
ALK, ROS-1, RET and MET

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ROS 1

Facts

- There is homology between ROS1 and ALK oncogenes
- Both are activated by gene rearrangements in NSCLC
- Both ROS1 and ALK belong to the insulin receptor superfamily
- They are evolutionary conserved
- They share >80% of their amino acid sequence within their ATP-binding sites
- TKIs often are active in both

ROS1 epidemiology

- In non—small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), the incidence of *ROS1* rearrangements is approximately 1% to 2%
- It ranges from 2.4% to 2.9% in the adenocarcinoma subtype, being substantially lower (0.2%-0.6%) in non-adenocarcinoma tumors
- *ROS1* rearrangements are more prevalent in females, patients without smoking history, and at a younger age
- Unlike other genomic alterations, *ROS1* rearrangements do not correlate with worse prognosis

ROS1 epidemiology

- Patients with *ROS1*-positive tumors have from 2.5- to 5-fold higher risk for thromboembolic events compared with EGFR or KRAS
- To date, 23 different *ROS1* fusion variants have been identified in NSCLC, *CD74-ROS1* being the most common occurring in up to 50% of cases
- The exact mechanism of *ROS1* kinase activation in the fusion proteins has not been established
- *ROS1* signaling mainly relies on ERK, PI3K/mTOR and JAK-STAT intracellular pathways
- The incidence of baseline brain metastases (BM) in treatment-naïve advanced *ROS1*-positive NSCLC patients ranges from 20% to 35%

ROS1 epidemiology and detection

- Methods to detect *ROS1* fusion variants include immunohistochemistry (IHC), fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH), reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) and next-generation sequencing (NGS)
- IHC is recommended as initial *ROS1* screening, followed by FISH or a molecular test for confirmation
- Only one-third of *ROS1*-positive patients receive a TKI in first-line setting

Current therapeutic strategy

- Several ROS1 tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) have been developed
- Two are already approved in the first-line setting: [crizotinib](#) (approved by both the Food and Drug Administration [FDA] and European Medicines Agency [EMA] in 2016) and [entrectinib](#) (approved by the FDA in 2019)
- Treatment with ROS1 TKIs in *ROS1*-positive NSCLC patients significantly improves OS
- Upfront ROS1 TKIs produce a better response rate (RR) and progression-free survival (PFS) than platinum-pemetrexed chemotherapy

Crizotinib

- Crizotinib showed a RR of 72%, median PFS of 19.3 months, and median OS of 51.4 months, with a 4-year OS of 51% (PROFILE 1001 study) confirmed by other trials
- Crizotinib showed a benefit in patient-reported quality of life (QoL) and a reduction in patient-reported lung cancer-related symptoms
- Poor CNS penetration
- Two main mechanisms of crizotinib failure exist:
 - On-target mutation -systemic failure
 - Progression in the central nervous system
- CNS is the first and only site of progression in 47% of *ROS1*-positive patients on crizotinib

Mechanisms of acquired resistance to crizotinib

- Acquired *ROS1* resistance mutations occur in up to 60% of crizotinib-refractory patients
- To date, seven different crizotinib *ROS1* resistance mutations have been described in patient
- **G2032R** is the most common (41%)
- Other mechanisms of resistance are
 - Upregulation of bypass signaling pathways, such as *EGFR*, *KRAS* and *KIT*
 - Phenotypic changes, such as epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT)

Mechanisms of acquired resistance to crizotinib

- Circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) analysis is a useful tool to identify mechanisms of acquired resistance to ROS1 TKIs
- In the Guardant360 dataset, 56 ROS1 NSCLC patients were identified with ctDNA analysis, and 33% of plasma specimens at crizotinib relapse had ROS1 mutations
- ctDNA allowed the identification of potential mediators of crizotinib resistance in 44% of cases, with a frequency of secondary ROS1 mutations in plasma similar to that observed in tumor tissue

Ceritinib

- Ceritinib is an ALK and ROS1 TKI
- ASCEND-4 trial: Ceritinib vs. chemotherapy
 - PFS 16.6 mo vs. 8.1 mos
- RR of 67%, median PFS of 19.3 months, and median OS of 24 months
- About 37% of patients presented grade ≥ 3 TRAEs, requiring dose reduction in 68% of cases, and the GI toxicity limits the use of this drug in daily clinical practice
- Recently, in the final report from the ASCEND-8 trial, ceritinib at 450 mg with food vs 750 mg fasted showed similar efficacy (RR 78% vs 73%, regardless the presence or absence of brain metastases) and a more favorable gastrointestinal tolerability

Entrectinib

- Entrectinib is a potent TKI that promotes a durable and meaningful clinical benefit and intracranial activity in advanced ROS1-positive NSCLC patients and NTRK gene fusion-positive solid tumors
- RR of 77% and PFS of 19 months (26.3 mos with no brain metastases)
- The intracranial (ic)RR was 55%, and the median icPFS was 7.7 months
- The grade 3–4 TRAEs rate was 34%
- Approved in ROS1-positive patients, as well as adults and pediatric patients with NTRK-positive solid tumors
- KRAS G12C mutation causes entrectinib resistance in vitro and co-targeting ROS1 and MEK pathways is a proposed strategy to overcome this resistance

Lorlatinib

- Selective third-generation ALK and ROS1 TKI specifically developed to penetrate the blood-brain barrier via the reduction of P-glycoprotein 1-mediated efflux
- RR in TKI-naïve patients is 62% vs 35% in pre-treated
- Median PFS is 21 months vs 8.5 mos
- The icRR of lorlatinib in TKI-naïve and crizotinib-pretreated patients is 64% and 50%, respectively
- Grade ≥ 3 TRAEs were registered in 49% of patients and were mainly grade 3-4, **hypertriglyceridemia** (19%) and **hypercholesterolemia** (14%)

Repotrectinib

- Repotrectinib is a ROS1/NTRK/ALK TKI, which can inhibit ROS1 with > 90-fold higher potency than crizotinib and designed to overcome the ROS1 G2032R mutation
- In 11 TKI-naïve ROS1-positive NSCLC patients, repotrectinib showed a RR of 82% (regardless of the dose) and icRR of 100%
- in 18 TKI-refractory patients the RR was 39% and reached 55% in crizotinib-pretreated patients at 160 mg

DS-6051b

- DS-6051b is a new and selective ROS1/NTRK TKI, inducing a dramatic growth inhibition both in wild type and G2032R-mutant ROS1- or NTRK-rearranged cancers in vitro and in vivo
- In a phase I trial, among six crizotinib-refractory ROS1-positive NSCLC patients, 33% had partial response, 33% stable disease
- In another phase I trial, DS-6051b showed a RR of 58.3% in 12 patients with target lesions and of 66.7% in nine crizotinib-naïve patients

Sequencing

- Sequential treatment strategies may impact patients' outcomes, although they remain to be defined in this subset since current evidence is derived from small cohorts
- The efficacy of lorlatinib in ROS1-positive tumors may be compromised by the previous ROS1 TKI and the occurrence of the G2032R mutation
- The efficacy of lorlatinib after a ROS1 TKI different than crizotinib is less prominent than after crizotinib (RR, 13% vs 35%; duration of response [DoR], 5.6 months vs 13.8 months)

Sequencing

- Repotrectinib showed preliminary clinical activity with response in 39% in 18 patients previously treated with a ROS1 TKI (crizotinib, ceritinib, entrectinib)
- Neither ceritinib nor entrectinib appear to be clinically active in crizotinib-resistant ROS1-positive tumors
- The crizotinib-lorlatinib sequence is emerging as a treatment strategy of choice, with an expected cumulated PFS of 28 months
- Lorlatinib does not seem to be superior to crizotinib in TKI-naïve patients, and the safety profile of crizotinib seems more favorable than that of lorlatinib
- This places crizotinib as the standard first-line treatment of choice for ROS1-positive advanced NSCLC patients

Sequencing

- Lorlatinib is not active in tumors with the G2032R mutation
- DS-6051b and repotrectinib have been designed to overcome acquired solvent front mutations with a dramatic growth inhibition in G2032R/D2033N-mutant ROS1-positive cancers in vitro and in vivo
- Clinical data suggest that repotrectinib could be a potential treatment strategy in G2032R-mutant tumors (RR of 40%, N = 5) but more clinical evidence is needed
- The mechanisms of acquired progression on lorlatinib are
 - One-third acquiring ROS1 mutations
 - About 10% MET amplification

- Activity with or without brain metastases

Table 2. Clinical activity of ROS1 TKIs according to the presence or not of baseline brain metastases and the intracranial response rate.

TKI	RR (%)		PFS (months)		Intracranial RR (%)
	With BM	w/o BM	With BM	w/o BM	
Crizotinib [24]	74% N=23	71% N=104	10.2	18.8	NR
Ceritinib [34]	NR	NR	NR	NR	25% (N=8)
Entrectinib [37]	74% N=23	80% N=30	13.6	26.3	55% icDoR/PFS: 12.9/7.7 months
Lorlatinib [33] in post-crizotinib	25% N=24	50% N=16	NR	NR	50% icDoR: not reached

TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; RR, response rate; PFS; progression-free survival; NR, not reported; icDoR/PFS: intracranial duration of response/progression-free survival; w/o, without.

