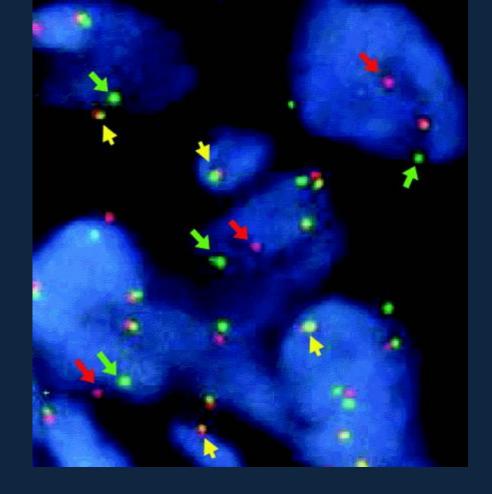
Prof. Solange Peters, MD-PhD Oncology Department Ludwig Institute Lausanne Switzerland



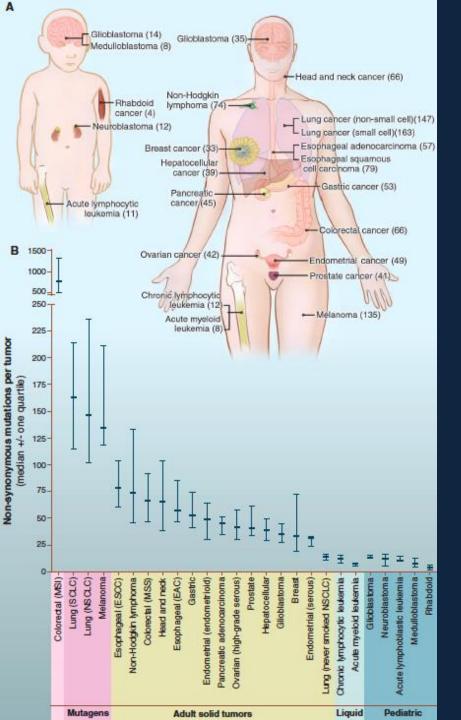
### MOLECULAR CHARACTERIZATION AND SUBTYPING OF NSCLC

#### CANCER ETIOLOGY

# Variation in cancer risk among tissues can be explained by the number of stem cell divisions

Cristian Tomasetti<sup>1\*</sup> and Bert Vogelstein<sup>2\*</sup>

- Lifetime risk of cancers is strongly correlated with the total number of divisions of the normal self-renewing cells maintaining that tissue's homeostasis.
- These results suggest that only a third of the variation in cancer risk is attributable to environmental factors or inherited predispositions.
   The majority is due to bad luck (...).



Lung tumors display many more mutations than average, with~200 nonsynonymous mutations per tumor.

These larger numbers reflect the involvement of potent mutagens. Accordingly, lung cancers from smokers have 10 times as many somatic mutations as those from nonsmokers.

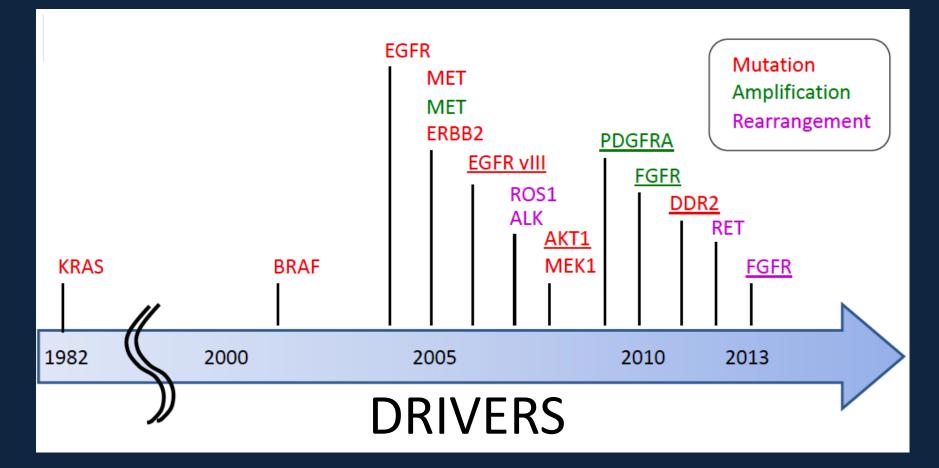
Vogelstein, Science 2013

#### Definition of drivers & oncogene-addiction : HER2

Inducible expression of mutated HER2 (HER2YVMA): Rapid development/maintenance of adenosquamous lung tumors in mice

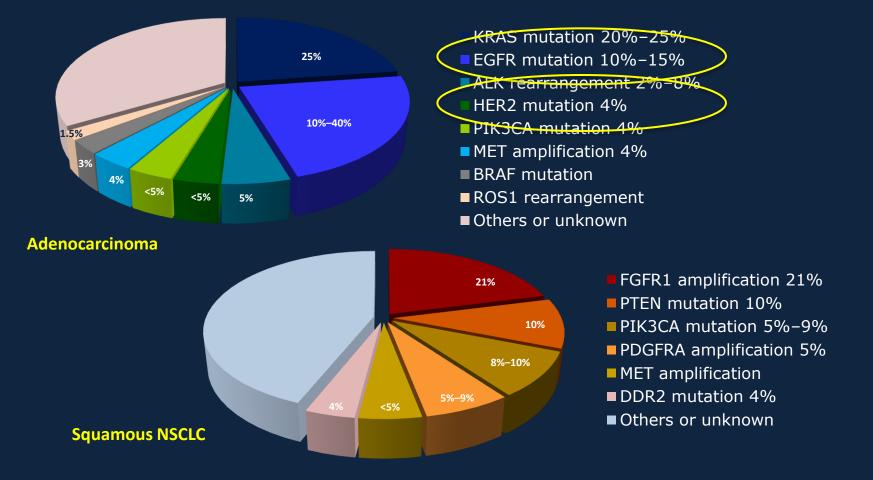
	MRI		Histology
No Doxy	1 week	2 weeks	
			<u>50 μm</u>

## Oncogene-addicted NSCLC are often encountered in « never smokers »



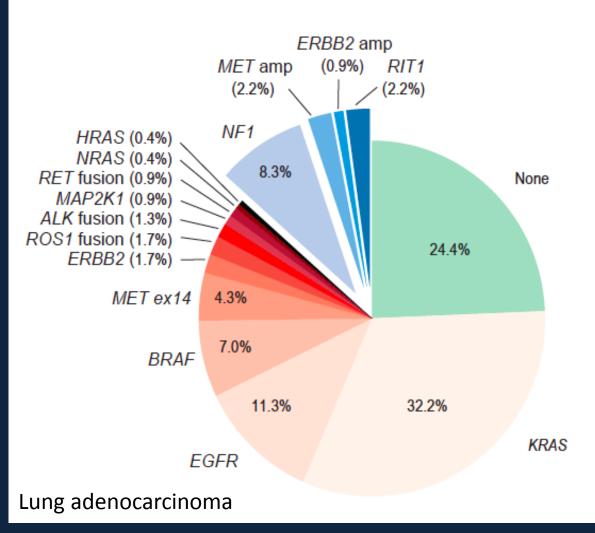
#### **Actionable Molecular Alterations in NSCLC**

