# FEASIBILITY OF PREOPERATIVE mTOR INHIBITOR SIROLIMUS IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DESMOID TUMOR

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#### **Background**

- Primary treatment modality in children
  - Surgery
    - High recurrence rate
    - Morbidity
- Second-line modalities in children
  - Radiation
    - Usually in residual or recurrent disease setting
    - May be more effective in adults than in children
    - Risk vs Benefit
      - post-radiation bone fractures, growth retardation, tissue fibrosis, lymphedema, secondary cancers, nerve pain, bowel blockage





## Previous Desmoid Tumor COG Studies in Children



Study	Enrollment	Agents	Result
POG9650	August 1997 to February 2001	Vinblastine Methotrexate	40% 2-year PFS 66% with grade 3 or 4 toxicity
ARST0321	February 2004 to July 2009	Sulindac Tamoxifen	36% 2-year PFS 40% of females developed ovarian cysts



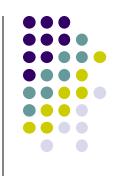
#### Other Approaches

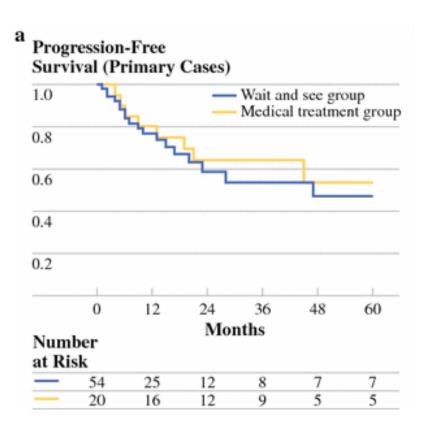
- Cytotoxics
  - VAC
  - Dacarbazine
  - Liposomal doxorubicin
- Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors
  - Imatinib
  - Sorafenib
  - Pazopanib
- Hydroxyurea
- Gamma Secretase Inhibitors

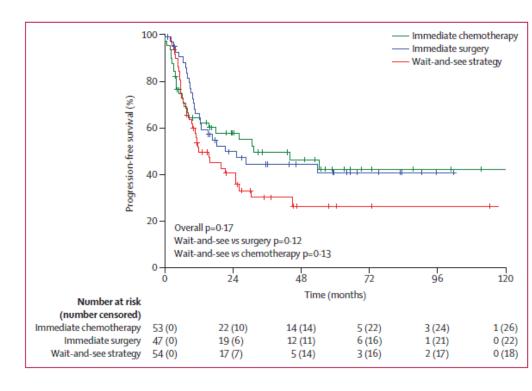




#### **Watchful Waiting**







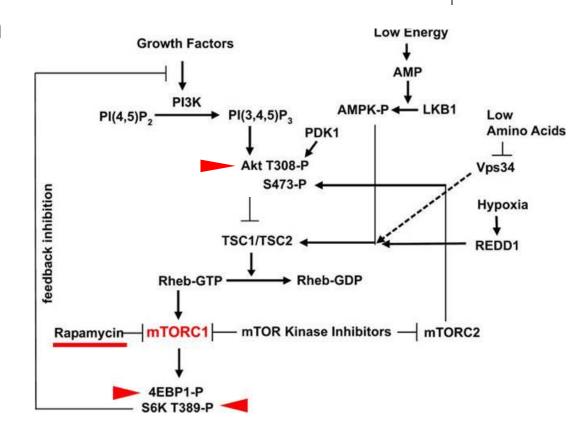




## Targeted Therapy in Children with Desmoid Tumor

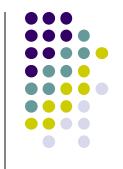
#### mTOR Pathway and Tumorigenesis

- mTOR complexes with RAPTOR to form mTORC1 complex
  - Critical pathway for tumorigenesis
  - Promotes:
    - Cell growth
    - Proliferation
    - Cell motility
    - Angiogenesis





#### mTOR Inhibitor Rationale



 Nearly all desmoid tumors display histologic or molecular evidence of APC/β-catenin pathway activation

 Evidence suggests deregulation of mTOR cell proliferation/survival pathway plays important role in tumor biology when APC/βcatenin pathway disrupted

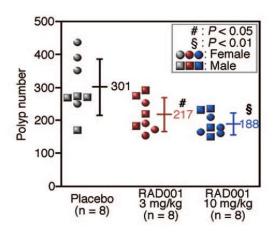


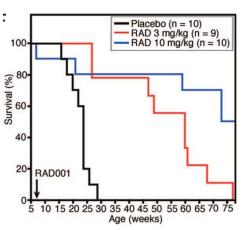
# Genetic Evidence from Murine Models of mTOR Pathway Activation in Desmoid Tumor



- Apc<sup>△716</sup> mice
  - Murine model of FAP

- Treatment with everolimus (mTOR inhibitor)
  - Decrease in number and size of colonic polyps
  - Prolonged survival



