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# Deep Cyclic Inhibition of MEK

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A transformational approach aimed  
for durable and safe combinations in  
RAS-mutant cancers

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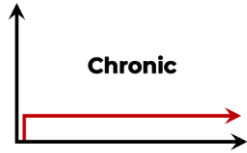
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# Deep Cyclic Inhibition (DCI) of MEK



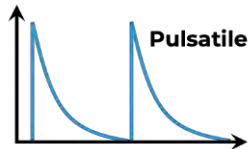
- **Historical Paradigm:**

- Chronic target engagement → Prioritizes fast/deep RECIST tumor shrinkage beyond -30% (surrogacy for OS?)



- **Challenges:**

- High toxicity, adaptive/acquired resistance, limited durability



- **Alternative Approach:**

- Pulsatile MEK inhibition (Deep Cyclic Inhibition - DCI) → designed to break tumor addiction + spare healthy tissues



- **DCI Validation:**

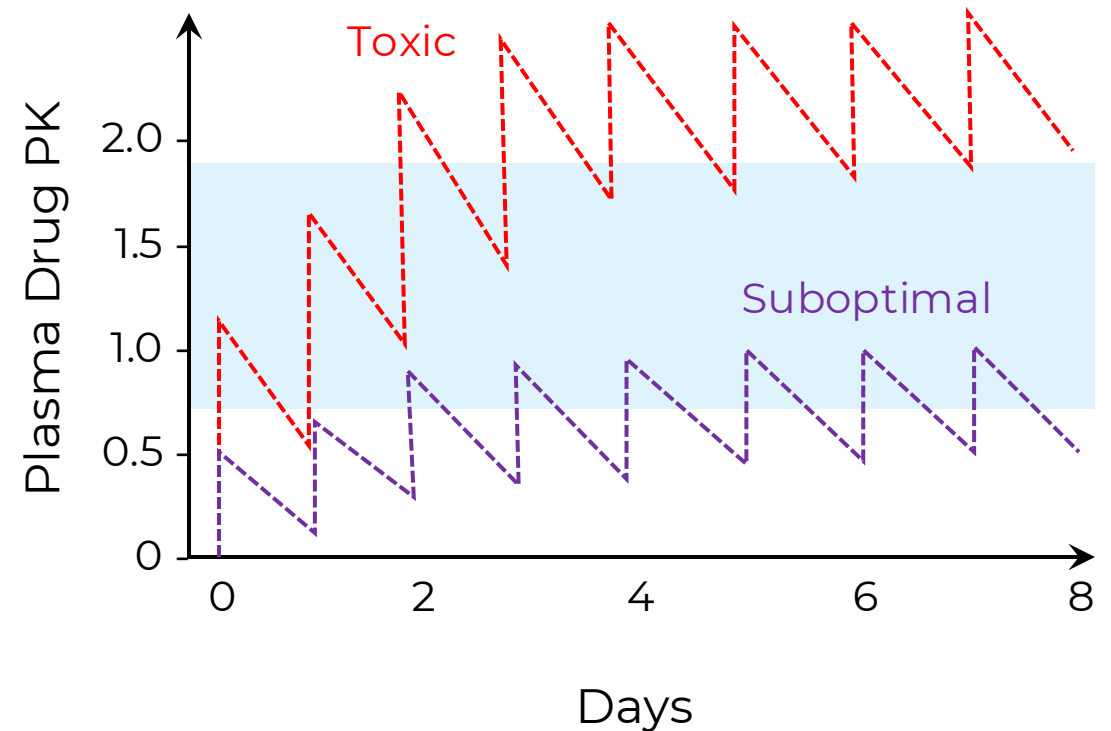
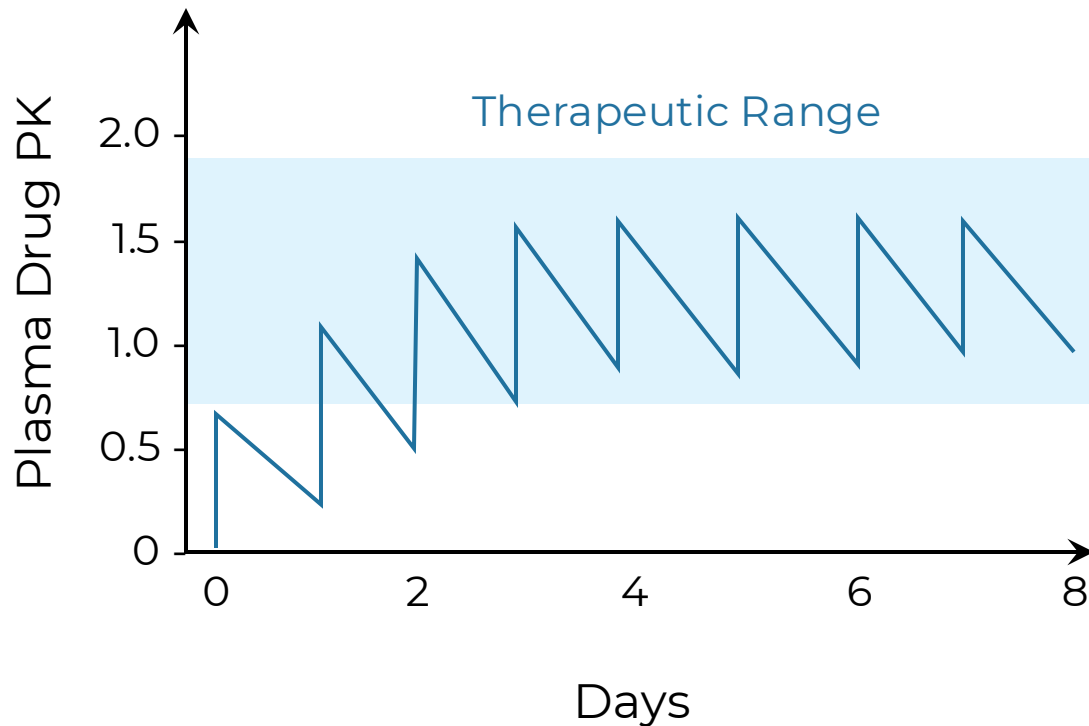
- Observed favorable safety, clinical activity, strong 1L PDAC outcomes, combination potential (durability and tolerability)

# Historical Paradigm:

## Chronic Target Engagement

- **Rationale**: sustained inhibition required to break oncogenic addiction
  - **Challenges**: toxicity, resistance, limited durability/combinability
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# Optimizing Dose/Schedule: Chronic Pathway Inhibition



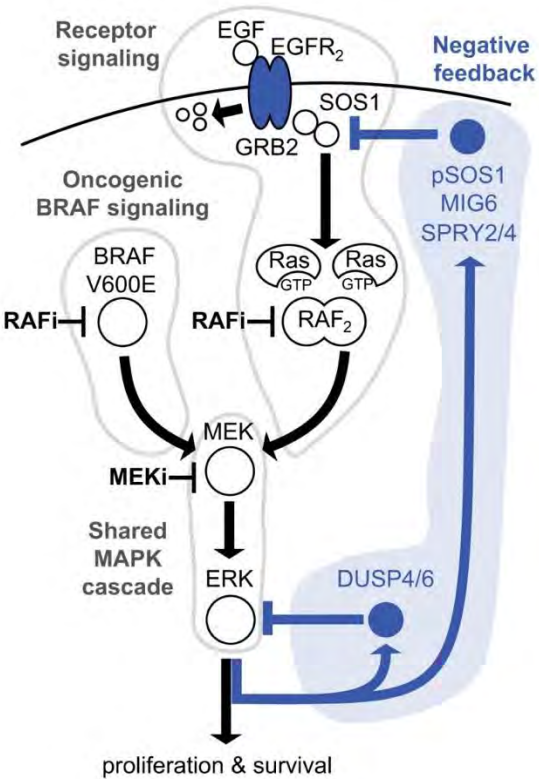
Common approach for therapeutic dosing (**chronic drug exposures**)

# Challenges with Chronic MAPK Pathway Inhibition

Limited response, short durability and toxicity contribute to limited clinical utility

## Loss of Negative Regulators

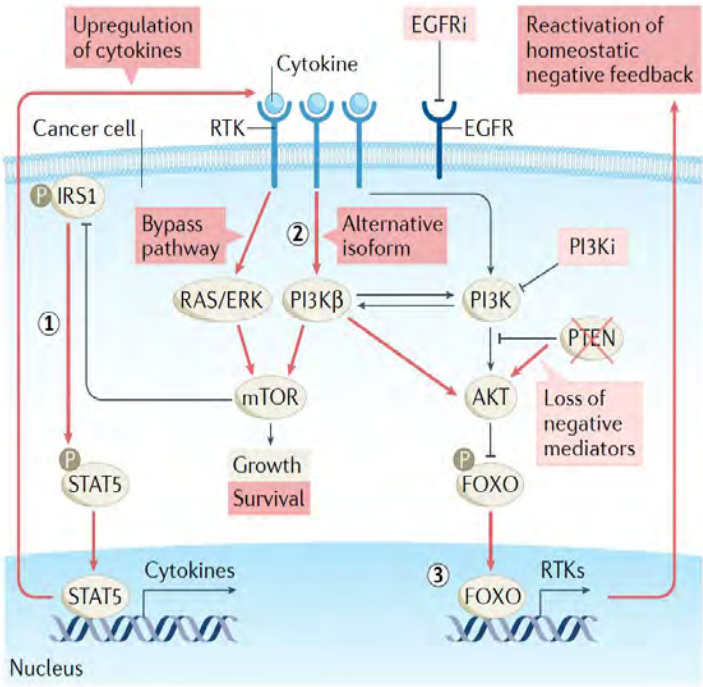
- Loss of MAPK Pathway Control -



Gerosa et al, Cell Systems, 2020

## Increased Adaptive Resistance

- Gateway to acquired resistance -



2022 Nat Rev Can p.323

## Increased Risk of MEK Toxicities

- Loss of key homeostatic pathway -

Clinical Scenario		V+C	D+T	E+B
Gastrointestinal disease	Diarrhea			
	Vomit			
	Anorexia	-	-	-
Liver disease	↑ AST			
	↑ ALT			
Cardiovascular disease	↓ Ejection fraction			
	Hypertension			
Rheumatological disease	Arthralgia			
Dermatological disease	Skin rash			
Hematological disease	Anemia			

