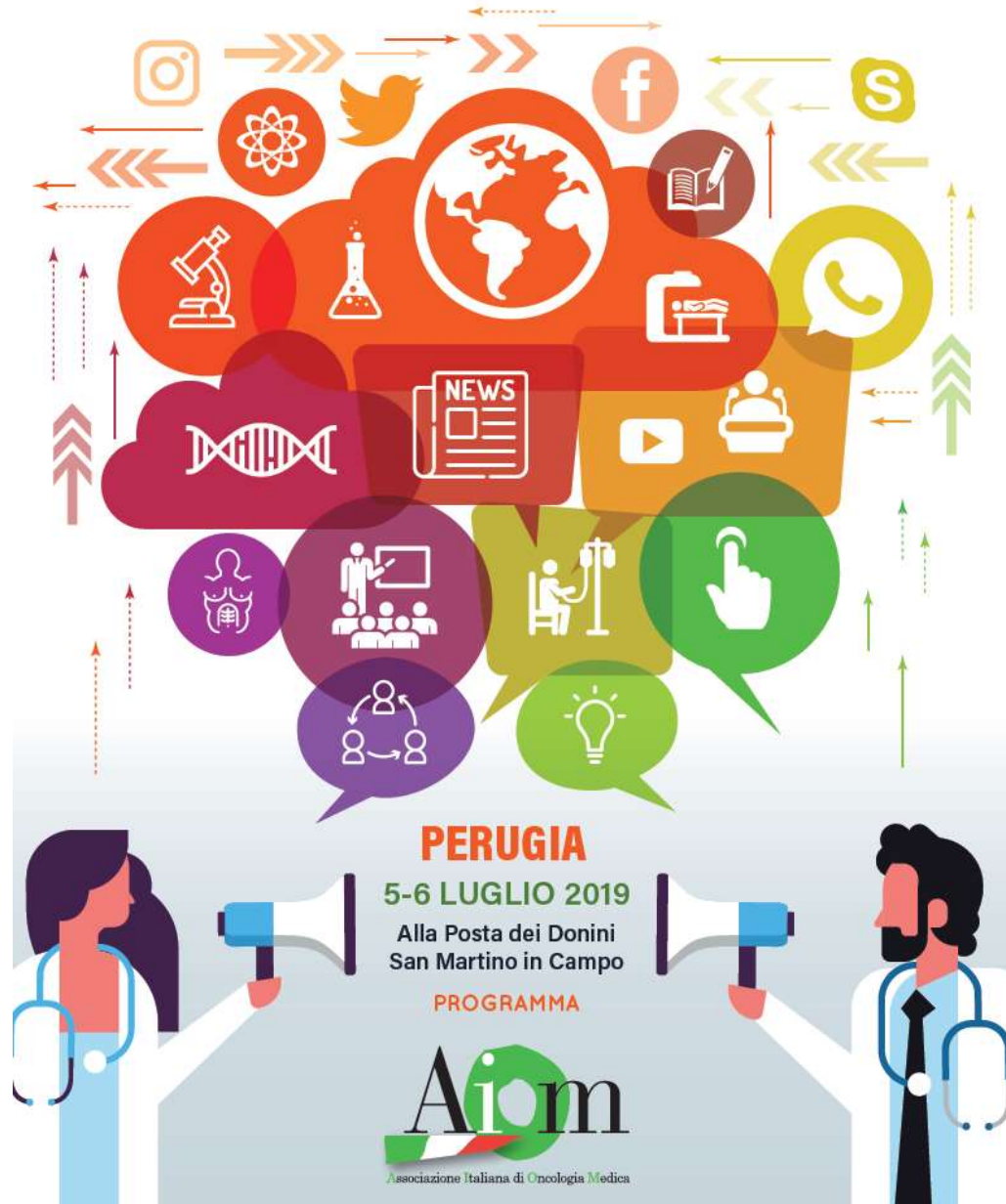


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## *High Grade Gliomas: nuovi approcci terapeutici*

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# High Grade Gliomas

## Grading of CNS tumors

### Grade 1

- Low proliferative potential
- Possibility of cure after surgical resection

### Grade 2

- Infiltrative, but low proliferative potential
- Chance to recur and progress to higher grades of malignancy

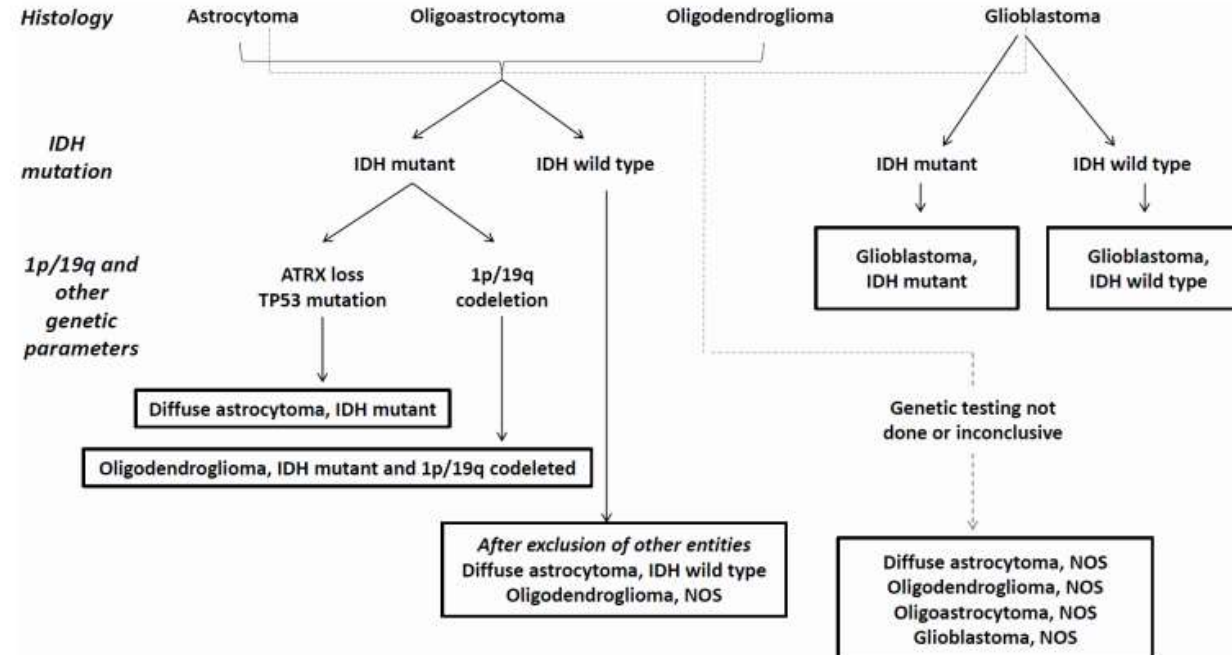
### Grade 3

- Histological evidence of malignancy (nuclear atypia and increased mitotic activity)

### Grade 4

- Histological evidence of malignancy
- Mitotically active
- Prone to necrosis
- Associated with rapid preoperative and postoperative disease progression and fatal outcomes

- *Anaplastic Astrocytoma /Anaplastic Oligodendroglioma (III)*
- *Glioblastoma (IV)*





*Are we going  
to get out  
of the tunnel?*

# Topics

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## Glioblastoma

- ✓ **REGOMA** (regorafenib in recurrent GBM)
- ✓ **INTELLANCE 2** (depatuxizumab-M in recurrent GBM, EGFR ampl)

## Anaplastic Gliomas

- ✓ **CATNON trial** (anaplastic glioma without 1p19q code)
- ✓ **STELLAR** (anaplastic astrocytoma - ongoing)

## Precision Medicine

- Larotrectinib
- Entrectinib
- Vemurafenib

## Immunotherapy

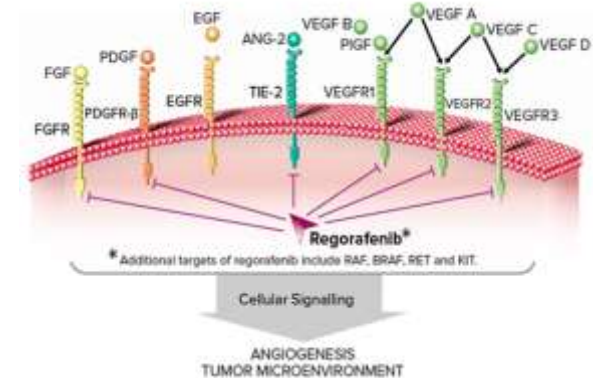
- Checkpoint inhibitors
- MMRd



# THE LANCET Oncology

## Regorafenib compared with lomustine in patients with relapsed glioblastoma (REGOMA): a multicentre, open-label, randomised, controlled, phase 2 trial

Giuseppe Lombardi, Gian Luca De Salvo, Alba Ariela Brandes, Marica Eoli, Roberta Rudà, Marina Faedi, Ivan Lolli, Andrea Pace, Bruno Daniele, Francesco Pasqualetti, Simona Rizzato, Luisa Bellu, Ardi Pambuku, Miriam Farina, Giovanna Magni, Stefano Indraccolo, Marina Paola Gardiman, Riccardo Soffietti, Vittarina Zagonel



### REGOMA: study design

**A randomized, multicenter, controlled open-label phase II clinical trial**

#### **rGB after RT/TMZ (Stupp protocol)**

- PD by RANO criteria at least 12 weeks after completion of radiotherapy, unless the recurrence is outside the radiation field or has been histologically documented
- At least 1 bi-dimensionally measurable target lesion with 1 diameter of at least 10mm
- Histologically confirmed glioblastoma (GB)
- ECOG PS 0-1 (KPS≥70)

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**Regorafenib**  
160mg/day (3 weeks on, 1 week off)

**Lomustine**  
110mg/m<sup>2</sup> day1 (every 6 weeks)

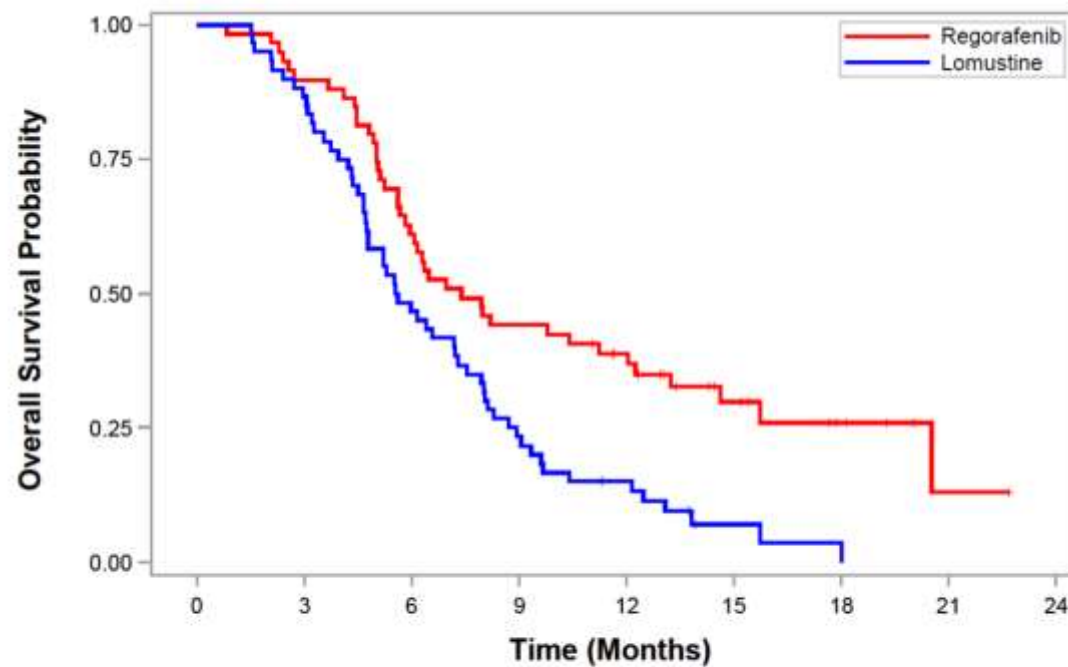
Treat  
until PD  
(RANO criteria)

- Stratification factors: center and surgery at recurrence
- Study location: 10 centers in Italy

## 119 randomized patients from November 2015 to February 2017

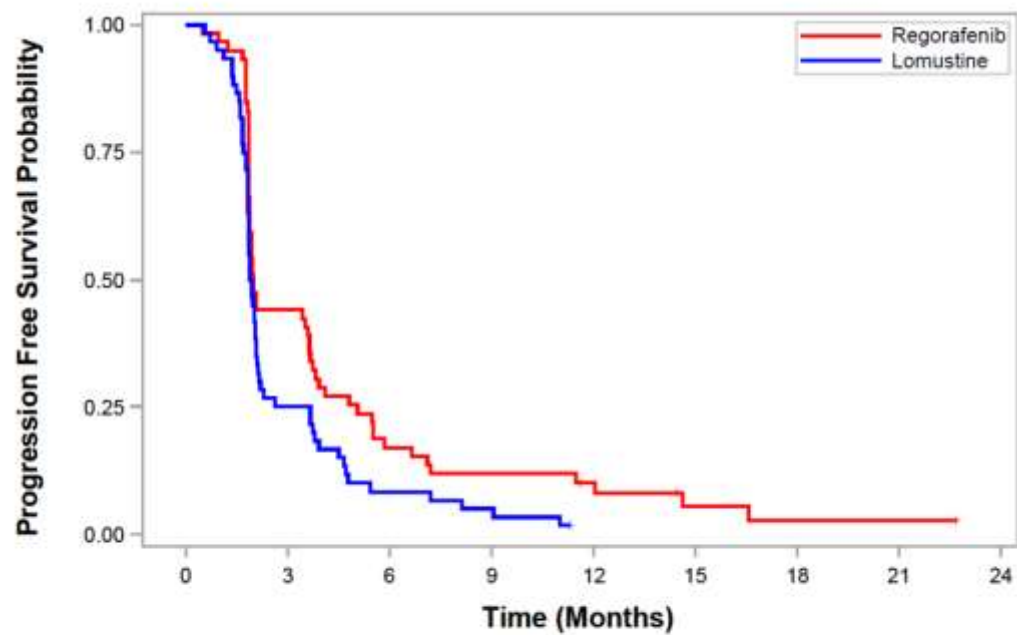
	Regorafenib	Lomustine
<b>Patients</b>	59	60
<b>Median age (<i>range</i>)</b>	54.8 (24.8-76.1)	58.9 (27.1-77.7)
<b>Gender</b>		
male	41 (69.5%)	43 (71.7%)
female	18 (30.5%)	17 (28.3%)
<b>ECOG PS</b>		
0	27 (45.8%)	28 (46.7%)
1	32 (54.2%)	32 (53.3%)
<b>Surgery at recurrence</b>	13 (22.0%)	14 (23.3%)
<b>Steroids at baseline</b>	31 (52.5%)	37 (61.7%)
<b>MGMT at diagnosis</b>	59 (100%)	59 (98%)
methylated	28 (47.5%)	26 (44.1%)
unmethylated	31 (52.5%)	33 (55.9%)
<b>IDH1 at diagnosis</b>	44 (74.5%)	38 (63.3%)
mutated	2 (4.5%)	0 (0%)
wild type	42 (95.5%)	38 (100%)

# Overall Survival



Arm	Total	Failed	Median OS months (95%CI)	12-month OS (95%CI)	Log-Rank p-value	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
Regorafenib	59	42	7.4 (5.8-12.0)	38.9% (26.6-61.0)	0.0009	0.50 (0.33-0.75)
Lomustine	60	57	5.6 (4.7-7.3)	15.0% (7.4-25.1)		

