

# Options After second and Third Generation ALK TKI RESISTANCE

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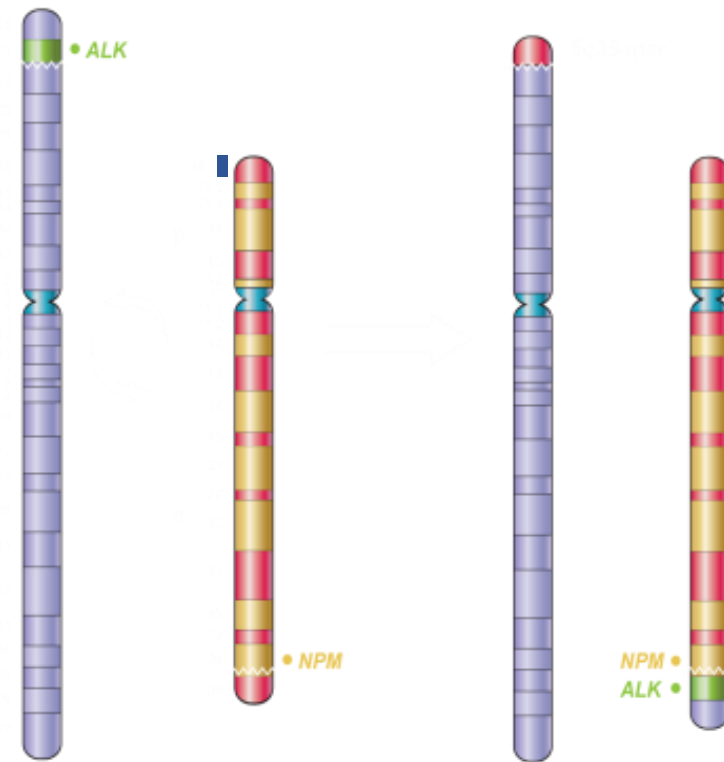
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# Background: Discovery of *ALK* in Lymphoma

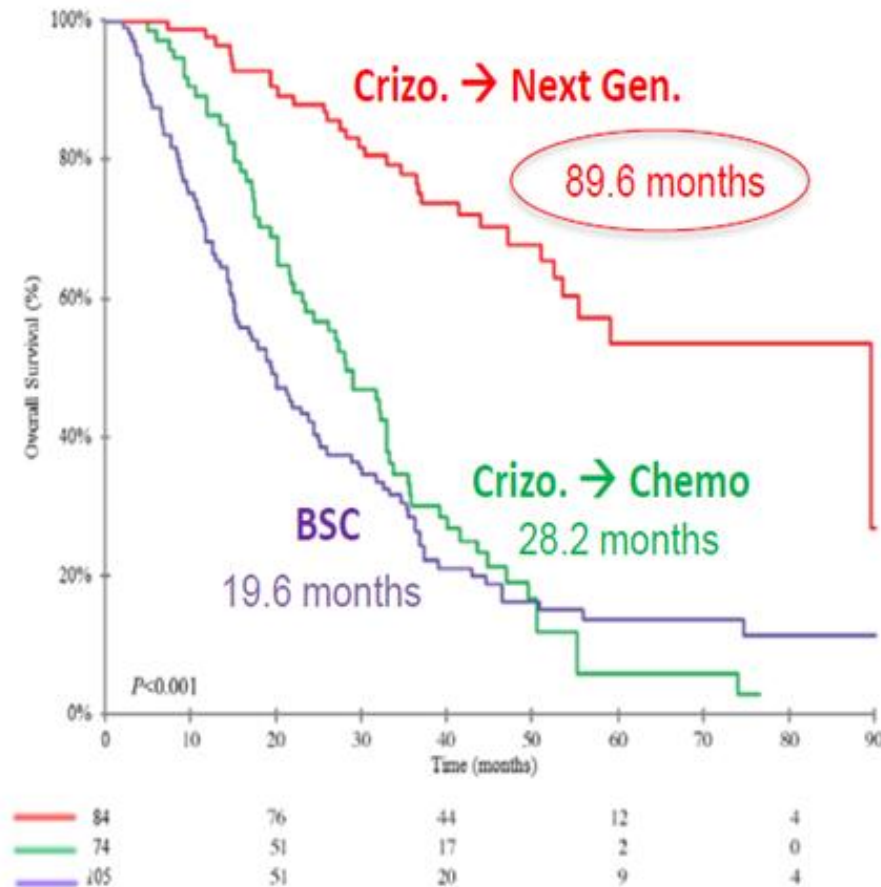
- *ALK* first discovered in a subset of anaplastic large-cell lymphoma (ALCL), leading to the name *anaplastic lymphoma kinase*<sup>1</sup>
- *ALK* fused to the N-terminal portion of *nucleophosmin (NPM-ALK)*, leading to constitutive activation of *ALK*<sup>2</sup>



Adapted from Mathew P, et al. *Blood* 1997;89:1678–85

# Overall survival according to subsequent systemic treatments

Overall survival from the diagnosis of metastatic disease in the 84 patients receiving next-generation ALK inhibitors after progression on crizotinib



# Case :

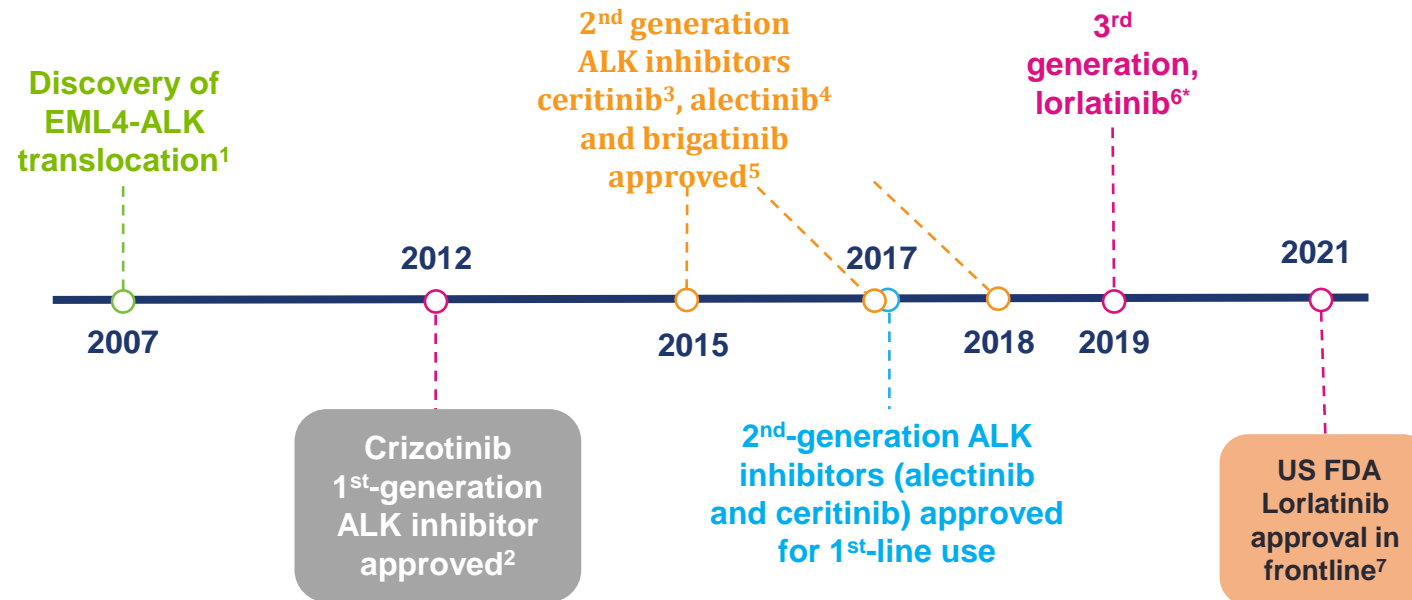
- 44 / Male , Non smoker
- Feb 2020
- RT lung mass with Effusion
- Biopsy : ALK positive IHC
- Started on Crizotinib
- PET June 2020 : PR
- PET nov 2020 PD
- Started on Alectnib
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- Responded symptomatically ,
- PET 2021 Feb PR
- Pt developed cough
- Second opinion : second time
- Dose increased to full dose
- Clinically responded but lost response in next 3 months
- PET may 2021 new lesions previous lesion under remission

