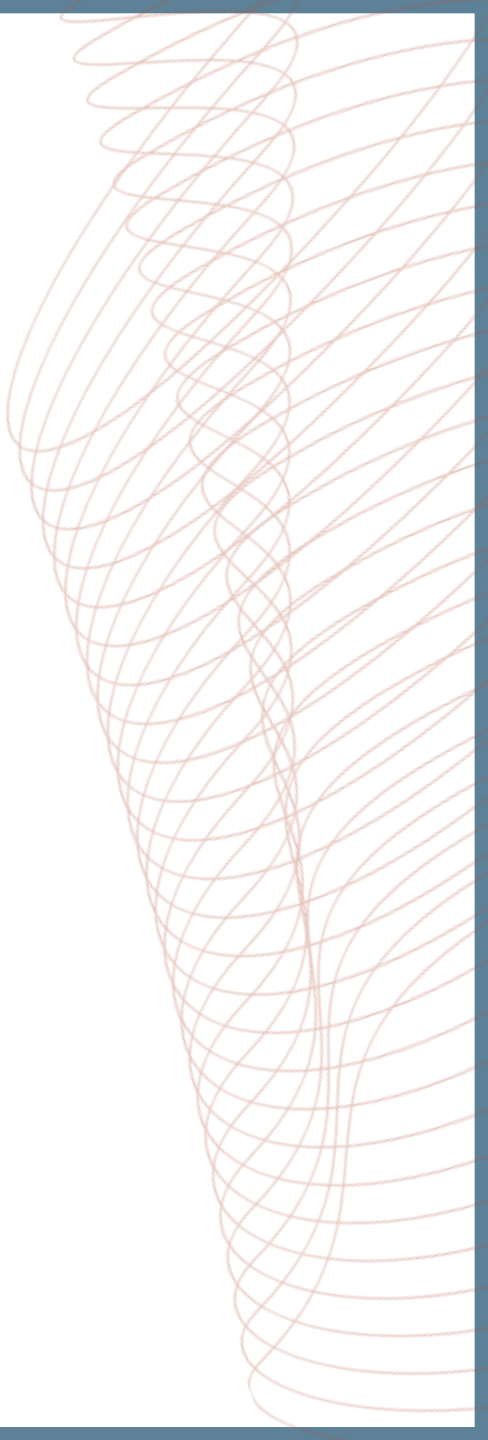




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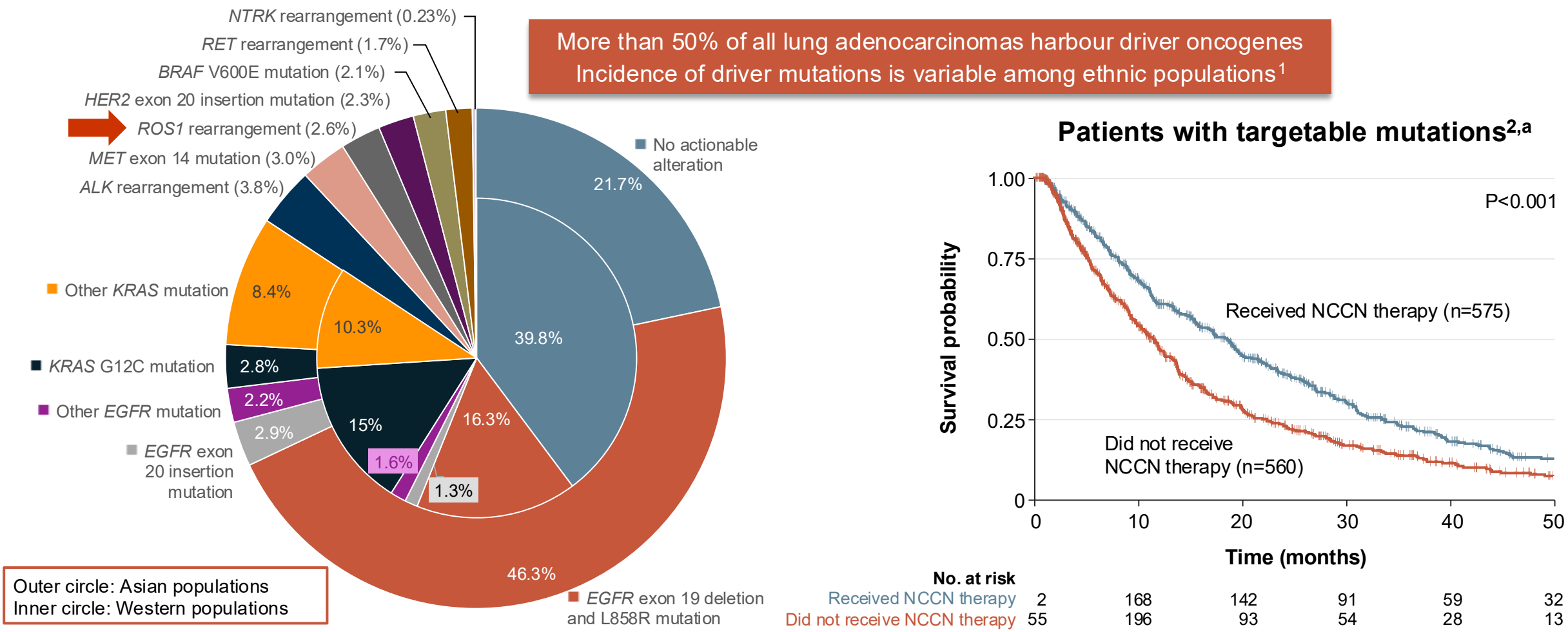
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. **Increase awareness of *ROS1* rearrangements in NSCLC** and the clinical importance of identifying this rare but actionable genomic alteration
2. **Improve understanding of optimal biomarker testing strategies**, emphasising the need for comprehensive molecular profiling to ensure patients with *ROS1*-positive disease are accurately identified
3. **Update healthcare professionals on the evolving treatment landscape for *ROS1*-positive NSCLC**, including the role of next-generation targeted therapies and their potential implications for clinical practice

