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EVOLUTION OF THE THERAPEUTIC APPROACH

Traditional medicine

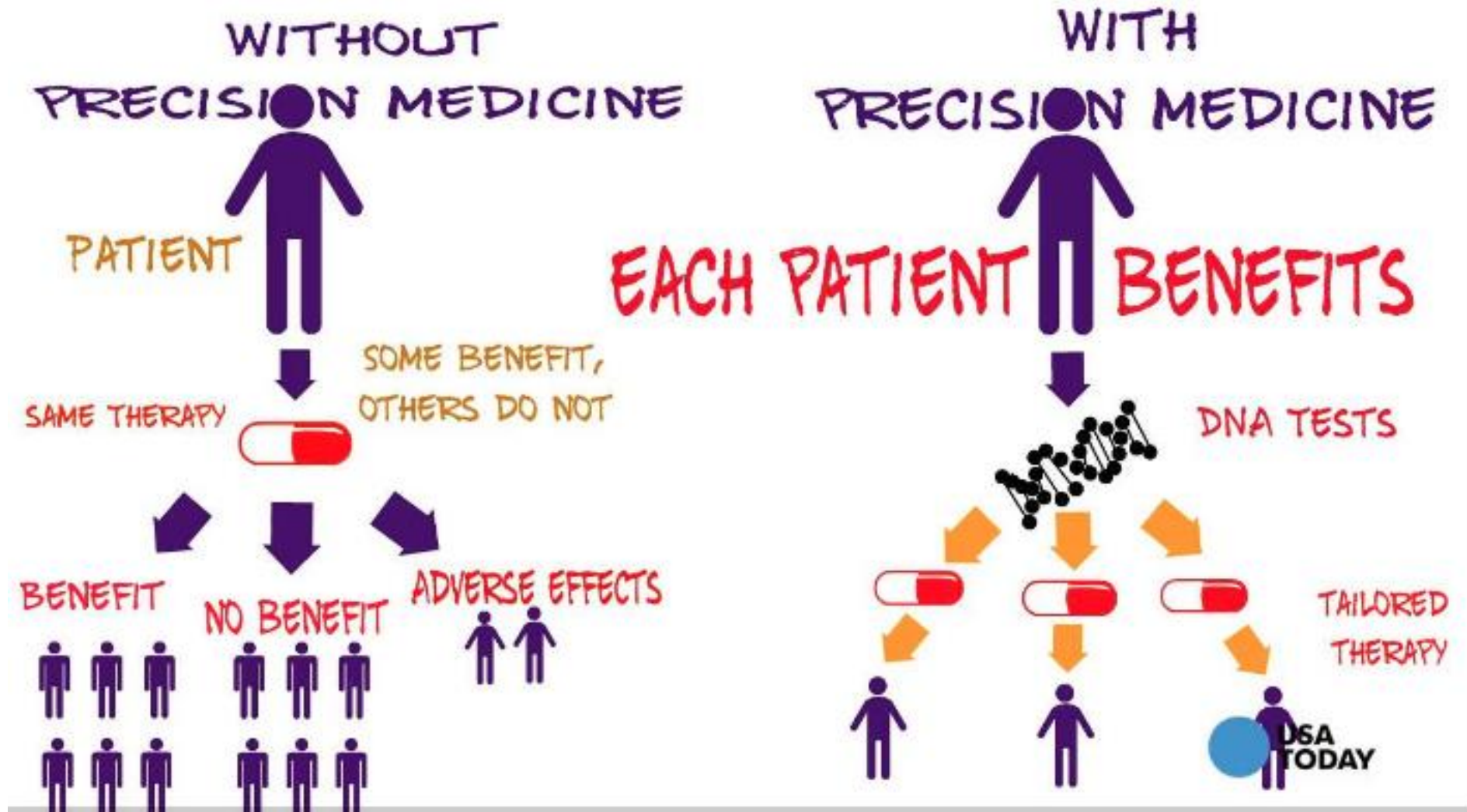
- «one drug fits all (?)»

Stratified medicine

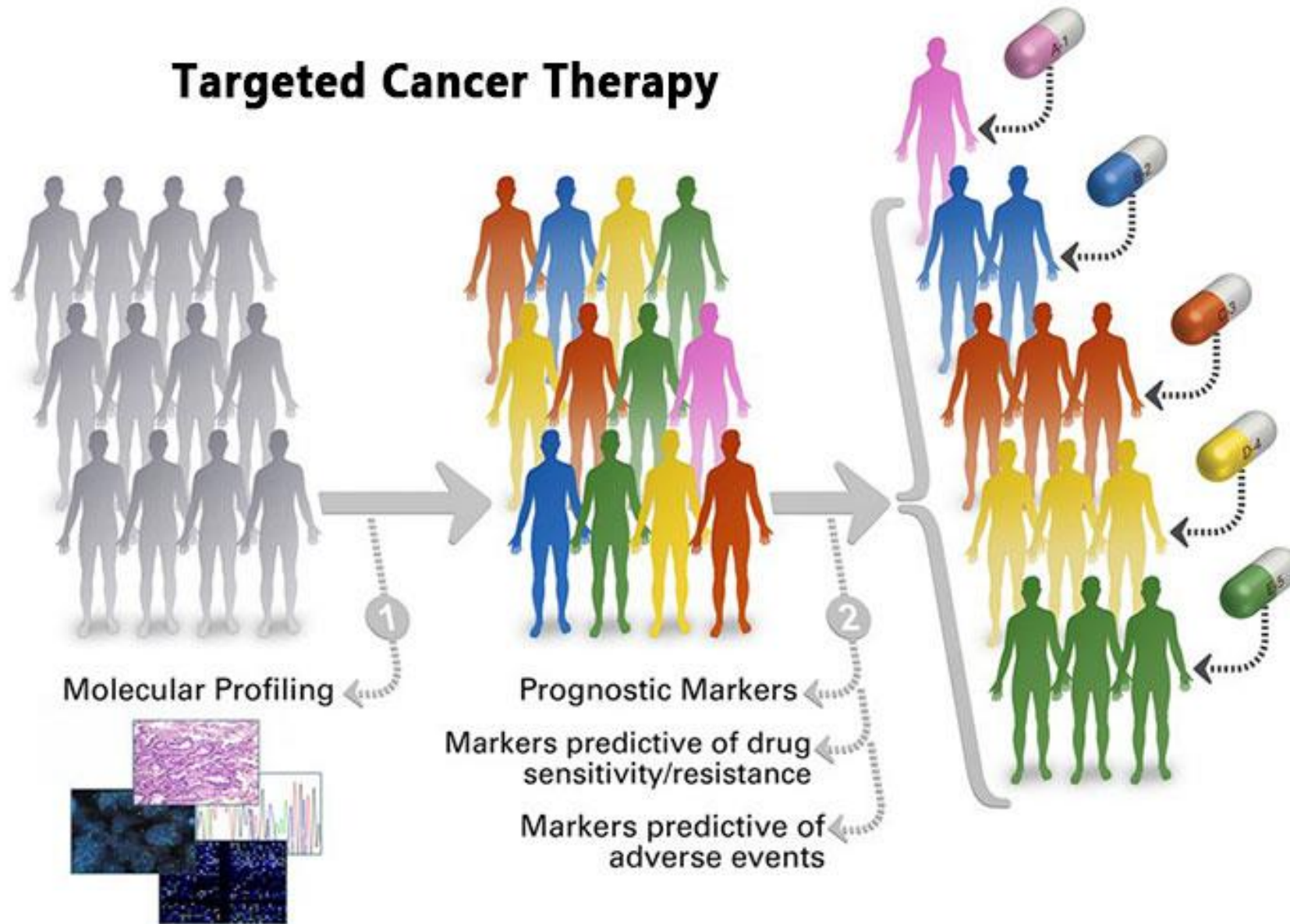
- Disease sub-types; risk stratification; biomarkers

Precision medicine

- «-omics»; compliance; exogenous factors; molecular diagnostics



Targeted Cancer Therapy



TARGETED AGENTS 2001

MABS

- Rituximab
- Trastuzumab

Small molecules

- Imatinib

TARGETED AGENTS 2020

MABS

- Rituximab
- Trastuzumab
- Bevacizumab
- Ramucirumab
- Cetuximab
- Panitumumab
- Pertuzumab
- Trastuzumab-DM1 (T-DM1)*
- Aflibercept

Small molecules

- Imatinib
- Erlotinib
- Gefitinib
- Sorafenib
- Sunitinib
- Lapatinib
- Neratinib
- Pazopanib
- Regorafenib
- Axitinib
- Cabozantinib
- Osimertinib
- Dabrafenib
- Trametinib
- Cobimetinib
- Nintedanib
- Vismodegib
- Vemurafenib
- Crizotinib
- Ceritinib
- Alectinib
- Palbociclib
- Ribociclib
- Abemaciclib
- Everolimus
- Temsirolimus
- Olaparib
- Talazoparib
- Rucaparib
- Niraparib
- Afatinib
- Vandetanib
- Lenvatinib

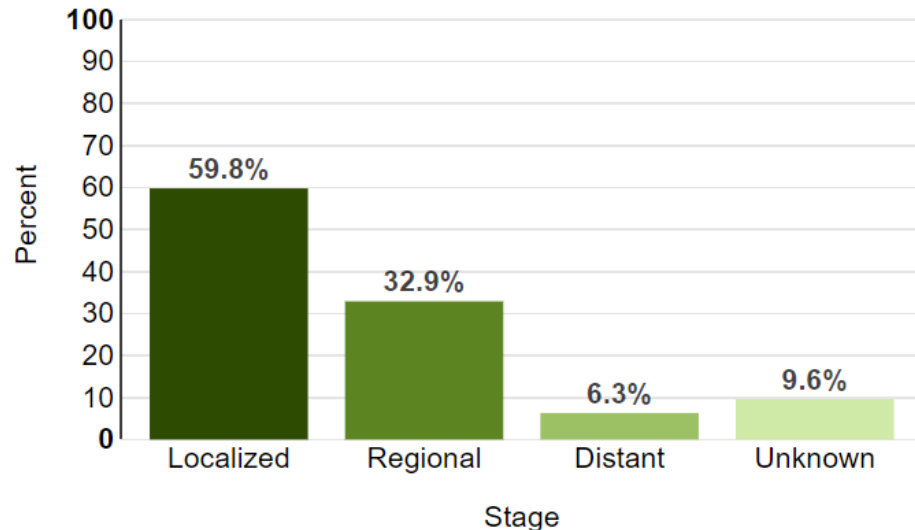
* Indicates chemio-immuno conjugates

PRECISION MEDICINE MODEL: NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER

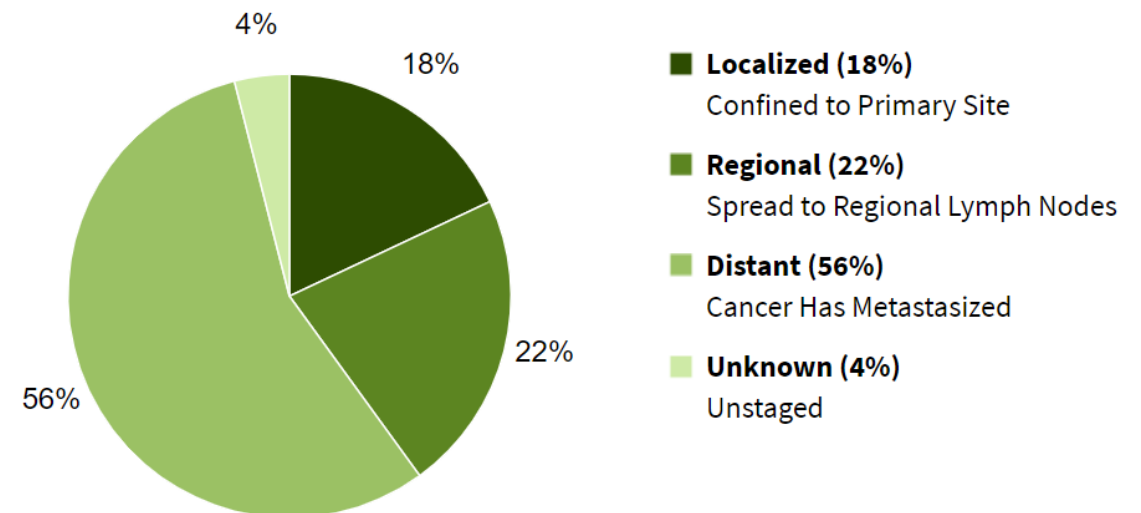
- I Numeri del Cancro in Italia (2020)
- SEER Database (2021)

POLMONE	
Incidenza	Nel 2020, sono attese circa 41.000 nuove diagnosi (maschi = 27.550; femmine = 13.300). È la seconda neoplasia più frequente nei maschi (15%) e la terza nelle femmine (6%)
Mortalità	Nel 2020, sono stimati 34.000 decessi per tumori del polmone (maschi = 23.400; femmine = 10.600)
Sopravvivenza netta a 5 anni dalla diagnosi	15% nei maschi e 19% nelle femmine
Sopravvivenza di ulteriori 5 anni condizionata ad aver superato il primo anno dopo la diagnosi	33% nei maschi e 40% nelle femmine
Prevalenza	Sono 117.800 le persone viventi in Italia dopo una diagnosi di tumore del polmone (maschi = 77.200; femmine = 40.600)

