

# Opzioni terapeutiche nel paziente *ALK*-traslocato



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# ALK “history” in NSCLC: from target discovery to approval of targeted therapy in record time



# ALK-targeted therapy: the present

Fusion gene	Frequency	Available in clinical practice
<i>ALK</i>	3-7%	Crizotinib* (FDA, EMA) Ceritinib <sup>1</sup> ≠ (FDA, EMA) Alectinib <sup>1</sup> (FDA)
<i>ROS1</i>	1-2%	Crizotinib (FDA)

\*Available as 2<sup>nd</sup> line in Italy

<sup>1</sup>For patients refractory or intolerant to crizotinib

≠Available on a compassionate use basis in Italy

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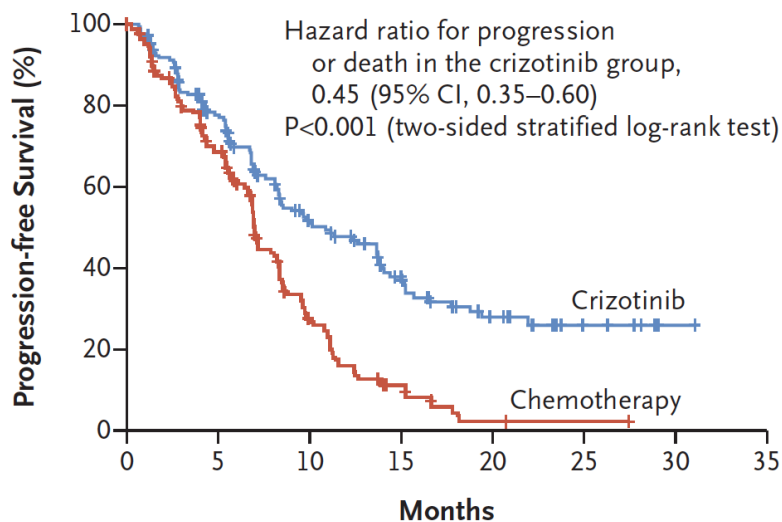
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# Upfront crizotinib: PROFILE 1014

**Table 2.** Response to Treatment in the Intention-to-Treat Population.\*

Response	Crizotinib (N = 172)	Chemotherapy (N = 171)
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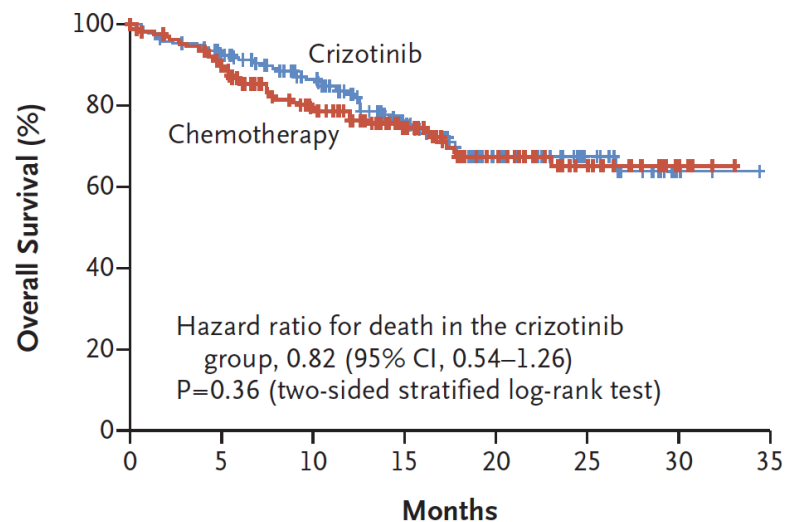
## A Progression-free Survival



### No. at Risk

Crizotinib	172	120	65	38	19	7	1	0
Chemotherapy	171	105	36	12	2	1	0	0

## B Overall Survival



### No. at Risk

Crizotinib	172	152	123	80	44	24	3	0
Chemotherapy	171	146	112	74	47	21	4	0

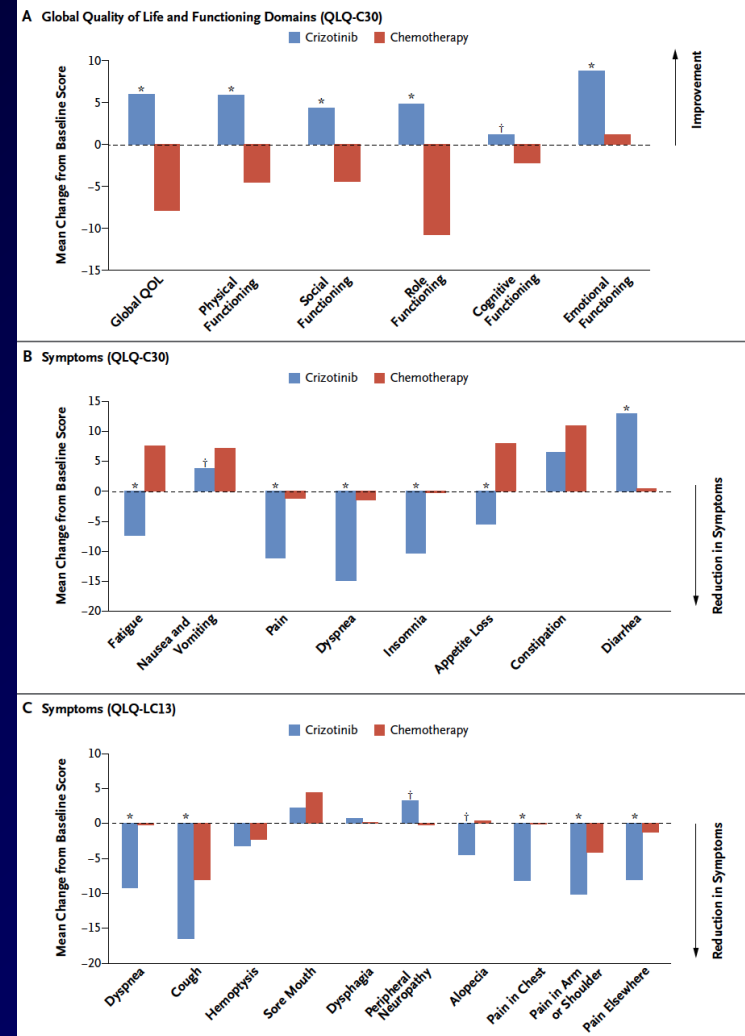
### Duration of response — mo ||

Median	11.3	5.3
95% CI	8.1–13.8	4.1–5.8

# ...issues on OS for PROFILE 1014...

## QoL

- *Long post-progression survival makes it difficult to observe significant differences in OS*
- *Cross-over:*
  - *86% (114/132) of progressors on the chemo arm received crizotinib*
  - *14% (18/132) of progressors on the chemo arm did not receive crizotinib*
- *No OS difference but improvement in quality of life*



