

# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Lung Cancer

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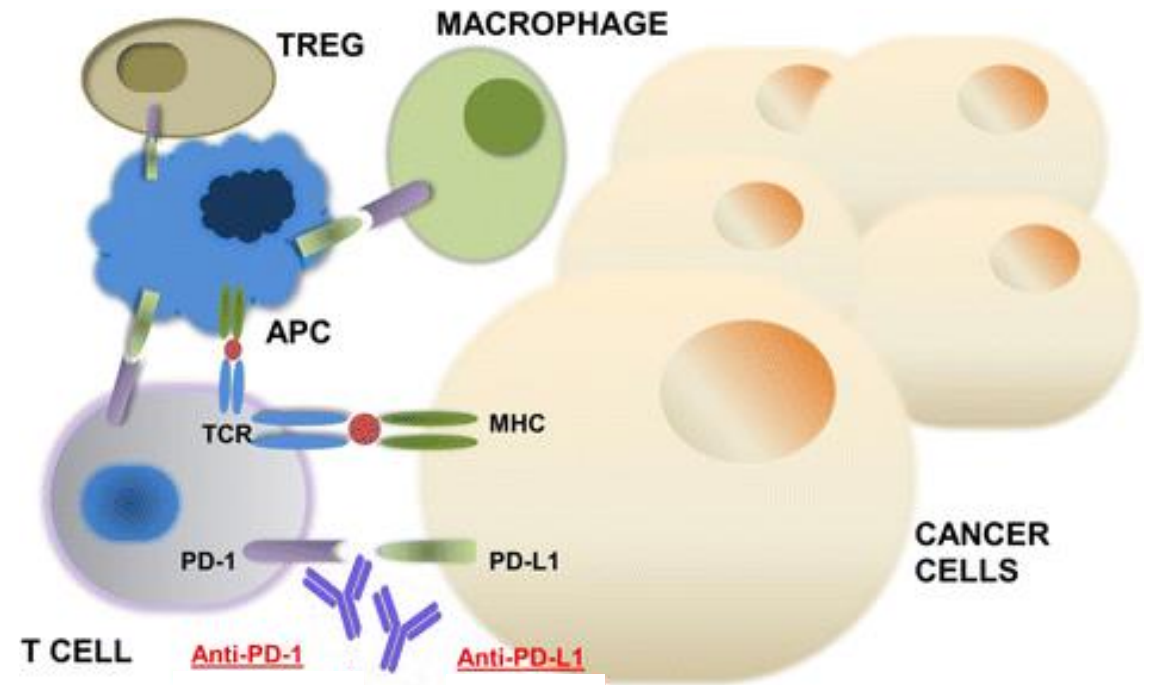
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  - Advisory board/honorarium: Astrazeneca, Bristol-myers squibb, Pfizer, Merck, and Novartis
- I **will** be discussing non-Health Canada approved indications during my presentation.

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## Checkpoint Inhibitors: PD-1 and PD-L1

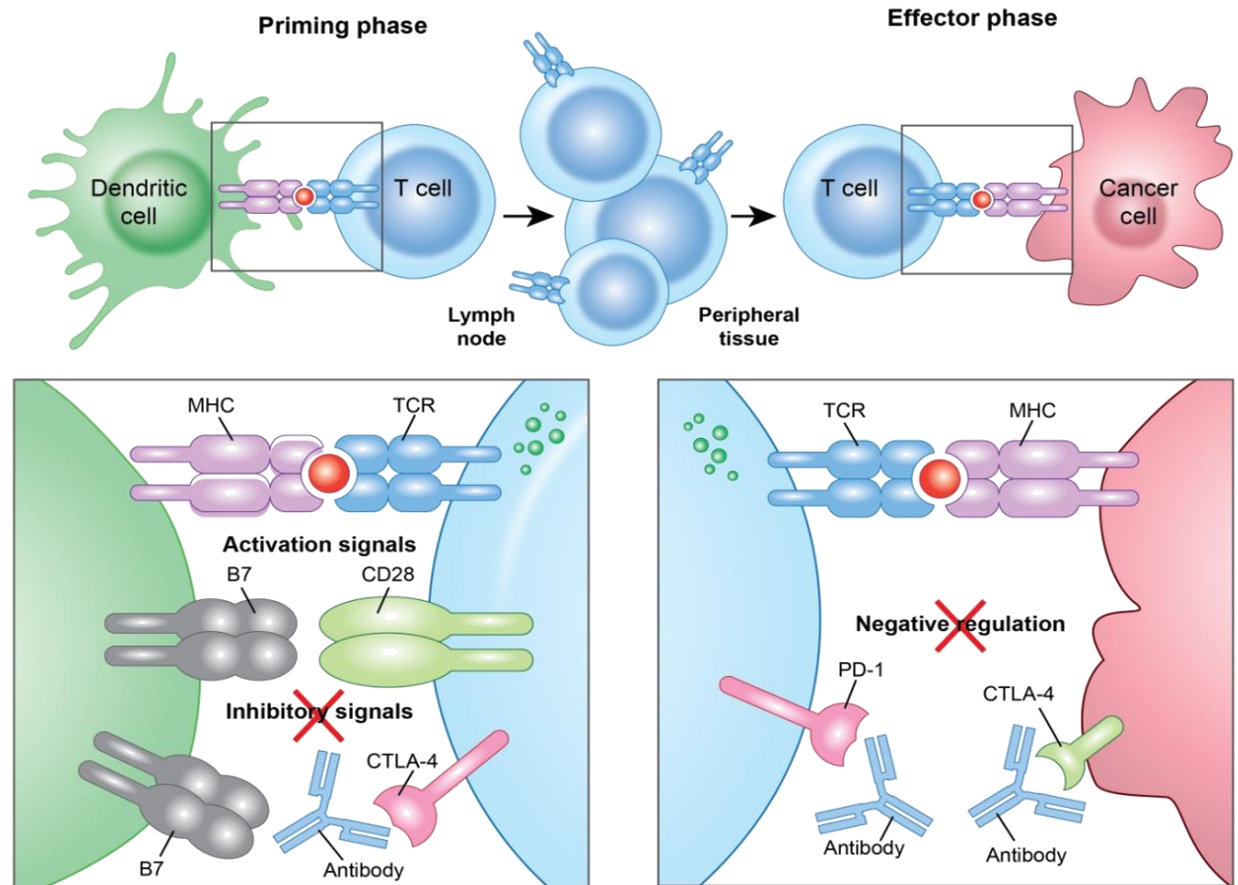
- PD-1 acts as an “off-switch” for T cells when interacting with PD-L1
- Tumor PD-L1 expression allowing cancer cells to evade immune attack
- Antibodies against PD-1 and PD-L1 boost the immune response against cancer cells



Gong J, Journal for Immunotherapy of Cancer, 2018

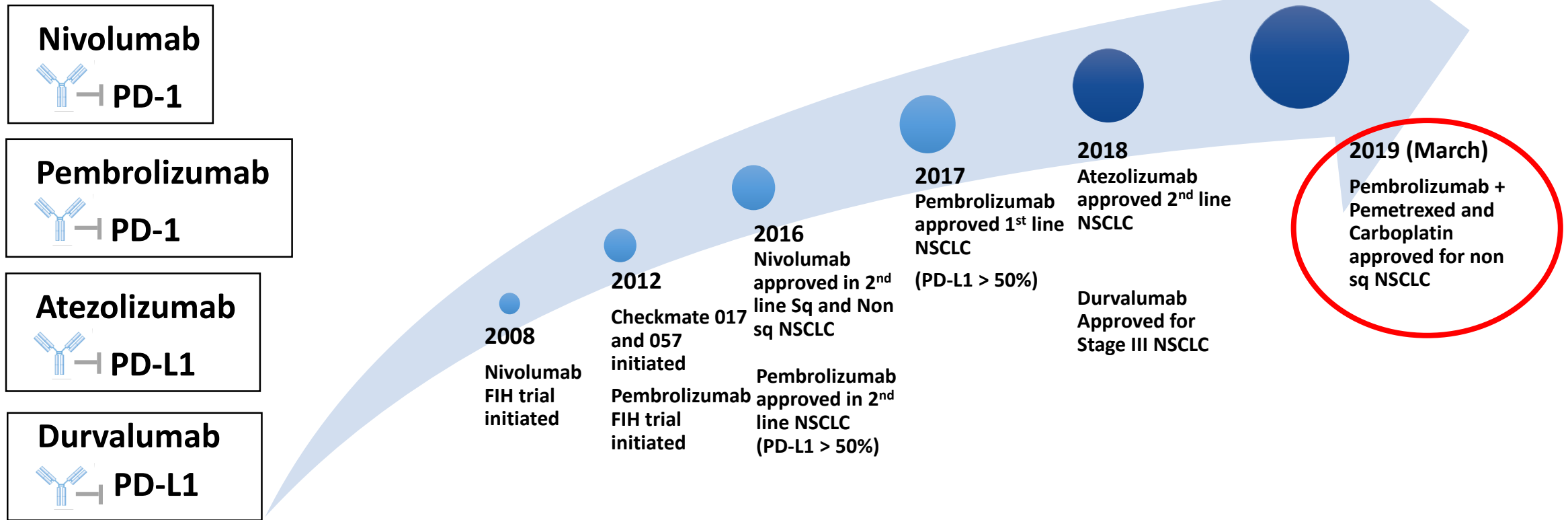
# Combination Immune Checkpoint Blockade

- CTLA-4 acts as an “off-switch” for T cells when interacting with B7
- Combination strategies combine both CTLA-4 and PD-1/PD-L1 blockade



Ribas A, NEJM, 2012

# Health Canada -approved Checkpoint Inhibitors in NSCLC

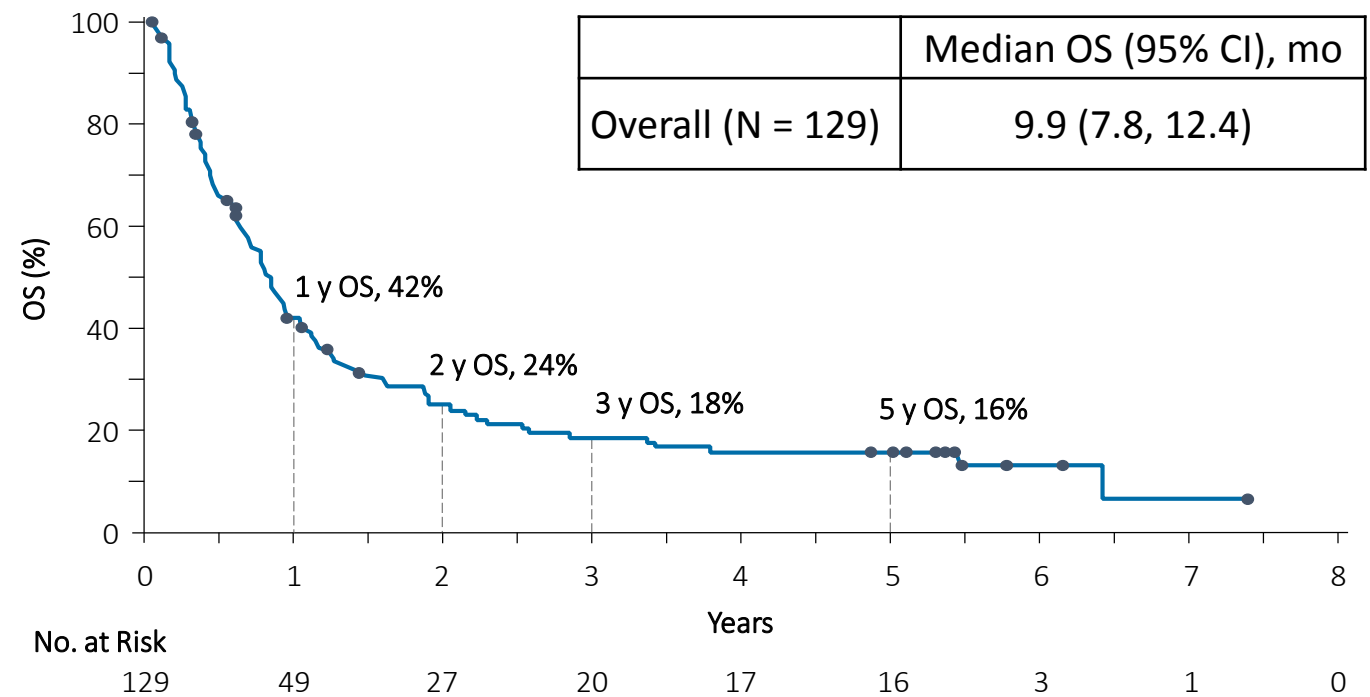


# CA209-003: Nivolumab in Heavily-pretreated Advanced NSCLC (NCT00730639)

## Phase 1, 5-Year Update

### 5-Year Survival

- First report of long-term survival rate in patients with metastatic NSCLC treated with an immune checkpoint inhibitor
- According to the National Cancer Institute's SEER data, 5-year survival rate for patients with advanced NSCLC is 4.9%



Gettinger et al. JCO 2018  
 Brahmer et al, AACR 2017  
 NCI SEER data, Lung and Bronchus Cancer, 2014



