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Is the concept of personalised medicine applicable to: **Pancreatic Cancer?**

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 - Almost by definition
 - Includes: Rucaparib, afatinib, binimetinib, encorafenib, trametinib, dabrafenib, seribantumab, zenocutuzumab, pralsetinib (BLU-667)

What is Our Goal?

- **Pancreatic cancer is the deadliest solid tumor**
 - The 5 year overall survival rate is <10%
 - It will soon be the second leading cause of cancer-related death (in the United States)
 - The median overall survival, even in the most recent Phase III trials is 14 – 15 months
- **As with any incurable cancer, our goals are to:**
 - Extend survival
 - While maintaining as high a quality of life as possible
 - “Disease control” is linked to a better quality of life
 - So even extending progression-free survival is clinically meaningful

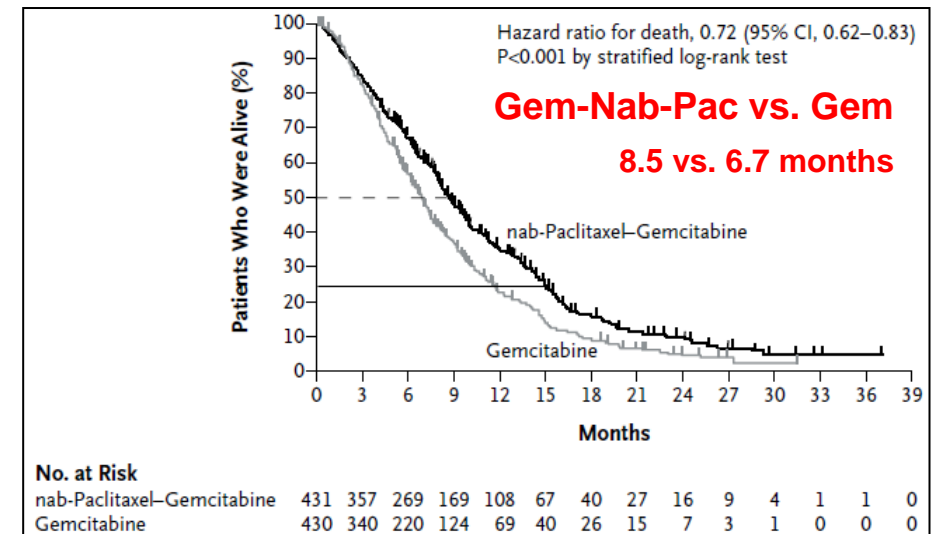
Personalised Medicine for Pancreatic Cancer Should be the Standard of Care

- The benefits of standard chemotherapy are limited
 - Standard chemotherapy has *extended* survival by at best 1 year (in 30 years)
 - Standard chemotherapy is EXPENSIVE
- Testing DOES reveal legitimately “actionable” mutations
- Actionable mutations lead to a disproportionate benefit in survival
 - WITH an overall survival benefit

Standard of Care Benefits are Expensive and Benefits Have Been Incremental



- There is no question that SOC chemotherapy improves survival
- But the benefits have been measured in months
 - Improved mOS from 6 to at best ~15 months
 - Control arm of two recent Chemo +/- PEGPH20 trials
 - FOLFIRINOX = 14.5 months
 - Gem-nab pac = 11.5 months
- SOC chemotherapy IS expensive
 - Both Gem-nab-pac AND FOLFIRINOX
- NGS Testing + Fusion testing RETAIL costs
 - At most, \$7800
 - Recent panel - \$1800 including RNA sequencing



28 days of Gem-Nab-Pac = \$12,221

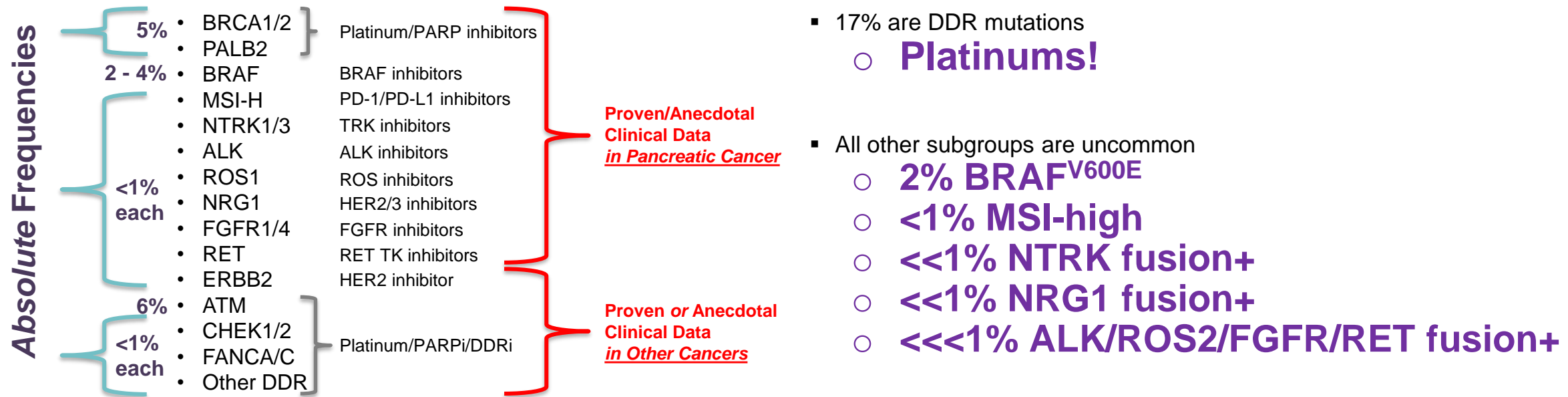
The Promise of “Personalized” or “Precision” Medicine:

That we can use *predictive biomarkers* to identify
who will benefit from specific therapies

- Molecular testing for a therapeutic purpose
 - In any individual patient, there may be distinct, targetable, molecular abnormalities
 - Potent predictive markers of response
 - “Actionable biomarkers”
- Definition of actionability
 - Literature supports “significant activity” in patients with that molecular abnormality – **IN ANY CANCER TYPE**
 - Appropriate therapy leads to “disproportionate benefit”

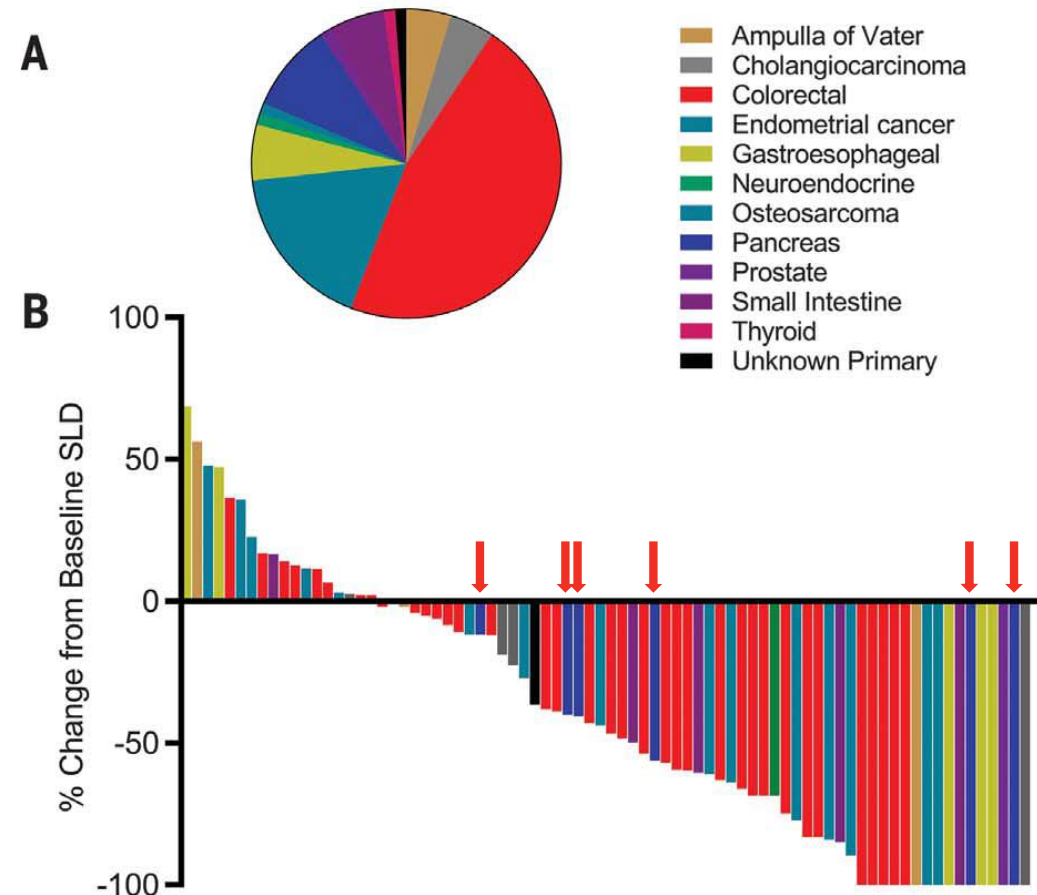
Pancreatic Cancers DO Harbor Actionable Mutations

