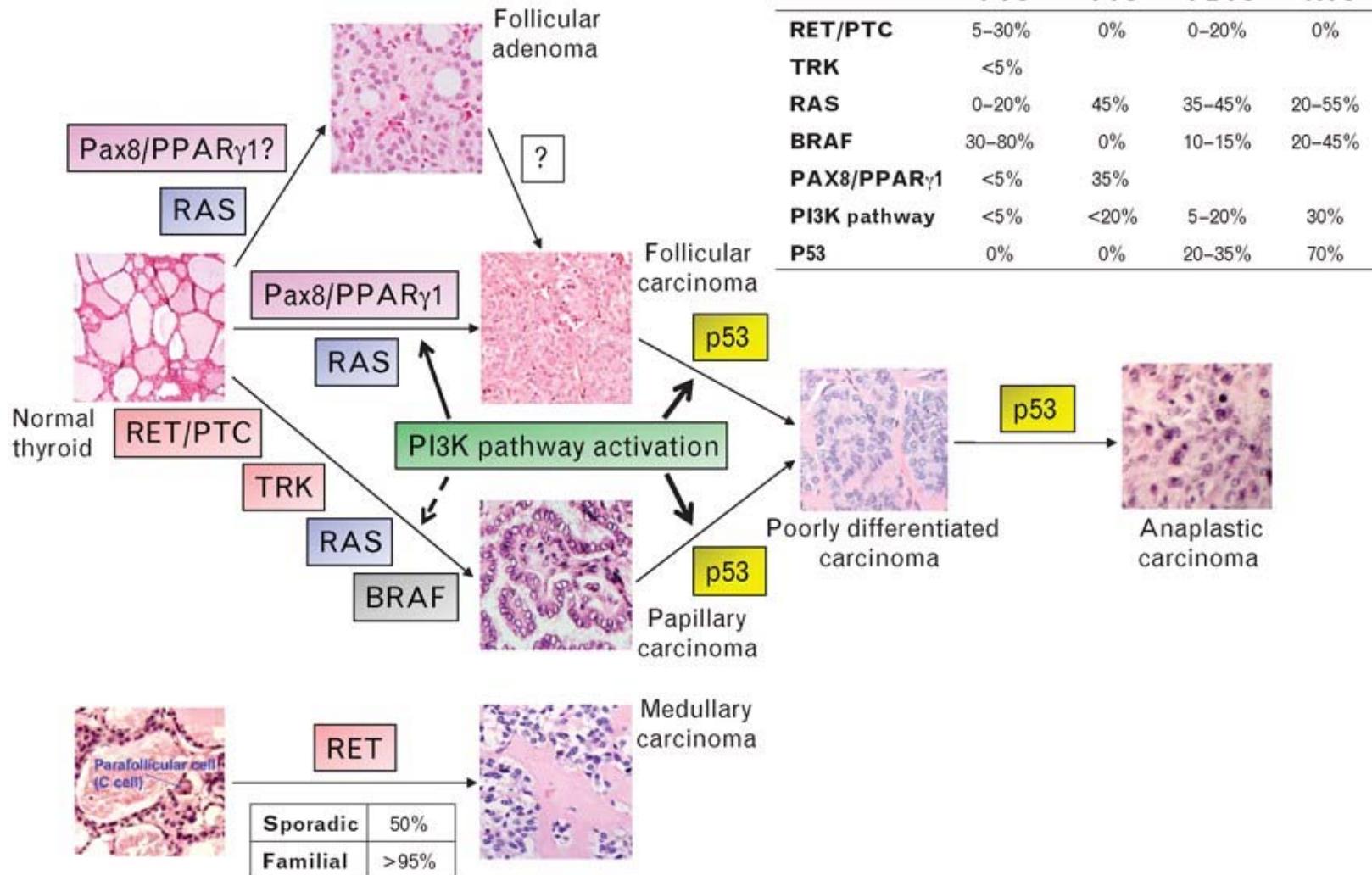


FIG. 2. Survival by treatment.

