

Combining Lurbinectedin and Doxorubicin The UCLH Experience in Small Cell Lung Cancer

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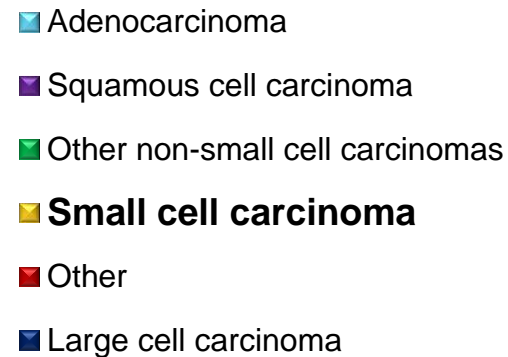
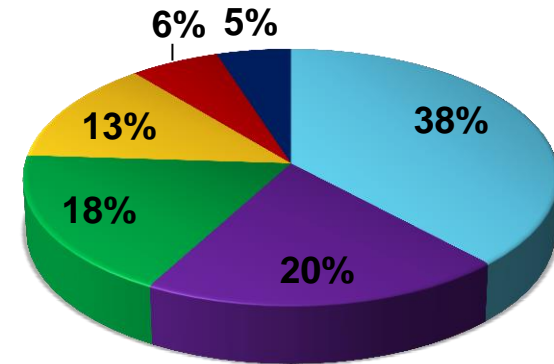
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Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)

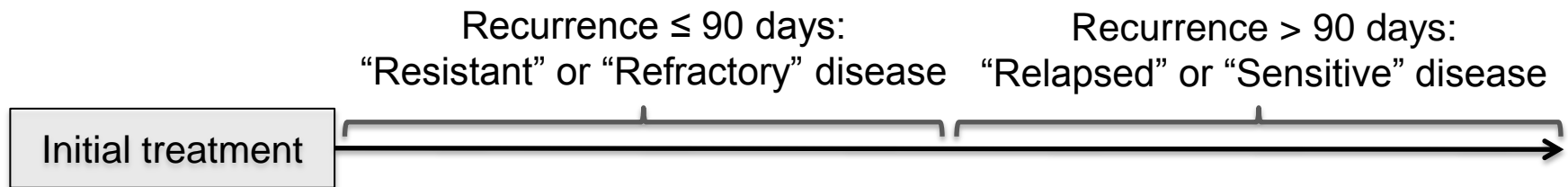
- Lung Cancer is the most common cancer across men and women globally and the highest cause of cancer mortality
- SCLC accounts for 10-15% of all lung cancer
- Strong association with tobacco use and associated co-morbidities
- ~30% present with 'limited stage' disease with only a proportion eligible for 'radical intent' treatment, chemo-radiation, associated with ~18 month survival
- >80% treated with palliative chemotherapy with median survival 9-11 months



Extensive Stage SCLC: First-line therapy

- Combination chemotherapy with cisplatin / carboplatin and etoposide is the mainstay of first-line treatment
 - Response rates 60-70%
 - 4 to 6 cycles
 - Median progression free survival 2-3 months
 - 2-year overall survival < 5%
- Minimal improvement in first line therapy in decades
 - Cisplatin / Irinotecan demonstrated to be superior in Japanese population; not seen in study in Western population
 - Consolidation Thoracic Radiotherapy
 - Prophylactic Cranial Irradiation

Management of Recurrent Disease



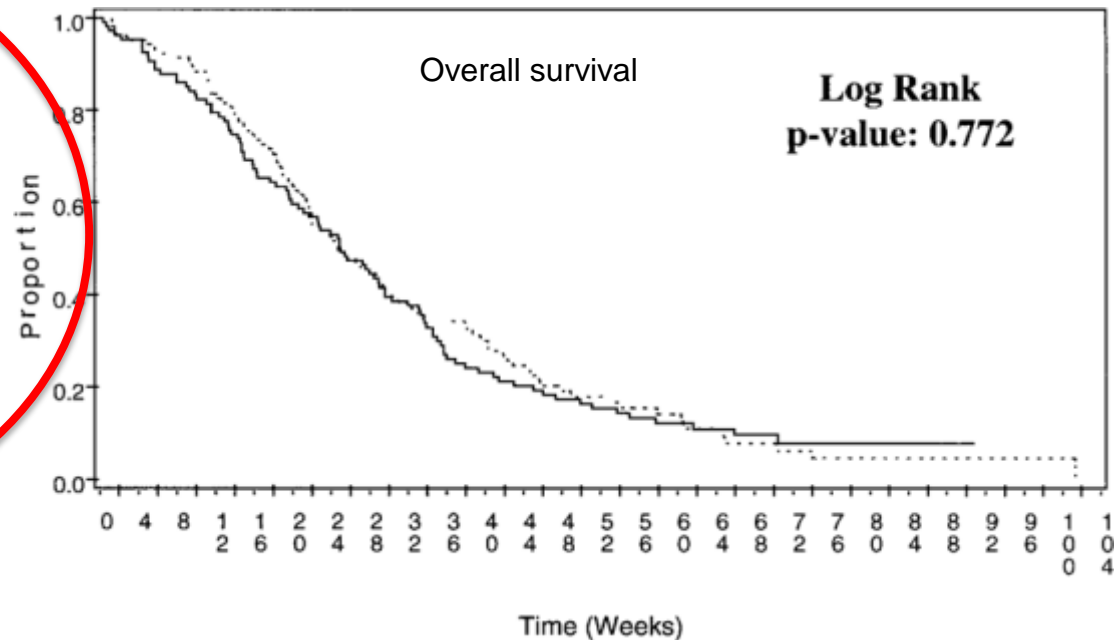
Topotecan as second-line therapy in SCLC