Grade 3, 4, 5 Events

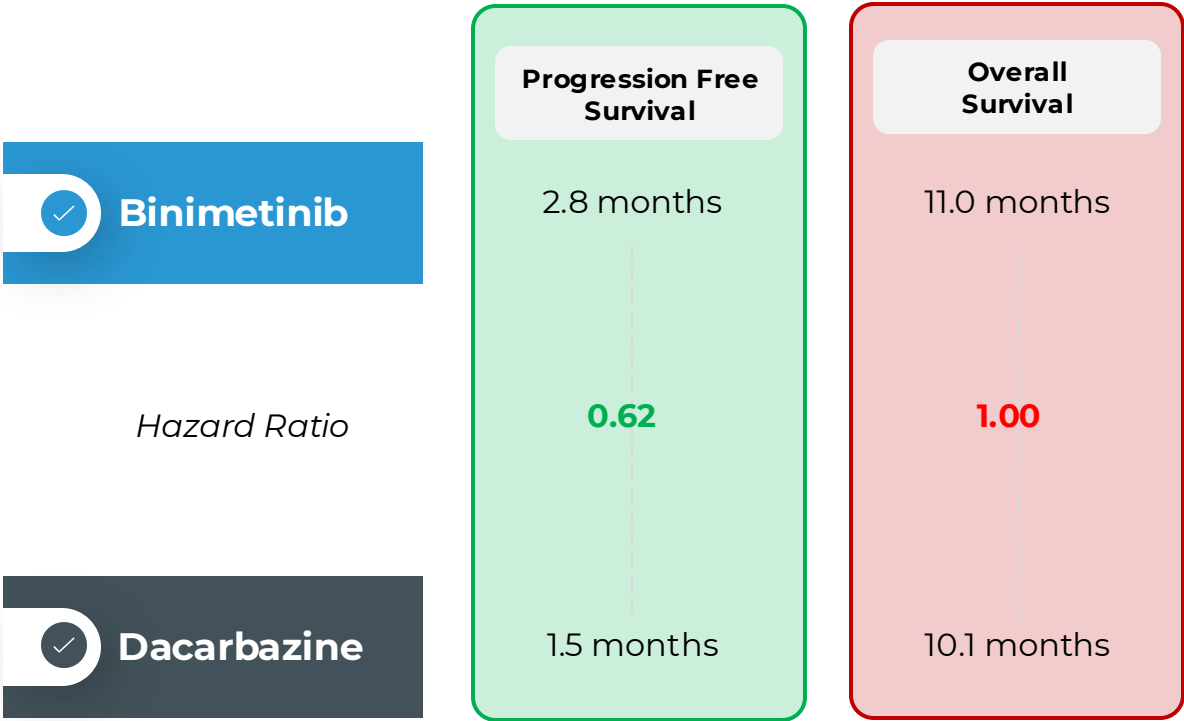


2019 ESMO Open p.e000491  
2023 Cancers 15:141



# Phase 3 NEMO Study: Binimetinib vs. Dacarbazine (NRAS<sup>mut</sup> Melanoma)

Summary of Phase 3 NEMO study of Binimetinib as reported in Lancet (c.2017)



>50% increased toxicity

- > Serious Adverse Events (**34% binimetinib** vs. 22% dacarbazine)
- > Overall Response Rate (**ORR: 15% binimetinib** vs. 7% dacarbazine)

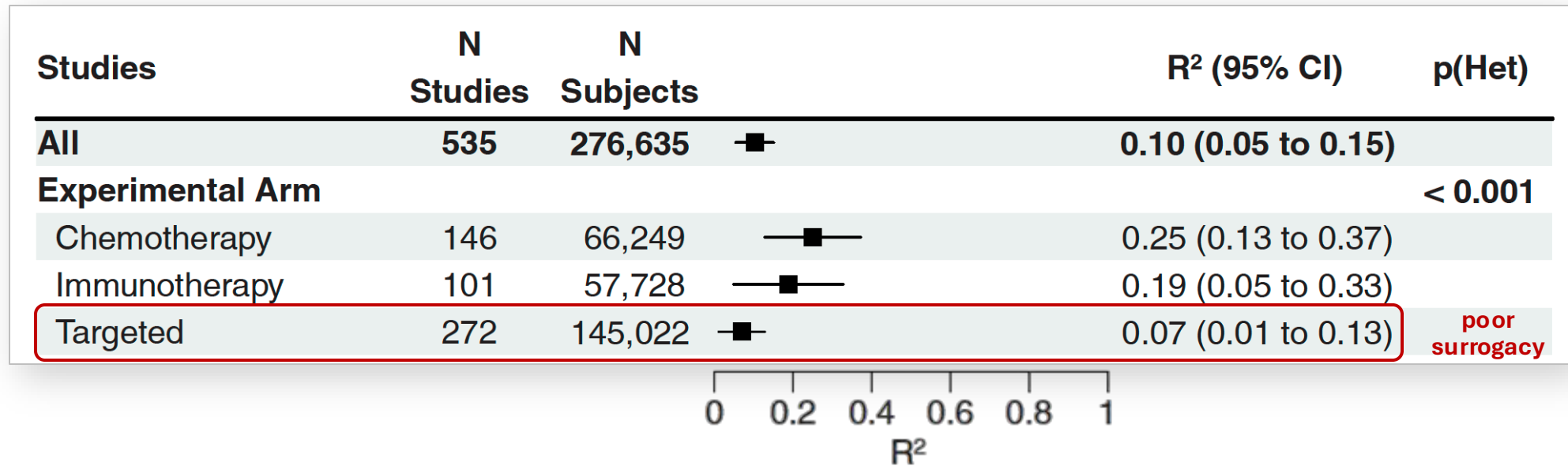
Over 2x improvement in ORR

NRAS Status	Binimetinib	Dacarbazine
	N = 269	N = 133
Q61K	100 (37%)	51 (38%)
Q61L	32 (12%)	17 (13%)
Q61R	137 (51%)	64 (48%)
Wildtype	0	1 (1%)



# RECIST ORR: a Poor Surrogate for Overall Survival

Objective response rate (ORR) as a surrogate of overall survival



“...growing evidence of the **lack of strong surrogacy for ORR and PFS for OS** across tumor groups and treatments. This has significant implications for regulatory agencies such as FDA and EMA...”

# Alternative Approach:

## Deep Cyclic Inhibition (DCI)

- **Rationale 1:** pulsatile inhibition designed to disrupt oncogenic addiction
  - **Rationale 2:** improve safety, quality of life and combinability
  - **Challenges:** innovation resistance, legacy endpoints (surrogacy)
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# Atebimetinib (IMM-1-104) Goal: Deep Cyclic Inhibition (DCI) of MEK

## Deep Cyclic Inhibition (Thesis)

### Pulsatile inhibition of MEK designed to:

1. Disrupt MAPK pathway addiction
2. Reduce adaptive resistance
3. Improve safety & tolerability
4. Expand therapeutic combinations

Enhance  
Safety &  
Tolerability

Break  
Oncogenic  
Addiction

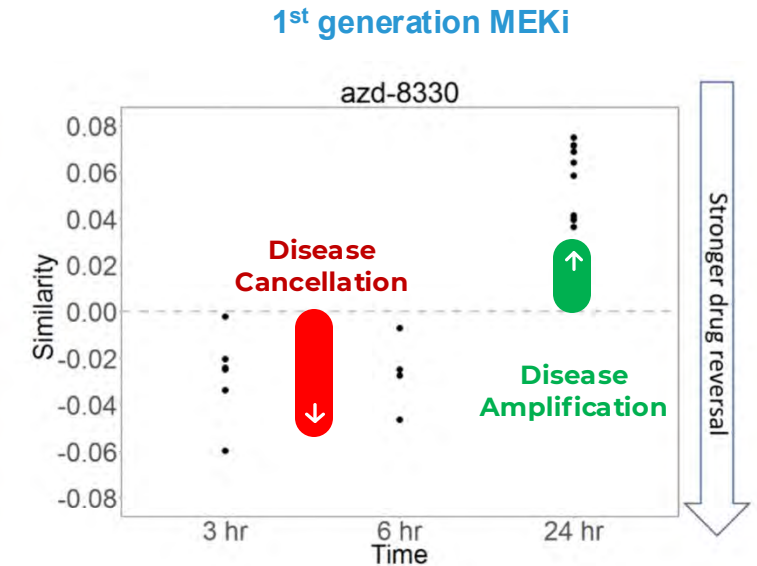
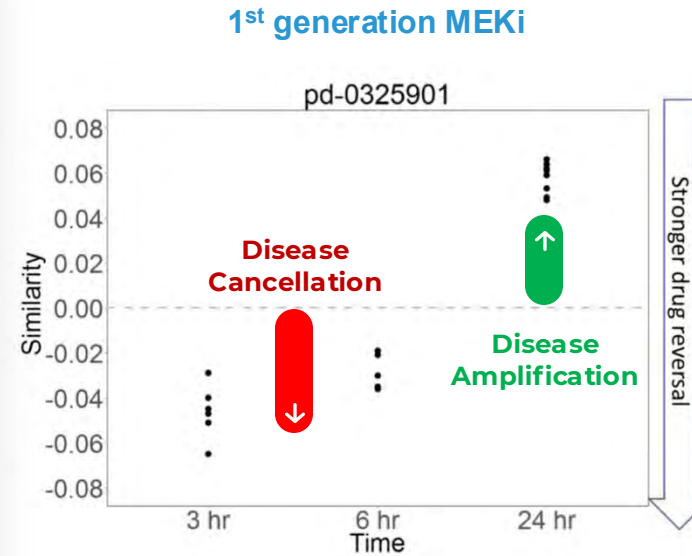
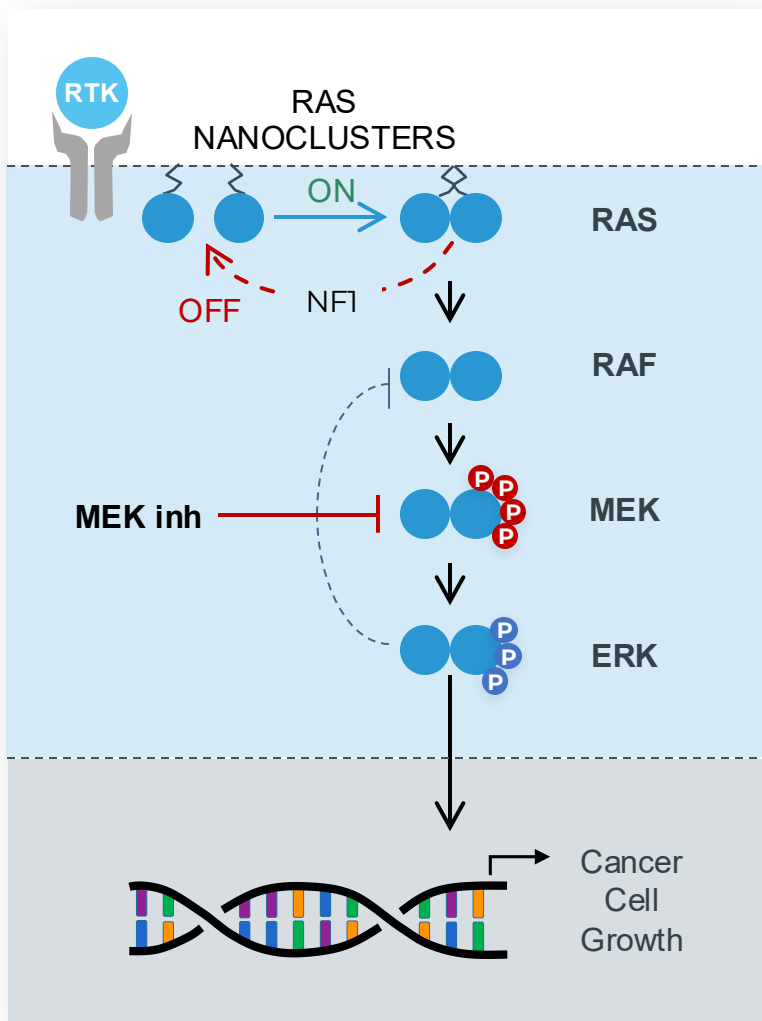
**Deep  
Cyclic  
Inhibition  
(DCI)**

