

# MEDÜLLER TIROİD KANSERİNDE GÜNCELLEME

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## 37 yař, erkek, bekar, Rize

- 2011→ Öksürük, balgam řikayetleri ile acil
- Toraks BT→multipl metastazla uyumlu görünüm
- Özgeçmiş
  - Menenjit hikayesi
  - Mental retardasyon

- **PET-BT:** Tiroid bezi üst polden başlayarak retrosternal uzanım gösteren lezyonlar, boyunda sol juguler zincir boyunca ve akciğerde multiple metastazlar ile uyumlu lezyonlar
- Tiroid sol lob bx → Medüller tiroid karsinomu ile uyumlu
- Kalsitonin: 2000 pg/mL...
- CEA: 100 U/mL

- **Nisan 2011** → Bilateral total tiroidektomi ve fonksiyonel boyun diseksiyonu

- **Patoloji:**

- Medüller karsinom,
- Sol lob lokalizasyonlu
- En geniş çap 4 cm
- 4/9 metastatik LAP

- **Mayıs 2011 - Ağustos 2013** → Kemoterapi ve Sorafenib
- Stabil Hastalık

## Ağustos 2013

- Stabil hastalık nedeniyle sorafenibe devam edilmiş
- Aralık 2014 → PET-BT'de progresyon... Sorafenib kesilip kapesitabin ve temozolomid (CapTem) başlanmıştır.

# RTEÜ- Medikal Onkoloji

## Haziran 2016

- Stabil hastalık
- Kalsitonin >2000 pg/mL
- CEA: 509 U/mL

Hastanın kemoterapi tolerasyonu zorlaştığı ve 2 yıldır KT ile stabil hastalık olduğu için KT'ye ara verilmiş.

**Vandetanib**

# RTEÜ- Medikal Onkoloji

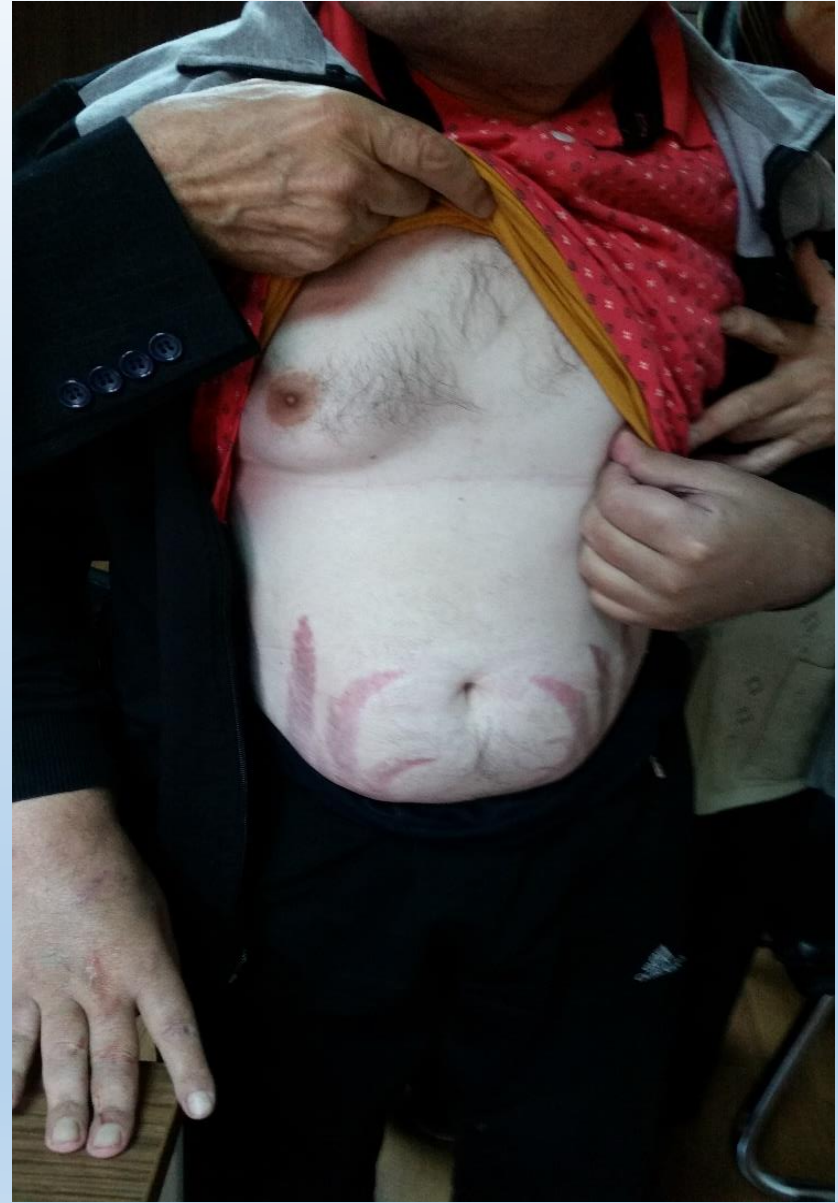
- **Ekim 2016**

- Kalsitonin: 8242 pg/mL
- CEA: 606 U/mL

- Cushingoid görünüm? → Endokrinoloji







# RTEÜ- Endokrinoloji

- 2011→ Medüller tiroid karsinomu
- Haziran 2016→ düşük travma sonrası sol ayak bileği fraktürü

## Ekim-Kasım 2016

24 saatlik idrar kortizol:  $>1196 \mu\text{g/gün}$

2 gün 2mg DST kortizol:  $22 \mu\text{g/dL}$

2 gün 8mg DST kortizol:  $31.3 \mu\text{g/dL}$

CEA:  $606.5 \text{ U/mL}$

Kalsitonin:  $8242 \text{ pg/mL}$

# Endokrinoloji-Cerrahi Konseyi- Kasım 2016

- Metastatik medüller tiroid karsinomu ve ektopik ACTH sendromu
  - Multipl kosta kırıkları!

	Kortizol ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ )	ACTH ( $\text{pg}/\text{mL}$ )	Kalsitonin ( $\text{pg}/\text{mL}$ )	CEA ( $\text{U}/\text{mL}$ )	24 saatlik idrarda kortizol ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{g}\ddot{u}\text{n}$ )
Ekim 2016	23.7	118	8242	606	>1196
Kasım 2016	25.6	121			
Ketokanazol başlanıyor					
Aralık 2016					>807
Ocak 2017	26.4	121			
Vandetanib başlanıyor					
Ocak 2017			859	443	
01.02.2017	Acil → ketokanazol ve vandetanib kesiliyor				
09.02.2017	15.2	86.6			

	Kortizol ( $\mu\text{g/dL}$ )	ACTH ( $\text{pg/mL}$ )	Kalsitonin ( $\text{pg/mL}$ )	CEA ( $\text{U/mL}$ )	24 saatlik idrarda kortizol ( $\mu\text{g/gün}$ )
16.02.2017	6.1	120			
20.02.2017	5.7	104			
02.03.2017	13.6	88	840	374	
<b>Vandetanib geri başlanıyor</b>					
10.03.2017	13.0		94		
24.03.2017 14	9.2	69		6979	442

- **Mayıs 2017**

- Sağ ayak baş parmakta fraktür

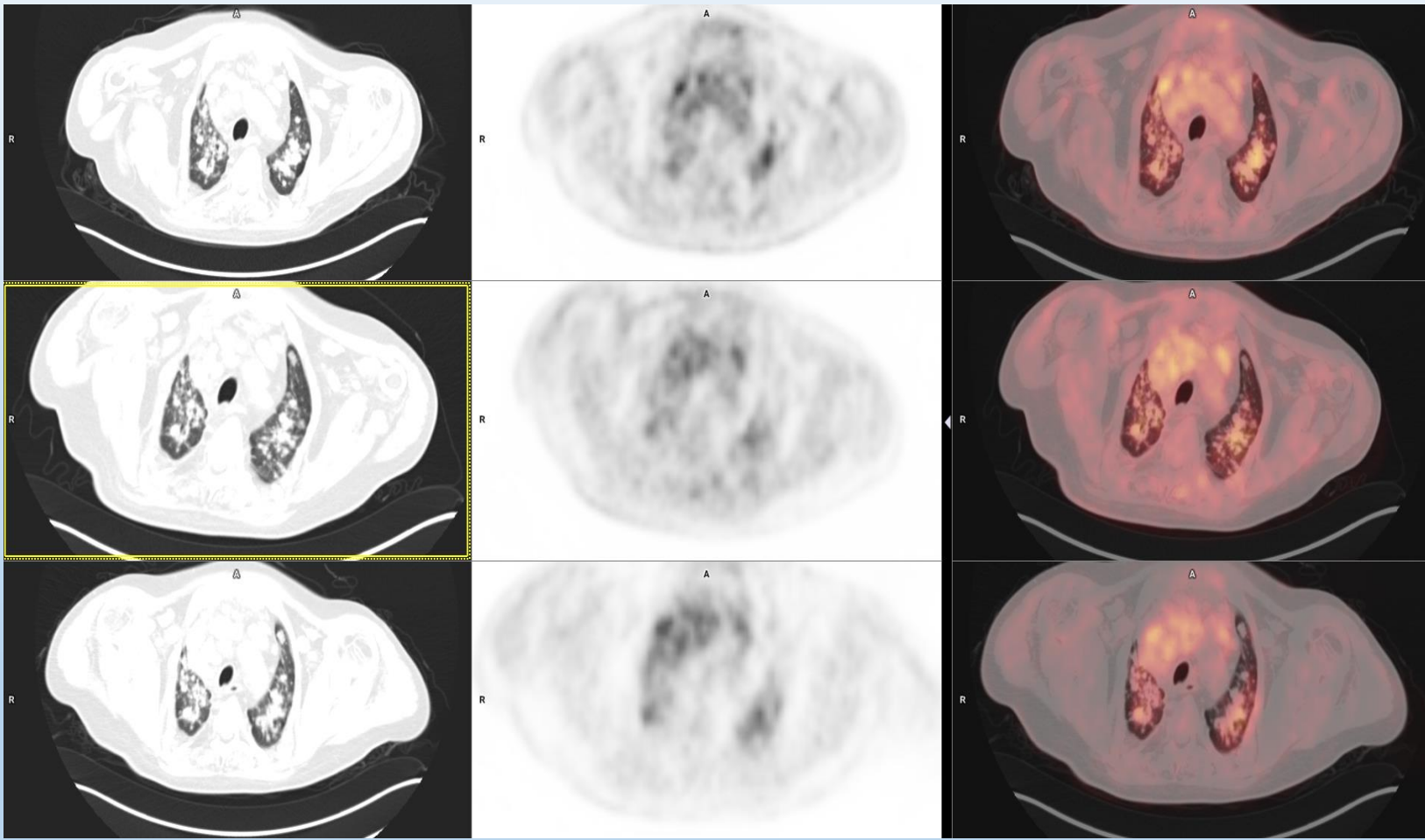
- **Ekim 2017**

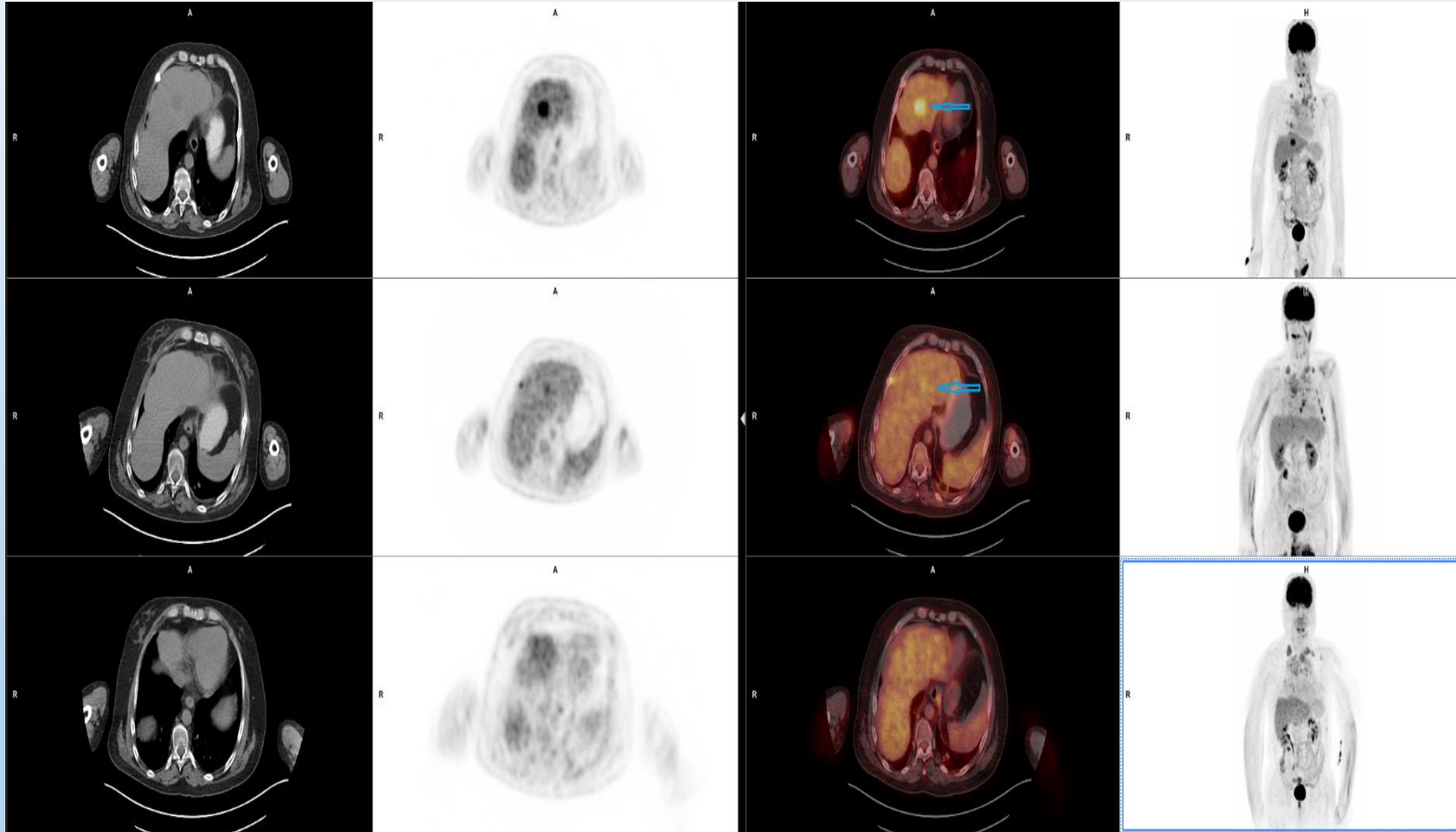
- Sol tibia şaft ve fibula fraktürü!

