



# Acquired Resistance to EGFR TKIs: Clinical obstacles and recent progress

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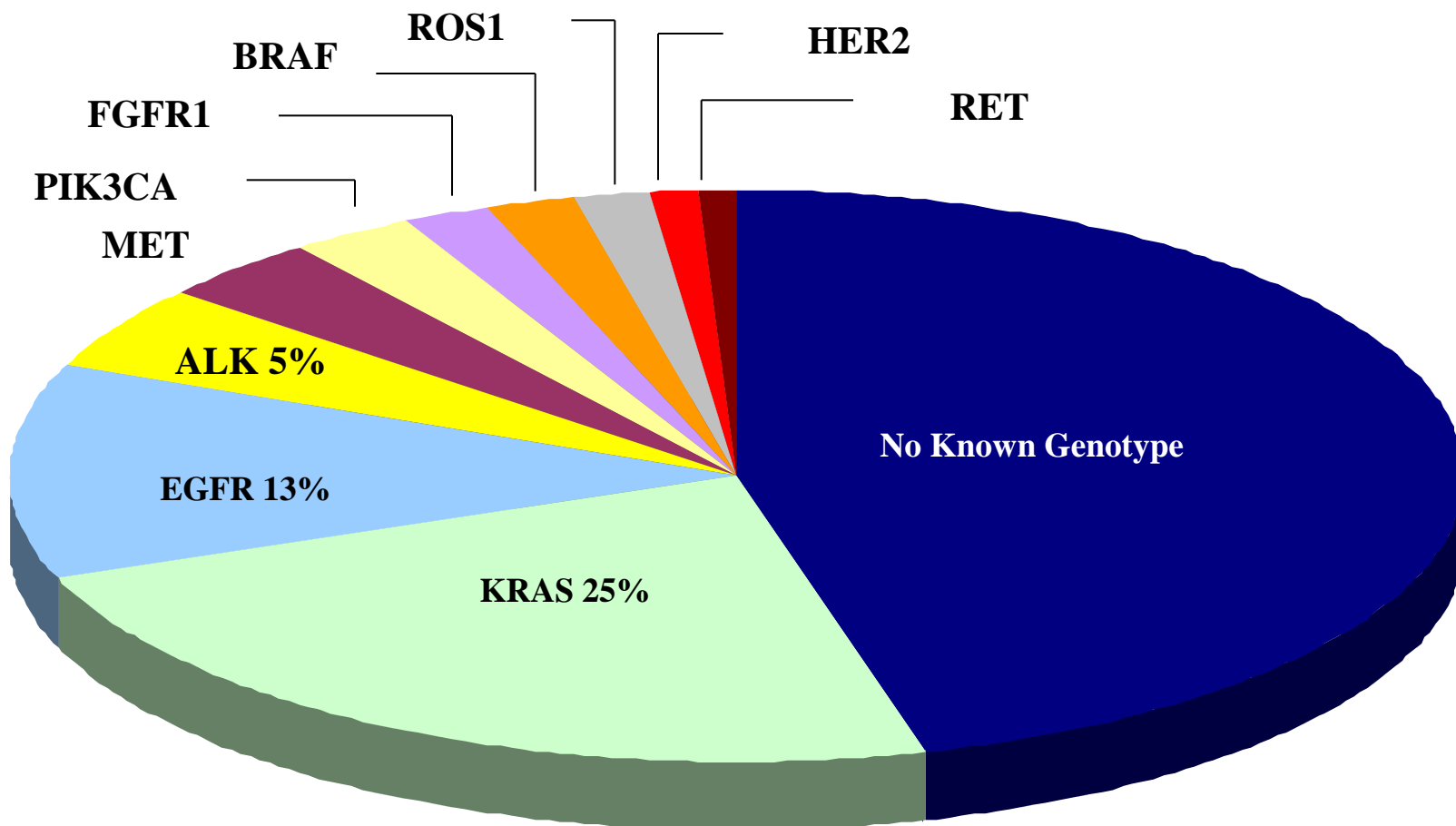
...and After



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# Over 50% of NSCLC have an Identifiable Driver Genotype



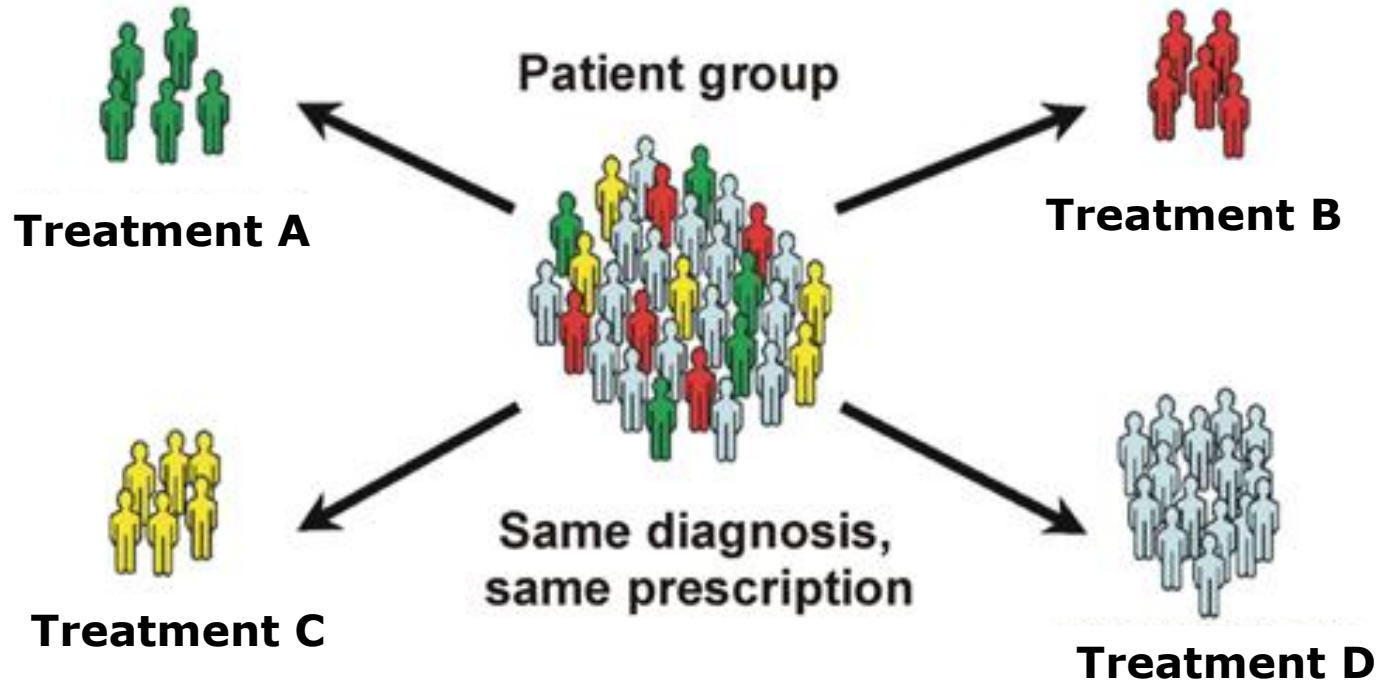
Sequist et al, Ann Oncol 2011, adapted



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# The reality of genotype-directed therapy



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.....But responses are short lived

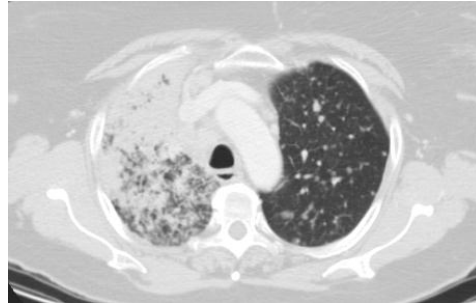
Study	Median PFS
IPASS (EGFR mutants, gefitinib)	9.6 months
NEJ002 (EGFR mutants, gefitinib)	10.4 months
EURTAC (EGFR mutants, erlotinib)	9.7 months
LUX Lung 3 (EGFR mutants, afatinib)	13.6 months
PROFILE 1001, 1005 (ALK, crizotinib)	8-10 months
Preliminary data ASCO '12 Shaw (ROS, crizotinib)	Not known but appears similar



