### THE PLACE OF EGFR TKI IN ADVANCED NSCLC





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# 3<sup>rd</sup> TOPIC EGFR TESTING

A) IHC testing only in non-squamous only?

B) Mutation testing in non-squamous only?

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Recommendation 3: patients with symptomatic brain metastases may be considered for treatment with an EGFR TKI. Strength of recommendation: B Level of evidence: V

Felip et al 1<sup>st</sup> ESMO consensus Ann Oncol 2011

# **BRAIN METASTASES (BM)**

- BBB does not prevent metastatic cells entering brain
- If BM < 0,25 mm BBB is intact
- If BM > 0,25 mm BBB becomes leaky Fidler, Lancet Oncol 2002

Incidence about 30% but increasing –better imaging and longer survival with systemic treatment . DCR ≥90 days with TKI - 26% CNS failure rate vs 4% if no DCR

EGFR mut +ve may predispose to BM ; Mut +ve 64% vs 31% in patients with and without BM *Lee Cancer 2010 ;Lee et al ASCO 2011 Abs 18065* 

Med Surv 4-11 weeks untreated or 4-6 months treated Mehta et al JNeuro Onco 2011; Jamal-Hanjani Clin. Cancer Res. 2011

 Oligometastatic BM surgery or SRS+WBRT ↑local control ? ↑ OS vs.
 WBRT alone ESMO Clinical practice guidelines D`Addario et al Ann Oncol 2010 Jamal-Hanjani Clin. Cancer Res. 2011

# **EGFR TKI CNS PENETRATION**

TABLE 3. Cerebrospinal Fluid Concentrations of Erlotinib and OSI-420 on Day 8, Tumor Response, and Change of PS

	Erlotinib		OSI-420			
Case	C <sub>CSF</sub> 0 (ng/ml)	C <sub>CSF</sub> 0: C <sub>plasma</sub> 0 (%)	C <sub>CSF</sub> 0 (ng/ml)	C <sub>CSF</sub> 0: C <sub>plasma</sub> 0 (%)	Tumor Response	Change of PS
1	42	4.7	4.7	8.1	Partial response	$3 \rightarrow 2$
2	87	5.0	22.3	9.3	Stable disease	$4 \rightarrow 3$
3	67	3.2	11.1	1.5	Partial response	$3 \rightarrow 2$
4	18	7.7	5	4.4	Stable disease	$3 \rightarrow 3$
Mean $\pm$ SD	$54 \pm 30$	$5.1 \pm 1.9$	$10.8 \pm 8.2$	$5.8 \pm 3.6$		
CSF, cerebrospinal fluid, C <sub>CSP</sub> 0, CSF concentration just before administration of enlotinib, C <sub>plarma</sub> 0, CSF concentration just before administration of erlotinib; PS, performance status.						

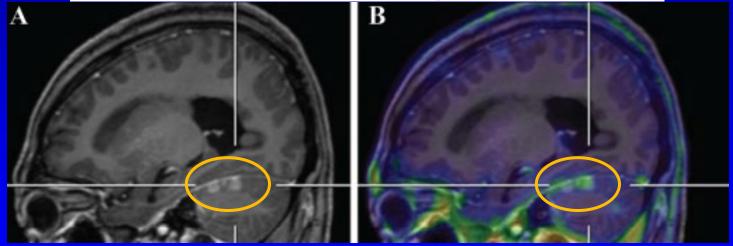
- At standard dosing (150mg/daily), erlotinib levels in CSF high enough to inhibit WT disease
  - erlotinib penetration rate to CSF was approximately 5% and erlotinib concentration exceeded the IC<sub>50</sub> of erlotinib in intact tumour cells with WT EGFR gene (20 nmol/l; 7.9 ng/ml)<sup>1</sup>
- In contrast, the gefitinib penetration rate to CSF was reported to be less than 1%, and gefitinib CSF concentration did not exceed the IC<sub>50</sub> of gefitinib when 250 mg gefitinib was administered daily<sup>2,3</sup>

1. Togashi, et al. JTO 2010; 2. Fukuhara, et al. Tohoku J Exp Med 2008 3. Wu, et al. Lung Cancer 2007

# **EGFR TKI CNS PENETRATION**

Erlotinib Accumulation in Brain Metastases from Non-small Cell Lung Cancer: Visualization by Positron Emission Tomography in a Patient Harboring a Mutation in the Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor

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 Erlotinib accumulates in EGFR mut+ CNS met lesions, but absent from normal brain tissue
 Weber et al. J Thor Oncol 2011



# **BRAIN METASTASES TKIS RCTS**

SAKK 70/03 phase II WBRT 30 Gy + gefitinib or temozolamide trial closed; MS Gef 6.3 months Tmz 4.9 months

Pesce et al Eur J Cancer 2012

TACTIC (WBRT +/- erlotinib ). Closed endpoint not reached (after 2 months, ≥ 20 patients are alive and neurological progression-free on the Tarceva arm)

But 1<sup>st</sup> line Mut +ve trials included patients with controlled brain metastases

Zhou et al Lancet Oncol 2011 Rosell et al. ASCO 2011abstr 7503

# **ACTIVITY of EGFR TKI in BM**

Jamal-Hanjani Clin. Cancer Res. 2011

Study	Treat	Selection	Pat No.	RR%	Survival
					months
Ceresoli	G	Europe	41	27	PFS 3
Wu	G	EA Adeno	40	32	PFS 9
Porta	Е	M +ve	17	82	PFS 11.7
					OS 12.9
Kim	G/E	M +ve	23	70	PFS 6.6
					OS 19.8
Wu	G	M +ve	110	89	
Wu	Е	M +ve or	48	56 intra +	PFS +ve 2 3.2
		Adeno		extracranial	wt 8.2
Kim	G/E	EA Non	23	74	PFS 7.1
		Smoker			OS 18.8

# **IS ERLOTINIB EFFECTIVE FOR BM?**

 Erlotinib has shown to be effective in case reports, case series and phase II trial .Higher RR in BM in Mut +ve, but also effective in wt EGFR

Erlotinib can be effective for BM even after gefitinib failure (penetration rate in CSF higher) *Togashi, J Thor Oncol 2010,5 Jamal-Hanjani Clin. Cancer Res. 2011* 

T790M mutation is associated with multiple metastatic sites but not always with BM. Isolated CNS failure may not have acquired resistance T790, may respond to reinduction of erlotinib

Jackman et al J Clin Oncol 2006;2010; Balak et al Clin Cancer Res 2006 ; Ruppert et al, Eur Resp J 2009

Patients with BM without pre-treatment T790M outcome similar to other Mut+ve lung cancers with extra cranial metastases

Moran et al. J Clin Oncol ASCO 2011 abstr 7590

### WHAT IF PROGRESSION OF BM?

#### Sensitivity may remain but need $\uparrow$ dose or switch to erlotinib

•TKI dose escalation: erlotinib 300mg alt die

CNS response despite prior gefitinib ,CT,WBRTand 150mg erlotinib Hata et al J Thor Oncol 2011

•EGFR mut +ve: erlotinib pulsed weekly 1500 mg despite previous 150 mg dose 9 patients: CNS RR 67% MS 12 months *Grommes et al Neuro Oncol 2011* 

 Patients with PD in BM but not extra cranially may not have acquired resistance. Continuing erlotinib after PD in BM post RT; RR 41% DCR 76% MS 403 days Shukuya et al Lung Cancer 2011

 Or switch after gefitinib failure to erlotinib 125 patients OR
 9% MS11.8 months ; 62 pts BM RR 34% (without RT) Hata et al Lung Cancer 2011

# **SUMMARY**

•TKI is valid option for BM especially if mut+ve but surgery or SRS for oligometastic disease

Jamal-Hanjani Clin. Cancer Res. 2011 ;Ceresoli et al Curr Cancer Drug Targets 2012

- Concurrent Erlotinib +WBRT safe Lind et al IJROBT 2009
- TKI may potentiate effectiveness of WBRT

