

# **Latest advances in Lung Cancer**

## **Key facts & new therapies**

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# Lung Cancer

- High incidence: ~1.5 Mill new cases worldwide every year
- Exogen & endogen risk factors
- ~85% of cancers in smokers or former smokers
- Pathological classification
  - Non-small cell lung cancer (>80%)
  - Small cell lung cancer
- Asymptomatic in early stages !  
Cough, thoracic pain, dyspnea, pneumonia, hemoptoe

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# Pathology of Lung Cancer

- WHO classification 2004
  - Squamous cell carcinoma
  - Small cell lung cancer
  - Adenocarcinoma
  - Large cell carcinoma
  - Adenosquamous carcinoma
  - Sarcomatoid carcinoma
  - Carcinoid (typical, atypical)
  - Salivary gland carcinomas (mucoepidermoid, adenocystic, epithelial-myoepithelial)
- Predominant sites of metastasis
  - Lymph nodes
  - Lung    Liver    Adrenal Glands    Bone    Brain

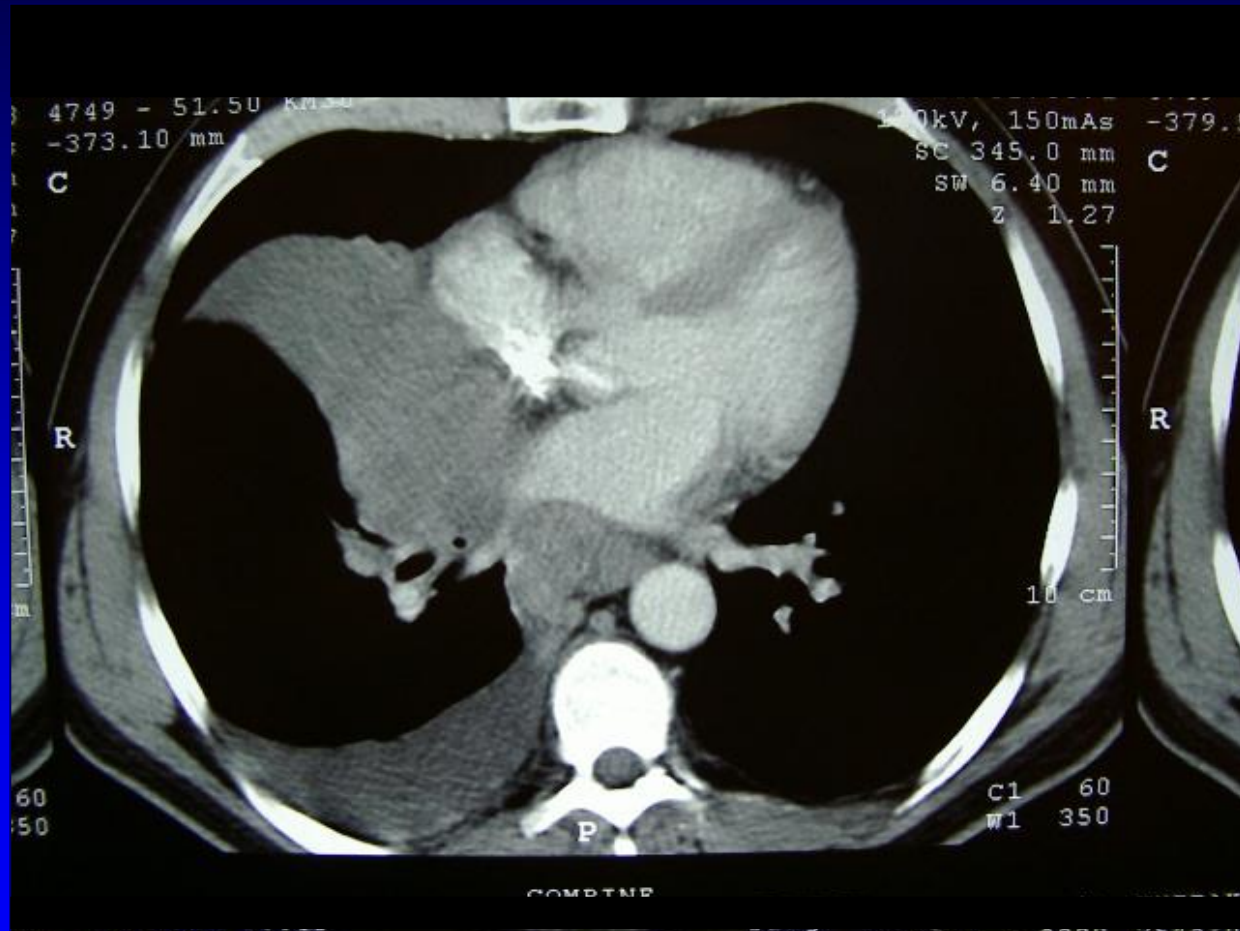
# Non-small cell lung cancer

Stage	Standard therapy	Within trials
I, II	Surgery Adjuvant chemo	Adjuvant therapies
III	Local therapy + chemo	Multimodality therapies
IV	Chemotherapy Bevacizumab Gefitinib, Erlotinib	New drugs

# Small cell lung cancer

- **Combination hemotherapy**  
Cisplatin (or Carboplatin) + Etoposide  
Cyclophosphamide + Adriamycin + Vincristine  
others
- **Thoracic radiotherapy simultan, sequentiell)**  
Patients with limited disease
- **Prophylactic cranial irradiation**  
Patients responding to chemo(radio)therapy
- **Secondline chemotherapy**  
Topotecan

# Patient CT



**Before Chemotherapy**

# Patient CT



## After Chemotherapy

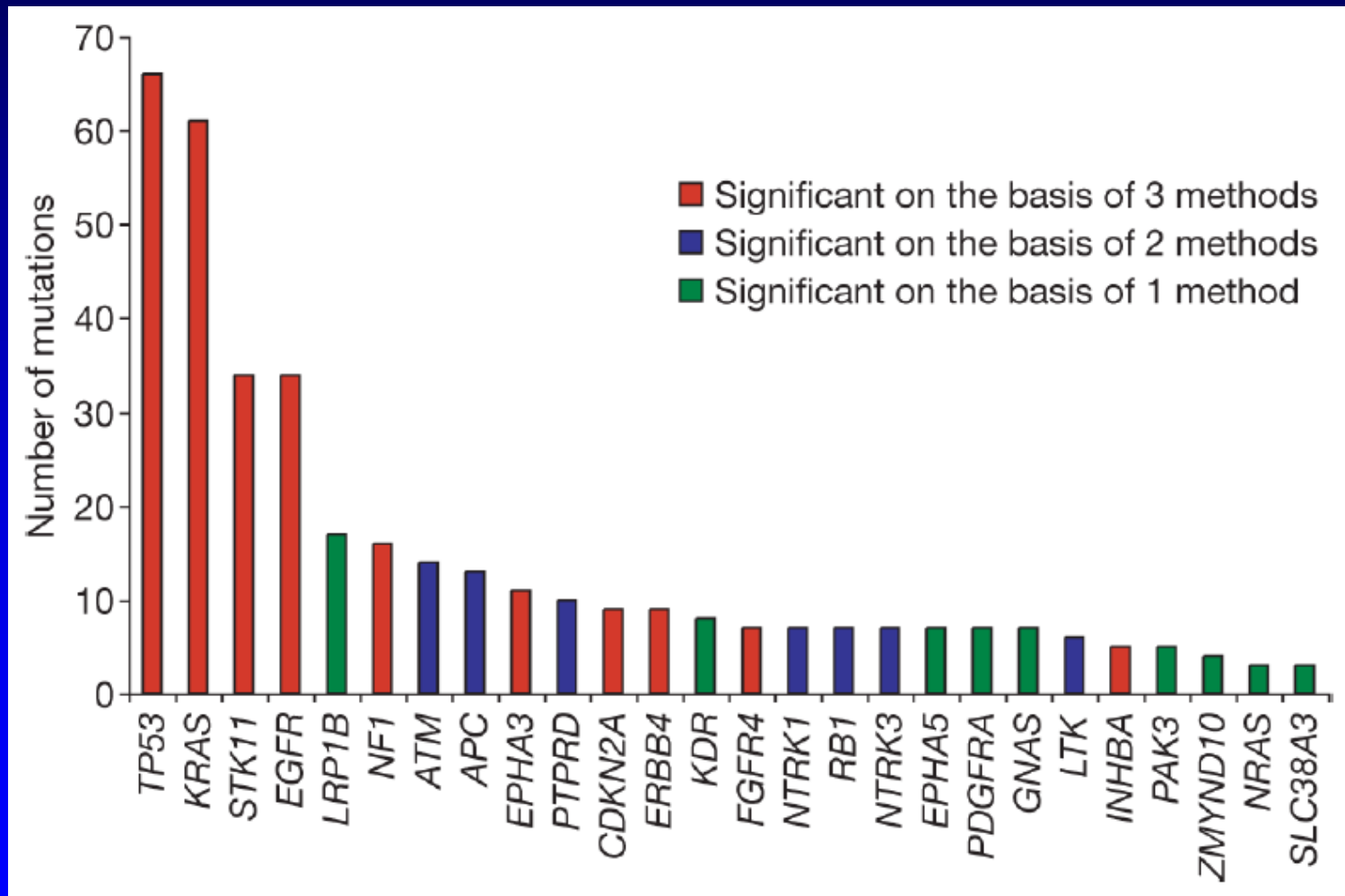


# New developments

- Molecular changes involved in tumor growth
  - Genes
  - Proteins
- Future classification based on classical histopathology and molecular features
- Screening
- Prevention
- New treatments based on molecular changes of tumor cells