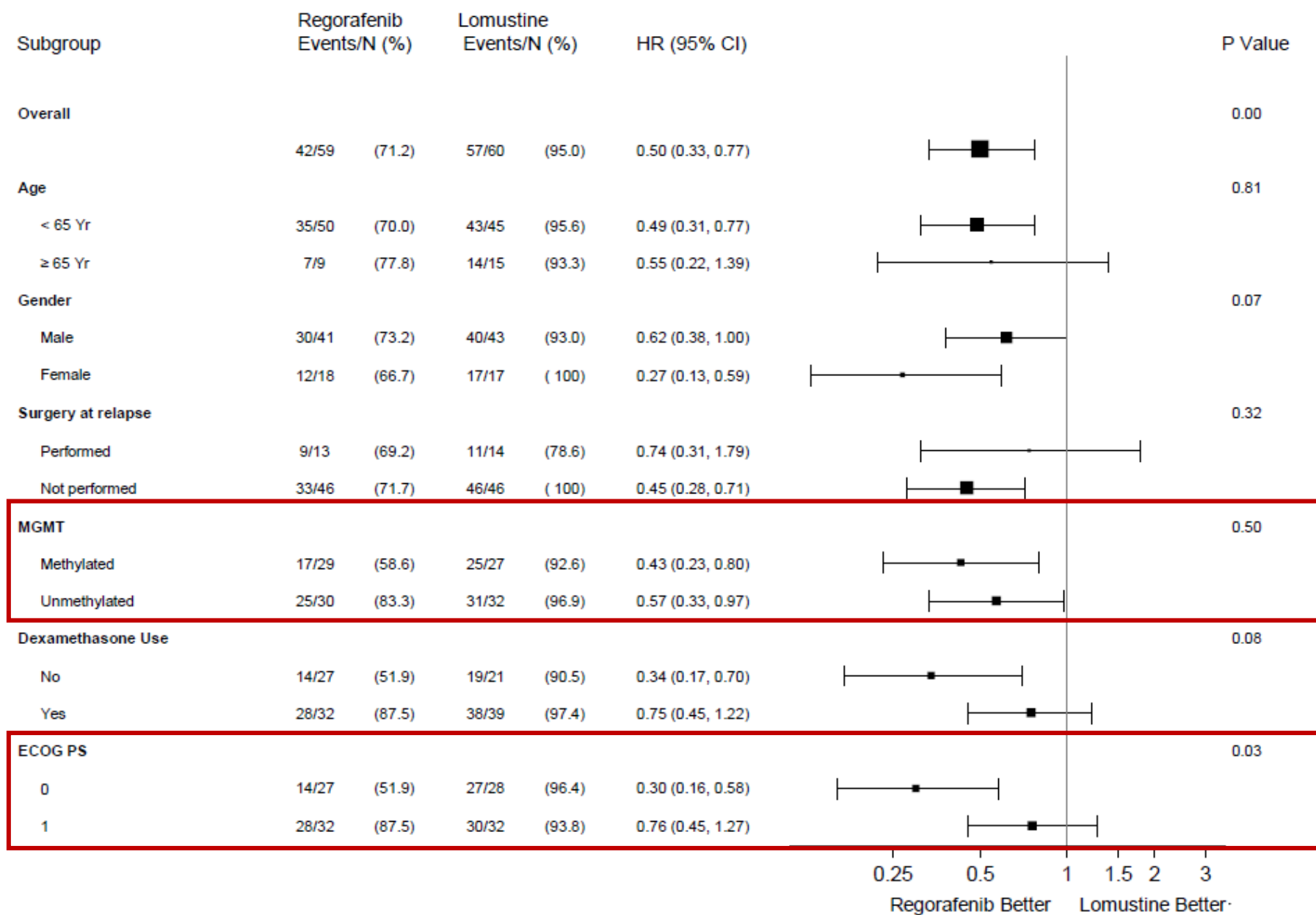
# Progression Free Survival



Regorafenib 59 26 10 7 5 2 1 1 0  
Lomustine 60 15 5 3 0

Arm	Total	Failed	Median PFS, months (95%CI)	6-month PFS (95%CI)	Log-Rank p-value	Hazard Ratio (95%CI)
Regorafenib	59	56	2.0 (1.9-3.6)	16.9% (8.7-27.5)	0.022	0.65 (0.45-0.95)
Lomustine	60	59	1.9 (1.8-2.1)	8.3% (3.1-17.0%)		





\* P-Value is the test of interaction between treatment and each subgroup unadjusted for multiplicity

# Response Rates

	Regorafenib	Lomustine
Complete Response	1.7%	1.8%
Partial Response	3.4%	1.8%
<b>Objective Response Rate</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Stable Disease	39%	17.5%
<b>Disease Control Rate</b>	<b>44.1%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>
Progressive Disease	55.9%	78.9%

Chi-square test p-value=0.0059



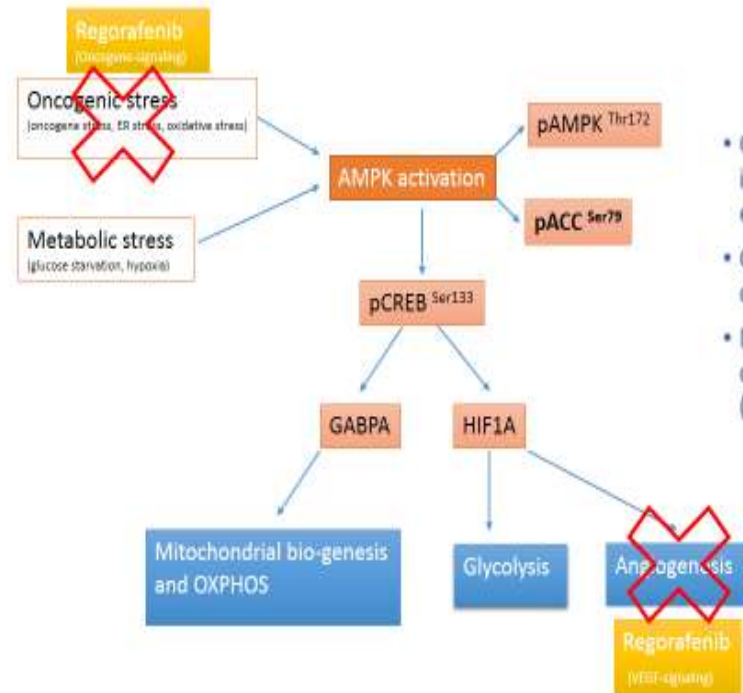
# Safety

Treatment Related Adverse Event (grade 3-4)	Regorafenib	Lomustine
At least one event	<b>33 (56%)</b>	<b>24 (40.0%)</b>
<b><i>Laboratory abnormalities</i></b>		
Lymphopenia	3 (5.1%)	6 (10.0%)
Thrombocytopenia	1 (1.7%)	8 (13.3%)
Neutropenia	-	7 (11.7%)
Increased Lipase	6 (10.2%)	1 (1.7%)
Hyperbilirubinemia	6 (10.2%)	-
Hypertransaminasemia	2 (3.4%)	2 (3.3%)
GGT increase	1 (1.7%)	2 (3.3%)
Leucopenia	-	2 (3.3%)
Serum amylase increase	2 (3.4%)	-
Hypertriglyceridemia	2 (3.4%)	-
Hypokalemia	1 (1.7%)	-
<b><i>Clinical Adverse Event</i></b>		
Hand-foot skin reaction	6 (10.2%)	-
Fatigue	2 (3.4%)	1 (1.7%)
Rash or desquamation	3 (5.1%)	-
Constipation	2 (3.4%)	-
Hypertension	1 (1.7%)	-
Dry skin/skin alteration	1 (1.7%)	-
Diarrhea	1 (1.7%)	-

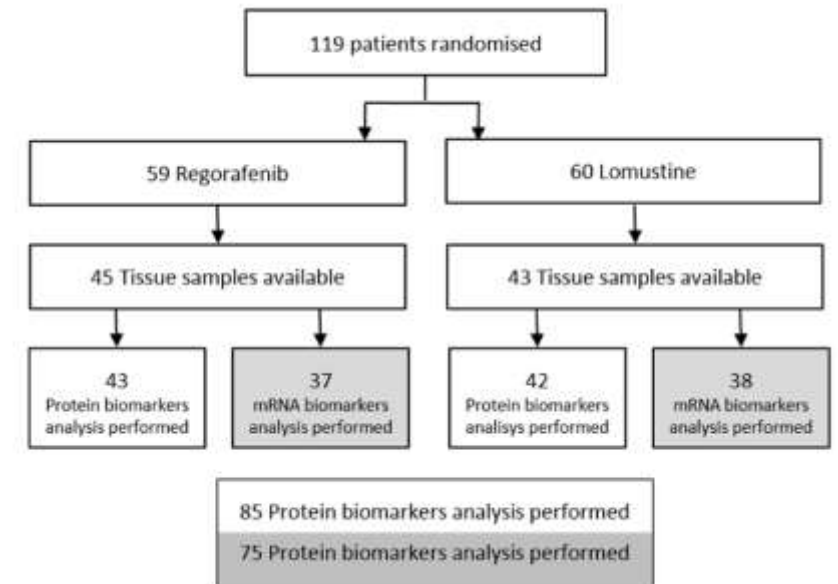
- Drug-related adverse events led to dose reductions in **17%** and **18%** of patients treated with regorafenib and lomustine, respectively
- No treatment-related death was reported

# Biomarkers for predicting survival?

## AMPK activation and response to regorafenib in relapsed GBM

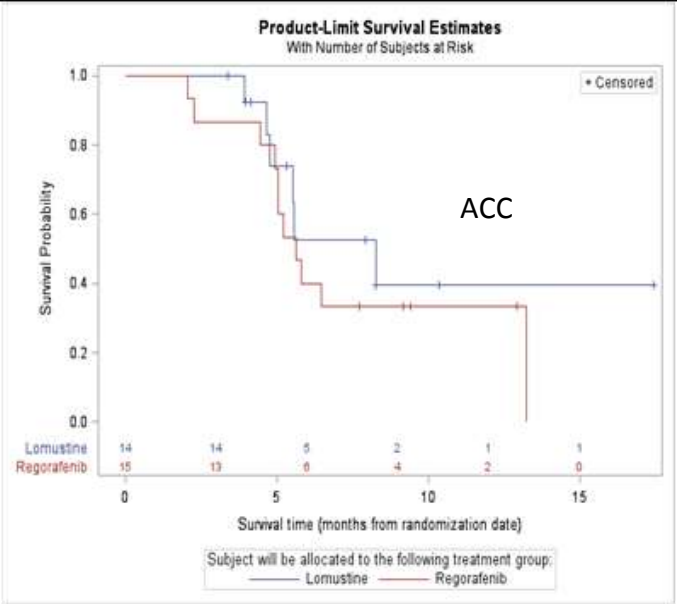


- GBM samples with AMPK activation could be more angiogenic, due to increased HIF1A levels and hence sensitive to the anti-angiogenic effects of regorafenib (indirect anti-tumor effects)
- GBM samples with AMPK activation could be more sensitive to the direct anti-tumor effects of regorafenib
- Mechanisms connecting AMPK activation to response to regorafenib could be tumor type specific, due to the dual role of AMPK in cancer (tumor suppressor versus oncogenic role)

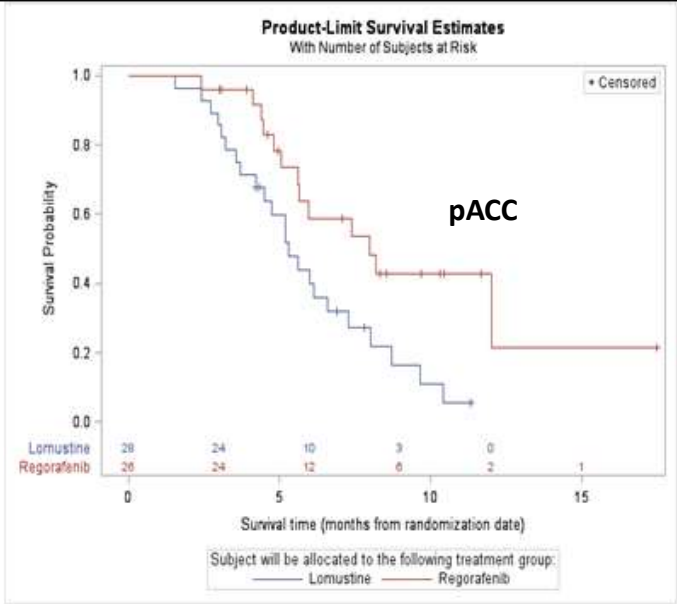


# Biomarkers for predicting survival?

Overall Survival



HR (Reg vs Lom): 1.54 (95%CI: 0.57-4.18);  
mOS Rego: 5.6 months (95%CI 4.5-13.2)

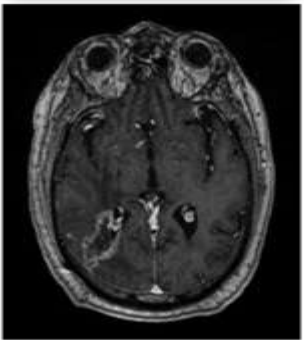


HR (Reg vs Lom): 0.44 (95%CI: 0.22-0.87);  
mOS Rego: 8.0 months (95%CI 5.6-.)

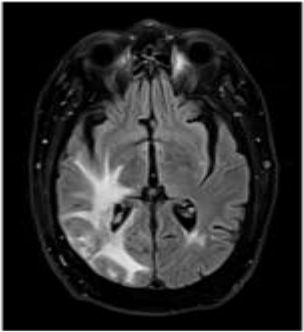
Test for interaction p-value = 0.0419

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T1-post contrast

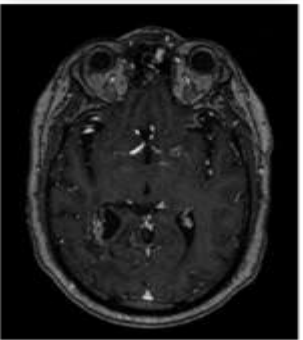


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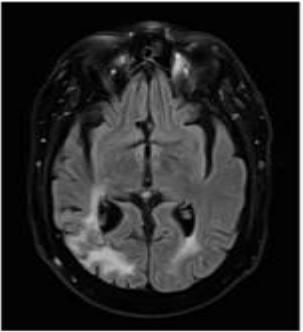


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2018

T1-post contrast



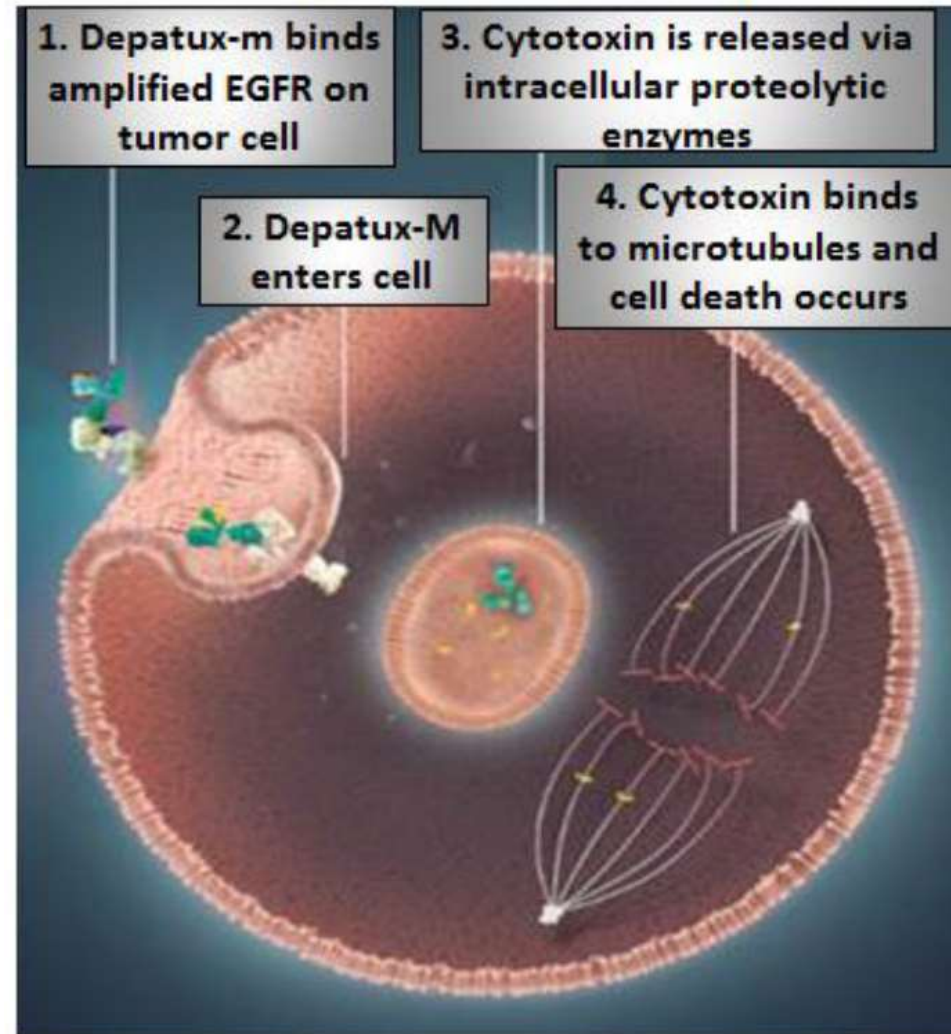
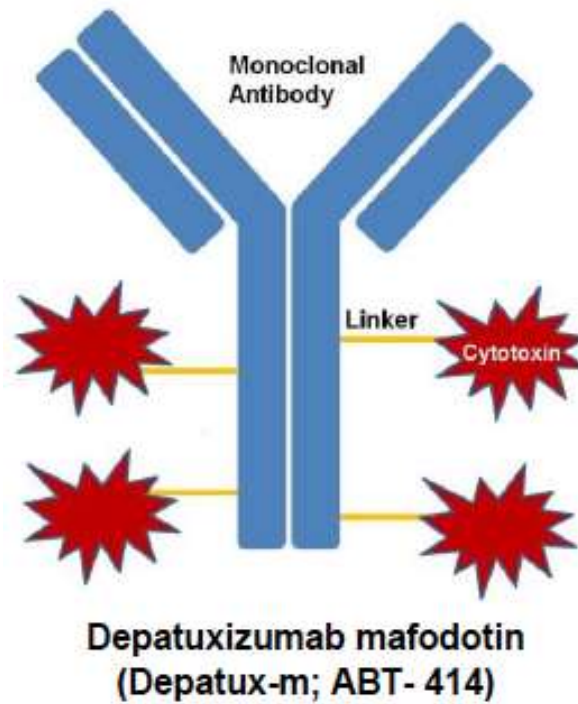
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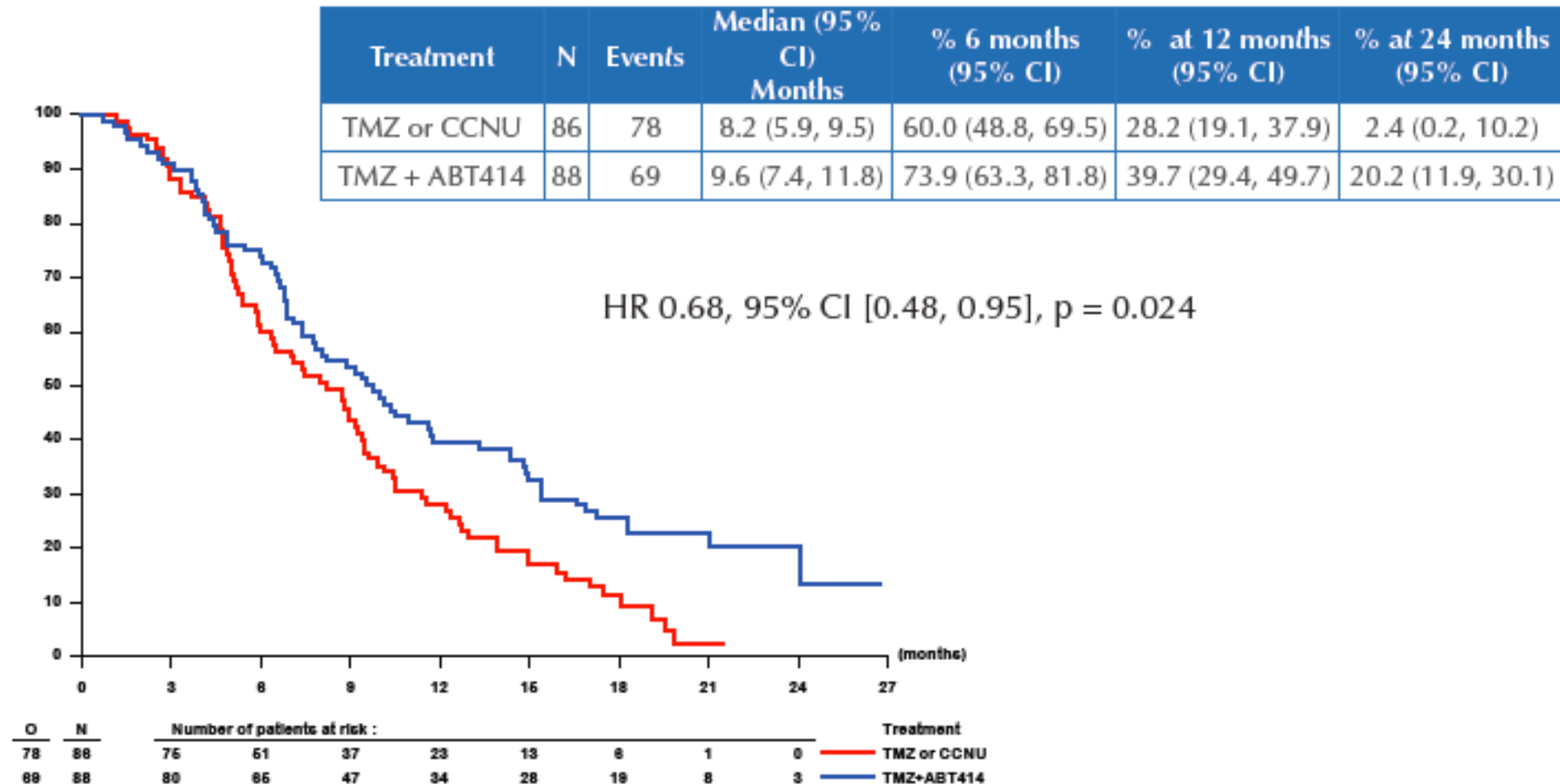
# Depatuxizumab-M (ABT414)





