



Mechanisms of primary/secondary resistance to EGFR inhibitors

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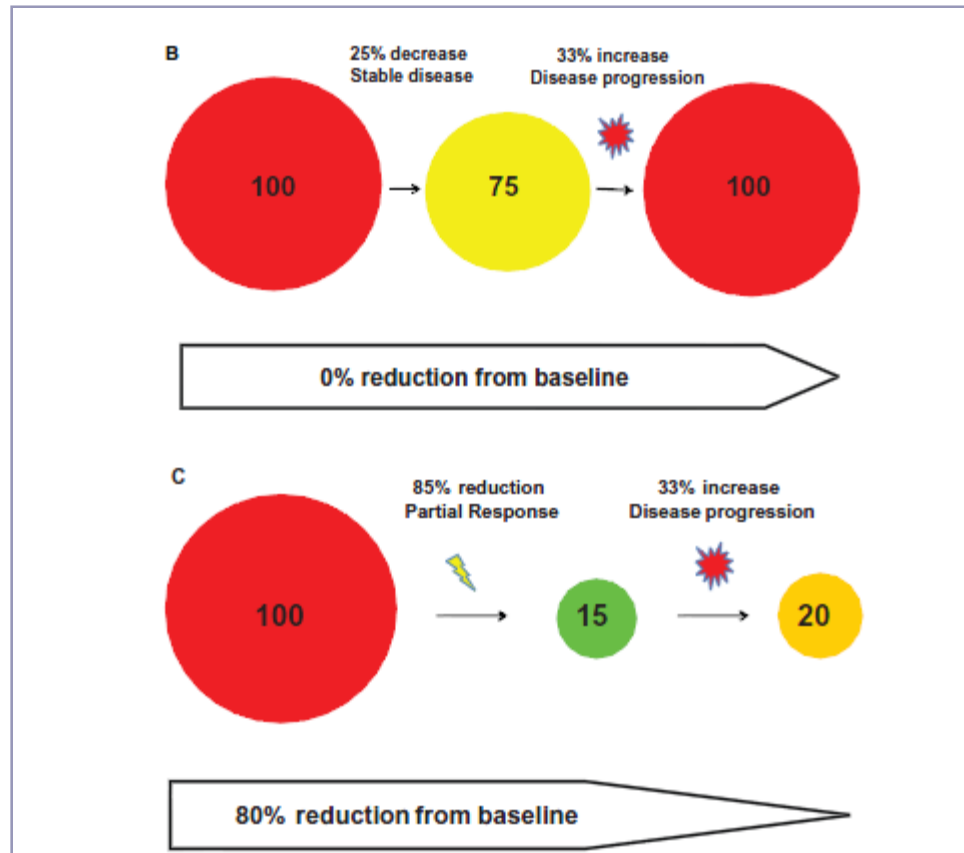


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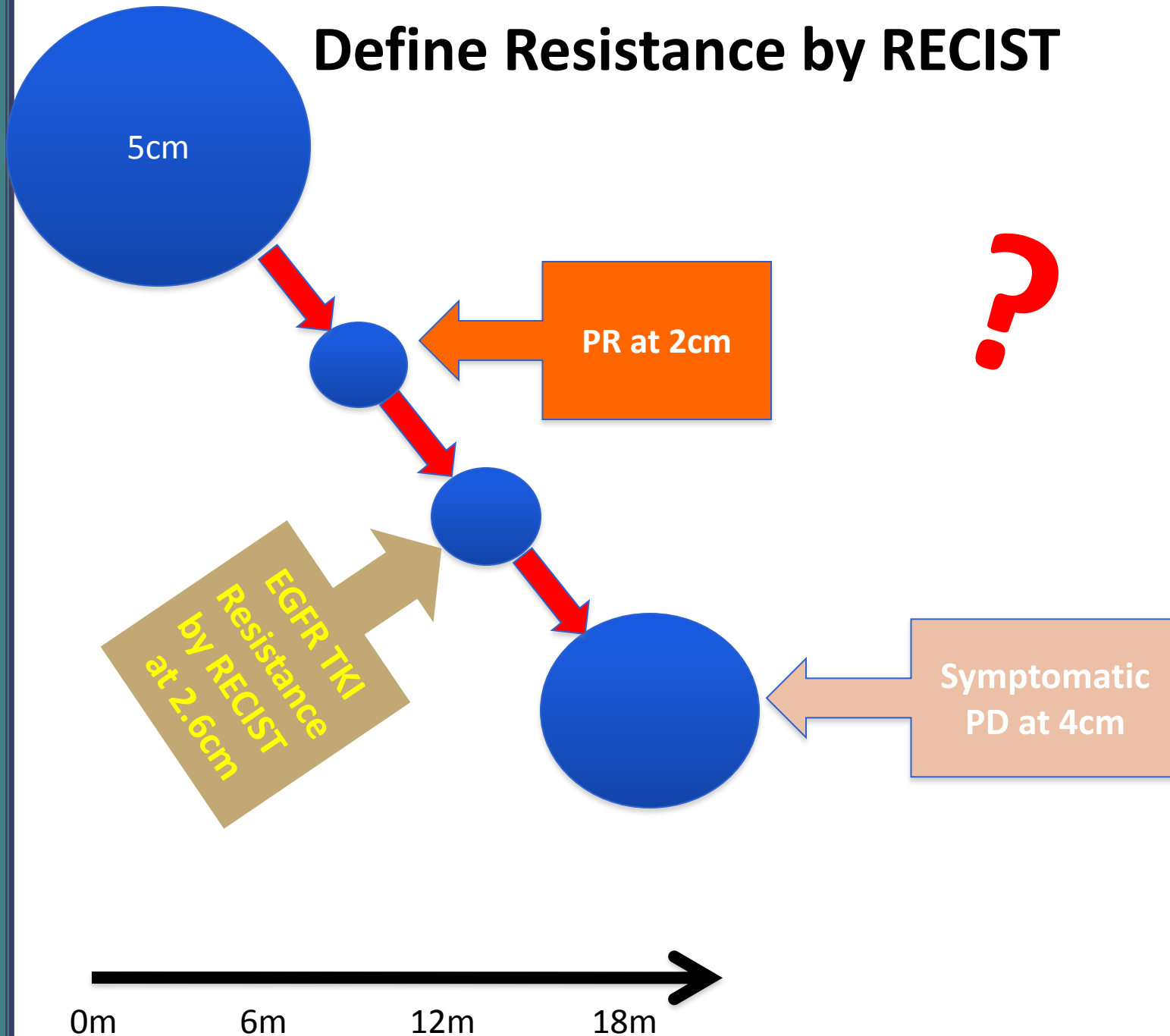
Some considerations for patients who progress on targeted therapy



- The definition of disease progression in the context of EGFR inhibition may differ from RECIST criteria and “requires” further refinement.



Define Resistance by RECIST



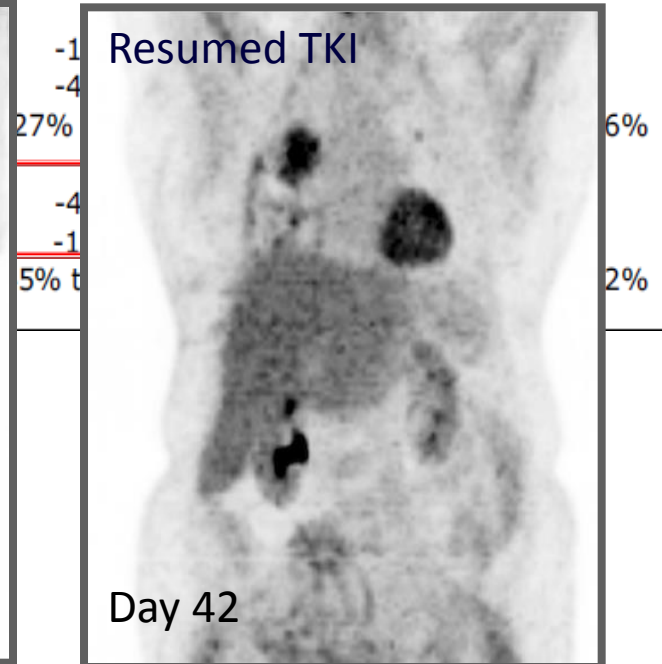
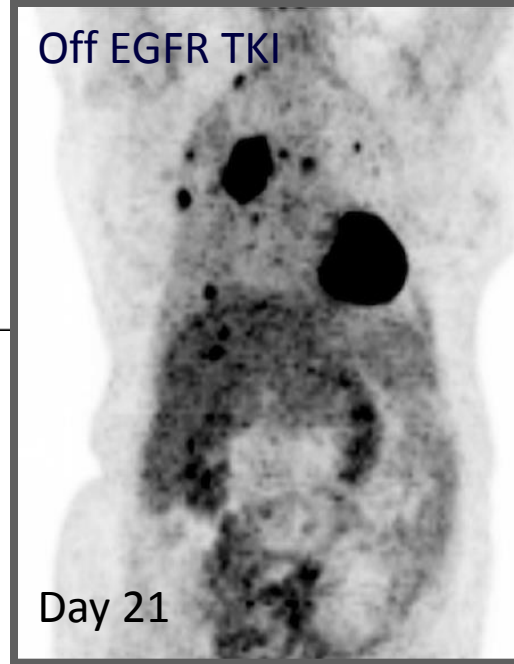
Cessation of EGFR TKI upon progression

Table 3. Changes in tumor on CT and FDG-PET

	After stopping gefitinib or erlotinib	After restarting gefitinib or erlotinib	3 wks after adding everolimus
Median change in tumor diameter	+9%	-1%	-8%
Mean change in tumor diameter	+9%	1%	-9%
Range in change in tumor diameter	-13% to +29%	-14% to +23%	-34% to +15%

Median
Mean c
Range

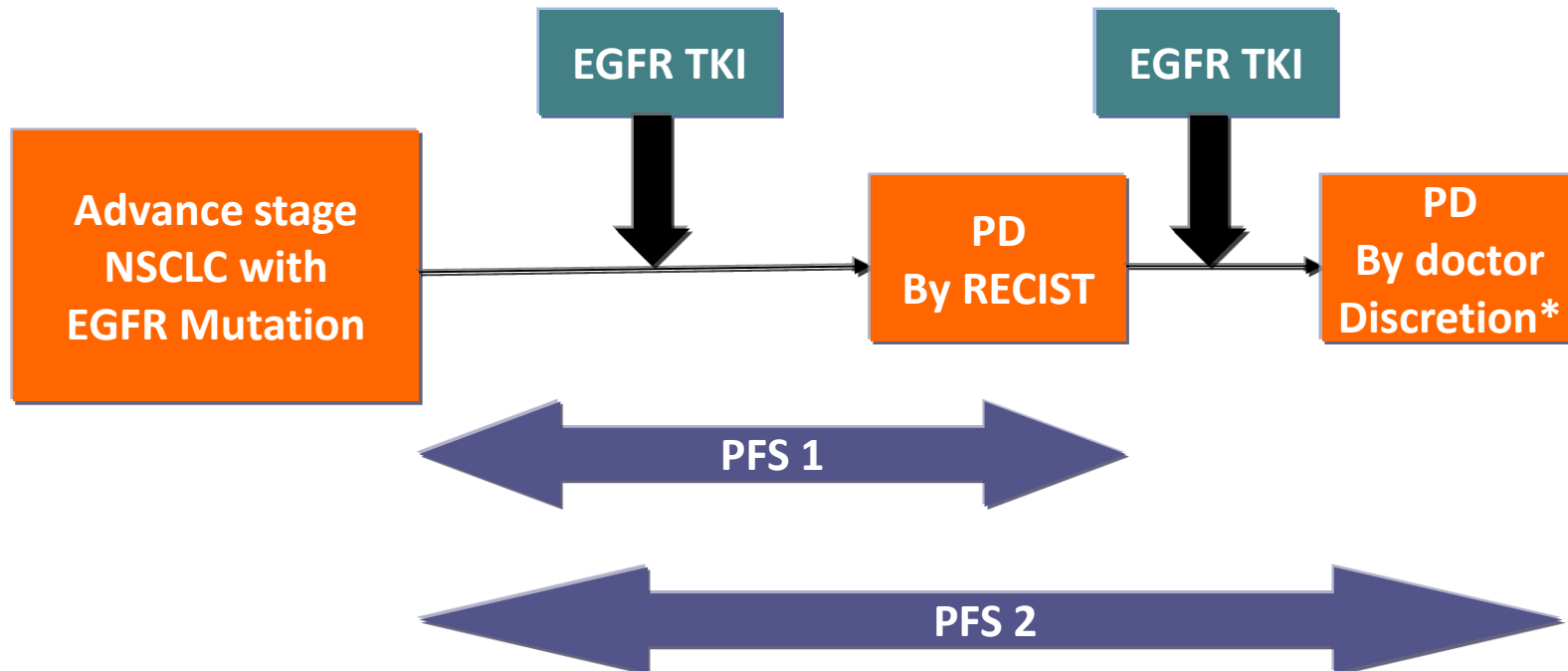
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Defining resistance by RECIST
may lead to premature
termination of TKI

ASPIRATION: To optimize treatment duration



*Doctor Discretion: Symptomatic progression, multiple progression
Threat to major organ...etc



Metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC): ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up[†]

