

Epidermal growth factor receptor mutation

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[Mutations](#) affecting [EGFR](#) expression or activity could result in [cancer](#).

CSF and plasma cell-free DNA ([cfDNA](#)) can be retrieved for [Epidermal growth factor receptor mutation](#) testing.

[Epidermal growth factor](#) and its [receptor](#) was discovered by Stanley Cohen of Vanderbilt University. Cohen shared the [1986](#) Nobel Prize in Medicine with Rita Levi-Montalcini for their discovery of growth factors.

[EGFR](#) mutations, primary cancer pathology, and [Recursive partitioning analysis class](#) may be proposed as prognostic factors for intracranial [progression-free survival](#) ([PFS](#)) in non-Small-cell lung cancer ([NSCLC](#)) patients after GKRS for [brain metastases](#) in a study ¹⁾.

The receptor for [epidermal growth factor](#) (EGFR) is a prime target for cancer therapy across a broad variety of tumor types. As it is a [tyrosine kinase](#), small molecule [tyrosine kinase inhibitors](#) (TKIs) targeting signal transduction, as well as [monoclonal antibody](#) against the EGFR, have been investigated as anti-tumor agents ²⁾.

Development of [epidermal growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors](#) (EGFR-TKIs): [gefitinib](#) or [erlotinib](#), was an improvement in treatment of advanced [NSCLC](#) patients. EGFR mutations are present in 10-25% of NSCLC (mostly adenocarcinoma), and up to 55% in never-smoking women of East Asian descent. In the non-selected group of patients with BMF-NSCLC, the overall response rates after gefitinib or erlotinib treatment range from 10% to 38%, and the duration of response ranges from 9 to 13.5 months. In the case of present activating EGFR mutation, the response rate after EGRF-TKIs is greater than 50%, and in selected groups (adenocarcinoma, patients of Asian descent, never-smokers, asymptomatic BMF-NSCLC) even 70%. Gefitinib or erlotinib treatment improves survival of BMF-NSCLC patients with EGFR mutation in comparison to cases without the presence of this

mutation. There is no data on the activity of the anti-EML4-ALK agent crizotinib. Bevacizumab, recombinant humanised monoclonal antibody anti-VEGF, in the treatment of advanced non-squamous NSCLC patients is a subject of intense research. Data from a clinical trial enrolling patients with pretreated or occult BMF-NSCLC proved that the addition of bevacizumab to various chemotherapy agents or erlotinib is a safe and efficient treatment, associated with a low incidence of CSN haemorrhages. However, the efficacy and safety of bevacizumab used for therapeutic intent, regarding active brain metastases is unknown ³⁾.

Epidermal growth factor receptor 3 in glioblastoma

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