

Review of: "Sotorasib Treatment Could Worsen the Prognosis of Advanced KRASG12C-Mutated Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer"

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Suggestions:

1. Clarify Statistical Terminology:

- The distinction between HR and absolute risk should be clearly explained for clinicians without a formal statistics background.
- Including an appendix or explainer on statistical methods (e.g., Kaplan-Meier analysis, informative censoring) could help readers interpret results accurately.

2. Highlight Clinical Implications:

- Discuss how HR and absolute risk discrepancies might impact treatment decisions.
- Address the implications of using PFS as a surrogate endpoint in clinical trials, especially for regulatory decisions.

3. Address FDA Decision Context:

- Provide a detailed discussion of the FDA's rationale for rejecting sotorasib's regular approval and its implications for other accelerated approval drugs.
- Explore how confirmatory trials could resolve current uncertainties.

4. Incorporate Visuals and Sensitivity Analyses:

- Include graphical representations of absolute risks alongside Kaplan-Meier curves to communicate discrepancies better.
- Present outcomes under various censoring scenarios to reinforce how informative censoring can bias results.

5. Encourage Rigorous Peer Review:

- Stress the importance of independent, expert statistical reviewers for high-impact journals.
- Suggest reforms in trial reporting guidelines (e.g., CONSORT) to mandate absolute risk disclosures.

By refining statistical communication, encouraging robust peer-review processes, and emphasizing absolute risk, this



analysis could serve as a valuable resource for clinicians and researchers interpreting survival analyses in oncology.