# Adjuvant & Neo-Adjuvant Therapy of NSCLC: Novel Concepts & Approaches

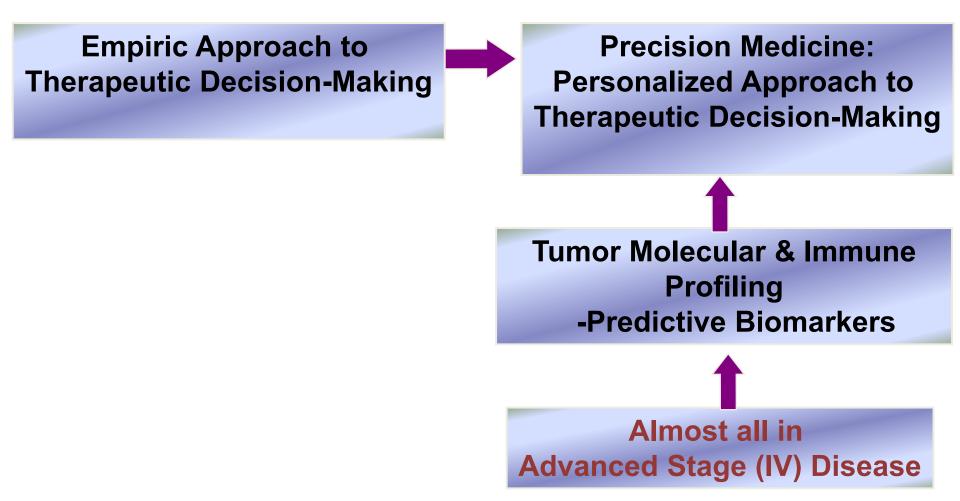
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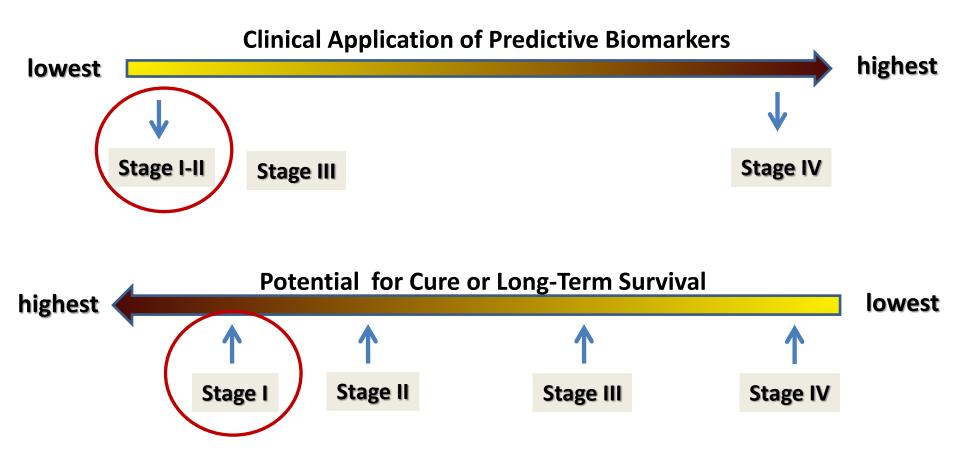
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Transition from Empiric to Precision Medicine: Rationally Selected & Personalized Therapy of NSCLC



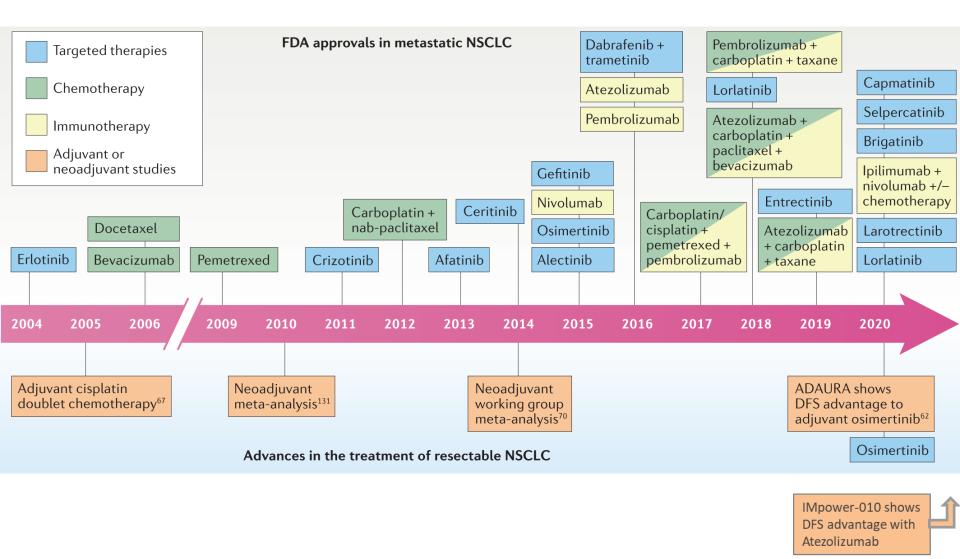
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## Paradox in Application of Predictive Biomarkers in Therapeutic Decision-Making for NSCLC



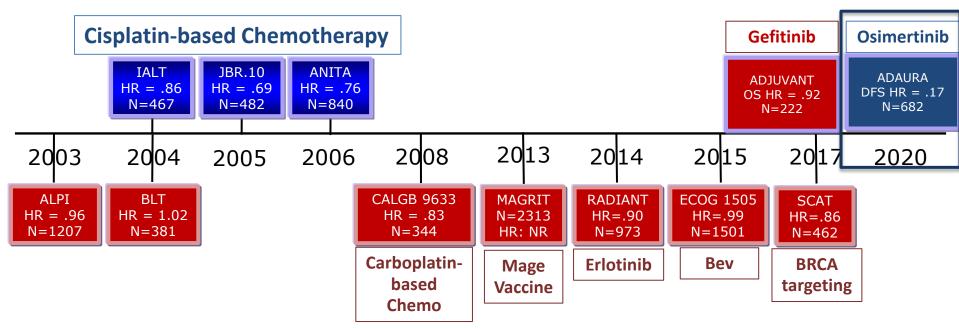
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# Timeline of FDA Approvals in NSCLC: Stage IV vs Early Stage



