

# Soft Tissue Sarcomas: Update on New Agents and Ongoing Clinical Trials

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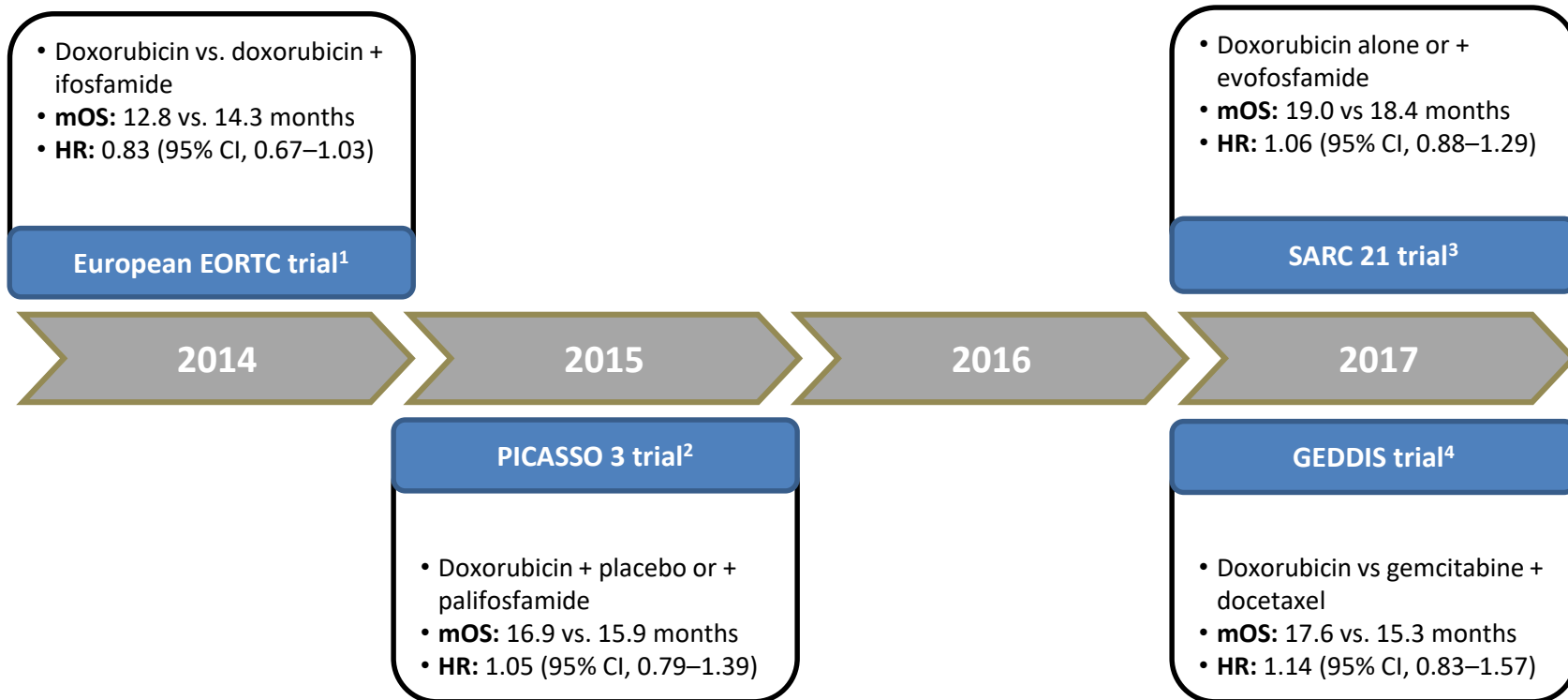


# Plan

- Olaratumab
- Tyrosine kinase inhibitors
  - Anlotinib + regorafenib
  - (Alveolar soft part sarcoma, ASPS)
- Immunotherapy
  - ASPS
- NTRK inhibitors
- Subtype specific trials
  - GIST, DFSP, IMT
  - Angiosarcoma
  - Liposarcoma
  - Epithelioid sarcoma
  - Chondrosarcoma, PVNS, Desmoid tumor
- Conclusion

Olaratumab

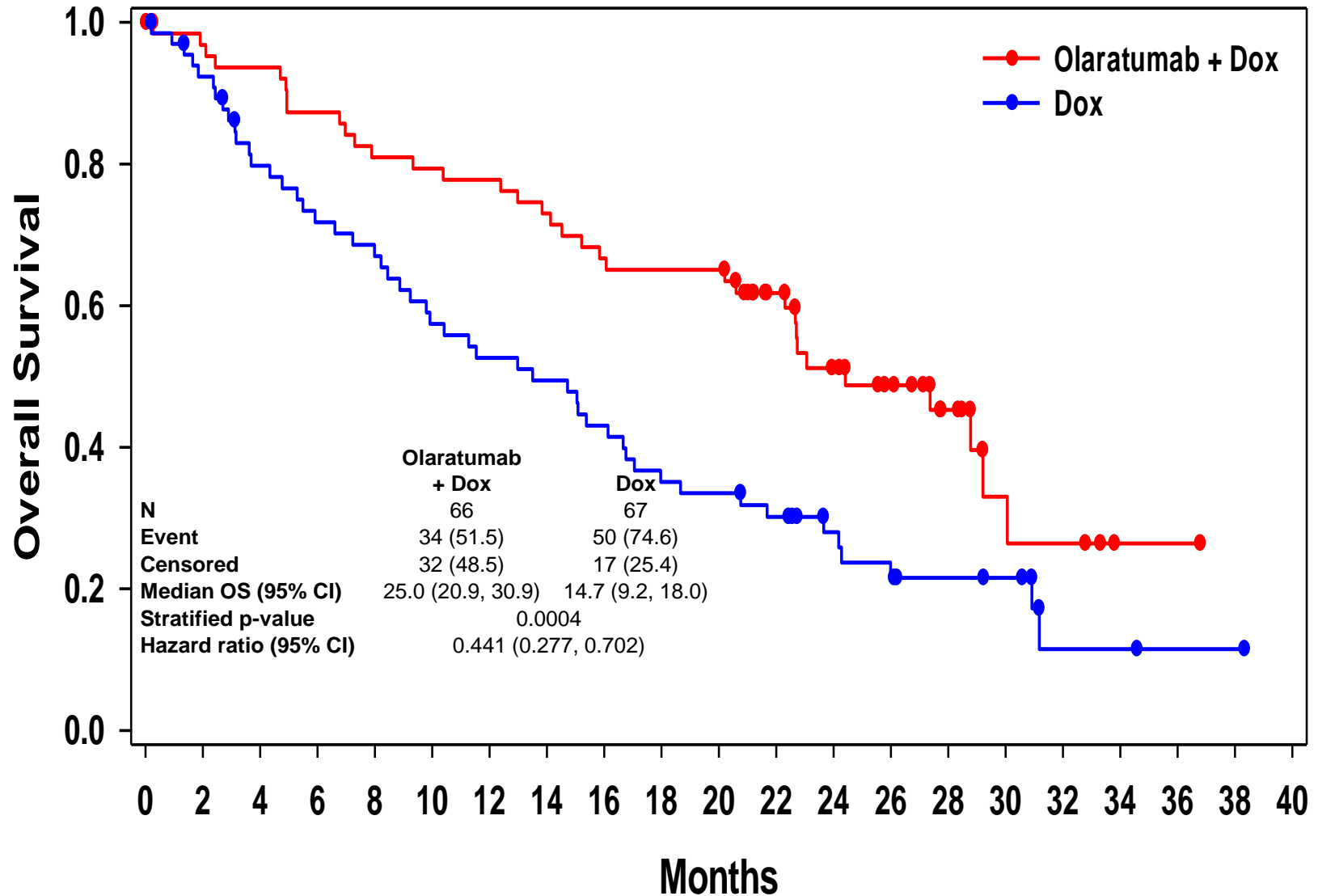
# Anthracyclines in advanced Soft Tissue Sarcomas



CI, confidence interval; EORTC, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer; GEDDIS, gemcitabine and docetaxel versus doxorubicin as first-line treatment in previously untreated advanced unresectable or metastatic soft-tissue sarcomas; HR, hazard ratio; mOS, median overall survival; PICASSO, palifosfamide-tris with doxorubicin for soft tissue sarcoma; SARC, Sarcoma Alliance for Research Through Collaboration; STS, soft tissue sarcoma.

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# Phase 2: Olaratumab Overall Survival



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## Lilly Reports Results of Phase 3 Soft Tissue Sarcoma Study of LARTRUVO®

- Study did not meet the primary endpoints of overall survival (OS) in the full study population or in the leiomyosarcoma (LMS) sub-population; there was no difference in survival between the study arms for either population.

- There were no new safety signals identified and the safety profile was comparable between treatment arms.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 18, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) today reported that the results of ANNOUNCE, the Phase 3 study of LARTRUVO® (olaratumab), in combination with doxorubicin in patients with advanced or metastatic soft tissue sarcoma (STS), did not confirm the clinical benefit of LARTRUVO in combination with doxorubicin as compared to doxorubicin, a standard of care treatment. Specifically, the study did not meet the primary endpoints of overall survival (OS) in the full study population or in the leiomyosarcoma (LMS) sub-population; there was no difference in survival between the study arms for either population. LARTRUVO was well tolerated; there were no new safety signals identified and the safety profile was comparable between treatment arms. Lilly plans to present the ANNOUNCE data at an upcoming medical conference and will publish the results in a medical journal.

LARTRUVO in combination with doxorubicin previously showed an OS benefit in STS in a 133-patient, U.S.-only, randomized Phase 2 trial, which led to accelerated approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and conditional marketing authorization by the European Medicines Agency. Continued approval is contingent upon verification of clinical benefit in a confirmatory trial. As ANNOUNCE did not confirm clinical benefit, Lilly is working with global regulators to determine the appropriate next steps for LARTRUVO. While these discussions are ongoing, patients who are currently receiving LARTRUVO may, in consultation with their physician, continue their course of therapy if they are receiving clinical benefit. For patients who have not previously received LARTRUVO, the results of the Phase 3 trial do not support initiating treatment with LARTRUVO in patients with STS, outside of participation in a clinical trial. At this time, Lilly is suspending promotion of LARTRUVO.

"Lilly was surprised and disappointed that LARTRUVO did not improve survival for patients with advanced soft tissue sarcoma in this study," said Anne White, president, Lilly Oncology. "Lilly is committed to helping people

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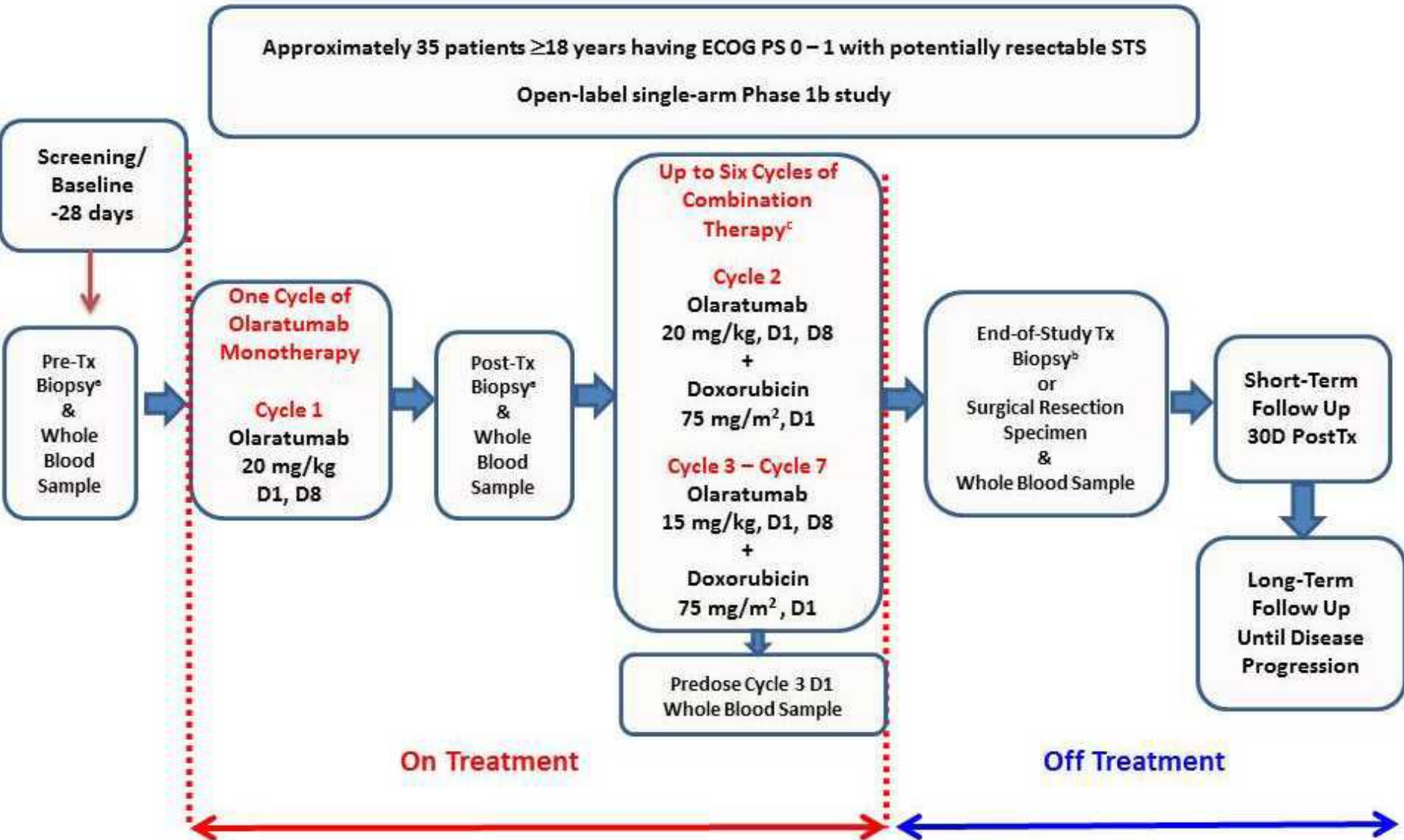




# Olaratumab

- Promising Phase 2 data
- Mechanism of action
  - Incorporation of putative biomarker into trial design
- Heterogeneity
  - Between and within subtype: Leiomyosarcoma
  - Entry criteria: disease bulk
  - “Response rate” and “PFS”

# Olaratumab: Biomarker Trial



# Metastatic Soft Tissue Sarcomas

- Median overall survival 12 - 20 months
- Limited treatment options
- Increasing range of therapies
  - Gemcitabine and docetaxel
  - Pazopanib
    - Not active in liposarcomas
  - Trabectedin
    - Leiomyosarcomas + liposarcomas
  - Eribulin
    - Liposarcomas
  - Dacarbazine
- Improved survival over time
  - More systemic therapy options
  - Improved palliative care
  - Better confirmation of diagnosis
  - Multi-disciplinary care

# Different drugs for different diseases

- Localized
  - Osteosarcoma MAP
  - Ewing VDC/ IE
  - Rhabdomyosarcoma VAC
  - GIST Imatinib
- Metastatic
  - Dermato fibrosarcoma protuberans Imatinib
  - Giant cell tumor of bone Denosumab
  - Alveolar soft part sarcoma Cediranib/ sunitinib
  - Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor ALK inhibitors
  - PEComas mTOR inhibitors
  - Endometrial stromal sarcoma Aromatase inhibitors
  - Chordoma Imatinib/ mTOR Inhibitors
  - Ewing/ Rhabdomyosarcoma Cyclo/ topotecan
  - Ewing/ Rhabdomyosarcoma Irinotecan/ temozolamide
  - Solitary fibrous tumor Anti angiogenic agents

# Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors

# Abstract 11503

## Anlotinib for metastasis soft tissue sarcoma :

### A randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled and multi-centered clinical trial ( ALTER0203 )

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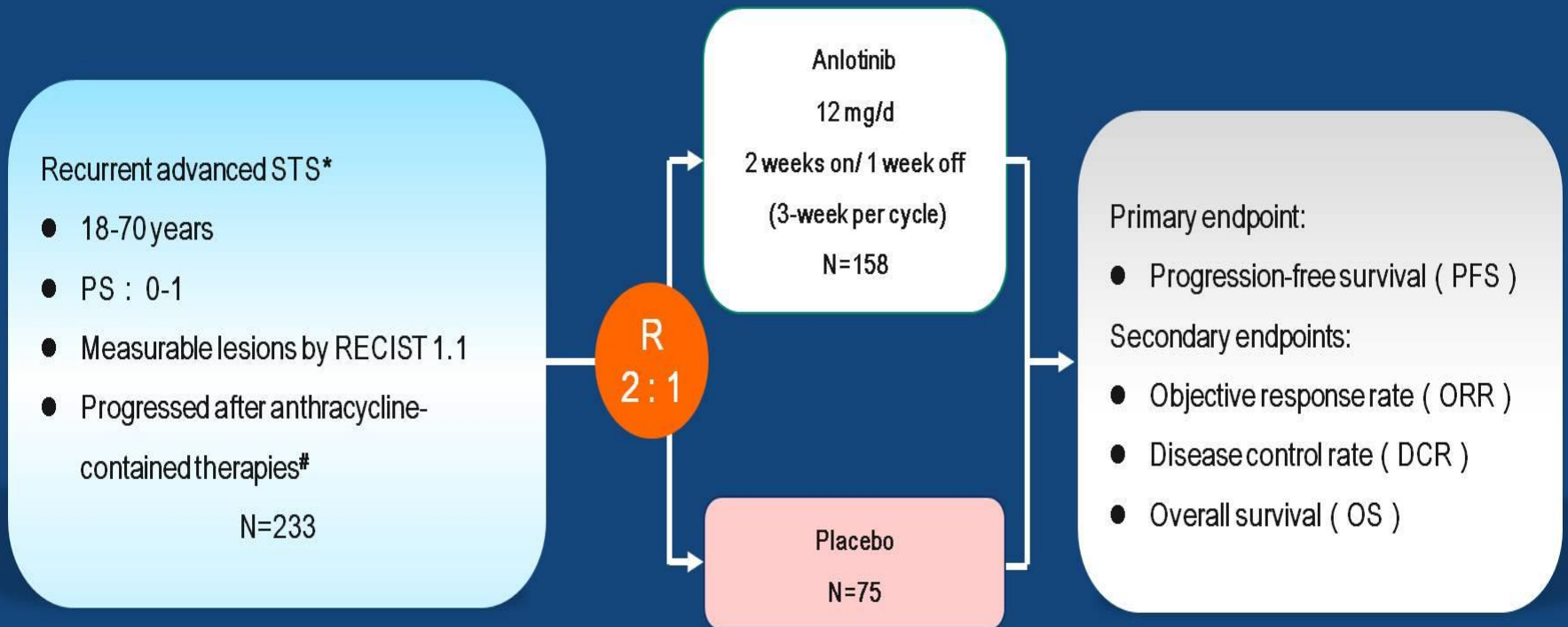
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ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02449343

