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### Tepotinib plus an EGFR TKI in patients with EGFR-mutant NSCLC and resistance to EGFR TKIs due to MET amplification

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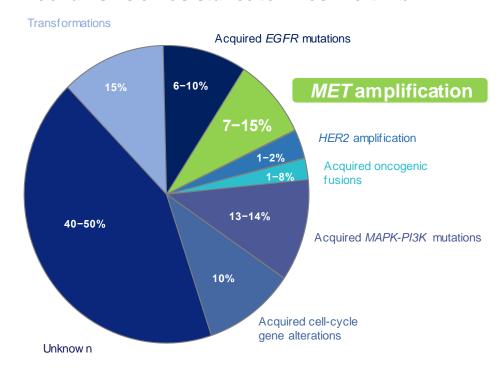


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- METamp is a common mechanism of acquired resistance to EGFR TKIs in patients with EGFR-mutant NSCLC<sup>1,2</sup>
- These patients have a high unmet need for effective treatments<sup>1</sup>
- Combination therapy with a MET TKI plus an EGFR TKI may overcome MET-driven EGFR TKI resistance<sup>3,4</sup>
- Tepotinib, an oral, potent and highly selective MET TKI,<sup>5</sup> induced tumor regression in preclinical models of NSCLC with MET-driven EGFR TKI resistance<sup>6</sup>
- In the Phase Ib/II INSIGHT study (NCT01982955), tepotinib + gefitinib demonstrated antitumor activity in patients with EGFRmutant NSCLC, with METamp or MET overexpression and acquired resistance to an EGFR TKI<sup>7</sup>

#### Mechanisms of resistance to 1L osimertinib<sup>1</sup>



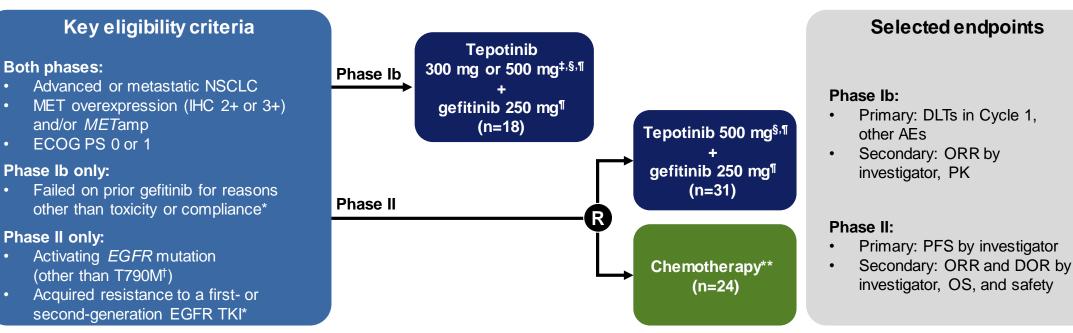
We report further data on the clinical activity of tepotinib plus an EGFR TKI in patients with *EGFR*-mutant NSCLC with *MET*amp from both clinical trials and clinical practice

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<sup>1</sup>L, first-line; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; MAPK, mitogen-activated protein kinase; MET, mesenchymal—epithelial transition factor; MET amplification; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; PI3K, phosphoinositide 3-kinase; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

### Open-label, Phase lb/II, randomized, multicenter trial (NCT01982955)<sup>1</sup>



METamp was analyzed centrally in tissue biopsies by FISH (Q² Solutions Sponsor-Specific MET IQ FISH Kit-111480 Assay; Dako Denmark A/S, Copenhagen, Denmark) and defined as MET GCN ≥5 or MET:CEP7 ≥2

\*In the Phase Ib part of the study, patients could receive other EGFR TKIs before/after gefitinib; in the Phase II part, only one prior first- or second-generation EGFR TKI (gefitinib, erlotinib, or afatinib) was allowed; †In the Phase II part of the study, an exploratory single-arm cohort enrolled a fixed number of patients (n=15) with T790M, all of whom received tepotinib plus gefitinib; †‡3 + 3 dose-escalation design, followed by dose confirmation; §300 mg tepotinib contains 270 mg active moiety and 500 mg tepotinib contains 450 mg active moiety; ¶Administered orally, once daily, until disease progression, intolerable toxicity, or withdrawal of consent; \*\*Consisting of pemetrexed 500 mg/m², plus cisplatin 75 mg/m² or carboplatin (area under the curve 5–6) by intravenous infusion on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle for up to six 21-day cycles or four cycles plus pemetrexed maintenance.

