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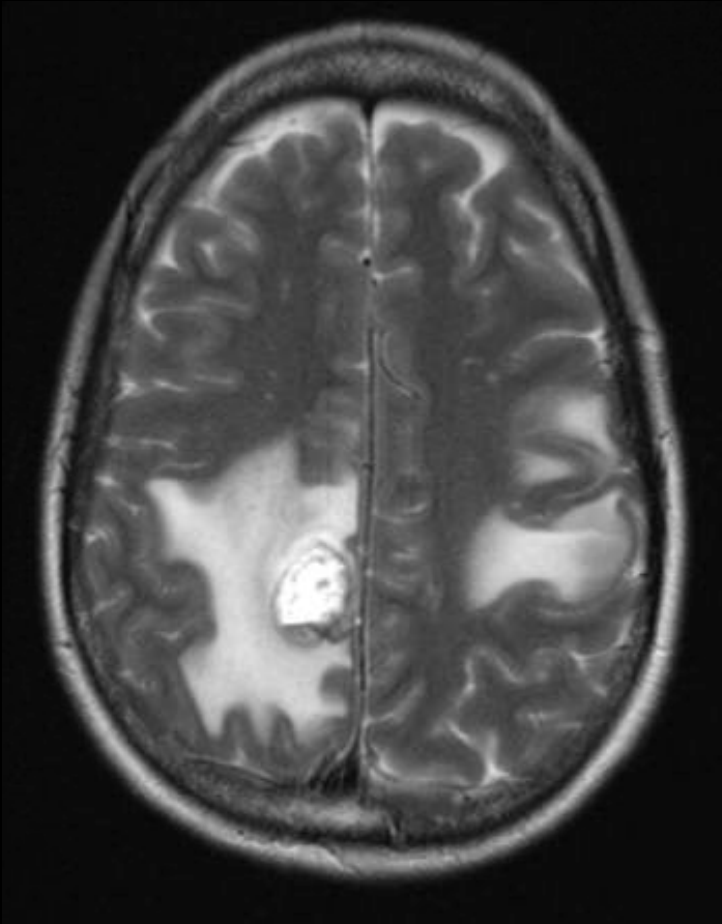
## Case

- **41 yo F neversmoker with no past medical history who was incidentally found to have a 3.7-cm LLL mass.**
- **Workup revealed stage 3A NSCLC, adenocarcinoma histology. Brain MRI was negative.**
- **She underwent induction chemoRT, VATS LLL resection, and 4 cycles of consolidation chemotherapy.**
- **One year after completing chemotherapy, she developed headaches and neck pain.**
- **Brain MRI with multiple lesions, measuring up to 1.9 cm.**

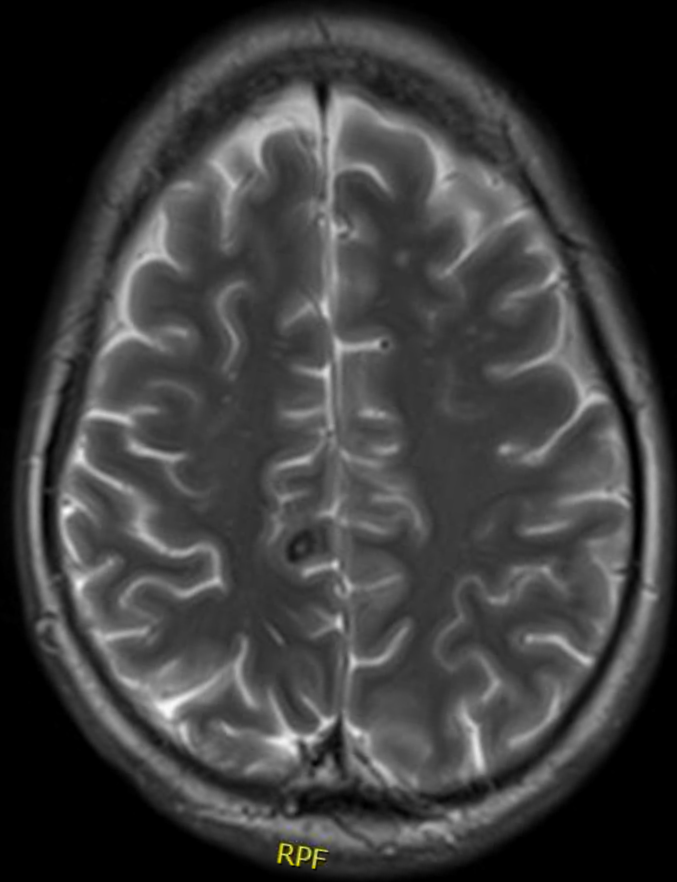
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- She was started on steroids
- PET-CT with FDG: avid L hilar and mediastinal lymphadenopathy
- Molecular testing was performed on her previous diagnostic biopsy
- EGFR wild type, ALK IHC positive, ROS1 FISH negative
- NGS confirmed a HIP1-ALK rearrangement
- WBRT and/or SRS was recommended, followed by crizotinib
- We recommended initiation of first-line alectinib

