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¿Qué biomarcadores importan en el carcinoma urotelial? ¿Cómo debemos determinarlos?

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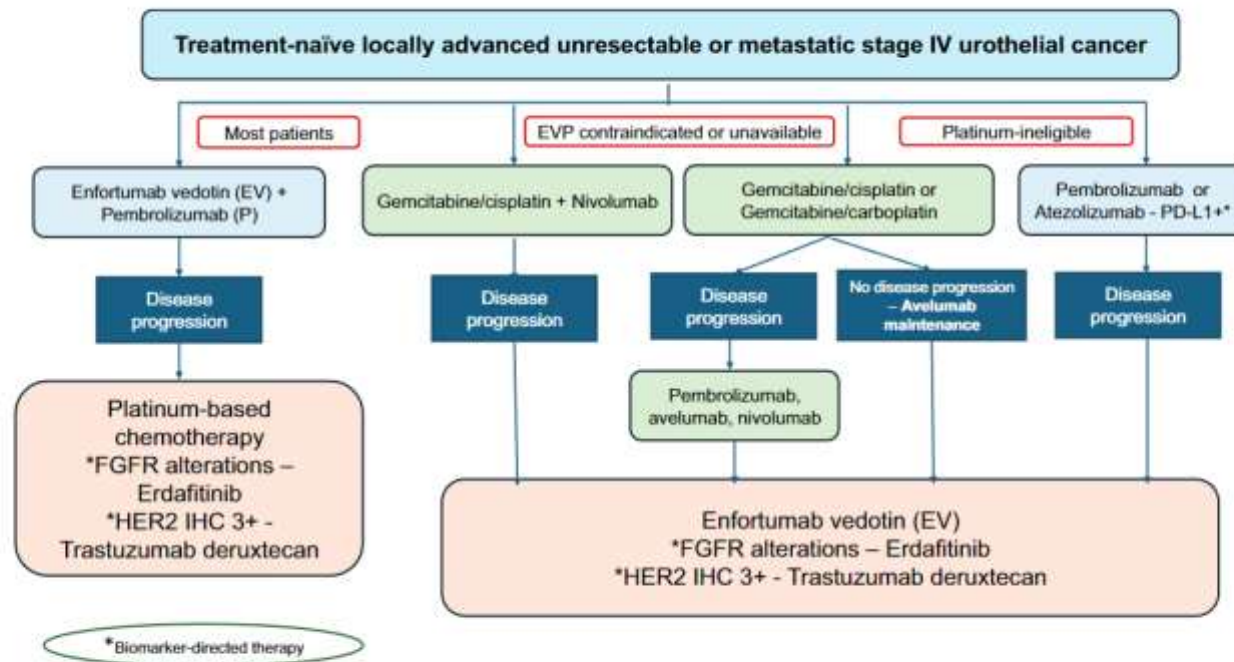


Figure 1. Treatment algorithm for stage IV metastatic urothelial carcinoma or locally advanced unresectable urothelial carcinoma.

Legends/Abbreviations: Enfortumab vedotin (EV); Pembrolizumab (P); Fibroblast growth factor receptor (FGFR); Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor-2 (HER2); Immunohistochemistry (IHC); Programmed death ligand-1 positive (PD-L1+).

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Molecular Subtypes

UNC 2014	Basal			Luminal		
MDA 2014	Basal		P53-like		Luminal	
Lund 2012	Basal	UroB	Infiltrated	GU	UroA	
LundTax 2023	Sc/NE	Ba/Sq	Mes-like	GU	Urothelial-like UroA UroB UroC	
TCGA 2017	Neuronal	Squamous	Luminal infiltrated	Luminal	Luminal-papillary	
NanoString 2021	Double negative	Basal		Luminal		
Consensus 2020	NE-like	Ba/Sq	Stroma-Rich	LumNS	LumU	LumP

Descriptors

Histopathology	NE differentiation	Squamous differentiation	Smooth muscle, Fibroblasts, myofibroblasts	CIS, micropapillary carcinoma (36%)	Urothelial solid invasive	Papillary growth
Molecular features	TP53 and RB1 mutations	Cytotoxic lymphocytes NK cells signature, EGFR+	B-cells, fibroblast, myofibroblasts signature	PPAR- γ signature	PPAR- γ signature	FGFR3 and KDM6A mutations PPAR- γ signature
Suggested therapy	Chemotherapy	Chemotherapy Immunotherapy	Immunotherapy	NAC	Radiotherapy	FGFR3 targeted therapy

1. Normal Urothelium



Early pre-malignant changes

Key Biomarkers: KMT2A and KDM6A
CDKN2A alterations; 9p/9q deletions
(early chromosomal loss)



2. Hyperplasia / Dysplasia



Early pre-malignant changes

Key Biomarkers: TERT promoter mutations
CDKN2A alterations; 9p/9q deletions
(early chromosomal loss)



3. Papillary Low-Grade (Ta)



Exophytic, non-invasive tumor
Molecular Subtype: Luminal Papillary (LumP)
Clinical Note: High recurrence (~60%),
low progression (~4%)

Key Biomarkers: FGFR3, HRAS, STAG2 mutations
KRT20 expression and CDKN2A deletion
TERT promoter mutation



4. Lamina Propria Invasion / CIS(T1)



CIS (Carcinoma in Situ-flat lesion)
Papillary High-Grade T1
Molecular Subtype: Lumina and/or Basal features

Key Biomarkers: TP53, CDKN2A
HIF-1 α , VEGF (angiogenesis)
EMT markers: SNAIL, ZEB1, TWIST



5. Muscle Invasion ($\geq T2$)

High-grade MIBC
Molecular Subtype: Consensus classification from multiple systems (TCGA, Lund, MDA, UNC)

5A. Luminal Papillary (LumP)

Papillary growth
Prognosis: Generally favorable
Therapy: FGFR3 inhibitors (e.g., Erdafitinib)

Key Mutations: FGFR3, KDM6A
Genetic Alterations: PPARG, CDKN2A
Markers: KRT20, GATA3, UPK1A, UPK2

5B. Luminal Unstable (LumU)

Mixed pattern and unstable
Prognosis: Intermediate
Therapy: Chemo, anti-HER2, radiotherapy

Key Mutations: TP53, ERCC2, TMB and APOBEC
Genetic Alterations: Genomic instability profile, PPARG signature, ERBB2, and cell cycle activity
Markers: KRT20, GATA3, FOXA1

5C. Luminal Non-Specified (LumNS)

Variable pattern; fibroblast infiltration
Prognosis: Intermediate
Therapy: Possible ICIs

Key Mutations: TP53, ELF3
Genetic Alterations: Immune infiltration, PPARG
Markers: GATA3, FOXA1; lower KRT20 expression

5D. Basal / Squamous (Ba/Sq)

Squamous-like Pattern
Prognosis: Poor; more aggressive phenotype
Therapy: Chemo and ICIs

Key Mutations: TP53, RB1, NFE2L2
Genetic Alterations: EGFR overexpression, frequent immune activation
Markers: High KRT5/6, KRT14; low GATA3; high PD-L1

5E. Neuroendocrine-like (NE-like)

Small-cell or large-cell neuroendocrine carcinoma
Prognosis: Very poor; highly aggressive
Therapy: Platinum chemo; \pm ICI

Key Mutations: TP53, RB1 (both inactivated)
Genetic Alterations: high proliferation; NE transcriptional program, cell cycle activity
Markers: CHGA, SYP, NCAM1

5F. Stroma-rich

Abundant stromal
Prognosis: Intermediate
Therapy: ICI (context-dependent)

Key Mutations: Not mutation-defined
Genetic Alterations: Stromal signaling pathways
Markers: Stromal, muscle, and immune genes

6. Metastasis

Stage: Distant spread (~50%)
 (lymph nodes, liver, bone, lungs)
Therapy: Chemo, ICI, and clinical trial
 Targeted Therapies

Key Mutations: TP53 and RB1 mutations
Genetic Alterations: VEGF (angiogenesis)
 PD-L1, MMPs, EMT-related genes



Urothelial Carcinoma		Divergent Differentiation			Aggressive Subtypes				
		Squamous	Glandular	Small cell	Micropapillary	Nested	Plasmacytoid	Sarcomatoid	
Luminal GATA3+	Basal CK5/6+	Basal CK5/6+	Luminal GATA3+	Double GATA3-/CK5/6-	Luminal GATA3+	Luminal GATA3+	Luminal GATA3+	Basal CK5/6+	
NO relacionados con HPV Tipo basal Responden QTP e IT		Mutaciones en TERT y p53		Synaptophy +	8% CU. Activacion de la via RUVBL1. amplificacion y sobreexpresión de HER2 25-85% positivos por IHQ 15-42% por FISH		Mutaciones en Cadherina E		
				Mutaciones frecuentes en p53, RB1 y FSCN3.		Mutaciones en TERT y p53		Agresivos, no tienen mutaciones en FGFR3 Son PDL1 positivos	

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PD-L1 testing in urothelial bladder cancer: essentials of clinical practice