5-Year Relative Survival



Percent of Cases by Stage

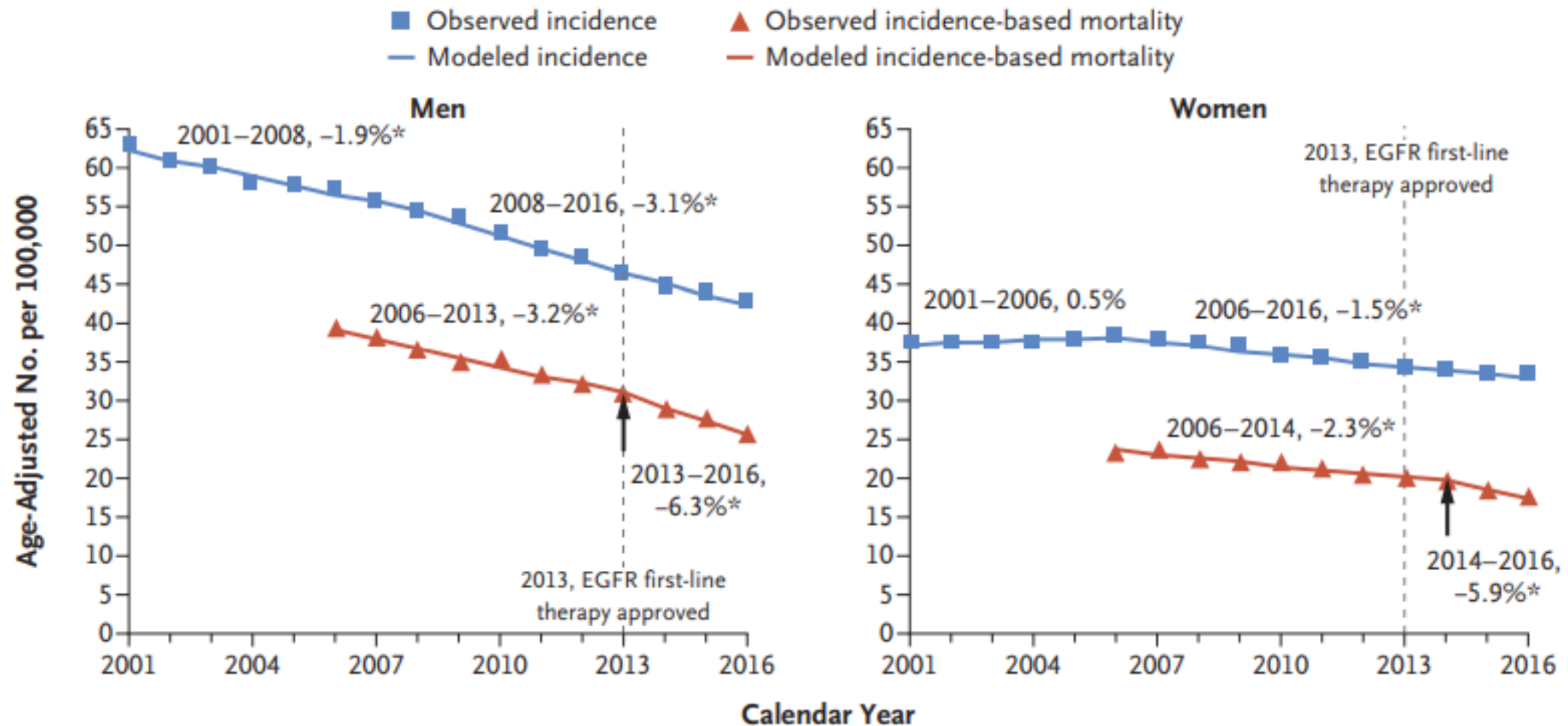


The Effect of Advances in Lung-Cancer Treatment on Population Mortality

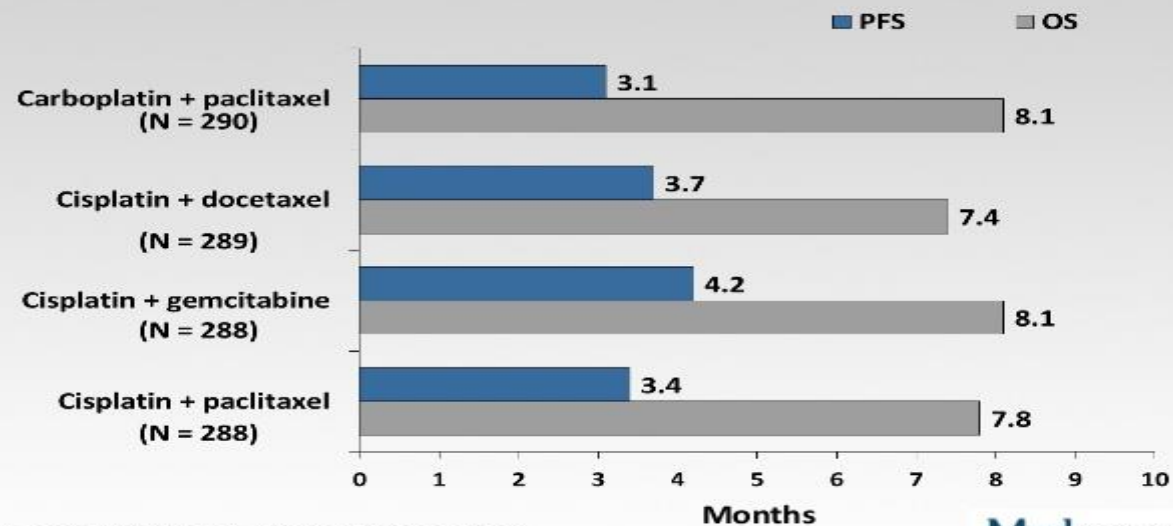
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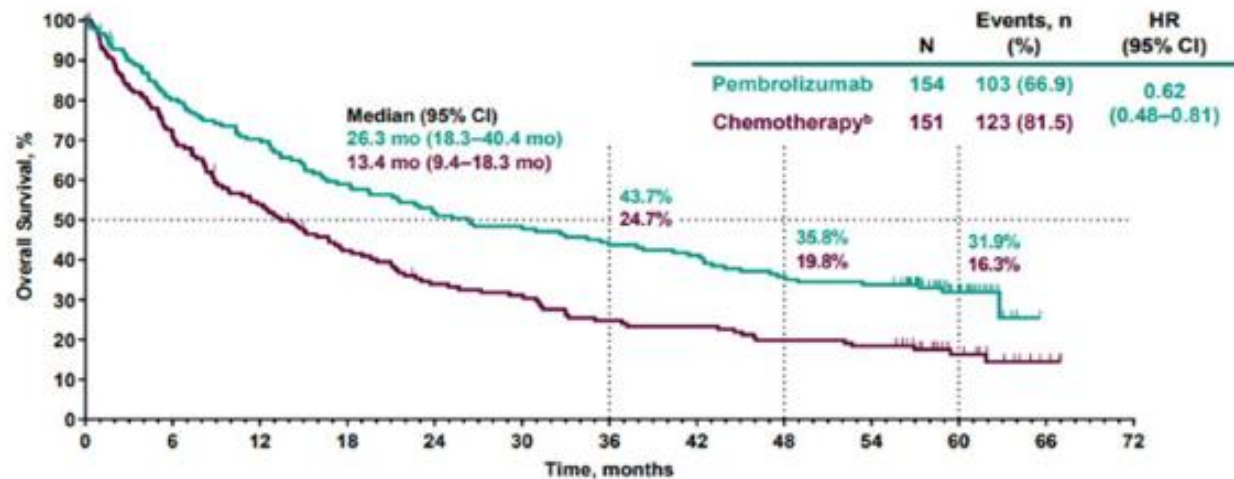
Outcomes With First-Line Doublet Therapy: ECOG 1594



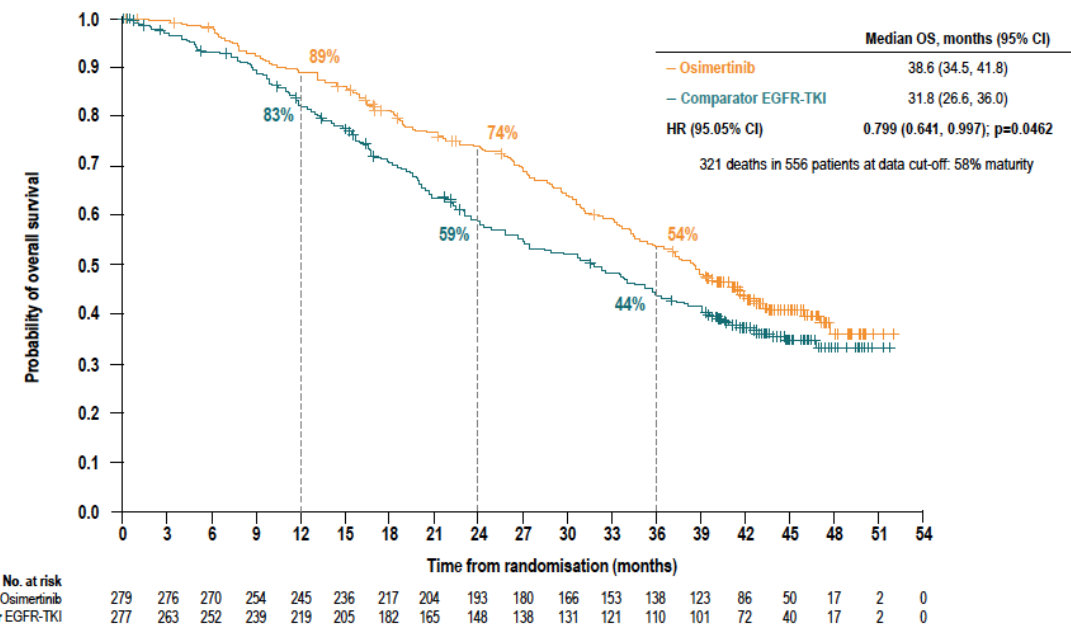
OS = overall survival; PFS = progression-free survival

Schiller JH, et al. *New Engl J Med.* 2002;346:92-98.

Medscape
EDUCATION



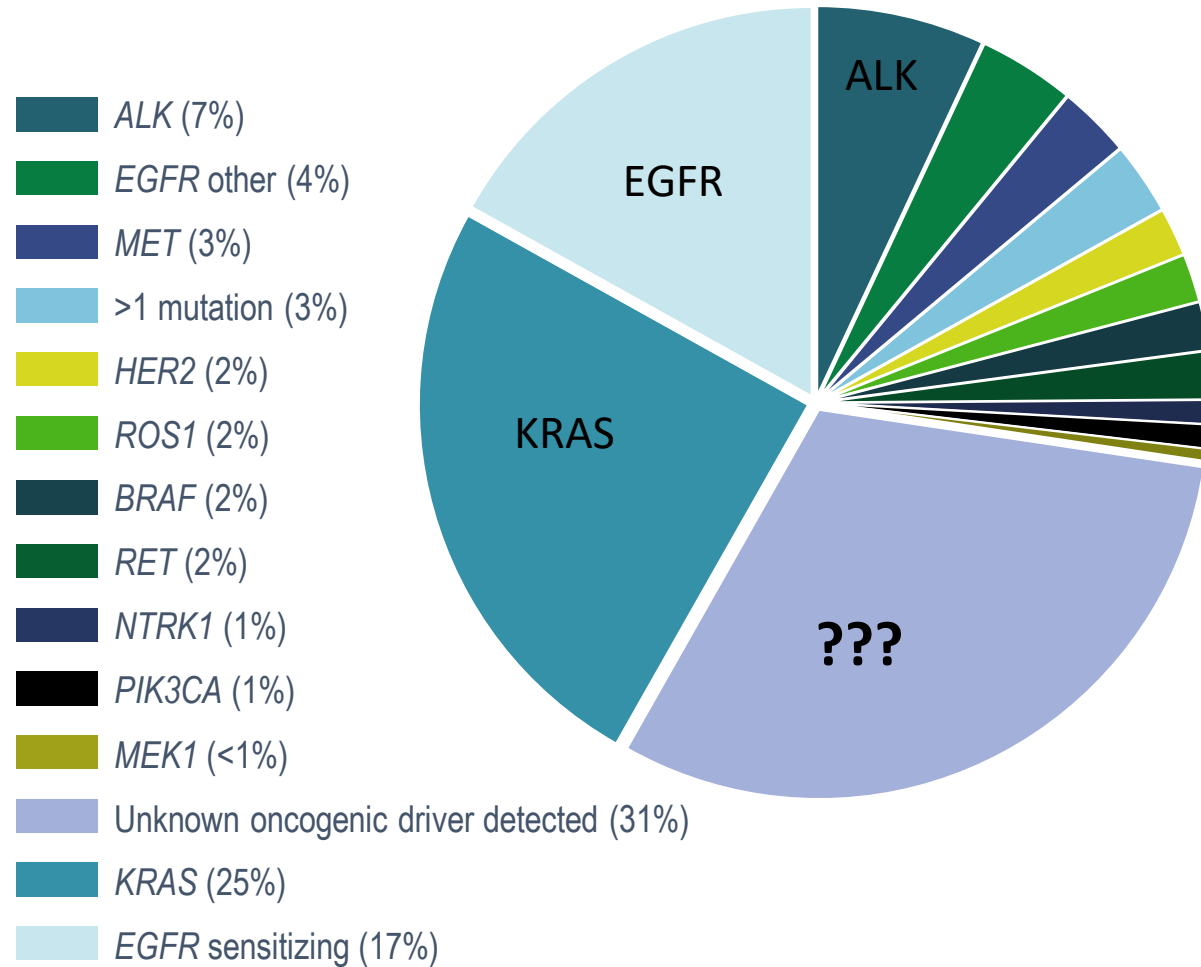
FINAL ANALYSIS: OVERALL SURVIVAL



BARCELONA 2019 ESMO congress

Data cut-off: 25 June 2019
For statistical significance, a p-value of less than 0.0495, determined by O'Brien-Fleming approach, was required

ONCOGENIC DRIVERS IN NSCLC



EGFR sensitizing

Gefitinib; Erlotinib; Afatinib; Osimertinib; Dacomitinib

ALK

Crizotinib; Alectinib; Ceritinib; Lorlatinib; Brigatinib

ROS1

Crizotinib; Cabozantinib; Ceritinib; Lorlatinib; Entrectinib; Repotrectinib, DS-6051b

BRAF

Vemurafenib; Dabrafenib; Dabrafenib + Trametinib

MET

Crizotinib; Cabozantinib; Capmatinib; Savolitinib; Tepotinib; Merestinib; Glesatinib

HER2

Trastuzumab emtansine; Afatinib; Neratinib-temsirrolimus; Dacomitinib; Pozotinib; XMT-1522; TAK-788; DS-8201a,

RET

Cabozantinib; Alectinib; Apatinib; Vandetanib; sunitinib; Ponatinib; Lenvatinib; BLU-667; LOXO-292

NTRK1

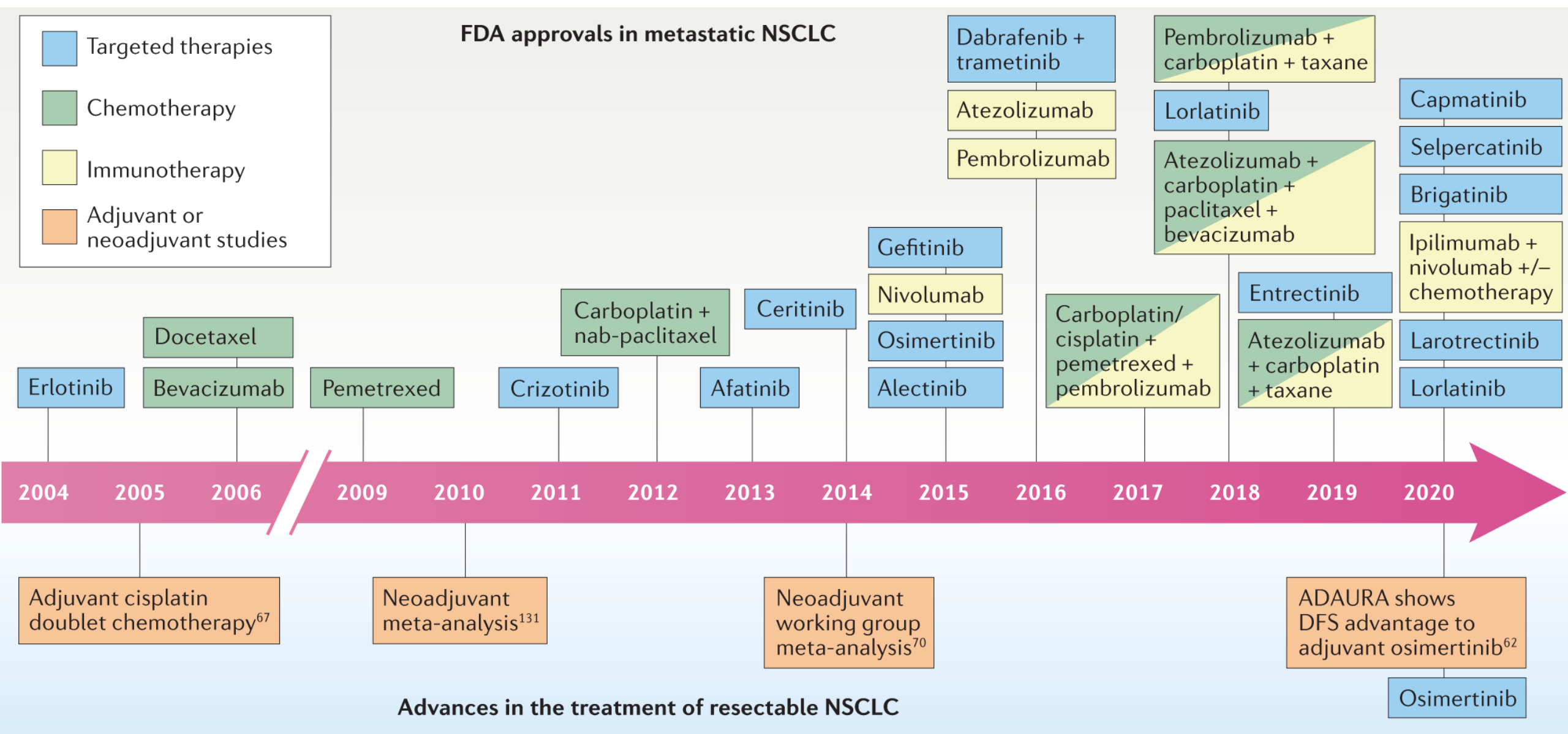
Entrectinib; LOXO-101 (larotrectinib); loxo-195; DS-6051b; repotrectinib

PIK3CA

LY3023414; PQR 309

MEK1

Trametinib; Selumetinib; Cobimetinib



Stage IV NSCC: Molecular tests positive (*ALK/BRAF/EGFR/ROS1*)

ALK translocation
(refer to Figure 5)

Crizotinib [I, A; MCBS 4]
Alectinib [I, A; MCBS 4]
Ceritinib [I, B; MCBS 4]
Brigatinib [I, B]^b

BRAF V600 mutation
(refer to Figure 7)

Dabrafenib/trametinib
[III, A; MCBS 2]

EGFR mutation
(refer to Figure 4)

Gefitinib [I, A]
Erlotinib [I, A]
+/- bevacizumab [II, B; MCBS 3]^a
Afatinib [I, A]
Dacomitinib [I, A]^b
Osimertinib [I, A]^b
Gefitinib/carboplatin/pemetrexed [I, A]^b