Limit  
Adaptive  
Resistance

Optimal  
Combinations

# Our Platform Suggested an Opportunity for Cyclic Inhibition

**Goal:** achieve **broader activity** and **better tolerability** in RAS/MAPK pathway activated disease



Note: dots are representative of various concentrations

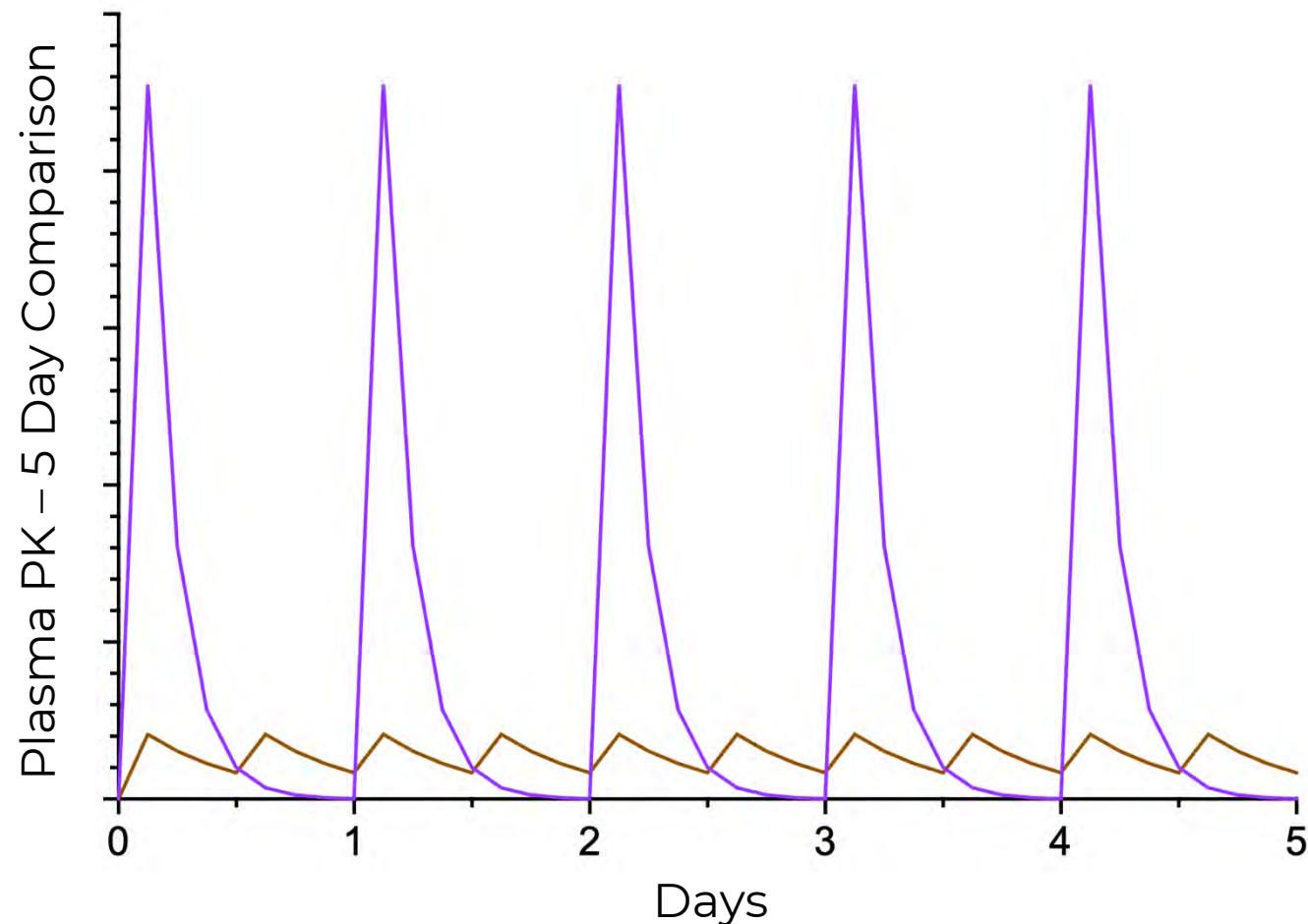


Unlike first generation MEK inhibitors, atebimetinib is designed to prevent RAF-mediated activation of MEK (i.e., CRAF-bypass) and displays a short plasma half-life to potentially drive deep cyclic inhibition (DCI) of the pathway.

*Data-driven Identification and Optimization of New Medicines to Cancel Cancer Cachexia*

*Presented by Ben Zeskind at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Cachexia, Sarcopenia & Muscle Wasting (SCWD) in Berlin, Dec. 6-8, 2019*

# Atebimetinib's Deep Cyclic Inhibition of MEK is designed to improve tolerability and broaden activity vs. chronic inhibition of MEK



Conceptual illustration of deep cyclic inhibition (purple) vs. chronic inhibition (brown)

## Dramatic PK $C_{MAX}$ Pulse

**GOAL:** Achieve many fold higher drug free fraction  $C_{MAX}$  to **break tumor addiction**

## Near-Zero Drug Trough

**GOAL:** Short plasma half-life to improve tolerability and limit adaptive resistance, so **every day is a drug holiday**

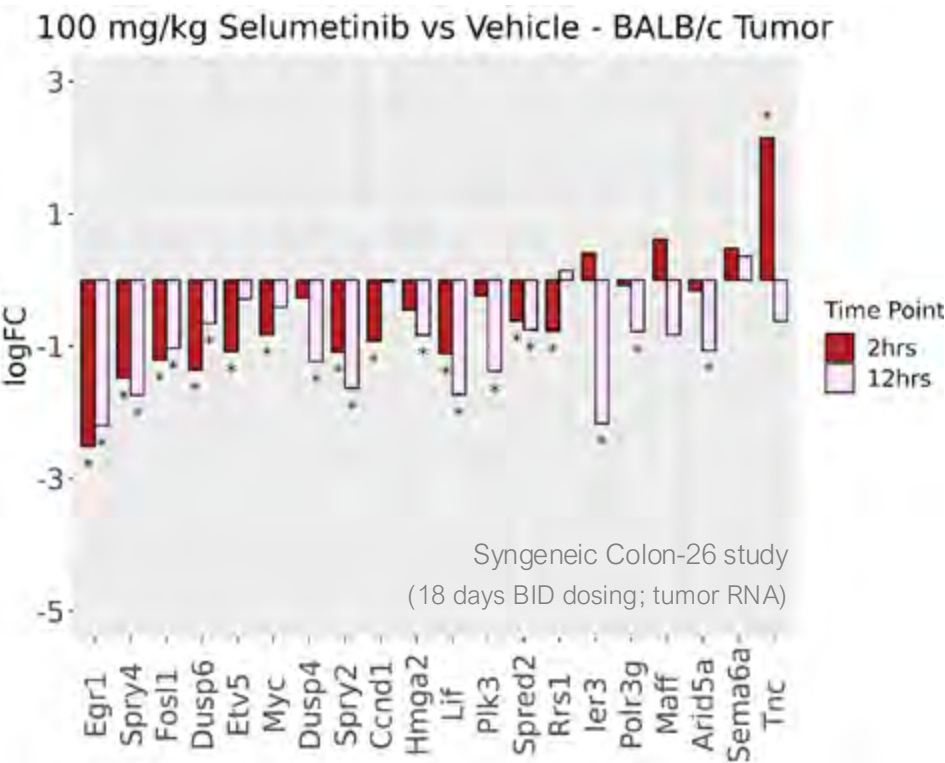
## MoA Target Engagement

**GOAL:** Prevent MAPK-pathway bypass events, for **expanded activity into RAS mutant setting**

# Deep Cyclic Inhibition Confirmed Using Transcriptomics



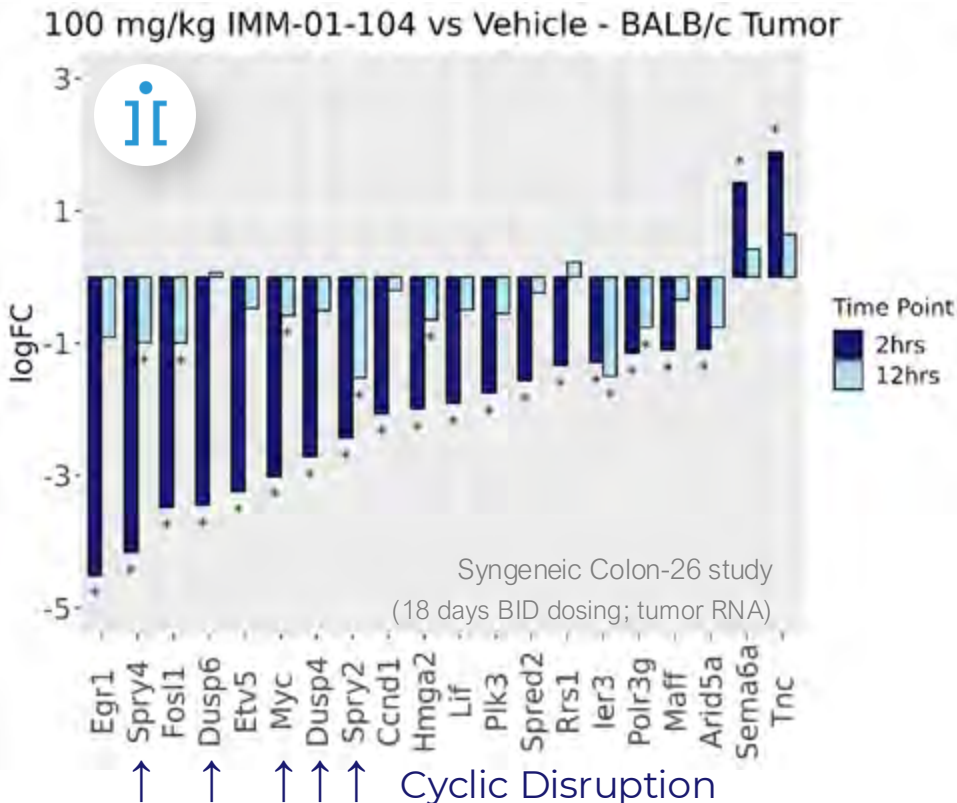
## Traditional Approach



Chronic Suppression → TOXICITY



## Signaling Dynamics



Cyclic Disruption → TOLERABILITY

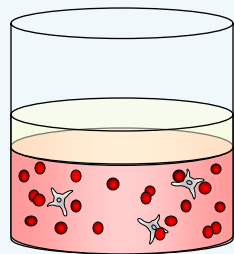
Skolitz, et al. 2021 AACR-NCI-EORTC (virtual)

