

Comprehensive Hematology & Oncology Review : Metastatic NSCLC

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Metastatic NSCLC

PD-L1, (HER2) IHC
Molecular testing
Clinical characteristics

Targeted
therapy

Immuno-
therapy

Chemo-
immunotherapy

Chemotherapy

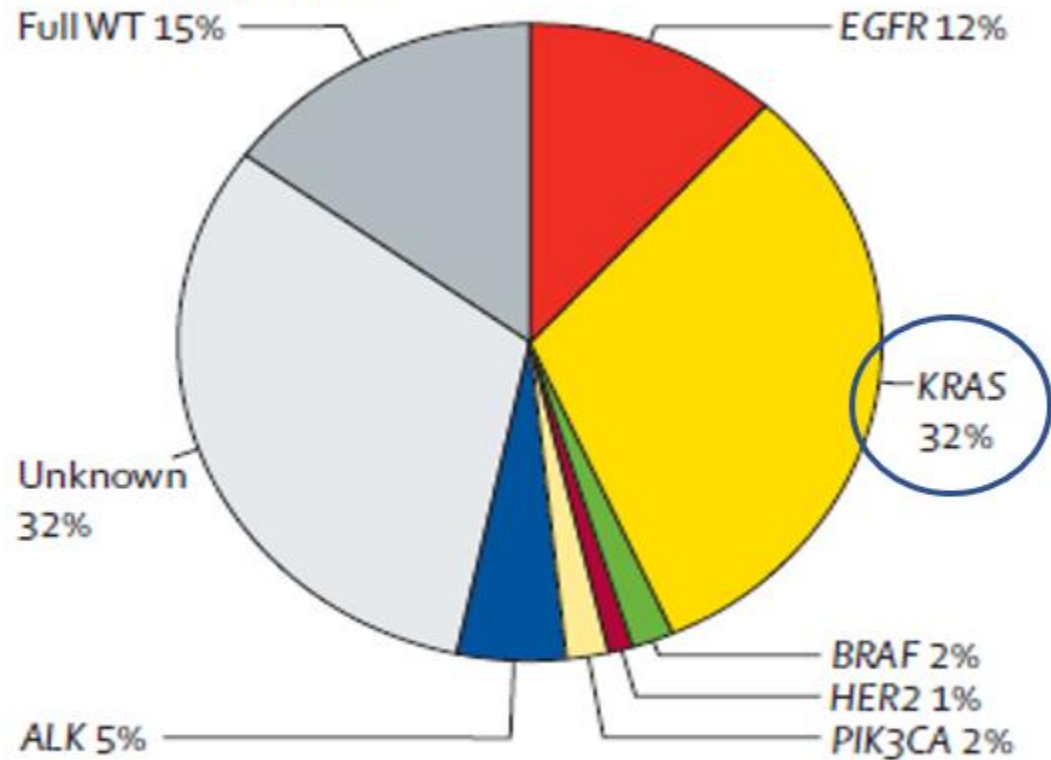
TARGETED THERAPY

Actionable molecular subtypes in lung adenocarcinoma (i.e. available FDA approved drugs in September 2024)

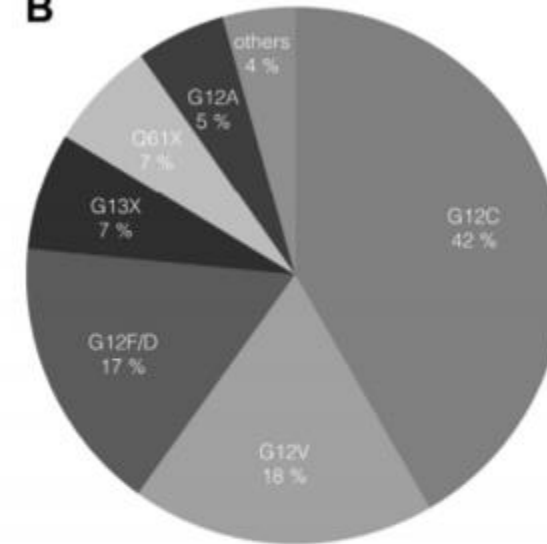
Alteration	Prevalence (estimates)
EGFR mutations, non-exon20 ins	15-20%
EGFR exon 20 ins	2-3%
KRAS G12C	10-13%
ALK rearrangement	3-5%
ROS1 rearrangement	1-2%
BRAF V600E mutation	1-2%
NTRK rearrangement	<1%
MET exon 14 skipping mutation	3-4%
RET rearrangement	1-2%
HER2 mutation	1-2%

KRAS G12C

B Adenocarcinoma



B



KRAS G12C: App 10-13% of all NSCLC

KRAS G12C: Approved post-chemo

Table 2. Tumor Response to Sotorasib Therapy According to Independent Central Review.*

Variable	Patients (N = 124)
Objective response — % (95% CI) †	37.1 (28.6–46.2)
Disease control — % (95% CI) ‡	80.6 (72.6–87.2)
Best response — no. (%)	
Complete response	4 (3.2)
Partial response	42 (33.9)
Stable disease	54 (43.5)
Progressive disease	20 (16.1)
Could not be evaluated	2 (1.6)
Missing scan	2 (1.6)
Median duration of objective response (95% CI) — mo§	11.1 (6.9–NE)
Kaplan–Meier estimate of objective response (95% CI) — %	
At 3 mo	90.5 (76.7–96.3)
At 6 mo	70.8 (54.3–82.2)
At 9 mo	57.3 (40.4–71.0)

Sotorasib

Table 2. Overall Efficacy Summary According to Blinded Independent Central Review.*

Variable	Cohort A (N=112) †
Objective response‡	
No. of patients	48
Percent (95% CI)	42.9 (33.5–52.6)
Best overall response — no. (%)	
Complete response	1 (0.9)
Partial response	47 (42.0)
Stable disease	41 (36.6)
Progressive disease	6 (5.4)
Not evaluable	17 (15.2)
Disease control	
No. of patients	89
Percent (95% CI)	79.5 (70.8–86.5)
Median duration of response (95% CI) — mo	8.5 (6.2–13.8)
Median progression-free survival (95% CI) — mo	6.5 (4.7–8.4)
Median overall survival (95% CI) — mo§	12.6 (9.2–19.2)

Adagrasib

Table 3. Adverse Events.*

Event	All Patients (N= 126)				
	Any Grade	Grade 1 or 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Fatal
	<i>number of patients (percent)</i>				
Adverse event	125 (99.2)	48 (38.1)	53 (42.1)	4 (3.2)	20 (15.9)
Treatment-related adverse event	88 (69.8)	62 (49.2)	25 (19.8)	1 (0.8)	0
Treatment-related adverse event leading to dose modification	28 (22.2)	8 (6.3)	20 (15.9)	0	0
Treatment-related adverse event leading to discontinuation of therapy	9 (7.1)	4 (3.2)	4 (3.2)	1 (0.8)	0
Treatment-related adverse event of any grade occurring in >5% of the patients or that was grade ≥3					
Diarrhea	40 (31.7)	35 (27.8)	5 (4.0)	0	0
Nausea	24 (19.0)	24 (19.0)	0	0	0
Alanine aminotransferase increase	19 (15.1)	11 (8.7)	8 (6.3)	0	0
Aspartate aminotransferase increase	19 (15.1)	12 (9.5)	7 (5.6)	0	0
Fatigue	14 (11.1)	14 (11.1)	0	0	0

Sotorasib

Table 3. Adverse Events Reported during Treatment (Safety Population).*

Event	Any Grade	Grade ≥3
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>	
Any adverse event	116 (100)	95 (81.9)
Adverse event leading to dose reduction or interruption	96 (82.8)	—
Adverse event leading to discontinuation of therapy	18 (15.5)	—
Adverse event of any grade that occurred in >10% of patients or that was grade ≥3 in >1 patient†		
Diarrhea	82 (70.7)	1 (0.9)
Nausea	81 (69.8)	5 (4.3)
Fatigue	69 (59.5)	8 (6.9)
Vomiting	66 (56.9)	1 (0.9)
Anemia	42 (36.2)	17 (14.7)

Adagrasib

Transaminitis in about 25%

KRAS G12C

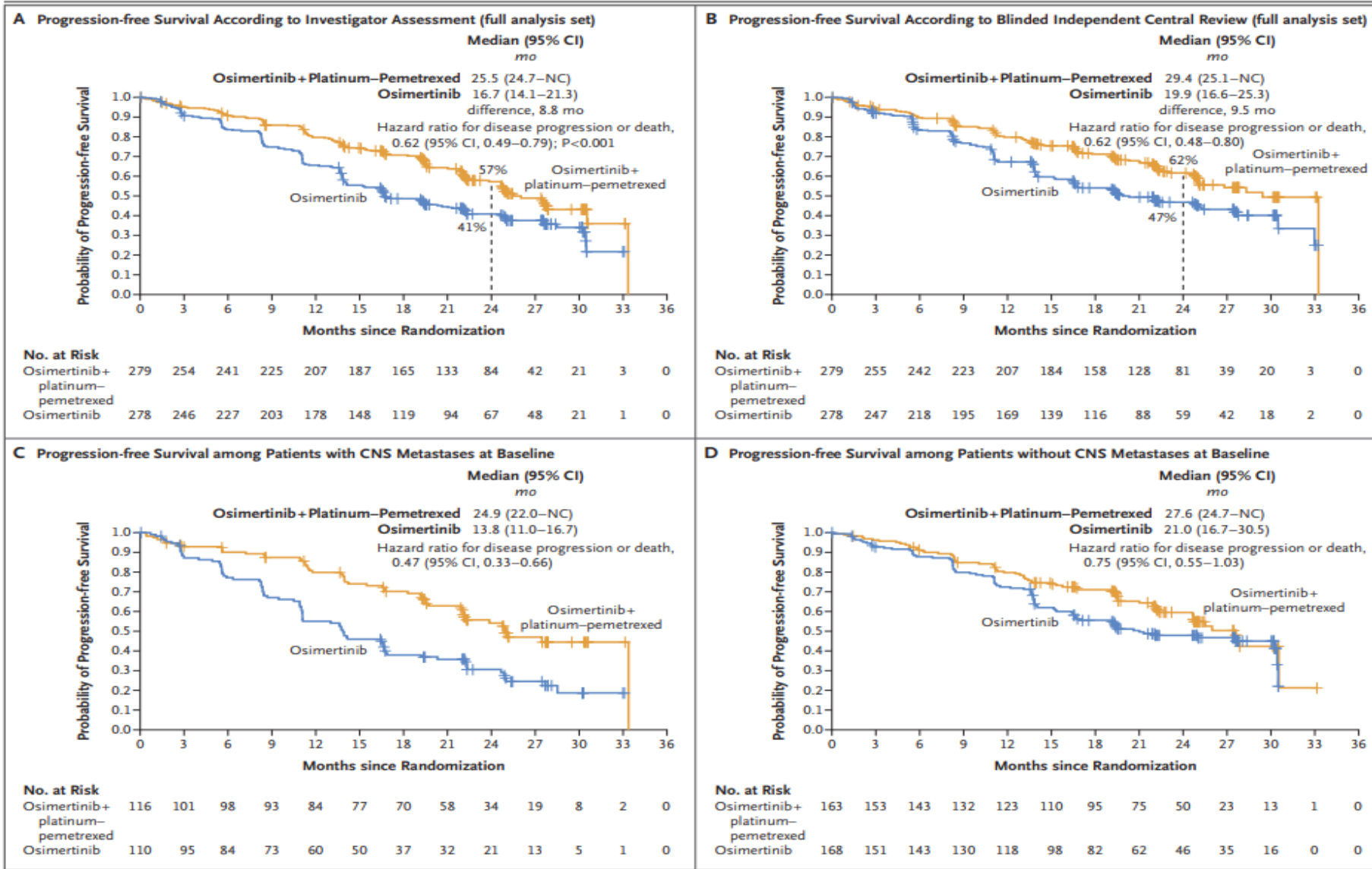
- Sotorasib and adagrasib currently FDA approved after prior chemotherapy
- Monitor for transaminitis if sotorasib is started within 3 mos of last IO
- Many other G12C inhibitors in development
- Combinations are being evaluated: MEK inhibitor, immune checkpoint inhibitor, EGFR antibody, SHP2 inhibitor, chemotherapy, etc
- What about non-G12C? Various approaches being evaluated (select):
 - BDTX-4933: RAF/ RAS inhibitor (NCT05786924)
 - Cellular therapies (e.g. G12V TCR)
 - MEK inhibition with SHP2 inhibition (NCT03989115)
 - FASN (Fatty acid synthase) inhibitor, TVB-2640 (NCT03808558)
 - panKRAS inhibitor, BI1701963 (NCT04111458)

