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56	ABSTRACT
57	Introduction: Alectinib demonstrated clinical efficacy and an acceptable safety profile in two
58	phase II studies (NP28761 and NP28673). Here we report pooled efficacy and safety data
59	after 15 and 18 months' longer follow-up than the respective primary analyses.
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61	Materials and methods: Enrolled patients had ALK-positive NSCLC and had progressed
62	on, or were intolerant to, crizotinib. Patients received oral alectinib 600 mg twice daily. The
63	primary endpoint in both studies was objective response rate (ORR) assessed by an
64	independent review committee (IRC) using Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors
65	(RECIST v1.1). Secondary endpoints included disease control rate (DCR); duration of
66	response (DOR); progression-free survival (PFS); overall survival (OS); and safety.
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68	Results: The pooled dataset included 225 patients (n=138 NP28673; n=87 NP28761). The
69	response-evaluable (RE) population included 189 patients (84%; n=122 NP28673; n=67
70	NP28761). In the RE population, ORR by IRC was 51.3% (95% confidence interval [CI],
71	44.0–58.6; all partial responses), DCR was 78.8% (95% CI, 72.3–84.4), and median DOR
72	was 14.9 months (95% CI, 11.1–20.4) after 58% of events. Median PFS by IRC was 8.3
73	months (95% CI, 7.0-11.3) and median OS was 26.0 months (95% CI, 21.4-not estimable).
74	Grade ≥3 adverse events (AEs) occurred in 40% of patients, 6% withdrew treatment due to
75	AEs and 33% had AEs leading to dose interruptions/modification.
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77	Conclusion: This pooled data analysis confirmed the robust systemic efficacy of alectinib in
78	ALK-positive NSCLC with a durable response rate. Alectinib also had an acceptable safety
79	profile with a longer duration of follow-up.
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81	Key Words: Alectinib; Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer; NP28673; NP28761; Pooled Analysis.
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83	INTRODUCTION
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Non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC) harboring a chromosomal rearrangement of the
anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK) gene (ALK-positive NSCLC), represents a distinct
molecular subset of the disease, which affects approximately 5% of patients.1 Crizotinib is
the current standard of care for ALK-positive NSCLC and has extended progression-free
survival (PFS) compared with cytotoxic chemotherapy (10.9 months versus 7.7 months,
respectively) in the first- and second-line treatment setting. <sup>2,3</sup> Unfortunately, almost half of
crizotinib-treated patients relapse within the first year. This is usually as a result of poor
control of disease within the central nervous system (CNS), which is the most common site
of disease progression (PD), <sup>4,5</sup> or due to secondary <i>ALK</i> resistance mutations. <sup>6,7,8</sup>
Second-generation ALK inhibitors have been developed with the aim of improving efficacy in
patients with ALK-positive NSCLC, including those with CNS metastases. The ALK inhibitor
ceritinib was granted accelerated approval by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in
2014 for use in patients with ALK-positive, metastatic NSCLC who had progressed on, or
were intolerant to, crizotinib.9 The European Medicines Agency (EMA) subsequently
approved ceritinib in 2015 for use in the same indication. The approvals were based on a
phase I and phase II study of ceritinib in patients with ALK-positive NSCLC, which
demonstrated median PFS of 5.7-6.9 months and objective response rates (ORRs) of 39-
56%. 11,12 Recently, the FDA approval was extended to treatment-naïve patients with
metastatic ALK-positive NSCLC. <sup>13</sup> The extended approval was based on results from the
ASCEND-4 trial, which demonstrated superior PFS with ceritinib versus platinum-
pemetrexed doublet chemotherapy in patients with treatment-naïve, ALK-positive NSCLC
(median 16.6 vs 8.1 months; hazard ratio [HR] 0.55, 95% confidence interval [CI] 0.42-0.73;
p<0.0001); <sup>14</sup> a similar trend was observed in patients with CNS metastases at baseline, but
this was not significant. ORRs were improved with ceritinib versus chemotherapy,
respectively, in the overall study population (73% vs 27%) and in those with measurable

CNS disease at baseline (46% vs 21%).14

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and 18 months' longer follow-up than the respective primary analyses for NP28761 (data cut-off of 22 January 2016 versus 24 October 2014) and NP28673 (data cut-off of 1 February 2016 versus18 August 2014).