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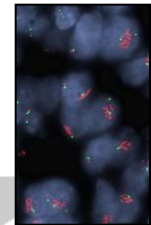
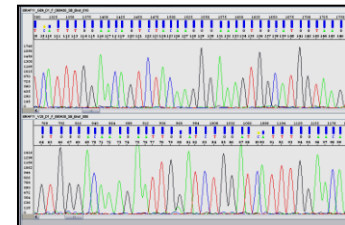
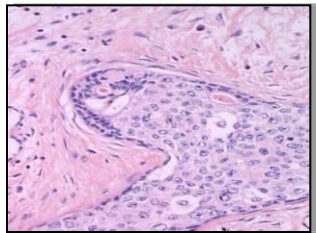
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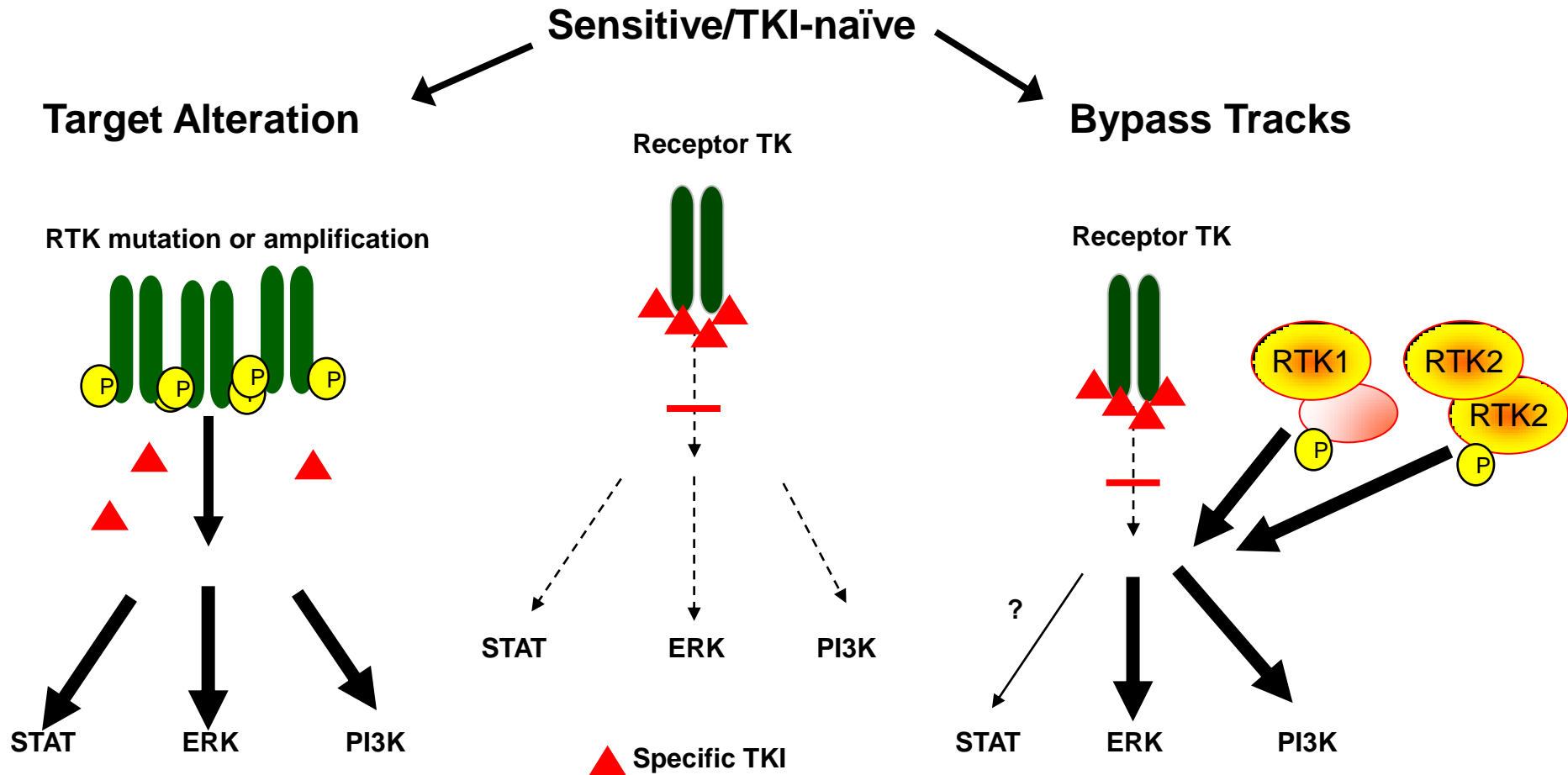
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# Two General Classes of TKI Resistance





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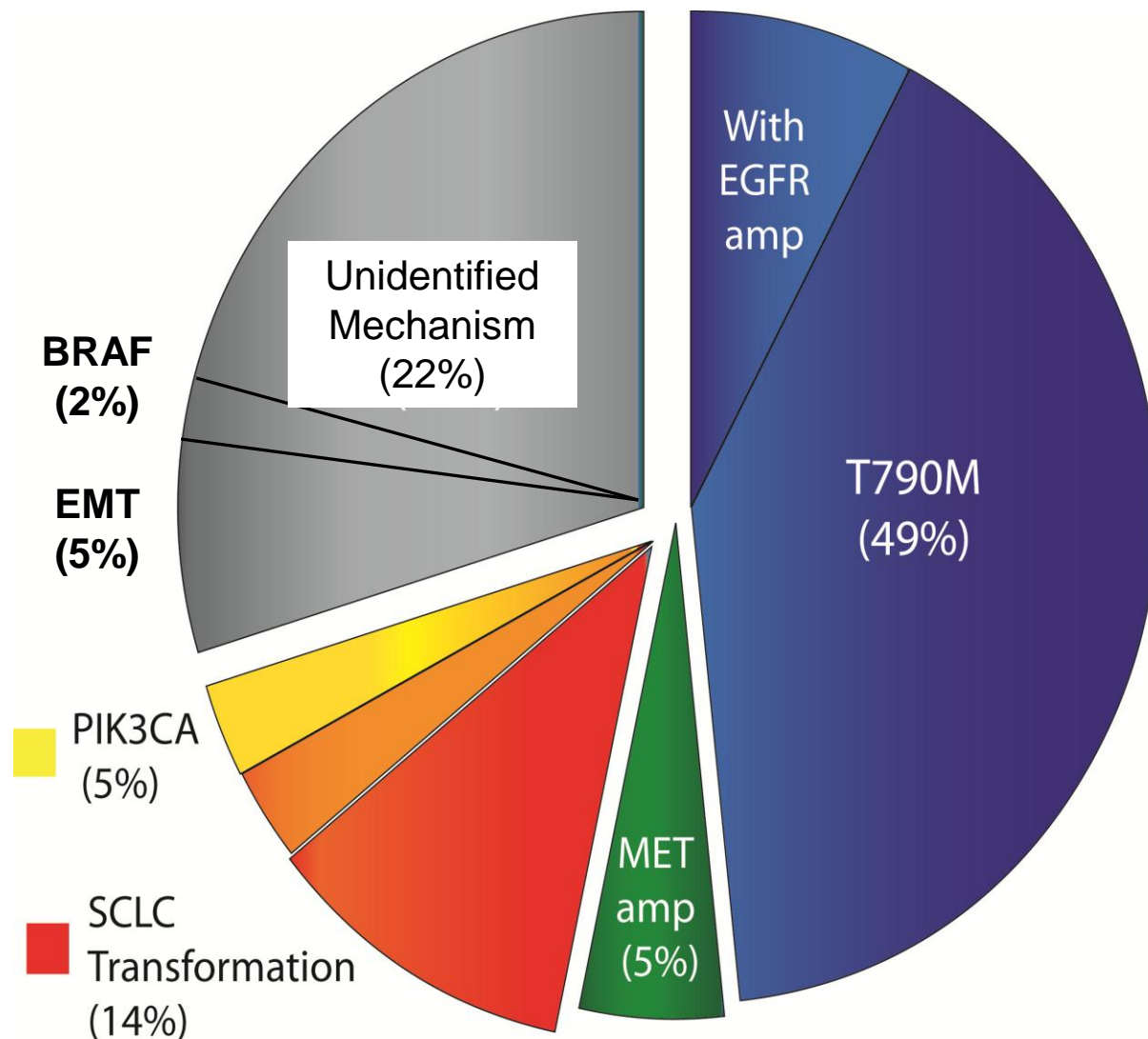
## Genotypic and Histological Evolution of Lung Cancers Acquiring Resistance to EGFR Inhibitors

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- 37 consecutive samples with paired pre- and post- AR tissue
- Comparative analyses for:
  - Histology with IHC
  - SNaPshot (most common mutations in 13 genes)
  - FISH for EGFR and MET amplification



