
Monotherapy Administration of Sorafenib in Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Phase III, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled MISSION Trial

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Background

- Sorafenib is a multikinase inhibitor targeting receptor tyrosine and serine/threonine kinases, including VEGF and PDGF receptors and c-Kit, and is approved for the treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma and hepatocellular carcinoma¹⁻³
- The multikinase inhibitor sorafenib has been investigated and shown to have activity as monotherapy in phase II trials as second- or third-line treatment of patients with advanced NSCLC^{4,5}
- Patients with prior exposure to chemotherapy and/or EGFR-TKI may benefit from further therapy
- We hypothesized that sorafenib as third-/fourth-line monotherapy in patients with relapsed or refractory, predominantly non-squamous NSCLC would improve overall survival (OS) compared with best supportive care (BSC)

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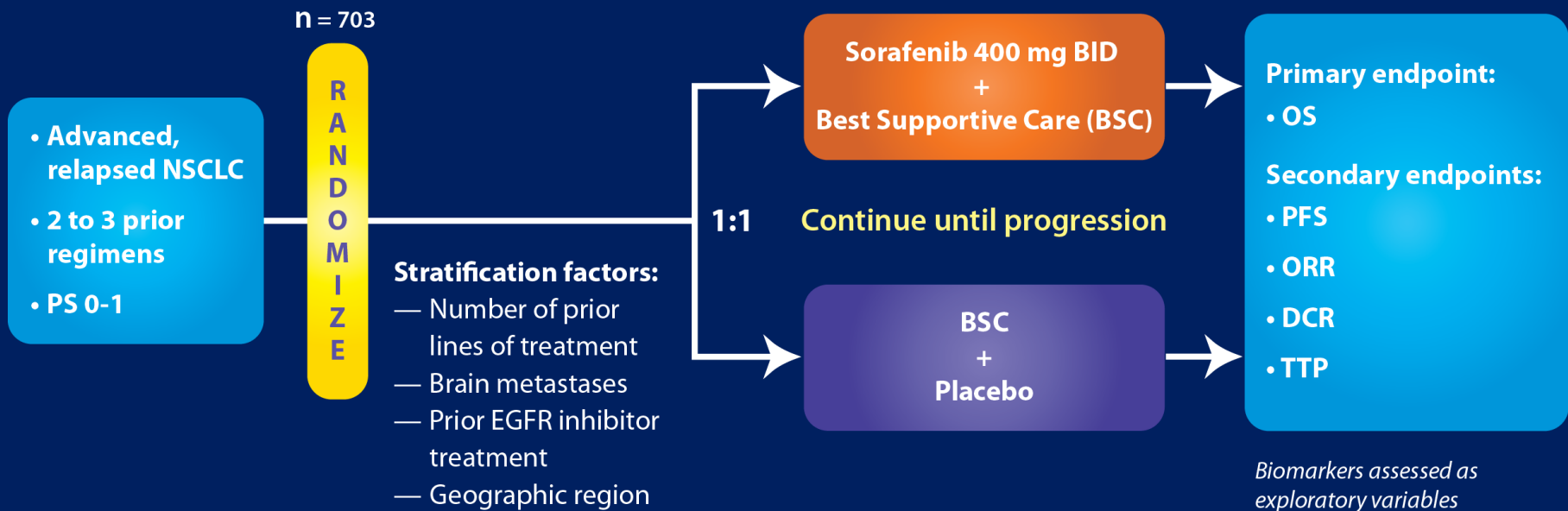
Study Objective and Design

- Objective

- To compare the efficacy and safety of sorafenib plus BSC with BSC alone in patients with relapsed or refractory, advanced, predominantly non-squamous NSCLC with disease progression after two or three prior treatment regimens

- Design

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase III trial conducted in 33 countries in Europe, North and South America, and Asia Pacific



Statistical Analyses

- Sample size based on OS
 - Study designed to detect a 33% increase in median OS (from 6.5 months to 8.7 months)
 - With a one-sided alpha of 0.025, a power of 92.6%, and a 1:1 randomization ratio, a total of 572 events required
- OS analyzed using log rank tests and the stratification factors used during randomization
- Secondary efficacy endpoints – PFS, DCR, best ORR, TTP – evaluated based on RECIST criteria
 - One sided significance level of 0.025