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**Baseline**



**After 3 months of alectinib**



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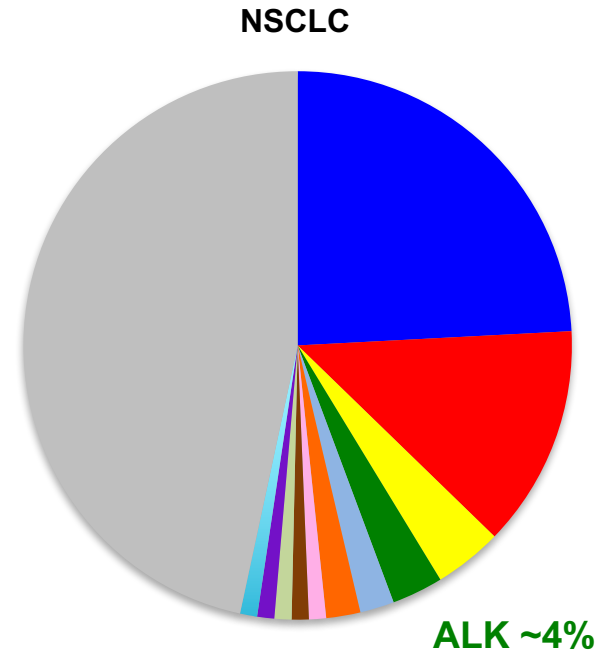
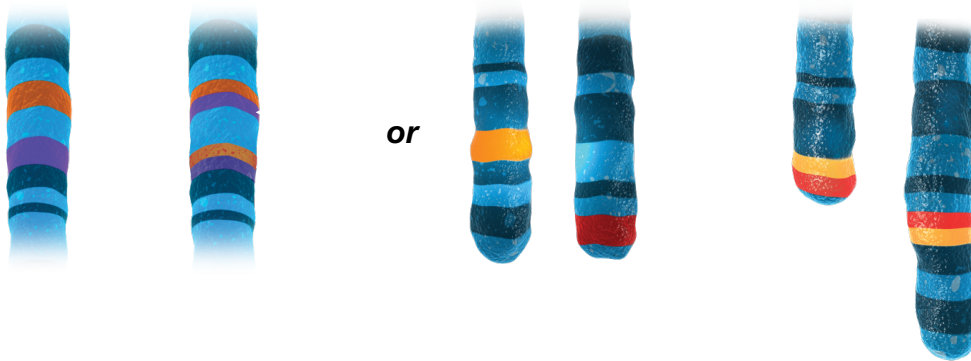
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# ALK-Rearranged NSCLC

## Identification of the transforming *EML4-ALK* fusion gene in non-small-cell lung cancer

Manabu Soda, Young Lim Choi, Munehiro Enomoto, Shuji Takada, Yoshihiro Yamashita, Shunpei Ishikawa, Shin-ichiro Fujiwara, Hideki Watanabe, Kentaro Kurashina, Hisashi Hatanaka, Masashi Bando, Shoji Ohno, Yuichi Ishikawa, Hiroyuki Aburatani, Toshiro Niki, Yasunori Sohara, Yukihiro Sugiyama & Hiroyuki Mano



### Common features:

- Younger age
- Never-smoking history
- Adenocarcinoma
- CNS metastasis
- Sensitivity to ALK TKIs

# Crizotinib Is a Standard Therapy for Patients with Metastatic ALK+ NSCLC

	<b>PROFILE 1001<sup>1</sup> (N=143)</b>	<b>PROFILE 1005<sup>2</sup> (N=259)</b>	<b>PROFILE 1007<sup>3</sup> (N=172)</b>	<b>PROFILE 1014<sup>4</sup> (N=172)</b>
Phase	1	2	3	3
Line of therapy	Any line	2 <sup>nd</sup> line and beyond	2 <sup>nd</sup> line	1 <sup>st</sup> line
Response rate	61%	60%	65%	74%
PFS, median (mos)	9.7	8.1	7.7	10.9
Survival probability at 12 mos	75%	NA	70%	84%

