

FRAME: A phase I trial of the combination of the dual RAF-MEK inhibitor VS-6766 and the FAK inhibitor Defactinib; Evaluation of efficacy in KRAS mutated NSCLC.

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High Unmet Need in Refractory *KRAS*^M NSCLC Adenocarcinoma

KRAS mutations represent 25%
of lung adenocarcinoma
(EGFR 17%, ALK 7%)⁴

¹ Globocan, 2018

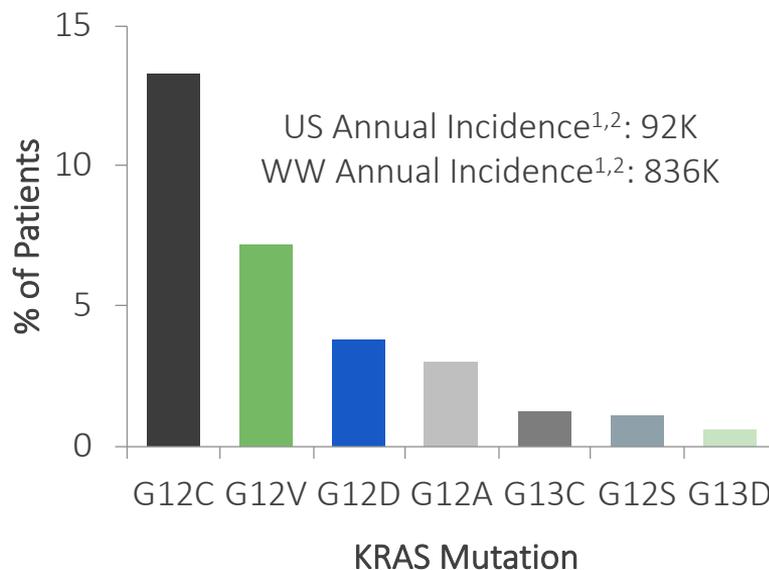
² <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK519578/>

³ TCGA PanCancer Atlas (cBioPortal analysis)

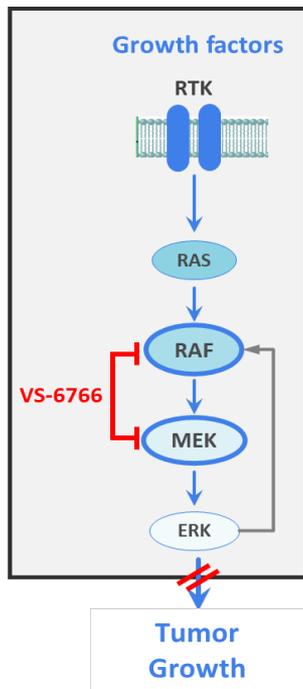
⁴ www.thelancet.com Vol 389 January 21, 2017