- Ortopedi servisinde hospitalize



# PET-BT







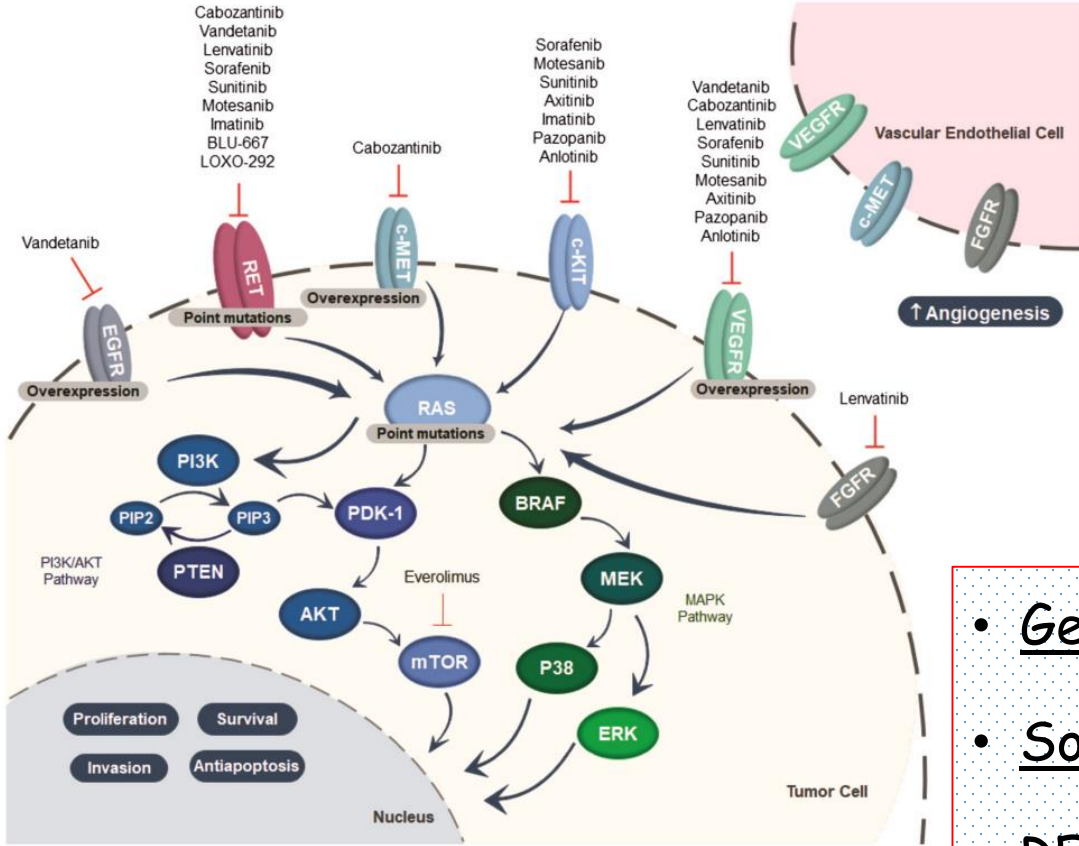
2019 da septik Őok nedeniyle kaybediliyor...

# Medüller Tiroid Kanseri (MTK)

- Tiroidin kalsitonin üreten parafoliküler C-hücrelerinden köken alır
  - Kalsitonin üretimi
  - CEA
- Tüm tiroid nodüllerinin %0.4-1.4'ü
- Tüm tiroid kanserlerinin %3'ünden azı
- Otopsi serilerinde %0.14
- En sık 4-6. dekadlar
- Vakaların→
  - %75'i sporadik
  - %25'i herediter (MEN2)

Alt tip	İnsidans	Tanı yaşı	Bileşenleri
Sporadik	%75	40-60	-
MEN2A	Hereditör formların %34	20-40	Feokromositoma (%40-60) Paratiroid hastalığı (%10-30)
MEN2B	Hereditör formların %6.8	3-8	Feokromositoma (%40-60) Paratiroid hastalığı nadir Marfanoid, dilde nöroma, barsaklarda ganglinöromatozis
FMTK	Hereditör formların %57.6	45-65	-

# RET REarranged during Transfection



- Germ-line mutasyonları herediter kanserlere
- Somatik mutasyonlar sporadik vakalara sebep olur
- RET-->

- Transmembran kodlanması
- Değişik tiroizin rezidülerinin sürekli fosforilasyonu-  
-> hücre survisi-diferensiyasyonu ve proliferasyonu için gerekli intraselüler yolların aktivasyonu

609-611-618-620-634-->MEN 2A;

611-->Yavaş progresyon

M918T-->MEN 2B

- Hastaların %75-95'inde soliter nodül
- Hastaların %35'inde tanı anında servikal metastazı+
- Hastaların %0-15'inde bası semptomları+
- Hastaların %5-15'inde uzak metastaz+
  - Karaciğer, kemikler, akciğer, beyin, cilt
- Bazen de sistemik bulgularla gelir
  - Diyare, flushing, ağrılı kemik metastazları

- Başarılı cerrahiden sonra kalsitonin yüksek seyreden hastalarda aslında -muhtemelen klinik bulgu vermeyen- uzak metastazların olduğu düşünülür
- İlerleyen zamanda da hastaların %18-38'inde tespit edilirler
- 10 yıllık hastalığa spesifik mortalite %13.5-38



- SEER→10 yıllık survi %95.6
- Jung ve arkadaşları→
  - 5 yıllık survi %92
  - 10 yıllık survi %87
- Uzak metastaz tanısı konduktan sonra→
  - 5 yıllık survi %26
  - 10 yıllık survi %10

# TANI

- TIIAB %50-80 duyarlı
  - İmmüno-histokimyasal boyama
  - TIIAB wash-out
- Kalsitonin
  - Genelde tm boyutuyla/hastalık yaygınlığıyla korele
  - Hiperkalsemi, hipergastrinemi, nöroendokrin tümörler, renal yetmezlik, papiller-foliküler tiroid Ca, guvatr, otoimmün tiroidit, uzun süreli PPI tedavisi, kalsitonine karşı heterofil antikor varlığı
- CEA
  - Heterofil antikorlar, akciğer hastalıkları, tiroid dışı malignansiler, sigara

# Cerrahi

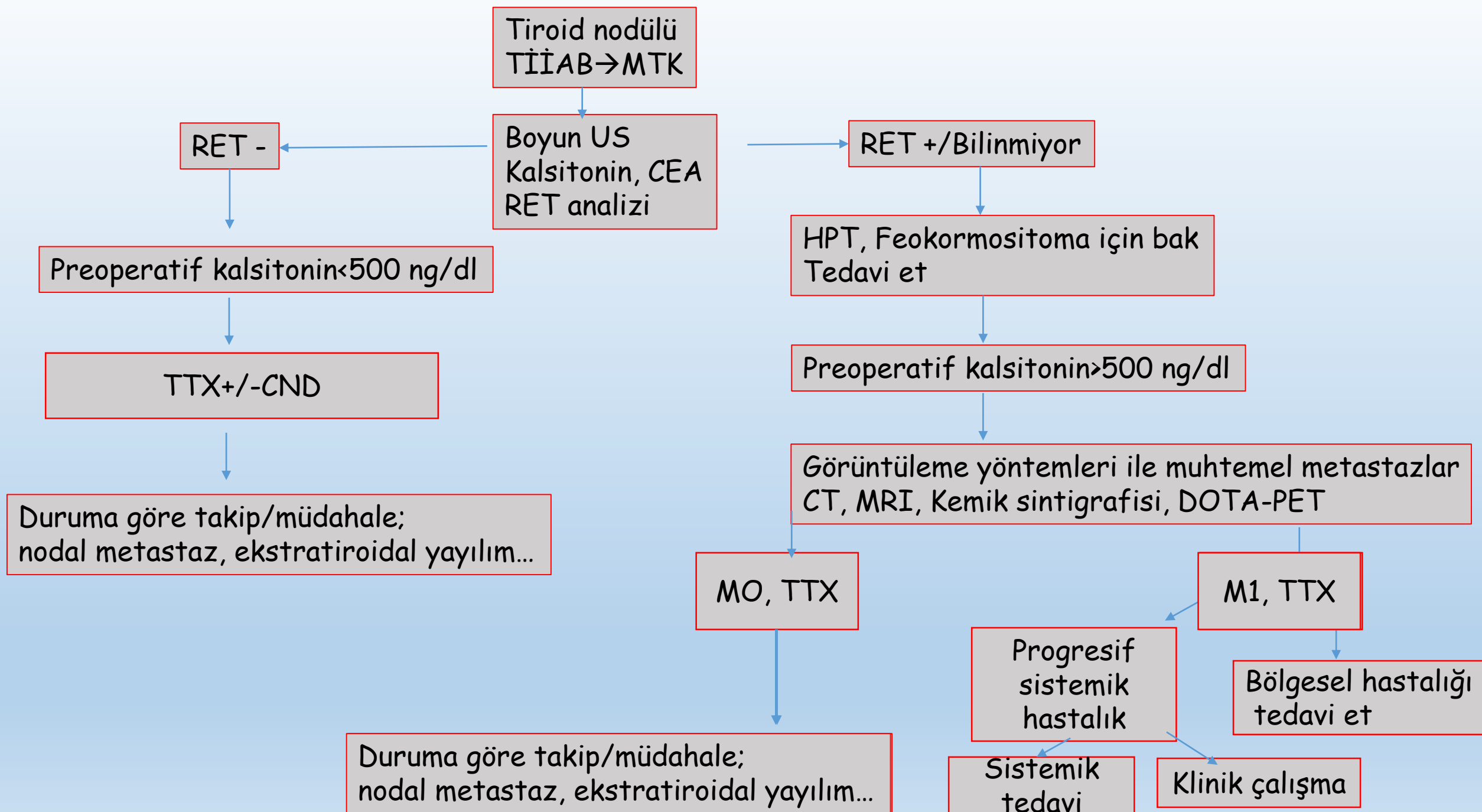
- Tek küratif tedavi...
- Sporadik vakaların %10'unda ve genetik hastaların tamamında multifokal hastalık var
  - Total tiroidektomi+Santral kompartman diseksiyonu
- Lenf nodu diseksiyonu
  - Preoperatif kalsitonin
  - Preoperatif USG bulguları
  - Intraoperatif bulgular

- TM çapı  $\geq 1$  cm/Bilateral hastalık var  $\rightarrow$  total tiroidektomi+bilateral santral lenf nodu diseksiyonu
- Kontralateral lenf nodu diseksiyonu  $\rightarrow$ 
  - Bazal kalsitonin  $> 200$  pg/ml
  - İpsi lateral lenf nodu+
- Bilateral santral lenf nodu diseksiyonu+ipsilateral lenf nodu diseksiyonu  $\rightarrow$ 
  - Bazal kalsitonin 50-200 pg/ml
  - Boyun USG (-)
- Santral diseksiyona gerek yok
  - Bazal kalsitonin  $< 20$  pg/ml

# Kalsitonin > ...pg/ml

- 20 → İpsilateral santral, ipsilateral lateral
- 50 → Kontralateral santral

- Tanı postoperatif konmuşsa →
  - Sporadik vakada tamamlayıcı cerrahi gereksiz
    - USG bulgusu veya post-operatif ölçülebilir kalsitonin varsa gerekli



## • Prognostik faktörler

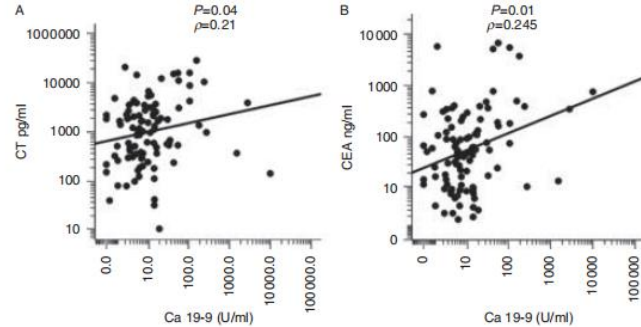
- Yaş
- Tümör çapı
  - Tümörün intratiroidal olması
- Lokal ve uzak metastaz varlığı
  - Lenf nodu sayısı...
- Somatik M918 mutasyonu
- Kalsitonin-CEA yarılanma ömrü
- CA 19.9? Prokalsitonin? Micro-RNA?