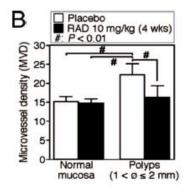


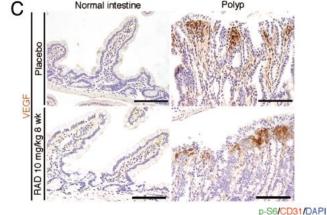


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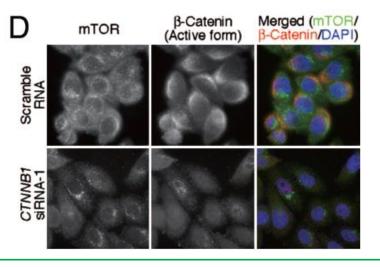


 Inhibition of tumor angiogenesis





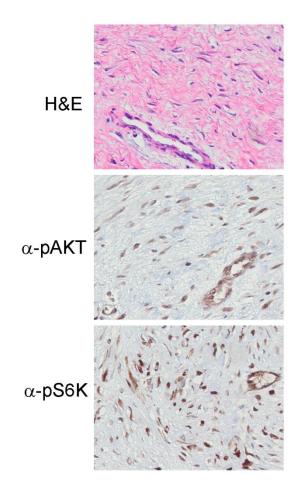
 β-catenin knockdown using siRNA decreased mTOR expression





## Immunohistochemical Evidence of mTOR Pathway Activation in Desmoid Tumor



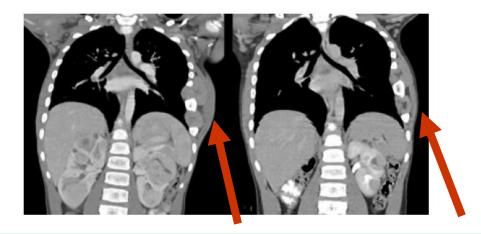




### Clinical Evidence of mTOR Pathway Activation in Desmoid Tumor



- 7 year old male with tuberous sclerosis
- Recurrent chest wall desmoid tumor
- Treated with sirolimus
  - Significant tumor regression within 6 months
  - Prolonged disease stabilization





#### **Sirolimus**



mTOR inhibitor

- Can be given orally
  - Tablet or liquid formulations
- Favorable safety profile, particularly in children and young adults



#### A PILOT STUDY EVALUATING THE USE OF THE mTOR INHIBITOR SIROLIMUS IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DESMOID-TYPE FIBROMATOSIS.

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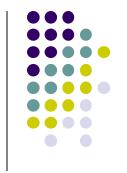
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#### Primary Objective:

 To determine whether mTOR pathway activation decreases in patients with surgically resectable desmoid tumor that is removed following pre-operative treatment with sirolimus



#### **Desmoid Tumor Pilot Study**



#### Secondary Objectives:

- To assess whether sirolimus improves desmoid tumor-associated pain
- To begin to explore whether pre-operative sirolimus decreases tumor recurrence following surgical removal of desmoid tumor felt to be at high-risk for recurrence because of size and/or anatomic site
- To assess the safety and tolerability of preoperative sirolimus in patients with desmoid tumor



#### **Eligibility**



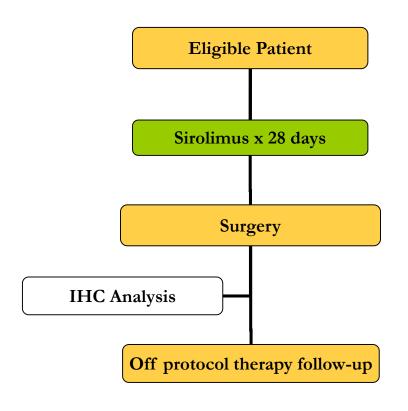
- Inclusion
  - < 30 years of age</p>
  - Surgery is planned to remove the desmoid tumor <u>and</u> <u>either</u>
    - (a) the desmoid tumor has already recurred after a prior surgery or
    - (b) the newly diagnosed disease and/or previously unresected is judged to be at high risk for recurrence due to its size (> 5cm) or location at an anatomic site making it unlikely to be resected with negative margins (e.g., adjacent to neurovascular structures).
  - Patients with germ-line APC mutations causing FAP/Gardner's syndrome



#### **Experimental Design Schema**



Enrollment goal: 15 patients



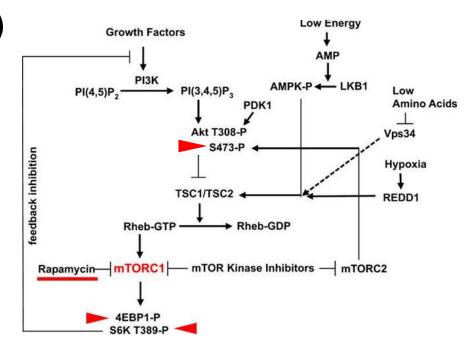
- Sirolimus:
  - Day 1: 12 mg/m² PO (MAX dose 12 mg)
  - Days 2-28: 4 mg/m<sup>2</sup> PO daily (MAX dose 4 mg/day)
- Surgery
  - Within 3 days of completing therapy