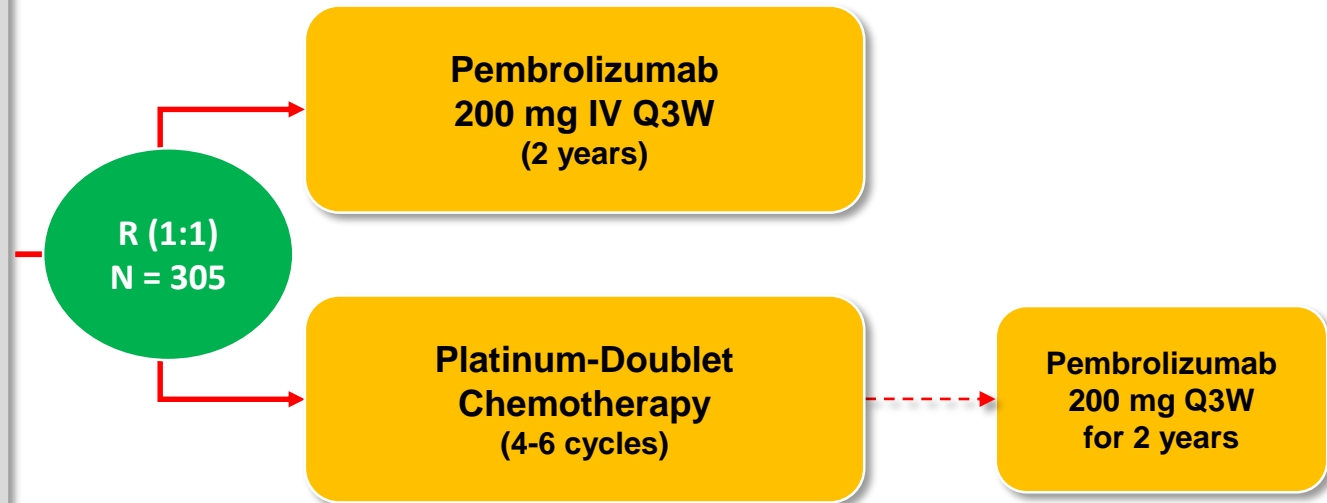
# Treatment Naïve Regimens: Competing Strategies

- KEYNOTE 024 – Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy in PD-L1 > 50%
- KEYNOTE 042 – Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy in PD-L1 > 1%
- KEYNOTE 189 – Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy vs. Chemotherapy alone in patients with advanced non-squamous NSCLC
- IMPOWER 150 – Atezolizumab + Chemotherapy (Bev) vs. Chemotherapy (Bev) in patients in advanced non-squamous NSCLC
- KEYNOTE 407 – Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy vs. Chemotherapy in advanced squamous cell lung cancer
- Checkmate 227 – Ipilimumab + Nivolumab vs. Chemotherapy in advanced NSCLC with high TMB

# KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 Positive (>50%) NSCLS Study Design (NCT021427389)

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- **Untreated** stage IV NSCLC
- PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 50\%$
- ECOG PS 0-1
- No activating *EGFR* mutation or *ALK* translocation
- No untreated brain metastases
- No active autoimmune disease requiring systemic therapy

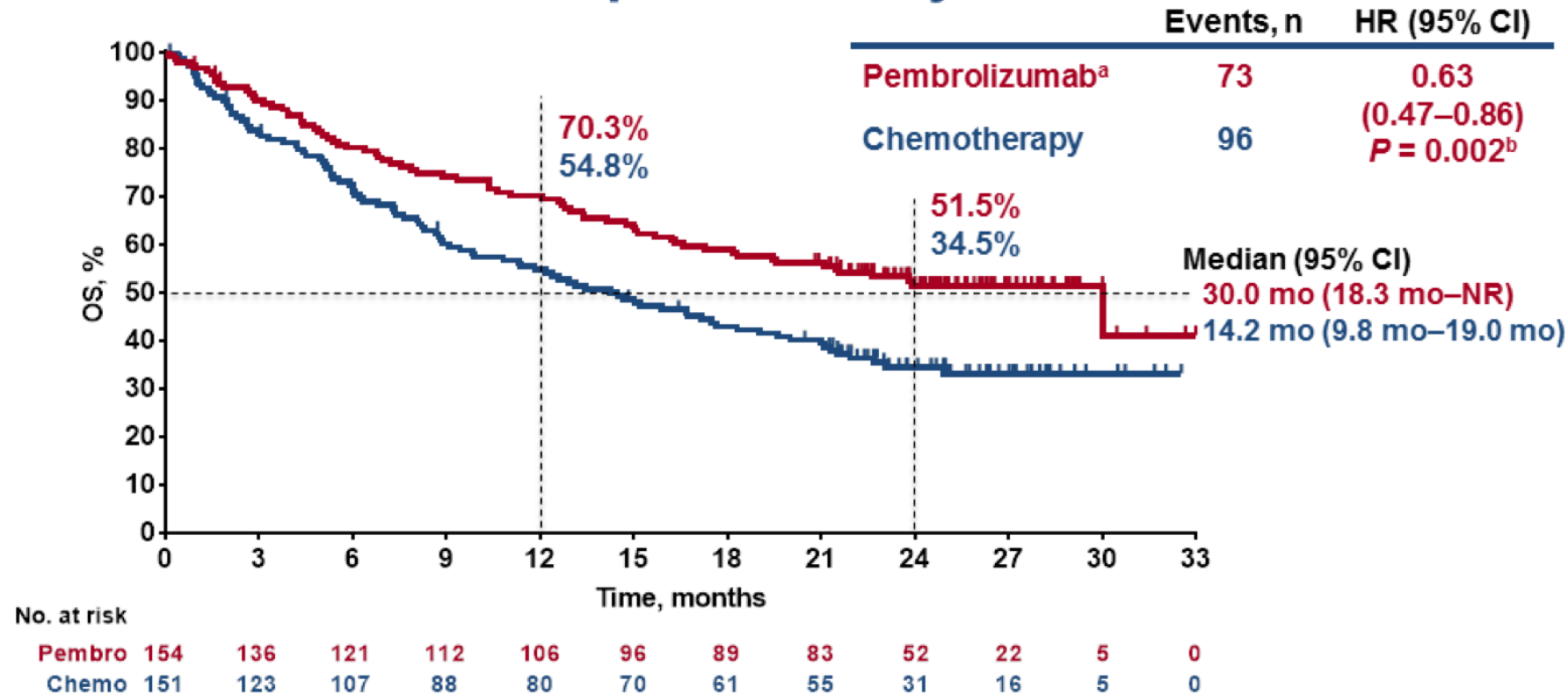


Reck M et al, ESMO 2016, NEJM 2016



# KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 >50% NSCLC Overall Survival

## Overall Survival: Updated Analysis



Brahmer WCLC 2017

# KEYNOTE-042: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 > 1% NSCLC

## KEYNOTE-042 Study Design

### Key Eligibility Criteria

- Untreated locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC of any histology
- PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 1\%$
- No sensitizing *EGFR* or *ALK* alterations
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- No untreated or unstable CNS metastases
- No history of pneumonitis that required systemic corticosteroids

### Stratification Factors

- Region (east Asia vs rest of the world)
- ECOG PS (0 vs 1)
- Histology (squamous vs nonsquamous)
- PD-L1 TPS ( $\geq 50\%$  vs 1-49%)

Randomize  
1:1

N = 637

Pembrolizumab  
200 mg Q3W  
for up to 35 cycles

N = 637

Carboplatin AUC 5 or 6 Q3W +  
Paclitaxel 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q3W<sup>a</sup>  
OR  
Carboplatin AUC 5 or 6 Q3W +  
Pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q3W<sup>a</sup>  
for up to 6 cycles

### End points

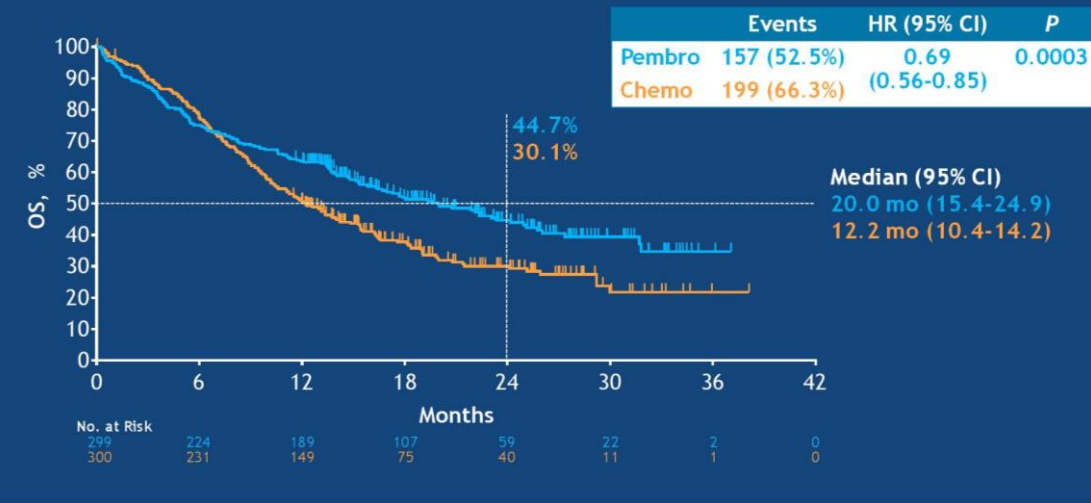
- Primary: OS in PD-L1 TPS  $\geq 50\%$ ,  $\geq 20\%$ , and  $\geq 1\%$
- Secondary: PFS and ORR in TPS  $\geq 50\%$ ,  $\geq 20\%$ , and  $\geq 1\%$ ; safety in TPS  $\geq 1\%$

<sup>a</sup>Pemetrexed maintenance therapy was optional but strongly encouraged for patients with nonsquamous histology.

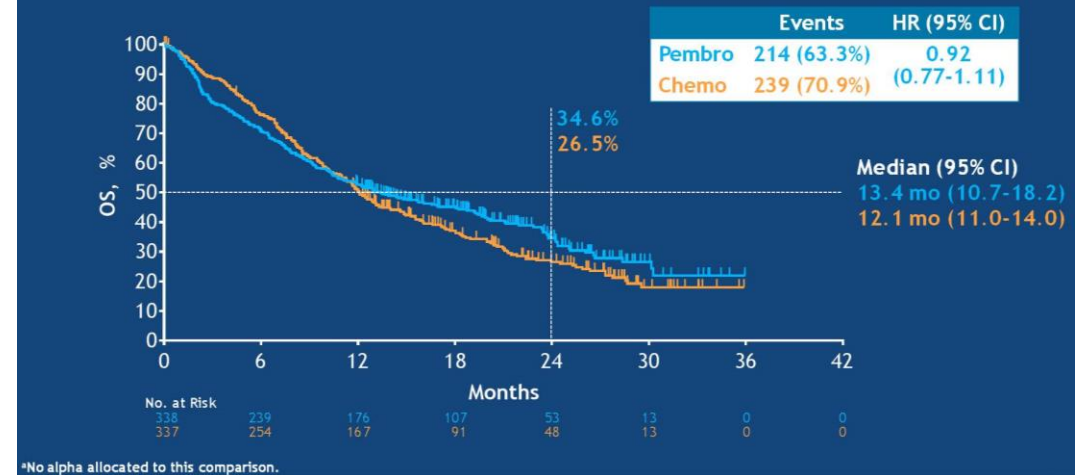
Lopes et al, ASCO 2018

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## Overall Survival: TPS ≥50%



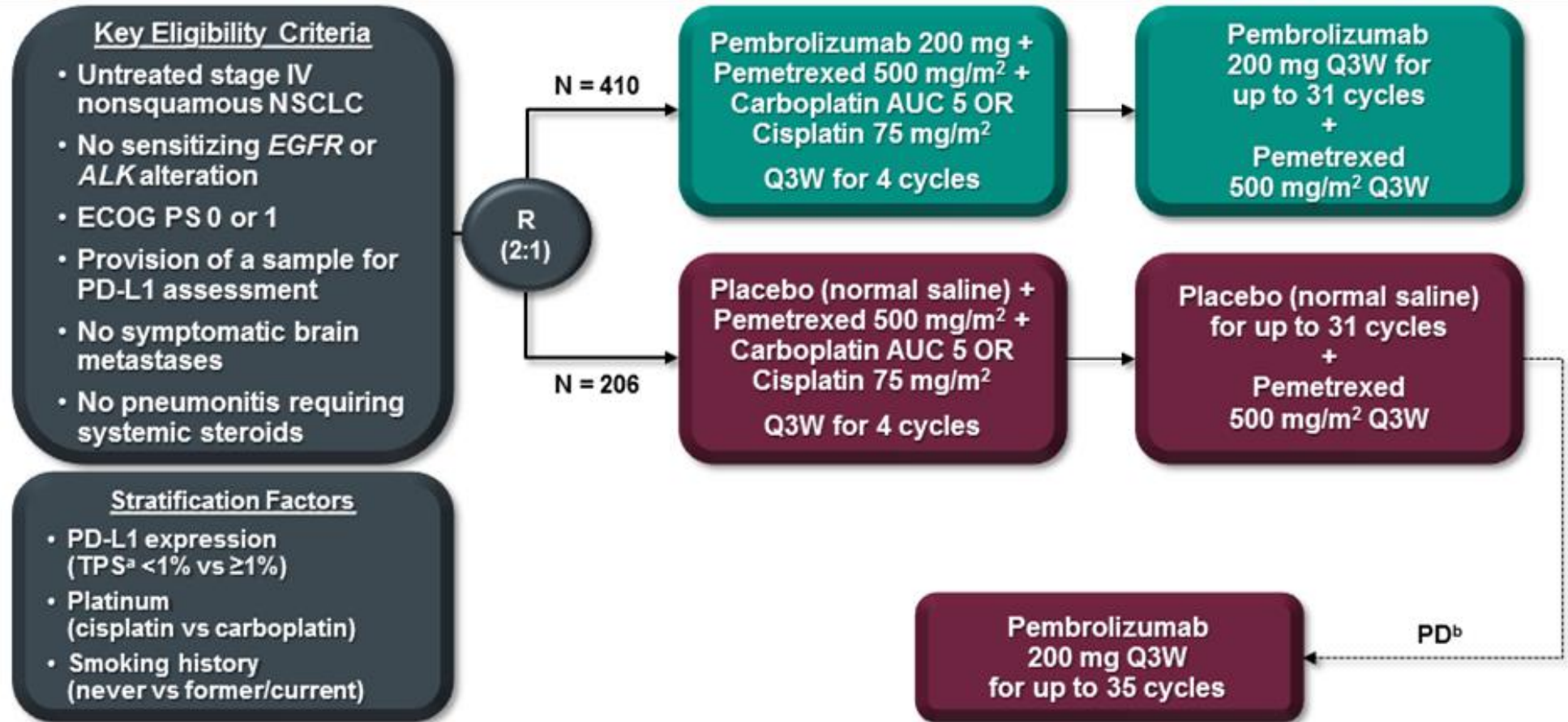
## Overall Survival: TPS ≥1-49% (Exploratory Analysis<sup>a</sup>)