- NGS efforts have consistently revealed that $\geq 25\%$ of pancreatic cancers have potentially actionable molecular biomarkers



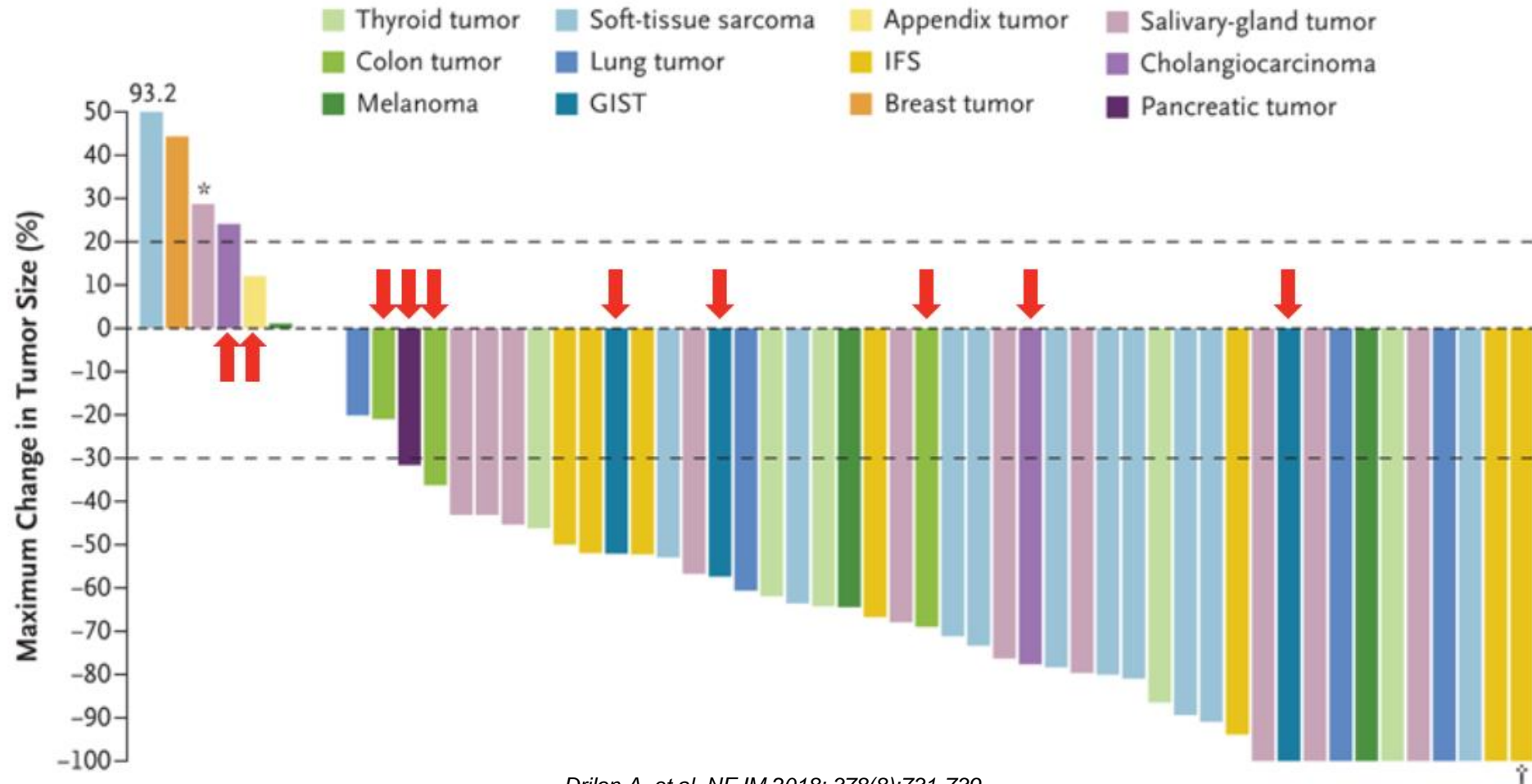
Disproportionate Benefit: MSI-High

- There have been biomarker-based approvals
- E.g. Pembrolizumab/Nivolumab in MSI-high disease
 - 3-5% of CRCs
 - 22% of gastric cancers
 - 1% of pancreatic cancers
 - **4 out of 6 “responded”**
 - **All patients benefited**



Disproportionate Benefit: TRK inhibitors

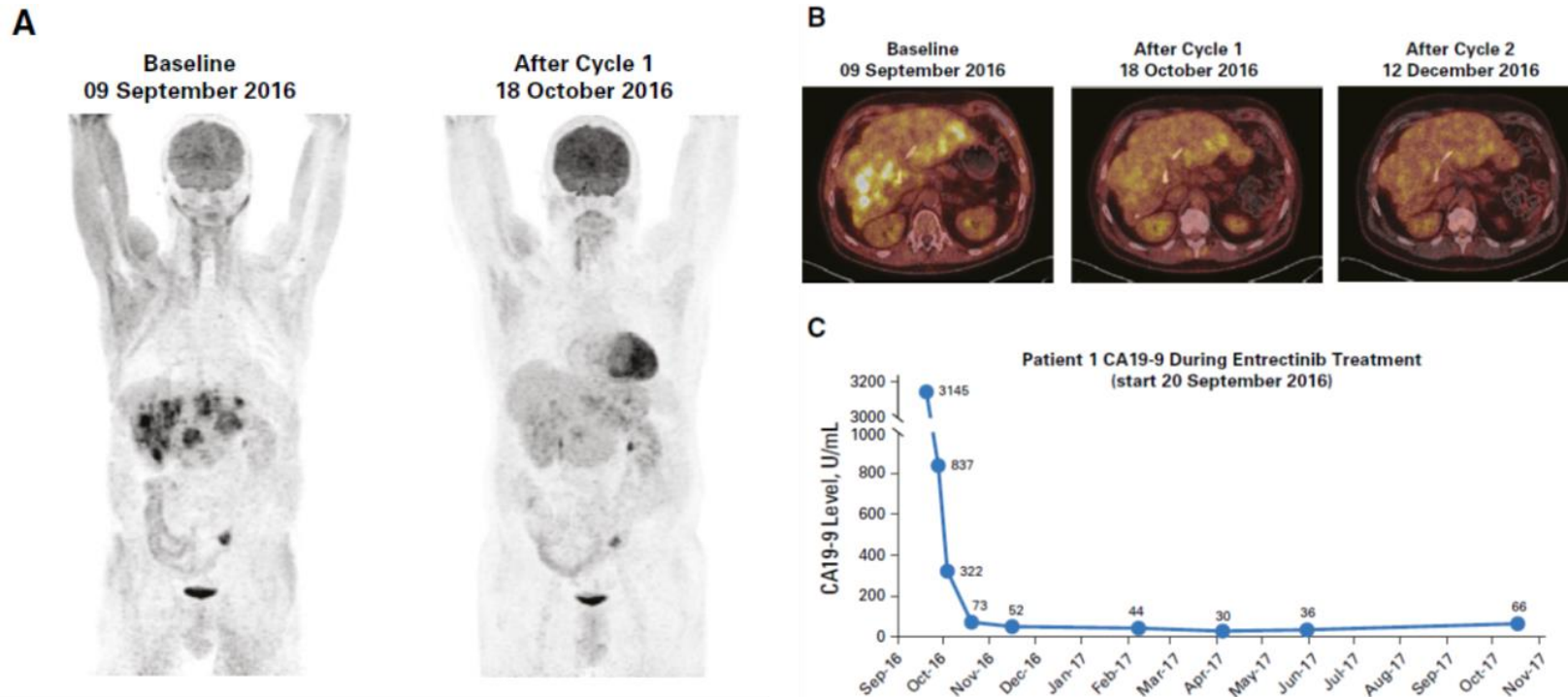
A Maximum Change in Tumor Size, According to Tumor Type