Baseline Patient Characteristics

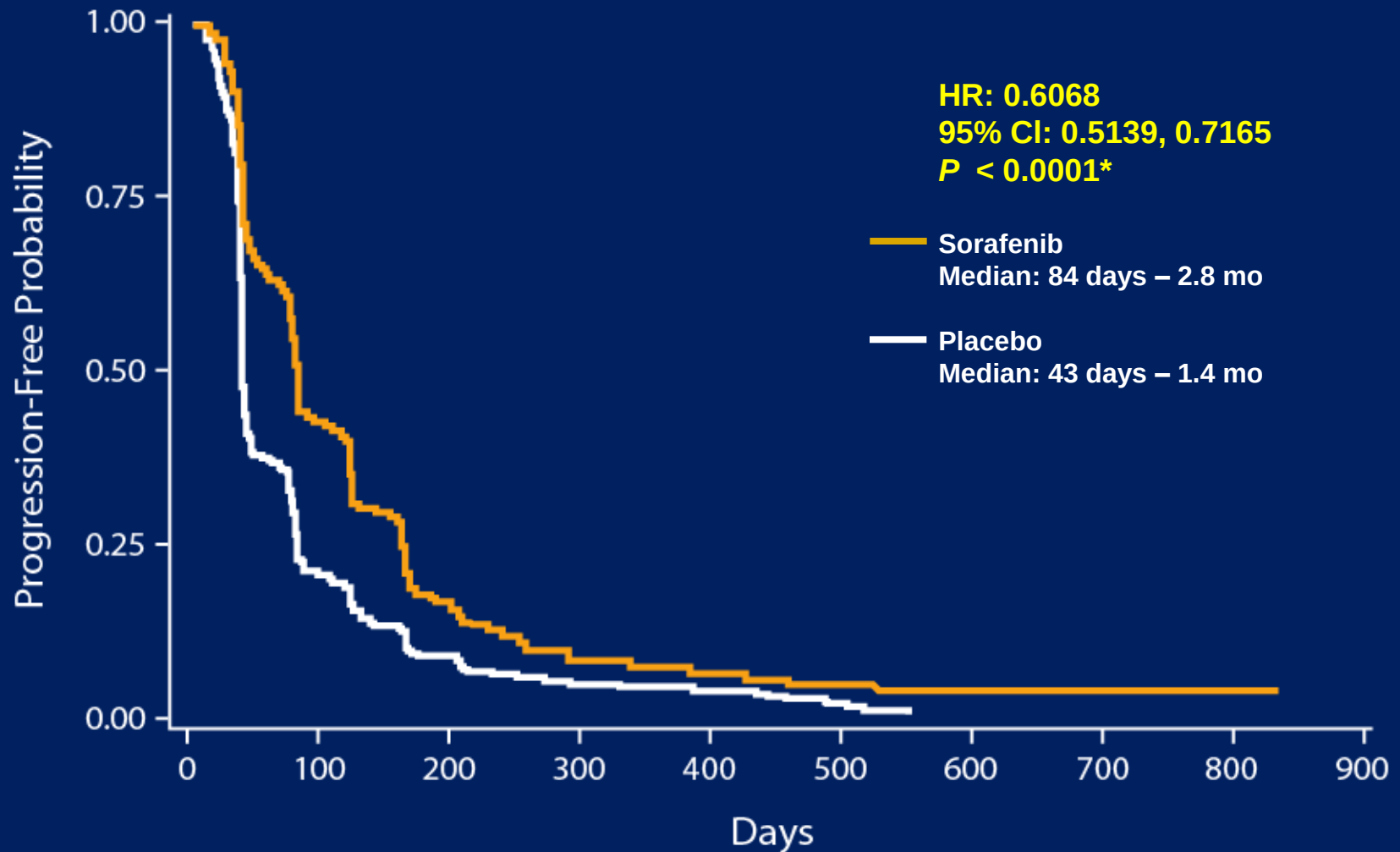
	Sorafenib n=350 (%)	Placebo n=353 (%)
Median age, yr	59.0	62.0
Geographic region		
North America, Northern/ Western Europe	122 (34.9%)	119 (33.7%)
South America, Eastern Europe and Asia Pacific	228 (65.1%)	228 (65.1%)
<i>Asia Pacific (only)</i>	<i>174 (49.7%)</i>	<i>172 (48.7%)</i>
Male	186 (53.1%)	209 (59.2%)
Smoking status		
Non-smoker	161 (46.0%)	134 (38.0%)
Past or present smoker	181 (51.7%)	216 (61.2%)
ECOG PS		
0	110 (31.4%)	110 (31.2%)
1	233 (66.6%)	242 (68.6%)
Brain metastases present	56 (16.0%)	54 (15.3%)
Number of prior regimens		
2	188 (53.7%)	197 (55.8%)
3	158 (45.1%)	153 (43.3%)
Prior EGFR systemic therapy	209 (59.7%)	207 (58.6%)

