

Management of First-Line *ALK*-Rearranged NSCLC

Question to experts...

What is the incidence of *ALK* mutated *NSCLC* in your clinical practice?

What is the preferred testing platform at your center for *ALK NSCLC*?

Do the *ALK* variant translocations have an impact on outcomes or treatment selection?

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Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

PRINCIPLES OF MOLECULAR AND BIOMARKER ANALYSIS

- Molecular Targets for Analysis (continued)

- ▶ **ALK** (anaplastic lymphoma kinase) Gene Rearrangements: ALK is a receptor tyrosine kinase that can be rearranged in NSCLC, resulting in dysregulation and inappropriate signaling through the ALK kinase domain.
 - ◊ The most common fusion partner seen with ALK is echinoderm microtubule-associated protein-like 4 (EML4), although a variety of other fusion partners have been identified.
 - ◊ The presence of an ALK rearrangement is associated with responsiveness to oral ALK TKIs.
 - ◊ Some clinicopathologic features—such as smoking status and histology—have been associated with the presence of an ALK rearrangement; however, these features should not be utilized in selecting patients for testing.
 - ◊ Testing Methodologies: FISH break-apart probe methodology was the first methodology deployed widely. IHC can be deployed as an effective screening strategy. FDA-approved IHC can be utilized as a stand-alone test, not requiring confirmation by FISH. Numerous NGS methodologies can detect ALK fusions. Targeted real-time PCR assays are used in some settings, although it is unlikely to detect fusions with novel partners.
- ▶ **ROS1** (ROS proto-oncogene 1) Gene Rearrangements: ROS1 is a receptor tyrosine kinase that can be rearranged in NSCLC, resulting in dysregulation and inappropriate signaling through the ROS1 kinase domain.
 - ◊ Numerous fusion partners are seen with ROS1, and common fusion partners include: CD74, SLC34A2, CCDC6, and GOPC (FIG).
 - ◊ The presence of a ROS1 rearrangement is associated with responsiveness to oral ROS1 TKIs.
 - ◊ Some clinicopathologic features—such as smoking status and histology—have been associated with the presence of a ROS1 rearrangement; however, these features should not be utilized in selecting patients for testing.
 - ◊ Testing Methodologies: FISH break-apart probe methodology can be deployed; however, it may under-detect the FIG-ROS1 variant. IHC approaches can be deployed; however, IHC for ROS1 fusions has low specificity, and follow-up confirmatory testing is a necessary component of utilizing ROS1 IHC as a screening modality. Numerous NGS methodologies can detect ROS1 fusions, although DNA-based NGS may under-detect ROS1 fusions. Targeted real-time PCR assays are utilized in some settings, although they are unlikely to detect fusions with novel partners.

Discussion Question

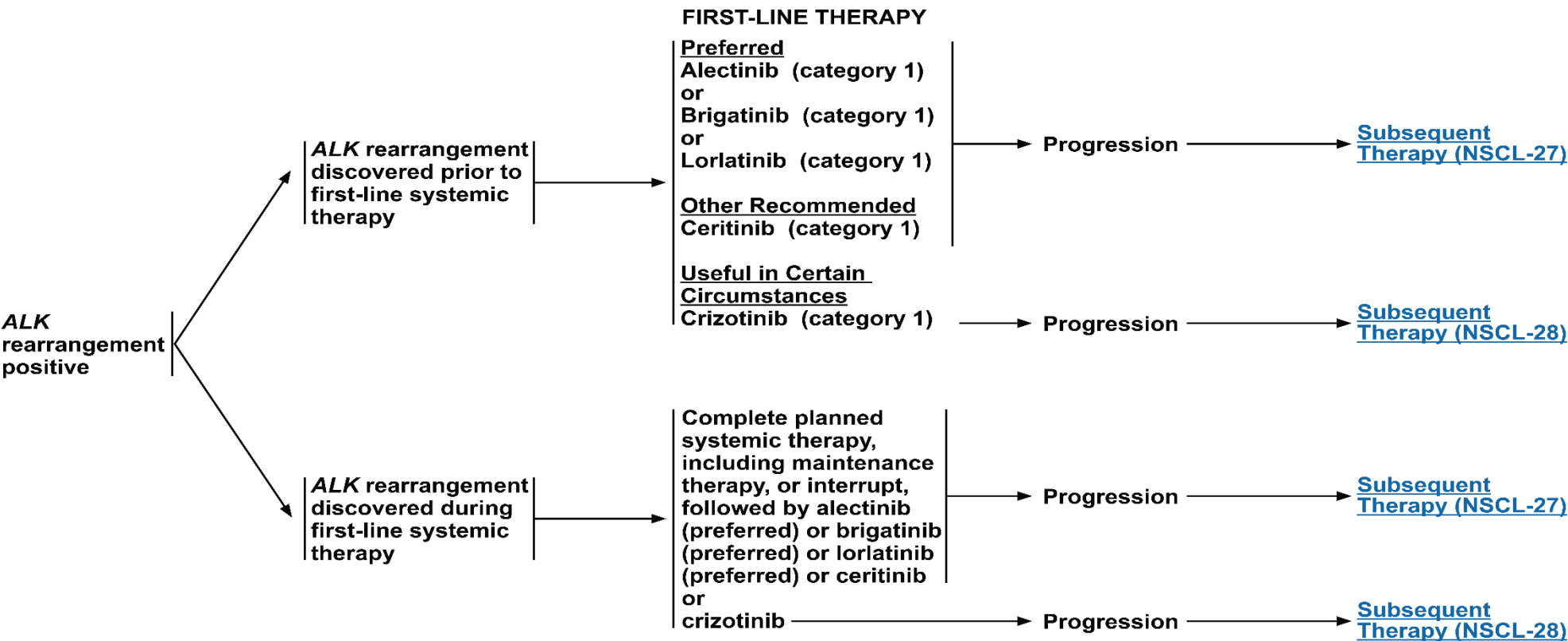
What are your impressions of the data from the CROWN trial?

How likely is it to impact your choice in the 1L setting in patients with and without brain metastasis?

Guideline Recommendation of Lorlatinib As First-Line Treatment

NCCN guidelines for first-line treatment of NSCLC

ALK REARRANGEMENT POSITIVE



Discussion Question

What are your impressions of the CROWN AE data?

How is your experience of lorlatinib AE and how do you currently manage these AEs in practice?

In your experience, do you think AEs of lorlatinib will impact QoL in long term

Given that lorlatinib CNS AEs are reversible, are these a significant concern for 1L ALK+ NSCLC patients?

In 1L ALK+ NSCLC patients, how significant are the lipid profile related AEs?



