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## **TRK FUSION-POSITIVE SARCOMAS AND LUNG CANCER**

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**Prof. Christian Rolfo** 

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#### THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS MEETING IS TO SHARE CURRENT OPINIONS ON HOW TO IDENTIFY, TEST AND TREAT TRK FUSION-POSITIVE SARCOMAS AND LUNG CANCER



YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO **DISCUSS AND SHARE** LEARNINGS ON A CHALLENGING TOPICS WITHIN THE AREA OF TRK FUSION-POSITIVE CANCER A CHANCE TO HEAR THE **VIEWS OF EXPERTS** AND ALLOW THEM TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU DISCUSS PATIENT CASE STUDIES AND QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE SENT IN ADVANCE OF THIS EVENT

#### **INTRODUCING THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**





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## **DETECTION OF TRK FUSION-POSITIVE SARCOMAS**

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#### DISCLOSURES



• Prof Rudzinski has nothing to disclose.

#### **NTRK GENES**



- Neurotrophic tropomyosin-receptor kinase genes (*NTRK1, NTRK2, NTRK3*)
- Encode tropomyosin receptor kinase proteins (TRKA, TRKB, TRKC)
- Normally expressed in peripheral and central nervous systems in embryonic development and in adult tissues
- Kinase domain activation leads to activation of downstream signalling of MAPK, PI3K and PKC pathways to promote neuron growth, differentiation and survival

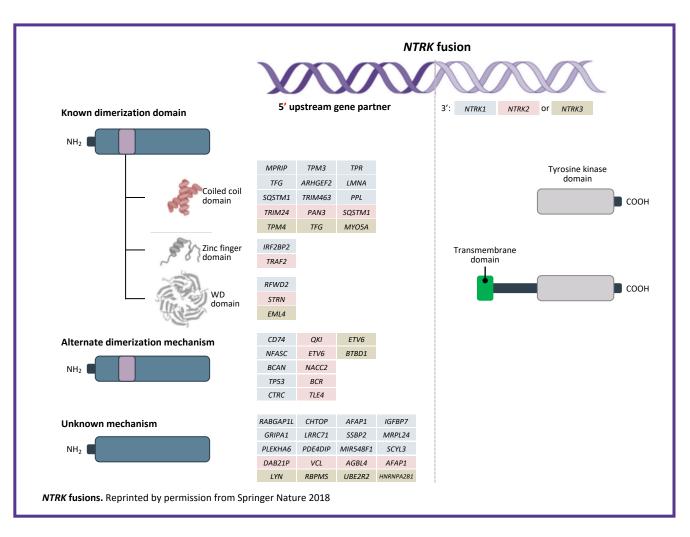
MAPK, mitogen-activated protein kinase; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3-kinase; PKC, protein kinase CI; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase Hechtman JF. Mod Pathol. 2021; doi: 10.1038/s41379-021-00913-8 (Online ahead of print)

#### **NTRK FUSIONS**



- Intra- or inter-chromosomal gene rearrangements lead to the *NTRK* gene joining with a fusion partner gene
- Over 80 different fusion partners identified
- This triggers constitutive activation of the TRK protein
- This promotes, through MAPK and/or PI3K pathways:
  - $\uparrow$  tumour proliferation
  - ↑ survival
  - $\uparrow$  invasion

 $\uparrow$  angiogenesis



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## **NTRK FUSIONS IN SARCOMAS**

### **INCIDENCE OF NTRK FUSIONS IN SARCOMAS**



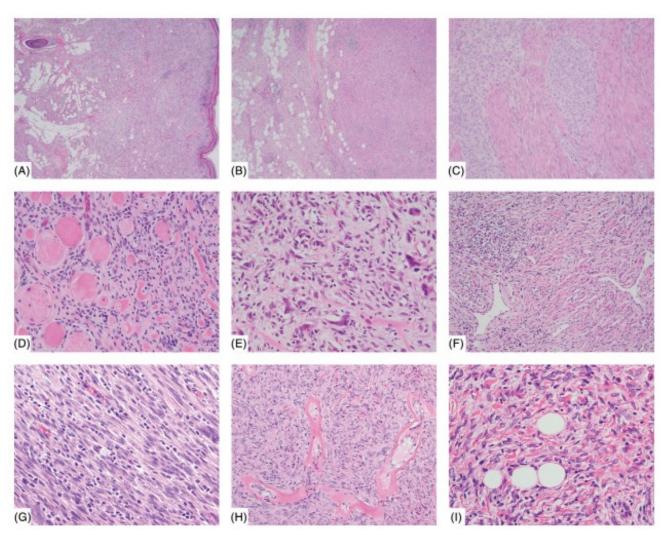
#### VARIES IN PAEDIATRIC AND ADULTS TUMOURS

D	iagnosis Frequency	
•	Infantile fibrosarcoma	91%
•	Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour	18%
•	Sarcoma (not otherwise specified)	0.68-1.17%

#### **NTRK FUSION HISTOLOGY**



- Lipofibromatosis-like neural tumour
- Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour-like sarcomas
- Infantile fibrosarcoma-like
- Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour-like



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- GIST
- Bone sarcomas

Anecdotal Anecdotal

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#### **IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY**

- panTRK targets TRKA, TRKB and TRKC
- Good screening tool fast and inexpensive, requires minimal tissue
  - Sensitivity of 96-100% for NTRK1/2 fusions
  - Sensitivity of 79% for *NTRK3* fusions
  - Patterns of staining correspond to gene involved
    - Cytoplasmic staining not specific for *NTRK* fusions
- Disadvantage is that it requires subsequent molecular verification



#### FLUORESCENT IN SITU HYBRIDISATION (FISH)

- ETV6
  - Useful in tumours with high prevalence of ETV6-NTRK3 fusions such as infantile fibrosarcoma, mammary analogue secretory carcinoma of salivary gland, secretory breast carcinoma
- NTRK1/2/3
- Advantages are **rapid** turn around time (1-3 days), requires relatively **little tissue**
- Disadvantages are potential for false negatives, relatively few places offer NTRK1/2/3



#### **RT-PCR**

- Some common paediatric panels may include *ETV6-NTRK3*
- Advantages include cost, moderate turn around time (1 week), relatively little tissue
- Disadvantages include lack of detection of other fusion partners



#### **NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING (DNA)**

- Advantages include detection of **multiple fusion partners**, analyse for other alterations simultaneously
- Disadvantages include requirement for moderate amount of tumour tissue, limited coverage of introns (81% sensitivity – best at NTRK1), longer turn around times (2-4 weeks), does not confirm gene fusion is functional



#### **NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING (RNA)**

- Advantages include detection of multiple fusion partners, detection is partner agnostic, confirmation that the fusion gene is transcribed, not limited by gene size (introns)
- Disadvantages include moderate **amount of tumour tissue**, subject to RNA **degradation** in older samples, longer **turn around times** (2-4 weeks)



#### **OTHER**

- Whole transcriptome
- Hybrid DNA/RNA panels
- Nanostring

Marchiò C. Ann Oncol. 2019;30(9):1417-1427. doi: 10.1093/annonc/mdz204

#### **MY APPROACH...**



- panTRK immunohistochemistry
  - Nuclear panTRK
  - Proceed to ETV6 FISH, RT-PCR
  - NGS panel (RNA) for NTRK3
- panTRK immunohistochemistry
  - Cytoplasmic panTRK
  - Sequencing for *NTRK1/2* by (DNA or RNA)
    - NTRK2 not picked up well by DNA
  - FISH, other
- Negative panTRK
  - Sequencing for multiple tyrosine kinases (RNA)



#### **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE**

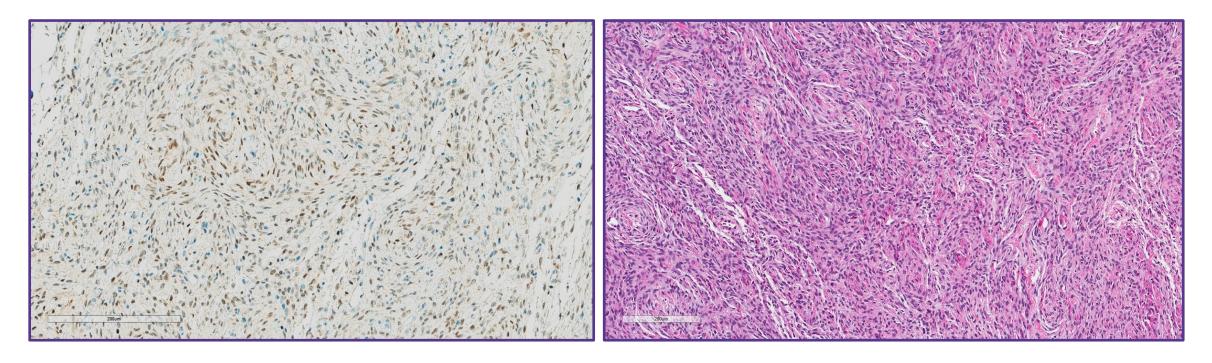


#### **PEARLS FROM MY PRACTICE**

- I have only seen nuclear panTRK staining in *NTRK3* fused cases
  - True even for cases that have failed initial sequencing attempts
- Monomorphic spindle cell tumours (in children / young adults) frequently harbour gene rearrangements
  - Infantile fibrosarcoma/lipofibromatosis-like neural tumour spectrum of tumours frequently harbour kinase gene alterations, including NTRKs
  - Quick to pursue RNA sequencing panels

## 4-MONTH-OLD MALE WITH INTRADURAL/ EXTRA-AXIAL MASS

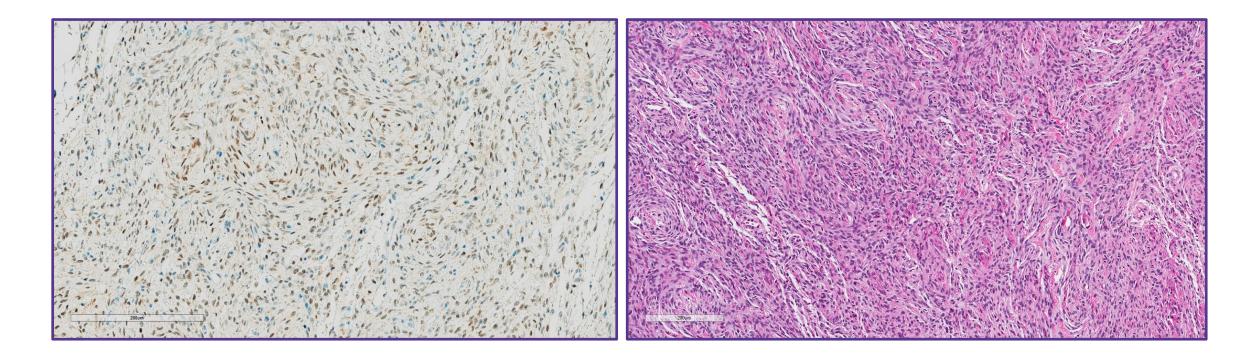




- Outside hospital sent for NTRK IHC reported as equivocal → Sequencing eventually came back negative so sent for consultations.
- My repeat IHC showed diffuse nuclear panTRK staining → Sent for local RNA sequencing