# **Timeline of Adjuvant Therapy in NSCLC**

Overall Survival (OS) as a consistent Primary Endpoint



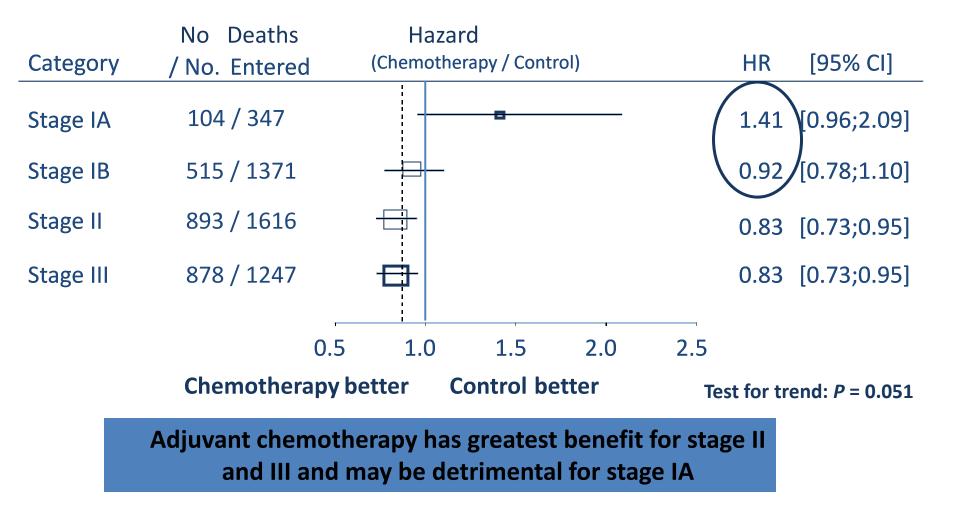
- Adjuvant chemotherapy produces a ~5% absolute survival benefit at 5 years
- This benefit is greatest in patients with Stage II and IIIA disease
- Patients with stage IB may be considered for adjuvant chemotherapy (NCCN Guidelines 2020) if "high-risk"
- Prior novel systemic regimens (EGFR TKIs, Bev, IO) have not produced additional survival advantage (ADAURA osimertinib trial in EGFR-mutated NSCLC has shown improved DFS)

ALPI Scagliotti et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 95: 1453-61, 2003; BLT Waller et al. Eur J Cardiothorac Surg 26:173-182, 2004; IALT Arriagada et al. N Engl J Med 350: 350-61, 2004; JBR.10 Winton et al. N Engl J Med 352:2589-97, 2005; ANITA Douilland et al. Lancet Oncol 7: 719-27, 2006; CALGB 9633 Strauss et al. J Clin Oncol 26: 5043-51, 2008; MAGRIT GSK press release Mar 2014; RADIANT Kelly et al. J Clin Oncol 32 (abstr 7501), 2014; ECOG 1505 Wakelee et al. WCLC 2015 PLEN04.03; SCAT Massuti et al J Clin Oncol 33 (abstr 7507); Y-L Wu et al, ASCO 2017 Abstract #8500

# Adjuvant Chemotherapy has not improved Overall Survival (OS) in Stage IA & IB NSCLC (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Staging Edition)

Stage	IA (12%)	IB (32%)	II (26%)	IIIA (18%)		
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ALPI						
IALT						
NCI-C						
CALGB						
ANITA						
- not tested negative positive						

# Adjuvant Chemotherapy for NSCLC LACE Analysis by Stage

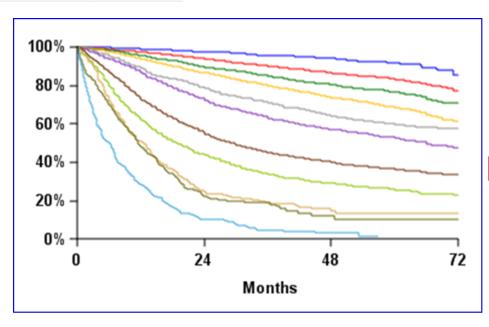


Pignon JP, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2008;26:3552-3559.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Staging Edition of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Descriptor	Category
= 1 cm</td <td>T1a</td>	T1a
>1-2 cm	T1b
>2-3 cm	T1c
>3-4 cm	T2a
>4-5 cm	T2b
>5-7 cm	Т3
>7 cm	T4
Bronchus < 2 cm	T2
Total atelectasis	T2
Diaphragm	Т4

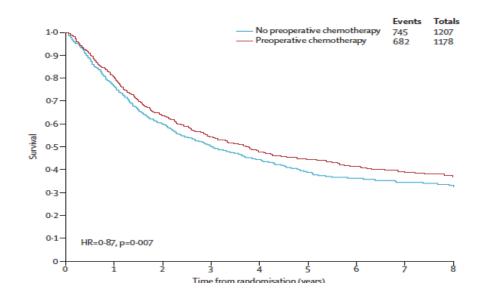
	N0	N1	N2	N3	M1a any N	M1b any N	M1c any N
T1a	IA1	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IVA	IVA	IVB
T1b	IA2	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IVA	IVA	IVB
T1c	IA3	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IVA	IVA	IVB
T2a	В(	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IVA	IVA	IVB
T2b	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IVA	IVA	IVB
Т3	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC	IVA	IVA	IVB
T4	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC	IVA	IVA	IVB



	Events/N	MST	24 months	60 months
IA1	68/781	NR	97%	92%
IA2	505/3105	NR	94%	83%
IA3	546/2417	NR	90%	77%
IB	560/1928	NR	87%	68%
IIA	215/585	NR	79%	60%
IIB	605/1453	66.0	72%	53%
IIIA	2052/3200	29.3	55%	36%
IIIB	1551/2140	19.0	44%	26%
IIIC	831/986	12.6	24%	13%
IVA	336/484	11.5	23%	10%
IVB	328/398	6.0	10%	0%

