

# Diagnosis and monitoring of oncogene addicted cancers

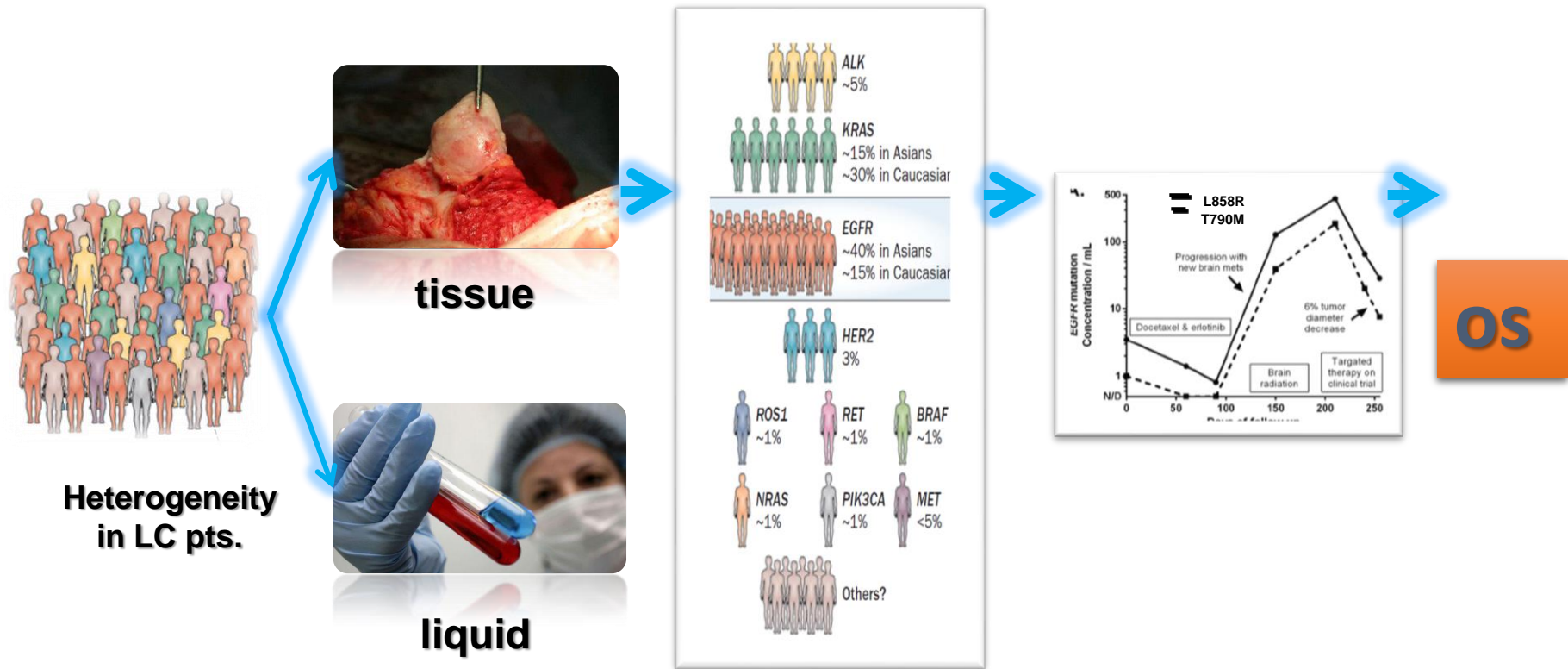
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# Management of Lung Cancer



Detection

Diagnosis

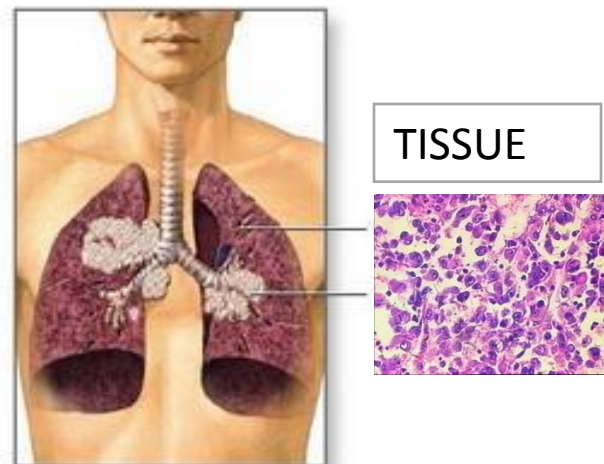
Treatment

Monitoring

# The tissue is the issue. BUT Challenging

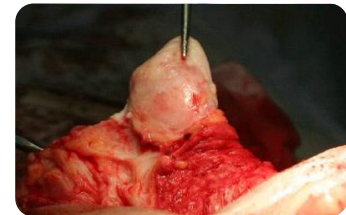
- **Challenging:**

- ***Invasive***--high risk, unpleasant, painful;
- ***Selection bias***--Intra-tumoral heterogeneity, primary versus metastase;
- ***Re-biopsy difficult***--monitoring treatment and resistance;
- ***Insufficient***-- too small to more molecular analysis;



# Liquid biopsy may be the Solution

- Simple and less invasive
- More representative for the overall disease, avoids intra-tumoral and inter-metastatic tumor heterogeneity associated with tissue.
- Performed coherence for monitoring therapy and dynamic changes in the tumor.



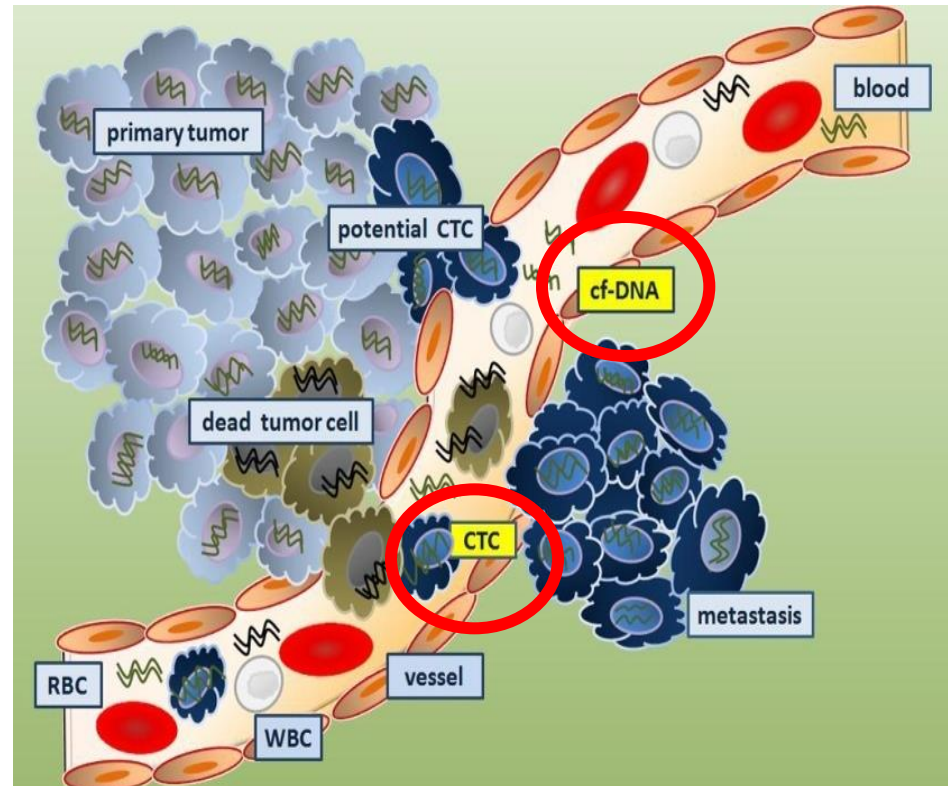
# Liquid biopsy

- **ctDNA**

- Low concentration: average 17 ng/ml plasma in advanced-stage cancers
- Low proportion: tumor DNA can range between 0.01% and 93%

