# Best of ASCO for Advanced NSCLC

#### Fadlo Raja Khuri, MD, FACP

Professor and Roberto C. Goizueta Chair Department of Hematology & Medical Oncology Deputy Director Winship Cancer Institute Georgia Cancer Coalition Professor



- I am a consultant for Pfizer and Sanofi-Aventis.
- I have received research funding from Sanofi-Aventis, BMS, Onyx, Ligand, Oxigene, Pfizer, Genentech, and Novartis for investigator initiated research in drug development and head & neck, and lung cancers over the last 15 years.
- I have received more than ten-fold more peer reviewed government funding (NCI, DoD) than total pharmaceutical funding over the last 15 years.
- My opinions on approaches to the treatment of lung cancer are my own and, while evidence based, are potentially controversial.

#### **Learning Objectives**

- To understand the present role of maintenance therapy in advanced NSCLC
- Appropriate utilization of EGFR inhibitors
- Discussion of individualized treatment approaches

#### Outline

- Continuation Maintenance Therapy
- EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibition
  - First-line therapy
  - Maintenance therapy
  - Combination therapy
- VEGF Inhibition
- Individualized therapy

#### Maintenance Therapy for Advanced NSCLC

- Refers to the use of systemic therapy following 4 to 6 cycles of combination chemotherapy in the front-line setting
- FDA-approved agents
  - Pemetrexed
  - Erlotinib
  - Improvement in survival noted with both of these agents





#### 'Switch' or 'Continuation' Maintenance Therapy?

- Pemetrexed and erlotinib were both studied as switch maintenance therapy
- Bevacizumab and cetuximab are used as continuation maintenance following administration in combination with chemotherapy
  - Their role in this setting is unproven

PARAMOUNT: Phase III Study of Maintenance Pemetrexed (Pem) Plus Best Supportive Care (BSC) Versus Placebo Plus BSC Immediately Following Induction Treatment with Pem Plus Cisplatin for Advanced Nonsquamous Non-small Cell Lung Cancer

Abstract # 7510

L. G. Paz-Ares<sup>1</sup>, F. de Marinis<sup>2</sup>, M. Dediu<sup>3</sup>, M. Thomas<sup>4</sup>, J.L. Pujol<sup>5</sup>, P. Bidoli<sup>6</sup>, O. Molinier<sup>7</sup>, T.P. Sahoo<sup>8</sup>, E. Laack<sup>9</sup>, M. Reck<sup>10</sup>, J. Corral<sup>1</sup>, S. Melemed<sup>11</sup>, W. John<sup>11</sup>, N. Chouaki<sup>12</sup>, A. H. Zimmermann<sup>11</sup>, C. Visseren-Grul<sup>13</sup>, C. Gridelli<sup>14</sup>



#### **PARAMOUNT:** Study Objectives

- Primary objective: progression-free survival (PFS)
- Secondary objectives:
  - Overall survival (OS)
  - Objective tumor response rate (RR) (RECIST 1.0)
  - Patient-reported outcomes (EQ-5D)
  - Resource utilization
  - Adverse events (AEs)
- All endpoints measured from date of randomization, after completion of induction chemotherapy







# **PARAMOUNT Study: Implications**

- First randomized study to evaluate the role of continuation maintenance therapy (monotherapy)
- Pemetrexed is an agent with good therapeutic index
- Demonstrated modest PFS benefit
- No detrimental effects of QOL with pemetrexed
- · Survival data are awaited

# Our Approach

- Maintenance therapy for patients that present with symptomatic or 'large disease burden'
- For patients with EGFR mutation, EGFR TKI therapy is recommended
- Switch maintenance therapy

   Await survival data from PARAMOUNT
- For patients on bevacizumab-based regimen, continuation of bevacizumab