# Elevated level of serum carbohydrate antigen 19.9 as predictor of mortality in patients with advanced medullary thyroid cancer

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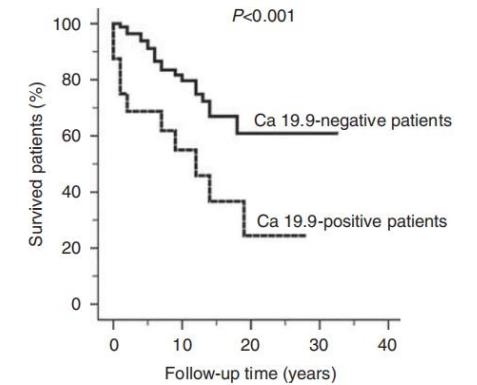
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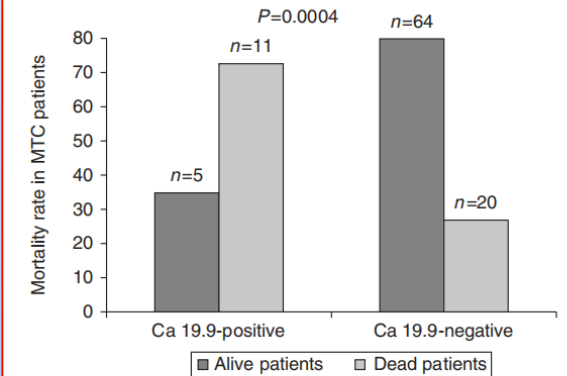
**Figure 1**  
 Positive linear correlation between the serum levels of Ct ( $\rho=0.21$ ;  $P=0.04$ ) (A) and CEA ( $\rho=0.245$ ;  $P=0.01$ ) (B) with Ca 19.9 serum values.

**Table 2** Comparison of lymph node and distant metastases at the time of our observation in the two groups of structurally persistent/recurrent MTC patients with normal and abnormal levels of serum Ca 19.9.

Type of metastases	Ca 19.9-positive patients (%)	Ca 19.9-negative patients (%)	P value
Lymph node metastases	13/16 (81)	71/84 (84)	0.7
Distant metastases (all)	16/16 (100)	66/84 (78)	0.04
Bone metastases	5/16 (31)	10/84 (11)	0.03
Lung metastases	10/16 (62)	37/84 (44)	0.17
Liver metastases	12/16 (75)	39/84 (46)	0.03



**Figure 3**  
 The Kaplan–Meier curve of survival in patients with normal and abnormal levels of Ca 19.9.



**Figure 2**  
 Mortality rate of patients with abnormal and normal levels of Ca 19.9: a statistically significant higher percentage of death was observed in the group with abnormal levels of serum Ca 19.9.



## Procalcitonin: A New Biomarker for Medullary Thyroid Cancer? A Systematic Review

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## Procalcitonin for detecting medullary thyroid carcinoma: a systematic review

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- Stabil bir molekül
- Kalsitonin-hastalık yaygınlığı-tümör çapı-lenf nodu metastazı-ile korelasyon
- Prokalsitonin >0.1 ng/ml → %98-100 özgünlük, %91-100 duyarlılık

RESEARCH





## Circulating miR-375 as a novel prognostic marker for metastatic medullary thyroid cancer patients

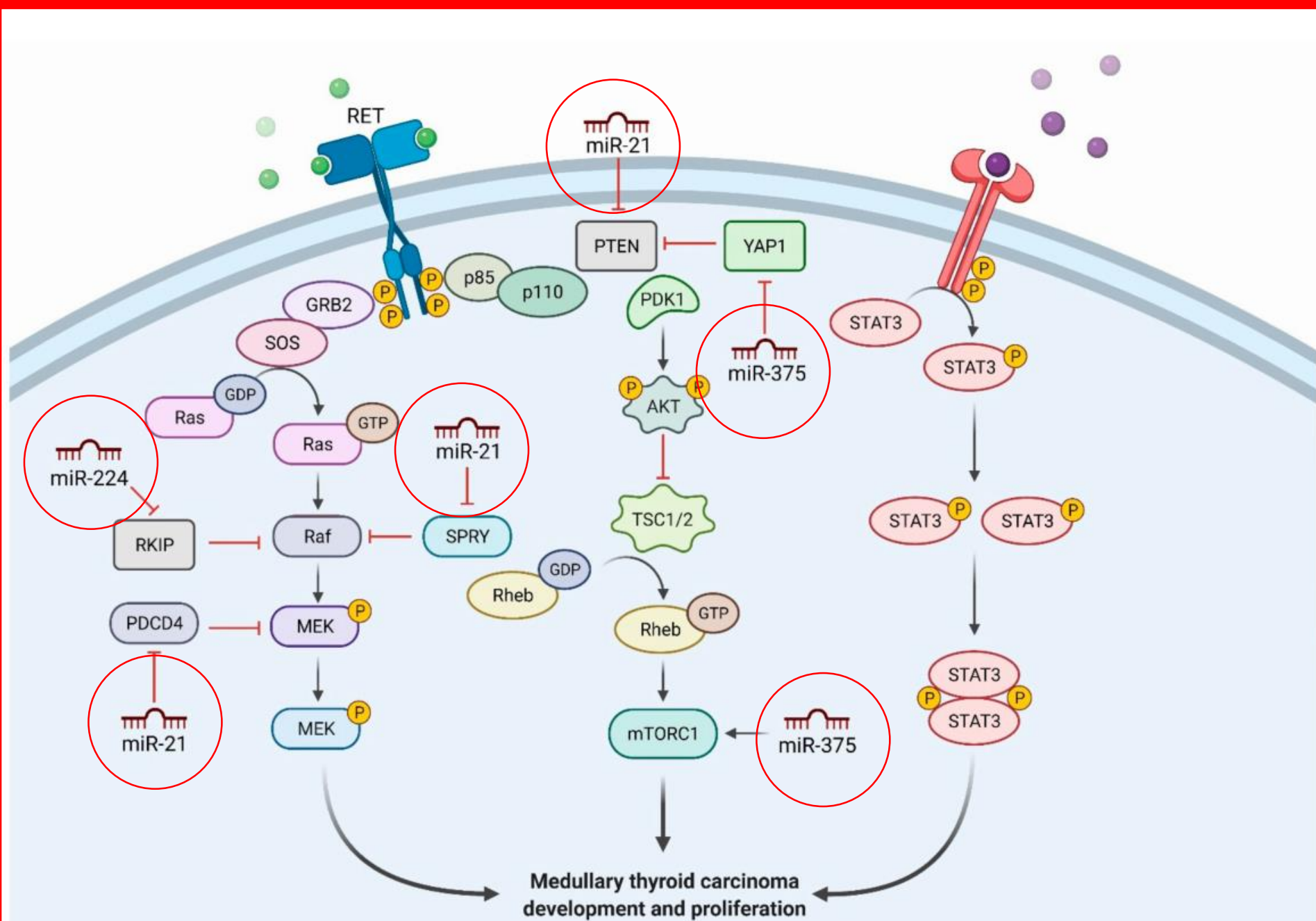
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Review

## MicroRNAs in Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma: A State of the Art Review of the Regulatory Mechanisms and Future Perspectives

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**Table 1.** The main miRNAs involved in medullary thyroid carcinoma, including gene mechanisms and actions.

miRNA	Gene Mechanism	Actions
miR-21	Upregulates RAS/ERK pathway (targets RASA1 and SPRED1), inhibits PDCD4 and apoptosis	High levels associated with lymph node metastases, advanced stage and postoperative chronic disease; potential therapeutic target [19]
miR-375	Downregulates the PI3K/Akt pathway (targets YAP1, SLC16a2, SEC23A, PARP, JAK2 and NGFR)	Potential biomarker, plasma levels correlate with tumor burden, distant metastasis and response to vandetinib treatment [25]
miR-224	Dysregulates the PI3K/Akt pathway	Low levels in advanced MTC, high levels and positive prognostic factor in sporadic MTC with RAS mutations [31]
miR-183	Inhibits PDCD4 and apoptosis	High levels associated with lateral cervical lymph node metastases, distant metastases and mortality [14,34]
miR-127	Downregulates BAG5 and SEPT7, upregulates Wnt7a	Low levels in sporadic MTC harboring RET mutation [40]
miR-153-3p	Downregulates mTOR pathway (targets RPS6KB1)	Potential therapeutic effects in combination with tyrosine kinase inhibitors [41]
Long-non-coding-RNA—MALAT1	Downregulates B-MYB, p53, upregulates EMT (targets E-cadherin)	High levels in MTC, in vitro inhibition reduces tumor cell proliferation and invasion [46]
miR-31-3p	Downregulates RAS pathway (targets RASA2)	Low levels in MTC, reduces in vitro MTC cell proliferation [52]
miR-34a; miR-144	Dysregulates PI3K/Akt/mTOR pathway (targets AXL)	High levels in MTC, proposed as biomarkers but lack sufficient specificity and sensitivity [63,64]
miR-10a	Downregulates HOXD4	High levels in primary MTC but downregulated in metastases [15]
miR-200 family	Upregulates TGF- $\beta$ 2 (targets ZEB1 and ZEB2) and EMT (targets E-cadherin)	May correlate with metastatic potential [21]

## Total tiroidektomi

Kalsitonin (-)/normal  
gösterilebilen nüks veya  
persistan hastalık yok

Kalsitonin ölçülebilir ama  
<150 ng/dl ve  
gösterilebilen nüks veya  
persistan hastalık yok

Kalsitonin >150 ng/dl

Fizik muayene ve US normal →  
İlk yıl 6 ayda bir, sonrasında  
yıllık takip

\*6 ayda bir FM/US  
\*Her 3-6 ayda bir kalsitonin  
ve CEA (dt)  
\*Kalsitonin >150 ng/dl → odak  
ara

Metastazların tespiti  
için görüntüleme

Fizik muayene, Boyun US  
Kalsitonin, CEA

Görüntüleme (+)

Görüntüleme (-)

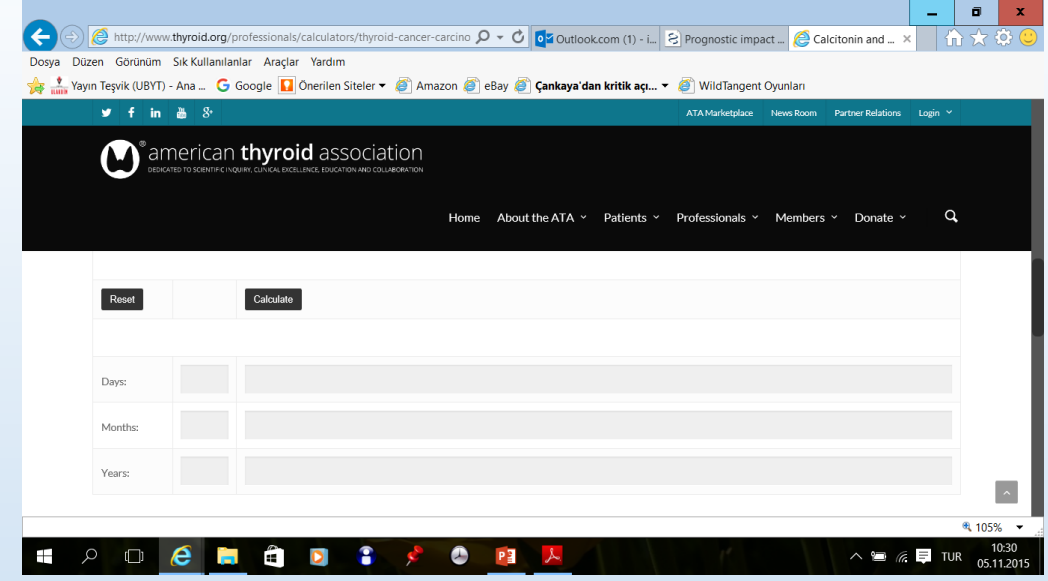
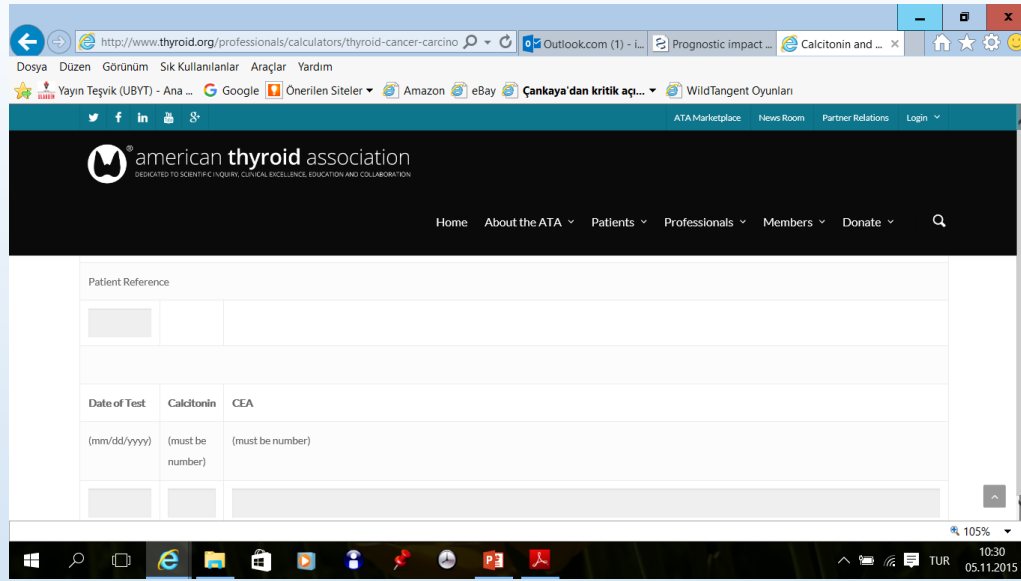
\*Bölgesel hastalık →  
Cerrahi, EBRT, ...  
\*Progresif hastalığı olanlar →  
Sistemik tedavi (TKI)  
Klinik Çalışma

