

State of the art and new targets in the treatment of small cell lung cancer:

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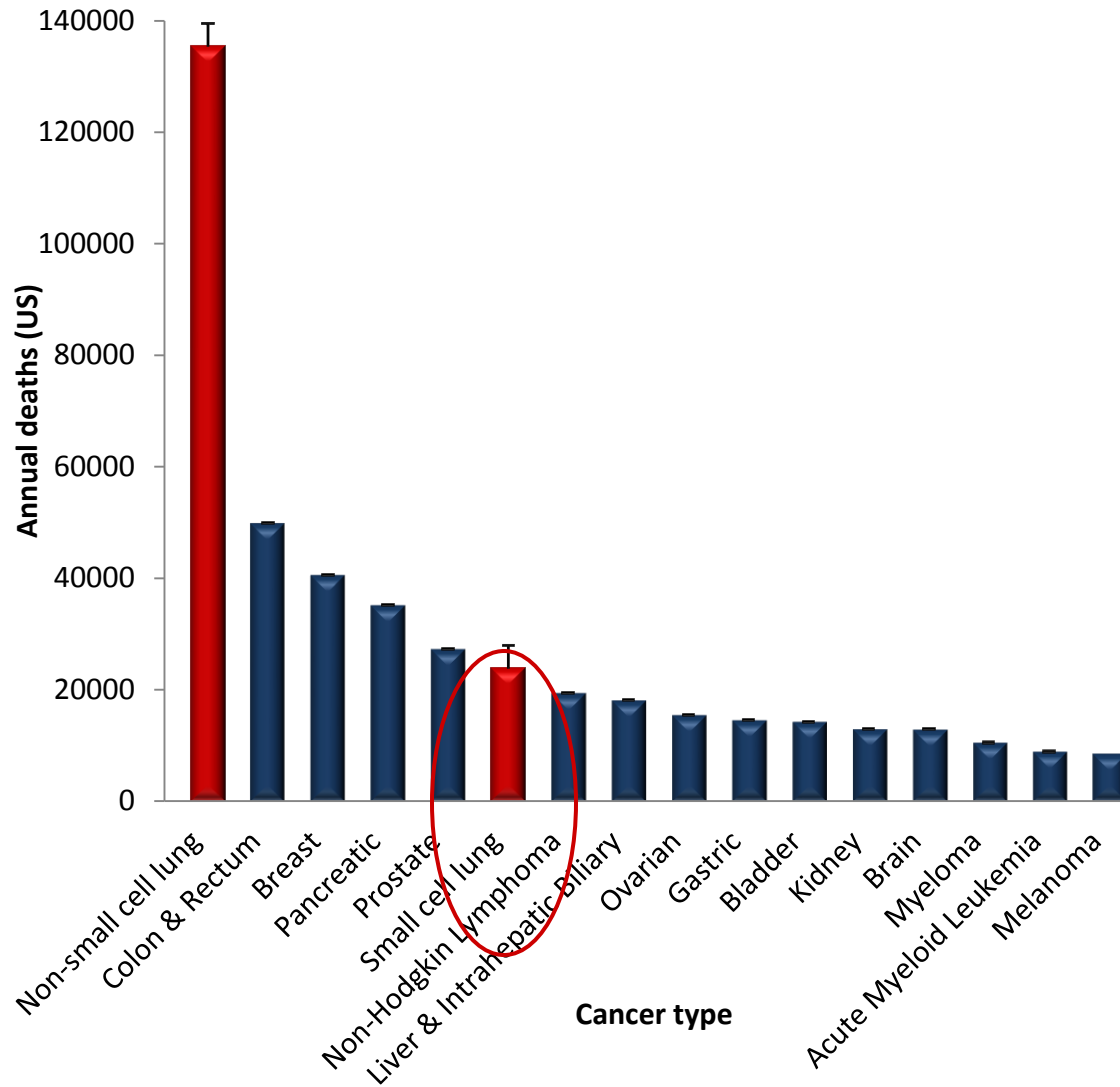
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Chair EORTC lung group

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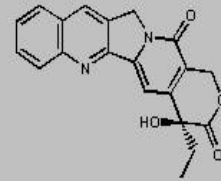
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US cancer deaths

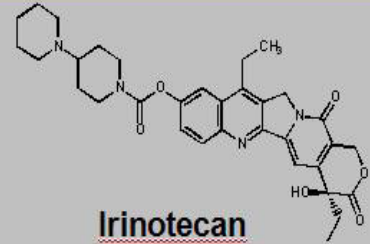


Cytotoxics

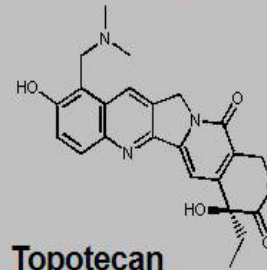
- Irinotecan – topo 1 inhibitor
- Topotecan – topo 1 inhibitor
- Amrubicin – topo 2 inhibitor



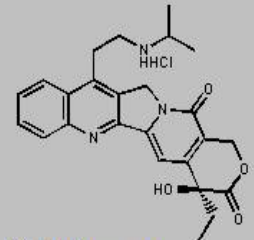
Camptothecin



Irinotecan

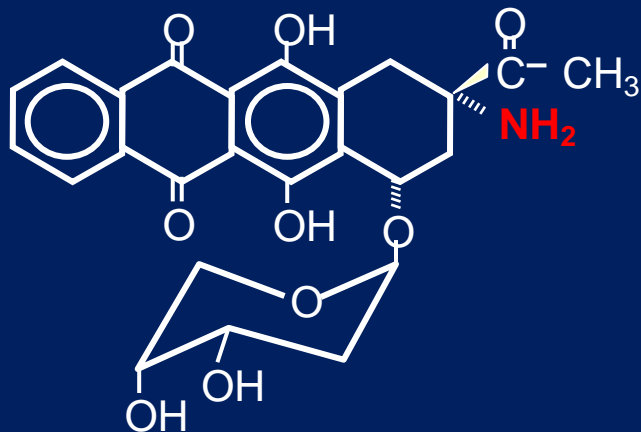


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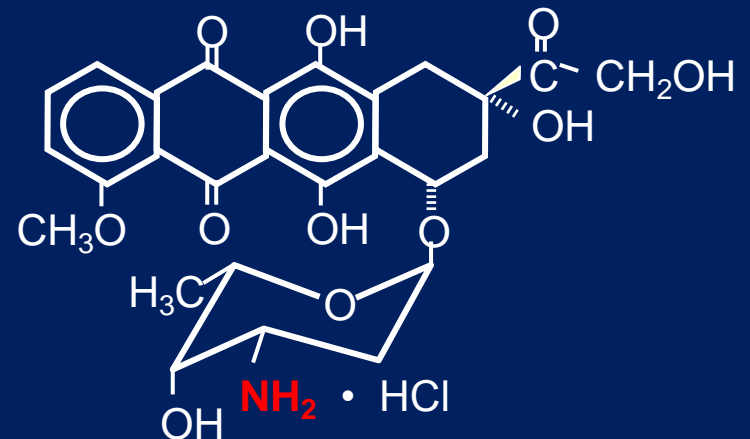


Belotecan

Amrubicin (AMR)

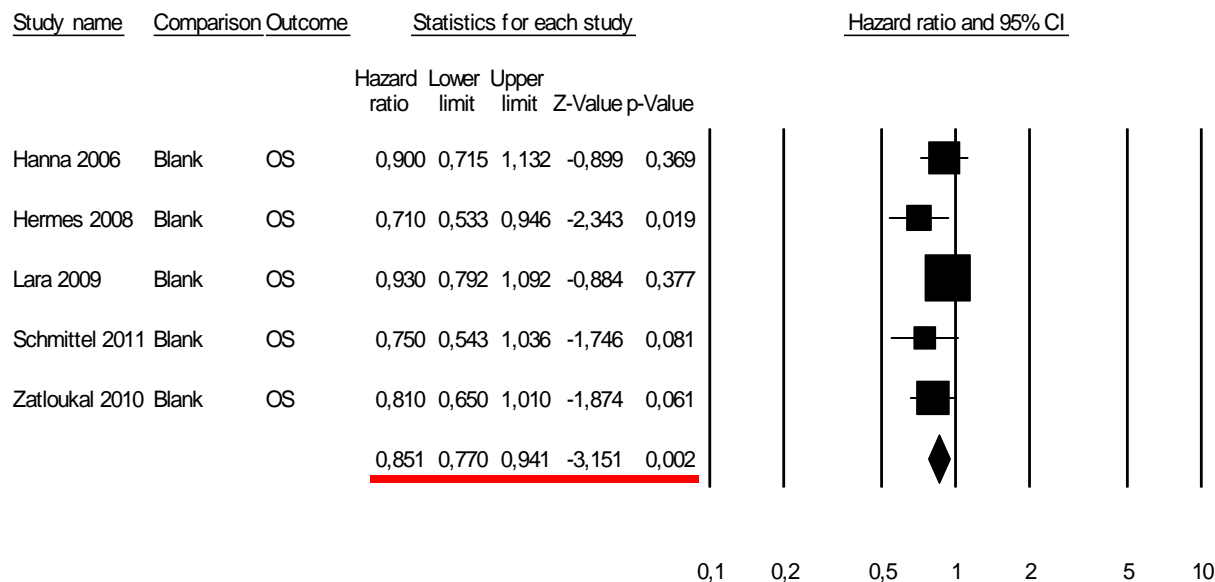


Doxorubicin (DXR)

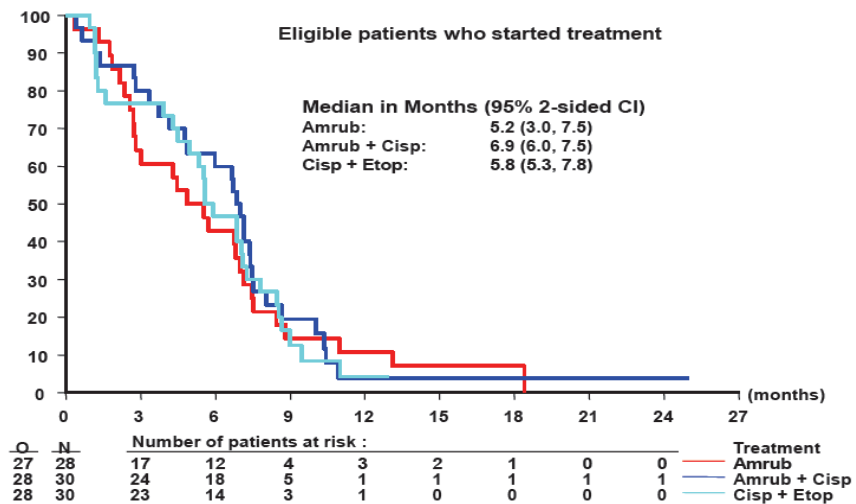


Irinotecan East vs West – meta

- OS positive in both but magnitude greater in the eastern 40% v 15%
- Snap shot of world Tx