- PET : PD
- Biopsy done
- Report will discuss at end
- What options post CRIZOTINIB and ALECTINIB ?

# Background on ALK

# ALK inhibitor development timelines



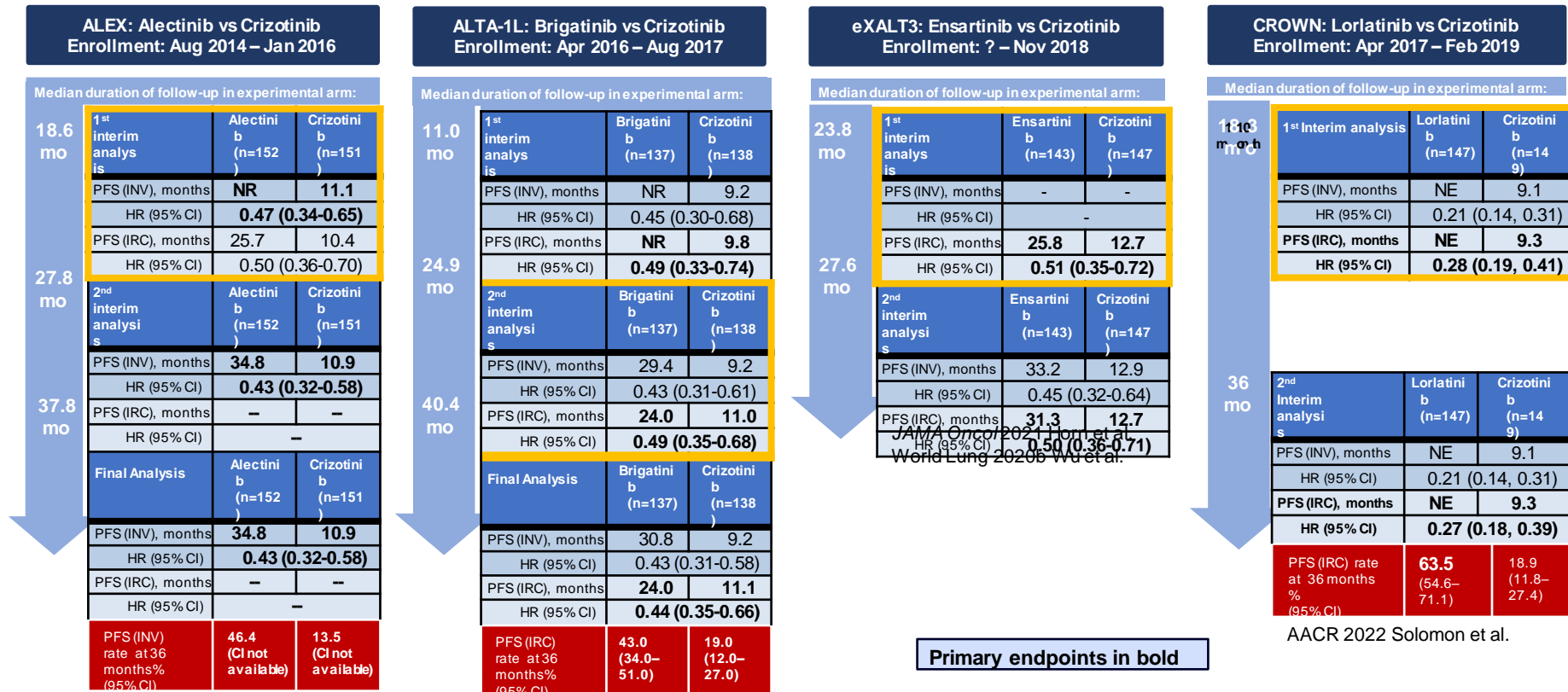
Dates refer to EMA approval, unless otherwise specified

\* Approved in second line

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# PFS Outcomes for ALEX, ALTA-1L, eXALT3, and CROWN Trials at Varying Levels of Data Maturity

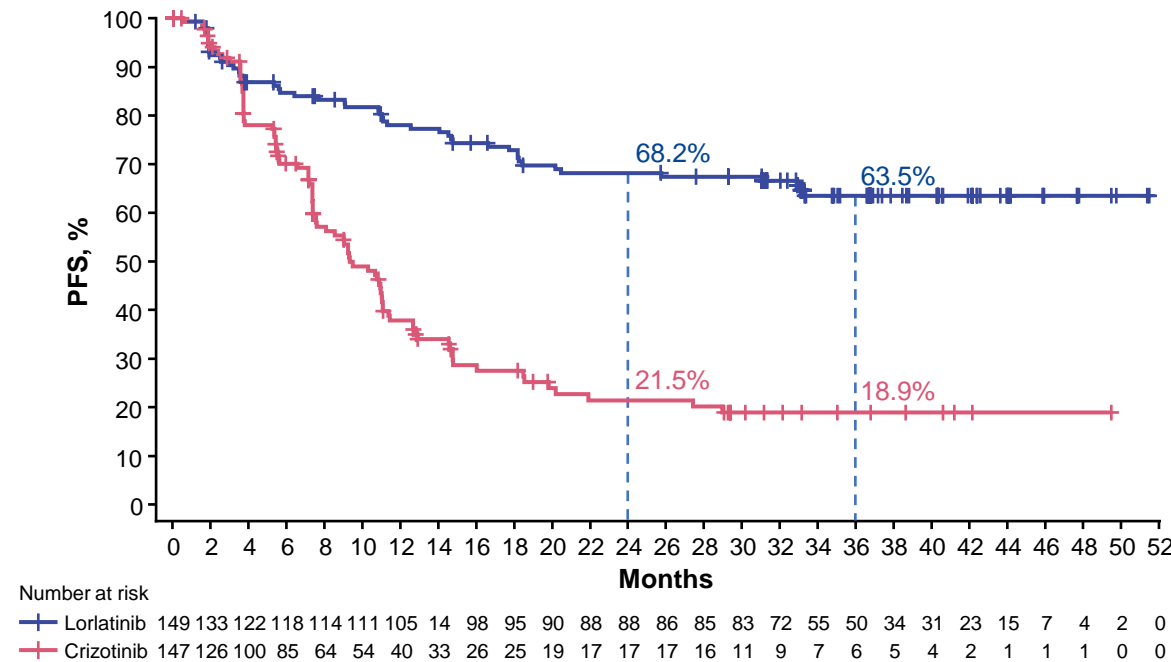


Cross-trial comparisons have significant limitations. This information is presented in order to generate discussion, not to make comparisons between study results.