\*Fizik muayene ve  
görüntüleme her 6  
ayda bir  
\*Her 3-6 ayda bir  
kalsitonin ve CEA (dt)

# MTK/Tedavi cevabı

- Mükemmel cevap:
  - Ölçülemeyen kalsitonin, normal aralıklarda CEA, tespit edilebilir hastalık yok
- Biyokimyasal inkomplet cevap
  - Ölçülebilir CEA ya da kalsitonin
  - Tespit edilebilir/gösterilebilir hastalık
- Yapısal inkomplet hastalık
  - Rekürren ya da persistan hastalık varlığı

- Serum kalsitonin ve CEA operasyondan 2-3 ay sonra ölçülmeli
- Bazı hastalarda kalsitonin düşmesi ayları bulabilir
- Cerrahi olarak kür olan hastalarda saatler içinde de düşebilir
  - Ameliyat sonrası erken dönem bakmak?
- Bazı hastalarda tm dediferansiyasyonu nedeniyle CEA yükselirken kalsitonin yükselmeyebilir
  - İkisine birden bakılmalı



<http://www.thyroid.org/professionals/calculators/thyroid-cancer-carcinoma/>

***Doubling time hesaplaması için en az 4 ölçüm***

***Doubling time 6 aydan kısa olanlar ilk 12 ayda anlaşılabilir***

**DT < 6 ay --> 5-10 yıllık survi --> %25-8  
DT 6-12 ay --> 5-10 yıllık survi --> %92-37**

**RECOMMENDATION 49**

In patients with detectable serum levels of Ctn and CEA following thyroidectomy, the levels of the markers should be measured at least every 6 months to determine their doubling times. Grade B recommendation



Küçük-izole metastazlar kalsitonin stabılse  
izlenebilir

Sistemik, progresif hastalık için sistemik  
tedavi düşünölmeli

# Tedavi

- Cerrahiye uygun olmayan lokal ilerlemiş hastalık
- Uzak metastazı olan hastalar

# Görüntüleme

- Tüm ilgili alanlara bakılmalı
  - Kontrastlı CT→baş-boyun, toraks, abdomen
  - MRI→KC metastazları için daha uygun olabilir
  - Kemik sintigrafisi
  - $^{18}\text{F}$ -DOPA PET *gösterilemeyen metastazlarda*
  - Gallium-68 DOTATATE
    - Sensitivite %50-80

# MEDİKAL/SİSTEMİK TEDAVİ

# Semptomatik tedavi

- Diyare
  - Diyet, loperamid, difenoksilat/atropin, kodein...
  - Interferon alfa, somatostatin analogları
- Cushing sendromu
  - KC metastaz *debulking*
    - Cerrahi, kemoembolizasyon
  - Ketokanozol, mifepriston, aminoglutetamid, metirapon, mitotan
  - Bilateral adrenaektomi
  - Vandetanib
- Kemik metastazları
  - Denosumab, bisfosfonatlar

# Sitotoksik kemoterapi

- Çok çeşitli tedaviler/kombinasyonlar denenmiş
  - Doksorubisin, Sisplatin...
  - Doksorubisin+Sisplatin

**KT BAŞARI ŞANSI %20 CİVARINDA**

- Doksorubisin+Sisplatin+Vindesin...
- Bleomisin+Doksorubisin+Sisplatin
- Parsiyel cevaplar
- Toksisite artmış kombinasyon arttıkça
  - Miyelosupresyon, mukozal toksisite

# Sitotoksik kemoterapi

- Dakarbazinin stabilize edici etkisi
- Dakarbazin+5-FU ile başarılı subkütan ve akciğer hastalığı tedavisi
- Dakarbazin+Siklofosfamid+Vinkristin
  - Stabil hastalık, parsiyel cevap
- Çalışmalar eski, hasta sayıları görece az
- RECIST Kriterleri tam olarak kullanılmamış
- Dakarbazin+5-FU en başarılı tedavi gibi görünüyor

# Sitotoksik kemoterapi

- Oral tedaviler hakkında bilgiler çok az
  - Kapesitabin
  - Kapesitabin+Temozolomid
- Biyomarkerlar ve RET üzerine etkileri bilinmiyor
- TKI ile başarısız olan vakalarda?



# EBRT

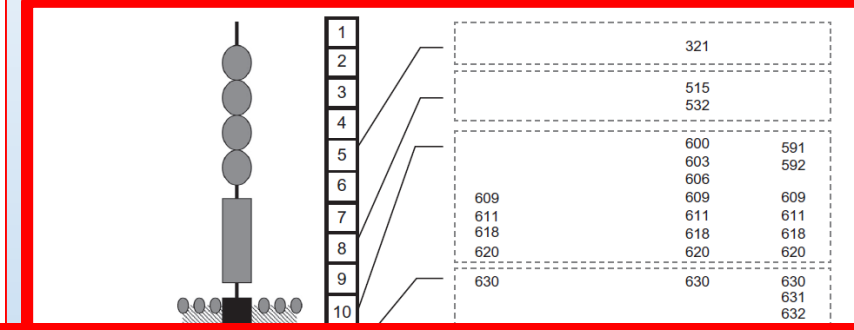
- Servikal nüks ihtimali yüksek olan hastalarda lokorejyonel kontrolü sağlamak için?
  - Lokorejyonel metastazlarda %38 azalma
- Surviye etkisi yok

- RET proto-onkogeninde→

- Herediter vakaların hemen hepsinde aktive edici germline mutasyonu
- Sporadik vakaların yaklaşık %50-60'ında somatik RET mutasyonları
  - %85'i kodon 918'de→kötü prognoz

- RET mutasyonu olmayan vakaların %68'inde RAS mutasyonu

- 10. kromozom üzerinde
- Nöral krest ve ürogenital sistem gibi gelişmekte olan dokularda büyüme ve diferansiyasyonu düzenleyen tirozin kinaz reseptörünü kodlayan RET-protoonkogende genetik defekt



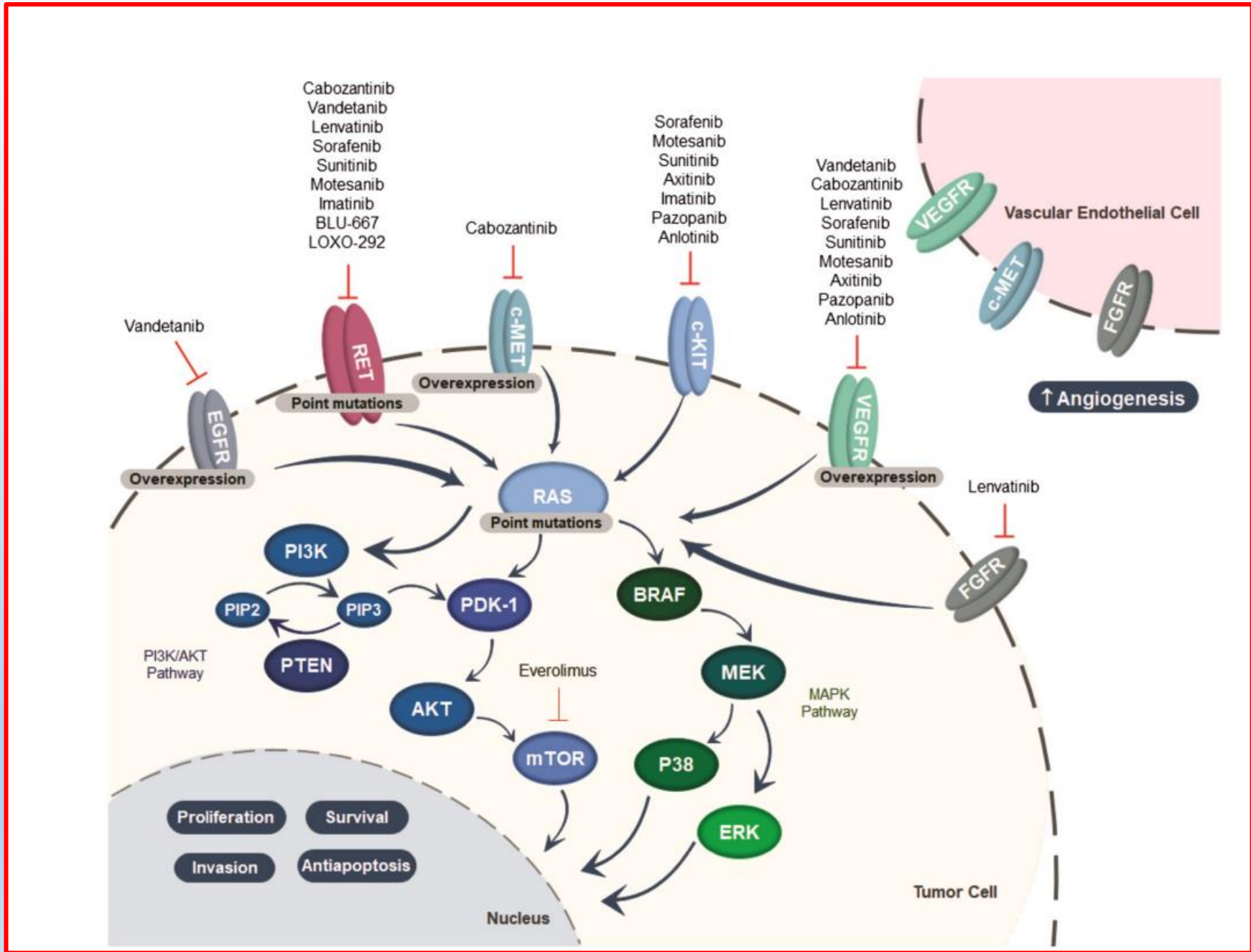
→ hücre proliferasyonu, diferansiyasyonu, motilitesi, apoptoz ve survisi

- RET aktivasyonu-->
  - MAPK, PI3K/Akt/mTOR/JNK yolaklarını da stimüle eder

- Vasküler endotelyal büyüme faktörü (VEGF) ve VEGF reseptörleri [VEGFR-1 (Flt-1) /VEGFR-2 (Flk-1, KDR)]→
  - MTK dokularında tümör hücrelerinde ve vasküler endotelyumda eksprese ediliyorlar
- Fibroblast büyüme faktörü reseptörleri (FGF)
- Trombosit kaynaklı büyüme faktörü (PDGF)
- Hepatosit büyüme faktörü (HGF) ve reseptörü c-met
- Epitelyal büyüme faktörü reseptörü (EGFR)

# Tirozin Kinaz İnhibitörleri (TKİ)

- Hedefe yönelik tedavi/*Molecular targeted therapy*



**Table 2**

Common AEs and their frequency (%) in clinical trials investigating TKIs in MTC.

	Lenvatinib [9] <sup>a</sup>	Vandetanib [10]	Pazopanib [11]	Sorafenib [12]	Cabozantinib [13]
Hypertension	51	32	51	43	33
Diarrhea	75	56	77	71	63
Stomatitis				48 + 62 oral pain	29
Weight loss	42			48	48
HF syn				76	50
Fatigue	53	24 + 14 asthenia	63		41
Skin rash		45		67	
Alopecia				76	
TSH increase					
Proteinuria	59		37		
Nausea	48	33	34		43
Vomiting	37	14	26		
Dry skin				48	
Nail changes				48	
Blood creatinine increase					
Decreased appetite	49	21			46
Skin papilloma					
Arthralgia					
Skin hypopigmentation			63		
AST increase			40		
Anorexia			46		
Leucocyte count decrease			40		
Dysgeusia					34
Headache	41	26			
Acne		20			
Cough	22				
Flushing				43	
Hair color changes					
Constipation					27
Discontinuation due to AE			9		

<sup>a</sup> At baseline, 53% of patients had diarrhea and 44% musculoskeletal pain.

