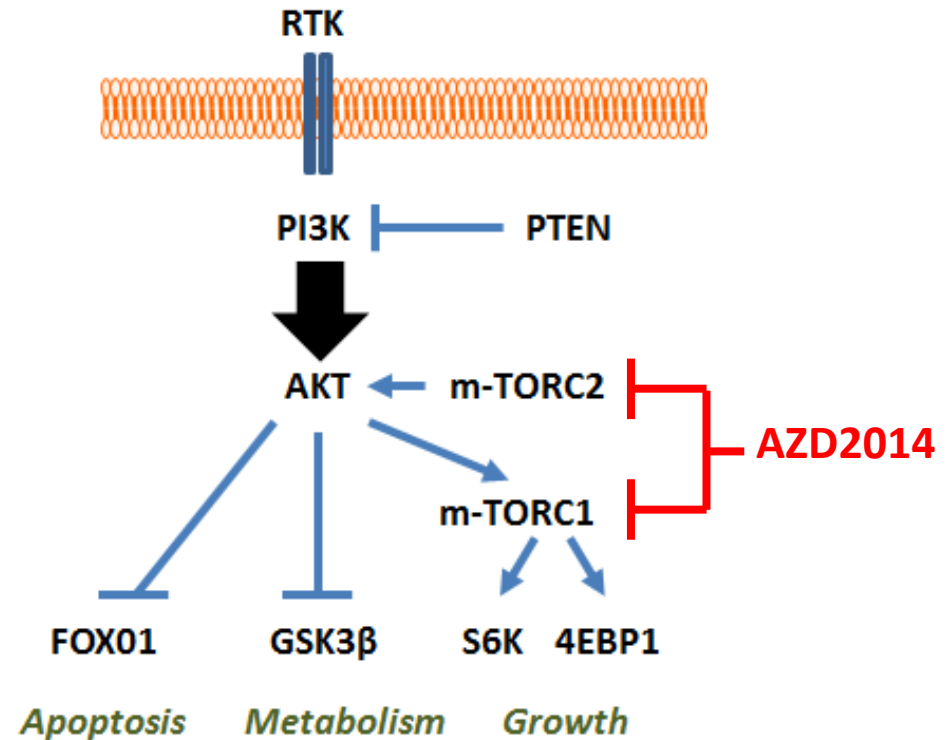
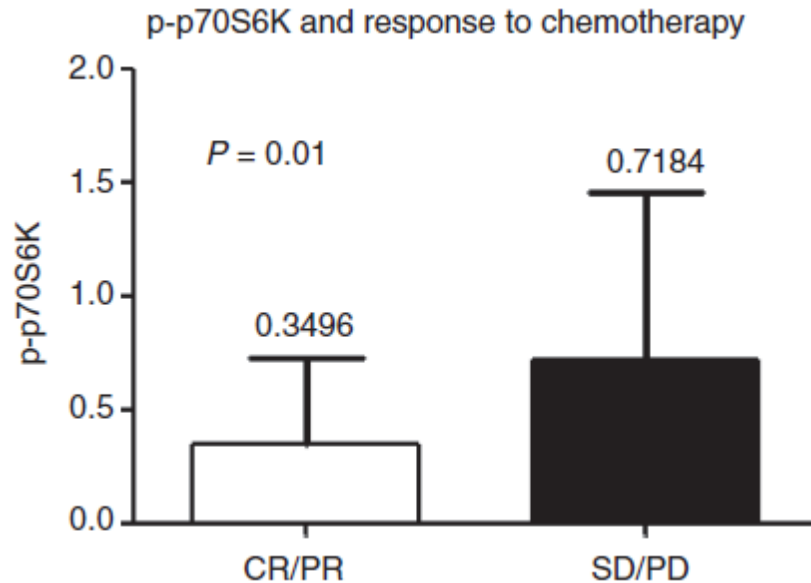


# TAX-TORC: an ECMC story

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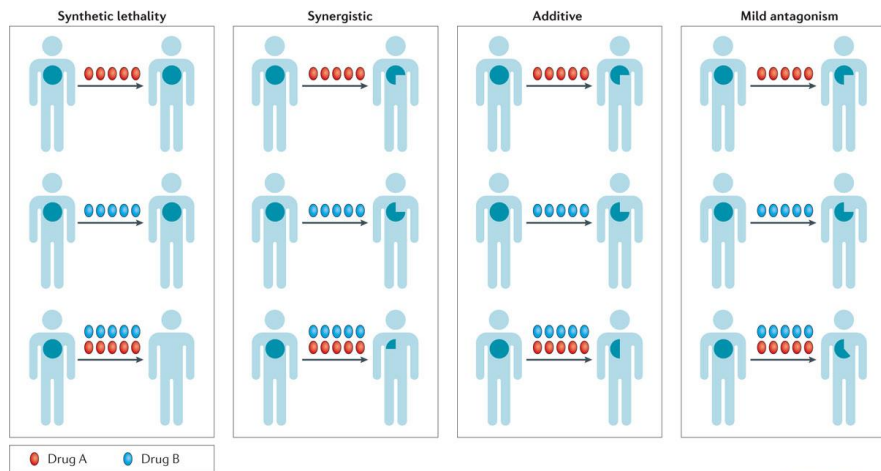
# Background



- Elevated p-S6K in cancer cells derived from ascites in patients with ovarian cancer is associated with resistance to future chemotherapy

- AZD2014 is a dual m-TORC1/2 inhibitor and targets signalling upstream of S6K

# Combination therapy



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- Multiple signalling inhibitors are developed in combination
- Critical to have sound hypothesis
- High rates of toxicity and attention to scheduling, PK and PD critical to trial design