Clinically relevant targetable genetic alterations vary with histologic classification



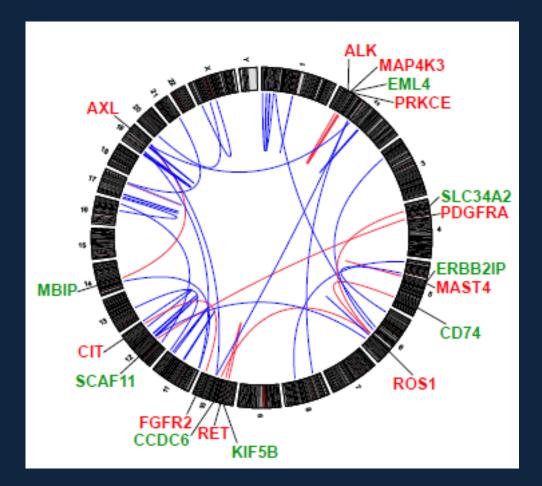
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### An evolving genetic map



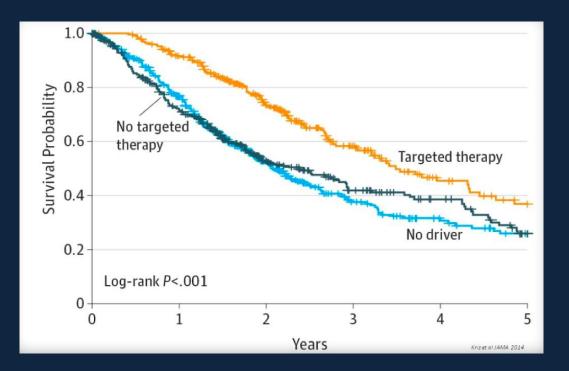
# The picture is possibly even more complex

Graphical representation of 45 fusion genes from 87 adenocarcinomas



### Potential impact of personalized medicine

Only two alterations (EGFR/ALK) have been validated prospectively to date.

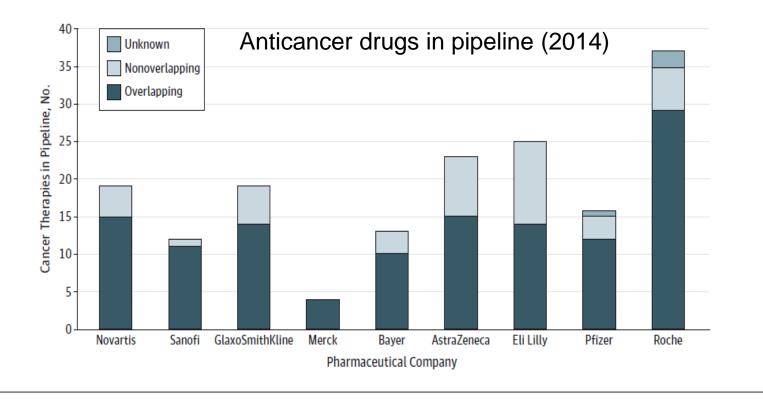


The opportunity of applying systemic molecular-based targeted approaches for other driver alterations is currently under evaluation

Reck and Peters, ESMO guidelines 2012 and 2014; Kris JAMA 2014

# Key message 1: The number of actionable targets in evaluation remains limited

Comparison of Cancer Therapies in the Pipelines of Pharmaceutical Companies According to Their Putative Mechanisms of Action



Fojo, JAMA OtoHN 2014

# Key message 2: An enormous effort in diagnostic tools development

MACRO	) HISTO/ IHC CYTO ICC		DIZATIONS	PCR
	TEST			
	IHC	PROTEIN EXPRESSION	ANY UNKNOWN ALTERATION	
	FISH	COPY NO. ALTERATIONS, REARRANGEMENTS	INDELS	
	HOT SPOT PANELS	SUBSTITUTIONS	CNVS, REARRANGEMENTS	

# Key message 2: An enormous effort in diagnostic tools development : NGS for all?

Goals

- High throughput, cost effective multiplexed sequencing assay with <u>deep coverage</u>
- Target clinically actionable regions in clinically relevant time

Challenges

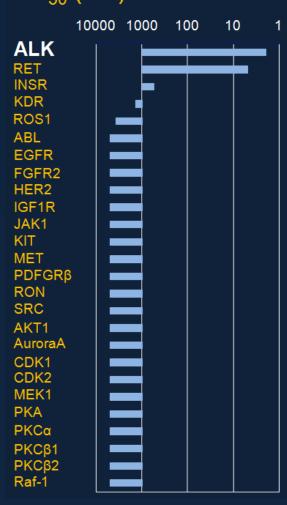
- Huge infrastructure costs
- Bioinformatic barriers
- Rearrangement/amplification assays validation

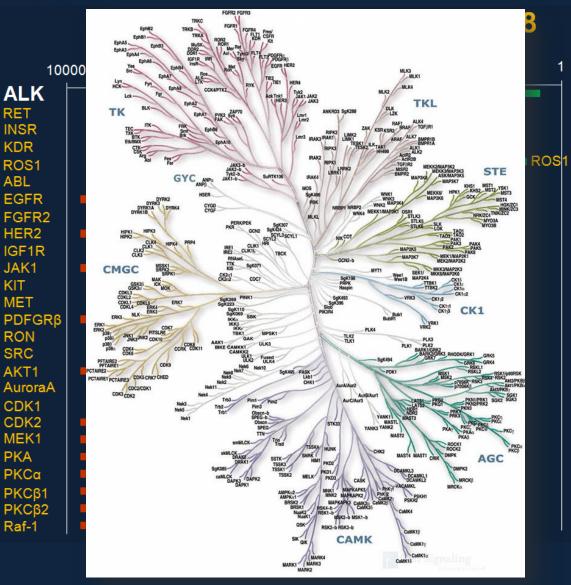
Solution

 Leverage expertise and resources across Pathology, Bioinformatics and Genetics

# Key message 3: Making the best use of off-target activites of available TKIs

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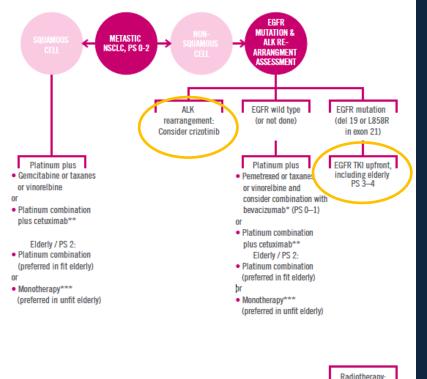