# Somatic mutations in adenocarcinomas

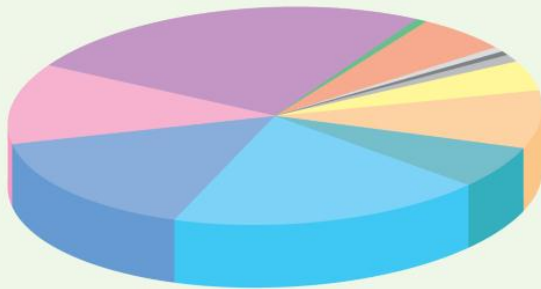
*Ding L et al. Nature 2008, 455, 1069*



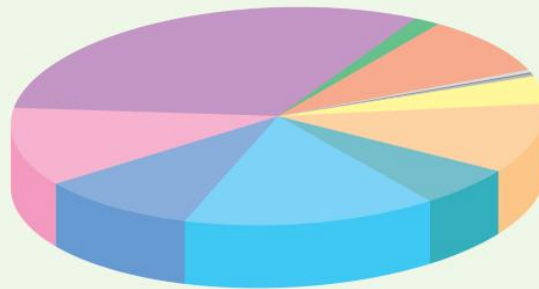
# TP53 Mutation Spectra

Rudin CM et al. CCR 2009, 15, 5646

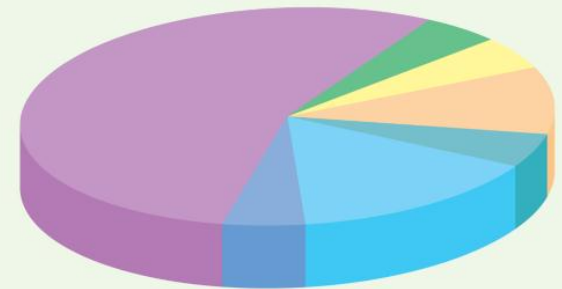
Non-smokers  
(N = 288)



Smokers  
(N = 859)



Heavy-smokers  
(N = 20)

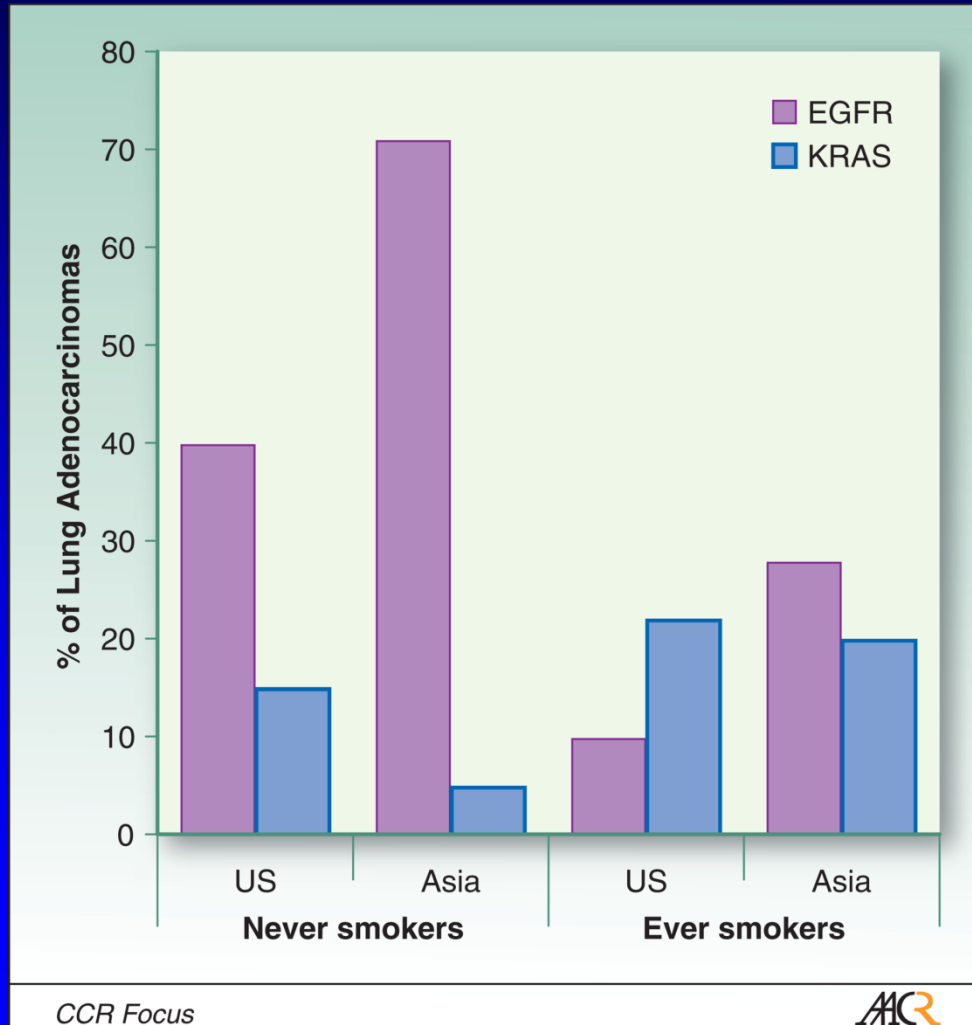


ins-2 (0.69%)  
 del-17 (5.90%)  
 tandem-2 (0.69%)  
 CC tandem-2 (0.69%)  
 complex-3 (1.04%)  
 A:T>C:G-13 (4.51%)

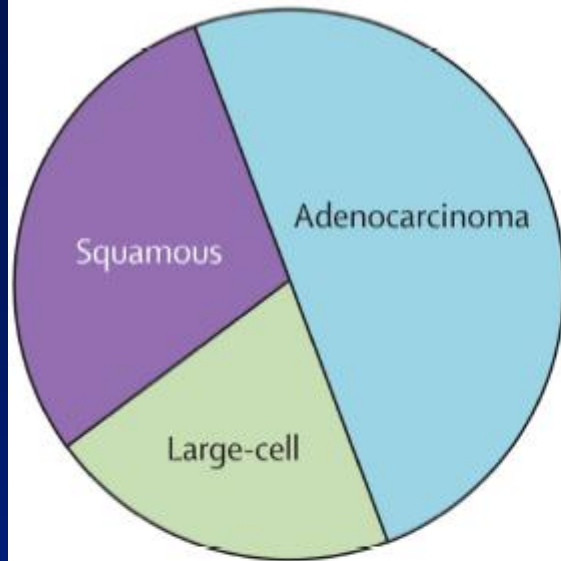
A:T>G:C-25 (8.68%)  
 A:T>T:A-18 (6.25%)  
 G:C>A:T-54 (18.7%)  
 G:C>A:T at CpG-46 (15.9%)  
 G:C>C:G-34 (11.8%)  
 G:C>T:A-72 (25%)

# Lung adenocarcinoma

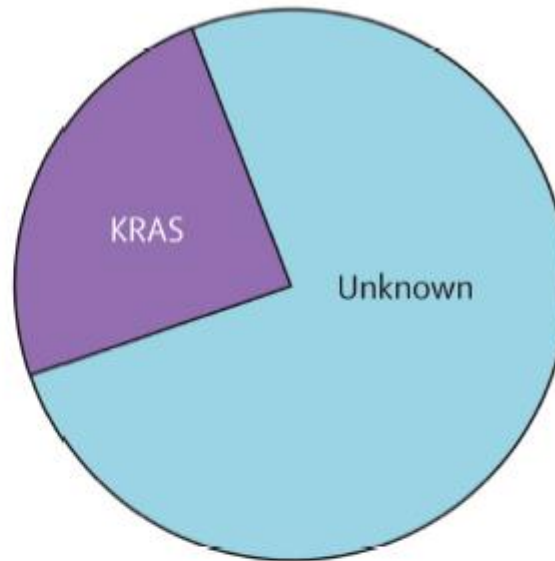
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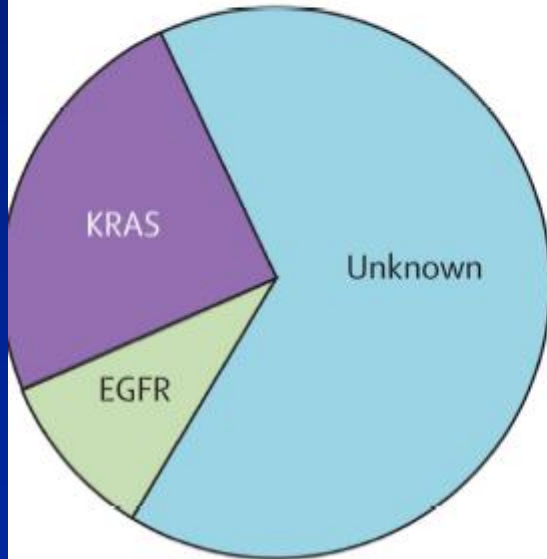
Traditional view



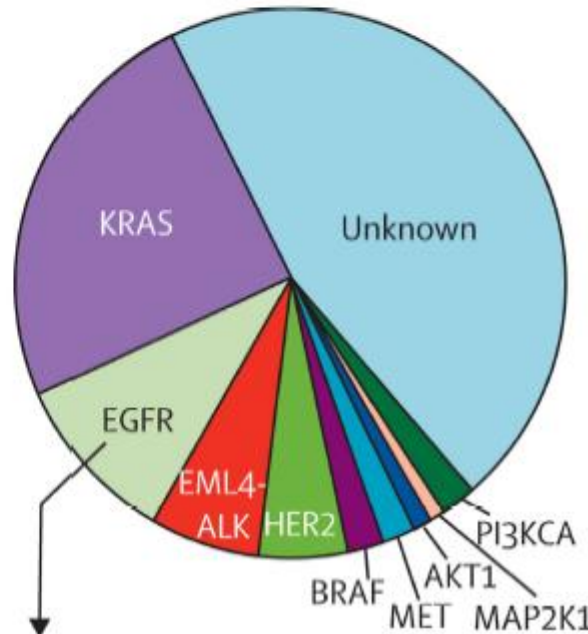
1987



2004



2009



# New driver mutations in NSCLC

*Pao W & Girard N.  
Lancet Oncol 2011,  
12,175*

# NSCLC

## Clinical relevance of molecular features

- Classification
  - Smoking-related cancers: KRAS-driven
  - Cancers in never-smokers: EGFR-driven
  - Subclassification based on classical histopathology & molecular tumor characteristics
- Prognostic significance
- Impact on treatment
  - Customized chemotherapy
  - Targeted therapy

# Screening

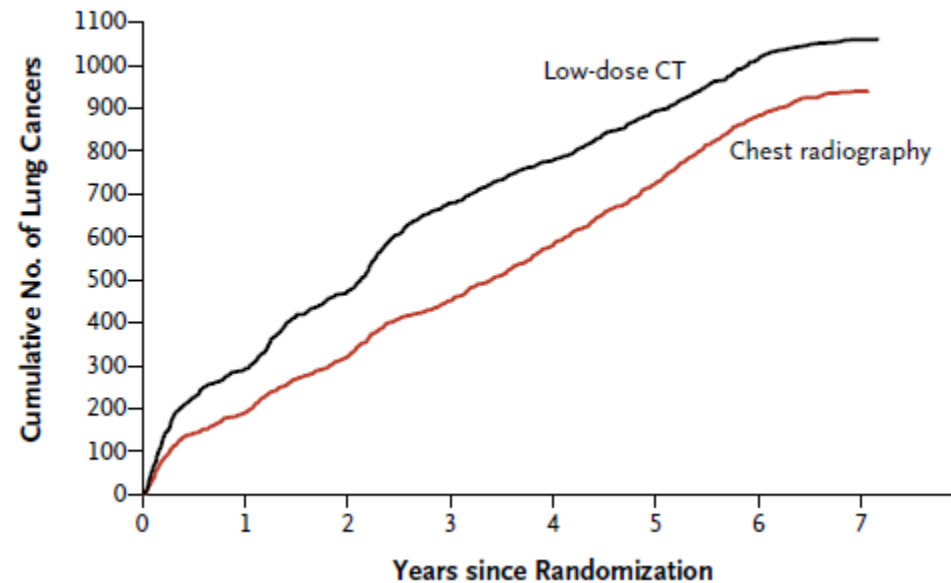
- Cure rates of up to 90% can be achieved in early stages of lung cancer.
- Screening aims at decreasing lung cancer mortality by diagnosing lung cancer at an early stage in which cure is still possible.
- Screening is preferentially done in persons at high risk (heavy smokers).
- Screening should always be combined with smoking cessation measures.
- Previous screening trials based on chest X ray and sputum analysis failed.
- Low-dose computer tomographic screening is promising.

