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Omic Driven Systemic Treatments



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(Gen)-Omic Profiling and (Lung) Cancer

Why Doing Tumor Genomic Profiling?

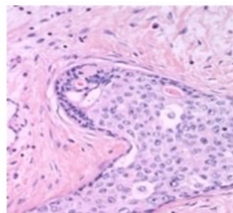
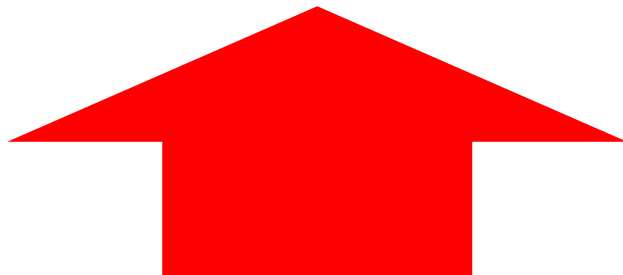
Therapeutic information:

- characteristics of tumors / biomarkers that predict **response** to therapies
- characteristics of tumors / biomarkers that predict **resistance** to therapies

Prognostic information

Diagnostic information

Characterizing the tumor to find vulnerabilities – and then targeting or exploiting those vulnerabilities



Somatic (Tumor) Genetics
(Test *tumor cells* in tumor biopsy sample or “liquid biopsy” blood tests)

Germline Genetics
(Blood test looking at *normal cells*)



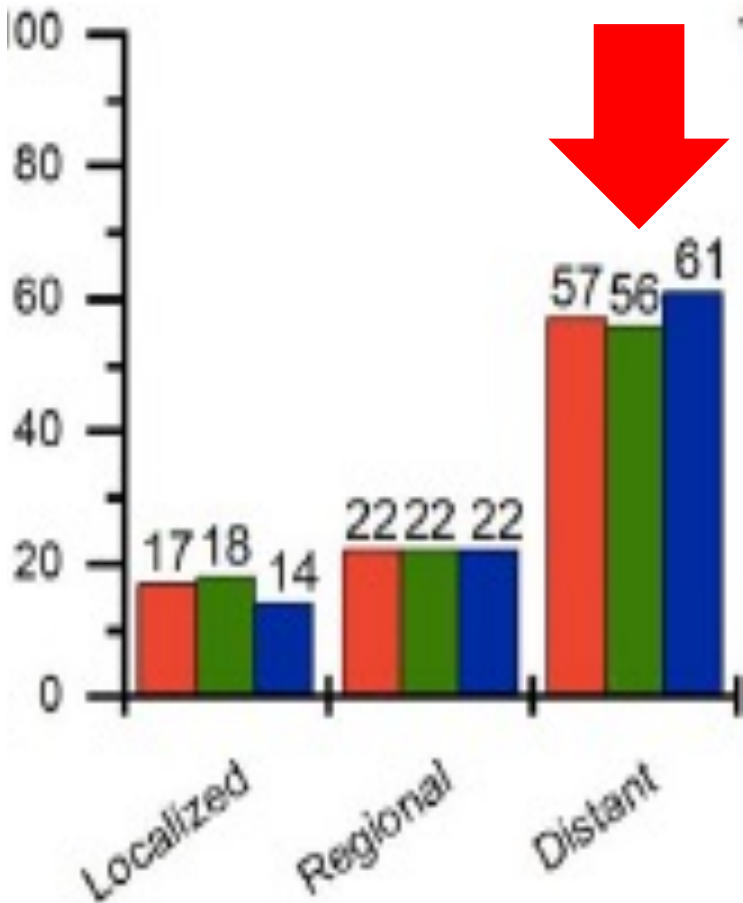
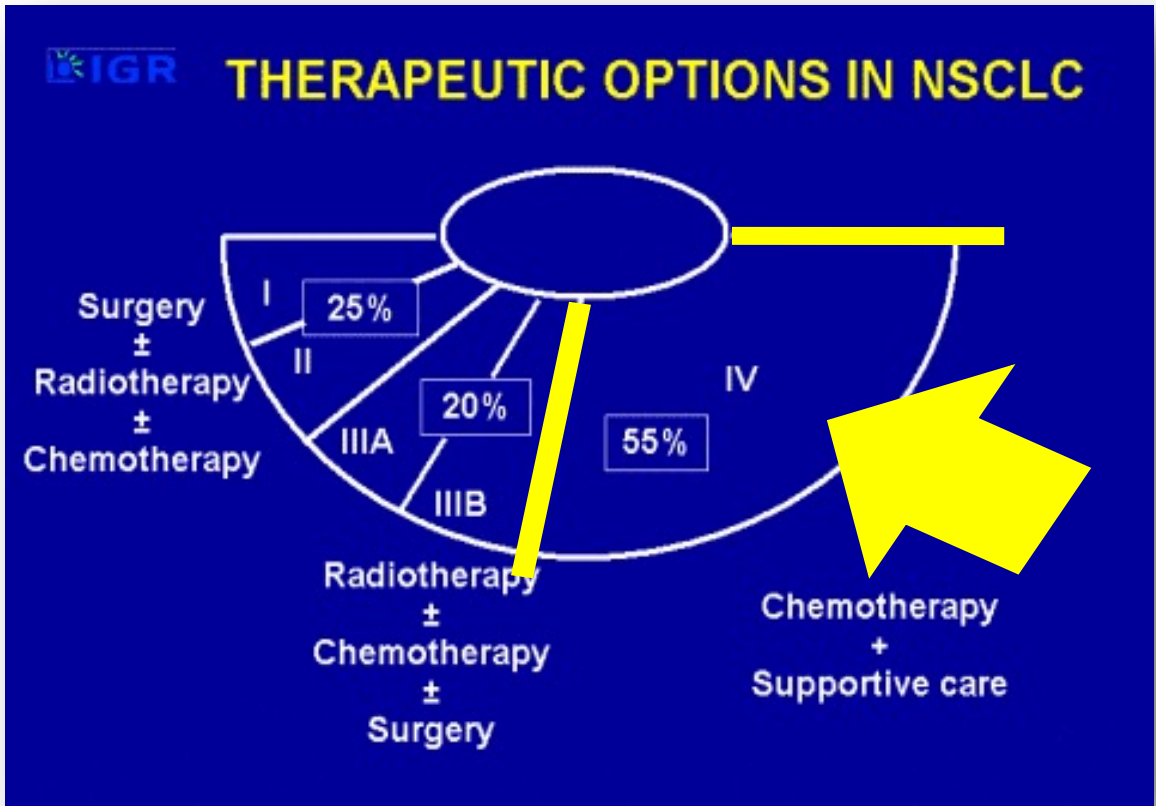
Types of Genomic Profiling

- Profiling DNA vs RNA
- Massively parallel sequencing (NGS) vs hotspot profiling
- Scope of profiling:
 - Whole genome sequencing (WGS)
 - Whole exome sequencing (WES) – 20,000 genes (1% of genome)
 - Multigene Panel – tens to hundreds of genes
 - Single-gene testing

NSCLC: Presentation according to Stage

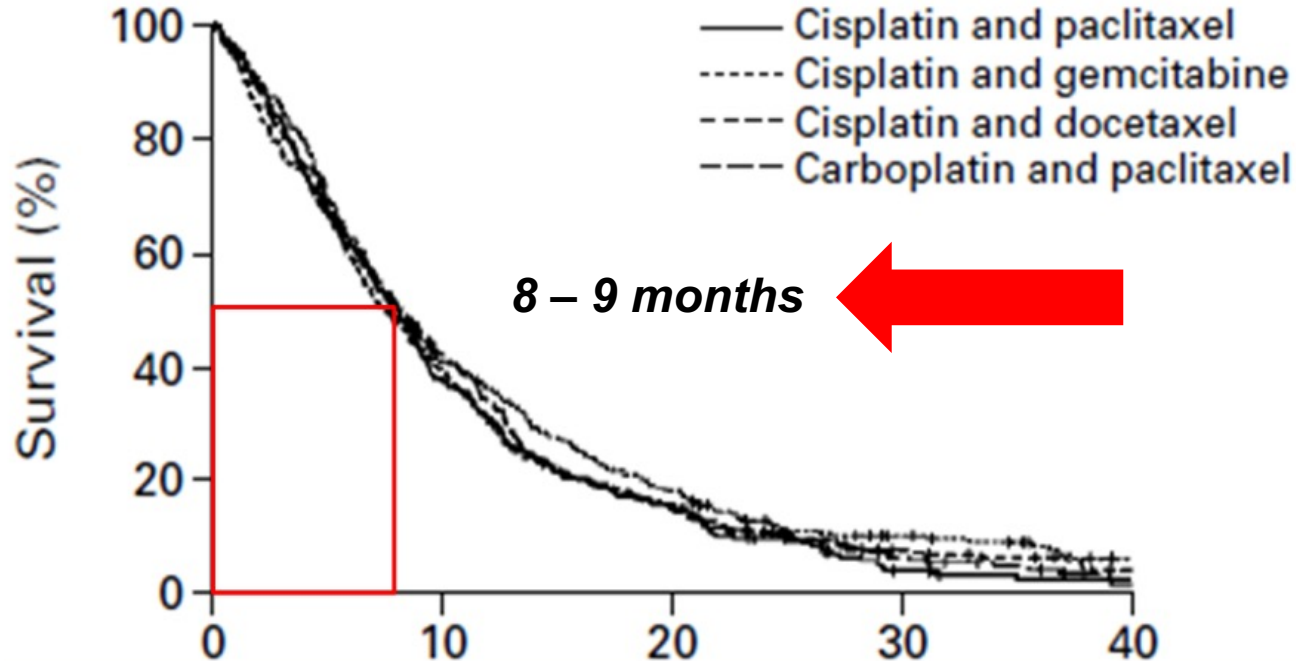
NSCLC Clinical Presentation according to stage [2003]

NSCLC Clinical Presentation according to stage [2021]



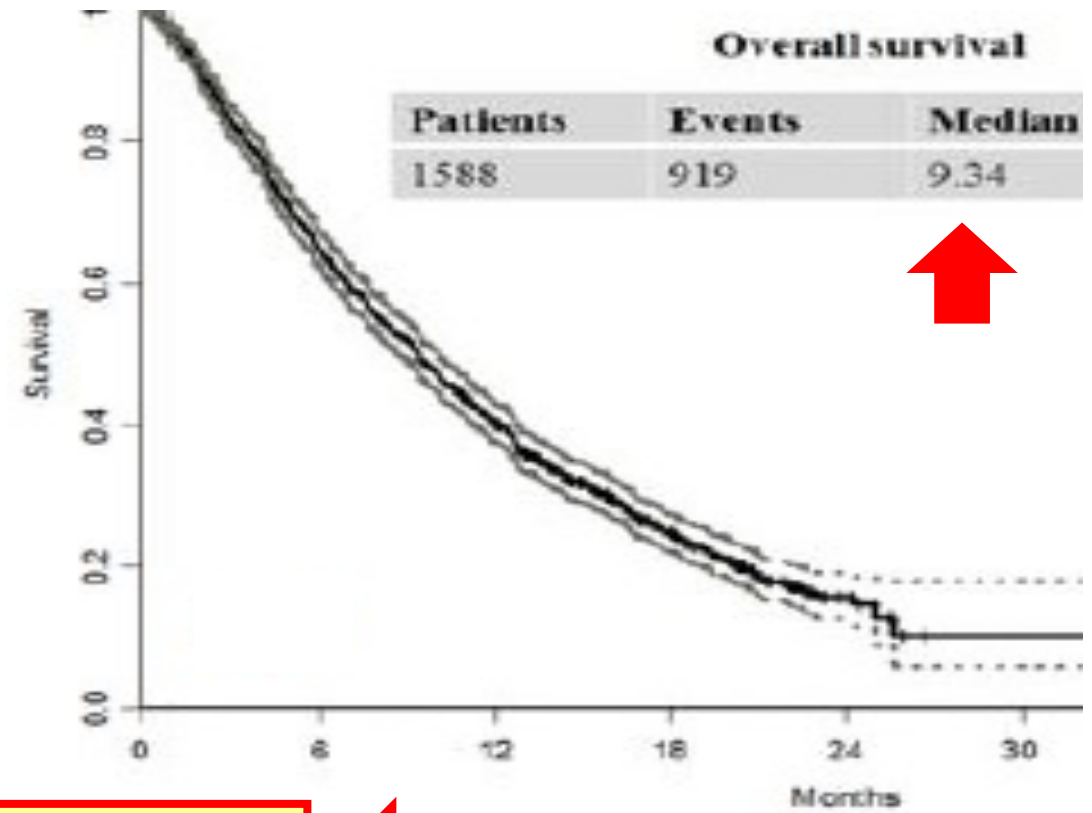
NSCLC Prognosis in late 90s

- Prognosis in Clinical Trials
- 'Modern' Chemo Doublets reaching a '*plateau*'
- If fit, 100% of patients received chemotherapy



Schiller J et al, NEJM 2002

- Italian RWD (38 Centers)
- 88.8% of pts do receiving first-line

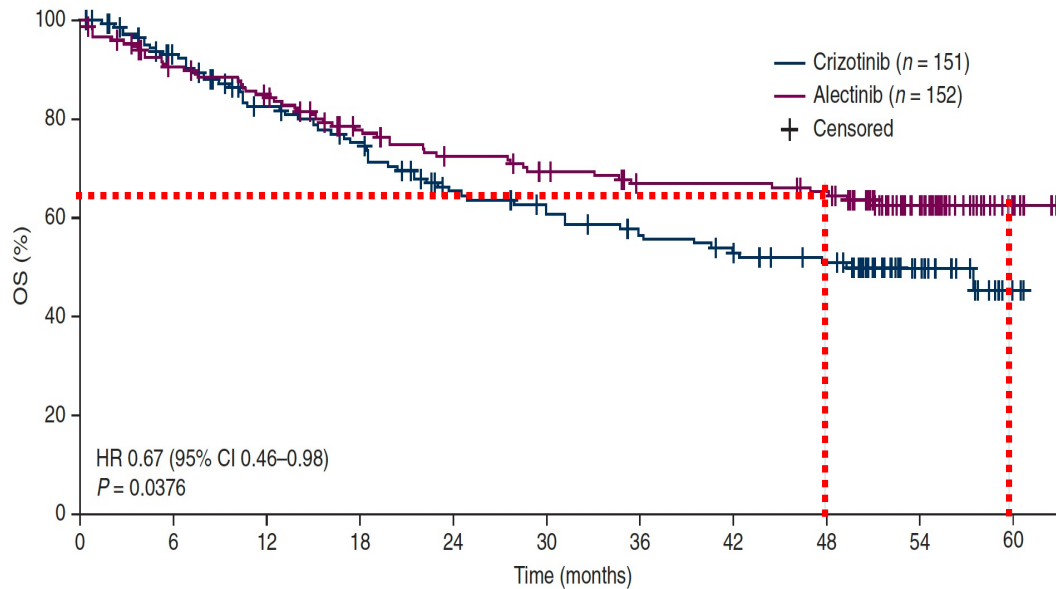


2-trs OS <10%; 4-yrs OS <5%

Stanley KE et al, JNCI 1980

ALK-Driven NSCLC Prognosis Receiving in 2022: OS

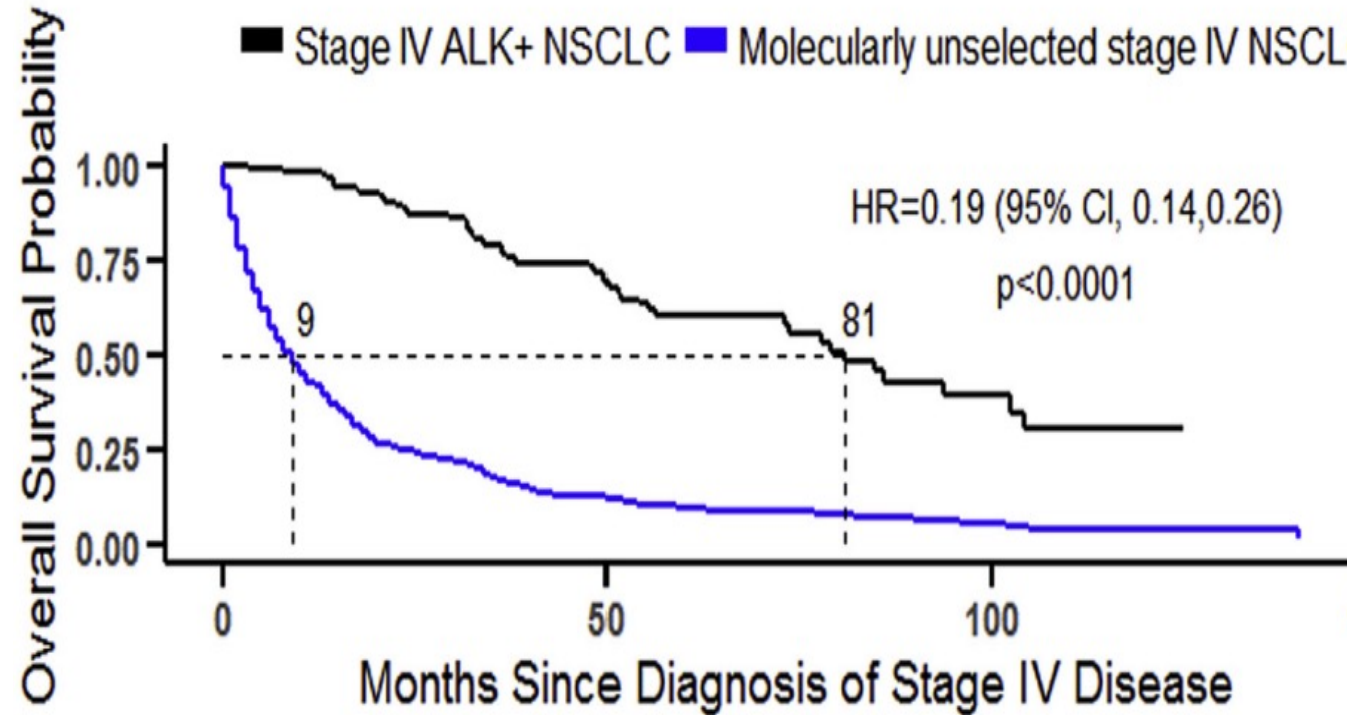
ALEX (Alectinib vs. Crizotinib) Trial



Number at risk

Alectinib	152	142	131	127	120	111	103	98	94	94	88	87	81	81	81	80	77	62	46	23	8
Crizotinib	151	141	128	116	104	100	93	84	73	71	67	63	60	59	55	51	48	35	18	12	3

RWD Colorado University 2004 - 2017

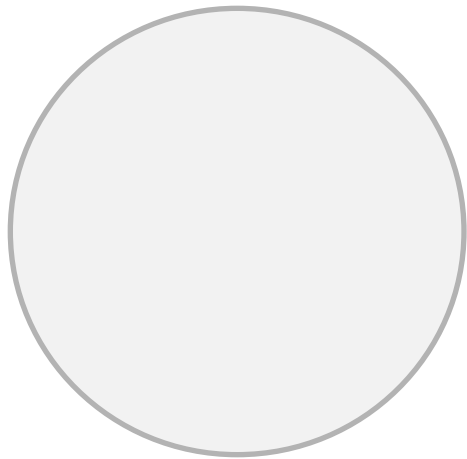


ALK-addicted NSCLC receiving Alectinib or TKIs: Estimated OS @5yrs: 60%

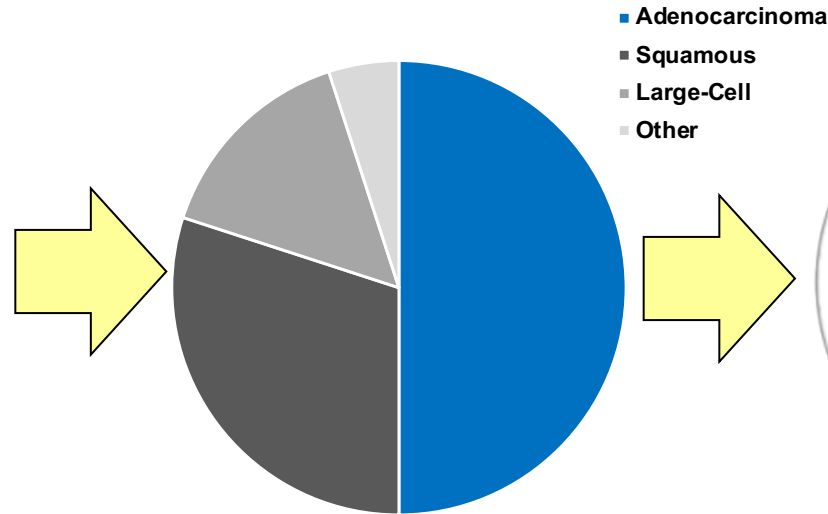
The Evolving View of NSCLC

[NSCLC IS a Heterogenous Disease]

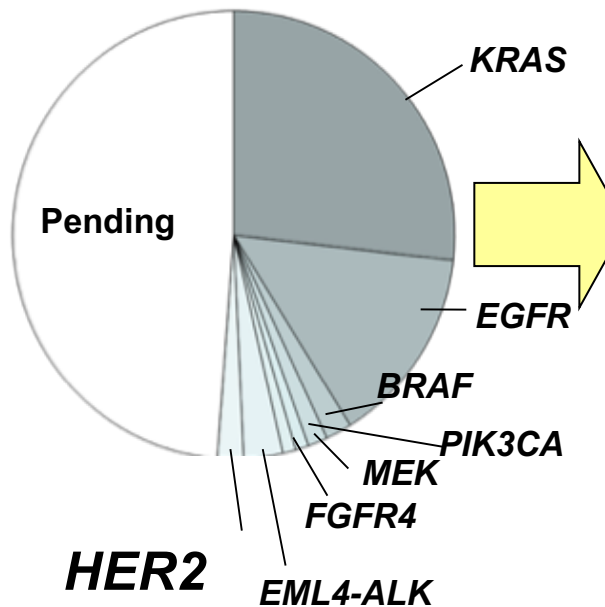
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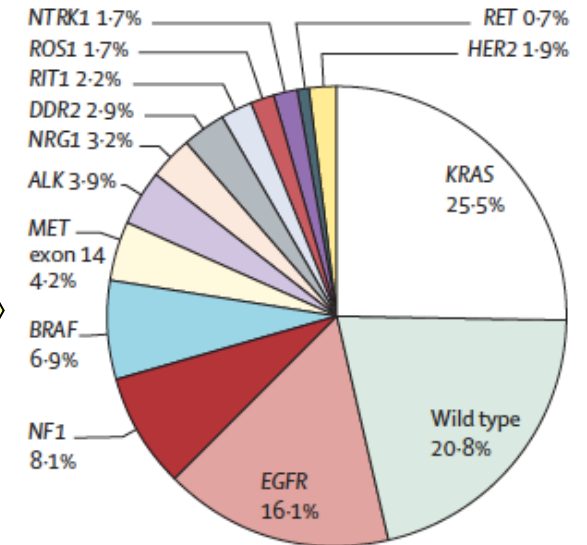
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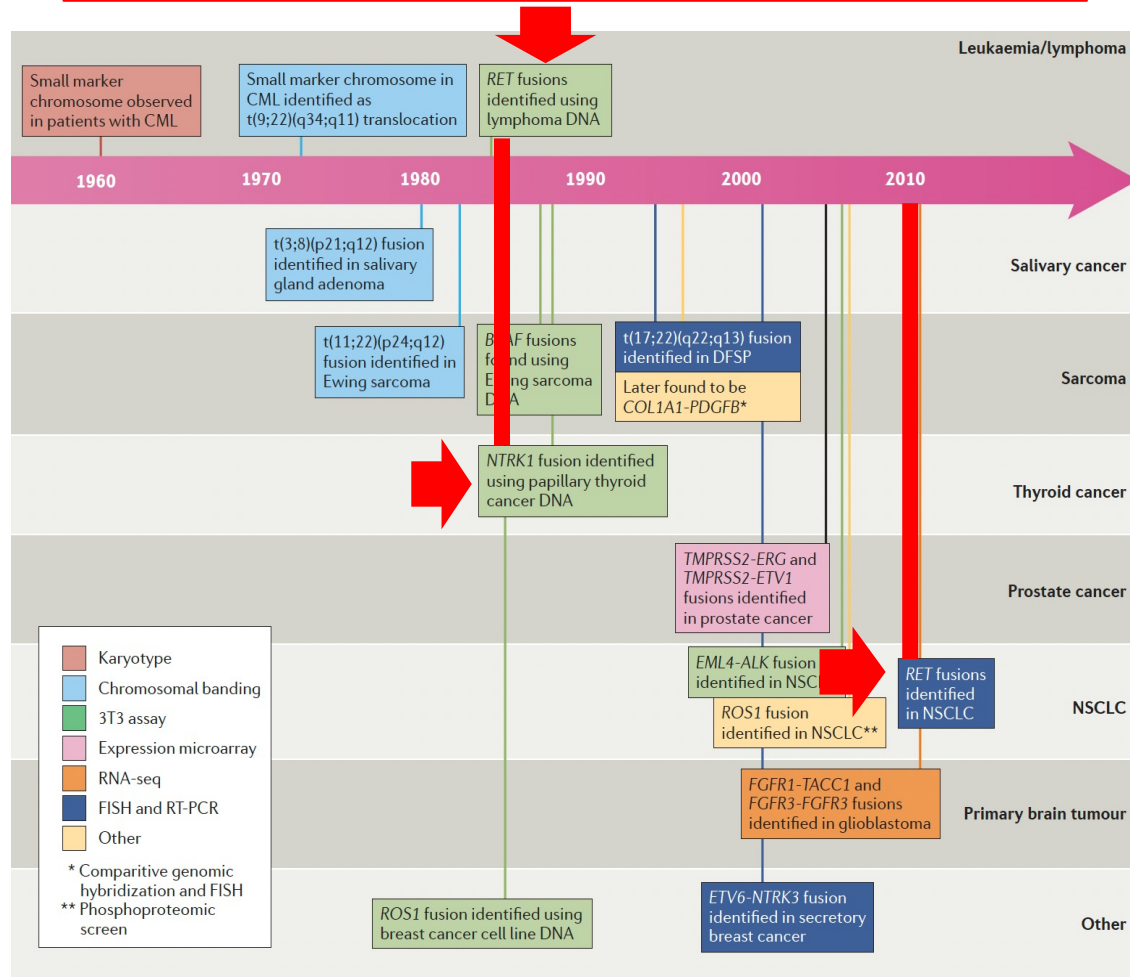
Tumor Morphology