Gow et al Clin Cancer Res 2008

 TACTIC trial WBRT +Erlotinib vs WBRT result awaited

# **BRAIN METASTASES**

- Is there a place for EGFR-TKI in the treatment of BM ?
   Yes
- Should we treat 1<sup>st</sup> with RT (to break BBB) or just with TKI ?
   Symptomatic EGFR wt RT +/- tki
   Mut +ve TKI +/- RT
- What to do if only progressive in the brain but not elsewhere?
  Continue TKI ( switch to erlotinib, ↑dose) and brain RT
  Is it safe to give RT and tki together? Yes

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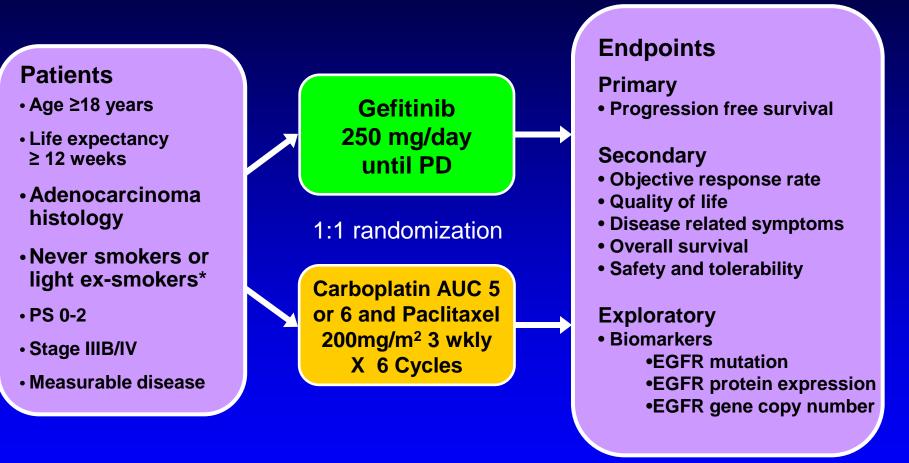
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### **IPASS STUDY DESIGN**

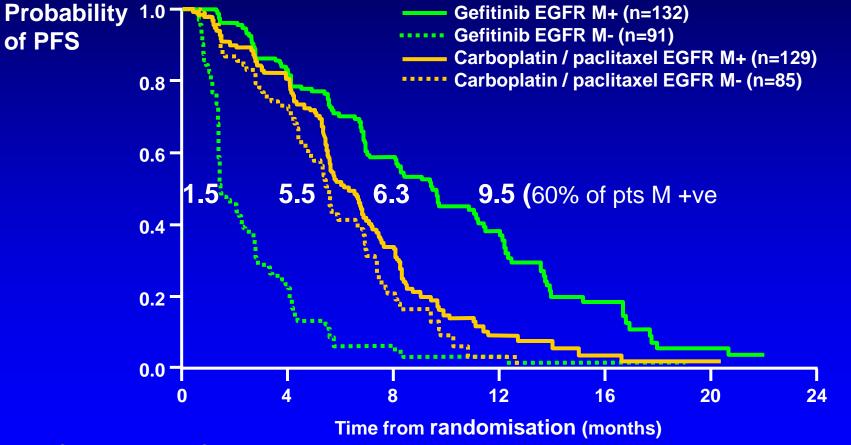


\*Never smokers:<100 cigarettes in lifetime; light ex-smokers: stopped <sup>3</sup>15 years ago and smoked £10 pack yrs

Carboplatin/paclitaxel was offered to gefitinib patients upon progression

Mok et al N Eng J Med 2009

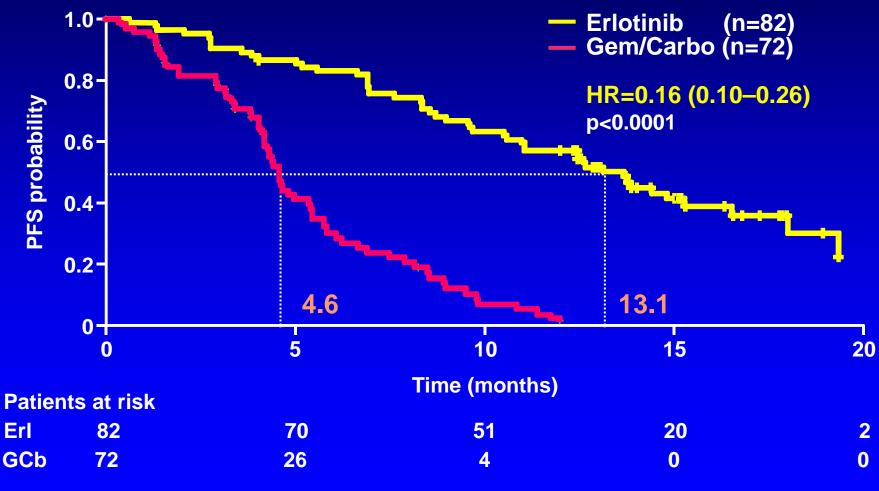
# COMPARISON OF PFS BY MUTATION STATUS (60% of selected patients Mut +ve)



PFS treatment by *EGFR* mutation status interaction test: P < .0001Exon 19 deletion advantages > L858R mutation

Mok et al N Eng J Med 2009 Fukuoka et al ASCO 2009 abst 8006 Mok et al WCLC 2009 abst B9.5

## **OPTIMAL PFS: updated analysis**

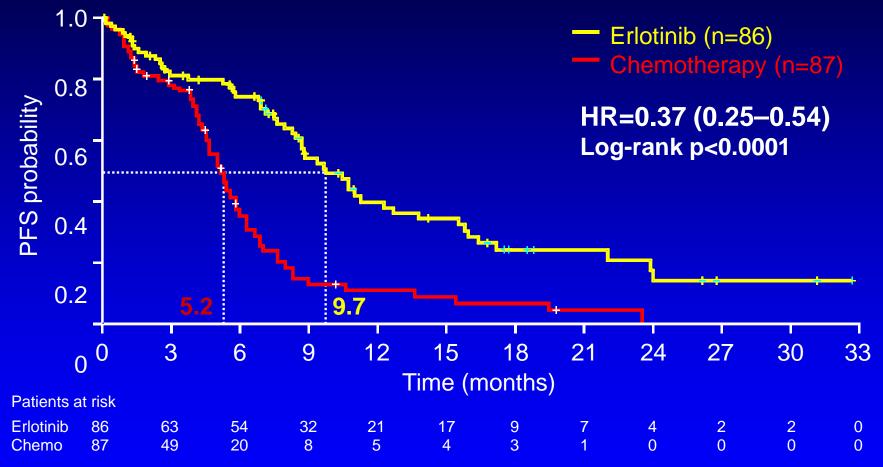


\*Sanger DNA sequencing

Zhou, et al. Lancet Oncol 2011

# **PFS in ITT POPULATION**

(UPDATED ANALYSIS 26 Jan 2011)



Rosell et al. ASCO 2011abstr 7503

# 1<sup>st</sup> line EGFR tki in POOR PS PATIENTS

Parameter	Lilenbaum	Hesketh	Inoue
	erlotinib	erlotinib	gefitinib
Pat No.	52	81	30
PS	2	2	2-4
EGFR	0	na	100
mut +ve %			
OR%	4	8	66
OS mos	6.6	5	17.8

