



# Activity of osimertinib and the selective RET inhibitor BLU-667 in an EGFR-mutant patient with acquired RET rearrangement.

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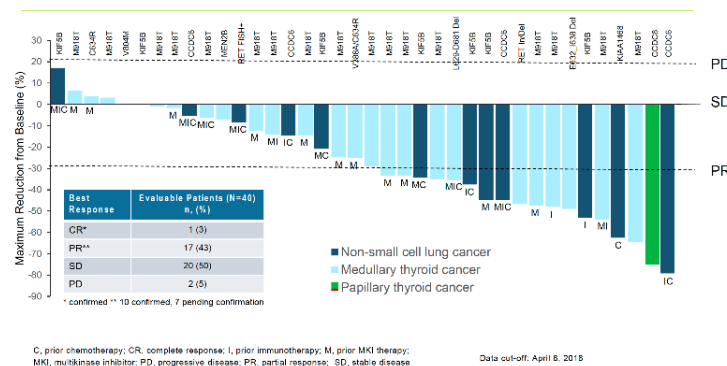




## Background

- Osimertinib (osi) is a selective, CNS-penetrant, 3<sup>rd</sup> gen EGFR TKI approved by FDA and EMA for front-line use<sup>1</sup>.
- Osi resistance mechanisms (MoR) include *EGFR* C797S, MET amp and histologic transformations, but many patients do not have an identified MoR<sup>2</sup>.
- Fusions in *RET* and other oncogenes have been described in resistant EGFR-mutant NSCLC<sup>3,4</sup>, but the functional role of *RET* fusions in this context is unknown.
- BLU-667 is an highly potent and selective investigational RET inhibitor with clinical activity in NSCLCs and other cancers harboring RET alterations<sup>5, 6</sup>.

BLU-667 has broad anti-tumor activity against RET-altered cancers



Note: Data previously presented in April 2018 at AACR Annual Meeting (Subbiah, V et al, AACR 2018)

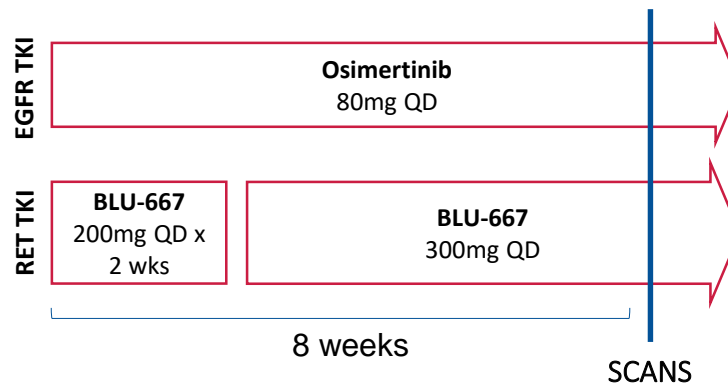




## Methods

- Molecular Analysis of Osimertinib-Resistant Biopsies (41 patients)
  - Tissue: FoundationOne and MGH Snapshot/Rearrangement panel<sup>1</sup>, MET/EGFR FISH
  - Plasma: Guardant360 NGS ctDNA
- *In Vitro* Models focused on acquired *RET* fusions
  - We expressed *CCDC6-RET* in PC9 (*EGFR* del19) and MGH134 (*EGFR* L858R/T790M) cells by lentiviral infection.
  - Cell lines were treated with EGFR and RET TKIs
- Single-Patient IND Protocol with Osimertinib and BLU-667
  - Based on the pre-clinical efficacy of osimertinib + BLU-667, we wrote a single-patient IND protocol and treated a patient with osimertinib + BLU-667
  - Protocol was reviewed and approved by FDA and local IRB. The patient provided written consent prior to starting treatment

