

Targeted Therapies and Resistance, New Agents are Coming

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Actionable driver mutation	Approved drugs
EGFR del19/L858R	Gefitinib, Erlotinib, Erlotinib/Ramcirumab, Afatinib, Daco, Osimertinib
EGFR del19/L858R + T790M	Osi, Osi-chemo (2/16/24), Ami-Laz (8/19/24), Ami-chemo (9/19/24)
EGFR uncommon mutations (G719X, S768I, L861Q)	Afatinib
EGFR exon20 insertion	Amivantamab-vmjm (5/21/2021), Ami-Chemo (3/1/24), Mobocertinib (September 15, 2021)
ALK	Crizotinib, Ceritinib, Alectinib, Brigatinib, Lorlatinib, adjuvant Alectinib (4/18/24)
ROS1	Crizotinib, Entrectinib, Repotrectinib (November 15, 2023)
RET	Selpercatinib (May 8, 2020), Pralsetinib (September 4, 2020)
NTRK	Larotrectinib (November 26, 2018), Entrectinib (August 15, 2019), Repotrectinib (7/13/24)
BRAF V600E	Dabra + Trametinib (6/22/2017), Encorafenib + binimetinib (10/11/23)
MET ex14 splice site mutation	Capmatinib (May 6, 2020), Tepotinib (February 3, 2021)
KRAS G12C	Sotorasib (May 28, 2021), Adagrasib (December 12, 2022)
HER2 mutation	Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki /T-DXd (August 11, 2022)
NRG1 fusion	Zenocutuzumab (12/ 4/24)

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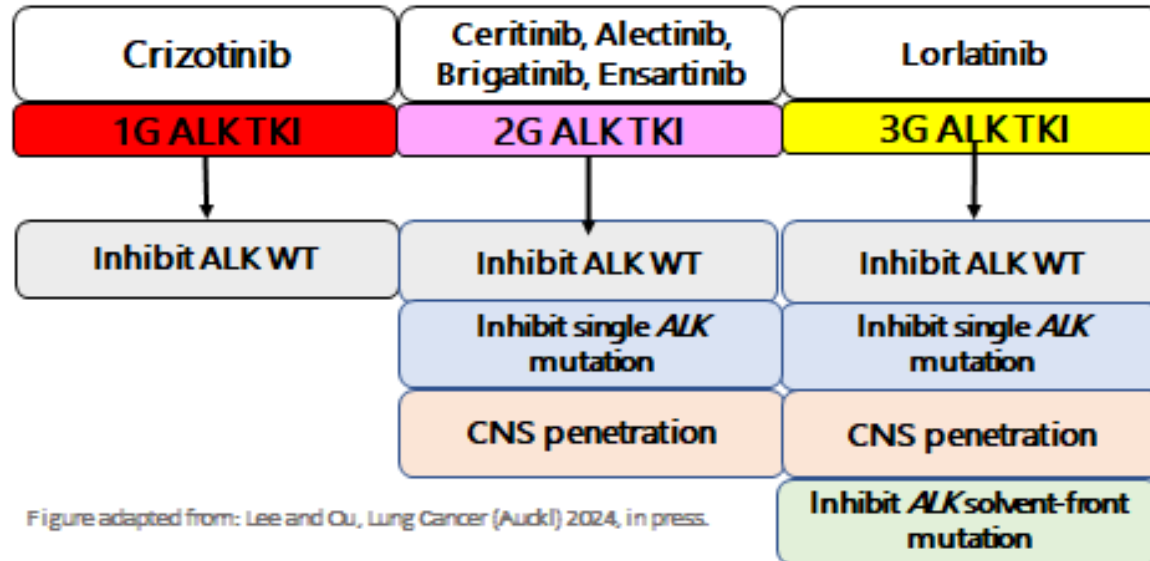


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- ALK fusions are oncogenic drivers in 3-5% of NSCLC and various cancers¹
- ~30-40% of patients with ALK+ NSCLC present with CNS metastases²
- ~50% of patients develop single mutations (e.g., G1202R, I1171X, F1174X) after progression on 1G and 2G ALK TKIs^{3,4}

¹ Kwak, E. *et al.* N Engl J Med. 2010; ² Gainor, J. *et al.* JCO Precis Oncol. 2017;

³ Dagogo-Jack, I. *et al.* Clin Cancer Res. 2019; ⁴ Gainor, J. *et al.* Cancer Discov. 2016;

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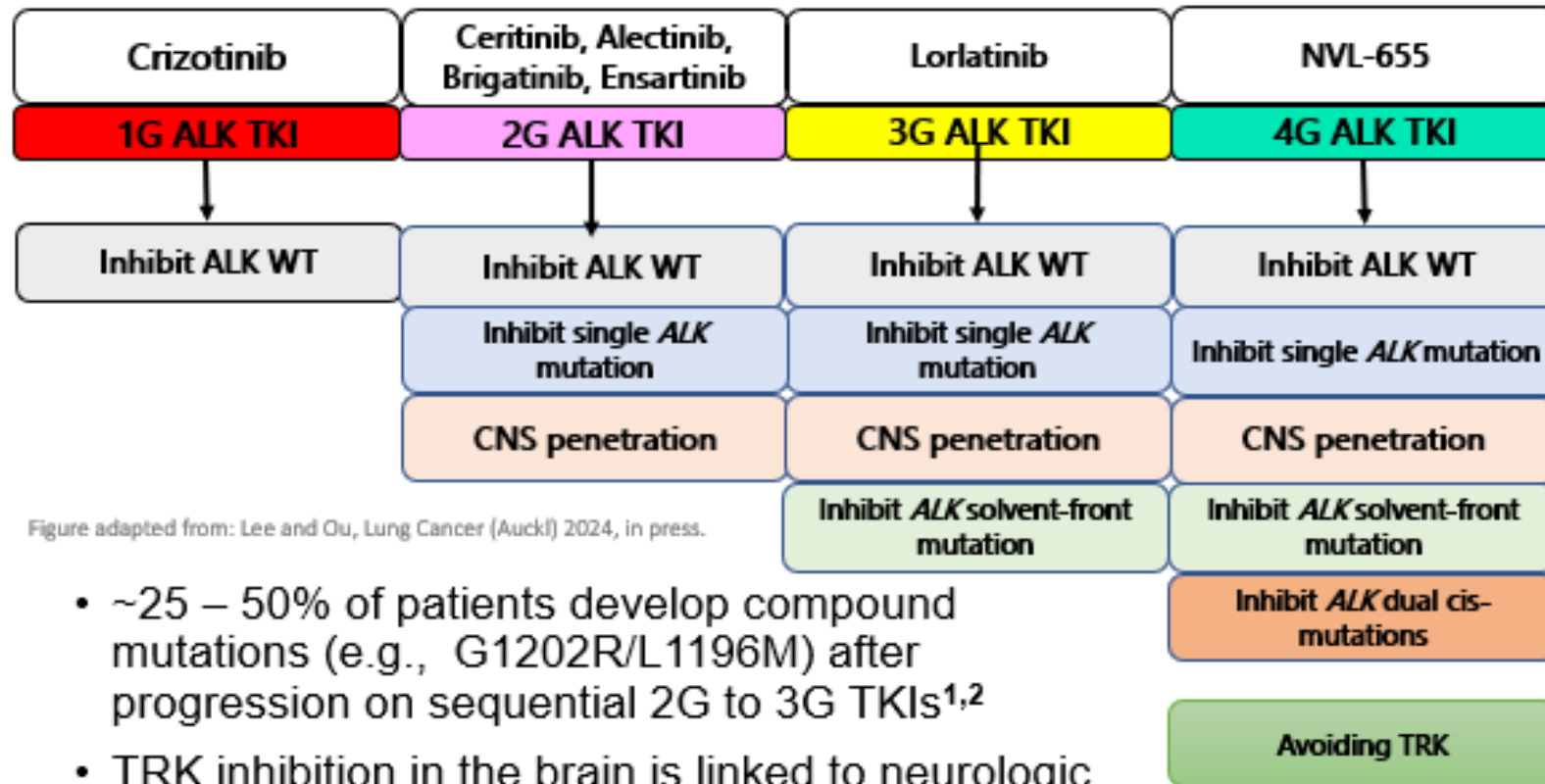