# Anlotinib in Soft Tissue Sarcomas

- Anlotinib inhibits multiple receptor tyrosine kinases
  - VEGFR
  - FGFR
  - PDGFR
  - C-Kit
- No current FDA approved indication
- No current approved TKI in STS in China

# Study design



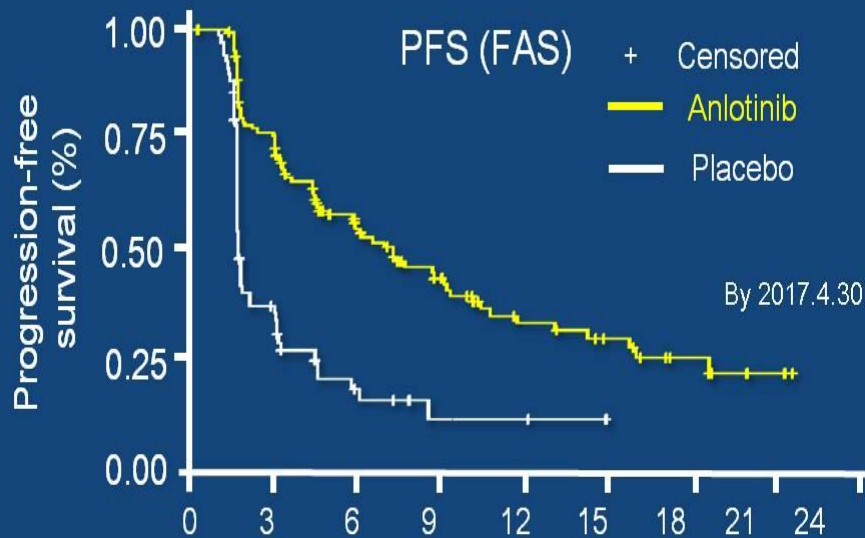
\***STS included:** Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma (UPS), Liposarcoma(LPS), Leiomyosarcoma (LMS), Synovial sarcoma (SS), Alveolar soft part sarcoma (ASPS), Fibrosarcoma (FS), Clear cell sarcoma (CCS), Epithelioid sarcoma (ES) and other sarcomas.

**Excluded:** Rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS), Chondrosarcoma (CS), Osteosarcoma (OS), Ewing's sarcoma, Primitive neuroectodermal tumour (PNET), Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans (DFSP) and GIST.

#**Not required for ASPS and CCS.**



# Primary endpoint : PFS

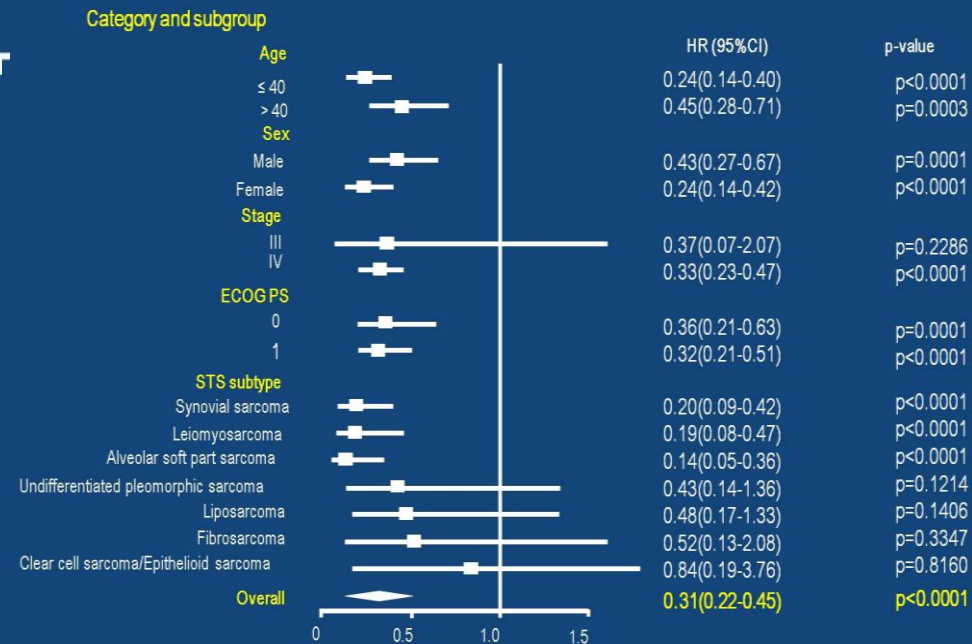


## Number at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Placebo	75	14	5	2	1	0			
Anlotinib	158	89	49	29	18	13	6	1	0

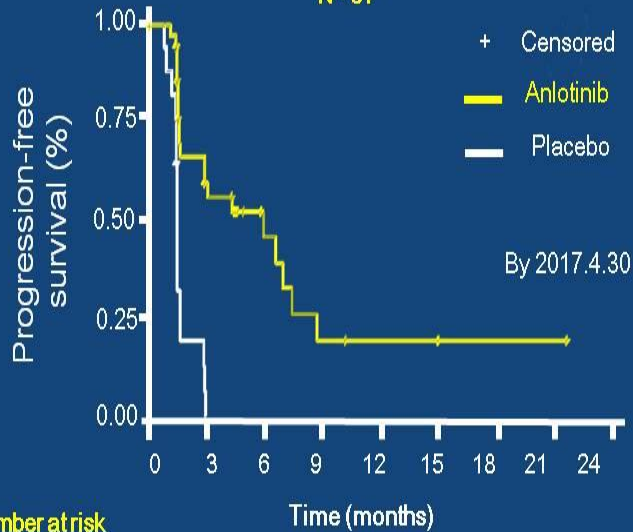
	mPFS ( months )	p-value
<b>Anlotinib</b>	<b>6.27</b> ( 95%CI : 4.30-8.40 )	<b>p&lt; 0.0001,</b> <b>HR = 0.33</b>
<b>Placebo</b>	<b>1.47</b> ( 95%CI : 1.43-1.57 )	

## PFS Forest Plot



# PFS subgroup analysis

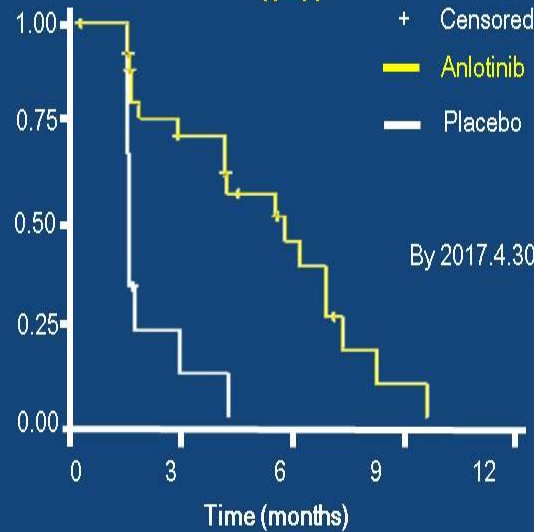
**Synovial sarcoma**  
N=57



**Number at risk**

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Placebo	19	0							
Anlotinib	38	16	7	3	2	1	1	0	

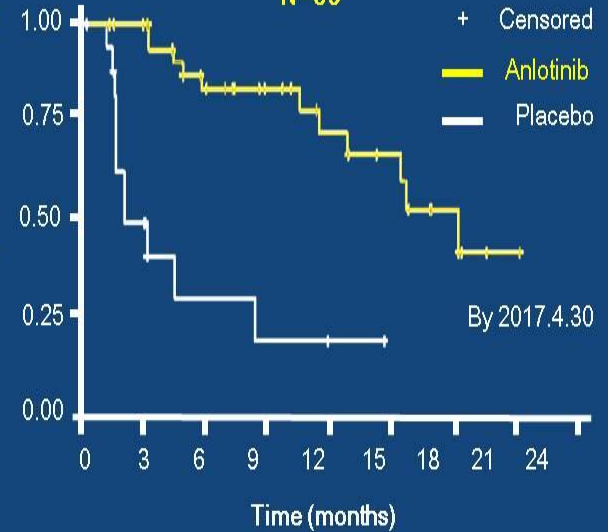
**Leiomyosarcoma**  
N=41



**Number at risk**

	0	3	6	9	12
Placebo	14	1	0		
Anlotinib	27	15	7	1	0

**Alveolar soft part sarcoma**  
N=56



**Number at risk**

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Placebo	18	6	3	2	1	0			
Anlotinib	38	34	23	18	13	10	5	1	0

	mPFS ( months )	p-value
Anlotinib	5.73 ( 95%CI : 1.77-9.70 )	p< 0.0001
Placebo	1.43 ( 95%CI : 1.39-1.47 )	

	mPFS ( months )	p-value
Anlotinib	5.83 ( 95%CI : 2.85-8.81 )	p< 0.0001
Placebo	1.43 ( 95%CI : 1.41-1.45 )	

	mPFS ( months )	p-value
Anlotinib	18.23 ( 95%CI : 13.97-22.49 )	p< 0.0001
Placebo	3.00 ( 95%CI : 1.19-4.81 )	

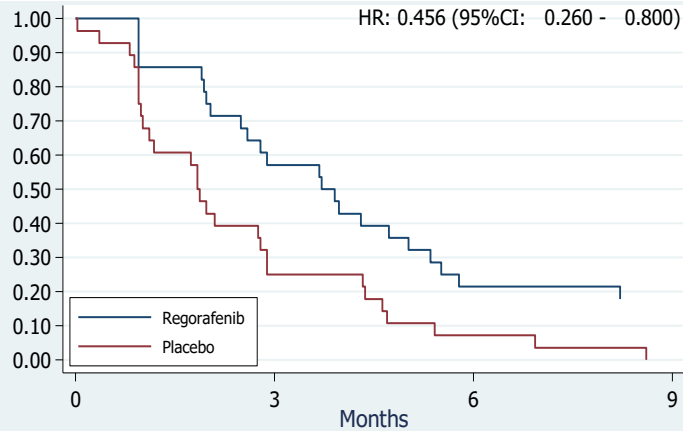
# Regorafenib

- REGOSARC
- SARC
  - Cohorts
- Osteosarcoma
  - Regorafenib
  - Cabozantinib

# Leiomyosarcoma

## Progression-free survival

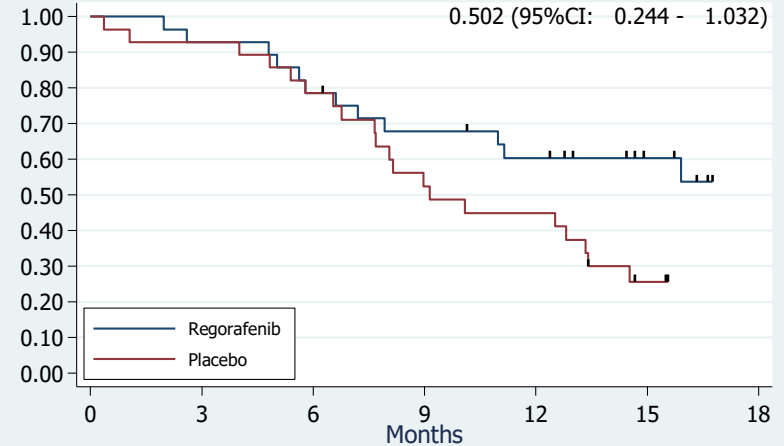
Regorafenib 3.7 (2.5-5.0)  
 Versus  
 Placebo 1.8 (1.0-2.8)  
 HR = 0.46 [0.26-0.80] P=0.005



	Number at risk (number of events)						
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
Regorafenib	28 (12)	16 (10)	6 (1)	5			
Placebo	28 (21)	7 (5)	2 (2)	0			

## Overall survival

Regorafenib 21.0 (7.2-NR)  
 Versus  
 Placebo 9.1 (7.7-13.4)  
 HR=0.50 [0.24-1.03]  
 P=0.06

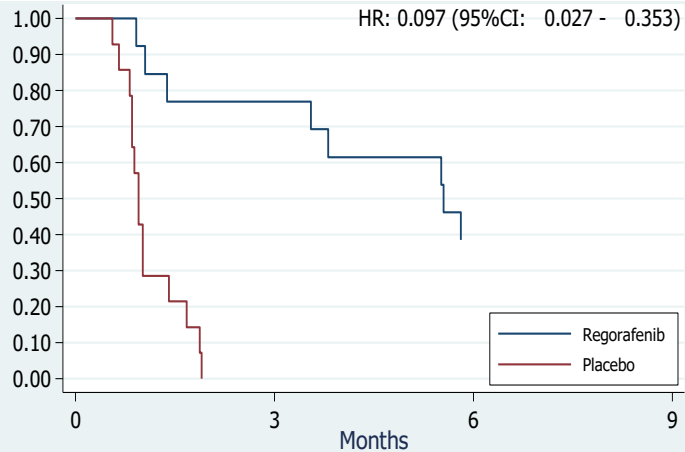


	Number at risk (number of events)											
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Regorafenib	28 (2)	26 (4)	22 (3)	19 (2)	16 (0)	10 (1)	5					
Placebo	28 (2)	26 (4)	22 (7)	14 (2)	12 (5)	5 (0)	3					

# Synovial Sarcoma

## Progression-free survival

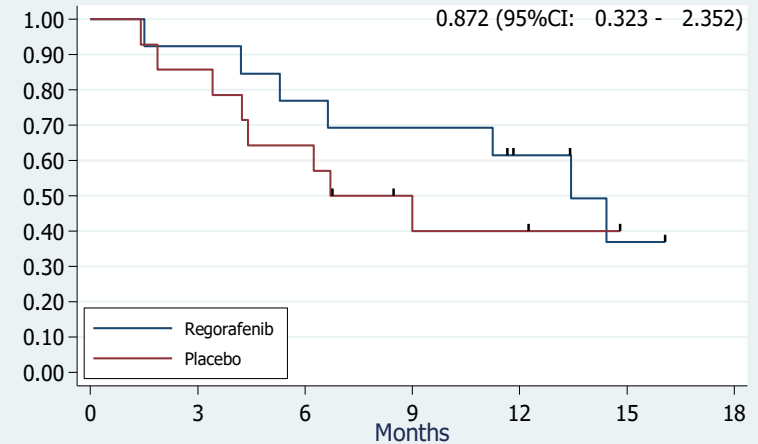
**Regorafenib**                      **5.6 (1.4-11.6)**  
*Versus*  
**Placebo**                              **1.0 (0.8-1.4)**  
**HR= 0.09 [0.02-0.35]**                      **p<0.00001**



	0	3	6	9			
Regorafenib	13	(3)	10	(5)	5	(0)	5
Placebo	14	(14)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0

## Overall survival

**Regorafenib**                      **13.4 (5.3-NR)**  
*Versus*  
**Placebo**                              **6.7 (2.2-NR)**  
**HR= 0.87 [0.32-2.35]**                      **P=0.790**

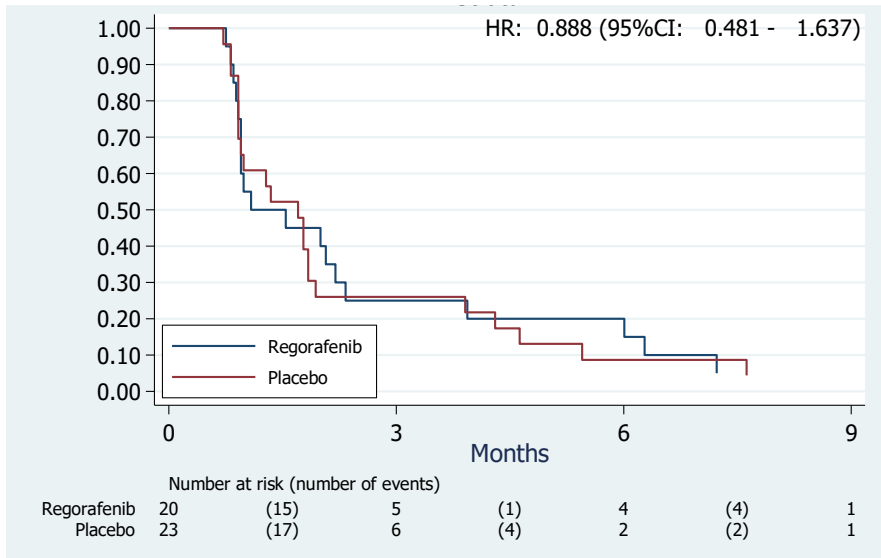


	0	3	6	9	12	15	18						
Regorafenib	13	(1)	12	(2)	10	(1)	9	(1)	6	(2)	3	(0)	2
Placebo	14	(2)	12	(3)	9	(2)	5	(1)	4	(0)	2	(0)	2