- Activity and toxicity of ROS1 TKIs in treatment Naïve patients

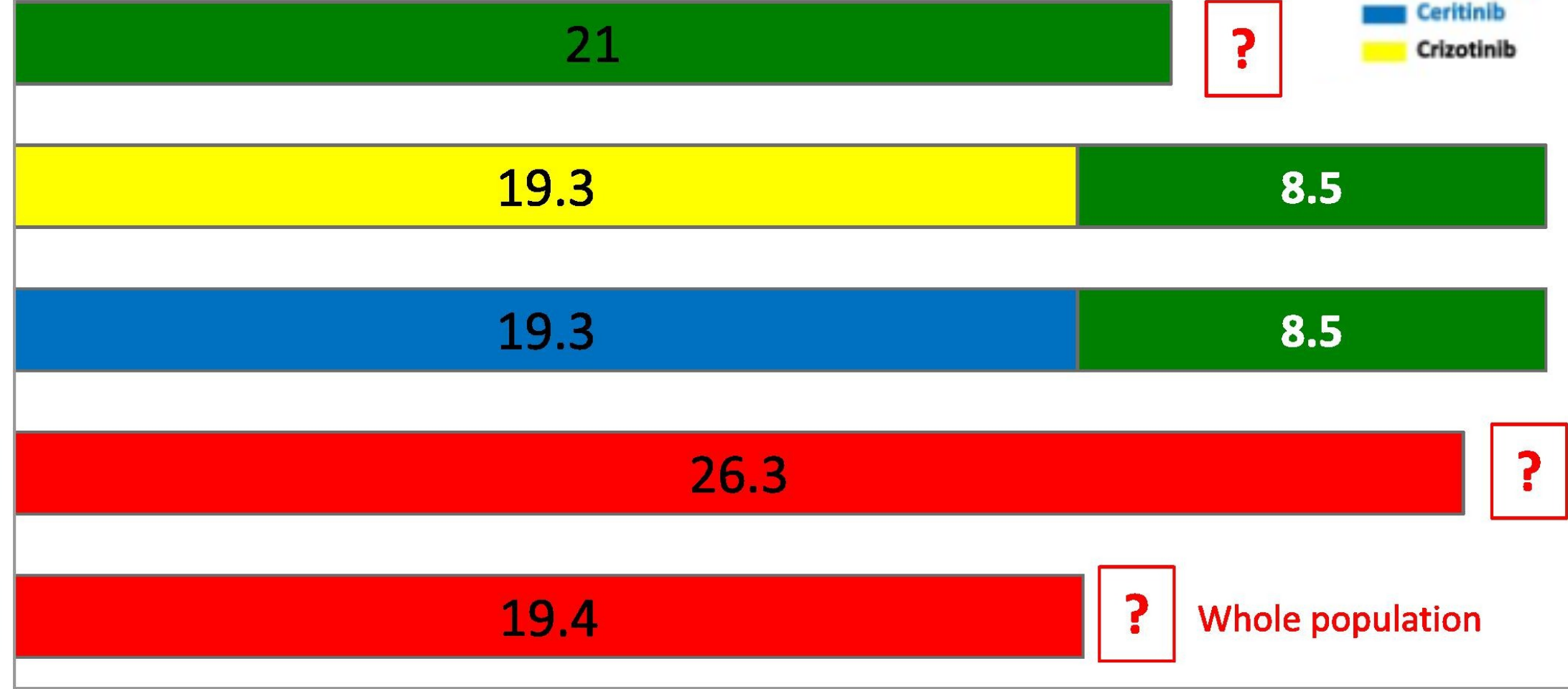
Table 1. Clinical activity and toxicity of ROS1 TKIs in treatment-naïve advanced *ROS1*-positive NSCLC patients.

TKI	N	RR (%)	PFS (months)	OS (months)/1-y OS (%)	Grade 3–4 TRAE (%)	Discontinuation (%)
Crizotinib [22], [23]	53	72	19.3	51.4/79	36	0
Ceritinib [34]	30	67	19.3	24/56	37	3
Entrectinib [37]	53	77	19.0 (26.3 w/o BM)	NR/85	34	5
Lorlatinib [33]	21	62	21.0	NR	49	1
Repotrectinib [48]	10	82	NR	NR	12	2.4

TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; RR, response rate; PFS; progression-free survival; OS, overall survival; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event; NR, not reported; w/o BM, without brain metastases.

PFS in first line setting

- Lorlatinib
- Entrectinib
- Ceritinib
- Crizotinib



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ALK

ALK epidemiology

- EML4-ALK rearrangements occur in about 3–8% of the overall NSCLC population
- Never/light smokers, younger age, and adenocarcinoma subgroups
- There are multiple (>15) EML4-ALK fusion variants (v),
 - v1 (40%),
 - v2 (10%)
 - v3a/b (30%)

Are among the most frequently reported



MOLECULAR AND BIOMARKER-DIRECTED THERAPY FOR ADVANCED OR METASTATIC DISEASE^{a,b}

EGFR Exon 19 Deletion or Exon 21 L858R

- First-line therapy
 - ▶ Afatinib¹
 - ▶ Erlotinib²
 - ▶ Dacomitinib³
 - ▶ Gefitinib^{4,5}
 - ▶ Osimertinib⁶
 - ▶ Erlotinib + ramucirumab⁷
 - ▶ Erlotinib + bevacizumab^c (nonsquamous)⁸
- Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Osimertinib⁹

EGFR S768I, L861Q, and/or G719X

- First-line therapy
 - ▶ Afatinib^{1,10}
 - ▶ Erlotinib²
 - ▶ Dacomitinib³
 - ▶ Gefitinib^{4,5}
 - ▶ Osimertinib^{6,11}
- Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Osimertinib⁹

EGFR Exon 20 Insertion Mutation

- Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Amivantamab-vmjw¹²
 - ▶ Mobocertinib¹³

KRAS G12C Mutation

- Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Sotorasib¹⁴
 - ▶ Adagrasib¹⁵

ALK Rearrangement

- First-line therapy
 - ▶ Alectinib^{16,17}
 - ▶ Brigatinib¹⁸
 - ▶ Ceritinib¹⁹
 - ▶ Crizotinib^{16,20}
 - ▶ Lorlatinib²¹
- Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Alectinib^{22,23}
 - ▶ Brigatinib²⁴
 - ▶ Ceritinib²⁵
 - ▶ Lorlatinib²⁶

ROS1 Rearrangement

- First-line therapy
 - ▶ Ceritinib^{27,28}
 - ▶ Crizotinib²⁹
 - ▶ Entrectinib³⁰
- Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Lorlatinib³¹
 - ▶ Entrectinib³⁰

BRAF V600E Mutation

- First-line therapy
 - ▶ Dabrafenib/trametinib³²
 - ▶ Dabrafenib³²
 - ▶ Vemurafenib
- Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Dabrafenib/trametinib^{33,34}

NTRK1/2/3 Gene Fusion

- First-line/Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Larotrectinib³⁵
 - ▶ Entrectinib³⁶

MET Exon 14 Skipping Mutation

- First-line therapy/Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Capmatinib³⁷
 - ▶ Crizotinib³⁸
 - ▶ Tepotinib³⁹

RET Rearrangement

- First-line therapy/Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Selpercatinib⁴⁰
 - ▶ Pralsetinib⁴¹
 - ▶ Cabozantinib^{42,43}

ERBB2 (HER2) Mutation

- Subsequent therapy
 - ▶ Fam-trastuzumab
 - ▶ deruxtecan-nxki⁴⁴
 - ▶ Ado-trastuzumab emtansine⁴⁵

[PD-L1 ≥50% First-line Therapy](#)

[PD-L1 ≥1-49% First-line Therapy](#)

reatment
Naive

TKI	Study	N	ORR	IC- ORR	mPFS (months)	mOS (months)	Grade 3–4 AE (%)
Crizotinib vs CT	PROFILE 1014 [77], [104]	343	74% vs 45%	NA	10.9 vs 7 (HR 0.45; 95% IC 0.35 to 0.60)	NR vs 47.5 (HR:0.76, 95% CI 0.54–1.05)	50.3% vs 53.3%
Alectinib vs Crizotinib	ALEX [82], [84]	303	82.9% vs 75.5%	59% vs 26%	34.8 vs 10.9 HR 0.43, 95% CI 0.32– 0.58	NR vs NR (HR 0.67 95% CI 0.46–0.98)	41% vs 50%
	J-ALEX [85]	207	92% vs 79%	NA	34.1 vs 10.2 HR 0.37, 95% CI 0.26– 0.52	NR vs 43.7	37% vs 61%
	ALESIA [86]	187	91% vs 77%	73% vs 22%	NR vs 11.1 HR 0.22, 95% CI 0.13–0.38	NR vs NR	29% vs 48%*
Brigatinib vs Crizotinib (BIRC)	ALTA-1 [88]	275	74% vs 62%	78% vs 26%	24.0 vs 11.0 HR 0.49, 95% CI 0.35– 0.68	NR vs NR	73% vs 61%

Ensartinib vs Crizotinib (BIRC)	eXalt3 [89]	290	75% vs 67%	64% vs 21%	25.8 vs. 12.7 months, HR 0.51 (95%CI: 0.35– 0.72), p<0.0001	NR VS NR	NR vs NR
Lorlatinib vs crizotinib (BIRC)	CROWN [95]	296	76% vs. 58%	83% vs 23%	NE vs 9.1 (HR 0.28 (0.19, 0.41)	NE vs NE HR 0.72 (0.41– 1.25)	72% vs 56%
Ceritinib vs CT	ASCEND- 4 [90]	376	73% vs 2–7%	72.7% vs 27.3%	16.6 vs 8.1 HR 0.55, 95% CI 0.42– 0.73	NR vs 26.2	78% vs 62%

Clinical activity of ALK TKIs and chemotherapy in *ALK*-positive NSCLC patients who failed prior second-generation ALK TKIs.

TKI	Study		N	ORR	IC-ORR	mPFS (months)	mOS (months)
Lorlatinib	EXP 3B-5 [52]	Phase II	139	37%	53%	6.9*	NR
	ALKmut/ALK WT [75]	Retrospective	110	69%/27%	NR	11 /5.4	NR
Chemotherapy	Lin et al. [105]	Retrospective	58	29.7%	15.8%	4.3**	NR
Ceritinib	ASCEND-9 [94]	Retrospective	20	25%	NR	3.7	NR
Brigatinib	BRIGALK [106]	Retrospective	104	50%	NR	6.6	17.2
	Lin et al. [93]	Retrospective	22	17%	NR	4.4	NR
	UVEA-BRIG [107]	Retrospective	50	34.9%	NR	5.7	10.2
	ATOMIC [108]	Phase II	20	40%	NR	6.4	NR
Ensartinib	[109]	Phase I/II	16	25%	NR	1.9	NR

N, number of patients; ORR, objective response rate; IC-ORR intracranial objective response rate; mPFS, median progression-free survival; mOS, median overall survival.

