

Improving Targeted Therapies for Patients with Lung Cancers

Where are the gaps and ways to fill them

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Filling the Gaps with Lung Cancer Targeted Therapies

Introduction

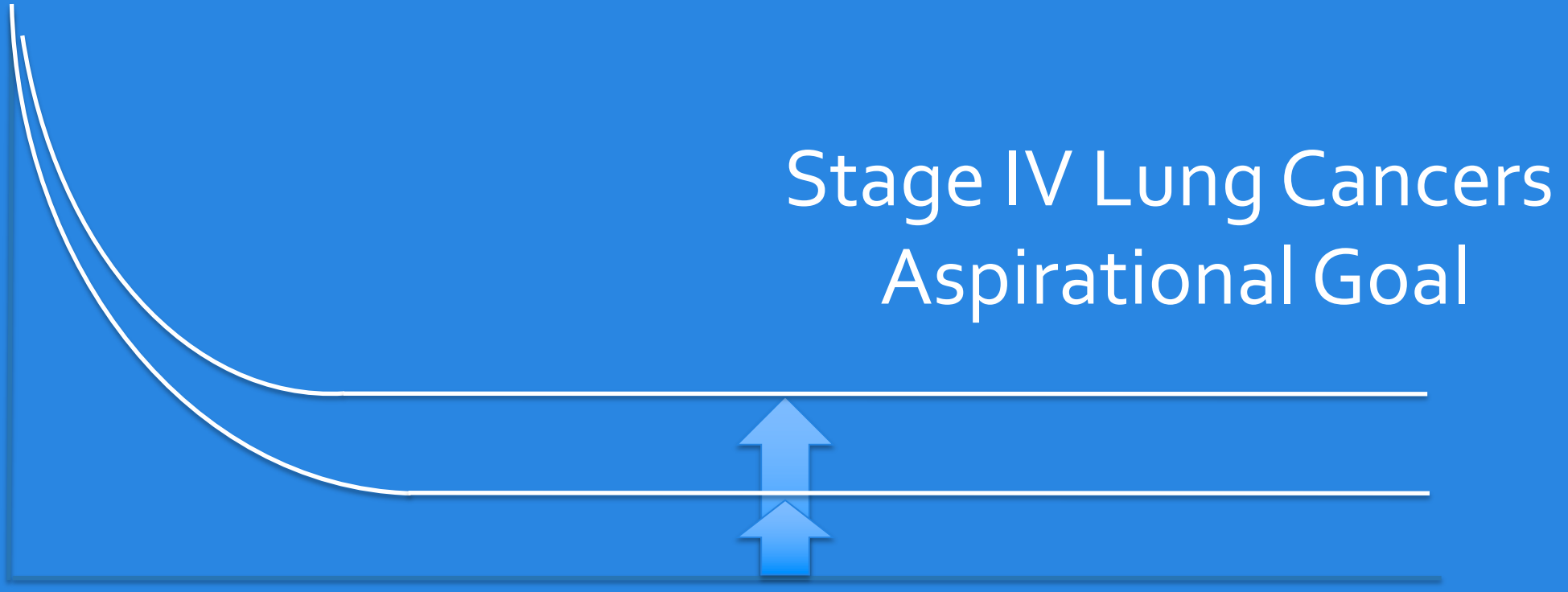
Targets

Gaps

Ways Forward

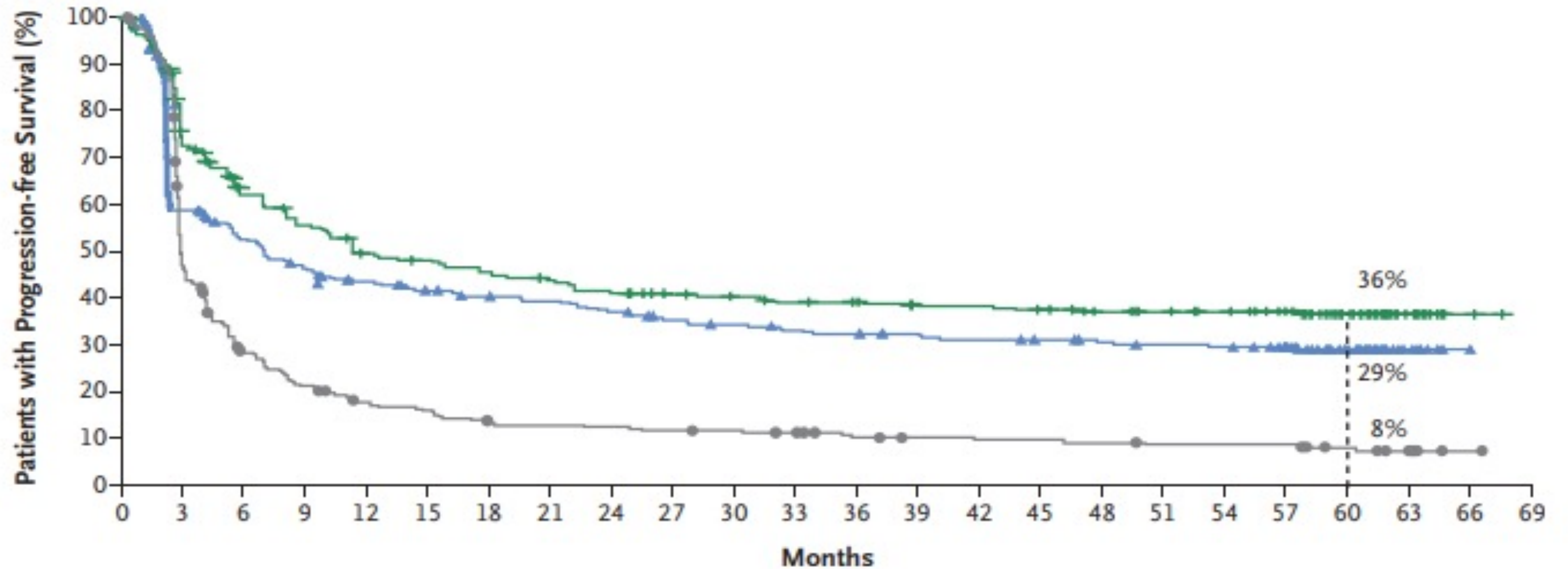
- Short Term
- Long Term

Bending the disease free and progression free survival curves (cure curves) in lung cancers



Stage IV melanoma: 5 yr progression free survival (cure?) Nivolumab vs Ipimumab vs Nivo+Ipi Combination

B Progression-free Survival



No. at Risk

Nivolumab plus ipilimumab	314	218	174	155	136	131	124	117	110	104	101	97	95	91	90	88	82	79	76	69	45	19	2	0
Nivolumab	316	177	151	132	120	112	106	103	97	88	84	80	78	76	73	71	68	66	65	60	40	13	1	0
Ipilimumab	315	136	78	58	46	42	34	32	31	29	28	26	21	19	18	18	17	15	15	15	11	8	1	0

Human impact of recurrence/progression

One patient's perspective

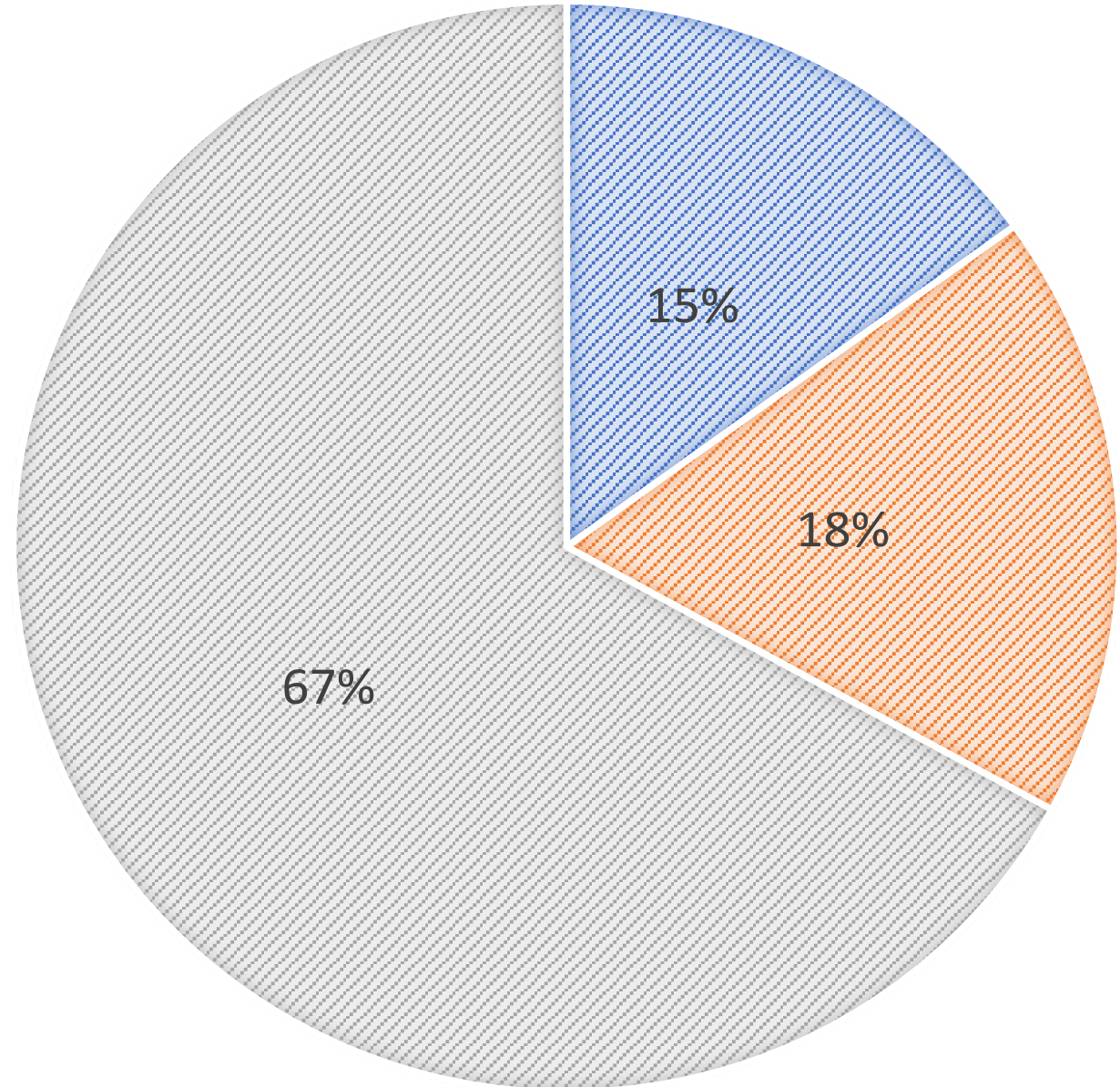
“Time for me is double-edged: Every day brings me further from the low of my last cancer relapse, but every day also brings me closer to the next cancer recurrence --- and eventually, death.”

Paul Kalanithi, MD'07 Author of *“When Breath Becomes Air”*

Neurosurgeon, Writer, Patient with stage IV *EGFR* mutant lung cancer

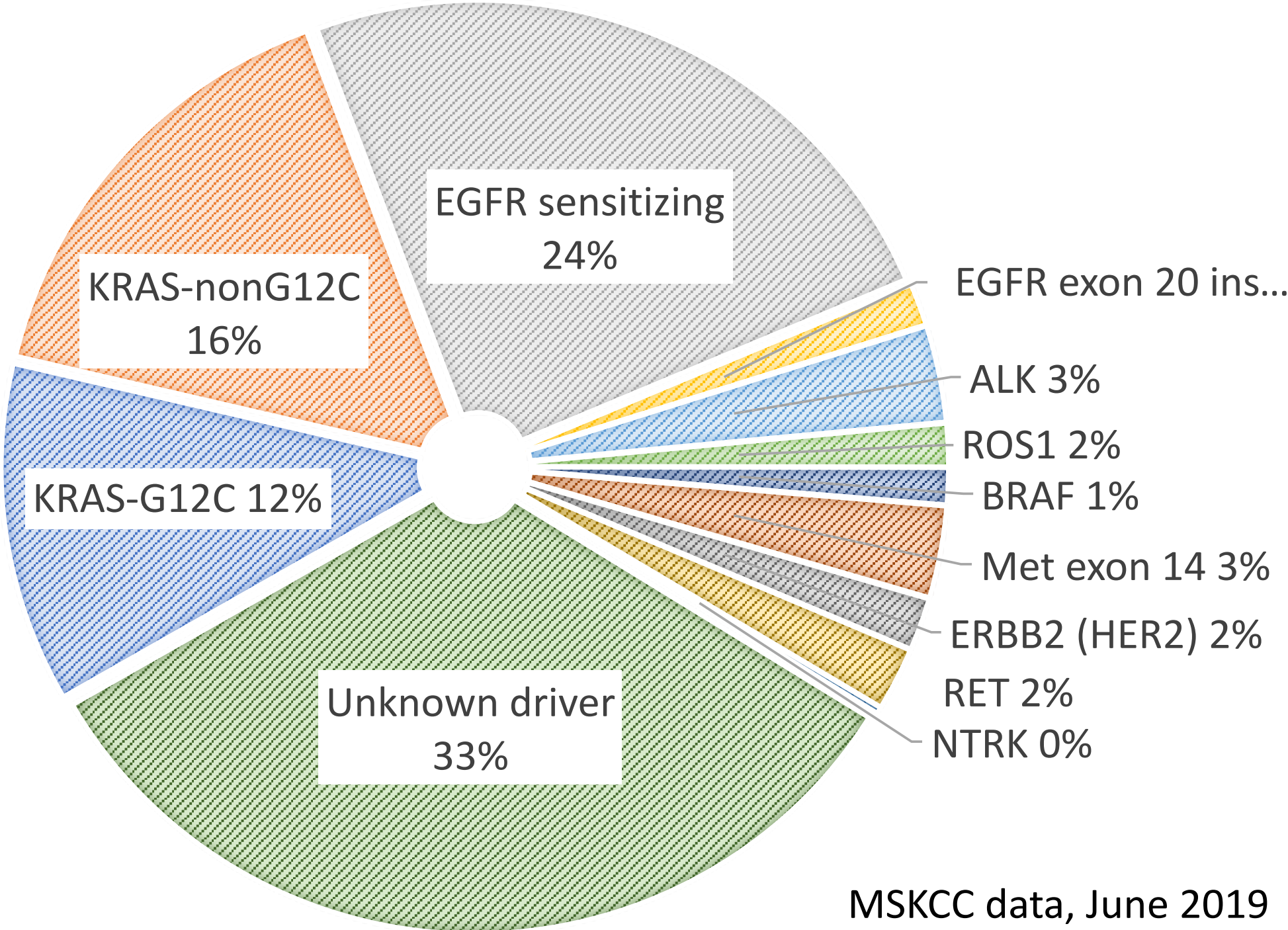
Classification of lung carcinomas by targets

PD-L1
(by IHC)



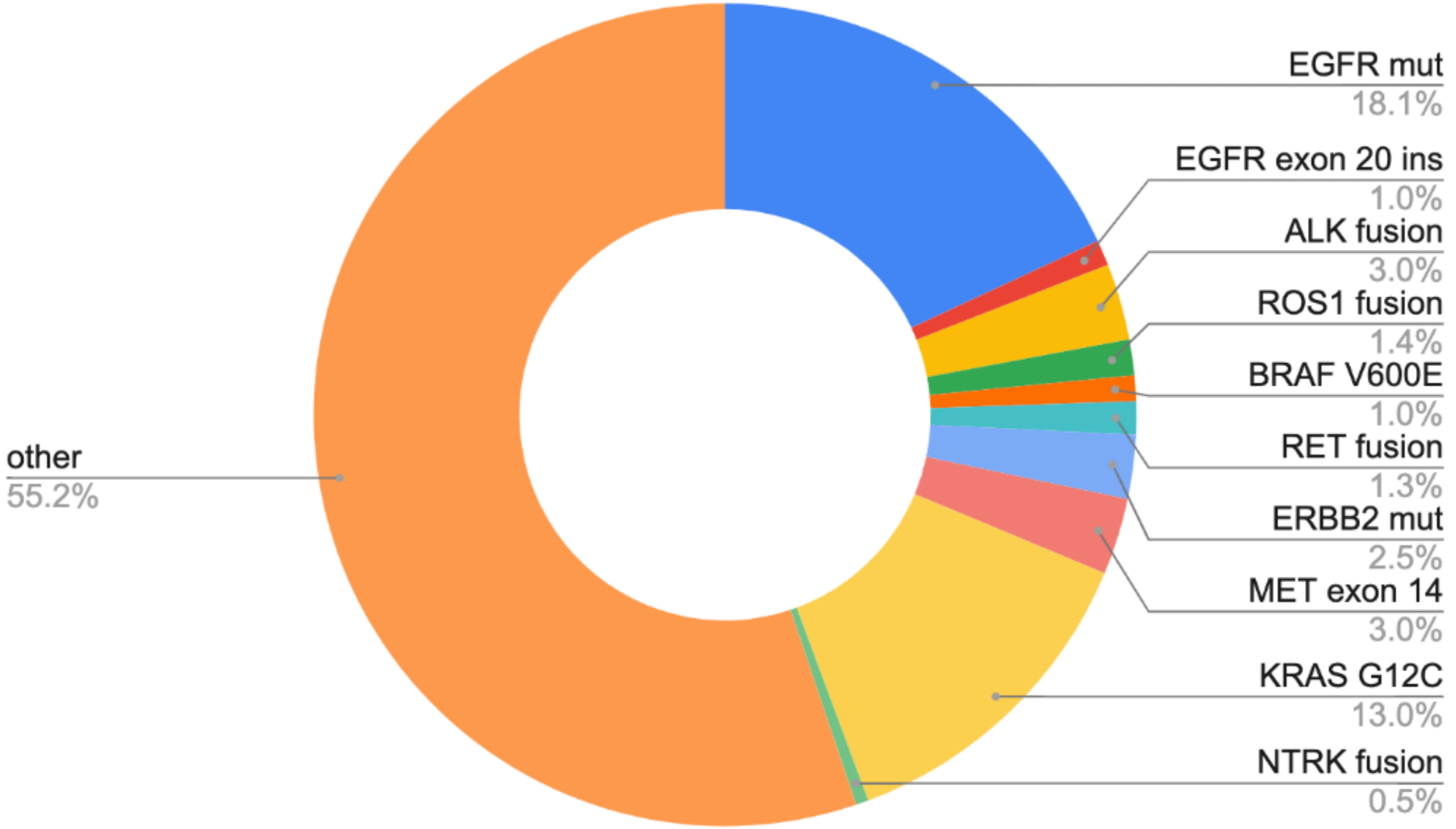
■ PD-L1 ≥50% ■ PD-L1 1-49% ■ PD-L1 negative

Mutations/Gene Fusions (by NGS)



MSKCC data, June 2019

Lung cancer molecular subtypes with FDA-approved agents



AACR GENIE BPC lung, Data available at <https://genie.cbioportal.org/>

Filling the Gaps with Lung Cancer Targeted Therapies

Targets With Drugs in Lung Cancers 2023

ADCs {HER2, HER3, TROP-2, B7:H4, CEACAM1) Are they really targets?