# Intelligence-2 (recurrent GBM)

## OVERALL SURVIVAL COMBINATION ARM: IMPROVED SURVIVAL



# Intelligence2 - Safety

Ocular toxicity (worst grade)	TMZ + Depatux-M	Depatux-M	Lomustine (n = 56)	TMZ (n = 21)
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
grade 0	13 (14.8)	22 (26.2)	51 (91.1)	21 (100.0)
grade 1	18 (20.5)	9 (10.7)	2 (3.6)	0
grade 2	29 (33.0)	32 (38.1)	3 (5.4)	0
grade 3	<b>27 (30.7)</b>	<b>20 (23.8)</b>	0 (0.0)	0
grade 4	<b>1 (1.1)</b>	<b>1 (1.2)</b>	0 (0.0)	0

Ocular toxicity is reversible if quickly  
recognized: careful monitoring

# ABT- 414 (Depatux-M) – Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma (M13-813)

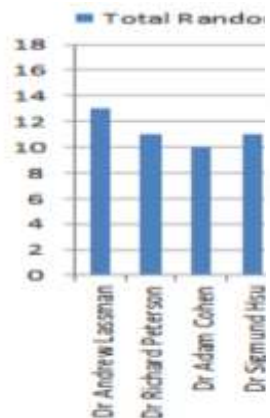
## Patient population

Histologically confirmed  
de novo GBM (primary  
or gliosarcoma)

Tumor demonstrated  
EGFR amplification

Chemoradiation therapy  
within 7 weeks  
of diagnosis

Karnofsky performance  
≥70



## Endpoints

### Primary objectives

Progression-free survival (PFS) in  
phase IIb  
Overall survival (OS) in phase III

### Secondary objectives

Time to progression in phase III  
(EGFRvIII subgroup)  
(EGFRvIII subgroup)  
Time to deterioration in:  
Symptoms  
Cognitive performance



No Survival benefit at the  
interim analysis!



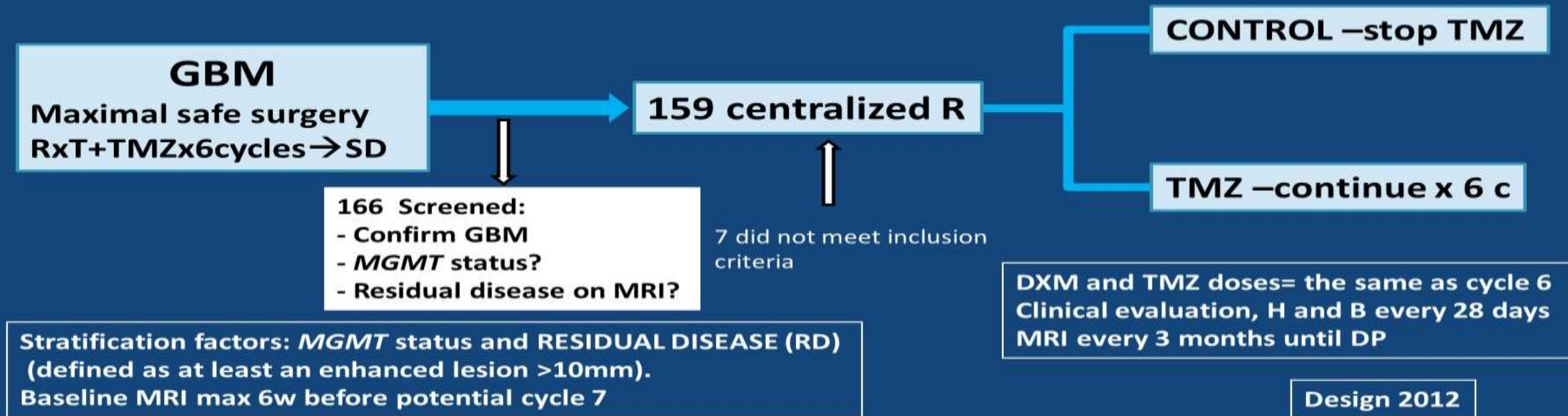
# Randomized clinical trial of continuation or non-continuation with 6 cycles of temozolomide after the first 6 cycles of standard first-line treatment in patients with glioblastoma. A Spanish Research Group in Neuro-oncology. Trial: GEINO 1401

Carmen Balana<sup>1</sup>, Carlos Mesia Barroso<sup>2</sup>, Sonia Del Barco Berron<sup>3</sup>, Estela Pineda Losada<sup>4</sup>, José Muñoz-Langa<sup>5</sup>, Anna Estival<sup>1</sup>, Ramon De las Peñas<sup>6</sup>, Jose Fuster<sup>7</sup>, Miguel J. Gil Gil<sup>2</sup>, L Miguel Navarro<sup>8</sup>, Miriam Alonso<sup>9</sup>, Ana Herrero<sup>10</sup>, María Ángeles Vaz Salgado<sup>11</sup>, Sergi Peralta<sup>12</sup>, Clara Olier<sup>13</sup>, Pedro Pérez-Segura<sup>14</sup>, Marta Covela Rúa<sup>15</sup>, Cristina Carrato<sup>16</sup>, Carolina Sanz<sup>16</sup>, Juan Manuel Sepulveda-Sanchez<sup>17</sup>. On behalf of GEINO Group.

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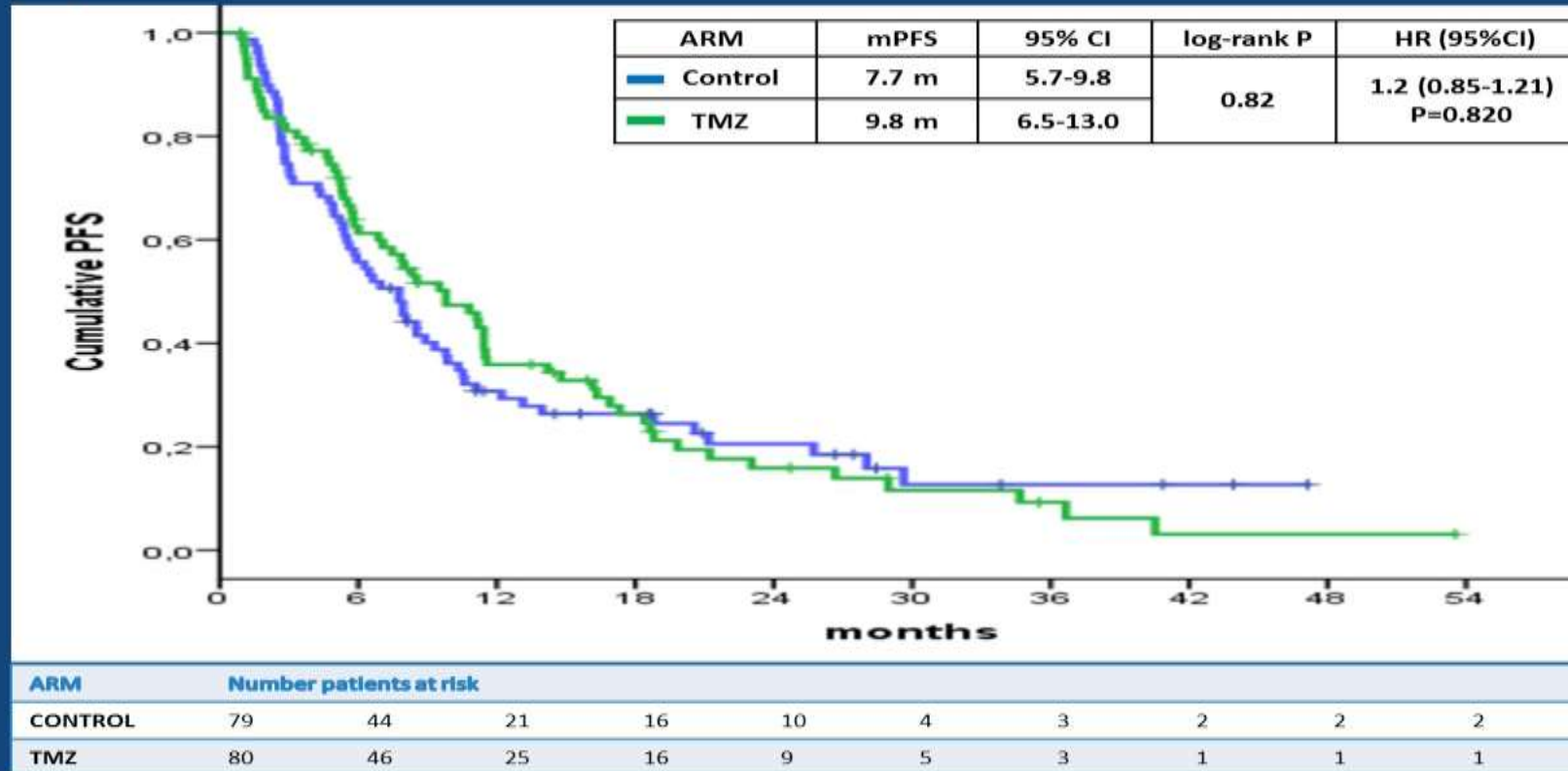
# Trial design

## GEINO 1401. Multi-academic-center, prospective, grant-supported





# PFS by treatment arm



From inclusion



# Conclusions

- This is the only successful prospective randomized trial comparing 6 to 12 cycles of adjuvant TMZ in GBM.
- We did not detect significant differences either in 6m-PFS or median PFS.
- Limitation: the study was not comparative.
  - BUT: it took 4 years for 20 centers to screen 166 patients with SD after the first 6 cycles.
  - In theory, other statistical designs may be possible but they are surely not practically feasible.
- **We conclude that patients who stop TMZ after 6 cycles can have long periods of stability without treatment, thereby avoiding added toxicity and the extra cost of further cycles of TMZ.**
- Studies of TERT promoter mutations, proteins related to TMZ resistance, subgroup outcomes, and final OS are ongoing.



***Anaplastic Gliomas***

## Second interim and 1<sup>st</sup> molecular analysis of the EORTC randomized phase III intergroup CATNON trial on concurrent and adjuvant temozolomide in anaplastic glioma without 1p/19q codeletion

M J van den Bent, S Erridge, M A Vogelbaum, AK Nowak, M Sanson, A A Brandes, W Wick, P M Clement, J F Baurain, W Mason, H Wheeler, M Weller, K Aldape, P Wesseling, J M Kros, C M S Tesileanu, V Golfinopoulos, T Gorlia, B G Baumert, P French

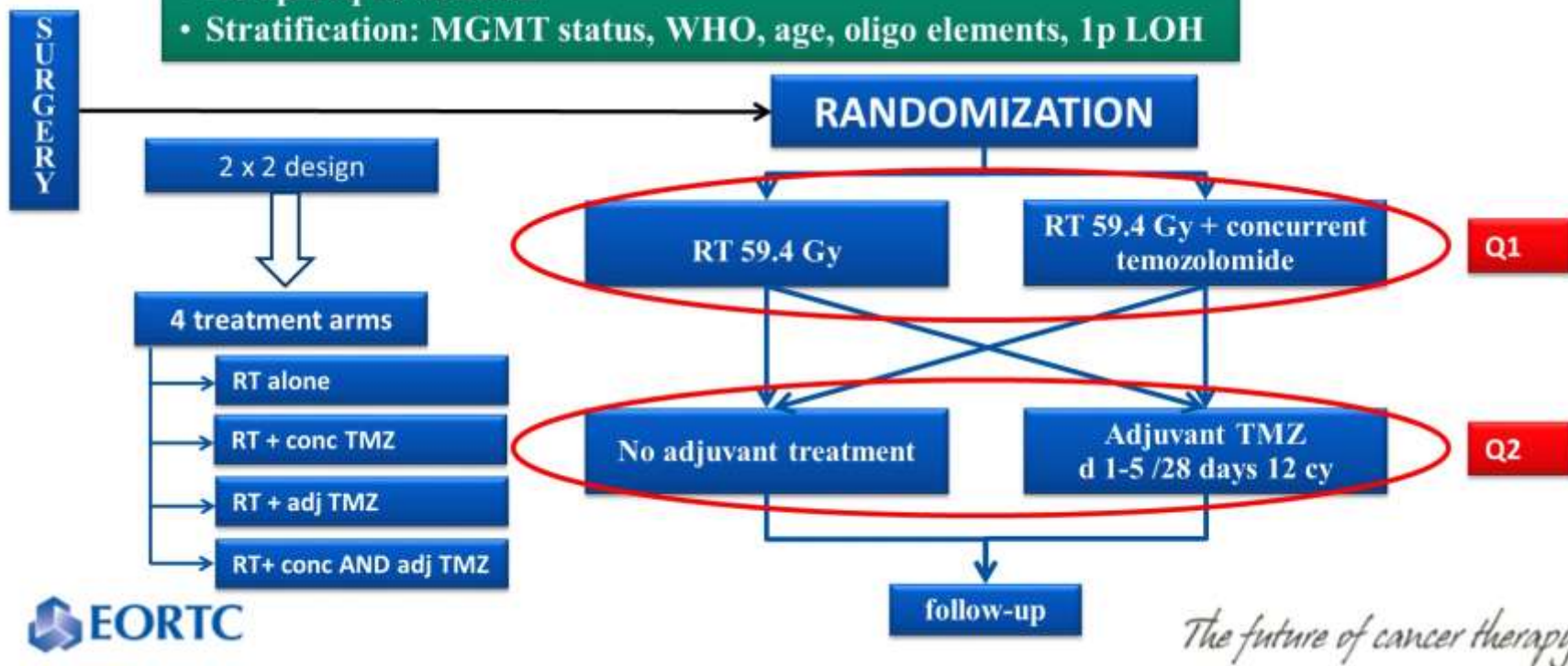
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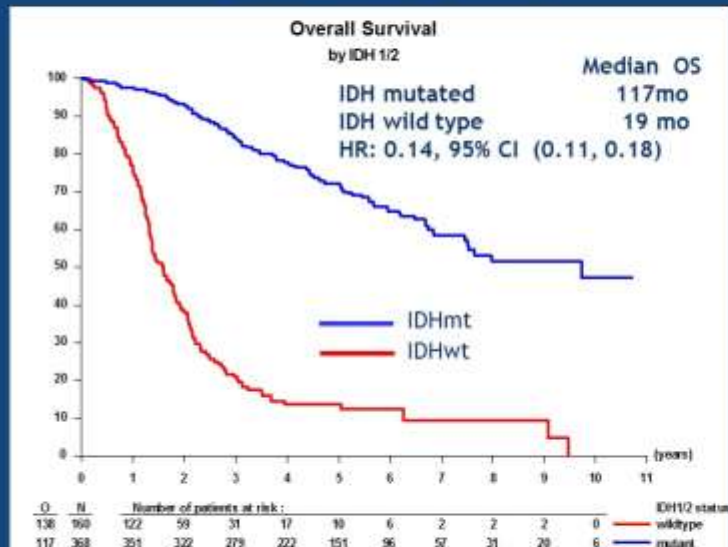
## Intergroup phase III trial on concurrent and adjuvant temozolomide in non-1p/19q deleted anaplastic glioma

