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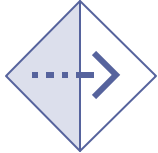
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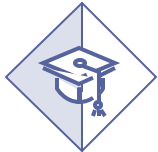
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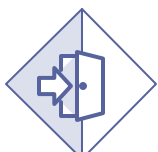
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Educate and train oncology professionals



Ensure a high standard of qualification



Promote equal access to optimal cancer care

- > 40,000
- 51% women
- a global community from **179** countries and territories
- > **40** specialties
- 51% ≤ 40yrs old

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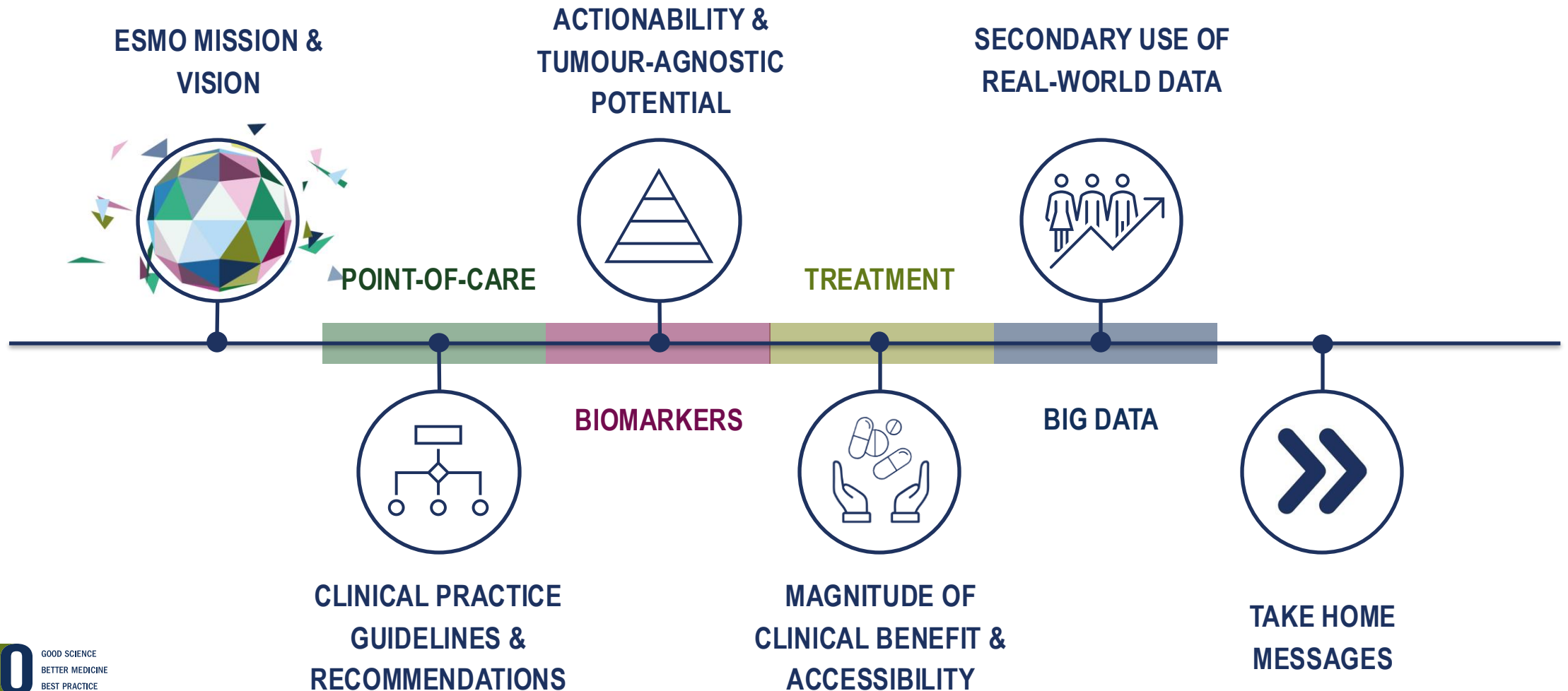


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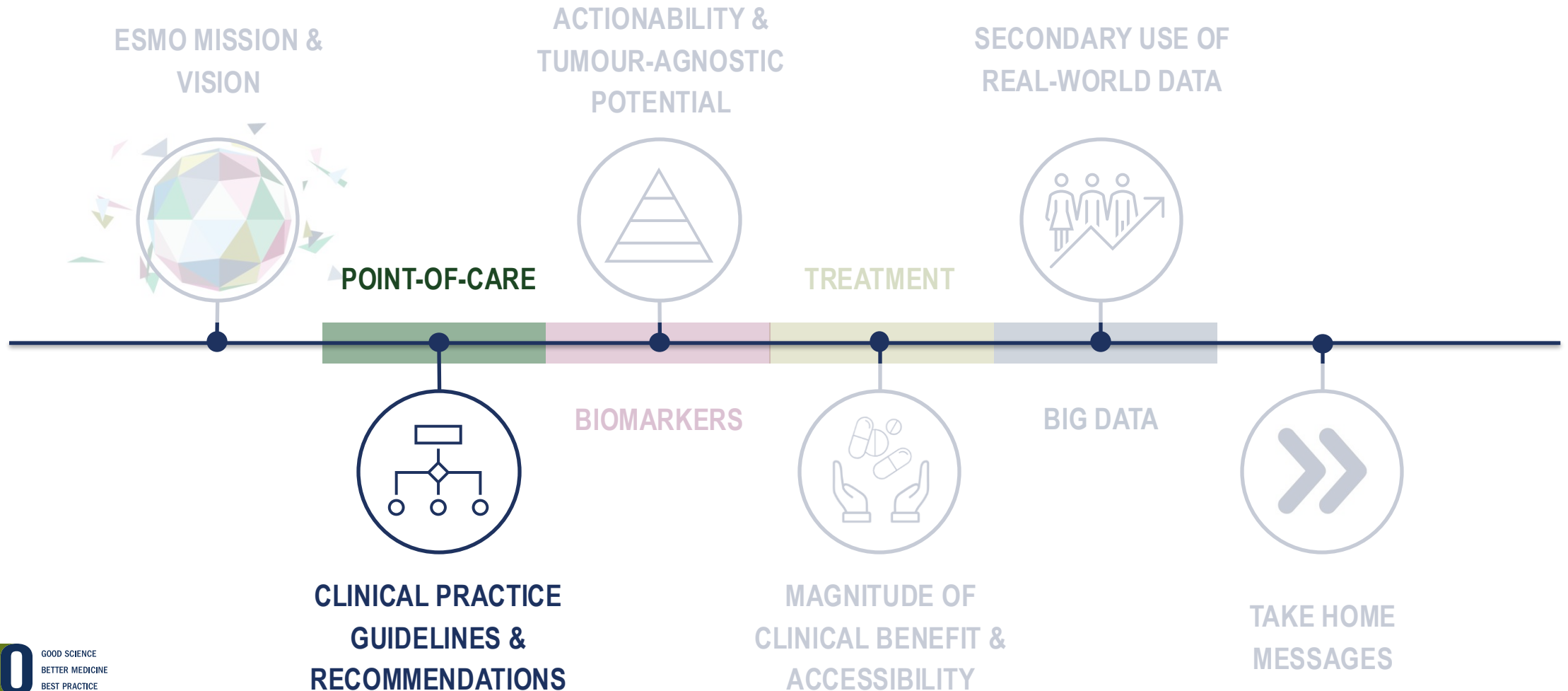
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- This ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline provides key recommendations and algorithms for managing oncogene-addicted mNSCLC.
- The guideline covers diagnosis, staging, risk assessment, treatment and disease monitoring.
- ESMO-MCBS scores are given to describe the levels of evidence for treatment choices.
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SPECIAL ARTICLE

Oncogene-addicted metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer: ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up

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ESMO GUIDELINES: REAL WORLD CASES ONCOGENE-ADDICTED NSCLC

ESMO WEBINAR SERIES

ESMO Guidelines: Real World Cases - Oncogene-Addicted Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer

Chair: Solange Peters

Speakers: Giuseppe Lo Russo, Lizza Hendriks, Jaafar Bennouna



ESMO CPG @ POINT-OF-CARE

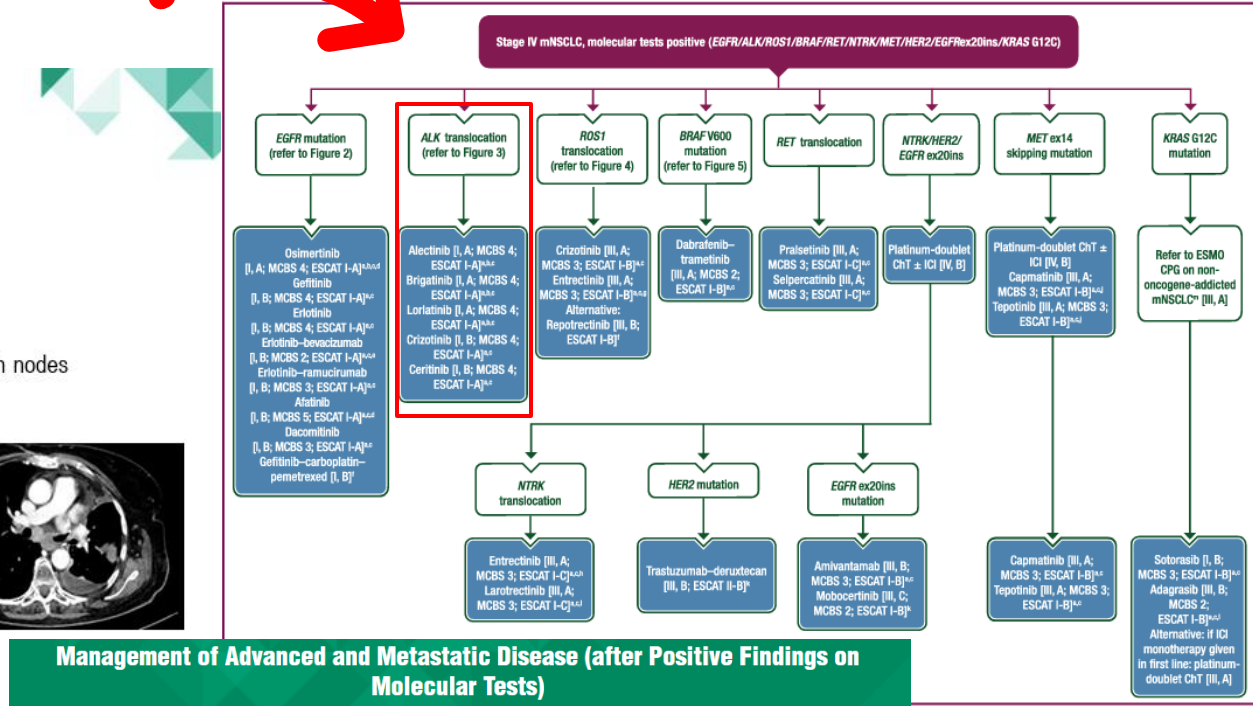
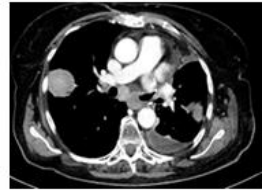
CASE PRESENTATION

♀ Female, 52 years, Never smoker
No co-morbidities; ECOG PS 0

- **Jul'15** persistent dry cough
- **Cest X-Ray:** bilateral lung opacities
- **TB CT scan:** bilateral lung nodules; pathologic mediastinal lymph nodes; pathologic abdominal lymph nodes
- **TB FDG-PET:** confirms the sites of disease of CT scan
- **FBS/TBNA:**

Lung adenocarcinoma
cT4 N2 M1c, IV stage (AJCC 8th edition)

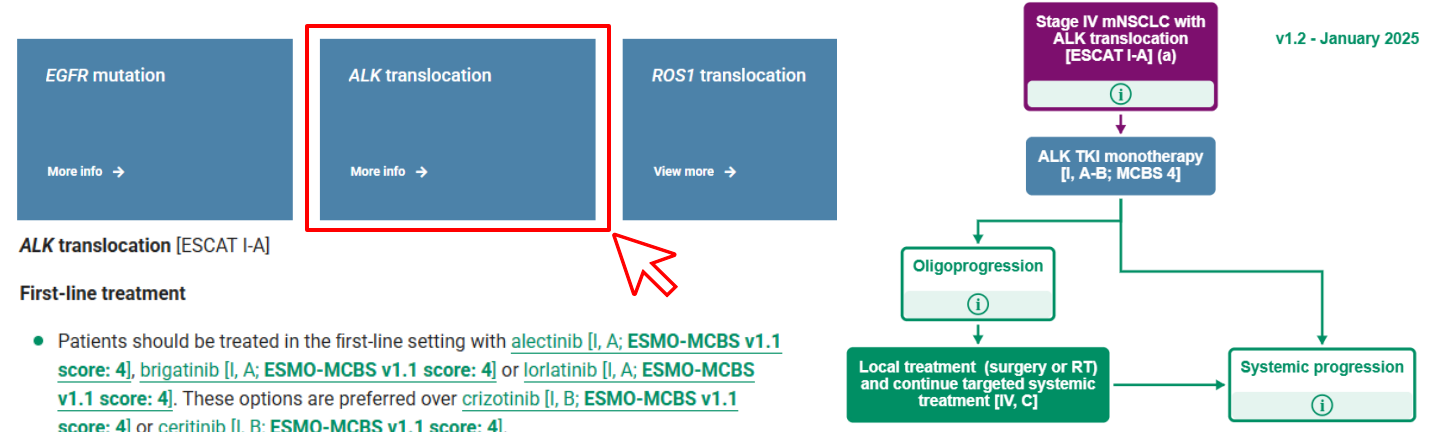
ALK (IHC): positive
EGFR (PCR Hot spot) wild-type
ROS1 (FISH) negative
PD-L1 1-49%




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REAL WORLD CASES

Giuseppe Lo Russo MD;PHD

What if the patient had bone metastases with indication for palliative radiotherapy?



ESMO-ESTRO CONSENSUS RECOMMENDATIONS ON SAFETY OF COMBINING TARGETED THERAPIES WITH RADIO THERAPY



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Table 1. Delphi consensus recommendations for various drug class-radiotherapy combinations. The traffic light colors represent the recommended safety measure for each scenario.

GENERAL STATEMENTS													
Irradiated area	Type of radiotherapy	CDK4/6	HER2	PARP	mTOR	EGFR	ALK	BRAF/MEK	PD-(L)1	CTLA-4	VEGF	Multi target	
Skin	Low-dose palliative	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	
	High-dose conventionally fractionated	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	
	High-dose stereotactic	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	
Brain	Low-dose palliative	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Grey	Yellow	
	High-dose conventionally fractionated	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Grey	Yellow	
	High-dose stereotactic	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Grey	Yellow	
Head & neck	Low-dose palliative	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	
	High-dose conventionally fractionated	Red	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	
	High-dose stereotactic	Red	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Grey	Yellow	Yellow	
Thorax	Low-dose palliative	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	
	High-dose conventionally fractionated	Red	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	
	High-dose stereotactic	Red	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	
Abdomen/pelvis	Low-dose palliative	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	
	High-dose conventionally fractionated	Red	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	
	High-dose stereotactic	Red	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	
Musculoskeletal tissues	Low-dose palliative	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	
	High-dose conventionally fractionated	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	
	High-dose stereotactic	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	

LEGEND			
Minor/no adaptation Clinically insignificant drug interruption/dosage reduction, a minor radiotherapy adaptation, or no adaptations.	Major adaptation Clinically relevant drug interruption/dosage reduction or a major radiotherapy adaptation.	Not combining Prolonged drug interruption or no radiotherapy, to avoid a drug-radiotherapy interaction.	No agreement Agreement rate below 75%.