- **CTC**

range 0~several thousands



# Applications of ctDNA

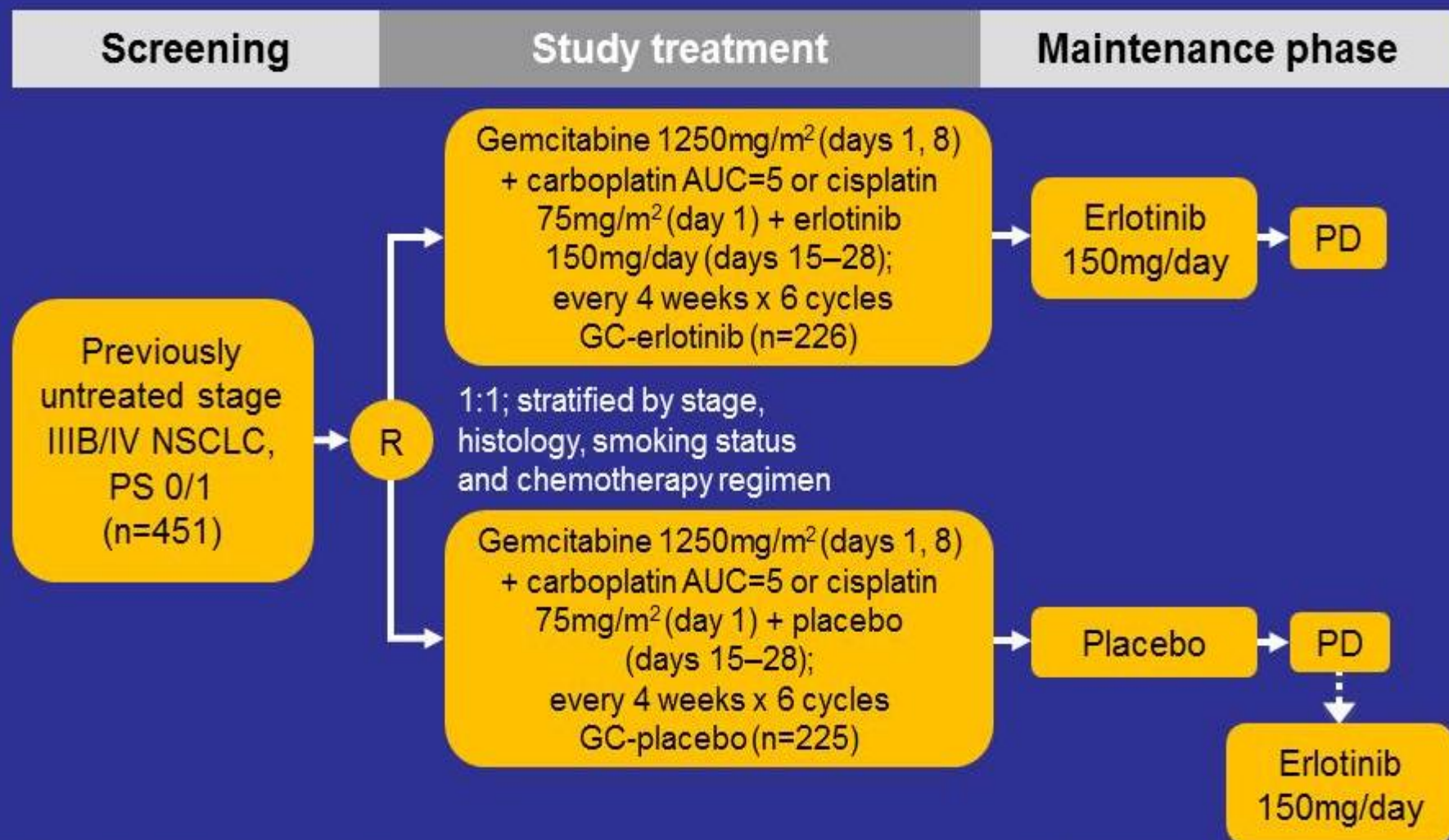


# Application 1

## Molecular Diagnosis & Predicting Efficacy



# FASTACT-2 study





# tEGFR and pEGFR mutation analysis of FASTACT-2 (ASCO 2013)

## TUMOUR SAMPLES



## PLASMA SAMPLES



224 patients  
with matched  
tumour and  
plasma  
samples

# Concordance between tumour and plasma samples using the cobas<sup>®</sup> 4800 system

- A total of 224 patients had both tumour and baseline plasma samples with available *EGFR* mutation analysis results
  - sensitivity: 77% (69/90)
  - specificity: 96% (129/134)
  - positive predictive value: 93% (69/74)
  - negative predictive value: 86% (129/150)
  - overall concordance: 88% (198/224)

# PFS

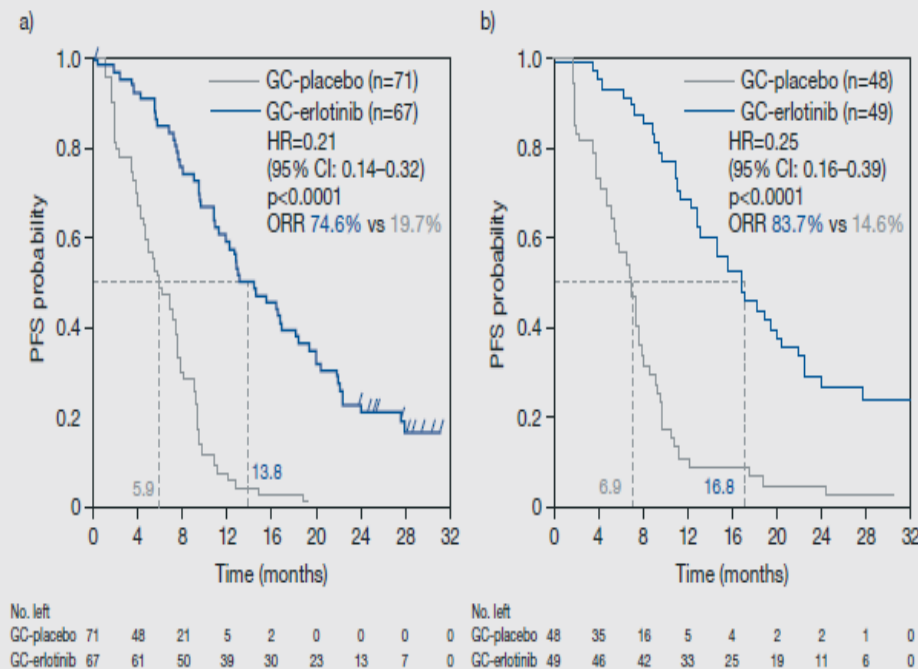
pEGFR+

tEGFR+

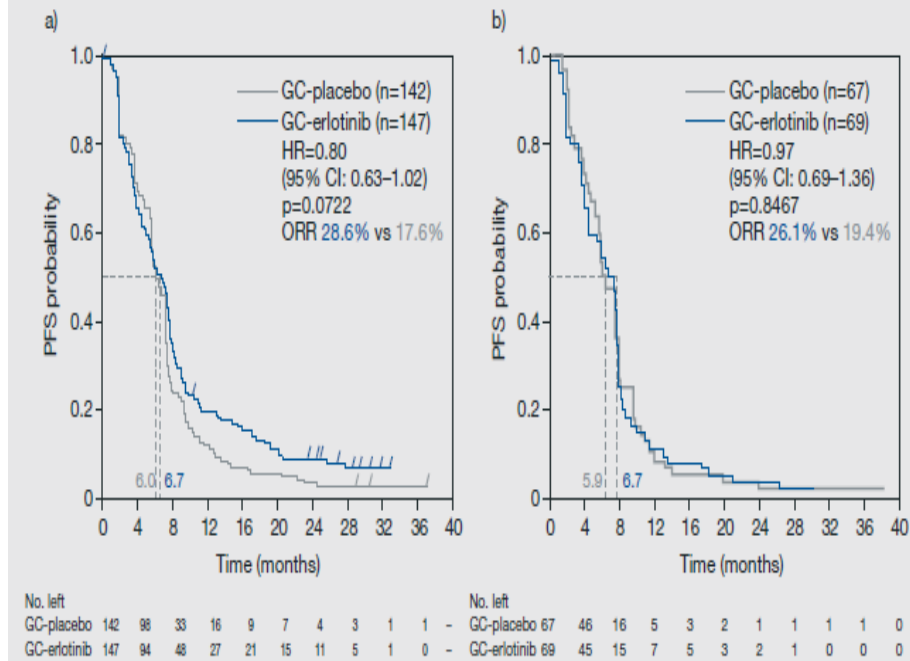
pEGFR-

tEGFR-

**Figure 2. PFS of (a) p-EGFR Mut+ and (b) t-EGFR Mut+ Patients by Treatment Arm**



**Figure 3. PFS of (a) p-EGFR Mut- and (b) t-EGFR Mut- Patients by Treatment Arm**



# Other techniques detecting plasma EGFR mutation

## ARMS

EGFR mutation		serum		Total
		+	-	
tissue	+	6	2	8
	-	1	33	34
Total		7	35	42

**Sensitivity : 75%; Specificity: 97%.**

(ps.: Tissue using Sequencing )

