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# ADCs in NSCLC: Too Much Hope?

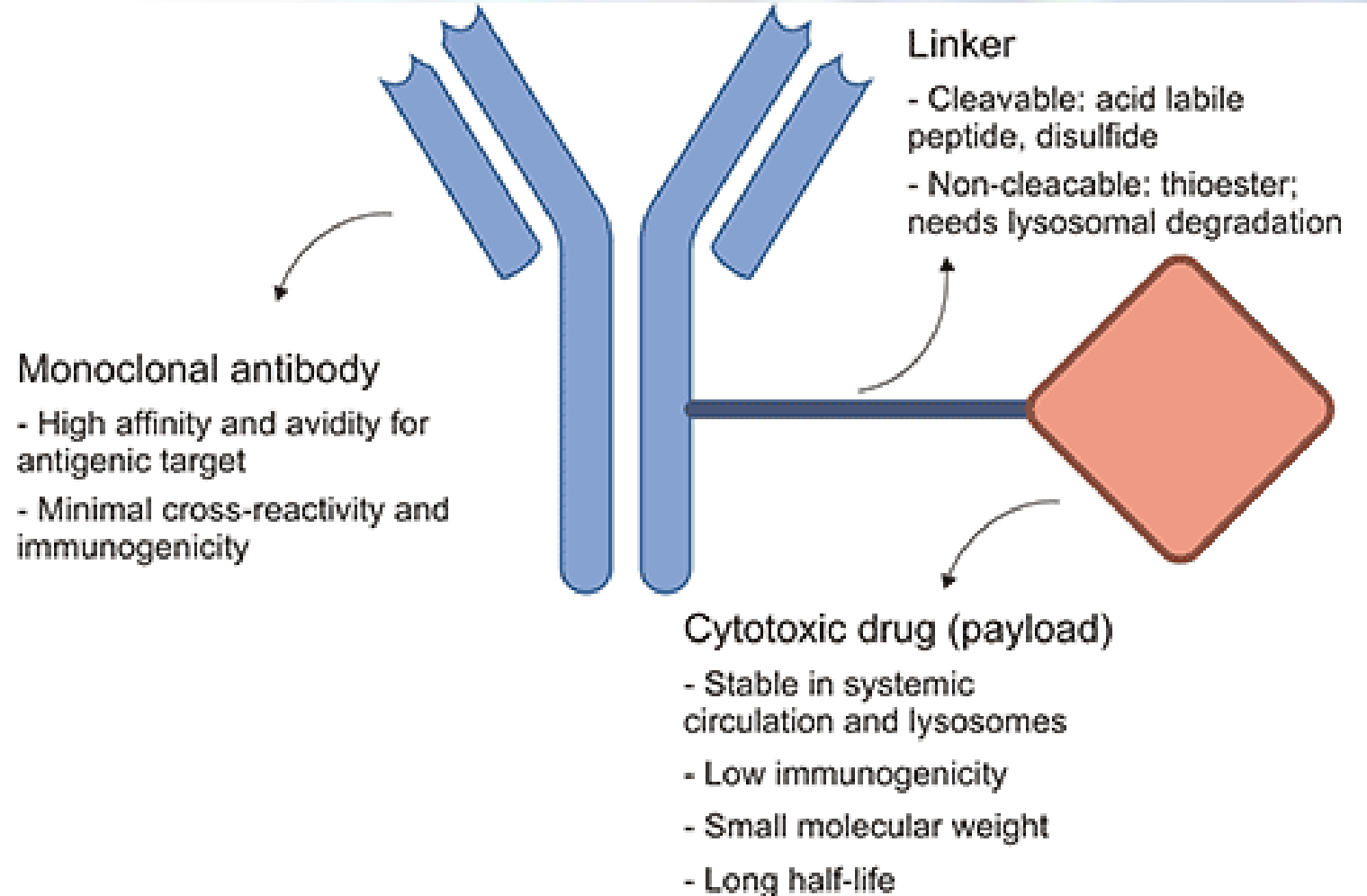
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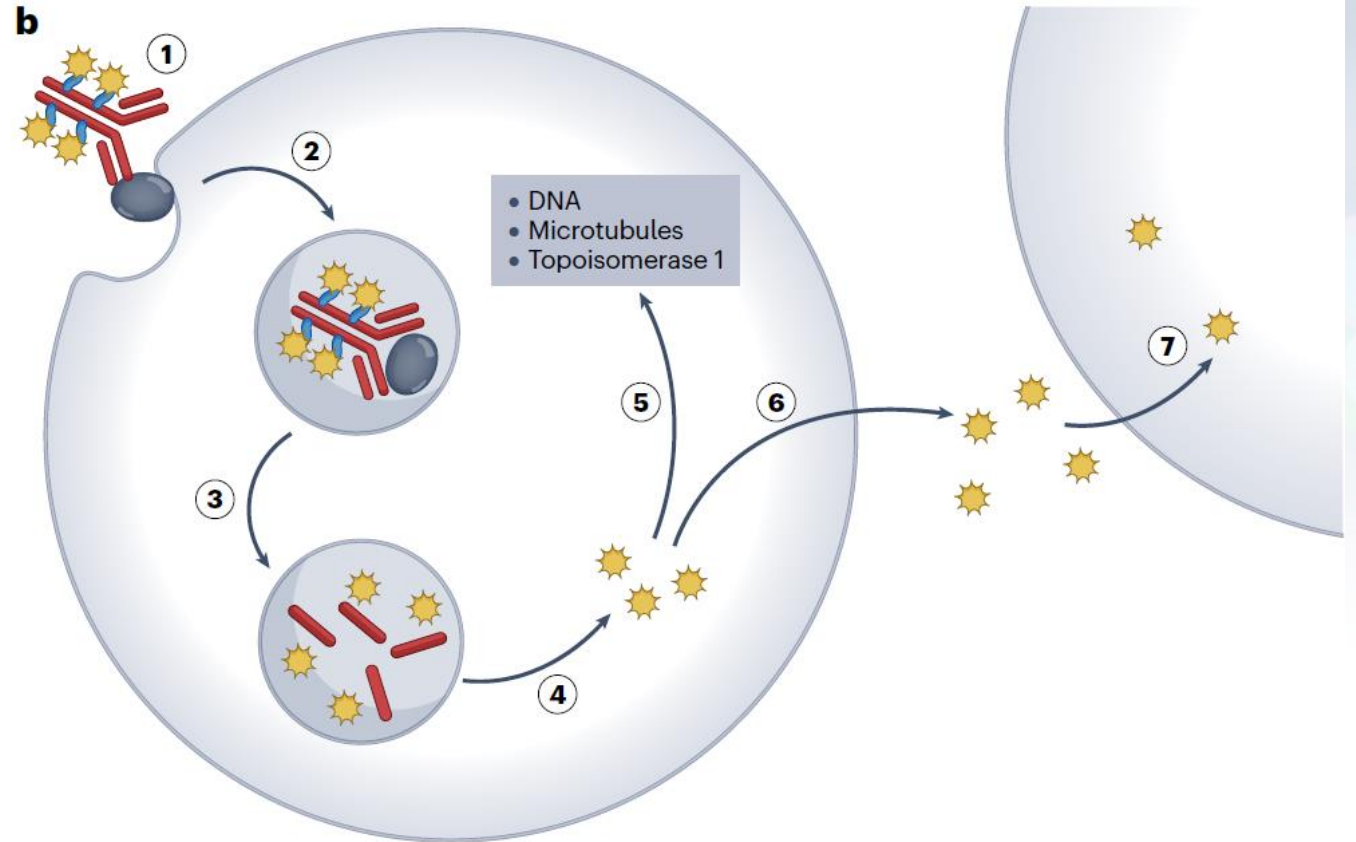
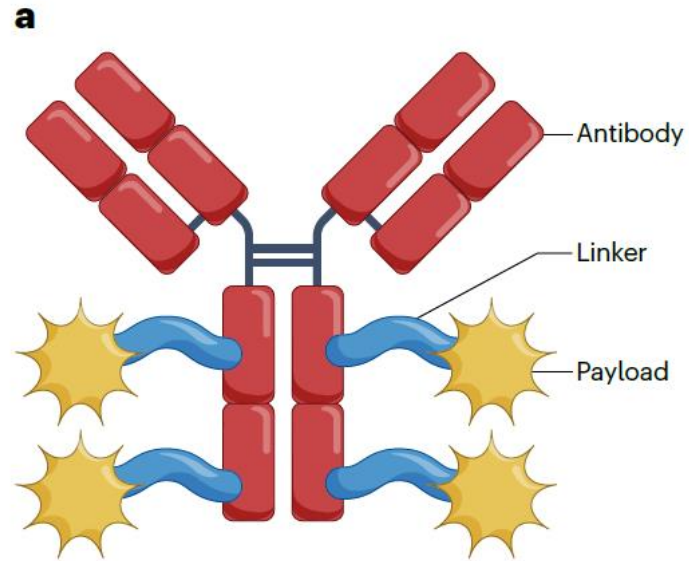
# ABCs of ADCs - Structure

- A. Monoclonal Antibody
- B. Linker
- C. Payload (cytotoxic)