Survival benefit seemed to be driven by the TPS > 50% subset with little benefit witnessed in the subset TPS > 1- 49%

Lopes et al, ASCO 2018

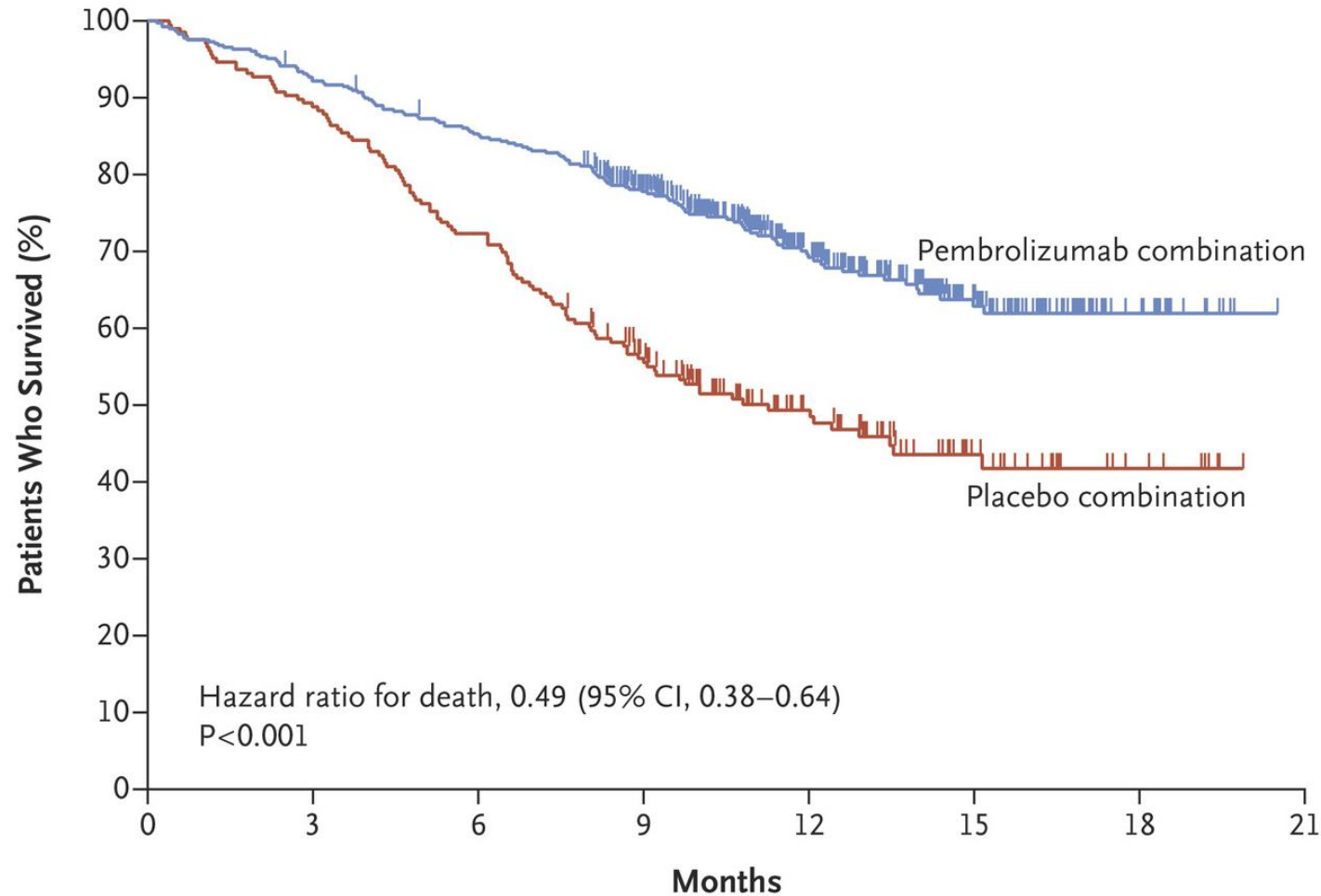
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Ghandi et al, NEJM 2018



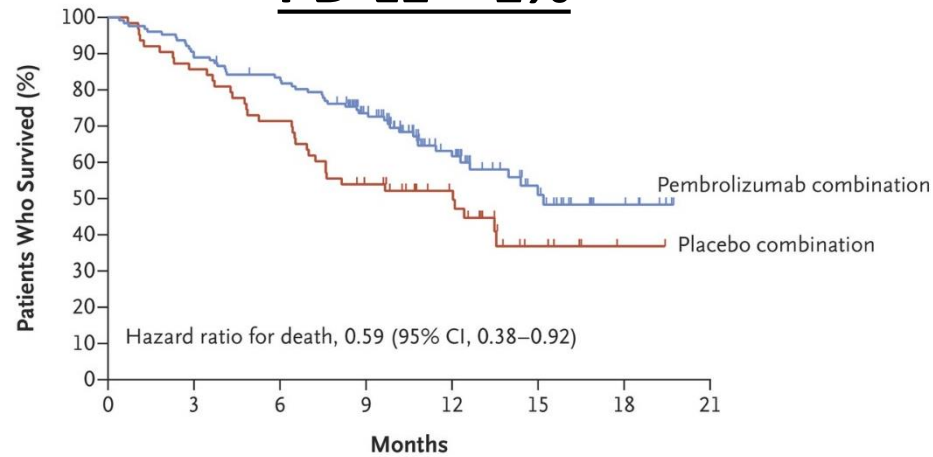
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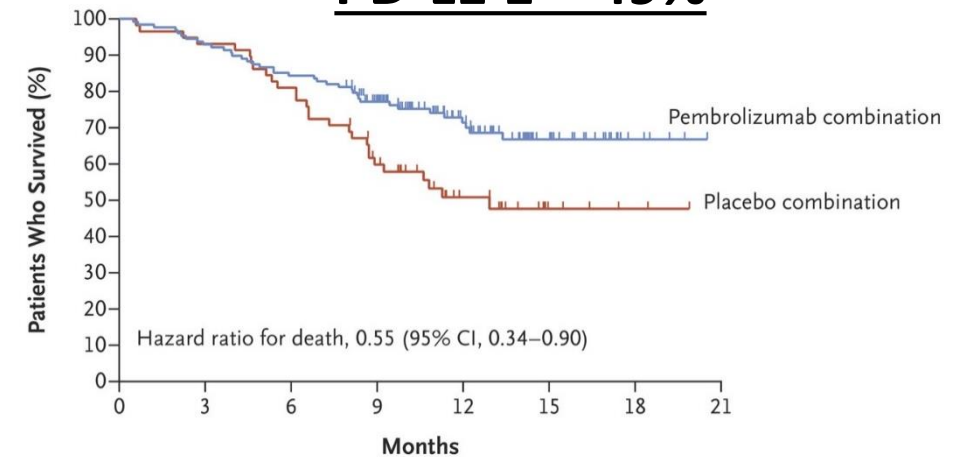
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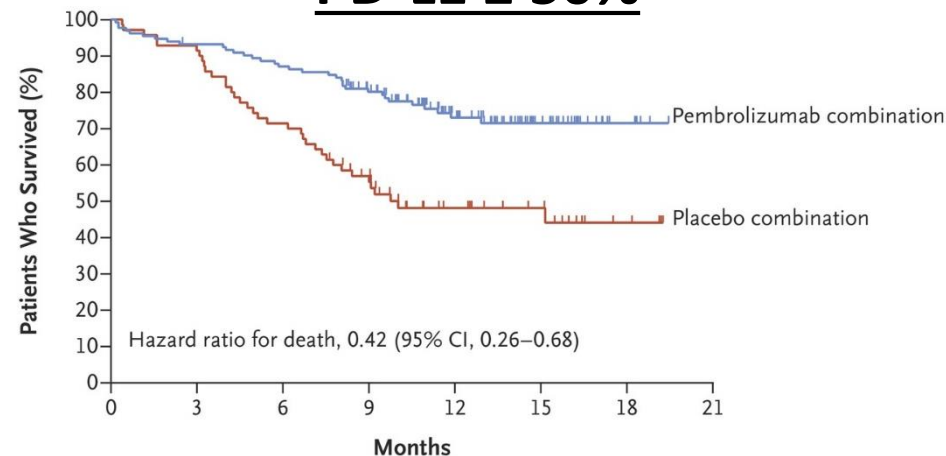
## PD-L1 < 1%



## PD-L1 1 – 49%

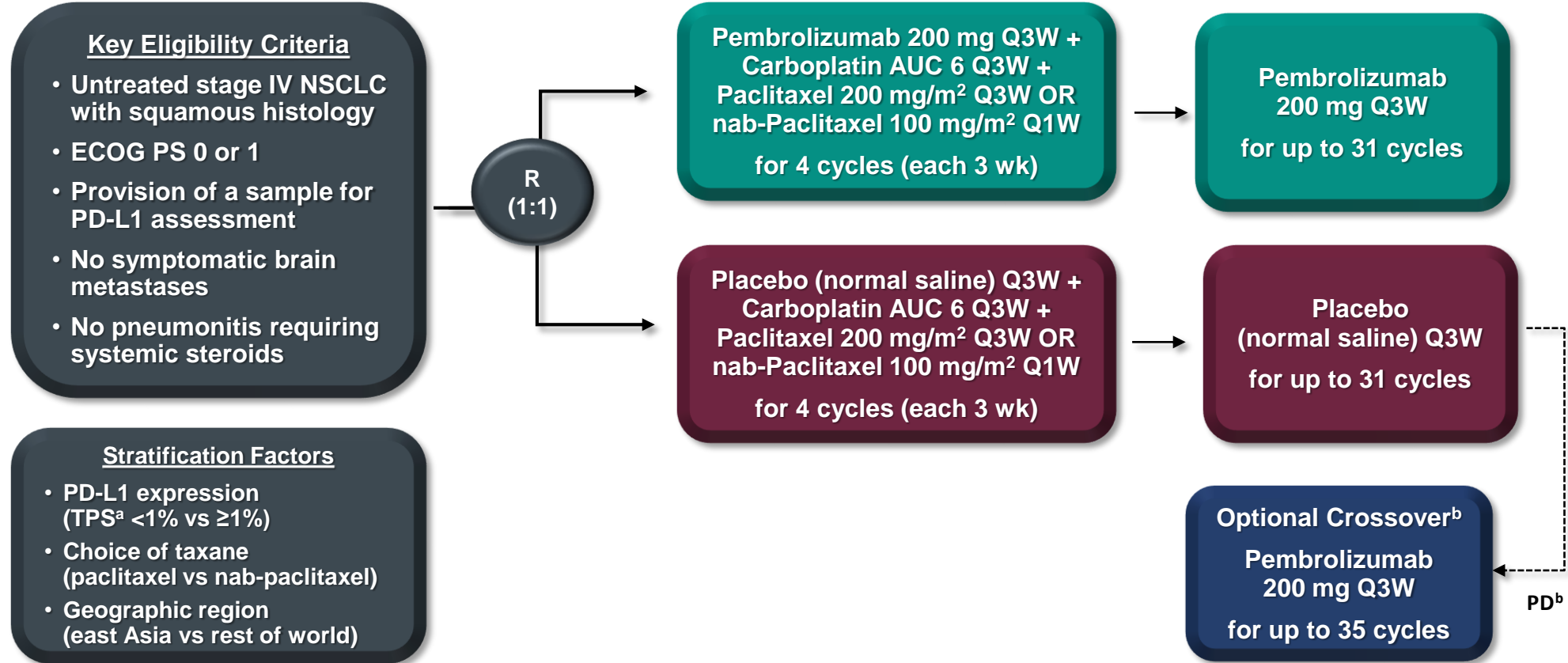


## PD-L1 ≥ 50%



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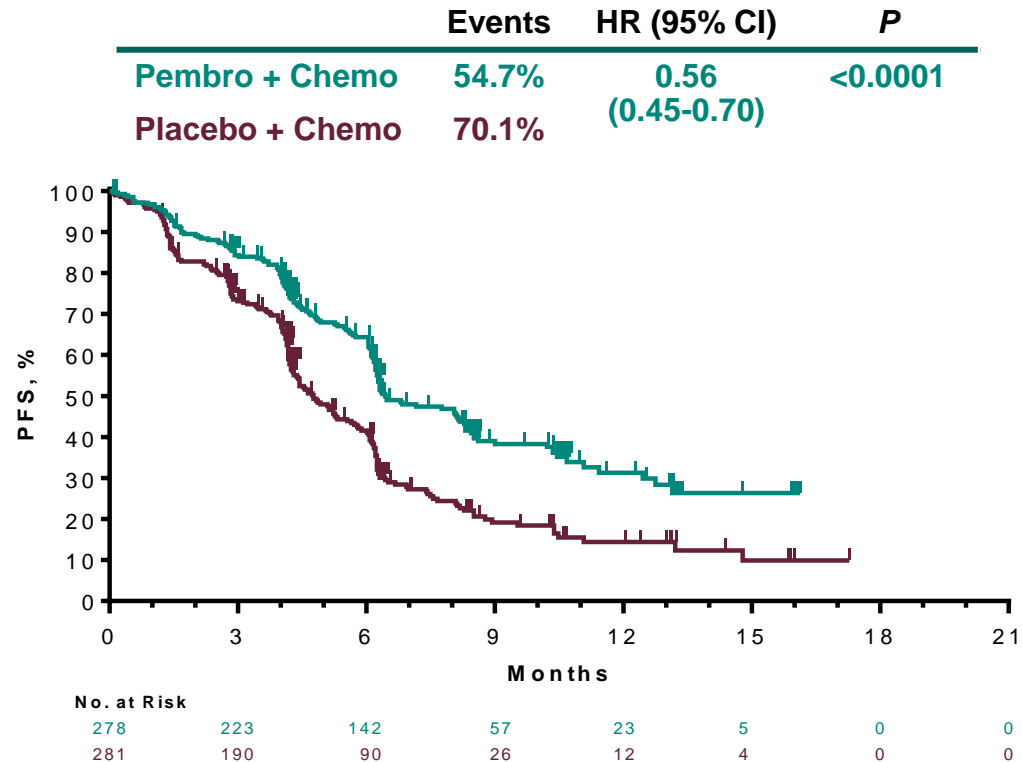


