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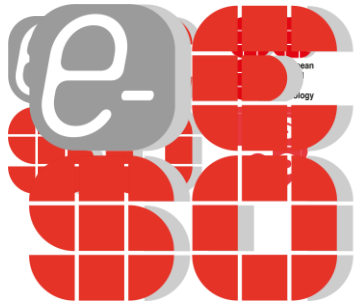
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# **A case of a rare and highly aggressive primary skin cancer that arises in the eccrine sweat glands treated with immunotherapy combination**

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# MEDICAL HISTORY AND DIAGNOSIS

- 28yo female, ECOG PS 0
- No comorbidities or ongoing treatment
- Born in Romania (Geography does matter in these kind of rare cancer?)
- On 23JUL21, 30JUL21, 10SEP21 and 10OCT21 multiple biopsies revised in IRCCS Pascale -> Hidroadenocarcinoma (skin neoplasm that arises in the eccrine sweat glands), p40+, CK 5/6, EMA+, Mart1 -, S100-, CK7-, CK20-, CD117-, CD5-, Synaptophysin-.
- PET/CT Oct 21: right arm lesion (SUV 20), Xiphoid region (SUV 26.7), right leg (SUV 18.9)
- Foundation One NGS evaluation:

**Genomic Signatures**  
**Microsatellite status** - MS-Stable  
**Tumor Mutational Burden** - 3 Muts/Mb

**Gene Alterations**  
*For a complete list of the genes assayed, please refer to the Appendix.*

**BAP1 Q261\***  
**CDKN2A/B CDKN2B loss, CDKN2A loss**  
**MRE11A rearrangement intron 15**

☐ Therapies with Clinical Benefit

☐ Clinical Trials

☐ Therapies with Resistance

NGS Block

**Genomic Signatures**  
**Blood Tumor Mutational Burden** - 4 Muts/Mb  
**Microsatellite status** - MSI-High Not Detected  
**Tumor Fraction** - 26%

**Gene Alterations**  
*For a complete list of the genes assayed, please refer to the Appendix.*

**BAP1 Q261\***  
**CREBBP Q1803\***  
**MRE11A rearrangement intron 15**

☐ Therapies with Clinical Benefit

☐ Clinical Trials

☐ Therapies with Resistance

NGS Liquid

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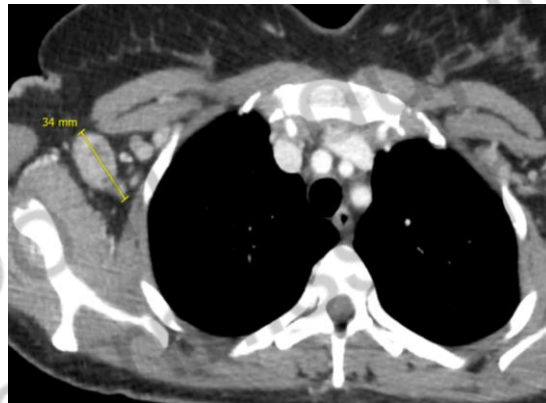


# SYSTEMIC TREATMENT TIMELINE

**OCT21 - NOV21**  
I LINE TREATMENT:  
CBDCA+PACLITAXEL

**DEC21-FEB22**  
II LINE NIVOLUMAB  
240 mg (OFF LABEL)

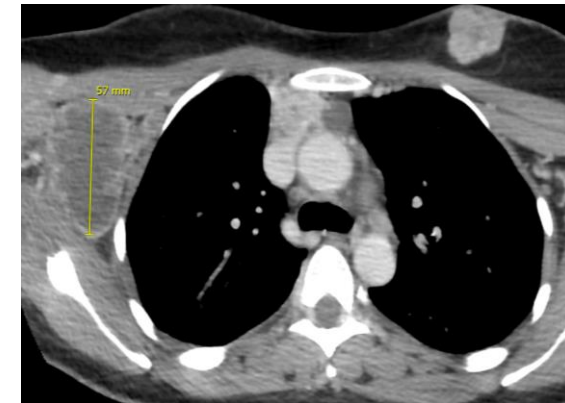
**FEB22- AUG22**  
NIVOLUMAB 240 mg + IPILIMUMAB 1 mg/Kg  
(COMPASSIONATE USE)