# Reduced lung-cancer mortality with low dose computed tomographic screening

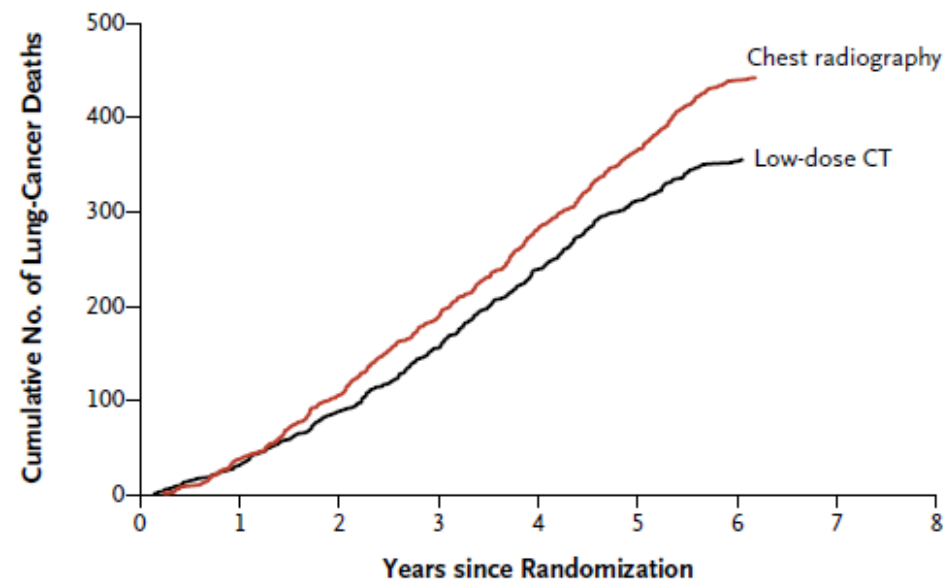
*The National Lung Screening Trial Team*

*N Engl J Med 2011, 365, 395*

**A Lung Cancer**



**B Death from Lung Cancer**



53,454 persons at high risk (08/2002-04/2004); 3 annual screens  
CT (26,277 persons) X-ray (26,732 pers.)

Lung cancer cases	645	572
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Lung cancer deaths	247	309
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Relative risk reduction in lung cancer mortality of 20% with CT



# Screening with low-dose computer tomography

- Mortality from lung cancer reduced by 20% and from any cause by 6.9%.
- Smokers, aged 55-74 years, who have smoked >30 pack years and are still smoking or have quit in the past 15 years.
- “Low dose CT may benefit individuals at an increased risk for lung cancer, but uncertainty exists about the potential harms of screening and the generalizability of results.”
- High false positive rate.
- Screening must be accompanied by smoking cessation measures.

# **Prevention**

## **World Health Organization Tobacco Free Initiative (TFI)**

- **WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC)**

<http://www.who.int/tobacco/en/>

<http://www.who.int/fctc/en/>

<http://www.fctc.org>

- **MPOWER**

<http://www.who.int/tobacco/mpower/en/>

# WHO Framework on Tobacco Control

<http://www.fctc.org>

- **„First ever global health treaty“**
- **Measures**
  - Higher prices, taxes
  - Avoid exposition (working place, public areas)
  - Regulation of cigarette composition
  - Information on packages
  - Information of the public, public awareness
  - Global ban on both advertising and sponsoring
  - International co-operation (laws, research)
  - others

# World Health Organization MPOWER

<http://www.who.int/tobacco/mpower/en/>

**Monitor** tobacco use

**Protect** people from tobacco smoke

**Offer** help to quit tobacco use

**Warn** about the dangers of tobacco

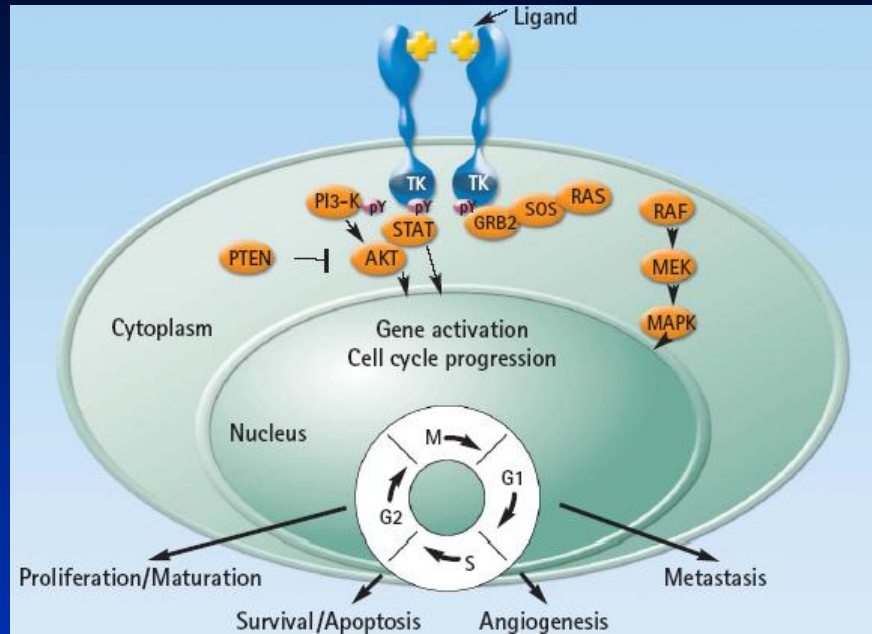
**Enforce** bans on tobacco advertising, promotion

**Raise** taxes on tobacco products

# Therapeutic Targets in Lung Cancer

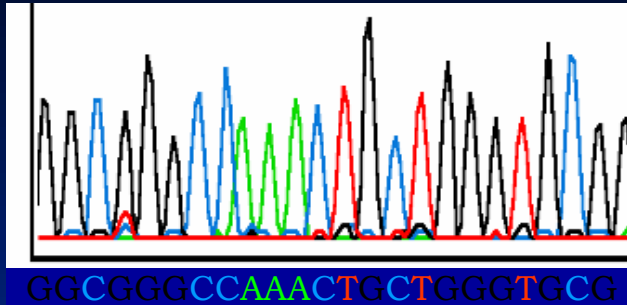
- **Growth factors and their receptors**
  - ✓ EGFR
  - ✓ HER-2/neu
  - ✓ IGF-1R
- **Angiogenesis**
- **Cell cycle**
  - ✓ Aurora kinases
  - ✓ Polo-like kinase 1
- **Proteasome**
- **Farnesyltransferase**
- **Metalloproteinases**
- **Vaccines**
- **Others**

# EGFR as a target

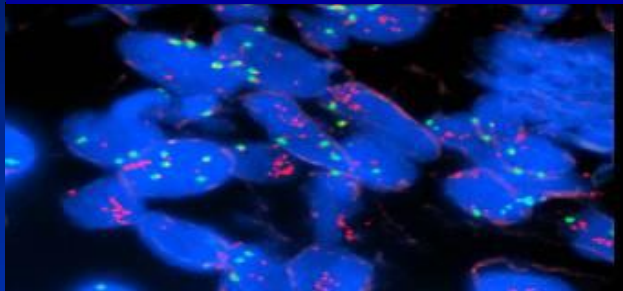


- EGFR expressed in many cancers including NSCLC (>80%)
- Expression is associated with tumor growth, metastasis and poor prognosis
- Blocking the EGFR has the potential to improve outcome

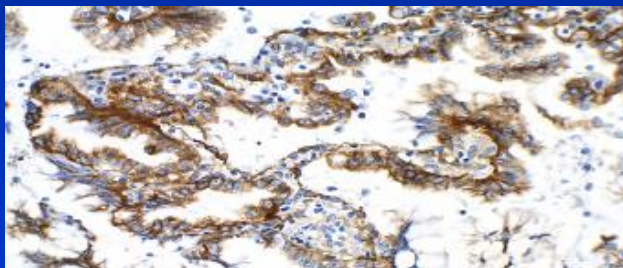
# Assessment of EGFR Status



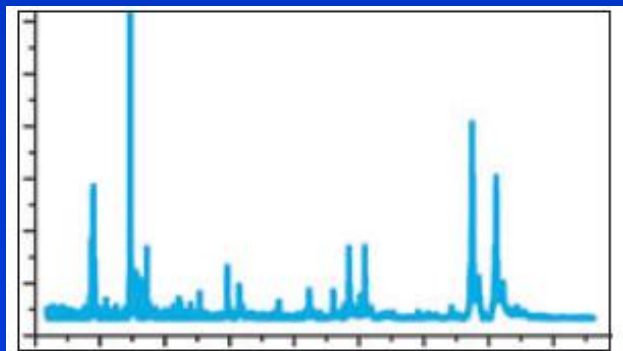
- EGFR mutation status by gene sequencing



- EGFR gene copy number by fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH)