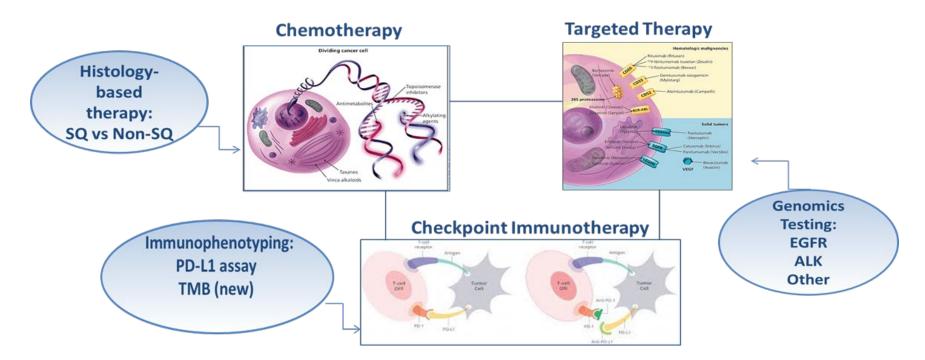
#### Rami-Porta: IASLC World Congress Lung Cancer 2017

# Neoadjuvant vs Adjuvant Chemotherapy in Early Stage NSCLC: Meta-Analysis



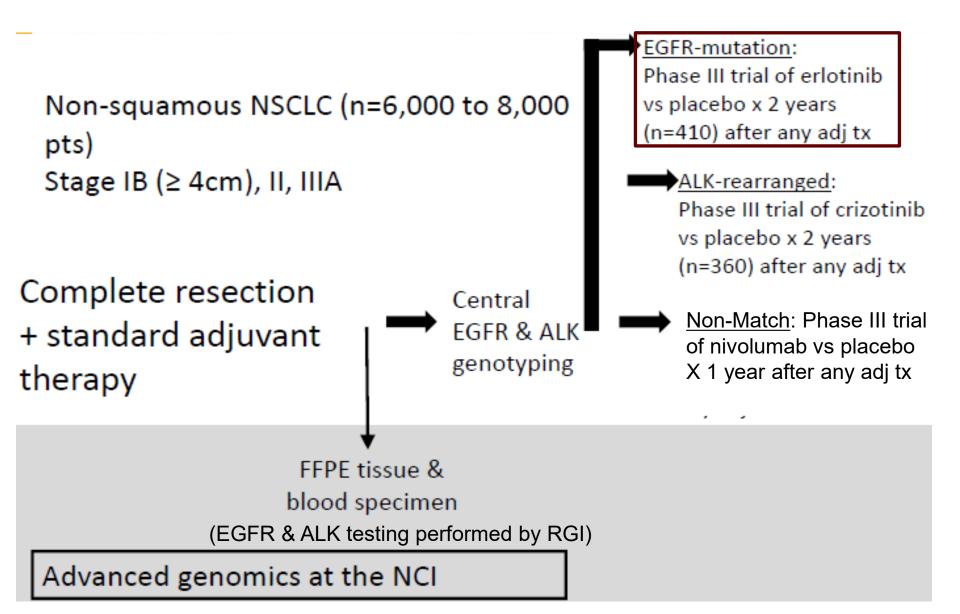
	Ν	HR	P value
Neoadjuvant Trials	2385	0.87 (95% CI 0.78-0.96)	.007
Adjuvant Trials	8447	0.86 (95% CI 0.81-0.92)	<.0001

NSCLC Meta-analysis collaborative Group Lancet 2014 NSCLC Meta-analysis Collaborative Group Lancet 2010 Optimizing use of Available Therapeutic Modalities in Early Stage NSCLC before or after Surgical Resection (Chemotherapy; Targeted Agents; Immunotherapy)

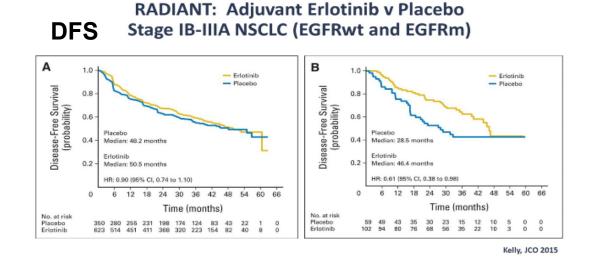


- Targeted Therapies: How to best move Targeted Therapies into the adjuvant & neo-adjuvant settings? ADAURA: Osimertinib in EGFR-mutated NSCLC (approved)
- Immunotherapy: How to best move Checkpoint Immunotherapy into the adjuvant & neo-adjuvant settings? ImPower010: Adjuvant Atezolizumab (approved)

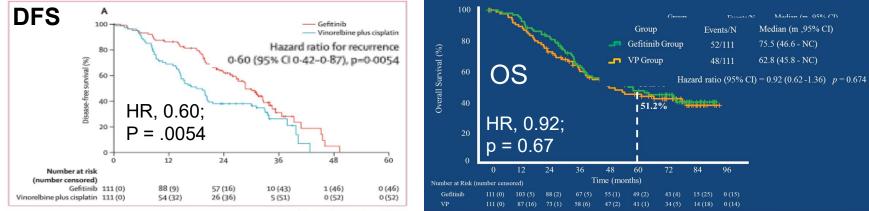
# ALCHEMIST Master Protocol Trials for Adjuvant Therapy of NSCLC (NCI)



## Prior Studies of Post-Operative Adjuvant EGFR-Targeted Therapy



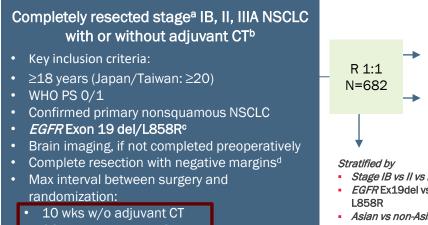
#### ADJUVANT: Gefitinib v Vinorelbine/Cisplatin as Adjuvant Treatment for Stage II-IIIA (N1-N2) EGFRm NSCLC



Zhong, Lancet Onc 2017

Wu, ASCO 2020

# ADAURA: Osimertinib as adjuvant therapy in patients with stage IB–IIIA *EGFR*-mutated NSCLC after surgical resection



•	26 wks	w/	adjuvant CT	

R 1:1 N=682 Stratified by Stratified by Stratified by Stratified by Stratified by Asian vs non-Asian R 1:1 Placebo QD Planned tx duration 3 years Follow up: Until recurrence: Wk 12 and 24, then Q24Wk until 5 y, then yearly After recurrence: Q24Wk for 5 y, then yearly

