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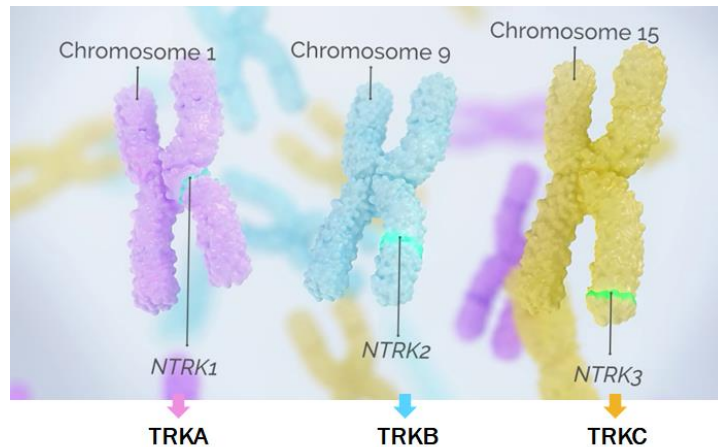
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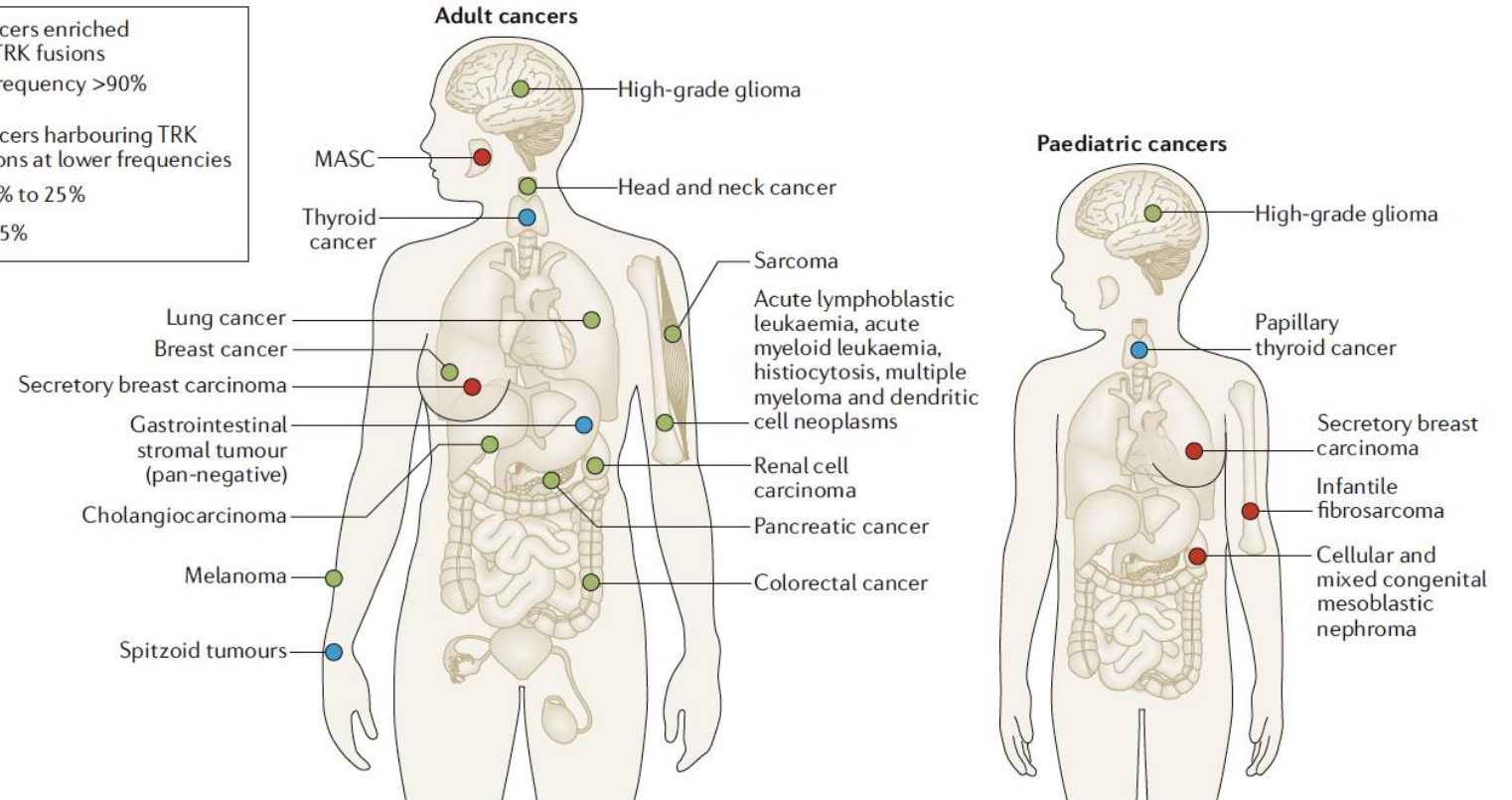
# EPIDEMIOLOGY OF *NTRK* FUSIONS TUMOURS

## *NTRK* genes family



Cancers enriched for TRK fusions  
 ● Frequency >90%

Cancers harbouring TRK fusions at lower frequencies  
 ● 5% to 25%  
 ● <5%



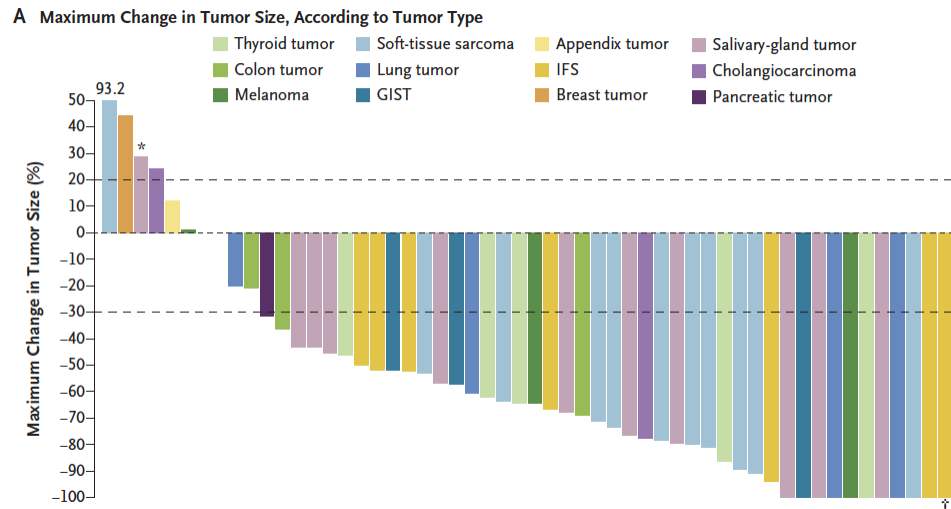
MASC, mammary analogue secretory carcinoma; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase

Figure source: Cocco E, et al. Nat Rev Clin Oncol. 2018;15:731-7

# INITIAL EFFICACY RESULTS OF APPROVED TRK INHIBITORS RESPONSES BY TUMOUR TYPE

## Larotrectinib<sup>1</sup>

Data cutoff: 17 July 2017

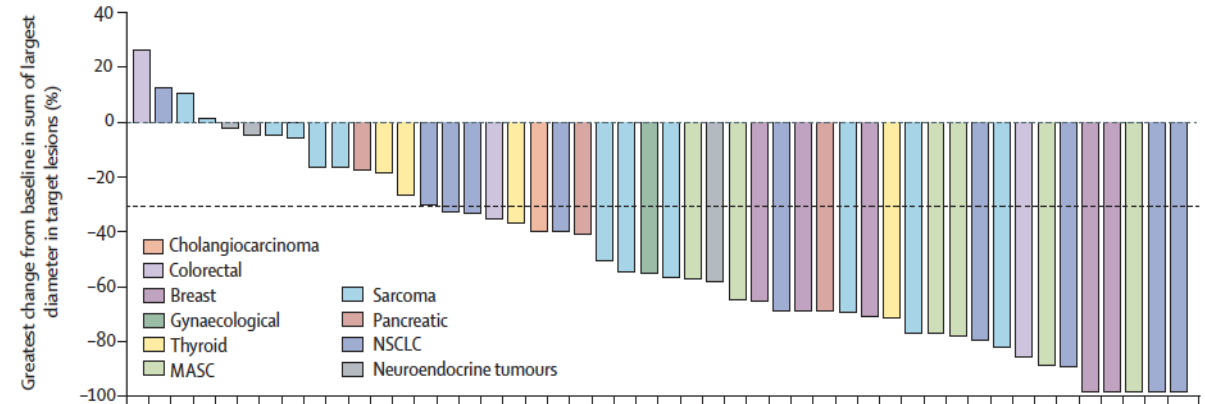


Objective responses with larotrectinib are seen in multiple tumour types and in most of the patients:

**80%, 95% CI: 67-90**

## Entrectinib<sup>2</sup>

Data cutoff: 31 May 2018



Objective responses with entrectinib are seen in multiple tumour types and in most of the patients:

**57%, 95% CI: 43.2-70.8**

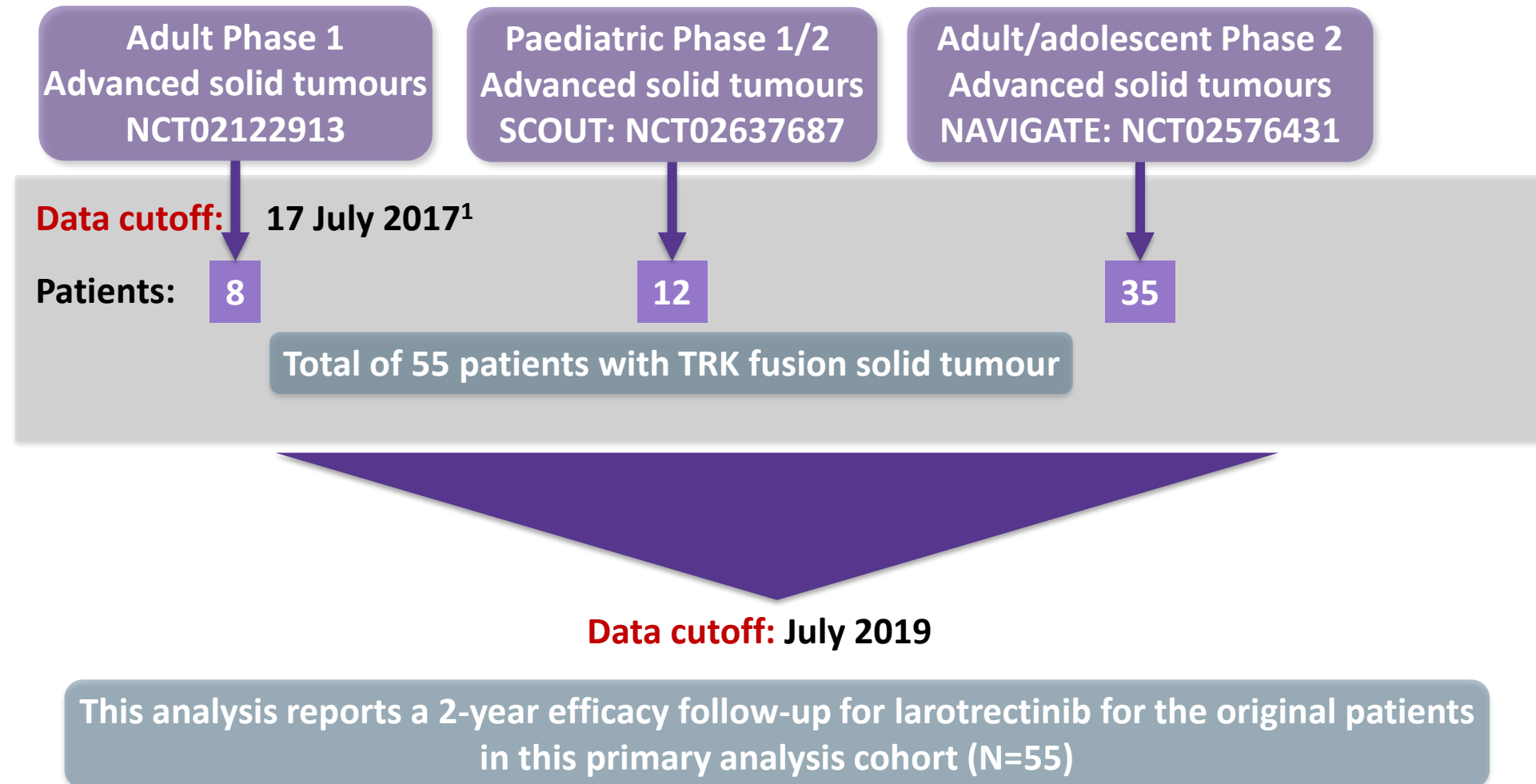
CI, confidence interval; CRC, colorectal cancer; GIST, gastrointestinal stromal tumour; IFS, infantile fibrosarcoma; MASC, mammary analogue secretory carcinoma; NSCLC, non-small-cell lung cancer; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase

1. Drilon A, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;378:731-9; 2. Doebele RC, et al. Lancet Oncol 2020;21:271-82