EGFR mutation+ NSCLC (non-exon 20)

- Most common (i.e. classical) mutations: Exon 19 deletion and exon 21 L858R
- Other atypical mutations (e.g. G719X) have modest sensitivity to 3rd gen EGFR inhibitor

FDA approved first-line regimens	
Erlotinib +/- ramucirumab	Osimertinib
Gefitinib	Osimertinib + platinum pemetrexed
Afatinib	Lazertinib + amivantamab
Dacomitinib	

FLAURA2 (osi vs osi+platinum doublet)



Osi arm:

- 22% no post-trial tx
- 52% received platinum chemo

Osi+chemo

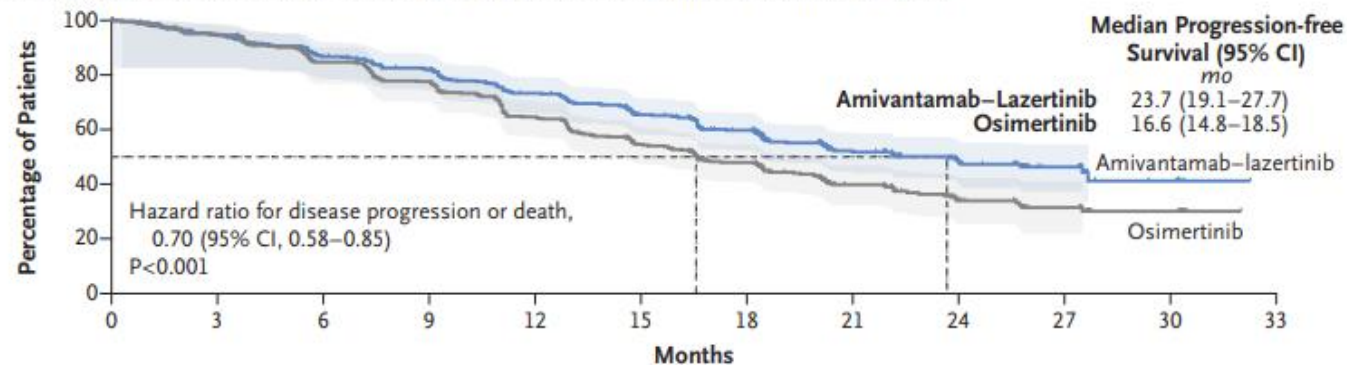
- 24% no post-trial tx
- 33% another chemo

OS not mature but trending for benefit

Planchard et al
NEJM 2023

Lazertinib + amivantamab

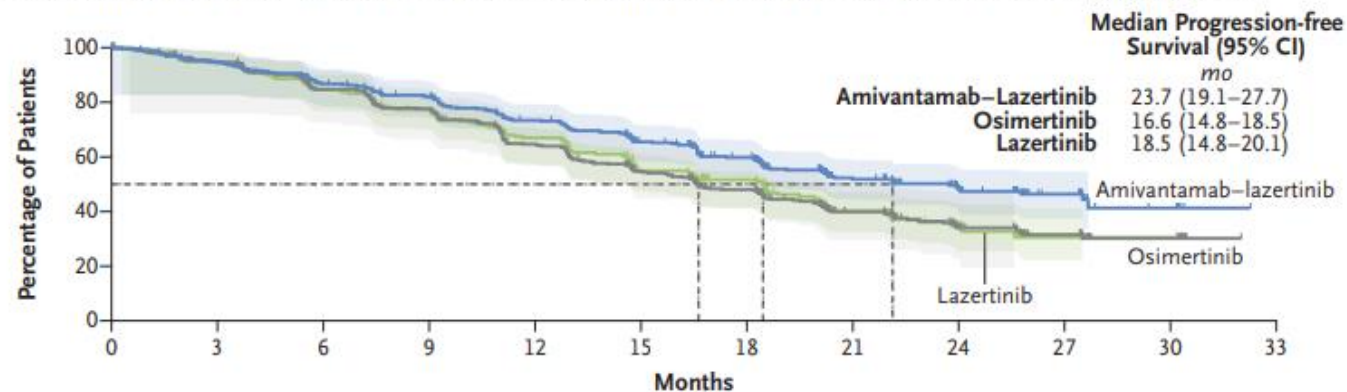
A Progression-free Survival in the Amivantamab–Lazertinib Group as Compared with the Osimertinib Group



No. at Risk

Amivantamab–lazertinib	429	391	357	332	291	244	194	106	60	33	8	0
Osimertinib	429	404	358	325	266	205	160	90	48	28	10	0

B Progression-free Survival in Amivantamab–Lazertinib Group as Compared with the Osimertinib and the Lazertinib Monotherapy Groups



No. at Risk

Amivantamab–lazertinib	429	391	357	332	291	244	194	106	60	33	8	0
Osimertinib	429	404	358	325	266	205	160	90	48	28	10	0
Lazertinib	216	200	174	157	134	103	83	41	19	6	2	0

Objective response:

86% Ami + Laz

85% Osi

No patients in osi arm
 received ami (PFS in 2nd line
 around 8.6 mos)

Amivantamab likely will be
 FDA approved in second
 line setting in combination
 with chemo

OS trending for benefit

Cho et al. MARIPOSA.
 NEJM 2024

Table 3. Adverse Events.*

Event	Amivantamab–Lazertinib (N = 421)		Osimertinib (N = 428)	
	All	Grade ≥3	All	Grade ≥3
	<i>number of patients (percent)</i>			
Paronychia	288 (68)	46 (11)	121 (28)	2 (<1)
Infusion-related reaction	265 (63)	27 (6)	0	0
Rash	260 (62)	65 (15)	131 (31)	3 (1)
Hypoalbuminemia	204 (48)	22 (5)	26 (6)	0
Increased alanine aminotransferase	152 (36)	21 (5)	57 (13)	8 (2)
Peripheral edema	150 (36)	8 (2)	24 (6)	0
Constipation	123 (29)	0	55 (13)	0
Diarrhea	123 (29)	9 (2)	190 (44)	3 (1)
Dermatitis acneiform	122 (29)	35 (8)	55 (13)	0
Stomatitis	122 (29)	5 (1)	90 (21)	1 (<1)
Increased aspartate aminotransferase	121 (29)	14 (3)	58 (14)	5 (1)
Covid-19	111 (26)	8 (2)	103 (24)	9 (2)
Decreased appetite	103 (24)	4 (1)	76 (18)	6 (1)
Pruritus	99 (24)	2 (<1)	73 (17)	1 (<1)
Anemia	96 (23)	16 (4)	91 (21)	7 (2)
Nausea	90 (21)	5 (1)	58 (14)	1 (<1)
Hypocalcemia	88 (21)	9 (2)	35 (8)	0
Asthenia	78 (19)	12 (3)	46 (11)	4 (1)
Pulmonary embolism	73 (17)	35 (8)	20 (5)	10 (2)
Fatigue	70 (17)	6 (1)	42 (10)	4 (1)
Muscle spasms	70 (17)	2 (<1)	32 (7)	0
Dry skin	67 (16)	1 (<1)	60 (14)	1 (<1)

- Weekly x 4 weeks, then biweekly IV
- SC formulation likely will be FDA approved soon

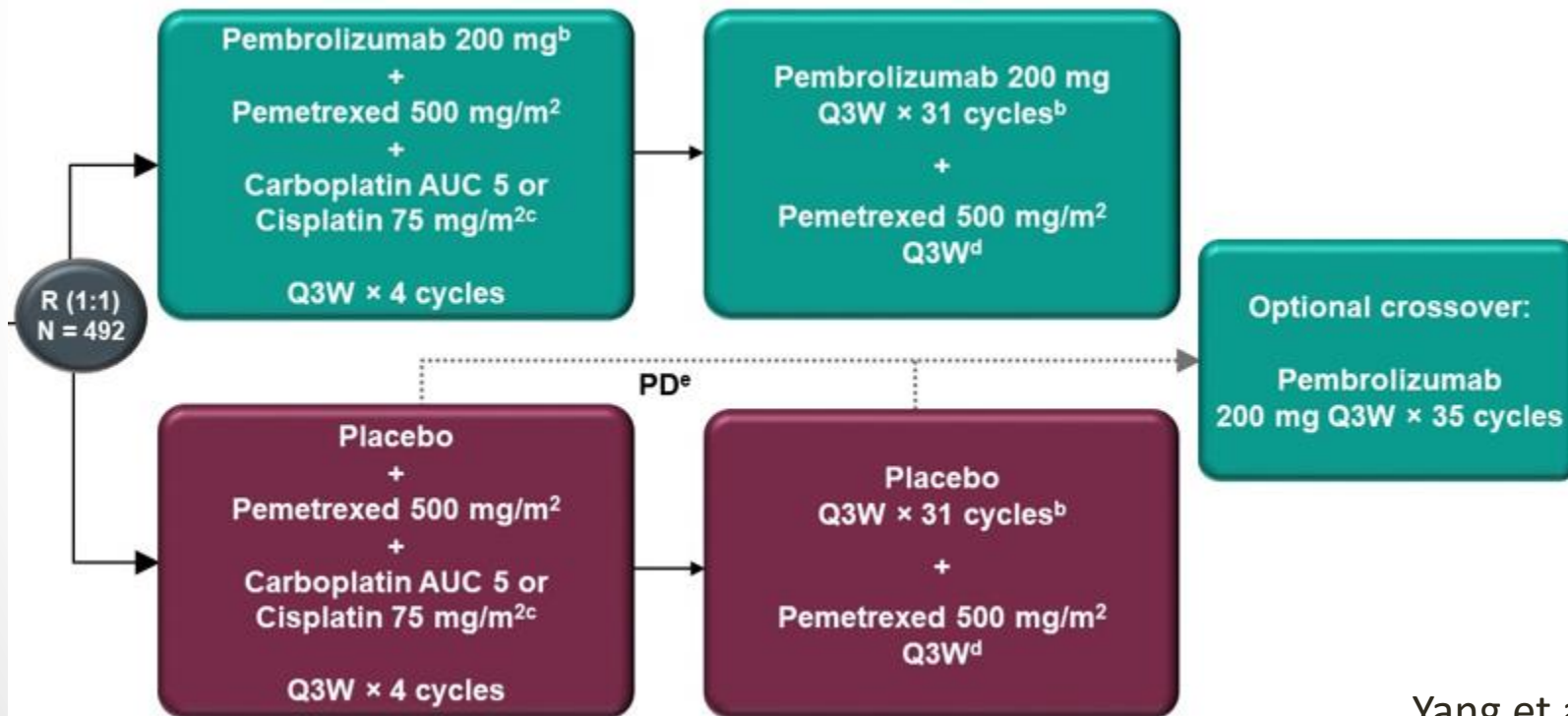
Cho et al. MARIPOSA.
NEJM 2024

First line selection in EGFR+ NSCLC

- Osimertinib → Amivantamab + chemo (MARIPOSA2 regimen)?
 - Osimertinib → Amivantamab → chemo?
 - Osimertinib + chemo → Amivantamab?
 - Amivantamab + Lazertinib → chemo?
 - Erlotinib + ramucirumab → osi if T790M+ → ami + chemo?
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- ❑ Combination result in better PFS than osimertinib but unknown if sequential therapy be as good
 - ❑ Ongoing debate as to when to offer combination vs monotherapy but may be reasonable to offer osi + chemo in high disease burden patients, especially in the CNS
 - ❑ Unknown whether upfront ami+laz is better than receiving ami sequentially after osi but is an option for patients
 - ❑ Other drugs in trials (MET TKI for MET amplified / EGFR mutated, ADCs, etc)