# Repeat Biopsies: EGFR mutants with AR to gefitinib, erlotinib



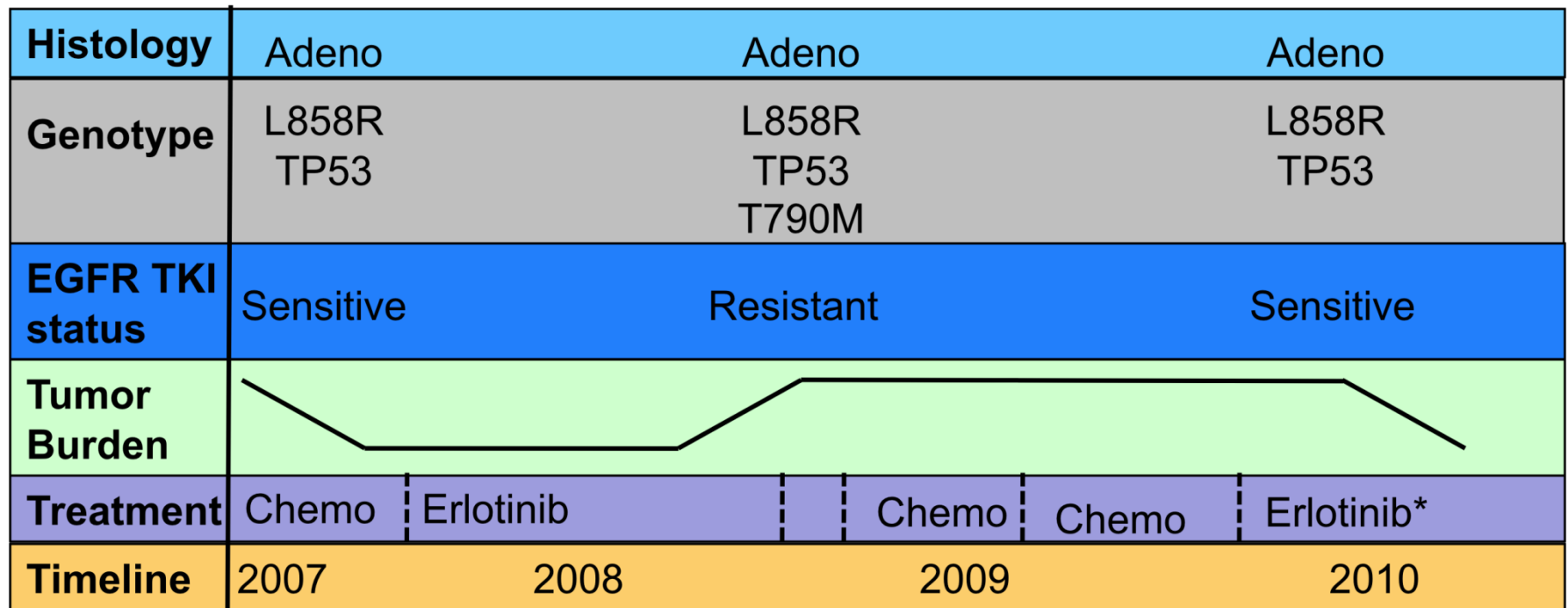
**Sample size now 98,  
distribution of findings  
overall stable**

**Sequist et al Sci Transl  
Med 2011, adapted;  
Ohashi et al, PNAS  
2012**



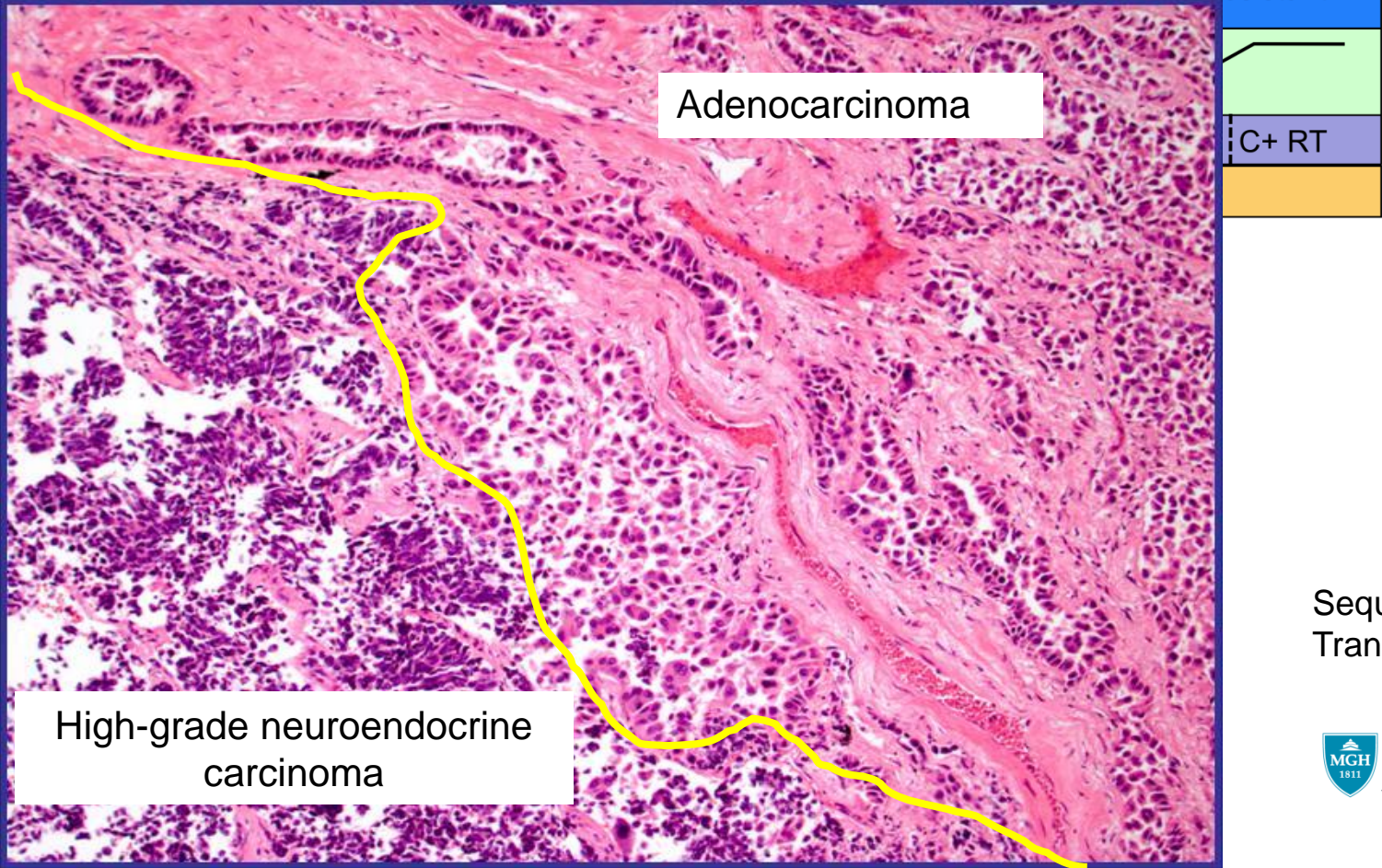
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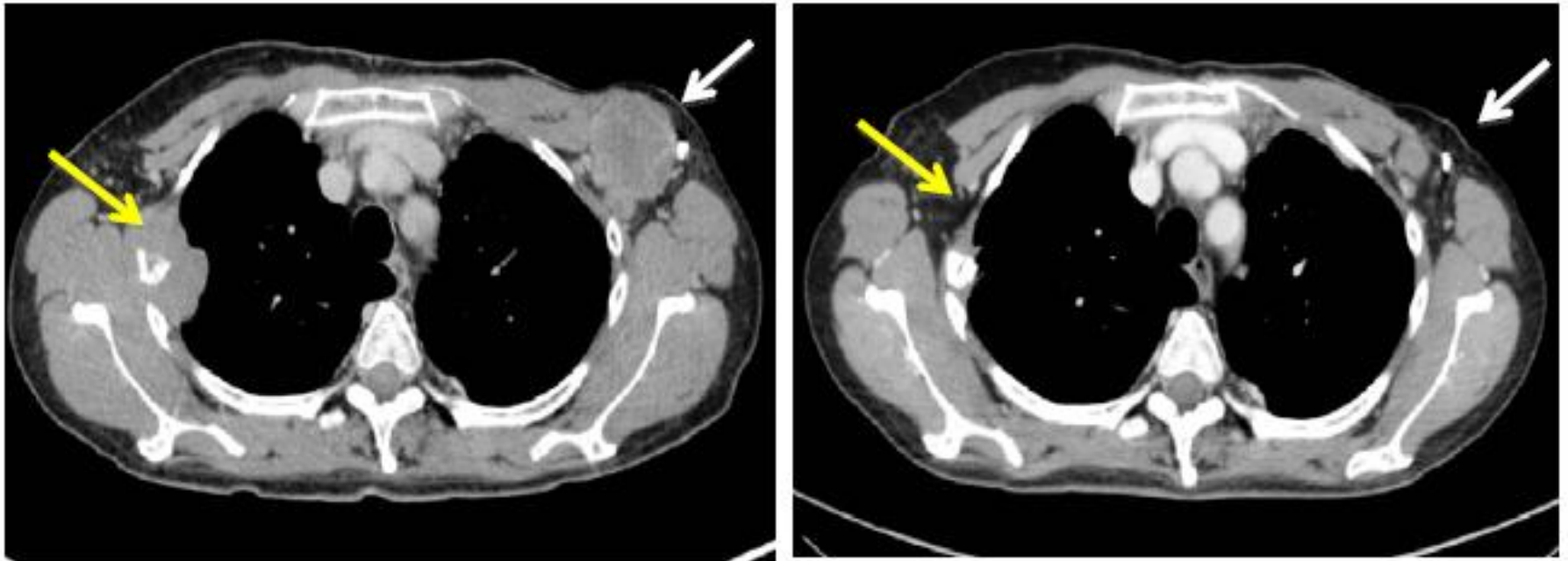
Histology	Adeno	SCLC	Adeno	SCLC
Genotype	L858R	L858R PIK3CA	L858R	L858R PIK3CA
EGFR TKI	Sensitive	Resistant	Sensitive	Resistant