Drilon A, et al. NEJM 2018; 378(8):731-739

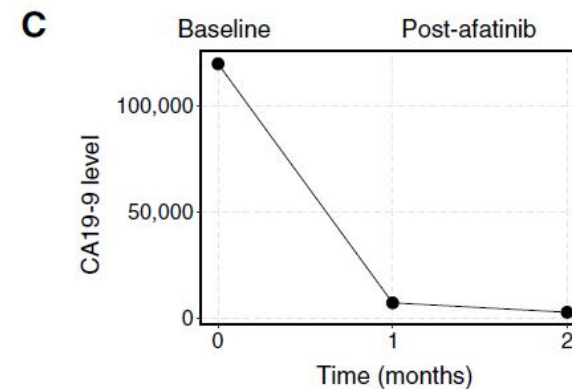
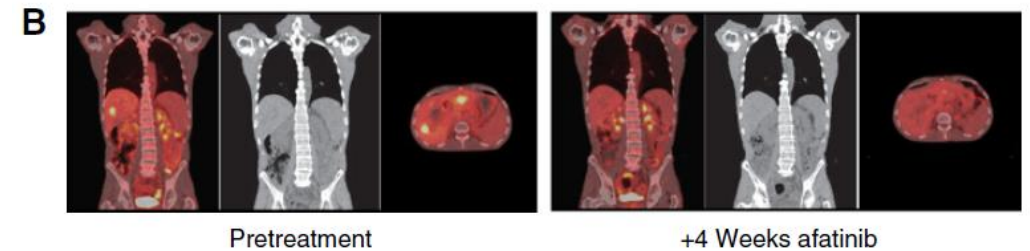
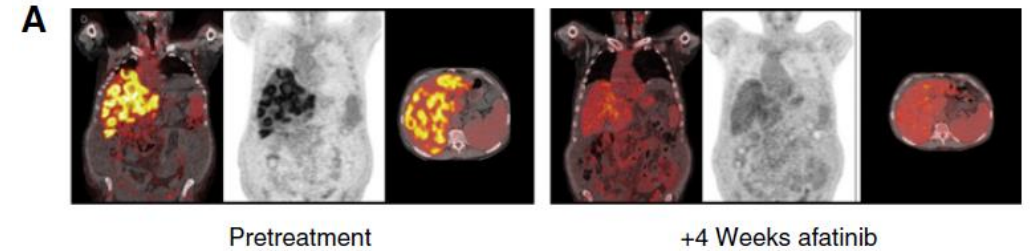
NTRK Fusions

- Entrectanib case reports
 - 2 NTRK fusion and 1 ROS1 fusion cases
 - Prolonged, and occasionally dramatic benefit



NRG1 Fusions

- Neuregulin 1 oncogenic fusions occur across disease types
 - <1% of PDAC
- Can respond to pan-HER inhibitors
 - E.g. afatinib
- And to HER2/3 Inhibitors
 - E.g. seribantumab or zenocutuzumab

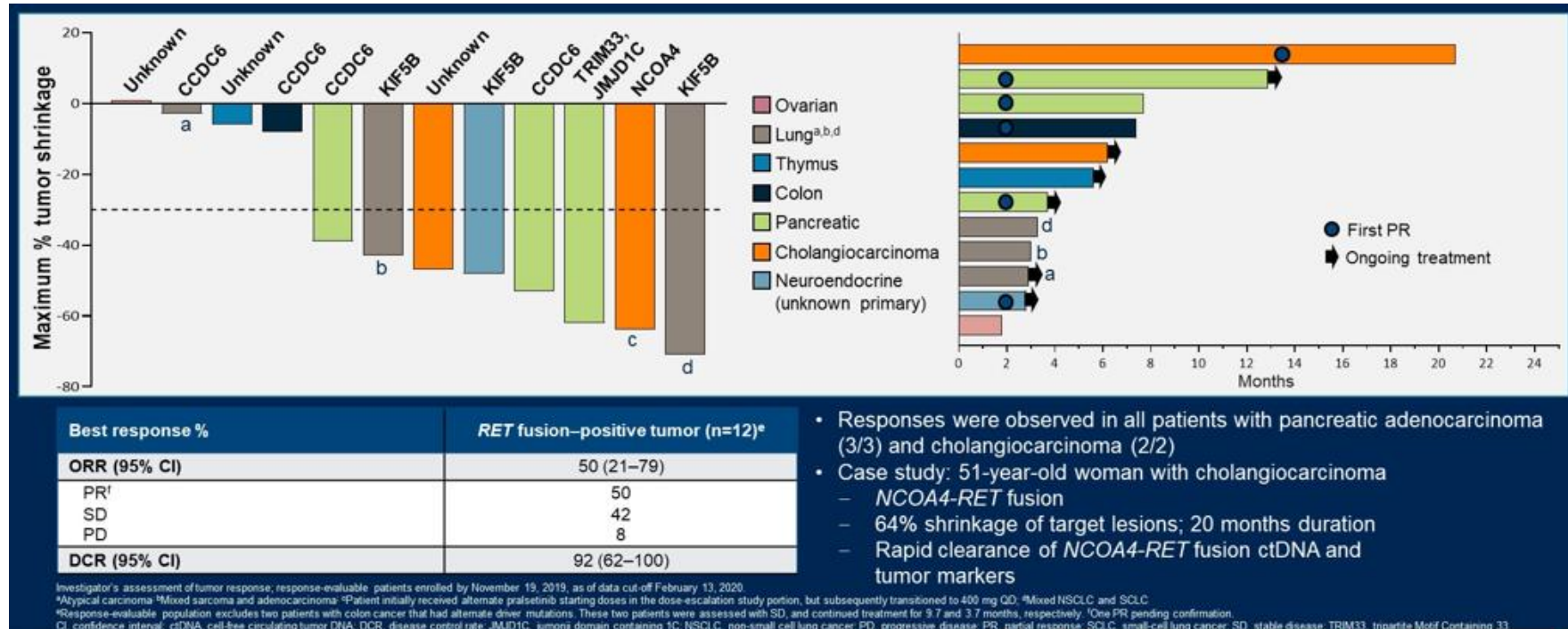


BRAF Mutated Pancreatic Cancer

- From the KYT database - of 766 patients
- 18 *BRAF* mutations
 - 5 V600E, 13 other mutations
 - Almost always exclusive of *KRAS* mutations
- Sustained PR in a BRAF^{V600E} mutated patient treated with dabrafenib + trametinib
- Phase II trial of encorafenib and binimetinib for BRAF^{V600E}-mutated pancreatic cancer (ACCRU:NCT04390243)
 - ROAR: Dabrafenib + trametinib in BRAF^{V600E}-mutated cholangiocarcinoma
 - Objective Response Rate – 51%

RET Fusions

- Pralsetinib (BLU-667) in RET fusion-positive tumors
 - 3 pancreatic cancer patients



2019 NCCN Guidelines on Pancreatic Cancer

“Tumor/somatic gene profiling is recommended for patients with locally advanced/metastatic disease [80% of patients] who are candidates for anti-cancer therapy to identify uncommon but actionable mutations”

DDR Mutations in Pancreatic Cancer



- 17 – 25% of pancreatic adenocarcinomas harbor mutations in the DDR genes
 - DNA damage response and repair (DDR) mutations
 - BRCA1, BRCA2, ATM, PALB2, ATRX, RAD51, and others*

KYT Dataset (16.5% DDR)

Gene	n, % (N = 616)
<i>ATM</i>	28 (4.5)
<i>BRCA2</i>	18 (2.9)
<i>SMARC4</i>	10 (1.6)
<i>BAP1</i>	8 (1.3)
<i>BRCA1</i>	8 (1.3)
<i>BRIP1</i>	6 (1.0)
<i>PALB2</i>	5 (0.8)
<i>CHEK2</i>	4 (0.6)
<i>FANCA</i>	4 (0.6)
<i>FANCC</i>	3 (0.5)
<i>RAD50</i>	3 (0.5)
<i>STAG2</i>	2 (0.3)
<i>BARD1</i>	1 (0.2)
<i>CHEK1</i>	1 (0.2)
<i>FANCG</i>	1 (0.2)