# **LONG-TERM OUTCOMES OF PATIENTS WITH TRK FUSION CANCER TREATED WITH LAROTRECTINIB**

**Drilon A. et al. AACR 2021, CT020**

# 2-YEAR EFFICACY FOLLOW-UP FOR LAROTRECTINIB

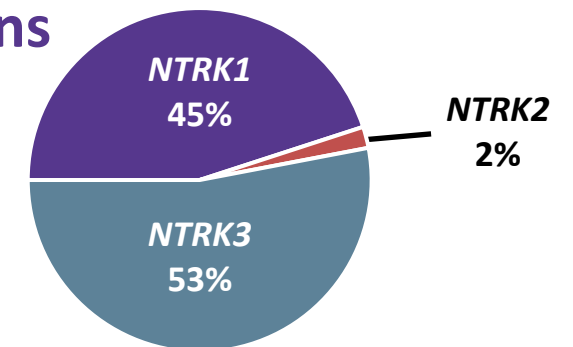


# BASELINE DEMOGRAPHICS AND DISEASE CHARACTERISTICS IN THE PRIMARY ANALYSIS SET

Characteristics	Primary analysis set (N=55)
<b>Age, median (range), years</b>	45 (0.3-76)
Paediatric (<18 years), n (%)	12 (22)
Adult (≥18 years), n (%)	43 (78)
<b>Female, n (%)</b>	26 (47)
<b>Male, n (%)</b>	29 (53)
<b>ECOG performance status, n (%)</b>	
0	24 (44)
1	27 (49)
2	4 (7)
<b>Prior cancer treatments, n (%)</b>	
Surgery	48 (87)
Systemic therapy	44 (80)
Radiotherapy	27 (49)
<b>Number of prior systemic therapies, n (%)</b>	
0	11 (20)
1	16 (29)
2	9 (16)
3 or more	19 (35)
<b>Median prior systemic therapies, n (range)</b>	2 (0-10)

Primary tumours type, n (%)	Primary analysis set (N=55)
Salivary gland	12 (22)
Soft tissue sarcoma*	11 (20)
IFS	7 (13)
Thyroid	5 (9)
Melanoma	4 (7)
Lung	4 (7)
Colon	4 (7)
GIST	3 (5)
Cholangiocarcinoma	2 (4)
Pancreas	1 (2)
Appendix	1 (2)
Breast	1 (2)

## NTRK gene fusions



- Distribution of primary tumours type is very similar to real world data

\*Subtypes of soft tissue sarcoma include myopericytoma (n=2), peripheral-nerve sheath tumour (n=2), spindle-cell tumour (n=3), infantile myofibromatosis (n=1), inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour of the kidney (n=1), and sarcoma that was not otherwise specified (n=2).

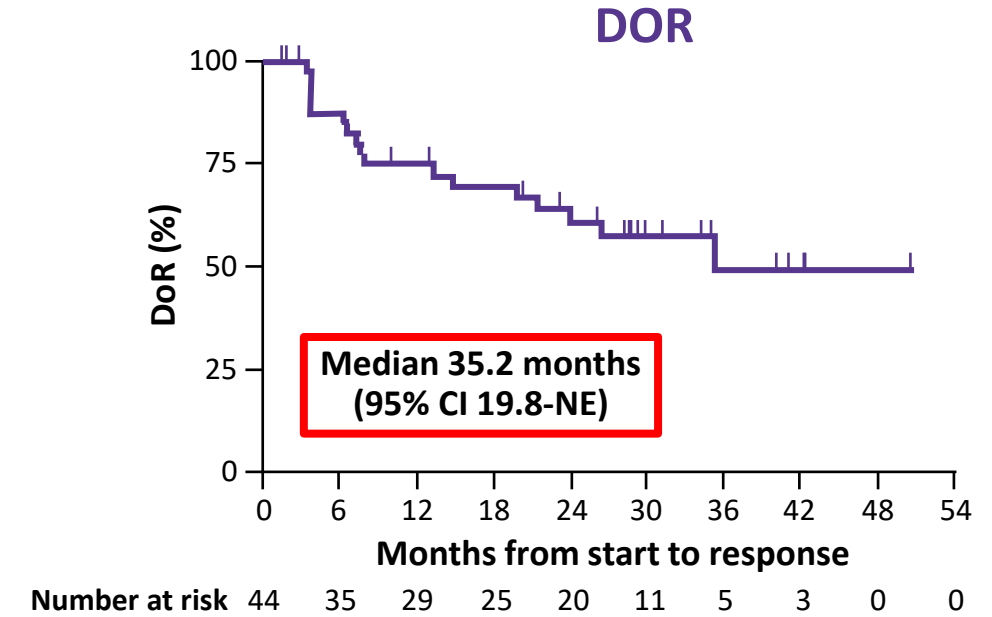
ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; GIST, gastrointestinal stromal tumour; IFS, infantile fibrosarcoma; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase 8



# ROBUST AND DURABLE RESPONSE OF LAROTRECTINIB

RESPONSE RATES OF THE PRIMARY ANALYSIS SET (N=55)		
	Original analysis (July 2017) <sup>1</sup>	2-year follow up (July 2019)
<b>Best overall response</b>		
CR, n (%)	9 (16)	13 (24)
PR, n (%)	35 (64)	31 (56)
SD, n (%)	5 (9)	5 (9)
PD, n (%)	6 (11)	6 (11)
<b>ORR, n (%)</b>	<b>44 (80)</b>	<b>44 (80)</b>
<b>95% CI</b>	<b>67-90</b>	<b>67-90</b>

- Over 2 years' follow-up, the best overall response of 4 patients (7%) improved from a PR to a CR

