

Management of EGFR Mutant NSCLC Patients and Future Directions (excluding Resistance to EGFR TKIs)

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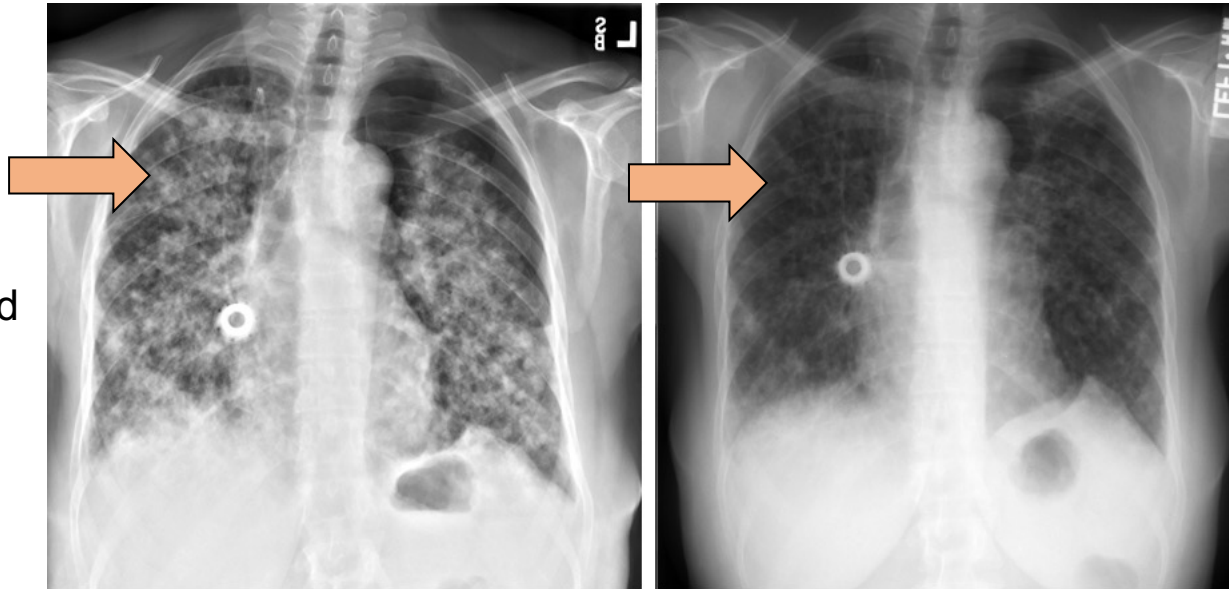
Progress in lung cancer in the last 20+ years

1. Targeted Therapy



The Very First Gefitinib Continuous Phase I Study (1998)

FDA Approved
May 2003



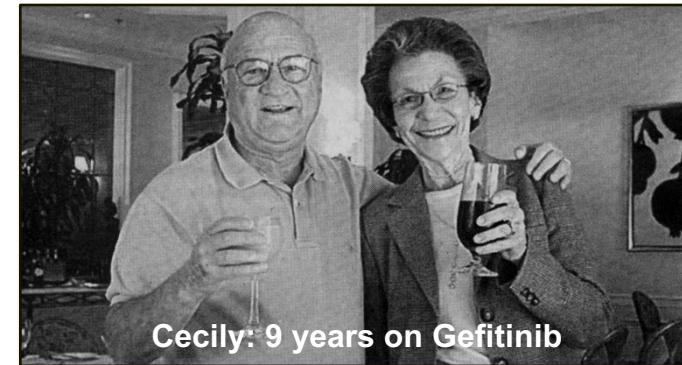
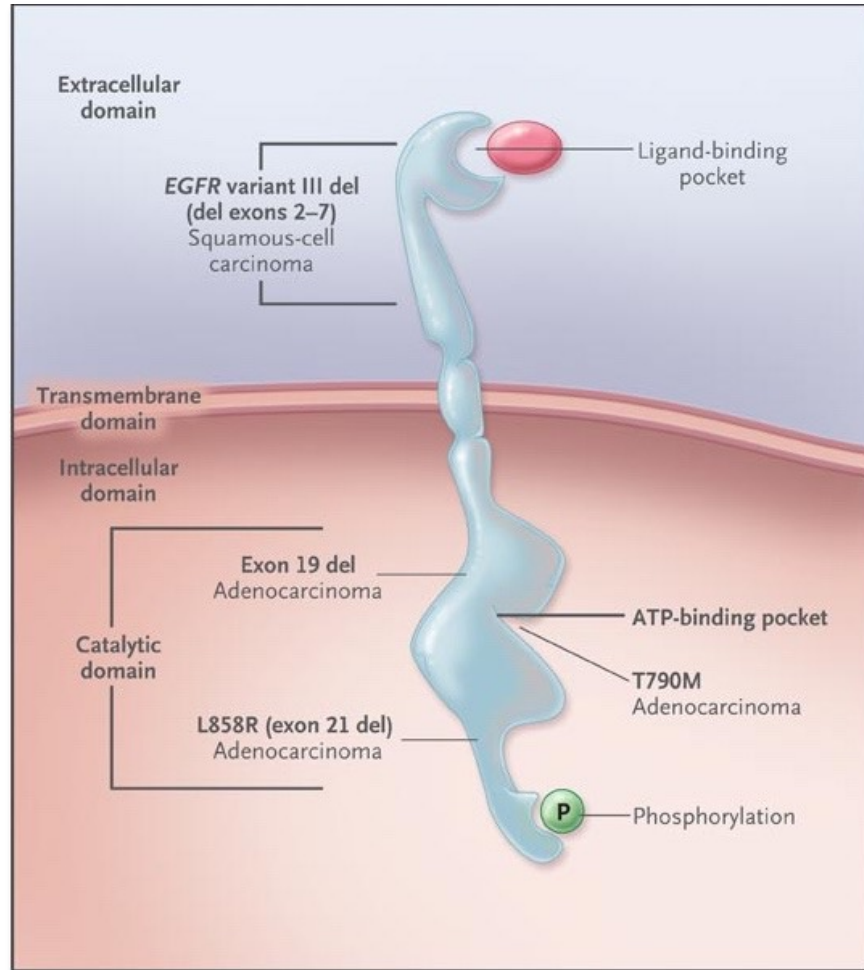
Baseline