Sequist et al, Sci Transl Med 2011



# EGFR transformed to SCLC is responsive to SCLC chemo

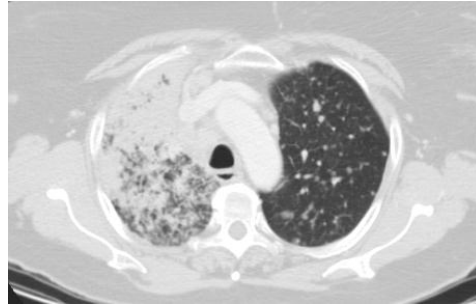


Patient received carboplatin, etoposide and erlotinib



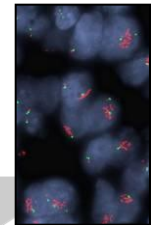
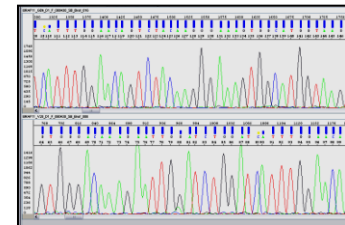
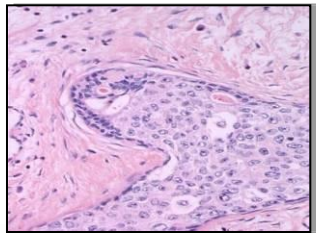
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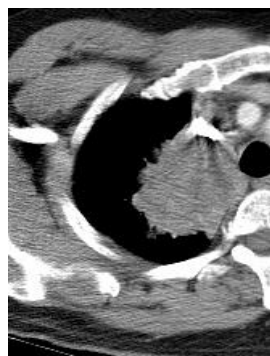
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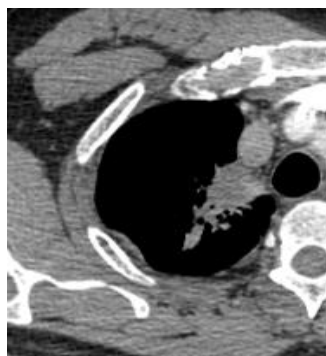
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# Proof of principle: 63 year old man with an EGFR mutant lung cancer



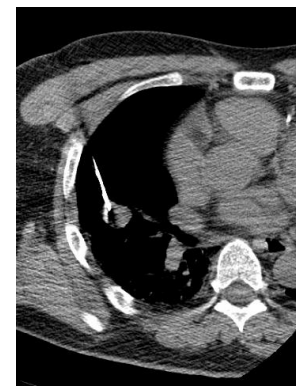
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erlotinib



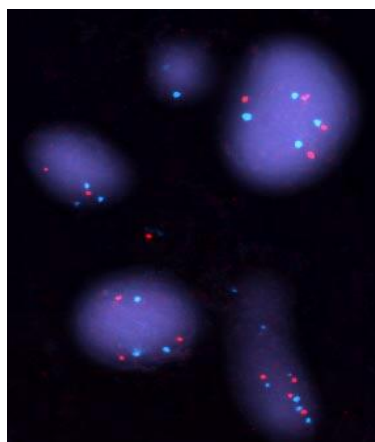
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Developed  
Resistance

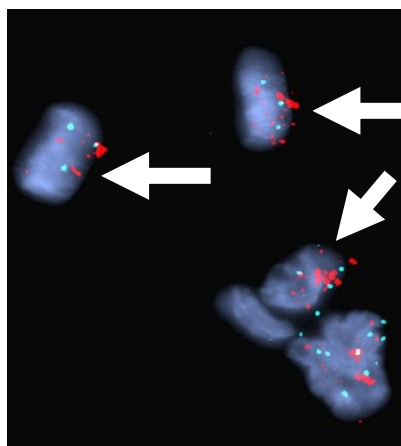


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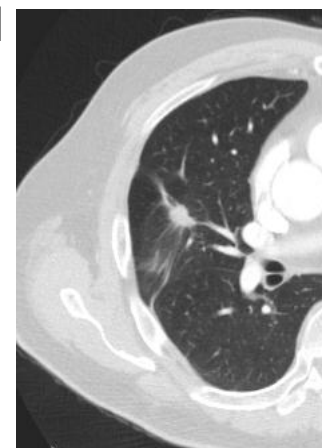
Pre-Rx '08



Resistant '09



Rx on  
clinical trial



## Irreversible TKIs (Pan-HER Inhibitors): Not highly effective for T790M

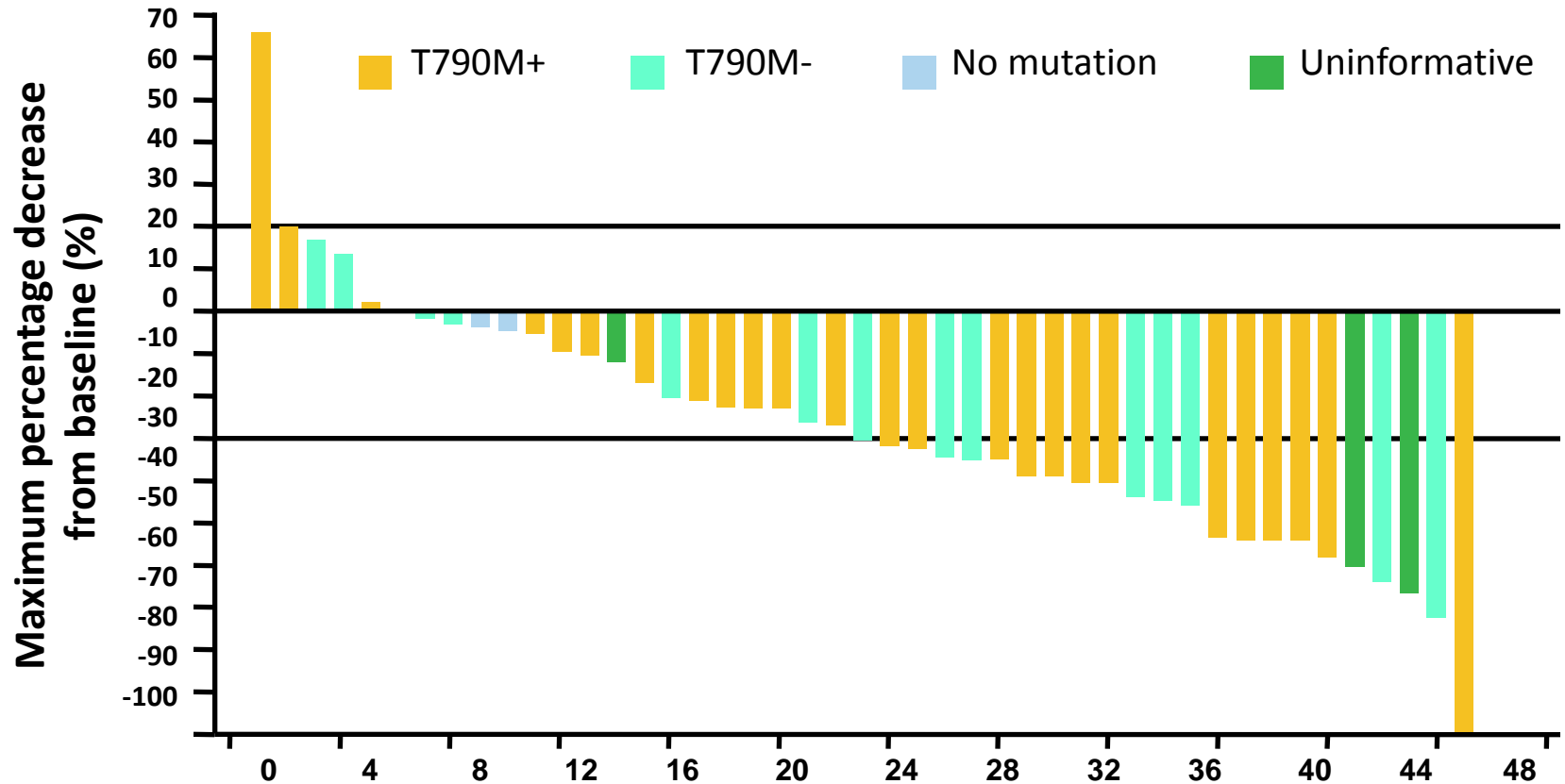
- Neratinib (HKI-272)
  - RR 2%, PFS 15 weeks in TKI-resistant patients (Sequist, JCO 2010)
- Afatinib (BIBW-2992)
  - RR 7%, PFS ~13 weeks in TKI-resistant pts (Miller, Lan Onc '12)
- Dacomitinib (PF-299804)
  - RR 7% in TKI-resistant patients (Janne, ASCO '09)