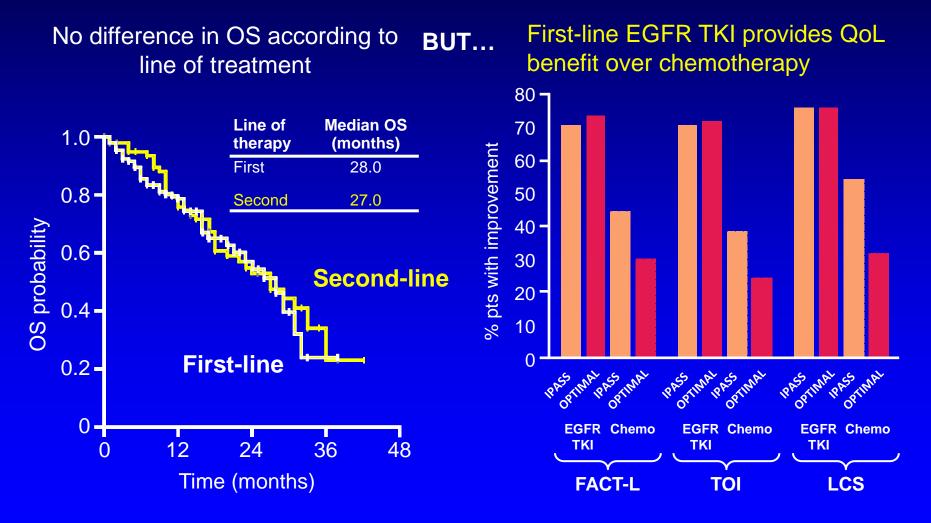
Langer J Clin Oncol 2009 Inoue et al J Clin Oncol 2009

# **FIRST LAW OF ONCOLOGY**



# Tumour must shrink faster than the patient

### TIME TO USE EGFR TKIs IN EGFR MUT+ NSCLC



Rosell, et al. NEJM 2009; Mok, et al. NEJM 2009; Zhou, et al. ASCO 2011

### **SUMMARY: EGFR TKIS IN EGFR MUT+ NSCLC**

#### • Significant benefits with first-line EGFR TKIs vs chemotherapy in EGFR M +ve

significantly longer PFS ;more favourable toxicity profile

convenient oral preparation ; QoL benefits

#### First-line erlotinib has shown superiority over chemotherapy in both Caucasian and Asian patients with *EGFR* Mut+ NSCLC,

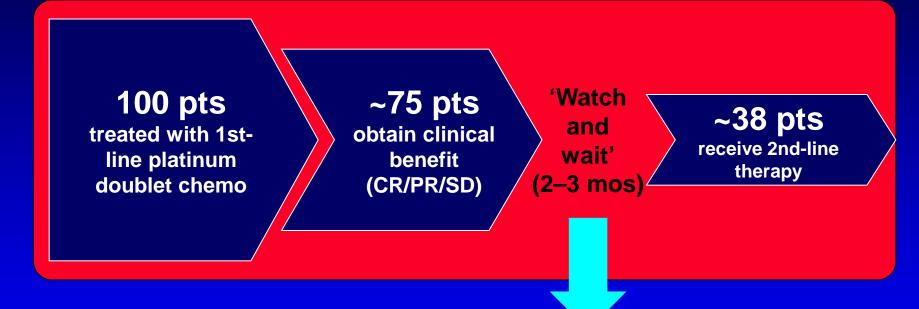
EGFR mutation testing should be performed to guide first-line treatment decisions

Recommendation 12

 An EGFR TKI is the preferred first-line treatment in patients whose tumor harbors an activating EGFR mutation

First ESMO Consensus Felip et al Ann Oncol 2011

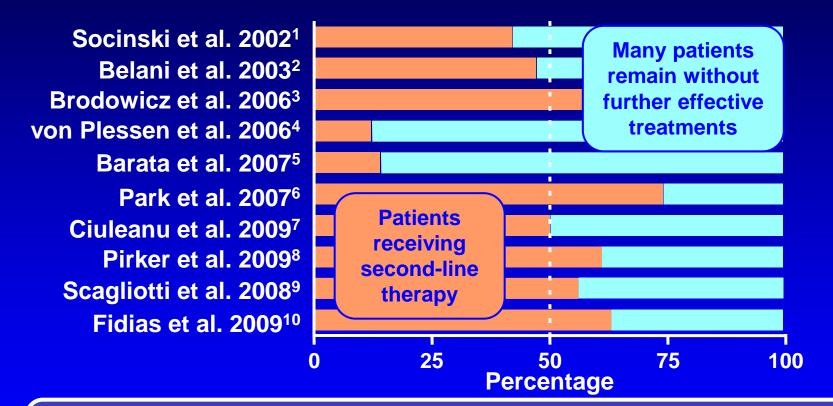
### LIMITATIONS OF THE HISTORICAL 'WATCH AND WAIT' APPROACH



"The treatment paradigm that successfully delivers multiple lines of effective therapy... will be the paradigm that is most likely to improve survival." Stinchcombe and Socinski, 2009

Many patients receive no further therapy due to rapid deterioration in symptoms and performance status

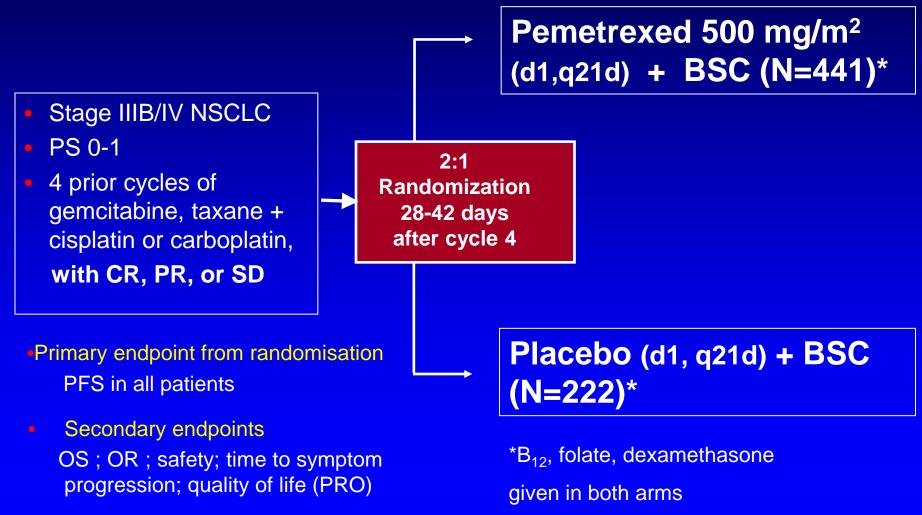
# ONLY ~50% OF PATIENTS RECEIVE SECOND-LINE THERAPY



1<sup>ST</sup> LINE therapy could delay disease progression and provide active treatment for MORE patients

<sup>1</sup>J Clin Oncol 2002; <sup>2</sup>J Clin Oncol 2003; <sup>3</sup>Lung Cancer 2006; <sup>4</sup>Br J Cancer 2006; <sup>5</sup>J Thoracic Oncol 2007; Abs. P2-235; <sup>6</sup>J Clin Oncol 2007;<sup>7</sup> Lancet 2009; <sup>8</sup> Lancet 2009; <sup>9</sup>J Clin Oncol 2008; <sup>10</sup>J Clin Oncol 2009

### JMEN: MAINTENANCE ALIMTA® (PEMETREXED) AFTER PRIOR PLATINUM IN STAGE IIIB/IV NSCLC



Ciuleanu et al Lancet 2009

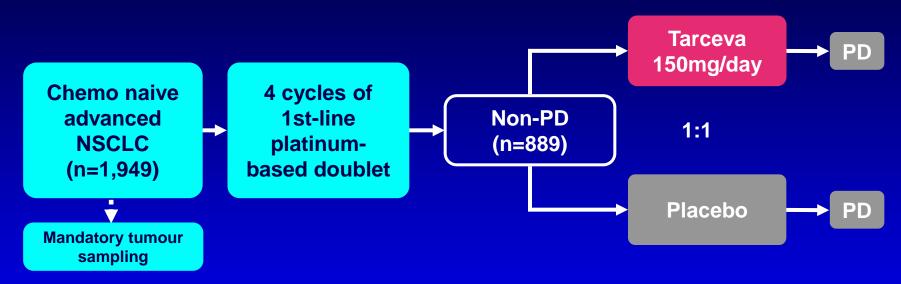
### OVERALL SURVIVAL BY HISTOLOGY

#### Non-squamous (n=481) Squamous (n=182) HR=1.07 (95% CI: 0.77-1.50) HR=0.70 (95% CI: 0.56-0.88) **P**=0.678 *P*=0.002 1.0 1.0 0.9-0.9 **Survival Probability** 0.8-0.8 0.7-0.7 0.6-0.6 Pemetrexed 15.5 mos **Pemetrexed 9.9 mos** 0.5-0.5 0.4-0.40.3-0.3 Placebo **Placebo** 0.2 0.2-10.3 mos 10.8 mos 0.1 0.1-0.00.0 18 21 24 27 30 33 36 39 42 45 48 0 3 6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 30 33 36 39 42 45 48 0 9 12 15 Time (months) Time (months)