NEJM 2017 Peters et al.  
JTO 2019 Camidge et al.  
ESMO 2019 Mok et al.

At 36.7 months of median follow-up in the lorlatinib arm, BICR assessed PFS remained significantly longer with lorlatinib than with crizotinib

### Intention-to-treat population (ITT)



	ITT	
	Lorlatinib (n=149)	Crizotinib (n=147)
Events	49	92
PFS, median (95% CI), months	NR (NR–NR)	9.3 (7.6–11.1)
HR (95% CI)	0.27 (0.184–0.388)	

- Confirmed ORR by BICR
  - 77.2% (lorlatinib) vs 58.5% (crizotinib)
- Median DOR, months
  - NR (lorlatinib) vs 9.6 months (crizotinib)

BICR- Blinded independent central review, PFS- Progression free survival, HR- Hazard ratio, DOR-Duration of response, ORR- Objective response rate, CI- Confidence interval, NR- Not reached

Solomon B, et al. AACR Annual Meeting. April 8-13, 2022. Presented as poster

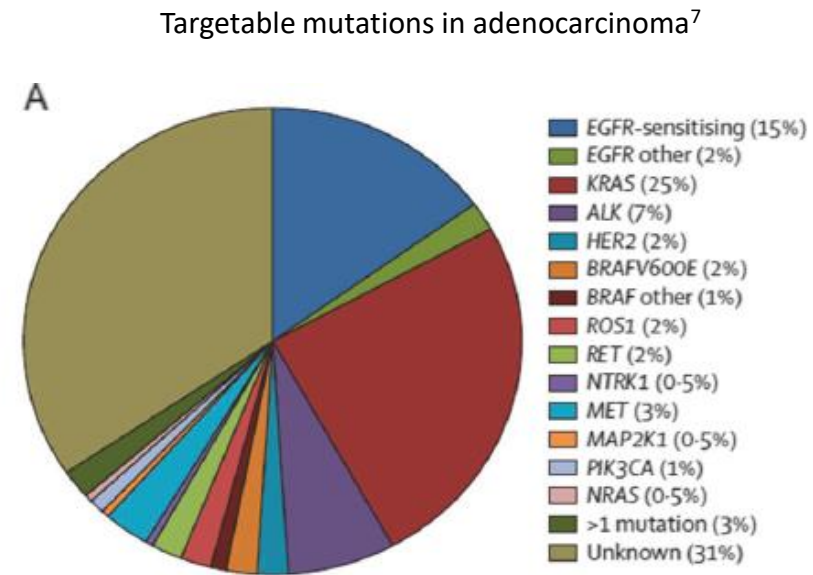
# Progression on First generation ALK TKIs

- Although patients with ALK positive advanced NSCLC initially respond to ALK inhibitors, ALK-positive NSCLC remains an incurable disease, as patients ultimately develop resistance to ALK TKI due to resistance mutations, which are around 20-71%<sup>1, 2</sup>
- G1202R confers high levels of resistance to all currently available second-generation ALK inhibitor<sup>1</sup>
- Around 60% of ALK positive patients present with brain metastases upon progression after treatment with ALK inhibitor(s) and are associated with a poor prognosis
- CNS activity and activity against resistant mutations: Ideal Agent

Resistance mechanism in ALK  
rearranged NSCLC

# Mechanisms of Acquired Resistance to ALK Inhibitors

- Progression on ALK Inhibitors
  - Despite 1L ALK inhibitors demonstrating high activity in ALK-rearranged NSCLC, disease progression occurs in a median of ~10 to 25 months<sup>1-5</sup>
  - Patterns of resistance may include isolated CNS progression and various forms of extracranial progression<sup>5</sup>
  - Mechanisms implicated in acquired resistance to ALK inhibitors include<sup>5,6</sup>:
    - ALK amplifications
    - ALK mutations
    - Activation of oncogenic bypass pathways including those involving EGFR, HER2, MET, KIT, and InsR
    - Drug efflux pumps in the CNS



Adapted from Brainard J & Carol Farver C. *Modern Pathology* (2019) 32:S16–S26

•CNS, central nervous system.

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# Resistance after treatment with ALK inhibitors

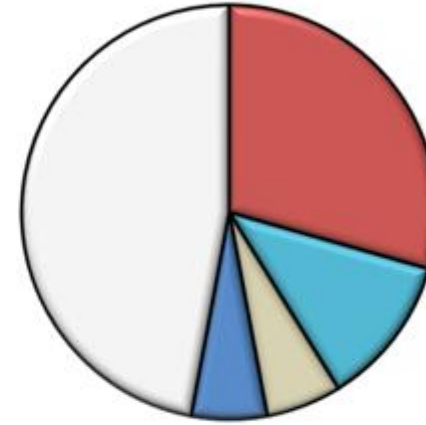
A) Crizotinib-Resistant Specimens  
N=55



B) Ceritinib-Resistant Specimens  
N=24



C) Alectinib-Resistant Specimens  
N=17



L1196M

G1269A

C1156Y

I1171T/N/S

ALK WT

G1202R

G1202del

F1174C/L

V1180L

S1206Y

E1210K

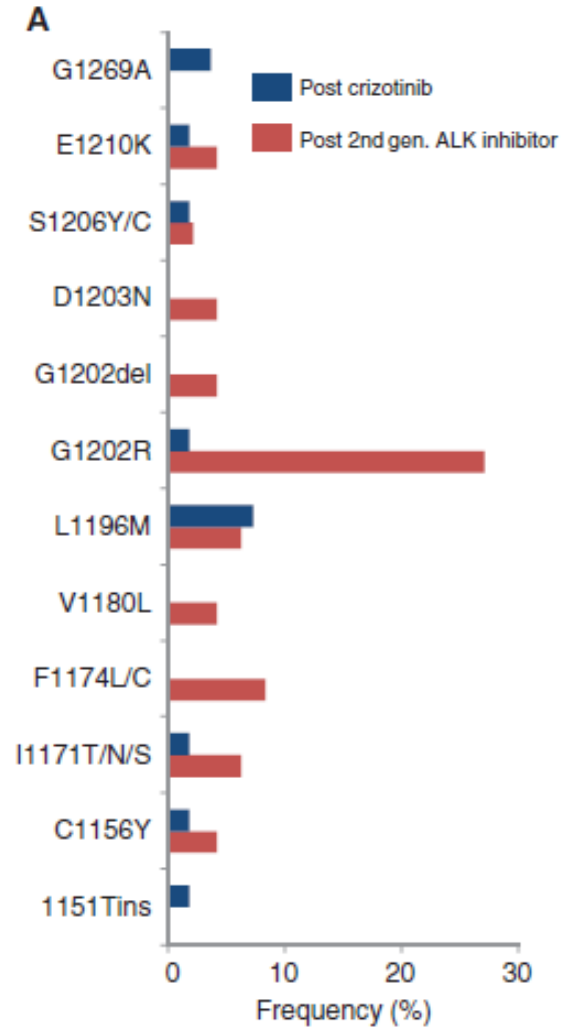
≥2 ALK mutations<sup>a</sup>

ALK amplification<sup>b</sup>

Adapted from Gainor JF et al. Cancer Discov; 6(10); 1118–33

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# Enrichment of G1202R in patients who progressed on next Gen ALKi