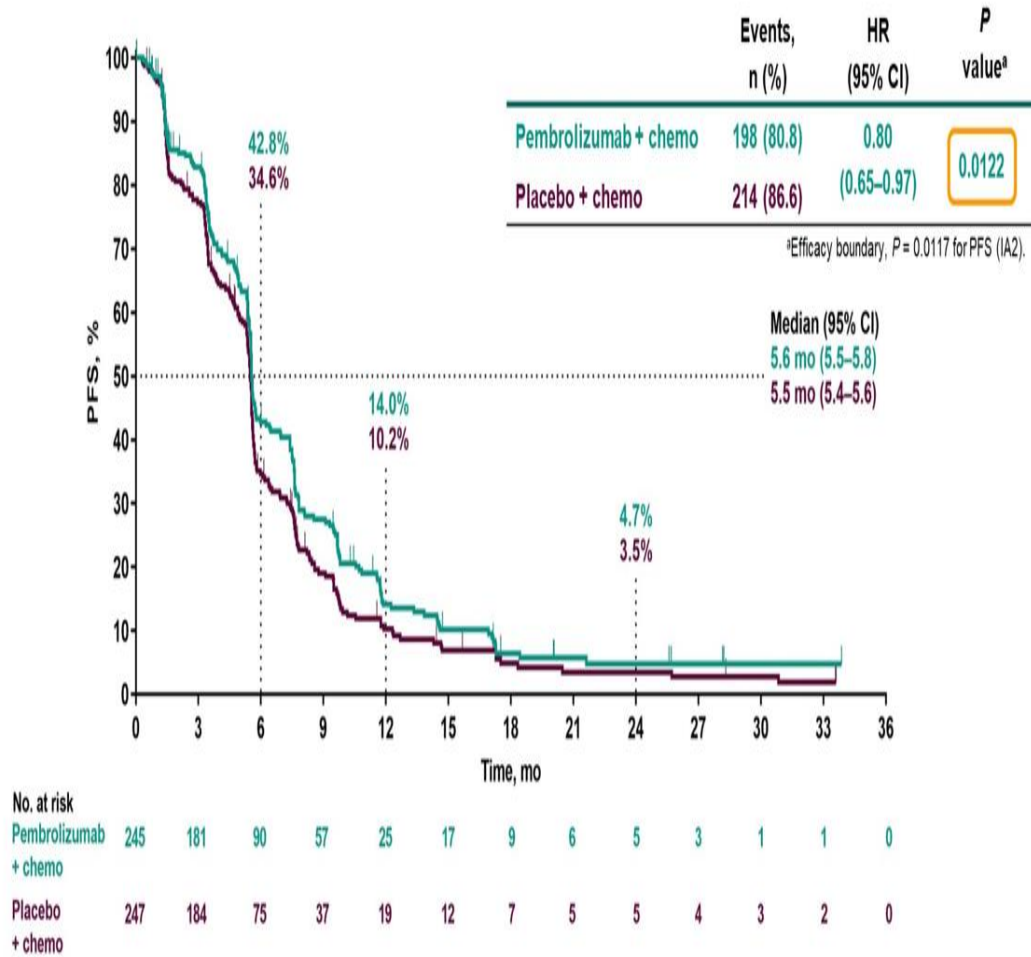
Chemo +/- pembrolizumab in EGFR+ NSCLC (KEYNOTE-789)

- Metastatic NSCLC, EGFR del19 or L858R
- Progressed on TKI
- No prior chemo or IO

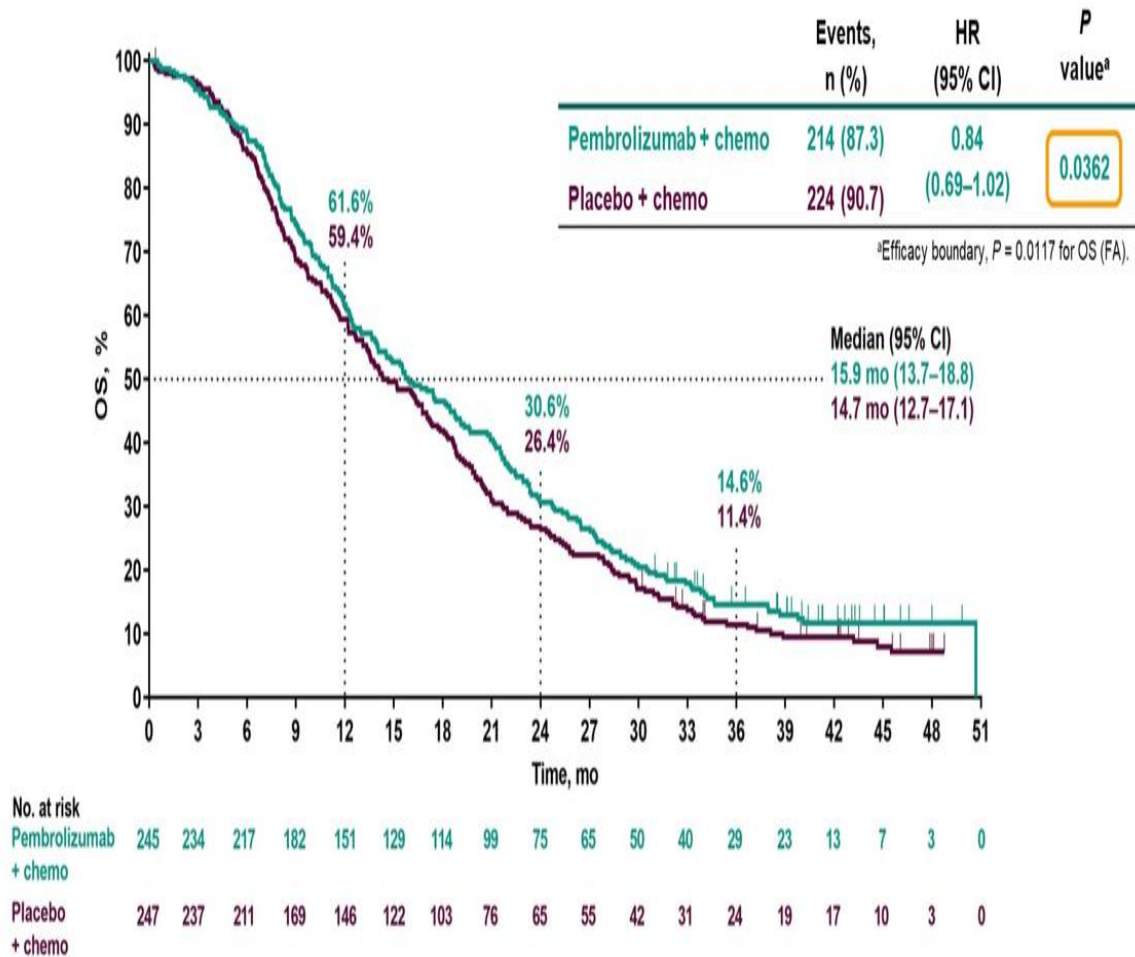


Progression-Free Survival at IA2

(RECIST v1.1, BICR)