Ciuleanu et al Lancet 2009

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### SATURN: MAINTENANCE TARCEVA (ERLOTINIB) AND BIOMARKERS



#### Co-primary endpoints from randomisation

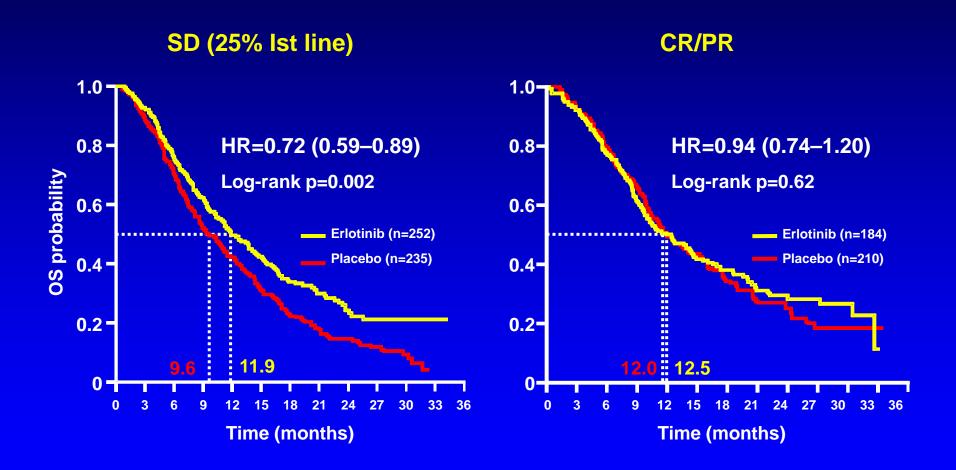
PFS in all patients PFS in patients with EGFR IHC+ ve

#### **Secondary endpoints**

OS in all patients and those with EGFR IHC+ tumours, OS and PFS in EGFR IHC- tumours; biomarker analyses; safety; time to symptom progression; quality of life (QoL)

#### Cappuzzo et al Lancet Oncol 2010

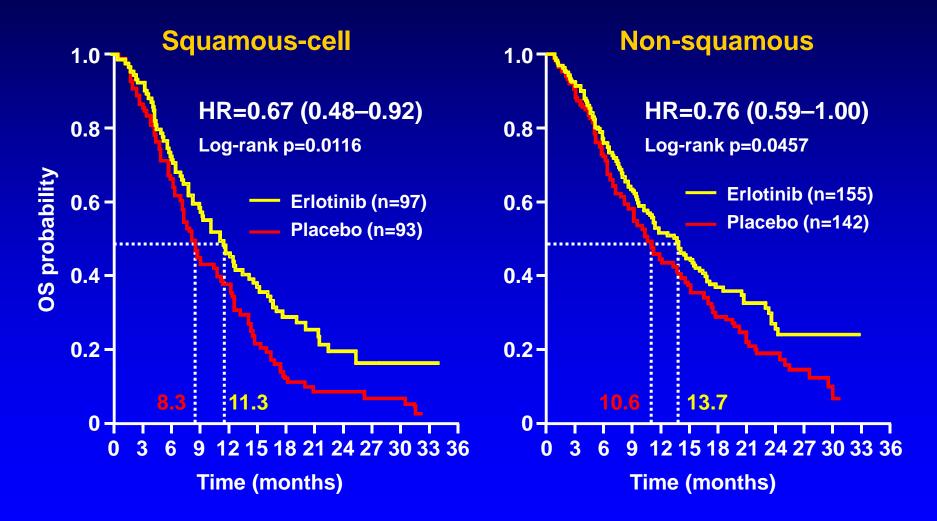
### OS ACCORDING TO RESPONSE TO FIRST-LINE CHEMOTHERAPY\*



\*OS is measured from time of randomisation into the maintenance phase

Cappuzzo et al Lancet Oncol 2010

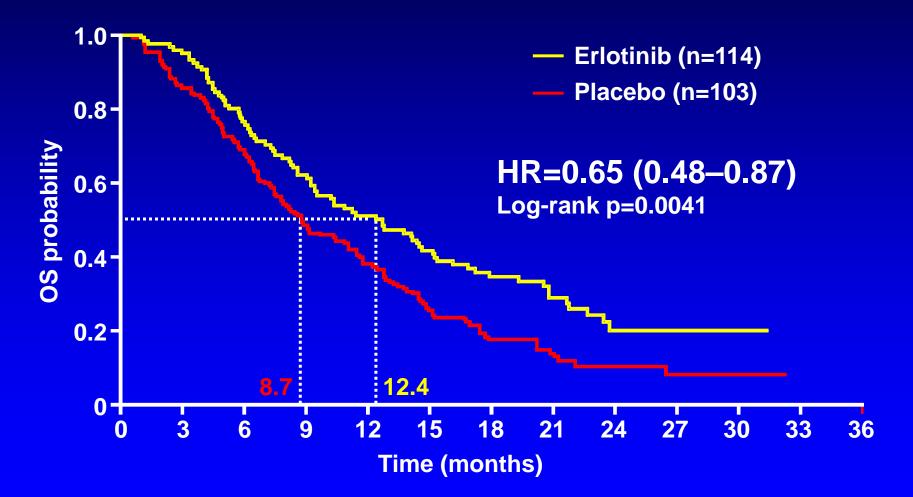
### OS IN PATIENTS WITH SD ON FIRST-LINE CHEMOTHERAPY ACCORDING TO HISTOLOGY



Measured from time of randomisation into the maintenance phase

Coudert et al, ELCC 2010 abst 2040

# OS in EGFR WILD-TYPE GROUP with SD on FIRST-LINE CHEMOTHERAPY



Measured from time of randomisation into the maintenance phase

Coudert et al, ELCC 2010 abst 2040

# MAINTENANCE THERAPY ESMO, ASCO GUIDELINES

Recommendation 9

 'Switch maintenance' treatment with erlotinib or pemetrexed following completion of first-line chemotherapy is an option. Decision factors for the use of 'switch maintenance' include histology, type and response to first-line chemotherapy, residual toxicity, patient's symptoms and preference. Any patient whose tumor harbors an EGFR activating mutation should receive an EGFR TKI as maintenance, if not yet received as first line

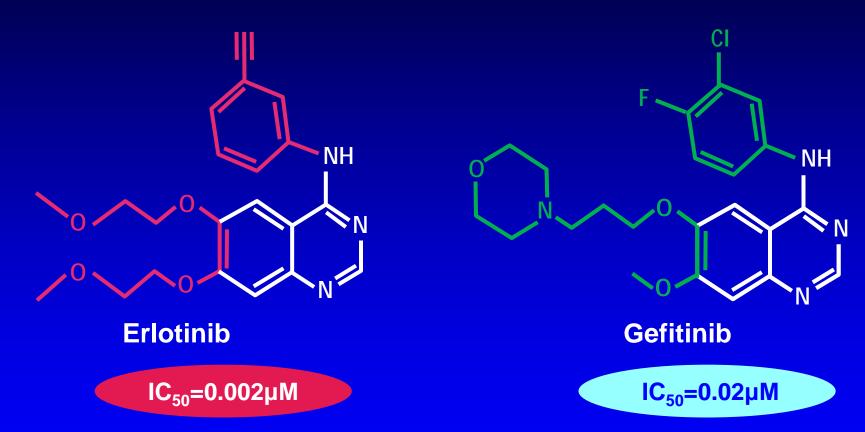
For those with stable disease or response after four cycles, immediate treatment with an alternative, single-agent chemotherapy such as pemetrexed in patients with nonsquamous histology, docetaxel in unselected patients, or erlotinib in unselected patients may be considered.

