

# Rare Targets and Novel Therapies in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Navigating New TKIs and Uncommon Oncogenic Drivers

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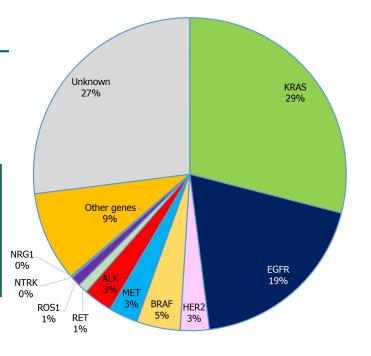
# **Oncogene Driven Advanced NSCLC**



#### NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2026 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

#### TESTING RESULTSqq,rr

EGFR exon 19 deletion or L858R mutation positive	NSCL-21
EGFR S768I, L861Q, and/or G719X mutation positive	NSCL-24
EGFR exon 20 insertion mutation positive	NSCL-25
KRAS G12C mutation positive	NSCL-26
ALK gene fusion positive	NSCL-27
ROS1 gene fusion positive	NSCL-30
BRAF V600E mutation positive	NSCL-32
NTRK1/2/3 gene fusion positive	NSCL-33
MET exon 14 skipping mutation positive	NSCL-34
RET gene fusion positive	NSCL-35
ERBB2 (HER2) mutation positive	NSCL-36
NRG1 gene fusion positive	NSCL-37
PD-L1 ≥1% and negative for actionable biomarkers above	NSCL-38
PD-L1 <1% and negative for actionable biomarkers above	NSCL-39

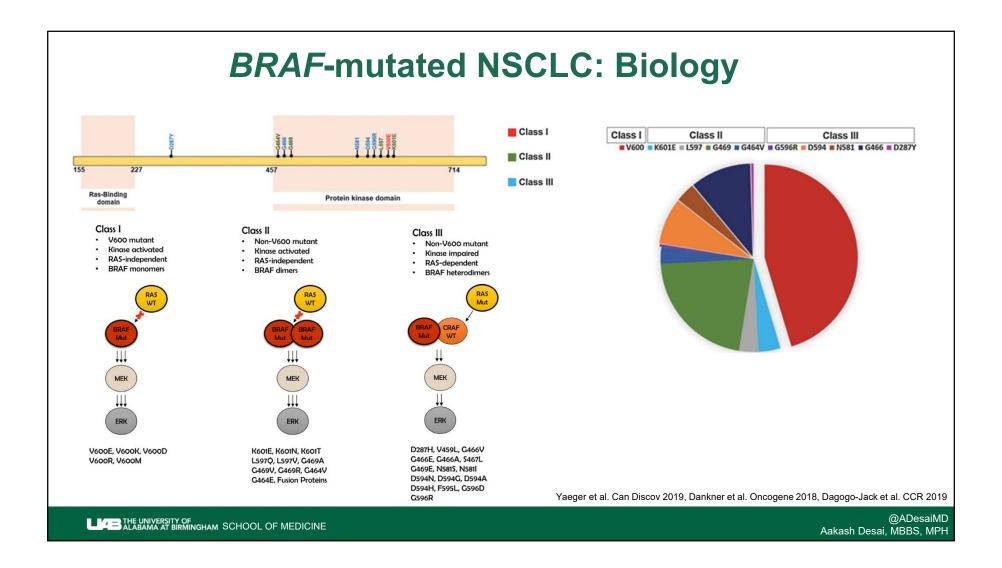


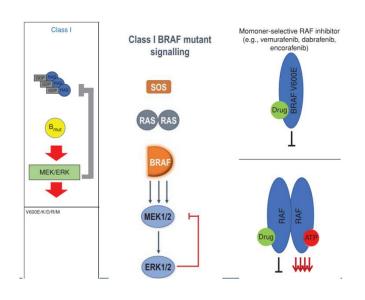
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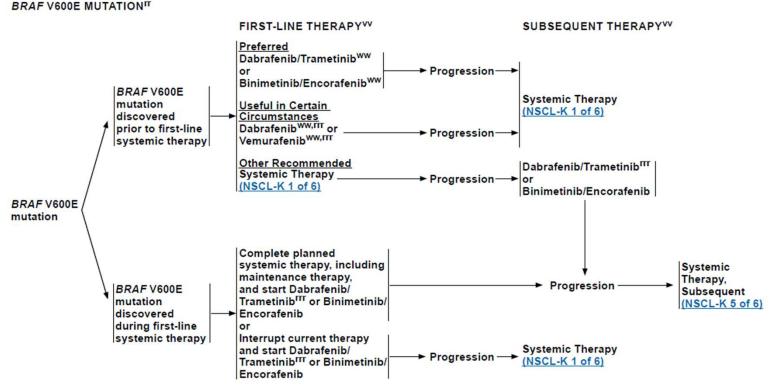
Keratocanthomas

Dabrafenib RR- 33%, PFS- 5.5 mo

		Previously Treated						
	VE-Basket trial vemurafenib (n=20)	AcSé trial vemurafenib (n=100)	BRF113928 dabrafenib (n = 78)	BRF113928 Dabrafenib Plus Trametinib (n = 57)				
Male	14 (70%)	-	39 (50%)	29 (51%)				
Never smoker	7 (35%)	-	29 (37%)	16 (28%)				
ORR % (95% CI)	42 (20-67)	44.9	33 (23-45)	67 (53–79)				
PFS, median (95% CI)	7.3 (3.5-10.8)	5.2	5.5 (3.4-7.3)	10.2 (6.9–16.7)				
OS, median (95% CI)	NA	9.3	12.7 (7.3-16.3)	18.2 (14.3-NE)				