# Crizotinib's development program

Study	No. of patients	RR (%)	PFS (mos.)
PROFILE 1001	143	60.8	9.7
PROFILE 1005	261	59.8 <sup>∞</sup>	8.1
PROFILE 1007	173	65*	7.7
PROFILE 1014	172	74*	10.9

<sup>∞</sup>259 pts evaluable for response

\*Independent radiologic review

**More active as upfront therapy!**



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# Most common AEs (>10%) in PROFILE trials

	PROFILE 1001 [23] n = 82		PROFILE 1005 [25] n = 901*		PROFILE 1007 [26] n = 172		PROFILE 1014 [27] n = 171	
	Any grade n (%)	Grade 3 - 4 n (%)	Any grade n (%)	Grade 3 - 4 n (%)	Any grade n (%)	Grade 3 - 4 n (%)	Any grade n (%)	Grade 3 - 4 n (%)
Nausea	43(52)	1 (1)	423 (46.9)	7 (0.8)	94 (55)	2 (1)	95 (56)	2 (1)
Vomiting	35 (43)	1 (1)	352 (39.1)	7 (0.8)	80 (47)	2 (1)	78 (46)	3 (2)
Diarrhea	38 (46)	1 (1)	369 (41.0)	9(1.0)	103 (60)	0	105 (61)	4 (2)
Visual disorders	34 (41)	0	468 (51.9)	1(0.1)	103 (60)	0	122 (71)	1 (1)
Elevated transaminase levels	9 (11)	1 (1)	252 (27.9)	48(5.3)	66 (38)	27 (16)	61 (36)	24 (14)
Edema	13 (16)	0	211 (23.4)	3(0.3)	54 (31)	0	83 (49)	1 (1)
Fatigue	8 (10)	0	163 (18.1)	18 (1.9)	46 (27)	0	48 (29)	5 (3)
Neutropenia	1 (1)	0	84 (9.3)	50 (5.5)	NR	23 (13)	12 (7)	3 (2)

# Summary of liver AEs in PROFILE trials

	PROFILE1001 <sup>1</sup>	PROFILE1005 <sup>2</sup>	PROFILE1007 <sup>3</sup>	PROFILE1014 <sup>4</sup>				
	N=149	N=901	N=172	N=171				
	Any Grade	Gr. 3-4	Any Grade	Gr. 3-4	Any Grade	Gr. 3-4	Any Grade	Gr. 3-4
	N(%)	N(%)	N(%)	N(%)	N(%)	N(%)	N(%)	N(%)
Elevated AST	15(10)	5(3)	84(9.8)	50(5.5)	66(38)	27(16)	61(36)	24(14)
Elevated ALT	18(12)	6(4)	146(16.2)	36(3.9)				
					N(%)			
Dose reduction	6(0.4)		NR		NR		NR	
Permanent discontinuation	1(<0.1)		5(<1)		4(2.3)		NR	

# Liver AEs: management

**Starting dose: crizotinib 250 mg BID**

Grade CTCAE	Treatment with crizotinib
Grade 3 or 4 ALT and/or AST elevation with bilirubin levels $\leq$ grade 1	Withhold until grade $\leq$ 1, then resume at 250 mg/die and escalate to 200 mg BID if tolerated <sup><math>\infty</math></sup>
Grade 2, 3 or 4 ALT and/or AST elevation with bilirubin levels $>$ grade 1	Permanent discontinuation

<sup>$\infty$</sup> Permanent discontinuation in case reoccurrence of grade  $\geq$  3 liver AEs

**Liver function tests should be monitored weekly during the first 2 months and monthly thereafter (or more frequently in case of toxicity grade  $>$  1)**