### Osimertinib + BLU-667 PROTOCOL



1. Zheng Z, et al, *Nat Med*. 2014;20(12):1479-1484.

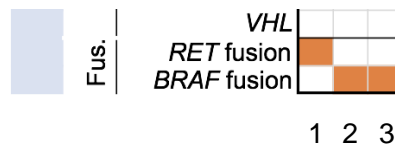


### Overall Osi-Resistant Cohort (n=41)



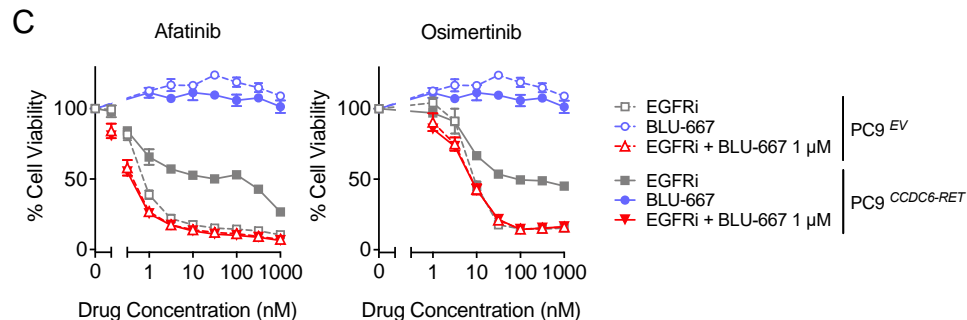
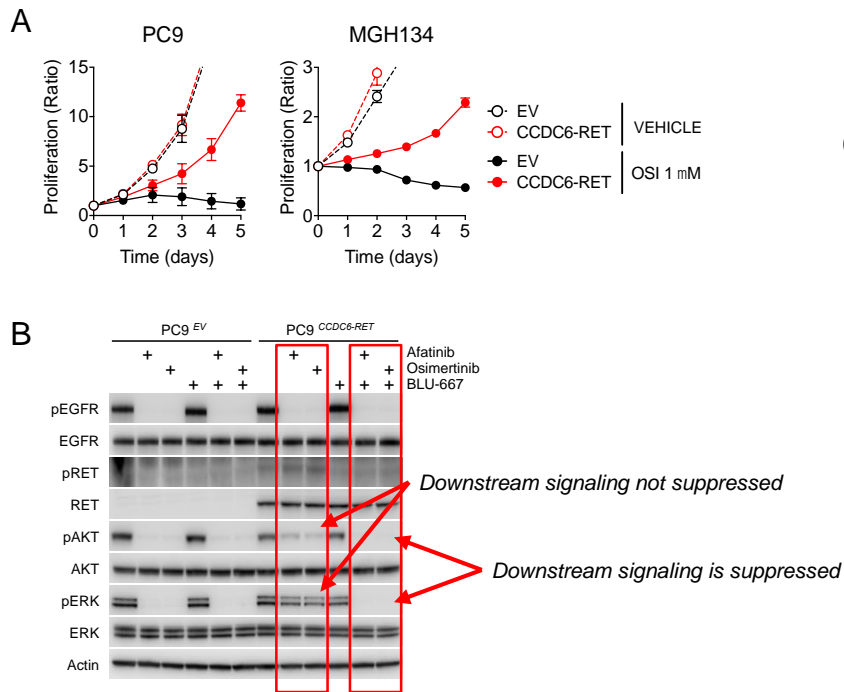
We identified 4 osimertinib-resistant patients with fusions detected in plasma and/or tissue:

- Co-occurrent *CCDC-RET* and *TPM3-NTRK1* fusions in ctDNA (pt 33)
- *CCDC-RET* fusion (tissue) (pt 1)
- *PCBP2-BRAF* fusion (tissue) (pt 2)
- *AGK-BRAF* fusion (tissue) (pt 3)





### CCDC6-RET expression in EGFRm NSCLC cell lines (PC9, MGH134)

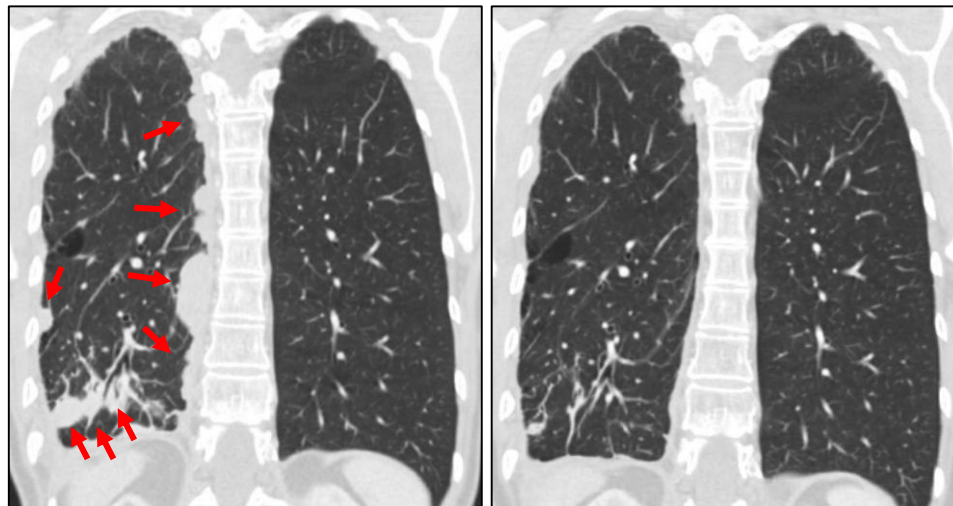




## Response to Osimertinib (osi) + BLU-667 in the Clinic

- 60yo F with EGFR del19 NSCLC received afatinib x 1 year, then osi for T790M x 18 mos.
- Post-osi biopsy (MGH NGS/Rearrangement Panel)- *CCDC6-RET* fusion, T790M “lost”
- Treated with Osimertinib + BLU-667 on single-patient IND protocol.
  - Osimertinib 80mg QD
  - BLU-667 200mg QD x 2 weeks, then 300 mg QD
- To date, the safety profile of Osi/BLU-667 includes only grade 1 AE’s, including:
  - Fatigue, leukopenia, high BP, dry mouth, AST/ALT elevation
- Treatment with Osi/BLU-667 is ongoing.

### RECIST 1.1 Partial Response (-78%)\*



Baseline

8 weeks

\*PR Pending confirmation

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## Conclusions

- *RET* and other oncogene fusions are a recurrent finding in *EGFRm* NSCLC with acquired resistance to osimertinib and other EGFR TKIs.
- Our *In vitro* models suggest that *CCDC6-RET* mediates EGFR resistance and can be inhibited by combined EGFR + RET inhibition.
- We present the first example of a clinical response to combined EGFR + RET inhibition in a patient with *EGFRm* NSCLC and acquired *CCDC-RET* fusion after osimertinib.
- Combining potent and highly-selective inhibitors of RET and EGFR like osimertinib and BLU-667 appears to be well tolerated.
- Further study of osimertinib plus BLU-667 will be needed to define clinical activity and confirm safety in a larger cohort of patients.







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