Study Drug Administration

ITT Population

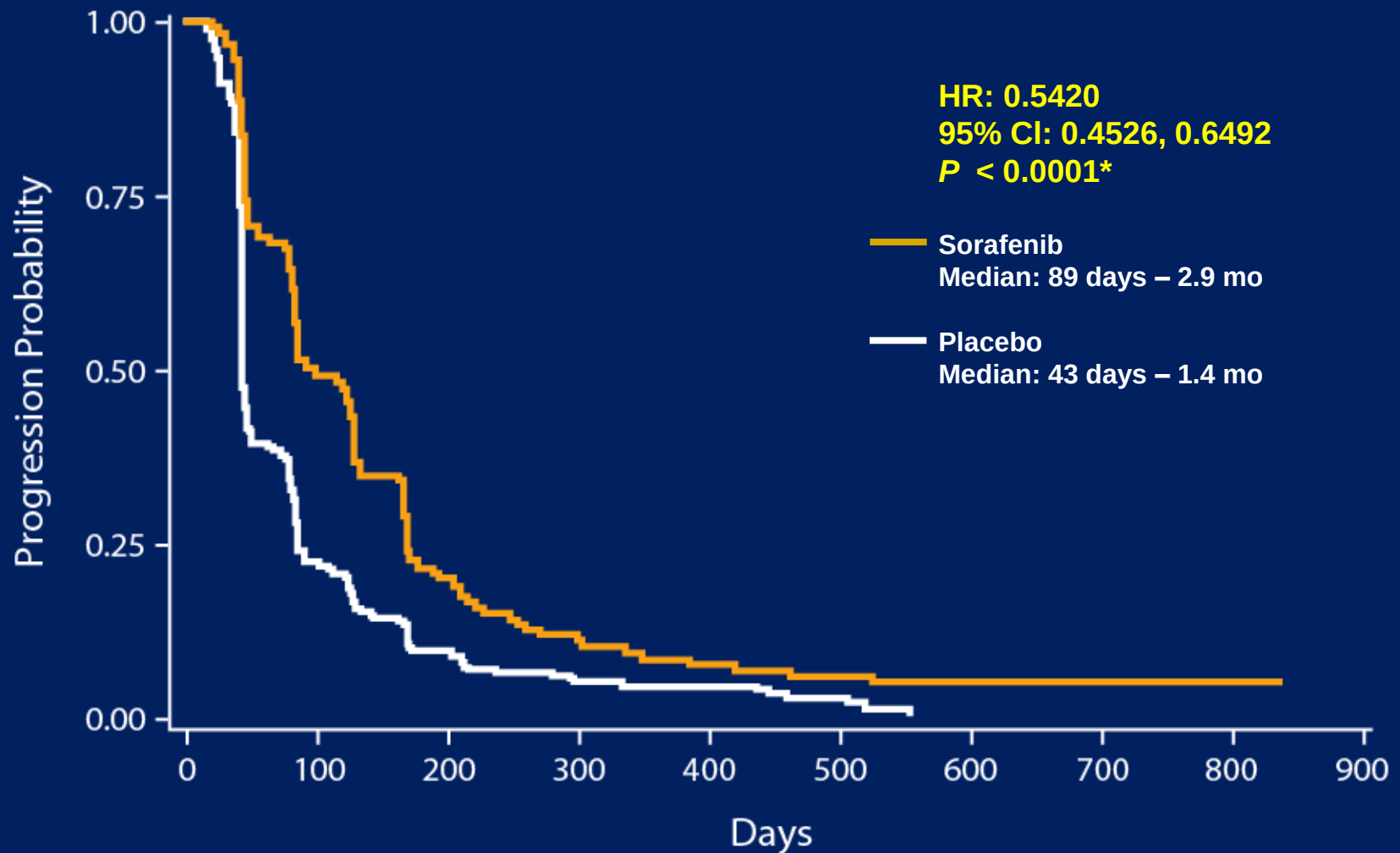
	Sorafenib (n=350)	Placebo (n=353)
Duration of treatment, weeks		
Median	12.0	6.3
Mean	18.0	11.6
Dose interruption, n (%)	181 (51.7%)	67 (19.0%)
Dose reduction, n (%)	121 (34.6%)	22 (6.2%)