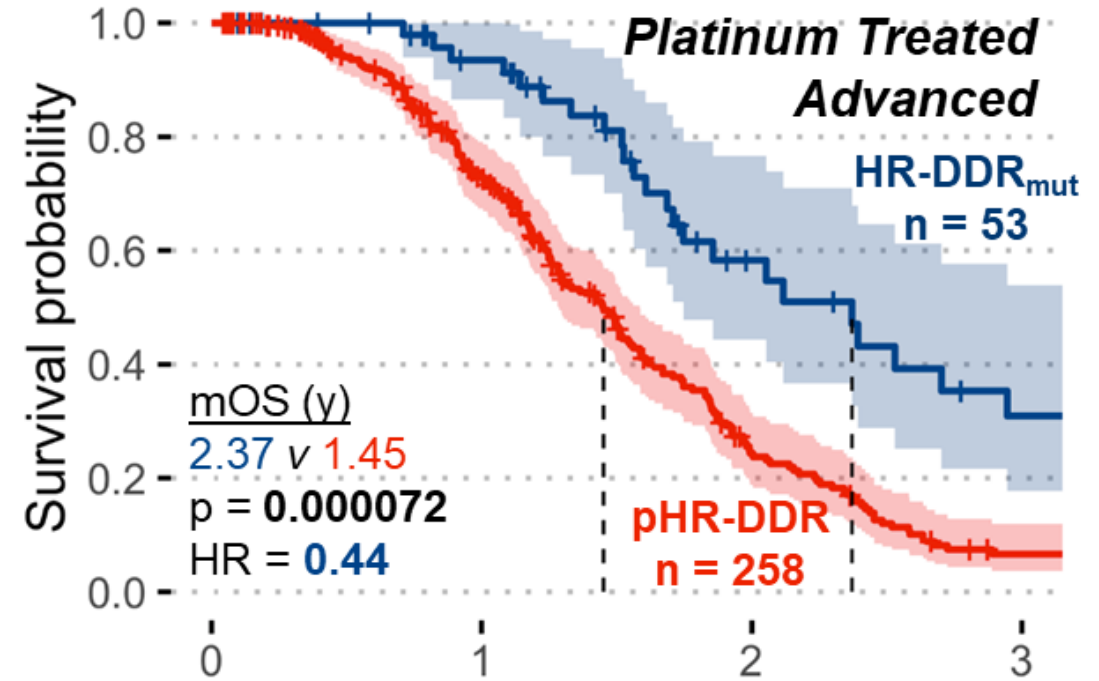
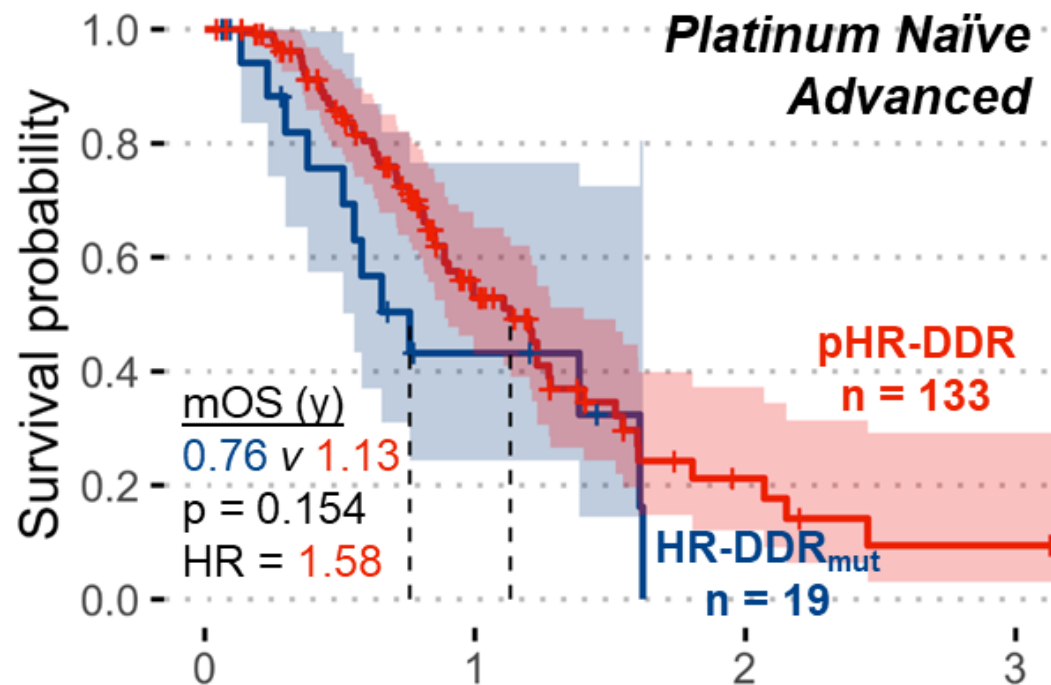
Caris Dataset (17.4% DDR)

Pancreas Gene	% (N = 833)
<i>ATM</i>	3.60%
<i>BRCA2</i>	3.33%
<i>BRCA1</i>	1.41%
<i>PALB2</i>	1.20%
<i>CHEK2</i>	0.60%
<i>BAP1</i>	0.48%
<i>BRIP1</i>	0.48%
<i>NBN</i>	0.12%
<i>WRN</i>	0.12%
<i>ATRX</i>	0%
<i>BLM</i>	0%
<i>FANCC</i>	0%
<i>MRE11A</i>	0%
<i>RAD50</i>	0%
<i>ARID1A</i>	5.54%

Pishvaian, et al, Clinical Cancer Research, 2018; Heeke, et al, JCO Precision Oncology, 2018; Aguirre, et al, Cancer Discovery, 2018; Witkiewicz, et al, Nat Commun, 2015; Lowery, et al, Clinical Cancer Research, 2017; Waddell, et al, Nature, 2015; Bailey, et al, Nature, 2016; Biankin, et al, Nature, 2012; Collisson, et al, Nat Med, 2011

DDR Mutated Pancreatic Cancers Should be Treated with Platinums

- For patients with DDR mutated tumors, treatment with platinum-based Tx improves OS
 - One YEAR improvement in overall survival compared to DDR proficient patients
 - More than one year improvement compared to NON-platinum-based therapy
- 50% of patients with pancreatic adenocarcinomas are treated with NON-platinum-based chemo
 - It is critical to know who these patients are as treatment decisions are made



BRCA1/2 Mutations in Pancreatic Cancer

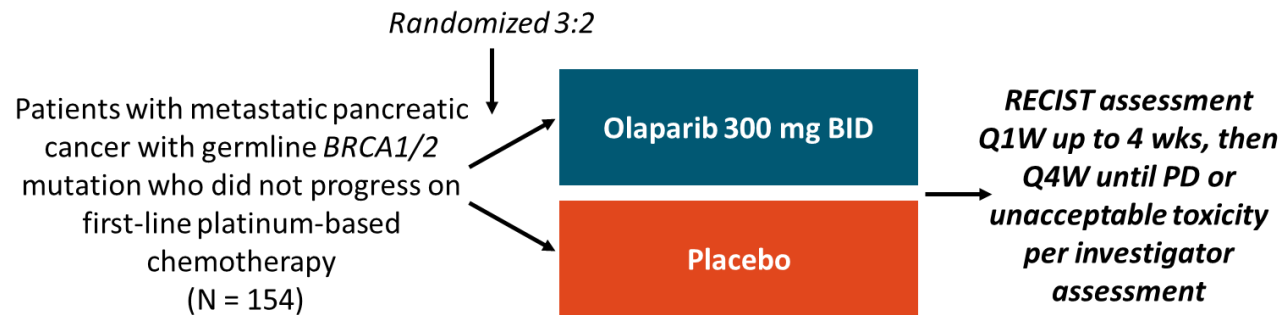
- 5%-7% of PDAC patients have germline *BRCA1* or *BRCA2* mutation
 - Ashkenazi Jewish: 5%-16%
 - Familial PDAC: 5%-19%
- **40% of patients who are germline *BRCA1/2* gene mutation carriers do NOT have a family history**

2019 NCCN Guidelines on Pancreatic Cancer

“Germline testing is recommended for any patient with confirmed pancreatic cancer, using comprehensive gene panels for hereditary cancer syndromes”

