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# Skin Care Pearls Erdheim Chester Disease Management

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# Skin and ECD

- Skin can be a presenting site in up to 30% of cases\*
- Skin lesions associated with ECD spectrum
  - Most frequent - Xanthelasma like lesions (XLL) – 25% of cases
  - Patches or papulonodular lesions
  - $BRAF^{V600E}$  mutation more common with skin involvement ( $p=0.005$ )\*
- Treatment: Difficult!
  - Laser treatments, excision
  - Systemic disease treatments



\*Chasset F et al. *JAAD*. 2016 Mar;74(3):513-20

\*\*Estrada-Veras JI et al. *Blood Adv*. Feb 14; 1(6):357-366



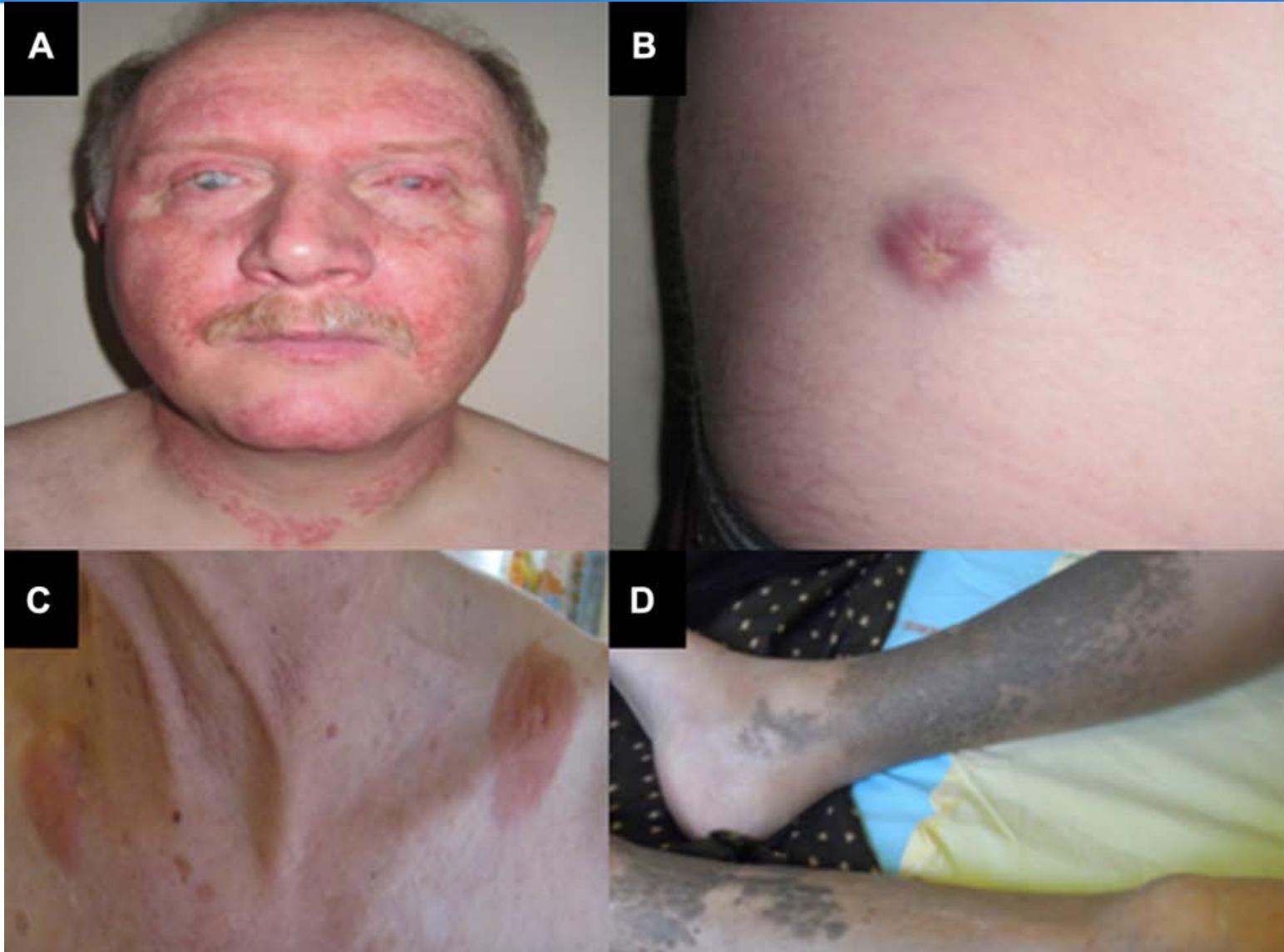
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# Xanthelasma like lesions (XLL)