## 4-MONTH-OLD MALE WITH INTRADURAL/ EXTRA-AXIAL MASS





KHDRBS1-NTRK3 fusion

# TRK FUSION-POSITIVE SARCOMAS CLINICAL DATA, SECOND GENERATION THERAPIES

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## DISCLOSURES



- Receipt of grants/research support:
  - MSD
  - GSK
- Receipt of consultation fees:
  - Adaptimmune, Astex, Athenex, Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, Blueprint, Clinigen, Eisai, Epizyme, Daichii, Deciphera, Immune Design, Immunicum, Karma Oncology, Lilly, Merck, Mundipharma, PharmaMar, Springworks, SynOx, Tracon

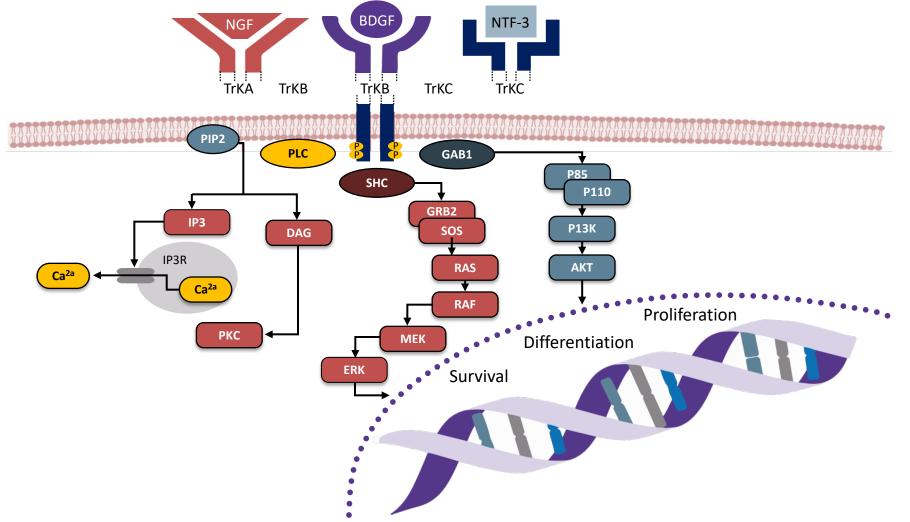
#### **NTRK FUSION-POSITIVE TUMOURS**



- Tropomyosin receptor kinase (TrK)
  - 3 trans-membrane proteins (Trk A, B + C receptors)
  - Encoded by the *NTRK1*, 2 + 3 genes
  - Expressed in human neuronal tissue
    - Function as high-affinity receptors for neurotrophins
- Oncogenic *NTRK* gene fusions
  - Induce cell proliferation
  - Engage downstream signalling pathways
- Rare occur in diverse range of tumours

#### **TRK RECEPTOR SIGNALLING**





AKT, v-akt murine thymoma viral oncogene homologue; BDGF, brain-derived growth factor; DAG, diacyl-glycerol; ERK, extracellular signal-regulated kinase; GAB1, GRB2-associated-binding protein 1; GRB2, growth factor receptor-bound protein 2; IP3, inositol trisphosphate; IP3R, IP3 receptor; MEK, mitogen-activated protein kinase; NGF, nerve growth factor; NTF-3, neurotrophin -3; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-biphosphate 3-kinase; PIP2, phosphatidylinositol 4,5-biphosphate; PKC, protein kinase C; PLC, phospholipase C; RAF, rapidly accelerated fibrosarcoma kinase; RAS, rat sarcoma kinase; SHC, Src homology 2 domain containing; Trk, tropomyosin receptor kinase Amatu A, et al. ESMO Open 2016;1:e000023

#### **NTRK FUSIONS IN SARCOMAS**



- Established role
  - Infantile fibrosarcoma with *ETV6-NTRK3* gene fusions<sup>1</sup>
  - KIT/PDGFRA wild-type GIST<sup>2</sup>
- Unclear which sarcoma subtypes are likely to harbour *NTRK* gene fusions
  - Screening methods are expensive + must be targeted
- Tumours with translocations of *EWSR1* in Ewing sarcoma or KIT in GIST are unlikely to harbour *NTRK* gene fusions
  - More research is required to confirm these observations
- Emerging tumours with *NTRK* fusions
  - Spindle cell tumours with RAF1, BRAF & NTRK1/2 gene fusions<sup>3</sup>
  - Infantile fibrosarcoma-like with *BRAF* & *NTRK1* gene fusions<sup>4,5</sup>
  - Lipofibromatosis-like neural tumours with NTRK1 gene fusions<sup>6</sup>
  - NTRK3 gene fusions positive sarcomas<sup>6</sup>

GIST, gastrointestinal stromal tumour; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; PDGFRA, platelet-derived growth factor receptor alpha

<sup>1.</sup> Fletcher CDM et al. WHO Classification of Tumours of Soft Tissue and Bone. 4th ed. Lyon, France: IARC Press; 2013; 2. Cocco E, et al. Nat Rev Clin Oncol. 2018;15:731-47;

<sup>3.</sup> Suurmeijer AJH, et al. Genes Chromosomes Cancer. 2018;57:611-21; 4. Kao Y-C, et al. Am J Surg Pathol. 2018;42:28-38;

<sup>5.</sup> Agaram NP, et al. Am J Surg Pathol. 2016;40:1407-16; 6. Suurmeijer AJH, et al. Genes Chromosomes Cancer. 2019;58:100-10

## FREQUENCY OF NTRK GENE FUSIONS IDENTIFIED IN SARCOMAS

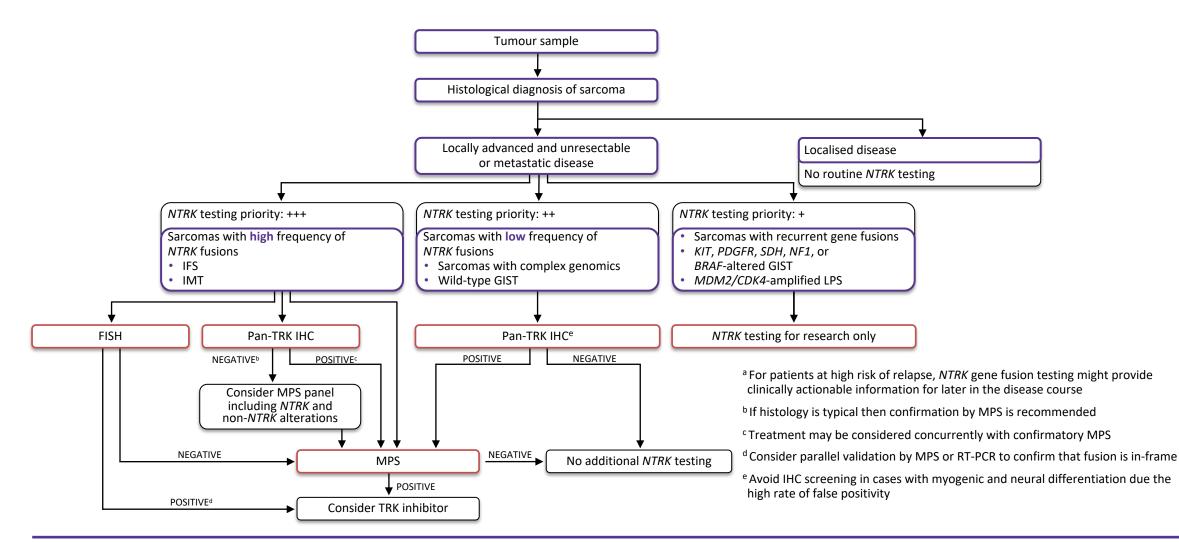


Study	Testing method	Proportion of patients with NTRK fusions identified	NTRK fusion-positive sarcoma subtypes	NTRK genes and fusion partners involved
Agaram et al.	FISH, RNA MPS	71% (10/14)	Lipofibromatosis-like tumour	1 TPR-NTRK1 1 TPM3-NTRK1 4 LMNA-NTRK1
Bourgeois et al.	RT-PCR	91% (10/11)	IFS	ETV6-NTRK3
Bui et al.	Targeted DNA MPS	0.7% (1/152)	Myopericytoma	NR
Chang et al.	Targeted RNA MPS	33% (3/9)	IMT	ETV-NTRK3
Chmielecki et al.	Targeted RNA MPS	1% (4/324)	IFS (n=2), assorted soft tissue sarcoma (n=1), haemangioma (n=1), bone sarcoma (n=1)	SQSTM1-NTRK1 (n=1), other fusion partners NR
Church et al.	FISH	96% (25/26)	IFS	NTRK3
Croce et al.	Targeted RNA MPS	54% (7/13)	Uterine and vaginal sarcomas resembling fibrosarcoma	6 TPM3-NTRK1, 1 EML4-NTRK3
Gatalica et al.	Targeted RNA MPS	0.4% (2/478)	1 STS (poorly differentiated sarcoma with possible myofibroblastic differentiation), 1 uterine sarcoma (intermediate to high-grade sarcoma of uterine origin, with myxoid stroma and no specific line of differentiation)	1 TPM3-NTRK1, 1 SPECC1L-NTRK3
Rosen et al.	Targeted RNA MPS	1% (11/944)	Sarcoma NOS [9/770 (1%)], uterine sarcoma [2/174 (1%)]	NR
Shi et al.	Targeted DNA MPS	0.5% (1/186) overall [4% (1/24) in quad-negative tumours]	GIST	ETV6-NTRK3
Solomon et al.	Targeted DNA and/or RNA MPS	0.7% (13/1915) 18% (3/17)	IFS (n=2), lipofibromatosis-like neural tumour (n=2), uterine sarcoma (n=2), uterine high-grade pleomorphic sarcoma, high-grade spindle cell sarcoma, malignant spindle cell sarcoma, spindle cell sarcoma, angiosarcoma, S-100 positive malignant spindle cell neoplasm, low grade sarcoma (all n=1) IMT	LMNA-NTRK1 (n=4), TPM3-NTRK1 (n=3), ETV6-NTRK3 (n=2), TPR-NTRK1, TPM4-NTRK3, EEF1A1-NTRK3, PEAR1-NTRK1 (all n=1) ETV6-NTRK3
Stransky et al.	TCGA RNA-seq dataset	1% (1/103)	Sarcoma	TPM3-NTRK1
Surrey et al.	Targeted RNA MPS	4% (2/45)	Sarcomas (other)	1 TFG-NTRK3, 1 RBPMS-NTRK3
Suurmeijer et al.	FISH, targeted RNA MPS	60% (15/25)	Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour-like	8 LMNA-NTRK1, 3 TPM3-NTRK1, 1 SPECC1L-NTRK2, 1 TPR-NTRK1, 2 NTRK1 with unknown fusion partne
Yamamoto et al.	MPS (TBC), IHC	5% (2/40)	IMT	ETV6-NTRK3
Zhu et al.	Targeted RNA MPS	3% (5/184)	Lipofibromatosis-like neural tumour (n=2), IFS (n=1), IMT (n=1), sarcoma NOS (n=1)	2 ETV6-NTRK3, 2 TPM3-NTRK1, 1 LMNA-NTRK1

