

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Lung Cancer

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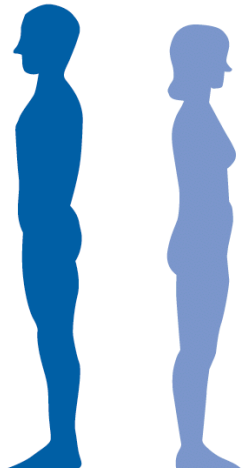
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
- Contracted Research: AstraZeneca, Bristol Myers Squibb, Novartis, Regeneron, Tesaro, Karyopharm, Debiopharm
- Consulting Fees: Novartis
- I will be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.


Lung cancer


- 80-85% non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- 10-15% small-cell lung cancer (SCLC)
- Leading cause of cancer-related mortality in both men and women.


Estimated Deaths	Male				Female		
	Lung & bronchus	72,500	23%		Lung & bronchus	63,220	22%
	Prostate	33,330	10%		Breast	42,170	15%
	Colon & rectum	28,630	9%		Colon & rectum	24,570	9%
	Pancreas	24,640	8%		Pancreas	22,410	8%
	Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	20,020	6%		Ovary	13,940	5%
	Leukemia	13,420	4%		Uterine corpus	12,590	4%
	Esophagus	13,100	4%		Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	10,140	4%
	Urinary bladder	13,050	4%		Leukemia	9,680	3%
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11,460	4%		Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,480	3%
	Brain & other nervous system	10,190	3%		Brain & other nervous system	7,830	3%
	All sites	321,160			All sites	285,360	


FDA-approved checkpoint inhibitors in lung cancer

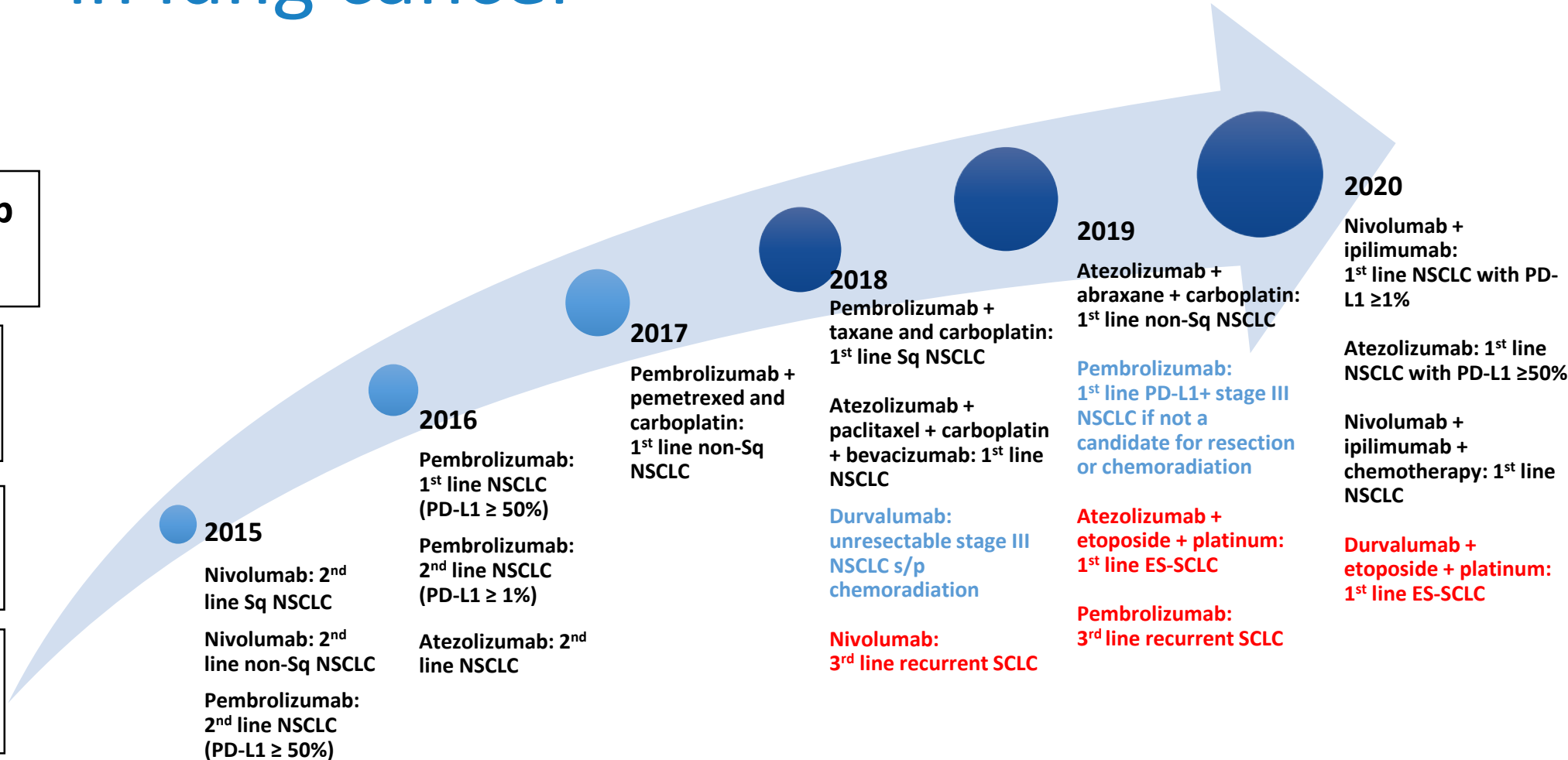
Nivolumab
 → PD-1

Pembrolizumab
 → PD-1

Atezolizumab
 → PD-L1

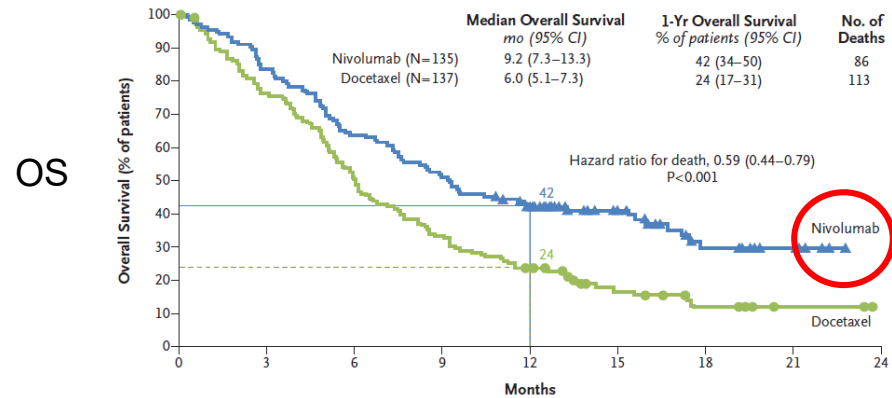
Durvalumab
 → PD-L1

Ipilimumab
 → CTLA-4

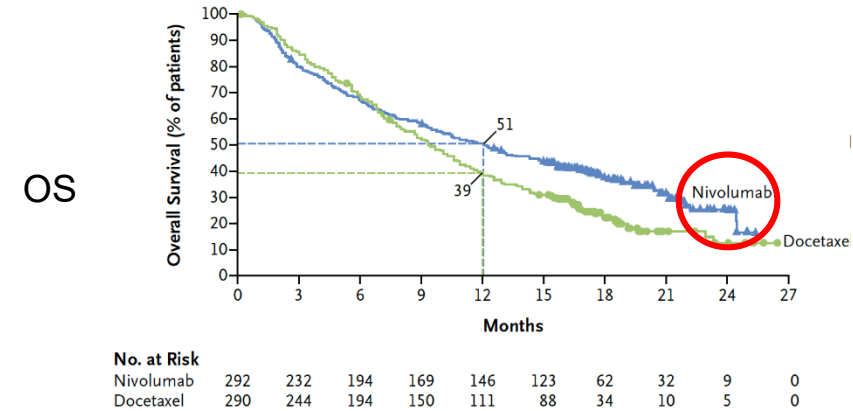


Second-line PD-(L)1 blockade improves overall survival in NSCLC

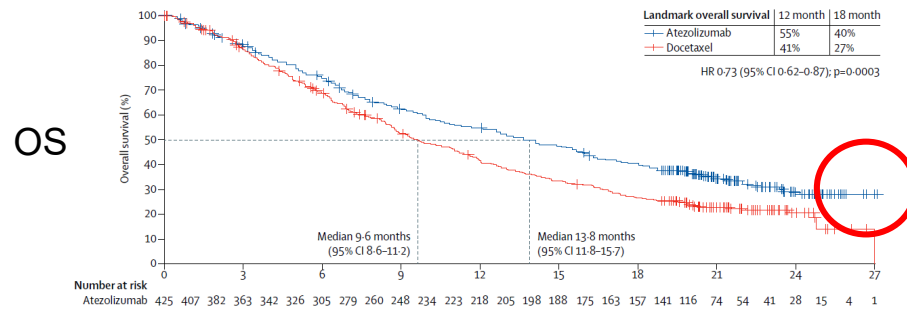
Checkmate-017 (nivolumab 2nd line; squamous NSCLC)