Primary endpoint: INV-assessed DFS in stage II/IIIA patients (designed for superiority under assumed DFS HR of 0.70)

Secondary endpoints: DFS (overall population<sup>e</sup>), DFS (2, 3, 4, 5 years), OS, safety, HRQoL

- Following data monitoring committee recommendation, the study was unblinded early due to efficacy
- At time of unblinding, the study had completed enrollment and all patients were followed up for ≥1 year

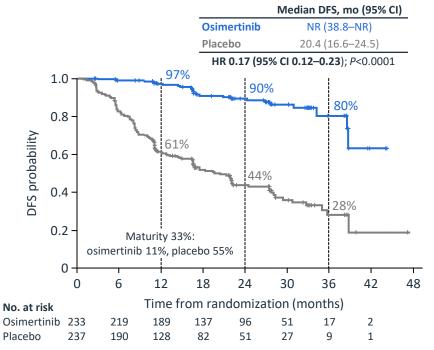
Baseline Characteristic, %	Osimertinib (n=339)	Placebo (n=343)
Sex: male/female	32/68	28/72
Median age (range), years	64 (30-86)	62 (31-82)
Race: <sup>f</sup> Asian/non-Asian	64/36	64/36
Smoking history: no/yes	68/32	75/25
WHO PS: 0/1	64/36	64/36
AJCC staging at diagnosis (7th edition) <sup>g</sup> IB II IIIA	32 34 35	32 34 34
Histology: adenocarcinoma/other	96/4	97/3
EGFR mutation: Ex19del/L858R	55/45	55/45
Prior adjuvant therapy: yes/no	60/40	60/40

<sup>a</sup>AJCC 7th edition; <sup>b</sup>Prior, post, or planned radiation was not allowed; <sup>c</sup>Centrally confirmed in tissue; <sup>d</sup>Patients received a computed tomography scan after resection and within 28 days prior to treatment; <sup>e</sup>Stage IB, II, IIIA <sup>f</sup>Race was missing for 1 patient in the placebo arm; <sup>g</sup>If not performed prior to surgery, brain MRI or CT scans were performed prior to randomization. Imaging methods used at baseline (MRI or CT) were required to be used at each subsequent follow-up assessment.

1. Wu YL, et al. N Engl J Med. 2020. 2. Herbst RS, et al. Presented at ASCO 2020. Abstract LBA5. 3. Wu YL, et al. Presented at WCLC 2020. Abstract OA6.04.

## **ADAURA: Disease-free survival (DFS)**

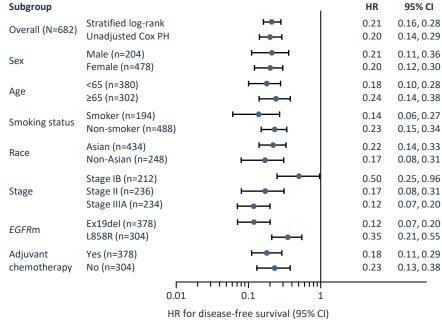
#### Primary endpoint: DFS in patients with Stage II/IIIA disease



Data cutoff: January 17, 2020. NR, not reached

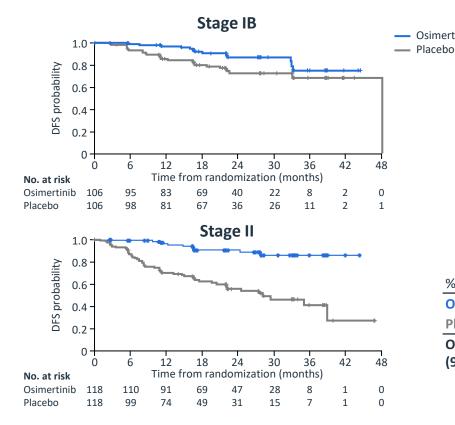
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#### DFS across subgroups in the overall population



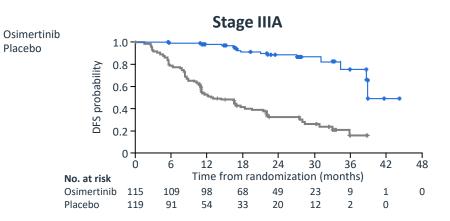


### **ADAURA: Disease-free survival by stage**



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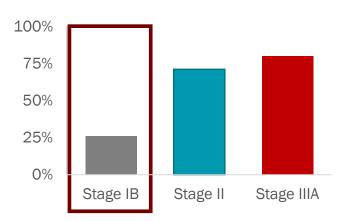
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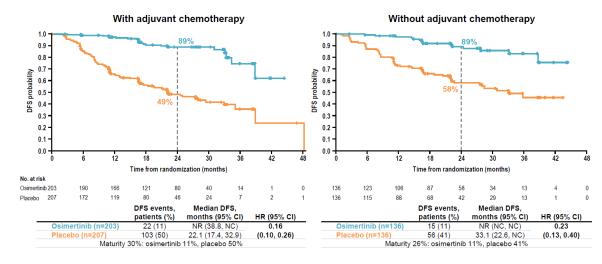
#### 2 Year DFS rate

% (95% CI)	Stage IB	Stage II	Stage IIIA
Osimertinib	87 (77–93)	91 (82–95)	88 (79–94)
Placebo	73 (62–81)	56 (45–65)	32 (23–42)
Overall HR (95% CI)	0.50 (0.25–0.96)	0.17 (0.08–0.31)	0.12 (0.07–0.20)

#### ADAURA: Osimertinib as Adjuvant Therapy in Patients With Resected EGFRm NSCLC: Adjuvant Chemotherapy Use and DFS (IIT)