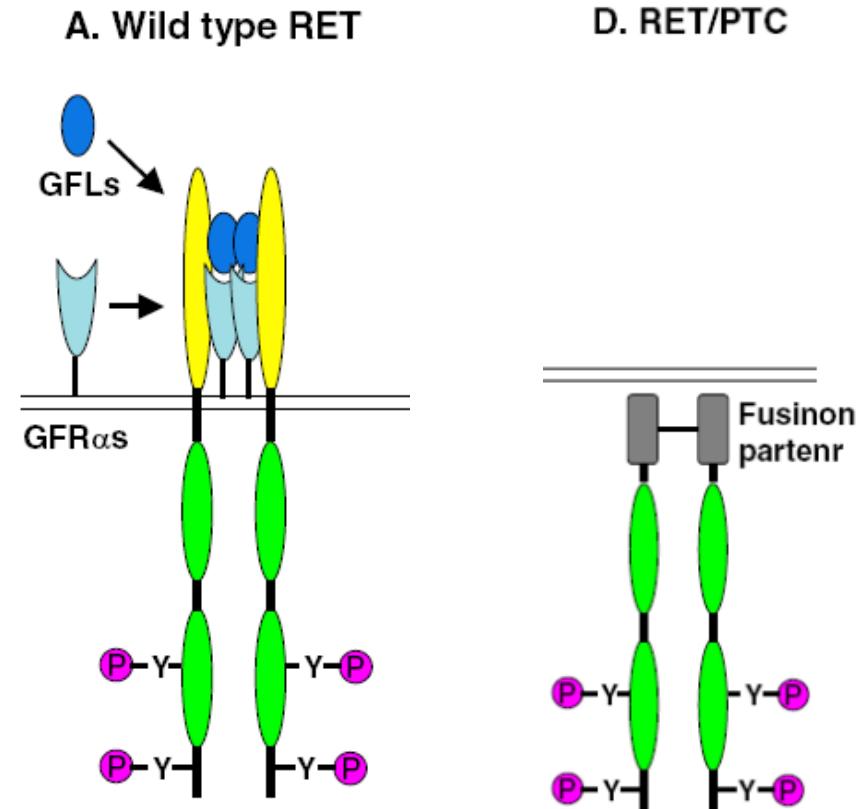
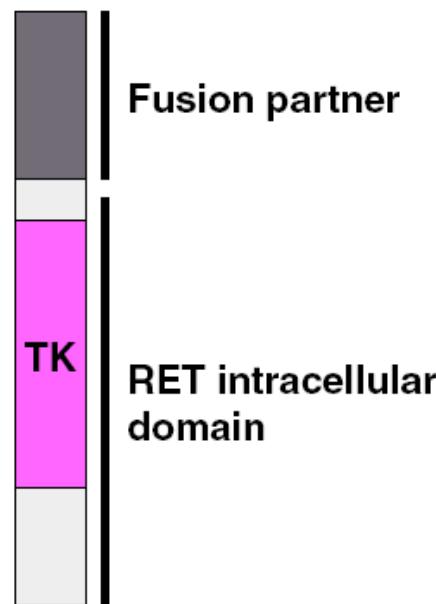


# Multistep model of thyroid carcinogenesis



# RET Pathway in DTC

Oncoprotein	Fusion partner
RET/PTC1:	H4/D10S170
RET/PTC2:	R $\alpha$ of PKA
RET/PTC3:	EAE1/APA70/N $\gamma$ o $\alpha$ 4
RET/PTC4:	EAE1/APA70/N $\gamma$ o $\alpha$ 4
RET/PTC5:	RFG5/golgin-84
RET/PTC6:	hTIF1
RET/PTC7:	GFG7/hTIF $\gamma$
RET/PTC8:	KTN1/kinectin
RET/PTC9:	RFG9
ELKS/RET:	ELKS
PCM1/RET:	PCM1
RFP/RET:	RFP