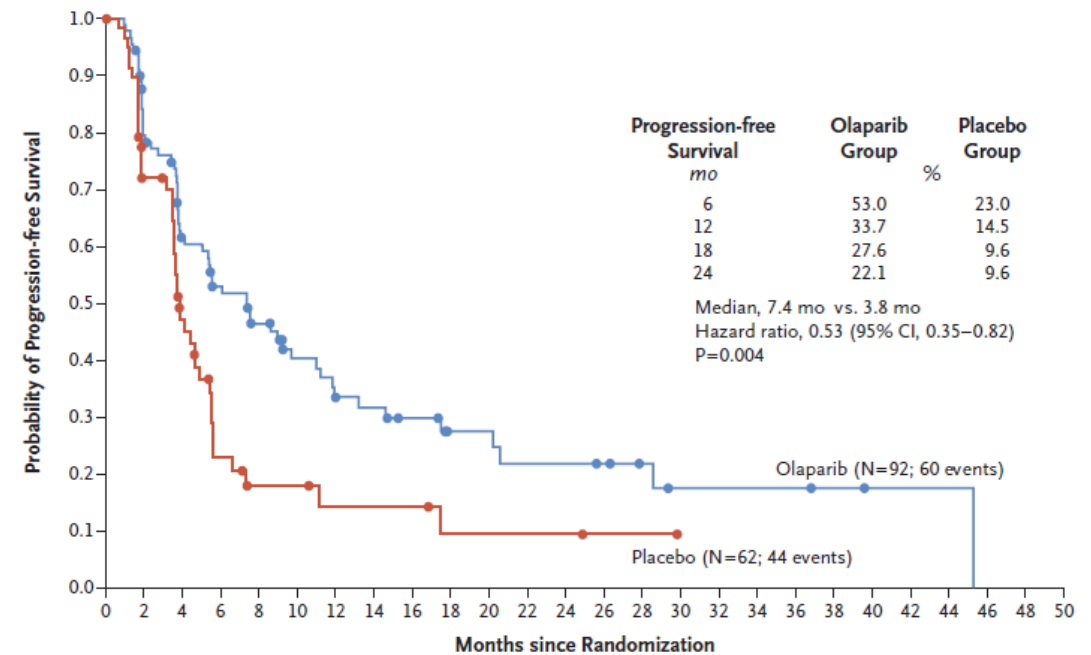
PARP Inhibitors: Phase III Trial

- POLO: Olaparib as Maintenance Therapy in Germline *BRCA1/2*-Mutated Pancreatic Cancer
- Randomized, double-blind phase III trial
 - Improved PFS with olaparib vs. placebo



- 1° endpoint: investigator-assessed PFS (RECIST v1.1)
- 2° endpoints: safety, OS, PFS2, TFST, TSST, TDT, OR, DCR, QoL

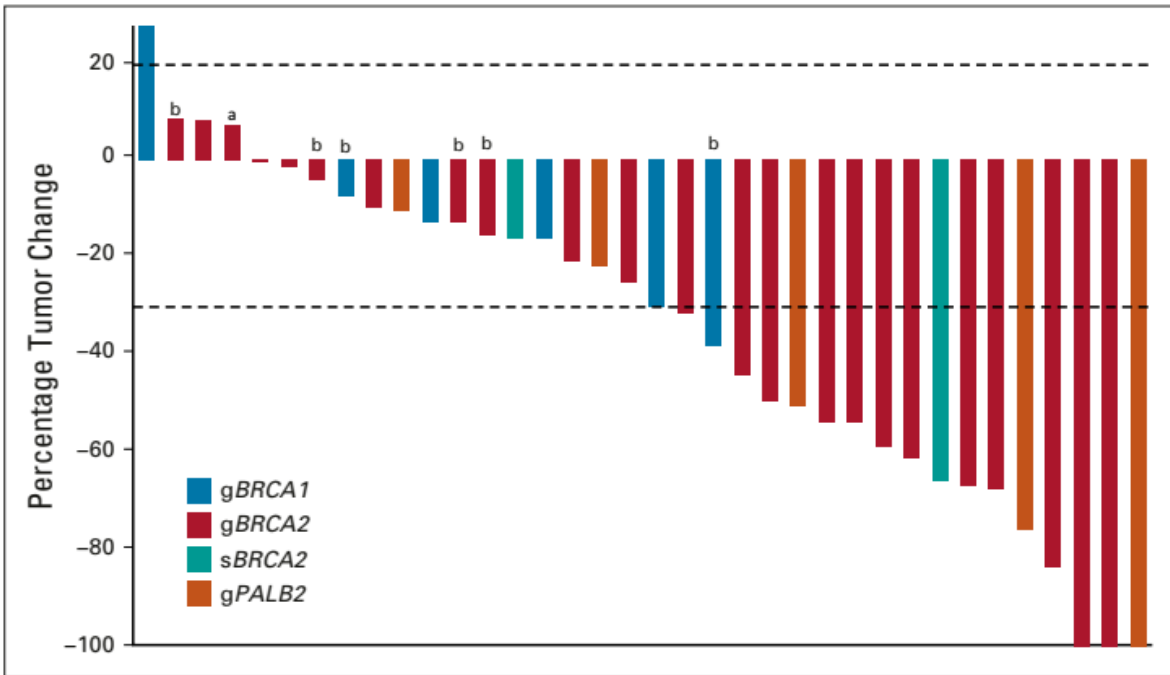
A Progression-free Survival



No. at Risk

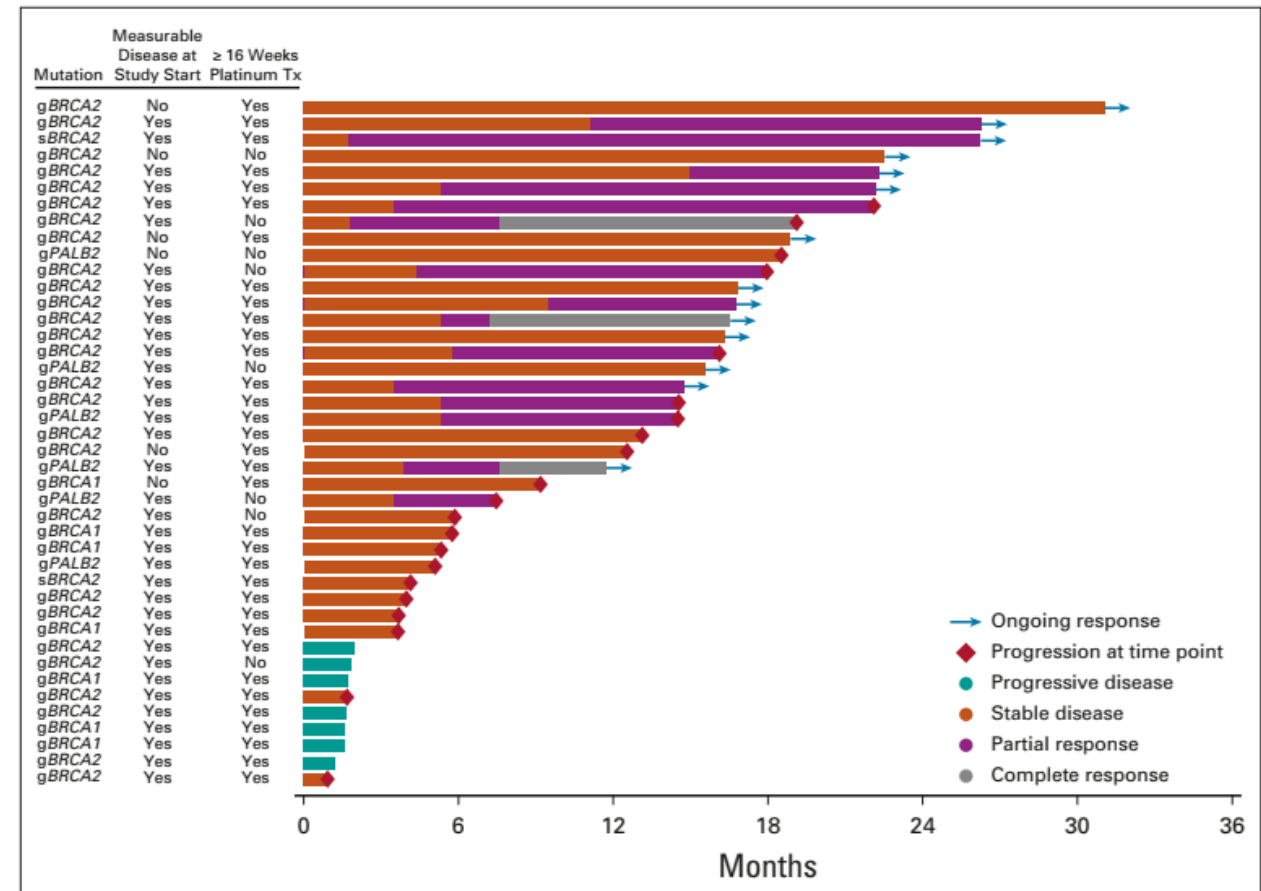
Olaparib	92	69	50	41	34	24	18	17	14	10	10	8	8	7	5	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	0
Placebo	62	39	23	10	6	6	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	1	1	0								