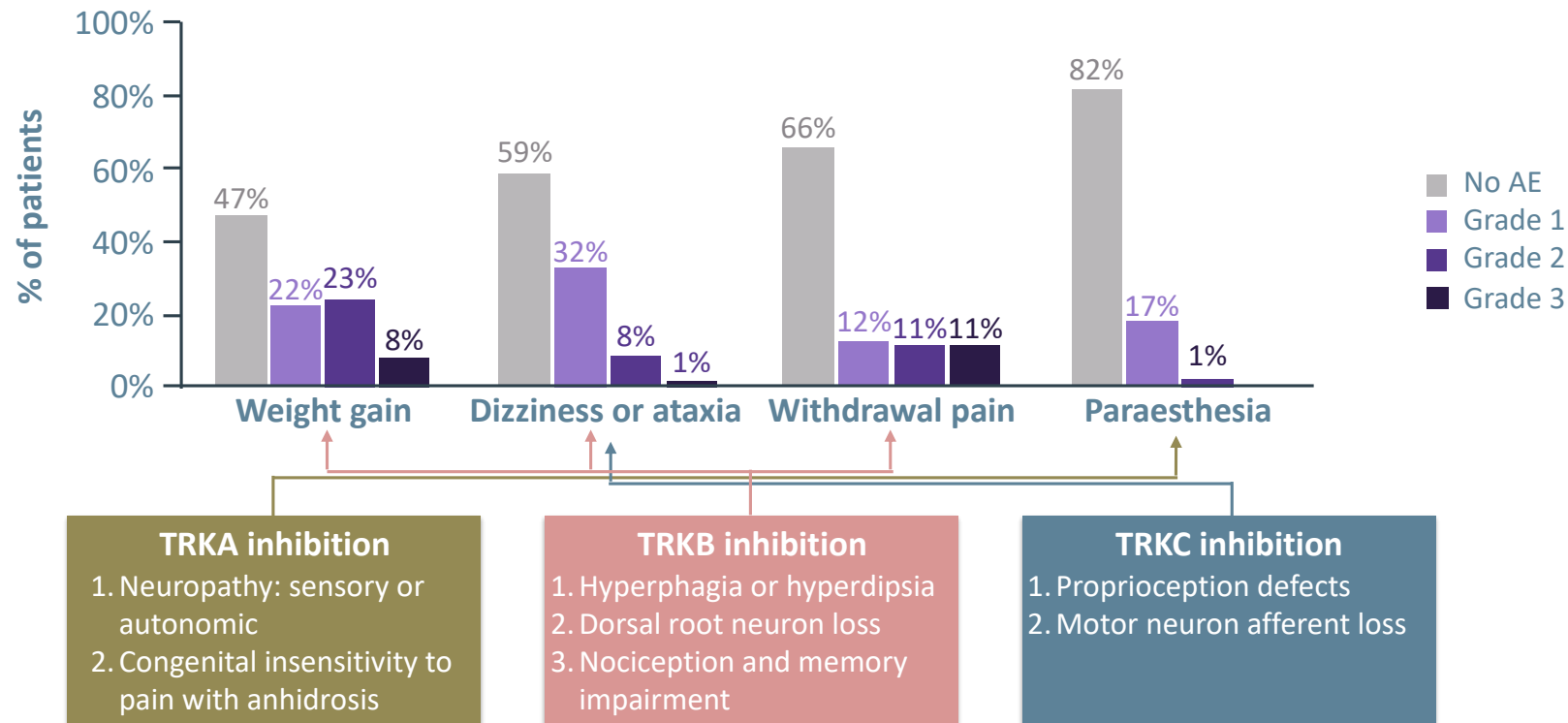


	PATIENTS WITH OBJECTIVE RESPONSE (N=44)
<b>24-month DoR, % (95% CI)</b>	<b>61 (45-77)</b>
<b>Median follow-up</b>	<b>29.3 months</b>

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; DoR, duration of response; NE, not estimable; PD, progressive disease; PR; partial response; SD, stable disease

# SAFETY PROFILE OF LAROTRECTINIB

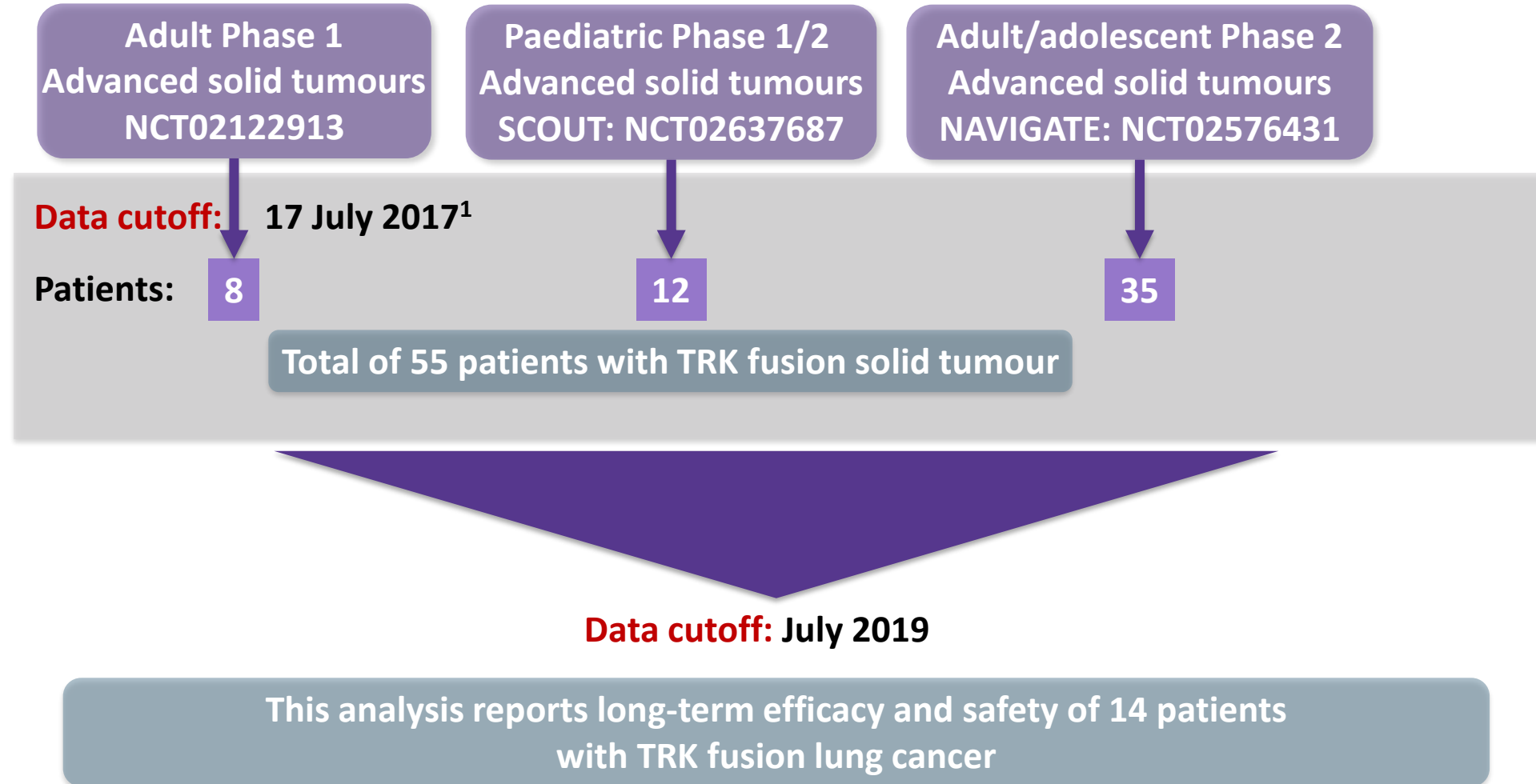
- Larotrectinib has a favourable safety profile with **no new or unexpected** safety findings over longer follow-up
- Understanding the on-target AEs with TRK inhibition is key:



# **LONG-TERM EFFICACY AND GENOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF PATIENTS WITH TRK FUSION LUNG CANCER TREATED WITH LAROTRECTINIB**

**Moreno V. et al. J Thorac Oncol. 2021;16(Suppl\_4):S748-S802  
European Lung Cancer Congress (ELCC) 2021. Abstract #162P**