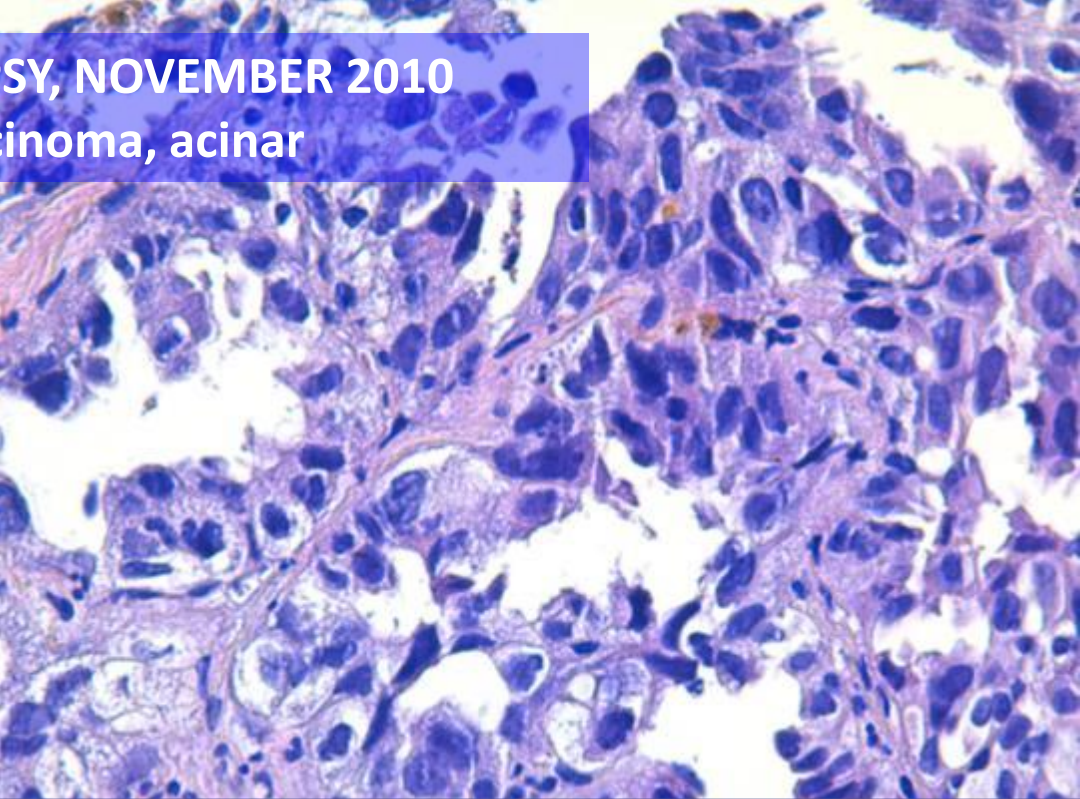
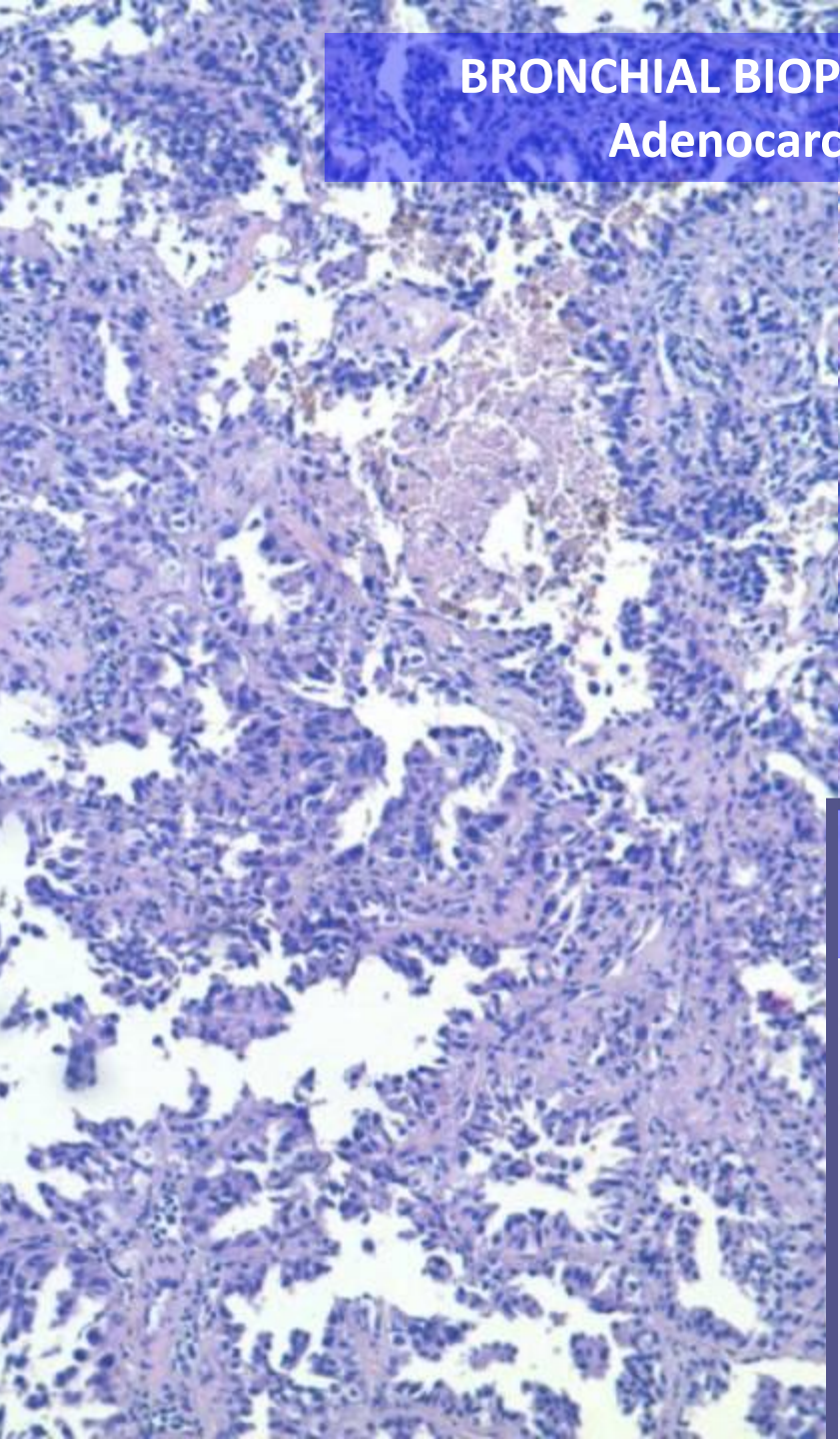
S. Peters¹, A.A. Adjei², C. Gridelli³, M. Reck⁴, K. Kerr⁵ & E. Felip⁶ on behalf of the ESMO Guidelines Working Group*

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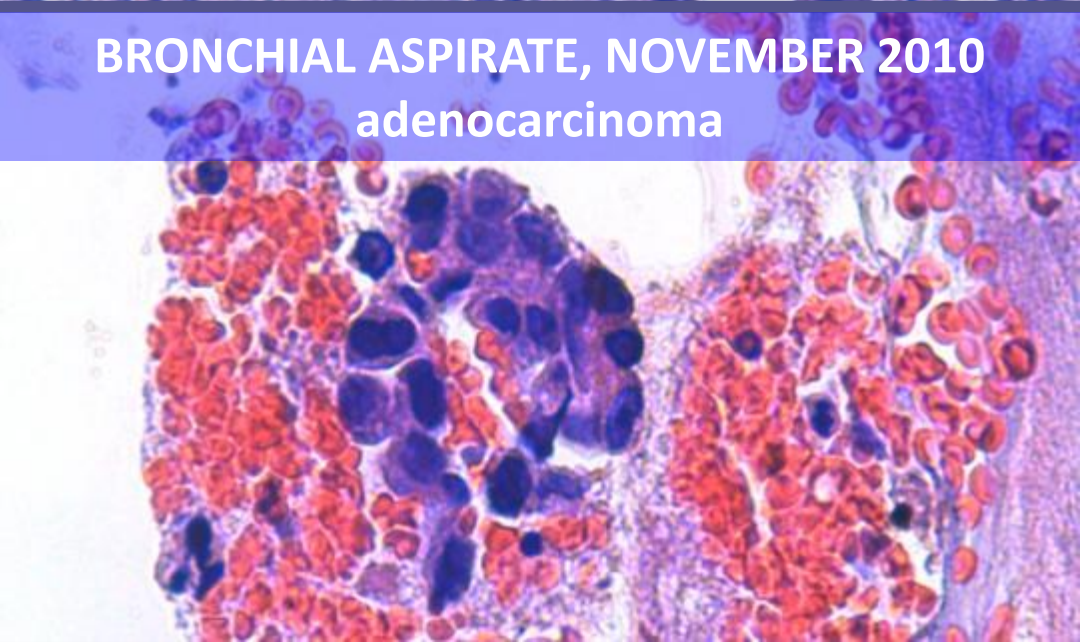
Re-biopsy at disease
progression should be considered [7].

Diagnosis (and tests) do not end at the time of diagnosis

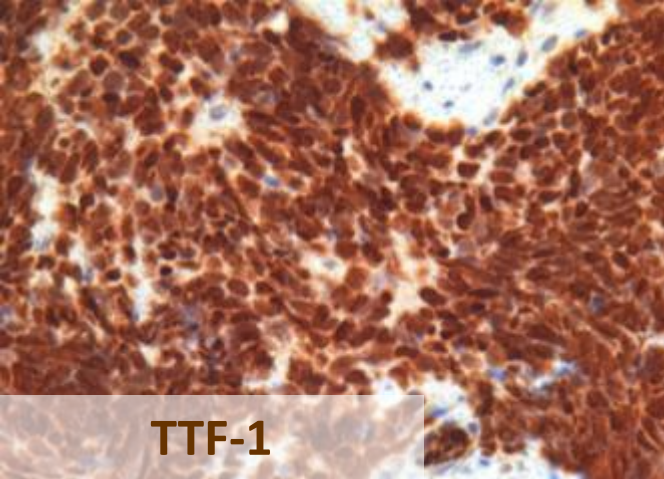
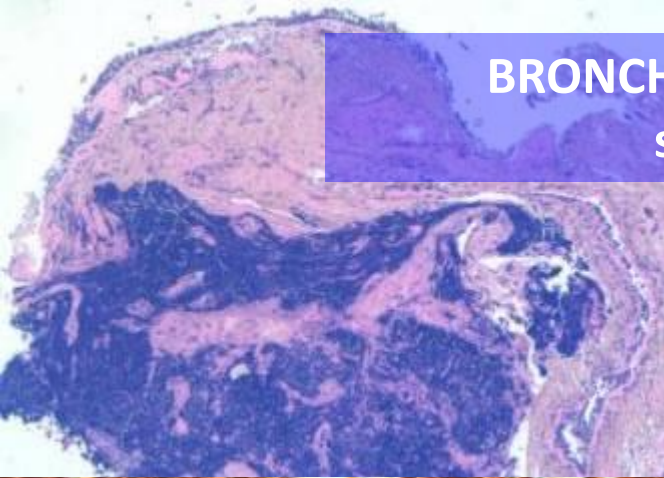
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Adenocarcinoma, acinar



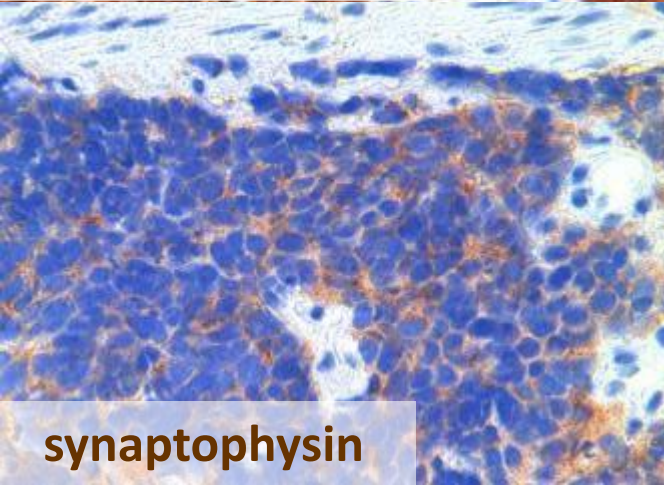
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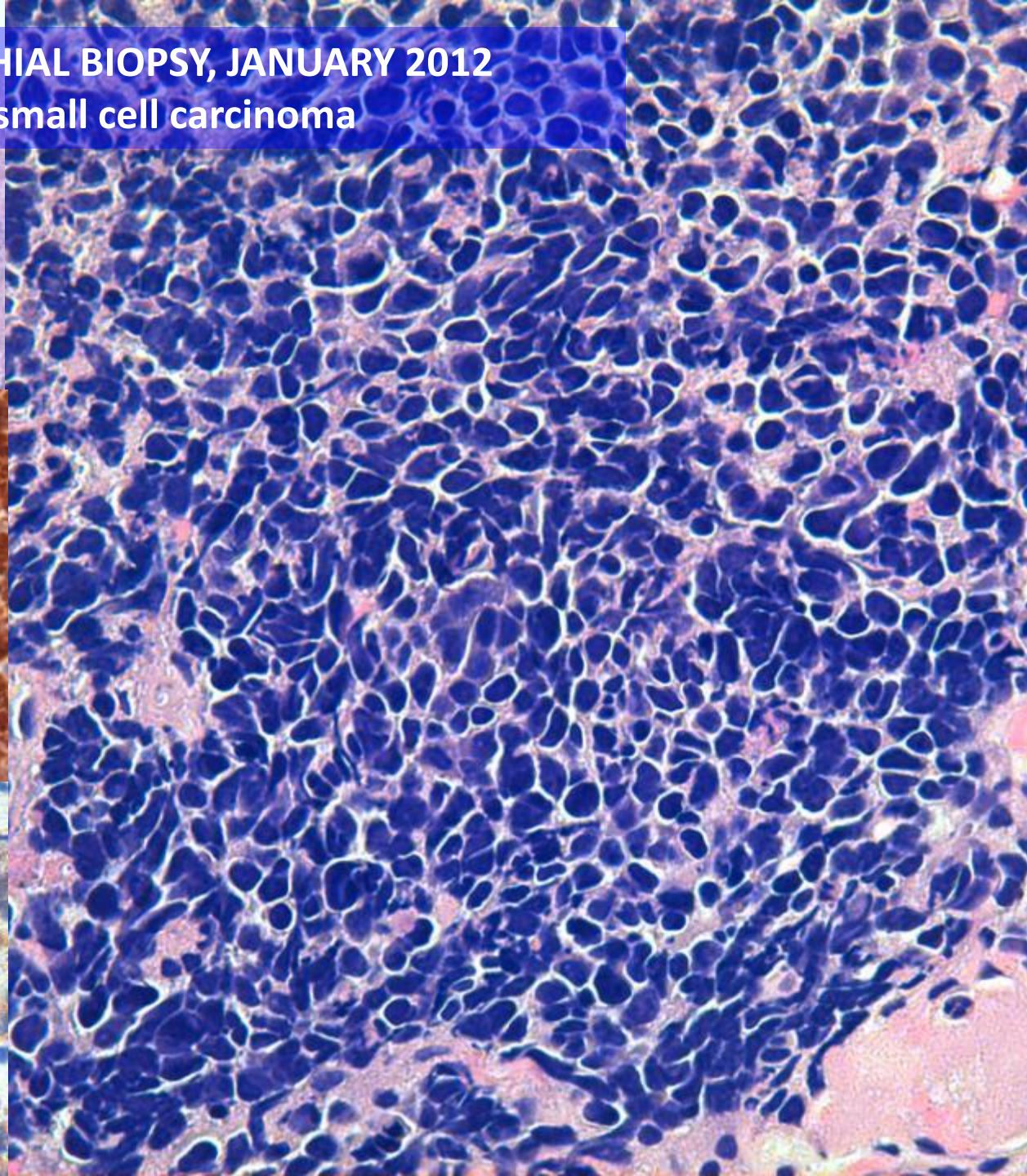
BRONCHIAL BIOPSY, JANUARY 2012
small cell carcinoma



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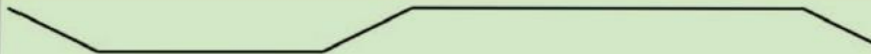


synaptophysin

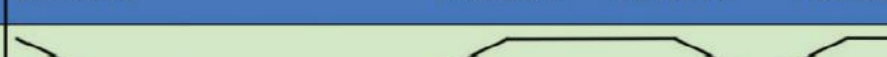


Emergence of EGFR&ALK Resistance Mechanisms: Rebiopsy of EGFRm&ALK+ tumors at progression

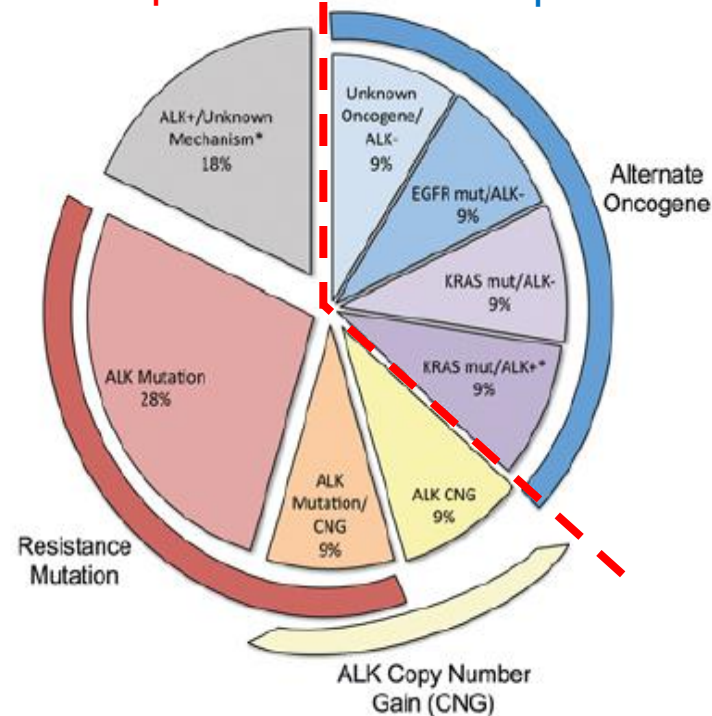
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Histology	Adeno		Adeno		Adeno	
Genotype	L858R TP53		L858R TP53 T790M		L858R TP53	
EGFR TKI status	Sensitive		Resistant		Sensitive	
Tumor burden						
Treatment	Chemo	Erlotinib		Chemo	Chemo	Erlotinib*
Timeline	2007		2008		2009	