Maintenance Rucaparib



36 Evaluable Patients

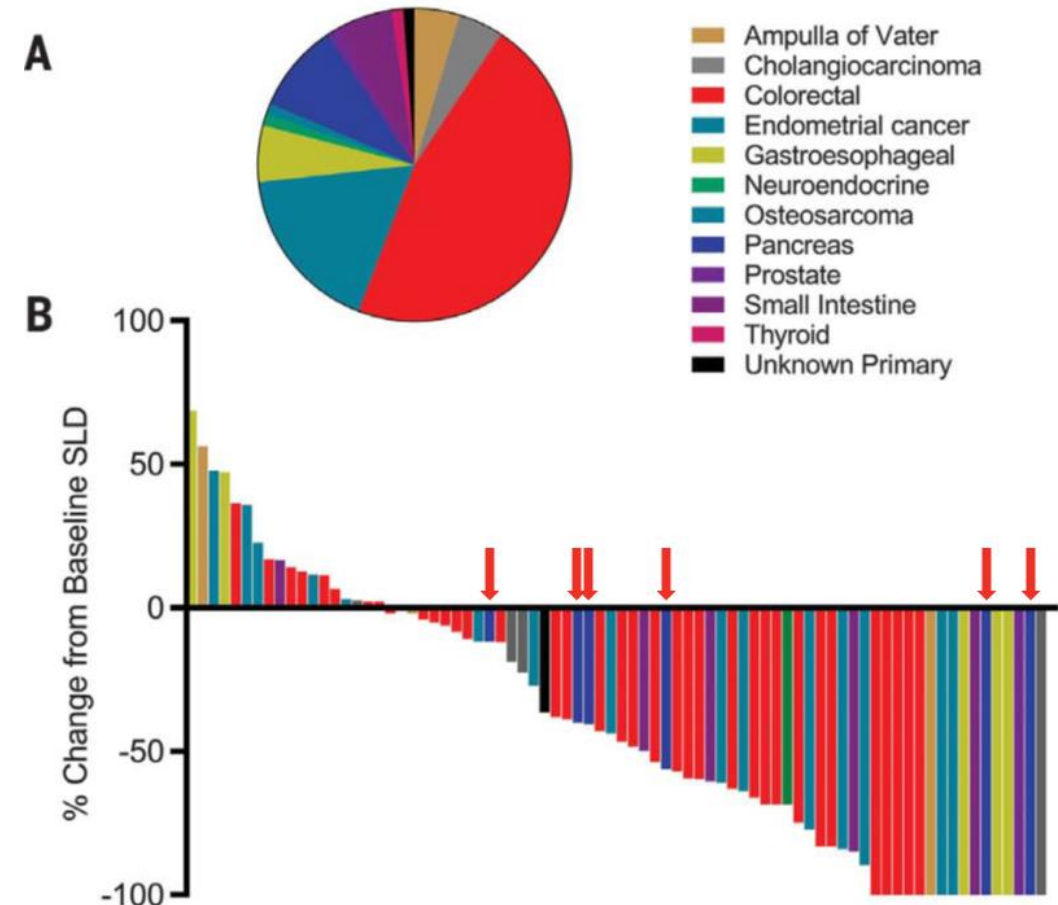
ORR	41.7 %
Median DOR	17.3 months
Disease Control Rate	66.7 %



The Next Step is to Understand Resistance

Even MSI-High Pancreatic Cancer is Still PDAC

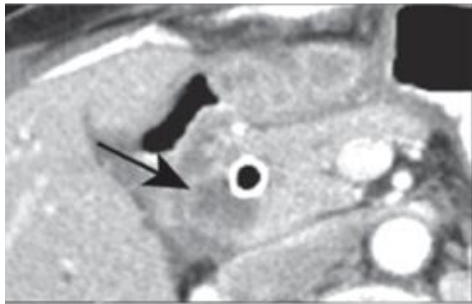
- Pembrolizumab in MSI-high PDAC
 - <1% of pancreatic cancers
 - 4 out of 6 “responded”
 - All patients benefited
- BUT.....
 - Marabelle, et al update on 22 pts
 - ORR only 18%
 - mPFS of 2.1 months
 - Duration of response of 13.4 months
 - Lowest compared to all other disease types



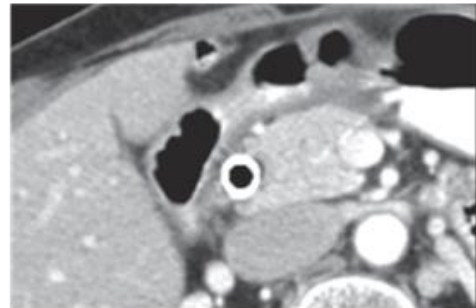
Not all *BRCA* 1/2-Mutated Tumors Respond

- Spectrum of responsiveness
 - 1/3 have a robust response
 - 1/3 respond for a while, and then progress
 - 1/3 are innately resistant

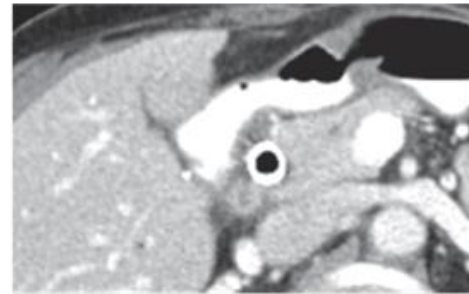
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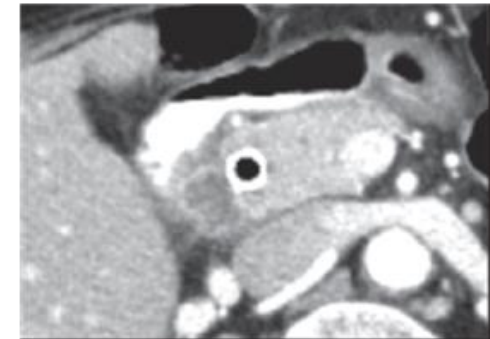
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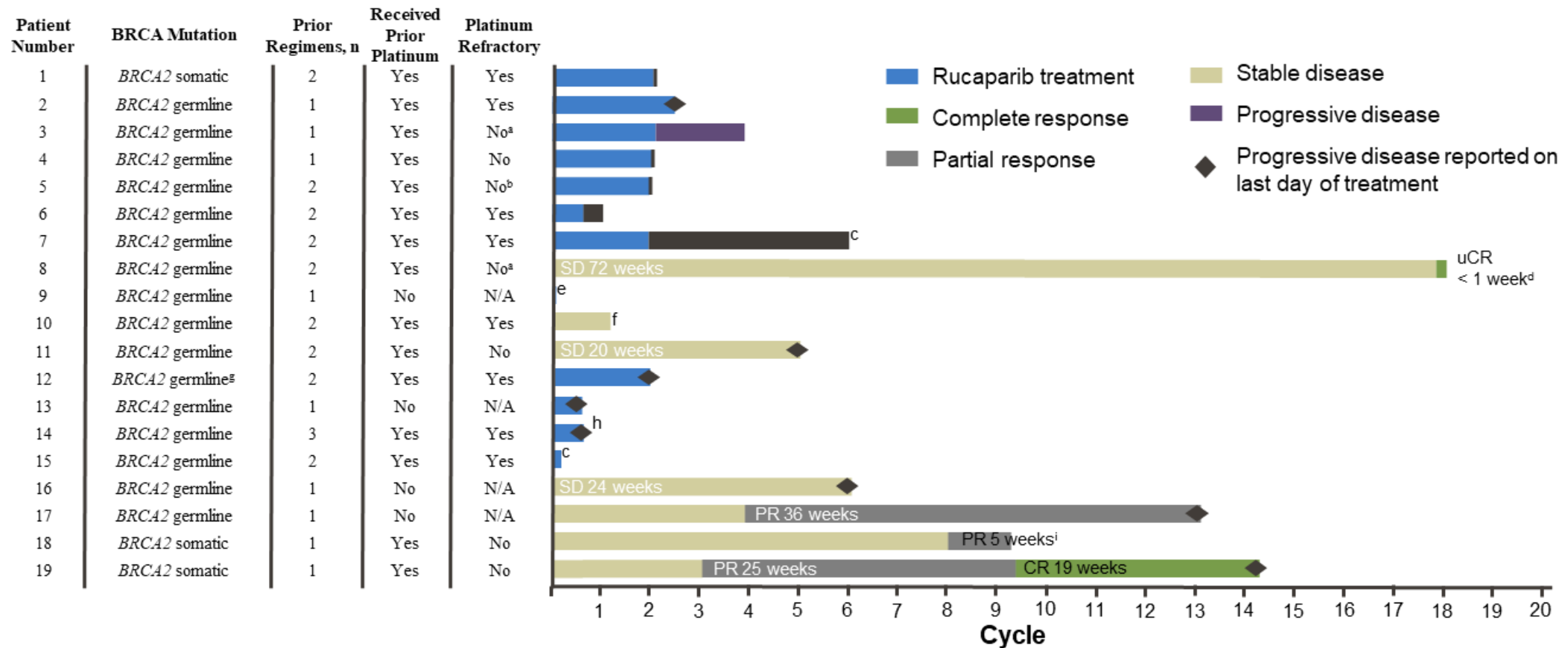
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- Patient with a germline *BRCA2* mutation—near CR on FOLFOX + veliparib