**Table 2.** Summary of Phase 3 Clinical Trials of Vandetanib or Cabozantinib versus Placebo in Patients with Advanced Medullary Thyroid Cancer

Variable	Vandetanib (300 mg/day)	Cabozantinib (140 mg/day)
Targets	VEGFR, RET, EGFR, c-KIT	VEGFR, RET, c-MET, c-KIT
Phase 3 clinical trial	ZETA study	EXAM study
No. of patients (mean age, years)	Vandetanib 231 (50.7) vs. Placebo 100 (53.4)	Cabozantinib 219 (55.0) vs. Placebo 111 (55.0)
Postprogression, open-label treatment	Yes	No
Radiologic progression before enrolment	Not requested	Yes (within 14 mo)
Previous treatment	40%	38%
Previous TKIs	Unknown	20%
Hereditary disease	10%	5.5%
RET mutation positive	59% Vandetanib arm	46.1% Cabozantinib arm
RET 918 mutation positive	Not available	34.2% Cabozantinib arm
Median time of follow-up, mo	24	13.9
<b>Results</b>		
Median progression-free survival, mo	30.5 vs. 19.3 (HR, 0.46; 95% CI, 0.31–0.69; $P<0.001$ )	11.2 vs. 4.0 (HR, 0.28; 95% CI, 0.19–0.40; $P<0.001$ )
Objective response rate	45% vs. 13% ( $P<0.001$ )	28% vs. 0% ( $P<0.001$ )
Overall survival, mo	Not available	26.6 vs. 21.1 (HR, 0.85; 95% CI, 0.64–1.12; $P=0.24$ )
Overall survival in RET positive, mo	Not available	44.3 vs. 18.9 (HR, 0.60; 95% CI, 0.38–0.94; $P=0.03$ )
<b>Safety</b>		
Most common adverse events at least grade 3	Diarrhea, hypertension, QTc prolongation, fatigue	Diarrhea, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia, fatigue



- Kardiyovasküler

- Hipertansiyon, kanama, pulmoner/venöz tromboemboli, QT uzaması

- GIS

- Bulantı-kusma, diyare, mukozit, kilo kaybı, tat alma bozukluğu, akalküloz kolesistit, GI perforasyon, nonGI-fistül, hepatik yetmezlik

- Cilt bozuklukları
- Tiroid fonksiyon bozukluklar
- Böbrek yetmezliği
- Proteinüri
- Hipokalsemi
- Miyelotoksisite
- Yorgunluk
- Oküler toksisite
- Osteonekroz

**Which Medication to favor for  
the first-line systemic treatment of MTC?**

**VANDETANIB**

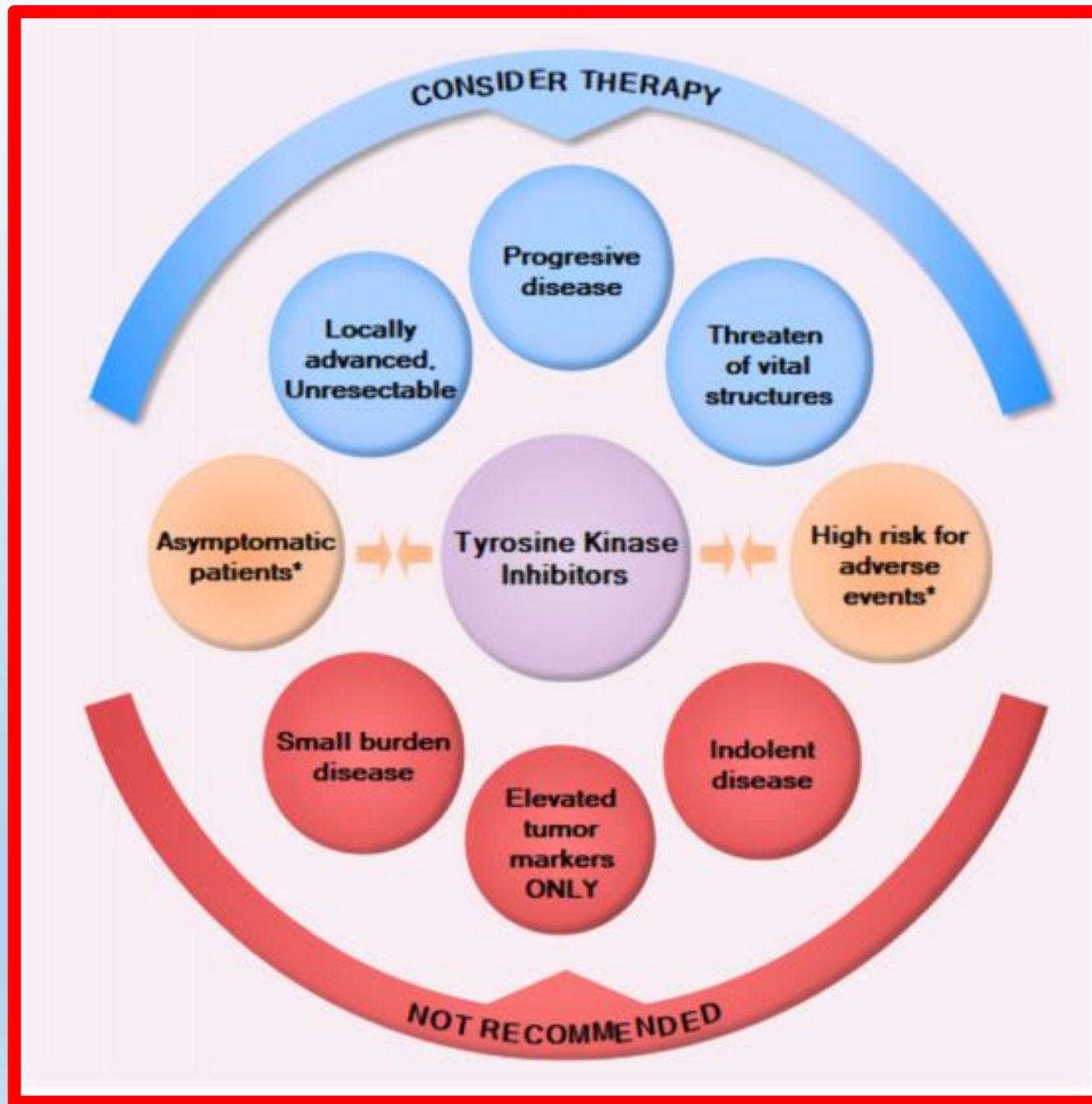
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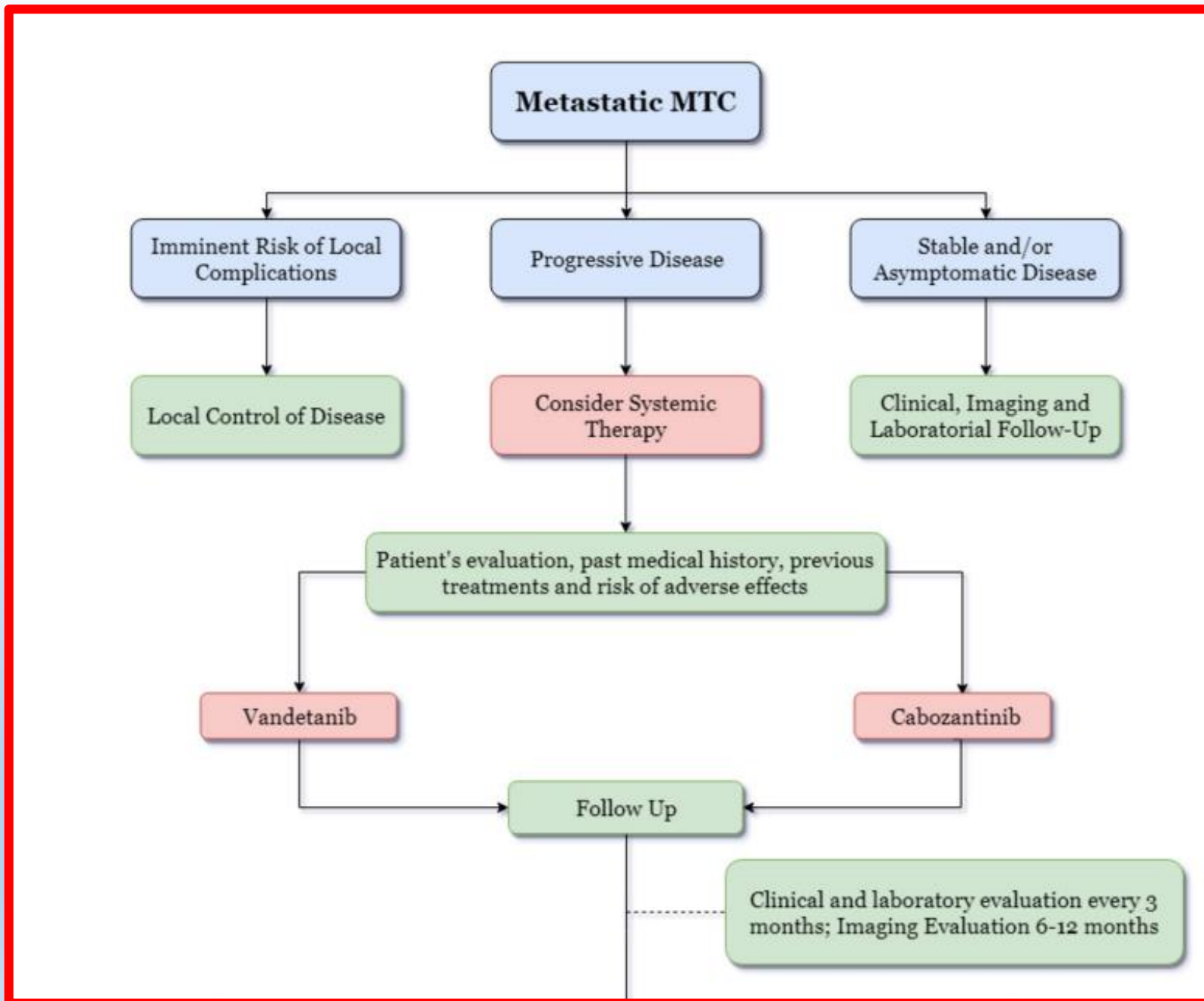
- Diverticulitis or chronic inflammatory GI disease, active peptic ulcer disease, cholecystitis, cholangitis and apendicitis, bleeding, EBRT to the neck or mediastinum.
- Tumor involvement of larynx-trachea-bronchus, esophagus, major vessel encasement.
- Low body mass index.
- Patients who use their hands (job or other).
- Patient is on potent CYP3A4 inhibitor that may increase toxicity to cabozantinib by increasing plasma concentrations of the drug.

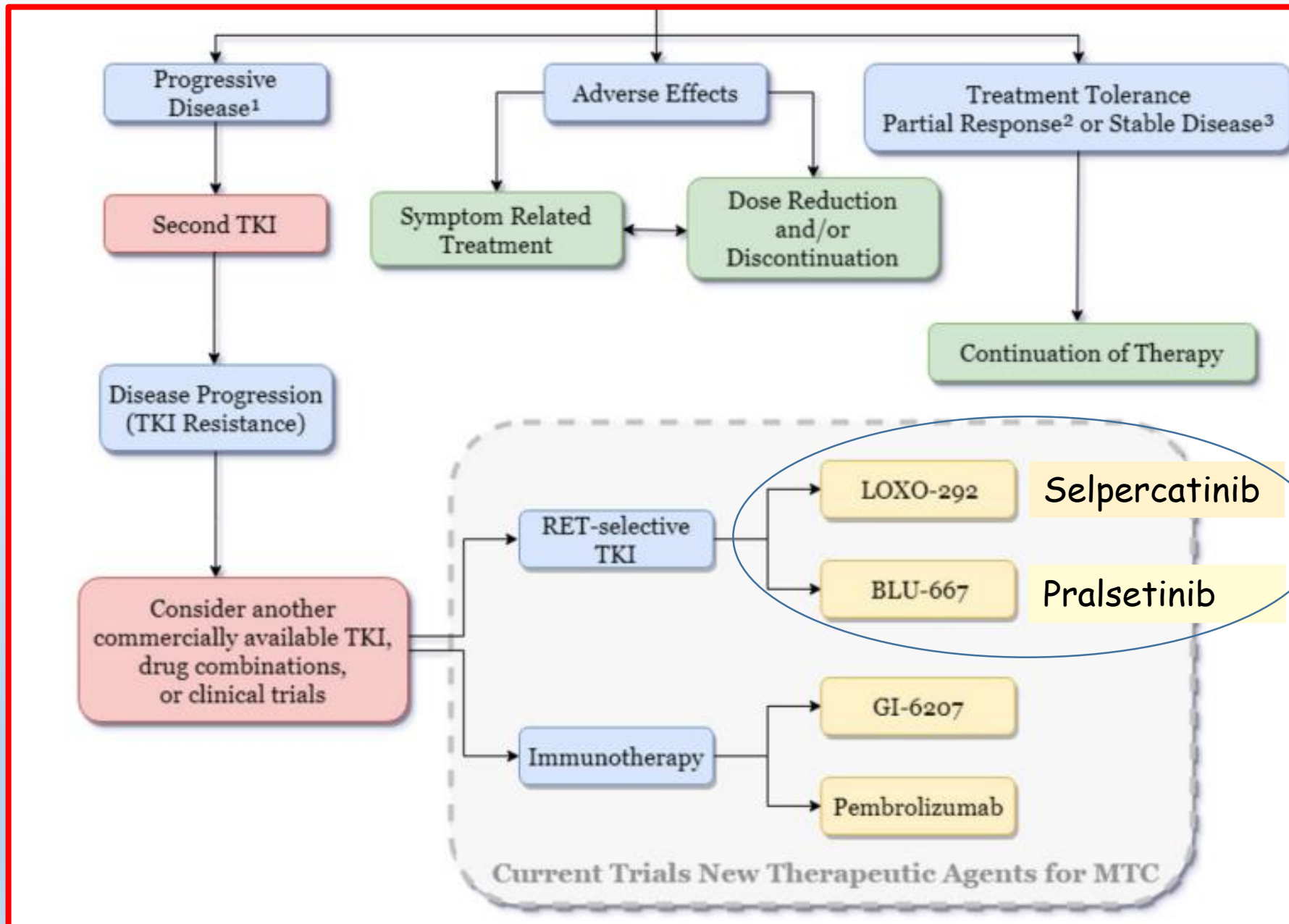
**CABOZANTINIB**

**In case of:**

- Long QTc at baseline, medications known to prolong QTc.
- Electrolyte abnormalities that cannot be corrected: hypocalcemia, hypokaliemia, hypomagnesemia.
- Sun exposure.
- Rapid tumor progression.
- Bone metastases.
- Dental examination, in particular if treated with denosumab.
- Patient is on a potent CYP3A4 inducer that may decrease the plasma concentration of vandetanib, making the drug less efficacious.