FISH, fluorescent in situ hybridisation; GIST, gastrointestinal stromal tumour; IFS, infantile fibrosarcoma; IHC, immunohistochemistry; IMT, inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour; MPS, massive parallel sequencing; NOS, not otherwise specified; NR, not reported; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; RT-PCR, reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction; STS, soft tissue sarcoma; TCGA, The Cancer Genome Atlas Demetri GD, et al. Ann Oncol. 2020;31(11):1506-17

## **RECOMMENDED ALGORITHM FOR NTRK GENE FUSION TESTING IN SARCOMAS**





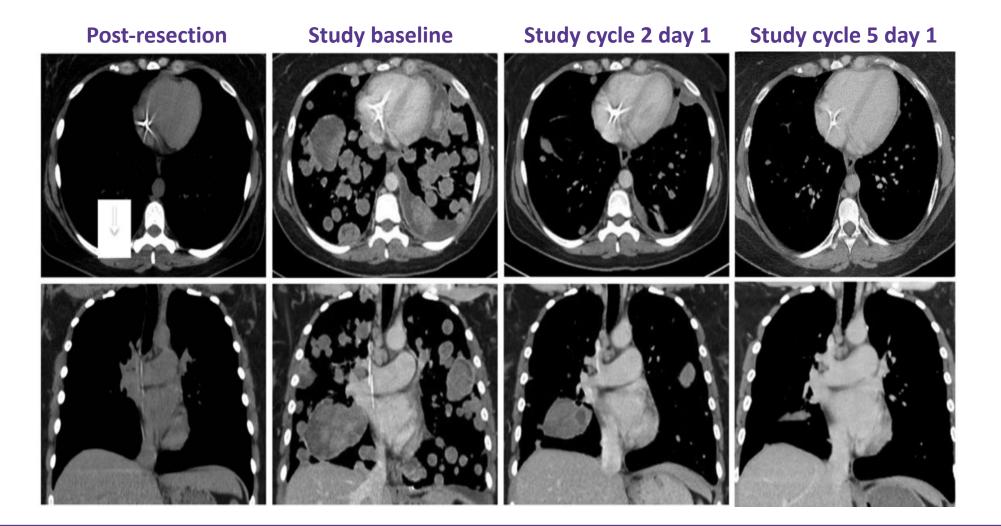
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Demetri GD, et al. Ann Oncol. 2020;31(11):1506-17

## LAROTRECTINIB IN SARCOMAS

## **RESPONSE IN SARCOMA WITH LMNA-NTRK1 FUSION TO LAROTRECTINIB**



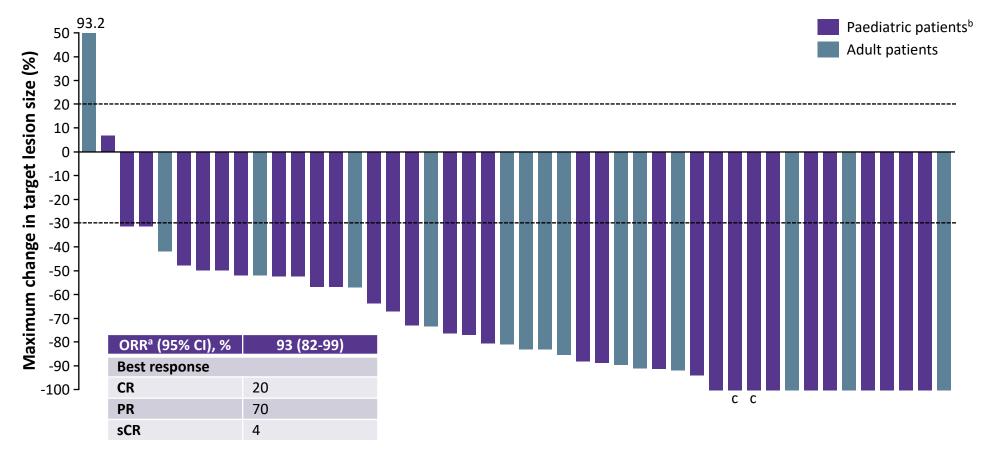


NTRK, neurotrophic tropomyosin receptor kinase Doebele RC, et al. Cancer Discov. 2015;5(10):1049-57

## LAROTRECTINIB IN TRK FUSION-POSITIVE SARCOMAS



In this subset of patients with sarcoma: ORR = 93% across both adult and paediatric patients with *NTRK* gene fusions



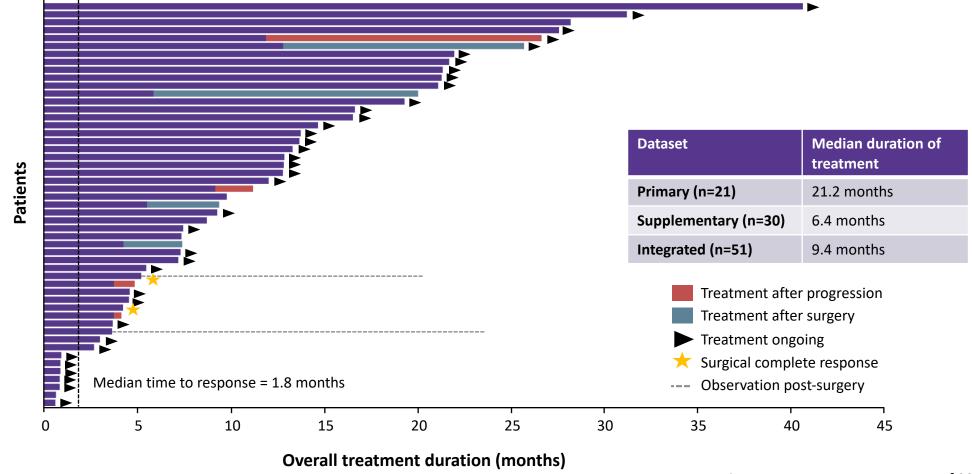
Investigator response assessments, as of 30 July 2018

<sup>a</sup>n=46 patients; includes three unconfirmed PRs pending confirmation; does not include five patients continuing on study and awaiting initial response assessment <sup>b</sup>Age <21 years; <sup>c</sup>sCR

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; ORR, objective response; PR, partial response; sCR, surgical complete response; TRK tropomyosin receptor kinase Federman N, et al. CTOS. 2018

#### LAROTRECTINIB: DURATION OF TREATMENT



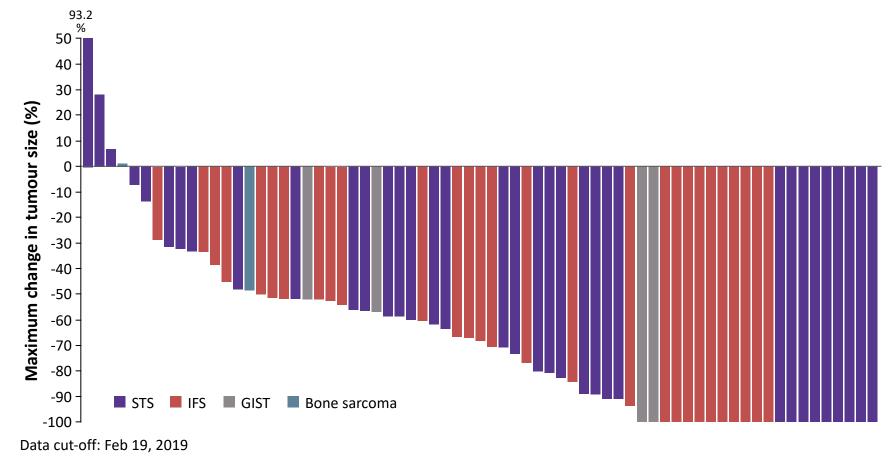


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## TRK-INHIBITION PROVIDES ROBUST RESPONSES IN PATIENTS WITH *NTRK* GENE FUSION-POSITIVE SARCOMA



EFFICACY OF LAROTRECTINIB IN SARCOMAS HARBOURING TRK FUSIONS: BEST CHANGE IN TARGET LESIONS



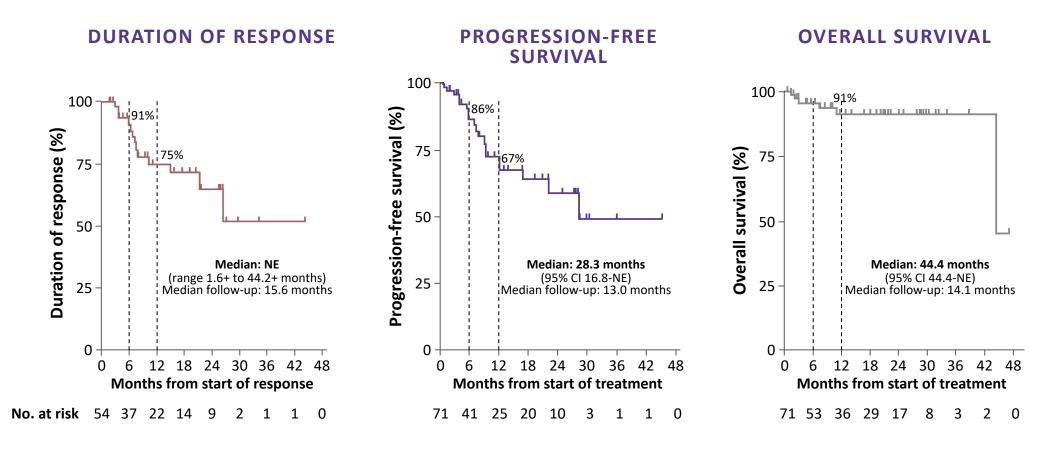
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## TRK-INHIBITION PROVIDES DURABLE RESPONSES IN PATIENTS WITH *NTRK* GENE FUSION-POSITIVE SARCOMA





#### Data cut-off: Feb 19, 2019

CI, confidence interval; NE, not estimable; NTRK, neurotrophic tropomyosin receptor kinase; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase Demetri GD, et al. CTOS 2019. Abstract #3254588. Oral presentation

# LAROTRECTINIB IN TRK FUSION-POSITIVE SARCOMAS -TRIAL DESIGN



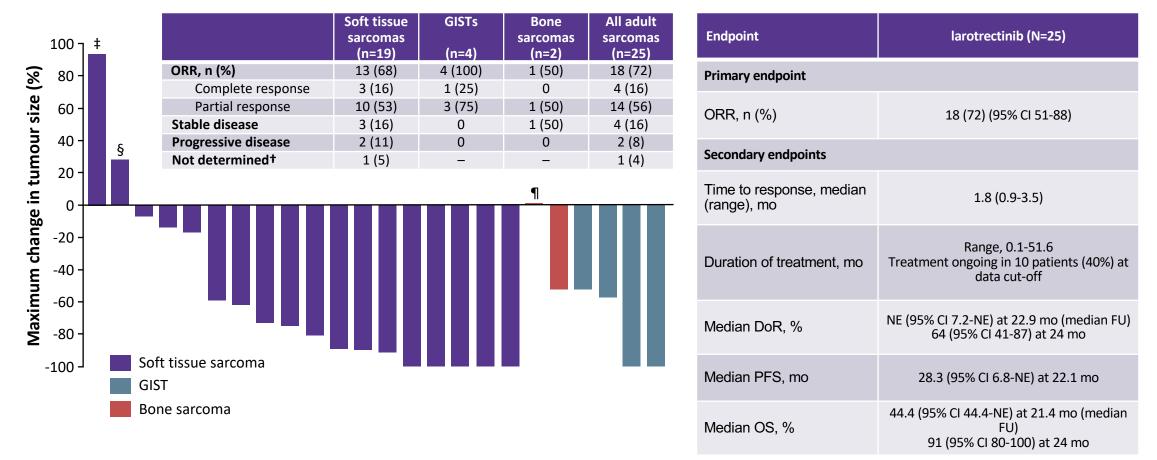
- Assessed the efficacy and safety of larotrectinib in adult patients with TRK fusion-positive sarcomas
- Adult patients aged ≥18 years with sarcomas harbouring an NTRK gene fusion and treated with larotrectinib were identified from three clinical trials:
  - NCT02122913
  - NCT02576431
  - NCT02637687
- Patients (N=25)
  - Soft tissue sarcoma (n=19)
  - Gastrointestinal stromal tumour (n=4)
  - Bone sarcoma (n=2)
- larotrectinib was administered orally at 100 mg BID (one patient received 150 mg BID)
- The primary endpoint was ORR, as assessed by investigators using RECIST v1.1
- Data cut-off: 15 July 2019