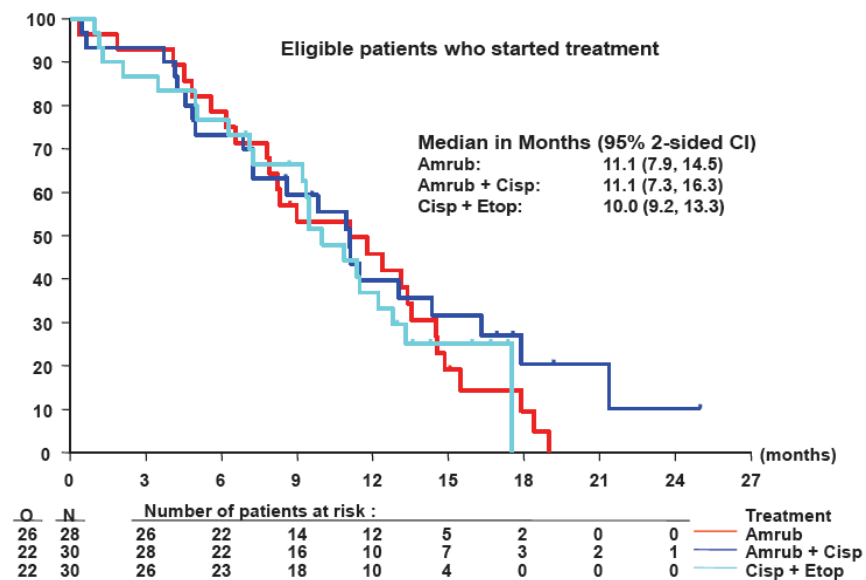
PROGRESSION FREE SURVIVAL



First line

Amrubinin not better than PE in first line

OVERALL SURVIVAL

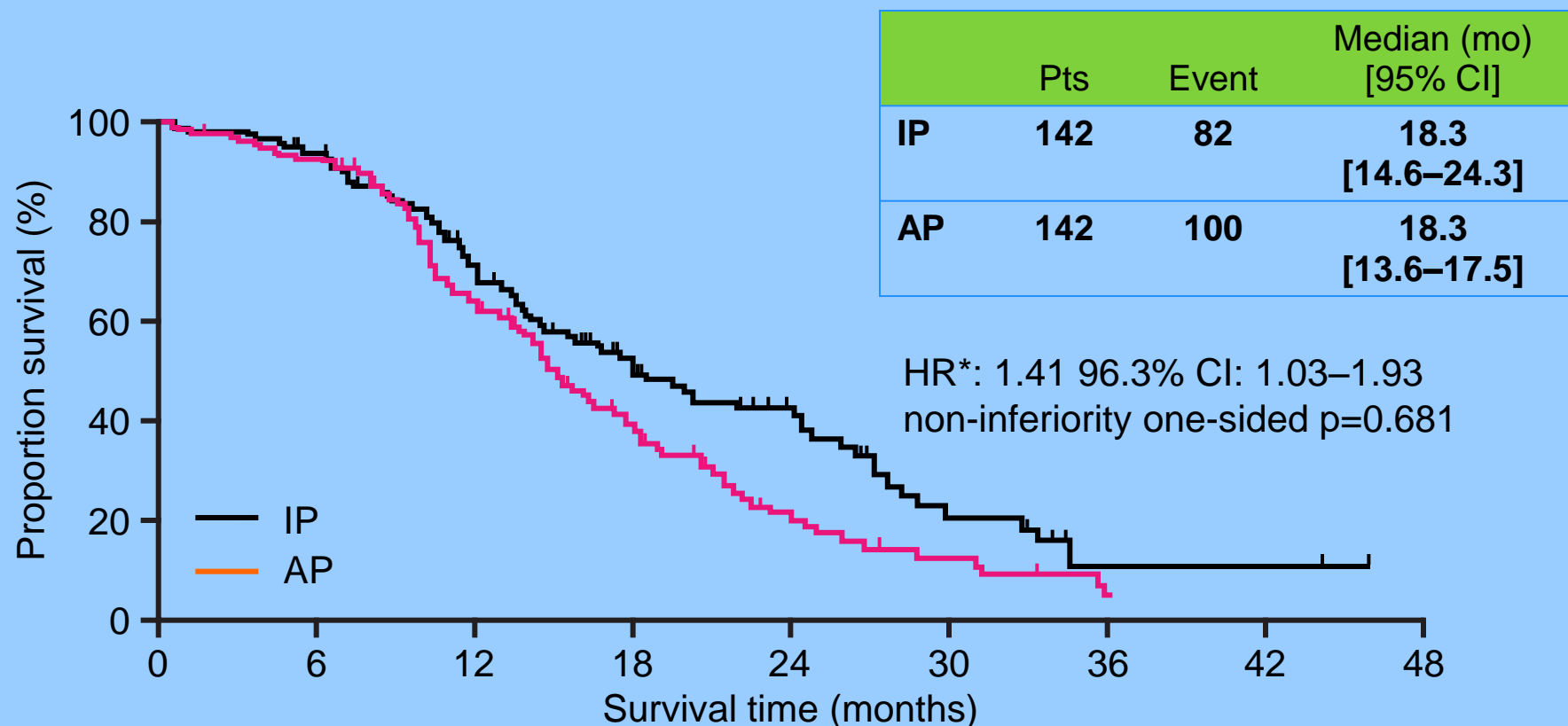


Amrubicin and cisplatin (AP) with irinotecan and cisplatin (IP) for the treatment of extended-stage small cell lung cancer (ED-SCLC): JCOG0509 – *Kotani Y et al*

- aged 20 to 70, and ECOG PS 0–1:
- IP: I (60 mg/m²) iv on days 1, 8, and 15, and P (60 mg/m²) iv on day 1, every 4 weeks; or
- AP: A (40 mg/m²) iv on day 1–3, and P (60 mg/m²) iv day 1, 3 weeks
 - Dose of A was decreased from 40 mg/m² to 35 mg/m² due to increased FN

Patient characteristics	IP	AP
Patients enrolled	142	142
Male/Female	120/22	119/23
Age yrs, median (range)	63 (39–70)	63 (29–70)
Performance status: 0/1	78/64	80/62
Measurable lesion +/-	1/141	2/140
Metastasis (overlapped): lung/bone/brain/liver/others	9/25/32/35/68	14/31/41/45/64

Key efficacy and safety data



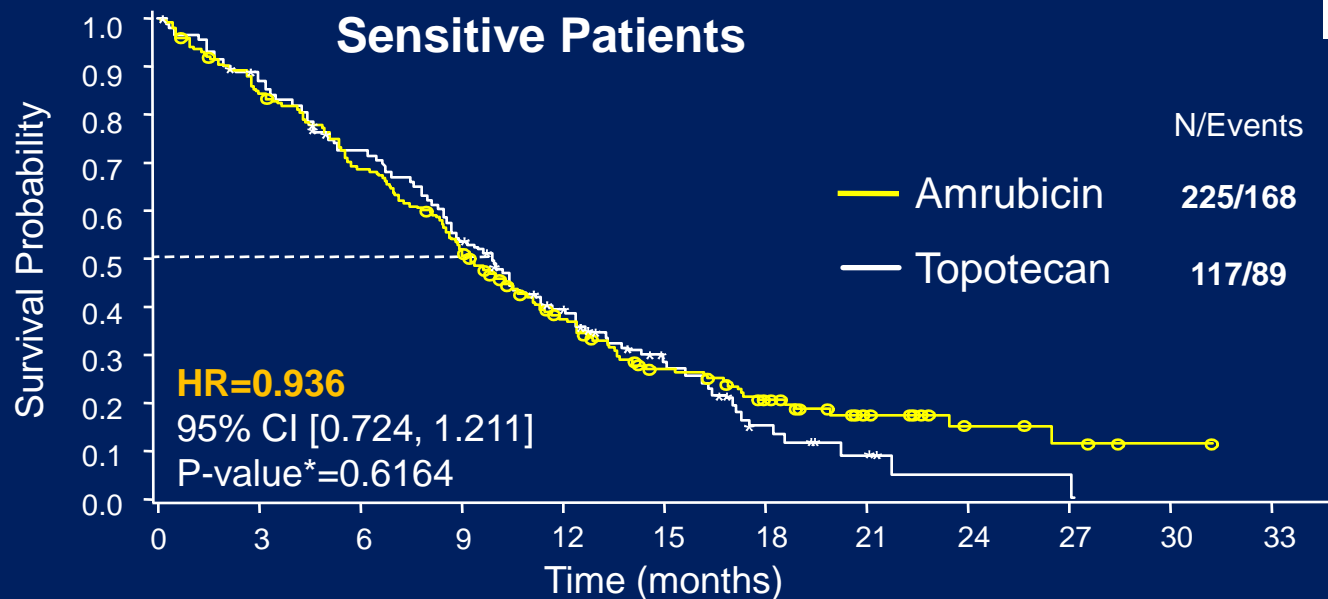
- Median PFS: 5.7 (IP) vs 5.1 months (AP) (HR 1.44, 95% CI: 1.13–1.83)
- Grade 4 neutropenia (22.5% vs 79.3%) and Grade 3–4 febrile neutropenia (10.6% vs 32.1%) was higher in the AP arm, while Grade 3–4 diarrhoea (7.7% vs 1.4%) was higher in IP arm

Amrubicin not better than IP in first line

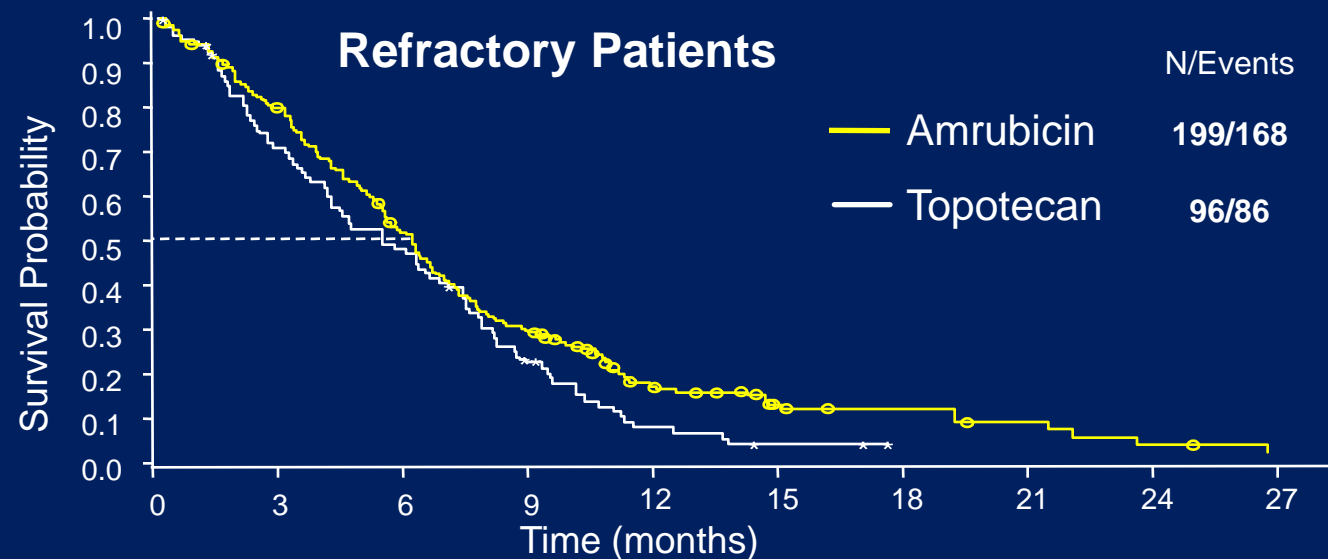
2nd line: amrubicin not better than topo



