

# TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITOR RESISTANCE IN NON SMALL CELL LUNG CARCINOMA SUBTYPE ADENOCARCINOMA PATIENT WITH POSITIVE EPIDERMAL GROWTH FACTOR RECEPTOR

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## ABSTRACT

The found of Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) mutation in patient with Non Small Cell Lung Carcinoma (NSCLC) began the personalized therapy in treatment management of NSCLC. Since discovered 10 years ago, EGFR mutation which was response to Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor (TKI) such as gefitinib, there was also found that the condition in which that therapy was resisted. Mutation in exon 20 insertion that leads to poor signaling of EGFR inhibition is associate with oncogenic transformation which is resistance to TKI. This case will be discussed to know if there is any resistance to TKI that need to be treated by other strategy.

**Keywords:** Lung Cancer, Non Small Cell Lung Carcinoma, Adenocarcinoma, Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor, Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor, Gefitinib, Iressa

## Case Presentation

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## Discussion

Chemotherapy was standard therapy in advance stage of NSCLC in previous decade. Discovered of Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) mutation began the personalized/targeted therapy in NSCLC and those thing has changed the point of view about its therapy. NSCLC therapy based on EGFR mutation which responded to TKI therapy (gefitinib, erlotinib, and afatinib) has began since 10 years ago. It is still challenging even after the discovered of new NSCLC therapy, that is the potentiality of resistance from TKI therapy. Several study concluded that mutation with insertion type at exon 20 in EGFR gene was associated with oncogenic

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Some strategy to solve the intrinsic resistance mechanism are :

1. Switch the therapy programe into cytotoxic chemotherapy,

which is the only one therapy in TKI intrinsic resistance

2. The use of 3<sup>rd</sup> EGFR TKI therapy (dacomtinib, osimertinib)
3. Comprehensive genetic analysis to find deletion in exon 20 or substitution in T790M
4. A new therapy that work in pathways which is activated by EGFR, so can be expected that proliferation of cell doesn't occur even EGFR still activated

## Conclusion

Has been reported, a 42 year old women diagnosed with Non Small Cell Lung carcinoma (NSCLC) with Adenocarcinoma subtype, which was metastated to vertebrae, hospital acquired pneumonia, suspect of MESCC, pleural effusion due to malignancy and erosive antral gastritis. This patient diagnosed with NSCLC with adenocarcinoma subtype based on cytological examination from pleural effusion. From EGFR examination there was a mutation detected on exon 19 (deletion), and 20 (insertion). This

patient then treated with Gefitinib 1 x 250 mg per oral once a day. There was no clinical improvement until finally she died.

Study showed that insertion in exon 20 which led to oncogenic transformation was associate with TKI resistance due to poor signalling EGFR inhibition which was proof on in vitro study. This problem need to be solved with other treatment strategy like chemotherapy, EGFR therapy witht TKI 3<sup>rd</sup> generation, comprehensive genetic analisys to know the mutation (deletion) in exon 20 and substitution of T790M and new therapy modalities that work in pathway which is activated by EGFR.

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