....novel T790M-specific TKIs are entering clinical trials

- CO-1686
- AP26113



# Afatinib/Cetuximab has been most active treatment, regardless of mechanism of AR



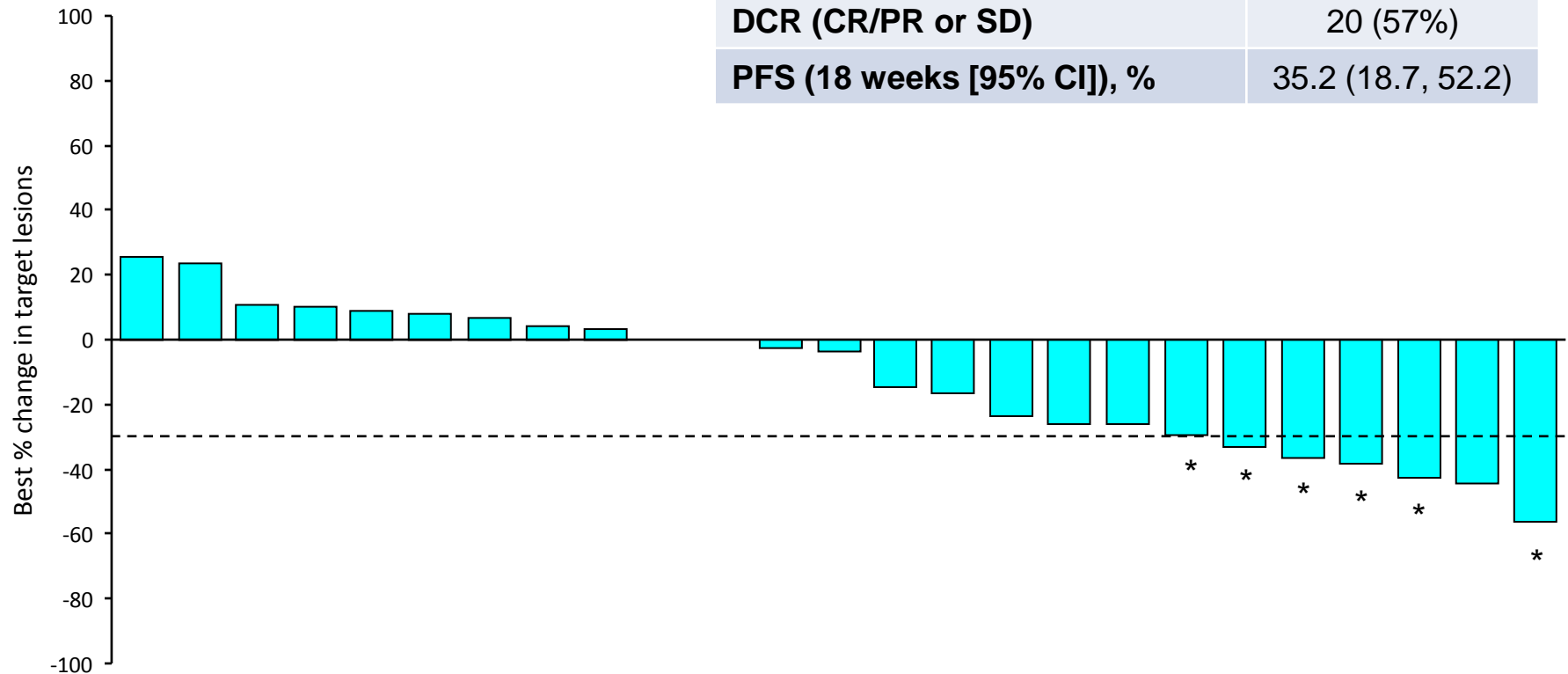
Janjigian YY et al. ASCO 2011;Abstract 7525.



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# AUY922 (Hsp90): best CT response: *EGFR*-mutant patients (n=25<sup>†</sup>/35)



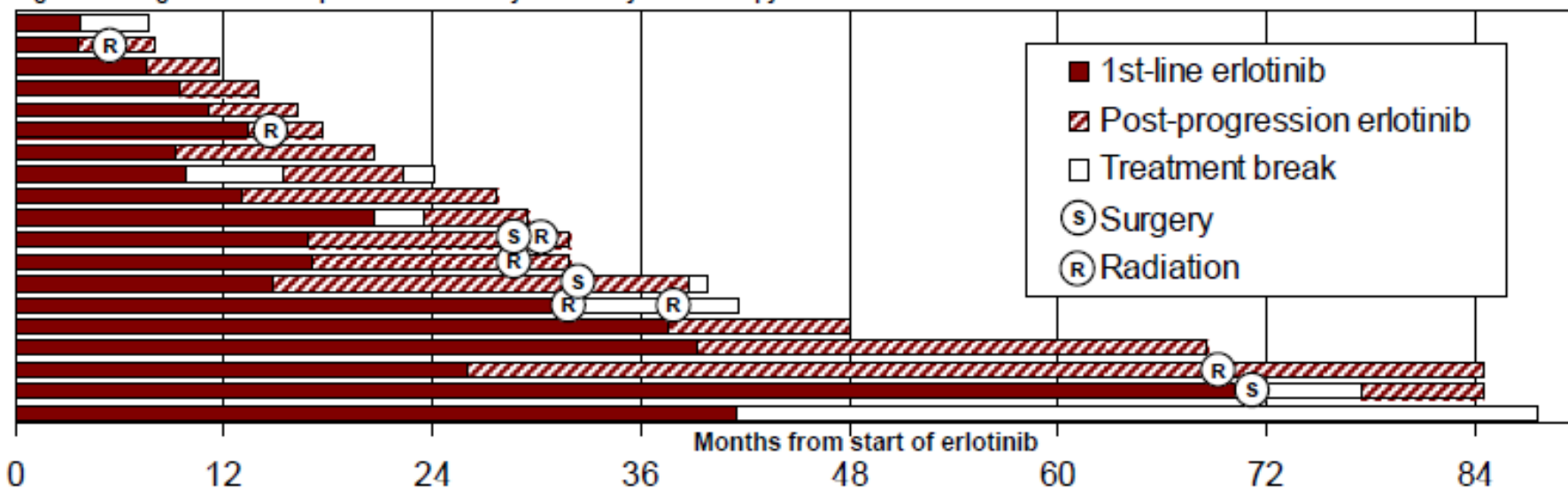
<i>EGFR</i> -mutant (n=35)	
ORR (any PR)	7 (20%) <sup>‡</sup>
DCR (CR/PR or SD)	20 (57%)
PFS (18 weeks [95% CI]), %	35.2 (18.7, 52.2)

\*Confirmed responses; <sup>†</sup>Patients with at least one post-baseline scan;

<sup>‡</sup>Including one PR not confirmed.