- Three open-label single-arm studies of IV topotecan days 1-5 q3 weekly showed response rates ranging 11% to 31% for 'sensitive' disease and 2% to 7% for 'resistant' disease
- Randomized phase 3 study of 211 patients receiving IV Topotecan vs CAV showed equivalent response rates, time to progression, and survival.

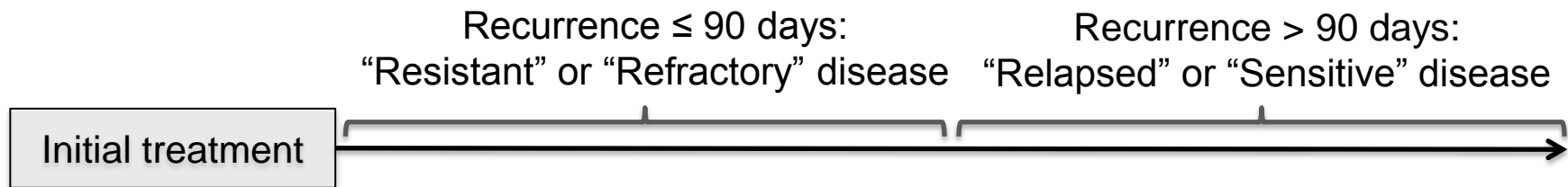
Topotecan vs CAV in second-line setting

- Randomized study in patients with relapse >60 days after completion of first-line therapy
 - Topotecan: 1.5 mg/m² IV daily days 1-5 Q21d vs CAV: Cyclophosphamide 1000 mg/m², Doxorubicin 45 mg/m², Vincristine 2 mg IV day 1 Q21d

- ORR
 - 24 vs 18%
- mTTP:
 - 13.3 vs 12.3 wks
- mOS:
 - 25.0 vs 24.7 wks



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Topotecan is the only FDA- and EMA-approved second-line therapy in SCLC

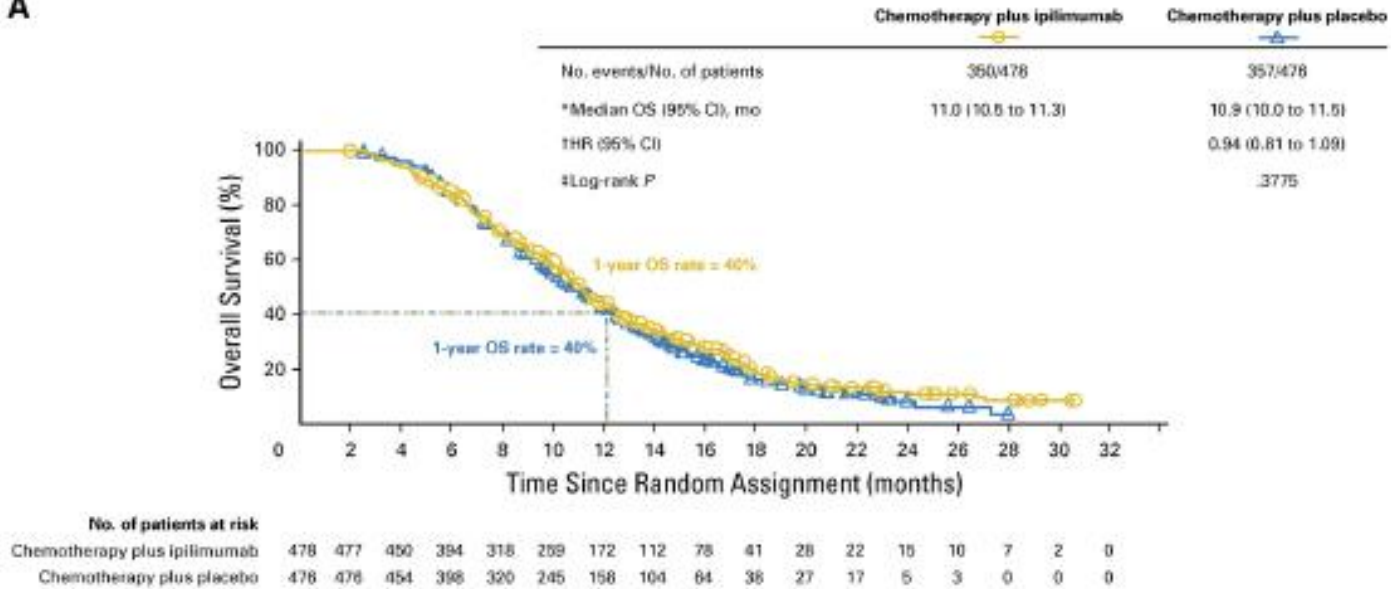
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- Oral topotecan also improved survival compared to BSC