# 2-YEAR EFFICACY FOLLOW-UP FOR LAROTRECTINIB IN TRK FUSION LUNG TUMOURS



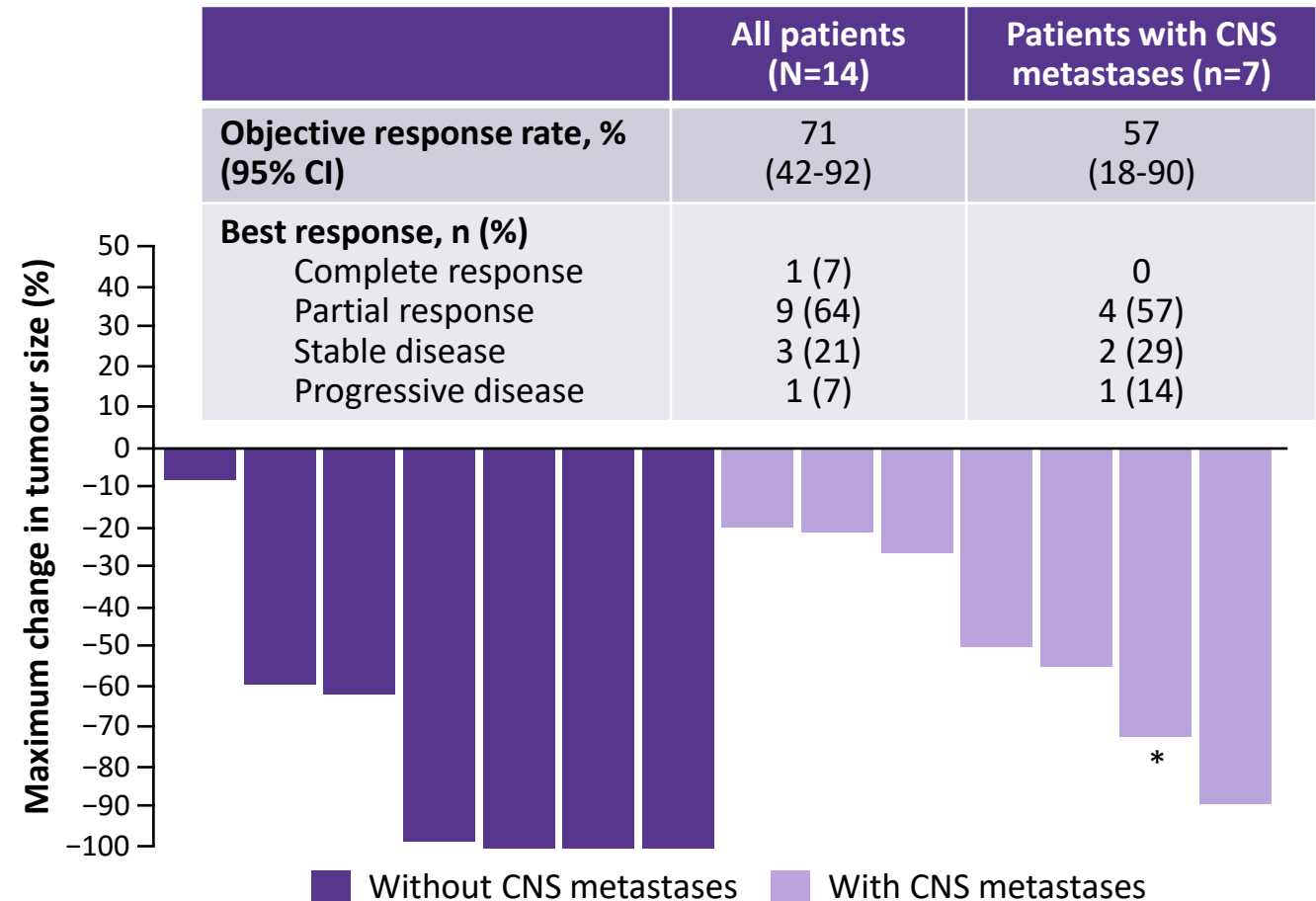
TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase

1. Drlon A, et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;378:731-9

# DURABLE ANTITUMOUR RESPONSES OF LAROTRECTINIB IN PATIENTS WITH OR WITHOUT CNS METASTASES

- ORR was **71%** (95% CI 42-92)
- ORR for the patients with baseline **CNS metastases** was **57%** (95% CI 18-90)
- One patient with intracranial measurements had **100% reduction in CNS lesions by cycle 4**

MAXIMUM CHANGE IN TUMOUR SIZE FOLLOWING TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH TRK FUSION LUNG CANCER

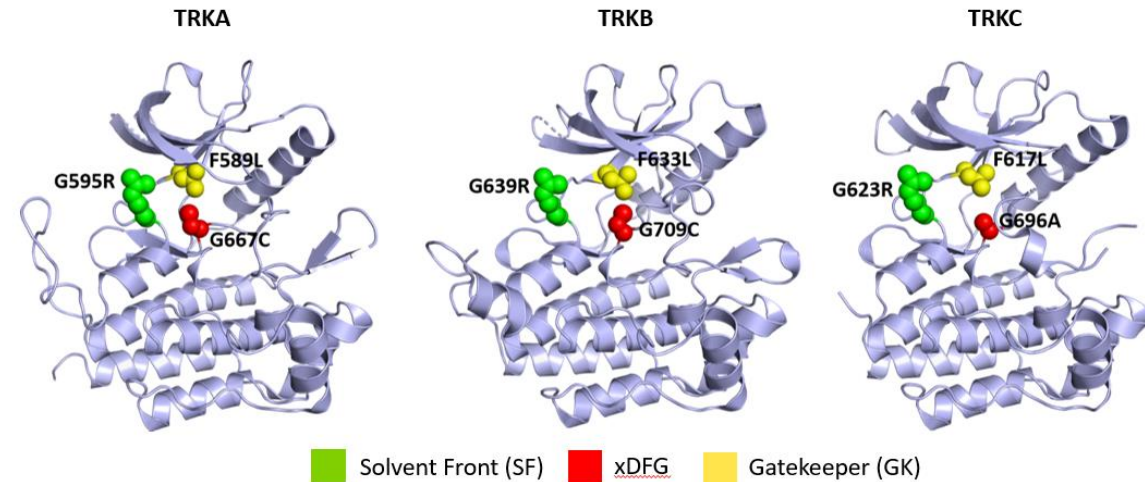


\* Patient had 100% reduction in CNS lesions

# MECHANISMS OF RESISTANCE NEED FURTHER EVALUATION AFTER DISEASE PROGRESSION

## CO-OCCURRING GENOMIC ALTERATIONS AT BASELINE

Type of alteration	Genes affected
Loss of function	<i>CDKN2A/B</i> (n=3) <i>MTAP</i> (n=1)
Amplification	<i>HGF</i> , <i>PIK3C2B</i> , <i>CDK6</i> , <i>MDM4</i> , <i>ZNF217 CNV</i> (n=1 each)
Mutation	<i>TP53</i> (n=3) <i>CTNNB1</i> (n=2) <i>FANCL</i> , <i>RB1</i> , <i>TERT</i> promoter, <i>IRF1</i> , <i>MTOR</i> , <i>NRAS</i> , <i>SP3B1</i> , <i>PIK3C2B</i> , <i>MAP2K4</i> (n=1 each)



## GENOMIC PROFILING OF NSCLC PATIENTS WHO PROGRESSED ON LAROTRECTINIB

Patient number	Best response	On-target <i>NTRK</i> mutations	Other genomic alterations
Patient 1	Stable disease	<i>NTRK1</i> SF G595R xDFG G667S	<i>KRAS</i> D57N and amplifications in <i>BRAF</i> , <i>MET</i> and <i>EGFR</i>
Patient 2	Partial response	<i>NTRK1</i> SF G595R GK F589L	None
Patient 3	Progressive disease	<i>NTRK1</i> GK F589L	<i>KRAS</i> G12D
Patient 4	Stable disease	None	None

