

Clinical Efficacy and Safety of Targeted Therapies for HER2 Mutant Advanced or Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: A Systematic Literature Review

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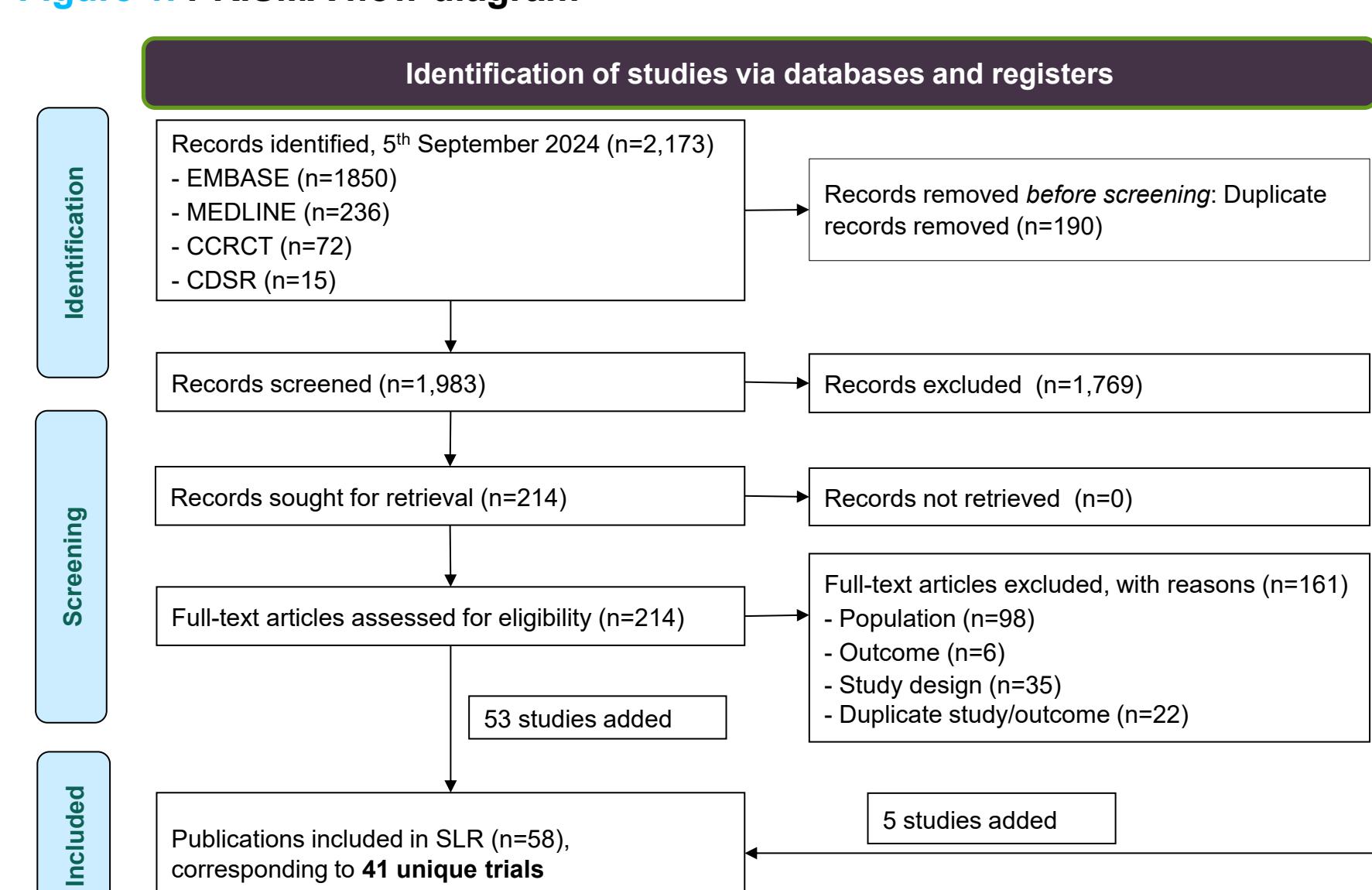
BACKGROUND

- Lung cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer globally with almost 2.5 million new cases (12.4% of all cancers) diagnosed in 2022¹.
- Most lung cancers (80-85%) are grouped broadly as non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)². Mutations in human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) have been reported in approximately 2-4% of patients with NSCLC and are associated with poor patient outcomes³.
- This systematic literature review (SLR) (PROSPERO registration number: CRD42024591639) summarizes the available literature evaluating the clinical outcomes of treatments in HER2 mutant advanced or metastatic NSCLC.