Adapted from Gainor JF et al. Cancer Discov; 6(10); 1118–33

# Sequencing of ALK-TKI Generations Lead to More ALK Resistance Mutations

Clonal evolution of resistance to sequential ALK-targeting therapies.<sup>1,2</sup>

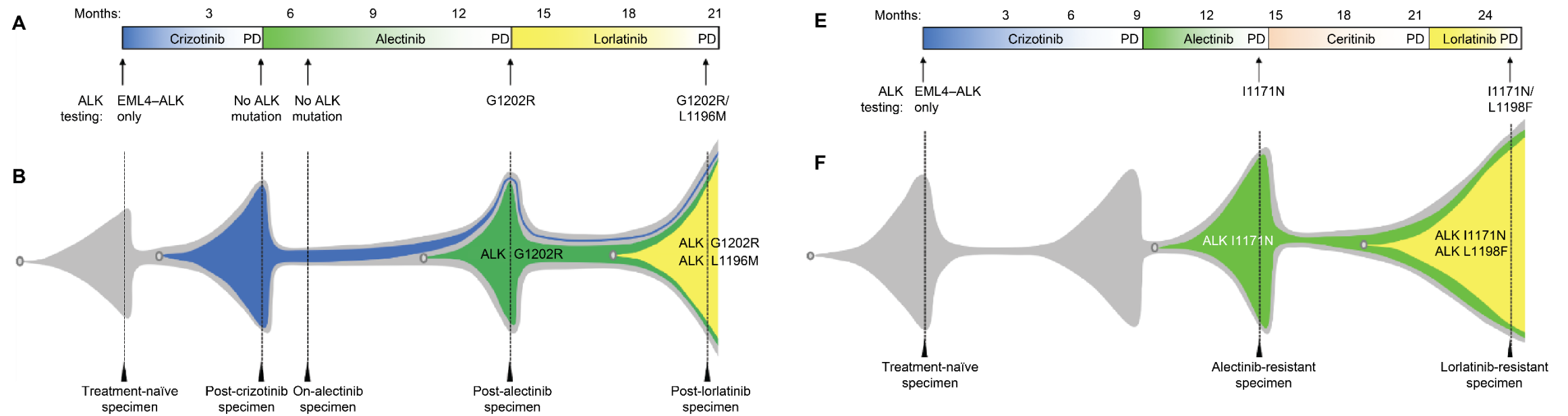


Image adapted from Yoda S, Lin JJ, *Cancer Discov.* 2018;8(6):714–729.

**As more generations of ALK-TKI were sequenced, more “monster” ALK resistance mutations appeared.<sup>2</sup>**

1. Yoda S, Lin JJ, *Cancer Discov.* 2018;8(6):714–729.
2. **Ou SH S04.02. Presented at IASLC TTLC 2021**

ALK: Anaplastic lymphoma kinase;  
 TKI: Tyrosine kinase inhibitors.



# Unmet need

- Most trials evaluate progression on crizotinib
- Development of complex mutations after multiple lines of ALK TKIs
- Brain frequent site of progression thus underlining need for drug with excellent CNS penetration

- In vitro, lorlatinib covers the broadest range of ALK resistance mutations of any ALK inhibitor**

■ IC<sub>50</sub> ≤50 nM     
 ■ IC<sub>50</sub> >50–<200 nM     
 ■ IC<sub>50</sub> ≥200 nM

Cellular ALK Phosphorylation Mean IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)				
Mutation status	Crizotinib	Ceritinib	Alectinib	Lorlatinib
<b>EML4-ALK</b>	38.6	4.9	11.4	2.3
<b>C1156Y</b>	61.9	5.3	11.6	4.6
<b>I1171N</b>	130.1	8.2	397.7	49.0
<b>I1171S</b>	94.1	3.8	177.0	30.4
<b>I1171T</b>	51.4	1.7	33.6	11.5
<b>F1174C</b>	115.0	38.0 <sup>a</sup>	27.0	8.0
<b>L1196M</b>	339.0	9.3	117.6	34.0
<b>L1198F</b>	0.4	196.2	42.3	14.8
<b>G1202R</b>	381.6	124.4	706.6	49.9
<b>G1202del</b>	58.4	50.1	58.8	5.2
<b>D1203N</b>	116.3	35.3	27.9	11.1
<b>E1210K</b>	42.8	5.8	31.6	1.7
<b>G1269A</b>	117.0	0.4	25.0	10.0

- Lorlatinib has broad-spectrum potency against most known ALK resistance mutations, including ALK G1202R1,2
- ALK positive patients also develop compound mutations upon treatment with ALK inhibitors

Adapted from Gainor JF, et al. *Cancer Discov* 2016;6:1118–33.

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IC<sub>50</sub>, half-maximal inhibitory concentration; ND, not done