B

Histology	Adeno	SCLC	Adeno	SCLC
Genotype	L858R	L858R PIK3CA	L858R	L858R PIK3CA
EGFR TKI status	Sensitive	Resistant	Sensitive	Resistant
Tumor burden				
Treatment	Erlotinib	C+RT	Erlotinib	C+ RT
Timeline	2008	2009	2010	

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ALK-dependent | ALK-independent



Doebele et al, CCR 2012

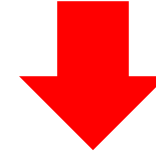
Sequist L et al, Sci Transl Med 2011

Zakowski MF et al NEJM 2006

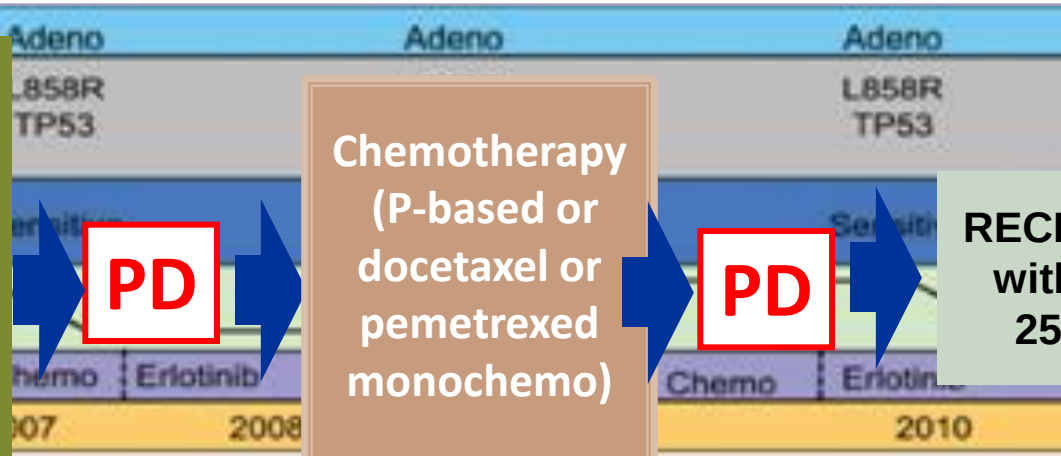
Morinaga R et al, Lung Cancer 2007



Is there a room for rechallenge?



EGFRm+ pts receiving 1st line treatment with **gefitinib** with a documented complete (CR) or partial response (PR) or stable disease (SD) >12 weeks as the best response

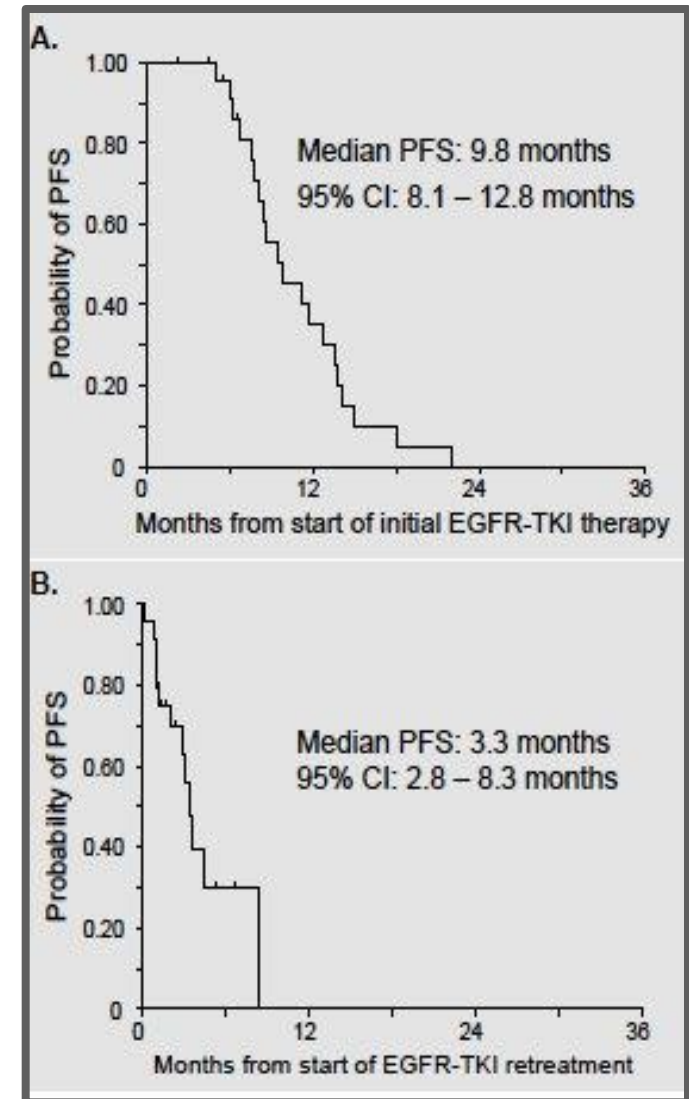


RECHALLENGE
with gefitinib
250 mg/die

Ph II trial; PI: F De Marinis

EGFR TKI Re-treatment after Acquired Resistance: DFCI/MGH Experience

- Retrospective, 24 pts (over 9.5 yrs) with activating EGFR mutation after AR to gefitinib (30%) or erlotinib (70%)
- RR 4%, SD 63%
- Median interval off EGFR TKI 5 mo (range 2-46 mo)
- Greater benefit w/longer interval of EGFR TKI (PFS 4.4 vs. 1.9 mo for 6 mo interval off EGFR TKI)



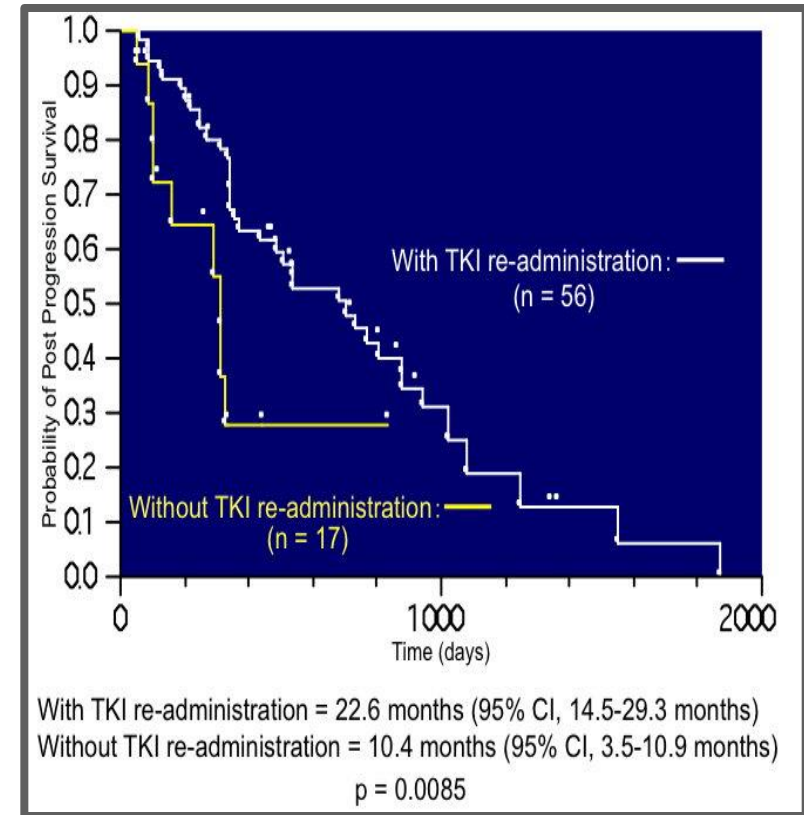
Heon, ASCO 2012, Abst#7525

Re-challenge with EGFR TKI after Acquired Resistance

- N = 73 pts with acquired resistance
- OS post-PD better for 56 who had EGFR TKI re-treatment vs. 17 who did not

Variable		P-value	HR (95%CI)
Re-administration	(with/without)	0.0003	0.45 (0.30-0.68)
T790M	(with/without)	0.0024	0.57 (0.37-0.82)
PS	(0-1/2-4)	0.0003	3.65 (1.77-8.33)
Brain metastases	(with/without)	0.3266	0.86 (0.63-1.16)
Leptomeningeal metastases	(with/without)	0.2592	1.20 (0.87-1.68)

※Proportional hazards model was used in the analysis.



- No correlation of benefit w/interval off EGFR TKI seen

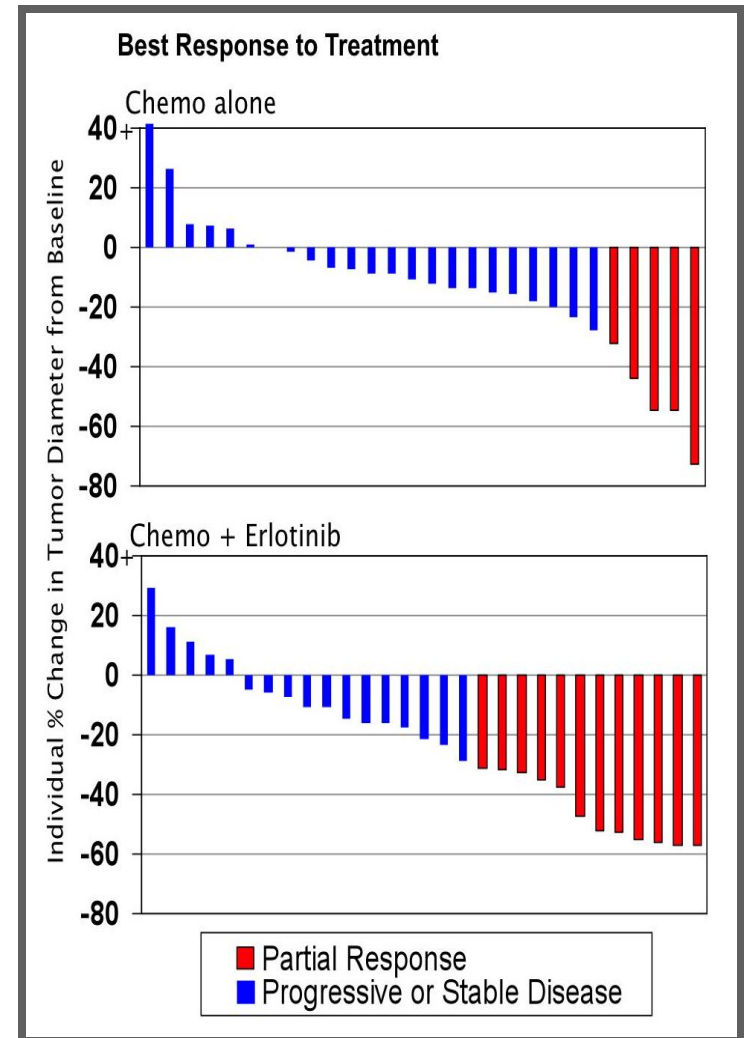
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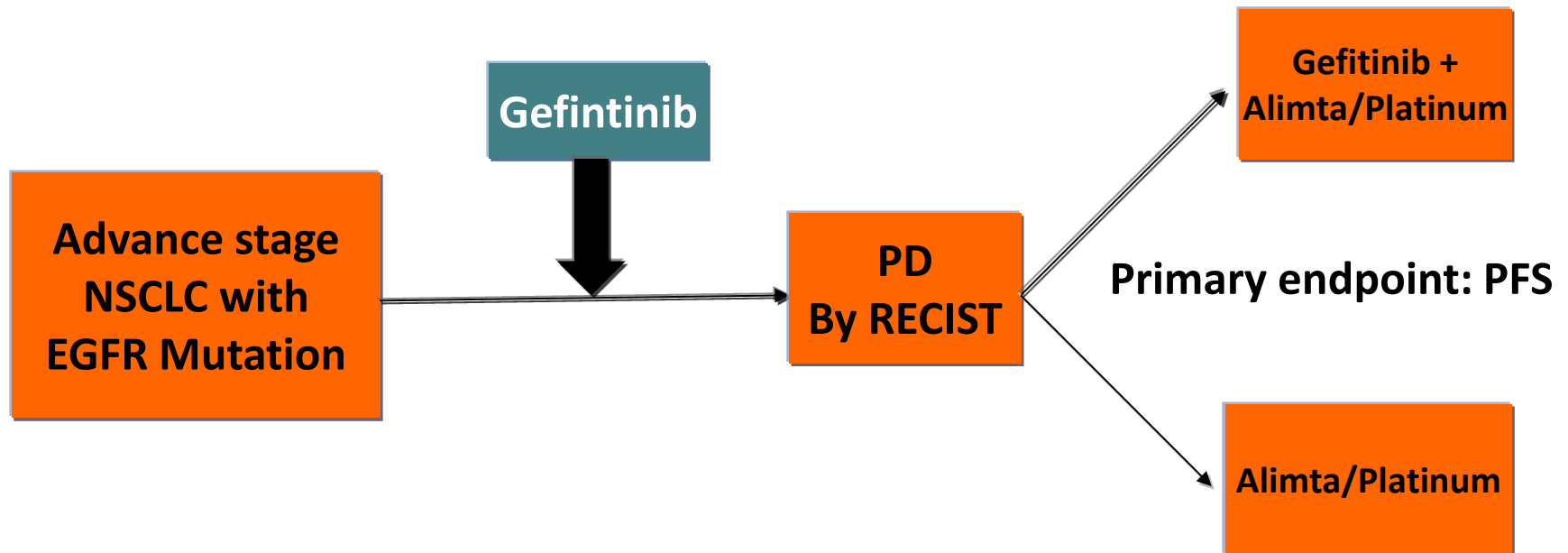
Chemo/Erlotinib vs. Chemo Alone at Progression after Acquired Resistance

- N = 78 retrospective review of outcomes
 - chemo alone (N = 44) or
 - chemo/erlotinib (N = 34)
- RR 18% (chemo) vs. **41%** with chemo/erlotinib)
- No differences in PFS or OS between these two strategies



Goldberg, ASCO 2012, Abst#7524

IMPRESS: Chemotherapy with or with gefitinib at progression



Co-PI: Soria J; Mok T



Chemotherapy +/- Ongoing EGFR TKI for Acquired Resistance, with Retreatment

PI: Leora Horn (Vanderbilt)

Advanced NSCLC
Activating EGFR TKI
Resp to EGFR TKI >4 mo
No prior chemotherapy
PS 0/1
N= 120



R
A
N
D



Cis or Carbo/Pemetrexed
+ ongoing erlotinib



Cis or Carbo/Pemetrexed



Erlotinib re-treatment

Stratification by:

EGFR mut'n exon 19 vs. exon 21

Time to progression on EGFR TKI ≤ 1 yr vs. > 1 yr

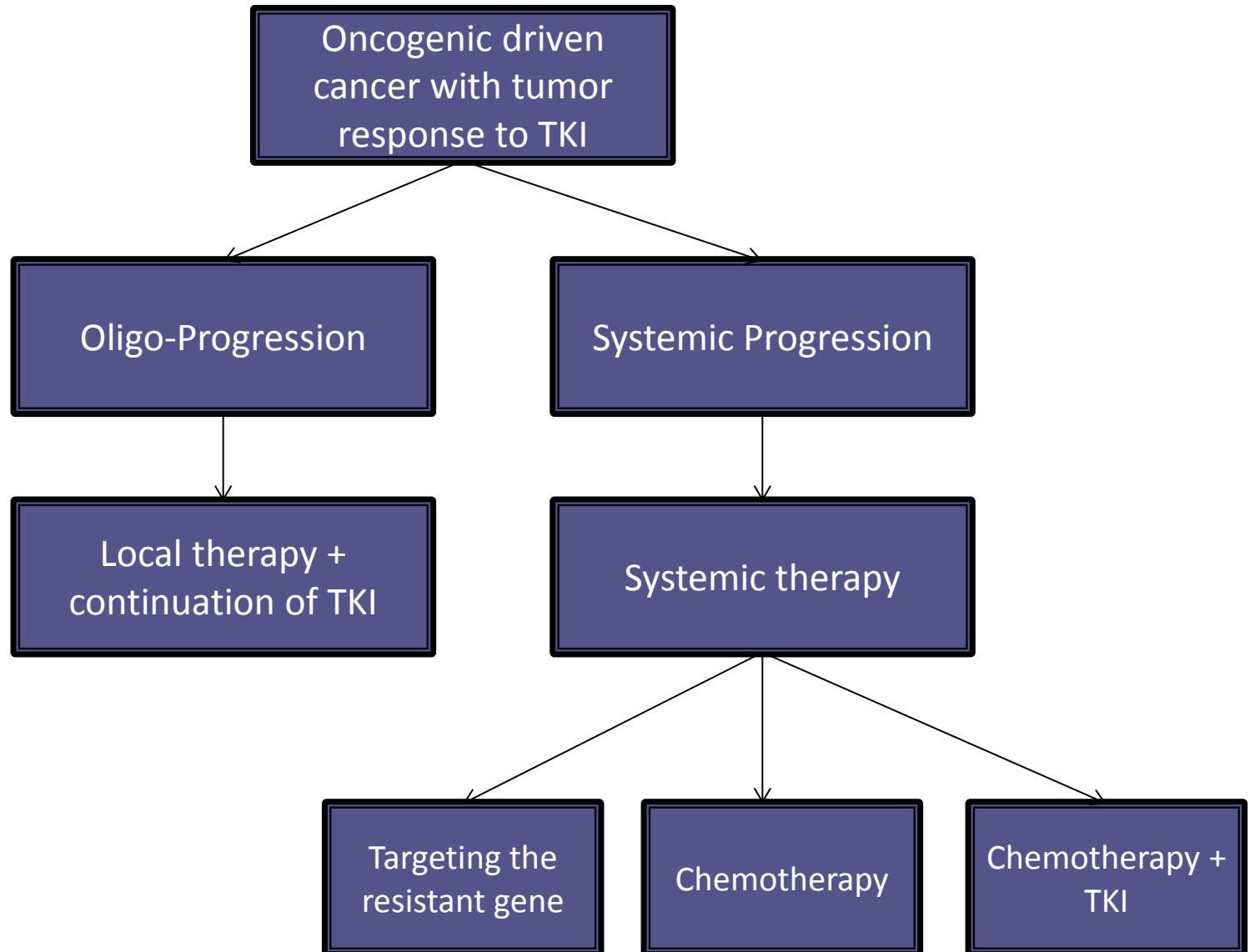
PS 0 vs. 1

Primary endpoint: progression-free survival

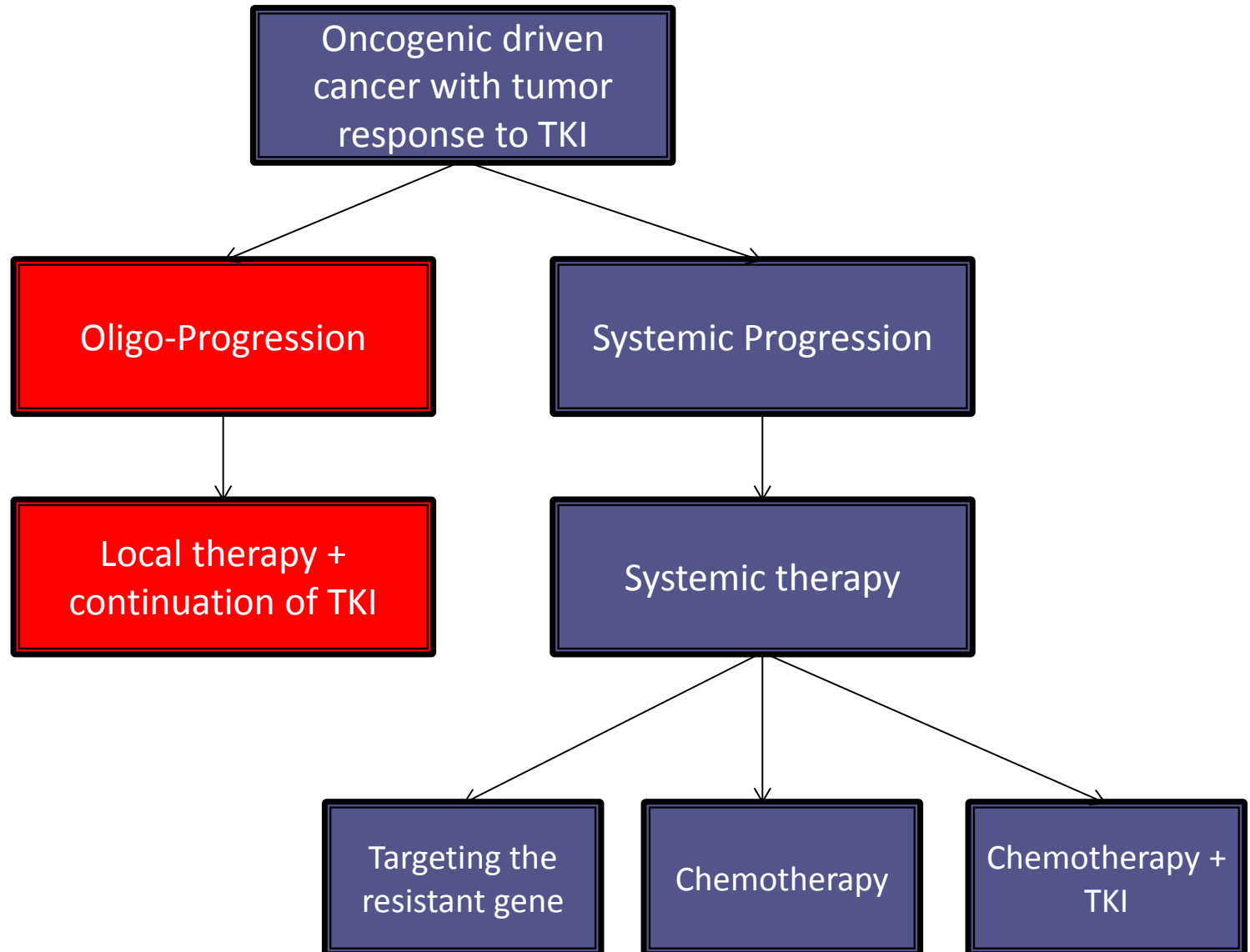


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Treatment of TKI Resistance



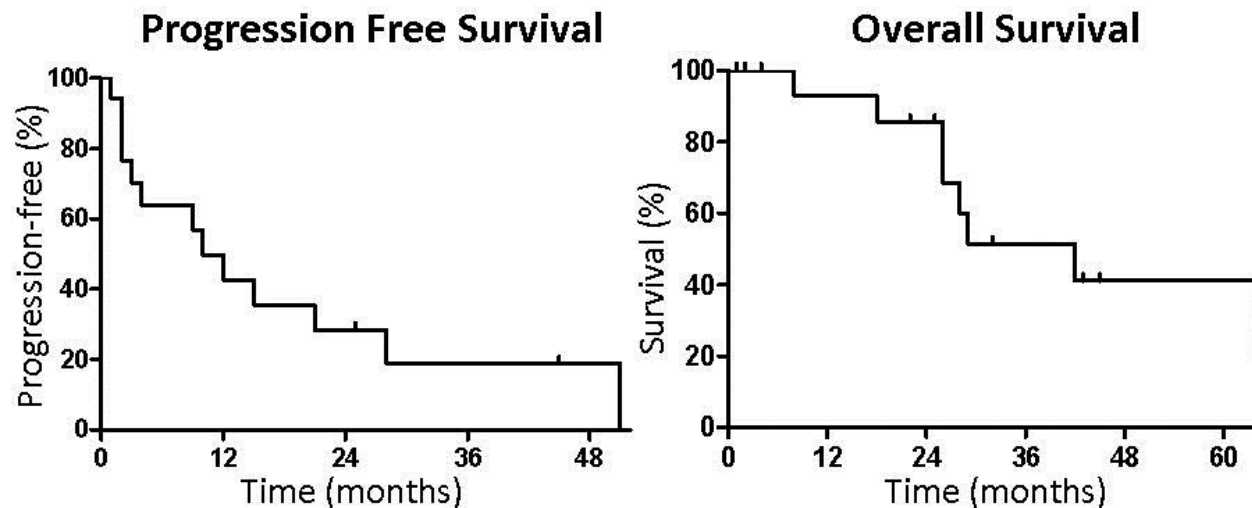
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Local Therapy in Acquired Resistance: MSKCC

- 18/184 pts/7+ yrs underwent local therapy for extracranial PD
 - CNS PD excluded
- From time of local therapy
 - Median TTP: 10 months
 - Median time to new systemic Rx: 22 months
 - Median OS: 41 months



Local Therapy Procedures	
Procedures Performed	18
Lung	15
Radiofrequency ablation	2
Radiation	2
Lobectomy	7
Wedge resection	1
Pneumonectomy	3
Lymph node- Radiation (mediastinum, supraclavicular lymph nodes)	1
Adrenals- Adrenalectomy	2



Local treatment to oligo-progression plus continuation of TKI

- Colorado University collection of 65 patients with oncogenic driven cancer (EGFR mutation or ALK positive)
- All received EGFR TKI or Crizotinib
- PFS 1 defined as <4 sites of progression
 - Local ablative therapy offered to all sites of involvement and continue TKI
- PFS 2 defined as from time of local therapy to second progression

Weickhardt A et al, Proc ASCO 2012 # 7526



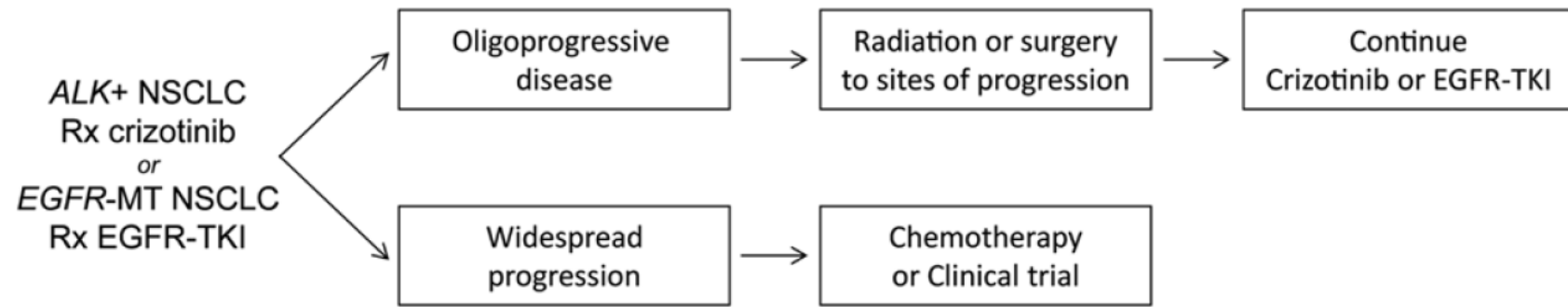
PFS of patients treated with local therapy and continuation of TKI therapy

Site of first progression	Number of patients	PFS1 (months)(95% CI)	PFS2 (months)(95% CI)	Site of 2 nd progression	
CNS	10	10.9 7.3 – 18.3	7.1 1.7 – 11.3	2 (20%)	no prog
				3 (30%)	CNS
				5 (50%)	eCNS
*eCNS [†]	15	9.0 6.5 – 13.8	4.0 2.7 -7.4	4 (27%)	no prog
				3 (20%)	CNS
				8 (53%)	eCNS
All patients	25	9.8 8.8 – 13.8	6.2 3.7 – 8.0	6 (24%)	no prog
				7 (28%)	CNS
				12 (48%)	eCNS

* bone, lung, lymph node, adrenal, liver

[†] Includes 3 patients who progressed systemically (eCNS) and simultaneously within the CNS

Future Prospective Study?



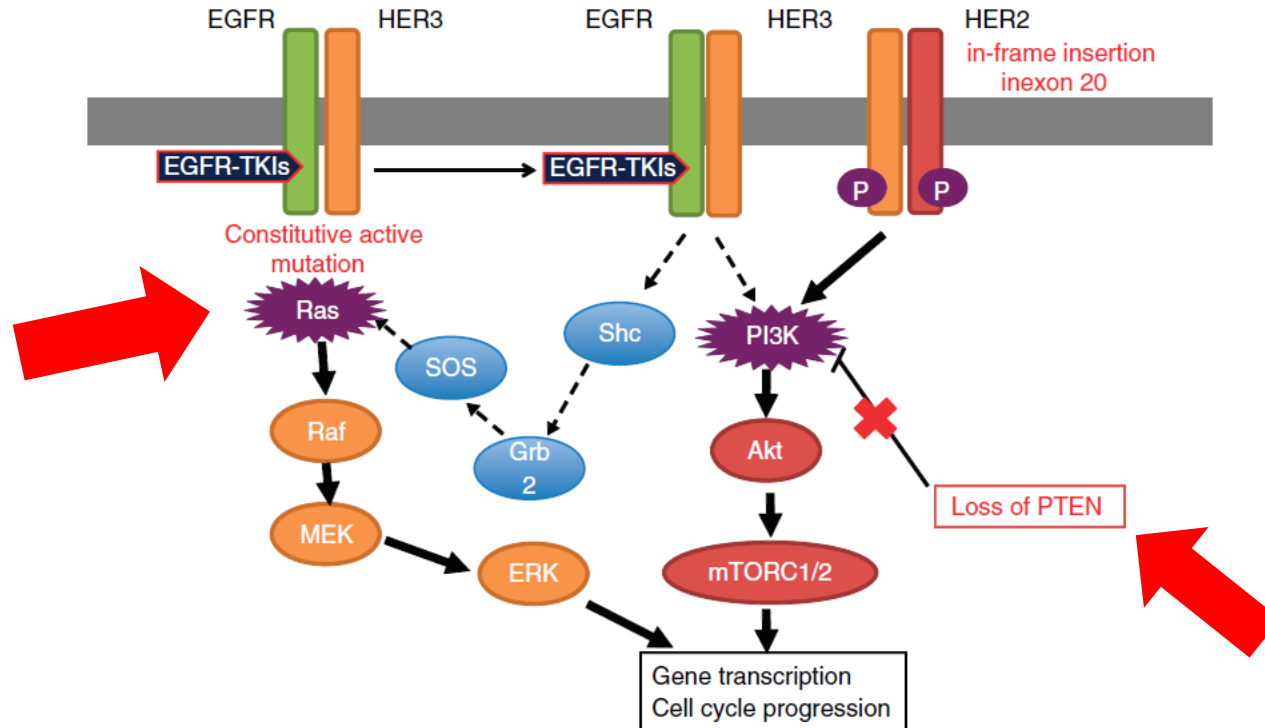
Primary endpoint: PFS

Secondary endpoint: OS, RR, QOL



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Primary Resistance



- The most common mechanism of primary resistance to EGFR-TKIs is the presence of a constitutive active mutation in the EGFR gene, which leads to a constitutive activation of the EGFR signal pathway.
- Another mechanism of primary resistance is the presence of a mutation in the PI3K/Akt pathway, which leads to a constitutive activation of the PI3K/Akt signal pathway.
- A third mechanism of primary resistance is the presence of a mutation in the Ras pathway, which leads to a constitutive activation of the Ras signal pathway.
- Additionally, the loss of PTEN, a negative regulator of the PI3K/Akt pathway, can lead to a constitutive activation of the PI3K/Akt signal pathway.