#### Adjuvant Chemotherapy Use by Stage<sup>a</sup>

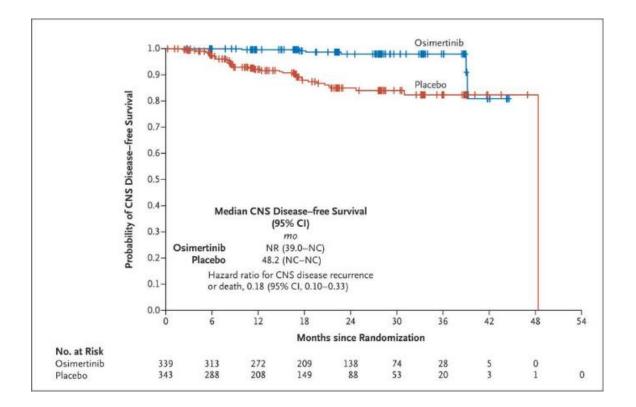


#### **DFS IN OVERALL POPULATION**

<sup>a</sup>Includes only patients who received platinum-based chemotherapy (n=409).<sup>b</sup>No patients with stage lb from Japan. <sup>c</sup>Japan n=71, China n=106, Asia non-Japan/non-China n=91.<sup>d</sup>Enrolled in Europe, Australia, United States, Canada, or Brazil.

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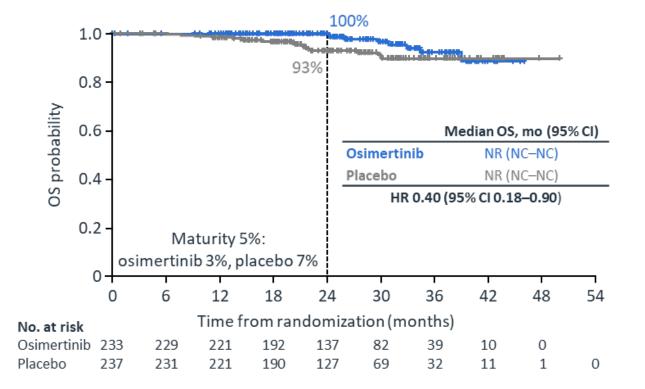
#### **ADAURA: CNS DFS** — Overall Population



#### 82% reduction in the risk of CNS disease recurrence or death

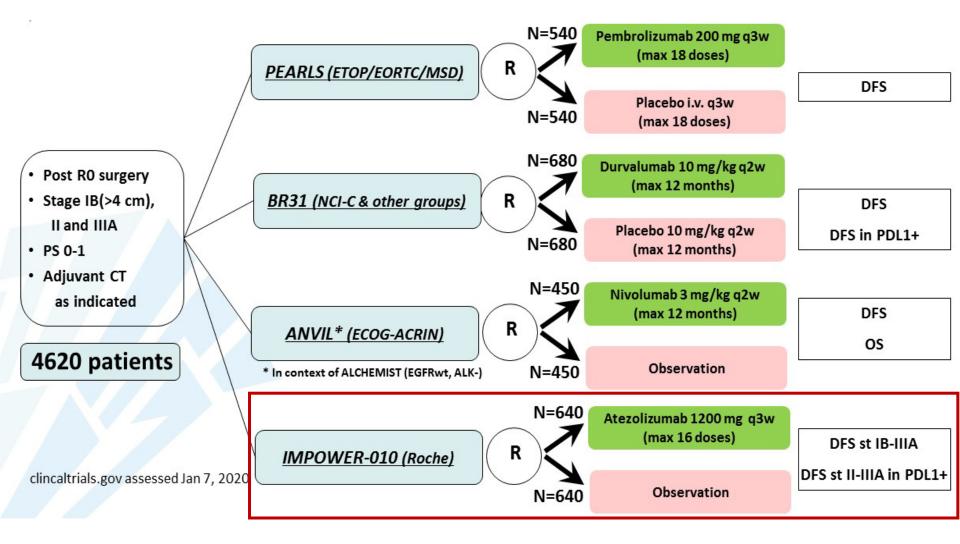
Wu Y-L, R, et al. N Engl J Med. 2020;383(18):1711-1723..

#### ADAURA: Overall survival in patients with Stage II/IIIA disease

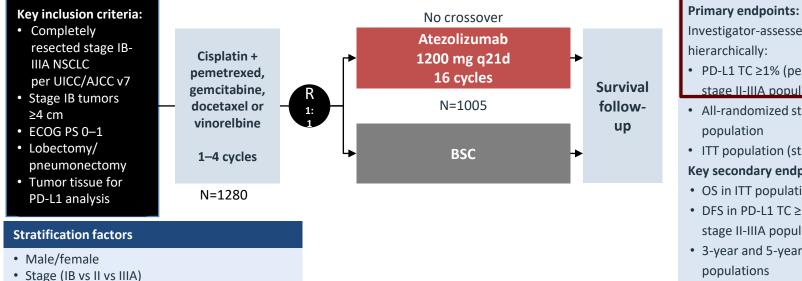


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#### **Ongoing Adjuvant Checkpoint Immunotherapy (CPI) Phase III Trials**



# IMpower010 (primary results): Atezolizumab after adjuvant chemotherapy in resected stage IB-IIIA NSCLC



Investigator-assessed DFS tested

hierarchically:

• PD-L1 TC ≥1% (per SP263)

#### stage II-IIIA population

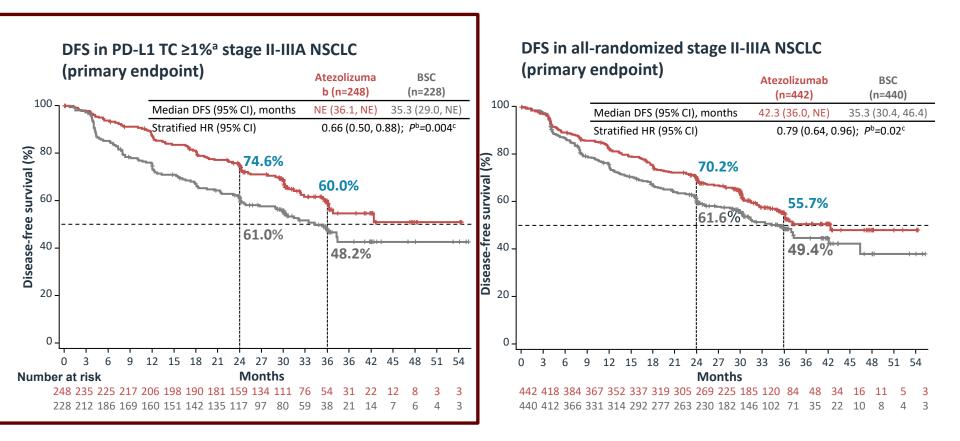
- All-randomized stage II-IIIA population
- ITT population (stage IB-IIIA) Key secondary endpoints:
- OS in ITT population
- DFS in PD-L1 TC  $\geq$ 50% (per SP263) stage II-IIIA population
- 3-year and 5-year DFS in all 3 populations

- Histology
- PD-L1 tumor expression status<sup>a</sup>: TC2/3 and any IC vs TC0/1 and IC2/3 vs TC0/1 and IC0/1

<sup>a</sup>Per SP142 assay. Both arms included observation and regular scans for disease recurrence on the same schedule.