AE, adverse event; DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; GCN, gene copy number; IHC, immunohistochemistry; MET, mesenchymal–epithelial transition factor; *MET* amp, *MET* amplification; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival;

1. Wu Y-L, et al. Lancet Respir Med. 2020;8(11):1132-1143.

PK, pharmacokinetics; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.





### **INSIGHT:** Baseline characteristics of patients with *MET*amp

Of 49 patients treated with tepotinib + gefitinib, 18 (36.7%) had METamp

		Phase Ib	Phase II <sup>1</sup>			
		Tepotinib + gefitinib (n=6*)	Tepotinib + gefitinib (n=12)	Chemotherapy (n=7)		
Male, n (%)		4 (66.7)	3 (25.0)	3 (42.9)		
Median age (range), years		67.5 (45–77)	59.3 (42–70)	60.4 (44–74)		
Smoker, n (%)		3 (50.0)	3 (25.0)	3 (42.9)		
ECOG PS 1, n (%)		5 (83.3)	9 (75.0)	5 (71.4)		
Prior EGFR TKI, n (%)	Gefitinib	6 (100.0)	6 (50.0)	5 (71.4)		
	Erlotinib	1 (16.7)	2 (16.7)	0		
	Icotinib	0	2 (16.7)	0		
	Afatinib	1 (16.7)	2 (16.7)	2 (28.6)		
	Osimertinib	2 (33.3)	0	0		
EGFR mutation, n (%)	Del19	3 (50.0)	7 (58.3)	3 (42.9)		
	L858R	3 (50.0)	4 (33.3)	4 (57.1)		
	G719X	0	1 (8.3)	0		
<i>MET</i> GCN ≥5, n (%)		6 (100.0)	11 (91.7)	7 (100.0)		
<i>MET</i> : <i>CEP</i> 7≥2, n (%)		2 (33.3)	7 (58.3)	6 (85.7)		
MET IHC 3+, n (%)		4 (66.7)	11 (91.7)	6 (85.7)		

Data cut-off: Dec 12, 2018. \*Among patients with METamp in Phase Ib, two received tepotinib 300 mg and four received tepotinib 500 mg. ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; IHC, immunohistochemistry; GCN, gene copy number; MET, mesenchymal-epithelial transition factor; METamp, MET amplification; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor. 1. Wu Y-L, et al. Lancet Respir Med. 2020;8(11):1132-1143.





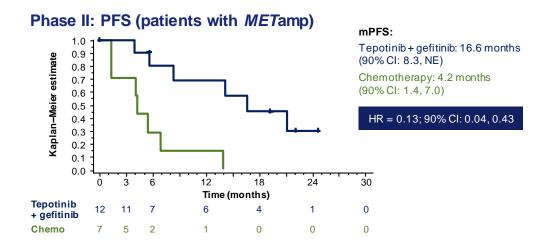
### INSIGHT: Antitumor activity observed with tepotinib + gefitinib in patients with *MET*amp (data cut-off: Dec 12, 2018; Wu Y-L, et al. *Lancet Respir Med.* 2020<sup>1</sup>)

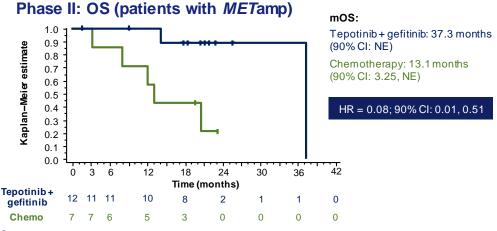
Phase Ib and II: Response (patients with *MET*amp)