*Cancer Treat Rev. 2022 May;106:102393*

# Mechanism of action



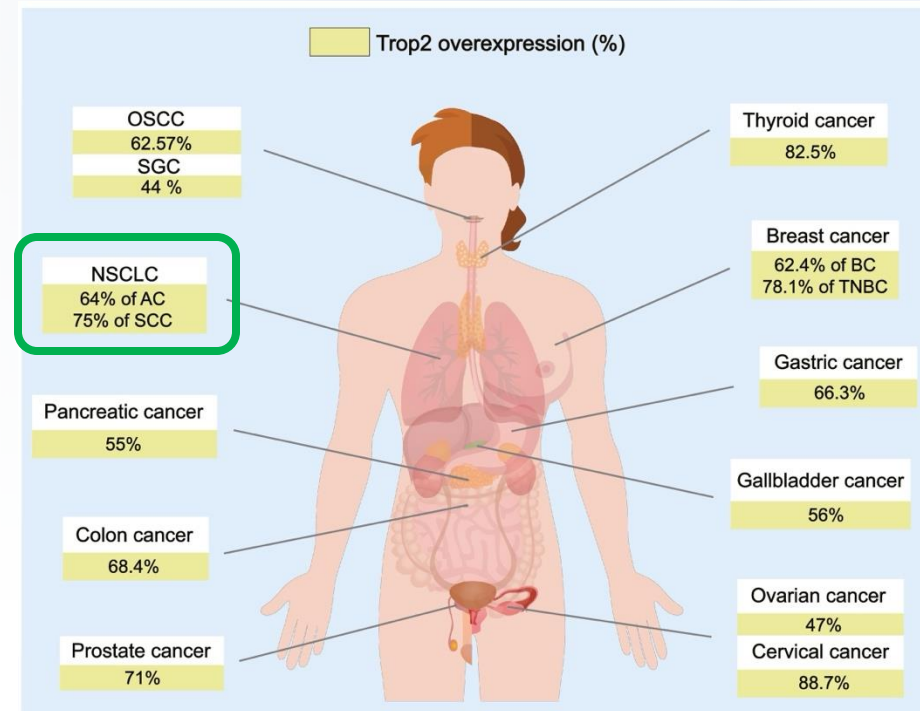
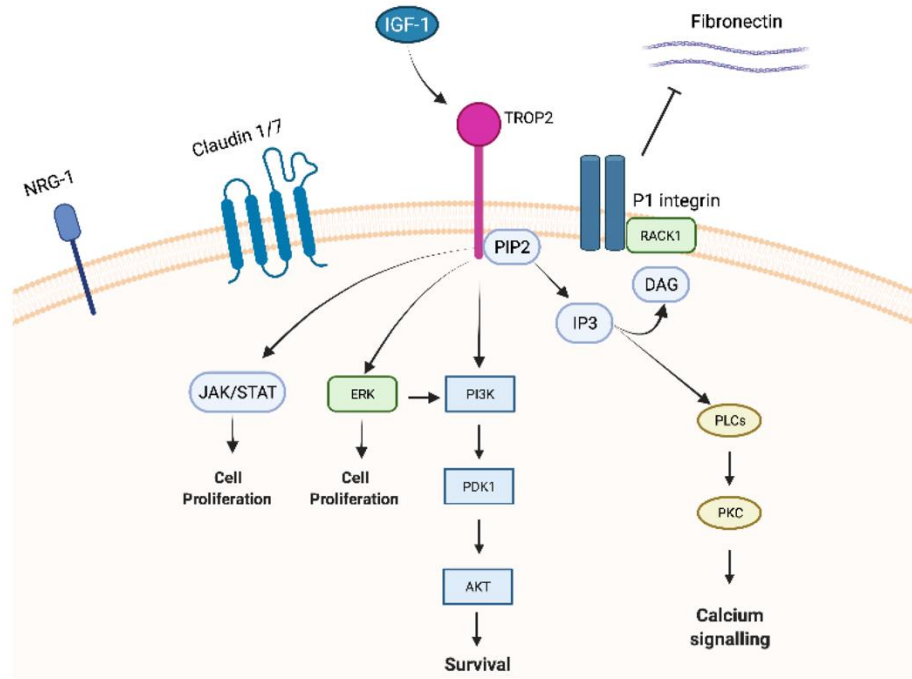
*Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2023 Aug;22(8):641-661.*



# Trophoblast cell surface antigen-2 (TROP 2) in NSCLC

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# TROP-2 in NSCLC



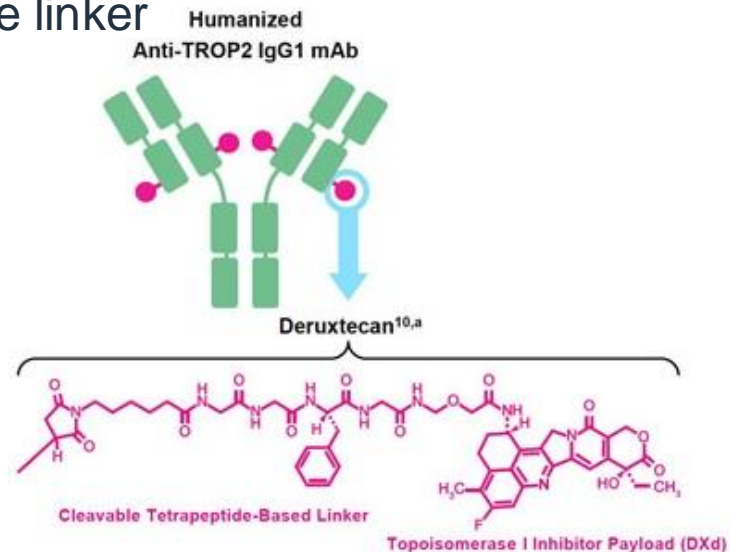
• *Cancers (Basel)*. 2023 Mar 13;15(6):1744.

\**Pharmacol Ther*. 2022 Nov;239:108296

# TROP-2 ADCs in NSCLC

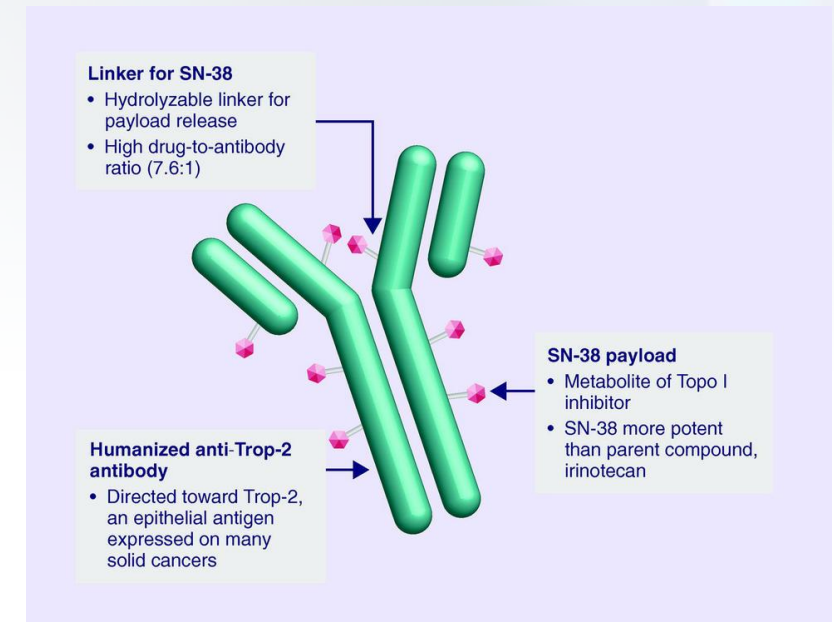
## Datopotomab deruxtecan (Dato-DXd)

- Humanized anti-TROP2 IgG1 mAb
- Topoisomerase 1 inhibitor
- Tetrapeptide cleavable linker



## Sacituzumab govitecan(SG)

- Anti-TROP2 IgG1 mAb
- Topoisomerase 1 inhibitor – SN38



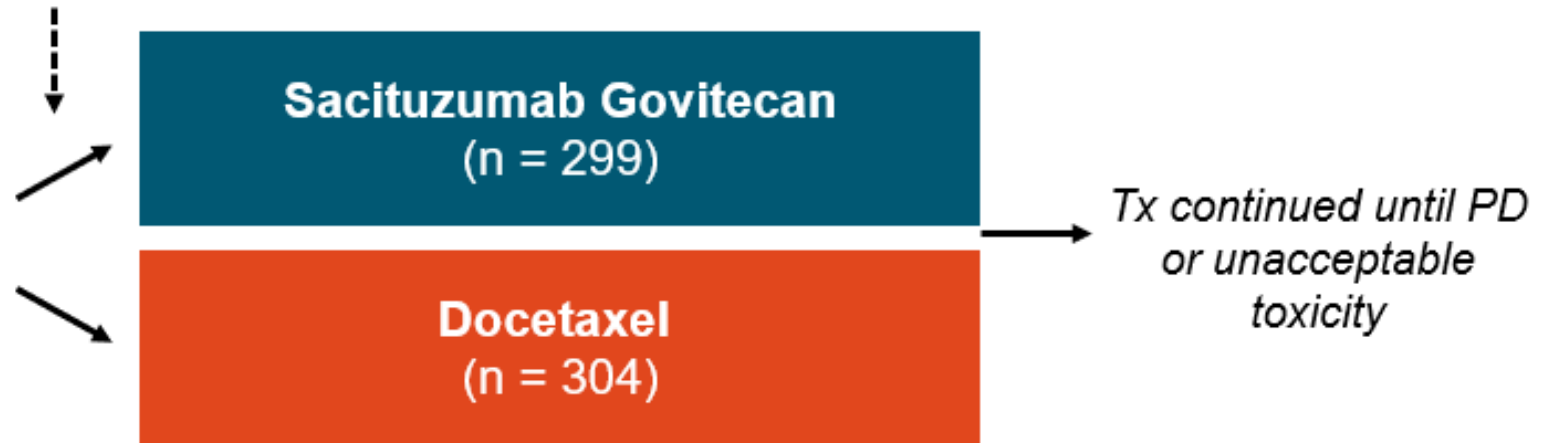
- ELCC Mar 20-24, 2024 Prague, Czech Republic

# EVOKE-01 – Study Design (SG)

- Global, multicenter, randomized, open-label phase III trial

*Stratified by histology (sq vs nonsq), response to last anti-PD-1/PD-L1 regimen (PD/SD vs CR/PR), receipt of prior targeted therapy for AGA (yes vs no)*

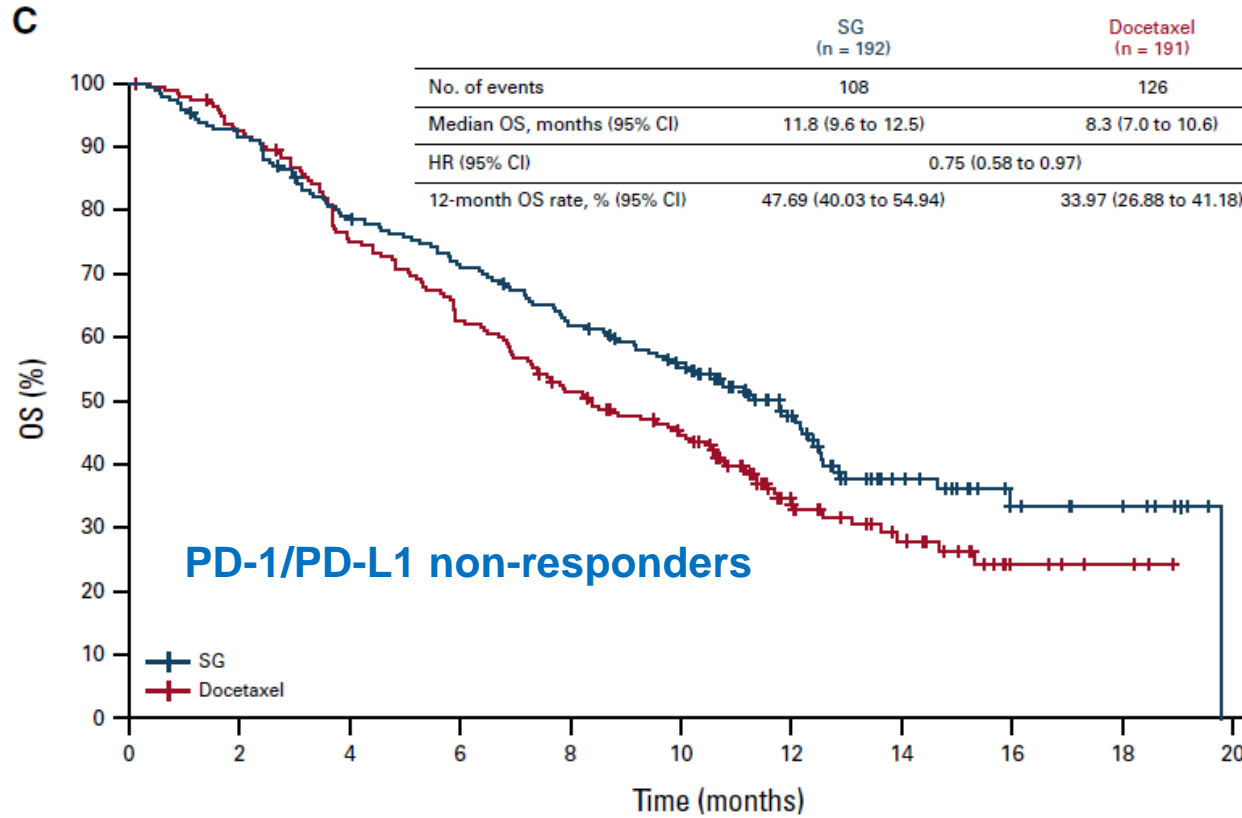
- Stage IV NSCLC with PD after
- platinum-based CT and anti-PD-1/PD-L1 regimen
- ≥1 approved targeted tx for AGAs; testing for *EGFR*, *ALK*,
- ECOG PS 0/1
- no active CNS metastases
- (N = 603)