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# Papulonodular/hyperkeratotic lesions



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# Skin Care during ECD treatment

BRAF inhibitors – Vemurafenib,  
Dabrafenib

- Keratosis Pilaris (prickly skin)
- Xerosis (Dry skin)
- Photosensitivity
- Eczema
- Keratoacanthomas (early skin cancer)
- Nevi (mole) changes
- Hand foot syndrome (palmoplantar dysesthesia)
- Alopecia (Hair loss)

MEK inhibitors – Trametinib,  
Cobimetinib

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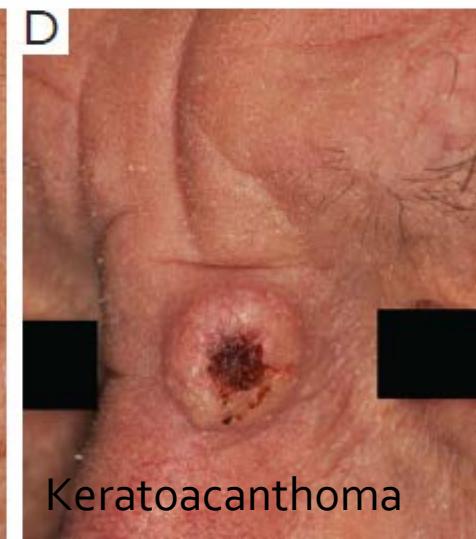
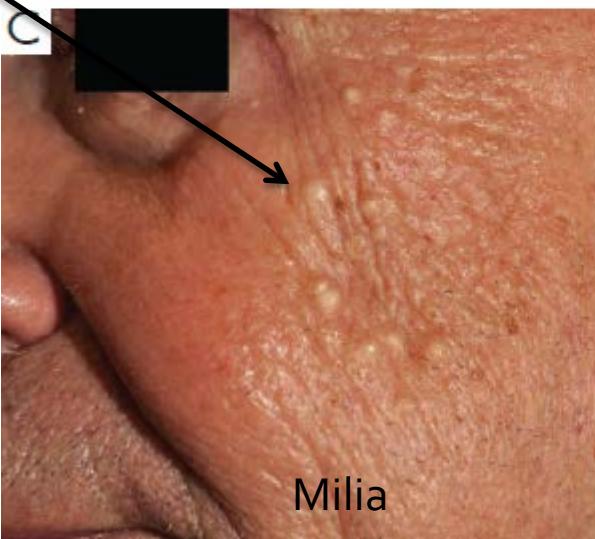
Anakinra – injection site reactions



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# Skin changes from BRAFi: A Rasopathy

- Keratosis Pilaris
- Hyperkeratotic changes on the nipple
- Cysts or milia on face
- Keratoacanthomas
- Extreme photosensitivity



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# KA/cutaneous SCC from BRAFi: A Rasopathy

- Keratoacanthoma Incidence: lower with MEK inhibitors

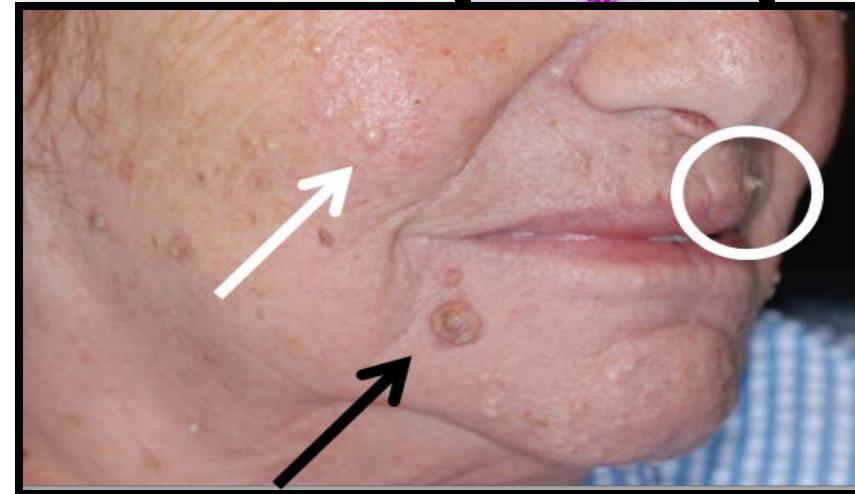
- Dabrafenib: 9%
  - Dab+trametinib: 3%
  - Vemurafenib: 21%
  - Vem+cobimetinib: 2%