AE: Adverse event; ALK: *Anaplastic lymphoma* kinase; CNS: Central nervous system; NSCLC: Non-small cell lung cancer; QoL: Quality of life

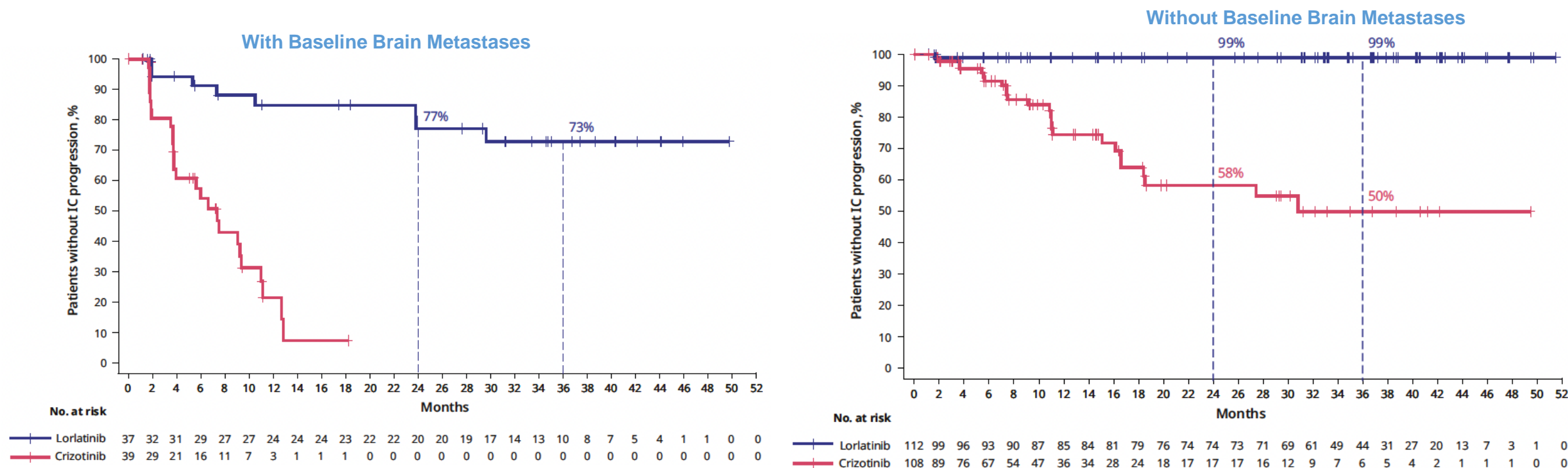
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Long term Intracranial Safety and Efficacy analyses from the phase III CROWN study- Bearz et al.

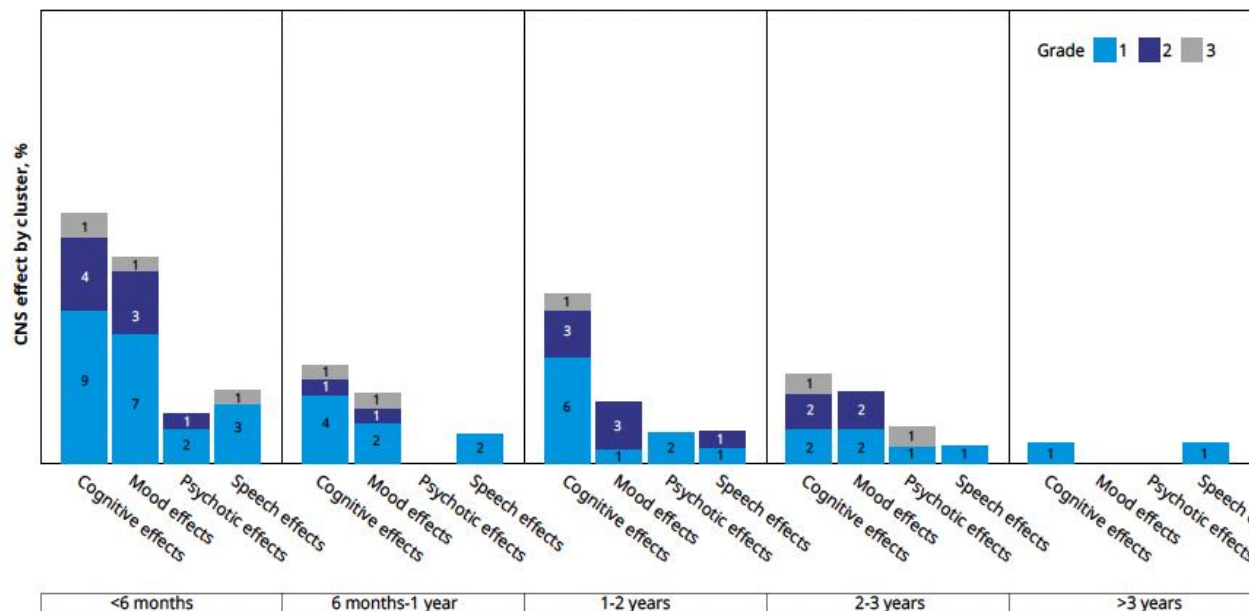
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Intracranial Efficacy and Safety Data

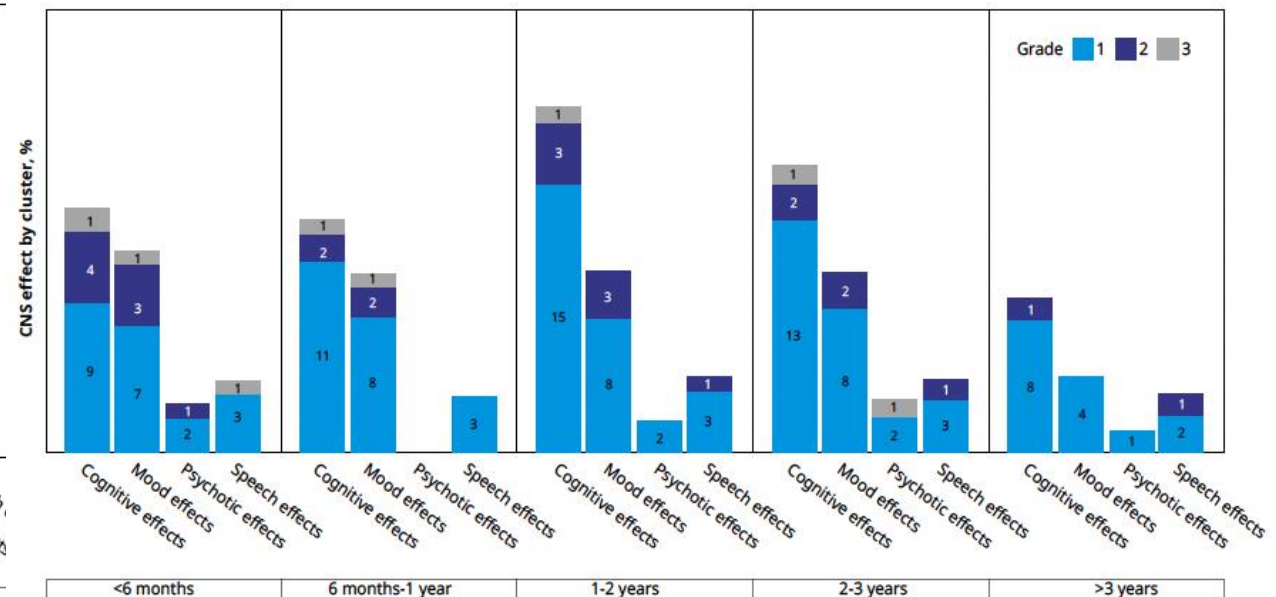
- Evaluation of long-term intracranial safety and efficacy of lorlatinib from the 3-year follow-up (data cutoff: September 20, 2021)
- Efficacy data already presented at AACR 2022



Incidence of treatment-emergent CNS AEs by time and grade



Prevalence of treatment-emergent CNS AEs by time and grade



- No Grade 4 CNS AEs
- Incidence of CNS AEs progressively reduces with time
- Predominantly Grade 1 AEs

Intracranial Safety Data

Outcomes of treatment-emergent CNS AEs following dose management

- Majority of the patients (59%) were managed without intervention
- CNS AEs led to only two patients permanently discontinuing treatment
- Long – term analysis confirmed that CNS AEs remained manageable over time and lorlatinib dose reduction did not impact intracranial efficacy.