- Centrally confirmed grade III glioma
- No 1p/19q co-deletion
- Stratification: MGMT status, WHO, age, oligo elements, 1p LOH

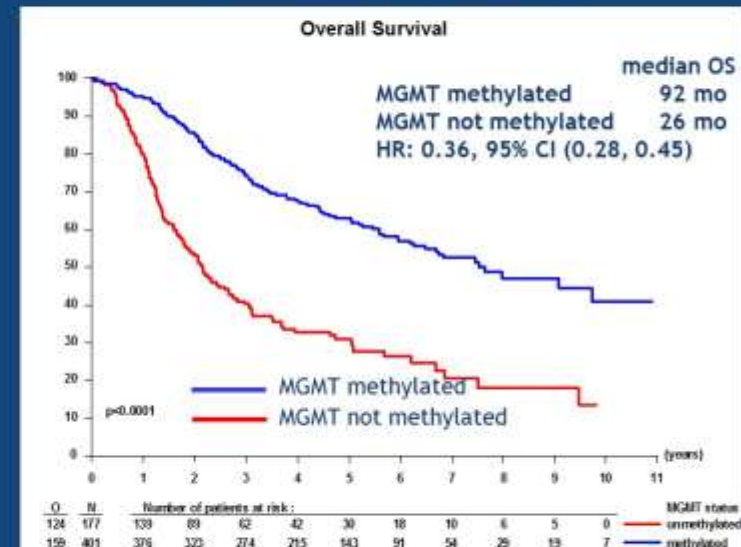


# Impact of IDH, MGMT promoter on Overall Survival

IDH mutational status



MGTM methylation status



➤ IDH mutational status stronger correlation with outcome than MGMT promoter methylation status

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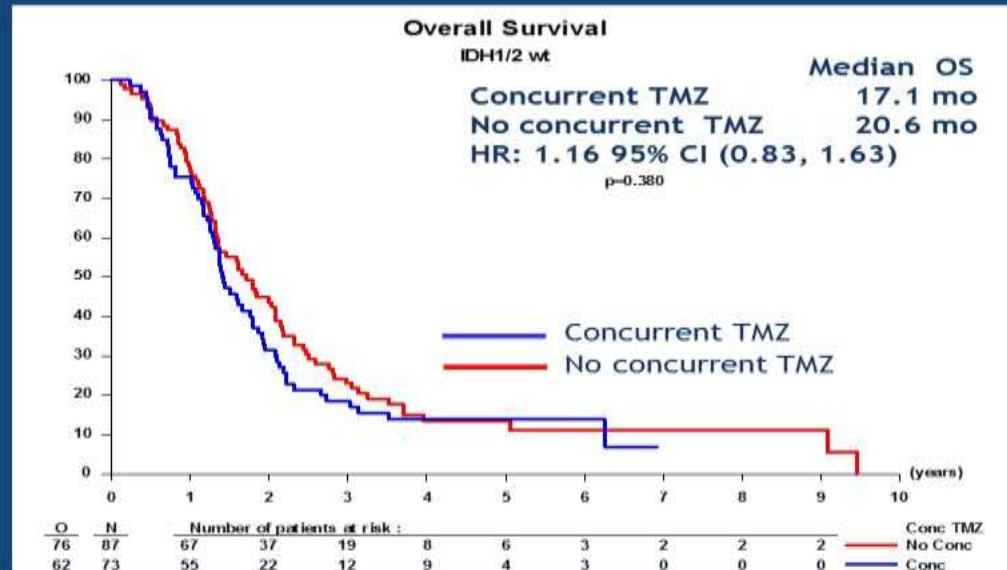
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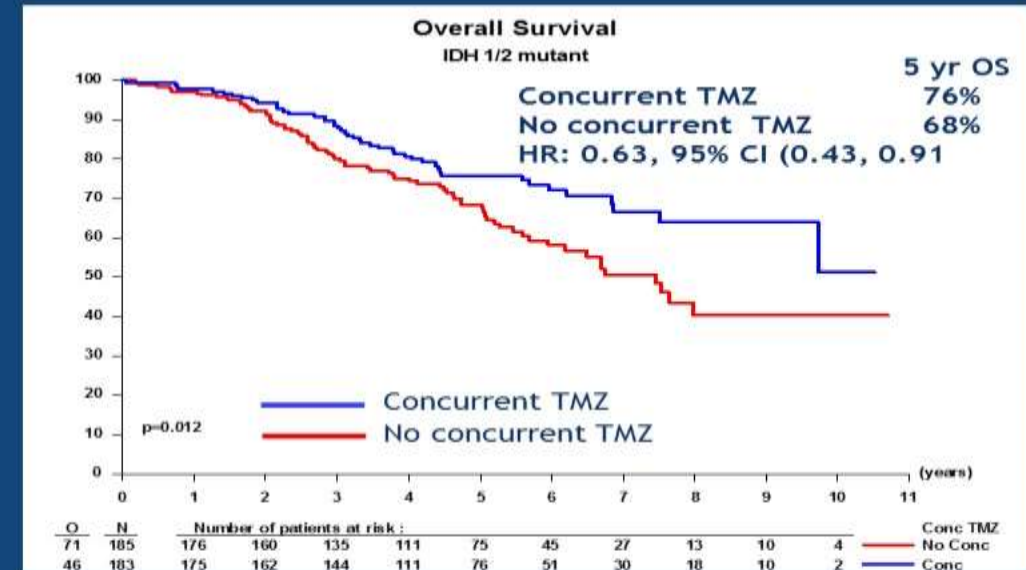


# Concurrent temozolomide in IDHwt and IDHmt anaplastic astrocytoma

IDH wild type



IDH mutant



➤ Concurrent temozolomide improves outcome in IDH mutant anaplastic astrocytoma

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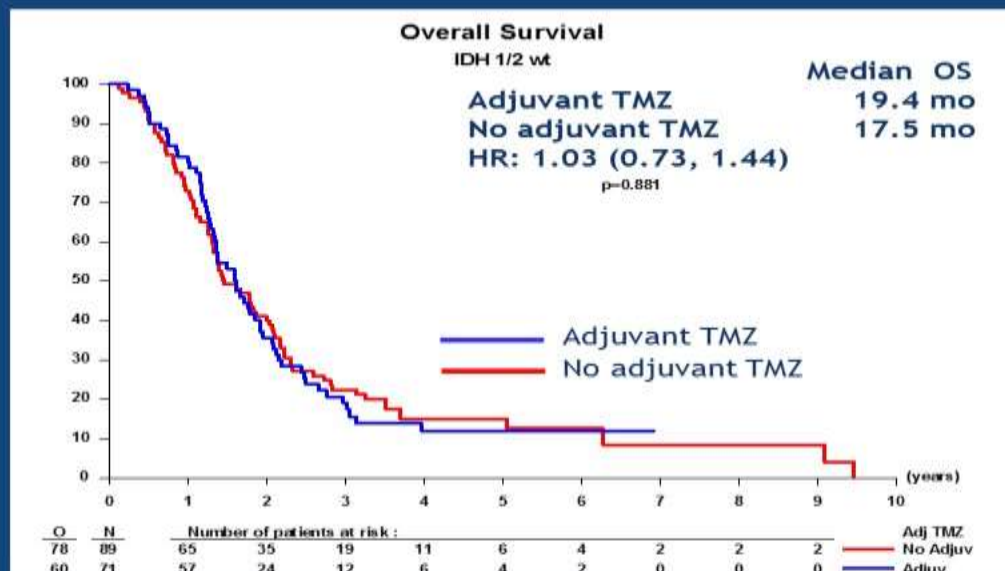
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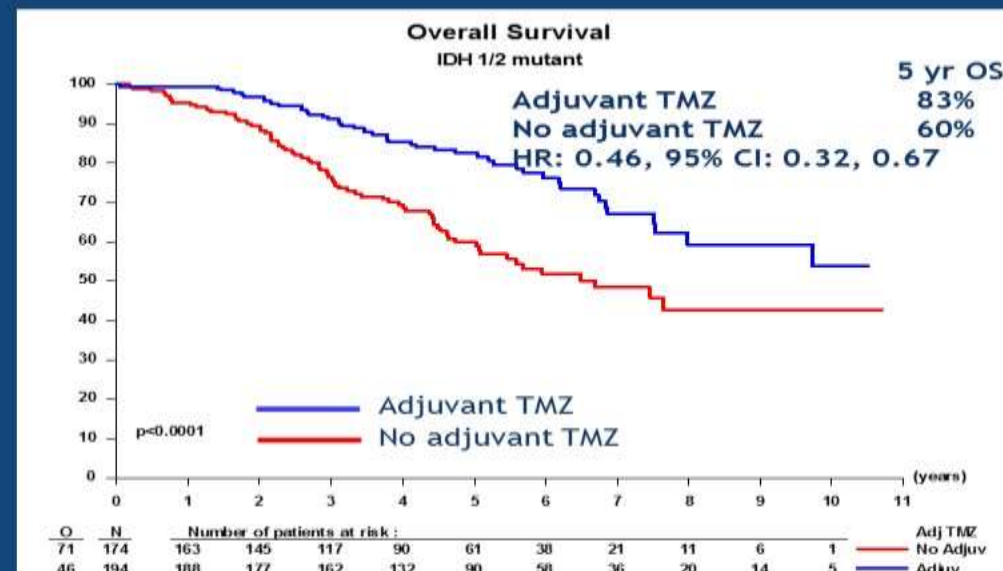


# Adjuvant temozolomide in IDHwt and IDHmt anaplastic astrocytoma

IDH wild type



IDH mutant



➤ Adjuvant temozolomide improves outcome in IDH mutant anaplastic astrocytoma

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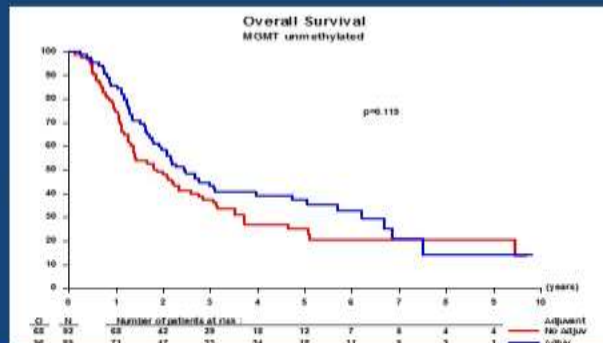
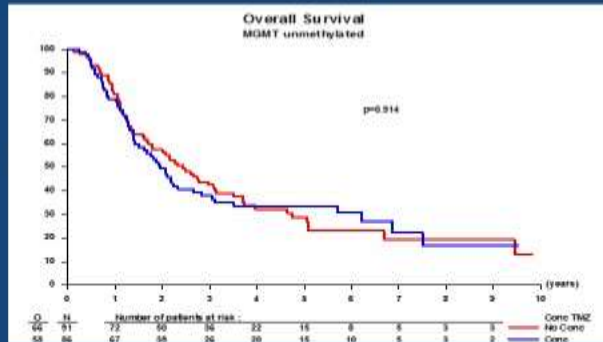
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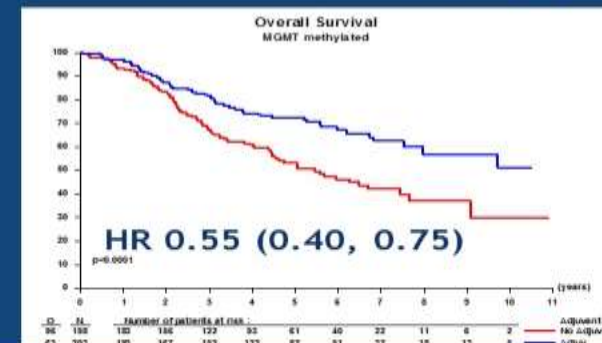
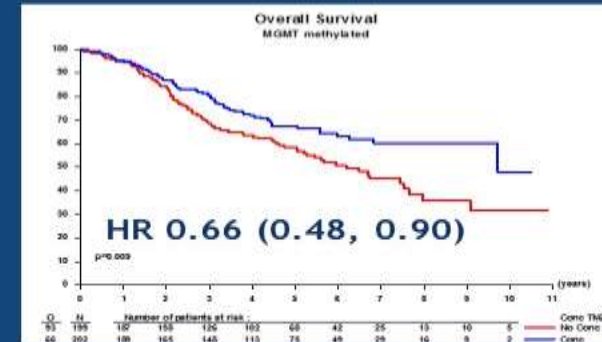


# Effect of MGMT promoter status determined with methylation array

MGMT unmethylated



MGMT methylated



— Temozolomide  
— No temozolomide

Concurrent  
temozolomide  
Question #1

Adjuvant  
temozolomide  
Question #2

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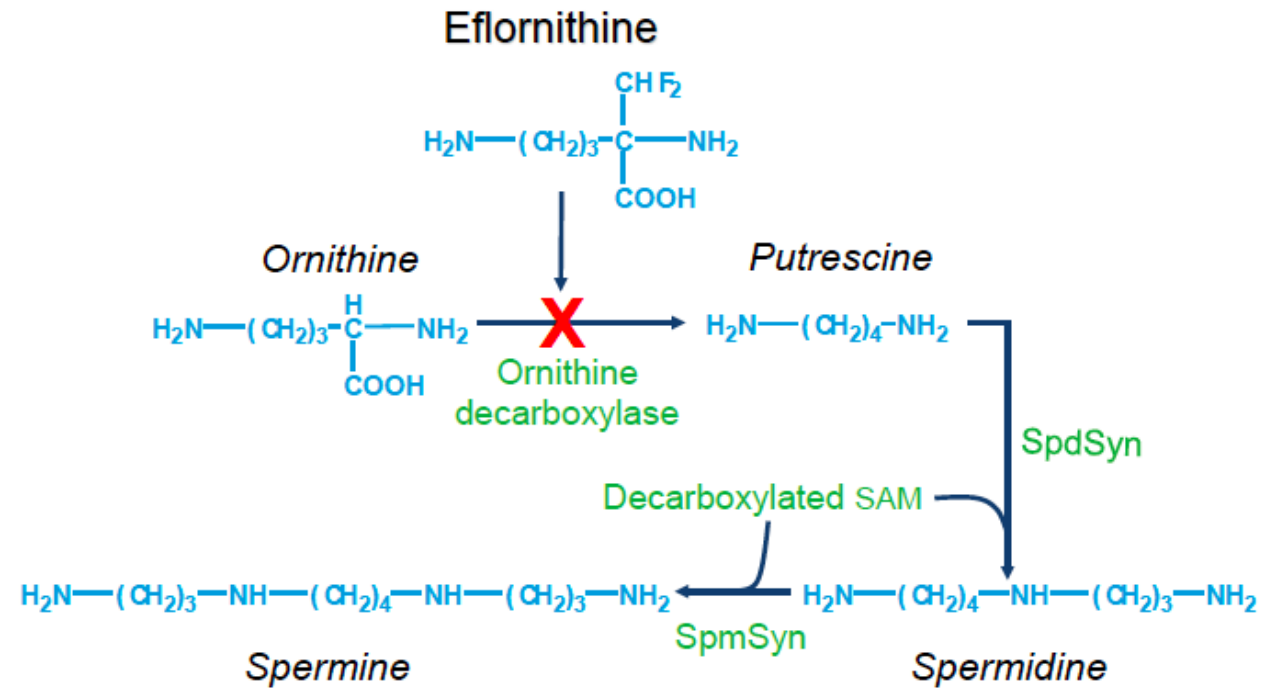
# Conclusions CATNON trial at ASCO 2019

- In the entire study population, concurrent temozolomide during radiotherapy did not improve outcome
- 70% of the patients had an IDH mutated tumor, 70% of tumors showed MGMT promoter methylation
  - CATNON now to be analysed according to the WHO 2016 glioma classification
- Anaplastic astrocytoma, IDHmt benefit from adjuvant and concurrent temozolomide
  - Added value concurrent temozolomide if temozolomide is also given adjuvant appears small, but limited numbers still prevent firm conclusions
- No benefit of concurrent , adjuvant temozolomide in anaplastic astrocytoma, IDHwt
  - MGMT analysis to be reported