Yaeger et al. Can Discov 2019, Planchard et al. Lancet Oncol 2016

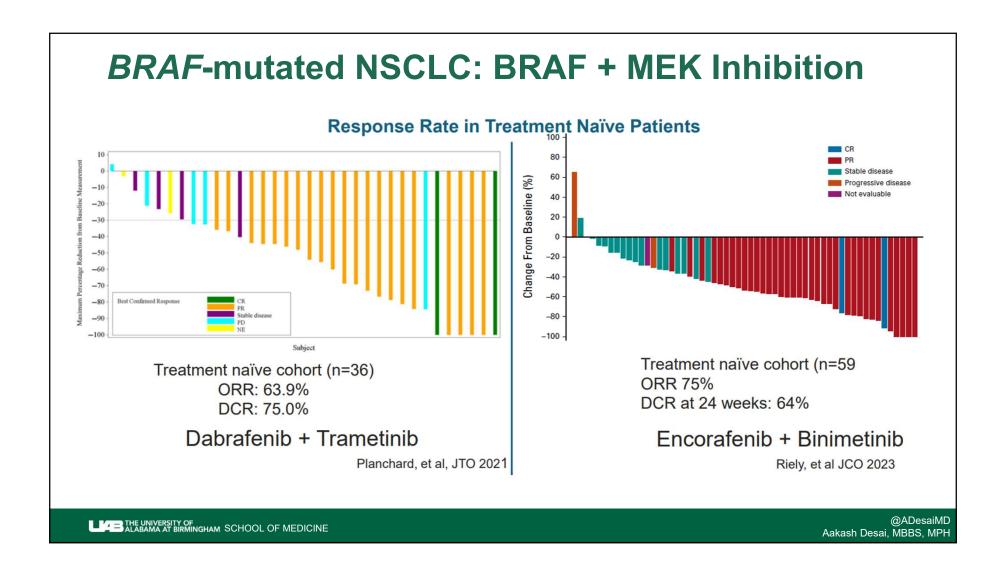
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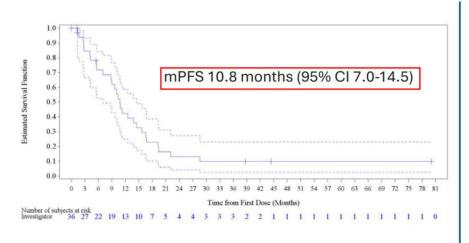
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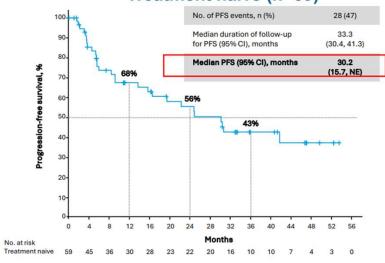
#### Treatment naive (n=36)



Dabrafenib + Trametinib

Planchard, et al, JTO 2021

#### Treatment naive (n=59)



Encorafenib + Binimetinib

Riely, et al ESMO 2024



AE >10% (not all TRAE)

	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Total	10 (28%)	23 (64%)	2 (6%)	1(3%)
Pyrexia	19 (53%)	4 (11%)	0	0
Nausea	20 (56%)	0	0	0
Diarrhoea	12 (33%)	1 (3%)	0	0
Fatigue	13 (36%)	0	0	0
Peripheral oedema	13 (36%)	0	0	0
Vomiting	9 (25%)	3 (8%)	0	0
Dry skin	12 (33%)	0	0	0
Decreased appetite	12 (33%)	0	0	0
Chills	9 (25%)	0	0	0
Headache	9 (25%)	0	0	0
Rash	7 (19%)	1 (3%)	0	0
Dizziness	8 (22%)	0	0	0
Cough	8 (22%)	0	0	0
Alanine aminotransferase increase	2 (6%)	4 (11%)	0	0
Dyspnoea	4 (11%)	2 (6%)	0	0
Hypotension	4(11%)	2 (6%)	0	0
Back pain	6 (17%)	0	0	0
Weight decrease	6 (17%)	0	0	0
Abdominal pain	4 (11%)	1 (3%)	0	0
Anaemia	4 (11%)	1(3%)	0	0
Arthralgia	4 (11%)	1 (3%)	0	0
Constipation	5 (14%)	0	0	0
Insomnia	5 (14%)	0	0	0
Myalgia	5 (14%)	0	0	0
Hypertension	0	4 (11%)	0	0
Hyponatraemia	2 (6%)	2 (6%)	0	0
Aspartate aminotransferase increase	3 (8%)	1(3%)	0	0
Asthenia	3 (8%)	1(3%)	0	0
Pruritus	3 (8%)	1(3%)	0	0
Pain in extremity	3 (8%)	1(3%)	0	0
Erythema	4 (11%)	0	0	0
Dysphonia	3 (8%)	0	0	0
Malaise	4 (11%)	0	0	0
Musculoskeletal chest pain	4 (11%)	0	0	0
Urinary tract infection	4 (11%)	0	0	0
Dehydration	2 (6%)	1(3%)	0	0
Ejection fraction decrease	1 (3%)	2 (6%)	0	0
Pulmonary embolism	1 (3%)	2 (6%)	0	0
Weight increase	2 (6%)	1(3%)	0	0
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- Pyrexia not observed with encorafenib/binimetinib
- Similar rates of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue
- · LFT elevations similar

#### Rates of Drug Interruption/Discontinuation D/T, E/B

- Discontinuation- 12%, 15%
- Dose Interruption- 61%, 44%
- Dose Reduction- 35%, 24%

Dabrafenib + Trametinib

TABLE 3. Incidence of TRAEs of Any Grade ≥10% in All Patients

	Ov	rerall (N = 98	3)	
AE Preferred Term	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	
Any TRAEs, No. (%)	92 (94)	37 (38)	3 (3)	
Nausea	49 (50)	3 (3)	0	
Diarrhea	42 (43)	4 (4)	0	
Fatigue	31 (32)	2 (2)	0	
Vomiting	28 (29)	1 (1)	0	
Anemia	18 (18)	3 (3)	0	
Vision blurred	17 (17)	1 (1)	0	
Constipation	13 (13)	0	0	
ALT increased	12 (12)	5 (5)	0	
AST increased	12 (12)	7 (7)	0	
Pruritus	12 (12)	0	0	
Blood creatine phosphokinase increased	11 (11)	0	0	
Peripheral edema	11 (11)	0	0	
Abdominal pain	10 (10)	0	0	
Alopecia	10 (10)	0	0	
Asthenia	10 (10)	3 (3)	0	
Dry skin	10 (10)	0	0	

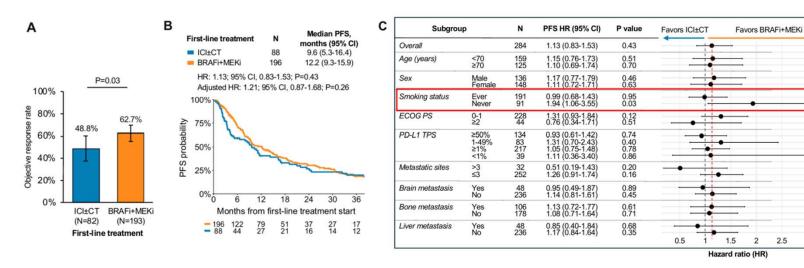
Abbreviation: TRAE, treatment-related adverse event.

\*Grade 4 TRAEs were colitis, disseminated intravascular coagulation, increased gamma-glutamyl transferase, and hyponatremia. One patient can have multiple TRAEs.