Sensitive Patients



Refractory Patients



HR=0.766

95% CI [0.589, 0.997]

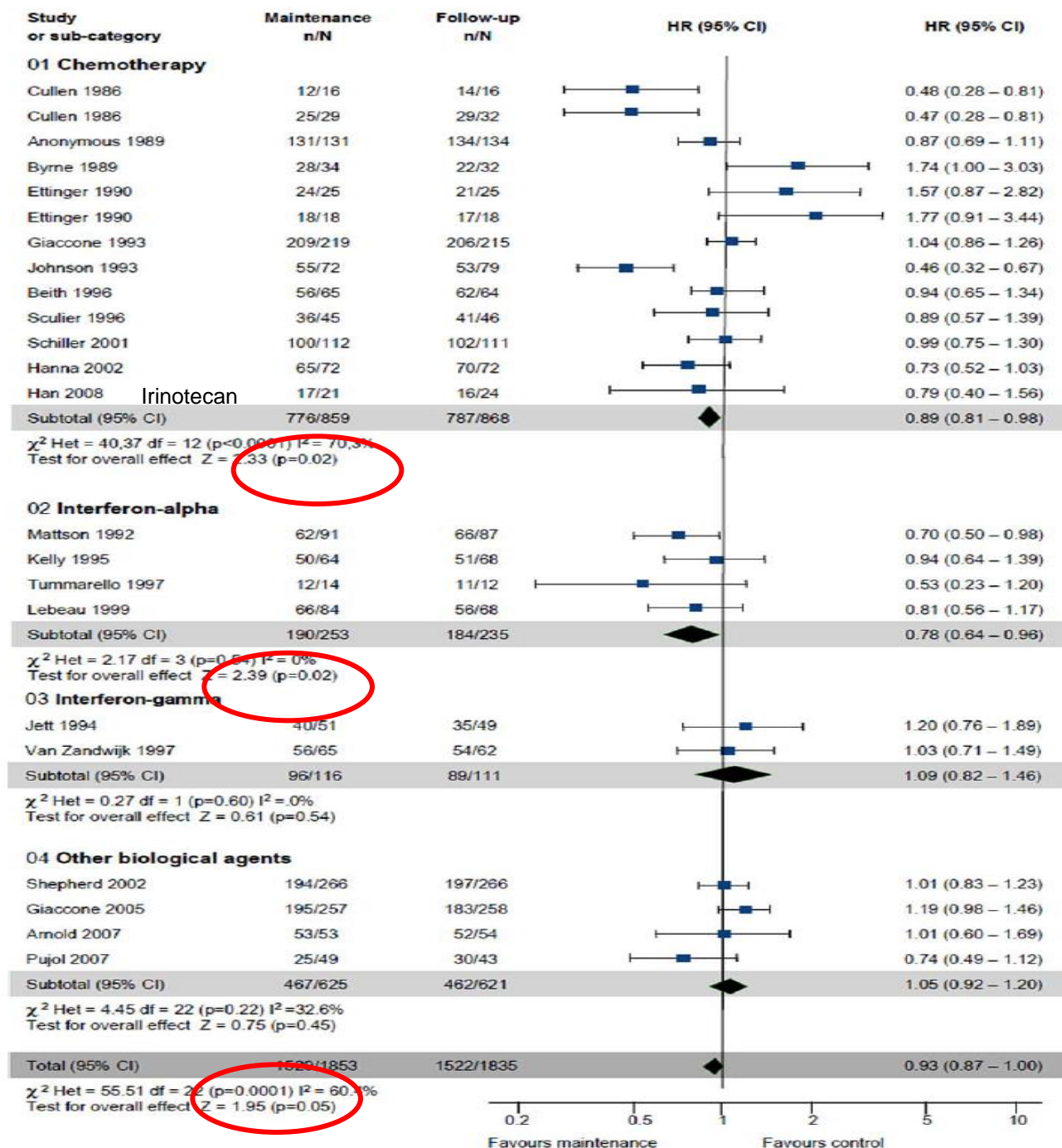
P-value*=0.0469

* Unstratified log-rank test

Maintenance chemotherapy

21 RCTs
PFS neg
OS +

Rossi et al



Maintenance sunitinib for untreated ext SCLC: A randomized, placebo controlled phase II study CALGB 30504 (ALLIANCE)

4-6 cycles of CT (cis 80 mg/m²/carbo AUC5 plus etop 100 mg/m² d1-3 q3w)

Maintenance sunitinib 150 mg/day loading then 37.5 mg/day/placebo

Primary endpoint: PFS

- 144 patients; 138 patients received CT;
- 95 randomised to maintenance; 85 received (44 sunitinib, 41 placebo)
- PFS on maint: **2.3 vs. 3.8** mths p v sunit (HR 1.53; 90% CI 1.03–2.27; **p=0.037**)
- OS: **6.9 v 9.0** mths p v sunitinib (HR 1.17; 90% CI 0.77–1.78; p=0.27)
- 40% crossover
- G 3/4 tox in ≥5% with sunitinib: fatigue, neuts, platelets and hyponatremia

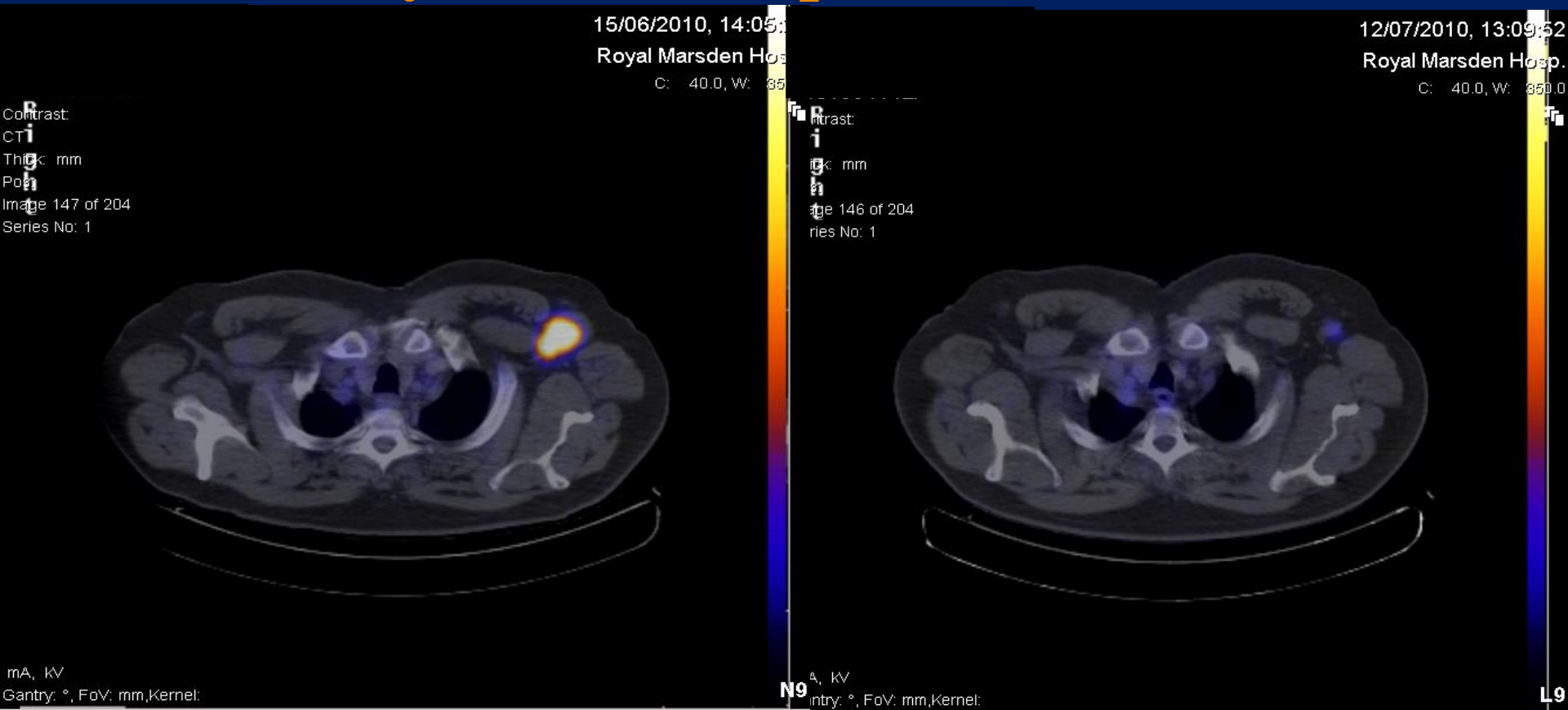
VEGF inhibitors – EORTC sunitinib

Drug Name	Target	Stage of Development
Bevacizumab	VEGF	Phase III
IMC-1121b	VEGFR-2	Phase I
IMC-18F1	VEGFR-1	Preclinical
Aflibercept	VEGF-A, PlGF	Phase III
Sorafenib	B-RAF, C-RAF, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, PDGFR- β , Kit	Phase III
Sunitinib	VEGFR1, VEGFR2, PDGFR- β , c-Kit	Phase III
Vandetanib	VEGF, EGFR	Phase III
Cediranib	VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3	Phase II
Axitinib	VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, PDGFR- β , c-Kit	Phase II
Motesanib	VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, PDGFR- β , c-Kit	Phase I
Vatalanib	VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, PDGFR- β , c-Kit	Phase III

Pazopanib	VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, PDGFR- α , PDGFR- β , c-Kit	Phase I
CP-547,632	VEGFR2, PDGF	Phase II
BIBF 1120	VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, PDGFR, FGFR	Phase II
XL647	EGFR, HER2, EphB4, VEGF	Phase II
AEE788	EGFR, HER2, VEGF	Phase I
KRN951	VEGFR1, VEGFR2, PDGFR, c-Kit	Phase I
ABT-869	VEGF, PDGF	Phase I
OSI-930	Kit, KDR	Phase I
BMS-690514	pan HER, VEGF	Phase I
Thalidomide	BFGF	Phase III
Lenalidomide	BFGF	Phase I
Pomalidomide	BFGF	Phase I
Cilengitide	$\alpha v\beta 3$, $\alpha v\beta 5$	Phase I
TNP-470	Methionine aminopeptidase	Phase I
AMG 386	Angiopoietin, Tie2	Phase I
DMXAA	Vascular disrupting agent	Phase II

VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor; PDGF, platelet-derived growth factor.