Paz-Ares et al, ASCO 2018

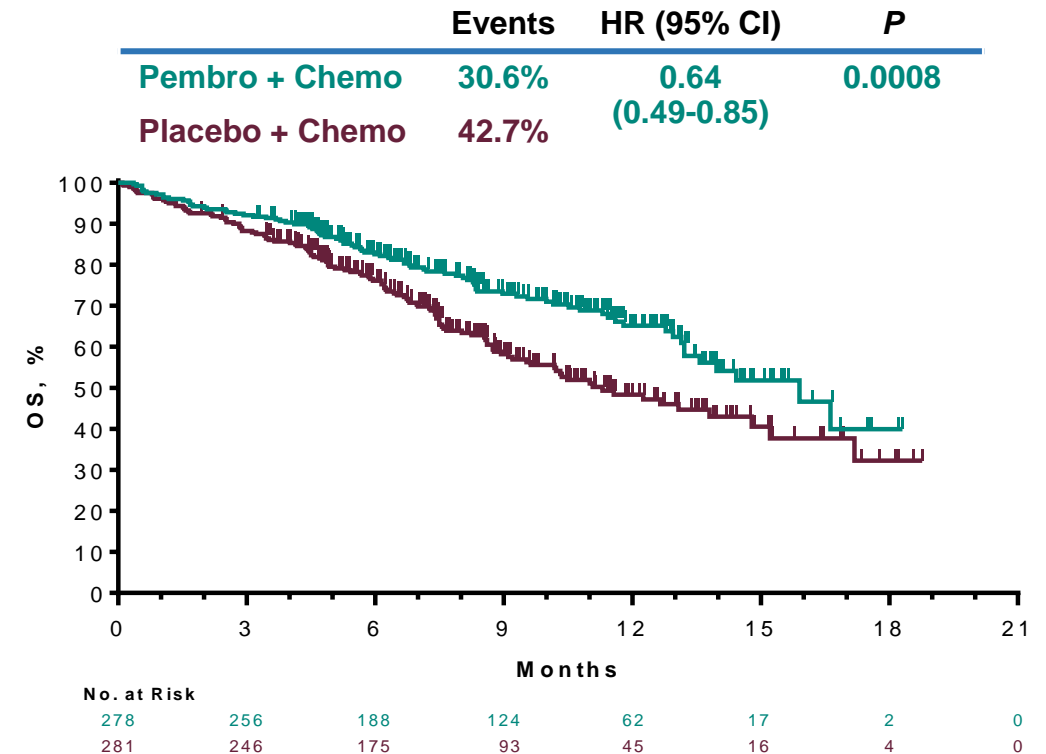


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## PFS (RECISTv1.1, BICR)

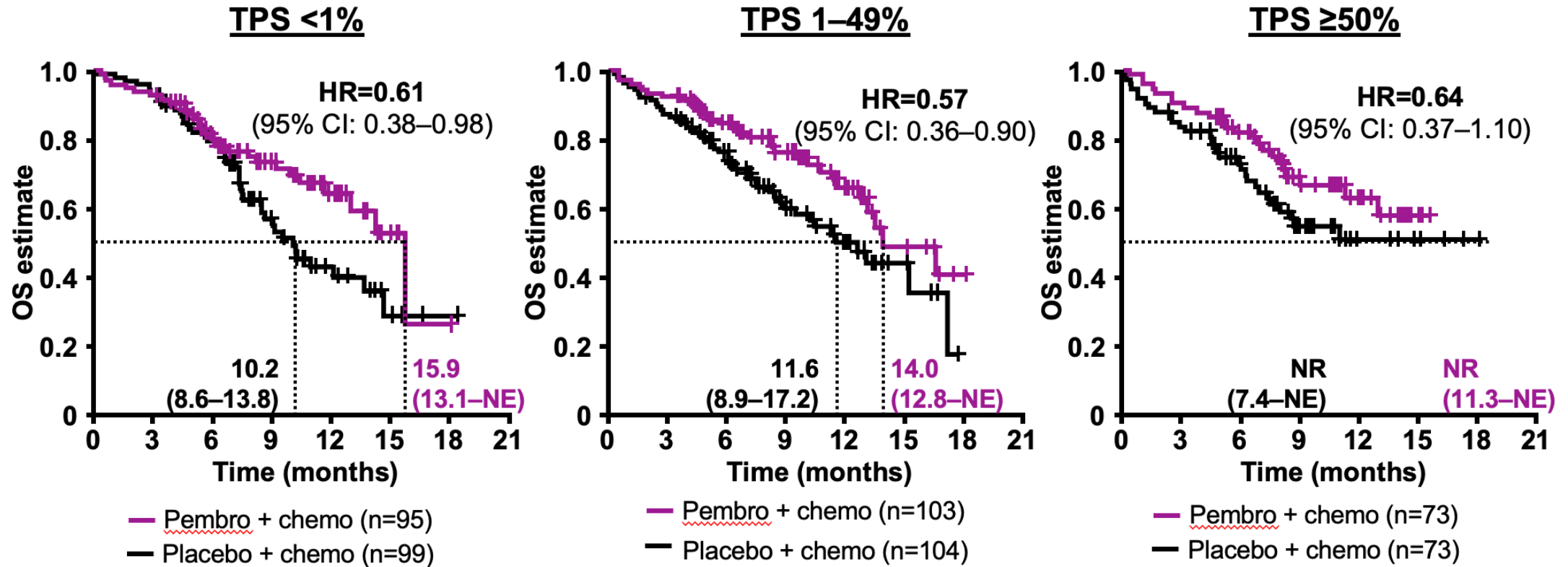


## Overall Survival

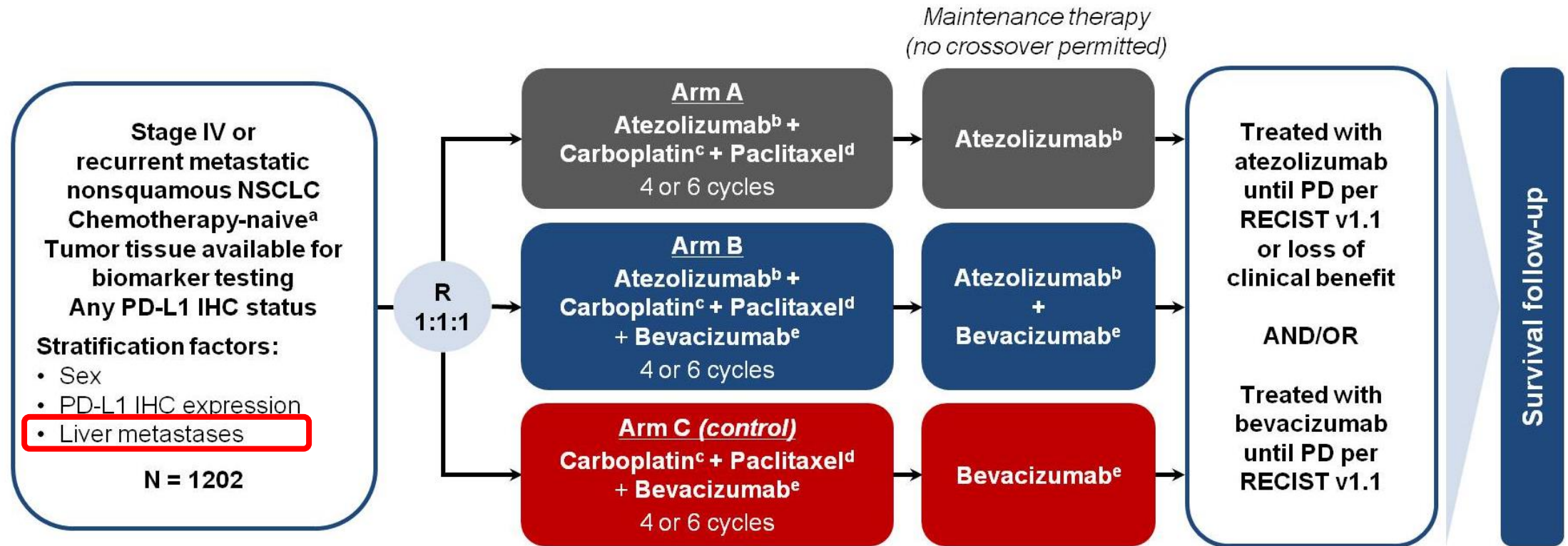


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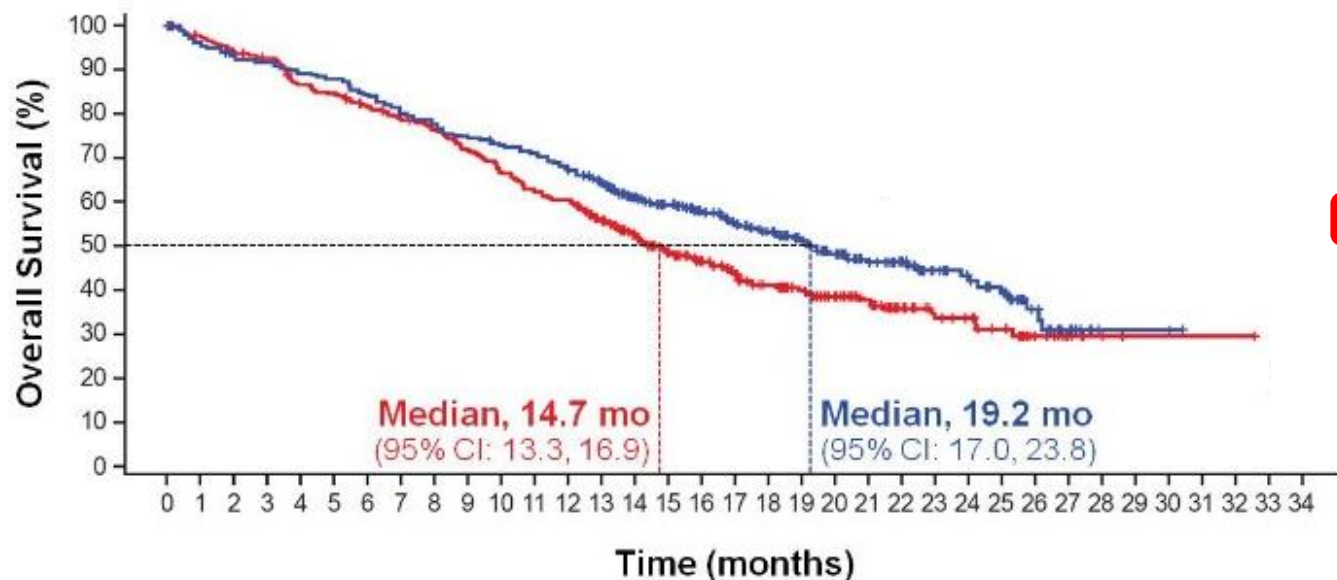


Socinski et al, NEJM 2018

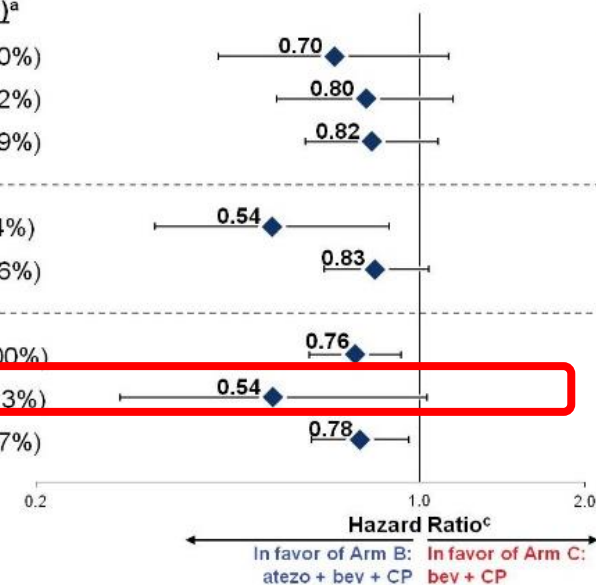
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Landmark OS, %	Arm B: atezo + bev + CP	Arm C: bev + CP
12-month	67%	61%
18-month	53%	41%
24-month	43%	34%