 In Phase Ib and II combined, 12/18 patients (66.7%) with METamp had a response

	Tepotinib + gefitinib <sup>1</sup>			
	Phase lb (n=6*)	Phase II (n=12)		
ORR, n (%)	4 (66.7)	8 (66.7) [90% CI: 39.1, 87.7]		
DOR, months	5.5, 5.6, 11.7, 12.5	Median: 19.9 [90% Cl: 7.0, NE]		

- In Phase II, PFS and OS were greatly improved with tepotinib + gefitinib versus chemotherapy
- Efficacy of tepotinib + gefitinib also compared favorably with previous data for chemotherapy after progression on gefitinib in the IMPRESS trial (median PFS, 5.4 months [95% CI: 4.6, 5.5]; median OS, 19.5 months)<sup>2,3</sup>





Data cut-off: Dec 12, 2018. \*Among patients with *MET*amp in Phase lb, two received tepotinib 300 mg and four received tepotinib 500 mg.

CI, confidence interval; DOR, duration of response; HR, hazard ratio; m; median; MET, mesenchymal—epithelial transition factor; *MET*amp, *MET*amplification; NE, not estimable; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival. 1. Wu Y-L, et al. *Lancet Respir Med*. 2020;8(11):1132–1143; 2. Soria JC, et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2015;16(8):990–998; 3. MokTSK, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2017;35(36):4027–4034.



# INSIGHT: Tepotinib + gefitinib was generally well tolerated in patients with METamp (data cut-off: Dec 12, 2018; Wu Y-L, et al. Lancet Respir Med. 20201)

Phase II: TRAEs reported at any grade in ≥20%,	Tepotinib+ g	efitinib (n=12)	Chemotherapy (n=7)		
n (%)	Any grade	Grade ≥3	Any grade	Grade ≥3	
Any TRAE	12 (100)	7 (58.3)	7 (100)	5 (71.4)	
Neutrophil count decreased	0	0	4 (57.1)	2 (28.6)	
White blood cell count decreased	1 (8.3)	1 (8.3)		2 (28.6)	
Diarrhea	6 (50.0)	1 (8.3)	1 (14.3)	0	
Anemia	0	0	3 (42.9)	2 (28.6)	
Nausea	2 (16.7)	0	3 (42.9)	0	
Amylase increased	5 (41.7)	4 (33.3)	0	0	
Lipase increased	5 (41.7)	4 (33.3)	0	0	
Peripheral edema	4 (33.3)	0	1 (14.3)	0	
ALT increased	3 (25.0)	0	1 (14.3)	0	
AST increased	3 (25.0)	0	1 (14.3)	0	
Dry skin	3 (25.0)	0	0	0	
Paronychia	3 (25.0)	1 (8.3)	0	0	
Pruritus	3 (25.0)	0	0	0	
Dizziness	1 (8.3)	0	2 (28.6)	0	
Platelet count decreased	1 (8.3)	0	2 (28.6)	0	
Vomiting	1 (8.3)	0	2 (28.6)	0	

Data cut-off: Dec 12, 2018.

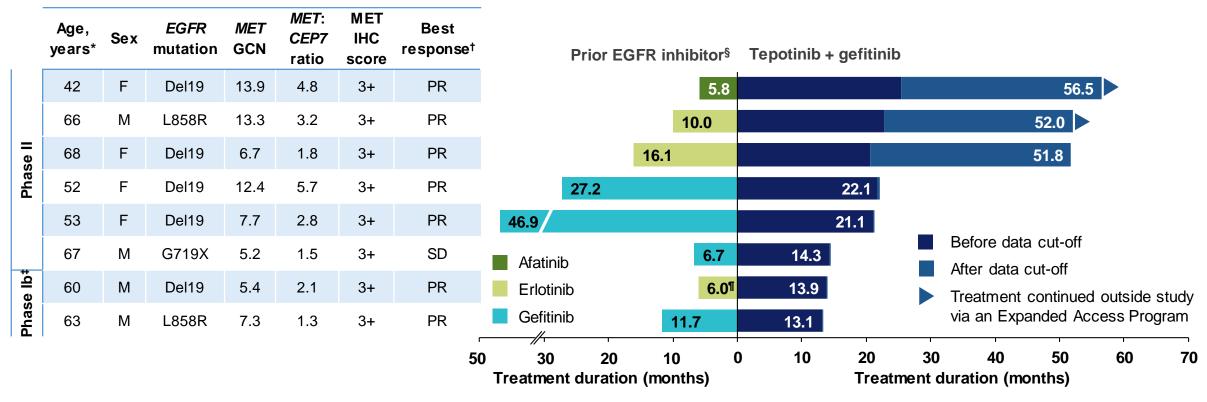
ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; MET, mesenchymal—epithelial transition factor; METamp, MET amplification; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event. 1. Wu Y-L, et al. Lancet Respir Med. 2020;8(11):1132–1143.