Intervention	Outcome, n (%) n=103				
	Resolved	Partially resolved	Not resolved	Not applicable	Total
No intervention	32 (31)	1 (1)	28 (27)	0	61 (59)
Concomitant medication only	8 (8)	0	6 (6)	0	14 (14)
Dose reduction only	3 (3)	0	1 (1)	0	4 (4)
Dose interruption only	12 (12)	2 (2)	1 (1)	0	15 (15)
Dose reduction + dose interruption	2 (2)	0	0	0	2 (2)
Dose reduction + concomitant medication	0	0	0	0	0
Dose interruption + concomitant medication	1 (1)	0	3 (3)	0	4 (4)
Dose reduction + dose interruption + concomitant medication	0	1 (1)	0	0	1 (1)
Permanent treatment discontinuation	0	0	0	2 (2)	2 (2)
Total	58 (56)	4 (4)	39 (38)	2 (2)	103 (100)

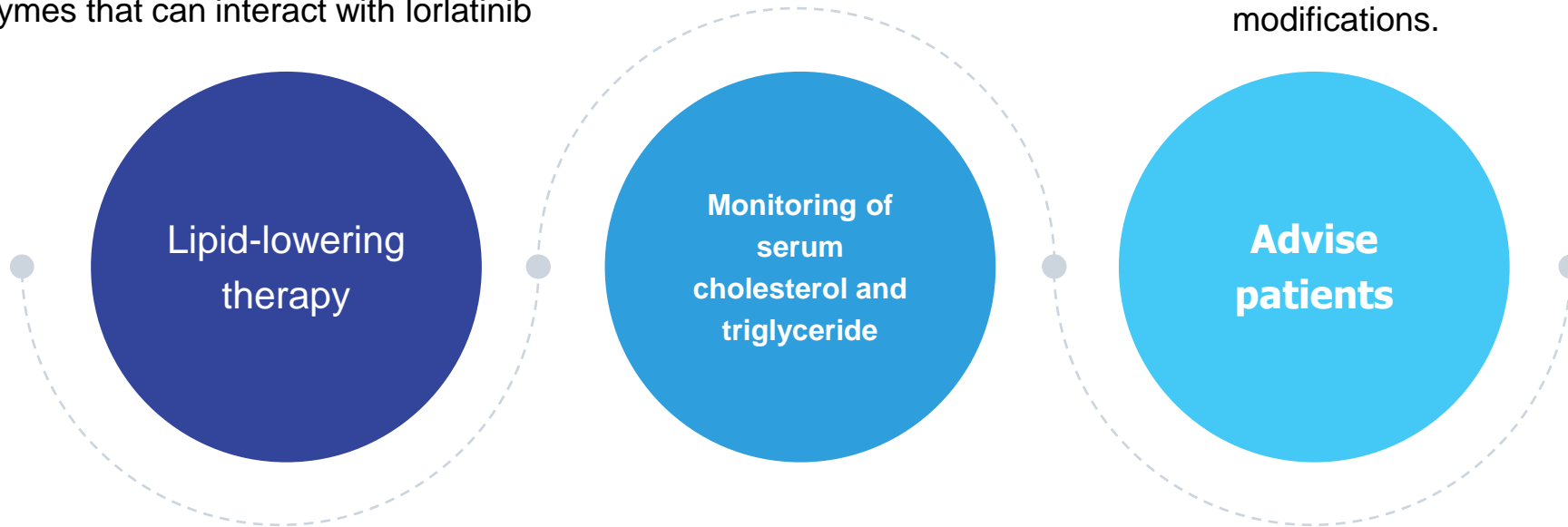
Lorlatinib: Clinical Management of Common AEs And Dose Adjustment Guidelines

Therapy Management for Hyperlipidemia

Introduce or increase lipid-lowering therapy^a

Pitavastatin, pravastatin or rosuvastatin should initially be considered based on their low involvement with specific CYP450 enzymes that can interact with lorlatinib

Advise patients that hyperlipidemia is managed and resolvable through lipid-lowering therapy and/or dose modifications.



Make patients aware that regular monitoring of serum cholesterol and triglyceride levels is needed

For hyperlipidemia, serum cholesterol and triglyceride testing should be performed at baseline, 1 and 2 months after initiating treatment, and periodically thereafter.

^aAdministration of statins, fibrates or fish oils may be guided by information on differential metabolism by the CYP450 pathway.

Dose Modification Guidelines: Lorlatinib-related Hyperlipidemias

Dose modification guidelines for lorlatinib-related hyperlipidemias by severity

Severity	Guidance
Mild: Cholesterol ULN–300 mg/dL OR Triglycerides 150–300 mg/dL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Introduce or modify lipid-lowering therapy▪ Continue at the same lorlatinib dose
Moderate: Cholesterol >300–400 mg/dL OR Triglycerides >300–500 mg/dL	
Severe: Cholesterol >400–500 mg/dL OR Triglycerides >500–1,000 mg/dL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Introduce lipid-lowering agent or increase dosage of ongoing lipid-lowering therapy, or change to a new lipid-lowering therapy▪ Continue at the same lorlatinib dose without interruption
Life threatening: Cholesterol >500 mg/dL OR Triglycerides >1000 mg/dL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Introduce lipid-lowering agent or increase dosage of ongoing lipid-lowering therapy, or change to a new lipid-lowering therapy▪ Withhold lorlatinib dose until hyperlipidemia is moderate or mild before rechallenging at same dose while maximizing lipid-lowering therapy▪ If severe hyperlipidemia recurs despite maximal lipid-lowering therapy, reduce lorlatinib dose by one dose level (by 25 mg)

Lorlatinib-related CNS Effects

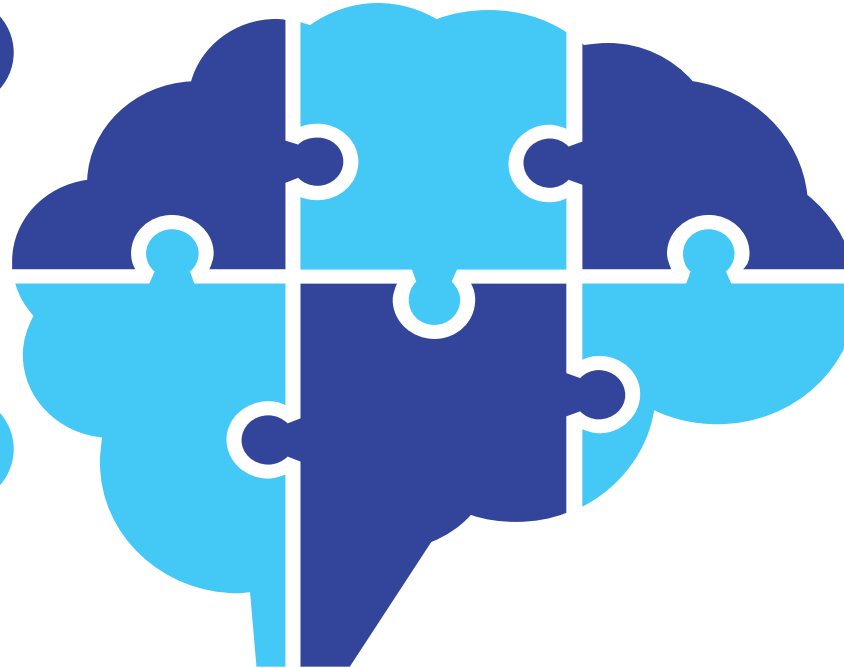
CNS effects: Changes in cognitive function, mood and speech.