Kummar S, et al. Connective Tissue Oncology Society (CTOS) Virtual Meeting Eposter 106: 2020

BID, twice a day; NTRK, neurotrophic tropomyosin receptor kinase; ORR, objective response rate; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase

# LAROTRECTINIB IN TRK FUSION-POSITIVE SARCOMAS -EFFICACY





#### Data cut-off: 15 July 2019.

<sup>‡</sup> Patient with malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour who had progressive disease as best response; <sup>§</sup> Patient with synovial sarcoma who had progressive disease as best response; <sup>¶</sup> Patient with bone sarcoma with a maximum change in tumour size of 1.1%

CI, confidence interval; DoR, duration of response; FU, follow-up; GIST, gastrointestinal stromal tumour; mo, months; NE, not estimable; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival

Kummar S, et al. Connective Tissue Oncology Society (CTOS) Virtual Meeting Eposter 106: 2020

# **SAFETY: ADVERSE EVENTS OCCURRING ≥15% PATIENTS<sup>1</sup>**



- AEs were mostly grade 1 or 2, and with 6 months additional follow up compared with the previous analysis,<sup>2</sup> there were no unexpected safety signals
- Grade 3 or 4 treatment-emergent AEs occurred in 11 patients (44%), with none attributed to larotrectinib
- Two patients had grade 5 AEs (neurofibrosarcoma and malignant neoplasm progression) and neither were attributed to larotrectinib
- Three patients (12%) permanently discontinued treatment due to treatment-emergent AEs
  - No patients permanently discontinued treatment due to a larotrectinib-related AE

Preferred term	Treatment-emergent AEs, n (%)			Treatment-related AEs, n (%)	
	Grade 1 or 2	Grade 3	Any Grade	Grade 3	Any Grade
Constipation	12 (48)	0	12 (48)	0	5 (20)
Dizziness	9 (36)	0	9 (36)	0	6 (24)
Abdominal pain	7 (28)	1 (4)	8 (32)	0	1 (4)
Fatigue	7 (28)	1 (4)	8 (32)	0	3 (12)
Nausea	8 (32)	0	8 (32)	0	4 (16)
ALT increased	6 (24)	0	6 (24)	0	3 (12)
Anaemia	4 (16)	2 (8)	6 (24)	0	1 (4)
Back pain	6 (24)	0	6 (24)	-	-
Myalgia	6 (24)	0	6 (24)	0	5 (20)
Edema peripheral	6 (24)	0	6 (24)	0	2 (8)
Abdominal distension	5 (20)	0	5 (20)	0	1 (4)
Diarrhoea	5 (20)	0	5 (20)	0	1 (4)
Headache	5 (20)	0	5 (20)	0	3 (12)
Pain in extremity	5 (20)	0	5 (20)	0	1 (4)
Anxiety	3 (12)	1 (4)	4 (16)	-	-
Musculoskeletal chest pain	4 (16)	0	4 (16)	-	-
Urinary tract infection	3 (12)	1 (4)	4 (16)	-	-
Vomiting	4 (16)	0	4 (16)	0	2 (8)
Weight increased	2 (8)	2 (8)	4 (16)	0	2 (8)

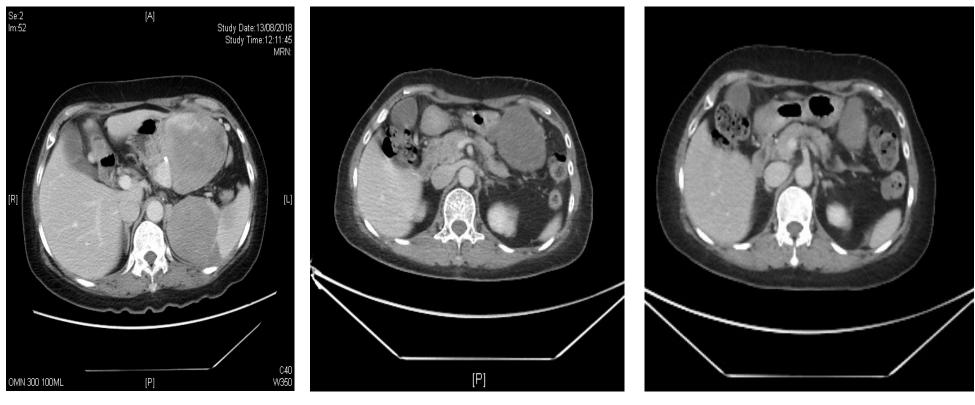
AE, adverse event

1. Kummar S, et al. Connective Tissue Oncology Society (CTOS) Virtual Meeting Eposter 106: 2020; 2. Demetri GD, et al. CTOS Abstract #3254588: 2019

# **ENTRECTINIB IN SARCOMAS**

# RADIOLOGICAL RESPONSE IN A PATIENT WITH A HIGH GRADE SARCOMA WITH HISTIOCYTIC DIFFERENTIATION (*ETV6:NTRK3* EXON 14) TREATED WITH ENTRECTINIB (CLINICAL TRIAL)





Baseline

~ 3 months after treatment

Nadir achieved at ~6 months after treatment

# **ENTRECTINIB IN SARCOMAS – TRIAL DESIGN**



- Combined analysis of
  - ALKA-372-001
  - NCT02097810<sup>1</sup>
  - NCT02568267<sup>2</sup>
- Sarcoma cohort
  - RECIST response rate: 6/12 (50%)
  - Six with stable disease
- Most treatment related adverse events Grade 1 or 2
  - Serious treatment-related adverse events: 30/ 355 (9%) patients

RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors 1.ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT02097810); 2. ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT02568267) Doebele RC, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2020;21(2):271-282

# SECOND GENERATION TRK INHIBITORS – ONGOING CLINICAL TRIALS



- Phase 1/ 2 Loxo-195
  - Previously treated with TRK inhibitors
  - NCT03215511<sup>1</sup>
- repotrectinib (TPX-0005)
  - Next generation pan-TRK, ROS1 + ALK tyrosine kinase inhibitor
  - Phase 1/2 in 6 cohorts (NCT03093116<sup>2</sup>)
  - One cohort = pre-treated TRK fusion positive solid tumours

# **MECHANISMS OF RESISTANCE**



- Acquired resistance<sup>1,2,3</sup>
- More research needed<sup>1</sup>
- Mutations leading to secondary resistance described<sup>2,3</sup>
- On-target mutations involving *NTRK* kinase domain<sup>2</sup>
- TRK xDFG mutations confer resistance to type I next-generation TRK inhibitors<sup>2</sup>
  - designed to maintain potency against several kinase domain mutations
- Off-target resistance<sup>3</sup>
  - Patients pre-treated TRK inhibitors + in patient-derived models
  - Mediated by genomic alterations that converge to activate mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) pathway

MAPK, mitogen-activated protein kinase; NTRK, neurotrophic tropomyosin receptor kinase; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase 1. Russo M, et al. Cancer Discov. 2016;6(1):36-44; 2. Cocco E, et al. Cancer Discov. 2021;11(1):126-41; 3. Cocco E, et al. Nat Med. 2019;25(9):1422-7

# CONCLUSIONS



### **TRK inhibitors**

- High response rate with long durability in patients with TRK fusion sarcomas
- Favourable safety profile and well tolerated

### Importance of identifying *NTRK* gene fusions in patients with sarcomas

• To enable these patients to potentially benefit from TRK-targeted therapy

# DETECTION OF TRK FUSION-POSITIVE LUNG CANCERS

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# **INCIDENCE OF GENE FUSIONS IN LUNG CANCER**



Gene	Common alteration	Incidence
ROS1	Rearrangement	1-2%
ALK	Rearrangement	2-7%
BRAF	V600E	1-2%
NTRK	Rearrangement	0.2%
MET	Amplification	0.34%
MET	Exon 14 skipping	2-3%
EGFR	Common (exon 19, 21)	30-50%
EGFR	Uncommon (exon 20, G719X, L585R, other)	12%
RET	Rearrangement	1-2%
HER2	Mutations	2-4%
KRAS	Mutations	20-30%
NRG1	Rearrangement	0.2-0.8%

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# **INCIDENCE OF GENE FUSIONS IN LUNG CANCER**



Gene	Common alteration	Incidence
ROS1	Rearrangement	1-2%
ALK	Rearrangement	2-7%
BRAF	V600E	1-2%
NTRK	Rearrangement	0.2%
MET	Amplification	0.34%
MET	Exon 14 skipping	2-3%
EGFR	Common (exon 19, 21)	30-50%
EGFR	Uncommon (exon 20, G719X, L585R, other)	12%
RET	Rearrangement	1-2%
HER2	Mutations	2-4%
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# INCIDENCE



- *NTRK* fusions occur in NSCLC lung cancer at approximately 0.1-0.3%
  - 10× more common in tumours with no other oncogenic drivers
  - *NTRK1* may be more common than *NTRK2/3*
- *NTRK* fusions mutually exclusive with other oncogenic drivers
  - However, may occur as a resistance mechanism to other TKI therapies

#### Frequency of *NTRK* fusions among consecutively tested unique patients with NSCLC

Fusion	MGH	МЅКСС	Total	Frequency, % (95% Cl)
No. of NSCLCs screened	1,804	3,608	4,872	
NTRK1	2	4	6	0.12 (0.5 - 0.27)
NTRK2	0	1	1	0.02 (0.00 - 0.11)
NTRK3	2	2	4	0.08 (0.02 - 0.21)
All NTRK	4	7	11	0.23 (0.11 - 0.40)

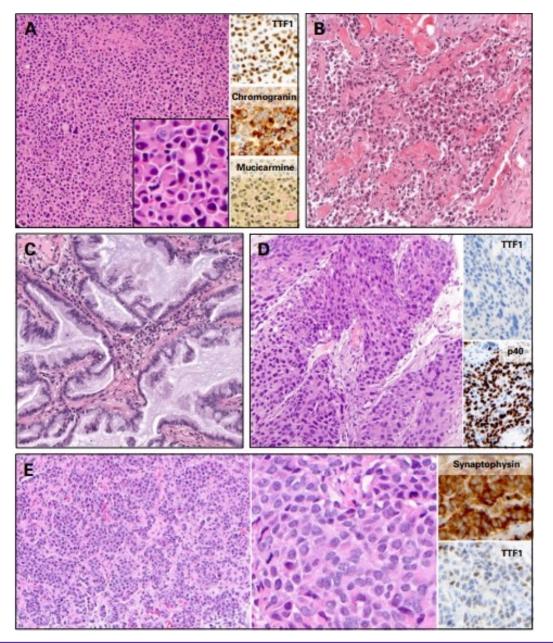
CI, confidence interval; MGH, Massachusetts General Hospital; MSKCC, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer;

NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor

Harada G, et al. Lung Cancer. 2021; 161:108-13; Farago AF, et al JCO Precis Oncol. 2018; 2018:PO.18.00037

# *NTRK* FUSIONS ACROSS TUMOUR TYPES/HISTOLOGIES

 Described across a variety of patient ages (median age range= 48y (range from 25-86) and tumour types/histologies





A: Adenocarcinoma (solid growth pattern, diffuse neuroendocrine differentiation, signet ring cells); B: Adenocarcinoma (poorly-differentiated, solid and single-cell growth patterns); C: Mucinous adenocarcinoma; D: Squamous cell carcinoma; E: Neuroendocrine carcinoma (well-differentiated morphology, increased mitotic activity) NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase Farago AF, et al JCO Precis Oncol. 2018; 2018:PO.18.00037

# **TESTING APPROACHES**



## SINGLE GENE-TESTING

- FISH for *NTRK1/2/3* 
  - Advantages are rapid turn around time (1-3 days), requires relatively little tissue
  - Disadvantages are potential for false negatives, relatively few places offer NTRK1/2/3
- RT-PCR
  - Advantages include cost, moderate turn around time (1 week), relatively little tissue
  - Disadvantages include lack of detection of other fusion partners

# **TESTING APPROACHES**



## **NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING**

- DNA-based
  - Advantages include analyse variety of gene groups frequently altered in lung cancer including point mutations, amplifications and tumour mutational burden
  - Disadvantages include requires moderate amounts of tumour tissue, limited coverage of introns (81% sensitivity – best at *NTRK1*) and turn around times (2-4 weeks)
- RNA-based
  - Advantages include confirmation that the fusion gene is transcribed, not limited by gene size (introns), and detection is partner agnostic
  - Disadvantages include moderate amounts of tumour tissue, subject to RNA degradation in older samples, turn around times (2-4 weeks)

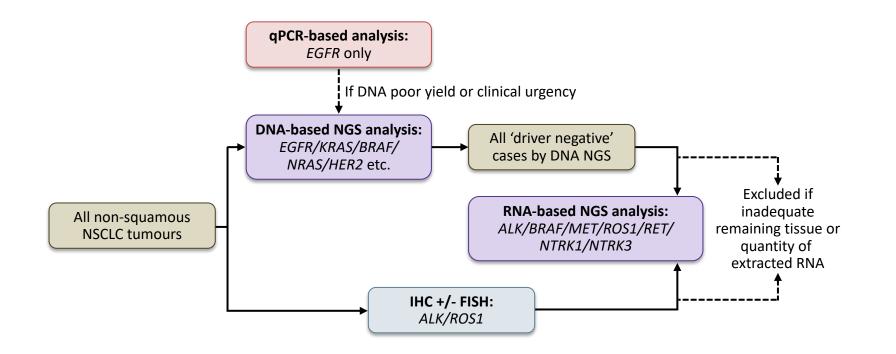
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# WORKFLOWS



- Multiple published approaches
- Depend on institutional resources



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# **TESTING APPROACHES**



## **OTHER**

- Immunohistochemistry
- Nanostring

# TREATMENT OF TRK FUSION-POSITIVE LUNG CANCERS

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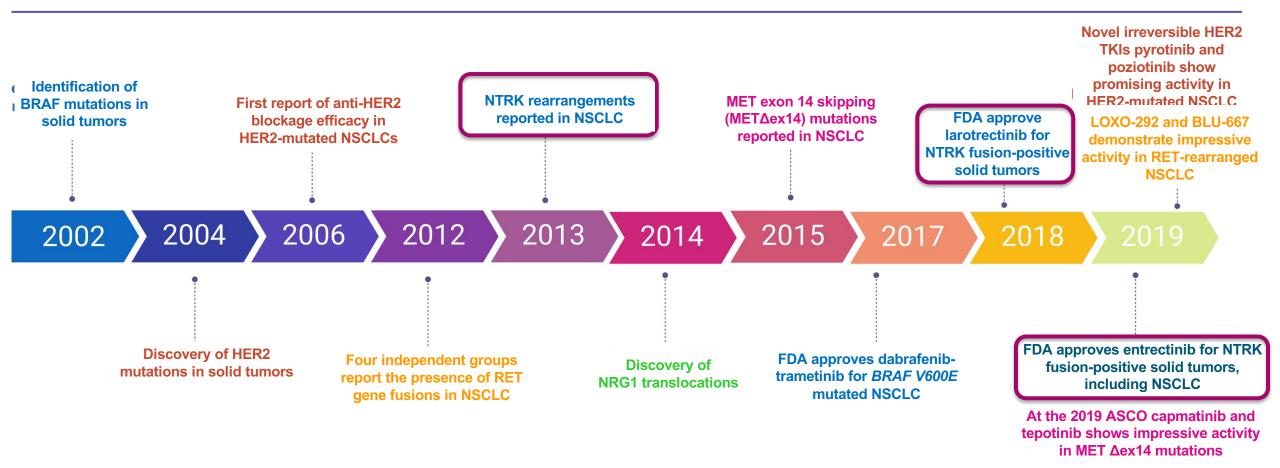
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Leadership roles	Deputy chair Educational Committee IALSC - President ISLB (International Society of Liquid Biopsy) - Educational Chair: OLA Oncology Latin American Association Scientific Committee Member at ESO (European School of Oncology).

IALSC, International Society for the Study of Lung Cancer; ISLB, International Society of Liquid Biopsy

# Milestones in the story of novel oncogene drivers in advanced NSCLC



ASCO, American Society of Clinical Oncology; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor Adapted from Russo A (Rolfo C), et al. Curr Oncol Rep. 2020;22(5):48

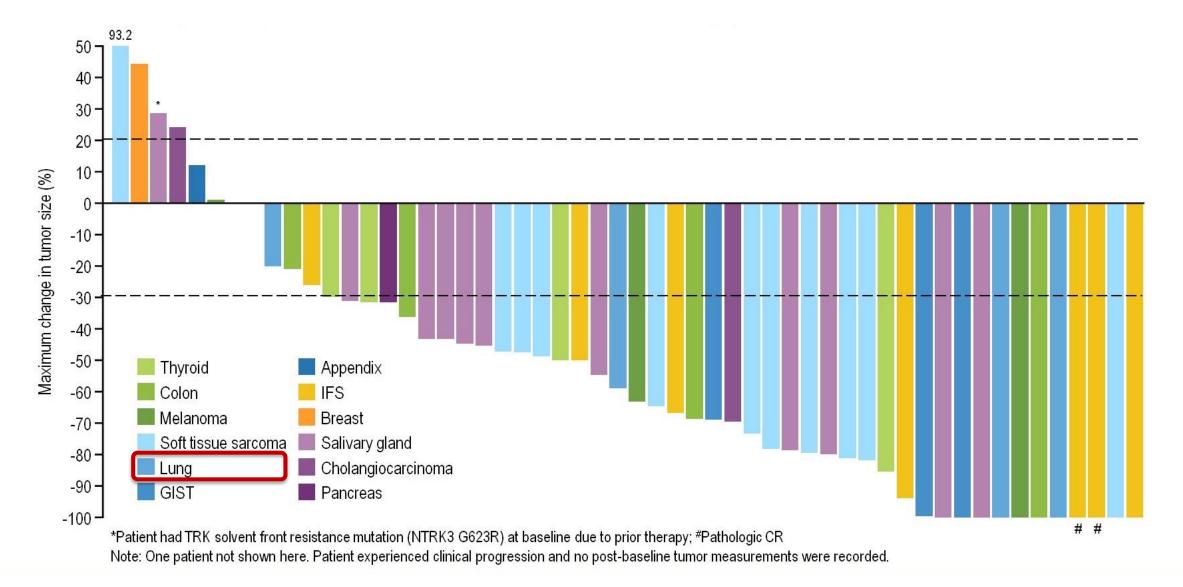
# **Clinical activity of larotrectinib in patients with TRK fusion cancers**

	Enrolled patients with confirmatory response data available (n=50)	All enrolled patients (n=55)*
Objective response rate (95% CI)	<b>76%</b> (62–87%)	<b>78%</b> (65–88%)
Partial response	64%	65%*
Complete response	12%	13%*
Stable disease	12%	11%
Progressive disease	12%	11%

\*Includes unconfirmed responses with confirmatory scans pending (4 PR, 1 CR). All remain in response and ongoing on study.

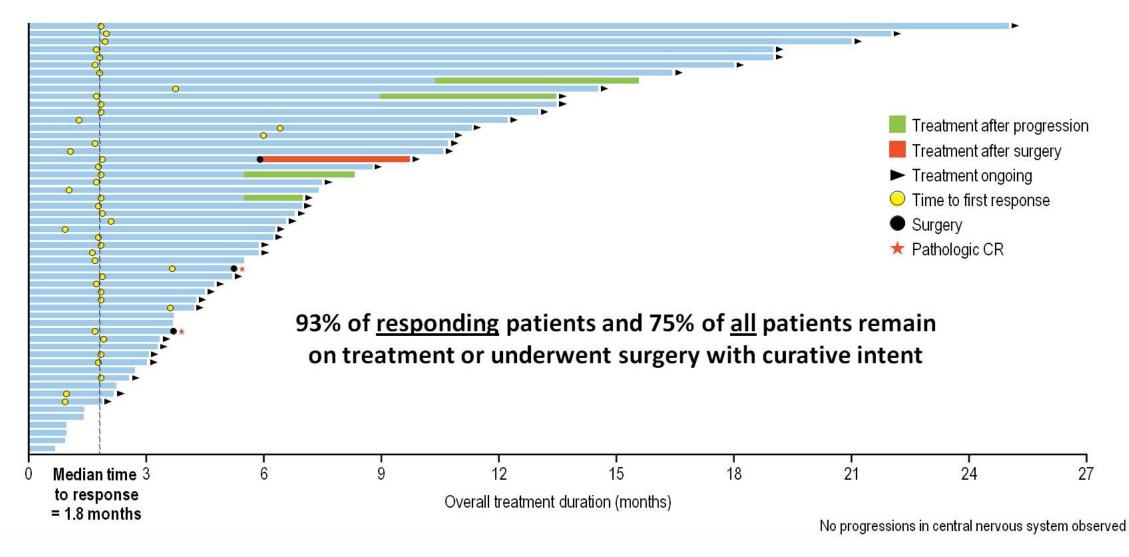
CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; PR, partial response; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase Presented By David Hyman at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting

## **Larotrectinib Efficacy regardless of tumor type**



GIST, Gastrointestinal stromal tumor; IFS, infantile fibrosarcoma Presented By David Hyman at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting

## **Duration of larotrectinib therapy**



#### CR, complete response

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## Efficacy and safety of larotrectinib in patients with NTRK fusion-positive lung cancer

N=20 48.5 (25.0-76.0) Adult phase I trial Age, median (range), years **Primary endpoint** Sex. n (%) (NCT02122913) n=1 20 patients with TRK 10 (50) Best ORR per IRC and INV Male Age ≥18 years 10 (50) Female fusion lung cancer (RECIST v1.1) Race, n (%) Advanced solid tumors Secondary endpoints White 9 (45) 8 (40) Asian Duration of response . TRK fusion status determined by local 2 (10) Other CLIA-accredited (or similar) laboratories Progression-free survival • American Indian or Alaska Native 1 (5) Overall survival Phase II basket trial ECOG performance status, n (%) Safety 8 (40) (NAVIGATE. 10 (50) NCT02576431) Data cut-off: July 20, 2020 n=19 1 (5) Larotrectinib dose Age ≥12 years 1 (5) 3 Larotrectinib, 100 mg BID continuously Histology, n (%) Advanced solid tumors 28-day cycles Adenocarcinoma 19 (95) TRK fusion cancer Neuroendocrine carcinoma 1 (5)† **Baseline demographics** CNS metastases, n (%) N=20 No 10 (50) Prior therapies,<sup>1</sup> n (%) Yes 10 (50) 10 (50) 2 (10) Surgery Previous radiotherapy 9 (45) Radiotherapy Systemic therapy§ 19 (95)

> 1 (5) 6 (30) 3 (15)

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5 (25) 5 (25)

7 (35)

BID, twice daily; CLIA, clinical laboratory improvement amendments; CNS, central nervous system; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; INV, investigator-assessed; IRC, independent review committee; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; ORR, objective response rate; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase

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Other<sup>¶</sup>

Partial response

Progressive disease

Stable disease

Number of prior systemic therapies, n (%)

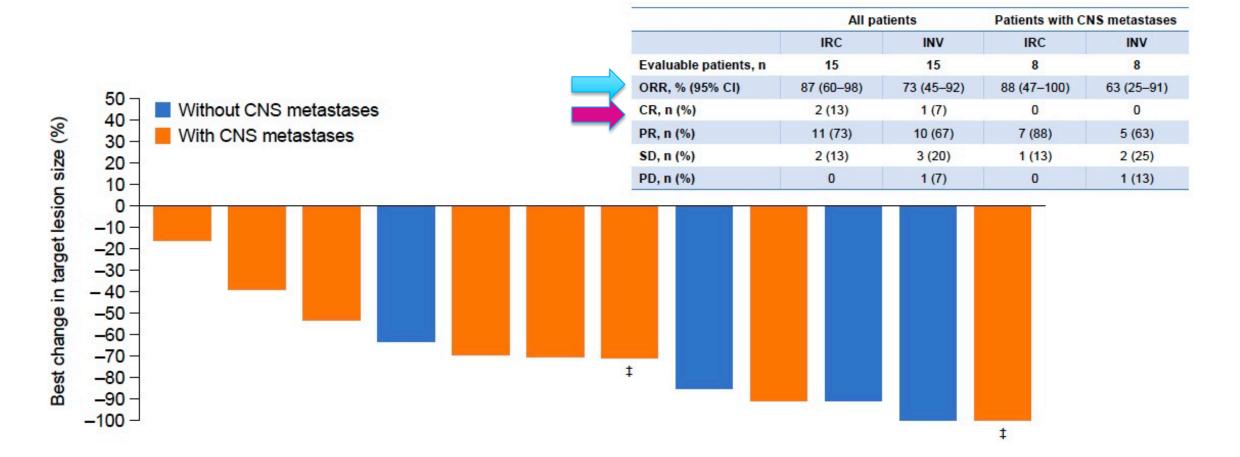
Best response to most recent systemic therapy, n (%)

Study design

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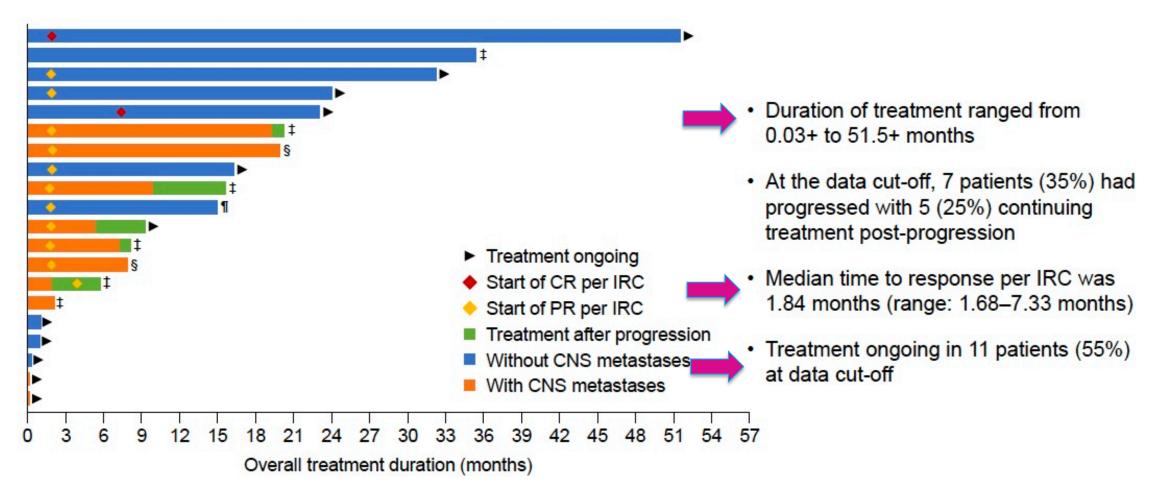
**Baseline demographics** 

# Best response to larotrectinib per IRC in patients with NTRK fusion-positive lung cancer



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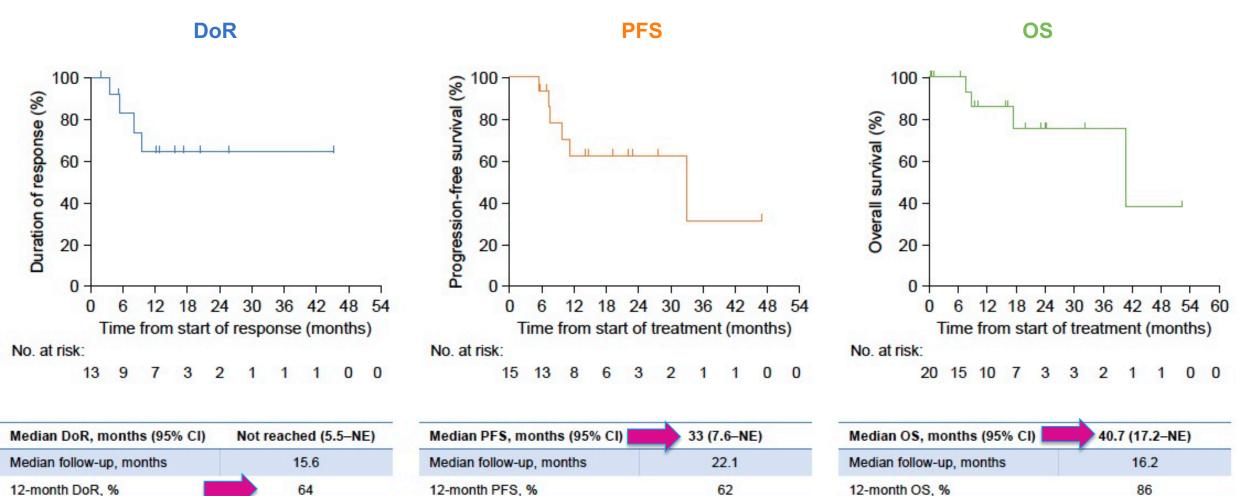
# Treatment duration with larotrectinib in patients with NTRK fusion-positive lung cancer



CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; IRC, independent review committee; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease

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# DoR, PFS, and OS with larotrectinib in patients with NTRK fusion-positive lung cancer (per IRC)



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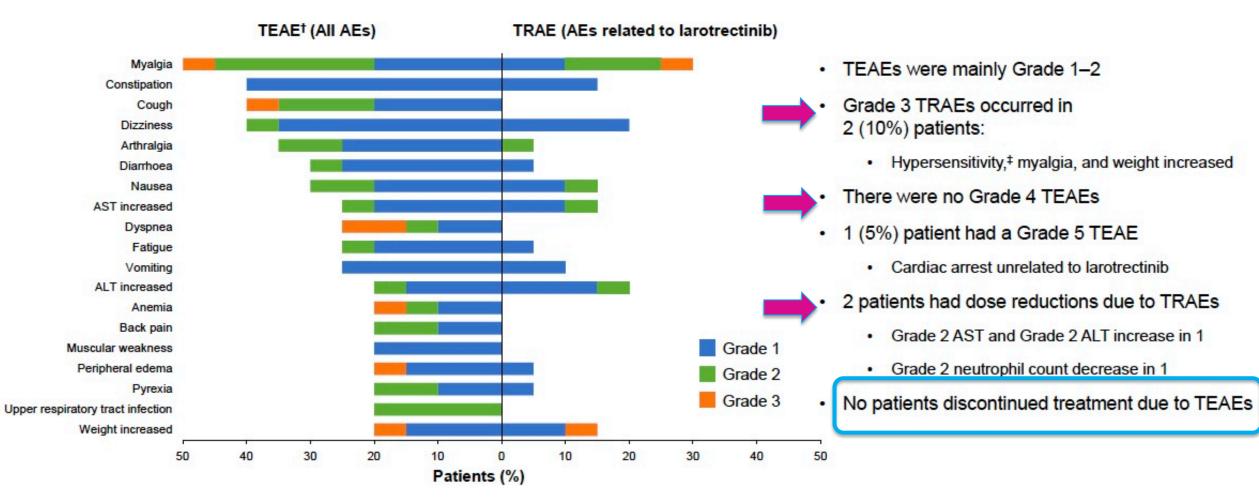
## larotrectinib activity in patients with NTRK fusion-positive lung cancer with CNS metastases

**PFS** OS DoR 100 100 100 Progression-free survival (%) Duration of response (%) **Overall survival (%)** 80 80 80 60 60 60 40 -40 40 20 20 20 0 -0 -0 -12 18 12 18 24 30 12 18 24 30 0 6 0 6 6 0 Time from start of response (months) Time from start of treatment (months) Time from start of treatment (months) No. at risk: No. at risk: No. at risk: 7 3 10 8 3 0 1 0 8 6 0 2 0 0 Median OS, months (95% CI Median DoR, months (95% CI) 8.2 (3.6-NE) Median PFS, months (95% CI) 9.9 (5.3-NE) 17.2 (7.6-NE) 10 Median follow-up, months 17.4 Median follow-up, months 19.3 Median follow-up, months 12-month DoR, % 12-month PFS, % 18 71 21 12-month OS, %

CI, confidence interval; CNS, central nervous system; DoR, duration of response; NE, not estimable; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival

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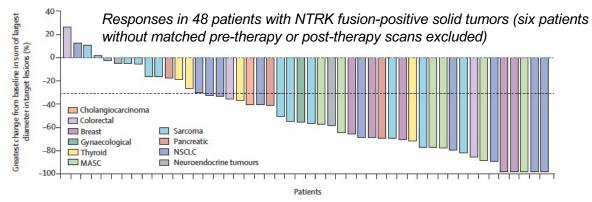
## Safety of larotrectinib in patients with NTRK fusion-positive lung cancer



AE, adverse event; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event; Drilon A, et al. WCLC 2021. Abstract P53.02. Poster presentation.