# Treatment Beyond Progression: appealing if PD is slow

Figure 1: Management of the 19 patients able to delay alternate systemic therapy for more than 3 months



Baseline: Start TKI



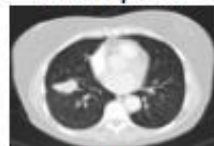
3m: Response



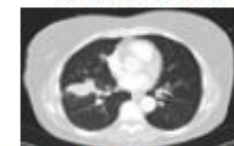
14m: RECIST PD



18m



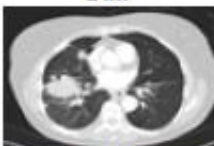
24m



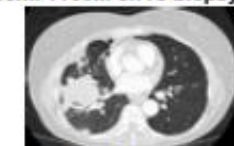
30m: T790M on re-biopsy



35m



37m: TKI stopped  
for clinical trial



39m: First cancer-  
related symptoms

Oxnard, et al ASCO'12



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# Chemotherapy plus EGFR TKI: Example Patient

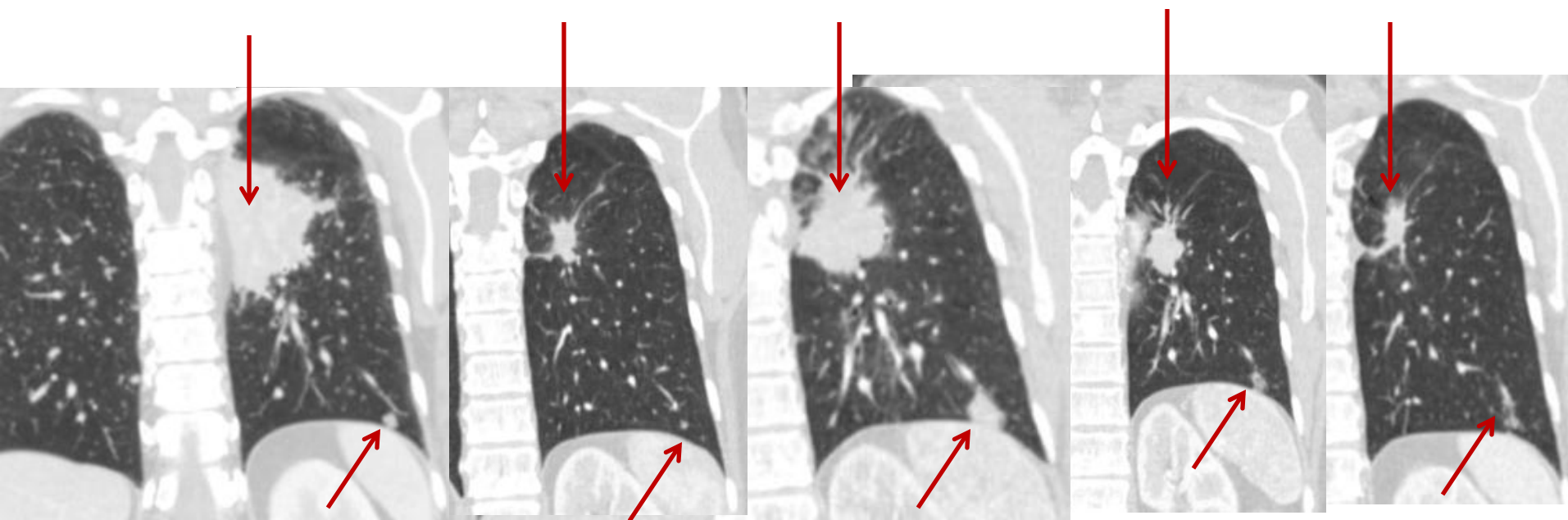
Feb 2010  
Diagnosis

Dec 2010 TKI  
max response

July 2011  
Acq. resist

Sept 2011  
2mo chemo/TKI

Feb 2012  
6mo chemo/TKI

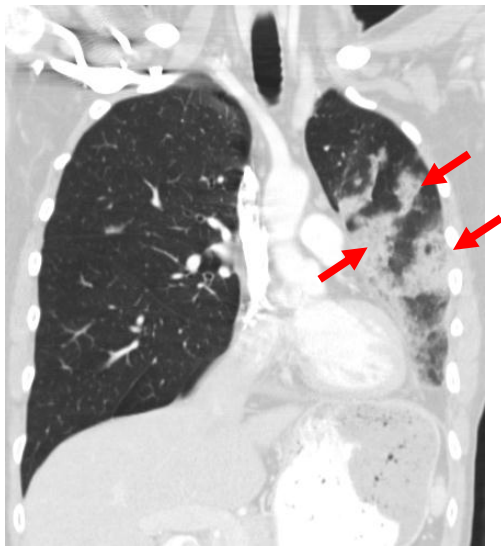


Goldberg, et al ASCO '12 showed RR higher than chemo alone  
Ongoing randomized trials in US (Horn) and Asia (Mok)

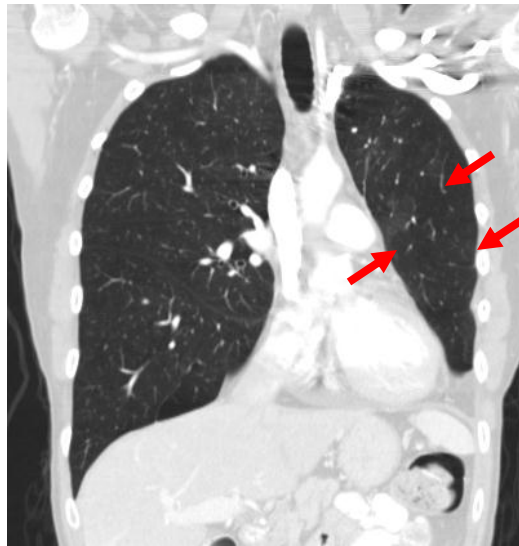


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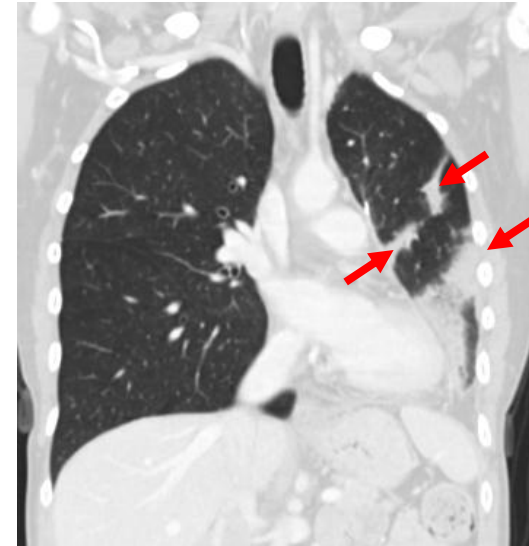
# Disease Relapses on Crizotinib



