

Case Studies in Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Breast Cancer

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Learning objectives

- Plan immunotherapy treatment regimens for challenging patient populations
- Select appropriate treatment strategies for patients with early and metastatic triple negative breast cancer
- Identify management strategies for uncommon and/or atypically responsive toxicities

Webinar outline

- Development of the guideline
- Toxicity timeframes
 - How IO differs from chemo
- Case 1: Neoadjuvant therapy- Dr. Kevin Kalinsky
- Case 2: First-line metastatic – Dr. Heather MacArthur
- Key takeaways







Development of the Guideline

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Position article and guidelines



Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) clinical practice guideline on immunotherapy for the treatment of breast cancer

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Development of the Guideline

- Developed according to the Institute of Medicine's Standards for Developing Trustworthy Clinical Practice Guidelines
- Panel consisted of 17 experts in the field
- Recommendations are based upon published literature evidence, or clinical evidence where appropriate
- Consensus was defined at 75% approval among voting members

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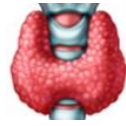
Toxicities Associated With Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

	Chemotherapy	Immunotherapy
Incidence (moderate/severe AEs)	Almost all patients	Majority without
AE profile	Well described	Variable
Affected systems/organs	Few organs affected	Any organ
Time course	Well established	Variable (even after end of Tx)
	Predictable	Relatively unpredictable

Organs/Systems Affected by Immune-Related Side Effects

Endocrine:

- Hyper/Hypothyroidism
- Hypophysitis
- Adrenal insufficiency
- Diabetes



Respiratory:

- Pneumonitis
- Pleuritis
- Sarcoid



Liver:

- Hepatitis



Renal:

- Nephritis



Musculoskeletal:

- Arthritis
- Dermatomyositis



Blood:

- Haemolytic Anaemia
- Thrombocytopenia
- Neutropenia
- Haemophilia

Skin:

- Rash/Pruritus
- Psoriasis
- Vitiligo
- Stevens Johnson

Neurologic:

- Meningitis/Encephalitis
- Guillain Barre
- Myelopathy/neuropathy
- Myasthenia



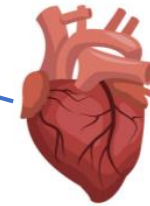
Eye:

- Uveitis/Scleritis
- Conjunctivitis/Blepharitis
- Retinitis



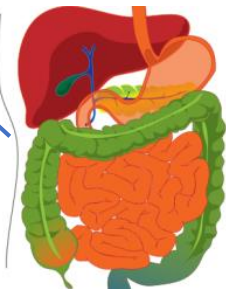
Cardiovascular:

- Myocarditis
- Pericarditis
- Vasculitis

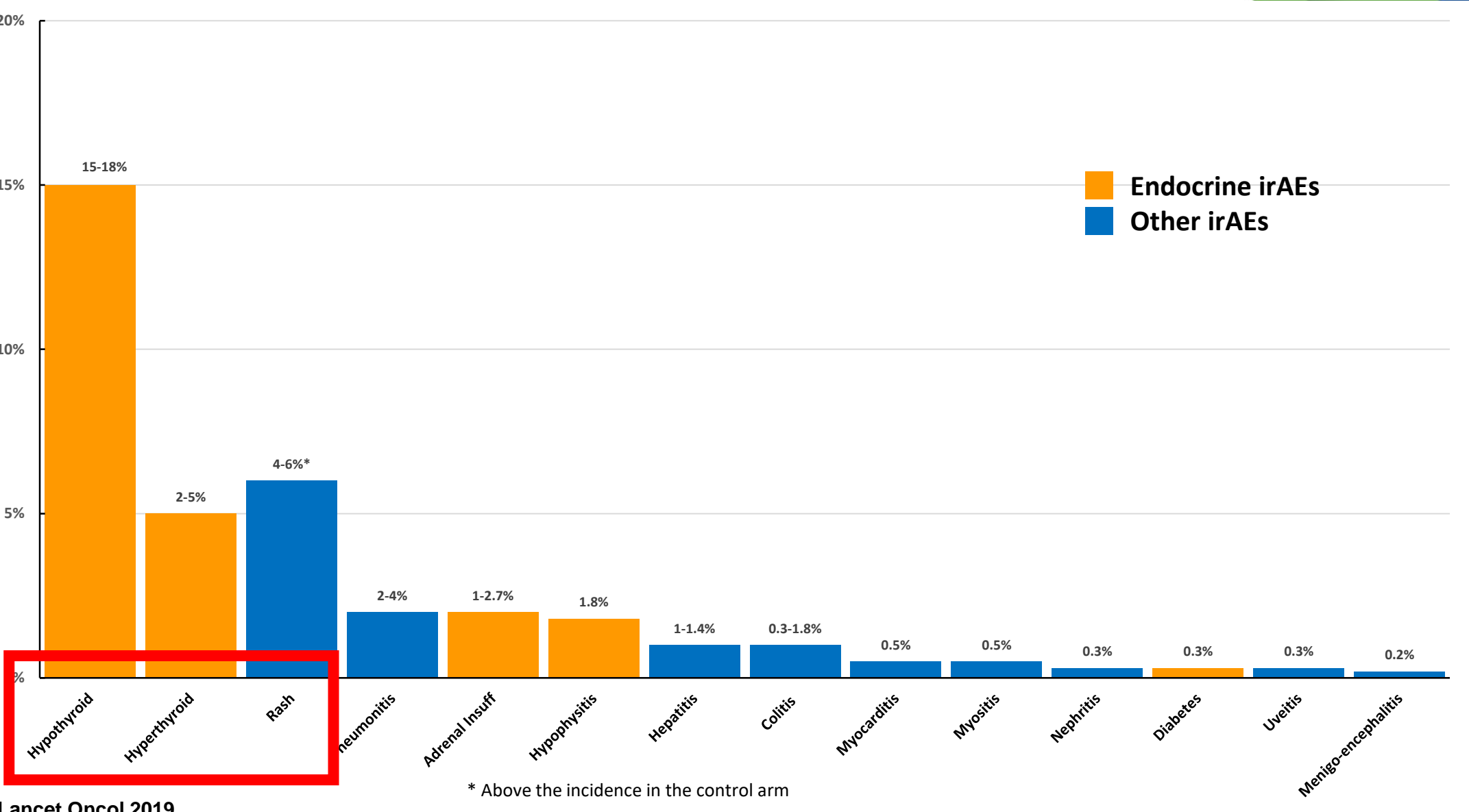


Gastrointestinal:

- Colitis
- Ileitis
- Pancreatitis
- Gastritis

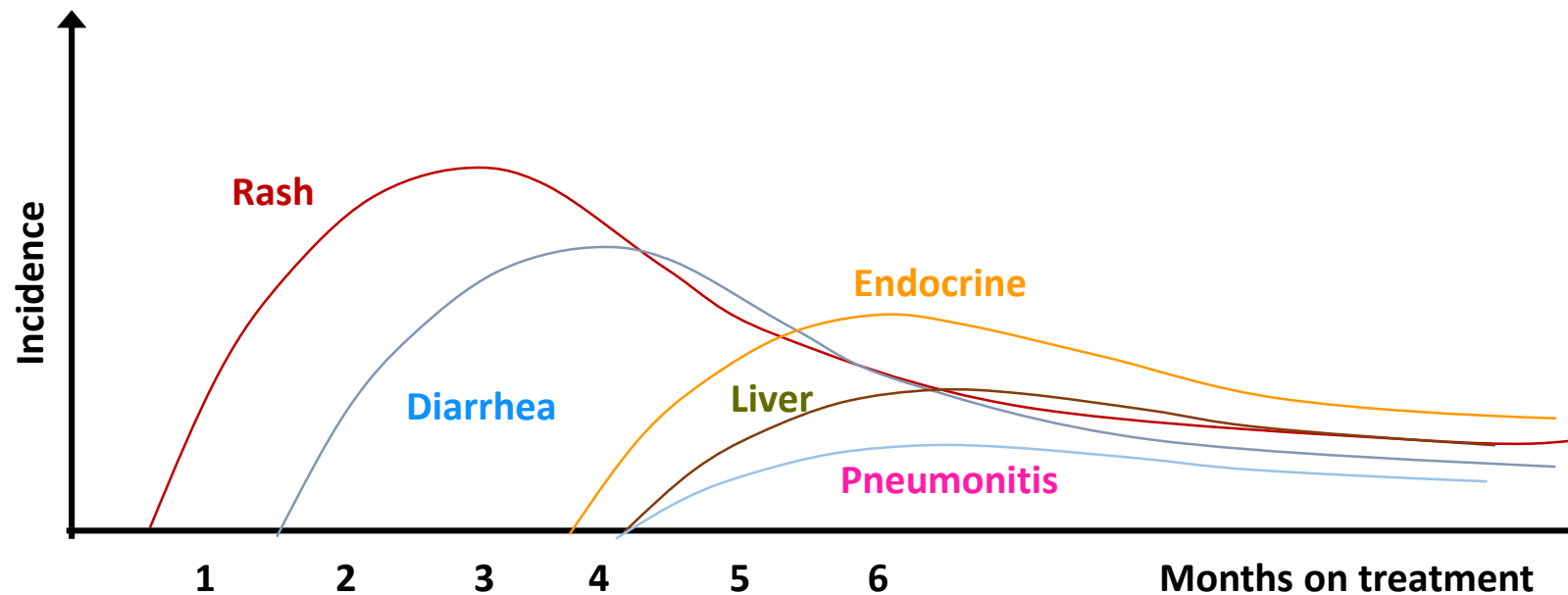


Immune-Related AEs in Phase 3 TNBC Trials With CPI

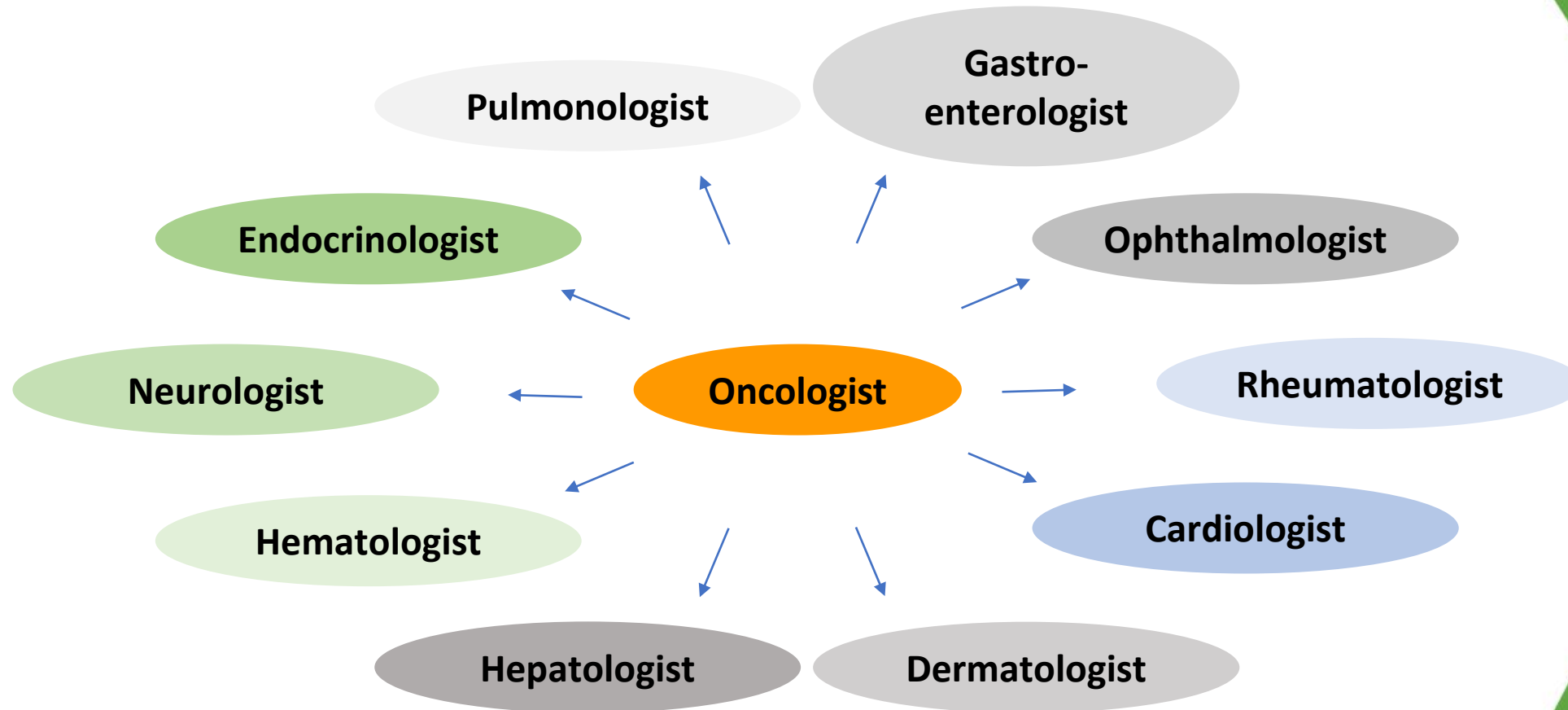


Toxicities With Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors



- Timing can be highly variable
- irAE can occur months or **even a year** after the end of treatment
- Time course might be even more variable with novel combinations



Multidisciplinary Management Coordinated by Oncologist



Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) clinical practice guideline on immune checkpoint inhibitor-related adverse events

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Case 1: Neoadjuvant therapy

- 44 year old woman presents with a newly diagnosed cT2N1 TNBC.
- She currently is a surgical candidate.
- What do you recommend next?