Tumor Histology

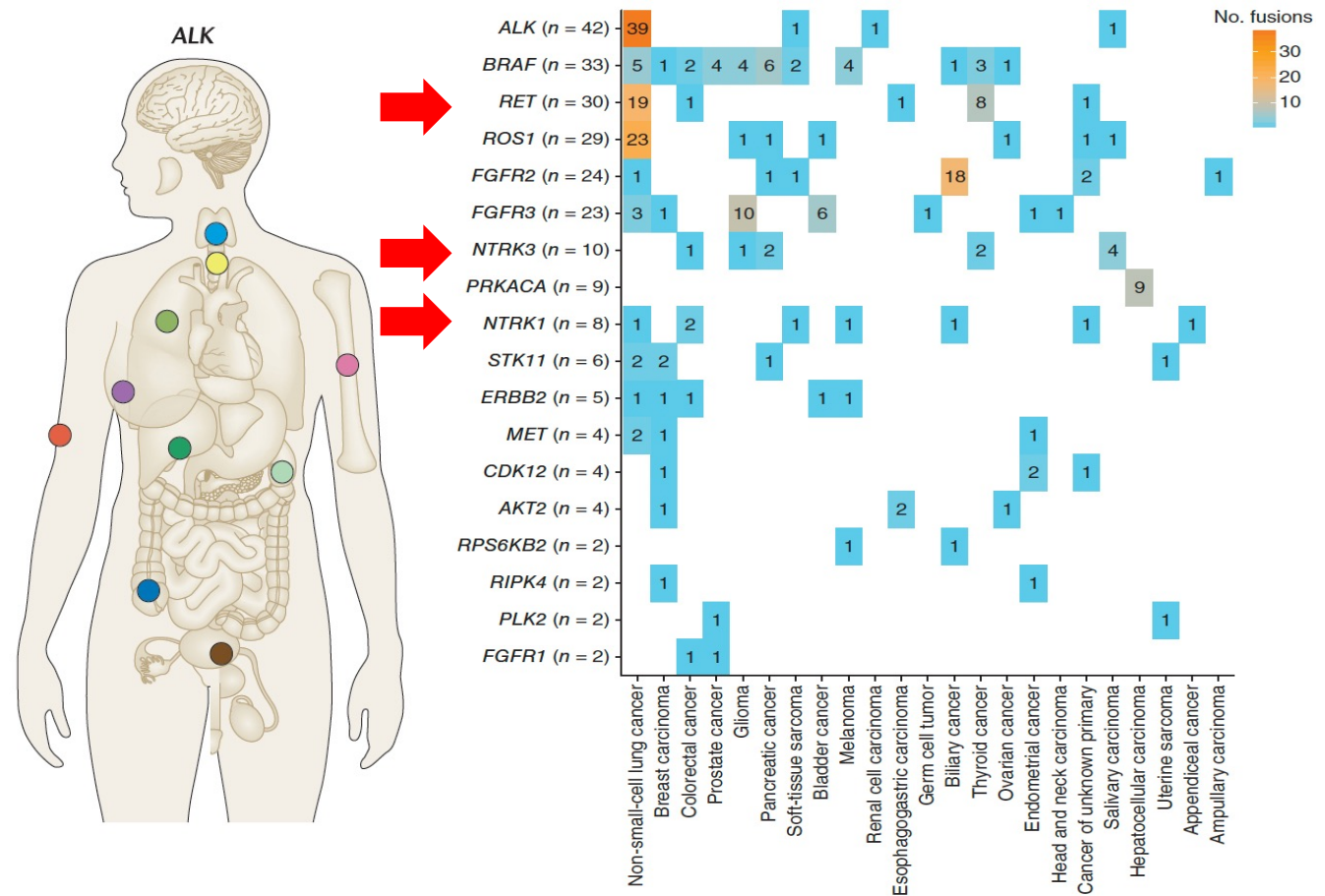
Tumor Genomics

Gene Fusions as Pathogenic Oncological Events

Discovery of Oncogenic fusions: Timeline

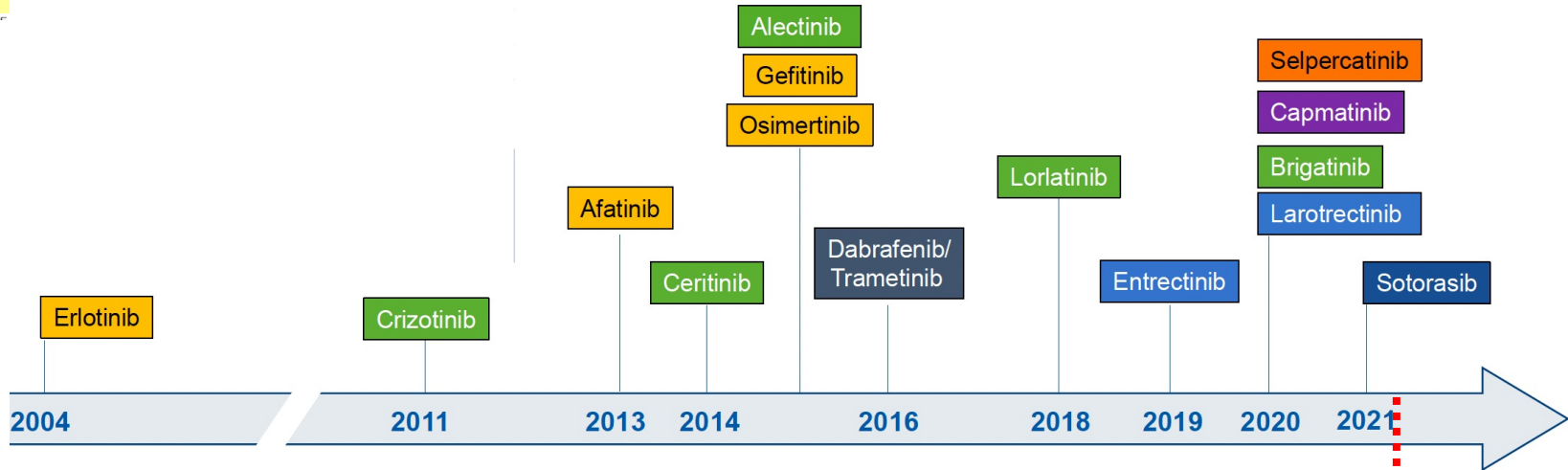
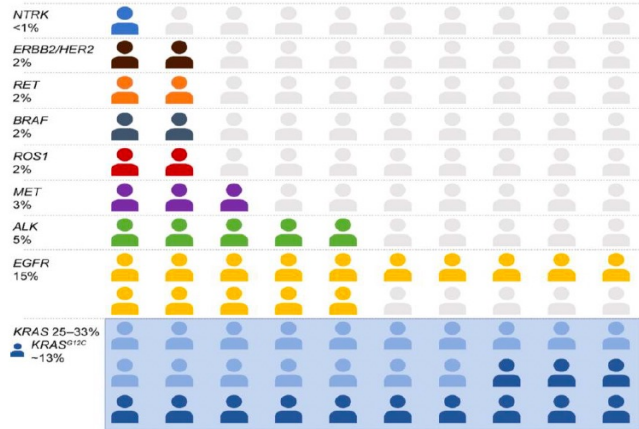


Massive Parallel Sequencing [MSKCC], 15% (1,597/11,369) of pts harbor genomic rearrangements; of these 35% (268 fusions) involved kinase genes



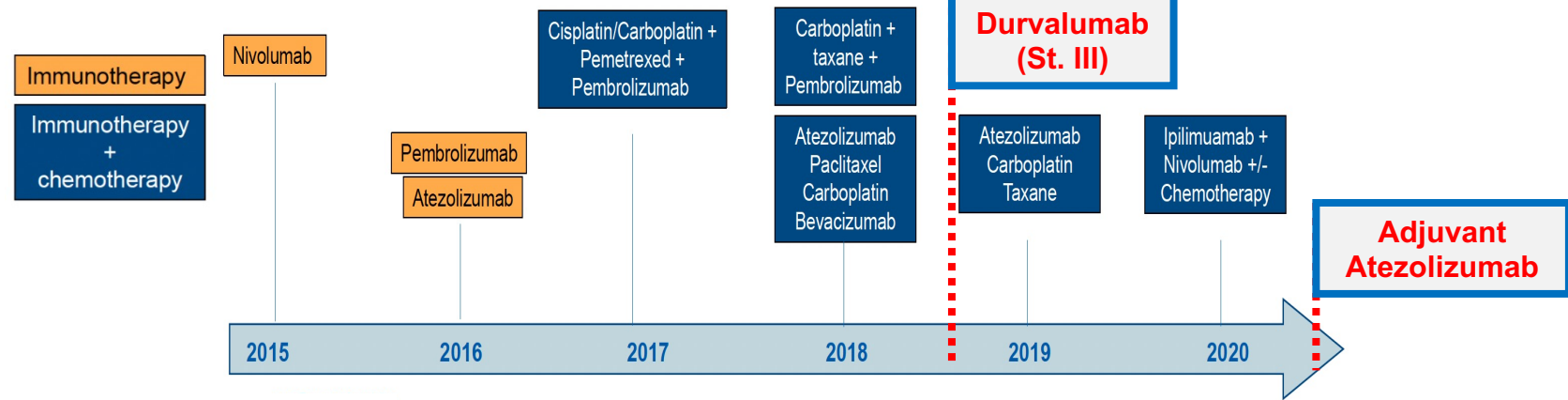
Treatment NSCLC Evolution Overtime: 'Plethora' of Targeted Agents, regardless of the Stage!

Oncogene-Addicted NSCLC



Non-Oncogene-Addicted NSCLC

AGENT	TARGET
Ipilimumab	CTLA-4
Tremelimumab	CTLA-4
Nivolumab*	PD-1
Pembrolizumab*	PD-1
Atezolizumab	PD-L1
Durvalumab	PD-L1
Avelumab	PD-L1



The Evolving View of NSCLC: 'Operative' Classification

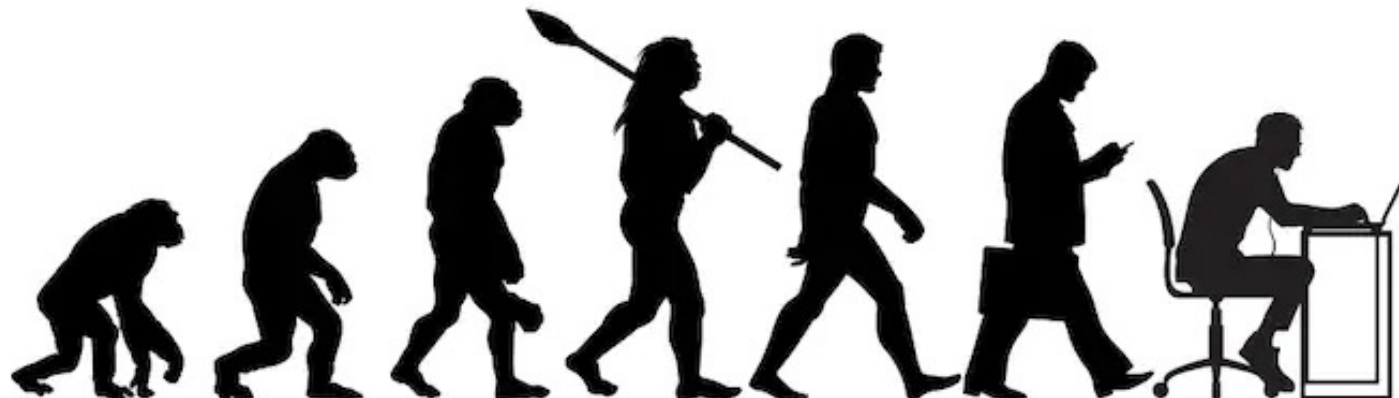
30% of pts

70% of pts

Characteristics	Oncogene Addicted Disease	Non-Oncogene Addicted Disease
Number of Drivers	Single (Dominant) Driver	Multiple Drivers and Passengers
Mutational Load Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB)	Small LOW TMB	Large HIGH TMB
Efficacy of Targeted Therapy (TKIs)	Yes, proven	No, still unproven
Efficacy of Immunotherapy	No, still unproven	Yes, proven
Early Resistance Rate	Low ($\leq 20\%$ at first evaluation)	High ($\geq 50\%$ at first evaluation)
Late Acquired Resistance (same/other pathways)	Always, proven	Few Late Acquired Resistance, unproven (long-term survivors, cured patients?)
Traditional Intermediate End-points Surrogacy (in absence of cross-over)	Yes	No

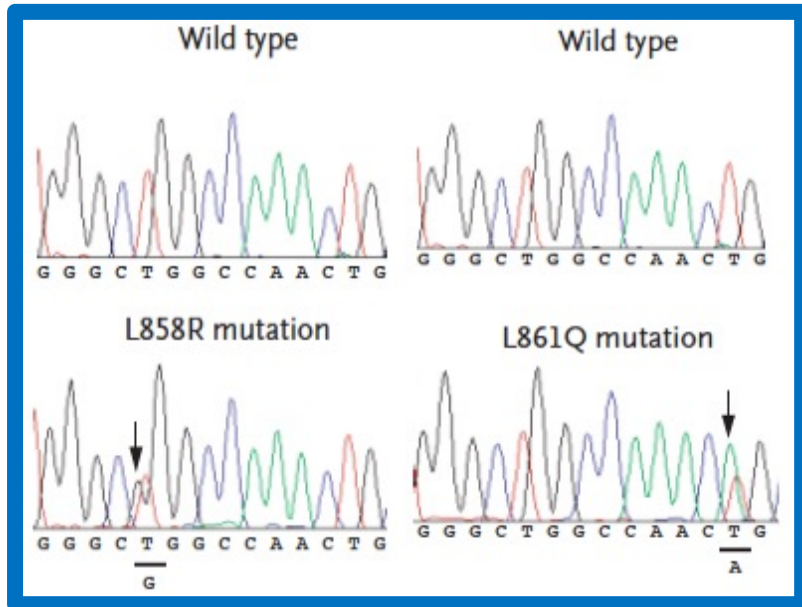
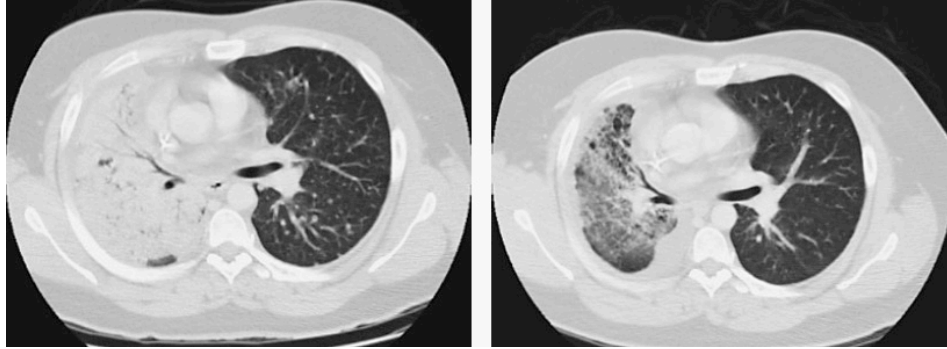
Molecular Biology Behind is crucial for the overall understanding of the clinical behavior of tumors

The Evolving View of NSCLC

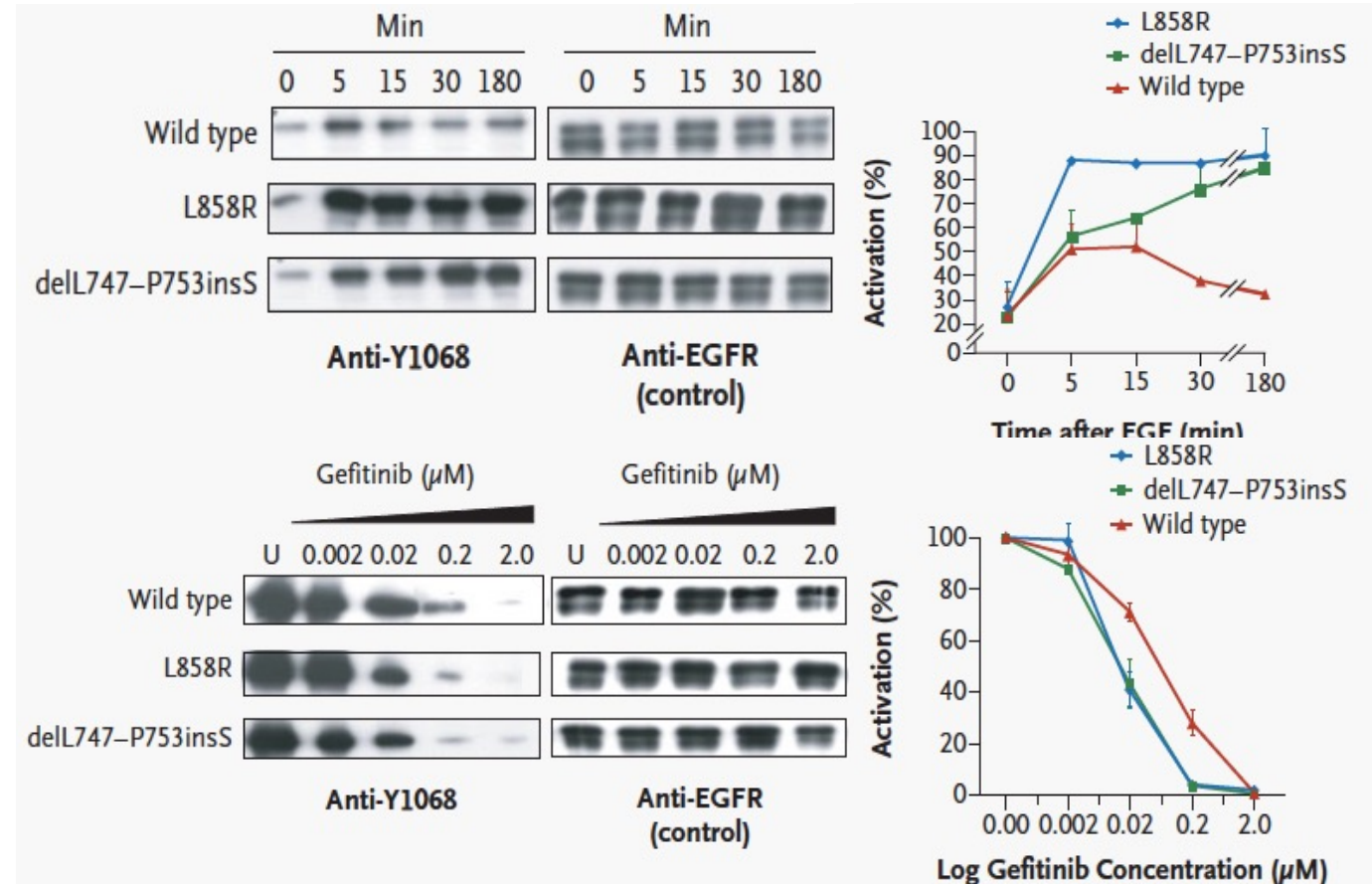


Revolution	Focused on:	Research Strategy:	Trials' Approach:	<u>FINAL</u> Regulatory Approval based upon:
#1 Oncogene Addiction	<u>Tumor</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of Targets/Drivers which leads Tumor progression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomarker-driven with Genomics • Patients' Superselection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase IIIs (<i>EGFR</i>, <i>ALK</i>) • Phase I/IIs (<i>ROS1</i>) • Phase IIs (<i>BRAF</i>)
#2 Immune-Dependence	<u>Patient</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlock Immune-Response against Tumor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Mainly) Unselected Patients' Samples • Immune-dependence evaluated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase IIIs

Mining the Genome of Exceptional Responders



Mutations in the *EGFR* Gene in Gefitinib-Responsive Tumors



Enhanced EGF-Dependent Activation of Mutant EGFR and Increased Sensitivity of Mutant EGFR to Gefitinib

'The Lazarus Response' and Oncogene Addicted NSCLC

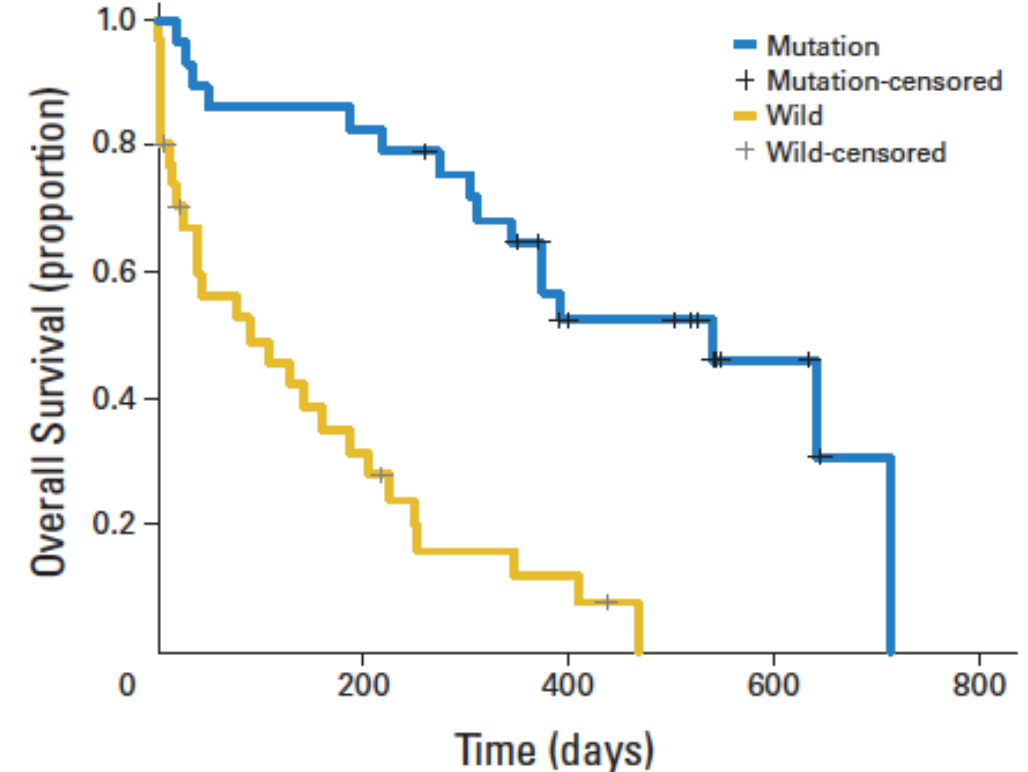


"Four days? Boy, time sure flies when you're dead!"

Multicenter Phase II Study, Poor ECOG PS (2-4), 30 patients

Parameter	Trial		
	Lilenbaum ²⁴	Hesketh ²⁵	Inoue ¹⁴
Performance status	2	2	2-4
Mutation status	Unselected	Unselected	Purely selected
EGFr mutation positive, %	0	NA	100
No. of patients	52	81	30
OR, %	4	8	66
PFS, months	1.9	2.1	6.5
OS, months	6.6	5	17.8

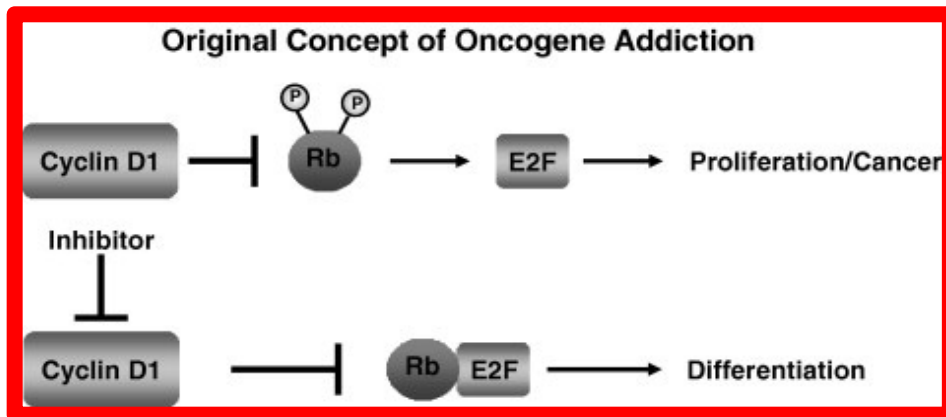
Abbreviations: EGFr, epidermal growth factor receptor; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; OR, overall response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; OS, overall survival.



REVOLUTION #1: Oncogene Addiction

Biological Relevance

- Cancer cells contain multiple genetic and epigenetic abnormalities. *A series of 'Featured Cells' needed a very high level of (a predominant) oncogene to survive.*
 - *Targeting cyclin D1 was enough to arrest the growth of cancer cells overexpressing the protein (that's why addiction)*

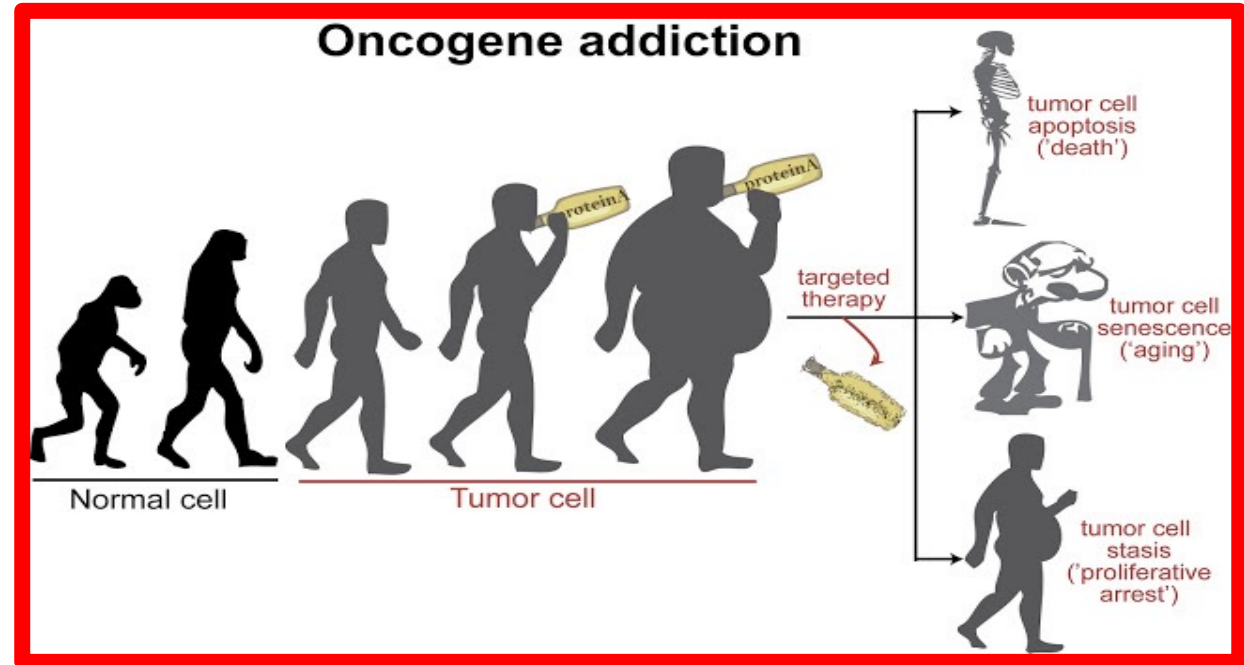


Bernard Weinstein, Columbia University, 1999

Garben K et al, JNCI 2007

Alonzo MM et al, Cancer Letter 2008

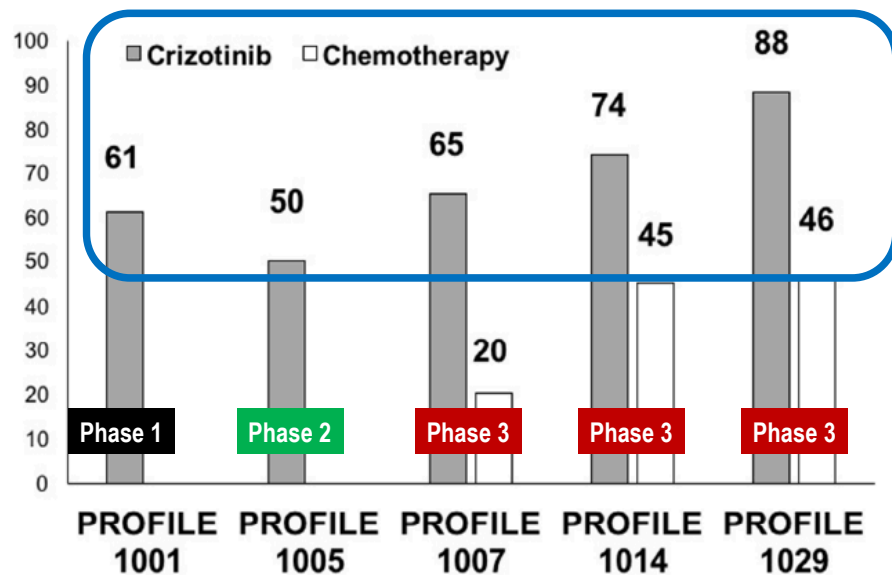
Treatment Opportunities



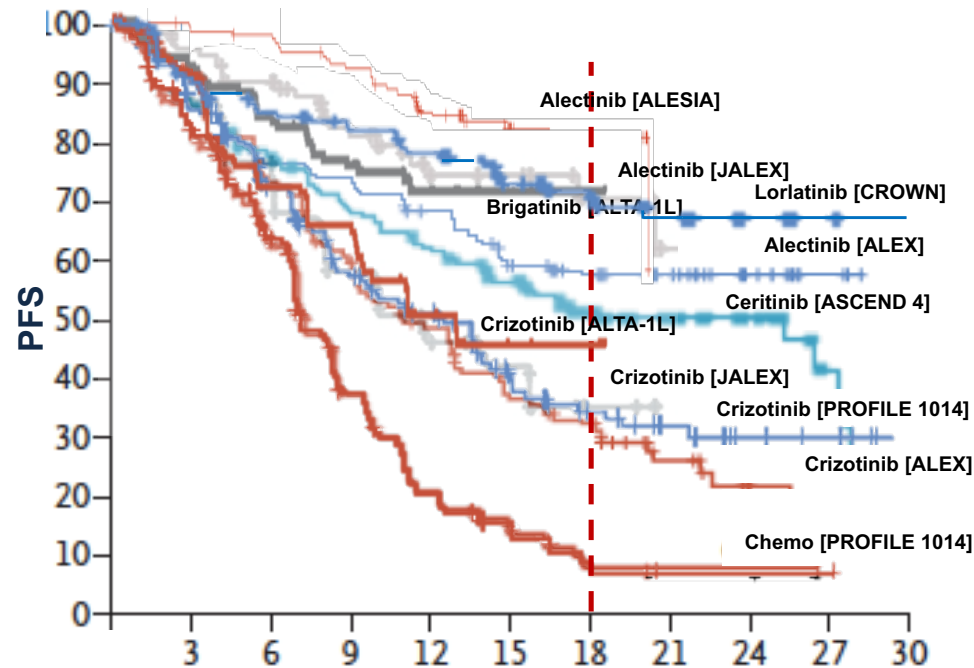
Thus, despite this complexity, tumor growth and survival can often be impaired by the inactivation of a single oncogene (Oncogene Addiction), which, if identified, may represent the rationale for molecular targeted therapy (the Achilles Heel).