**HR<sup>a</sup>, 0.78**  
(95% CI: 0.64, 0.96)  
**P = 0.0164**  
Median follow-up: ~20 mo



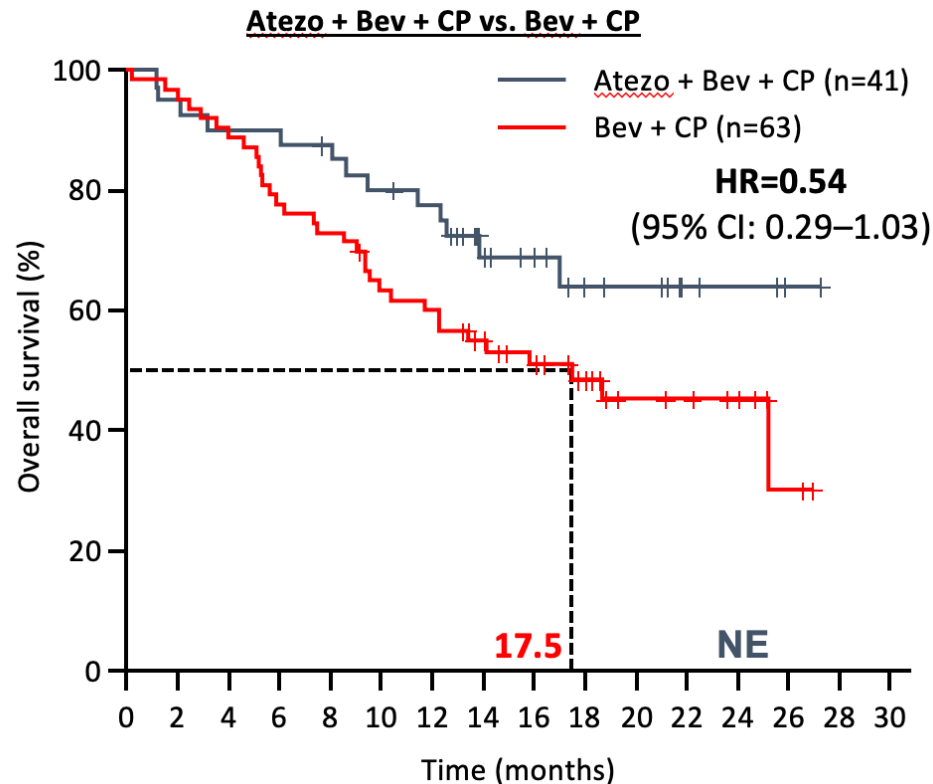
Subgroup	n (%) <sup>a</sup>
PD-L1–High (TC3 or IC3) WT	136 (20%)
PD-L1–Low (TC1/2 or IC1/2) WT	226 (32%)
PD-L1–Negative (TC0 and IC0) WT	339 (49%)
Liver Metastases WT	94 (14%)
No Liver Metastases WT	602 (86%)
ITT (including EGFR/ALK+)	800 (100%)
EGFR/ALK+ only	104 <sup>b</sup> (13%)
ITT-WT	696 (87%)



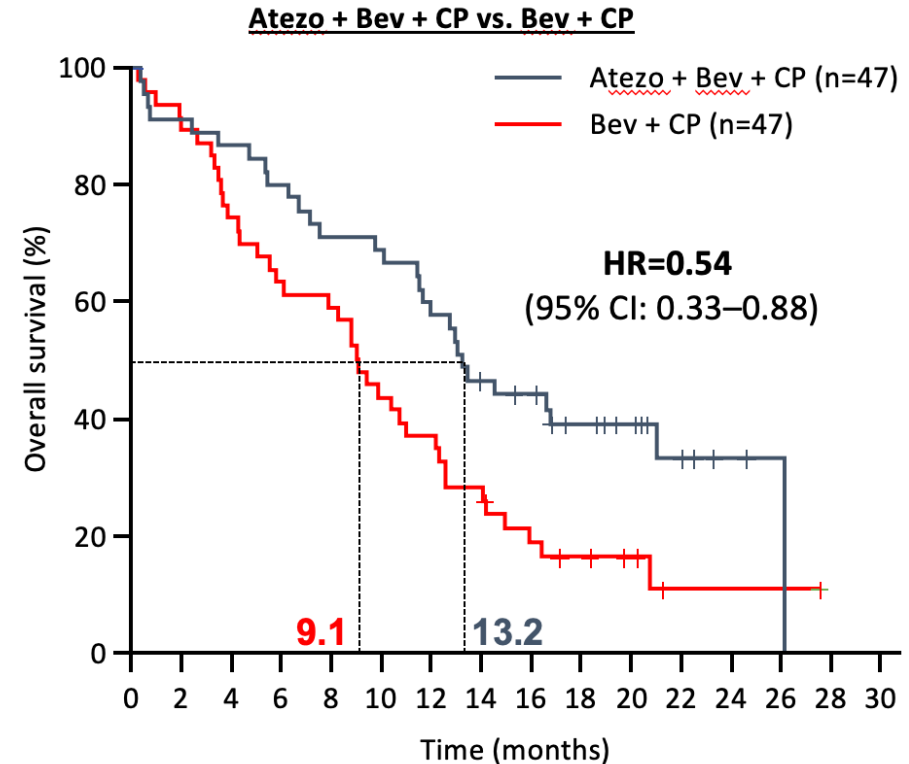
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## EGFR/ALK + after prior targeted therapy



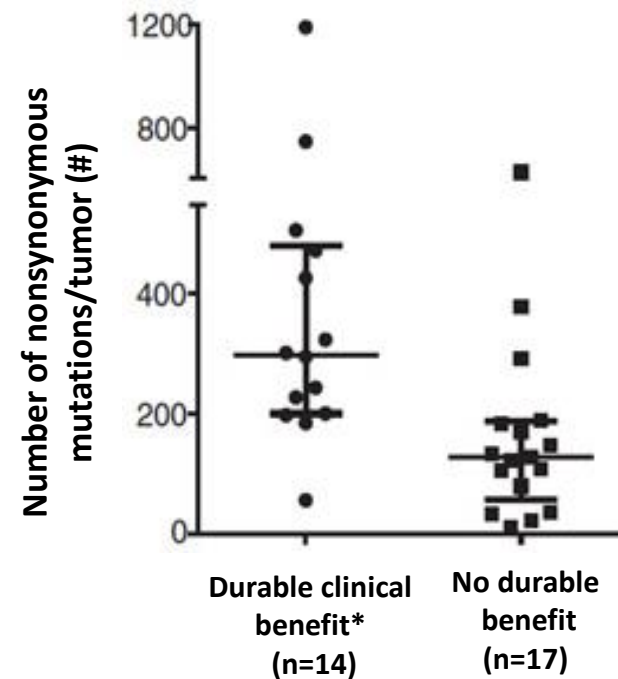
## Liver metastases



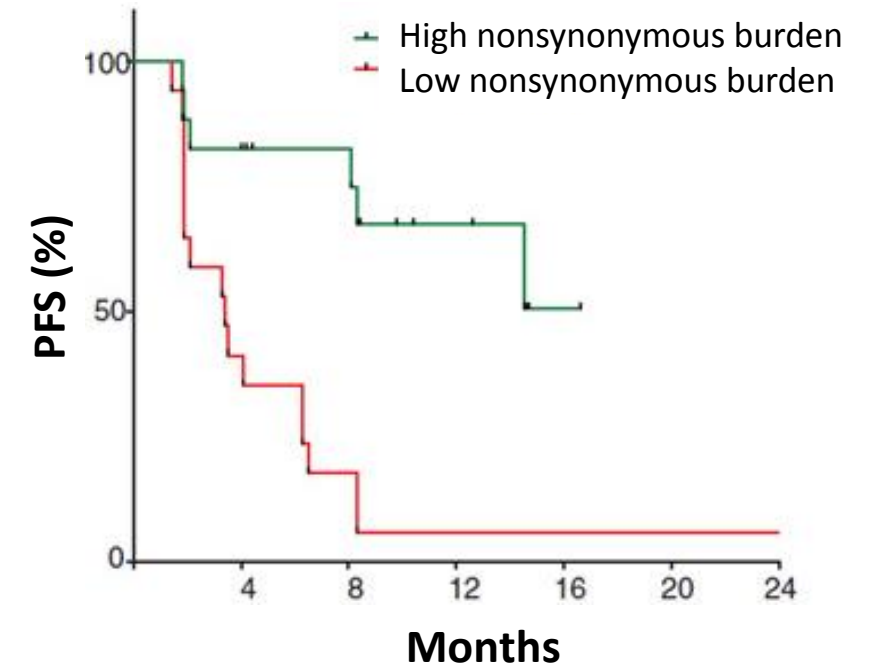


# Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) may Determine Sensitivity to PD-1 Blockade in NSCLC

- In two independent cohorts, higher nonsynonymous tumor mutational burden (TMB) was associated with improved objective response, durable clinical benefit, and PFS.

