

# 1349P - Continuing Osimertinib in combination with Chemotherapy after Osimertinib Failure reduces CNS progression in patients with EGFR-mutated NSCLC and CNS metastases



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## Background

- Central nervous system (CNS) metastases are common among patients with advanced EGFR mutation positive NSCLC.
- Osimertinib exhibits high CNS activity. CNS objective response rate was 91% with osimertinib in the FLAURA study.
- Chemotherapy is the standard treatment for advanced EGFR mutation positive NSCLC patients failing osimertinib but has limited CNS activity.
- The role of continuing osimertinib concurrently with chemotherapy after osimertinib failure for CNS control is uncertain.

## Methods

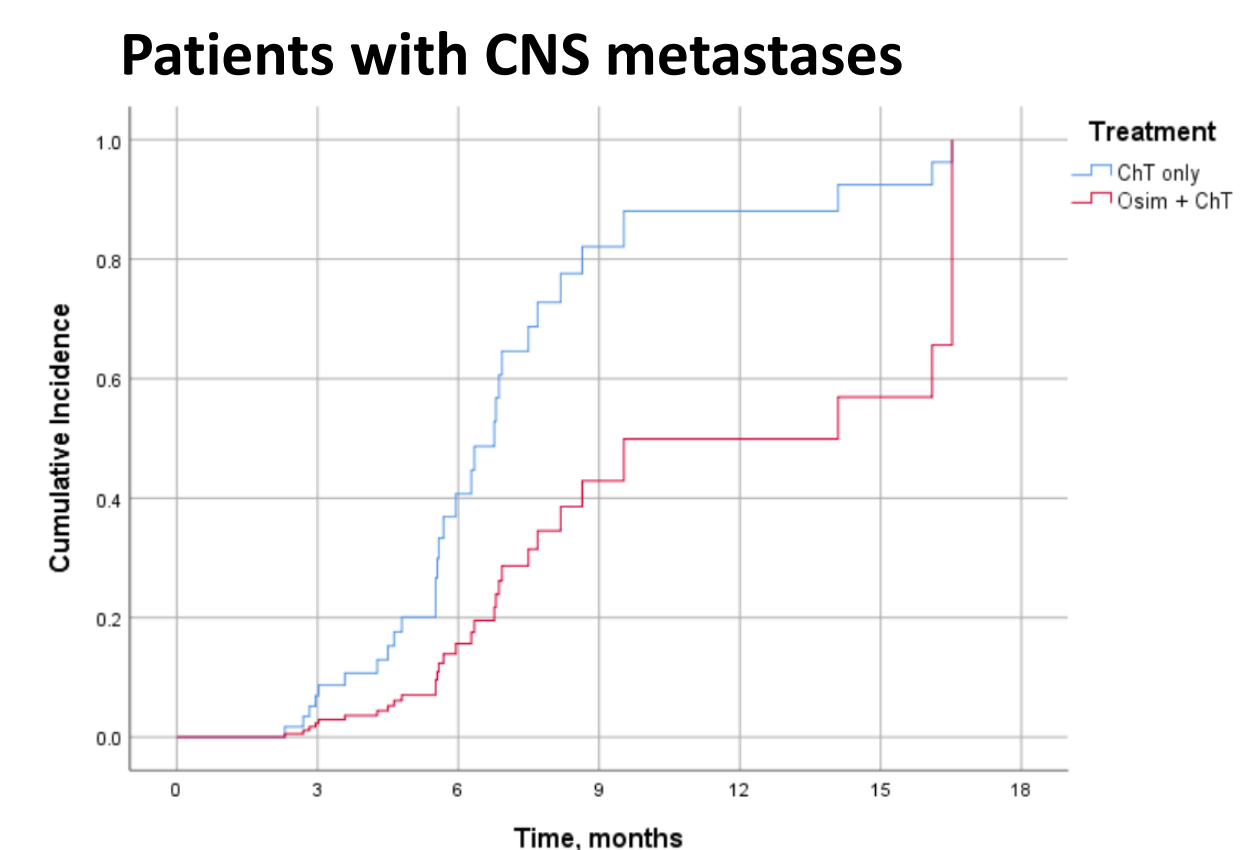
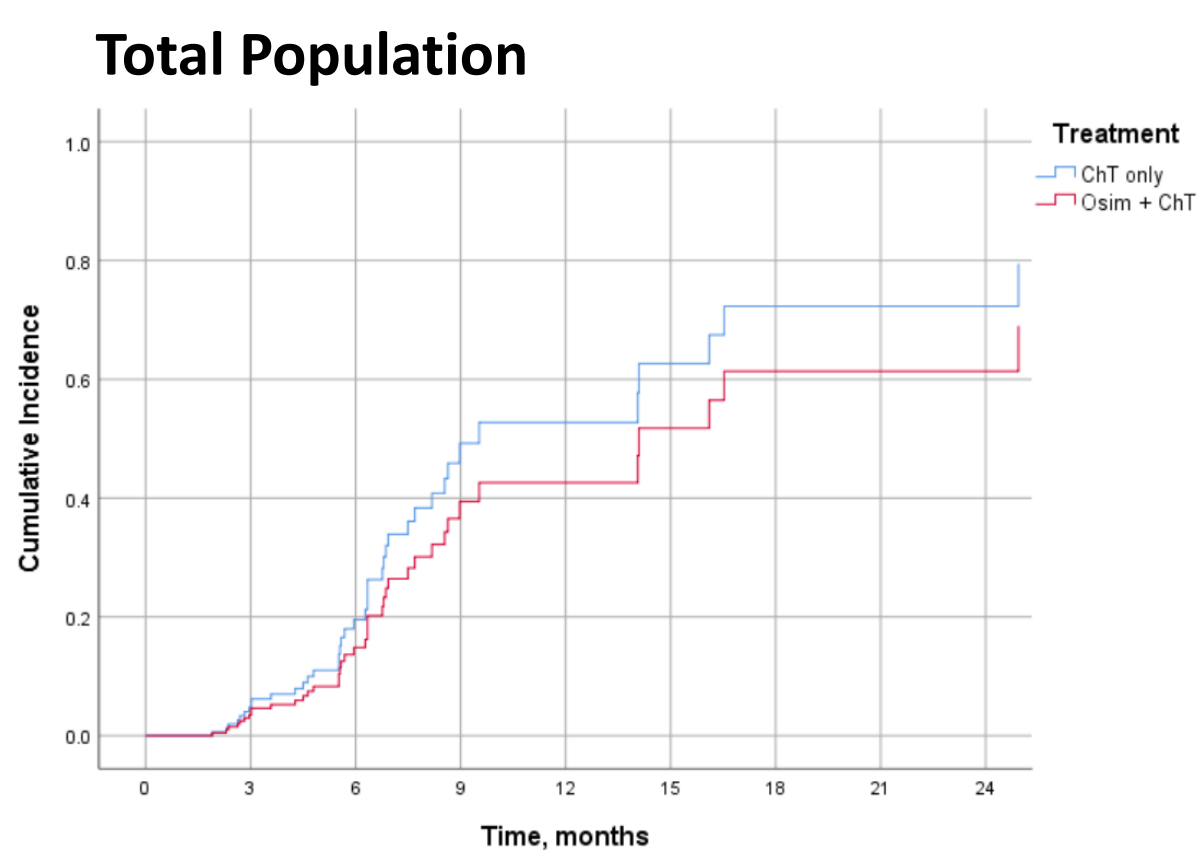
- All patients with metastatic EGFR mutation positive NSCLC who progressed on osimertinib and received chemotherapy from 01 Nov 2017 to 17 March 2023 in a tertiary institution were retrospectively reviewed.
- The primary endpoint was comparison of time to CNS progression between patients treated with osimertinib plus chemotherapy versus chemotherapy alone after osimertinib failure.
- Time to CNS progression was defined from the starting date of chemotherapy to radiological or clinical progression of CNS metastases.
- Hazard ratios and 95% confidence intervals were estimated by Cox regression.