CLINICAL TAKEAWAYS

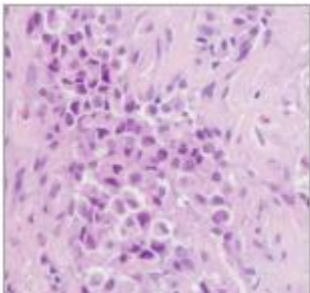
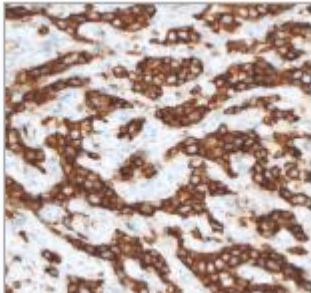
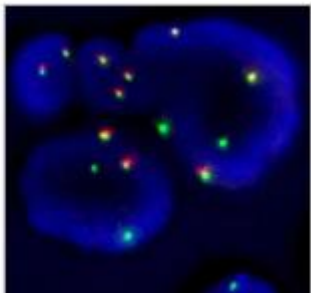
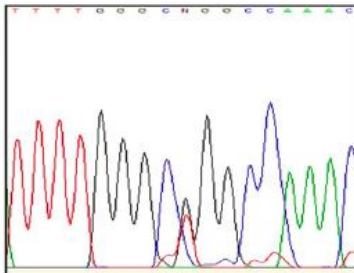
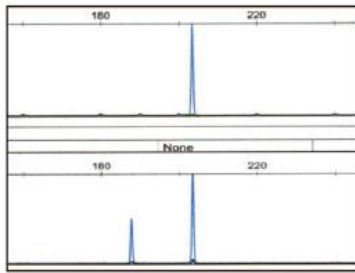
- **Identify every *ROS1* fusion**—although rare, patients with *ROS1*-positive NSCLC derive significant benefit from targeted TKIs compared to chemotherapy or immunotherapy
- **Use upfront comprehensive NGS (ideally RNA based)** to detect *ROS1* rearrangements and avoid missed opportunities for targeted therapy
- **Next-generation *ROS1* TKIs** overcome key resistance mutations and provide improved intracranial activity
- **Early molecular profiling** enables timely access to the most effective targeted therapies and improves patient outcomes

IDENTIFICATION OF ACTIONABLE GENOMIC ALTERATIONS IMPROVES NSCLC PATIENT OUTCOME



^a As outlined in NCCN guidelines

PHENOTYPIC AND GENOTYPIC CHARACTERISATION OF NSCLC

Histology Cytology	IHC	FISH	Sequencing/NGS DNA - RNA		ctDNA	
Sq vs NSq vs NOS TTF1 p40	PD-L1 ALK ROS1/MET/ NTRK/HER2	ALK/ROS1/ NTRK/MET/ HER2	Depending on technique: • Mutations • Rearrangements • Tumour mutational burden		• Baseline • Monitoring • Residual disease • Resistance	
						
			Sanger sequencing Lower sensitivity Selected genes	PCR-based methods e.g. Cobas®, Idylla™ Selected genes	Targeted next generation sequencing (NGS) Many genes (broad testing)	
Example turnaround time ^a :						
1-2 d	1-2 d	3-5 d	~7 d		7-21 d	7-10 d

^a Turnaround times vary and depend on each institution workflow
ctDNA, circulating tumour DNA; d, days; FISH, florescence in-situ hybridisation; IHC, immunohistochemistry; NGS, next-generation sequencing;
NOS, not otherwise specified; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; NSq, non-squamous; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; Sq, squamous; TTF1, thyroid transcription factor-1
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CLINICAL AND HISTOLOGICAL PRESENTATION

- Younger patients (median age **45–50 years**)
- Female predominance
- Never- or light-smoker
- Predominantly adenocarcinoma (especially acinar and solid)
- TTF-1 positive in >90%
- Frequently presents with CNS involvement
- Frequent VTE events²

Clinical characteristics should never replace molecular testing

NGS: WHO SHOULD BE TESTED AND WHEN?

Key biomarkers¹

- *EGFR* mutations
- *ALK* rearrangements
- *ROS1* rearrangements
- *BRAF* V600E mutations
- *KRAS*^{G12C} mutations
- *MET* exon 14 skipping mutations
- *RET* rearrangements/fusions
- *HER2* mutations
- *NTRK1/2/3* gene fusions
- PD-L1 protein expression²

Testing Scope and Clinical Context^{2,3}

- **Histology**
 - All non-squamous and NOS carcinomas
 - Squamous carcinoma for non- or light-smokers
- **Stage**
 - Stage IV disease
 - Stage III disease: *EGFR*m, *ALK*
 - Early stage: *EGFR*m, *ALK*
 - Trend for complete genomic profile at every stage
- **Techniques**
 - Broad multiplex panel-based NGS is preferred over single-gene testing to conserve tissue and efficiently identify targets
- **Sample type**
 - Small tissue biopsies or plasma cell-free DNA (liquid biopsy) assays when tissue is limited

EGFRm, EGFR mutation; NGS, next-generation sequencing; NOS, not otherwise specified

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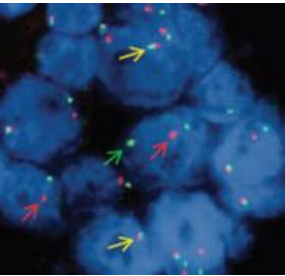
GENOTYPIC CHARACTERISATION OF NSCLC

Approximate analytical detection ranges^a

Mutations	•	<i>EGFR</i>	Exon 18-21
	•	<i>KRAS</i>	Exon 2-3
	•	<i>BRAF</i>	Exon 15
	•	<i>MET</i>	Exon 14 and adjacent introns
			Amplification
	•	<i>ERBB2</i>	Exon 20
			Amplification
Fusions	•	<i>ALK</i>	Fusion
	•	<i>ROS1</i>	Fusion
	•	<i>RET</i>	Fusion
	•	<i>NRG1</i>	Fusion
	•	<i>NTRK_{1/2/3}</i>	Fusion

DNA-based NGS
Amplicon

Mutations (SNV-indel) > 1-2%



FISH

DNA-based NGS
Hybrid capture

Rearrangements > 1-2% Mutations (SNV-indel) > 1-2%

RNA-based NGS

Mutations
(variable sensitivity)

