

## Personalized pre-clinical trials in BRAF inhibitor resistant patient derived xenograft models of melanoma identify c-Met as an effective second line combination therapy target

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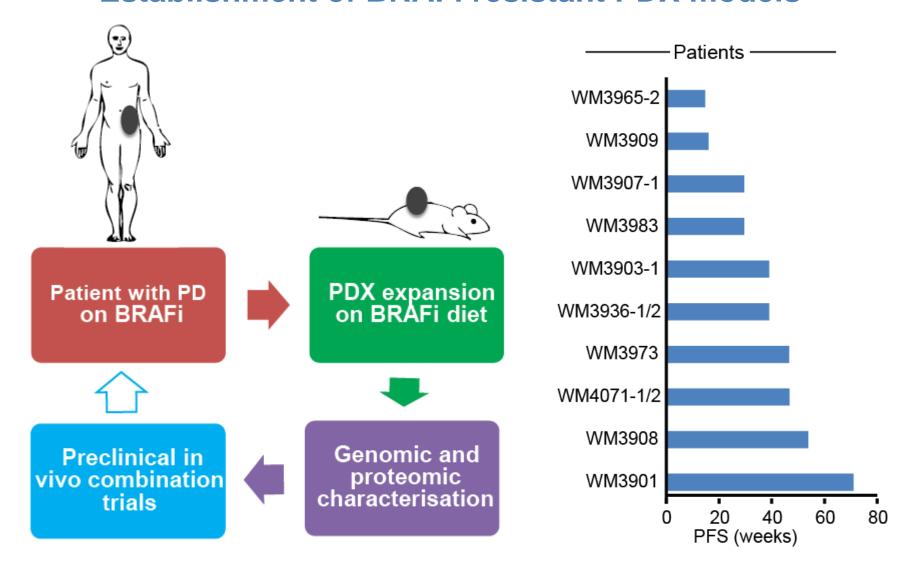
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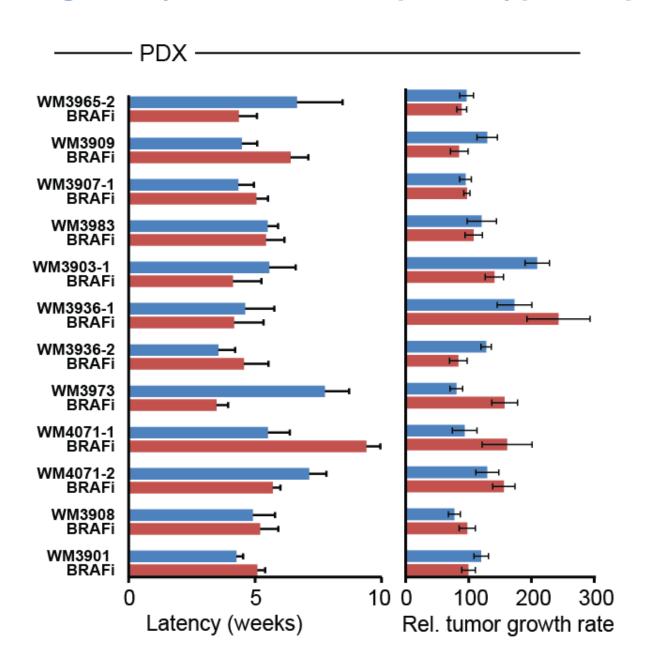
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#### **Establishment of BRAFi resistant PDX models**