138 METHODS

### **Study Design**

NP28673 and NP28761 were phase II, single-arm, open-label, multicenter studies.

NP28673 was conducted across 16 countries at 56 sites and patients were enrolled between 20 June 2013 and 23 April 2014. NP28761 was undertaken in 27 centers across the USA and Canada, with patients enrolled between 3 May 2012 and 4 August 2014; this timeframe also included a phase I dose-finding step, hence, the phase II portion of the study commenced on 4 September 2013. Both studies were undertaken in accordance with the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki and Good Clinical Practice Guidelines, and written informed consent was obtained from all patients. Full methodology for each study has been published previously. 17,18

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Both studies enrolled patients who were aged ≥18 years, with locally advanced or metastatic *ALK*-positive NSCLC as assessed by an FDA-approved fluorescence *in situ* hybridization test. Eligible patients had an Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status (PS) of ≤2, and had progressed on crizotinib. Patients with asymptomatic baseline CNS metastases (treated or untreated with radiation) and those who had received prior chemotherapy were permitted to enroll into both studies. Patients were excluded if they had received prior ALK inhibitor treatment other than crizotinib.

### Study Treatment

All patients received 600 mg oral alectinib twice daily with a meal, until PD, unacceptable toxicity, withdrawal or death. In both studies there was a minimum washout period of 7 days between the last dose of crizotinib and the first dose of alectinib.

### **Study Endpoints**

The primary endpoint of the pooled analysis was ORR assessed by an Independent Review Committee (IRC) using Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST)

v1.1. The secondary endpoints for both studies included disease control rate (DCR), DOR, PFS, overall survival (OS), and safety. CNS secondary endpoints were also evaluated including CNS ORR and CNS DOR, and will be reported in a separate analysis.

### **Statistical Analysis**

Response endpoints were assessed in the response-evaluable (RE) population, which comprised patients with measurable disease at baseline who received at least one dose of alectinib. The safety population comprised all patients who received at least one dose of alectinib. ORR was defined as the proportion of patients achieving a best overall response of confirmed complete response (CR) or partial response (PR) in the RE population. PFS and OS were assessed in the safety population. PFS was calculated from the date of first dose of alectinib until PD or death. OS was calculated from the date of first dose of alectinib until death. Time-to-event data (PFS, OS and DOR) were estimated using Kaplan-Meier analyses.

#### RESULTS

## **Patients**

The pooled dataset comprised 225 patients (138 patients from study NP28673 and 87 patients from study NP28761) (Supplementary Fig. 1). The RE population according to IRC included 189 patients (84%), comprising 122 patients from study NP28673 and 67 patients from study NP28761. Baseline characteristics were similar across both studies (Table 1). Briefly, median patient age was 53 years (range, 22–79); 67% of patients had an ECOG PS of 1/2 and the majority of patients were White (74%). Overall, 136 (60%) patients had baseline CNS metastases and 174 (77%) had received prior chemotherapy (Table 1).

### **Efficacy**

At the data cut-off (NP28673:1 February 2016 and NP28761: 22 January 2016), median follow-up for the pooled dataset was 18.8 months (range 0.6–29.7). In the RE

195	population, the ORR by IRC was 51.3% (95% CI 44.0–58.6), with 97/189 patients achieving
196	a PR and there were no CRs. Stable disease (SD) was reported in 52/189 patients (28%)
197	giving a DCR of 78.8% (95% CI 72.3-84.4). Median DOR was 14.9 months (95% CI 11.1-
198	20.4) after 58% of events.
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200	Of the patients who had received prior chemotherapy in the RE population (n=148), 73
201	(49%) achieved a PR; there were no CRs, giving an IRC-assessed ORR of 49.3% (95% CI
202	41.0-57.7). In total, 44/148 patients had SD (30%), resulting in a DCR of 79.1% (95% CI
203	71.6–85.3). The median DOR in this subgroup was also 14.9 months (95% CI 11.0–21.9)
204	based on 59% of events.
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206	Overall, 24/41 (59%) chemotherapy-naïve patients in the RE population achieved a PR;
207	there were no CRs, giving an IRC-assessed ORR of 58.5% (95% CI 42.1-73.7). SD was
208	reported in 8/41 patients (20%) giving a DCR in this population of 78.0% (95% CI 62.4-
209	89.4). The median DOR was 11.2 months (95% CI 8.0-NE) after 54% of events.
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211	A subgroup analysis of IRC-assessed ORR was performed to evaluate different prognostic
212	factors, including gender, race, ECOG PS, CNS metastases at baseline, smoking status and
213	prior chemotherapy. Objective response rates were generally consistent across most
214	subgroups. Patients with an ECOG PS 0 had a numerically higher response rate compared
215	with patients with ECOG PS 1 or 2 (65.6% [95% CI 52.3-77.3] versus 45.0% [95% CI 35.6-
216	54.8] or 41.2% [95% CI 18.4–67.1], respectively). The analysis also showed a higher
217	response rate in patients who were never-smokers at baseline compared with those who
218	were past smokers (55.9% [95% CI 46.8-64.7] versus 39.0% [95% CI 26.5-52.6],
219	respectively) (Table 2). However, it should be noted that the subgroups were relatively small
220	and confidence intervals were overlapping.
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222	In the pooled population, 156/225 patients (69%) had a PFS event according to the IRC at