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# No cure with crizotinib



Baseline

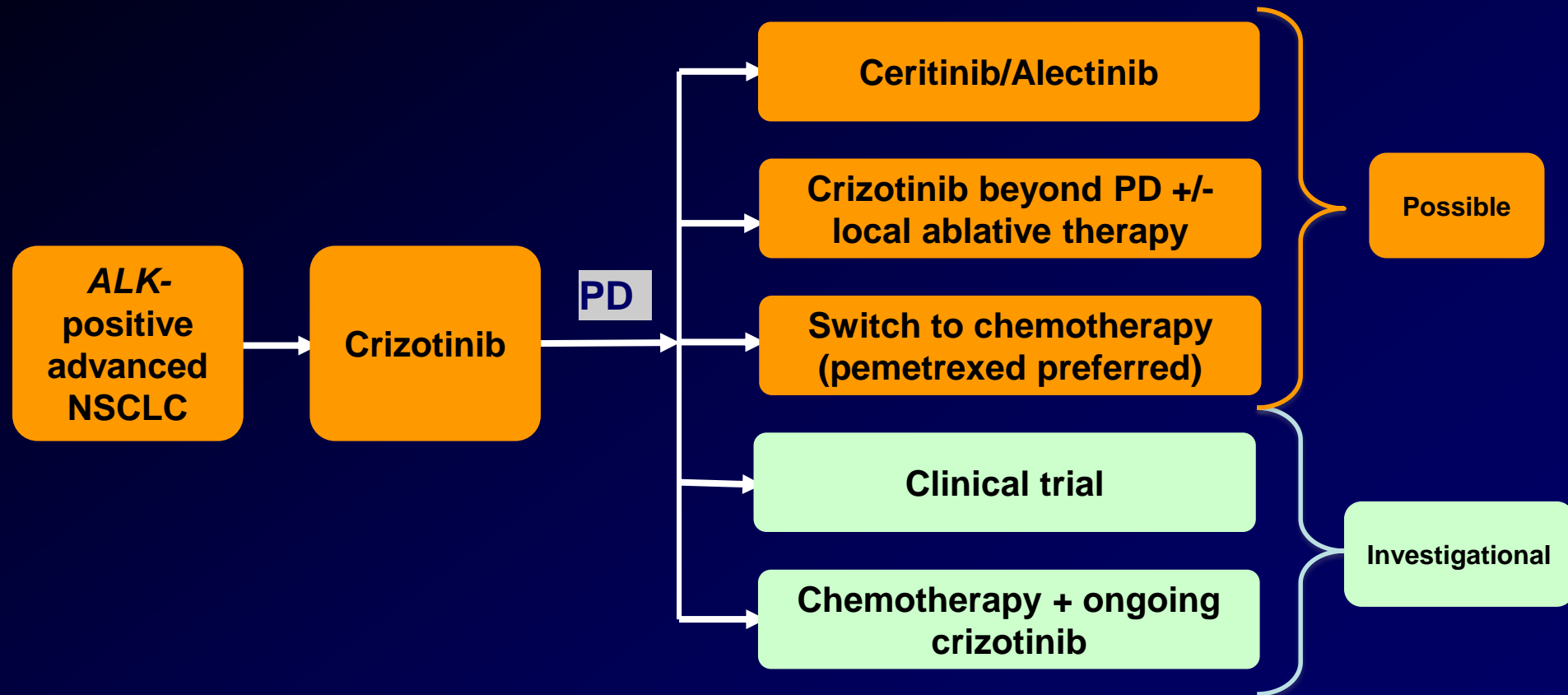


Tumor regression



Progression  
(median 9 months)

# PD on crizotinib: what's next?



# Ceritinib development program

- Ceritinib is being evaluated in patients with ALK+ NSCLC in the ASCEND clinical trial program – ASCEND 1 to 5 → enrollment of over 900 patients with ALK+ NSCLC

Study	Phase	Design
(2101, N=304 pts ) <del>ASCEND-1</del>	1	Dose-finding study with ceritinib in patients with tumors with genetic abnormalities in ALK
(2201, N=140) <del>ASCEND-2</del>	2	Ceritinib in adult patients with ALK-activated NSCLC previously treated with chemotherapy and crizotinib
(2203, N=124) <del>ASCEND-3</del>	2	Ceritinib in adult patients with ALK-activated NSCLC previously treated with chemotherapy and crizotinib naive
(2301 <sup>a</sup> N=348) <del>ASCEND-4</del>	3	Ceritinib vs chemotherapy in previously untreated patients with ALK-rearranged NSCLC
(2303, N=236) <del>ASCEND-5</del>	3	Ceritinib vs standard chemotherapy in adult patients with ALK-rearranged advanced NSCLC who have been treated previously with chemotherapy (platinum doublet) and crizotinib

← Include ALKi-naïve patients

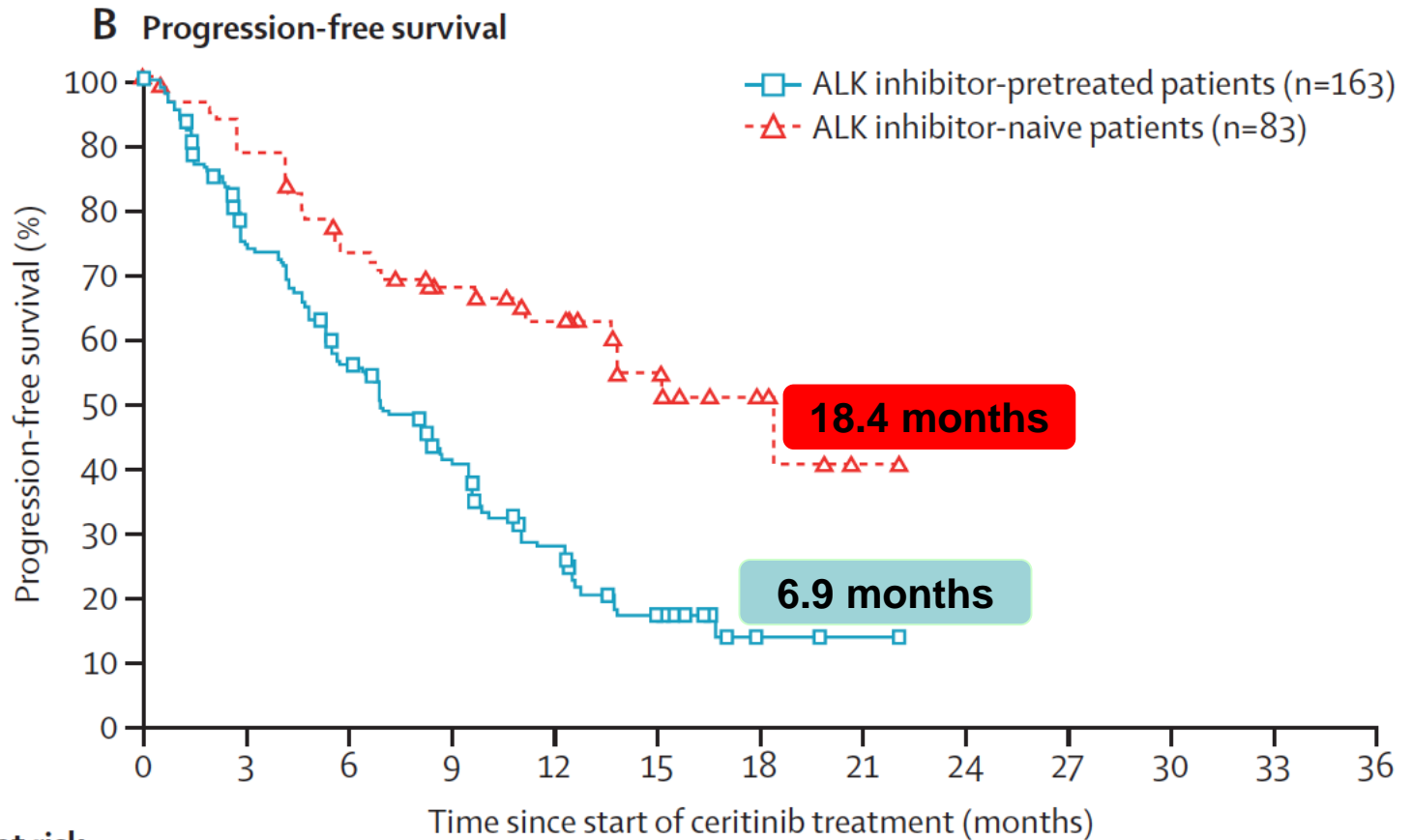
Additional clinical experience outside of trials with CUP (>600pts)