<sup>1</sup>Camidge et al., Lancet Oncol 13(10): 1011-9, 2012

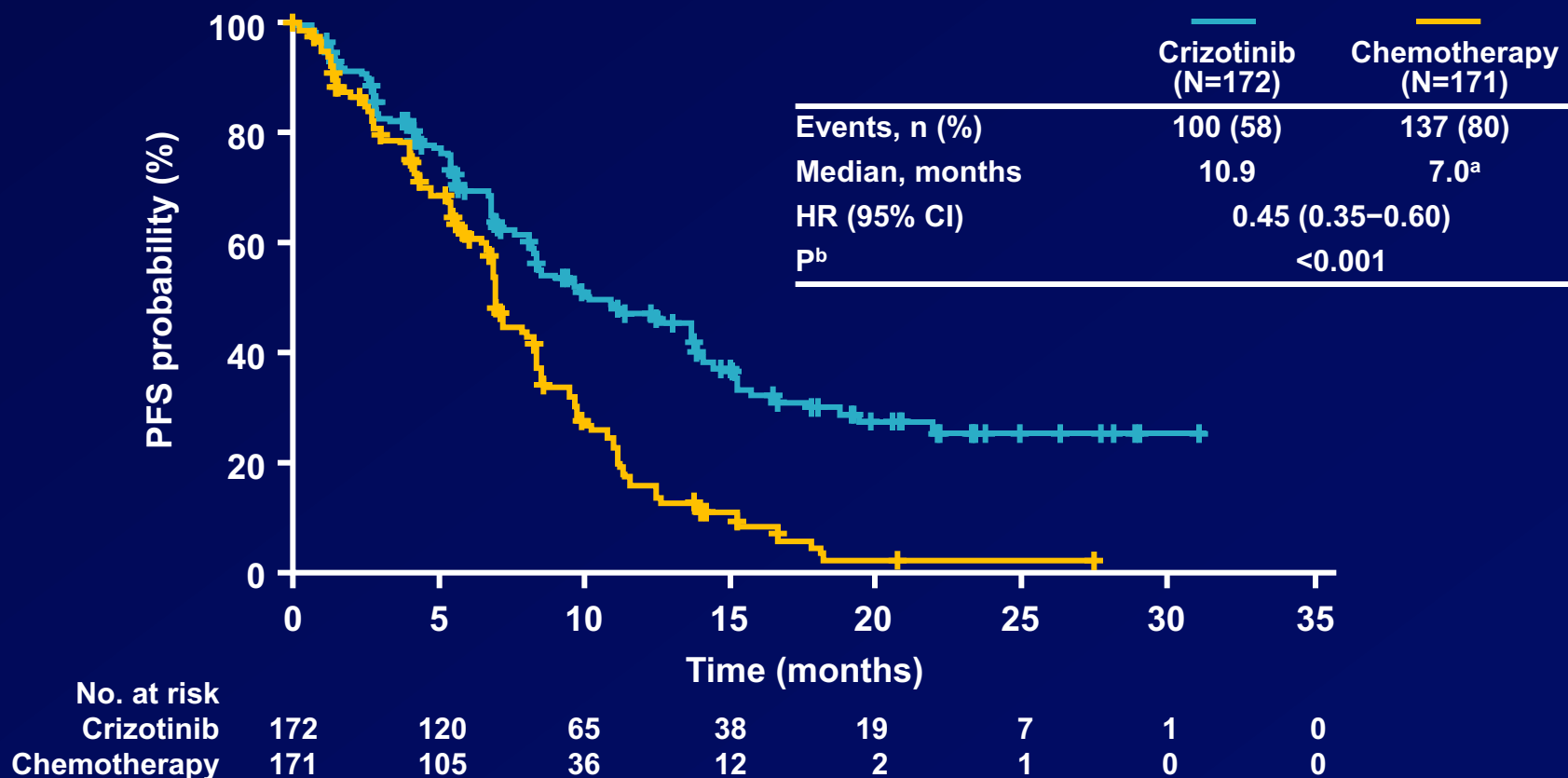
<sup>2</sup>Kim et al., ASCO 2012

<sup>3</sup>Shaw et al., NEJM 368(25): 2385-94, 2013

<sup>4</sup>Solomon et al., NEJM 371(23): 2167-77, 2014



# Crizotinib Is Superior to Platinum Combination Chemotherapy in First-Line ALK+ NSCLC



- Median duration of treatment: crizotinib, 10.9 months; chemotherapy, 4.1 months

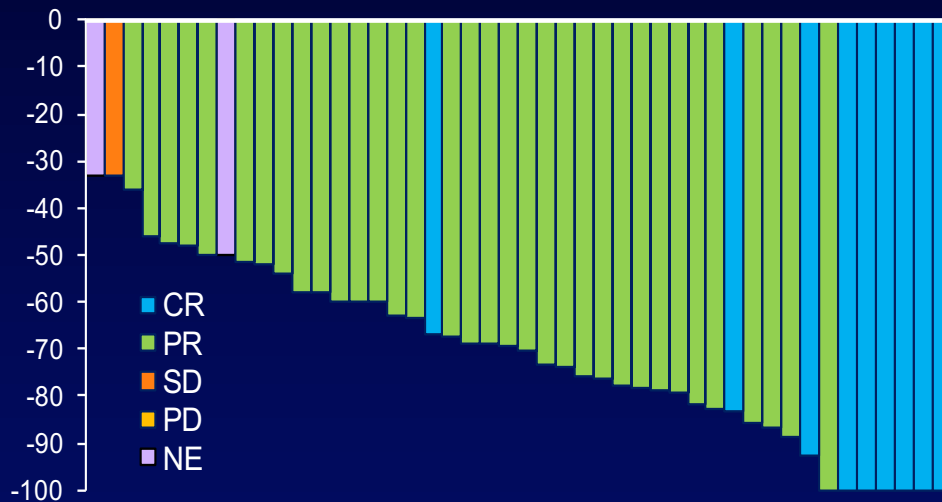
Data cutoff: November 30, 2013

<sup>a</sup>As-treated population: pemetrexed–cisplatin, 6.9 months (n=91; HR: 0.49; P<0.0001); pemetrexed–carboplatin, 7.0 months (n=78; HR: 0.45; P<0.0001)

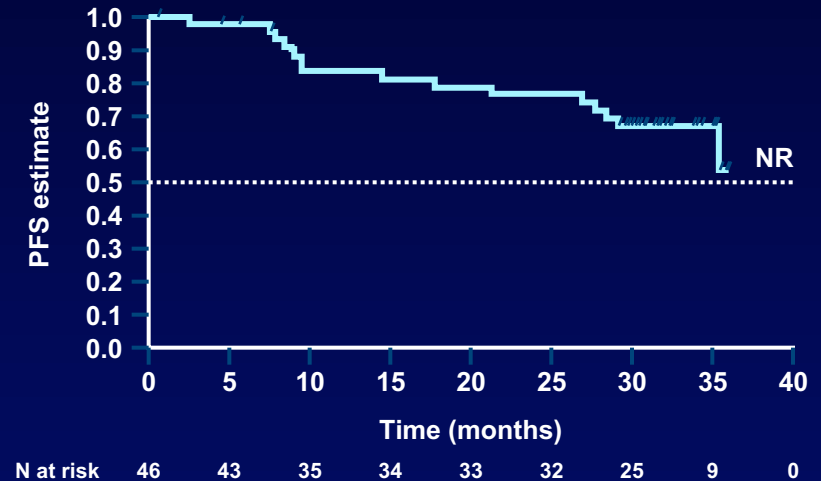
<sup>b</sup>2-sided stratified log-rank test