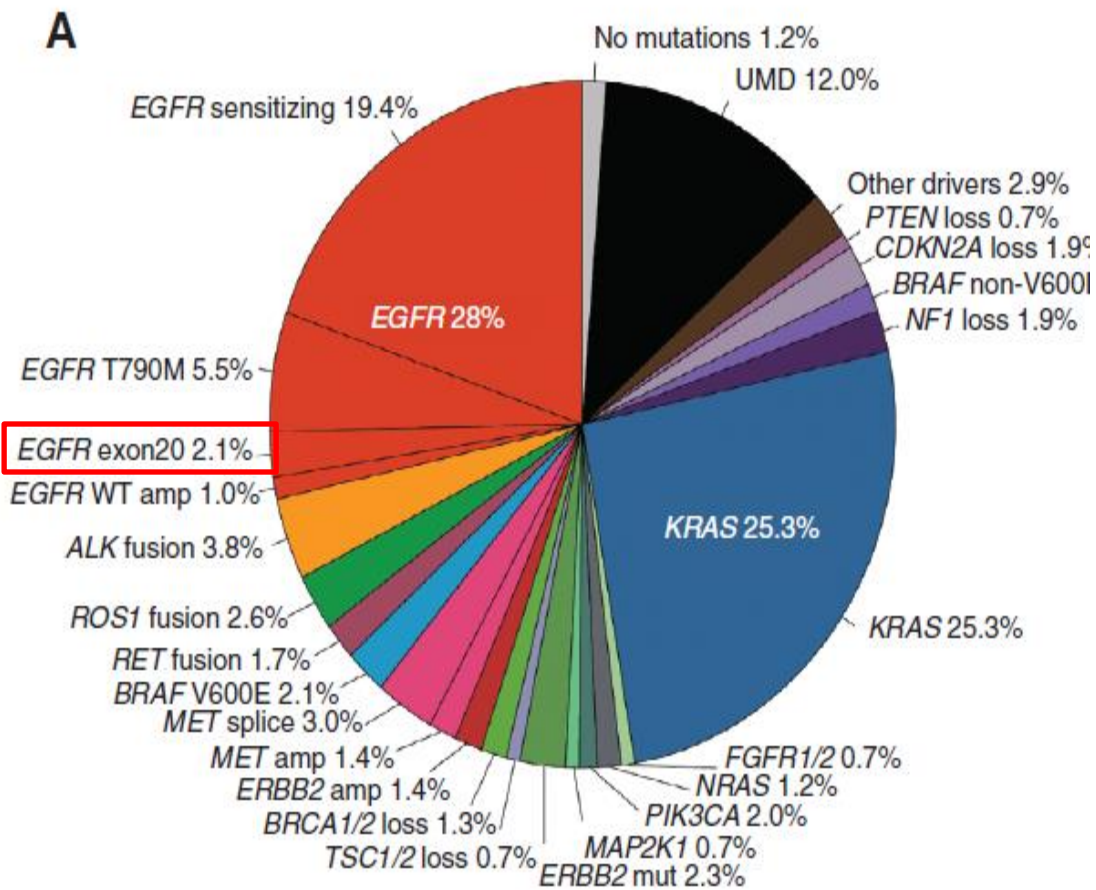


Overall Survival at FA



EGFR exon 20 insertion

Amivantamab FDA approved in May 2021
 Bispecific antibody (IV) to EGFR and MET

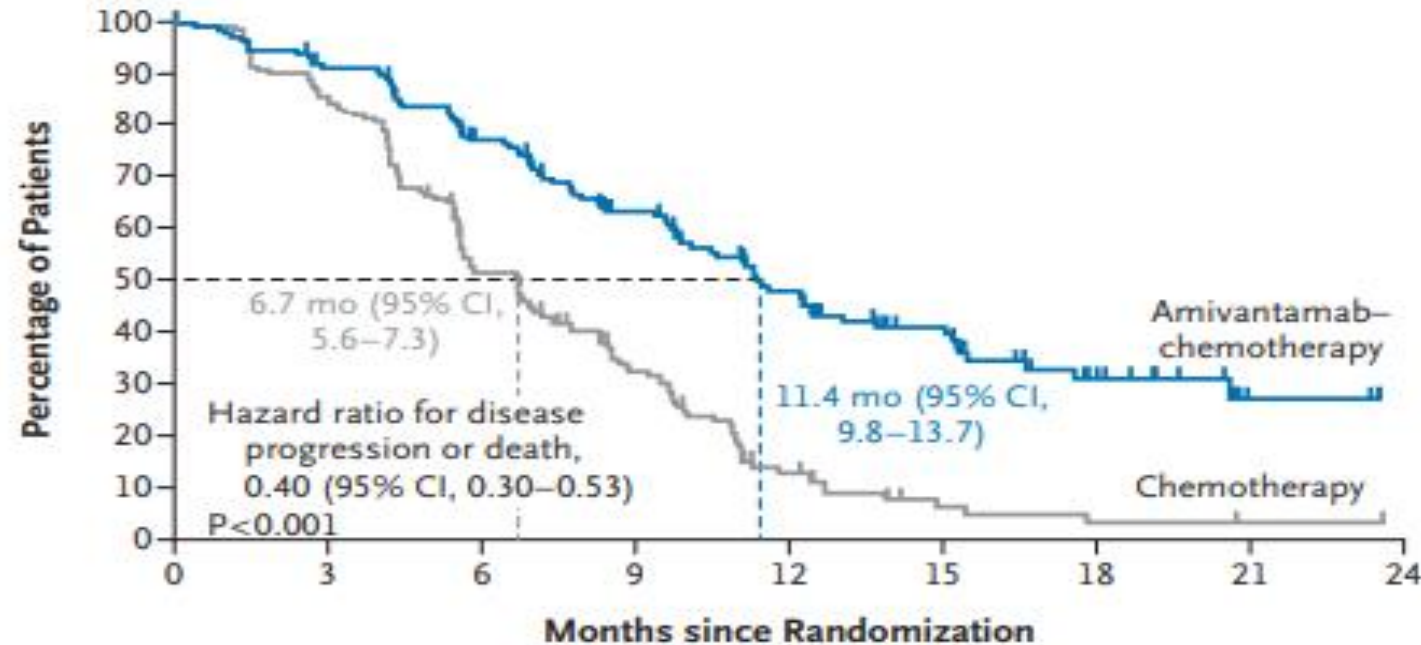


RR % (95% CI)	mPFS, mos (95% CI)	DOR, mos (95% CI)
40 (29-51)	8.3 (6.5-10.9)	11.1 (6.9-NR)

Toxicities (%)	
Rash	86
Infusion reaction	66
Paronychia	45
Hypoalbuminemia	27
Edema	18

Chemo vs Ami + chemo in EGFR exon 20

A Progression-free Survival, Blinded Independent Central Review

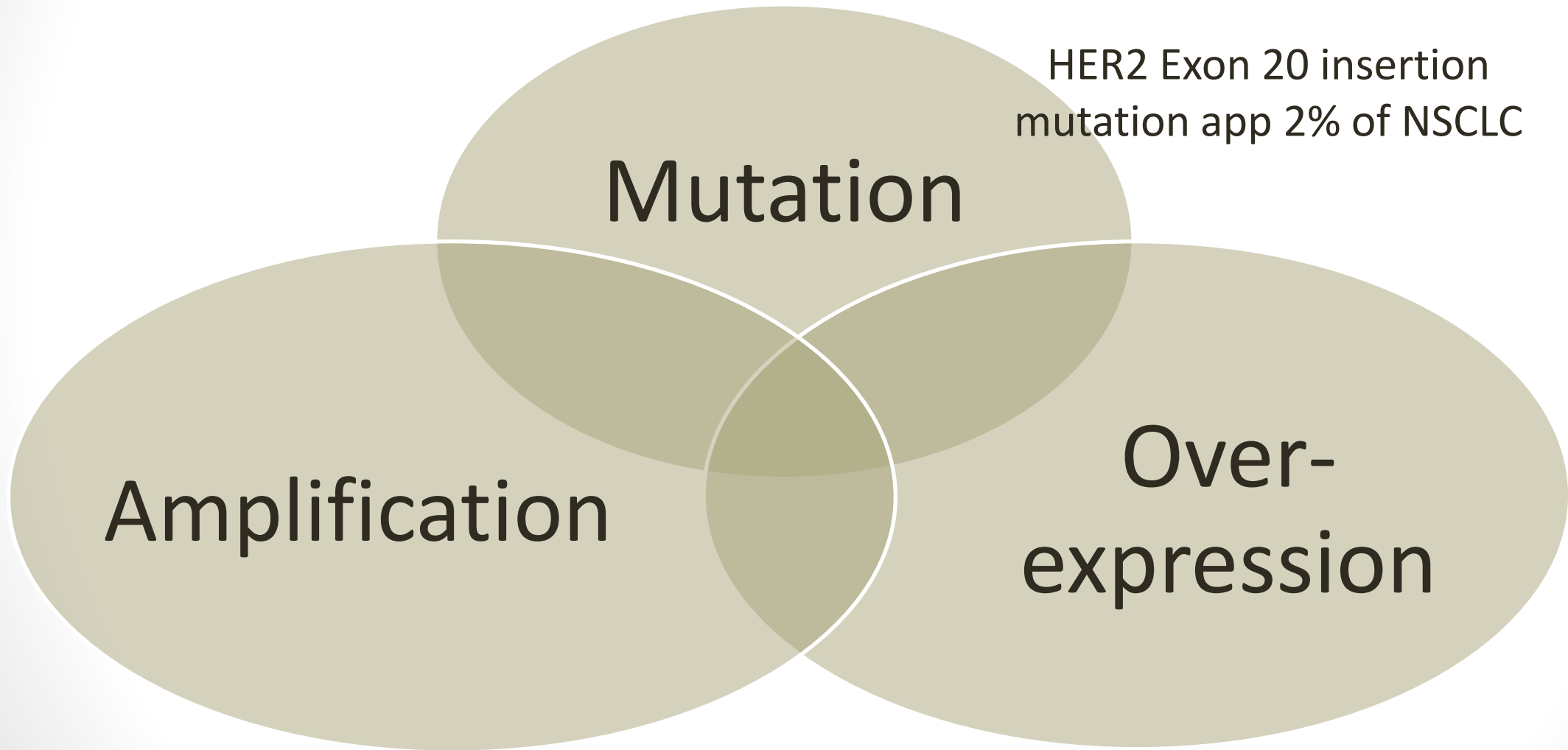


No. at Risk

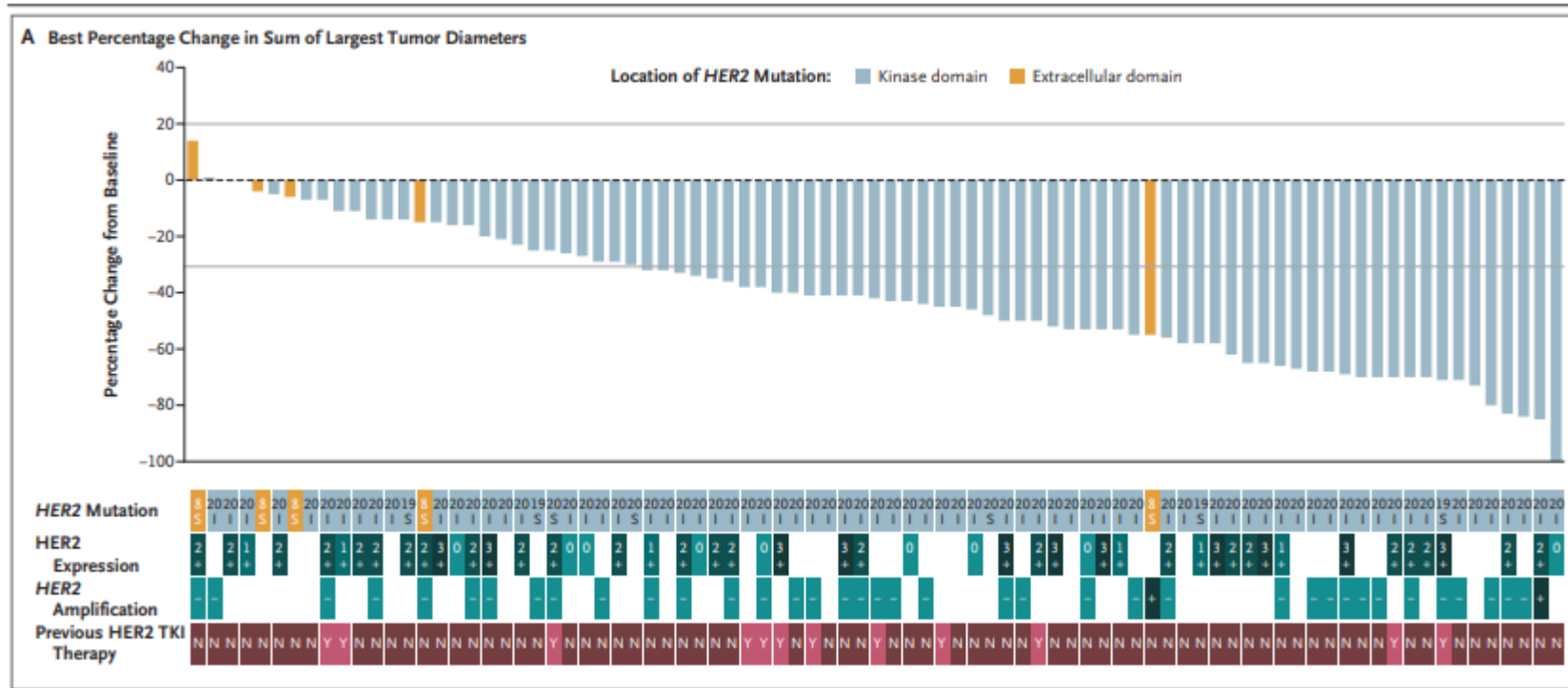
Amivantamab-chemotherapy	153	135	105	74	50	33	15	3	0
Chemotherapy	155	131	74	41	14	4	2	1	0

- FDA approved in 2024
- ORR 73% ami+chemo, 47% chemo
- Unknown whether better than sequential but a reasonable regimen
- 66% chemo arm received ami
- OS trending for benefit