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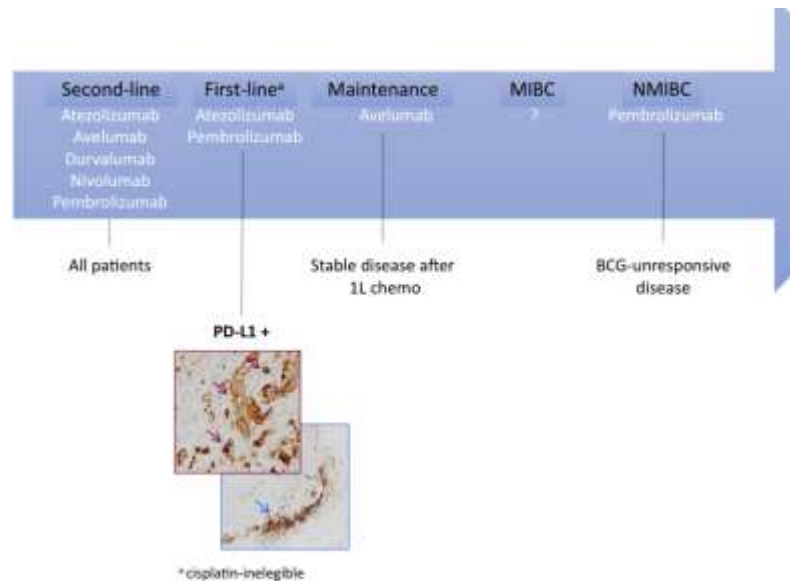


Fig. 3 Indications for anti-PD-L1 monoclonal antibody in UC

Table 2 PD-L1 expression as a predictive biomarker of response to anti-PD(L)1 mAb in UC

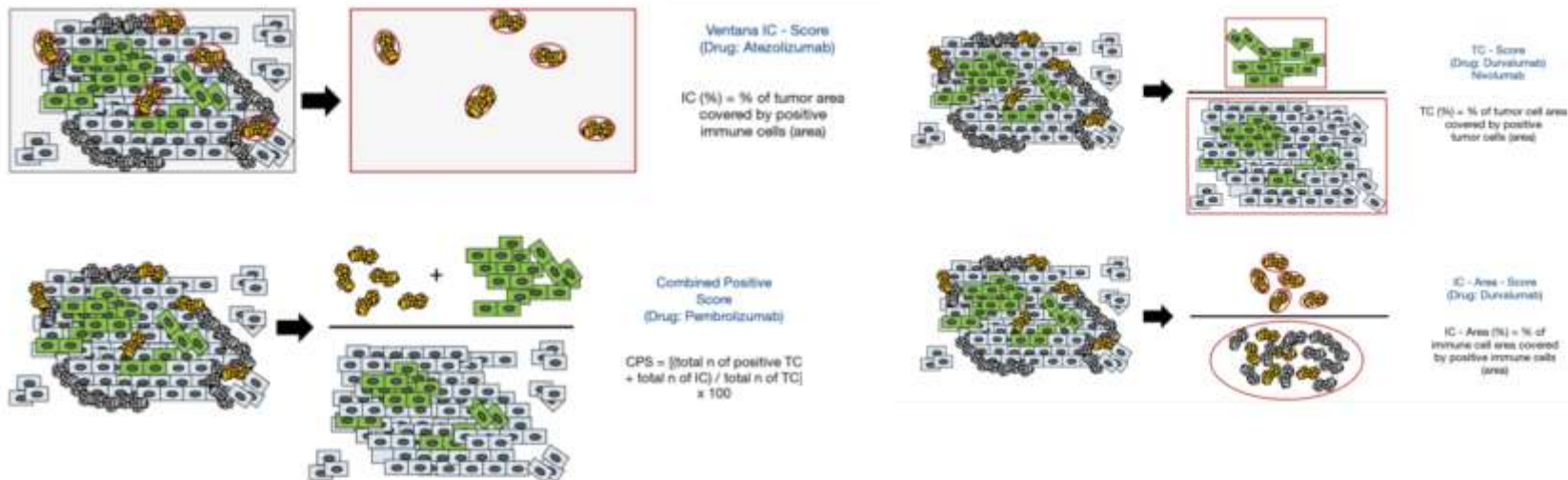
Clinical Trial ID	Anti-PD(L)1 mAb	Clinical setting	No. of patients	Study phase	Assay
IMvigor 210 cohort 2	Atezolizumab	2nd line	310	Phase II	SP142
IMvigor 211	Atezolizumab	2nd line	931	Phase III	SP142
IMvigor130	Atezolizumab	1st line	851	Phase III	SP142
IMvigor 210 cohort 1	Atezolizumab	1st line cisplatin-ineligible	119	Phase II	SP142
ABACUS	Atezolizumab	Neoadjuvant		Phase II	SP142
JAVELIN Solid Tumor	Avelumab	2nd line	249	Phase Ib	73-10
JAVELIN Bladder 100	Avelumab	Maintenance	700	Phase III	SP263
NCT01693562	Durvalumab	2nd line	191	Phase I/II	SP263
CheckMate 032	Nivolumab	2nd line	78	Phase I/II	28-8
CheckMate 275	Nivolumab	2nd line	265	Phase II	28-8
KEYNOTE 045	Pembrolizumab	2nd line	542	Phase III	22C3
KEYNOTE 052	Pembrolizumab	1st line cisplatin-ineligible	370	Phase II	22C3
PURE-01	Pembrolizumab	Neoadjuvant	112	Phase II	22C3
KEYNOTE 057	Pembrolizumab	BCG-unresponsive	148	Phase II	22C3

mAb monoclonal antibody, IC immune cells, TC tumor cells

Table 1. Immunotherapy trials and association between PD-L1 score and response [39]

Drug	Trial name (setting)	Biomarker	Scoring	Association between PD-L1 score and response
Pembrolizumab	KEYNOTE-045 (Advanced, second line)	22C3	TC + IC	No
Pembrolizumab	KEYNOTE-052 (Advanced, first line)	22C3	TC + IC	Yes
Pembrolizumab	KEYNOTE-057 (NMIBC)	Not reported	TC + IC	No
Nivolumab	CheckMate 274 (Adjuvant)	28-8	TC	Yes
Nivolumab	CheckMate 275 (Advanced, second line)	28-8	TC	Yes
Avelumab	JAVELIN Solid Tumor (Advanced, second line)	73-10	TC + IC	No
Avelumab	Javelin Bladder 100 (Maintenance)	73-10	TC + IC	No

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$$\text{TPS(\%)} = \frac{\text{CELULAS TUMORALES POSITIVAS} \times 100}{\text{TOTAL CELULAS TUMORALES}}$$

$$\text{IC(\%)} = \frac{\text{CELULAS INMUNES POSITIVAS ASOCIADAS AL TUMOR} \times 100}{\text{AREA TOTAL DEL TUMOR Y ESTROMA PERITUMORAL}}$$

$$\text{CPS} = \frac{\text{CELULAS TUMORALES POSITIVAS} + \text{CELULAS INMUNES INTRATUMORALES} \times 100}{\text{TOTAL CELULAS TUMORALES}}$$

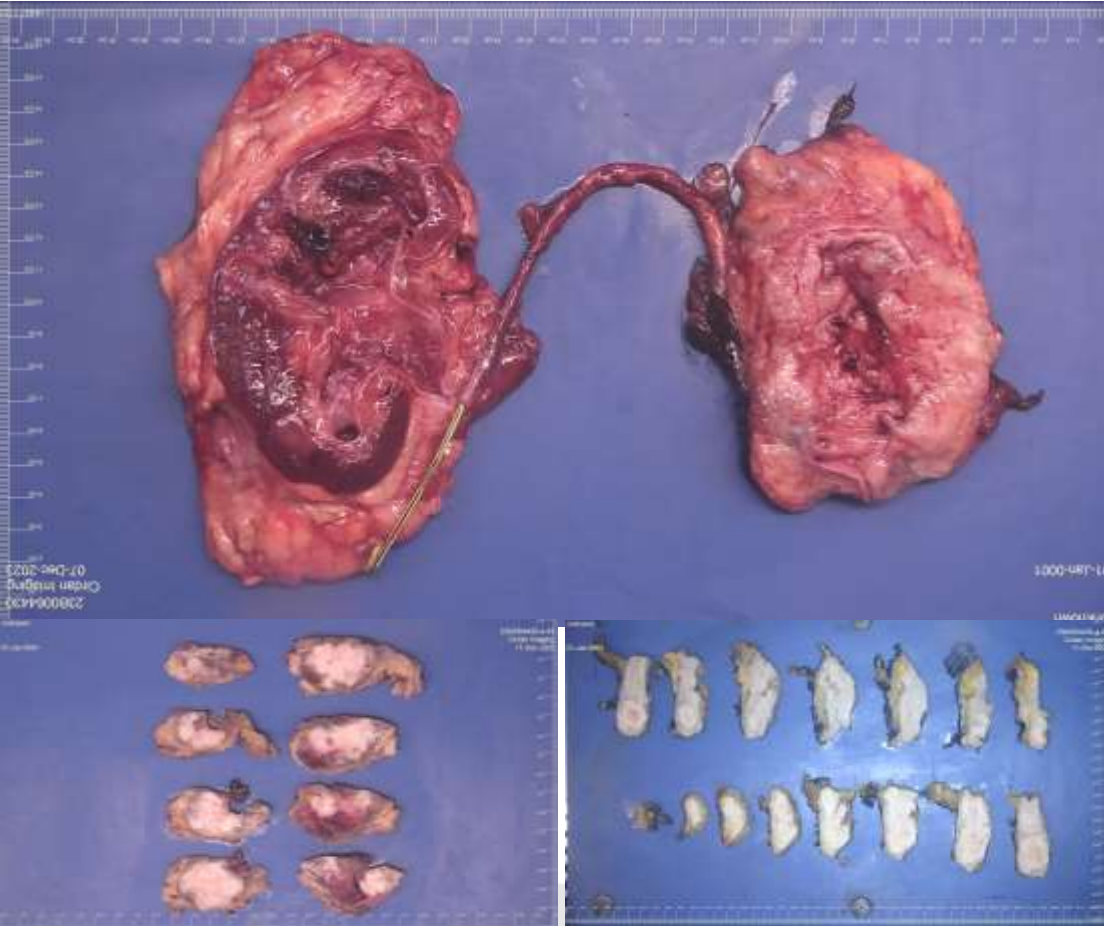
Table 4. Comparison of PD-L1 immunostainings in selected anti-PD-1/anti-PD-L1 agents

Characteristics	Durvalumab	Atezolizumab	Nivolumab	Pembrolizumab	Avelumab ^a			
Manufacturer	AstraZeneca	Roche	Bristol-Meyers Squibb	Merck	Merck/Pfizer			
Target	PD-L1	PD-L1	PD-1	PD-1	PD-L1			
PD-L1 assay	Ventana SP263	Ventana SP142	Dako 28–8	Dako 22C3	Dako 73–10			
Cell-types scored for UC	TIC and TC	TIC	TC	TC and TIC	TC			
Line of therapy (L)	≥1 L	≥2 L	1 L (cisplatinel)	≥2 L	≥2 L	2 L	1 L (cisplatinel)	≥2 L
PD-L1 cut offs								
High/positive	≥25% TC or TIC	≥5% TIC	≥5% TIC	≥1% TC	≥1%, ≥5% TC	≥10% CPS	≥10% CPS	≥5% TC
Low/negative	<25% TC and TIC	<1% TIC	<1% TIC	<1% TC	<1% TC	NA	<10% CPS	No visible staining

Abbreviations: cisplatinel, cisplatin ineligible; CPS, combined positive score (tumour and immune cell PD-L1 expression); NA, not available; TC, tumour cells; TIC, tumour infiltrating immune cells.