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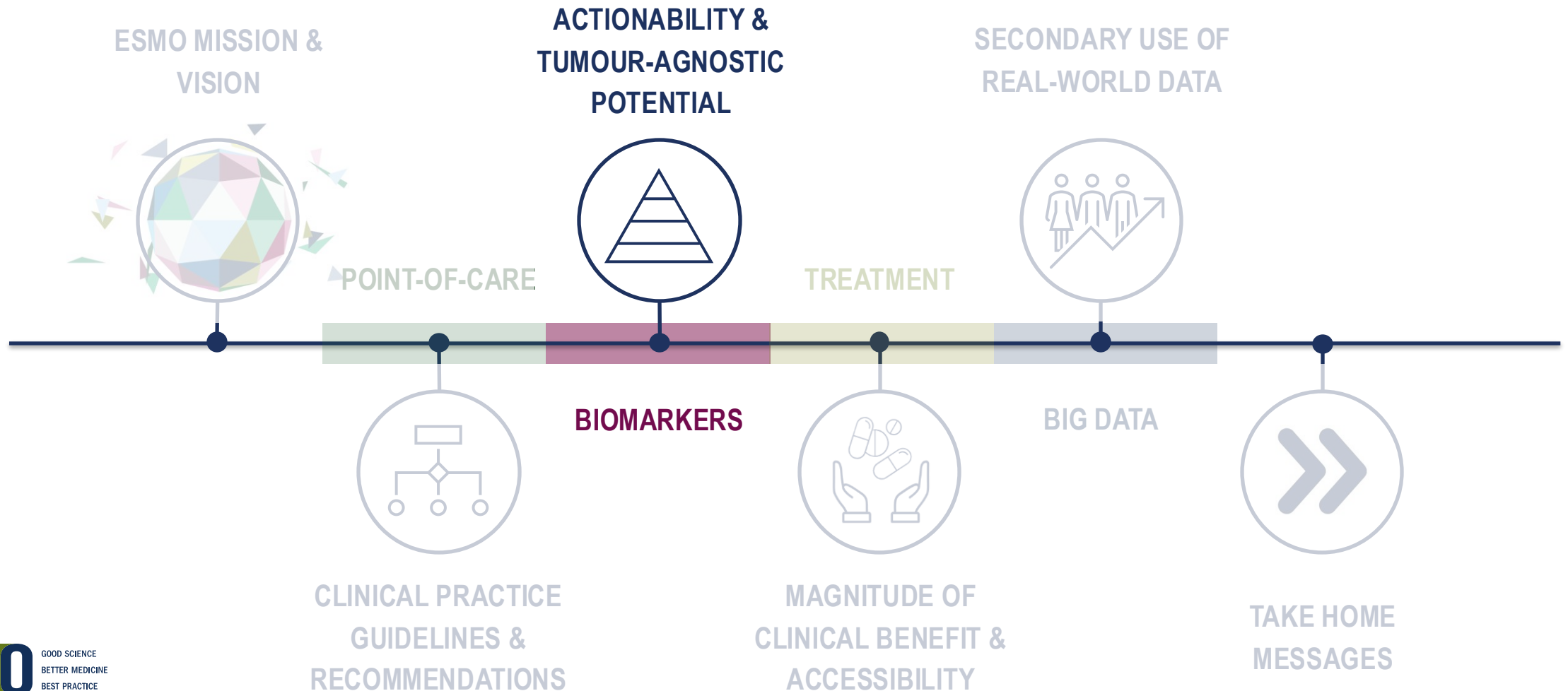


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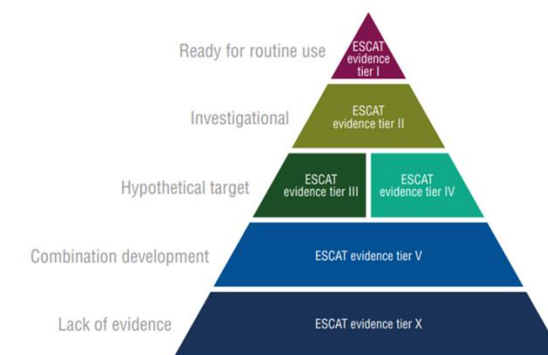
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ESCAT: ESMO Scale of Clinical Actionability for molecular Targets

	ESCAT evidence tier		Required level of evidence	Clinical implication
Ready for routine use	I Alteration-drug match is associated with improved outcome in clinical trials	I-A	Prospective, randomised clinical trials show the alteration-drug match in a specific tumour type results in a clinically meaningful improvement of a survival end point	Access to the treatment should be considered standard of care
		I-B	Prospective, non-randomised clinical trials show that the alteration-drug match in a specific tumour type, results in clinically meaningful benefit as defined by ESMO MCBS 1.1	
		I-C	Clinical trials across tumour types or basket clinical trials show clinical benefit associated with the alteration-drug match, with similar benefit observed across tumour types	
Investigational	II Alteration-drug match is associated with antitumour activity, but magnitude of benefit is unknown	II-A	Retrospective studies show patients with the specific alteration in a specific tumour type experience clinically meaningful benefit with matched drug compared with alteration-negative patients	Treatment to be considered "preferable" in the context of evidence collection either as a prospective registry or as a prospective clinical trial
		II-B	Prospective clinical trial(s) show the alteration-drug match in a specific tumour type results in increased responsiveness when treated with a matched drug, however, no data currently available on survival end points	
Hypothetical target	III Alteration-drug match suspected to improve outcome based on clinical trial data in other tumour type(s) or with similar molecular alteration	III-A	Clinical benefit demonstrated in patients with the specific alteration (as tiers I and II above) but in a different tumour type. Limited/absence of clinical evidence available for the patient-specific cancer type or broadly across cancer types	Clinical trials to be discussed with patients
		III-B	An alteration that has a similar predicted functional impact as an already studied tier I abnormality in the same gene or pathway, but does not have associated supportive clinical data	
	IV Pre-clinical evidence of actionability	IV-A	Evidence that the alteration or a functionally similar alteration influences drug sensitivity in preclinical <i>in vitro</i> or <i>in vivo</i> models	Treatment should "only be considered" in the context of early clinical trials. Lack of clinical data should be stressed to patients
IV-B	Actionability predicted <i>in silico</i>			
Combination development	V Alteration-drug match is associated with objective response, but without clinically meaningful benefit		Prospective studies show that targeted therapy is associated with objective responses, but this does not lead to improved outcome	Clinical trials assessing drug combination strategies could be considered
Lack of Evidence	X Lack of evidence for actionability		No evidence that the genomic alteration is therapeutically actionable	The finding should not be taken into account for clinical decision

A framework to rank genomic alterations as targets for precision oncology



To enquire or ask questions about the ESMO Scale for Clinical Actionability of molecular Targets, please send an email to education@esmo.org

Mateo J, et al. *Annals of Oncology* 2018;29(9):1895-1902.

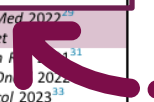
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Table 2. List of genomic alterations level I/II according to ESCAT in advanced non-squamous non-small-cell lung cancer

