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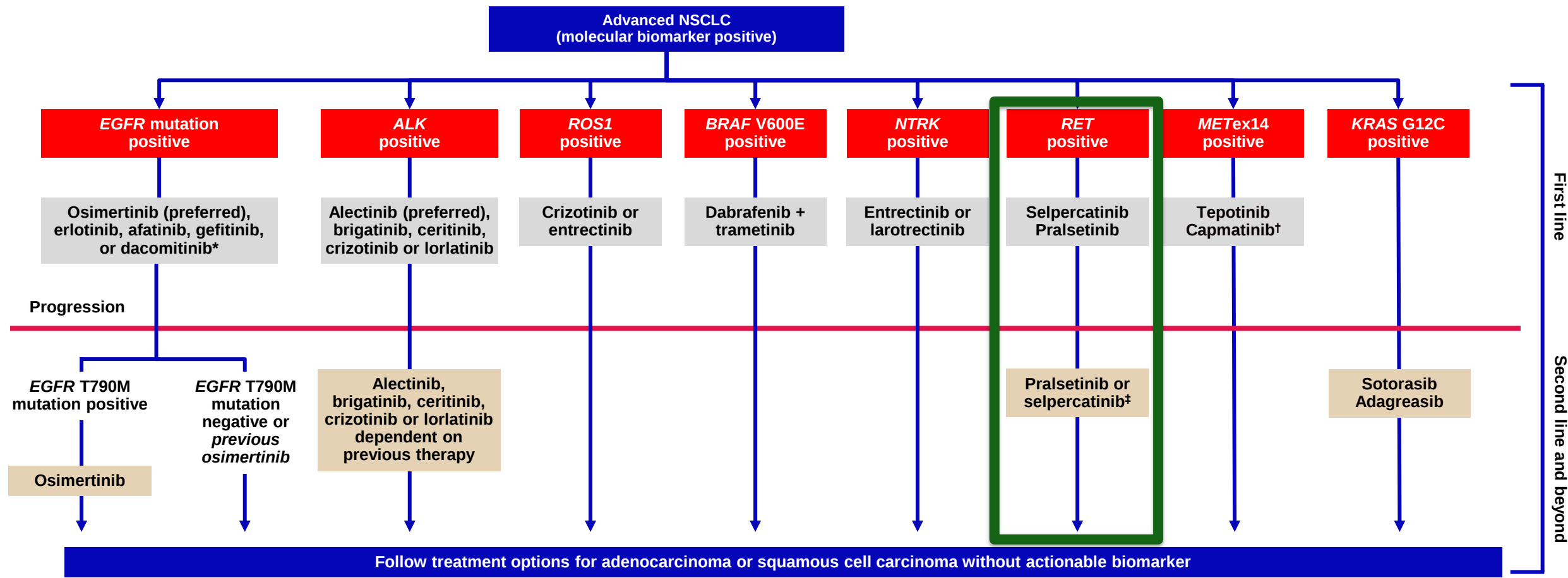
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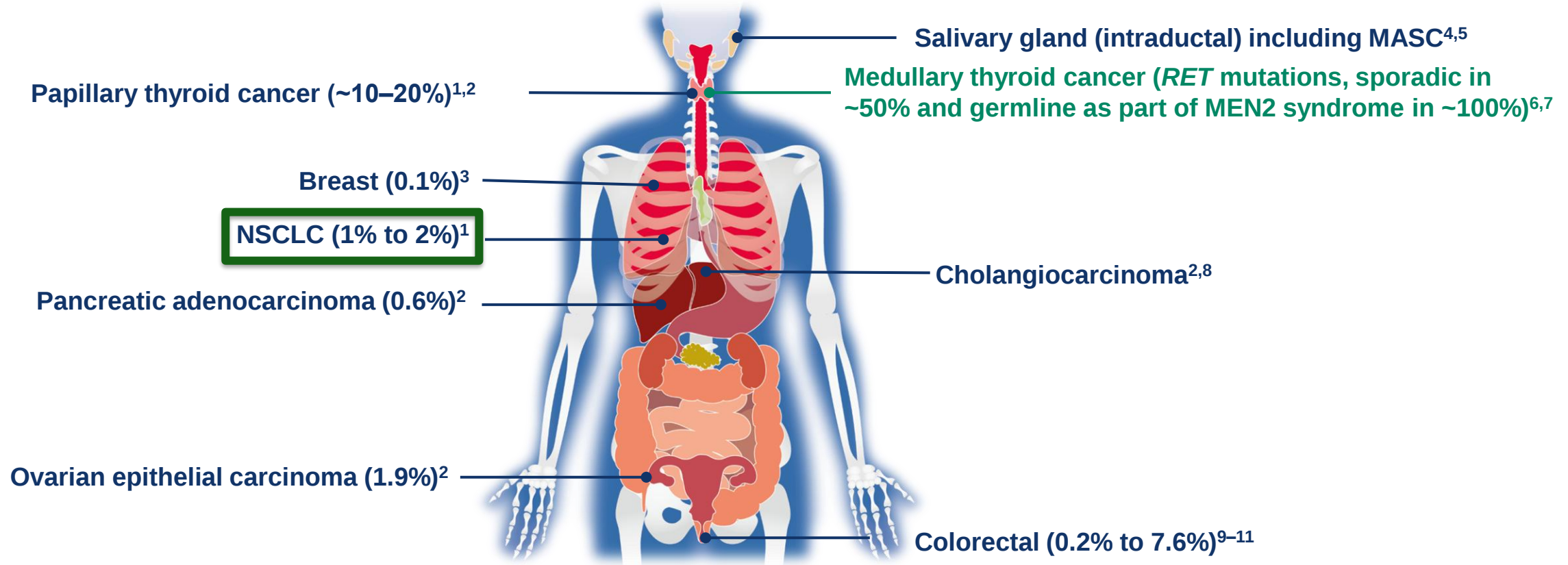
# Current Treatment Paradigm for Molecular Biomarker–Positive Advanced NSCLC



\*Afatinib, dacomitinib, erlotinib, gefitinib, osimertinib approved for *EGFR* exon19del, exon 21 L858R; afatinib for *EGFR* G719X, S768I, L861Q.

†Capmatinib is not currently approved in Europe. ‡Following prior treatment with immunotherapy and/or platinum-based chemotherapy.

# RET Fusions are Oncogenic Drivers in Multiple Tumor Types



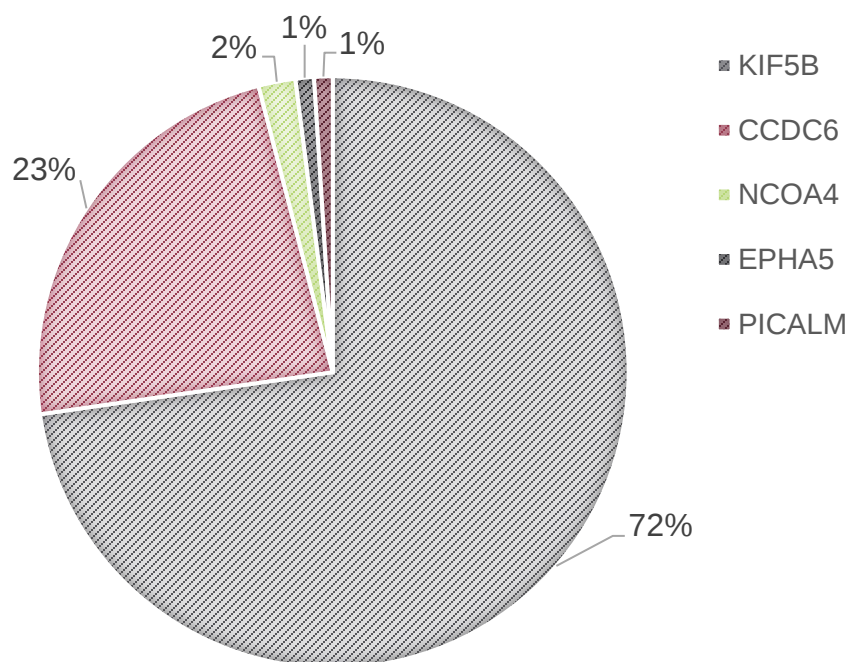
- Standard therapies provide limited benefit for patients with *RET* fusion-positive tumors<sup>12–16</sup>
- Outcomes with immunotherapies in patients with *RET* fusion-positive NSCLC are poor<sup>17–20</sup>

The prevalence of *RET* fusion is shown. MASC, mammary analog secretory carcinoma of the salivary gland; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; *RET*, rearranged during transfection.

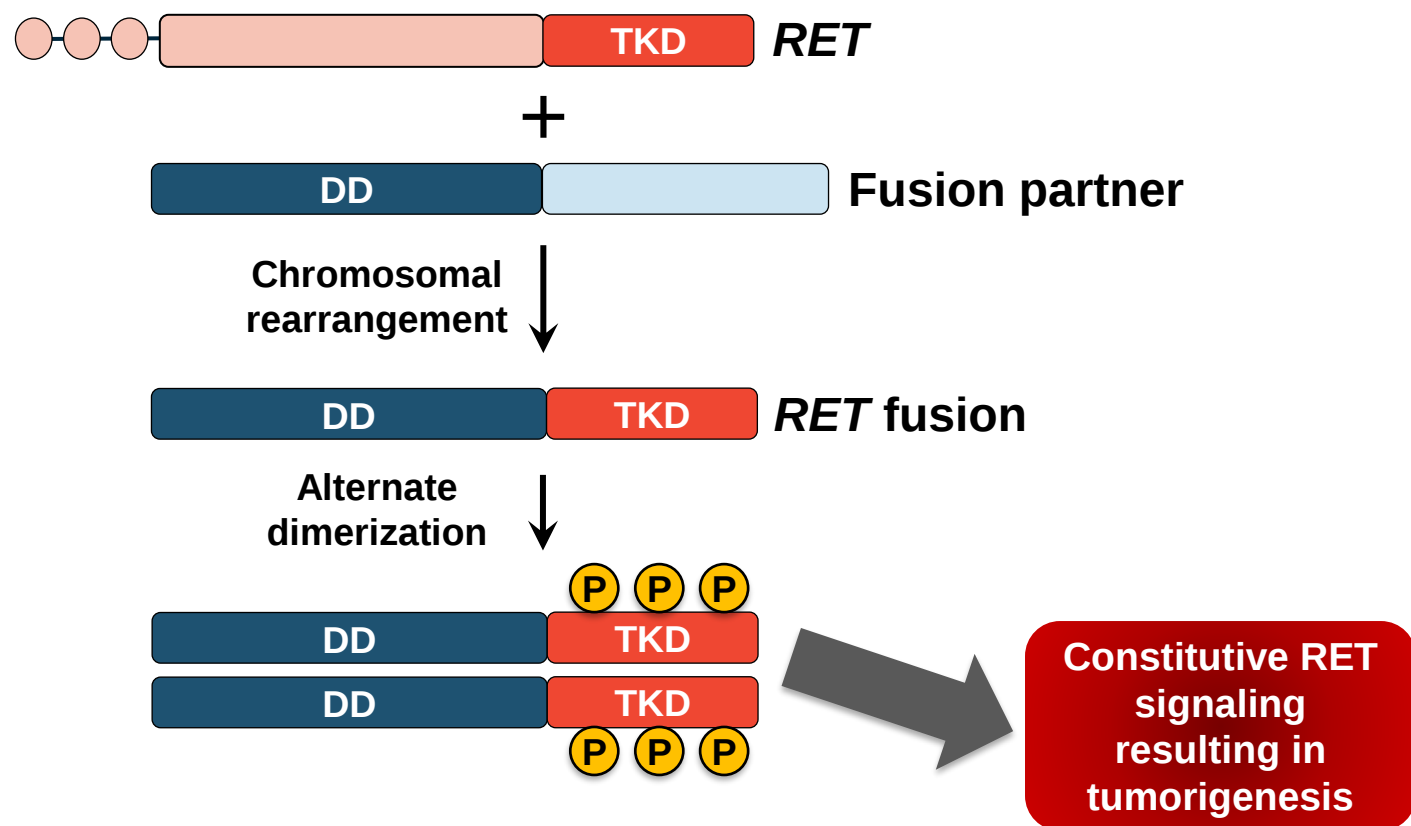
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# Pathobiology of *RET* in NSCLC