Please see summary of prescribing information on last slide



Clinical data: Efficacy

## Phase 1<sup>1</sup>

N = 54

ALK- or ROS1-positive NSCLC:  
Treatment-naïve or any prior TKI ± chemotherapy

**Primary endpoint:** dose-limiting toxicities

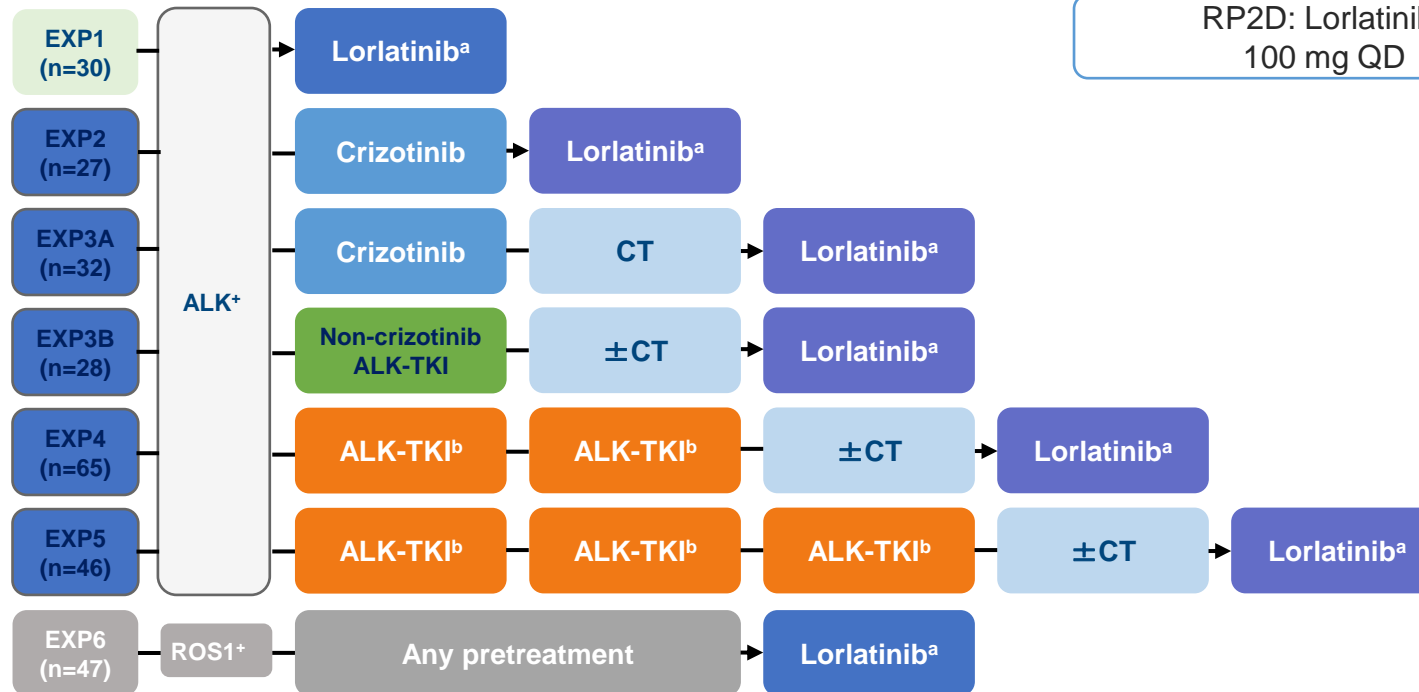
Lorlatinib<sup>a</sup>  
QD or BID

Dose escalation: DL1 = 10 mg  
CRM design: 25mg – 400mg

RP2D: Lorlatinib<sup>a</sup>  
100 mg QD

## Phase 2<sup>2</sup>

N = 275



**Primary endpoint:** overall and intracranial objective response  
**Key secondary endpoints:** progression-free survival, duration of response

Data cut-off date: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018  
Efficacy data presented for EXP1–5  
and safety data presented for EXP1–6

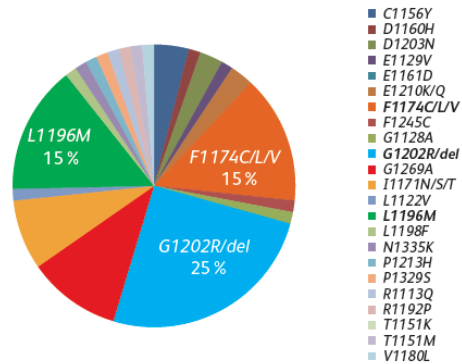
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Asymptomatic brain metastases were allowed in all cohorts. Different treatments may have been received in any order and not necessarily in the sequence depicted above e.g. CT may have been given prior to or after other therapy  
<sup>a</sup>Treatment until PD or unacceptable toxicity. <sup>b</sup>Lines of therapy (if the same TKI is given twice, this is counted as 2 prior lines of treatment).

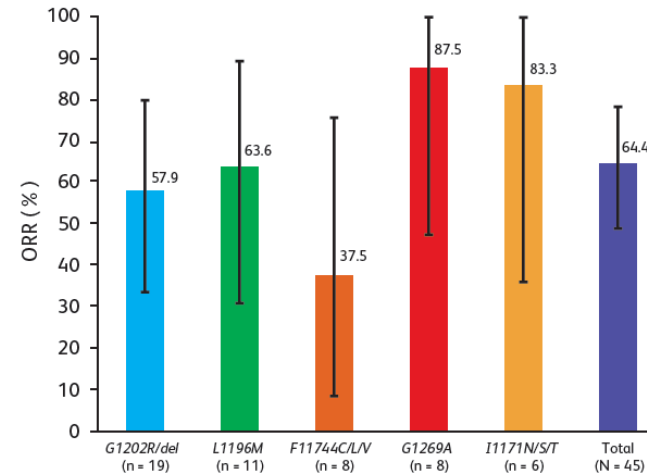
# Lorlatinib Phase 2 Study 1001: Translational Outcomes

- Of 190<sup>a</sup> baseline plasma samples in pretreated *ALK*-positive patients, 45 (24%) had  $\geq 1$  detectable *ALK* kinase domain mutation
- A total of 75 *ALK* mutations (27 unique mutations) were detected, and G1202R/del was the most frequently observed (25%) mutation
- ORRs were observed across a range of *ALK* resistance mutations
  - Among 139 patients without a detectable *ALK* mutation in cfDNA, 63 patients (45%) responded to lorlatinib

**ALK kinase domain mutations detected in cfDNA (EXP2–5)<sup>b</sup>**



**ORR in patients harboring the most frequent ALK mutations in cfDNA (EXP2–5)<sup>c</sup>**



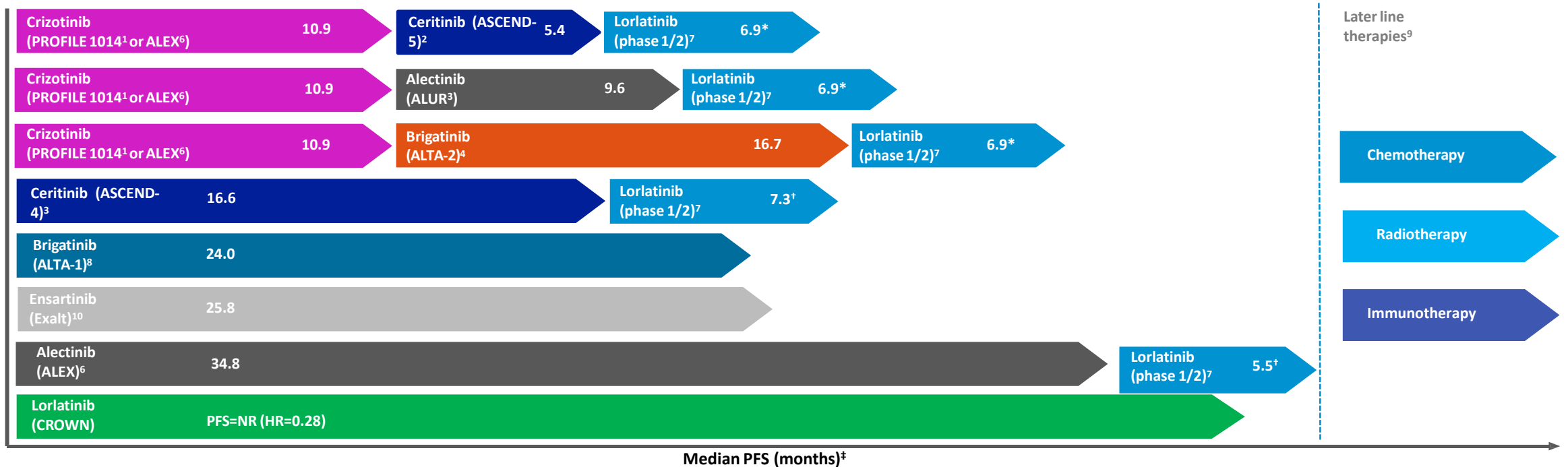
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<sup>a</sup>Six patients had no-analyzable samples; <sup>b</sup> $\geq 1$  *ALK* kinase domain mutation was detected in 45 of 190 patients (24%); a total of 75 mutations were detected (used for the frequency denominator); <sup>c</sup>n is the number of patients with a mutation in cfDNA; patients may have had  $\geq 1$  mutation; bars represent 95% CIs.