- Time to development

- Median 6.5 mos
  - Range 0.9-43 mos

- Treatment

- Surgical or destructive
  - No reports of metastasis
  - Dose mod infrequent



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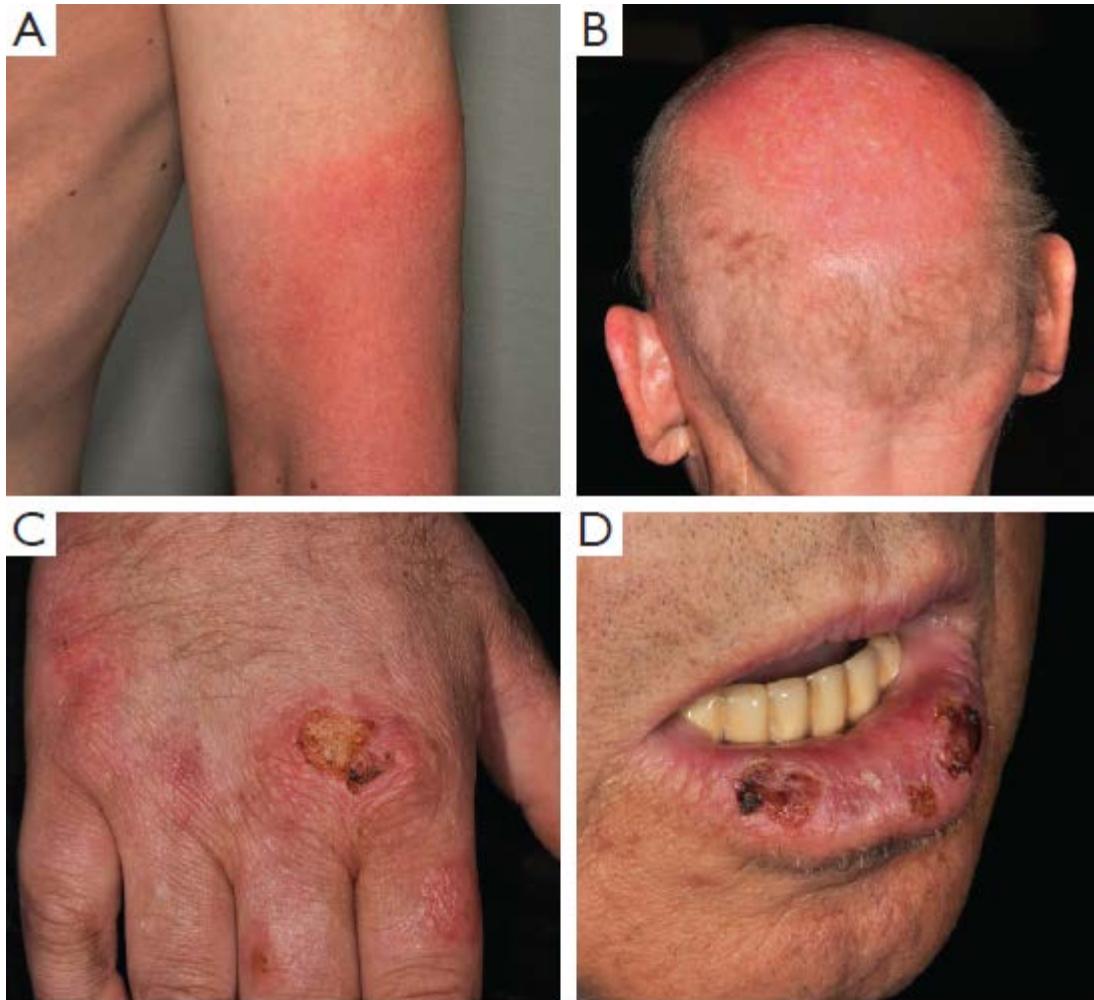
# Additional skin changes from BRAFi: A Rasopathy