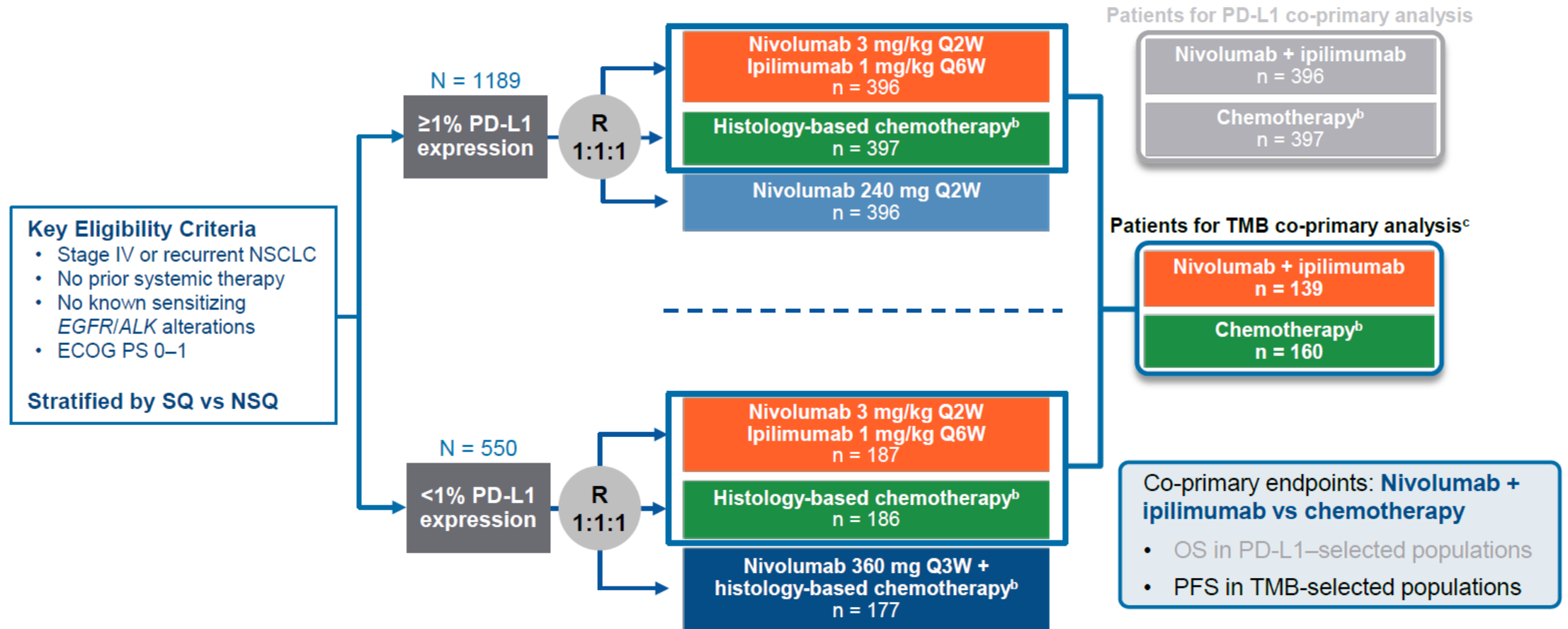


\*Partial or stable response lasting > 6 mo



Rizvi N et al, Science, 2015

# CheckMate 227: Ipilimumab + Nivolumab vs Chemotherapy in TMB-high patients

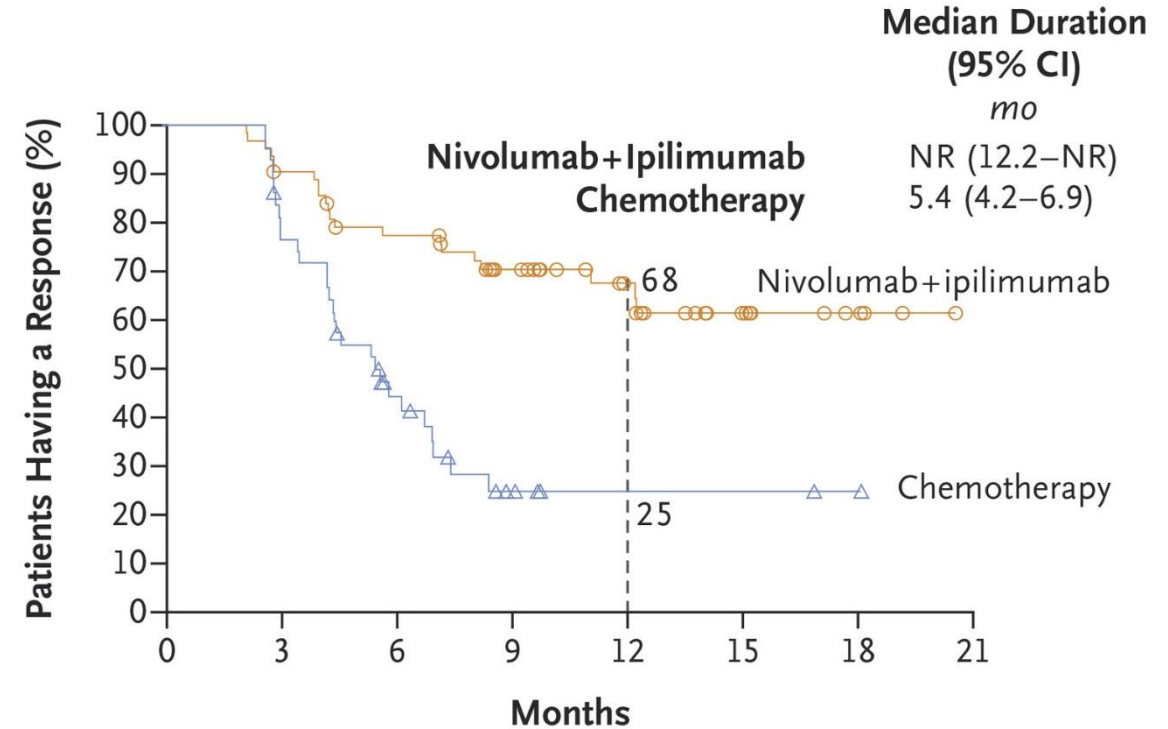
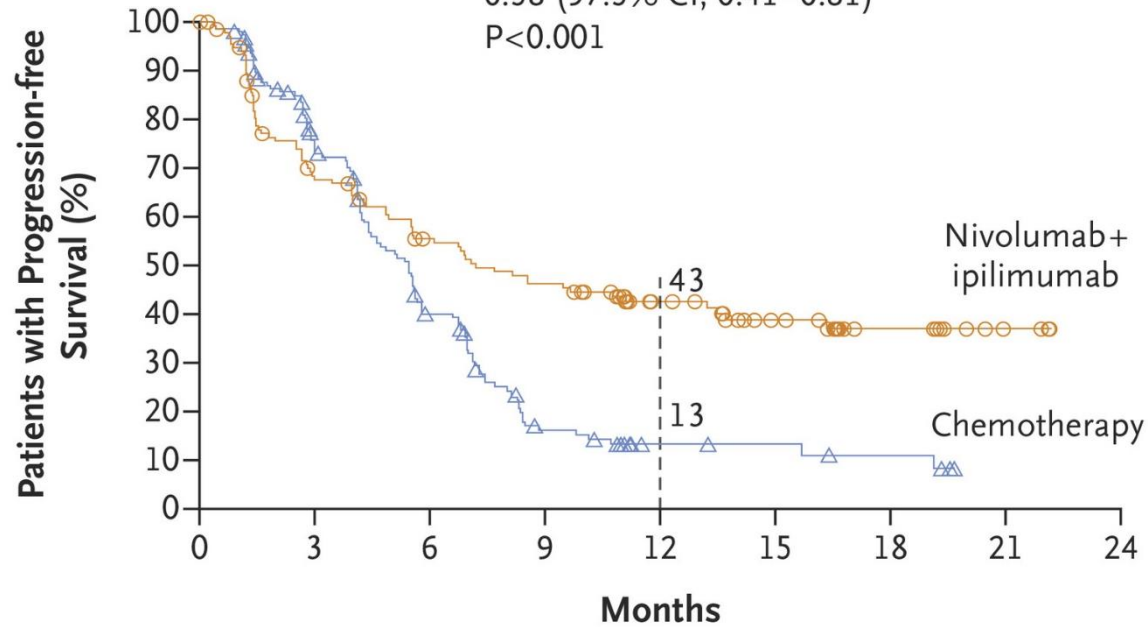


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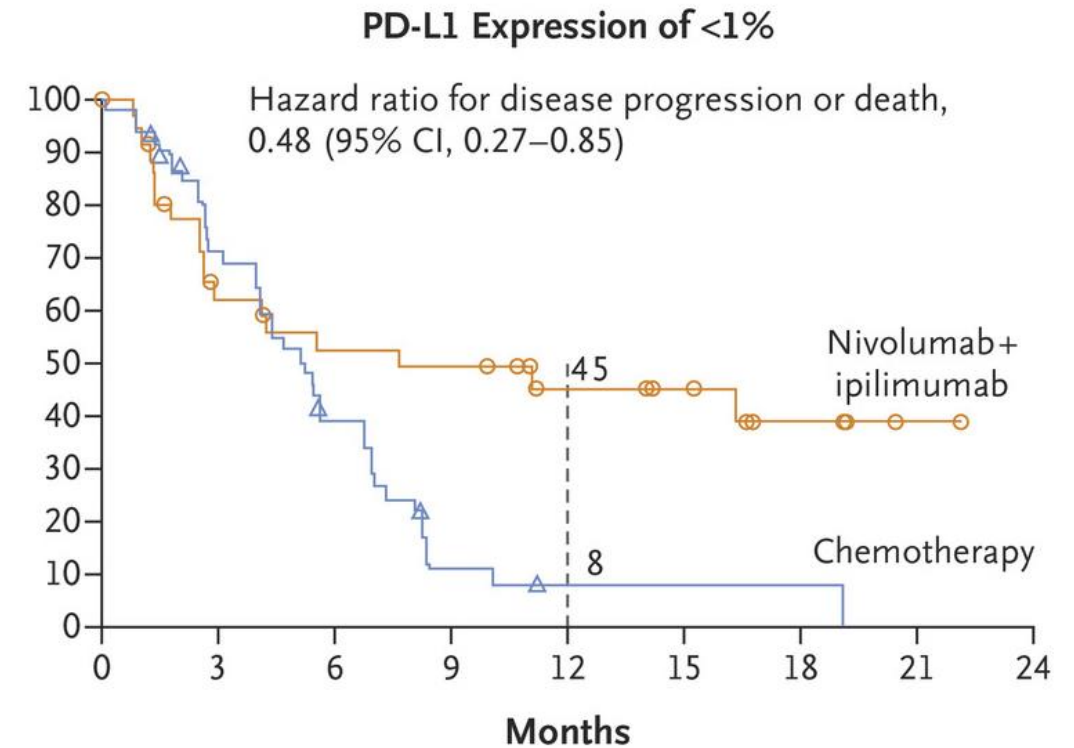
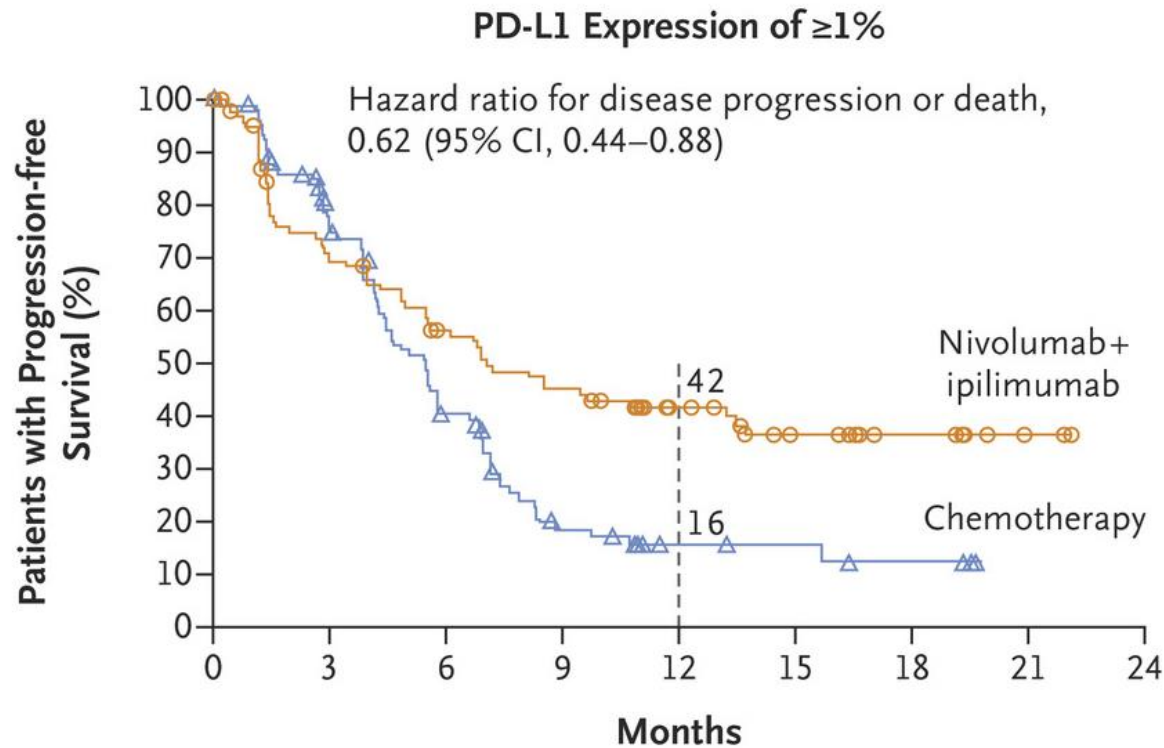
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Hazard ratio for disease progression or death,  
0.58 (97.5% CI, 0.41–0.81)  
P<0.001



Hellman et al, NEJM, 2018

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Hellman et al, NEJM, 2018

# PD1/PD-L1 Inhibitors Increase *Overall Survival* in 2L Advanced NSCLC

## CHECKMATE 017 (nivolumab)

	Median Overall Survival mo (95% CI)	1-Yr Overall Survival % of patients (95% CI)	No. of Deaths
Nivolumab (N=135)	9.2 (7.3–13.3)	42 (34–50)	86
Docetaxel (N=137)	6.0 (5.1–7.3)	24 (17–31)	113

## CHECKMATE 057 (nivolumab)

	Nivolumab (n = 292)	Docetaxel (n = 290)
mOS, mo	12.2	9.4
HR = 0.73 (96% CI: 0.59, 0.89); P = 0.0015		

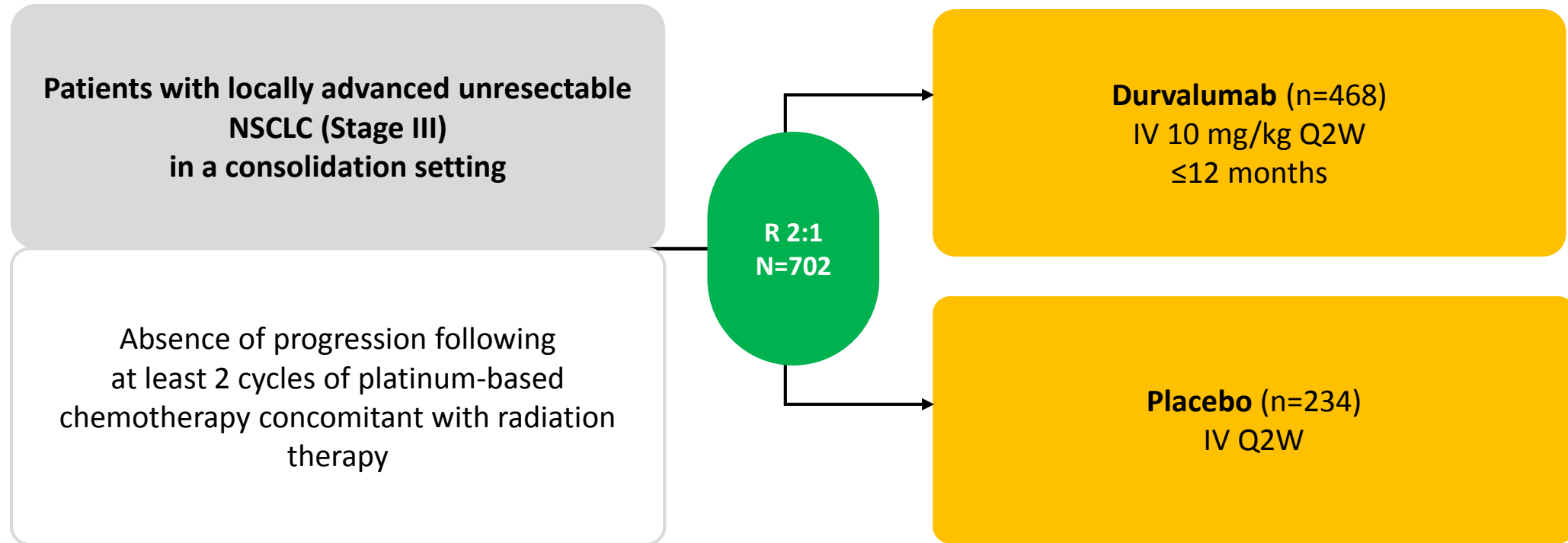
## KEYNOTE 010 (TPS ≥ 1%) (pembrolizumab)

Treatment Arm	Median (95% CI), mo	HR* (95% CI)	P
<b>Pembro 2 mg/kg</b>	<b>14.9 (10.4-NR)</b>	<b>0.54 (0.38-0.77)</b>	<b>0.0002</b>
<b>Pembro 10 mg/kg</b>	<b>17.3 (11.8-NR)</b>	<b>0.50 (0.36-0.70)</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
Docetaxel	8.2 (6.4-10.7)	--	--