Baseline



After 8 weeks of crizotinib



After 34 months of crizotinib

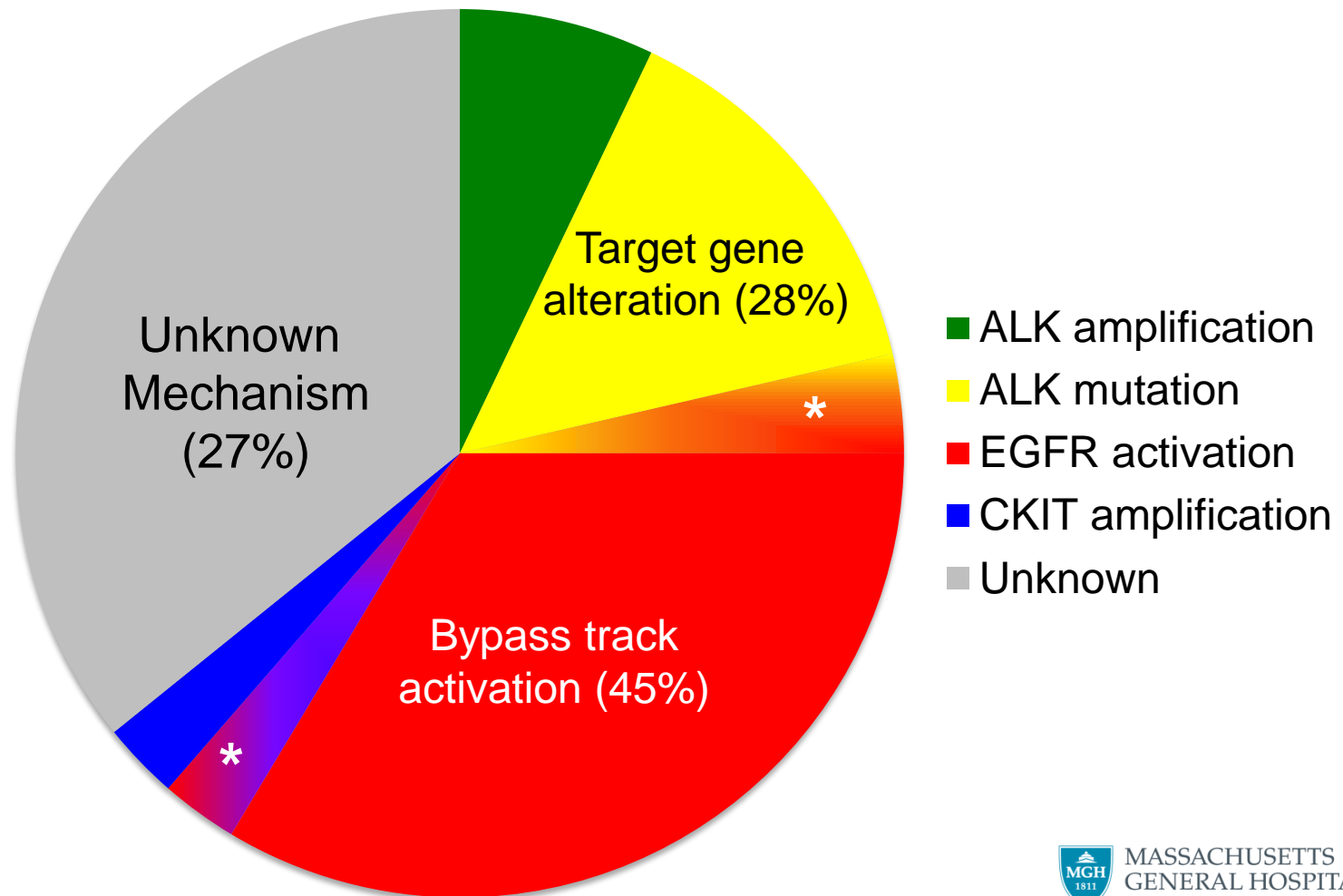


# Patients with Crizotinib-Resistant ALK+ NSCLC

Patient	Duration (months)*	Timing (months) <sup>†</sup>	Histology	ALK fusion
MGH0NZ	20	0	Adeno	Positive
MGH001	4	3.5	Adeno	Positive
MGH010	8	0	Adeno	Positive
MGH011	34	0	Adeno	Positive
MGH013	9	0	Adeno	Positive
MGH016	6	6	Adeno	Positive
MGH017	23+	0	Adeno	Positive
MGH018	10	0.5	Adeno	Positive
MGH019	8	<0.5	Adeno	Positive
MGH020	13	0	Adeno	Positive
MGH021	12	3	Adeno	Positive
MGH022	6	0	Adeno	Positive
MGH023	12	0	Adeno	Positive
MGH024	15	0	Adeno	Positive
MGH025	11	0	Adeno	NA
MGH027	4	1	Adeno	NA
MGH028	14	1	Adeno	NA
MGH029	8	0	Adeno	Positive

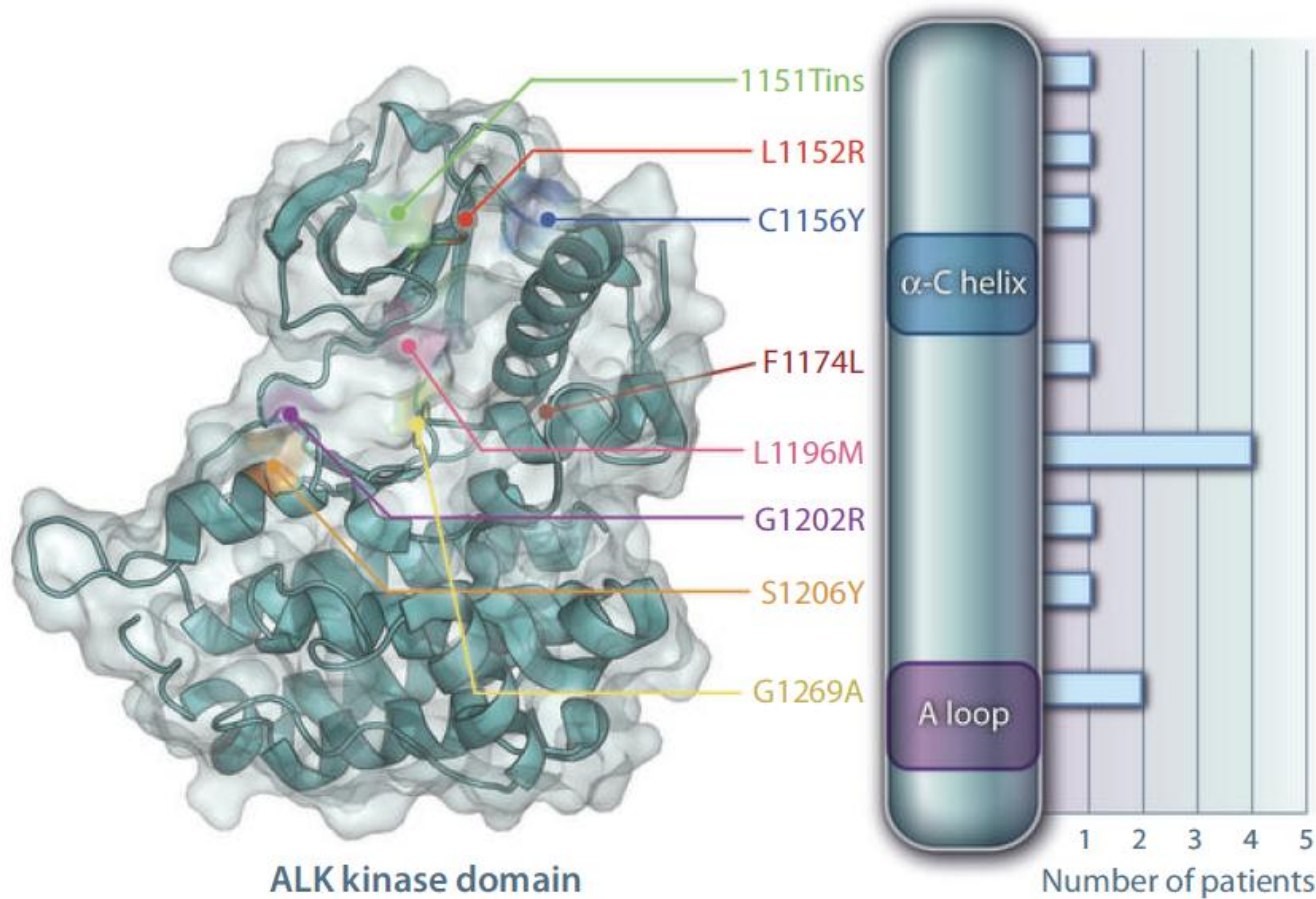
- All patients had *acquired* TKI resistance
- No evidence of SCLC transformation
- All evaluable repeat biopsy specimens were ALK<sup>+</sup> by FISH