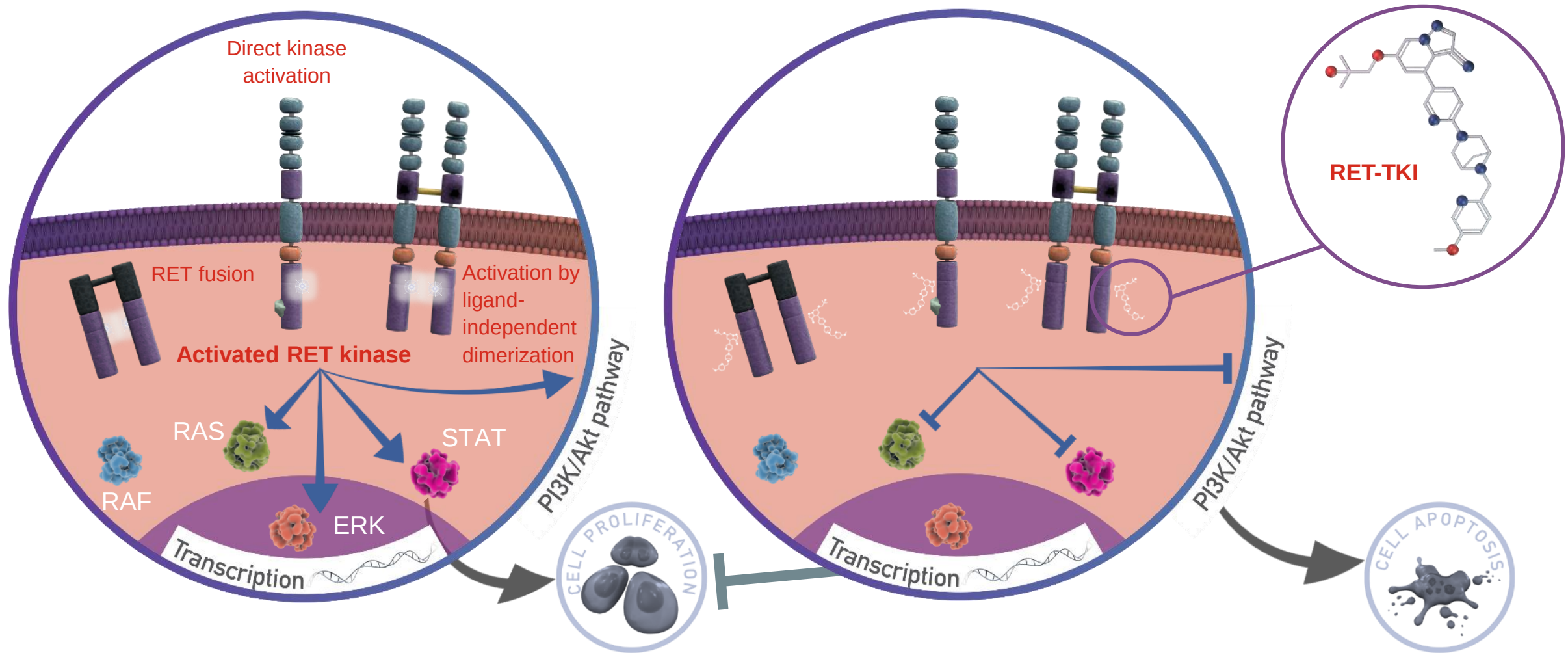
## Common Fusion Partners<sup>1</sup>



## *RET* Fusions<sup>2</sup>

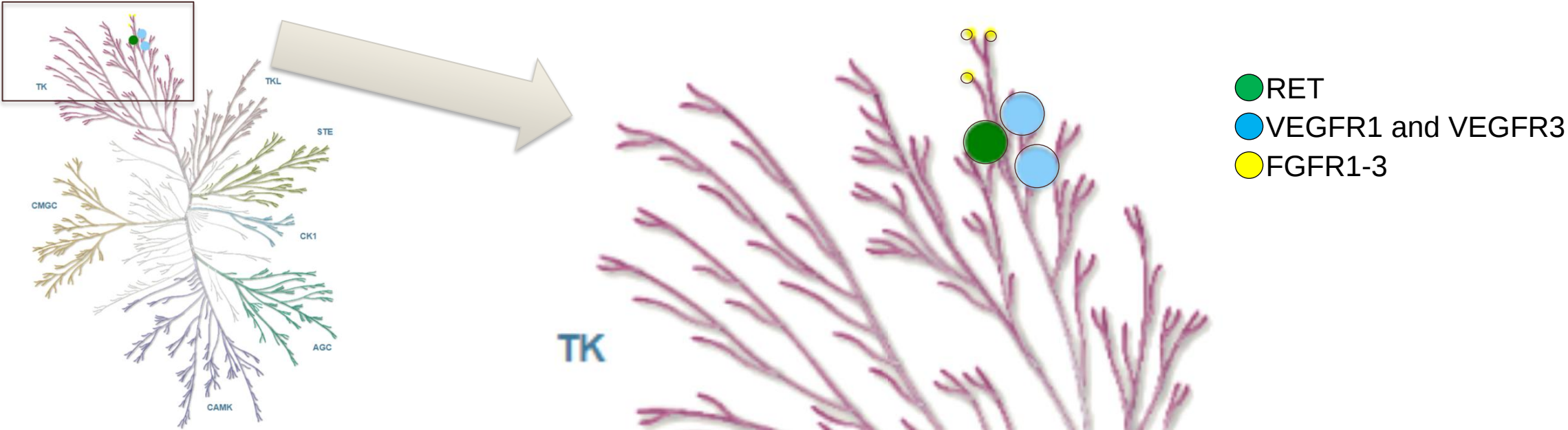


# Mechanism of Action of RET-TKIs



Akt, protein kinase B; ERK, extracellular signal-regulated kinase; PI3K; phosphoinositide 3-kinase; RAF, rapidly accelerated fibrosarcoma; RAS, rat sarcoma; RET, rearranged during transfection; STAT, signal transducer and activator of transcription.

# Selpercatinib is a Highly Selective RET Inhibitor



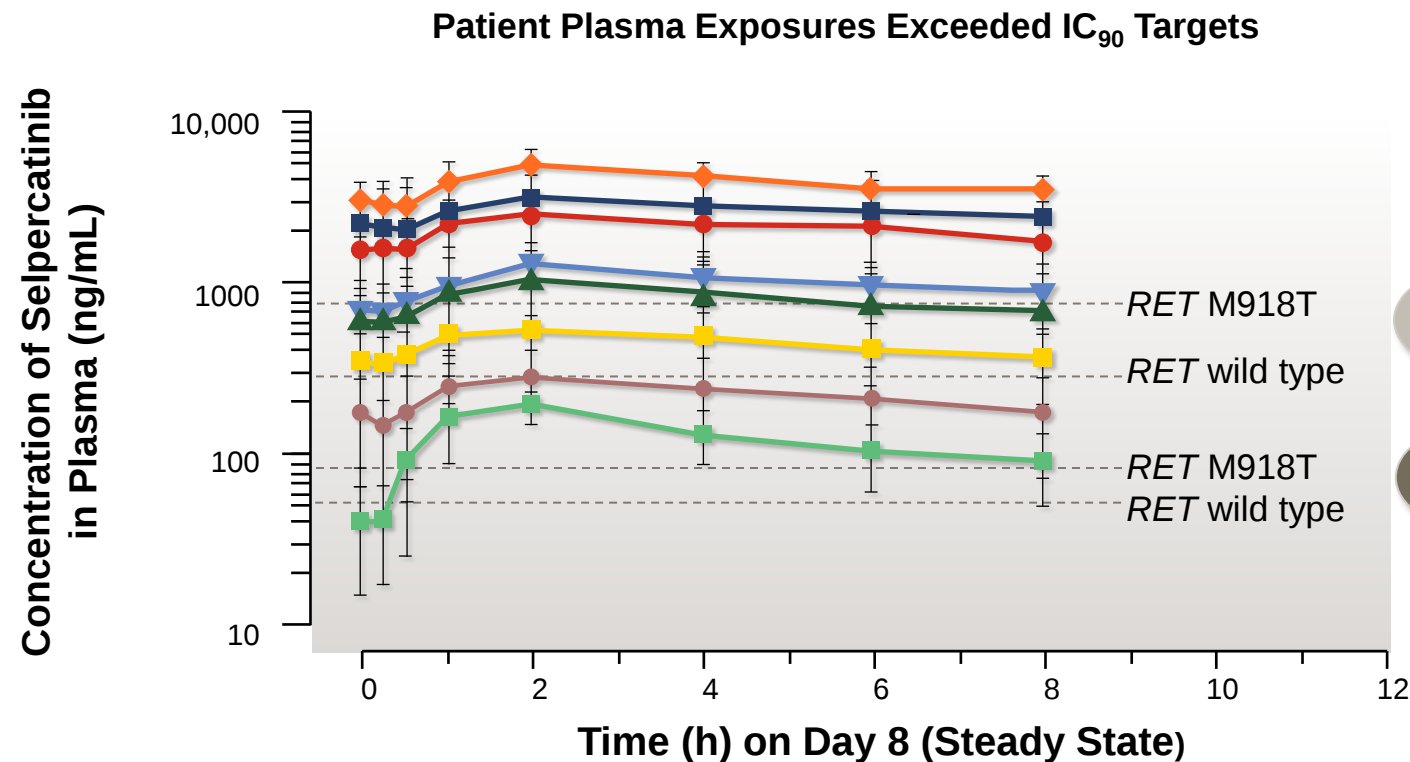
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| Enzyme Assay 1<br>mM ATP | RET      | RET<br>V804M | RET<br>V804L | RET<br>M918T | RET<br>S891A | RET<br>L790F | RET<br>A883F | VEGFR1 | VEGFR3 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| IC50 (nM)                | 2.8-17.3 | 6.4-36.7     | 30.5         | 1.5-28.7     | 32.9         | 0.92         | 67.8         | 27.7   | 11.9   |

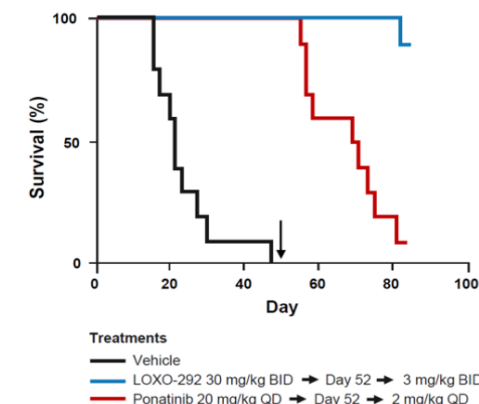
| Cellular Assay | KIF5B-RET | VEGFR2 | VEGFR3 | FGFR1    | FGFR2 |
|----------------|-----------|--------|--------|----------|-------|
| IC50 (nM)      | 3.3-4     | 683    | 33     | 248-1286 | 242   |

# Selpercatinib is a Potent RET Inhibitor

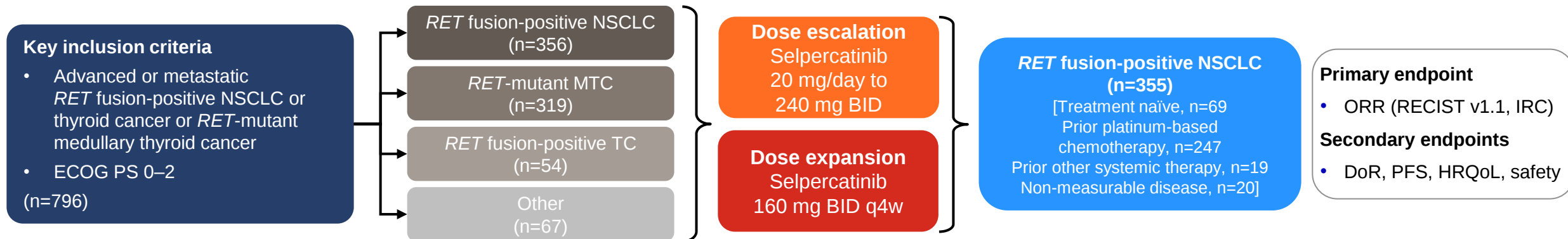
## LIBRETTO-001: Phase 1 Pharmacokinetics



- 240 mg BID (Cohort 8, n=5)
- 160 mg BID (Cohort 7, n=12)
- 120 mg BID (Cohort 6, n=4)
- 80 mg BID (Cohort 5, n=17)
- 60 mg BID (Cohort 4, n=10)
- 40 mg BID (Cohort 3, n=16)
- 20 mg BID (Cohort 2, n=9)
- 20 mg QD (Cohort 1, n=5)