ALK De-addiction: Crizotinib Activity across Studies and PFS Improvement due to Newer Upcoming TKIs Overtime

Consistent Activity of Crizotinib (ORR) Across Developmental Phases (from Phase 1 to 3)



Clinical Progress Overtime of ALK-Deaddiction

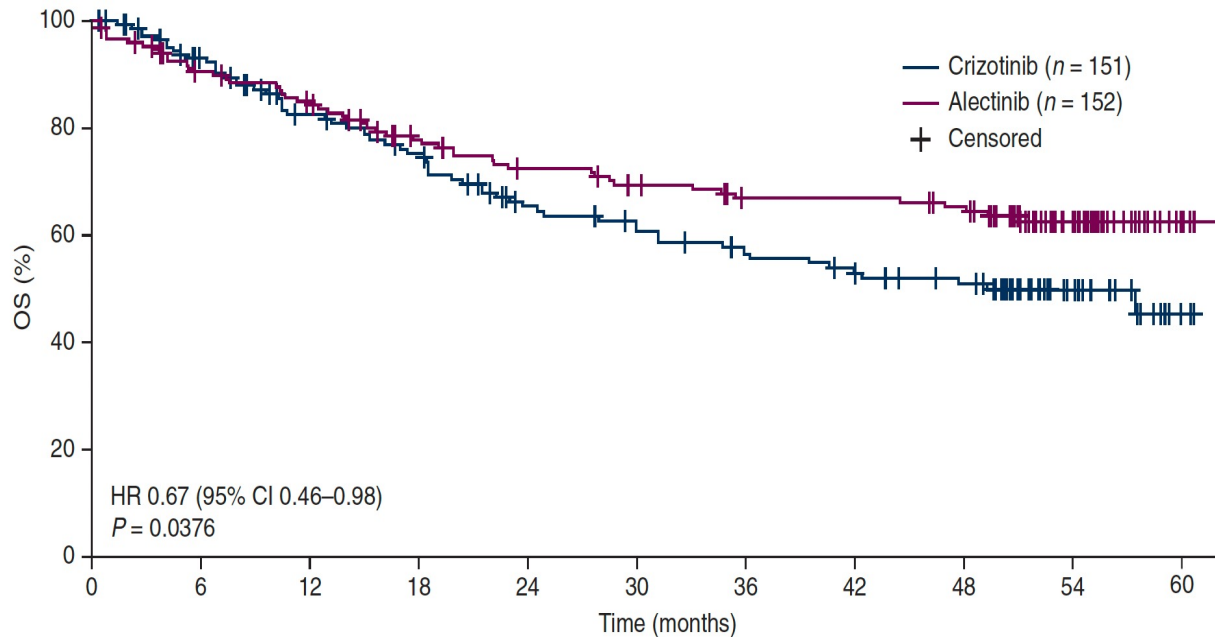


Average PFS (%) at 18 months

57-78%	Alectinib Brigatinib Lorlatinib
50%	Ceritinib
30-45%	Crizotinib
<10%	Best Chemotherapy

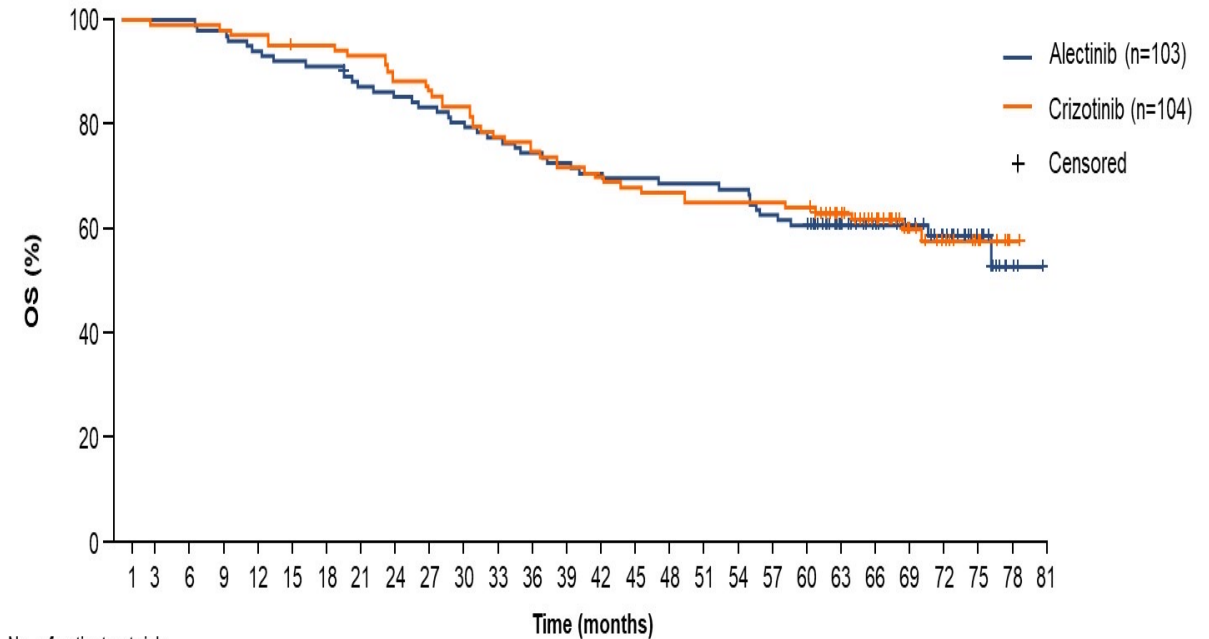
ALK De-Addiction: OS Data with Alectinib in RCTs

ALEX: Survival Update



Number at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60										
Alectinib	152	142	131	127	120	111	103	98	94	88	87	81	81	80	77	62	46	23	8		
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J-ALEX: Final OS

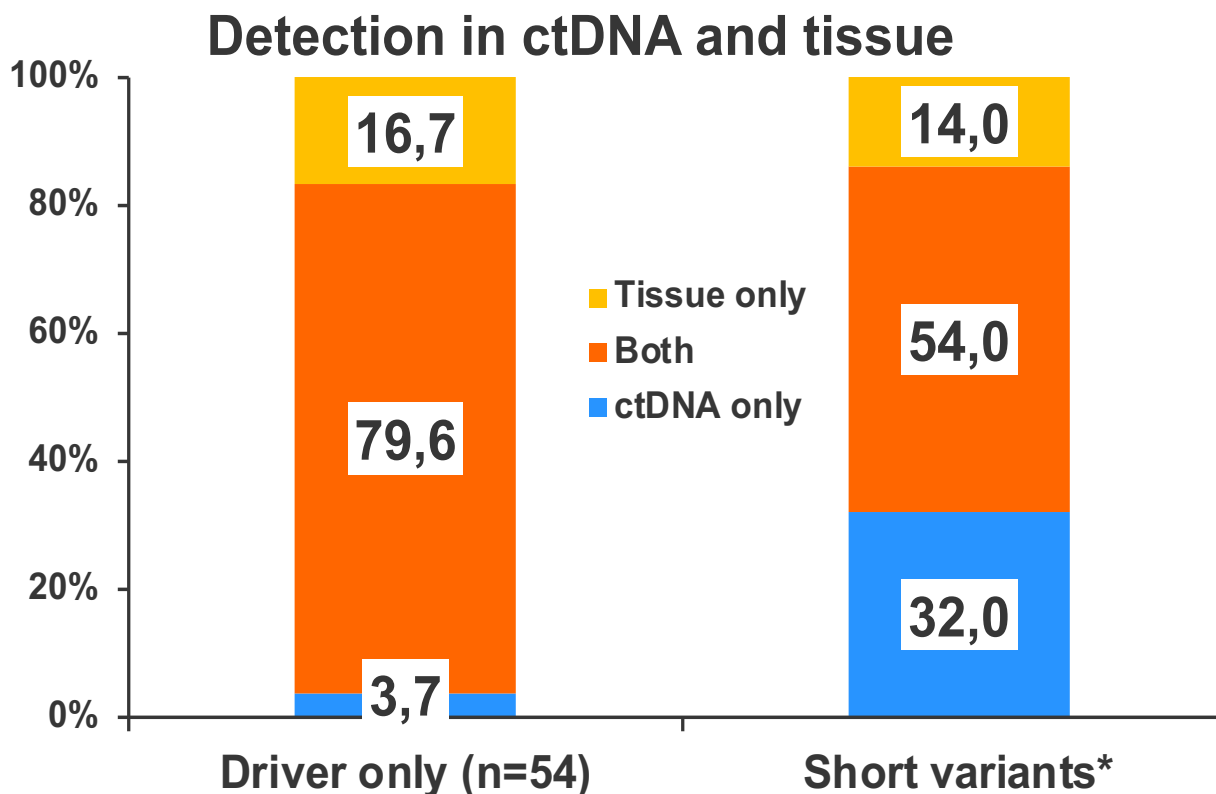


No. of patients at risk:	1	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60	63	66	69	72	75	78	81
Crizotinib	104	103	103	102	101	98	98	96	91	88	86	80	77	74	72	70	69	67	67	67	67	66	54	42	27	20	10	2
Alectinib	103	103	103	101	97	95	94	89	87	85	82	79	76	74	72	71	70	70	69	64	62	48	40	31	23	13	3	

Is ctDNA as RELIABLE & AFFORDABLE as Tissue in Depicting the Molecular Portrait of NSCLC?

LUNGMAP Master Protocol: Concordance Between Plasma ctDNA (*FoundationONE CDx*) and Tissue Molecular Analysis (*FoundationACT*)

VALUE (multi-centre, prospective trial, 6 Canadian cancer centres - NCT03576937): cfDNA profiling *Guardant360T Massay* vs. Standard – Markov’s MODEL

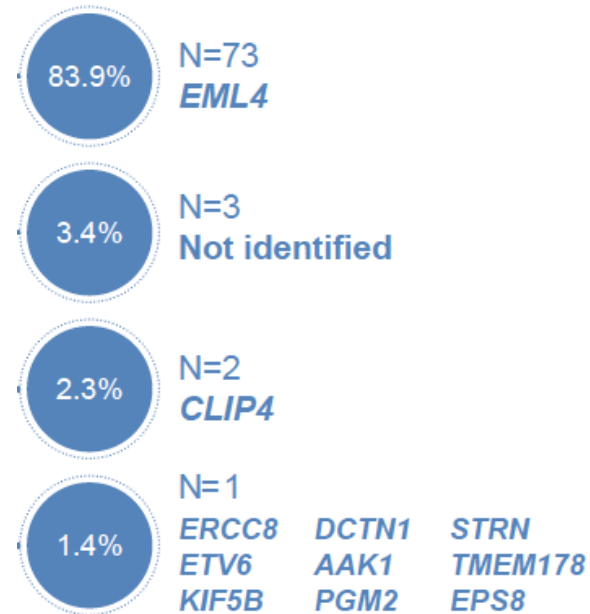


Actionable mutations present, n (%)

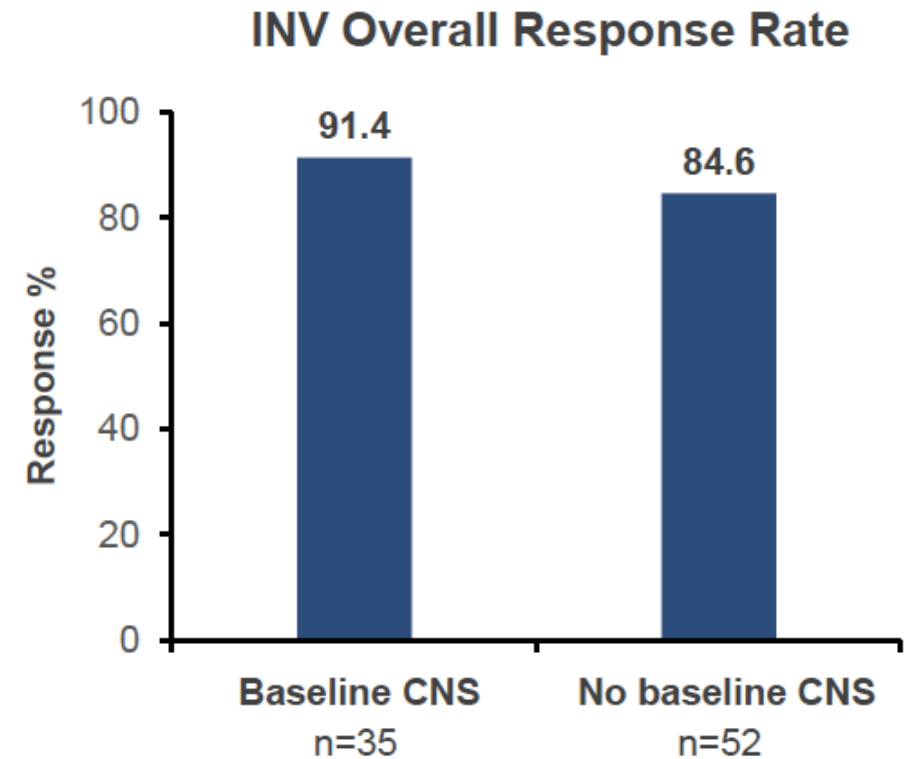
By tumour tissue (TT) alone	77 (53%)
EGFR/ALK	58 (40%)
Other	19 (13%)
By liquid biopsy + TT	100 (68%)
EGFR/ALK	68 (47%)
Other	32 (22%)

Testing strategy	Cost (CAD\$)	QALY	Incremental cost (CAD\$)
Liquid biopsy + Tumour tissue biopsy	1,305,524	7.17	Reference
Tumour tissue biopsy alone	1,342,740	7.10	37,216

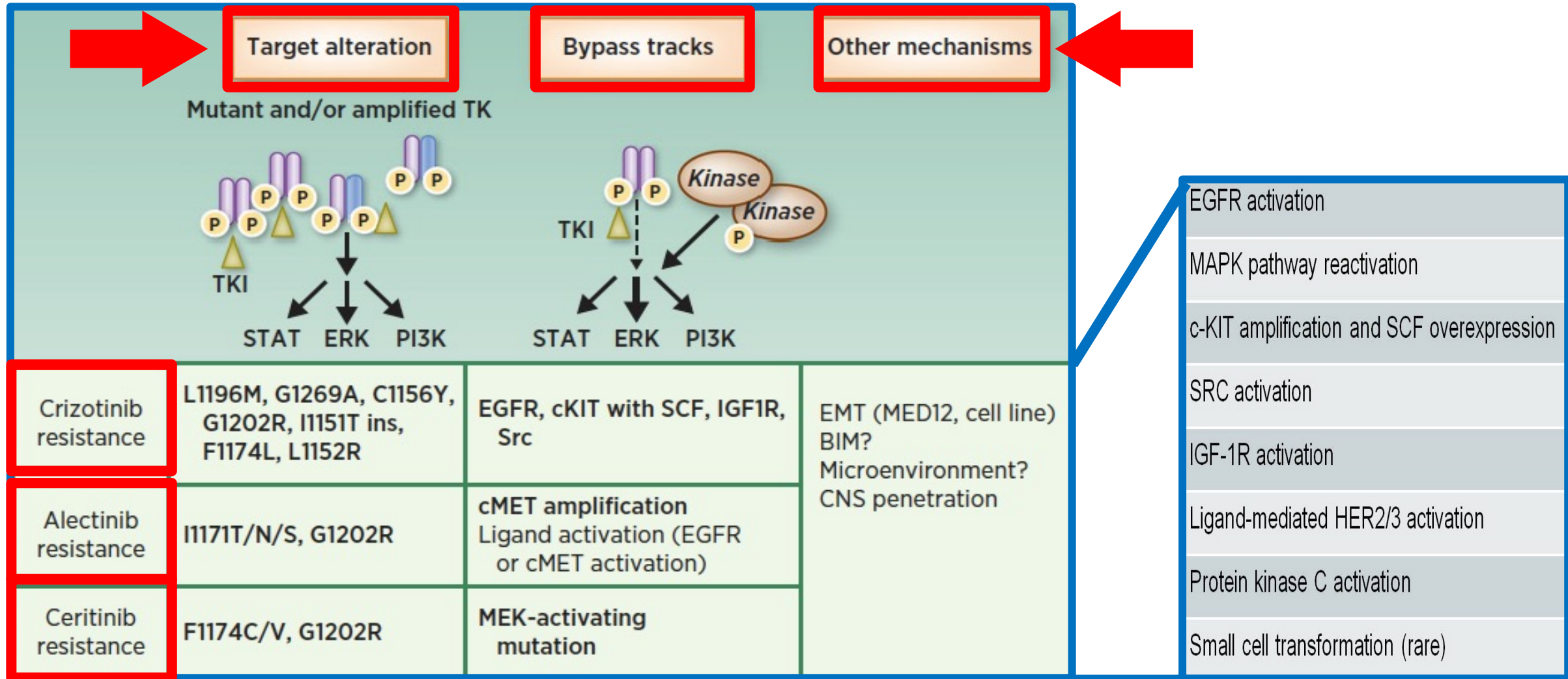
Relationship between Blood Biomarkers and Activity: BFAST



- The 5.4% (119 of 2219) prevalence of *ALK* in the screening population is close to the expected rate of 5%¹
- 38/87 (43.7%) patients had a *TP53* mutation
- **Median bTMB** at baseline was **two mutations** (range: 0 to 21)
 - 3/87 (3.4%) patients had bTMB ≥ 16 mutations

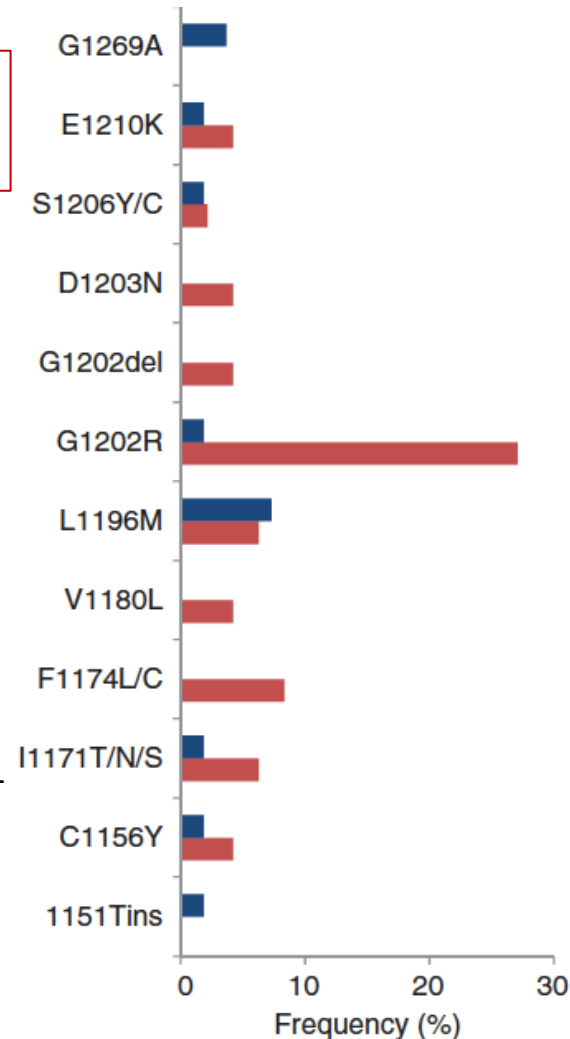
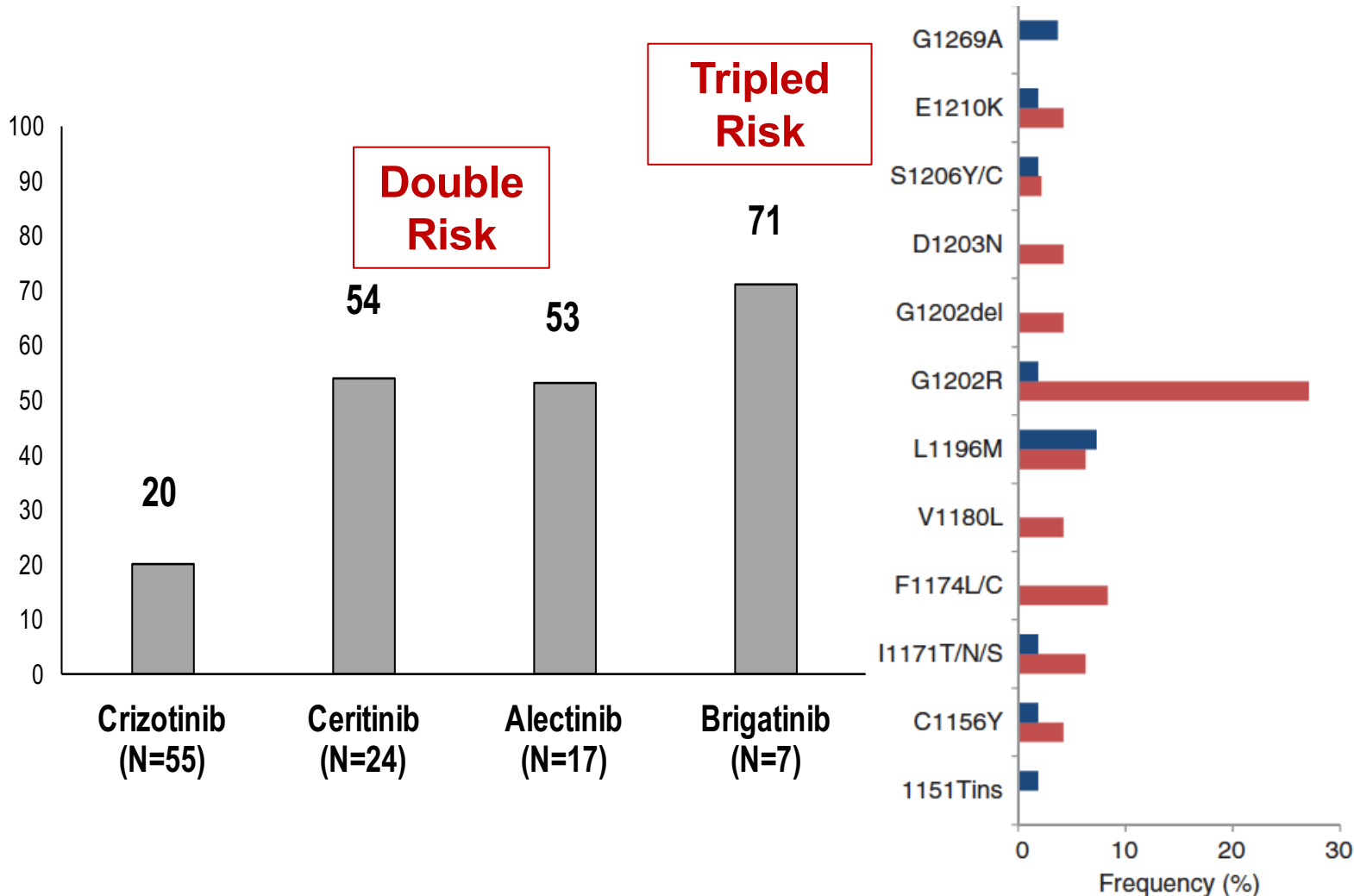


Resistance to Targeted Therapies: Mechanisms



ALK-Resistance Mutations (%) are differentially expressed according to TKI

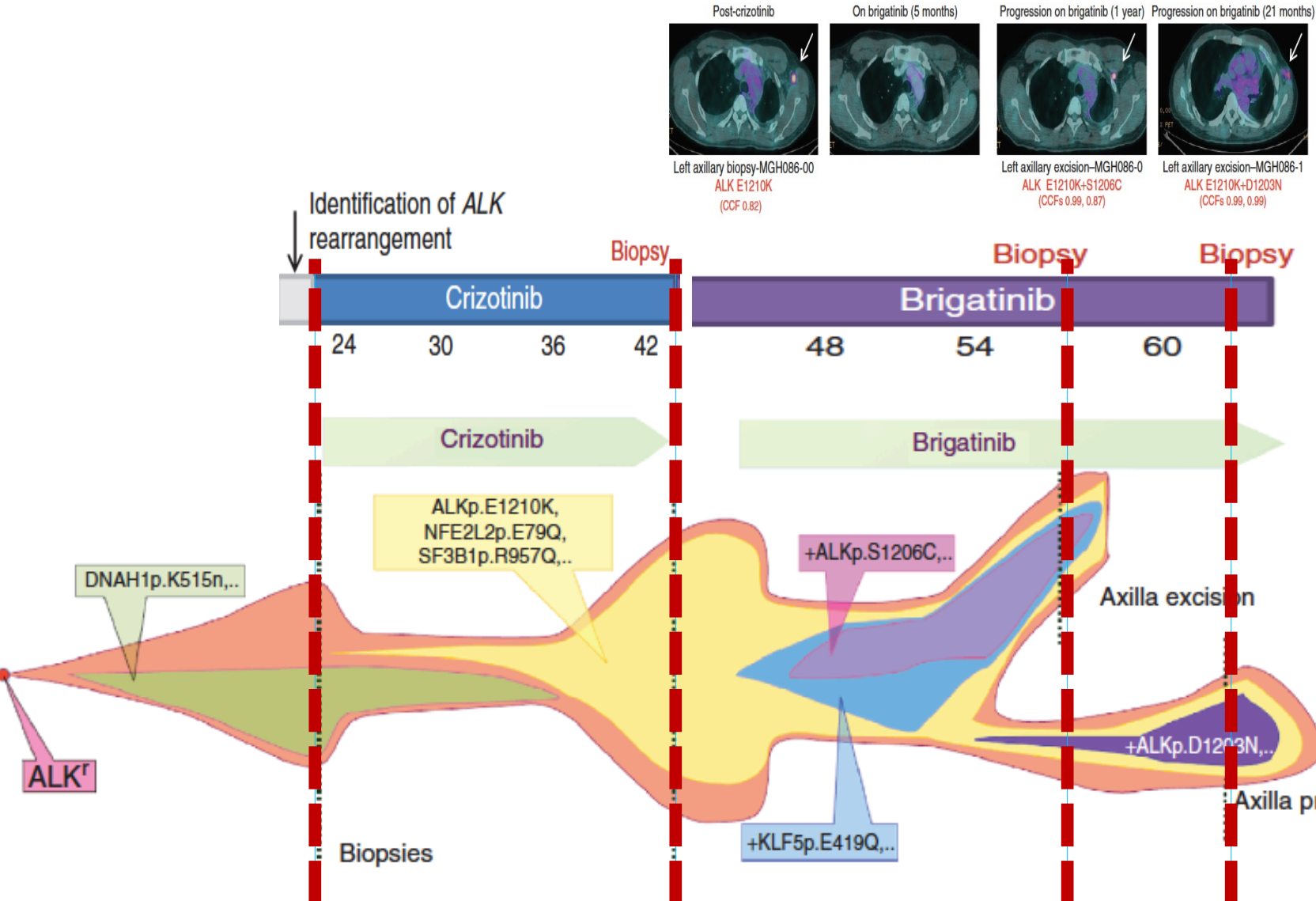
TKI Selective Pressure Significantly Influences Mechanism of Resistance



ALK resistance mutations ^a	Crizotinib (N = 55)	Ceritinib (N = 24)	Alectinib (N = 17)	Brigatinib (N = 7)
1151Tins	2%	0%	0%	0%
C1156Y	2%	8%	0%	0%
I1171T/N/S	2%	4%	12%	0%
F1174L/C	0%	17%	0%	0%
V1180L	0%	4%	6%	0%
L1196M	7%	8%	6%	0%
G1202R	2%	21%	29%	43%
G1202del	0%	8%	0%	0%
D1203N	0%	4%	0%	14%
S1206Y/C	2%	0%	0%	14%
E1210K	2%	0%	0%	29%
G1269A	4%	0%	0%	0%
ALK mutations ^b	20%	54%	53%	71%

■ Post crizotinib
■ Post 2nd gen. ALK inhibitor

Monitoring Patient' Molecular Mechanisms of Resistance to ALK-TKIs



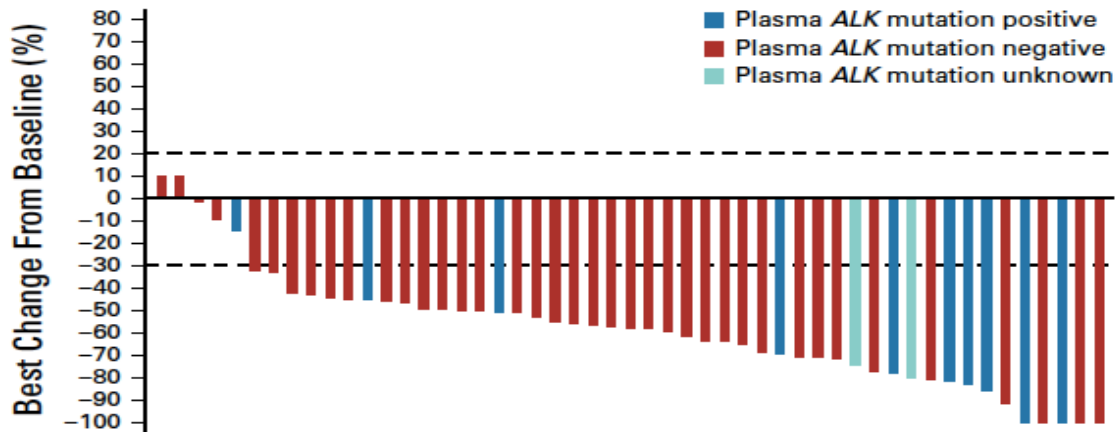
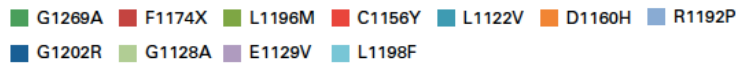
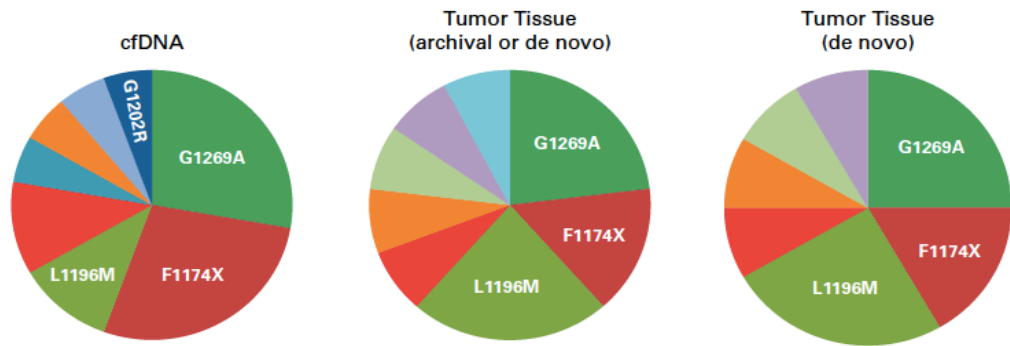
Cellular ALK phosphorylation mean IC₅₀ (nmol/L)

Mutation status	Crizotinib	Ceritinib	Alectinib	Brigatinib	Lorlatinib
Parental Ba/F3	763.9	885.7	890.1	2774.0	11293.8
EML4-ALK V1	38.6	4.9	11.4	10.7	2.3
EML4-ALK C1156Y	61.9	5.3	11.6	4.5	4.6
EML4-ALK I1171N	130.1	8.2	397.7	26.1	49.0
EML4-ALK I1171S	94.1	3.8	177.0	17.8	30.4
EML4-ALK I1171T	51.4	1.7	33.6 ^a	6.1	11.5
EML4-ALK F1174C	115.0	38.0 ^a	27.0	18.0	8.0
EML4-ALK L1196M	339.0	9.3	117.6	26.5	34.0
EML4-ALK L1198F	0.4	196.2	42.3	13.9	14.8
EML4-ALK G1202R	381.6	124.4	706.6	129.5	49.9
EML4-ALK G1202del	58.4	50.1	58.8	95.8	5.2
EML4-ALK D1203N	116.3	35.3	27.9	34.6	11.1
EML4-ALK E1210K	42.8	5.8	31.6	24.0	1.7
EML4-ALK G1269A	117.0	0.4	25.0	ND	10.0
EML4-ALK D1203N+F1174C	338.8	237.8	75.1	123.4	69.8
EML4-ALK D1203N+E1210K	153.0	97.8	82.8	136.0	26.6