1 Week Later

Selective Oral Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor ZD1839 Is Generally Well-Tolerated and Has Activity in Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer and Other Solid Tumors: Results of a Phase I Trial

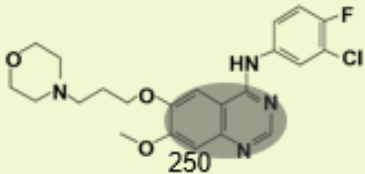
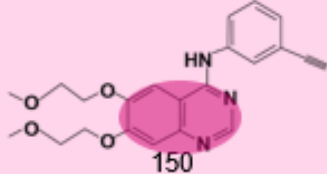
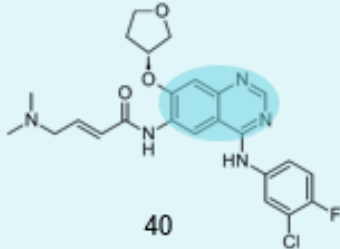
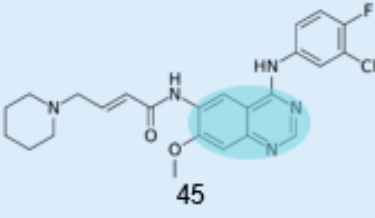
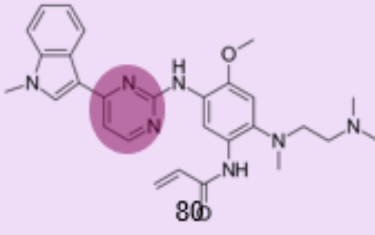
By Roy S. Herbst, Anne-Marie Maddox, Mace L. Rothenberg, Eric J. Small, Eric H. Rubin, Jose Baselga, Federico Rojo, Waun Ki Hong, Helen Swaisland, Steven D. Averbuch, Judith Ochs, and Patricia Mucci LoRusso

Effect of Deletions and Mutations in the Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Gene (EGFR) on Disease Development and Drug Targeting



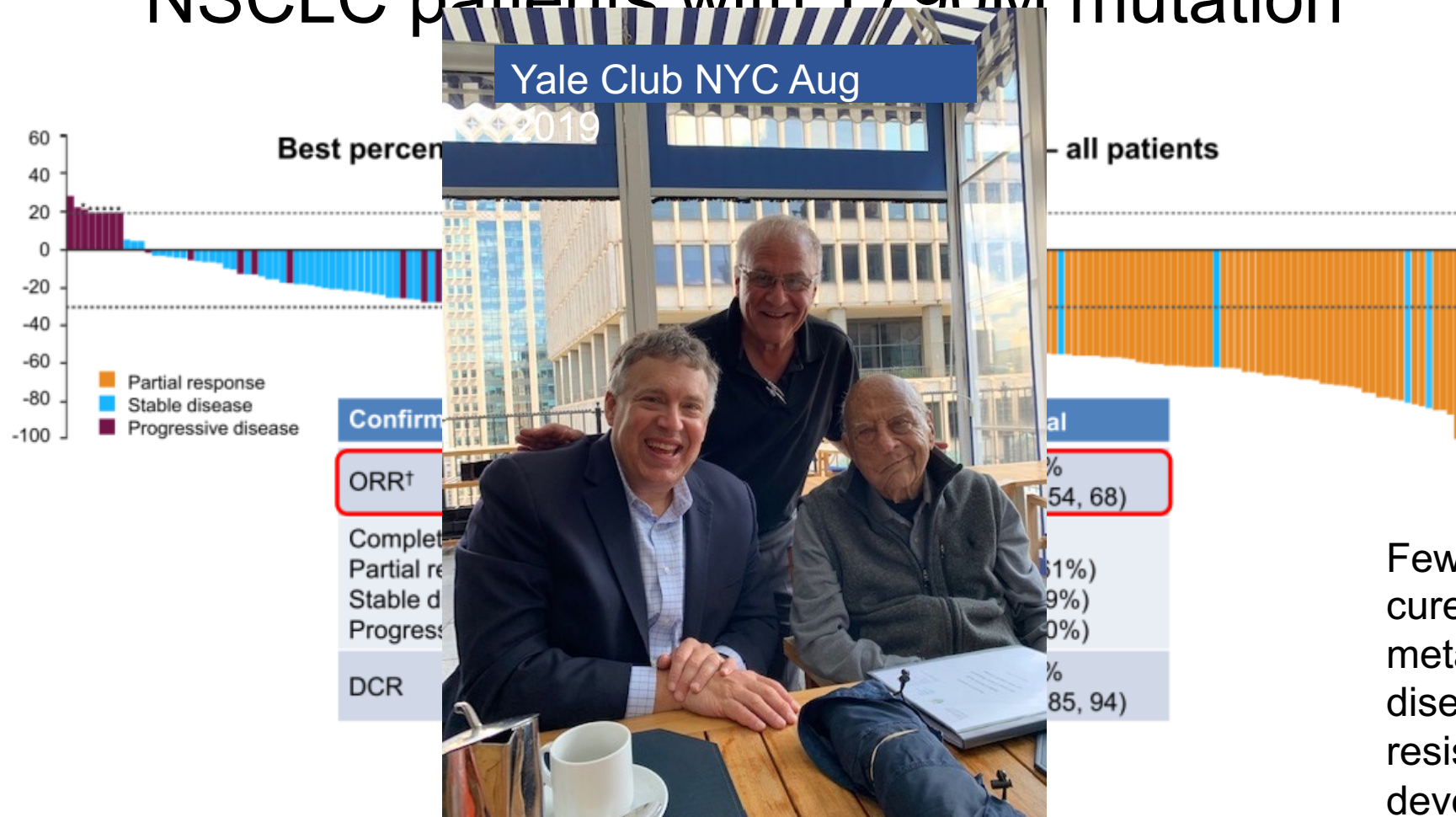
Tara Parker-Pope Wall Street Journal 2003