ROS1 translocation
(refer to Figure 6)

Crizotinib
[III, A; MCBS 3]



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Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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CLINICAL PRESENTATION

HISTOLOGIC SUBTYPE^a

BIOMARKER TESTING^{mm}

Advanced
or
metastatic
disease

- Establish histologic subtype^a with adequate tissue for molecular testing (consider rebiopsy^{ll} if appropriate)
- Smoking cessation counseling
- Integrate palliative care^c ([See NCCN Guidelines for Palliative Care](#))

- Adenocarcinoma
- Large cell
- NSCLC not otherwise specified (NOS)

Squamous cell
carcinoma

- Molecular testing, including:
 - *EGFR* mutation (category 1), *ALK* (category 1), *KRAS*, *ROS1*, *BRAF*, *NTRK1/2/3*, *MET* exon 14 skipping, *RET*
 - Testing should be conducted as part of broad molecular profilingⁿⁿ
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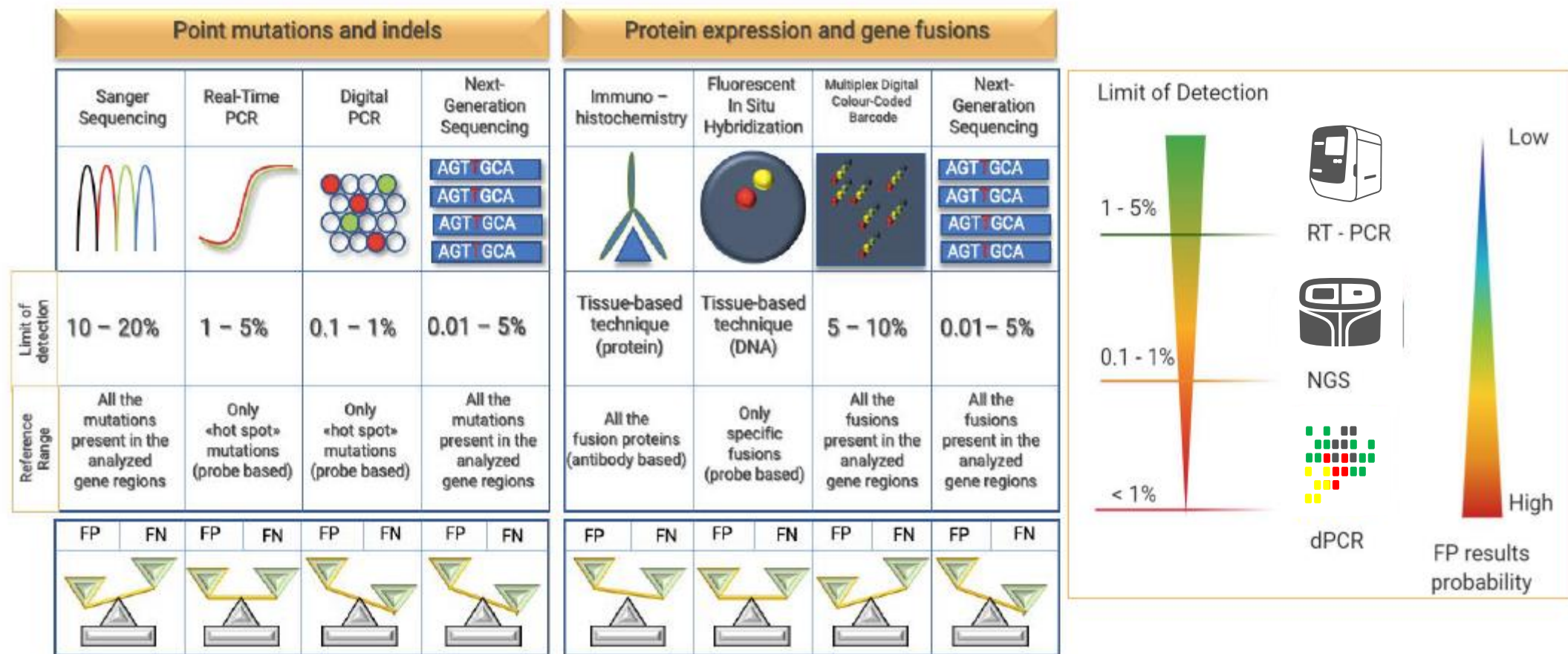
[See Testing
Results
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\(NSCL-19\)](#)

Molecular Alterations ^a	Recommended Method of Detection	Role of IHC as a Surrogate Predictive Biomarker
<i>EGFR</i> mutations ("hot spot" mutations with $\geq 1\%$ prevalence)	Any molecular method with ability to detect mutations in histology or cytology samples with $\geq 20\%$ tumor cells within a turnaround time of 10 working days	Not appropriate for treatment selection 
<i>ALK</i> rearrangements	Cytogenetic (FISH) or IHC ^b	Appropriate for treatment selection 
<i>ROS1</i> rearrangements	Molecular (RT-PCR or sequencing) or cytogenetic (FISH/ISH)	Appropriate for initial screening 
<i>BRAF</i> (p.V600E and non-p.V600E mutations)	Molecular (sequencing with evaluation of at least exons 11 and 15)	Not defined as yet
<i>MET</i> alterations (exon 14 skipping mutations, amplification)	Molecular (RNA-based assay confirmatory); FISH is widely used for amplification but no specific cut-off validated	Not defined as yet
<i>RET</i> rearrangements	Molecular (sequencing preferable to targeted RT-PCR) or cytogenetic (FISH)	Not defined as yet
<i>ERBB2/HER2</i> mutations	Molecular (sequencing, particularly for exon 20 alterations)	No role for IHC ^c
<i>KRAS</i> mutations ^d	Molecular (targeted analysis of hot spots in codons 12, 13, 61, and 146)	No role for IHC

		EGFR	ALK	ROS-1	BRAF	MET	PD-L1
	Excised during surgery	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
	Percutaneous Biopsy	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
	Bronchoscopic biopsy	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
	Cell-block	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK if formalin fixed
	Cytology	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK	NO

Deepali J et al. *Immunocytochemistry for Predictive Biomarker Testing in Lung Cancer Cytology*. Cancer Cytopathology 2019 May. – Lindeman NI et al. *Updated Molecular Testing Guideline for the Selection of Lung Cancer Patients for Treatment With Targeted Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors Guideline From the College of American Pathologists, the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer, and the Association for Molecular Pathology*. Journal of Thoracic Oncology 2018 Vol. 13;3: 323-358



dPCR; digital PCR; FN, false negative; FP, false positive; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; RT-PCR, reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction.

EGFR

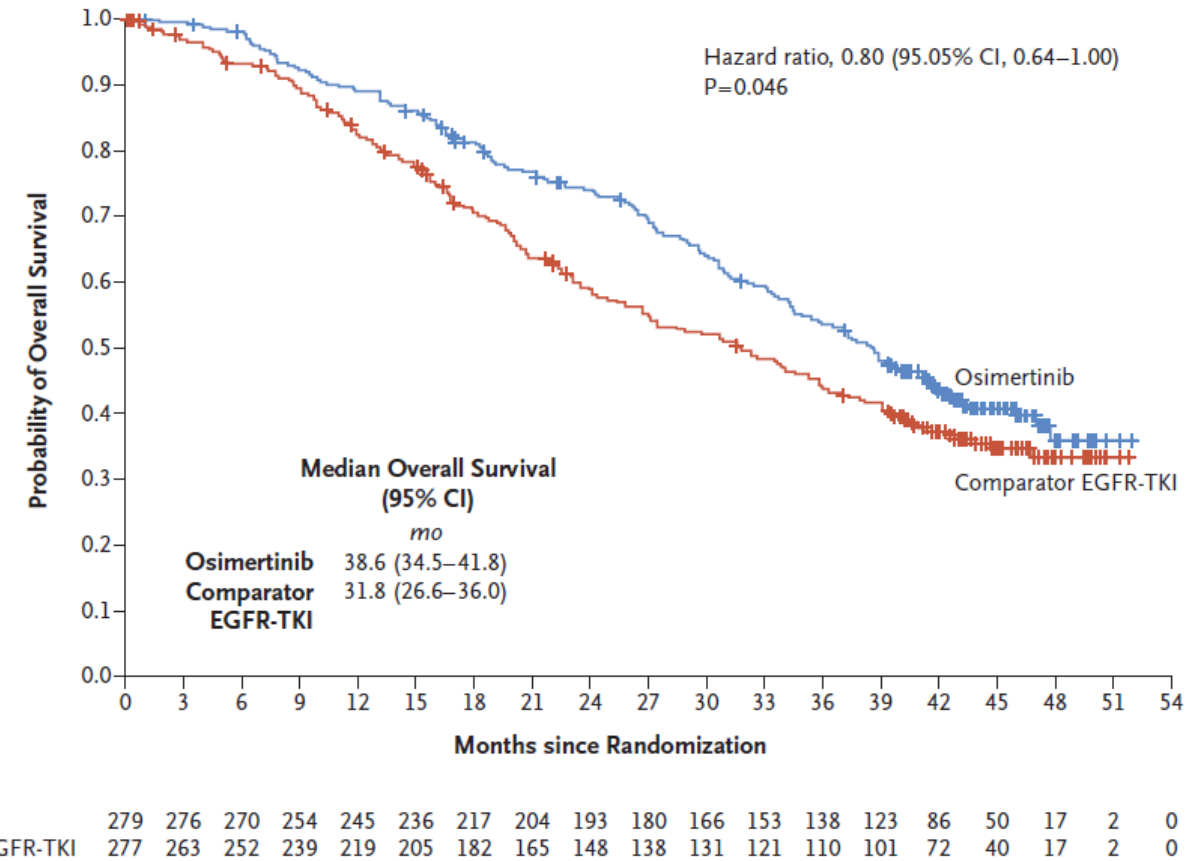
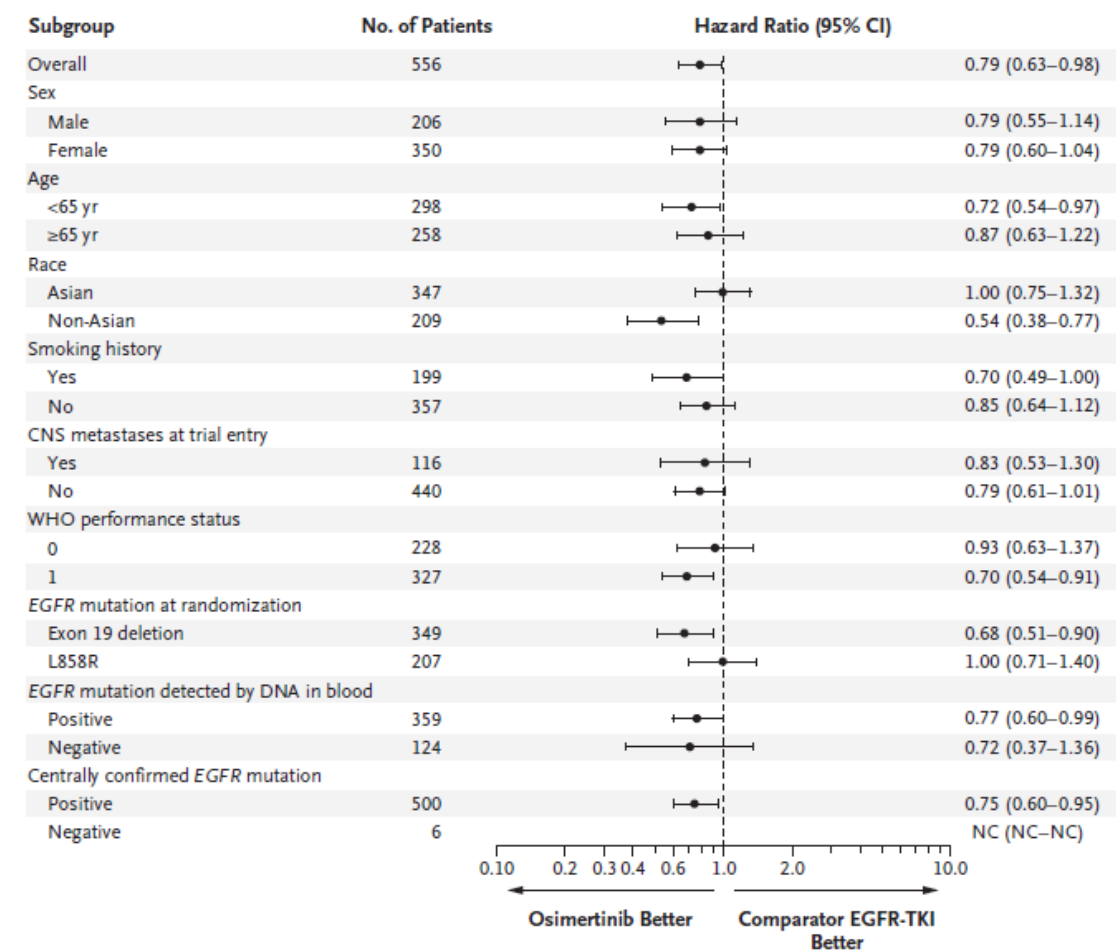
EGFR TKIs vs. CHEMOTHERAPY

	Trial	EGFR TKI	Comparative therapy	N	EGFR mutaiton	ORR* (%)	PFS* (months)	OS* (months)
1 st -Gen TKI	IPASS	Gefitinib	Car/Pac	1217	261	71 vs 47 <i>P</i> <0.001	9.5 vs 6.3 HR 0.48 (0.36-0.64)	21.6 vs 21.9 HR 1.00 (0.76-1.33)
	NEJ002		Car/Pac	224	224	74 vs 31 <i>P</i> <0.001	10.8 vs 5.4 HR 0.32 (0.24-0.44)	27.7 vs 26.6 HR 0.89 (0.63-1.24)
	WJTOG 3405		Cis/Doc	172	172	62 vs 32 <i>P</i> <0.0001	9.2 vs 6.3 HR 0.0.5 (0.34-0.71)	36 vs 39 HR 1.19 (0.77-1.83)
	EURTAC	Erlotinib	Cis/Doc or Cis/Gem	173	173	58 vs 15 <i>P</i> -value NR	9.7 vs 5.2 HR 0.37 (0.25-0.54)	22.9 vs 19.6 HR 0.92 (0.63-1.35)
	OPTIMAL		Gem/Car	165	154	83 vs 36 <i>P</i> <0.0001	13.1 vs 4.6 HR 0.16 (0.10-0.26)	22.8 vs 27.2 HR 1.19 (0.83-1.71)
	ENSURE		Gem/Cis	217	216	63 vs 34 <i>P</i> =0.0001	11.0 vs 5.6 HR 0.42 (0.27-0.66)	26.3 vs 25.5 HR 0.91 (0.61-1.31)
2 nd -Gen TKI	LUX-Lung 3	Afatinib	Pem/Cis	345	308	69 vs 44 <i>P</i> =0.001	13.6 vs 6.9 HR 0.41 (0.31-0.56)	31.6 vs 28.2 HR 0.78 (0.58-1.06)
	LUX-Lung 6		Gem/Cis	364	324	74 vs 31 <i>P</i> <0.0001	13.7 vs 5.6 HR 0.26 (0.19-0.36)	23.6 vs 23.5 HR 0.83 (0.62-1.09)
	LUX-Lung 7		Gefitinib	319	319	70 vs 56 <i>P</i> =0.0083	11.0 vs 10.9 HR 0.73 (0.57-0.95)	27..9 vs 24.5 HR 0.86 (0.66-1.12)
	ARCHER 1050	Dacomatinib	Gefitinib	452	452	75 vs 72 <i>P</i> =0.423	14.7 vs 9.2 HR 0.59 (0.47-0.74)	34.1 vs 26.8 HR 0.76 (0.58-0.99)
3 rd -Gen TKI	FLAURA	Osimertinib	Gefitinib or Erlotinib	556	500	80 vs 76 <i>P</i> =0.24	18.9 vs 10.2 HR 0.46 (0.37-0.57)	NC vs NC HR 0.63 (0.45-0.88)