Atebimetinib (IMM-1-104)

# Atebimetinib Demonstrated Universal-RAS Potential

## 193 Tumor Models

114 = RAS Mutant  
33 = RAF Mutant



Humanized  
3D-TGA

Nair, et al. 2023  
AACR EORTC  
Boston, MA

Tissue	Response #	Non-Response #
Pancreatic †	18	2
Melanoma †	24	0
Lung †	25	11
CRC	25	5
Thyroid	9	2
Cholangiocarcinoma	7	0
AML	9	0
Uveal Melanoma	4	1
Multiple Myeloma	4	4
Soft Tissue	4	2
Breast	2	6
Gastric	4	2
Ovary	2	3
Prostate	1	2
Fibrosarcoma	1	0
Liver	4	2
Neuroblastoma	1	1
Other (BLA, UTE, ESO, HNSQ)	5	1
Total	149 (77.2%)	44 (22.8%)

RAS, RAF mutation	Response #	Non-Response #
NRAS G12	5	0
NRAS G13	1	0
NRAS Q61	23	3
KRAS A146	2	1
KRAS G12	54	10
KRAS G13 ^	4	1
KRAS Q61	5	3
HRAS G12	1	0
HRAS G13 *	1	0
HRAS Q61	2	0
BRAF (Class I or II)	29	5
Total	126 (84.7%)	23 (15.3%)

RAS, RAF mutation	Response #	Non-Response #
Not Present	25	19
Total	25 (56.8%)	19 (43.18%)

^ 1 model also bearing KRAS Q61 /// \* 1 model also bearing NRAS Q61

Response to atebimetinib based on 3D-TGA and other preclinical modeling. Parallel translational efforts are focused on projecting patient-aligned molecular profiles or 'Targetability'.

# Models tested in 3D-TGA were assigned responsive if dose response IC50 < 1uM (sensitive) or IC50 ≥ 1 with >25% reduction at 10uM (intermediate), and non-responsive otherwise (resistant)

† Select 3D-TGA models: (1.) Pancreatic MIA PaCa-2 (sensitive/responsive), (2.) Pancreatic Capan-2 (intermediate/responsive), (3.) Melanoma SK-MEL-2 (sensitive/responsive), (4.) Lung A549 (intermediate/responsive)



# Emergent Atebimetinib Monotherapy and Combinations

## Monotherapy

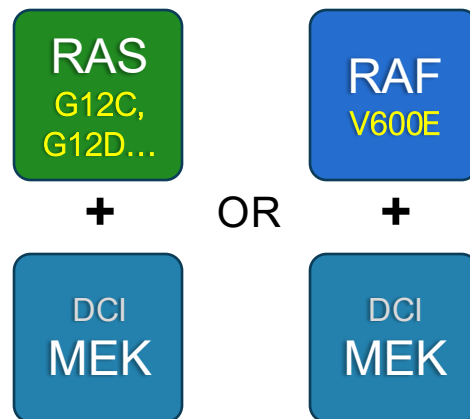
Pulsatile  
MAPK Pathway  
Inhibition



**Ideal:** In patients with  
broad MAPK pathway  
addiction

## Vertical Combinations

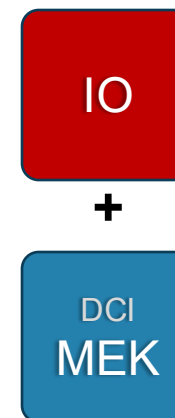
Selective  
Vertical Drug  
Combinations



**Goal:** Greater  
Depth & Durability  
of Response

## Immune Modifying Combinations

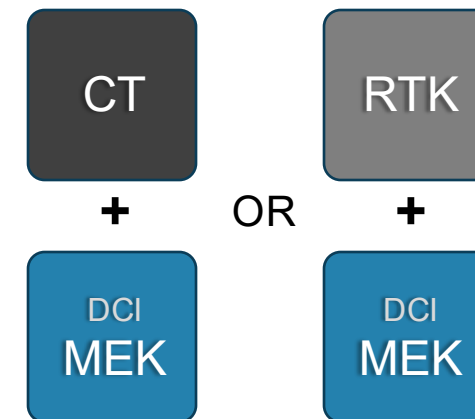
Dual-targeting of  
Tumor & Immune  
System



**Goal:** Break MAPK  
Addiction; Enhance  
Antitumor Immunity

## Orthogonal MoA Combinations

Non-overlapping  
Mechanism of Action  
Combinations

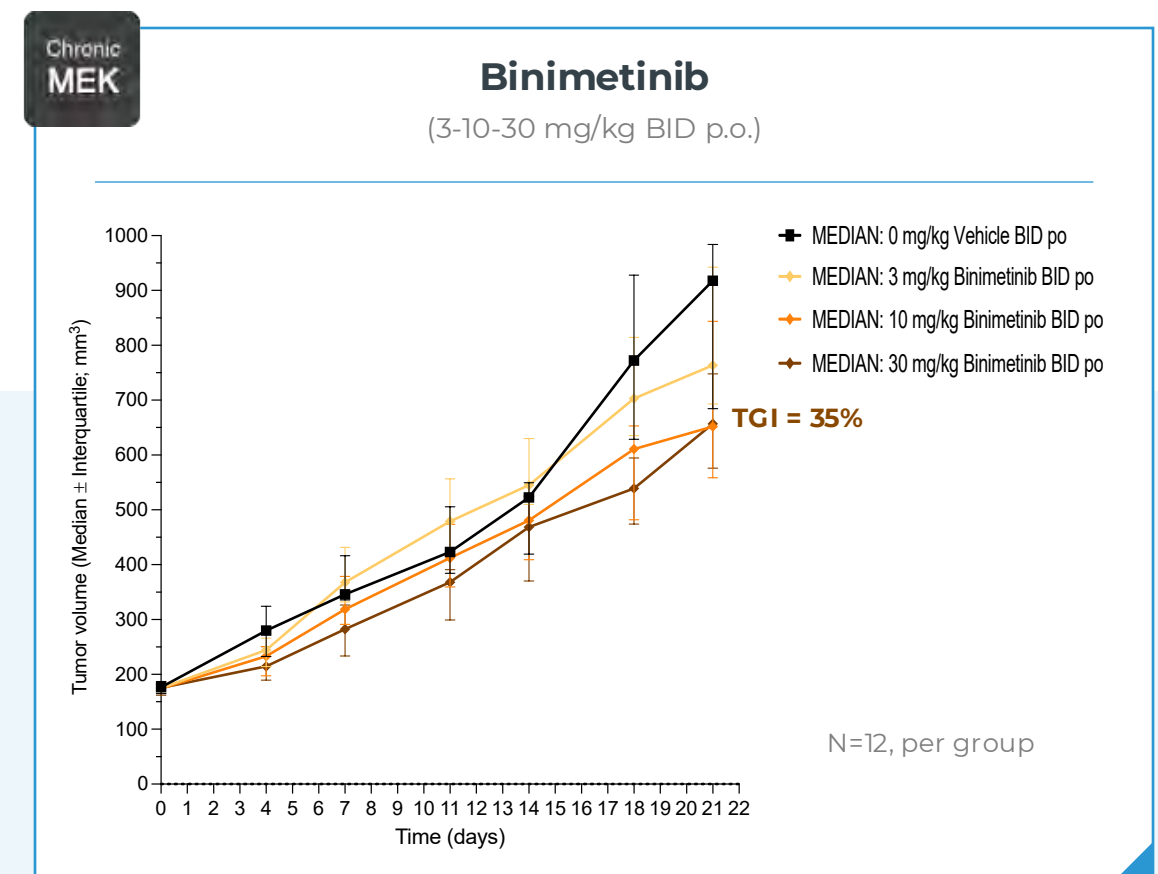
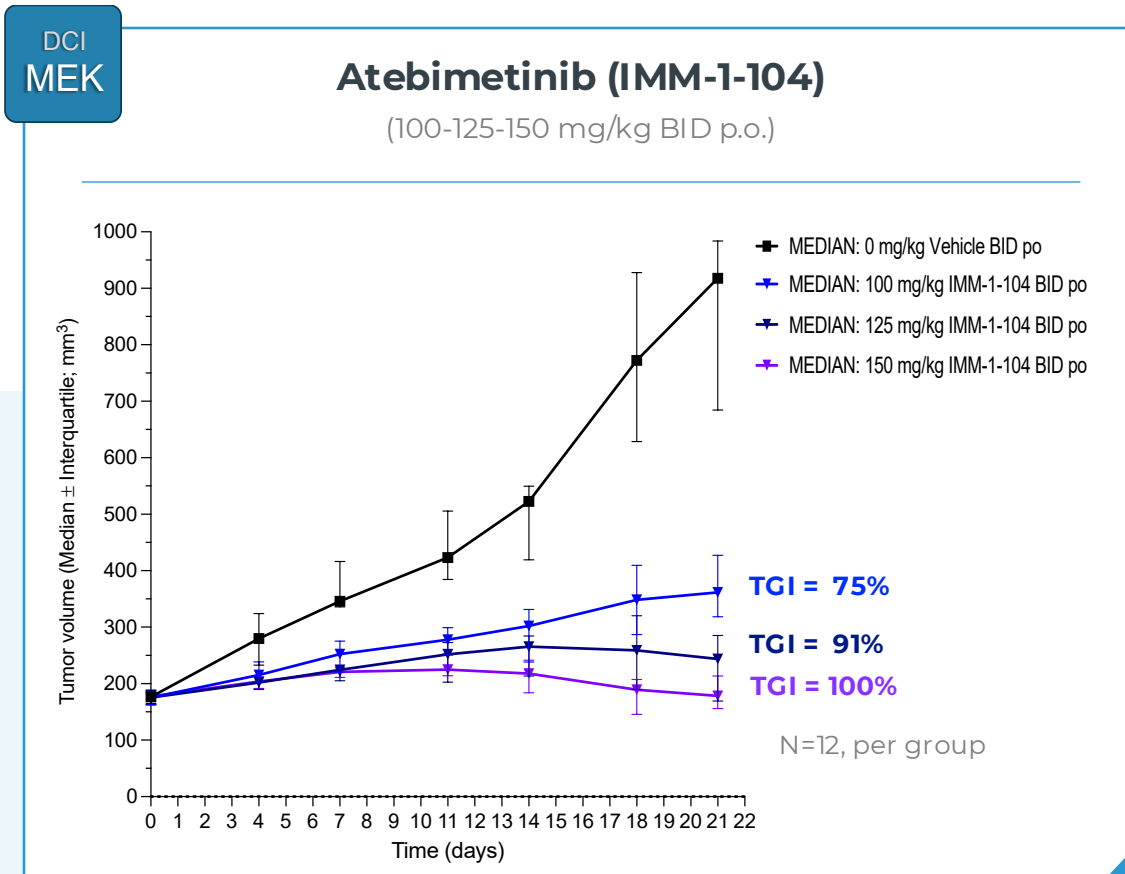