Profiles of EGFR-TKIs

	First generation		Second generation		Third generation
Drug	Gefitinib ^{1,2}	Erlotinib ^{3,4}	Afatinib ⁵⁻⁸	Dacomitinib ⁹⁻¹¹	Osimertinib ¹²⁻¹⁵
Approved 1L	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
EGFR inhibition	Reversible	Reversible	Covalent, irreversible	Covalent, irreversible	Covalent, irreversible
Primary Target	wt-EGFR, EGFR: ex19del, L858R	Wt-EGFR, EGFR: ex19del, L858R	wt-EGFR, EGFR: ex19del, L858R, wt-HER2, HER2 amp, HER4 ^a	wt-EGFR, EGFR: ex19del, L858R, wt-HER2, mutant-HER2, HER2 amp, HER4 ^a	EGFR: L858R, ex19del, T790M
Chemical structure (backbone highlighted)					
Recommended dose, mg/day	250	150	40	45	80
Bioavaiability	59%	59%	Absolute bioavaiability in humans is unknown	80%	70%

^aPreclinical targeting of T790M. Table adapted from Sullivan & Planchard. Front Med (Lausanne) 2017;3:76.
References in slide notes.

Osimertinib response in pre-treated EGFR+ NSCLC patients with T790M mutation



Few if any are cured with metastatic disease -- resistance develops

Biomarker-integrated Approaches of Targeted Therapy for Lung Cancer Elimination

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary

A Decade of Discoveries in *Cancer Discovery*. For the Community. By the Community.

The BATTLE Trial: Personalizing Therapy for Lung Cancer

Cancer Discovery's first clinical trial research article.

The inaugural issue includes **the BATTLE Trial**, which represented a major advance in clinical trial design that established the feasibility of performing core biopsies and real-time biomarker analysis to assign therapy. Read **the author interview** describing this impactful study.

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Their impactful studies. In their words.



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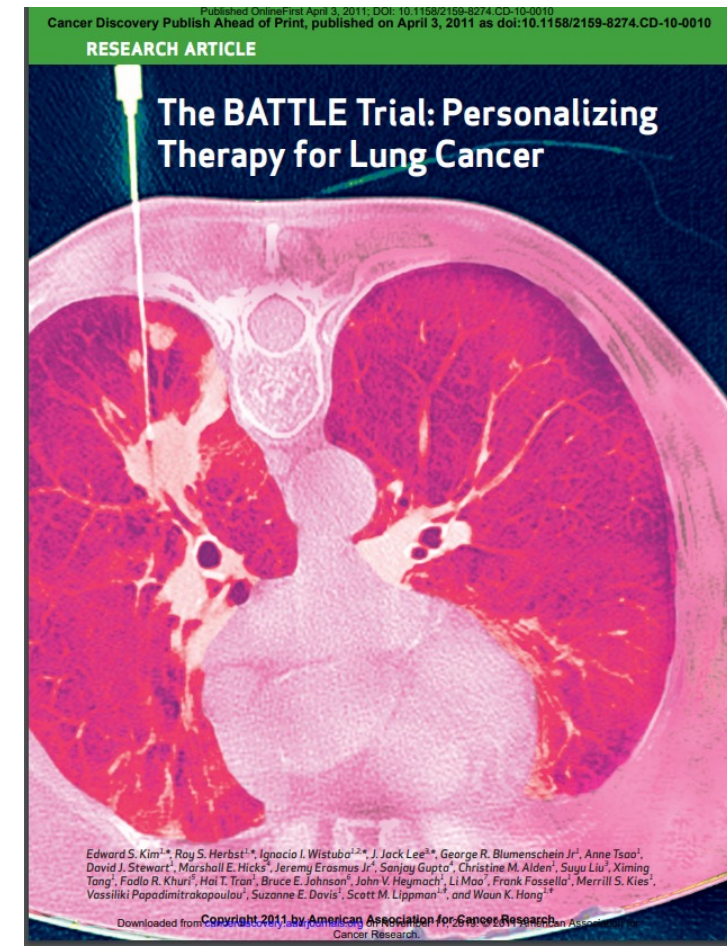
The BATTLE Trial: Personalizing Therapy for Lung Cancer

June 2011

Q: What unanswered questions in the field were these studies addressing?

A: (Edward Kim) BATTLE was the first study to address personalizing medicine for patients with lung cancer in which biopsies were required after diagnosis and treatment. The use of real-time biomarkers and adaptive randomization to drive treatment decisions was novel not only to lung cancer, but to many solid tumors.