- **Primary endpoints:** OS
- **Secondary endpoints:** PFS, ORR, DoR, DCR by inv per RECIST v1.1, safety, QoL

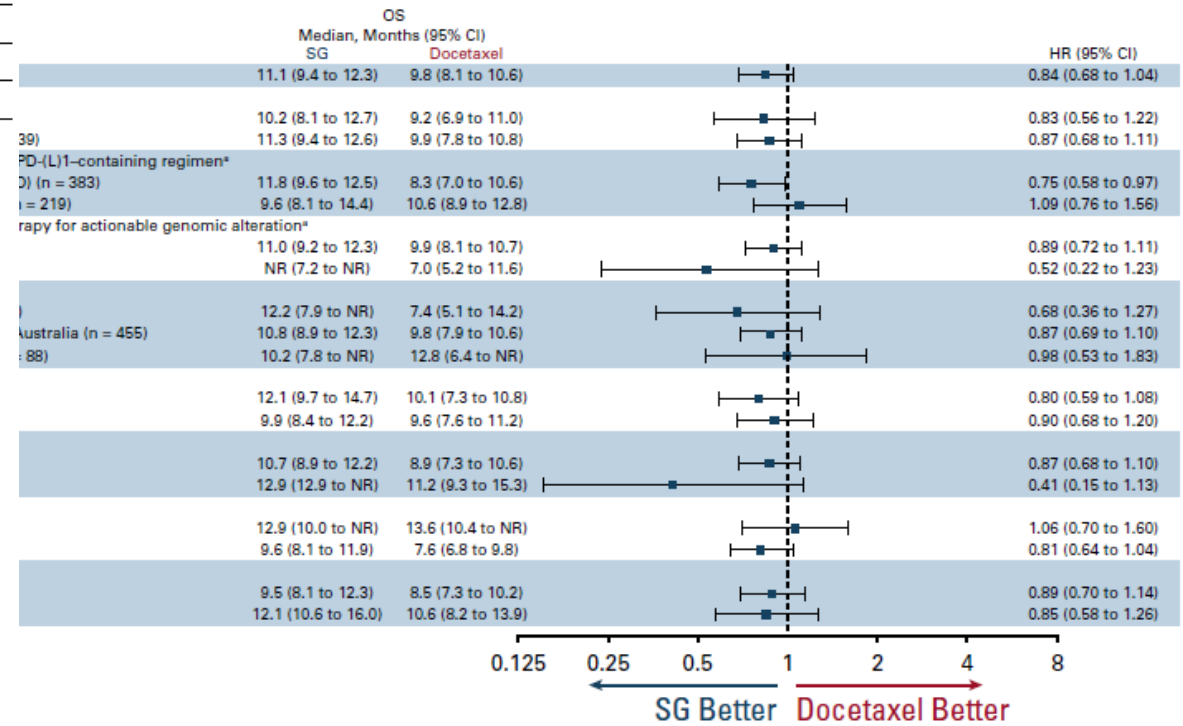
*Paz-Ares. ASCO 2024. Abstr LBA8500. Paz-Ares. JCO. 2024;[Epub].*

# EVOKE-01 –Efficacy



No. at risk:

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
SG	192	175	149	135	116	98	53	26	11	8	0
Docetaxel	191	175	141	118	95	78	36	21	6	3	0



The Randomized, Open-Label Phase III EVOKE-01 Study. *J Clin Oncol.* 2024 Aug 20;42(24):2860-2872



# EVOKE-01 – Safety

TEAEs Occurring in ≥20% in Either Arm, %	SG (n = 296)		Docetaxel (n = 288)	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥3	Any Grade	Grade ≥3
Overall	100	67	98	76
Fatigue	57	13	56	10
Diarrhea	53	10	34	4
Alopecia	43	1	30	1
Nausea	42	2	26	1
Anemia	40	6	31	6
Neutropenia	38	25	43	37
Constipation	29	0	17	0
Decreased appetite	26	2	24	2
Vomiting	21	2	15	2
Stomatitis	13	1	20	2
Leukopenia	13	5	22	17

- Additional safety outcomes for SG vs docetaxel
  - Serious TEAEs: 46.3% vs 43.1%
  - TEAEs leading to d/c: 9.8% vs 16.7%
  - TEAEs leading to dose reduction: 29.4% vs 38.9%
  - TEAEs leading to death: 3.4% vs 4.5%

The Randomized, Open-Label Phase III EVOKE-01 Study. *J Clin Oncol.* 2024 Aug 20;42(24):2860-2872

# TROPION-Lung01 – Study Design (Dato-DXd)

Randomized, Phase 3, Open-Label, Global Study (NCT04656652)

## Key eligibility criteria

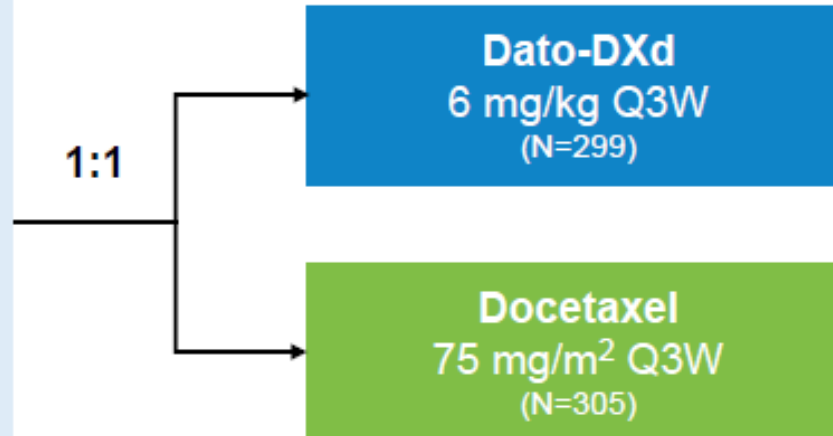
- NSCLC (stage IIIB, IIIC, or IV)
- ECOG PS of 0–1
- No prior docetaxel

### Without actionable genomic alterations

- One to two prior lines, including platinum-based CT and anti-PD-(L)1 mAb therapy

### With actionable genomic alterations

- Positive for *EGFR*, *ALK*, *NTRK*, *BRAF*, *ROS1*, *MET* exon 14 skipping, or *RET*
- One to two prior approved targeted therapies + platinum-based CT, and  $\leq 1$  anti-PD-(L)1 mAb



## Dual primary endpoints

- PFS by BICR<sup>a</sup>
- OS

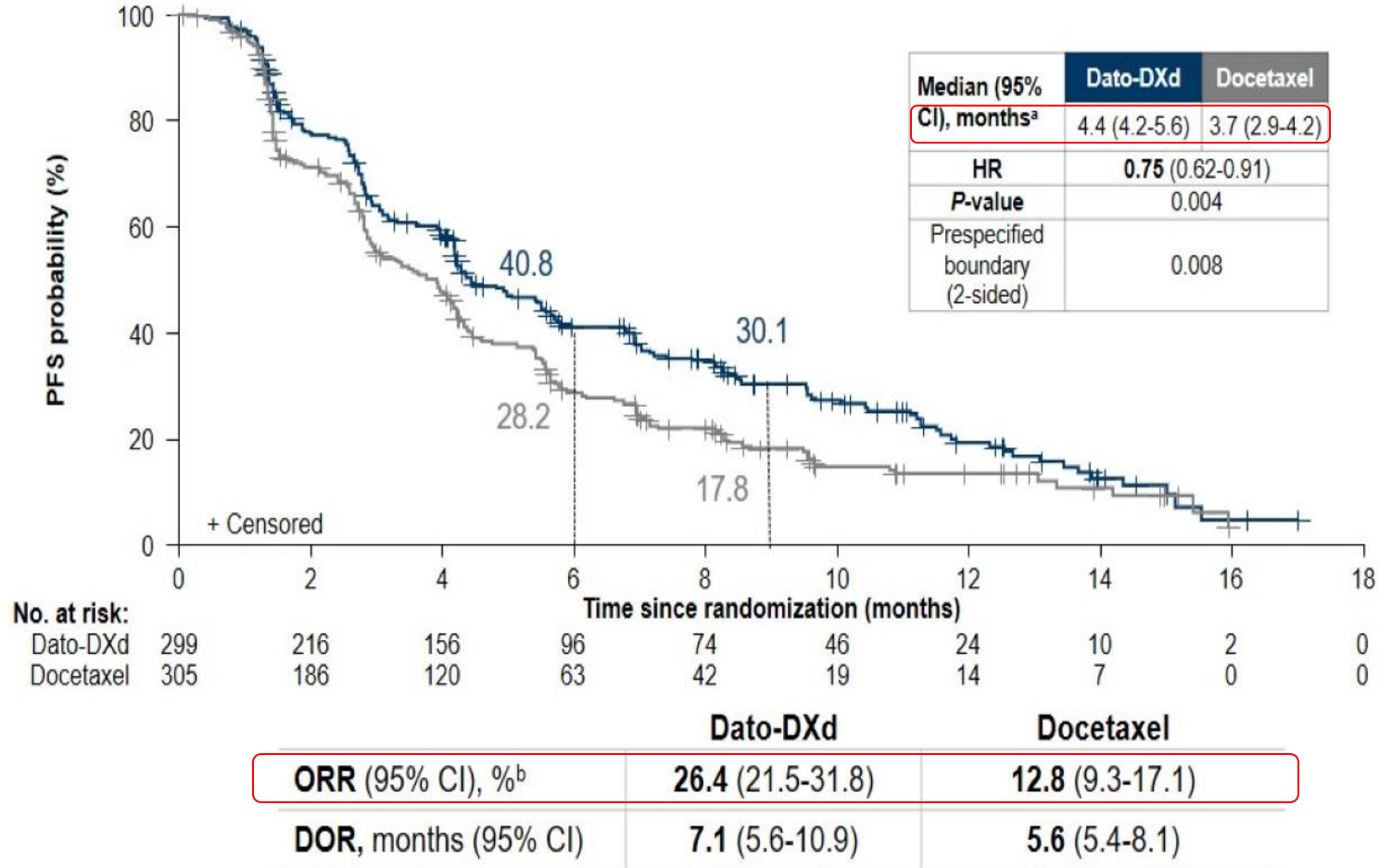
## Secondary endpoints

- ORR<sup>a</sup>
- DOR<sup>a</sup>
- Safety and tolerability

Stratified by histology (nonsquamous vs squamous), actionable genomic alteration status,<sup>b</sup> anti-PD-(L)1 mAb included in most recent prior therapy, and geography<sup>c</sup>