Generally mild in severity, intermittent, and improved or resolved upon dose modifications.

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These ADRs were reported at a frequency of 39.7% (n=117), with 11.9% of patients experiencing >1 type of CNS effect.

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Baseline CNS metastases were present in 71.8% (84 of 117) of patients with CNS effects.

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A total of 24 patients required ≥ 1 dose modification as a result of CNS effects:

- 15 of these patients experienced resolution in their CNS effects.
- The median time to resolution of CNS effects was 12.5 days (range, 2–112).
- Recurrence of CNS effects upon rechallenge at the same and reduced dose occurred in 6 and 7 of patients, respectively.

Dose Modification Guidelines: Lorlatinib-Related CNS Effects

Dose modification guidelines for lorlatinib-related central nervous system effects by CTCAE grade^a

CTCAE grade	Guidance
Grade 1: Mild	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue at the same dose or withhold dose until recovery to baseline• Rechallenge at the same dose or reduce dose by one dose level (by 25 mg)
Grade 2: Moderate OR Grade 3: Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Withhold dose until AE is grade ≤ 1• Rechallenge at one reduced dose level (by 25 mg)
Grade 4: Life-threatening/urgent intervention indicated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanently discontinue lorlatinib

Adapted from: Bauer TM, et al. *The Oncologist* 2019;24:1103–1110.

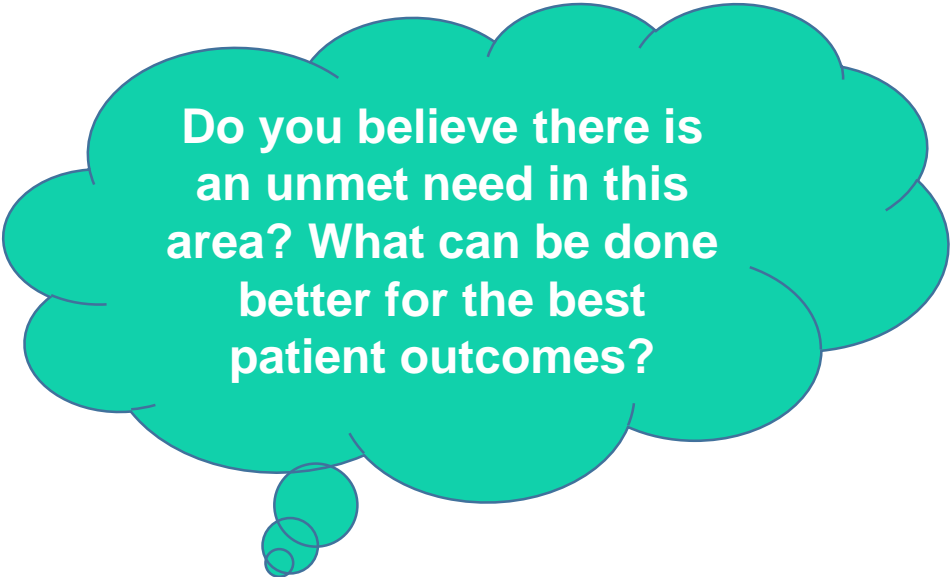
Instruct patients and caregivers to report any changes in cognitive function, mood, or speech

^aBased on CTCAE (v4.03).

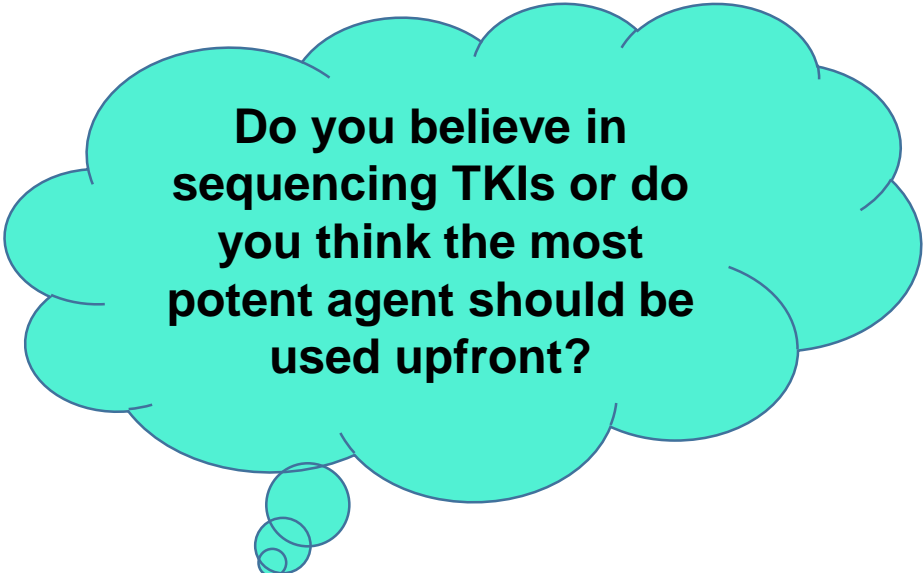
Question to Experts..



Do you re-biopsy
every *ALK*-mutated
patient at
progression?



Do you believe there is
an unmet need in this
area? What can be done
better for the best
patient outcomes?