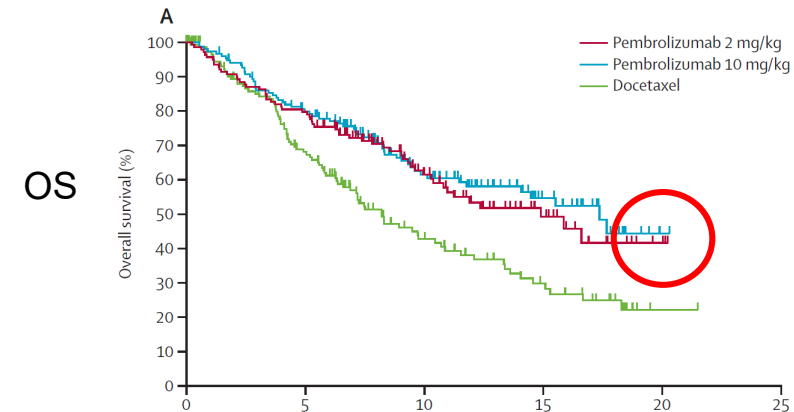
Checkmate-057 (nivolumab 2nd line; non-squamous NSCLC)



OAK (atezolizumab 2nd line)



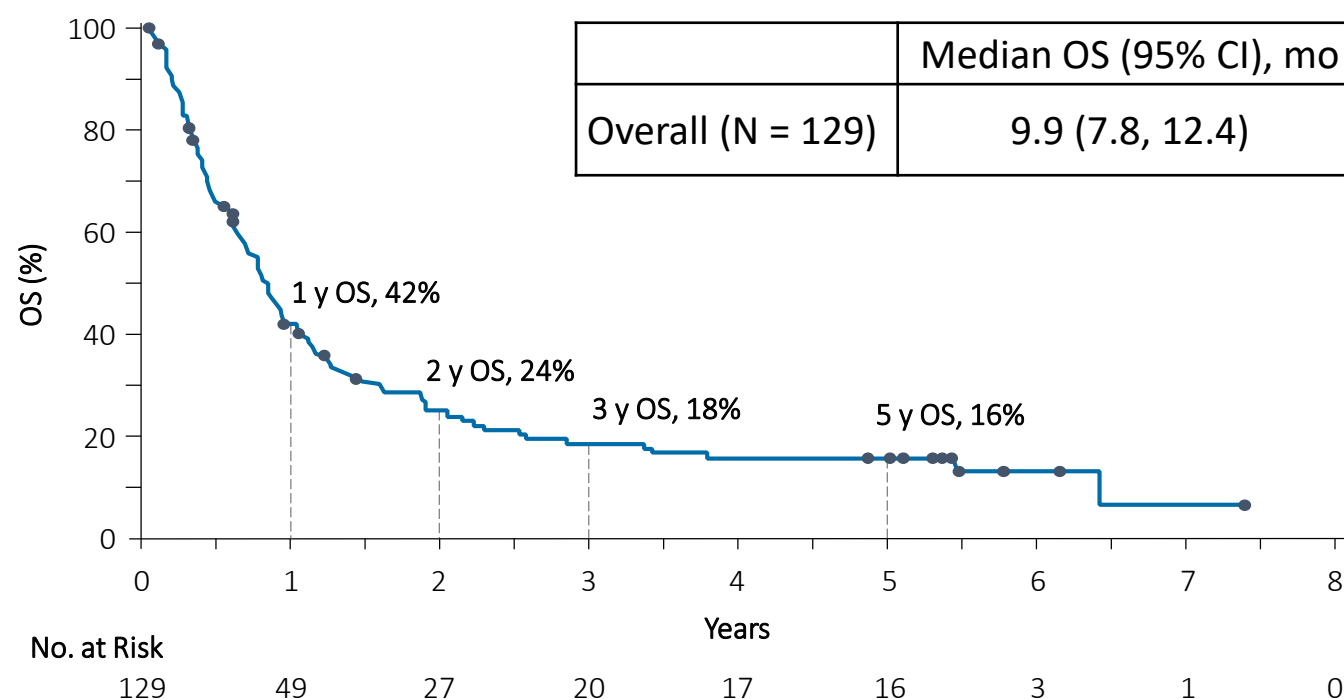
Keynote-010 (pembrolizumab 2nd line)



CA209-003: Phase 1 study of nivolumab in heavily-treated advanced NSCLC

- 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%.

5-Year Survival



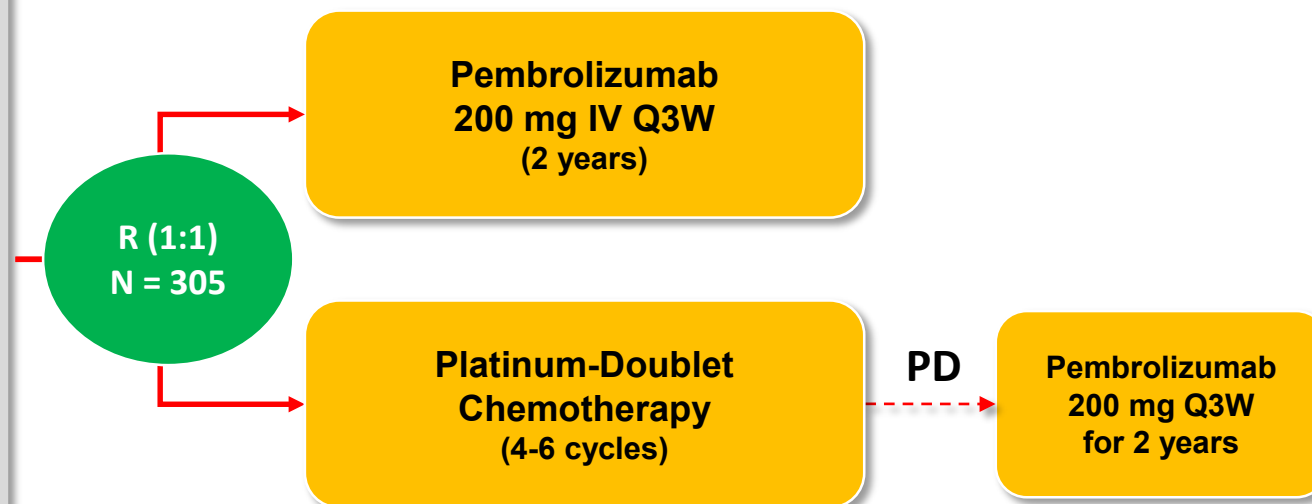
Treatment naïve regimens: competing strategies in metastatic NSCLC

- KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs. chemotherapy in PD-L1 at least 50%
- KEYNOTE-042: Pembrolizumab vs. chemotherapy in PD-L1 at least 1%
- KEYNOTE-189: Pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy vs. chemotherapy alone in non-Sq NSCLC
- KEYNOTE-407: Pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy vs. chemotherapy alone in Sq NSCLC
- IMpower 150: Atezolizumab plus chemotherapy/bevacizumab vs. chemotherapy/bevacizumab in non-Sq NSCLC
- IMpower 110: Atezolizumab vs. chemotherapy in PD-L1 at least 1%
- IMpower 130: Atezolizumab plus chemotherapy vs. chemotherapy in non-Sq NSCLC
- CheckMate 227: Nivolumab plus ipilimumab vs. chemotherapy in PD-L1 at least 1%
- CheckMate 9LA: Nivolumab/ipilimumab/chemotherapy (2 cycles) vs. chemotherapy

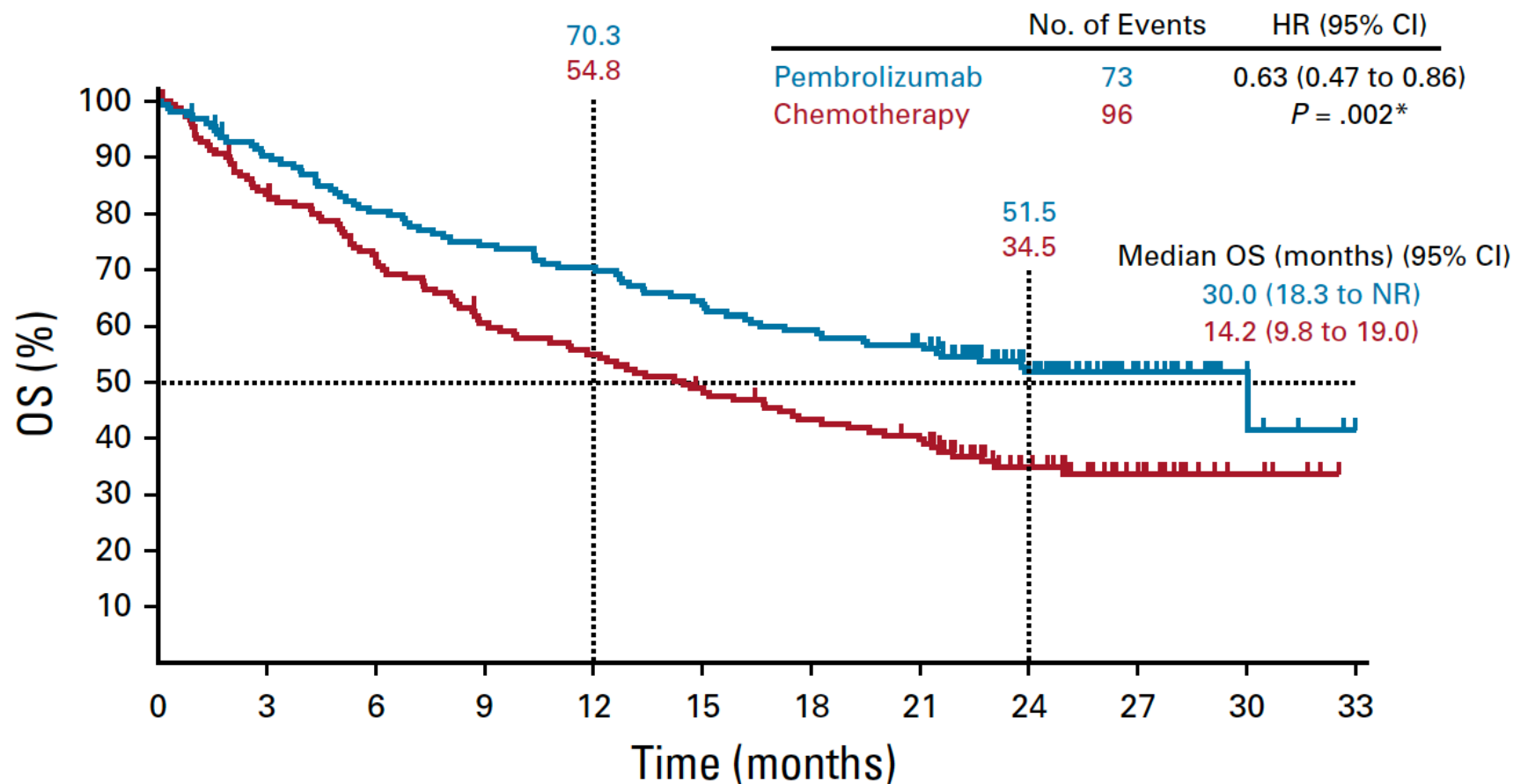
KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs. chemotherapy for PD-L1 $\geq 50\%$ advanced NSCLC

Key Eligibility Criteria

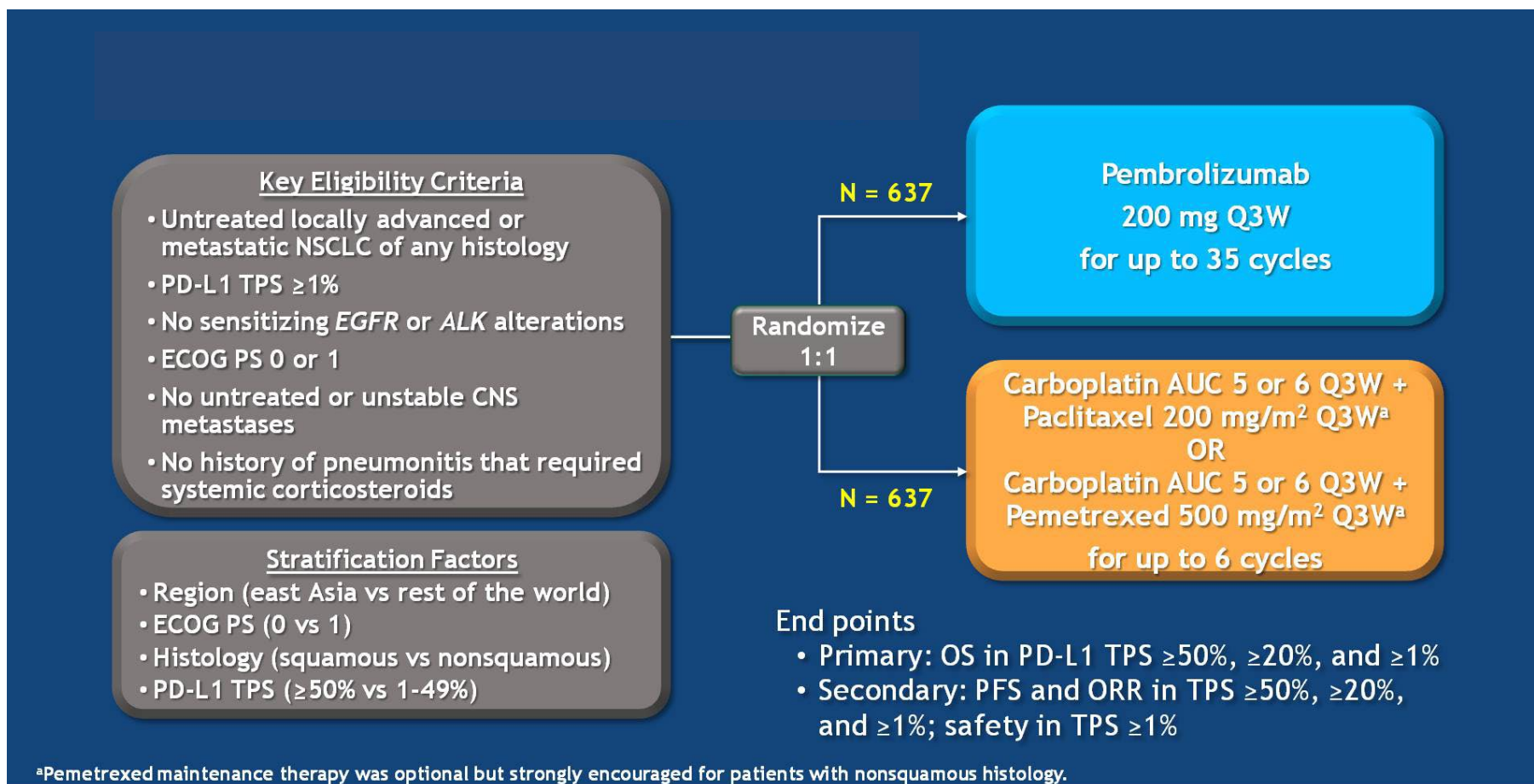
- **Untreated** stage IV NSCLC
- PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$
- ECOG PS 0-1
- No activating *EGFR* mutation or *ALK* translocation
- No untreated brain metastases
- No active autoimmune disease requiring systemic therapy



KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs. chemotherapy for PD-L1 ≥ 50% advanced NSCLC



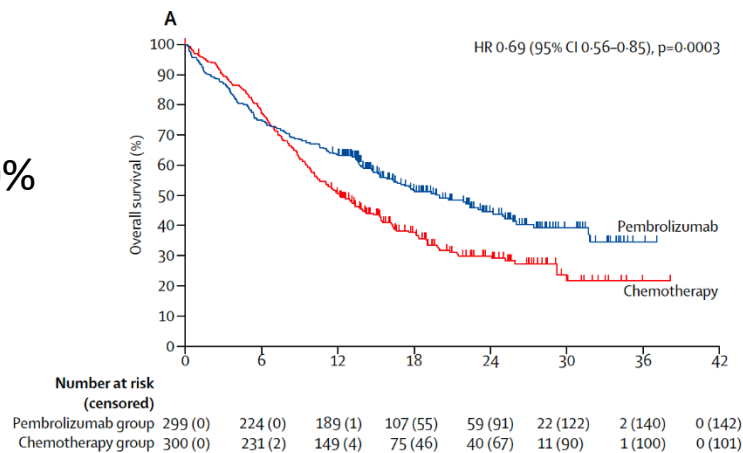
KEYNOTE-042: Pembrolizumab vs. chemotherapy for PD-L1 $\geq 1\%$ advanced NSCLC



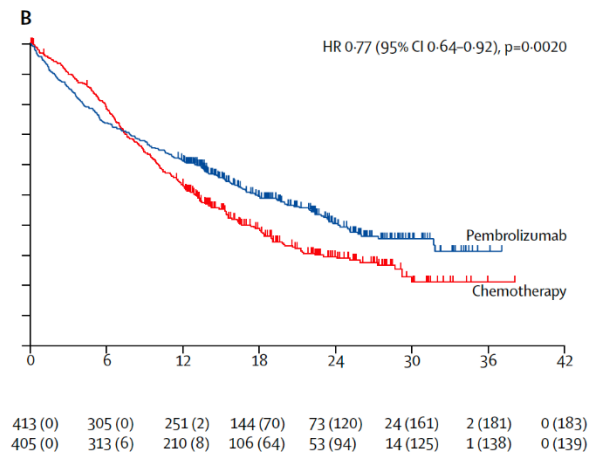
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Overall survival

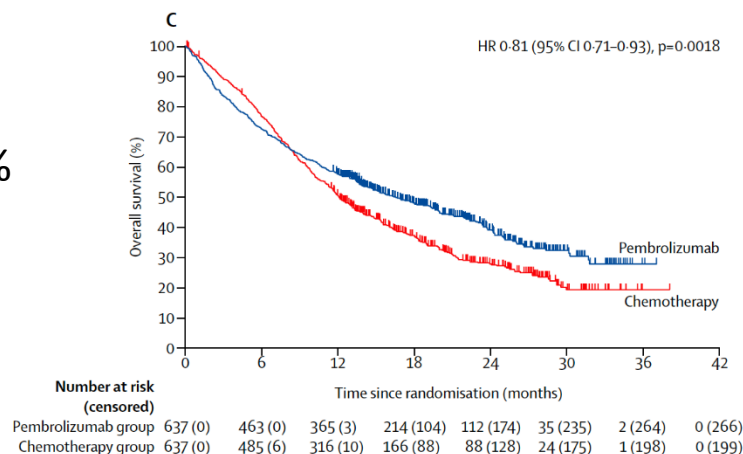
PD-L1 ≥ 50%



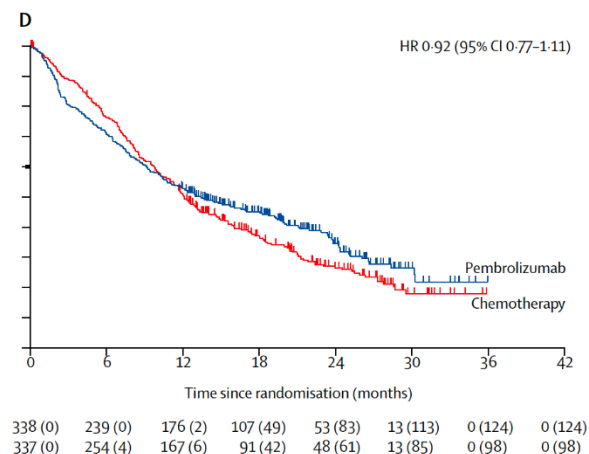
PD-L1 ≥ 20%



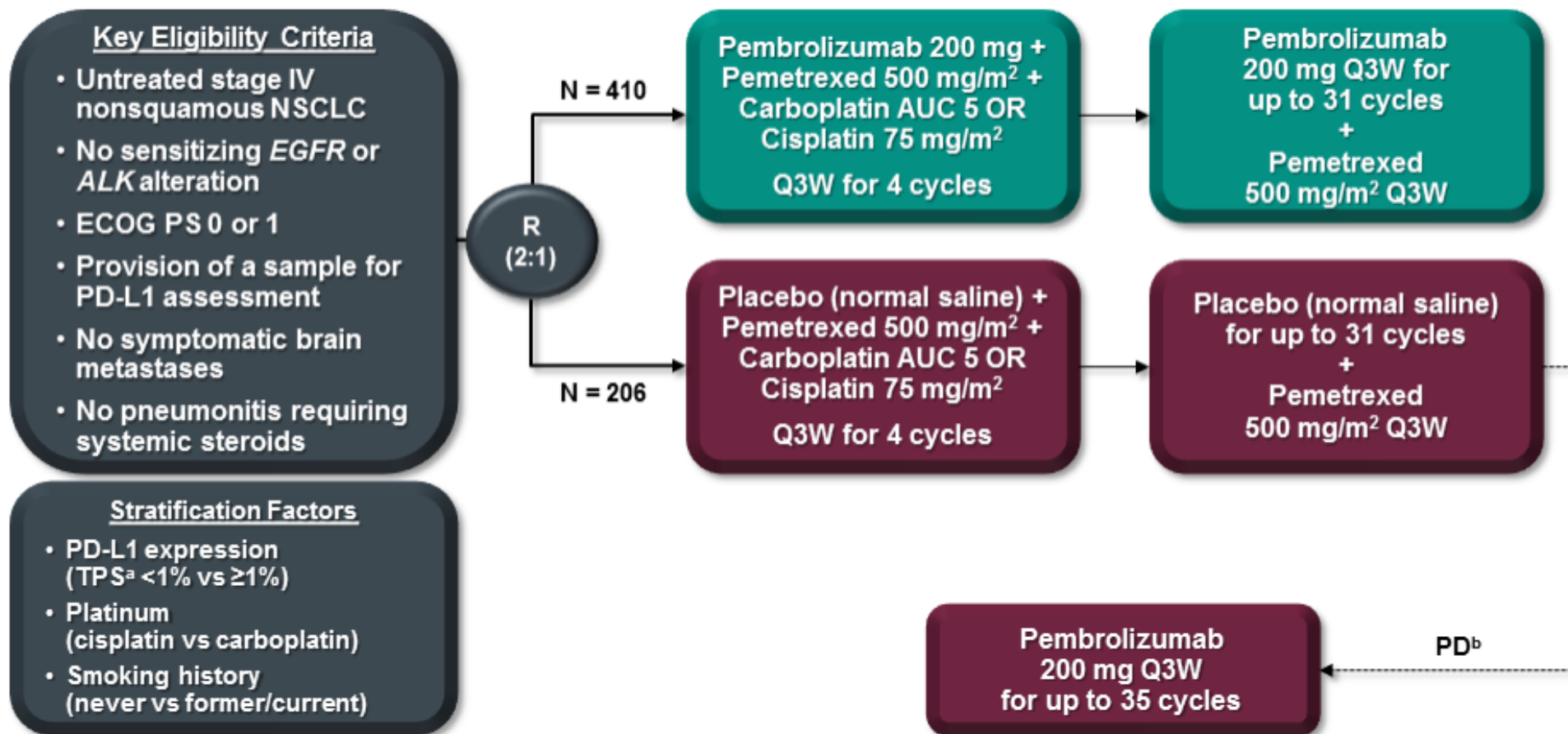
PD-L1 ≥ 1%



PD-L1 1-49%
(exploratory analysis)

