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# Updated Integrated Analysis of the Efficacy and Safety of Entrectinib in Locally Advanced or Metastatic *ROS1* Fusion–Positive Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer

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abstract

**PURPOSE** Genetic rearrangements of the tyrosine receptor kinase ROS proto-oncogene 1 (*ROS1*) are oncogenic drivers in non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC). We report the results of an updated integrated analysis of three phase I or II clinical trials (ALKA-372-001, STARTRK-1, and STARTRK-2) of the *ROS1* tyrosine kinase inhibitor, entrectinib, in *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC.

**METHODS** The efficacy-evaluable population included adults with locally advanced or metastatic *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC with or without CNS metastases who received entrectinib  $\geq$  600 mg orally once per day. Co-primary end points were objective response rate (ORR) assessed by blinded independent central review and duration of response (DoR). Secondary end points included progression-free survival (PFS), overall survival (OS), intracranial ORR, intracranial DoR, intracranial PFS, and safety.

**RESULTS** In total, 161 patients with a follow-up of  $\geq$  6 months were evaluable. The median treatment duration was 10.7 months (IQR, 6.4–17.7). The ORR was 67.1% (n = 108, 95% CI, 59.3 to 74.3), and responses were durable (12-month DoR rate, 63%, median DoR 15.7 months). The 12-month PFS rate was 55% (median PFS 15.7 months), and the 12-month OS rate was 81% (median OS not estimable). In 24 patients with measurable baseline CNS metastases by blinded independent central review, the intracranial ORR was 79.2% (n = 19; 95% CI, 57.9 to 92.9), the median intracranial PFS was 12.0 months (95% CI, 6.2 to 19.3), and the median intracranial DoR was 12.9 months (12-month rate, 55%). The safety profile in this updated analysis was similar to that reported in the primary analysis, and no new safety signals were found.

**CONCLUSION** Entrectinib continued to demonstrate a high level of clinical benefit for patients with *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC, including patients with CNS metastases.

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## INTRODUCTION

Genetic rearrangements of the tyrosine receptor kinase ROS proto-oncogene 1 (*ROS1*) can result in constitutively active fusion proteins that act as oncogenic drivers.<sup>1,2</sup> *ROS1* fusions are found in 1%–2% of non-small-cell lung cancers (NSCLC) where it is considered a distinct disease subtype.<sup>1,3,4</sup> Up to 40% of patients with *ROS1* fusion–positive metastatic NSCLC have CNS metastases at diagnosis.<sup>5–8</sup> Therefore, to maximize efficacy, novel targeted agents must demonstrate activity in the CNS.

The tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) crizotinib is approved as first-line therapy for metastatic *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC. However, crizotinib has poor CNS penetration<sup>9,10</sup>

and is actively exported from the CNS by P-glycoprotein.<sup>11</sup> Furthermore, almost half of patients with *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC receiving crizotinib experience first progression solely in the CNS.<sup>7,8</sup> The small-molecule TKI entrectinib is a potent inhibitor of *ROS1*, specifically designed to cross the blood-brain barrier and remain active within the CNS.<sup>12</sup> Contrary to crizotinib, preclinical models confirmed that entrectinib is a weak P-glycoprotein substrate and therefore achieves high CNS concentrations, associated with strong efficacy in brain tumor models.<sup>11</sup>

The results from an integrated analysis of three prospective phase I or II clinical trials (ALKA-372-001, EudraCT 2012-000148-8; STARTRK-1, ClinicalTrials.gov

## CONTEXT

### Key Objective

Were the efficacy and safety of entrectinib in patients with locally advanced or metastatic ROS proto-oncogene 1 (*ROS1*) fusion–positive non–small-cell lung cancer, including those with CNS metastases at baseline, confirmed in a larger population with a longer follow-up than previous reports?

### Knowledge Generated

Entrectinib continued to have strong overall (objective response rate 67.1%; median duration of response 15.7 months) and intracranial (intracranial objective response rate 72.9% in patients with measurable baseline CNS metastases) efficacy in these patients. The safety profile was consistent with previous reports.

### Relevance

Before the approval of entrectinib, there was an unmet need for a CNS-active treatment for patients with locally advanced or metastatic *ROS1* fusion–positive non–small-cell lung cancer. As well as confirming the overall efficacy of entrectinib, our results provide strong evidence that entrectinib can treat existing CNS metastases and may have a potential CNS-protective effect in patients without CNS involvement at baseline. These data will help physicians to make more informed treatment decisions for their patients.

identifier: [NCT02097810](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02097810); STARTRK-2, ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: [NCT02568267](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02568267)) of entrectinib in patients with *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC have been reported (data cutoff May 31, 2018).<sup>12</sup> In the efficacy-evaluable population (n = 53), 77% (n = 41; 95% CI, 64 to 88) of patients responded to entrectinib, with a median duration of response (DoR) of 24.6 months (95% CI, 11.4 to 34.8). Among patients with baseline CNS disease (n = 20), the intracranial response rate was 55% (n = 11; 95% CI, 32 to 77) with a median intracranial DoR of 12.9 months (95% CI, 5.6 to not estimable [NE]). Entrectinib was well-tolerated with a manageable safety profile. Based on these positive findings, entrectinib was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration and the European Medicines Agency for patients with *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC.

We report updated efficacy and safety data for entrectinib in patients with *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC, based on an integrated analysis of ALKA-372-001, STARTRK-1, and STARTRK-2 with more patients and longer follow-up.