249	Alectinib has demonstrated clinical systemic and CNS efficacy in two pivotal phase I
248	DISCUSSION
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246	AEs leading to treatment withdrawal were reported in 6% of patients (n=14) (Table 4).
245	AEs leading to dose modification or interruptions occurred in 33% of patients (n=75), while
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243	to be treatment-related (hemorrhage and intestinal perforation).
242	embolism, and unspecified death. Only two deaths (1%) were considered by the investigator
241	hemorrhage and one case each of dyspnea, endocarditis, intestinal perforation, pulmonary
240	aminotransferase (3%). Seven patients (3%) died during the study, including two cases of
239	blood creatine phosphokinase (4%), alanine aminotransferase (3%) and aspartate
238	occurred in 40% of patients and the most common were dyspnea (4%), elevated levels of
237	A summary of AEs occurring at a frequency of >10% are shown in Table 3. Grade 3–5 AEs
236	peripheral edema (28%), myalgia (25%), nausea (23%), cough (21%) and headache (21%).
235	AEs occurring at a frequency of >20% (any grade) were constipation (38%), fatigue (34%),
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233	alectinib was 94.1%.
232	from study NP28673 and 87 patients from study NP28761). The mean dose intensity of
231	Safety was evaluated in the pooled safety population of 225 patients (138 patients
230	Safety
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228	free rate was 85.3% (95% CI 80.6-89.9) (Fig. 2).
227	data cut-off. The median OS was 26.0 months (95% CI 21.4-NE) and the 6 month event-
226	months (95% 5.6-16.6). With regards to OS, 96/225 patients (43%) had an OS event at the
225	crizotinib treatment prior to receiving alectinib (51/225; 23%), the median PFS was 8.4
224	month event-free rate was 59.9% (95% CI 53.5-66.4). For patients who had only received
223	the data cut-off. The median PFS was 8.3 months (95% CI 7.0-11.3) (Fig. 1) and the 6

trials, achieving high response rates and durable responses.<sup>17,18</sup> In the present analysis,

251	efficacy and safety data were pooled from these phase II trials, with 15 and 18 months'
252	longer follow-up for NP28761 and NP28673, respectively. These data confirmed the clinical
253	activity and acceptable safety profile of alectinib in patients with ALK-positive NSCLC,
254	following treatment with crizotinib.
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256	Despite the differences in standard-of-care for ALK-positive NSCLC between the USA and
257	the rest of the world, the patient populations in NP28761 and NP28673 were very similar,
258	with 80% and 74% of patients progressing on prior chemotherapy and crizotinib,
259	respectively. Other baseline characteristics were also very similar across the two studies
260	including patient age (median 54 versus 52 years); proportion of male patients (45 versus
261	44%); patients with an ECOG PS of 0/1 (90 versus 91%) and patients with baseline CNS
262	disease (60 versus 61%) in the North American and global studies respectively, supporting
263	the rationale for combining these datasets.
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265	The ORR of 51.3% that we observed in the present analysis is consistent with the ORRs
266	reported in the individual primary and updated analyses of NP28673 (49.2% and 50.8%,
267	respectively) and NP28761 (47.8% and 52.2%, respectively). 17,18 In this pooled analysis,
268	alectinib demonstrated efficacy regardless of prior treatment with chemotherapy, with an
269	ORR of 49.3% for patients who received prior chemotherapy compared with 58.5% in
270	patients who were chemotherapy-naïve.
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272	Overall, the safety profile of alectinib in this pooled analysis was consistent with data
273	reported in the primary publications. 17,18 Alectinib was well tolerated and the majority of AEs
274	were grade 1/2 in severity, with only 1% of deaths reported as being treatment related.
275	During the pooling of these study data, exposure-response analysis was also performed.
276	Multivariate logistic regression and Cox proportional hazards analyses of the efficacy data
277	demonstrated no statistically significant relationship between alectinib exposure and best
278	overall response or PFS across the two studies, and logistic regression analysis