Focused Update of Recommendation A6 J Clin Oncol 2011

### **IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TKIs ?**

### **USE OF TKI IN EGFR WILD TYPE NSCLC**

### ERLOTINIB AND GEFITINIB: SIMILAR STRUCTURES, DIFFERENT ACTIVITY



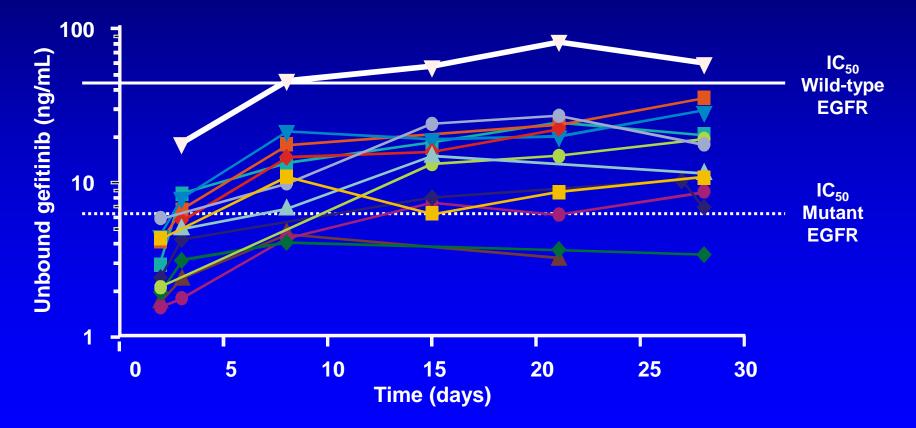
 Structural differences may affect :plasma, tumour and normal tissue distribution, metabolism ,in-vitro activity, clinical efficacy and toxicity

• Switch after gefitinib failure to erlotinib 125 patients OR 9% DCR 44% MS11.8 months ; 62 pts BM RR 34% (without RT) Hata et al Lung Cancer 2011



### EXPOSURE TO GEFITINIB MAY BE INSUFFICIENT TO INHIBIT WILD-TYPE EGFR

Plasma concentrations versus time in 13 cancer patients, following gefitinib 250mg/day

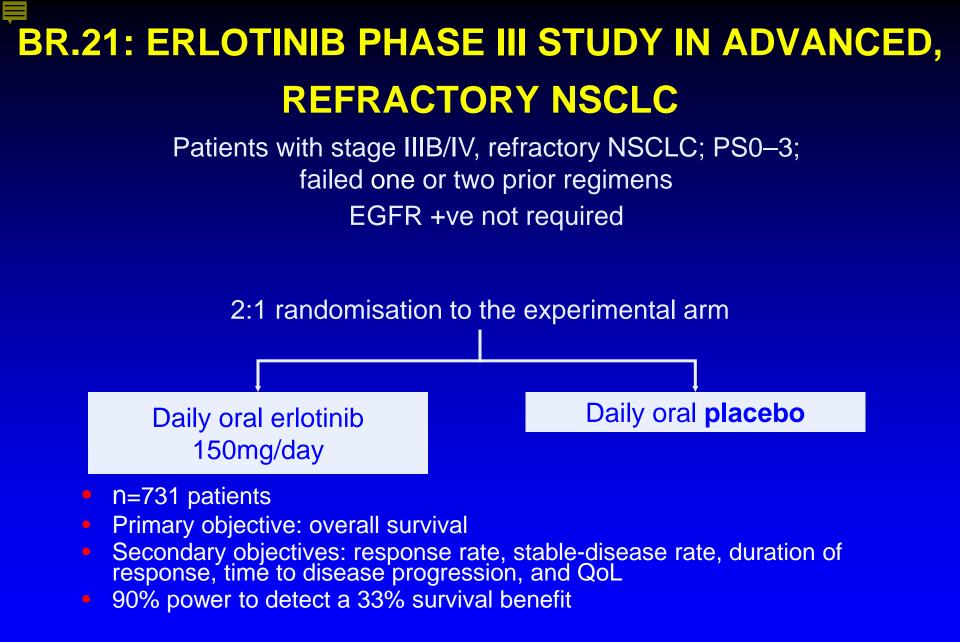


Li J et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 2006

# ERLOTINIB IN 2<sup>ND</sup> LINE OR MAINTENANCE IS EFFECTIVE IN *EGFR* wt DISEASE

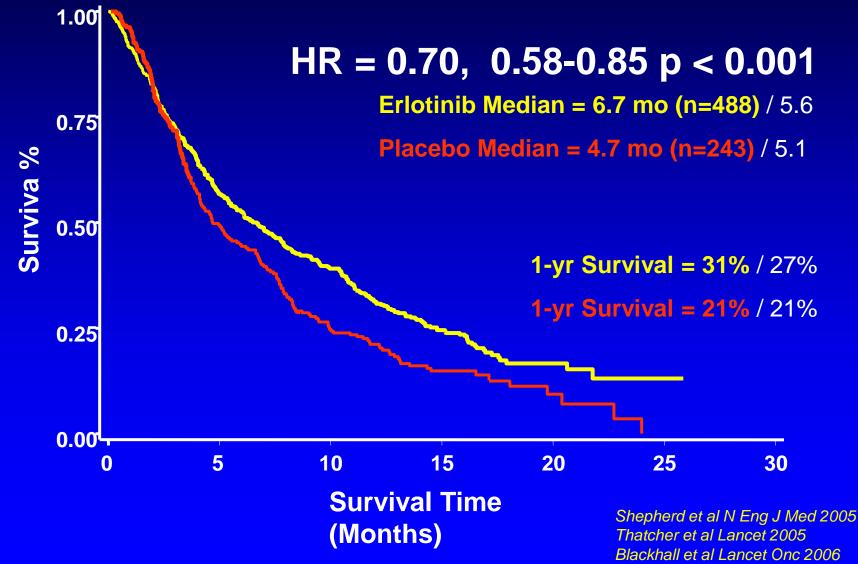
Study	Patients with EGFR WT disease	HR (95% CI) Erlotinib vs placebo	Testing method(s)	
BR.21 <sup>1–2</sup>	Erlotinib (n=115)	PFS HR=0.57 p=0.001	EGFR Scorpions IM kits direct gene sequencing	
	Placebo (n=55)	OS HR=0.74 p=0.0924	and fragment analysis	
SATURN ITT	Erlotinib (n=199)	PFS HR=0.78 p=0.0185	Sanger DNA sequencing	
population <sup>4</sup>	Placebo (n=189)	OS HR=0.77 p=0.0243		
SATURN SD	Erlotinib (n=114)	PFS HR=0.72 p=0.0231	Sanger DNA Sequencing	
population <sup>3</sup>	Placebo (n=103)	OS HR=0.65 p=0.0041		

<sup>1</sup>Zhu, et al. JCO 2008; <sup>2</sup>Tsao, et al. NEJM 2005; <sup>3</sup>Coudert, et al. Ann Oncol 2011; <sup>4</sup>Brugger, et al. JCO 2011