# Liposarcoma

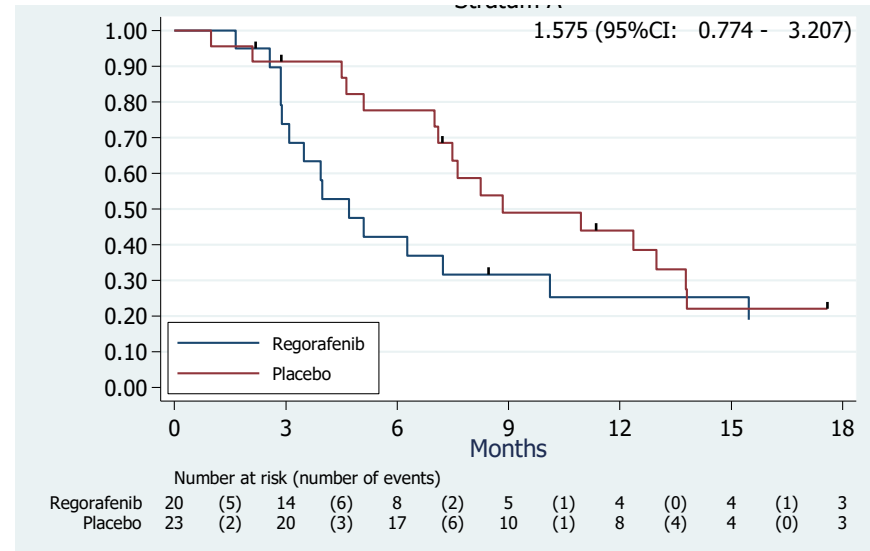
## Progression-free survival

**Regorafenib** 1.1 (0.9-2.3)  
*Versus*  
**Placebo** 1.7 (0.9-1.8)  
**HR = 1.13 [0.48-1.63]** **P=0.700**



## Overall survival

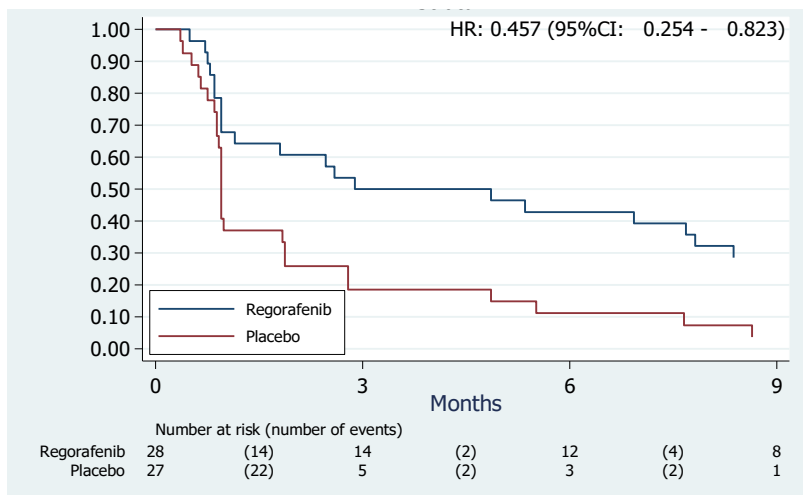
**Regorafenib** 4.7 (2.9-10.1)  
*Versus*  
**Placebo** 8.8 (7.0-13.8)  
**HR = 1.57 [0.77-3.20]** **P=0.210**



# Other Sarcomas

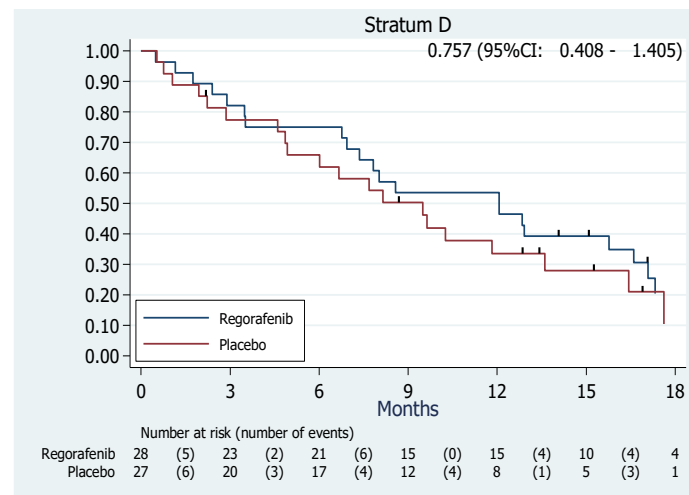
## Progression-free survival

Regorafenib 2.9 (1.0-7.8)  
 Versus Placebo 1.0 (0.9-1.9)  
 HR = 0.45 [0.26-0.80] P=0.006



## Overall survival

Regorafenib 12.1 (6.9-16.6)  
 Versus Placebo 9.5 (4.7-16.6)  
 HR = 0.50 [0.24-1.03] P=0.380

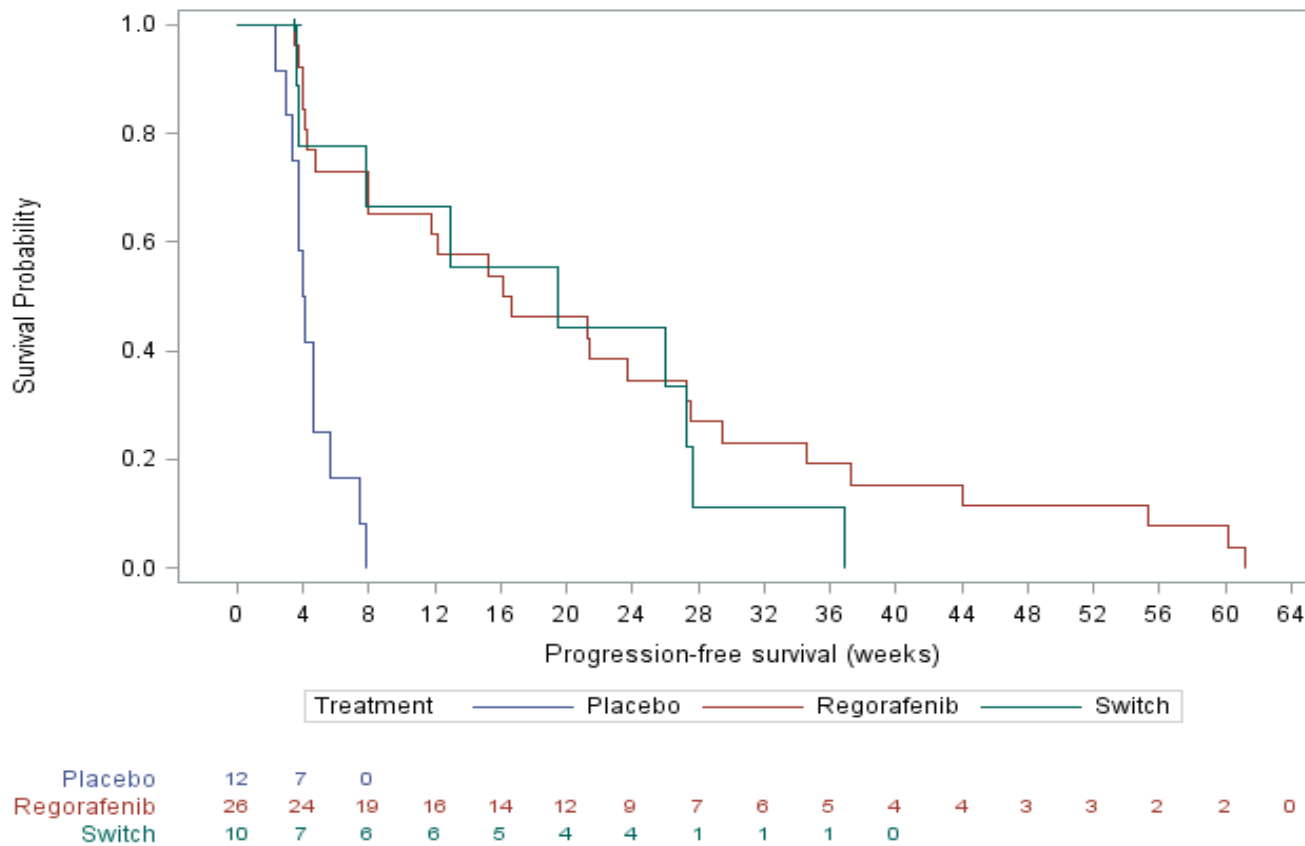


# Regorafenib in Osteosarcoma

- Main inclusion criteria:
- Progressive disease at study entry within prior 3 months
- Prior treatment required: at least 1, but no more than 2 prior (combination) chemo regimen for metastatic disease
- Age  $\geq 10$  years
- ECOG PS  $< 2$  (Karnofsky  $\geq 60\%$ )



# Regorafenib in Osteosarcoma



10/12 patients on Placebo arm crossed over

Placebo      Rego      Rego post switch

Median PFS      **4.1 (3;5.7)**      **16.4 (8;27.3)**      **19.4 (3.5;27.7)**

PFS rate at 12 weeks      /      62 (40-77)      66 (28-88)

PFS rate at 24 weeks      /      35 (17-52)      44 (14-72)

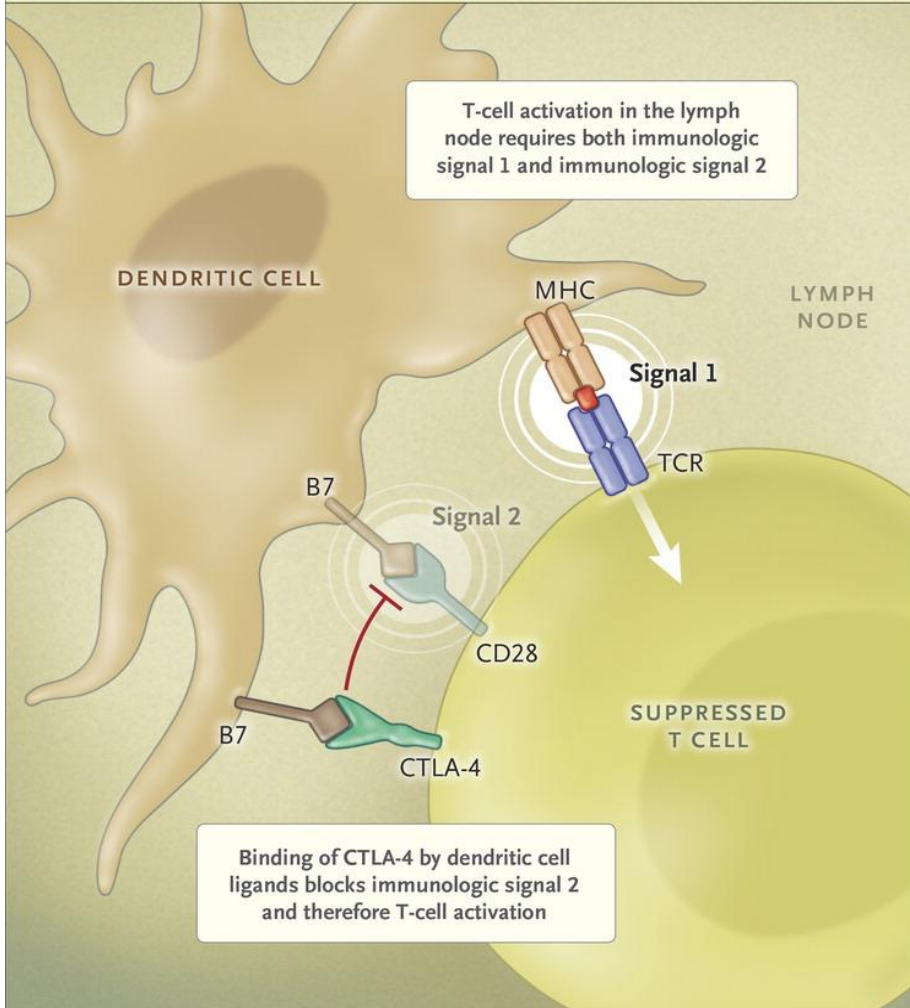
# Checkpoint Inhibitors

# T cell activation lymph node

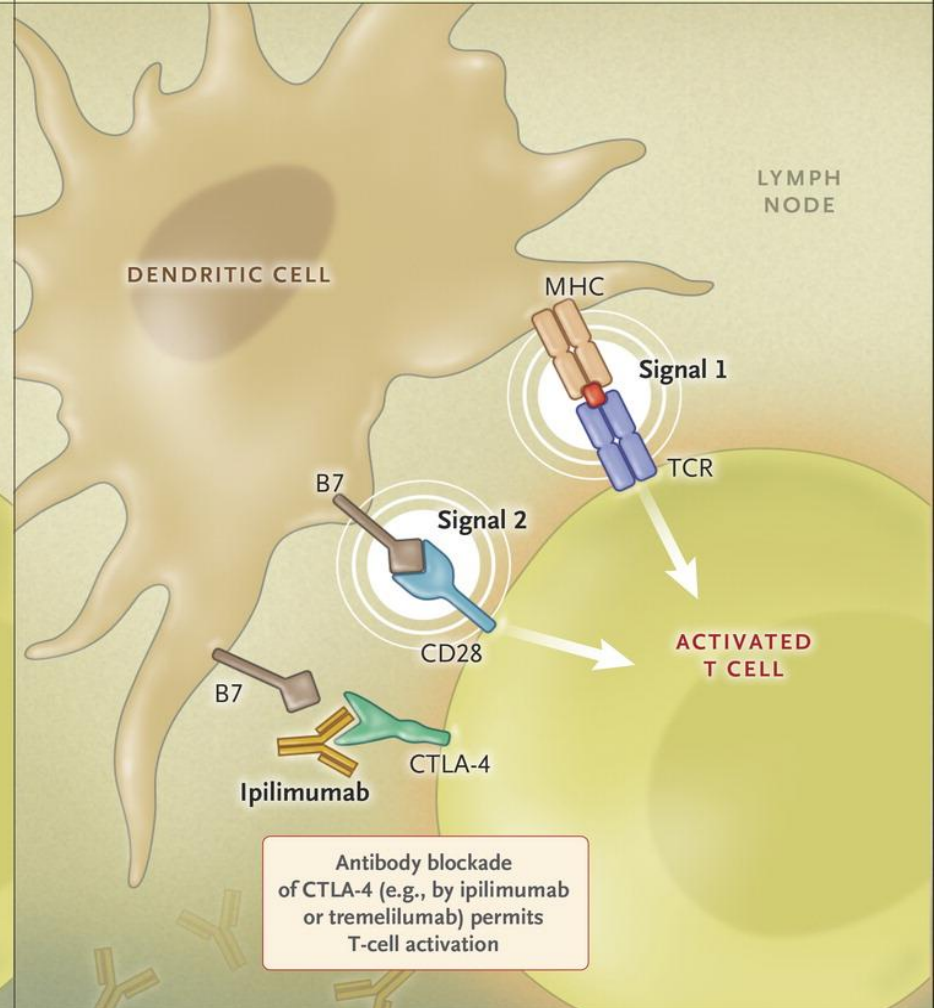
- 2 immunological signals
  - **1st**: Interaction T cell receptor with
    - Peptide Ag presented by the APC (Ag binding groove of MHC)
  - **2nd**: Interaction T cell surface molecules (CD28) with ligands on APC (B7)
- Binding B7 to CTLA-4 block T cell activation
- Ab blockade CTLA-4:
  - De-repress signaling by CD28

# T-cell activation in the lymph node

**A** Suppression of T-Cell Activation in Lymph Node



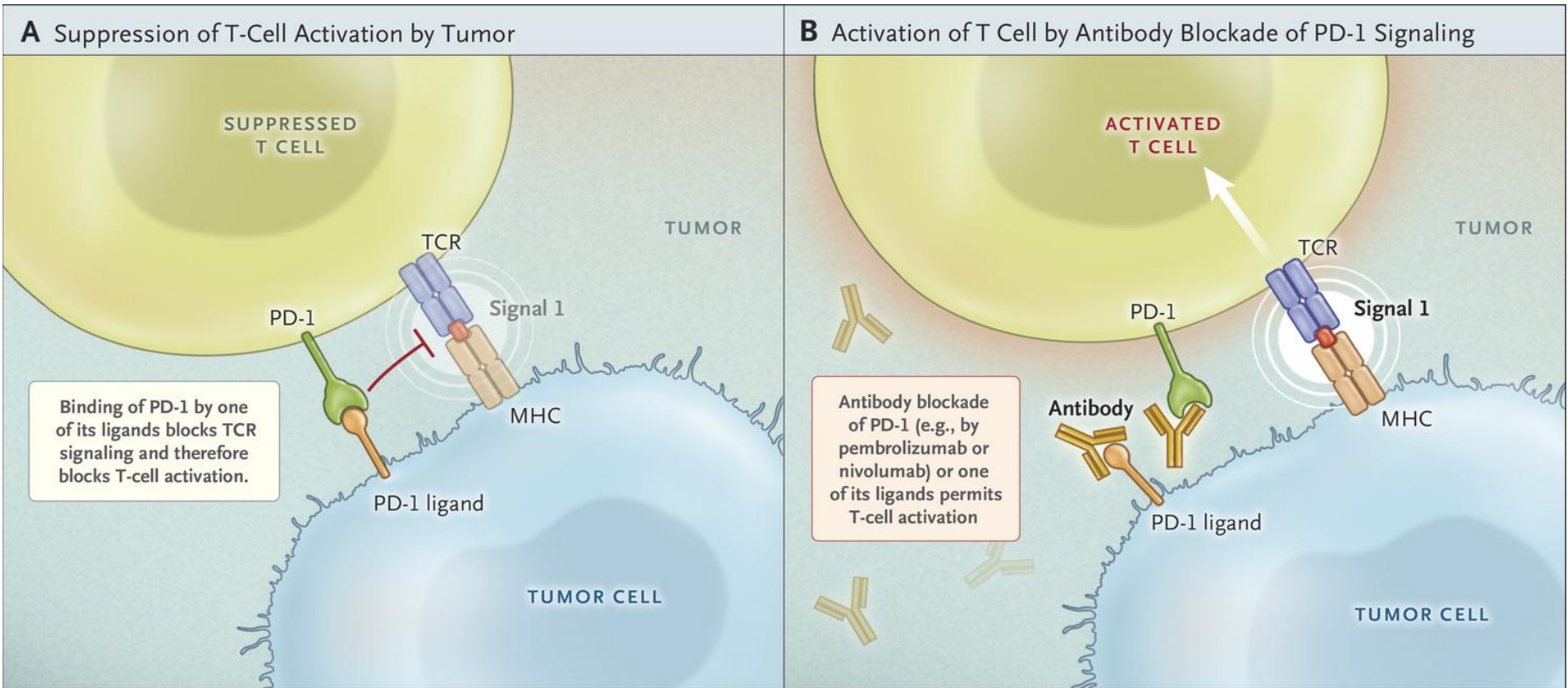
**B** Activation of T Cell by Antibody Blockade of CTLA-4