## Extreme photosensitivity

- Sunburns in shorter than expected times
- Burns in unusual times of the year ex: Fall/spring
- Can develop blisters

## Treatment

- Broad spectrum sun screens
  - Re-apply every 80 mins; sooner if in the water
  - Use UPF protective clothing: **Coolibar**
  - Consider **Heliocare**



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# Sunscreens

## Physical Blockers:

- Contain Zinc Oxide or Titanium dioxide
- “baby sunscreen”
- Pros: Less irritating and more protective
- Cons: leave a white film on the face

**Neutrogena® Pure and Free® Baby Faces Ultra Gentle Sunblock**

Waterproof, sweatproof      Oil-free, PABA free  
Hypoallergenic      Fragrance free

**Drug Facts**

<b>Active ingredients</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Titanium Dioxide 5.1%, Zinc Oxide 2.9%	} Sunscreen

**Uses** • helps prevent sunburn • if used as directed with other sun protection measures (see **Directions**), decreases the risk of skin cancer and early skin aging caused by the sun



## Chemical Blockers

- Broad spectrum sun screens – avobenzone, homosalate, octisalate, oxybenzone
- Pros: apply clear
- Cons: slightly less effective in their coverage
- Can be irritating to the skin, though most people tolerate well.

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**Warnings** • For external use only • Do not use on damaged or broken skin



# Additional skin changes from BRAFi: PHOTOSENSITIVITY

## Polypodium leucotomos extract\*

### METHODS:

22 subjects with Fitzpatrick skin phototype I to III were enrolled.

On day 1, subjects were irradiated with visible light, ultraviolet (UV) A1, and UVB (using 308-nm excimer laser).

Evaluation was done immediately and 24 hours after irradiation. On days 3 and 4, irradiation and evaluation process was repeated after ingestion of PLE.

### CONCLUSION:

The results suggest that PLE can potentially be used as an adjunctive agent to lessen the negative photobiologic effects of UVB.



\*Kohli et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2017 Jul;77(1):33-41



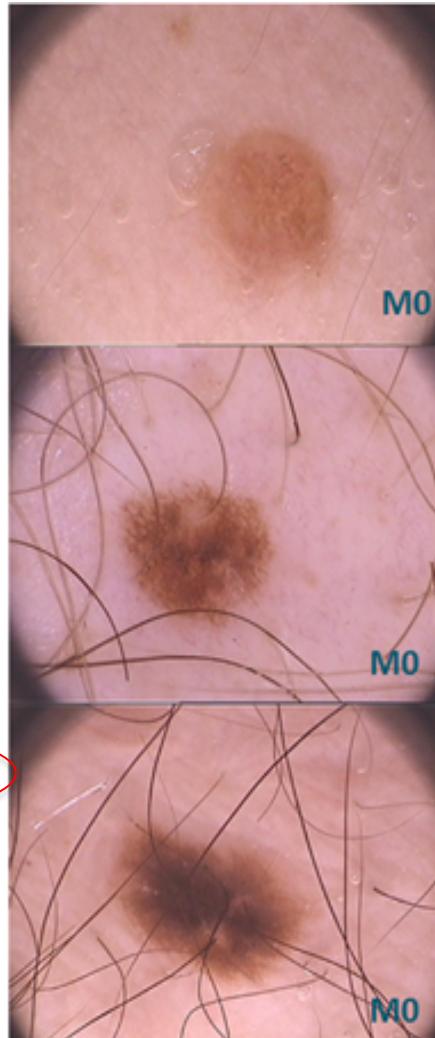
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# BRAF inhibitors: Digital Dermoscopy Followup

Vemurafenib →

Patients on vem (n=42)