Gene	Alteration	Estimated prevalence	ESCAT score	Drug class matched	References
EGFR	Common mutations (deletion exon 19, p.L858R)	15% Caucasian 50% Asian 30% LATAM	IA	First-, second- and third-generation EGFR TKIs EGFR-MET bispecific antibodies + third-generation EGFR TKIs	Midha et al., <i>Am J Can Res</i> 2015 ¹² Arrieta et al., <i>J Thorac Oncol</i> 2015 ¹³ Soria et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2018 ¹⁴
	Acquired p.T790M mutation in exon 20	60% after first- or second-generation EGFR TKIs	IA	EGFR-MET bispecific antibodies + chemotherapy ± EGFR TKIs (after PD on third-generation EGFR TKIs) Third-generation EGFR TKIs	Ramalingam et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2020 ¹⁵ Cho et al., <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2023 ¹⁶ Passaro et al., <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2024 ¹⁷ Mok et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2017 ¹⁸ Papadimitrakopoulou et al., <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2020 ¹⁹
	Exon 20 insertions	2%	IA	EGFR-MET bispecific antibodies or TKIs	Park et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2021 ²⁰ Zhou et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2023 ²¹
	Uncommon mutations (p.G719 variants in exon 18, p.L861Q in exon 21, p.S768I in exon 20)	10%	IB	Second- and third-generation EGFR TKIs	Cho et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2020 ²² Yang et al., <i>Front Oncol</i> 2022 ²³
ALK	Fusions	5%	IA	ALK TKIs	Mok et al., <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2020 ²⁴ Shaw et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2020 ²⁵ Camidge et al., <i>J Thorac Oncol</i> 2021 ²⁶ Horn et al., <i>JAMA Oncol</i> 2021 ²⁷ Solomon et al., <i>Lancet Respir Med</i> 2023 ²⁸
KRAS	Mutations (p. G12C)	12%	IA	KRAS ^{G12C} TKIs	Jänne et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2022 ²⁹ de Langen et al., <i>Lancet</i> 2022 ³⁰
RET	Fusions	1%-2%	IA	RET TKIs	Subbiah et al., <i>Clin Can Res</i> 2019 ³¹ Griesinger et al., <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2022 ³² Drilon et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2023 ³³ Zhou et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2023 ³⁴
ROS1	Fusions	1%-2%	IB	ROS1 TKIs	Shaw et al., <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2019 ³⁵ Shaw et al., <i>Lancet Oncol</i> 2019 ³⁶ Drilon et al., <i>JTO Clin Res Rep</i> 2022 ³⁷
BRAF	Mutations (p. V600E)	2%	IB	BRAF TKIs + MEK TKIs	Planchard et al., <i>J Thorac Oncol</i> 2022 ³⁸ Riely et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2023 ³⁹
MET	Mutations exon 14 skipping	3%	IB	MET TKIs	Drilon et al., <i>Nat Med</i> 2020 ⁴⁰ Wolf et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2021 ⁴¹ Lu et al., <i>Lancet Respir</i> 2021 ⁴² Thomas et al., <i>J Thorac Oncol</i> 2022 ⁴³ Wolf et al., <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2022 ⁴⁴
	Focal amplifications	5% as primary 15% as mechanism of acquired resistance on EGFR TKIs	IIB	MET TKIs + third-generation EGFR TKIs EGFR-MET bispecific antibodies + third-generation EGFR TKIs	Yu et al., <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2021 ⁴⁵ Bauml et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2021 ⁴⁶ Shu et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2022 ⁴⁷ Marmarelis et al., <i>J Thorac Oncol</i> 2022 ⁴⁸ Hartmaier et al., <i>Cancer Discov</i> 2023 ⁴⁹ Tan et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2023 ⁵⁰
ERBB2	Hotspot mutations	3%	IIB	Pan-HER TKIs Anti-HER2 ADCs	Hyman et al., <i>Nature</i> 2018 ⁵¹ Li et al., <i>N Engl J Med</i> 2022 ⁵²
NRG1	Fusions	<1%	IIB	Anti-HER2/HER3 bispecific antibody	Schram et al., <i>JCO</i> 2022 ⁵³

 **ESCAT Tier IA: ALK fusion - alectinib**



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Recommendations for the use of next-generation sequencing (NGS) for patients with advanced cancer in 2024: a report from the ESMO Precision Medicine Working Group

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- ✓ **Tumour-agnostic**
 - ✓ **Non-squamous NSCLC**
 - ✓ **Breast cancer**
 - ✓ **Colorectal cancer**
 - ✓ **Prostate cancer**
 - ✓ **Gastric cancer**
 - ✓ **Pancreatic cancer**
 - ✓ **Ovarian cancer**
- ✓ **Hepatocellular carcinoma**
 - ✓ **Rare tumours:**
Cholangiocarcinoma, **GIST**,
Soft tissue sarcomas,
Thyroid cancer, **CUP**



NEXT-GENERATION SEQUENCING IN ADVANCED CANCER

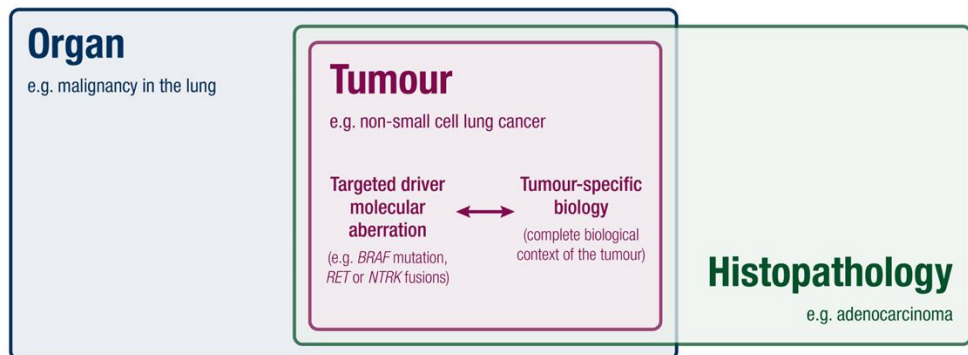
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Table 1. List of tumour-agnostic genomic alterations

Gene/Signature ^a	Alteration	Estimated prevalence (illustration of tumours with high prevalence of the alteration)	ESCAT score	Drug class matched	References
<i>NTRK1/2/3</i>	Fusions	80%-90% secretory breast cancer 15%-20% Spitzoid melanoma	IC	TRK inhibitors	Hong et al., <i>Lancet Oncol</i> 2020 ¹ Demetri et al., <i>Clin Can Res</i> 2022 ²
MSI-H/dMMR ^a	MSI-H/dMMR	15%-20% endometrial cancer 15%-20% gastric adenocarcinoma	IC	PD-1 checkpoint inhibitors	Marcus et al., <i>Clin Can Res</i> 2019 ⁴
<i>RET</i>	Fusions	7% thyroid papillary cancer 2% salivary gland cancer	IC	RET inhibitors	Subbiah et al., <i>Lancet Oncol</i> 2022 ⁵ Subbiah et al., <i>Nat Med</i> 2022 ⁵
<i>BRAF</i>	Mutations (p.V600E)	40%-45% melanoma 5%-6% small intestinal adenocarcinoma	IC	BRAF inhibitors + MEK inhibitors	Subbiah et al., <i>Cancer Discov</i> 2020 ⁷ Salama et al., <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2020 ⁸
<i>FGFR1/2/3</i>	Fusions Mutations	20%-40% bladder cancer 3% glioblastoma multiforme 10%-20% urothelial carcinoma 10% endometrial cancer	IC	Pan-FGFR TKIs	Pant et al., <i>Lancet Oncol</i> 2023 ⁹
TMB-H ^a	TMB-H	40% small-cell lung cancer	IC	PD-1/PD-L1 checkpoint inhibitors	Valero et al., <i>JAMA Oncol</i> 2021 ¹⁰ Friedman et al., <i>Cancer Discov</i> 2022 ¹¹

dMMR, mismatch repair deficient; ESCAT, ESMO Scale for Clinical Actionability of molecular Targets; FGFR, fibroblast growth factor receptor; MSI-H, microsatellite instability-high; PD-1, programmed cell death protein 1; PD-L1, programmed death-ligand 1; TKIs, tyrosine kinase inhibitors; TMB-H, tumor mutation burden-high; TRK, tropomyosin receptor kinase.
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What makes a target alteration and a molecularly guided treatment option tumour-agnostic?



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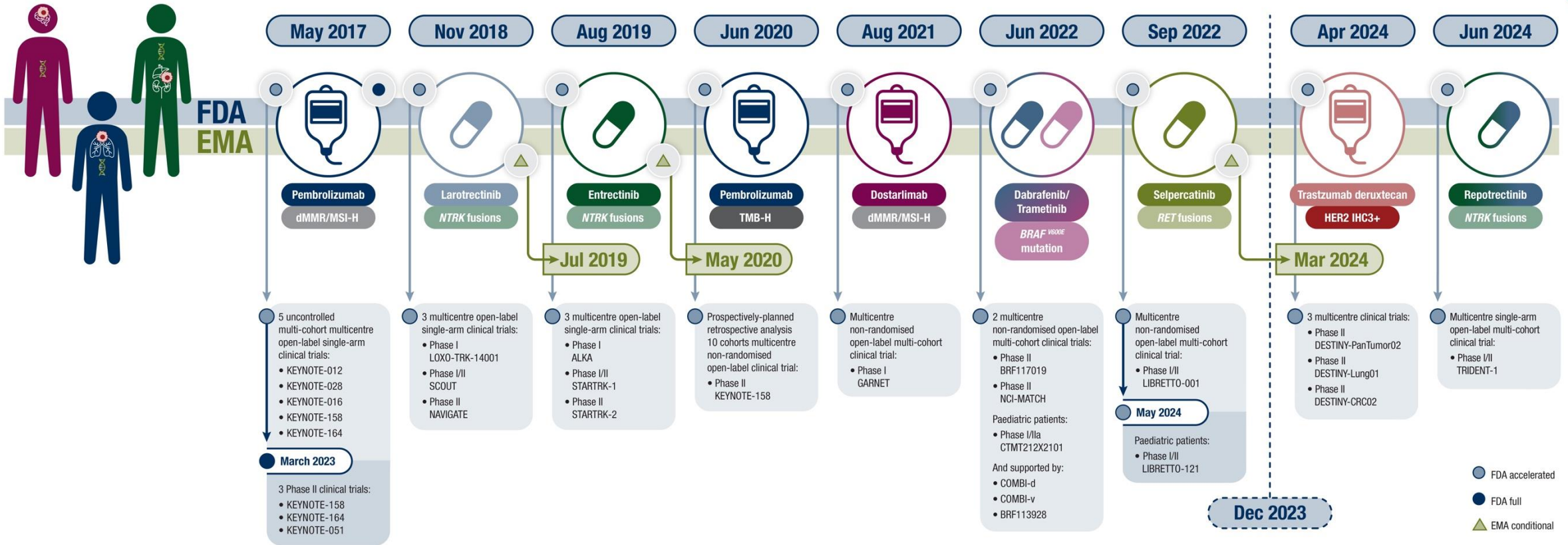
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TUMOUR-AGNOSTIC APPROVED INDICATIONS