### INSIGHT: Updated treatment duration (patients with *MET*amp and treatment duration >1 year)

- Of 18 patients with METamp, treatment duration was >1 year in eight patients (44.4%), and >4 years in three patients (16.7%)
- At the end of the study, two patients transitioned to continue tepotinib + gefitinib outside the study via an Expanded Access Program



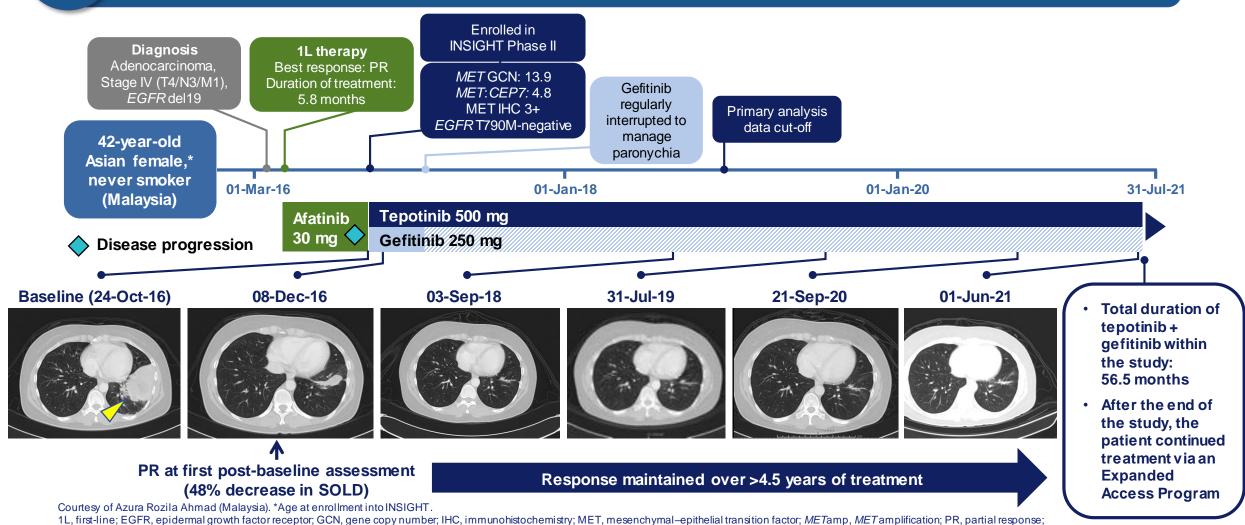
Data cut-off: 12 Dec 2018. \*At start of treatment with tepotinib+ gefitinib; †Prior to the data cut-off; ‡Both patients with METamp in Phase Ib with treatment duration >12 months received tepotinib at the 500 mg dose; §Most recent EGFR inhibitor; ¶Prior treatment also included gefitinib and chemotherapy.

EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; GCN, gene copy number; IHC, immunohistochemistry; MET, mesenchymal-epithelial transition factor; MET amplification; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.