- Sequencing of the new tumor revealed:
 - Original *BRCA2*, *KRAS*, and *TP53* mutations
 - New somatic (secondary) *BRCA2* mutation
 - New deletion 13 bp upstream of the germline deletion
 - Restored the reading frame of the *BRCA2* gene

PARP Inhibitors Are Ineffective in Platinum-Refractory Disease

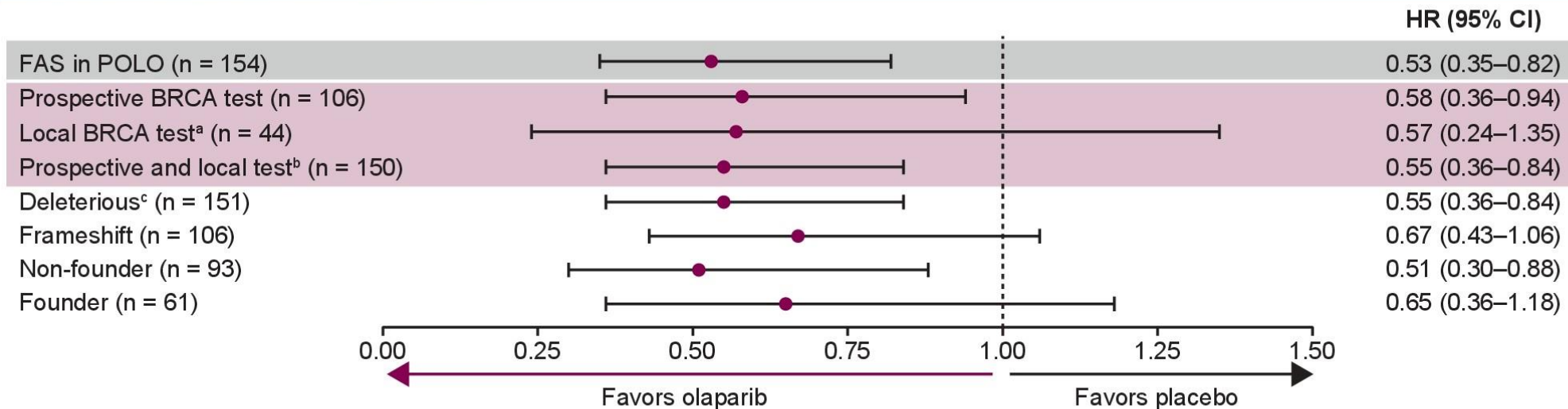


^a Patients discontinued treatment for other reason. ^b Study terminated; patient rolled over to an Individual Patient IND application. ^c Patient discontinued due to investigator decision. ^d Patient discontinued due to an AE and scan with stable disease performed after last treatment day. ^e Patient discontinued due to AE and progressive disease. ^f Patient withdrew consent; partial response confirmed with a scan after last treatment day.

Is Response a Function of the Specific Mutation?

- Assessed outcomes of POLO 3 trial as a function of the TYPE of BRCA mutation
 - The efficacy of Olaparib vs. placebo was consistent across mutational subtypes

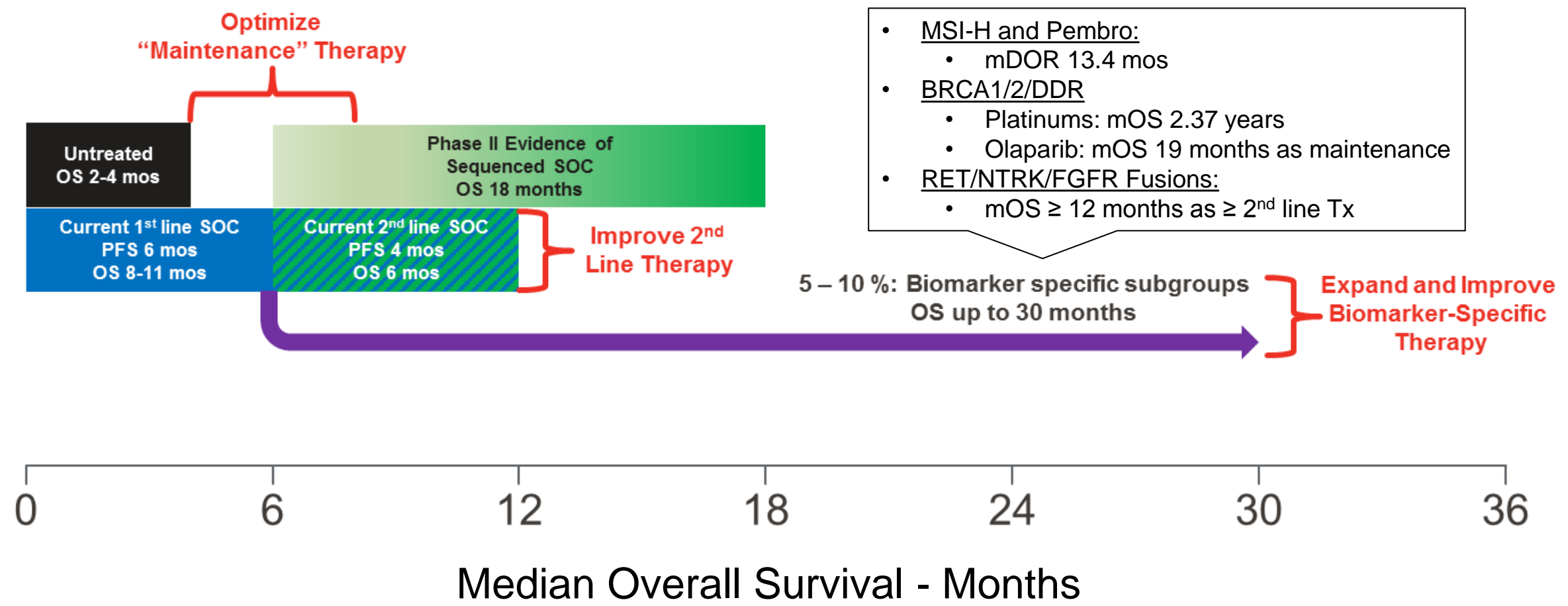
Figure 5. Progression-free survival, grouped by types of BRCA testing and gBRCAm, during treatment with olaparib compared with placebo.