Progression-Free Survival



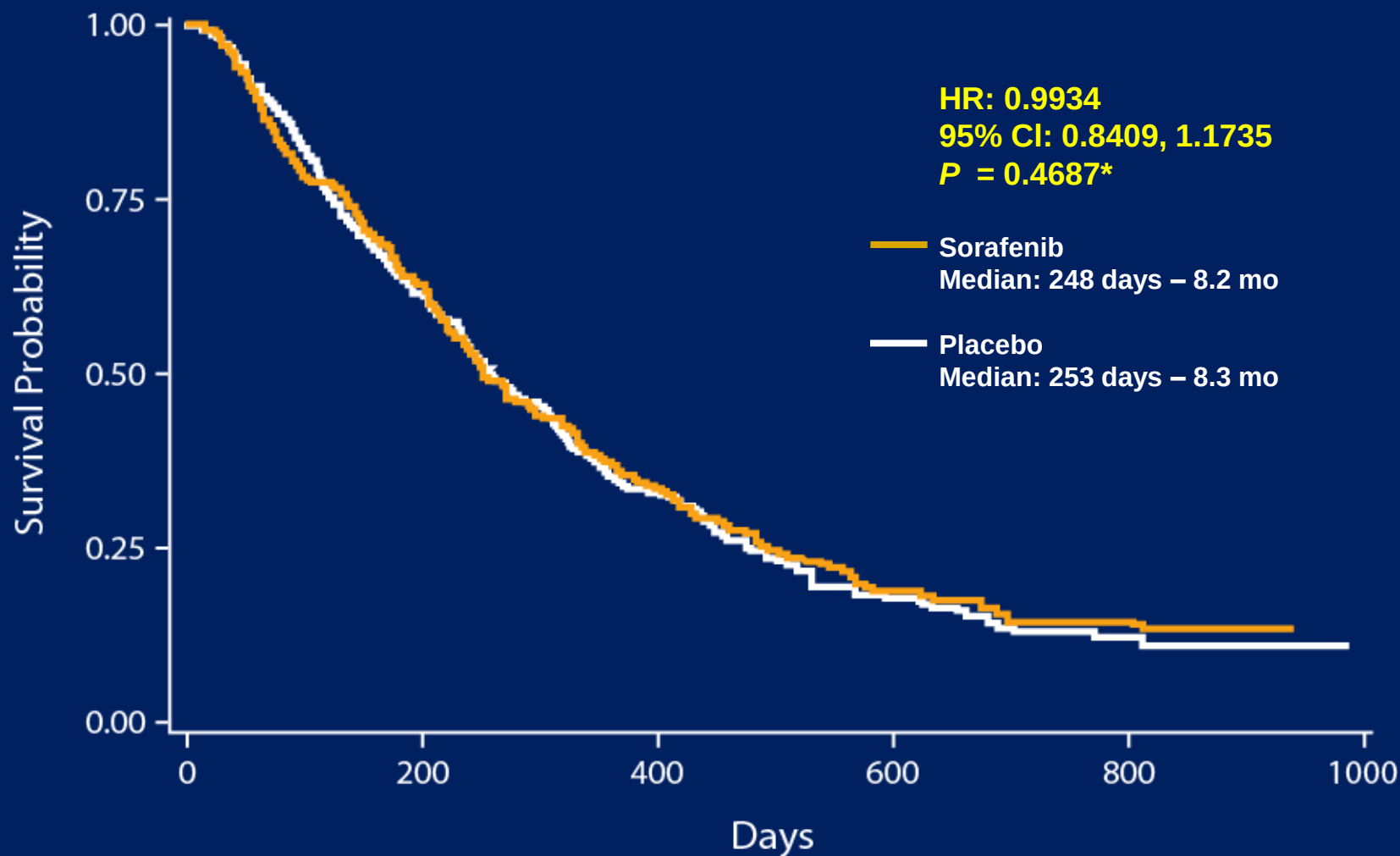
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Time-to-Progression



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Overall Survival (Primary endpoint)