## Patients

| Baseline Characteristics* |         | Total Population (n=180) |                   |         | Patients with CNS metastases (n=82) |                  |         |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                           |         | Osim+ChT (n=33)          | ChT alone (n=147) | P value | Osim+ChT (n=30)                     | ChT alone (n=52) | P value |
| Age (%)                   | <=60    | 17 (51)                  | 64 (43)           | 0.41    | 15 (50)                             | 27 (52)          | 0.87    |
|                           | >60     | 16 (49)                  | 83 (57)           |         | 15 (50)                             | 25 (48)          |         |
| Gender (%)                | Female  | 22 (67)                  | 89 (61)           | 0.56    | 21 (70)                             | 35 (67)          | 1.00    |
|                           | Male    | 11 (33)                  | 58 (39)           |         | 9 (30)                              | 17 (33)          |         |
| Performance status (%)    | 0-1     | 27 (82)                  | 130 (88)          | 0.38    | 25 (83)                             | 44 (85)          | 1.00    |
|                           | 2       | 6 (18)                   | 17 (12)           |         | 5 (17)                              | 8 (15)           |         |
| EGFR mutation (%)         | Ex19del | 16 (49)                  | 87 (59)           | 0.31    | 15 (50)                             | 31 (60)          | 0.49    |
|                           | L858R   | 16 (49)                  | 59 (40)           |         | 15 (50)                             | 21 (40)          |         |
|                           | Others* | 1 (2)                    | 1 (1)             |         | -                                   | -                |         |
| Line of Osimertinib (%)   | 1       | 12 (36)                  | 16 (11)           | 0.001   | 9 (30)                              | 3 (6)            | 0.007   |
|                           | 2       | 21 (64)                  | 131 (89)          |         | 21 (70)                             | 49 (94)          |         |
| CNS metastases (%)        | No      | 3 (9)                    | 95 (65)           | <0.001  |                                     |                  |         |
|                           | Yes     | 30 (91)                  | 52 (35)           |         |                                     |                  |         |
| Prior WBRT (%)            | No      | 25 (76)                  | 120 (82)          | 0.47    | 22 (73)                             | 25 (48)          | 0.037   |
|                           | Yes     | 8 (24)                   | 27 (18)           |         | 8 (27)                              | 27 (52)          |         |

\*Baseline characteristics were documented at the time of chemotherapy initiation and not at the time of cancer diagnosis. ChT, chemotherapy; CNS, central nervous system; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; Osim, osimertinib; WBRT, whole brain radiotherapy

## Risk of CNS Progression



## Results

| Total Population              | OSIM+ChT (n=33) | ChT alone (n=147) | Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | P value |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Median PFS – months (95% CI)* | 6.2 (5.5-6.8)   | 4.8 (4.2-5.4)     | 0.72 (0.48-1.09)      | 0.12    |
| CNS progression – no. (%)     | 7 (21)          | 33 (22)           | 0.74 (0.33-1.68)      | 0.88    |
| Patients with CNS metastases  | (n=30)          | (n=52)            |                       |         |
| Median PFS – months (95% CI)* | 6.2 (5.6-6.7)   | 4.8 (4.1-5.5)     | 0.62 (0.38-1.00)      | 0.05    |
| CNS progression – no. (%)     | 6 (20)          | 24 (46)           | 0.32 (0.13-0.81)      | 0.02**  |
| Salvage WBRT – no (%)         | 2 (7)           | 11 (21)           | 0.24 (0.05-1.08)      | 0.06    |

\*Systemic/CNS progression or death.  
\*\*Results remained significant after adjustment for Line of Osimertinib and Prior WBRT . P value after adjustment=0.016  
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## Conclusion

Continuing osimertinib concurrently with chemotherapy after osimertinib may reduce CNS progression in patients with known CNS metastases, and the risk of being subjected to whole brain radiotherapy. Future prospective study is warranted to address this issue.

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