ALK RESISTANCE

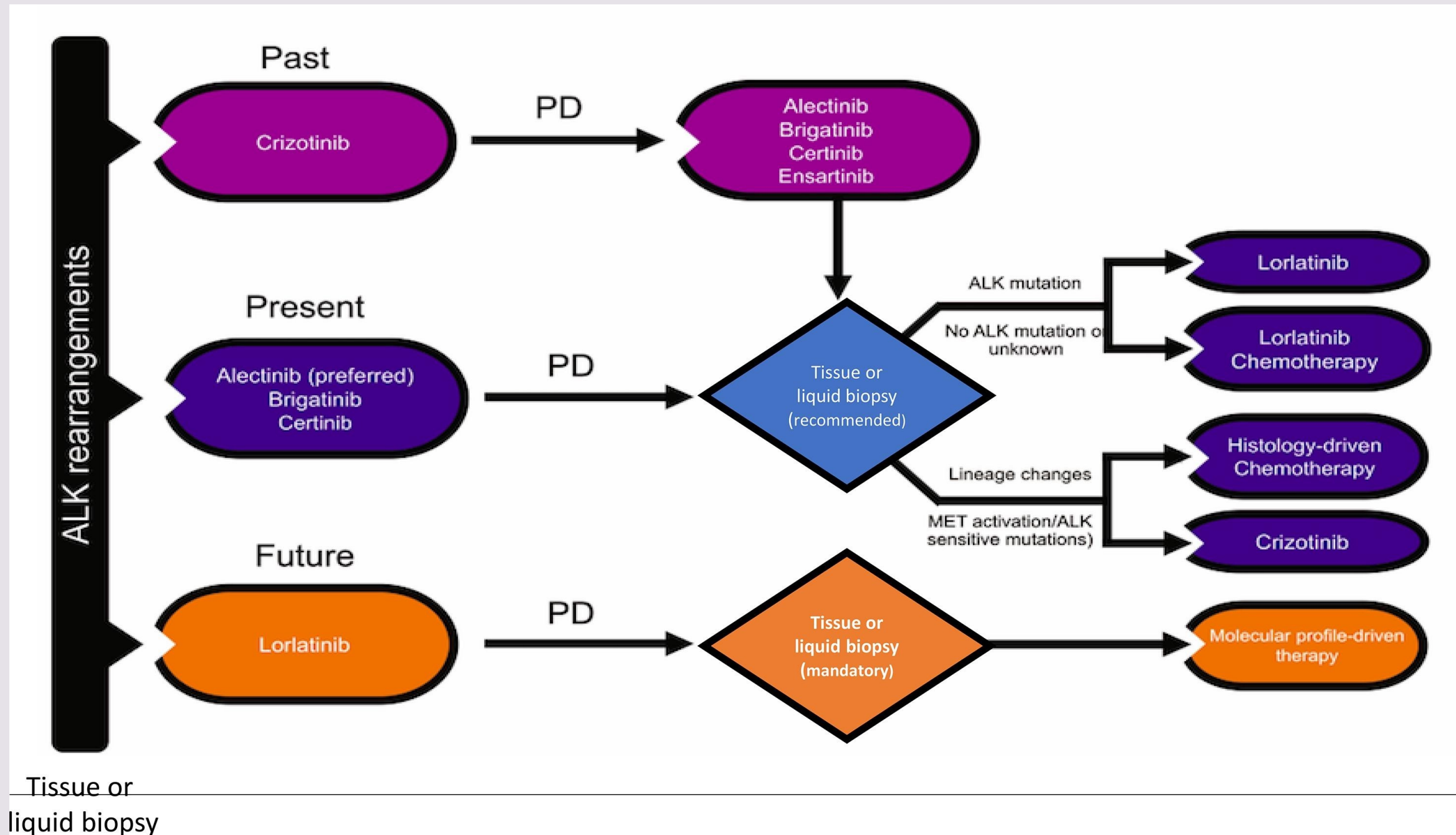
- Intra-tyrosine kinase secondary ALK mutations represent the main mechanism of resistance to second-generation ALK TKIs, reported in more than 50% of patient.
- Among them, p.G1202R accounts for 25%-30% of cases
- In the remaining patients, the occurrence of acquired resistance under second-generation
- ALK TKIs is driven by ALK-independent mechanisms
 - Bypass signaling (including EGFR, MET, c-KIT, SRC, RAS/ MAPK, and SHP2)
 - Histological (small cell lung cancer transformation) and/or phenotypical (EMT) changes

Sequencing

- Alectinib is the preferred first-line treatment option in ALK-rearranged advanced NSCLC as it has shown the best balance of clinical activity and safety
- The third-generation ALK TKI lorlatinib, with a wide spectrum of activity against the majority of ALK secondary mutations, has focused new interest on the debate regarding the best first-line ALK TKI.
- Preventing the onset of resistance mechanisms with the use of the most potent TKI at the frontline has proven to be an effective strategy in patients with EGFR-mutated NSCLC
- No direct comparison between second- and third-generation ALK TKIs is currently available

Sequencing

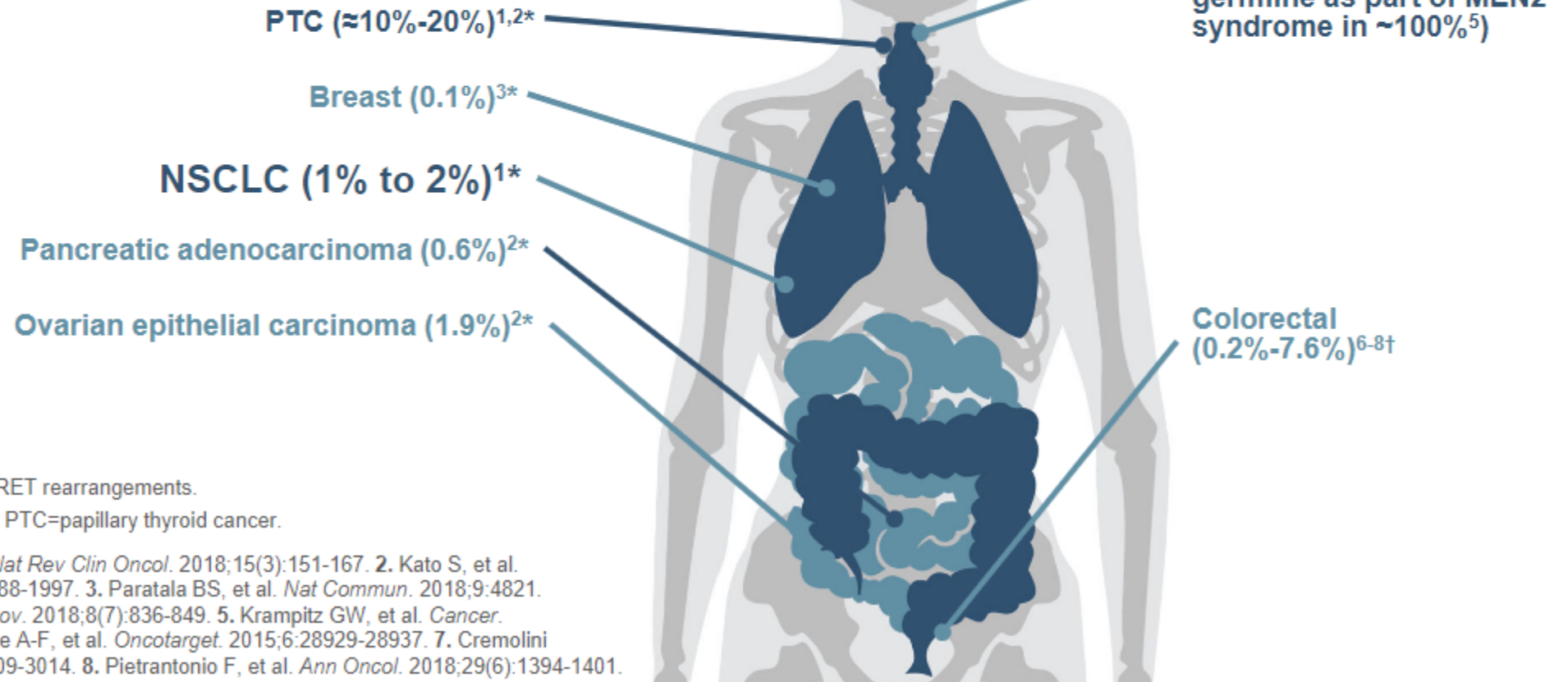
- Lorlatinib showed higher ORR in mutation-positive (69%) vs mutation-negative NSCLC patients (27%)
- Molecular profiling at the time of disease progression to second- generation ALK TKIs may help physicians identify the best candidate to lorlatinib therapy and ultimately define genomic-driven therapeutic sequences
- In a recent study, MET amplification was detected in 15% of tumor biopsies from patients relapsing on next-generation ALK TKIs.
- Patients with acquired MET alterations may benefit from therapeutic agents targeting both ALK and MET like crizotinib



RET

RET is a known oncogenic driver in many cancers^{1,2}

RET fusions make up
1%-2% of non-small cell
lung cancer (NSCLC)¹



*Includes RET fusions only.

†Includes both RET fusions and RET rearrangements.

