

CORRIGENDUM

Metastatic non-small cell lung cancer: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up

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The following corrections are made:

In the section “Management of advanced/metastatic NSCLC, First-line treatment of *EGFR*- and *ALK*-negative NSCLC disease, regardless of PD-L1 status”

1. In KEYNOTE-189, patients with metastatic non-squamous NSCLC, PS 0-1, without sensitising *EGFR* or *ALK* mutations, were randomised to receive pemetrexed and a platinum-based ChT plus either 200 mg of pembrolizumab or placebo every 3 weeks for 4 cycles, followed by pembrolizumab or placebo for up to a total of 35 cycles plus pemetrexed maintenance therapy [96].

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3. Atezolizumab was studied in patients with metastatic squamous NSCLC in the IMpower131 study. Patients were randomised to atezolizumab/carboplatin/paclitaxel, atezolizumab/carboplatin/nab-P or carboplatin/nab-P (nab-PC) [100]. Atezolizumab/carboplatin/nab-P had improved PFS compared with nab-PC (HR 0.715, $P=0.0001$), but no improvement in OS was seen at the first interim analysis (mOS 14 versus 13.9 months). More mature data are needed to evaluate long-term benefit of the strategy; with the use of atezolizumab with nab-PC today representing an option in patients with metastatic squamous NSCLC [I, B; not EMA-approved].

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In the section “First-line treatment of NSCLC without actionable oncogenic driver, with contraindications to use of immunotherapy”

• The nab-PC regimen has been shown in a large phase III trial to have a significantly higher ORR compared with solvent-based paclitaxel/carboplatin (sb-PC), and less neurotoxicity [I, B] [113]. The benefits were observed in both SCC and non-SCC (NSCC), with a larger impact on response in SCC. For this reason, the nab-PC regimen could be considered a chemotherapeutic option in advanced NSCLC patients, particularly in patients with greater risk of neurotoxicity, pre-existing hypersensitivity to paclitaxel or contraindications for standard paclitaxel premedication [I, B].

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In “Table 4. Summary of recommendations”

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A new acronym is defined:

nab-P, albumin-bound paclitaxel.

Figures

In “Figure 1. Treatment algorithm for stage IV SCC”

The following changes apply as shown in the updated version below.

1. PD-L1 < 50%

Is replaced with:

Any expression of PD-L1

2. Pembrolizumab + carboplatin/paclitaxel or nab-PC (4 cycles), followed by pembrolizumab [I, A]^c

Is replaced with:

Pembrolizumab + carboplatin/paclitaxel or carboplatin/nab-P (4 cycles), followed by pembrolizumab [I, A]^c

3. Atezolizumab + nab-PC (4-6 cycles), followed by atezolizumab [II, B]^c

Is replaced with:

Atezolizumab + carboplatin/nab-P (4-6 cycles), followed by atezolizumab [II, B]^c

4. Platinum-based ChT (see first-line treatment for PD-L1 < 50%, PS 0-1)

Is replaced with:

Platinum-based ChT (see first-line treatment without IO)

5. 4-6 cycles Carboplatin-based doublets

Is replaced with:

4-6 cycles Carboplatin-based ChT

New acronyms are defined:

IO, immuno-oncology; nab-P, albumin-bound paclitaxel.

In “Figure 2. Treatment algorithm for stage IV NSCC, molecular tests negative(*ALK/BRAF/EGFR/ROS1*)”

The following changes apply as shown in the updated version below.

1. PD-L1 expression^a has been added to show the options between “PD-L1 \geq 50%” and “Any expression of PD-L1”
2. Pembrolizumab/pemetrexed and platinum-based ChT (4 cycles), followed by pembrolizumab [I, A; MCBS 4]

Is replaced with:

Pembrolizumab/pemetrexed and platinum-based ChT (4 cycles), followed by pembrolizumab/pemetrexed [I, A; MCBS 4]

3. Atezolizumab/pemetrexed/platinum-based ChT (4-6 cycles), followed by atezolizumab [I, B]^b

Is replaced with:

Atezolizumab/pemetrexed and platinum-based ChT (4-6 cycles), followed by atezolizumab/pemetrexed [I, B]^b

4. 4-6 cycles

Is replaced with:

4-6 cycles Platinum-based ChT

5. nab-PC [I, B]

Is replaced with:

carboplatin/nab-P [I, B]

6. 4-6 cycles Carboplatin-based doublets

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7. For the following first-line treatment combinations, links have been added to show the treatment options in case of disease progression: pembrolizumab/pemetrexed and platinum-based ChT (4 cycles), followed by pembrolizumab/pemetrexed; atezolizumab/pemetrexed and platinum-based ChT (4-6 cycles), followed by atezolizumab/pemetrexed; atezolizumab/bevacizumab with carboplatin and paclitaxel (4-6 cycles), followed by atezolizumab/bevacizumab.