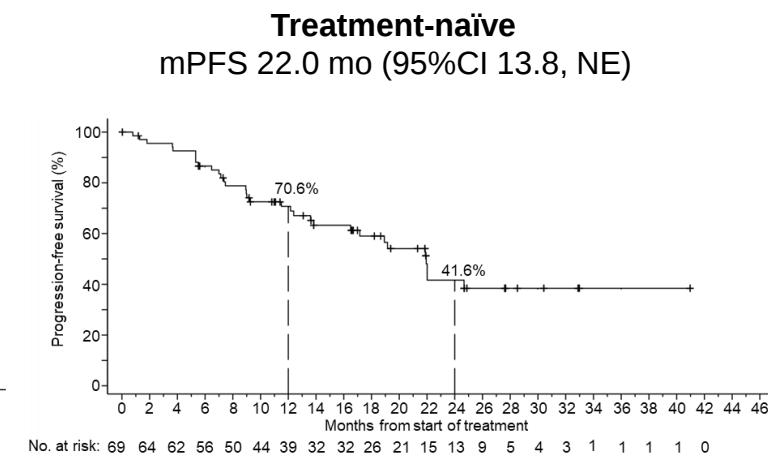
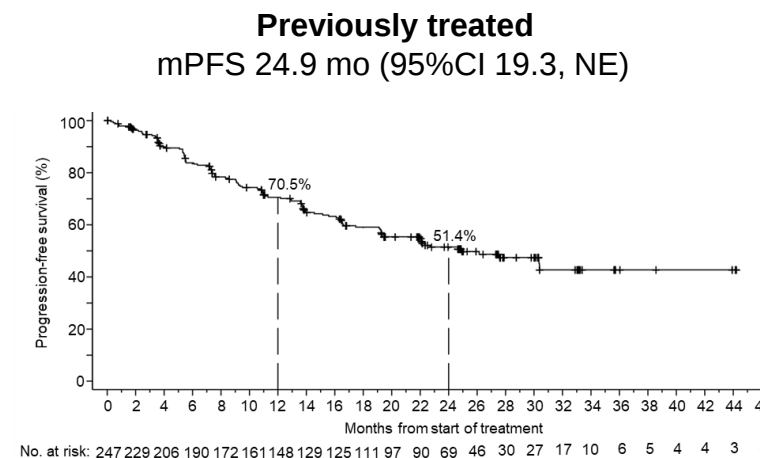
# LIBRETTO-001: Selpercatinib



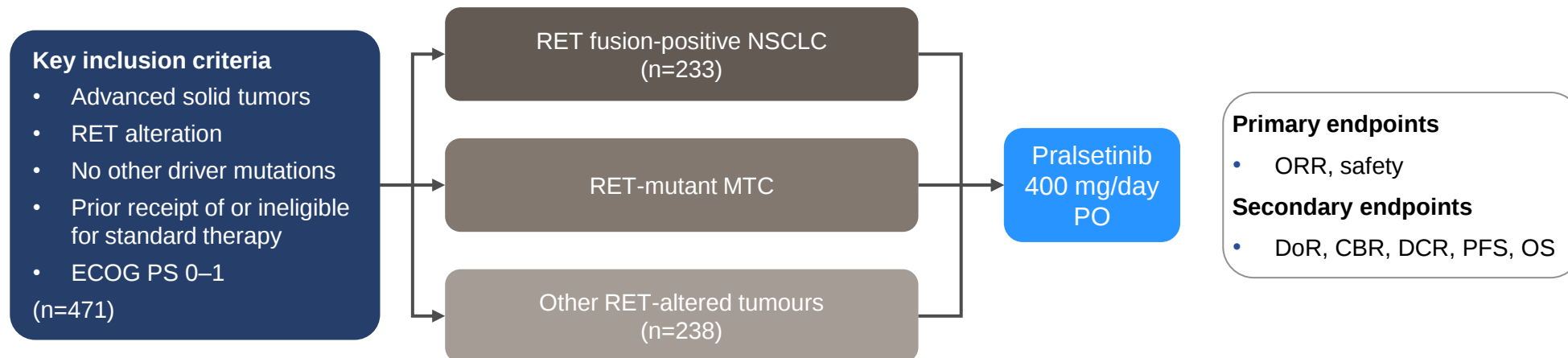
## Objective response rate

## Progression-free survival

| 15 June 2021 cut-off | Previously treated (n=247) | Treatment-naïve (n=69) |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| ORR, n (%)           | 151 (61.1)                 | 58 (84.1)              |
| [95%CI]              | [54.7, 67.2]               | [73.3, 91.8]           |



# ARROW: Pralsetinib



## Objective response rate<sup>1</sup>

| 22 May 2020 cut-off | Previously treated (n=136)      | Treatment-naïve (n=75)          |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ORR, n (%) [95%CI]  | 80 ( <b>58.8</b> ) [50.1, 67.2] | 54 ( <b>72.0</b> ) [60.4, 81.8] |
| BOR, n (%)          |                                 |                                 |
| CR                  | 7 (5.1)                         | 4 (5.3)                         |
| PR                  | 73 (53.7)                       | 50 (66.7)                       |

## Progression-free survival<sup>2</sup>

| 22 May 2020 cut-off  | Previously treated (n=136) | Treatment-naïve (n=75) |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| mPFS, months (95%CI) | <b>16.5</b> (10.5, 24.1)   | <b>13.0</b> (9.1, NR)  |



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## First-Line Selpercatinib or Chemotherapy and Pembrolizumab in *RET* Fusion–Positive NSCLC

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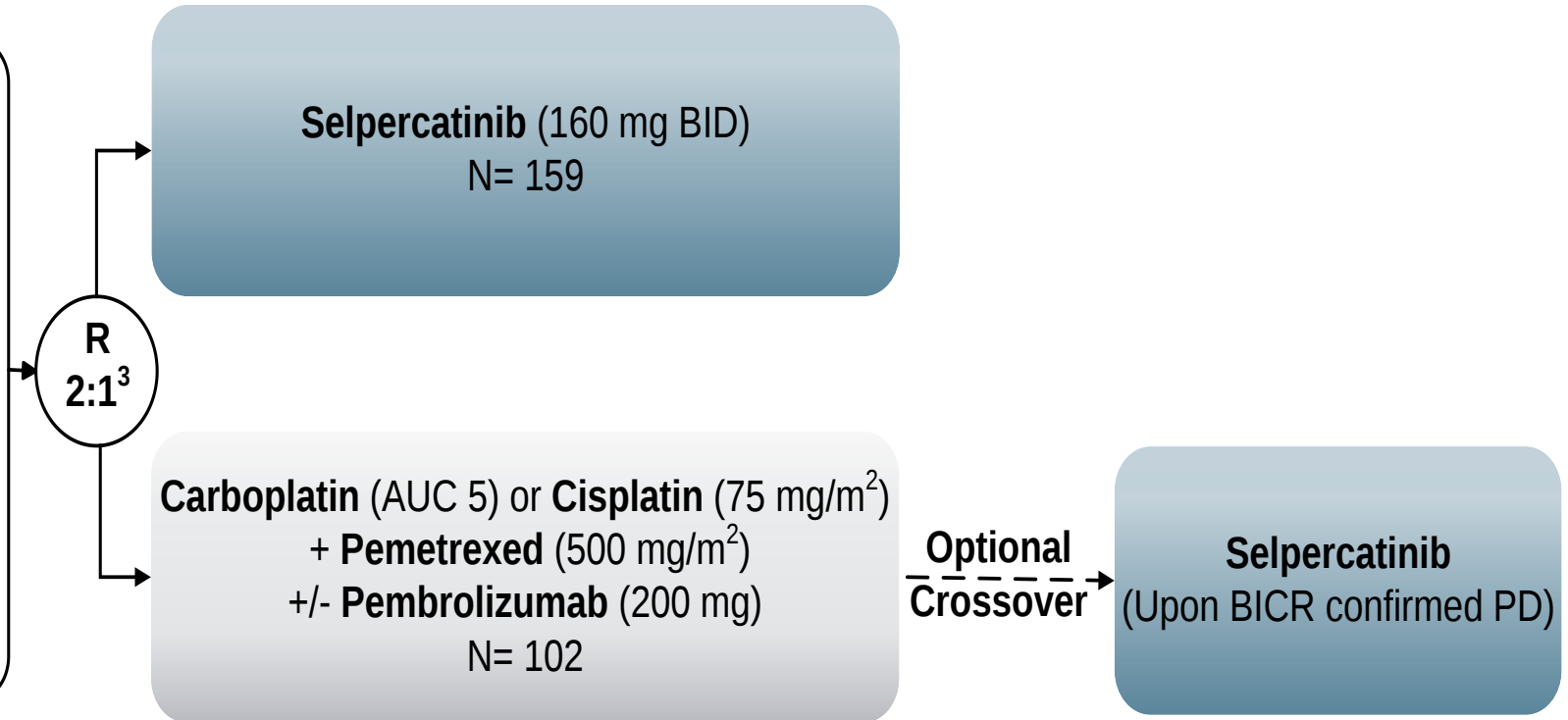
# LIBRETTO-431 phase 3 open-label study design

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Stage IIIB-IIIC<sup>1</sup>, IV non-squamous NSCLC
- No prior systemic therapy for metastatic disease
- *RET* fusion identified via NGS or PCR
- ECOG PS 0-2
- Symptomatic CNS metastases excluded

## Stratification factors:

- Geography (East Asian vs. non-East Asian)
- Brain metastases (present vs. absent/unknown)<sup>2</sup>
- Investigator's choice of treatment with pembrolizumab



**Gated Primary Endpoints:** PFS by blinded independent central review (BICR) in ITT-Pembrolizumab<sup>4</sup> and ITT population

**Secondary Endpoints:**

- **Efficacy** ([OS, ORR, DOR], CNS [ORR, DOR, time to progression]<sup>5</sup>)
- **Safety**
- **Patient Reported Outcomes** (NSCLC-SAQ [tertiary endpoint EORTC QLQ-C30])

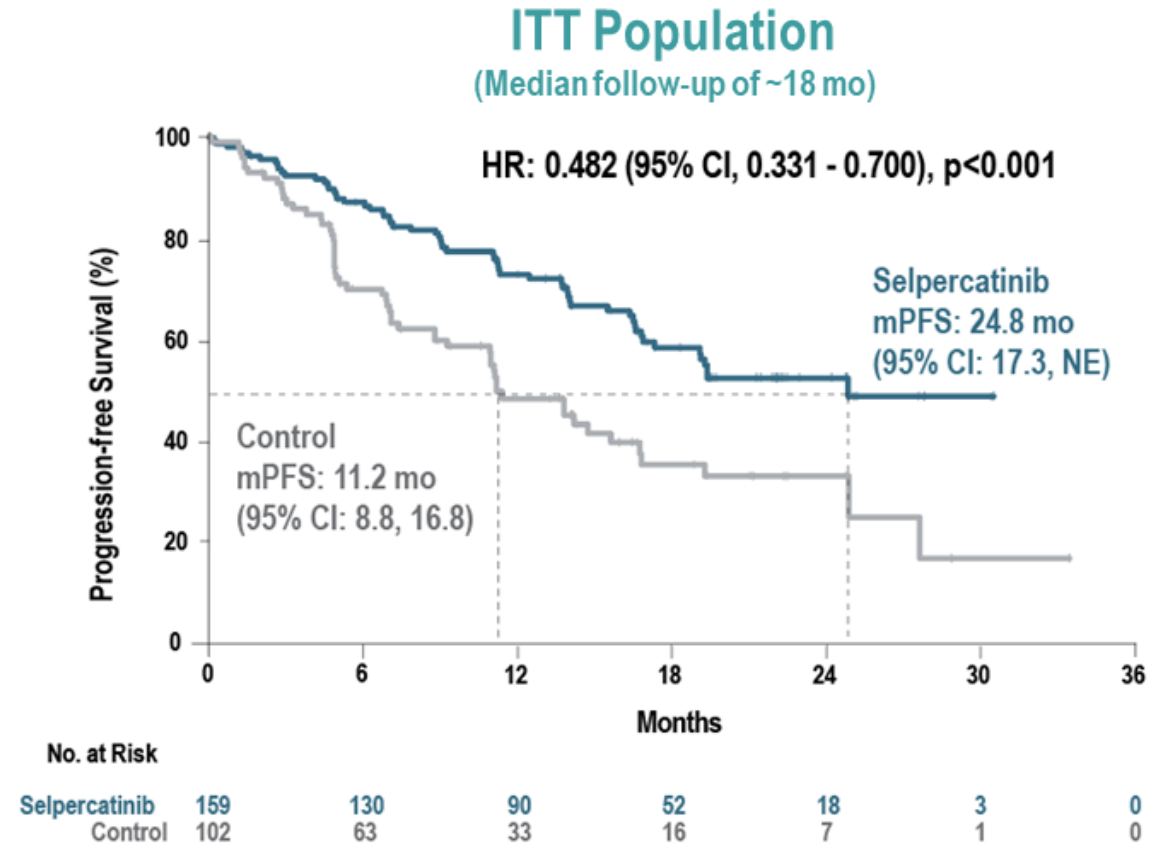
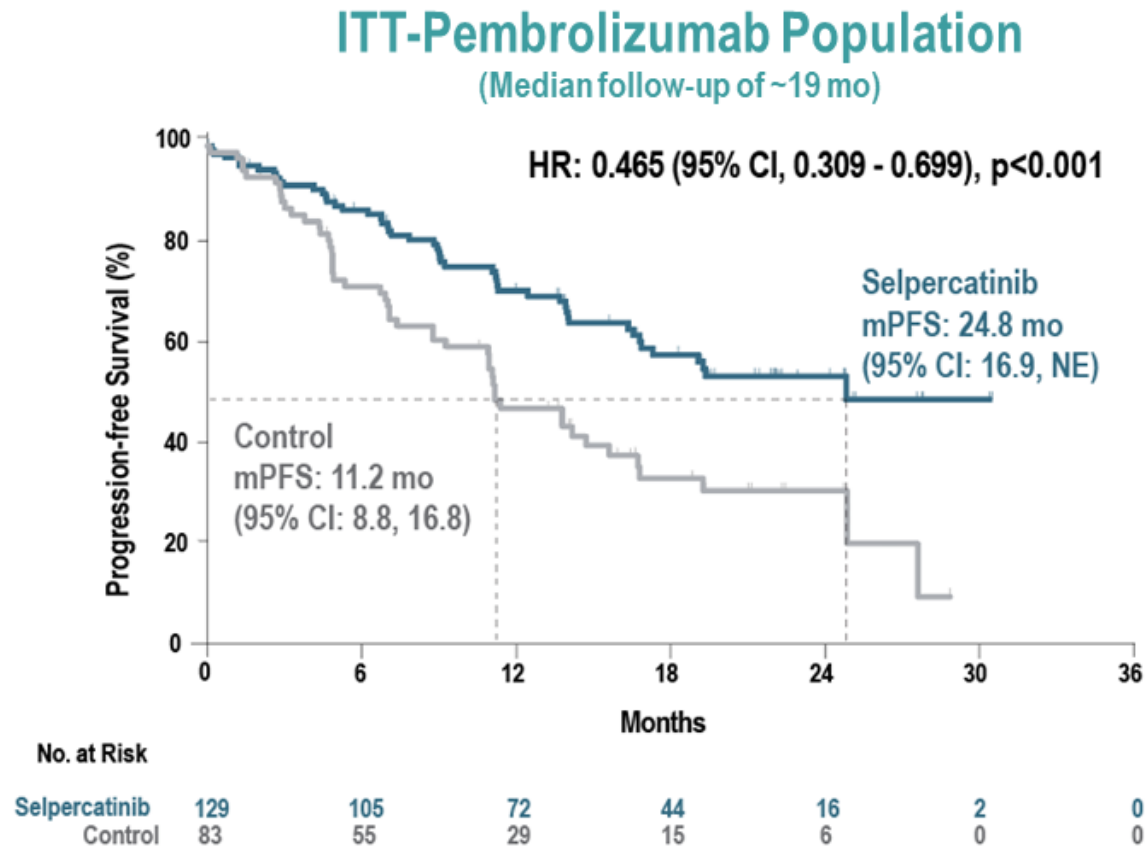
<sup>1</sup> Not suitable for radical surgery or radiation therapy ; <sup>2</sup> Investigator assessed