- Lesions/pt: 51
- Follow up: 6.7 mo

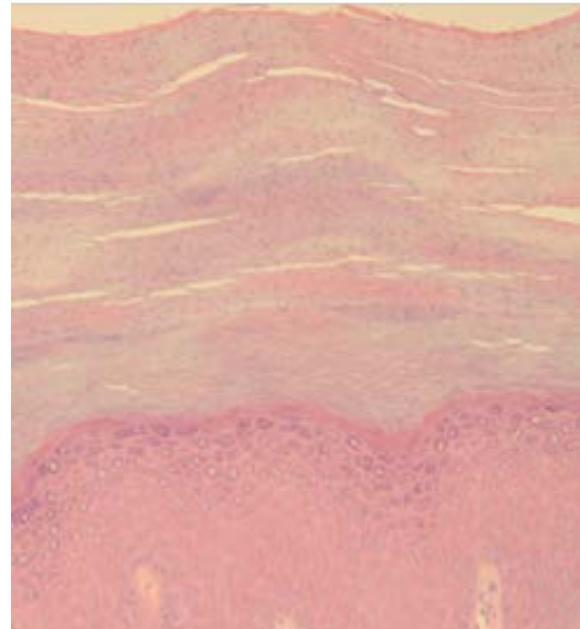


Lesions (2,155)

- Change: 56%
- Color (↑): 15%
- Globules: 14%
- Excised: 36 lesions
- Melanoma: 14 (1.2%)
- ~~21% risk of secondary melanoma in Vem pts (vs 5% in general melanoma population)~~

# Hand Foot Skin Reaction: BRAFi

- **Symptoms**
  - Within the first 12 weeks
  - Pain, irritation
  - Decreased QOL
  - Limits ADL
- **Incidence**
  - Vemurafenib: 27%
    - V+Cobi: 10%
  - Dabrafenib: 33%
    - D+Trame: 6%
- **Prevention/treatment**
  - Grade 0/1: Salicylic acid, urea
  - Grade 2/3: Lidocaine, topical steroid creams



Lacouture et al, *Oncologist* 2012; Long et al, *Lancet* 2015;

Ascierto et al, *Lancet Oncol* 2016

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# Skin Care during ECD treatment

MEK inhibitors – Trametinib, Cobimetinib

- Acneiform rash – similar to EGFR inhibitors used for colorectal cancer
- Pruritis (itching)
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# Acneiform Rash: MEK inhibitors

- Pruritus and tenderness in 62%
- Trametinib
  - All grade: 57% (+D: 23%)
  - Grade 3: 8% (+D: 1%)
- Cobimetinib
  - All grade: 61% (+V: 38%)
  - Grade 3: 13 % (+V: 6%)



Flaherty et al, NEJM 2012; Larkin et al, NEJM 2014;

Robert et al, NEJM 2015

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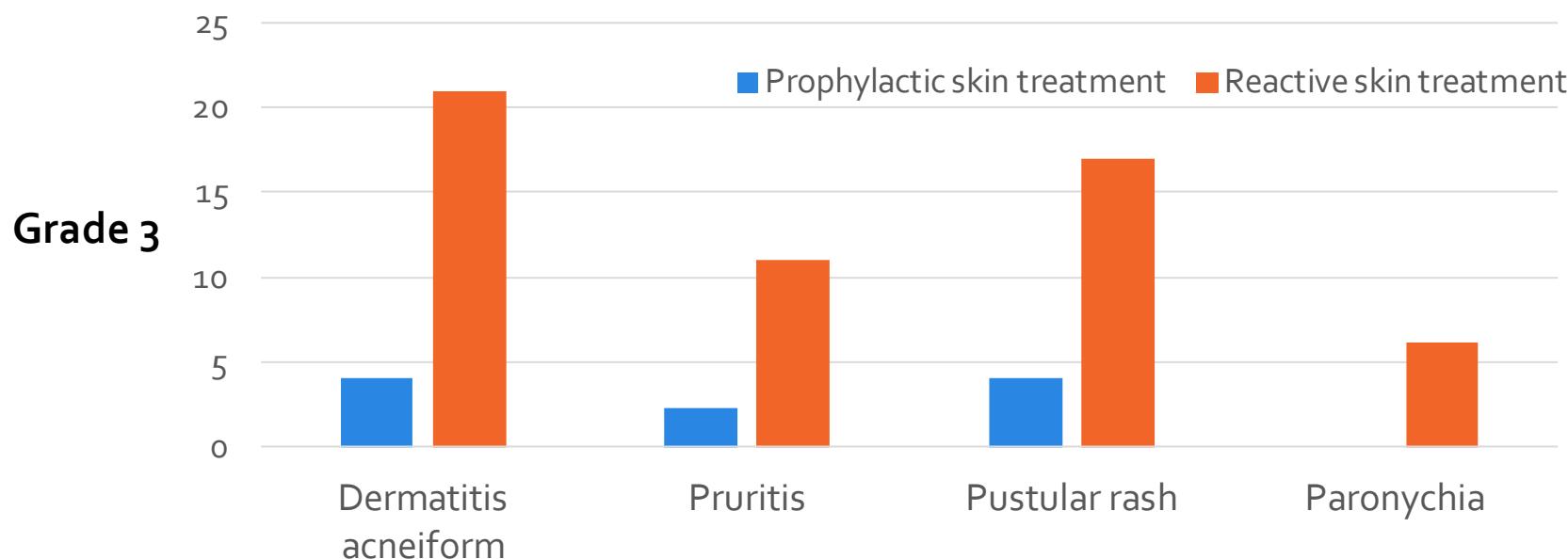