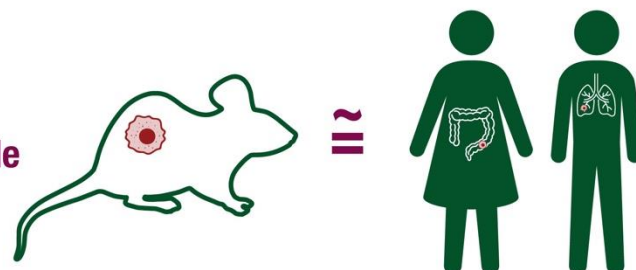


ETAC-S: ESMO TUMOUR-AGNOSTIC CLASSIFIER AND SCREENER

Minimum requirements for tumour-agnostic potential

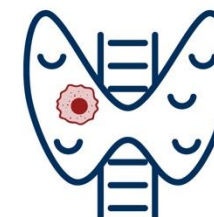
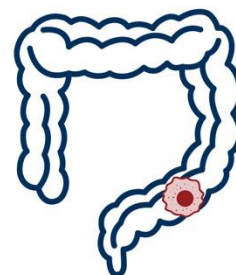
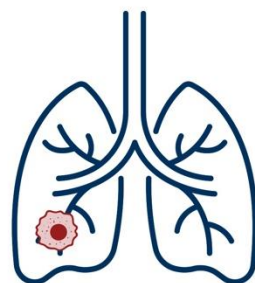


Robust preclinical evidence of mechanistic/biological rationale



Phase I/II or Phase II trials

2/3 tumours investigated and ≥ 4 tumour types with



Minimum ORR $\geq 20\%$ in ≥ 5 evaluable patients with refractory disease



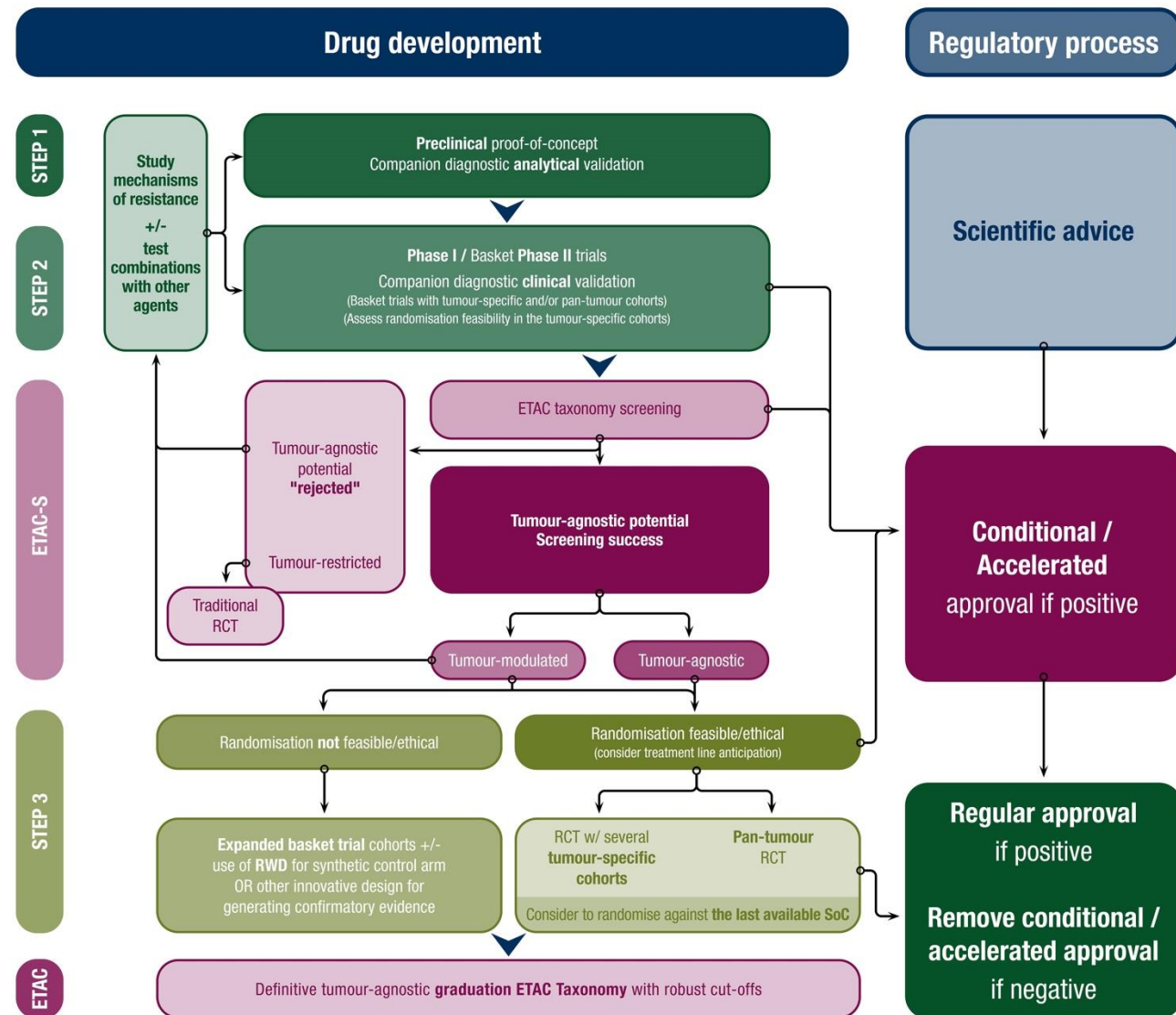
SPECIAL ARTICLE

The ESMO Tumour-Agnostic Classifier and Screener (ETAC-S): a tool for assessing tumour-agnostic potential of molecularly guided therapies and for steering drug development