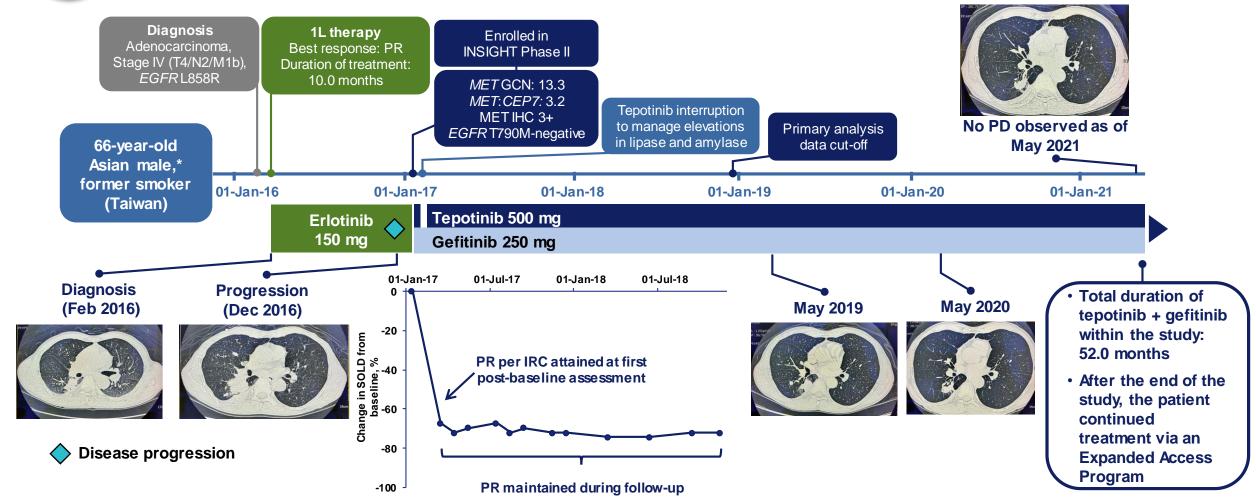
## INSIGHT case study 1: Prolonged PR with tepotinib + gefitinib after progression on afatinib in a patient with *MET*amp



SOLD, sum of longest diameter.



## INSIGHT case study 2: Prolonged duration of tepotinib + gefitinib after progression on erlotinib in a patient with *MET*amp

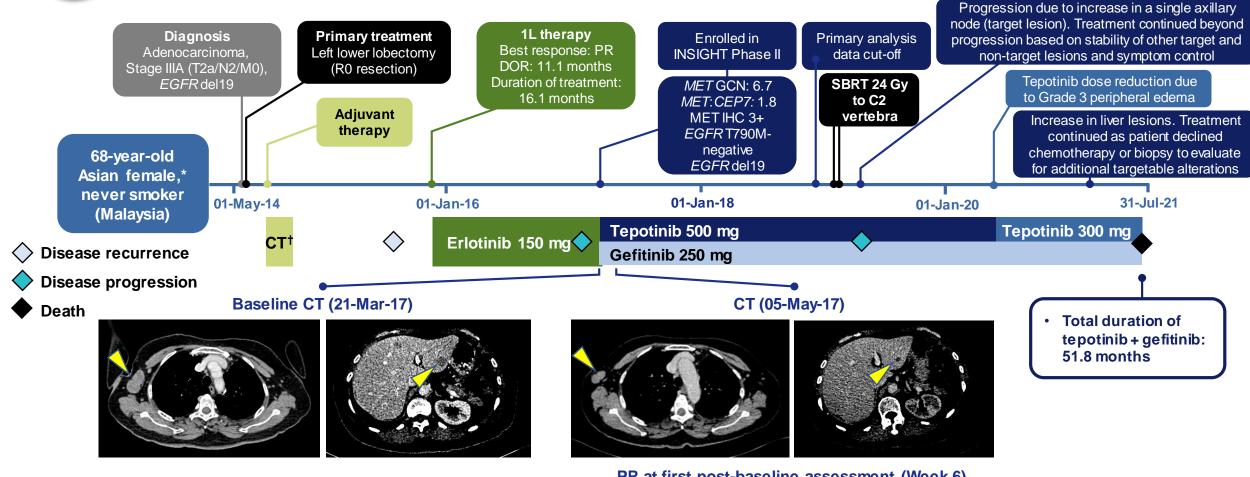


Courtesy of Te-Chun Hsia (Taiwan). \*Age at enrollment into INSIGHT. 1L, first-line; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; GCN, gene copy number; IHC, immunohistochemistry; IRC, independent review committee; MET, mesenchymal—epithelial transition factor; METamp, METamplification; PR, partial response; SOLD, sum of longest diameter.