^aCurrently used as maintenance for metastatic urothelial cancer after systemic chemotherapy. In this case, Ventana SP263 is used as a biomarker of PD-L1 detection and reported (Javelin Bladder 100) as High/Positive (≥25% TC or TIC) vs. Low/Negative (<25% TC and TIC).

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Se ha realizado determinación de PD-L1 en el bloque X-
Bloque X (carcinoma urotelial en vejiga) con
los siguientes resultados:

Anticuerpo: 28-8.

- Plataforma de inmunohistoquímica: DAKO.
- Porcentaje de células tumorales positivas (TPS): 25%
- Porcentaje de células inmunes positivas: 65%
- CPS: 45

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The FGFR Landscape in Cancer: Analysis of 4,853 Tumors by Next-Generation Sequencing

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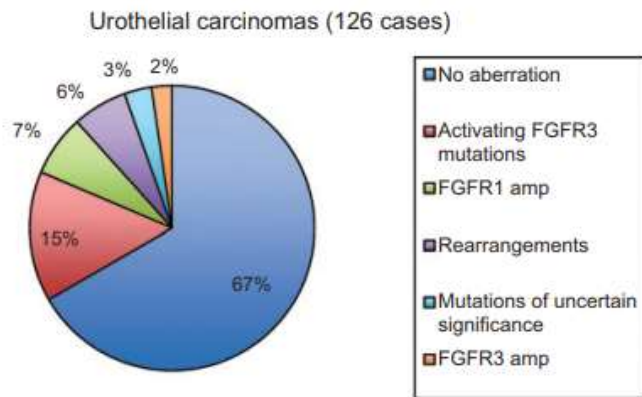
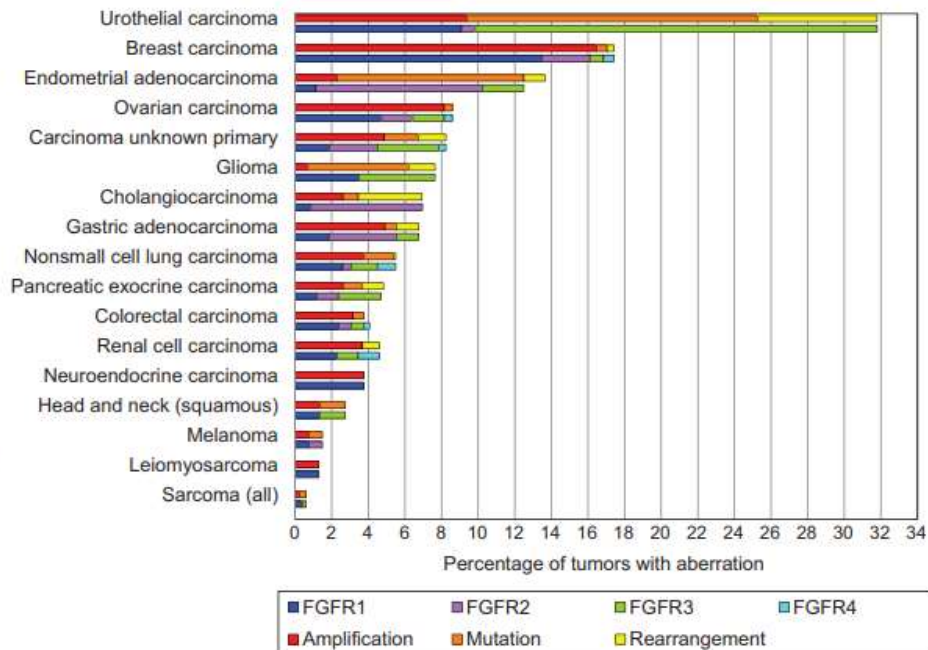
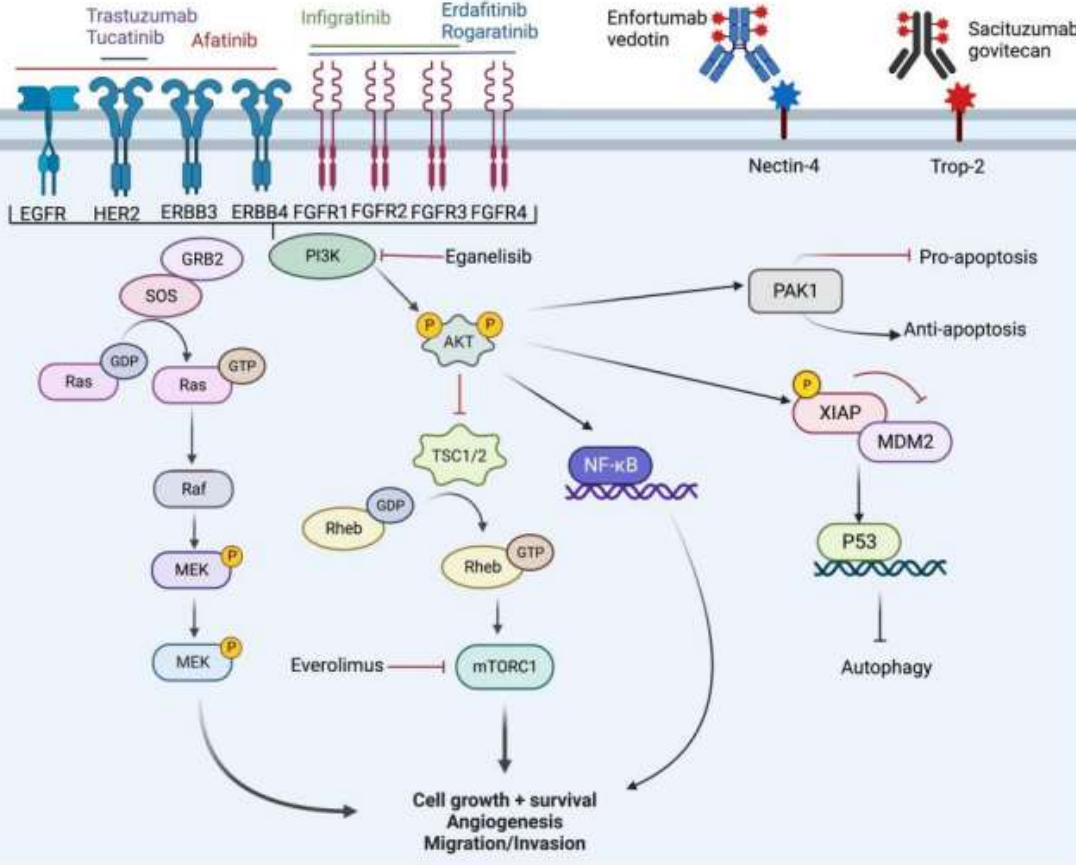


Figure 4.

Distribution of FGFR aberrancies in urothelial cancers. Cancers included urothelial carcinomas (transitional cell carcinomas) of the bladder, renal pelvis, ureter, and not specified. The majority of aberrations were activating mutations in *FGFR3*, including S249C (8 instances), R248C (6 instances), Y373C (2 instances), G370C (2 instances), and K650M (1 instance). Three of these *FGFR3* mutations are also about to transform cells *in vitro* (S249C, S248C, Y737C; Supplementary Table S4). Frequencies are expressed as percentages of all 126 cases. There were 44 aberrations in 40 cases (4 cases had more than one aberration), so the total is greater than 100%.



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Targeted Therapies in Advanced and Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma

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- *FGFR3* codifica un receptor de superficie que juego un rol pivotal en en proliferación celular, diferenciación y supervivencia
- Se describen mutaciones activadoras, amplificaciones y fusiones del gen.
- 80% de los Ta papilares bajo grado
- 50% de los T1
- 10-15% de los T2
- 0-15% de los Carinoma in situ.