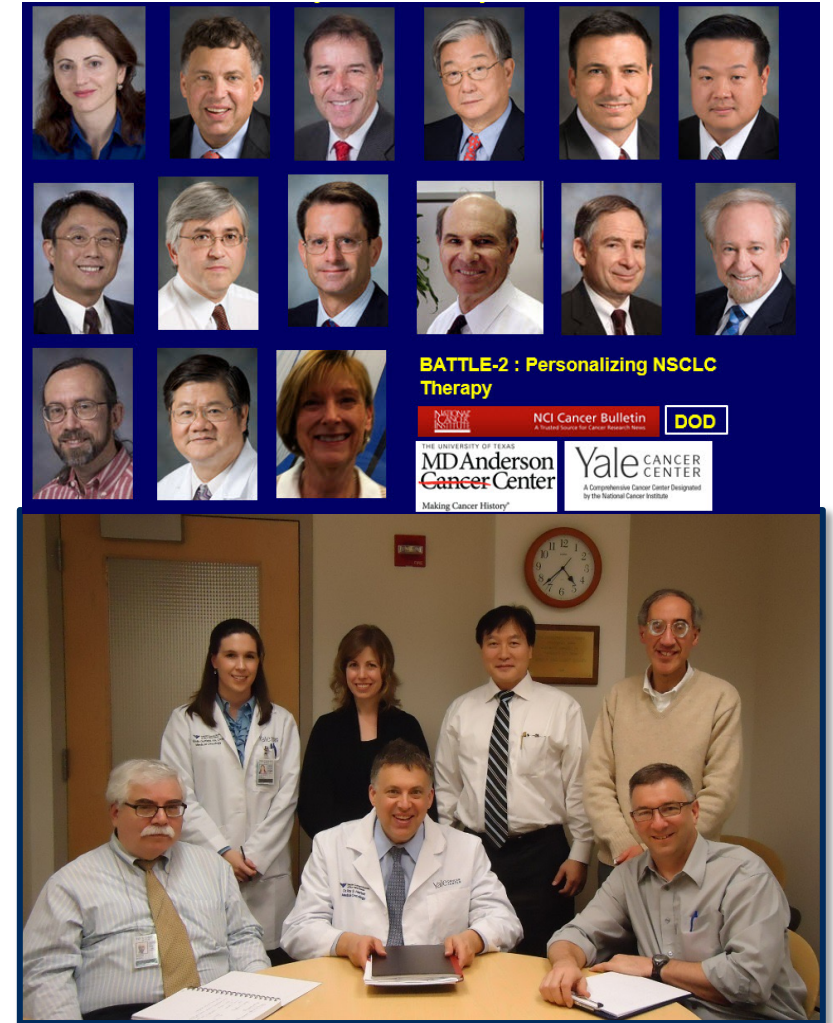
Remembering the late Waun Ki Hong and his extraordinary contribution to *Cancer Discovery*'s first clinical trial



Fundamental Lessons Learned From BATTLE

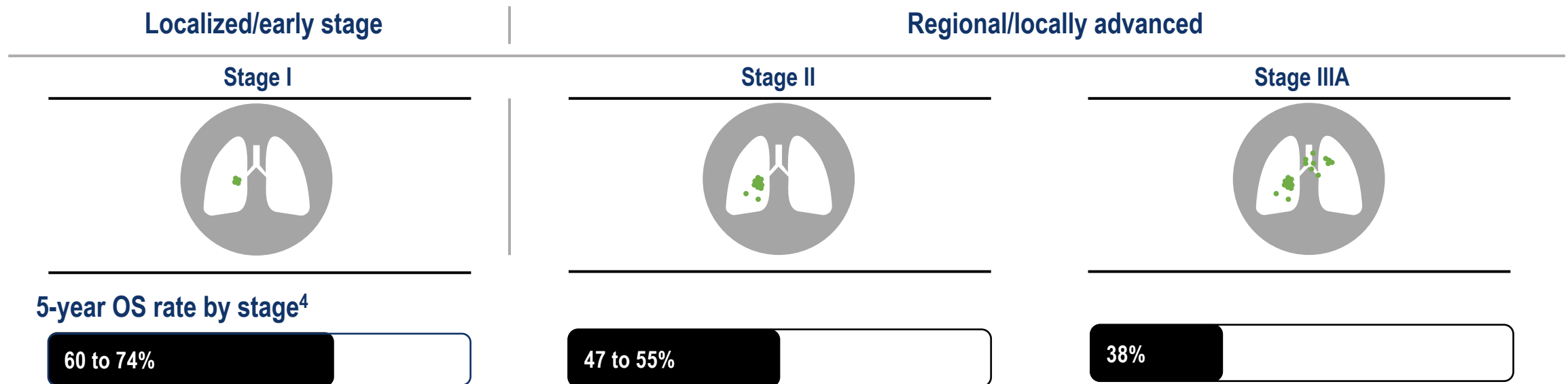
“Raising the bar for NSCLC”

- Core biopsies are feasible and safe
- Biomarker results can be obtained in less than 2 weeks
- Drugs can be obtained from multiple companies and used in a trial
- Adaptive randomization is a viable technique
- We could accrue from two sites (YCC/Smilow and MD Anderson)
- We did 41 biopsies at Smilow in one year!