- *J Clin Oncol.* 2024 Sep 9;JCO2401544

# TROPION-Lung01 – PFS ITT

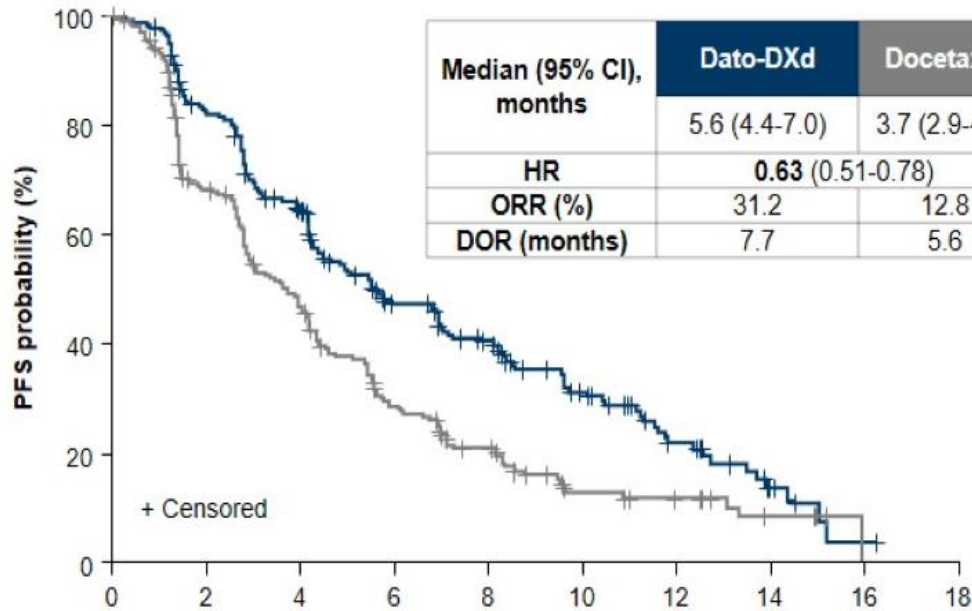


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# TROPION-Lung01 – PFS by histology

## Non-squamous

(With and without actionable genomic alterations)

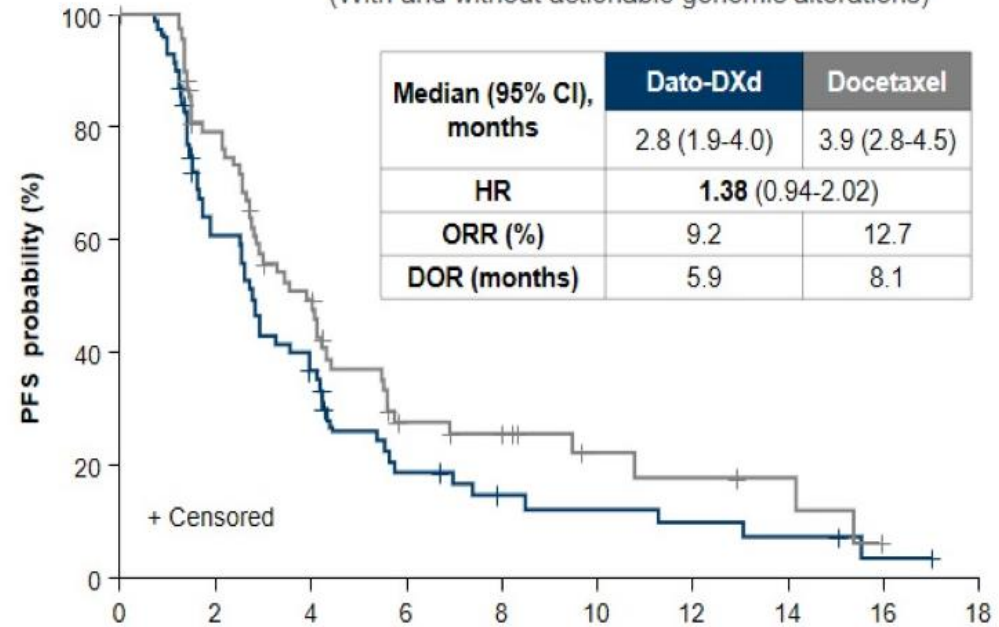


No. at risk:	Time since randomization (months)									
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
Dato-DXd	229	178	134	86	68	41	20	7	1	0
Docetaxel	232	135	90	50	32	14	10	4	0	0

**PFS HR for non-squamous patients without actionable genomic alterations: 0.71 (0.56, 0.91)**

## Squamous<sup>a</sup>

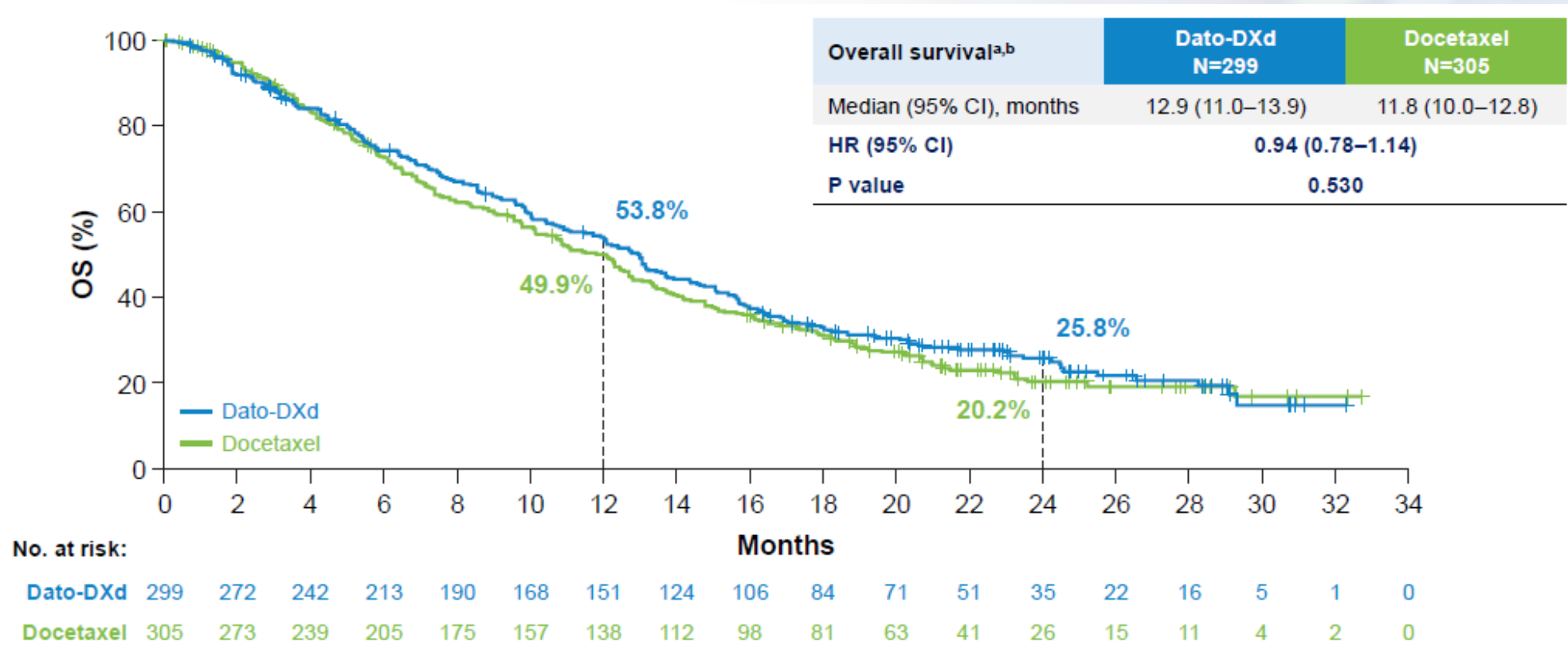
(With and without actionable genomic alterations)



No. at risk:	Time since randomization (months)									
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
Dato-DXd	70	38	22	10	6	5	4	3	1	0
Docetaxel	73	51	30	13	10	5	4	3	0	0

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# TROPION-Lung01 – OS ITT



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# TROPION-Lung01 – Safety

## TRAEs ≥15% and Adjudicated Drug-Related ILD



TRAEs, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	Dato-DXd (N=297)		Docetaxel (N=290)	
	Any grade	Grade ≥3	Any grade	Grade ≥3
Stomatitis	141 (47) <sup>b</sup>	20 (7)	45 (16)	3 (1)
Nausea	101 (34)	7 (2)	48 (17)	3 (1)
Alopecia	95 (32)	0	101 (35)	1 (<1) <sup>c</sup>
Decreased appetite	68 (23)	1 (<1)	46 (16)	1 (<1)
Asthenia	56 (19)	8 (3)	56 (19)	5 (2)
Anemia <sup>d</sup>	44 (15)	12 (4)	60 (21)	12 (4)
Diarrhea	30 (10)	1 (<1)	55 (19)	4 (1)
Neutropenia <sup>e</sup>	14 (5)	2 (1)	76 (26)	68 (23)
Leukopenia <sup>f</sup>	9 (3)	0	45 (16)	38 (13)
Adjudicated drug-related ILD or pneumonitis	26 (9) <sup>g</sup>	11 (4)	12 (4)	4 (1)

- Stomatitis events, the most common TRAE with Dato-DXd, were primarily grade 1 (23%) or grade 2 (18%)
- Hematologic toxicities, including neutropenia and febrile neutropenia<sup>h</sup>, were more common with docetaxel
- No new adjudicated drug-related ILD events or deaths occurred since the PFS database lock
- Similar safety profiles were seen for the full safety analysis set and the NSQ subgroup