**OCT 2021:**  
BASAL



**DEC 2021:**  
FIRST EVALUATION AFTER CT ->PD



**MAR 2022:**  
EVALUATION DURING IO COMBO  
-> BR: SD

## LOCOREGIONAL TREATMENT TIMELINE

- NOV 21: Surgical excision of the lesion of right arm for palliative purposes
- FEB 22: RT right arm and right axilla (30 Gy)
- MAR 22: ECT right arm and left mammary region
- JUN 22: RT right leg, inguinal right node and supraclavicular (30 Gy)
- MAY 22: ECT right arm
- JUL 22: ECT Xyphoid region



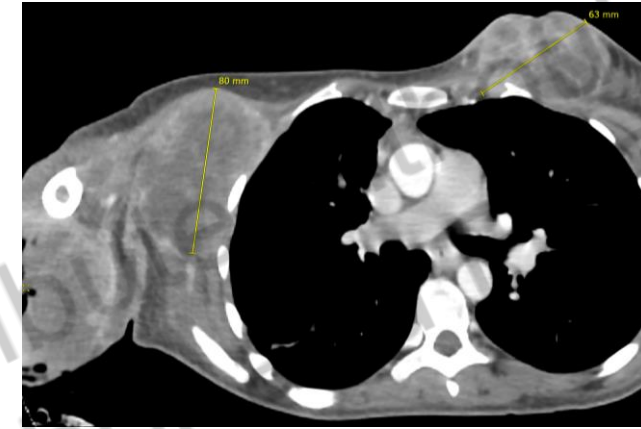
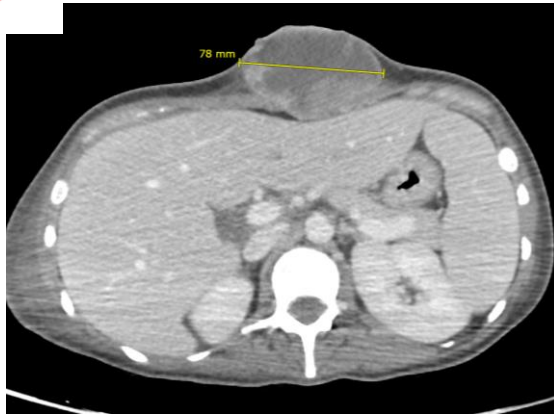
**DEC21:** scar tissue after surgery



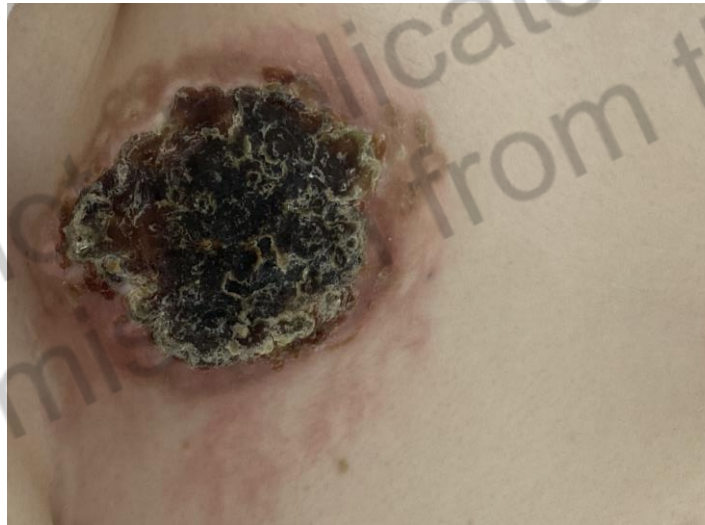
**MAR21:** right arm relapse

# SEPTEMBER 2022 ASSESSMENT

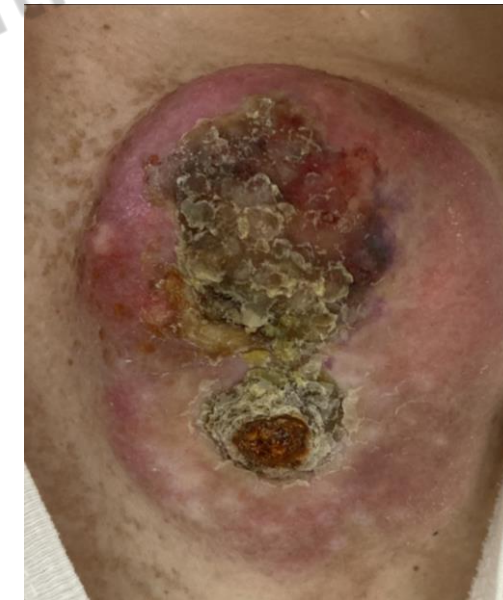
CT SCAN 01 SEP 2022



CLINICAL VISIT SEP21



Xyphoid region (8 cm)