Rearrangements +++
sensitivity > NGS DNA

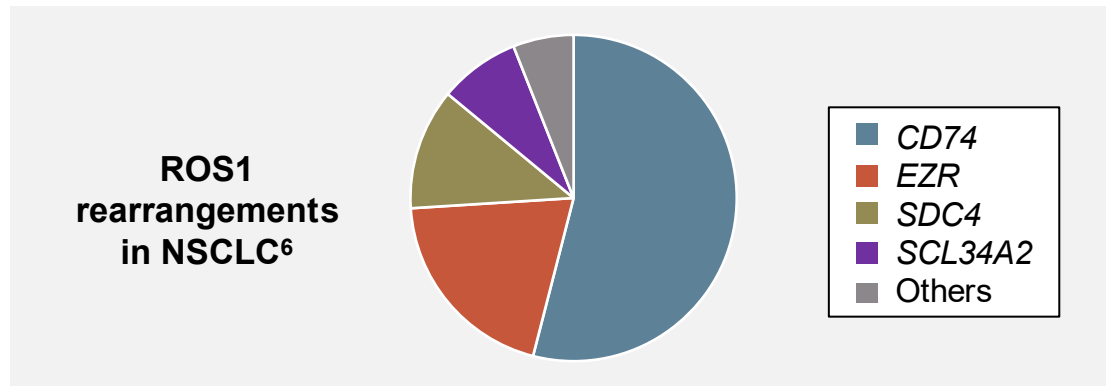
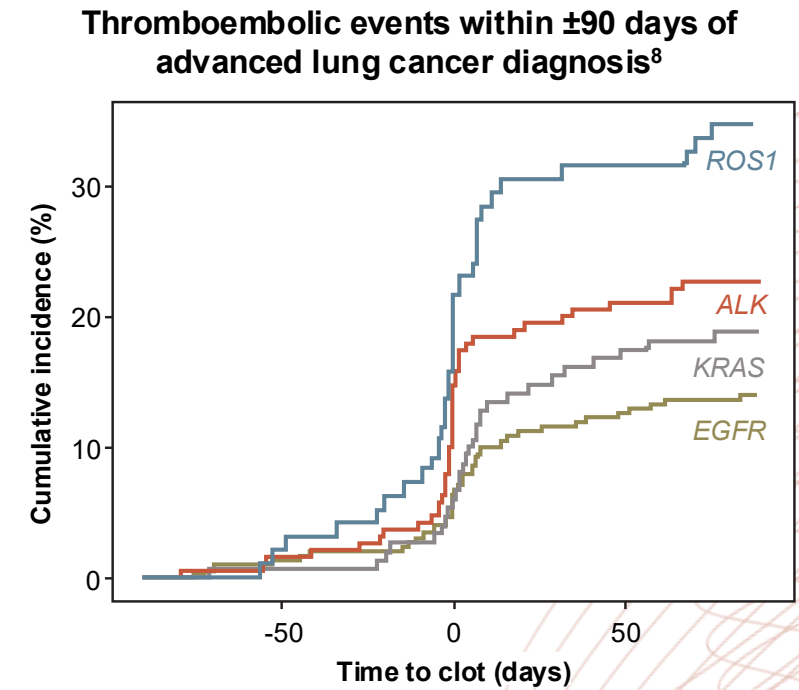
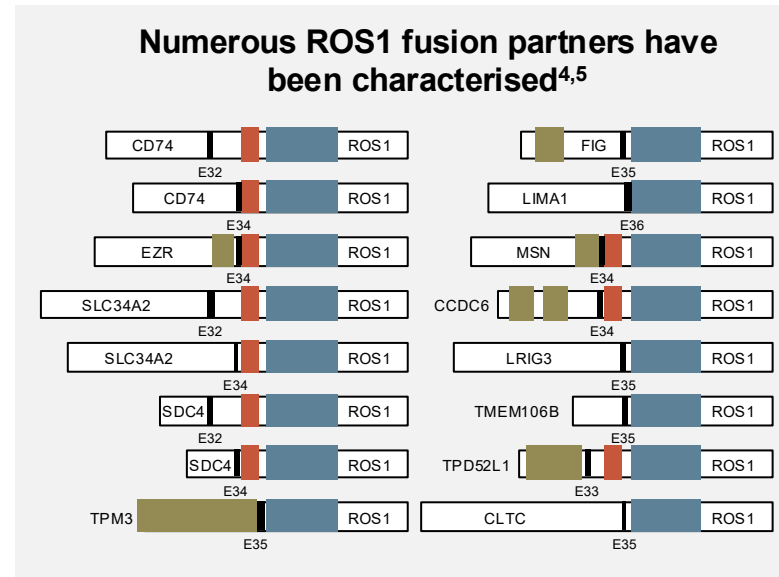
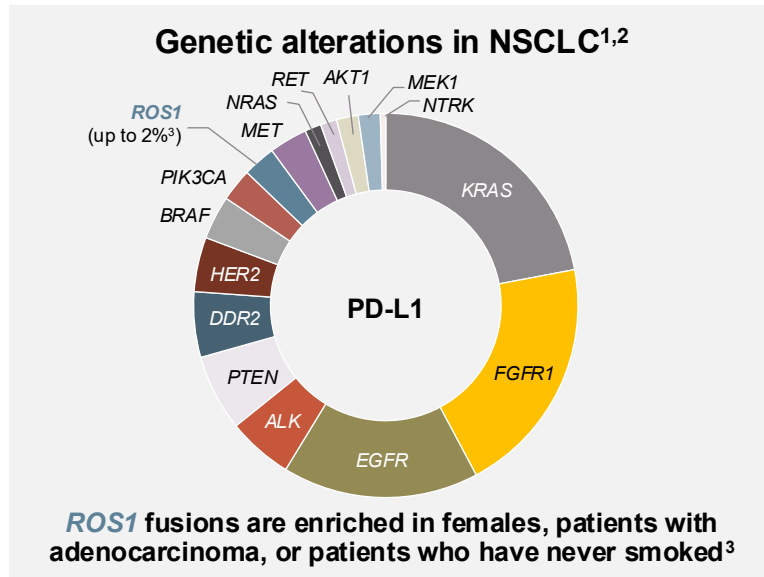
ctDNA