# Alectinib in TKI-Naïve ALK+ NSCLC (AF-001JP Phase I/II Study)

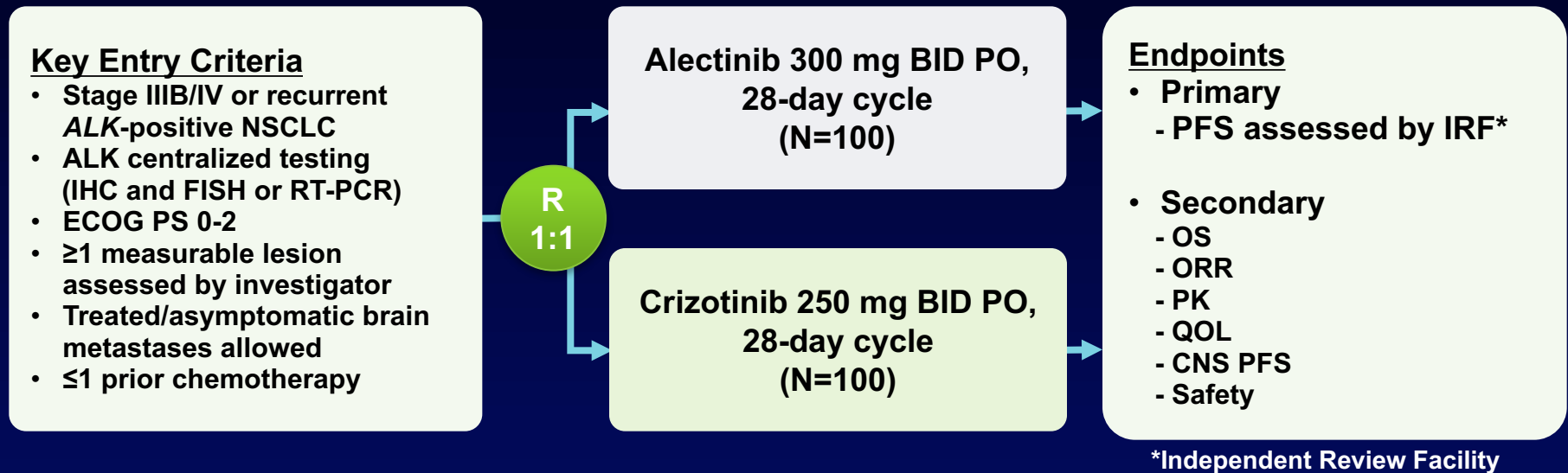
**ORR: 93.5% (95% CI: 82.1 - 98.6)**



**Median PFS: Longer than 29 months**



# J-ALEX: Phase III Study Comparing Alectinib to Crizotinib in Japanese TKI-Naïve Patients



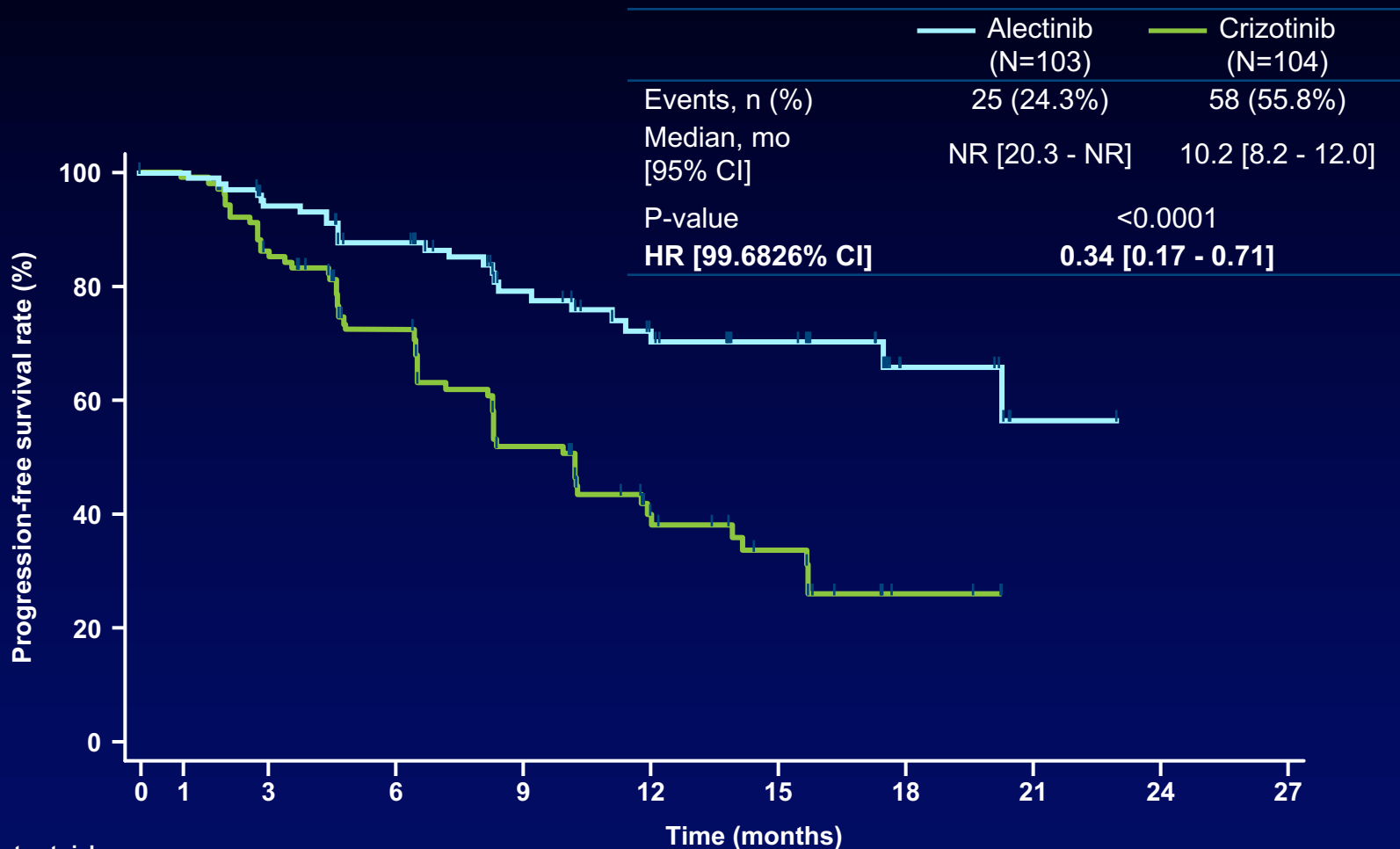
## Stratification factors:

Clinical stage (IIIB/IV vs. Recurrent)  
Prior chemotherapy (0 vs. 1)  
ECOG PS (0/1 vs. 2)

## Statistical considerations:

Targeted HR for PFS = 0.643  
Assumed mPFS 14 vs 9 months  
Two-sided significance level: 0.05, power: 80%