# Ascend-1: anti-tumor activity of ceritinib

Efficacy Parameter	ALK inhibitor-pretreated N = 163	ALK inhibitor-naïve N = 83
Complete response, n (%)	3 (2)	1 (1)
Partial response, n (%)	89 (55)	59 (71)
Stable disease, n (%)	29 (18)	14 (17)
Progressive disease, n (%)	16 (10)	0
Unknown, n (%)	26 (16)	9 (11)
12-month duration of response	26% (16-36)	64% (49-76)
12-month PFS	27% (20-35)	62% (50-72)
12-month OS	67% (59-74)	83% (72-90)

# Ascend-1: PFS on ceritinib



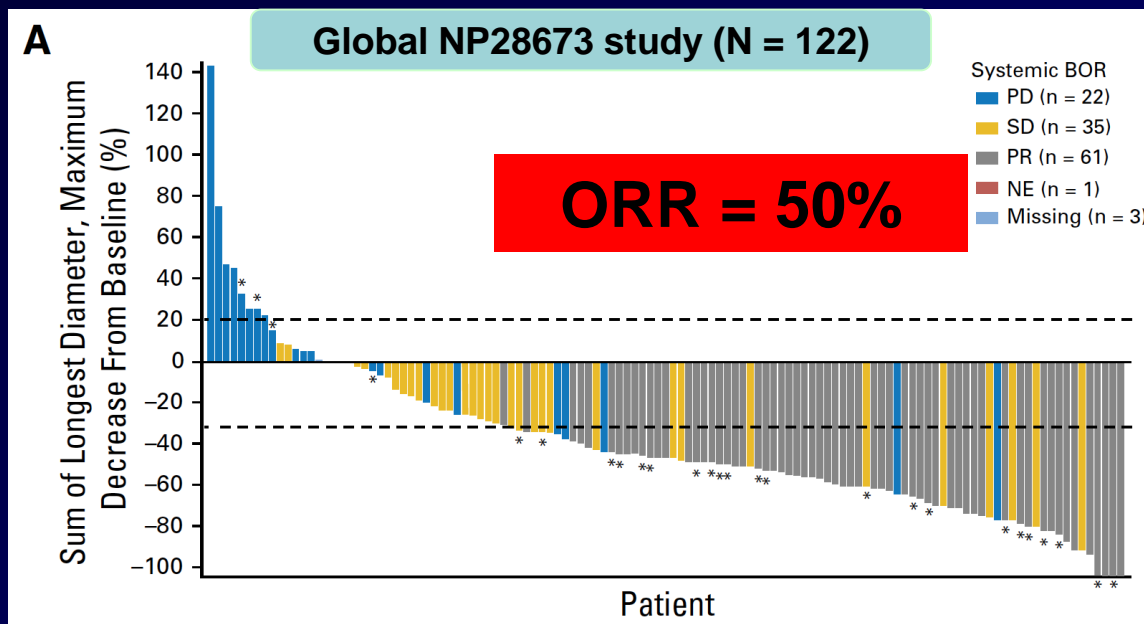
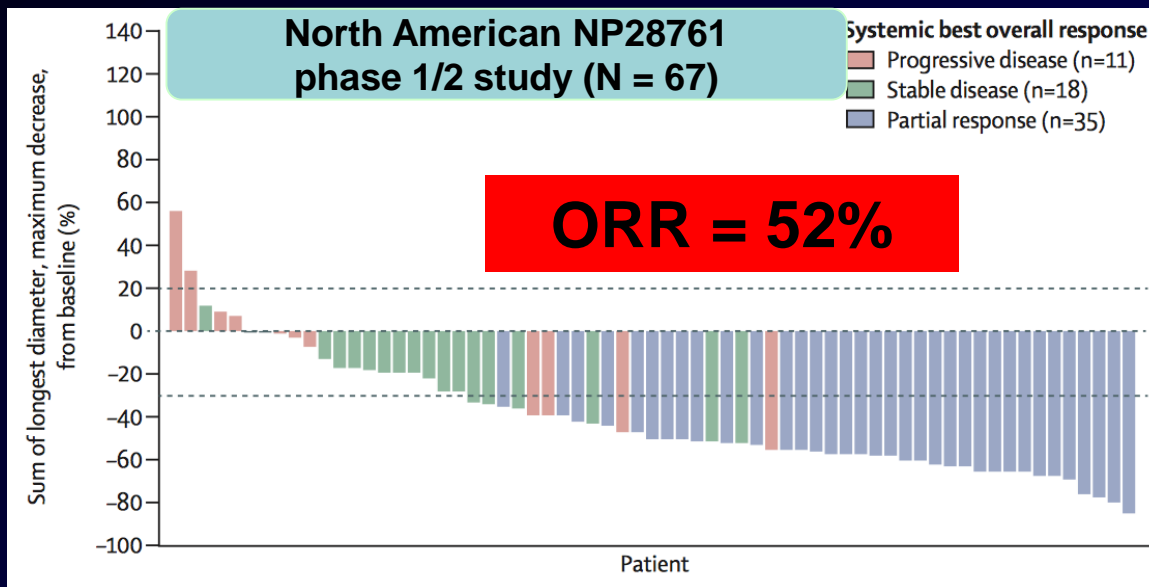
	Number at risk												
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
ALK inhibitor-pretreated	163	108	79	52	29	13	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
ALK inhibitor-naive	83	69	55	43	32	17	6	2	0	0	0	0	0

## Ascend-2: AEs regardless of relationship to study drug (> 20% for all grades) (N = 140)

Preferred Term	All Grades, n (%)	Grade 3/4, n (%)
Nausea	114 (81.4)	9 (6.4)
Diarrhea	112 (80.0)	9 (6.4)
Vomiting	88 (62.9)	6 (4.3)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	61 (43.6)	24 (17.1)
Decreased appetite	57 (40.7)	5 (3.6)
Fatigue	51 (36.4)	9 (6.4)
Weight decreased	48 (34.3)	6 (4.3)
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	45 (32.1)	7 (5.0)
Abdominal pain	44 (31.4)	2 (1.4)
Constipation	40 (28.6)	3 (2.1)
Cough	30 (21.4)	0
Pyrexia	29 (20.7)	4 (2.9)
Dyspnea	29 (20.7)	8 (5.7)

Adverse events leading to permanent discontinuation in 7.9% of patients (N = 11)

# Alectinib: in crizotinib-pretreated patients



# PROs ceritinib vs PROs alectinib following crizotinib

## PRO ceritinib

- *20 fold more potent than crizotinib against native ALK*
- *Inhibition of IGFR-1 (a possible resistance mechanism)*
- *Active against most of resistance mutations*