	Interim analysis (Aug 2, 2010)		Updated analysis (Jan 26, 2011)		
	Erlotinib (n=77)	Chemotherapy (n=76)	Erlotinib (n=86)	Chemotherapy (n=87)	
Median age, yrs (range)	64 (24–82)	64 (29–82)	65 (24–82)	65 (29–82)	
Gender, % Male Female	32 68	21 79	33 67	22 78	
ECOG PS, % 0 1 2	30 57 13	34 54 12	31 55 14	34 52 14	
Smoking status, % Current smoker Former smoker Never smoker	4 26 70	13 13 74	8 26 66	14 14 72	
EGFR mutation type, % Exon 19 deletion L858R mutation	64 36	63 37	66 34	67 33	









	Gefitinib (n=148)	Placebo (n=148)	
Age <65 years, n (%)	129 (87.2)	130 (87.9)	
Median age (range), years	54 (31-79)	54 (20-75)	
Gender,† n (%) Female Male	65 (43.9) 83 (56.1)	56 (37.8) 92 (62.2)	
Asian ethnicity, n (%)	148 (100.0)	148 (100.0)	
WHO PS, n (%) 0, 1, 2	69 (46.6), 76 (51.4), 3 (2.0)	72 (48.6), 72 (48.6), 4 (2.7)	
Smoking history,† n (%) Smoker (ex- or current smoker) Never smoker	69 (46.6) 79 (53.4)	67 (45.3) 81 (54.7)	
Histology,† n (%) Adenocarcinoma Squamous	105 (70.9) 27 (18.2)	104 (70.3) 30 (20.3)	
Disease stage, n (%) IIIB IV	42 (28.4) 106 (71.6)	32 (21.6) 115 (77.7)	
First-line taxane-based chemotherapy, n (%)	60 (40.5)	66 (44.6)	
Response (CR/PR, SD) to first-line therapy, n (%)	58 (39.2), 90 (60.8)	51 (34.5), 97 (65.5)	















- Gefitinib improved PFS, but there was no improvement in OS as maintenance therapy
- The effect in EGFR mutated tumors is similar to that seen with erlotinib
- Benefit in patients with wild-type EGFR was minimal
- Once again supports the notion that EGFR mutation is a predictive marker for EGFR TKIs





- Erlotinib in combination with VEGF inhibitors
   No improvement in OS
- Erlotinib in combination with IGF-1R inhibitors
   No efficacy advantage in unselected patients
- · Erlotinib in combination with HDAC inhibitors
  - Benefit may be predicted by E-cadherin expression status















#### **VEGF** Inhibition in NSCLC

- Bevacizumab improves survival in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel in advanced non-squamous NSCLC
- VEGF tyrosine kinase inhibitors have demonstrated single agent activity in NSCLC
- Combination strategies with VEGFR TKIs have been disappointing to date









Summary of Adverse Events and Serious						
Adverse	Arm A Motesanib + C/P (N = 533)	Arm B Placebo + C/P (N = 539)				
Patients with grade ≥3 adverse events, n (%)	388 (73)	319 (59)				
Grade 3	201 (38)	192 (36)				
Grade 4	113 (21)	77 (14)				
Grade 5	74 (14)	50 (9)				
Serious adverse events	261 (49)	184 (34)				
Patients with serious grade ≥3 adverse events, n (%)*	239 (45)	161 (30)				
Neutropenia	28 (5)	12 (2)				
Diarrhea	25 (5)	4 (<1)				
Febrile neutropenia	23 (4)	15 (3)				
Pneumonia	20 (4)	7 (1)				
Dehydration	19 (4)	4 (<1)				
Non-small-cell lung cancer	16 (3)	12 (2)				
Thrombocytopenia	14 (3)	6 (1)				
Pulmonary embolism	12 (2)	17 (3)				
Anemia	12 (2)	11 (2)				
Dyspnea	11 (2)	20 (4)				
Vomiting	11 (2)	7 (1)				

11 (2)

11 (2)

4 (<1)

0 (0)

General physical health deterioration

Cholecystitis

\*Patient incidence ≥2%

# VEGFR TKIs in NSCLC: Yet Another Negative Trial

- Lack of survival benefit with VEGFR TKIs
  - Vandetanib
  - Sunitinib
  - Sorafenib
  - Motesanib
- These agents are associated with additional AEs besides the class effects