HER2 alterations in NSCLC



HER2 mutation: Trastuzumab deruxtecan



- Anti-HER2 antibody drug conjugate
- Studied in patients who have had prior chemo
- ORR 55% (95% CI 44-65)
- Duration of response: 9.3 mos (95% CI 5.7-14.7)
- mPFS: 8.2 mos (95% CI 6.0-11.9)
- FDA approved in post-platinum setting

Li et al. DESTINY Lung-01. NEJM 2021

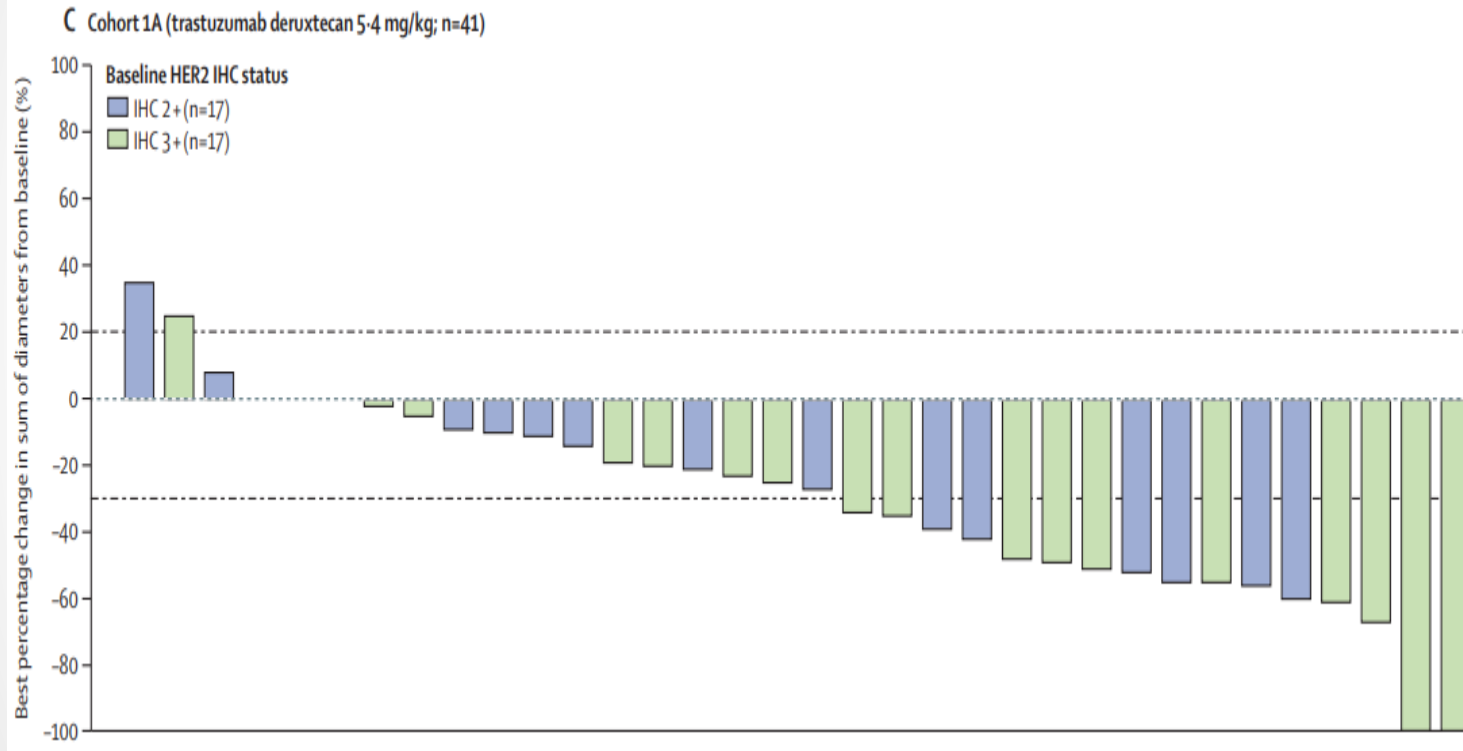
Trastuzumab deruxtecan

- Original FDA approved dose: 6.4mg/kg (DESTINY-Lung01)
- Updated FDA approved dose: 5.4mg/kg (DESTINY-Lung02)

	5.4 mg/kg, n=52	6.4 mg/kg, n=28
ORR, % (95% CI)	49 (39-59)	56 (41-70)
Disease control rate, %	93	92
Duration of response, mos	16.8 (6.4-NE)	NE (8.3-NE)
PFS, mos	9.9 (7.4-NE)	15.4 (8.3-NE)
Dose reduction, %	18	32
Dose discontinuation, %	15	26
Dose interruption, %	45	62
ILD, any grade %	13	28
ILD grade ≥ 3 , %	2	2

Many HER2
small
molecule
inhibitors in
development

T-Dxd in HER2 over-expressed NSLC



FDA approved dose
5.4mg/kg for 3+ HER2
solid tumor, who have
had prior systemic
therapy

5.4mg/kg lung cohort
(n=41), HER2 2-3%

- ORR 34% (21-51)
- PFS 6.7 mos (4.2-8.4)

MET exon14 skipping mutation

Clinical characteristics

- 3-4% of NSCLC
- Older patients
- Often observed in patients with smoking history
- Present in 20-30% of sarcomatoid histology

Targeted therapy options

- Capmatinib and tepotinib

Characteristic	<i>MET</i> Exon 14 (n = 28)
Median age (range), years	72.5 (59-84)
Sex	
Male	9 (32)
Female	19 (68)
Smoking history, pack-years*	
Never-smoker	10 (36)
≤ 10	3 (11)
> 10	15 (53)
Race	
White, non-Hispanic	28 (100)
Asian	0 (0)
Black	0 (0)
White, Hispanic	0 (0)
Unknown	0 (0)
Histology	
Adenocarcinoma	18 (64)
Pleomorphic with adenocarcinoma component	4 (14)
NSCLC, poorly differentiated	5 (18)
Squamous	0 (0)
Adenosquamous	1 (4)

Drilon et al. JTO 2017; 12(1):15-26

Awad et al. JCO 2016; 34:721-730

MET inhibitor: Tepotinib

Patient characteristics (n=99)

Median age: 74 (41-94)

45% never smokers

	Both <u>tx</u> naïve/ <u>prev</u> treated
Overall response %	46 (36-57)
Disease control rate %	89
DOR, <u>mos</u>	11 (7.2-NE)
CNS response %	55 (23-83), n=11

Most common treatment related Aes (%)

	All	Grade 3 / 4
Peripheral edema	63	7
Nausea	26	1
Diarrhea	22	1
Elevated creatinine	18	1
Hypoalbuminemia	16	2
Amylase increase	11	2
Lipase	9	3

Paik et al. NEJM 2020; 383(1):931-943

MET inhibitor: Capmatinib

	Previously treated (n=69)	Treatment naïve (n=28)
ORR % (95% CI)	41 (29-53)	68 (48-84)
DCR % (95% CI)	78 (67-87)	96 (82-100)
DOR months (95% CI)	9.7 (5.6-13)	12.6 (5.6-NE)

ORR, overall response rate;

DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response

Several other MET inhibitors under investigation: e.g. savolitinib

Most common treatment related AEs (≥10%, all grades), n (%)	All Patients N = 334	
	All Grades	Grade 3/4
Any	282 (84.4)	119 (35.6)
Peripheral edema	139 (41.6)	25 (7.5)
Nausea*	111 (33.2)	6 (1.8)
Increased blood creatinine†	65 (19.5)	0
Vomiting*	63 (18.9)	6 (1.8)
Fatigue	46 (13.8)	10 (3.0)
Decreased appetite*	42 (12.6)	3 (0.9)
Diarrhea	38 (11.4)	1 (0.3)