### INSIGHT case study 3: Prolonged duration of tepotinib + gefitinib after progression on erlotinib in a patient with *MET*amp



PR at first post-baseline assessment (Week 6)

Courtesy of Chong Kin Liam (Malaysia). \*Age at enrollment into INSIGHT; †Carboplatin + gemcitabine. 1L, first-line; CT, computed tomography; DOR, duration of response; EGFR, epidermal growth factor; MET amp, MET amplification; PR, partial response; SBRT, stereotactic body radiotherapy.





### Further data on tepotinib plus an EGFR inhibitor in patients with *EGFR*-mutant NSCLC and *MET*amp: INSIGHT 2

INSIGHT 2 (NCT03940703) is an ongoing Phase II trial evaluating tepotinib + osimertinib in patients with EGFR-mutant NSCLC with acquired resistance to 1L osimertinib due to METamp, which opened in September 2019 and had key protocol amendments implemented in April 2020<sup>1</sup>

### **Original protocol**

- Eligible patients must have advanced/metastatic NSCLC harboring activating EGFR mutations with acquired resistance to prior first- to third-generation EGFR TKIs, with METamp
- METamp determined by LBx

### Protocol following key amendments

- Eligible patients must have advanced/metastatic NSCLC harboring activating EGFR mutations that have relapsed on first-line osimertinib due to METamp
- METamp determined by FISH testing with TBx (central or local), or by central LBx, with the primary efficacy analysis set consisting of patients with METamp centrally confirmed by FISH testing with TBx
- A case report of a patient enrolled through the original protocol is shown on the next slide; this patient will not be included in the primary efficacy analysis set of INSIGHT 2<sup>2</sup>

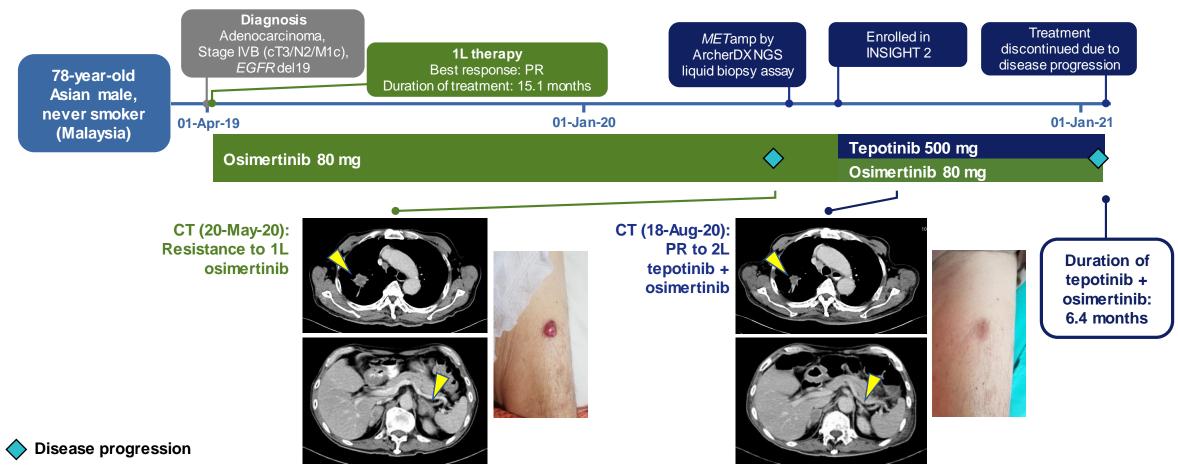
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<sup>1</sup>L, first-line; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; LBx, liquid biopsy; MET, mesen chymal—epithelial transition factor; MET amplification; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.



## INSIGHT 2 case study: Response to tepotinib + osimertinib in a patient with *MET*amp and acquired osimertinib resistance<sup>1</sup>



Courtesy of Chong Kin Liam (Malaysia).