# T cell activation tumour microenvironment

- Long-term Ag exposure
  - Programmed death 1 (PD1) inhibitor receptor expressed by T cells
  - Suppress effect of T cell receptor on T cell activation
- Blockade PD-1 or ligand de-repress TCR signaling = T cell activation

# T-cell activation in tumour



# PD-L1 and PD-1 Expression

- PD-L1 expression:
  - Liposarcoma: n=13 (48%)
  - Leiomyosarcoma: n=11 (58%)
  - Pleomorphic sarcoma: n=16 (80%)
  - Synovial sarcoma: n=7 (47%)
- PD-1 expression
  - Liposarcomas: n=24 (89%)
  - Leiomyosarcomas: n=16 (84%)
  - Pleomorphic sarcomas: n=18 (90%)
  - Synovial sarcomas: n=15 (100%)
- Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcomas:
- Older patients
- Higher grade tumors
  - Associated with higher expression levels
    - PD-L1
    - PD-1 expressing infiltrates

# SARC 28 Trial: Pembrolizumab

- Soft tissue sarcomas:
  - Median PFS: 18 weeks (95%CI: 8-21)
  - Median OS: 49 weeks (95%CI: 34-73)
  
  - 12 week PFS: 55% (95%CI: 40-70)
- Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma:
  - Median PFS: 30 weeks (95%CI: 8-68)
- Bone Sarcomas:
  - Median PFS: 8 weeks (95%CI: 7-9)
  - Median OS: 52 weeks (95%CI: 40-72)



# Phase 2: Axitinib + Pembrolizumab

- Primary endpoint
  - Progression-free rate at 12 weeks: 48% (14/29)
- Best response
  - PR 5/29 (17%)
  - SD 9/29 (31%)

For ASPS

PR 4/9 (44%)

SD 3/9 (33%)

CBR 78%

# Phase 2: Axitinib + Pembrolizumab

- ASPS
- Early responses
- Continued to respond out to 40 weeks or beyond
- Median duration of response 29.3 weeks
- Prolonged responses seen in ASPS + non-uterine LMS
- Median PFS not reached for ASPS
- Median OS not reached
- For pre-treated + naïve progressing ASPS
- 12 week PFS: 78%
- ORR: 44%
- (exceeds previously reported data cediranib + axitinib single agent)

# Immunotherapy in Sarcomas

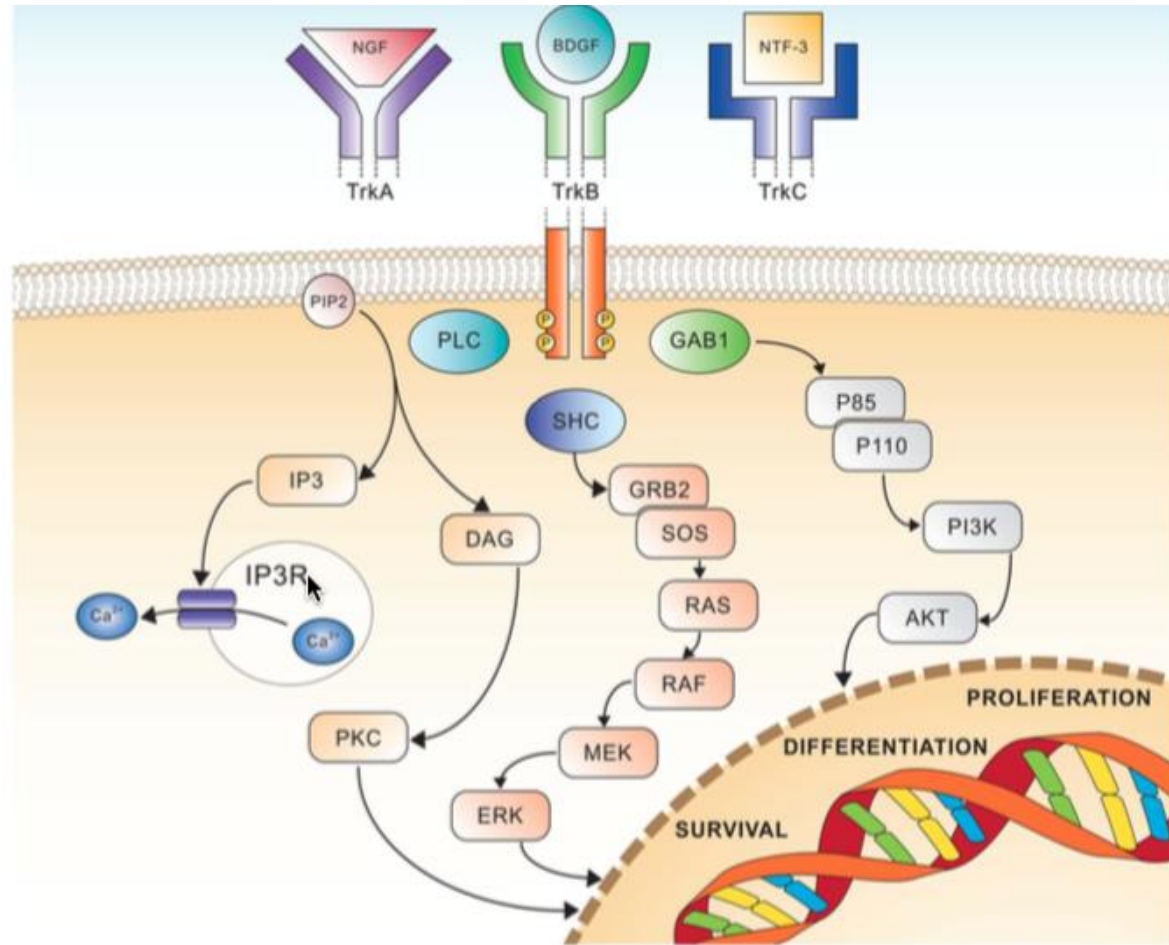
- Limited success so far....
  - Heterogeneity
  - Further evaluation in ASPS, pleomorphic, angiosarcoma
- Other cancers
  - Not all PD1 expressing tumors respond
    - Limitations of immunohistochemistry/ scoring criteria
  - High mutational burden  $\neq$  response/ benefit
- Adoptive T cell therapy
  - Responses not durable
  - Infrastructure + Cost
- Combination trials: other agents, radiation

# NTRK inhibitors

# NTRK tumors

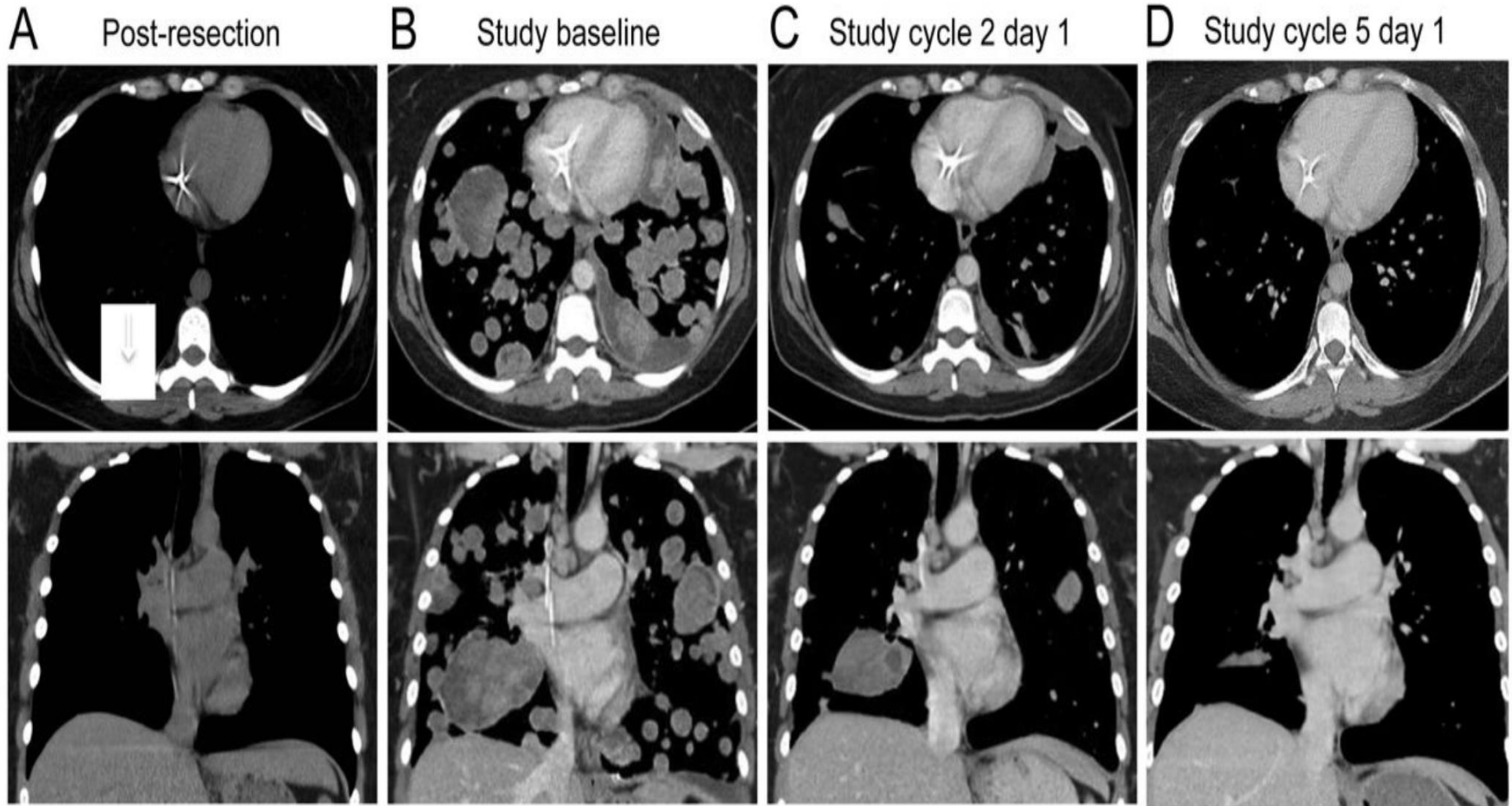
- Tropomyosin receptor kinase (Trk)
  - 3 trans-membrane proteins (Trk A, B + C receptors)
  - Encoded by the *NTRK1, 2 + 3* genes
  - Expressed human neuronal tissue
  - Essential role nervous system activation neurotrophins
- Oncogenic *Trk* gene fusions
  - Induce cell proliferation
  - Engage downstream signaling pathways
- Mutations rare – occur in diverse range of tumors

# Trk Receptor Signaling



**Figure 1** Schematic view of Trk receptors signalling, showing the three major pathways involved in cell differentiation and survival. AKT, v-akt murine thymoma viral oncogene homologue; BDNF, brain-derived growth factor; DAG, diacyl-glycerol; ERK extracellular signal-regulated kinase; GAB1, GRB2-associated-binding protein 1; GRB2, growth factor receptor-bound protein 2; IP3, inositol trisphosphate; MEK, mitogen-activated protein kinase; NGF, nerve growth factor; NTF-3, neurotrophin 3; PI3K, phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase; PIP2, phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate; PKC, protein kinase C; PLC, phospholipase C; RAF, rapidly accelerated fibrosarcoma kinase; RAS, rat sarcoma kinase; SHC, Src homology 2 domain containing.

# Response in sarcoma with *LMNA-NTRK1* fusion



# Subtype Specific Data



# GIST

- Blu-285
  - Phase I data
    - *PDGFR $\alpha$*  D842V mutation
  - Phase III
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> line
      - Blu-285 versus regorafenib
- Crenolanib
- DCC-2618
  - Phase I data
  - Phase III
    - 4<sup>th</sup> line
      - DCC-2618 versus placebo
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> line
      - DCC-2618 versus sunitinib

# Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans (DFSP)

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- <5% probability of metastases
- Specific rearrangement
  - chromosome 17 and 22
  - t(17;22)(q22;q13)
- Collagen type I A1 chain (*COL1A1*) gene
- To *PDGFB* gene
- Up-regulation of *COL1A1- PDGFB* fusion
- Imatinib, Phase II trials
  - PR: 11 (45.9%)
  - SD: 6 (25.0%)
  - PD: 4 (16.6%)
- 3 (12.5%) not evaluable
- Median time to progression:
  - 1.7 years
  - Range, 0.65 year – not reached

McArthur et al JCO 23; 866-873: 2005

Rutkowski P et al, JCO 28; 1772-1779: 2010

# Adverse events from imatinib in DFSP

**Table 4.** Adverse Events From Imatinib Reported in Patients With DFSP

Adverse Event	EORTC (n = 16)						SWOG (n = 8)						Total (N = 24)					
	Grade 1		Grade 2		Grade 3		Grade 1		Grade 2		Grade 3		Grade 1		Grade 2		Grade 3	
	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%
Leukopenia	4	25.0	2	12.5	1	6.3	2	25.0	0	0	0	0	6	25.0	2	8.3	1	4.2
Neutropenia	2	12.5	1	6.3	2	12.5	0	0	0	0	2	25.0	2	8.3	1	4.2	4	16.7
Thrombocytopenia	1	6.3	0	0	1*	6.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.2	0	0	1*	4.2
Anemia	11	68.8	4	25.0	0	0	1	12.5	0	0	1	12.5	12	50.0	4	16.7	1	4.2
Bilirubin	4	25.0	1	6.3	1	6.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	16.7	1	4.2	1	4.2
AST increase	4	25.0	1	6.3	1*	6.3	2	25.0	0	0	0	0	6	25.0	1	4.2	1*	4.2
Arterial hypertension	1	6.3	1	6.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.2	1	4.2	0	0
Fatigue	3	18.8	2	12.5	2	12.5	5	62.5	0	0	2	25.0	8	33.3	2	8.3	4	16.7
Rash	4	25.0	1	6.3	1	6.3	3	37.5	0	0	0	0	7	29.2	1	4.2	1	4.2
Anorexia	2	12.5	0	0	0	0	2	25.0	0	0	0	0	4	16.7	0	0	0	0
Diarrhea	3	18.8	3	18.8	0	0	1	12.5	0	0	1	12.5	4	16.7	3	12.5	1	4.2
Nausea	3	18.8	2	12.5	1	6.3	4	50.0	0	0	0	0	7	29.2	2	8.3	1	4.2
Vomiting	1	6.3	0	0	2	12.5	1	12.5	0	0	0	0	2	8.3	0	0	2	8.3
Head and neck edema	6	37.5	0	0	0	0	5	62.5	0	0	0	0	11	45.8	0	0	0	0
Limbs/trunk/visceral edema	6	37.5	1	6.3	1	6.3	5	62.5	0	0	0	0	11	45.8	1	4.2	1	4.2
Pain	3	18.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12.5	3	12.5	0	0	1	4.2

Abbreviations: DFSP, dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans; EORTC, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer; SWOG, Southwest Oncology Group.

\*Grade 4; two toxic grade 4 events were noted in one patient with pre-existing liver disturbances and alcohol abuse history—thrombocytopenia and AST level increase.

# Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor (IMT)

BRIEF REPORT

## Crizotinib in ALK-Rearranged Inflammatory Myofibroblastic Tumor

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### SUMMARY

Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor (IMT) is a distinctive mesenchymal neoplasm characterized by a spindle-cell proliferation with an inflammatory infiltrate. Approximately half of IMTs carry rearrangements of the anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) locus on chromosome 2p23, causing aberrant ALK expression. We report a sustained partial response to the ALK inhibitor crizotinib (PF-02341066, Pfizer) in a patient with ALK-translocated IMT, as compared with no observed activity in another patient without the ALK translocation. These results support the dependence of ALK-rearranged tumors on ALK-mediated signaling and suggest a therapeutic strategy for genomically identified patients with the aggressive form of this soft-tissue tumor. (Funded by Pfizer and others; ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00585195.)