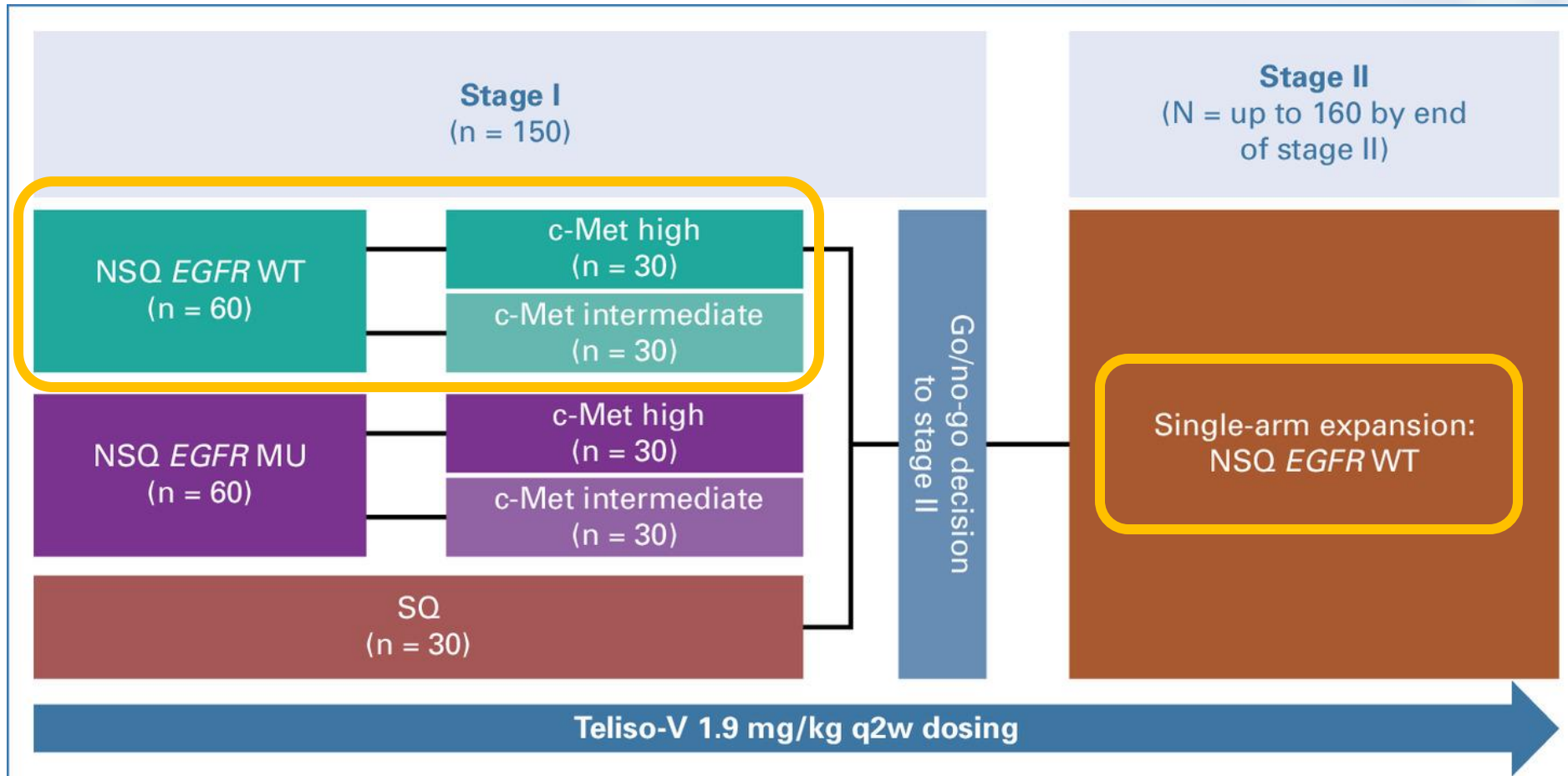
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# c-Met (Hepatocyte growth factor receptor) in NSCLC

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# LUMINOSITY Trial – Study Design (Telisotuzumab Vedotin – Teliso-V)

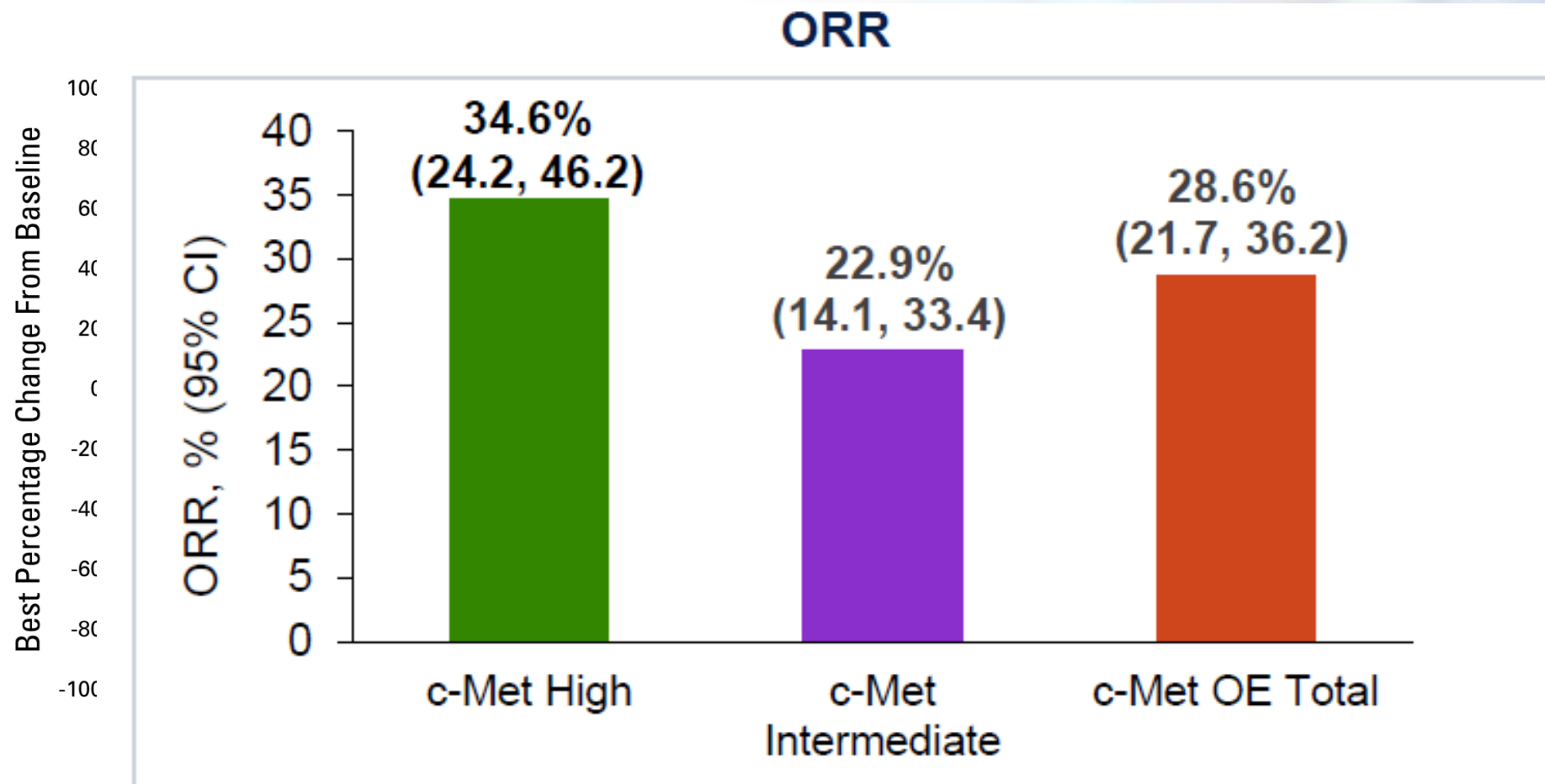


Phase II LUMINOSITY Trial. *J Clin Oncol.* 2024 Sep 1;42(25):3000-3011



# LUMINOSITY Trial – Efficacy (NSQ EGFR WT)

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Phase II LUMINOSITY Trial. *J Clin Oncol*. 2024 Sep 1;42(25):3000-3011

# LUMINOSITY Trial – Safety (select AEs)

	Total N= 172	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥ 3
Any TRAE, n(%)	140 (81.4)	48 (27.9)
TRAEs occurring in ≥ 5% of patients, n (%)		
→ <i>Peripheral sensory neuropathy*</i>	52 (30)	12 (7)
<i>Peripheral edema</i>	28 (16.3)	3 (1.7)
<i>ALT increase</i>	19 (11)	6 (3.5)
<i>Pneumonitis</i>	18 (10.5)	4(2.9) – <b>3 deaths</b>
<i>Hypoalbuminemia</i>	18 (10.5)	0
<i>Blurred vision</i>	16 (9.3)	2 (1.2)

\*18 (10%) patients had an AE of peripheral neuropathy leading to discontinuation

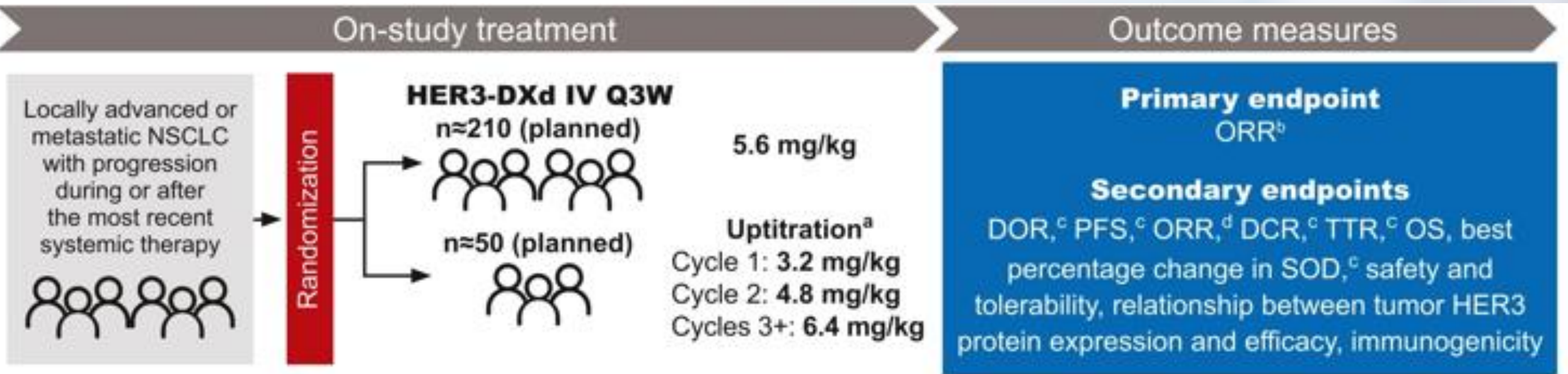
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# Human Epidermal growth factor Receptor 3 (HER3) in EGFR mutated NSCLC