Mutations
(ctDNA > 0.2-1%)

DNA hybrid capture
(ctDNA > 0.5-1%)

^aApproximate analytical detection ranges depend on each assay. Values quoted are given for indicative purposes only and provided by Pérol M
ctDNA, circulating tumour DNA; Indel, insertions/deletions; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridisation; NGS, next-generation sequencing; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; SNV, single nucleotide variation
Tan AC and Tan DSW. J Clin Oncol. 2022;40:611-25; Penault-Llorca F, Socinski MA. Oncologist. 2025;30(3):oyae357, Pérol M, personal communication

ROS1 FUSIONS: MOLECULAR AND CLINICAL PROFILE

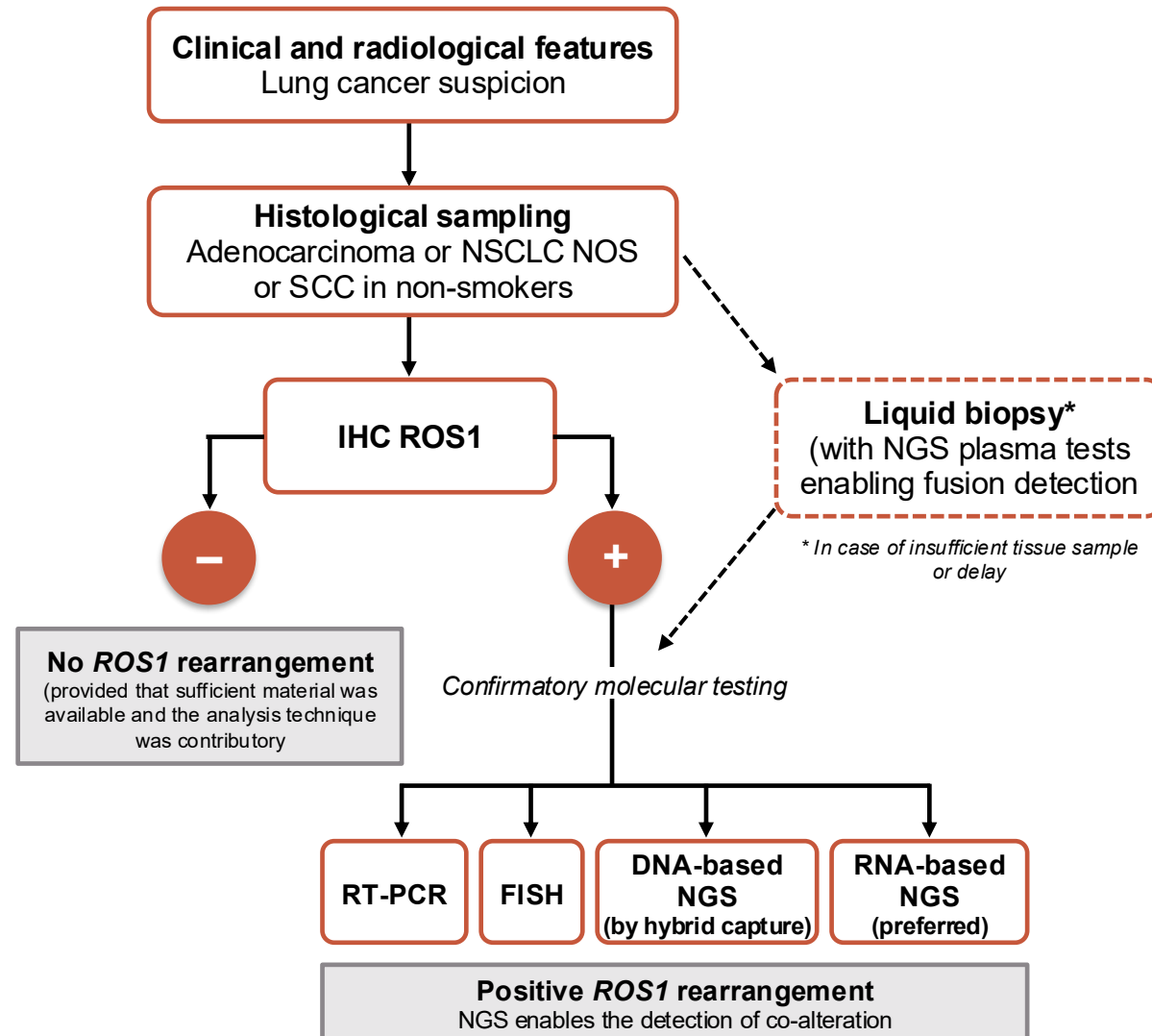


- High incidence of brain metastases⁷
- High incidence of venous thrombo-embolic events⁸

E32-36, exon 32-36; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer

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HOW TO IDENTIFY *ROS1* REARRANGEMENT IN NSCLC?

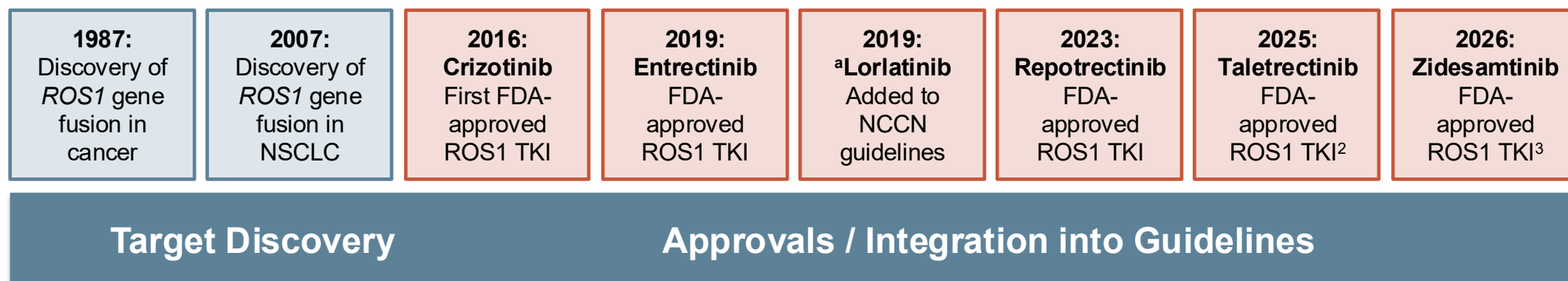


FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridisation; IHC, immunohistochemistry; NGS, next-generation sequencing; NOS, not otherwise specified; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; RT-PCR, reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction; SCC, squamous cell carcinoma

WHY IS RNA-BASED NGS THE PREFERRED METHOD FOR DETECTING *ROS1* FUSIONS?