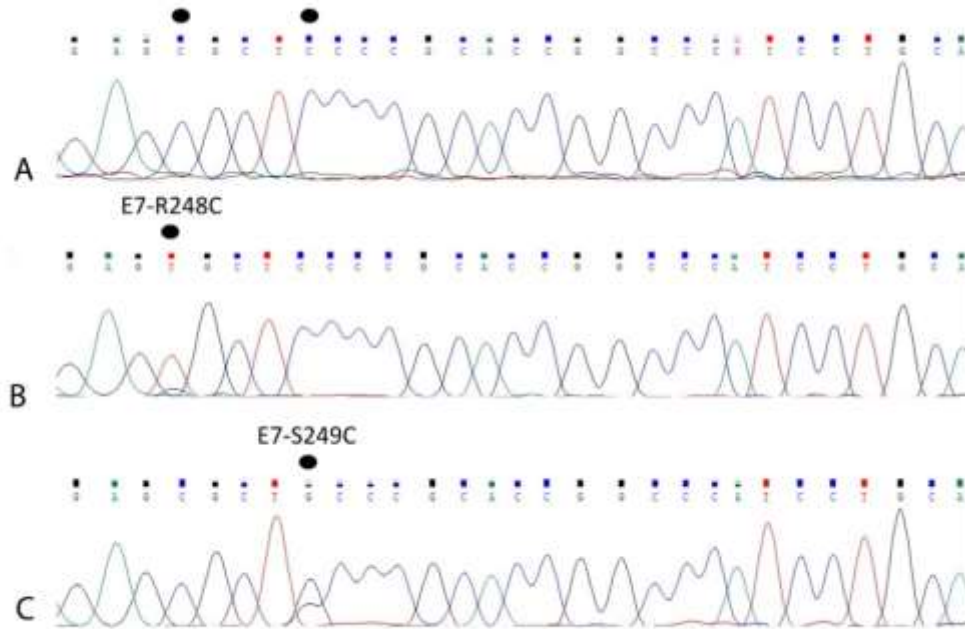


Figure 4. DNA sequencing of the FGFR3 gene. (A) Wild-type sequence. (B) Electropherogram showing the c.742C>T mutation resulting in the R248C substitution. (C) Electropherogram showing the c.746C>G mutation resulting in the S249C substitution.

Determinar las mutaciones y fusiones de FGFR3 es necesario para identificar pacientes susceptibles de tratamiento con Erdafitinib.

- Protocolos PCR para hot spots
- Next-generation sequencing (NGS) on ADN o ARN
- Técnicas específicas RT-qPCR assays que cubran FGFR2/3 mutaciones y fusiones
- Mutaciones puntuales activantes: S249C; Y373C; R248C; G370C
- Fusiones: FGFR3–TACC3



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AI allows pre-screening of FGFR3 mutational status using routine histology slides of muscle-invasive bladder cancer

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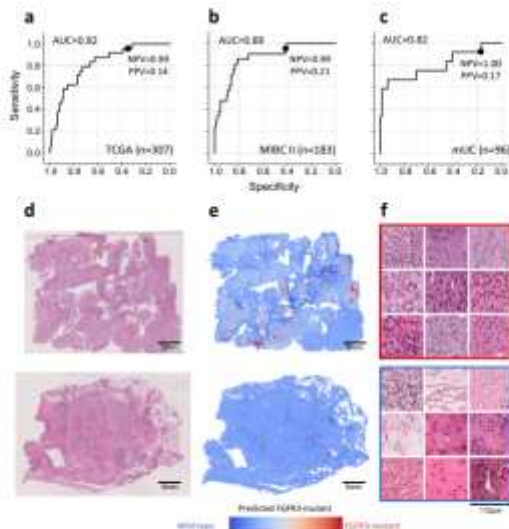


Fig. 2 | FGFR3 mutation prediction. **a–c** Receiver operating curves (ROC) of the FGFR3MUT model on TCGA MIBC, MIBC, mIBC, and mIBC (right). The area under the ROC curve (AUC) is displayed in the upper left corner. **d** Heatmap of a FGFR3-mutant case (top) and wild-type case (bottom). **e** The FGFR3 mutation predictive heatmaps, showing a probability of each 112 × 112 μm tile harboring FGFR3-mutated features, for a FGFR3-mutant case (top) and wild-type case (bottom). **f** Corresponding most predictive regions of the FGFR3 mutation status (top) and wild-type status (bottom) across the mIBC cohort. We inspected the 50 most predictive tiles of the slide and sampled 9 representative tiles. Regions predictive of FGFR3 mutations revealed numerous pleomorphic conventional urothelial tumor morphology and low desmoplastic tumor stroma content. Conversely, regions predictive of the wild-type status contained pleomorphic tumor morphology and desmoplastic tumor content. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

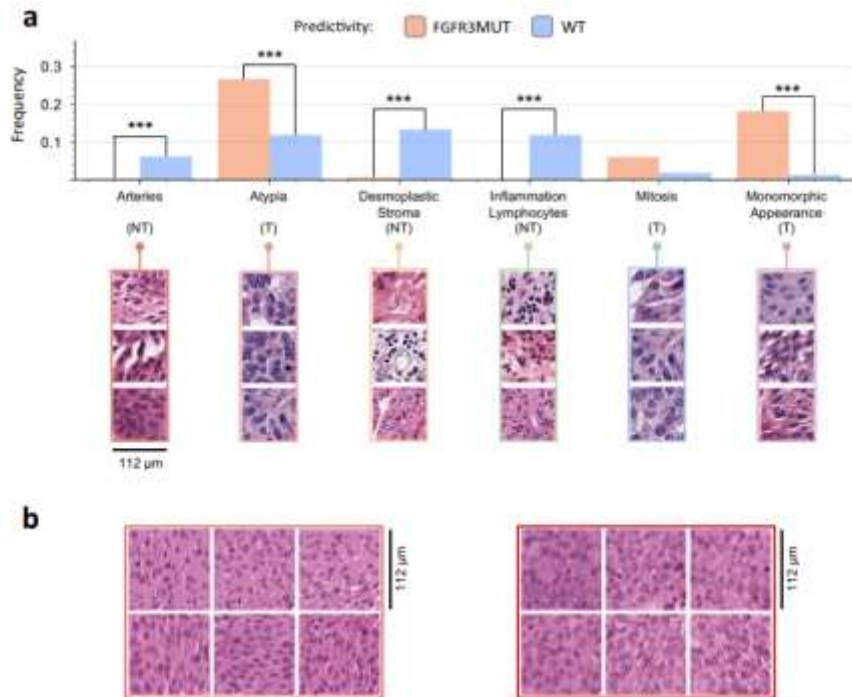


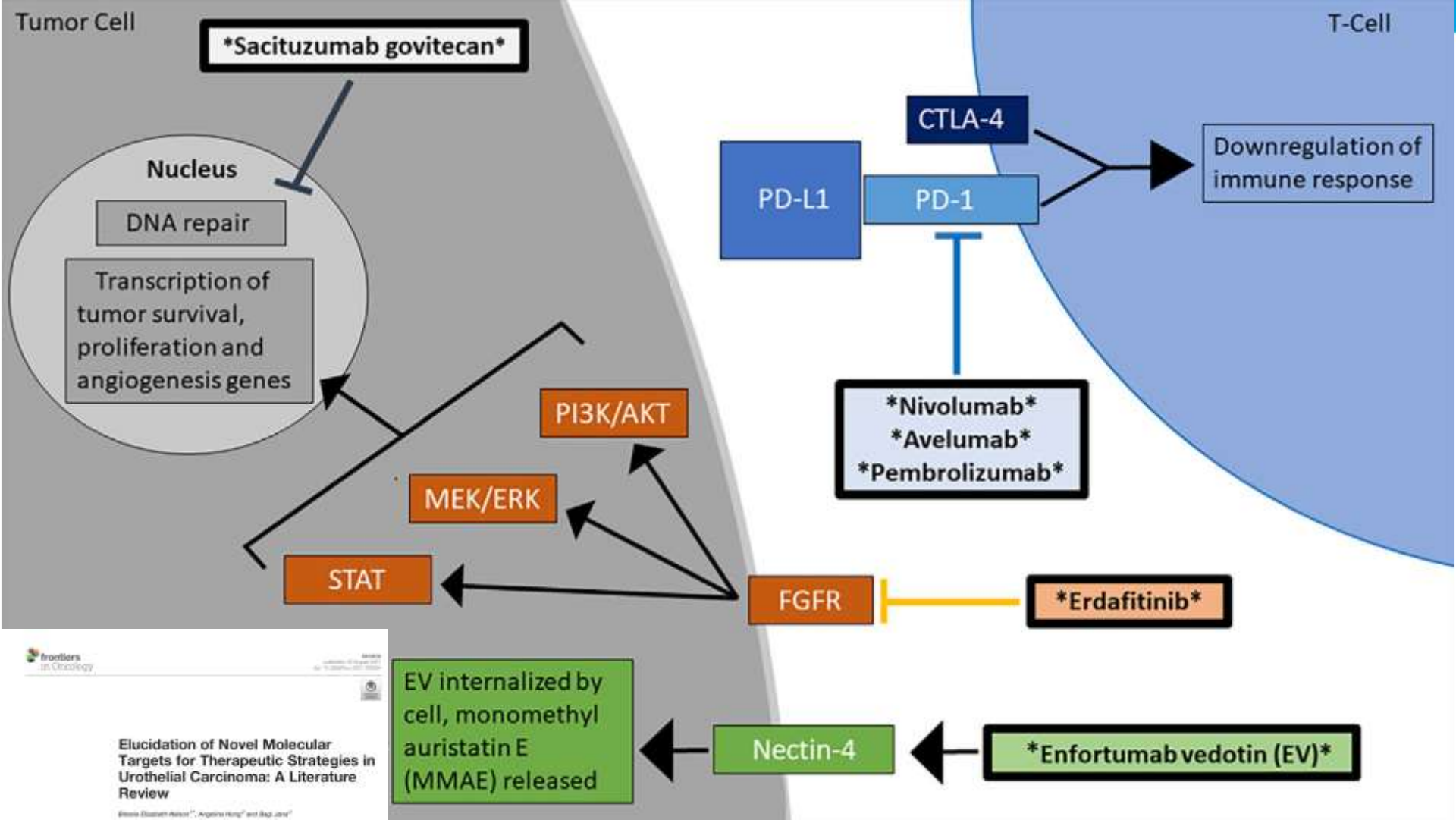
Fig. 5 | Histopathological features associated with FGFR3 mutations.