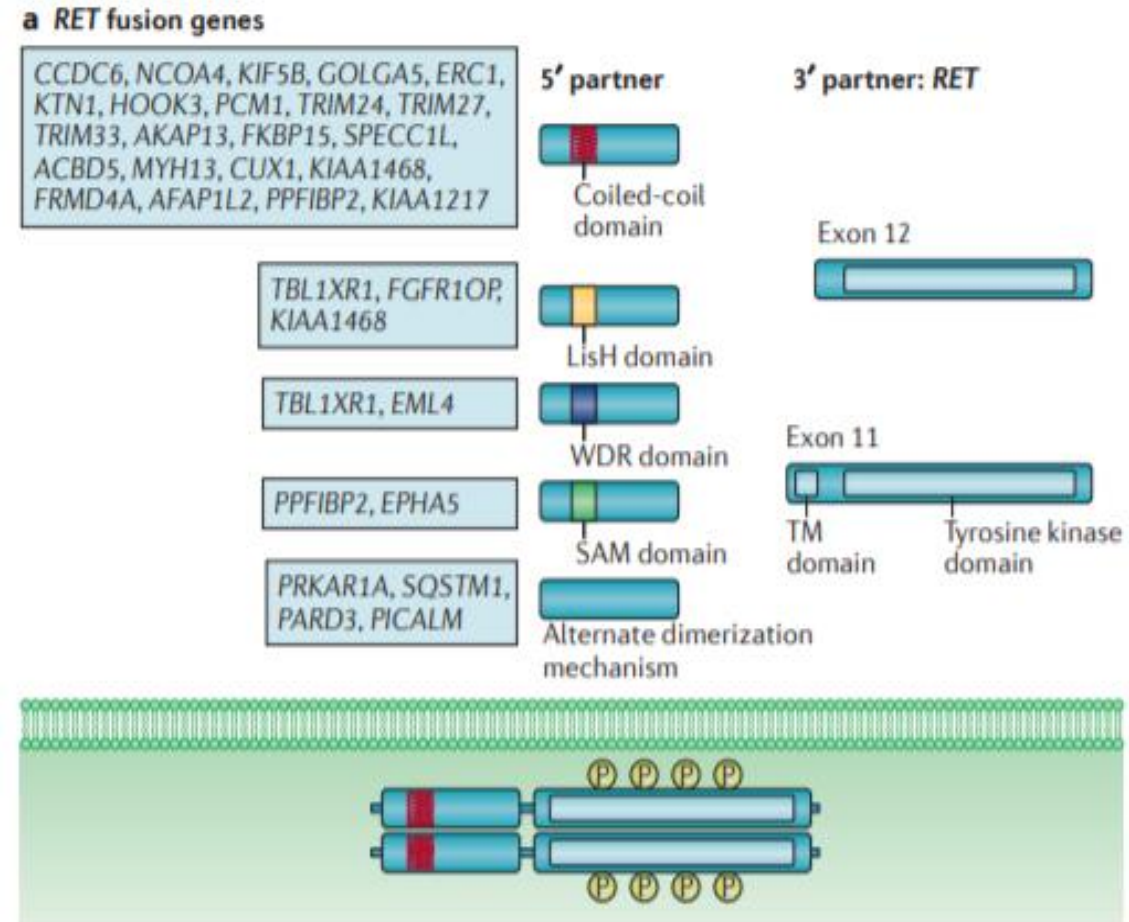
RET rearrangement

Clinical characteristics

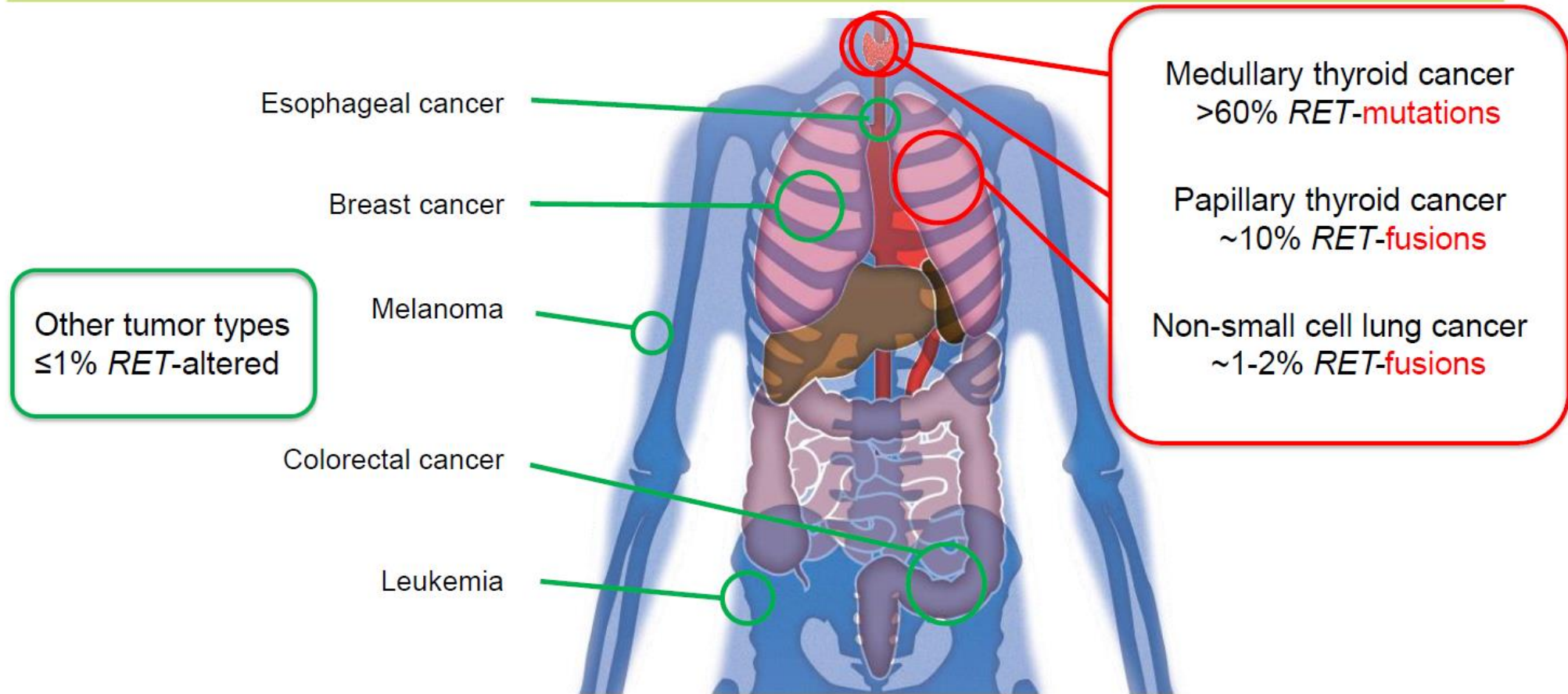
- 1-2% of all NSCLC
- Mostly seen in never / minimal smokers

Mechanism of action

Receptor protein fuses with partner protein, inducing dimerization and activation



RET is a rare driver of multiple, diverse tumor types^{1,2}



1. Drilon A et al. *Nat Rev Clin Oncol*. 2018;15:151-67 2. Kato S, et al. *Clin Cancer Res* 2017;23:1988-1997.

Selective RET inhibitors

	<u>Selpercatinib</u>	<u>Pralsetinib</u>
Dose, frequency	Oral BID: >50kg 160mg, <50kg 120mg	Oral daily, 400mg
Never smoker % (in trials)	72	62
Median age (in trials)	61 (23-86)	60 (28-87)
RR %, treatment naive	85 (70-94), n=34	66 (46-82), n=29
RR %, previously treated	64 (54-73), n=105	65 (55-73), n=92
Disease control rate %	93	90
Progressive disease as best response %	4	4
Duration of response, <u>mos</u>	17.5 (12-NR) in <u>prev</u> treated	NR (11.3-NR) overall
CNS RR %	91 (59-100), n=11	56, n=9
Adverse events, <u>≥</u> grade 3	Hypertension (14%) Transaminitis (12-14%) Lymphopenia (6%)	Hypertension (10%) Neutropenia (10%) Anemia (8%)
Drug discontinuation rate %	2	4

ALK rearranged NSCLC (3-5% NSCLC)

FDA approved ALK inhibitors		
<u>1st generation</u>	<u>2nd generation</u>	<u>3rd generation</u>
Crizotinib	Alectinib	Lorlatinib
	Ceritinib	
	Brigatinib	

General principles

- Second generation TKIs are active after crizotinib but unclear if active after another 2nd gen TKI (although there is some data for brigatinib after alectinib)
- Lorlatinib active after crizotinib and modestly active after second generation TKIs
- All of the above TKIs are approved as first line therapy

ALK first line therapy

Drug	Progression free survival (median, mos)
Crizotinib (1)	10.9
Ceritinib (2)	16.6
Alectinib (3,4)	~ 35
Brigatinib (5,6)	~24-29
Lorlatinib (7)	Not reached

(1) Solomon *et al.* NEJM 2014; 371: 2167-2177

(2) Soria *et al.* Lancet 2017;389:917-29

(3) Peters *et al.* NEJM 2017. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1704795

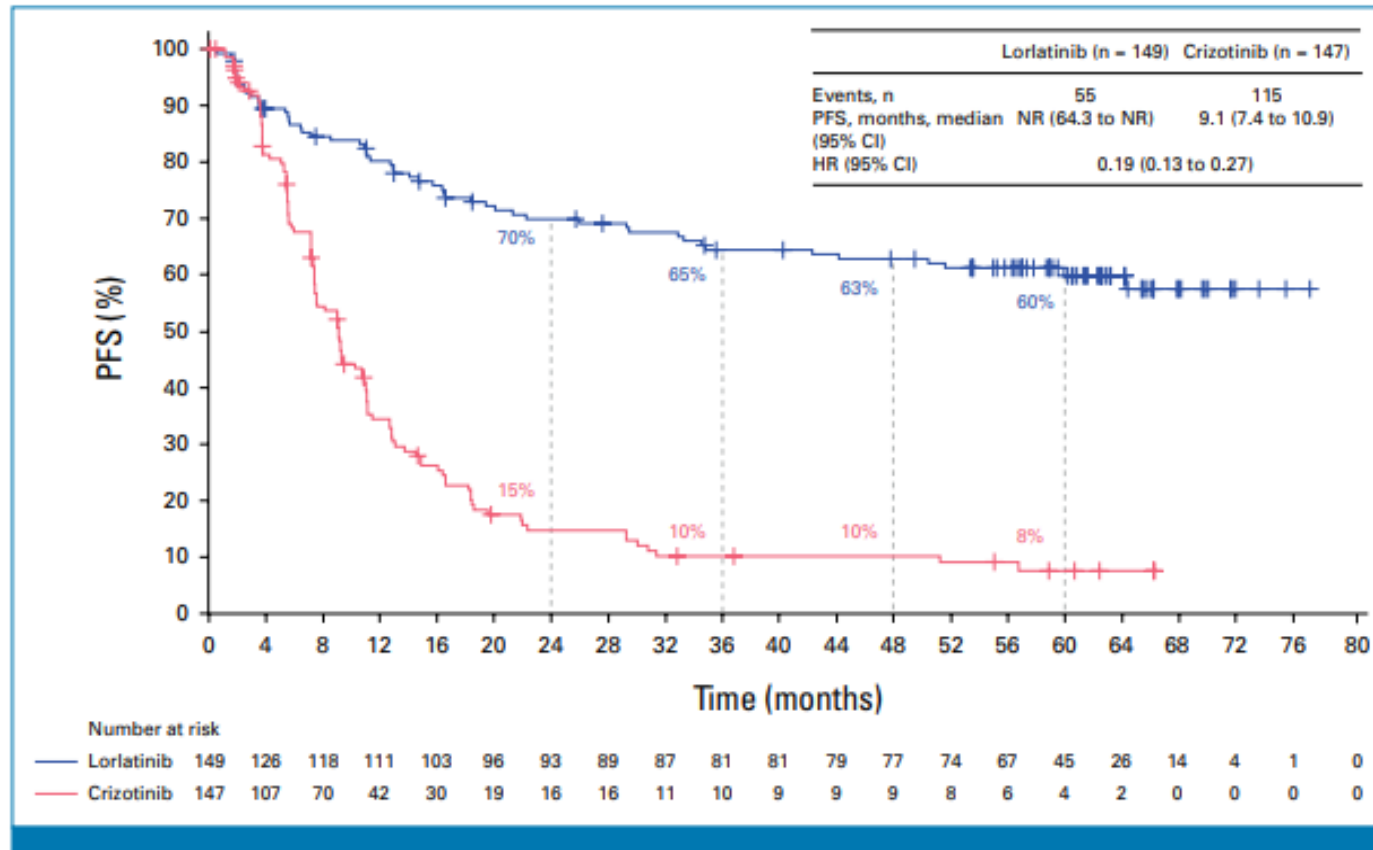
(4) Camidge *et al.* JTO 2019; 14(7): 1233-1243

(5) Camidge *et al.* DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa191071

(6) Camidge *et al.* Doi.org/10.1200/JCO.20.00505

(7) Solomon *et al.* DOI.org/10.1200/JCO.24.00581

First line lorlatinib (CROWN)



Unique toxicities to lorlatinib:

- Cognitive
- Hyperlipidemia

FIG 2. PFS by investigator assessment in the intention-to-treat population. HR, hazard ratio; NR, not reached; PFS, progression-free survival.

Solomon et al. JCO 2024

ROS1 rearranged NSCLC (1-2% NSCLC)

- First line options: Crizotinib, Entrectinib, Repotrectinib

	RR, %	PFS, mos	CNS RR
Crizotinib (n=50)	72 (58-84)	19.2 (14.4-NR)	N/A
Entrectinib (n=53)	77.4 (64-88)	19.0 (12.2-36.6)	79% (n=19)
Repotrectinib (n=71)	79 (68-88)	35.7 (27.4-NE)	89% (52-100)

- Second line
 - Entrectinib not active in crizotinib pre-treated
 - Repotrectinib post one previous ROS1 TKI:
 - ORR 38% (25-52), PFS 9.0mos (6.8-20)
 - Lorlatinib active after crizotinib but not FDA approved (ORR 26.5, 12.9-44.4; median PFS 8.5mos)

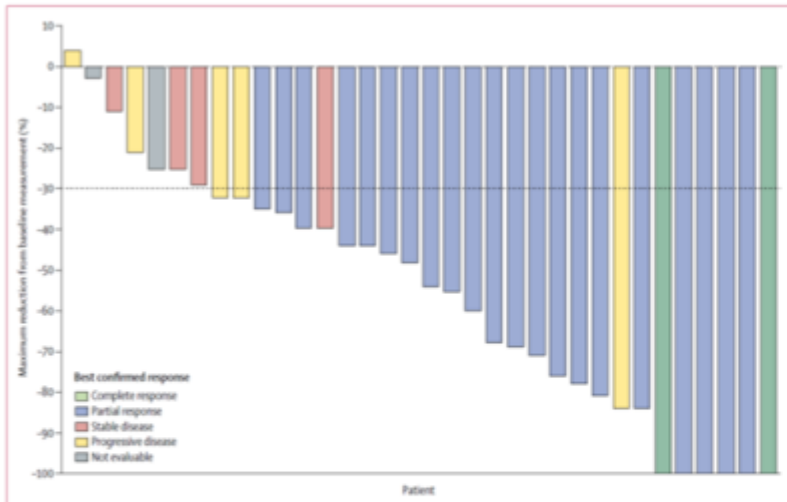
Table 3. Adverse Events in the 426 Patients Who Received the Phase 2 Dose of Repotrectinib.*