## PERSPECTIVES

OPINION

### Combine and conquer: challenges for targeted therapy combinations in early phase trials

Juanita S. Lopez and Udai Banerji

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BIOLOGY OF NEOPLASIA

has been successfully overcome by a combination therapy approach, either with chemotherapy (for example, by combining rituximab with chemotherapy as therapy for diffuse large-B-cell lymphoma)<sup>9,10</sup>, or with other targeted treatments (such as everolimus and letrozole in the treatment of hormone-receptor-positive breast cancer)<sup>11</sup>. In addition, a large number of mechanisms of acquired resistance have been discovered in tumour-cell clones that have evolved and

### Development of Therapeutic Combinations Targeting Major Cancer Signaling Pathways

Timothy A. Yap, Aurelius Omlin, and Johann S. de Bono

nature  
biotechnology

### Combinatorial drug therapy for cancer in the post-genomic era

Bissan Al-Lazikani<sup>1</sup>, Udai Banerji<sup>1-3</sup> & Paul Workman<sup>1</sup>

Lopez J, Banerji U *Nature Rev Clin Oncol* 2017, 14:57-66

Yap T, de Bono J *JCO* 2013, 31:1592-605

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# Study Design

## MTDs of 2 selected schedules

3/7 AZD2014 schedule

Paclitaxel 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week  
+Vistusertib 50 mg BD 3/7  
6 weeks out of 7

2/7 AZD2014 schedule

Paclitaxel 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week  
+  
Vistusertib 75 mg BD 2/7  
6 weeks out of 7

**Recommended  
phase 2 dose**

3/7 or 2/7 AZD2014 schedule

Paclitaxel 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week  
+  
Vistusertib  
6 weeks out of 7

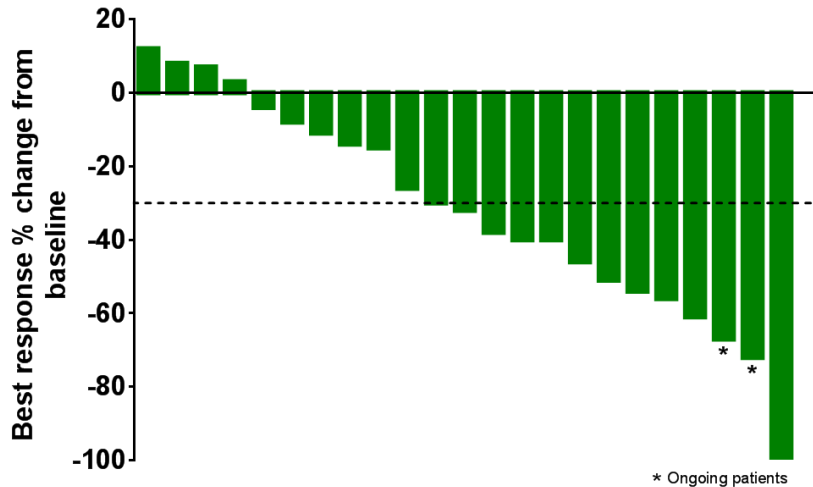
## Expansion cohorts

High grade  
serous ovarian  
cancer  
n= 25

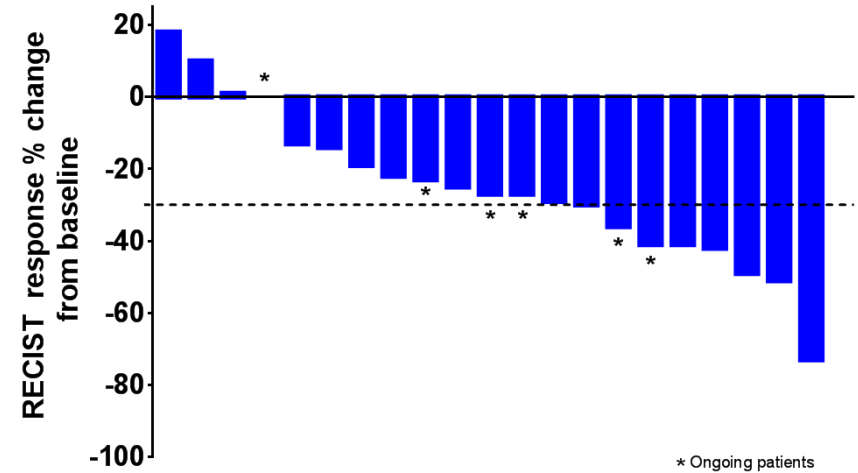
Squamous  
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n= 40

# Results – expansions

## Ovarian cancer expansion



## Squamous NSCLC expansion

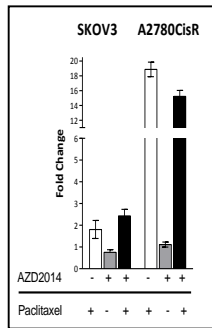
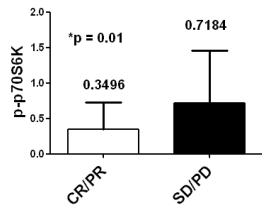


- 52% RECIST and 60% GCIG CA125 response rate in high grade serous ovarian cancer
- Results led to randomized phase 2 study OCTOPUS study of paclitaxel vs paclitaxel + vistusertib under the auspices of the NIHR
- 43% RECIST response rate in squamous NSCLC
- Biomarker data to further enrich populations likely to respond in squamous NSCLC ongoing

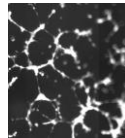
# ECMC network a conduit for rapid translation of scientific ideas