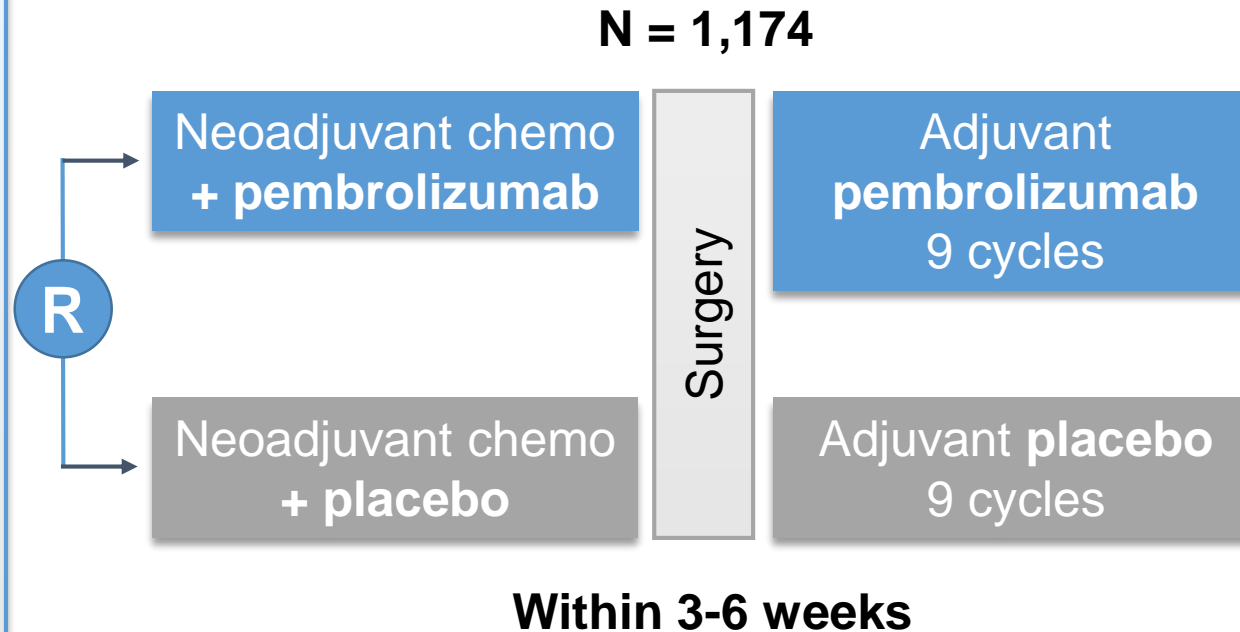
Neoadjuvant Studies: KEYNOTE-522

Eligibility

- Newly diagnosed TNBC (central confirmation)
- T1c N+ or T \geq 2 N0-2
- PD-L1+ or PD-L1-

Stratification

- T1/T2 vs T3/T4
- N0 vs N+
- Carboplatin Q1W vs Q3W



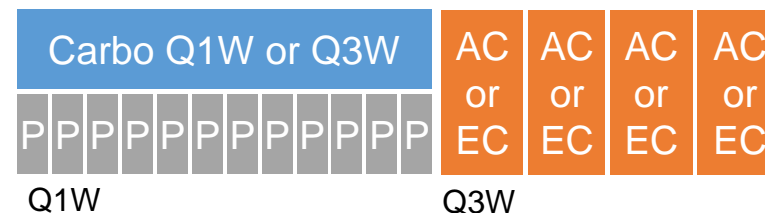
Primary endpoints

- pCR rate (ypT0/Tis ypN0)
- EFS

Secondary endpoints

- Alternative pCR rate (ypT0 ypN0)
- pCR rate in PD-L1+
- EFS in PD-L1+
- OS

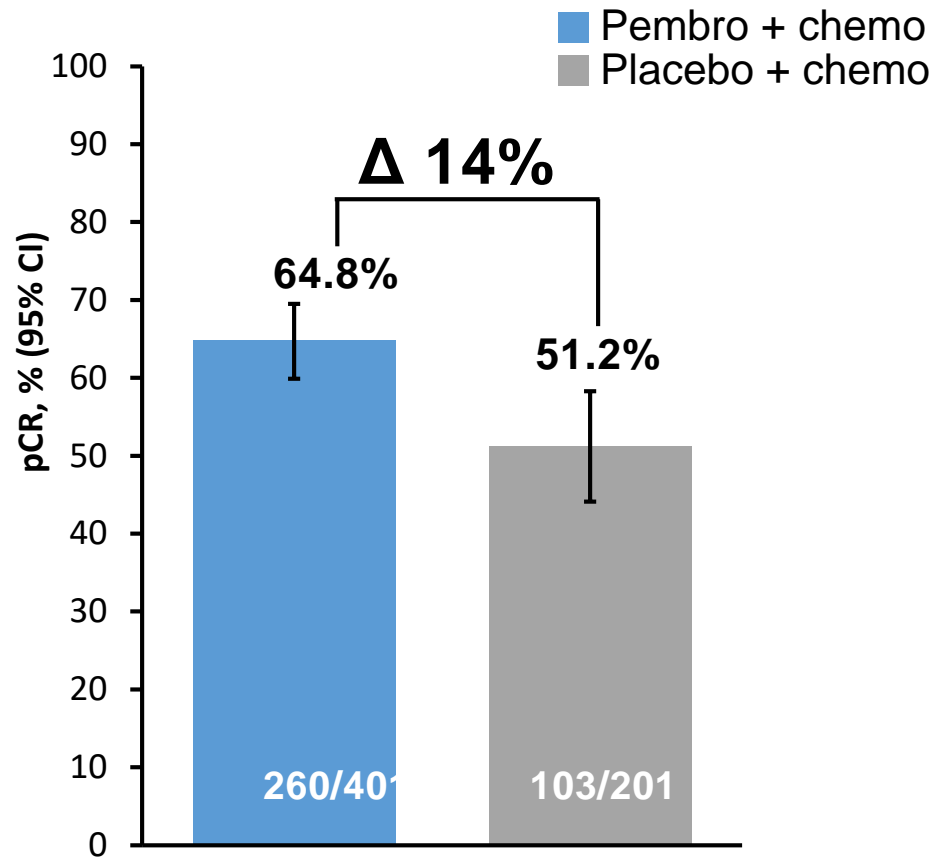
Study Treatment



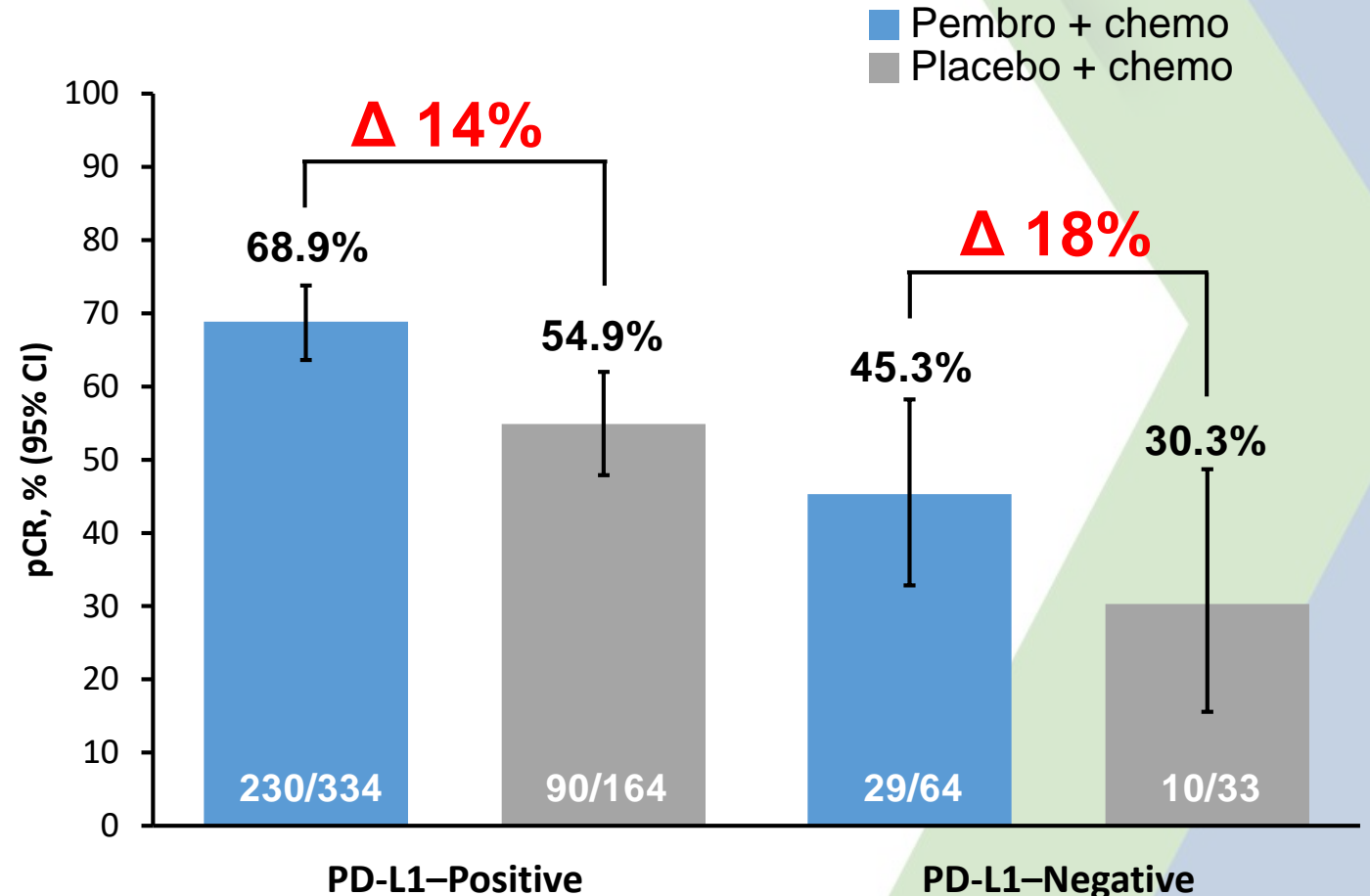
Paclitaxel 80 mg/m² IV weekly
 Carboplatin weekly (AUC 1.5) or Q3W (AUC5)
 Doxorubicin 60 mg/m² IV Q3W
 (Epirubicin 90 mg/m² IV Q3W)
 Cyclophosphamide 600 mg/m² IV Q3W
 Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W