IC₅₀ ≤ 50 nmol/L
 IC₅₀ > 50 < 200 nmol/L
 IC₅₀ ≥ 200 nmol/L

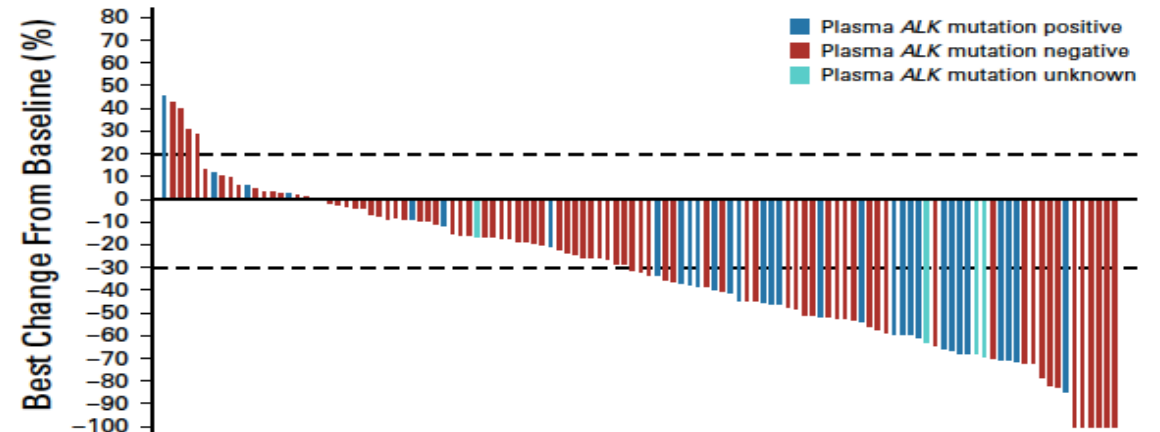
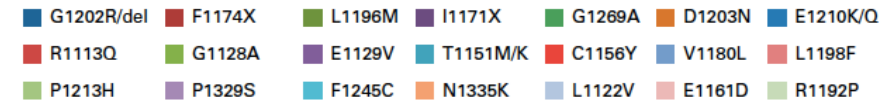
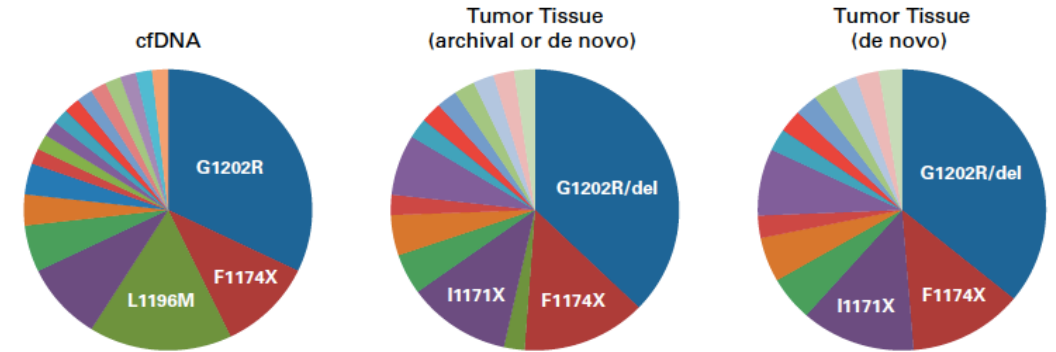
EML4-ALK Variants may influence following resistance mechanism

Prior Crizotinib



	ORR (95% CI)
Plasma ALK mutation positive	73% (95% CI, 39% to 94%)
Plasma ALK mutation negative	75% (95% CI, 60% to 87%)

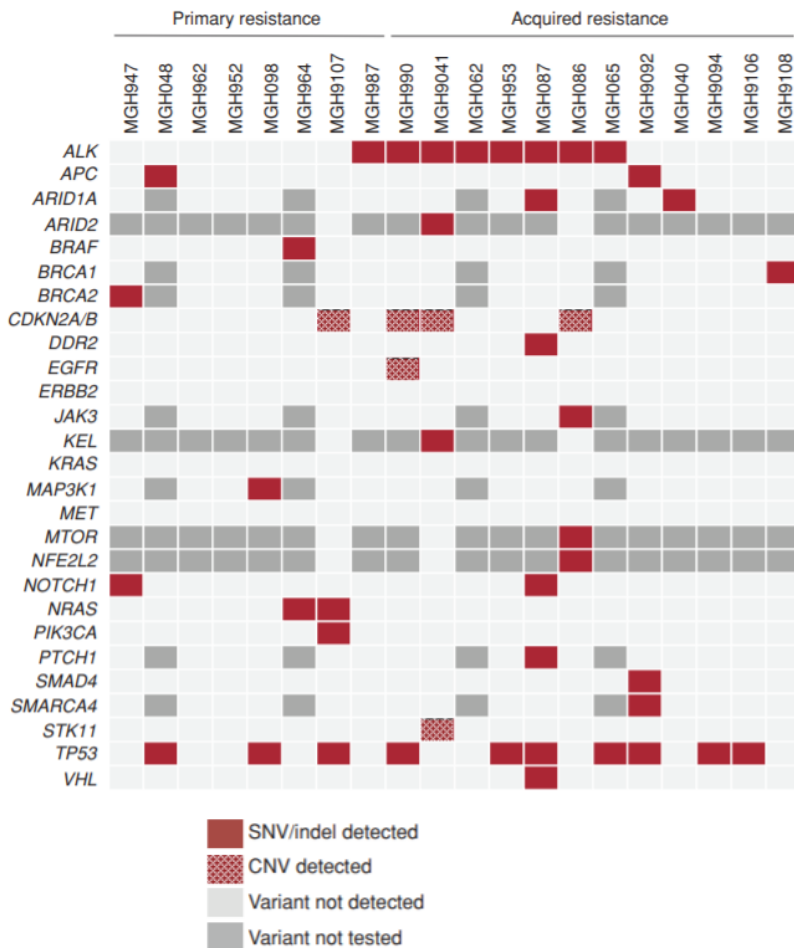
Prior Second-Generation TKI(s)



	ORR (95% CI)
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Plasma ALK mutation negative	32% (95% CI, 23% to 42%)

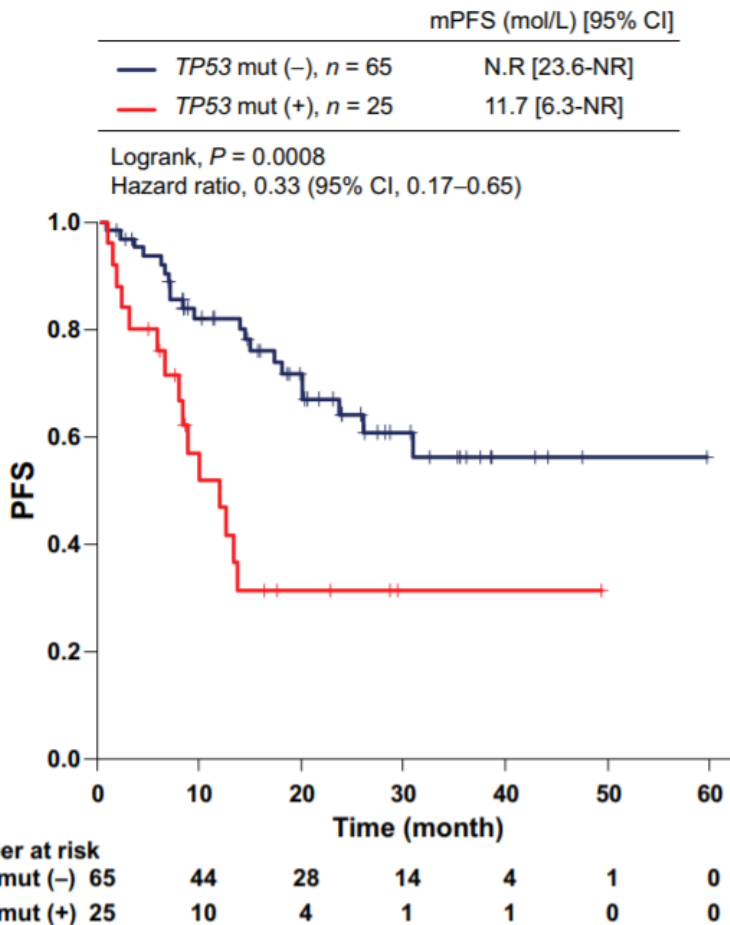
Predictors of Resistance to TKIs in ALK-addicted NSCLC Pts

Genomics of Lorlatinib-Resistant ALK+ NSCLC



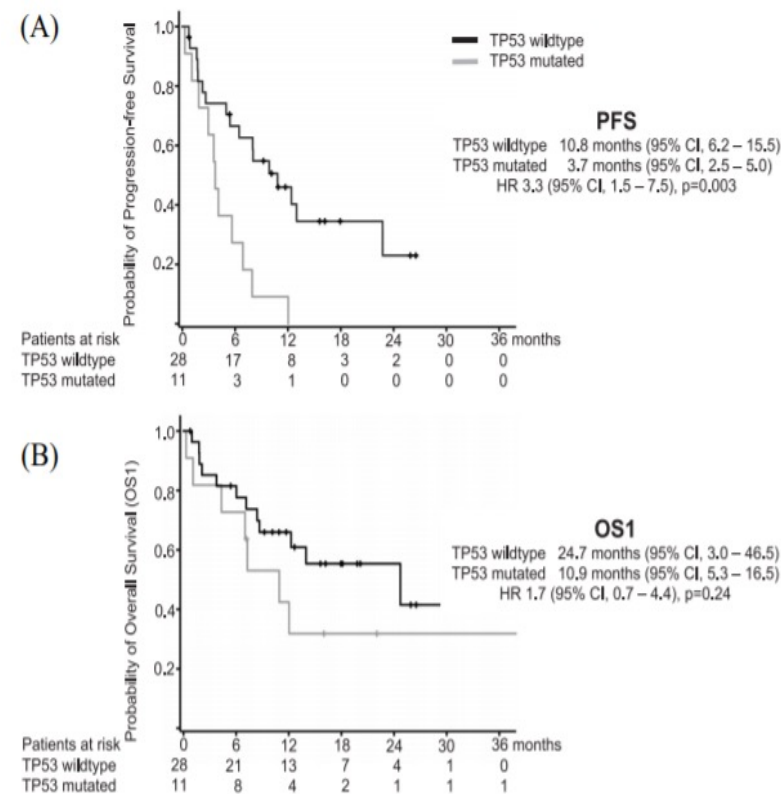
Yoda et al, Cancer Disc 2018

Lorlatinib EAP – Japan (125 patients)



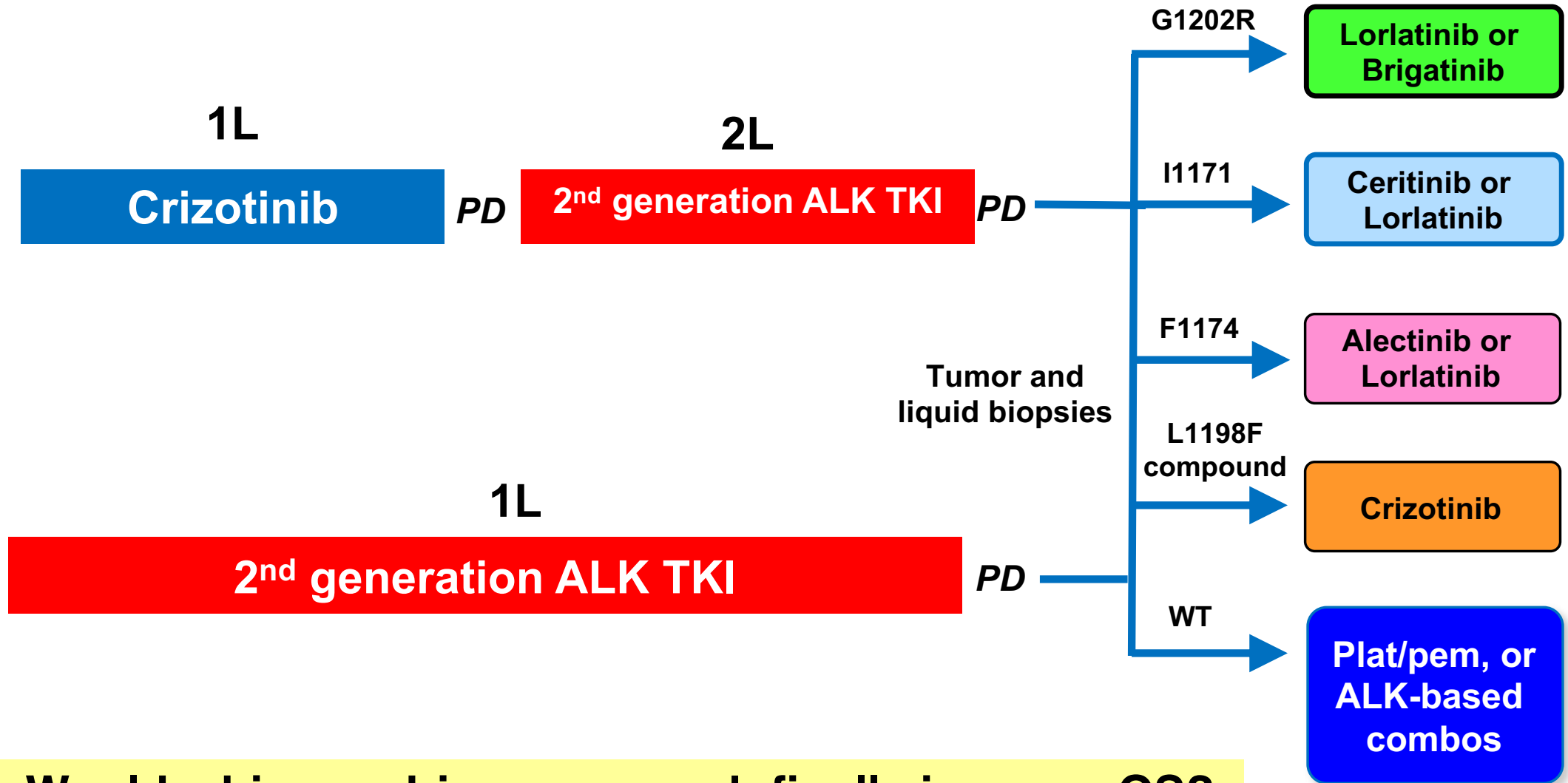
Tanimoto et al, Clin 2021

Lorlatinib EAP – Germany (37 patients)



Frost et al. Ther Adv Med Onc 2021

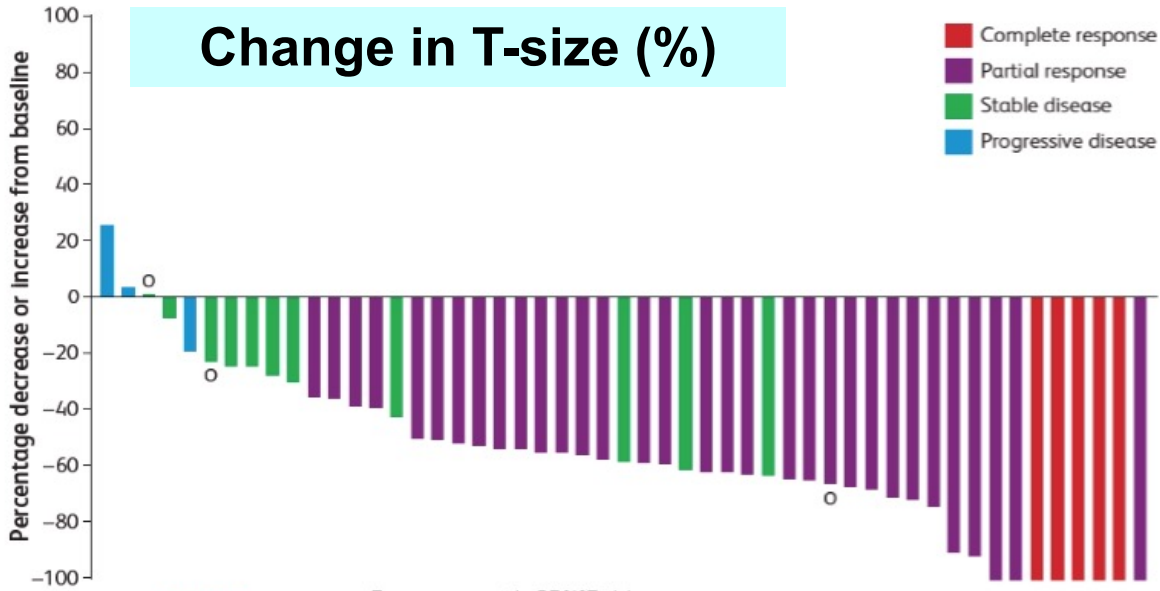
Treatment Tailoring upon PD & Resistance: ALK Master Protocol



AIM: Would a biopsy-driven approach finally improve OS?

ROS1: Updated Evidences with Crizo

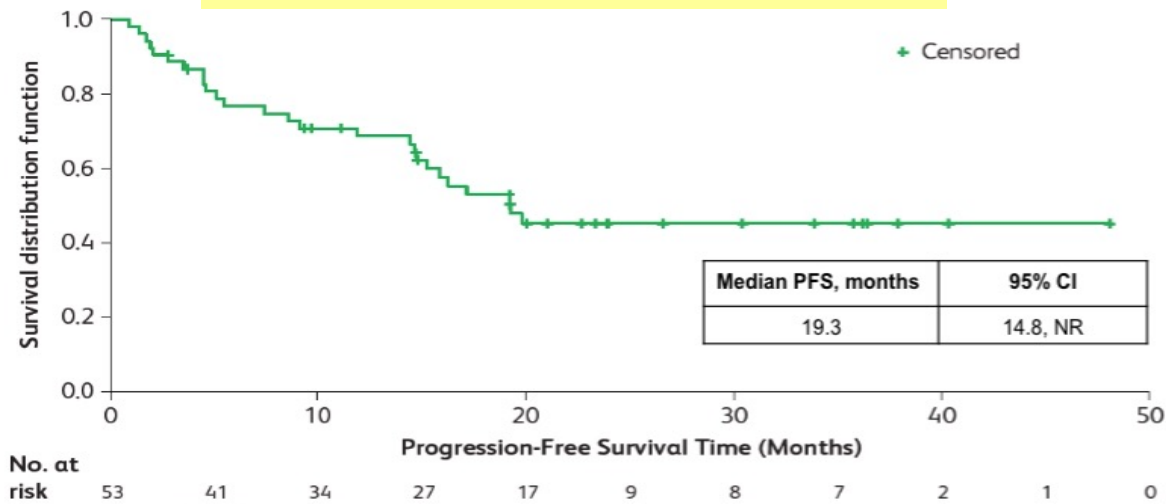
Change in T-size (%)



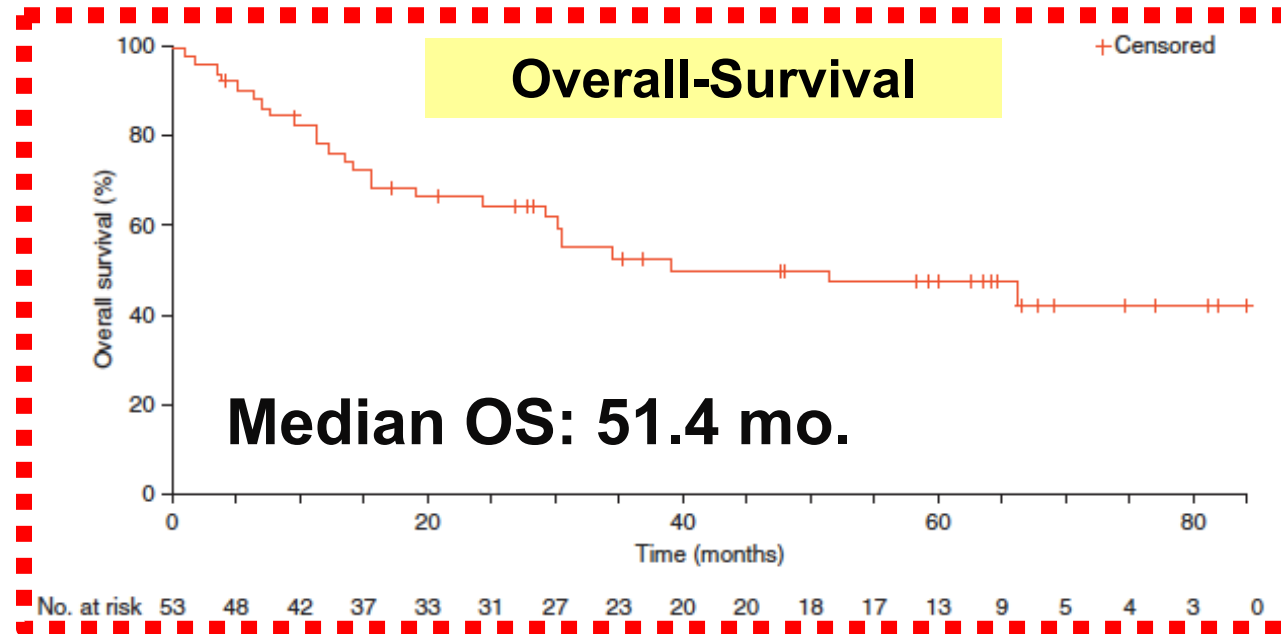
ORR (%)

Objective response rate	
By derived investigator assessment, % (95% CI)	69.8 (55.7, 81.7)
Complete response, n	5
Partial response, n	32
Stable disease (≥ 6 weeks), n	11
Progressive disease, n	3
Median time to first tumor response, weeks (range)	7.9 (4.3–32.0)
Median duration of response, months (95% CI)	NR (15.2, NR)
Survival probability, % (95% CI)	
6-month	90.6 (78.8, 96.0)
12-month	79.0 (65.3, 87.8)

Progression-Free-Survival



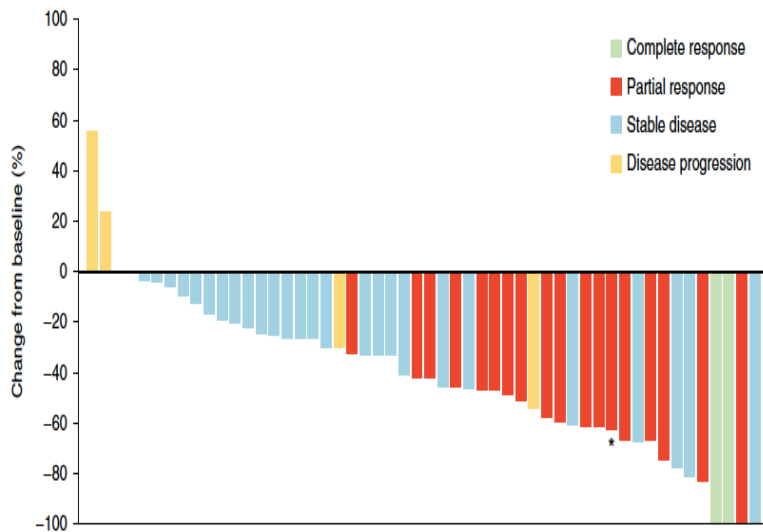
Overall-Survival



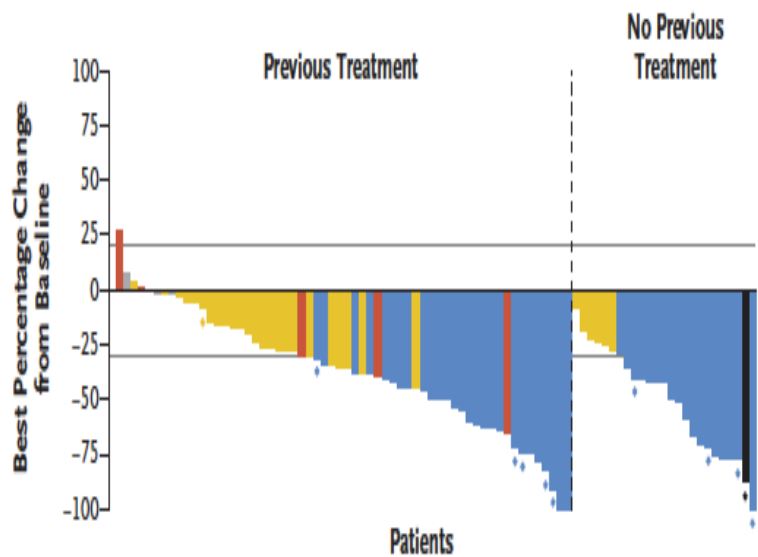
Phase 1 Exp/2 Results: *METex14* De-addiction

***METex14*
Mut [2.4%]**

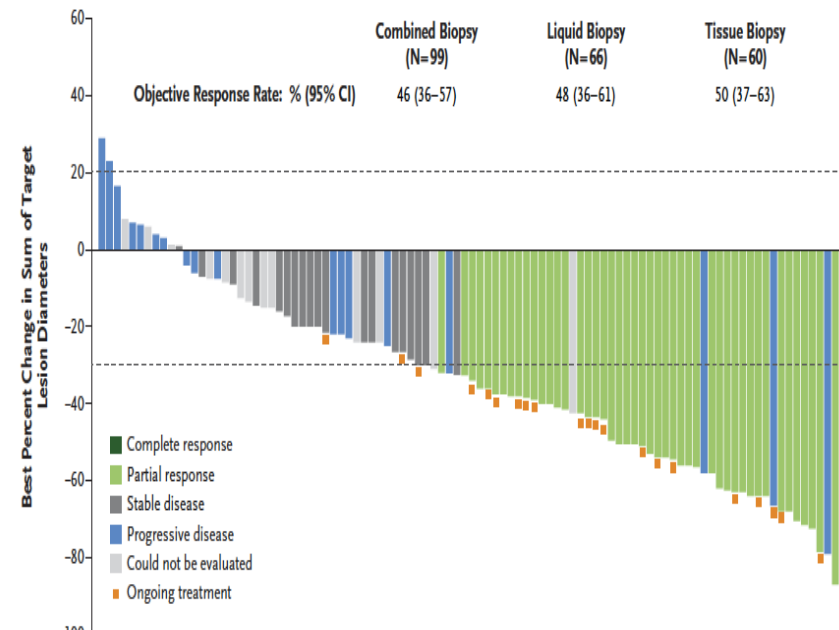
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CAPMATINIB



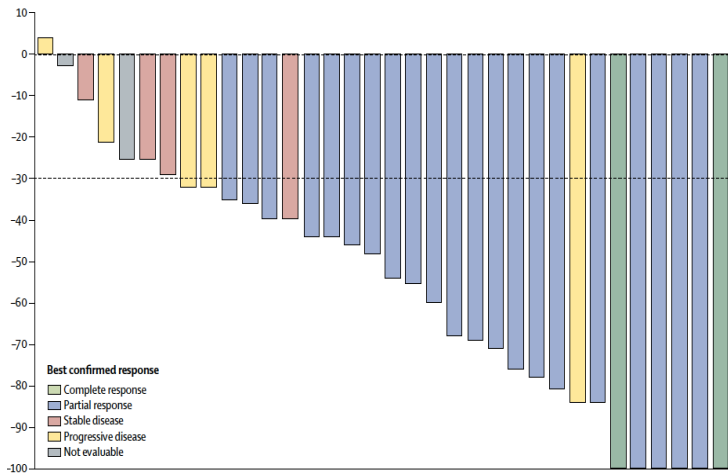
TEPOTINIB



Key Results of De-Addiction in NSCLC [*BRAF* & *KRAS*^{G12C}]

***BRAF* Mutation [4-5%]:
Dabrafenib + Trametinib**

**ORR 64.0%
[95% CI 46–69]**

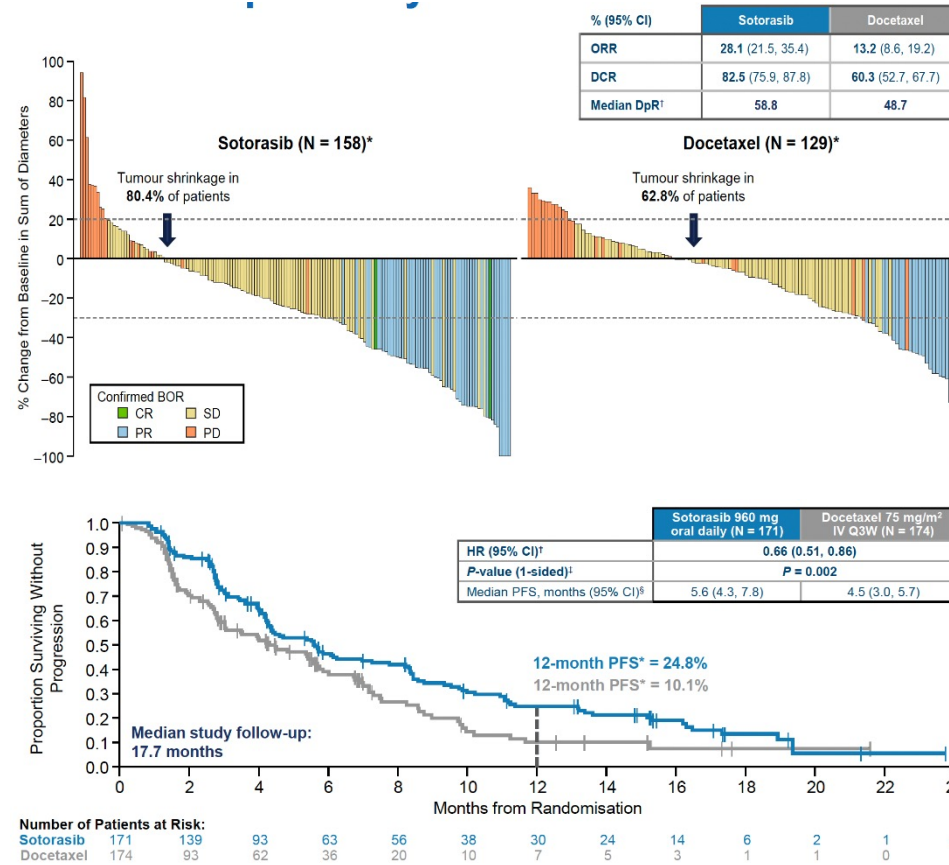


Planchard D et al, Lancet Oncol 2017

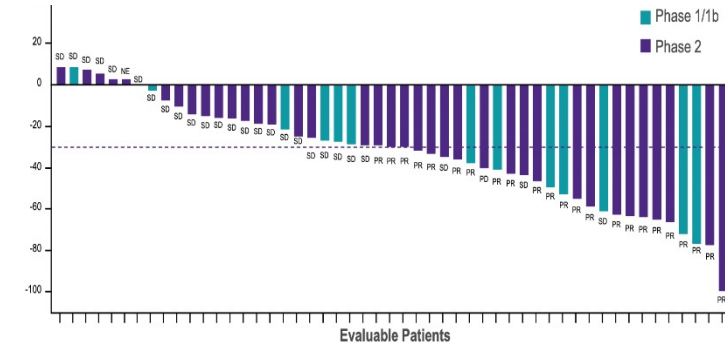
***KRAS* G12C Mut. [12%]**

Sotorasib [AMG 510]