ALK Fusions

BRAF (*V600E*, type II and III mutations, fusions)

EGFR Mutations (sensitizing and “atypical”)

EGFR Exon 20 insertions

HER2 Mutations and Amplification

KRAS G12C Mutations

KRAS G12X Mutations

MET Exon 14 Mutations and *MET* Amplification

NTRK Fusions

NRG1 fusions

PD-L1/Tumor Mutational Burden

RET Fusions

ROS1 Fusions

Filling the Gaps with Lung Cancer Targeted Therapies

Gaps – Common to All Small Molecule Targeted Therapies for Lung Cancers

1. No Single Agent Cures
2. No Single Agent Cures
3. Long term side effects (even grade 1 rash, diarrhea, edema a problem when it happens daily for years, weight gain)
4. Acute severe side effects (pneumonitis, hepatotoxicity)
5. With some exceptions (KRAS), no immunotherapies for patients with tumors with targets
6. Interactions with radiation and immunotherapies

Ways to fill the gaps in targeted therapies

- **Short-Term**
 1. Combinations with cytotoxic chemotherapies
 2. Combinations with anti-angiogenesis agents
 3. Combinations with additional targeted treatments
 4. Use with local therapies : surgery, radiation, and ablation
- **Long Term**
 1. Agents
 - A. More effective
 - B. Better targeted
 - C. New Targets
 2. Degradars
 3. Vaccines
 4. Targeting Persisting cells

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Inconvenient Truth: Chemo with Targeted Drugs Better

FLAURA2 Phase III study design

Safety run-in period (N=30)
Published in *ESMO Open*, 2021¹

Patients with untreated locally advanced / metastatic EGFRm NSCLC

Key inclusion criteria:

- Aged ≥18 years (Japan: ≥20 years)
- Pathologically confirmed non-squamous NSCLC
- Ex19del / L858R (local / central test)
- WHO PS 0 / 1
- No prior systemic therapy for advanced NSCLC
- Stable CNS metastases were allowed*
- Brain scans at baseline (MRI / CT)



Stratification by:

- **Race** (Chinese Asian / non-Chinese Asian / non-Asian)
- **EGFRm** (local / central test)
- **WHO PS** (0 / 1)

Osimertinib 80 mg (QD)
+ pemetrexed 500 mg/m²
+ carboplatin AUC5
or cisplatin 75 mg/m²
(Q3W for 4 cycles for platinum-based treatments)

Maintenance
osimertinib 80 mg (QD)
+ pemetrexed (Q3W)[†]

Randomization
1:1 (N=557)



Osimertinib 80 mg (QD)



Follow-up:

- RECIST 1.1 assessment at 6 and 12 weeks, then every 12 weeks until RECIST 1.1 defined radiological disease progression or other withdrawal criteria were met

- **Primary endpoint:** PFS by investigator assessment per RECIST 1.1^{‡§}

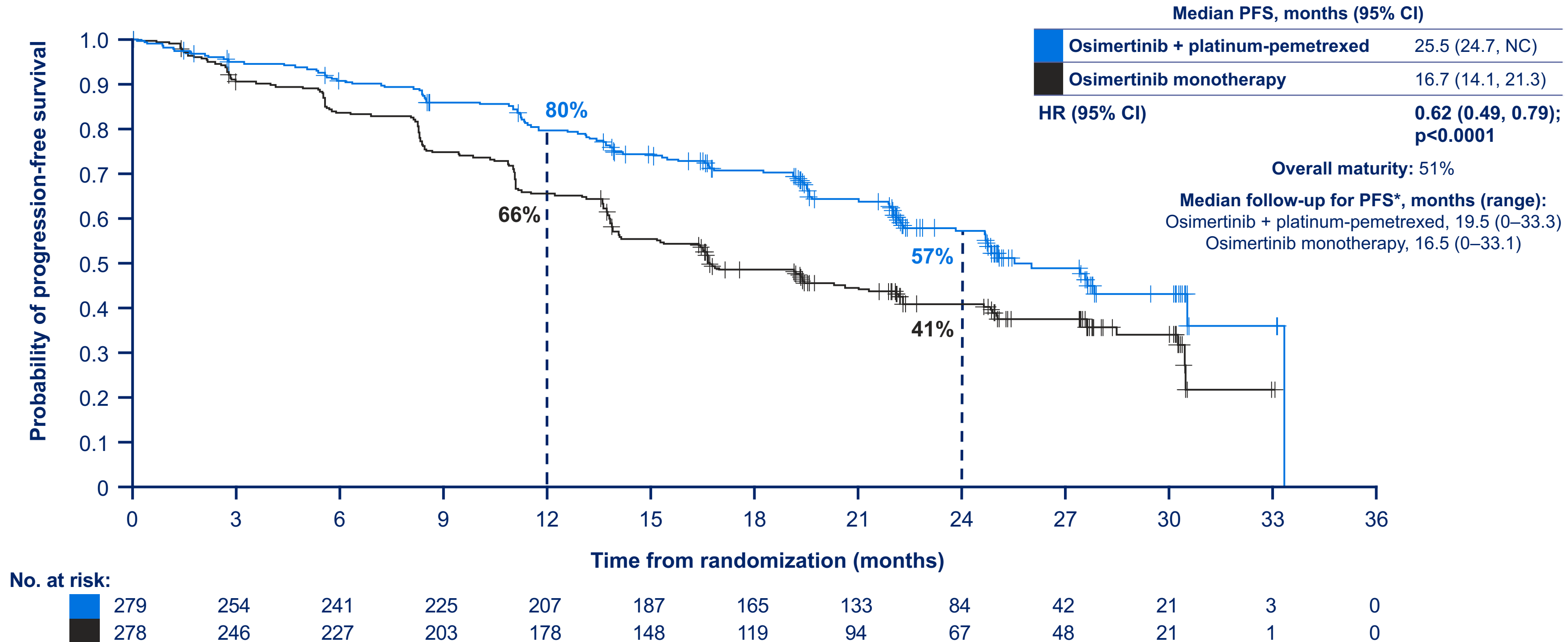
- **Sensitivity analysis:** PFS by BICR assessment per RECIST 1.1

- **Secondary endpoints:** OS, ORR, DoR, DCR, HRQoL, safety (AEs by CTCAE v5) and PFS2[‡]

Osimertinib+Chemotherapy vs Osimertinib

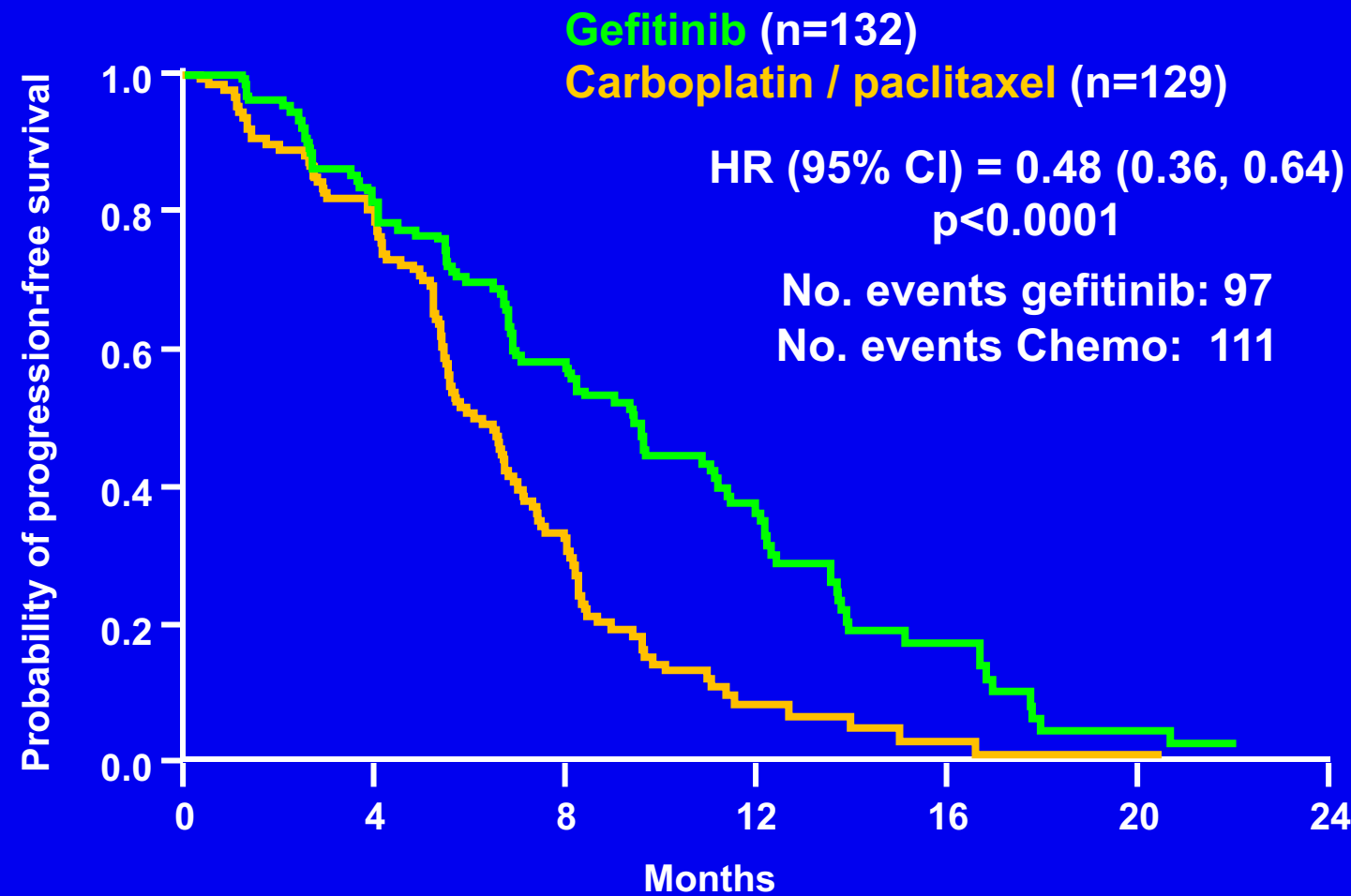
9 month improvement in progression-free survival with chemotherapy

- Median PFS was improved by ~8.8 months with osimertinib plus platinum-pemetrexed vs osimertinib monotherapy



Chemotherapy work better in patients with *EGFR* mutations: Remember IPASS?

EGFR mutation positive

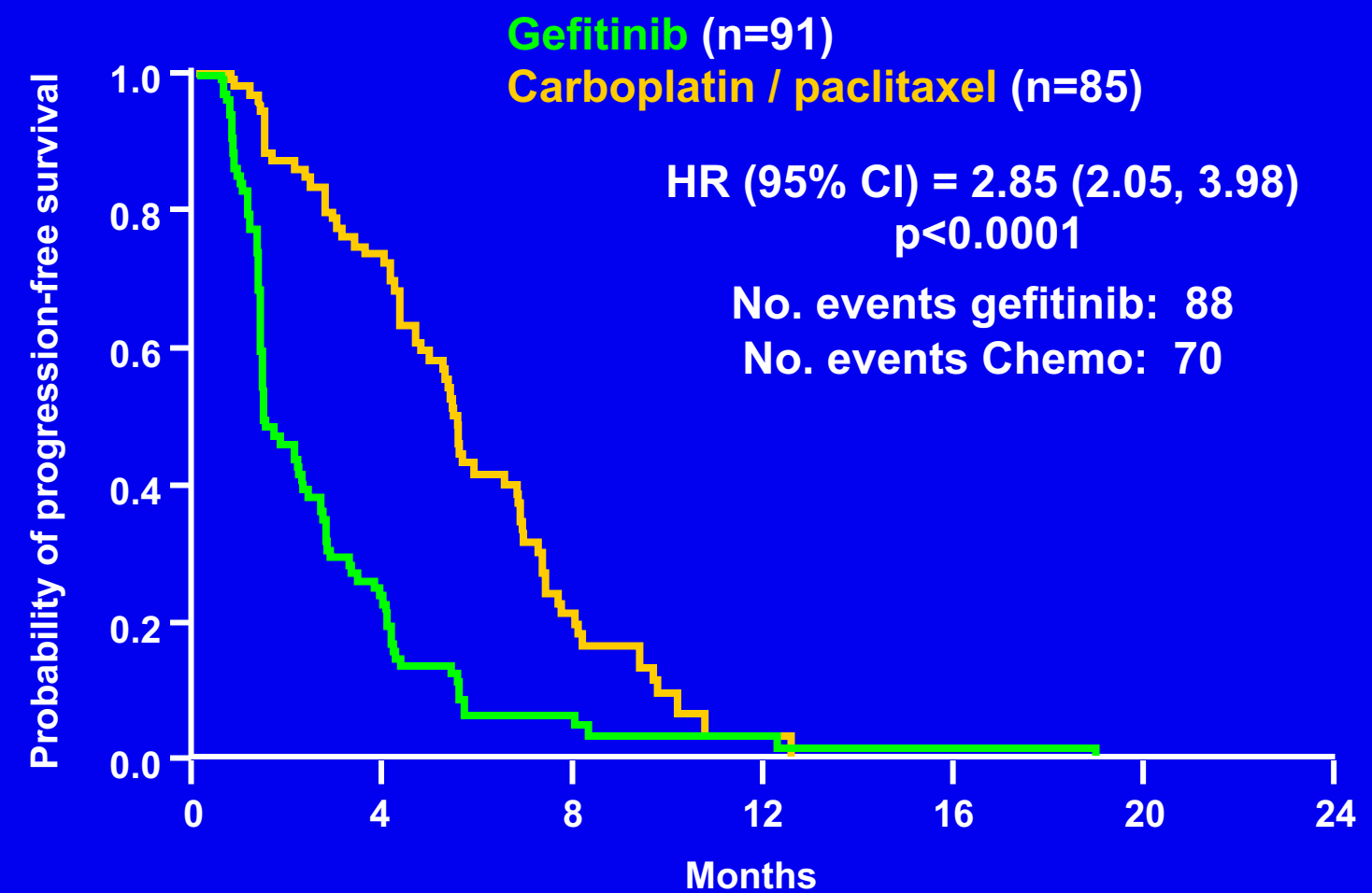


At risk :

Gefitinib	132	108	71	31	11	3	0
C / P	129	103	37	7	2	1	0

Gefitinib CR/PR Rate 71%
CBP/PTX CR/PR Rate 47%

EGFR mutation negative

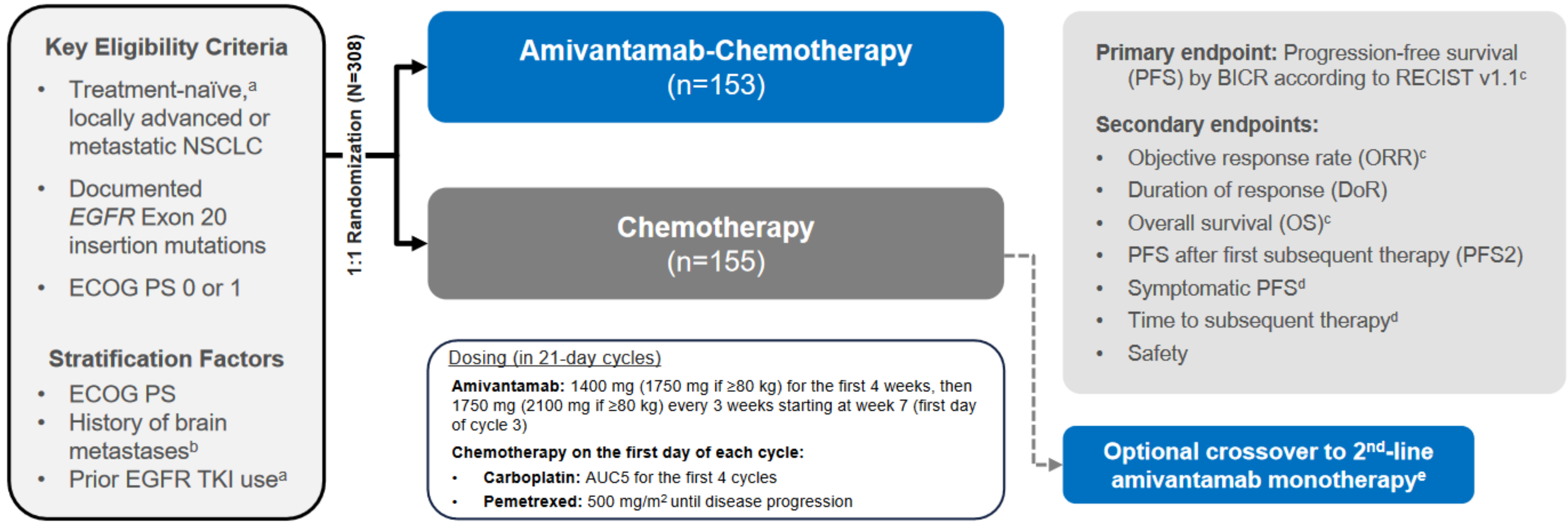


Gefitinib	91	21	4	2	1	0	0
C / P	85	58	14	1	0	0	0

Gefitinib CR/PR Rate 1%
CBP/PTX CR/PR Rate 24%

Targeted Drugs Better with Chemotherapy

Amivantinab+Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy



PAPILLON (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04538664) enrollment period: December 2020 to November 2022; data cut-off: 3-May-2023.