KEYNOTE-522: pCR at IA1¹

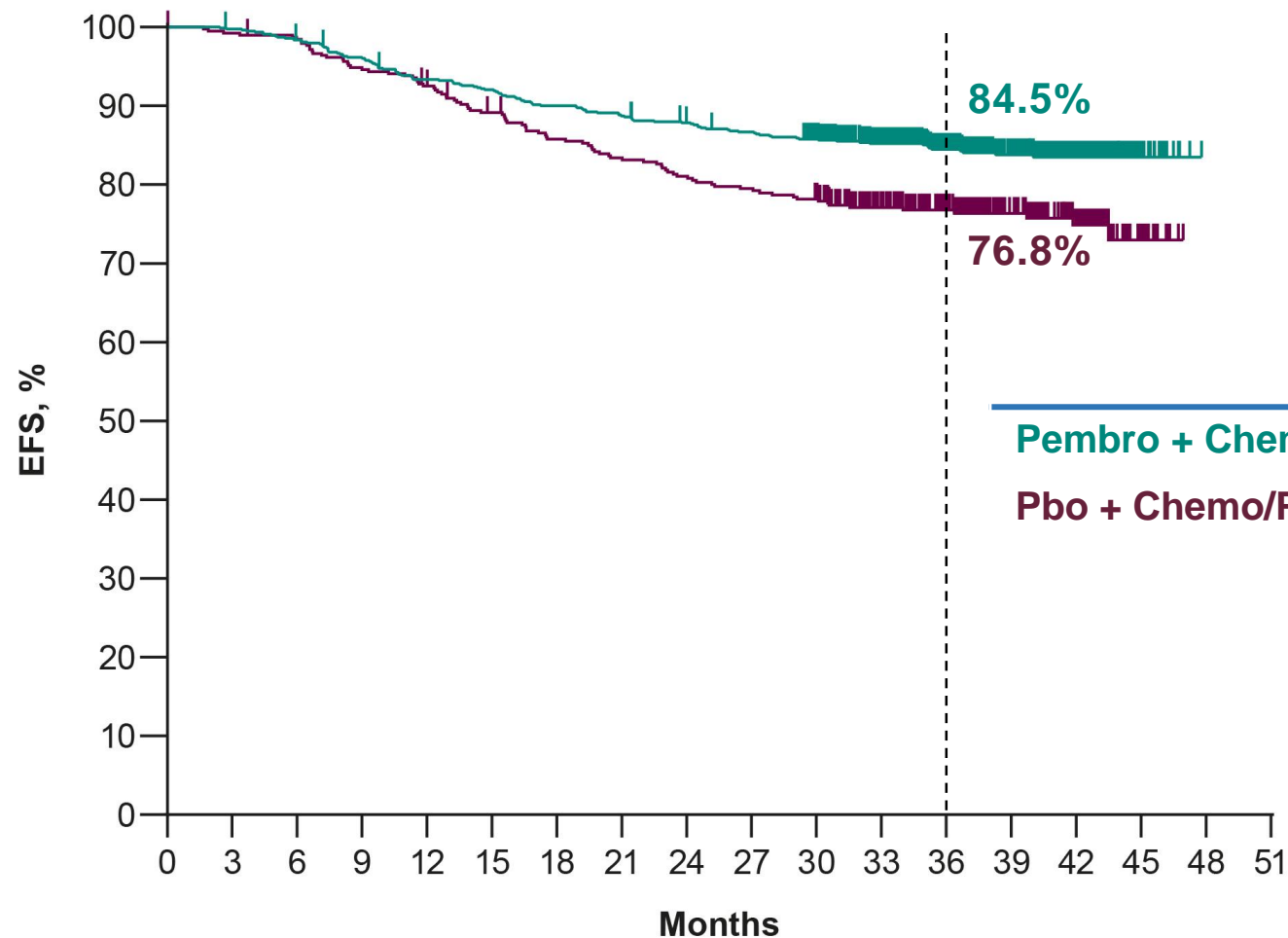
Primary Endpoint



By PD-L1 Status



EFS update at IA4 (39.1mo)



No. at Risk

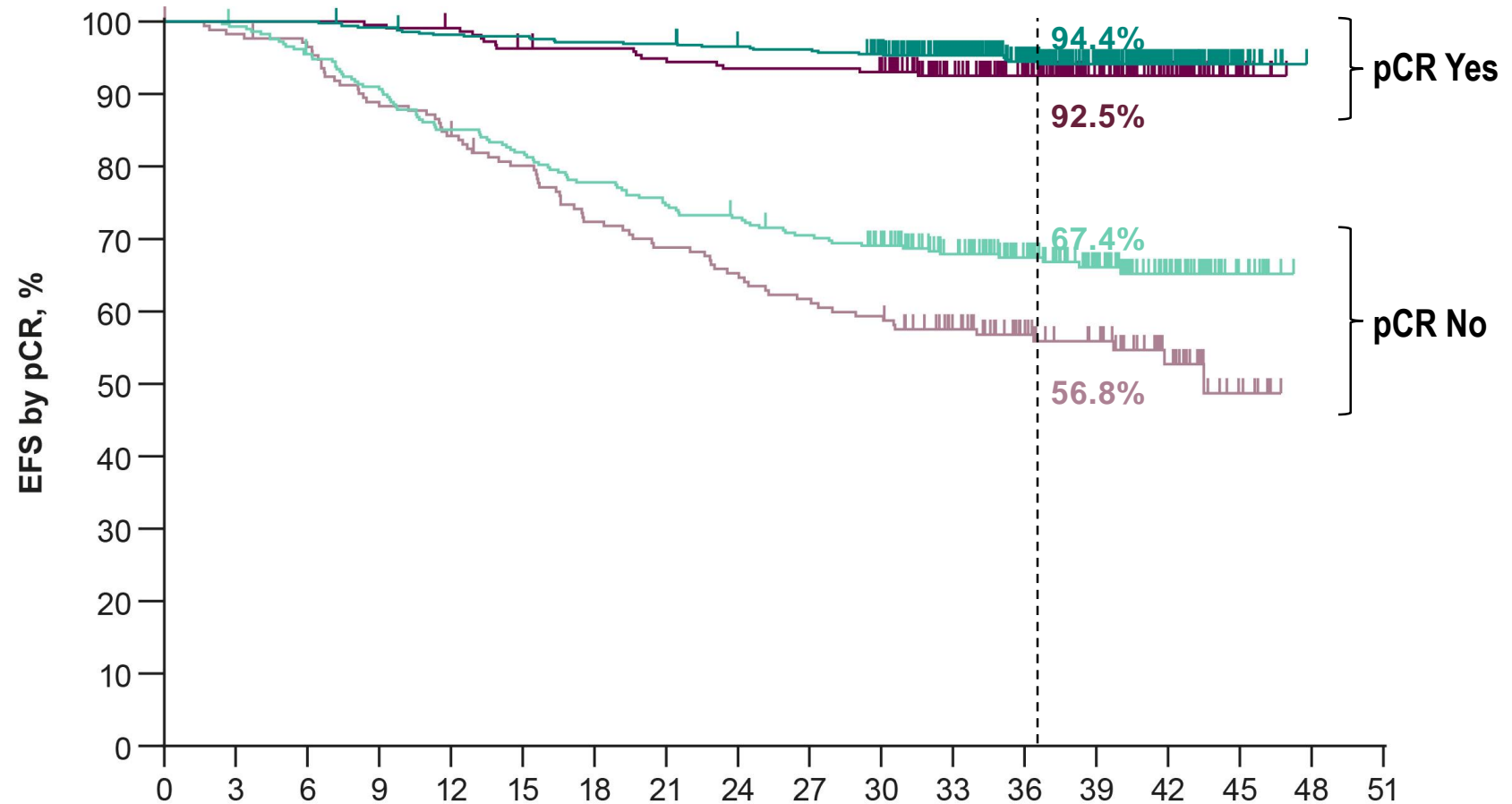
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	784	781	769	751	728	718	702	692	681	671	652	551	433	303	165	28	0	0
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	390	386	382	368	358	342	328	319	310	304	297	250	195	140	83	17	0	0

	Events	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	15.7%	0.63 ^a	0.00031 ^b
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	23.8%		

Summary of First EFS Events by Category

Event	All Subjects, N = 1174	
	Pembro + Chemo/Pembro N = 784	Pbo + Chemo/Pbo N = 390
Any EFS event	123 (15.7%)	93 (23.8%)
Progression of disease that precludes definitive surgery	14 (1.8%)	15 (3.8%)
Local recurrence ^a	28 (3.6%)	17 (4.4%)
Distant recurrence	60 (7.7%)	51 (13.1%)
Secondary primary malignancy ^b	6 (0.8%)	4 (1.0%)
Death	15 (1.9%)	6 (1.5%)

EFS by pCR (ypT0/Tis ypN0)

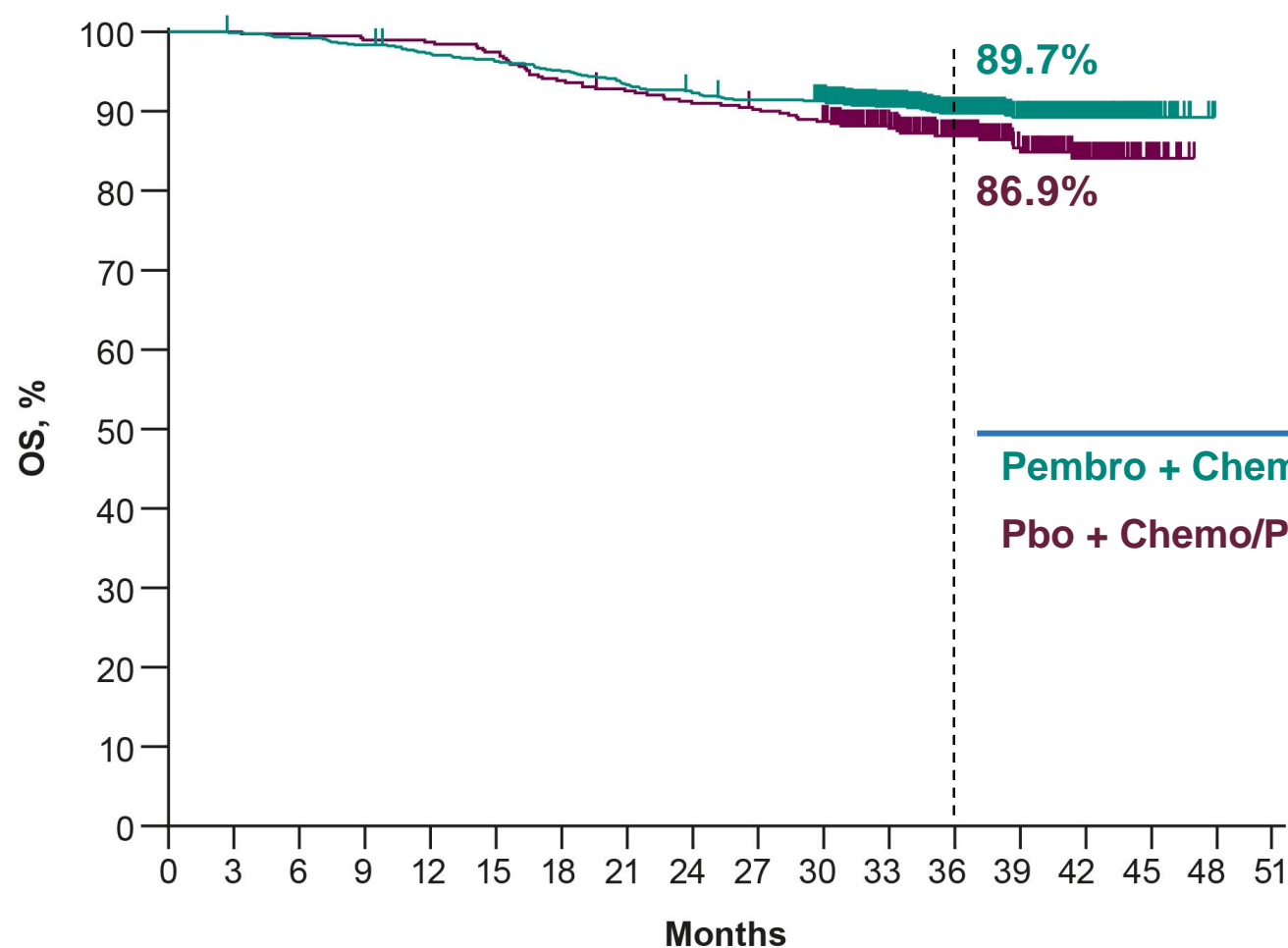


No. at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro Responder	494	494	494	489	483	482	478	477	472	470	460	387	307	220	122	18	0	0
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo Responder	217	217	217	216	214	207	206	203	200	200	197	165	130	87	56	9	0	0
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro Non-Responder	290	287	275	262	245	236	224	215	209	201	192	164	126	83	43	10	0	0
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo Non-Responder	173	169	165	152	144	135	122	116	110	104	100	85	65	53	27	8	0	0