A new acronym is defined:

nab-P, albumin-bound paclitaxel.

In “Figure 3. Treatment algorithm for stage IV NSCC, molecular tests positive (*ALK/BRAF/EGFR/ROS1*)”

The following changes apply as shown in the updated version below.

Osimertinib [I, A]^b

Is replaced with:

Osimertinib [I, A; MCBS 4].

In “Figure 4. Treatment algorithm for stage IV lung carcinoma with *EGFR*-activating mutation”

The following changes apply as shown in the updated version below.

Carbolatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab/atezolizumab [III, A]^b

Is replaced with:

Carboplatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab/atezolizumab [III, A]^b

In “Figure 5. Treatment algorithm for stage IV lung carcinoma with *ALK* translocation”

The following changes apply as shown in the updated version below.

Carbolatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab/atezolizumab [III, B]^a

Is replaced with:

Carboplatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab/atezolizumab [III, B]^a

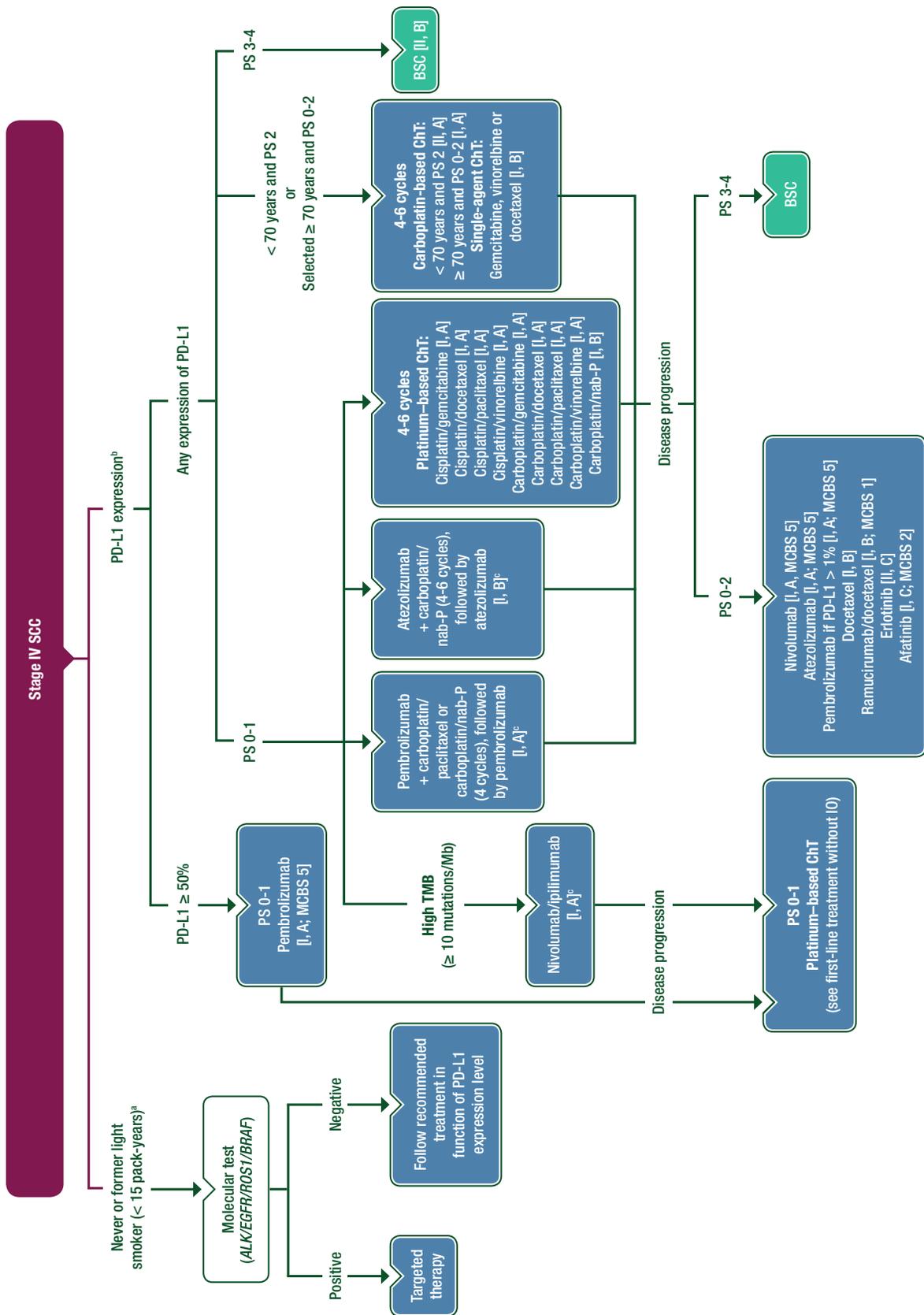


Figure 1. Treatment algorithm for stage IV SCC.

^aMolecular testing is not recommended in SCC, except in those rare circumstances when SCC is found in a never-, long-time ex- or light-smoker (< 15 pack-years).
^bIn absence of contraindications and conditioned by the registration and accessibility of anti-PD-(L)1 combinations with platinum-based ChT, this strategy will be preferred to platinum-based ChT in patients with PS 0-1 and PD-L1 < 50%. Alternatively, if TMB can accurately be evaluated, and conditioned by the registration and accessibility, nivolumab plus ipilimumab should be preferred to platinum-based standard ChT in patients with NSCLC with a high TMB.
^cNot EMA-approved.
 ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; BSC, best supportive care; ChT, chemotherapy; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; EMA, European Medicines Agency; IO, immuno-oncology; Mb, megabase; MCBS, ESMOMagnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale; nab-P, albumin-bound paclitaxel; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; PD-1, programmed cell death protein 1; PD-L1, programmed death-ligand 1; PS, performance status; SCC, squamous cell carcinoma; TMB, tumour mutation burden.

Stage IV NSCC: Molecular tests negative (ALK/BRAF/EGFR/ROS1)

