#### INTERVIEW



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Track 29 Case discussion: A 57-year-old Asian woman and never smoker presents with sudden left eye visual loss and has possible leptomeningeal enhancement on brain MRI and a right lung mass with multiple pulmonary nodules biopsy proven to be EGFR, K-ras, BRAF and ALK wild-type adenocarcinoma

#### CD 2

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- Track 6 Efficacy and side effects of the irreversible EGFR TKI afatinib in combination with cetuximab in patients with advanced NSCLC and acquired resistance to erlotinib or gefitinib



#### 🖟 🔒 CD 1, Tracks 18-20

- **DR LOVE:** In which common clinical situations have you evaluated patients seeking second opinions and made significantly different recommendations from those of the initial oncologist?
- DR WAKELEE: That has happened quite a bit recently with regard to adjuvant chemotherapy. I discuss the ECOG-E1505 trial with eligible patients (NCT00324805). The trial design allows for 4 different chemotherapy backbones to assess whether bevacizumab improves adjuvant chemotherapy — cisplatin/vinorelbine, cisplatin/ docetaxel, cisplatin/gemcitabine and, for patients with nonsquamous cell histology, cisplatin/pemetrexed. We are starting to generate considerable comparative data on these different regimens in that setting (Wakelee 2011).

I find that a push is still felt for cisplatin/vinorelbine in our community. I usually treat patients with nonsquamous cell histology with cisplatin/pemetrexed, and for patients with squamous cell histology I tend to use cisplatin/gemcitabine.

The Phase II TREAT trial is the only randomized study that has evaluated cisplatin/ pemetrexed in the adjuvant setting. It reported that cisplatin/pemetrexed was better tolerated than cisplatin/vinorelbine (Kreuter 2011; [2.1]). Higher doses of cisplatin/ pemetrexed were administered without treatment discontinuations due to neutropenia or other complications.

# 2.1

### TREAT: A Phase II Trial on Refinement of Early-Stage Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Adjuvant Chemotherapy with Cisplatin/Pemetrexed (CPx) versus Cisplatin/Vinorelbine (CVb)

	<b>CPx</b> (n = 67)	<b>CVb</b> (n = 65)	<i>p</i> -value
Clinical feasibility rate*†	95.5%	75.4%	0.001
Delivery of absolute intended dose	74.6%	20.0%	<0.0001
Grade 3 or 4 hematologic toxicity	10.5%	76.5%	< 0.0001

<sup>\*</sup> No death due to cancer, toxicity or comorbidity; no nonacceptance by patients leading to premature withdrawal; no observation of dose-limiting toxicity

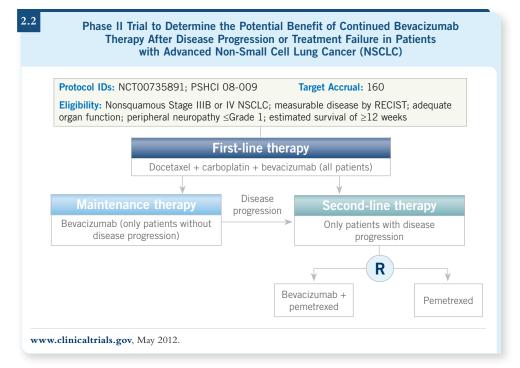
Kreuter M et al. Proc ASCO 2011; Abstract 7002.



#### 🖟 🔒 CD 1, Track 27

- **DR LOVE:** How do you approach the patient with metastatic disease who develops slow progression after having a long response to chemotherapy/bevacizumab?
- **DR WAKELEE:** Currently we have a trial in which patients with metastatic disease receiving bevacizumab maintenance are randomly assigned to continue with bevacizumab or not when a new agent is added to second-line therapy upon disease progression (2.2). This will provide important information about the utility of bevacizumab continuation in patients with lung cancer, but I don't currently use the continuation approach outside a trial setting.

<sup>†</sup> Primary endpoint; secondary efficacy endpoints not yet reported — awaiting longer follow-up





## 🖟 🔒 CD 2, Track 2

- DR LOVE: Would you discuss the "Patel regimen" as first-line therapy for NSCLC and the ongoing Phase III trial evaluating this regimen?
- DR WAKELEE: A Phase II trial of patients who received the "Patel regimen" of 4 cycles of carboplatin/pemetrexed/bevacizumab followed by maintenance pemetrexed/ bevacizumab had encouraging progression-free and overall survival (Patel 2009). The Phase III PointBreak trial is now comparing that regimen to the standard ECOG-E4599 regimen, and those results should be available soon (2.3).