<sup>3</sup> The initial randomization ratio was 1:1, but amended to 2:1

<sup>4</sup> ITT-Pembrolizumab are patients stratified with investigator intent to receive chemotherapy with pembrolizumab and per protocol had to be at least 80% of the ITT population

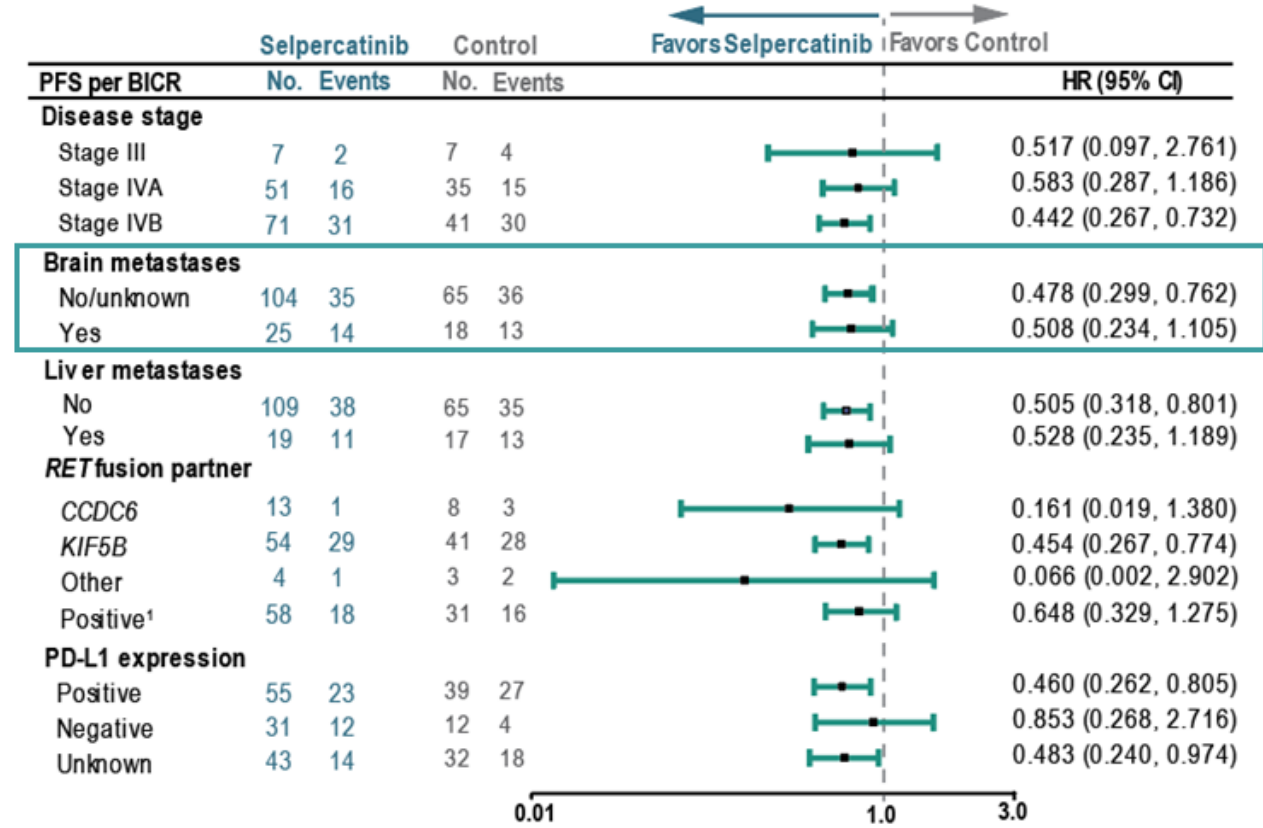
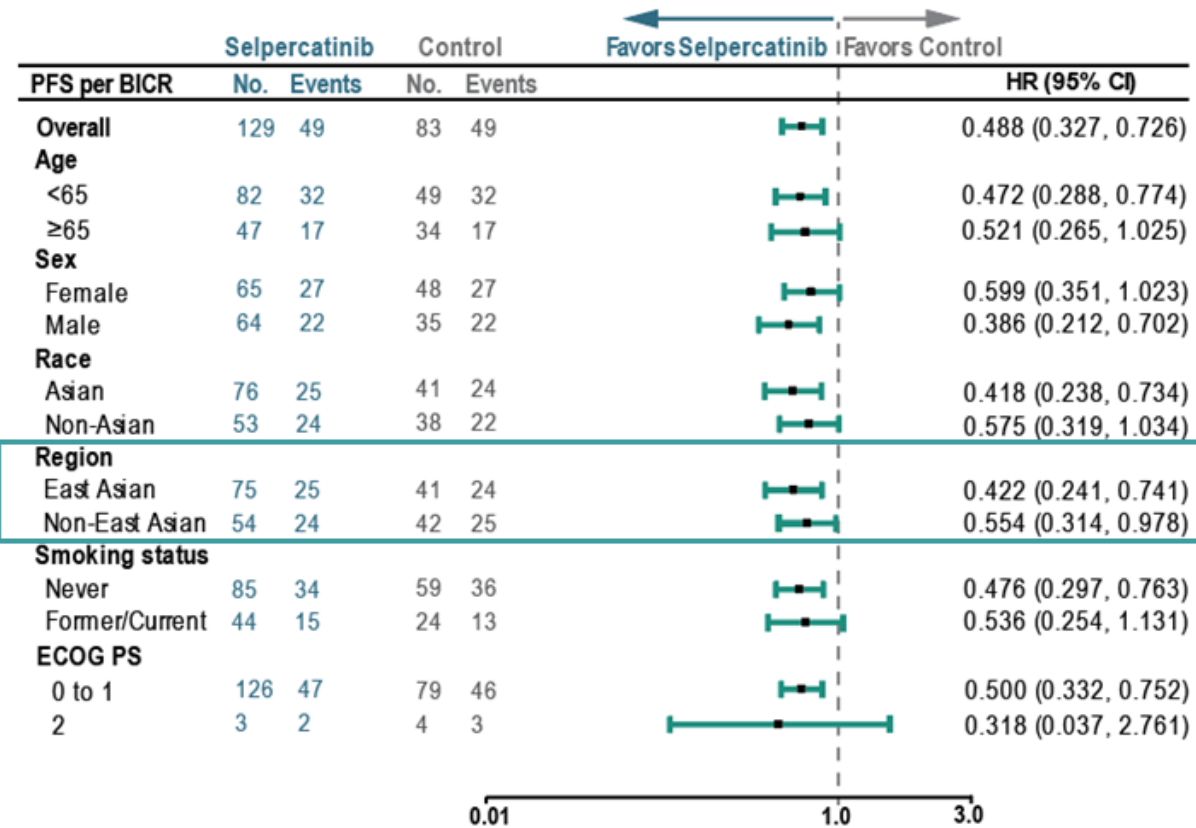
<sup>5</sup> Baseline and longitudinal intracranial scans were required for all patients following an amendment. Prior to the amendment, longitudinal intracranial scans were required if patients had known CNS metastases at baseline

# Progression-free survival (PFS) assessed by BICR



The primary endpoints were met, as selpercatinib resulted in a statistically significant improvement in PFS in both pre-specified populations

# Consistent PFS Benefit by BICR – All Preplanned Subgroups



# Systemic ORR, DOR, OS and Intracranial ORR and DOR

## Systemic Outcomes

|                         | Selpercatinib<br>N= 129 | Control<br>N= 83 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| ORR, %                  | 83.7                    | 65.1             |
| Median DOR, mo (95% CI) | 24.2 (17.9, NE)         | 11.5 (9.7, 23.3) |

Overall Survival immature (censoring rate ~80%) and confounded by crossover (75% effective rate)<sup>1</sup>:  
HR 0.961 (95% CI: 0.503, 1.835)

**Overall response rate by RECIST 1.1 was higher and responses were more durable with selpercatinib**

## Intracranial Outcomes<sup>2</sup>

|                                         | Selpercatinib<br>N= 17 | Control<br>N= 12  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Intracranial ORR, %                     | 82.4                   | 58.3              |
| Intracranial CR, %                      | 35.3                   | 16.7              |
| 12-mo Intracranial DOR Rate, % (95% CI) | 76.0 (42.2, 91.6)      | 62.5 (14.2, 89.3) |
| Median Intracranial PFS, mo (95% CI)    | 16.1 (8.8, NE)         | 10.4 (3.8, NE)    |

**In patients with measurable CNS disease at baseline, selpercatinib demonstrated improved outcomes in:**

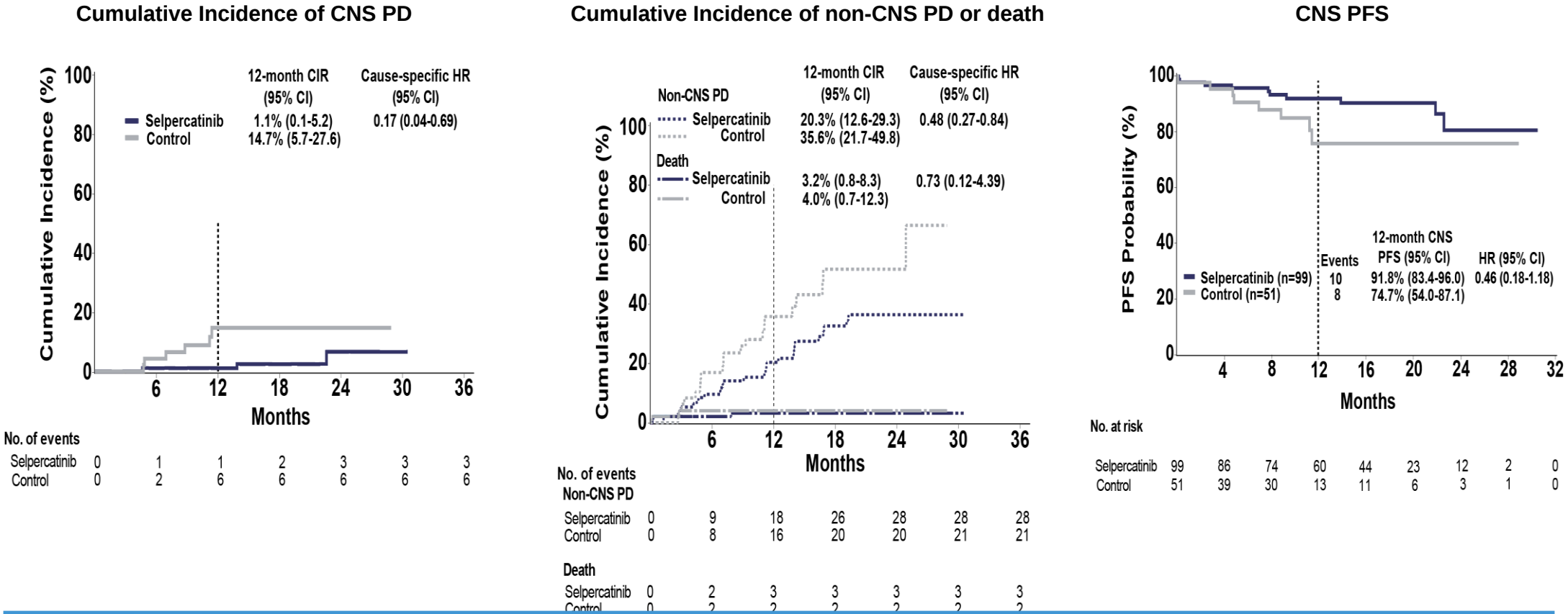
- **intracranial response rate by RECIST 1.1 including complete responses, and DOR**
- **intracranial PFS**

<sup>1</sup> Effective crossover rate: patients who discontinued from control treatment and received a selective RET inhibitor on or off study

<sup>2</sup> In patients with measurable CNS disease at baseline.