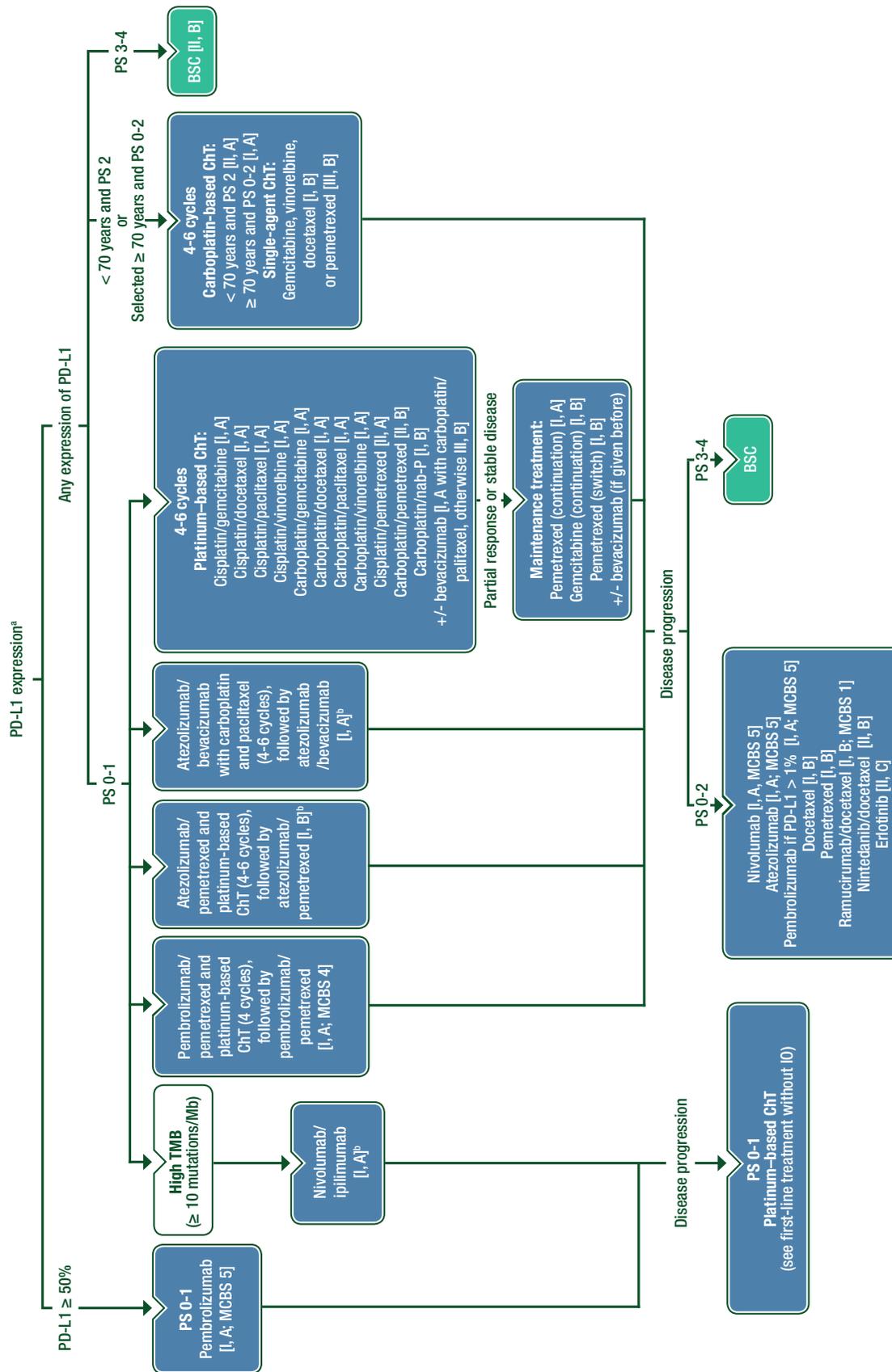


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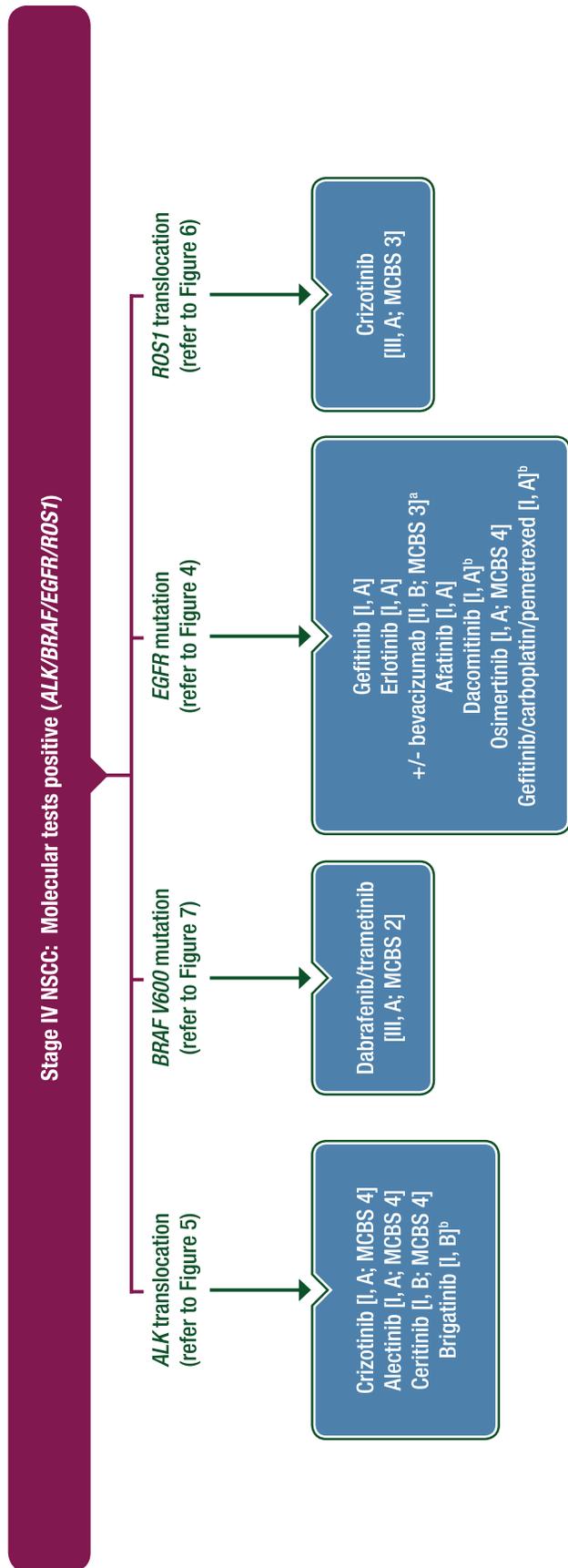


Figure 3. Treatment algorithm for stage IV NSCC, molecular tests positive (ALK/BRAF/EGFR/ROS1).