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Overall Survival



No. at Risk

Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	784	782	777	770	759	752	742	729	720	712	701	586	461	323	178	30	0	0
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	390	390	389	386	385	380	366	360	354	350	343	286	223	157	89	17	0	0

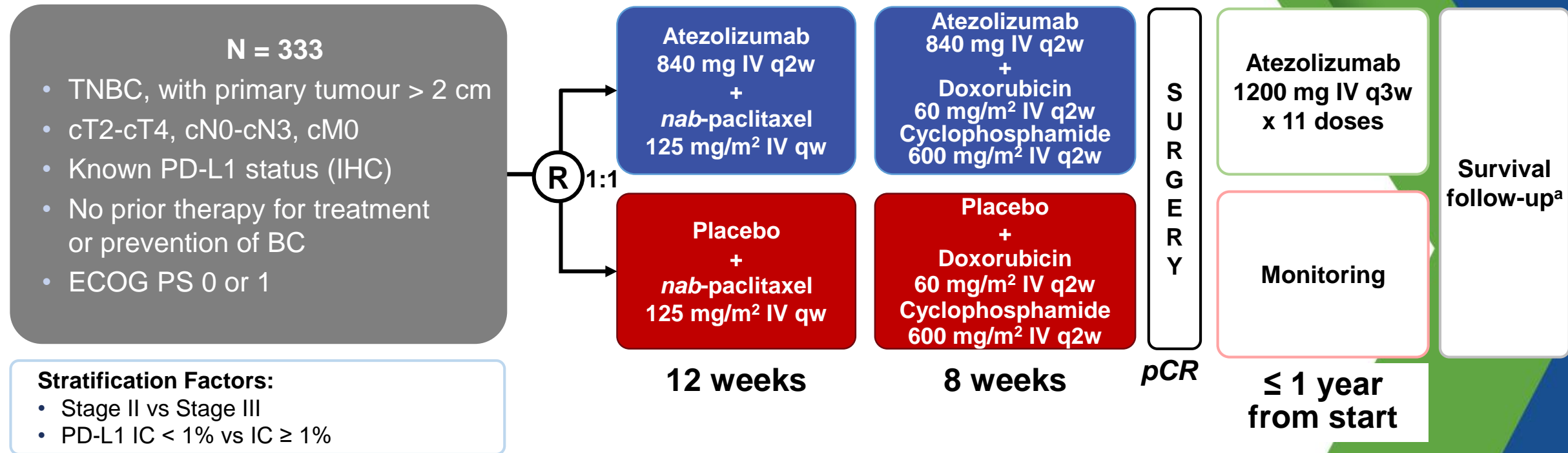
	Events	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	10.2%	0.72 ^a	0.03214
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	14.1%	(0.51-1.02)	^b

FDA-Approval¹

- On **July 27, 2021**, the FDA approved pembrolizumab for high-risk early-stage TNBC with chemotherapy as neoadjuvant treatment and then continued as a single agent as adjuvant treatment after surgery
- Based on KEYNOTE-522, the indication for palliative pembrolizumab was converted from accelerated to full approval

IMpassion031: Phase III atezolizumab neoadjuvant study in eTNBC

A randomized, multicenter, international, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial



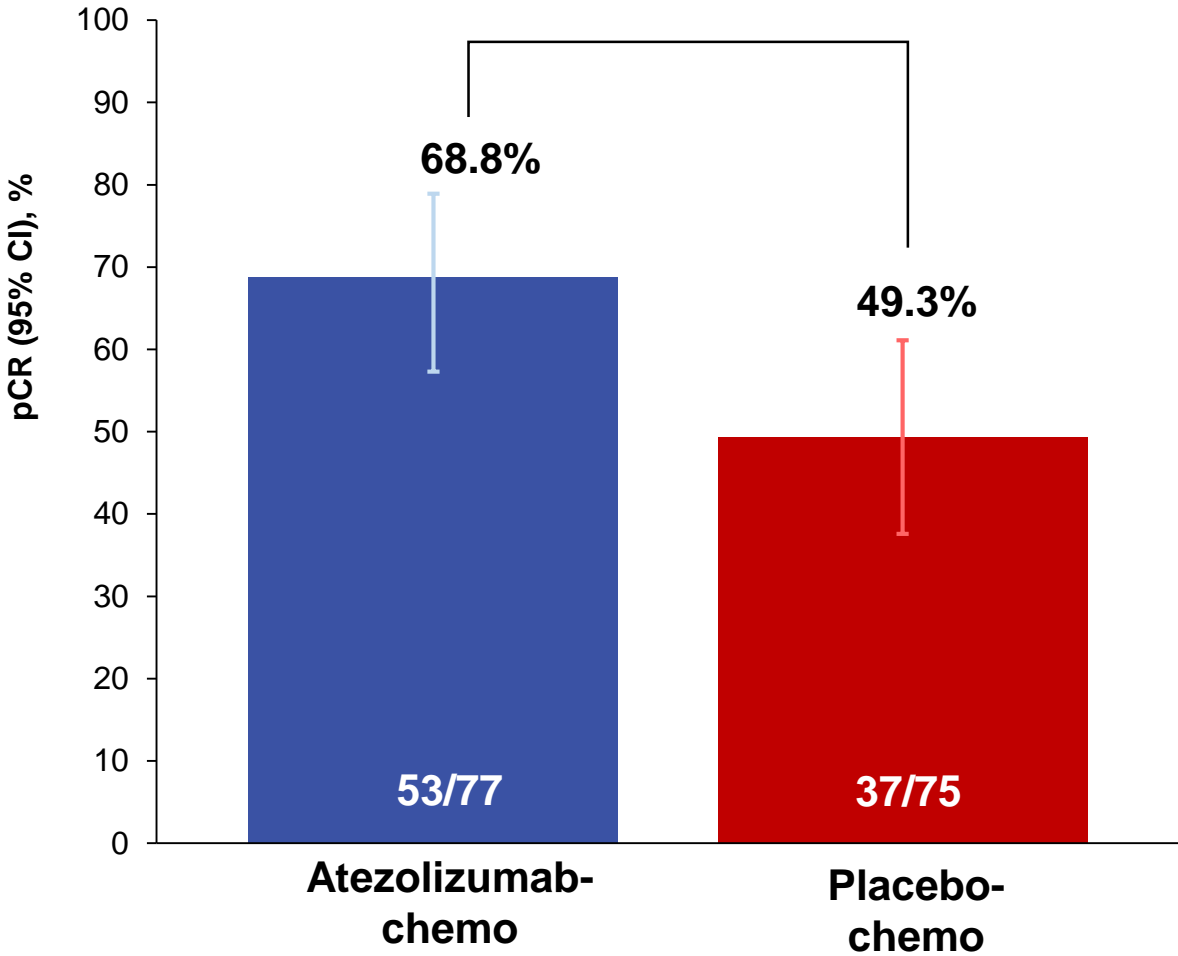
Co-primary endpoints: Pathologic complete response (pCR, ypT0/is ypN0) in ITT and PD-L1–positive (IC ≥ 1%) subpopulation

Secondary endpoints: EFS, DFS, and OS in ITT and in PD-L1–positive subpopulation, safety, PROs