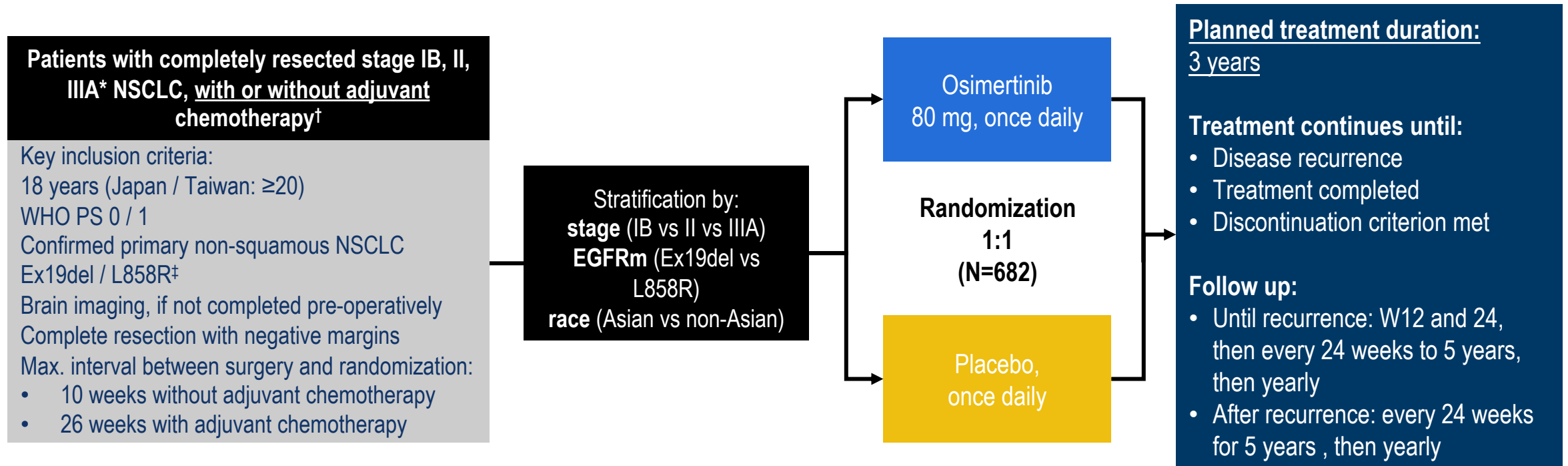


Moving Targeted Therapy to Earlier NSCLC: Outcomes in early-stage NSCLC need to be improved

- Surgery is the primary treatment for patients with early stage NSCLC¹
- Adjuvant cisplatin-based chemotherapy is recommended for patients with resected stage II–IIIA NSCLC and select patients with stage IB disease²
 - This recommendation was based on results from large randomized trials and meta analyses, showing a 5-year OS benefit with adjuvant chemotherapy in patients with early stage NSCLC³
- Overall, disease recurrence or death following surgery and adjuvant chemotherapy remains high across disease stages⁴



ADAURA phase III double-blind study design



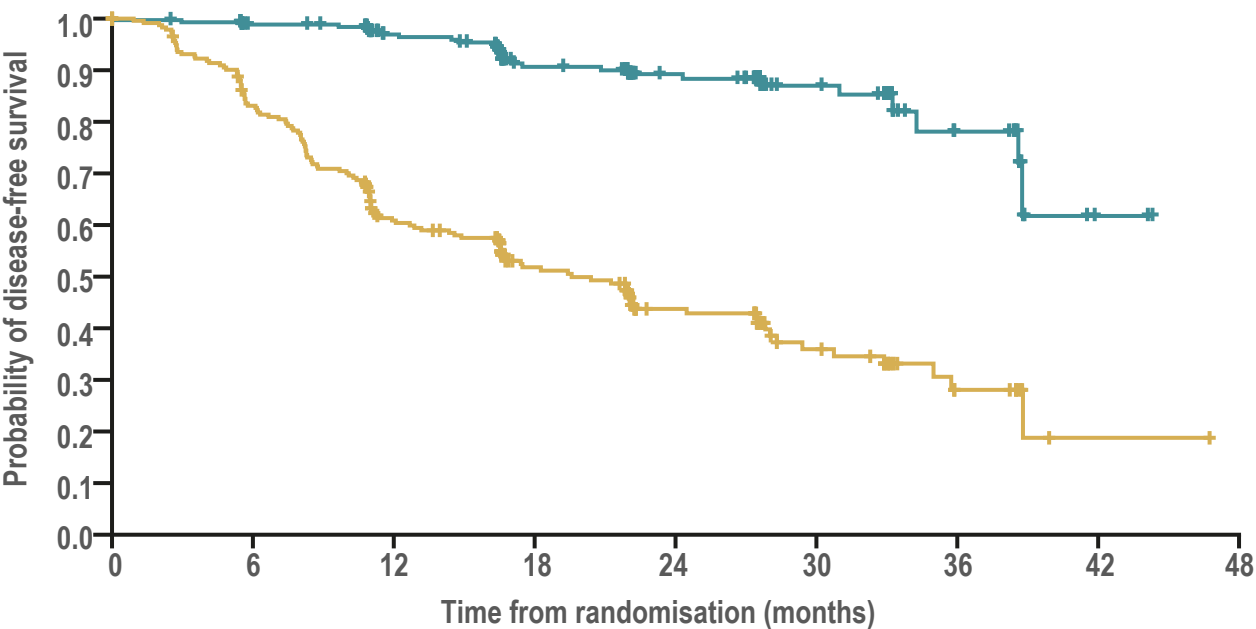
Endpoints

- **Primary:** DFS, by investigator, in stage II—IIIA patients (powered for a HR of 0.7)
- **Secondary:** DFS in the overall population[¶], DFS at 2, 3, 4, and 5 years, overall survival, safety, quality of life, pharmacokinetics

- **Following IDMC recommendation, the study was unblinded early due to efficacy; here we report an unplanned interim analysis**
 - The study completed enrollment and all patients were followed up for at least 1 year