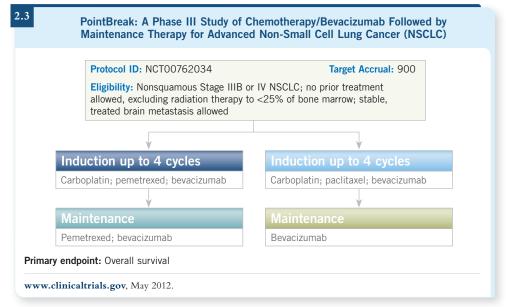


## CD 2, Track 5

- DR LOVE: Would you talk about the new research strategy of combining MET inhibitors and erlotinib for patients with advanced NSCLC?
- DR WAKELEE: In 2 randomized Phase II trials, patients with erlotinib-naïve disease received erlotinib with or without one of the MET inhibitors onartuzumab (a monoclonal antibody) or tivantinib (a TKI). Onartuzumab and tivantinib inhibit MET but by different mechanisms. A progression-free survival benefit and an overall survival advantage trend were observed in patients who received tivantinib (Sequist 2011; [2.4]). Thus a Phase III trial has been initiated (NCT01244191).

On evaluation of all patients in the intention-to-treat population treated on the Phase II trial of onartuzumab, no progression-free or overall survival advantage was seen. However, in the subgroup of patients with high MET expression, a substantial benefit occurred. Patients without high MET expression did not benefit. If anything, there

was potential harm (Spigel 2011; [2.5]). This has led to a focused Phase III trial in a subpopulation of patients with high MET expression (NCT01456325).



#### 2.4 Phase II Trial of Erlotinib and Tivantinib (ET) versus Erlotinib and Placebo (EP) for Patients with Erlotinib-Naïve, Previously Treated Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Outcome **EP** (n = 83)**ET** (n = 84)Hazard ratio p-value Median PFS (INV) 3.8 mo 2.3 mo 0.81 0.24 Median PFS (IRR) 3.6 mo 2.0 mo 0.74 0.09 Median OS (INV) 8.5 mo 6.9 mo 0.87 0.47 PFS = progression-free survival; INV = investigator assessment; IRR = independent central radiology review: OS = overall survival Hazard ratio <1 favors FT. Sequist LV et al. J Clin Oncol 2011;29(24):3307-15.

# CD 2, Track 6

- **DR LOVE:** What are your thoughts on new trials evaluating the use of the irreversible TKI afatinib in combination with cetuximab for patients with advanced NSCLC who experience progression on erlotinib?
- DR WAKELEE: The combination of afatinib/cetuximab in patients with NSCLC and acquired EGFR resistance produced striking results (Horn 2011; [2.6]). Most patients with EGFR mutation-positive NSCLC demonstrated a good response to erlotinib for a while and then developed resistance. In this study most of the patients responded to treatment regardless of whether the disease was T790M mutation positive. ■

# OAM4558g: A Phase II Trial of Erlotinib (E) with or without Onartuzumab as Second- or Third-Line Therapy for Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

	Patients with positive c-MET immunohistochemistry			
	E + onartuzumab	E + placebo	Hazard ratio	<i>p</i> -value
Median progression-free survival	2.9 mo	1.5 mo	0.53	0.04
Median overall survival	12.6 mo	3.8 mo	0.37	0.002
	Patients with negative c-MET immunohistochemistry			
Median progression-free survival	1.4 mo	2.7 mo	1.82	0.05
Median overall survival	8.1 mo	15.3 mo	1.78	0.16

Spigel DR et al. Proc ASCO 2011; Abstract 7505.

#### 2.6

Efficacy of Combined EGFR Targeting with Afatinib and Cetuximab by T790M Mutation Status in Patients with Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer and Resistance to an EGFR Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor

Best response	<b>T790M- positive</b> (n = 35)	<b>T790M- negative</b> (n = 16)	T790M uninformative (n = 2)	No EGFR mutation (n = 2)
Any partial response (PR)	51%	56%	50%	_
Confirmed PR	31%	32%	50%	_
Stable disease (SD)	43%	38%	50%	100%
Clinical response (any PR + SD)	94%	94%	100%	100%
Progressive disease	6%	6%	_	_

Dose: Afatinib 40 mg PO per day, cetuximab 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV

Horn H et al. Proc IASLC 2011; Abstract O19.07.

#### **SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

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