Encorafenib + Binimetinib

Planchard et al. Lancet 2016, Riely et al. JCO 2023

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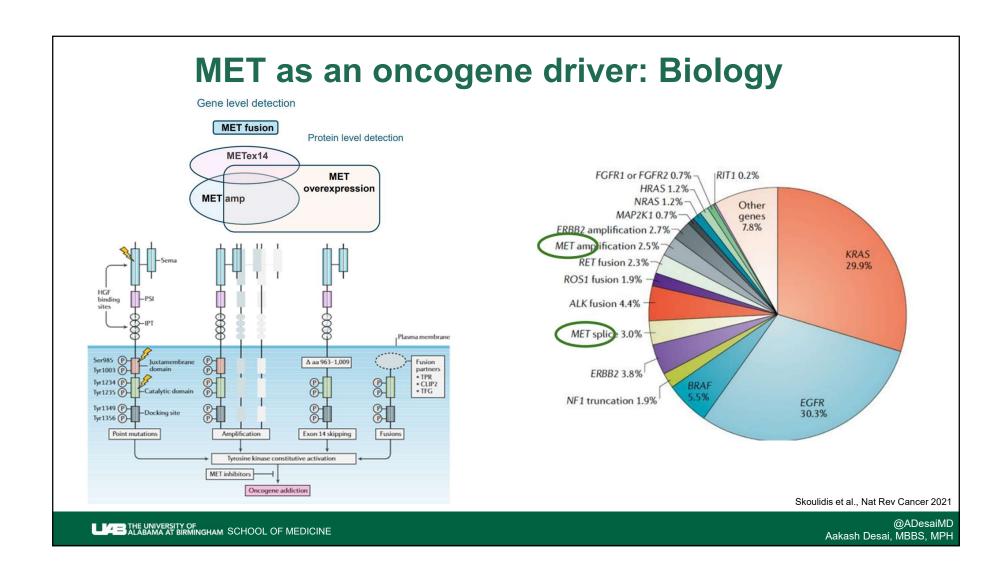


(A) Objective response rate, and (B) progression-free survival by first-line treatment. (C) Subgroup analysis of progression-free survival by first-line treatment.

· Overall Survival was superior with chemoimmunotherapy, especially in patients with smoking exposure

Di Frederico et al., ASCO 2025



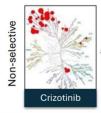


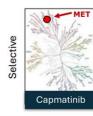
# MET ex 14 skipping mutation: Management

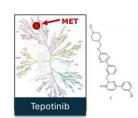
Point mutations, insertions or deletions, or large-scale whole-exon deletions that cause **exon 14 (L964 - D1010) with the CBL binding site (Y1003)** to be deleted from the expressed MET protein.

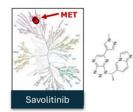
- Y1003 mutations disrupt the CBL binding site
- D1010 mutations affect the exon 14 to 15 splice site











	Crizotinib	Capmatinib	Capmatinib Tepotinib			Savolitinib	
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Sample Size	1L+ N=69	1L N=60	<b>2L+</b> N=100	1L N=137	<b>2L+</b> N=138	1L N=28	<b>2L+</b> N=42
Median Age	72	71	71	75 >75 y: 50%	71 >75 y: 36%	69 (1L+) >75 y: 43%	>75 y: 10%
Female	58%	68%	56%	50%	51%	41% (1L+)	
ORR	32% (1L 25%, 2L+ 37%)	67%	44%	54%	45%	46%	41%
mDOR (mo)	9.1	12.6	9.7	32.7	11.1	5.6	9.7
mPFS (mo)	7.3	12.3	5.5	12.6	10.9	5.6	6.9

Drilon et al Nat Med 2020, Wolf et al NEJM 2020, Paik et al NEJM 2020, Wolf et al ASCO 2021, Felip et al WCLC 2021, Lu et al Lancet Resp Med 2021

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# **MET** ex 14 TKIs: Toxicity

#### **Tepotinib**

	Safety Population (n=152)					
	All Grades	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4		
Adverse Events	number of patients (percent)					
Any adverse event <sup>†</sup>	135.0 (89.0)	93.0 (61.0)	38.0 (25.0)	3.0 (2.0)		
Peripheral edema	96.0 (63.0)	85.0 (56.0)	11.0 (7.0)	0		
Nausea	39.0 (26.0)	38.0 (25.0)	1.0 (1.0)	0		
Diarrhea	33.0 (22.0)	32.0 (21.0)	1.0 (1.0)	0		
Blood creatinine increased	27.0 (18.0)	26.0 (17.0)	1.0 (1.0)	0		
Hypoalbuminemia	24.0 (16.0)	21.0 (14.0)	3.0 (2.0)	0		
Amylase increased	17.0 (11.20	13.0 (9.0)	3.0 (2.0)	1.0 (1.0)		
Lipase increased	13.0 (9.0)	9.0 (6.0)	4.0 (3.0)	0		
Asthenia	12.0 (8.0)	11.0 (7.0)	1.0 (1.0)	0		
Decreased appetite	12.0 (8.0)	11.0 (7.0)	1.0 (1.0)	0		
Pleural effusion	12.0 (8.0)	8.0 (5.0)	4.0 (3.0)	0		
Alopecia	12.0 (8.0)	12.0 (8.0)	0	0		
Fatigue	11.0 (7.0)	10.0 (7.0)	1.0 (1.0)	0		
Alanine aminotransferase increased	11.0 (7.0)	7.0 (5.0)	3.0 (2.0)	1.0 (1.0)		
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	10.0 (7.0)	7.0 (5.0)	2.0 (1.0)	1.0 (1.0)		
Vomiting	9.0 (6.0)	9.0 (6.0)	0	0		
General edema	9.0 (6.0)	5.0 (3.0)	4.0 (3.0)	0		
Upper abdominal pain	8.0 (5.0)	8.0 (5.0)	0	0		