1L, first-line; 2L, second-line; CT, computed tomography; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; MET, mesenchymal—epithelial transition factor; MET amplification; NGS, next-generation sequencing; PR, partial response.

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## Further data on tepotinib plus an EGFR inhibitor in patients with EGFR-mutant NSCLC and METamp: Clinical practice

- Outside clinical trials, several patients have received tepotinib plus an EGFR TKI in clinical practice (including compassionate use)
- A case report based on a patient in the US receiving this combination for >7 months is shown on the next slide

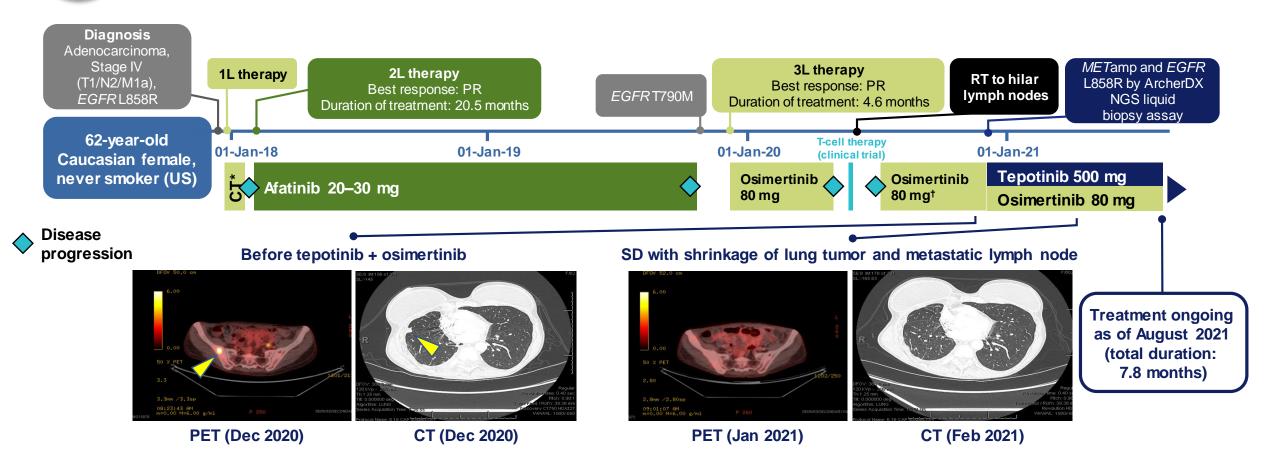
Country	Age*	Sex	Prior treatment	Time on most recent prior EGFR TKI, months	<i>MET</i> amp, GCN	EGFR TKI†	Time on treatment,‡ months	Treatment ongoing <sup>‡</sup>
US	62	Female	Chemo, afatinib, osimertinib, immunotherapy	12.0	N/A (NGS, Archer)	Osimertinib 80 mg	7.8	Yes
Hong Kong	79	Male	Gefitinib, osimertinib	11.5	10 (NGS; Foundation Medicine)	Osimertinib 80 mg	10.4	Yes

<sup>\*</sup>At the beginning of combination treatment; †EGFR TKI given in combination tepotinib 500 mg (450 mg active moiety) treatment; †As of August 2021.

EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; GCN, gene copy number; MET, mesenchymal—epithelial transition factor; MET amplification; N/A, not available; NGS, next generation sequencing; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.



# Clinical practice case study: Ongoing benefit from tepotinib + osimertinib after progression on afatinib and osimertinib in a patient with *MET*amp