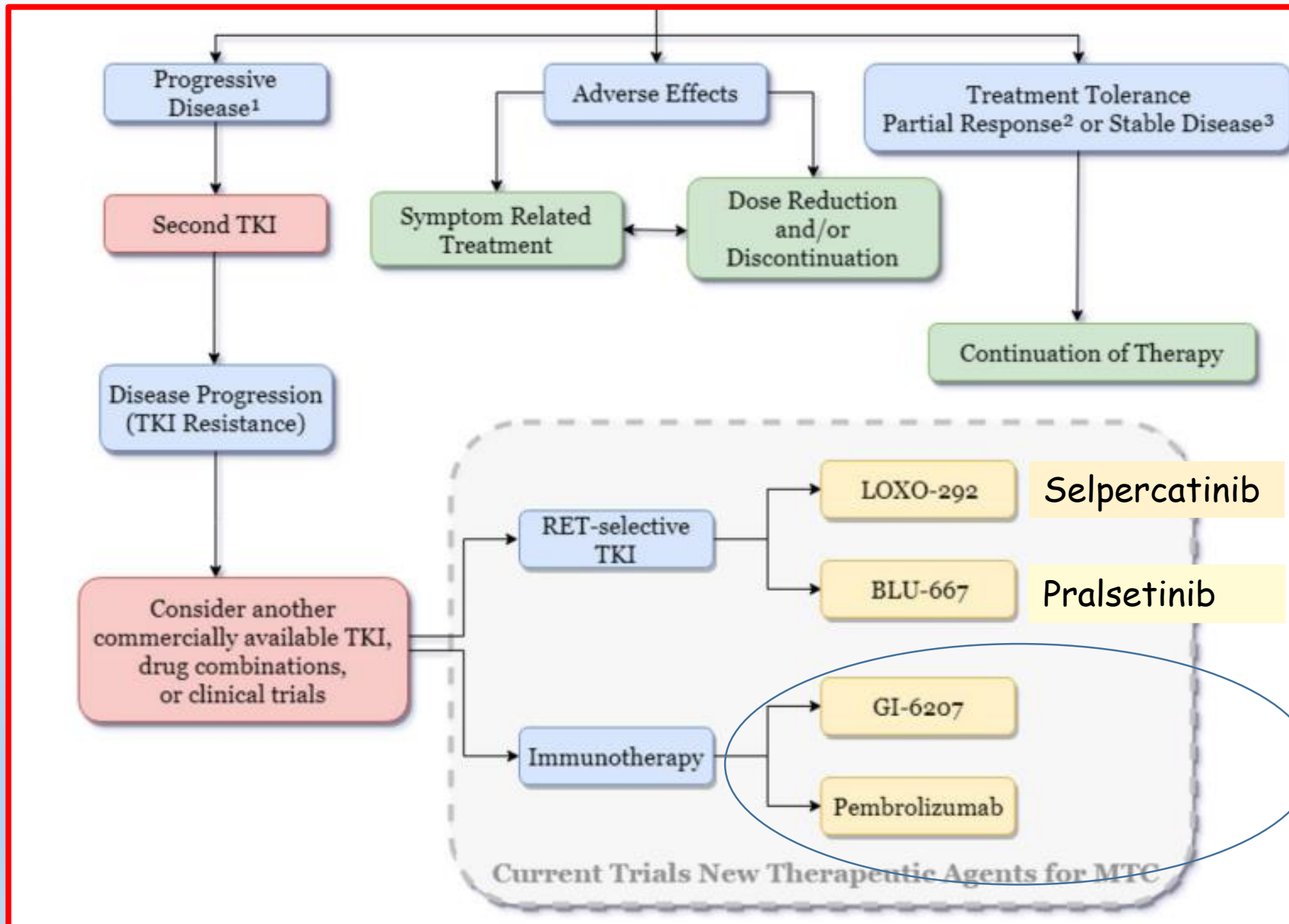




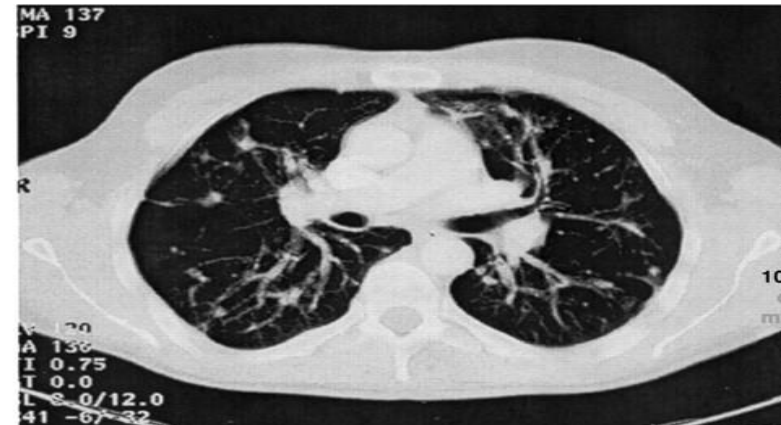
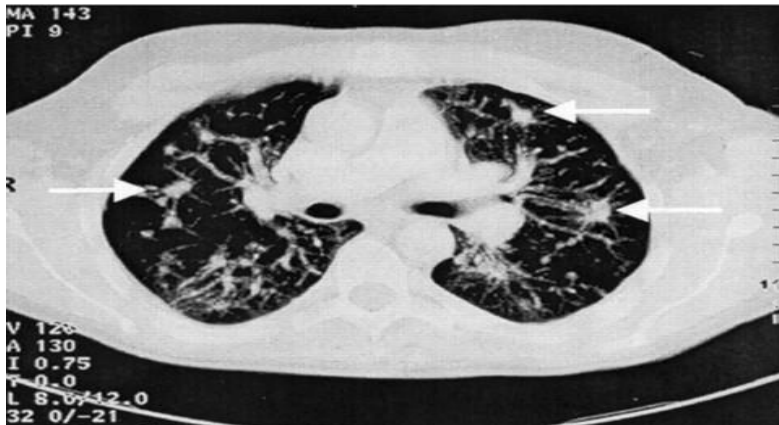
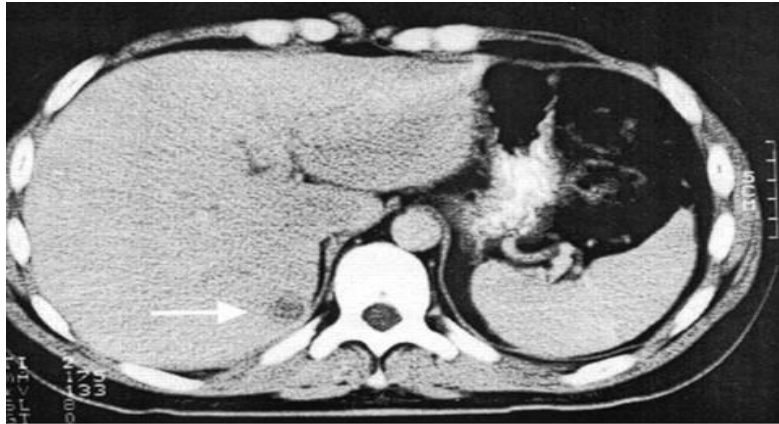


**Table 3.** Summary of Clinical Trials of Selpercatinib and Pralsetinib versus Placebo in Patients with Advanced MTC with *RET* Alteration

Variable	Selpercatinib		Pralsetinib <sup>a</sup>	
	<i>RET</i> -mutant MTC with prior TKI ( <i>n</i> =55)	<i>RET</i> -mutant MTC without prior TKI ( <i>n</i> =88)	<i>RET</i> -mutant MTC with prior TKI ( <i>n</i> =61)	<i>RET</i> -mutant MTC without prior TKI ( <i>n</i> =22)
Clinical trial name	LIBRETTO-001 (phase 1/2)		ARROW (phase 1/2)	
Dosage (Phase 2)	160 mg twice daily		400 mg once daily	
Median age, yr (range)	57 (17–84)	58 (15–82)	58 (25–83)	60 (19–81)
Male sex	36 (65)	58 (66)	41 (67)	16 (73)
Previous regimen				
Vandetanib	18 (33)	0		
Cabozantinib	13 (24)	0		
Vandetanib and cabozantinib	24 (44)	0		
Vandetanib and/or cabozantinib			61 (100)	0
<i>RET</i> alteration				
<i>RET</i> M918T mutation	33 (60)	49 (56)	41 (67)	8 (36)
<i>RET</i> V804M/L mutation	5 (9)	6 (7)	2 (3)	1 (5)
<i>RET</i> extracellular cysteine mutation <sup>b</sup>	7 (13)	20 (23)	14 (23)	11 (50)
Other mutations <sup>c</sup>	10 (18)	13 (15)	4 (7)	2 (9)
Objective response, % (95% CI)	69 (55–81)	73 (62–82)	60 (46–74)	74 (49–91)
Complete response	5 (9)	10 (11)	1 (2)	1 (5)
Partial response	33 (60)	54 (61)	31 (58)	13 (68)
Stable disease	14 (25)	20 (23)	19 (36)	5 (26)
Progressive disease	1 (2)	2 (2)	2 (4)	0
Duration of response				
Median, mo (95% CI)	NE (19.1–NE)	22.0 (NE–NE) <sup>d</sup>	NR	NR
Median follow-up, mo	14.1	7.8		
Progression-free survival				
Median, mo (95% CI)	NE (24.4–NE)	23.6 (NE–NE) <sup>d</sup>	NR	NR
Median follow-up, mo	16.7	11.1		
Disease control rate, % (95% CI)	94	95	96 (87–100)	100 (82–100)

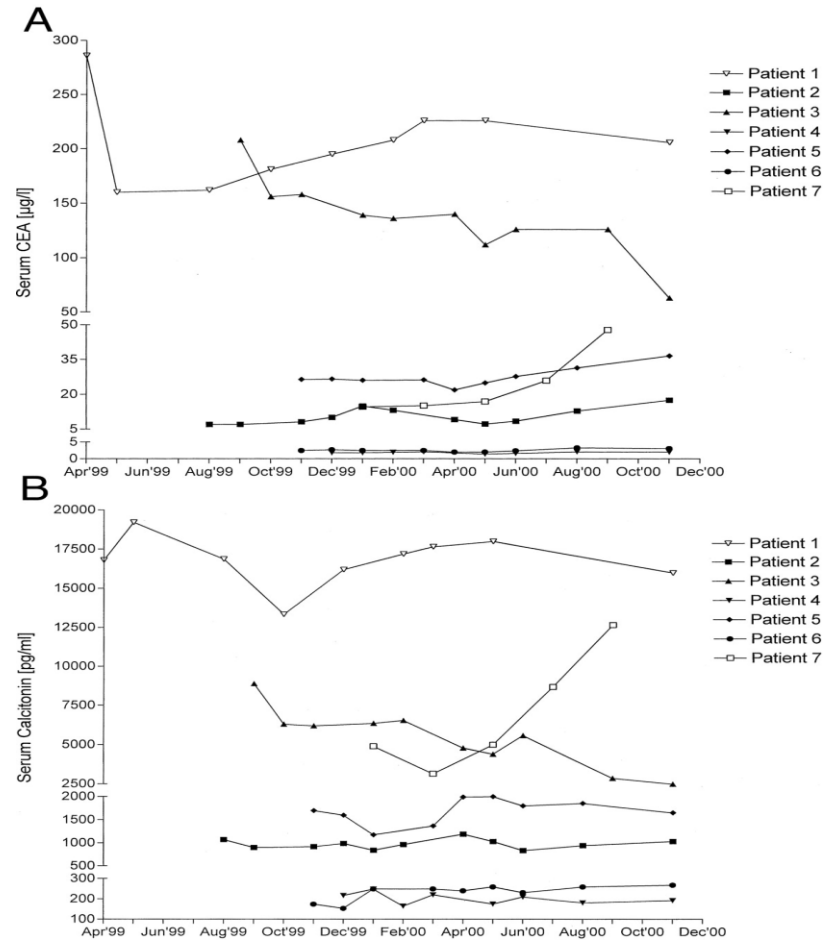


**Figure 1.** Clinical response to DC vaccination. CT scan of patient 3 before (September 1999, left) and 13 months after ...