*Kimura et al. Br J Cancer 2007; 97(6): 778-784*

## ddPCR

EGFR mutation		serum		Total
		+	-	
tissue	+	15	4	19
	-	0	16	16
Total		15	20	35

**Sensitivity : 79%; Specificity : 100%.**

(ps.Tissue using ddPCR and Sequencing )

*Yung et al. Clin Cancer Res 2009;15(6): 2076-2084*

## PCR/dHPLC

EGFR mutation		plasma		Total
		+	-	
tissue	+	63	14	77
	-	16	137	153
Total		79	151	230

**Sensitivity : 82%; Specificity : 90%.**

*Bai et al. J Clin Oncol 2009; 27:2653-2659*

2015 年 02 月 13 日

## 吉非替尼片说明书

请仔细阅读说明书并在医师指导下使用。

### [药品名称]

通用名称：吉非替尼片

商品名称：易瑞沙

英文名称：Gefitinib Tablets

汉语拼音：Jifeitini Pian

### [注意事项]

当考虑本品用于晚期或转移性 NSCLC 患者的一线治疗时，推荐对所有患者的肿瘤组织进行 EGFR 突变检测。如果肿瘤标本不可评估，则可使用从血液（血浆）标本中获得的循环肿瘤 DNA（ctDNA）。

只能使用经论证可用于测定肿瘤或 ctDNA 的 EGFR 突变状态的检测方法，检测方法须稳定、可靠并且灵敏，以避免出现假阴性或假阳性的测定结果。

非吸烟、组织学类型为腺癌、女性或亚裔更可能从本品的治疗中获益。这些临床特点也和较高的肿瘤 EGFR 突变阳性率相关。

### 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

When considering the use of IRESSA as a treatment for locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC, it is important that EGFR mutation assessment of the tumour tissue is attempted for all patients. If a tumour sample is not evaluable, then circulating tumour DNA (ctDNA) obtained from a blood (plasma) sample may be used.

# Application 2

**Detect resistant biomarkers**





# AURA study (AZD 9291)

- 72 paired FFPET/ctDNA samples
- Detected by cobas and BEAMing

	Cobas AS-PCR	BEAMing digital PCR
Exon 19 deletion assays		
Sensitivity	82% (22/27)	85% (22/26)
Specificity	97% (29/30)	97% (29/30)
L858R assay		
Sensitivity	88% (21/24)	88% (21/24)
Specificity	97% (31/32)	97% (31/32)
T790M assay		
Sensitivity	74% (31/42)	81% (33/41)
Specificity	70% (16/23)	61% (14/23)

\*8 with no T790M tissue result, 16 with no 19del/L858R result

# AURA study (AZD 9291)

Different results between tumor and plasma

Patient	Tissue	Plasma	
	cobas AS-PCR	BEAMing dPCR (% mutant)	cobas AS-PCR
1	Positive	Positive (0.021%)	Negative
2	Positive	Positive (0.048%)	Negative
3	Positive	Positive (0.054%)	Negative
4	Positive	Positive (0.202%)	Negative
5	Positive	Negative	Negative
6	Positive	Negative	Negative
7	Positive	Negative	Negative
8	Positive	Negative	Negative
9	Positive	Negative	Negative
10	Positive	Negative	Positive
11	Positive	Negative	Negative
12	Positive	Negative	Negative
13	Negative	Positive (0.026%)	Negative
14	Negative	Positive (0.327%)	Positive
15	Negative	Positive (0.354%)	Positive
16	Negative	Positive (0.360%)	Negative
17	Negative	Positive (0.283%)	Positive
18	Negative	Positive (0.340%)	Positive
19	Negative	Positive (0.344%)	Positive
20	Negative	Positive (0.491%)	Positive
21	Negative	Positive (1.113%)	Positive

'False' negatives by AS-PCR plasma

'False' positives by BEAMing

# AURA study (AZD 9291)

## Correlation between T790M status and efficacy of AZD9291

- T790M+:

Tissue vs. Plasma: 62% vs. 63%

- T790M-:

Tissue vs. Plasma: 26% vs. 29%

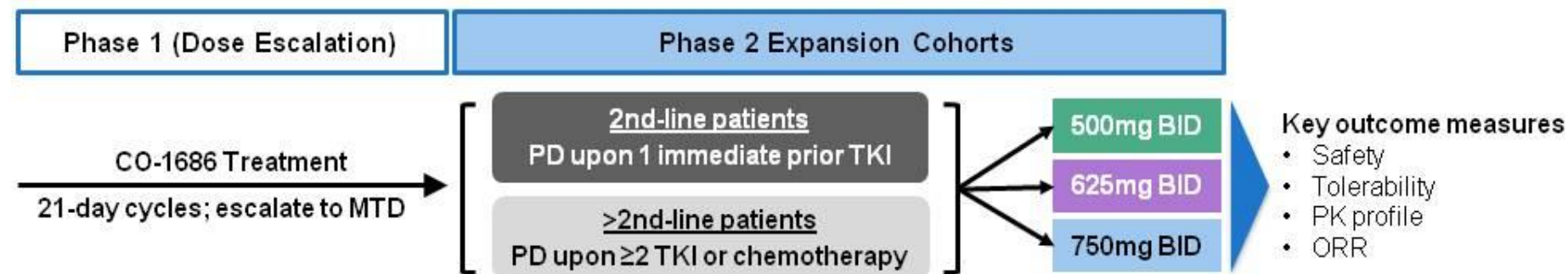
	Tissue		Plasma*	
	T790M +	T790M-	T790M +	T790M-
Response Rate (CR & PR)	62% (26/42)	26% (6/23)	63% (24/38)	29% (10/34)
Disease control Rate (CR, PR, & SD)	95% (40/42)	70% (16/23)	89% (34/38)	76% (26/34)



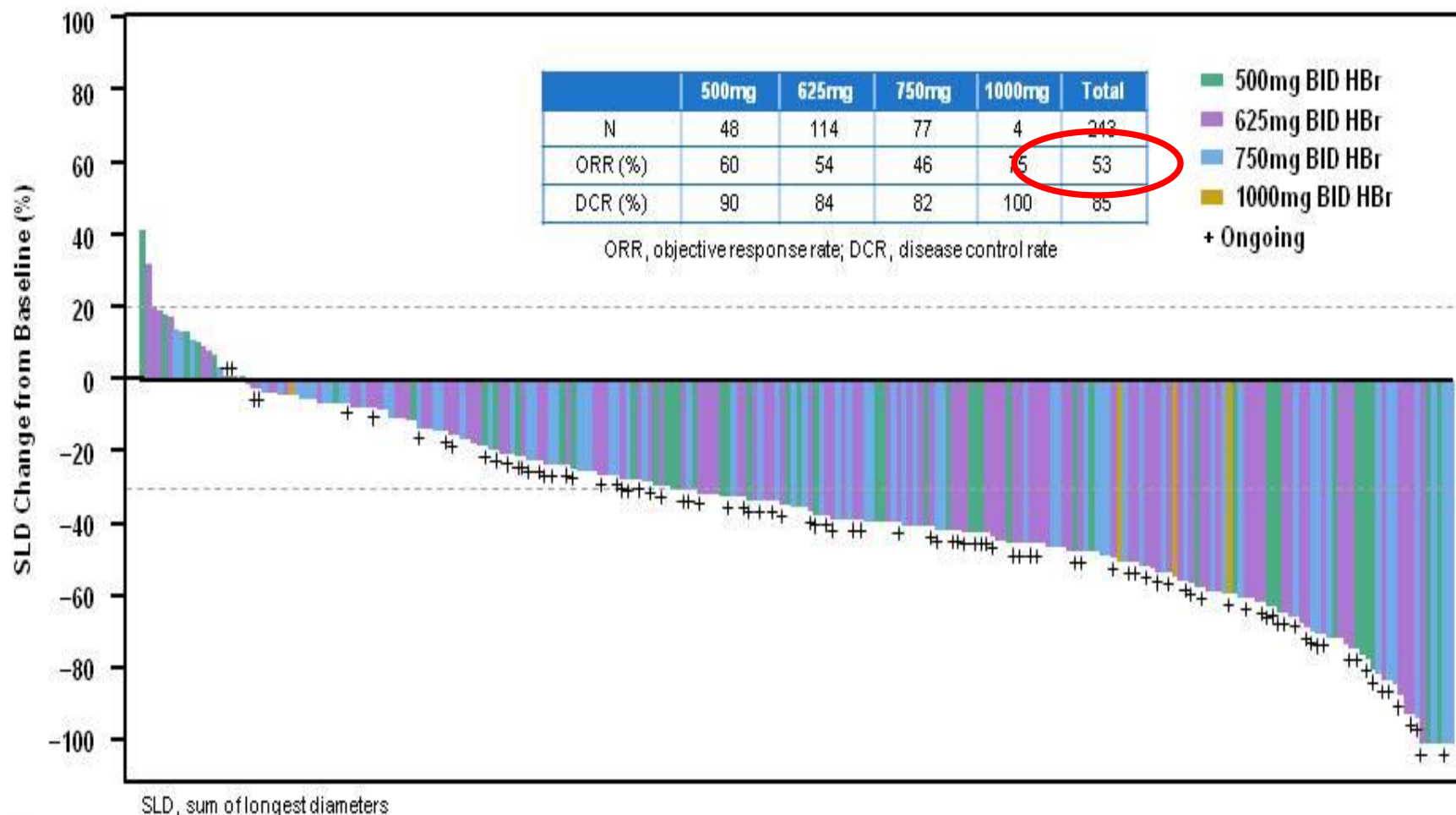
# TIGER-X: Phase 1/2 Trial of Rociletinib