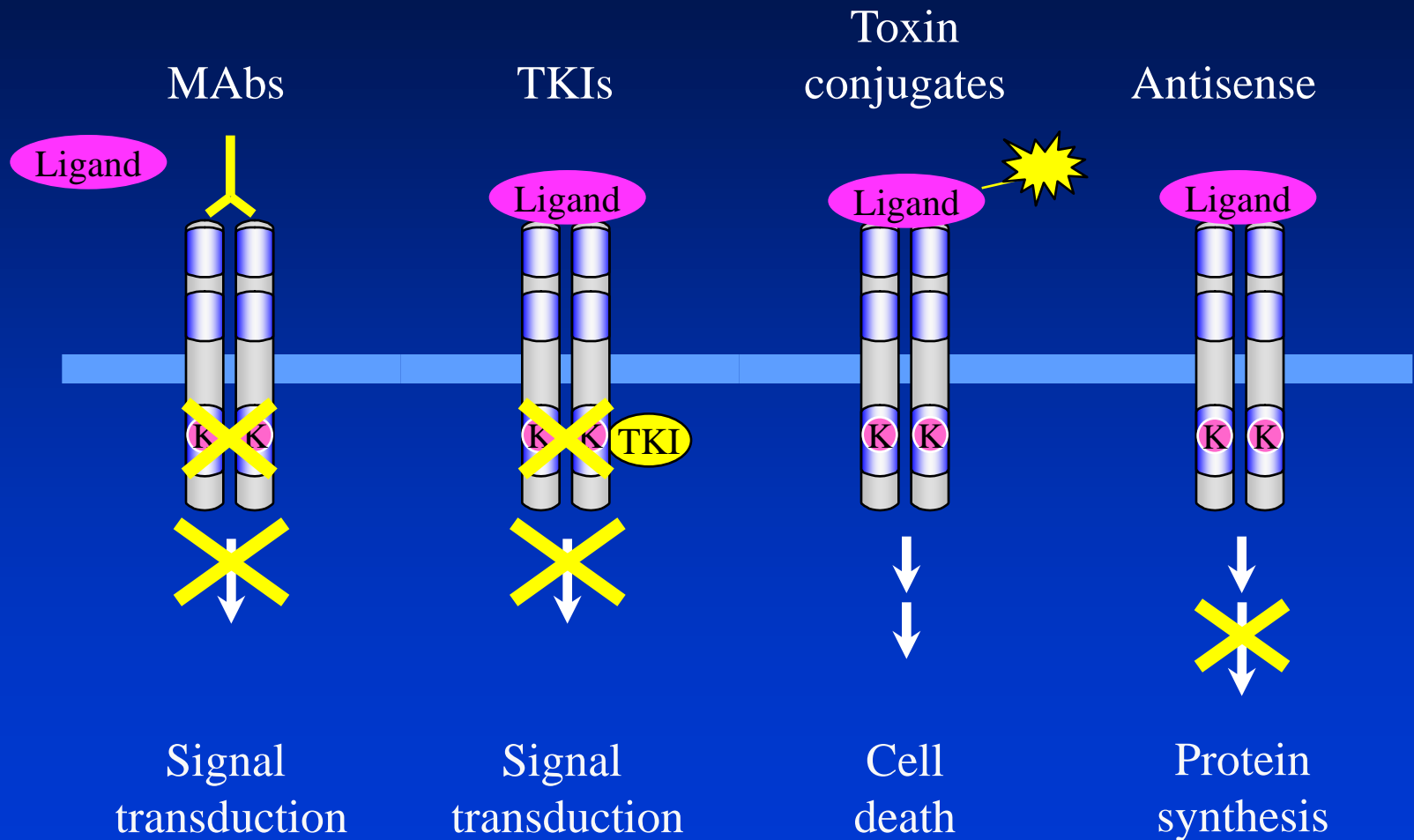
- EGFR protein expression by immunohistochemistry:
  - 85% positive in FLEX



- Serum Proteomics by MALDI MS

*Modified from Courtesy D Gandara*

# EGFR-targeting Approaches



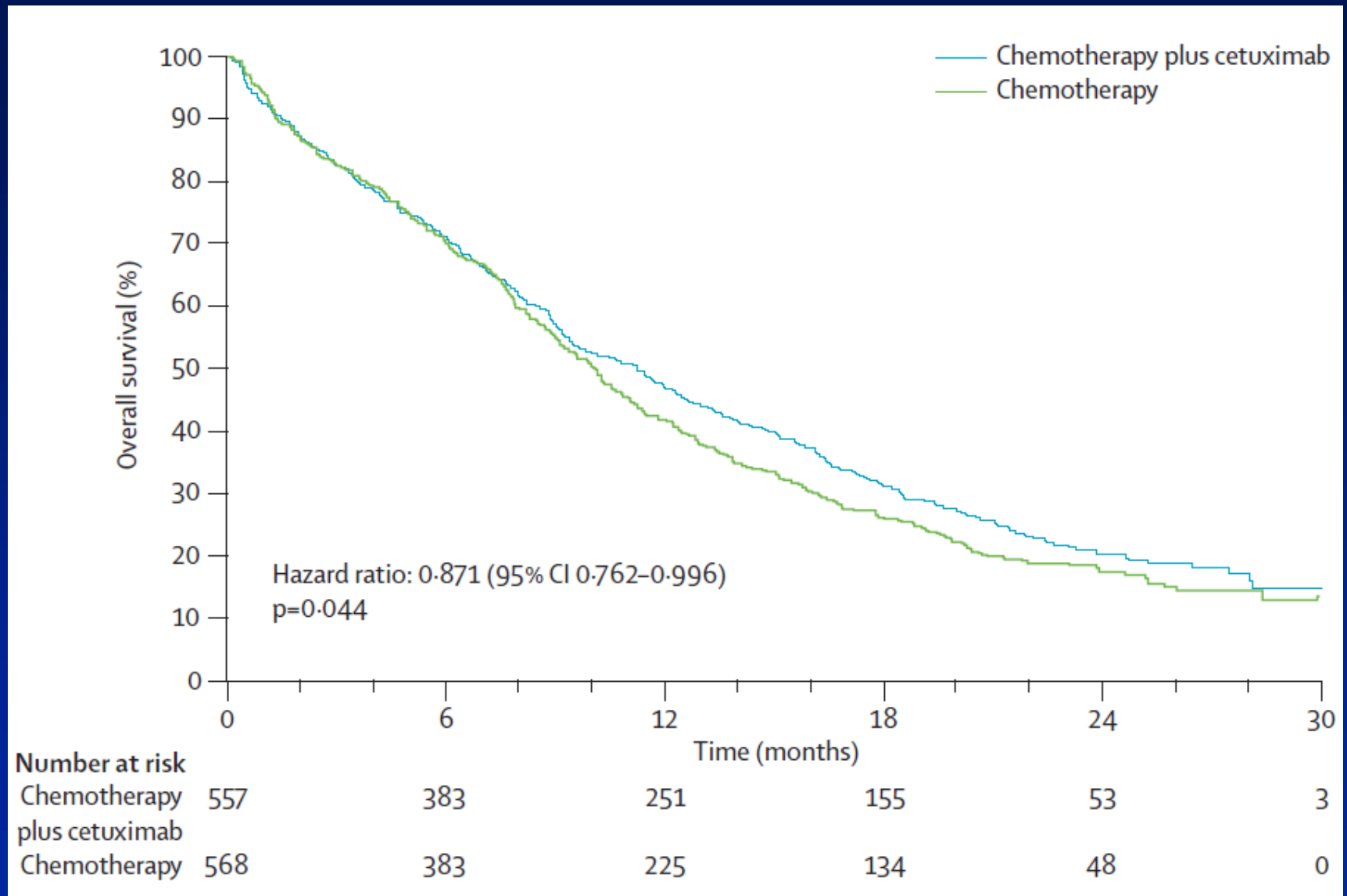
Courtesy Jose Baselga



# EGFR inhibitors

- **Monoclonal antibodies**
  - Cetuximab
  - Matuzumab
  - Nimotuzumab
  - Panitumumab
  - Necitumumab (IMC-11F8)
- **Tyrosine kinase inhibitors**
  - Gefitinib
  - Erlotinib
  - Afatinib (ErbB Family Blocker)
  - Dacomitinib (PF-299804; pan-HER)
  - AZD8931 (EGFR, HER2, HER3)
  - Lapatinib (EGFR, HER2)
  - Vandetanib (EGFR, VEGFR)
  - Neratinib (HKI-272)
  - Icotinib

# FLEX: Overall Survival



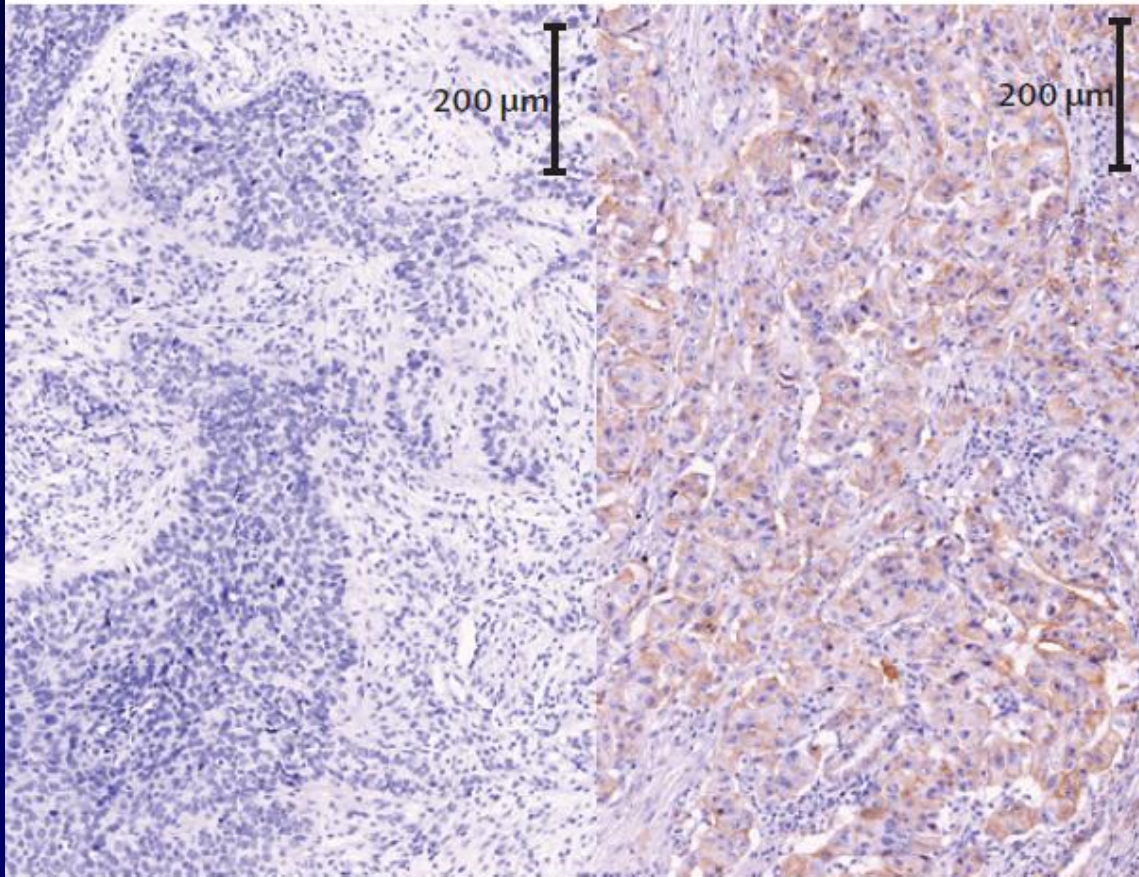
*Pirker R et al. Lancet 2009, 373, 1525*