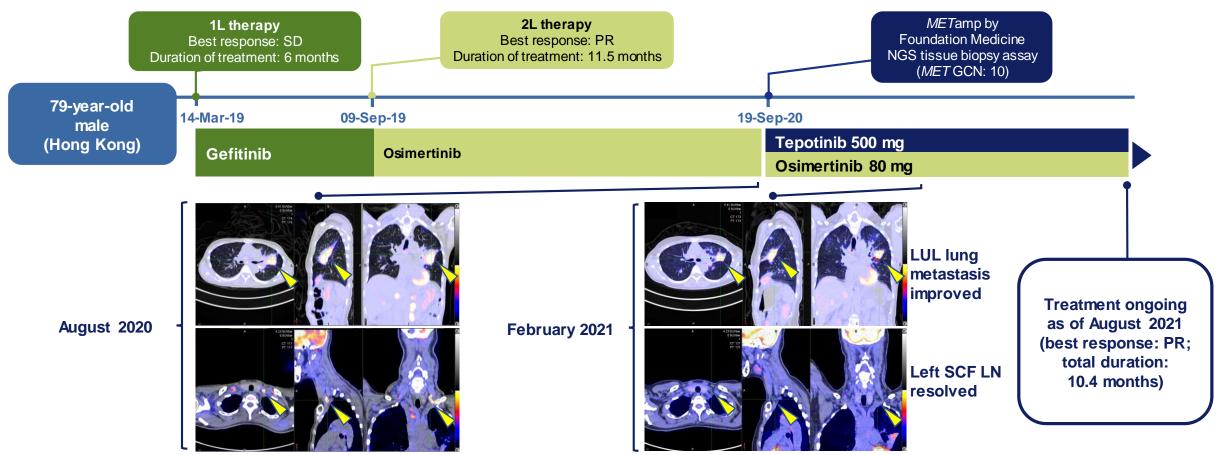


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1L, first-line; 2L, second-line; 3L, third-line; CT, computed tomography; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; MET, mesenchymal—epithelial transition factor; METamp, METamplification; NGS, next-generation sequencing; PET, positron emission tomography; PR, partial response; RT, radiotherapy; SD, stable disease.



# Clinical practice case study: Ongoing benefit from tepotinib + osimertinib after progression on gefitinib and osimertinib in a patient with *MET*amp



Courtesy of Jacky Yu-Chung Li (Hong Kong).

1L, first-line; 2L, second-line; GCN, gene copy number; LN, lymph nodes; LUL, left upper lobe; MET, mesenchymal-epithelial transition factor; MET amplification; NGS, next generation sequencing; PR, partial response; RT, radiotherapy; SCF, supraclavicular fossa; SD, stable disease.

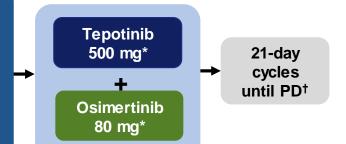


- The combination of tepotinib with an EGFR TKI, including osimertinib, shows clinical activity in the treatment of patients with EGFR TKI-resistant NSCLC due to METamp; the relevance of MET IHC 3+ in this setting warrants further investigation
- In INSIGHT, three patients with METamp received tepotinib + gefitinib for >4 years, of whom two continued treatment after study end via an Expanded Access Program
- Tepotinib + osimertinib is currently being investigated in patients with METamp EGFRmutant NSCLC with acquired resistance to 1L osimertinib in the INSIGHT 2 study<sup>1</sup> (see Abstract 167)
- Currently, 108 sites are active in 17 countries; encouraging preliminary activity has been observed

### Global, open-label, two-arm, Phase II INSIGHT 2 trial (NCT03940703)<sup>1</sup>

#### Key eligibility criteria (N≈120)

- Locally advanced/metastatic NSCLC with activating EGFR mutation
- METamp on tissue biopsy (FISH) or liquid biopsy
- Acquired resistance to 1L osimertinib





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\*Initially, eligible patients who are positive for MET amplification will be randomly assigned in a ratio of 2:1 to either the combination of tepotinib + osimertinib or tepotinib alone, until 12 are enrolled in the monotherapy arm. After this, all patients will be assigned to the combination. Patients who are randomized to tepotinib monotherapy will have the opportunity to switch over to the combination at the time of disease progression; †Treatment continues until disease progression, death, an adverse event leading to discontinuation, study withdrawal, or consent withdrawal.

1L, first-line; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; FISH, fluorescence in situ hybridization; IHC, immunohistochemistry; MET, mesenchymal—epithelial transition factor; METamp, METamplification; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; PD, disease progression; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor. 1. Zhu VW, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2021;39(suppl 15): Abstract TPS9136.



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