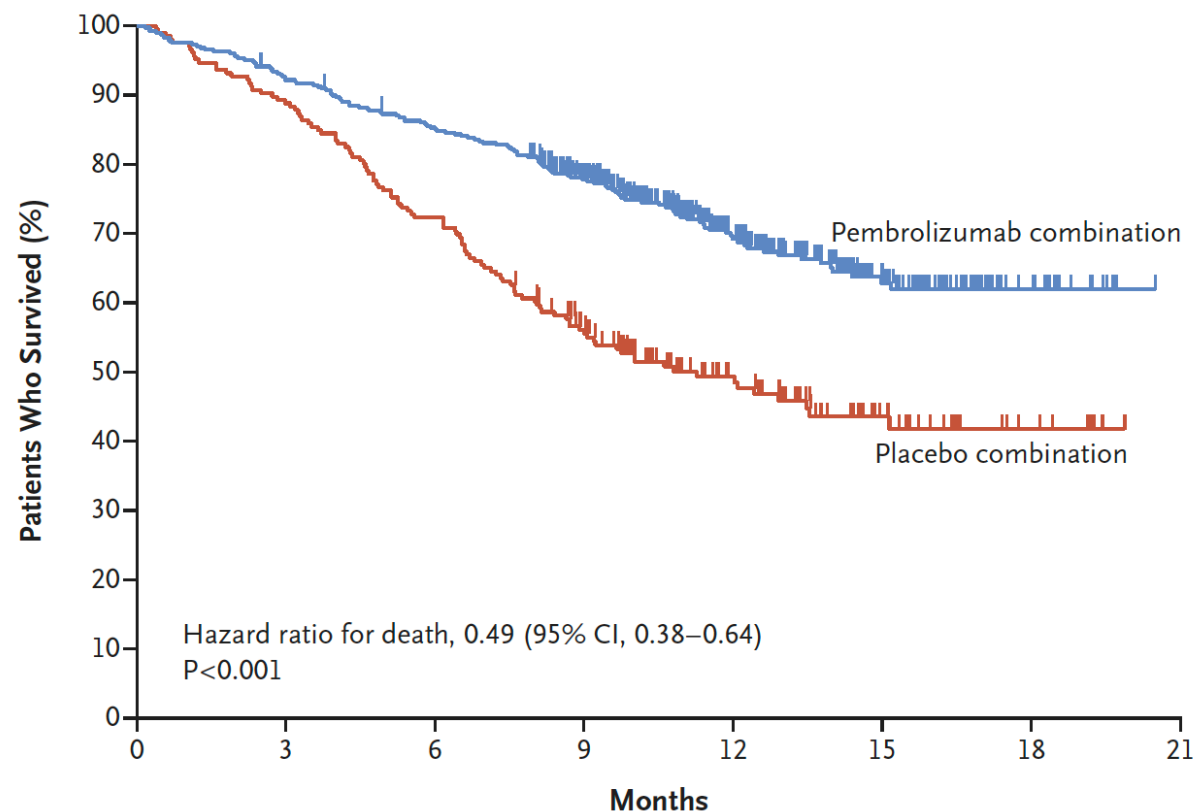


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Overall survival



No. at Risk

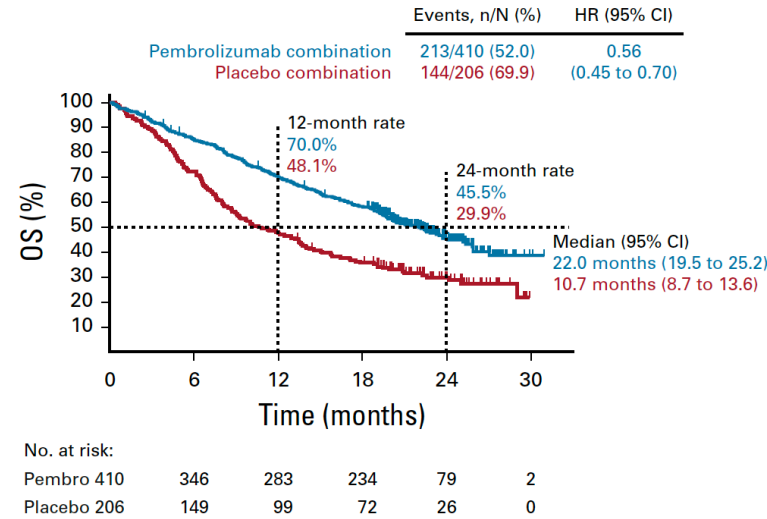
Pembrolizumab combination
 Placebo combination

410	377	347	278	163	71	18	0
206	183	149	104	59	25	8	0

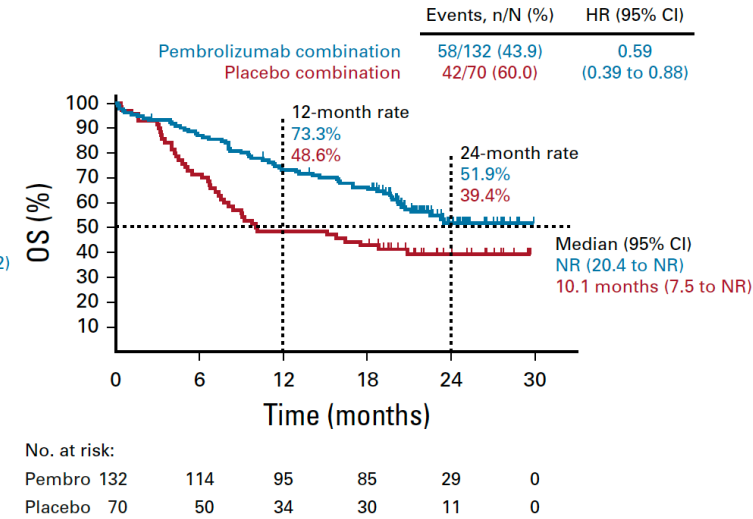
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Overall survival