# Low and high EGFR expression in FLEX

*Pirker R et al. Lancet Oncology 2012, 13, 33*

Low EGFR

IHC score <200; N=776 (69%)

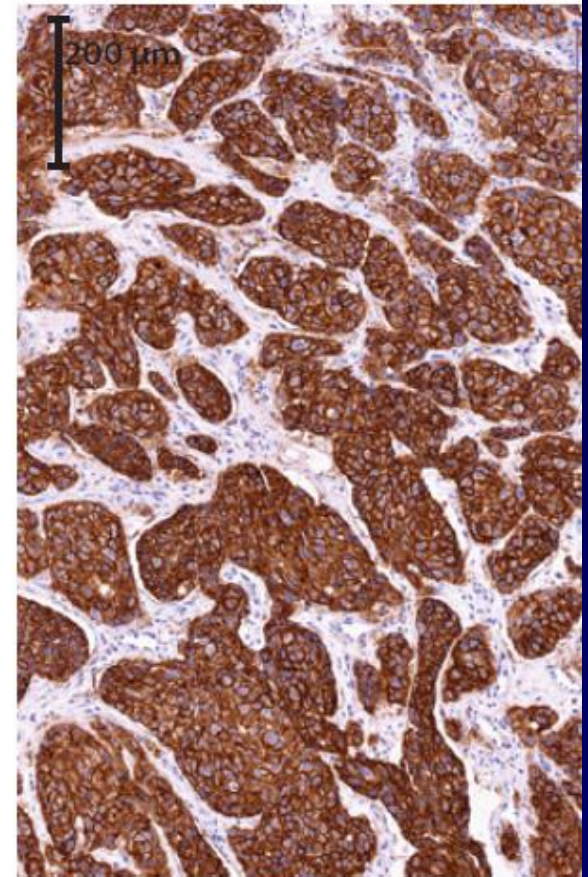


IHC score=0\*

IHC score=112

High EGFR

IHC score  $\geq 200$ ; N=345 (31%)



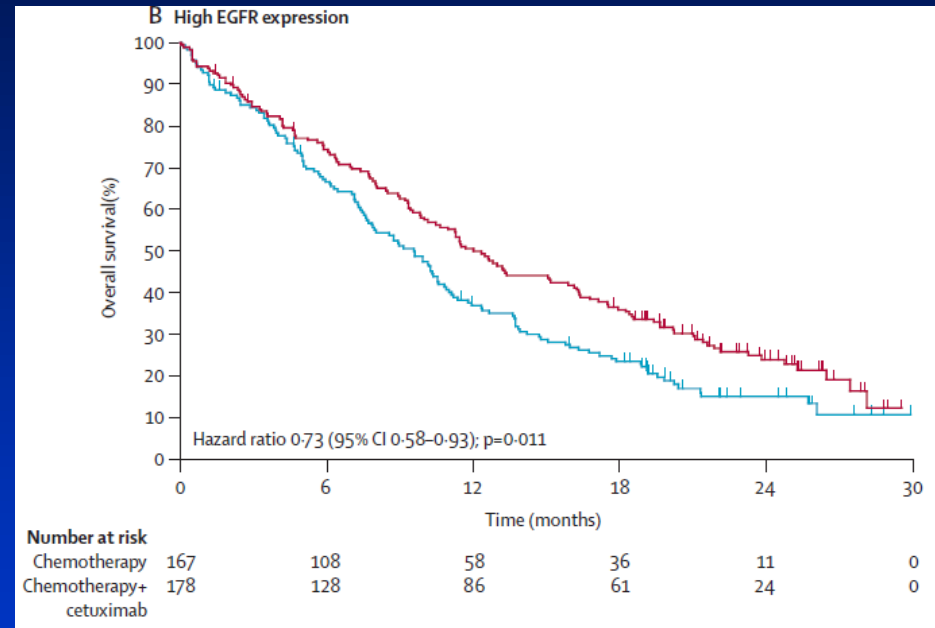
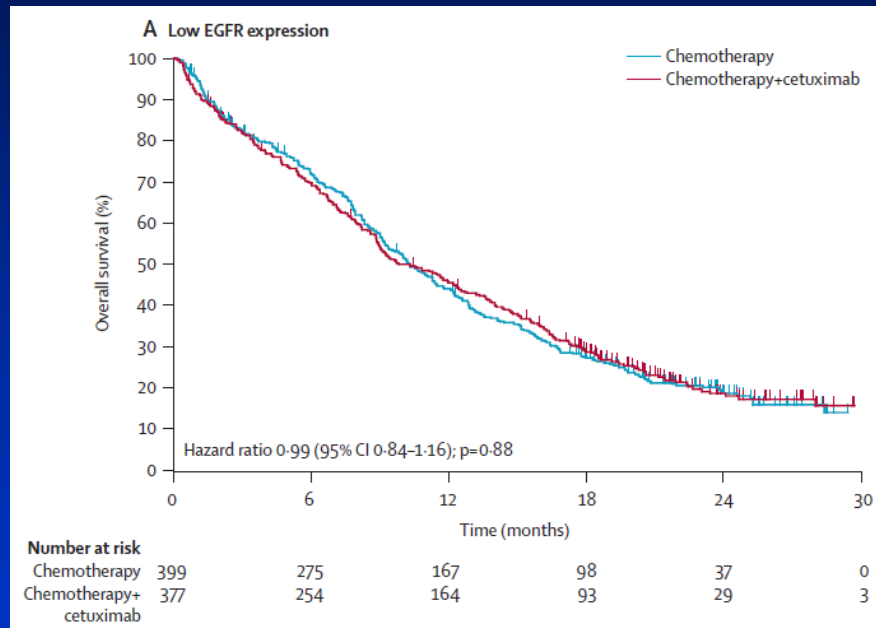
IHC score=270

# Low and high EGFR expression in FLEX

*Pirker R et al. Lancet Oncology 2012, 13, 33*

Low

High



HR 0.99 [95% CI 0.84–1.16]

HR 0.73 [95% CI 0.58–0.93]

**Interaction p-value=0.044**

# Gefitinib & Erlotinib

- Initially studied in unselected patients (IDEAL, ISEL, BR.21)
- Preferential efficacy in selected patients

## *Response rate*

Adenocarcinoma  
Females  
Never-smokers  
South-East Asians

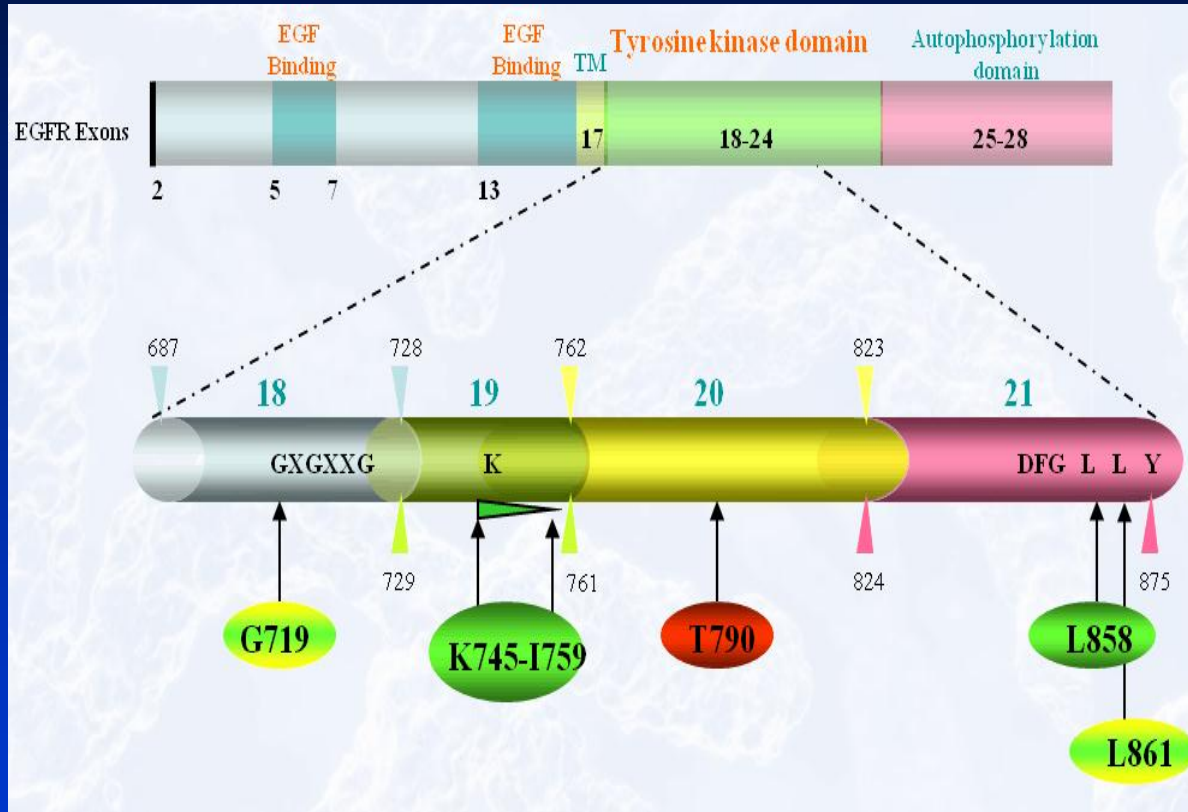
## *Survival*

Never-smokers  
South-East Asians

- Efficacy in patients with EGFR-activating mutations
  - Exon 19 deletions, exon 21 point mutations (L858R)
- Studies in selected patients
  - Clinical selection
  - EGFR-activating mutations