ADAURA: Osimertinib improves DFS versus placebo in resected EGFRm NSCLC

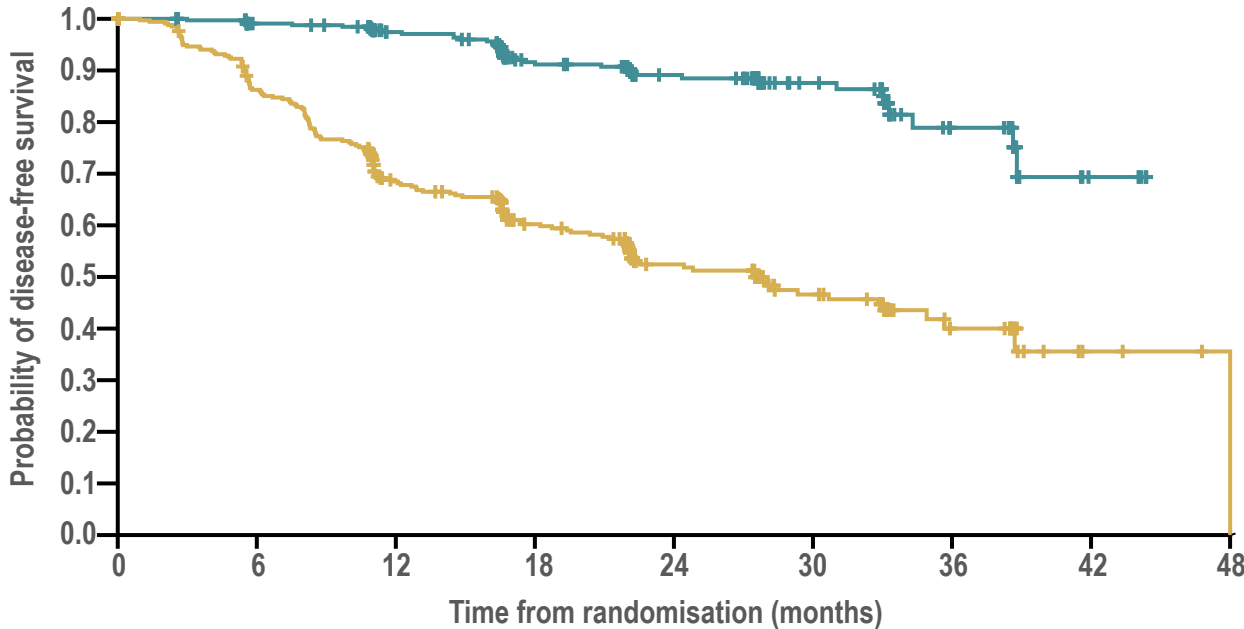
Primary population: Stage II/IIIA



No. at risk									
Osimertinib	233	219	189	137	97	52	18	2	0
Placebo	237	190	127	82	51	27	9	1	0

	Median DFS, months (95% CI)	HR (99.06% CI)
– Osimertinib	NR (38.8, NC)	0.17 (0.11, 0.26)
– Placebo	19.6 (16.6, 24.5)	P<0.0001

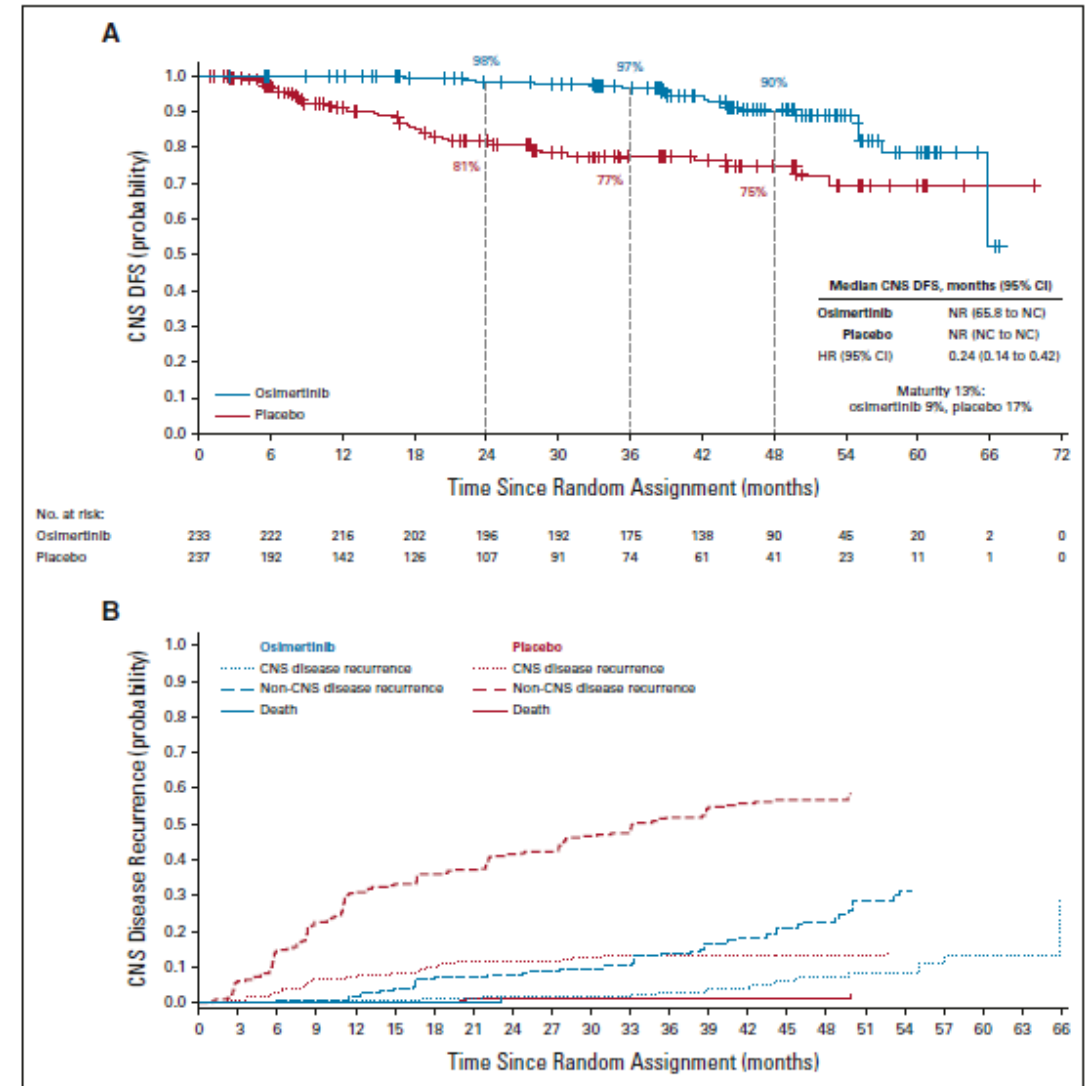
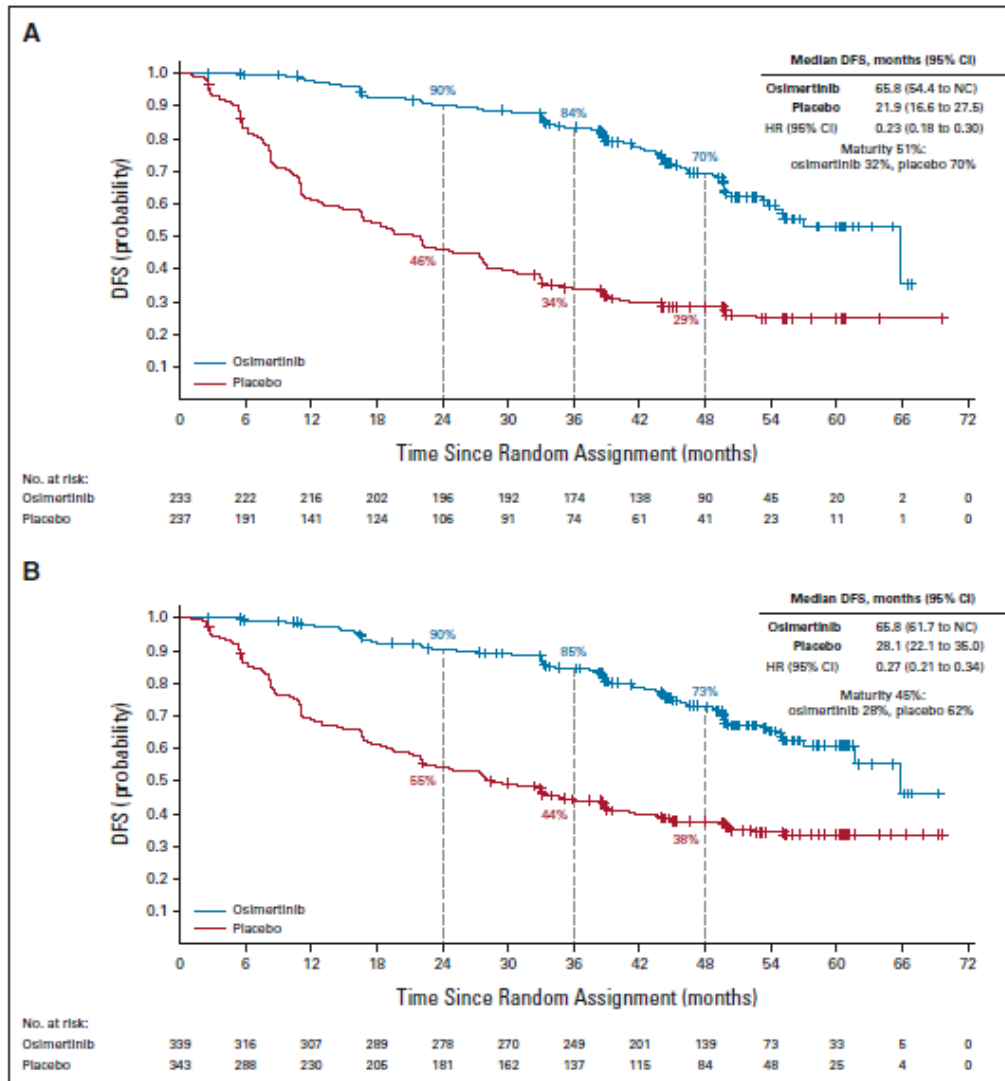
Overall population: Stage IB/II/IIIA



