From IGF to mTOR Signaling in Pediatric Sarcomas-Opportunities for Novel Therapeutic Intervention

# Role of IGF Signaling-Previous Studies

- IGFII is an autocrine growth and motility factor in rhabdomyosarcoma (EI-Badry et al. Cell Growth and Diff 1990)
- Loss of Imprinting (LOI) of IGFII in Rhabdomyosarcomas (Zhan S, Shapiro DN, and Helman LJ JCI 1994)
- LOI of IGFII in Ewing's Sarcoma (Zhan S, Shapiro DN, and Helman LJ Oncogene 1995)
- IGFIR is required for EWS-FLI-1 transformation of fibroblasts1 (Toretsky J. et al. JBC 1997)

# In situ bright field IGF-II



# In situ dark field IGF-II



### **Previous Studies**

- IGF-II overexpression in C2 myoblasts led to diminished G1 checkpoint (Zhang et al. JBC 1999)
- Resistance to apoptosis most directly correlated with phosphorylation of p70S6 kinase and 4E-BP-1. Resistance to apoptosis in IGF-II overexpressing cells was reversed by rapamycin (Wan and Helman Neoplasia 2002)

### **Cisplatin Decreases p70S6k Phosphorylation In Wild-type but not IGFII overexpressing C2 cells**



Cells treated with  $25\mu M$  CDDP for indicated times

#### Rapamycin Abolishes the Resistance of IGF-II Driven RMS Cells to CDDP Induced Apoptosis



# Conclusions

 IGF signaling provides a survival signal that contributes to tumor cell resistance to DNA-damage induced cell death

 This resistance is associated with mTOR signaling, and can be reversed with agents that block mTOR

## mTOR and Sarcomas

- Demonstrated that aggressive, metastatic behavior in sarcomas associated with activation of mTOR (Khanna et al. Nat Med 2004, Wan et al. Ca Res 2005)
- Demonstrated that mTOR blockade with rapamycin or analogs inhibits RMS experimental pulmonary mets (Wan Cancer Res 2005)

#### **Rapamycin and CCI 779 prolongs survival and inhibits pulmonary metastasis** of K7M2 Osteosarcoma in vivo



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**Rapalogs and IGF Signaling** 

- Demonstrated that rapalog treatment of RMS leads to activation of Akt *in vivo*
- Demonstrated that this activation is IGF dependent and can be blocked with IGFIR blockade (Wan et al. Oncogene 2006)



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In RMS, IGFIR levels directly correlate with sensitivity to IGFIR blockade *in vitro* 



IGFIR is responsible for the majority of Akt activation in RMS cell lines, and IGFIR Ab specfically downregulates IGFIR and pAkt in cell lines with high IGRIR levels



Fig. 4

#### Activated Akt reversed h7C10 effect on proliferation

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# Uncoupling of IGFIR and Akt signaling after long-term Rx-RH30 cells. Combination IGFIRAb plus rapamycin is more potent in xenograft growth inhibition











# Conclusions

- Early evidence to suggest beneficial combination of mTOR inhibition combined with IGFIR inhibition
- Effect of IGFIR inhibition correlates with IGFIR levels
- Effect of IGFIR blockade on decrease in pAkt is lost in long-term xenografts, and this "tachphylaxis" is abrogated with mTOR inhibtion

# **Clinical Studies**

#### **Refractory recurrent Ewing's patient Rx with R1507**



#### **Refractory Ewing's sarcoma patient Rx with R1507**



#### Pre-Treatment Jun 2006

#### Week 25 Dec 2006

#### 44 year old US farmer with third systemic relapse of Ewing's sarcoma



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Collaborating for a Cure.

SARC Protocol #: SARC 011 Hoffmann-La Roche Protocol #: N021157

TITLE: SARC Global Collaboration\*: A Phase II Trial of R1507, a Recombinant Human Monoclonal Antibody to the Insulin-Like Growth Factor-1 Receptor for the treatment of patients with recurrent or refractory Ewing's sarcoma, osteosarcoma, synovial sarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma and other sarcomas

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17 yo boy with multiply recurrent Ewing's sarcoma

#### **Baseline CT Chest**

#### Week 6 CT Chest



## Conclusions

- Humanized IGFIR moAb shows remarkable clinical activity in Ewing's sarcoma patients in early Phase I studies
- Early evidence to suggest beneficial combination of mTOR inhibition combined with IGFIR inhibition
- Phase II study ongoing-responses ongoing
- Planned study using mTOR inhibitor plus IGFIR moAB





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