⁵ Adapted from NCCN Non-small cell lung cancer guidelines Version 3.2020

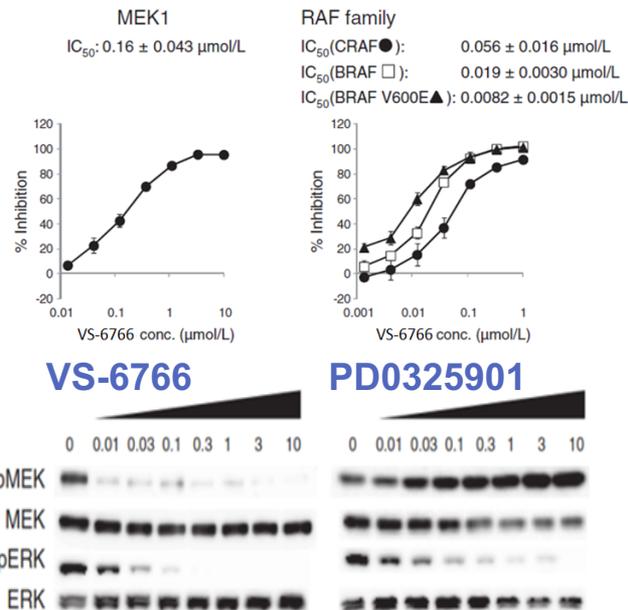
NSCLC Adenocarcinoma³



Mechanism of action of VS-6766

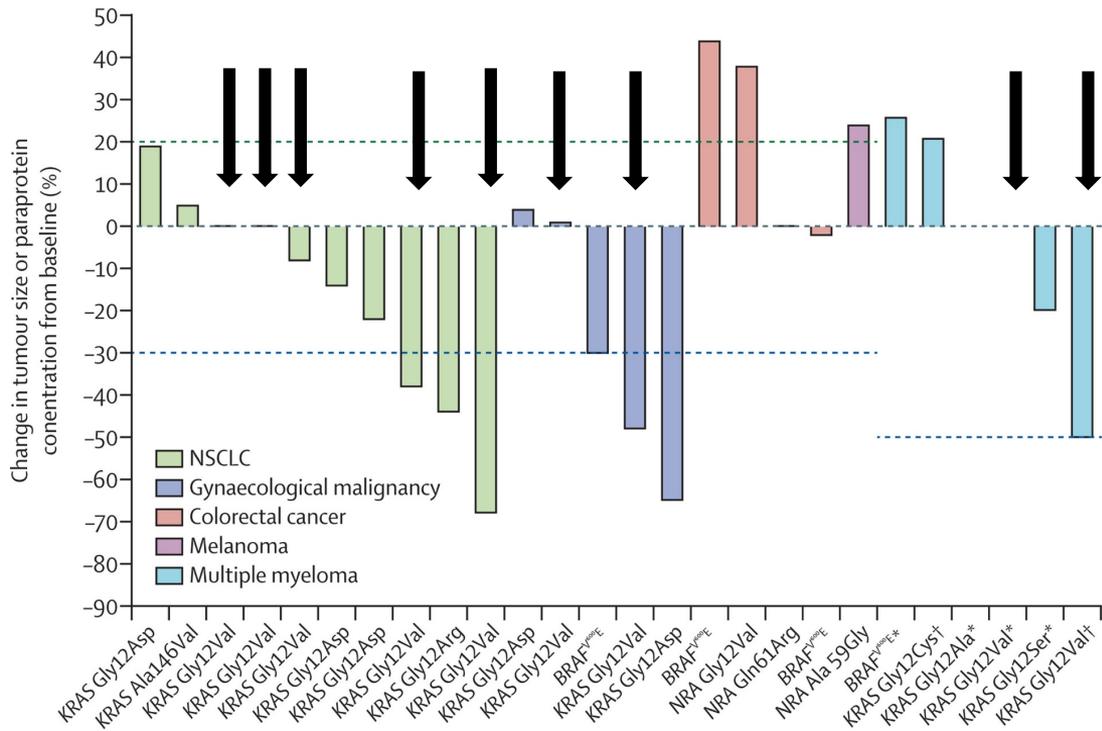


- VS-6766 inhibits both MEK & RAF kinase activities
- MEK inhibitors paradoxically induce MEK phosphorylation (pMEK) by relieving ERK-dependent feedback inhibition of RAF
- By inhibiting RAF phosphorylation of MEK, VS-6766 has advantage of not inducing pMEK
- VS-6766 inhibits ERK signaling more completely; may confer enhanced therapeutic activity



Reference: Ishii et al., *Cancer Res*, 2013; Lito et al., *Cancer Cell*, 2014; Blasco, R. B. et al. *Cancer Cell* (2011); Sanclemente, M. et al. *Cancer Cell* (2018))