## METHODS

### Study Design and Patients

Full details of the study designs have been published previously (study protocols, available online).<sup>12</sup> In brief, patients of age  $\geq 18$  years with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC harboring *ROS1* gene fusions were enrolled in one of two phase I studies (ALKA-372-001 or STARTRK-1) or a phase II global basket study (STARTRK-2). Patients enrolled before October 31, 2018, were included in the analysis to ensure that they had a follow-up of  $\geq 6$  months at the clinical cutoff date (May 1, 2019); patients who had discontinued the study or died before the 6-month follow-up were also included. Data for a cohort of 94 patients with

*ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC enrolled in the same studies but with a follow-up of  $\geq 12$  months (enrollment cutoff November 30, 2017; data cutoff May 1, 2019) are presented in the Data Supplement, online only.

Enrolled patients had locally assessed measurable disease at baseline (RECIST version 1.1) and an Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status 0-2. *ROS1* gene fusions in ALKA-372-001 and STARTRK-1 were identified by local testing only, using fluorescence in situ hybridization, quantitative polymerase chain reaction, or DNA- or RNA-based next-generation sequencing. In STARTRK-2, patients enrolled via local testing were required to provide tumor tissue (unless biopsy was contraindicated) for independent next-generation sequencing. Patients with asymptomatic or pretreated and controlled CNS metastases were permitted.

All studies were conducted in accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki and Good Clinical Practice Guidelines. Written informed consent was obtained from all patients. Protocols for all studies were approved by relevant institutional review boards and/or ethics committees.

### Treatment and Assessments

Patients received entrectinib orally until documented radiographic progression, unacceptable toxicity, or withdrawal of consent. Treatment could continue if the investigator decided that the patient continued to derive clinical benefit despite radiological disease progression. All 161 efficacy-evaluable patients received  $\geq 1$  dose of entrectinib  $\geq 600$  mg once a day; for six patients from the dose-escalation phase I studies, per-cycle dose intensity was below (n = 2) or above (n = 4) the intended 600 mg/day. Disease sites, including CNS metastases, were assessed by systematic

**TABLE 1.** Baseline Characteristics of the Integrated Analysis Efficacy-Evaluative Population

Characteristic	<i>ROS1</i> Fusion–Positive NSCLC (N = 161)
Age, years	
Median (range)	54.0 (20-86)
Sex, n (%)	
Female	104 (64.6)
Male	57 (35.4)
Race, n (%)	
Asian	73 (45.3)
White	71 (44.1)
Black	7 (4.3)
Others	2 (1.2)
Not reported	8 (5.0)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0	66 (41.0)
1	79 (49.1)
2	16 (9.9)
Smoking status	
Never smoker	101 (62.7)
Previous or current smoker	60 (37.3)
Histology	
Adenocarcinoma	157 (97.5)
Adenosquamous carcinoma	1 (0.6)
NSCLC—not otherwise specified	3 (1.9)
Prior lines of systemic therapy, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	
0	60 (37.3)
1	64 (39.8)
≥ 2	37 (23.0)
Any previous therapy in any setting, n (%)	
Chemotherapy	110 (68.3)
Immunotherapy	24 (14.9)
Targeted therapy <sup>b</sup>	14 (8.7)
Hormonal therapy	1 (0.6)
CNS metastases at baseline <sup>c</sup> , n (%)	
Yes	56 (34.8)
Measurable	12 (7.5)
Not measurable	44 (27.3)
Prior radiotherapy of the brain <sup>d</sup> , n (%)	
Yes	26 (46.4)
No	30 (53.6)
Time from end of prior radiotherapy of the brain to first dose <sup>e</sup> , n (%)	
< 2 months	16 (61.5)
2 to < 6 months	5 (19.2)
≥ 6 months	5 (19.2)

(continued in next column)

**TABLE 1.** Baseline Characteristics of the Integrated Analysis Efficacy-Evaluative Population (continued)

Characteristic	<i>ROS1</i> Fusion–Positive NSCLC (N = 161)
<i>ROS1</i> fusion partner	
CD74	70 (43.5)
EZR	23 (14.3)
SLC34A2	21 (13.0)
SDC4	13 (8.1)
TPM3	3 (1.9)
ZCCHC8	2 (1.2)
MVP	1 (0.6)
MYH9	1 (0.6)
PWWP2A	1 (0.6)
WNK1	1 (0.6)
LRG3	1 (0.6)
Undetected	1 (0.6)
Unknown or missing	23 (14.3)

Abbreviations: ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; NSCLC, non–small-cell lung cancer; *ROS1*, ROS proto-oncogene 1.

<sup>a</sup>Lines of therapy determined from the time of metastatic disease diagnosis.

<sup>b</sup>Included tyrosine kinase inhibitors. Previous targeted therapies received by the 14 patients were afatinib (n = 1), crizotinib (n = 2), gefitinib (n = 2), nintedanib (n = 1), erlotinib only (n = 5), erlotinib plus onartuzumab/placebo (concurrently; n = 1), erlotinib plus tivantinib (concurrently) and anetumab ravtansine (sequentially; n = 1), and erlotinib and bevacizumab (sequentially; n = 1). Regarding the two patients from STARTRK-2 who received previous crizotinib, as per protocol, one patient did not have documented progression on crizotinib and was eligible for inclusion in the efficacy population, and the second patient, who had progressed on prior crizotinib, was subsequently withdrawn from the study.

<sup>c</sup>CNS disease at baseline as judged by investigator.

<sup>d</sup>In patients with baseline CNS metastases as judged by investigator.

<sup>e</sup>Patients with baseline CNS metastases and prior radiotherapy of the brain.

imaging, via computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging scanning, at screening, at end of cycle 1 (4 weeks), and every 8 weeks thereafter. Scans were evaluated by blinded independent central review (BICR) using RECIST version 1.1. Patients with investigator-assessed baseline CNS metastases had brain scans performed at every tumor assessment; CNS follow-up of patients without baseline CNS metastases was based on symptomatic progression or routine CNS scans where customary.