Oral and IV formulations approved by FDA and EMA

Upcoming Interests – Immunotherapy

- Phase 3 Cisplatin & Etoposide +/- Ipilimumab

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- Checkmate 032 - Phase 2 Nivolumab monotherapy vs Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab

	Nivolumab-3 (n = 98)	Nivolumab-1 + Ipilimumab-3 (n = 61)	Nivolumab-3 + Ipilimumab-1 (n = 54)
Objective response rate, % (n/N)			
Overall	10 (10/98)	23 (14/61)	19 (10/54)
Platinum-sensitive ^a	11 (6/55)	28 (7/25)	19 (4/21)
Platinum-resistant ^a	10 (3/30)	17 (4/23)	10 (2/21)

Upcoming Interests – DLL3 inhibitors

- Rovalpituzumab tesirine (Rova-T) – A delta-like protein 3 Antibody-Drug Conjugate
 - Phase 1 dose escalation study in SCLC (2nd or 3rd line therapy)
 - Maximum tolerated dose 0.4 mg/kg 3 weekly
 - Recommended phase II dose and schedule 0.3 mg/kg 6 weekly
 - ‘Active’ dose levels: 0.2 mg/kg or 0.4 mg/kg every 3 weeks or 0.3 mg/kg or 0.4 mg/kg every 6 weeks

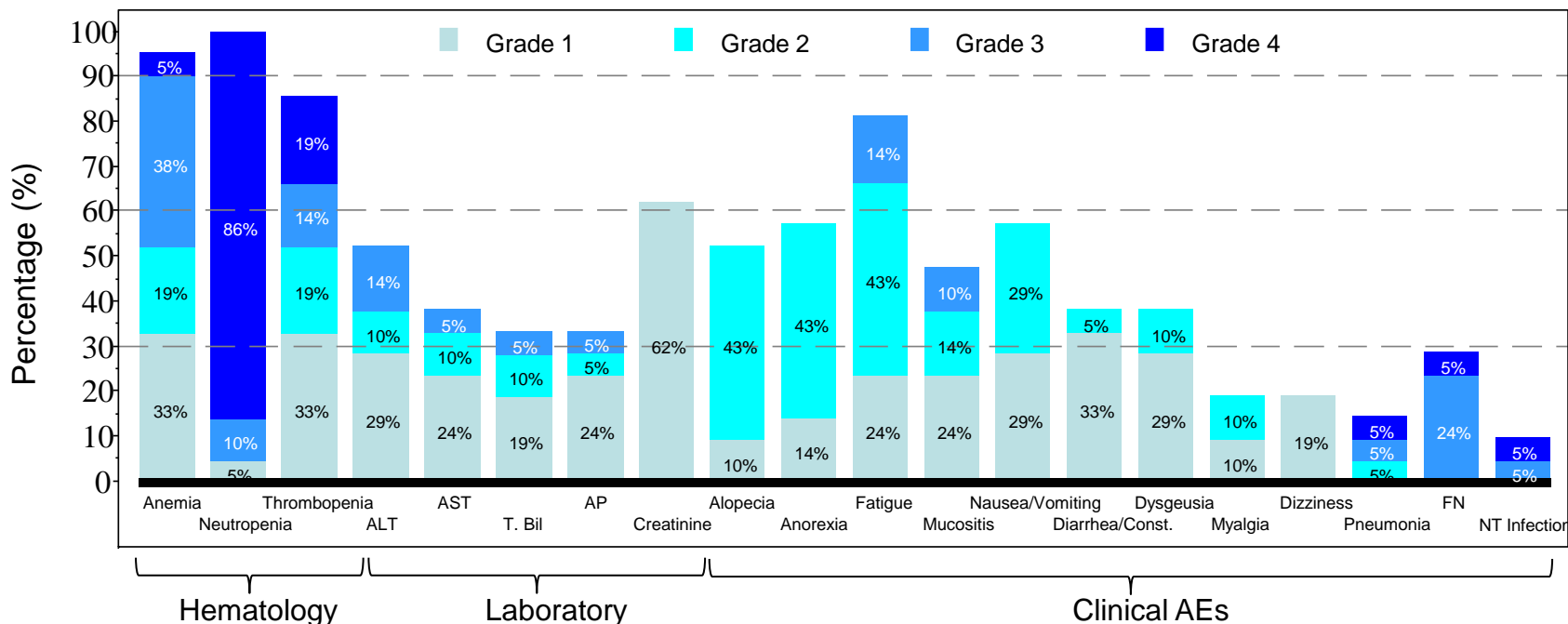
	ORR (all patients) N=60	ORR (DLL3 +ve pts) N=26
Rova-T ‘Active’ dose levels	18% (11/60) PFS 2.8m OS 4.6m	38% (10/26) PFS 4.3m OS 5.8m