## Key eligibility criteria

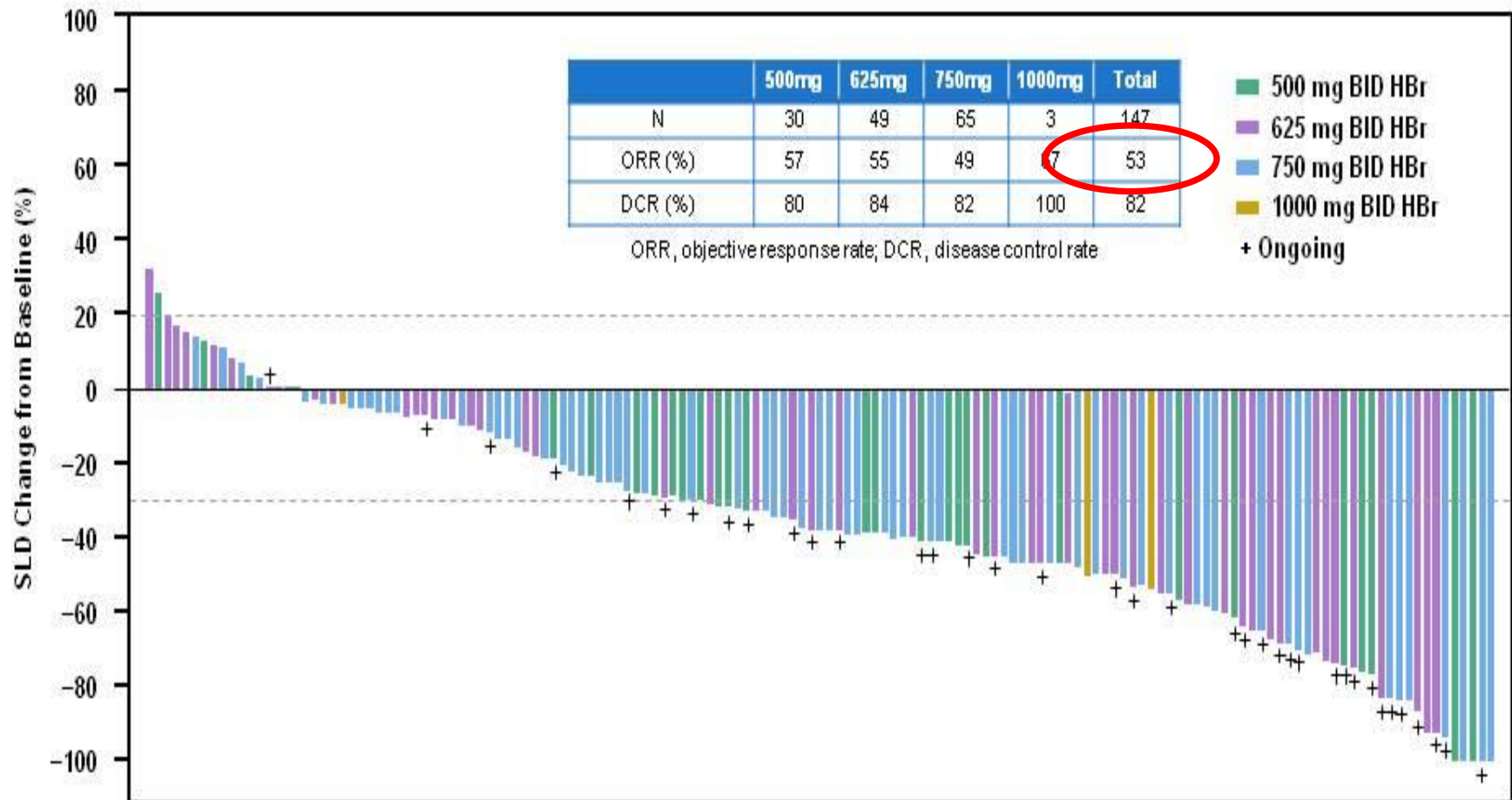
- Advanced or recurrent NSCLC with a documented activating EGFR mutation
- Prior treatment with EGFR-directed therapy
- Recent biopsy available or willing to undergo a new on-study biopsy; plasma samples collected
- Phase 2 only
  - Disease progression while on treatment with EGFR-directed therapy
  - T790M-positive biopsy at the time of entering study
  - Treated stable CNS metastases are allowed