Evidence-based strategy

# UPFRONT TARGETED TREATMENT

# First line EGFR/ALK TKI? ESMO guidelines

#### TREATMENT ALGORITHM IN FIRST-LINE METASTATIC NSCLC (STAGE IV, IIIB WITHOUT CURATIVE ATTEMPT)



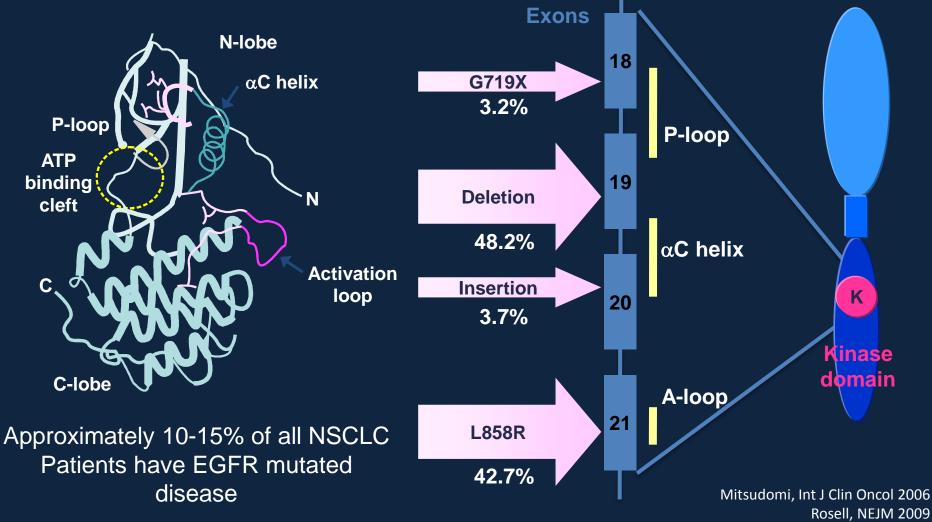
- EGFR mutation and ALK fusion gene testing is recommended (preferably in parallel) in all patients with advanced non-squamous NSCLC
  - It is not recommended in those with a confident diagnosis of squamous cell carcinoma, except in never/former light smokers (<15 packs per year)</li>

Peters, Ann Oncol 2013 Reck, Ann Oncol 2014

\* In particular if carboplatin/paclitaxel is used \*\* In particular if cisplatin/vinorelbine is used, if high EGFR immunohistochemistry expression, not approved by the EMA \*\* Gencitabine or vinorelbine are favored

CNS
Central airways
Bone
Soft tissue

# *EGFR* mutations are located predominantly on exons 19 and 21



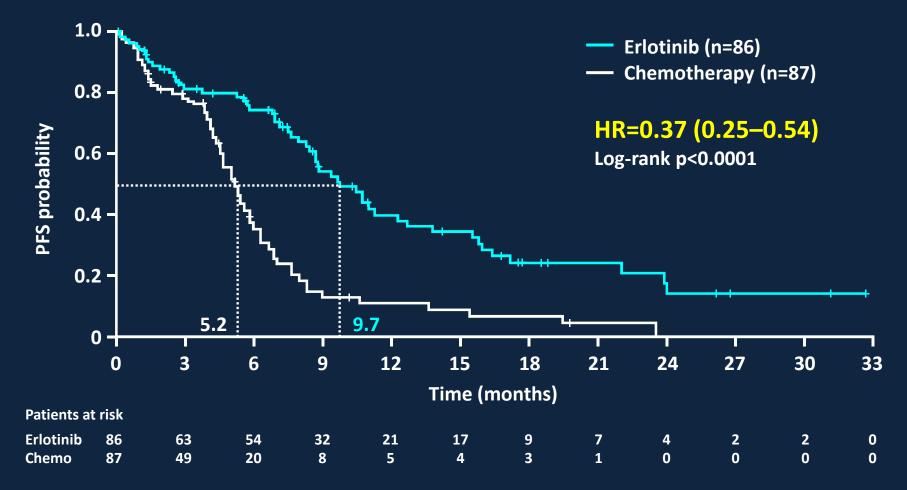
Riely, CCR 2006

#### Frontline EGFR TKIs versus Chemotherapy PFS

**Median PFS** 

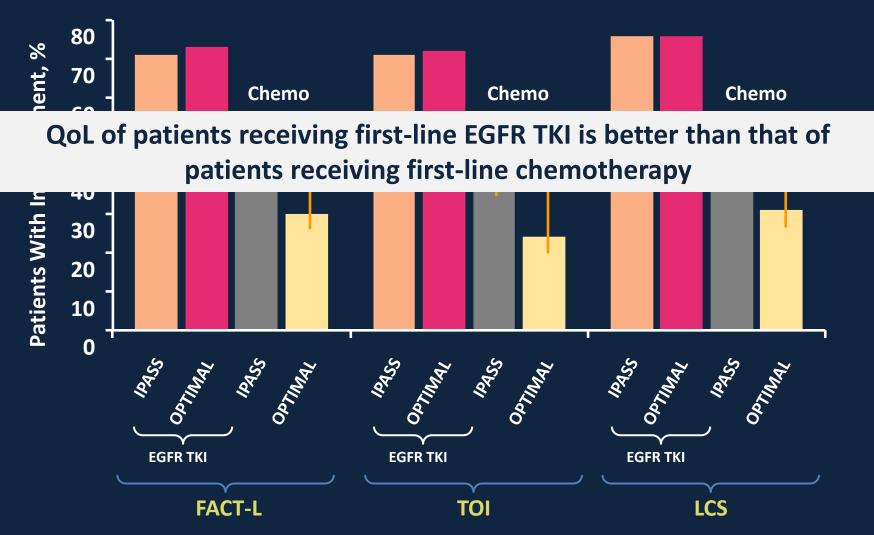
Study	EGFR TKI	2	in TKI arm (months)	P value	HR	
Study		n	(monuis)	Pvalue	ПК	
OPTIMAL	Erlotinib	154	13.1	<0.0001	0.16	
First Signal	Gefitinib	42	8.4	0.084	0.61	
IPASS	Gefitinib	261	9.5	<0.0001	0.48	
WJTOG 3405	Gefitinib	177	9.2	<0.001	0.48	
NEJSG 002	Gefitinib	200	10.8	<0.001	0.36	
Ensure	Erlotinib	217	11	<0.0001	0.34	
EURTAC	Erlotinib	174	9.4	<0.0001	0.42	
LUX-3	Afatinib	308	13.6	<0.0001	0.47	
LUX-6	Afatinib	364	11.0	<0.0001	0.28	