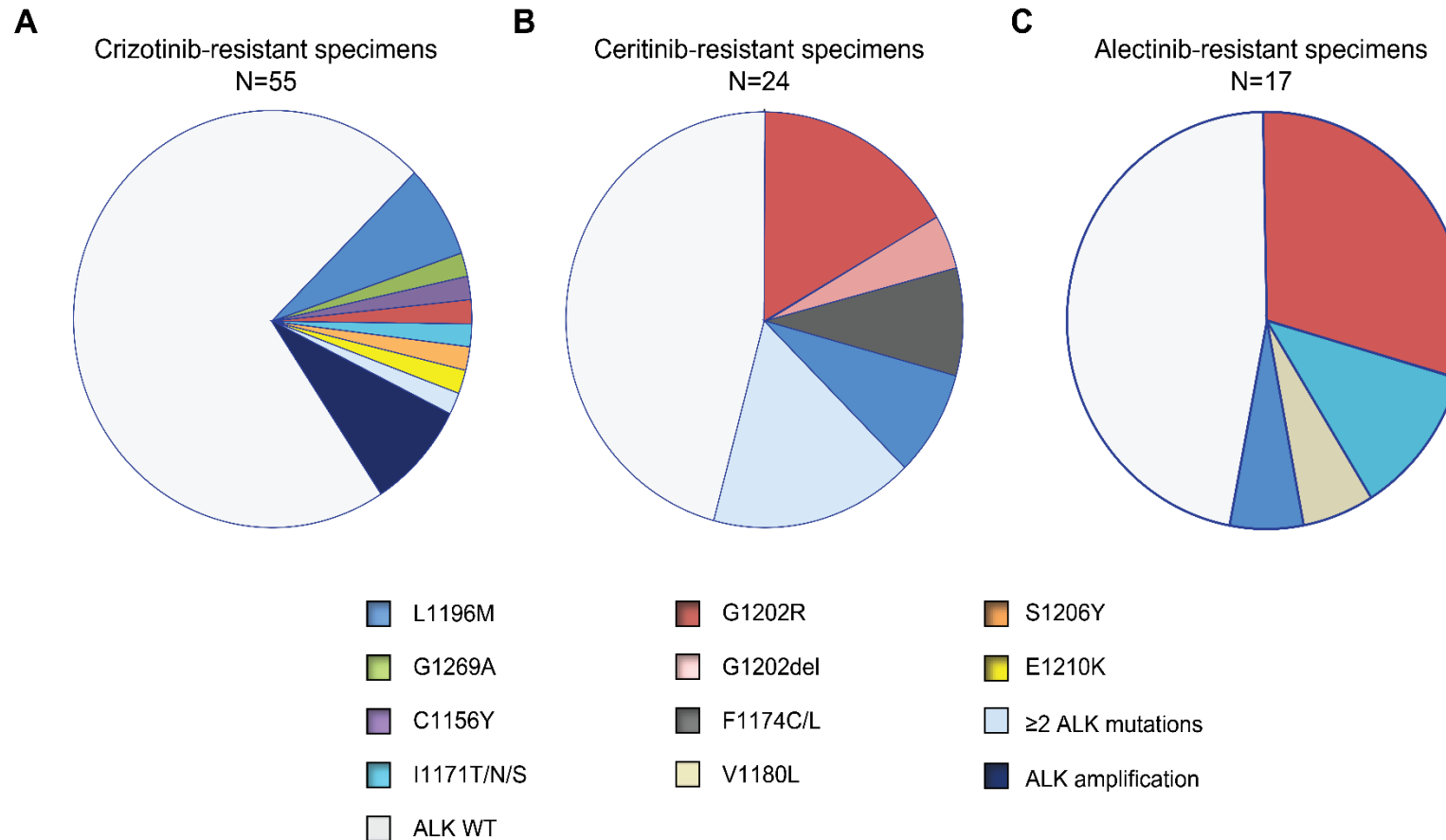


Do you believe in
sequencing TKIs or do
you think the most
potent agent should be
used upfront?

Resistance Pattern After ALK-TKIs

Resistance to Second-Generation ALK TKIs is Driven by Mutations

Resistance to 2nd-generation ALK-TKIs is largely driven by secondary ALK kinase domain mutations, particularly G1202R



Lorlatinib: A Potent Third-generation ALK-TKI

Lorlatinib is a potent third-generation ALK-TKI with broad-spectrum activity against *ALK* resistance mutations.

- Secondary mutations in the ALK kinase domain can induce resistance to first- and second-generation ALK-TKIs.
- *ALK* G1202R confers resistance to the available first- and second-gen ALK-TKIs.
- **Lorlatinib exhibits broad-spectrum activity against most known *ALK* resistance mutations including *ALK* G1202R.**

■ $IC_{50} \leq 50$ nM ■ $IC_{50} > 50 - < 200$ nM ■ $IC_{50} \geq 200$ nM

Cellular ALK Phosphorylation Mean IC_{50} (nM)					
Mutation Status	Crizotinib	Ceritinib	Alectinib	Brigatinib	Lorlatinib
Parental BA/F3	763.9	885.7	890.1	2774.0	11293.8
V1	38.6	4.9	11.4	10.7	2.3
C1156Y	61.9	5.3	11.6	4.5	4.6
I1171N	130.1	8.2	397.7	26.1	49.0
I1171S	94.1	3.8	177.0	17.8	30.4
I1171T	51.4	1.7	33.6	6.1	11.5
F1174C	115.0	38.0	27.0	18.0	8.0
L1196M	339.0	9.3	117.6	26.5	34.0
L1198F	0.4	196.2	42.3	13.9	14.8
G1202R	381.6	124.4	706.6	129.5	49.9
G1202del	58.4	50.1	58.8	95.8	5.2
D1203N	116.3	35.3	27.9	34.6	11.1
E1210K	42.8	5.8	31.6	24.0	1.7
G1269A	117.0	0.4	25.0	ND	10.0

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ALK: Anaplastic lymphoma kinase; IC_{50} : Half-maximal inhibitory concentration; N: Not done; ROS1: c-Ros Oncogene 1; TKI: Tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

Resistance Mechanisms Associated With ALK-TKIs

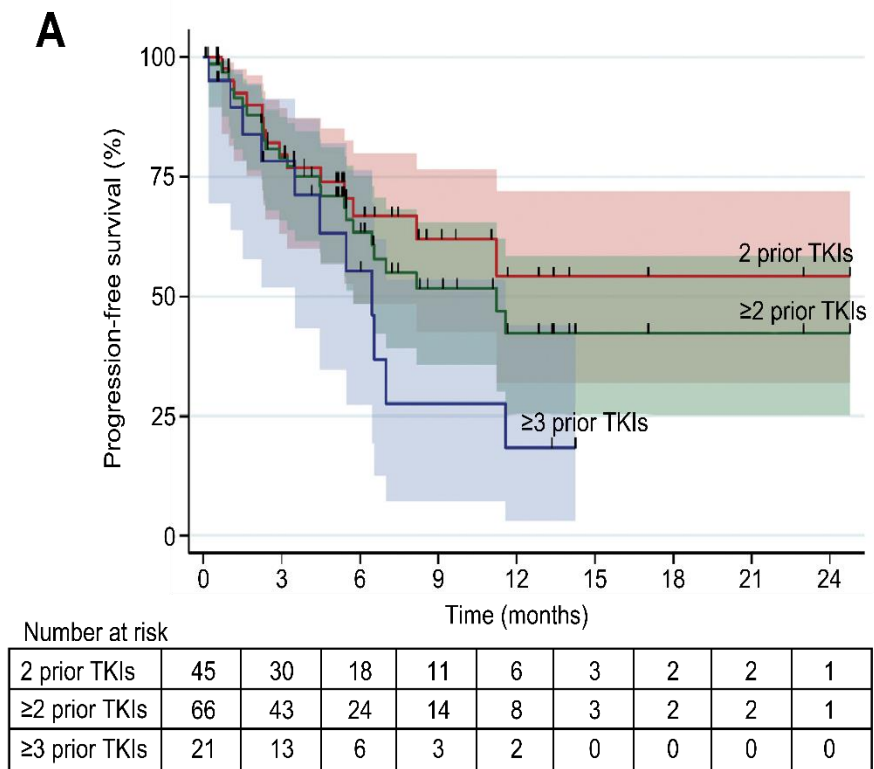
ALK-positive patients progress due to different mechanisms of resistance, which are classified as *ALK*-dependent and *ALK*-independent.