Co-primary endpoint pCR by PD-L1 status

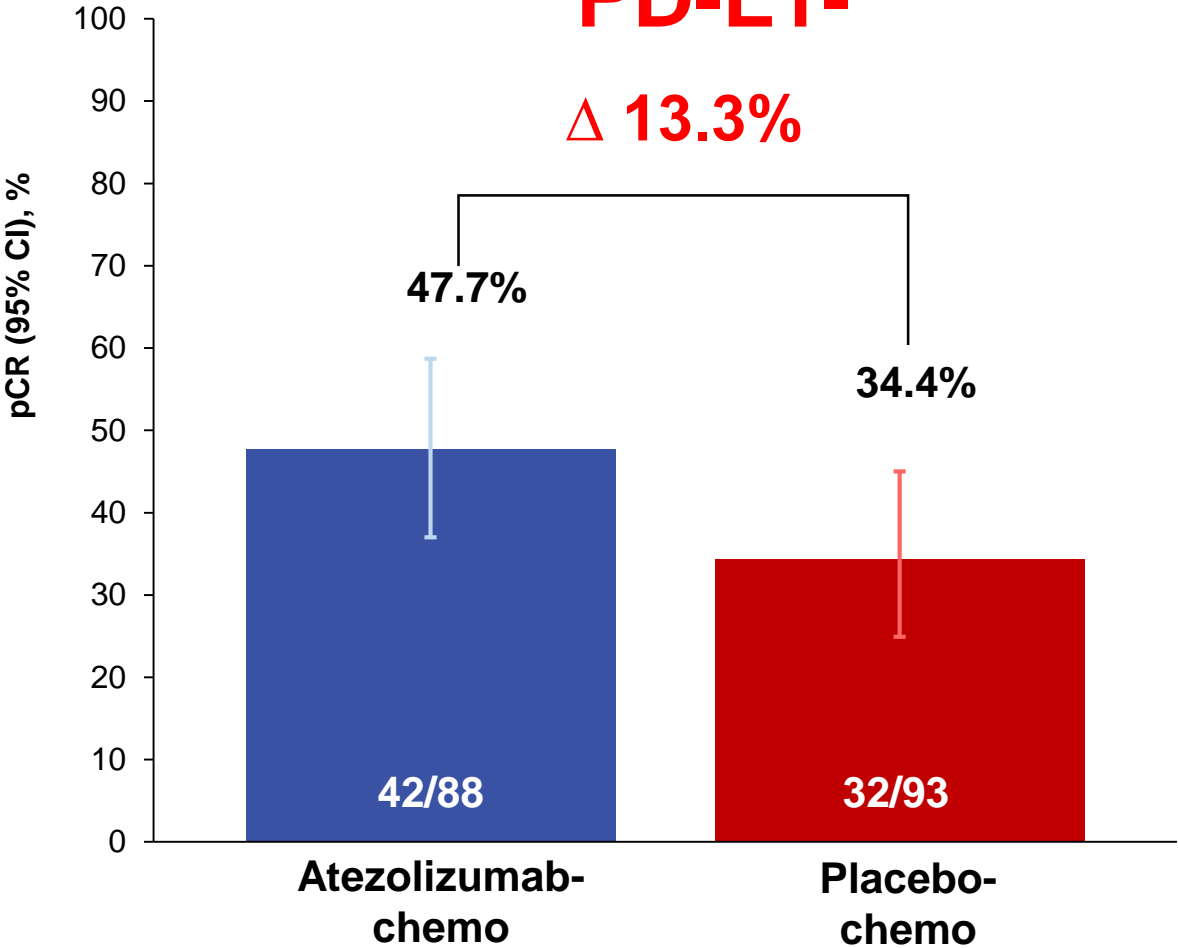
PD-L1+

Δ 19.5%



PD-L1-

Δ 13.3%



Adjuvant Studies: IMpassion030

Eligibility

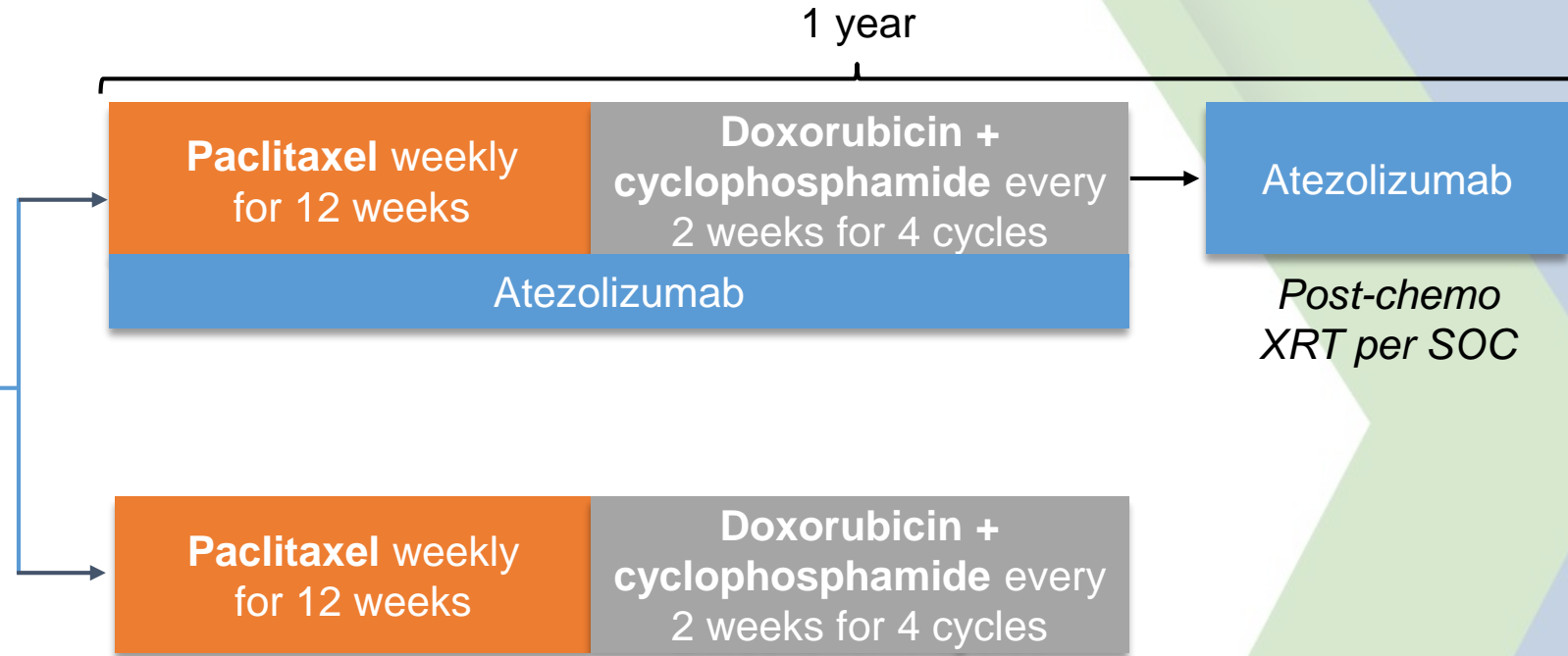
- **Adequately excised primary invasive TNBC (stage II/III)**
50:50 node negative/positive–enriched population

Stratification

- Axillary nodal status
(0 vs 1-3 vs ≥ 4 positive lymph nodes)
- Surgery (breast conserving vs mastectomy)
- PD-L1 IC0 vs IC1/2/3

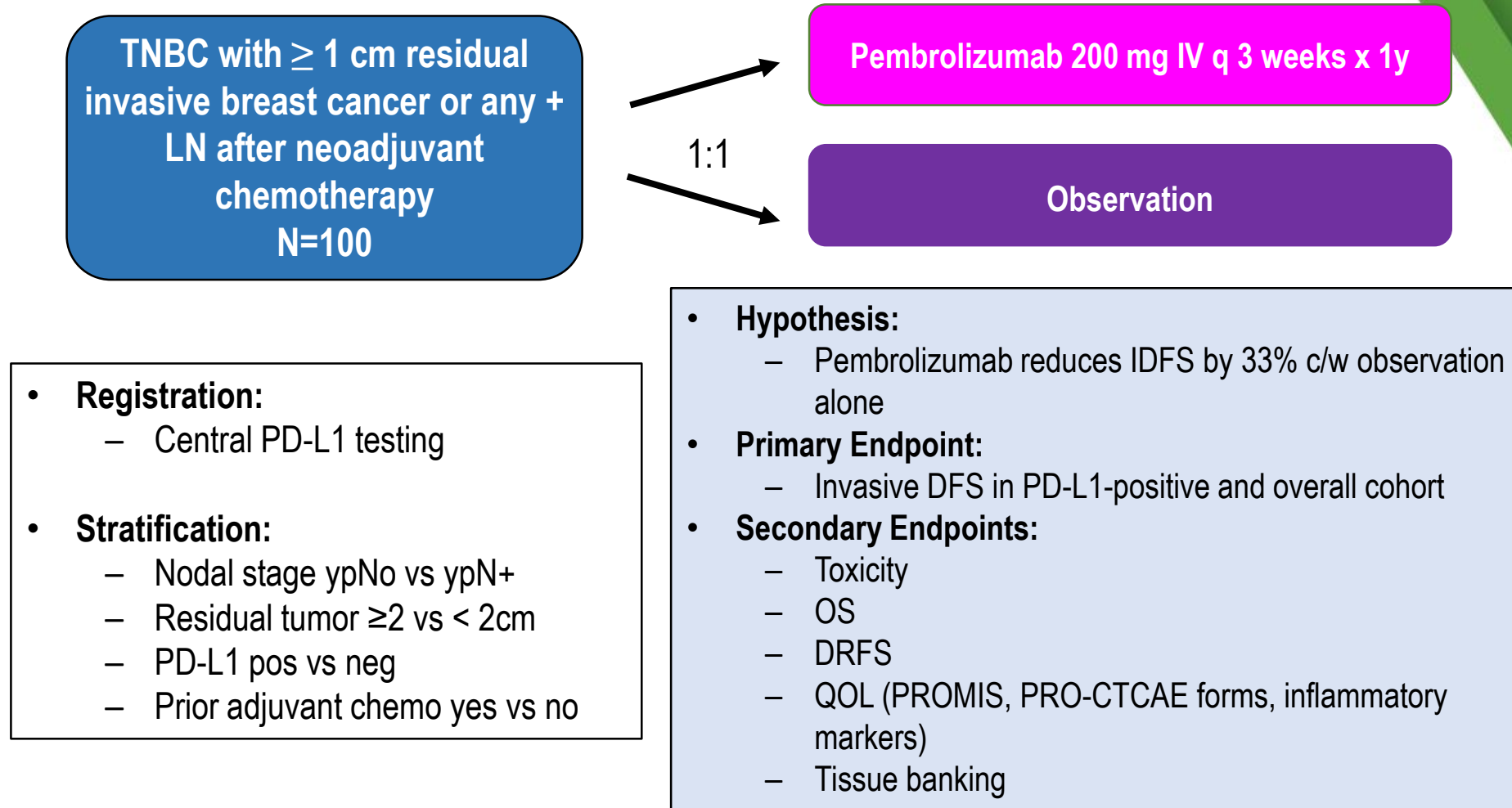
N = 2,300

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- **Primary endpoint:** iDFS in ITT
- **Secondary endpoints:** iDFS PD-L1 IC1/2/3, OS, RFI, distant RFI, safety, and health-related QoL

Post NAC Residual Disease: SWOG 1418



Case 1, continued

- She receives neoadjuvant pembrolizumab + paclitaxel x 12 cycles followed by ddAC
- Post treatment- reveals a pCR
- Post-operatively, she develops confusion and is unable to answer questions appropriately.
- A brain MRI is unremarkable?
- What are your next steps?

Case 1, continued

- CMP, cortisol, ACTH, FSH, LH, TSH, T4
- Morning serum cortisol = 1.8 mcg/dL (Normal 10–20 mcg/dL)
- Plasma ACTH = 21 pg/mL (Normal 20–52 pg/mL)
- Very low cortisol, low-to-normal ACTH
- DS is diagnosed with secondary adrenal insufficiency (hypophysitis) and receives hydrocortisone indefinitely

Primary adrenal insufficiency



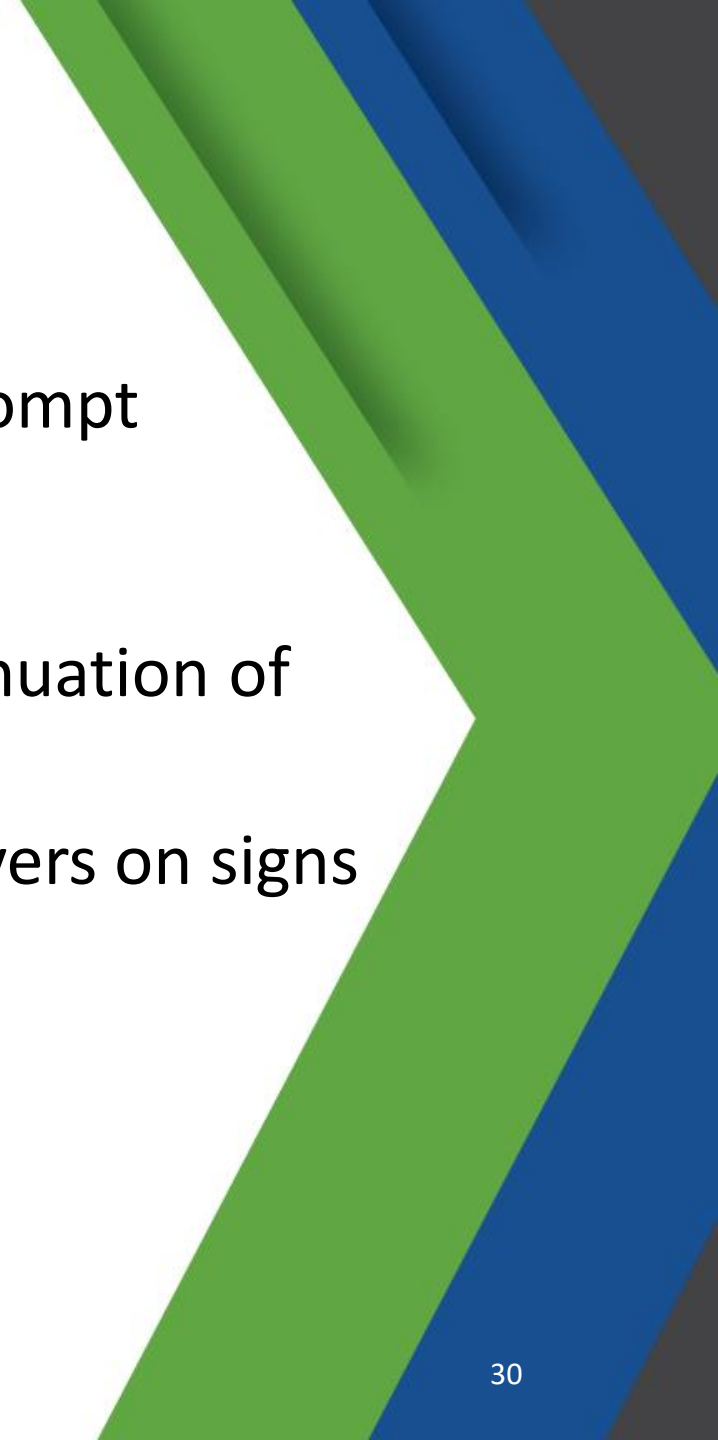
- Evaluate morning cortisol and ACTH levels
- Comprehensive metabolic panel (Na, K, CO², glucose)