# EURTAC: first-line erlotinib versus chemotherapy in Europe



Rosell, Lancet Oncol 2012

#### Better QoL With First-Line EGFR/ALK TKIs

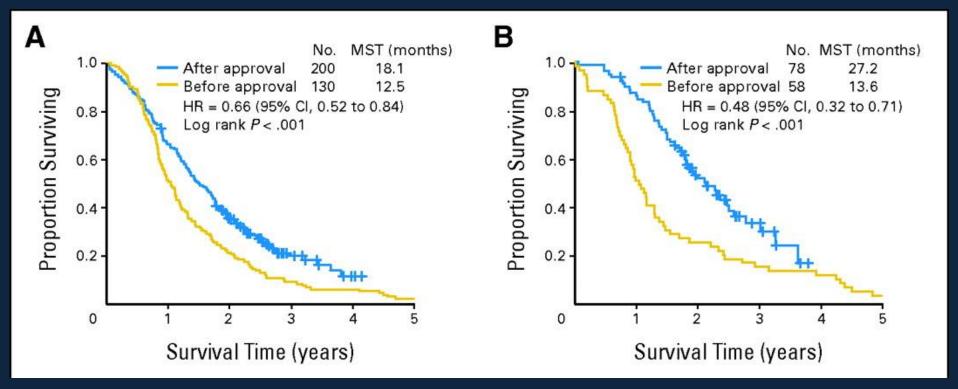


Mok, N Engl J Med. 2009; Zhou C, ASCO 2011; Solomon NEJM 2014

#### Comparison of survival for patients with lung adenocarcinoma in Japan before and after gefitinib approval

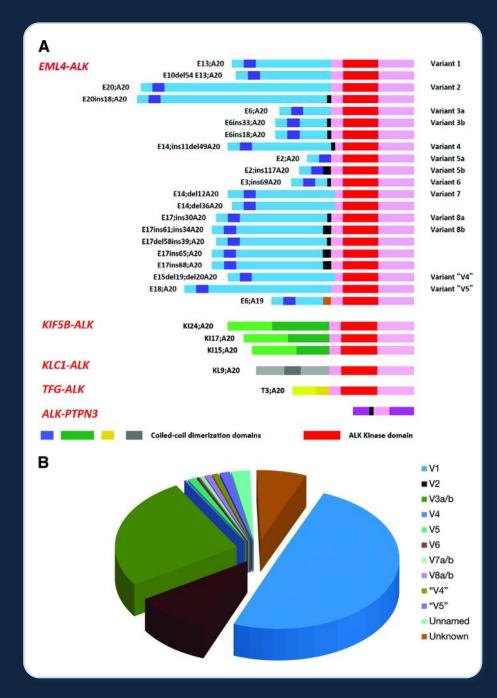
All patients

**EGFR mut+ patients** 

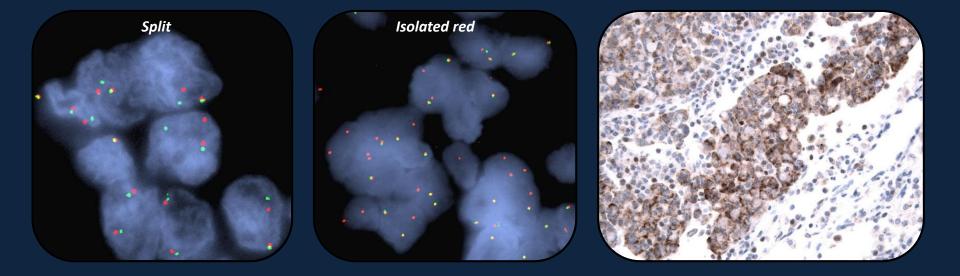


# ALK Rearrangements

- First discovered in Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma (ALCL), in NSCLC in 2007
- At least 28 different ALK gene rearrangement variants have been described
- Rearrangement leads to kinase expression, activation and oncogene addiction in 1-7% of NSCLC



## **Diagnosing ALK rearrangement**

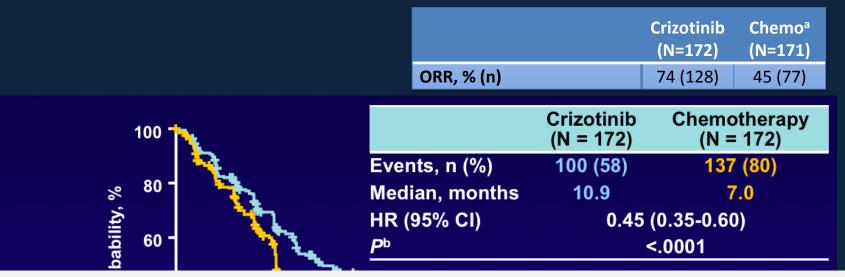


ALK break-apart FISH assay

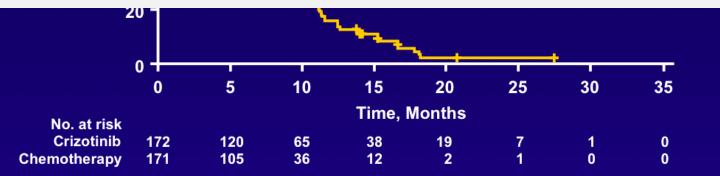
ALK immunohistochemistry

FISH, fluorescence in-situ hybridization

#### Crizotinib Superior to 1L Pemetrexed-Based Chemotherapy in Prolonging PFS

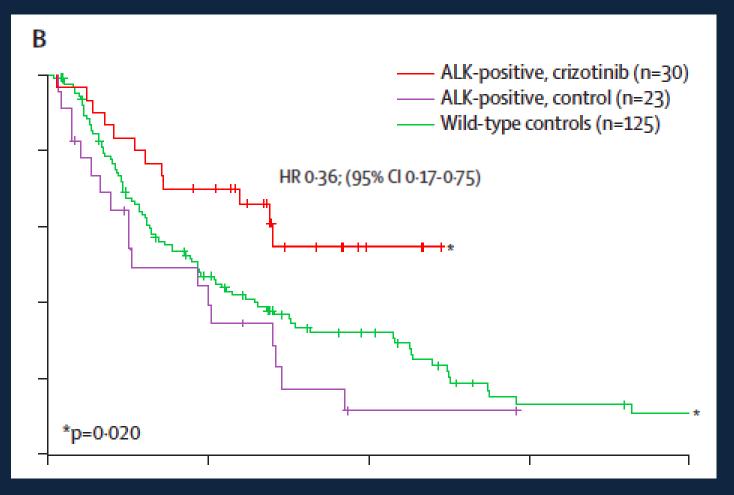


Crizotinib improves quality of life and cancer-related symptoms over first-line chemotherapy



Solomon, NEJM 2014

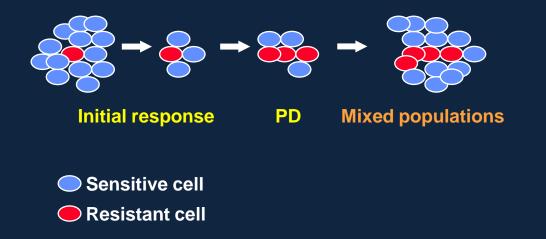
Comparison of survival for patients with lung adenocarcinoma in second line before and after crizotinib approval



Evidence-based strategy

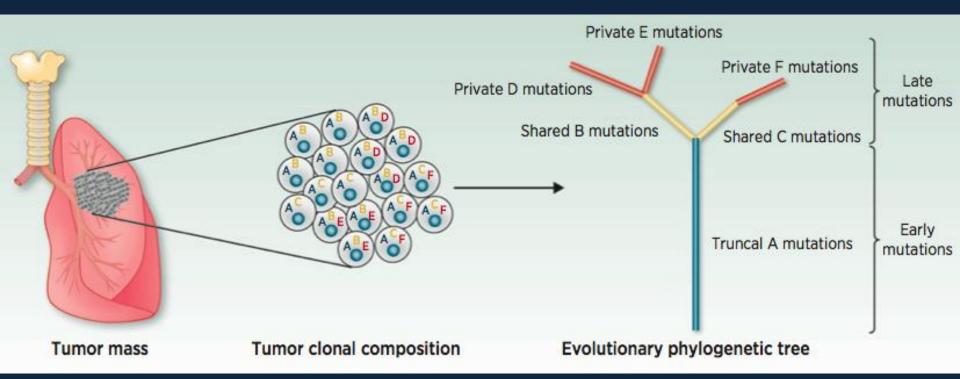
### RESISTANCE

#### Dynamics of systemic resistance evolution The probable scenario



- Clones heterogeneity pre-exists and continually increases, through ongoing error-prone DNA replication and selective pressure
- Balance is dictated by selective pressure and fitness of resistant cells