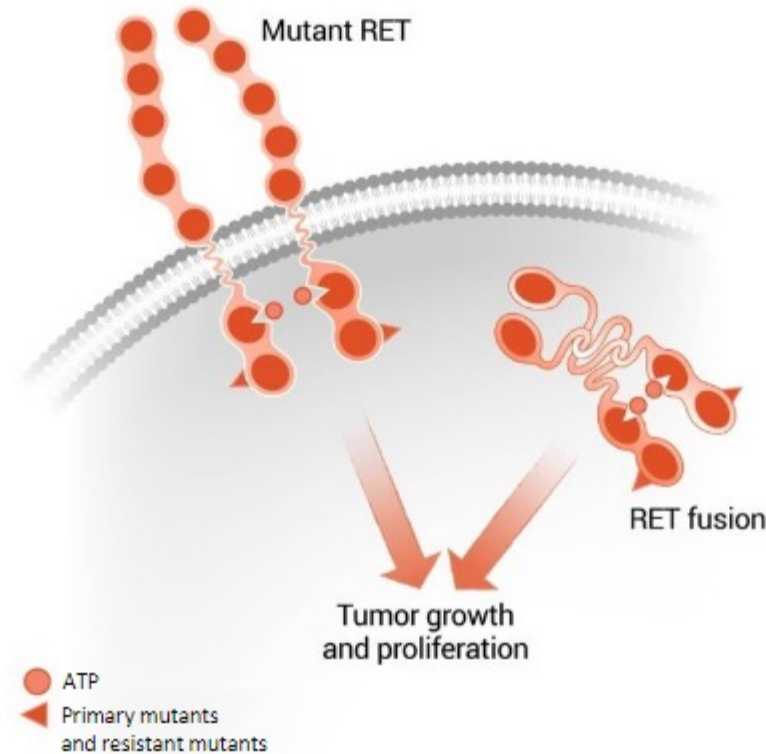
MTC=medullary thyroid cancer; PTC=papillary thyroid cancer.

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RET signaling can lead to tumor growth and proliferation¹⁻⁴

Oncogenic RET Signaling

Oncogenic alterations in RET lead to ligand-independent kinase activation, driving tumor growth and proliferation



ATP=adenosine triphosphate.

RET Fusions are Actionable Lung Cancer Drivers

- ~1–2% of patients with NSCLC have *RET* gene fusions (**Fig. 1**)¹⁻⁵
- Definitive locoregional therapies +/- adjuvant chemotherapy, followed by surveillance is the current standard of care for patients with early-stage (IB-IIIa) disease⁶
- Although the use of targeted therapies in the early-stage setting is still being characterized, there is historical precedent for regulatory approval of adjuvant TKI therapy in lung cancer:
 - Osimertinib has been approved by FDA for resected NSCLC with EGFR mutation⁷

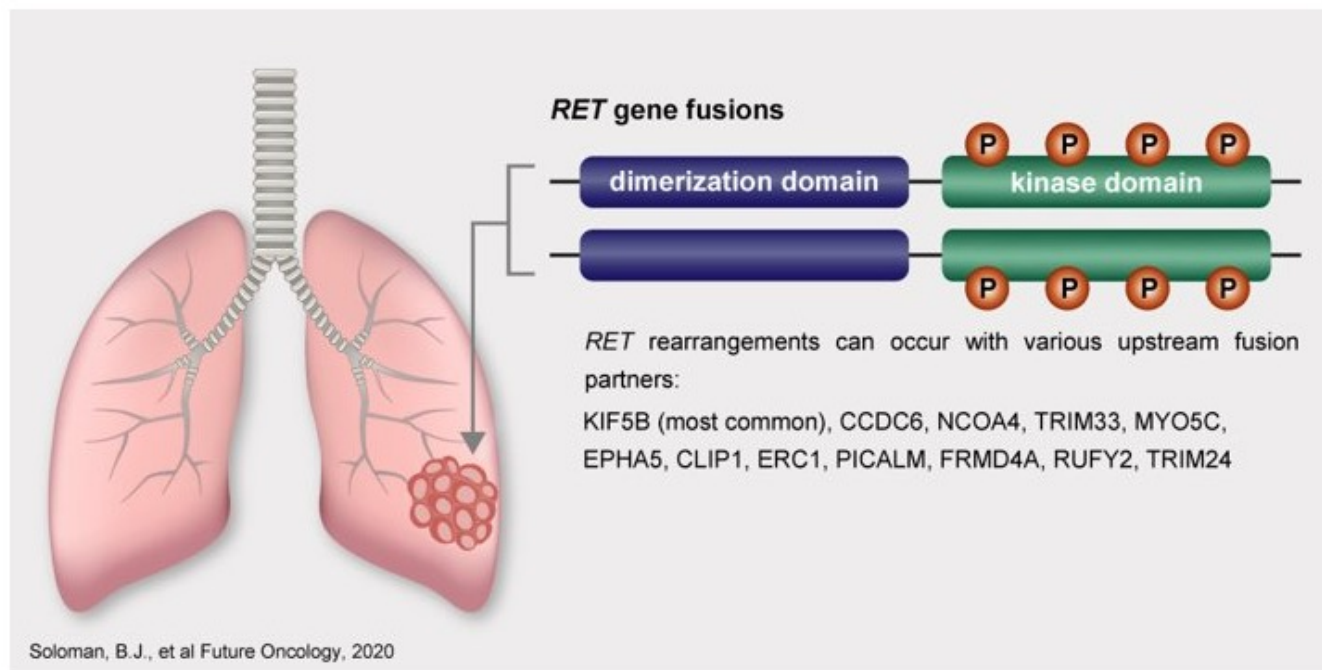


Fig 1. *RET* Fusions are the *RET* gene rearrangements identified in NSCLC

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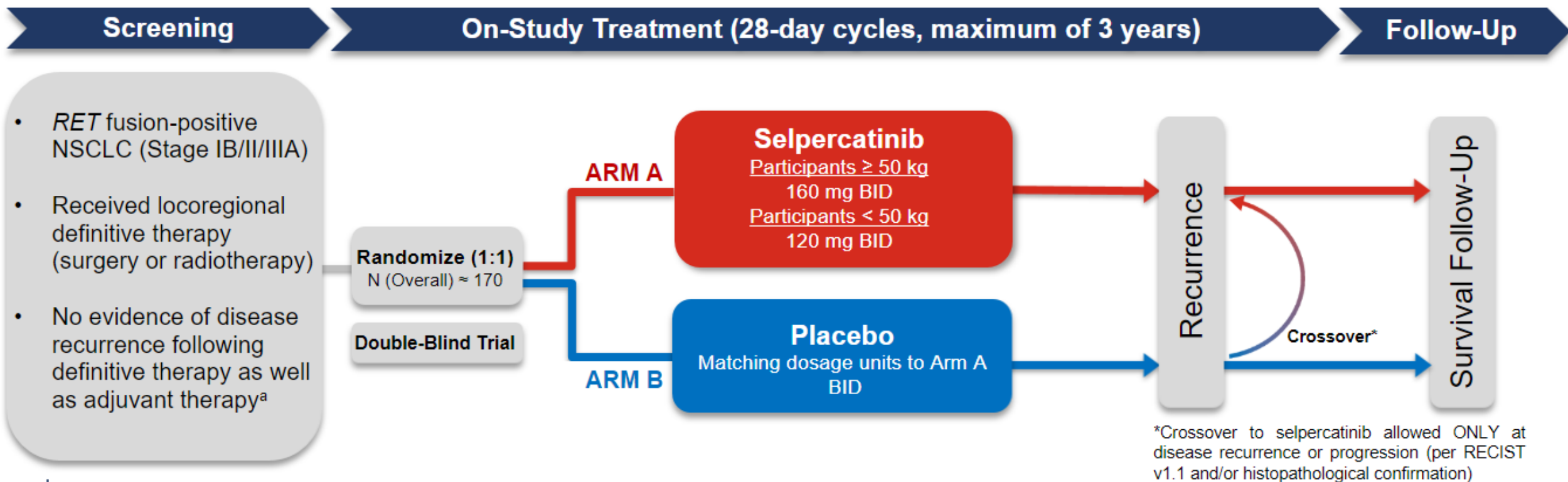
Durable Efficacy of Selpercatinib in Patients (pts) with Medullary Thyroid Cancer (MTC): Update of the LIBRETTO-001 Trial