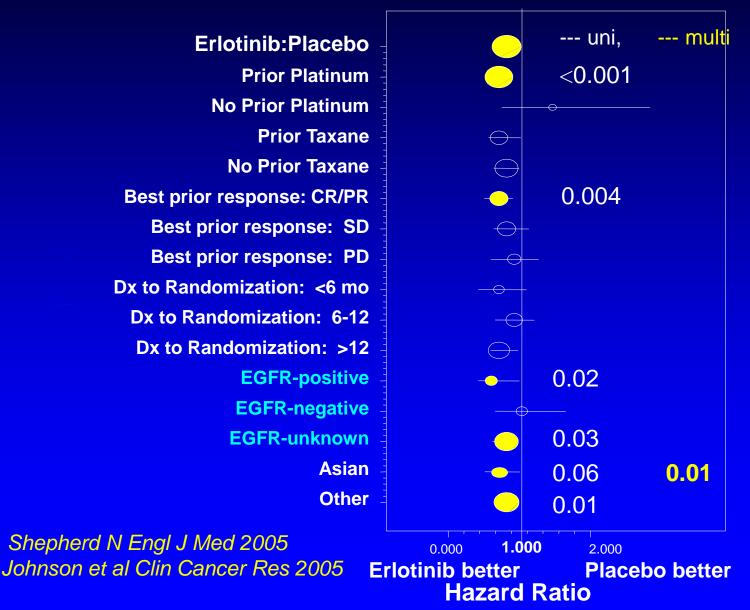
Shepherd et al N Eng J Med 2005

## OVERALL SURVIVAL ALL PATIENTS



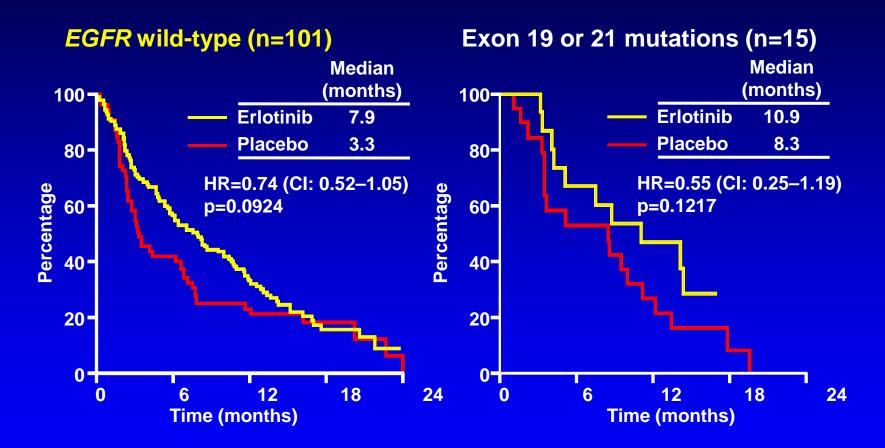
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### HAZARD RATIO FOR DEATH BY SUBSETS



P VALUES NEJM 2005PI ,FDA 2005

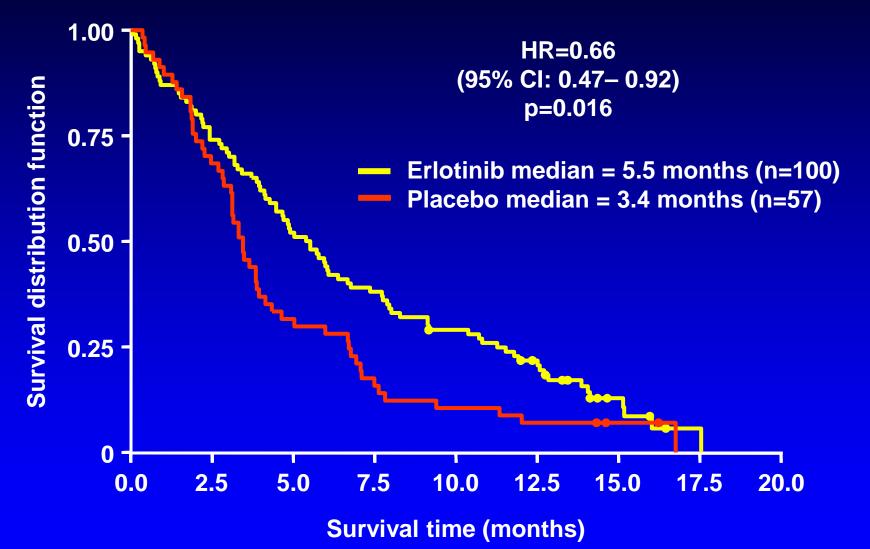
## BR.21 RETRO ANALYSIS: SURVIVAL ACCORDING TO EGFR MUTATION STATUS



Interaction p=0.47 (not significant)

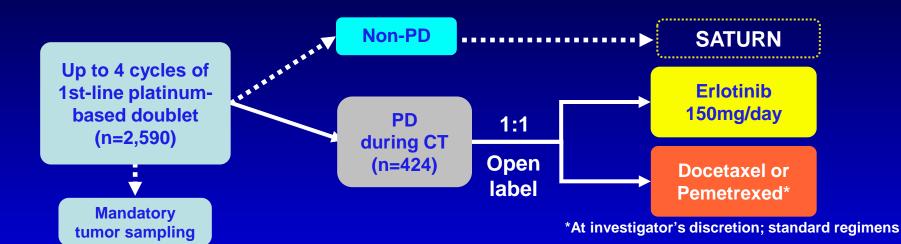
Zhu et al J Clin Oncol 2008

### IS THERE A CLINICAL BENEFIT WITH TARCEVA FOR MALE SMOKERS WITH SQUAMOUS-CELL CARCINOMA?



Clark et al Clin Lung Cancer 2006

# **TITAN STUDY DESIGN**



#### **Primary endpoint**

Overall survival (OS)

#### Secondary endpoints

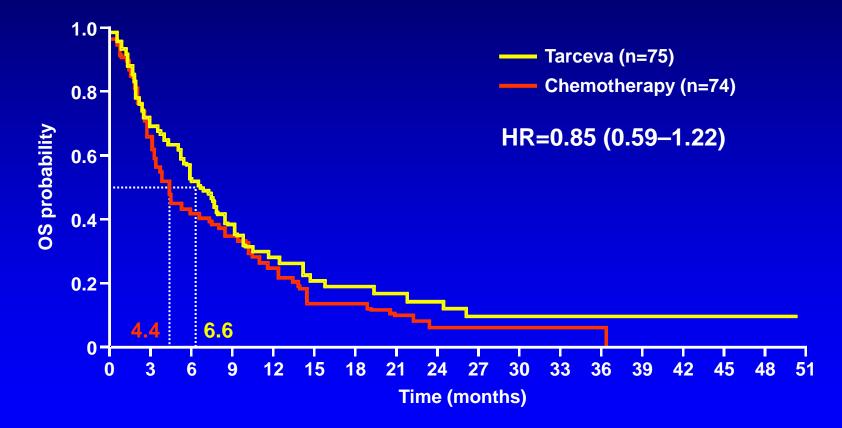
PFS, RR, QoL (FACT-L), correlation of biomarkers with clinical outcome

#### **Stratification factors**

- Stage of disease at start of chemotherapy (IIIB vs IV)
- ECOG PS (0 or 1 vs 2)
- Smoking history (current vs former vs never)
- Region

Ciuleanu et al IASLC Chicago 2010 abstr 6 /LBOA5

## TITAN:OS with erlotinib vs chemotherapy in EGFR wild type NSCLC



Ciuleanu et al IASCLC Chicago 2010 abstr 6 /LBOA5

# 2<sup>ND</sup> TOPIC

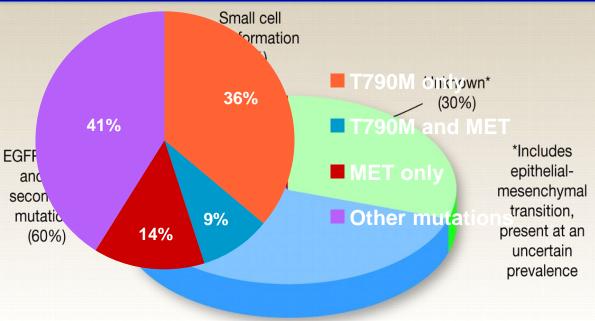
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- B) Any difference between the tkis ? Yes
   Maintenance or wait and then 2<sup>nd</sup> line? Maintenance in some
   Is there a role for TKI in EGFR wt? Yes ,erlotinib in
   maintenance and 2<sup>nd</sup> line (Saturn; BR21: Titan)
- C) Which pathways are responsible for TKI resistance ? What to do if PD during TKI continue or stop? Oxnard et al Clin Cancer Res 2011