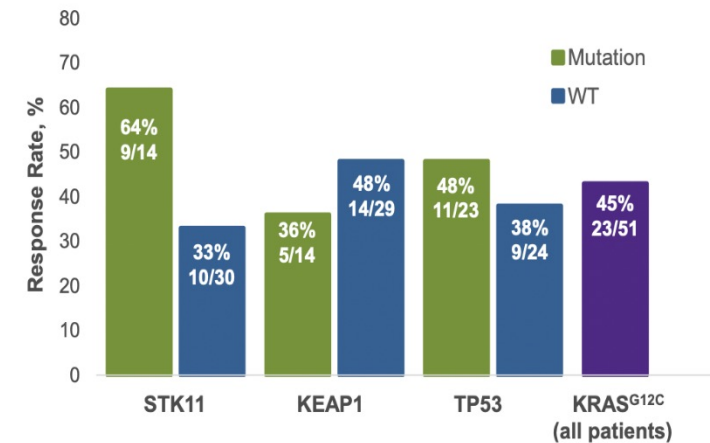
Adagrasib [MRTX849]



Johnson M et al, ESMO 2022



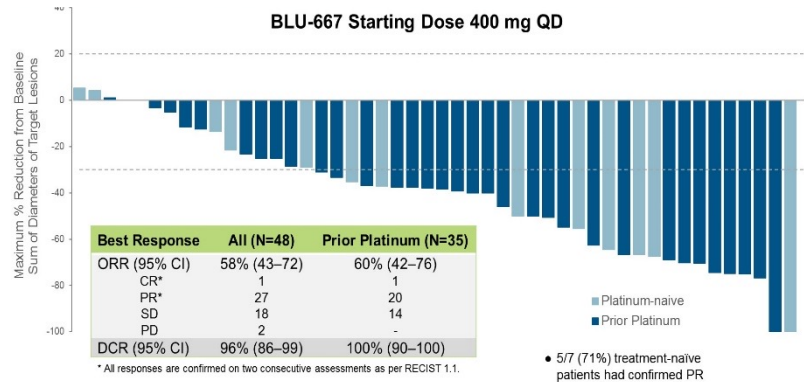
ORR in Patients Harboring *KRAS*^{G12C} Co-mutations



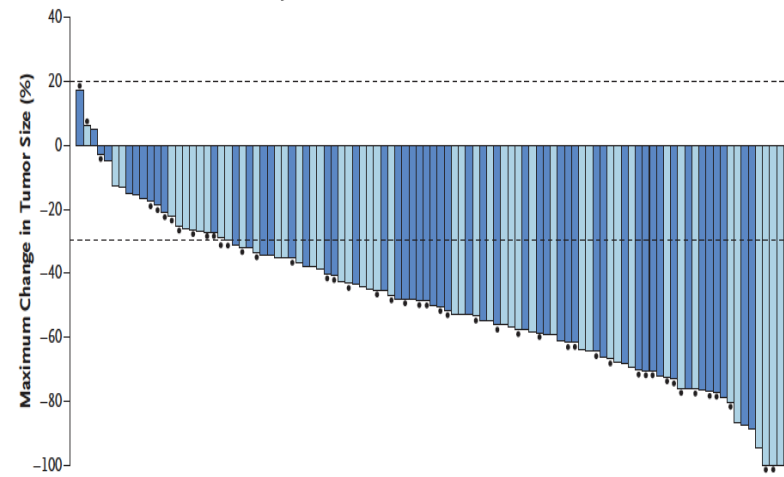
Riely G et al, ELCC 2021

'Rare' [$<3\%$] Genomic Drivers WITH Ongoing Phase III

RET Fusions [1.5-2%]: Pralsetinib & Selpercatinib

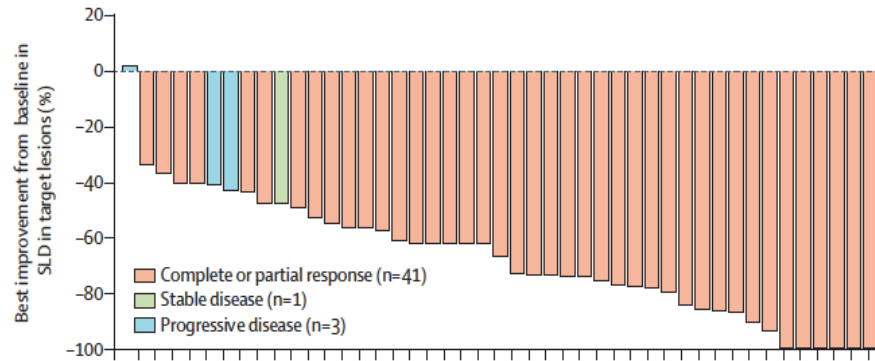


Gainor J et al, ASCO 2019

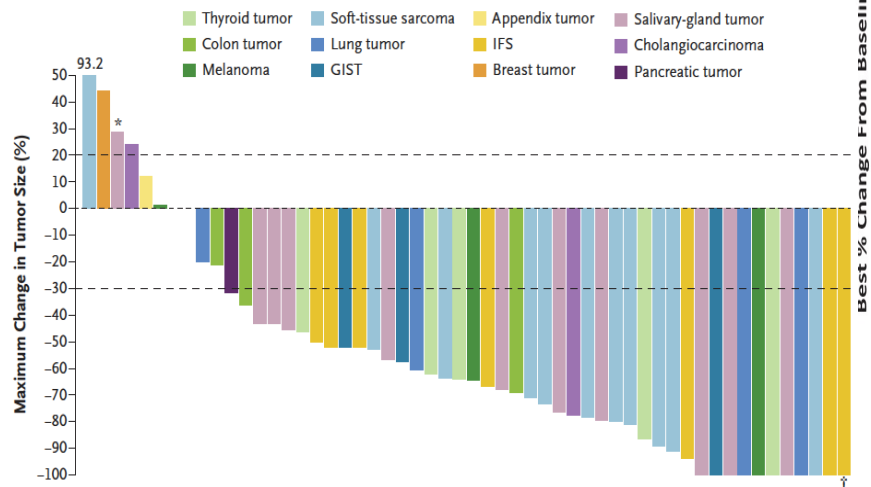


Drilon A et al, NEJM 2020

NTRK Copy Number Alt. [2-3%]: Entrectinib & Larotrectinib



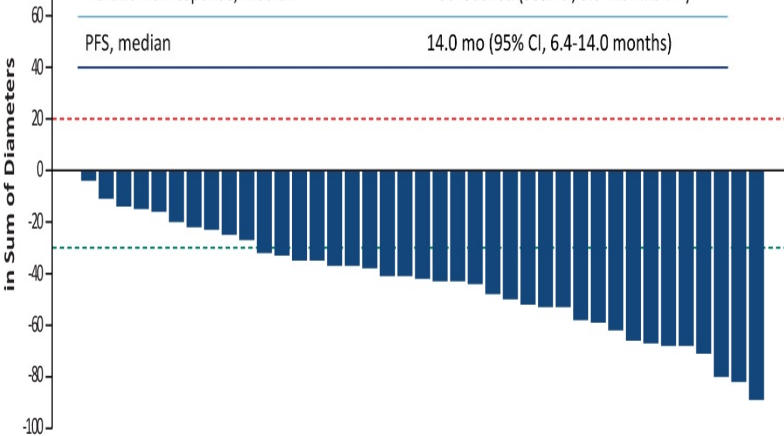
Drilon A et al, Lancet Oncol 2019



Drilon A et al, N Engl J Med 2018

HER2. Mut [1-3%]: Trastuzumab Deruxtecan

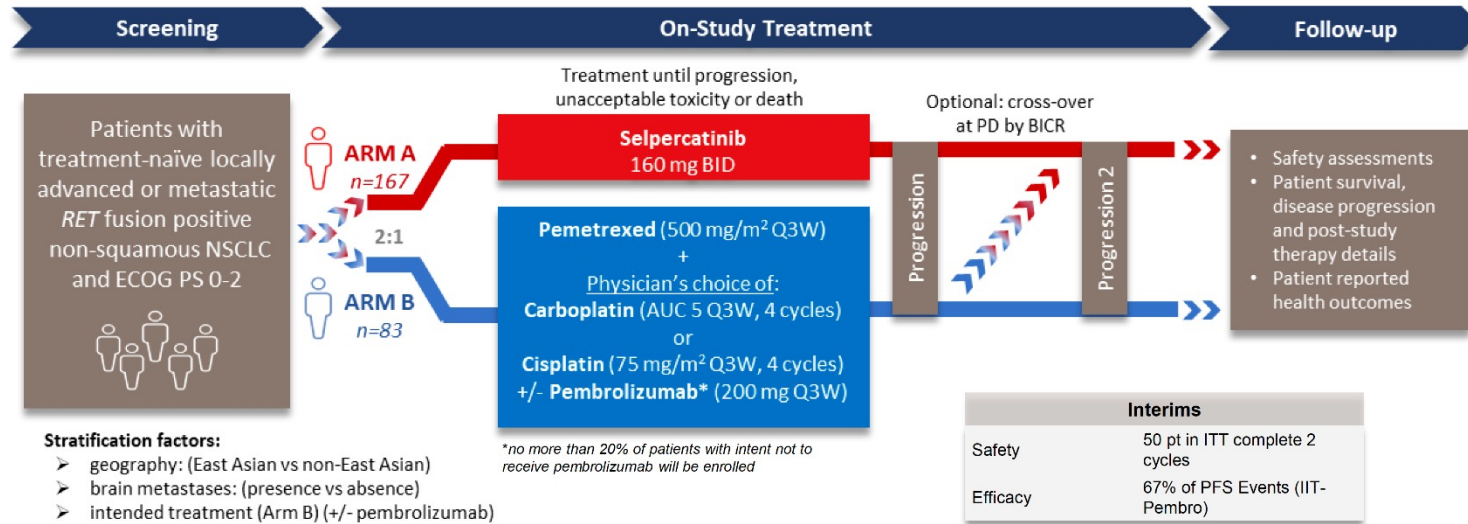
Patients (N = 42)	
Confirmed ORR by ICR	61.9% (n = 26) (95% CI, 45.6%-76.4%)
CR	2.4% (n = 1)
PR	59.5% (n = 25)
SD	28.6% (n = 12)
PD	4.8% (n = 2)
Not evaluable	4.8% (n = 2)
Disease control rate	90.5% (95% CI, 77.4%-97.3%)
Duration of response, median	Not reached (95% CI, 5.3 months-NE)
PFS, median	14.0 mo (95% CI, 6.4-14.0 months)



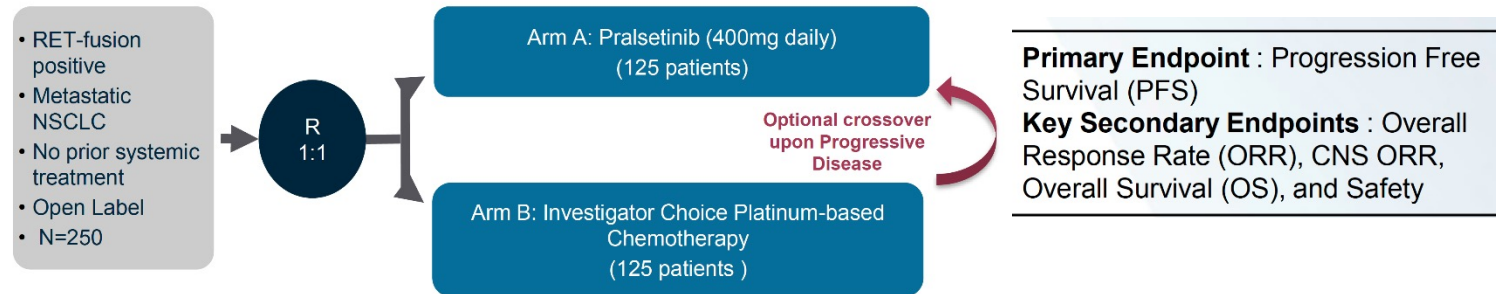
Le R et al, NEJM 2022

Ongoing Randomized Ph.III, First Line

LIBRETTO-431



AcceleRET



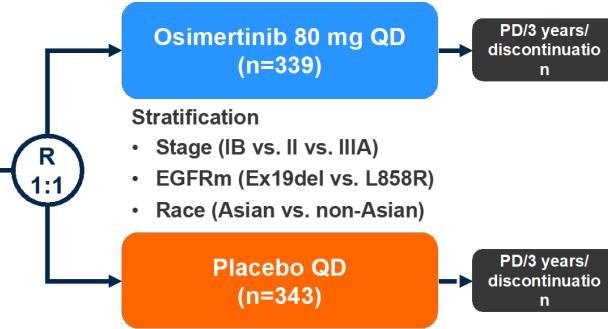
- Investigator's choice includes:
 - Non-Squamous histology:** Carboplatin or cisplatin / pemetrexed (with opt. pemetrexed maintenance)
 - Investigator's choice as above with pembrolizumab
 - Squamous histology:** carboplatin or cisplatin / gemcitabine

EGFR De-addiction: Osimertinib Does Improve Outcome After Adjuvant Chemo for Resected NSCLC

ADAURA Trial

Key patient inclusion criteria

- Completely resected stage IB, II, IIIA NSCLC
- With or without adjuvant chemotherapy
- Confirmed EGFR mutation (Ex19del/L858R)
- WHO PS 0-1 (n=682)

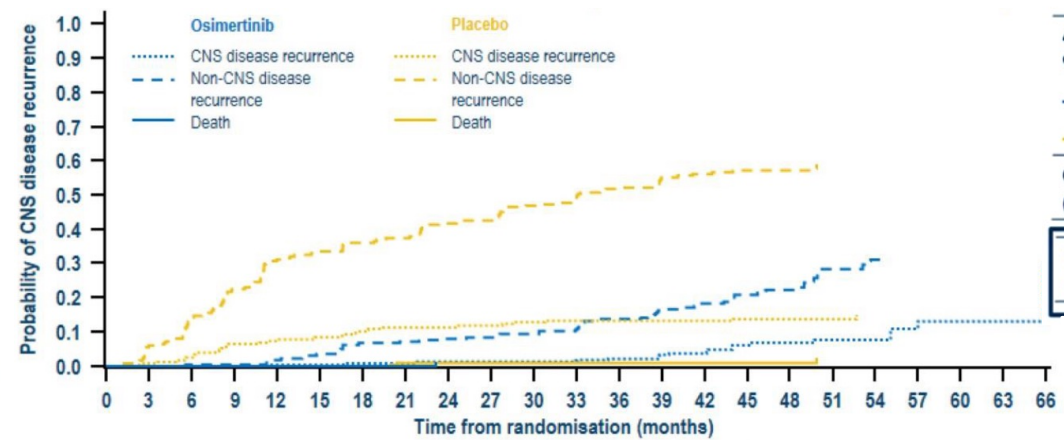
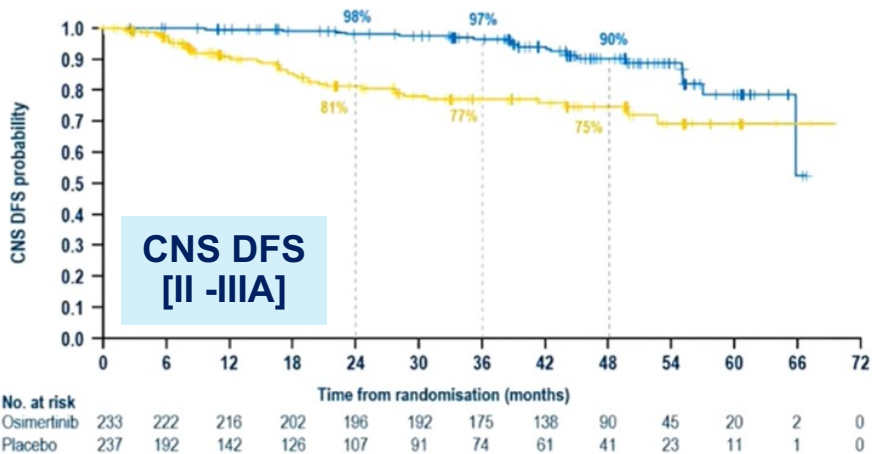
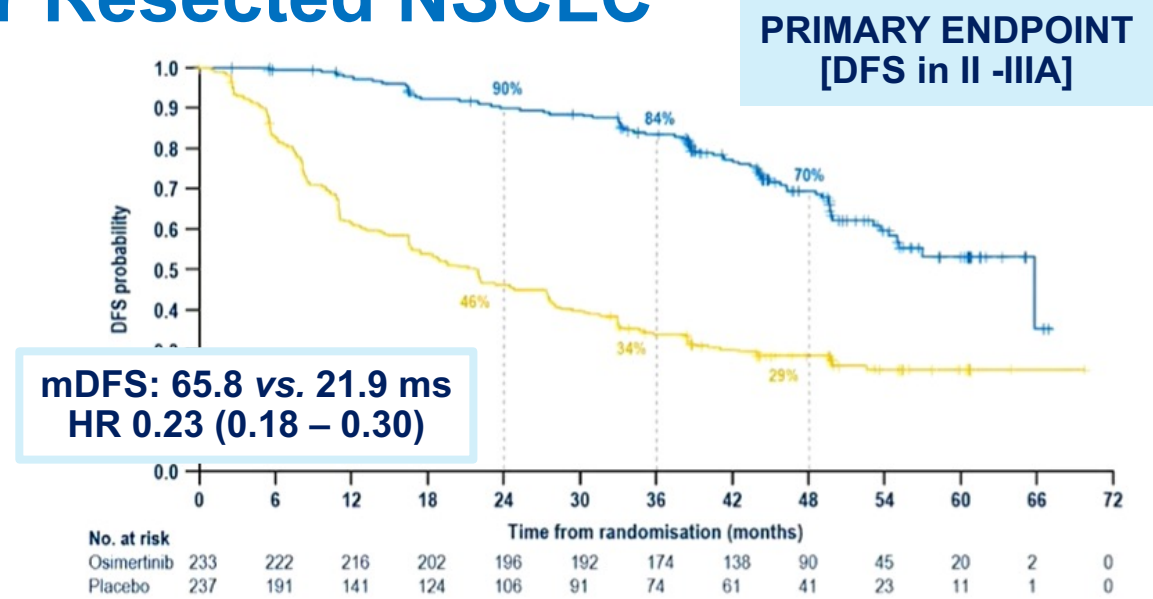


Primary endpoint

- DFS in stage II/IIIA patients (investigator assessment)

Secondary endpoints

- DFS in overall population, DFS at 2, 3, 4, and 5 years, OS, safety, HRQoL



	Stage IB	Stage II	Stage IIIA
4 year DFS rate, % (95% CI)			
- Osimertinib	80 (70, 87)	74 (64, 82)	65 (54, 74)
- Placebo	59 (48, 68)	42 (33, 51)	14 (8, 22)
Overall HR (95% CI)	0.41 (0.23, 0.69)	0.34 (0.23, 0.52)	0.20 (0.14, 0.29)
Overall HR (95% CI)	0.44 (0.25, 0.76)	0.33 (0.21, 0.50)	0.22 (0.15, 0.31)

Benefit was highly consistent on restaging AJCC 8th ed.

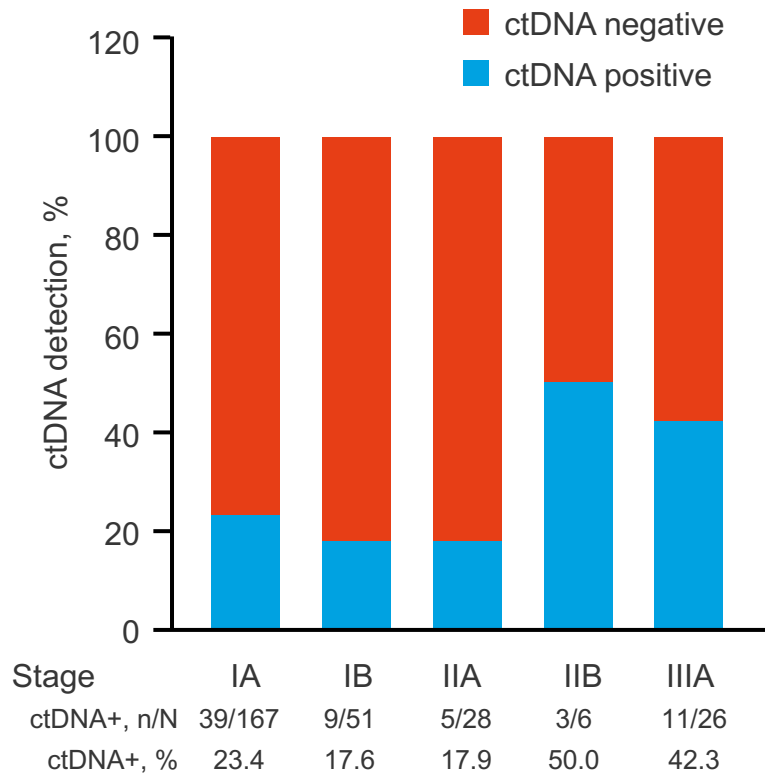
**mCNS DFS: NR vs. NR
HR 0.24 (0.14 – 0.42)**

**Estimated probability of CNS recurrence at 36 ms
2% osimertinib vs. 13% placebo**

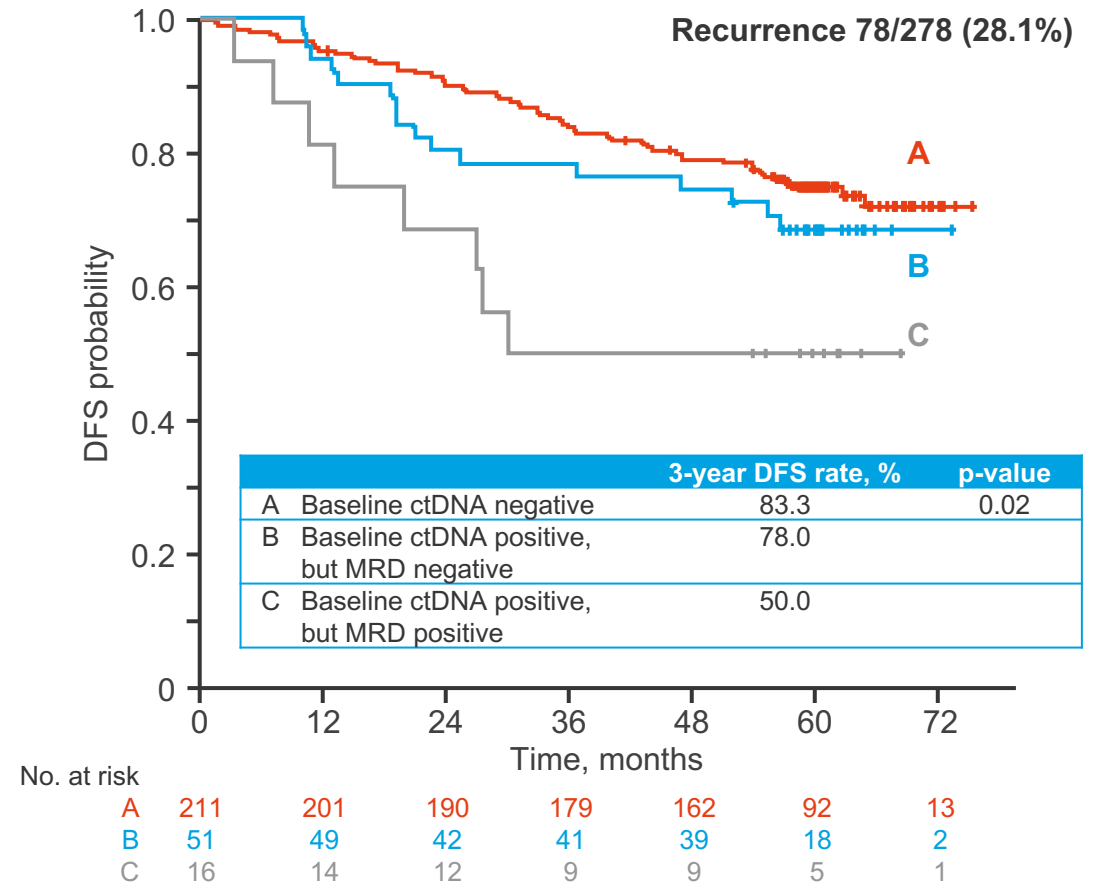
933MO: Longitudinal monitoring of circulating tumor DNA from plasma in patients with curative resected stage IA-IIIA EGFR mutant non-small cell lung cancer – Ahn M-J, et al

- Key results

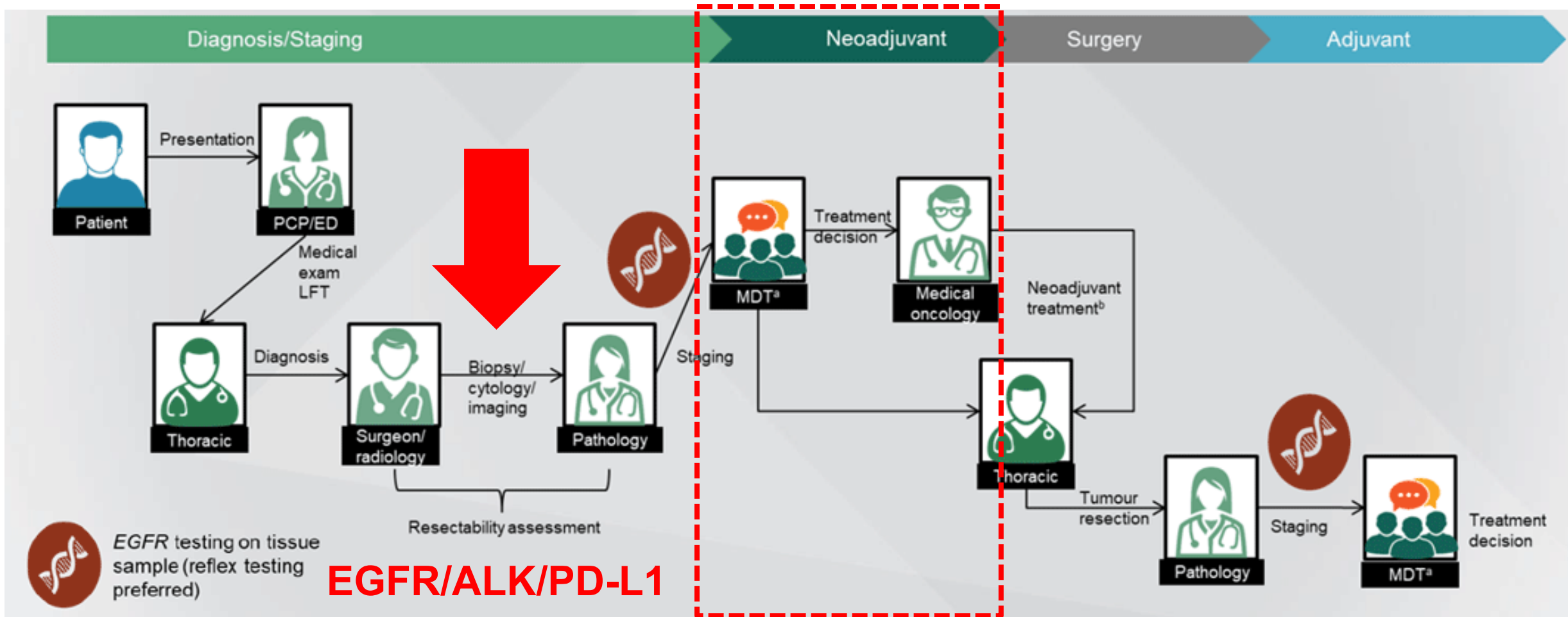
Baseline ctDNA detection rate



DFS by ctDNA status

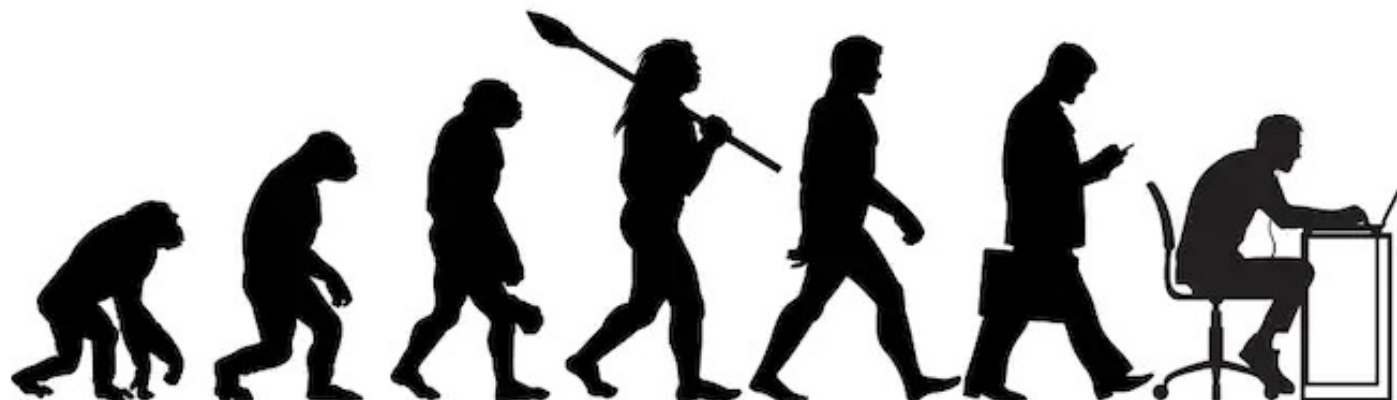


MDT in the Management of Early-Stage NSCLC



^a Not all patients discussed by MDT; MDT involvement may occur at other stages of pathway, depending on the standard practices of different centres. ^b Includes radiotherapy and systemic therapy.