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# EORTC Phase II Crizotinib trial

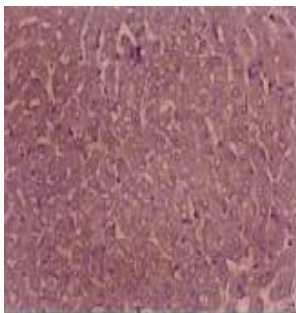
- N=20 Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor: advanced disease
- Response rate:
  - 6/ 12 ALK-positive (50%, 95%CI: 21.1-78.9)
  - 1/ 7 ALK-negative (14%, 95%CI: 0.0-57.9)
- Most common treatment-related adverse events
  - Nausea 11 [55%]
  - Fatigue 9 [45%]
  - Blurred vision 9 [45%]
  - Vomiting 7 [35%]
  - Diarrhoea 7 [35%]
- 8 serious adverse events in 5 patients
  - Pneumonia
  - Fever of unknown cause
  - Heart attack with increased creatinine and possible sepsis
  - Abdominal abscess with acute renal insufficiency
  - QT prolongation

# Angiosarcomas

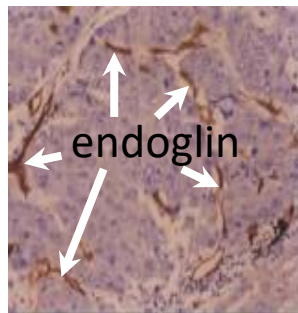


# Endoglin: Essential Endothelial Cell Target

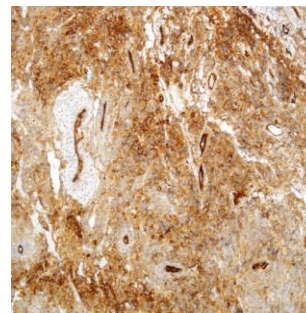
- Endoglin: expressed on endothelial cells and is essential for angiogenesis
  - Selectively expressed on proliferating vessels in cancer and AMD
  - Up-regulated following VEGF inhibition
  - Unfavorable prognostic marker
- Attenuated endoglin expression causes Osler-Weber-Rendu syndrome
  - Associated with improved cancer survival (31% reduced risk of death)
- Persistent expression on tumor vessels results in progression despite VEGF inhibition
  - Knockdown of endoglin resensitizes tumors to VEGF inhibition
- Targeting VEGF + endoglin concurrently improves antitumor effects
- Endoglin also expressed directly on angiosarcoma tumor cells in addition to tumor vasculature



Normal Human  
Liver

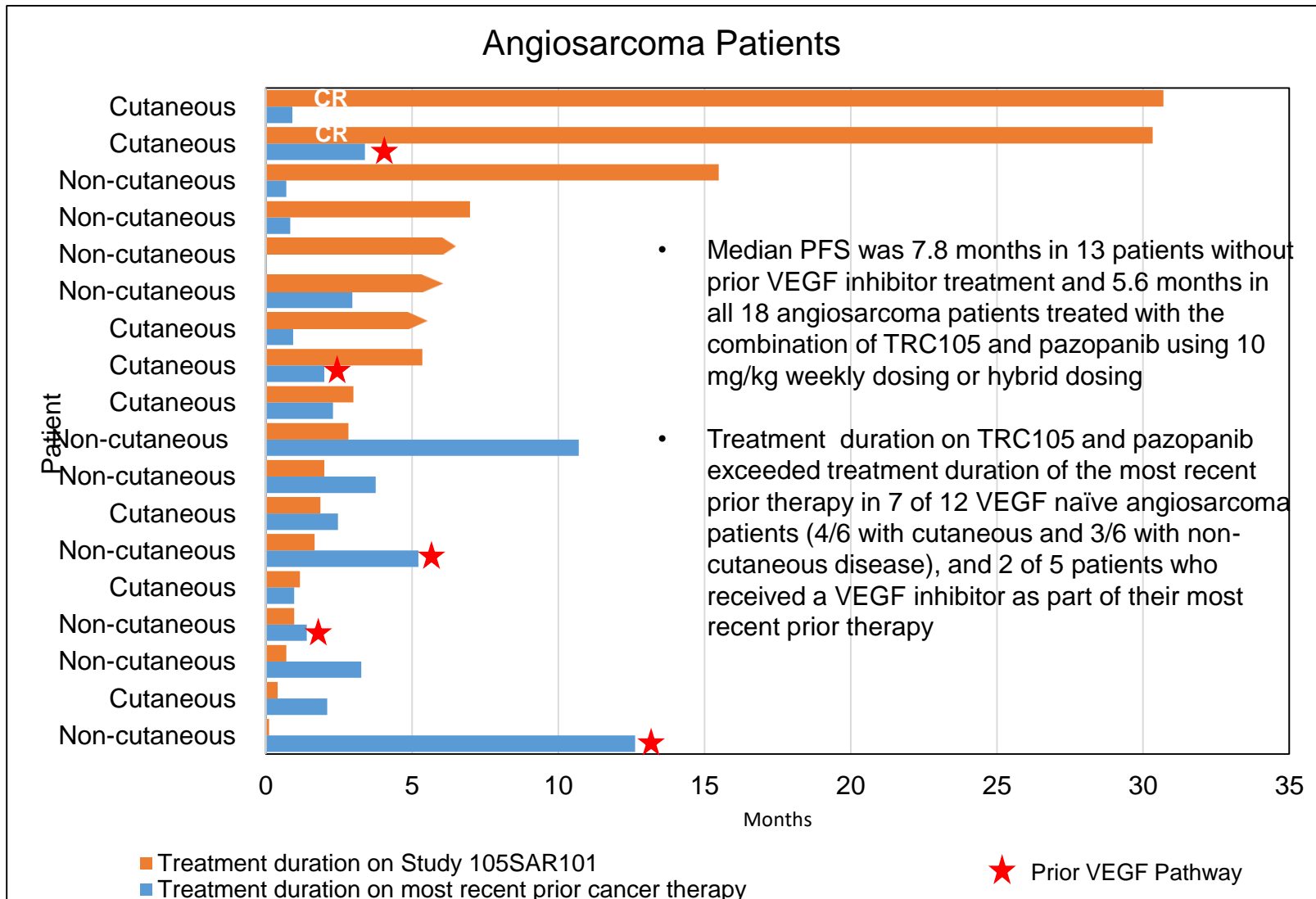


Human Liver  
Cancer



Angiosarcoma

# TRC 105: Efficacy in Patients with Angiosarcomas



\*Treatment duration is calculated from date of first dose to date of last dose

# TRC105 with Pazopanib Produced Durable Complete Responses in STS Patients

- Two complete responses (CRs) in angiosarcoma patients ongoing at Week 49 and Week 80

**CR from Patient Ongoing Week**



Day 0

Day 37

**CR from Patient Ongoing Week 80**

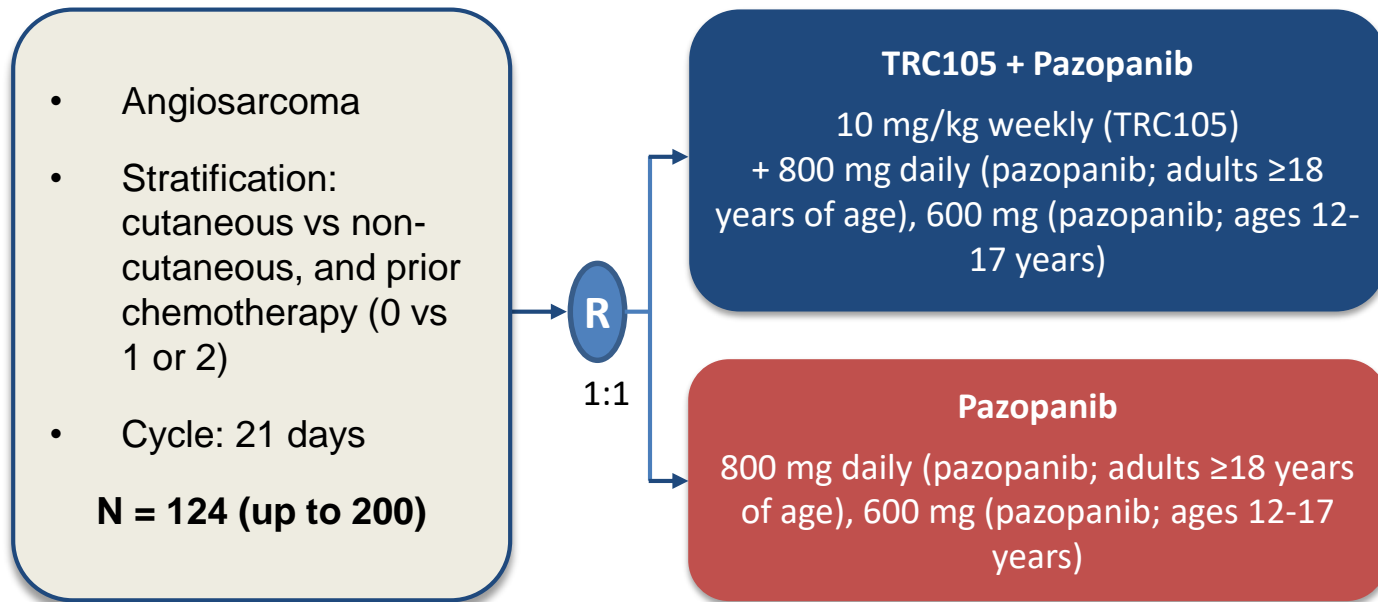


Day 0

Day 48

- Durable CR observed in an undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma patient ongoing at Week 56

# TAPPAS: TRC105 + Pazopanib vs Pazopanib in Angiosarcomas

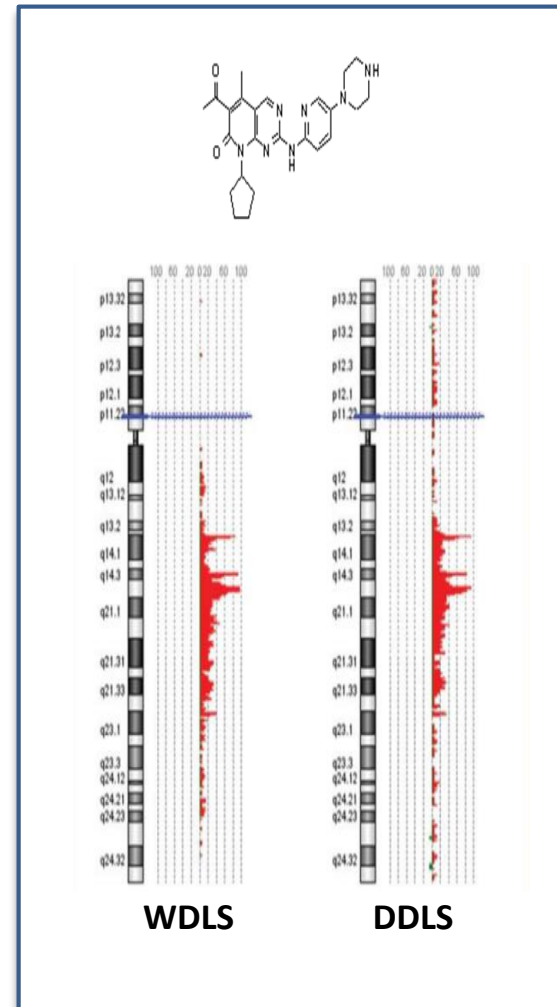


TRC105 is an anti-endoglin antibody

# Liposarcomas

# Phase 2 Trial of Palbociclib

- Single arm, phase 2, N = 29
  - 200 mg palbociclib per day for 14 days; 7 days off
- Eligibility:
  - WDLS/DDLS, *CDK4* amplification, and RB expression
  - $\geq 1$  prior systemic therapy
- Median PFS: 18 weeks
- 1 partial response
- Grade 3/4 AEs:
  - Anemia (17%), Thrombocytopenia (30%)
  - Neutropenia (50%), febrile neutropenia (3%)



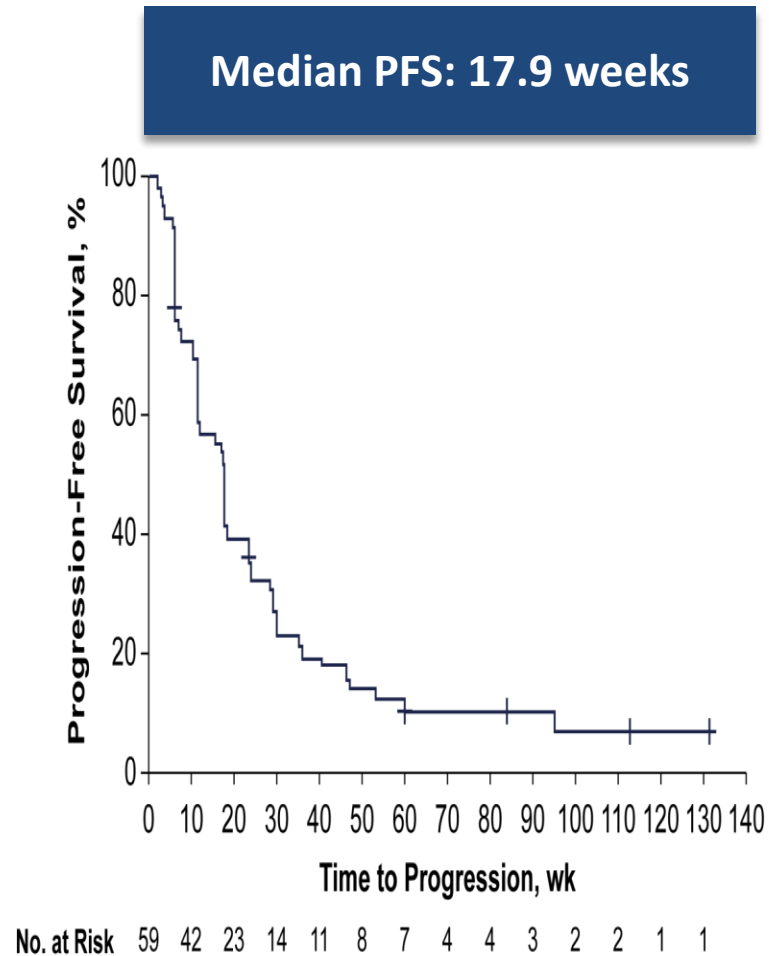
# Phase II Trial Palbociclib: Adverse Events

**Table 2.** Incidence of Grade 2 to 4 Adverse Events Possibly, Probably, or Definitely Related to Treatment

Toxicity	Grade			Total
	2	3	4	
<b>Hematologic</b>				
Anemia	6	5		11
WBC decreased	13	13	1	27
Platelet count decreased	2	5	4	11
Lymphocyte count decreased	4	6	2	12
Neutrophil count decreased	13	13	2	28
Febrile neutropenia		1		1
<b>Nonhematologic</b>				
Anorexia	1			1
Constipation		1		1
Diarrhea	1			1
Dry skin	1			1
Epistaxis	1			1
Fatigue	1	2		3
Hematuria		1		1
Upper respiratory infection		1		1

# Palbociclib: Progression-Free Survival

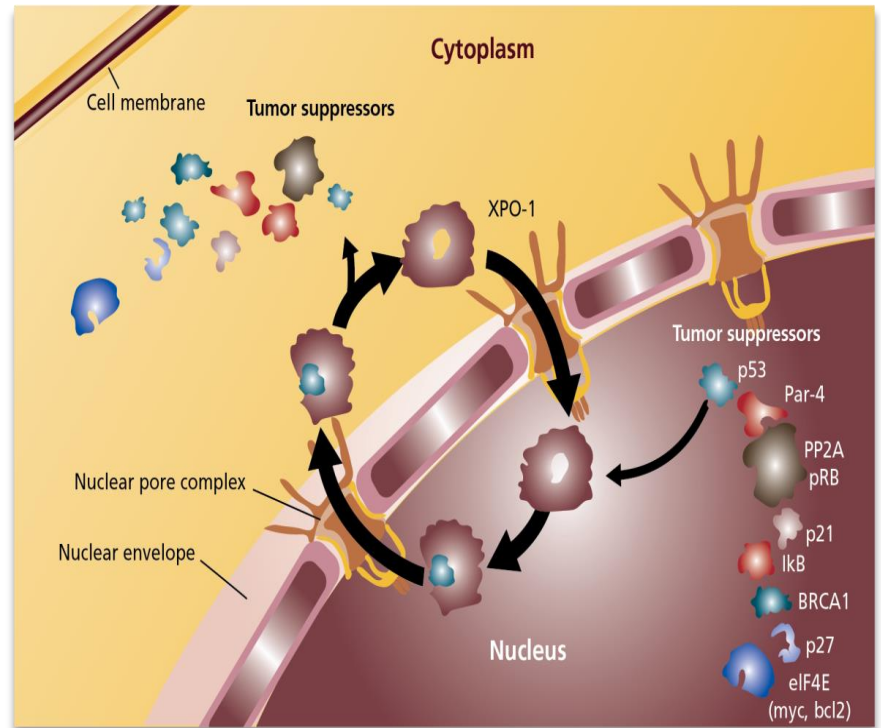
- Phase 2, N = 60
  - Advanced WDLs/DDLS
- Palbociclib 125 mg/day in a 4-week cycle
  - 3 weeks on, 1 week off
- Primary endpoint: PFS
  - Median PFS: 17.9 weeks
  - 2 sided 95%CI; 11.9-24 weeks
- 1 complete response



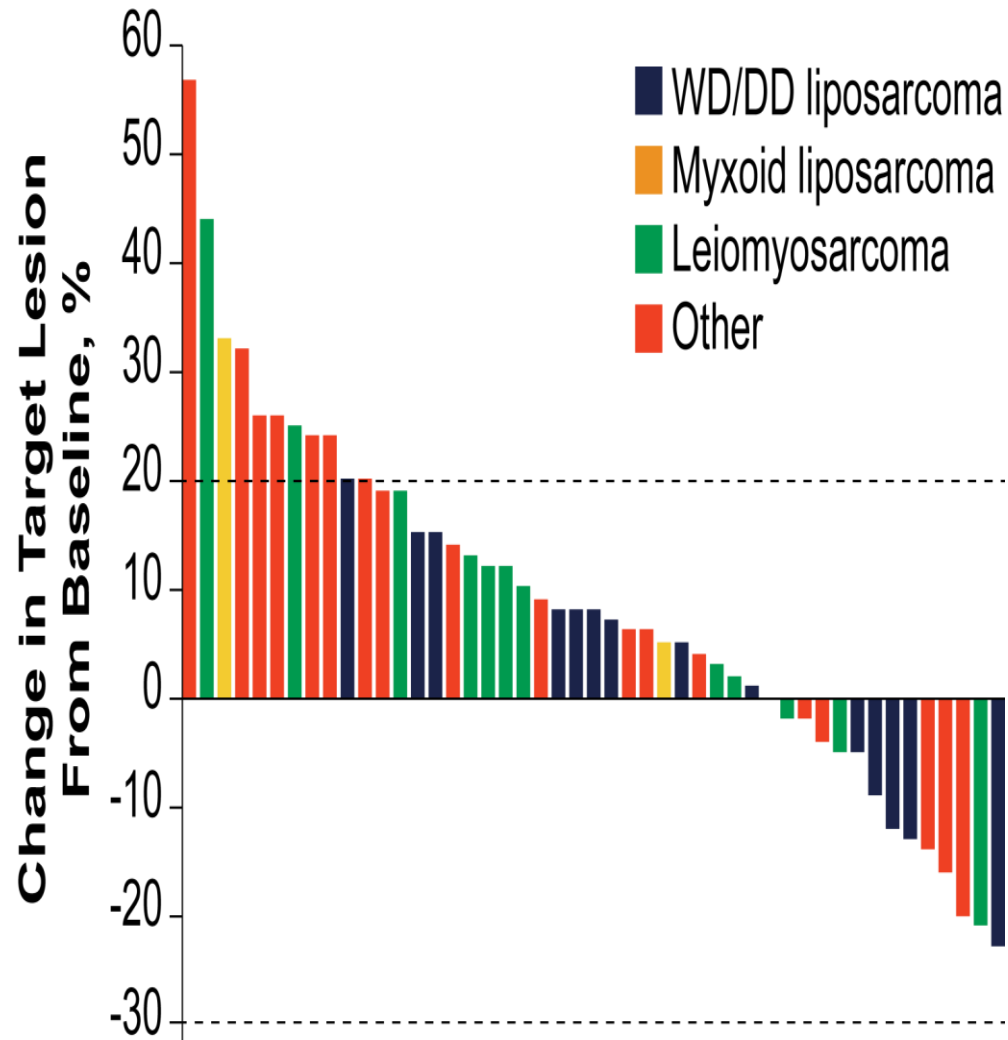


# Selective Inhibition of Nuclear Export (SINE)

- Selinexor: oral inhibitor of XPO-1 (nuclear exportin protein 1)
- Phase 2/3 study initiated based on early clinical activity in a phase 1b trial