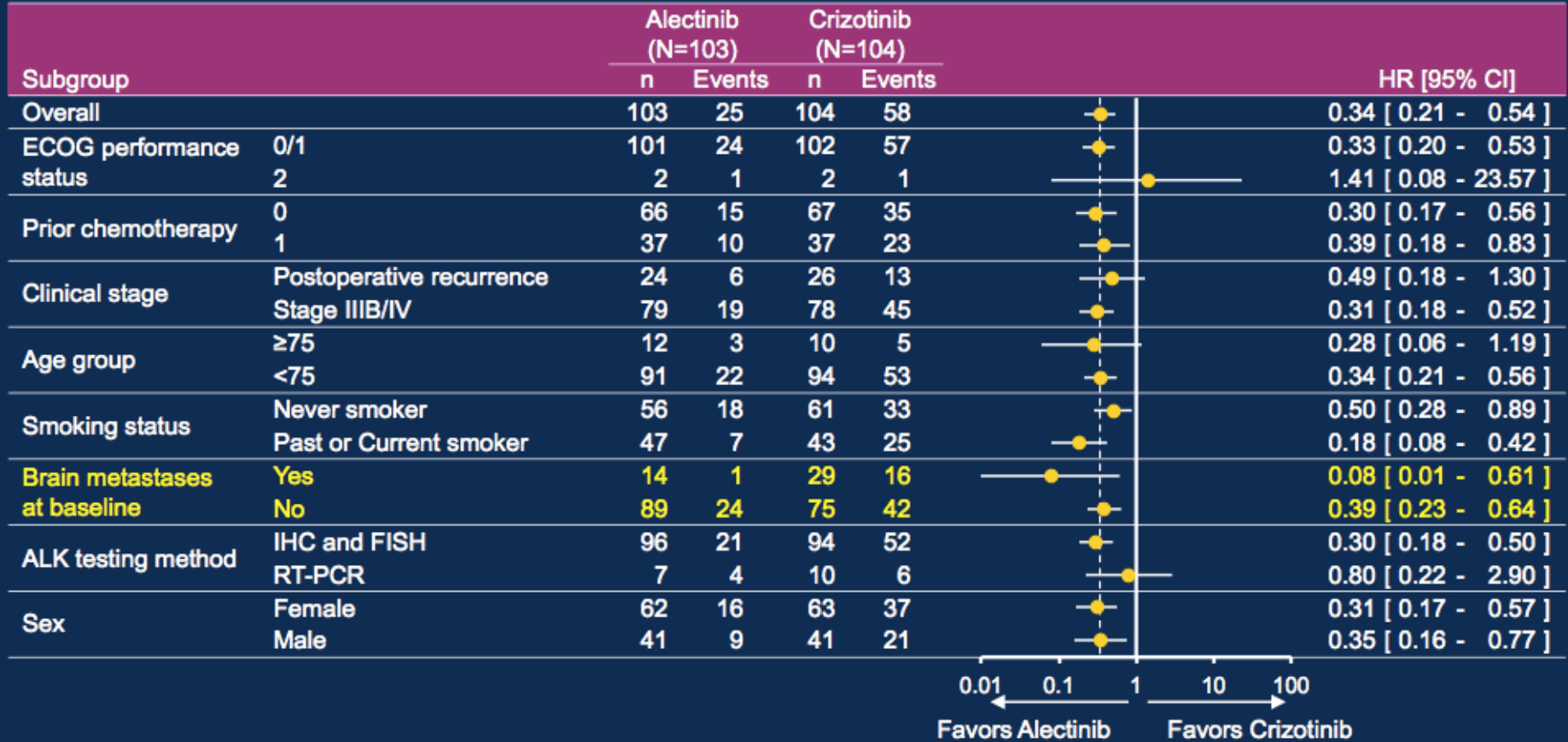
# Primary Endpoint: PFS by IRF (ITT Population)



No. of patients at risk

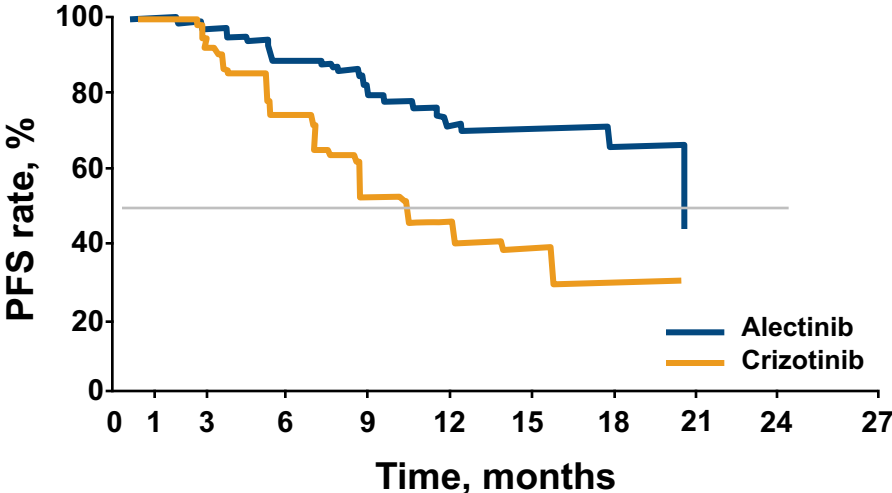
	0	1	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Alectinib	103	103	93	76	49	36	27	9	1
Crizotinib	104	102	86	65	40	21	14	4	