	ALK-independent resistance mechanism	ALK-dependent resistance mechanisms
Crizotinib	<i>EGFR</i> overexpression and IGF-1R activation	Amplification of the <i>ALK</i> fusion gene; L1196M, G1269A/S, I1151Tins, L1152P/R, C1156Y/T, I1171T/N/S, F1174C/L/V, V1180L, G1202R, S1206C/Y, S1206C/Y, E1210K mutation acquisition
Ceritinib	<i>c-MET</i> gene amplification; activating mutation of MEK and <i>PIK3CA</i> mutations	G1202R, F1174C/L/V, G1202del, I1151Tins, L1152P/R, C1156Y/T
Alectinib	<i>c-MET</i> gene amplification and <i>PIK3CA</i> mutations	G1202R, I1171T/N/S, V1180L, L1196M
Brigatinib*	Not reported	E1210K + S1206C, E1210K + D1203N, G1202Ra
Lorlatinib	NF2 loss of function mutations	L1198F + C1156Yc, L1196M/D1203N, F1174L/G1202R, C1156Y/G1269A

*Brigatinib is currently not approved for use as a first-line treatment option for ALK+ NSCLC in India.

Diminishing PFS with More Prior Lines of ALK-TKIs

Lorlatinib PFS in by lines of prior ALK-TKIs



	Median PFS (months; 95% CI)
2 prior TKIs	NR (4.5-NR)
≥2 prior TKIs	11.2 (4.5-NR)
≥3 prior TKIs	6.5 (3.6-11.6)

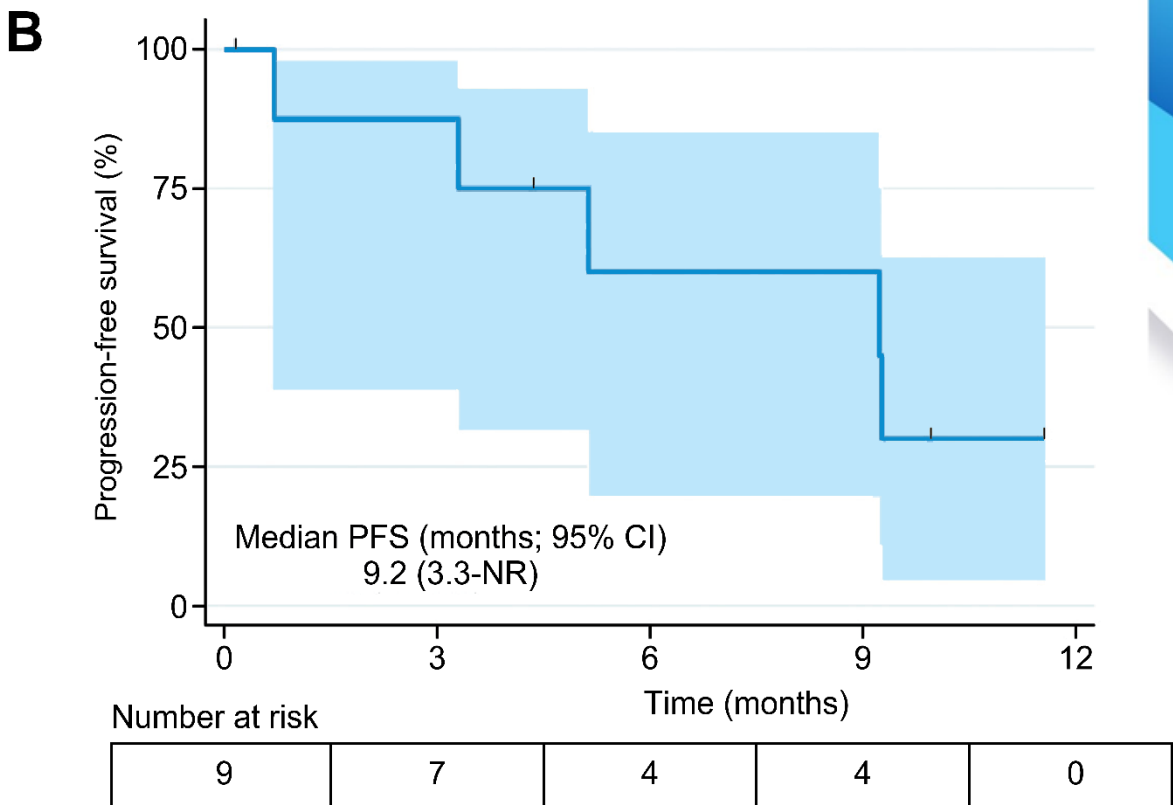
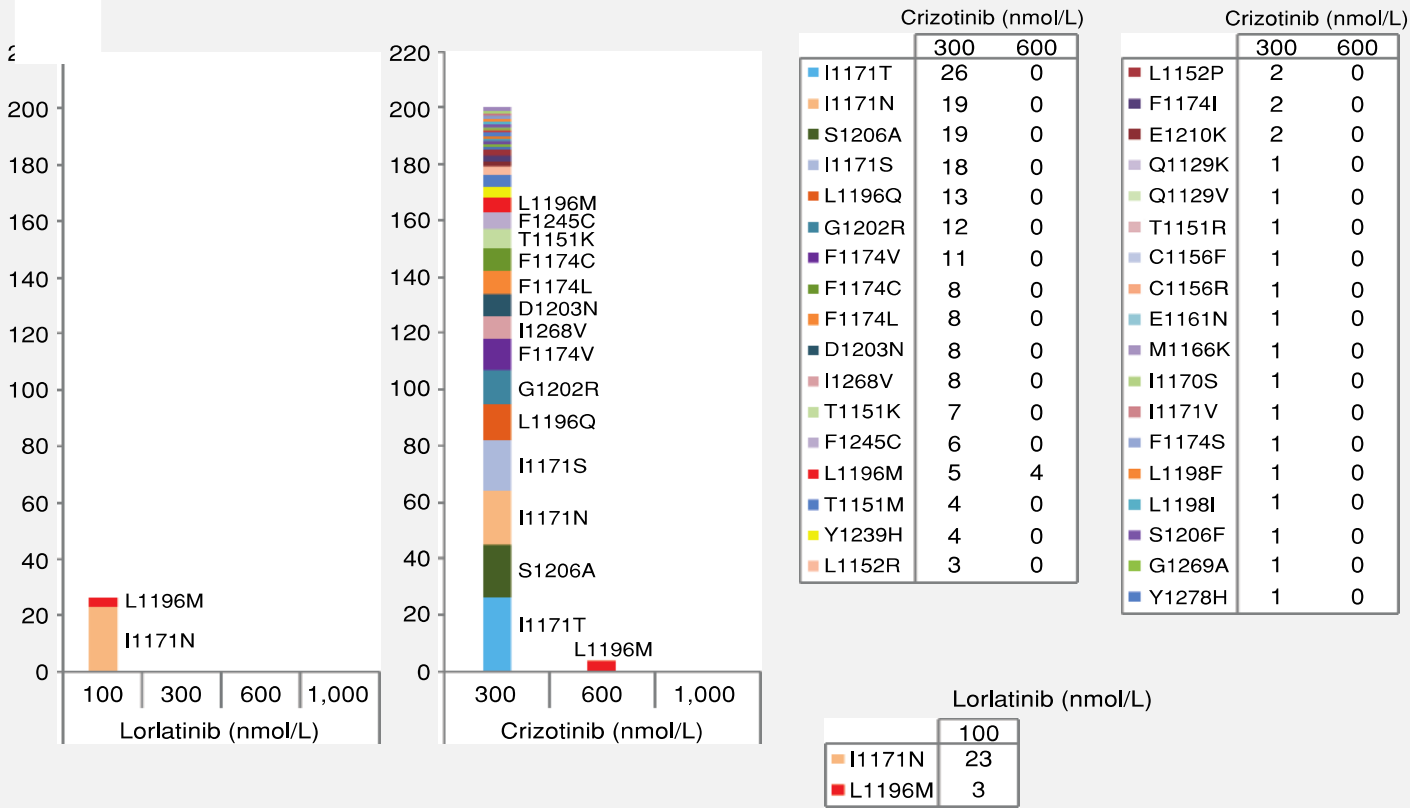
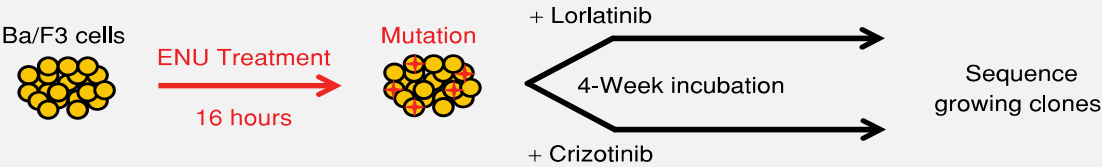