RESULTS

- A total of 41 clinical trials (58 publications) were included (Figure 1). 12 trials were conducted in East Asia (Figure 2).
- 35 trials were single arm, three were two or multi-arms, and three were multicohort of different doses for one treatment. No phase III trials were identified (Figure 3).
- 19 trials studied HER2 TKIs followed by nine trials on antibody-drug conjugate monotherapies (Figure 4).
- 19 trials provided data for HER2 mutation-positive patients as a subset of overall NSCLC cohorts.
- 20 focused on response rates as primary outcome; only two reported PFS as primary outcome and included HER2-mutated and/or HER2-amplified metastatic NSCLC.

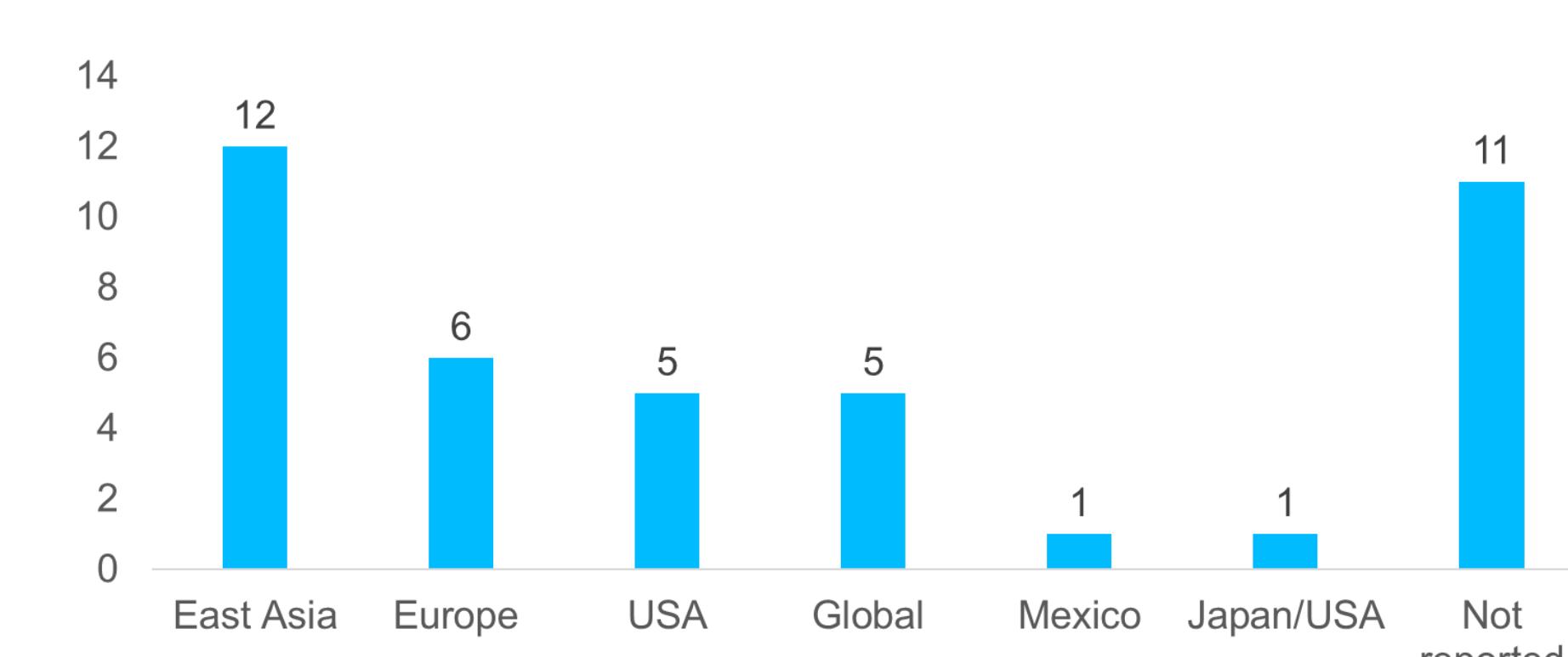
Figure 1. PRISMA flow diagram



METHODS

- Embase, MEDLINE and MEDLINE In-process, E-pub Ahead of Print, the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) and Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trial (CCRT) databases were searched on 5th September 2024 to identify clinical trials with efficacy, safety and quality of life (QoL) data reported in HER2 mutant advanced NSCLC.
- Clinical trial registries (from 2023) and conference abstracts from 2023-2024 (ASCO, ESMO, IASLC, and ELCC) were also searched.
- No limitation were set on timeframe and geography.