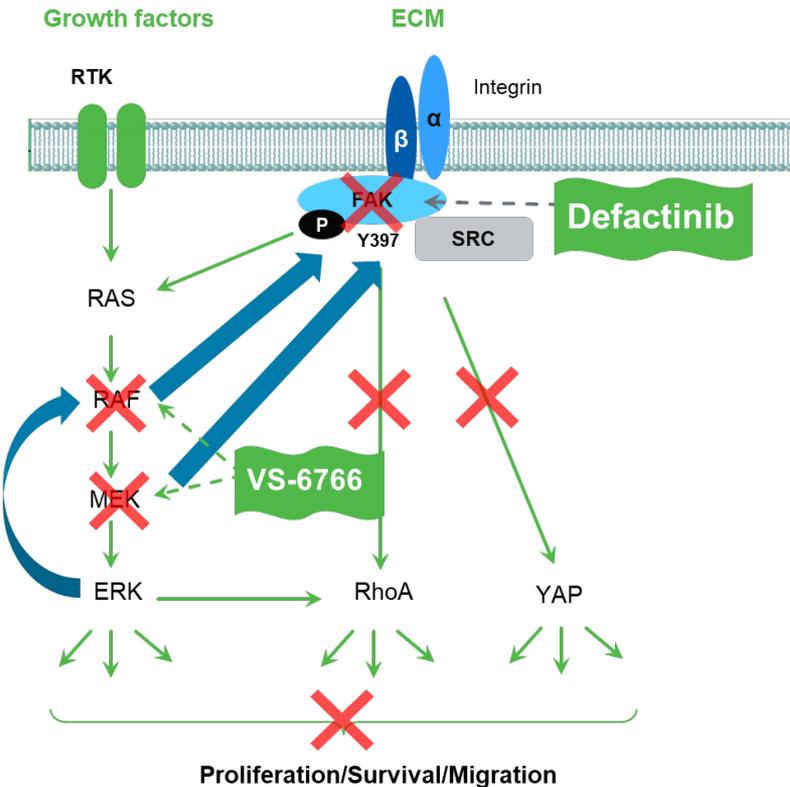
Single Agent Activity of VS-6766



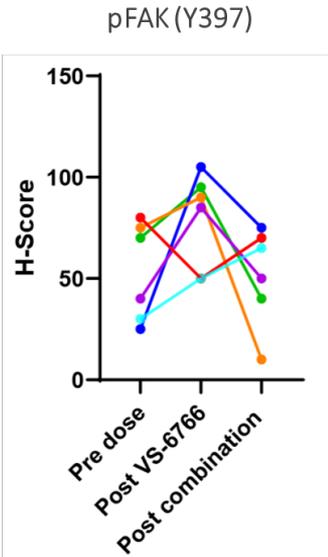
Single agent activity seen across a spectrum of *KRAS* mutant tumours including *KRAS* G12V NSCLC