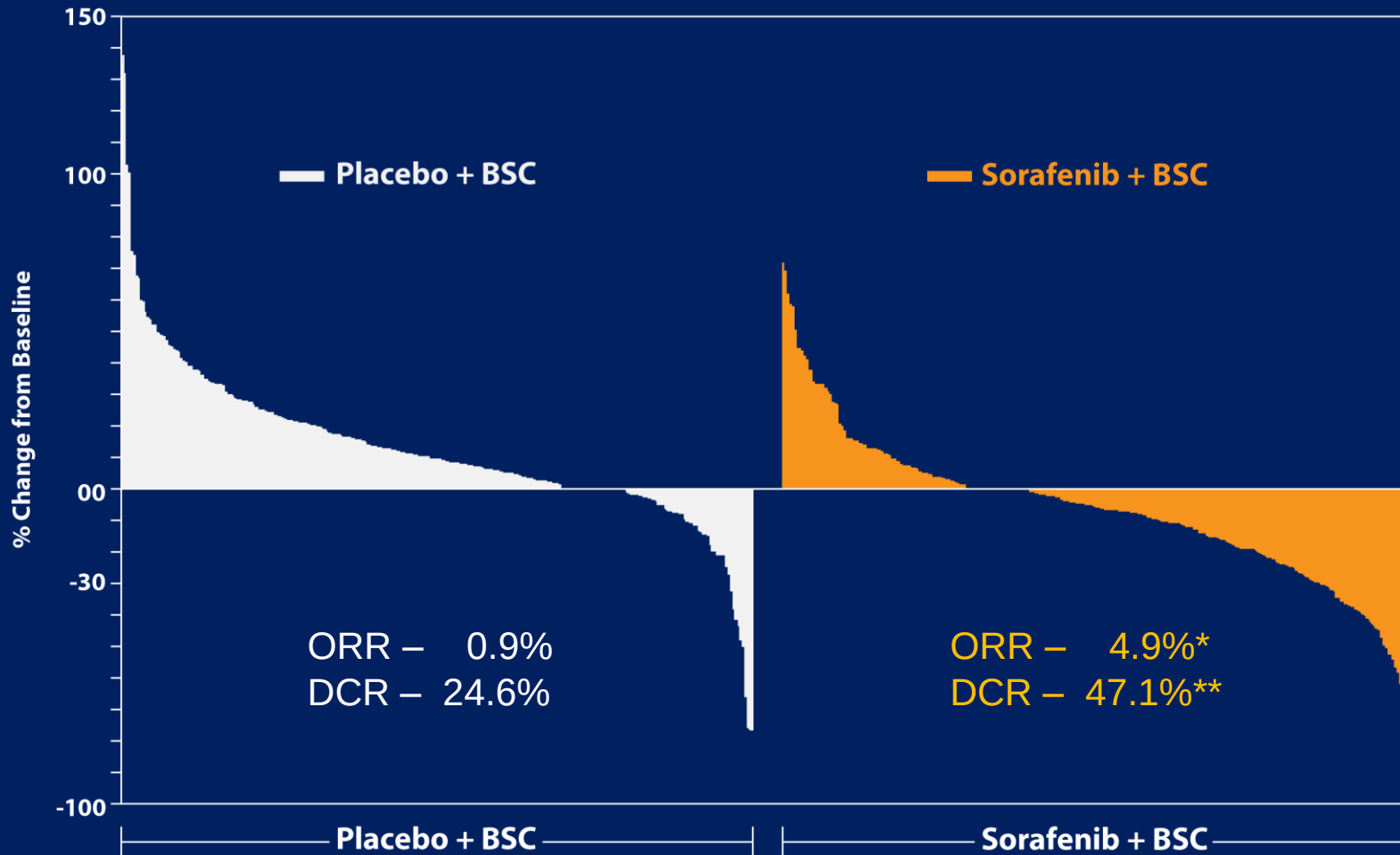


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Post-progression Therapy

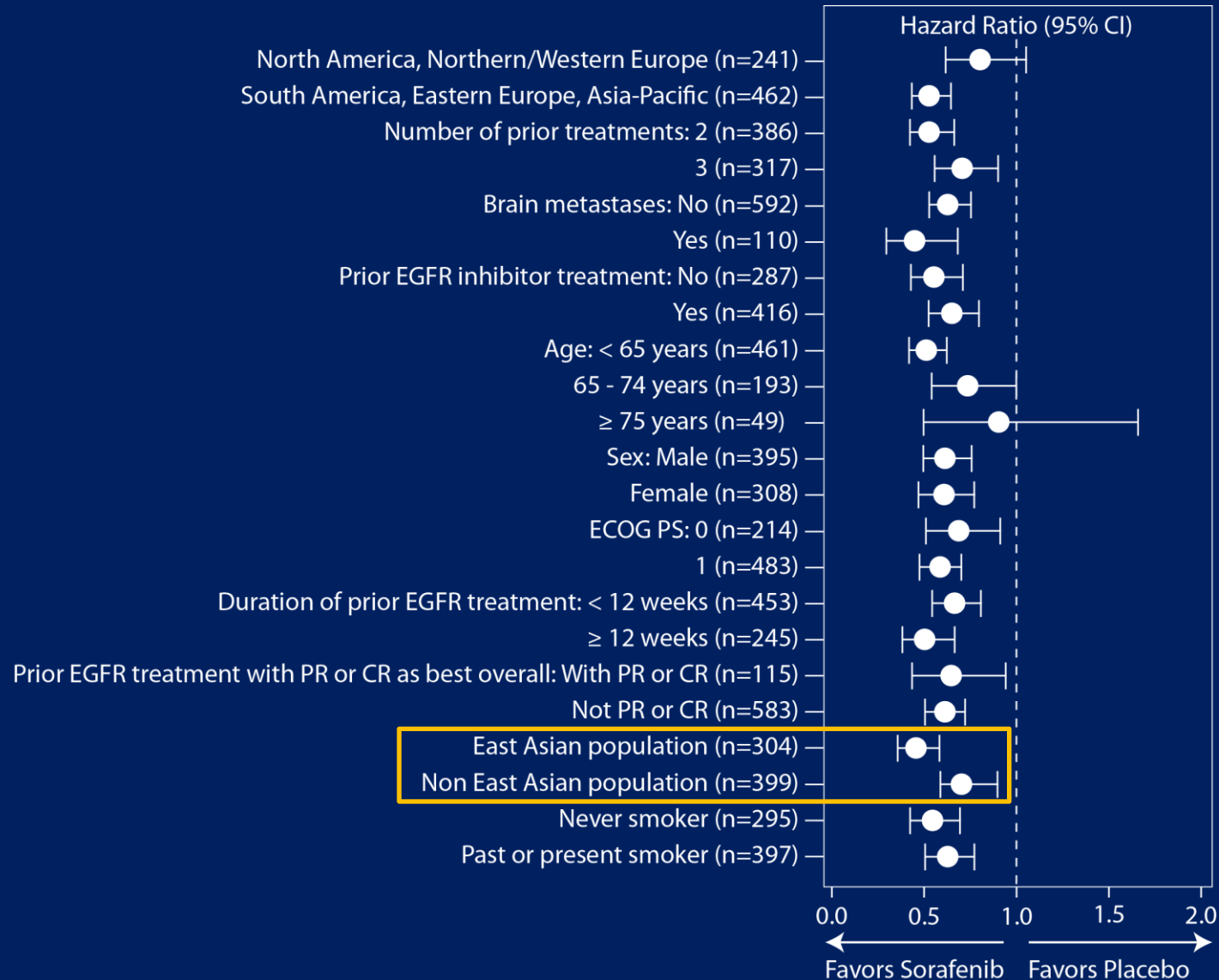
	Sorafenib n=350 (%)	Placebo n=353 (%)
Number of regimens		
1+	151 (43.1)	198 (56.1)
2+	62 (17.7)	78 (22.1)
3+	27 (7.7)	31 (8.8)
Anti-EGFR	59 (16.9)	74 (21)
Antimetabolite	67 (19.1)	94 (26.6)
Platinum	39 (11.1)	47 (13.3)
Docetaxel	28 (8.0)	34 (9.6)
Paclitaxel	5 (1.4%)	9 (2.5)
Taxane	12 (3.4)	24 (6.8)
Vinca alkaloid	34 (9.7)	35 (9.9)
Best reported outcome		
Partial response	17 (4.9)	20 (5.7)
Stable disease	49 (14)	75 (21.2)