#### Capmatinib

Variable	NS	CLC with Skipping				
	Cohort 4 (N = 69)		Cohort 5b (N = 28)		Cohort 1a (N=69)	
	Total	Grade 3 or 4	Total	Grade 3 or 4	Total	Grade 3 or 4
Adverse events						
Any event — no. (%)	68 (99)	52 (75)	28 (100)	21 (75)	67 (97)	48 (70)
Most common events — no. (%)†						
Peripheral edema	37 (54)	10 (14)	21 (75)	3 (11)	34 (49)	5 (7)
Nausea‡	32 (46)	0	13 (46)	0	32 (46)	5 (7)
Vomiting:	18 (26)	0	7 (25)	0	24 (35)	5 (7)
Blood creatinine increased	23 (33)	О	10 (36)	0	16 (23)	О
Dyspnea	19 (28)	7 (10)	6 (21)	2 (7)	13 (19)	4 (6)
Fatigue	18 (26)	6 (9)	4 (14)	1 (4)	11 (16)	1 (1)
Decreased appetite‡	15 (22)	1 (1)	8 (29)	0	15 (22)	1 (1)
Constipation	10 (14)	2 (3)	4 (14)	0	16 (23)	0
Diarrhea	12 (17)	0	5 (18)	0	19 (28)	1 (1)
Cough	10 (14)	1 (1)	7 (25)	0	9 (13)	1 (1)
Back pain	11 (16)	2 (3)	4 (14)	0	8 (12)	О
Pyrexia	9 (13)	1 (1)	2 (7)	0	10 (14)	0
ALT increased	8 (12)	6 (9)	4 (14)	2 (7)	12 (17)	7 (10)
Asthenia	6 (9)	3 (4)	4 (14)	2 (7)	6 (9)	3 (4)
Pneumonia	7 (10)	4 (6)	2 (7)	0	12 (17)	3 (4)
Weight loss	9 (13)	0	3 (11)	0	7 (10)	1 (1)
Noncardiac chest pain	5 (7)	1 (1)	1 (4)	0	10 (14)	2 (3)

Wolf et al NEJM 2020, Paik et al NEJM 2020



# **MET** amplification: Role of TKIs?



- ❖ For high copy number >10 ORR 40-42%, PFS 4.1-4.2 months
- NCCN recommends TKI for MET amp
- ❖ Geometry-mono-1 trial (capmatinib) GCN >10 vs. GCN <10</p>

	GCN >10	GCN>10	GCN 3-9
Prior Rx	Yes	No	Yes
ORR	29%	40%	7-12%
DoR (mon)	8.3	7.5	Variable
PFS (mon)	4.1	4.1	2.7-3.6

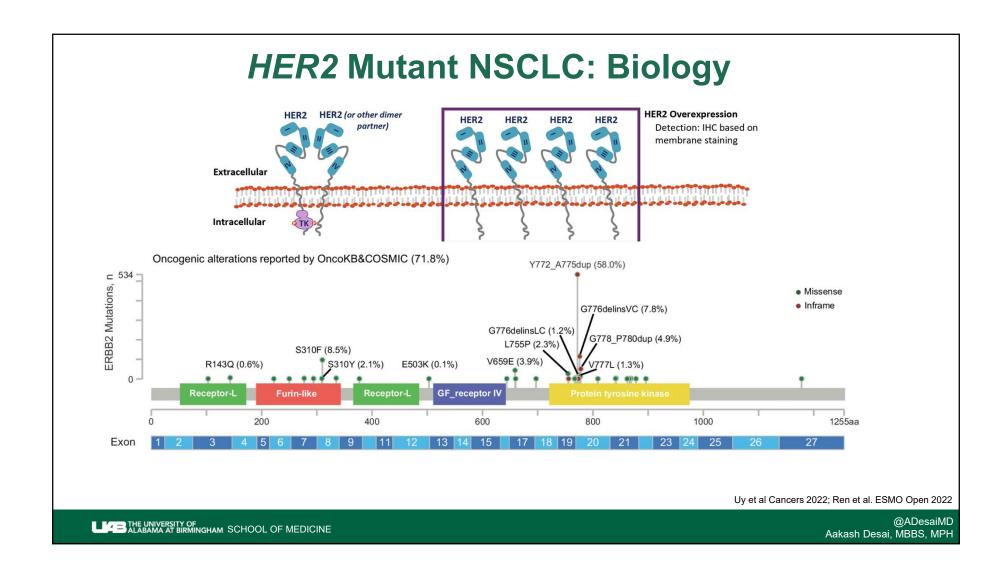
❖ VISION trial (tepotinib) ctDNA METamp >2.5 ~ tissue METamp >10

		Overall (n=24)	1L (n=7)	2L (n=10)	3L (n=7)
	PR	10 (41.7)	5 (71.4)	3 (30.0)	2 (28.6)
Best overall	SD	1 (4.2)	0	1 (10.0)	0
response, n (%) PD	PD	5 (20.8)	1 (14.3)	2 (20.0)	2 (28.6)
	NE	8 (33.3)	1 (14.3)	4 (40.0)	3 (42.9)
ORR, n (%) [95% CI]		10 (41.7) [22.1, 63.4]	5 (71.4) [29.0, 96.3]	3 (30.0) [6.7, 65.2]	2 (28.6) [3.7, 71.0]

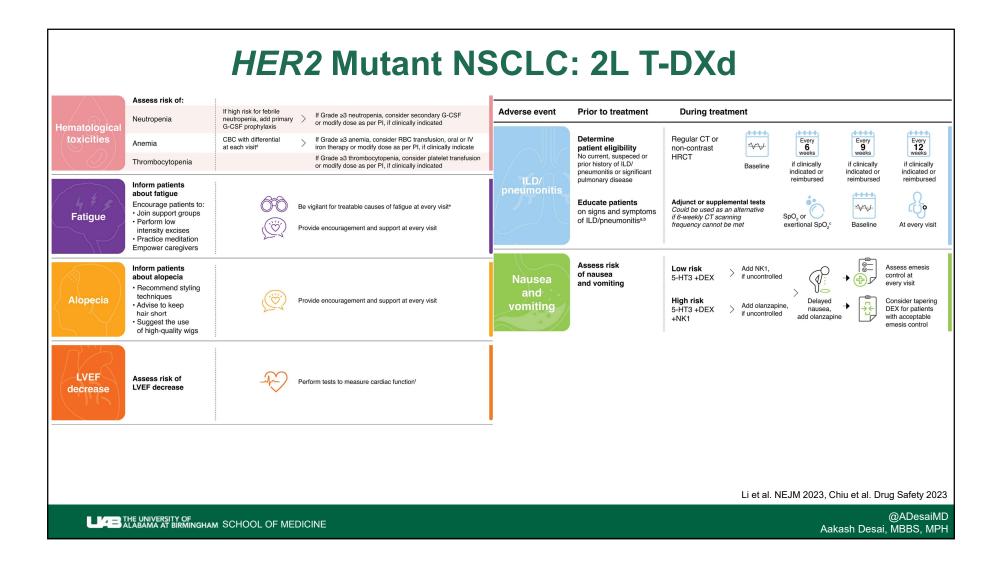


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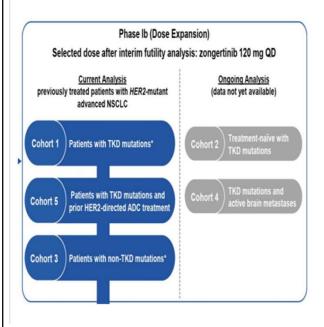