Safety was assessed by physical examination, laboratory tests, and adverse event (AE) monitoring. AEs were coded using Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (version 14.0 or higher for individual studies; version 21.0 for integrated safety analysis) and graded using the National

Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (version 4.03). If required, dose reductions could occur in decrements of 200 mg; a maximum of 2 dose reductions were allowed.

### Outcomes

Co-primary end points were confirmed objective response rate (ORR) and BICR-assessed DoR. ORR was defined as the proportion of responders with a confirmed complete response (CR) or partial response (PR). DoR was measured from the date of first objective response to first documented radiographic disease progression or death because any cause.

Key secondary end points were progression-free survival (PFS) per BICR, overall survival (OS), and safety. PFS was defined as time from first dose of entrectinib to first documented radiographic disease progression or death from any cause. OS was defined as time from first dose of entrectinib to death from any cause. Additional prespecified secondary end points evaluated in patients with CNS metastases (measurable or nonmeasurable) at baseline per BICR were intracranial ORR, intracranial DoR, and intracranial PFS. Intracranial responders included patients with a CR or PR by BICR in CNS lesion(s) only. BICR-assessed intracranial DoR was measured from the date of first intracranial response to first documentation of radiographic CNS disease progression or date of death from any cause. Radiographic CNS disease progression was defined as occurrence of a new CNS lesion or progression of existing CNS lesions according to RECIST version 1.1; intracranial PFS was defined as the time from first dose of entrectinib to first documentation of radiographic CNS disease progression or death because of any cause.

### Statistical Analysis

For primary and secondary outcomes, the integrated efficacy-evaluable population included patients with *ROS1* fusion-positive NSCLC, who were *ROS1* inhibitor-naïve, had measurable disease at baseline, received  $\geq 1$  dose of entrectinib, and had a follow-up of  $\geq 6$  months from onset of treatment. The *ROS1*-integrated safety-evaluable population included patients with *ROS1* fusion-positive NSCLC who had received  $\geq 1$  dose of entrectinib, regardless of dose. The overall integrated safety-evaluable population included patients who had received  $\geq 1$  dose of entrectinib while enrolled in ALKA-372-001, STARTRK-1, STARTRK-2, or STARTRK-NG (ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: [NCT02650401](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02650401); ongoing pediatric phase I and II study).<sup>13</sup>

For the integrated analysis, assuming that the proportion of patients achieving an objective response by BICR was 70%, a sample size of  $\geq 50$  patients would yield a two-sided 95% CI with a precision of  $\geq 17\%$  (excluding a lower limit of 50% as observed with standard-of-care *ROS1* fusion-positive NSCLC treatment, as determined in consultation with the US Food and Drug Administration). A response rate of  $\geq 50\%$  was considered clinically meaningful. Patient demographic and safety data were

summarized descriptively. For response data, the number, percentage, and corresponding two-sided 95% Clopper–Pearson exact CIs were summarized. There was no formal hypothesis testing, and significance tests were not performed; there was no alpha spending for ORR or DoR end points. The Kaplan–Meier method was used to estimate time-to-event end points (DoR, PFS, and OS), with corresponding 95% CIs. Statistical evaluation was performed using the SAS software package (version 9.3 or higher).

## RESULTS

### Patients

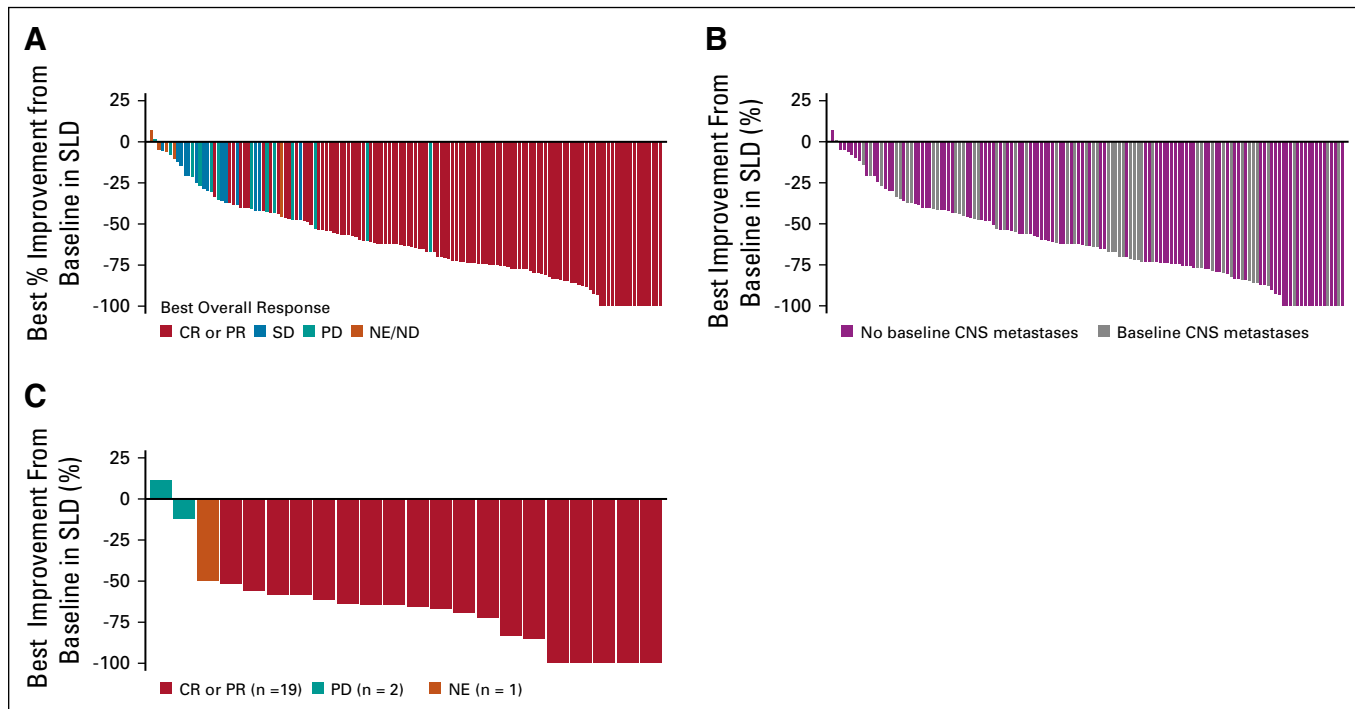
The integrated efficacy-evaluable population comprised 161 patients with a follow-up of  $\geq 6$  months: 145 were enrolled in STARTRK-2, 7 in STARTRK-1, and 9 in ALKA-372-001 (Data Supplement, online only). The median duration of follow-up was 15.8 months (IQR, 10.4–22.9). Patient baseline demographics or disease characteristics are summarized in [Table 1](#). In total, 62.7% of patients had received  $\geq 1$  prior line of systemic therapy for metastatic disease. Baseline CNS lesions were present in 34.8% of patients ( $n = 56$ ; measurable,  $n = 12$ ) as assessed by investigator. Of these, 46.4% ( $n = 26$ ) had completed prior brain radiotherapy. Type of radiotherapy received was available for 18 patients: 12 had whole brain radiotherapy; six had stereotactic radiotherapy only.