Tumor Response in Individual Patients

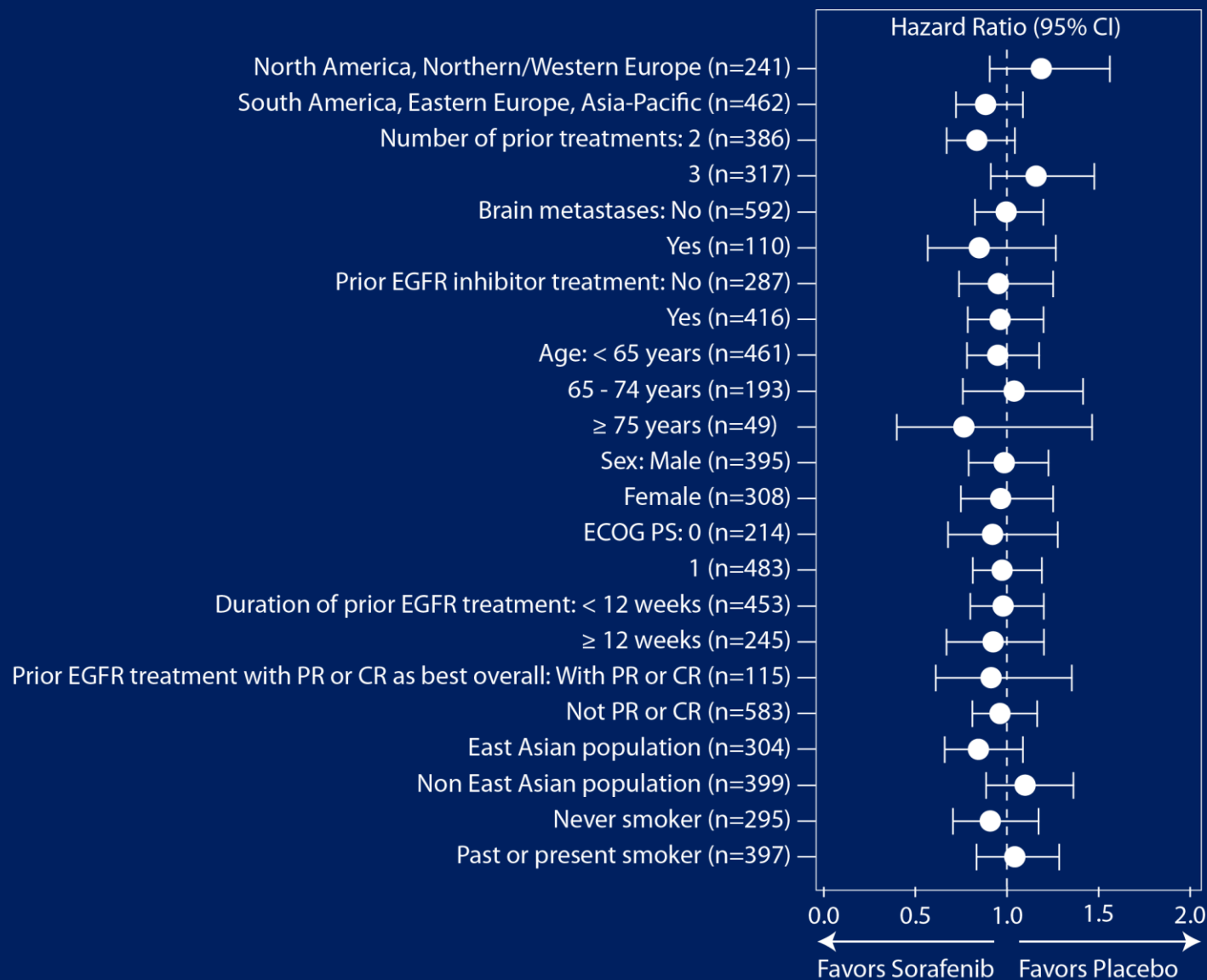


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Subgroup Analyses – PFS



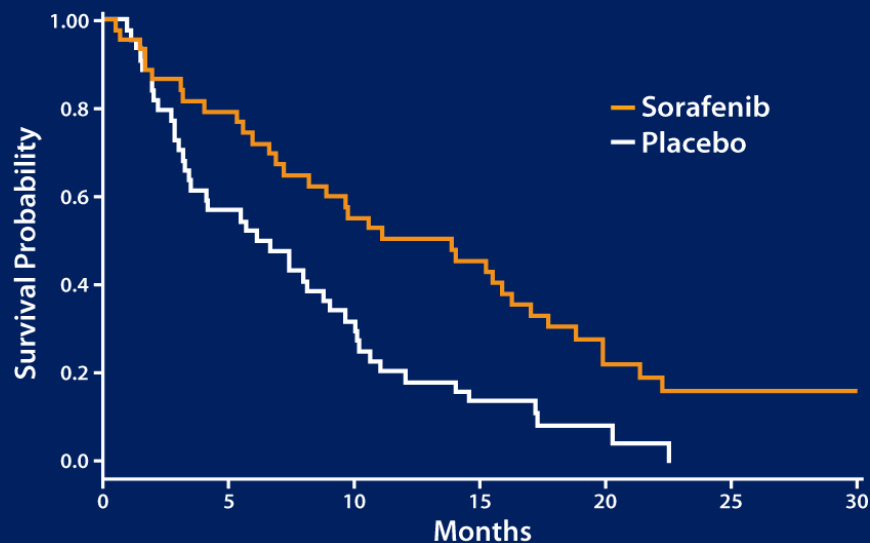
Subgroup Analyses - OS



Exploratory analysis: OS and PFS in Patients with EGFR Mutation in Tumor or Plasma

OS

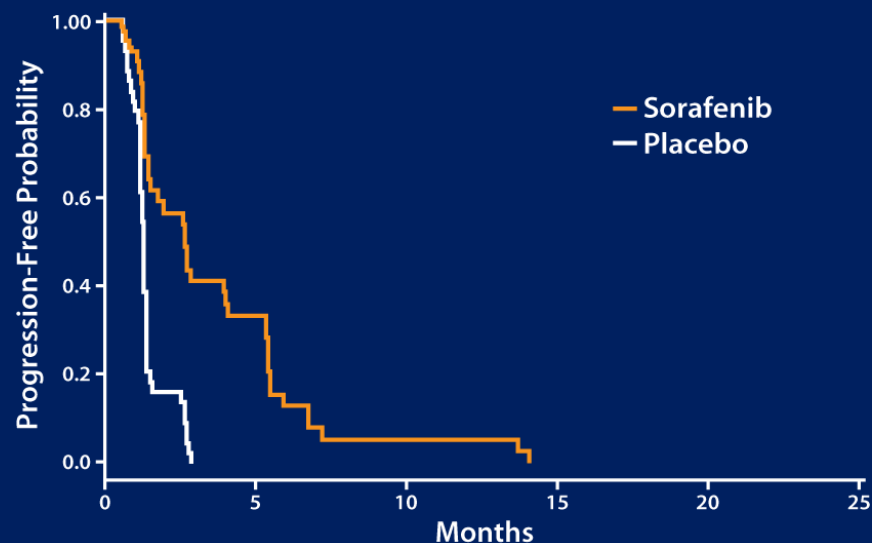
- Sorafenib N=44; Placebo N=45
- HR=0.48 (95% CI 0.3,0.76)
- P-value=0.002