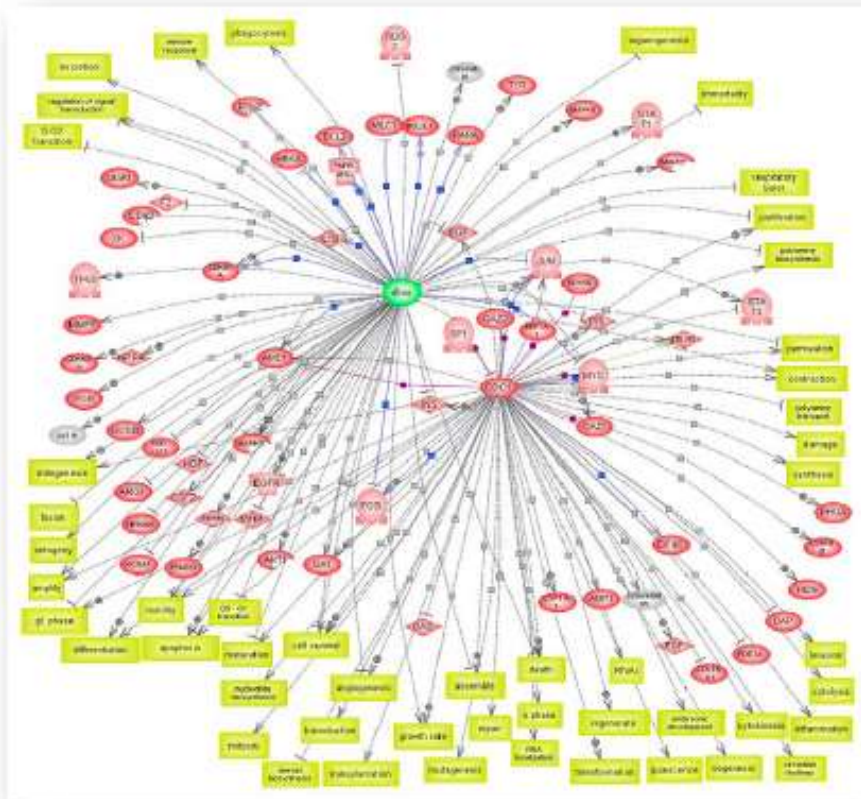




## Eflornithine Effect on Polyamine Metabolism

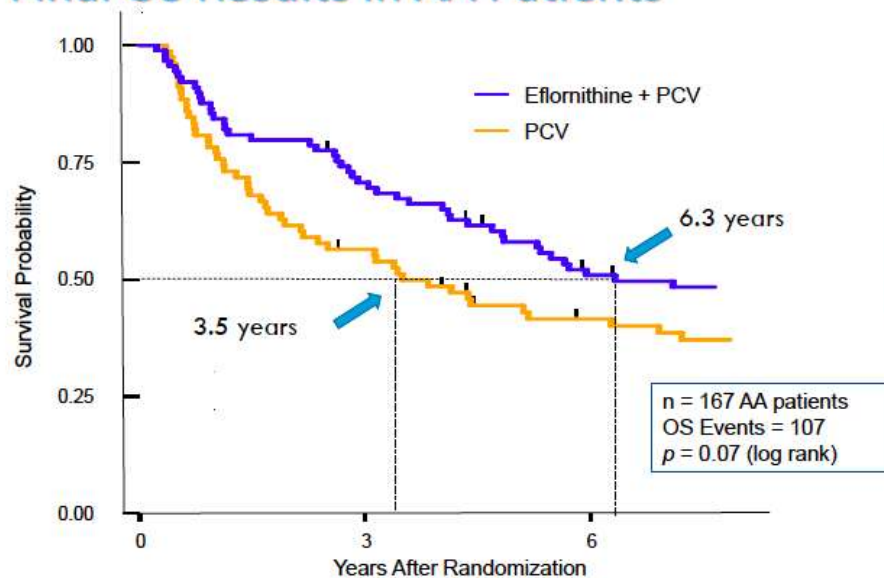


## Importance of ODC as a Cancer and Glioma Target



- Constitutive elevation of ODC:
  - Associated with oncogenesis
  - Maintenance of transformed phenotype
  - ODC levels increase with malignancy grade for adenocarcinoma, glioma, and melanoma
- Proto-oncogene **ras** and **myc** downstream pathways control ODC transcription, translation and dysregulation
- Inhibition of ODC:
  - Reverts transformation of cells and reduces tumor growth
  - Cell cycle G1 arrest and accumulation of p21 and p27 CDK inhibitors and may reduce mutation rates leading to grade increase
  - Inhibits tumor cell invasion

## Eflornithine Phase 3 Study in AG Final OS Results in AA Patients



For AA patients receiving up to 12 months of eflornithine-PCV, mOS improved 2.8 years

## Eflornithine Phase 3 Study in AG Toxicity

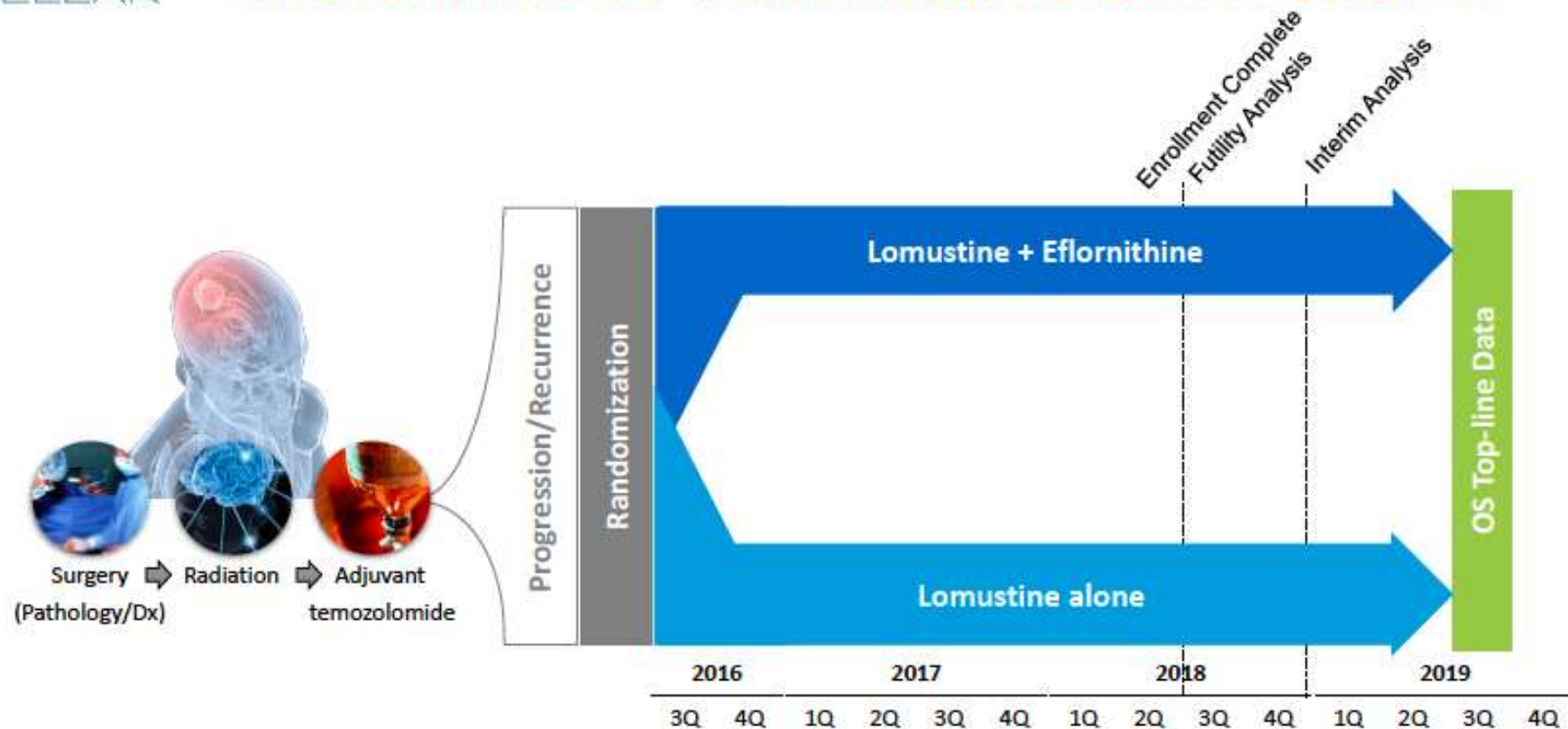
n = 228	Toxicity Grade	Eflornithine + PCV	PCV	Delta	p-value
Anemia	3 & 4	8.6%	1.7%	6.9%	NS
Diarrhea	3	6.8%	0.0%	6.8%	p=0.013
Neutropenia	3 & 4	49.6%	46.1%	3.5%	NS
Leukopenia	3 & 4	39.3%	33.9%	5.4%	NS
Nausea/vomiting	3 & 4	16.3%	13.0%	3.3%	NS
Ototoxicity	3	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	NS
Skin	3	6.8%	6.1%	0.7%	NS
Thrombocytopenia	3 & 4	33.3%	21.7%	11.6%	NS

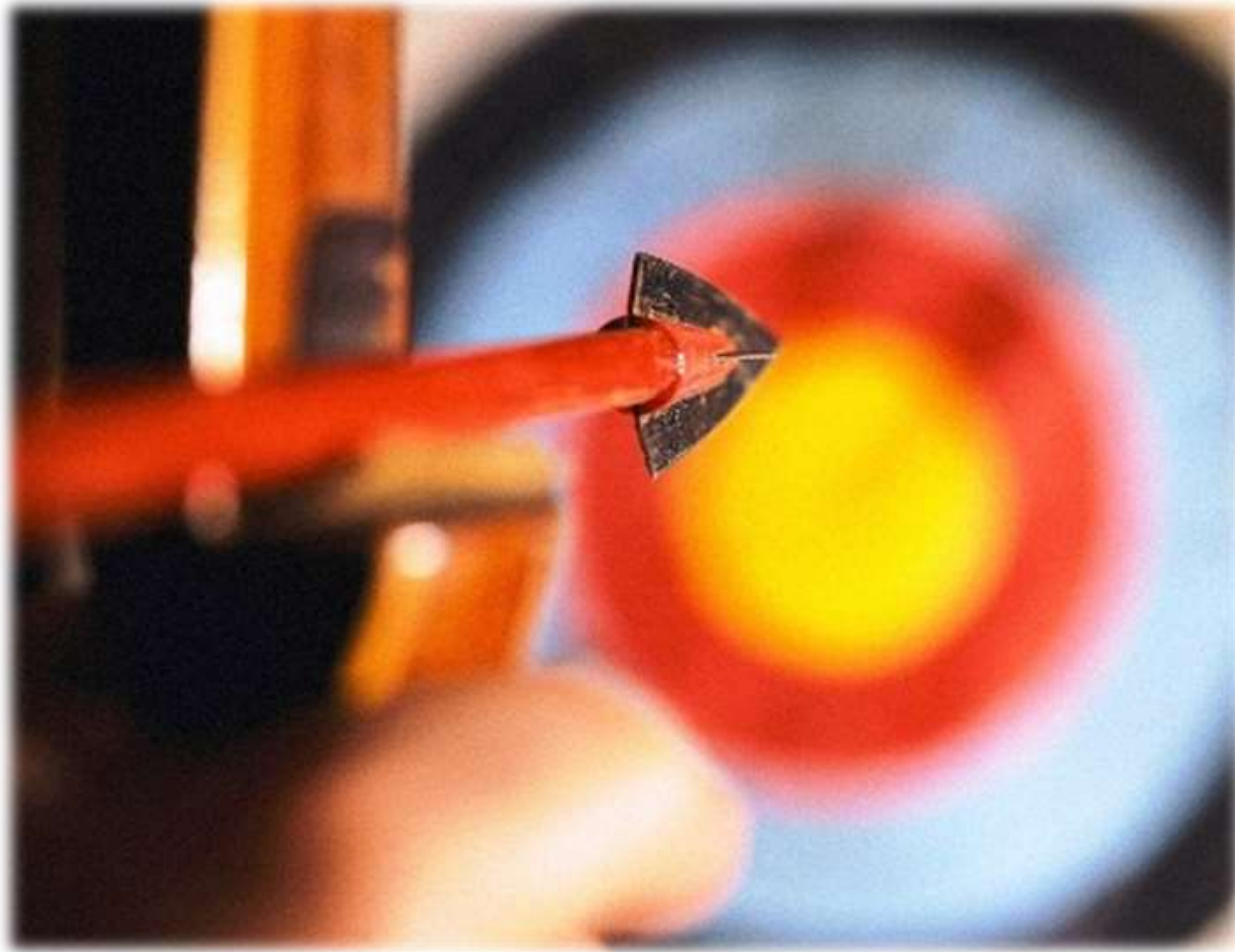




# Study Design

## Eflornithine to Treat Recurrent AA Patients





***Precision Medicine***

# Activity of Larotrectinib in TRK Fusion Cancer Patients with Brain Metastases or Primary Central Nervous System Tumors

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# Methods

## 24 patients with intracranial disease

## Endpoints

### Adult phase I trial (NCT02576431)

- Age  $\geq 18$  years
- Advanced solid tumours

n=1

### Pediatric phase I/II trial (SCOUT, NCT02637687)

- Age 1 month to 21 years
- Locally advanced or metastatic solid tumours or CNS tumours

n=12

### Adult/adolescent phase II basket trial (NAVIGATE, NCT02576431)

- Age  $\geq 12$  years
- Advanced solid tumours
- TRK fusion cancer

n=11

### 18 patients with primary CNS tumors\*

### 6 patients with non-primary CNS tumors and brain metastases†

- CNS eligibility criteria
  - Asymptomatic and stable brain metastases
  - Primary CNS tumors§
- TRK fusion status determined by local molecular profiling

- Objective response rate
- Intracranial response‡

- Objective responses
  - RECIST 1.1 or RANO
  - Serial MRI/CT brain
    - required with baseline intracranial disease
- Initial larotrectinib dose
  - 100 mg or 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (maximum of 100 mg) BID

\*Data cutoff: February 19, 2019. †Data cutoff date July 30, 2018. ‡In tumor for patients with brain metastases; not a formal endpoint. §SCOUT trial: neurologically stable and on stable dose of steroids. RANO, Response Assessment in Neuro-Oncology; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors.

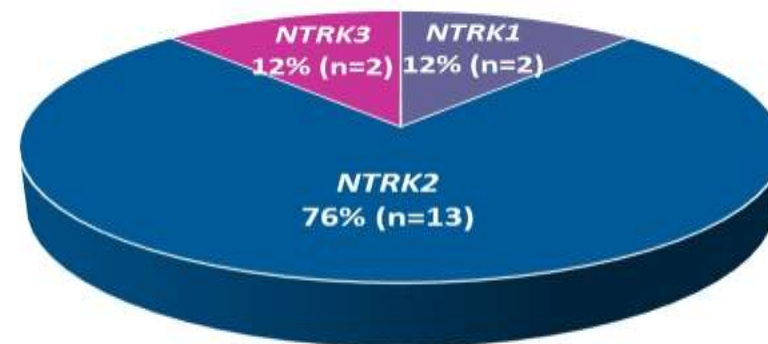


# Clinicopathologic Features: Primary CNS Tumors

Characteristic	n=18
Gender, n (%)	
Female	10 (55%)
Male	8 (45%)
Age, median (range)	10 years (1–79)
Pediatric*	14 (78%)
Adult	4 (22%)
Prior therapies, n (%)	
Systemic therapy	15 (83%)
Surgery or radiotherapy	13 (72%)
Number of prior systemic therapies, median (range)	1 (0–6)

Histology (n=18, investigator-reported)†		
Type	n (%)	Grade (High/Low/Unknown), n
Glioblastoma	6 (32%)	6/0/0‡
Glioma	4 (21%)	1/3/0
Glioneuronal	3 (16%)	2/0/1
Not otherwise specified	3 (16%)	1/1/1
Astrocytoma	2 (15%)	1/0/1

## Fusion§



\*Pediatric age range 1–16 years; adult age range 31–79 years. †Histology based on initial CRF entries. For select tumors, WHO grade, IDH mutation status, MGMT methylation status, and 1p/19q co-deletion status will be clarified in a future report. ‡3 cases were entered as “unknown grade”; however, these glioblastomas were assumed to be grade III. §One patient not determined.

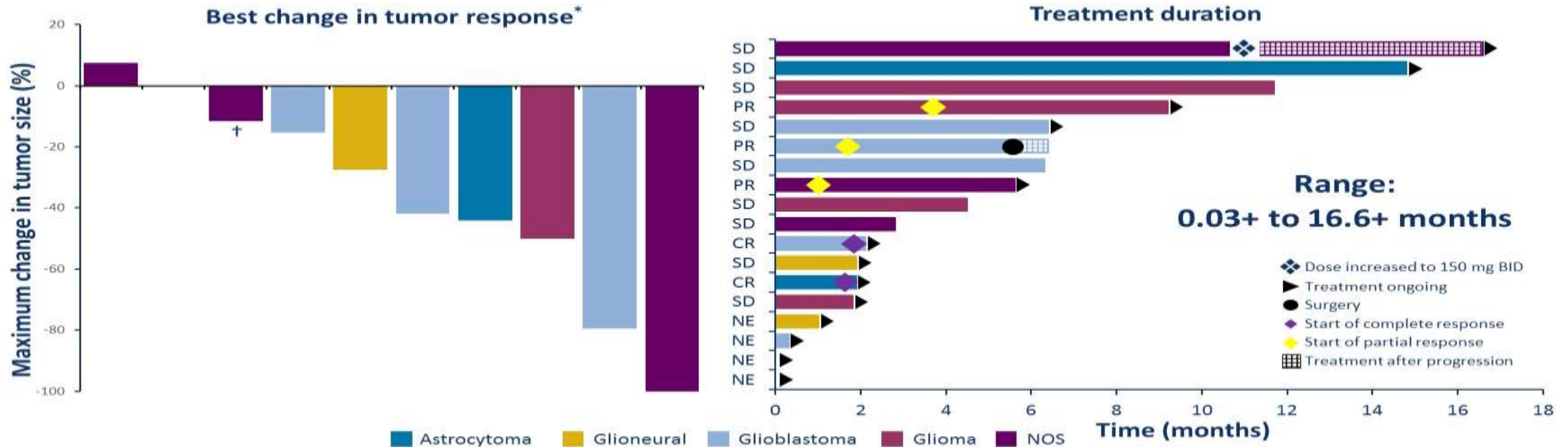
# Investigator-Assessed Efficacy of Larotrectinib in TRK Fusion-Positive Primary CNS Tumors

	n=14 evaluable patients
Objective response rate	36% (95% CI: 13–65)
Best overall response*, n (%)	
Complete response <sup>†</sup>	2 (14%) <sup>‡</sup>
Partial response	3 (21%) <sup>‡</sup>
Stable disease	9 (64%)
Progressive disease	0 (0%)
	<b>DCR 100%</b>
Disease control rate ≥ 16 weeks <sup>§</sup> , n (%)	11 (79%)
Disease control rate ≥ 24 weeks <sup>§</sup> , n (%)	10 (71%)
Progression-free survival, median**	11.0 months (95% CI: 2.8, NE)

Data cutoff date February 19, 2019. \*Investigator assessment based on RANO or RECIST 1.1. †Pending confirmation. ‡All responses were seen in pediatric cases (ORR 45%, n=5/11).