### Efficacy

**Overall Efficacy.** In the integrated efficacy-evaluable population ( $n = 161$ ), the median duration of treatment was 10.7 months (IQR, 6.4–17.7). The majority of patients experienced a reduction in the size of the target lesions, as assessed by BICR ([Fig 1A](#)), and a confirmed objective response was achieved in 108 patients (67.1%, 95% CI, 59.3 to 74.3; [Table 2](#)): 14 CRs (8.7%) and 94 PRs (58.4%). A further 14 (8.7%) patients had stable disease. Responses occurred early (median time to response 0.95 months, range, 0.7–26.6 months), with most reported at the first follow-up imaging assessment (Data Supplement). The median time to first progressive disease or death ( $n = 23$ ) was 2.8 months (range, 0.4–21.1 months; Data Supplement). Key baseline characteristics of responders and nonresponders are summarized in the Data Supplement.

Responses occurred across fusion partners, with the highest observed for CD74 (72.9%; 95% CI, 60.9 to 82.8) and the lowest for SLC34A2 (57.1%; 95% CI, 34.0 to 78.2) (Data Supplement). ORR was consistent regardless of CNS disease status at baseline (as judged by investigator; [Fig 1B](#)), with an ORR of 62.5% in patients with CNS metastases and 69.5% in patients without CNS metastases ([Table 2](#)). Equivalent data for patients with and without baseline CNS metastases judged by BICR are shown in the Data Supplement.

Among all responders, the 12-month DoR rate was 63% (median DoR 15.7 months, 95% CI, 13.9 to 28.6) ([Table 2](#); [Fig 2A](#)) and was similar between patients with and without



**FIG 1.** Waterfall plots of best response to entrectinib in patients with ROS proto-oncogene 1 (*ROS1*) fusion-positive lung cancers, shown as the maximum percent improvement in the sum of longest diameters of identified target lesions compared with baseline, as assessed by BICR: (A) the efficacy-evaluable population (patients without measurable disease were excluded); (B) patients with and without CNS metastases at baseline (investigator assessed); and (C) best intracranial responses in patients with measurable CNS metastases at baseline (BICR assessed). BICR, blinded independent central review; CR, complete response; ND, not determined; NE, not estimable; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; SLD, sum of longest diameter.

CNS metastases at baseline. At the cutoff date, 48 (44.4%) responders had experienced an event (disease progression,  $n = 36$ ; death,  $n = 12$ ). In the overall population, PFS was maintained for at least 12 months in 55% of patients (Table 2; Fig 2B), with 82 (50.9%) patients experiencing an event by the cutoff date. The median PFS was 15.7 months (95% CI, 11.0 to 21.1). In the overall population, median time to CNS progression (exploratory end point; only radiologically confirmed CNS progression counted as an event) was NE (Fig 2C). Few patients without baseline CNS metastases had reported CNS progression confirmed by scans ( $n = 3/105$ ; 2.9%), and 27 of 56 patients (48.2%) with baseline CNS metastases had CNS progression. OS remains immature with a 12-month OS rate of 81% (Table 2; Fig 2D); 38 (23.6%) patients died during follow-up (median OS was NE).

A cohort of 94 efficacy-evaluable patients with an extended follow-up of  $\geq 12$  months (enrollment cutoff: November 30, 2017; data cutoff: May 1, 2019) showed consistent findings: the ORR was 73.4% (95% CI, 63.3 to 82.0); the median DoR was 16.5 months (95% CI, 14.6 to 28.6); and the median PFS was 16.8 months (95% CI, 12.0 to 21.4; Data Supplement).