Event	During Treatment Period		Related to Treatment	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3
	<i>number of patients (percent)</i>			
Any event	422 (99)	216 (51)	409 (96)	122 (29)
Event occurring in $\geq 15\%$ of patients				
Dizziness	264 (62)	11 (3)	245 (58)	11 (3)
Dysgeusia	224 (53)	0	213 (50)	0
Constipation	162 (38)	1 (<1)	111 (26)	0
Anemia	160 (38)	33 (8)	111 (26)	16 (4)
Paresthesia	143 (34)	3 (1)	126 (30)	3 (1)
Dyspnea	117 (27)	27 (6) [†]	36 (8)	2 (<1)
Increased alanine aminotransferase level	99 (23)	8 (2)	76 (18)	6 (1)
Fatigue	95 (22)	4 (1)	70 (16)	3 (1)
Ataxia	90 (21)	1 (<1)	87 (20)	0
Increased aspartate aminotransferase level	89 (21)	9 (2)	75 (18)	6 (1)
Nausea	85 (20)	3 (1)	51 (12)	2 (<1)
Muscular weakness	85 (20)	8 (2)	59 (14)	6 (1)
Headache	79 (19)	0	42 (10)	0
Increased blood creatine kinase level	75 (18)	15 (4)	72 (17)	15 (4)
Weight increase	67 (16)	11 (3)	49 (12)	7 (2)
Memory impairment	65 (15)	1 (<1)	54 (13)	1 (<1)
Cough	64 (15)	1 (<1)	10 (2)	0

Drilon et al. NEJM 2024

BRAF V600E

- Occur in 1-4% of NSCLC
- Present regardless of smoking history
- Two available options
 - Dabrafenib (BRAFi) + trametinib (MEKi)
 - Encorafenib (BRAFi) + binimetinib (MEKi)

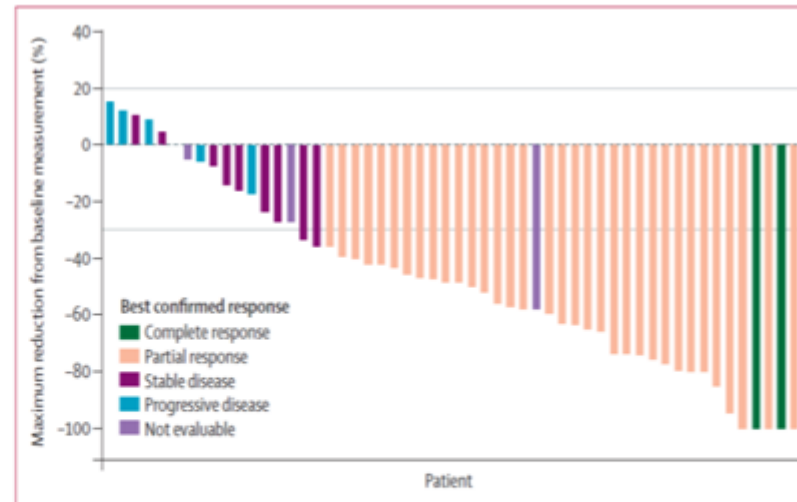


Treatment naïve patients

RR = 64% (95% CI 46-79)

PFS = 10.4 (invest); 15.2 mos (indep)

Planchard *et al.* Lancet Oncol 2017



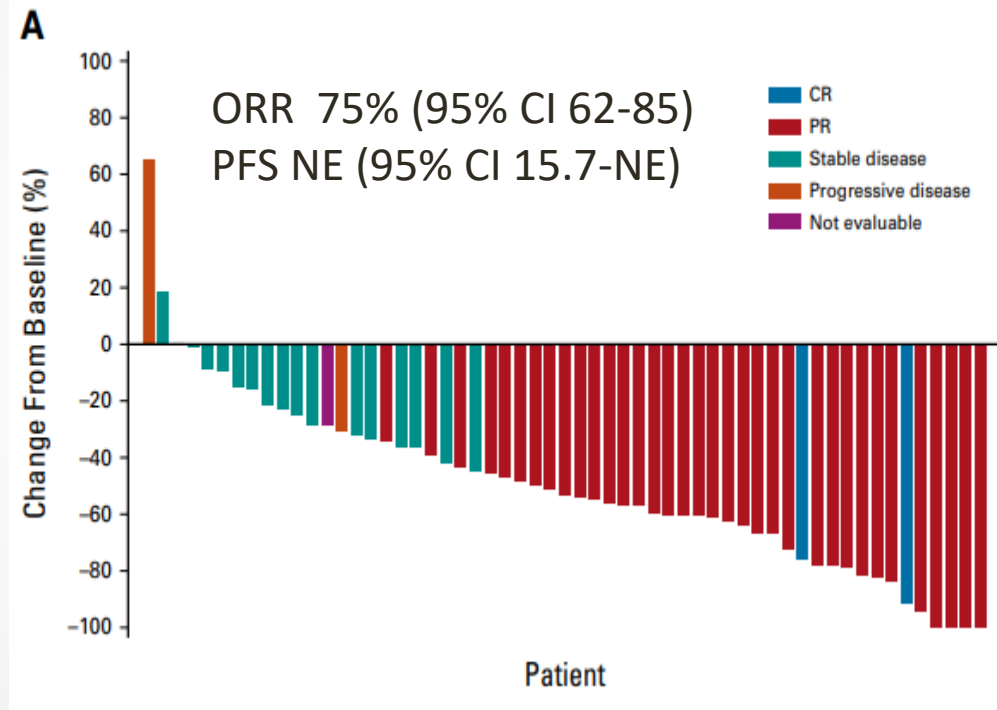
Previously treated patients

RR = 63% (95% CI 49-76)

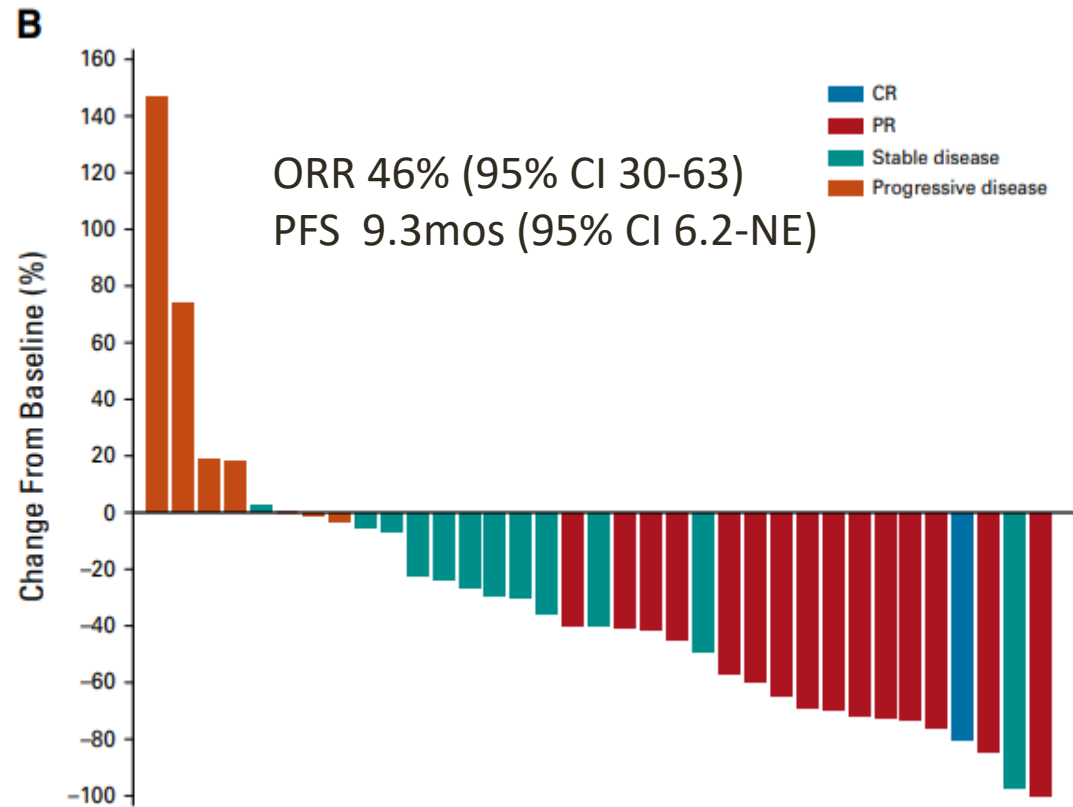
PFS = 9.7 mos (95% CI 7-20)

Planchard *et al.* Lancet Oncol 2016

Encorafenib/binimetinib



Treatment naïve (n=59)



Previously treated (n=39)

Notable toxicities

- ❖ Pyrexia (app 45% dab/tram, 22% Enco/bini)
- ❖ Ejection fraction decrease $\geq 10\%$ from baseline: D+T 6%, E+B 7-11%
- ❖ Bleed
 - D+T 17%, E+B 19% (Rare fatal cases have been observed)
 - Hold drug / dose reduce if persistent
- ❖ Squamous cell carcinoma of the skin
 - Rare with combination therapy
 - Education on skin exam, lesions to be recognized