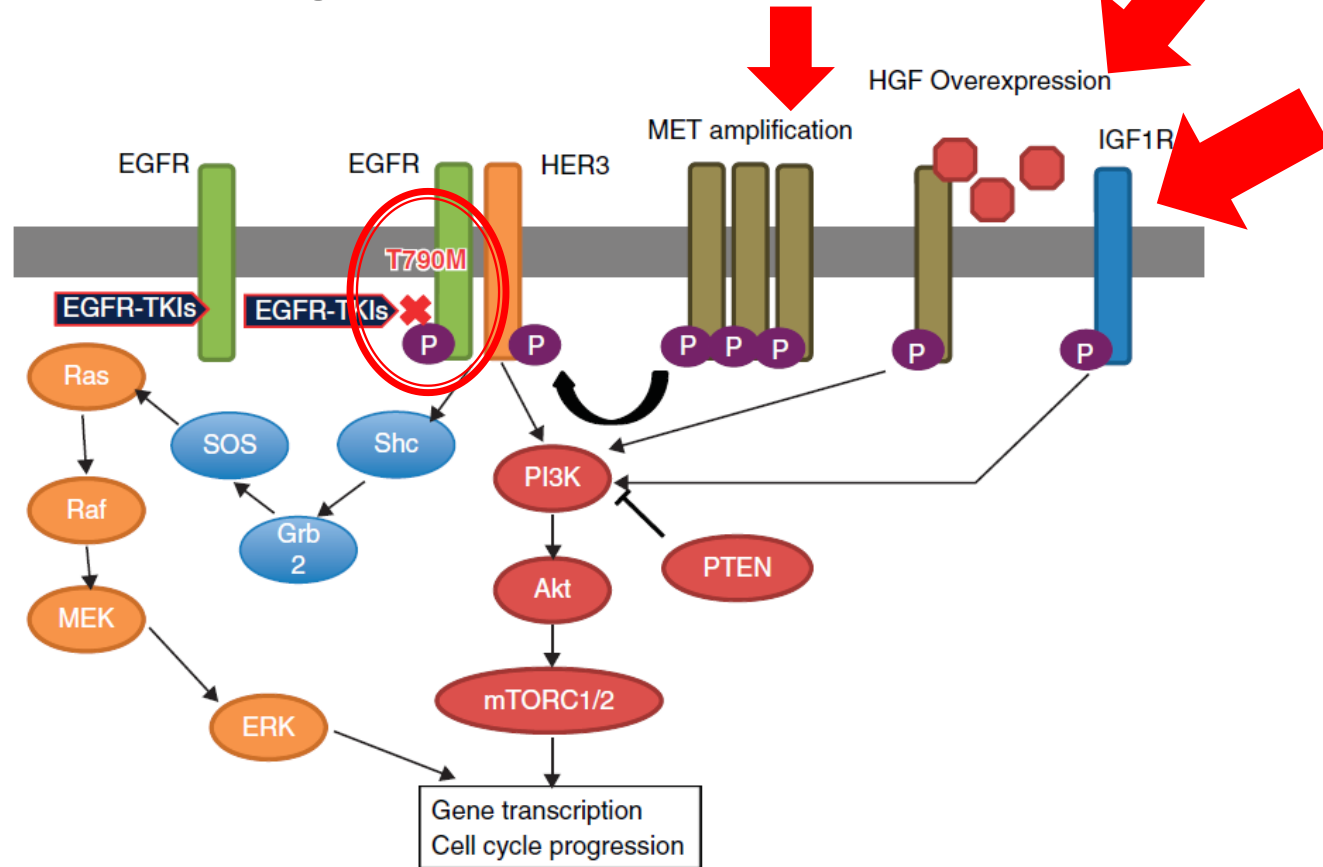


Incidence of *De Novo* T790M

Study	Technique	# cases / #EGFRm
Inukai , CR 2006	Sequencing Enriched PCR	1/98 (1%) 4/98 (4%)
Sequist, JCO 2008	Sequencing	2/34 (6%)
IPASS, NEJM 2009	SARMS	7/261 (3%)
Maheswaran, NEJM 2009	SARMS	10/36 (28%)
Rossell ASCO 2010	Taqman + PNA probe	45/129 (35%)
Hata, JTO, 2010	PNA-LNA clamp	3/318 (1%)

Acquired Resistance

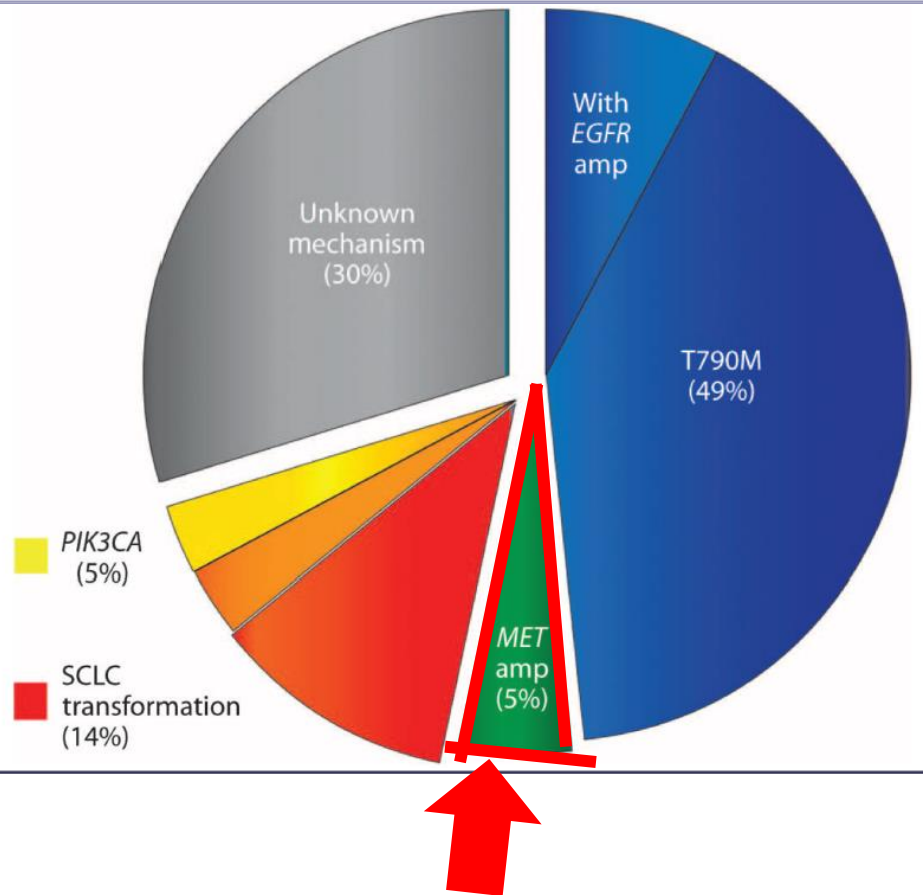
**D761Y
L747S
T854A**



- IGF seems to be involved in some cases of resistance
- While EGFR-TKIs have improved clinical response in NSCLC, they have also led to the development of resistance mechanisms. In the EGFR-TKI resistant population, this can be due to MET amplification (5-20%) and overexpression of HGF (10-20%) leading to T790M



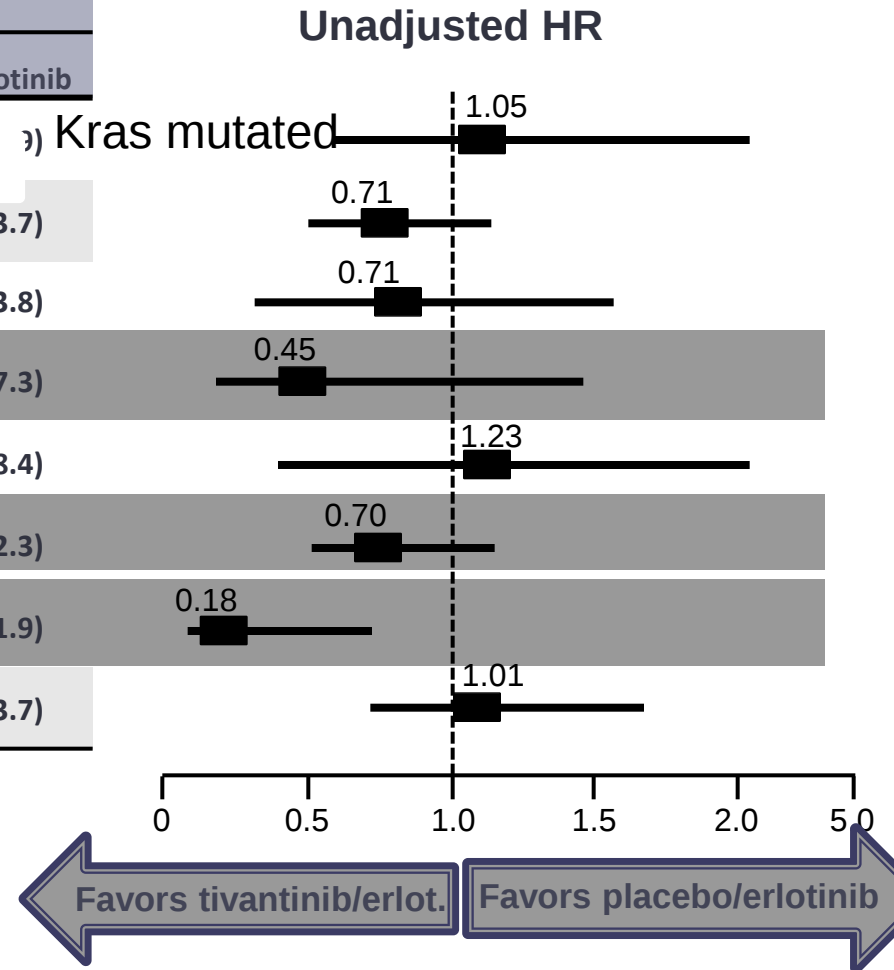
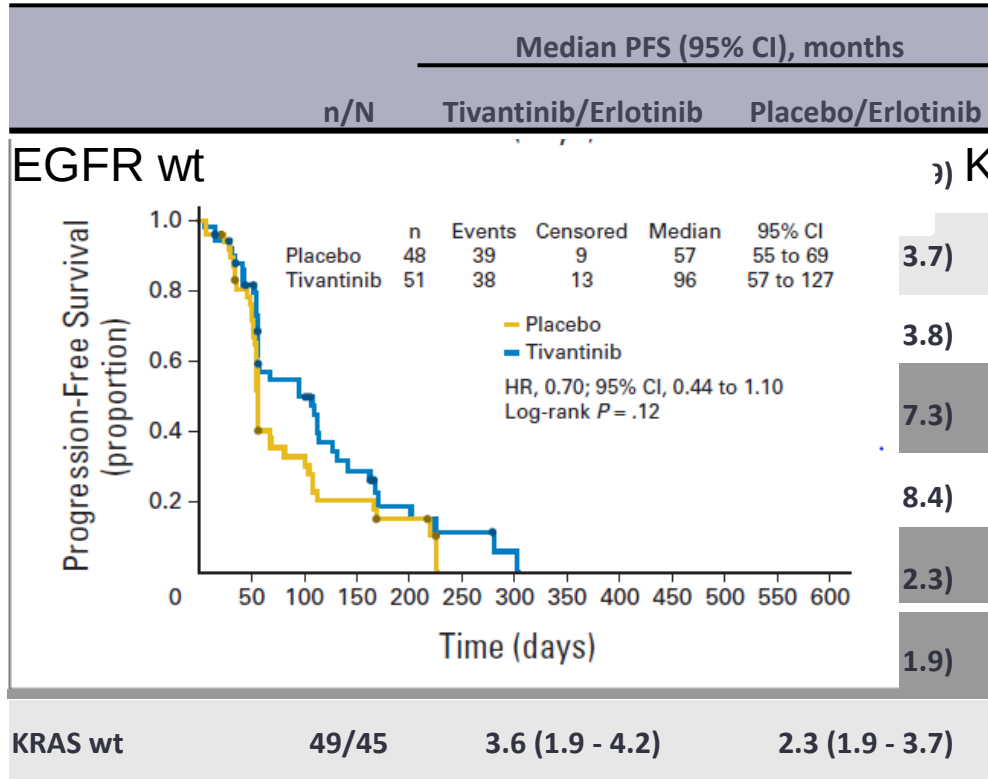
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- MET activates PI3K/Akt signaling in the presence of EGFR-TKI
Engelman Science 2007, Bean PNAS 2007
- Concomitant inhibition of both EGFR and MET is required to kill resistant cells
- Targeting of Both the c-Met and EGFR Pathways Results in Additive Inhibition of Lung Tumorigenesis in Transgenic Mice
Stabile L et al, Cancer 2010
- MET amplification: 4-22% of NSCLC with acquired EGFR TKI resistance

Engelman Science 2007, Bean PNAS 2007, Sequist Sci Transl Med 2011, Oxnard Clin Ca Res 2011