^aRetrospectively confirmed by centralized testing using the BRACAnalysis CDx test. ^bProspectively, centrally tested or local test result retrospectively confirmed by centralized testing using the BRACAnalysis CDx test. ^cNot including 3 patients with suspected deleterious mutations, who had PFS of 5.6 and 5.5 months during treatment with olaparib and 1.9 months with placebo, relative to median (95% CI) PFS in the FAS of 7.4 (4.14–11.01) and 3.8 (3.52–4.86) months with olaparib and placebo, respectively. CI, confidence interval; FAS, full analysis set; HR, hazard ratio

How and When to Incorporate Biomarker Testing

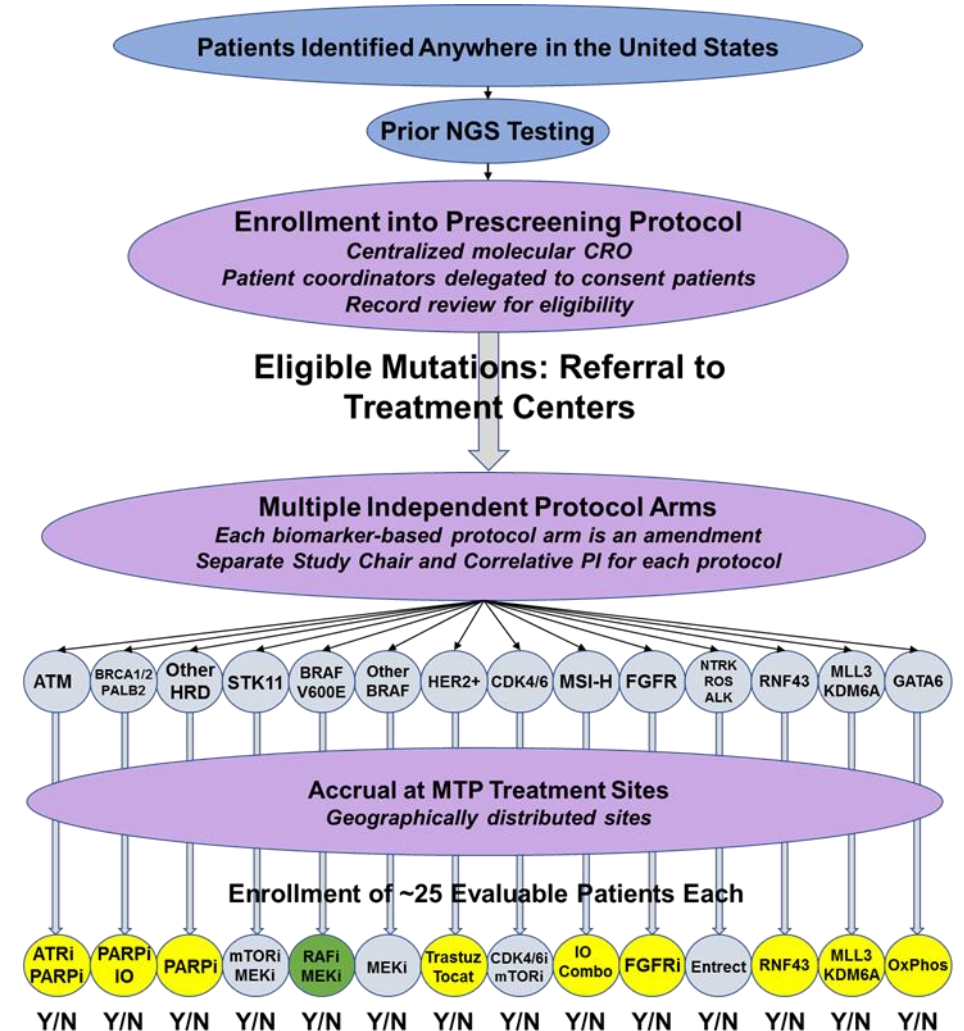
Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer Survival



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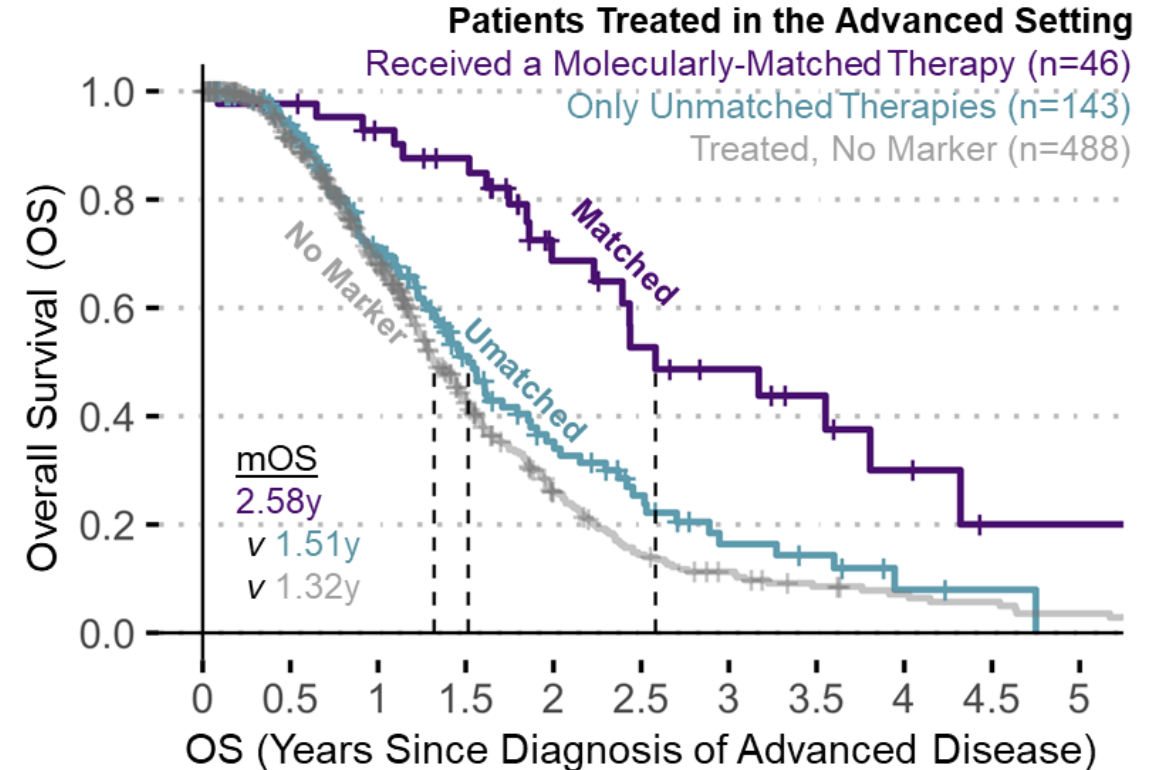
A Clinical Trial of Treatment Targeted Towards Actionable Biomarkers for Patients with Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

- Centralized screening and referral protocol to biomarker-based clinical trials for patients with pancreatic cancer
- Multiple Independent Protocols
 - Biomarker-based
 - Many, many possibilities
 - **Incorporate SOC arm(s)**
 - **Incorporate NON-biomarker-based arms**
- Each protocol designed essentially as a single arm Phase II
 - To make a “go/no-go” determination
- “Successful” trials could be expanded into “definitive” trials



Gold Standard: Overall Survival Benefit

- 1028 pancreatic cancer patients
 - All underwent molecular profiling (w/NGS)
- 677 patients with outcomes information
 - 189 with Actionable Findings
 - 46 received molecularly matched therapy
 - 143 received “unmatched” therapy
 - 488 with no actionable findings
- Overall survival
 - Matched 1y > unmatched
 - Matched 1.3y > no actionable marker



Molecularly-Matched vs Only Unmatched History (Highly Actionable)

p-value = 0.000388, HR = **0.42** [0.26-0.68]

Molecularly-Matched vs Patients without Highly Actionable Findings

p-value = 0.00000229, HR = **0.34** [0.22-0.53]

Summary and Recommendations

- Actionable mutations are not “rare” in pancreatic cancers
 - EU definition of rare: $<1/2000$ people = .05%
 - Testing DOES reveal legitimately actionable mutations in 25% of patients
 - 100% of patients should be germline tested; virtually all should ALSO have somatic/tumor testing
- Testing is MUCH less expensive than standard (and targeted) therapies
- Multiple small subgroups of patients with other actionable mutations
- Actionable mutations overall lead to a disproportionate benefit
 - With survival benefit

Thank you and Questions?