**Figure 2.** Tumor marker levels during therapy. Plasma calcitonin (lower panel) and CEA (upper panel) levels obtained at ...

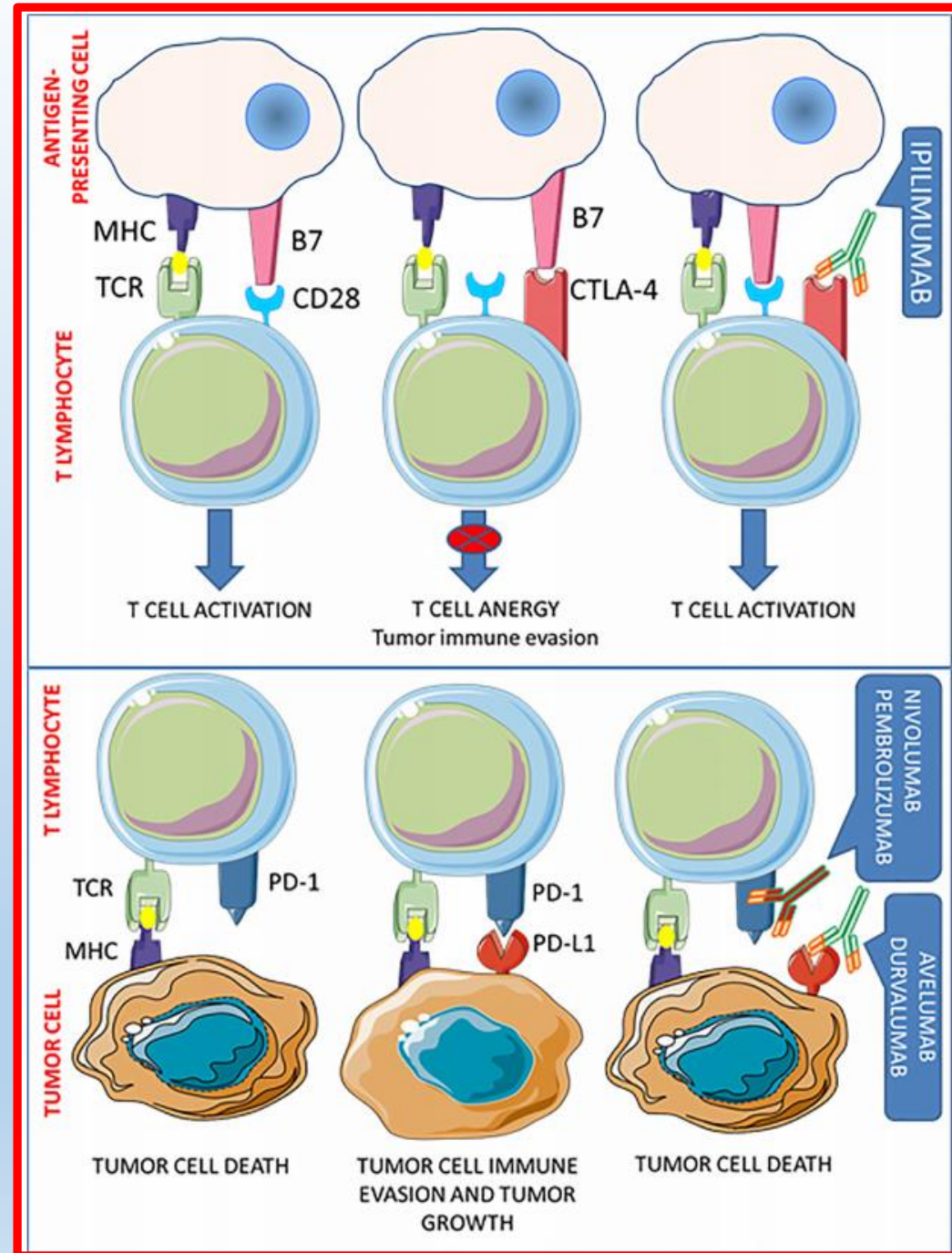




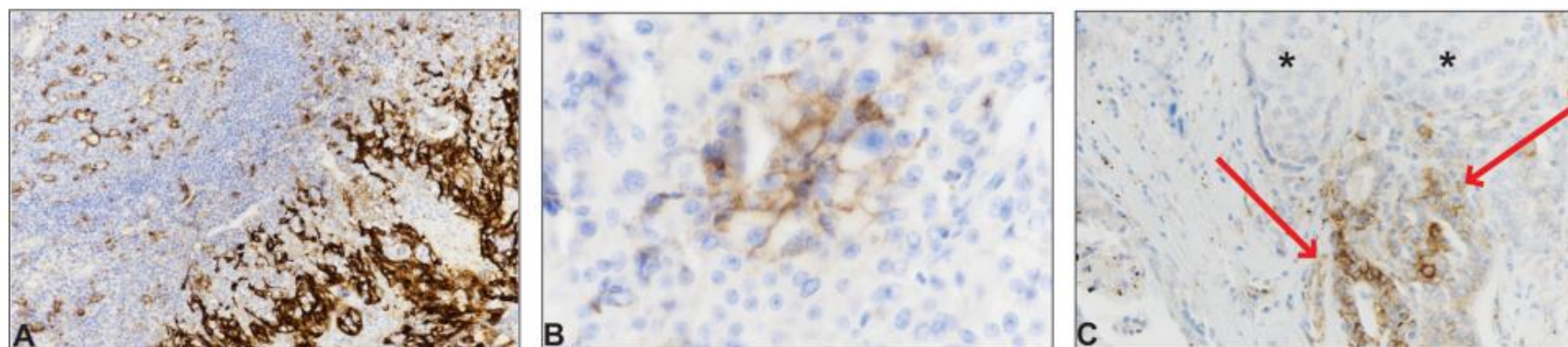
## Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors: New Weapons Against Medullary Thyroid Cancer?

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## Very low expression of PD-L1 in medullary thyroid carcinoma



### Figure 1

PD-L1 expression in medullary thyroid carcinoma. A. Benign tonsil tissue was used as positive control: on the right side of the picture, the reticulated crypt epithelial cells show strong membranous positivity for PD-L1; on the left side, some lymphocytes and macrophages in germinal centers show weak membranous positivity (PD-L1 immunostain,  $\times 200$ ). B. Focal and membranous expression for PD-L1 in malignant cells in case n° 10. The overall expression in malignant cells was scored at 5% (PD-L1 immunostain,  $\times 400$ ). C. One of the two cases showing PD-L1 positivity in the lymphocytic infiltrate (case n° 12); PD-L1 was expressed by reactive follicular cells (arrows) and was not expressed by malignant C-cells (asterisks) (PD-L1 immunostain,  $\times 200$ ).

TABLE 2 | Registered clinical trials evaluating FDA-approved immune checkpoint inhibitors in medullary thyroid carcinoma.

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier	Molecule	Trial name	Study phase	Medical condition under investigation	Assigned intervention	Primary outcome(s)	Estimated enrollment, n	Estimated study completion date	Trial status
NCT03753919	Durvalumab	A Phase II Study of Durvalumab (MEDI4736) Plus Tremelimumab for the Treatment of Patients With Progressive	Phase II	Metastatic thyroid cancer, including differentiated thyroid carcinoma, medullary thyroid carcinoma, and anaplastic thyroid cancer	Durvalumab 1500 mg plus tremelimumab 75 mg every 4 weeks up to 4 cycles followed by durvalumab 1500 mg every 4 weeks until disease progression, unacceptable toxicity or patients' decision. Cohort 2 is	Progression-free survival rate at 6 months [time frame: 6 months] according to RECIST 1.1 criteria Overall survival rate at	46	July 2021	Recruiting
NCT03246958									Recruiting
NCT04514484									Recruiting
NCT03072160									Completed (results submitted)
NCT03012620	Pembrolizumab	Secured Access to Pembrolizumab for Patients With Selected Rare Cancer Types	Phase II	Sarcoma, ovarian neoplasm, central nervous system neoplasm, thyroid neoplasm (including medullary thyroid carcinoma), neuroendocrine carcinoma, germ cell and embryonal neoplasms, NK/T-cell lymphoma	Pembrolizumab 200 mg on day 1 of every 21 day cycle	Objective response rate [time frame: measured at the first scheduled disease assessment following study treatment initiation (day 84 ± 7 days)] according to RECIST v1.1	350	December 2023	Recruiting

- 13 hasta aşı kolu →
  - 2/3 tedaviyi tamamlamış
  - 1 hastada progresyon
- 4 hasta → hiçbirisi tedaviyi tamamlayamış
  - 1 hastada progresyon

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# Peptid Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT)

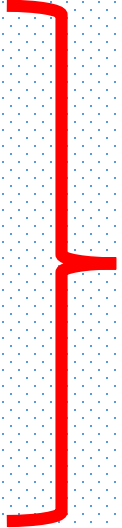
- Yttrium-90, Lutetium-177
- Radyografik iyileşme %62.4
  - %1.3 ilaç kesilmiş
- Hastalık kontrolü %60
  - %2.79 ilaç kesilmiş





## Prospects of Remission in Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma According to Basal Calcitonin Level

Andreas Machens, Ulrich Schneyer, Hans-Jürgen Holzhausen, and Henning Dralle

- Hem sporadik hem herediter vakalarda kalsitonin >150 pg/ml →
    - Uzak metastaz ve ekstratiroidal yayılım ile ilişkili
  - Preoperatif kalsitonin >500 pg/ml
  - Nodal metastaz
  - Reoperatif durum
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En iyi biyokimyasal remisyon belirteçleri