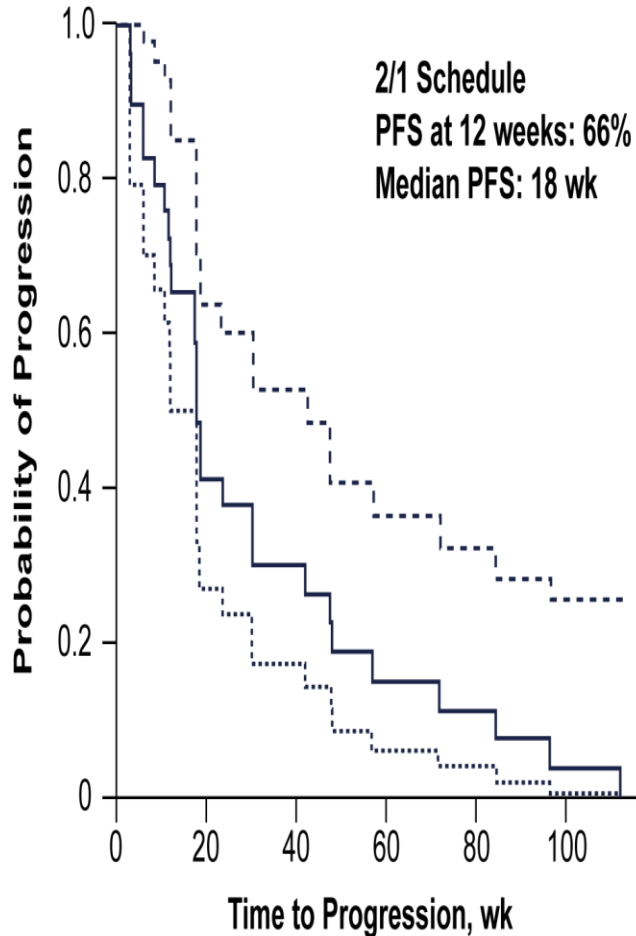


# Selinexor: Change in Tumor Size

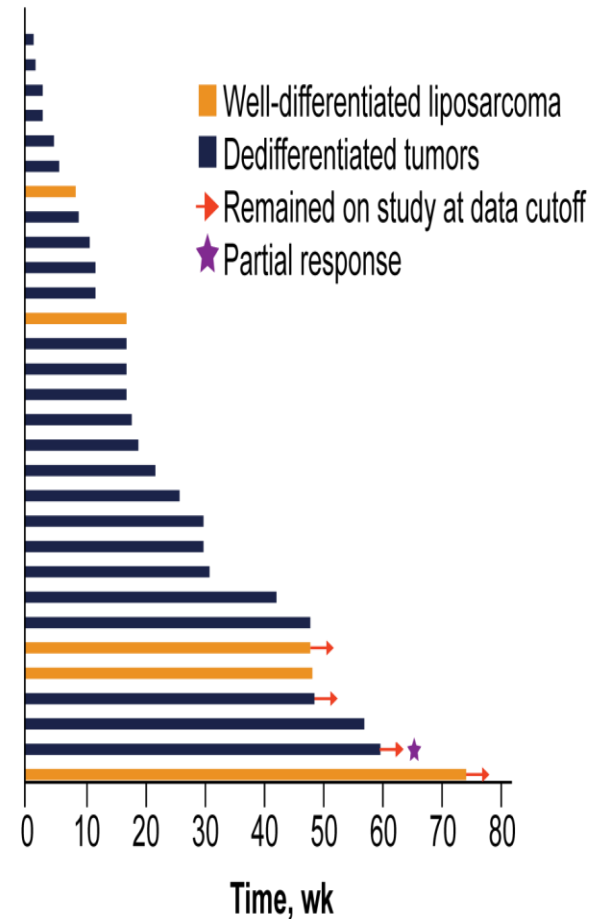


# Selinexor: PFS and Time on Study

## Progression-Free Survival



## Time on Study



# Selinexor: Toxicity

**Table 2.** Summary of Toxicities

AE	No. (%)														
	Selinexor 30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> (n = 19)					Selinexor 50 mg/m <sup>2</sup> (n = 17)					Selinexor 60 mg (n = 18)				
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Total	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Total	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Total
<b>GI</b>															
Nausea*	11 (57.9)	3 (15.8)			14 (73.7)	8 (47.1)	7 (41.2)	1 (5.9)		16 (94.1)	7 (38.9)	4 (22.2)			11 (61.1)
Dysgeusia	8 (42.1)				8 (42.1)	4 (23.5)	4 (23.5)			8 (47.1)	3 (16.7)				3 (16.7)
Vomiting*	8 (42.1)		1 (5.3)		9 (47.4)	7 (41.2)	4 (23.5)	1 (5.9)		12 (70.6)	4 (22.2)	2 (11.1)			6 (33.3)
Anorexia*	6 (31.6)	2 (10.5)			8 (42.1)	3 (17.6)	6 (35.3)	1 (5.9)		10 (58.8)	1 (5.6)	3 (16.7)			4 (22.2)
Diarrhea	6 (31.6)	1 (5.3)	1 (5.3)		8 (42.1)	3 (17.6)	1 (5.9)			4 (23.5)	1 (5.6)	1 (5.6)	1 (5.6)		3 (16.7)
<b>Constitutional</b>															
Fatigue	6 (31.6)	8 (42.1)	1 (5.3)		15 (78.9)	2 (11.8)	7 (41.2)	5 (29.4)		14 (82.4)	4 (22.2)	5 (27.8)	1 (5.6)		10 (55.6)
Weight loss	1 (5.3)	2 (10.5)			3 (15.8)	5 (29.4)	1 (5.9)			6 (35.3)	2 (11.1)	2 (11.1)			4 (22.2)
<b>Blood</b>															
Platelet count decreased	5 (26.3)	3 (15.8)	1 (5.3)	1 (5.3)	10 (52.6)	3 (17.6)	3 (17.6)	2 (11.8)		8 (47.1)	4 (22.2)	3 (16.7)	1 (5.6)		8 (44.4)
Anemia		5 (26.3)	1 (5.3)		6 (31.6)	4 (23.5)	3 (17.6)	3 (17.6)		10 (58.8)	4 (22.2)	3 (16.7)		1 (5.6)	8 (44.4)
WBC decreased	2 (10.5)	4 (21.1)	2 (10.5)		8 (42.1)	1 (5.9)	4 (23.5)	1 (5.9)		6 (35.3)	1 (5.6)	3 (16.7)	1 (5.6)		5 (27.8)
Neutrophil count decreased		4 (21.1)	2 (10.5)		6 (31.6)	2 (11.8)	2 (11.8)	1 (5.9)		5 (29.4)		1 (5.6)			1 (5.6)
Lymphocyte count decreased			4 (21.1)		4 (21.1)		1 (5.9)			1 (5.9)			1 (5.6)		1 (5.6)
<b>Metabolic</b>															
Hyponatremia	4 (21.1)		2 (10.5)		6 (31.6)	5 (29.4)		1 (5.9)		6 (35.3)	8 (44.4)				8 (44.4)
Hypoalbuminemia	3 (15.8)	2 (10.5)			5 (26.3)	1 (5.9)				1 (5.9)	2 (11.1)	1 (5.6)			3 (16.7)
ALT increased	3 (15.8)				3 (15.8)	1 (5.9)				1 (5.9)	1 (5.6)		1 (5.6)		2 (11.1)
<b>Other</b>															
Blurred vision	3 (15.8)				3 (15.8)	8 (47.1)				8 (47.1)	2 (11.1)	1 (5.6)			3 (16.7)
Dizziness*†	1 (5.3)	1 (5.3)			2 (10.5)	7 (41.2)	2 (11.8)			9 (52.9)	1 (5.6)				1 (5.6)

NOTE. Treatment-related adverse events (AEs) occurring in at least 10% of the patient population (as a total sum of all grades) by selinexor dose (30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, or 60-mg flat dose). Grade 3 AEs occurring in fewer than 10% included: central autonomic dysfunction (n = 1), cataract (n = 1), urinary tract infection (n = 1), lipase increased (n = 2), serum amylase increased (n = 1), dehydration (n = 1), hypokalemia (n = 1), hypophosphatemia (n = 1), hematuria (n = 1), and maculopapular rash (n = 1). There were no unlisted grade 4 AEs related to selinexor treatment.

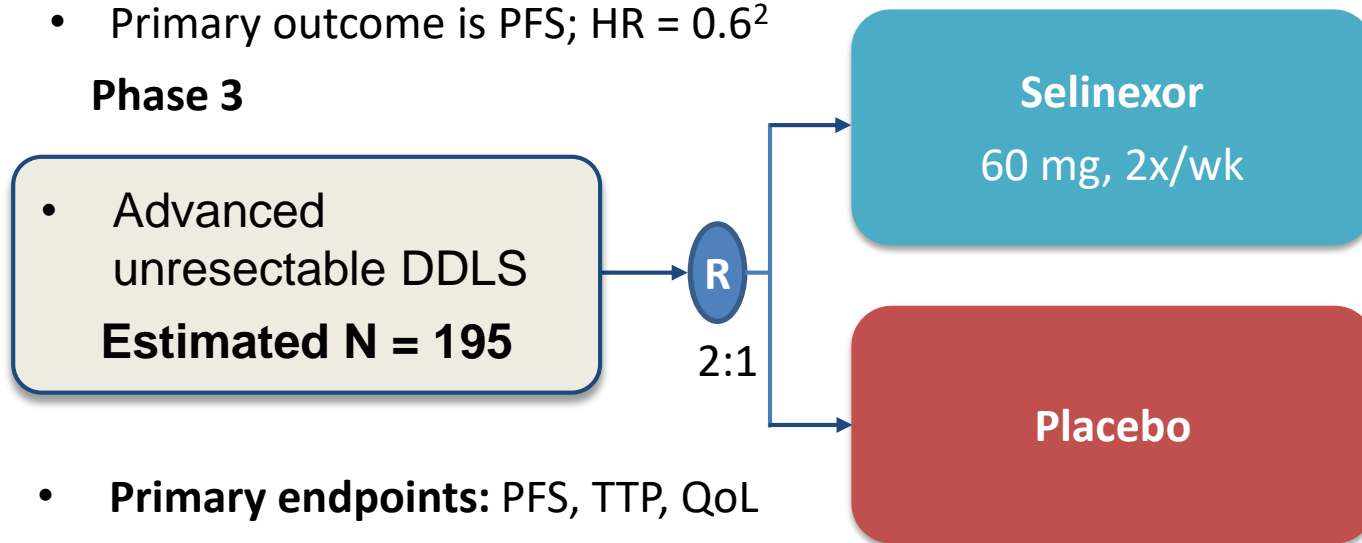
\*Indicates a significant difference between 60 mg and 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for nausea (*P* = .03), vomiting (*P* = .04), and anorexia (*P* = .04).

†Indicates a significant difference between 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for dizziness (*P* = .01).

# Phase 2/3 Trial (SEAL): SElinexor in Advanced Liposarcoma

- **Phase 2:** 57 patients randomized 1:1 to selinexor or placebo
- Phase 2 PFS data will inform adjustment of phase 3 sample size
- Primary outcome is PFS; HR = 0.6<sup>2</sup>

## Phase 3

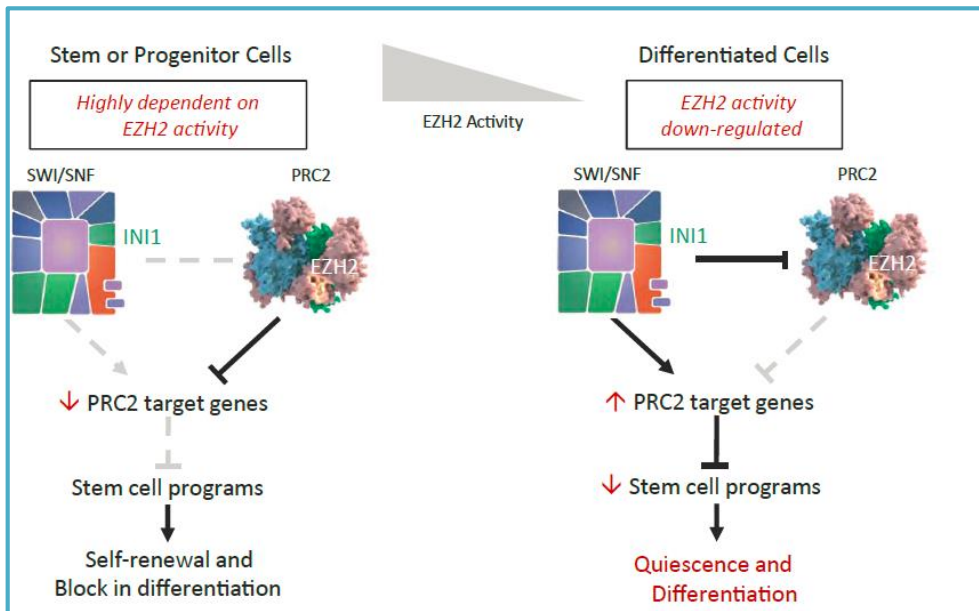


- **Primary endpoints:** PFS, TTP, QoL

# EZH2 inhibitors in Epithelioid Sarcoma

# INI1/BAF47/SMARCB1/hSNF5

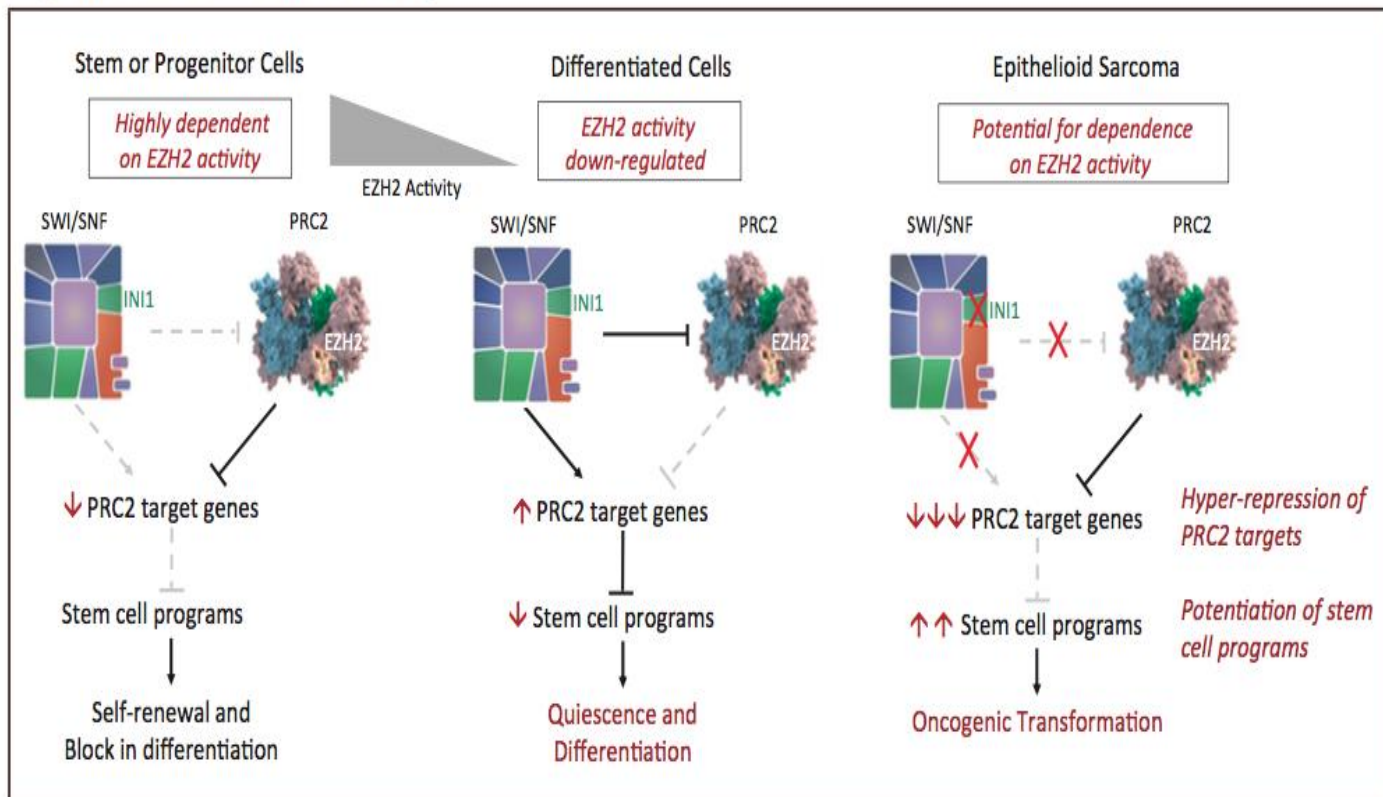
- Tumor suppressor
- Loss of *Integrase Interactor 1, INI1* (BAF47/SMARCB1/hSNF5) gene causes
  - Extremely aggressive rhabdoid tumors
- Re-expression *INI1* in rhabdoid tumors cells
  - Stops their proliferation
- Eviction of INI1 (BAF47/SMARCB1/hSNF5) from the BAF [SWI/SNF] complex
  - Plays an important role in synovial sarcoma tumorigenesis
  - Allows EZH2 (epigenetic modifier) to become an oncogenic driver in tumor cells
- INI1 loss characteristic of epithelioid sarcoma