#### **HER2** Mutant NSCLC: Treatment Options ERBB2 (HER2) MUTATIONIT, SSS FIRST-LINE THERAPY SUBSEQUENT THERAPYVV Preferred Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki Progression-Zongertinib Useful in Certain Circumstances Ado-trastuzumab emtansine Progression -If not received previously. Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki Systemic Therapy, Progression-Subsequent Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (NSCL-K 5 of 6) Systemic therapy Zongertinib evaluation Systemic Therapy, Subsequent (NSCL-K 5 of 6) Progression -Preferred Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki Progression→ Zongertinib Useful in Certain Response Tumor or stable Circumstances ▶ response cycles Ado-trastuzumab emtansine (total)|| disease evaluation Response Maintenance or stable therapy → Progression disease (NSCL-K 4 of 6) NCCN Guidelines® for NSCLC (V1.2026). NSCL-36. © 2025 National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. All rights reserved. These guidelines and this illustration may not be reproduced in any form without the express written permission of NCCN®. To view the most recent and complete version of the NCCN Guidelines, go online to NCCN.org. Camidge et al ASCO 2025 @ADesaiMD THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Aakash Desai, MBBS, MPH



# **HER2** Mutant NSCLC: 2L Zongertinib

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#### Efficacy

#### Cohort 1 (N: 75)

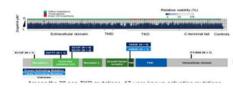
- ORR 71%; DoR 14 m; mPFS 12.4 m
- Brain (N: 27): IC ORR 41%

#### Cohort 5 (N. 31)

- ORR 48%, ; mDoR 5.3 m; mPFS 6.8 m
- Previous T-DXd (N: 22): ORR 41%

#### Cohort 3 (N 20);

ORR 30%

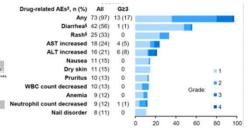


#### Safety

17% TRAE G ≥3 (AST, ALT)

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- Diarrhea 56% (1% G3)
- Rash 33% (no G3)
- Dose reduction 7%
- Discontinuation 3%
- No ILD

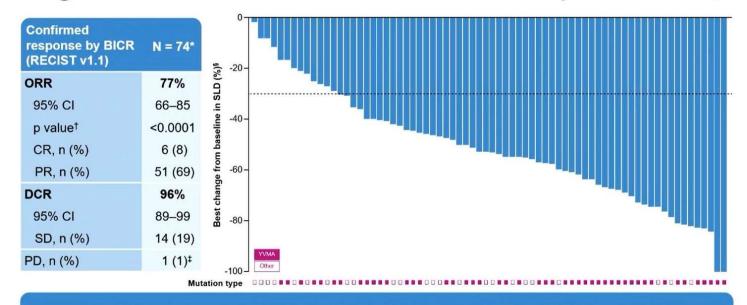


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# **HER2 Mutant NSCLC: 1L Options #ESMO25**

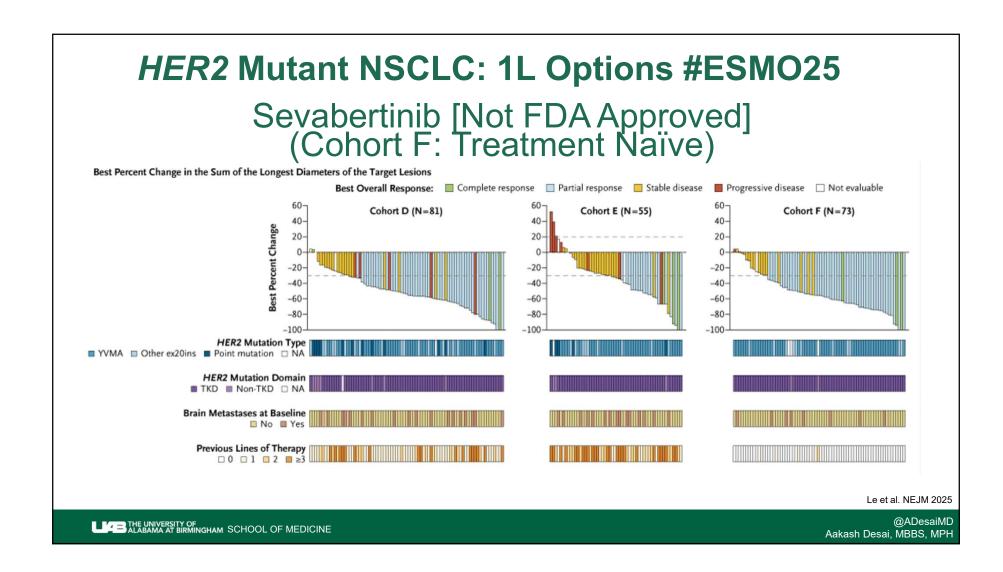
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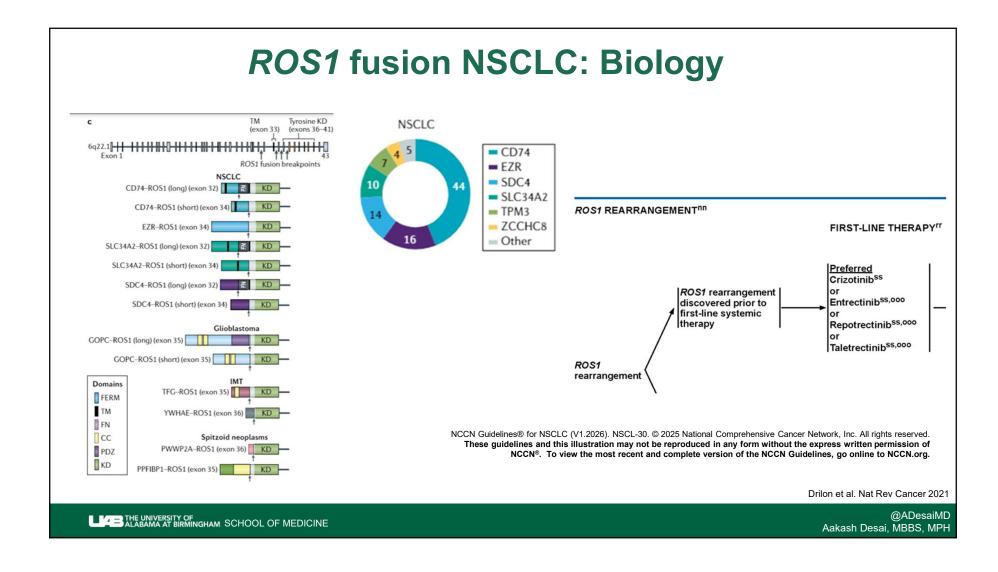