Phase 2 sunitinib in SCLC – secondline with early PET for response



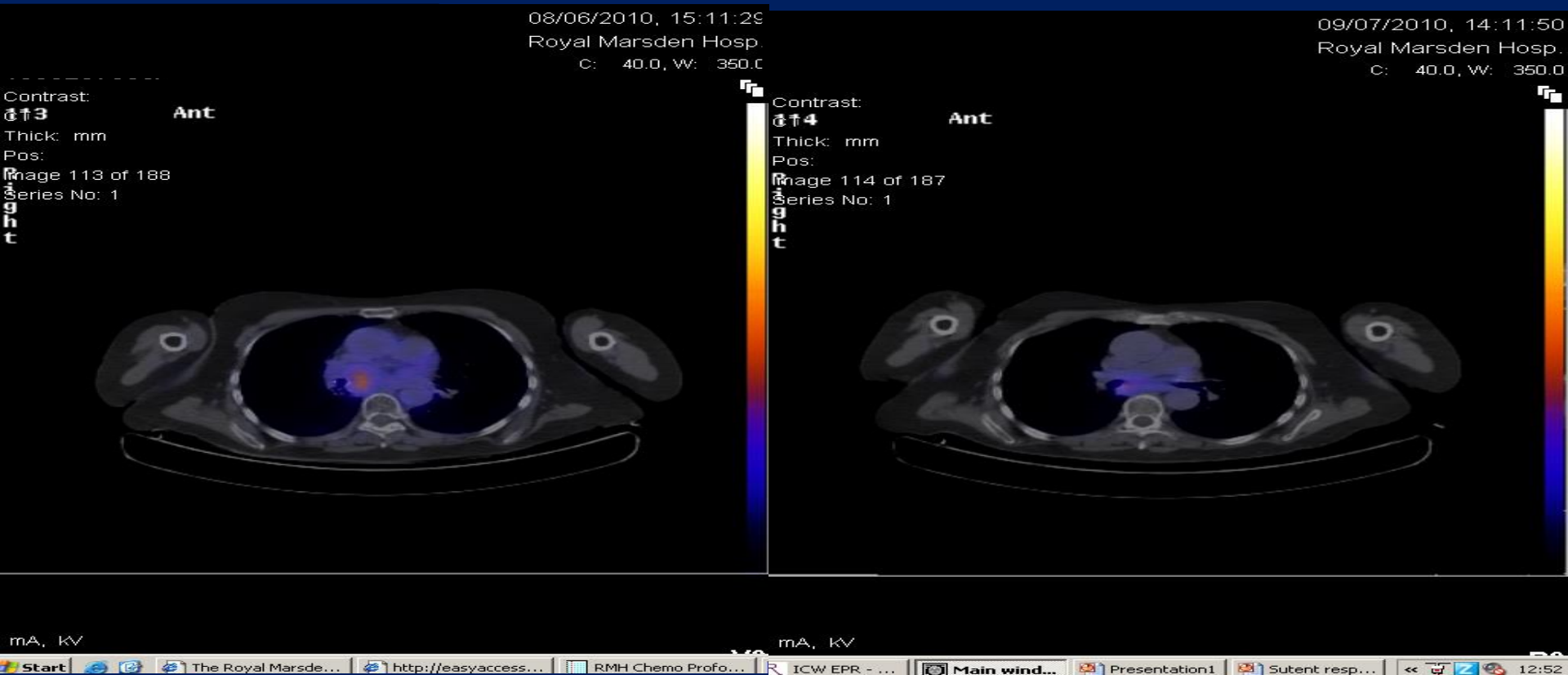
2nd line treatment: Sunitinib, to which he responded well and continued for 22 cycles.

Sudden death 20 months later – prob PE

After 4 weeks treatment with sunitinib

Case 2: Sunitinib Responder

- 70 years old Caucasian **never smoker** female.
- Presenting symptoms: breathlessness, cough and haemoptysis.
- PS = 1.
- History of **malignant melanoma 20 years ago**.
- Diagnosis: *Pure SCLC, limited stage*.
- 1st line treatment: Concomitant chemoradiotherapy (6 cycles Carboplatin/Etoposide and 50 Gy radical radiotherapy) and PCI, with good response.
- Relapse: **2.5 years later**.
- 2nd line treatment: Sunitinib (10 cycles), with very good response.
- Sunitinib had to be discontinued after 10 months due to toxicities, followed by quick disease progression.
- **Re-biopsy was performed**



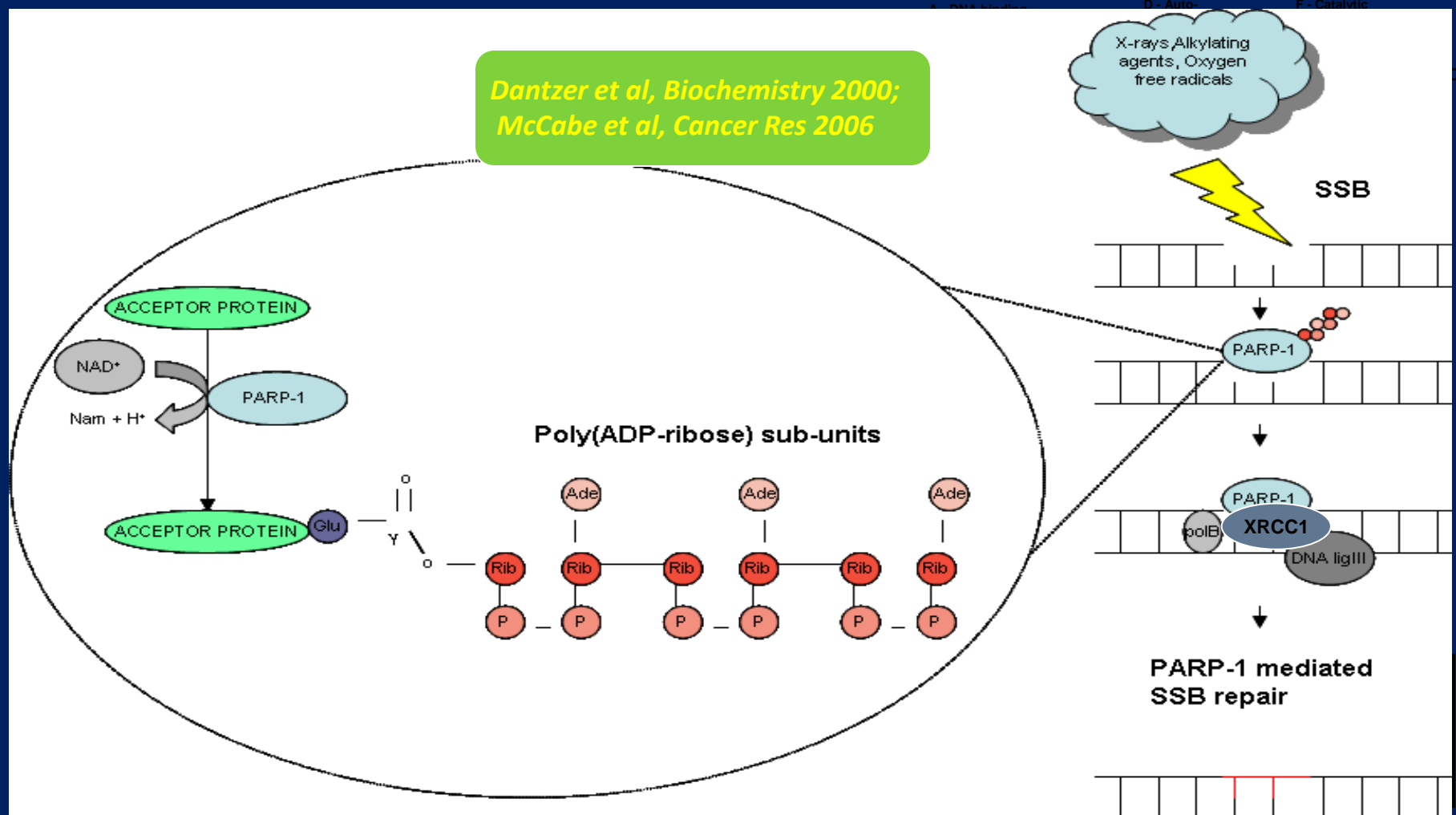
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Other news

- Pravastatin may stop the growth of tumour cells and make tumour cells more sensitive to chemotherapy – phase III in UK negative
- enoxaparin in SCLC (Fragmatic)
-new agents

- At least 17 members of PARP family (PARP-1 and 2 are activated by DNA damage)
- PARP-1 localizes to the site of DNA damage and recruits proteins that mediate repair
- Double knockout of PARP 1 & 2 results in embryonal lethality to mice

Role of PARP-1 in BER/SSBR



Parp inhibitors

- Olaparib
- Velaparib
- Niraparib
- BMN673 – PARP trap

Stabilizing the PARP DNA complex

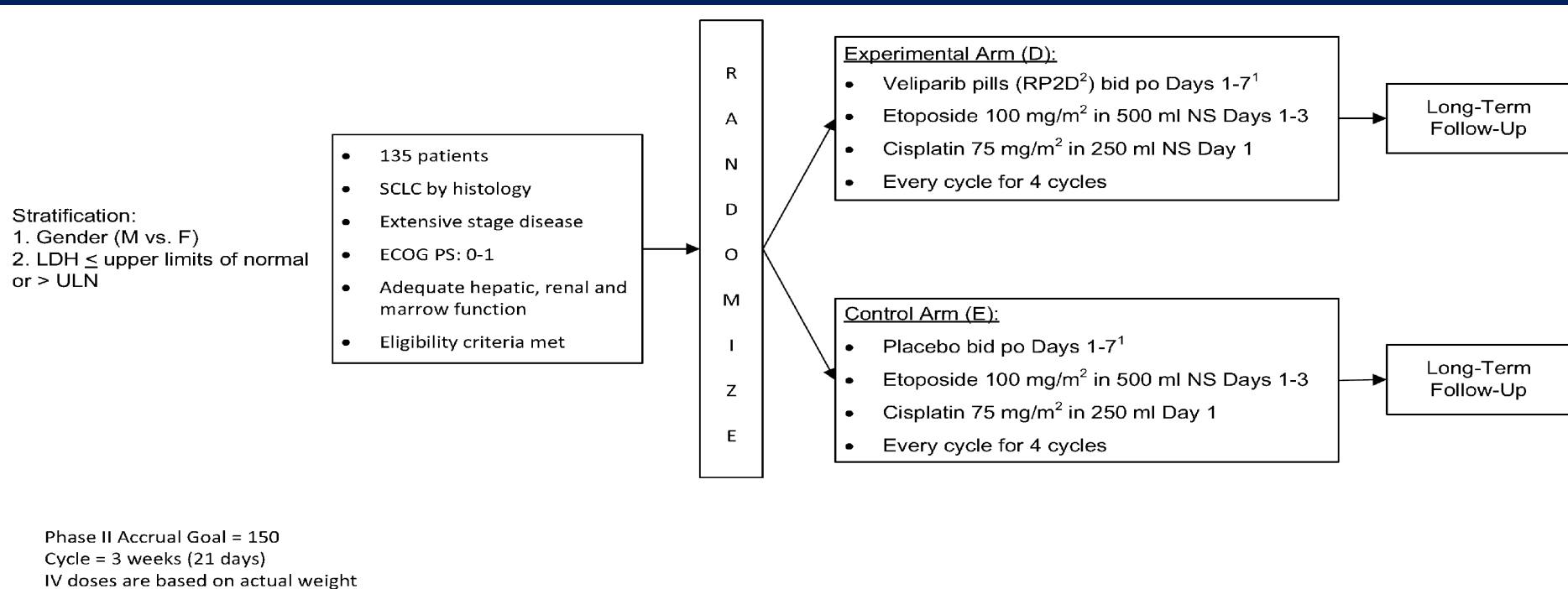
2/18 in SCLC in phase I

Biomarker is the BRCA 1 and 2 mutation, brcaness or protein expression
Not helpful in SCLC