## 2012 pre clinical studies

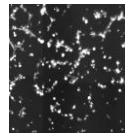
p-p70S6K and response to chemotherapy



Control



Paclitaxel + AZD2014



## 2013-2014 dose escalation

3/7 AZD2014 schedule

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+ Vistusertib 50 mg BD 3/7  
6 weeks out of 7

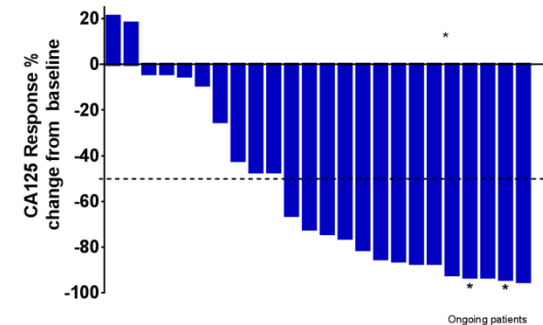
2/7 AZD2014 schedule

Paclitaxel 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week  
+ Vistusertib 75 mg BD 2/7  
6 weeks out of 7

Recommended phase 2 dose

Paclitaxel 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/week  
+ Vistusertib  
6 weeks out of 7

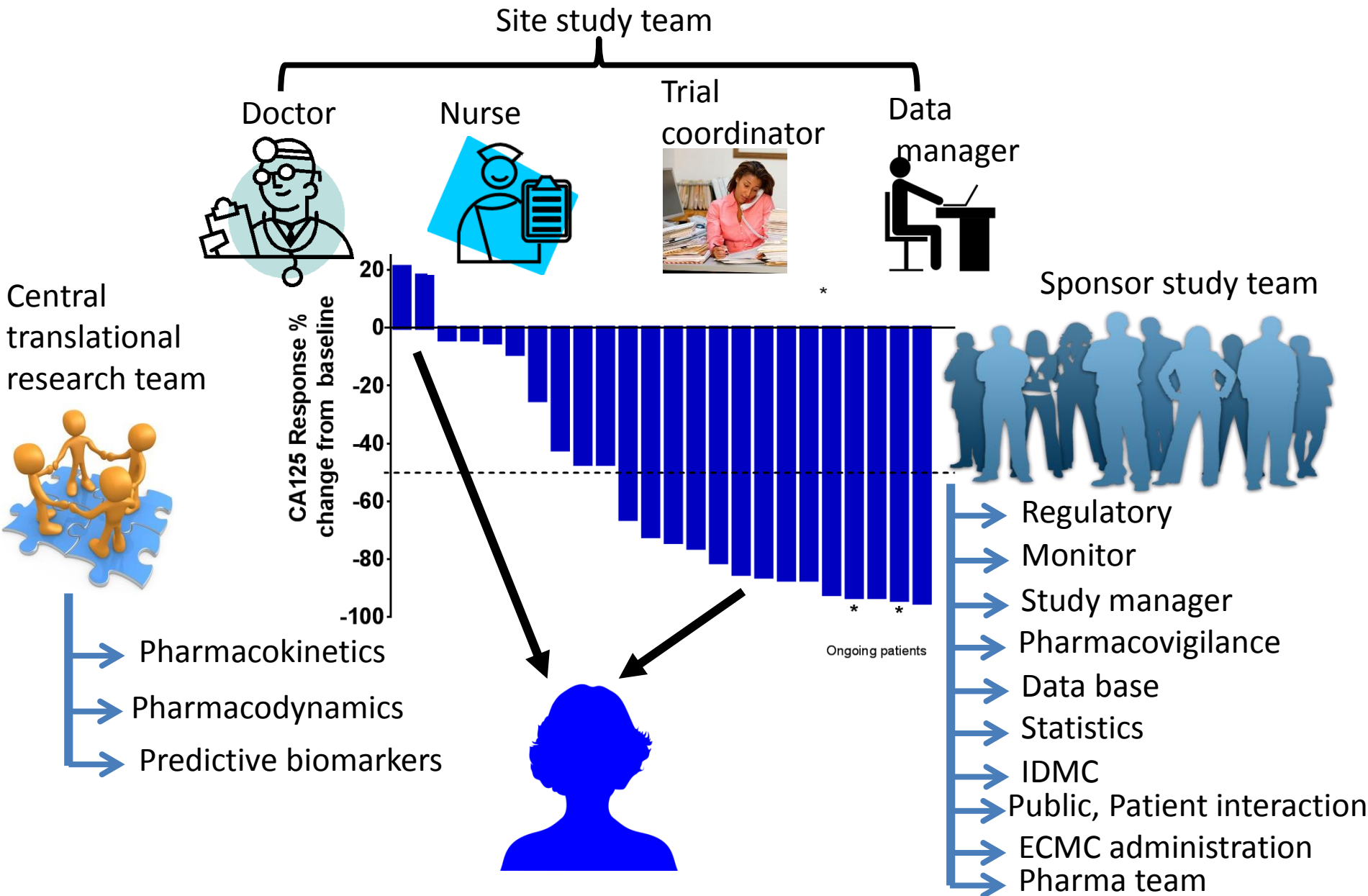
## 2014-2015 dose expansion



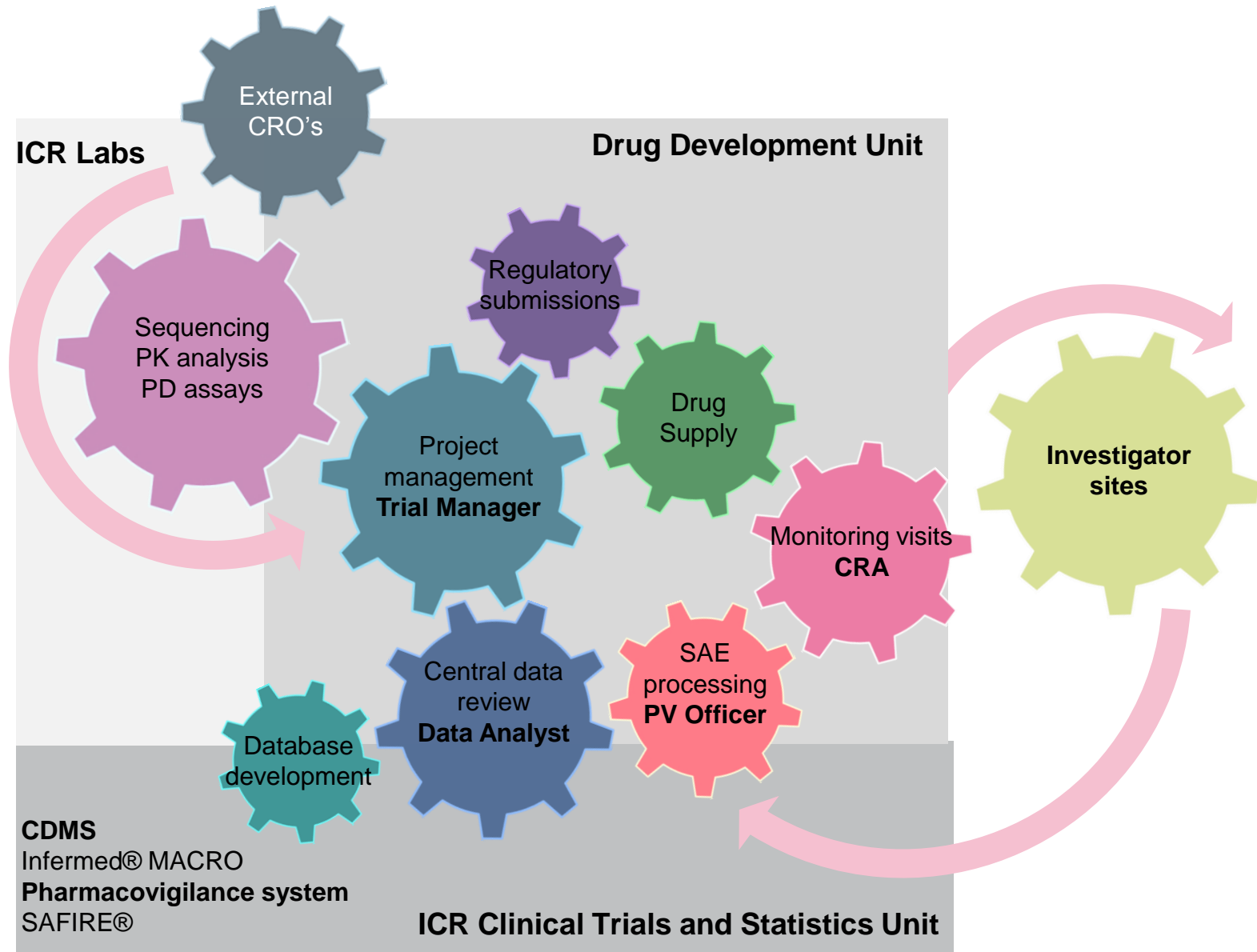