## PRO alectinib

- *Indirect comparison with ceritinib suggests less toxicity*
- *Alectinib is not a substrate of gp-150, a key efflux protein present at high concentrations in the BBB*
- *Active against most of resistance mutations*

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# Crizotinib and BMs from *ALK+* NSCLC

	Untreated brain metastases (n = 109)			Treated brain metastases (n = 166)		
	# pts	outcome	95% CI	# pts	outcome	95% CI
IC ORR, % (target lesions)	22	18%	5-40	18	33%	13-59
IC DCR at 12 weeks	109	56%	46-66	166	62%	54-70

Intra-cranial failure accounts for apprx. 70% of PDs in patients with brain metastases at baseline and 20% of PDs in patients without brain metastases at baseline

# Activity of next-generation ALK-TKIs against CNS mets

Agents (author year)	Brain RR (measurable CNS disease)		Brain RR (measurable and/or non-measurable CNS disease)	
	N	%	N	%
Alectinib (Ou 2016)	20/35	57 %	36/84	42.9%
Alectinib (Shaw 2016)	12/16	75 %	21/52	40%
Ceritinib (Mok 2015)	13/33 <sup>∞</sup>	39.4 %	NR	NR
Ceritinib (Felip 2015)	10/17 <sup>∞</sup> *	58.8 %	NR	NR
Lorlatinib (Shaw 2015)	5/14 **	33 %	NR	NR
Brigatinib (Camidge 2015)	8/15 **	53 %	19/48	39.5%

<sup>∞</sup>as BIRC assessed

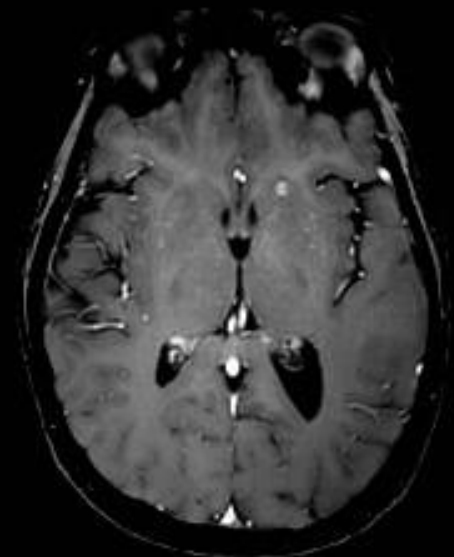
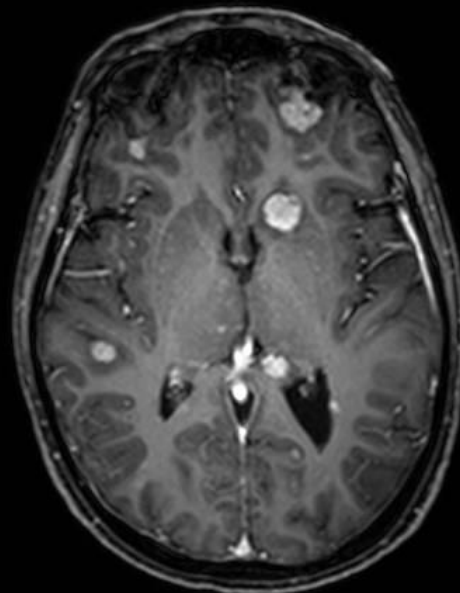
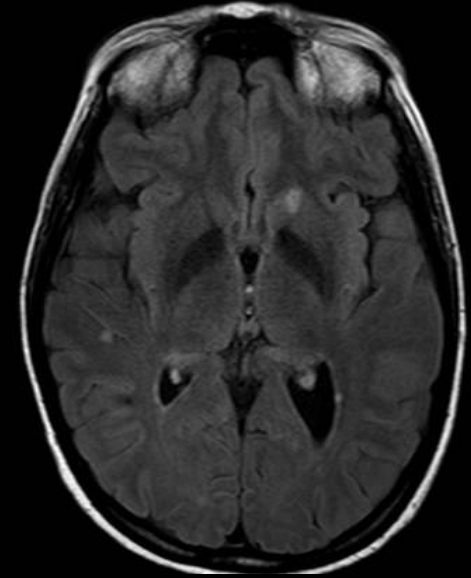
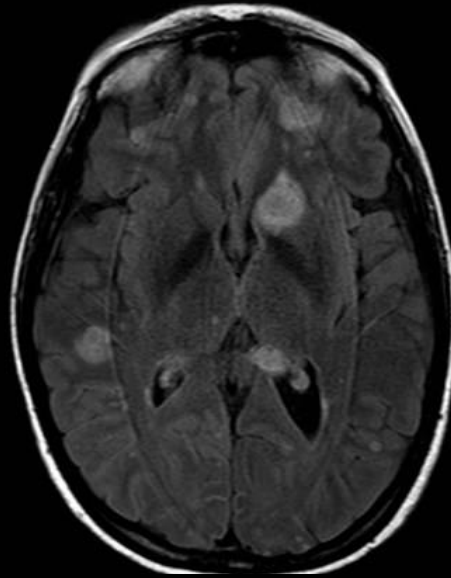
\*ALK-TKI-naïve

\*\*Phase I/II studies; include ALK-TKI-naïve pts; lorlatinib trial include also pts treated with ≥ 1 ALK-TKI



**pre-alectinib**

**4 wks on alectinib**

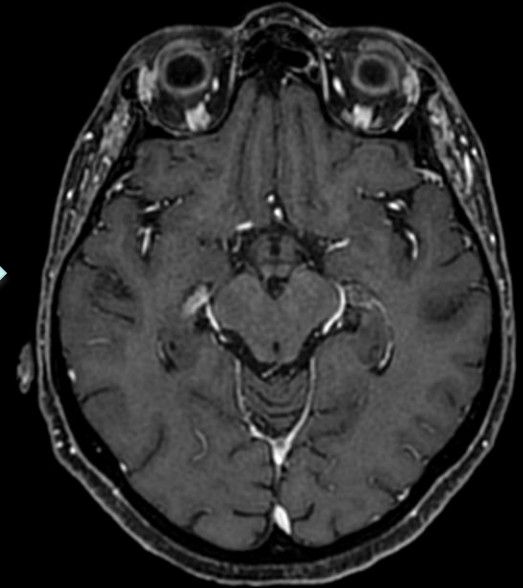
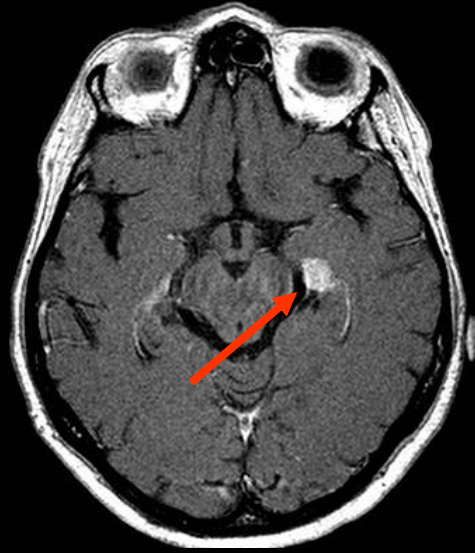