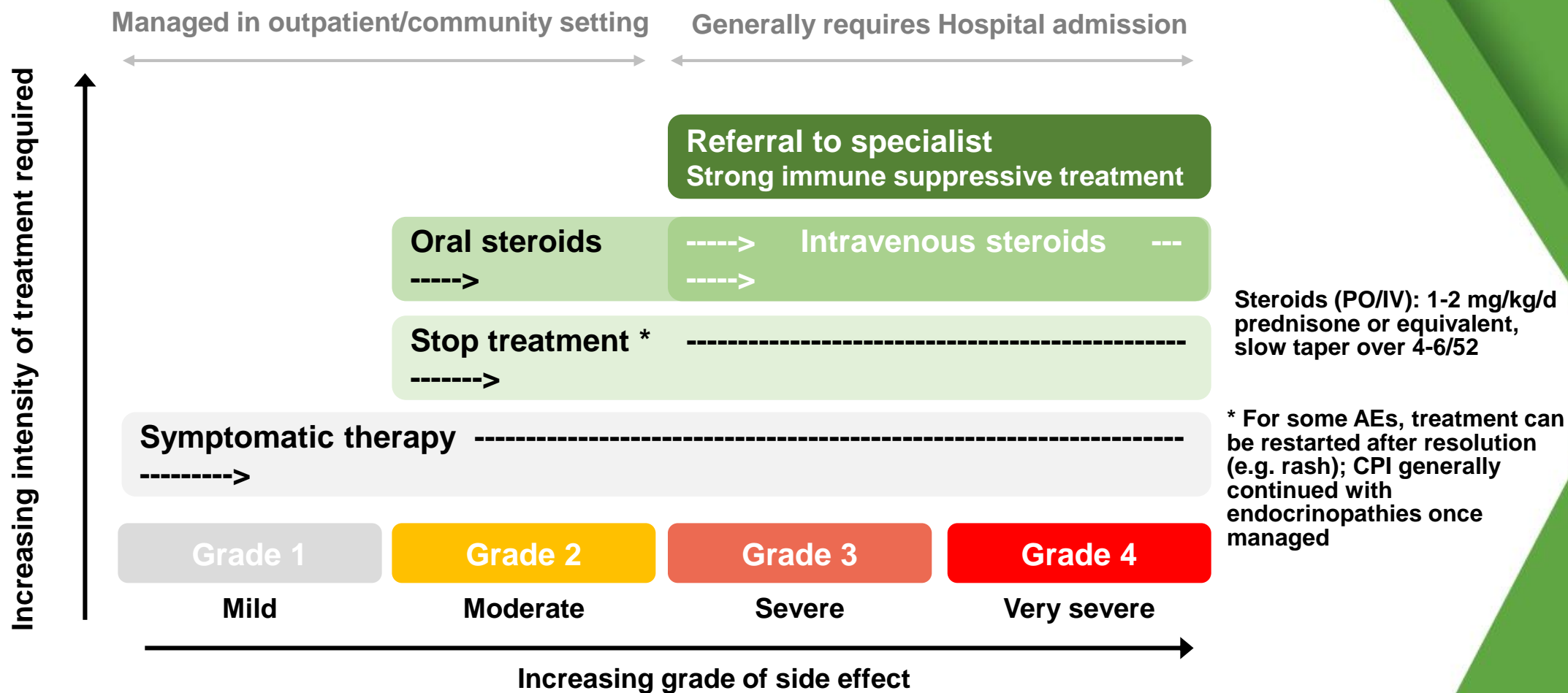
Hypophysitis



- Evaluate
 - Morning cortisol and ACTH
 - FSH, LH, TSH, free T4, testosterone in men, estrogen in premenopausal women
- MRI brain ± contrast with pituitary/sellar cuts, if symptomatic



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- Majority of irAEs are mild to moderate
 - Severity can be asymptomatic to life-threatening; prompt recognition is crucial
 - Most reversible with steroids; some require discontinuation of therapy
 - Important to educate care team, patient, and caregivers on signs and symptoms of irAEs



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Case 2: First-line metastatic

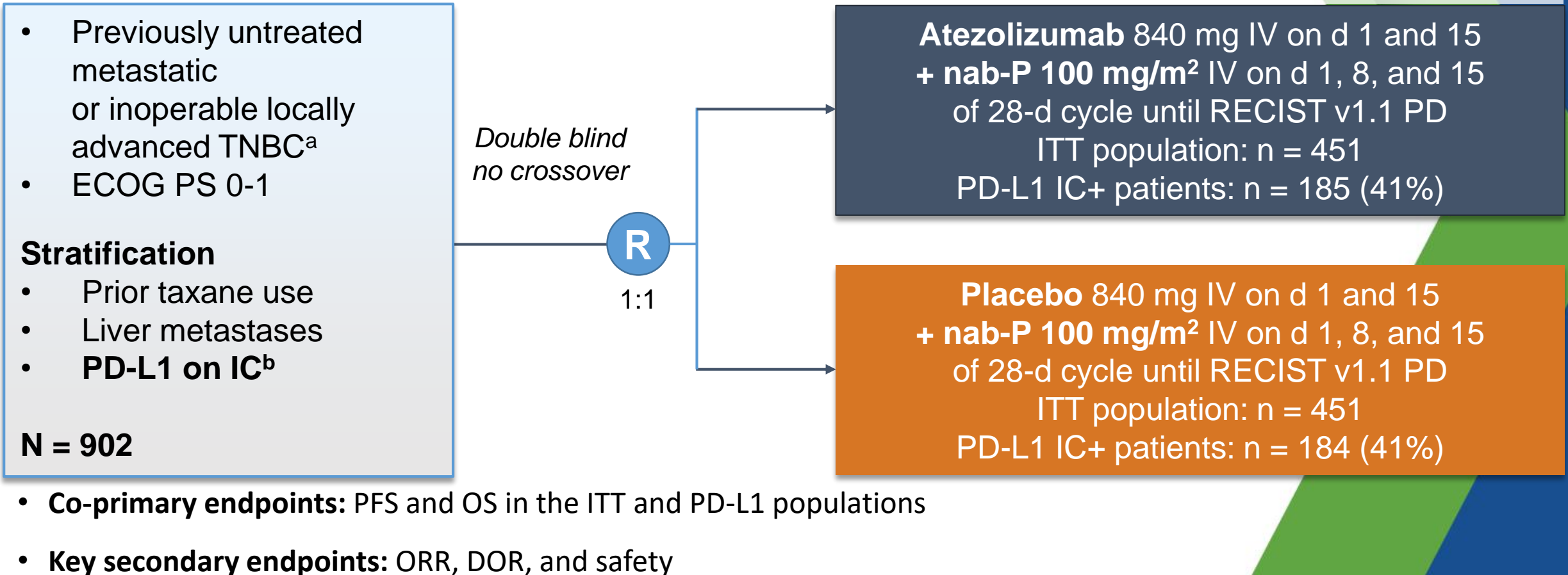
- 41 year old woman with a *BRCA1* mutation was treated with ddAC and weekly paclitaxel 2 years ago for an early stage TNBC
- She now presents with new cough and CT chest identifies multiple new lung nodules
- Biopsy of a 1.5 cm RLL nodule is consistent with metastatic TNBC
- What should you do next?

Case 2: First-line metastatic, continued

- You check PD-L1 status
 - What should you check?

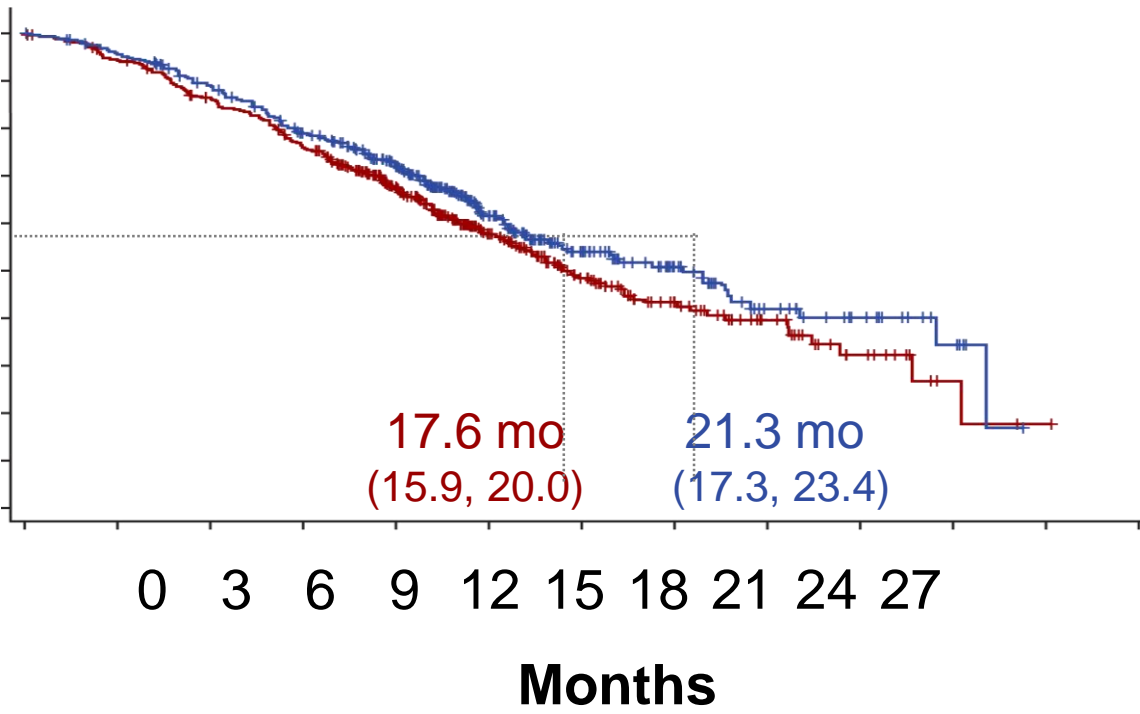
IMpassion130

IMpassion130 (NCT02425891): A Global, Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Study of Atezolizumab + Nab-Paclitaxel vs Placebo + Nab-Paclitaxel in Treatment-Naïve Locally Advanced or Metastatic TNBC

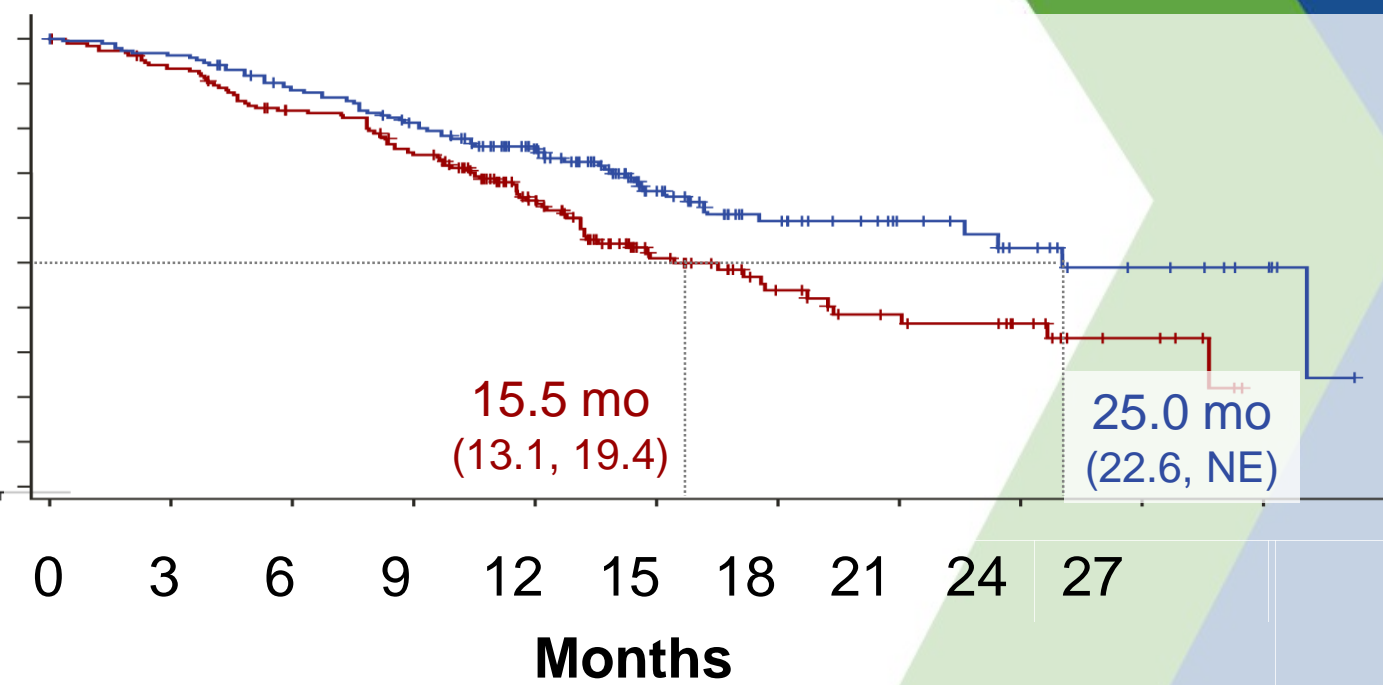


Interim OS Analysis

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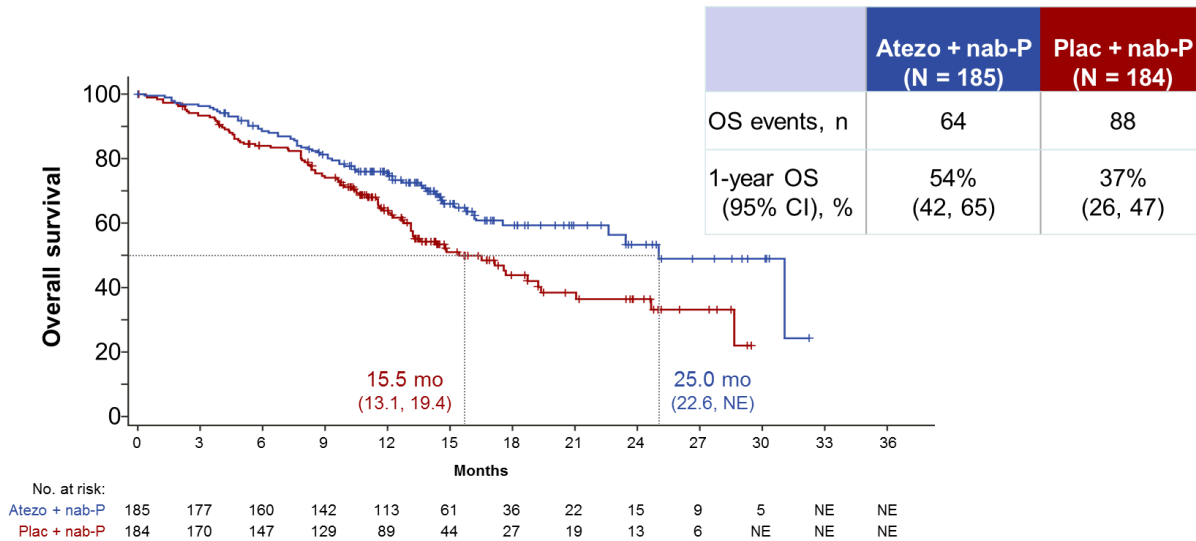