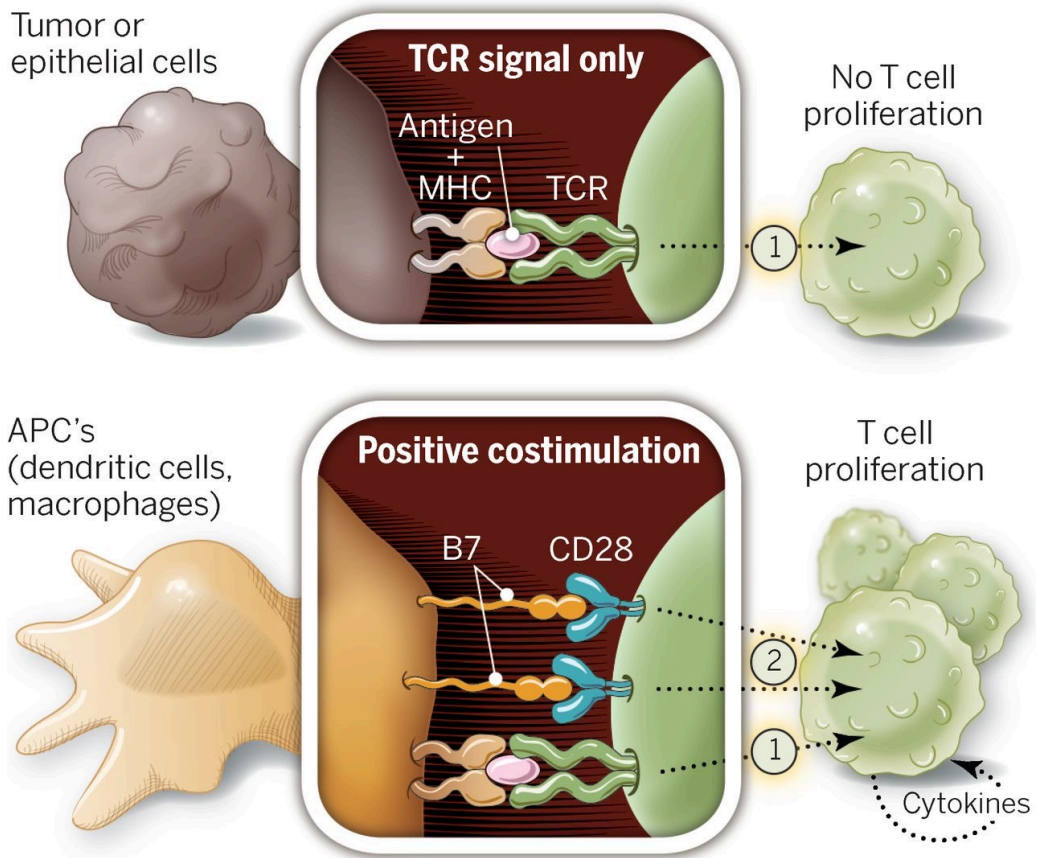
The Evolving View of NSCLC



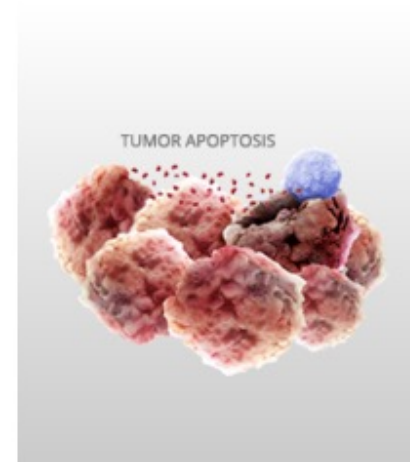
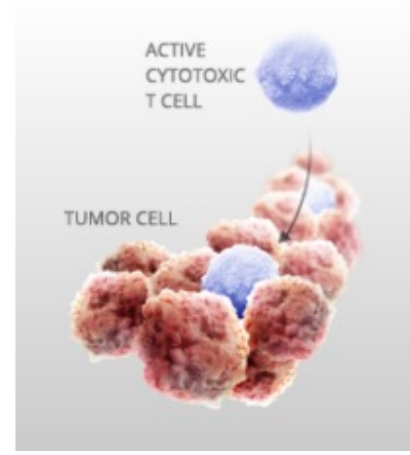
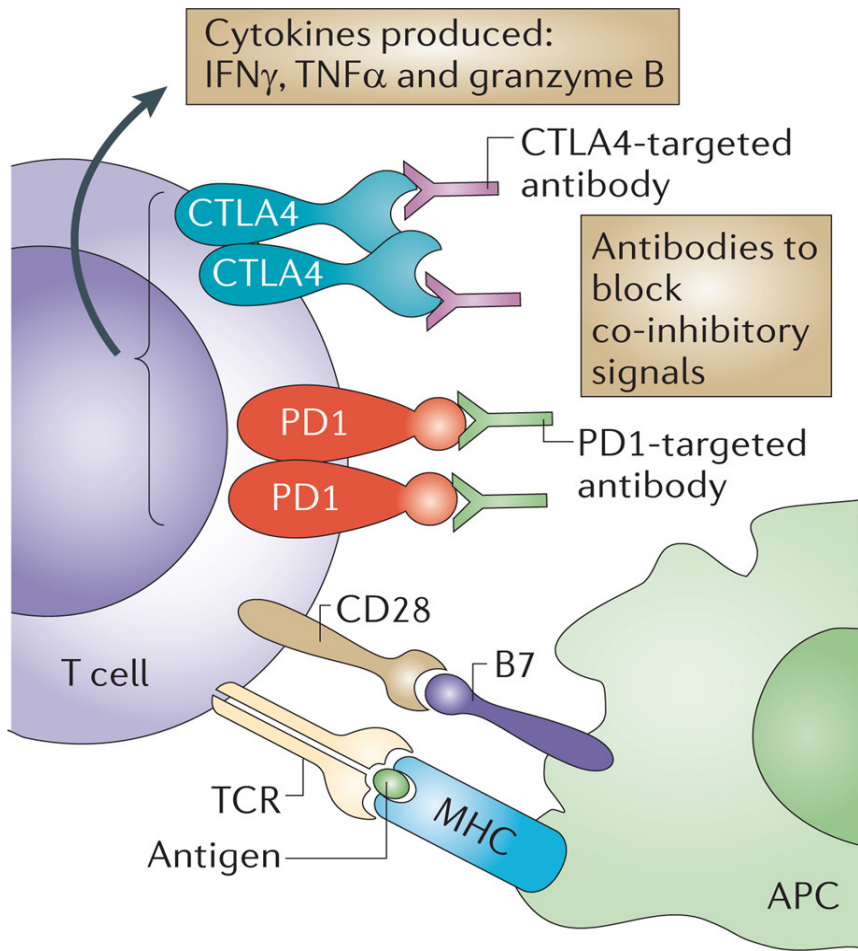
Revolution	Focused on:	Research Strategy:	Trials' Approach:	<u>FINAL</u> Regulatory Approval based upon:
#1 Oncogene Addiction	<u>Tumor</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of Targets/Drivers which leads Tumor progression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomarker-driven with Genomics • Patients' Superselection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase IIIs (<i>EGFR</i>, <i>ALK</i>) • Phase I/IIs (<i>ROS1</i>) • Phase IIs (<i>BRAF</i>)
#2 Immune-Dependence	<u>Patient</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlock Immune-Response against Tumor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Mainly) Unselected Patients' Samples • Immune-dependence evaluated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase IIIs

Anti-Cancer Immunity

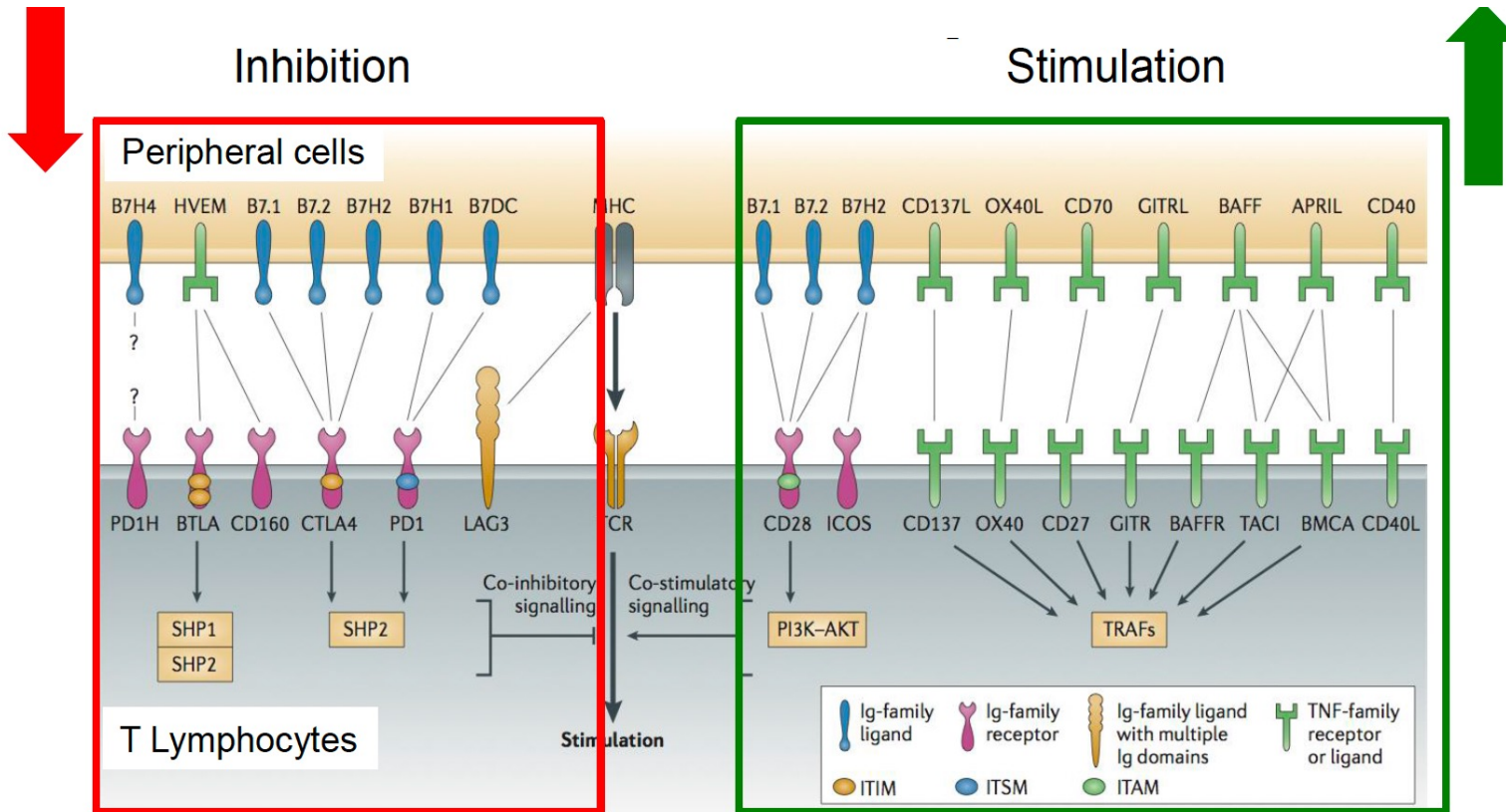
T-Cell Activations Requires (at least...) 2 Triggers



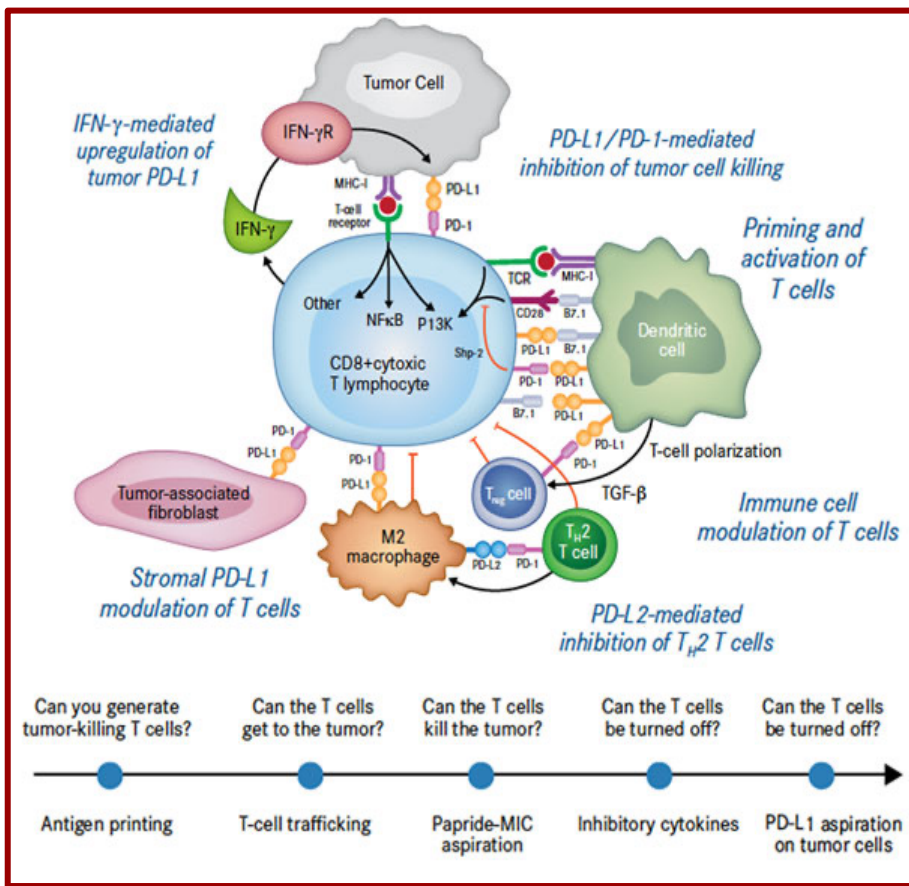
Immune Checkpoint Blockade Turns T-cell response On against tumor



Fine-Tuning of the Immune Response: Immune Checkpoints



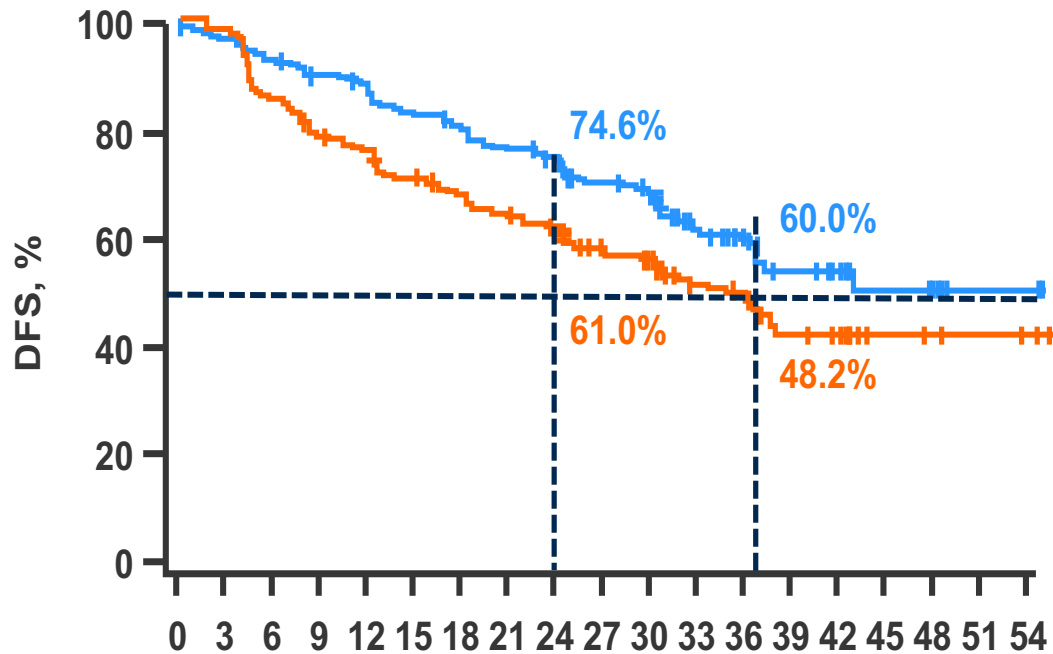
PD-1/PD-L1-Driven Immune-Dependency



IMpower 010: Adjuvant ATEZO vs. BSC (FDA/EMA Approvals)

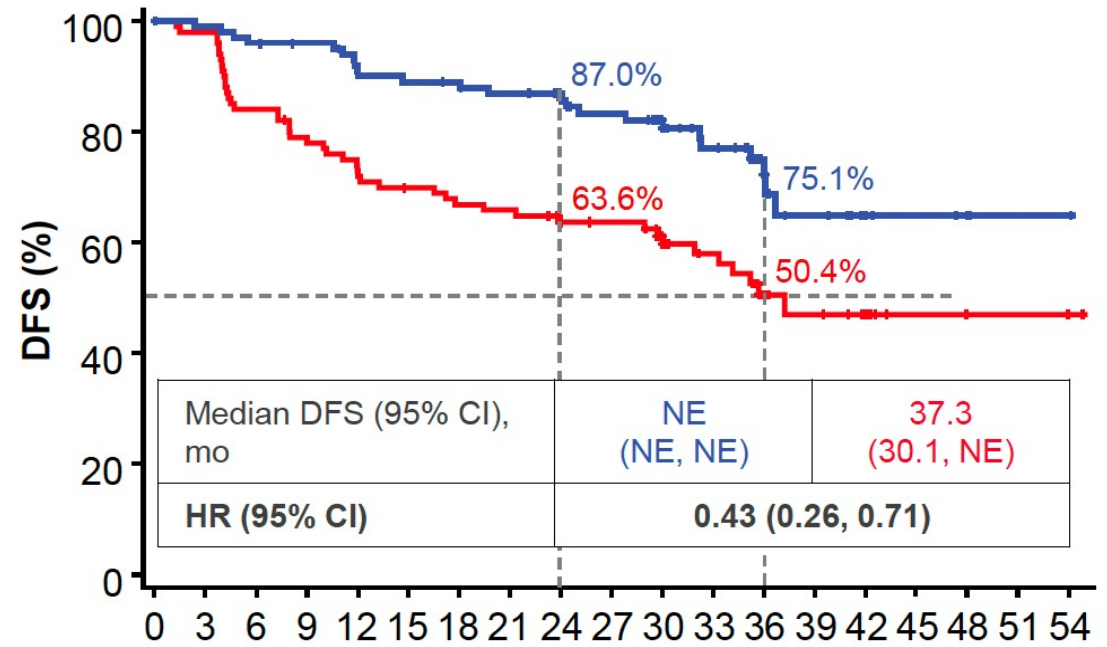
FDA Approval:
Stage II-III A, PD-L1 $\geq 1\%$

EMA Approval:
Stage II-III A, PD-L1 $\geq 50\%$, *EGFR/ALK* neg.



No. at risk

Atezo	248	235	225	217	206	198	190	181	159	134	111	76	54	31	22	12	8	3	3
BSC	228	212	186	169	160	151	142	135	117	97	80	59	38	21	14	7	6	4	3



Median DFS (95% CI), mo	NE (NE, NE)	37.3 (30.1, NE)
HR (95% CI)	0.43 (0.26, 0.71)	

No. at risk

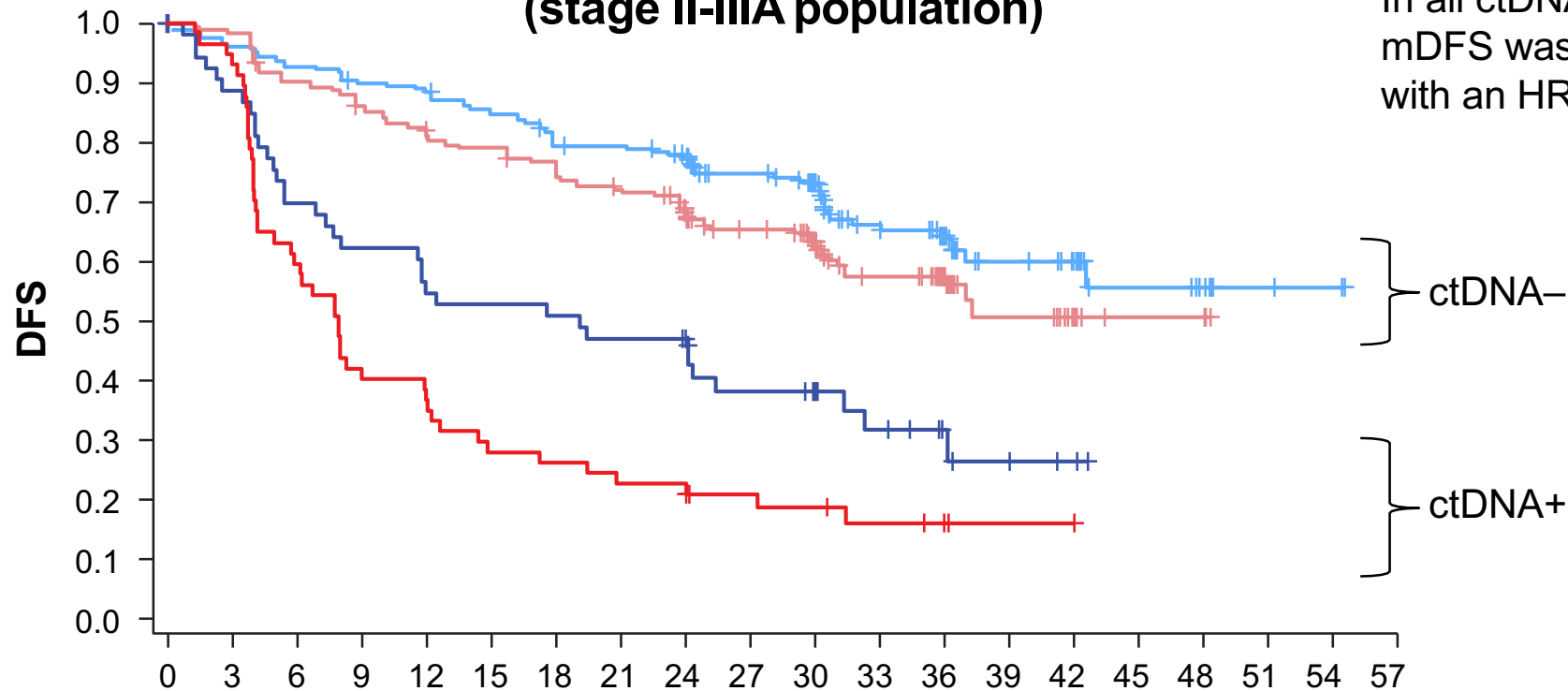
Atezolizumab	106	98	89	87	78	56	26	9	4	1
BSC	103	84	72	65	57	42	17	9	3	2

OS (interim analysis), next WCLC, PL03.09!!!

IMpower 010: Adjuvant Atezolizumab vs. BSC

DFS in ctDNA-defined subgroups
(stage II-IIIa population)

- In all ctDNA-evaluable stage II-IIIa patients, mDFS was NR (atezo) vs 31.4 months (BSC), with an HR of 0.69 (95% CI: 0.53, 0.89)



ctDNA-	Atezo (n=218)	BSC (n=204)
mDFS, mo	NR	NR
HR (95% CI)	0.72 (0.52, 1.00)	
ctDNA+	Atezo (n=53)	BSC (n=59)
mDFS, mo	19.1	7.9
HR (95% CI)	0.61 (0.39, 0.94)	

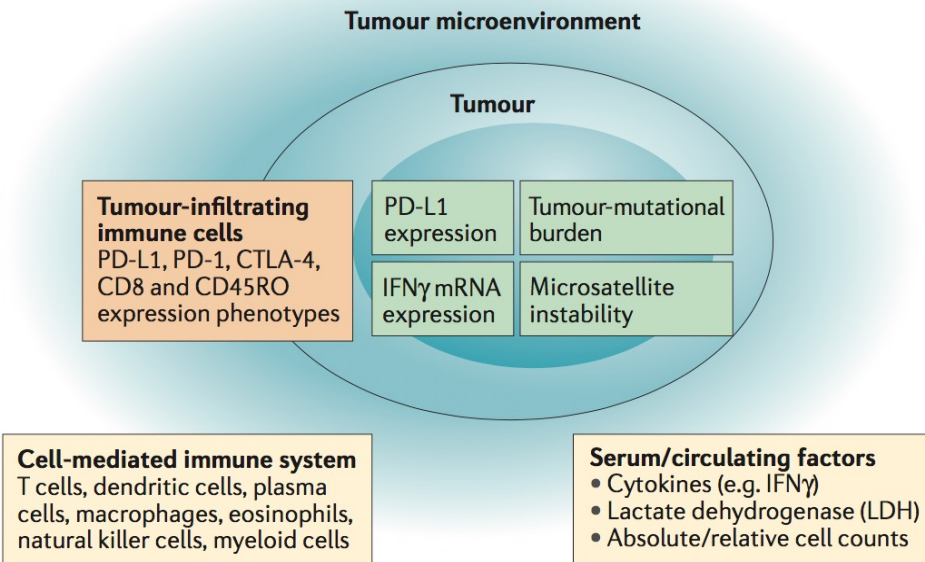
No. at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57
Atezo, ctDNA-	218	206	199	192	189	180	170	166	151	131	112	73	58	33	24	12	8	3	2	0
Atezo, ctDNA+	53	47	37	33	29	28	27	25	23	17	14	10	6	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
BSC, ctDNA-	204	193	176	167	158	152	143	137	124	106	88	62	44	19	9	3	3	0	0	0
BSC, ctDNA+	59	53	34	24	21	16	15	13	13	9	8	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Potential Biomarkers for Immunotherapy

Current (and Validated) Option for Clinical Practice:

- **PD-L1 (IHC) on Tumor Tissue**



Unmet Medical Need:

- **Validated Biomarkers in Tissue and Blood**

Select the right patient for ICIs efficacy/toxicity/resistance

Tumor cells

- PDL- 1 expression
 TMB
 Specific mutated gene pathways
- INF- γ
 - KRAS
 - STK11



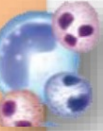
Circulating factors

- ct-DNA
 Cytokines
 Inflammatory factors
 Soluble proteins
 Peripheral blood cells:
- CD8+, CD 4+ T-cells, FOXP3 T-cells



Tumor microenvironment

- PDL- 1 expression
- Immune cells with specific phenotypes
 - CD8+, CD4+ T-cells, FOXP3 T-cells
 - TAMs, myeloid cells
- Diversity of TCR repertoires:
- TILs, TCR clonality



Host-related markers

- Gender
 Age
 Intestinal microbiota
 Specific mutations
 Microbiome
 Epigenetics