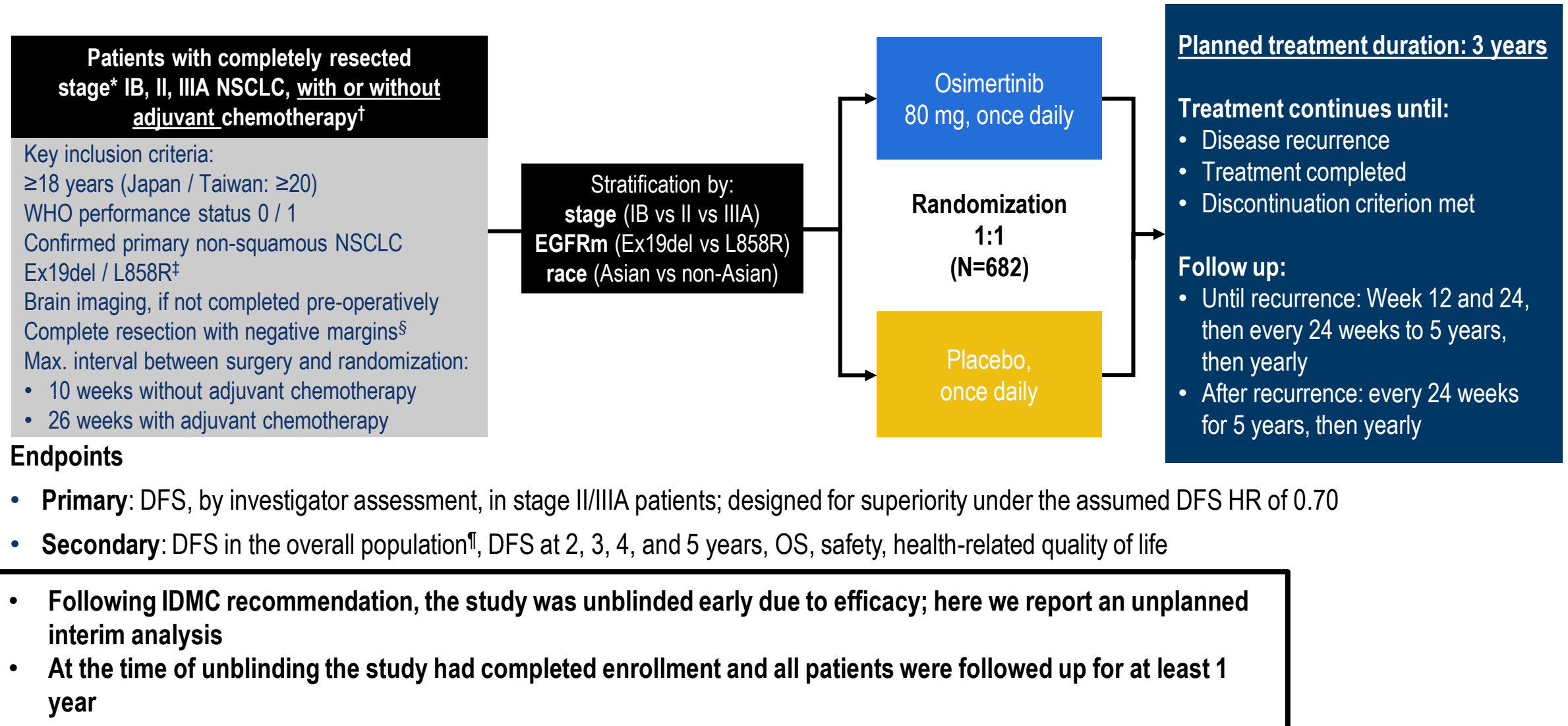
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EGFR - FLAURA

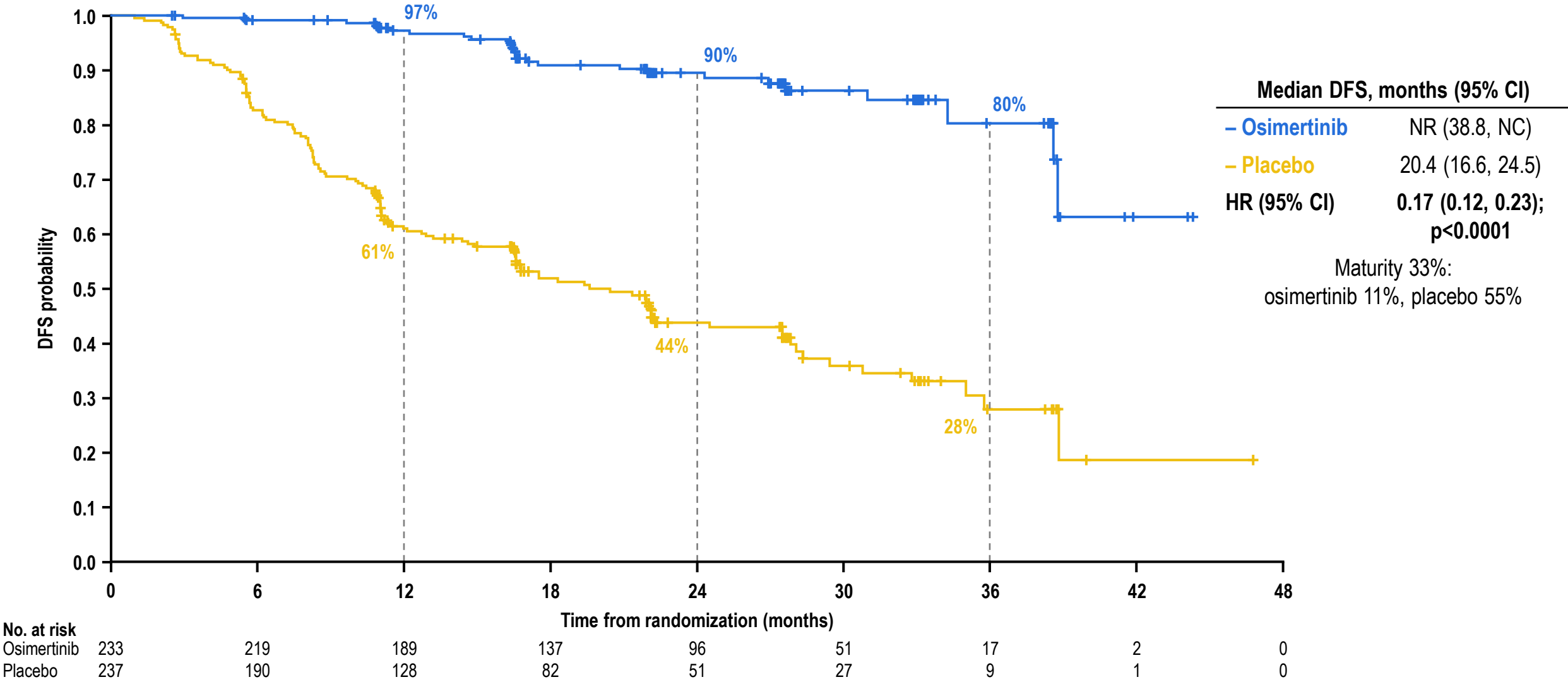
OSIMERTINIB



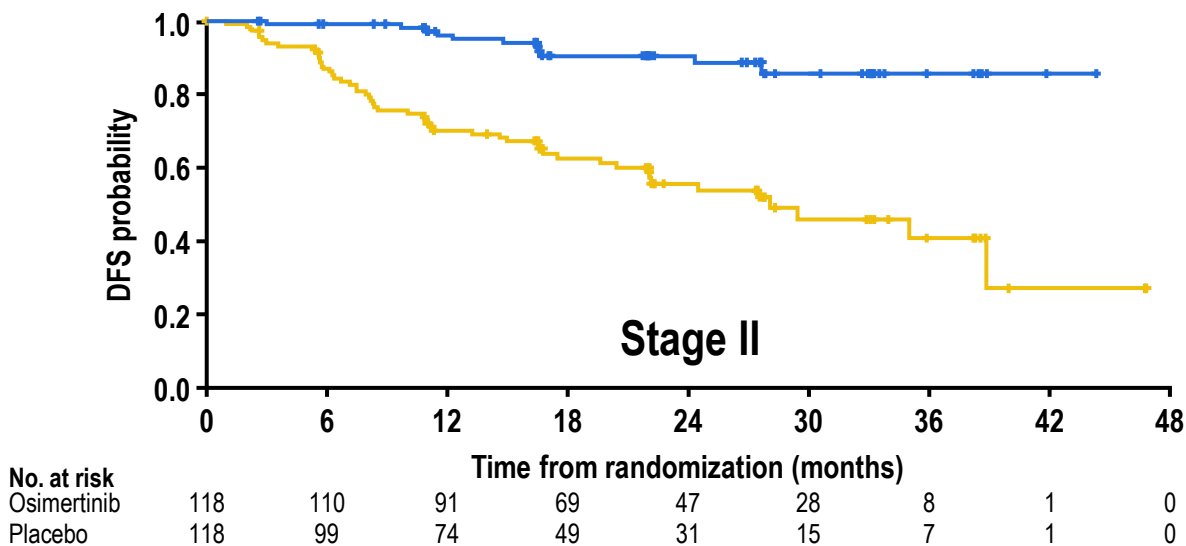
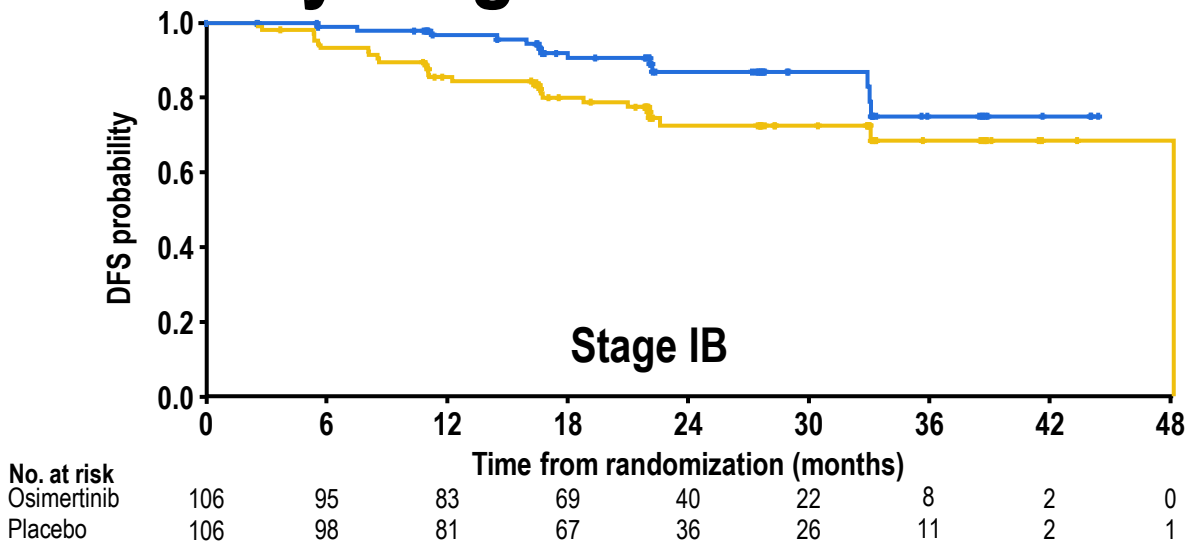
ADAURA Phase III double-blind study design



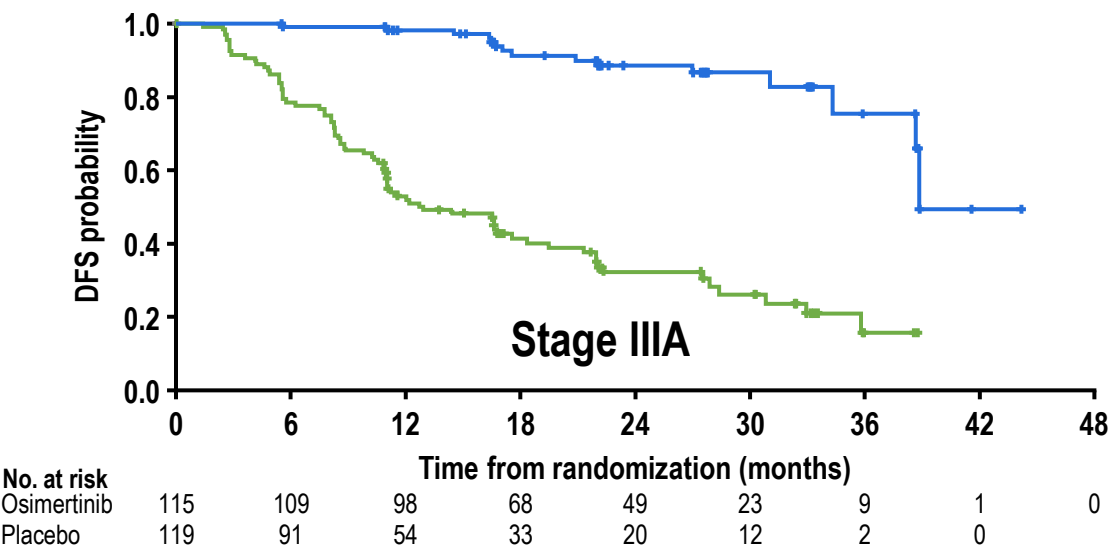
Primary endpoint: DFS in patients with stage II/IIA disease



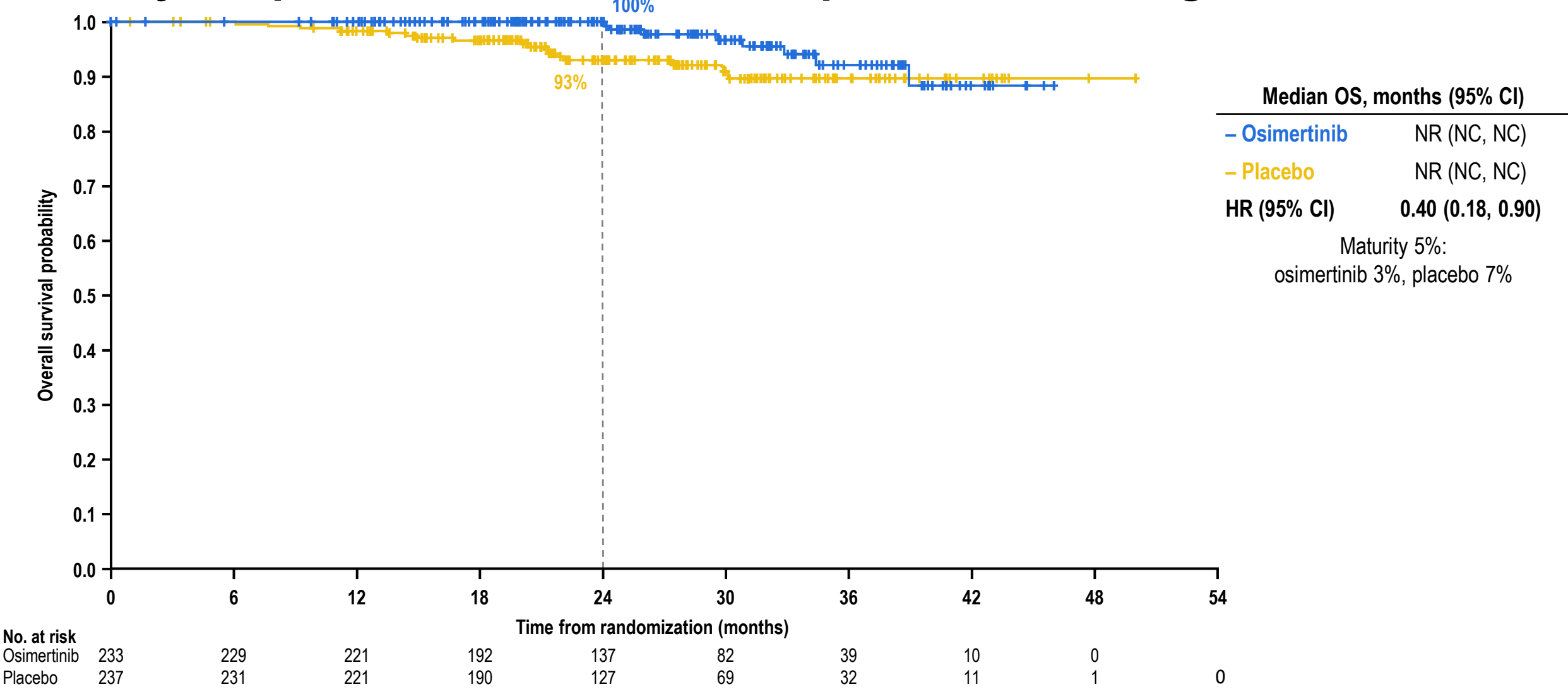
DFS by stage



	Stage IB	Stage II	Stage IIIA
2 year DFS rate, % (95% CI)			
– Osimertinib	87 (77, 93)	91 (82, 95)	88 (79, 94)
– Placebo	73 (62, 81)	56 (45, 65)	32 (23, 42)
Overall HR (95% CI)	0.50 (0.25, 0.96)	0.17 (0.08, 0.31)	0.12 (0.07, 0.20)