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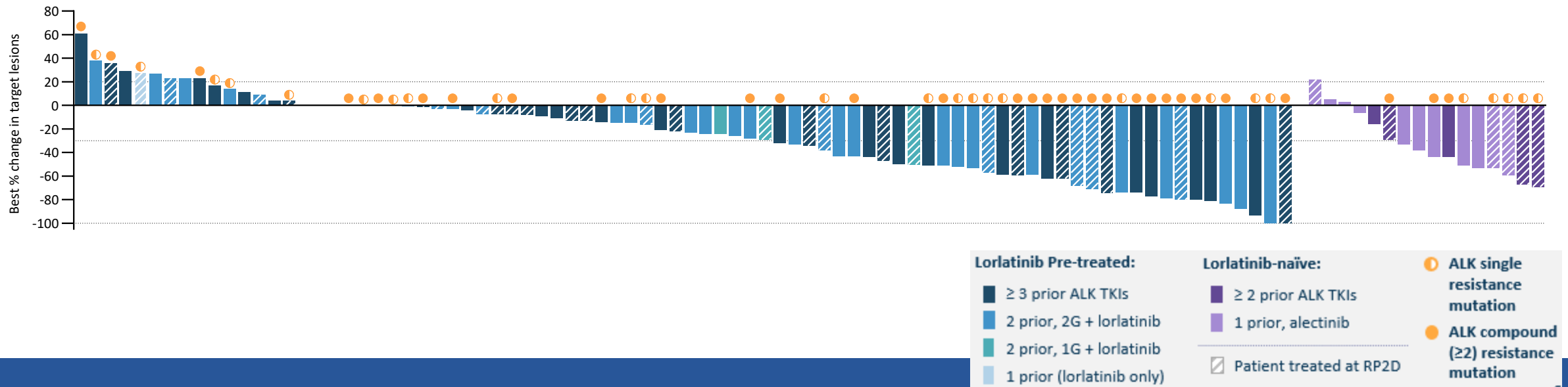
- ~25 – 50% of patients develop compound mutations (e.g., G1202R/L1196M) after progression on sequential 2G to 3G TKIs^{1,2}
- TRK inhibition in the brain is linked to neurologic adverse events and dose-limiting toxicities^{3,4}

¹ Dagogo-Jack, I. *et al.* Clin Cancer Res. 2019; ² Shiba-Ishii *et al.*, Nature Cancer 2022;

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NVL-655

RECIST 1.1 ORR, % (n/N) <i>All patients ± chemotherapy</i>	NSCLC Response-Evaluable (Any Prior ALK TKI, range 1 – 5)			Prior Lorlatinib (≥2 ALK TKIs)			Lorlatinib-naïve (≥1 2G ± 1G)	
	All	Any ALK mutation ^a	G1202R ^b	All	Any ALK mutation	Compound ALK mutation ^c	All	Any ALK mutation
All Doses	38% (39/103)	52% (30/58)	69% (22/32) ^d	35% (30/85)	47% (23/49)	54% (15/28)	53% (9/17)	88% (7/8)
RP2D	38% (15/39)	55% (12/22)	71% (10/14)	35% (11/31)	50% (8/16)	64% (7/11)	57% (4/7)	80% (4/5)



Alex Drilon, et al. Phase 1/ 2 ALKOVE-1 study of NVL-655 in ALK-positive (ALK+) solid tumors, ESMO 2024

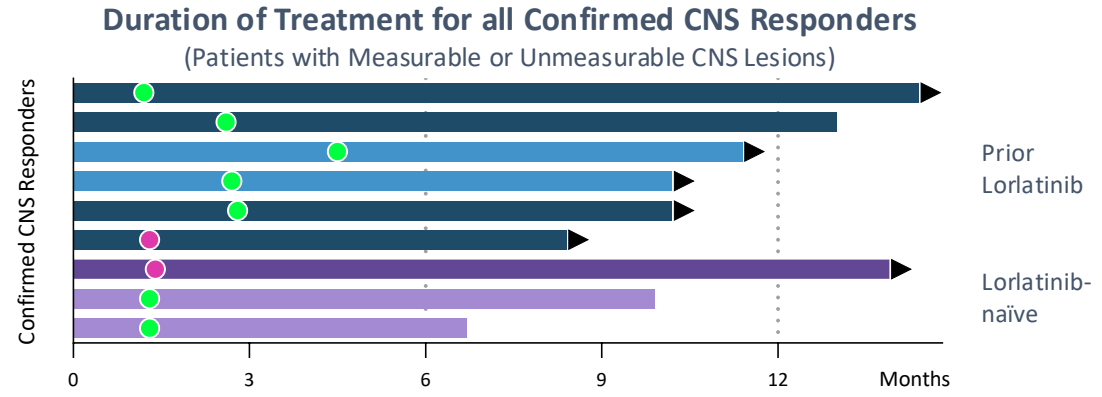
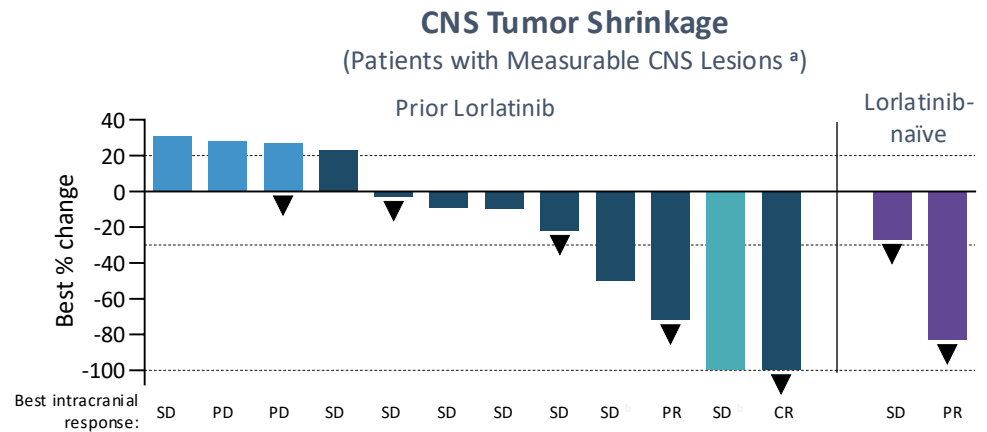
NVL-655