44-year old woman never smoker, stage IV *ALK+* adenoca., pre-treated with platinum-pemetrexed and then nivolumab; then brain PD treated with WBRT and crizotinib thereafter with SD.

At further isolated CNS progression starts Alectinib 600 mg b.i.d.

pre-alectinib

3 wks on alectinib



46-year old woman  
never smoker, stage  
IV *ALK*+ adenoca., 1<sup>st</sup>  
line crizotinib with SD

At isolated CNS PD  
(including LC) starts  
Alectinib 600 mg b.i.d.

# Low CSF penetration rate of both crizotinib and alectinib

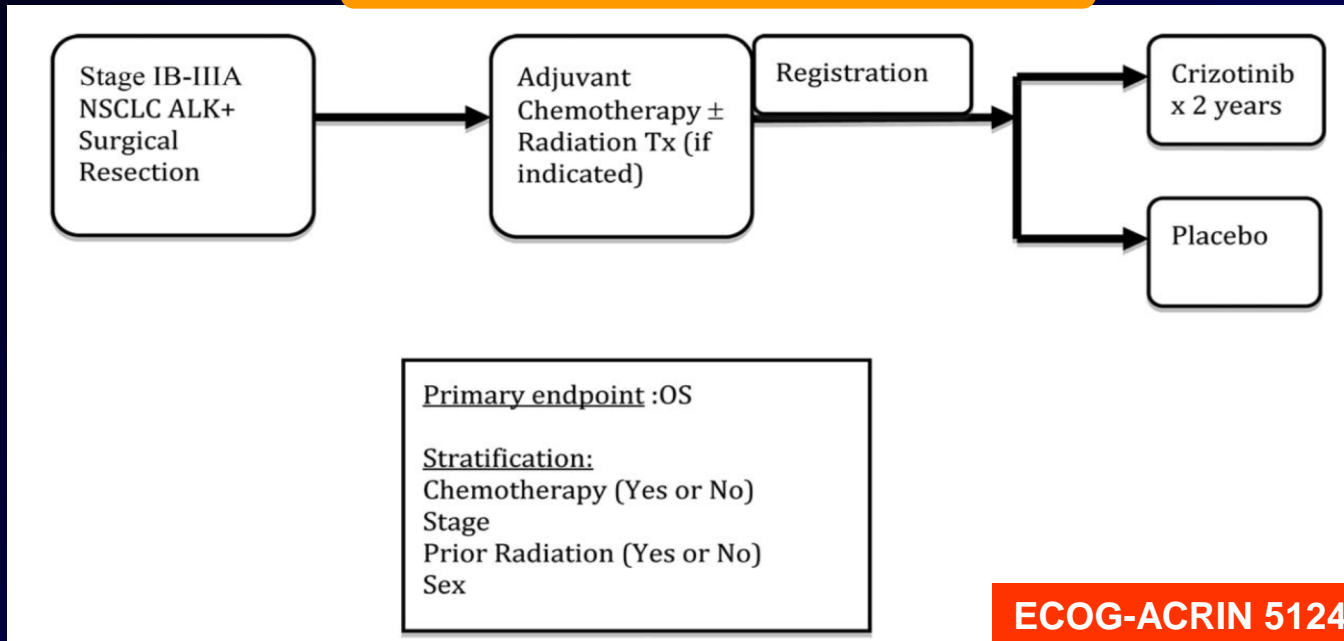
Author	Drug	No. of pts	mean CSF/serum concentration, ng/mL	CSF penetration rate
Costa 2011	Crizotinib	1	0.6/237	0.25%
Metro 2015	Crizotinib	2	0.57/693	0.08%
Gadgeel 2014	Alectinib	5	1.29/NR	NR
Metro (unpl.)	Alectinib	2	1.4/700	0.20%

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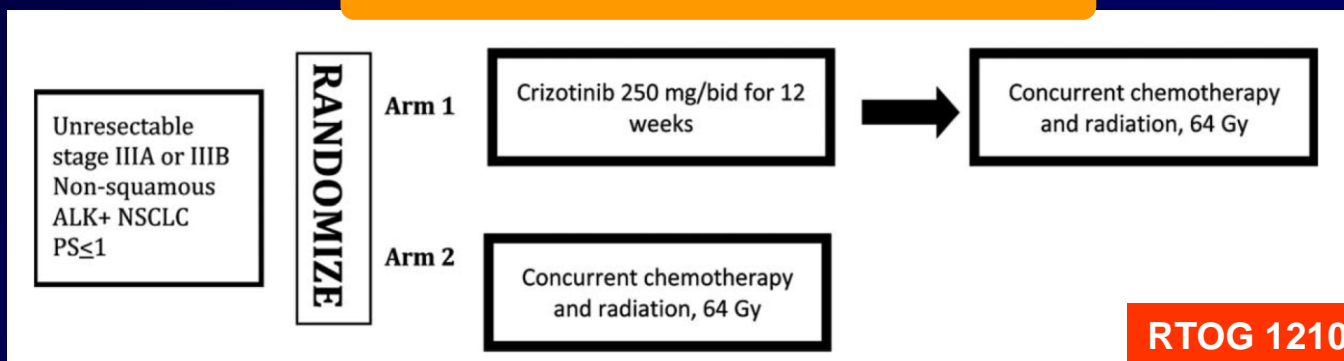
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# Ongoing crizotinib studies