### **ASPECTS of RESISTANCE to EGFR TKIs**

## **COMBINATION OF TARGETED AGENTS**

Primary Resistance	Acquired Resistance
De novo T790M mutation	T790M mutation
PIK3CA mutation	c-MET amplification
PTEN loss	ЕМТ
IGF1R	Others
Others	

Kobayashi et al, NEJM 2005 Inukai M et al Cncer Res 2006;; Engeglman JCI 2006 Bean et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci. 2007; Engelman et al. Science 2007 Frederick et al Mol Cancer Ther 2007 Sos et al Cancer Res 2009 Gong et al, PLoS ONE 2009



#### Oxnard et al Clin Cancer Res 2011

# WHAT CAN WE DO AFTER TKI FAILURE ?

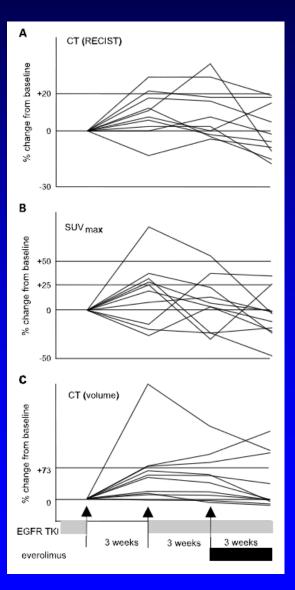
Switch to chemotherapy or add CT to TKI

Continue EGFR-TKI

 Switch to another EGFR-TKI gefitinib to erlotinib
 Irreversible EGFR-TKI?

Is it better to treat resistance or try to prevent it from emerging ?

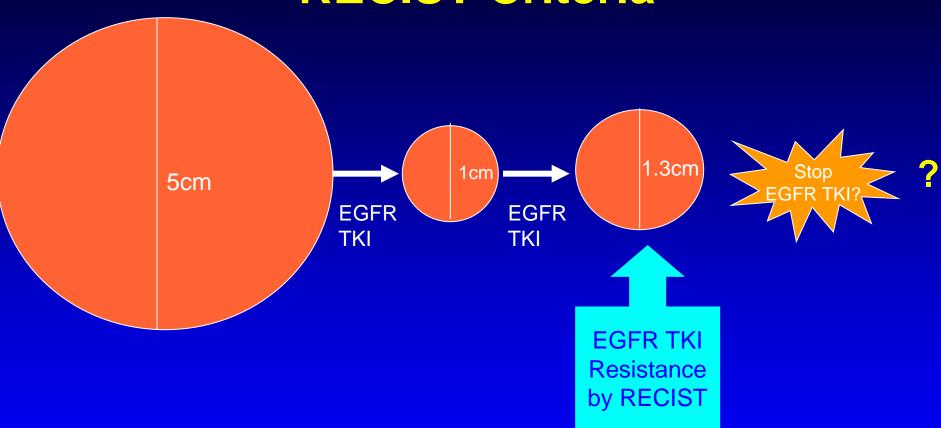
### RE-CHALLENGE OF EGFR TKI IN RESISTANCE TO EGFR TKI ?



10 patients, resistance to EGFR TKIs Stop EGFR TKIs for 3 weeks, then restart EGFR TKIs, 3 weeks later add everolimus After stop: 18% SUVmax and 9% tumor size Symptomatic progression Restart EGFR TKI: 4% decreased SUV max 1% decreased in tumor Symptom improvement Suggesting that some tumor cells remain sensitive to EGFR TKIs

Riely et al Clin Cancer Res 2007

# **RECIST Criteria**

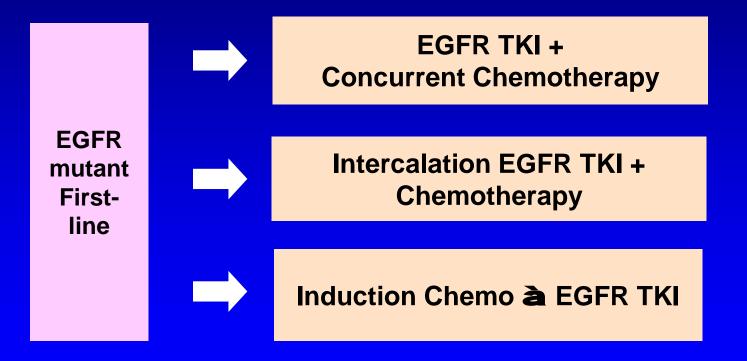


#### **DISEASE FLARE**

61 patients with acquired resistance (RECIST PD after benefit) 23% disease flare (hospitalization/death due to PD during wash out) Shorter TTP, pleural/CNS mets. Not mut stus including T790M *Chaft et al Clin Cancer Res 2011* 

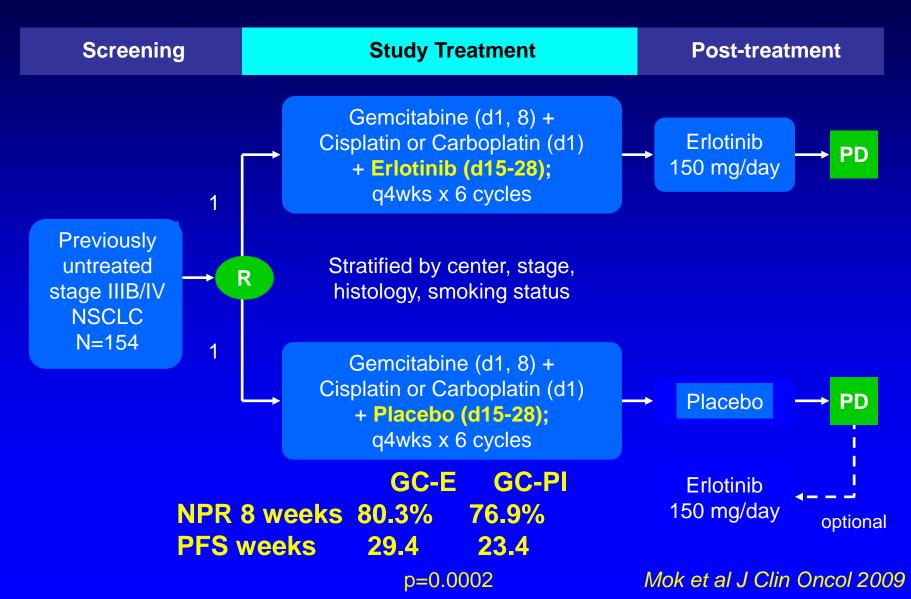
## ADD CHEMOTHERAPY TO TKI

**Incorporation of chemotherapy** 



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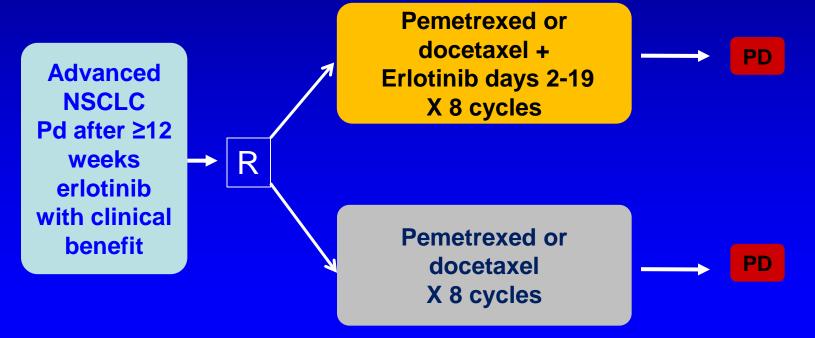
## FIRST-LINE ASIAN SEQUENTIAL TARCEVA PLUS CHEMOTHERAPY TRIAL (FASTACT)