**Goal:** Expand &  
Improve Overall  
Antitumor Response

Activity along with DCI MEKi safety & tolerability expand combination opportunities

# Head-to-Head NRAS-Q61R Melanoma Xenograft Study: Binimetinib vs. atebimetinib in SK-MEL-2

Atebimetinib as compared to binimetinib monotherapy demonstrated greater tumor growth inhibition (TGI)



SK-MEL-2 (NRAS-Q61R) Melanoma Xenograft Tumor Model in Athymic Nude Mice

King, et al. 2022 AACR Special Conference: Targeting RAS (Lake Buena, FL)

Binimetinib was commercially purchased

# Head-to-Head Comparison of Atebimetinib +/- Sotorasib in KRAS<sup>G12C</sup> PANC

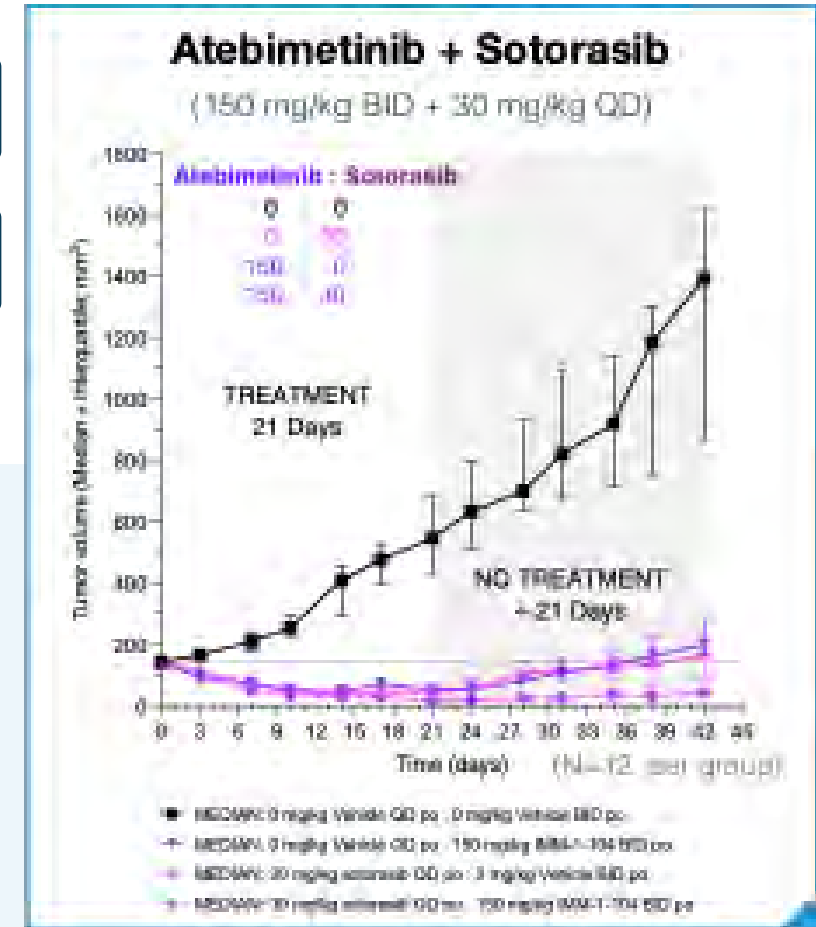
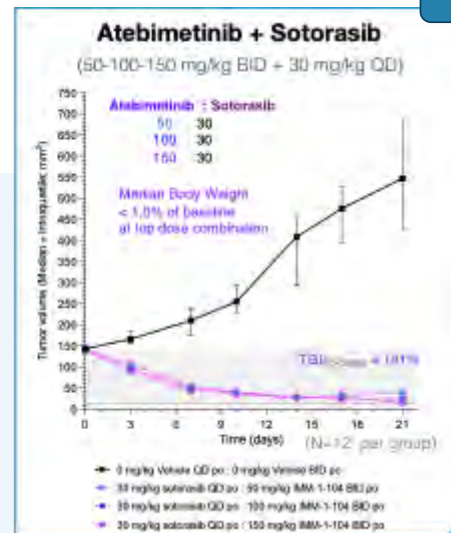
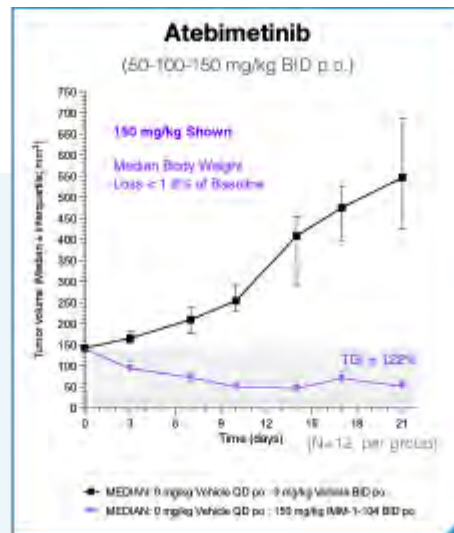
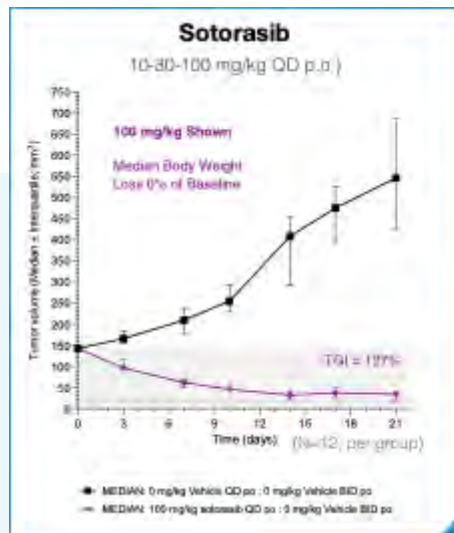
Atebimetinib plus sotorasib demonstrated deeper, more durable tumor regressions with insignificant BWL

KRAS<sup>G12C</sup> PANC

RAS  
G12C

+

DCI  
MEK

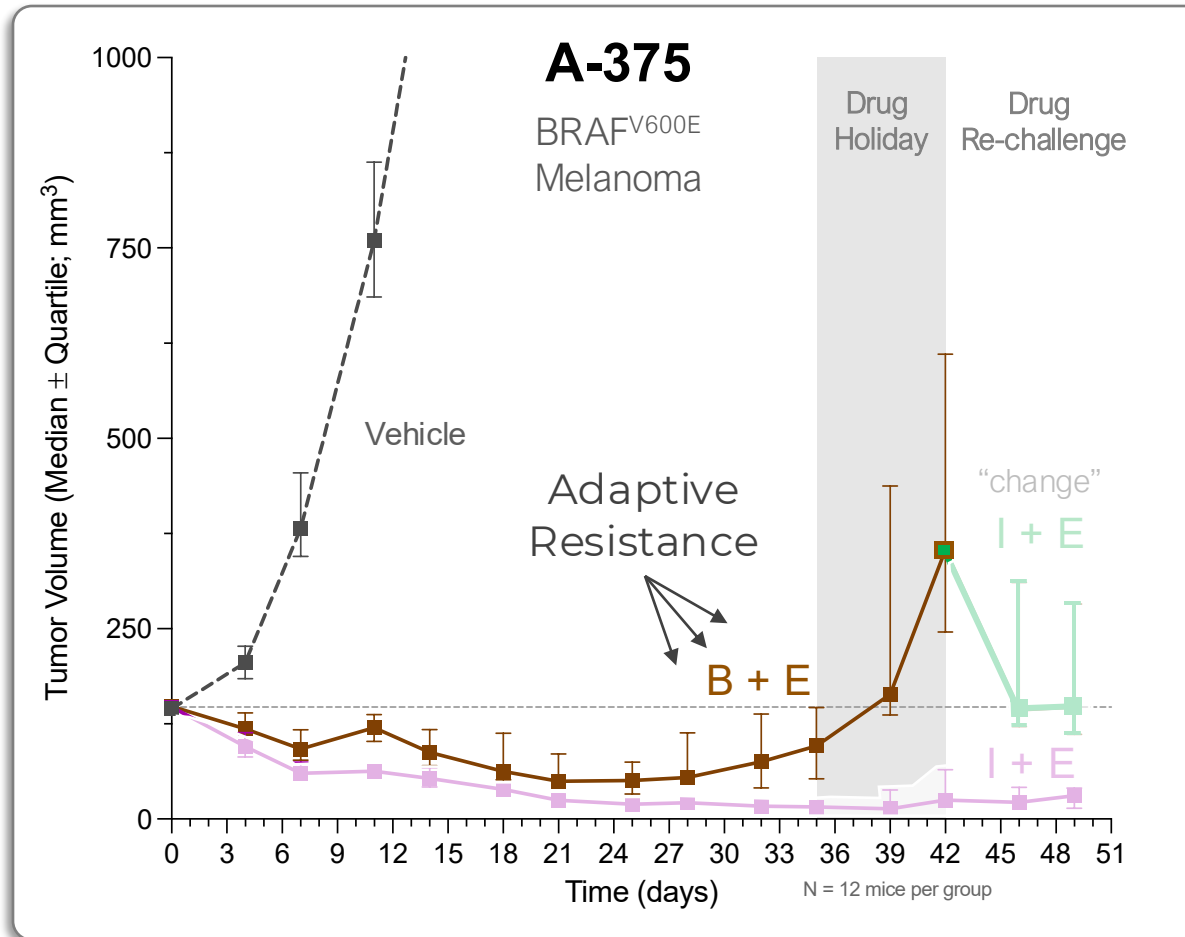


➤ MIA PaCa-2 (KRAS<sup>G12C</sup>) Pancreatic Xenograft Tumor Model in Athymic Nude Mice

➤ Sotorasib was commercially purchased

Tumor Growth Inhibition (TGI) % =  $[1 - (T_i - T_0)/(C_i - C_0)] \times 100\%$ ;  
Expanded TGI formula vs. previous  $1 - [T/C] \times 100\%$  method

# DCI MEKi (I) + BRAFi (E) Drives Deeper More Durable Response than Chronic MEKi (B) + BRAFi (E) in BRAF-Mutant Melanoma Model



**BRAF<sup>V600E</sup> MEL**

RAF  
V600E

+

DCI  
MEK

VS.