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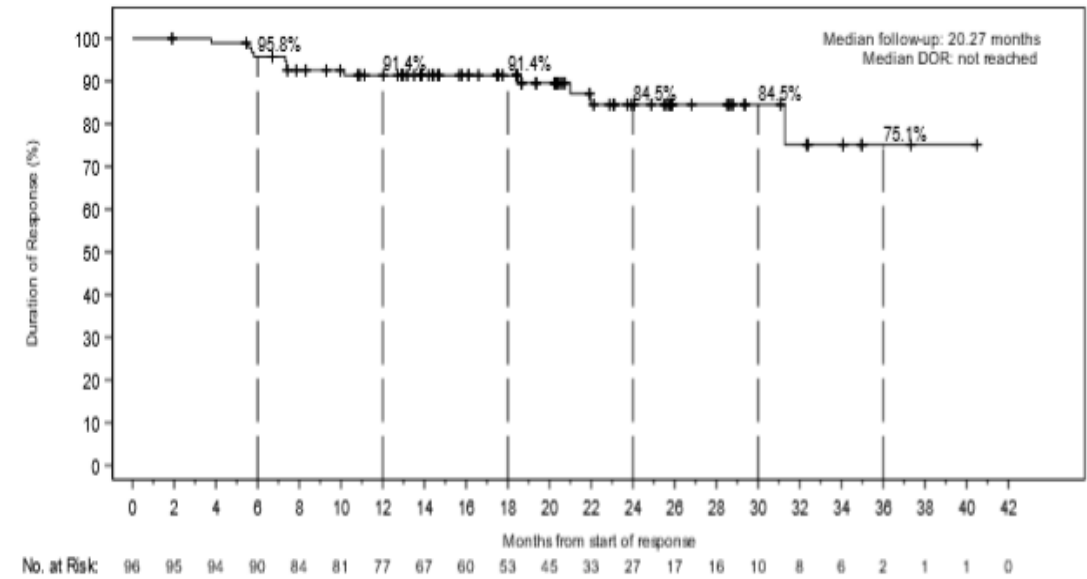
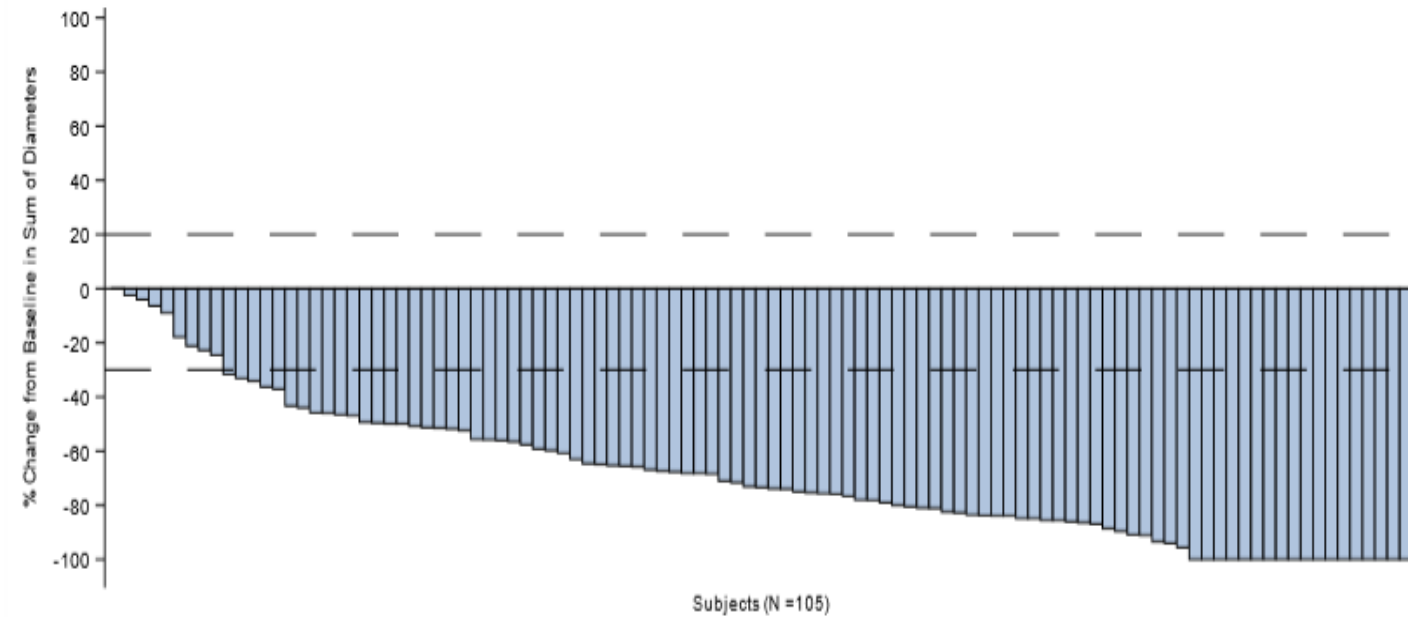
Study Design

Figure 2. Trial design of LIBRETTO-432 (NCT04819100)

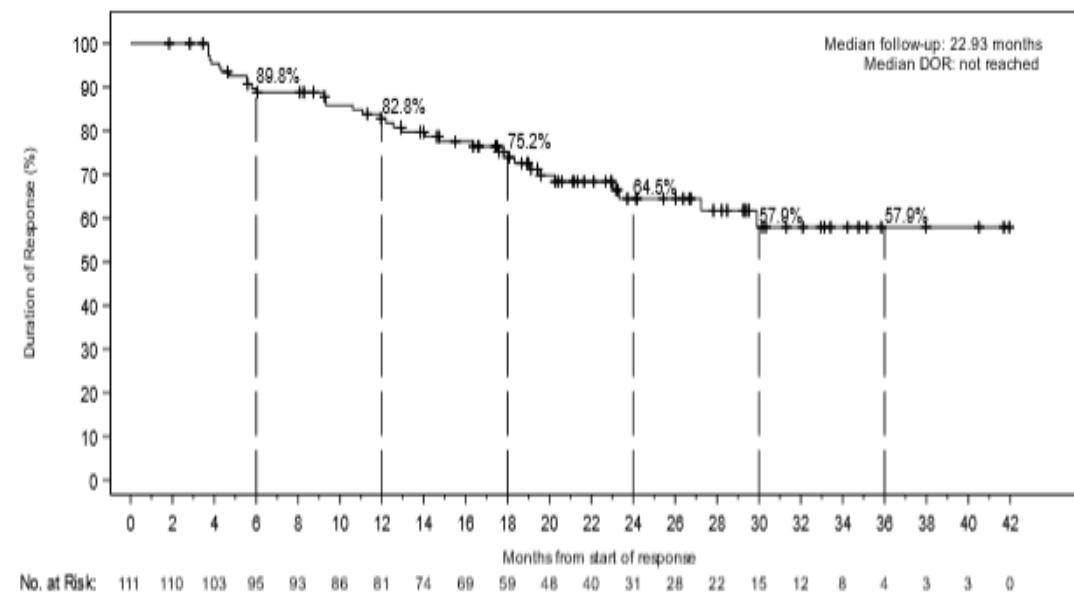
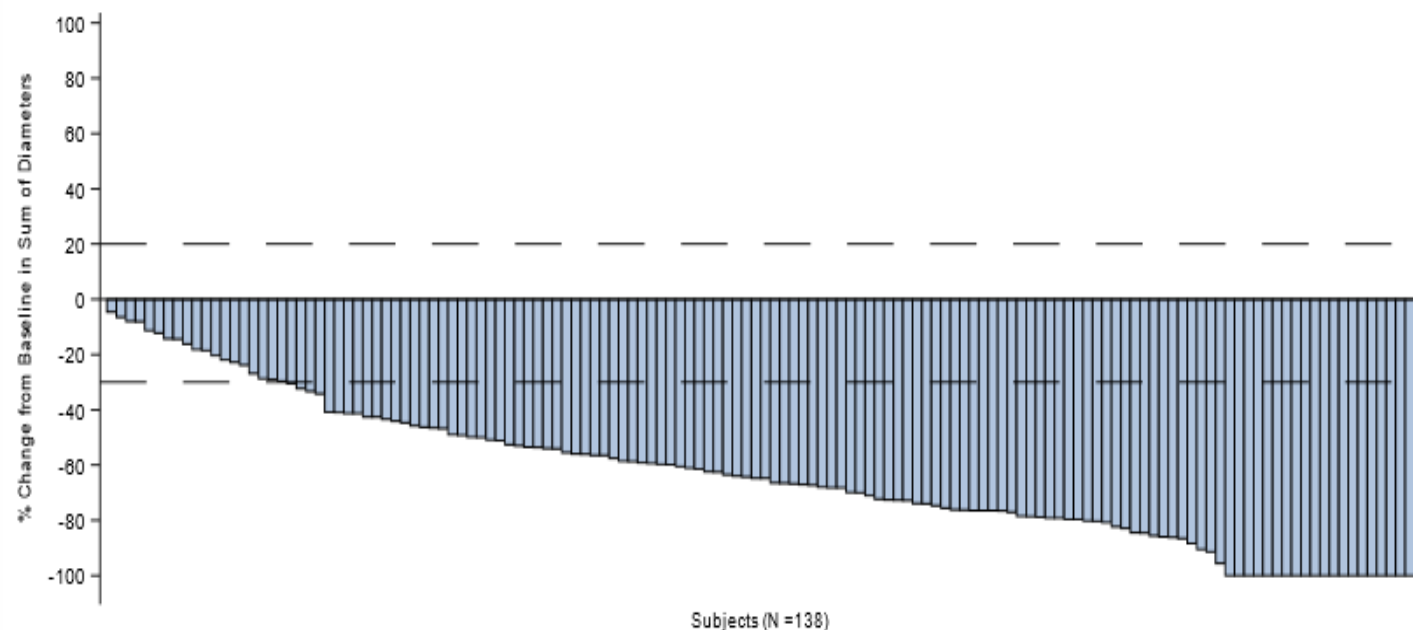


^aParticipants must have undergone the available anti-cancer therapy (including chemotherapy or durvalumab) or not be suitable for it, based on the investigator's discretion
BID=twice daily; N=number of participants; NSCLC=non-small cell lung cancer; RECIST v1.1=Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors Version 1.1

TREATMENT NAÏVE



PRIOR CAB AND/OR VAN



EFFICACY

Response	Cab/van naïve		Prior cab and/or van
	Overall N=142	Treatment naïve N=115	Overall N=151
Objective response rate, n (%) [95% CI]	115 (81.0) [73.6, 87.1]	96 (83.5) [75.4, 89.7]	111 (73.5) [65.7-80.4]
Best overall response, n (%)			
Complete response	22 (15.5)	20 (17.4)	14 (9.3)
Partial response	93 (65.5)	76 (66.1)	97 (64.2)
Stable disease	22 (15.5)	14 (12.2)	31 (20.5)
Progressive disease	2 (1.4)	2 (1.7)	2 (1.3)
Not evaluable	3 (2.1)	3 (2.6)	7 (4.6)
Duration of response (DoR)			
Median DoR, months [95% CI]	NE	NE [31.3-NE]	NE [27.2-NE]
Censored, n (%)	100 (87.0)	84 (87.5)	77 (69.4)
DoR rate at 24 months, % [95% CI]	83.7 [73.0-90.4]	84.5 [72.5, 91.6]	64.5 [52.9-73.9]
Median follow-up, months	20.3	20.3	22.9
Progression-free survival (PFS)			
Median PFS, months [95% CI]	NE	NE	34 [25.7-NE]
Censored, n (%)	118 (83.1)	97 (84.3)	94 (62.3)
PFS rate at 24 months, % [95% CI]	81.1 [72.4, 87.3]	81.6 [71.6-88.4]	64.4 [55.4-72.0]
Median follow-up, months	24.5	23.9	27.6
Overall survival rate at 24 months, % [95% CI]	95.0 [89.0-97.7]	94.7 [87.5-97.8]	77.2 [69.3-83.4]