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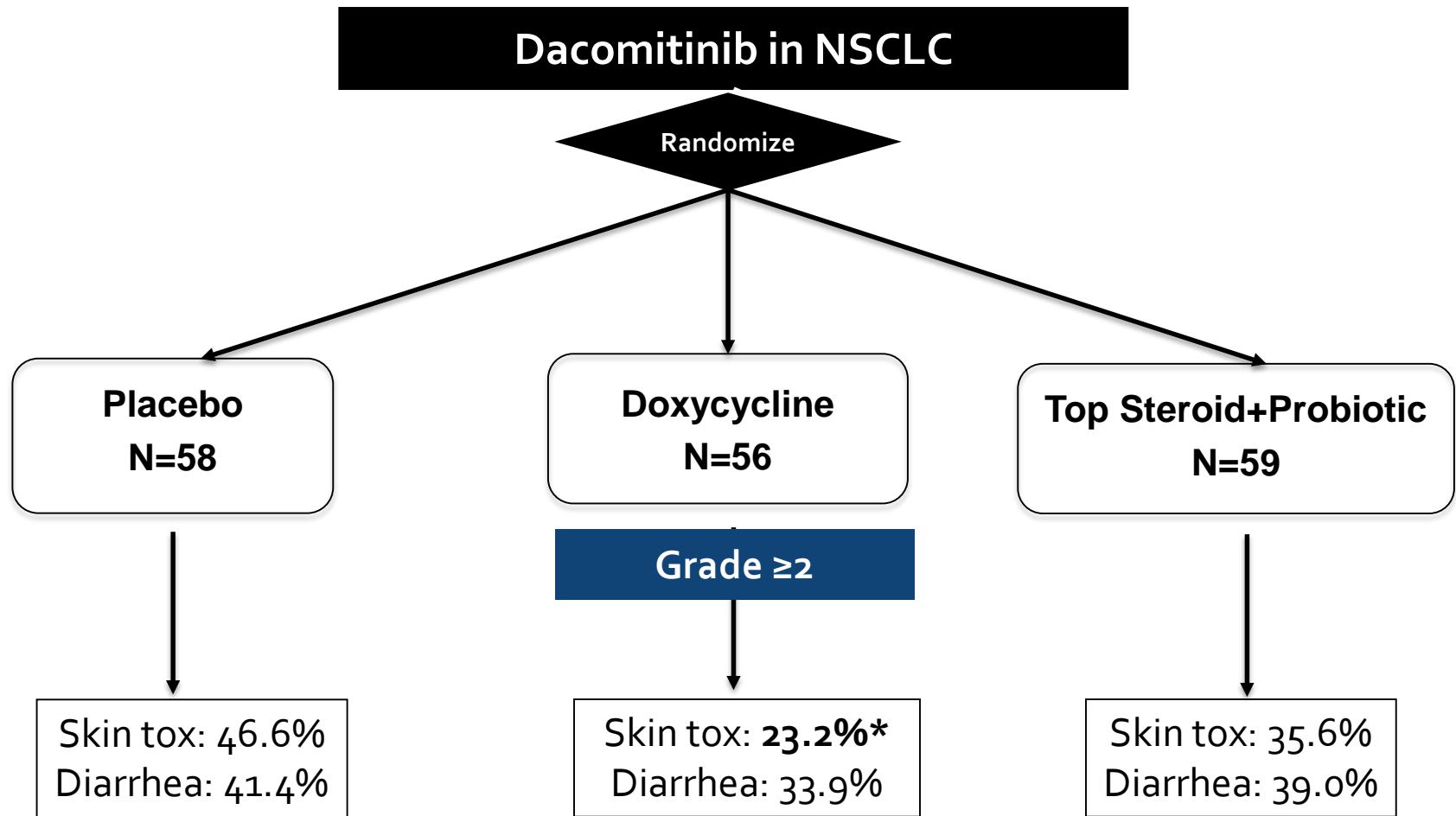
# STEPP Trial: Phase 2 study of pre-emptive vs reactive skin toxicity treatment in mCRC