§Disease control rate = complete response + partial response + stable disease. \*\*In 18 patients with median follow-up of 4.4 months. CI, confidence interval; RANO, Response Assessment in Neuro-Oncology.

# Larotrectinib in TRK Fusion-Positive Primary CNS Tumors: Response and Treatment Duration



Data cutoff date February 19, 2019. Disease assessments were performed by investigators. \*Tumor responses in patients with measurable disease and tumor values recorded at data cutoff, based on RANO sum of products of diameters, unless noted otherwise. †Based on RECIST 1.1 sum of longest diameter. CR, complete response; NE, not evaluable; PR, partial response; RANO, Response Assessment in Neuro-Oncology; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors; SD, stable disease.



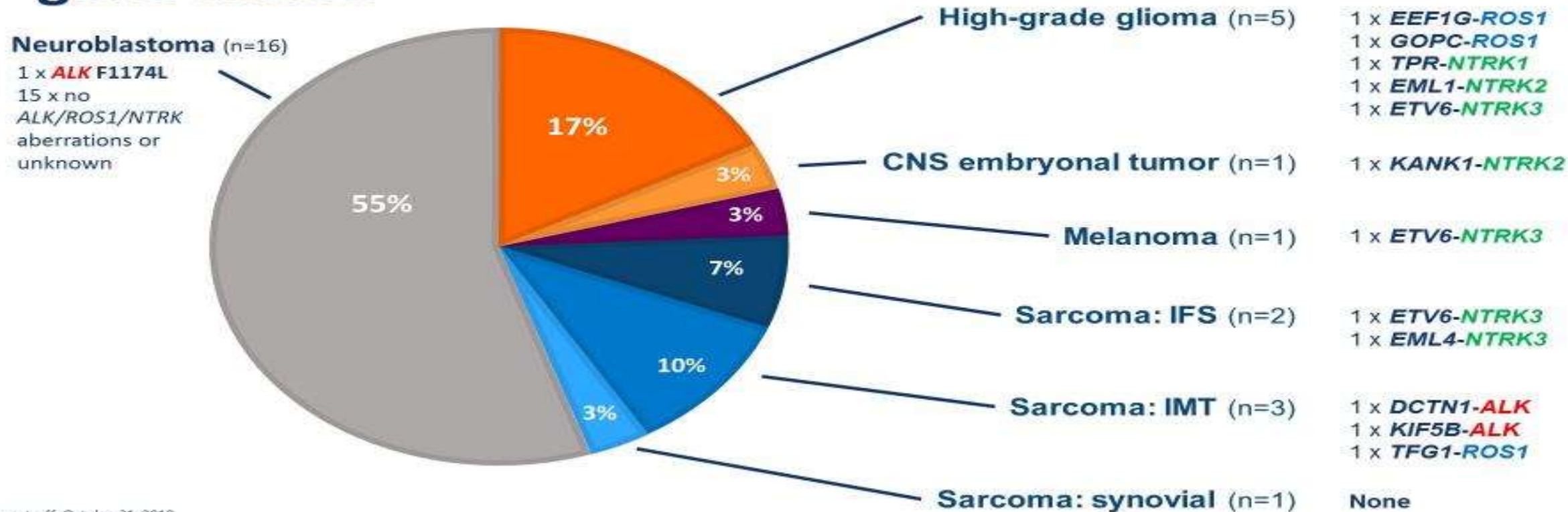
# Phase 1/1B trial to assess the activity of entrectinib in children and adolescents with recurrent or refractory solid tumors including central nervous system (CNS) tumors

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# Baseline characteristics by tumor type and target gene fusion



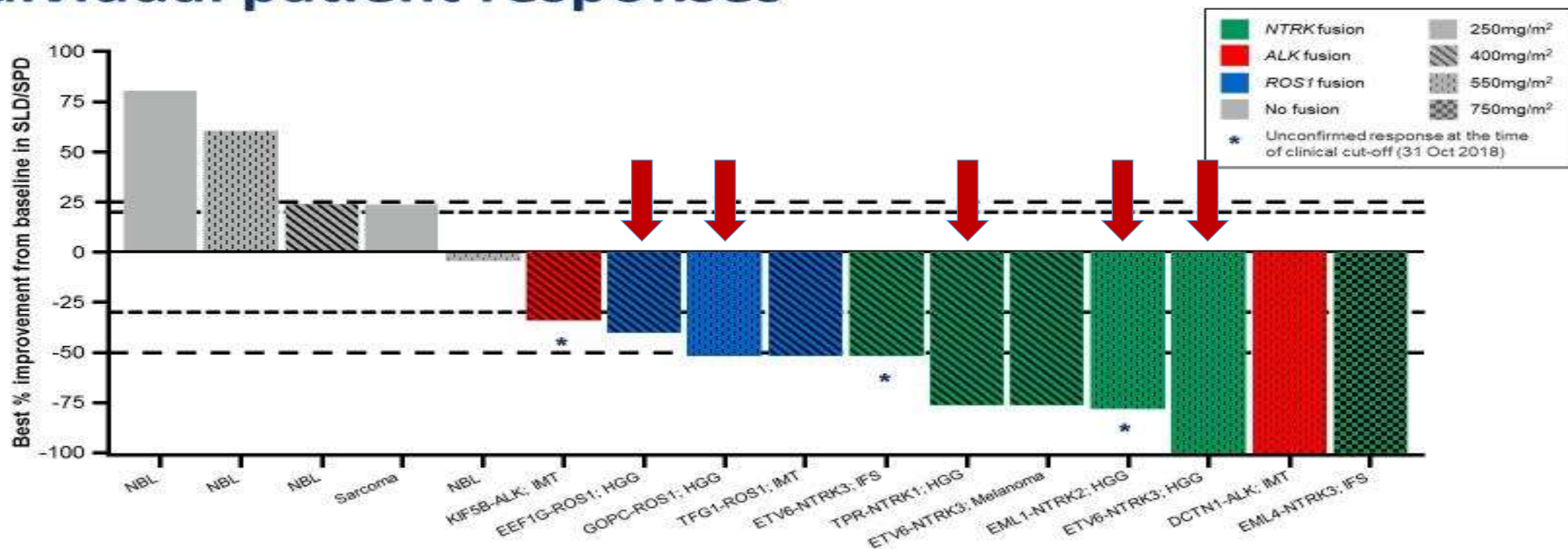
Data cut-off: October 31, 2018  
IFS, infantile fibrosarcoma; IMT, inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor

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# Entrectinib in pediatric solid tumors: individual patient responses



Data cut-off: October 31, 2018. Investigator assessed  
Includes only patients with measurable disease at baseline and tumor assessment

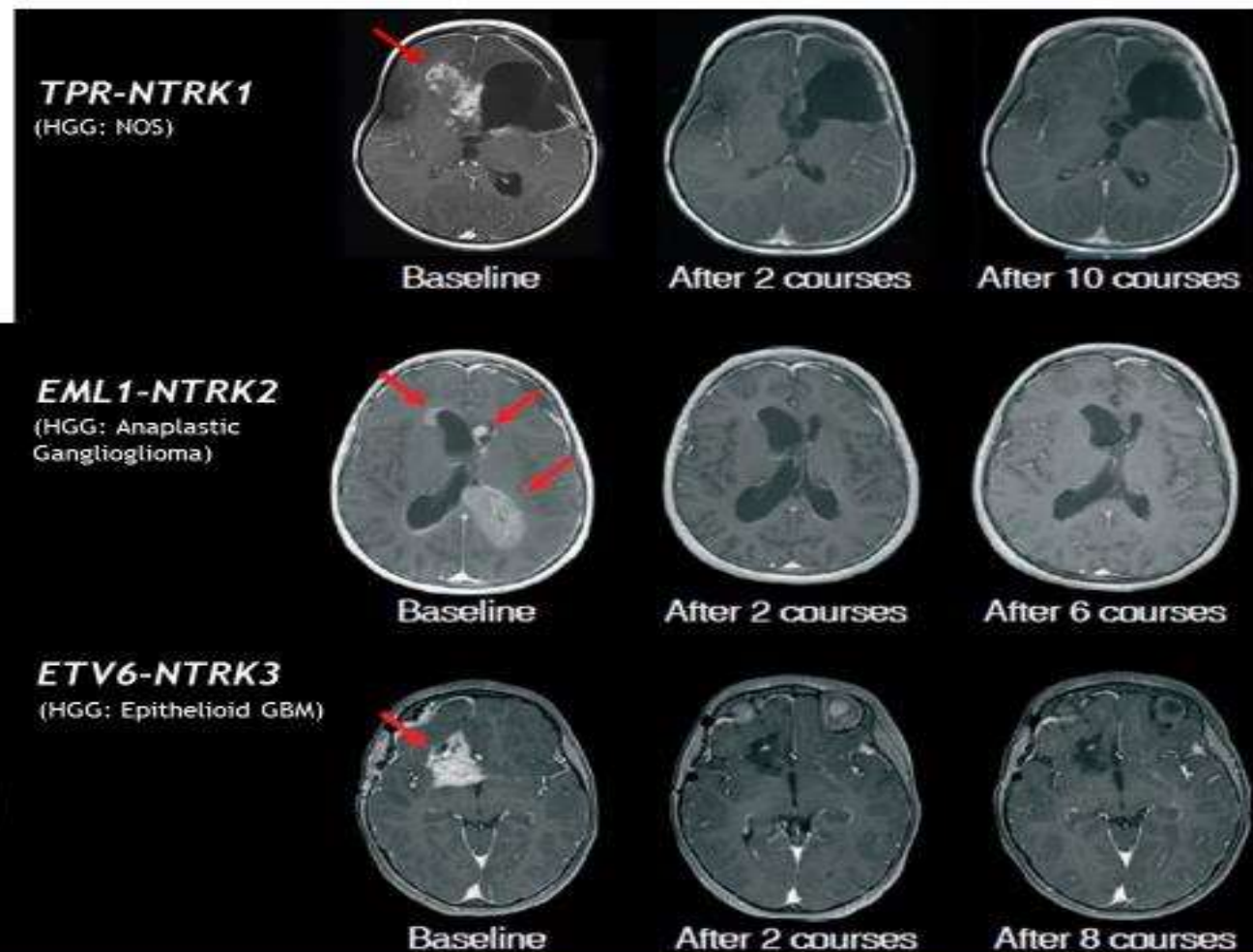
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# Measureable and durable responses in CNS tumors



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# BRAF Inhibition in *BRAF*<sup>V600</sup>-Mutant Gliomas: Results From the VE-BASKET Study

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***BRAF*<sup>V600</sup>**

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38%-100%

Ganglioglioma

18%-57%

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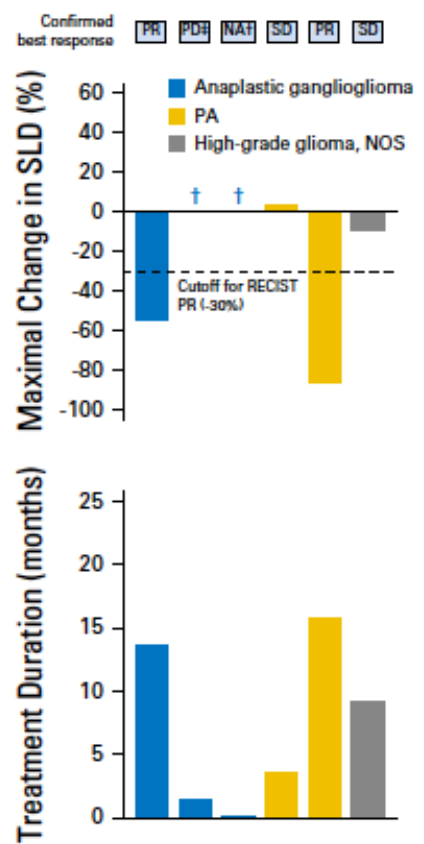
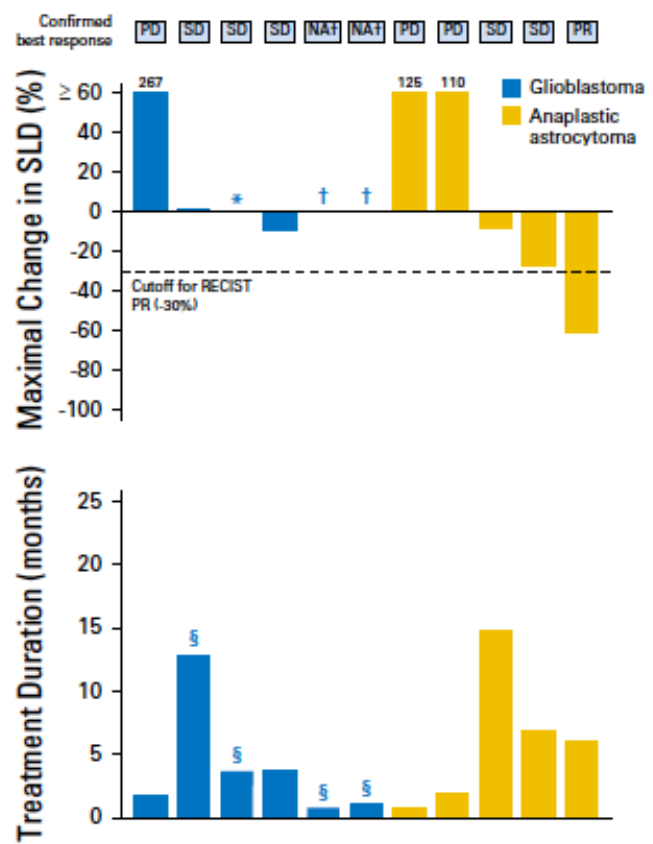
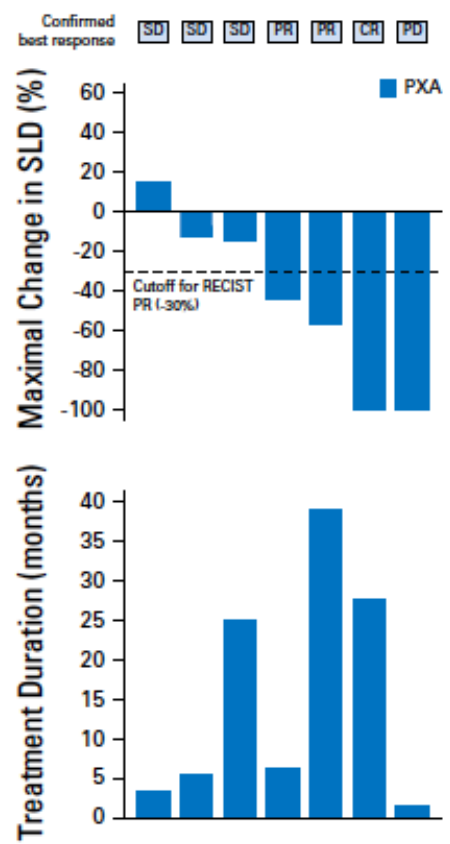
50%

Astrocitoma Pilocitico

9%

High Grade Gliomas

3%





# **AWAKEN THE FORCE WITHIN**

Immunotherapy brings a new hope  
to cancer treatment

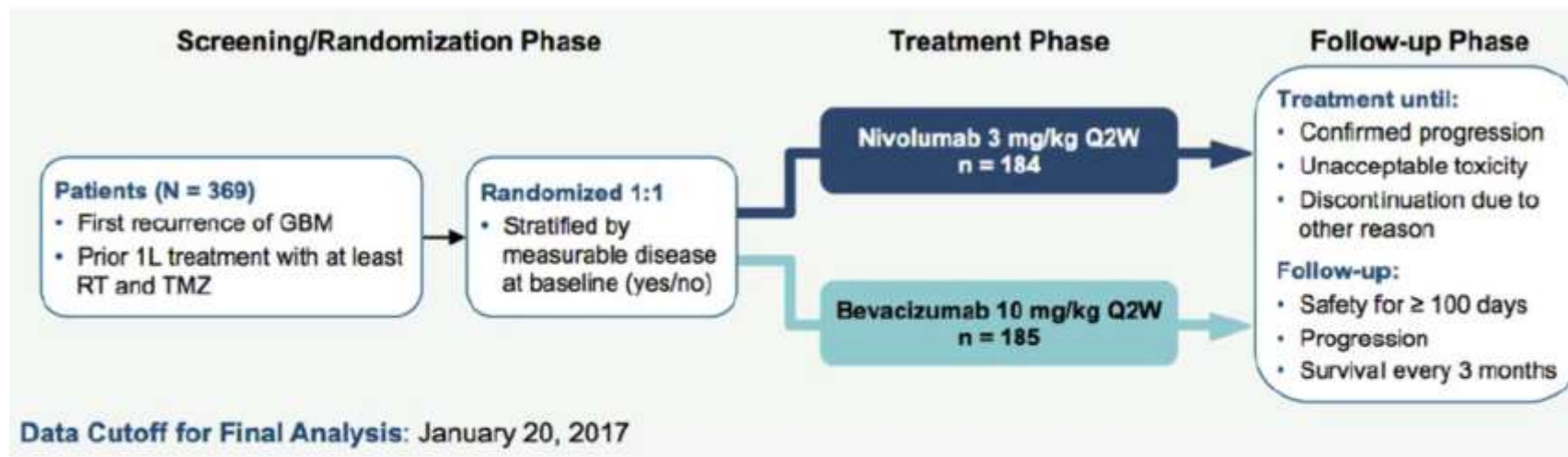


***Immunotherapy***

# Nivolumab

## CheckMate 143 Cohort 2 Study Design

*Nivolumab vs Bevacizumab in Recurrent GBM*



### Endpoints:

- **Primary:** OS in all randomized patients
- **Secondary:** investigator-assessed ORR and PFS (RANO); 12-month OS rate
- **Other key endpoints:** safety; biomarkers

### Assessments:

- **Tumor:** contrast-enhanced MRI Q6W until week 13, then Q8W (RANO)
- **Safety:** CTCAE v4.0

1L, first line; CTCAE, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; ORR, objective response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q6W, every 6 weeks; Q8W, every 8 weeks; RANO, Radiologic Assessment in Neuro-Oncology criteria.