Clinical benefit was observed with zongertinib in all patients, irrespective of HER2 mutation type

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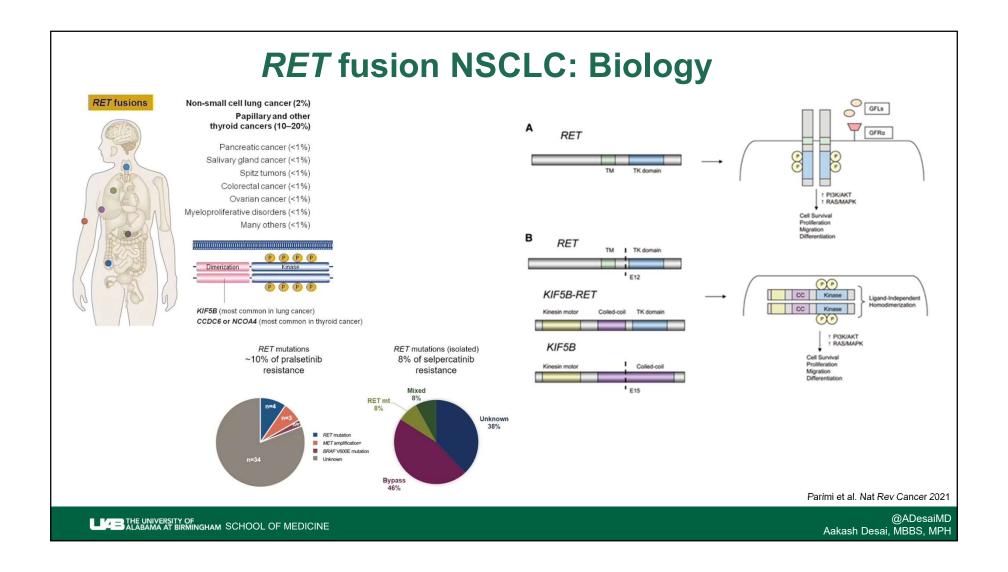


# **ROS1** fusion NSCLC: Treatment Options

Agent	ORR (%) (TKI naive, prior TKI)	mPFS (months) (TKI naive, prior TKI)	CNS response rate (TKI naive, prior TKI)	G2032R response rate	Common side effects (> 30%, any grade)	On-target acquired resistance mechanisms
Crizotinib <sup>2-4</sup> (FDA approved 2016)	72%, N/A	15.9-19.2, N/A	N/A	N/A	Vision disorder (87%), nausea (51%), diarrhea (45%), vomiting (38%), elevated transaminases (36%), constipation (34%)	G2032R, D2033N, S1986F7
Entrectinib <sup>5,10</sup> (FDA approved 2019)	68%, 11%ª	15.7, 4.7ª	80%, 11%ª	N/A	Dysgeusia (41%), dizziness (37%), weight gain (34%), constipation (32%)	G2032R, F2004C/I
Lorlatinib <sup>6,13</sup> (NCCN listed as 2L, not FDA approved)	62%, 35% <sup>b</sup>	21.0, 8.5 <sup>b</sup>	64%, 50% <sup>b</sup>	0%	Hypercholesterolemia (65%), hypertriglyceridemia (42%), edema (39%), peripheral neuropathy (35%)	G2032R, L2086F, S1986F, L2000V7
Repotrectinib <sup>8,9</sup> (FDA approved 2024)	79%, 38% <sup>c</sup>	35.7, 9.0°	89%, 38% <sup>c</sup>	59%	Dizziness (62%), dysgeusia (53%), Constipation (38%), anemia (38%), paresthesia (34%)	L2086F and G2032R (only in TKI-pretreated population)
Taletrectinib <sup>14,16,17</sup> (FDA approved)	89%, 56% <sup>c</sup>	45.6, 7.6°	77%, 66% <sup>c</sup>	62%	Increased AST (72%), increased ALT (68%), diarrhea (63%), nausea (47%) vomiting (43%), anemia (37%)	Awaiting additional data in patients
Zidesamtinib <sup>15,18</sup> (FDA Breakthrough Designation)	Pending <sup>d</sup> , 73% <sup>b</sup> , 44% (2+ TKIs)	NR <sup>d</sup> , 12.1 (2+ TKls)	Pending <sup>d</sup> , 57%	65% <sup>e</sup> , 38% <sup>f</sup>	None > 30%, most common: peripheral edema (18%), transaminase increase (12%)	Awaiting additional data in patients

Hsu et al. ASCO Daily News 2025

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# **RET** fusion NSCLC: Treatment Options

#### Multikinase Inhibitors (MKIs)

#### Cabozantinib

#### Vandetanib





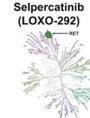
# Selpercatinib Previous-platinum (N = 105) ORR = 64% (95%CI: 54-73) DOR = 17.5 m (95%CI: 12.0 – NR)

PFS = 16.5 m (95%CI: 13.7 - NR)

Treatment-naïve (N = 39) ORR = 85% (95%CI: 76 – 97) DOR = NR (95%CI: 12 – NR) PFS = NR (13.8 – NR)

#### Selective RET Inhibitors

#### Pralsetinib (BLU-667)



# Pralsetinib

#### Previous-platinum (N = 87)

ORR = 61% (95%CI: 50-71)

DOR = NR (95%CI: 15.2 – nR)

PFS = 17.1m (95%CI: 8.3 – 22.1)

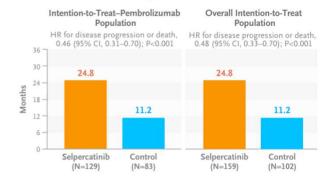
Treatment-na"ive (N = 27)

ORR = 70% (95%CI: 50 - 86)

DOR = 9.0m (95%CI: 6.3 - NR)

PFS = 9.1 m (95%CI: 6.1 - 13.0)