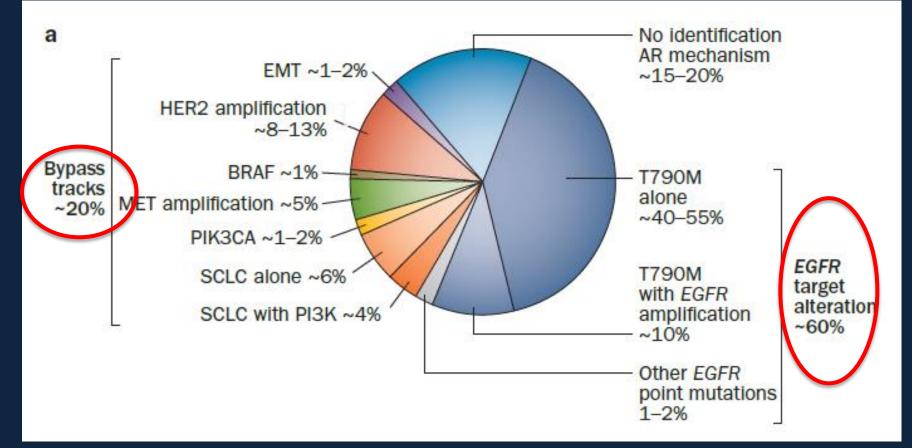
### Can we prevent resistance emergence using 3rd generation TKIs ? Tumour heterogeneity



# Heterogeneity is increasing over time and minor clones are continuously subjects to Darwinian selection

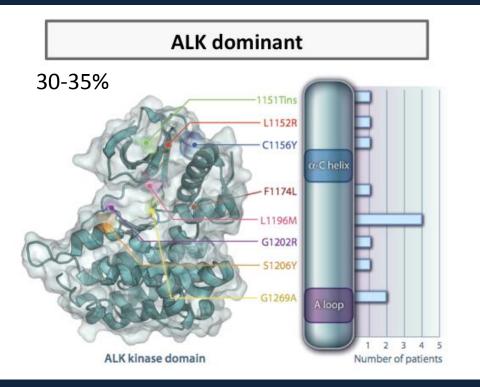
Jamal-Hadjani, CCR 2015

## T790M mutation is present in the majority of cases at clinical progression



Camidge Nat Rev Clin Oncol 2014

## Using a second generation ALK TKI? Resistance mechanisms



#### **Non-ALK dominant**

#### Alternative signaling pathways (Bypass)

HER2 activation<sup>7</sup> EGFR activation<sup>5</sup> KIT amplification (SCF)<sup>5</sup>

#### Alternative oncogenes (Clonal) KRAS mutation<sup>6</sup> EGFR mutation<sup>6</sup>

Camidge DR, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2012;13:1011–1019; 2. Kim D, et al. ESMO 2012: Abstr 1230PD; 3. Shaw AT, et al. ESMO 2012: Abstr LBA1\_PR;
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### Using a second generation ALK TKI?

Inhibitor	Targets	Development stage	Recent reports		
Ceritinib	ALK/ROS	FDA approved	Shaw, NEJM 2014		
Centinib	ALK/ KUS	Phase III/CUP	Kim, ASCO 2014		
<ul> <li>All characterized by :</li> <li>A stronger ALK affinity</li> <li>Binding to several secondarily mutated ALK proteins</li> <li>Improved brain penetration</li> </ul>					
X-396	ALK/ROS	Phase I/II	Horn, ASCO 2014		
RXDX-101	ALK/ROS/TRK	Phase I/II	De Braud, ASCO 2014		
PF-0646392	2 ALK/ROS/TRK	Phase II	Johnson, J Med Chem 2014		
CEP-37440	ALK/FAK	Phase I/II	-		

Adapted from Award MM, Shaw A. *Clin Adv Hematol Oncol.* 2014;12(7):429-439

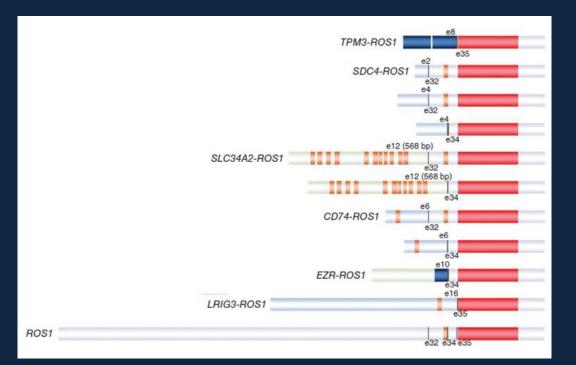
Evidence-based strategy

## **BEYOND EGFR AND ALK**

# **Targeting ROS1**

ROS1: Receptor tyrosine kinase of the insulin receptor family, little known about its specific function

ROS1 fusion with the transmembrane solute carrier protein SLC34A2 results in a constitutive kinase activity in a NSCLC cell line



Rikova, Cell 2007; Takeuchi, Nat Med 2011; Bergethon JCO 2012

#### **ROS1 FISH+ : Clinical Features and Outcomes**

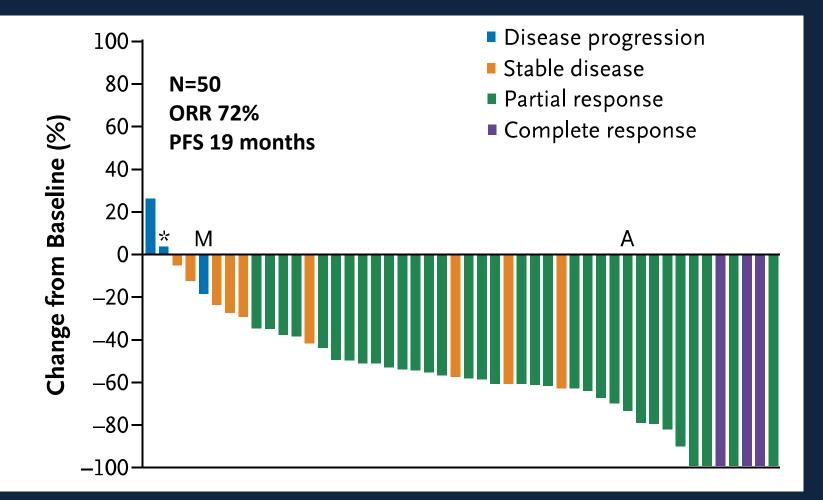
#### 25% to 50% of pulmonary adenocarcinoma are EGFR-/KRAS-/ALK-→ Incidence of ROS1 7.4% -12.1%