- **IC-ORR** (patients with measurable CNS lesions):

- **Lorlatinib-naïve:** 50% (1/2)
- **Prior lorlatinib:** 15% (2/13)
 - 31% (4/13) including 2 CNS uPRs not confirmed due to discontinuation of treatment in absence of CNS progression

- **No CNS progression among confirmed CNS responders, including in patients who previously received the brain-penetrant TKI lorlatinib (measurable or unmeasurable CNS lesions)**

- Treatment duration: 6.7 - 14.4+ months



NVL-655

- Discontinuation due to TRAE: 2% (3/133) ^a
- Dose reduction due to TRAE: 15% (20/133) ^b
- Preliminary overall safety profile consistent with avoiding TRK-related neurotoxicities

Treatment-Related Adverse Events (TRAEs) in ≥ 10% of Patients All Treated (N = 133)

Preferred Term	Grade 1 n (%)	Grade 2 n (%)	Grade 3 n (%)	Grade 4 n (%)	Any Grade n (%)
ALT increased	21 (16%)	6 (5%)	17 (13%)	1 (1%)	45 (34%)
AST increased	21 (16%)	7 (5%)	12 (9%)	-	40 (30%)
Constipation	15 (11%)	6 (5%)	-	-	21 (16%)
Dysgeusia	15 (11%)	2 (2%)	-	-	17 (13%)
Nausea	15 (11%)	1 (1%)	-	-	16 (12%)

**RP2D selected
as 150 mg QD**

MTD not reached
through 200 mg QD

No clear dose-toxicity relationship
through 150 mg QD dose level

150 mg QD maintained steady state plasma levels
at or above the target efficacy thresholds
(ALK fusions + ALK single/compound mutations in periphery and in the CNS)

ALK

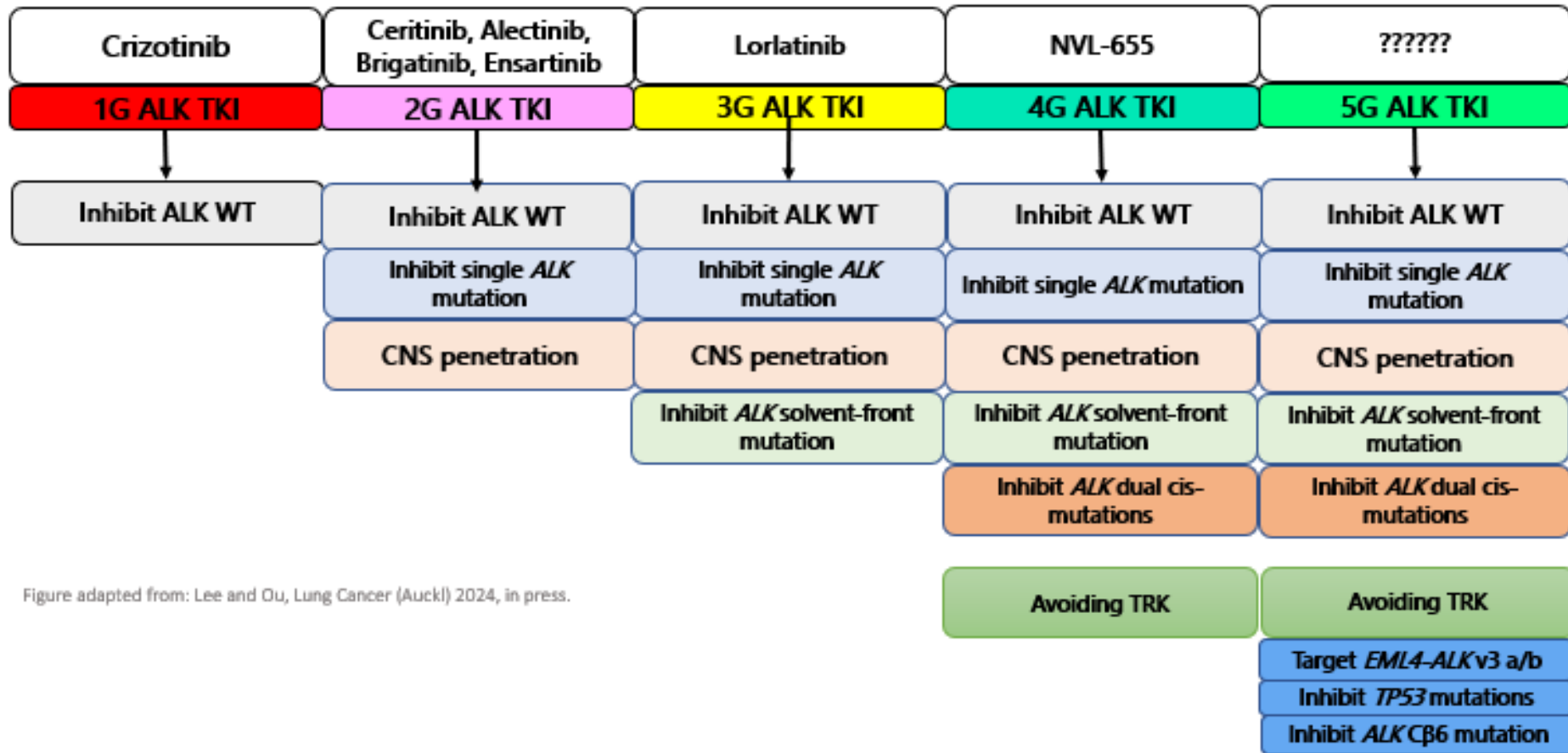
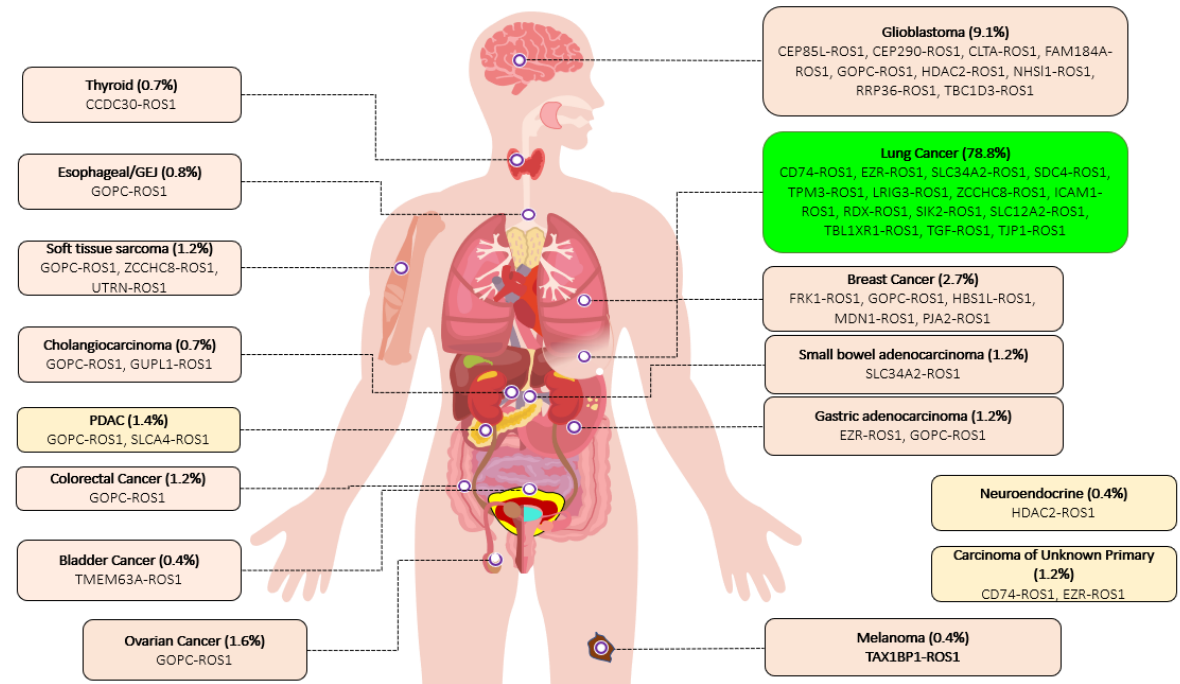