Figure 2. Included trials by region



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Trials included in
SLR

Table 1. Summary of included trials characteristics

Trial characteristics	Range or number
Number analysed*, range	2-245
Median follow-up, range	3-17 months
Females, range	33.3%-100%
Median age, range	56-67 years
Non-smoker	5.6%-100%
NSCLC histology	Adenocarcinoma (76%-100%); Squamous (0-7%)

*7 trials had <10 sample size; ^19 trials with 98-100% with adenocarcinoma and none with large cell carcinoma

Figure 3. Trial design of included trials

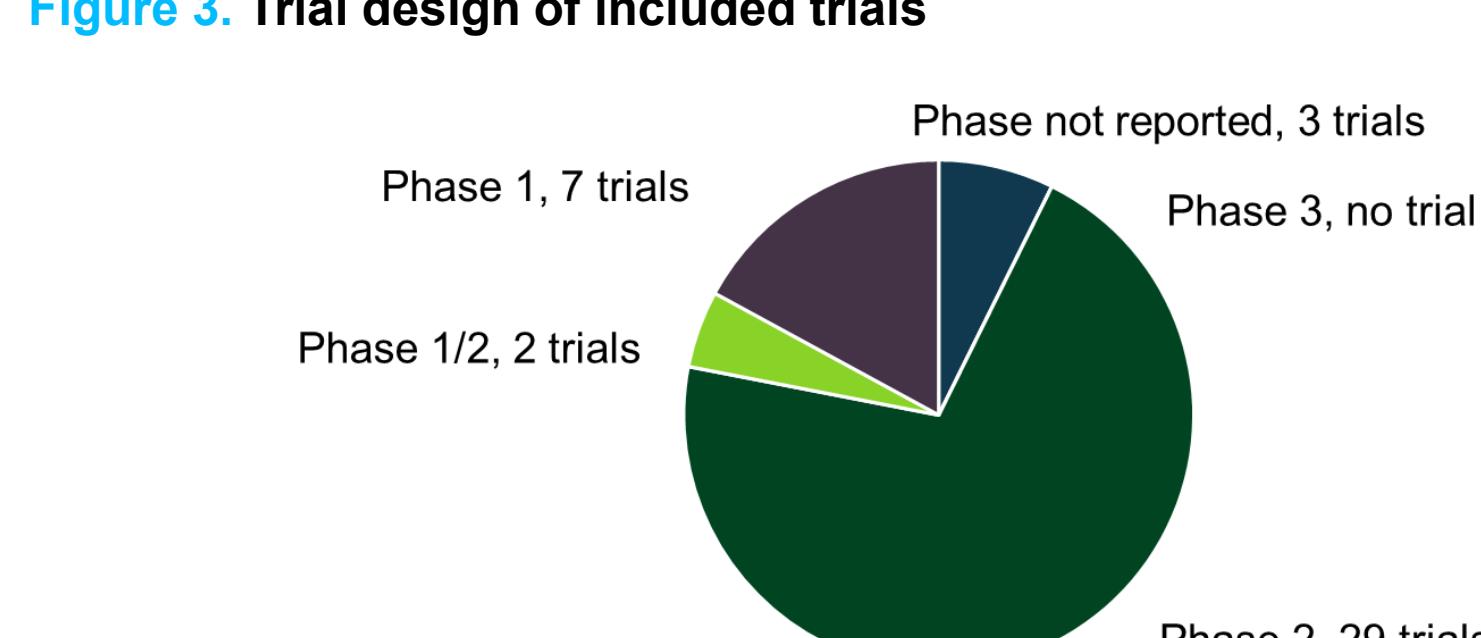
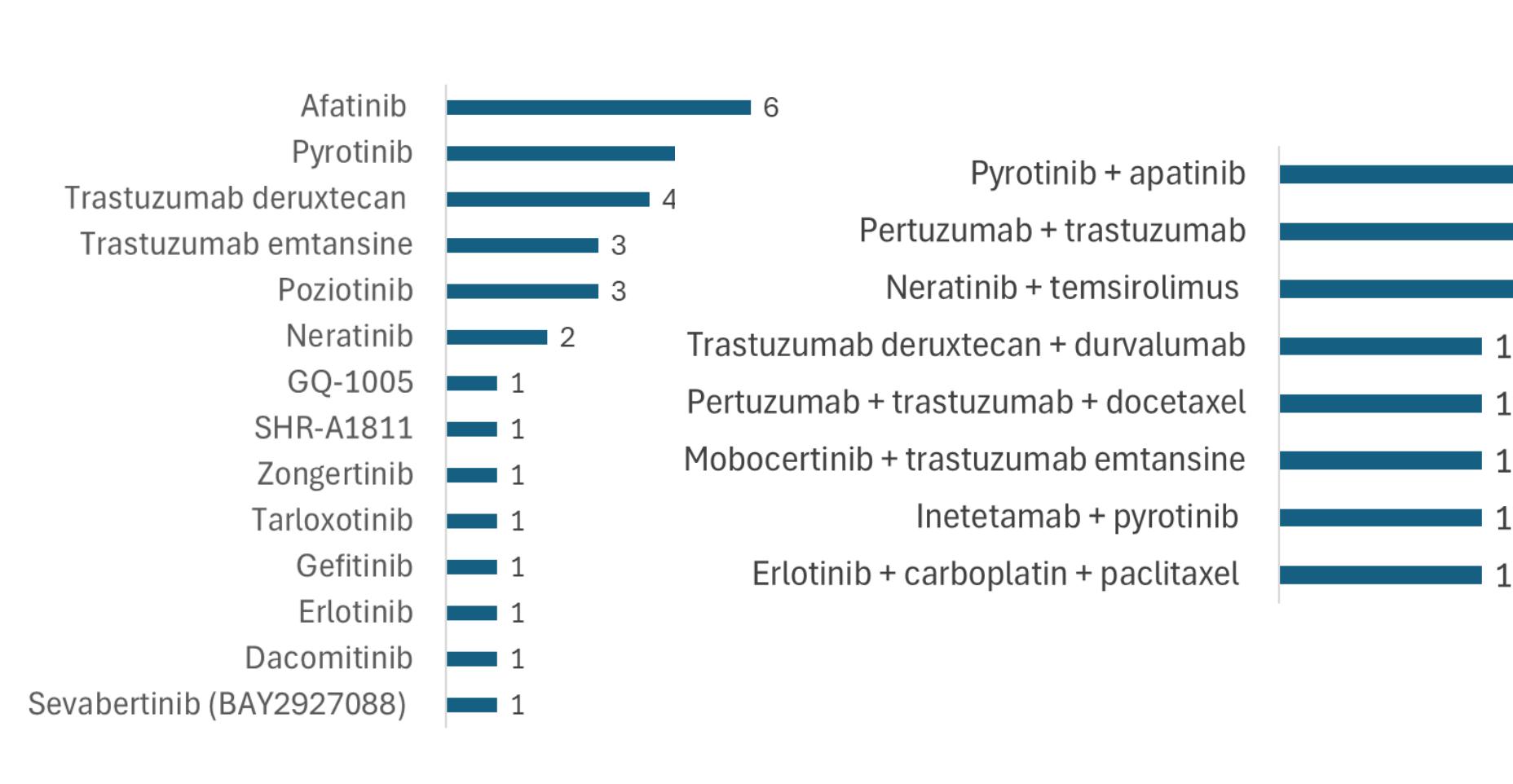