Murakumo Y, Pituitary 2006

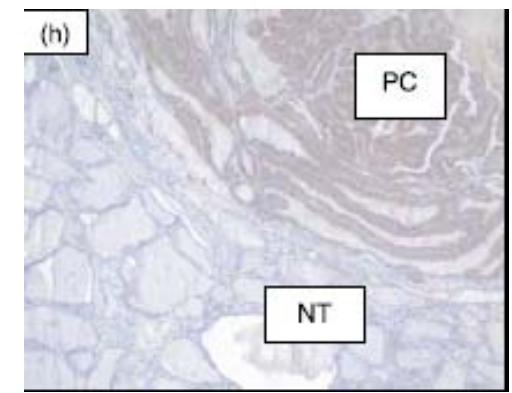
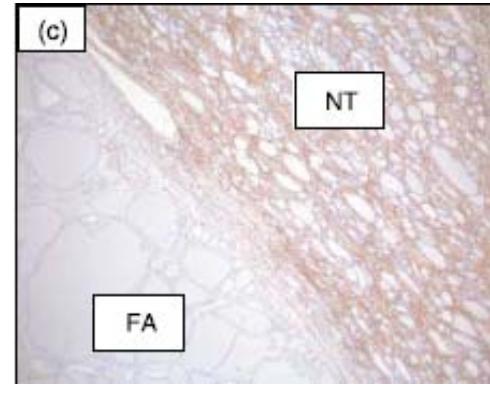
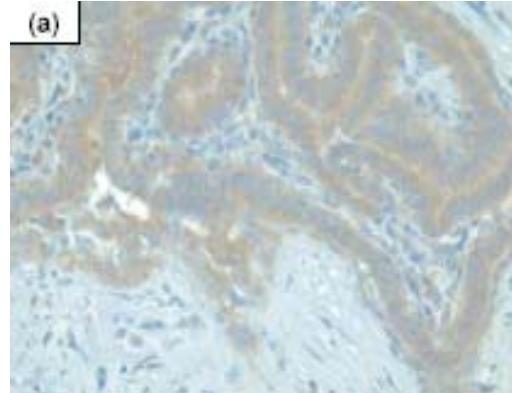
# Prevalence of mutations in thyroid cancer

Tumor type	Prevalence (%)
Papillary carcinoma	
BRAF	45
RET/PTC	20
RAS	10
Follicular carcinoma	
RAS	45
PAX8-PPAR	35
PI3K	<10
PTEN	<10
Poorly differentiated carcinoma	
RAS	35
β-catenin	20
P53	20
BRAF	15

Anaplastic carcinoma	
p53	70
β-catenin	65
RAS	55
BRAF	20
PI3K	20
PTEN	10
Medullary carcinoma	
Familial forms RET	>95
Sporadic RET	40-50