Upcoming Interests – Lurbinectedin & Doxorubicin

Lurbinectedin (PM1183) & Doxorubicin (DOX), as a possible new second-line therapy in Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC)

- Dose finding part of a Phase Ib study defined a recommended phase II dose of lurbinectedin 4.0 mg flat dose (FD) or 2.0 mg/m² + DOX 50 mg/m² both on day (D)1 every three weeks (q3w)
- Myelosuppression was dose-limiting regardless of colony stimulating factor (CSF) prophylaxis use
- After DOX withdrawal, treatment could continue with lurbinectedin alone, if clinically appropriate
- Compelling activity was observed during escalation phase with 5 of 7 evaluable 2nd line in SCLC pts (71%) having objective partial response (PR) as per RECIST v.1.1
- Thus, an expansion cohort of 20 2nd line SCLC pts was evaluated

Safety (n=21)



AEs, Adverse events; ALT, Alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; AP, alkaline phosphatase; Const, constipation; FN, febrile neutropenia; NT, neutropenic; T Bil, Total bilirubin.

Neutropenia time course according to CSF prophylactic use or not (n=109 cycles)

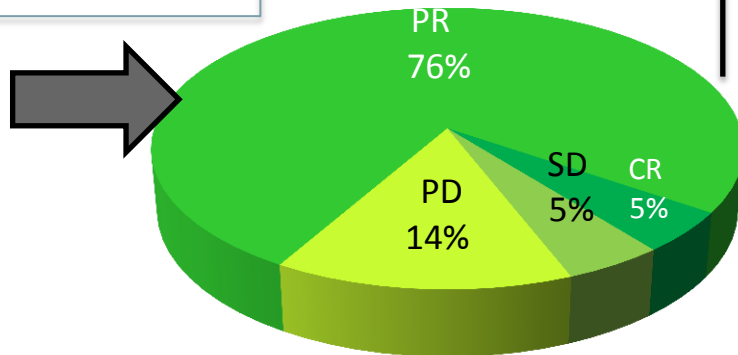
	CSF (n=52)	No CSF (n=57)
Grade 4 neutropenia	25%	33%
Median day of grade 4 nadir (range)	8 (7-11)	14 (10-16)
Time to recovery to rechallenge, in days	4 (2-21)	4 (1-13)
Febrile neutropenia	7.7%	8.8%
Neutropenic infection	None	3.5%
Grade 4 thrombocytopenia	7.7%	None

CSF, colony stimulating factor.