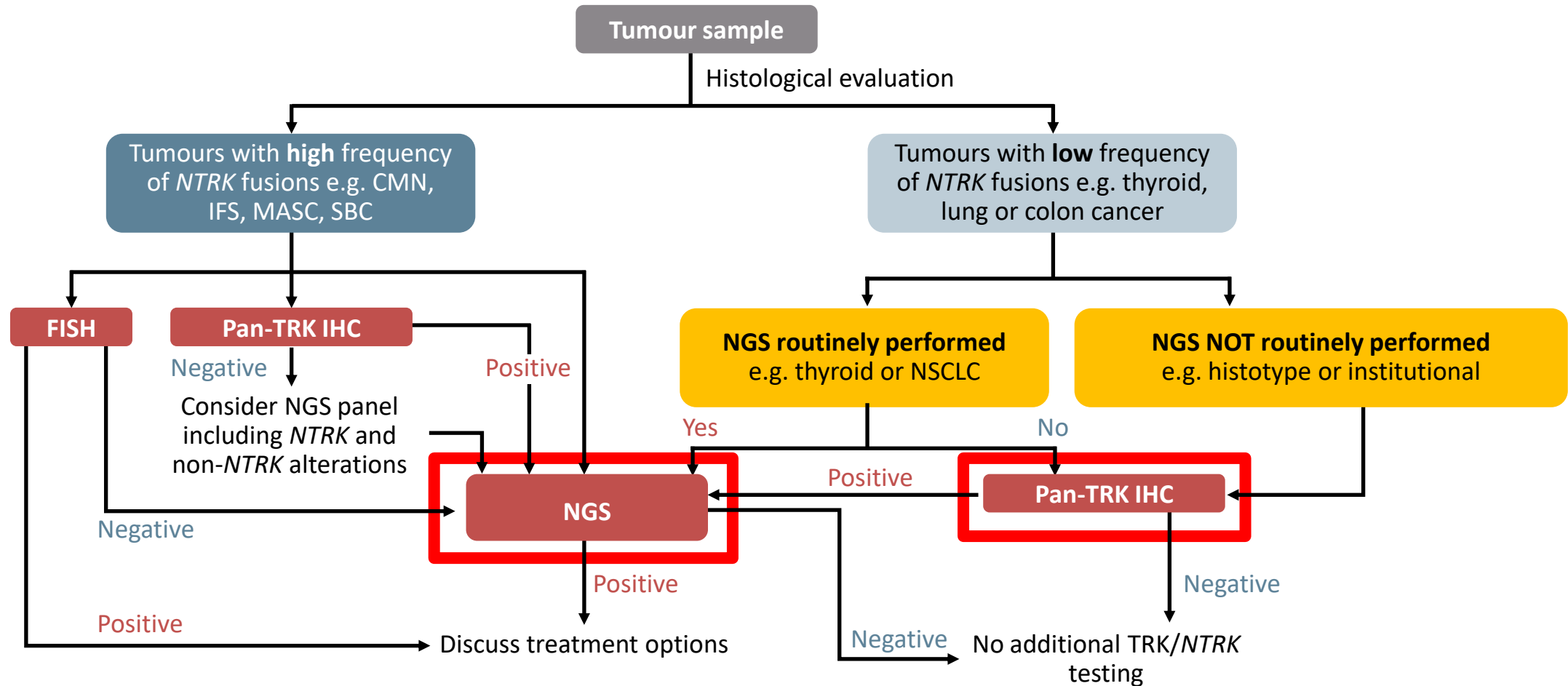
CNV, copy number variation; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; NSCLC, non-small-cell lung cancer; NTRK, neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase

Source figure: Hyman D, et al. AACR2019, CT127

# ***NTRK1* FUSION DETECTION FROM CLINICAL cfDNA NGS USING A *DE NOVO* FUSION CALLER**

**Yablonovitch A. et al. AACR 2021, #537**

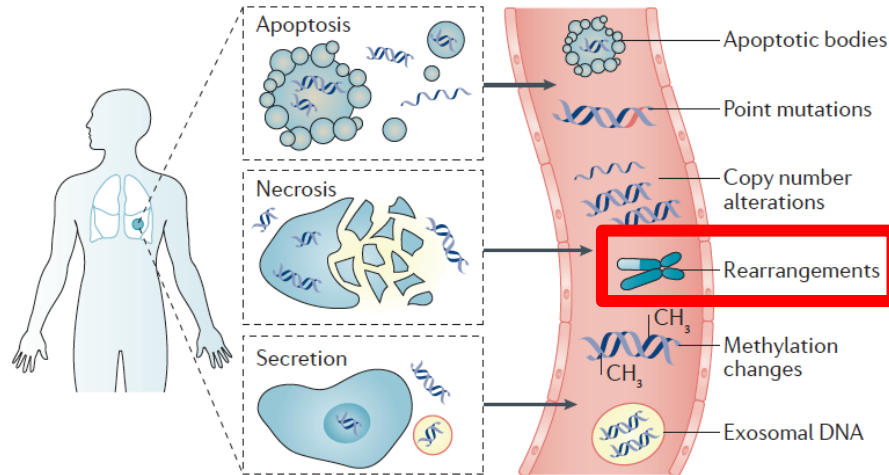
# BACKGROUND: TESTING ALGORITHM FOR TRK FUSION CANCER





# DE NOVO FUSION CALLER: BACKGROUND-METHODS

**NTRK rearrangements =  
clinically actionable targets**



Cohort of 23'280 patients  
276 healthy samples (control)  
1'199 patients with *ERBB2* amps (negative control)