<sup>1</sup> Mescam-Mancinia Lung Cancer 2014 <sup>2</sup> Go J Thor Oncol 2013

	6 (light)	30	11/2	30		30
Women (%)	61	55	NA	63	66	62
Predom. Histology	acinar	acinar	NA	microp., solid	lepidic, acinar	NA

<sup>1</sup> Bergethon J Clin Oncol 2012 <sup>2</sup> Chen J Thor Oncol 2014 <sup>3</sup> Rimkunas Clin Cancer Res 2012 <sup>4</sup>Mescam-Mancinia Lung Cancer 2014 <sup>4</sup> Go J Thor Oncol 2013 <sup>5</sup> Warth Histopathology 2014 <sup>6</sup>Takeuchi Nat Med 2012

### Crizotinib in ROS1+ NSCLC



Shaw, NEJM 2015

### **Targeting HER2**

#### Lung cancer

# Intragenic ERBB2 kinase mutations in tumours

Table 1	ERBB2 mutations in primary tumours	
Comple	Turnour/histology	Alual

Sample	Turnour/histology	Nucleotide*	Amino acid*
PD1353a	NSCLC adenocarcinoma	2322 ins/dup(GCATACGTGATG)	ins774(AYVM)
PD0258a	NSCLC adenocarcinoma	2322 ins/dup(GCATACGTGATG)	ins774(AYVM)
PD0317a	NSCLC adenocarcinoma	2322 ins/dup(GCATACGTGATG)	ins774(AYVM)
PD0319a	NSCLC adenocarcinoma	2335 ins(CTGTGGGCT)	ins779(VGS)
PD0270a	NSCLC adenocarcinoma	TT2263-4CC	L755P

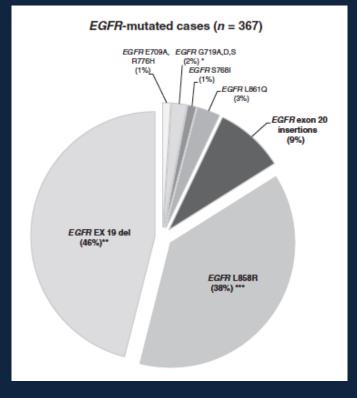
 120 primary NSCLC, 4.2% with mutations in HER2 kinase domain, 9.8% (5/51) in adenocarcinomas

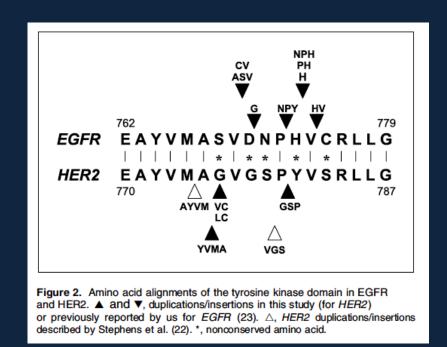
Stephens, NATURE VOL431 30 SEPTEMBER 2004 www.nature.com/nature

### **Epidemiology HER2 mutation**

- 403 stage I-III adenocarcinomas in caucasian : 2.2%
- 78% in frame duplications/ insertions in exon 20
- Frequency higher in females and in never smokers
- 394 adenocarcinoma, HER2 mutations preferentially in oriental ethnicity: 3.9% vs 0.7%
- All insertions in exon 20, more frequent in never smokers and adenocarcinoma
- 6% of EGFR/KRAS/ALK-negative specimens
- More frequent among never-smokers
- HER2 mutation was not associated with concurrent HER2 amplification
- HER2 mutations in 13 of 504 japanese patients (2.6%) undergoing surgery for NSCLC. No difference in the overall survival

#### Similarity with EGFR exon 20 insertions



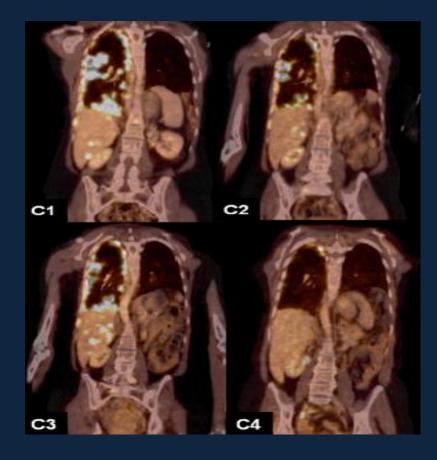


• Causes a shift in the helical axis that narrows the ATP binding cleft, resulting in both increased TK activity and TK inhibitor sensitivity

Shigematsu, CCR 2005; Arcila, Mol Cancer Ther 2013

## HER2 mutation-dedicated clinical trial Afatinib

Clinical activity of afatinib (BIBW 2992) in adenocarcinoma patients with mutations in the kinase domain of HER2



Five patients with metastatic HER2 mutated adenocarcinomas were identified.

PR in 3/3, even after failure of other EGFRand/or HER2-targeted treatments

ASCO 2013: 5 additional evaluable all with SD.

« DCR: 80-100% »

De Greve, Lung Cancer 2012 and ASCO 2013

## Our French/European experience

- *HER2* mutation was identified in 65 patients out of 3800 patients (1.7%)
   22 anti-HER2 treatments were administered after conventional chemotherapy in 16 patients:
- Overall response rate ORR 50%
- Disease control rate DCR 82%
  - DCR of 93% for trastuzumab-based (n = 15)
  - 100 % for afatinib (n = 3)
  - 0% to other HER2-targeted drugs (n = 3)

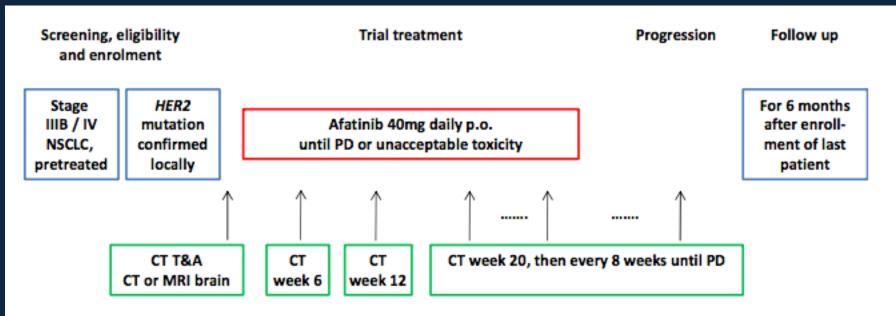
#### Progression free survival for patients with HER2-therapies was 5.1 mos

	First-Line T	First-Line Treatment				
Patient	Treatment	Best Disease Response				
11	VIN-HER	PR				
15	CAR-PAC-TRAS	SD				
19	TXT-MASA	PD				
24	VIN-TRAS	PR				
26	CAR-PAC-TRAS	PR				
27	VIN-TRAS	PR				
28	VIN-TRAS	SD				
30	LAP	PD				
31	NVB-HER	PR				
32	LAP	PD				
37	VIN-TRAS	PD				
41	DOC-TRAS	PR				
43	VIN-TRAS	PR				
44	VIN-TRAS	PR				
45	VIN-TRAS	SD				
47	TRAS	PR				