**Intracranial Efficacy.** Following BICR of scans from patients with CNS disease at baseline by investigator assessment, CNS

metastases were confirmed in 46 patients; of these, 24 had measurable disease. The intracranial ORR in all patients with baseline CNS metastases (measurable or nonmeasurable) was 52.2% ( $n = 24$ ; 95% CI, 37.0 to 67.1), including eight patients (17.4%) with an intracranial CR. In the 24 patients with measurable CNS metastases at baseline, the intracranial ORR was 79.2% ( $n = 19$ , 95% CI, 57.9 to 92.9; Table 3; Fig 1C), including three patients (12.5%) with an intracranial CR. Among 24 responders with measurable or nonmeasurable CNS metastases, the median time to intracranial response was 0.95 months (range, 0.7-6.4); responses were durable, with a 12-month intracranial DoR rate of 55.0% (Table 3). The median (95% CI) intracranial PFS was 8.3 months (6.4 to 15.7) in patients with measurable or nonmeasurable CNS metastases; 31 patients (67.4%) experienced an event (disease progression,  $n = 24$ ; death,  $n = 7$ ). Intracranial PFS was maintained for at least 12 months in 44% of patients with measurable or nonmeasurable CNS metastases (Table 3). The intracranial ORR was 46.2% (95% CI, 26.6 to 66.6) among patients who had not received radiotherapy of the brain or had received brain radiotherapy at least 6 months before commencing entrectinib and 60.0% (95% CI, 36.1 to 80.9) among those who had received brain radiotherapy within the last 6 months (Data Supplement).



**TABLE 2.** Overall Efficacy in Patients With *ROS1* Fusion–Positive NSCLC, With or Without CNS Metastases at Baseline by Investigator

Efficacy Parameter	<i>ROS1</i> Fusion–Positive NSCLC		
	Efficacy-Evaluable Population (N = 161)	Baseline CNS Metastases <sup>a</sup> (n = 56)	No Baseline CNS Metastases <sup>a</sup> (n = 105)
Objective response, n (%; 95% CI)	108 (67.1, 59.3 to 74.3)	35 (62.5, 48.6 to 75.1)	73 (69.5, 59.8 to 78.1)
Best overall response, n (%)			
CR	14 (8.7)	4 (7.1)	10 (9.5)
PR	94 (58.4)	31 (55.4)	63 (60.0)
SD	14 (8.7)	4 (7.1)	10 (9.5)
PD	15 (9.3)	9 (16.1)	6 (5.7)
Non-CR or non-PD	10 (6.2)	2 (3.6)	8 (7.6)
Missing or unevaluable <sup>b</sup>	14 (8.7)	6 (10.7)	8 (7.6)
DoR			
Median, months (95% CI)	15.7 (13.9 to 28.6)	14.9 (9.6 to 20.5)	24.6 (13.9 to 34.8)
Range, months	1.8-42.3 <sup>c</sup>	1.8-25.7 <sup>c</sup>	1.9-42.3 <sup>c</sup>
Patients with events, n (%)	48 (44.4)	17 (48.6)	31 (42.5)
6-month durable response, % (95% CI)	83 (76 to 90)	84 (70 to 97)	83 (74 to 92)
9-month durable response, % (95% CI)	75 (67 to 84)	73 (57 to 89)	76 (66 to 86)
12-month durable response, % (95% CI)	63 (53 to 73)	62 (44 to 80)	63 (51 to 75)
PFS			
Median, months (95% CI)	15.7 (11.0 to 21.1)	11.8 (6.4 to 15.7)	19.0 (12.0 to 29.6)
Patients with events, n (%)	82 (50.9)	34 (60.7)	48 (45.7)
6-month PFS, % (95% CI)	77 (70 to 84)	69 (57 to 81)	82 (74 to 89)
9-month PFS, % (95% CI)	66 (58 to 74)	56 (42 to 70)	72 (62 to 81)
12-month PFS, % (95% CI)	55 (47 to 64)	47 (33 to 61)	60 (50 to 70)
OS			
Median, months (95% CI)	NE (28.3 to NE)	28.3 (16.1 to NE)	NE (30.8 to NE)
Patients with events, n (%)	38 (23.6)	17 (30.4)	21 (20.0)
6-month OS, % (95% CI)	91 (87 to 96)	87 (78 to 96)	93 (88 to 98)
9-month OS, % (95% CI)	86 (81 to 92)	80 (69 to 91)	89 (83 to 95)
12-month OS, % (95% CI)	81 (74 to 87)	75 (63 to 88)	84 (76 to 91)

Abbreviations: BICR, blinded independent central review; CR, complete response; DoR, duration of response; NE, not estimable; NSCLC, non–small-cell lung cancer; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; *ROS1*, ROS proto-oncogene 1; SD, stable disease.

<sup>a</sup>CNS disease at baseline as judged by investigator (RECIST version 1.1).