# Intracranial Outcomes with/without baseline CNS metastasis

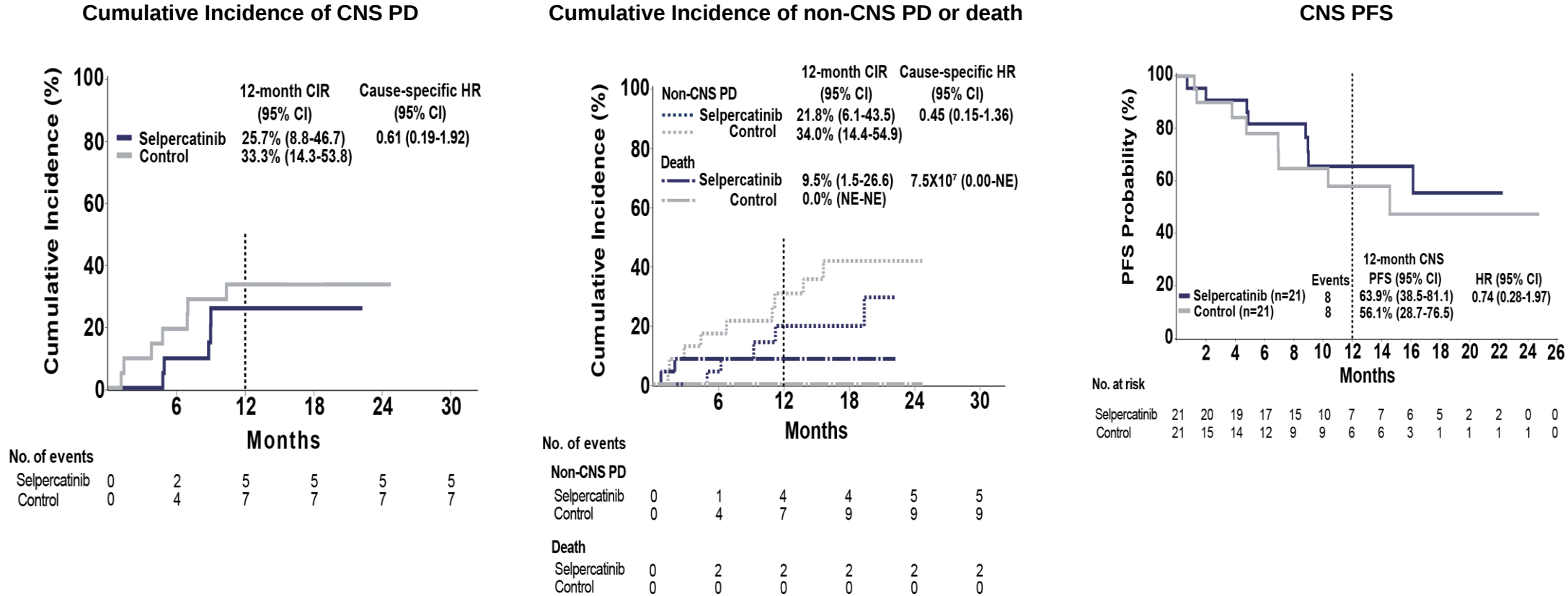
## Cumulative incidence rates and intracranial PFS in the CNS-pembro population without baseline CNS metastases



In patients without baseline CNS disease, the 12-mo CIR of CNS PD was 1.1% with selpercatinib vs 14.7% with control (cause-specific HR: 0.17 [95%CI: 0.04-0.69]).

# Intracranial Outcomes with/without baseline CNS metastasis

## Cumulative incidence rates and intracranial PFS in CNS-pembro population with baseline CNS metastases



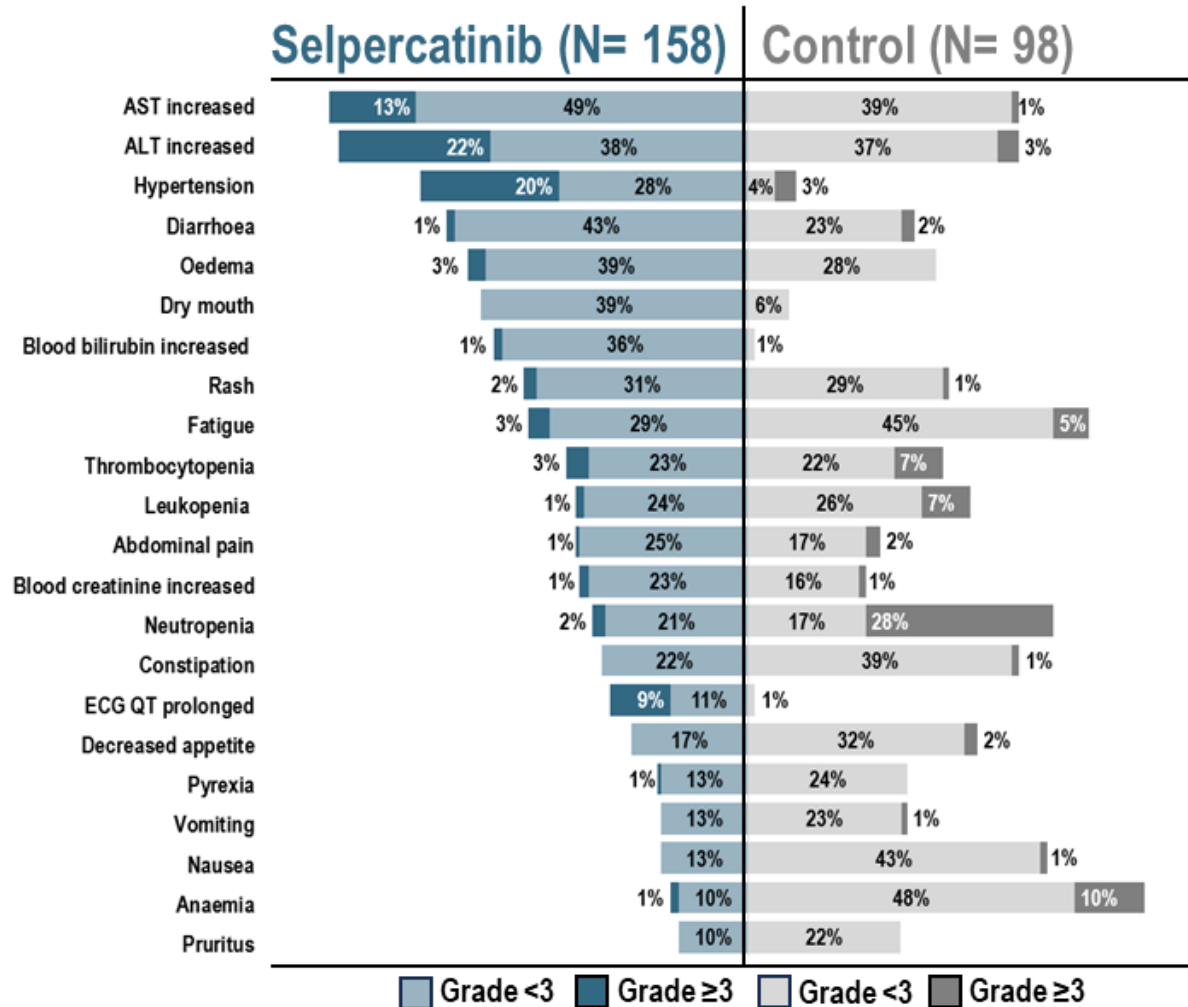
In patients with baseline CNS disease, the 12-mo CIR of CNS PD was 25.7% with selpercatinib vs 33.3% with control (cause-specific HR:0.61 [95%CI:0.19-1.92])

# Outcome according to fusion partner

| Factors                                                | PFS                     | ORR                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                        | Hazard Ratio (95% CI)   | Odds Ratio (95% CI)     |
| Age (< 65 years vs ≥ 65 years)                         | <b>1.10</b> (0.82-1.48) | <b>0.99</b> (0.61-1.58) |
| Sex (Male vs Female)                                   | <b>0.96</b> (0.71-1.30) | <b>1.44</b> (0.90-2.33) |
| Region of Enrollment (East Asian vs non-East Asian)    | <b>0.99</b> (0.74-1.33) | <b>0.78</b> (0.49-1.24) |
| Smoking Status (Never smoker vs Current/Former smoker) | <b>1.12</b> (0.81-1.55) | <b>0.65</b> (0.39-1.11) |
| ECOG PS (0 vs Other)                                   | <b>0.62</b> (0.46-0.85) | <b>1.65</b> (1.00-2.71) |
| Liver Metastases (Yes vs No)                           | <b>0.51</b> (0.38-0.67) | <b>1.37</b> (0.86-2.19) |
| <b>RET Fusion (KIF5B vs CCDC6)</b>                     | <b>0.43</b> (0.29-0.64) | <b>2.67</b> (1.41-5.03) |

| Fusion Partner | mPFS, mo<br>(95%CI)        | ORR, [n/N]<br>%                         |                                        |                                        | mDOR, mo<br>(95%CI)        |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                | Overall<br>N=415           | Overall<br>N=415                        | Prior Treatment<br>n=263               | Treatment Naïve<br>n=152               | Overall<br>N=415           |
| KIF5B-RET      | <b>19.4</b><br>(17.1-22.7) | [194/297]<br><b>65.3</b><br>(59.6-70.7) | [96/179]<br><b>53.6</b><br>(46.0-61.1) | [98/118]<br><b>83.1</b><br>(75.0-89.3) | <b>20.3</b><br>(17.5-23.9) |
| CCDC6-RET      | <b>NR</b><br>(33.0-NR)     | [73/88]<br><b>83.0</b><br>(73.4-90.1)   | [47/61]<br><b>77.0</b><br>(64.5-86.8)  | [26/27]<br><b>96.3</b><br>(81.0-99.9)  | <b>NR</b><br>(28.5-NR)     |
| OTHER-RET      | <b>16.9</b><br>(7.5-NR)    | [16/30]<br><b>53.3</b><br>(34.3-71.7)   | [10/23]<br><b>43.5</b><br>(23.2-65.5)  | [6/7]<br><b>85.7</b><br>(42.1-99.6)    | <b>17.6</b><br>(5.6-NR)    |

# Safety



Any grade treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) occurring in ≥20% of patients in either study arm