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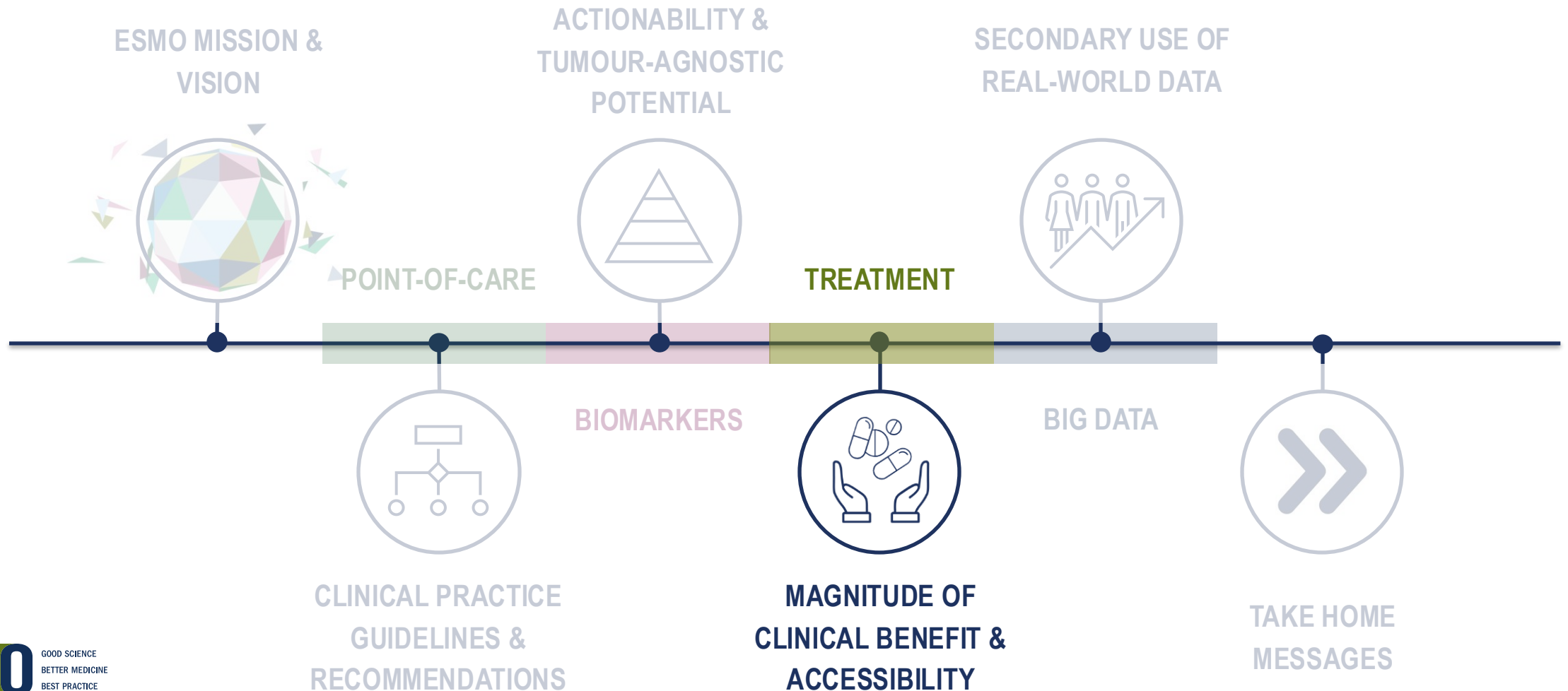
The ETAC-S is an easily applicable set of minimum requirements designed to identify molecularly guided treatment options eligible for tumour-agnostic potential.

Proposed tumour-agnostic framework allows to foster and accelerate drug development for patients with cancer.

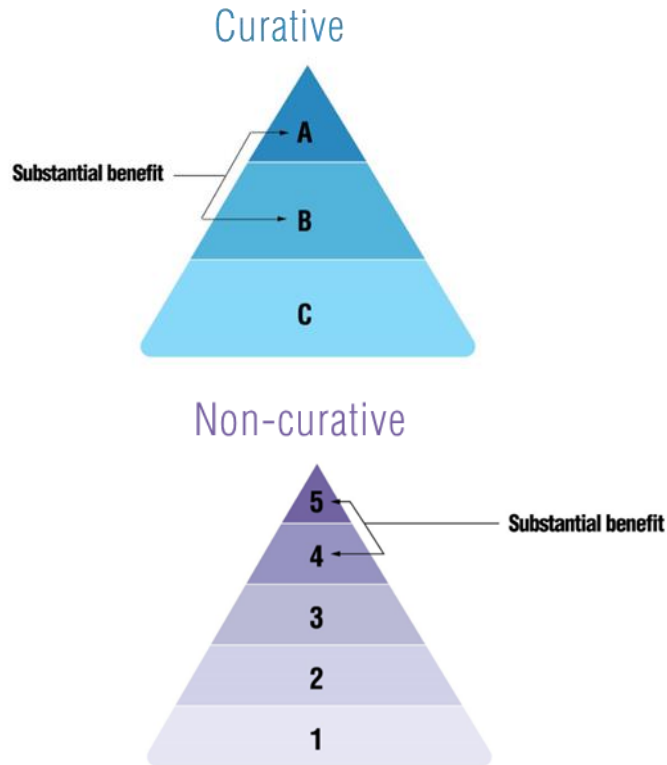


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ESMO-MAGNITUDE OF CLINICAL BENEFIT SCALE



Curative intent:

(Neo)adjuvant / curative therapy

Form 1

Non-curative intent:

Primary outcome OS

Form 2A

Primary outcome PFS

Form 2B

Primary outcome RR / QoL / non-inferiority

Form 2C

Single arm

Form 3

QoL Checklist

ESMO-MCBS QUALITY OF LIFE CHECKLIST

Based on the CONSORT-PRO, SPIRIT-PRO and SISAQOL recommendations

Name of study:

Study mediator: Indication:

First author: Year: Journal:

Name of evaluator:

PREREQUISITES

	Answer the below	
	YES	NO
QoL was at least a secondary endpoint	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Evidence of validity and reliability used QoL instrument was provided, or cited if available	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
According to the conclusions, there was a statistically and clinically significant improvement in overall/global QoL in comparison with the control arm*	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* For studies with QoL as primary endpoint, improvement in pre-specified symptoms/dominant can be credited. For ESMO-MCBS form 3 (for single arm studies) this QoL checklist has not been validated.

If all the prerequisites are satisfied, please continue with the assessment below

Please note: If any of the three prerequisites are not satisfied, the evaluation cannot be continued and the upgrade for QoL cannot be claimed in the ESMO-MCBS score.

01. Clear hypothesis and methods of overall/global QoL including

The timepoints of the QoL assessment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The direction of the expected change (for example, we expect a delay in the deterioration of overall/global QoL)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

c. For studies with QoL as primary endpoint, improvement in pre-specified symptoms/dominant can be credited.

Item 1 result

Cherny et al, Ann Oncol 2015 & 2017

ESMO-MAGNITUDE OF CLINICAL BENEFIT SCALE

Patient with mCRC RAS-wt/BRAF-wt/HER2-neg who have been previously treated with fluoropyrimidine-based ChT, an anti-VEGF therapy and an anti-EGFR therapy.

- [Regorafenib \[ESMO-MCBS v1.1 score: 1\]](#) is recommended in patients pre-treated with fluoropyrimidines, oxaliplatin, irinotecan and biologics, if available, or in earlier lines of therapy following oxaliplatin and irinotecan regimen failure, depending on local approvals [I, A].

Regorafenib

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Indication details

Reference

Grothey A, Cutsem EV, Sobrero A et al. Regorafenib monotherapy for previously treated metastatic colorectal cancer (CORRECT): an international, multicentre, randomised, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial. *Lancet* 2013; 381:303-312

Hofheinz RD, Bruix J, Demetri GD, et al. Effect of Regorafenib in Delaying Definitive Deterioration in Health-Related Quality of Life in Patients with Advanced Cancer of Three Different Tumor Types. *Cancer Manag Res.* 2021;13:5523-5533

Primary Outcome(s)

Primary Outcome(s)	OS
Evaluated Outcome	OS
Form(s)	Form 2a

Outcome Data

OS Control	5 months
OS Gain	1.4 months
OS HR	0.77 (0.64-0.94)

ESMO-MAGNITUDE OF CLINICAL BENEFIT SCALE

Patient with mCRC RAS-wt/BRAF-wt/HER2-neg who have been previously treated with fluoropyrimidine-based ChT, an anti-VEGF therapy and an anti-EGFR therapy.

- Trifluridine–tipiracil (TAS-102) [ESMO-MCBS v1.1 score: 3] is recommended in patients pretreated with fluoropyrimidines, oxaliplatin, irinotecan and biologics, if available, or in earlier lines of therapy following oxaliplatin and irinotecan regimen failure, depending on local approvals [I, A].

Trifluridine/Tipiracil (TAS-102)
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Indication details

Reference

Mayer RJ, Van Cutsem EV, Falcone A et al. Randomized Trial of TAS-102 for Refractory Metastatic Colorectal Cancer. *N Engl J Med* 2015; 372:1909-1919

Van Cutsem E, Mayer RJ, Laurent S et al. The subgroups of the phase III RECURSE trial of trifluridine/tipiracil (TAS-102) versus placebo with best supportive care in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer. *Eur J Cancer* 2018;90:60-72



Primary Outcome(s)

Primary Outcome(s)	OS
Evaluated Outcome	OS
Form(s)	Form 2a

Outcome Data

PFS Control	1.7 months
PFS Gain	0.3 months
PFS HR	0.48 (0.41-0.57)
OS Control	5.2 months
OS Gain	2.0 months
OS HR	0.69 (0.59-0.81)

ESMO-MAGNITUDE OF CLINICAL BENEFIT SCALE

Patient with mCRC RAS-wt/BRAF-wt/HER2-neg who have been previously treated with fluoropyrimidine-based ChT, an anti-VEGF therapy and an anti-EGFR therapy.