#### Mazieres and Peters, JCO 2013

# Afatinib in pretreated patients with advanced NSCLC harbouring HER2 exon 20 mutations

#### NICHE = afatinib in NSCLC with HER2 mutation



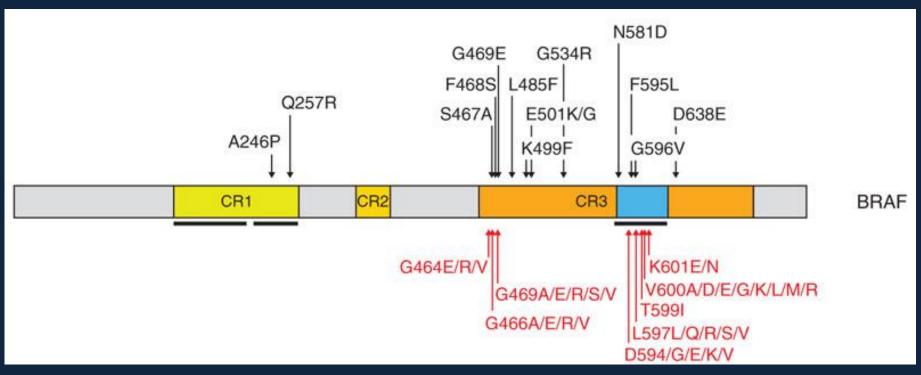
Sponsor: Co-chairs: European Thoracic Oncology Platform (ETOP) Solange Peters, Lausanne, Switzerland Rafal Dziadziuszko, Gdansk, Poland

## BRAF Mutated Lung Cancer: Clinical Features and Outcomes

First author	Paik	Marchetti	llie	Cardarella	Luk	Litvak	Brustugun	Villaruz
Patients (n)	697	1046	450	883	273	63	979	951
BRAF (n)	18 (2.6%)	37 (3.5%)	40 (8.9%)	36 (4.1%)	7 (2.6%)	63 (NA)	17 (1.7%)	21 (2.2%)
V600E (%)	50	57	52	50	57	57	NA (100)	81
Smokers (%)								
- V600E	100	52	57	72	100	57	71	76
- Non-V600E	100	100	89	89	100	43	NA	100
Female (%)								
- V600E	78	76	52	56	75	53	59	53
- Non-V600E	44	7	26	50	33	56	NA	25
Survival outcome								
- BRAF mutant vs wt	same	same	NA	same	NA	same	NA	same
- V600E vs non-V600E	NA	worse	worse	same	NA	better	NA	NA

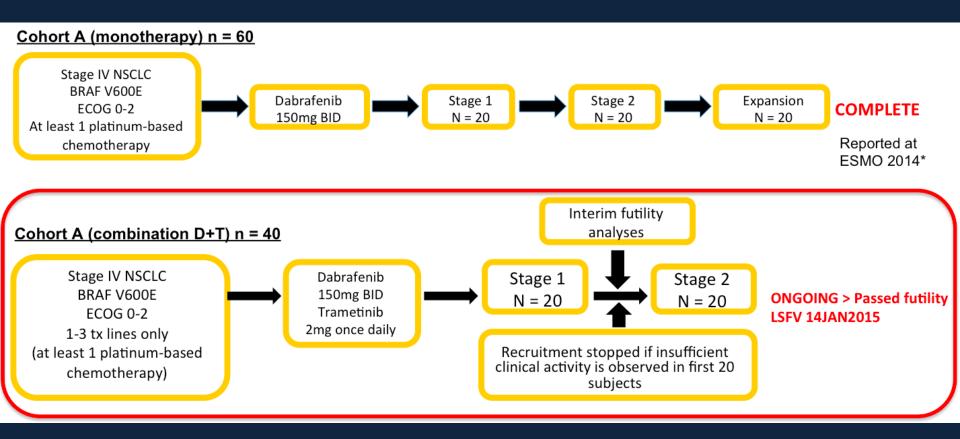
Nguyen and Peters, JTO 2015

#### Non BRAF 6000E Mutated Lung Cancer



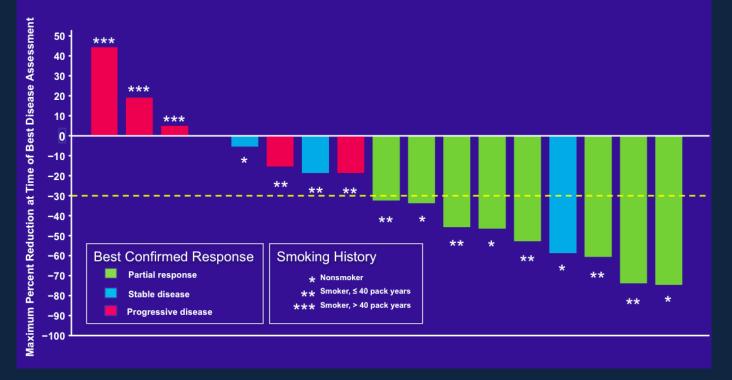
- Other BRAF mutations are seen in lung cancer and are thought to be involved in oncogenesis (some kinase inactivating)
- Studies typically focused on preselected V600E (exon 15) and some exon 11 codons.
- However, some studies did not separate V600E versus other mutations for associations.
   Pandit Nat Gen, 2015; Ali ECCO 2015

### BRAF inhibitor phase 2 trial in NSCLC



## Dabrafenib phase 2 trial in BRAF V600E NSCLC

#### Maximum Reduction of Sum of Lesion Diameters by Best Confirmed Response for the First <u>20 Patients<sup>a</sup></u>