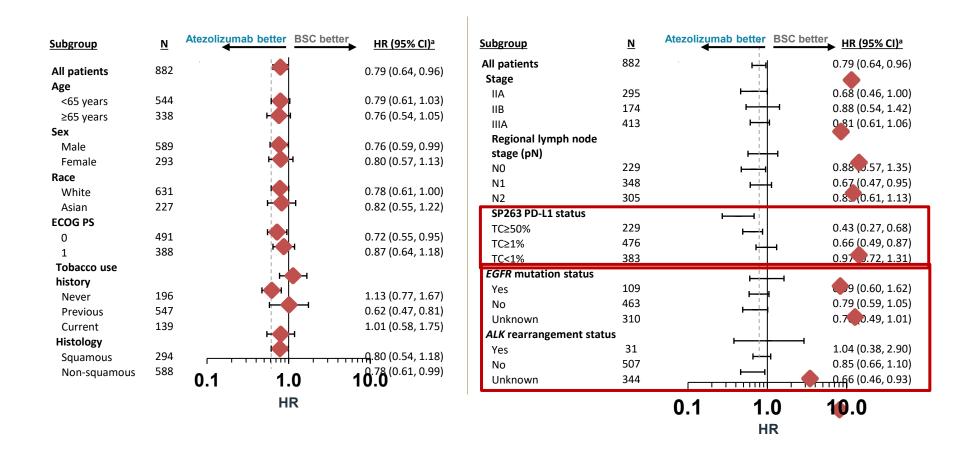
AJCC, American Joint Committee on Cancer; BSC, best supportive care; DFS, disease free survival; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IC, tumorinfiltrating immune cells; ITT, intent to treat; OS, overall survival; TC, tumor cells; UICC, International Union Against Cancer. Wakelee H, et al. ASCO 2021. Abstract 8500.

## **IMpower010: Primary efficacy results**



Median follow-up: 32.8 months (range: 0.1–57.5). <sup>a</sup>Per SP263 assay. <sup>b</sup>Stratified log-rank. <sup>c</sup>Crossed the significance boundary for DFS. BSC, best supportive care; DFS, disease free survival; NE, not evaluable. Wakelee H, et al. ASCO 2021. Abstract 8500.

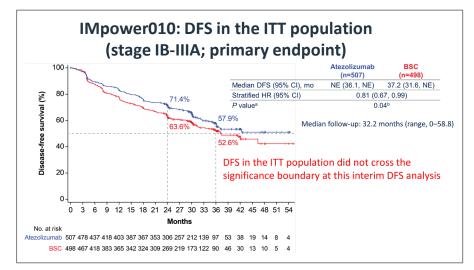
## IMpower010: DFS in key subgroups of the all-randomized Stage II-IIIA population

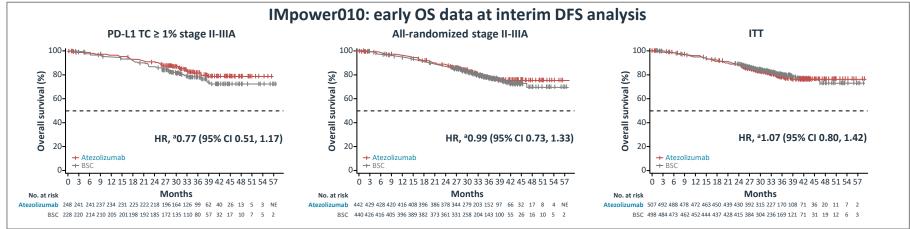


Clinical cutoff: January 21, 2021. <sup>a</sup>Stratified for all patients; unstratified for all other subgroups. BSC, best supportive care; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; HR, hazard ratio; TC, tumor cell.

Wakelee H, et al. ASCO 2021. Abstract 8500.

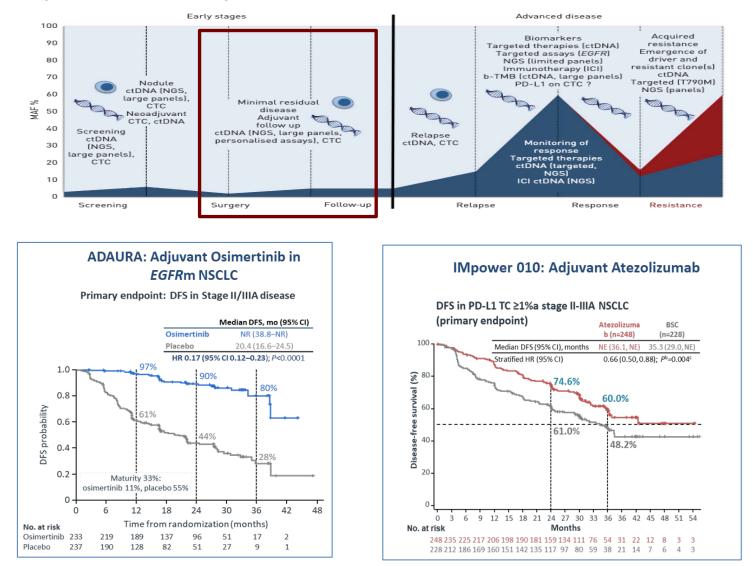
# IMpower010: DFS in ITT population & OS





<sup>a</sup>Stratified log-rank. <sup>b</sup>The statistical significance boundary for DFS was not crossed. BSC, best supportive care; DFS, disease free survival; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intention to treat; NE, not evaluable; OS, overall survival; TC, tumor cell. Wakelee H, et al. ASCO 2021. Abstract 8500.