ECOG 2511 - 3 arm

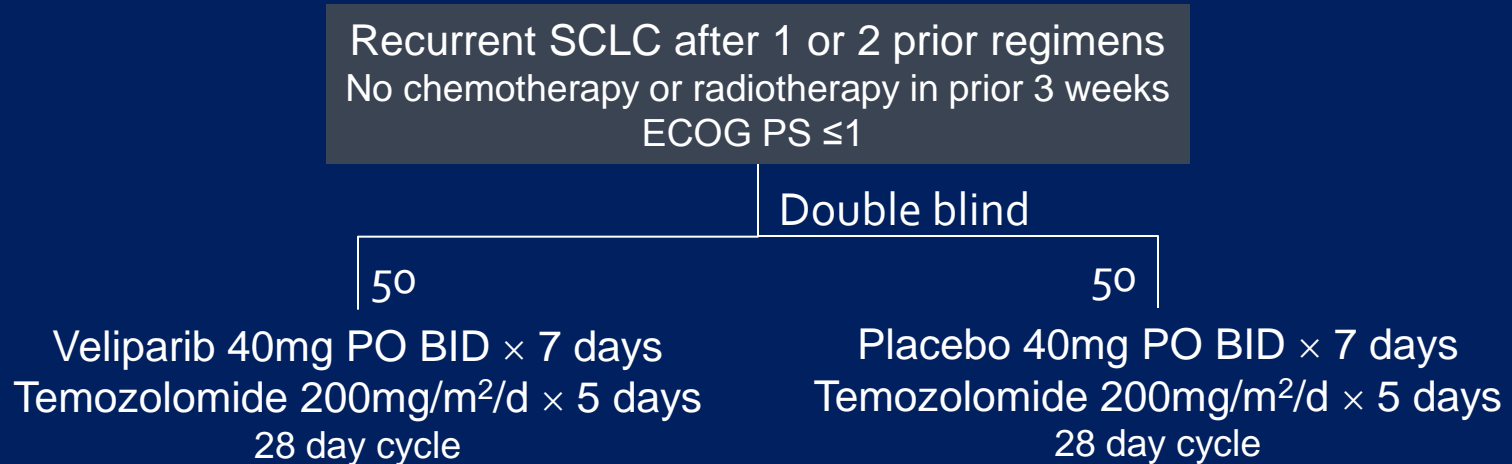
Phase I/II PE +/- veliparib (ABT-888)

■ Placebo-controlled first line randomized phase II study



Study Chair: Taofeek Owonikoko MD PhD

Randomized phase II study of temozolomide with or without veliparib



Study Chair: Cathy Pietanza MD

Participating Sites:

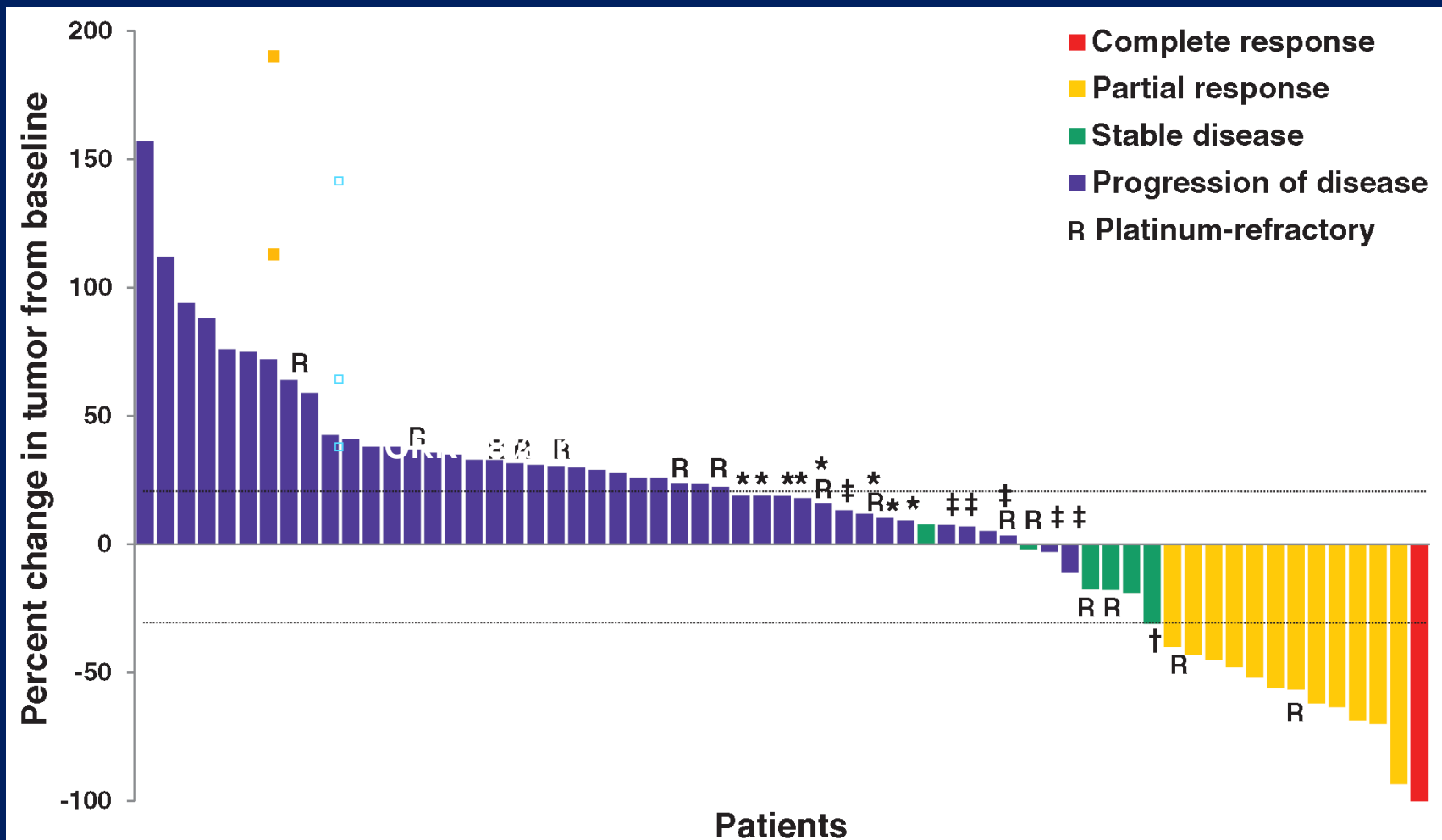
MSKCC

SKCCC at JHU

MDACC

Seidman CC

Temozolomide – old (alkylating agent, cross BBB, - new - SCLC has aberrantly methylated *MGMT*



Startup

- Randomised trial of olaparib as maintenance chemotherapy in ext SCLC post 4-6 chemotherapy - STOMP
- Same design as French and UK NSCLC
- BMN 673

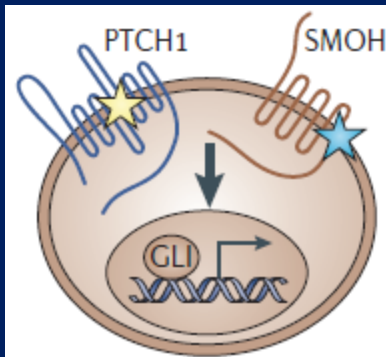
Aurora Kinases

- Antimitotic agents ABC oral
 - A MLN8237 – 2 responses
 - B AZD1152 - alisertib
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- 38% neutropenia, 39% alopecia
 - $10/47 = 21\%$
 - 3/11 responses in refractory 27%
 - 7/36 19% in sensitive
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- Alisertib + weekly paclitaxel
 - C-Myc amplification and sensitivity

Models for Hedgehog activity in cancer - Hh sonic – required for lung development, upregulated in SCLC and inhibition delays recurrence in primary SCLC models – no mutation in sclc

Type-1

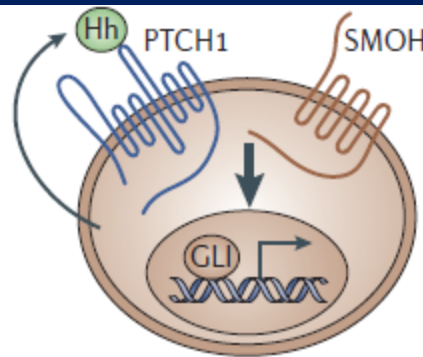
Cancers with mutations in Hh signaling



BCC
medulloblastoma

Type-2

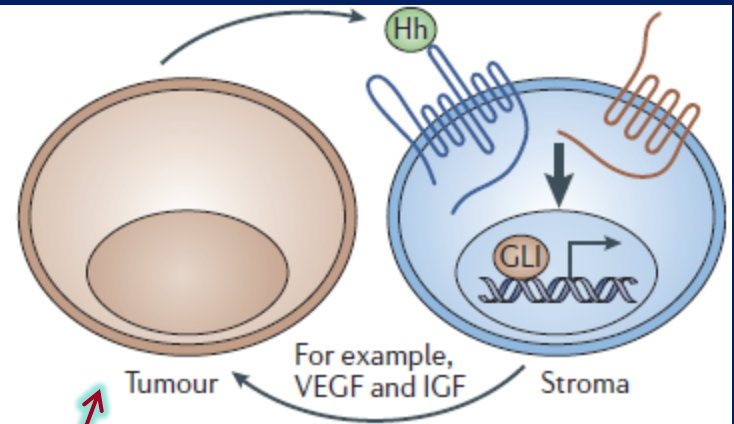
Cancers with autocrine requirement for Hh