DNA-based NGS	RNA-based NGS
Detects genomic rearrangements (hybrid capture)	Detects the expressed fusion transcript
Large introns and variable breakpoints may make some fusions difficult to detect	Fusion partners are identified directly, regardless of breakpoint location
May miss some clinically relevant fusions depending on panel design	High sensitivity for fusions, especially known and novel <i>ROS1</i> fusions
Useful for comprehensive genomic profiling	Preferred method for <i>ROS1</i> fusion detection

ROS1 FUSION IN NSCLC HISTORY¹



^a Lorlatinib is not approved by the FDA for the treatment of patients with metastatic *ROS1* fusion-positive NSCLC but is recommended as a subsequent treatment option by the NCCN guidelines and included in the ESMO guidelines

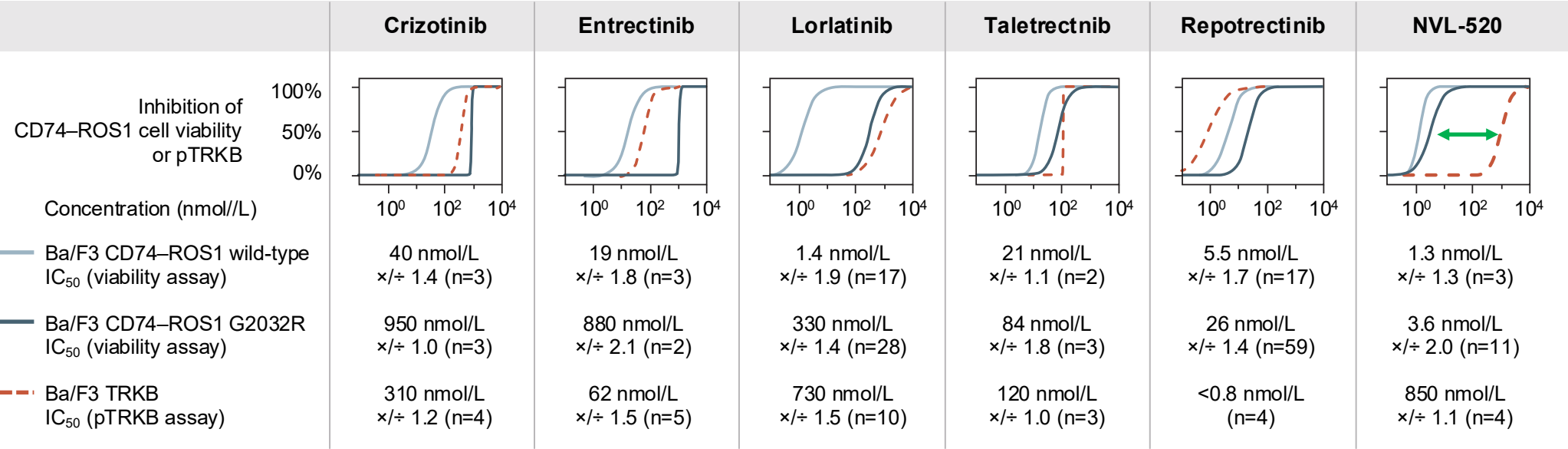
Adapted from Boulanger et al. 2024¹

ESMO, European Society for Medical Oncology; FDA, Food & Drug Administration; NCCN, National Comprehensive Cancer Network; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; TKI, tyrosine kinase; U.S., United States

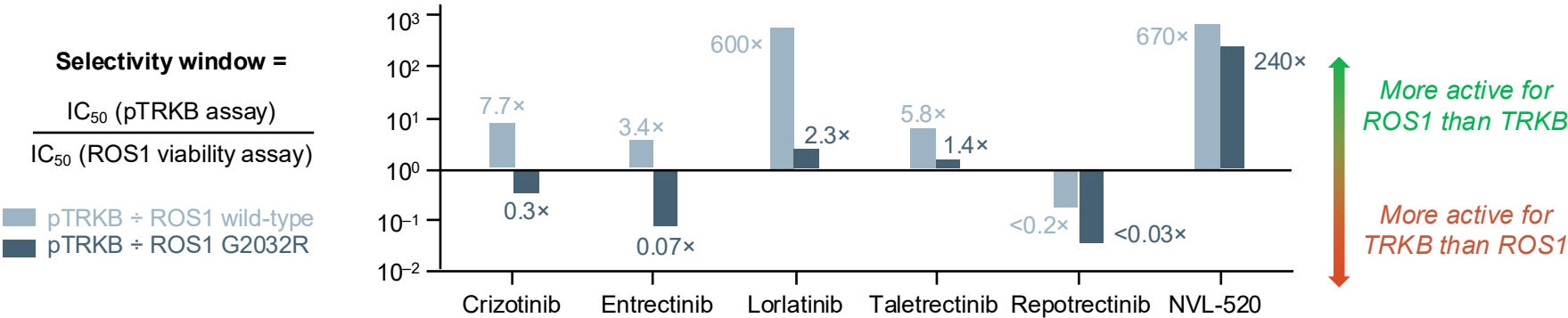
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A NEW GENERATION OF ROS1-TARGETING TKIs