Besse B, et al. Poster 9032 presented at ASCO 2018 Congress, Chicago, USA, 1–5 June, 2018.

# 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); <sup>†</sup>Lorlatinib PFS data following ceritinib or alectinib in any line; <sup>‡</sup>Adapted and updated from Ferrera, et al. 2018<sup>9</sup>. 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

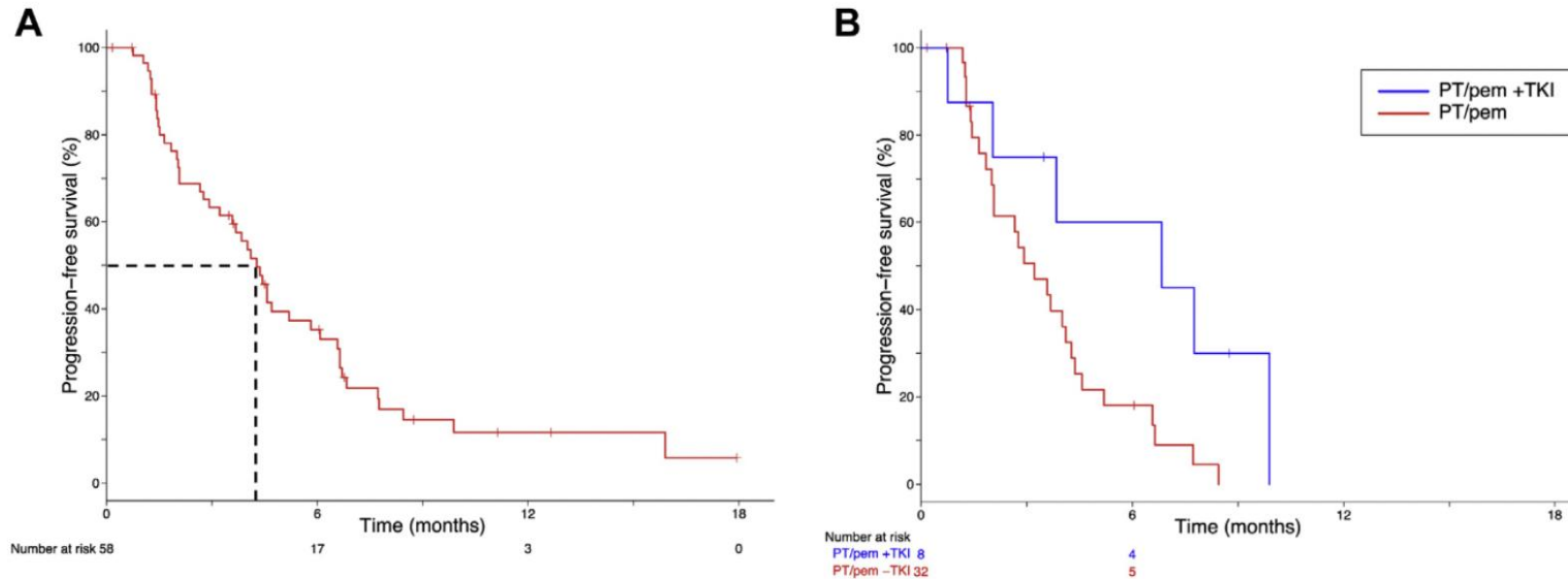
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ALK: Anaplastic lymphoma kinase; NSCLC: Non-small-cell lung cancer; PFS: Progression-free survival.

# Chemo post 2<sup>nd</sup> gen ALK TKI

February 2020

Chemotherapy in ALK TKI-Refractory ALK-Positive NSCLC 263



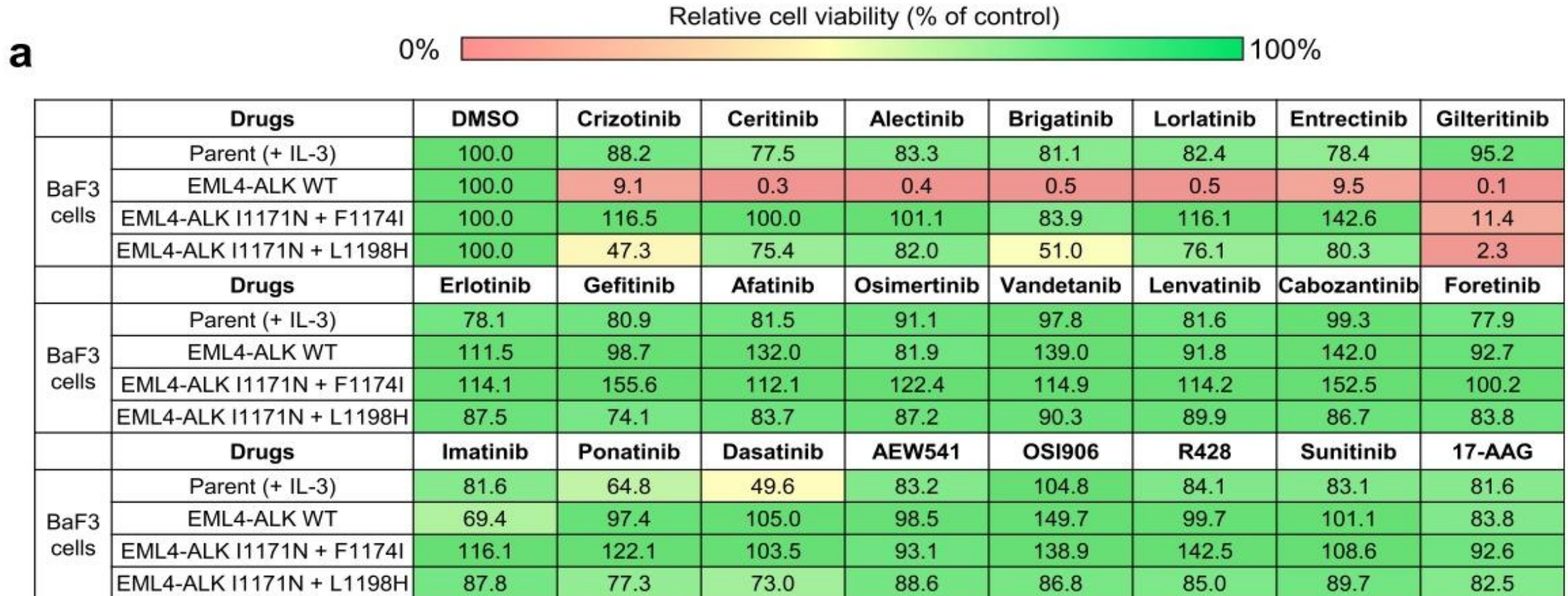
**Figure 3.** Progression-free survival (PFS) on chemotherapy. A, Overall PFS on platinum (PT)-pemetrexed (pem)-based chemotherapy for the entire study cohort. *Dotted lines* show the median PFS. B, PFS for patients who received PT/pem only (red) versus those who received PT/pem with an ALK TKI (blue).