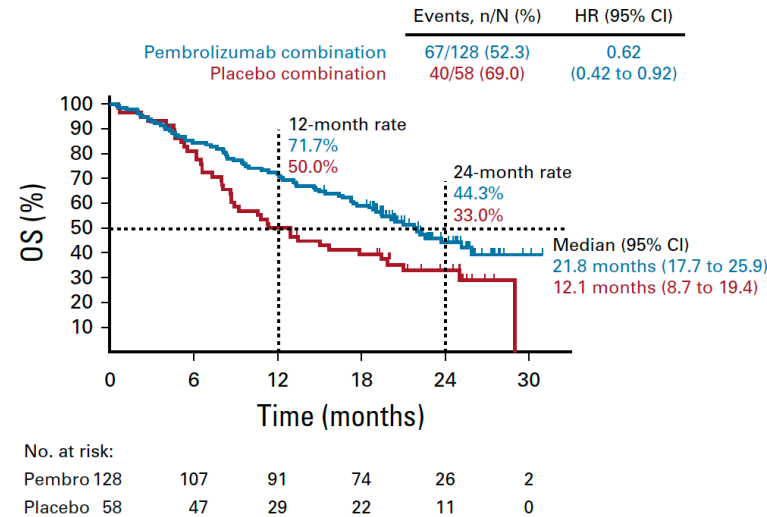
Total population



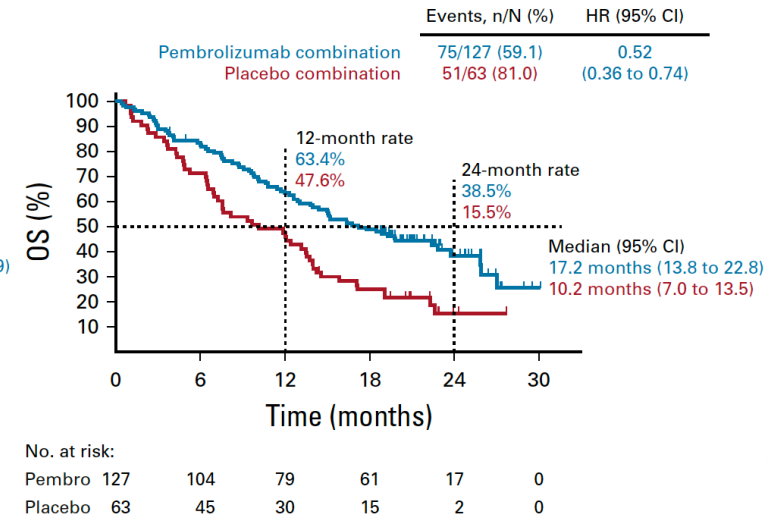
PD-L1 ≥ 50%



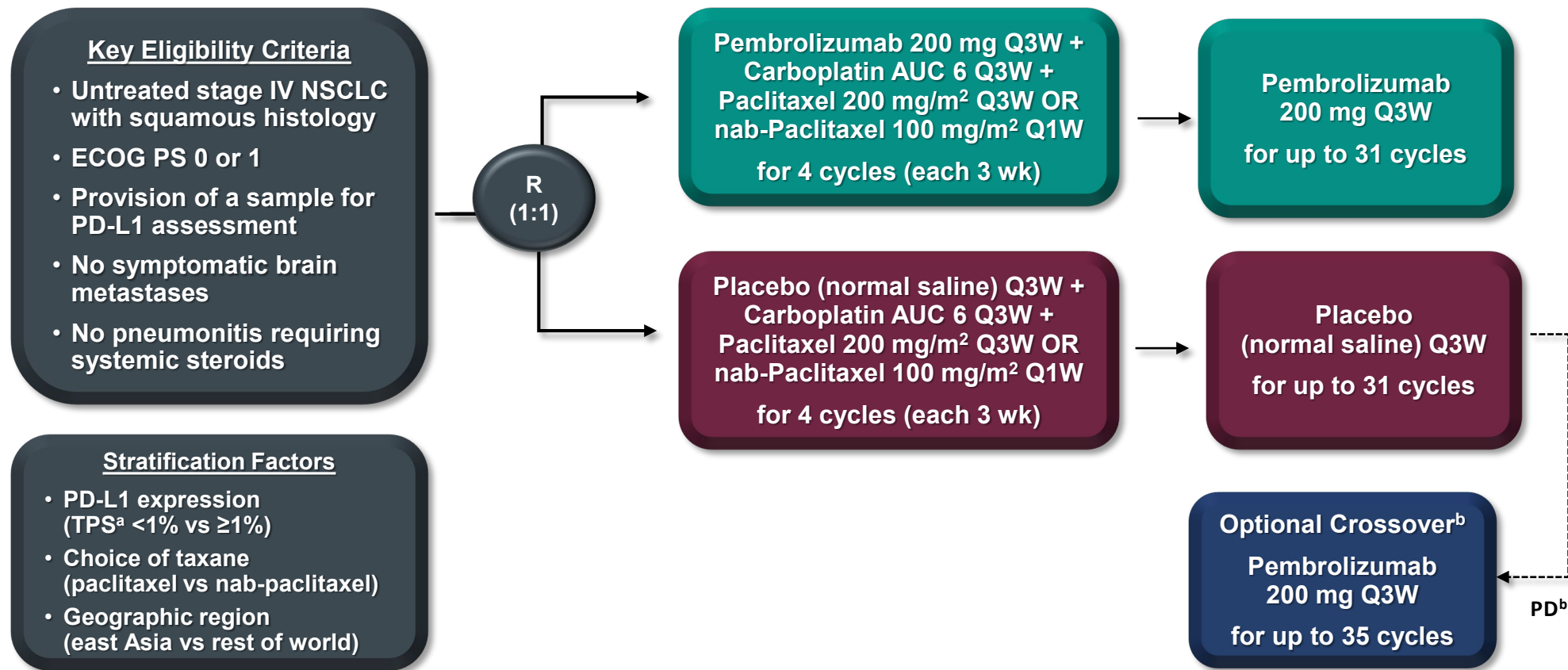
PD-L1 1-49%



PD-L1 < 1%

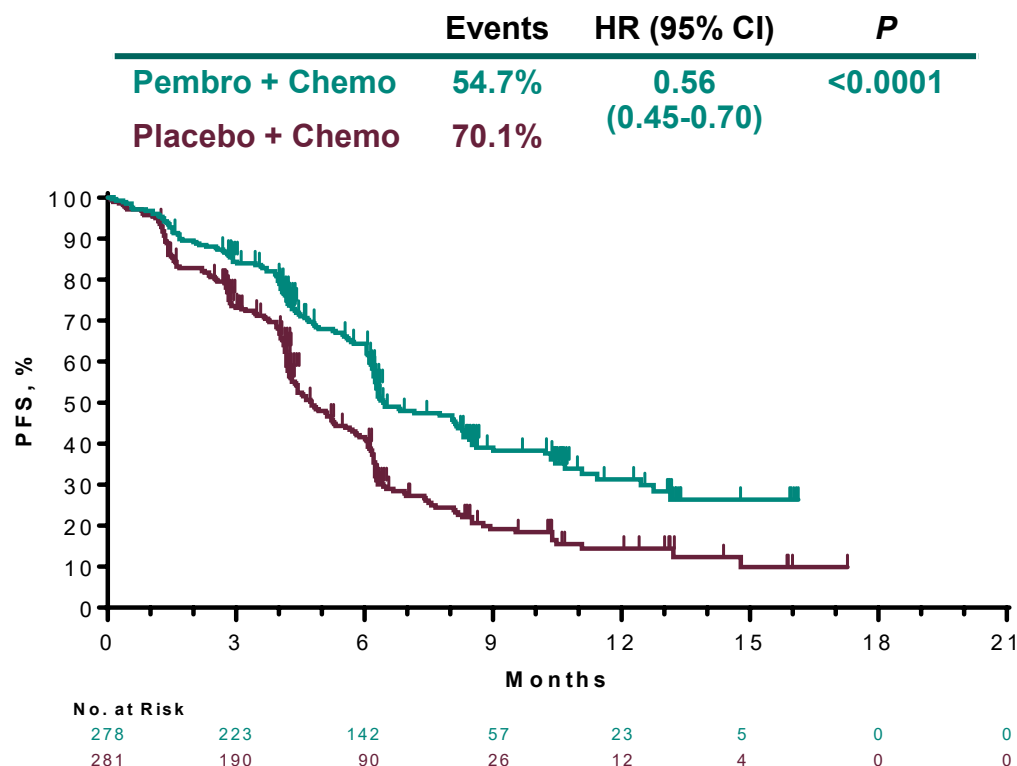


KEYNOTE-407: Pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy vs. chemotherapy for advanced squamous NSCLC