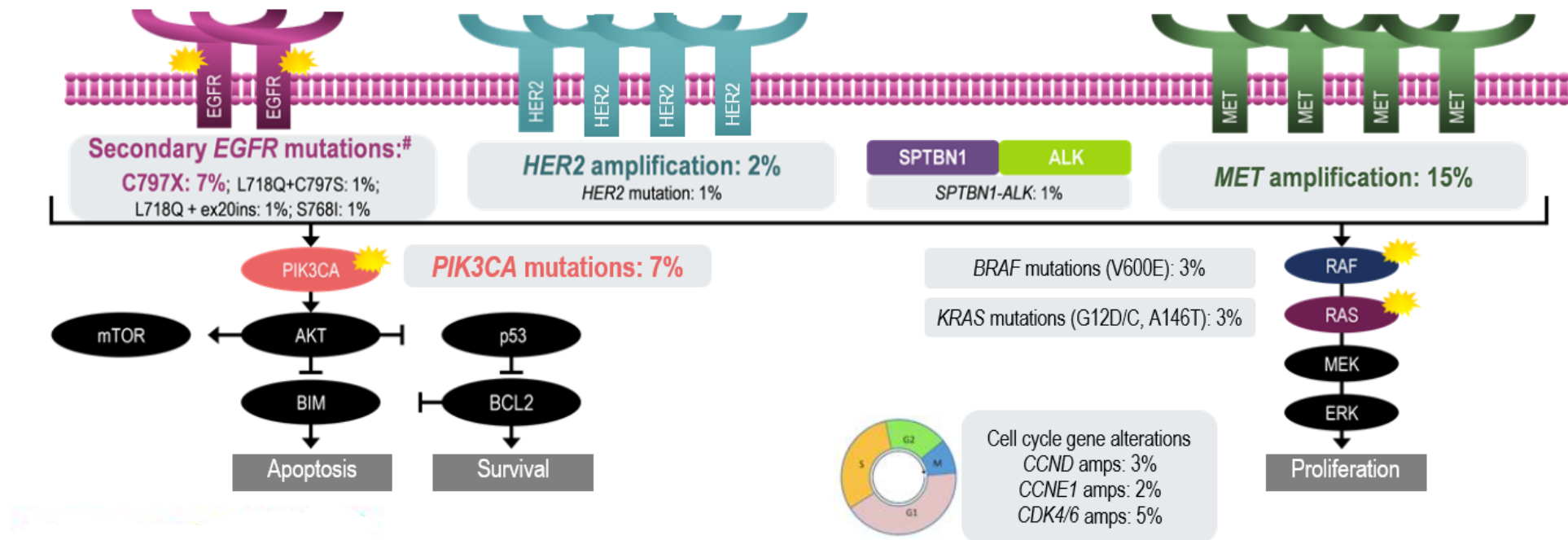


Early snapshot: overall survival in patients with stage II/IIIA disease



CANDIDATE ACQUIRED ALTERATIONS WITH OSIMERTINIB

- No evidence of acquired EGFR T790M
- The most common resistance mechanisms were *MET* amplification and EGFR C797S mutation
 - Other mechanisms included *HER2* amplification, *PIK3CA* and *RAS* mutations



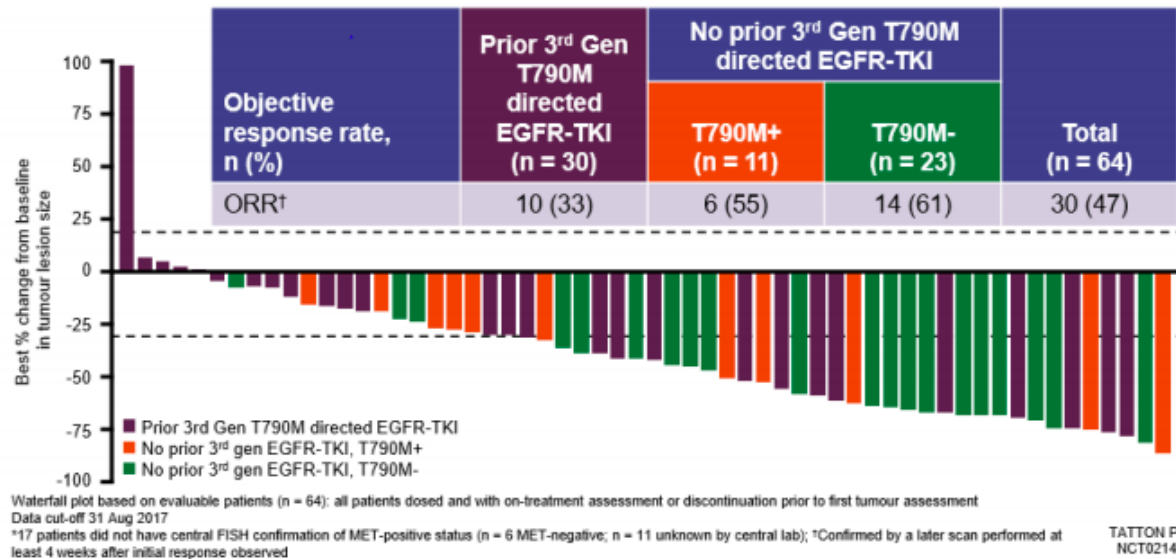
*Resistance mechanism reported may overlap with another; #Two patients had *de novo* T790M mutations at baseline of whom one acquired C797S at progression

RESISTANCE TO OSIMERTINIB

Combination of TKIs

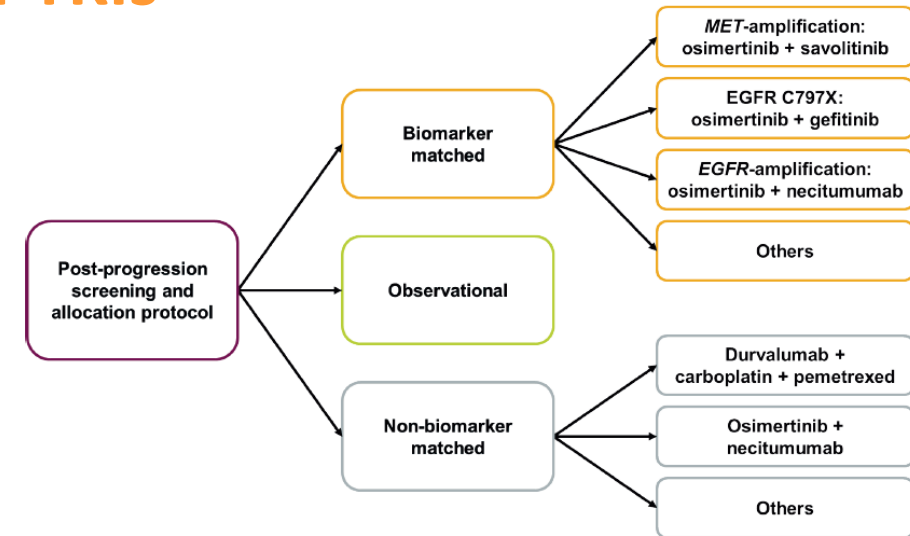
TATTON: savolitinib + osimertinib expansion cohort preliminary antitumour activity

Exhibit 1: Preliminary anti-tumour activity of the combination of savolitinib and Tagrisso in patients with centrally and locally confirmed MET-positive NSCLC

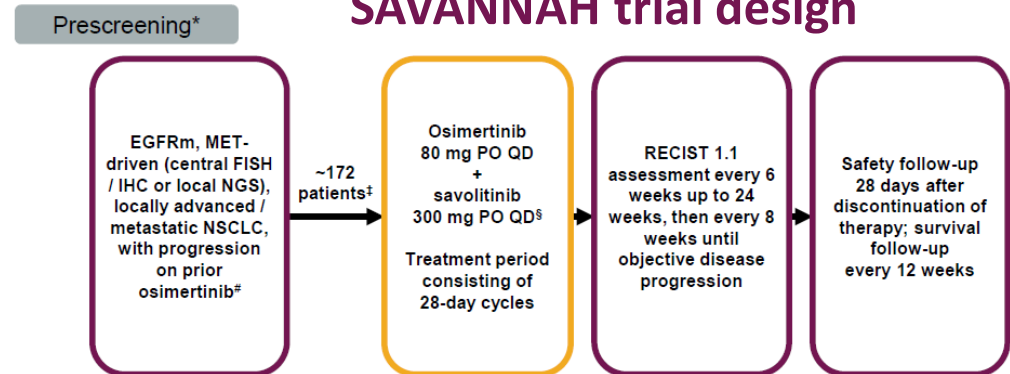


Source: Ahn M-J, et al. TATTON Phase Ib Expansion Cohort: Osimertinib Plus Savolitinib for Patients with EGFR-mutant MET-amplified NSCLC After Progression on Prior EGFR-TKI. Abstract #8985. Presented at the World Lung Cancer Congress 2017, Yokohama, Japan, 15-18 October 2017.

ORCHARD trial design



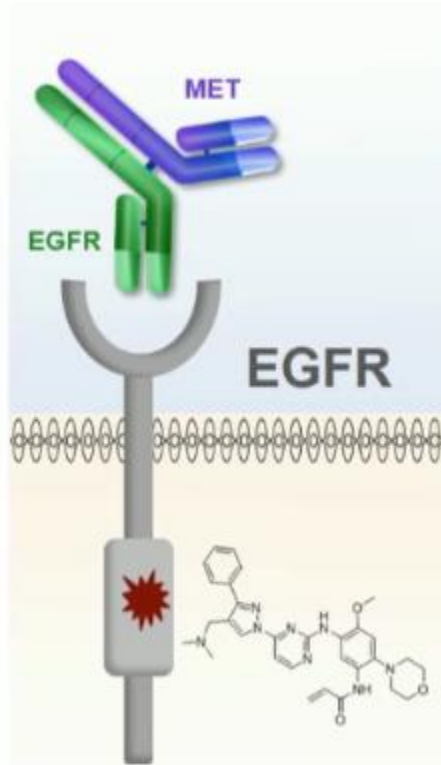
SAVANNAH trial design



SAVANNAH or ORCHARD based on pre-existing local NGS results, but must provide tissue samples for retrospective central *MET* FISH / *MET* IHC VNAH, or additional biomarker analyses if enrolled into ORCHARD

FISH, fluorescence *in situ* hybridisation; IHC, immunohistochemistry; MET, hepatocyte growth factor receptor; NGS, next-generation sequencing

AMIVANTAMAB + LAZERTINIB



Amivantamab (am-e-van-tuh-mab)

- Fully human bispecific (Duobody®) antibody that targets EGFR and MET
- Has immune cell-directing activity¹
- Demonstrated clinical activity across diverse EGFRm NSCLC²
- Granted FDA Breakthrough Therapy Designation for EGFRm Exon20ins NSCLC post-chemotherapy

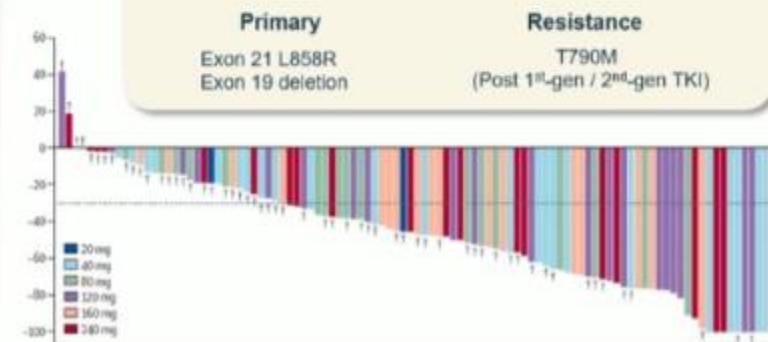
Lazertinib

- Potent 3rd-gen TKI with efficacy seen in activating EGFR mutations, T790M, and CNS disease³⁻⁴
- Low rates of EGFR-related toxicity such as rash and diarrhea³
- Safety profile that supports combination with other anti-EGFR molecules

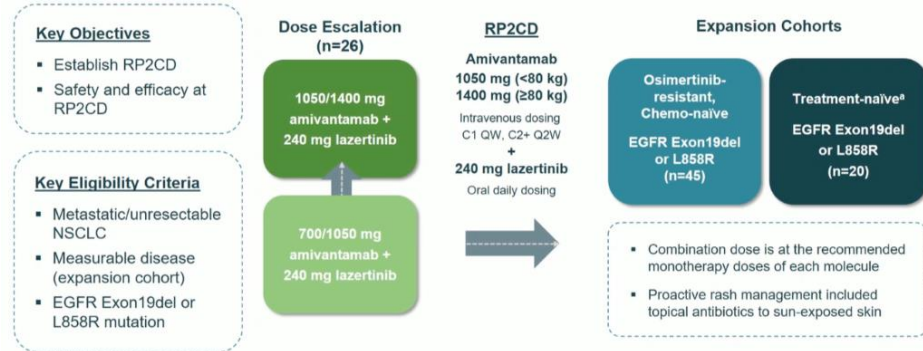
Efficacy in Primary and Resistance EGFR Mutations



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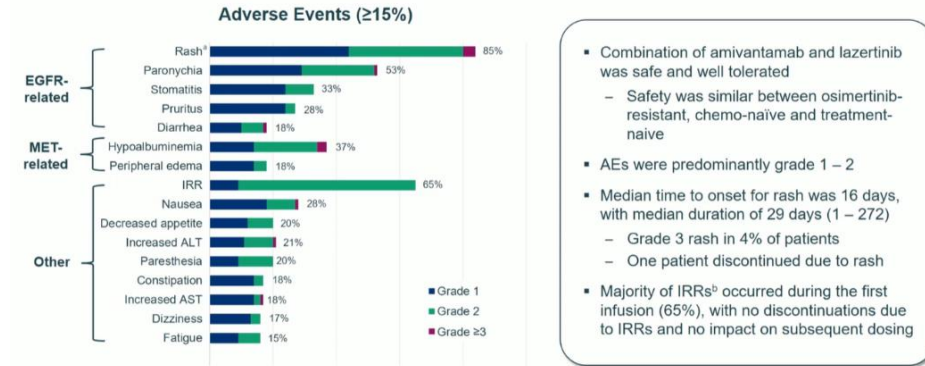


CHRYSALIS TRIAL: AMIVANTAMAB + LAZERTINIB

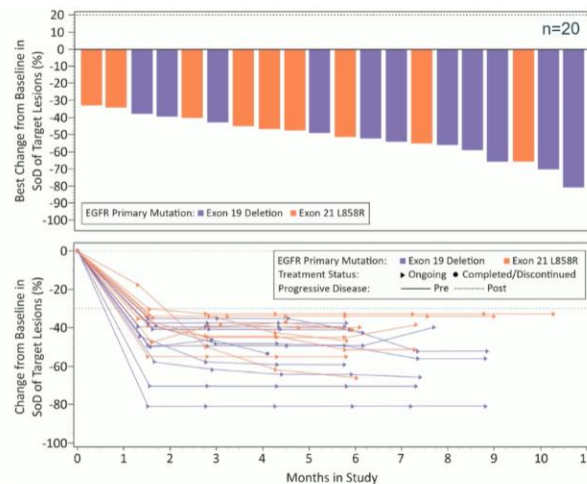


*Explored as Part 1 dose escalation cohort to confirm RP2CD safety and tolerability in frontline patients. CHRYSALIS study is also examining monotherapy amivantamab in other populations (Hains ASCO 2019 Oral Abstract #9009). C, cycle (Q3-days); Q2W, every 2 weeks; QW, every week; RP2CD, recommended phase 2 combination dose

Cho et al. 45th ESMO Congress 2020, Abstract #2172
CHRYSALIS Phase 1 in EGFRm NSCLC



Treatment naïve



Responses were assessed by investigator per RECIST v1.1 mDOR, median duration of response