# Is LORLATINIB free from Acquired Resistance?

- Answer : **NO**
- C1156Y + L1198F and I1171N + L1256F led to resistance to LORLATINIB re-sensitization to **crizotinib and alectinib**, respectively
- I1171N + L1198F mutants are more sensitive to **crizotinib** than I1171N single mutants.
- Meanwhile, resistance to I1171N+L1196M can be overcome by **ceritinib and brigatinib**.
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- I1171N + F1174I and I1171N + L1198H. **PAN TKI RESISTANCE MUTATIONS**

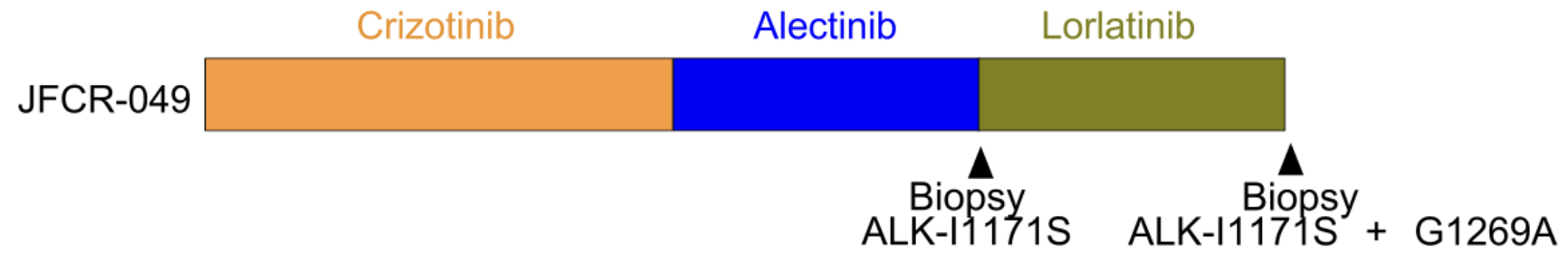
# What is the answer for LORLATINIB RESISTANCE



GILTERITINIB: TKI used in relapsed FLT3AML

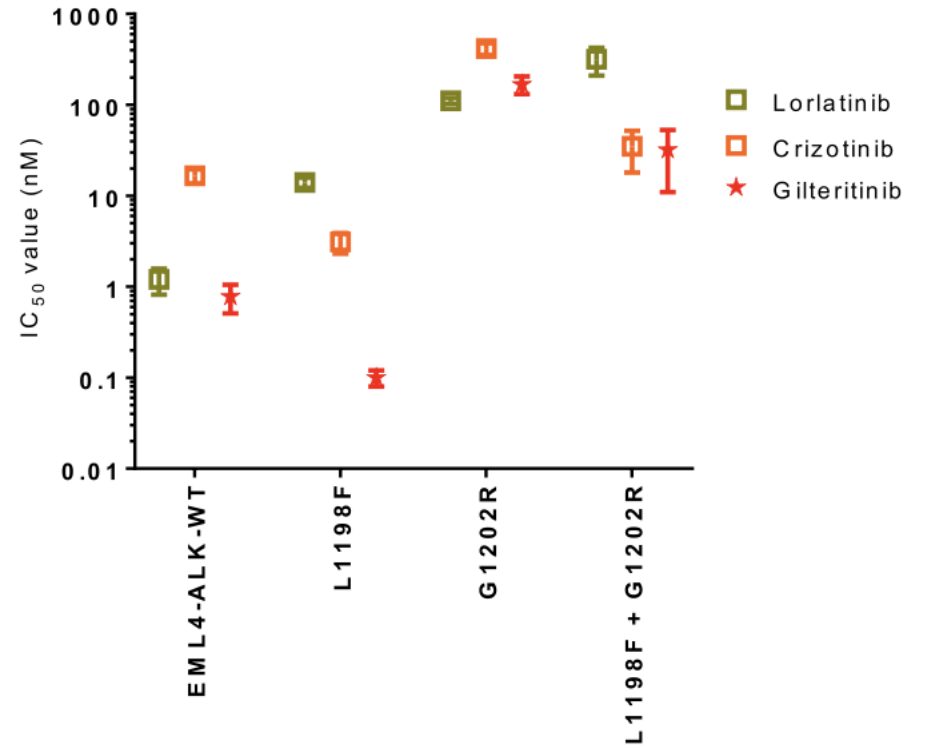
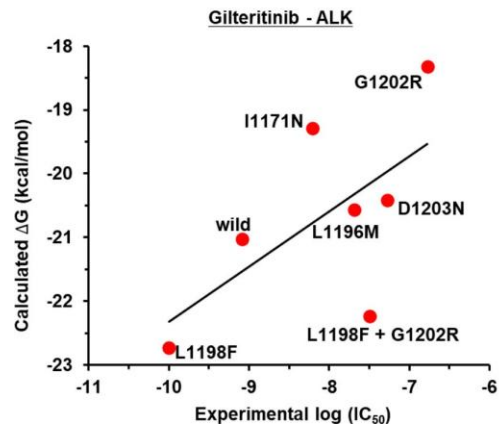
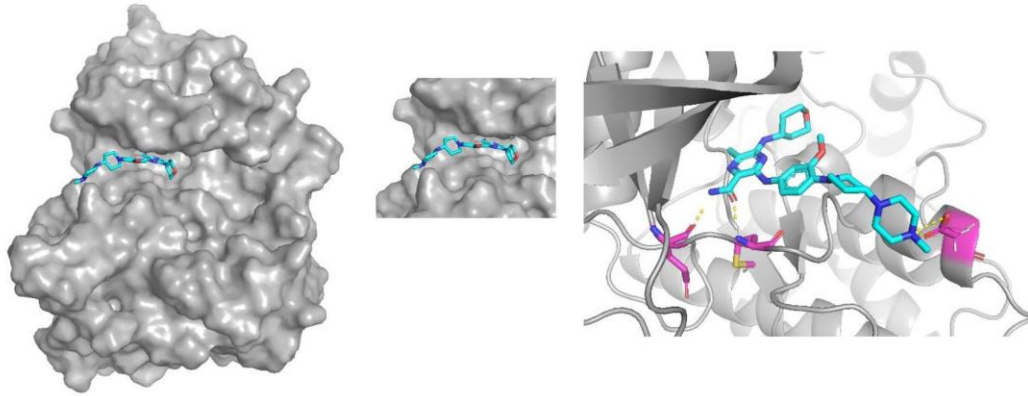
# In clinic use

**a**



Sensitive To: Brigatinib Ceritinib and Gilteritinib

# GILTERITINIB



**ABOUT THE TEST** FoundationOne®CDx is a next-generation sequencing (NGS) based assay that identifies genomic findings within hundreds of cancer-related genes.