#### Median Progression-free Survival



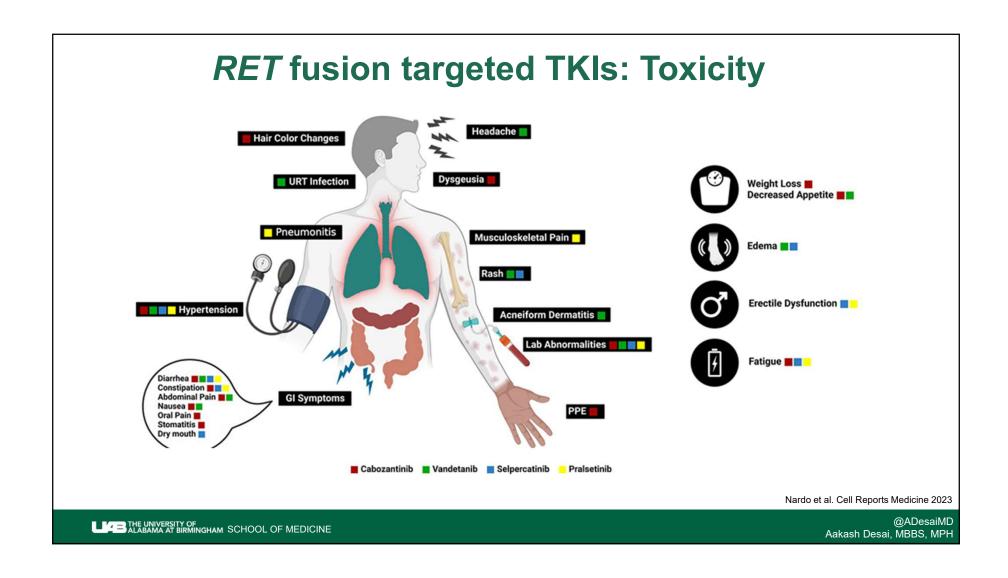
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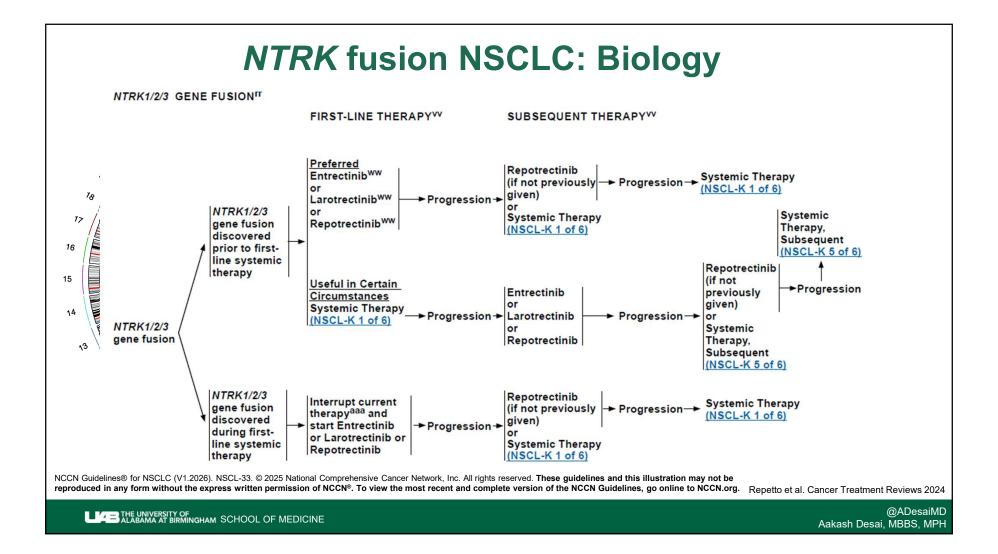
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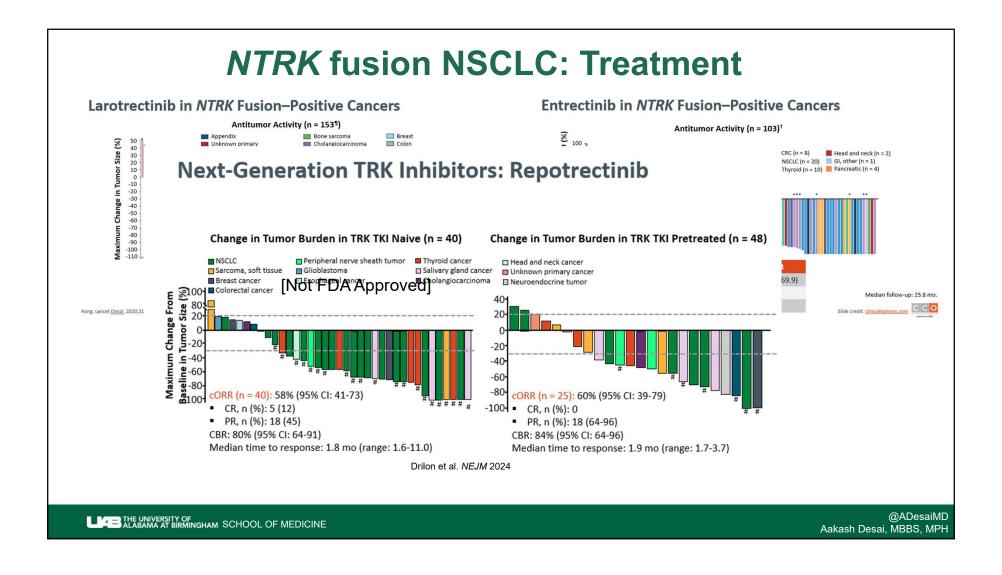