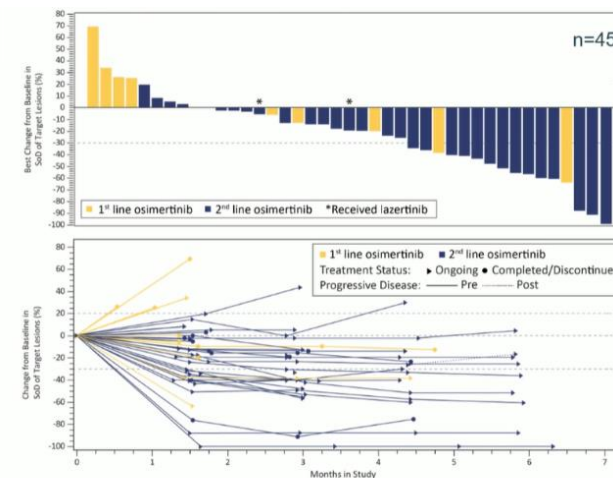
- ORR: 100% (95% CI, 83 – 100)
 - 20 PR
- CBR: 100% (95% CI, 83 – 100)
- mDOR: not estimable

- Median follow-up: 7 mo (4 – 10)
- Median treatment duration: 7 mo (3 – 10)

Rapid time to first response:
Median 1.5 months (1.2 – 2.6)

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Osimertinib resistant



Four patients did not have post-baseline disease assessments and are not included. Responses were assessed by investigator per RECIST v1.1 CBR, clinical benefit rate (PR or better or stable disease SD for at least 2 disease assessments); CR, complete response; ORR, overall response rate; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; SoD, sum of diameters

- ORR: 36% (95% CI, 22 – 51)
 - 1 CR
 - 15 PR (1 pending confirmation)
- CBR: 60% (95% CI, 44 – 74)

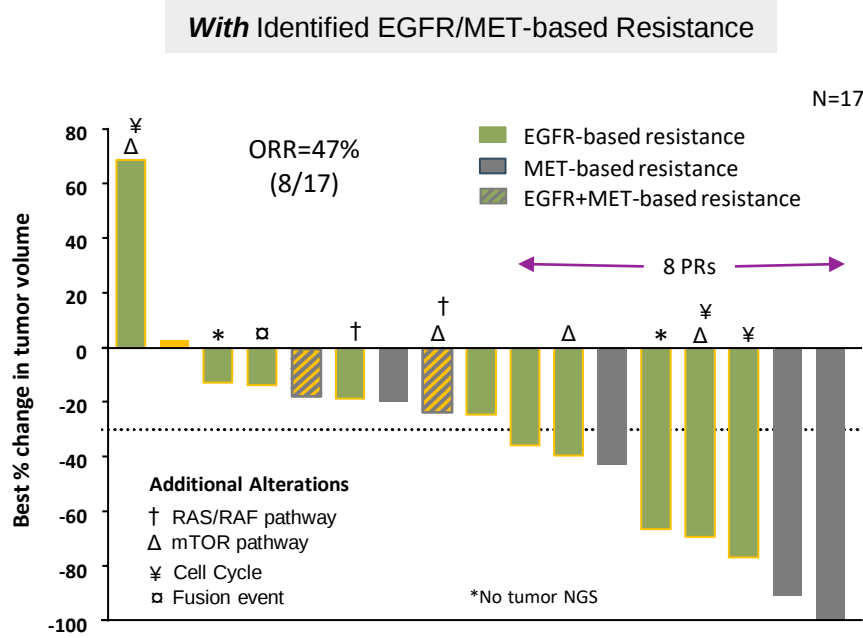
Median follow-up: 4 mo (1 – 7)

Biomarker and CNS analyses ongoing and will be presented at future meeting

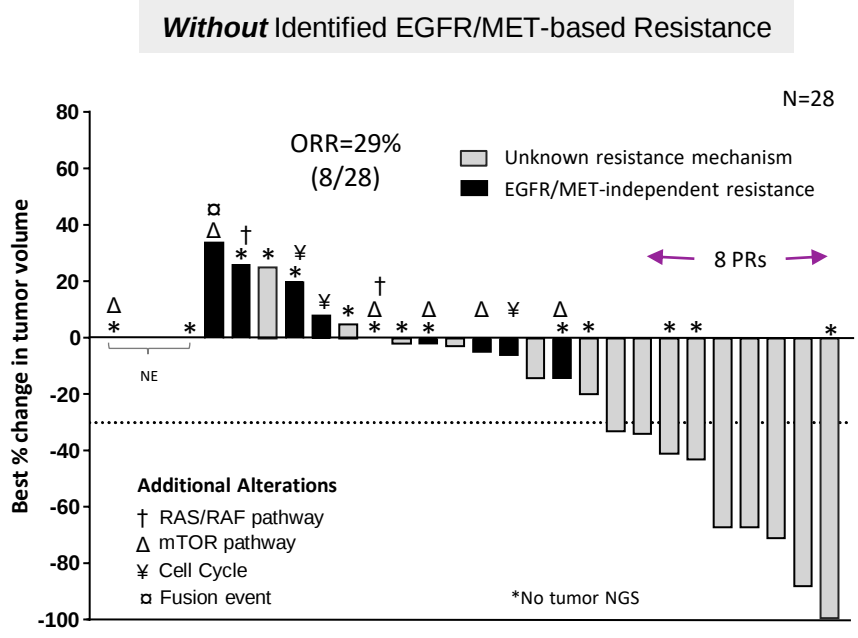
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CHRYSALIS Phase 1 in EGFRm NSCLC

CHRYSLIS: Responders Among Patients with and without Identified EGFR/MET-based Resistance

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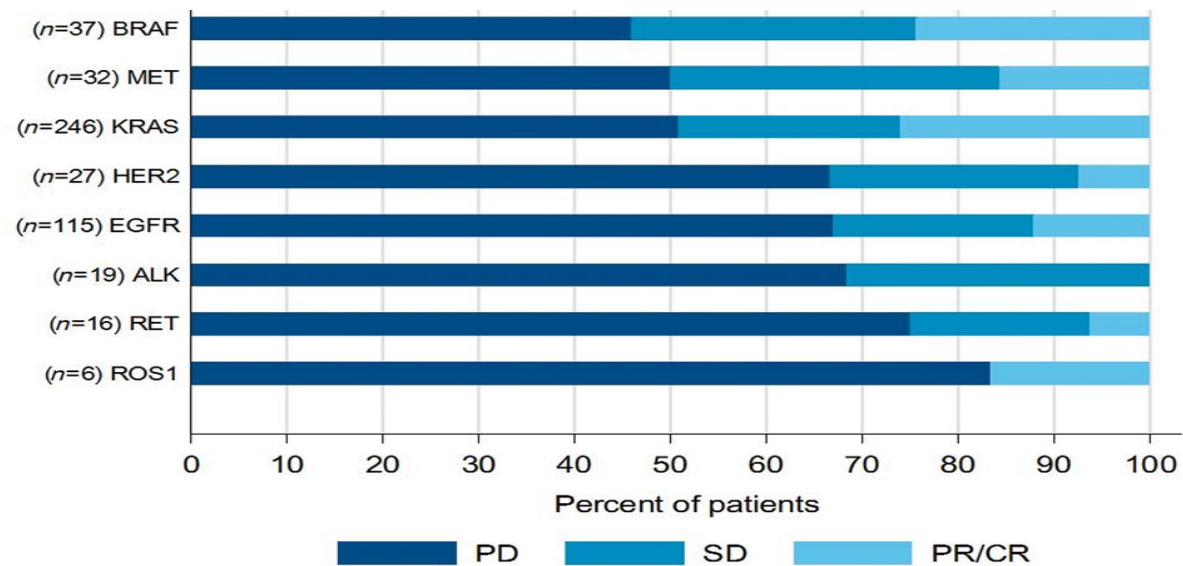
Resistance ^b	Alterations ^c	
EGFR-based	C797S (n=7)	L792H (n=1)
	Amp (n=3)	G796S (n=1)
	L718X (n=3)	E709K (n=1)
	G724S (n=2)	
MET-based	Amp (n=5)	METex14 (n=1)



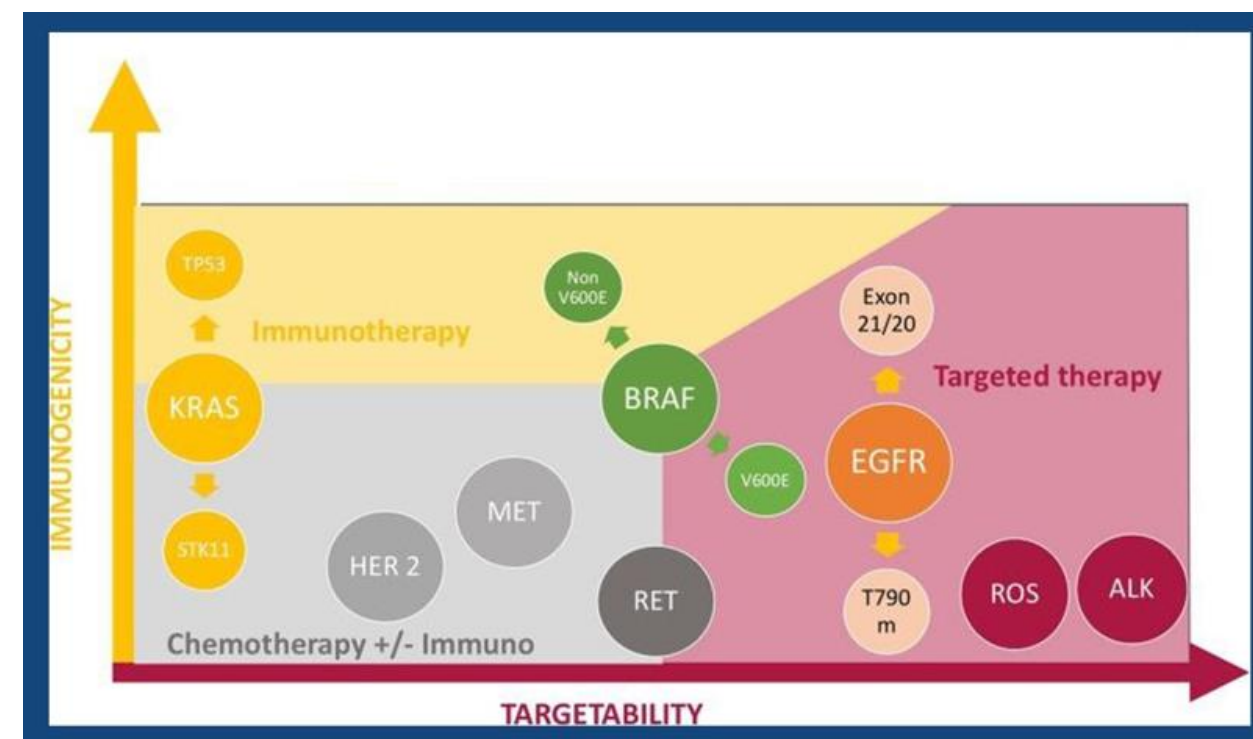
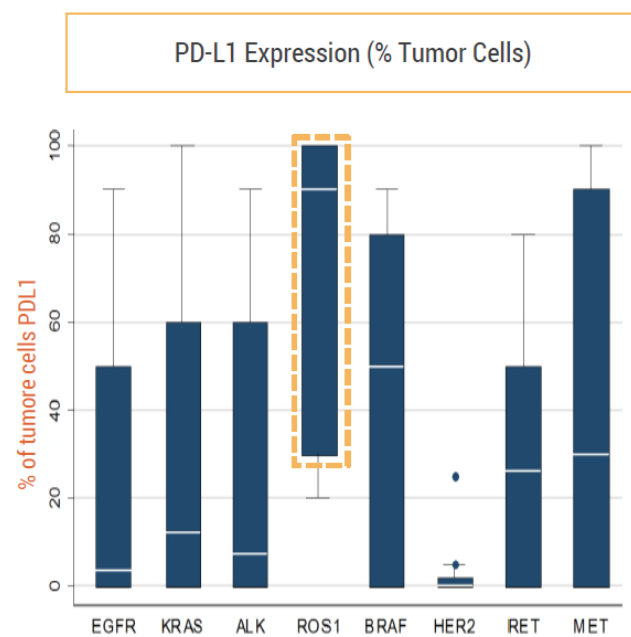
Resistance ^b	Alterations ^c	
Additional	PIK3CA E542X (n=2)	KRAS Amp (n=1)
	CCNE1 Amp (n=1)	FGFR3-TACC3 fusion (n=1)
	PIK3CA Amp (n=1)	
	CCND1 Amp (n=1)	KRAS G12D (n=1)
	CDK4 (n=1)	CDKN2A G101W (n=1)

OTHER TARGETS

DRIVER MOLECOLARE	FARMACO	FASE DI TRIAL	DISPONIBILITÀ IN ITALIA
EGFR	Osimertinib	III	Rimborso AIFA (IV stadio); Expanded access program (adiuvante)
	Afatinib	III	Rimborso AIFA
	Gefitinib	III	Rimborso AIFA
EGFR (esone 20)	Mobocertinib	I/II	Expanded Access Program
ALK	Alectinib	III	Rimborso AIFA
	Brigatinib	III	Rimborso AIFA
	Lorlatinib	I/II	Rimborso AIFA
	Crizotinib	III	Rimborso AIFA
	Ceritinib	III	Rimborso AIFA
ROS1	Crizotinib	I	Rimborso AIFA
BRAF	Dabrafenib-trametinib	II	Rimborso AIFA
KRAS (G12C)	Sotorasib	II	Expanded Access Program
MET	Capmatinib	II	Expanded Access Program
	Tepotinib	II	Expanded Access Program
RET	Selpercatinib	I/II	CNN
	Pralsetinib	I/II	Expanded Access Program
NTRK	Entrectinib	I/II	Rimborso AIFA
	Larotrectinib	I/II	Rimborso AIFA

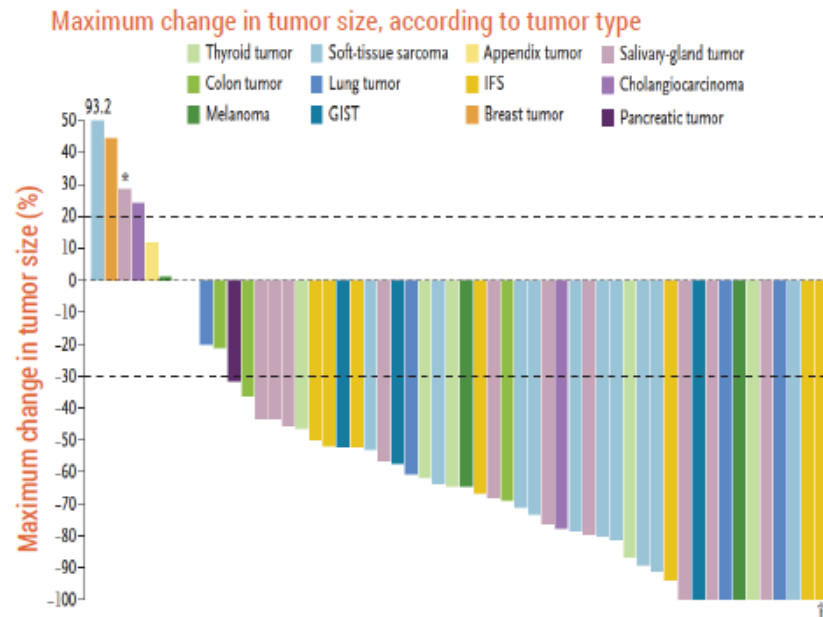


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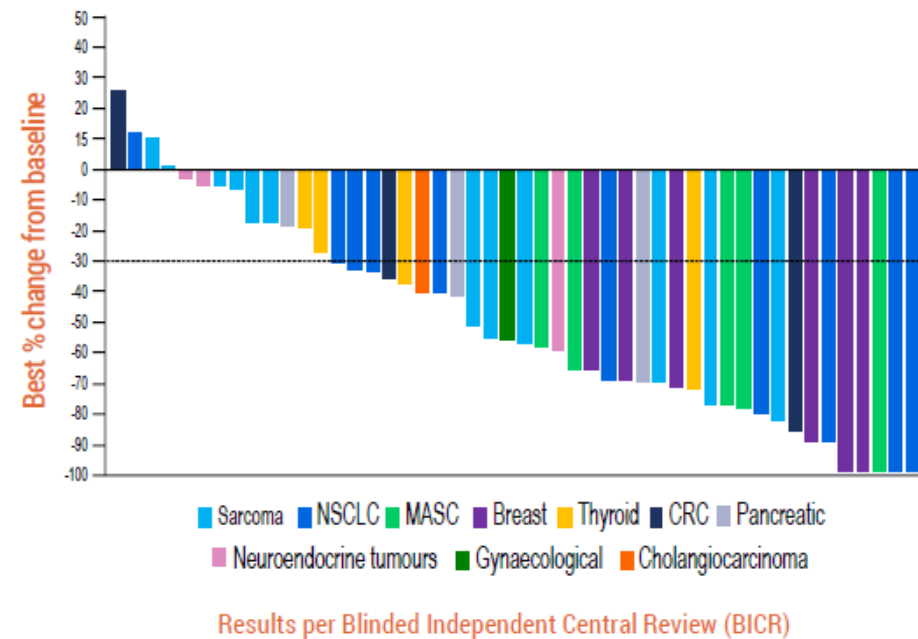