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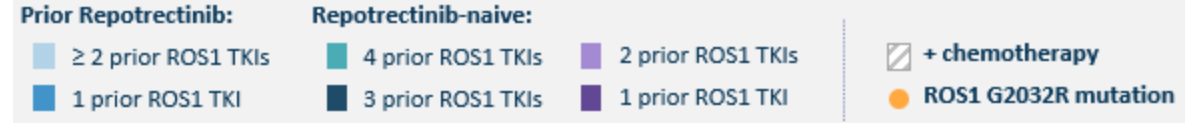
ROS1

- *ROS1* oncogenic-driver gene fusions have been identified in up to 2% of NSCLC¹
- Standard-of-care *ROS1* TKIs, such as crizotinib and entrectinib,² result in limited durability of response due to acquired *ROS1* resistance mutations (e.g., G2032R)^{3,4}; there is also a need for further improvement in intracranial activity^{5,6}



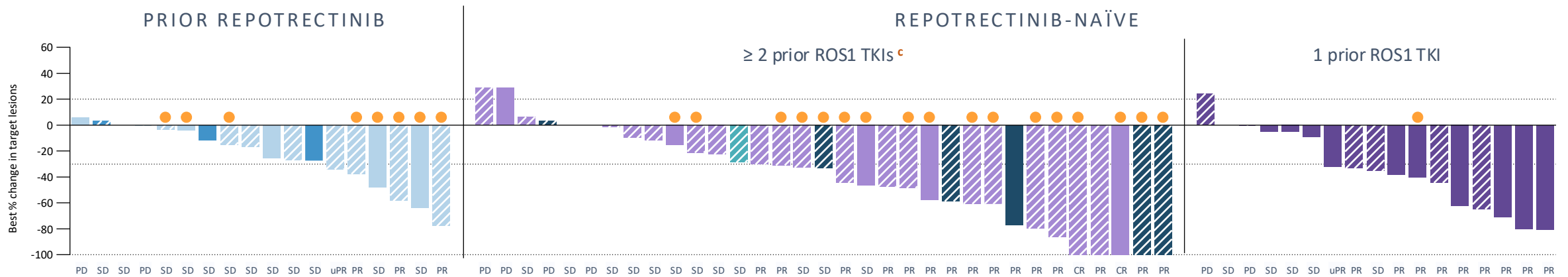
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NVL-520 (zidesamtinib)



All NSCLC Response Evaluable Patients <i>± chemotherapy</i>	Any Prior ROS1 TKI (range 1-4)		≥ 2 prior ROS1 TKIs		ROS1 G2032R Resistance Mutation ^b		1 prior ROS1 TKI (crizotinib)	
	All	Repotrectinib- naïve	All	Prior Lorlatinib	Repotrectinib- naïve	Prior Repotrectinib		Repotrectinib- naïve
RECIST 1.1 ORR % (n/n) ^a	44% (31/71)	51% (27/53)	41% (21/51)	44% (17/39)	47% (17/36)	38% (3/8)	72% (13/18)	73% (8/11)
CR [*]	2	2	2	2	2	-	2	-

^{*} 2 confirmed CRs ongoing with DOR 19.3+ and 26.3+ months. 5 additional CRs observed among patients without measurable disease (2 prior ROS1 TKIs [n=2], 1 prior ROS1 TKI (crizotinib [n=1], entrectinib [n=2]), all ongoing with DOR 3.6+, 3.7+, 13.8+, 13.9+, and 18.5+ months.

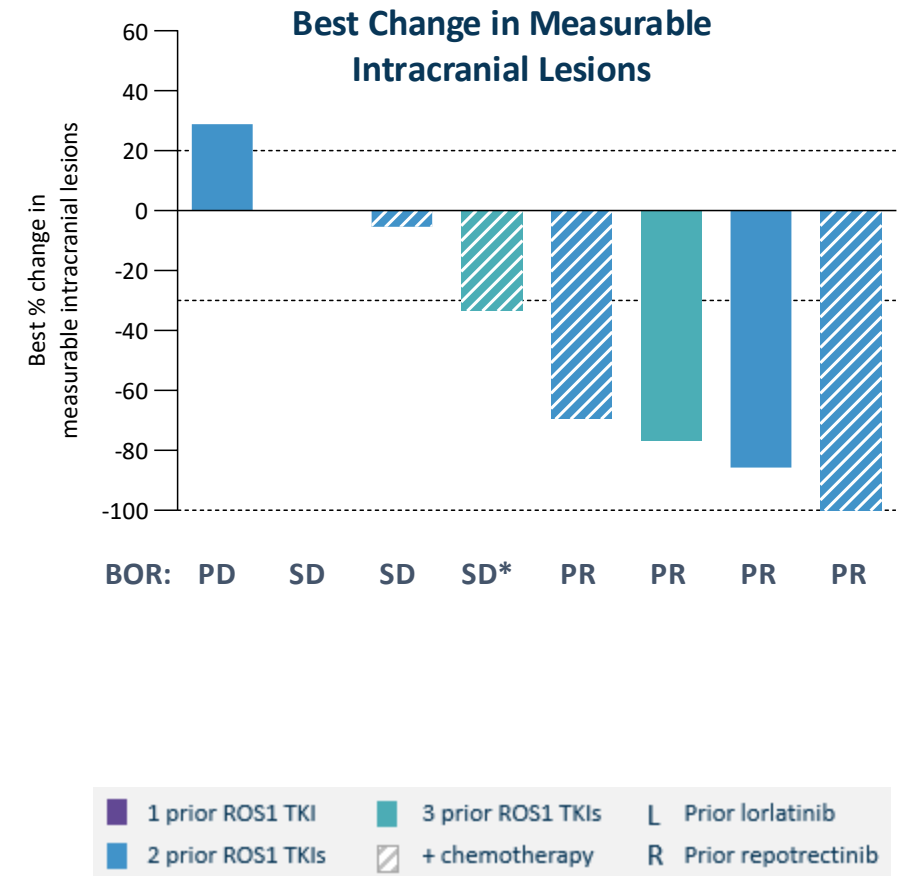


B Besse, et al. Phase 1/ 2 ARROS-1 study in zidesamtinib (NVL-520) in ROS1 fusion-positive solid tumors, ESMO 2024