# Best Response to Rociletinib (All Doses) in 243 Centrally Confirmed T790M+ Patients



# Best Response to Rociletinib (All Doses) in Plasma T790M+ Patients



SLD, sum of longest diameters



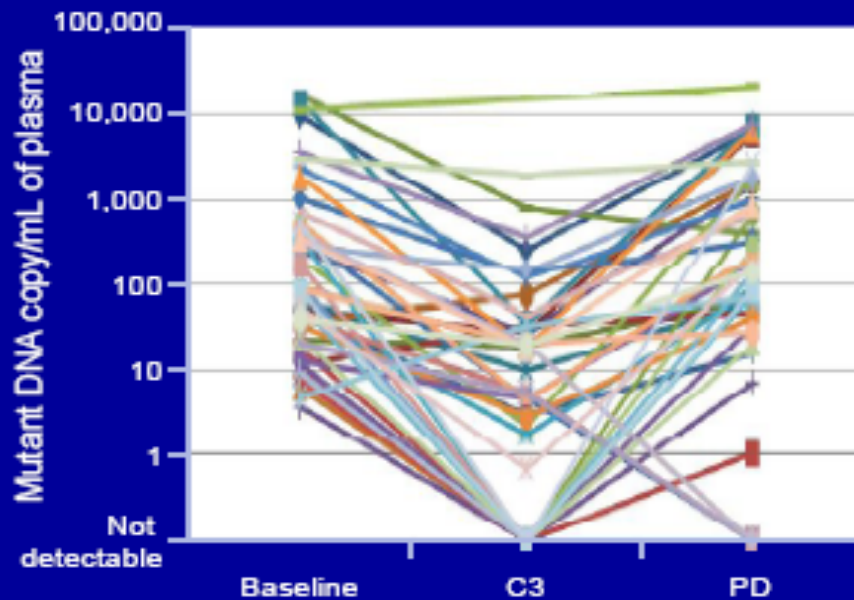
## **Application 3**

**Dynamic monitoring  
both sensitive mutations and  
resistant biomarkers**

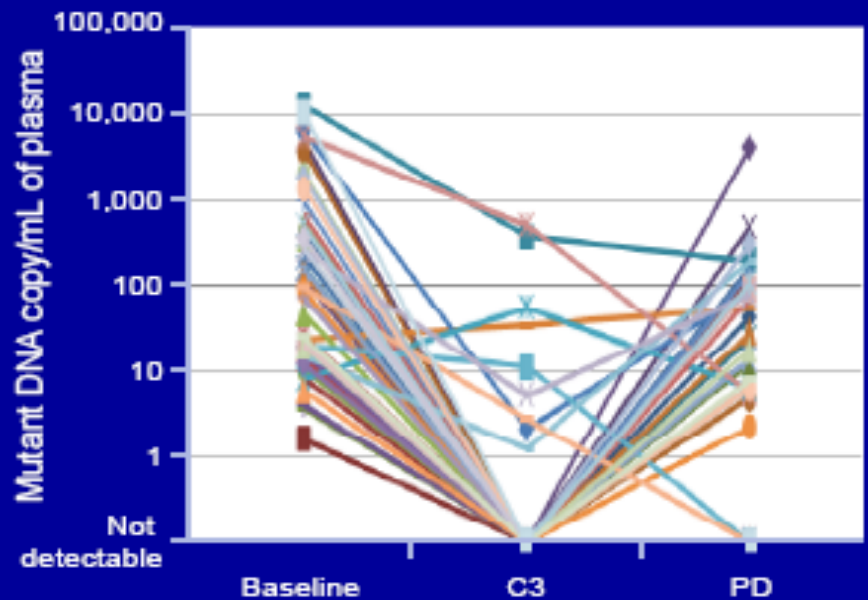
# FASTACT-2 study

## Dynamic mutant DNA change during therapy

**Patients treated with GC+P**

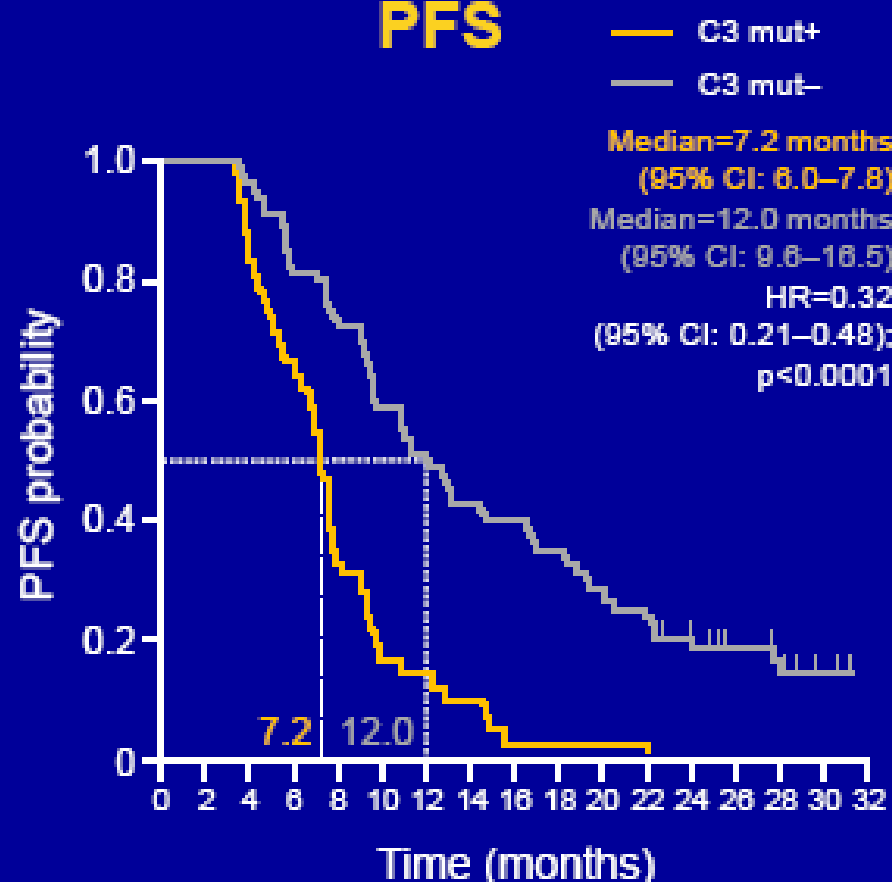


**Patients treated with GC+E**

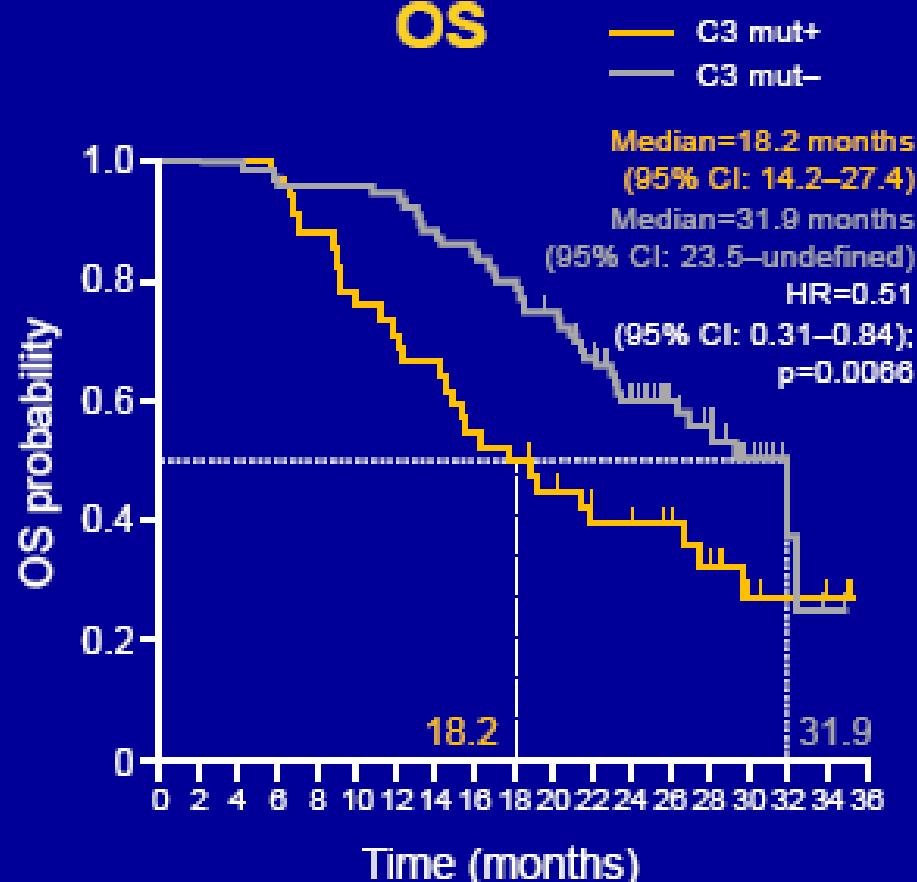


# Association between pEGFR mut+ at C3 and PFS/OS (both treatment arms combined)

**PFS**



**OS**



Patients, n

C3 mut+	42	42	35	28	14	7	6	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
C3 mut-	80	80	77	65	59	47	40	34	32	28	23	19	13	10	7	3

Patients, n

C3 mut+	42	42	42	41	37	32	30	28	23	21	18	14	14	12	9	4	3	2	0
C3 mut-	80	80	80	77	77	77	76	71	68	64	59	52	38	29	22	12	3	1	0

Positive pEGFR at baseline followed by negative pEGFR at C3 is associated with improved outcomes; patients positive at baseline and still positive at C3 experienced worse outcomes