Clinical data demonstrated tumor activity regardless of tumor type for NTRK fusions

Larotrectinib in 12 tumor types¹



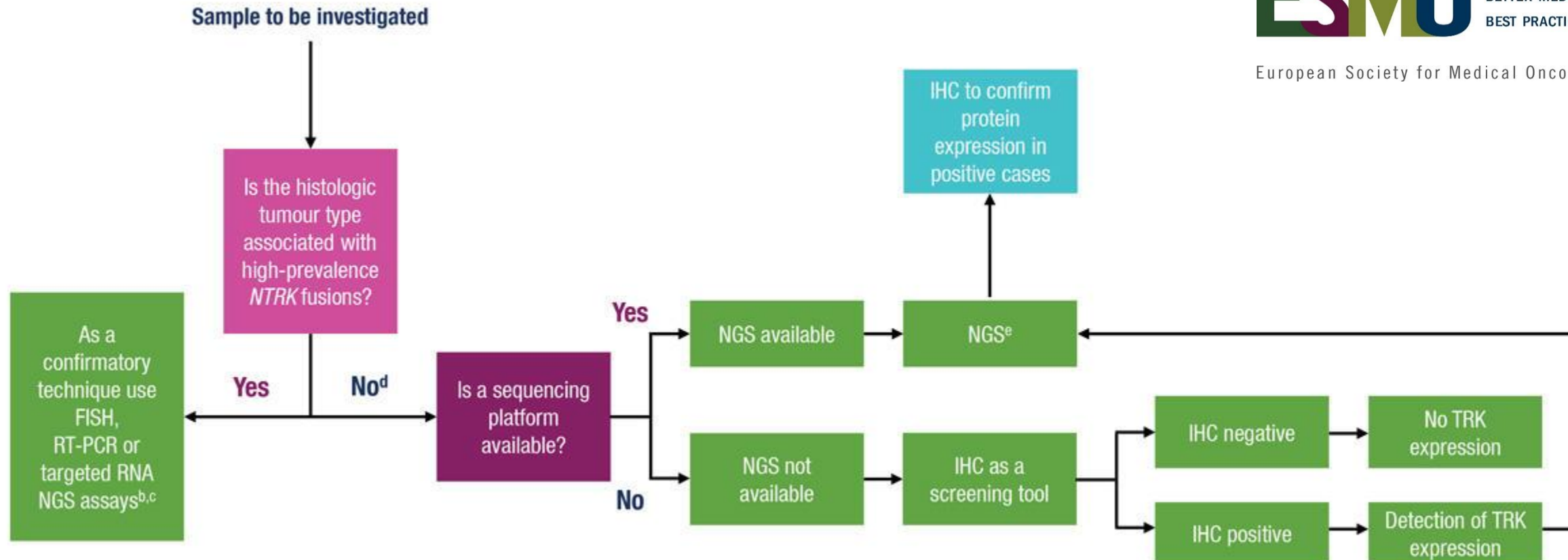
Entrectinib in 10 tumor types²



No clear evidence yet that a certain tumor type is refractory to TRK inhibitors

¹Drilon A, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;378:731-739

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PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF MULTI-GENIC TESTING

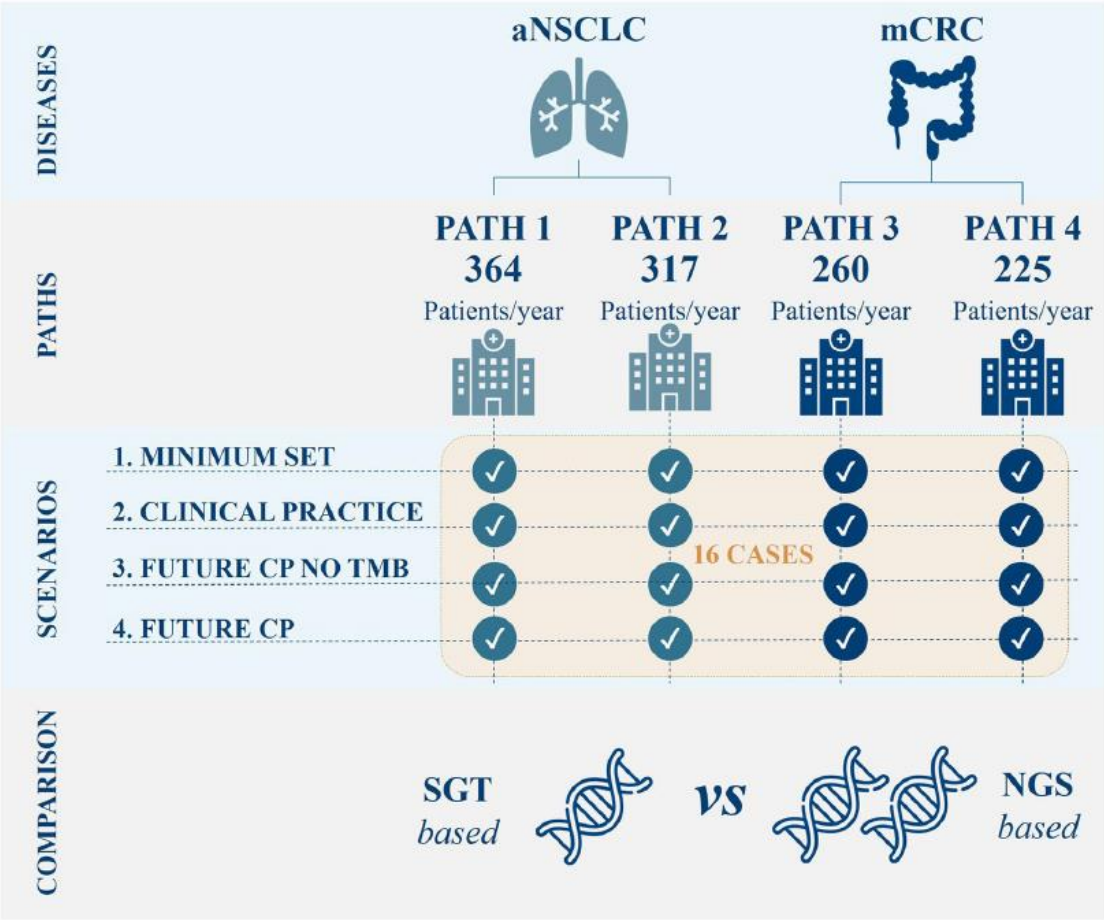
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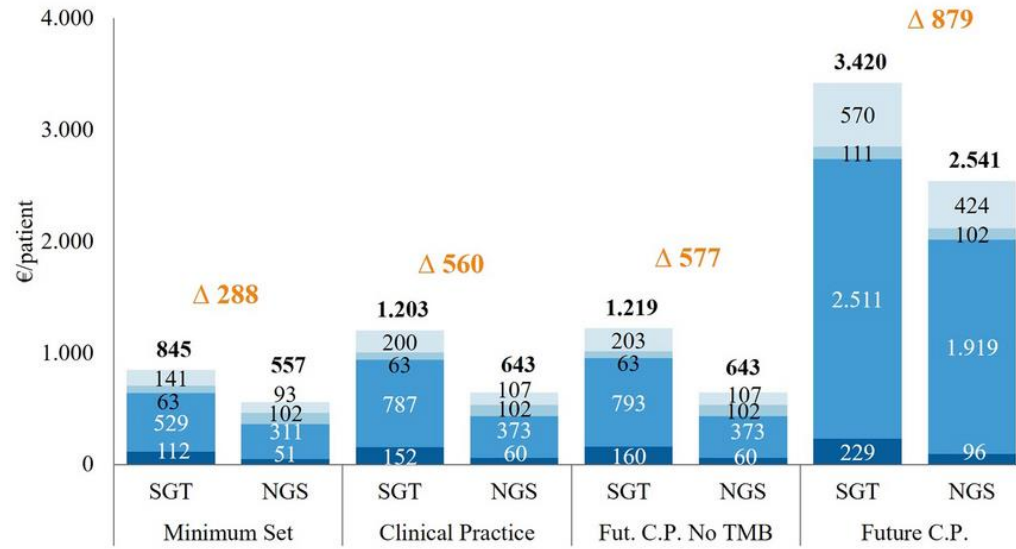
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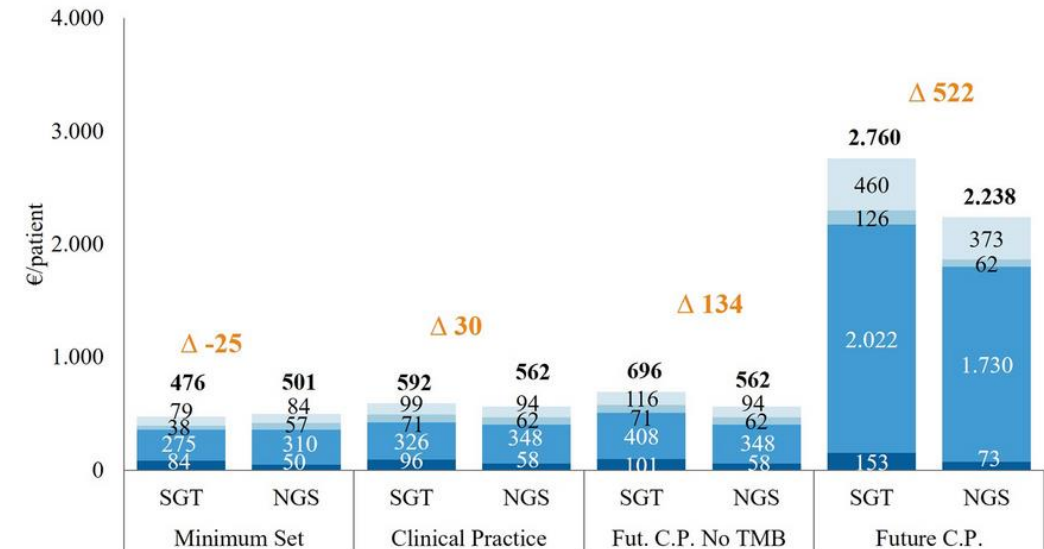
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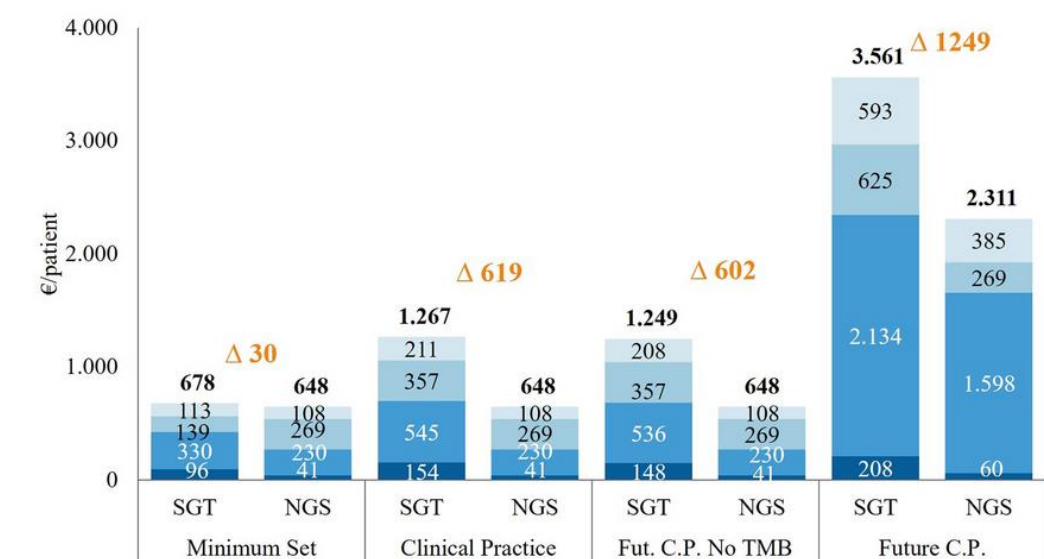
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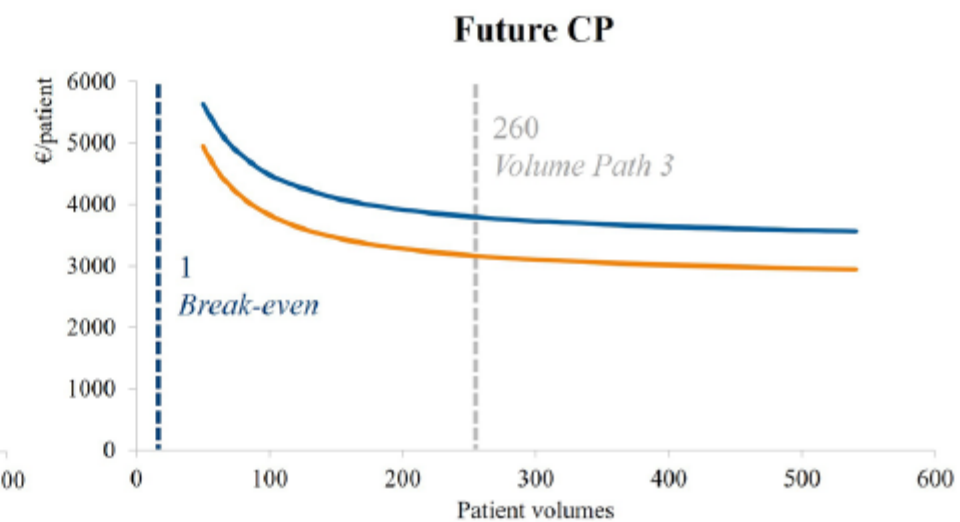
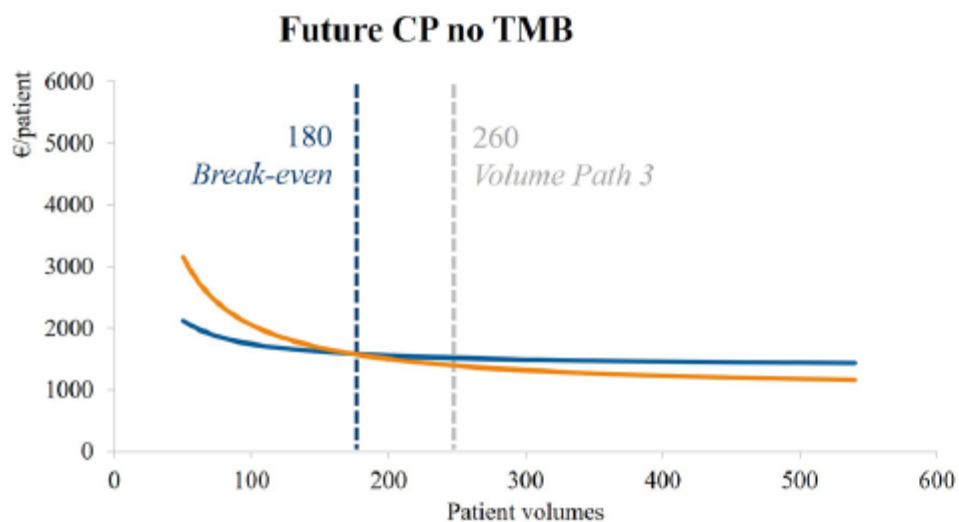
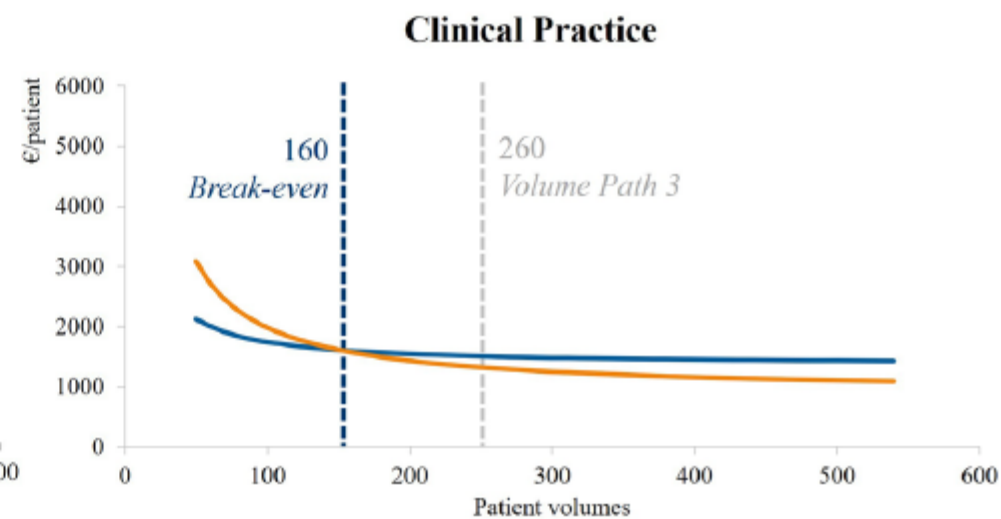
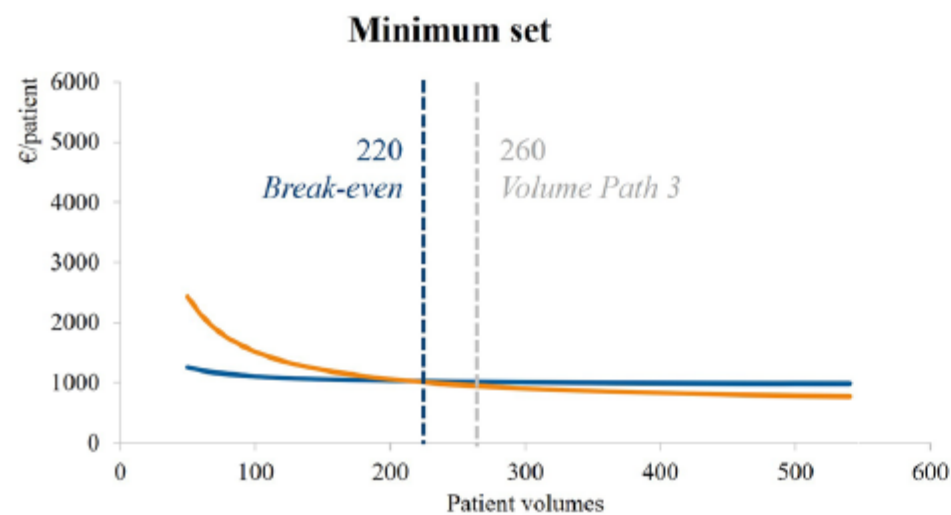