## OAK (atezolizumab)

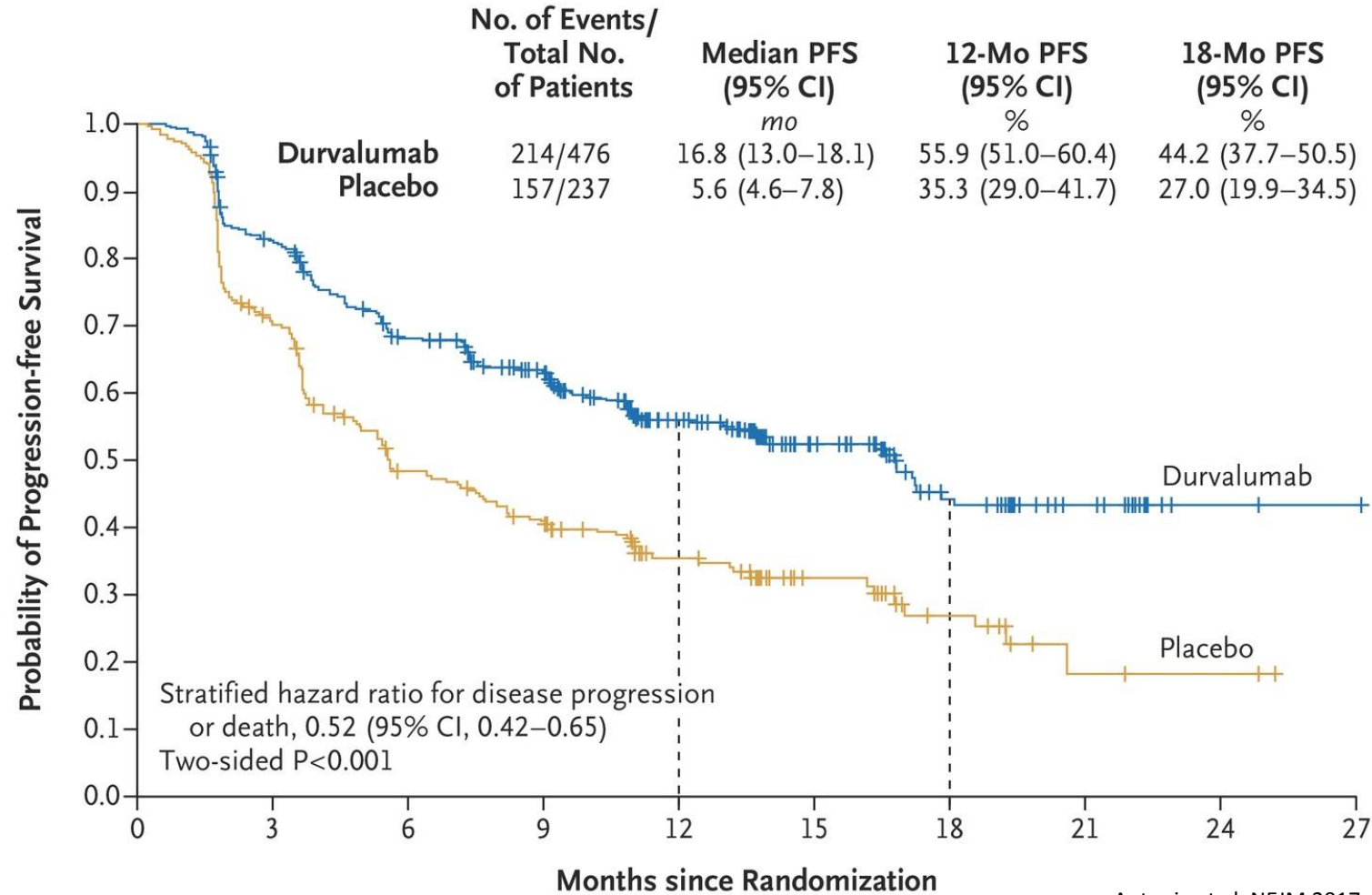
**HR, 0.73<sup>a</sup>**  
 (95% CI, 0.62, 0.87)  
 P = 0.0003  
*Minimum follow up = 19 months*

# PACIFIC (NCT02125461): Durvalumab after Chemoradiotherapy in Stage III NSCLC



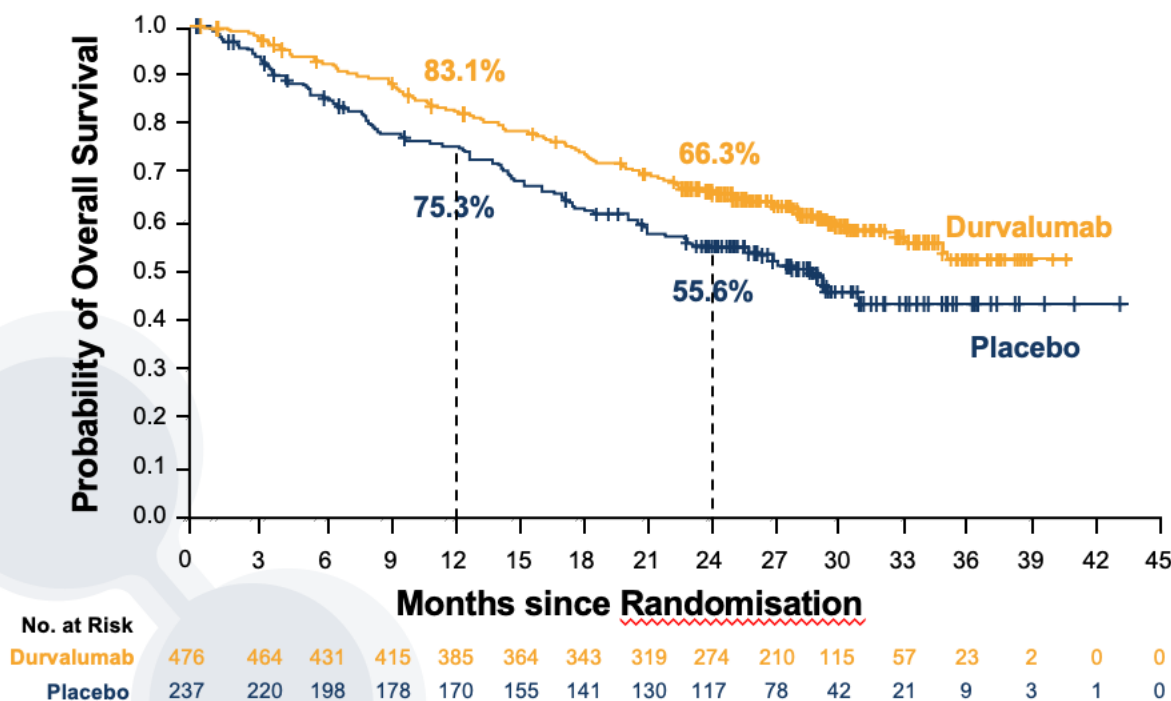
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Antonia et al, NEJM 2017

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Adapted from Antonia SJ et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2018. doi:10.1056/NEJMoa1809697.

BICR=blinded independent central review; ITT=intention-to-treat; OS=overall survival.

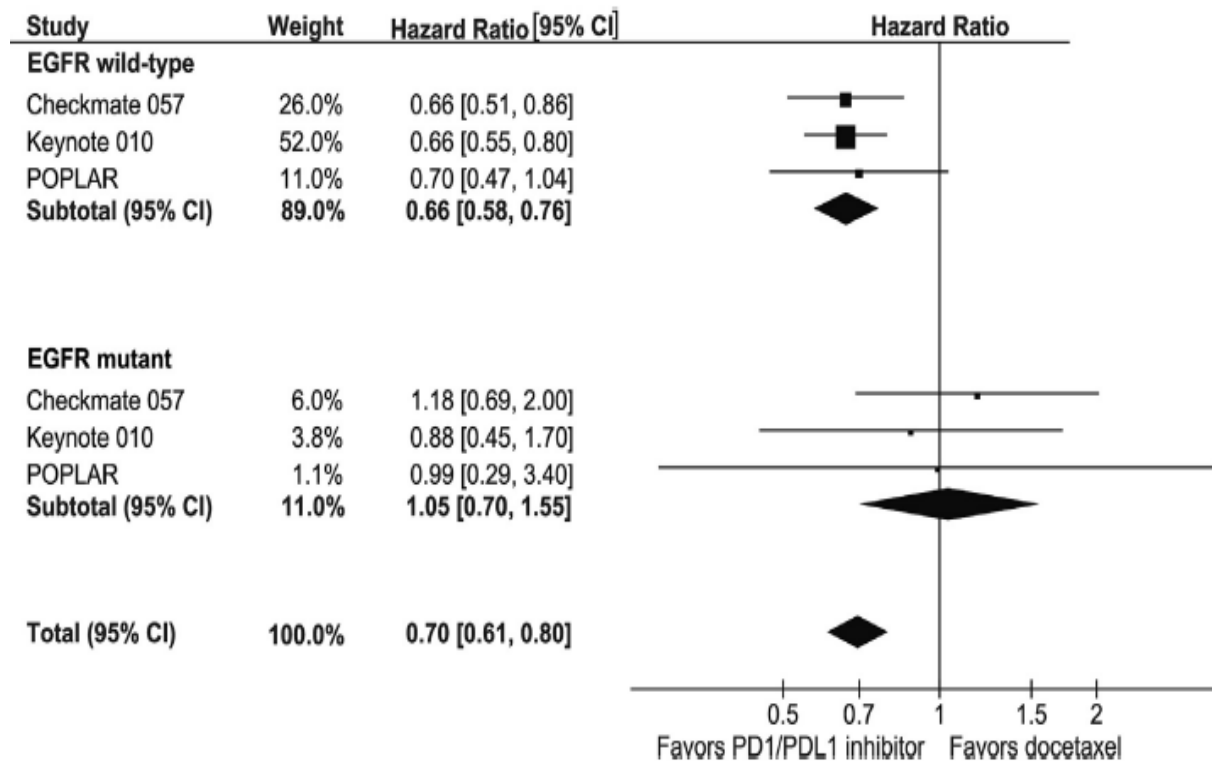
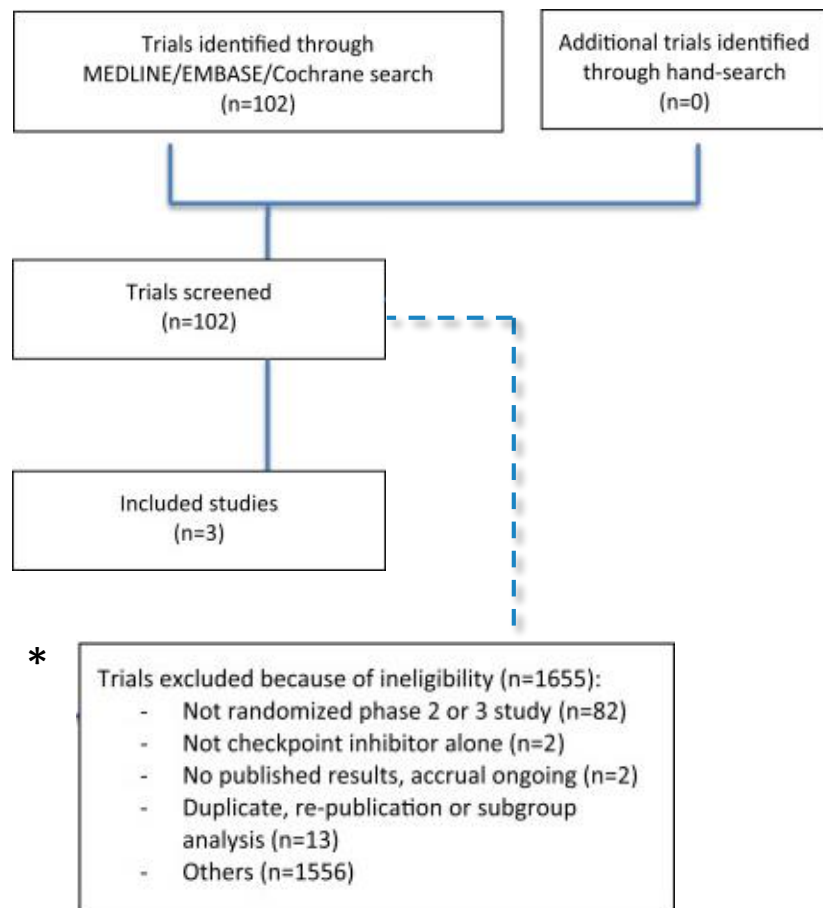
**Stratified hazard ratio: 0.68 (99.73% CI: 0.47–0.997)**  
Two-sided P=0.0025

	<b>Durvalumab (N=476)</b>	<b>Placebo (N=237)</b>
<b>Median OS (95% CI), months</b>	<b>NR (34.7–NR)</b>	<b>28.7 (22.9–NR)</b>
<b>12-month PFS rate (95% CI)</b>	<b>83.1% (79.4–86.2)</b>	<b>75.3% (69.2–80.4)</b>
<b>24-month PFS rate (95% CI)</b>	<b>66.3% (61.7–70.4)</b>	<b>55.6% (48.9–61.8)</b>