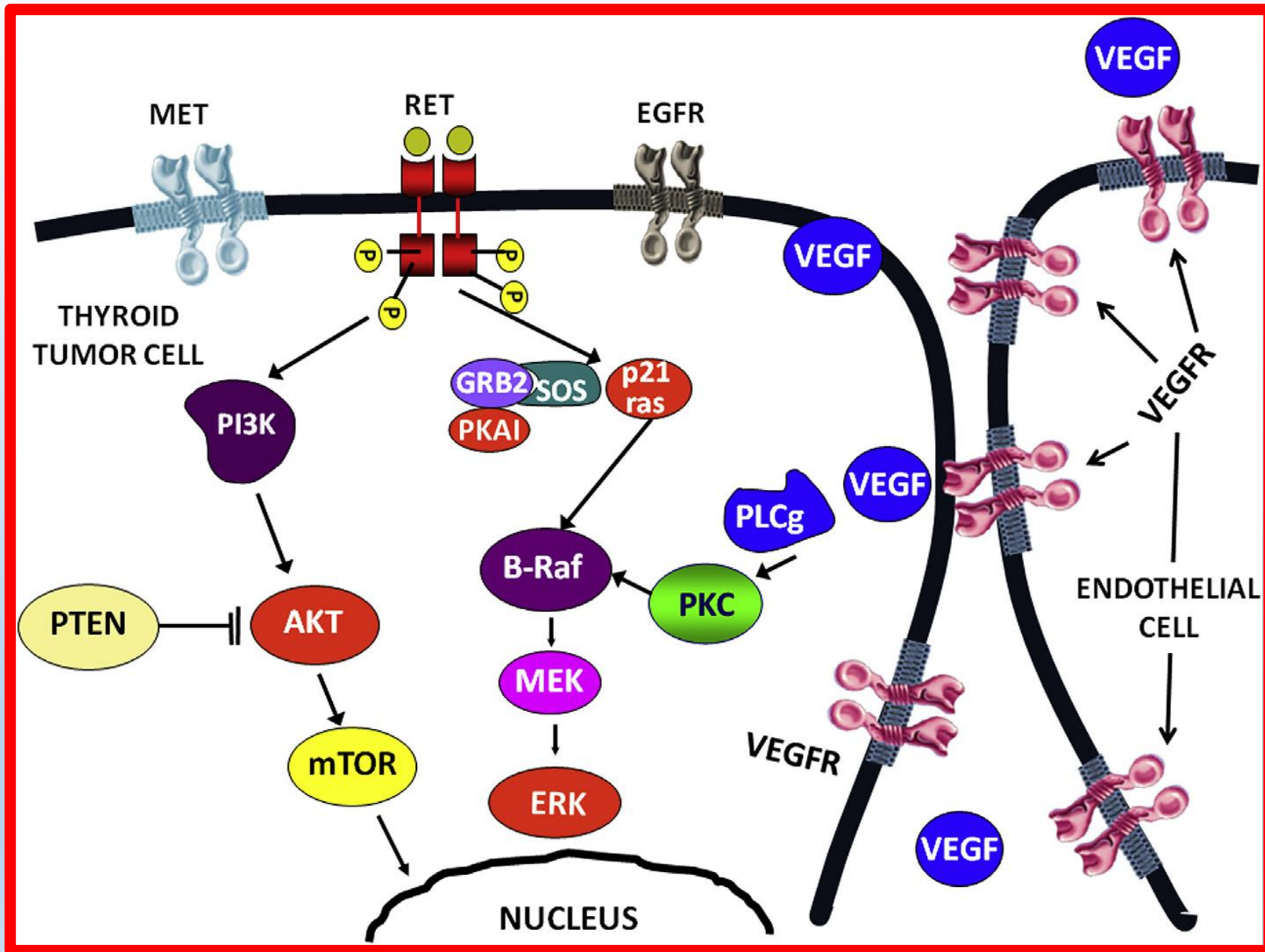


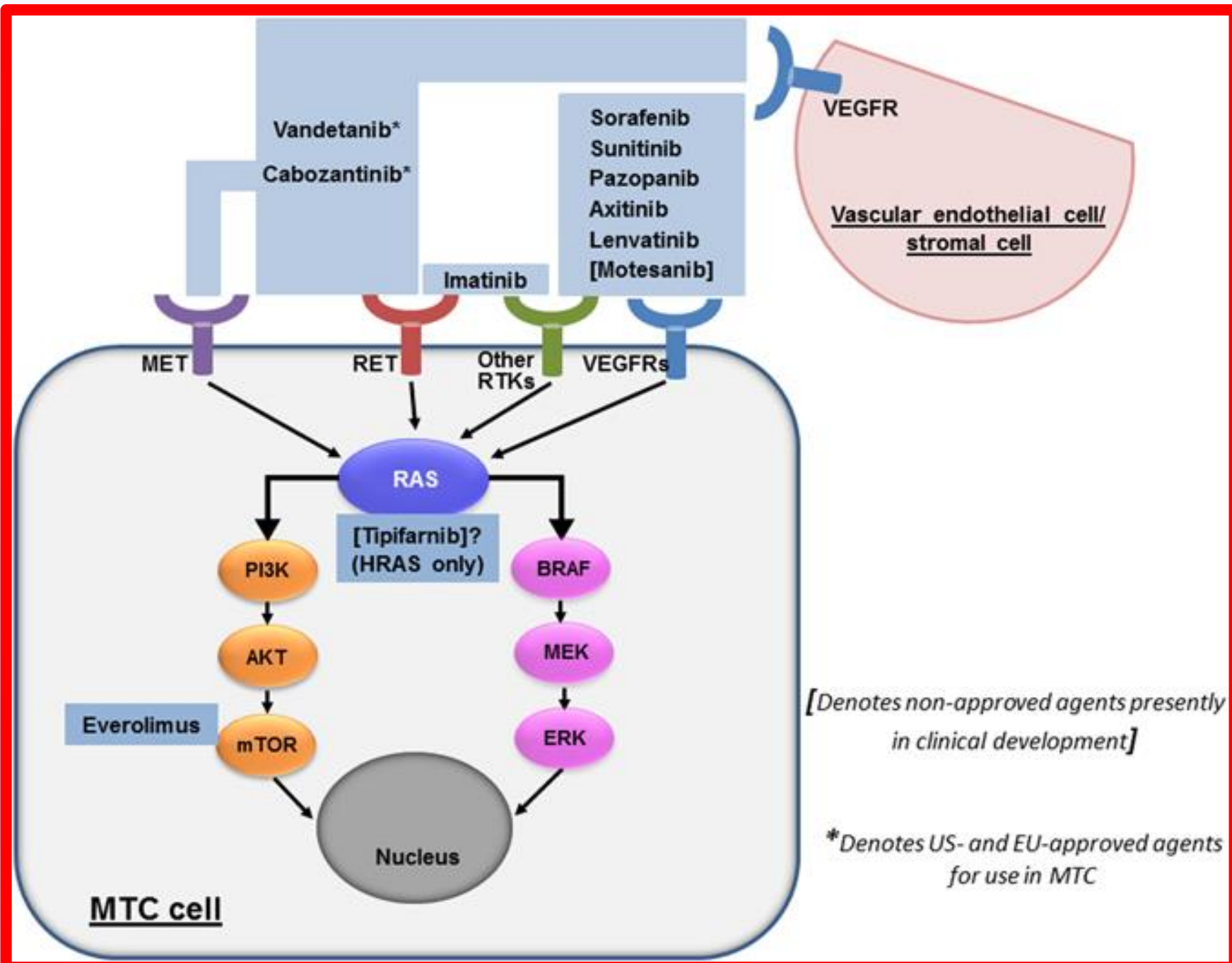
CLINICAL STUDY

**Progression of medullary thyroid carcinoma: assessment with calcitonin and carcinoembryonic antigen doubling times**

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- Nodal metastaz
  - Kalsitonin 40 pg/mL seviyesinde belirmeye başlıyor
  - Opere olanlarda 10 pg/mL seviyesinde
- Uzak metastazlar 150 pg/mL seviyesinden itibaren
- Kalsitonin >500 pg/mL olanların yarısında uzak metastaz





**Table 2. Multikinase inhibitors targeting signaling pathways in medullary thyroid cancer.**

Agent	Targeted pathway	Stage of study	Main adverse events	Ref.
Vandetanib	RET, VEGFR-2 and -3 and EGFR	Approved in 2011	Skin toxicity, diarrhea and asthenia	[91]
Cabozantinib	VEGFR2, c-MET and RET	Approved in 2012	Diarrhea, fatigue, decreased appetite, nausea, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia, rash, increased aspartate transaminase, vomiting and mucositis	[92]
Sorafenib	VEGFR, PDGFR, FGFR, c-KIT, BRAF and RET,	Phase II	Skin toxicity, weight loss and fatigue	[93]
Sunitinib	VEGFR, c-KIT, PDGFR and RET	Phase II	Fatigue, neutropenia, hand-foot syndrome, diarrhea and leukopenia	[94]
Pazopanib	VEGFR1-3, PDGFR, c-KIT, FGFR1/3/4 and RET	Phase II	Fatigue and diarrhea	[95,96]
Axitinib	VEGFR1-3	Phase II	Fatigue, dyspnea, diarrhea, decreased weight, pain in extremity, hypertension, decreased appetite, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia, hypocalcemia and myalgia	[97]
Lenvatinib	VEGFR1-3, FGFR1-4, RET, KIT and PDGFR	Phase II	Diarrhea, hypertension, decreased appetite, fatigue, dysphagia and increased alanine aminotransferase levels	[98]
Motesanib	VEGFR1-3, PDGFR and c-KIT	Phase II	Diarrhea, fatigue, hypothyroidism, hypertension and anorexia	[99,100]
Imatinib	Bcr-Abl, PDGFR, c-KIT and RET	Phase II	Gastrointestinal problems such as diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal pain, and facial edema, especially periorbital edema	[101,102]
Everolimus	mTOR	Phase II	Mucositis, fatigue, hypertriglyceridemia	[103]

Bcr-Abl: Breakpoint cluster region-abelson; RET: Rearranged during transfection.

	Vandetanib (ZETA study) <sup>60</sup>	Cabozantinib (EXAM study) <sup>61,62</sup>
Number of patients	331	330
Randomisation ratio (active treatment: placebo)	2:1	2:1
Hereditary disease	10%	6%
RET		
Positive	38%	45%
Unknown	41%	39%
RET 918	Not available	35%
Distant metastasis	94%	95%
Previous treatment	40%	38%
Previous tyrosine kinase inhibitors	Unknown	20%
Progressive disease before enrolment	Not requested	Yes (within 14 months)
Safety		
Toxic effects (≥grade 3)	55% (24%)	69% (33%)
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Results		
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PFS at 6 months	83% vs 63%	Not available
PFS at 12 months	Not available	47% vs 7%
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Complete response	0%	0%
Survival	Not available	27 vs 21 months

RET=rearranged during transfection. PFS=progression-free survival.

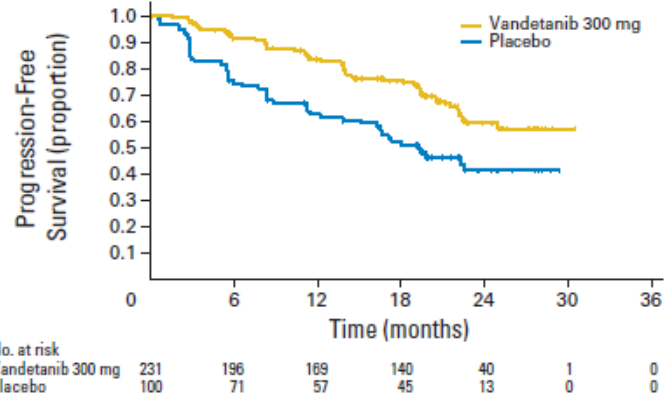
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**VANDETANIB: RET, VEGRF, EPGF inhibitörü**

**CABOZANTINIB: RET, VEGFR2, HGF, c-met inhibitörü**

## Vandetanib in Patients With Locally Advanced or Metastatic Medullary Thyroid Cancer: A Randomized, Double-Blind Phase III Trial

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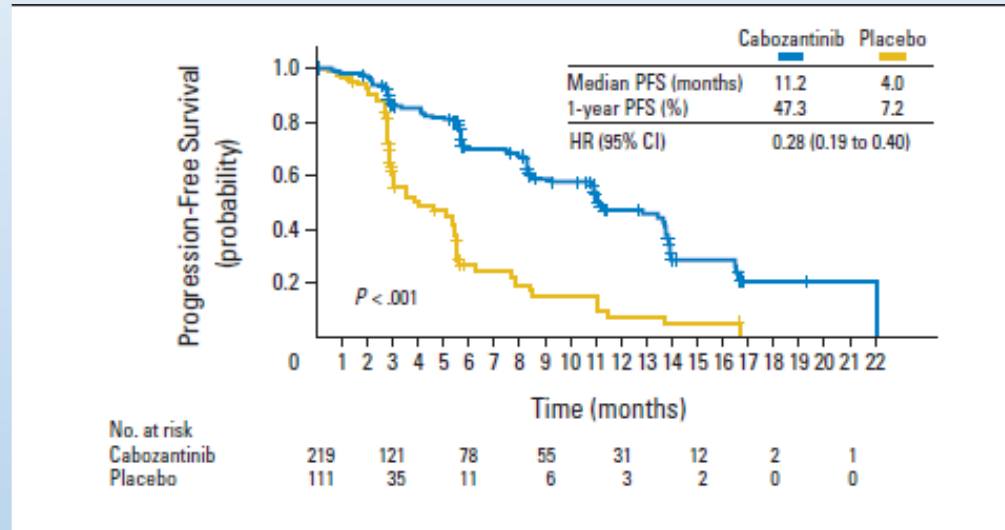
transfection. PFS=progression-free survival.

Phase 3 clinical trials of vandetanib and cabozantinib versus placebo in patients with cancer

- Hastaların %12'si yan etki nedeniyle ilacı bırakmış
- %35'inde yan etkiler nedeniyle doz azaltılması gerekmiş

## Cabozantinib in Progressive Medullary Thyroid Cancer

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Hastaların %16'sı yan etki nedeniyle ilacı bırakmış  
%79'unda yan etkiler nedeniyle doz azaltılması gerekmiş

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# Vandetanib (Caprelsa®)

- 100 mg (30): \$ 7722.72
- 300 mg (30): \$ 15445.43
- 100 mg (30): € 1400
- 300 mg (30): € 4070



# Cabozantinib (Cabometyx®/Cometriq®)

- 20 mg (30): \$19100.82
- 40 mg (30): \$19100.82
- 60 mg (30): \$19100.82
  
- COMETRIQ → 4 ADET 140 MG (7X80 MG, 21X20 MG KAPSÜL) € 6000



## • Sorular

- FDA'in önerdiği dozlar toksik mi?
- İlaç seçimi?
- Yan etkiler?
- Direnç mekanizmaları neler?
- Stabil hastalığı olanlarda ilaca ne kadar devam edelim?
- TKI ile tedavi sağ kalımı etkiliyor mu?
- Maliyet?/Yaşam kalitesi?

## Ethical Perspective

# Protein kinase inhibitor therapy in advanced thyroid cancer: ethical challenges and potential solutions

Protein kinase inhibitors (PKIs) have emerged as highly promising therapies in progressive metastatic radioiodine-refractory differentiated thyroid cancer and in medullary thyroid cancer; two were recently approved in the USA for use in medullary thyroid cancer (vandetanib, cabozantinib), and another for use in progressive metastatic radioiodine-refractory differentiated thyroid cancer (sorafenib). Although more than 90% of thyroid cancer patients fare well in response to conventional treatment, PKI therapy has the potential to provide benefit. Nonetheless, PKIs produce numerous side effects, may worsen quality of life, may hasten mortality (by 1–2%), require discerning clinical acumen, are not yet proven to improve thyroid cancer survival and are very costly. This raises questions about who should prescribe PKIs, and about whether their use in thyroid cancer is truly beneficent and ethically justified. Restraint should be exercised in their use in thyroid cancer, with potential risks and benefits carefully weighed and solutions devised to help ameliorate many of the problems associated with their use.



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## Recurrent Metastatic Medullary Thyroid Carcinoma: A Case of Sustained Response to Prolonged Treatment with Somatostatin Analogues

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# Deneyysel tedaviler

- Immunoterapi
- Aşı tedavisi

RESEARCH ARTICLE

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# Selective repression of *RET* proto-oncogene in medullary thyroid carcinoma by a natural alkaloid berberine



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## Metformin inhibits growth and decreases resistance to anoikis in medullary thyroid cancer cells

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