glioblastoma
myeloma

Type-3

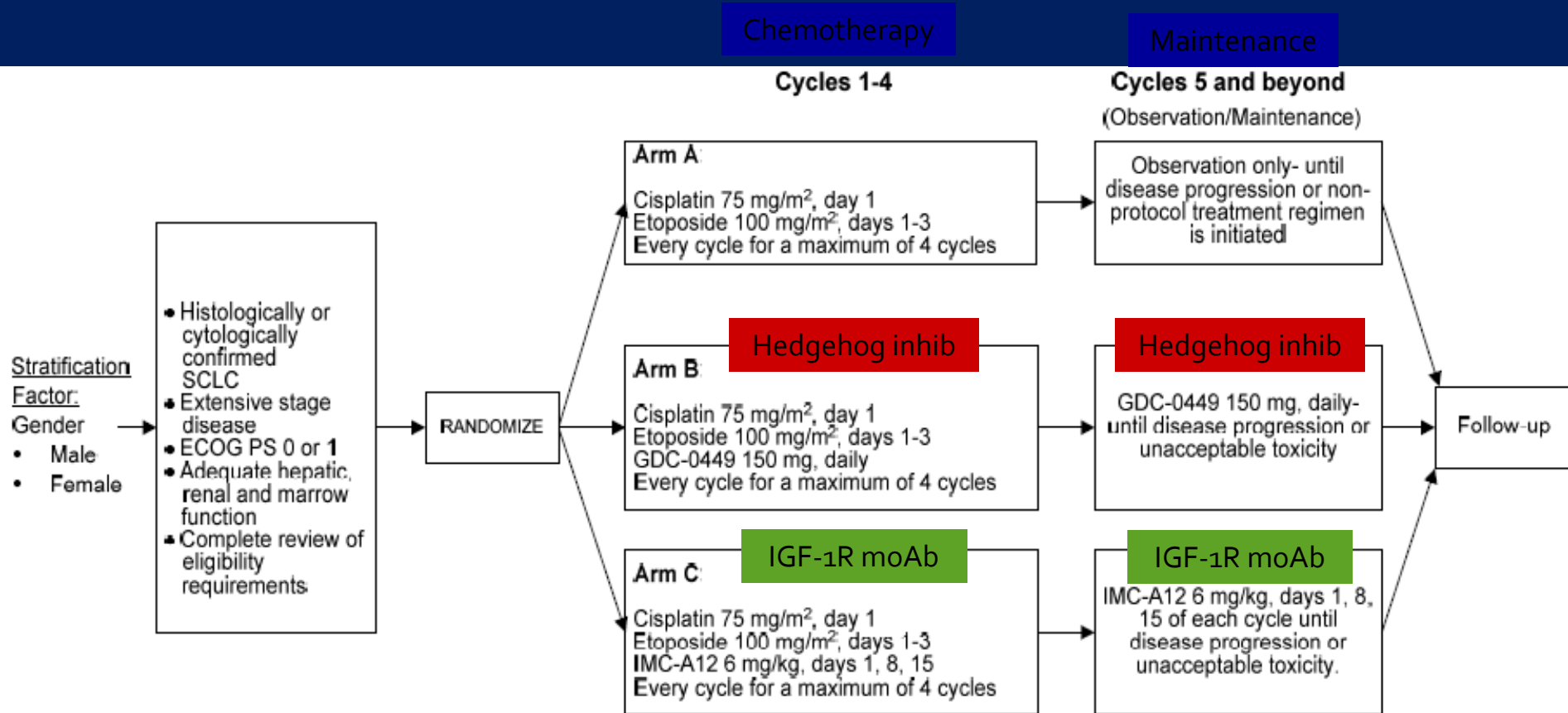
Cancers with paracrine requirement for Hh



SCLC

pancreatic,
colon cancer

E1508: a randomized phase II study of chemotherapy +/- vismodegib or (IGF-1R mAb) A12



T cell mediated immune rejection of tumours

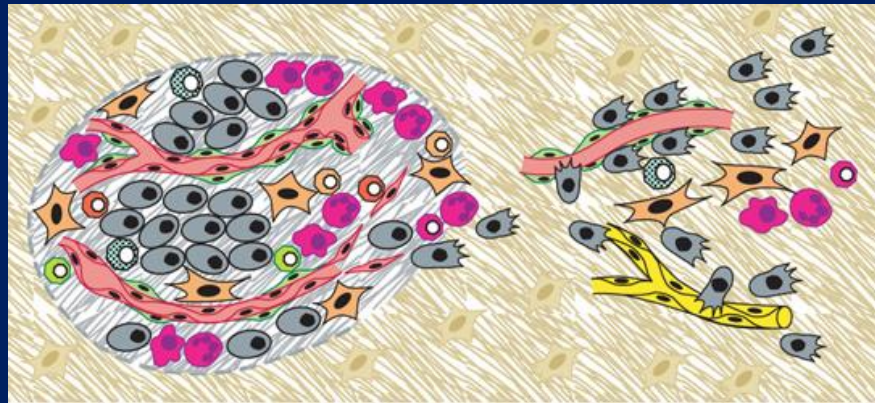
Therapeutic intervention

Tumour
vaccine

e.g. MAGE
or intrinsic (unknown)

Presentation of
tumour-specific/associated Ag

Activation of
Tumour-specific
T cells



Other
immunosuppressive
factors environment

T regulatory cells
Myeloid suppressor cells
IL-10, TGFbeta

CD137

CD28

IL-2

IL-15

Co-stimulatory
T cell
Signals

Negative
Regulatory signals
(immune check-points)

CTLA-4

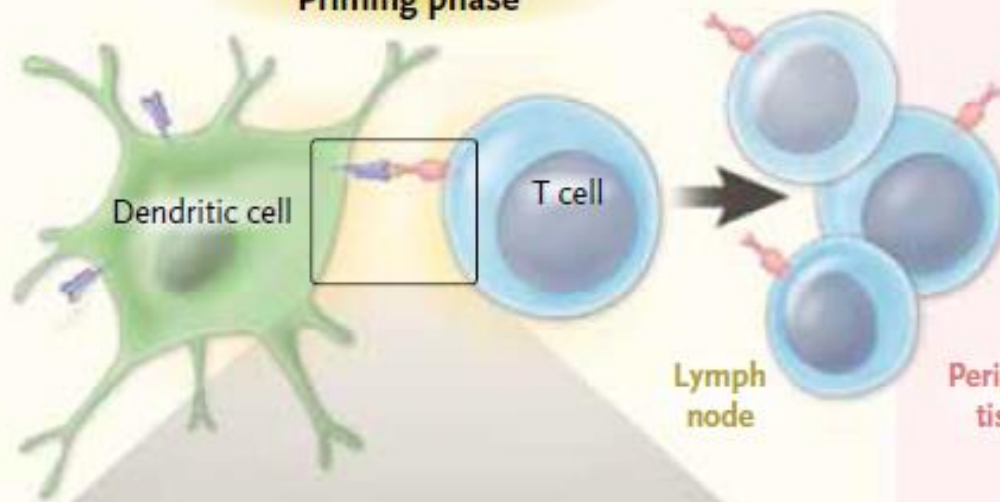
PD1

B7-1

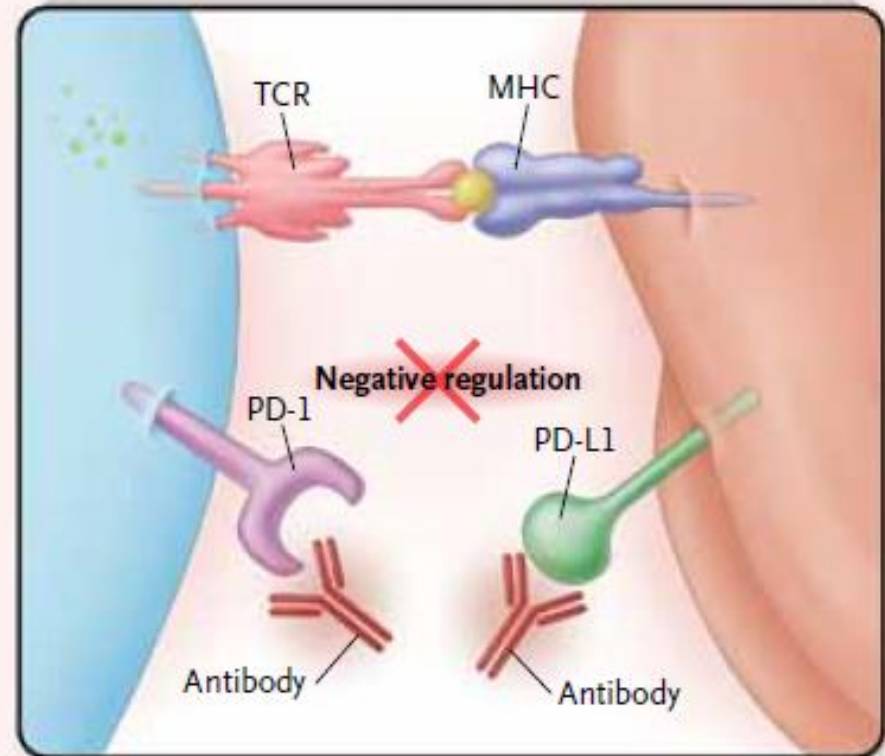
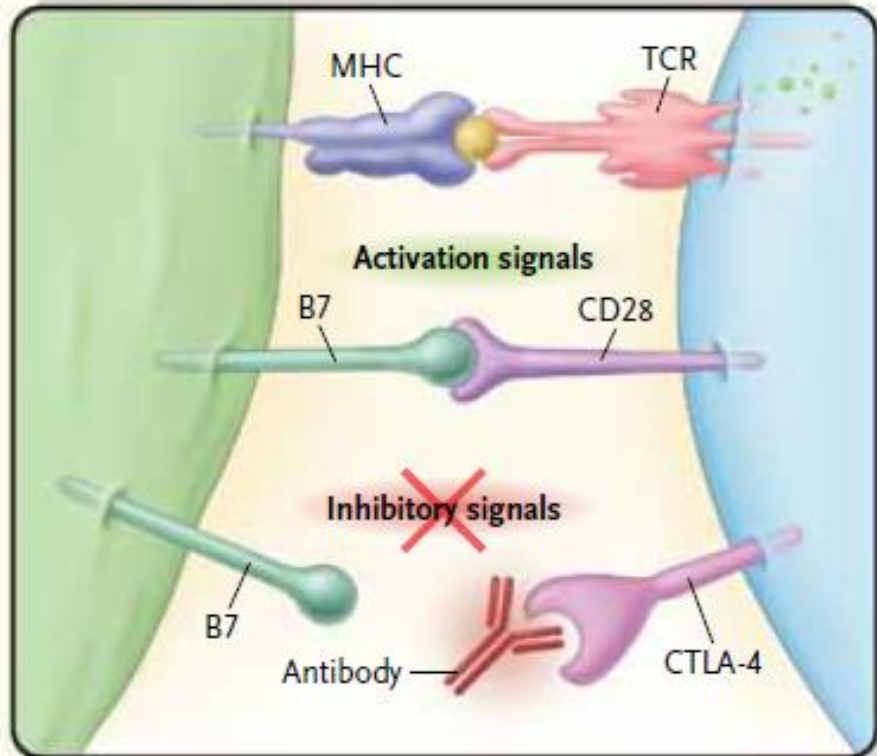
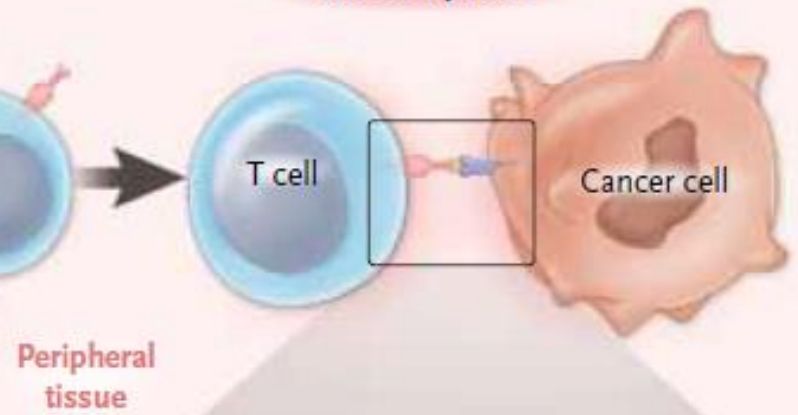
Agonists