Guo et al Lancet Oncology 2020, 21:1478-1488

Rationale for Combination of VS-6766 with a FAK Inhibitor

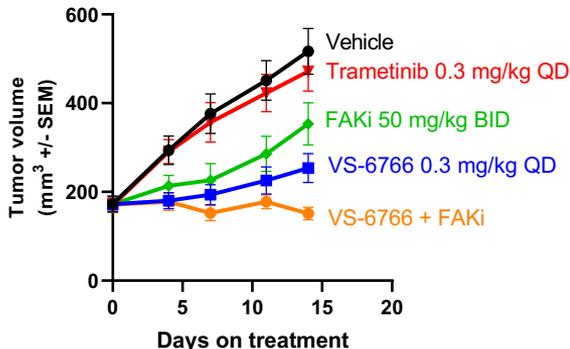


VS-6766 induces pFAK in Patient's Tumors



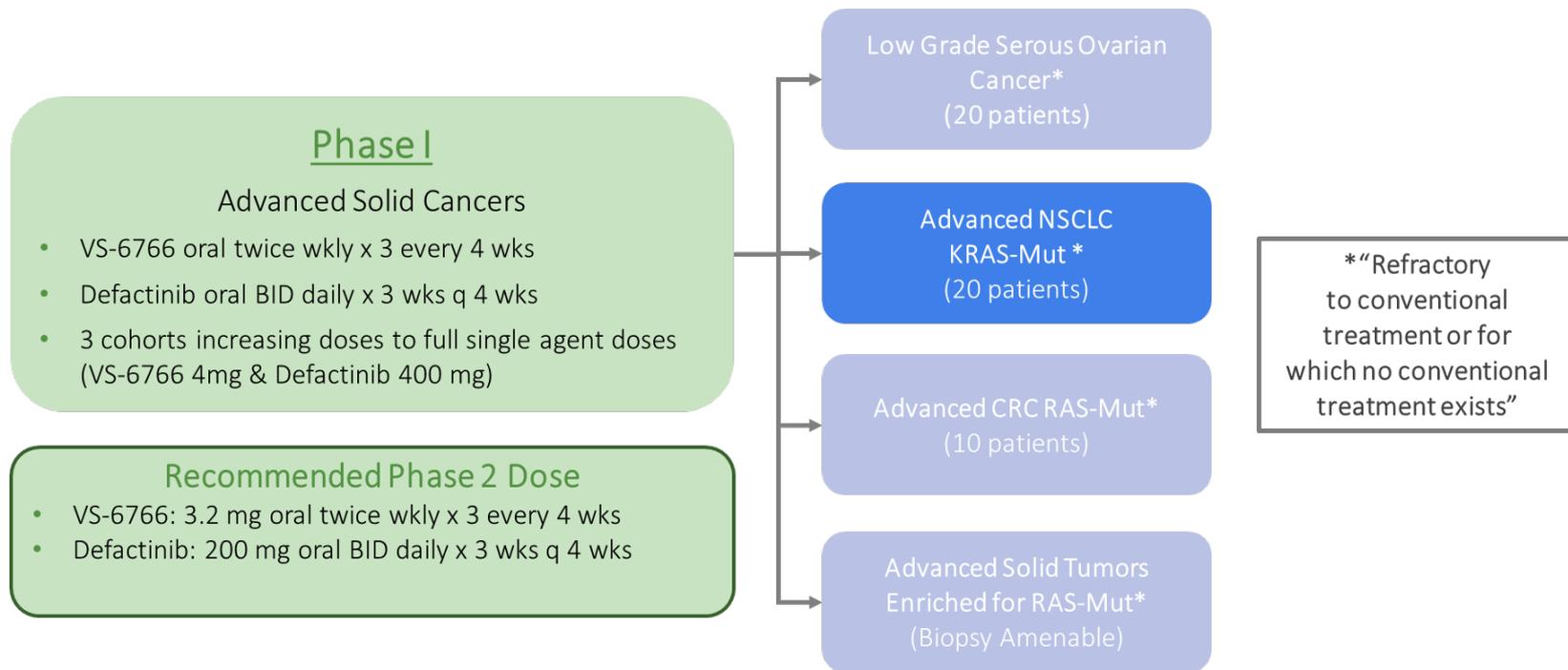
U. Banerji, AACR 2020

NSCLC cancer model H358 KRAS (G12C) mutant



Pachter et al., RAS meeting 2020

FRAME: Investigator-Sponsored Basket Trial of VS-6766 + Defactinib in KRAS^M Cancers



- 3+3 dose escalation trial design followed by tumour-specific or molecularly stratified dose expansion cohorts
- Primary endpoint: determine the dose at which no more than one patient out of up to six patients experience a highly probable or probable drug-related dose limiting toxicity