NVL-520 (zidesamtinib)

Among IC-response evaluable patients with measurable intracranial lesions (≥ 10 mm) at baseline:

- IC-ORR: **50%** (4/8)
 - Nearly all (7/8) patients previously received ≥ 2 ROS1 TKIs, including the brain-penetrant ROS1 TKIs lorlatinib and/or repotrectinib
- mDOR: **NR**
 - All IC responses are censored without IC-progression, with IC DORs of 21.0+, 17.4+, 5.6+, and 1.9+ months



NVL-520 (zidesamtinib)

- No TRAEs leading to discontinuation
- Dose reduction due to TRAE: 8% (8/104) ^a
- Preliminary overall safety profile consistent with avoiding TRK-related neurotoxicities

Treatment-Related Adverse Events (TRAEs) in ≥ 10% of Patients ^b All Treated (N = 104)

Preferred Term	Any Grade n (%)	Grade ≥3 n (%)
Oedema peripheral	20 (19%)	-
ALT increased	11 (11%)	-
AST increased	11 (11%)	-
Weight increased	11 (11%)	1 (1%)

**RP2D selected
as 100 mg QD**

MTD not reached
through 150 mg QD

No clinically significant exposure-
response relationships for safety
and efficacy were observed

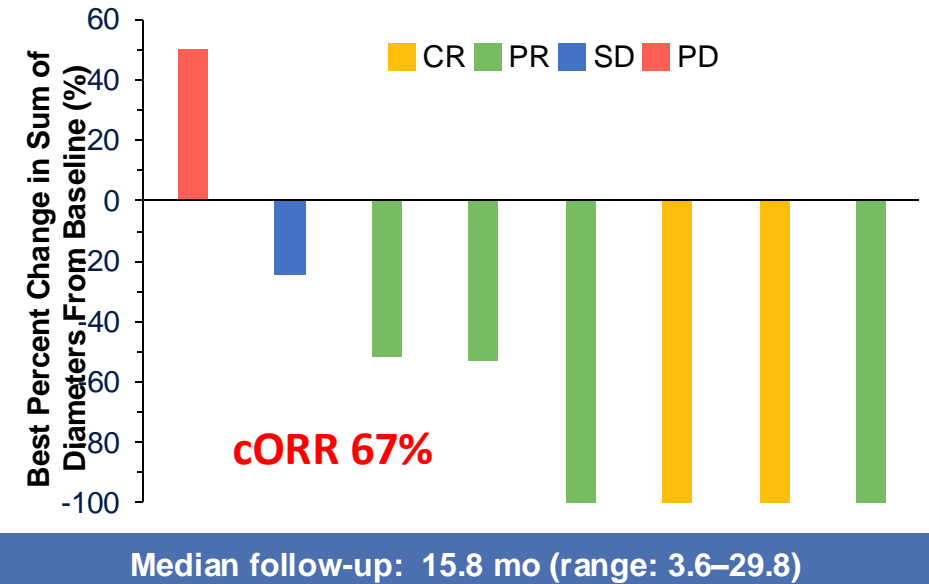
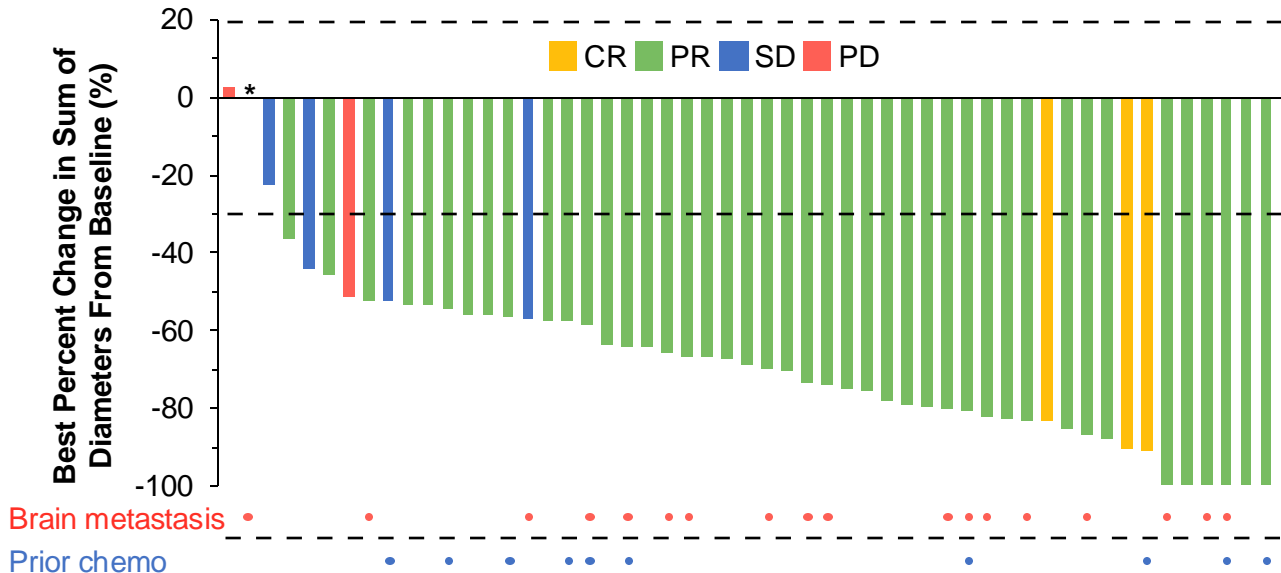
100 mg QD maintained steady state plasma levels
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Taletrectinib

TKI-naive

Response Rate	TKI Naive (n=54)
cORR, % (95% CI)	85.2 (72.88, 93.38)
Asia ORR (n=33)	87.9 (71.80, 96.60)
Non-Asia ORR (n=21)	81.0 (58.09, 94.55)

Measurable baseline brain metastases	TKI Naive (n=9)
IC-ORR, % (95% CI)	66.7 (29.93, 92.51)
CR, n (%)	2 (22.2)
PR, n (%)	4 (44.4)