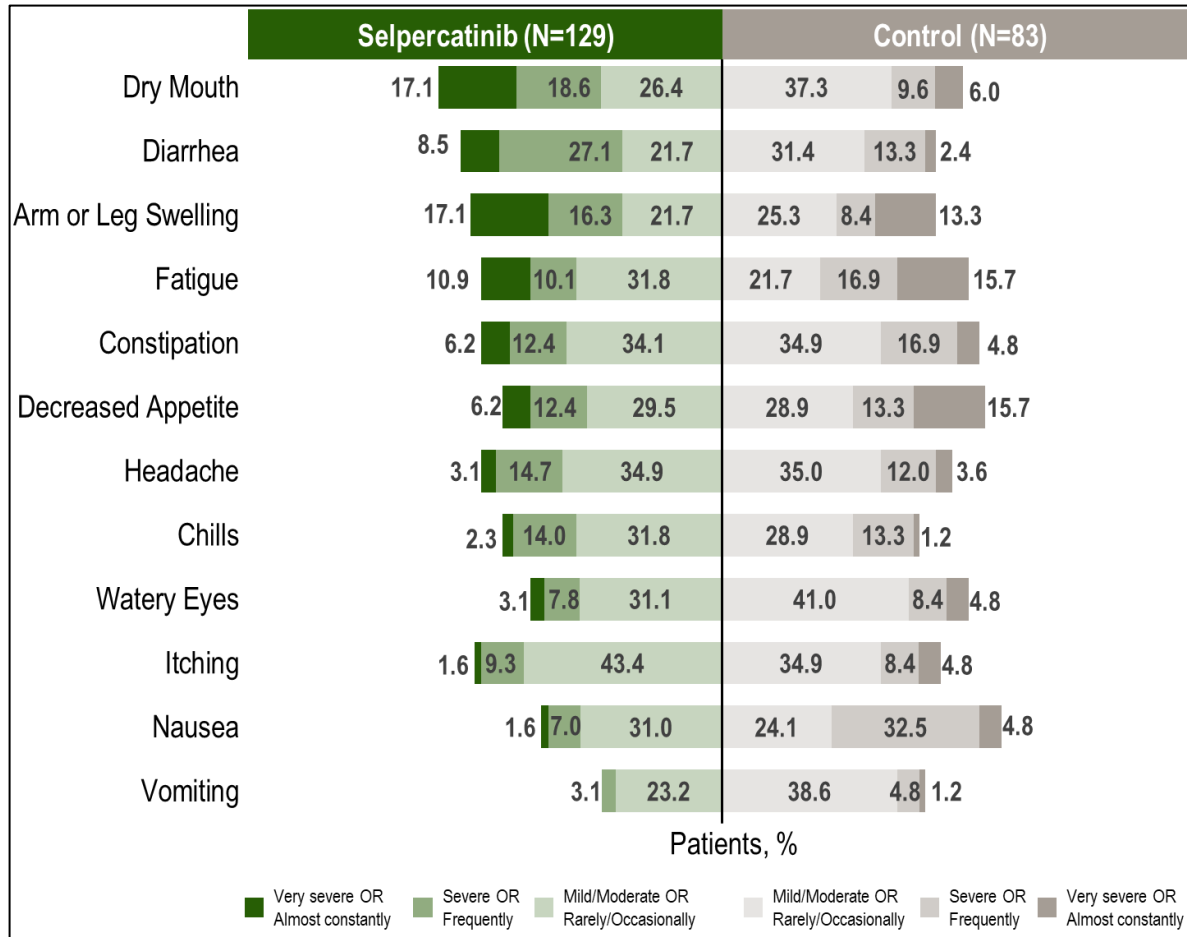
- Median time on selpercatinib was approximately 70% longer than control (16.7 vs 9.8 months)
- TEAEs observed with selpercatinib were generally consistent with those previously reported, and the majority were managed with dose modifications

|                                            | Selpercatinib<br>N= 158 | Control<br>N= 98 |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Median time on treatment, months ± SD      | 16.7 ± 8.3              | 9.8 ± 7.2        |
| Any AE, n (%)                              | 158 (100.0)             | 97 (99.0)        |
| AE Grade ≥3                                | 111 (70.3)              | 56 (57.1)        |
| Deaths due to AE, n (%)                    | 7 (4.4)                 | 0                |
| Related AE (malnutrition and sudden death) | 2 (1.3)                 | 0                |
| AEs leading to discontinuation, n (%)      | 16 (10.1)               | 2 (2.0)          |
| AEs leading to any dose adjustment, n (%)  | 123 (77.8)              | 74 (75.5)        |
| AEs leading to dose reduction              | 81 (51.3)               | 28 (28.6)        |

Data shown are from all patients who received at least one dose of study treatment

# Patient Reported Adverse Events

## PRO-CTCAE: Symptomatic AEs



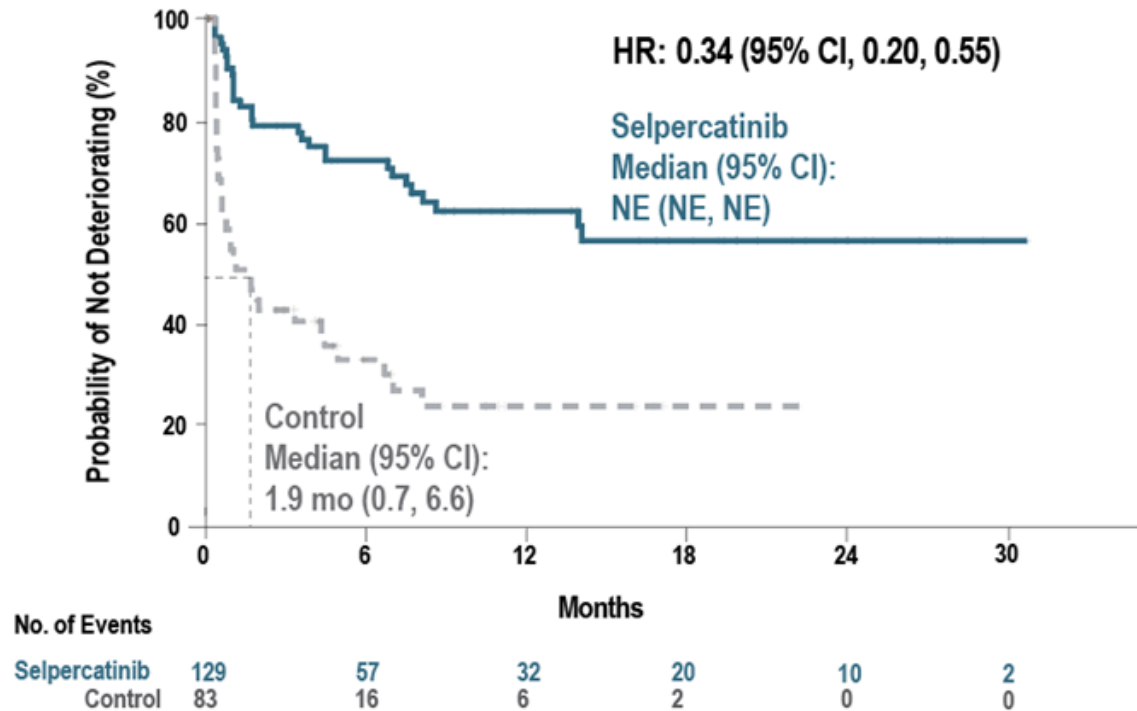
- Dry mouth, diarrhea, and arm or leg swelling were reported at a higher level of severity or frequency in the selpercatinib arm.
- Fatigue, decreased appetite, and nausea were reported at a higher level of severity or frequency in the control arm.

PRO-CTCAE, Patient-Reported Outcomes of Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events, data shown as Baseline Adjusted Worst Scores during on-treatment study period

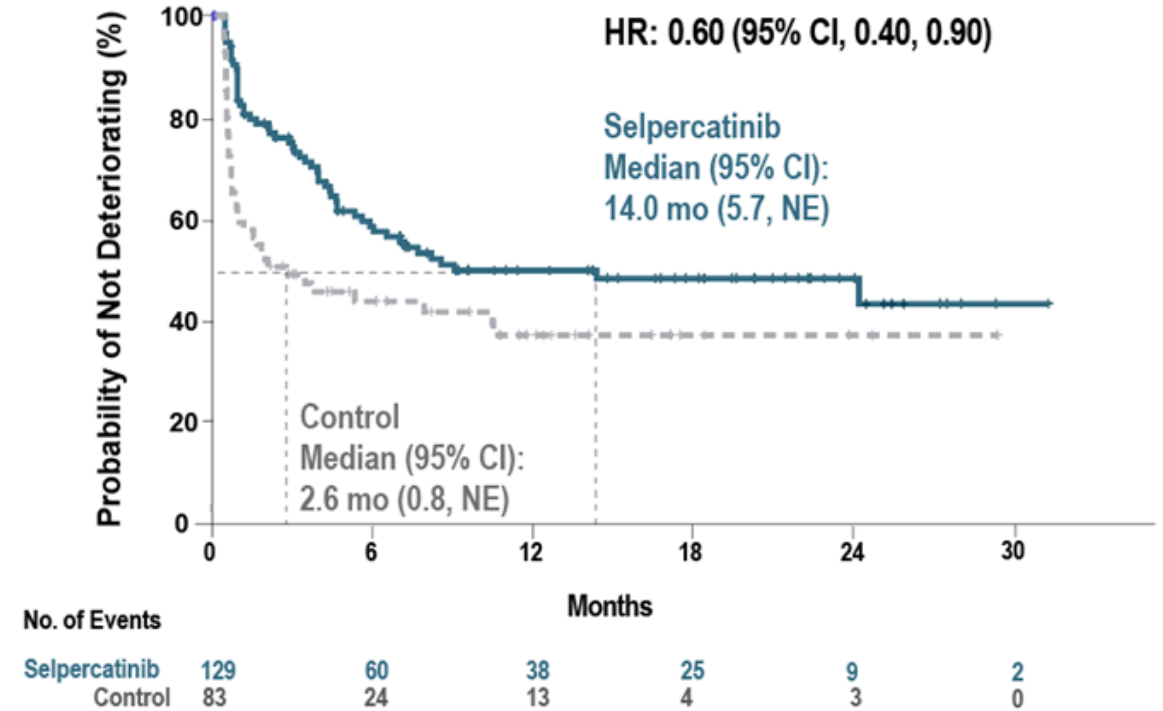
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# Time to deterioration of pulmonary symptoms and physical function

## NSCLC-SAQ - Pulmonary Symptoms<sup>1</sup>



## EORTC QLQ-C30 - Physical Function<sup>2</sup>



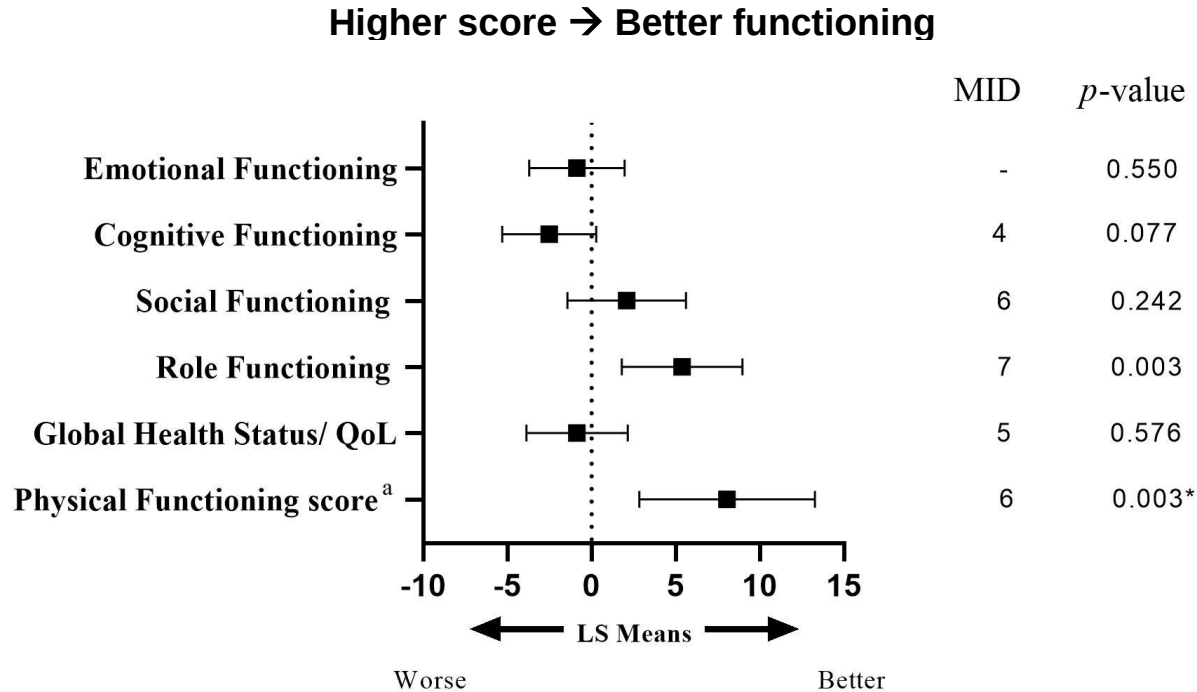
**Selpercatinib delayed time to deterioration of pulmonary symptoms and overall physical function**

<sup>1</sup>Clinically meaningful change for deterioration of pulmonary symptoms using a  $\geq 2$  points increase in NSCLC-SAQ total scores (range from 0 [no symptoms] to 20 [worst symptoms]) from baseline

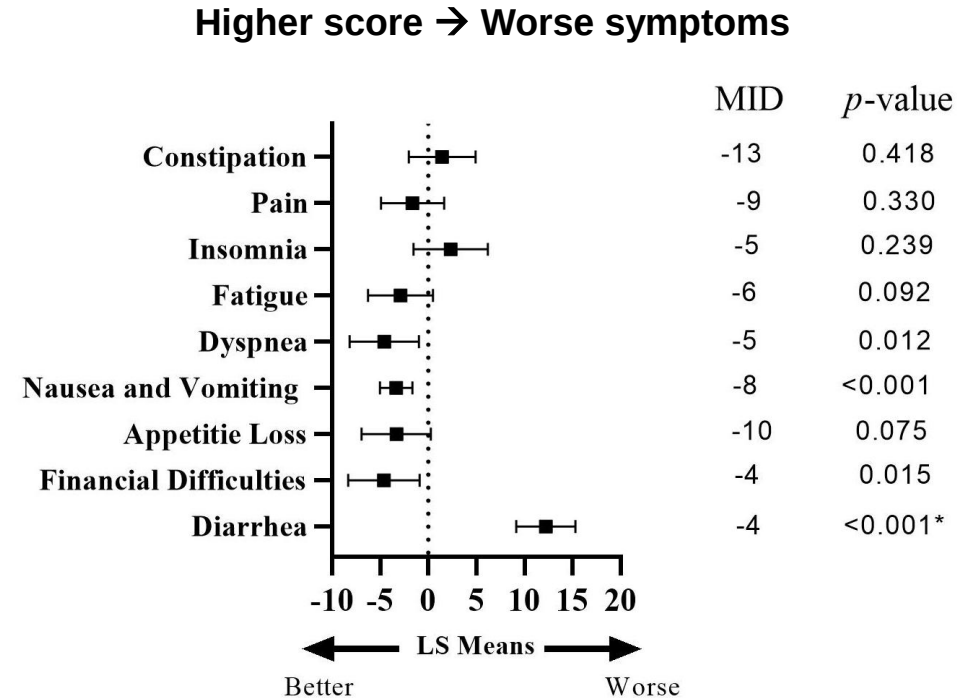
<sup>2</sup>Clinically meaningful change for deterioration of physical function using a  $\geq 10$  points decrease in QLQ-C30 physical functioning scores (range from 0 to 100 [best possible physical function]) from baseline

# Quality of life

Difference in HRQoL for selpercatinib compared to control from baseline to year 1 as measured by EORTC QLQ-C30



**Physical functioning** with selpercatinib was clinically and statistically improved from baseline at 1 year, compared to the control group.