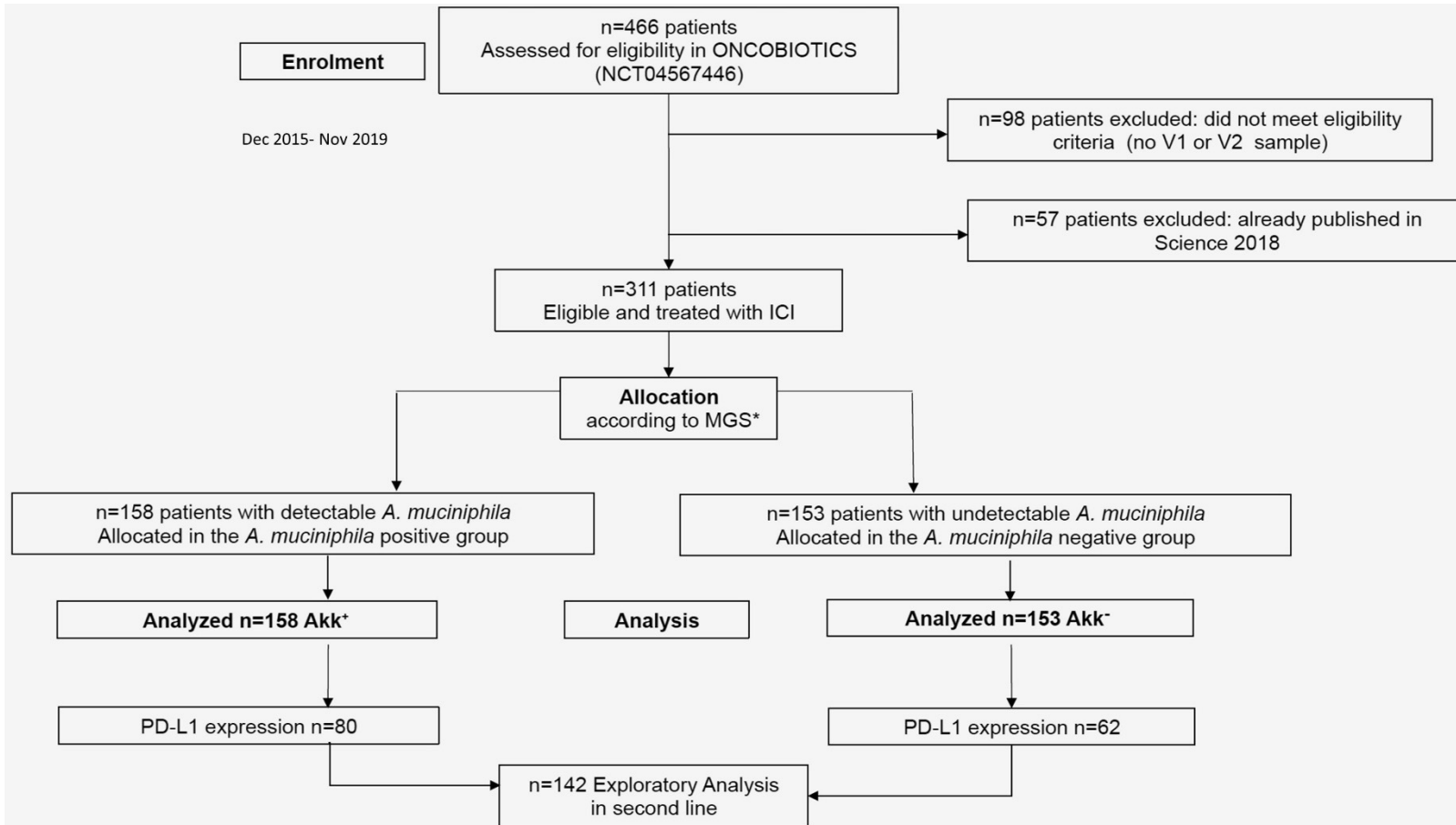
Potential Utility of Liquid Biopsy in Immunotherapy:

- **Diagnostic**
- **Prognostic**
- **Predictive of Response**
- **Monitoring**
- **Mechanisms if Resistance**

Current tools:

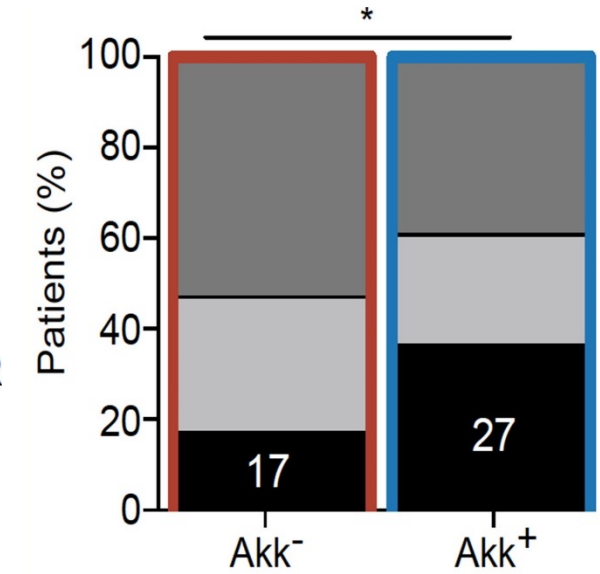
- **Calculation of circulating TMB**
- **Detection of bPDL1**
- **Alellic Fraction Variation Dynamic**

Prognostic/Predictive *Akkermansia* & ATB: Phase II Trial



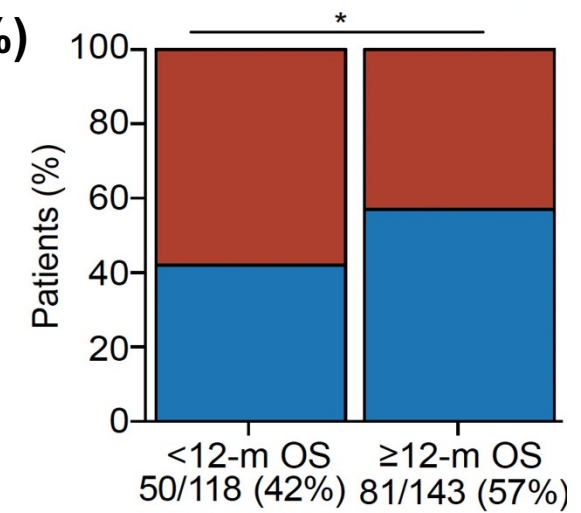
**Primary:
ORR**

■ CR/PR
■ SD
■ PD



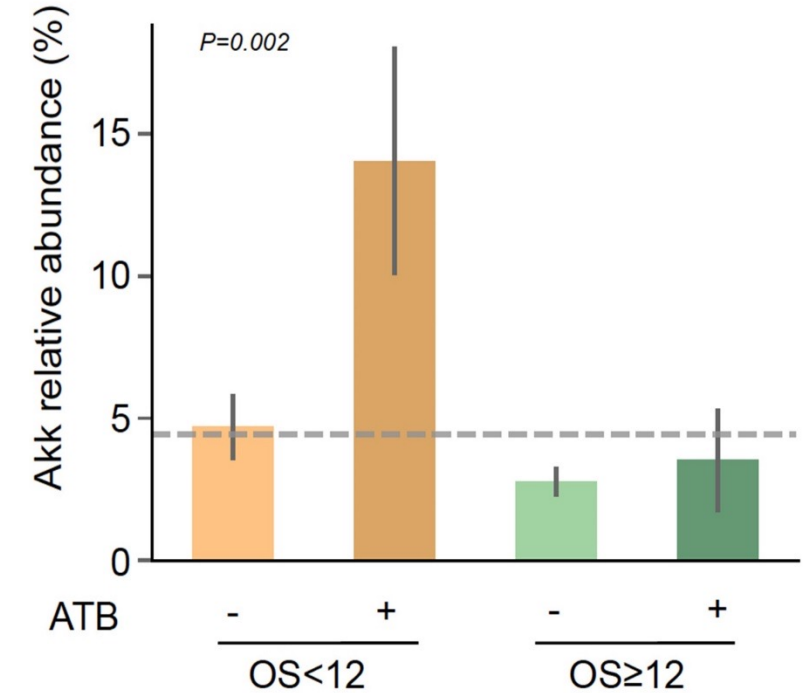
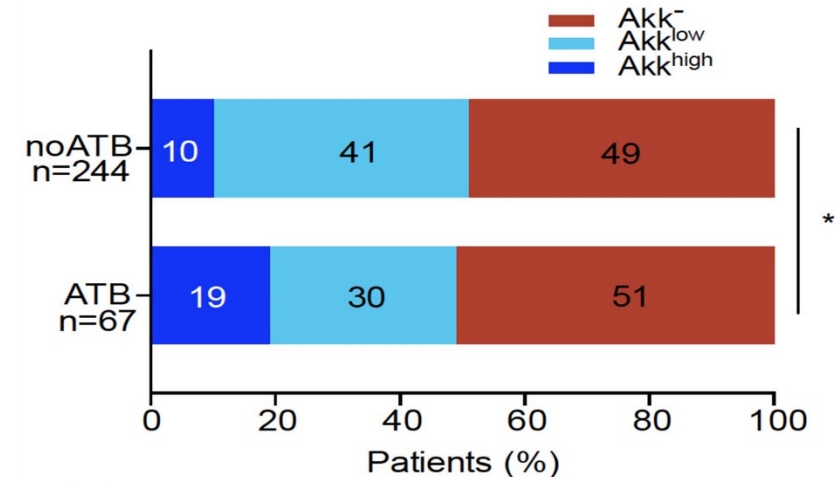
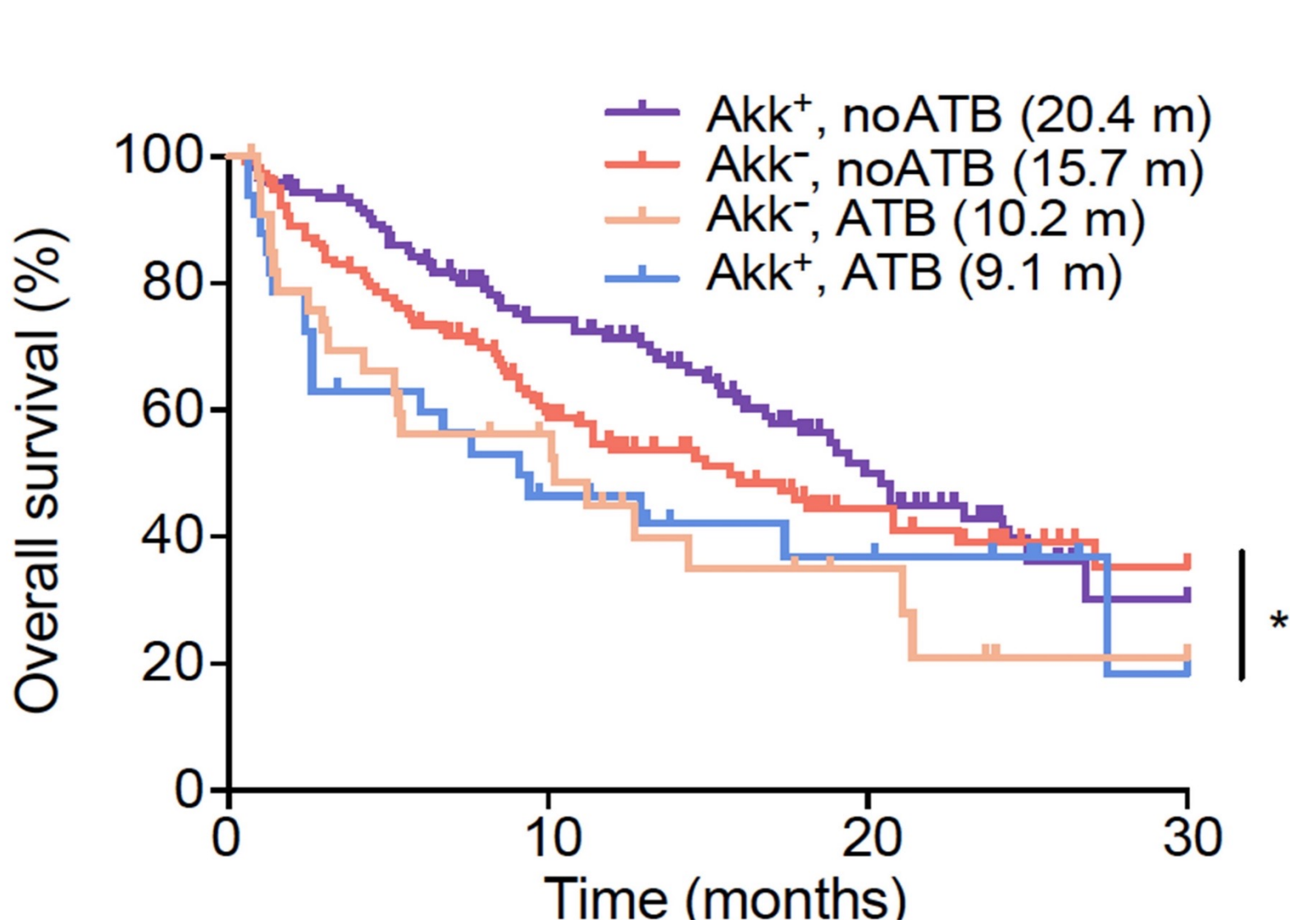
**Secondary:
OS (1mo. %)**

Akk⁻ Akk⁺



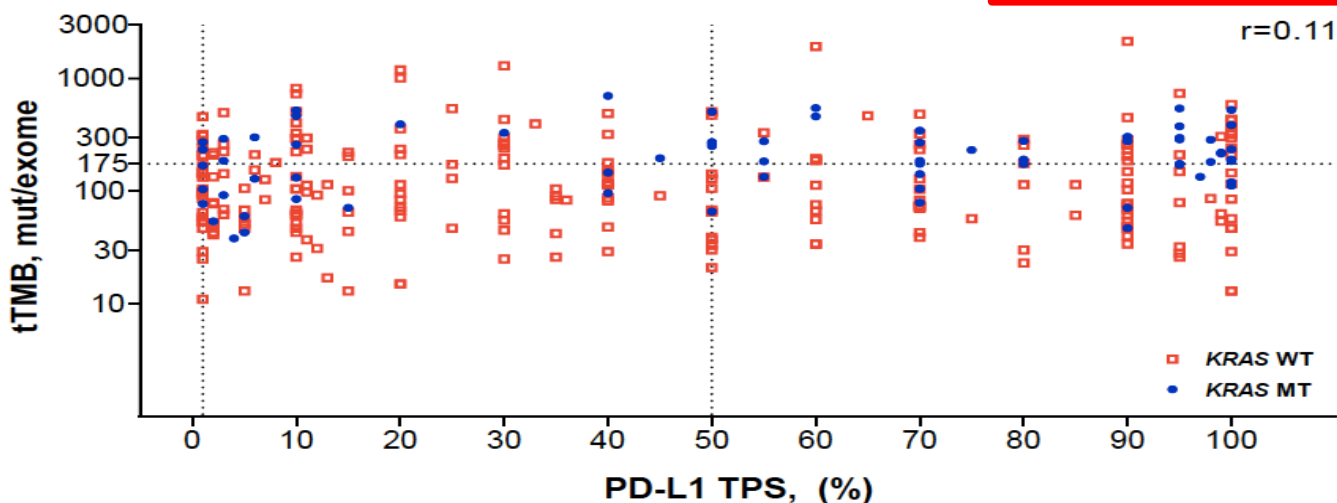
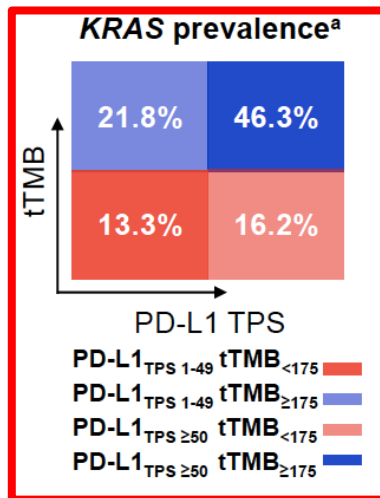
- Primary end-point was investigator-assessed objective response rate (ORR).
- We considered that a meaningful clinical difference would correlate to a 10% ORR increase in the Akk-Pos group compared to the Akk-Neg group. At least 292 patients equally divided in each group would be required for a power at 80% and a two-sided alpha level of 5%.

Prognostic/Predictive *Akkermansia* & ATB: Phase II Trial



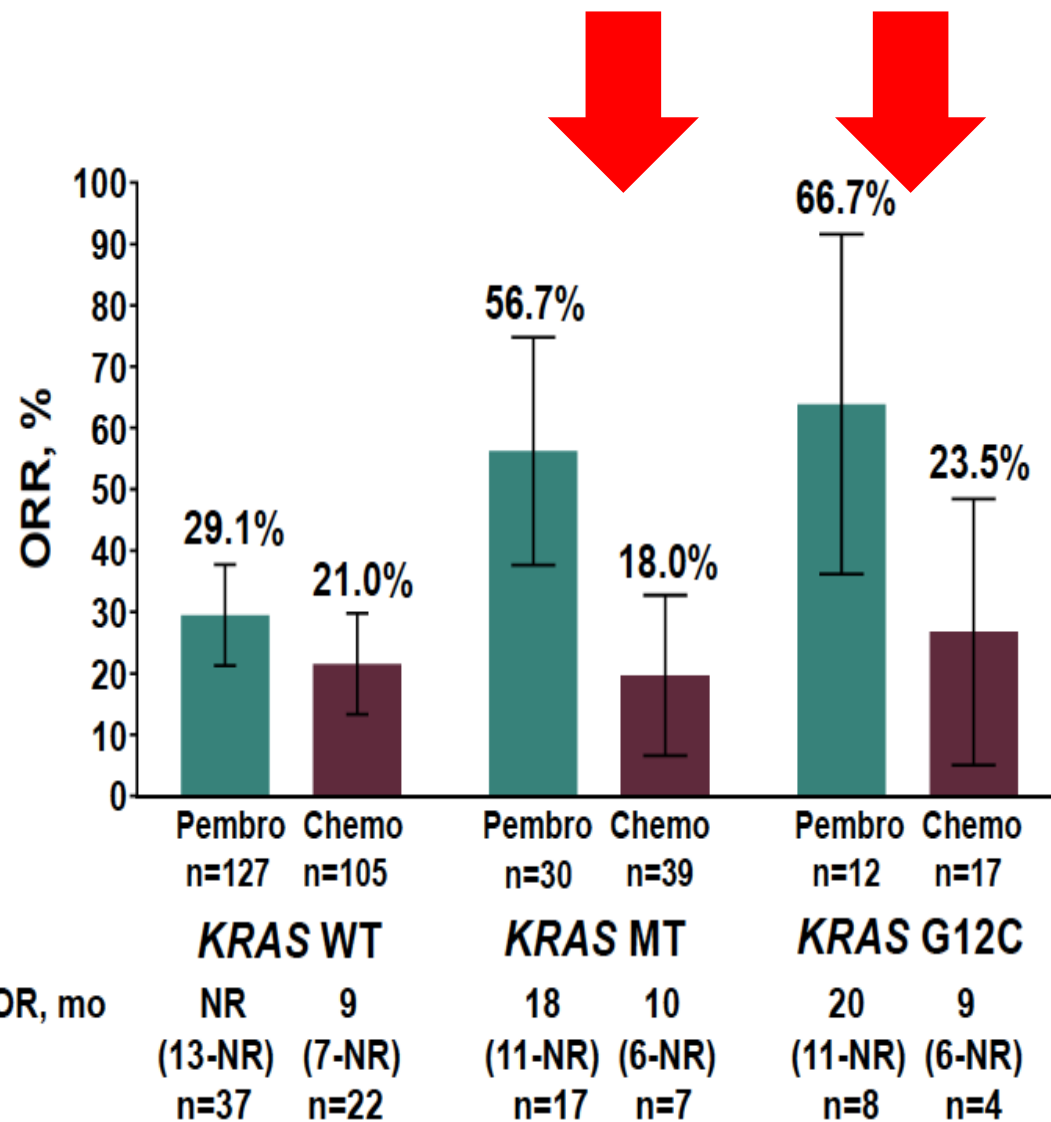
PD-L1, tTMB, KRAS [Upfront PEMBRO - KN 042]

Characteristic (%)	KRAS ^a Nonsquamous (N = 301)	Total Nonsquamous (N = 783)
Age y, median (IQR)	62 (56-68)	63 (56-69)
Male	65.1	64.2
ECOG PS 1	66.1	67.7
Former/current smoker	74.4	72.7
PD-L1 TPS		
1-49%	53.2	51.6
≥50%	46.8	48.4



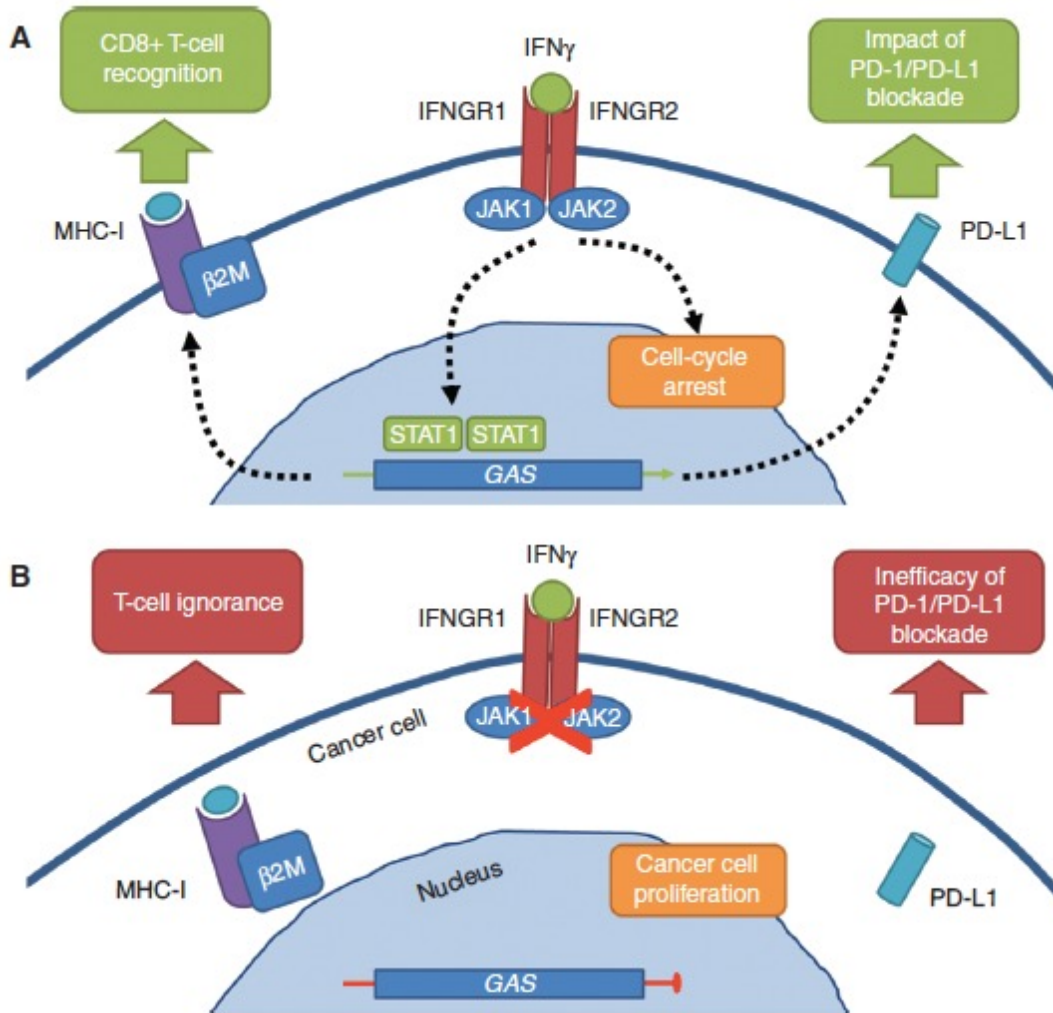
- Prevalence of KRAS mutations was higher among patients with higher vs lower levels of PD-L1 expression and tTMB

Median DOR, mo
(95% CI)

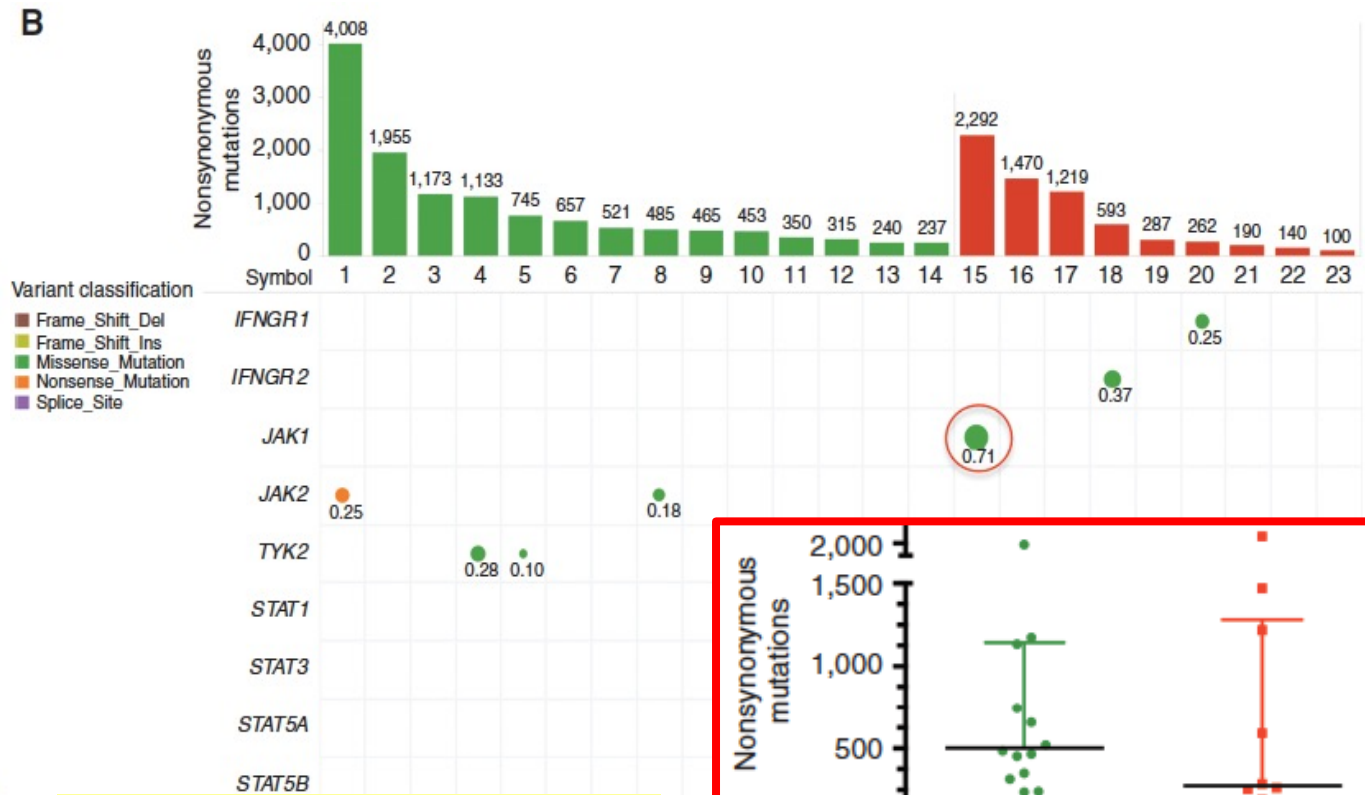


IFN/JAK Escape Pathway as Primary Resistance to I-O

Impact of JAK mutations on IFN γ signaling

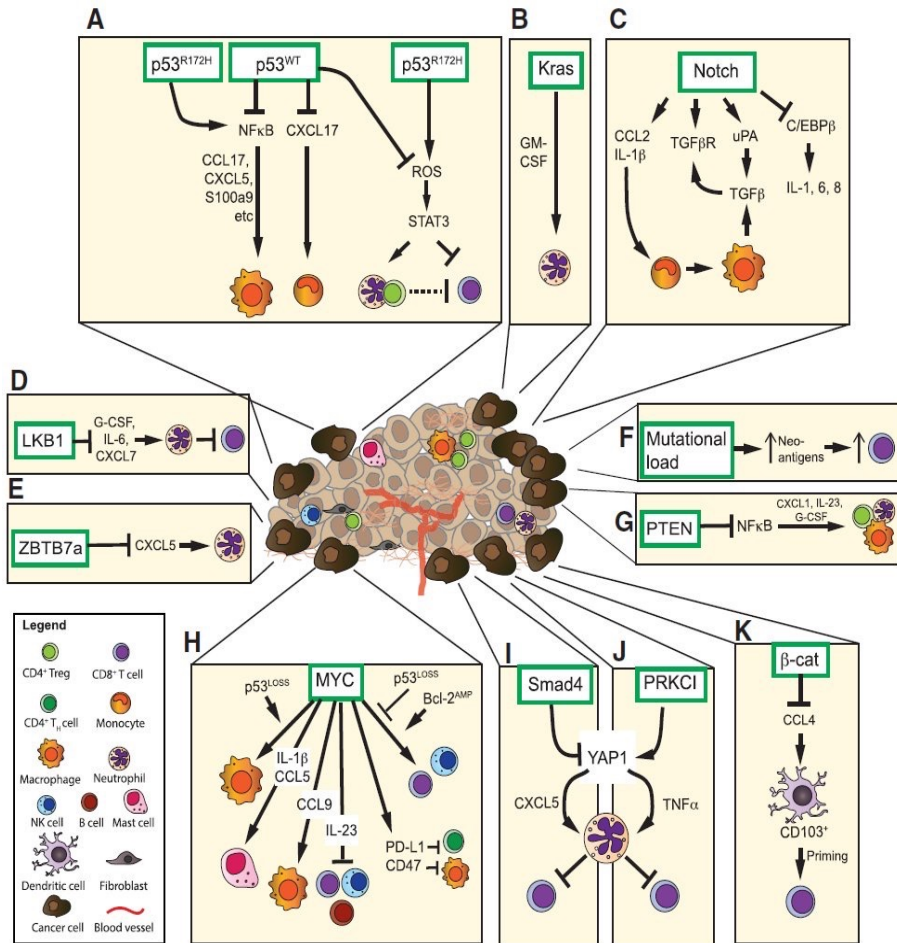


Mutational Load & Mutations in the IFN signaling [MM]