Demographics and Toxicity seen in patients with *KRAS*^M NSCLC

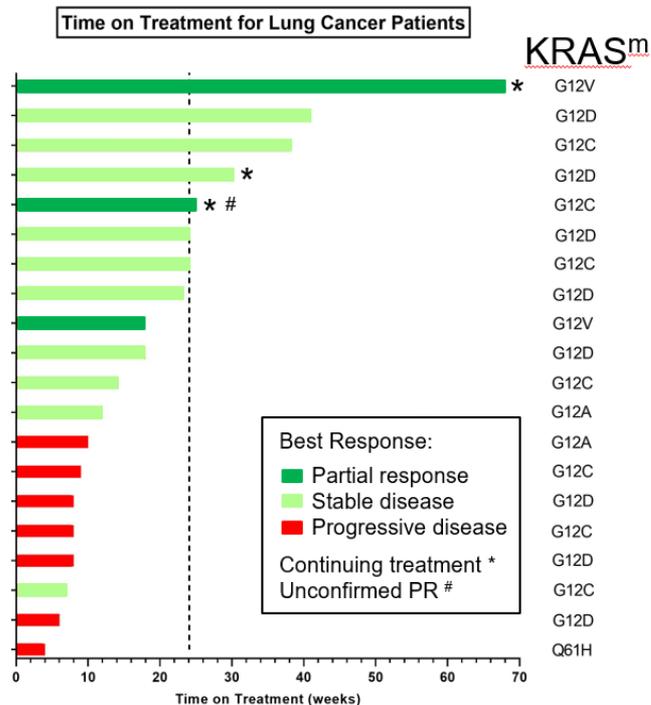
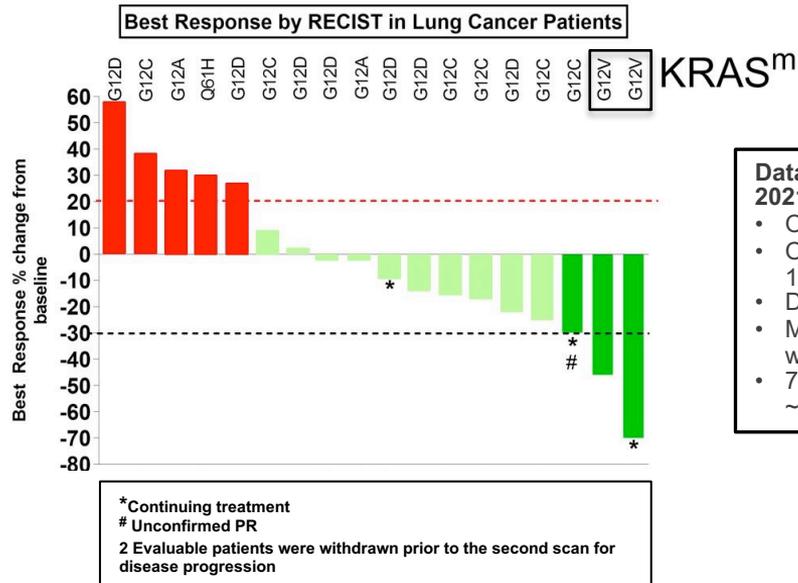
Patient demographics

All NSCLC Patients (n=20)		
Median Age (range)		62 (22 - 73)
Gender	Male	8
	Female	12
Tumor types	NSCLC	20
KRAS Mutation	G12D	8
	G12C	7
	G12A	2
	G12V	2
	Q61H	1
Prior treatments	All lines: median (range)	3 (1 - 5)
ECOG PS	PS 0	2
	PS 1	18

Treatment related adverse events

Adverse event details	NSCLC						Total (n=20)
	Escalation		Expansion				
	RO 4mg VS 200mg (n=1)		RO 4mg VS 200mg (n=10)		RO 3.2mg VS 200mg (n=9)		
	G.1 - G.2	G.3 - G.4	G.1 - G.2	G.3 - G.4	G.1 - G.2	G.3 - G.4	
Rash	1		7	2	8	1	19
CK elevation			4	2	4		10
Glossitis/Mucositis/Mouth ulcers			5	1	4		10
AST rise			7		2		9
Peripheral oedema			5		3		8
Visual disturbance	1		4		3		8
Fatigue			4		2	1	7
ALT rise	1		5				6
Diarrhoea	1		3		2		6
Dry skin/scalp			3		2		5
Hyperbilirubinemia			5				5
Nausea	1		2		1		4
Pruritis			1	1	2		4
Thrombocytopenia			2		2		4
Vomiting			2		2		4
Neutropenia			1		2		3