- [Trifluridine–tipiracil \(TAS-102\) \[ESMO-MCBS v1.1 score: 3\]](#) is recommended in patients pretreated with fluoropyrimidines, oxaliplatin, irinotecan and biologics, if available, or in earlier lines of therapy following oxaliplatin and irinotecan regimen failure, depending on local approvals [I, A]. The addition of bevacizumab to third- or later-line trifluridine–tipiracil should be considered if available [I, A; [trifluridine–tipiracil–bevacizumab: ESMO-MCBS v1.1 score: 4](#)].

Trifluridine/Tipiracil (TAS-102)
SUNLIGHT
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Reference
Prager GW, Taieb J, Fakih M et al. Trifluridine-Tipiracil and Bevacizumab in Refractory Metastatic Colorectal Cancer. *N Engl J Med.* 2023;388(18):1657-1667



Primary Outcome(s)

Primary Outcome(s)	OS
Evaluated Outcome	OS
Form(s)	Form 2a

Outcome Data

OS Control	7.5 months
OS Gain	3.3 months
OS HR	0.61 (0.49-0.77)

ESMO STUDY ON THE AVAILABILITY, OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS AND ACCESSIBILITY OF ANTINEOPLASTIC MEDICINES



SPECIAL ARTICLE

ESMO Global Consortium Study on the availability, out-of-pocket costs, and accessibility of cancer medicines: 2023 update

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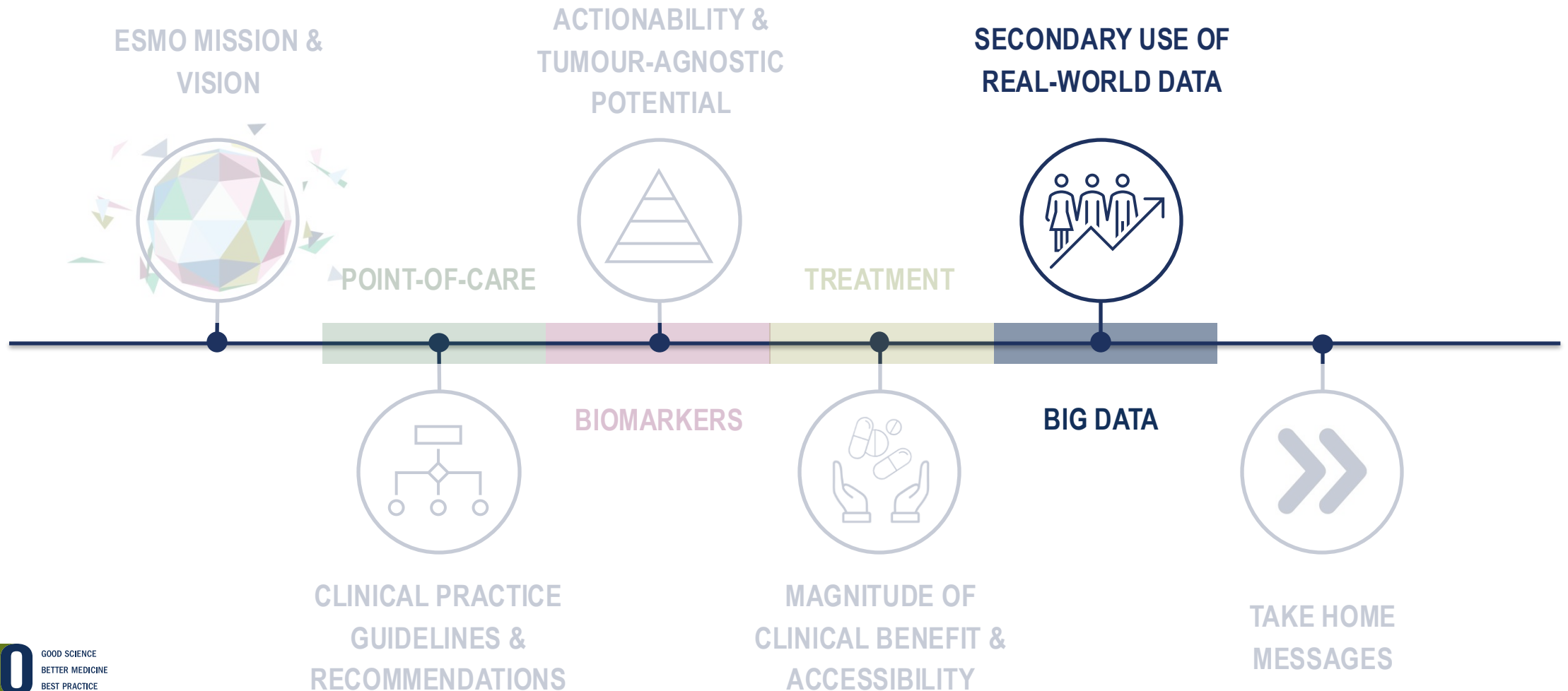


Figure 3. New and expensive immune-mediated and targeted therapies on the 22nd WHO EML - formulary availability and out-of-pocket costs. (A) High- and upper middle-income countries. (B) Lower-middle- and low-income countries.

Free <25% cost 25%-50% cost >50% but less than full cost Full cost Data not reported

DEFINING STANDARDS

ESMO Frameworks and Tools



REVIEW

Characteristics and impact of real-world evidence studies in oncology: comprehensive mapping review of publications evaluating targeted therapies in solid tumours

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RWE studies published between 2020-2022

N = 1,251 studies, 50% took place in Asia

RWE reporting on TT is growing, nevertheless:

- 8% with international range, 41% unicentric, funding is unclear (at least 50% with no funding/not reported)

The scientific impact is still limited

- 3% of studies published in a journal with an IF > 10
- Studies with more centres (>10) and studies issued from Europe are both associated with higher IF

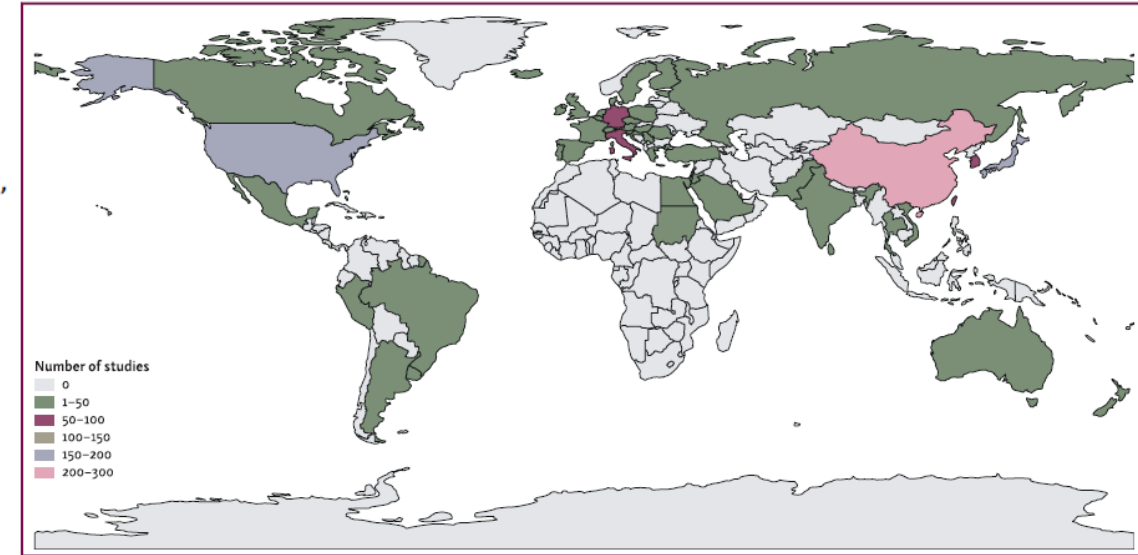
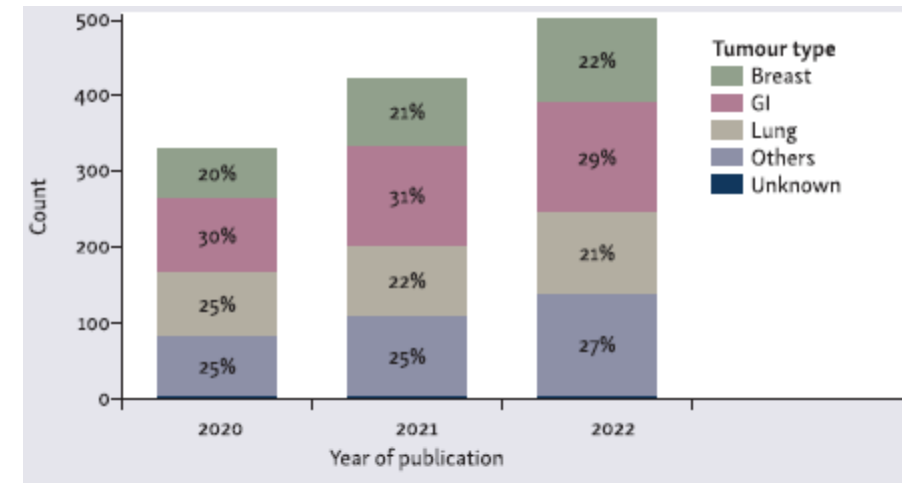