# EGFR mutations and response to TKIs

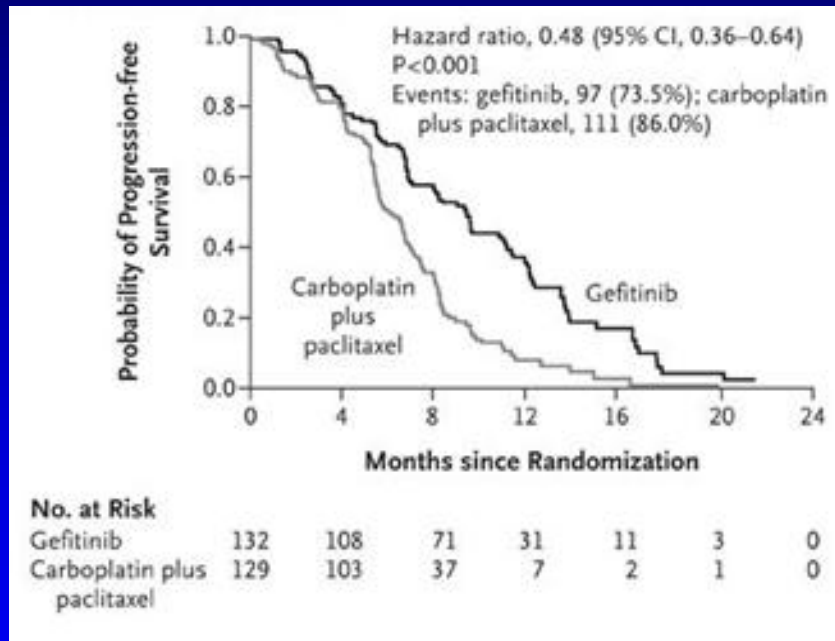


**Green** = responsive  
**Red** = non-responsive  
**Yellow-green** = mixed response outcomes

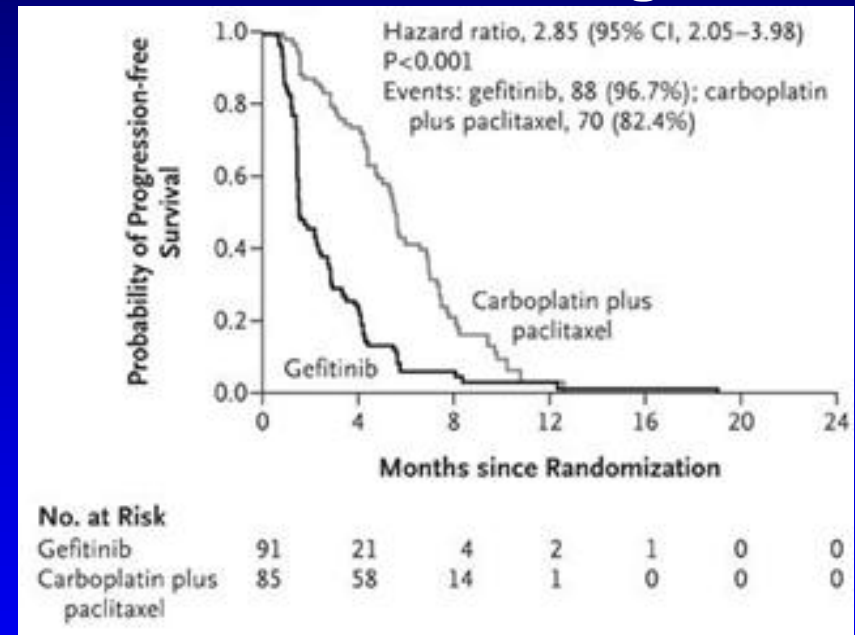
<http://www.somaticmutations-egfr.info>

# IPASS: PFS by Mutation Status within Treatment Arm

## EGFR Mutation Positive



## EGFR Mutation Negative



**Gefitinib**, HR=0.19, 95%CI (0.13, 0.26), p<0.001

No. events M+ = 97 (73.5%), No. events M- = 88 (96.7%)

**Carboplatin/paclitaxel**, HR=0.78, 95%CI (0.57, 1.06), p=.1103

No. events M+ = 111 (86.0%), No. events M- = 70 (82.4%)

Mok T, et al. ESMO 2008.

Mok T et al. N Engl J Med 2009;361:10.1056/NEJMoa0810699

# EGFR-directed TKIs in advanced NSCLC

- Never-smokers or “light smokers” with adenocarcinomas
  - **IPASS**: Gefitinib vs. carboplatin/paclitaxel  
*Mok T et al. NEJM 2009, 361, 947*
  - **First-SIGNAL**: Gefitinib vs. cisplatin/gemcitabine  
*Han JY et al. JCO 2012, 30, 1122*
- Patients with EGFR-activating mutations
  - **WJTOG 3405**: Gefitinib vs. cisplatin/docetaxel  
*Mitsudomi T et al. Lancet Oncology 2010, 11, 121*
  - **NEJ 002**: Gefitinib vs. carboplatin/paclitaxel  
*Maemondo M et al. NEJM 2010, 11, 121*
  - **OPTIMAL**: Erlotinib vs. carboplatin/gemcitabine  
*Zhou C et al. Lancet Oncology 2011, 12, 735*
  - **EU-TARC**: Erlotinib vs. chemotherapy in Caucasians  
*Rosell R et al. Lancet Oncol 2012, 13, 239*

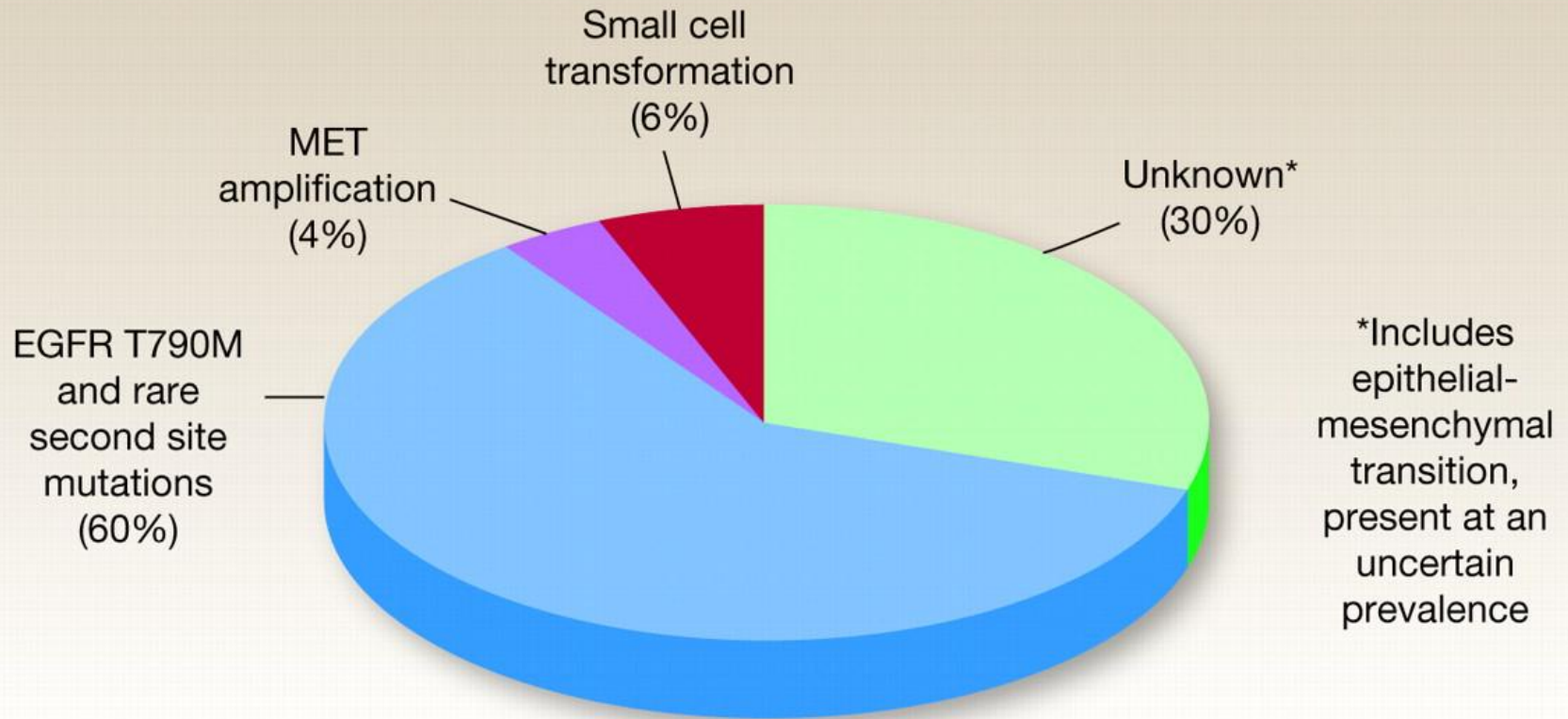


# ***Recommendations from the IASLC-ETOP European Multidisciplinary Workshop***

## **Who should be tested ?**

- Some disagreement around this topic
- Focus should be on all NSCLC patients
  - It might be impossible to test every patient.
  - Pre-selection based on clinical parameters ?
  - Screening tests ?
  - There are some NSCLC subtypes that, if there is diagnostic certainty, would not be tested.
- If in doubt, test !
- Treating physician decides

# Frequency of acquired resistance mechanisms for EGFR-TKIs



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**CCR New Strategies**

**ACR**

Oxnard G R et al. Clin Cancer Res 2011;17:5530-5537

# EGFR-directed TKIs

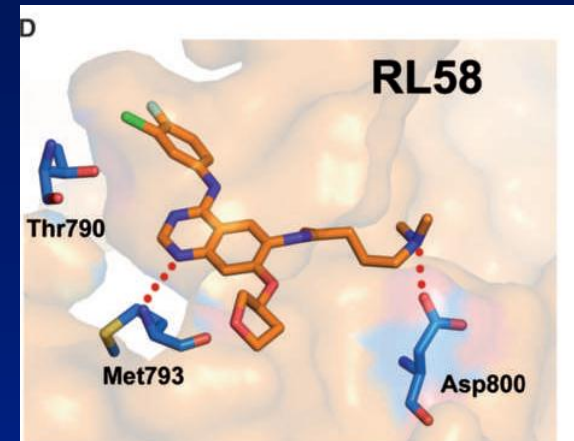
## Reversal of Resistance

- Irreversible TKIs

- Afatinib
- Dacomitinib (PF-00299804)