^aRemoved as stratification factor since only 4 patients had prior EGFR TKI use (brief monotherapy with common EGFR TKIs was allowed if lack of response was documented).

^bPatients with brain metastases were eligible if they received definitive treatment and were asymptomatic, clinically stable, and off corticosteroid treatment for ≥2 weeks prior to randomization.

^cKey statistical assumption: 300 patients with 200 events needed for 90% power to detect an HR of 0.625 (estimated PFS of 8 vs 5 months). PFS, ORR, and then OS were included in hierarchical testing.

^dThese secondary endpoints (time to subsequent therapy and symptomatic progression-free survival) will be presented at a future congress.

^eCrossover was only allowed after BICR confirmation of disease progression; amivantamab monotherapy on Q3W dosing per main study.

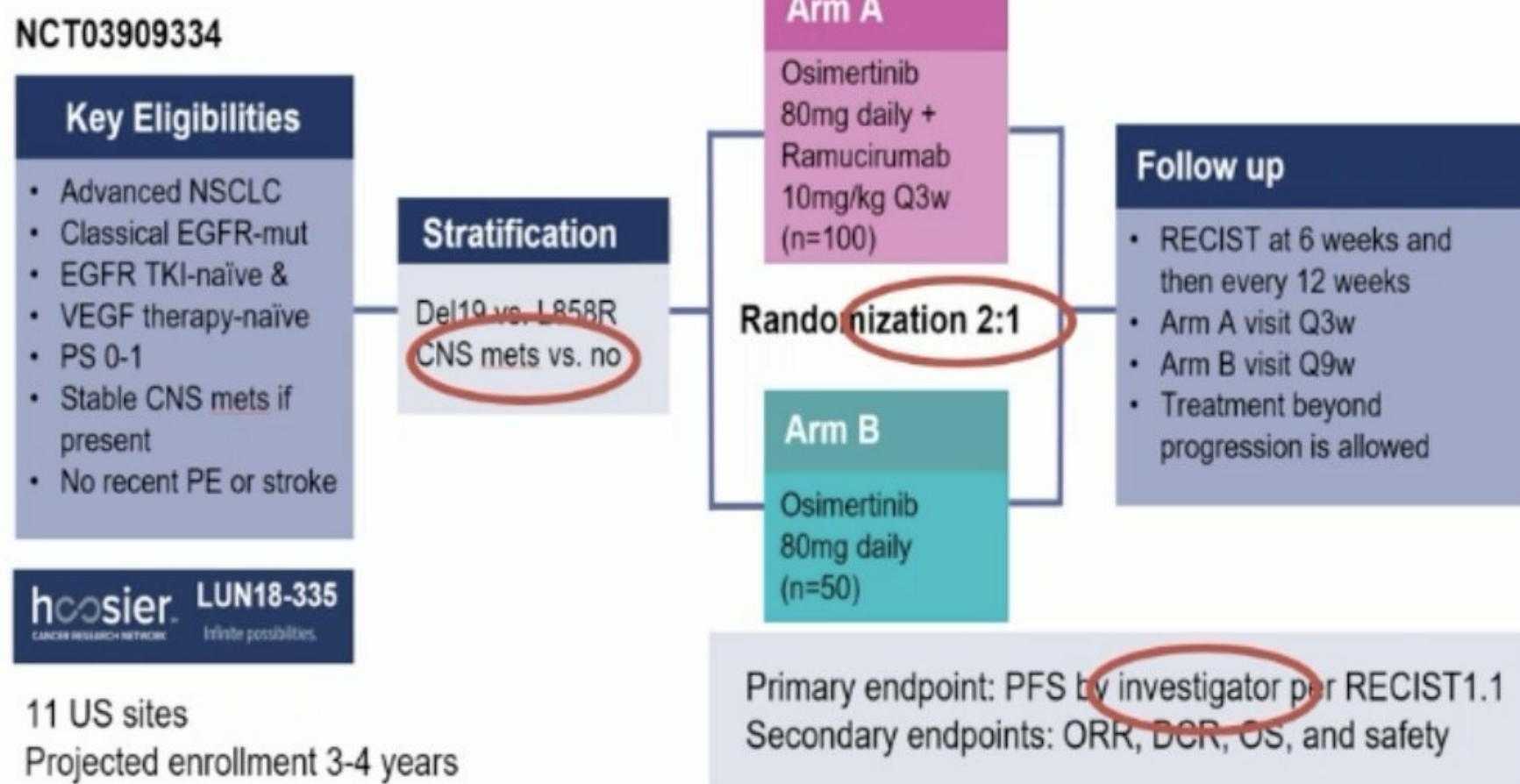
AUC, area under the curve; BICR, blinded independent central review; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; HR, hazard ratio; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; Q3W, every 3 weeks; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.



Combinations with Anti-Angiogenesis Agents

Osimertinib+Ramucirumab vs Osimertinib

RAMOSE Phase 2 Study Design

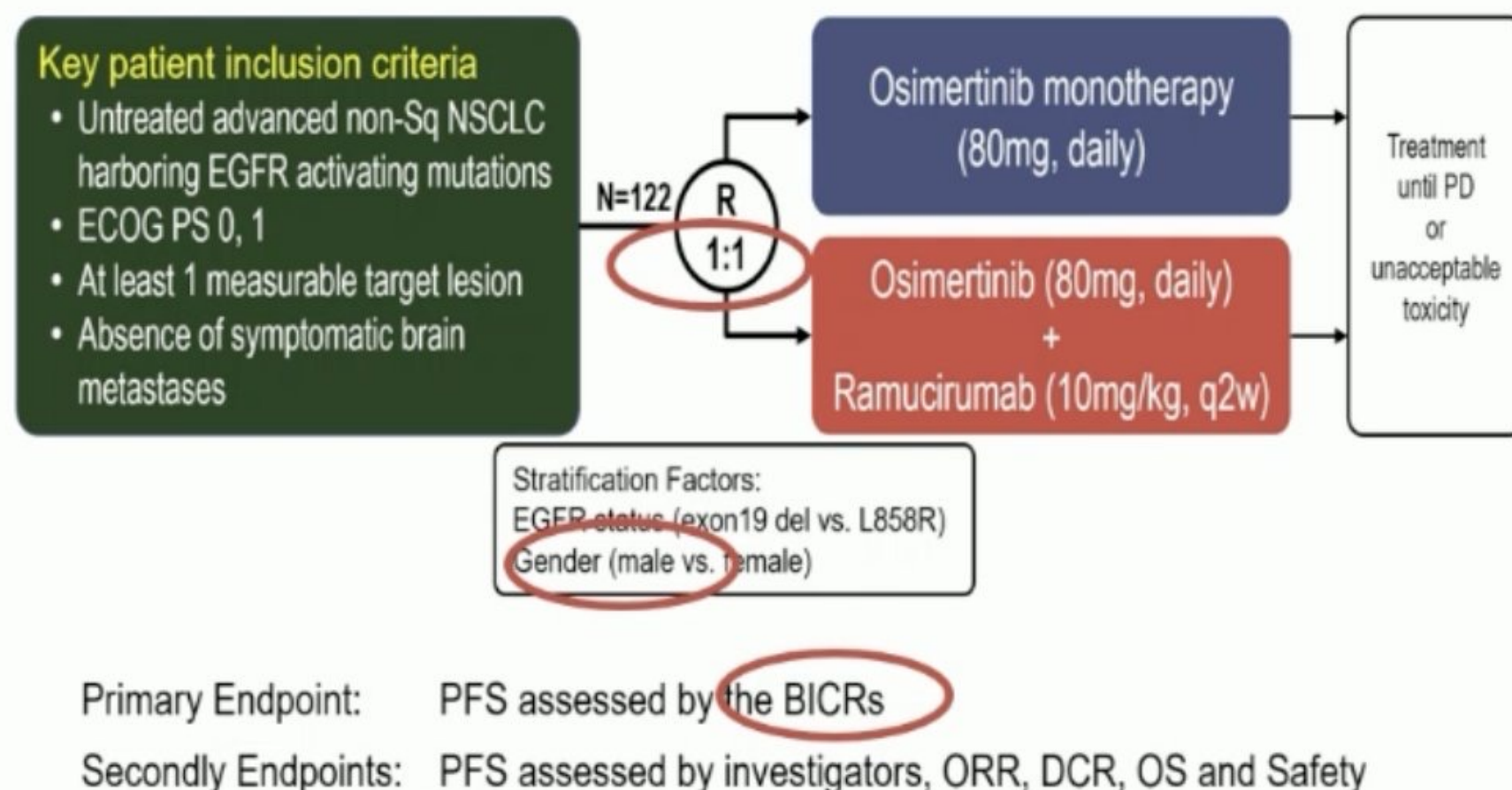


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OSIRAM-1 (TORG1833) : Study Design



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Yi-Long Wu, Guangdong Lung Cancer Institute, China

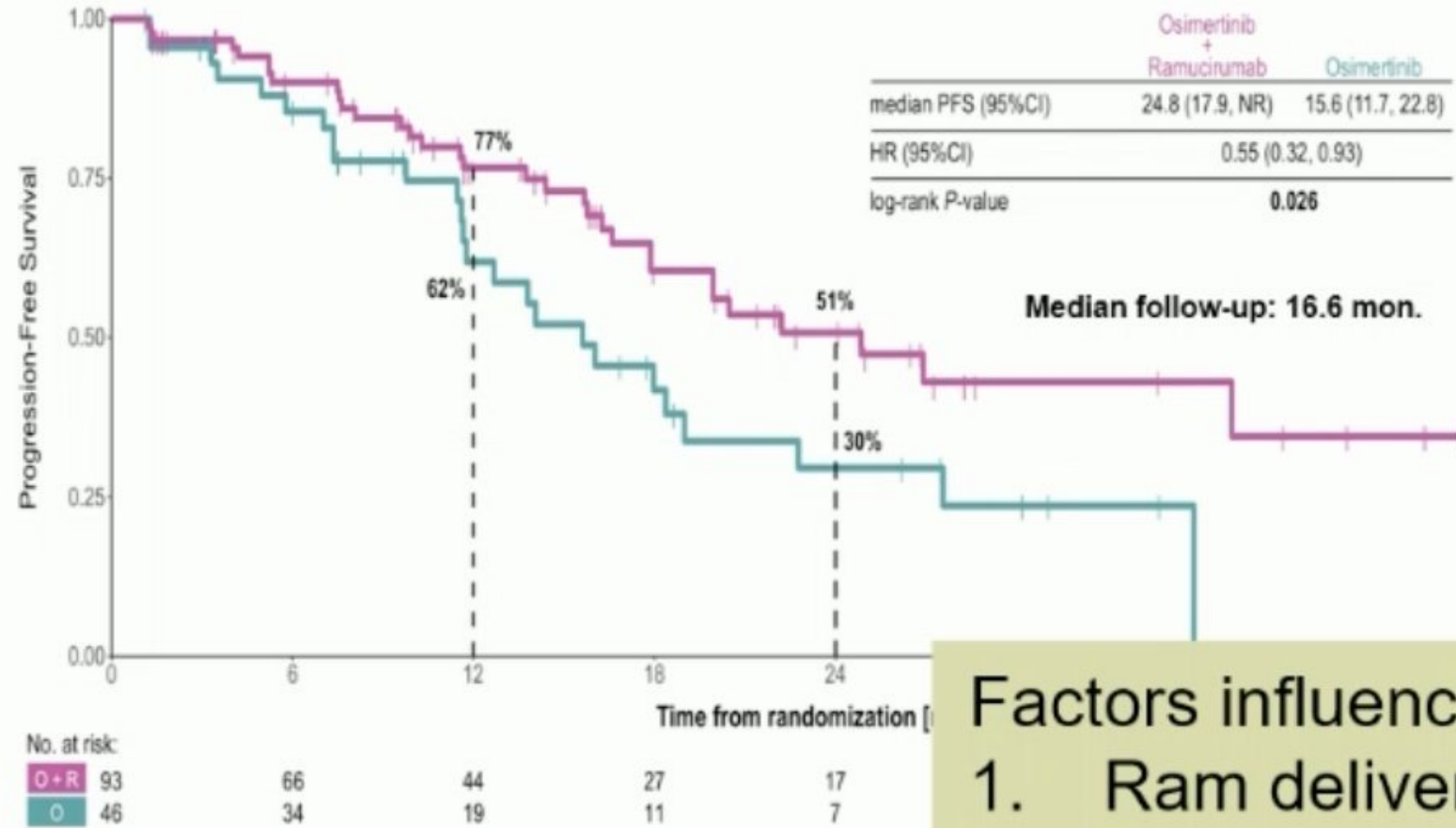
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Osimertinib+Ramucirumab vs Osimertinib



LBA71: RAMOSE

Progression-free survival by investigator (primary endpoint)



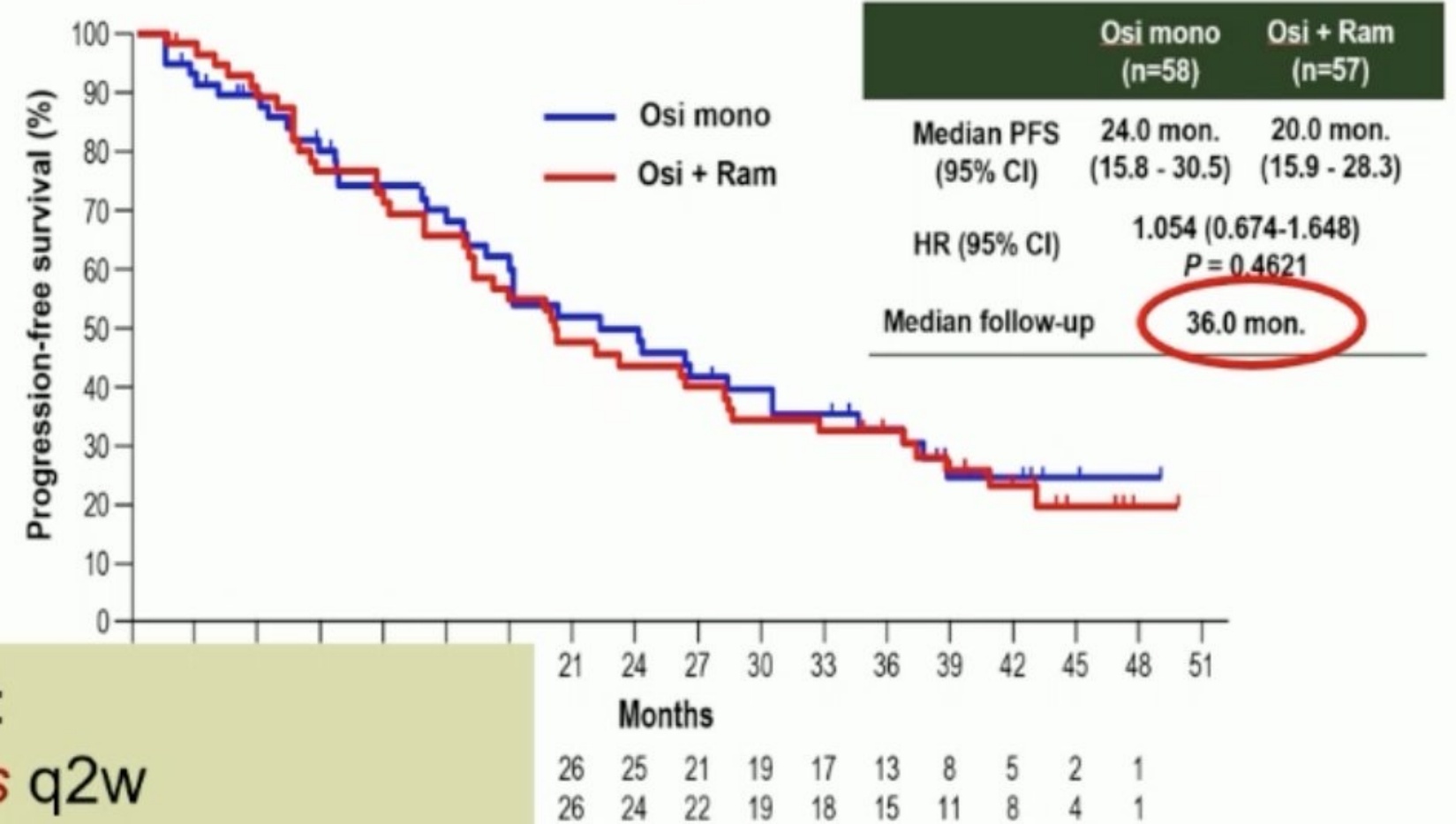
Factors influencing PFS:

1. Ram deliver: q3w **vs** q2w
2. Follow-up visit: q3-9w **vs** q2w
3. PFS by Invest. **vs** PFS by BIRC
4. Exon19: 69% **vs** 61%
5. **Exposure to Ram: 14.4 vs 4.7 m**

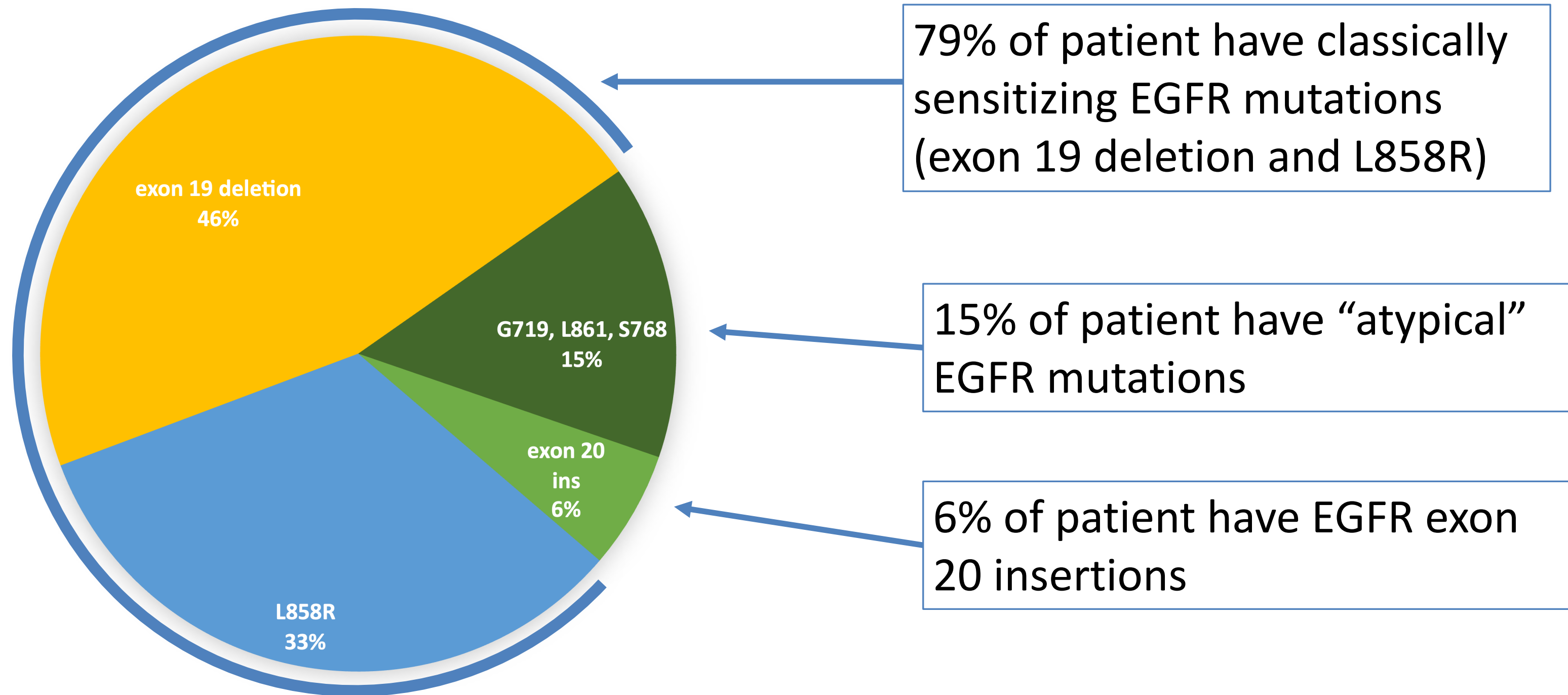


LBA70: OSIRAM-1

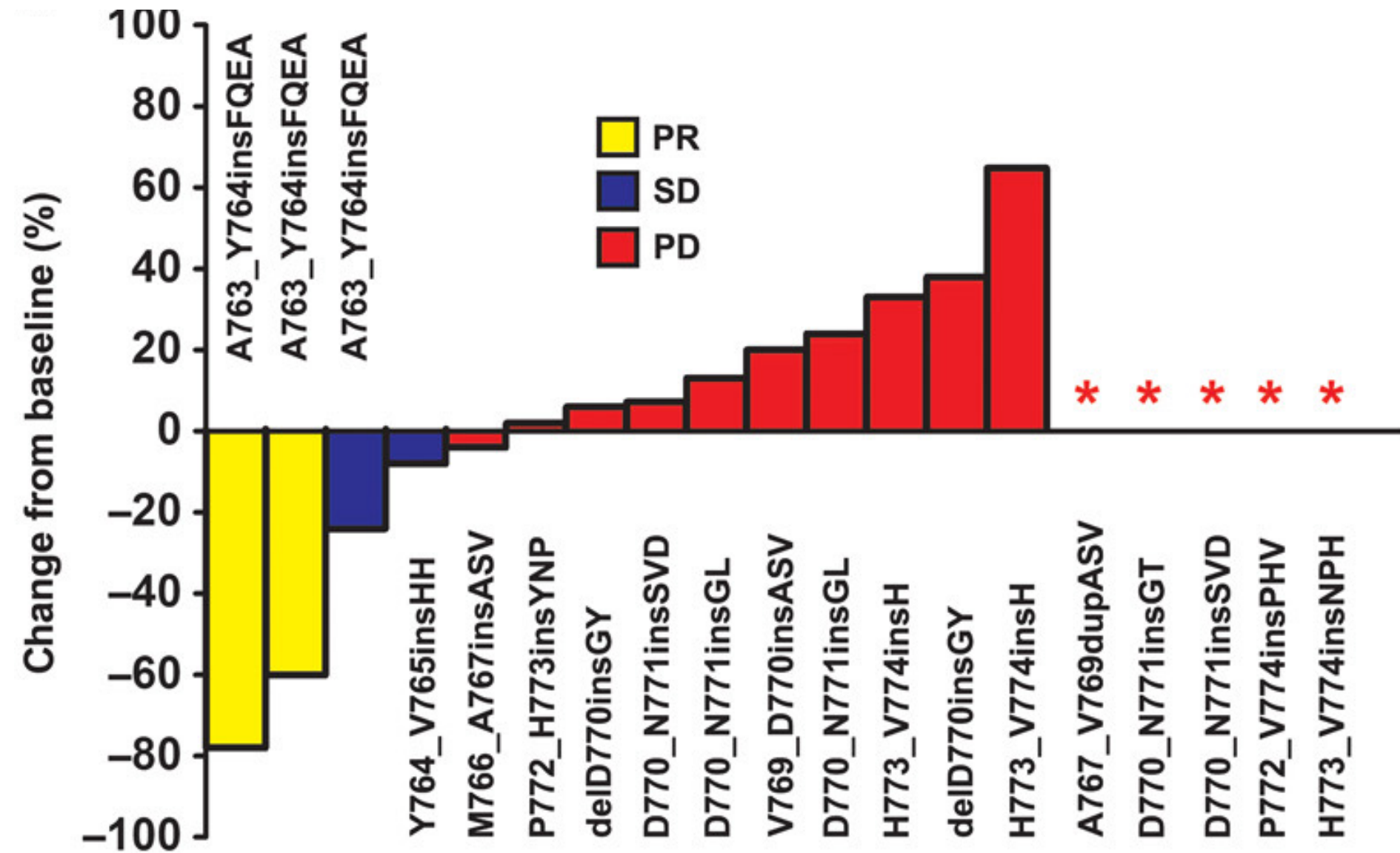
Progression-Free Survival, assessed by BICRs (Primary Endpoint)



More Targets – More Precise Targets? EGFR has Become More Complicated Among patients with EGFR mutant NSCLC...



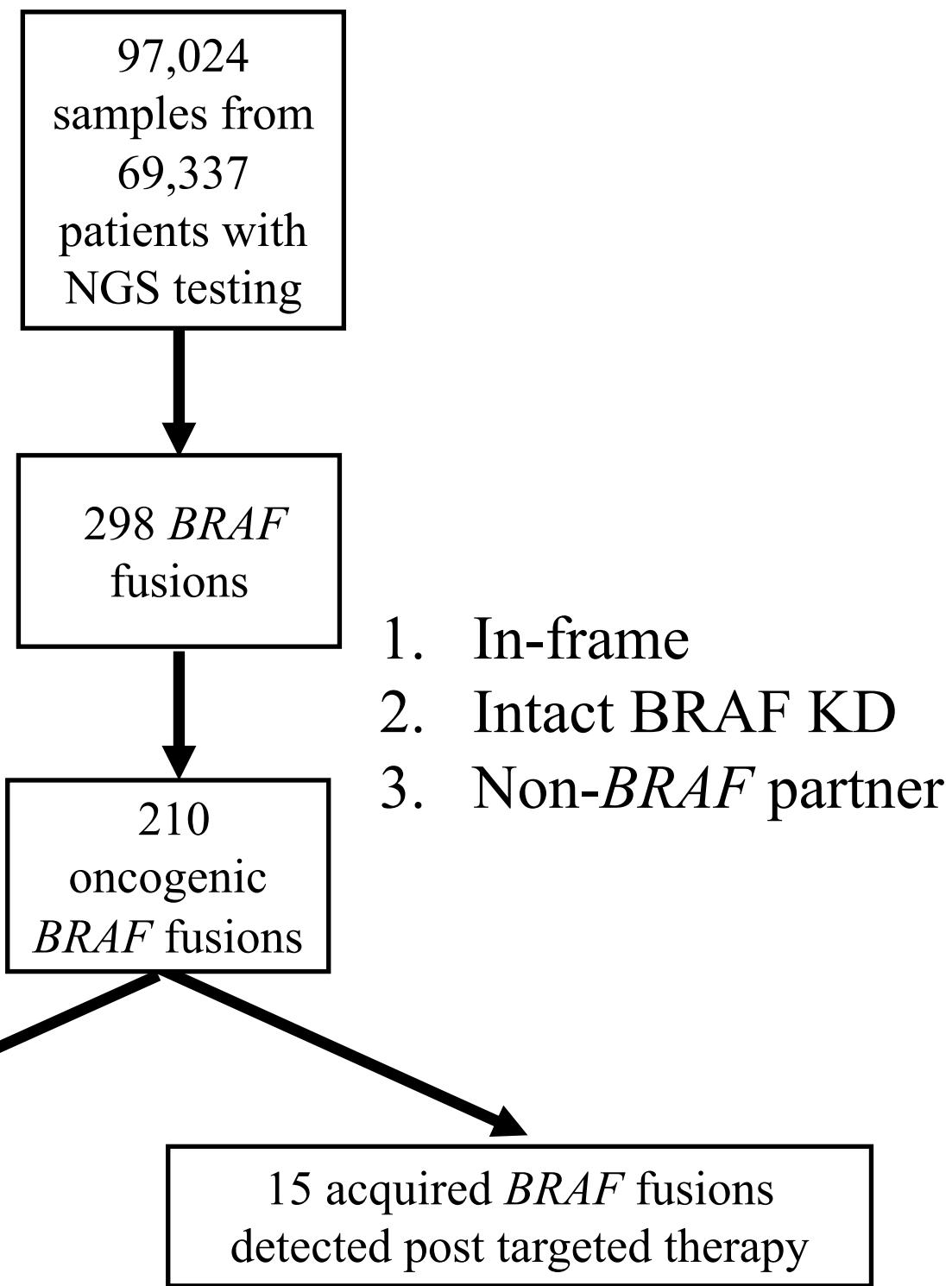
Gefitinib and Erlotinib generally not active against EGFR exon 20 insertions (except FQEA!)



EGFR mutation	Best response to reversible EGFR TKI				
	Drug	PR	SD	PD	RR [%]
A763_Y764insFQEA	Erlotinib	2	1	—	66.6
Y764_V765insHH	Gefitinib	—	1	—	0
M766_A767insASV	Erlotinib	—	—	1	0
A767_V769dupASV	Gefitinib	—	—	1	0
V769_D770insASV	Erlotinib	—	—	1	0
D770_N771insGL	Erlotinib	—	—	2	0
D770_N771insGT	Erlotinib	—	—	1	0
D770_N771insSVD	Erlotinib	—	1	1	0
delD770insGY	Erlotinib	—	—	2	0
P772_H773insYNP	Gefitinib	—	—	1	0
P772_V774insPHV	Erlotinib	—	—	1	0
H773_V774insH	Gefitinib/ erlotinib	—	—	2	0
H773_V774insNPH	Erlotinib	—	—	1	0

New Target: BRAF fusions

Frequency of de novo *BRAF* Fusions



Pilocytic Astrocytoma (56%) (n=29/52)

Ganglioma (17%) (n=3/18)

Low-grade neuroepithelial tumor (18%) (n=2/11)

Glioma (4%) (n=3/68)

Glioblastoma (<1%) (n=5/1285)

High grade neuroepithelial tumor (6%) (n=1/16)

Pleomorphic xanthoastrocytoma (20%) (n=1/5)

Papillary Thyroid Cancer (1%) (n=5/456)

Melanoma (1%) (n=26/2305)

Breast cancer (<1%) (n=6/6642)

Lung Cancer (<1%) (n=8/6640)

Acinar Cell Carcinoma of the Pancreas (9%) (n=5/56)

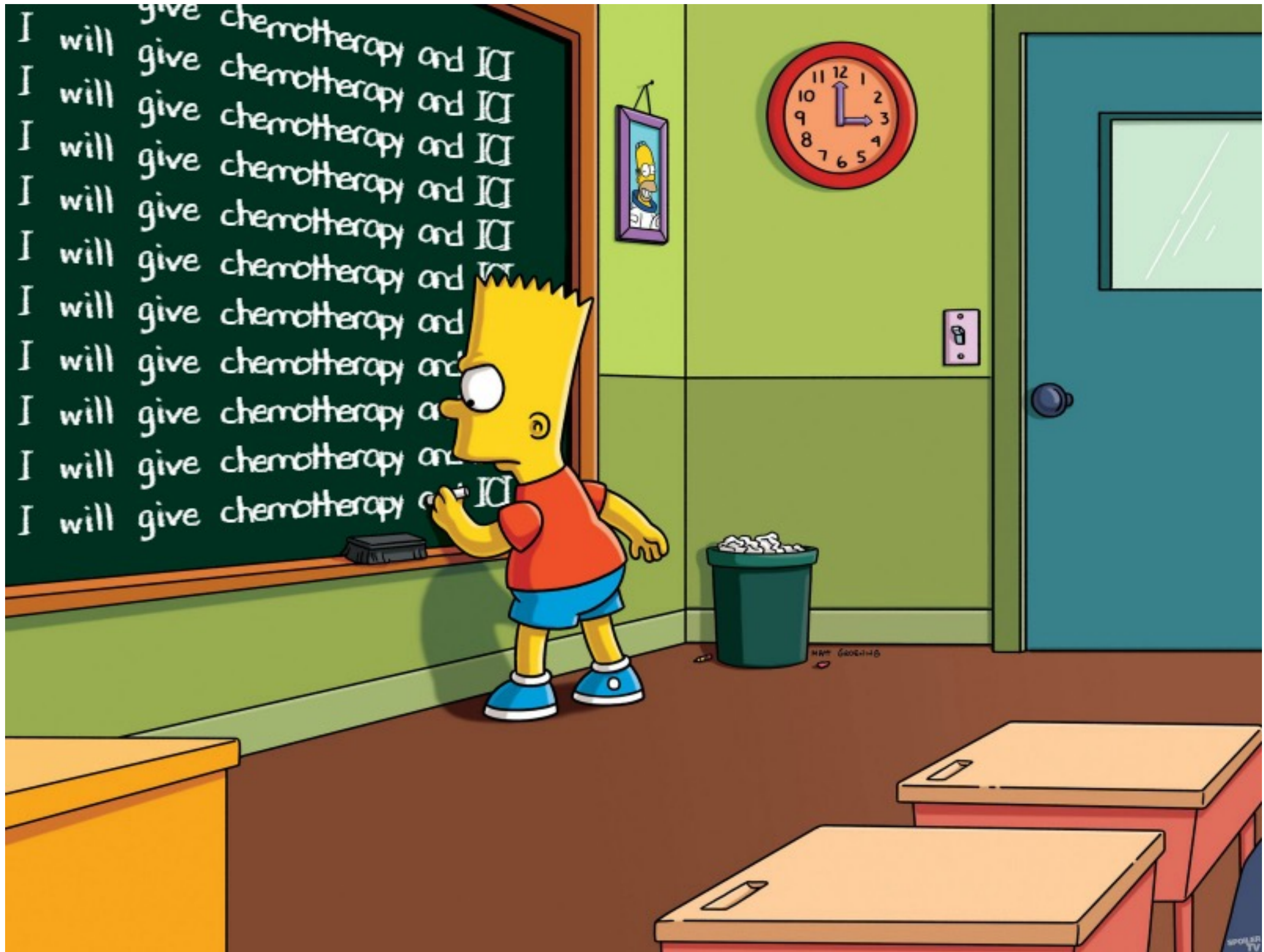
Pancreatic adenocarcinoma (<1%) (n=9/3349)

