Supplementary Materials Pharmacodynamic studies

Methods

Optional, paired radiologic guided fine needle aspiration core tumor and/or skin punch biopsies were obtained in eligible patients with accessible tumors at baseline and on day 15 prior to treatment and were immediately placed into RNA*later* (for RT-PCR) or formalin (for immunohistochemistry).

<u>RT-PCR:</u> Total RNA was extracted from tumor samples preserved in RNA*later* using the RNeasy Mini kit (Qiagen). cDNA was synthesized using the Applied Biosystems high capacity cDNA reverse transcription kit, following the manufacturer's instructions. An EGF/PDGF pathway array (Qiagen # PAHS-040) was used to examine differences in gene expression between baseline and day 15 pre-dose tumor biopsies, following the manufacturer's instructions. This RT² human pathway array evaluates 84 genes involved in the EGF/PDGF pathways. Samples were amplified using the ABI Step One Plus RT-PCR system. Relative expression of the mRNA analyzed was estimated using the formula: $2^{-\Delta CT}$, where $\#C_T = C_T$ (mRNA) – C_T (Housekeeper).

<u>Immunohistochemistry</u>: Core tumor and skin biopsies (baseline and prior to dosing on day 15) were fixed in formalin immediately after the procedure and processed in to paraffin wax blocks. Sections were deparaffinized using standard histologic procedures, and an antigen retrieval method (pressure cooker and high EDTA buffer) was used to ensure optimal antigen integrity and expression. Differences in expression of EGFR, AKT, p-AKT, ERK1/2, p-ERK1/2 were determined by IHC using commercially available antibodies against these proteins. IHC staining was scored by eye (from a minimum of 1000 cells for the per cent markers) by a physician trained in gastrointestinal pathology who was blinded to the results.

Results

Pharmacodynamic Analysis: EGFR, pAkt /t-Akt ratio and pERK/t-ERK ratio

The effect of treatment on changes in EGFR expression, pERK/t-ERK and pAkt /t-Akt ratios was determined by immunohistochemistry in paired skin biopsies obtained at baseline and on day 15 of cycle 1 from 6, 4 and 7 patients, respectively. There was no significant change in expression from baseline with treatment in any of these proteins as measured by paired t-tests (**Supplementary figure 1A-C**). However, a trend towards decreased pERK/t-ERK ratio (p=0.14) (**Supplementary Figure 1C**) was noted with treatment.

EGF/PDGF pathway gene array

The effect of treatment changes in expression of EGF and PDGF pathways genes was determined by gene array in paired tumor biopsies obtained at baseline and on day 15 of cycle 1 from the 3 patients with satisfactory amounts of available tissue. Several pro-survival genes including those involved in the PI3K pathway (PIK3CA and the mTOR effector protein, RPS6KB1) and the PDGF pathway (PDGFA, PDGFB, and PDGFRA) were upregulated with treatment, while expression of EGF was downregulated (**Supplementary Figure 1D**). Individual gene array data from the three patients are shown in **Supplemental Figure 2**.

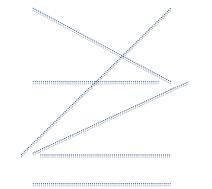
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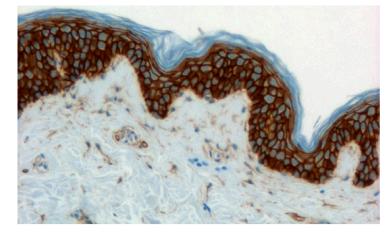
Supplementary Figure 1: Immunohistochemical pharmacodynamic analyses of paired pre-treatment and day 15 skin biopsies for EGFR (1A), p-Akt/t-Akt (1B) and p-ERK/t-ERK (1C). EGF/PDGF pathways gene array on paired pre-treatment and day 15 tumor biopsies are shown in figure 1D.