Figure 2. Number of publications per country.^a
^aThe country of origin for each publication was derived from the corresponding author's affiliation (total of 54 countries).



ESMO GUIDANCE FOR REPORTING ONCOLOGY REAL-WORLD EVIDENCE (ESMO-GROW)

The first reporting guidance specifically developed for oncology RWE studies

- Detailed list of recommendations for authors and reviewers of RWE publications.
- Broad Scope: **Descriptive to Analytical**
- Addresses new treatments, molecular-based epidemiology, oncology-specific variables, and tech-based RWE research (AI, machine learning)
- Facilitates harmonised interpretation by all stakeholders
- **Related Materials:** Online Tool, Checklist, Flowchart

The image displays three key components of the ESMO-GROW guidance:

- ESMO-GROW Checklist for Authors and Reviewers:** A document with sections for Title, Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion and conclusions, and Final considerations. It includes a 'Recommendations' section and a 'Cases included' section.
- Flowchart:** A process flowchart showing the relationship between Data Source, Eligibility, and Analysis. It details 'Dataset 1' and 'Dataset 2+ (if applicable)', including 'Cases included' and 'Cases for analysis' for Subgroup A and B. It also addresses 'Data sources linkage or merging' and 'Final data cleaning'.
- Online Tool Interface:** A screenshot of the ESMO-GROW online tool, showing a progress indicator at 11% and a checklist of items to be reported, such as 'Provide the study research question(s)' and 'Provide the study objective(s) and consider classifying the type of research as descriptive and/or analytical (explanatory or predictive)'. The interface includes radio buttons for response options: 'Yes, fully reported', 'Yes, partially reported', 'Not reported', and 'Not applicable'.



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Observational Study > Future Oncol. 2024 Apr;20(12):761-780. doi: 10.2217/fon-2023-0858.

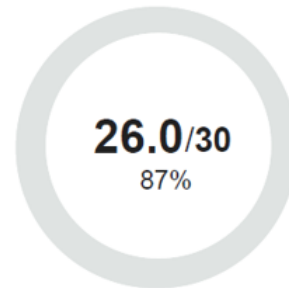
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Real-world comparative effectiveness of palbociclib plus aromatase inhibitor in HR+/HER2- metastatic breast cancer

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Detailed Scoring

 23/35
Yes, fully reported

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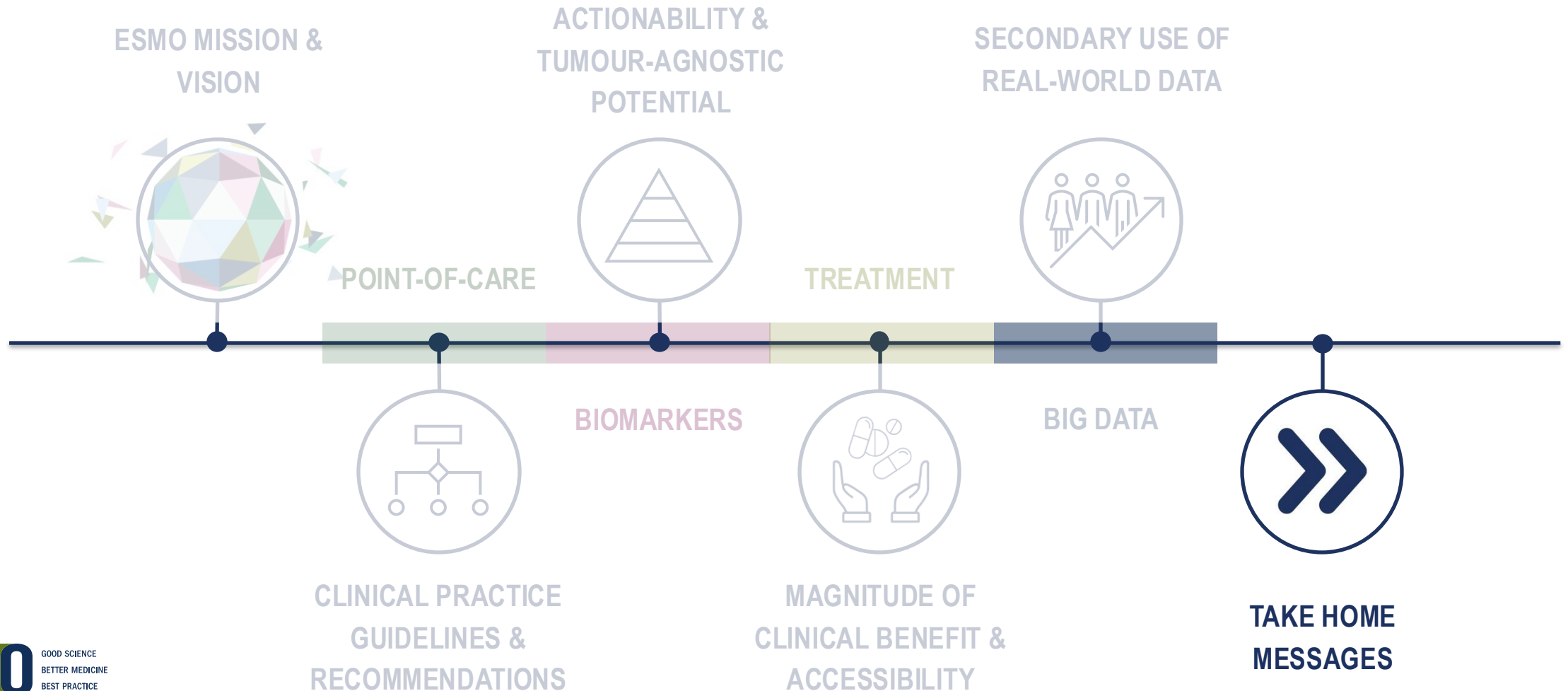
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DEFINING STANDARDS THROUGH CANCER CARE PATHWAY

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ESMO FRAMEWORKS AND TOOLS - TAKE HOME MESSAGES

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines provide recommendations to help HCPs and patients with the best care options.
- ✓ ESMO-ESTRO statements describe the safety of combining radiotherapy with targeted agents or immunotherapy.

ACTIONABILITY & TUMOUR-AGNOSTIC POTENTIAL

- ✓ ESCAT is a systematic framework to rank molecular targets based on evidence available supporting their value as clinical targets.
- ✓ ESMO Tumour-Agnostic Classifier and Screener sets minimum requirements for treatments eligible for tumour-agnostic potential.

MAGNITUDE OF CLINICAL BENEFIT & ACCESSIBILITY

- ✓ ESMO-MCBS facilitates improved decision-making regarding the value of anti-cancer therapies, promotes accessibility and reduces inequity of access to high value cancer treatments.

SECONDARY USE OF REAL-WORLD DATA

- ✓ ESMO-GROW recommendation checklist can be used by authors and reviewers for the reporting of RWE studies.

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