OS = overall survival

# Serial assessment of response and resistance for patients with *EGFR*-L858R mutant lung cancer on a prospective trial

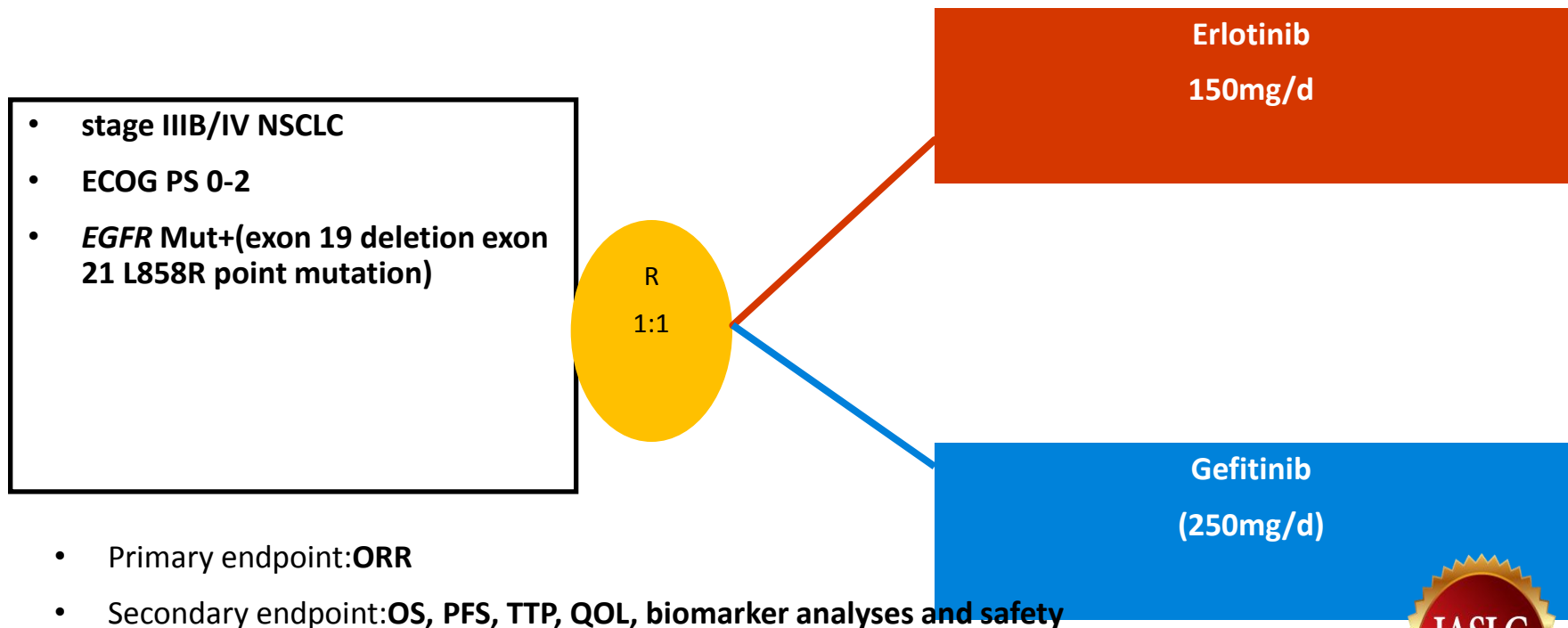
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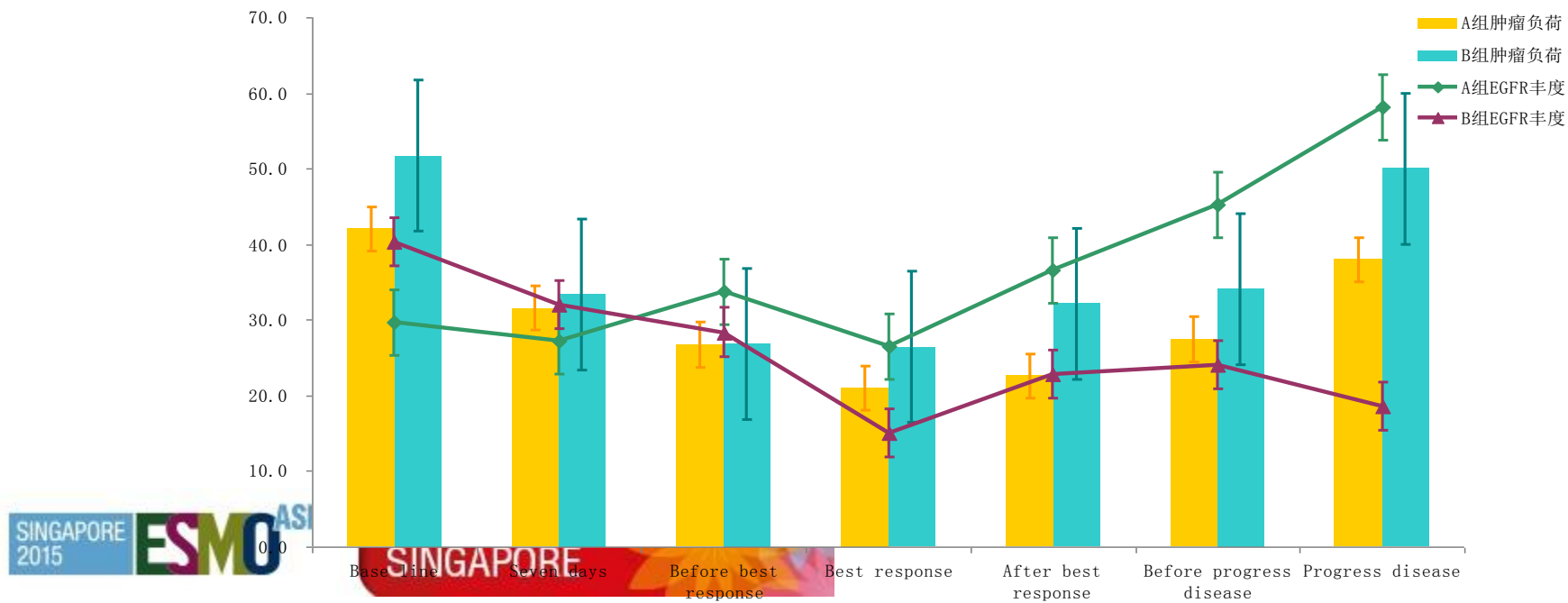
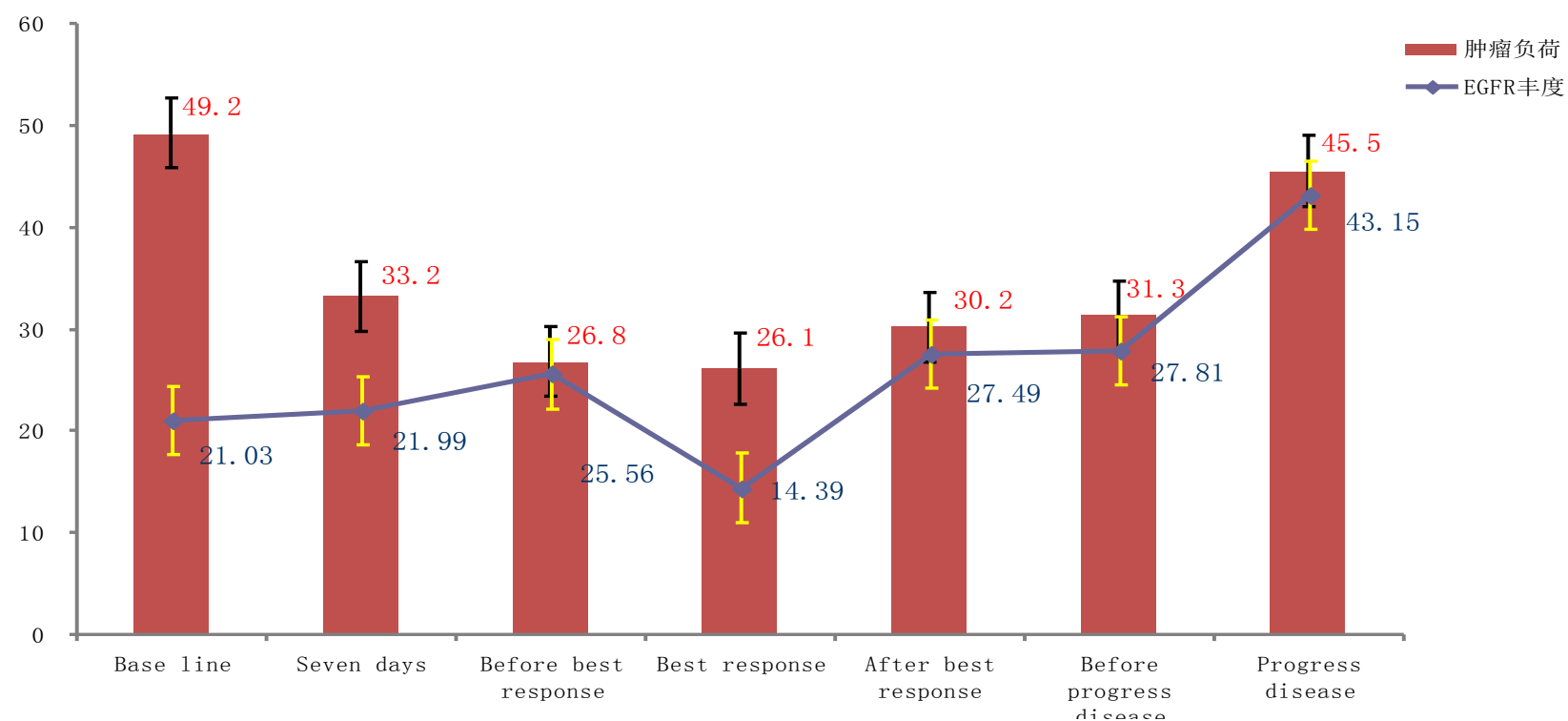
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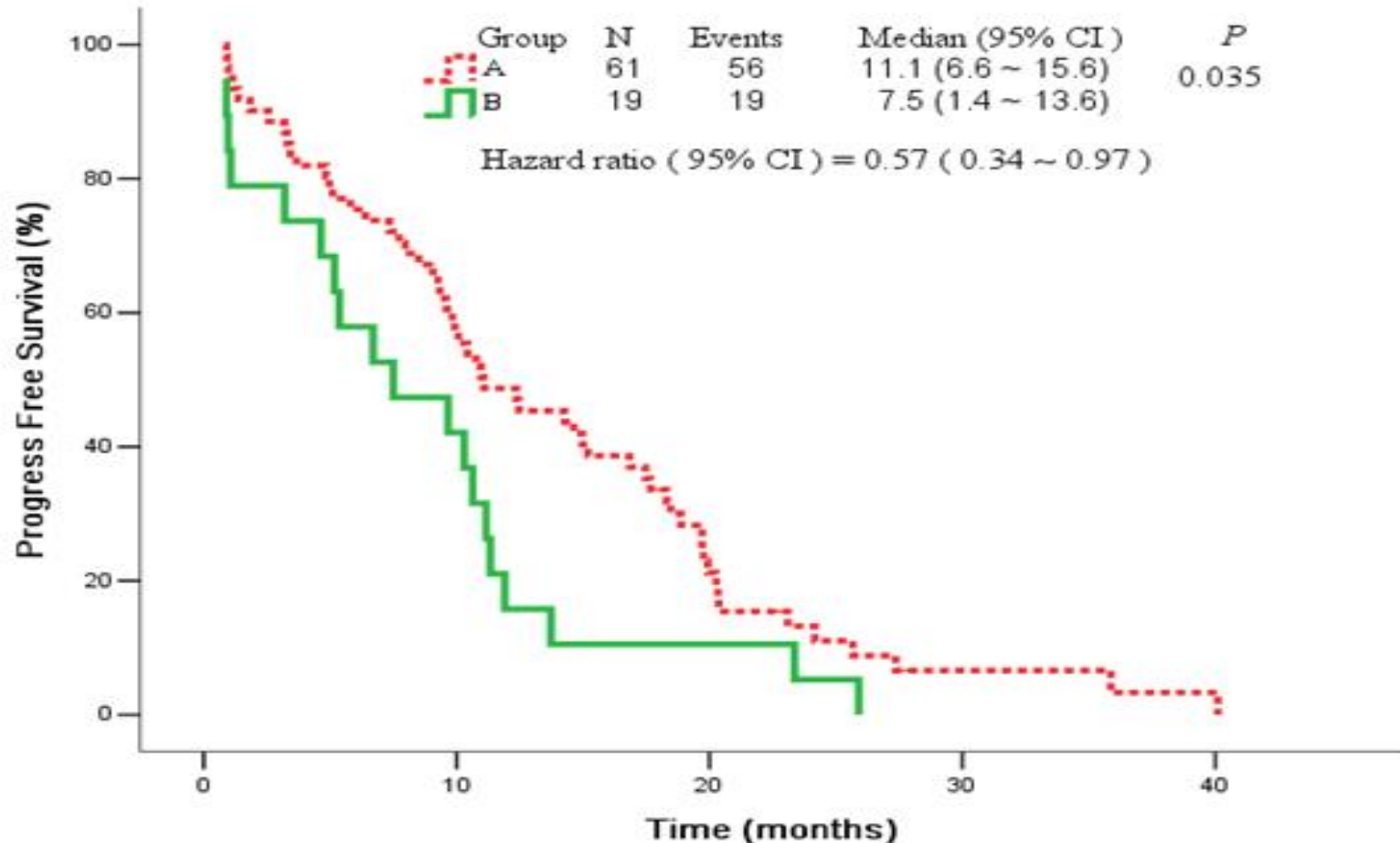
- Based on a randomized trial (CTONG0901, NCT01024413)