Activity of ROS1 TKIs against ROS1 wild-type, ROS1 G2032R, and TRKB



Selectivity for ROS1 (wild-type or G2032R) over TRKB



ROS1 TKIs IN TKI-NAIVE *ROS1* FUSION+ NSCLC¹

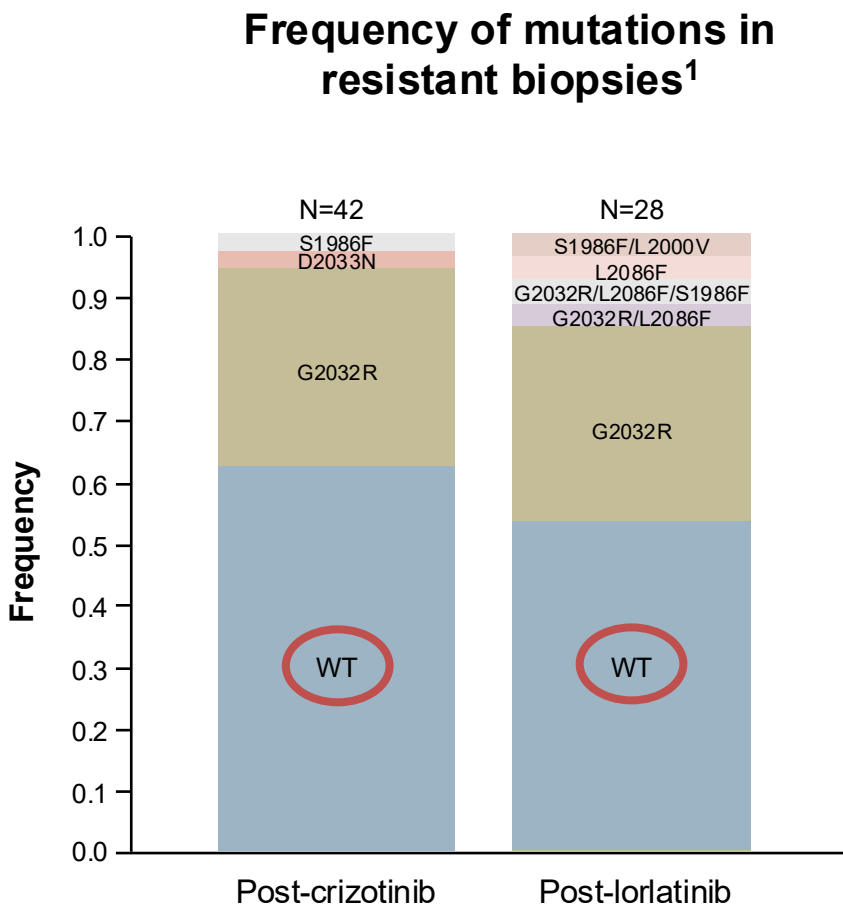
	Crizotinib ²	Entrectinib ³	Ceritinib ⁴	Brigatinib ⁵	Lorlatinib ⁶	Foritinib ⁷	Reprotrectinib ⁸	Taletrectinib ^{9,10}			Zidesamtinib ¹¹
	PROFILE 1001	ALKA 372-001 STARTRK-1 STARTRK-2 Phase 1/2	Korean Phase 2	Barossa Phase 2	Phase 1/2	Phase 2b Cohort 1	TRIDENT-1 Phase 1/2	TRUST I + II Pooled phase 2			ARROS-1 Phase 1/2
								All TKI naïve	Prior CT	No prior CT	
Patients, n	53	198	30	28	21	56	71	157	30	127	94
ORR, %	72.0	67.2	67.0	71.4	62.0	88.0	79.0	89.8	90.0	89.8	94.0
Median PFS, months	19.3	15.8	19.3	12.0	21.0	22.1	31.1	46.1	49.6	46.1	NR PFS ≥12 mo:90%
CNS activity IC- ORR	NR	27/53 pts (50.9%) Measurable and non-measurable	2/8 pts (25%) Measurable and non-measurable	0/3 pts Measurable	7/11 pts (64%) Measurable and non-measurable	19/21 pts (90%) Measurable and non-measurable	8/9 pts (89%) Measurable	13/17 pts (76.5%) Measurable	NR	NR	10/10 pts (100%) Measurable

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CNS, central nervous system; CT, chemotherapy; IC-ORR, intracranial-ORR; NR, not reported; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; ORR, objective response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor

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SPECTRUM OF RESISTANCE TO ROS1 FUSION INHIBITORS



Potency heatmap of ROS1 TKI against resistant clones²

					Crizotinib	Entrectinib	Lorlatinib	Taletrectinib	Repotrectinib	NVL-520
	Name	Cell line	Fusion	Mutation						
Wild-type ROS1 fusion	HCC78	Human cancer cell line	SLC34A2-ROS1	—	45	5.3	0.9	15	7.7	<0.7
	MGH193-1	Patient-derived cell line	EZR-ROS1	—	18	8.7	0.4	5	2.1	1
	Ba/F3	Engineered mouse pro-B cell line	CD74-ROS1	—	40	19	1.2	21	4.6	1.3
			EZR-ROS1	—	5.9	12	0.5	11	2.9	0.3
			GOPC(L)-ROS1	—	33	11	0.3	7.6	3.5	0.2
			GOPC(S)-ROS1	—	110	36	0.3	9.9	2.7	0.2
			CEP85L-ROS1	—	30	13	0.4	6.2	2.1	0.2
	Average potency across 7 wild-type ROS1 fusion cell lines				30	13	0.5	9.7	3.3	0.4
ROS1 fusion with G2032R mutation	MGH9018-1	Patient-derived cell line	CD74-ROS1	G2032R	1,100	610	500	190	32	5.1
	Ba/F3	Engineered mouse pro-B cell line	CD74-ROS1	G2032R	950	880	320	84	25	3.6
			EZR-ROS1	G2032R	630	830	42	19	8.8	0.7
			GOPC(L)-ROS1	G2032R	1,600	1,200	91	27	11	1.1
			GOPC(S)-ROS1	G2032R	1,200	>3,000	>100	>100	>100	6.6
			SLC34A2-ROS1	G2032R	440	220	14	9.4	3.8	0.2
	Average potency across 6 ROS1 G2032R fusion cell lines				920	850	98	44	18	1.6
ROS1 fusion with other resistance mutations	Ba/F3	Engineered mouse pro-B cell line	CD74-ROS1	S1986F	39	26	<0.3	NA	0.84	<0.6
			CD74-ROS1	F2004C	35	60	0.3	13	3.2	0.02
			EZR-ROS1	F2004C	28	66	0.5	13	3.5	0.01
			CD74-ROS1	F2004V	35	38	0.5	8.5	2.5	0.01
			EZR-ROS1	F2004V	11	51	0.6	10	3.6	0.2
			CD74-ROS1	L2026M	110	41	0.8	NA	3.3	1.5
			CD74-ROS1	D2033N	77	79	0.4	NA	2.5	1
			EZR-ROS1	G2101A	25	8.4	0.4	9.3	1.8	0.4