# Subgroup Analysis of PFS by IRF

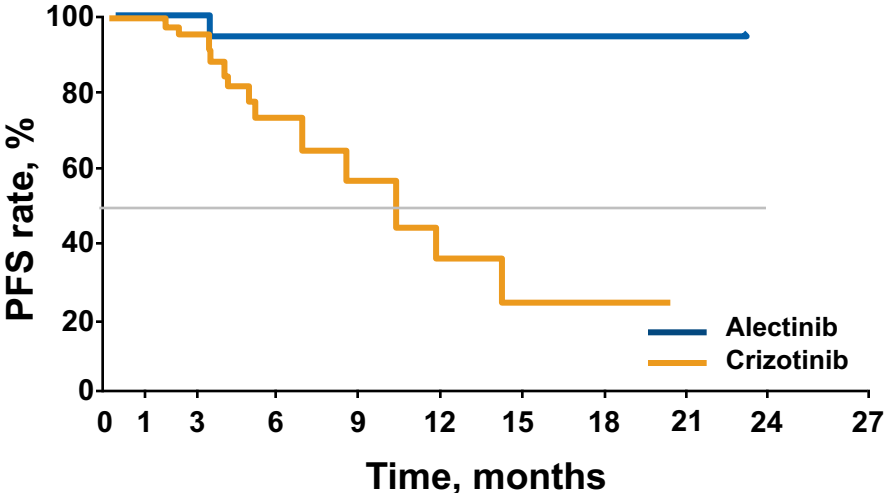


# J-ALEX: PFS With or Without Brain Mets at Baseline

**WITHOUT BRAIN METS**



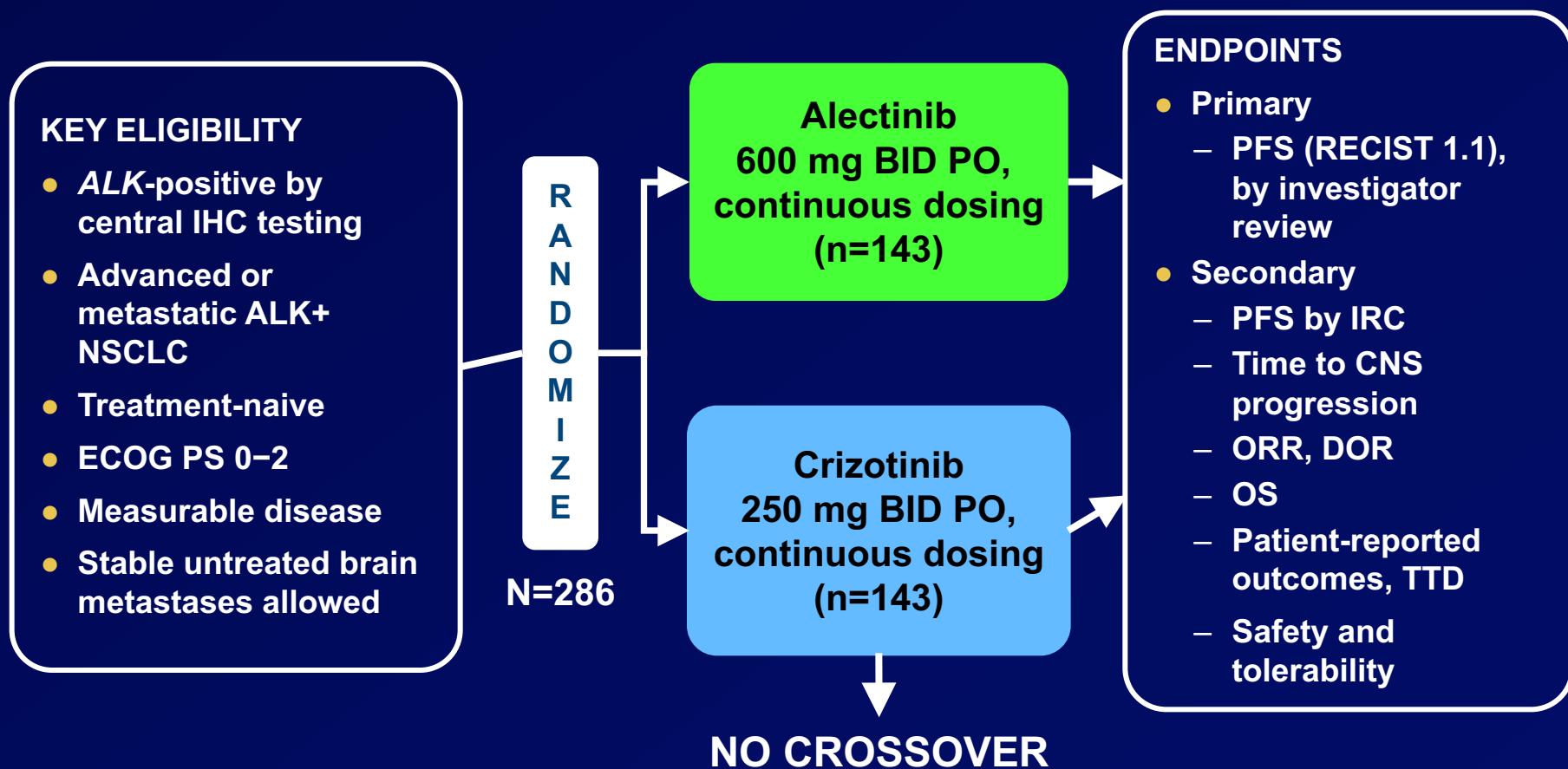
**WITH BRAIN METS**



	Alectinib (N=89)	Crizotinib (N=75)
Event	24 (27.0%)	42 (55.2%)
Median [95% CI]	20.3 [17.5, —]	10.2 [6.5, 14.2]
P-value	0.0001	
HR [95% CI]	0.37 [0.22, 0.62]	

	Alectinib (N=14)	Crizotinib (N=29)
Event	1 (7.1%)	16 (55.2%)
Median [95% CI]	— [—, —]	10.2 [6.5, 14.2]
P-value	0.0002	
HR [95% CI]	0.09 [0.1, 0.74]	

# ALEX: Global Randomized First-Line Study of Alectinib vs Crizotinib



# Ceritinib as First ALK TKI in Advanced ALK+ NSCLC

	<b>ASCEND-1<sup>a</sup></b> <b>(FAS, N=83,</b> <b>by investigator)</b>	<b>ASCEND-3<sup>b</sup></b> <b>(FAS, N=124,</b> <b>by BIRC)</b>
ORR (95% CI), %	72 (61-82)	63.7 (54.6-72.2)
Median DOR (95% CI), months	17.0 (11.3-NE)	23.9 (16.6-NE)
DCR (95% CI), %	74 (67-81)	86.3 (79.0-91.8)
Median PFS (95% CI), months	18.4 (11.1-NE)	18.4 (10.9-26.3)
Median OS (95% CI), months	Not reached (19.6 – NE)	NE

BIRC, Blinded Independent Review Committee; DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response; FAS, full analysis set; NE, not evaluable; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