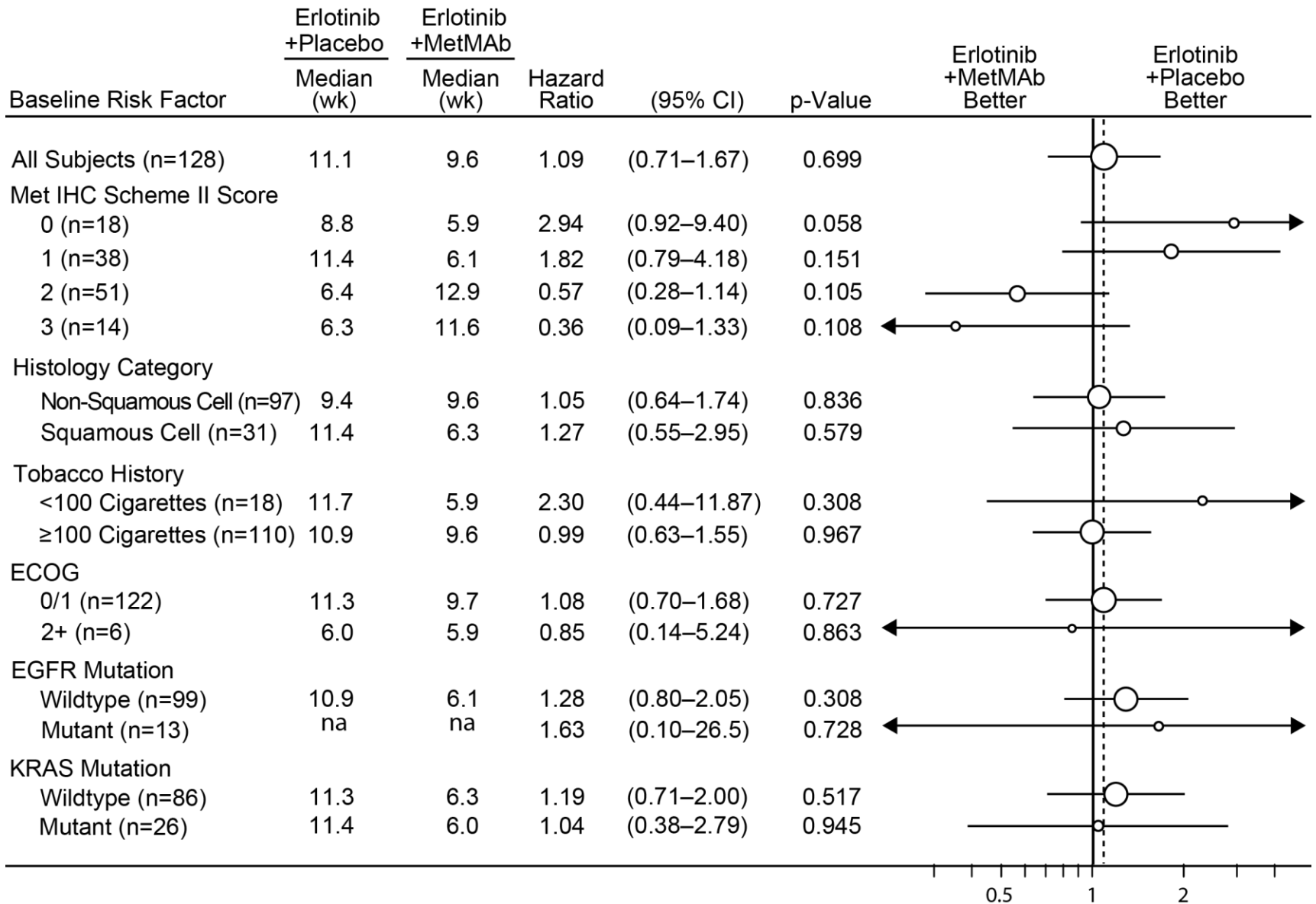
Tivantinib: Phase II data



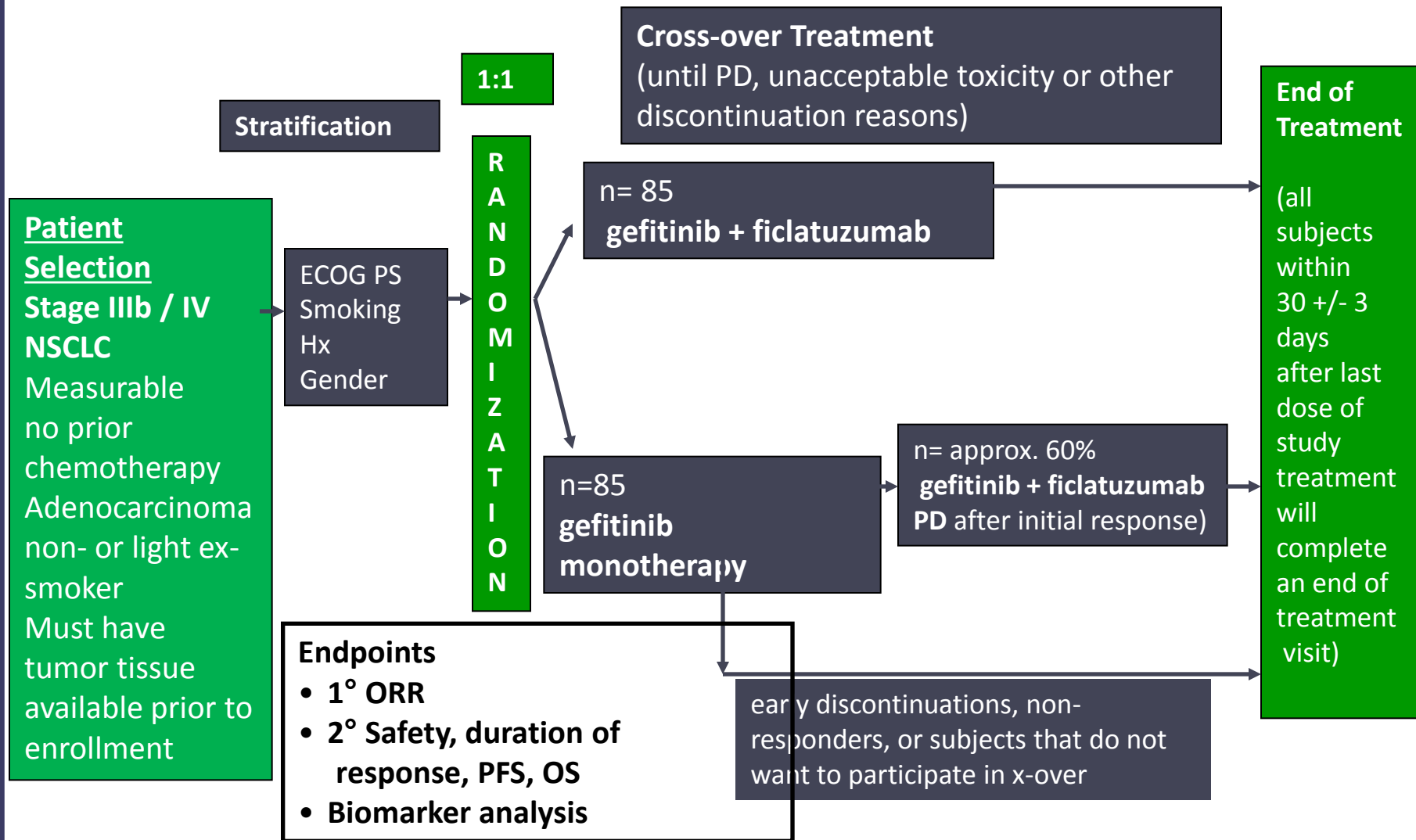
- A PFS benefit associated with tivantinib plus erlotinib was observed in patients with tumors harboring amplified c-MET, wild-type EGFR, or mutant KRAS

Cox proportional hazard ratio analysis of median progression-free survival by patient subgroup. Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival; wt, wild type

Onartuzumab: Phase II data



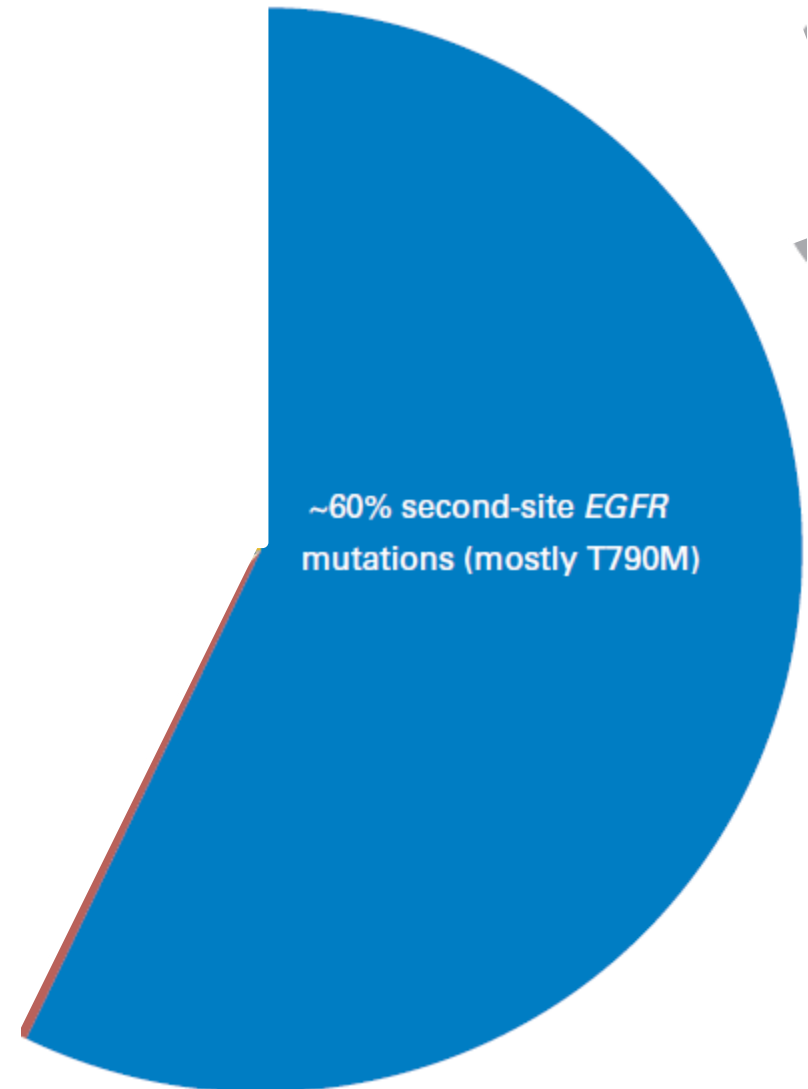
Phase II Ficlatusumab in Combination with Gefitinib in Asian Subjects with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer



Adequate tissue for central IHC assay of Met receptor, and EGFR testing if EGFR status is unknown



T790M



Second- and Third-generation EGFR TKIs



Drug Name	Generic Name	Target	Recommended dose	Status
EKB-569	Pelitinib	EGFR	50 mg once per day	Phase I*
CI-1033	Canertinib	EGFR/ERBB2/ERBB4	150 mg once per day	Phase II*
HKI-272	Neratinib	EGFR/ERBB2	320 mg once per day (than 240 within trial)	Phase II*
BIBW2992	Afatinib	EGFR/ERBB2/ERBB4	50 mg once per day	Phase III
PF-00299804	Dacomitinib	EGFR/ERBB2/ERBB4	45 mg once per day	Phase III
CO-1686	NA	EGFR T790M	NA	Phase I/II
WZ4002	NA	EGFR T790M	NA	Preclinical

*no additional trials planned in lung cancer

Ohashi K et al, JCO 2013

Irreversible EGFR TKIs



Mutation:	WT	Activated	Resistance	Target	Binding mode
	wild type H1666	L858R H3255	L858R+T790M NCI1975		
BIBW 2992 ¹	60	0.7	99	EGFR/HER2	Irreversible
Gefitinib ¹	157	5	>4000	EGFR	Reversible
Erlotinib ¹	110	40	>4000	EGFR	Reversible
Lapatinib ¹	534	63	>4000	EGFR/HER2	Reversible
CP 724,714 ²	>4000	561	>4000	HER2	Reversible

IC₅₀ values (nM) for the inhibitory activities of different compounds on the proliferation of NSCLC cells with *EGFR* mutations

<i>EGFR</i> mutation	Gefitinib IC ₅₀	PF299 IC ₅₀
Del E746_A750	4.8 nM	<1 nM
Del S752_I759	35 nM	2.0 nM
Del L747_A750InsP	7.4 nM	1.6 nM
<i>L858R</i>	26 nM	2.6 nM
<i>L858R/T790M</i>	>10000	300 nM



LUX-Lung 1 – Trial Design

LUX-Lung 1

A multicentre, randomized, double-blind Phase IIb/III trial of BIBW 2992* plus best supportive care (BSC) versus BSC in patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) who have progressed after chemotherapy and erlotinib or gefitinib

Patients with:

- Adenocarcinoma of the lung
- Stage IIIB/IV
- Progressed after 1 or 2 lines chemotherapy (incl. 1 platinum-based regimen) and ≥ 12 weeks of treatment with erlotinib or gefitinib
- ECOG 0–2

N=585

Randomization

2:1

Oral BIBW 2992 50 mg once-daily
plus best supportive care

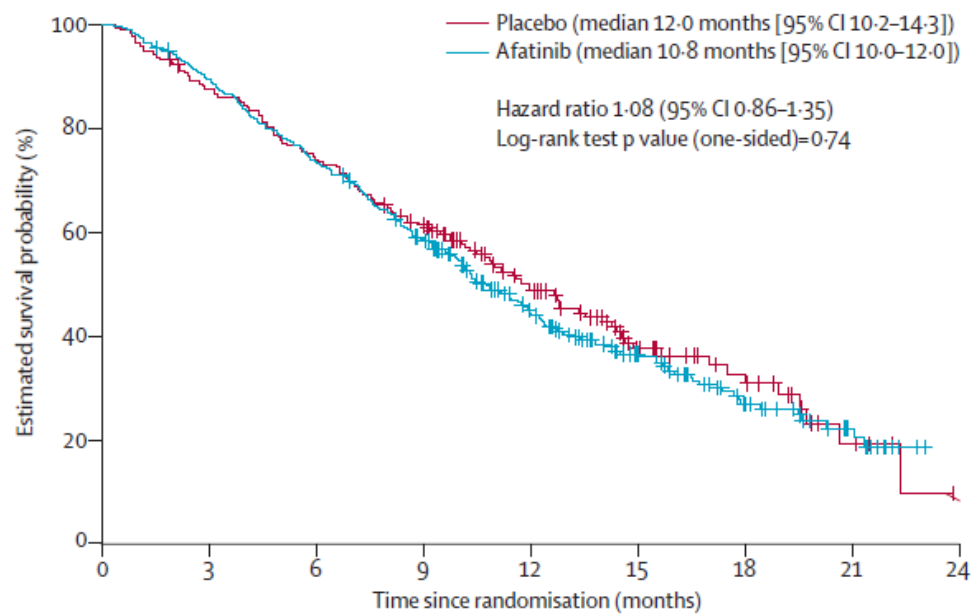
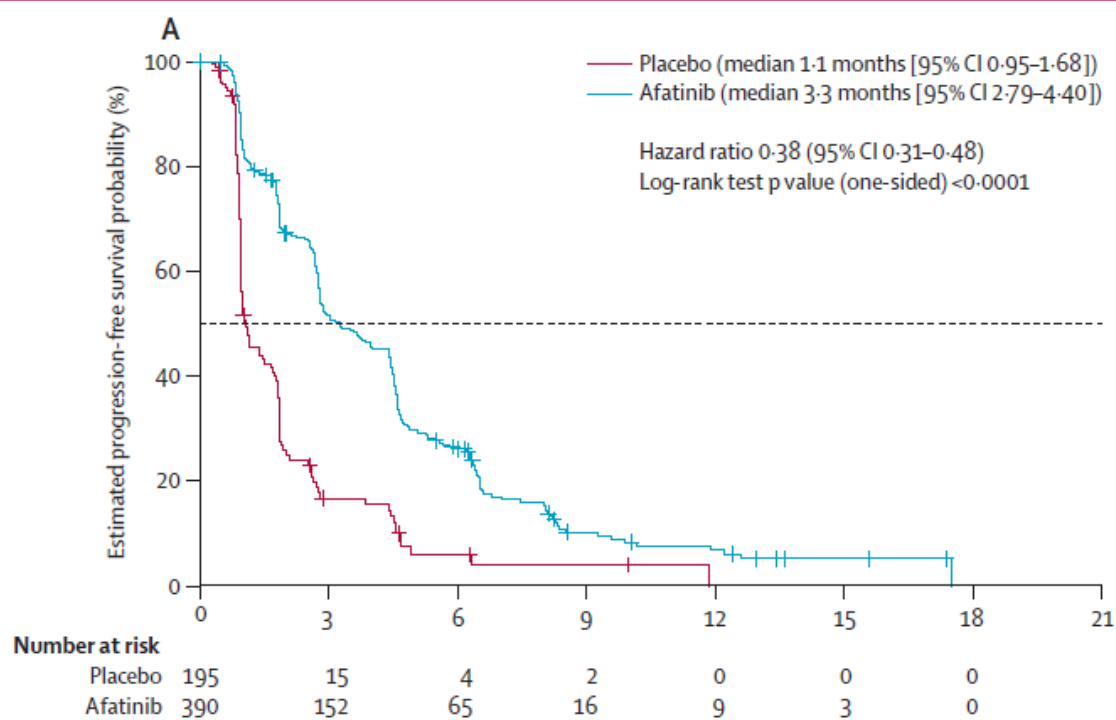
Oral placebo once-daily
plus best supportive care