Clinical activity in *KRAS^M* NSCLC



Pre-treatment Oct 2019

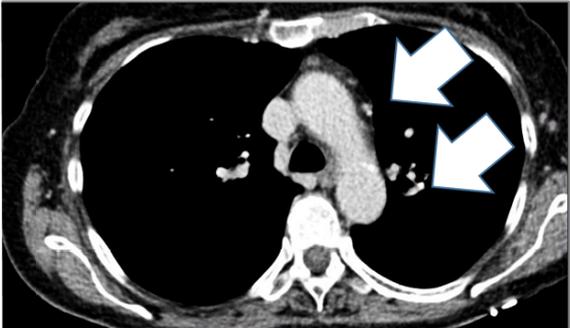
On-treatment Feb 2021

72F - Diagnosed with NSCLC
May 2019

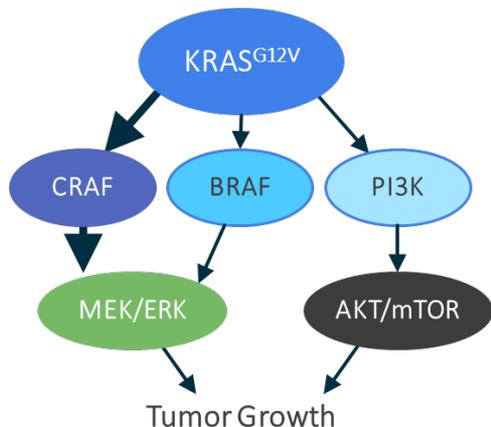
June 2019- Sept 2019 treated
with first line Carboplatin +
Pemetrexed + Pembrolizumab

Oct 2019- Progression,
palliative RT to right hip

Nov 2019- To present on
treatment on FRAME study
VS-6766 + Defactinib



Importance of CRAF in KRAS signaling



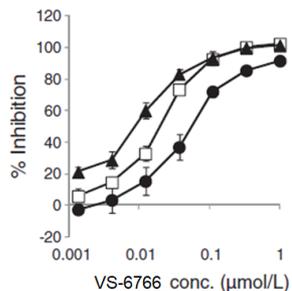
- KRAS G12V signals mainly through RAF/MEK in contrast to other variants, such as KRAS G12D, which signal more through PI3K/AKT
- KRAS G12V NSCLC models are especially dependent on CRAF, a target of VS-6766

RAF family

IC₅₀(CRAF●): 0.056 ± 0.016 μmol/L

IC₅₀(BRAF□): 0.019 ± 0.0030 μmol/L

IC₅₀(BRAF V600E▲): 0.0082 ± 0.0015 μmol/L

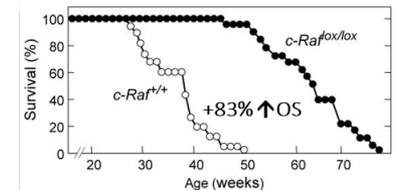


CRAF, but not BRAF, ablation improves survival of mice with KRAS G12V induced lung cancer in vivo

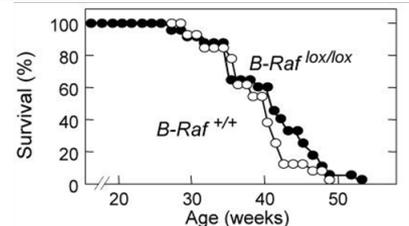
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CRAF Drives KRAS^{G12V} NSCLC^{1,3}

CRAF KO vs. WT



BRAF KO vs. WT



Summary & Conclusions

- The combination of VS-6766 (RAF/MEKi) + defactinib (FAKi) with a novel, intermittent schedule exhibits a manageable safety profile, with no patients discontinuing for adverse events to date
- VS-6766 as monotherapy and in combination with defactinib shows confirmed partial responses in NSCLC especially in patients with *KRAS* G12V mutation
- Based on the premise of VS-6766 + defactinib in *KRAS* G12V NSCLC, a cohort (n=10) of patients with *KRAS* G12V NSCLC has been added to the FRAME study
- Additionally, a registration-directed clinical study in *KRAS* G12V NSCLC has been initiated (NCT04620330)

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