Efficacy

1st line Platinum-based combination

N=21

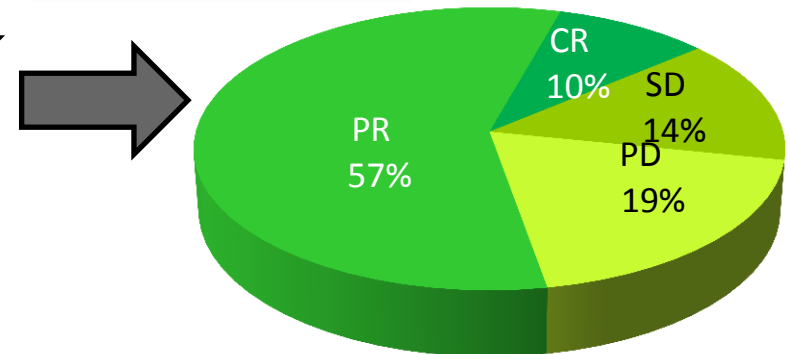


ORR
81%
95% CI: 58-95%

PD
 median CTFI
 3.1 months

2nd line Lurbinectedin /DOX

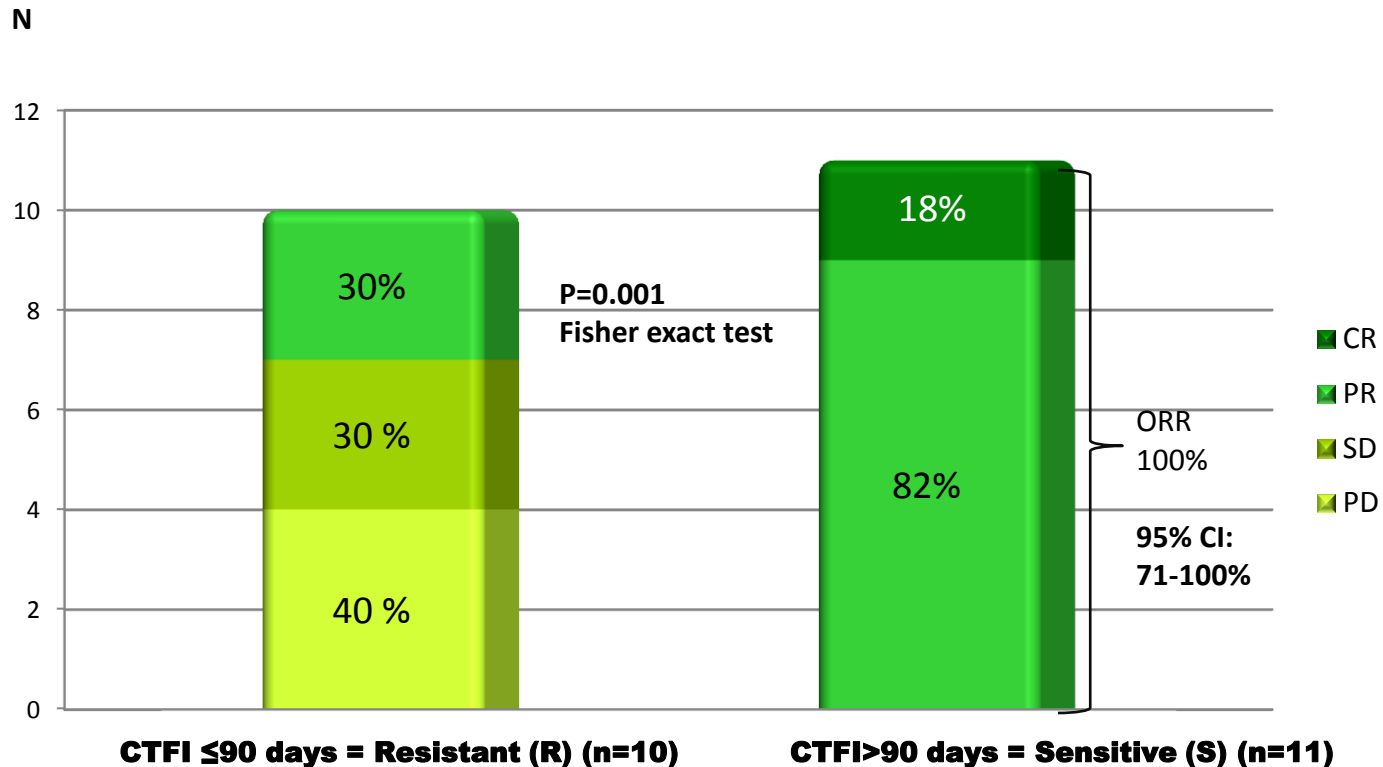
N=21



ORR
67%
95% CI: 43-85%

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; CTFI, chemotherapy-free interval; DOX, doxorubicin; ORR, overall response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

Best RECIST v.1.1 response according to chemotherapy free interval (CTFI)



Exceptional activity with significant but manageable toxicity led to a further expansion cohort of Lurbinectedin (2mg/m²) and Doxorubicin (40mg/m²) and plans for a randomised study

Patient Characteristics

- Dose escalating phase I study in patients with different tumour types
- 9 patients with metastatic small cell lung cancer treated at UCLH

Number of patients	9
Male	7
Female	2
Median Age	63 (58-78)

Lurbinectedin combination dose (mg)	Dox (mg/m²)	# patients
3	50	1
4	50	3
5	50	1
2mg/m ²	40	4

# Lines prior systemic therapy	
0	0
1	9
2	0
Platinum Sensitivity	
Sensitive	6
Resistant	3
Platinum Free interval (weeks)	
Median	17
Range	8 to 55