Antagonists

Priming phase

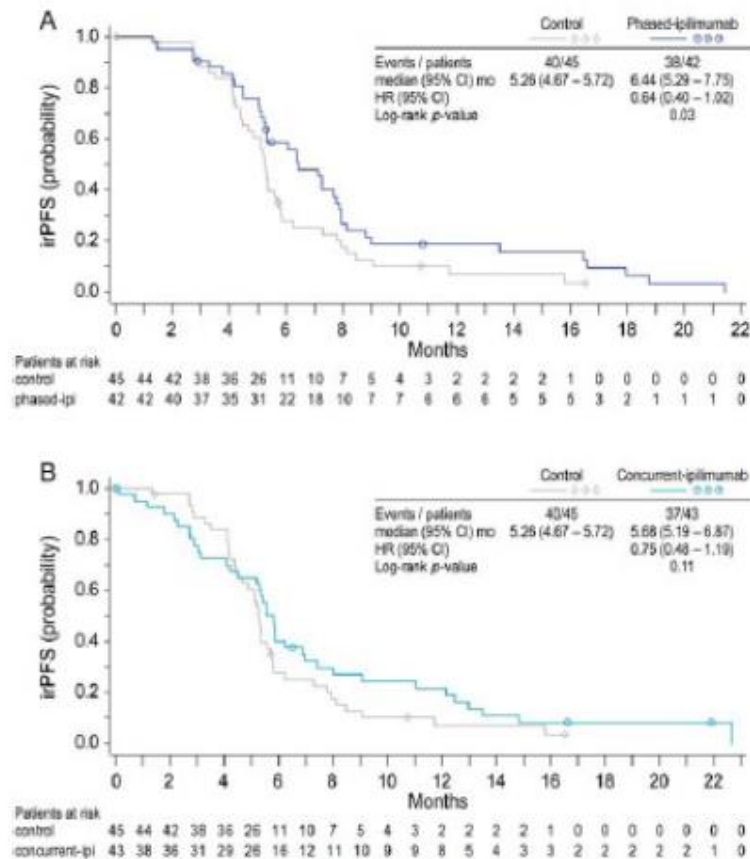


Effector phase



Sequential Ipilimumab Improves Irfps In ED SCLC 1st Line Therapy With Paclitaxel / Carboplatin

CA209-032



Reck M et al., Ann Oncol. 2013 Jan;24(1):75-83

Being repeated as Ideate (CA 184-156), sequential ipi, Stimuli – limited stage

Immunotherapy and SCLC

- Is it logical?? – very highly mutated – as is melanoma
- Phase 2 randomized study, ipi TC v TC
PFS 5.7m vs 4.6m, HR = 0.72, P = 0.05,
no improvement when used concurrently
Reck et al Ann Oncol 2013.
- nivolumab (anti -PD1) v N + ipilumimab
(CTL 4) followed by nivo maintenance

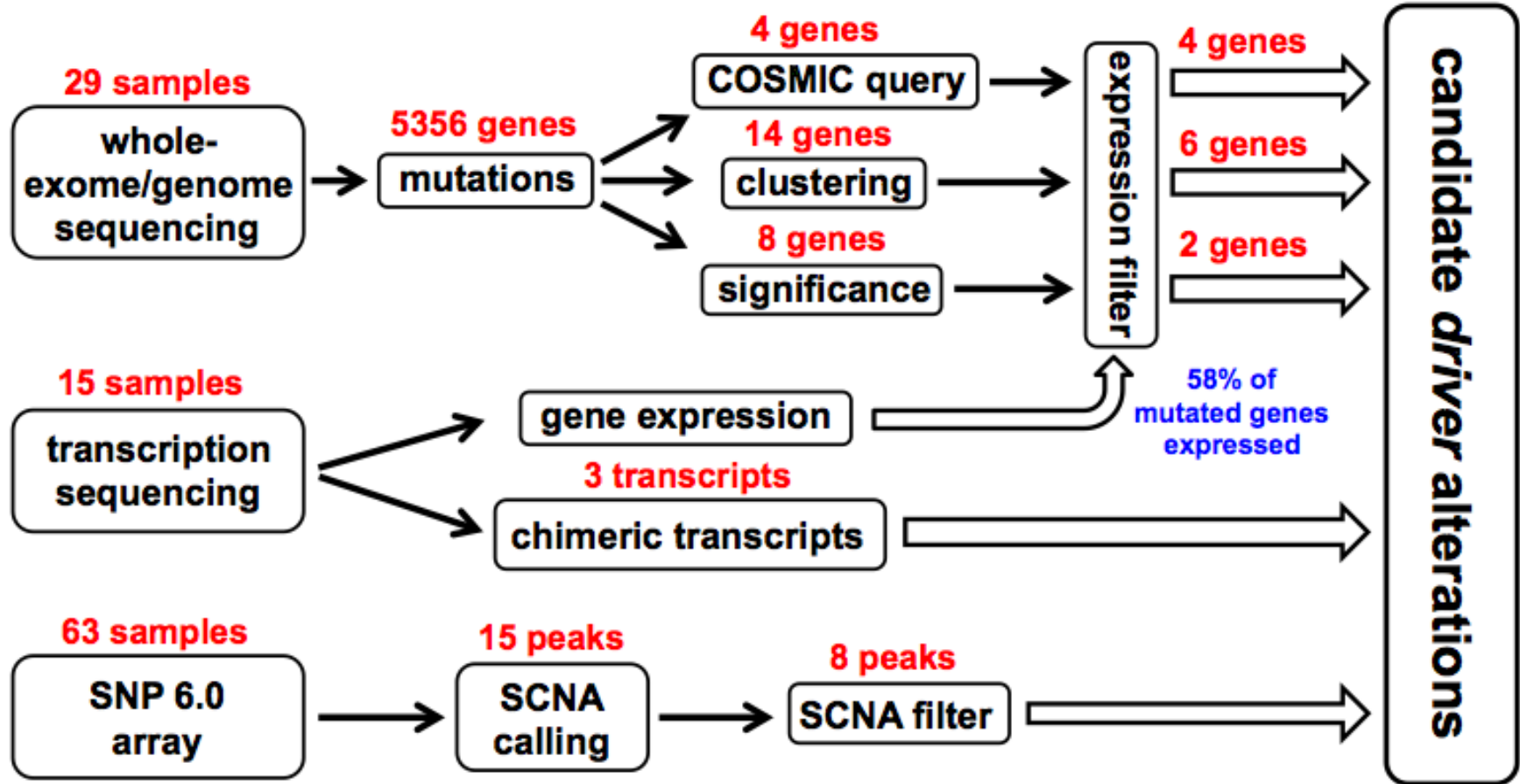
Ongoing studies

- Parp inhibitors/Temozolamide
- Aurora kinases/hedgehog/immuno
- 2 studies French & Italian: recruiting

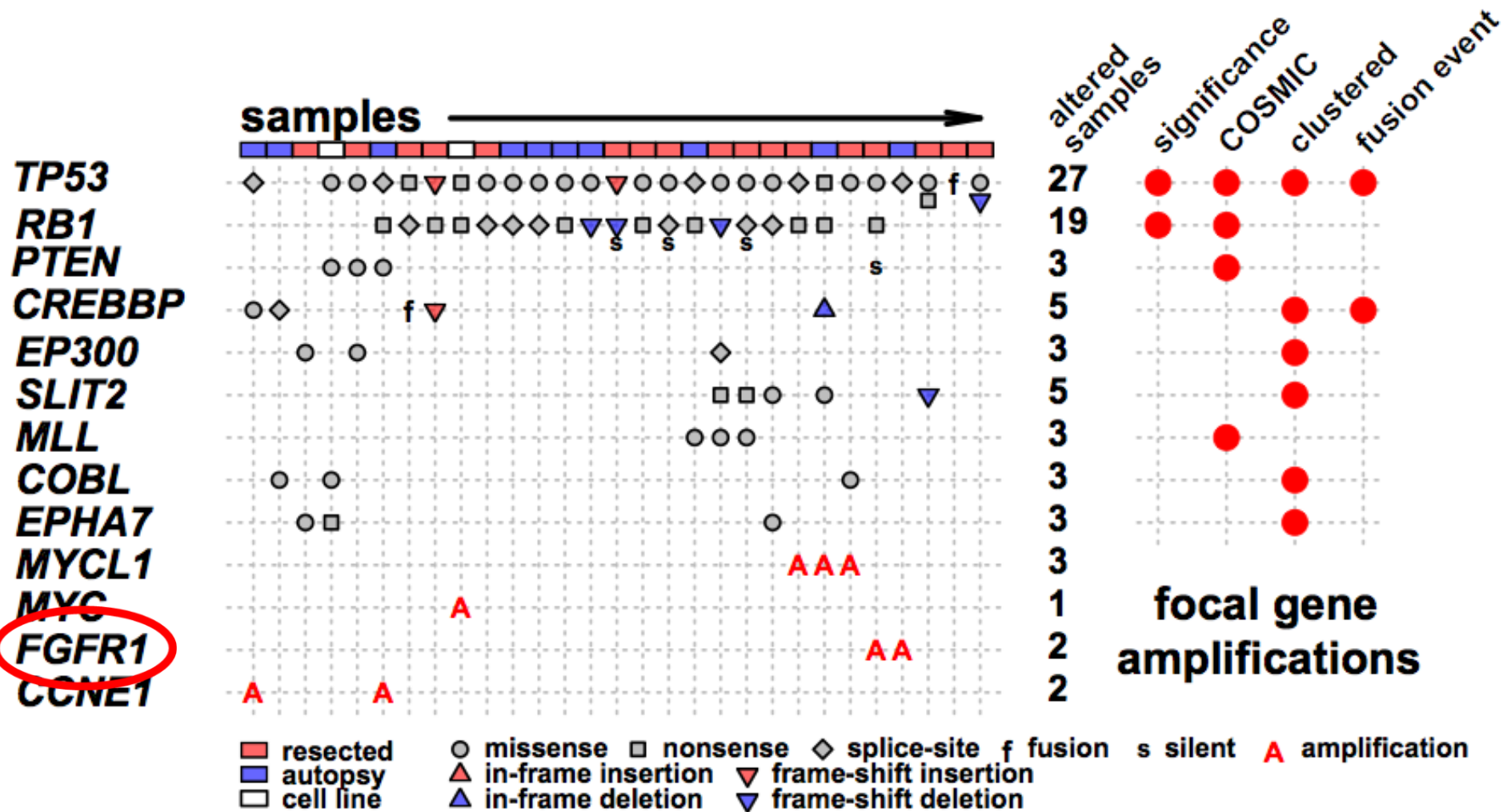
Poster at meeting 2nd line paclitaxel weekly + bev