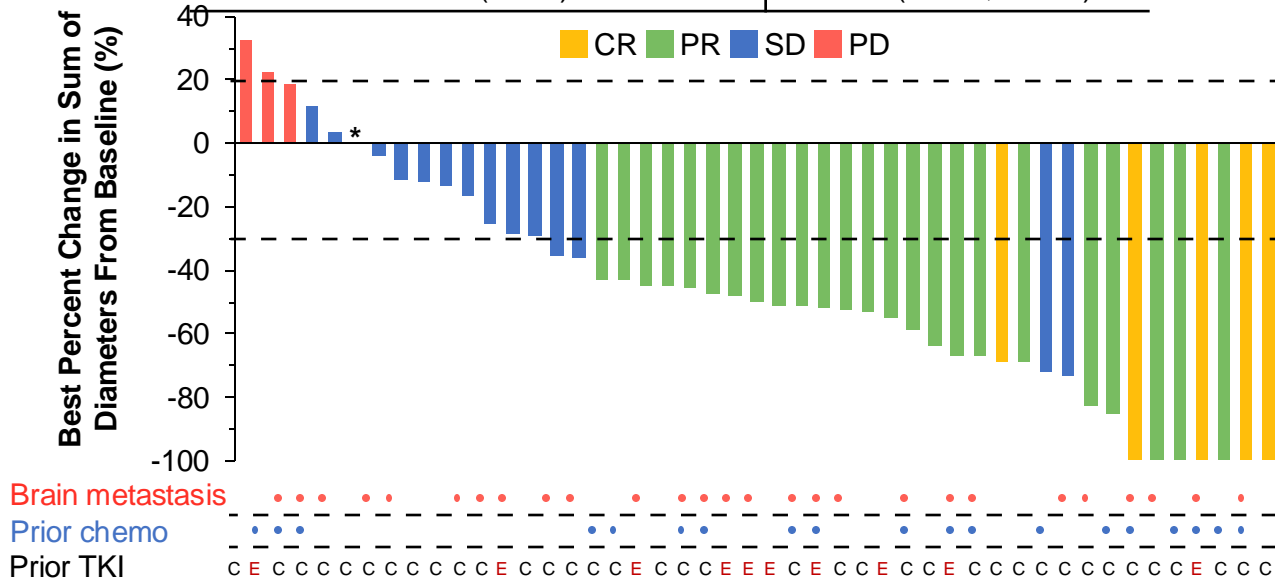
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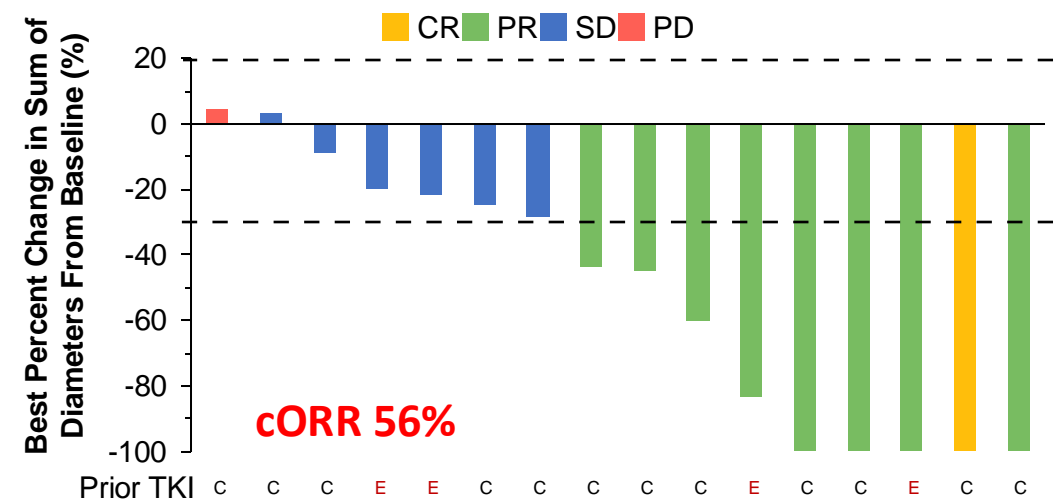
Taletrectinib

TKI-pretreated

	TKI Pretreated (n=47)
cORR, % (95% CI)	61.7 (46.38, 75.49)
Asia ORR (n=21)	57.1 (34.02, 78.18)
Non-Asia ORR (n=26)	65.4 (44.33, 82.79)



Measurable baseline brain metastases	TKI Pretreated (n=16)
IC-ORR, % (95% CI)	56.3 (29.88, 80.25)
CR, n (%)	1 (6.3)
PR, n (%)	8 (50.0)



Median follow-up: 15.7 mo (range: 3.9–29.8)

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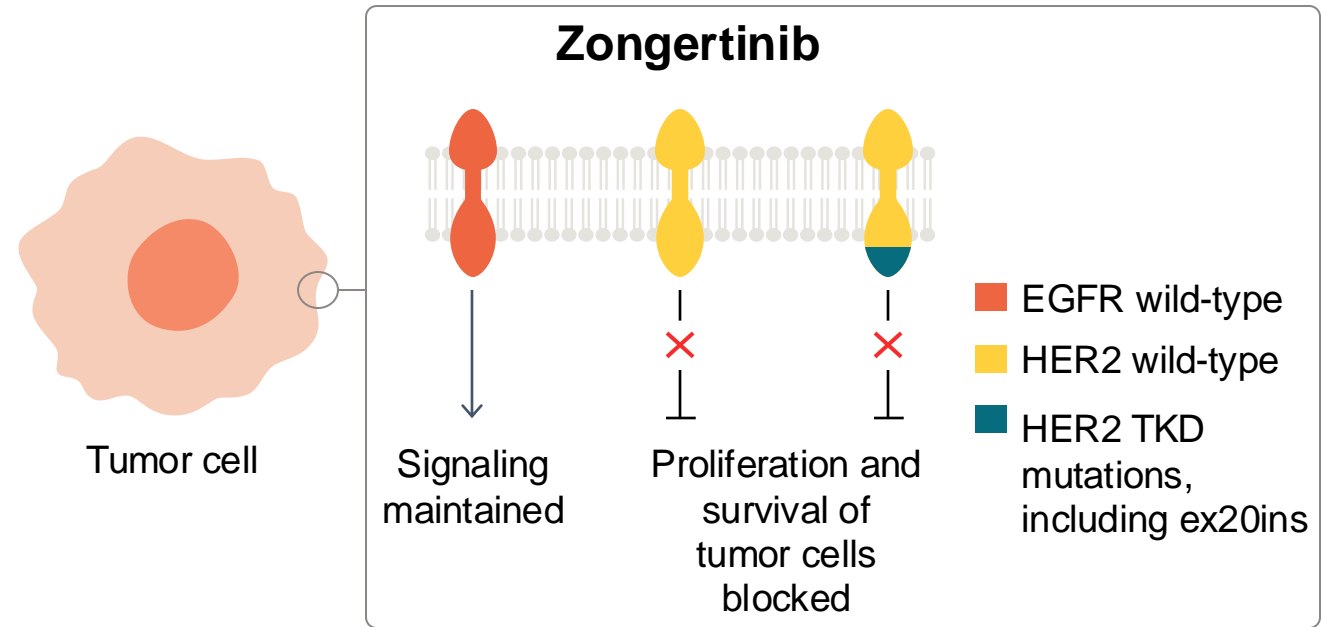
Taletrectinib