Supraclavicular (6 cm)



## CLINICAL CONDITION SEPTEMBER 2022

Clinical status:

- ECOG PS 2
- On treatment with morphine 10 mg 7 f/48h

### OPTIONS?

- ❖ ETOPOSIDE
- ❖ anti-angiogenic drugs -> SUNITINIB

Case report: "Objective Clinical and Radiological Response under Sunitinib in a Case of Thigh Hidradenocarcinoma"

- ❖ ADRIAMYCIN
- ❖ CAPECITABINE

**Our team decided... Etoposide waiting for approval of Sunitinib off label**

## LATEST UPDATE

- Oct- Nov 22: Oral Etoposide 50 mg/daily g1-g21 q28  
AE: nausea G1
- Nov 22: Oral Sunitinib at 50mg/daily 4w therapy + 2w pause  
AE: oral mucositis G2 and skin rash G1



Unfortunately after 1 cycle of Sunitinib patient died due to disease progression and worsening of clinical conditions.

## QUESTIONS

- ❖ IO +/- locoregional strategies or IO +/- chemotherapy are valid options for this disease?
- ❖ How can we study IO in rare cancer given the difficulty to design large clinical trials? Basket trial may be an opportunity?
- ❖ Which therapeutic option is the best in your opinion taking into account the NGS assessment? Would you have repeated NGS at progression?

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# A Case of Metastatic Merkel Cell Carcinoma treated with Immunotherapy in Elderly Patient

Topic:(Complex non-melanoma skin cancers )



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# History

A 94 year -old male patient

## Medical history

- Hypertension
- Transient ischaemic attack 2017
- Subdural haematoma 1990
- Parkinson's (Not diagnosed /not on treatment)

ECOG (1)

**Sept 2019:** At age of **91 years** ,he presented with rapidly growing lesion in the left lateral forehead

**PET scan:** No Distant metastases

**US neck:** No cervical Lymphadenopathy

- Biopsy: Merkle cell carcinoma
- **Recommended Management** was .....Wide excision & staging of neck with SLN followed by neck dissection
- **With age and comorbidities** :The patient had WLE for primary site only (2 cm margin)
- **Histopathology** :
  - **pT4** Merkle cell carcinoma, left temple 2.3cm x 2.3cm. With invasion of the local muscle underlying, Clear margin but CIS(carcinoma in situ) at the peripheral edge ,LVI +ve
  - Chromogranin +ve, Synaptophysin +ve,CD56 +ve,CK8/18 +ve,S100 –ve,AE1/AE3 +ve
- 11.09.2019: Surgical resection with a 2cm radial margin and 4mm
- 11.09.2019: Right pinna BCC



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# Question 1 :

## What treatment option should be next?

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- B) Chemo-radiotherapy
- C) Chemotherapy
- D) Surgery

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- Skin MDT: **Post operative Radiotherapy**
- 50Gy in 25# radiotherapy to surgical bed and to preauricular and level 2 lymph nodes, completed 5th December 2019
- Fatigue, but he has tolerated treatment fairly well
- The main radiotherapy reaction around the left eye has settled and the irritation of the left eye has improved in 1 month.
- End of treatment MRI scan (Feb 2019) ...shown no definite evidence of disease relapse
- **July 2020 CT scan** :There are a few small sub-centimetric left sided neck nodes.