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ALK: Anaplastic lymphoma kinase; CI: Confidence interval; NSCLC: Non-small-cell lung cancer; PFS: Progression-free survival; TKI: Tyrosine kinase inhibitors.

Rationale for Upfront Use of Pan-Inhibitory Agent



Lorlatinib suppresses the emergence of single *ALK* resistance mutations

Upfront Lorlatinib could significantly delay or suppress on-target resistance

Summary of the type and number of ALK kinase domain mutations identified in the mutagenesis screen using Ba/F3 cells harboring non-mutant EML4-ALK (either variant 1 or variant 3)

Discussion Question

What therapy would you prefer at progression on ALK inhibitor?

Resistance mechanisms to lorlatinib or crizotinib in treatment-naive patients with *ALK*⁺ advanced non-small cell lung cancer

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Methodology

- Analysis part of CROWN trial
- Plasma samples collected at baseline, on study (weeks 4 and 24), and at end of treatment (EOT) and analyzed by a validated ctDNA NGS assay
- Resistance mechanisms explored included *ALK*-dependent and *ALK* independent bypass alterations :
 - *RTK*
 - *MAPK*
 - *PI3K*
 - Cell cycle & Other genes
- PFS by blinded independent central review (BICR) was based on the September 20, 2021, data cutoff

Distribution of EML4::ALK variants at baseline

Variant	Lorlatinib n=134	Crizotinib n=129
<i>EML4::ALK</i> v1/v2, n (%)	27 (20)	28 (22)
<i>EML4::ALK</i> v3, n (%)	18 (13)	23 (18)
<i>EML4::ALK</i> other, n (%)	15 (11)	9 (7)

Summary of potential resistance mechanisms against Lorlatinib or Crizotinib

Resistance mutation at EOT	Lorlatinib n=26	Crizotinib n=80
New single <i>ALK</i> mutation, n (%)	0	6 (8)
<i>ALK</i> compound mutation, n (%)	0	2 (2)
Bypass mechanism, n (%) ^a	9 (35)	10 (12)
MAPK pathway aberration	3 (12)	1 (1)
PI3K/mTOR/PTEN pathway aberration	2 (8)	0
RTK pathway aberration	4 (15)	5 (6)
Cell cycle pathway aberration	2 (8)	5 (6)
Other mutation, n (%)	9 (35)	15 (19)

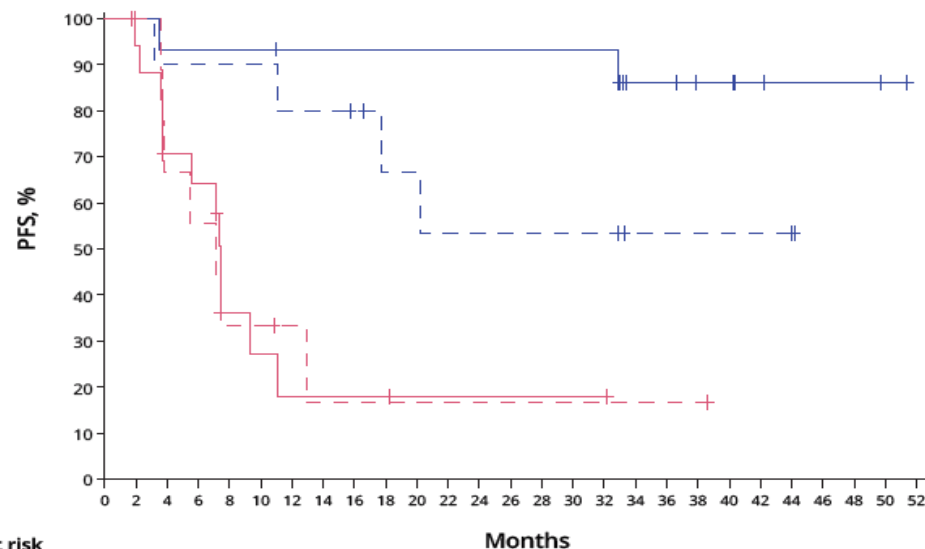
^aEach sample could harbor >1 bypass mechanism.

PFS based on BICR

Figure 2: PFS based on BICR by *EML4::ALK* variant subtype with or without *TP53* mutations

A. Patients who had *EML4::ALK* v1/v2

	Lorlatinib		Crizotinib	
	<i>TP53</i> mut (-) n=15	<i>TP53</i> mut (+) n=12	<i>TP53</i> mut (-) n=19	<i>TP53</i> mut (+) n=9
Events, n	2	4	12	7
PFS, median (95% CI), months	NR (NR-NR)	NR (17.7-NR)	7.4 (3.7-11.1)	7.2 (3.8-12.9)
HR (95% CI)	0.23 (0.04-1.31)		0.99 (0.39-2.54)	