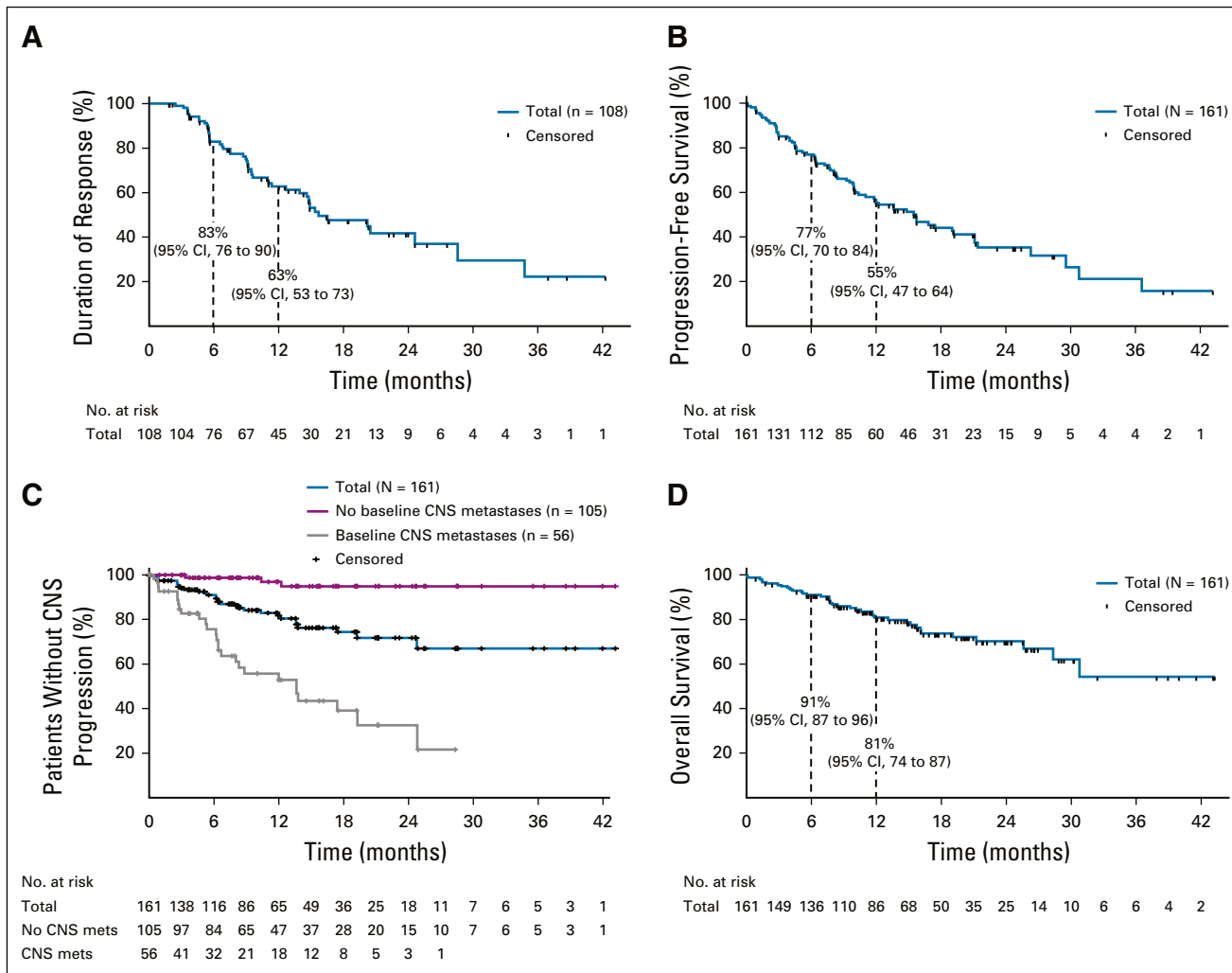
<sup>b</sup>Missing or unevaluable included patients with no postbaseline scans available, missing subsets of scans, or patients who discontinued before obtaining adequate scans to evaluate or confirm response.

<sup>c</sup>Censored.

## Safety

The safety data cutoff for the *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC population (October 31, 2018) was aligned to match that of the *NTRK* fusion–positive cohort (Data Supplement). Data for the overall safety-evaluable population regardless of gene fusion (N = 504) are presented in the Data Supplement. The *ROS1* fusion–positive safety-evaluable population comprised 210 patients who had received  $\geq 1$  dose of entrectinib, regardless of dose. The median duration of treatment was 7.4 months (IQR, 3.6-14.1 months). Most patients (n = 208; 99.0%) experienced an AE. Treatment-related AEs (TRAEs) of

any grade were reported by 196 patients (93.3%); the most frequent TRAEs are summarized by grade in Table 4. Nearly all of the TRAEs were grades 1-2, with the most frequent being dysgeusia (n = 90; 42.9%), dizziness (n = 72; 34.3%), and constipation (n = 66; 31.4%). The most common grade 3 TRAEs were weight increase (n = 17; 8.1%), ALT increase (n = 7; 3.3%), and diarrhea (n = 6; 2.9%). Seven patients (3.3%) experienced grade 4 TRAEs (hyperuricemia, n = 2; hypertriglyceridemia; limbic encephalitis; blood creatine phosphokinase myocardial band increased; anorectal disorder; myocarditis; all n = 1); there were no grade 5 TRAEs.



**FIG 2.** Time-to-event analyses for (A) duration of response; (B) progression-free survival; (C) time to CNS progression (deaths censored) in all patients (blue) and in patients with (gray) or without (red) baseline CNS metastases by investigator assessment; and (D) overall survival, in patients with *ROS1* fusion-positive non-small-cell lung cancer (N = 161). For patients without CNS metastases at baseline, CNS progressive disease was detected either through scans triggered by symptoms suggestive of CNS disease or scans performed routinely at the investigator’s discretion, since brain scans were not mandated by the protocol.

Serious AEs (SAEs) related to treatment were uncommon, affecting 23 (11.0%) patients (Data Supplement). The most common SAEs included pyrexia (n = 3; 1.4%), cognitive disorder (n = 2; 1.0%), and vomiting (n = 2; 1.0%). Sixteen (7.6%) patients discontinued study treatment because of AEs, with the most common events related to respiratory, thoracic, and mediastinal disorders (n = 4; 1.9%). TRAEs led to an entrectinib dose reduction in 61 (29.0%) patients, dose interruption in 64 (30.5%) patients, and discontinuation in 9 (4.3%) patients. The median dose intensity over the full treatment duration was 94.9% (IQR, 67.9-100).