a Proportion of histology patterns associated with FGFR3 mutation status. A pathologist (M.E.) independently examined 400 representative tiles from TCGA MIBC, equally divided between FGFR3-mutant ($n = 200$) and wild-type ($n = 200$), to identify patterns indicative of each status. Tumor-associated patterns are denoted by (T), whereas patterns identified in non-tumorous regions are represented by (NT). The detailed findings are presented in Supplementary Tables 8 and 9. Key observations include a monomorphic appearance (FGFR3MUT: 18%, WT: 1%, $P = 4.3e-13$) and atypia (FGFR3MUT: 27%, WT: 12%, $P = 5.0e-3$) in FGFR3-mutant tumors, while wild-type tumors typically elicit an immune response (FGFR3MUT:

0%, WT: 12%, $P = 2.9e-8$) and are characterized by the presence of desmoplastic stroma (FGFR3MUT: 1%, WT: 14%, $P = 9.8e-13$). Statistical significance was assessed using a two-sided z -test for proportions, with Bonferroni adjustment for multiple comparisons. Statistically significant differences were marked with the *** symbol. **b** Comparison of top predictive tiles for the same metastatic FGFR3-mutant patient from the mIBC cohort. The left slide shows the top predictive tiles on the primary site, while the right slide shows the top predictive tiles on the metastasis. For each group, we inspected the 50 most predictive tiles of the slide and sampled 6 representative tiles. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

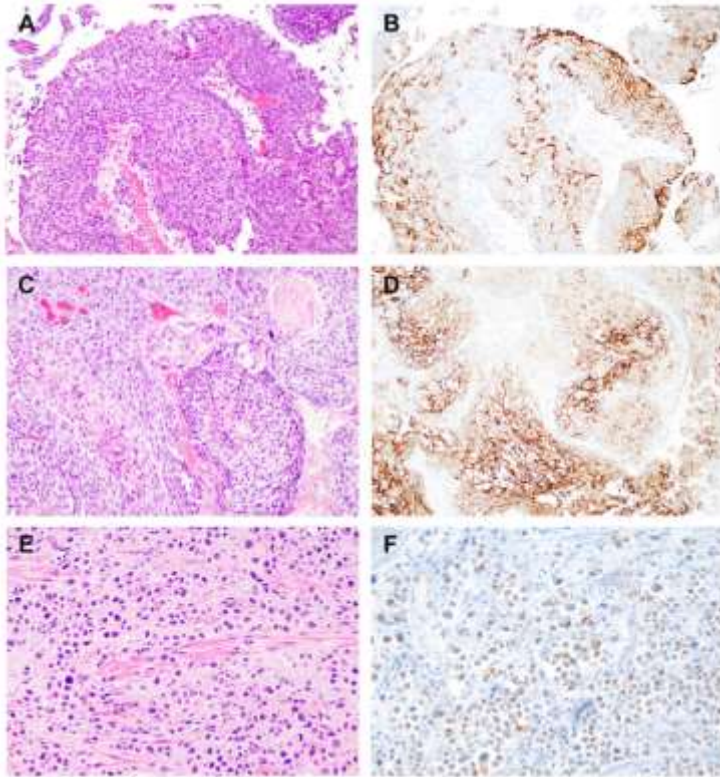
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Enfortumab vedotin: anticuerpo monoclonal frente a nectina-4 (molécula de adhesión) conjugado con un agente citotóxico (MMAE) que impide la formación de microtúbulos



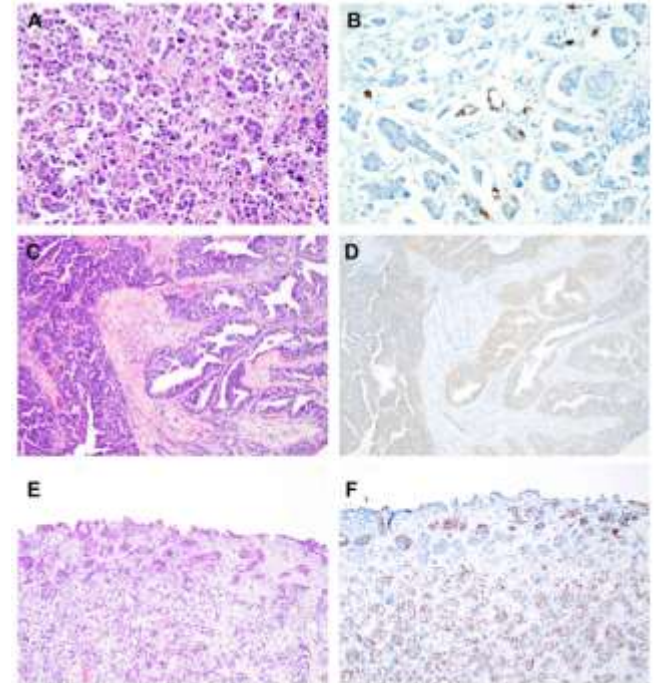
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- 169 pacientes
- 70% convencionales y escamosos
- 60% adenocarcinomas y plasmocitoides
- 50% subtipo en nidos
- 30% micropapilar
- 10% sarcomatoides
- 0% neuroendocrinos



Membranous NECTIN-4 Expression Frequently Decreases during Metastatic Spread of Urothelial Carcinoma and Is Associated with Enfortumab Vedotin Resistance

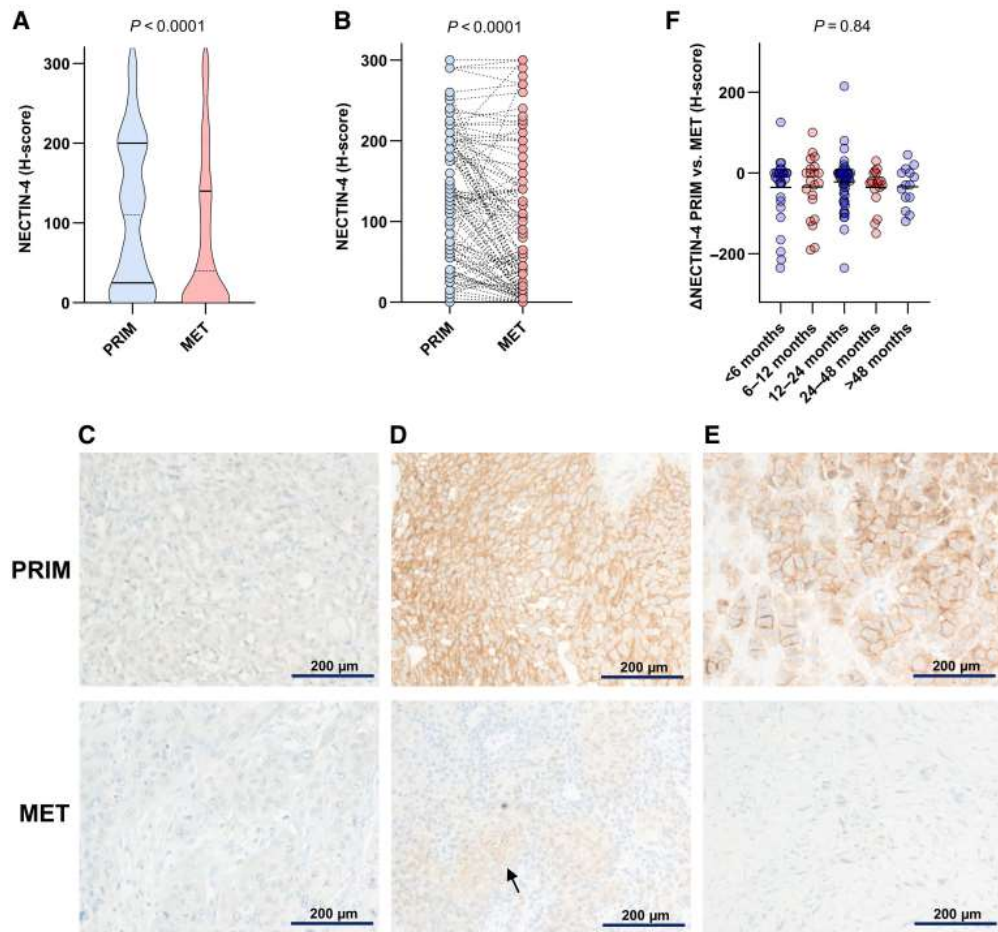
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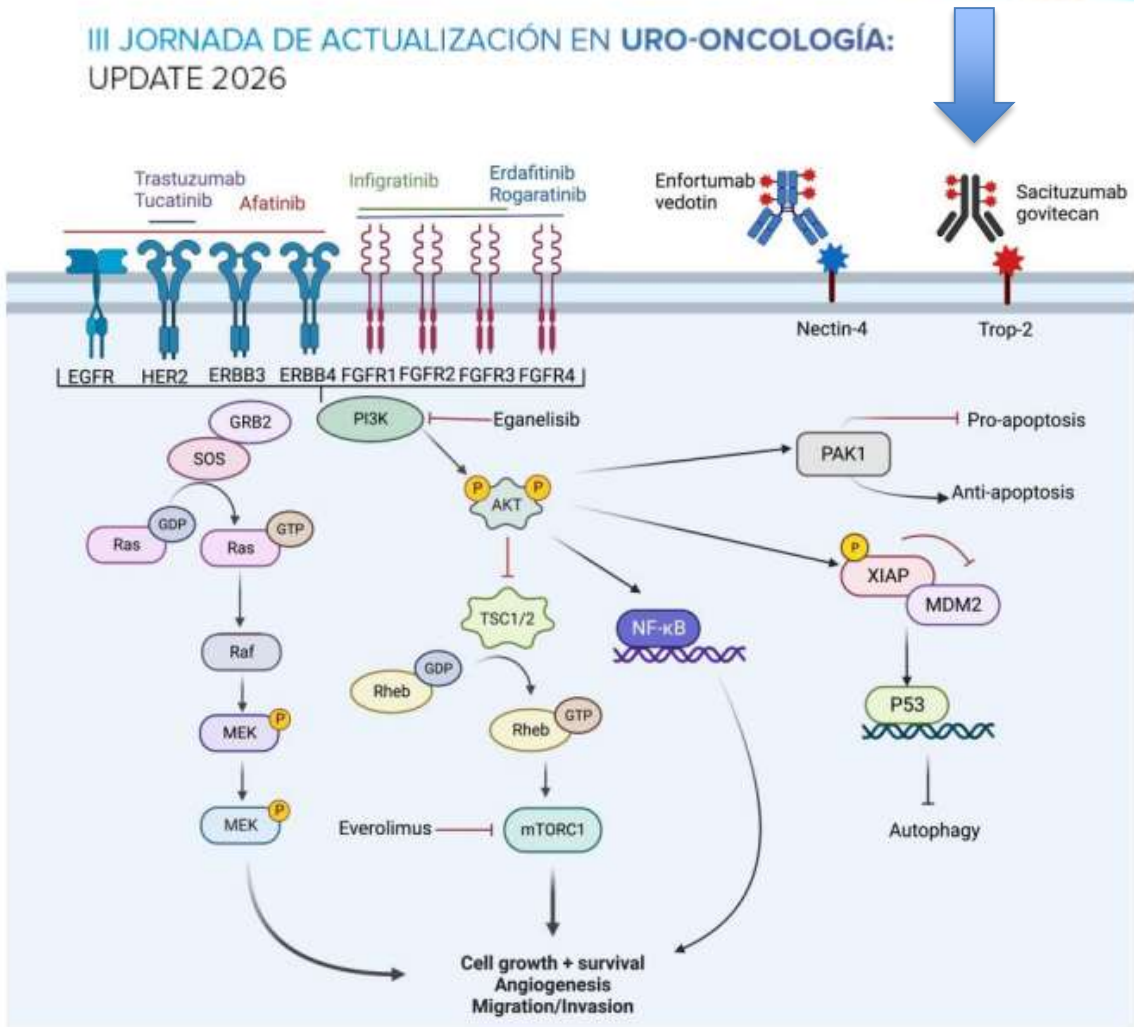
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Translational Relevance