^aMCBS score for the combination of bevacizumab with gefitinib or erlotinib.

^bNot EMA-approved.

ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; EMA, European Medicines Agency; MCBS, ESMO-Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale; NSCC, non-squamous cell carcinoma.

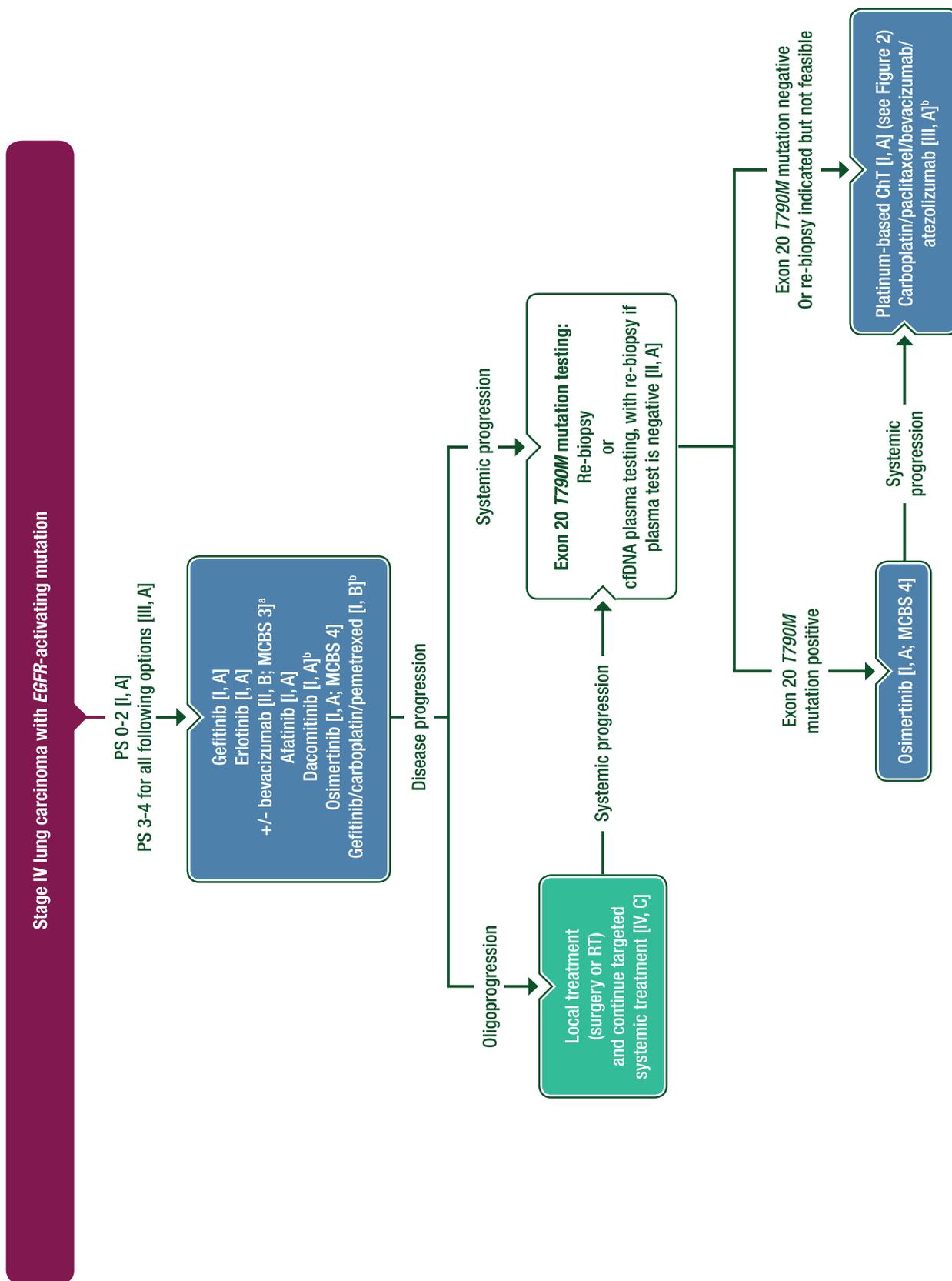


Figure 4. Treatment algorithm for stage IV lung carcinoma with EGFR-activating mutation.