## 2015 Randomized phase 2

NIHR study

# Clinical trials are team work



# IIT team: Sponsor-level management



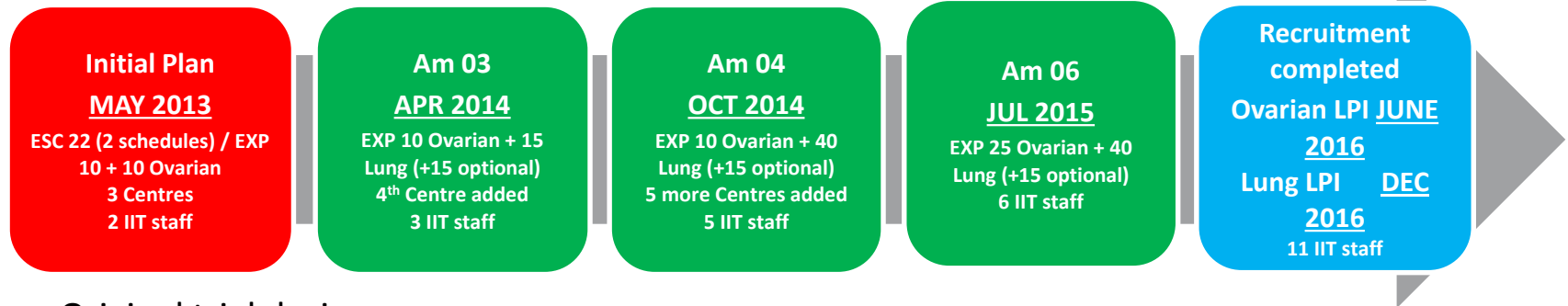


# TAX-TORC major changes

FPI May 2013

LPI exp. May 2015

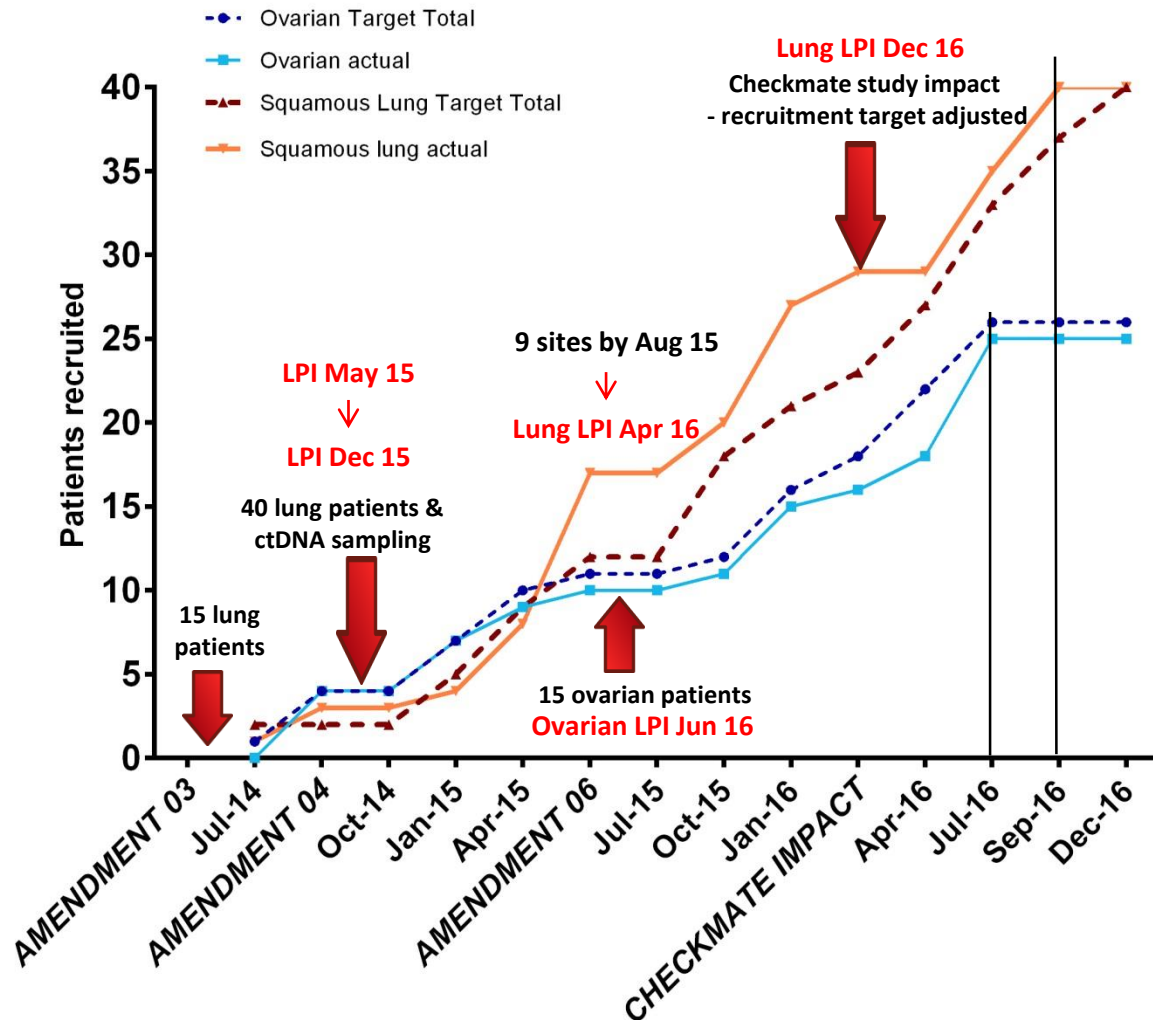
LPI exp. Dec 2016



- Original trial design:
  - sequential dose escalation of 3/7 days and 2/7 days schedules
  - 2 expansion cohorts - 10 patients with ovarian cancer per schedule
  - **Total 42** patients
- Amendments to expand 3/7 schedule (whilst 2/7 schedule ongoing) adding:
  - 15 patients with squamous cell lung cancer (SqCLC) (Am 03 Apr-2014)
  - 40 patients with SqCLC (Am 04 Oct-2014)
  - 15 additional patients with ovarian cancer (Am 06 Jul-2015)
- Final design:
  - 40 patients with SqCLC
  - 25 patients with ovarian cancer
  - **Total 87** patients

# TAX-TORC challenges: recruitment

- 40 SqCLC patients - decreasing population, co-morbidities, high drop out rate
- 3 sites to 9 – set up and SIV's took 6 months: all open by August 2015
- Monitoring resource increased
- Re-forecasted accrual rates at 3 main points in the study
  - Frequent contact CI to PI's
  - TAX-TORC newsletters
- Data cleaning for 87 patients and 9 close out visits
- Final timelines:
  - LPI: 21-Sept-2016
  - Data cut off: 21-Mar-2017
  - Clean data: 21-June-2017
  - Final report: by 21-Sept-2017