Enfortumab vedotin (EV) releases a cytotoxic agent into the urothelial carcinoma (UC) tumor cell via binding to the tumor surface protein NECTIN-4. Although EV is approved in the metastatic disease stage, the expression of its target in metastatic tissue is insufficiently studied. Here, we demonstrate that NECTIN-4 expression decreases substantially during metastatic evolution and is absent in more than one third of patients with metastatic UC. Further, in our multicenter EV-treated cohort, membranous NECTIN-4 expression predicts EV response and outcomes. Our data argue against the common practice of EV treatment without prior assessment of target protein expression and suggest that NECTIN-4 receptor status should be determined in a metastatic lesion before initiation of EV.



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- Trop-2 (antígeno de superficie del trofoblasto). Aumentada en el CU y se correlaciona con empeoramiento de la enfermedad.
- SG es un anticuerpo anti Trop2 que se encuentra en la superficie de la célula tumoral e incorpora el inhibidor de la topoisomerasa I que rompe el DNA en la fase S de la mitosis.
- No es necesario demostrar expresión de Trop-2.
- Están aumentados en los CU, pero no en neuroendocrinos

Associations of TACSTD2/TROP2 and NECTIN-4/NECTIN-4 with molecular subtypes, PD-L1 expression, and FGFR3 mutational status in two advanced urothelial bladder cancer cohorts

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Conclusions: TACSTD2/TROP2 and NECTIN-4/NECTIN-4 are widely expressed in aUC, independent of FGFR3 alterations or PD-L1 expression, thus representing a suitable target for ADC treatment in the majority of aUC. The expression loss was associated with aggressive morphomolecular aUC subtypes, i.e. neuroendocrine(-like) and sarcomatoid aUC

	Both markers expressed	No marker expression	Only TROP2 not expressed	Only Nectin 4 not expressed	Not available
Total number	177	5	8	15	42
Histology					
Neuroendocrine	2 (1.1)	4 (80.0)	4 (50.0)	0	
Sarcomatoid	11 (6.2)	1 (20.0)	2 (25.0)	3 (20.0)	
Large nested	6 (3.4)	0	0	1 (6.7)	
Squamous	46 (25.8)	0	0	7 (46.7)	
Other variants		0	0	0	
Not other specified	81 (45.5)	0	2 (25.0)	4 (26.7)	P=0.0006
Molecular subtypes					
Consensus subtypes					
Basal/squamous	80 (46.2)	2 (40.0)	3 (37.5)	13 (92.9)	
Luminal nonspecified	7 (4.0)	0	0	0	
Luminal Papillary	15 (8.7)	0	0	0	
Luminal Unstable	18 (10.4)	0	0	0	
Neuroendocrine-like	2 (1.2)	2 (40.0)	4 (50.0)	0	
Stroma-rich	51 (29.5)	1 (20.0)	1 (12.5)	1 (7.1)	P<0.0001
Protein-based subtypes					
Luminal	118 (66.7)	1 (20.0)	5 (62.5)	6 (40.0)	
Basal	59 (33.3)	3 (60.0)	1 (12.5)	9 (60.0)	
Double negative	0	1 (20.0)	2 (25.0)	0	P<0.0001
FGFR3 alteration status					
Altered	19 (10.7)	0	0	3 (20.0)	
Wild type	159 (89.3)	5 (100.0)	8 (100.0)	12 (80.0)	P=0.26
PD-L1 assessment					
Immune cell score (IC)					
IC < 5%	118 (66.3)	4 (80.0)	6 (75.0)	9 (60.0)	
IC ≥ 5%	60 (33.7)	2 (20.0)	2 (25.0)	6 (40.0)	P=0.80
Combined Positive Score (CPS)					
CPS < 10	99 (55.6)	3 (60.0)	6 (75.0)	9 (60.0)	
CPS ≥ 10	79 (44.4)	2 (40.0)	2 (25.0)	6 (40.0)	P=0.72

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 - **HER2 (ERBB2)**

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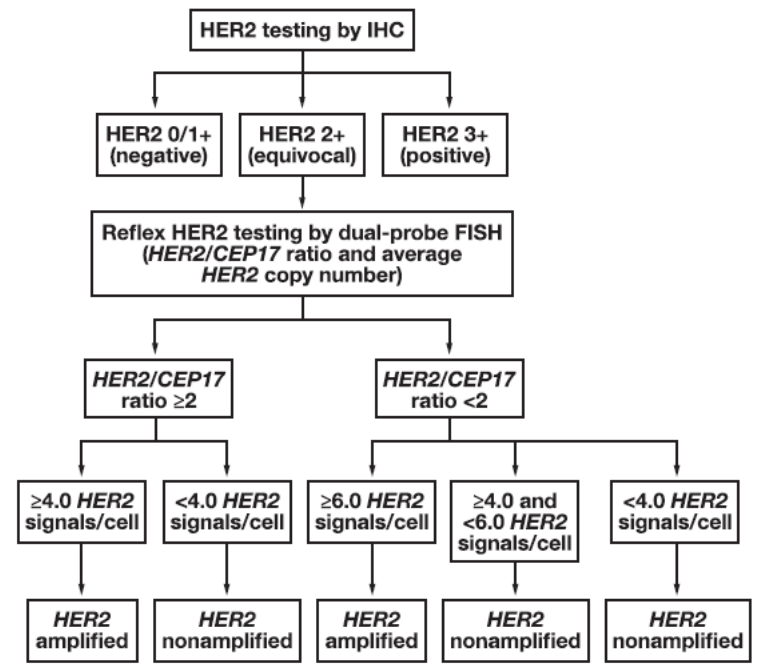
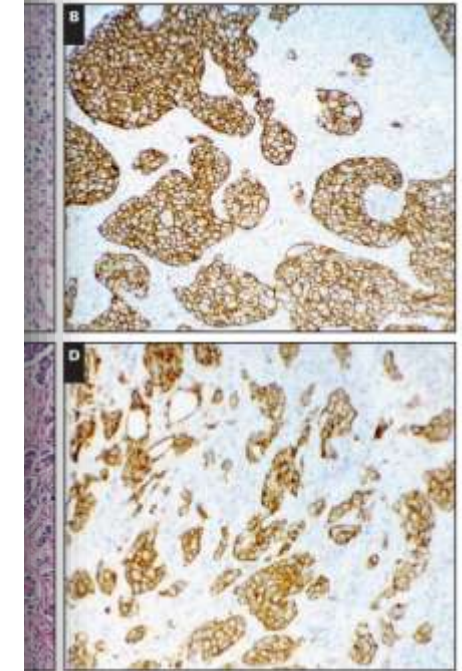
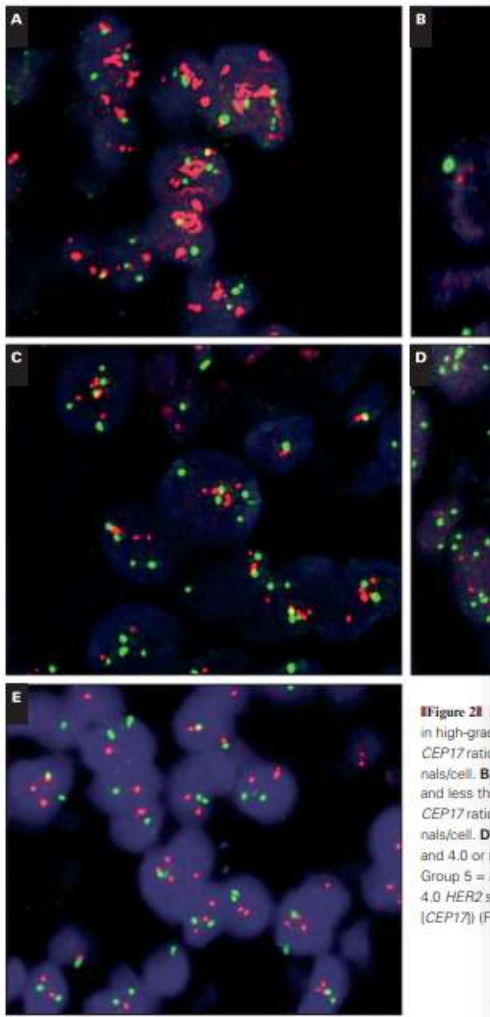