demonstrated no statistically significant relationship between alectinib exposure and safety
endpoints. <sup>22</sup> These exploratory analyses confirm that the alectinib dosing regimen of 600 mg
twice daily provides exposures within the expected plateau range of response, supporting its
selection as the global dosing regimen.

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Crizotinib was the first ALK inhibitor to be approved for the treatment of ALK-positive NSCLC and is the current standard of care. Crizotinib prolongs PFS, increases ORR and shows a greater improvement in global quality of life compared to chemotherapy in both previouslytreated and treatment-naïve, ALK-positive NSCLC.<sup>2,3</sup> Ceritinib was also approved for the treatment of crizotinib-pretreated patients with ALK-positive NSCLC, after achieving ORR rates of 39-56% and a median PFS of 5.7-6.9 months in phase I and II studies. 11,12 Recently, ceritinib was also approved in the first-line setting for patients with ALK-positive NSCLC, based on superior PFS and ORRs versus chemotherapy reported in the ASCEND-4 trial.<sup>14</sup> The ORR and PFS for ceritinib are comparable with those of alectinib in this pooled analysis, but in the ASCEND-2 trial, 12 ceritinib was associated with high rates of dose interruptions (76%), modifications or discontinuations (54%). In contrast, alectinib demonstrated an acceptable safety profile and good tolerability in this pooled analysis, as reflected by the rates of dose interruptions and modifications (33%) and low withdrawal rates (6%). A recent study of the ALK inhibitor brigatinib, in the same setting as the two alectinib studies presented here, showed ORR of 45-54% and median PFS of 9.2-12.9 months with doses of 90 mg once daily (q.d) or 90 mg q.d for 7 days followed by 180 mg q.d, respectively. Compared with alectinib, brigatinib showed comparable rates of dose reductions (7%) and dose interruptions (18%) due to AEs at the lower dose, however, at the higher dose, brigatinib showed greater rates of dose reductions (20%), dose interruptions (36%) and discontinuations (8%).<sup>23</sup>

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Here we report the systemic efficacy and safety of the pooled population, while an analysis of the activity of alectinib on CNS metastases in this pooled dataset has recently been

307	published. <sup>24</sup> Alectinib achieved a CNS ORR of 64.0% (95% CI 49.2–77.1) with a CNS DCR
308	of 90.0% (95% CI 78.2-96.7) and CNS DOR of 10.8 months (95% CI 78.2-90.8), showing
309	good CNS efficacy.
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311	Two ongoing phase III studies are directly comparing the efficacy of alectinib with crizotinib
312	in patients with ALK inhibitor-naïve ALK-positive NSCLC (ALEX, NCT02075840; J-ALEX,
313	JapicCTI-132316). Following an interim analysis, results from the J-ALEX study were
314	released early, as the primary endpoint of PFS demonstrated superiority compared with
315	crizotinib treatment (HR 0.34 [99.6826% CI 0.17-0.70, stratified log-rank p<0.0001]; median
316	PFS not reached [95% CI 20.3–NE] versus 10.2 months [95% CI 8.2–12.0], for alectinib
317	versus crizotinib). <sup>25, 24</sup> Grade 3/4 AEs were observed at a greater frequency in the crizotinib
318	arm (52%) compared with the alectinib arm (27%) and rates of drug interruptions were lower
319	with alectinib than with crizotinib (29% versus 74%, respectively). Primary data from the
320	global ALEX study also showed that alectinib had a superior PFS compared with crizotinib
321	(12-month event-free survival rate, 68.4% [95% CI, 61.0-75.9] with alectinib versus 48.7%
322	[95% CI, 40.4–56.9] with crizotinib. <sup>21</sup> .
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324	In conclusion, results from this pooled analysis showed that alectinib 600 mg twice daily
325	demonstrated clinical activity and was well tolerated in patients with ALK-positive NSCLC
326	who had progressed on crizotinib. Efficacy was shown in patients who had received prior
327	chemotherapy as well as in those who were chemotherapy-naïve.
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 TABLE 1. Demographic and Baseline Characteristics of the Pooled Population (ITT)