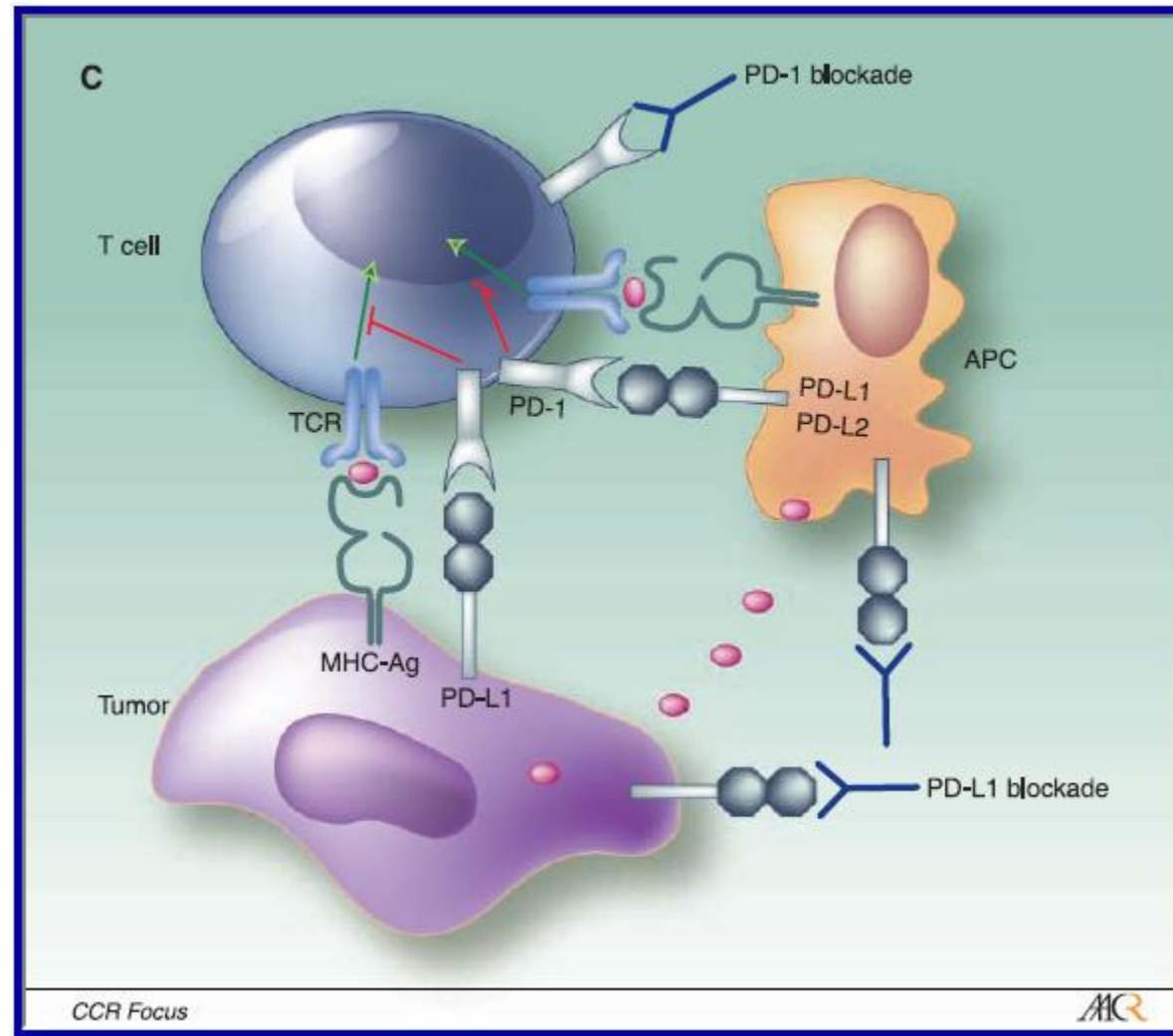
NTRK rearrangement

- NTRK+ NSCLC is rare (<1%), although not clearly characterized
 - DNA based next-generation sequencing is often used but likely limited sensitivity
 - Limited data on clinical characteristics but seen more commonly in light smokers but also observed in patients with smoking history
- Three FDA approved drugs (for all solid tumor with NTRK fusion without resistance mutations):
 - **Larotrectinib** (ORR 66%, 95% CI 47-81; PFS around 22 mos in lung cohort. Drilon *et al.* NEJM 2018; Drilon et al ASCO 2024)
 - **Entrectinib** (ORR 57%, 95% CI 43-71; PFS 11.2 mos, 95% CI 8.0-14.9. Demetri *et al* ESMO 2018)
 - **Repotrectinib** (ORR 58%, 95% CI 41-73; PFS 30 mos (9.0-NE). Solomon et al ESMO 2023)

Targets with FDA approved drugs (as of Sept 2024)					
EGFR (non-exon20 ins)	EGFR (exon20 ins)	ALK fusion	ROS1 fusion	BRAF V600E	RET fusion
Erlotinib +/- ram Gefitinib Afatinib Dacomitinib Osimertinib+/- chemo Laz + amivantamab	Amivantamab +/- chemo	Crizotinib Alectinib Ceritinib Brigatinib Lorlatinib	Crizotinib Entrectinib Repotrectinib	Dabrafenib + trametinib Encorafenib+ binimetinib	Selpercatinib Pralsetinib

Targets with FDA approved drugs (as of Sept 2024)			
KRAS G12C	MET exon 14	NTRK fusion	HER2 mt/exp
Sotorasib Adagrasib	Capmatinib Tepotinib	Larotrectinib Entrectinib Repotrectinib	Trastuzumab deruxtecan

Immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs)



Stage IV NSCLC
No EGFR/ALK

Non-squam

Squam

Immunotherapy

Chemo-immunotherapy

- 1) Pembro
- 2) Ipi/nivo
- 3) Atezo
- 4) Cemiplimab

- 1) Carbo/pem/pembro
- 2) Carbo/paclitx/bev/atezo
- 3) Carbo/nabP/atezo
- 4) Ipi/nivo/platinum
- 5) Treme/durva/platinum
- 6) Cemiplimab/platinum

- 1) Pembro
- 2) Ipi/nivo
- 3) Atezo
- 4) Cemiplimab

- 1) Carbo/taxane/pembro
- 2) Ipi/nivo/platinum
- 3) Treme/durva/platinum
- 4) Cemiplimab / platinum

Immune checkpoint inhibitor vs platinum doublet chemo

	PD-L1 (Assay)	ORR (%)	PFS (months)	OS (months)
Pembrolizumab (KYETNOE-24)	≥50% (22C3)	44 v 28	10.3 vs 6.0	30 vs 13 (HR 0.63, 0.47-0.86)
Pembrolizumab (KEYNOTE-42)	≥1% (22C3)	27 v 27	5.4 vs 6.5	16.7 vs 12.1 (HR 0.81,0.71-0.93)
Atezolizumab (IMPOWER-110)	≥50% TC or ≥10% IC (SP142)	38 v 29	8.1 vs 5.0	20 vs 13 (HR 0.59, 0.40-0.89)
Cemiplimab (EMPOWER-Lung1)	≥ 50% (22C3)	37 v 21	6.2 v 5.6	NR vs 14 (HR 0.57,0.42-0.77)
Ipi/nivo	≥1% (28-8)	36 v 30	5.1 vs 5.6	17.1 vs 14.9 (HR 0.79, 0.65-0.96)
(CheckMate-227)	<1%	27 v 23	5.1 vs 4.7	17.2 vs 12.2 (HR 0.62, 0.48-0.78)

TC, tumor cells IC, immune cells

Sezer et al Lancet 2021;397:592-604 Herbst et al NEJM 383:1328-39 Reck et al. NEJM DOI:10.1056/NEJMoa1606775
Mok et al. Lancet 2019;393:1819-30 Hellmann et al. NEJM 2019: 2020-31

Immune checkpoint inhibitor vs platinum doublet chemo

Summary points

- Pembrolizumab, atezolizumab, cemiplimab clearly better than chemo in PD-L1 high NSCLC (e.g. $\geq 50\%$ PD-L1 expression)
- In patients with intermediate PD-L1 expressed NSCLC (1-49% PD-L1), whether pembrolizumab is better than chemo is unclear (KN-42 trial included patients with $>50\%$ and survival benefit appears to be driven by these patients)
- Ipi / nivo is better than chemo in both PD-L1 positive ($\geq 1\%$) and negative NSCLC, but FDA approval is limited to PD-L1 positive NSCLC
- In high PD-L1 ($\geq 50\%$) NSCLC, anti-PD (L1) monotherapy without CTLA4 inhibition is likely adequate (pembro vs pembro/ipi resulted in similar outcomes in a trial of patient with PD-L1 $>50\%$. KN-598 Boyer et al. JCO 2021)

Chemo-immunotherapy vs Chemo

Regimen	n	ORR (%)	PFS (mos)	OS (mos)
Non-squamous NSCLC				
Carboplatin / pemetrexed +/- pembrolizumab (KEYNOTE-189)	616	47.6 v 18.9	8.8 v 4.9 (HR 0.52, 0.43-0.64)	22 vs 10.7 (HR 0.49, 0.38-0.64)
Carbo/paclitax/bevacizumab +/- atezolizumab (IMPOWER-150)	692	63.5 v 48	8.3 v 6.8 (HR 0.62, 0.52-0.74)	19.2 v 14.7 (HR 0.78, 0.64-0.96)
Carbo/nabP +/- atezo (IMPOWER-130)	724	49.2 v 31.9	7.0 v 5.5 (HR 0.64, 0.54-0.77)	18.6 v 13.9 (HR 0.79, 0.64-0.98)
Squamous NSCLC				
Carbo/paclitx or nabP +/- pembro (KEYNOTE-407) nabP, <i>nab</i> -paclitaxel	559	57.9 v 38.4	6.4 v 4.8 (HR 0.56, 0.45-0.70)	15.9 v 11.3 (HR 0.64, 0.49-0.85)

Gandhi NEJM 2018;378:2078 Socinski NEJM 2018;378:2288 West et al LancetOnc 2019; 20:924
Paz-Ares NEJM 2018; 379:2040 Gadgeel et al. JCO 2020

Chemo-immunotherapy vs Chemo

Regimen	n	ORR (%)	PFS (mos)	OS (mos)
NSCLC, any histology				
Platinum chemo +/- cemiplimab (EMPOWER-Lung3)	466	43 v 23	8.2 v 5.0 (HR 0.56, 0.44-0.7)	21.9 v 13.0 (HR 0.71, 0.53-0.93)
Platinum chemo +/- ipi/nivo (i.e.CM-9LA)	719	38 v 25	6.7 v 5.0 (HR 0.68, 0.57-0.82)	15.6 v 10.9 (HR 0.66, 0.55-0.80)
Platinum chemo +/- tremelimumab and durvalumab (POSEIDON)*	1,013	39 v 24	6.2 v 4.8 (HR 0.72, 0.60-0.86)	14.0 v 11.7 (HR 0.77, 0.65-0.92)

* Chemo + durva vs chemo did not lead to significant survival benefit

Gogishvili et al. Nature Med 2022; 28:2374-2380 Paz-Ares et al. Lancet 2021; 21:198-221
Johnson et al. JCO 2022; doi.org/10.1200/JCO.22.00975

Summary - Immune checkpoint inhibitor

- Chemo-immunotherapy is superior to chemo, in any PD-L1 setting. Many regimens to choose from; efficacy likely similar across the different regimens
- No comparison between chemoIO vs IO
- Pembrolizumab / atezolizumab / cemiplimab monotherapy is a reasonable option for PD-L1 high tumors as first-line therapy (but no head-to-head data vs chemo-immunotherapy)
- In PD-L1 1-49% patients, I prefer chemo-immunotherapy or ipi/nivo since the benefit of pembro alone does not appear to be significantly better compared to chemo alone
- I prefer chemo-immunotherapy in high PD-L1 patients if high response rate is desired (e.g. symptomatic disease burden) or never smokers
- When to use ipi/nivo? Reasonable in patients intermediate / low PD-L1 expressed NSCLC who want to avoid chemo

Immune checkpoint inhibitors in oncogene+ NSCLC

As a rule of thumb, oncogene+ NSCLC enriched with never smokers have limited sensitivity to immunotherapy (e.g. EGFR / ALK / ROS1 / RET). Oncogene+ NSCLC seen in smokers have variable sensitivity to immunotherapy (e.g. BRAF, MET, KRAS, etc)

EGFR / ALK:

Increased risk of immune related toxicities if TKI given too soon after immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy (ideal washout 3-6 months)

KRAS G12C:

Recent data showed giving sotorasib within 3 months of ICI increased risk of hepatitis (Rakshit et al. WCLC 2022)

BRAF:

Starting BRAF inhibitor soon after ICI probably safe based on the melanoma literature

Stage IV NSCLC – final thoughts

- Post-chemo? Docetaxel +/- ramucirumab remains standard but several ADCs (antibody drug conjugates) in clinical trial
- Complete molecular testing as much as possible
 - All non-squamous histology
 - Squamous histology if light smoking history, small specimen
- Blood based molecular testing is helpful but recognize that has limited sensitivity, especially in patients with low disease burden / intrathoracic only disease → complete tissue testing as much as possible if blood based test is negative
- Immunotherapy and targeted therapy options continue to expand and evolve. Stay tuned!