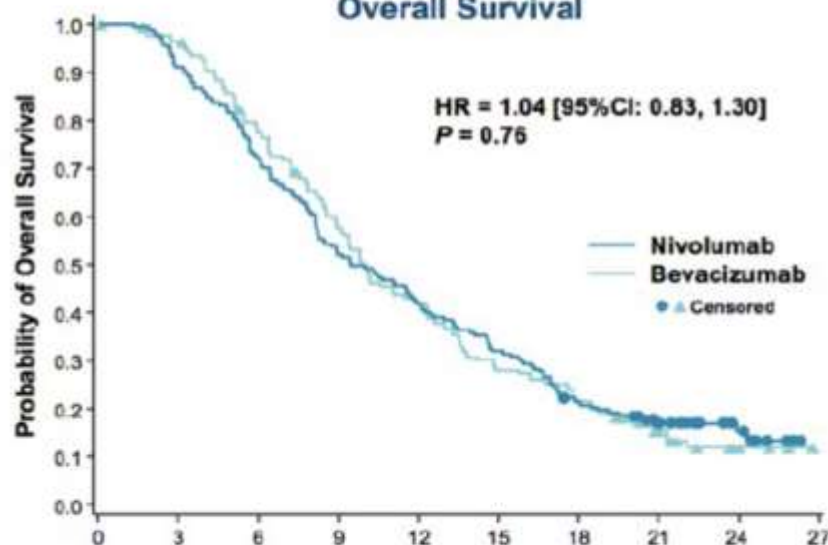
# Overall Survival and Progression-Free Survival

*Nivolumab vs Bevacizumab in Recurrent GBM*

	Events, n	Median OS [95% CI], months	12-Month OS Rate [95% CI], months
<u>Nivolumab</u>	154	9.8 [8.2, 11.8]	41.8 [34.7, 48.8]
Bevacizumab	147	10.0 [9.0, 11.8]	42.0 [34.6, 49.3]

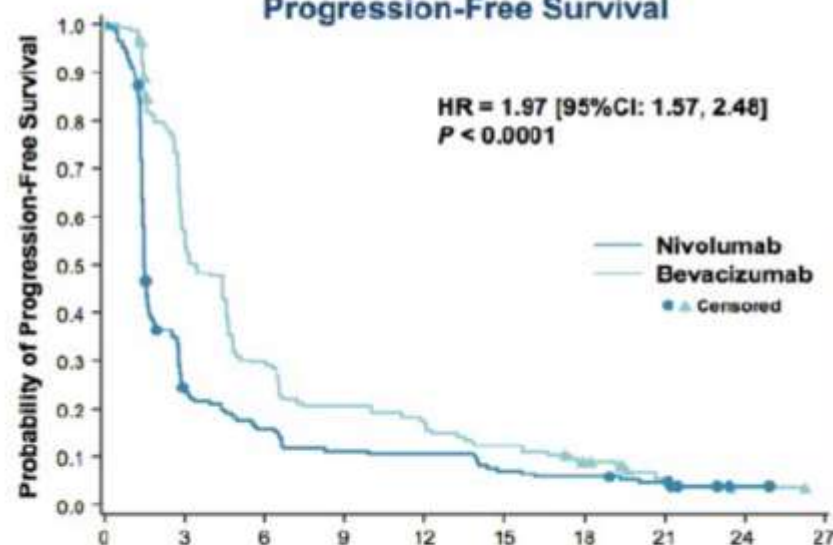
	Events, n	Median PFS [95% CI], months	12-Month PFS Rate [95% CI], months
<u>Nivolumab</u>	171	1.5 [1.5, 1.6]	10.5 [6.5, 15.5]
Bevacizumab	146	3.5 [2.9, 4.6]	17.4 [11.9, 23.7]

Overall Survival



No. at Risk	Months									
Nivolumab	184	168	133	96	77	59	39	24	9	0
Bevacizumab	185	169	135	99	72	48	37	14	5	0

Progression-Free Survival



No. at Risk	Months									
<u>Nivolumab</u>	184	41	27	19	18	12	10	7	1	0
Bevacizumab	185	88	46	32	27	19	12	3	1	0

# Response per Investigator Assessment (RANO)

## Nivolumab vs bevacizumab in recurrent GBM

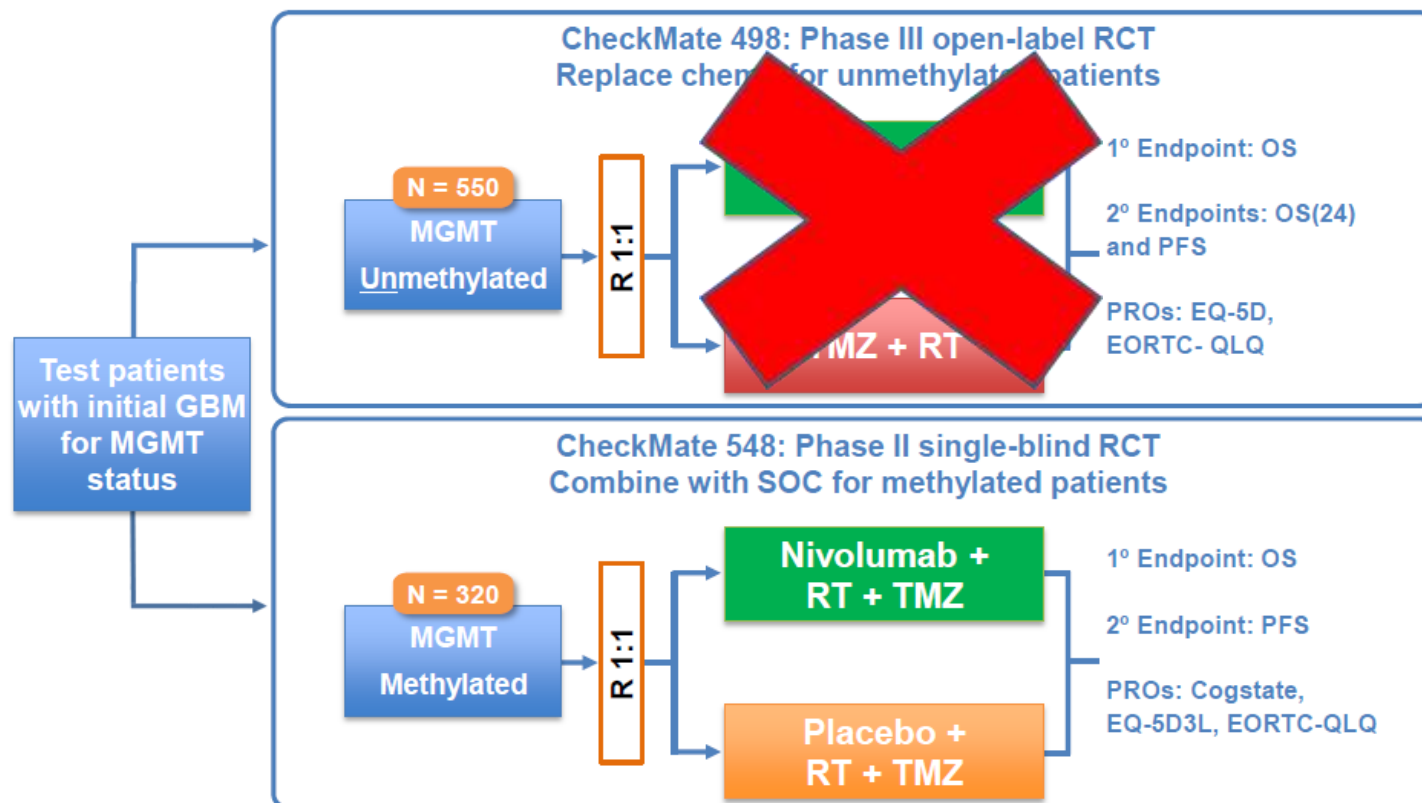
	Nivolumab n = 153 <sup>a</sup>	Bevacizumab n = 156 <sup>a</sup>
<b>ORR, n (%)</b> [95% CI]	12 (7.8) [4.1, 13.3]	36 (23.1) [16.7, 30.5]
<b>BOR, n (%)</b>		
CR	2 (1.3)	4 (2.6)
PR	10 (6.5)	32 (20.5)
SD	33 (21.6)	73 (46.8)
PD	107 (69.9)	26 (16.7)
Unable to determine	1 (0.7)	21 (13.5)
Not treated	1 (0.7)	16 (10.3)
Discontinued early due to toxicity	0	3 (1.9)
Other	0	2 (1.3)
<b>Median TTR (range), months</b>	3.0 (1.4–12.0)	1.5 (1.2–6.5)
<b>Median DOR (range), months</b>	11.1 (0.6–18.7)	5.3 (3.1–24.9)
<b>PFS rate [95% CI], %</b>		
6-months	15.7 [10.8, 21.5]	29.6 [22.7, 36.9]
12-months	10.5 [6.5, 15.5]	17.4 [11.9, 23.7]

BOR, best overall response; CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; TTR, time to response. <sup>a</sup>Patients evaluable for response.



# Nivolumab

## CheckMate 498 and CheckMate 548: Phase III Study Designs for Newly Diagnosed GBM



Trial information based on internal BMS protocol and publicly available information on clinicaltrials.gov as of May 1, 2016.

## Phase II study of pembrolizumab or pembrolizumab plus bevacizumab in recurrent glioblastoma (rGBM)

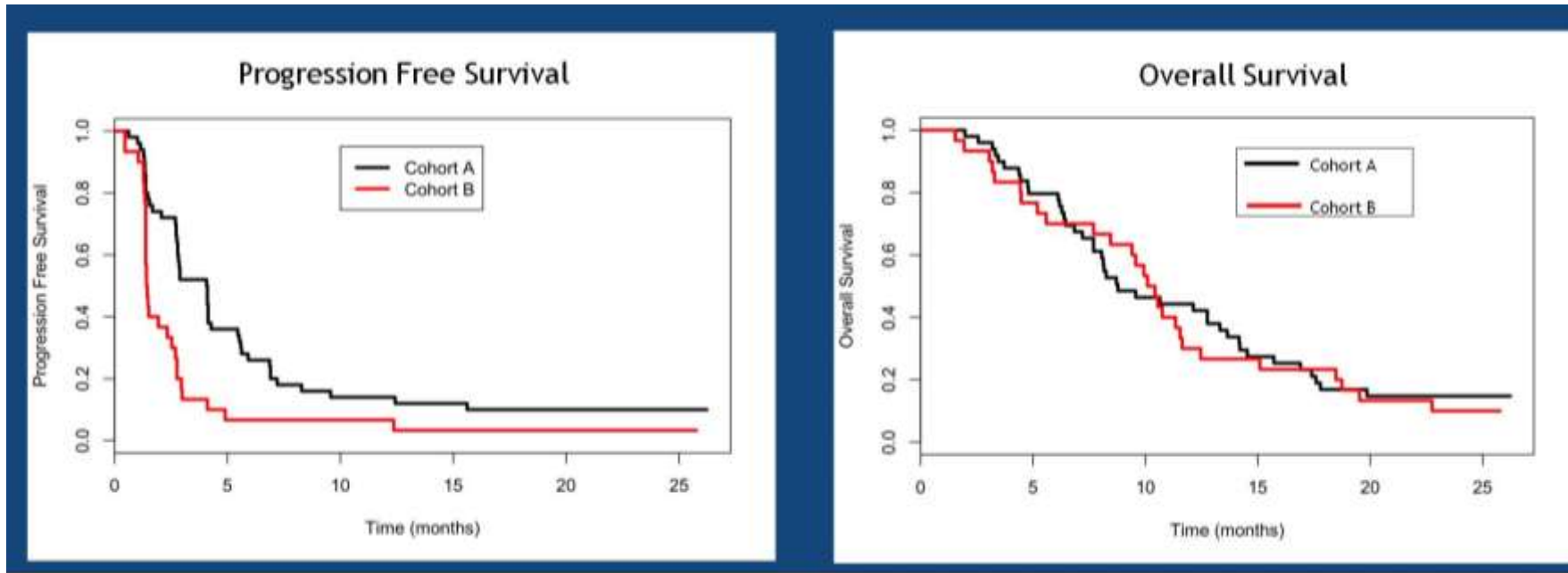
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	Cohort A (n=50)	Cohort B (n=30)
Median follow-up (months)	25.2	25.8
Median progression-free survival (months)	4.09 (95% CI: 2.79, 5.52)	1.43 (95% CI: 1.38, 2.70)
Progression-free survival at 6 months (%)	26.0 (95% CI: 16.3, 41.5)	6.7 (95% CI: 1.8, 2.5)
Median overall survival	8.78 (95% CI: 7.69, 14.17)	10.26 (95% CI: 8.45, 12.46)



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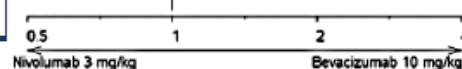




*“Corticosteroids or non-Corticosteroids, that is the question...”*

## Dexamethasone Use at Baseline: Poorer Survival With Nivolumab CheckMate 143

	Patients, n		Unstratified HR [95% CI]
	Nivolumab	Bevacizumab	
<b>All patients</b>	184	185	0.99 [0.79, 1.24]
<b>MGMT promoter status</b>			
Methylated	43	42	0.92 [0.56, 1.51]
Unmethylated	59	67	1.34 [0.92, 1.96]
Not reported	80	76	0.88 [0.62, 1.24]
<b>Steroid use at baseline</b>			
Yes	73	79	1.41 [1.01, 1.97]
No	111	106	0.84 [0.62, 1.24]
<b>Time from initial diagnosis to recurrence</b>			
≤12 months	108	139	1.19 [0.90, 1.56]
>12 months	76	46	0.79 [0.52, 1.19]
<b>Tumor PD-L1</b>			
≥1%	48	35	1.35 [0.83, 2.19]
<1%	107	114	0.97 [0.72, 1.30]





*All we need is...BIOMARKERS*

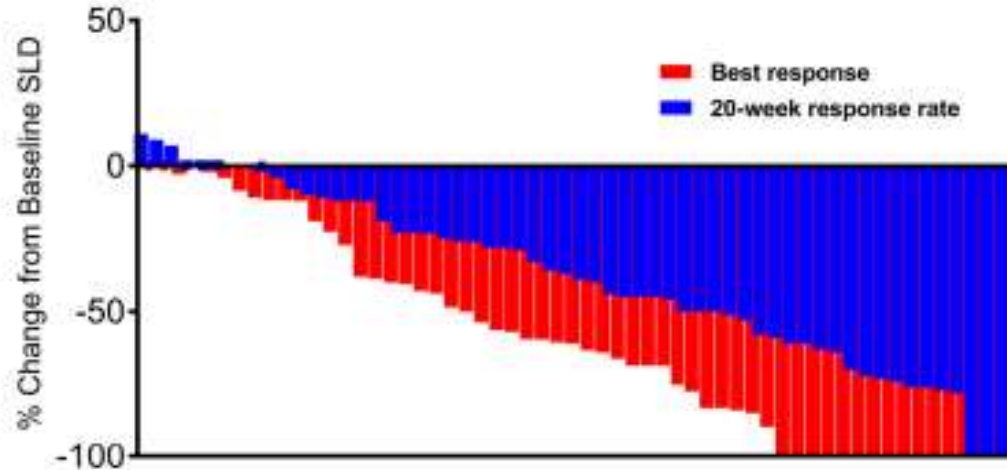
## PD-L1 expression in Glioblastoma

	Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma (n = 117)		Recurrent Glioblastoma (n = 18)	
	n	%	n	%
Diffuse/fibrillary PD-L1 expression				
None	18/117	15.4	5/18	27.8
≤25%	18/117	15.4	3/18	16.7
>25%, ≤50%	30/117	25.6	2/18	11.1
>50%, ≤75%	39/117	33.3	6/18	33.3
>75%	12/117	10.3	2/18	11.1
Membranous PD-L1 expression				
Positive (≥5% of tumor cells)	44/117	37.6	3/18	16.7
Negative (<5% of tumor cells)	73/117	62.4	15/18	83.3