Primary endpoint: Overall survival (OS)

Secondary: PFS, RECIST response, QoL (LC13 & C30), safety

Miller VA, et al, Lancet Oncol 2012

PFS (independent review)



Number at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Placebo	195	169	142	112	65	33	18	5	0
Afatinib	390	344	283	217	122	69	32	12	0

OS



PF299 (dacomitinib)- Phase II Trial

- PF299804 was self-administered at a dose of 45 mg once daily, continuously
- Pts with advanced NSCLC previously treated with one or two chemotherapy regimens **and erlotinib**

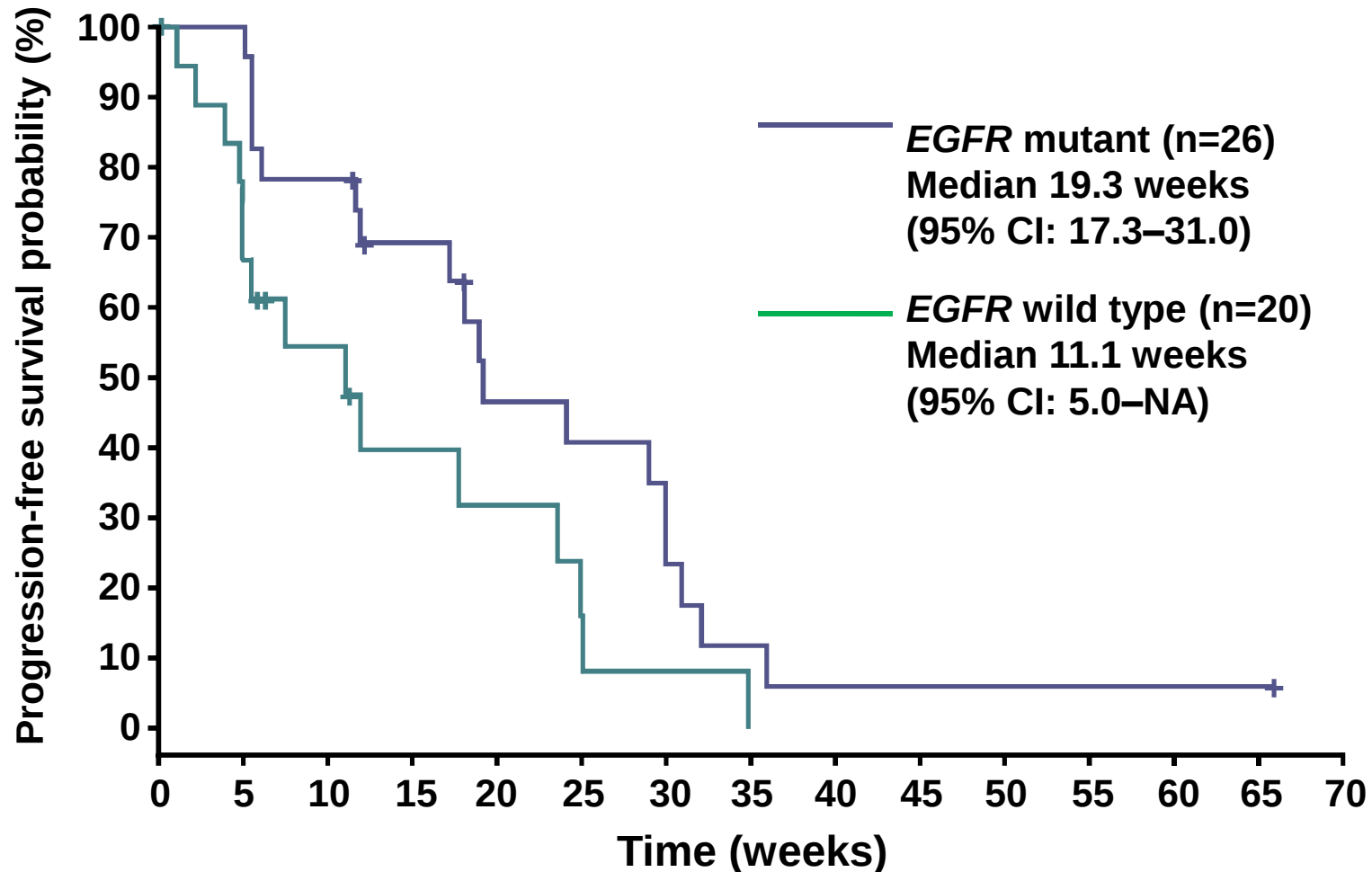


PF299 Patients Characteristics

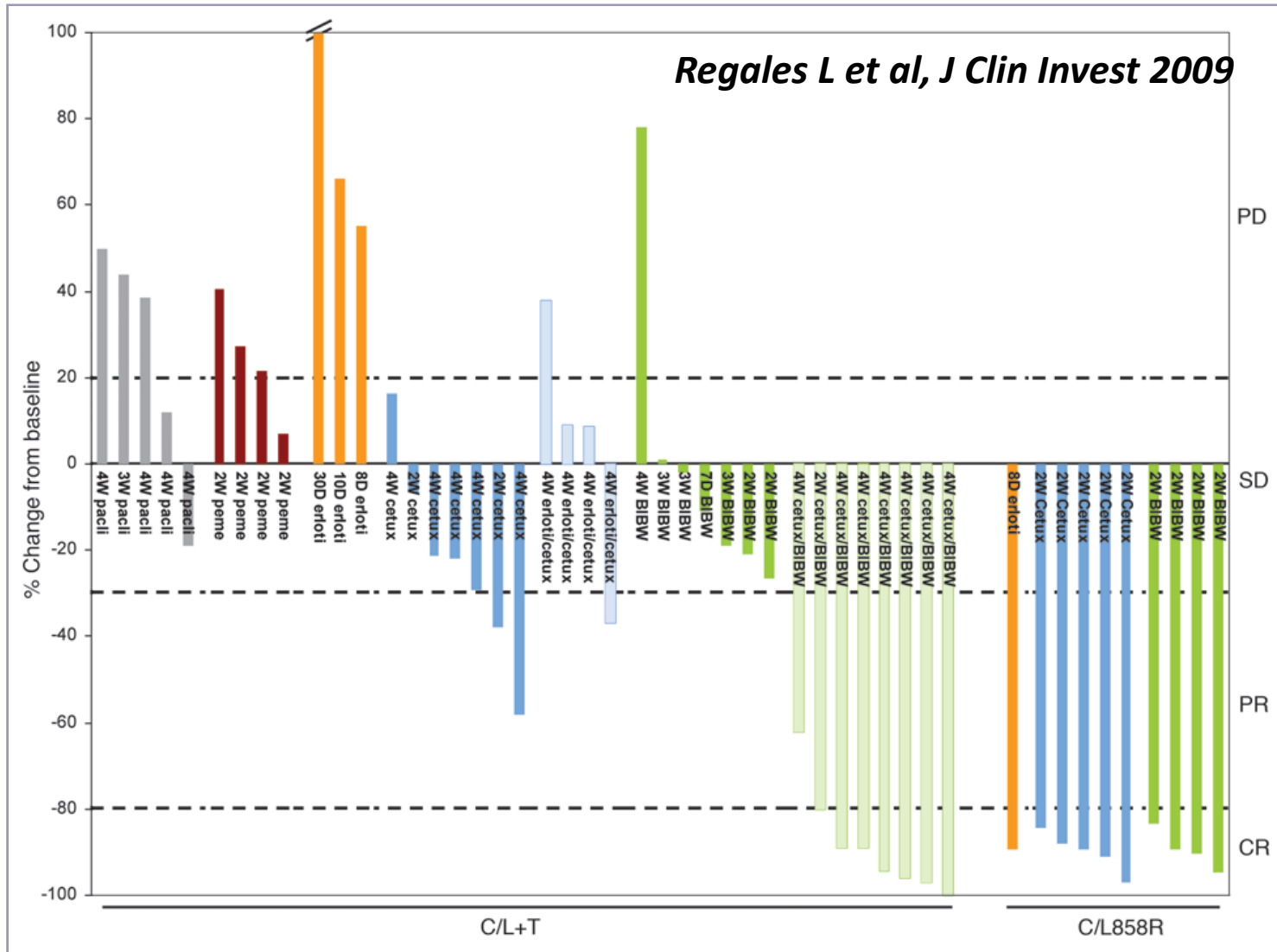
Characteristic	N=66	
	Adenocarcinoma n=50	Nonadenocarcinoma n=16
Mean (range) age, years	60.7 (37–79)	65.0 (50–84)
Gender (male/female), n	15/35	14/2
Smoking history, n (%)		
Never-smoker	27 (54)	3 (19)
Current smoker	1 (2)	2 (13)
Ex-smoker	22 (44)	11 (69)
Mutational status, n (%)		
<i>KRAS</i> wt	50 (100)	16 (100)
<i>EGFR</i> wt	11 (22)	9 (56)
<i>EGFR</i> exon 19	13 (26)	1 (6)
<i>EGFR</i> exon 20	3 (6)	1 (6)
<i>EGFR</i> exon 21	7 (14)	0
<i>EGFR</i> sensitizing mutation and <i>T790M</i>	7 (14)	0
<i>EGFR</i> mutation not specified	1 (2)	0
<i>EGFR</i> unknown	8 (16)	5 (31)
Prior chemotherapy treatment, n (%)		
1 regimen	4 (8)	1 (6)
2 regimens	18 (36)	8 (50)
≥3 regimens	28 (56)	7 (44)



Progression-free Survival According to *EGFR* Mutation Status

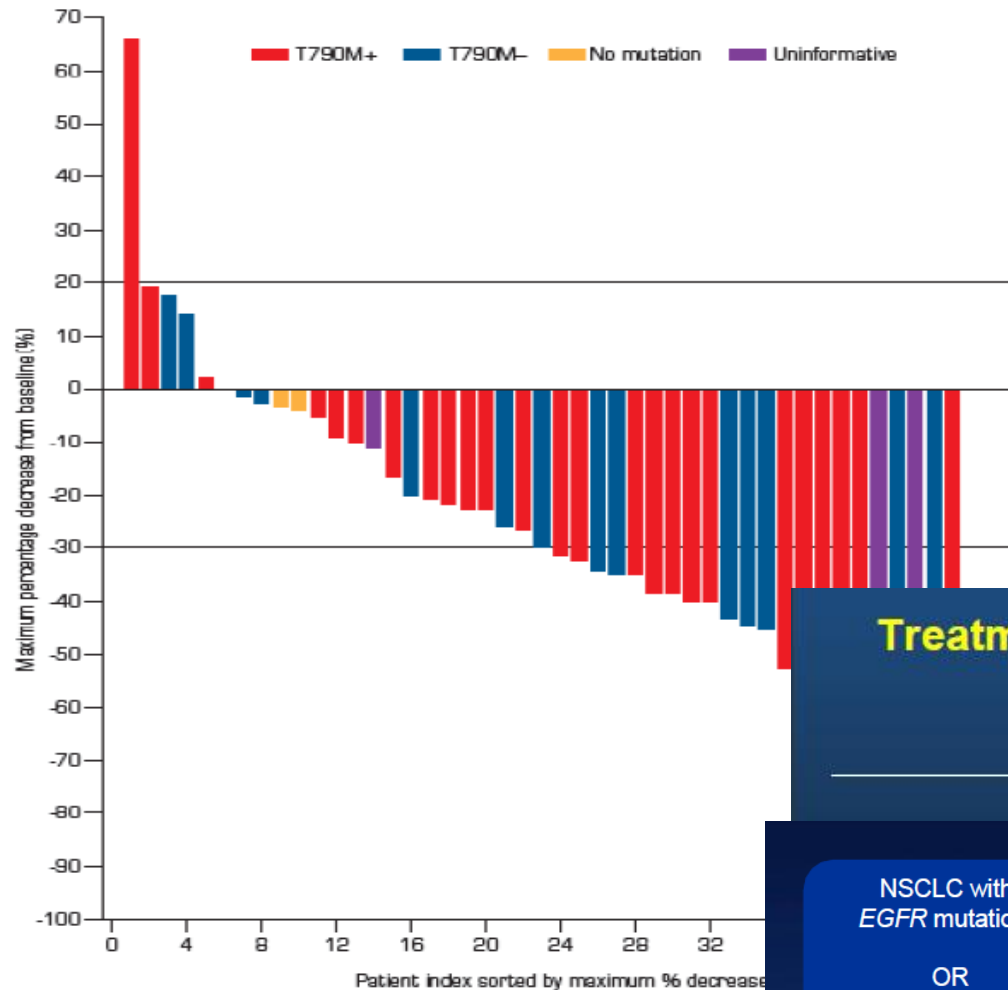


Dual Targeting of EGFR





Phase IB Afatinib and Cetuximab



Treatment Responses by T790M Mutation Status at Recommended Dose

NSCLC with *EGFR* mutation¹

OR

SD ≥ 6 months with erlotinib/gefitinib

OR

Partial or complete response to erlotinib/gefitinib

Disease progression²

Stop erlotinib/gefitinib for ≥ 72 hours³

Dose escalation schema 3–6 patients per cohort

Afatinib p.o. daily + escalating doses of i.v. cetuximab q 2 weeks

Dose levels starting at: afatinib 40 mg + cetuximab 250 mg/m²

Predefined maximum dose: afatinib 40 mg + cetuximab 500 mg/m²

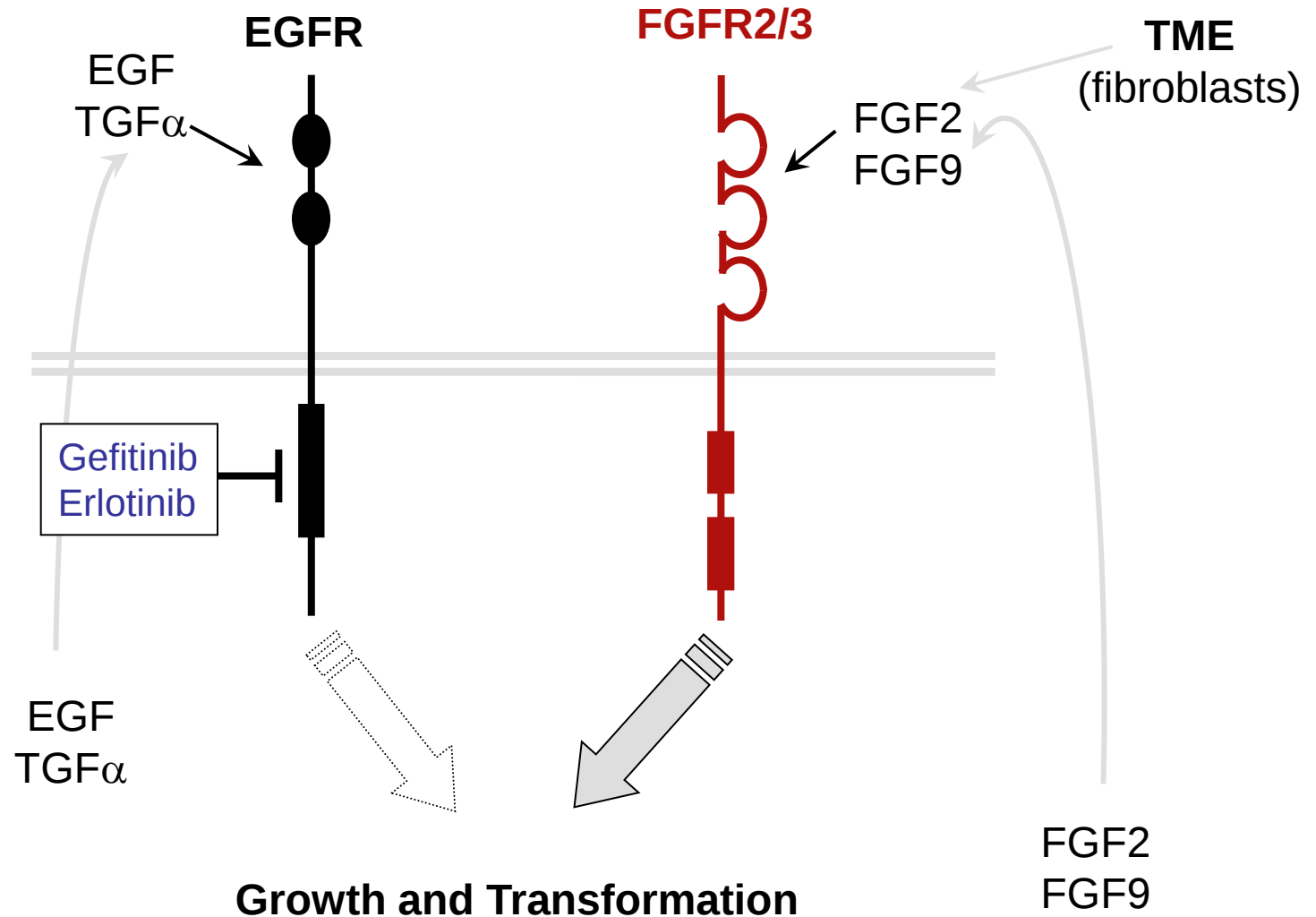
MTD cohort expanded up to 80 *EGFR* mutation-positive patients⁴: 40 T790M+ and 40 T790M–