# 419 Population)

	NP28761	NP28673	Difference	Pooled
	(n=87)	(n=138)	Between	Population
			Cohorts, %	(N=225)
Median age, years (range)	54 (29–79)	52 (22–79)	2 years	53 (22–79)
Sex, n (%)				
Male	39 (45)	61 (44)	1	100 (44)
Female	48 (55)	77 (56)	1	125 (56)
ECOG PS, n (%)				
0	30 (34)	44 (32)	2	74 (33)
1	48 (55)	81 (59)	4	129 (57)
2	9 (10)	13 (9)	1	22 (10)
Race, n (%)				
White	73 (84)	93 (67)	17	166 (74)
Asian	7 (8)	36 (26)	18	43 (19)
Other	3 (3)	4 (3)	0	7 (3)
Black/African American	3 (3)	1 (0.7)	2.3	4 (2)
Multiple	1 (1)	0 (0)	1	7 (3)
Unknown	0	3 (2)	2	1 (0.4)
American Indian/Alaska	0	1 (0.7)	0.7	1 (0.4)
Native				

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CNS metastases, n (%)				
Yes	52 (60)	84 (61)	1	136 (60)
No	35 (40)	54 (39)	1	89 (40)
Histology, n (%)				
Adenocarcinoma	82 (94)	133 (96)	2	215 (96)
Other	5 (6)	5 (4)	2	10 (4)
Prior chemotherapy, n (%)				
Yes	64 (74)	110 (80)	6	174 (77)
No	23 (26)	28 (20)	6	51 (23)
Crizotinib + prior therapies				
Crizotinib only	23 (26)	28 (20)	6	51 (23)
+1 therapy	0	52 (38)	38	52 (23)
+2 therapies	19 (22)	16 (12)	10	35 (16)
+3 therapies	18 (21)	17 (12)	9	35 (16)
+4 therapies	14 (16)	16 (12)	4	30 (13)
+5 therapies	8 (9)	4 (3)	6	12 (5)
≥6 therapies	5 (6)	5 (4)	2	10 (4)
Smoking status				
Active smoker	0	3 (2)	2	3 (1)
Past smoker	33 (38)	39 (28)	10	72 (32)
Never-smoker	54 (62)	96 (70)	8	150 (67)

CNS, central nervous system; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; PS,

<sup>421</sup> performance status.

TABLE 2. Subgroup Analyses of IRC Objective Response Rate in the Pooled Population
 (IRC RE Population)

	Patients Per	Responders Per Subgroup		
	Subgroup	n (%)	95% CI	
	(n=189)			
Sex			O	
Male	88	46 (52.3)	41.4–63.0	
Female	101	51 (50.5)	40.4–60.6	
Race				
White	137	70 (51.1)	42.4–59.7	
Asian	38	23 (60.5)	43.4–76.0	
Other	14	4 (28.6)	8.4–58.1	
ECOG PS at baseline				
0	61	40 (65.6)	52.3–77.3	
1	111	50 (45.0)	35.6–54.8	
2	17	7 (41.2)	18.4–67.1	
CNS metastases at				
baseline	113	55 (48.7)	39.2–58.3	
Yes	76	42 (55.3)	43.4–66.7	
No	<b>&gt;</b>			
Prior chemotherapy				
Yes	148	73 (49.3)	41.0–57.7	
No	41	24 (58.5)	42.1–73.7	
Number of prior regimens				
1–2	89	48 (53.9)	43.0–64.6	
3–9	100	49 (49.0)	38.9–59.2	
Smoking status at screening				

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Active smoker	3	3 (100.0)	29.2–100.0
Past smoker	59	23 (39.0)	26.5–52.6
Never-smoker	127	71 (55.9)	46.8–64.7
Time on prior crizotinib			
≤ median	105	48 (45.7)	36.0–55.7
≥ median	84	49 (58.3)	47.1–69.0
Best response on crizotinib			
Complete response	1	1 (100)	2.5–100.0
Partial response	84	50 (59.5)	48.3–70.1
Stable disease	43	19 (44.2)	29.1–60.1
Progressive disease	47	21 (44.7)	30.2–59.9
Unknown/N/A/NE	14	6 (42.9)	17.7–71.1

CI, confidence interval; CNS, central nervous system; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; NE, not evaluable; N/A, not applicable; PS, performance status; RE, response evaluable.