#### Two landmark trials in the adjuvant NSCLC space ADAURA & IMpower010: Can plasma ctDNA analysis for MRD define who benefits and who does not?



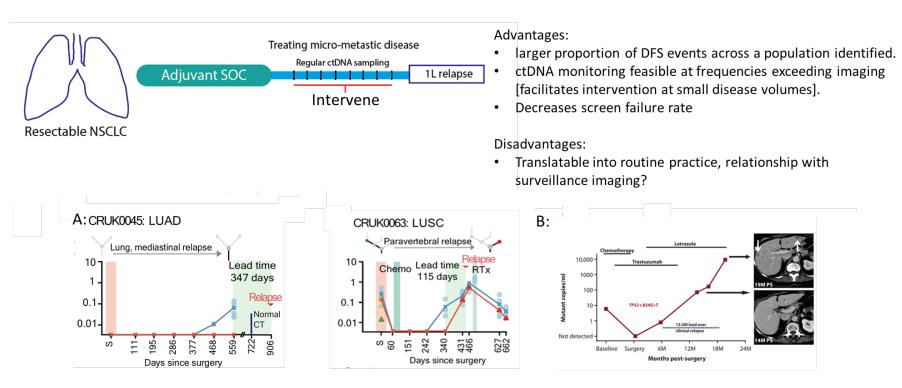
- Is MRD detection by plasma ctDNA only prognostic in these trials? (poor outcome regardless of therapeutic intervention)
- Is MRD detection by plasma ctDNA predictive for outcome with therapeutic intervention?
  - Do only patients with positive MRD after surgery benefit from these therapies?



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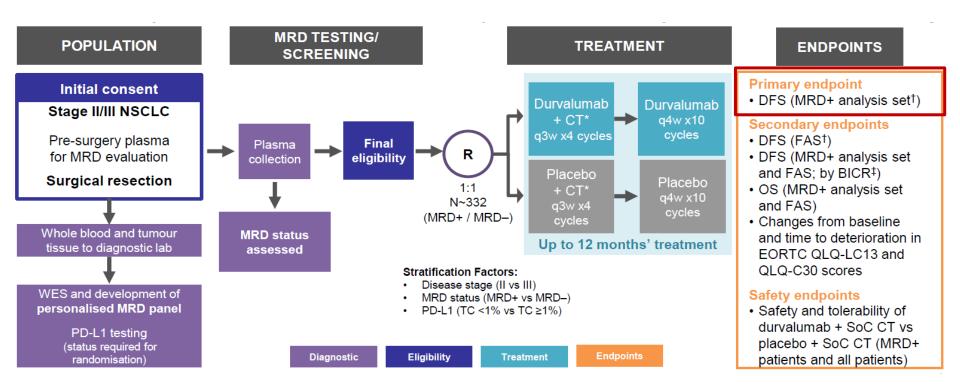
# #LiquidBiopsy20

### ctDNA as an MRD biomarker



A: Abbosh et al. Phylogenetic ctDNA analysis depicts early-stage lung cancer evolution, Nature 545, 2017 B: Garcia-Murillas I, Mutation tracking in circulating tumor DNA predicts relapse in early breast cancer, Sci Transl Med. 2015 Aug 26;7(302)

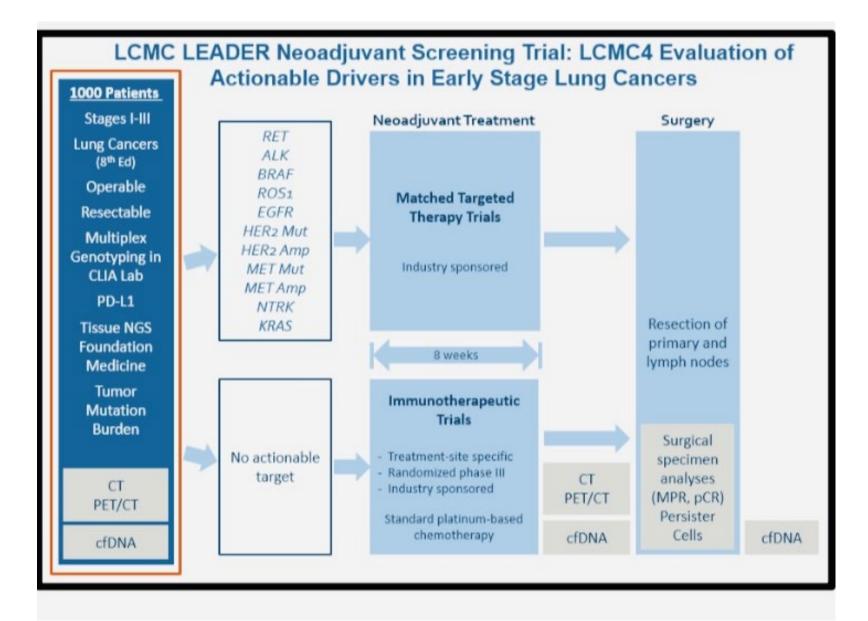
## MERMAID-1: MRD Adjuvant Trial in surgically resected Stage II-III NSCLC: Chemotherapy + Durvalumab or Placebo



## **Neoadjuvant Phase III Trials in Early Stage NSCLC**

CheckMate 816¹ CT + nivolumab	KEYNOTE-617 <sup>2</sup> CT+ pembrolizumab	IMpower030³ CT + Atezolizumab	AEGEAN⁴ CT + Durvalumab	NeoADAURA⁵ CT + Osimertinib
IB-IIIA	II-IIIB (T3-4N2)	II-IIIB (cT3N2)	IIA-IIIB	II-IIIB
350	786	374	300	328
CT + nivolumab (360 mg) $\times$ 3 cycles $\rightarrow$ S vs. CT $\times$ 3 cycles $\rightarrow$ S	CT + pembrolizumab (200 mg)/placebo × 4 cycles → S →pem/placebo × 13 cycles	$\begin{array}{l} \text{CT + atezolizumab} \ (1200 \\ \text{mg})/\text{placebo} \times 4 \ \text{cycles} \rightarrow \\ \text{S} \rightarrow \text{atezo}/\text{placebo} \times 16 \\ \text{cycles} \end{array}$	CT + durvalumab (1500 mg)/placebo × 3 cycles → S → durvalumab/placebo Q4W × 12 cycles	CT + osimertimib (80 mg) x 3 cycles → S
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#### **Neoadjuvant CPI in Resectable NSCLC**

