

Title (en)

METHODS BASED ON HORMONE DEPENDENCY OF PRIMARY CANCER CELLS

Title (de)

METHODEN BASIEREND AUF DER HORMONABHÄNGIGKEIT VON PRIMÄREN KREBSZELLEN

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METHODES BASEES SUR LA DEPENDANCE D'HORMONE DES CELLULES CANCEREUSES PRIMAIRES

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[origin: WO03074732A2] A method for providing information for deciding on a therapeutic strategy for a patient, comprising the step of assessing the activity of a transcription factor in a cell or cells from the patient, comprising the steps of (1) exposing the cell or cells to a recombinant viral vector comprising a reporter gene which comprises a promoter under the control of the transcription factor (transcription factor-dependent promoter); and (2) assessing the expression of the reporter gene in the said cell or cells. A method for characterising the hormone dependency of a primary cancer cell or cells, comprising the steps of (1) exposing the cell or cells to a recombinant viral vector comprising a reporter gene which comprises a hormone-dependent promoter; and (2) assessing the expression of the reporter gene in the said cell or cells. A method for choosing a treatment regime for a patient with a cancer which may be hormone-dependent, comprising the steps of (1) exposing primary cancer cells from the patient to a recombinant viral vector comprising a reporter gene which comprises a hormone-dependent promoter; (2) determining the response of the reporter gene to exposure of the cell or cells to the hormone and/or other test compound; (3) deciding on a treatment regime making use of the information on the reporter gene behaviour. The cancer is preferably breast cancer or endometrial cancer. The recombinant viral vector is preferable a recombinant adenoviral vector. The method may be used to determine whether the patient should be treated using tamoxifen, an aromatase inhibitor, complete estrogen antagonist or chemotherapy.

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