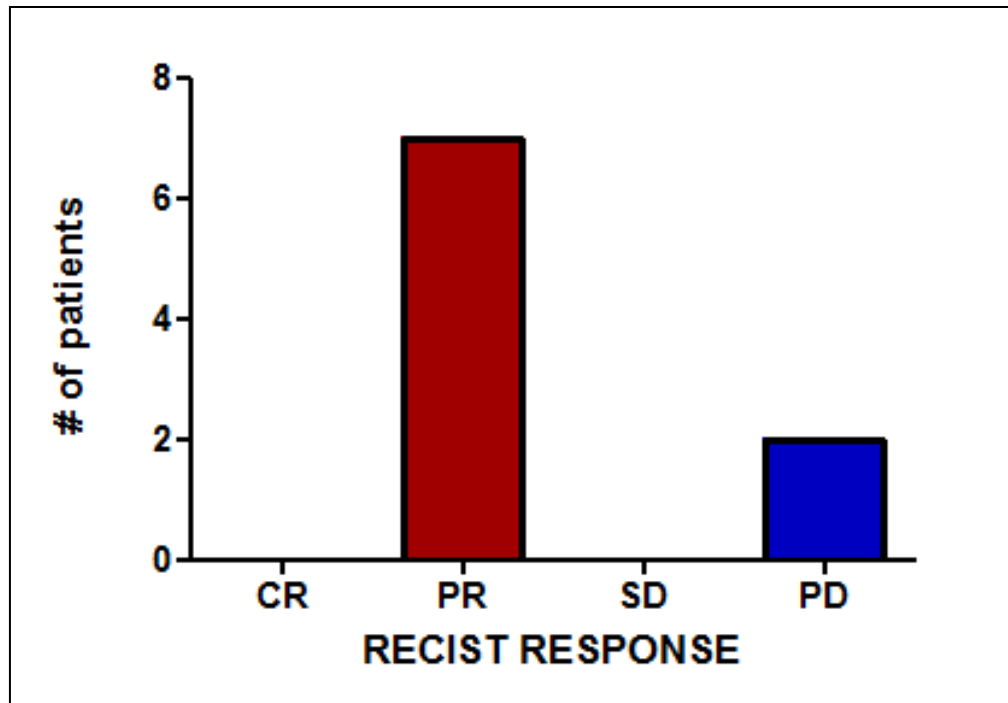
Toxicity

Patient #	PM Dose (mg)	Dox Dose (mg/m ²)	#Dox/P M combo	#PM single agent	DR in combo	DR single agent	Reason for DR
1*	3 mg	50	4	0	no	NA	
2	3.5 mg	40	2	0	no	NA	
3	3.75 mg	40	6	2	no	yes	G4 neut/ G3 plts
4	3.75 mg	40	10	4	no	yes	G4 neut/ G3 plts
5	4 mg	50	8	4	no	no	
6	4 mg	40	2	0	no	NA	
7	4 mg	50	8	7	yes	yes	G4 neut
8*	4 mg	50	4	0	no	no	
9**	5 mg	50	3	1	yes	yes	G4 neut

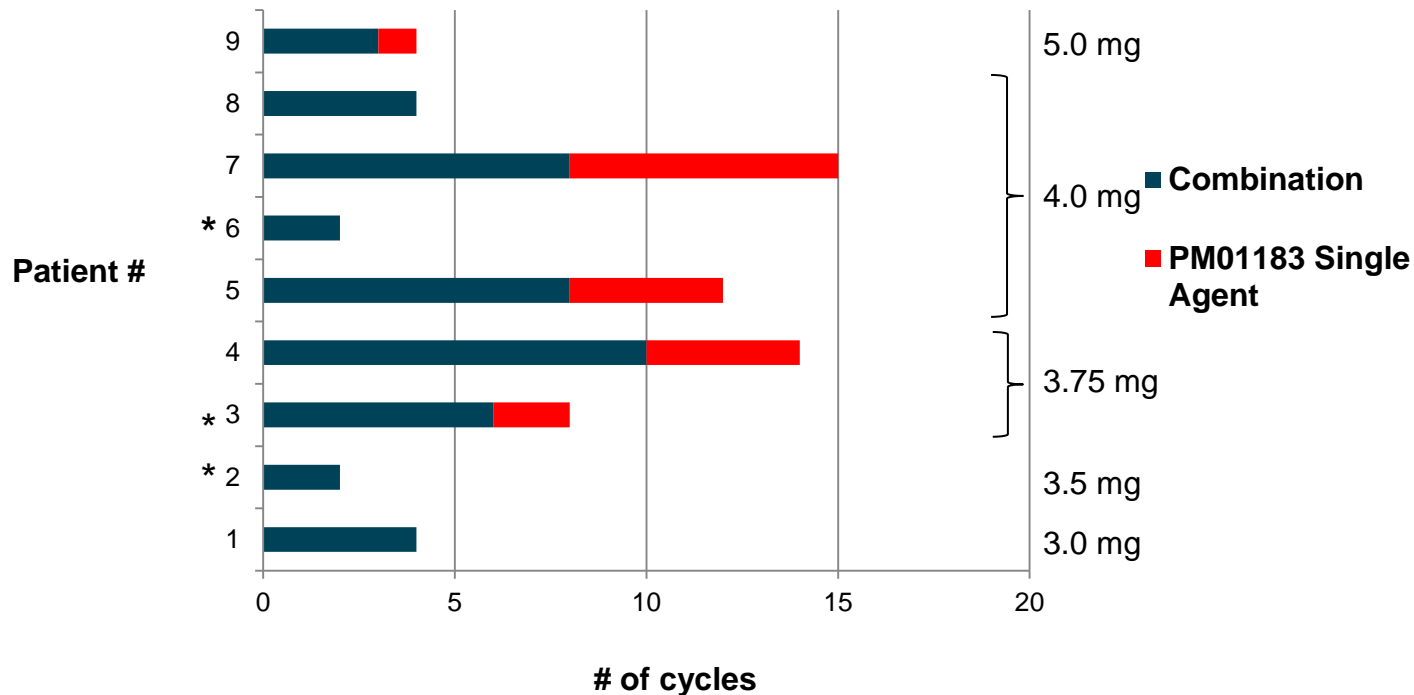
* Discontinued treatment due to fatigue / decline in PS without evidence of PD