**Diarrhea** was clinically and statistically worse in the selpercatinib arm compared to the control arm.

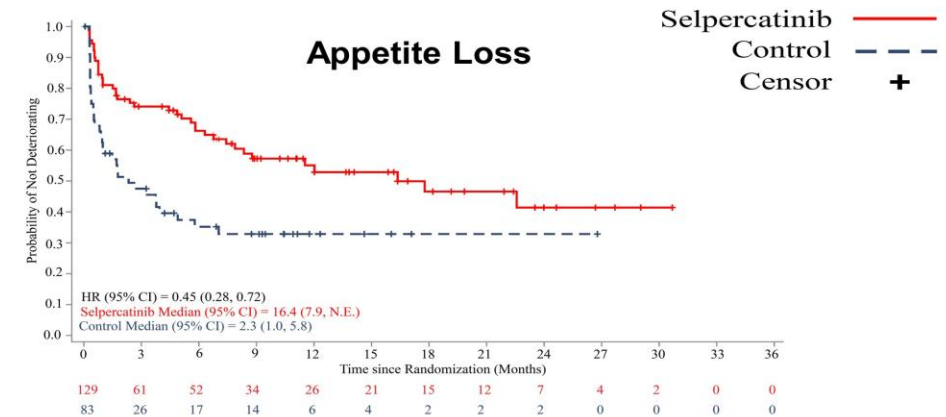
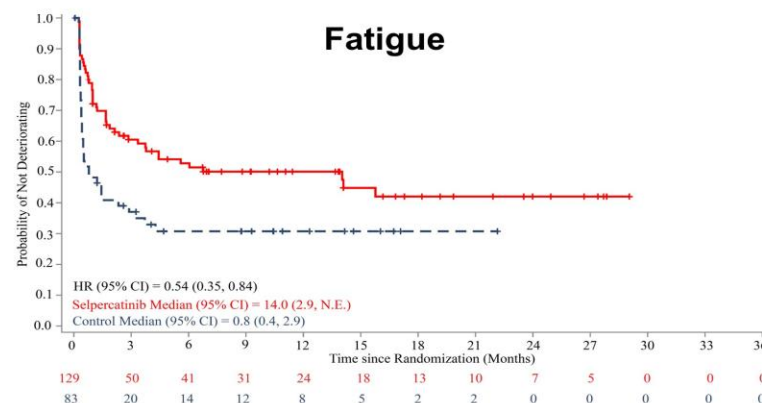
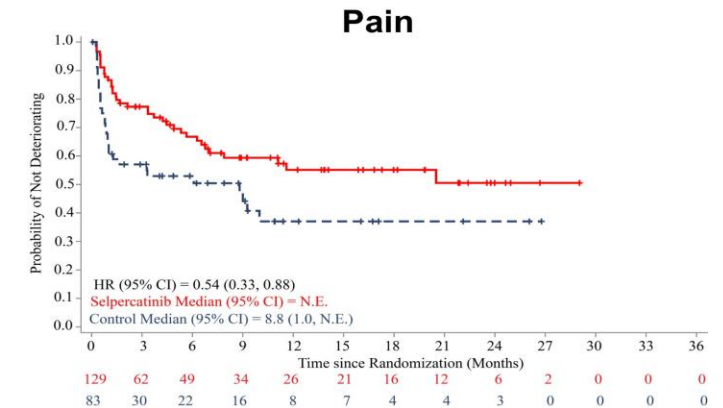
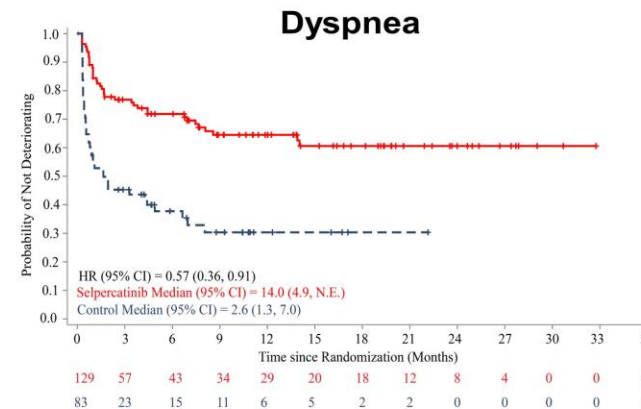
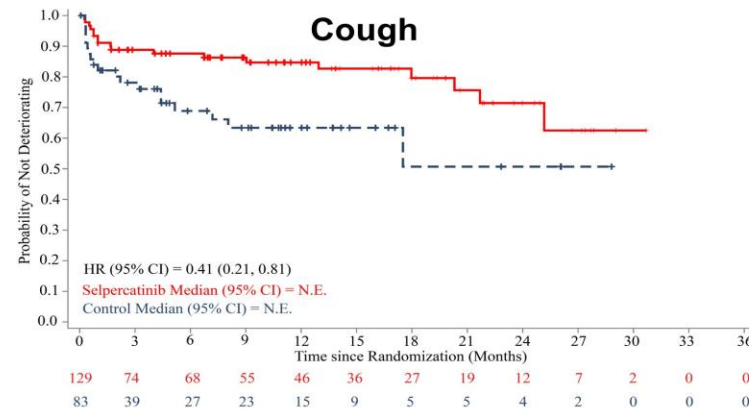
\*Clinical and statistical significance. <sup>a</sup>The estimated score difference for the physical functioning score was from a growth curve model analysis at 49 weeks.

Dyspnea improved but did not reach the clinically meaningful threshold. Role function improved but did not reach the clinically meaningful threshold

EORTC QLQ-C30=European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire Core 30; GHS/QoL = Global Health Status/Quality of Life; LS Means = least-square means; MID=meaningful important difference; NSCLC-SAQ=NSCLC Symptom Assessment Questionnaire

# Time to confirmed deterioration

Selpercatinib significantly ( $p < .05$ ) delayed time to confirmed deterioration\* of all individual symptoms



# Early stage RET driven NSCLC

## Libretto-432 (NCT04819100)

- *RET* fusion-positive NSCLC (stage IB/II/IIIA)
- Received locoregional definitive therapy (surgery or radiotherapy)
- No evidence of disease recurrence following definitive therapy as well as adjuvant therapy\*

Randomize (1:1)  
n (overall) ≈ 170

Double-blind trial

ARM A

**Selpercatinib**

Participants ≥50 kg

160 mg BID

Participants <50 kg

120 mg BID

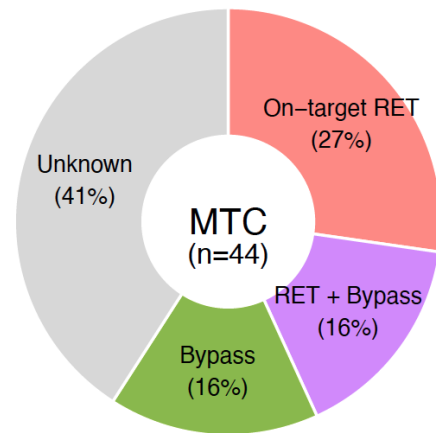
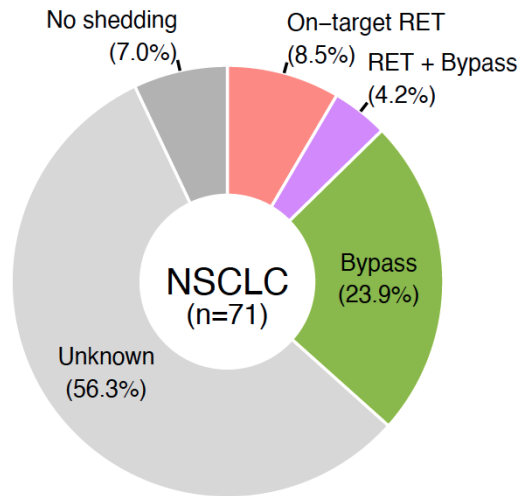
ARM B

**Placebo**

Matching dosage units to arm A  
BID

**Stage IB (3 cm)–IIIA (8<sup>th</sup> edition)**  
**TKI for 3 years (as Adaura)**  
**No chemotherapy (as Alina)**

# Acquired mechanism of resistance to Selpercatinib



|                                 | NSCLC<br>N (%) | MTC<br>N (%) | All patients<br>N (%) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Resistance mechanism            | 26 (37)        | 26 (59)      | 52 (45)               |
| Unknown/No shedding*            | 45 (63)        | 18 (41)      | 63 (55)               |
| <b>On-target</b>                | 9 (13)         | 19 (43)      | 28 (24)               |
| <i>RET</i> Solvent Front        | 8              | 16           | 24                    |
| <i>G810C/S/R</i>                | 8              | 16           | 24                    |
| <i>RET</i> V804M/L**            | 1              | 8            | 9                     |
| <i>RET</i> V804M/L** and        | 0              | 5            | 5                     |
| <i>G810C/S</i>                  | 0              | 5            | 5                     |
| <b>Bypass</b>                   | 20 (28)        | 14 (32)      | 34 (30)               |
| <i>BRAF</i> V600E/Amplification | 4              | 5            | 9                     |
| <i>KRAS</i> G12D/R              | 1              | 4            | 5                     |
| <i>MET</i> Amplification        | 5              | 2            | 7                     |
| <i>NTRK1</i> fusion             | 2              | 1            | 3                     |
| Other***                        | 8              | 2            | 10                    |

\*patients with no oncogenic alterations detected at baseline.

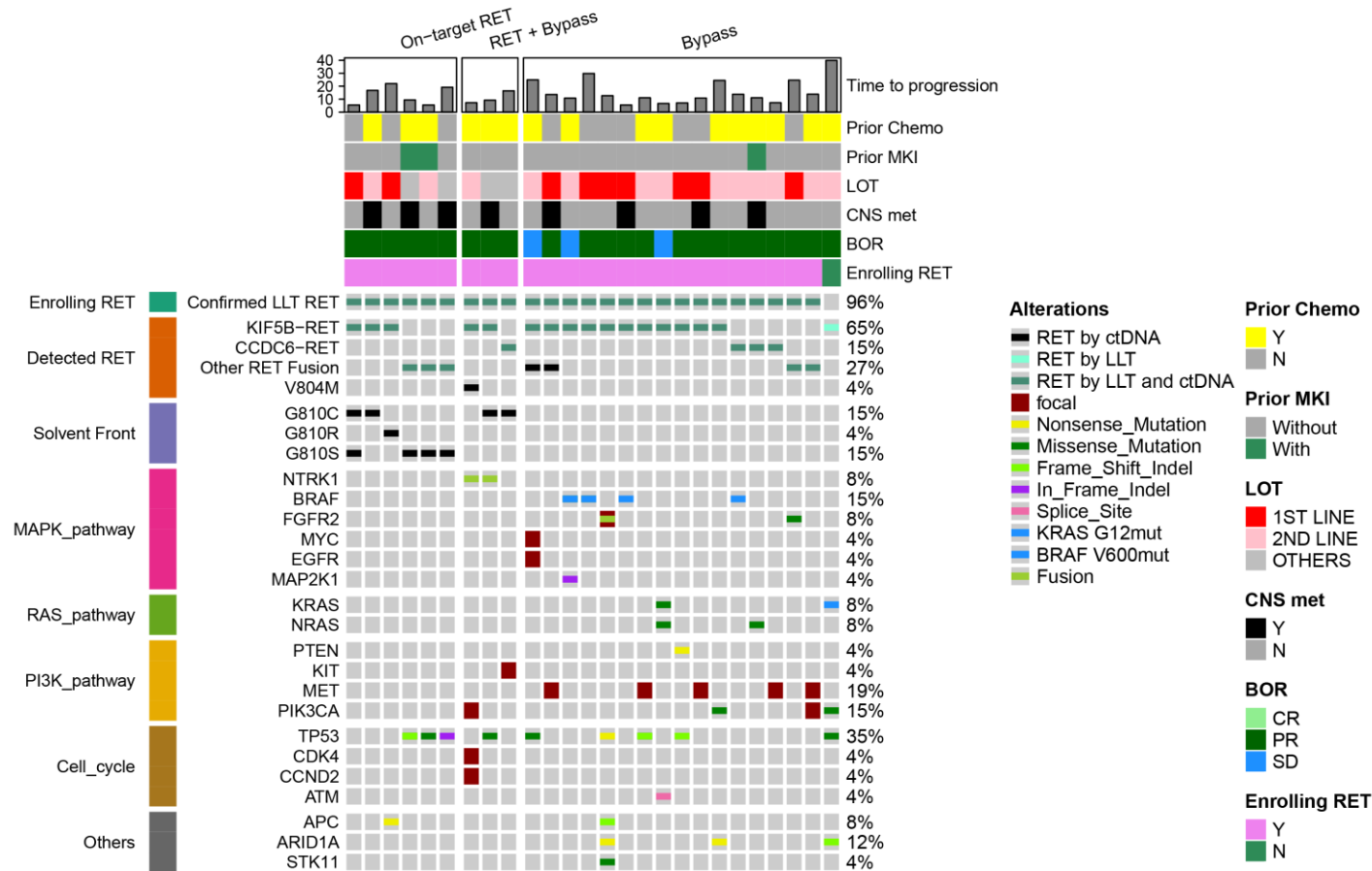
\*\*1 NSCLC and 1 MTC patient acquired *RET* V804M alone; 4 MTC patients had clonal expansion of *RET* V804M/L with other acquired on-target *RET* alterations; 3 MTC patients acquired *RET* V804M with other acquired on-target *RET* alterations;