## **TRIAL DESIGN : Continuation of EGFR TKIs**

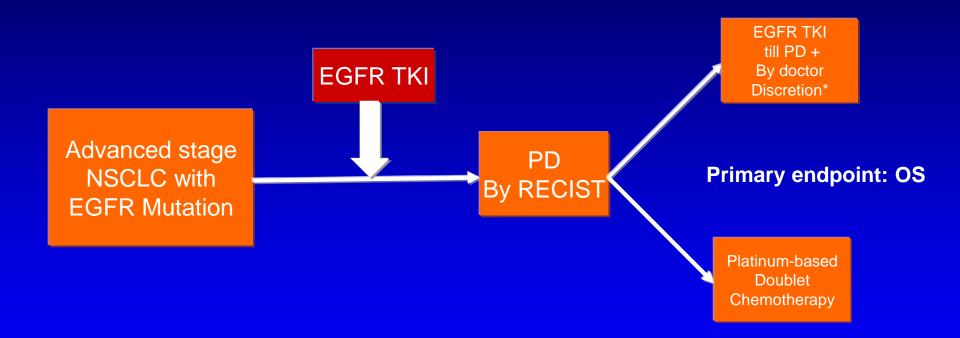
On relapse only some clones carry resistance mutations, Others remain dormant while the EGFR pathway remains inhibited Tumour rebound/ flare when EGFR *tki* stopped on progression

Randomised Phase II Primary endpoint increase PFS by 50% (3to 4.5 months) 23/78 patients enrolled



### TREATMENT-BEYOND-PROGRESSION ASPIRATION

(ASIA PACIFIC TRIAL OF TARCEVA AS FIRST LINE IN EGFR MUTATION+ NSCLC)



\*Doctor Discretion: Symptomatic progression, multiple progression Threat to major organ...etc

# DELAY OR PREVENT THE APPEARANCE OF RESISTANCE TO EGFR TKIS

### New EGFR TKIs or combination with new targets



## BIBW 2992 LUX-LUNG 1: RATIONALE

 Patients sensitive to gefitinib (G) or erlotinib (E) eventually progress T790M mutation most common cause of resistance
 Detected in ~50% of such patients

Afatinib (BIBW 2992)

Irreversible EGFR and HER2 inhibitor

Preclinical activity against NSCLC with T790M mutations

- Stage IIIB/IV NSCLC
- Adenocarcinoma
- Progressed after 1 or 2 lines of chemotherapy (inc. one platinumbased) and ≥12 wks treatment with erlotinib or gefitinib
- ECOG PS 0–2 (n=585)



Miller et al ESMO 2010 abst LBA1

# 2<sup>ND</sup> TOPIC

A) If Mut +ve is 1st line CT or TKI best?

TKI best but if CT first make sure to give TKI afterwards

B) Is there a role for TKI in EGFR wt? Yes in maintenance and 2<sup>nd</sup> line (Saturn;BR21; Titan)

Any difference between the tkis ? Yes Erlotinib efficacy after gefitinib failure *Hata et al Lung Cancer 2011* 

C) What to do if PD during TKI continue or stop? Stop and switch to 1<sup>st</sup> line CT (but emerging data)

Which pathways are responsible for TKI resistance ? T790M, c-MET and others

Is it better to treat resistance or try to prevent it from emerging?

# 3<sup>rd</sup> TOPIC EGFR TESTING

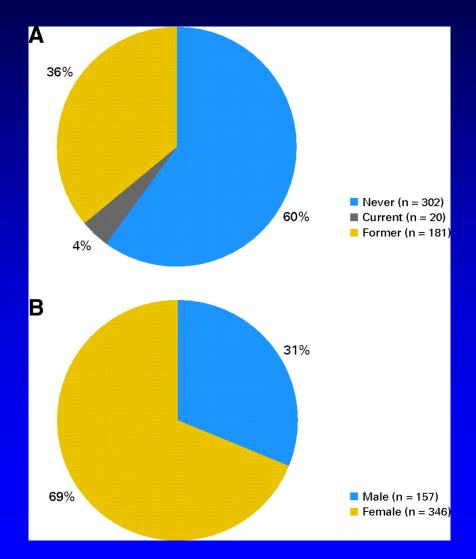
A) IHC testing only in non-squamous only? No

B) Mutation testing in non-squamous only? Yes

NSCLC pathology and molecular testing Recommendation 1

- -EGFR somatic mutation testing should be carried out to identify patients eligible for first-line treatment with EGFR TKIs
- Never/former light smokers (<15 packs per year) or patients withnonsquamous histology should be tested for EGFR mutation status regardless of PS
- Patients harboring sensitizing EGFR mutations should be treated with EGFR TKIs regardless of the genotype of the sensitizing mutation (del 19 versus L858R in exon 21)
- -IHC and FISH for EGFR are not recommended for routine clinical use
- The concomitant presence of T790M resistance mutation shouldnot preclude the use of EGFR TKIs in the first-line setting

### ADENOCARCINOMA EGFR MUTATION BY (A) SMOKING STATUS AND (B) SEX.



#### 40% smokers

#### D'Angelo et al. JCO 2011

# EGFR MUTATION TEST: NONSQUAMOUS ONLY

• US: There were no *EGFR* mutations in 454 squamous carcinomas *Marchetti et al J Clin Oncol 2005* 

Japan: Squamous Ca *EGFR* mutations rate was 3/87 3.4% (possibly adeno squamous) *Miyamae et al Oncology Reports 20111/230*

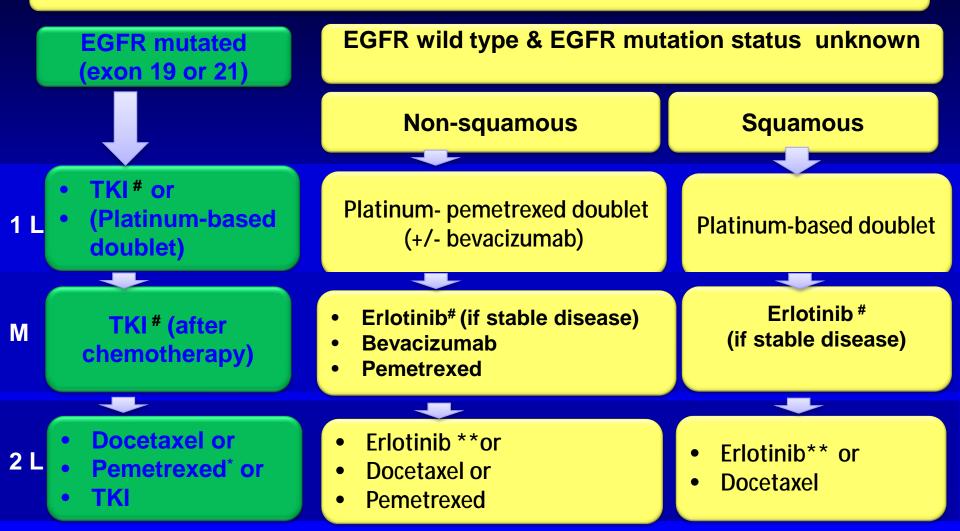
Phase III gefitinib vs CT 5/228 2.2% Maemondo et al N Eng J Med 2010

• The NCCN recommends erlotinib in the United States as first-line therapy for patients who have an *EGFR* mutation and who have advanced, recurrent, or metastatic <u>nonsquamous</u> cell NSCLC.

Similar to NICE UK and Royal College pathologists report

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\*only in non-squamous NSCLC \*\* IHC + needed for reimbursement # EGFR mut + test