** Discontinued treatment due to persistent pancytopenia despite dose reductions

Best Imaging Response



Treatment Duration



Median # cycles of Dox/Lurbinectedin = 4, range 2-10

Five patients on single agent lurbinectedin, median 4, range 1-7

Median # total cycles 4, mean 7.2, range 2-15

* Platinum refractory patients

Treatment Duration

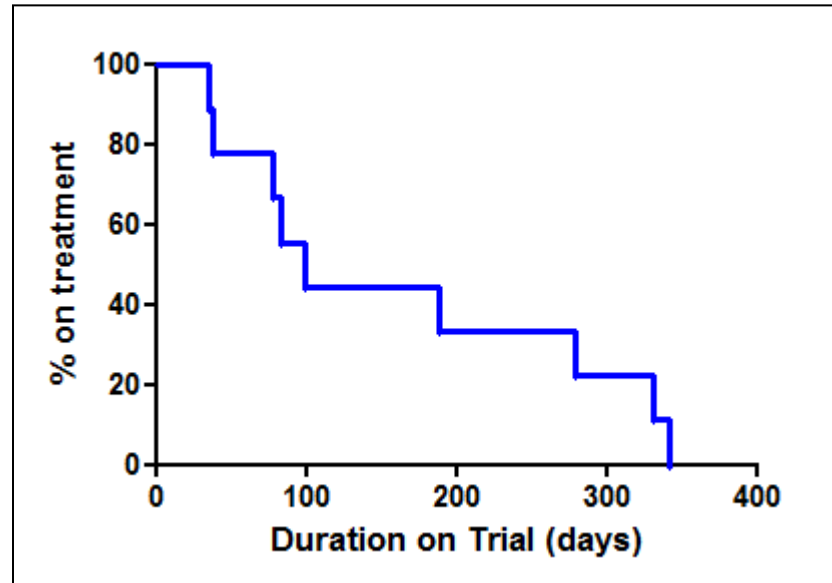
Patient #	Dose PM	Dose Dox	#Dox/ PM	#PM single agent	Best response	Reason for discontinuation
1	3 mg	50 mg/m ²	4	0	PR	Pneumonia and decline in PS*
2	3.5 mg	40 mg/m²	2	0	PD	Disease Progression
3	3.75 mg	40 mg/m²	6	2	PR	Disease Progression (Brain)
4	3.75 mg	40 mg/m²	10	4	PR	Disease Progression (Brain)
5	4 mg	50 mg/m ²	8	4	PR	Disease Progression
6	4 mg	40 mg/m²	2	0	PD	Disease Progression
7	4 mg	50 mg/m ²	8	7	PR	Disease Progression
8	4 mg	50 mg/m ²	4	0	PR	Toxicity, fatigue and decline in PS**
9	5 mg	50 mg/m ²	3	1	PR	Persistent pancytopenia despite DR***

* PD 4 months after trial discontinuation

** Death 2 months after trial discontinuation

*** New brain mets 2 months after trial discontinuation

Duration on study drug



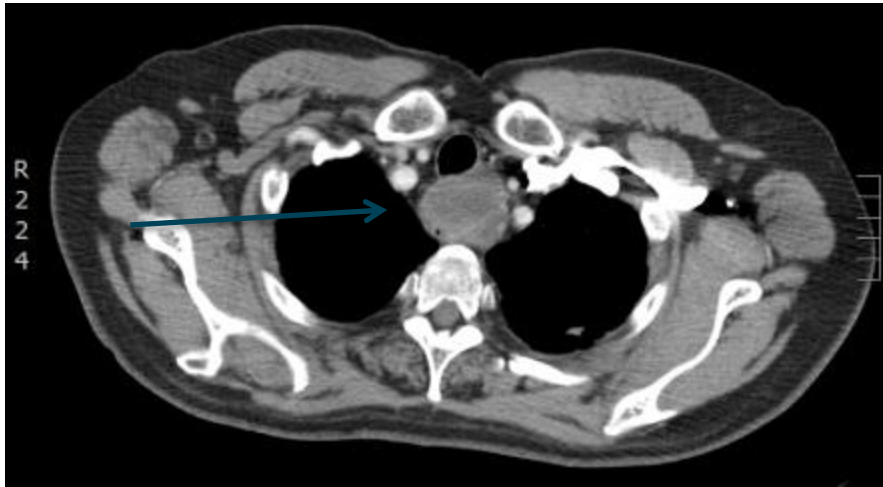
Median duration on IMP 99 days (35-341)

