# AKT1 E17K MUTATIONS IN GRADE I & II MENINGIOMAS

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## Overview

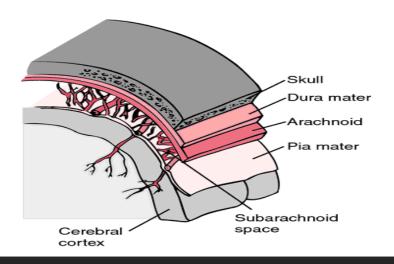
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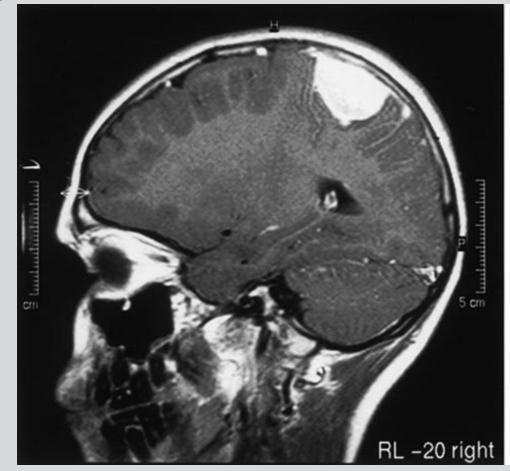


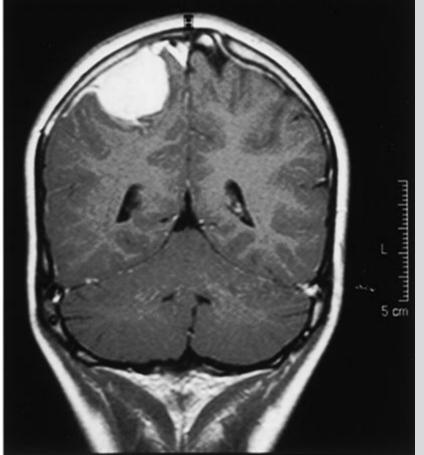
#### Meningiomas

- → Tumor in the meninges: dura mater, arachnoid, pia mater
- → Meningiomas are the most common primary nervous system tumor. Most are benign (Grade I).
- → Meningiomas linked to mutations in AKT1 E17K & NF-2











#### Grading scale according to WHO 2007

Table 1 WHO 2007 tumor grade		
Grade I (benign)	Grade II (atypical)	Grade III (anaplastic/malignant)
Any major variant other than clear cell, chordoid, papillary, or rhabdoid	or  Three or more of the following: Sheeting architecture Hypercellularity (focal or diffuse) Prominent nucleoli Small cells with high nuclear cytoplasmic ratio Foci of spontaneous necrosis  or	Excessive mitotic index (≥20 per 10 hpf) <sup>a</sup> or  Frank anaplasia defined as focal or diffuse loss of meningothelial differentiation resembling:  Sarcoma  Carcinoma  or melanoma
Does not fulfill criteria for grades II or III	Additional subtypes/features: Chordoid meningioma Clear cell meningioma Brain invasion	or  Additional subtypes/ features:  Papillary meningioma Rhabdoid meningioma



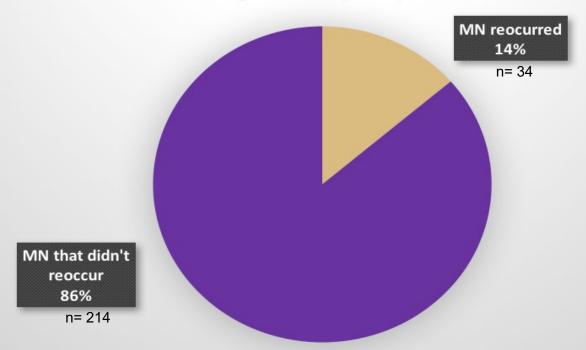


### Grade 1.5 Meningiomas

- > Grade one non-recurring and grade one recurring are indistinguishable to pathologist.
- > Our lab proposes a 1.5 grade level for recurrent grade one meningiomas
- > Pathologists want to find diagnostic criteria to distinguish tumors that recur
- > Genetic mutations may indicate recurrence