## March 2021

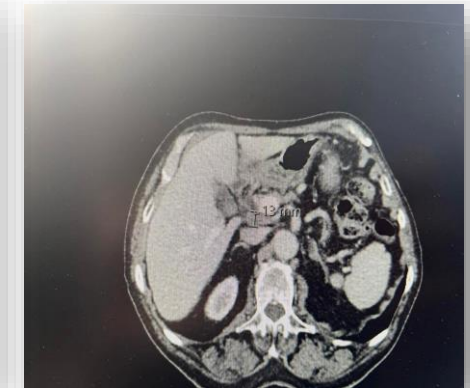
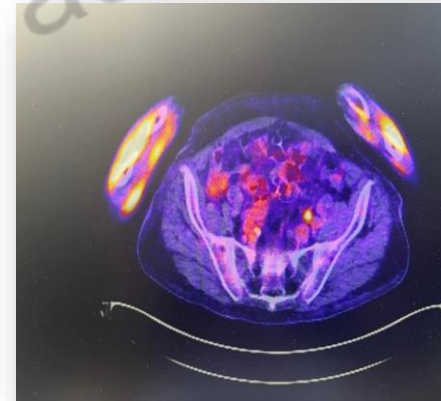
- Concern about a lesion on his right hand & temporal lesion
- 1.5 cm firm nodule at dorsum of his right hand .
- Right hand squamous cell carcinoma excised with clear margins March 2021.
- Right temporal nodular cystic basal cell carcinoma excised with positive margins March 2021.
- On the basis of his co-morbidities and health, we would not offer post-operative radiotherapy to this area.
- Continue to monitor ...

March 2021

- CT scan has shown a new 33 mm porto-caval lymph node with necrosis which is highly suggestive of a metastatic process.
- (We will have to assume that this is most likely Merkel cell although the time duration between treatment and the site of relapse is unusual)
- March 2021..PET-CT shows the portocaval node 33mm as solitary site of activity.
- PS ( 2 )
- MDT ...Discuss systemic treatment options?



- What could be the next treatment option?
- A) Radiotherapy
- B) Chemo-radiotherapy
- C) Chemotherapy
- D) Surgery



## The Skin MDM Outcome

- PET-CT - portocaval LN only site of disease (percutaneous biopsy was very challenging)
- The Skin MDM agreed this to be unlikely related to his recent BCC and SCC diagnosis, concerning for relapsed Merkel Cell carcinoma.
- Skin MDM April 2021 - Medical oncology review for fitness to decide if systemic therapy suitable. For Single agent **Avelumab**
- The patient could not imagine to have a life long immunotherapy.
- Treatment breaks (ideally the treatment is given every two weeks, but we are allowed to give a break in treatment to allow recovery from side effects for up to 12 weeks )



## Cycle 5 Avelumab

- **July 2021** :CT shows partial response to treatment with reduction in the portocaval node(32....15mm)
- **Nov 2021 CT TAP** shows portacaval node is stable with maintained response to treatment
- **January 2021..** Main issue is poorly-controlled Parkinson disease & worsening resting tremors, Difficulties with his mobility.
- From an avelumab perspective he is well, with no symptoms concerning for immune-related adverse events.
- MRI brain : no metastatic disease
- Referred for neurological review

## Neuro review April 2022

- The patient had tremors for at least 3 years, ,Over time his walking has deteriorated, he has started to shuffle and he has some drooling. There has been no change in his speech.
- Features of both essential tremor, and possible underlying a kinetic rigid syndrome also. Started on trial for careldopa , 62.5 mg
- After 2 months, there was no benefit, dose been increased ...predominantly a central tremor rather than any underlying akinetic rigid syndrome.
- **June 2022 after C 24...We discontinued Avelumab after 24 cycles**
- As his Merkel cell carcinoma is in remission and a dominant issue is now tremors

## Questions

- **Q1 :Would we consider radiotherapy?**
- **Q 2 :After cycle 24 , Shall we continue the treatment?**
- **Q3 :Do you think the patient was overtreated?**

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# Management of an advanced squamous-cell carcinoma of the head and neck in elderly patient



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# Patient`s history

- **Patient S.**, 77 year-old man
- **Comorbidity:** Hypertension grade 2., ECOG - 0
- **1<sup>st</sup> admission (May 2012)** DS: SC carcinoma of skin of borderline of occipital region posterior of the neck T3N0M0
- **Treated:** Radiotherapy 2 Gy per fraction – Total 40 Gys
- **Effect of treatment:** partial tumor regression
- **Follow-up:** Did not come for the further treatment
- **2<sup>nd</sup> admission: December 10, 2019**
- **Complains:** tumor of the skin on the occipital region with transition to the posterior of his neck. Pain and bloody discharge from tumor, persistent for several (7) years

## Diagnostic work-up

- 6,5x5,0x3,2cm tumor of occipital region and posterior of the neck. Crater-shaped ulcerative surface in the center, with bloody discharge, painful on palpation, fixed with underlying tissues.
- **Neck ultrasound:** Persistent 1,5x1,0 cm enlarged right occipital lymph node
- **Imaging:** Locally-advanced tumor. With no evidence of the spread of tumor.
- **Pathology:** Non-keratinizing SC- Carcinoma, Grade II.
- **Regional LN Status:** Enlarged right occipital 1,5x1,0 cm lymph node.
- **FNAB cytology:** Cells with hyperplasia and nuclei polymorphism. Suggestive for Metastatic? Inflammatory?