Pancreatic neuroendocrine carcinoma (10%) (n=1/10)

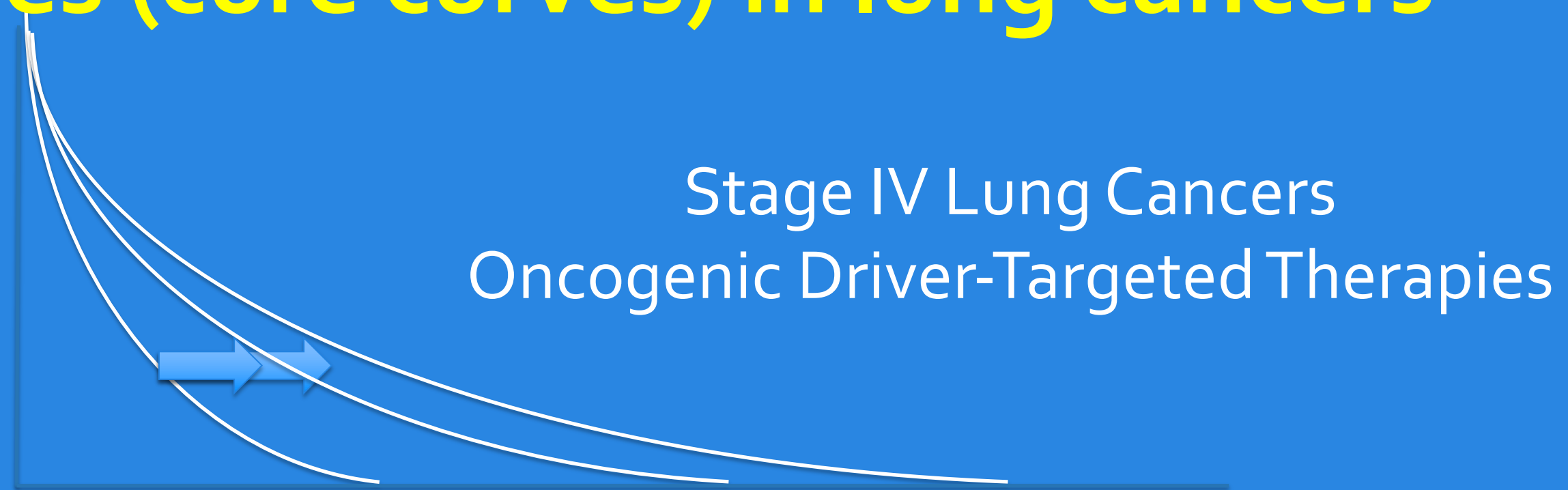
Colon Adenocarcinoma (<1%) (n=14/3872)

Prostate adenocarcinoma (1%) (n=29/3674)

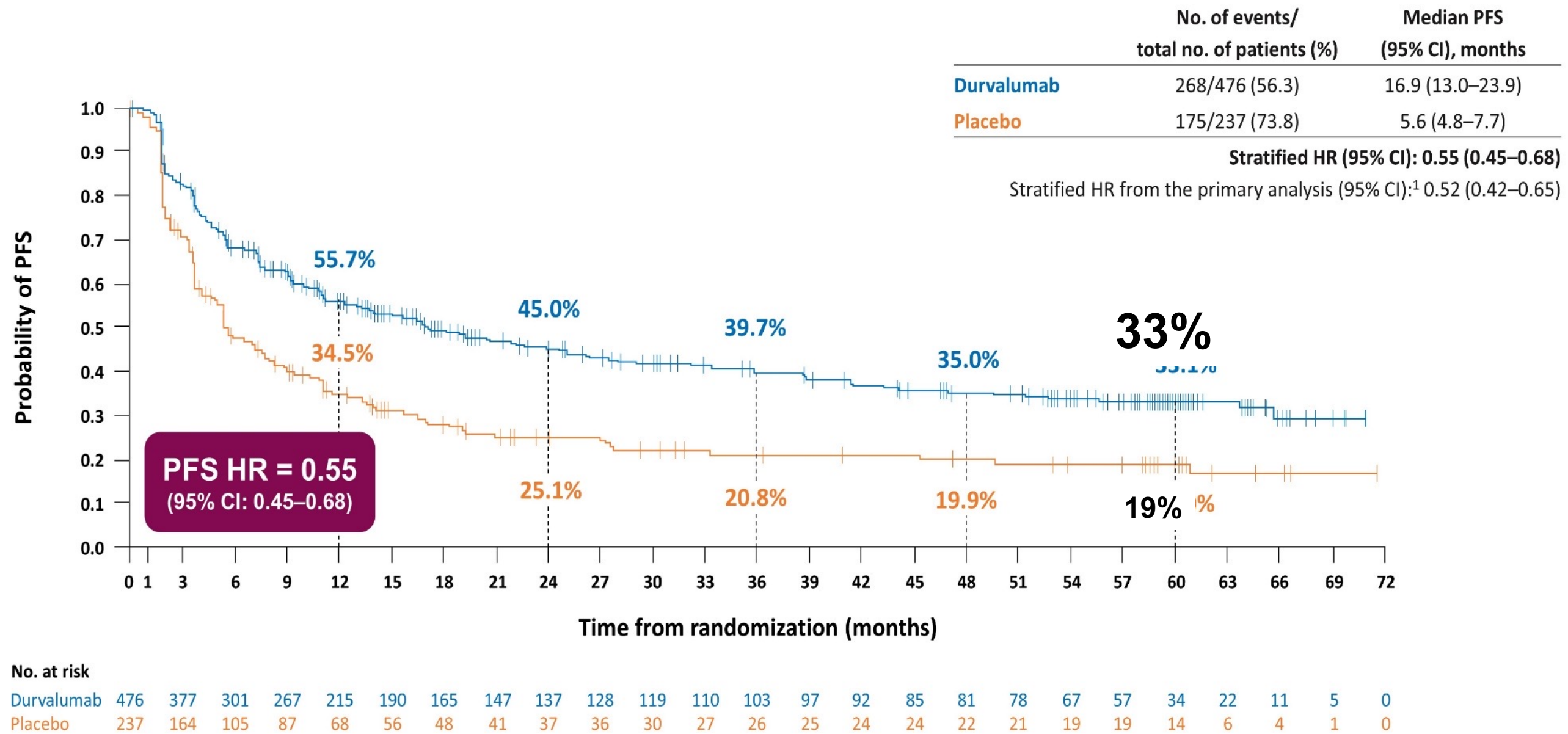
Fibrosarcoma 11% (n=1/9)



Bending the disease free and progression free survival curves (cure curves) in lung cancers



PACIFIC: 14% Improvement in 5 Year Progression Free Survival with Durvalumab



BICR, blinded independent central review; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intent-to-treat; PFS, progression-free survival

Data cutoff: 11 January 2021 (median follow-up: all patients, 34.2 months [range, 0.2–74.7]; censored patients, 61.6 months [range, 0.4–74.7]).
1. Antonia SJ, et al. New Engl J Med 2017;377:1919–29

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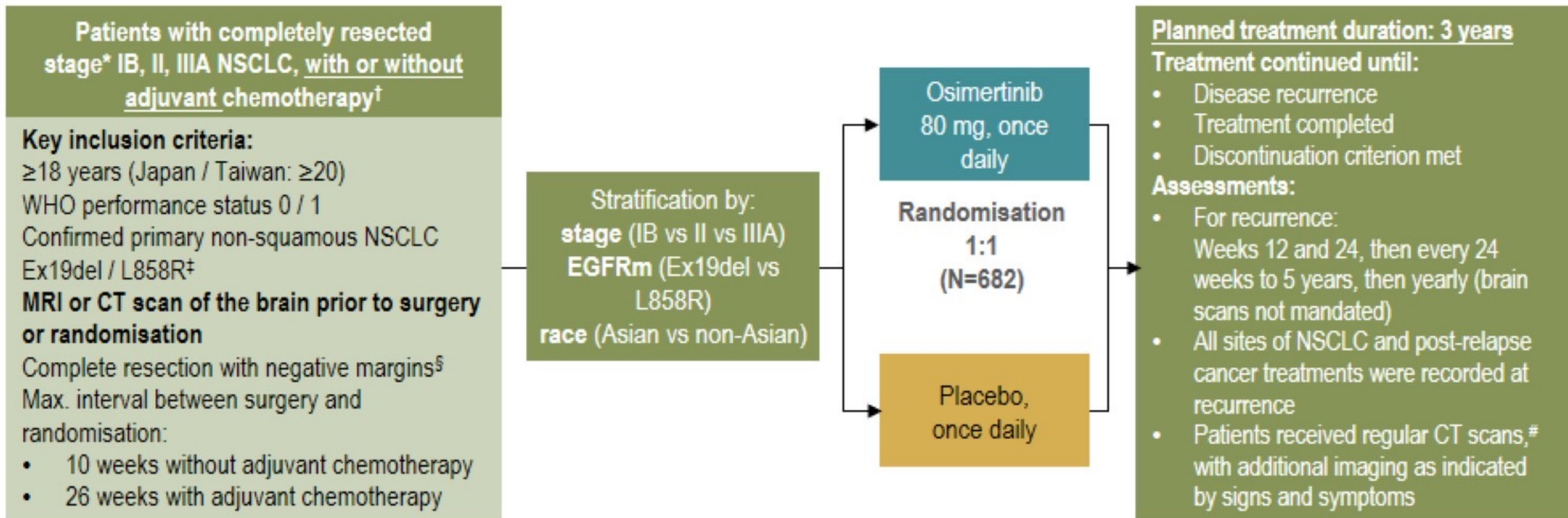
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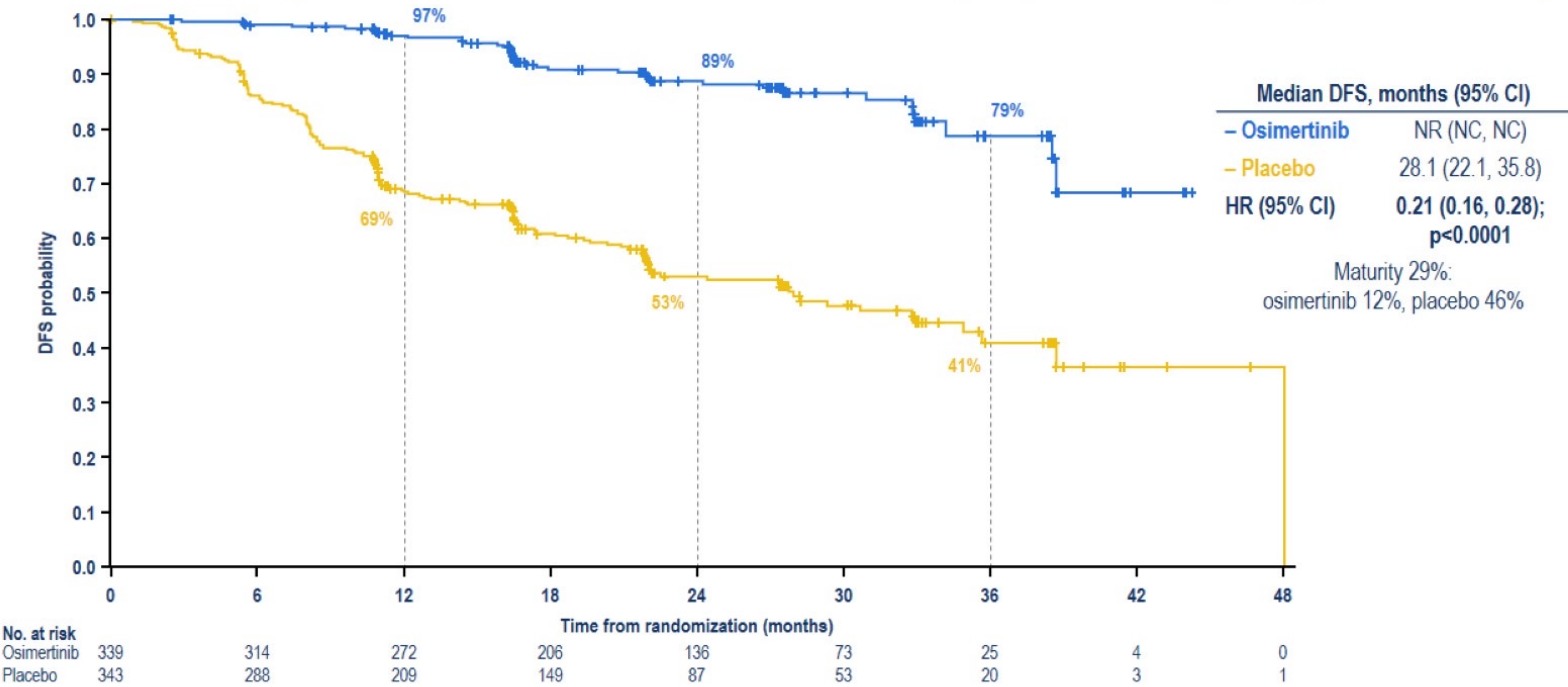
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ADAURA: Phase III double-blind study design

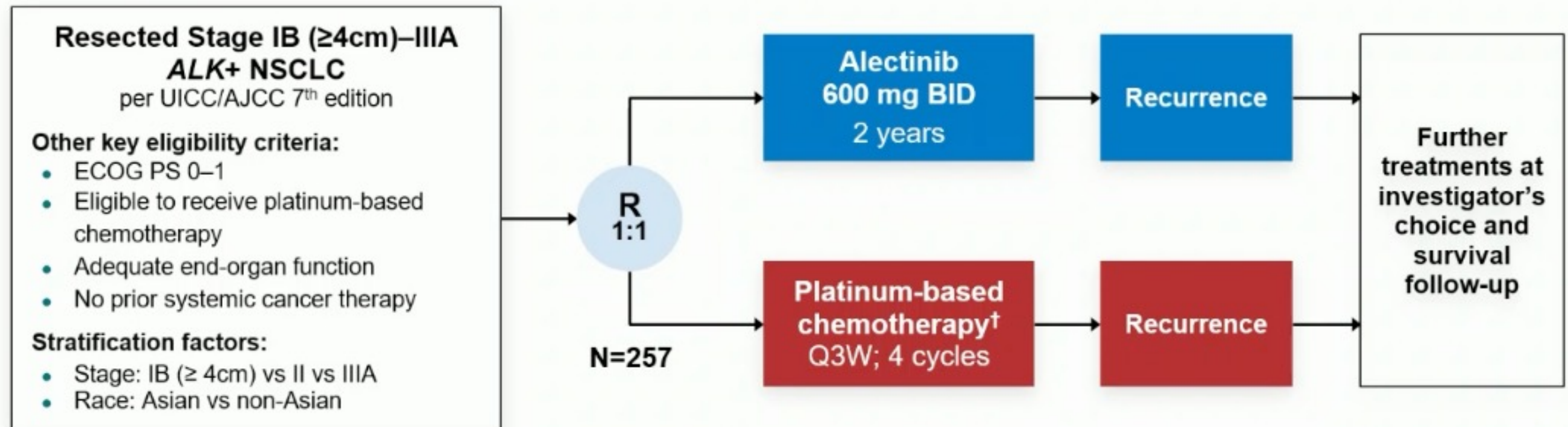


- The primary and key secondary endpoints of DFS¶ in stage II/IIIA patients and the overall population, respectively, have been reported previously¹
- **Here we report results from a pre-specified exploratory analysis of disease recurrence patterns in ADAURA, including CNS**