Horn L et al, IASLC 2011



Other targets

FGFR Autocrine/Paracrine Loop



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Three of nine EGFR mutant NSCLC cell lines acquire EGFR TKI-resistance through induction of FGF2 and FGFR1

Cell Line	EGFR genotype	Resistance	Resistance Mechanism
H1650	E746-A750 del	Gefitinib resistant	FGF2 and FGFR1 induction
H1975	L858R, T790M	BIBW2992 resistant	IGF1R?
H3255	L858R	Gefitinib resistant	Multi-clonal
HCC827	E746-A750 del	Gefitinib resistant	MET amplification
HCC2279	E746-A750 del	Gefitinib resistant	FGF2 and FGFR1 induction
HCC2935	E746-S752 del, I insert	In process	
HCC4006	L747-A750 del, P insert	Gefitinib resistant	FGF2 and FGFR1 induction
HCC4011	L858R	In process	
PC9	E746-A750 del	Gefitinib resistant	T790M

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Phase I Study of FGFR TKI + Erlotinib

Study: Design

Part 1: MTD determination

Patients:

- Clinically selected
 - Advanced solid malignancies
 - Refractory to SoC or no SoC available

PK data collected

Escalating doses of erlotinib (50-150mg/day po) and FGFR TKI up to RP2D

1 cycle = 4 weeks
Scans every 2 cycles

Part 2:

Patients: advanced stage adenocarcinoma

- Molecularly defined
- No limit on prior regimens

Efficacy and single-/multi-dose PK data collected

EGFR activating mutations

EGFR wt
(excluding *KRAS* mut and *ALK*+))

Study sites are Univ. Colorado, one or more sites in Asia and one or more other SPORE sites.



Rationale for Hsp90 inhibition in NSCLC

- NSCLC with activating mutations in EGFR
 - Mutated EGFR is a sensitive client protein of Hsp90
 - Both T790M and Met amplification are susceptible to Hsp90 inhibition (Park et al, Abstract 2450 AACR Annual Meeting 2008)
- NSCLC containing wild type EGFR
 - Many NSCLC cell lines are sensitive to Hsp90 inhibitors in vitro
 - Multiple proteins important in the progression of NSCLC are client proteins of Hsp90
 - HER2
 - p-AKT
 - EML4-ALK
 - c-RAF



Study Design

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Phase II Study Population

- ▶ Previously treated stage IIIb or IV NSCLC
 - ▶ ≥ 2 lines of chemotherapy
- ▶ Prior EGFR TKI therapy if *EGFR* is mutated
 - ▶ WHO PS ≤ 2

AUY922 70 mg/m²
KRAS-activating
mutation
n=28

AUY922 70 mg/m²
EGFR-activating
mutation
n=35

AUY922 70 mg/m²
EGFR/KRAS/ALK
wild type
n=33

AUY922 70 mg/m²
ALK+
n=22

Bayesian design:

Primary endpoint – efficacy classified as 3 categories (mutually exclusive):

1. Response (CR or PR) or 2. SD at 18 weeks or 3. No clinical benefit (NCB)

Secondary endpoints – efficacy (OS, or PFS) and PK, safety/tolerability

Null hypothesis (no efficacy): response $\leq 5\%$, and NCB $\geq 85\%$

Alternative hypothesis (efficacious): response $\geq 10\%$ ($\geq 20\%$ for ALK+ arm), or NCB $\leq 60\%$ ($\leq 40\%$ for ALK+ arm)

CR, complete response; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PK, pharmacokinetics; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; WHO PS, World Health Organization performance status.

Results: Patient Demographics and Disease Characteristics



Demographic or characteristic	<i>KRAS</i> -mut (n=28)	<i>EGFR</i> -mut (n=35)	<i>EGFR/KRAS/</i> <i>ALK</i> wt (n=33)	<i>ALK</i> + (n=22)	All* (N=121)
Age (median), years	60	63	63	53	60
Sex (male), %	17 (61)	10 (29)	15 (45)	7 (32)	52 (43)
WHO PS					
0	10 (36)	13 (37)	10 (30)	9 (41)	43 (36)
1	18 (64)	19 (54)	20 (61)	11 (50)	70 (58)
2	0 (0)	3 (9)	3 (9)	2 (9)	8 (7)
Histology					
Adenocarcinoma	23 (82)	32 (91)	27 (82)	20 (91)	105 (87)
Squamous cell carcinoma	1 (4)	0 (0)	2 (6)	0 (0)	3 (2)
Other	4 (14)	3 (9)	4 (12)	2 (9)	13 (11)
Prior regimens					
1	1 (4)	3 (9)	0 (0)	1 (5)	5 (4)
2	8 (29)	13 (37)	16 (48)	5 (23)	42 (35)
3	14 (50)	11 (31)	4 (12)	7 (32)	38 (31)
≥4	5 (18)	8 (23)	13 (39)	9 (41)	36 (30)
Prior <i>ALK</i> inhibitor (crizotinib)	NA	NA	NA	14 (64)	NA
Prior <i>EGFR</i> TKI	NA	34 (97)	NA	NA	NA
Erlotinib		30 (86)			
Gefitinib		4 (11)			
None		1 (3)			

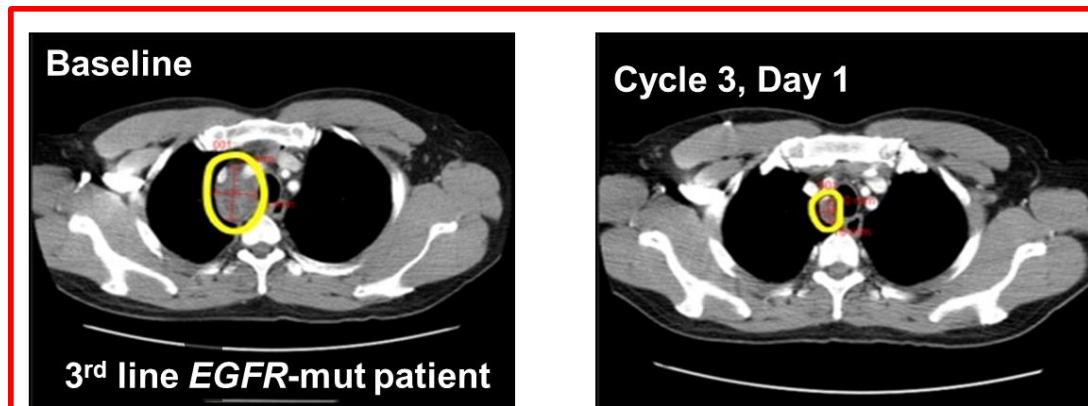
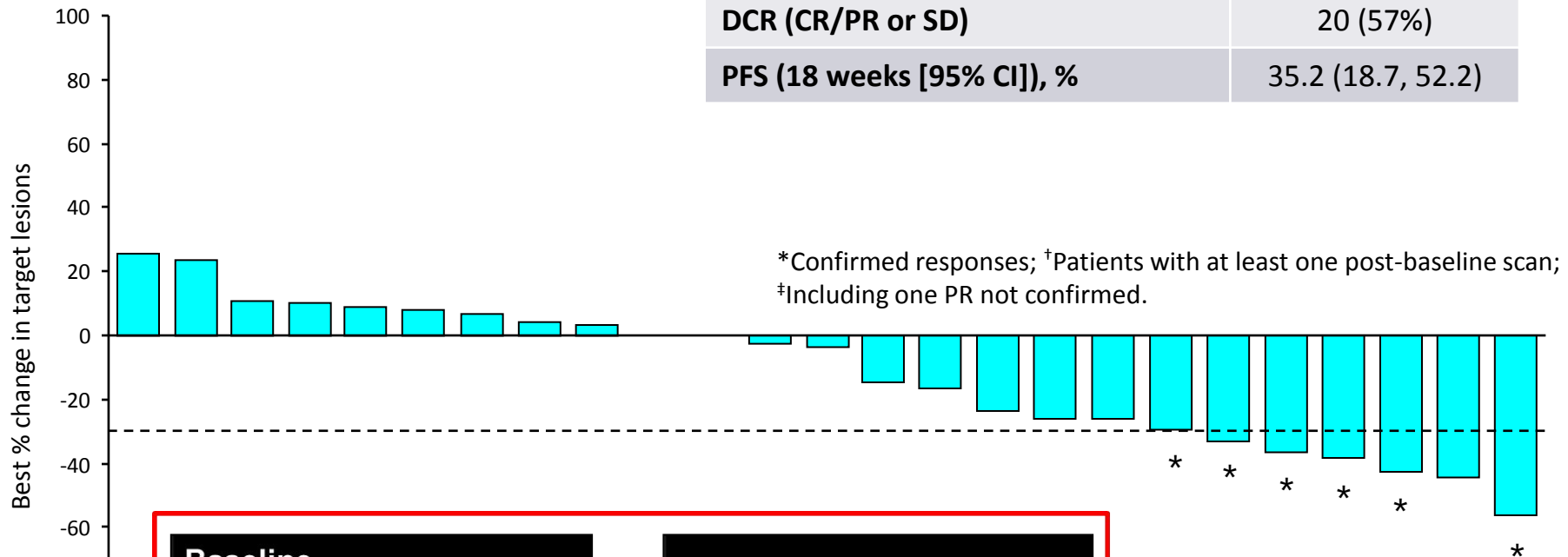
Shaw A et al, ESMO 2012

*Includes unknown genotype patients (n=3; stratum not listed); NA, not applicable; wt, wild type.

Best CT Response:

EGFR-mutant Patients (n=25[†]/35)

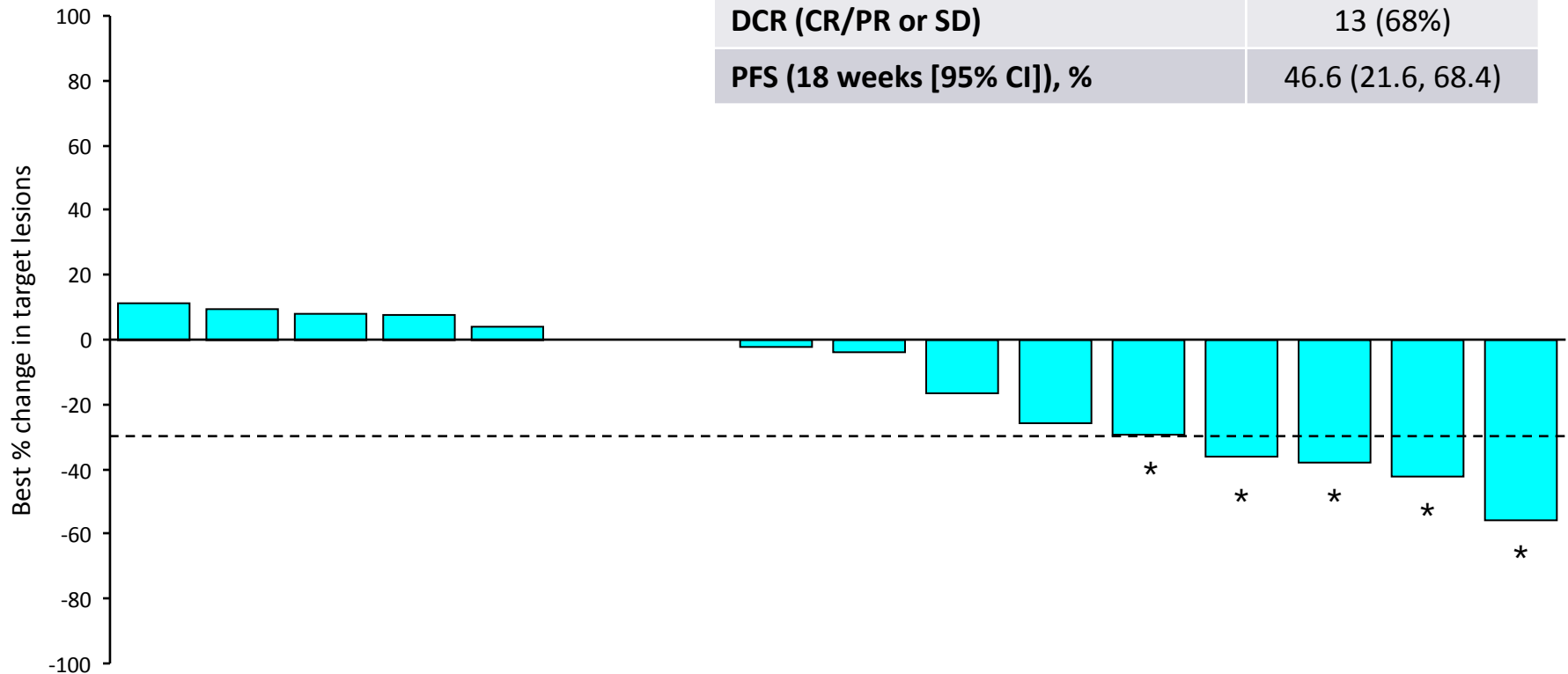
<i>EGFR</i> -mutant (n=35)	
ORR (any PR)	7 (20%) [‡]
DCR (CR/PR or SD)	20 (57%)
PFS (18 weeks [95% CI]), %	35.2 (18.7, 52.2)





Best CT Response: *EGFR*-mutant Patients with EGFR TKI as Part of Their Last Regimen (n= 16[†]/19)

<i>EGFR</i> -mutant with TKI as part of last regimen (n=19)	
ORR (any PR)	5 (26%)
DCR (CR/PR or SD)	13 (68%)
PFS (18 weeks [95% CI]), %	46.6 (21.6, 68.4)



*Confirmed responses; [†]Patients with at least one post-baseline scan.



Conclusion

- More information and details are needed about this issue
- Unfortunately, at the present time, only chemotherapy is approved in this setting
- Whenever is possible, please contribute to implement knowledge increasing re-biopsies at the time of resistance and including pts in dedicated trials

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