IC50, half maximal inhibitory concentration; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; WT, wild-type
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ROS1 TKIs IN CRIZOTINIB PRE-TREATED ROS1 FUSION+ NSCLC¹

	Lorlatinib ² Phase 1/2	Lorlatinib ³ ALBATROS Phase 2	Repotrectinib ⁴ TRIDENT-1 Phase 1/2 (No prior CT)	Talectrectinib ⁵⁻⁷ TRUST I + II Phase 2			Zidesamtinib ⁸ ARROS-1 Phase 1/2	
				1 prior TKI (C or E)	Prior CT	No prior CT	Any prior TKIs	1 prior TKI (C or E)
Patients, n	40	50	56	113	42	71	117	55
ORR, %	35	34	41	55.8	59.5	53.5	44	51
Median PFS, months	8.5	7.4	8.6	9.7	11.7	9.6	48% at 12 mo	68% at 12 mo
CNS activity IC-ORR	12/24 pts (50%) Measurable + non- measurable	12/13 pts (92.3%) Measurable	5/13 pts (38%) Measurable	21/32 pts (65.6%) Measurable	NR	NR	27/56 pts (48%) Measurable	11/13 pts (85%) Measurable
G2032R ORR	0/6 (0%)	NR	10/17 (59%)	8/13 (61.5%)	NR	NR	14/26 (54%)	5/6 (83%)

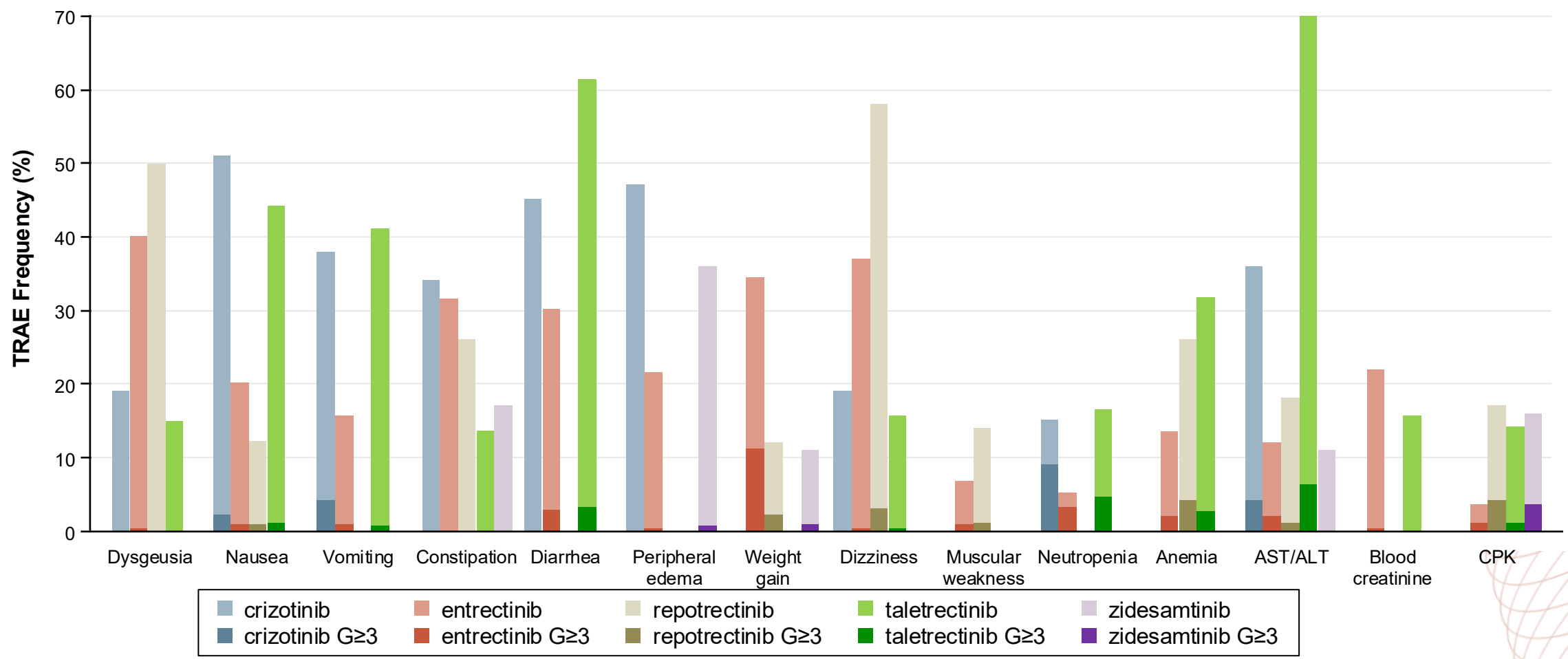
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TOLERANCE PROFILE OF ROS1 TKIs: TRAEs

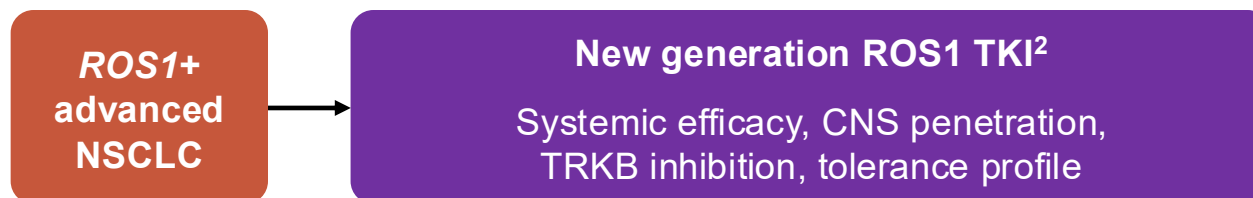
SELECT TRAE (OCCURRING IN ≥ 10% PATIENTS)