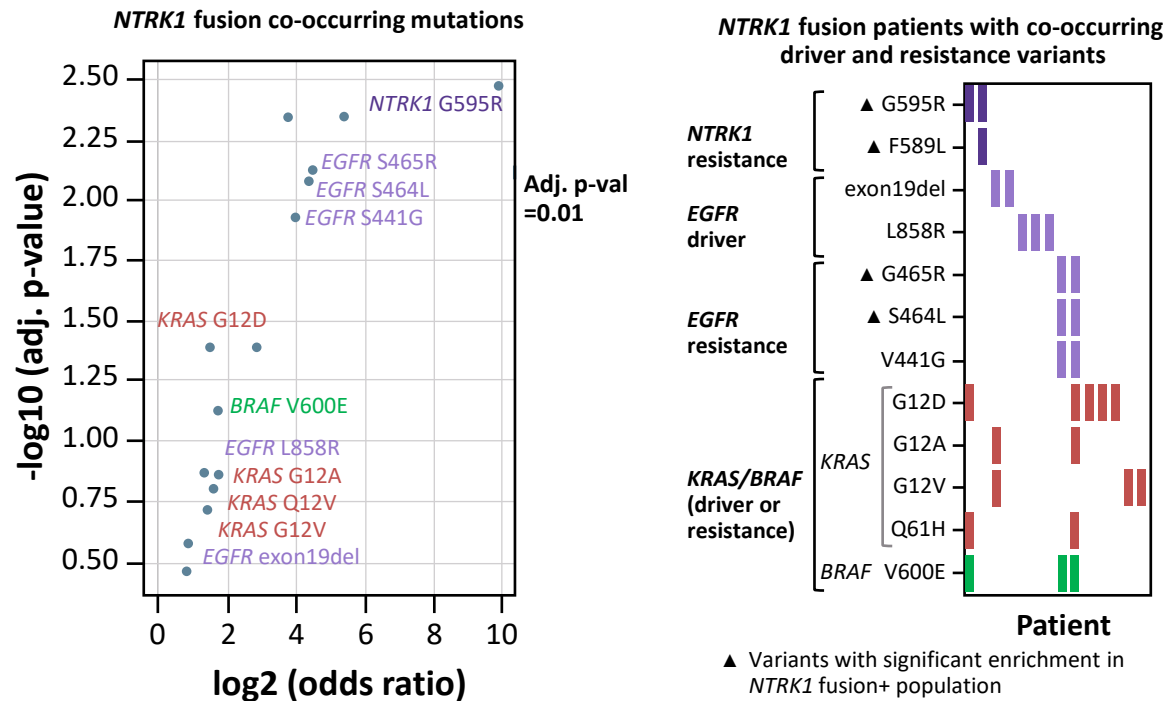
Tested with Guardant360 (liquid biopsy NGS-based array)  
Reanalysed using the novel algorithm

## DE NOVO FUSION CALLER EXHIBITS HIGH SPECIFICITY

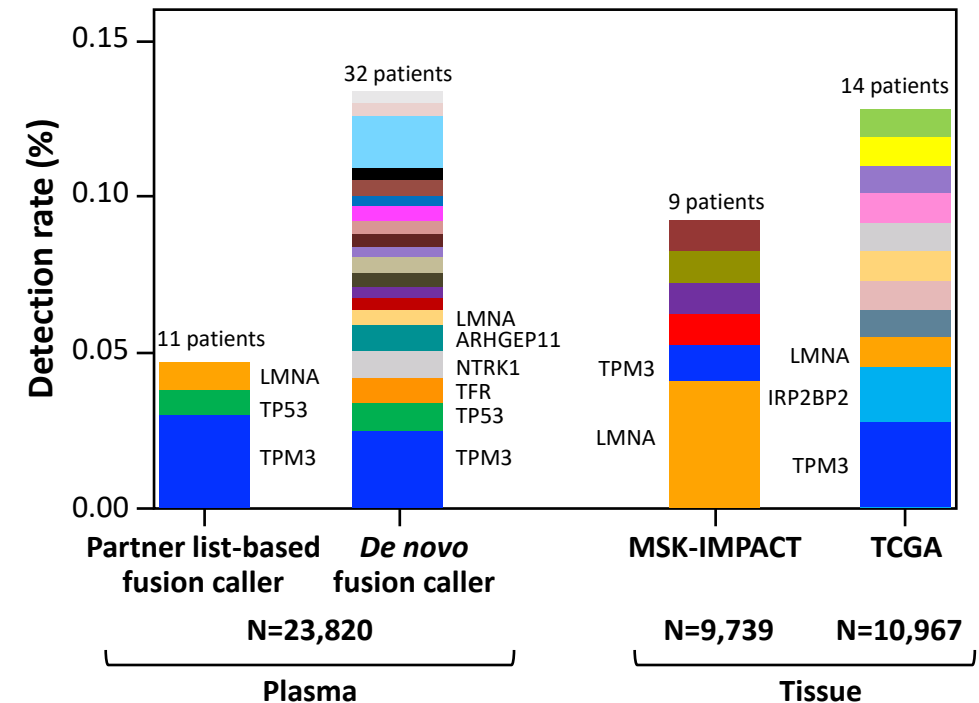
Negative control cohort	Sample #	#NTRK1 fusions	Specificity
Healthy controls	276	0	100%
<i>ERBB2</i> amp+ patients	1'199	3	>99%

# NTRK1 FUSION DETECTION USING A DE NOVO FUSION CALLER: RESULTS

Patients with *NTRK1* fusions have co-occurring known driver and resistance mutations



*NTRK1* fusions prevalence is comparable to tissue and most partners are unique to individual patients



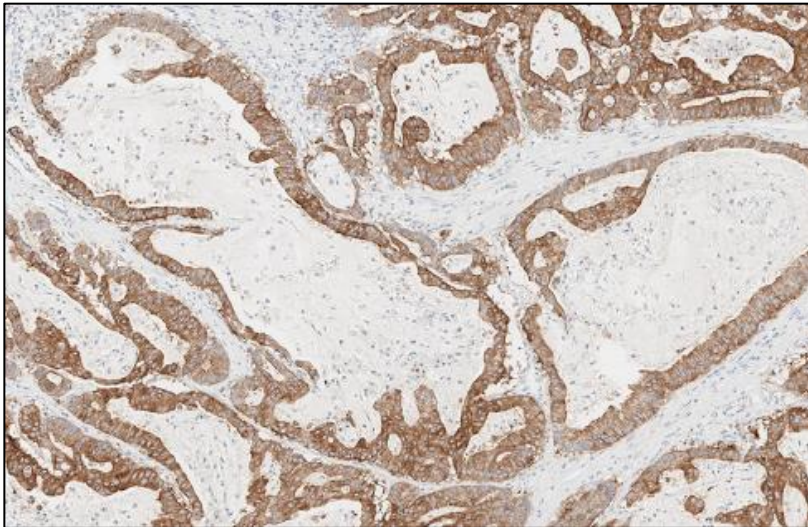
- Conclusion:** *de novo* fusion caller assay can increase the yield for the detection of *NTRK1* fusions in cfDNA

**IMMUNOHISTOCHEMICAL DETECTION OF PAN-  
TRK EXPRESSION IN SOLID TUMOR SPECIMENS:  
INTER-LABORATORY AND INTER-READER  
AGREEMENT IN NGS-CONFIRMED NTRK FUSION-  
POSITIVE AND FUSION-NEGATIVE CASES**