#### **Histologic Assessment**

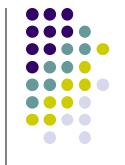


- Tissue
  - Archived specimens (~50)
  - Pre-therapy biopsy
  - Post-therapy resection
- Immunohistochemical targets:
  - p-4E-BP1
  - p-p70S6K
  - p-AKT



#### **Current Status**

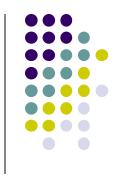
- Grant funding: Desmoid Tumor Research Foundation
- Drug supply: Pfizer
- Opened for enrollment: February 2014



- Study Sites:
  - Maine Children's Cancer Program (lead site)
  - UCLA (pathology)
  - Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics (Kansas City)
  - Seattle Children's Hospital
  - University of Minnesota
  - Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
  - Rady Children's Hospital –
     San Diego
  - University of Florida



#### Feasibility of Sirolimus



- Nine of an anticipated 15 total patients have enrolled to date
- Ages have ranged from 5 to 28 years.
- All patients have been able to take the preoperative sirolimus as prescribed and undergone surgery within the protocoldirected time frame



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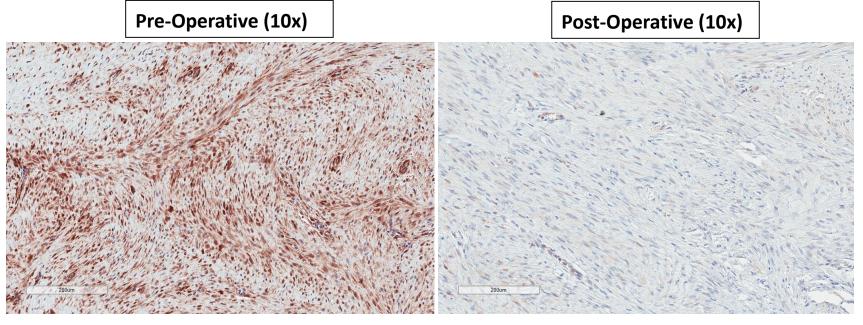


- All toxicities have been as expected and Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events grade 1 and 2 only except for one grade 3 neutropenia
- No post-operative complications have been reported



#### Representative pre- and postoperative IHC staining for mTOR pathway proteins in desmoid tumor



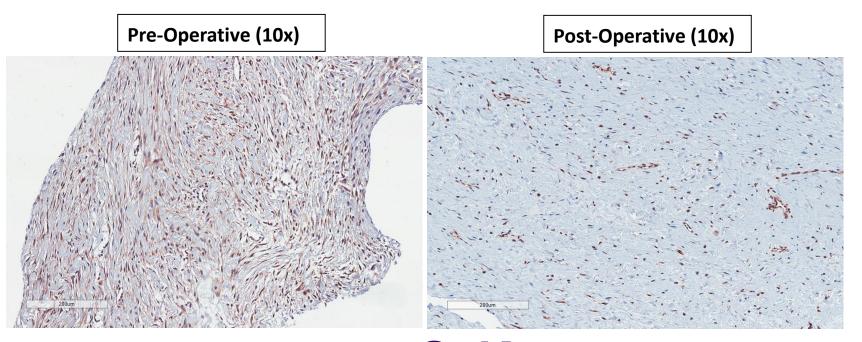


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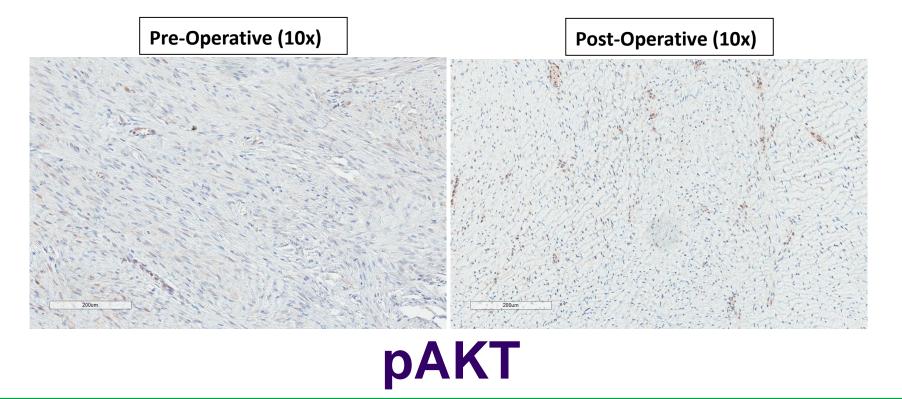


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#### **Conclusions**

desmoid tumor

- Sirolimus appears to be well-tolerated when administered in the pre-operative setting to children and young adults with
- Surgery is feasible and safe immediately after completing therapy
- Formal assessment of the mTOR pathway by IHC analysis will take place at study completion
- The study continues to actively accrue





#### **Future Directions**



 Consider use for progressive/symptomatic disease with or without planned surgery

Expand to use in adjuvant setting

 Foundation for future cooperative group pediatric desmoid tumor study



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