## PATIENT

**DISEASE** Lung adenocarcinoma  
**NAME** Viradia, Vipul  
**DATE OF BIRTH** 12 October 1976  
**SEX** Male  
**MEDICAL RECORD #** Not given

## PHYSICIAN

**ORDERING PHYSICIAN** Bhosale, Bharat  
**MEDICAL FACILITY** Bombay Hospital & Research Center  
**ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT** None  
**MEDICAL FACILITY ID** 200979  
**PATHOLOGIST** Pandey, Vinita

## SPECIMEN

**SPECIMEN SITE** Pleura  
**SPECIMEN ID** ADH-4137/21  
**SPECIMEN TYPE** Block  
**DATE OF COLLECTION** 15 September 2021  
**SPECIMEN RECEIVED** 27 September 2021

## Biomarker Findings

**Microsatellite status** - MS-Stable

**Tumor Mutational Burden** - 8 Muts/Mb

## Genomic Findings

*For a complete list of the genes assayed, please refer to the Appendix.*

**ALK** I1171M, G1269A, I1171T - subclonal, EML4-ALK fusion (Variant 1)<sup>†</sup>

**CTNNB1** S37F

**MST1R** R1194H

**MUTYH** E466\*

**SETD2** T305fs\*4

**SMAD4** E538fs\*15

**TET2** S21\*

**TP53** R273H - subclonal, R248W, S127F<sup>†</sup>

**7 Disease relevant genes with no reportable alterations: BRAF, EGFR, ERBB2, KRAS, MET, RET, ROS1**

<sup>†</sup> See About the Test in appendix for details.

3 Therapies with Clinical Benefit

20 Clinical Trials

3 Therapies with Resistance

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10 Trials see p. 14

**CTNNB1** - S37F

10 Trials see p. 16

### THERAPY AND CLINICAL TRIAL IMPLICATIONS

No therapies or clinical trials. see Biomarker Findings section

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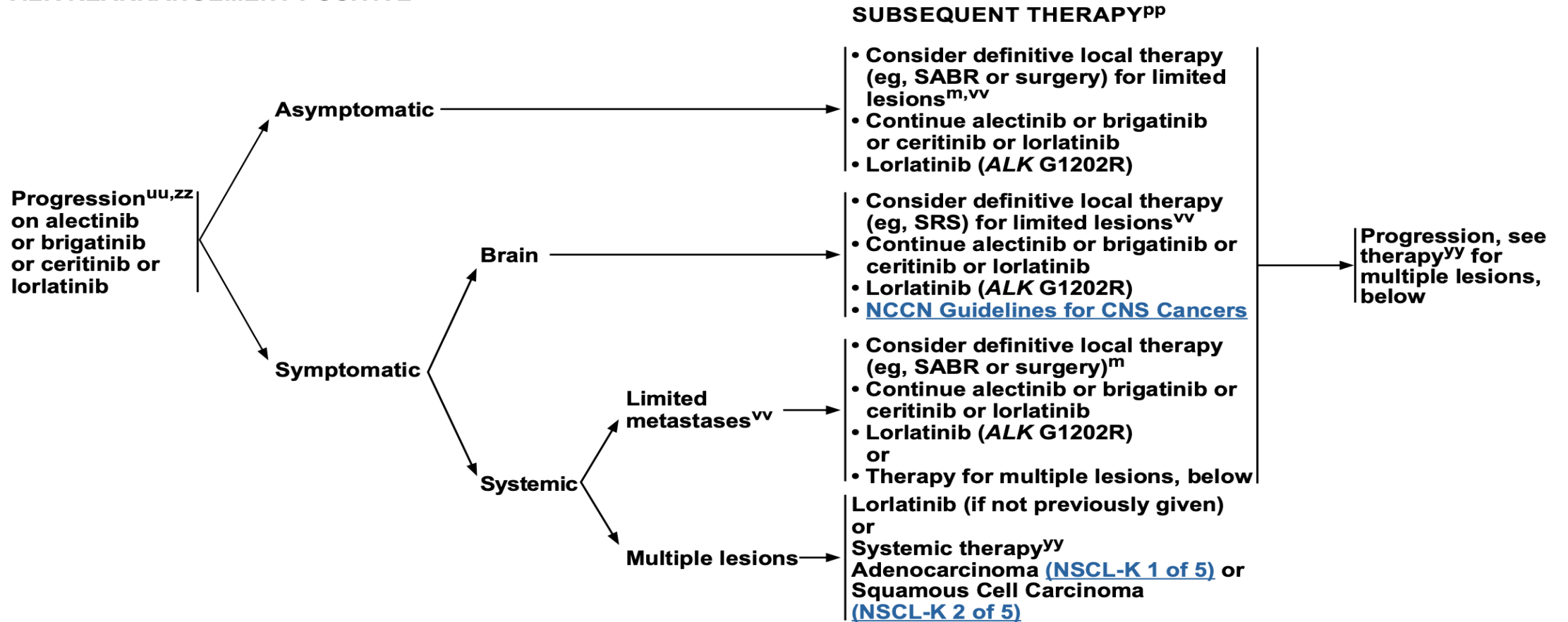
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<b>Crizotinib</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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none	none

Extensive evidence showing variant(s) in this sample may confer resistance to this therapy

NCCN category

# NCCN

## ALK REARRANGEMENT POSITIVE<sup>mm</sup>



<sup>m</sup> IGTA therapy (eg, cryotherapy, microwave, radiofrequency) may be an option for select patients not receiving SABR or definitive RT. [Principles of Image-Guided Thermal Ablation Therapy \(NSCL-D\)](#).

<sup>mm</sup> [Principles of Molecular and Biomarker Analysis \(NSCL-H\)](#).

<sup>pp</sup> [Targeted Therapy or Immunotherapy for Advanced or Metastatic Disease \(NSCL-J\)](#).

<sup>uu</sup> Beware of flare phenomenon in subset of patients who discontinue TKI. If disease flare occurs, restart TKI.

<sup>vv</sup> Limited number is undefined but clinical trials have included 3 to 5 metastases.

<sup>yy</sup> The data in the second-line setting suggest that PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor monotherapy is less effective, irrespective of PD-L1 expression, in *EGFR* exon 19 deletion or L858R, ALK+ NSCLC.

# Summary

1. Treating ALK positive Lung cancer is challenging task
2. CNS relapse and mutations causing resistance to available TKI
3. Best Agent first vs sequencing : Both strategies have been tried
4. Lorlatinib seems to be best upfront available options



# Summary

1. Treating Lorlatinib resistant cases is unmet need now
2. Repeat Biopsy must be tried whenever feasible
3. Liquid Biopsy is promising tool to pick up Resistant mutations
4. Chemotherapy is always an option but in fit patients preferably with continuation of TKI

*Thank you*