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ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate transferase; CPK, creatine phosphokinase; G, grade; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; TRAEs, treatment-related adverse events
Wespiser M, et al. Front Oncol. 2026;16:1739598

NEXT-GENERATION ROS1 TKIs ARE BEING EVALUATED IN THE FRONTLINE SETTING¹

- **As with ALK+ NSCLC, the choice of first-line ROS1 TKI is an important treatment decision**, with implications for the duration of disease control, CNS control and subsequent treatment options
- **The tolerability and safety profile of the selected TKI is also important**, particularly given that patients may require prolonged treatment

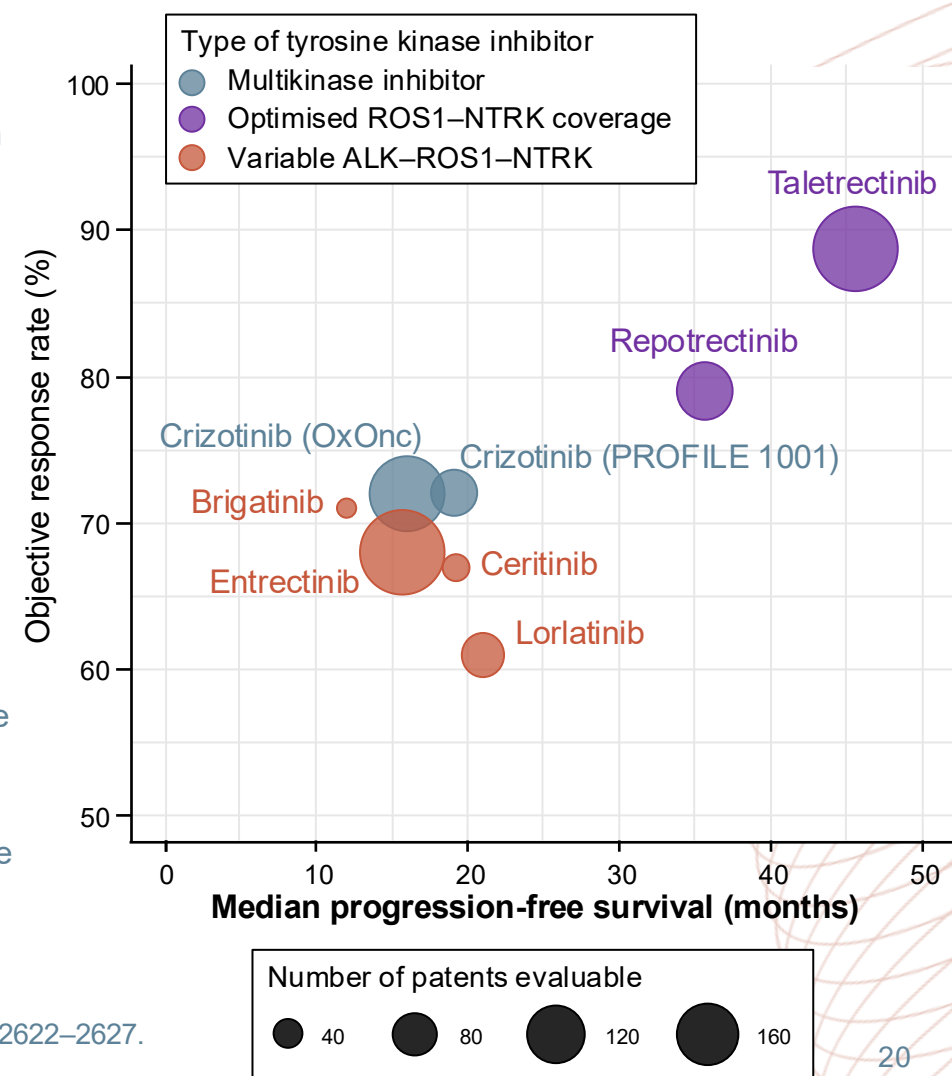


- **Ongoing phase 3 trials in ROS1-TKI-naïve advanced/metastatic NSCLC³:**
 - **NCT04603807**: entrectinib vs. crizotinib in treatment-naïve ROS1-positive advanced/metastatic NSCLC
 - **NCT06140836 (TRIDENT-3)**: repotrectinib vs. crizotinib in ROS1-TKI-naïve advanced/metastatic NSCLC; up to one prior line of systemic therapy permitted
 - **NCT06564324 (TRUST-III)**: taletrectinib vs. crizotinib in ROS1-TKI-naïve advanced/metastatic NSCLC; prior chemotherapy for locally advanced/metastatic disease permitted
- **Adjuvant setting:**
 - **NCT07154706 (TRUST-IV)**: taletrectinib vs. placebo in patients with resected early-stage ROS1-positive NSCLC

CNS, central nervous system; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer;
(m)PFS, (median) progression-free survival; pts, patients; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor

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ORR (y-axis) and mPFS (x-axis) across TKI-naïve patients treated with ROS1 TKIs



SUMMARY

- **The Critical Role of Systematic Testing**

- **Broad Identification:** *ROS1* rearrangements (~2% of NSCLC) occur across all clinical profiles; testing should not be limited by age or smoking history
- **Diagnostic Gold Standard:** While IHC is a valuable rapid screen, **NGS (preferably RNA-based)** is essential for definitive identification and characterisation of fusion partners
- **Tissue Stewardship:** Prioritising broad molecular profiling ensures these rare but highly actionable drivers are not missed in the first-line setting

- **Evolution of the Treatment Landscape**

- **1st-Generation TKIs:** Established the targeted approach but are limited by the eventual development of resistance mutations (e.g. G2032R) and poor CNS (brain) penetration
- **Next-Generation TKIs:** Represent the new standard of care, specifically engineered to overcome 1st-generation resistance and provide improved intracranial activity to manage/prevent brain metastases



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