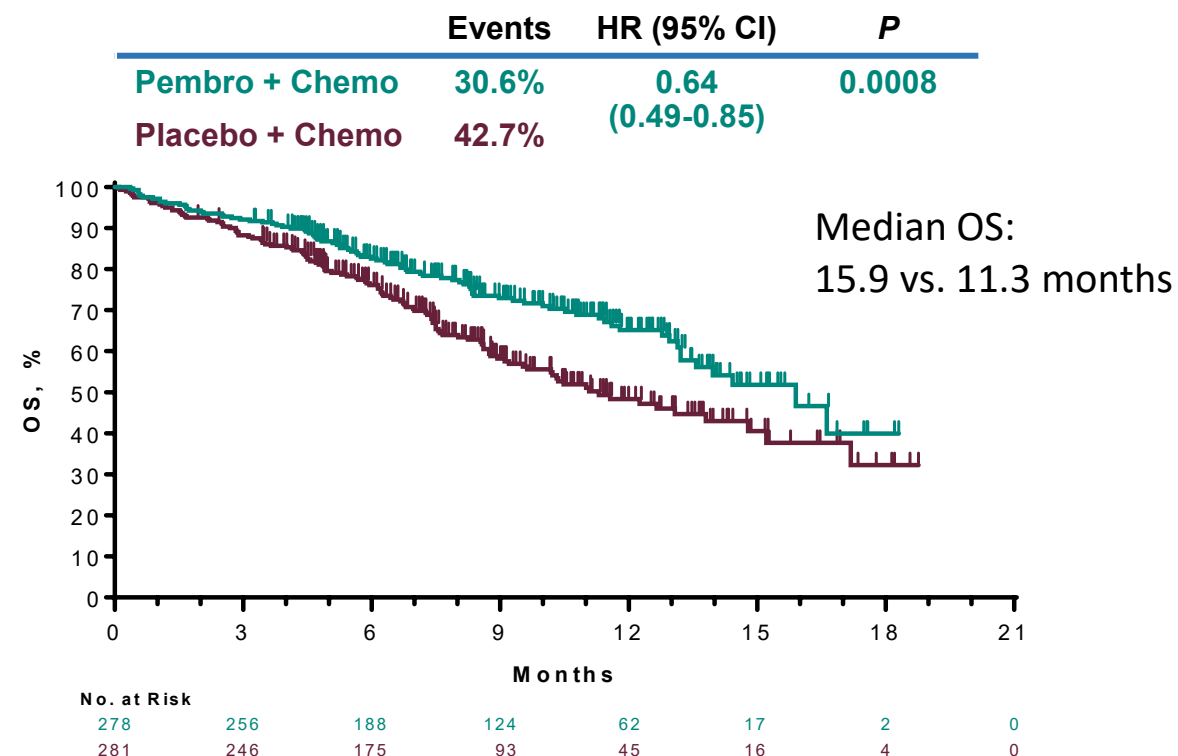


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Progression-free survival



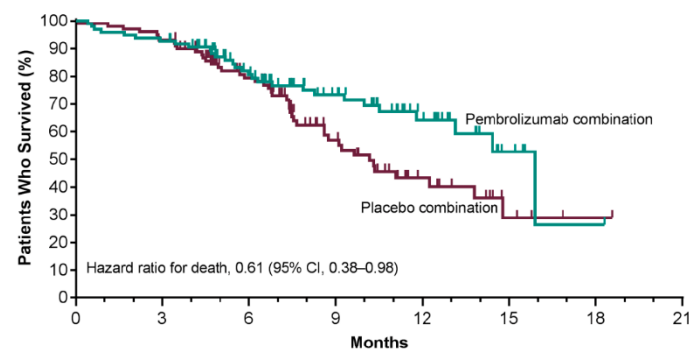
Overall Survival



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Overall survival

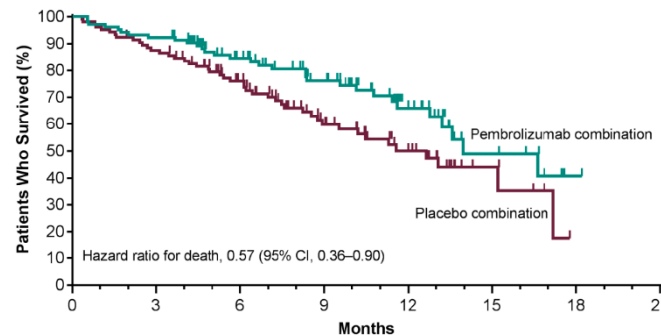
PD-L1 < 1%



No. at Risk
 Pembrolizumab combination
 Placebo combination

95	88	62	41	20	5	1	0
99	92	63	32	14	4	1	0

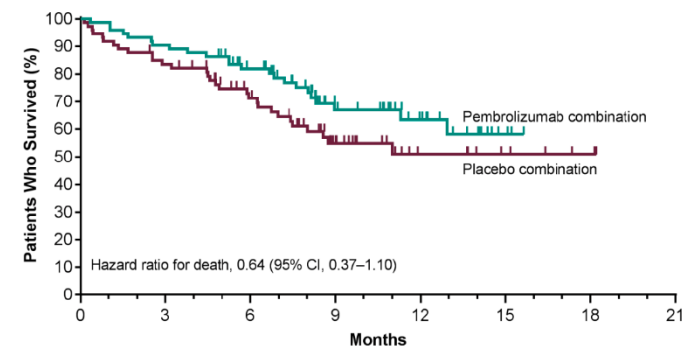
PD-L1 1-49 %



No. at Risk
 Pembrolizumab combination
 Placebo combination

103	95	68	50	25	9	1	0
104	90	66	37	21	6	0	0