- NGR-hTNF in Combination With Doxorubicin in Patients Affected by Metastatic Small Cell Lung Carcinoma (NGR007): MolMed
- Secondline +/- valproic acid
Old drugs new indication
- CE + anti-NCAM – anti CD 56 BB 10901 Immunogen
NORTH study – closed toxicity

Small-cell lung cancer sequencing project



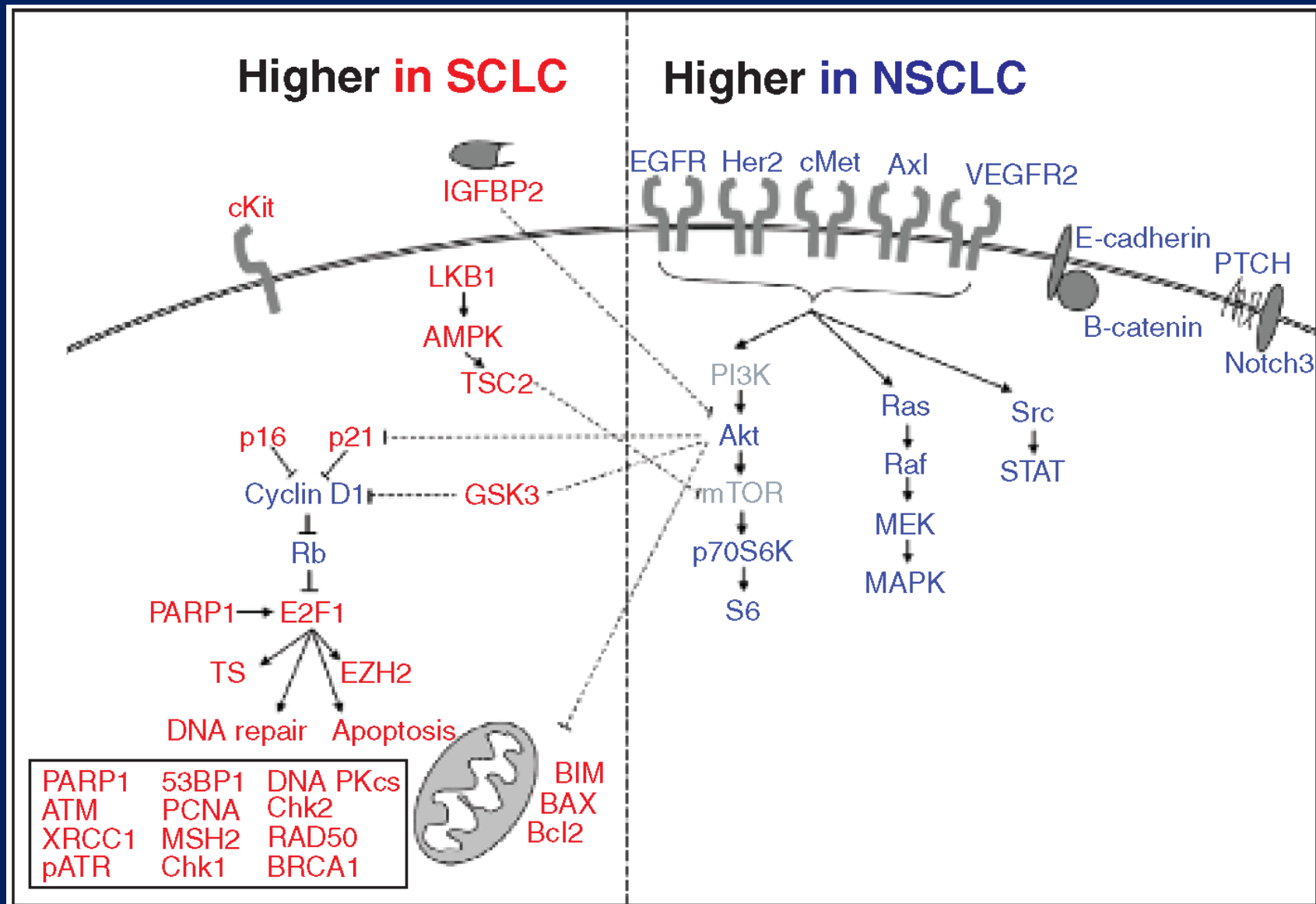
Candidate *driver* genome alterations in SCLC



Some SCLC genes....

- Hot spot mutations
 - TP53, RB1, PIK3CA, CDKN2A, PTEN
 - RAS family regulators (*RAB37*, *RASGRF1*, *RASGRF2*)
 - Chromatin modifiers (*EP300*, *DMBX1*, *MLL2*, *MED12*, etc.)
- Hot spot mutations *PLUS* q-score
 - *RUNX1T1*, *CDYL*, *RIMS2*
- Gene families and pathways
 - PI3K pathway, Notch and Hedgehog, glutamate receptor family, DNA repair/checkpoint, SOX family, histones
- Focal amplifications
 - *MYC*, SOX2, *SOX4*, *KIT*
- Recurrent translocations and fusion genes
 - Recurrent: *RLF-MYCL1*
 - Kinase fusions

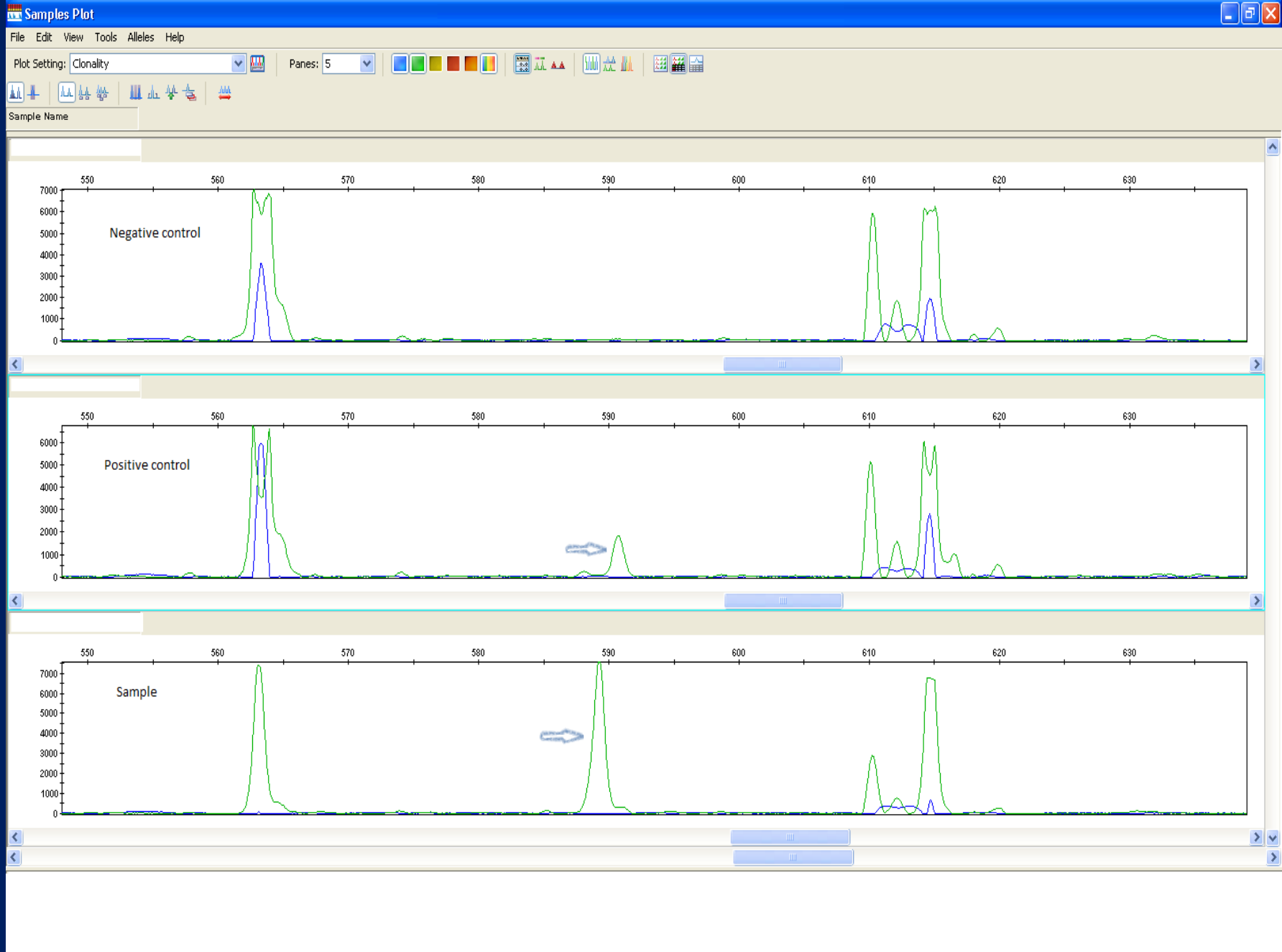
Proteomic analysis of SCLC



SCLC – biomarker search

N= 60 patients

- BRAF mutation: 1 positive (*V600E mutation*), 46 wild type and 13 invalid.
- EGFR mutation: 31 wild type and 29 invalid.
- KRAS mutation: 35 wild type and 25 invalid.
- ALK gene rearrangement: 58 with no rearrangements detected and 2 invalid.
- MET gene amplification: 40 no amplification, 18 invalid.



exon 15 (including codon V600) (CE-SSCA)
capillary electrophoresis-single strand conformation analysis

A Case with Positive V600E BRAF Mutation

- 55 years old Caucasian male smoker.
- Presenting symptoms: increasing shortness of breath on exertion and dry cough.
- PS = 1
- A history of squamous cell carcinoma 6 months before the new diagnosis, treated by right lobectomy.
- Biopsy diagnosis: *Pure SCLC, limited stage.*
- Treatment: Radical chemoradiotherapy (4 cycles of Carboplatin/Etoposide and radiotherapy 36Gy in 12 fractions) and PCI.
- Sudden death 9 months from MI.
- Review pathology – mixed pathology in resected specimen

Case 2 sunitinib: Whole Exome Sequencing of initial sample

- **68 somatic mutations (50 substitutions and 18 indels) were detected in the relapsed sample that did not occur in the germline. 28 out of the 68 were predicted to alter protein sequences.**
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Heterogeneity in SCLC

- SCLC - atypical carcinoid
- Adeno mutated – SCLC
- Squamous – SCLC – with bRAF

Words of warning

- One swallow does not make a summer
- Amrubicin in refractory
- Paclitaxel weekly + bevacuzimab
- Never smoking SCLC – think carcinoid
- Unexpected stable disease
- Sunitinib works for carcinoid
- Remember heterogeneity.
- Small biopsies are giving erroneous leads.....