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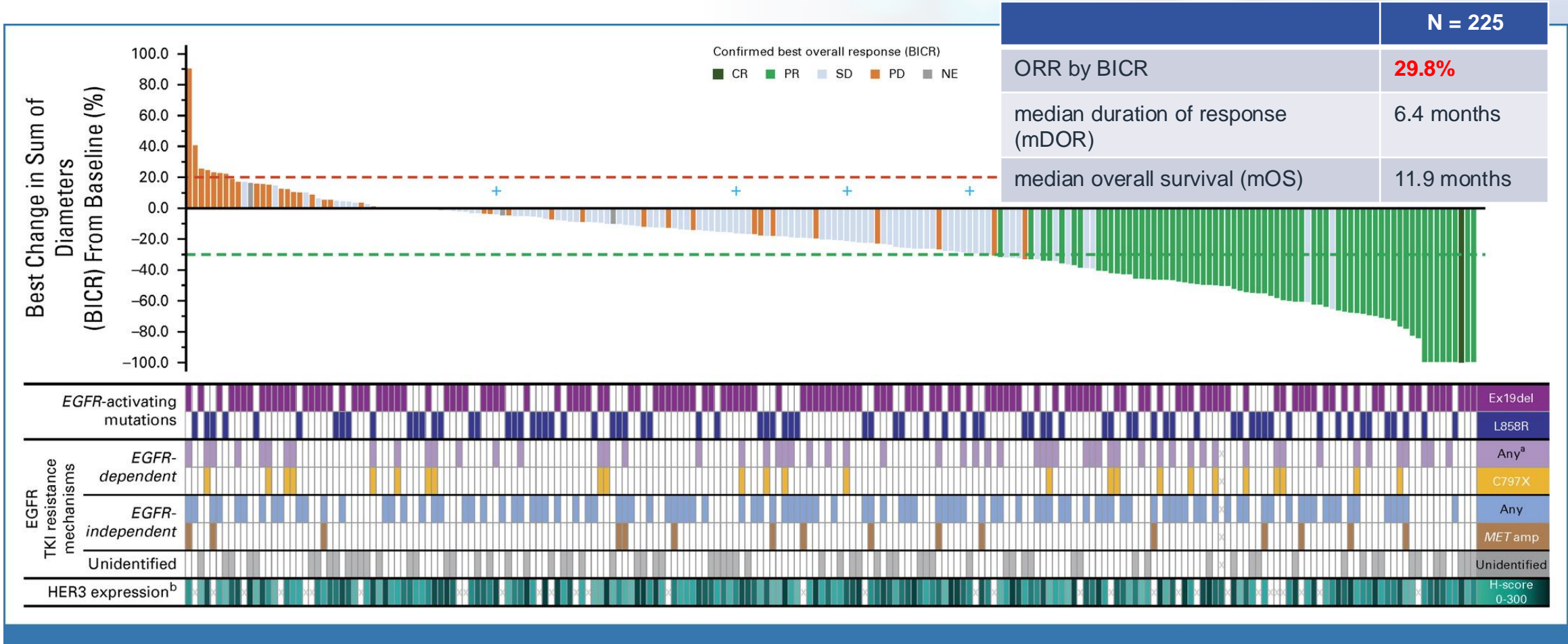
# HERTHENA-Lung01 – Study Design (Patritumab Deruxtecan)



**\*EGFR mutated**

*J Clin Oncol. 2023 Dec 10;41(35):5363-5375*

# HERTHENA-Lung01 – Efficacy (P-Dxd)

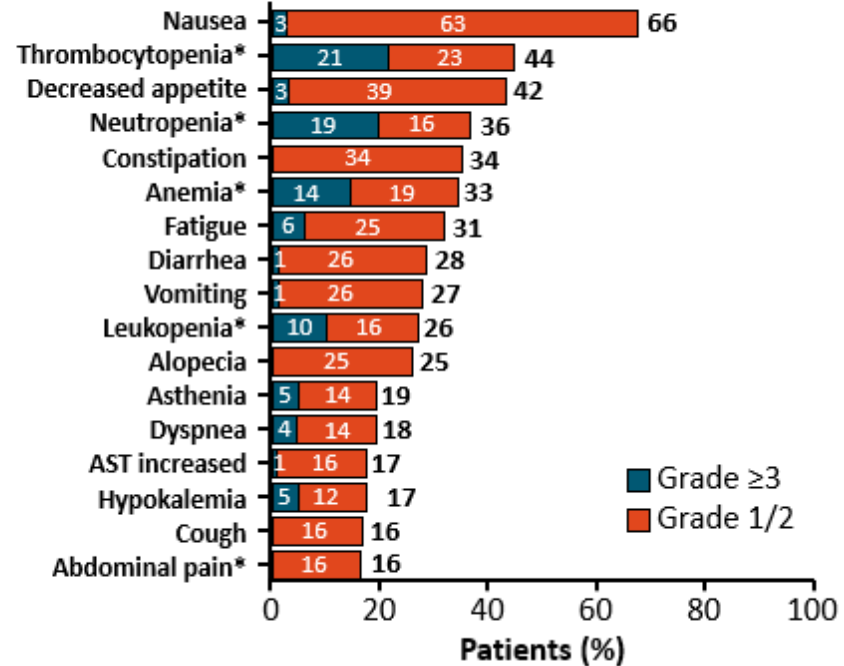


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# HERTHENA-Lung01 – Safety (P-Dxd)

Safety Outcome, n (%)	HER3-DXd 5.6 mg/kg (N = 225)
Any TEAE	224 (99.6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associated with treatment d/c</li> <li>Associated with dose reduction</li> <li>Associated with dose interruption</li> </ul>	16 (7.1) 48 (21.3) 91 (40.4)
TEAE grade ≥3	146 (64.9)
Treatment-related TEAE	215 (95.6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade ≥3</li> <li>Serious TEAE</li> <li>Associated with death</li> </ul>	102 (45.3) 34 (15.1) 4 (1.8)
Adjudicated ILD (as treatment related)	12 (5.3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 1</li> <li>Grade 2</li> <li>Grade 3</li> <li>Grade 4</li> <li>Grade 5</li> </ul>	1 (0.4) 8 (3.6) 2 (0.9) 0 1 (0.4)

Most Common TEAEs Occurring in ≥15% of Patients (N = 225)



\*Grouped preferred terms.

Sep 17, 2024 Press release:

*Patritumab Deruxtecan Demonstrated Statistically Significant Improvement in Progression-Free Survival Versus Doublet Chemotherapy in Patients with Locally Advanced or Metastatic EGFR-Mutated Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer in HERTHENA-Lung02 Phase 3 Trial*

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# Human Epidermal growth factor Receptor 2 (HER2) in NSCLC

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# HER2 in NSCLC (Non-Squamous)

HER2 Overexpression (HER-OE)	HER2 Amplification	HER2 Mutation (HER2m)
2-30%	2-4%	2-4%
IHC	FISH/NGS	rt-PCR/NGS

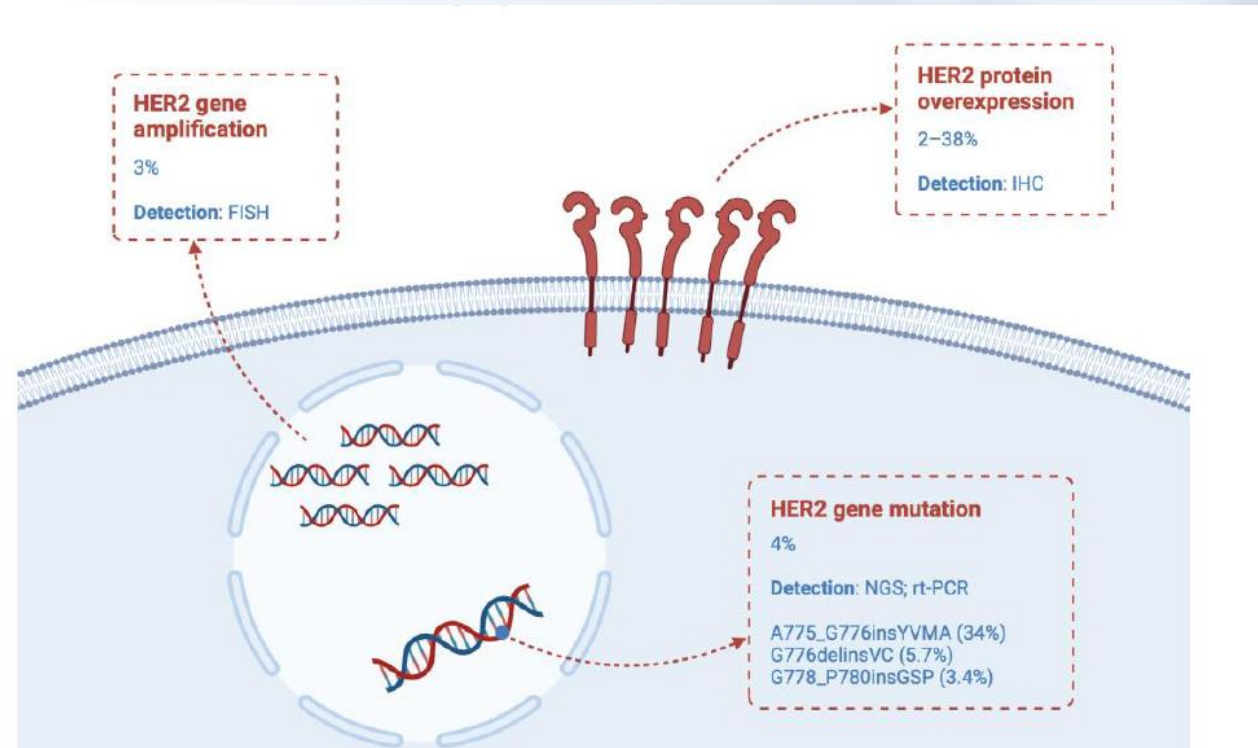


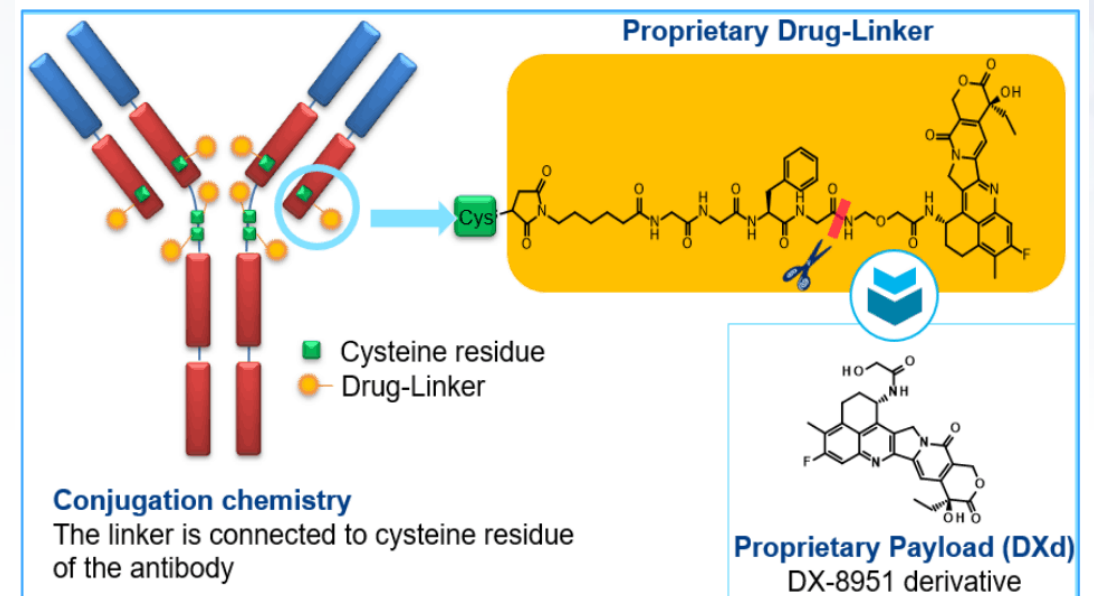
Figure 1. HER2 alterations in advanced non-small cell lung cancer.