**DISCUSSION**

This updated integrated analysis represents the largest prospective trial in patients with locally advanced or metastatic *ROS1* fusion-positive NSCLC and supports the

strong activity of entrectinib, both overall and within the CNS. A high proportion of enrolled patients were pretreated (62.7% had received ≥ 1 prior line of systemic therapy) and 34.8% had CNS metastases at baseline (per investigator), highlighting the relatively poor prognostic population included in the study. The overall confirmed ORR was 67.1%; most responses occurred by the first assessment at week 4 and were durable (12-month DoR rate, 63%). Moreover, a high proportion of patients with NSCLC present with CNS metastases,<sup>5-8</sup> and outcomes for this subpopulation are consistently poorer than those for patients without CNS involvement.<sup>14</sup> Our analysis shows that entrectinib achieves high response rates in patients with CNS metastases at baseline, with an overall ORR of 62.5% that was also durable (12-month DoR rate, 62%). Additionally, among all patients (N = 161), median time to CNS

**TABLE 3.** Intracranial Efficacy in Patients With *ROS1* Fusion–Positive NSCLC and CNS Metastases at Baseline by BICR

Efficacy Parameter	Patients With CNS Metastases at Baseline	
	All Patients (Measurable or Nonmeasurable Disease) <sup>a,b</sup> (n = 46)	Measurable Disease <sup>a</sup> (n = 24)
Objective response, n (%; 95% CI)	24 (52.2, 37.0 to 67.1)	19 (79.2, 57.9 to 92.9)
Best overall response, n (%)		
CR	8 (17.4)	3 (12.5)
PR	16 (34.8)	16 (66.7)
SD	0	0
PD	5 (10.9)	2 (8.3)
Non-CR or non-PD	13 (28.3)	0
Missing or unevaluable <sup>c</sup>	4 (8.7)	3 (12.5)
DoR		
Median, months (95% CI)	12.9 (7.1 to 22.1)	12.9 (6.8 to 22.1)
Range, months	2.4–24.0 <sup>d</sup>	2.4–24.0 <sup>d</sup>
Patients with events, n (%)	13 (54.2)	11 (57.9)
6-month durable response, % (95% CI)	77 (58 to 95)	76 (56 to 97)
9-month durable response, % (95% CI)	61 (39 to 82)	62 (38 to 86)
12-month durable response, % (95% CI)	55 (32 to 77)	55 (29 to 80)
PFS		
Median, months (95% CI)	8.3 (6.4 to 15.7)	12.0 (6.2 to 19.3)
Patients with events, n (%)	31 (67.4)	15 (62.5)
6-month PFS, % (95% CI)	68 (54 to 82)	72 (53 to 91)
9-month PFS, % (95% CI)	47 (32 to 63)	50 (28 to 73)
12-month PFS, % (95% CI)	44 (29 to 60)	45 (22 to 67)

Abbreviations: BICR, blinded independent central review; CR, complete response; DoR, duration of response; NE, not estimable; NSCLC, non–small-cell lung cancer; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; *ROS1*, ROS proto-oncogene 1; SD, stable disease.

<sup>a</sup>CNS disease at baseline as judged by BICR (RECIST version 1.1).

<sup>b</sup>As per RECIST version 1.1, nonmeasurable CNS disease could only be categorized as CR, non-CR or non-PD, or PD.

<sup>c</sup>Missing or unevaluable included patients with no postbaseline scans available, missing subsets of scans, or patients who discontinued before obtaining adequate scans to evaluate or confirm response.

<sup>d</sup>Censored.

progression was NE, with only six patients developing their first lesions in the CNS. For patients without CNS metastases at baseline, brain scans were not mandated during treatment but were done as clinically indicated. CNS progressive disease in these patients could thus only be detected through routine scans performed at the investigator's discretion or through scans triggered by symptoms suggestive of CNS disease. Although data for this exploratory end point must be interpreted with caution, they are suggestive of a potential CNS-protective effect of entrectinib.

Entrectinib further induced an impressive intracranial ORR of 52.2% (n = 24, including eight CR) that was durable (12-month DoR rate, 55%) in these patients. The intracranial ORR was 79.2% in patients with measurable CNS metastases. Analysis of intracranial efficacy in the subcohort of patients who had not received radiotherapy of the brain or had received brain radiotherapy  $\geq$  6 months before

commencing entrectinib showed an ORR of 46.2%, confirming that intracranial efficacy was not due to residual effects of radiotherapy on brain lesion size. We believe that the intracranial benefit shown in this integrated analysis is of particular clinical significance, given that robust evidence of intracranial activity with other available *ROS1* inhibitors is limited (ceritinib: 25%, n = 2/8<sup>15</sup> and lorlatinib: 64%, n = 7/11<sup>16</sup>), and up to 40% of patients with *ROS1* fusion–positive metastatic NSCLC present with CNS disease at baseline.<sup>7</sup>

The overall ORR for entrectinib in our analysis (67.1%) was consistent with that of other *ROS1* inhibitors: crizotinib (72%, n = 38/53, PROFILE 1001 study<sup>17</sup>; 71.7%, n = 91/127, OxOnc study<sup>6</sup>), lorlatinib (62%, n = 13/21<sup>16</sup>), and ceritinib (62%, n = 20/32<sup>15</sup>) in TKI-naïve patients with *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC. However, cross-trial comparisons should be considered with caution given the inherent differences between study populations.