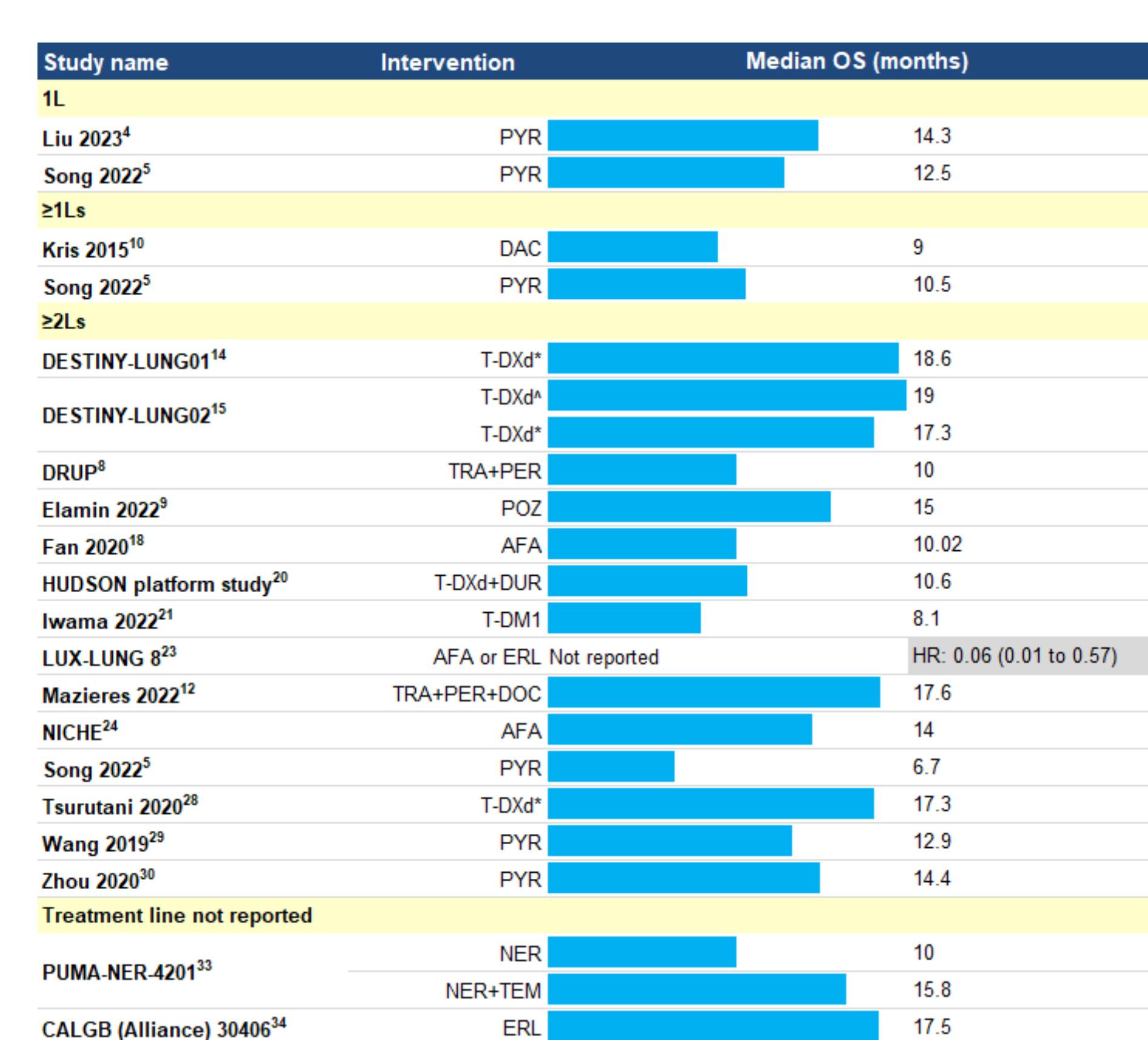
Figure 4. Treatment of HER2-mutant NSCLC reported in the included trials