Figure 2B shows high-grade urothelial carcinoma with a HER2/CEP17 ratio of 2.5 and 4.0 HER2 signals per cell. Panel B shows a ratio of 2.5 and 4.0 HER2 signals per cell. Panel D shows a ratio of 2.5 and 4.0 HER2 signals per cell. Panel E shows a ratio of 2.5 and 4.0 HER2 signals per cell.

Figure 4 Algorithm for human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) testing in high-grade urothelial carcinoma. First, immunohistochemistry (IHC) testing for HER2 should be performed. A fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) test is not required if the HER2 IHC test results are either negative (0 or 1+ score) or positive (3+ score), while a reflex FISH testing is recommended for HER2 IHC-equivocal (2+ score) tumors. The tumors with a 3+ score are considered





Determinants of sensitivity to HER2-targeted antibody drug conjugates in urothelial cancer

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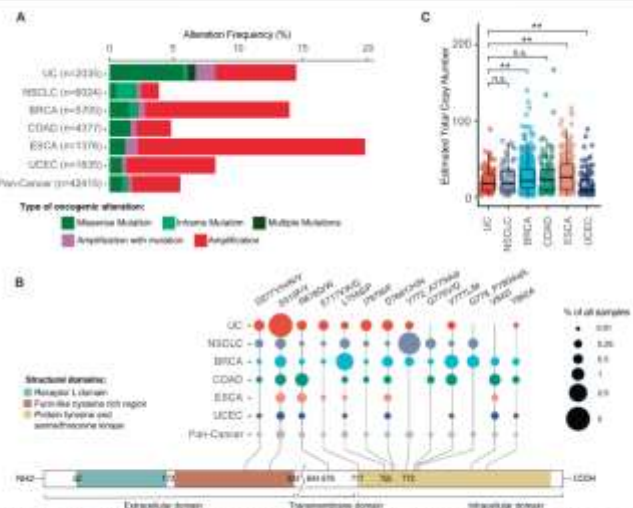
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Fig. 1 | The landscape of ERBB2 alterations per cancer. A Prevalence of ERBB2 mutation/amplification in patients with urothelial and other common cancer types in a cohort of 42,415 tumors analyzed using the MSK-IMPACT assay. UC: bladder and upper tract urothelial cancer; COAD: colorectal adenocarcinoma; BRCA: breast cancer; ESCA: esophageal cancer; UCEC: endometrial cancer; NESLC: non-small cell lung cancer. **B** Landscape plot of ERBB2 hotspot mutations in common cancer types. The size of each circle denotes the proportion of each ERBB2 variant as a percentage of all ERBB2 altered tumors per cancer type. Structural domains are depicted in the schematic below the plot. **C** Estimated ERBB2 copy number based on FISH analysis. The lower and upper boxes correspond to the first and third quartiles, and the middle line represents the median. The whiskers extend 1.5 IQR from the boxes. Significance denoted as * $p < 0.05$, NS not significant. Values were determined by a two-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test without adjustments. n numbers, median, and specific p values are provided in Source Data.

- Las alteraciones en HER/ERBB2 están presentes en un 14.5% de los carcinomas uroteliales (amplificaciones y mutaciones), con heterogeneidad significativa entre los distintos subtipos y estadios.
- Existe discordancia entre el primario y las metastasis. En 30 con primario y MTS (12 fueron discordantes; 5 solo en el primario y 7 solo en la MTS)
- En ensayos con trastuzumab deruxtecan, co-mutación y amplificación de *ERBB2* se asoció con repuesta clínica excepcional
- Las alteraciones de HER2 se correlacionan con mayor estadio, mayor grado histológico, metástasis ganglionares y un fenotipo más agresivo.
- En cáncer vesical músculo-invasivo, la positividad para HER2 se asocia con menor respuesta a quimiorradiación y a terapias trimodales de preservación vesical.
- Los ADCs anti-HER2, como trastuzumab deruxtecan y disitamab vedotina, han demostrado actividad clínica significativa en enfermedad metastásica, incluso en tumores con baja expresión de HER2.
- Los subtipos luminales presentan mayor frecuencia de alteraciones en ERBB2, lo que puede orientar la selección de terapias dirigidas.
- La evaluación precisa del estado de HER2 mediante inmunohistoquímica y, cuando es necesario, pruebas de amplificación génica, es esencial para identificar candidatos a terapias anti-HER2.

- HER 2 +: 6,7-37,5% pacientes
- HER 2 LOW: 13,4-56,3% de los pacientes

Tumores de vía urinaria alta mayor expresión de HER2

Subtipo Luminal también tiene mayor expresión

Wester 2002	Observational	21	81.0%	>67% of tumor cells should be stained, staining should be moderate to intense (++ or +++); staining pattern should be membranous, with or without concomitant cytoplasmic staining Dako anti-HER2 rabbit polyclonal antibody A0485 (IHC)
Carlson 2015	Observational	72	83.3%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako anti-HER2 rabbit polyclonal antibody A0485 (IHC)
Weighted average: 25.4%				
Earlier stage UC				
Laë 2010	Observational	1,005	11.4%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako anti-HER2 rabbit polyclonal antibody A0485 (IHC)
Kna 2017*	Observational	127	18.9%	IHC 3+; Dako HercepTest (IHC)
Mejri 2014	Observational	21	19.0%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Leica antibody NCL-N-CD11 (IHC)
Eriksson 2017	Observational	292	21.1%	HER2 amplified tumors with IHC 2+ or 3+ in >10% of cells; Ventana PATHWAY anti-HER-2/neu (4B5) (IHC)
Naruse 2010	Observational	46	21.7%	IHC 3+; Dako HercepTest (IHC)
Kosai 2021*	Observational	32	25.0%	IHC 2+ or 3+; N/A
Coogan 2004	Observational	54	26.0%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Ventana monoclonal anti-human HER-2 protein CB11 (IHC)
Jimenez 2001	Observational	80	27.5%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako c-erbB-2 primary antibody (IHC)
Bolez 2010	Observational	134	26.1%	IHC 1+, 2+, or 3+ (in ≥10% of tumor cells); Dako anti-HER2 rabbit polyclonal antibody A0485 (IHC)
Chiang 2019	Observational	41	29.3%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Ventana Benchmark (IHC)
Soria 2016	Observational	354	35.6%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako HercepTest (IHC)
Hanel 2008*	Observational	53	35.8%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Ventana PATHWAY anti-HER-2/neu (4B5) (IHC)
Matubara 2008	Observational	40	42.5%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako HercepTest (IHC)
Leite 2021	Observational	25	44.0%	N/A; Riscure EP3 clone (IHC)
Retterial 2005	Observational	19	47.4%	++ or +++; BioGenex StrAvisGen MultiLink Kit (IHC)
Tahriz 2021*	Observational	84	52.4%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako anti-HER2 rabbit polyclonal antibody A0485 (IHC)
Kolla 2008	Observational	90	55.6%	IHC 2+ or 3+; BioGenex CB11 antibodies (IHC)
Chakravati 2005	Pooled analysis of clinical trials	55	60.0%	IHC 1+, 2+, or 3+; Zymed (IHC)
Latif 2003	Observational	25	76.0%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Ventana monoclonal anti-human HER-2 protein CB11 (IHC), Vysis (FISH)

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HER2 expression in urothelial carcinoma, a systematic literature review

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TABLE 4 Overview of HER2+ across all studies

Study	Study design	N	HER2+	HER2+ criteria and assay
LA/UC				
Belloni 2015	Observational	89 (Genes) 88 (Spots)	4.8% (Genes) 0.6% (Spots)	IHC 3+; N/A
Hilchmann 2011	Observational	150	8.7%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako HercepTest (IHC), AMem/Vysis PathVysion HER2 DNA Probe Kit (FISH)
Grigg 2021	Observational	85	18.6%	2018 ASCO/CAP guidelines for breast cancer; Ventana PATHWAY anti-HER-2/neu (4B5) (IHC)
Osudar 2015	Clinical trial, phase II	365	33.8%	IHC 2+ or 3+ and FISH; Dako HercepTest (IHC), Dako HER2 FISH pharmDx kit (FISH)
Probst 2017	Clinical trial, phase III	446	11.5%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Novocasts antibodies HER2 (NCL-CE136) (IHC)
Wak 2012	Observational	22	18.2%	IHC 3+, CTC Vortex CellSearch tumor phenotyping suggest HER2+ (IHC)
de Paolis 2001	Observational	38	25.0%	+++ Novocasts HER-2/neu antibody CB1 (IHC)
Zhou 2003	Clinical trial, phase III/IV	14	28.6%	IHC 3+, IHC 2+ and 3+; N/A
Song 2021	Clinical trial, phase II	123	32.5%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Ventana PATHWAY anti-HER-2/neu (4B5) (IHC)
Bauer 2019	Clinical trial, phase I	16	27.5%	ASCO/CAP guidelines for breast and gastric cancer; IHC 3+ or FISH; N/A
Widrig 2009	Clinical trial, phase II	57	45.9%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako HercepTest (IHC)
Inociti 2012	Observational	52	68.2%	IHC 2+ or 3+; N/A
Sole 2017	Observational	352	47.6%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako HercepTest (IHC)
Hosain 2007	Clinical trial, phase II	189	52.5%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako HercepTest (IHC)
Goodwin 2016	Observational	11	54.5%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Dako HER2 monoclonal mouse anti-human (IHC)
Kumar 2015	Observational	8	68.7%	IHC 2+ or 3+; Novocasts HER-2/neu monoclonal antibody clone CE1 (IHC)
Gardner 2008	Observational	39	71.8%	IHC 3+ or 3+; BioGenex c-erbB1 primary antibody (IHC)