**TABLE 4.** Treatment-Related Adverse Events by Grade in Patients With *ROS1* Fusion-Positive NSCLC

Treatment-Related Adverse Event	<i>ROS1</i> Fusion-Positive Safety-Evaluable Population <sup>a</sup> (N = 210)			
	Patients, n (%)	Grades 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Dysgeusia	90 (42.9)	1 (0.5)	0	
Dizziness	72 (34.3)	1 (0.5)	0	
Constipation	66 (31.4)	0	0	
Fatigue	62 (29.5)	1 (0.5)	0	
Diarrhea	50 (23.8)	6 (2.9)	0	
Weight increased	43 (20.5)	17 (8.1)	0	
Paresthesia	39 (18.6)	0	0	
Blood creatinine increased	38 (18.1)	1 (0.5)	0	
Nausea	37 (17.6)	2 (1.0)	0	
Edema peripheral	37 (17.6)	1 (0.5)	0	
Myalgia	33 (15.7)	2 (1.0)	0	
Vomiting	28 (13.3)	2 (1.0)	0	
Anemia	23 (11.0)	1 (0.5)	0	
AST increased	20 (9.5)	5 (2.4)	0	
Arthralgia	18 (8.6)	1 (0.5)	0	
ALT increased	16 (7.6)	7 (3.3)	0	
Hyperesthesia	14 (6.7)	1 (0.5)	0	
Hyperuricemia	14 (6.7)	0	2 (1.0)	
Rash	13 (6.2)	3 (1.4)	0	
Pruritus	13 (6.2)	1 (0.5)	0	
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	12 (5.7)	2 (1.0)	0	
Cognitive disorder	12 (5.7)	1 (0.5)	0	
Muscular weakness	11 (5.2)	1 (0.5)	0	
Ataxia	9 (4.3)	1 (0.5)	0	
Hypotension	8 (3.8)	1 (0.5)	0	
Dysarthria	8 (3.8)	1 (0.5)	0	
Pyrexia	8 (3.8)	2 (1.0)	0	
Neutrophil count decreased	6 (2.9)	5 (2.4)	0	
Pain of skin	6 (2.9)	1 (0.5)	0	
Neutropenia	5 (2.4)	4 (1.9)	0	
Orthostatic hypotension	4 (1.9)	1 (0.5)	0	
Generalized edema	4 (1.9)	1 (0.5)	0	
Lymphocyte count decreased	4 (1.9)	2 (1.0)	0	
Blood creatine phosphokinase increased	4 (1.9)	1 (0.5)	0	
Urticaria	3 (1.4)	1 (0.5)	0	
Peripheral swelling	3 (1.4)	1 (0.5)	0	
Amylase increased	3 (1.4)	1 (0.5)	0	
Hypophosphatemia	3 (1.4)	1 (0.5)	0	
Hypertriglyceridemia	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	
Hyperkalemia	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)	0	

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**TABLE 4.** Treatment-Related Adverse Events by Grade in Patients With *ROS1* Fusion-Positive NSCLC (continued)

Treatment-Related Adverse Event	<i>ROS1</i> Fusion-Positive Safety-Evaluable Population <sup>a</sup> (N = 210)			
	Patients, n (%)	Grades 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Weight decreased	2 (1.0)	1 (0.5)	0	
Erythema	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	0	
Delirium	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	0	
Acute kidney injury	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	0	
ECG QT prolonged	1 (0.5)	2 (1.0)	0	
Limbic encephalitis	0	0	1 (0.5)	
Myoclonus	0	1 (0.5)	0	
Blood creatine phosphokinase MB increased	0	0	1 (0.5)	
Ejection fraction decreased	0	1 (0.5)	0	
Troponin T increased	0	1 (0.5)	0	
Dehydration	0	2 (1.0)	0	
Hyperamylasemia	0	1 (0.5)	0	
Hypovolemia	0	1 (0.5)	0	
Hypoxia	0	1 (0.5)	0	
Mental status changes	0	1 (0.5)	0	
Hypertension	0	1 (0.5)	0	
Cardiac failure	0	1 (0.5)	0	
Acute coronary syndrome	0	1 (0.5)	0	
Anorectal disorder	0	0	1 (0.5)	
Myocarditis	0	0	1 (0.5)	
Drug hypersensitivity	0	1 (0.5)	0	

NOTE. Table includes all grade 3-4 events and grade 1-2 events that were reported in  $\geq 10\%$  of the safety-evaluable population.

Abbreviations: NSCLC, non-small-cell lung cancer; *ROS1*, ROS proto-oncogene 1.

The safety profile of entrectinib in this updated analysis was similar to that from the primary analysis.<sup>12</sup> Most AEs were of low grade, manageable, and comparable with other *ROS1* inhibitors,<sup>6,15-17</sup> although ceritinib has been associated with high levels of GI toxicity.<sup>15,18</sup> The rate of SAEs remained the same as in the primary analysis (11%),<sup>12</sup> and no new safety signals were identified. Low rates of entrectinib discontinuation were observed and the high dose intensity indicates that any dose modifications had minimal impact on overall exposure, with most patients receiving the full planned dose.

Limitations of this study include a relatively small sample size and the single-arm design. Furthermore, there was no mandatory requirement for postprogression tissue collection and the profile of acquired resistance to entrectinib is yet to be characterized.

National Comprehensive Cancer Network guidelines recommend crizotinib or entrectinib as preferred initial TKIs

and lorlatinib upon progression.<sup>19</sup> In patients previously treated with crizotinib, around one third will respond to lorlatinib<sup>16</sup>; however, entrectinib is ineffective against the most frequently reported crizotinib-resistance mutation *ROS1 G2032R*.<sup>8,20</sup> Considering the high risk of CNS metastases in NSCLC, entrectinib is well placed as a first-choice TKI rather than after progression on another TKI. Our data provide further confirmation that entrectinib is a CNS-penetrant compound, with intracranial efficacy in

patients with *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC with baseline CNS metastases, and limits the risk of CNS progression in those without baseline CNS metastases.

In conclusion, in this updated analysis, comprising more patients and a longer follow-up than the primary analysis, entrectinib continued to demonstrate a high level of clinical benefit for patients with *ROS1* fusion–positive NSCLC, including those with CNS metastases at baseline.

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