EFFICACY RESULTS

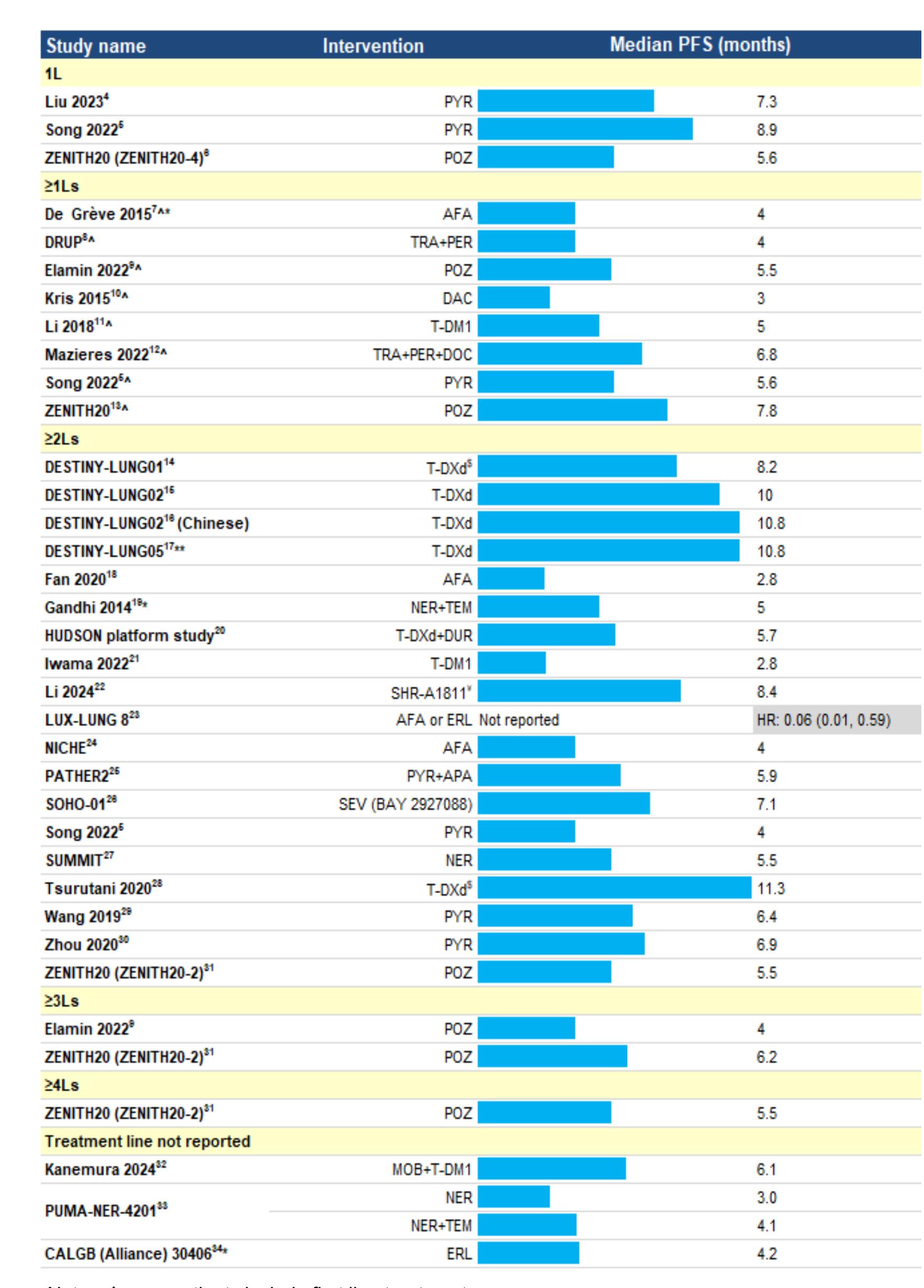
- ≥2Ls (27 trials): for the second line treatment and above, results varied widely (Figure 5 and 6). PFS ranged from 2.76 (95% CI: 1.87 - 4.6) to 15.4 months (95% CI: 8.3 - not estimable); OS, from 8.1 to 19 months; ORR, from 0% to 74% (six trials reported ORRs of less than 20%, 10 trials reported ORRs between 20% to 50%, and nine trials reported ORRs of more than 50%); and DCR, from 38% to 100% across the trials.
- 1L (4 trials): evidence for treatment naive patients was available for selective HER2 TKIs, including pyrotinib and poziotinib monotherapies where both have shown better results (Figure 5 and 6). ORR ranged from approximately 30% to 39%; and DCR ranged from 70% to up to 90%.
- ≥1Ls (eight trials - patients received mix of no prior treatment or >1L treatment).
- Five trials did not specify lines of treatment.

Figure 6. OS summary of the included trials



Note: *6.4 mg/kg Q3W; ^5.4 mg/kg Q3W

Figure 5. PFS summary of the included trials



SAFETY RESULTS

- 24 trials reported safety outcomes in ≥2Ls and two trials in 1L. In ≥2Ls, the overall mortality rates varied significantly, ranging from 0% to 53%; and the overall treatment discontinuation rates varied from 50% to 98.9%.
- Commonly reported AEs included rash, diarrhea, vomiting, fatigue, anemia and interstitial lung disease. In Liu et al. (2023), which included treatment-naïve patients treated with pyrotinib, an overall mortality rate of approximately 50% was reported.

QoL RESULTS

DESTINY-Lung02 (T-DXd) and ZENITH20-2 (poziotinib) reported QoL outcomes. Overall HRQoL was maintained, as measured by the EORTC QLQ-C30, in patients treated with T-DXd, while QLQ-C30 scores showed slight improvement from baseline in those treated with poziotinib.

CONCLUSIONS

The clinical evidence on T-DXd and novel HER2 TKIs has shown rapid and durable clinical response in HER2 mutant NSCLC, though efficacy varies considerably, and comparative data remained limited.

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F Manevy, N Paracha, K Papadakis, V Bernard-Gauthier, are employed by Bayer Inc., and hold stock/stock options in the company.

Additional information

Full list of articles included in SLR available upon request.

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