Table 4. Reporting Results of HER2 Testing by Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

Result	Criteria
Negative (Score 0)	No staining observed or Membrane staining that is incomplete and is faint/barely perceptible and within $\leq 10\%$ of tumor cells
Negative (Score 1+)	Incomplete membrane staining that is faint/barely perceptible and within $>10\%$ of tumor cells*
Equivocal (Score 2+)†	Weak to moderate complete membrane staining in $>10\%$ of tumor cells or Complete membrane staining that is intense but within $\leq 10\%$ of tumor cells*
Positive (Score 3+)	Complete membrane staining that is intense and $>10\%$ of tumor cells*

* Readily appreciated using a low-power objective and observed within a homogeneous and contiguous population of invasive tumor cells.

† Must order reflex test (same specimen using ISH) or order a new test (new specimen if available, using IHC or ISH).

C. HER2 (ERBB2) Testing

Scientific rationale: A subset of breast carcinomas (approximately 15% to 20%) overexpress human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2; HUGO nomenclature *ERBB2*). Protein overexpression is usually due to gene amplification. Assays for gene copy number, mRNA quantity, and protein generally give similar results; gene amplification correlates with protein overexpression in about 95% of cases. In a small subset of carcinomas (probably $<5\%$), protein overexpression may occur by different mechanisms. Overexpression is both a prognostic and predictive factor.

Clinical rationale: HER2 status is primarily evaluated to determine patient eligibility for anti-HER2 therapy. It may identify patients who have a greater benefit from anthracycline-based adjuvant therapy.

Methods: HER2 status can be determined in formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissue by assessing protein expression on the membrane of tumor cells using IHC or by assessing the number of HER2 gene copies using in situ hybridization (ISH). When both IHC and ISH are performed on the same tumor, the

Table 6. Reporting Results of HER2 Testing by In Situ Hybridization (dual-probe assay)

Result	Criteria (dual-probe assay)
Negative	· Group 5
Negative* (see comment)	· Group 2 <u>and</u> concurrent IHC 0-1+ or 2+ · Group 3 <u>and</u> concurrent IHC 0-1+ · Group 4 <u>and</u> concurrent IHC 0-1+ or 2+
Positive*	· Group 2 <u>and</u> concurrent IHC 3+ · Group 3 <u>and</u> concurrent IHC 2+ or 3+ · Group 4 <u>and</u> concurrent IHC 3+
Positive	· Group 1

Dual Probe ISH Group Definitions:

Group 1 = HER2/CEP17 ratio ≥ 2.0 ; ≥ 4.0 HER2 signals/cell

Group 2 = HER2/CEP17 ratio ≥ 2.0 ; <4.0 HER2 signals/cell

Group 3 = HER2/CEP17 ratio <2.0 ; ≥ 6.0 HER2 signals/cell

Group 4 = HER2/CEP17 ratio <2.0 ; ≥ 4.0 and <6.0 HER2 signals/cell

Group 5 = HER2/CEP17 ratio <2.0 ; <4.0 HER2 signals/cell

Breast cancers with HER2 IHC score 1+ or HER2 IHC score 2+ and a negative ISH result are eligible for clinically appropriate HER2-targeted therapy and may be reported as “HER2 Low”.

REVIEW



Cell-free Tumor DNA: a Promising Technology for Diagnosis, Surveillance and Therapeutic Decision in Urothelial Carcinoma of the Bladder

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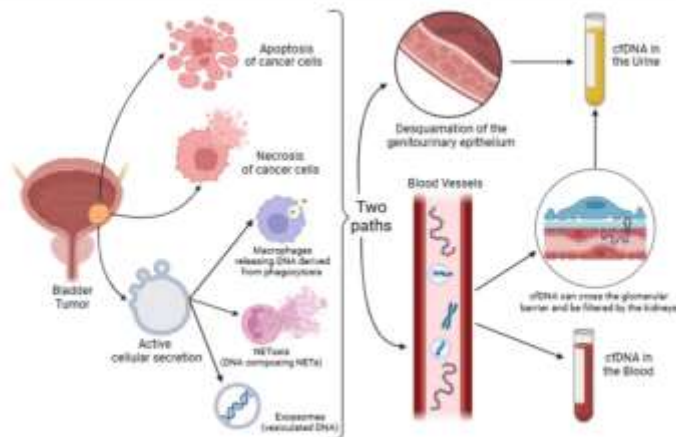


Fig. 1 Cell-free tumor DNA synthesis and elimination

Table 1 Recent studies using ctDNA / utDNA in urothelial carcinoma of the bladder

Possible use	Biomarker	Study	Resumed findings
Diagnosis	utDNA	Cheng et al. (2019) [21]	utDNA methylation and copy number aberration detected BC with a 93.5% sensitivity and a 95.8% specificity
	utDNA	Xu et al. (2019) [47]	Urine PCR showed 71% sensitivity, 88.6% specificity and AUC of 0.862 for BC diagnosis
	utDNA	Zeng et al. (2020) [46]	utDNA analysis with a sensitivity of 82.5%, specificity of 96.9% and accuracy of 89%
	utDNA	Xu et al. (2020) [48]	utDNA methylation identified upper tract carcinoma with 94% sensitivity and 93.1% specificity [AUC 0.961]
Prognosis	ctDNA	Klein et al. (2021) [49]	BC identified via methylation ctDNA in stages I (33.3%), stage II (9.1%), stage III (75%) and stage IV (100%)
	ctDNA	Pantoni et al. (2016) [53]	Serum VEGF in ctDNA found to be an independent prognostic factor for OS and BC specific survival
	ctDNA	Christensen & Birkenkamp-Demtröder et al. (2019) [22]	ctDNA post NAC associated with disease recurrence and pathological downstaging
	ctDNA	Shohdy et al. (2020) [54]	ctDNA measurements can predict durable treatment response in 90% of patients
Therapy response	ctDNA	Griivas et al. (2020) [55]	ctDNA alterations (BRCA1 and RAF1) predicted shorter OS and failure-free survival
	ctDNA	Rosenberg et al. (2016) [56]	The mutational load found in ctDNA was higher in metastatic BC patients with response to immunotherapy compared to non-responders
	ctDNA	Pivdes et al. (2021) [51]	ctDNA detected post-resection in 37% of the patients and associated with worse outcomes / ctDNA detection associated with improved response to adjuvant immunotherapy
	ctDNA	Vandekerckhove et al. (2021) [57]	Mutations of ERCC2 in ctDNA were associated with increased cisplatin-based chemotherapy sensitivity and improved PFS
Disease recurrence	ctDNA	Christensen et al. (2023) [58]	ctDNA in blood prior to NAC and ctDNA in blood or urine after NAC were associated with lower response rates
	ctDNA	Zang et al. (2023) [59]	ctDNA copy number abnormalities could predict immunotherapy response with 90% accuracy
	utDNA	Birkenkamp-Demtröder et al. (2016) [60]	Higher utDNA was found in patients with disease progression to MIBC compared to NMIBC recurrence
	utDNA	Dudley et al. (2019) [61]	utDNA detected in 91% of patients with recurrence, 2.7 months before clinical detection
	ctDNA	Christensen & Birkenkamp-Demtröder et al. (2019) [22]	ctDNA prior to NAC identified metastatic relapse with 100% sensitivity and 98% specificity / ctDNA detection was observable 96 days before imaging signs
	ctDNA	Scabados et al. (2022) [39]	ABBACUS trial—ctDNA was undetectable in patients with stable disease and detectable in 83% of patients with recurrence
	ctDNA	Carnusco et al. (2023) [62]	ctDNA predictive of tumor progression before cystectomy, 4 and 12 months after surgery
	utDNA	Vedeld et al. (2023) [46]	utDNA presented a sensitivity of 91% with < 1% false positive results and detected recurrence earlier than cystoscopy in 48% of the cases

Key: ctDNA Circulating Tumor DNA, utDNA Urinary Tumor DNA, BC Bladder Cancer, AUC Area Under the Curve, OS Overall Survival, NAC Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy, PFS Progression Free Survival, MIBC Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer, NMIBC Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer

CONCLUSIONES

- La determinación de PD-L1 en biopsias de CU se ha ido adaptando, manteniéndose actualmente la determinación en Nivolumab.
- No se necesita determinar la expresión de Nectina-4 ni de Trop-2.
- Pacientes en los que se plantea tratamiento con inhibidores de FGFR (erdafitinib) es necesario el estudio molecular.
- HER2 se está consolidado como una diana terapéutica en el carcinoma urotelial, reforzando la importancia de su evaluación sistemática en la práctica clínica. Habrá una mayor demanda de determinación de HER2 en vejiga.

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