# Entrectinib

Entrectinib in patients with advanced or metastatic NTRK fusion-positive solid tumours: integrated analysis of three phase 1–2 trials



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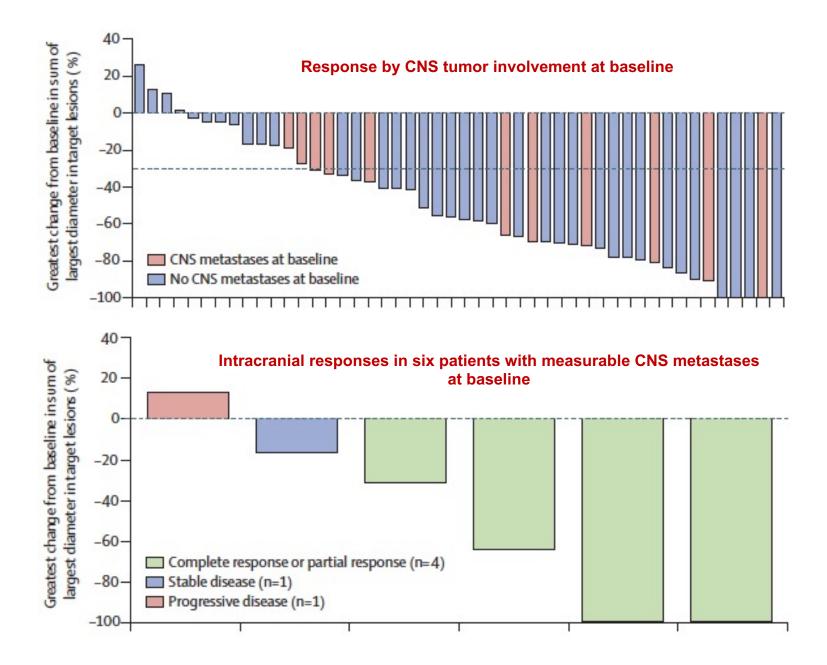
- 31 of 54 patients had an objective response (57%; 95% CI 43.2-70.8)
- 7% CR and 50% PR

> Median duration of response: 10 months (95% CI 7.1 to NE)

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CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; CRC, colorectal carcinoma; CUP, cancer of unknown primary; GI, gastrointestinal; MASC, mammary analogue secretory carcinoma; mets, metastases; ND, not determined; NE, not estimable; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; SLD, sum of longest diameters

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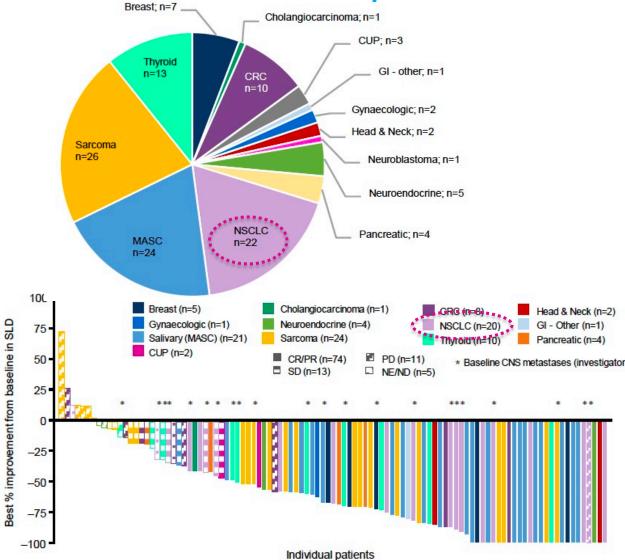


CNS, central nervous system

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## entrectinib in NTRK fusion-positive solid tumors: ESMO 2021 updated analysis

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Parameter		population =121)	Baseline CNS metastases <sup>1</sup> (n=26)	No baseline CNS metastases <sup>‡</sup> (n=95)
ORR*, n (%) 95% Cl		( <b>61.2</b> ) 9–69.9	15 ( <b>57.7</b> ) 36.9–76.7	59 ( <b>62.1</b> ) 51.6–71.9
Complete response, n (%)	19	(15.7)	2 (7.7)	17 ( <b>17.9</b> )
Partial response, n (%)	55	(45.5)	13 (50.0)	42 (44.2)
Stable disease, n (%)	13	(10.7)	4 (15.4)	9 (9.5)
Progressive disease, n (%)	13	(10.7)	2 (7.7)	11 (11.6)
Non-CR/PD, n (%)	6	(5.0)	0	6 (6.3)
Missing or unevaluable <sup>†</sup> , n (%)	15	(12.4)	5 (19.2)	10 (10.5)
r) Median time to response*, months (95% CI)	1.0 (	0.9–1.0)	1.7 (0.9–2.8)	<b>1.0</b> (0.9–1.0)
Median DoR*, months (95% CI)	20.0 (1	13.0–38.2)	<b>17.2</b> (6.0–29.4)	29.0 (12.9-NE)
Median PFS*, months (95% CI)	13.8 (1	10.1–19.9)	11.7 (4.7–30.2)	<b>13.8</b> (10.2–20.8)
Median OS, months (95% CI)	<b>33.8 (</b> 2	23.4-46.4)	19.9 (7.9-NE)	37.1 (23.9–NE)
Tumour types (n≥4)*	n	ORR, % (9	95% CI)	DoR, months (95% CI)
NSCLC	22	<b>63.6 (</b> 40.7-	-82.8)	<b>19.9</b> (10.4–29.4)

CI, confidence interval; CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; CRC, colorectal carcinoma; CUP, cancer of unknown primary; DoR, duration of response; ESMO, European Society for Medical Oncology; GI, gastrointestinal; MASC, mammary analogue secretory carcinoma; ND, not determined; NE, not estimable; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, primary response; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; SD, stable disease

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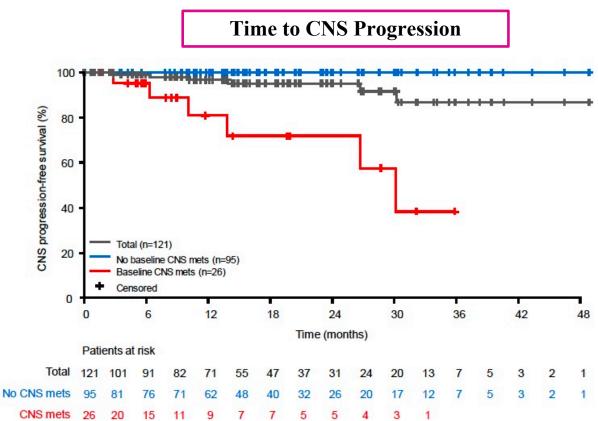
## CNS activity of entrectinib in NTRK fusion-positive solid tumors

Parameter	Baseline CNS metastases (BICR) (N=19)	Measurable baseline CNS metastases (BICR) (N=11)
Intracranial ORR, n (%) (95% Cl)	10 ( <b>52.6</b> ) (28.9–75.6)	7 ( <b>63.6</b> ) (30.8–89.1)
Complete response, %	6 (31.6)	3 (27.3)
Partial response, %	4 (21.1)	4 (36.4)
Median intracranial DoR, months (95% CI)	17.2 (7.4–NE)	22.1 (7.4-NE
Median intracranial PFS, months (95% CI)	<b>10.1</b> (6.3–26.7)	19.9 (5.9–NE

BICR, blinded independent central review; CNS, central nervous system; NE, not estimable.

 With additional clinical experience, entrectinib continues to demonstrate durable overall and intracranial responses, regardless of CNS status at baseline:

- In patients without baseline CNS metastases, ORR was 62.1% (17 CR) and median DoR was 29.0 months
- In patients with baseline CNS metastases, ORR was 57.7% and median
   DoR was 17.2 months.
- Entrectinib can address the unmet need of a CNS-active treatment in patients with *NTRK* fusion-positive solid tumours.



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# Safety of entrectinib in *NTRK* fusion-positive solid tumors: ESMO 2021 updated analysis

TRAEs reported in ≥10% of patients Patients, %	NTRK fusion-positive safety population (n=193)	Overall safety population (N=626)
Dysgeusia	35.2	35.9
Diarrhoea	31.1	25.9
Fatigue	27.5	28.8
Weightincrease	27.5	27.3
Constipation	25.9	25.1
Blood creatinine increase	25.9	21.2
Dizziness	24.9	26.8
Oedema peripheral	18.1	16.1
Anaemia	17.1	15.7
Nausea	16.6	20.3
AST increase	16.6	13.1
ALT increase	15.5	12.5
Paraesthesia	11.9	15.8
Myalgia	10.9	14.4
Vomiting	10.9	13.6
Arthralgia	5.2	10.2

ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; ESMO, European Society for Medical Oncology; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event

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#### Summary of larotrectinib and entrectinib activity in NTRK fusion-positive NSCLC

	Larotrectinib $(n = 20)$	Entrecti (n = 13	
Age, median (range)	48.5 (25–76) years	60 (46–	77) years
CNS metastases at baseline, n (%)			
No	10 (50)	5 (38)	
Yes	10 (50)	8 (62)	
Previously treated with radiotherapy	2 (10)	5 (38)	
NTRK fusion, n (%)			
NTRK1	16 (80)	8 (61)	
NTRK2	0	1 (8)	
NTRK3	4 (20)	4 (31)	
Tumor histology, n (%)			
Adenocarcinoma	19 (95)	9 (69)	
Squamous Cell carcinoma	0	2 (16)	
Neuroendocrine carcinoma	1 (5)	0	
NSCLC - NOS	0	2 (16)	
	Larotrectinib		Entrectinib
	(n = 20)		(n = 13)
ORR (95% CI)	73% (45–92%)		69% (39–91%)
-CR/PR rate	7%/67%		8%/61%
Median DoR, months (95% CI)	33.9 (5.6-33.9)		NE (5.6-NE)*
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	35.4 (5.3–35.4) 14.9 (4.7–		
Median OS, months (95% CI)	40.7 (17.2-NE) 14.9 (5.9-		

\*n = 9.