- Sorafenib median OS= 13.9 mo (423d)
- Placebo median OS= 6.5 mo (197d)



Biomarker*treatment interaction analysis: p-value=0.023

PFS

- Sorafenib N=44; Placebo N=45
- HR=0.27 (95% CI 0.16,0.46)
- P-value<0.001
- Sorafenib median PFS= 2.7 mo (83d)
- Placebo median PFS= 1.4 mo (42d)

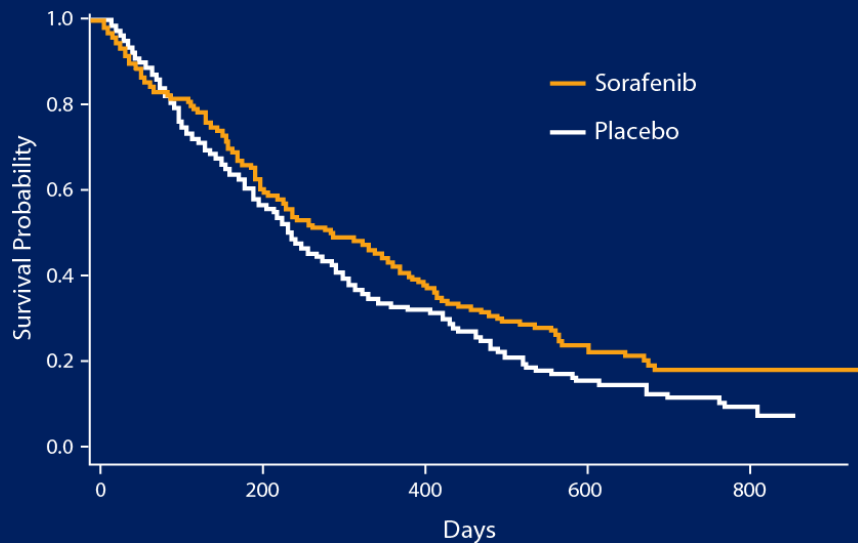


Biomarker*treatment interaction analysis: p-value=0.015

Outcomes for patients providing samples for biomarker testing (N=347)