Supplemental Figure 2: EGF/PDGF pathways gene array on 3 individual patients' paired pre-treatment and day 15 tumor biopsies (figures 2A, 2B, 2C)

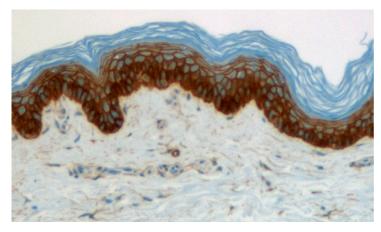
Supplementary Figure 1A

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Baseline

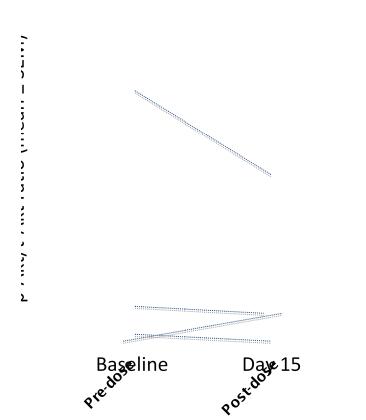


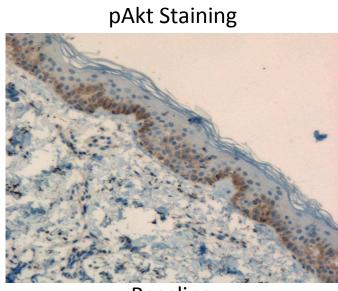
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Baselone

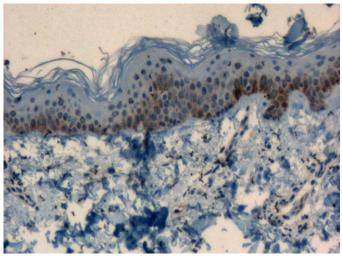
Post-dose

Supplementary Figure 1B



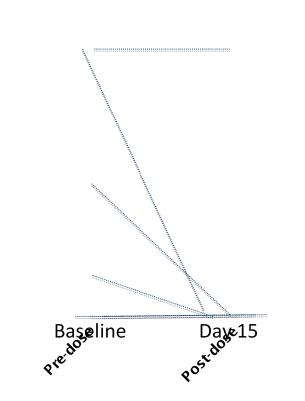


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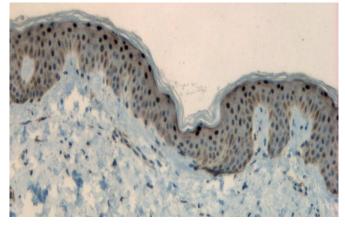


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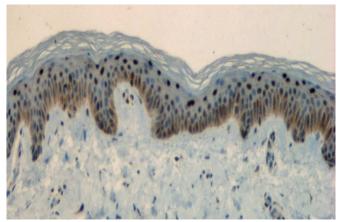
Supplementary Figure 1C