# Angiogenesis

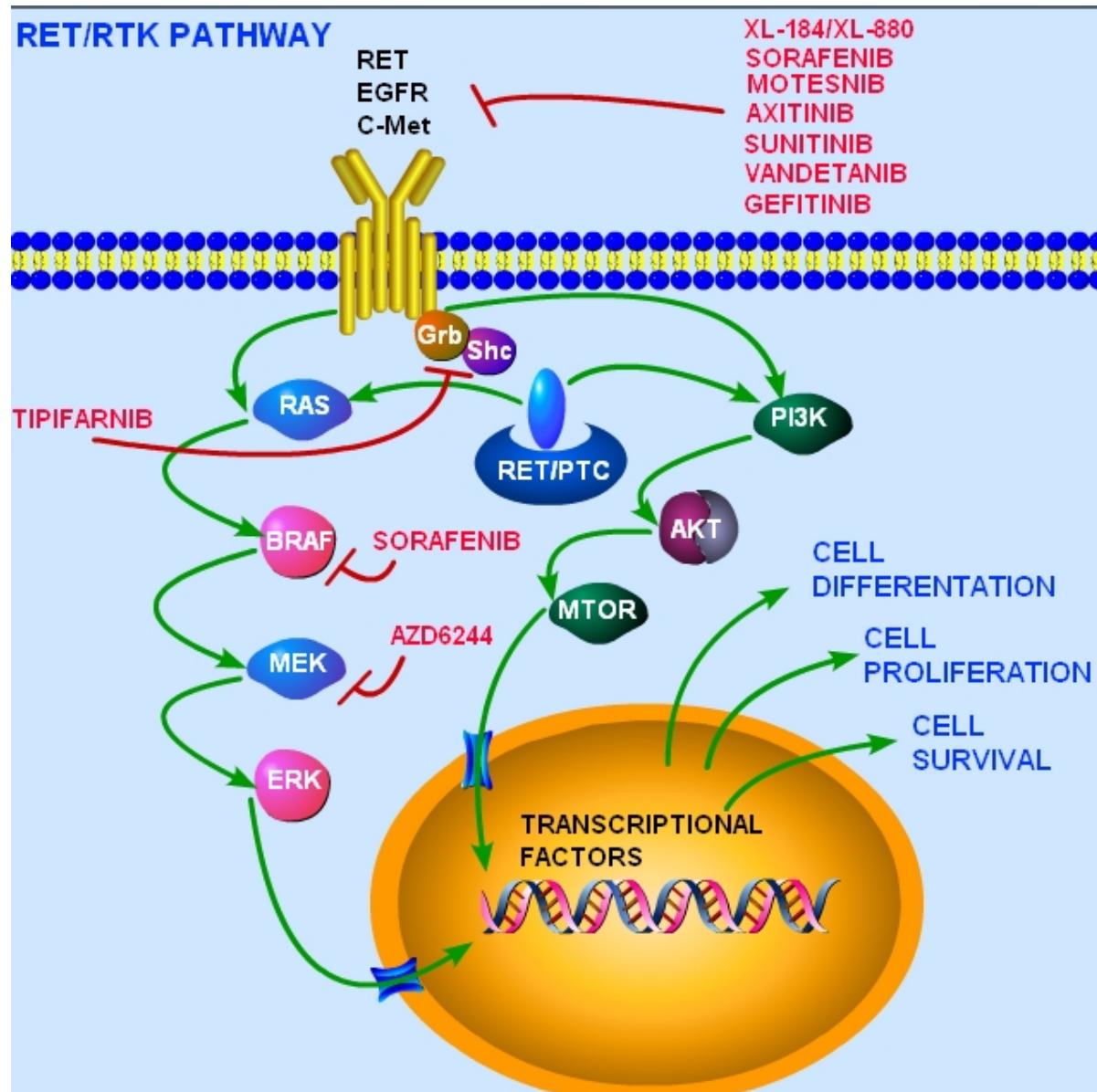


- Higher VEGF levels and microvessel density in thyroid cancers compared with normal thyroid tissue.
- VEGF levels correlated with stage, large tumor size, nodal involvement, extrathyroidal invasion and metastases.
- VEGF levels correlated with risk of recurrence and inferior recurrence-free survival.
- LOH of VHL tumor suppressor gene has been described in thyroid cancer. VHL loss leads HIF1 $\alpha$ , HIF2 $\alpha$  accumulation → angiogenic events ( $\uparrow$  VEGF, PDGF, TGF $\alpha$ ...).

Bauer AJ, Ann Clin Lab Sci 2003  
Viglietto G, Oncogene 1995  
Klein M, J Endocrinol 1999  
Yu XM, Clin Cancer Res 2005