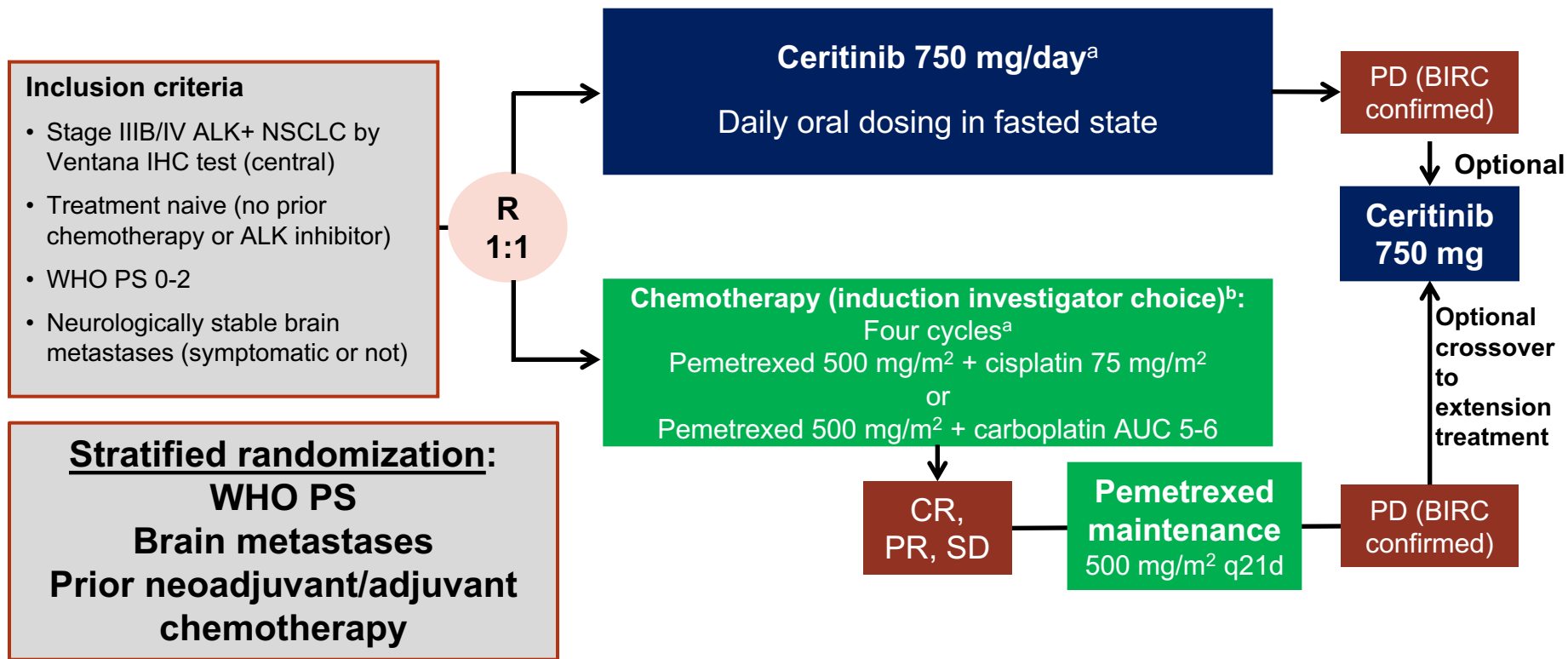
<sup>a</sup>81% of patients had at least 1 prior line of chemotherapy.

<sup>b</sup>98.4% of patients had at least 1 prior line of chemotherapy.

Kim DW et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2016;17(4):452-463; Felip E et al. Presented at: European Society for Medical Oncology Annual Meeting October 7-11, 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark [abstract 1208O].



# ASCEND-4: Randomized Phase 3 Study Comparing First-Line Ceritinib with Chemo



IHC, immunohistochemistry; PD, progressive disease; PS, performance status; WHO, World Health Organization.

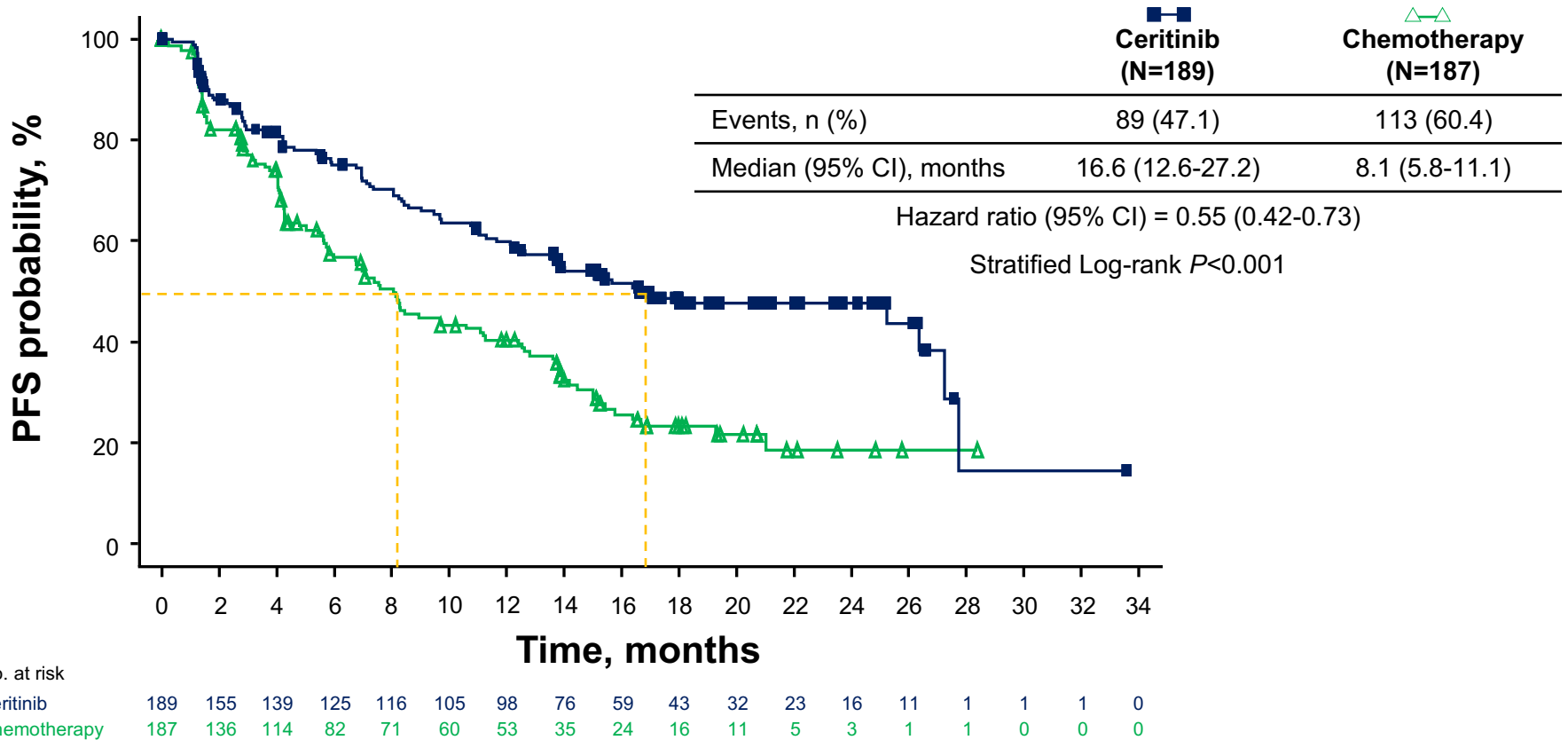
<sup>a</sup>One cycle = 21 days.