RAF  
V600E

+

Chronic  
MEK

- Vehicle
- ◆ (B) 3.5 mg/kg BID PO + (E) 60 mg/kg QD PO
- (I) 180 mg/kg BID PO + (E) 60 mg/kg QD PO
- Replace → I+E after holiday → (I) 180 mg/kg BID PO + (E) 60 mg/kg QD PO

A-375 Melanoma BRAF<sup>V600E</sup> xenograft tumor models in athymic nude mice. Binimetinib (MEK inhibitor) and encorafenib (BRAF inhibitor) were commercially purchased. Tumor Growth Inhibition (TGI) % =  $[1 - (Ti - To) / (Ci - Co)] \times 100\%$ . No median body weight loss was noted.

# Bedside-to-Bench for DCI-MEKi

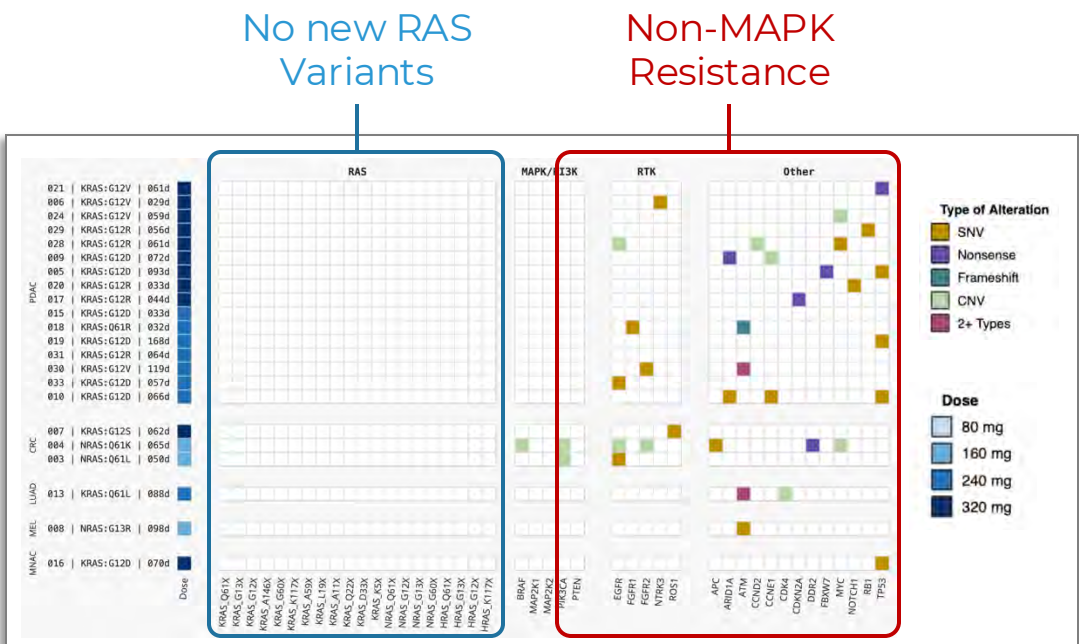
## Rationale Combination Design

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# Deep, Durable Responses: Atebimetinib with Gemcitabine + nab-Paclitaxel

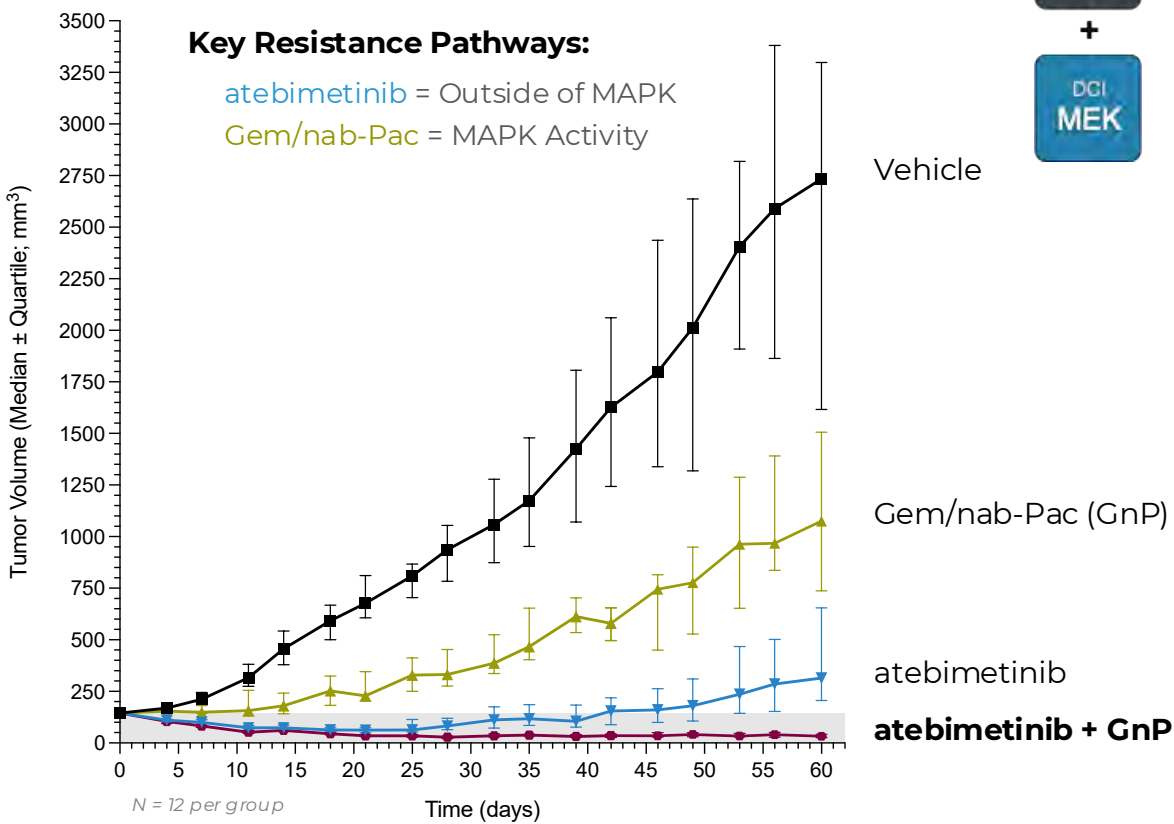
## Translational rationale for combination

### Phase 1: ctDNA Monotherapy atebimetinib



Newly arising variants detected by Guardant Health circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) test on ~day 28 or end of treatment (EoT). Data received by February 20, 2024

### MIA PaCa-2: Human PDAC Xenograft



2024 AACR King, et al.

(104) atebimetinib = 125 mg/kg BID PO  
(G) gemcitabine = 60 mg/kg IP Q4D  
(P) nab-Paclitaxel = 10 mg/kg IV Q4D

# DCI-MEKi Clinical Translation:

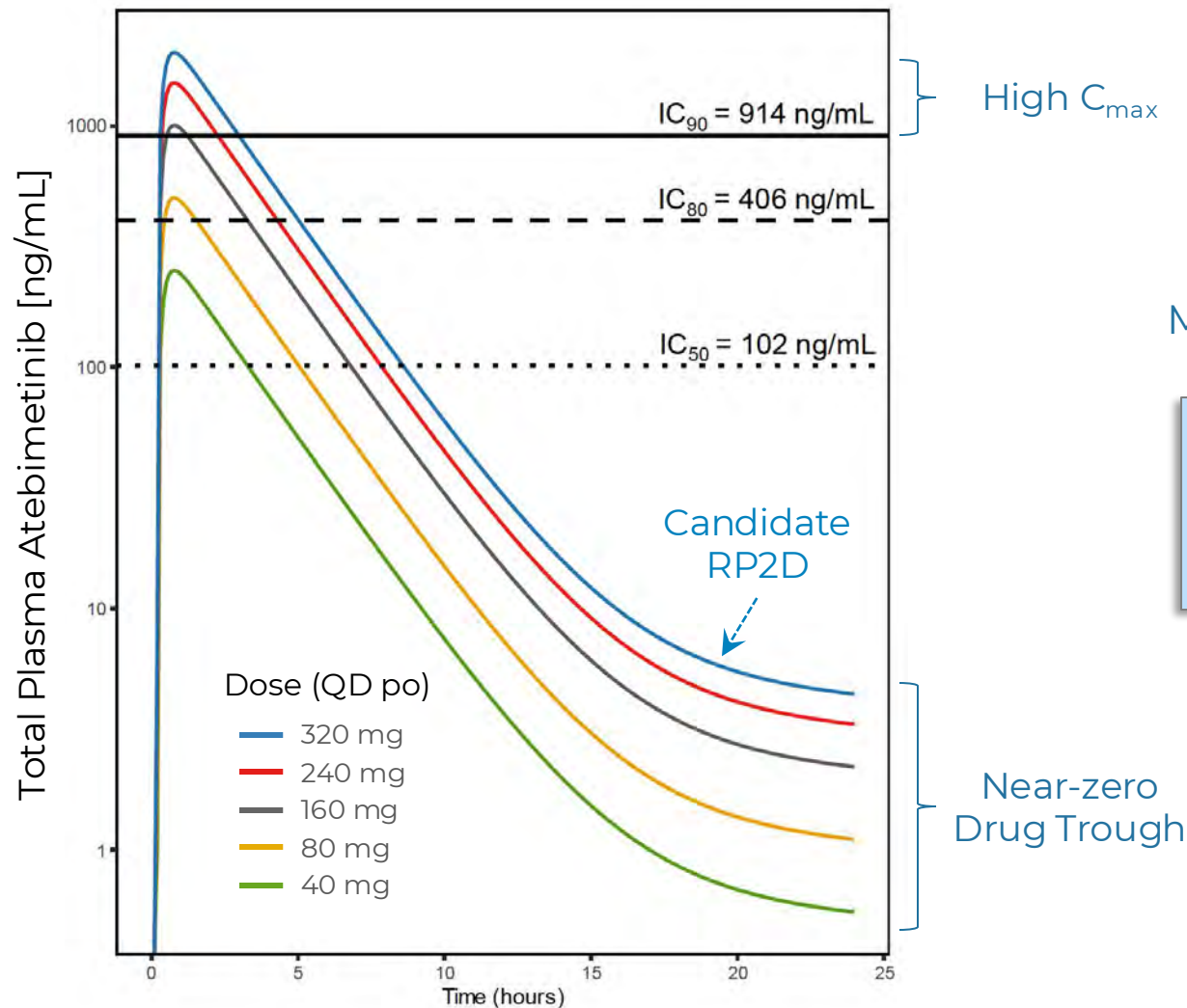
Atebimetinib PK/PD (Phase 1)