- MDTB Diagnosis: Non-keratinizing SCC of skin of posterior of the neck and occipital region T4cN1M0, Stage IV

## Question 1.

What is the best treatment option for this patient?

- Diagnosis: Non-keratinizing SCC of skin of posterior of the neck and occipital region T4N1M0, Stage IV
- A) Radiotherapy
- B) ChemoRadiotherapy
- C) Chemotherapy
- D) Surgery

# Tumor-Board decision

- A) Radiotherapy
- B) Chemo-Radiation
- C) Chemotherapy
- D) Surgery

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## Further Treatment - Chemotherapy

- 25 Dec 2019 – 20 Jan 2020
- ChT regimen: Cisplatin+5FU – 2 cycles
- Effect: Partial response



*Figure 2. Tumor after 2 cycles of platinum-based chemotherapy.*

## Question 2.

### What treatment option should be next?

- A) Radiotherapy
- B) Chemoradiation
- C) Chemotherapy
- D) Surgery
- E) Other

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## Decision was made to operate

- A) Radiotherapy
- B) Chemoradiation
- C) Chemotherapy
- D) Surgery
- E) Other

**Diagnosis:** Non-keratinizing SCC of skin of posterior of the neck and occipital region T4N1M0, Stage IV, condition after radiotherapy (40Gys) and 2 cycles of chemotherapy (Cisplatin+5FU). Partial tumor regression.



# Surgery plan

February 27, 2020

- Functional neck dissection on the right. Wide excision of the tumor.
- Reconstruction of the defect with a regional fasciocutaneous pedicle flap from the right suprascapular region.



Figure 3. Neck dissection incision line



Figure 4. Tumor excision boundaries



Figure 5. The surgical defect





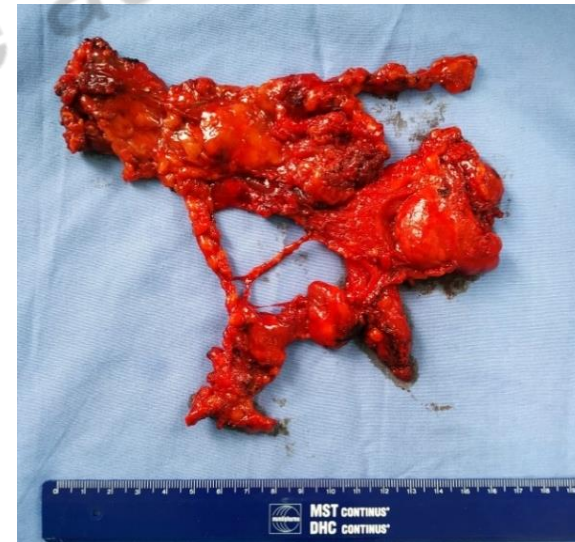
*Figure 6. Fasciocutaneous flap raised to close the defect*



*Figures 8, 9. Surgical specimen - excised tumor with resection of involved muscles.*



*Figure 7. Final view of the surgical wound*



*Figure 10. Removed neck tissue with lymph nodes*



# Treatment Outcome

- The surgical wound and flap healed primarily. No signs of flap necrosis in postoperative period.
- Post-OP Pathology report: Non-keratinizing Squamous-cell carcinoma, G2. The tumor was removed radically (R0). No cancer cells were found in removed 15 lymph nodes.
- Discharged on the 10th day postoperative period.
- **Follow-up:** Being monitored by the local oncologist.



*Figure 11. View of the flap on the 6th day after surgery.*

## Question #3.

### What do you think about the treatment?

- A) Was the patient overtreated, since the treatment plan included the neck dissection?
- B) What can we do to differentially diagnose between clinically and pathologically nodal metastases?

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