<sup>b</sup>At the time when ASCEND-4 was designed and initiated, pemetrexed-platinum chemotherapy followed by pemetrexed maintenance was the standard of care in patients with non-squamous advanced NSCLC.

de Castro G, et al. Presented at WCLC 2016.

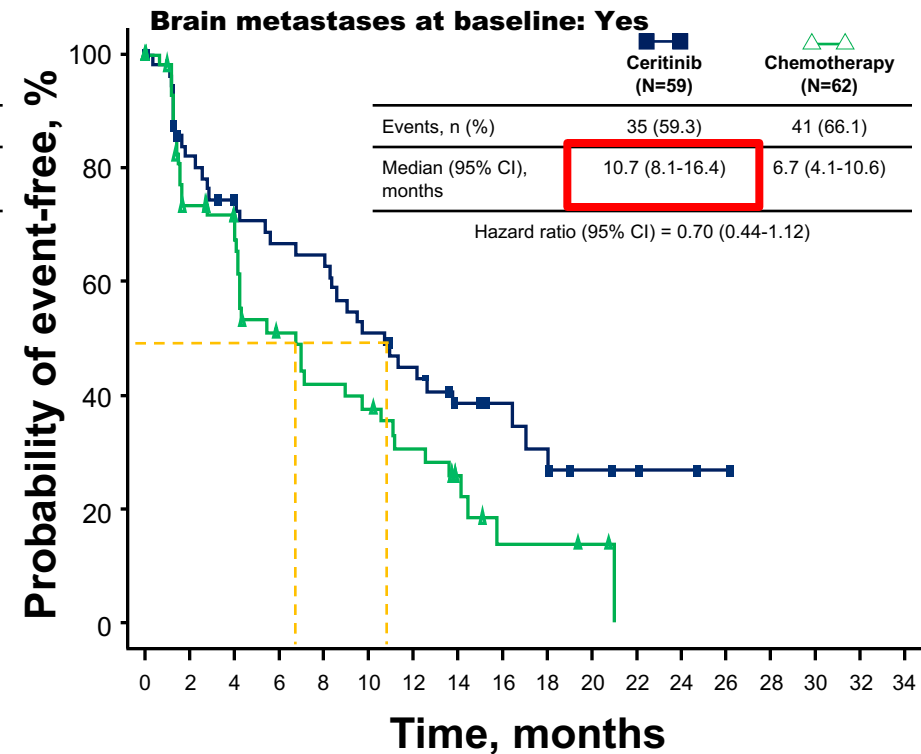
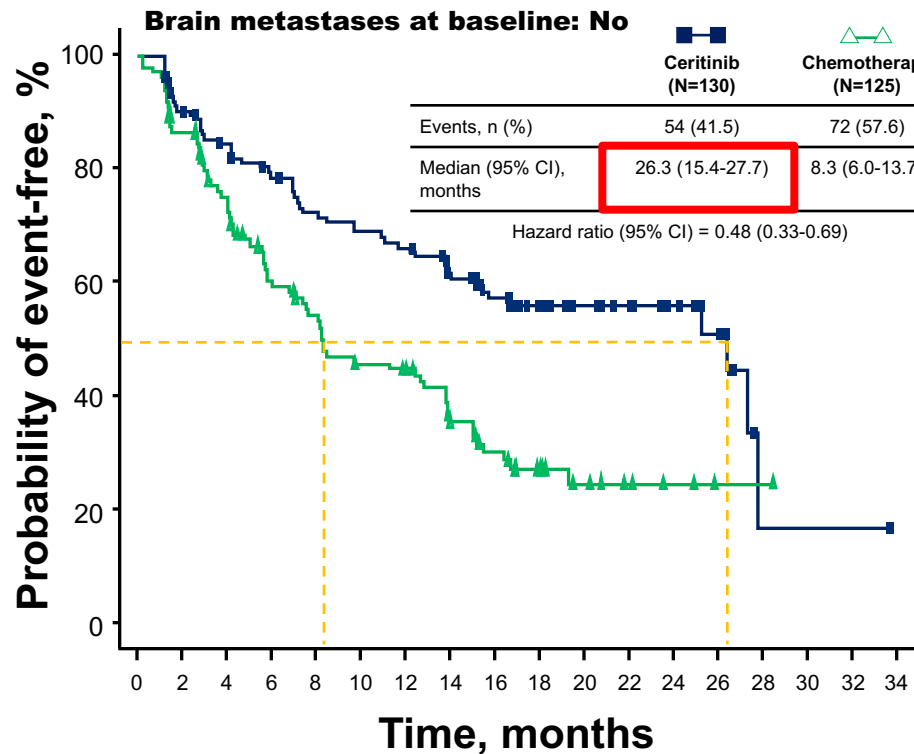
# Primary Endpoint: PFS by BIRC

Ceritinib demonstrated an estimated 45% risk reduction vs chemotherapy



# PFS by BIRC in Patients Without and With Brain Metastases

Ceritinib achieved better PFS in patients without and with brain metastases



No. at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
Ceritinib	130	111	101	91	83	79	76	62	49	35	28	20	14	10	1	1	1	0
Chemotherapy	125	96	79	59	52	43	40	28	21	13	9	5	3	1	1	0	0	0

No. at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
Ceritinib	59	44	38	34	33	26	22	14	10	8	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Chemotherapy	62	40	35	23	19	17	13	7	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Summary

- **Crizotinib is the current first-line therapy for patients with newly diagnosed, metastatic ALK+ NSCLC**
- **Second-generation ALK inhibitors are approved for patients who previously received crizotinib**
- **Second-generation ALK TKIs are highly effective in the first-line setting**
  - **Alectinib: mPFS NR (vs crizotinib)**
  - **Ceritinib: mPFS 16.6 mos (vs chemo)**
- **Alectinib is particularly active in the CNS**
- **Side effect profiles will impact selection of first-line ALK inhibitor**