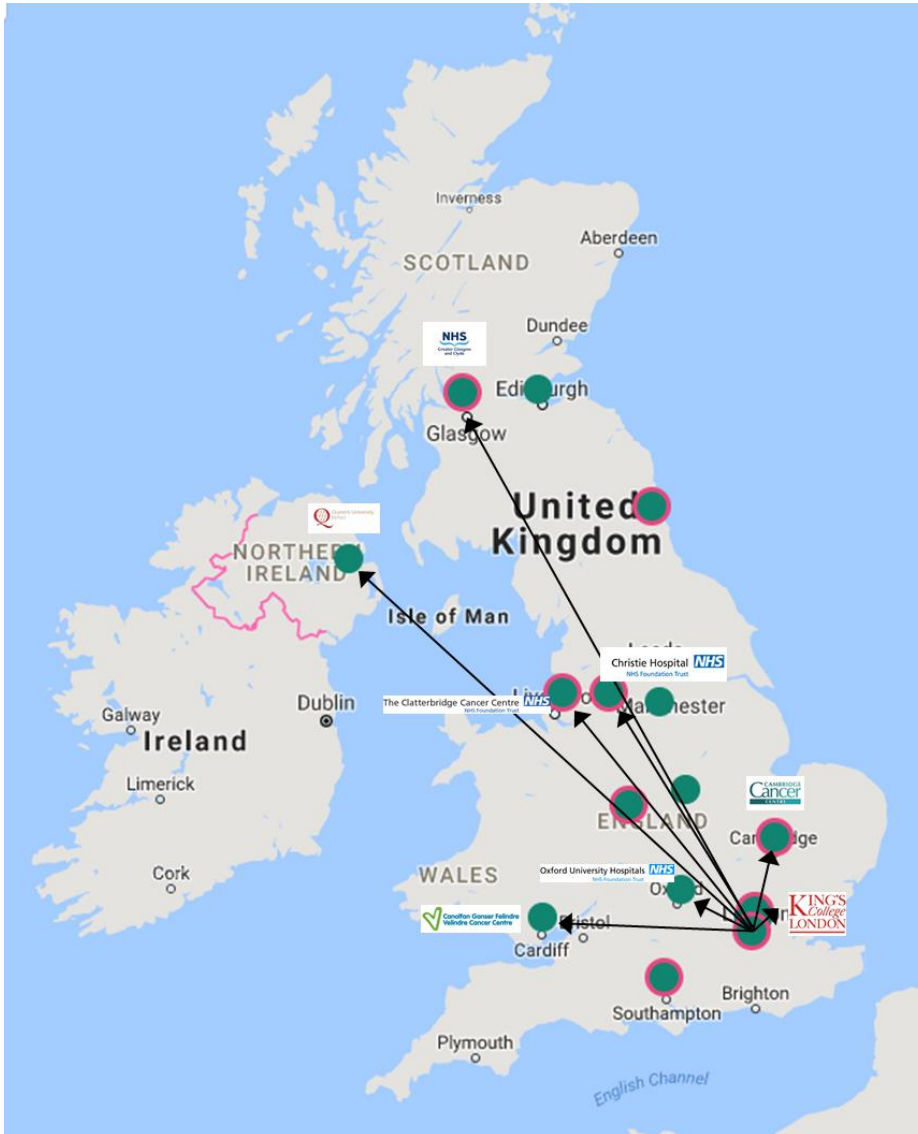


# TAX-TORC challenges: samples

- Archival Tumour → 87 patients
  - DNA extracted → Sequenced ~ 70 genes including PI3K mutations and oncogenes
- Pharmacokinetics
  - » Blood plasma → 704 samples
- Pharmacodynamics
  - Blood → Platelet rich plasma (PRP) → 396 samples
  - Blood Serum → 176 samples
  - Fresh biopsies → 9 samples
- Buccal swabs → 65 patients
  - baseline comparator sequencing
- Serial bloods → 780
  - 6 time points: baseline, C1D1, C1D43, PR, PD, EOS
  - DNA extracted → Sequenced ~ 70 genes including PI3K mutations and oncogenes

All shipped/posted from 8 sites around the UK to the ICR to be logged, stored and analysed. Analysis completed by 1 May-2017.

# TAX-TORC Successes



Recruitment completed early:

**LPI 21-Sept-2016**

Follow-on: national, randomized Phase II trial in progress (Octopus).

Recruitment target exceeded thanks to our ECMC investigators:

- Addenbrooke's (PI: Dr Bristi Basu)
- Belfast (PI: Prof. Richard Wilson)
- Guys Hospital (PI: Dr. James Spicer)
- Cardiff (PI: Dr Rob Jones)
- Manchester (PI: Dr Matt Krebs)
- Clatterbridge (PI: Prof. Mike Brada)
- Oxford (PI: Dr Dennis Talbot)
- Glasgow (PI: Dr Nicola Steele)

# **Patient in high grade serous ovarian cancer expansion cohort**

Platinum and paclitaxel refractory disease

# Oncology History

- Oct 2006 - Initial stage IV HGSOE (malignant pleural effusion)
  - platinum-based therapy with good partial response
- May 2008 – relapse: ascites, diffuse peritoneal disease
  - carboplatin + paclitaxel
  - Oct 2008 - TAH, BSO, omentectomy: **HGSOE ER + residual disease**
    - adjuvant carboplatin + paclitaxel then maintenance letrozole
- Oct 2010 – progressive disease with ascites, hydronephrosis and peritoneal disease
  - Oct 2010 – Apr 2011 carboplatin + caelyx
- Nov 2011 – progression of ascites and intra-abdominal disease
  - Nov 2011 – Mar 2012 carboplatin + paclitaxel followed by maintenance exemestane
- Feb 2013 – Disease progression
  - Feb 2013 – Apr 2013 – **3 cycles of weekly paclitaxel**
- Apr 2013 – Increase in intra-abdominal disease, ascites and CA125
  - May 2013 – Oct 2013 Carboplatin + caelyx
- July 2014 Progressive disease
  - July 2014 – Sep 2014 Gemcitabine + carboplatin x 3 cycles
- Oct 2014 – Progressing disease
  - Oct-2014 – Dec 2014 **Carboplatin + caelyx**
- Jan 2015 Progressive peritoneal disease, large volume ascites, hydronephrosis
  - **Feb 2015 – Dec 2016 - TAX-TORC trial: weekly paclitaxel 80mg/m<sup>2</sup> + AZD2014 50 mg bd 3/7 x 6 cycles**
  - **Best response stable disease by RECIST 1.1, GCIG CA125 response**
- May 2016 – progression of ascites