CI, confidence interval; CNS, central nervous system; CR, complete response; DoR, duration of response; NE, not estimable; NOS, not otherwise specified; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response

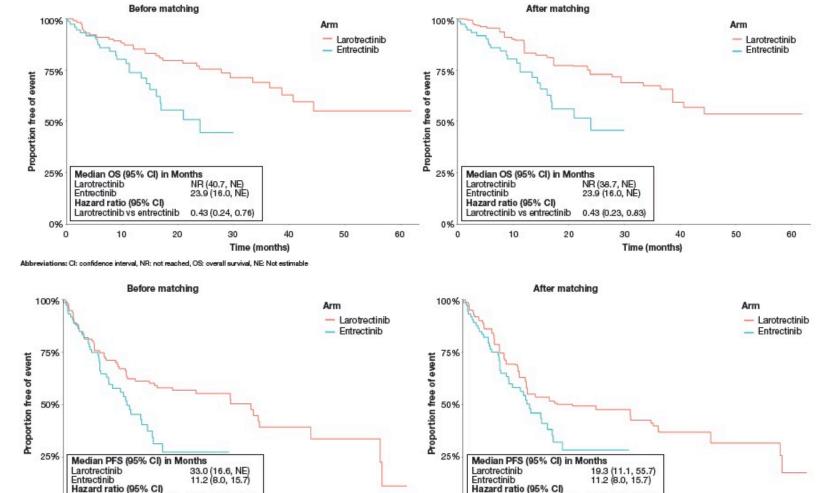
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# Matching-adjusted indirect comparison for treatment of TRK fusion cancer with larotrectinib versus entrectinib

**Comparison of OS Kaplan Meier curves before and after matching** 

 Using an MAIC to compare outcomes of adult patients, OS, CR, and DoR favored larotrectinib before and after matching compared to entrectinib. PFS and ORR were favorable for larotrectinib but not statistically different. Safety outcomes were comparable and low for both treatments

**Comparison of PFS Kaplan Meier curves before and after matching** 



Larotrectinib vs entrectinib

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0.66 (0.42, 1.03)

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Time (months)

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CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; DoR, duration of response; MAIC, matching-adjusted indirect comparison; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase Garcia-Foncillas J, et al. Ann Oncol. 2021;32(suppl\_5): S382-S406 (ESMO 2021 poster presentation).

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0%

Larotrectinib vs entrectinib 0.56 (0.37, 0.86)

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Time (months)

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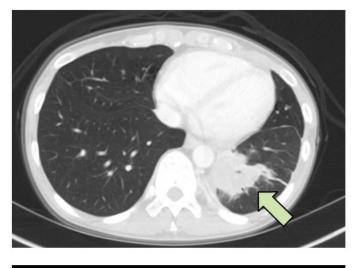
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### SQSTM1-NTRK1 lung cancer patient case



Baseline





Cycle 4

45F NSCLC & paraneoplastic hypertrophic osteoarthropathy

> Prior therapy: platinum/pemetrexed

Larotrectinib ongoing in month 8, resolution of paraneoplastic symptoms

NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase Presented By David Hyman at 2017 ASCO Annual Meeting

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### **Comparison of selected FDA-approved or under clinical development TRK inhibitors**

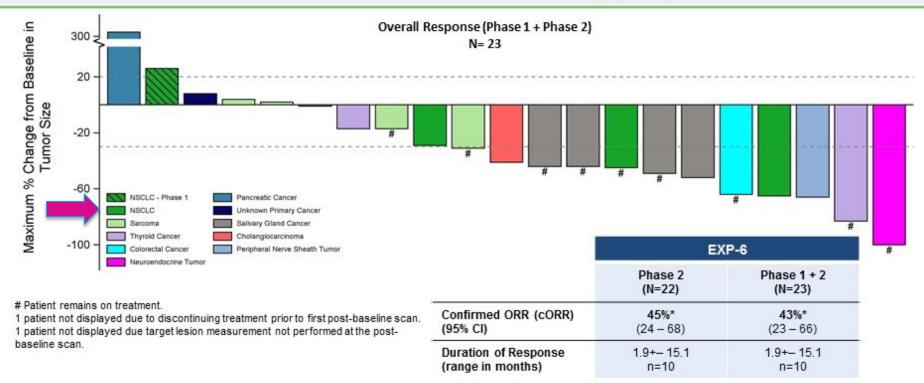
Drug	Target(s)	IC50 against TRKs in cell lines	CNS penetration	Activity against NTRK secondary mutations	Development phase in NTRK fusion-positive tumors	Approval status
Larotrectinib	TRKA/B/C	9.8–25 nM	Brain-plasma ratio in mice of 0.03-0.23	No	П	FDA approved
Entrectinib	TRKA/B/C, ROS1, ALK	0.1-1.7 nM*	Brain-plasma ratio in mice of 0.6-1	No	п	FDA approved
Selitrectinib (LOXO-195)	TRKA/B/C	≤5 nM	Brain-plasma ratio in mice of 0.021 ± 0.004	Yes	I/II	FDA orphan drug designation
Repotrectinib (TPX-0005)	TRKA/B/C, ROS1, ALK	<0.2 nM	Brain-plasma ratio in mice of 0.0281-0.0577	Yes	I/II	Not approved
DS-6051b	TRKA/B/C, ROS1	~3-20 nM	Not reported	Yes	Ι	Not approved

\*enzymatic assays

Abbreviations: TRK, Tropomyosin receptor kinase; nM, nanomolar; IC<sub>50</sub>, half maximal inhibitory concentration; CNS, central nervous system; ROS1, c-ros oncogene 1; ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; FDA, Food and Drug Administration.

# **Repotrectinib Preliminary Efficacy**

Preliminary Efficacy: *NTRK*+ TKI-Pretreated Advanced Solid Tumor Patients



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\*At time of the 28 August 2021 data cut off, 3 patients in Phase 2 EXP-8 had unconfirmed PR (uPR). One uPR has been confirmed by scans that were entered after the 28 August 2021 data cut off and is included in the cORR; the other 2 uPR patients are on treatment awaiting confirmatory scans. Phase 2: RECIST v1.1 assessed by Physician Assessment. Phase 1: RECIST v1.1 assessed by Blinded Independent Central Review (BICR) with data cutoff date of 22 July 2019 for patients with baseline measurable disease and ≥ 1 post-baseline scan. Phase 1 patients treated at or above the Phase 2 recommended dose.

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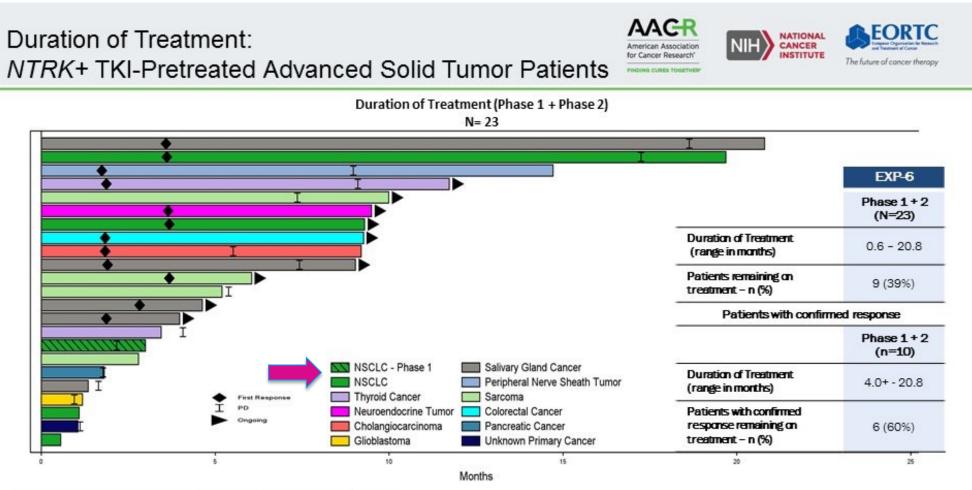
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# **Repotrectinib Preliminary Efficacy**



Phase 2 data cutoff date 28 August 2021 (responses confirmed by Physician Assessment). Phase 1 data cutoff date 22 July 2019 for responses confirmed by BICR and 28 August 2021 for duration of treatment.

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# **Repotrectinib Preliminary Efficacy**

## Safety Summary: Phase 1 and Phase 2 Combined

All Treated Patients (N=301)							
	TEAEs (≥15% of patients)			TRAEs			
Adverse Events	All Grades n (%)	Grade 3 n (%)	Grade 4 n (%)	Grade 3 n (%)	Grade 4 n (%)		
Dizziness	181 (60.1)	7 (2.3)	0	7 (2.3)	0		
Dysgeusia	132 (43.9)	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.3)	0		
Constipation	101 (33.6)	1 (0.3)	0	0	0		
Paraesthesia	87 (28.9)	3 (1.0)	0	3 (1.0)	0		
Dyspnea	84 (27.9)	18 (6.0)	3 (1.0)	1 (0.3)	0		
Anaemia	82 (27.2)	24 (8.0)	1 (0.3)	10 (3.3)	0		
Fatigue	73 (24.3)	5 (1.7)	0	2 (0.7)	0		
Nausea	62 (20.6)	3 (1.0)	0	0	0		
Muscular weakness	57 (18.9)	5 (1.7)	0	3 (1.0)	0		
Ataxia	51 (16.9)	0	0	0	0		



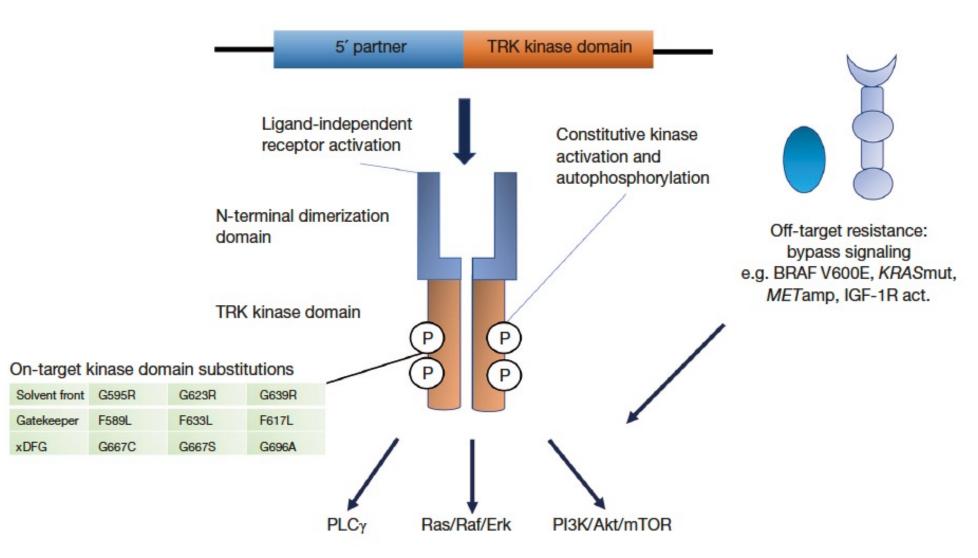
- · Repotrectinib was generally well tolerated
- · Most TRAEs were Grade 1 or 2
- The most commonly-reported TEAE remains low-grade dizziness (60%)
  - 76% (138/181) were Grade 1
  - 11 (4%) patients reported ataxia in the absence of dizziness
  - No events of dizziness or ataxia led to treatment discontinuation
- · Dose modifications due to TEAEs
  - 27% with TEAEs that led to dose reduction
  - 11% with TEAEs that led to drug discontinuation

One patient reported Grade 5 dyspnea.

Note: 2 Grade 4 TRAEs of transient CPK increase and no Grade 5 TRAEs. TEAE = treatment-emergent adverse event; TRAE = treatment-related adverse event. Data cutoff date 26 August 2021.

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#### **Mechanisms of resistance to TRK inhibitors**



IGF-1R act., insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor activation; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase Ekman S. Transl Lung Cancer Res. 2020;9:2535-44

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Please test your patients! at least to determine those who will not have a benefit of Immunotherapy!







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