# Checkpoint Inhibitors in Metastatic EGFR-Mutated NSCLC

## Meta-Analysis: CM-057, KN-010, POPLAR



CK Lee et al., JTO 2016

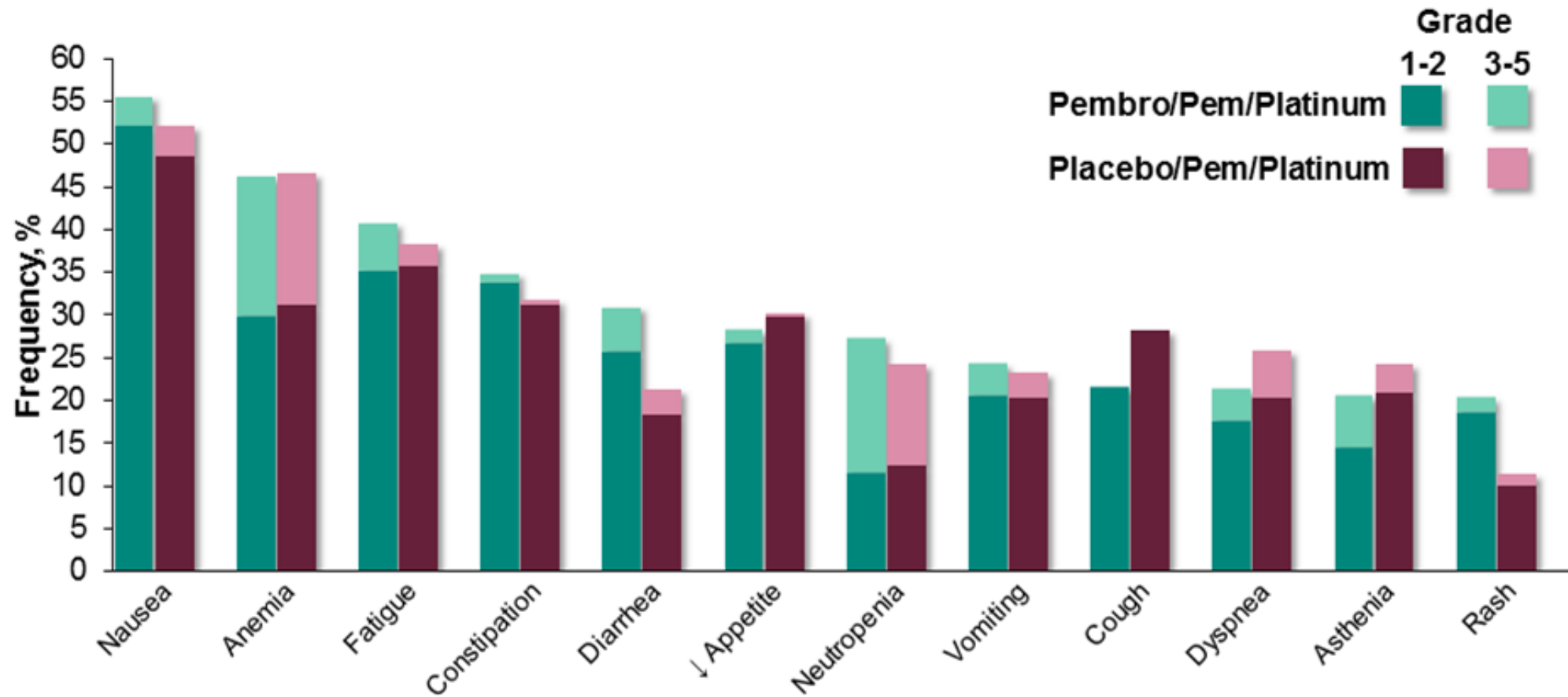


# Single-agent Toxicities in 2/3L Randomized Trials

	Atezolizumab OAK	Nivolumab SQ: CM 017 (updated OS; 2L)	Nivolumab NSQ:CM 057 (updated OS; 2/3L)	Pembrolizumab Keynote 010
Related Grade 3-5 AEs	15%	8%	11%	13-16%
Discontinuation due to related AEs	5%	6%	6%	4-5%
Pneumonitis AEs	1%	5%	3%	4-5%

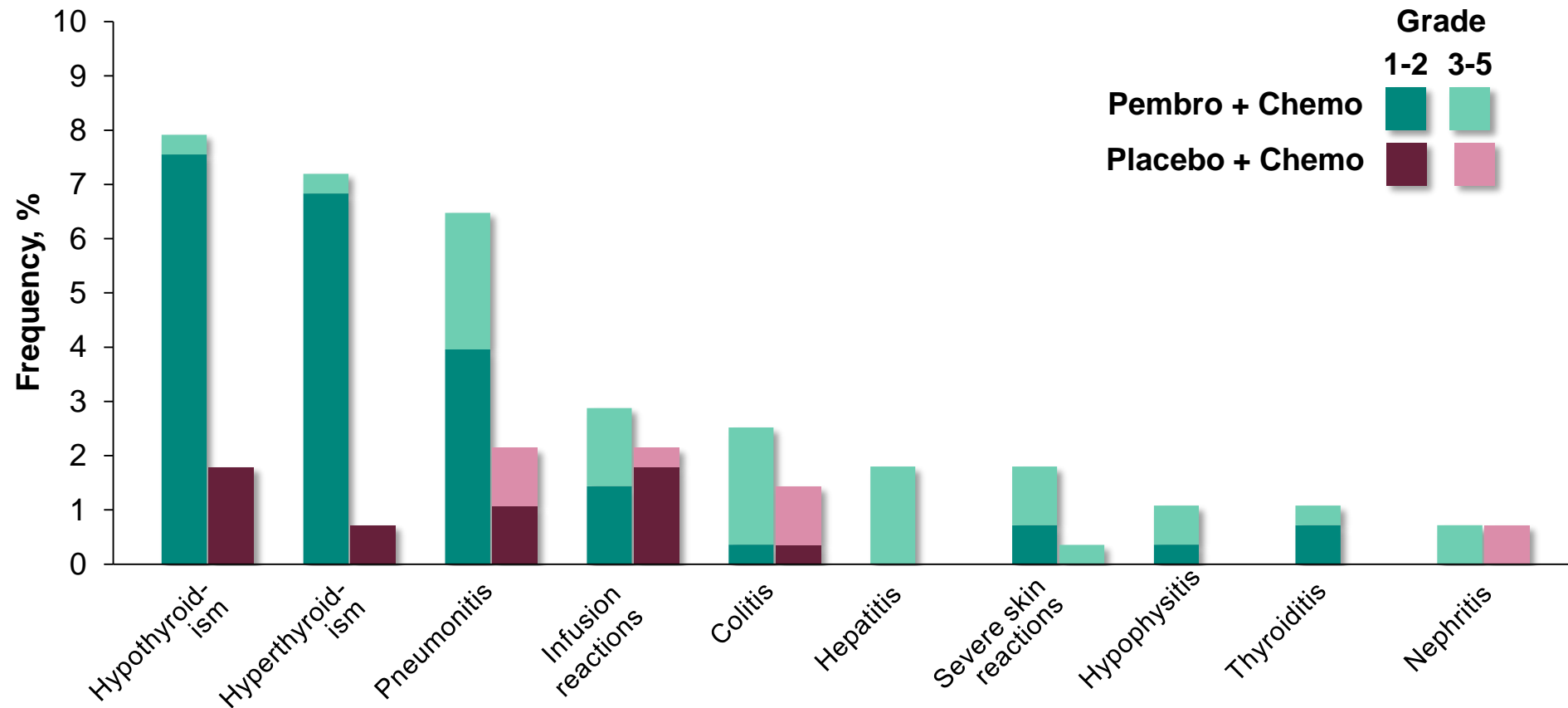
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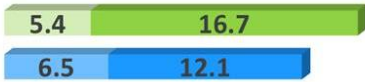
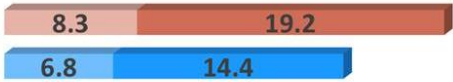

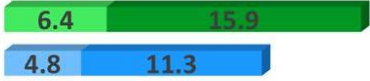
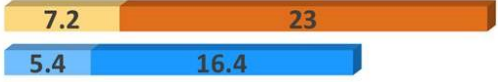
Paz-Arez et al, ASCO, 2018

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TRAE, <sup>a</sup> %	Nivolumab + ipilimumab (n = 576)		Chemotherapy (n = 570)	
	Any grade	Grade 3–4	Any grade	Grade 3–4
<b>Any TRAE</b>	75	31	81	36
<b>TRAE leading to discontinuation<sup>b</sup></b>	17	12	9	5
<b>Most frequent TRAEs (≥15%)</b>				
Rash	17	2	5	0
Diarrhea	16	2	10	1
Fatigue	13	1	18	1
Decreased appetite	13	<1	19	1
Nausea	10	<1	36	2
Constipation	4	0	15	<1
Anemia	4	2	32	11
Neutropenia	<1	0	17	9
<b>Treatment-related deaths<sup>c</sup></b>	1		1	

Hellman et al, NEJM, 2018

# Summary of Frontline Strategies in Advanced NSCLC

Trial		PFS / OS (months)	PFS HR in PD-L1 neg.	Toxicities Grade 3-5
<b>KEYNOTE-024</b> PD-L1 $\geq$ 50%	Pembro Plat/Pem or Gem or Pacli		NA	27 vs 53%
<b>KEYNOTE-042</b> PD-L1 $\geq$ 1%	Pembro Plat/Pem or Pacli		NA (in 1-49%: 0.92, NS)	18 vs 41%
<b>IMPower150</b> Non-squamous	Atezo + Beva + Plat/Pacli Plat/Pacli		0.72	59 vs 50%
<b>KEYNOTE-189</b> Non-squamous	Pembro + Plat/Pem Plat/Pem		0.59	67 vs 65%
<b>KEYNOTE-407</b> Squamous	Pembro + Plat/Pacli or NabPacli Plat/Pacli or NabPacli		0.68	70 vs 68%
<b>CheckMate 227</b> TMB $\geq$ 10mut/Mb	Nivo + Ipi Plat/Pem or Gem		0.48	31 vs 36%

Solange Peters, 2018 ASCO Annual Meeting

# Case Study 1

- 72M, ex smoker, presented with right hand weakness to ER
- Past Medical History: Diabetes, hypertension
- Imaging
  - MRI brain: Solitary 15 mm occipital lobe lesion
  - CT chest/abdo/pelvis: RUL spiculated mass 3.1 cm, 2 other pulmonary masses, multiple bone metastases and bilateral adrenal metastases.
- Pathology:
  - Lung biopsy: Adenocarcinoma (TTF1+)
  - Biomarkers: EGFR negative, ALK negative, ROS1 negative, **PDL1 > 50%**
  - **What would be recommended first line systemic therapy?**

# Case Study 1: Treatment

- Surgical resection of solitary brain radiation
- Radiation: Cavitary radiation to resected brain metastases, and palliative radiation to bone metastases
- Systemic therapy:
  - First line Pembrolizumab monotherapy
  - In US: Platinum/pemetrexed/pembrolizumab combination available
- Response:
  - CT chest/abdo/pelvis at 3 months: Response to adrenals, bone and lung
  - CT head – increase in rim enhancing lesion in brain
    - Felt to be pseudoprogression vs radionecrosis



# Case Study: Course on Treatment

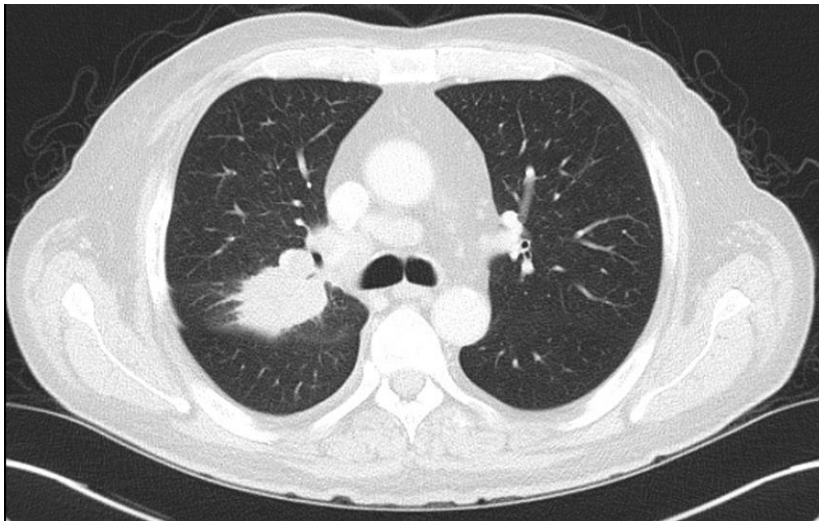
- After 12<sup>th</sup> cycle
  - 2-4 loose BM per day
- Held cycle 13
  - Started on Imodium
  - Stool cultures
  - Follow up in 2 days
  - Referred for an outpatient colonoscopy
- Stool cultures negative
- Initial improvement: then reoccurrence of 2-5 BM per day, including at night
- Started on prednisone 1 mg/kg
- Patient improved in 48 hours
- Started slow prednisone taper over 4 weeks, weekly monitoring with our centre immunotherapy nurse
- Colonoscopy: 4 days later showed mild patches of erythema
  - Colon biopsy: Colitis

# Case Study 1: Course on treatment

- During taper at prednisone 40 mg daily started to have increase in BM x 2-4
- Admitted to hospital
  - Prednisone increased to 1.5 mg/day
  - Infliximab 5mg/kg IV x 1 dose
- Improved in 48 hours, and discharged on tapering steroids
- Remains off treatment x 9 months
  - Developed a choroidal metastases, treated with radiation, all other disease remains stable

# Case Study 2 – 71M, metastatic NSCLC adenocarcinoma

- 56M ex smoker developed cough, fatigue
- Past Medical Hx: Nil, ECOG 1
- Imaging:
  - RUL mass: 5.3 cm with hilar adenopathy
  - PET scan: diffuse liver metastases, bone metastases, no brain metastases



# Case Study 2 (continued)

- Biopsy:
  - Adenocarcinoma, TTF1+
  - Biomarkers: plasma broad molecular testing:
    - **KRAS mutated** (EGFR/ALK/ROS1/Braf/Met exon skipping all negative)
    - **pTMB low to intermediate**
    - **PD-L1 1%**
- Symptoms: ECOG1, increasing RUQ pain within one week, and progression on scans → rapidly progressing.

# Case Study 2 - Treatment

- What treatment would you recommend?
  1. Impower 150: Carboplatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab/atezolizumab
  2. Carboplatin/pemetrexed/pembrolizumab
  3. Carboplatin/pemetrexed
  4. Pembrolizumab

# Case Study 2 - Treatment

- Rapidly progressing disease
- Combination IO would be first choice, patient did not have private coverage for immunotherapy
- Started on carboplatin/pemetrexed x 4 cycles → progressed
- **Now which treatment would you recommend?**
  1. Atezolizumab
  2. Pembrolizumab
  3. Nivolumab