# Mechanisms of Crizotinib Resistance



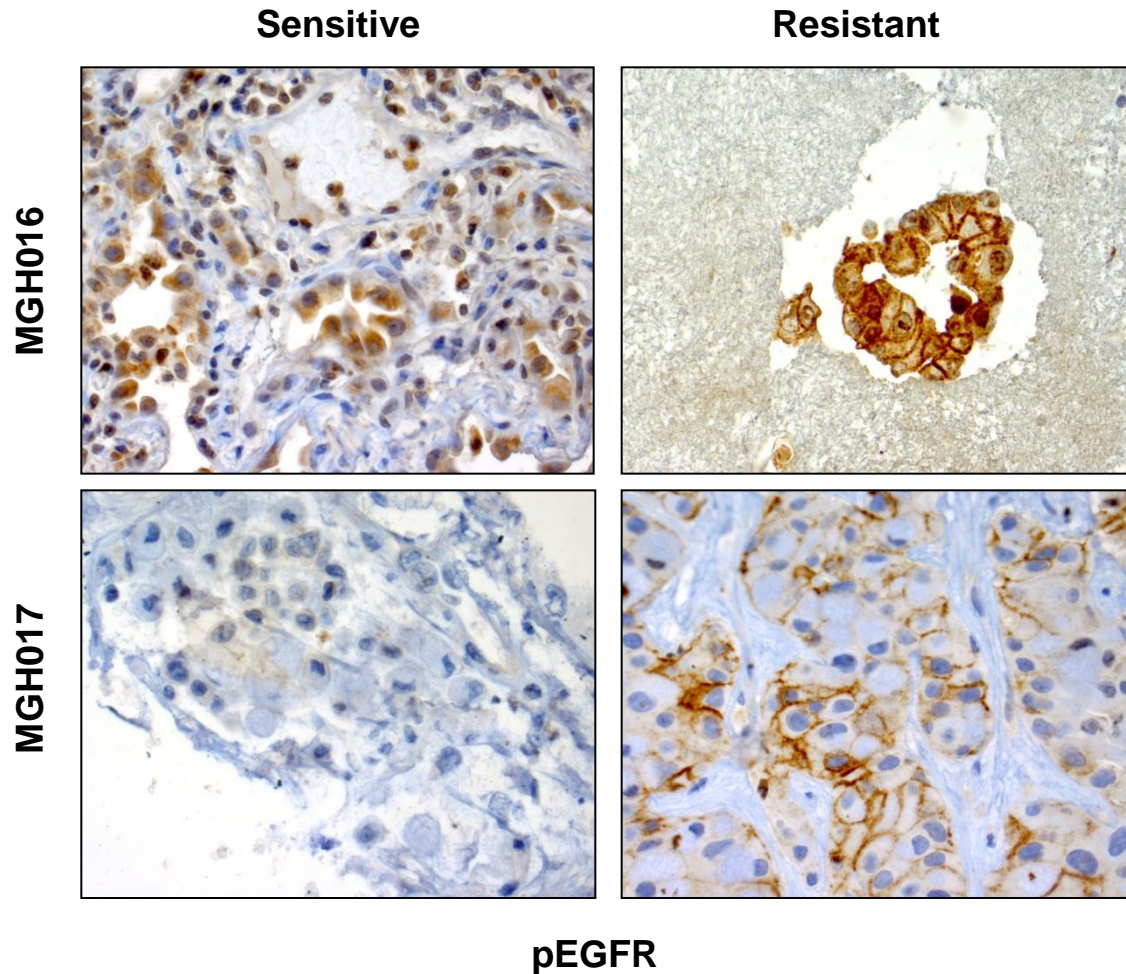


# Many Different ALK Resistance Mutations





# EGFR Activation in Crizotinib-Resistant NSCLC



**No EGFR mutations**

# Emergence of Other “Drivers”

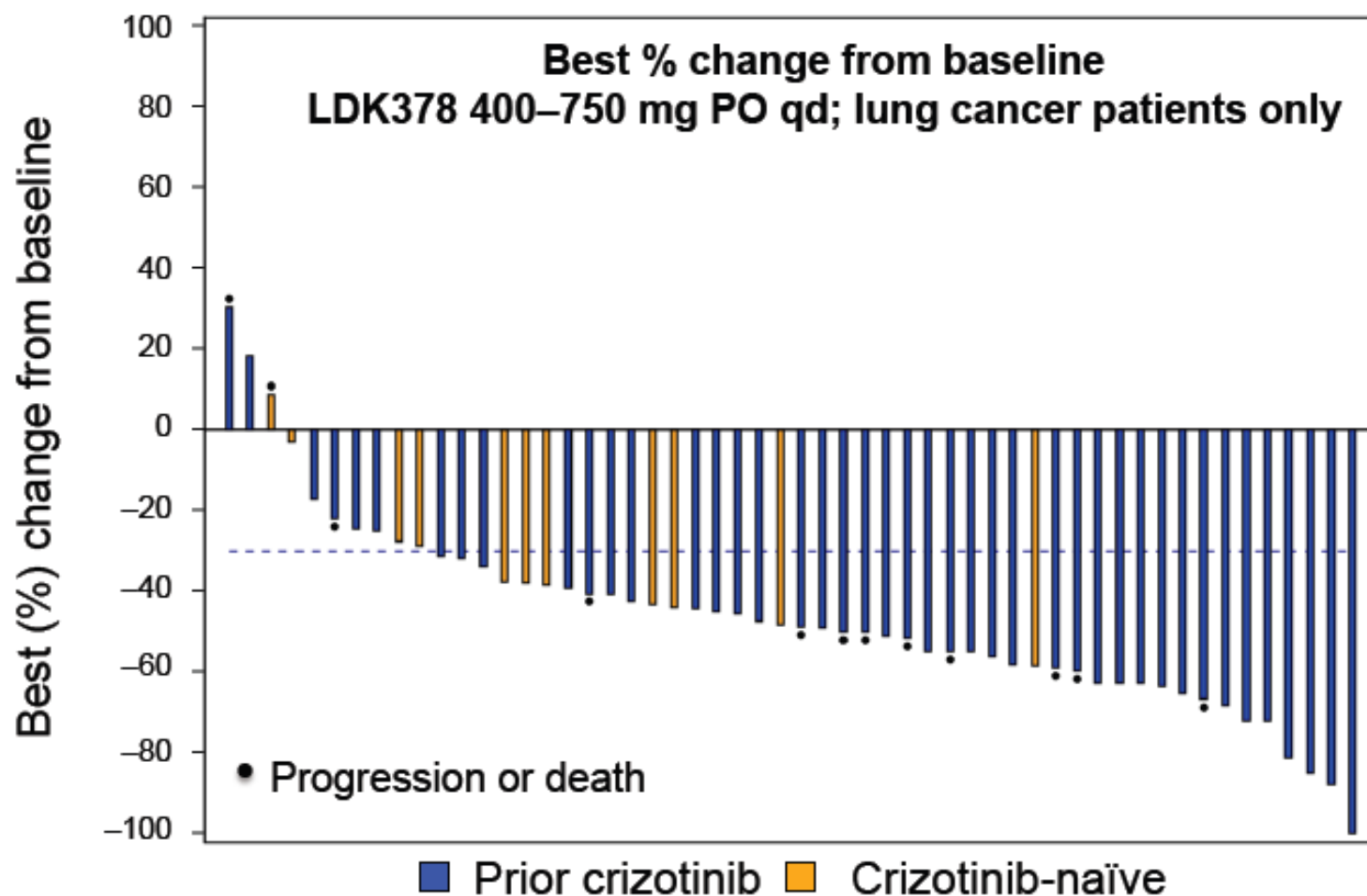
	Doebele et al	Katayama et al
<b>Addition of other driver mutations</b>	<b>1/11 EGFR mt</b> <b>2/11 KRAS mt</b>	<b>0/6 EGFR or KRAS mt</b>
<b>Loss of ALK translocation</b>	<b>Absence of ALK = 2/11</b> (EGFR mt, unknown)	<b>Absence of ALK = 0/15</b>



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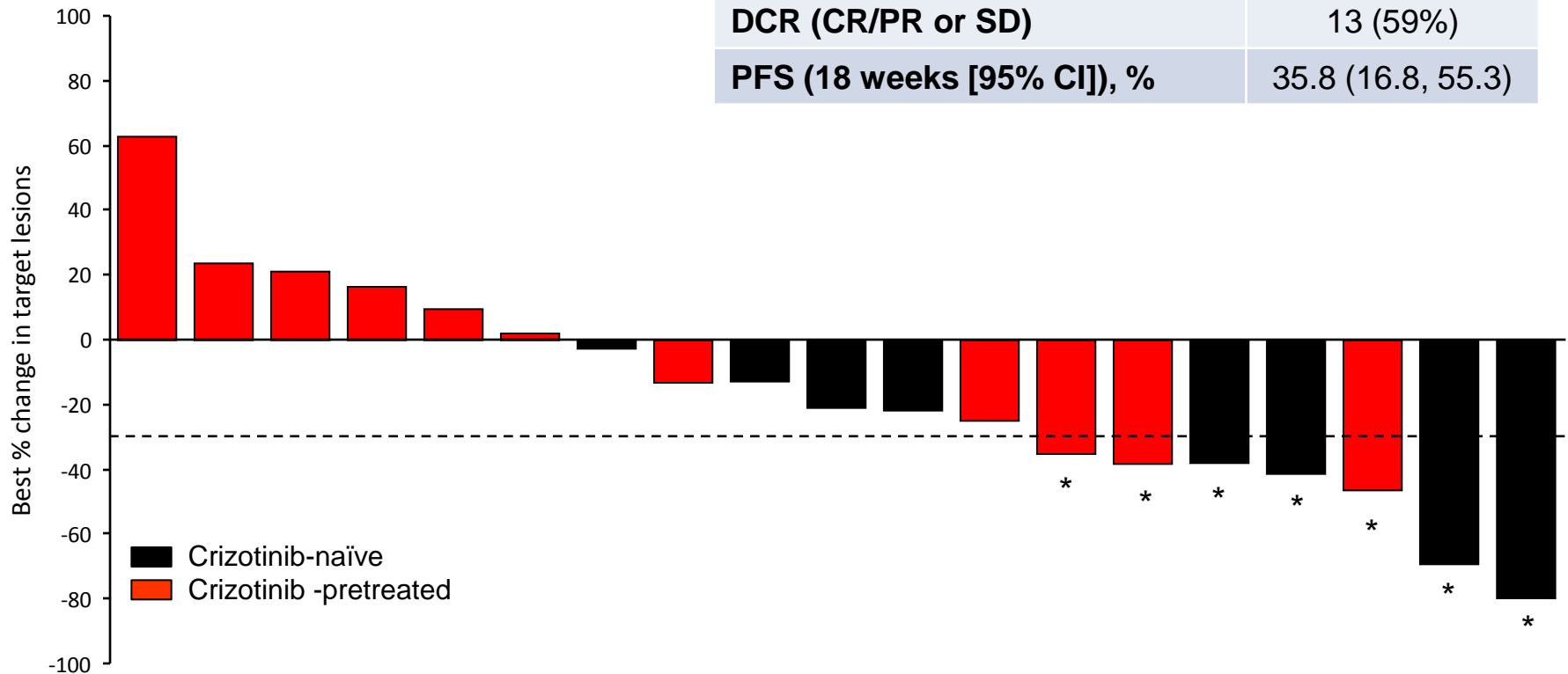
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# Marked activity of LDK378 in advanced ALK+ NSCLC



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# Summary and Conclusions

- Genotype-directed therapy paradigm has revolutionized NSCLC landscape
- Treatment of resistance has proven complicated
- Repeat biopsies of patients with AR will continue to greatly supplement lab-based research
- Prevention may be a potent strategy, especially since pre-disposition toward certain mechanisms may be identifiable
- Need less invasive alternatives to biopsies

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