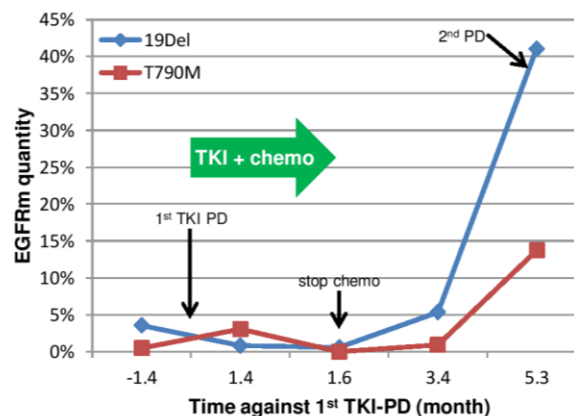
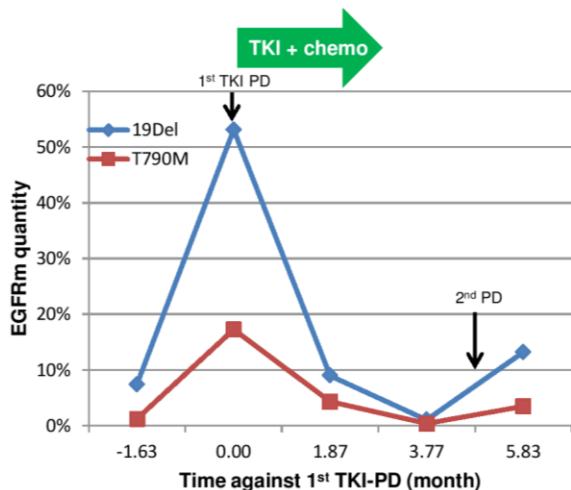
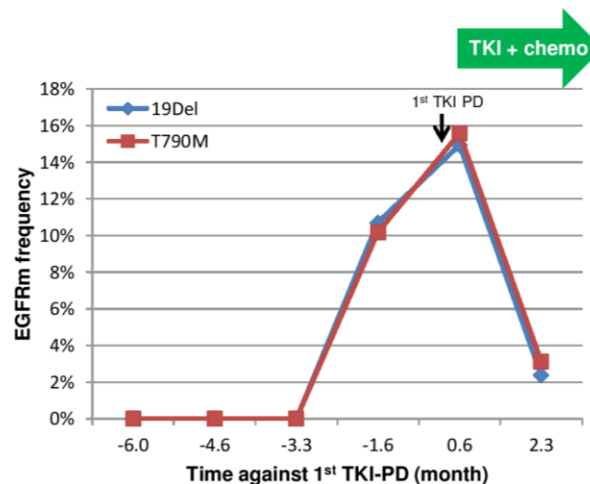
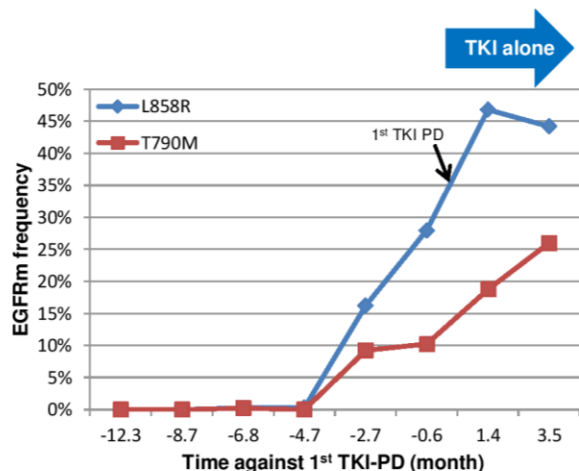




# PFS between two groups



# Dynamic monitoring of T790M in ctDNA



# Application 4

## Exploring Novel biomarkers

# Resistance mechanism for AZD9291

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## Acquired EGFR C797S mutation mediates resistance to AZD9291 in non-small cell lung cancer harboring EGFR T790M.

[Thress KS](#), [Paweletz CP](#), [Felip E](#), [Cho BC](#), [Stetson D](#), [Dougherty B](#), [Lai Z](#), [Markovets A](#), [Vivancos A](#), [Kuang Y](#), [Ercan D](#), [Matthews SE](#), [Cantarini M](#), [Barrett JC](#), [Jänne PA](#), [Oxnard GR](#).

### Abstract

Here we studied cell-free plasma DNA (cfDNA) collected from tumors that had developed resistance to the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) AZD9291. Sequencing of cfDNA from seven subjects and detected an acquired EGFR C797S mutation in one; expression of this mutation in cell lines showed resistance to AZD9291. We then performed droplet digital PCR on serial cfDNA specimens collected from 15 AZD9291-treated subjects before treatment, but upon developing AZD9291 resistance three molecular subtypes emerged: six cases acquired the C797S mutation, five cases maintained the T790M mutation but did not acquire the C797S mutation and four cases lost the T790M mutation despite the presence of the underlying EGFR activating mutation. Our findings provide insight into the diversity of mechanisms through which tumors acquire resistance to AZD9291 and highlight the need for therapies that are able to overcome resistance mediated by the EGFR C797S mutation.