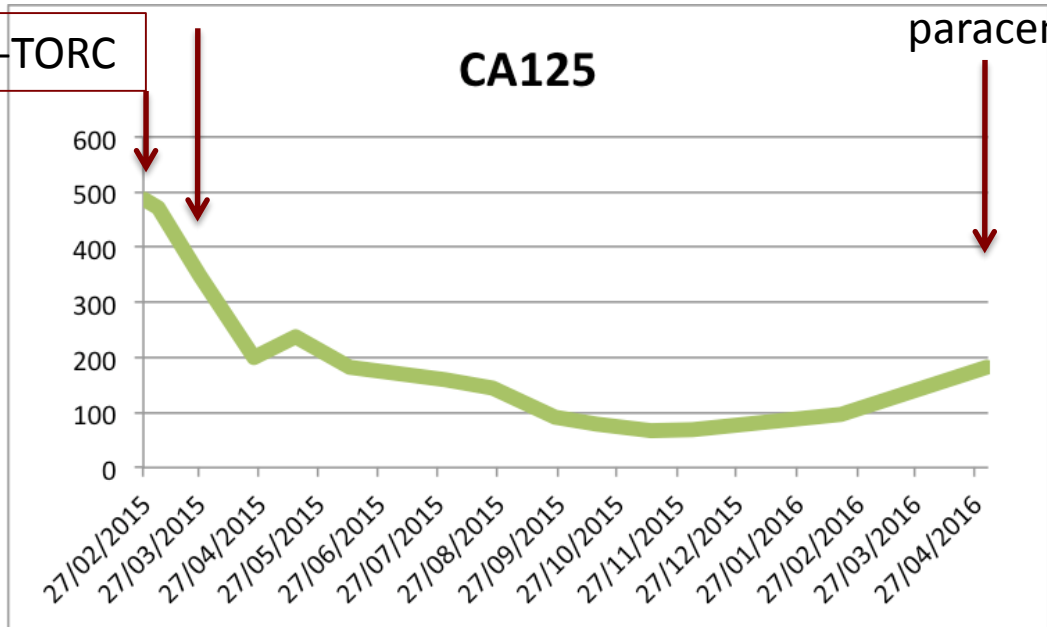
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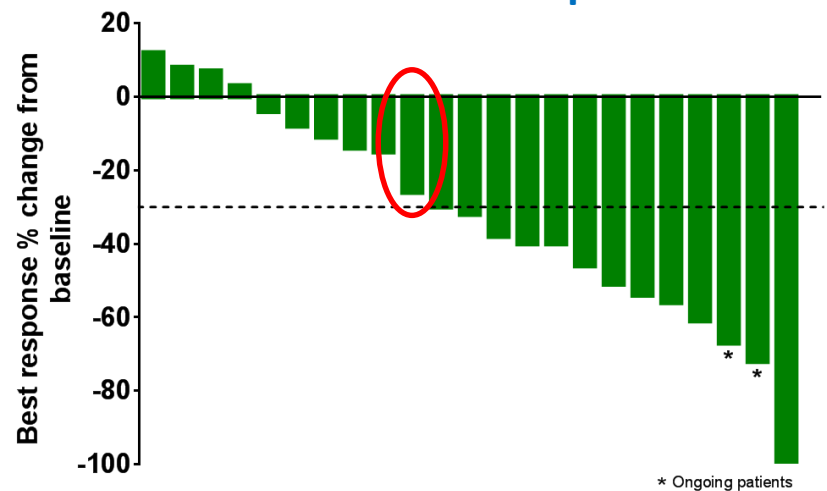
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CA125



Best radiological  
response 24%  
Stable Disease

Ovarian cancer expansion



\* Ongoing patients

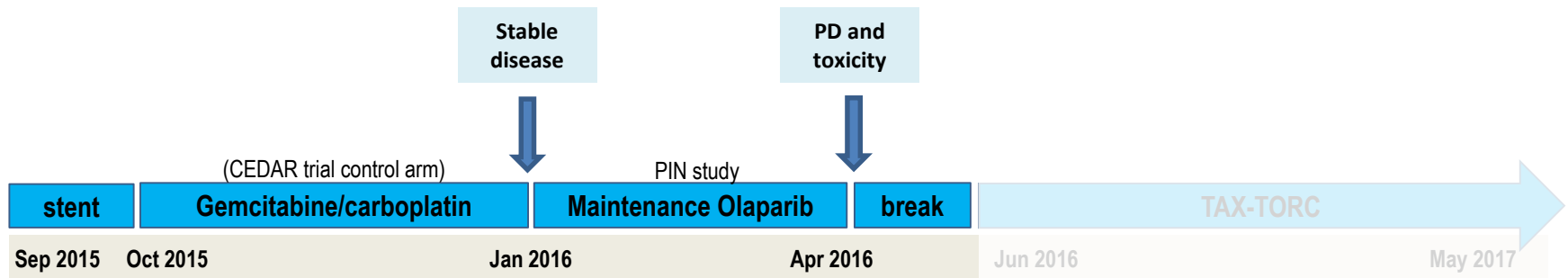
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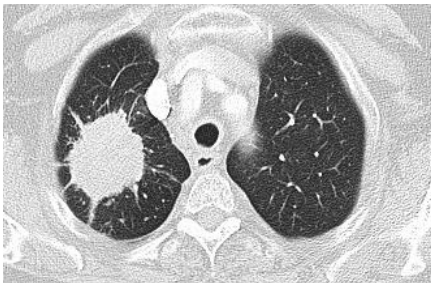