PRC2, polycomb repressive complex 2

- EZH2: Catalytic subunit PRC2 + responsible for methylation activity PRC2
  - Enzyme histone methylation
  - Chromatin remodeling
  - Transcriptional repression

**Figure 1: Loss of INI1 impairs SWI/SNF function, causing aberrant PRC2 activity and a dependence on EZH2 activity**

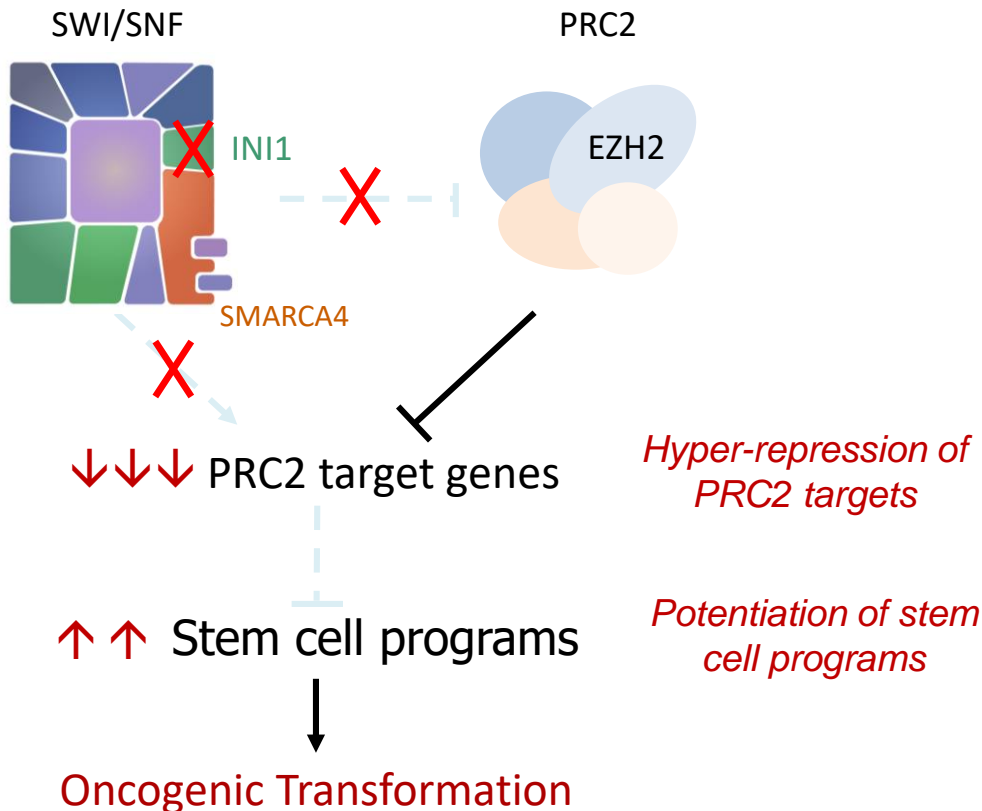




# INI1 Loss Creates an Oncogenic Dependency on EZH2 in Tumors

Stem or Progenitor Cells

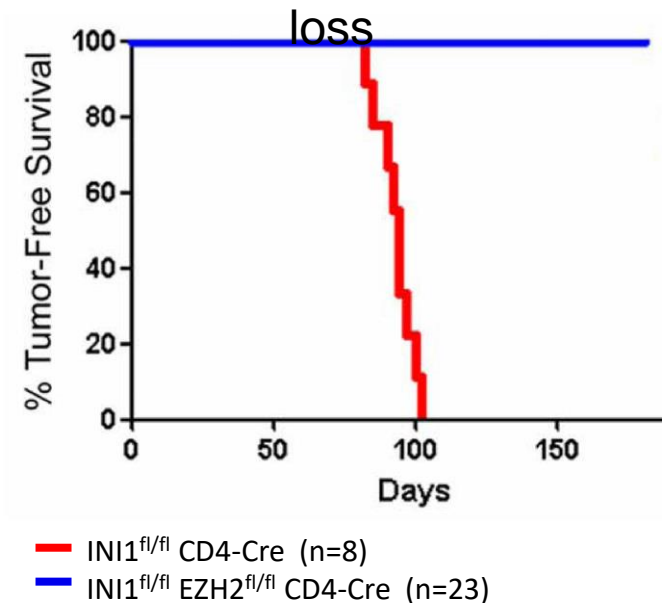
*Highly dependent on EZH2 activity*



INI1-negative tumors, e.g.:

Malignant rhabdoid tumor (MRT)  
Epithelioid sarcoma

EZH2 knockout reverses oncogenesis induced by INI1 loss



# Patient Selection: INI1 loss in Sarcomas

Subtype	INI1 loss
Epithelioid Sarcoma	90%
Epithelioid MPNST	50 - 67%
Myoepithelial Carcinoma	10 - 40%
Extraskeletal Myxoid Chondrosarcoma	17%
Poorly Differentiated Chordoma	Limited data

Adapted from Hollmann TJ, Hornick JL. Am J Surg Pathol 35; 47-63: 2011

# Epithelioid Sarcoma

- 1961: Lakowski “aponeurotic sarcoma”
- 1970: Enzinger: 62 cases
  - Distinct subtype
  - Confused with chronic inflammatory process, necrotizing granuloma, squamous cell carcinoma
- Can occur at any age
  - Peak incidence young adults
  - Frequently males
- Characterized by INI1 loss
- Etiology remains unknown
- Up to 27% associated with previous trauma
  - Originating in scar tissue
- Classic variant
  - Most commonly upper extremities
  - Adolescents + young adults
  - Male predominance (2:1)
  - Superficial, slowly growing painless, firm nodule
  - Repeated local recurrences
    - Successive lesions arising more proximally
- Proximal variant
  - Proximal limbs/ limb girdles/ midline of trunk
  - Slightly older adults
  - Slight male predominance
  - Deep, infiltrating soft-tissue masses with hemorrhage + necrosis
  - More aggressive clinical course

# Phase II EZH2 inhibitor

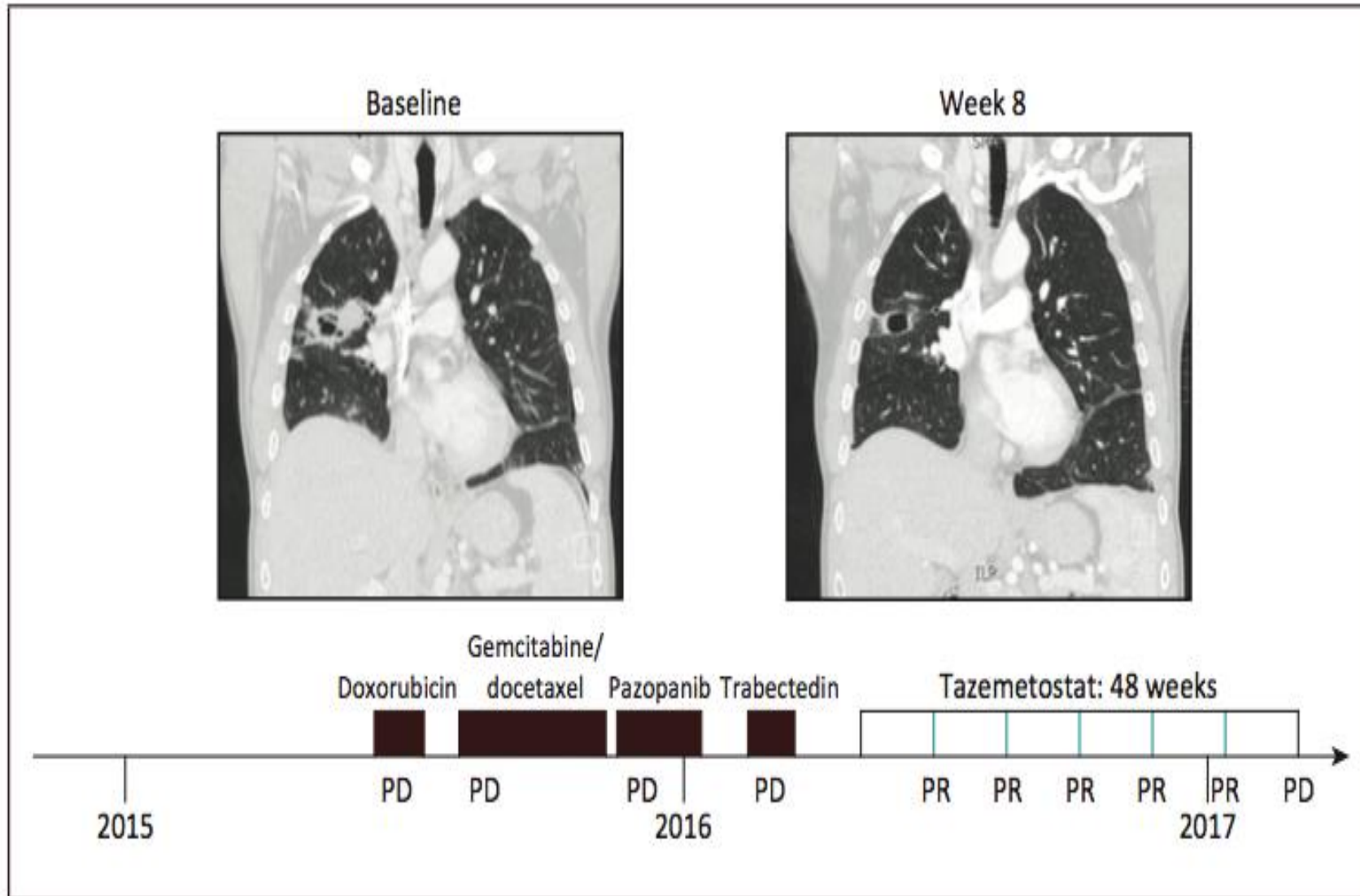
**Table 2: Patient demographics and baseline disease characteristics**

Characteristic	Epithelioid sarcoma (n=31)
Median age, years (range)	33 (19–79)
Sex (male/female), n	21/10
Number of lines of prior anti-cancer therapy, n (%)	
0	9 (29)
1	5 (16)
2	7 (23)
3	2 (6)
4	4 (13)
≥5	4 (13)
Median	2
Primary tumor location, n (%)	
Distal	15 (48)
Proximal	16 (52)
Metastatic disease at study entry, n (%)	27 (87)

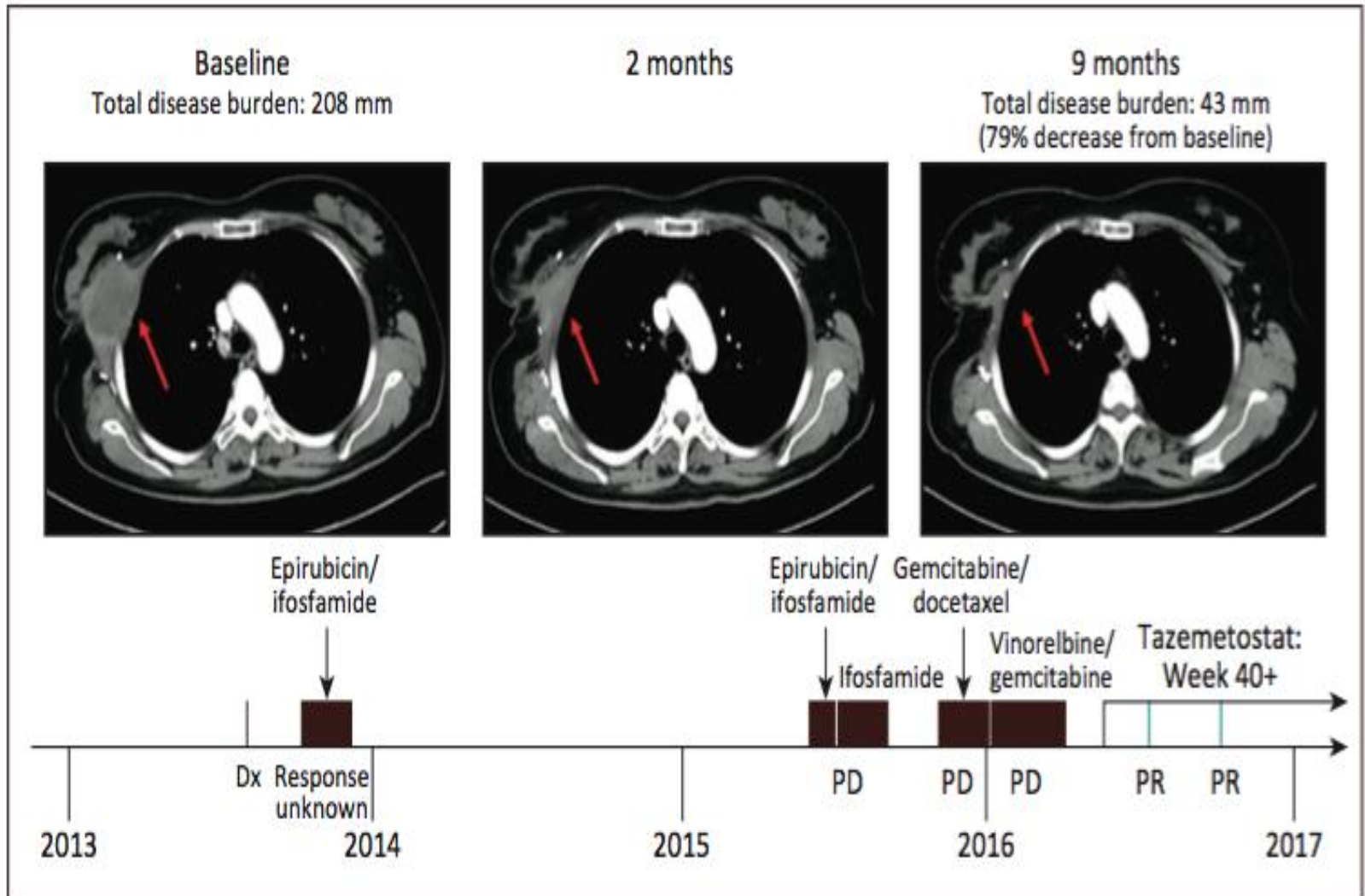
**Table 3: Objective response and disease control rate in patients with ES—preliminary assessment**

Response	Epithelioid Sarcoma (n=31)
Best overall response, n (%)	
Complete response	0 (0)
Partial response (confirmed)	4 (13)
Stable disease	18 (58)
Ongoing study drug	6 (19)
Progressive disease	7 (23)
Not evaluable/unknown	2 (6)
ORR, n (%)	4 (13)
DCR, n (%)	10 (32)
Objective response (confirmed)	4 (13)
Stable disease ≥32 weeks	6 (32)
Median PFS (mos)	5.7

# Proximal-type Epithelioid Sarcoma: EZH2 Inhibitor



# Classic-type Epithelioid Sarcoma



# Chondrosarcomas

# IDH1 and IDH2

- IDH (isocitrate dehydrogenase)
  - Essential enzyme
  - Catalyzes oxidative decarboxylation of isocitrate
  - Producing  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate ( $\alpha$ -KG) + CO<sub>2</sub>
    - Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Phosphate (NADP<sup>+</sup>) + NAD<sup>+</sup> as cofactors
    - $\alpha$ -KG intermediate in tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle
- 3 distinct isoforms
- *IDH1/IDH2*
  - Mutations are mutually exclusive
  - Glioma, AML, cholangiocarcinoma, chondrosarcoma (>50%)
  - Mutated enzymes lose ability to convert isocitrate to  $\alpha$ -KG
  - Gain novel function consisting of
    - NADPH-dependent reduction of  $\alpha$ -KG to
    - Oncometabolite D-2HG (2 Hydroxyglutarate)

Dang L et al. Nature 462; 739-744: 2009

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# IDH1 + 2 in Chondrosarcomas

- Chemo-resistant
  - NO effective systemic therapy
- Clear unmet need
- Biological rationale for IDH 1 + 2 inhibitors
- Early phase clinical trial participation
  - Preferred option to chemotherapy
- AG-120 Phase I trial
  - N=21 chondrosarcoma
    - N=12 dose escalation
    - N=9 dose expansion
- Stable disease:
  - N=11 (55%)
- 3-month progression-free rate:
  - 58%
- Reduction of plasma + tumor 2-HG

# Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumor (Pigmented Villonodular Synovitis)

# Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumor (Pigmented Villonodular Synovitis)

- Benign, though often highly morbid inflammatory neoplasm arising in joints
- Driven primarily by a small proportion of cells harboring a *COL6A3-CSF1* translocation leading to excessive CSF1 expression
- NO current approved systemic therapy



[WWW.ORTHOINFO.AAOS.ORG](http://WWW.ORTHOINFO.AAOS.ORG)

West et al. PNAS 2006

Tap WD et al. ASCO 2018

# Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Study Design

## PATIENTS

- Histologically confirmed, advanced, symptomatic TGCT
- Surgical resection associated with potential for worsening of functional limitation or severe morbidity
- Measurable disease  $\geq 2$  cm by RECIST v1.1

## STRATIFICATION

- US vs non-US sites
- Upper vs lower extremity

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Placebo-controlled & blinded (24 wk)

Open-label extension (25 wk+)

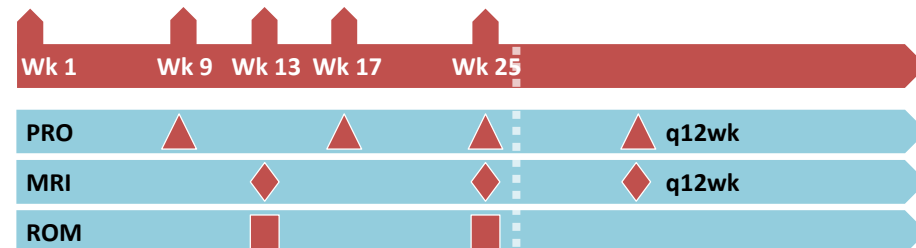
### Pexidartinib

1000 mg/d split bid (2 wk), then  
800 mg/d split bid (22 wk)