#### Recurrence/Progression of Grade I Meningiomas (MN) n=248



## Genomic Analysis of Non-*NF2*Meningiomas Reveals Mutations in *TRAF7*, *KLF4*, *AKT1*, and *SMO*

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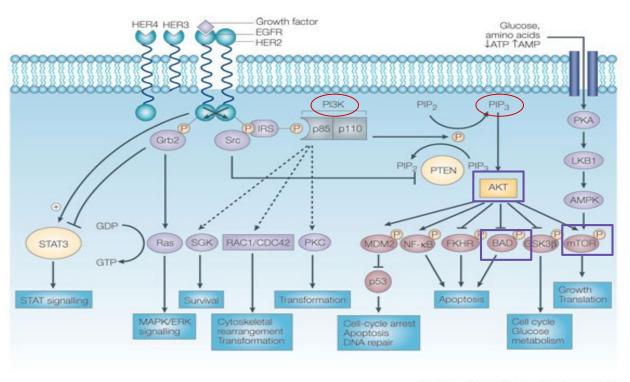
We report genomic analysis of 300 meningiomas, the most common primary brain tumors, leading to the discovery of mutations in *TRAF7*, a proapoptotic E3 ubiquitin ligase, in nearly one-fourth of all meningiomas. Mutations in *TRAF7* commonly occurred with a recurrent mutation (K409Q) in *KLF4*, a transcription factor known for its role in inducing pluripotency, or with *AKT1*<sup>E17K</sup>, a mutation known to activate the PI3K pathway. *SMO* mutations, which activate Hedgehog signaling, were identified in ~5% of non-*NF2* mutant meningiomas. These non-*NF2* meningiomas were clinically distinctive—nearly always benign, with chromosomal stability, and originating from the medial skull base. In contrast, meningiomas with mutant *NF2* and/or chromosome 22 loss were more likely to be atypical, showing genomic instability, and localizing to the cerebral and cerebellar hemispheres. Collectively, these findings identify distinct meningioma subtypes, suggesting avenues for targeted therapeutics.

#### AKT

- > Critical regulator of cell survival and proliferation
- > AKT1E17K mutation has been shown to be activated by the PI3K enzyme
- > AKT1 E17K is a mutation that has been identified in cancers such as breast cancer
- Understanding Akt and its pathways is important for the creation of better therapies to treat cancer and tumor cells. There are 14 types of Grade I tumors that have not been subcategorized and there are no known systemic therapies for the meningiomas. AKT1 is well characterized and AKT1 drugs are available.



#### **AKT/PRKB**



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#### DNA Extraction from tissue

- There are many uses for DNA ranging from fundamental research to routine diagnostics and therapeutic decisions.
- We extracted DNA from the tumors that were removed from the patients at Harborview and the UW Medical Center
- Our lab used it for DNA sequencing and finding out what genes get expressed and locate mutations in signaling pathways such as PDGF pathway and AKT





## Experiment

#### <u>Day 1</u>

- Locate the Meningioma sample you want DNA from
  - The protocol calls for 25 mg of tissue
- Lysis buffer
  - Lysis buffer will break down all the cell membranes
- Proteinase
  - This buffer will denature the proteins
- Incubate at 56 degrees celsius overnight



## Day 2

- Collect the sample for the incubator
- Set heat block to 70 degrees celsius
- You add a series of buffers
  - RNAse
  - AL buffer
  - Ethanol
- Place the reaction into a silica-based column that will bind the DNA to the silica membrane
- You perform series of washes
  - Changing the collection tube with every wash
- Elute DNA with nuclease-free water



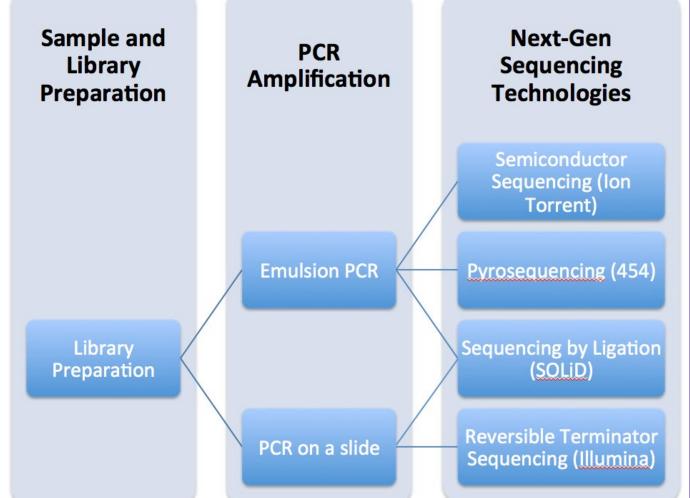


## Next Generation s e q u e n c in g

- It uses the standard dye-terminator methods.
- The purpose is to find the order of the four bases—adenine, guanine, cytosine, and thymine—in a strand of DNA.
- Next-generation sequencing applies to genome sequencing, genome resequencing, transcriptome profiling, DNA-protein interactions, and epigenome characterization.