	Any grade, n (%)	Grade ≥3, n (%)
Increased ALT	108 (67.9)	24 (15.1)
Increased AST	107 (67.3)	11 (6.9)
Diarrhea	90 (56.6)	1 (0.6)
Nausea	82 (51.6)	3 (1.9)
Vomiting	53 (33.3)	2 (1.3)
Constipation	40 (25.2)	0 (0)
Anemia	32 (20.1)	7 (4.4)
Dysgeusia	31 (19.5)	0 (0)
Increased blood CPK	29 (18.2)	6 (3.8)
Dizziness	27 (17.0)	0 (0)
Prolonged QT	24 (15.1)	5 (3.1)

- Median exposure of taletrectinib was 8.4 months (range: 0.1–28.9)
- **37.1%** of patients had a TEAE leading to a dose reduction
 - The most common events leading to dose reduction were **elevated liver enzymes (16.4%)**
- 7.5% of patients had a TEAE leading to treatment discontinuation; **1.3% were treatment-related**
- Rates of neurologic TEAEs were low (dysgeusia: 19.5%; dizziness: 17.0%); none were grade ≥3
- No treatment-related AE led to death

HER2

HER2 mutations occur in approximately 2–4% of NSCLC cases, and are associated with a poor prognosis and higher incidence of brain metastases^{1,2}



1. Baraibar I, et al. Crit Rev Oncol Hematol 2020;148:102906; 2. Li BT, et al. N Engl J Med 2022;386:241–51

EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; ex20ins, exon 20 insertions; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; TKD, tyrosine kinase domain; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor

Zongertinib

The primary endpoint, confirmed response by BICR, was met for all treated patients at 120 mg (n = 75) in Phase Ib Cohort 1

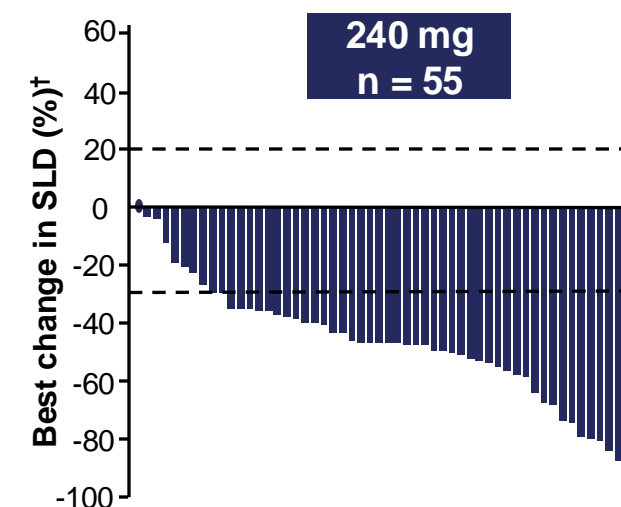
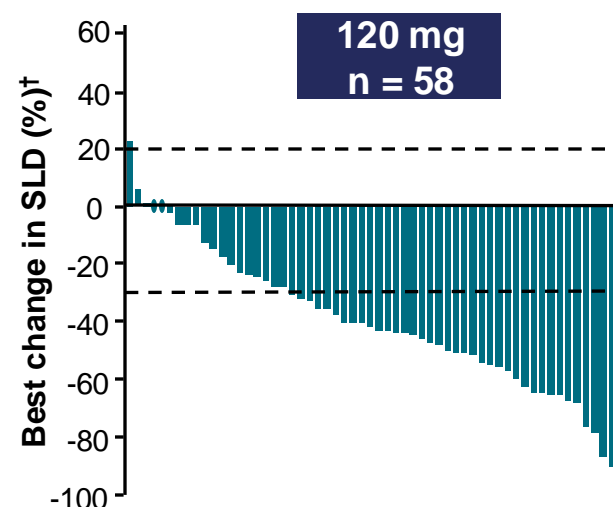
- ORR by central review for 120 mg (n = 75): 66.7% (97.5% CI 53.8–77.5), p<0.0001*
- Ongoing patients could still achieve response

Tumor shrinkage of any magnitude was observed in 94% of patients (124/132), per investigator assessment†

DoR and PFS data are currently immature, two-thirds of patients remained on treatment at data cut-off

Table below represents patient recruitment when 1:1 randomization occurred for both doses to allow for proper comparison

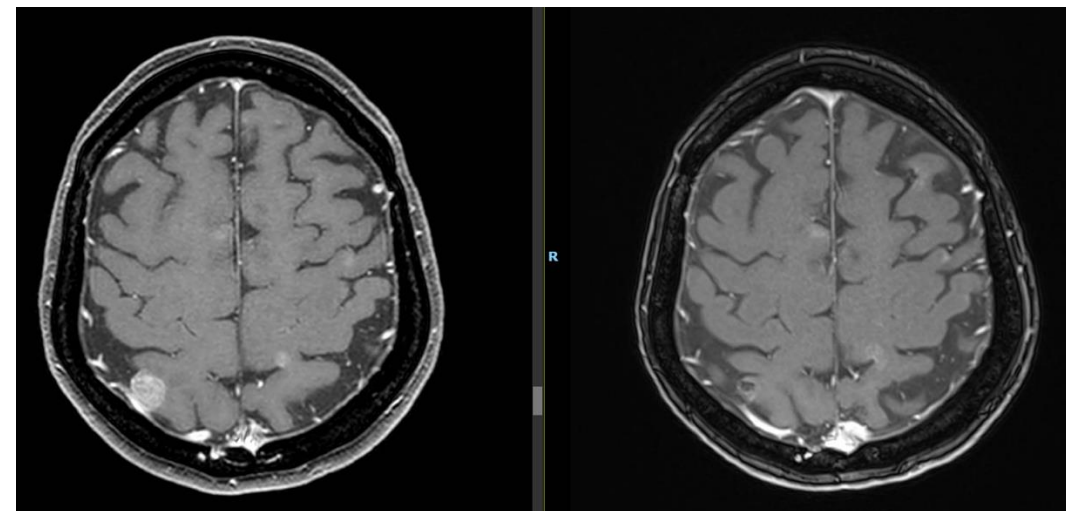
Confirmed Best Overall Response by Central Review, n (%)	120 mg n = 58	240 mg n = 55
ORR	42 (72.4)	43 (78.2)
CR	1 (1.7)	2 (3.6)
PR	41 (70.7)	41 (74.5)
DCR	55 (94.8)	55 (100.0)
SD	13 (22.4)	12 (21.8)
PD	3 (5.2)	0
NE	0	0



Zongertinib

These data show encouraging preliminary intracranial activity with zongertinib

Confirmed BOR (RANO-BM) by BICR	120 mg n = 27	240 mg n = 25
ORR, n (%) 95% CI	9 (33) 19–52	10 (40) 23–59
CR, n (%)	4 (15)	5 (20)
PR, n (%)	5 (19)	5 (20)
DCR, n (%) 95% CI	20 (74) 55–87	23 (92) 75–98
SD, n (%)	11 (41)	13 (52)
PD, n (%)	2 (7)	1 (4)
NE, n (%)	5 (19)	1 (4)