\*\*\**EGFR*/*MYC* amplification, *FGFR2* N82S/ P253L/amplification, *KIT* amplification, *KRAS* Q61H, *PIK3CA* E545K, *NRAS* Q61K/L.

- On-target resistance mechanisms were identified more frequently in MTC vs NSCLC patients, 43% vs 13%, respectively

# Mechanisms of resistance were identified in 37% (26/71) of NSCLC patients

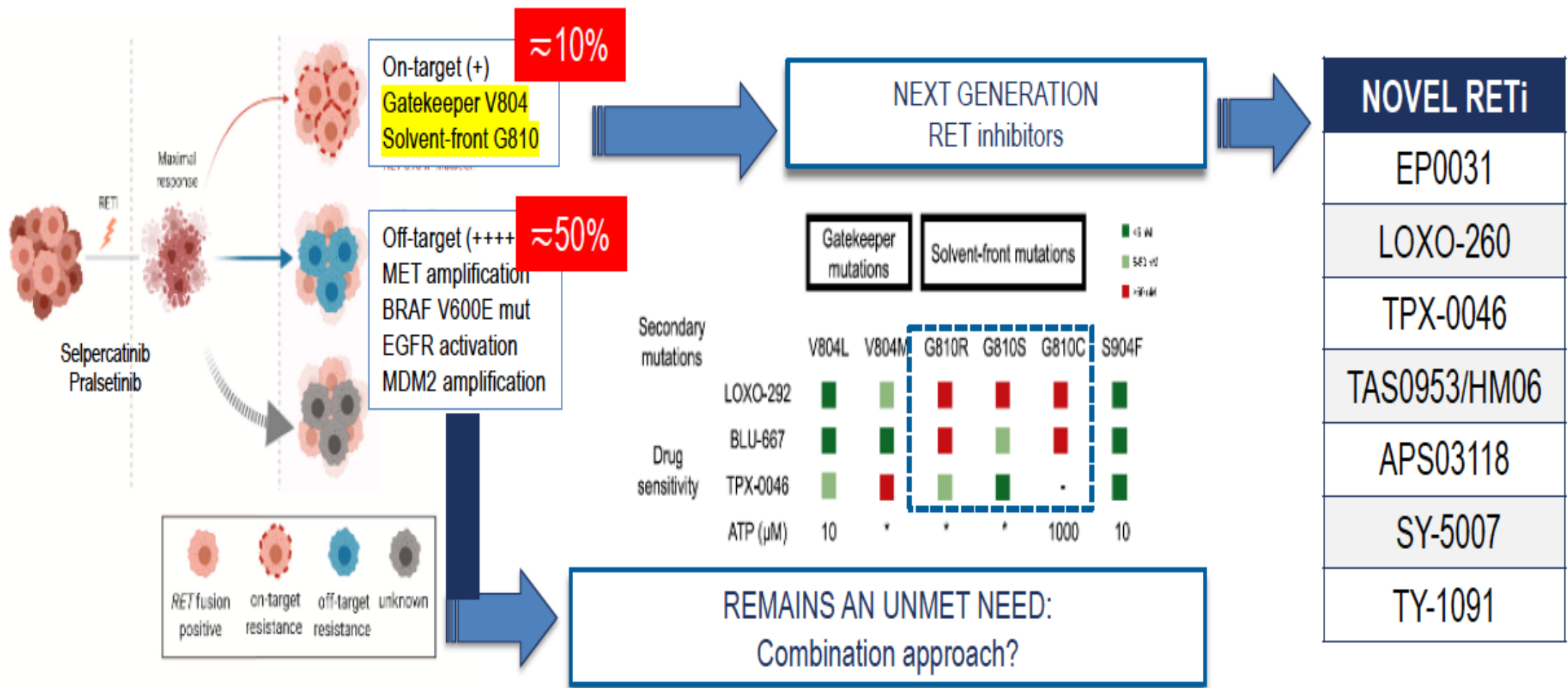
- Mechanisms of resistance includes both acquired variants at progression and primary variants with clonal expansion at progression



- RET solvent front mutation (12%)** was the most prevalent on-target *RET* alteration:
  - G810C/S/R was found in 11% (8/71)
  - V804M/L was found in 1% (1/71)
- 17% (12/71) had bypass alterations in MAPK/RAS pathway:**
  - MET* amplification was found in 7% (5/71)
  - BRAF* V600E was found in 6% (4/71)
  - NTRK1* fusion was found in 3% (2/71)
  - KRAS* G12R was found in 1% (1/71)

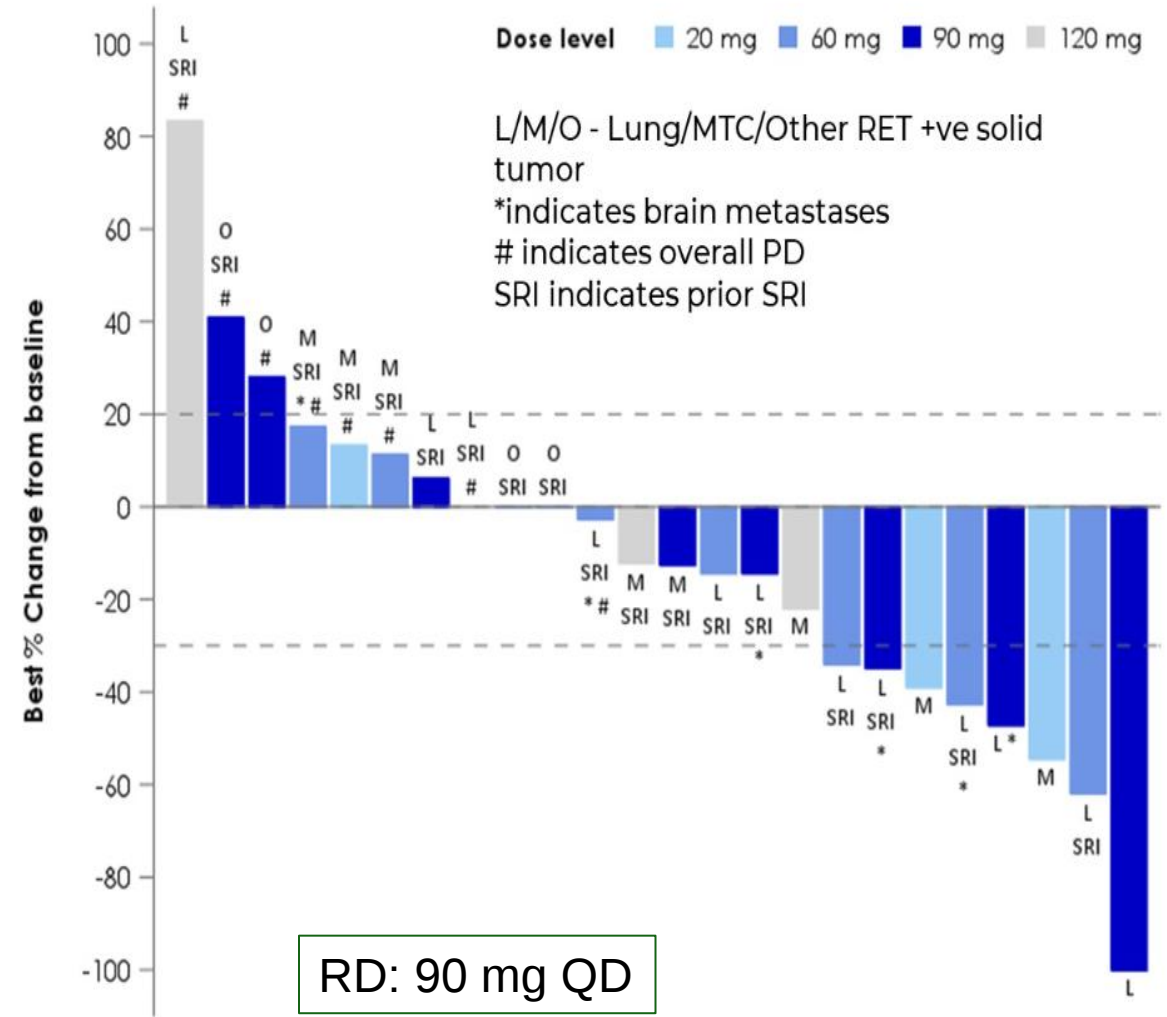
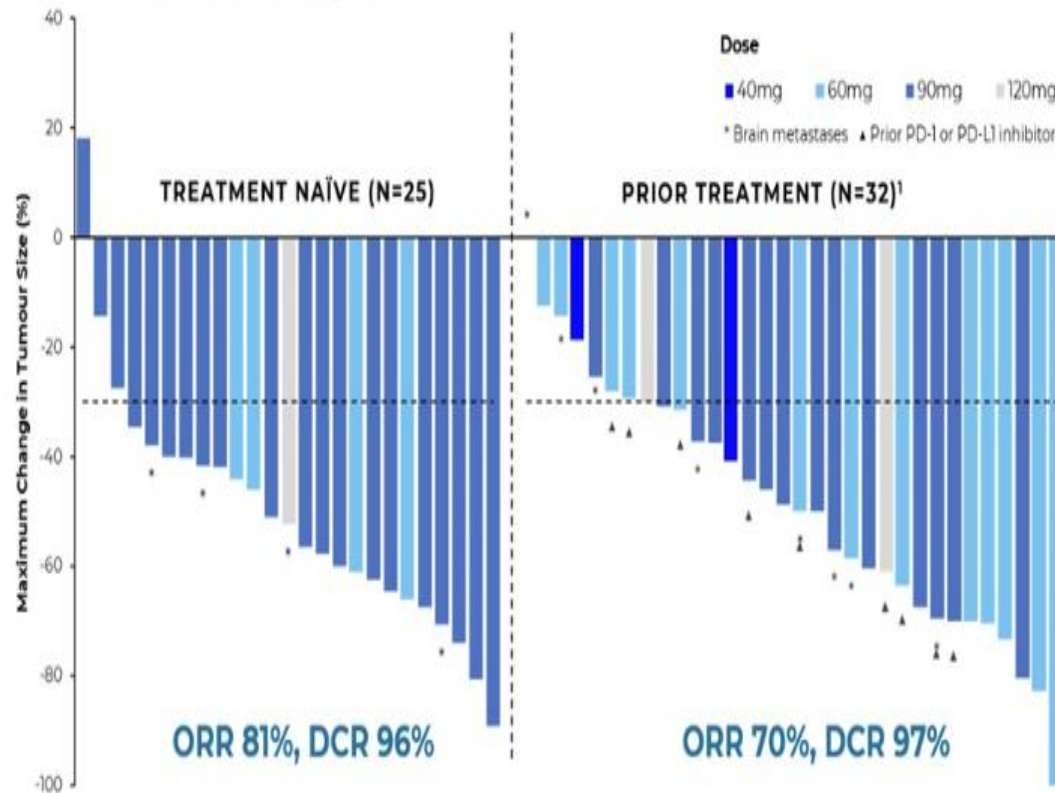
# RET Resistance

## Novel Gen RET inhibitors do not cover all needs



# EP0031 – Phase I Trial

Figure 1: Tumor response from NSCLC SRI-naïve pts in China at doses of EP0031 40-120 mg QD



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