No. at risk									
Osimertinib	339	313	272	208	138	74	27	5	0
Placebo	343	287	207	148	88	53	20	3	1

	Median DFS, months (95% CI)	HR (99.12% CI)
– Osimertinib	NR (NC, NC)	0.20 (0.14, 0.30)
– Placebo	27.5 (22.0, 35.0)	P<0.0001

Updated ADAURA Data- With 2 Years More Maturity

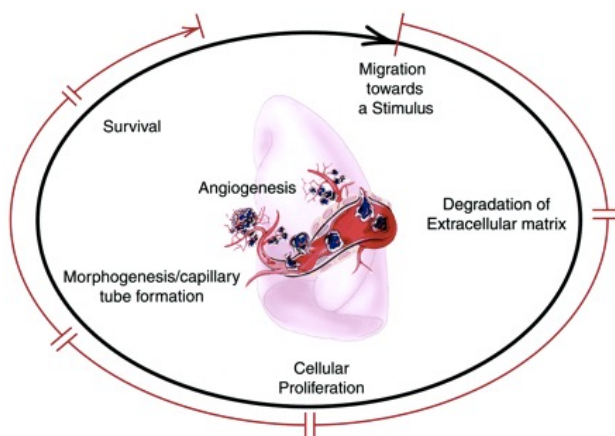


Biology has spoken

Drug Approval December 2020 for Adjuvant Therapy



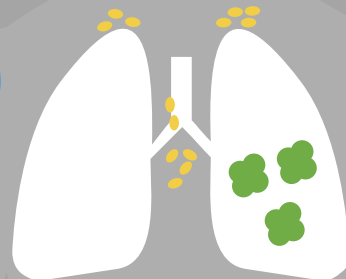
Isaiah J. Fidler, DVM, PhD, FAACR



Surgery → Adjuvant Therapy



Surgery



Chemotherapy

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Targeted Therapy

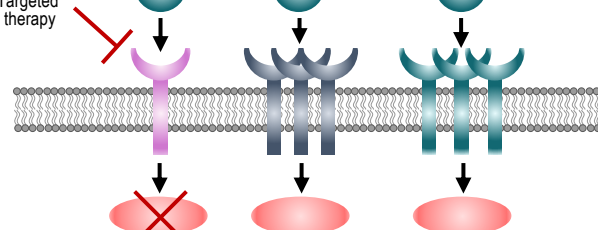


Targeted therapy

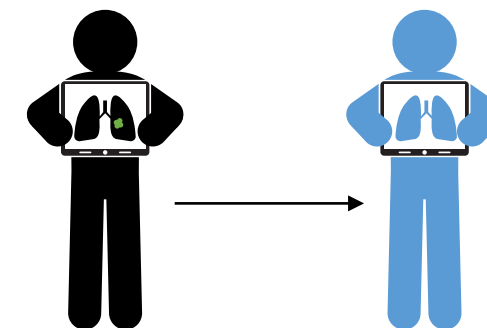
Growth factors

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Downstream signalling cascade