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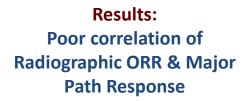
#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### Neodjuvant PD-1 Blockade in Resectable Lung Cancer

Patient 5

#### Methods: 21 patients planned for surgical resection 2 doses of neoadjuvant Nivolumab followed by surgical resection at 4 weeks

Patient 1



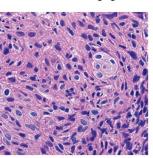
Major Path RR in 9/20(45%)

Only 2 patients (10%) with radiographic ORR

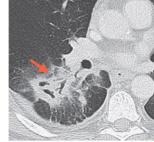
Conclusion: Even brief exposure to CPI can induce major biologic effects



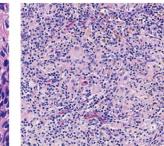
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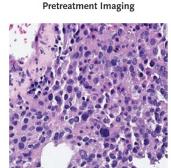
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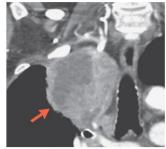
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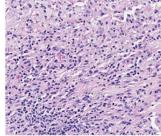
**Resection Specimen** 



Pretreatment Tumor Biopsy



Week 4 (before surgery)



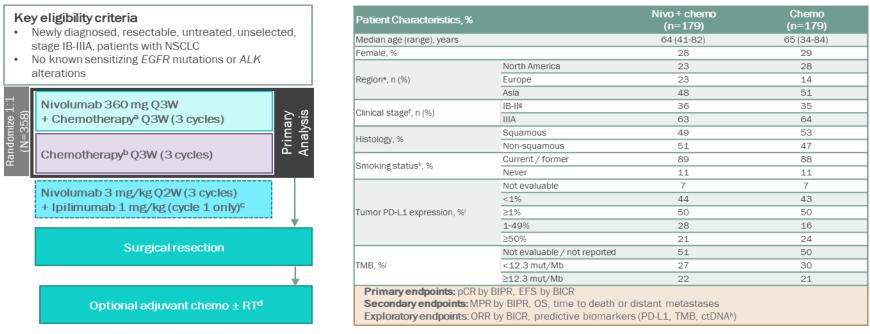
**Resection Specimen** 

Forde et al: NEJM 2018

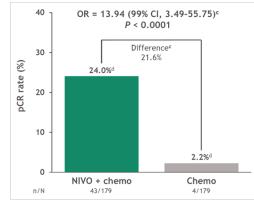
## **Subsequent Neo-Adjuvant Trials of Checkpoint Inhibitors**

Trial	Regimen	Stage & IIT Patient Sample Size	MPR – IIT population	RECIST Response	Lost to Surgery (N)
LCMC3	Atezo	Stage I-IIIA (101)	(15 of 77*) 19%	(6) 7%	(11) 11%
NEOSTAR (Arm A)	Nivo	Stage I-IIIA (23)	(4) 17%	(9) 21%	(2) 9%
NEOSTAR (Arm B)	Nivo-Ipi	Stage I-IIIA (21)	(7) 33%	(3) 21/0	(5) 24%

## Neoadjuvant Nivolumab +CT in Resectable Stage IB-IIIA (CheckMate 816): Study Design and Patients



Baseline characteristics in the Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (exploratory) arm were generally similar to the NIVO + chemo and chemo arms

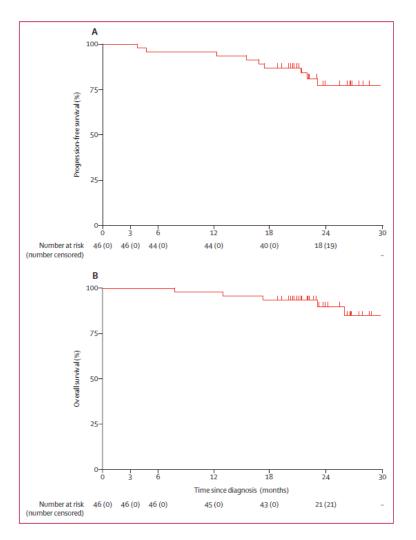


#### PRIMARY ENDPOINT: ITT (ypT0N0)<sup>b</sup>

pCR rate in the exploratory NIVO + IPI arm (ITT) was 20.4% (95% CI, 13.4 29.0)

# Pilot Study of Neoadjuvant CPI + Chemotherapy in Resectable Stage III NSCLC

- 46 patients with resectable stage III NSCLC
- Neoadjuvant therapy: paclitaxel-carboplatin
   + nivolumab X 3 cycles prior to surgery
- Median follow up: 24 months
- Of 43 patients undergoing surgery, PFS at 24 months is 77%
- 14 patients (30%) had ≥grade 3 side effects
- No treatment-related deaths



#### Provencio et al: Lancet Onc 2020

# Summary

- 1. Adjuvant cisplatin-based chemotherapy is the standard of care (SOC) for treatment of stage II- IIIA NSCLC due to improved OS (gold standard)
- 2. Adjuvant chemotherapy for Stage I disease is controversial (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> staging edition)
- 3. Prior adjuvant trials in EGFR-mutated NSCLC of 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> generation TKIs have shown variable results. Recently, ADAURA showed improved DFS with Osimertinib & is now FDA-approved in Stage IB-IIIA surgically resected NSCLC
- 4. Clinical trials of neo-adjuvant & adjuvant TKIs in several other Oncogene-driven NSCLC subtypes are ongoing but are not yet SOC
- 5. Phase III trials of immunotherapy given in the neo-adjuvant & adjuvant setting are also ongoing: adjuvant Atezolizumab can now be considered SOC based on improved DFS in the Impower-010 trial