Patient JB

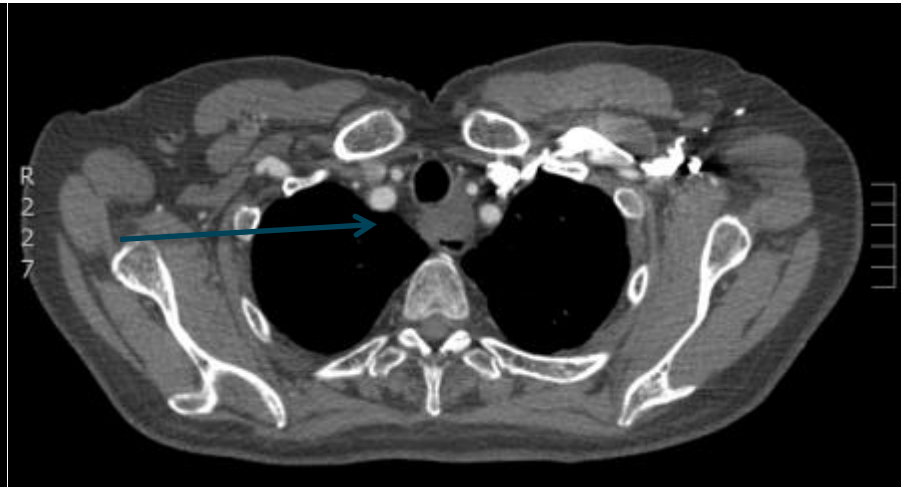
- 71 year old male
 - Ex smoker
 - COPD; CVD (TIAs); Depression
- April 2014 – T4N2M1b Extensive Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer with left suprahilar mass invading mediastinum, mediastinal LNs and a liver metastasis
- October 2014 – completed 6 cycles of carboplatin and etoposide with partial response
 - Had persisting respiratory symptoms and declined PCI but received palliative RT to left lung and mediastinum (20Gy in 5#) in Feb 2015
- March 2015 (~4 months PFI) developed disease progression in lungs and bone

- Referred to UCLH
 - Grade 1 cough; grade 1 SOB; grade 1 lethargy
 - ‘PS 1’
 - Intrathoracic disease (47mm mediastinal mass)
- May 2015 – commenced lurbinectedin $2\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ (3.75 mg) and doxorubicin $40\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$
 - Minimal toxicity (G1 lethargy)
 - Partial response in June 2015 post 2 cycles (40% reduction in target lesions; 28mm)
- Incremental response until complete response of target lesion (post 4 cycles) and very good partial response of non target disease
- January 2016 – completed 10 cycles combination chemotherapy

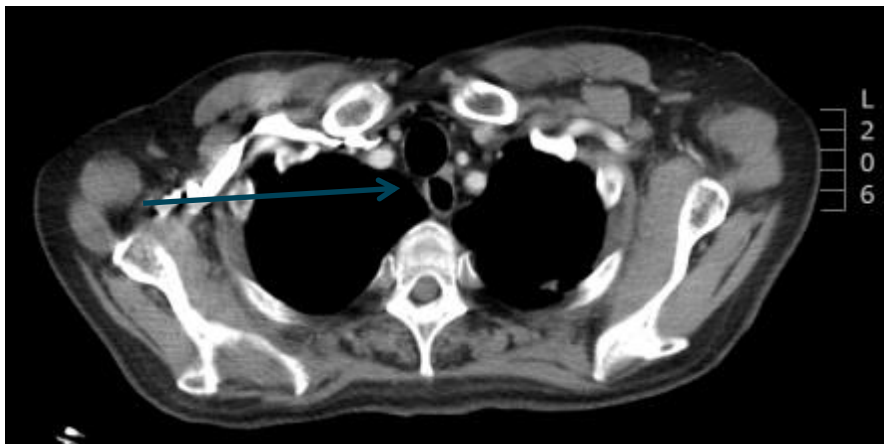
Baseline



Post 2 cycles



6 months



- Jan 2016 started onto single agent lurbinectedin (4mg/m²; 7mg)
 - Dose reduced to 3mg/m² (5.25mg) due to pancytopenia after cycle 2
 - maintained PR on CT after 2 cycles
- April 2016 – complaining of blurred vision and unsteadiness
 - CT brain – multiple brain metastases
 - No extra-cranial progression
 - Off study
- April 2016 - RIP

Summary

- Tolerability across multiple dose levels driven by myelosuppression
 - Much better tolerated on expansion ‘phase III’ schedule
 - Side effects are manageable, with option for dose delays or modification if required
 - Maintenance monotherapy also feasible
- Very impressive responses
 - Some longer duration than with 1st line therapy!
- Phase III registration study ongoing with hopes to define a new standard second line SCLC treatment and improves outcomes for this patient population

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