Cancers (Basel). May 26;16(11):2018.



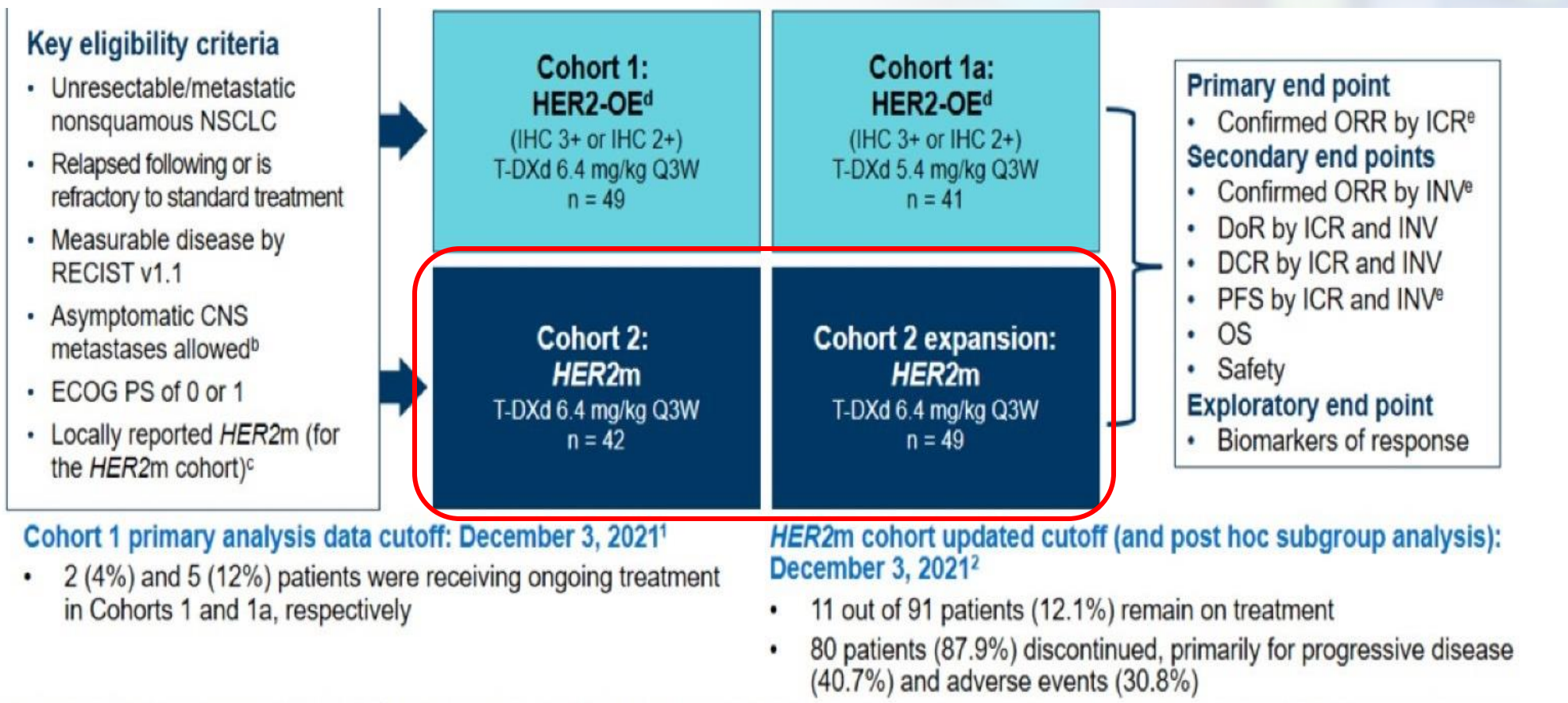
# ADCs in HER2 altered NSCLC (Non-Squamous)

- **Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (T-DM1)** • **Trastuzumab deruxtecan (T-DXd)**
  - **Phase II Study (N=15)<sup>1</sup>**
    - › HER2m 47%, HER2 OE 53%
    - › ORR 6.7%
  - **Phase II Study – Li et al. (N=18)<sup>2</sup>**
    - › HER2 mutated
    - › ORR 44%



1. *J Thorac Oncol.* 2018 Feb;13(2):273-279
2. *J Clin Oncol.* 2018 Aug 20;36(24):2532-2537

# DESTINY-Lung01 – Study Design



*N Engl J Med.* 2022 Jan 20;386(3):241-251

*Lancet Oncol.* 2024 Apr;25(4):439-454



# DESTINY-Lung01 – Safety (HER2m)

n (%)	HER2m Cohort (T-DXd 6.4 mg/kg) Overall population N = 91
Any grade TEAEs	91 (100)
Drug-related TEAEs	88 (96.7)
Drug-related grade $\geq 3$ TEAEs	42 (46.2)
Serious drug-related TEAEs	18 (19.8)
Drug-related TEAEs associated with:	
Drug discontinuation <sup>a</sup>	24 (26.4)
Dose reduction	33 (36.3)
Drug interruption	31 (34.1)
Drug-related TEAEs associated with an outcome of death	2 (2.2) <sup>b</sup>

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Alopecia

Cytopenias

*N Engl J Med. 2022 Jan 20;386(3):241-251*

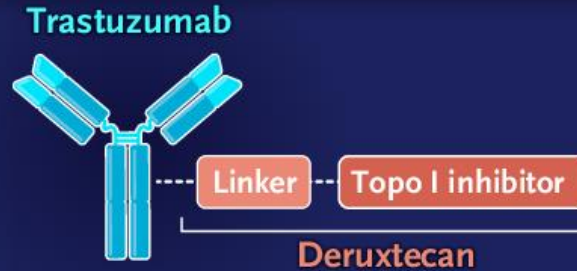
# Trastuzumab Deruxtecan in HER2-Mutant Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer

MULTICENTER, INTERNATIONAL, PHASE 2 STUDY



91

Adults with metastatic HER2-mutant NSCLC refractory to standard treatment (median follow-up, 13 mo)



Confirmed objective response (assessed by independent central review)

55% (95% CI, 44–65)

Duration of response

9.3 mo

Progression-free survival

8.2 mo

Overall survival

17.8 mo

Grade 3 or higher drug-related adverse events occurred in 46% of patients.

Trastuzumab deruxtecan showed durable anticancer activity.

B.T. Li et al. 10.1056/NEJMoa2112431

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FDA - accelerated approval to trastuzumab NSCLC with HER2 mutations in  $\geq 1L$  prior

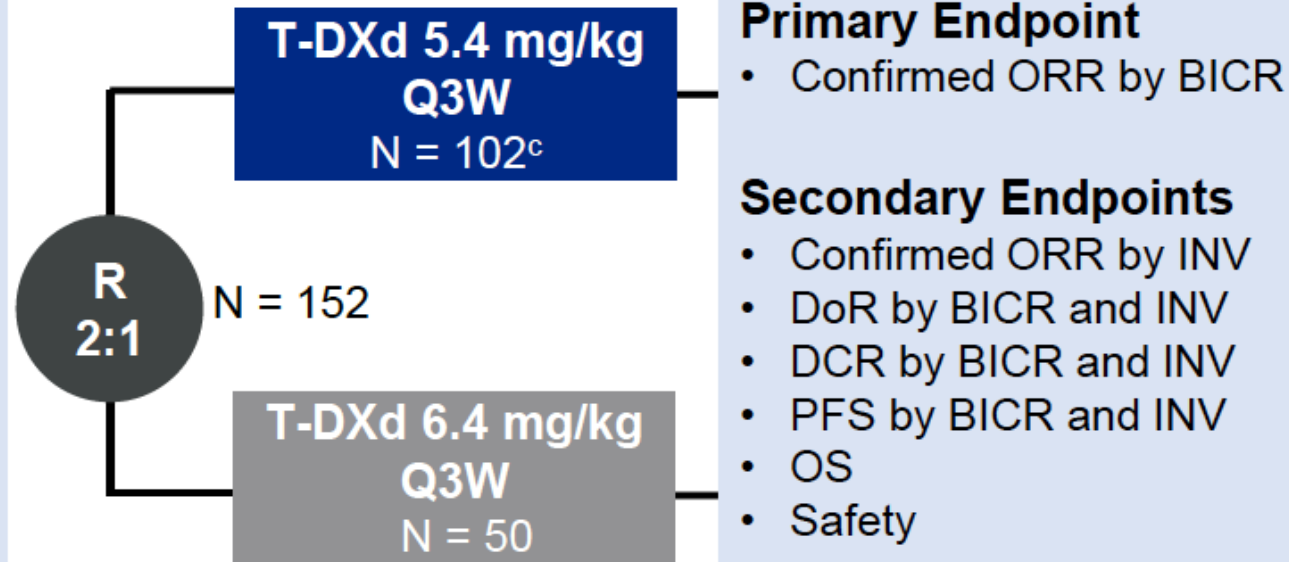
# DESTINY-Lung02 – Study Design

## Key Eligibility Criteria<sup>a</sup>

- Metastatic *HER2m<sup>b</sup>* NSCLC
- $\geq 1$  prior anticancer therapy (2L+), including platinum-based chemotherapy
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1
- ECOG PS of 0 or 1