Disease Free Survival with Osimertinib: 36% Improvement at 2 Years



ALINA study design*



Primary endpoint

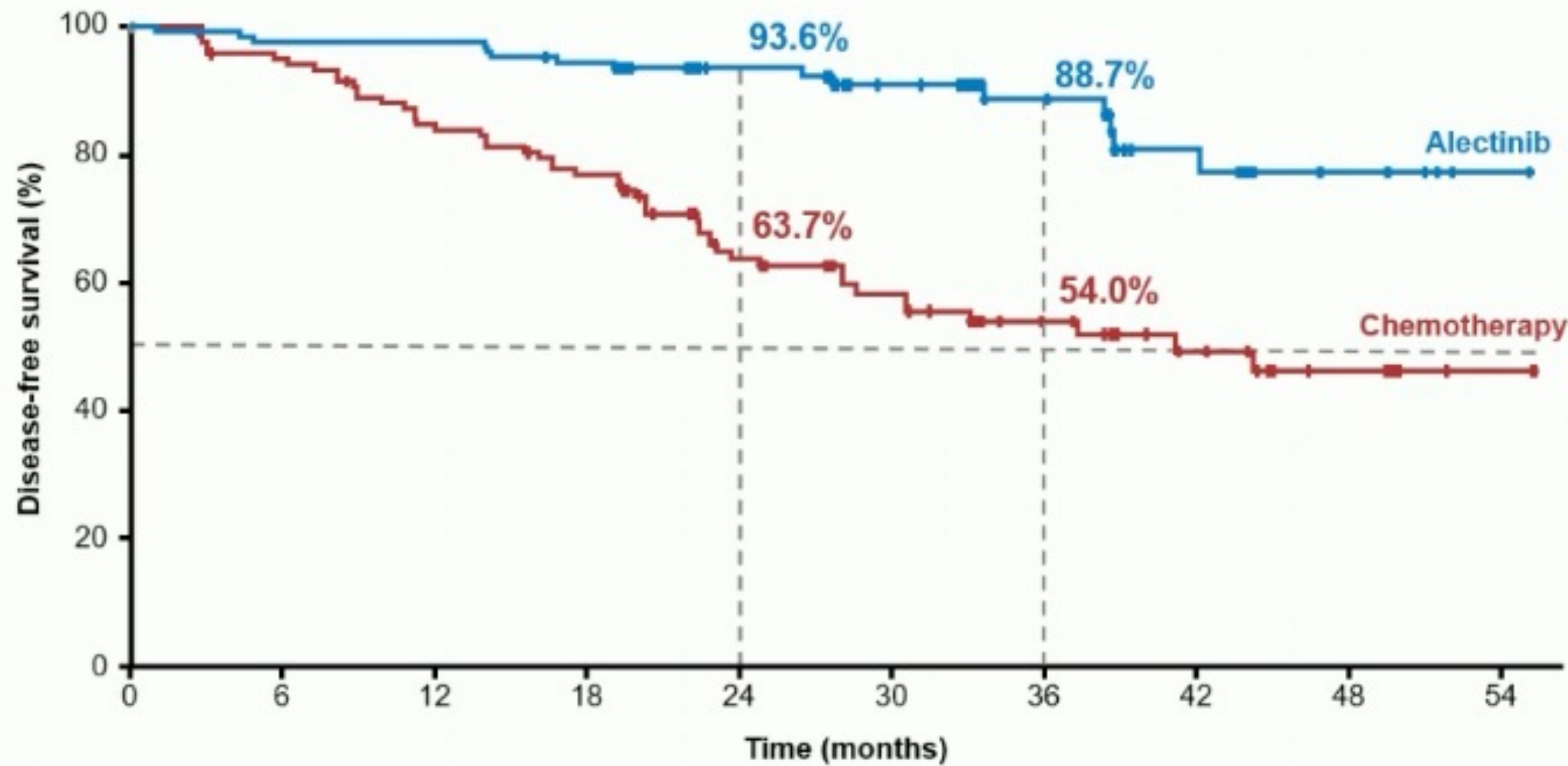
- DFS per investigator,[‡] tested hierarchically:
 - Stage II–IIIA → ITT (Stage IB–IIIA)

Other endpoints

- CNS disease-free survival
- OS
- Safety

Disease assessments (including brain MRI)[§] were conducted: at baseline, every 12 weeks for year 1–2, every 24 weeks for year 3–5, then annually

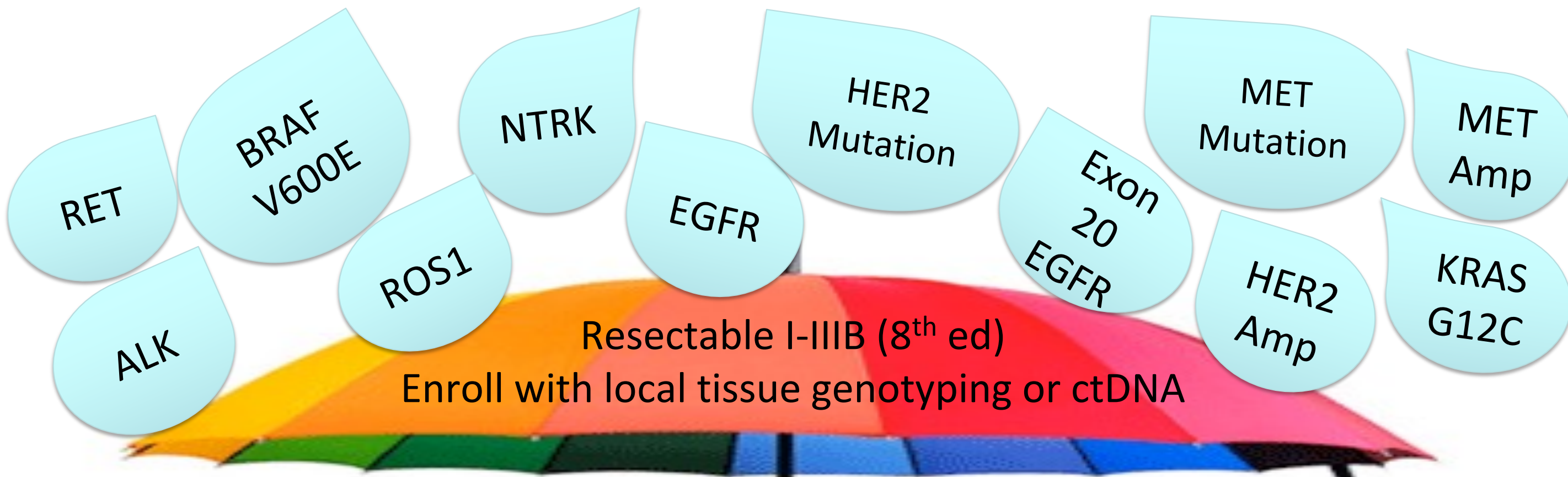
Disease-free survival: ITT (stage IB–IIIA)*



No. at risk		0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
Alectinib	130	123	123	118	74	55	39	22	10	3	
Chemo	127	112	98	89	55	41	27	18	11	2	

Median survival follow up: alectinib, 27.8 months; chemotherapy, 28.4 months

	Alectinib (N=130)	Chemotherapy (N=127)
Patients with event	15 (12%)	50 (39%)
Death	0	1
Recurrence	15	49
Median DFS, months (95% CI)	Not reached	41.3 (28.5, NE)
DFS HR (95% CI)	0.24 (0.13, 0.43) p†<0.0001	



Resectable I-IIIb (8th ed)
 Enroll with local tissue genotyping or ctDNA

**LCMC LEADER Neoadjuvant
 Screening Trial:
 NCT**

**LCMC4 Evaluation of Actionable Drivers
 in Early Stage Lung Cancers
 04712877**

ALK/BRAF/NTRK/ROS1/RET/KRASG12C
 Alectinib/Vemurafinib+Cobimetinib/Entrectinib/Pralsetinib/Divarasinib
NAUTIKA1 - NCT04302025

EGFR
 Osimertinib + Chemotherapy
NeoADAURA - NCT04351555

MSKCC-Isbell
 HER2 Mutation
 Trastuzumab
 Deruxtecan

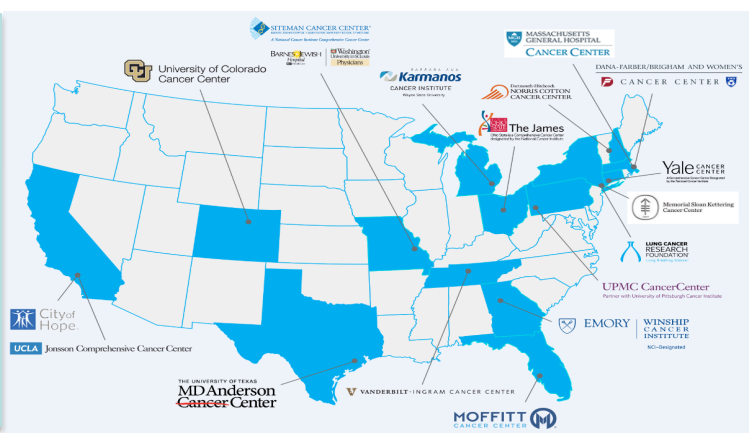
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JHMI
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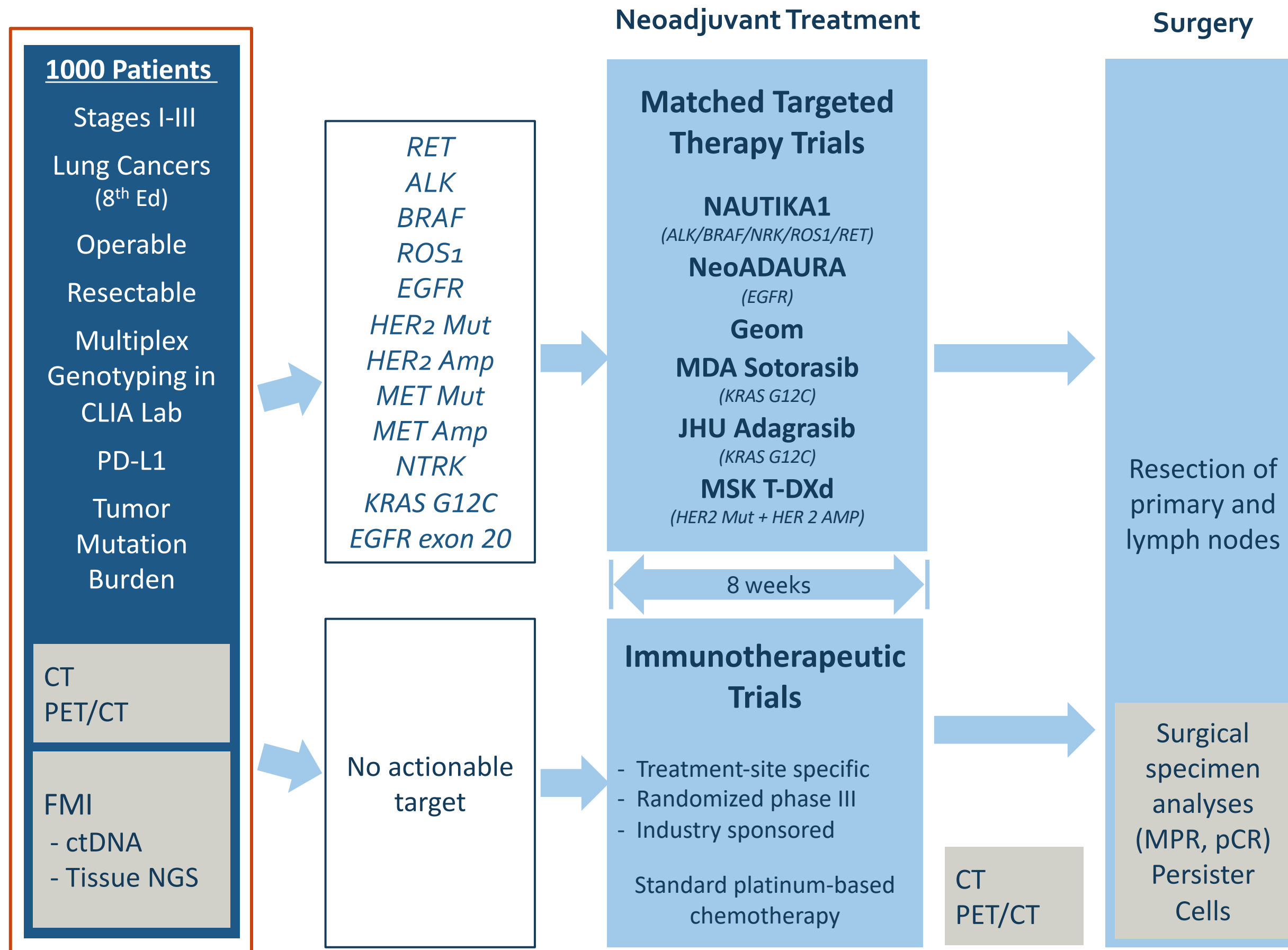
(TBA)
 Exon 20 EGFR



Complete and major pathologic response assessment
 Percent viable cells in resection specimen
 Correlates in persister cells
 Adjuvant therapy – per protocol or investigator’s choice



LCMC LEADER Neoadjuvant Screening Trial: LCMC4 Evaluation of Actionable Drivers in Early Stage Lung Cancers (Scott Swanson PI, ClinicalTrials.gov – NCT0471287)



LCMC₄ LEADER October 2023 Data – 100 patients enrolled

Clinical Stage I to III lung adenocarcinomas

Oncogenic Drivers	
<i>BRAF</i> V600E	1
<i>EGFR</i>	5
<i>EGFR</i> exon 20	4
<i>HER2</i> mutation	0
<i>KRAS</i> G12C	9
<i>MET</i> exon 14	1
<i>ALK</i>	0
<i>NTRK</i>	1
<i>RET</i>	1
<i>ROS1</i>	1
<i>HER2</i> Amplification	0
<i>MET</i> Amplification	0

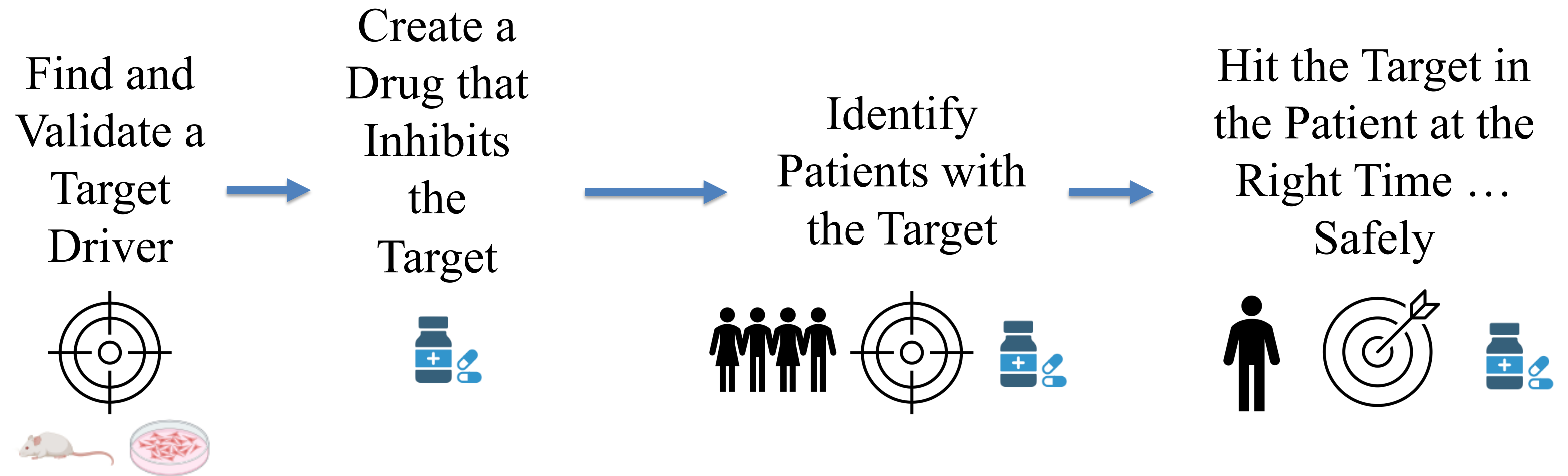
Actionable target
detected in blood
14%

Actionable target
detected in tissue
49%

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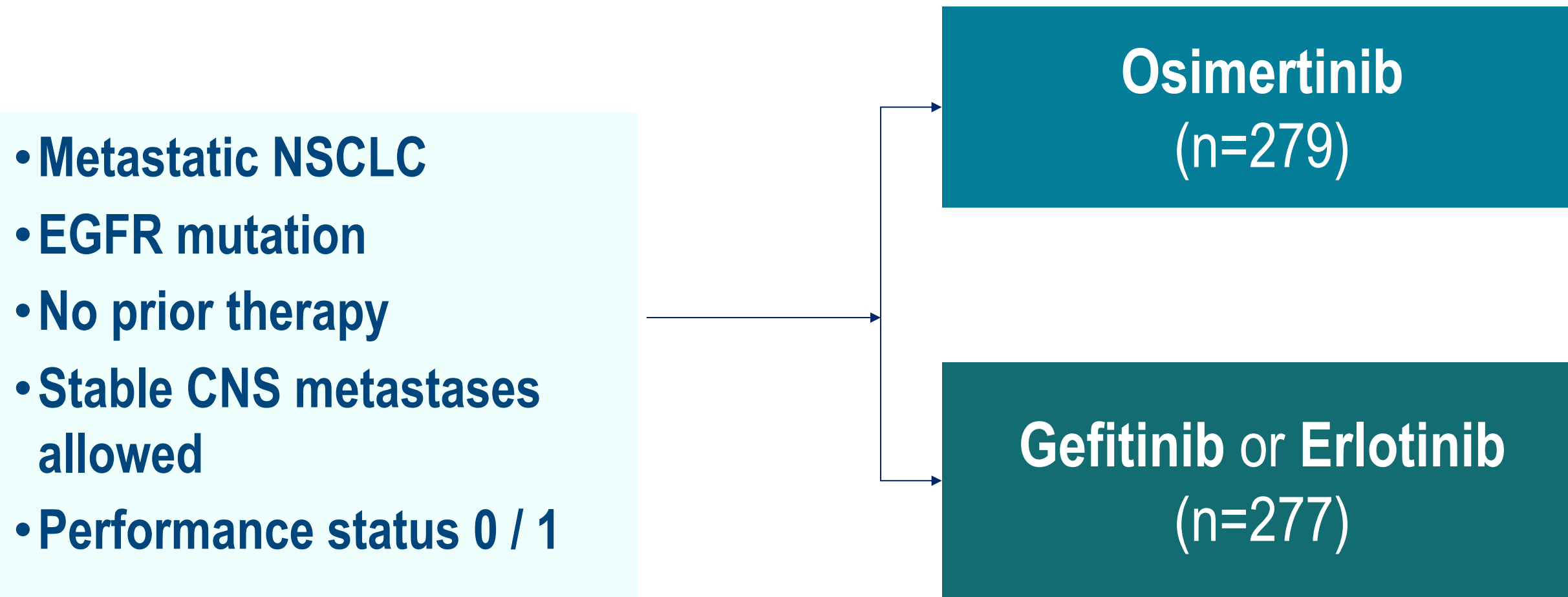
Essential Steps from Target to Treatment