Baseline

Best response after 6 weeks

- 63-year-old female
- Diagnosed in 2022 with Stage IV NSCLC *HER2* Y772_A775dup
- PD after 6 months of carboplatin–pemetrexed–pembrolizumab
- Received second-line treatment with zongertinib 240 mg
- Duration of response in brain (RANO-BM): 6 months (since discontinued treatment due to PD)

Zongertinib

Majority of TRAEs were mild and manageable

Most cases of diarrhea and rash were mild

- Diarrhea: 43% grade 1, 11% grade 2
- Rash: 19% grade 1, 8% grade 2

No fatal TRAEs occurred

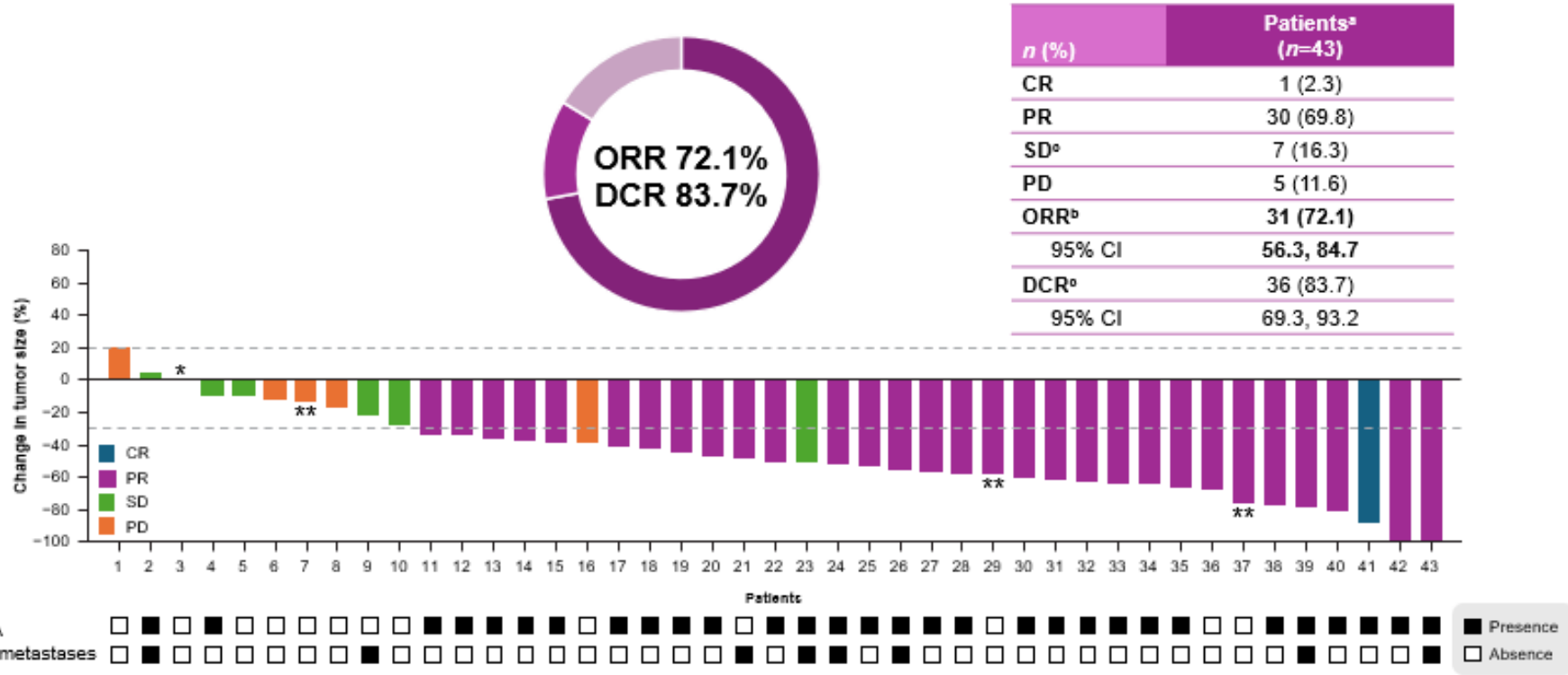
AEs leading to **dose reduction** occurred in 14 (11%) patients

Only 4 patients (3%) had AEs leading to **treatment discontinuation**

TRAEs, n (%)	120 mg n = 75		240 mg n = 57	
	All	Grade ≥3	All	Grade ≥3
Any TRAE*	69 (92)	13 (17)	57 (100)	11 (19)
Diarrhea	36 (48)	1 (1)	37 (65)	1 (2)
Rash [†]	18 (24)	0	17 (30)	0
ALT increased	14 (19)	6 (8)	16 (28)	6 (11)
AST increased	16 (21)	4 (5)	14 (25)	4 (7)
Anemia	8 (11)	0	10 (18)	0
Nausea	10 (13)	0	4 (7)	0
Neutrophil count decreased	7 (9)	1 (1)	7 (12)	3 (5)
Pruritus	6 (8)	0	8 (14)	0
Serious TRAE	3 (4)	3 (4)	7 (12)	5 (9)

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SOHO-01 Cohort D: ORR per investigator by RECIST v1.1



^aAll evaluable patients; ^bPatients with confirmed CR or PR; ^cPatients with confirmed CR or confirmed PR or SD for ≥12 weeks; *0%, SD; ***HER2* point mutations
CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; DCR, disease control rate; NR, no response; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease

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<i>n</i> (%)	All grades (<i>N</i> =44)	Grade ≥3 (<i>N</i> =44)
Any TRAE	42 (95.5)	19 (43.2)
Most common TRAEs occurring in ≥10% of patients		
Diarrhea	38 (86.4)	11 (25.0)
Rash	19 (43.2)	0
Paronychia	11 (25.0)	0
Nausea	11 (25.0)	1 (2.3)
Vomiting	9 (20.5)	2 (4.5)
Dermatitis acneiform	8 (18.2)	0
Stomatitis	8 (18.2)	1 (2.3)
Dry skin	7 (15.9)	0
Increased aspartate aminotransferase	6 (13.6)	1 (2.3)
Decreased appetite	6 (13.6)	2 (4.5)
Increased amylase	5 (11.4)	0
Anemia	5 (11.4)	0
Increased lipase	5 (11.4)	0
Decreased weight	5 (11.4)	0
Pruritis	5 (11.4)	1 (2.3)

- Diarrhea was the most common TRAE, experienced by 38 patients (86.4%); principally grade 1 or 2
- 3 patients (6.8%) had TRAEs leading to treatment discontinuation
 - Included corneal epithelial microcysts (*n*=1), reduced visual acuity (*n*=1), abnormal hepatic function (*n*=1), and dyspnea (*n*=1)
- 14 patients (31.8%) had dose reductions due to TRAEs^a
- 5 patients (11.4%) had serious TRAEs
 - Included diarrhea (*n*=1), duodenitis (*n*=1), vomiting (*n*=1), and abnormal hepatic function (*n*=2)
- There were no grade 4 TRAEs and one grade 5 event (dyspnea); no reports of ILD/pneumonitis

^a≥2 patients: diarrhea (*n*=6), hepatic function abnormal (*n*=2), ALT increase (*n*=2), decreased appetite (*n*=2)
ILD, interstitial lung disease; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event

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