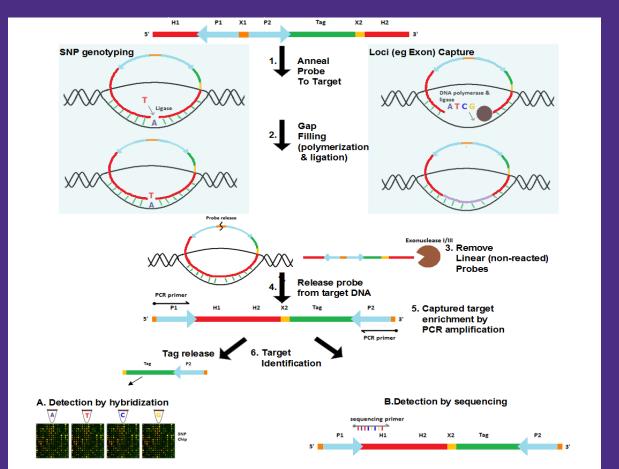


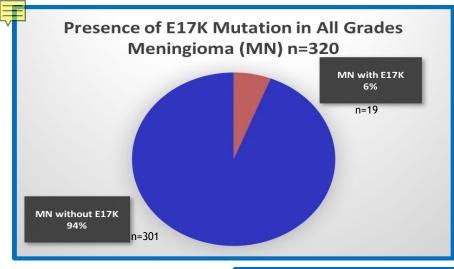


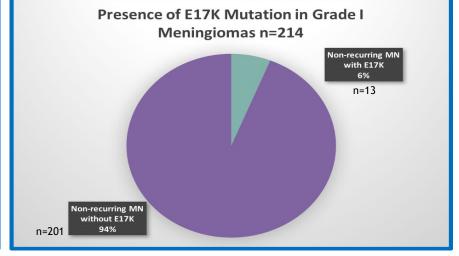


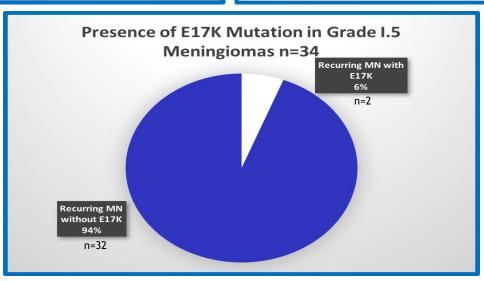
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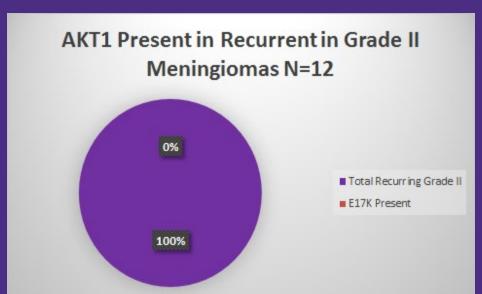
- MIP is used for SNP genotyping (measurement of genetic variations), identify biomarkers, and studying gene copy alterations.
- Used for genomic partitioning, a technique used for enriching specific regions of the genome.

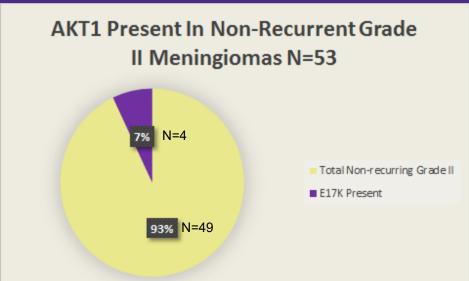
















#### CONCLUSION

- > The results validate the paper by confirming the modest presence of AKT1 E17K mutations in meningiomas by sequencing the gene in a larger sample size
- Some AKT1 inhibitors are promising: Perifosone is being investigated to be used in colorectal cancer in combination with capecitabine & MK-2206, also under investigation, demonstrated synergistic activity when combined with lapatinib in breast cancer cell lines
- > It is not efficient to treat meningiomas with AKT1 inhibitors because only a small percent of meningiomas express the mutation
  - AKT1 E17K mutation is not found in a specific subgroup of meningiomas
  - AKT1 E17K not a good biomarker

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