# **Anti-Angiogenic Therapy in NSCLC**

- Every agent tested to date in NSCLC has failed to demonstrate survival benefit with the exception of bevacizumab
- No predictive marker in the horizon
- Further development will hinge on the ability to select subset of patients that will derive robust benefits

#### Lung Cancer Genomics and Proteomics: Towards Personalized Therapy of Lung Cancer

#### Identification of driver mutations in tumor specimens from 1000 patients with lung adenocarcinoma: The Lung Cancer Mutation Consortium (LCMC)

Abstract # 7506

Mark G Kris

On behalf of the Lung Cancer Mutation Consortium Investigators American Recovery and Relief Act Grand Opportunity Grant NCI 1 RC2 CA148394-01 (Paul Bunn, PI)







# Lung Cancer Mutation Consortium Objectives To test 1000 tumor specimens from patients with lung adenocarcinoma for KRAS, EGFR, BRAF, HER2, PIK3CA, AKT1, NRAS, MEK1, and EML4-ALK, and MET amplification To use the information in real time to either select erlotinib with EGFR mutations or recommend a "LCMC-linked" clinical trial of an agent targeting the specific mutation identified



# Single	97%	<b>оf</b> оf	muta BRAF		S MU	tuall KRAS	у ехо мек1	Clusi	IVE	PIK3CA
ALK (38)	х		1	2		1		1		
AKT1 (0)		х								
BRAF (9)			х							1
EGFR (89)				х				1		3
HER2 (3)					х					
KRAS (114)						х		1		1
MEK1 (2)							х	1		1
MET AMP (3)								х		
NRAS (2)									Х	
PIK3CA (6)										х
Number of	patier	nts wit	h variar	nts in ind	dicated	combin	ation o	fgenes	5 , 3% (1	4/516)

#### Lung Cancer Mutation Consortium LCMC protocols linked to specific molecular lesions detected (I)

Agent(s)	LCMC Lead
Erlotinib + OSI 906	C Rudin
Erlotinib + MM 121	L Sequist
Tivantinib + Erlotinib	J Schiller
GSK1120212	P Jänne
Crizotinib	R Camidge
GSK1120212	P Jänne
	Agent(s) Erlotinib + OSI 906 Erlotinib + MM 121 Tivantinib + Erlotinib GSK1120212 Crizotinib GSK1120212





















Patient Population
<ul> <li>Accrual</li> <li>April 2004 to April 2006</li> <li>1074 patients enrolled</li> </ul>
913 eligible patients
<ul> <li>Specimens collected (eligible pts) <ul> <li>913 pts with pre-surgery serum</li> <li>507 pts with post-surgery serum</li> <li>245 pts with frozen normal tissue specimens</li> <li>456 pts with frozen tumor tissue specimens</li> <li>503 pts with FFPE normal tissue specimens</li> <li>609 pts with FFPE tumor tissue specimens</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CP1271504-70





# Conclusions

- Z4031 is the largest prospective multi-institutional lung cancer trial that collected biological materials:
  - Blood before and after resection (plasma, WBCs)
  - · Frozen tumor and frozen non-cancerous lung
  - FFPE tumor and non-cancerous lung
- Usable serum MALDI Proteomic profiles were successfully created from more than 90% of samples
- The predictive accuracy of the proteomic model lacked sufficient power for clinical utility
- Limit of detection for the newest MS platforms is not sufficient for <u>discovering</u> discriminate protein profiles

CP1271504-73

Conclusions					
<ul> <li>The outcomes for advanced NSCLC continues to improve</li> <li>Stage migration</li> <li>Improved systemic therapy</li> <li>Maintenance therapy</li> <li>Targeted agents</li> <li>Improved supportive care</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>Individualized therapy based on tumor characteristics is a reality <ul> <li>EGFR mutation</li> <li>ALK translocation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Patients are open to re-biopsy for molecular studies <ul> <li>Are we?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					