TREATMENT-EMERGENT ADVERSE EVENTS

- In total, 23 patients (7.2%) discontinued treatment due to TEAEs, including 13 patients (4.1%) due to treatment-related AEs (TRAEs)
- 116 patients (36.4%) had a dose adjustment due to AEs

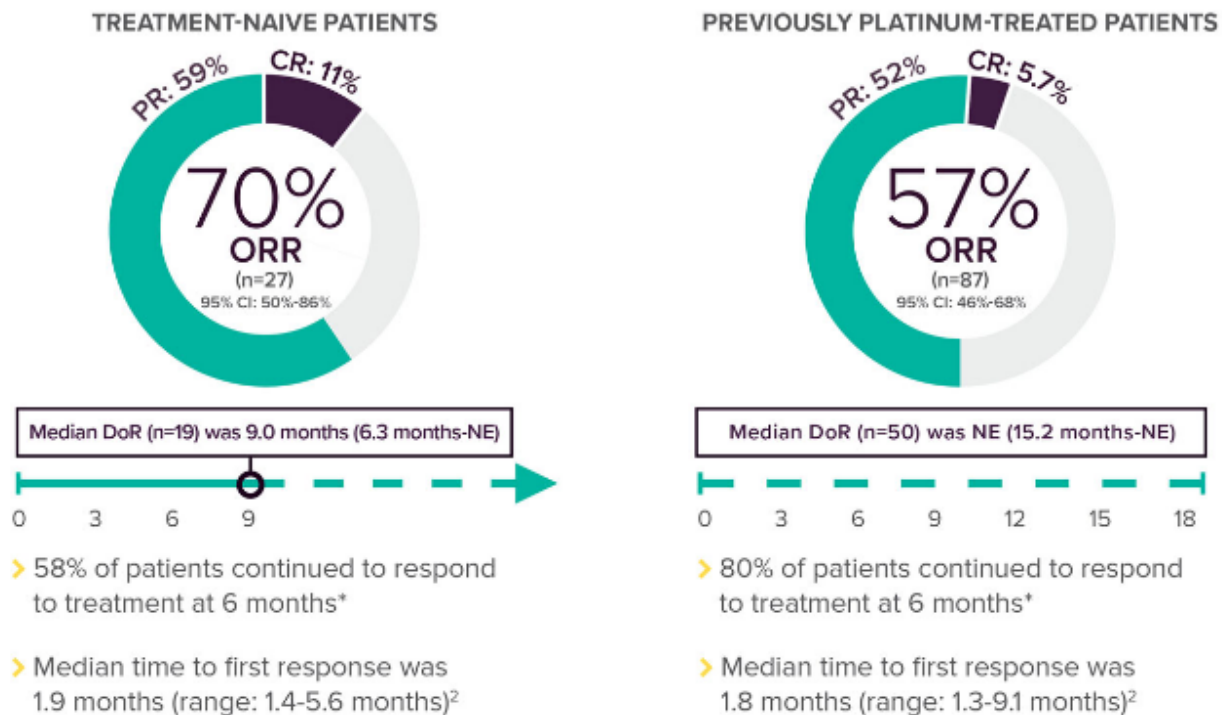
MTC safety population (N=319)				
	Treatment-emergent adverse events [†]		Treatment-related adverse events	
n (%)	All grades	Grade ≥3	All grades	Grade ≥3
Edema	174 (54.5)	3 (0.9)	108 (33.9)	2 (0.6)
Fatigue	158 (49.5)	11 (3.4)	110 (34.5)	9 (2.8)
Diarrhea	143 (44.8)	20 (6.3)	79 (24.8)	6 (1.9)
Hypertension	143 (44.8)	69 (21.6)	102 (32.0)	46 (14.4)
Dry mouth	136 (42.6)	0	114 (35.7)	0
Constipation	130 (40.8)	1 (0.3)	68 (21.3)	0
Abdominal pain	121 (37.9)	6 (1.9)	48 (15.0)	1 (0.3)
Increased AST	112 (35.1)	23 (7.2)	84 (26.3)	18 (5.6)
Increased blood creatinine	110 (34.5)	4 (1.3)	57 (17.9)	1 (0.3)
Headache	104 (32.6)	7 (2.2)	46 (14.4)	3 (0.9)
Increased ALT	103 (32.3)	26 (8.2)	81 (25.4)	22 (6.9)
Rash	98 (30.7)	1 (0.3)	59 (18.5)	1 (0.3)
Cough	77 (24.1)	0	6 (1.9)	0
Vomiting	77 (24.1)	6 (1.9)	29 (9.1)	0

ARROW study design and demographics¹

- Efficacy and safety with Pralsetinib (400 mg orally once daily) was evaluated in patients with RET fusion+ mNSCLC in the ARROW study, a phase 1/2, nonrandomized, open-label, single-arm, multicohort, multicenter clinical trial. Patients with asymptomatic central nervous system metastases, including patients with stable or decreasing steroid use within 2 weeks prior to study entry, were enrolled
- All patients were required to have a RET fusion as determined by local testing:
 - Patients with RET fusion+ NSCLC previously treated with platinum chemotherapy: 77% NGS (45% tumor samples, 26% blood or plasma samples, 6% unknown); 21% FISH; 2% other
 - Treatment-naive RET fusion+ NSCLC: 67% NGS (41% tumor samples, 22% blood or plasma, 4% unknown); 33% FISH
- Patients received a starting dose of 400 mg orally once daily

Pralsetinib demonstrated robust and durable response with or without prior therapy¹

The major efficacy outcome measures were overall response rate (ORR) and duration of response (DOR), as assessed by a blinded independent central review (BICR) according to RECIST v1.1.



CR=complete response; BICR=blinded independent central review; NE=not estimable; PR=partial response.

[†]Calculated using the proportion of responders with an observed duration of response at least 6 months or greater.

Response in previously platinum-treated patients regardless of RET fusion partner¹



RET PARTNER

| Exploratory analysis

KIF5B (n=65):

59% ORR

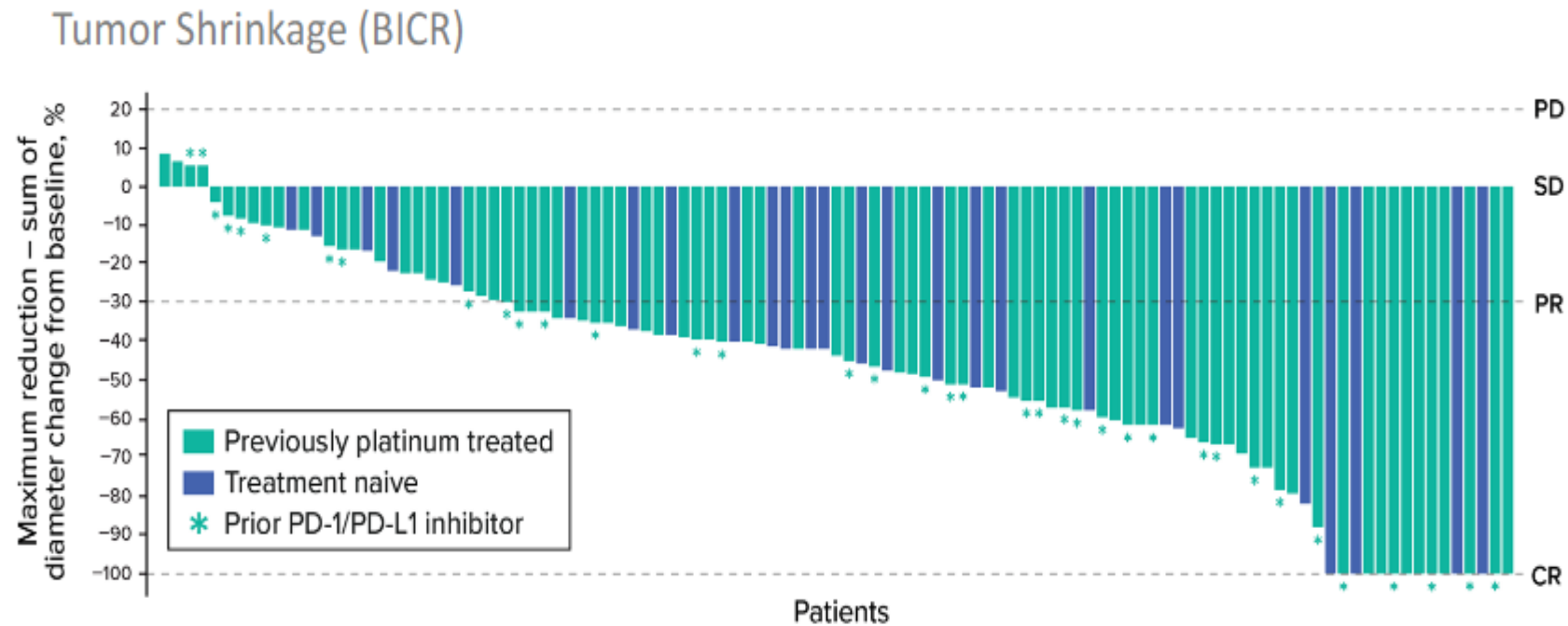
(95% CI: 46%-71%)

CCDC6 (n=15):

60% ORR

(95% CI: 32%-84%)

In RET+ mNSCLC, 96% of patients with measurable disease had a reduction in tumor size during treatment (n=109)^{1*}



MET

MET

- c-Met is the tyrosine kinase receptor for hepatocyte growth factor.
- The intracellular c-Met juxta-membrane domain is encoded in part by *MET* exon 14 and contains critical regulatory elements
- Somatic mutations in the *MET* gene can cause exon 14 skipping, and the resulting mutant receptor demonstrates increased c-Met signaling and oncogenic potential
- Incidence in NSCLC is ~ 3% (Dana Farber cohort of 933 non-squamous lung cancer patients)
- None detected in squamous cell, small cell or neuroendocrine carcinomas.
- Nearly half the patients presented at Stage I. In late stages, more likely to be associated with strong c-Met expression than met exon 14 skipping.