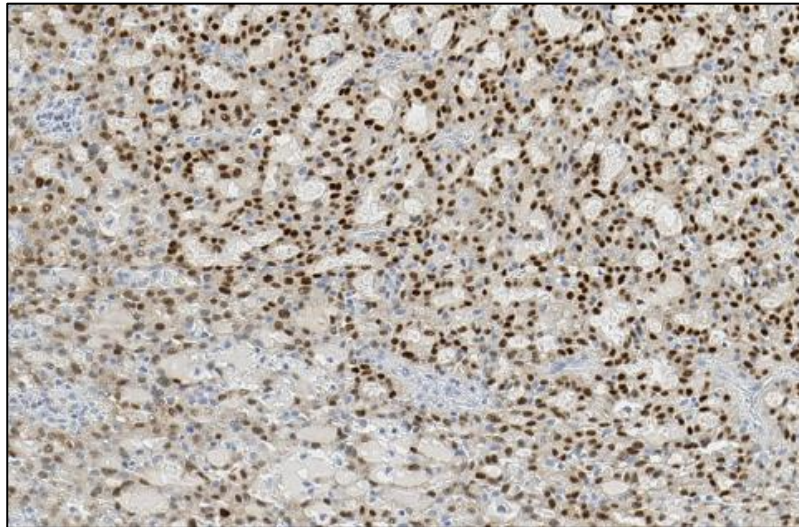
**Stratton S. et al. USCAP 2021, #420**

# PAN-TRK IHC STAINING IN DIFFERENT TUMOURS

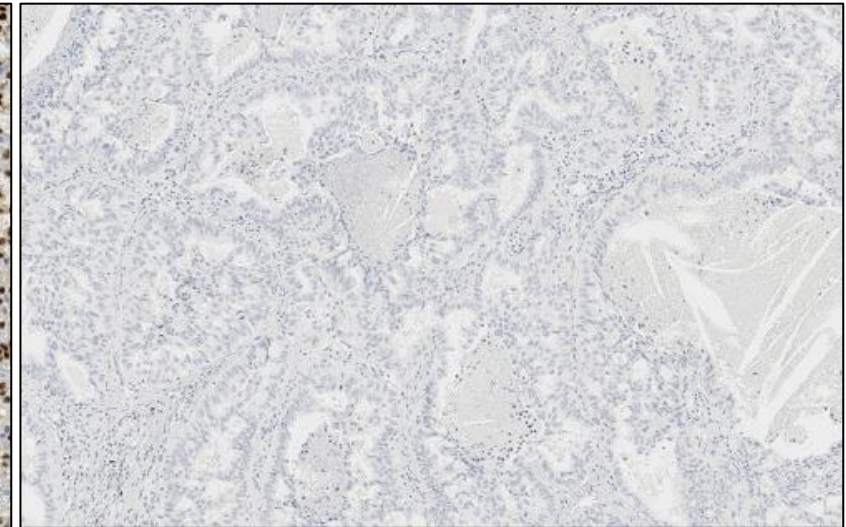
**Colorectal carcinoma  
(*TPM3-NTRK1*)**



**Secretory carcinoma of salivary  
gland (*ETV6-NTRK3*)**



**NSCLC  
(fusion negative)**



- Sample images demonstrating variable patterns of VENTANA pan-TRK (EPR17341) Assay in different tumours types

# CONCLUSIONS

- Overall agreement between readers was high (overall OPA=92.6%), but varied based on fusion partner and staining pattern observed with this analytic assay
- **Staining tissue location** did not contribute to variance in reader scoring
- Conclusions regarding concordance and **cutoffs** should not be drawn from this data as this limited study was not designed to determine a cutoff

# IN SUMMARY

- **Larotrectinib** continues to demonstrate a **robust and durable** response rate with extended survival benefits in adult and paediatric patients with TRK fusion cancer regardless of tumour type
- **Mechanisms of resistance** should be further understood in order to develop the **next-generation TRK inhibitors**
- These data highlight the importance of **identifying *NTRK* gene fusions** in patients with cancer
- **Need to test, test, test** → to identify those patients with TRK fusion positive tumours



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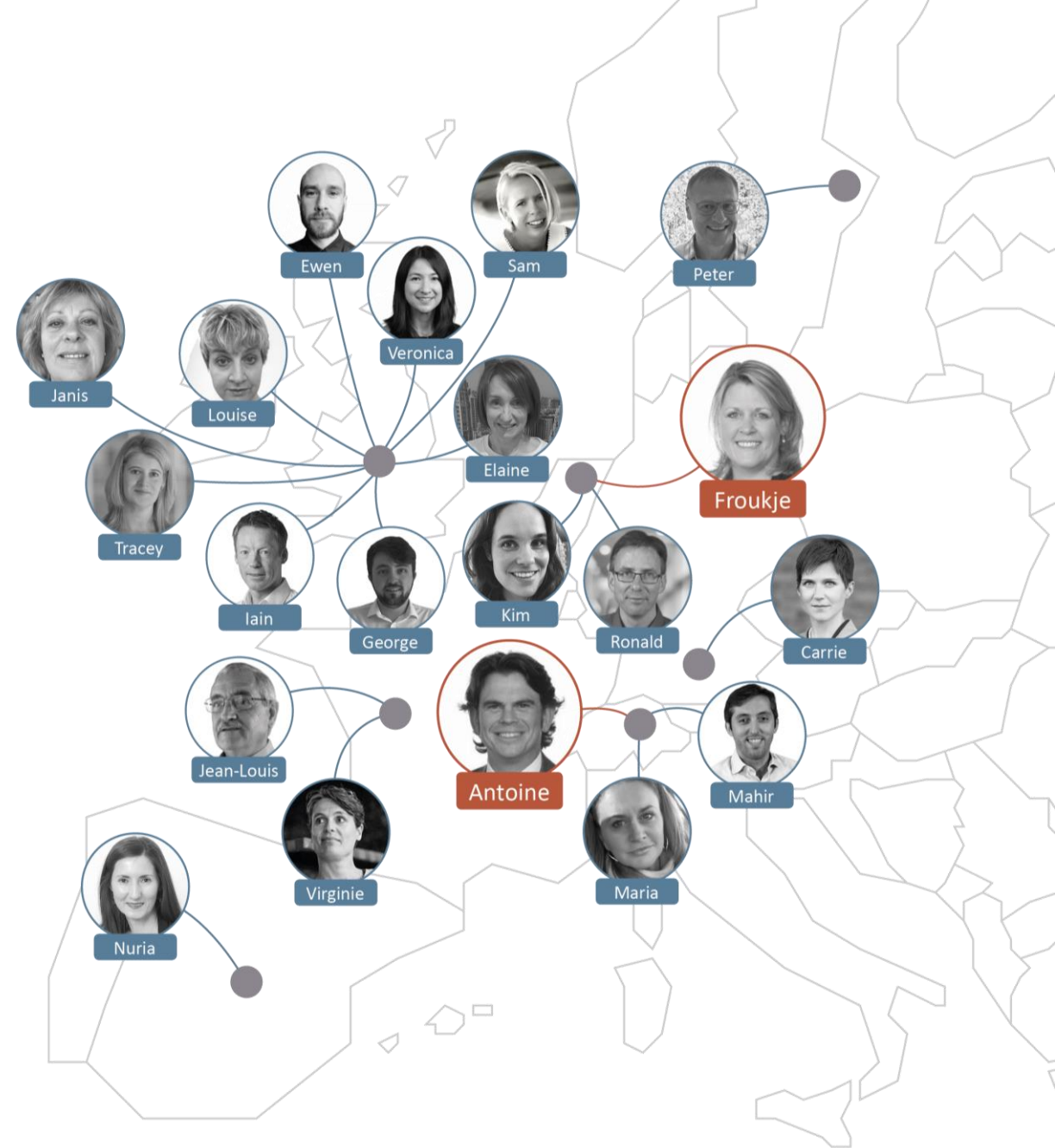
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