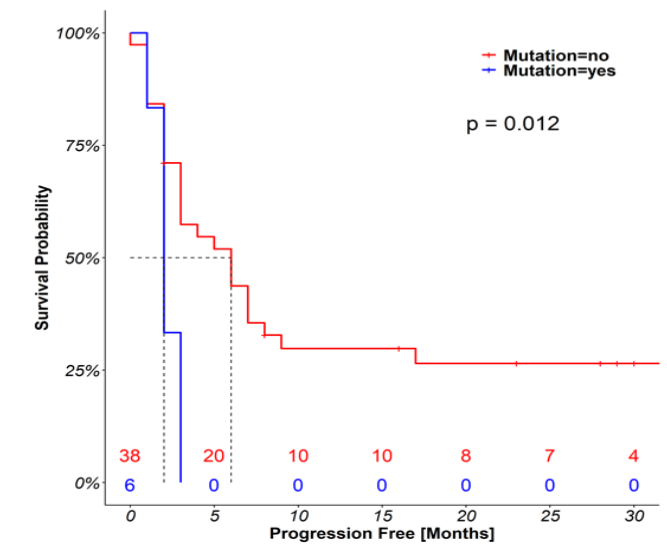
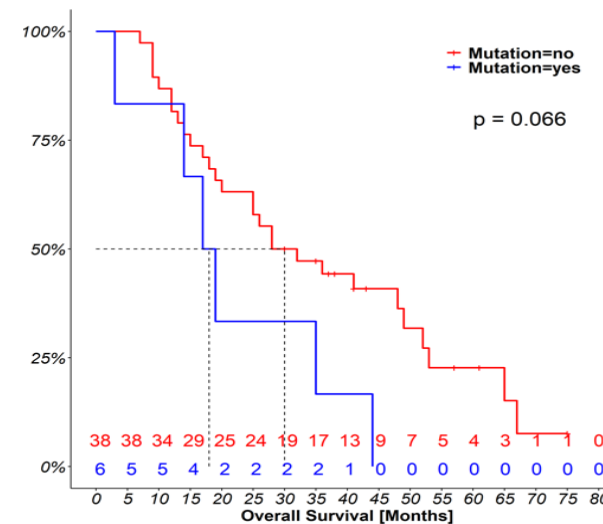
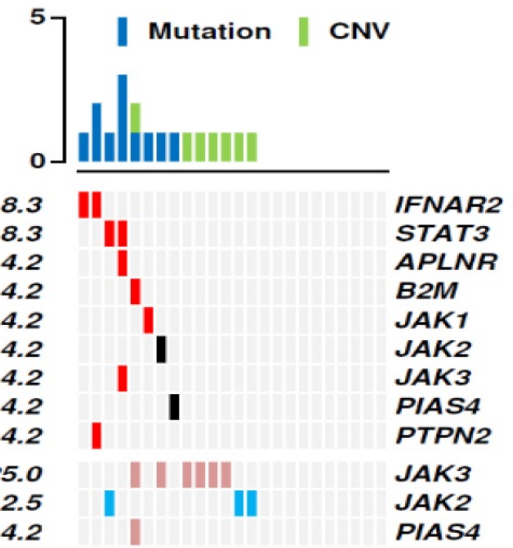


Median 503 vs. 274,
p=0.27 [Mann-Whitney]

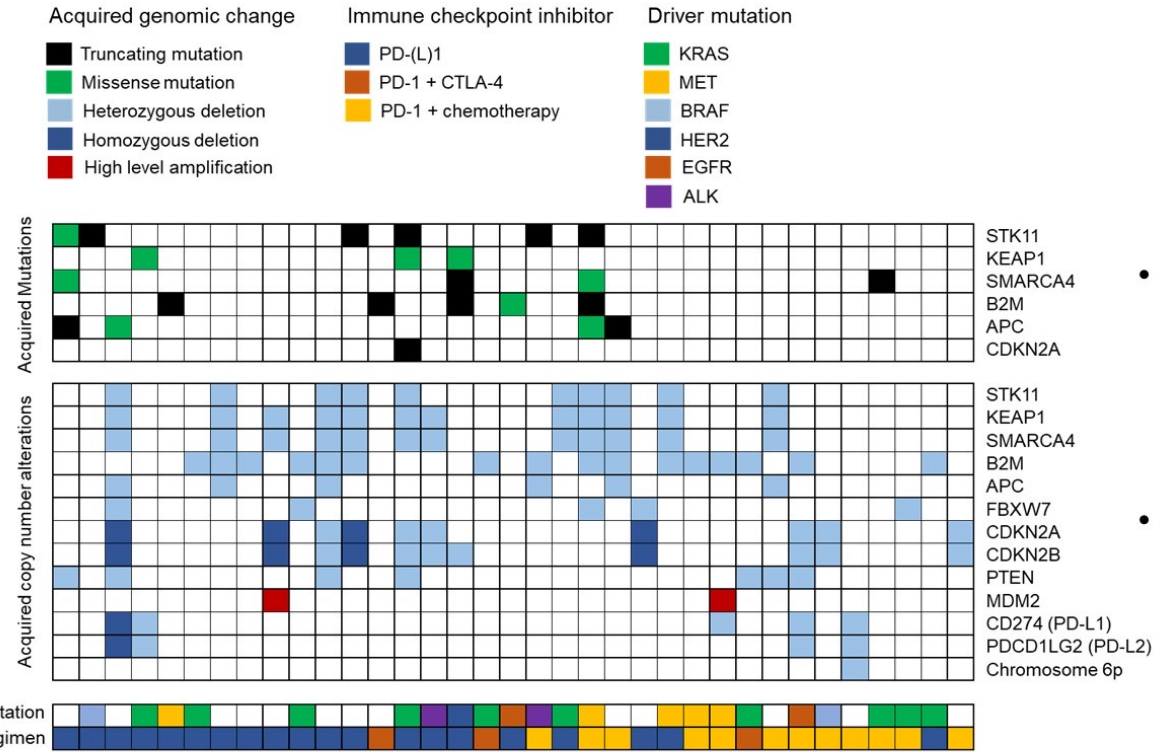
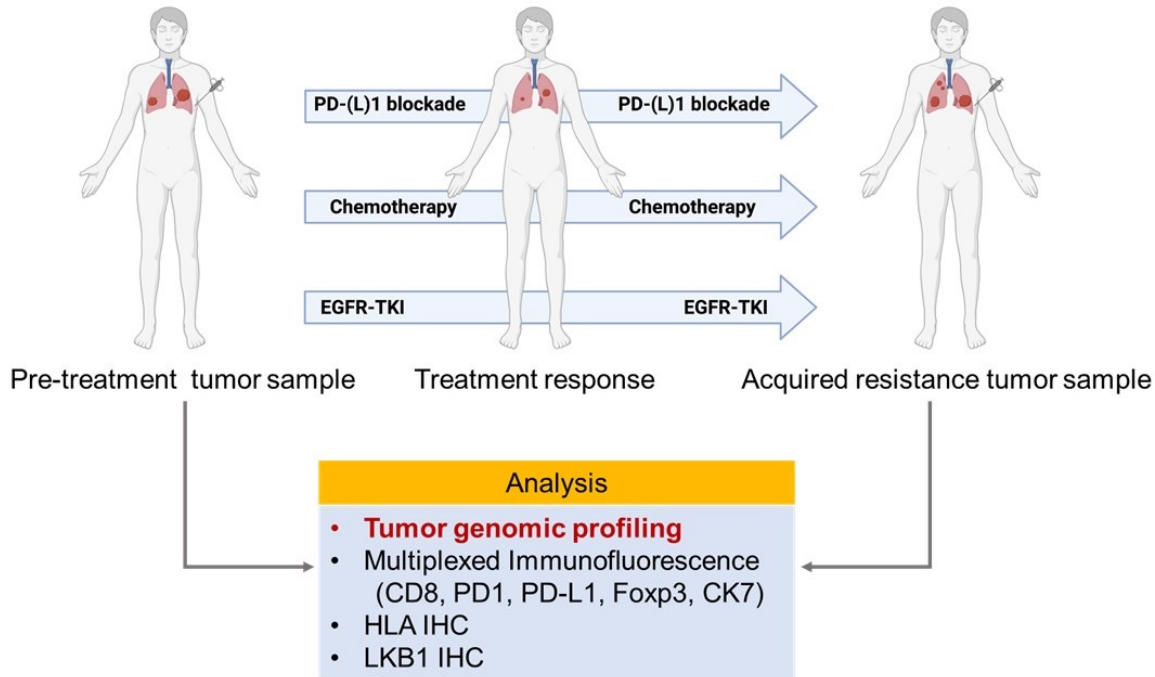
Immunophenotype, Microenvironment & ...Genomics



**PRINCIPE Study:
Customized Genomic
Signature Predicts
Resistance to Nivolumab**



Genomic Correlates of Acquired Resistance to ICI

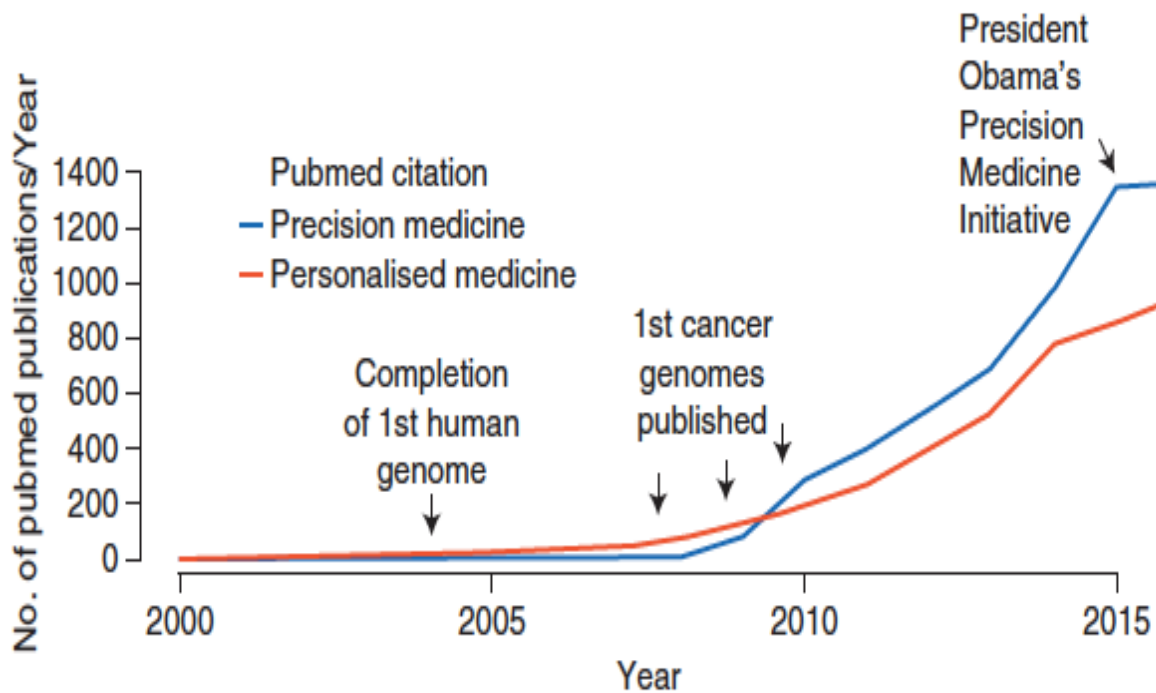


- Acquired loss-of function mutations in *STK11* and *B2M* were detected in 9.1% (6/66) and 7.5% (5/66) of patients at the time of acquired resistance

- No such mutations identified in chemotherapy or EGFR TKI comparison arms

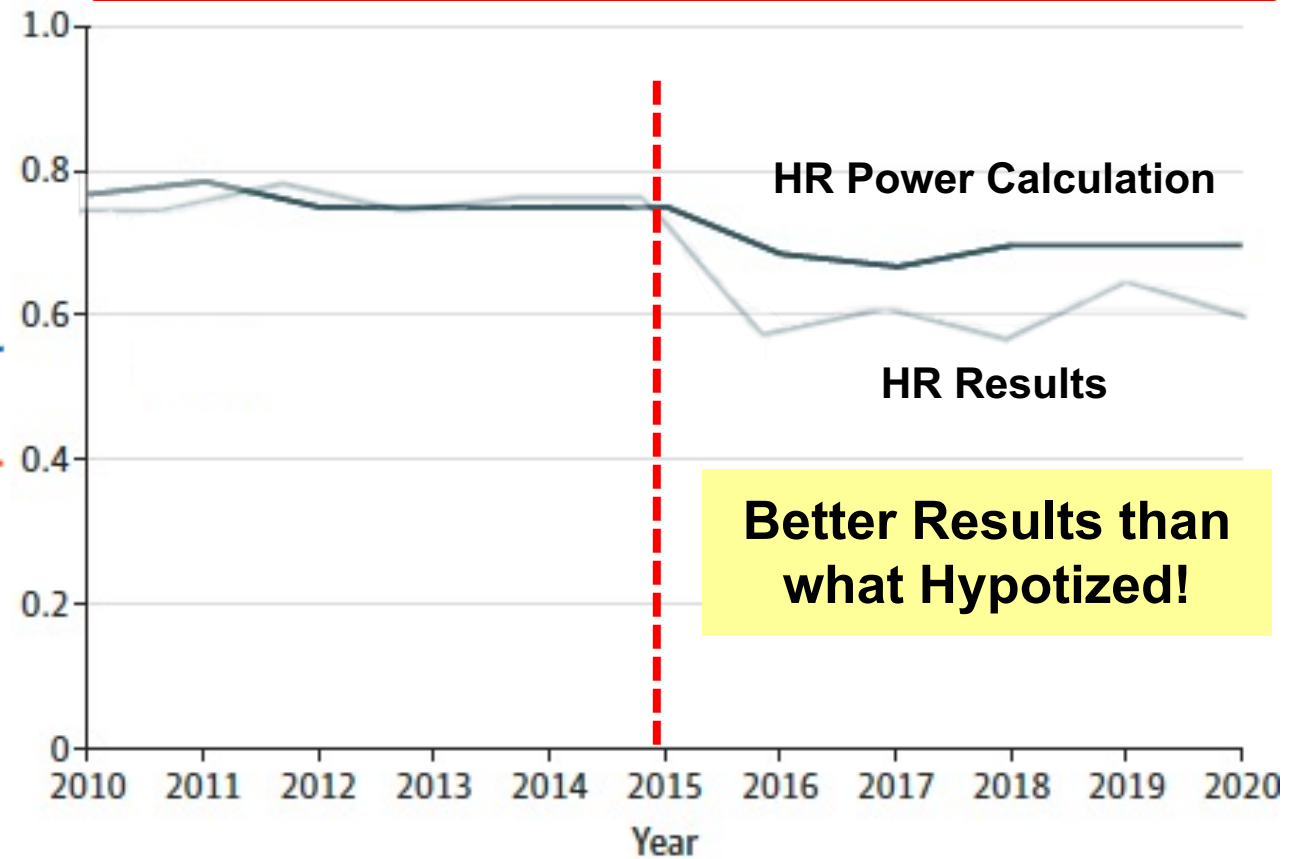
NSCLC and Impact of Precision Medicine

Lung Cancer represents a model of the impact of Precision Medicine (*when a diagnostic testing is employed for selecting optimal therapies on the basis of the patient's genetic/molecular features*) upon patients' prognosis



Yates LR, et al, Ann Oncol 2018

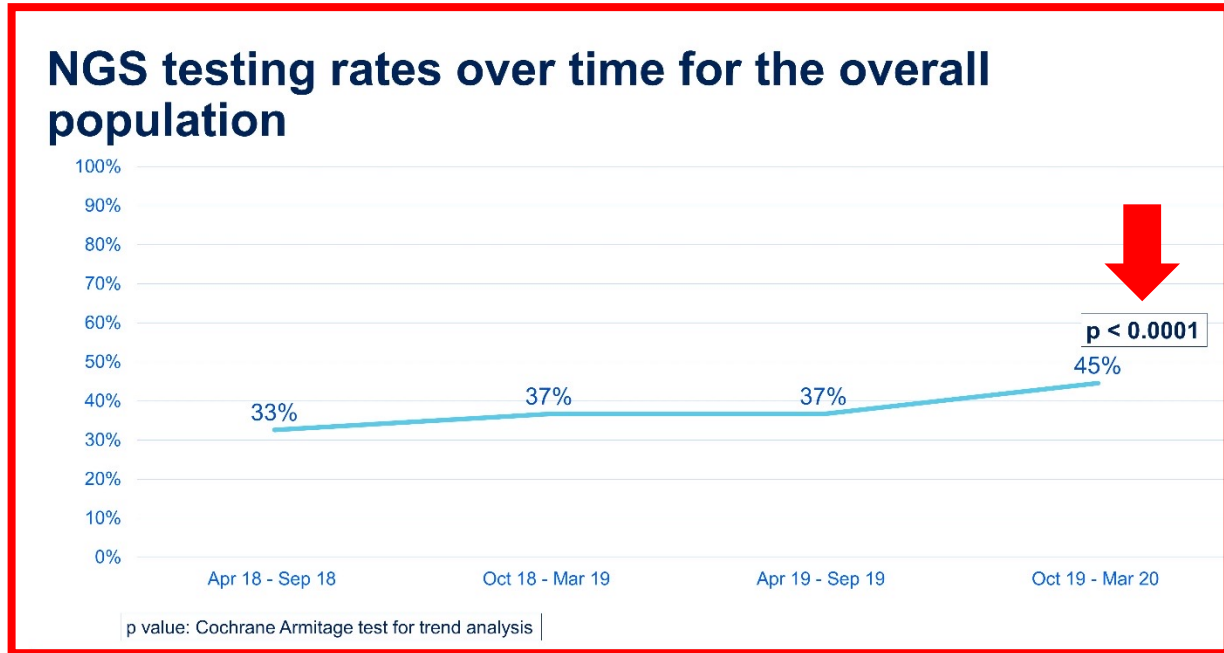
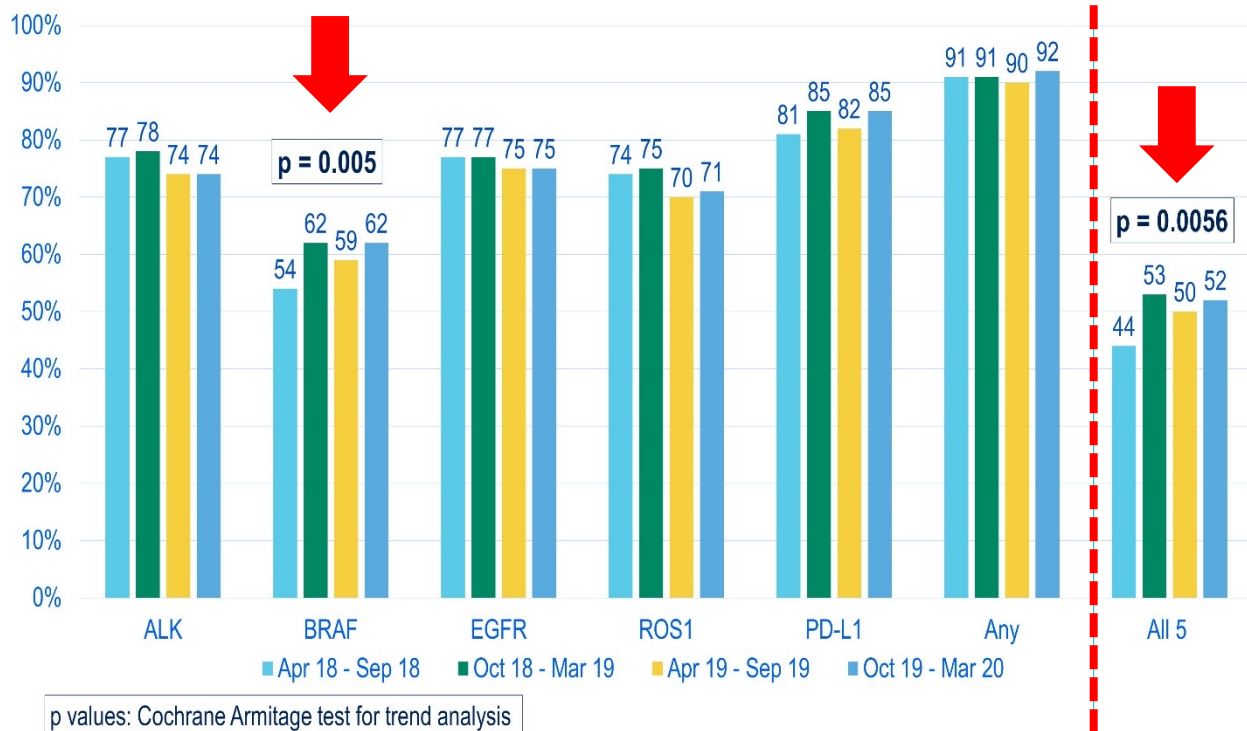
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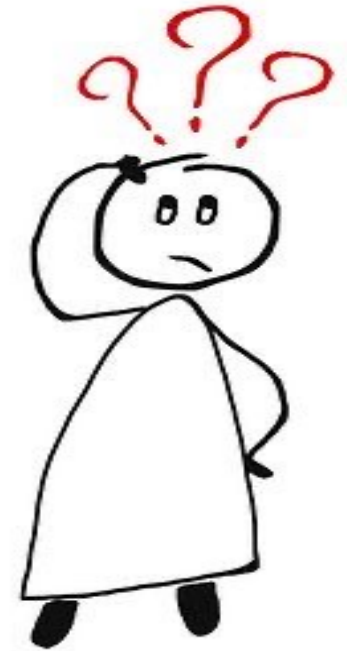
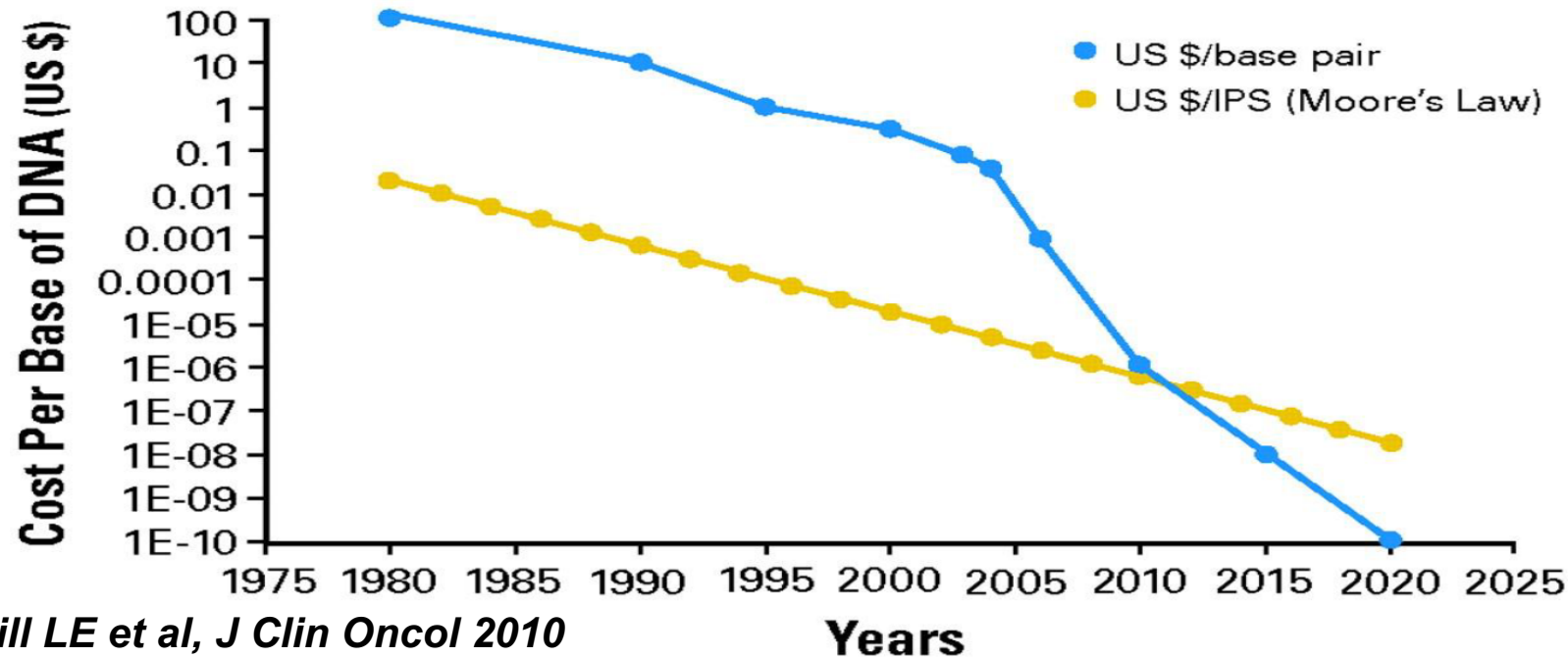
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Oncogene-Addicted NSCLC is becoming 'Bigger' (>50%)

Modest Improvement in Testing for all 5 biomarkers (Apr. 2018 – Mar. 2020)



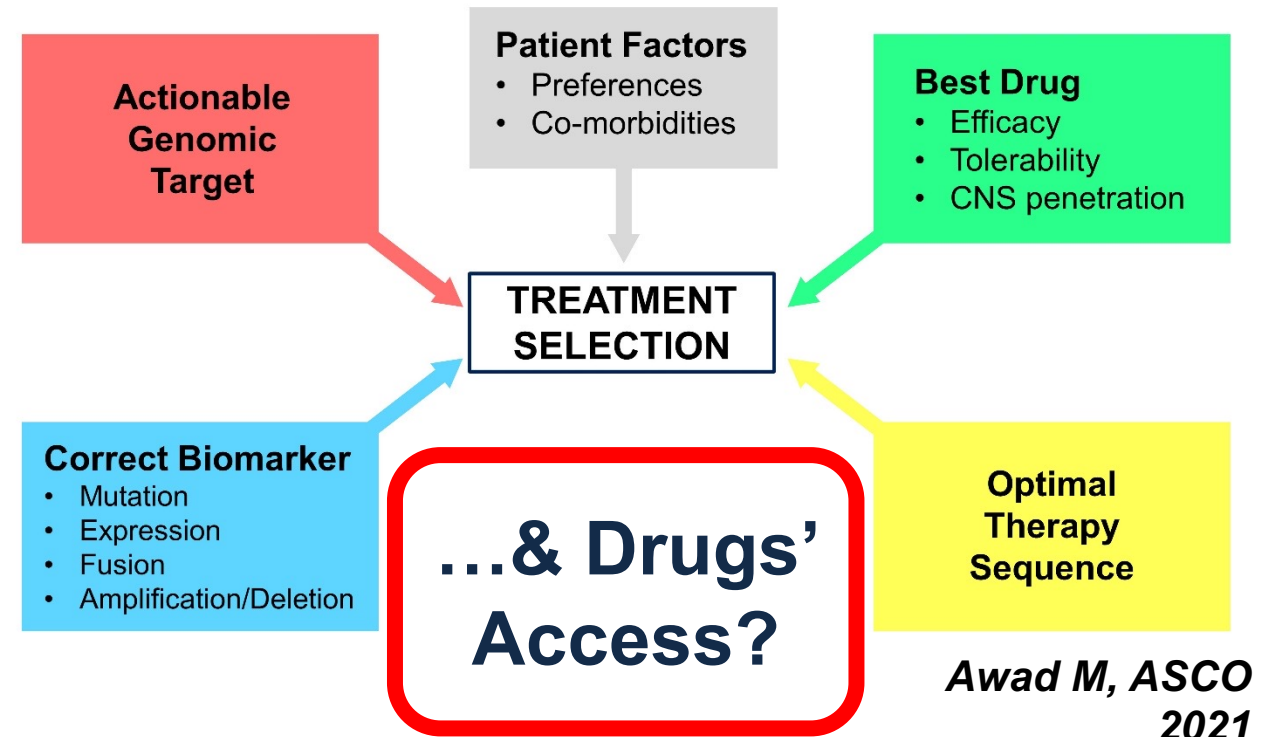
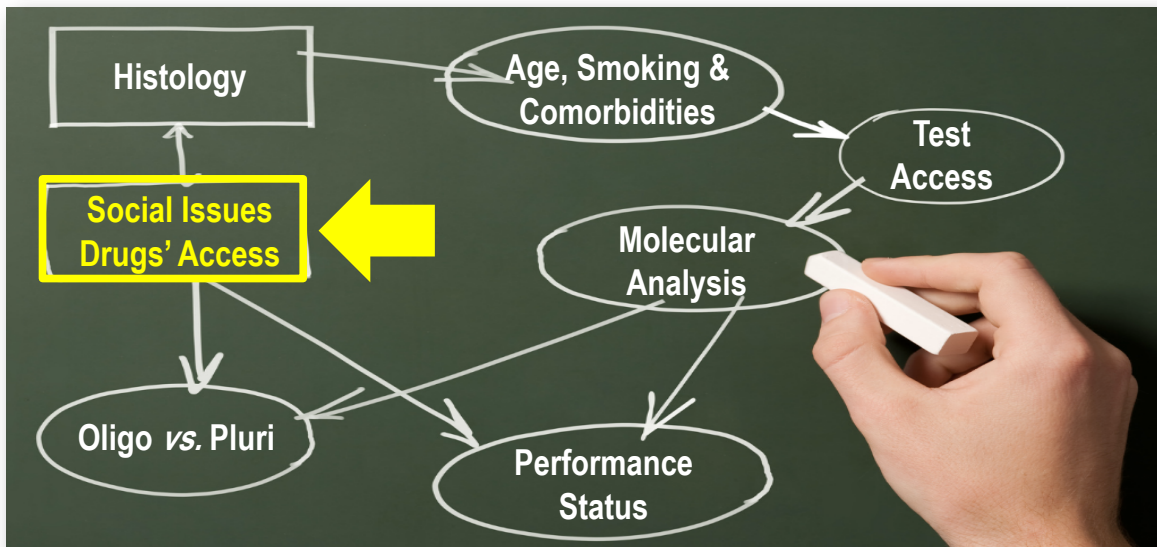
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Test	Setting	N. of examines genes/expression pathways	Potential Benefit of the Biomarker/Classifier	Cost Range (Euros)
Genomic Testing (ex. Oncotype Dx)	Early Hormone-sensitive Post-menopausal EBC	15-24	Exclusion of adjuvant Chemo addition to HT (for ' <i>non-inferiority</i> ' over HT alone)	2800-3500
NGS DNA/RNA Testing (Gene Panels)	Advanced NSCLC	150-500	Predictor of activity/efficacy of 9 targeted therapies (including EAPs), changing prognosis from <12 months to > 5yrs in featured case	650-1700

Choosing Targeted Therapy in NSCLC

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