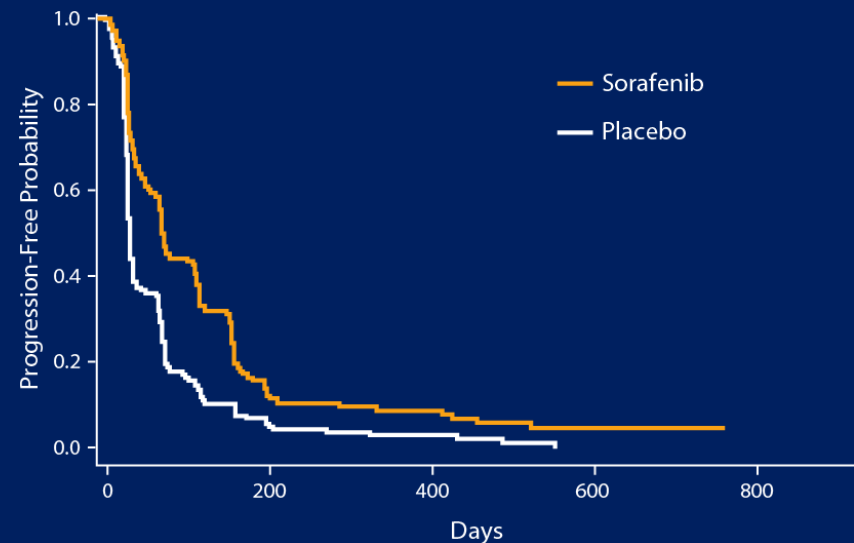
OS

- Sorafenib N=166; Placebo N=181
- HR=0.79 (95% CI 0.63,1.01)
- P-value=0.055
- Sorafenib median OS = 296d
- Placebo median OS = 249d



PFS

- Sorafenib N=166; Placebo N=181
- HR=0.56 (95% CI 0.45,0.71)
- P-value<0.001
- Sorafenib median PFS = 82d
- Placebo median PFS = 43d



Population providing biomarker samples is not representative of the overall population. Efficacy outcomes of this biomarker subgroup should be interpreted in light of the overall efficacy results.

Safety Overview

	CTC Grade	Sorafenib n=346, (%)	Placebo n=351, (%)
Treatment emergent adverse events (AEs)	All	342 (98.8%)	318 (90.6%)
	3	139 (40.2%)	66 (18.8%)
	4	14 (4.0%)	24 (6.8%)
	5	80 (23.1%)	46 (13.1%)
Drug-related treatment emergent AEs	All	304 (87.9%)	173 (49.3%)
	3	127 (36.7%)	18 (5.1%)
	4	6 (1.7%)	6 (1.7%)
	5	5 (1.4%)	0
Serious treatment emergent AEs	All	135 (39.0%)	111 (31.6%)
	3	36 (10.3%)	36 (10.3%)
	4	10 (2.9%)	18 (5.1%)
	5	80 (23.1%)	46 (13.1%)
Serious drug-related AEs	All	28 (8.1%)	11 (3.1%)
	3	16 (4.6%)	2 (0.6%)
	4	6 (1.7%)	5 (1.4%)
	5*	5 (1.4%)	0

*Including 2 patients with CNS ischemia and 1 each with cardiac ischemia/infarction, constitutional symptoms (other), and infection (other).

Treatment-emergent Adverse Events Occurring in >10% of Patients in Either Group

	Sorafenib, n=346 (%)			Placebo, n=351 (%)		
	All grade	G3	G4	All grade	G3	G4
Hand-foot skin reaction	55	16	0	6	1	0
Rash/desquamation	40	4	0	12	0	0
Fatigue	36	8	<1	28	4	0
Diarrhea	36	3	0	12	<1	0
Anorexia	30	3	0	18	2	0
Dyspnea	28	5	2	30	5	2
Cough	23	2	0	19	0	0
Hypertension	20	5	<1	5	1	0
Alopecia	19	0	0	1	0	0
Nausea	17	2	0	16	1	0
Mucositis (functional/symptomatic), oral	17	1	0	4	0	0
Hemorrhage/bleeding (all)	16	1	0	11	1	0
Vomiting	15	1	0	13	1	0
Constipation	14	1	0	14	1	0
Pain, chest/thorax, NOS	13	3	0	9	1	0
Weight loss	12	1	0	5	0	0
Fever	12	0	0	5	0	0
Headache	11	1	0	7	1	0
Pain, back	10	2	0	11	1	0

Conclusions

- Sorafenib monotherapy did not improve OS (HR 0.99) as third- or fourth-line treatment in patients with advanced NSCLC
- Secondary efficacy endpoints were successfully met, including PFS (HR 0.61) and TTP (HR 0.54). Statistically significant improvements in ORR and DCR were also observed
- Safety and tolerability data were as expected
- Treatment options for third-/fourth-line NSCLC patients remain an unmet medical need. The role of targeted therapy in defined NSCLC populations (e.g. genetic and/or plasma biomarker subsets) warrants further investigation

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Summary of Best Response by RECIST Criteria

n (%)	Sorafenib n=350	Placebo n=353
Overall Response Rate (CR + PR)	17 (4.9)*	3 (0.9)
CR	0 (0)	0 (0)
PR	17 (4.9)	3 (0.9)
SD	148 (42.3)	84 (24.3)
PD	10 (2.9)	12 (3.4)
Disease Control Rate (CR + PR + SD)	165 (47.1)**	87 (24.7)

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