Table 1. Clinical Characteristics of Patients With Lung Cancers Harboring *MET* Exon 14 Versus *EGFR* or *KRAS* Mutations

Characteristic	No. (%)		
	<i>MET</i> Exon 14 (n = 28)	<i>EGFR</i> (n = 99)	<i>KRAS</i> (n = 169)
Median age (range), years	72.5 (59-84)	61 (30-93)	65 (42-93)
Sex			
Male	9 (32)	30 (30)	62 (37)
Female	19 (68)	69 (70)	107 (63)
Smoking history, pack-years*			
Never-smoker	10 (36)	57 (58)	6 (4)
≤ 10	3 (11)	10 (10)	11 (7)
> 10	15 (53)	28 (28)	152 (90)
Race			
White, non-Hispanic	28 (100)	79 (80)	157 (93)
Asian	0 (0)	15 (15)	0 (0)
Black	0 (0)	1 (1)	5 (3)
White, Hispanic	0 (0)	3 (3)	3 (2)
Unknown	0 (0)	1 (1)	4 (2)
Histology			
Adenocarcinoma	18 (64)	92 (93)	150 (89)
Pleomorphic with adenocarcinoma component	4 (14)	0 (0)	3 (2)
NSCLC, poorly differentiated	5 (18)	4 (4)	10 (6)
Squamous	0 (0)	2 (2)	5 (3)
Adenosquamous	1 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)
Stage at diagnosis			
I	13 (46)	9 (9)	12 (7)
II	2 (7)	3 (3)	12 (7)
III	4 (14)	9 (9)	44 (26)
IV	9 (32)	78 (79)	101 (60)

NOTE. Percentages may not add up to 100% because of rounding.

Abbreviation: NSCLC, non-small-cell lung cancer.

*Number of smoking pack-years was not available for four patients with *EGFR* mutations.



MOLECULAR AND BIOMARKER-DIRECTED THERAPY FOR ADVANCED OR METASTATIC DISEASE^{a,b}

EGFR Exon 19 Deletion or Exon 21 L858R

- First-line therapy
 - Afatinib¹
 - Erlotinib²
 - Dacomitinib³
 - Gefitinib^{4,5}
 - Osimertinib⁶
 - Erlotinib + ramucirumab⁷
 - Erlotinib + bevacizumab^c (nonsquamous)⁸
- Subsequent therapy
 - Osimertinib⁹

EGFR S768I, L861Q, and/or G719X

- First-line therapy
 - Afatinib^{1,10}
 - Erlotinib²
 - Dacomitinib³
 - Gefitinib^{4,5}
 - Osimertinib^{6,11}
- Subsequent therapy
 - Osimertinib⁹

EGFR Exon 20 Insertion Mutation

- Subsequent therapy
 - Amivantamab-vmjw¹²
 - Mobocertinib¹³

KRAS G12C Mutation

- Subsequent therapy
 - Sotorasib¹⁴
 - Adagrasib¹⁵

ALK Rearrangement

- First-line therapy
 - Alectinib^{16,17}
 - Brigatinib¹⁸
 - Ceritinib¹⁹
 - Crizotinib^{16,20}
 - Lorlatinib²¹
- Subsequent therapy
 - Alectinib^{22,23}
 - Brigatinib²⁴
 - Ceritinib²⁵
 - Lorlatinib²⁶

ROS1 Rearrangement

- First-line therapy
 - Ceritinib^{27,28}
 - Crizotinib²⁹
 - Entrectinib³⁰
- Subsequent therapy
 - Lorlatinib³¹
 - Entrectinib³⁰

BRAF V600E Mutation

- First-line therapy
 - Dabrafenib/trametinib³²
 - Dabrafenib³²
 - Vemurafenib
- Subsequent therapy
 - Dabrafenib/trametinib^{33,34}

NTRK1/2/3 Gene Fusion

- First-line/Subsequent therapy
 - Larotrectinib³⁵
 - Entrectinib³⁶

MET Exon 14 Skipping Mutation

- First-line therapy/Subsequent therapy
 - Capmatinib³⁷
 - Crizotinib³⁸
 - Tepotinib³⁹

RET Rearrangement

- First-line therapy/Subsequent therapy
 - Selpercatinib⁴⁰
 - Pralsetinib⁴¹
 - Cabozantinib^{42,43}

ERBB2 (HER2) Mutation

- Subsequent therapy
 - Fam-trastuzumab
 - deruxtecan-nxki⁴⁴
 - Ado-trastuzumab emtansine⁴⁵

[PD-L1 ≥50% First-line Therapy](#)

[PD-L1 ≥1-49% First-line Therapy](#)

MET Treatment : Capmatinib

- Capmatinib a highly potent and selective inhibitor of the MET receptor, crosses the blood-brain barrier
- Geometry study
 - Given as 400 mg PO twice daily
 - Brain metastases allowed with stable steroid doses
 - Stratified by prior treatment
 - Stratified by type of MET alteration

Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline.*

Characteristic	NSCLC with <i>MET</i> Exon 14 Skipping Mutation		NSCLC with <i>MET</i> Amplification				
	Cohort 4 (N=69)	Cohort 5b (N=28)	Cohort 1a (N=69)	Cohort 5a (N=15)	Cohort 1b (N=42)	Cohort 2 (N=54)	Cohort 3 (N=30)
Age							
Median (range) — yr	71 (49–90)	71 (57–86)	61 (33–76)	70 (49–86)	60 (36–76)	64 (39–84)	63 (38–78)
≥65 yr — no. (%)	55 (80)	25 (89)	28 (41)	10 (67)	13 (31)	24 (44)	14 (47)
Female sex — no. (%)	40 (58)	18 (64)	15 (22)	4 (27)	21 (50)	15 (28)	11 (37)
ECOG performance-status score — no. (%)†							
0	16 (23)	7 (25)	17 (25)	4 (27)	14 (33)	23 (43)	9 (30)
≥1	53 (77)	21 (75)	52 (75)	11 (73)	28 (67)	31 (57)	21 (70)
Smoking history — no. (%)							
Never smoked	40 (58)	18 (64)	5 (7)	2 (13)	7 (17)	11 (20)	7 (23)
Former smoking	27 (39)	9 (32)	54 (78)	8 (53)	29 (69)	34 (63)	20 (67)
Current smoking	2 (3)	1 (4)	10 (14)	5 (33)	6 (14)	9 (17)	3 (10)
Histologic findings — no. (%)							
Adenocarcinoma	53 (77)	25 (89)	57 (83)	11 (73)	35 (83)	48 (89)	22 (73)
Squamous-cell carcinoma	6 (9)	2 (7)	7 (10)	2 (13)	2 (5)	4 (7)	5 (17)
Large-cell carcinoma	1 (1)	0	2 (3)	1 (7)	1 (2)	0	1 (3)
Other	9 (13)	1 (4)	3 (4)	1 (7)	4 (10)	2 (4)	2 (7)
Brain metastases at baseline — no. (%)‡	11 (16)	3 (11)	26 (38)	7 (47)	14 (33)	18 (33)	6 (20)
No. of previous lines of antineoplastic therapy — no. (%)§							

Table 2. Responses to Capmatinib Treatment, as Assessed by the Independent Review Committee.*

Response	NSCLC with <i>MET</i> Exon 14 Skipping Mutation			NSCLC with <i>MET</i> Amplification			
	Cohort 4 (N=69)	Cohort 5b (N=28)	Cohort 1a (N=69)	Cohort 5a (N=15)	Cohort 1b (N=42)	Cohort 2 (N=54)	Cohort 3 (N=30)
Progressive disease	6 (9)	1 (4)	12 (17)	4 (27)	15 (36)	21 (39)	6 (20)
Unknown or could not be evaluated	9 (13)	0	8 (12)	1 (7)	4 (10)	8 (15)	8 (27)
Overall response†							
No. of patients with overall response	28	19	20	6	5	5	2
Percent of patients (95% CI)	41 (29–53)	68 (48–84)	29 (19–41)	40 (16–68)	12 (4–26)	9 (3–20)	7 (1–22)
Disease control‡							
No. of patients with disease control	54	27	49	10	23	25	16
Percent of patients (95% CI)	78 (67–87)	96 (82–100)	71 (59–81)	67 (38–88)	55 (39–70)	46 (33–60)	53 (34–72)
Duration of response							
No. of events/no. of patients with response	23/28	11/19	15/20	6/6	3/5	4/5	2/2
Median duration of response (95% CI) — mo	9.7 (5.6–13.0)	12.6 (5.6–NE)	8.3 (4.2–15.4)	7.5 (2.6–14.3)	24.9 (2.7–24.9)	9.7 (4.2–NE)	4.2 (4.2–4.2)
Progression-free survival							
Progression or death — no. of patients	60	17	58	15	34	50	22
Median progression-free survival (95% CI) — mo	5.4 (4.2–7.0)	12.4 (8.2–NE)	4.1 (2.9–4.8)	4.2 (1.4–6.9)	2.7 (1.4–3.1)	2.7 (1.4–4.1)	3.6 (2.2–4.2)

Table 3. Adverse Events, According to Grade, Regardless of Causality, and Exposure to Capmatinib.*