Prophylactic arm: Doxycycline 100mg bid and topical steroids, moisturizers for 6w

	Prophylactic n = 48	Reactive n = 47
Patients with $\geq$ grade 2 skin toxicity – n (%)	14 (29)	29 (62)
Odds Ratio (95% CL)	0.3 (0.1, 0.6)	



**ARCHER Trial:  
Phase 2 study of pre-emptive vs reactive skin toxicity/diarrhea in NSCLC**



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# MEK inhibitors - dry skin/eczema/dermatitis

Patient on trametinib

Noted increased dry skin → itching  
→ scratching → Rash

Applied bacitracin → Blisters!

No prior history of bacitracin  
allergies

Treatment:

1. Topical steroid creams
2. Excellent skin care
3. Daily moisturizers
4. Gentle soap
5. Avoid fragrances
6. For the itching – daily zyrtec 10 mgs can help  
\*15% of patients feel drowsy



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# MEK inhibitors - dry skin/eczema/dermatitis

- Soap
  - Dove Gentle skin care
- Moisturizers
  - Ceramides
    - Eucerin eczema relief
    - Cera ve
- Avoid TIDE and other fragranced detergents
- Avoid dryer sheets



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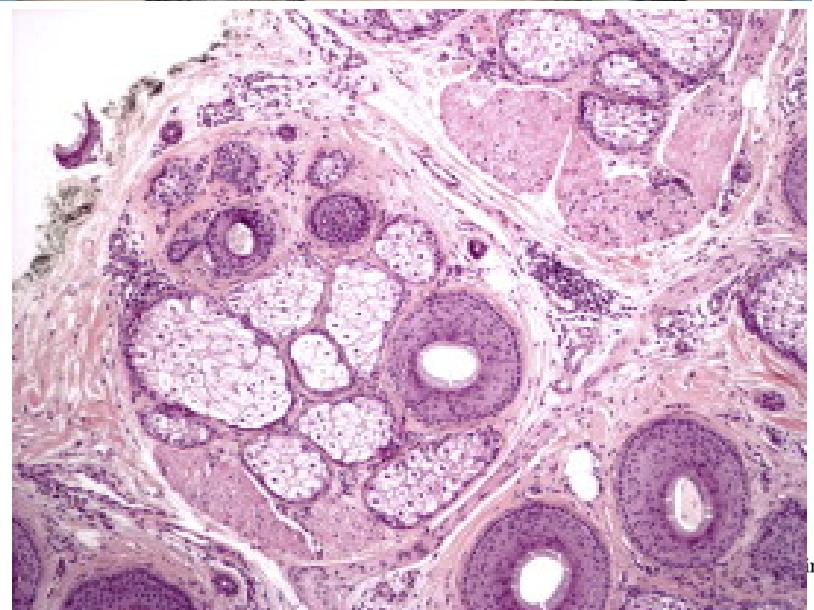
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# Alopecia to BRAF/MEK inhibition

Target	Agent	Incidence %
BRAF Inhibitor(s)	Vemurafenib	23.7%
	Dabrafenib	18.9%
MEK Inhibitor	Trametinib	13.3%
BRAF/MEK Inhibitors	Vemurafenib/ Cobimetinib  Dabrafenib/ Trametinib	13%  6%



# Alopecia to BRAF/MEK inhibition

- No great treatments
- Important to rule out other causes – other drugs, severe iron or vit D deficiency, hypothyroidism
- Consider Minoxidil (Rogaine foam/solution) once or twice a day respectively
- Consider Biotin 2500-5000 micrograms daily if hair is brittle or dry
- Unclear safety of cosmetic practices – Ex Fresh frozen plasma
- Consider hair pieces



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Questions? Comments?

**Thank you!**



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