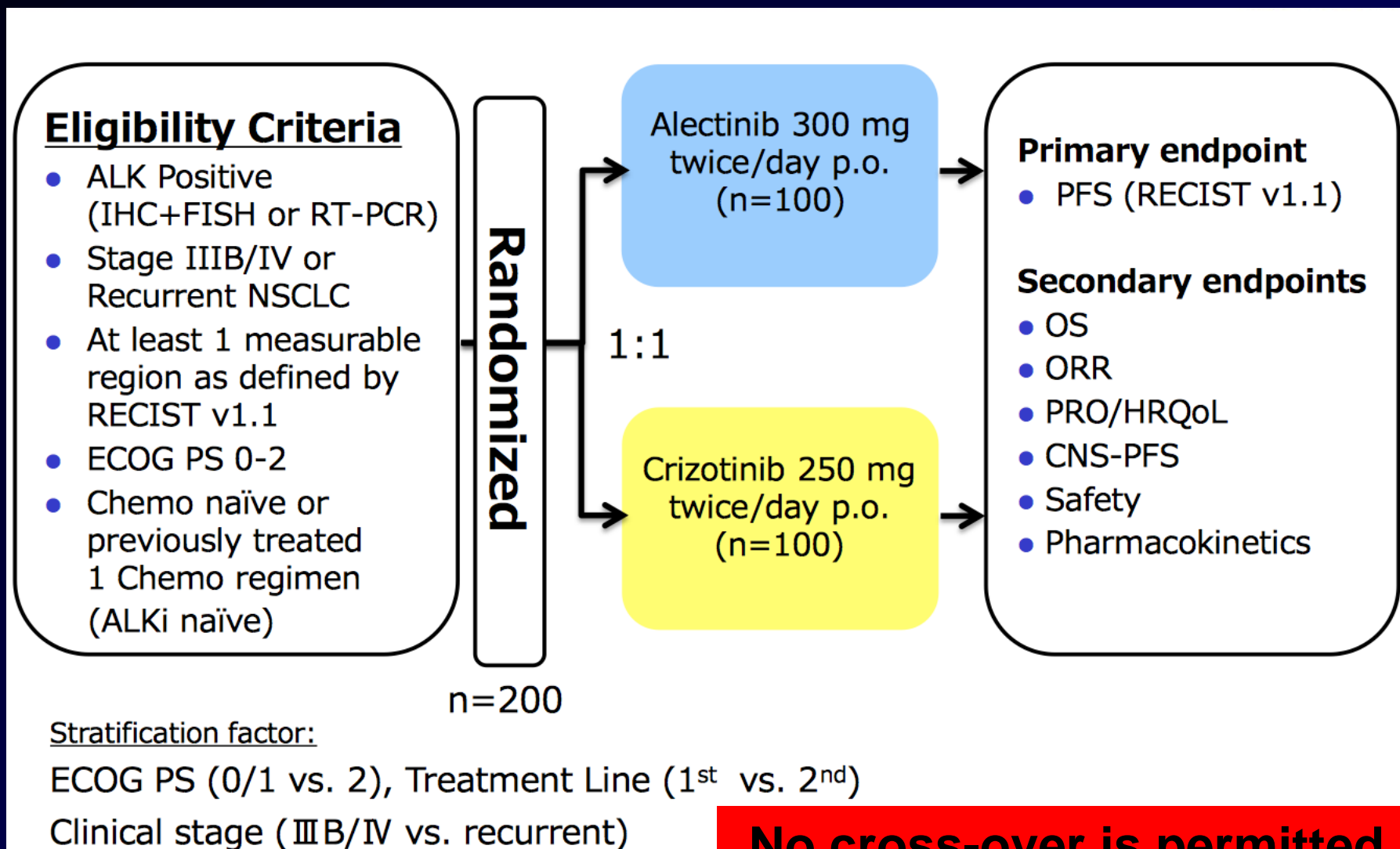
## Adjuvant after surgery



## In combination with RT

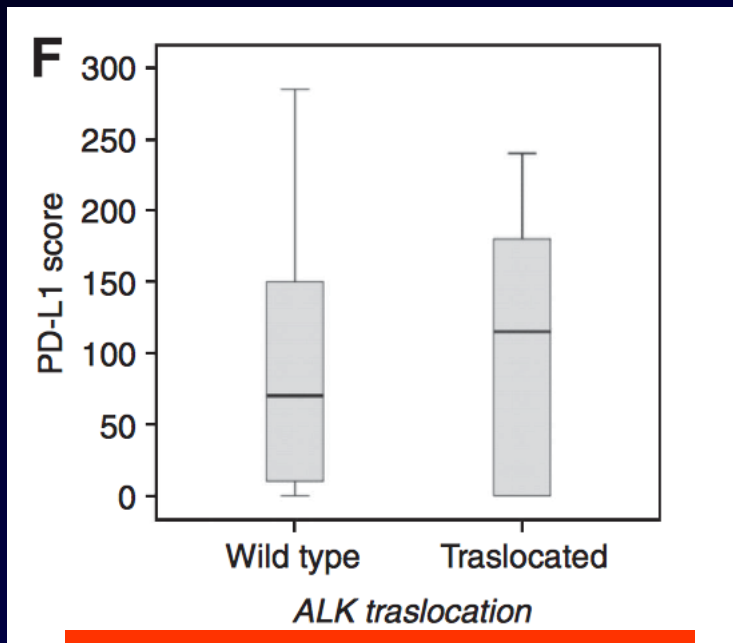


# Randomized phase III trial of ALECTINIB vs. CRIZOTINIB (ALEX trial)

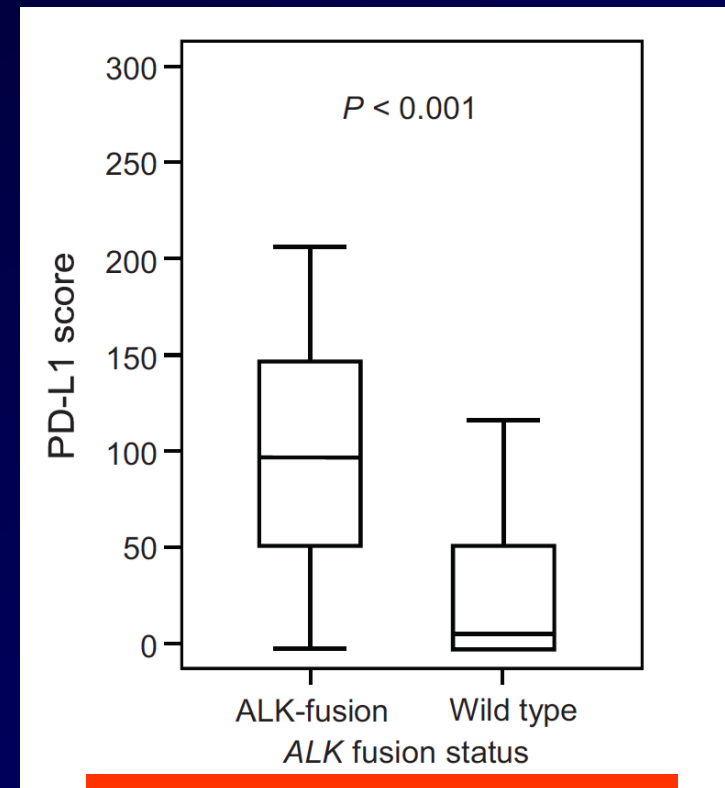


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# ALK-positive NSCLC is significantly associated with PD-L1 expression