^aNot EMA-approved.

cfDNA, cell-free DNA; ChT, chemotherapy; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; EMA, European Medicines Agency; MCBS, ESMO-Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale; PS, performance status; RT, radiotherapy.

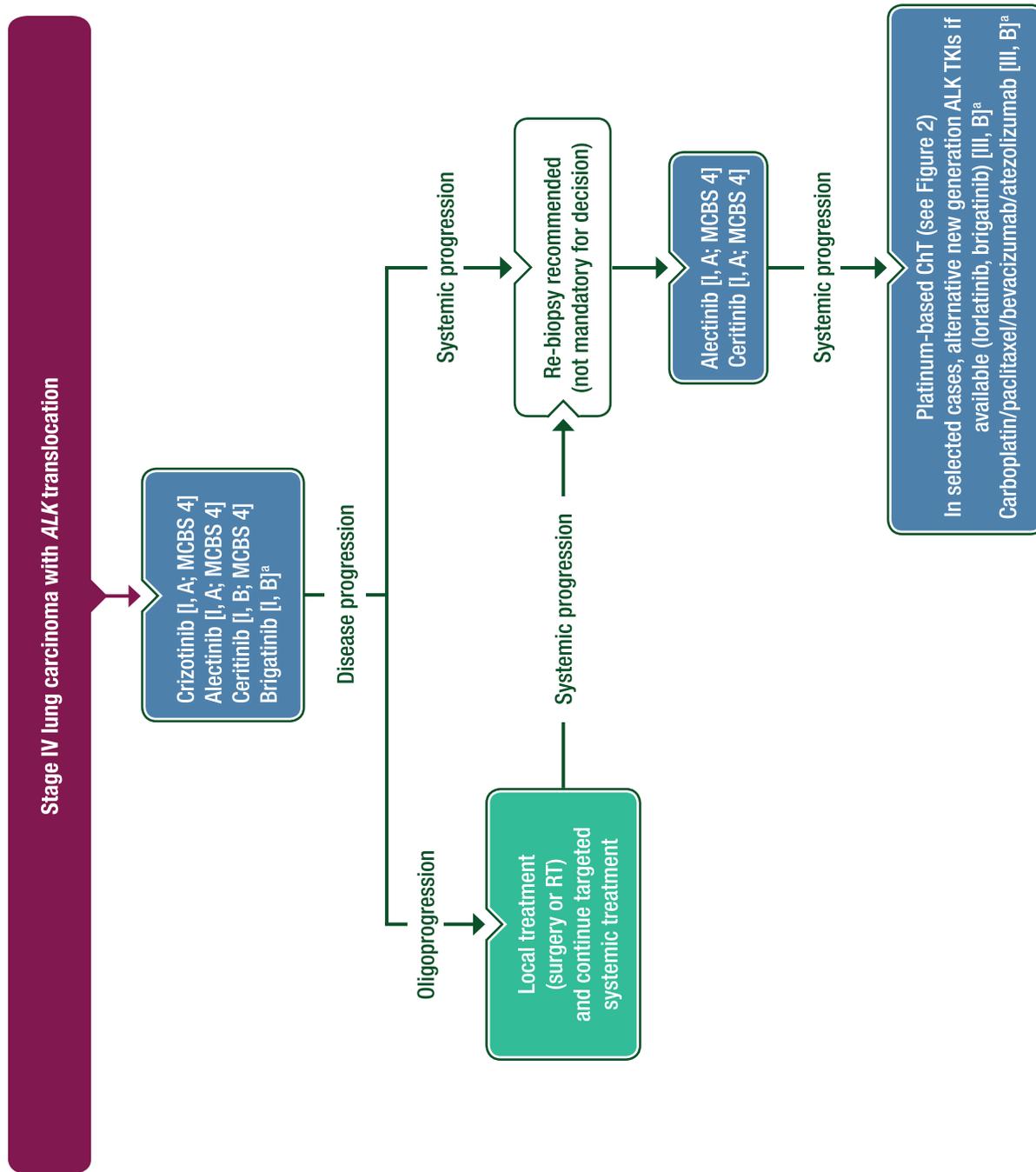


Figure 5. Treatment algorithm for stage IV lung carcinoma with ALK translocation.

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