- MET inhibitors

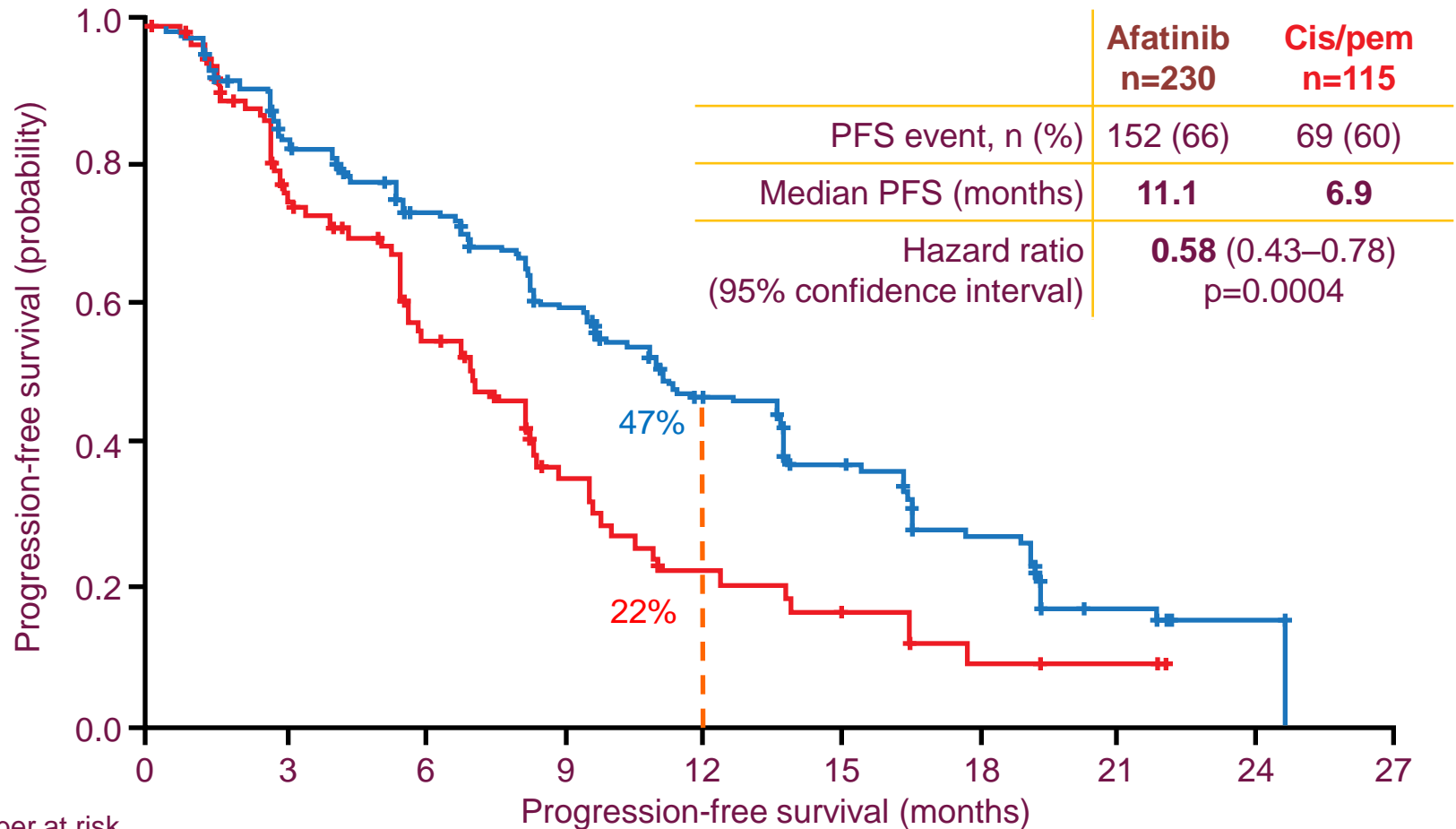
- Tivantinib (ARQ-197)
- Onartuzumab (MetMAB)
- Crizotinib (PF-02341066)
- PHA665752 (TKI)
- Anti-hepatocyte growth factor antibody (SCH-900105)



ML Sos et al. Cancer Res 2010, 70, 868

# Primary endpoint: PFS

Independent review – all randomized patients



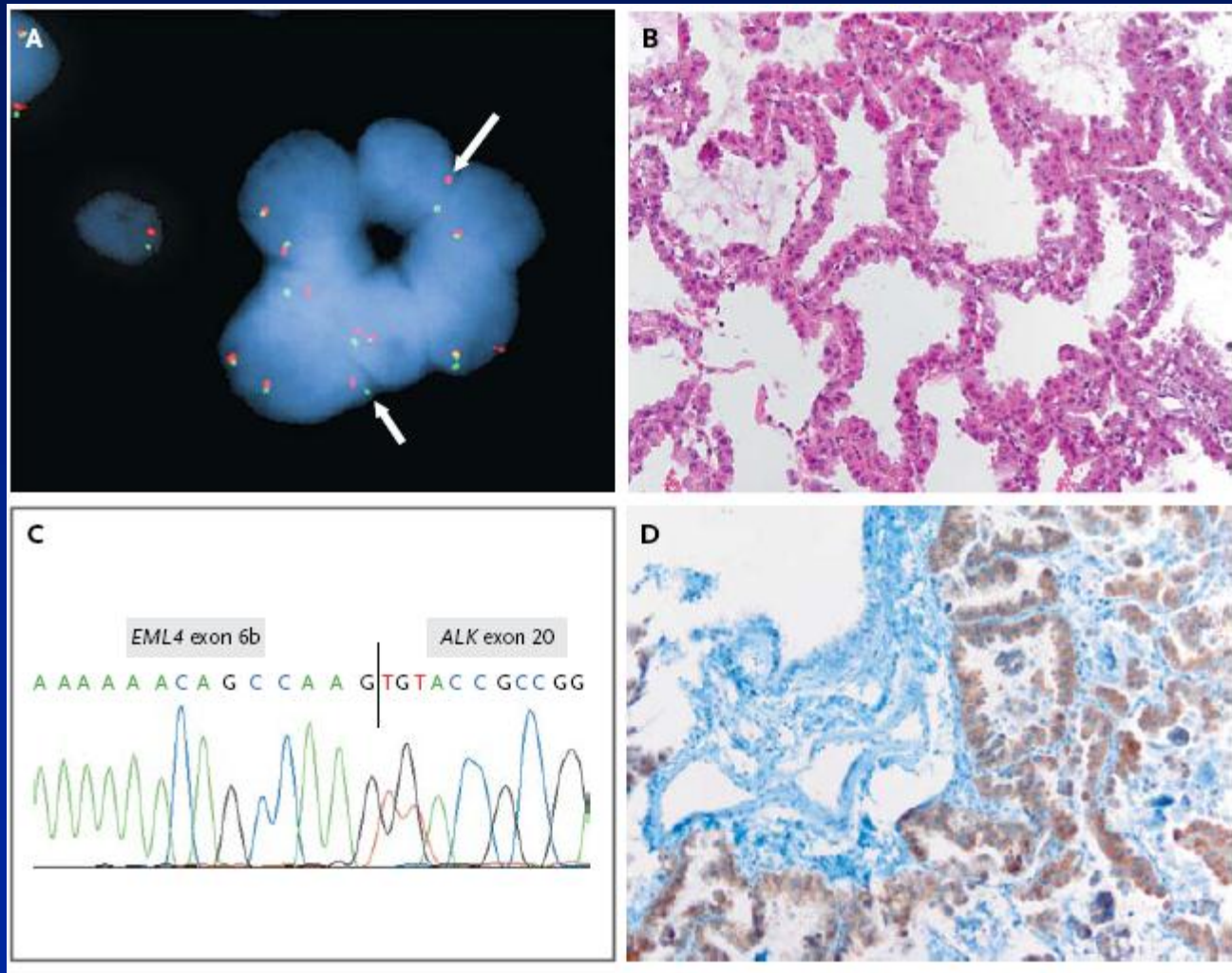
Number at risk

Afatinib	230	180	151	120	77	50	31	10	3	0
Cis/Pem	115	72	41	21	11	7	3	2	0	0

# Crizotinib (PF-02341066) in advanced NSCLC

*EL Kwak al. NEJM 2010, 363, 1693*

*EML4-ALK-positive NSCLC*



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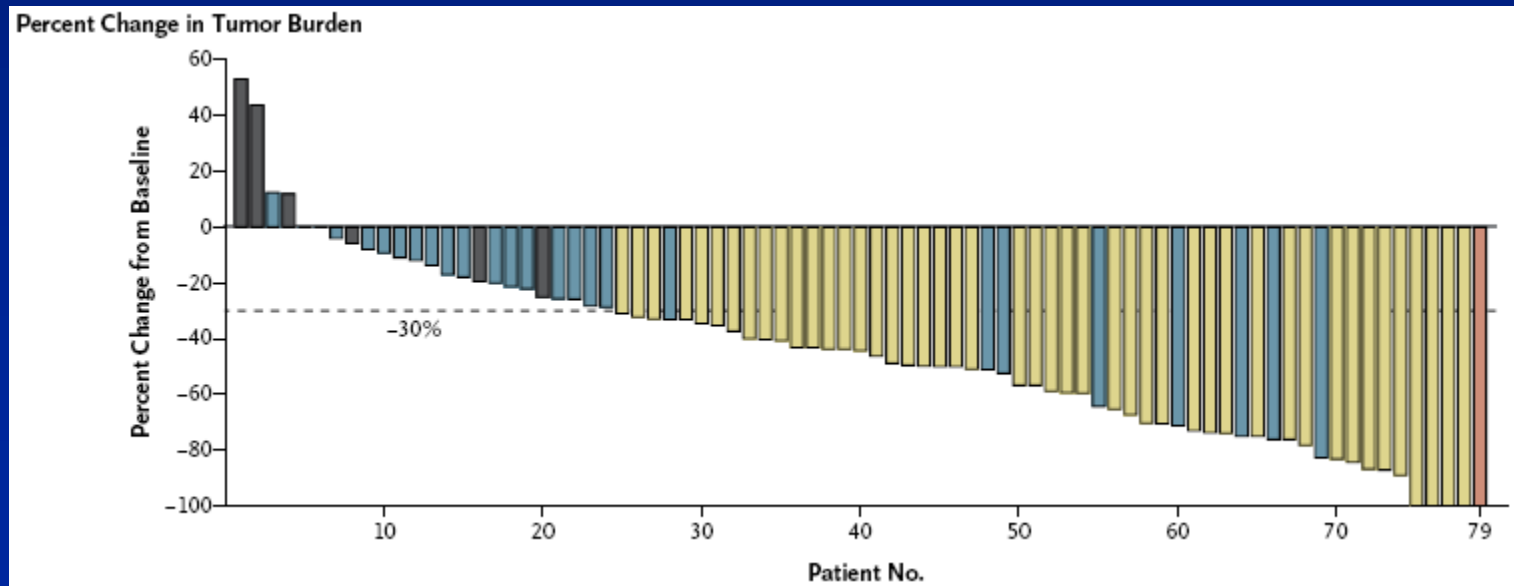
EML4-ALK fusion protein