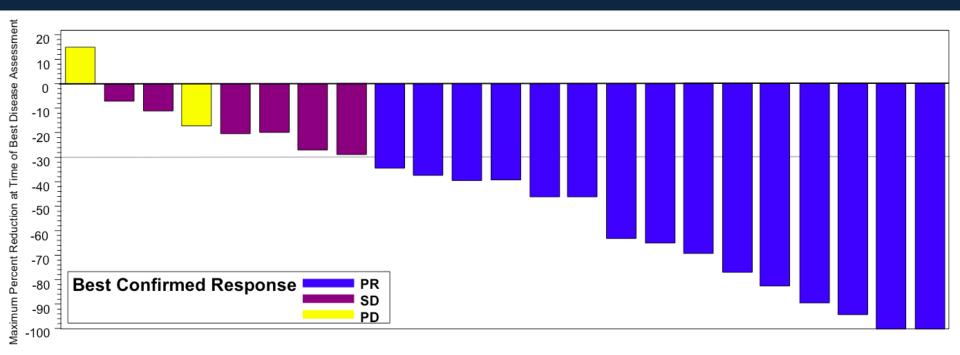


ORR = 32%, and DCR = 56%

Median PFS = 5.5 months

Planchard, ASCO 2014

## Dabrafenib & trametinib phase 2 trial in BRAF V600E NSCLC



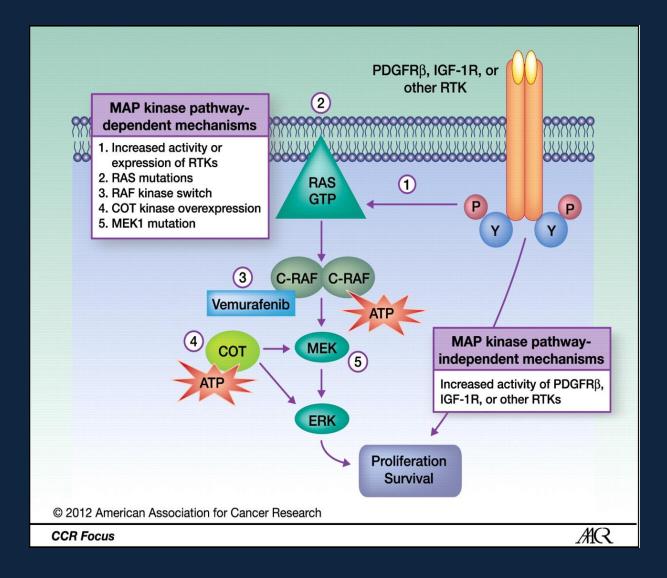
ORR = 63%, and DCR = 88%

Median PFS = not reached

D + T in previously untreated V600E NSCLC is actively recruiting

Johnson, ASCO 2015

### MAPK pathway is relatively resistant to an isolated BRAF inhibition

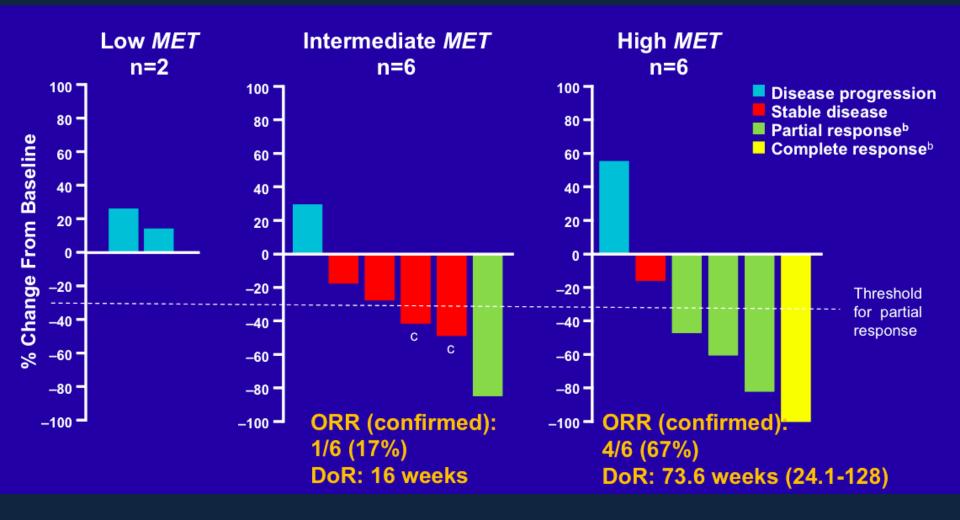


### **MET** amplification

MET/CEP7 ratio	Number of specimens	MET amplification classification	% of total
<1.8	741	Negative	92.6%
≥1.8–≤2.2	29	Low	3.6%
>2.2-<5.0	24	Intermediate	3.0%
≥5.0	6	High	0.8%
Total	800		100.0%

- 7.4 % in this serie.
- 33% overlap with other driver alterations. More males and non-smokers.
- Definition « amplification » to be used?
  - Gene copy number: >5? (more frequent because includes polisomy)
  - Ratio: <u>></u>1.8?

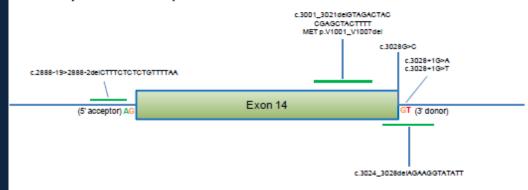
#### MET amplification can be targeted



#### MET exon 14 mutations/skipping

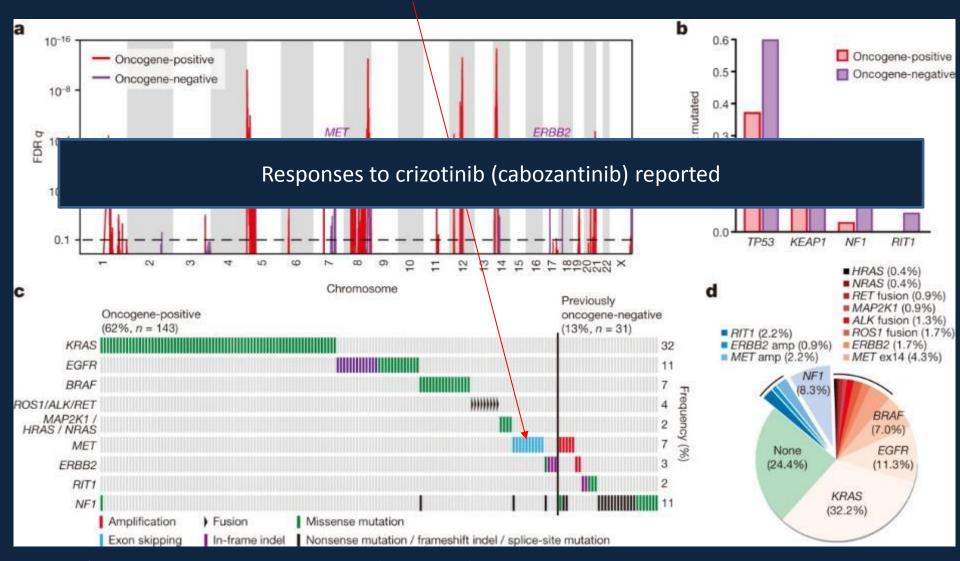
Foundation medicine database in cancer:
 126 distinct alterations (splice donor/acceptor site)
 3% adeno (131/40402) – 2.3% other lung (62/2659)
 Not other concomittant driver, nor concomitant with amplification

Figure 2: *MET* exon 14 mutations. The distribution of *MET* exon 14 mutations that were discovered is shown in the diagram below. Mutations in the RNA splice and donor acceptor sites lead to RNA skipping and deletion of the juxtamembrane domain with loss of CbI E3-ligase binding. Mutations deleting the Y1003 residue result in a similar event. These mutations lead to decreased ubiquitination and consequent overexpression of MET.



Paik et al, Cancer Discovery 2015; Frampton WCLC 2015, Kerr ECCO/ESMO 2015

#### TCGA 230 Adenos ~ 4% MET exon 14 skipping.



#### Other MET mutations not detected

Collisson, Nature 2015

#### Many NSCLC subtypes : How to prioritize clinical research ?

#### Umbrella

Test impact of different drugs on different mutations in a <u>single type of cancer</u>

- BATTLE
- I-SPY2
- Lung-MAP Squamous Lung Master



Basket

Test the effect of <u>a drug</u>(s) on a single mutation(s) in a variety of cancer types

- Imatinib Basket
- BRAF+
- NCI MATCH



### **Oncogene-addicted NSCLC**

Everything has become way more complex

- For almost every single indentified driver, early trials with targeted agents are ongoing (phase I/II)
- The "NSCLC"-dedicated trials will probably become a rare concept in the years to come
- Prospective molecularly-driven trials will require large international networks of centers, political and economical support as well as a strong multidisciplinary collaboration

#### Thanks for your kind attention