PD-L1+

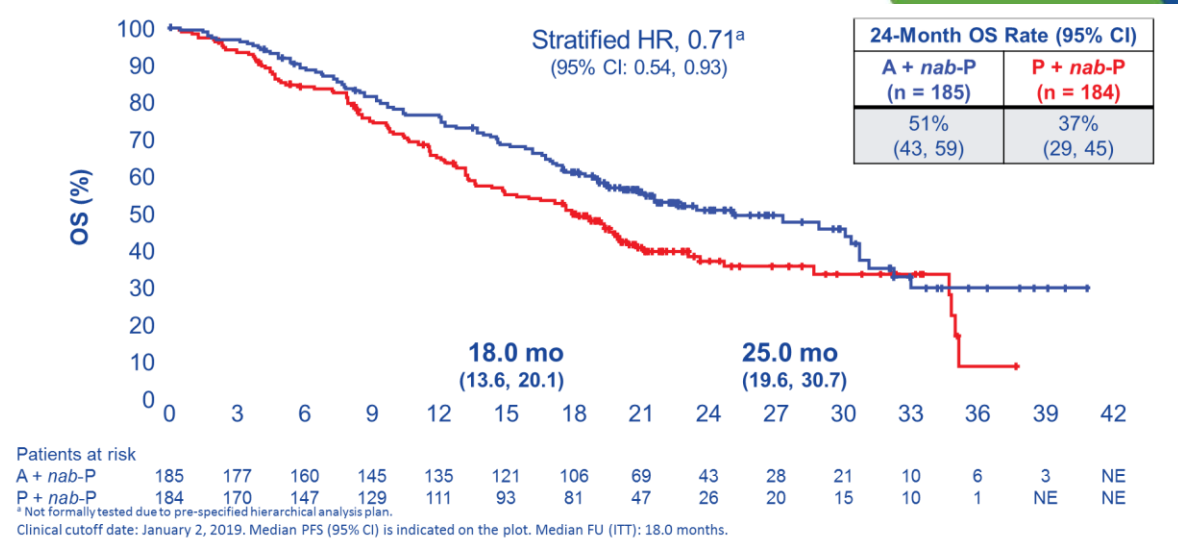


IMpassion 130: Overall Survival

Interim OS in PD-L1+ Group



ASCO 2019 OS Update



Schmid P, et al. *NEJM* 2018;379:2108-2121
Schmid P, et al. ASCO 2019

FDA-Approval

- On 3/8/19, the FDA granted accelerated approval to **atezolizumab** in combination with protein-bound paclitaxel for patients with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic TNBC whose tumors express **PD-L1 (PD-L1 stained tumor-infiltrating immune cells [IC] of any intensity covering $\geq 1\%$ of the tumor area)**, as determined by an FDA-approved test.

FDA-Approval

- On 08/27/21, Roche withdrew the indication for atezolizumab for mTNBC
- Continued approval was contingent upon IMpassion131 trial meeting the primary PFS end point
- A potential alternative pre-market requirement is being explored

KEYNOTE-355 Study Design (NCT02819518)

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Age ≥18 years
- Central determination of TNBC and PD-L1 expression
- Previously untreated locally recurrent inoperable or metastatic TNBC
- Completion of treatment with curative intent ≥6 months prior to first disease recurrence
- ECOG performance status 0 or 1
- Life expectancy ≥12 weeks from randomization
- Adequate organ function
- No systemic steroids
- No active CNS metastases
- No active autoimmune disease

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Pembrolizumab^a + Chemotherapy^b

- paclitaxel,
- nab-paclitaxel
- gemcitabine/carboplatin

Placebo^c + Chemotherapy^b

Progressive disease^d/cessation of study therapy

Stratification Factors:

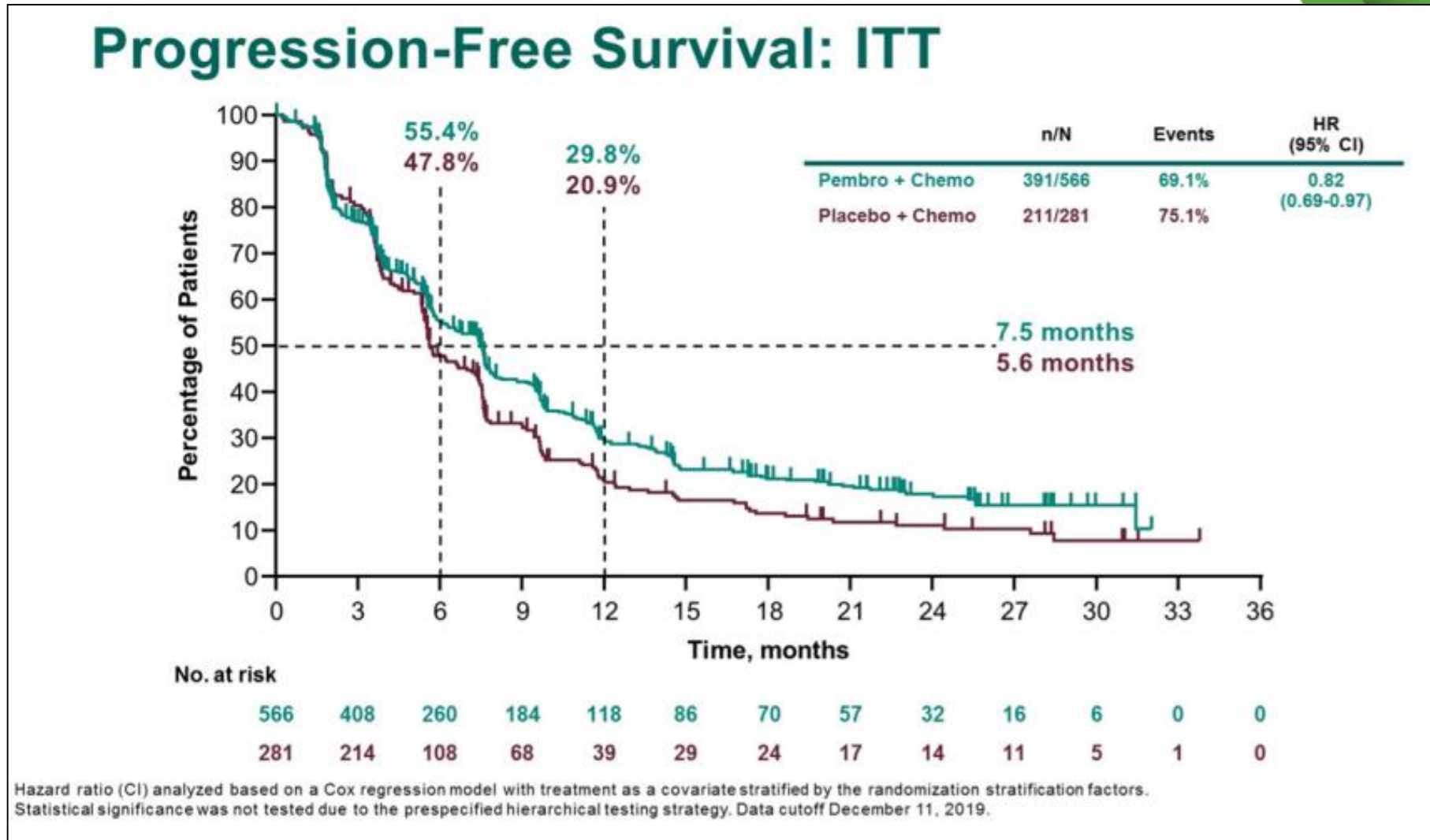
- Chemotherapy on study (taxane vs gemcitabine/carboplatin)
- PD-L1 tumor expression (CPS ≥1 vs CPS <1)
- Prior treatment with same class chemotherapy in the neoadjuvant or adjuvant setting (yes vs no)

Baseline Characteristics, ITT

Characteristic, n (%)	All Subjects, N = 847	
	Pembro + Chemo N = 566	Placebo + Chemo N = 281
Age, median (range), yrs	53 (25-85)	53 (22-77)
ECOG PS 1	232 (41.0)	108 (38.4)
PD-L1–positive CPS ≥1	425 (75.1)	211 (75.1)
PD-L1–positive CPS ≥10	220 (38.9)	103 (36.7)
Chemotherapy on study		
Taxane	255 (45.1)	127 (45.2)
Gemcitabine/Carboplatin	311 (54.9)	154 (54.8)
Prior same-class chemotherapy		
Yes	124 (21.9)	62 (22.1)
No	442 (78.1)	219 (77.9)
Disease-free interval		
de novo metastasis	167 (29.5)	84 (29.9)
<12 months	126 (22.3)	50 (17.8)
≥12 months	270 (47.7)	147 (52.3)

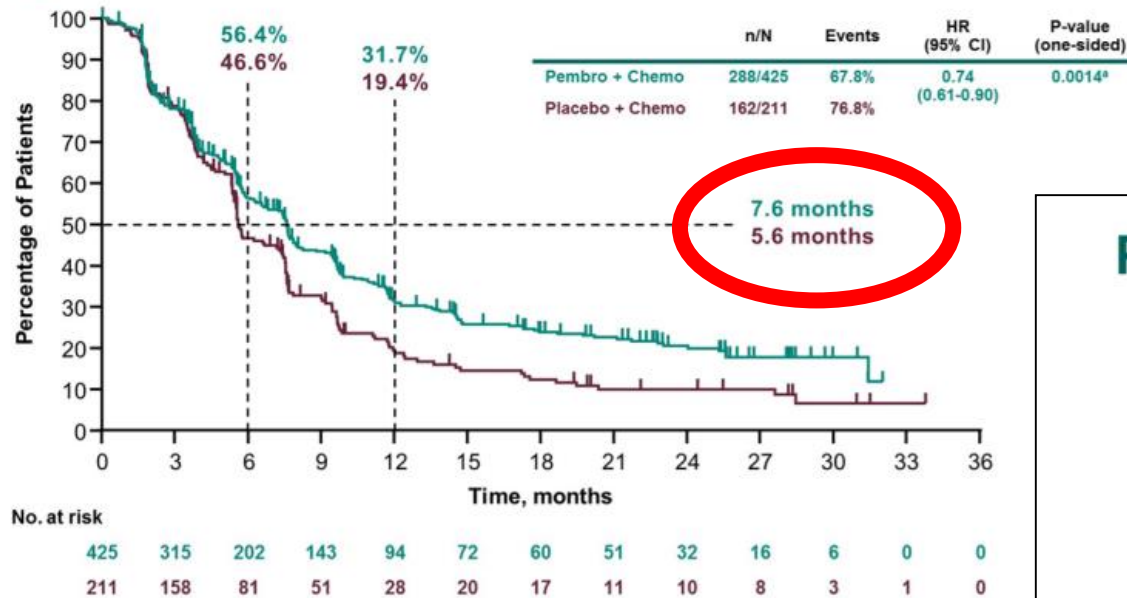
Data cutoff date: December 11, 2019.