82 patients (out of 1500 screened)

Crizotinib 250 mg twice daily

ORR: 57%

6-month progression-free survival: 72%

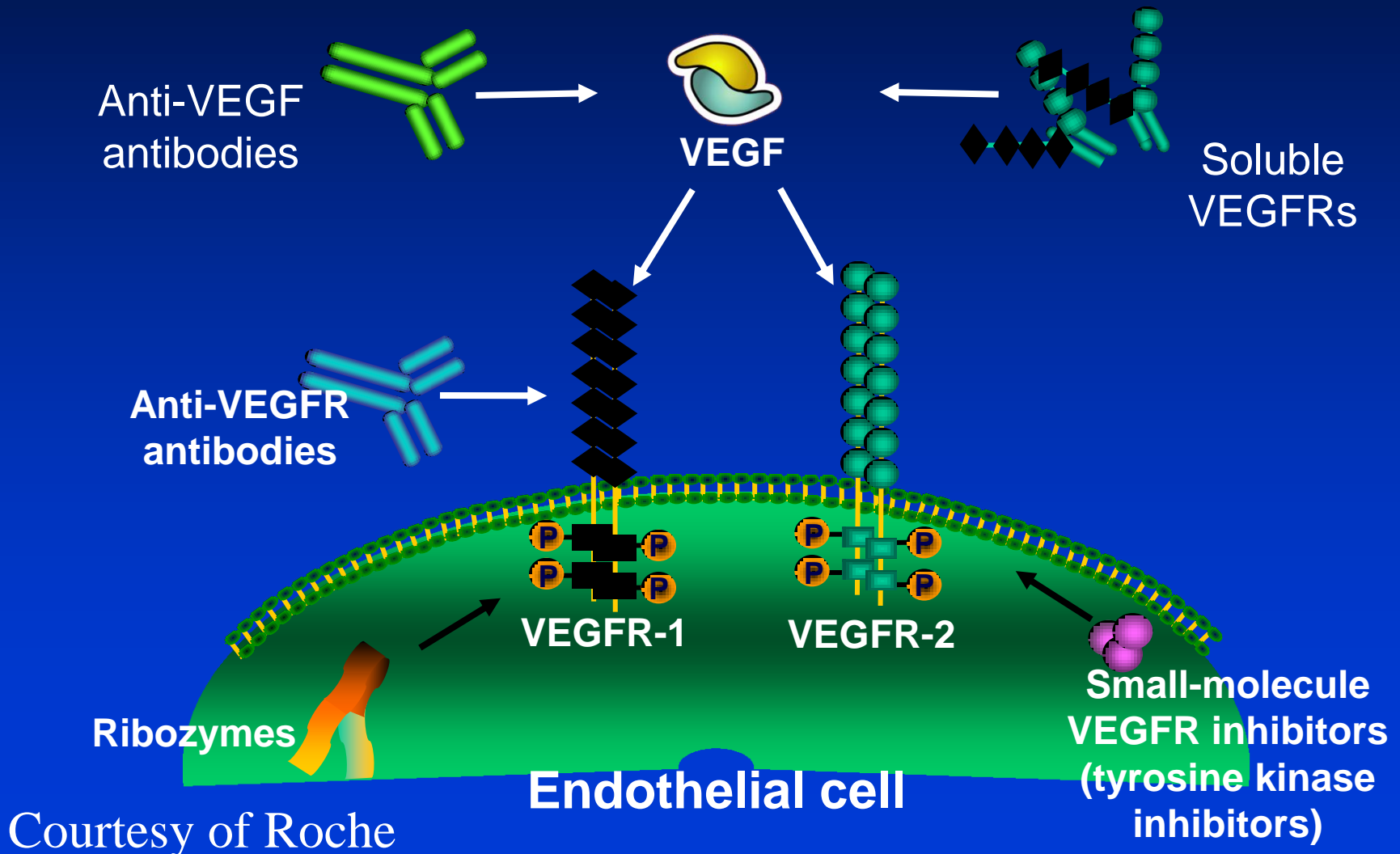


# Angiogenesis inhibitors

- Bevacizumab
- Tyrosine kinase inhibitors
  - Vargatef (BIBF1120)
  - Sunitinib
  - Pazopanib
  - Apatinib
  - Axitinib
  - Vandetanib
  - Sorafenib
  - Motesanib
  - Cediranib
- Ramucirumab (VEGFR inhibitor)
- Aflibercept (VEGF trap)
- Vascular disrupting agents
  - Vadimezan (ASA404): ATTRACT-1 halted
  - Fosbretabulin tromethamine
  - Plinabulin (NPI-2358)
  - Omrabilin
- Thalidomide

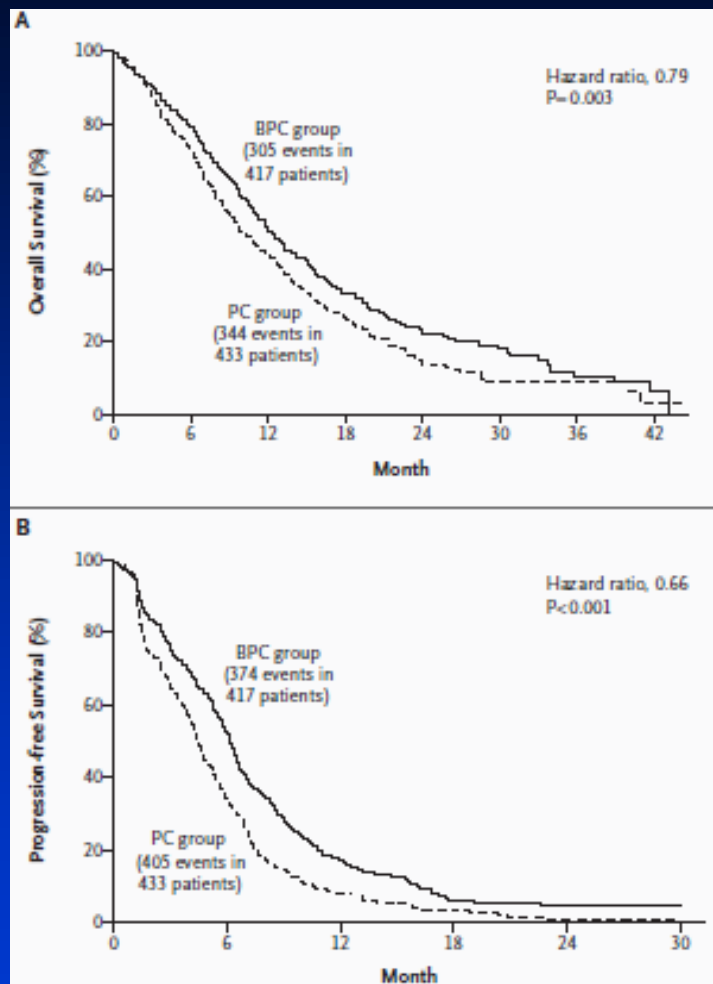


# Targeting the VEGF pathway





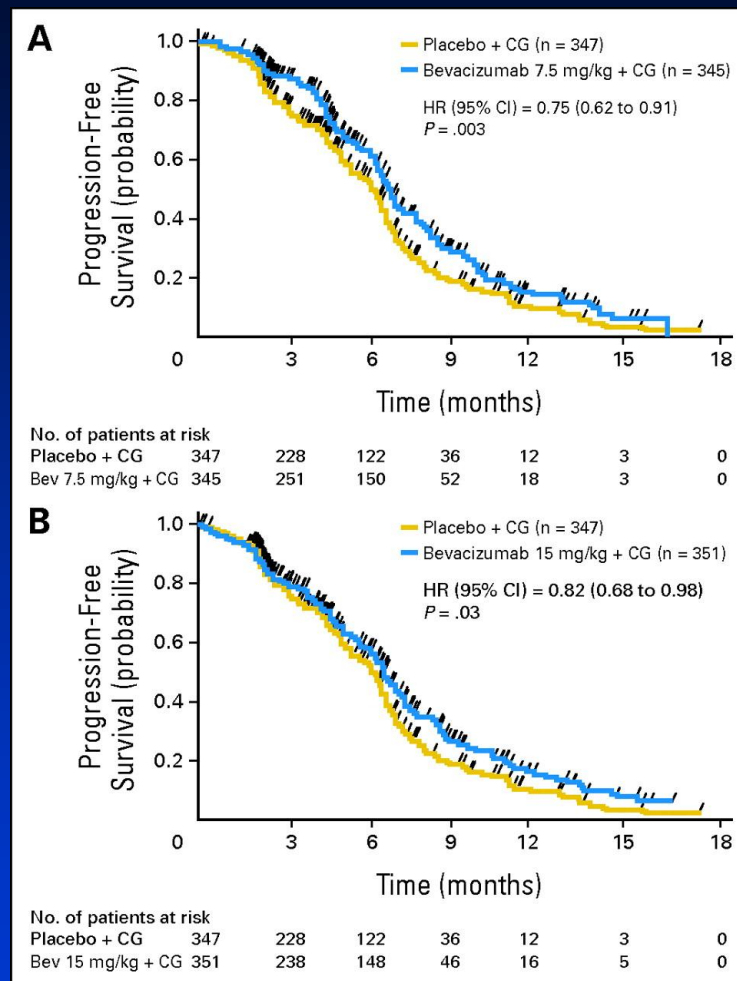
# Bevacizumab in advanced non-squamous NSCLC



*ECOG 4599*

*Sandler A et al.*

*NEJM 2006, 355, 2542*



*AVAiL*

*Reck M et al.*

*JCO 2009, 27, 1227*



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