Variable	NSCLC with <i>MET</i> Exon 14 Skipping Mutation				
	Cohort 4 (N=69)		Cohort 5b (N=28)		C
	Total	Grade 3 or 4	Total	Grade 3 or 4	Total
Adverse events					
Any event — no. (%)	68 (99)	52 (75)	28 (100)	21 (75)	67 (97)
Most common events — no. (%)†					
Peripheral edema	37 (54)	10 (14)	21 (75)	3 (11)	34 (49)
Nausea‡	32 (46)	0	13 (46)	0	32 (46)
Vomiting‡	18 (26)	0	7 (25)	0	24 (35)
Blood creatinine increased	23 (33)	0	10 (36)	0	16 (23)
Dyspnea	19 (28)	7 (10)	6 (21)	2 (7)	13 (19)
Fatigue	18 (26)	6 (9)	4 (14)	1 (4)	11 (16)
Decreased appetite‡	15 (22)	1 (1)	8 (29)	0	15 (22)
Constipation	10 (14)	2 (3)	4 (14)	0	16 (23)
Diarrhea	12 (17)	0	5 (18)	0	19 (28)
Cough	10 (14)	1 (1)	7 (25)	0	9 (13)
Back pain	11 (16)	2 (3)	4 (14)	0	8 (12)
Pyrexia	9 (13)	1 (1)	2 (7)	0	10 (14)
ALT increased	8 (12)	6 (9)	4 (14)	2 (7)	12 (17)

Pyrexia	9 (13)	1 (1)	2 (7)	0
ALT increased	8 (12)	6 (9)	4 (14)	2 (7)
Asthenia	6 (9)	3 (4)	4 (14)	2 (7)
Pneumonia	7 (10)	4 (6)	2 (7)	0
Weight loss	9 (13)	0	3 (11)	0
Noncardiac chest pain	5 (7)	1 (1)	1 (4)	0
Serious adverse event — no. (%)	36 (52)	30 (43)	14 (50)	12 (43)
Event leading to discontinuation — no. (%)	14 (20)	8 (12)	6 (21)	5 (18)
Exposure				
Median duration — wk	22.1		48.2	
Range — wk	0.4– 136.0		4.0– 117.4	

MET Treatment : Tepotinib

- Tepotinib is a once-daily, highly selective oral MET inhibitor
- Vision study
 - Given as 500 mg PO daily
 - Brain metastases allowed with tapering steroid doses
 - Untreated brain metastases, < 1 cm, asymptomatic
 - Stratified by prior treatment
 - Stratified by type of MET alteration

Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline (Efficacy Population).*

Characteristic	Liquid Biopsy (N=66)	Tissue Biopsy (N=60)	Combined Biopsy (N=99)
Median age (range) — yr	74 (49–88)	74 (41–94)	74 (41–94)
Sex — no. (%)			
Male	32 (48)	39 (65)	54 (55)
Female	34 (52)	21 (35)	45 (45)
Race — no. (%)†			
Asian	11 (17)	15 (25)	21 (21)
White	52 (79)	44 (73)	74 (75)
Smoking history — no. (%)‡			
Yes	28 (42)	30 (50)	46 (46)
No	34 (52)	22 (37)	45 (45)
ECOG performance-status score — no. (%)§			
0	14 (21)	16 (27)	22 (22)
1	52 (79)	44 (73)	77 (78)
Histologic subtype — no. (%)¶			
Adenocarcinoma	58 (88)	56 (93)	89 (90)
Squamous	6 (9)	3 (5)	7 (7)
Sarcomatoid	1 (2)	0	1 (1)
Previous courses of therapy for advanced or metastatic disease — no. (%)			
0	29 (44)	27 (45)	43 (43)
1	22 (33)	19 (32)	33 (33)
≥2	15 (23)	14 (23)	23 (23)
Brain metastases as identified by independent review — no. (%)	9 (14)	3 (5)	11 (11)

MET Treatment : Tepotinib

- The response rate according to investigator assessment was 56% in the liquid biopsy group
- The response rate according to investigator assessment was 62% in the tissue biopsy group
- Tumor shrinkage was observed in 89% of patients
- Responses were rapid, onset within 6 weeks
- Median duration of response 11.1 months
- Median PFS 8.5 months
- Median OS 17.1 months

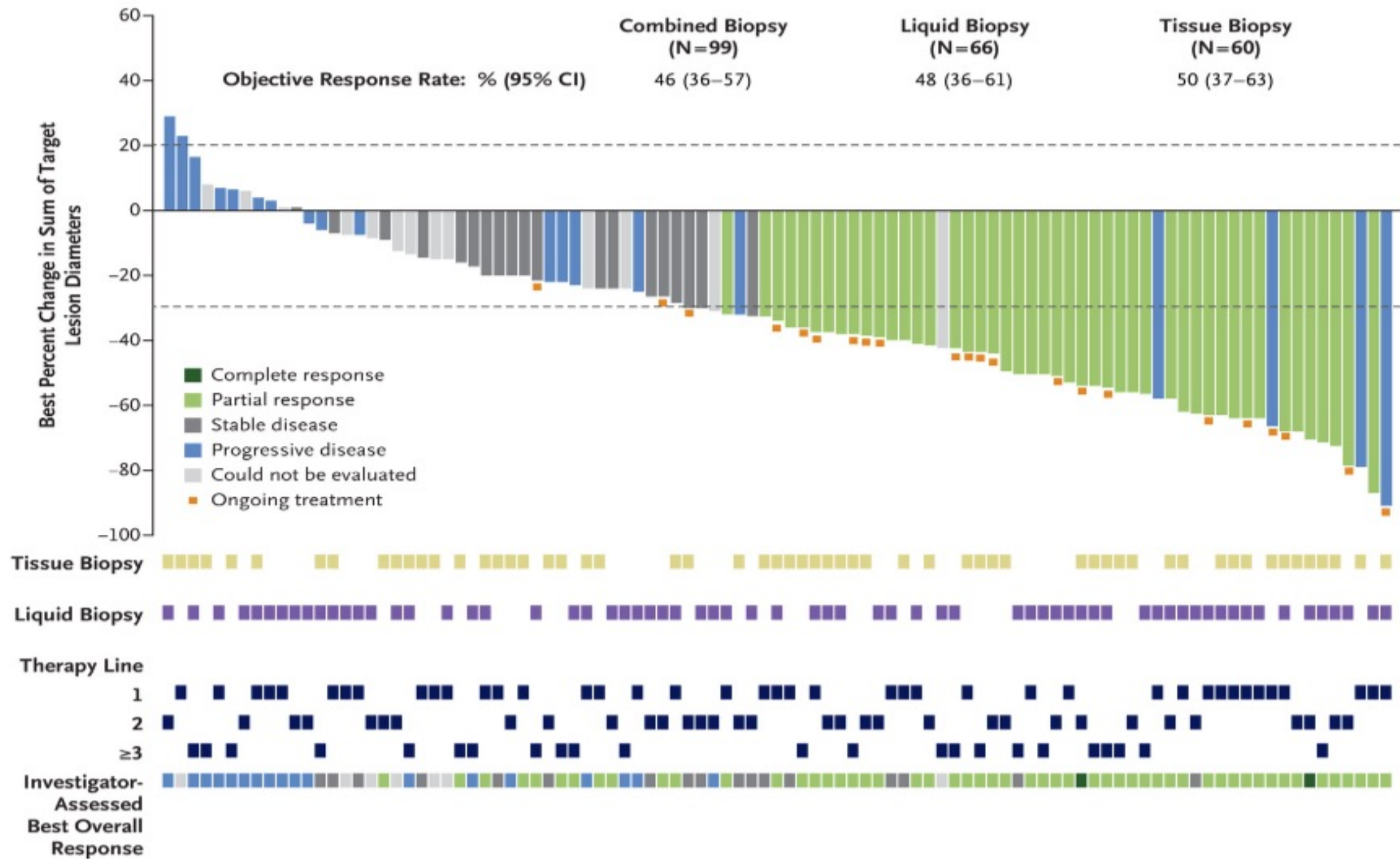


Table 2. Adverse Events (Safety Population).*

Adverse Events	Safety Population (N=152)			
	All Grades	Grade 1 or 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
	<i>number of patients (percent)</i>			
Any adverse event†	135 (89)	93 (61)	38 (25)	3 (2)
Peripheral edema	96 (63)	85 (56)	11 (7)	0
Nausea	39 (26)	38 (25)	1 (1)	0
Diarrhea	33 (22)	32 (21)	1 (1)	0
Blood creatinine increased	27 (18)	26 (17)	1 (1)	0
Hypoalbuminemia	24 (16)	21 (14)	3 (2)	0
Amylase increased	17 (11)	13 (9)	3 (2)	1 (1)
Lipase increased	13 (9)	9 (6)	4 (3)	0
Asthenia	12 (8)	11 (7)	1 (1)	0
Decreased appetite	12 (8)	11 (7)	1 (1)	0
Pleural effusion	12 (8)	8 (5)	4 (3)	0
Alopecia	12 (8)	12 (8)	0	0
Fatigue	11 (7)	10 (7)	1 (1)	0
Alanine aminotransferase increased	11 (7)	7 (5)	3 (2)	1 (1)
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	10 (7)	7 (5)	2 (1)	1 (1)
Vomiting	9 (6)	9 (6)	0	0
General edema	9 (6)	5 (3)	4 (3)	0
Upper abdominal pain	8 (5)	8 (5)	0	0

Conclusions

- Targeted agents have revolutionized the treatment of lung cancer by offering personalized therapy based on the specific molecular characteristics of an individual's cancer
- These drugs are designed to target specific molecules or pathways that are crucial for the growth and survival of cancer cells
- Resulted in improved efficacy and reduced toxicity compared to traditional chemotherapy
- Targeted agents have provided a valuable alternative for patients with advanced lung cancer who may not be eligible for surgery or radiation
- While these agents have significantly improved patient outcomes, continued research is necessary to identify new targets and develop more effective therapies for patients with lung cancer