KEYNOTE-355: PFS



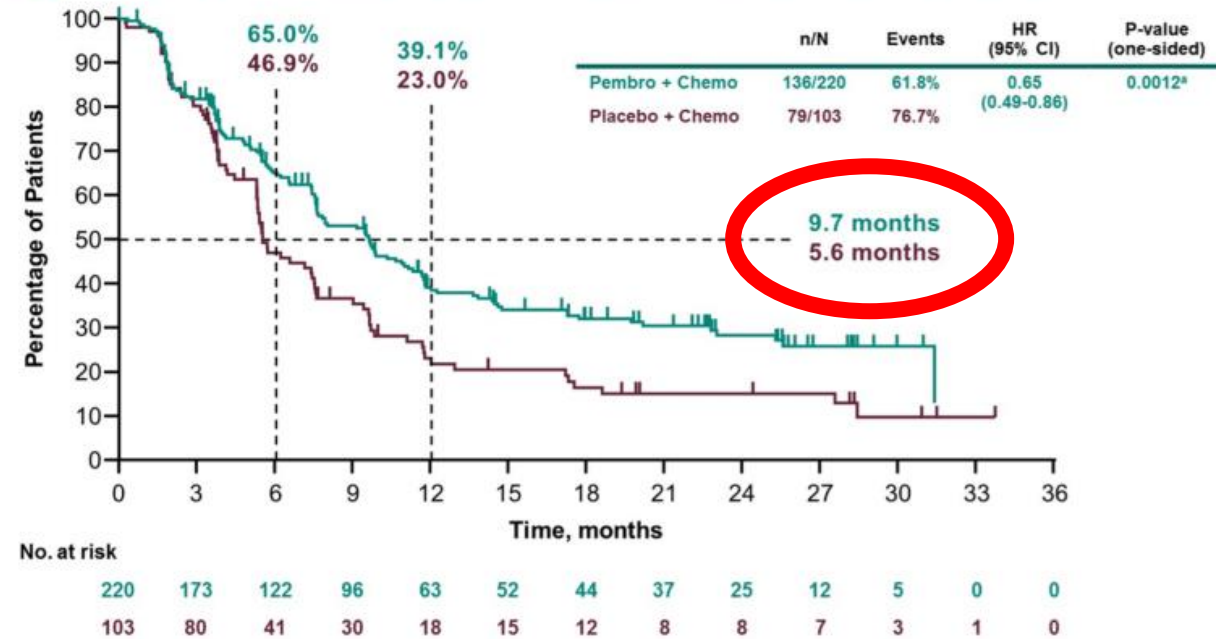
KEYNOTE-355: PFS

Progression-Free Survival: PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1



*Prespecified P value boundary of 0.00111 not met.
Hazard ratio (CI) analyzed based on a Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by the randomization stratification factors. Data cutoff December 11, 2019.

Progression-Free Survival: PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10

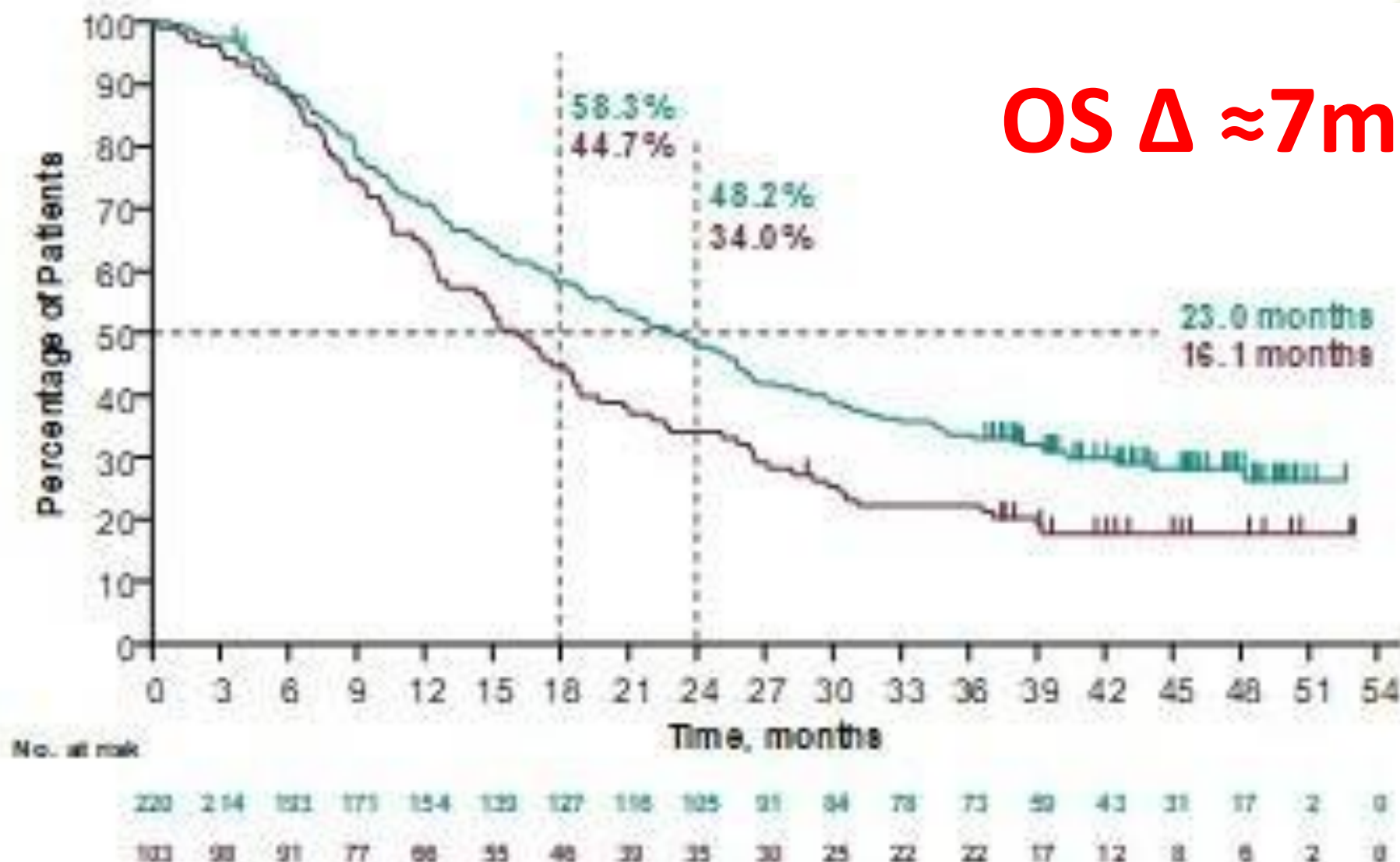


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FDA-Approval¹

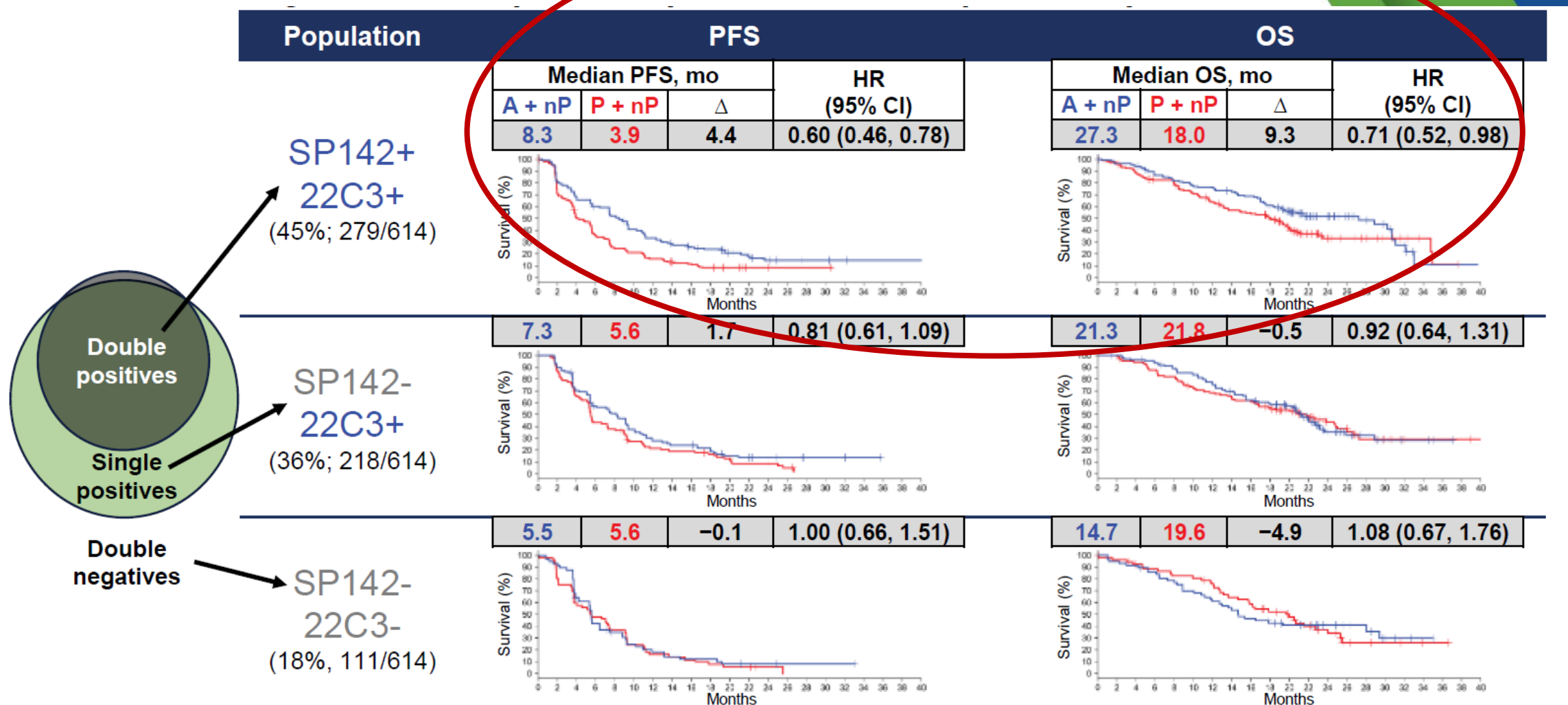
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Overall Survival: PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10



IMpassion130

PD-L1 Analysis



Which PD-L1 Assay Should I Use?

Atezolizumab^[a]

SP142

Pembroluzimab^[b]

TMB > 10

MSI-H/dMMR

CPS* score >10

$$* \text{ Combined Positive Score} = \frac{\text{\# of PD-L1+ staining cells (tumor cells, lymphocytes, macrophages)}}{\text{total number of viable tumor cells}} \times 100$$

- a. Atezolizumab [PI]. Approved 2016. Revised March 2019; b. Pembroluzimab [PI]. Approved 2014. Revised November 2020.

Case 2: First-line metastatic- continued

- She has a mild rash and call your office to get instructions

Metastatic TNBC
with lung & LN
metastases

Paclitaxel +
anti-PD/PD-L1

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What would you do?

- 1.
2. Antihistamines
3. Topical steroids
- 4.



After 3 weeks
patient presents
with G1 rash

What would you do?

2. Antihistamines
4. Oral steroids



2 days later
rash deteriorated to G3

Patient with good PR until
06/2019

What to do now?

1. Restart CPI

Rash completely
resolves after 1 week

63 y/o woman

Patient presenting with new rash several weeks after starting on CPI



Advice was given
to observe



4 weeks later



What to do?

1. Observe
2. Topical steroids
3. Oral steroids



Key Takeaways

- Immunotherapy has improved pCR and long term outcomes in early stage TNBC and should be considered.
- For metastatic TNBC – using as early as possible has shown improvement in PFS and OS
- Immunotoxicity patterns are different in many cases from standard expected chemotherapy toxicities.
 - Have a low threshold for evaluation as they can escalate quickly.

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