### Placebo

(matching placebo)

Pexidartinib  
Current dose



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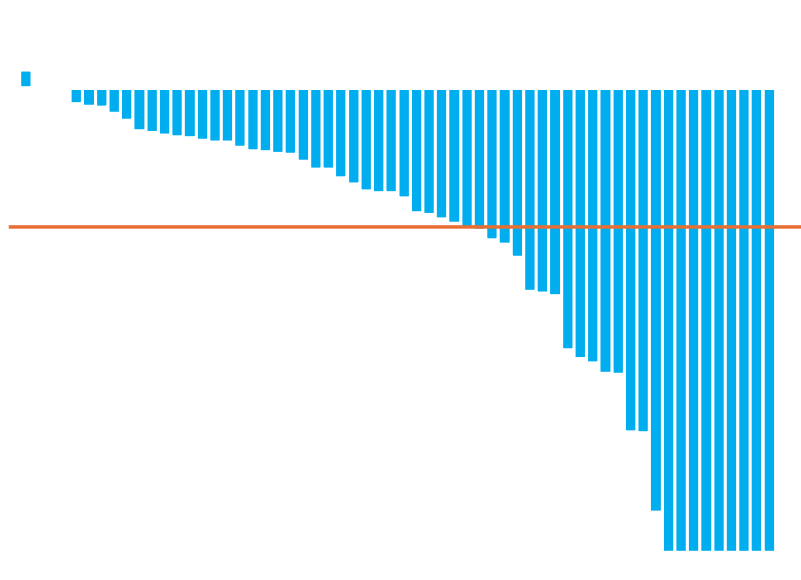
# Primary Endpoint: Tumor Response by RECIST v1.1\*

## Week 25 Response (Blinded, Central MRI Review; ITT Population)

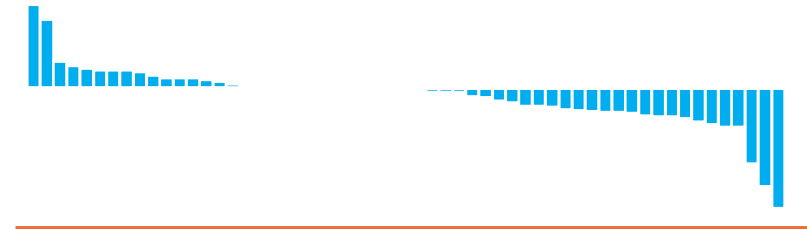
**Pexidartinib (n = 61)**

**Placebo (n = 59)**

% Change in Tumor Diameter



% Change in Tumor Diameter



Treatment, n (%)	Complete	Partial	Stable Disease	Progressive Disease	Not Evaluable	Overall Response Rate [95% CI]
Pexidartinib n = 61	9 (15)	15 (25)	24 (39)	1 (2)	12 (20)	24 (39) [28.1, 51.9] <i>P</i> < 0.0001
Placebo n = 59	0	0	46 (78)	1 (2)	12 (20)	0 [0, 6.1]

\*Baseline mean sum of the longest tumor diameters was 10.1 and 10.6 cm for pexidartinib and placebo, respectively.

# Pexidartinib in Tenosynovial Giant Cell Tumor

- Significantly improved ORR over placebo
  - RECIST: 39% vs 0%,  $P < 0.0001$
  - TVS: 56% vs 0%,  $P < 0.0001$
- Generally well tolerated
  - Serious, nonfatal liver toxicity with increased bilirubin in 4% of patients
  - Majority of other AEs < grade 3
- Improved patient symptoms + function on active trial drug

# Desmoid Tumour

# Alliance A091105: Sorafenib vs Placebo

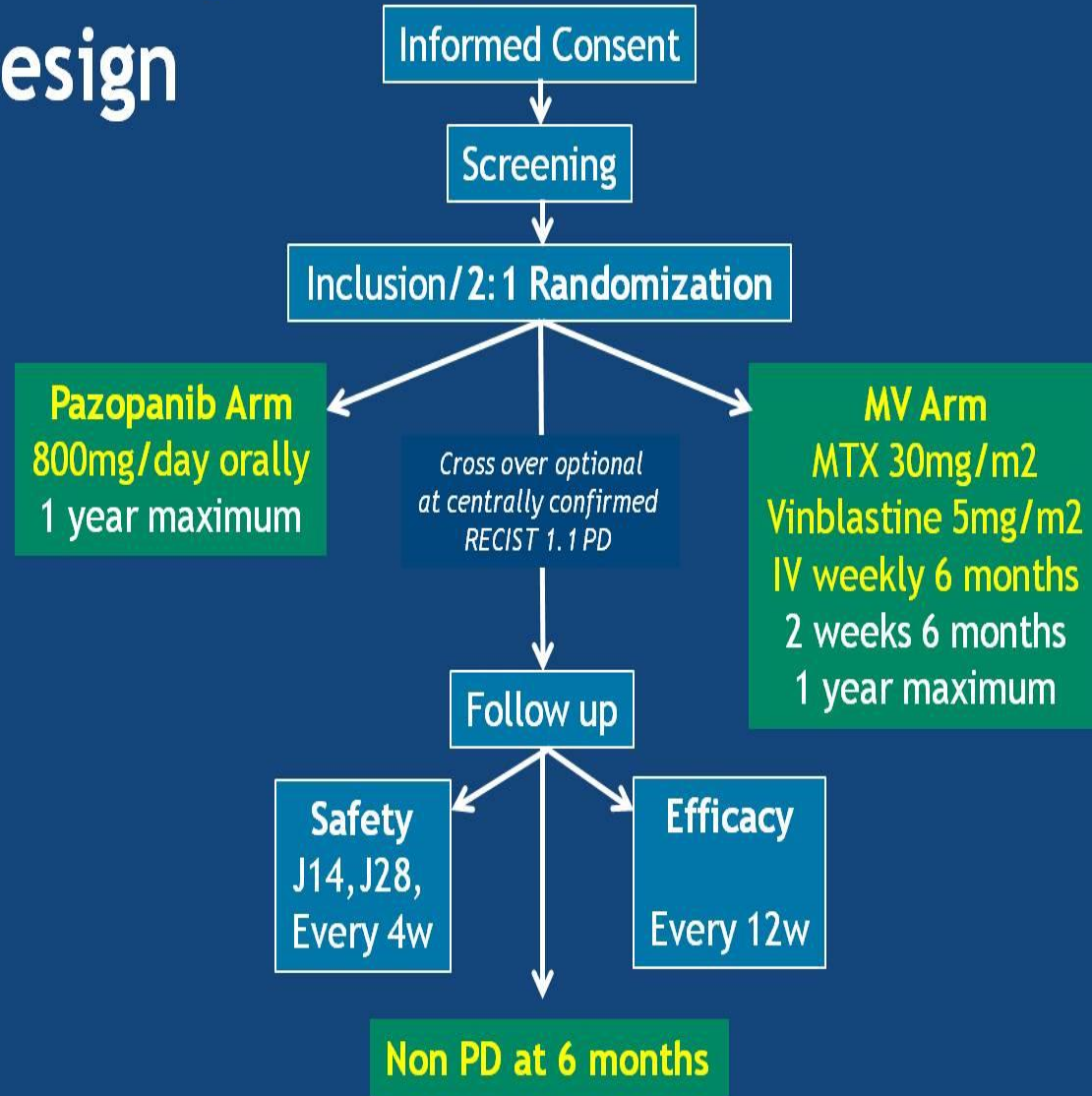
## Phase III, double blind, randomized trial with crossover

- Unresectable or unacceptable surgical morbidity
- Progressive disease (10% by RECIST 1.1 within 6 months)
- Symptomatic disease – Brief Pain Inventory score  $\geq 3$  and considering addition or increase in narcotics
- Response rate:
  - Sorafenib (n=49): 33% (95%CI, 20-48%)
  - Placebo (n=35): 20% (95%CI, 8-38%)
- Median PFS:
  - Sorafenib: not reached
  - Placebo: 11.3 months (95%CI: 5.7 – not reached)
- HR 0.14 (95%CI, 0.06-0.33),  $p < 0.0001$



# Methods - Study Design

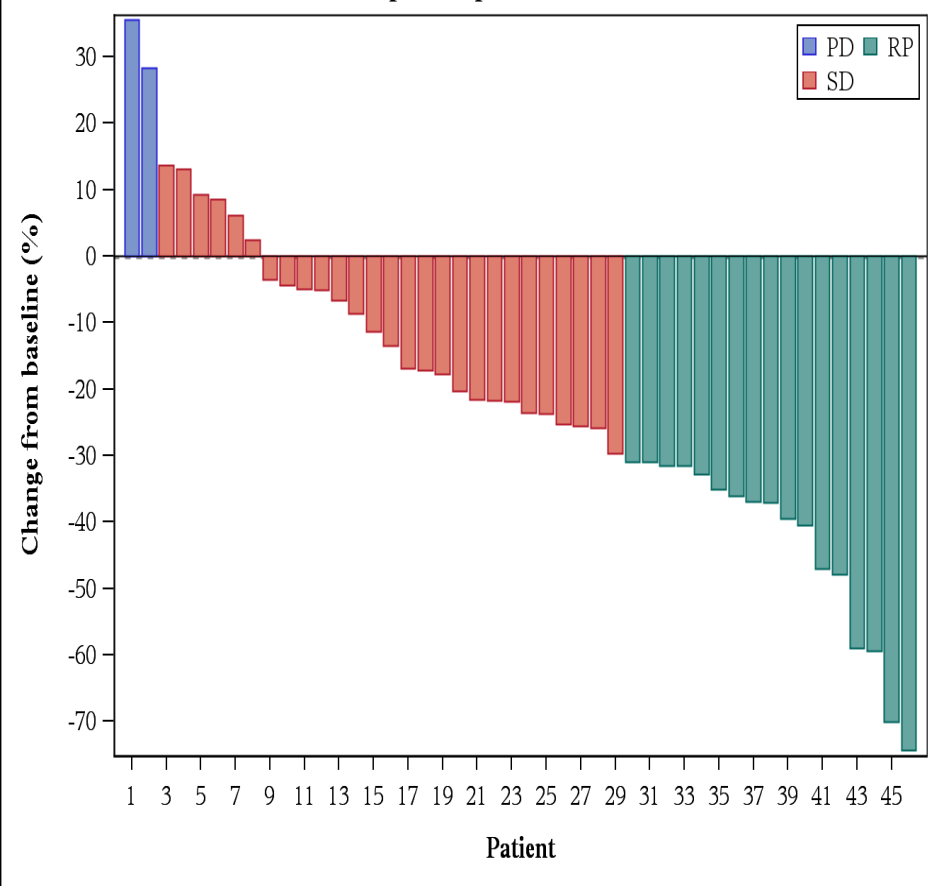
- DESMOPAZ is a multicenter non-comparative randomized phase 2 clinical trial
- Required RECIST progression within 6 months of study entry



# Pazopanib Arm

PR = 37% (95%CI: 23.2-52.5%)

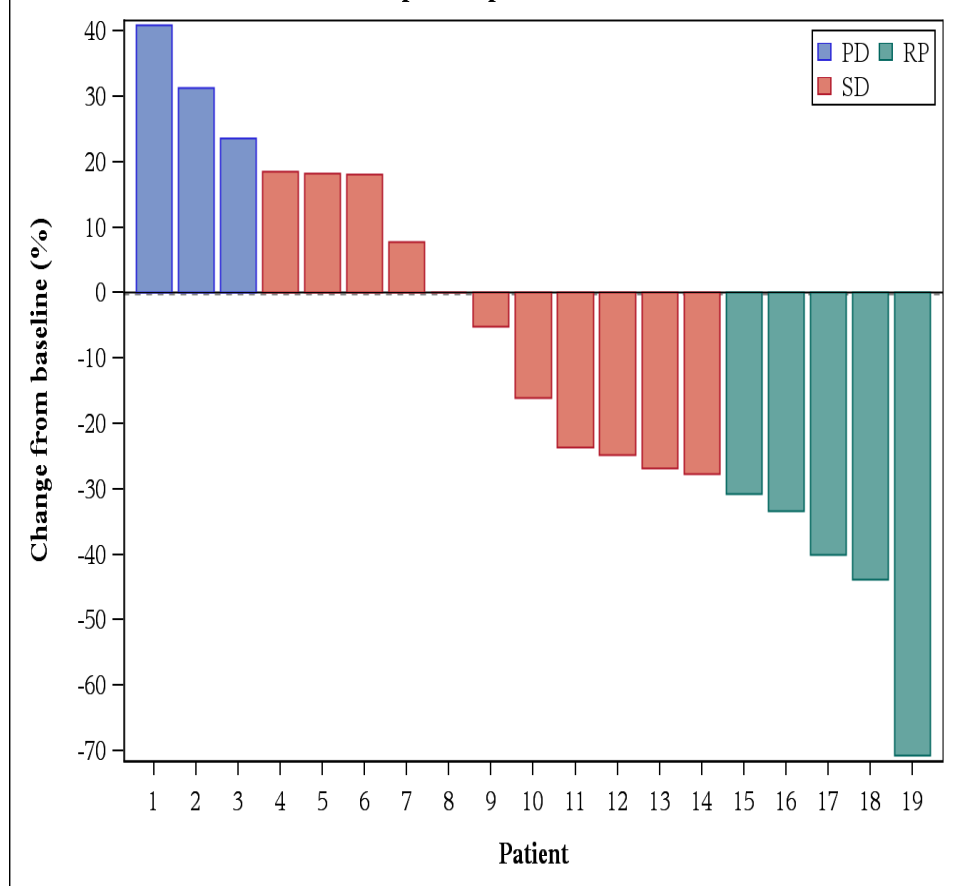
Waterfall plot for patients included in Arm A



# Methotrexate + Vinblastine Arm

PR = 25% (95%CI: 8.6-44%)

Waterfall plot for patients included in Arm B



# Conclusion

- Phase 3 olaratumab trial
  - Not all sarcomas are the same.....
- Number promising agents in development
  - Subtype specific
  - Molecular rationale
- Phase III trials in
  - GIST
    - Blu-285
    - DCC-2618
  - Angiosarcoma
  - Liposarcoma
- Phase II single agent activity
  - Crizotinib
  - EZH2 inhibitor
- Randomized data in Desmoid tumors + Tenosynovial giant cell tumor
  - Optimal incorporation in management

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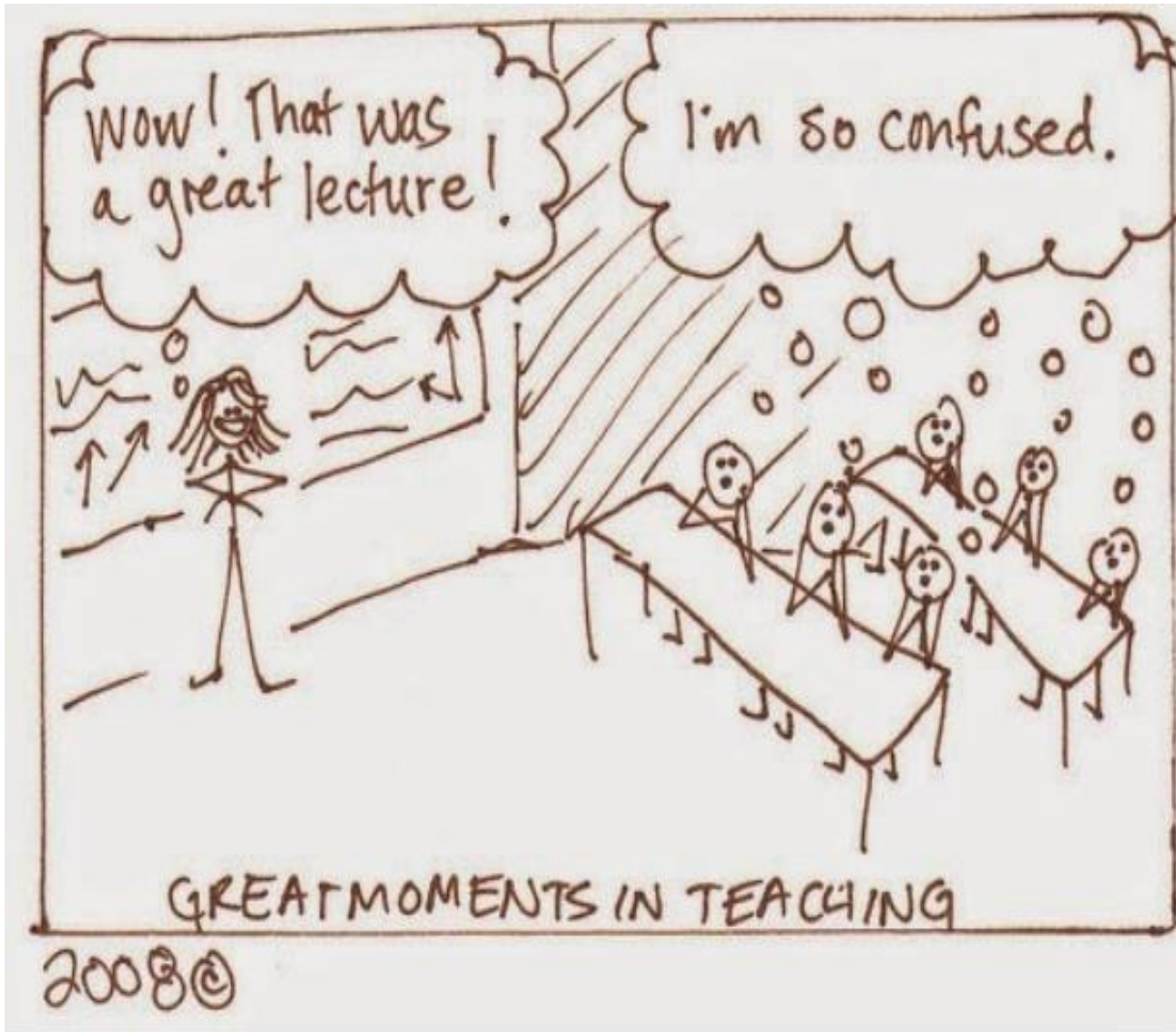
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