After Neal Rosen and Brian Druker

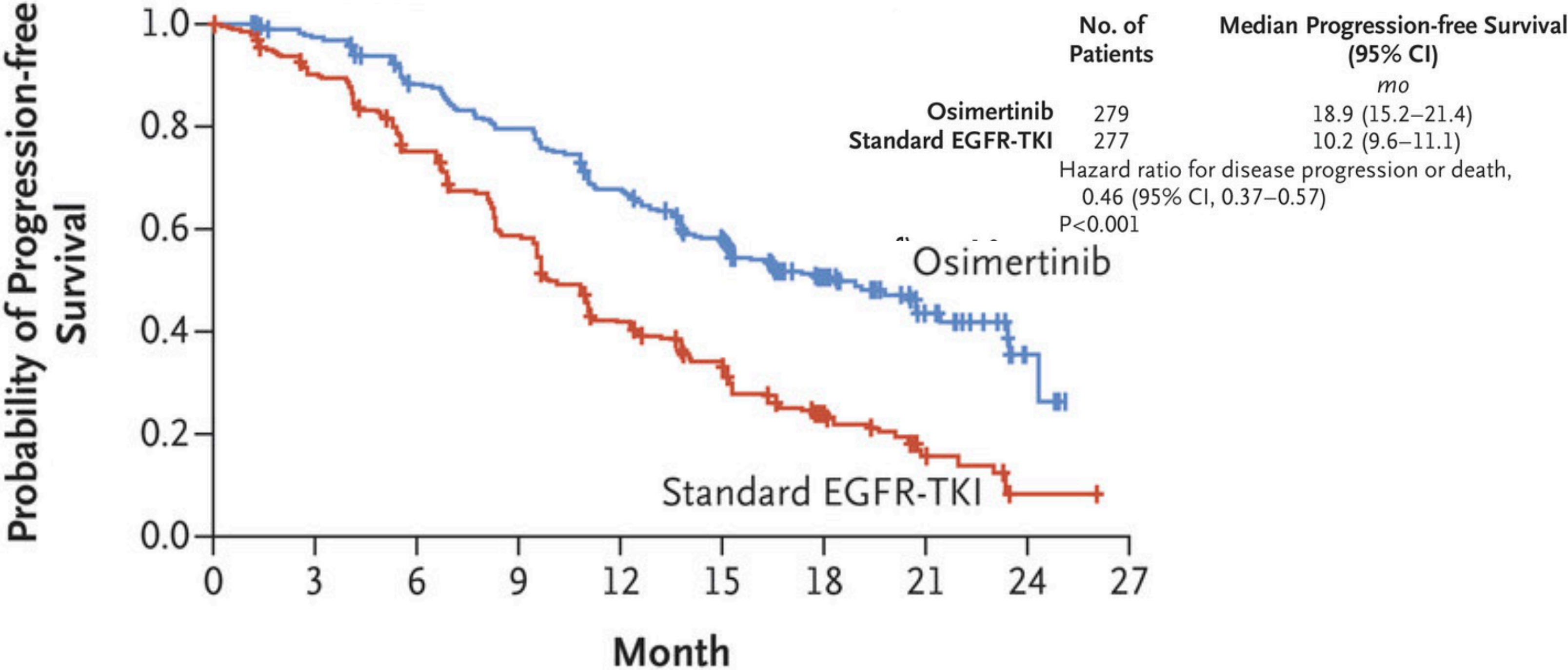
Osimertinib vs gefitinib or erlotinib

Proof osimertinib a better drug

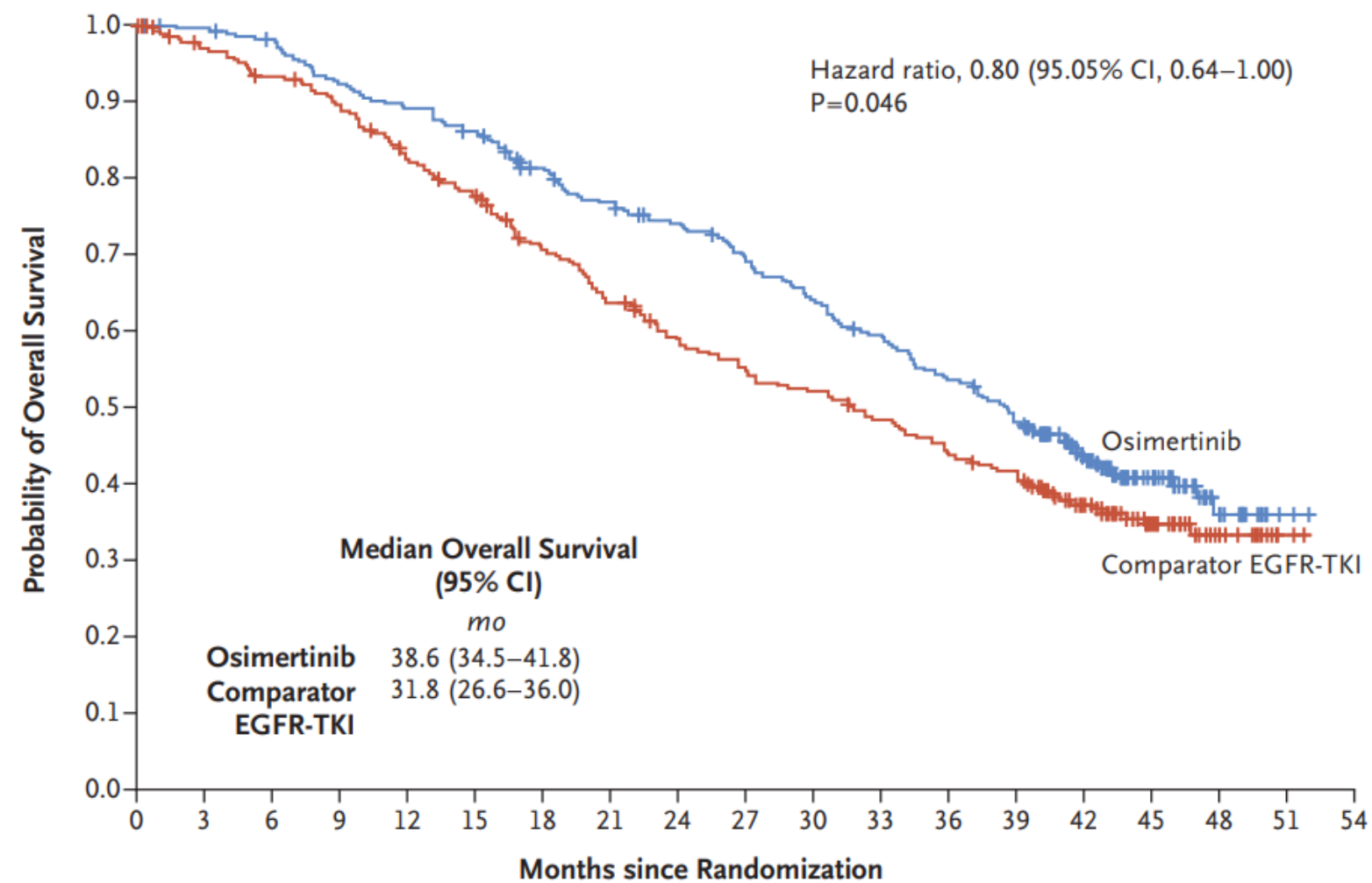


- **Primary endpoint:** PFS
- **Secondary endpoints:** response rate, duration of response, disease control rate, depth of response, overall survival, patient reported outcomes, safety

Osimertinib vs Gefitinib or Erlotinib as initial treatment for EGFR-mutant lung adenocarcinoma - Progression-Free Survival



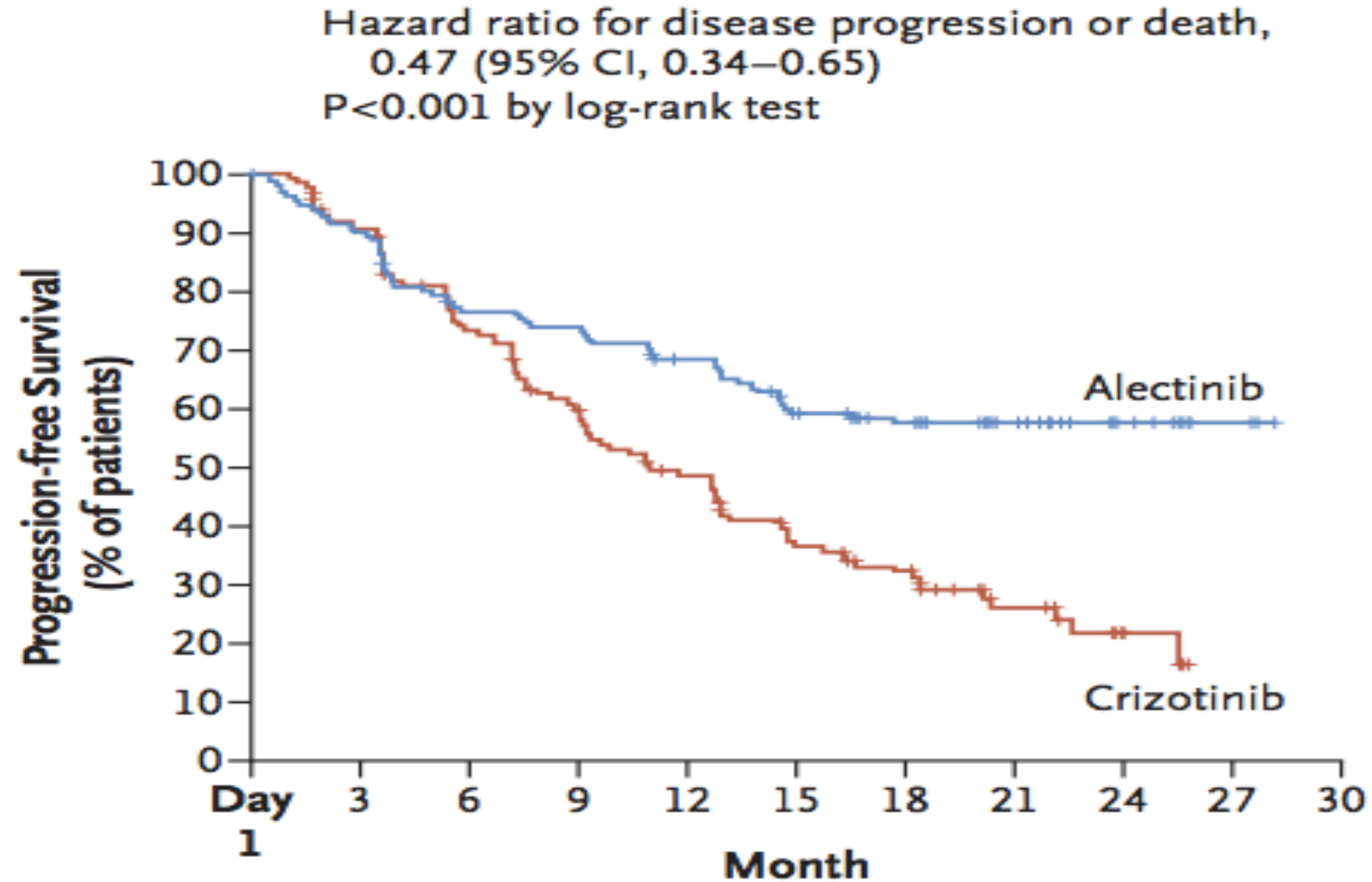
Osimertinib vs Gefitinib or Erlotinib as initial treatment for EGFR-mutant lung adenocarcinoma - Overall Survival



Ramalingam et al, NEJM 2020

Alectinib vs Crizotinib as Initial Therapy for ALK+ NSCLC

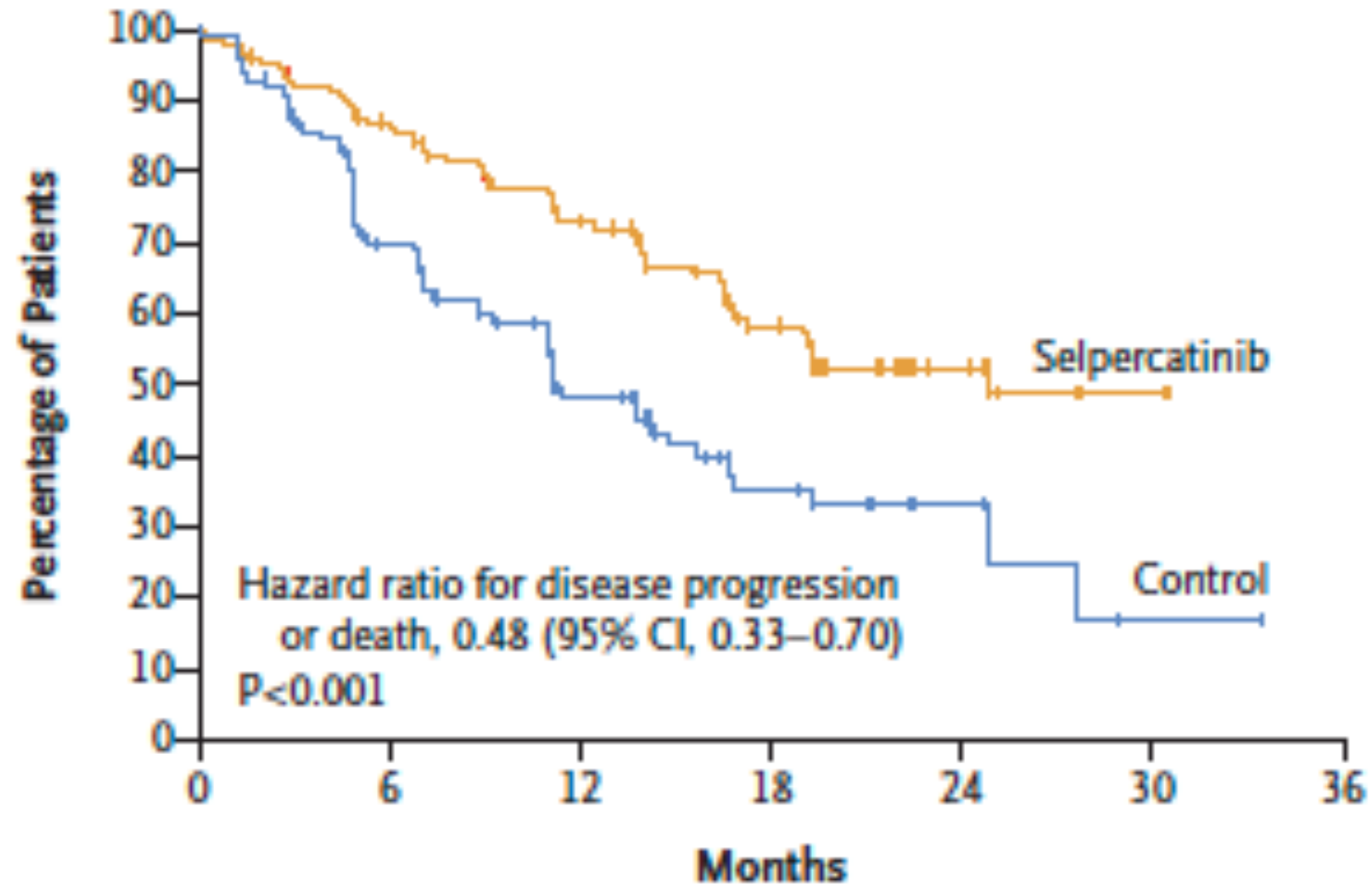
Improved PFS with alectinib



Progression-free survival: Selpercatinib vs Chemotherapy

RET-positive Lung Cancers

Progression-free Survival, Overall Intention-to-Treat Population



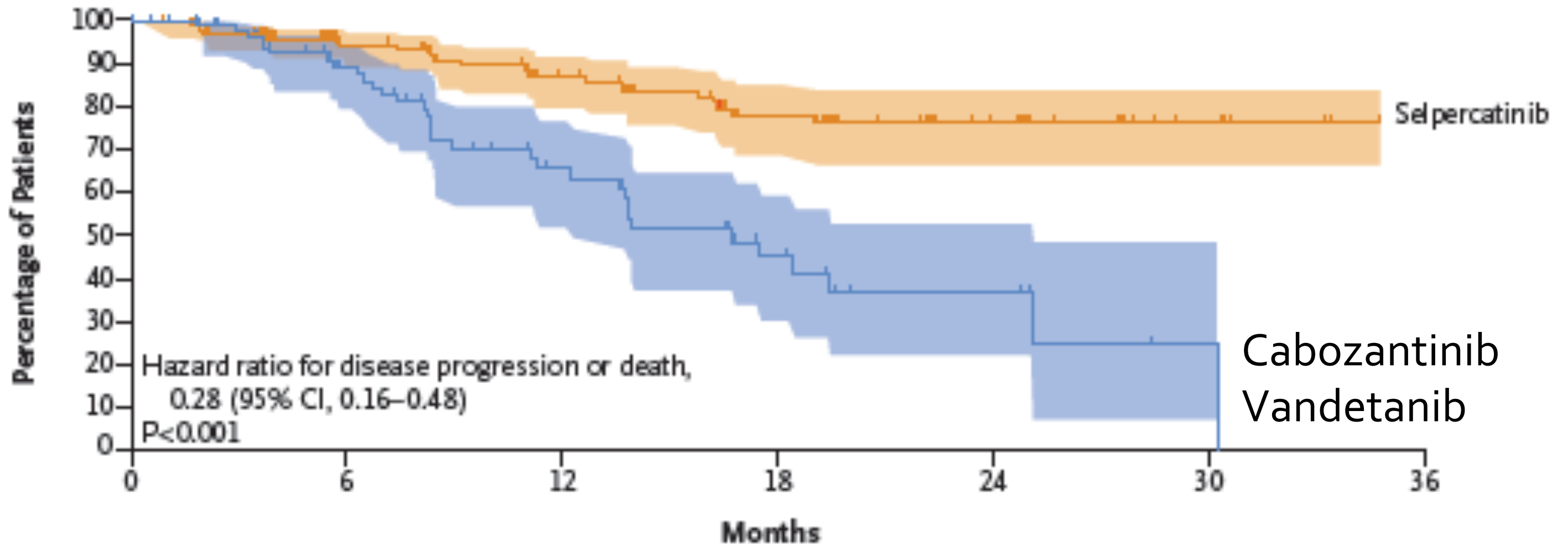
Zhou *NEJM* 2023

No. at Risk

Selpercatinib	159	130	90	52	18	3	0
Control	102	63	33	16	7	1	0

Progression-free survival: Selpercatinib vs Cabozantinib or Vandetanib RET-mutant Medullary Thyroid Cancers