# Case study – Squamous Cell Lung Cancer

- 71 year old female
- Hospital Chaplain (local hospital)
- Ex smoker – 53 pack-years
- Diagnosed Sep 2015: Stage IV Squamous cell carcinoma of right lung – T2BN3M1a (small pericardial effusion). Extensive mediastinal LN, displacement trachea and partial obstruction right main bronchus at presentation



**Presentation**



**Post 1<sup>st</sup> line maintenance**

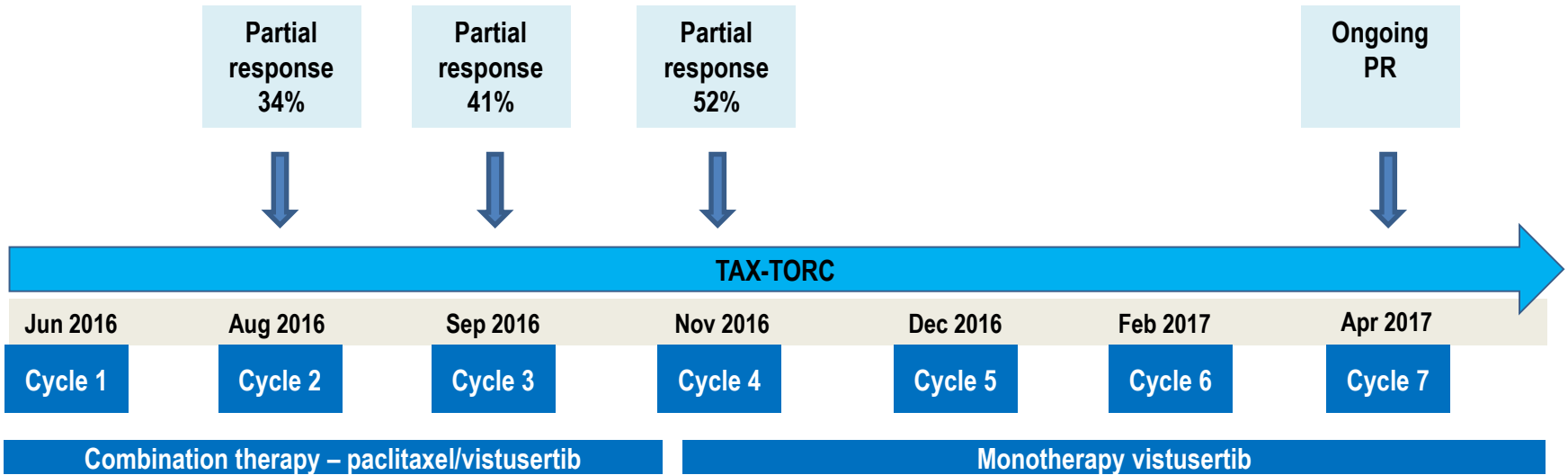




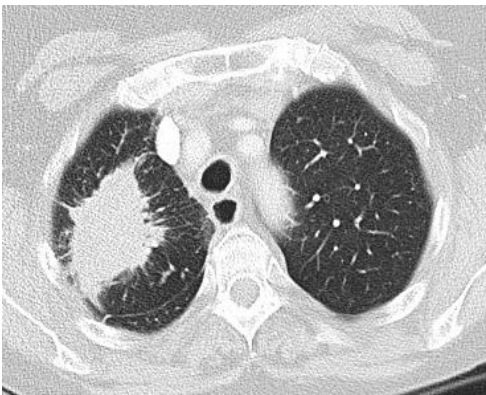
# TAX-TORC TRIAL



The Christie  
TOWARDS A FUTURE WITHOUT CANCER



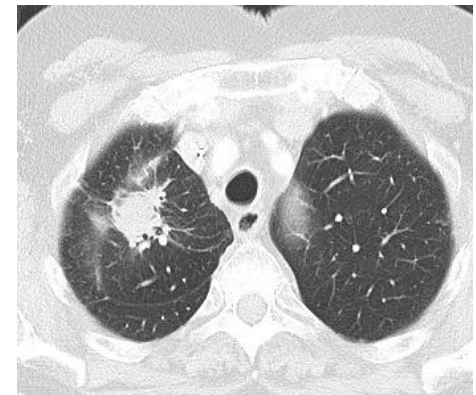
Baseline



Post cycle 1



Post cycle 4



# TOXICITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE



The Christie  
TOWARDS A FUTURE WITHOUT CANCER

- Remained largely asymptomatic
- Continued to work part-time throughout and attend weekly hospital visits
- Excellent QOL
- Almost 1 year on treatment
- Series of G1/2 toxicities during C1 and C2 – diarrhoea, nausea, anorexia, fatigue, anaemia
- G2 neutropenia and anaemia during cycle 3 with 1-2 doses deferred
- Tolerated step-down monotherapy well

**Promising combination therapy for SqCC lung cancer with manageable toxicity profile**

# The ICR/RM ECMC

- This ECMC Combinations Alliance trial is one of several investigator-initiated trials sponsored by our Phase I group at The Institute of Cancer Research.
- The ECMC has been key to our serving men and women suffering from cancer to try and impart benefit from early phase clinical trials.
- We are running our investigator-initiated trials across the whole ECMC network collaborating with almost all the ECMC sites.



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