No. at risk

Lorlatinib

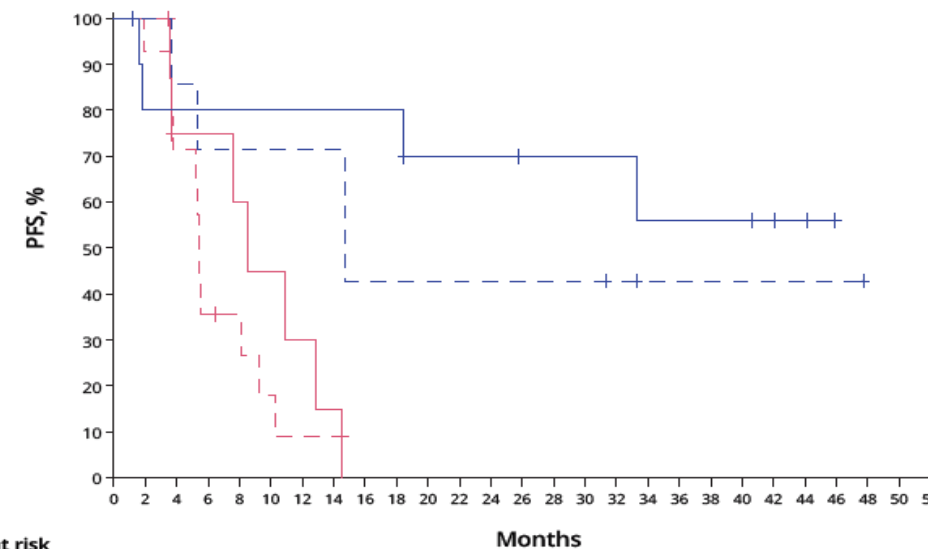
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Crizotinib

+ *TP53* mut (-) 19 16 11 10 4 3 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0
 - *TP53* mut (+) 9 9 6 5 3 3 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0

B. Patients who had *EML4::ALK* v3

	Lorlatinib		Crizotinib	
	<i>TP53</i> mut (-) n=10	<i>TP53</i> mut (+) n=8	<i>TP53</i> mut (-) n=9	<i>TP53</i> mut (+) n=14
Events, n	4	4	7	12
PFS, median (95% CI), months	NR (18.4-NR)	14.8 (5.3-NR)	8.5 (3.7-12.8)	5.4 (3.7-9.2)
HR (95% CI)	0.55 (0.13-2.30)		0.66 (0.25-1.73)	



No. at risk

Lorlatinib

+ *TP53* mut (-) 10 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 6 6 6 5 5 5 5 4 4 4 4 3 2 0 0
 - *TP53* mut (+) 8 7 6 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0

Crizotinib

+ *TP53* mut (-) 9 9 5 5 4 3 2 1 0
 - *TP53* mut (+) 14 13 10 5 4 2 1 1 0

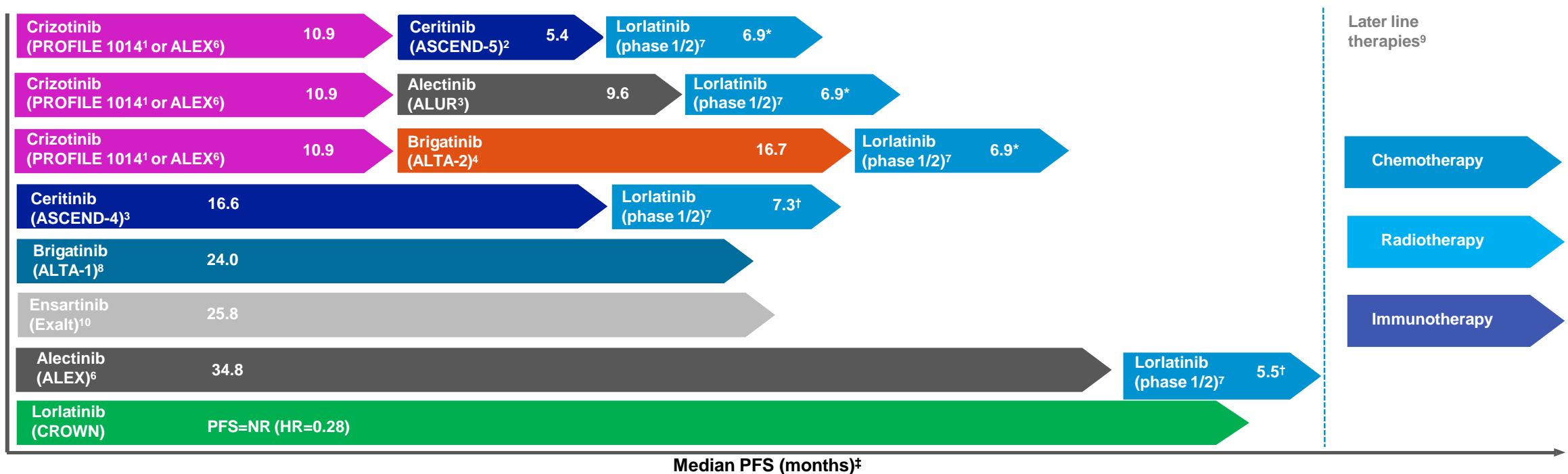
HR, hazard ratio.

Conclusion

- Treatment-naive patients who started ALK therapy had better outcomes if they harbored EML4 - ALK variants 1 or 2 (v1/v2) (regardless of TP53 mutation status) compared with those with EML4-ALK variant 3 (v3) and TP53 mutations
- Lorlatinib was effective against all EML4-ALK variants, however v3 with TP53 mutation fared worse
- Bypass mechanism aberrations were the main resistance response to lorlatinib treatment
- Emerging new ALK mutations were not detected at the end of lorlatinib treatment
- New combination strategies may be needed to overcome mechanisms of resistance to lorlatinib

Rapidly Evolving Clinical Evidence on ALK+ NSCLC Defines Treatment Sequence for Patients

The rapidly evolving ALK+ NSCLC landscape and a growing body of clinical evidence is defining the treatment sequence for patients.



*Data are from the EXP4 and EXP5 groups (two or three prior ALK TKIs ± chemotherapy); †Lorlatinib PFS data following ceritinib or alectinib in any line; ‡Adapted and updated from Ferrera, et al. 20189. **Brigatinib is currently not approved for use as a first-line treatment of ALK+ NSCLC in Singapore; Ensartinib is an investigational agent not yet approved in the first-line treatment of ALK+ NSCLC in Singapore; Lorlatinib is currently not approved for use as a first-line treatment option for ALK+ NSCLC in Singapore.** For illustration purposes only; note that cross-trial comparisons should be interpreted with caution due to the differences in study design, size, patient population, and data maturity; the IMpower150 regimen is not currently approved in the US

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ALK: Anaplastic lymphoma kinase;
NSCLC: Non-small– cell lung cancer;
PFS: Progression-free survival.

Key Takeaways



In treatment-naive ALK+ NSCLC, compared to crizotinib in first-line, lorlatinib resulted in a significantly¹⁻³

- Longer PFS
- Higher overall and IC response rates
- Improved global QoL

The safety profile of lorlatinib was similar to that reported in previous studies¹⁻³

Although grade 3/4 AEs were more frequent with lorlatinib than crizotinib, the majority were asymptomatic and readily managed⁴

With sequential ALK inhibitor treatment, approximately 35% of patients will develop compound *ALK* resistance mutations on lorlatinib with a solvent front. *ALK* G1202R-containing compound mutations, which may become the most common on-target resistance mechanism, and are predominantly refractory to all known ALK inhibitors.¹

These results support the use of lorlatinib as an effective first-line therapy for patients with advanced *ALK*+ NSCLC.

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