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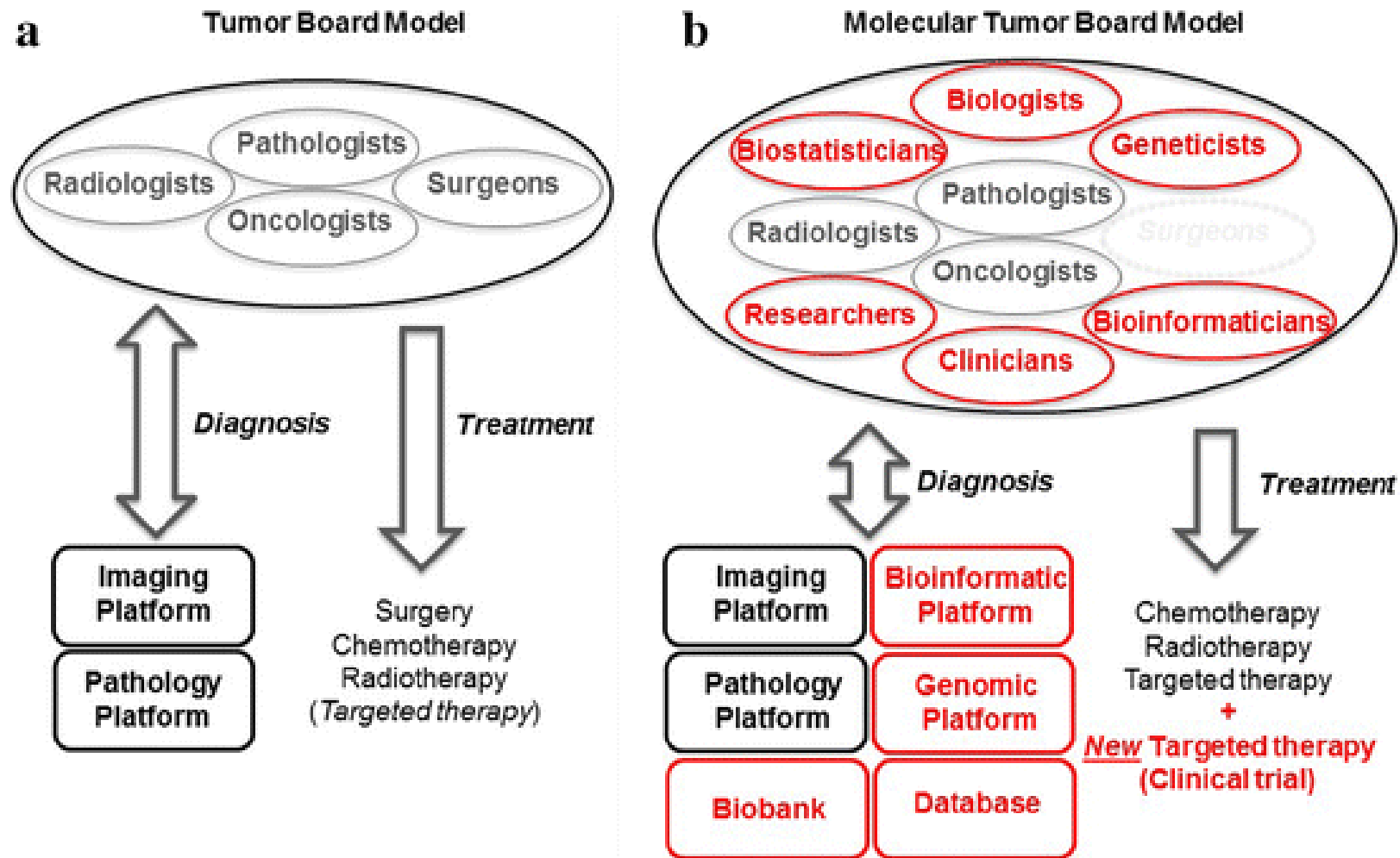


Path 4 - mCRC





— NGS-based — SGT-based Break-even Path volume





DEEP MOLECULAR CHARACTERIZATION OF NEVER SMOKER NON-SMALL-CELL LUNG CANCER (NSCLC) PATIENTS

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BACKGROUND

Patients (pts) with advanced NSCLC are eligible for treatments with immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) as single agent or in combination with chemotherapy (ICI-CT), unless their tumor harbors actionable oncogenic drivers, which are more commonly observed in never-smokers.

Next generation sequencing (NGS) is being increasingly employed in clinical practice in place of traditional molecular techniques, such as Real Time PCR (RT-PCR), mass spectrometry (MS) and immunohistochemistry/fluorescence in situ hybridization (IHC/FISH), as offers high throughput and comprehensive testing and ensures optimal levels of sensitivity and specificity

AIMS

A more comprehensive molecular characterization of never smoker NSCLC pts, wild type for main standard of care biomarkers (EGFR, KRAS, BRAF and ALK) in tissue genotyping, was carried out in order to investigate low frequency alterations and/or variants present in other driver genes.

METHODS

276 patients diagnosed with stage IV NSCLC received ICIs between 2015 and 2020 in our department

Routine assessment for EGFR, KRAS, BRAF aberrations was tested by RT-PCR/MS and ALK rearrangements by IHC/FISH

A targeted amplicon based NGS panel of 52 genes has been used for tissue genotyping for detection of missense mutations, indels, copy number variations and gene fusions from DNA or RNA was performed on 16/276 never smoker NSCLC pts.

Clinical characteristics of n= 16 never smokers NSCLC patients

Median Age	71.5 years (range 44-80)
Sex	Male: 5 Pts Female: 11 Pts
Istotype	Squamous: 2 Pts Non-squamous: 14 Pts
Therapy received	ICI-CT First line: 6 Pts Single-agent ICI 1 st line: 2 Pts Single-agent ICI subsequent lines: 8 Pts
Best Response to ICIs	Partial Response: 5 Pts Stable Disease: 4 Pts Progressive Disease: 5 Pts Early Death: 2 Pts

All 16 patients were addressed to tissue NGS genotyping. 2 Pts samples were not suitable for analysis

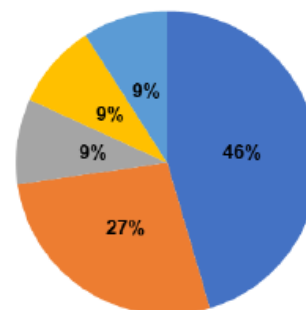


DNA samples were successfully analyzed, otherwise RNA sequencing failed for 3/16 pts. A pt with RNA failed but available peripheral blood resulted positive for *ROS1* rearrangement.

RESULTS

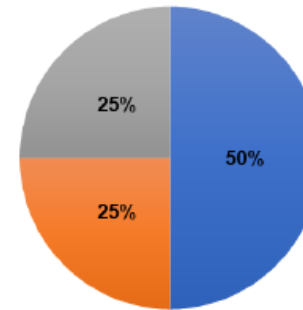
NGS identified genetic alterations in 13/16 pts, including missense mutations, indels, copy number variations and gene fusions. Driver genes and corresponding mutations are shown in Figure 1.

DNA mutations and indels



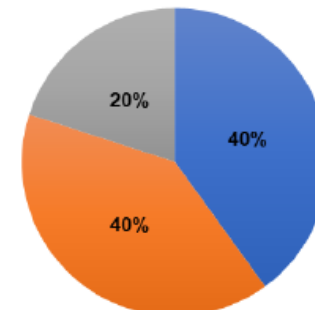
■ ERBB2 ■ PIK3CA ■ KRAS ■ EGFR ■ NRAS

DNA CNV



■ ERBB2 ■ CDK4 ■ MYC

RNA fusions



■ RET ■ MET exon 14 skipping ■ ROS1

CONCLUSIONS

Next generation sequencing should be implemented upfront in current NSCLC management, especially in specific patients subgroups more likely to harbor actionable oncogenic drivers, such as never smokers, with potential impact on therapeutic approaches.

Currently, validation through an independent, customized, DNA-based NGS platform is ongoing on our study population. The results will be included in the full, finalized work.

Mass spectrometry	IHC	FISH
EGFR, K-RAS, BRAF	PD-L1, ALK	ROS-1
All wild type	PD-L1 10-20% ALK negative	Negative

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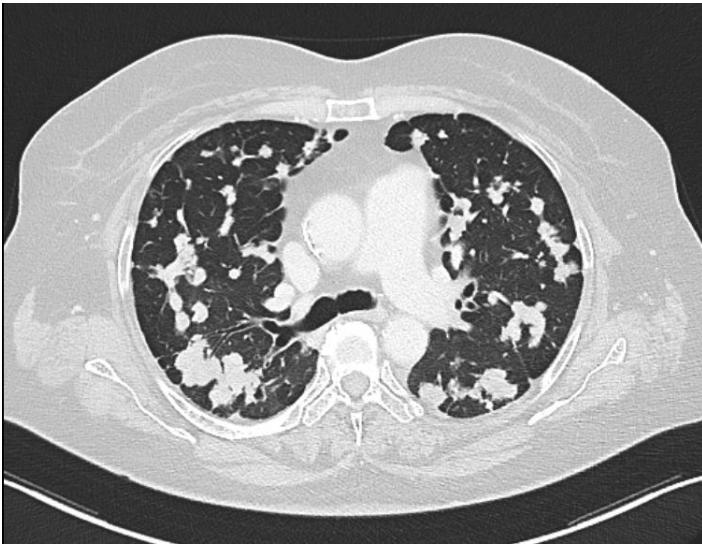
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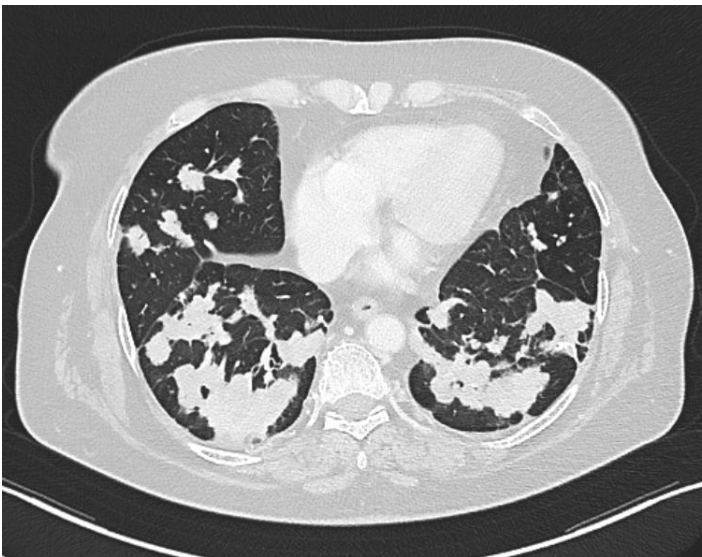
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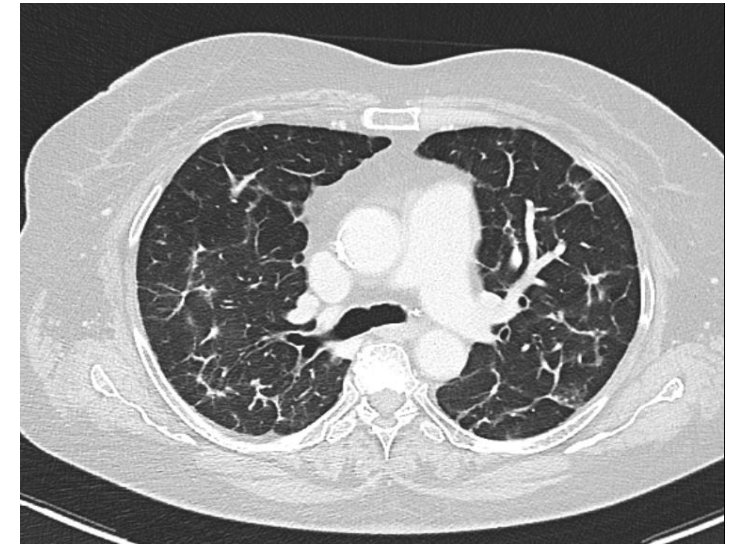
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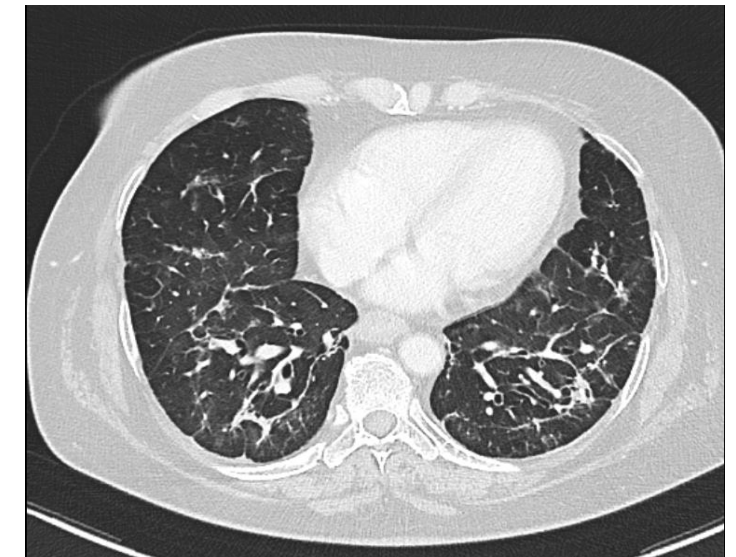
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ONGOING

Take home messages

Tailored therapy based on pathological/molecular features (lack of «clinical» predictors)



Increasing need of multi-genic, tumor-specific panels



Strategies for improving testing governance and optimize clinical interpretation of molecular tests



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