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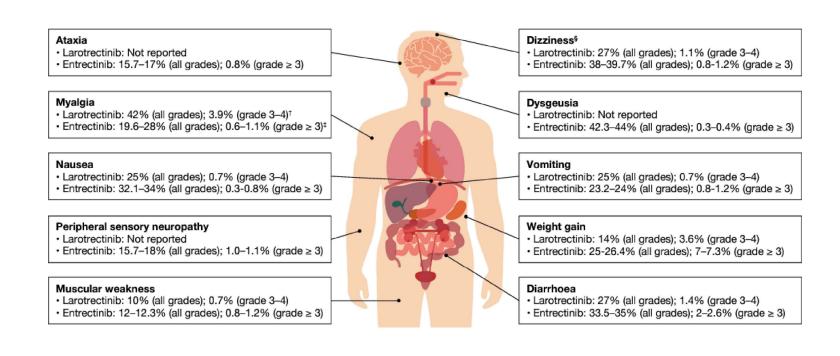
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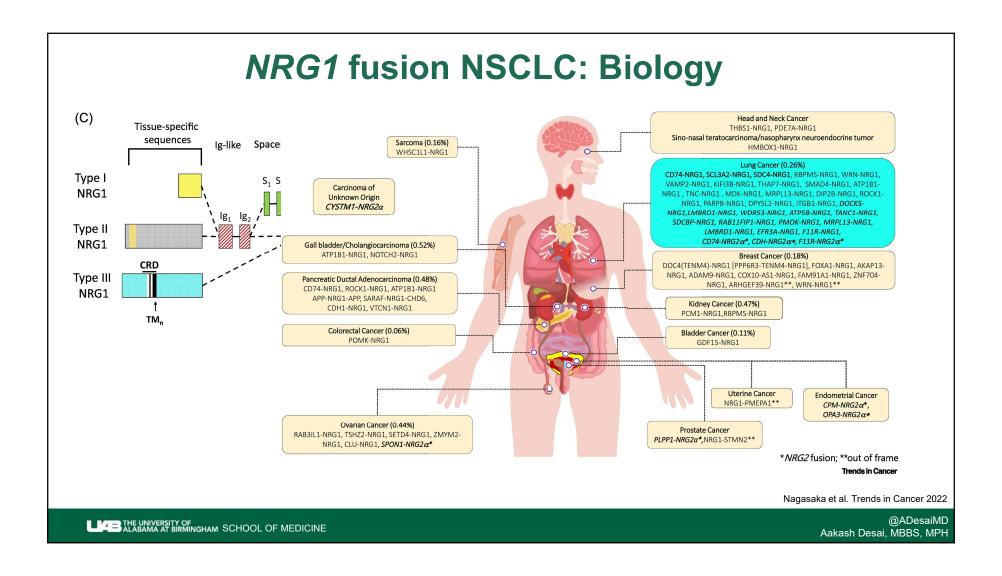


# **NTRK TKIs: Toxicity**



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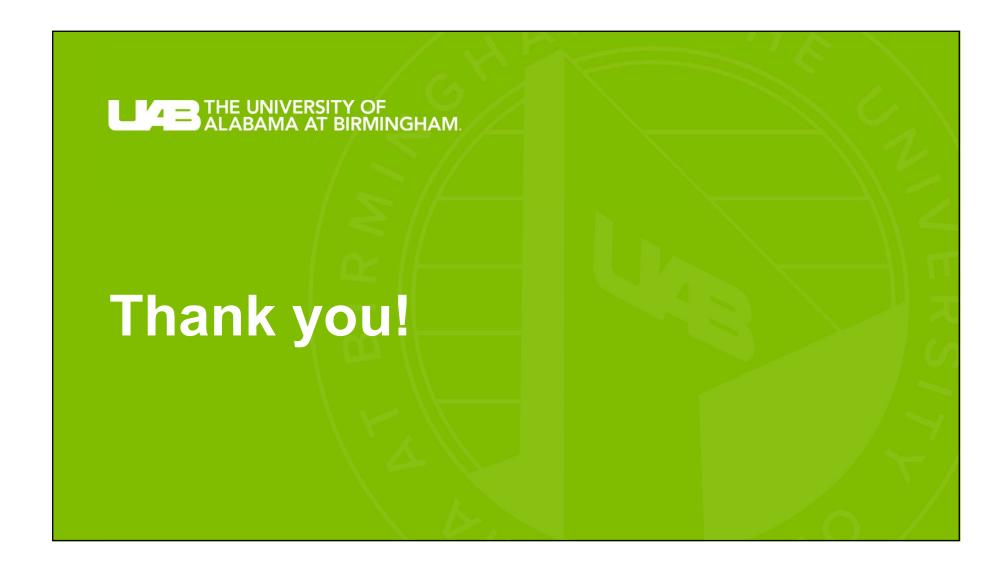
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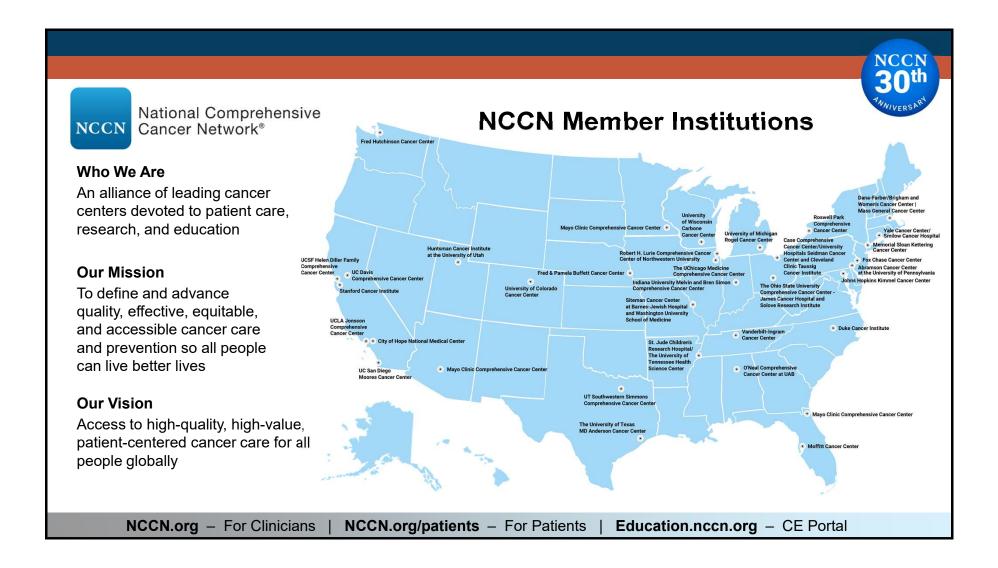
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# **Key Takeaways**

- 1. BRAFm NSCLC: Class I vs II/III, Dabrafenib + trametinib or Encorafenib + binimetinib as BRAF + MEK inhibitors for V600E
- 2. MET-altered NSCLC: *MET* exon 14 skipping mutation Crizotinib, Capmatinib and Tepotinib FDA approved; Teliso-V approved for high MET expressing nonsquamous NSCLC patients
- 3. HER2 mutant NSCLC: Second line targeted therapy options: Fam-trastuzumab deruxtexan, Zongertinib, and ado-trastuzumab emtansine; sequencing remains an open question; TKIs moving to the first line?
- 4. ROS1 fusion-positive NSCLC: Multiple TKIs in 1L: Entrectenib, Repotrectinib, Taletrectinib, and Crizotinib certain differences in side effect profiles CNS penetrant drugs preferred
- 5. RET fusion-positive NSCLC: Selpercatinib and Pralsetinib remain 1L choices
- 6. NTRK fusion-positive NSCLC: Multiple TKIs in 1L: Larotrectinib, Entrectinib, Repotrectinib certain differences in side effect profiles CNS penetrant drugs preferred
- 7. NRG1 fusion-positive NSCLC: Zenocutuzumab approved in 2L







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