Best therapies earlier in disease course, for the most enhanced patient benefit

Prevent metastasis



Brain

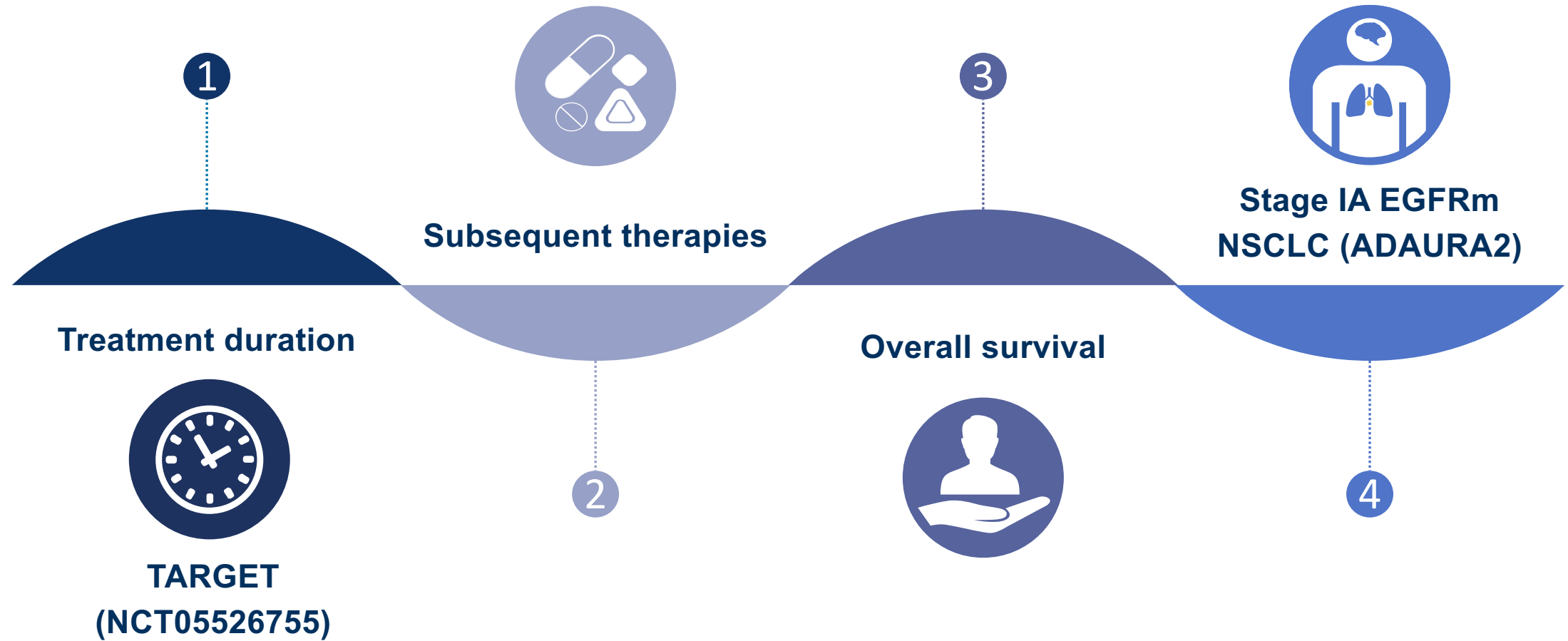


Liver



Bone

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS



EGFRm, epidermal growth factor receptor-mutated; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer.

UNDERSTANDING BIOLOGY

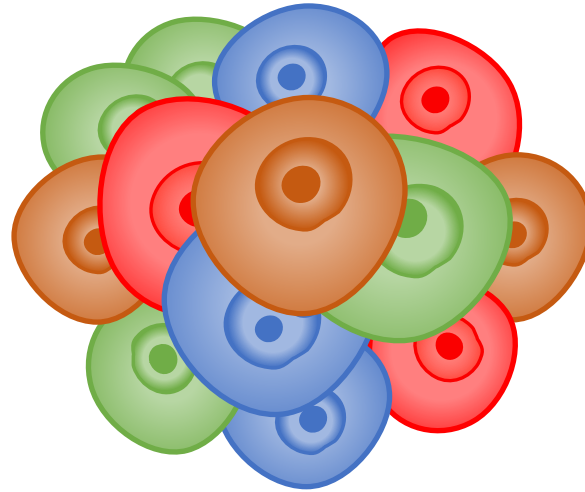
- Understanding tumor biology and its response to treatment will help to further personalize treatment in this setting
- Rare tumor cells can persist during treatment and lead to relapse, often after the completion of treatment^{1,2}

Cell metabolism adaptations:

- Ribosome dependency
- Mitochondria respiration
- Oxidative trade off

Slowed proliferation

- Epigenetic alteration
- Adaptive mutability



PERSISTANT CANCER CELLS

Microenvironment changes:

- Microenvironment alteration
- Immune suppression
- Tumor cell symbiosis

Cell identity changes:

- Transdifferentiation
- Epithelial-mesenchymal transition

- Tumor and ctDNA molecular profiling for analyses of minimal residual disease and acquired resistance in ADAURA may provide important information on persistence and resistance mechanisms that can be used to optimize treatment strategies in this setting

Next Steps

- NeoAdaura (Neoadjuvant)
- Laura (Stage III)
- Combo studies
- Other Agents

Thank You