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# Atebimetinib Inhibits the MAPK Pathway >90%

Topline PK/PD Data for atebimetinib



Deep Cyclic Inhibition (DCI) Profile  
Maximized at Candidate RP2D of 320 mg

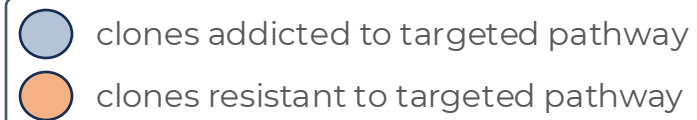
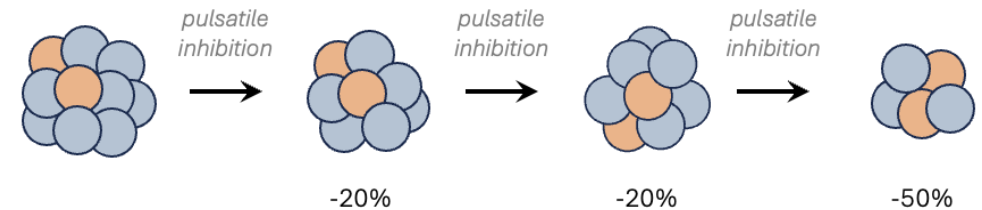
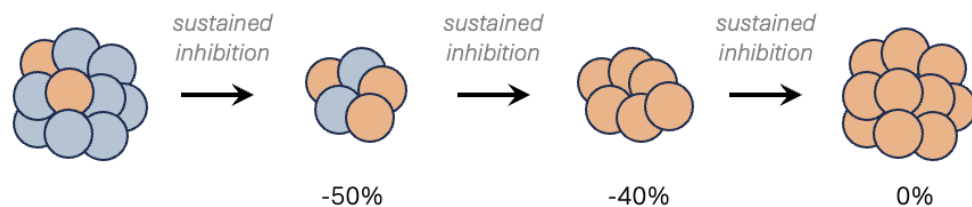
- Longer time above pERK  $IC_{90}$  at 320 mg (2.7 hr) vs. 240 mg (1.9 hr)
- Lower variance in PD (p-ERK) profiles at 320 mg vs. 240 mg

Modeled typical profiles based on 19 patients of atebimetinib plasma concentrations (ng/mL) versus time (h) on a semilogarithmic scale for the different dose groups. Direct measure of time above PD  $IC_{level}$  does not consider  $k_{off}$  PD shadow. Approximately dose linear from 40 to 320 mg PO QD; no drug accumulation. Tight relationship observed between plasma concentrations and phosphorylated ERK (p-ERK) to total ERK (t-ERK) ratios; Longer time above pMEK  $IC_{90}$  at 320 mg (4.0 hr) vs. 240 mg (3.3 hr)

# Atebimetinib: achieving durability by outpacing cancer

Most therapies are designed for **sustained inhibition**, driving cancer to adapt and develop resistance; tumors shrink **quickly but temporarily**

Our therapies are designed for **deep cyclic inhibition**, pulsing faster than cancer can adapt; tumors shrink **slowly but durably**



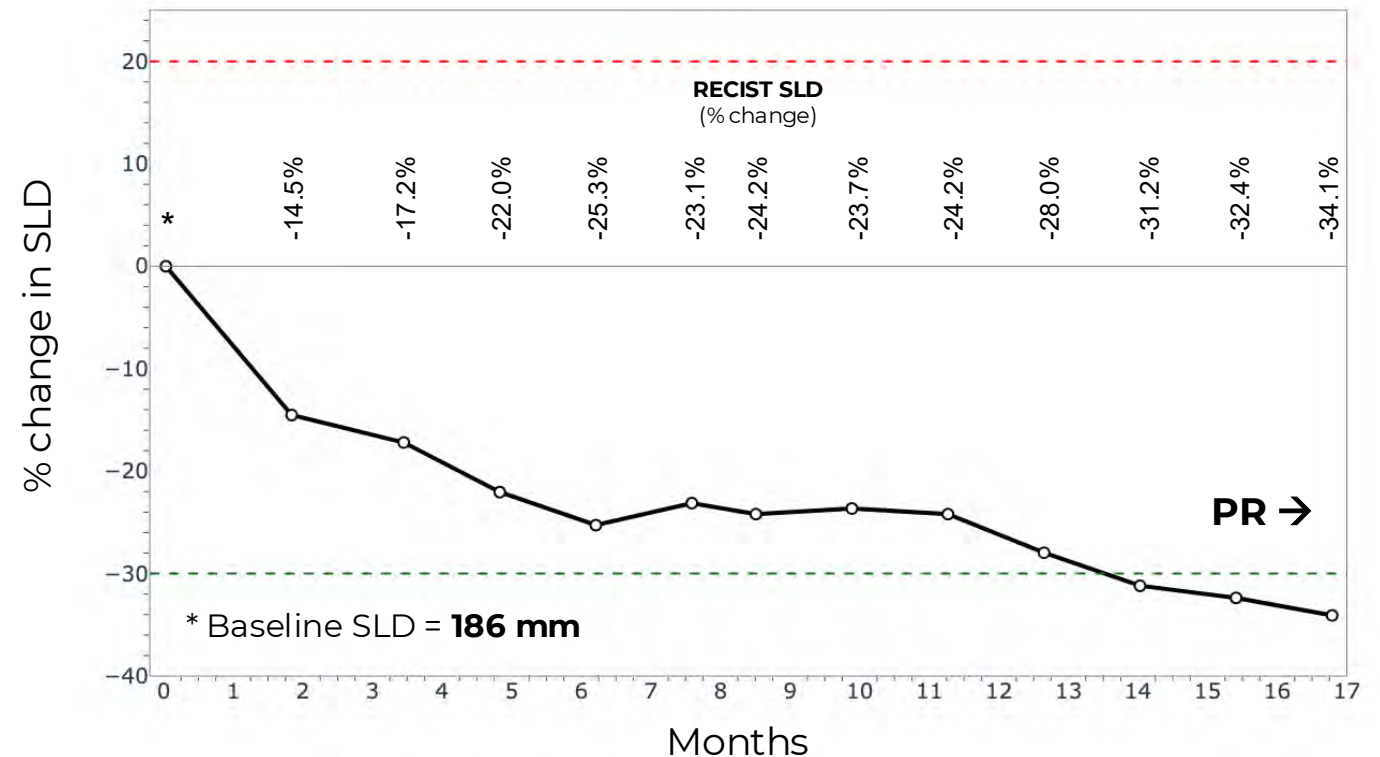
1. Gatenby, et al. 2009 *Can Res – Adaptive Therapy* – 1;69(11):4894
2. Seyed (Maley), et al. 2024 *Can Res – Resistance Management* – 84(22):3715

# Atebimetinib Monotherapy Case Study Shows Durability and Tolerability with Complete Resolution of Bone Lesion

## Case Study (3L Metastatic PDAC)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Line (1L): FOLFIRINOX (**BOR = PD**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Line (2L): Gem/Cis/nab-Pac (**BOR = PD**)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Line (3L): atebimetinib (**BOR = PR**)
  - 70-year-old male; 240 mg QD p.o.
  - ≥18 mo. on atebimetinib
    - on treatment as of data cutoff
  - Improved QoL (PRO Instrument)
  - Weight gain (+16%)
  - Reduction in KRAS<sup>G12D</sup> ctDNA
  - 96% reduction in peak CA 19-9 levels
  - Complete resolution of bone lesion

## Atebimetinib Monotherapy (3L PDAC; Phase 1)



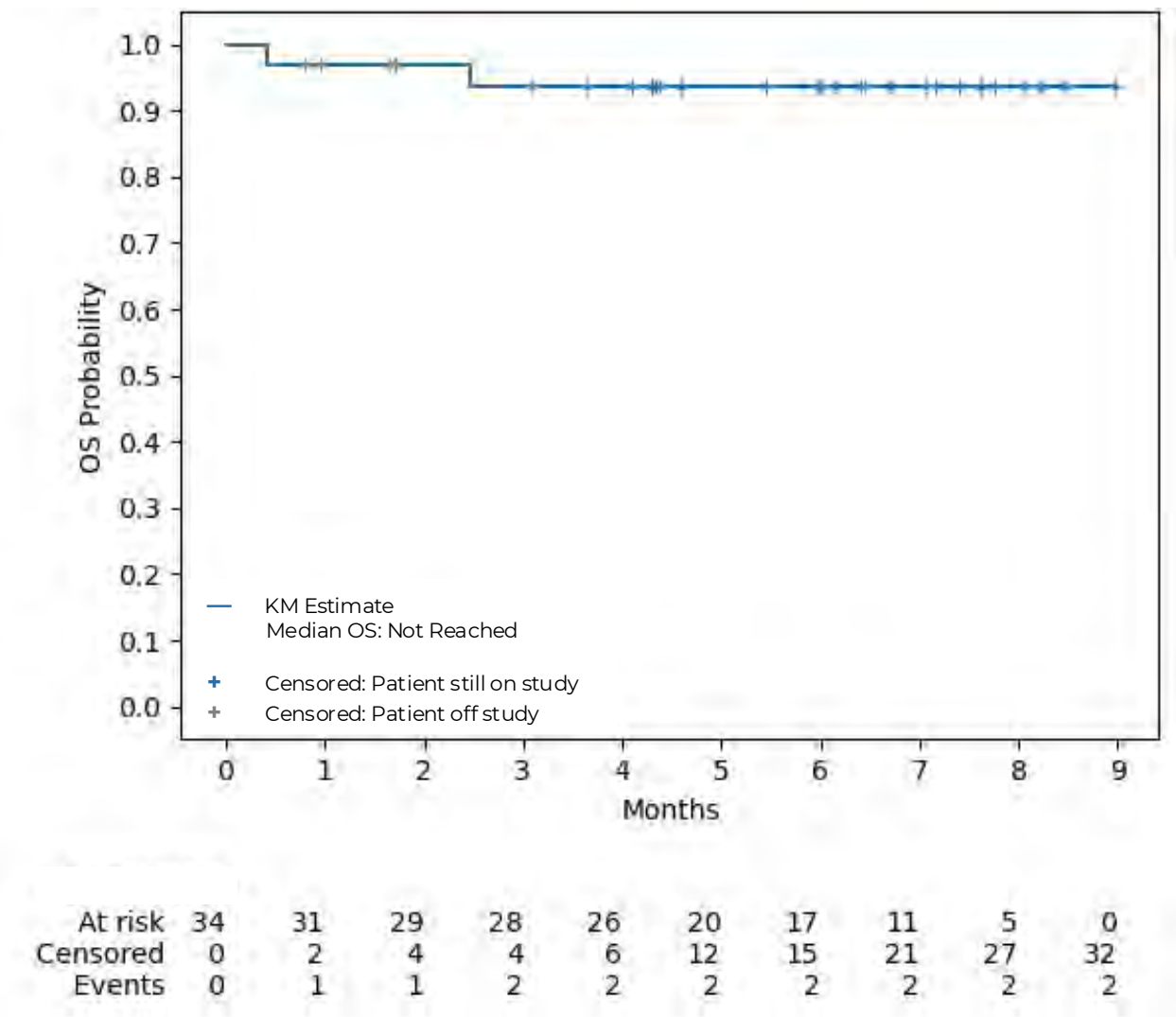
# Clinical Impact of DCI MEKi:

Atebimetinib + chemotherapy (1L PDAC)

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# Exceptional Overall Survival (OS) Observed For Atebimetinib + mGnP in 1L PDAC

Atebimetinib (320 mg QD) + mGnP OS, N=34



## First Line (1L) Pancreatic Cancer

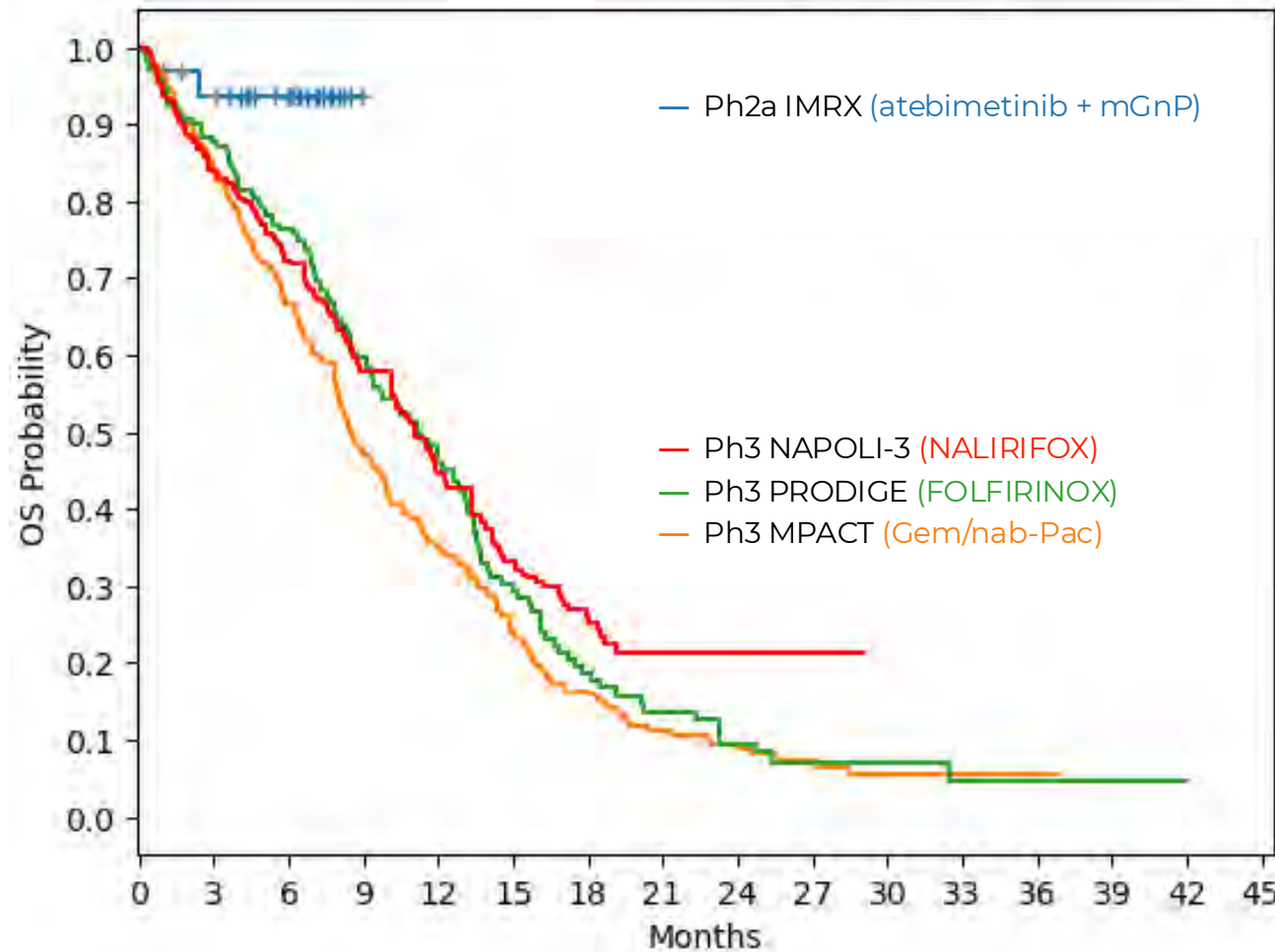
	Atebimetinib + mGnP (320 mg atebi-; N=34)
6-month OS	94% [77, 98]

Median follow-up time: 6.0 months

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# Exceptional OS Observed For Atebimetinib + mGnP in 1L PDAC

Atebimetinib (320 mg QD) + mGnP OS, N=34



## First Line (1L) Pancreatic Cancer

	Atebimetinib + mGnP (320 mg atebi-; N=34)
6-month OS	<b>94%</b> [77, 98]

Median follow-up time: 6.0 months

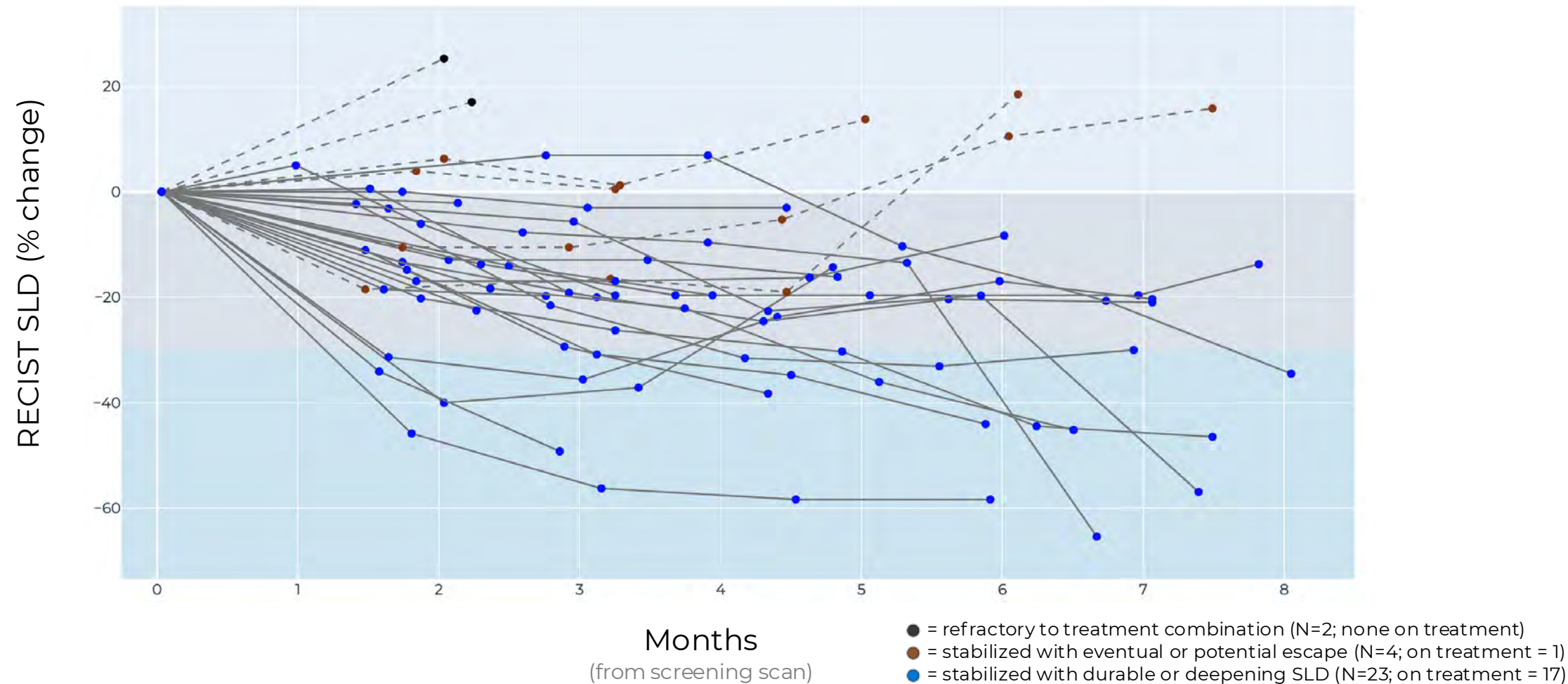
Reconstructed Kaplan-Meier (KM) Plots of Pivotal Ph3 Studies per 2024 JAMA Nichetti, et al. 7(1):e2350756

Pivotal Studies [6 mo OS]: (1.) MPACT 2013 NEJM (PMID: 24131140) N=431 [67%], (2.) PRODIGE 4 / ACCORD 11 2011 NEJM (PMID: 21561347) N=171 [76%], (3.) NAPOLI 3 2023 LANCET (PMID: 37708904) N=383 [72%]



# Deepening Tumor Responses Over Time Aligned With DCI MoA

Atebimetinib (320 mg QD) + mGnP in First Line Pancreatic Cancer



In the above graph, N=29, consisting of response evaluable patients who also had  $\geq 1$  matched RECIST-evaluable post-baseline scan. Color coded categorization based on Company's initial assessment. Data subject to follow-up and database updates. SLD = RECIST sum of longest diameter for target lesions.



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## Advancing DCI: Building a Robust Treatment Platform

- **Mechanistic Boundaries of DCI:**
  - Map adaptive resistance timing
  - Molecular limits for DCI PK/PD for safety & durability
- **DCI Combination Strategies:**
  - Tumor-specific sensitivity signatures
  - Utilization vs. toxicity trade-offs in non-tumor cells
- **Pipeline Expansion:**
  - Optimize DCI MEKi + RASi, RAFi, IO, chemo, RTKi
  - Develop new DCI programs for MAPK and beyond



# Thank you!

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