## Stratification Factor:

- Prior anti-PD-(L)1 treatment

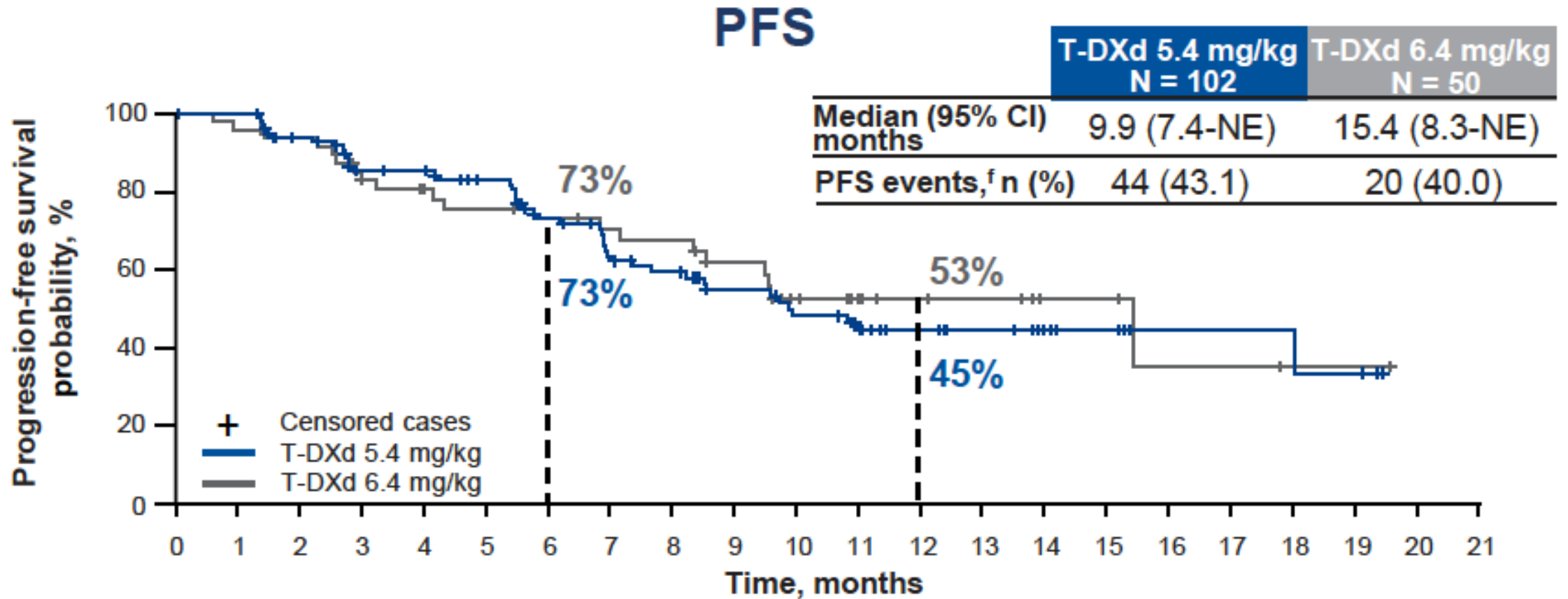


*Patients and investigators were blinded to the dose level*

**Primary analysis data cutoff:  
23 December 2022**

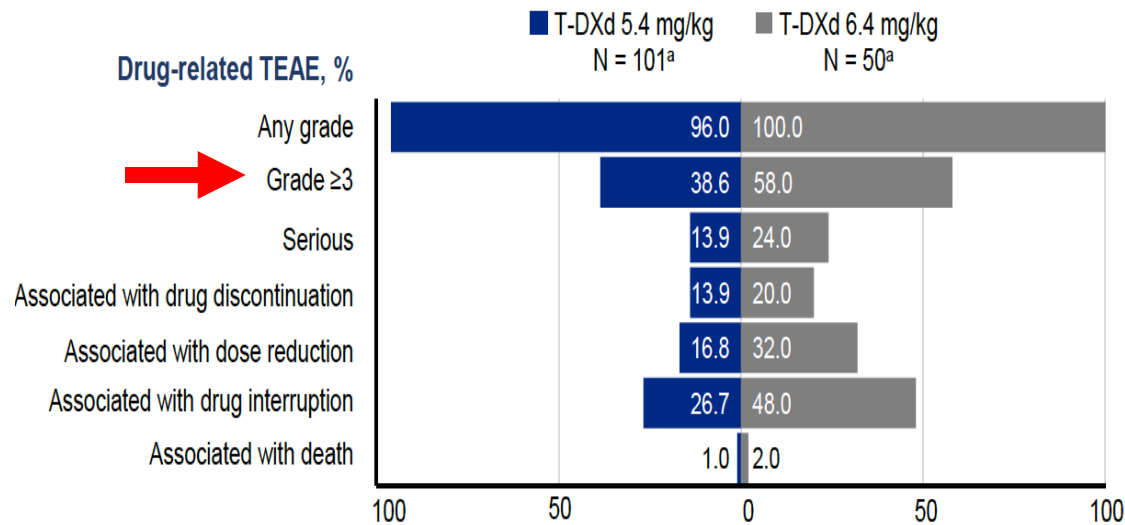
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# DESTINY-Lung02 – Efficacy



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# DESTINY-Lung02 – Safety



## Adjudicated Drug-Related ILD

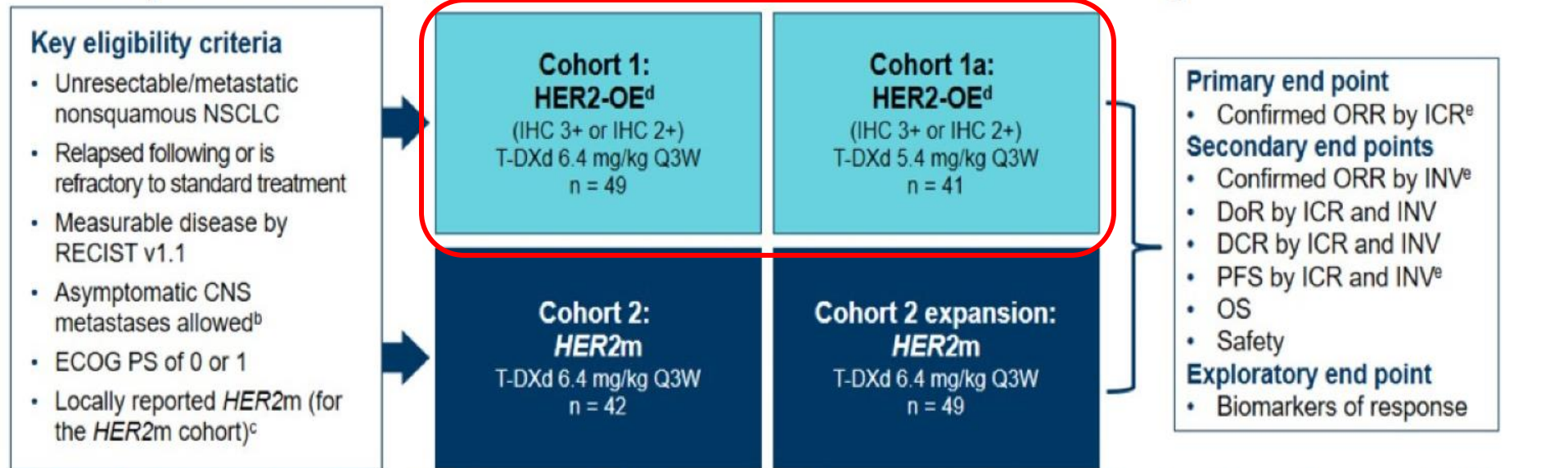
Adjudicated as drug-related ILD	T-DXd 5.4 mg/kg N = 101 <sup>a</sup>	T-DXd 6.4 mg/kg N = 50 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Any grade, n (%)</b>	<b>13 (12.9)</b>	<b>14 (28.0)</b>
Grade 1	4 (4.0)	4 (8.0)
Grade 2	7 (6.9)	9 (18.0)
Grade 3	1 (1.0)	0
Grade 4	0	0
Grade 5	1 (1.0)	1 (2.0)

Janne P, WCLC 2023, Abstract MA13.20



# DESTINY-Lung01 – Study Design

## An Open-Label, Multicenter, Phase 2 Study<sup>1,2,a</sup>



**Cohort 1 primary analysis data cutoff: December 3, 2021<sup>1</sup>**

- 2 (4%) and 5 (12%) patients were receiving ongoing treatment in Cohorts 1 and 1a, respectively

**HER2m cohort updated cutoff (and post hoc subgroup analysis): December 3, 2021<sup>2</sup>**

- 11 out of 91 patients (12.1%) remain on treatment
- 80 patients (87.9%) discontinued, primarily for progressive disease (40.7%) and adverse events (30.8%)

*Lancet Oncol.* 2024 Apr;25(4):439-454

# DESTINY-Lung01 – Efficacy (HER2-OE)

Efficacy by ICR	Cohort 1 (6.4 mg/kg) n = 49	Cohort 1a (5.4 mg/kg) n = 41
Confirmed ORR, n (%; 95% CI)	13 (26.5; 15.0-41.1)	14 (34.1; 20.1-50.6)
Response outcomes, n (%)		
CR	0	2 (5)
PR	13 (27)	12 (29)
SD	21 (43)	18 (44)
PD	11 (22)	4 (10)
NE	4 (8)	5 (12)
DCR, n (%; 95% CI)	34 (69.4; 54.6-81.8)	32 (78.0; 62.4-89.4)
DoR, months, median (95% CI)	5.8 (4.3-NE)	6.2 (4.2-9.8)

- Primary endpoint of ORR by ICR was achieved by 26.5% (95% CI, 15.0%-41.1%) of patients in Cohort 1 and 34.1% (95% CI, 20.1%-50.6%) of patients in Cohort 1a
- The median duration of follow-up was 12.0 months (IQR, 5.4-22.4 months) and 10.6 months (IQR, 4.5-13.5 months) in Cohorts 1 and 1a, respectively
- Both T-DXd doses had encouraging and consistent antitumor activity in heavily pretreated patients with HER2-OE NSCLC

**April 5, 2024**

FDA – granted accelerated approval to trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki for metastatic HER2-positive (IHC3+) solid tumors ≥ 1L prior

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# Challenges – ADCs in NSCLC

- Patient selection
  - Biomarkers of response – antigen expression  $\neq$  response
  - Identification of patients likely to respond – NSQ, mEGFR, localized
- Rationale combinations
  - IO, VEGF, others
- More specific ADCs
- Improved safety/therapeutic index
  - Prodrugs
- Overcome resistance
  - Dual payloads
  - Alternative payloads – immunotoxins (pseudotoxin A), bcl2 inhibitors, immunomodulators (TLR8 agonists)

# Select ongoing trials of ADCs in NSCLC

Trial / Drug	Patient population / target	Line of therapy	Design
<i>DESTINY-Lung03</i>	HER2-OE	1 <sup>st</sup> and ≥2L	Phase 1b – multicohort, single & combination
<i>DESTINY-Lung04</i>	HER2m	1 <sup>st</sup>	Phase 3 – T-DXd vs. SOC
<i>TROPION-Lung02</i>	TROP2	1 <sup>st</sup>	Phase 1b – Dato-DXd + Pembro +/- Platinum chemo (Presented at ASCO 2024, combo is safe)
<i>TROPION-Lung05</i>	AGA/TROP2	> 2L	Phase 2 - Dato-DXd
<i>NEOCOAST-2</i>	TROP2	Neoadj	Multicohort Dato-DXD + Durva + Platinum chemo
<i>Sacituzumab tirumotecan</i>	mEGFR NSQ/TROP2	> 2L	Phase 2 - after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen EGFR TKI & chemo
<i>HERTHENA Lung-02</i>	mEGFR/Her3	2L	Phase 3 – P-Dxd vs. Chemo after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen EGFR TKI
<i>TeliMET NSCLC-01</i>	C-Met OE NSQ WGFR WT	≥2L	Phase 3 – Teliso-V vs. Docetaxel
<i>Tusamitanib-Ravtansine</i>	CEACAM5		
<i>Mirvetuximab-Soravtansine</i>	FRα	≥2L	
<i>Tisotumab vedotin</i>	TF		

# Conclusions

- ADCs are just entering the arena of NSCLC
  - Currently, only one ADC is FDA-approved for NSCLC – T-DXd
- Several promising ADCs
  - Patritumab Dxd
  - Telisotuzumab vedotin
  - Dato-Dxd (mEGFR)
- Further studies
  - Identify patients likely to respond
  - Biomarkers of response
  - Novel mechanisms of action

*“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”*

Desmond Tutu

THANK YOU

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