pERK1/2 Staining

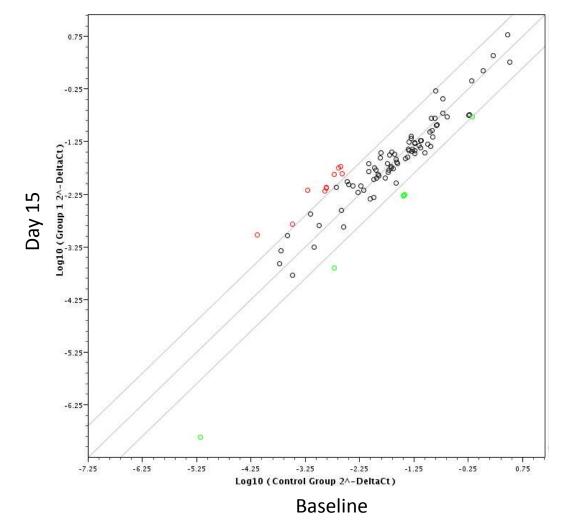


Baseline



Day 15

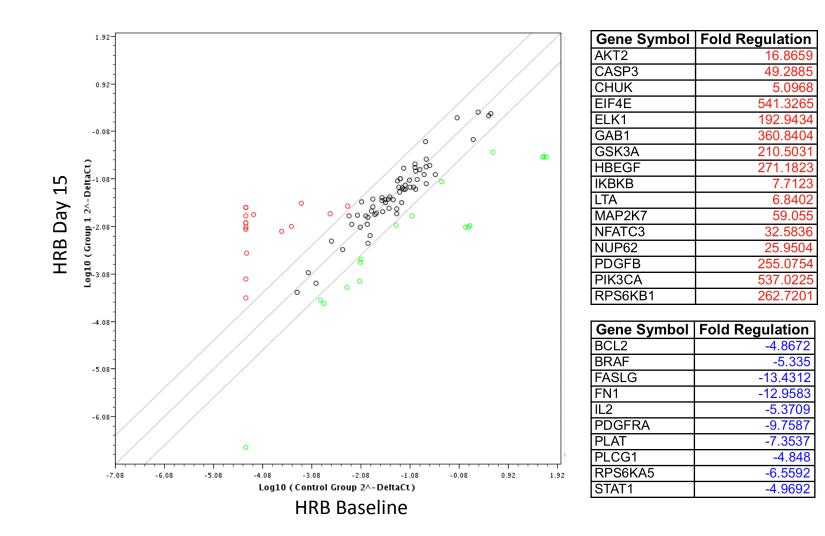
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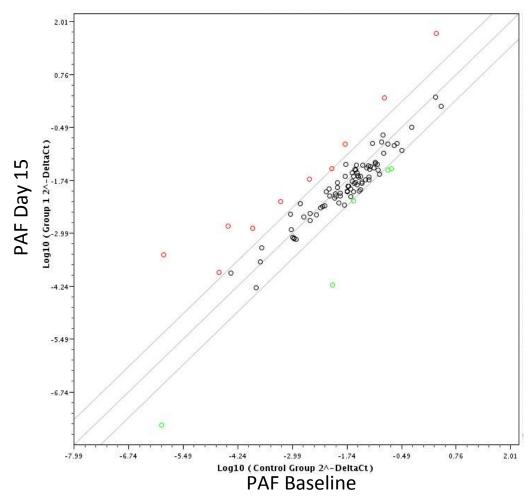
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EIF4E	7.4334
GAB1	5.1088
GSK3A	5.3814
HBEGF	6.9981
LTA	13.2289
PDGFA	5.0388
PDGFB	10.8222
PDGFRA	4.6157
PIK3CA	7.8412
RPS6KB1	5.6274

Gene Symbol	Fold Regulation
EGF	-8.6306

Supplementary Figure 2A



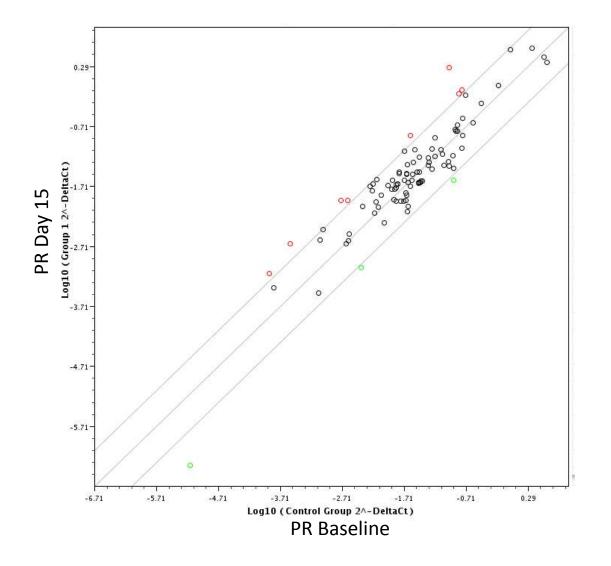
Supplementary Figure 2B



Gene Symbol	Fold Regulation
AKT3	7.5456
COL1A1	8.0664
FASLG	10.411
FN1	12.3685
LTA	43.0704
MAPK10	5.765
PDGFA	10.5181
PDGFRA	268.1517
STAT5A	4.1905
B2M	26.9093

Gene Symbol	Fold Regulation
EGF	-135.5841
EPS8	-4.8472
RPS6KA5	-4.4136

Supplementary Figure 2C



Gene Symbol	Fold Regulation
AKT3	5.6515
BCL2	4.8775
COL1A1	18.2718
IL2	5.3406
LTA	7.8581
PDGFA	6.1265

Gene Symbol	Fold Regulation
EGFR	-4.8474
EGR1	-4.4853