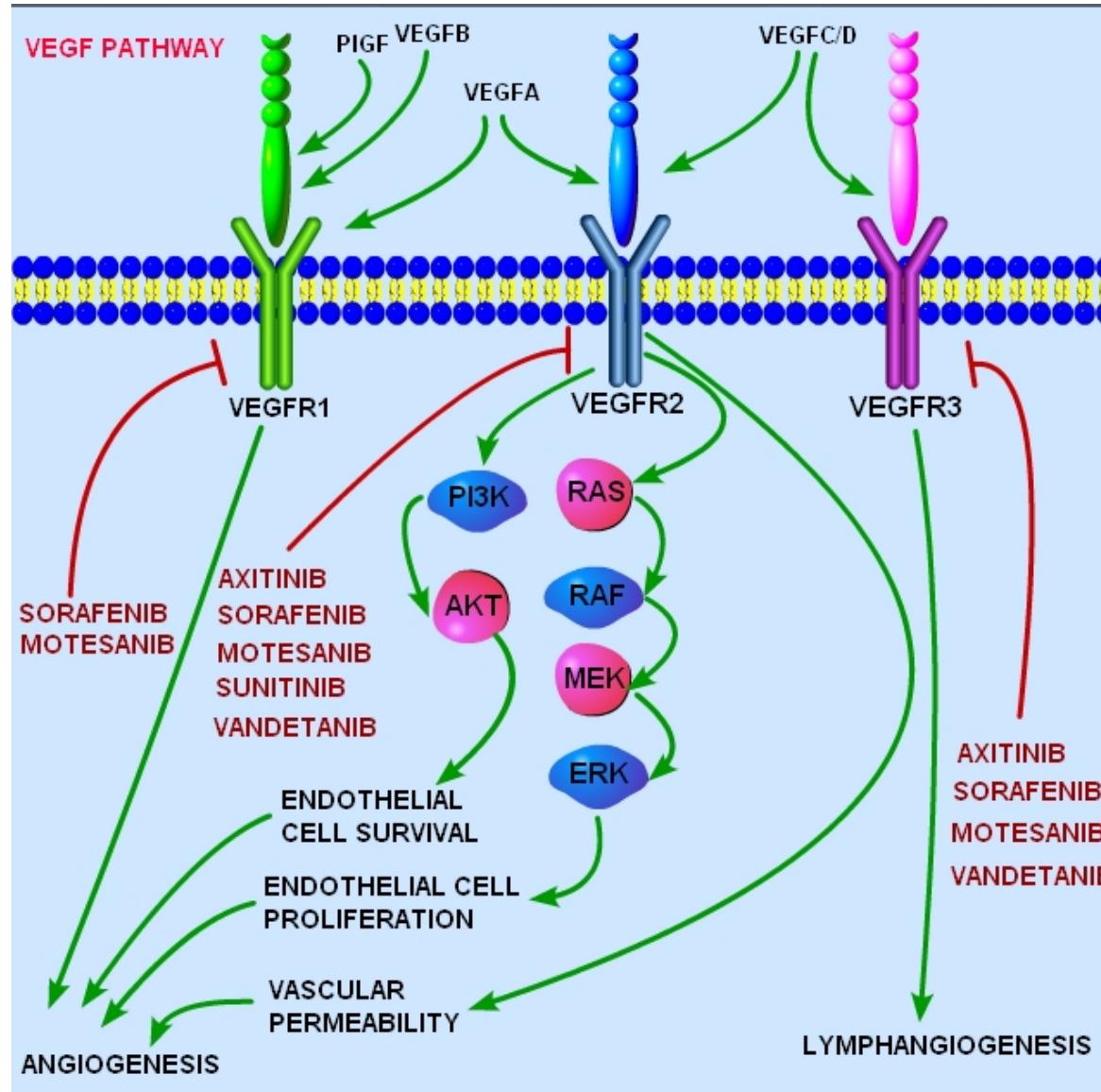


# Targeted therapies in thyroid cancer



Capdevila J, et al. Target Oncol, 2009

# Targeted therapies in thyroid cancer



# Targeted therapies in thyroid cancer

Small molecules inhibitors of multiple proteins with kinase activity in clinical trials for thyroid carcinomas.

Drug	Targets with IC <sub>50</sub> values (nmol/l)									
	RET	VEGFR1	VEGFR2	VEGFR3	PDGFRα	PDGFRβ	BRAF	KIT	FLT <sub>3</sub>	Other
Sorafenib (BAY-439006)	47	26	90	20	-	57	25	68	33	
Motesanib (AMG 706)	59	2	3	6	-	84		8	33	
Axitinib (AG-013736)	1.2	1.2	0.16	0.29	5.2	1.6	-	1.7	-	
Sunitinib (SU011248)	100	-	4	-	-	39	-	1-10	8-14	
Vandetanib (ZD6474)	130	-	40	110	-	-	-	-	-	EGFR 500
Pazopanib (GW786034)	-	10	30	47	-	84	-	74	-	
Lenvatinib E7080	35	22	4	5.2	-	39	-	-	-	FGFR1 46
Cabozantinib XL-184	4	-	0.035	-	-	-	-	-	-	C-MET 1.8

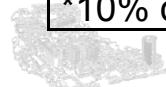


# Phase II trials in thyroid cancer

Study	Drug	N	Population	Response Rate	Stable disease	Progression-free Survival
Gupta	Sorafenib	30	DTC	23%	53%	20 months
Kloss	Sorafenib	41	PTC	15%	56%	15 months
Capdevila	Sorafenib	34	DTC MTC	20% (DTC) 50% (MTC)	48%	12 months
Sherman	Motesanib	93	DTC	24%*	67%	10 months
Cohen	Axitinib	60	All types	30%	38%	18 months
Ravaud	Sunitinib	17	DTC & MTC	8.3% (DTC) 12.5% (MTC)	66.7% (DTC) 87.5% (MTC)	NR
Carr	Sunitinib	33	DTC & MTC	13% (DTC) 0% (MTC)	68% (DTC) 83% (MTC)	NR
De Souza	Sunitinib	25	MTC	33%	54%	12 months
Leboulleux	Vandetanib	145	DTC	8.3% vs 5.5%	48% vs 37%	11 vs 5.8 months
Wells	Vandetanib	331	MTC	20%	30%	NR
Bible	Pazopanib	37	DTC	49%	46%	11.7 months
Sherman	Lenvatinib	58	DTC	59%	36%	13.3 months
Pennell	Gefitinib	27	All types	0	48%	3.7 months
Ain	Thalidomide	36	DTC & MTC	18%	32%	NR
Ain	Lenalidomide	18	DTC	39%	50%	NR

DTC: differentiated thyroid cancer; PTC: papillary thyroid cancer; MTC: medullar thyroid cancer; NR: not reported;

\*10% of unconfirmed responses.



# Sorafenib in thyroid cancer

---