Table 3. Adverse Events with an Incidence Rate of >10% in the Pooled Studies (ITT

436 Population)

			Difference	Pooled
	NP28761	NP28673	Between	Population
Adverse Event, n (%)	(n=87)	(n=138)	Cohorts, %	(N=225)
Patients with ≥1 adverse event	84 (97)	135 (98)	1	219 (97)
Constipation	32 (37)	53 (38)	1	85 (38)
Fatigue	33 (38)	43 (31)	7	76 (34)
Peripheral edema	22 (25)	41 (30)	5	63 (28)
Myalgia	22 (25)	35 (25)	0	57 (25)
Nausea	21 (24)	30 (22)	2	51 (23)
Cough	18 (21)	30 (22)	1	48 (21)
Headache	21 (24)	26 (19)	5	47 (21)
Diarrhea	20 (23)	22 (16)	7	42 (19)
Dyspnea	17 (20)	23 (17)	3	40 (18)
Increased aspartate	18 (21)	18 (13)	8	36 (16)
aminotransferase				
Anemia	17 (20)	16 (12)	8	33 (15)
Weight increased	16 (18)	17 (12)	6	33 (15)
Asthenia	2 (2)	30 (22)	20	32 (14)
Upper respiratory tract infection	13 (15)	19 (14)	1	32 (14)
Vomiting	11 (13)	21 (15)	2	32 (14)
Increased alanine	16 (18)	15 (11)	7	31 (14)
aminotransferase				
Rash	8 (9)	22 (16)	7	30 (13)

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Back pain	10 (11)	18 (13)	2	28 (12)
Increased blood bilirubin	9 (10)	18 (13)	3	27 (12)
Increased blood creatinine	20 (23)	6 (4)	19	26 (12)
phosphokinase				
Dizziness	11 (13)	15 (11)	2	26 (12)
Photosensitivity reaction	10 (11)	16 (12)	1	26 (12)
Arthralgia	10 (11)	15 (11)	0	25 (11)
Insomnia	11 (13)	12 (9)	4	23 (10)
Decreased appetite	5 (6)	17 (12)	6	22 (10)
Upper abdominal pain	4 (5)	17 (12)	7	21 (9)
Nasopharyngitis	3 (3)	16 (12)	9	19 (8)
Increased blood alkaline	12 (14)	5 (4)	10	17 (8)
phosphatase				
Hypokalemia	9 (10)	7 (5)	5	16 (7)
Oropharyngeal pain	2 (2)	14 (10)	8	16 (7)
Hypertriglyceridemia	11 (13)	0	13	11 (5)

Table 4. Adverse Events Leading to Dose Modification, Interruption or Withdrawal in the
 Pooled Studies (ITT Population).

	NP28761	NP28673	Pooled Population
Outcome, n (%)	(n=87)	(n=138)	(N=225)
AE leading to withdrawal from	0 (0)	42 (0)	44 (0)
study	2 (2)	12 (9)	14 (6)
AE leading to withdrawal from			
treatment	2 (2)	12 (9)	14 (6)
AE leading to dose		Ġ	
modification or interruption	37 (43)	38 (28)	75 (33)
Serious AE leading to			
withdrawal from treatment	1 (1)	8 (6)	9 (4)
Serious AE leading to dose			
modification or interruption	9 (10)	13 (9)	22 (10)
Related AE leading to	,		
withdrawal from treatment	2 (2)	8 (6)	10 (4)
Related AE leading to dose			
modification or interruption	24 (28)	23 (17)	47 (21)
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AE, adverse event

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448	FIGURE 1. IRC Progression-free survival of the pooled population (ITT Population, N=225).
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450 451 452 453	FIGURE 2. Overall survival of the pooled population (ITT Population, N=225).
454	SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 1. CONSORT diagram
455	*IRC RE population defined as patients with measurable disease at baseline according to the IRC.
456	(Not possible to include information regarding the reason for treatment discontinuations in either
457 458 459	study, as these data are not availble).
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