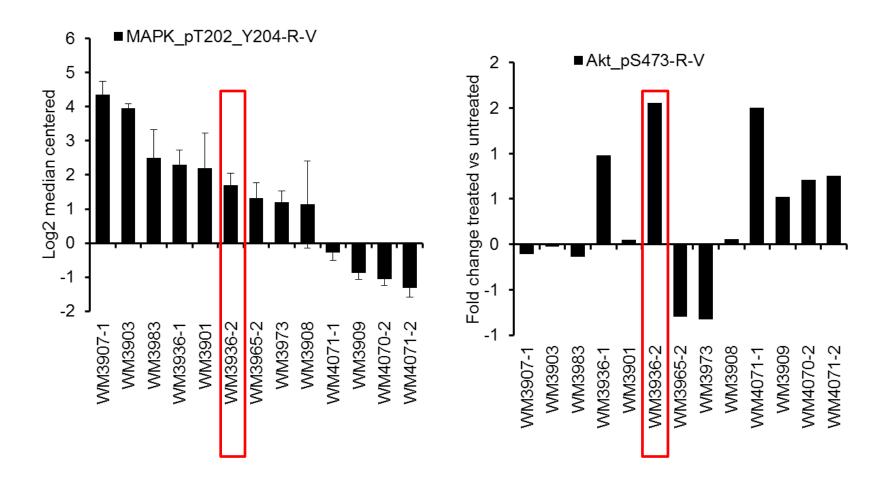


#### Tumorigenicity and resistant phenotype are preserved

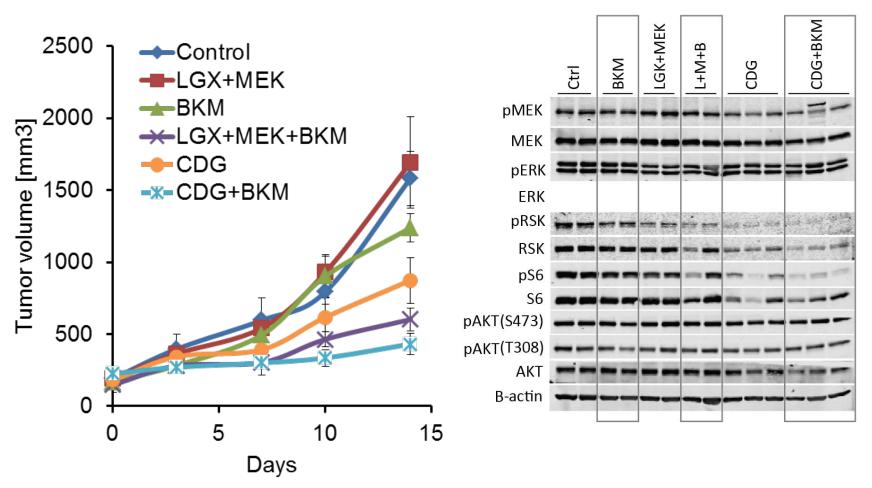


Targeted sequencing identifies key target lesions in wh3908 071.7 why who so so uniges sales ww.301.1 MN39361 WH39362 WH3913 PDX from BRAFi progressed patients **NRAS** MAPK **BRAF** pathway MAP2K **HGF** MET **EGFR** RTK's known somatic short-variants FGFR1 and amplifications CSF1R PTEN AKT3 PI3K PIK3CA pathway PIK3R1 TSC1 ATM DNA ATR repair MYC CTNNB1 transcription regulators deletions CDK4 CDK6 CDKN2A CDKN2B FBXW7 GATA1 CIC MYST3 IDH1 metabolism **GNAS** MUT

### RPPA analysis identifies MAPK and PI3K pathway reactivation under continuous drug pressure in vivo

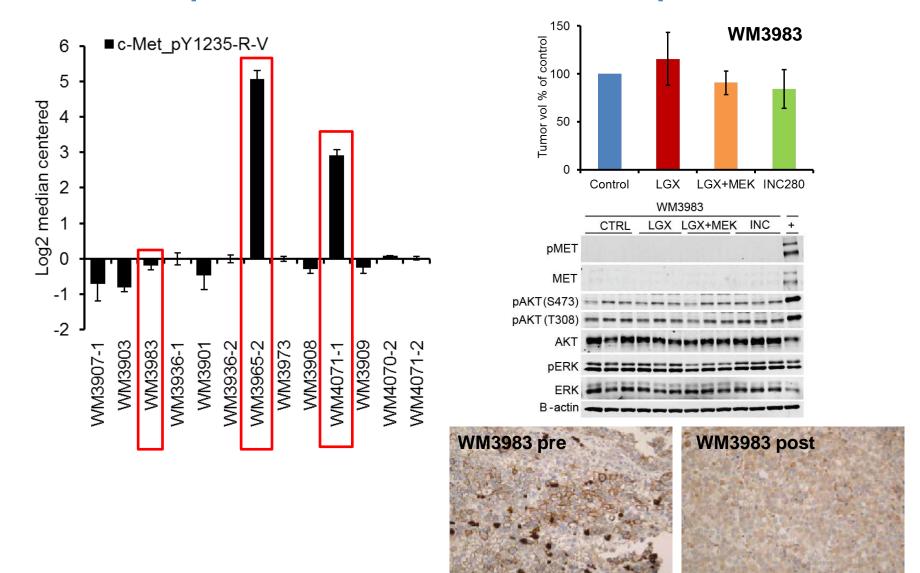


### Rational second line combination therapy synergizes in vivo

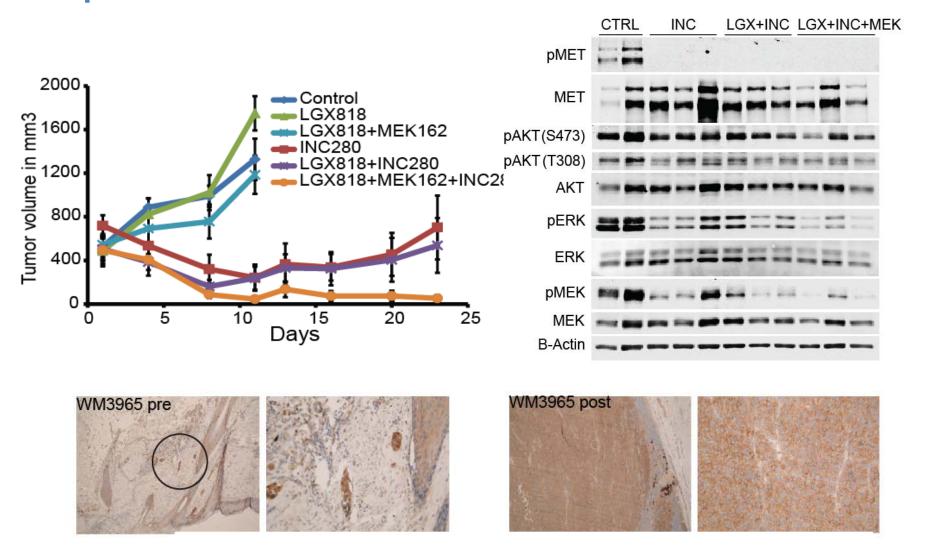


WM3936-2: Excellent clinical response on dabrafenib. After 9 months new s.c. thigh lesion with aggressive growth under therapy. NRASmut, PTENmut, and PIK3CA mut; high pERK and pAKT.

#### MET amplification confirmation on the protein level



### C-Met inhibition leads to tumor regression, only the triple combination results in sustained MAPK inhibition



WM3965-2: aggressive disease with early PD in the right parotid gland after 3 months on vemurafenib

### Summary

- ✓ A collection of MAPKi resistant patient derived PDX was established.
- ✓ The kinase inhibitor resistant phenotype could be preserved in NSG mice.
- Mechanisms of resistance were be assessed using targeted sequencing and correlated with phospho protein levels.
- ✓ FFPE patient samples were used to confirm PDX findings.
- ✓ Rational combination therapies were effective as second line therapies in vivo.
- Integrating genomic and proteomic data may help to avoid incorrect decisions.

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