Progression-free Survival



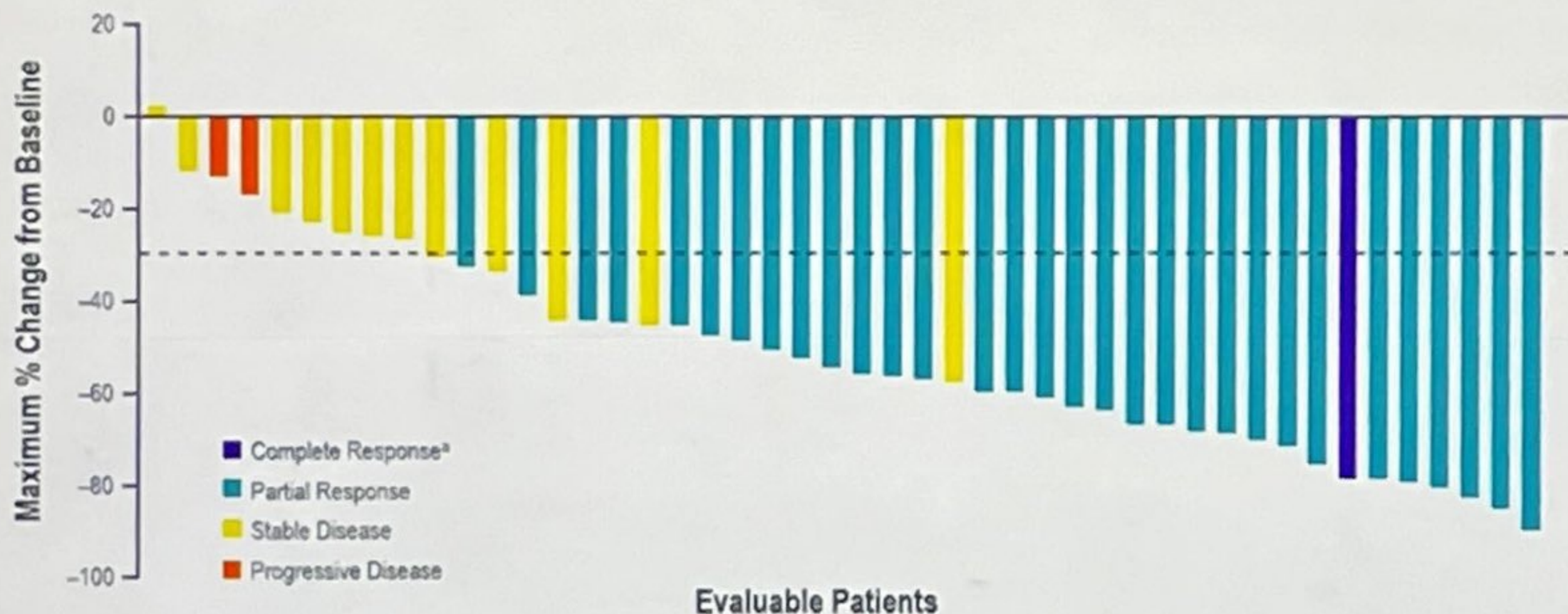
No. at Risk
Selpercatinib
Control

Selpercatinib	193	127	84	45	20	7	0
Control	98	55	29	13	7	1	0

Adagrasib + Pembrolizumab

KRYSTAL-7: Adagrasib + Pembrolizumab in 1L Advanced/Metastatic KRAS^{G12C} NSCLC

ORR and Best Tumor Change from Baseline in Patients With PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$



- Confirmed ORR was 63% (32/51; 95% CI, 48–76) and DCR was 84% (43/51; 95% CI, 71–93)
- Of those patients who experienced any grade hepatotoxicity^b, ORR was 70% (14/20; 95% CI, 46–88)

Response per investigator assessment (n=51, modified full analysis set). Waterfall plot excludes three patients without post-baseline measurement and one patient without confirmatory scan (only one assessment of PR on day 28, but minimum duration requirement for SD is 42 days). ^aOne patient had CR without -100% change from baseline due to lymph node as target lesion. ^bIncludes AST increase, ALT increase, mixed liver injury and liver function test increase, no grade 4 hepatotoxicity was observed in patients with PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$. Data as of 19 June 2023. Median follow-up 10.1 months.



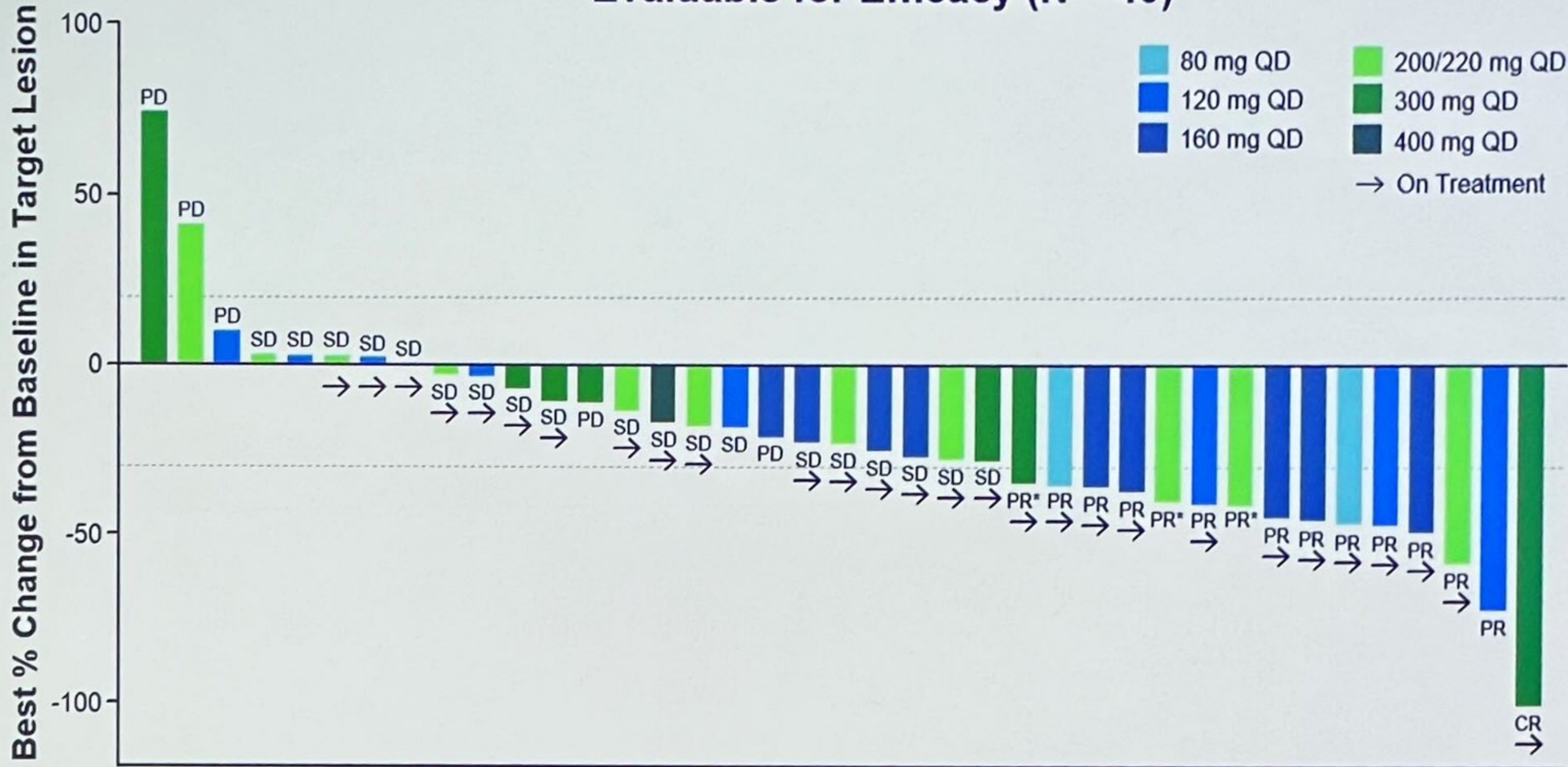
Marina Garassino

KRYSTAL-7: Efficacy and safety of adagrasib with pembrolizumab in patients with treatment-naïve, advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) harboring a KRAS^{G12C} mutation

KRAS^{G12X} NSCLC

RMC-6236

Evaluable for Efficacy (N = 40)^a



Tumor Response (per RECIST 1.1)	
Best overall response, n (%)	
CR	1 (3)
PR	14 (35)
SD	19 (48)
PD	5 (13)
NE ^b	1 (3)
ORR, n (%)	15 (38)
Confirmed, n	12
DCR (CR+PR+SD), n (%)	34 (85)

*Unconfirmed PR per RECIST 1.1.
^aPatients who received first dose of RMC-6236 at least 8 weeks prior to data extract date.
^bOne subject withdrew from study without post-baseline scans.

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KRAS G12 Mutation

CR, complete response; DCR, disease control rate; NE, not evaluable; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; SD, stable disease.



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Clinical Trials of Targeted Therapies at MSK 2023

New Agents Against Mutated Proteins/Kinases

Target	Drug	MSK Trial Number	NCT Trial Number
ALK	NVL-655	22-396	05384626
FGFR2	RLY-4008	20-523	04526106
FGFR3	LOXO-435	23-005	05614739
KRAS G12C	LY3537982	21-389	04956640
KRAS G12D	MRTX1133	23-161	05737706
RET	LOXO-260	22-249	05241834
ROS1	NVL-520	21-499	05118789

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New Targets, Mechanisms, Combinations, and Constructs

Target	Mechanism	MSK Trial Number	NCT Trial Number
BRAF	CFT1946- BiDAC degrader	23-091	NCT05668585
BRAF	BGB-3245- RAF dimer inhibitor	20-279	NCT04249843
BRAF	PF-07799933 (BRAF inhibitor) +/- cetuximab + binimetinib	22-410	NCT05355701
HER2	HER2 immune stimulating antibody conjugate +/- Pembrolizumab	20-430	NCT04278144
KRAS G12C	Sotorasib + MEK or SHP2 inhibitor	20-183	NCT04185883
MET	REGN5093-M114- MET x MET ADC	21-395	NCT04982224
NRG1 fusion	MCLA-128- Anti-HER2/anti-HER3	19-378	NCT02912949
SMARCA4	PRT3789- SMARCA2 degrader	23-090	NCT05639751


















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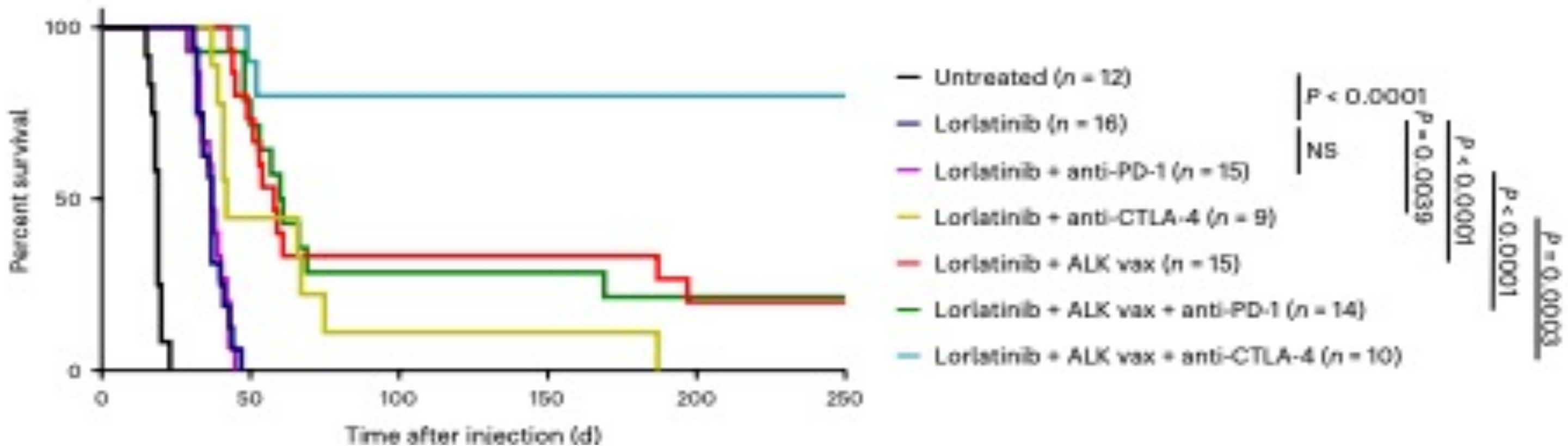
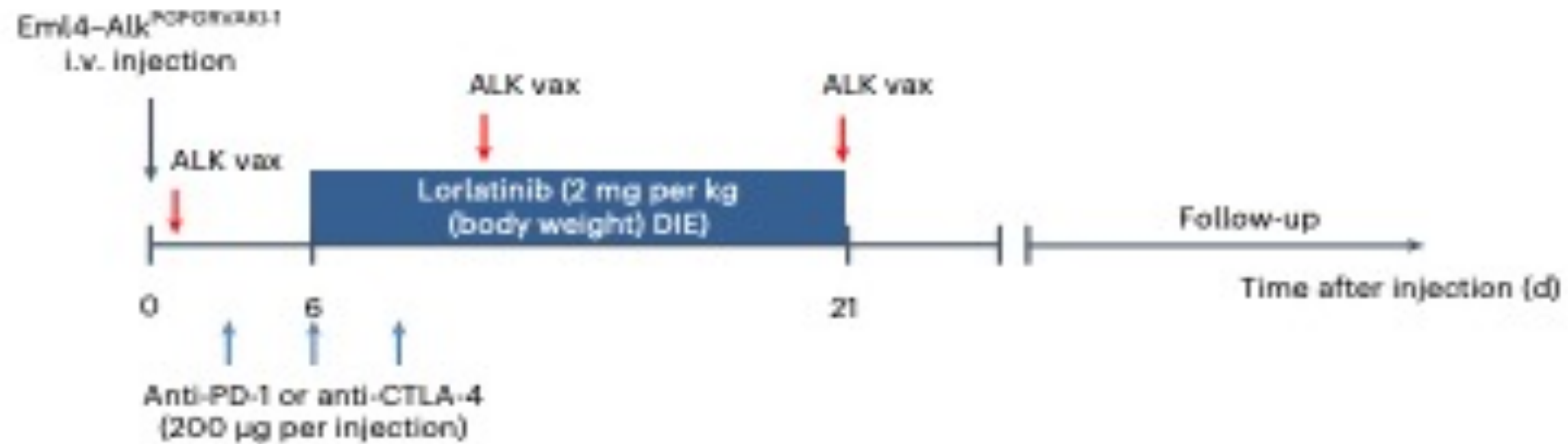
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ALK Vaccine Imparts Sensitivity to Anti-PD-1 and CTLA-4 in an Eml4-Alk Mouse Model with Lorlatinib



Conclusions I

- Products of driver oncogenes are targets for therapy.
- Oncogenic drivers are detected in half of lung adenocarcinomas and discovered drugs that can block their downstream effects.
- Agents targeting *EGFR*, *ALK*, *ROS1*, *RET*, *NTRK*, *MET* exon 14, and *BRAF* are standard initial therapies. Drugs targeting *HER2*, *KRAS G12C*, *MET* and *HER2* amplification, and *EGFR* exon 20 provide benefit after progression on chemotherapy.
- With targeting, side effects in general are different, less frequent, and not as severe as with cytotoxic chemotherapies

Filling the gaps for targeted therapies for lung cancers

Conclusions II

- RIP for chemotherapy premature. Cytotoxic chemotherapy adds benefit with targeted therapies
- *ALK*- and *EGFR*-targeted therapies improve outcomes when combined surgery. Likely will work with concurrent chemotherapy and radiation and neoadjuvantly.
- Agents with new targets and mechanisms and greater selectivity and potency are in testing
- Ask yourself if there is a path to cure for each patient

Bending the disease free and progression free survival curves (cure curves) in lung cancers