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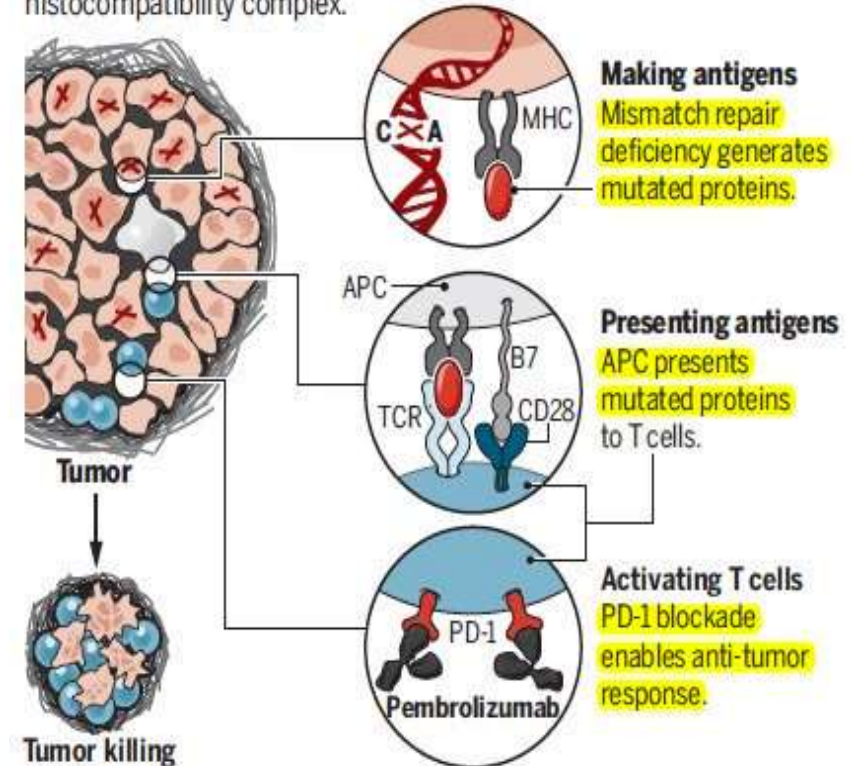
## Mismatch-repair deficiency predicts response of solid tumors to PD-1 blockade

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### Mutations as antigens

Mismatch repair deficiency in tumor cells can be used as a biomarker for immune checkpoint therapy. TCR, T cell receptor; MHC, major histocompatibility complex.



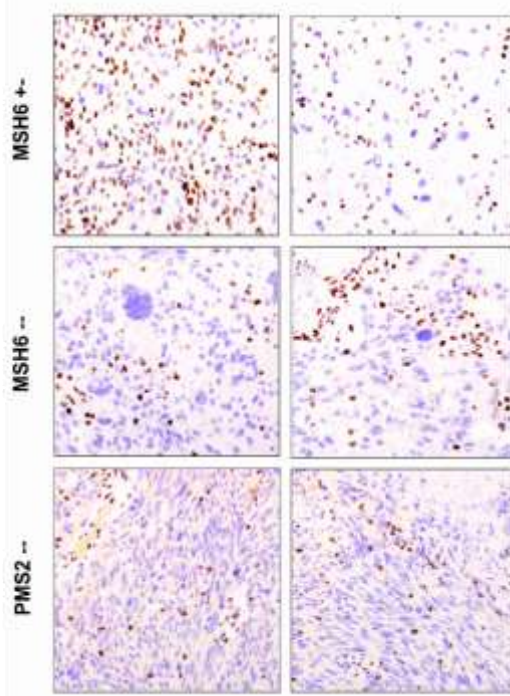
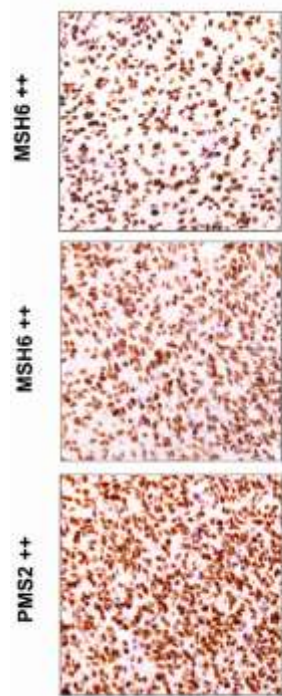


## **Pembrolizumab in recurrent high-grade glioma patients with mismatch repair deficiency: An observational study.**

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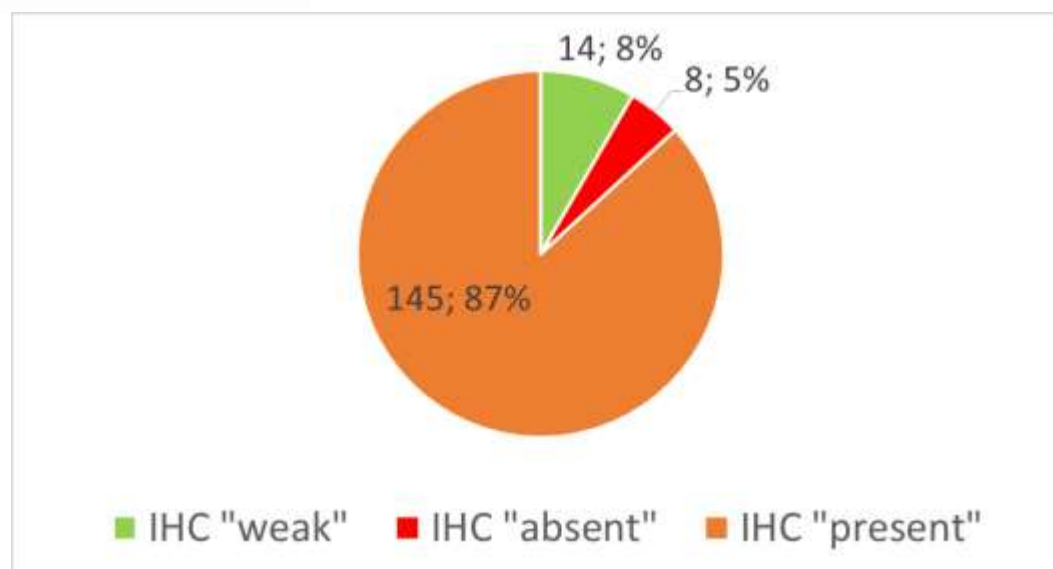


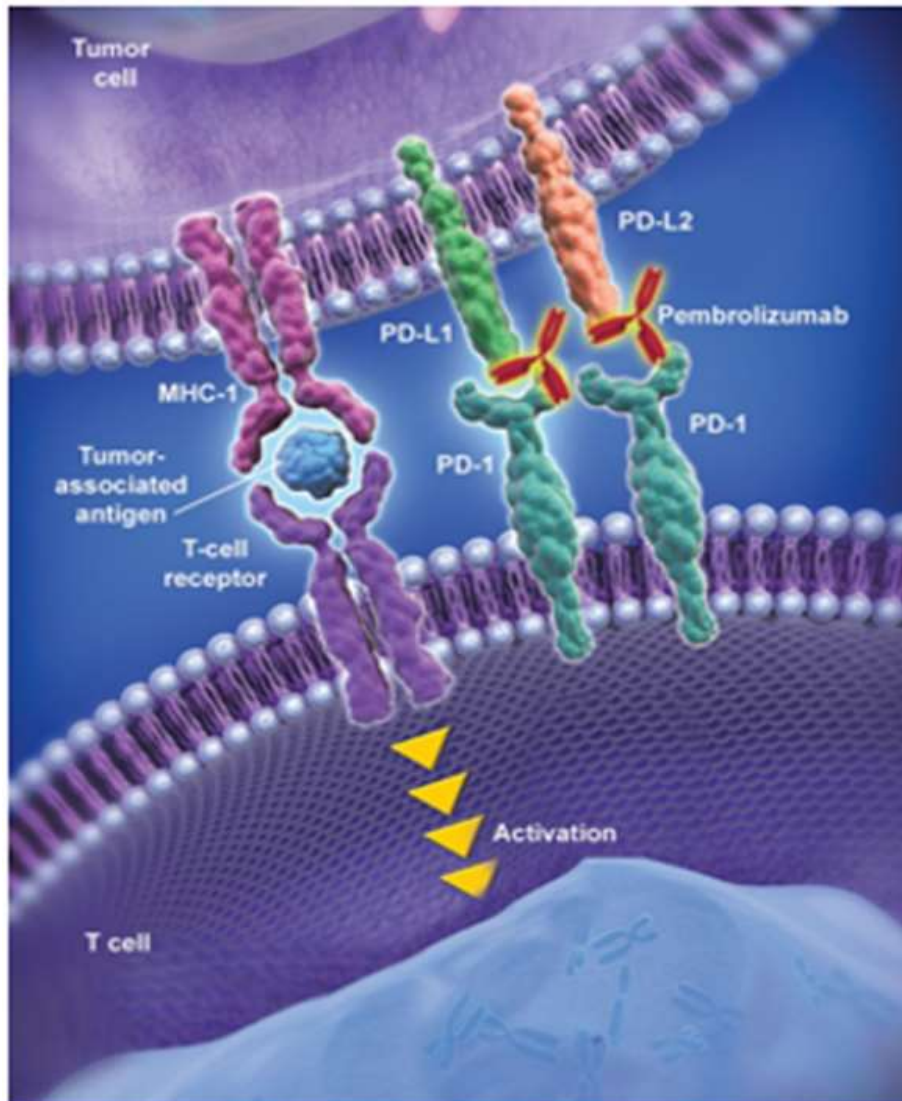
	P	OR	95% CI
Anaplastic Astrocytoma vs Glioblastoma	0.01	3.8	1.3-11.1
Recurrence vs Diagnosis	0.008	3.9	1.5-10.1
Female Pts vs Male Pts	0.03	2.7	1.07-6.7
IDHmut vs IDHwt	0.03	3.3	1.1-9.8

#### Univariate Analysis

	P	OR	95% CI
<b>Anaplastic Astrocytoma</b> vs Glioblastoma	0.007	5.1	1.5 – 16.8
<b>Recurrence</b> vs Diagnosis	0.02	3.8	1.1 – 12.5

#### Multivariate Analysis – Logistic Regression





## Pembrolizumab in recurrent high-grade glioma patients with mismatch repair deficiency: An observational study.

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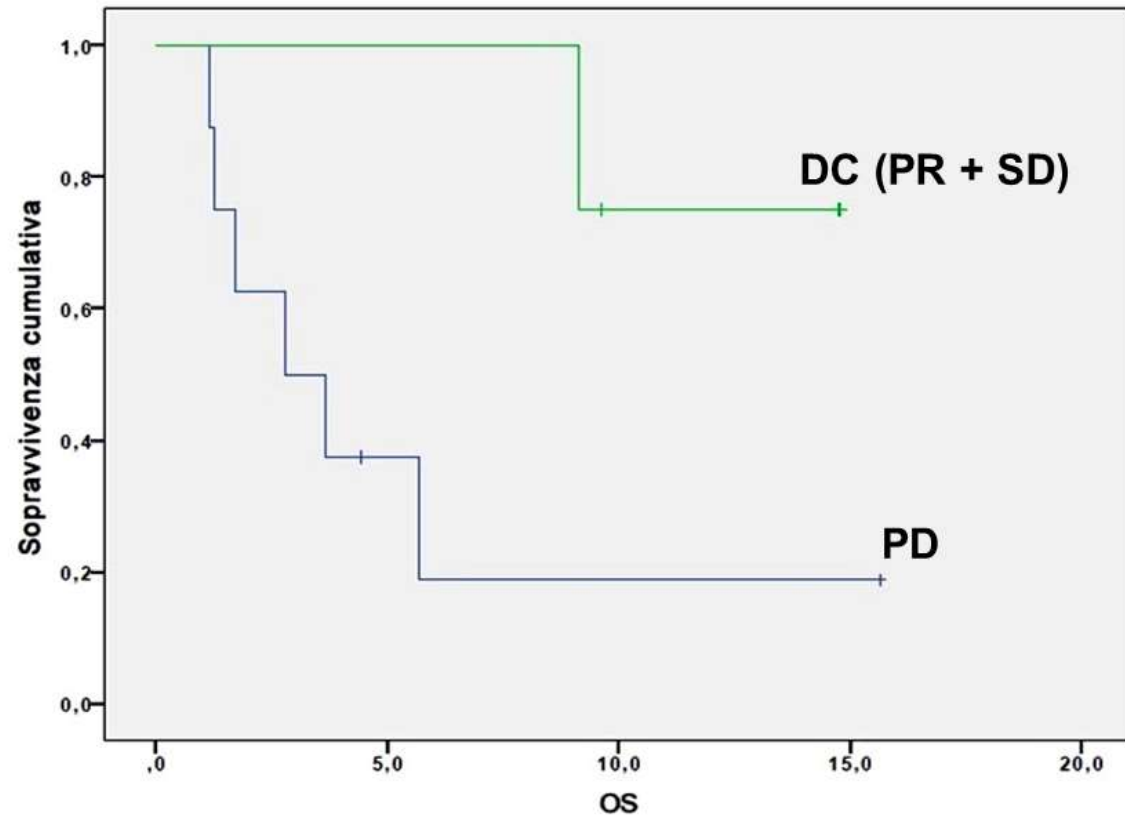
- Pembrolizumab in recurrent HGG
- ECOG PS 0-2
- Desametazone  $\leq 4\text{mg}$
- **MMR<sup>-</sup> HGG (IHC)**

# Baseline Patients Characteristics

Characteristics	N (%)
Patients	<b>12</b>
Median age	44
Histology	
- Anaplastic Astrocytoma	5 (42)
- Anaplastic ODG	1 (8)
- Glioblastoma	6 (50)
MGMT methylation status	
- Metilated	8/10 (80)
- Unmetilated	2/10 (20)
IDH	
- Mutated	6/11 (55)
- Wild-Type	5/11 (45)
Median Previous CT lines	1 (range 1-5)
Previous RT	12 (100)

Characteristics	N (%)
Deficient protein in MMR	
- MSH2	6 (50)
- MSH6	9 (75)
- PMS2	2 (17)
- MLH1	2 (17)
Deficiency in MMR	
- Weak Signal	8 (67)
- Absent Signal	4 (33)
Median cycles of PEM	3.5 (range 1-22)
Median DEX (mg)	1.5 (range 0-4)

# Results



Overall Survival according to response



Response Rate according to RANO criteria

**Disease Control Rate** **33%**

- Stable Disease (SD) 3/12

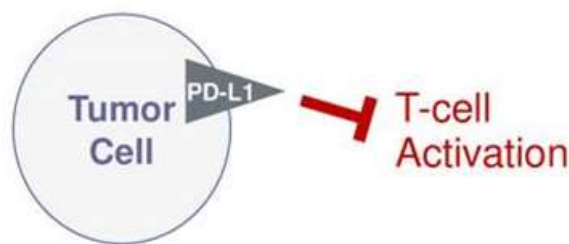
- Partial Response (PR) 1/12

Progressive Disease (PD) 67%  
(8/12)

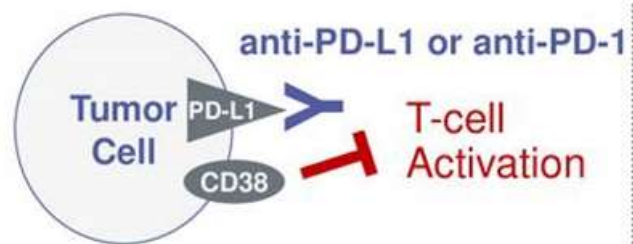


## Isatuximab Targets CD38: A Second Checkpoint Inhibitor

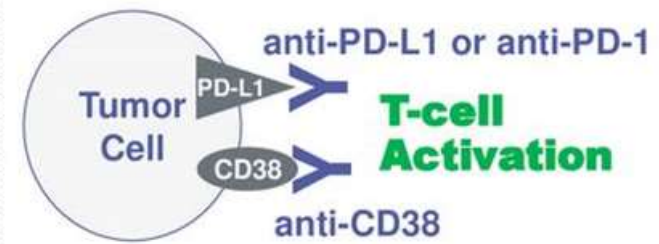
Anti-PD-1 *in vivo* resistance via CD38 upregulation on tumor cells is reversed by anti-CD38/anti-PD-1 combination<sup>(1)</sup>



PD-L1/PD-1 inhibits T-cell activation



PD-L1 or PD-1 blockade induces CD38 expression<sup>(1)</sup>, preventing T-cell activation by anti-PD-L1 or anti-PD-1



Combination of anti-PD-1 and anti-CD38 restores T-cell activation *in vitro* <sup>(1,2)</sup> and *in vivo* <sup>(1)</sup>

# Neoadjuvant Pembrolizumab in recurrent GBM

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