Cappuzzo et al. Br J Cancer 2015



Ota et al. Clin Cancer Res 2015

# ALK-TKI + immunotherapy: Javelin Lung 102

Patient enrollment is planned to begin in the third quarter of 2016

Target population:  
▪ 1<sup>st</sup> line ALK-positive NSCLC

1:1:1  
N = 551 pts

Primary endpoint: PFS  
(BIRC assessed)

Stratification factor:  
• ECOG PS  
• Smoking status

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Crizotinib

n = 187 pts

Lorlatinib

n = 187 pts

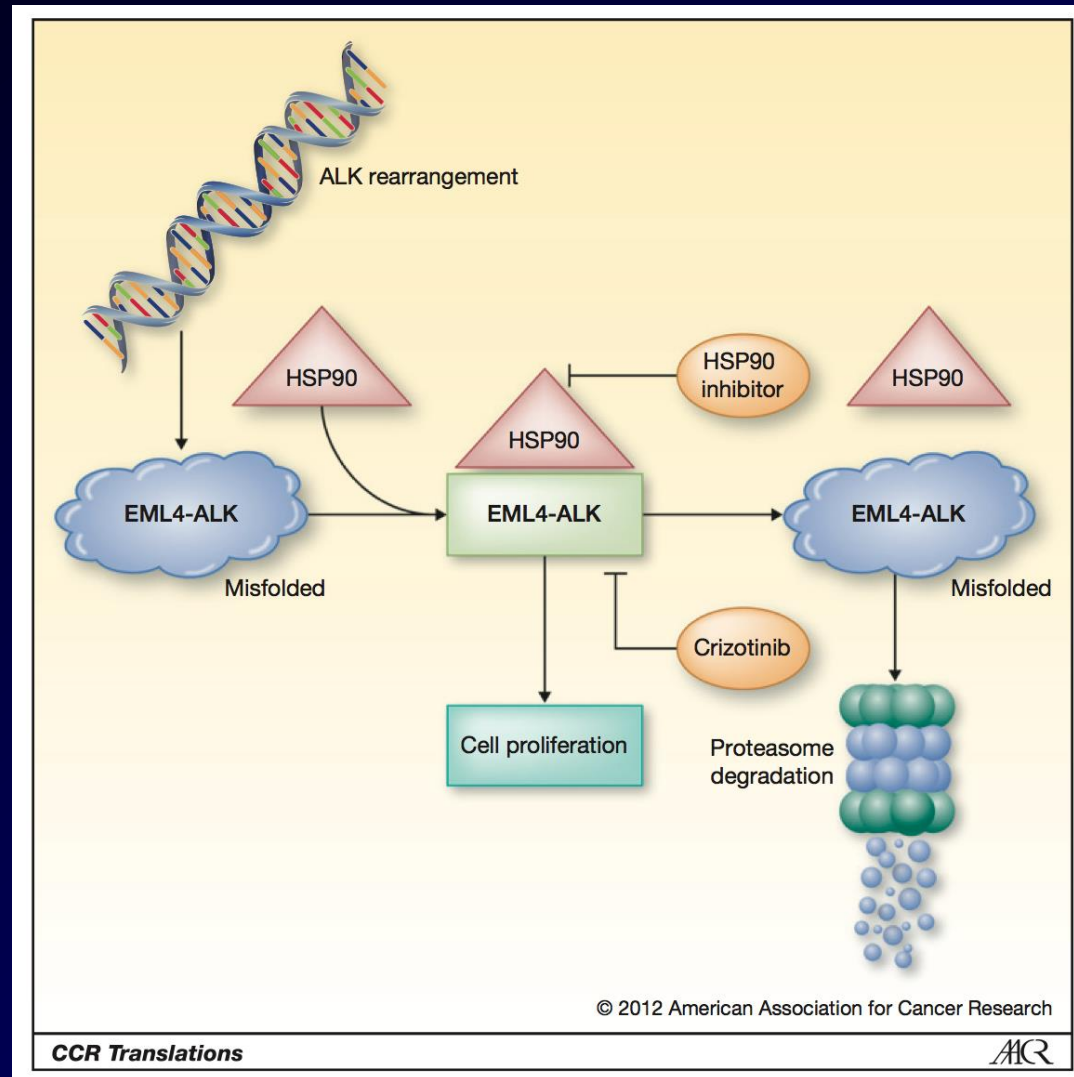
Lorlatinib + Avelumab

n = 187 pts

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# Rationale for dual ALK/Hsp90 inhibition in ALK+ advanced NSCLC



# Trials of Hsp90-i with or without an ALK-TKI in either ALK-naïve or -resistant *ALK+* advanced NSCLC

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier	Regimen	Prior ALK-TKI	Phase	Target accrual
NCT01562015	Ganetespib	No	II	100
NCT01752400	AUY922	Yes (any)	II	20
NCT01712217	Crizotinib + AT13387	No	I	228
	Crizotinib ± AT13387	No	II	
	AT13387 ± Crizotinib	Yes (Crizotinib)	II	
NCT01579994	Crizotinib + Ganetespib	No	I/II	55
NCT01772797	Ceritinib + AUY922	Yes (any)	Ib	142

**ALK-positive  
NSCLC**

**crizotinib**

**Oligo-PD  
and/or CNS  
only**

**Yes**

**No**

**Ongoing crizotinib ±  
local ablative therapy**

**PD**

**Ceritinib**

**Clinical trial**

**Chemotherapy  
(pemetrexed  
preferred)**

**ALK-positive disease:  
an algorithm**

Thanks for your attention



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