**C797S mutation**

# Mechanisms of acquired resistance to AZD9291 in EGFR T790M positive lung cancer

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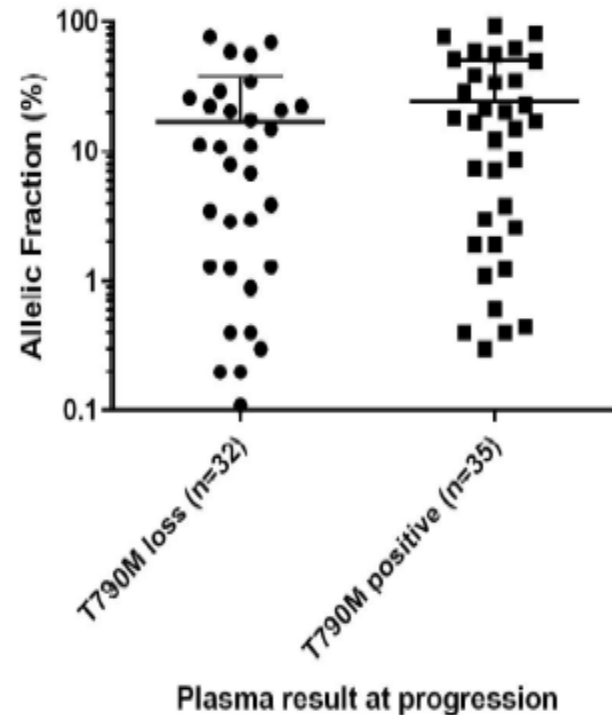
<sup>8</sup>Gustave Roussy, Paris, France



## Results: T790M loss

- 32 of 67 (48%) had no detectable T790M in plasma despite presence of the EGFR-TKI-sensitizing mutation, suggesting overgrowth of an alternate resistance mechanism
- A few patients with loss of T790M had a very low allelic fraction of sensitizing mutation, such that a missed low level T790M cannot be ruled out

Allelic fraction of EGFR sensitizing in T790M loss vs T790M positive plasma at progression



Data source: G. Oxnard, C. Paweletz, R. Alden, K. Thress

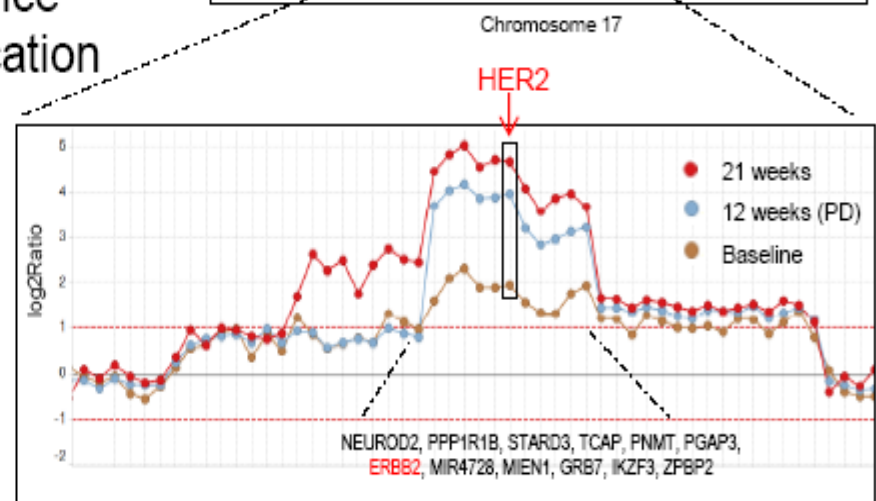
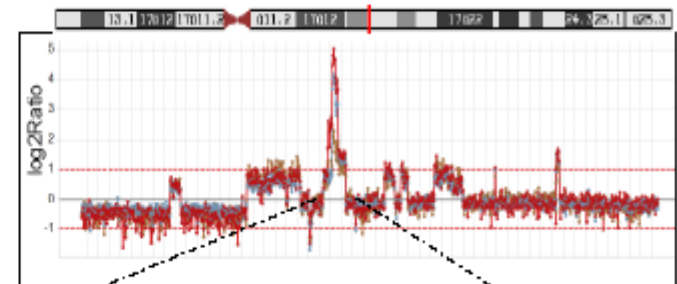


## Results: HER2 amplification

- 15 cases completed plasma NGS after resistance to AZD9291 (4 showing C797S)
- One patient treated at 80 mg had an initial unconfirmed PR (-38%) followed by new liver metastasis
- Whole genome sequencing of resistance cfDNA found high level HER2 amplification

	Baseline	12 weeks (PD)	21 weeks (off tx)
L858R	85%	79%	82%
T790M	42%	0%	1%
EGFR CNV	6	5	6
ERBB2 CNV	6	11	32

Data source: D. Stetson, A. Markovets, B. Dougherty, Z. Lai, C. Barrett, K. Thress  
 CNV, copy number variation; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; tx, treatment



3 Mb region on chromosome 17

## Results: MET amplification

- 69-year-old female with EGFR-mutant NSCLC metastatic to liver, adrenal, bones who had progression after first-line chemotherapy and subsequent erlotinib
- Resistance biopsy was inadequate for genotyping, but plasma genotyping positive for L858R (26%) and T790M (4%)
- Initiated AZD9291 and responded on the first scan (-40%) but progressed after 24 weeks
- Resistance biopsy undergone for targeted NGS:
  - Positive for L858R, negative for T790M, positive for MET amplification
  - MET protein overexpression also seen on IHC

Pre-AZD9291  
plasma genotype:  
L858R (26%)  
T790M (4%)



Baseline



4 months



6 months

Progression  
tumor genotype:  
L858R  
T790M negative  
MET amplified

Data source: R. Pillai; S. Ramalingam  
IHC, immunohistochemistry; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer

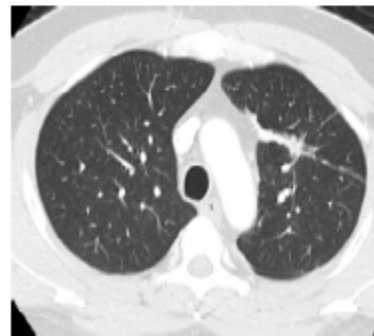
## Results: BRAF V600E

- 49-year-old male with metastatic NSCLC positive for EGFR exon 19 deletion
- Developed resistance to first-line erlotinib after 11 months, T790M positive biopsy
- Had a confirmed PR to AZD9291 but growth of lung mass, effusion after 5 months
- Targeted NGS of progression biopsy shows exon 19 deletion (8% of reads), no T790M, BRAF V600E (6% of reads)
  - A patient-derived xenograft is in development

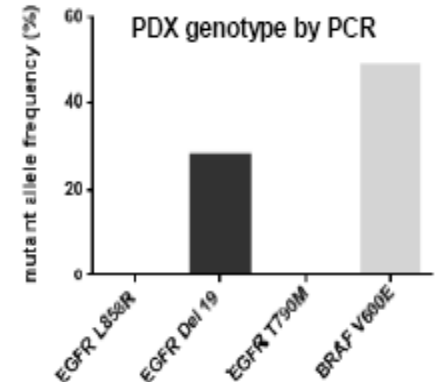
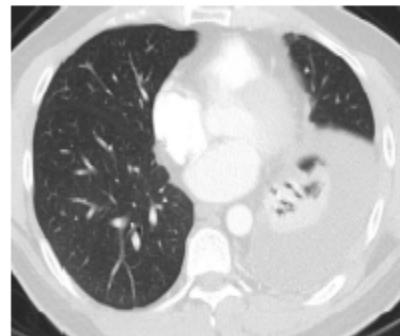
**Pre-AZD9291**  
Ex19del/T790M



**2 months**

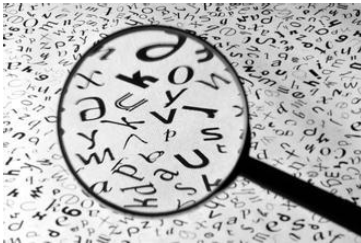


**6 months**  
Ex19del/BRAF V600E



Data source: P.A. Jänne, A.J. Redig

*ctDNA guides us to see the fact more clearly  
and further!*



# Summary

## Applications

- Molecular diagnosis & predicting efficacy
- Detect resistance biomarkers
- Dynamic monitoring both sensitive mutation and resistant biomarkers
- Exploring novel biomarkers

## Challenges

- More precise techniques false-negative or false-positive results
- Clinical meaning of dynamic monitoring
- Reasonable explanation of results (NGS)

***Thanks!***