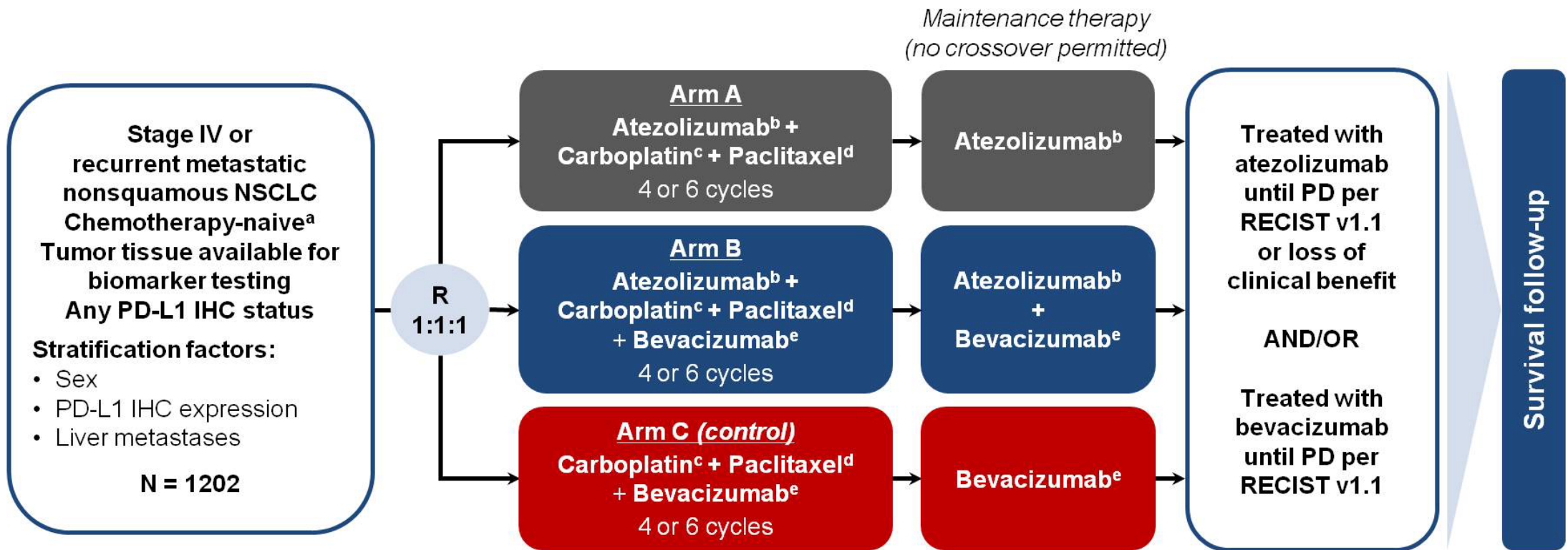
PD-L1 ≥ 50 %



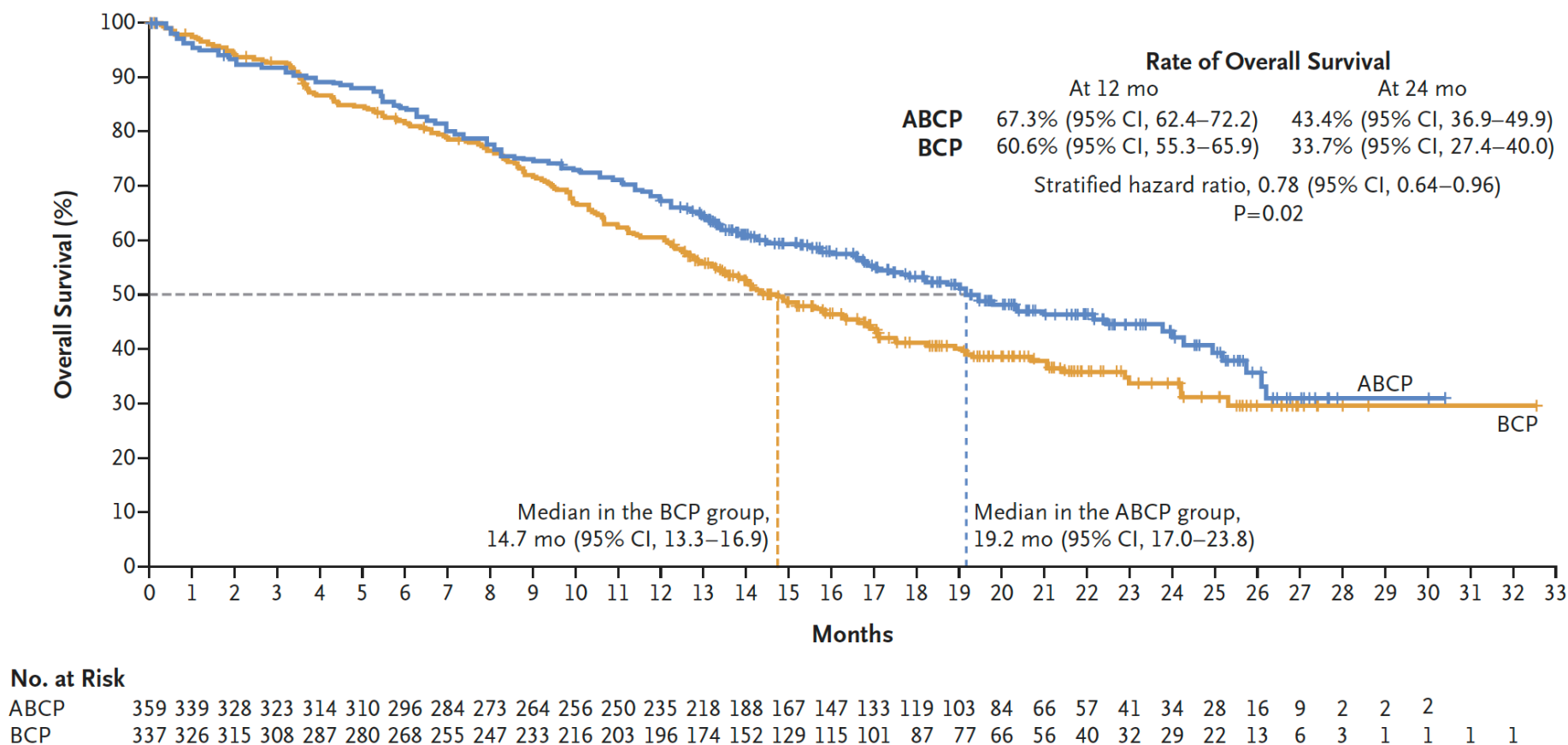
No. at Risk
 Pembrolizumab combination
 Placebo combination

73	66	53	28	15	3	0	0
73	60	42	21	9	5	2	0

IMpower 150: Atezolizumab/carboplatin/ paclitaxel/bevacizumab vs. carboplatin/paclitaxel/ bevacizumab in advanced non-squamous NSCLC

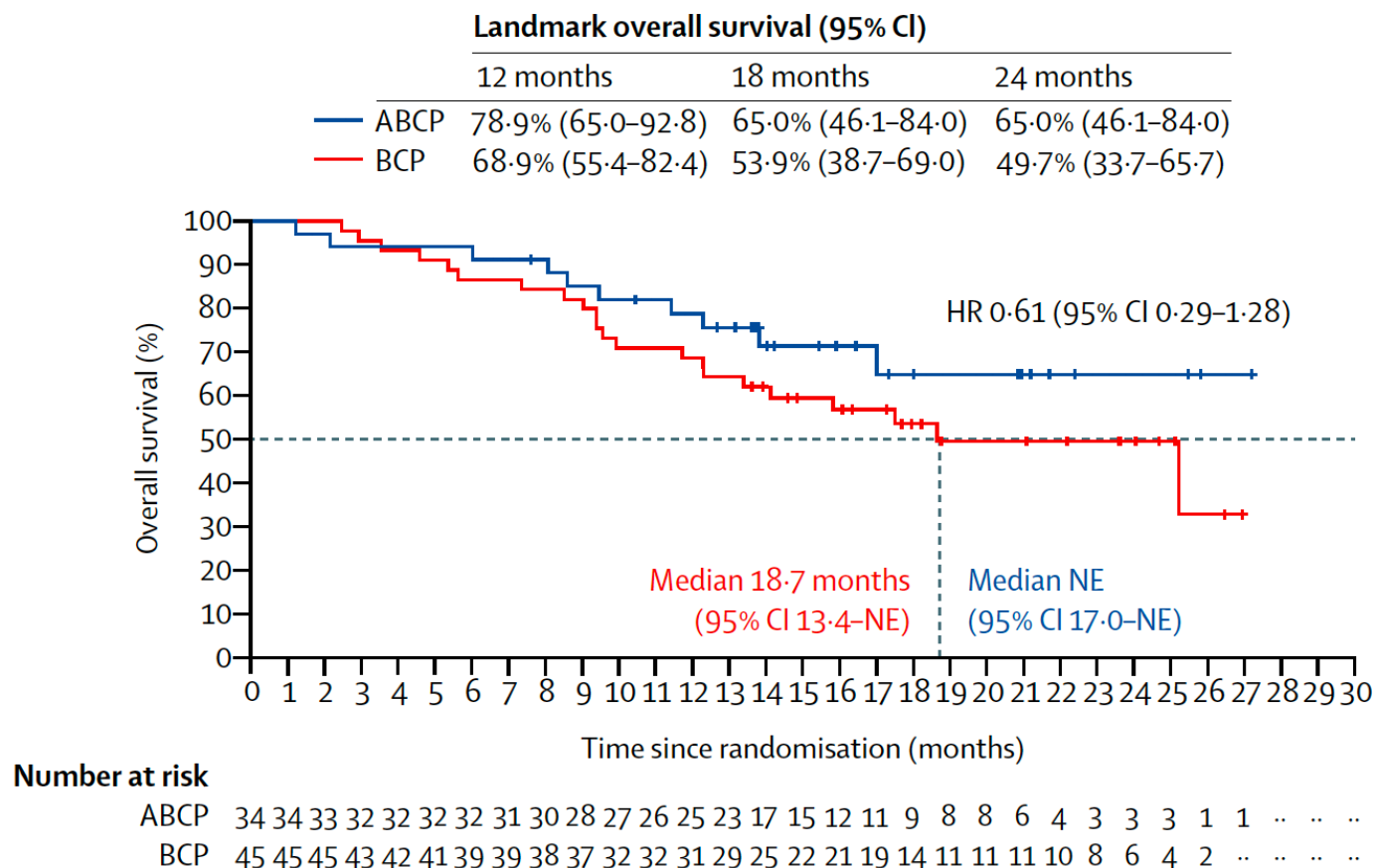


IMpower 150: Atezolizumab/carboplatin/ paclitaxel/bevacizumab vs. carboplatin/ paclitaxel/bevacizumab in advanced non-squamous NSCLC



IMpower 150: Subgroup analysis of patients with EGFR mutations

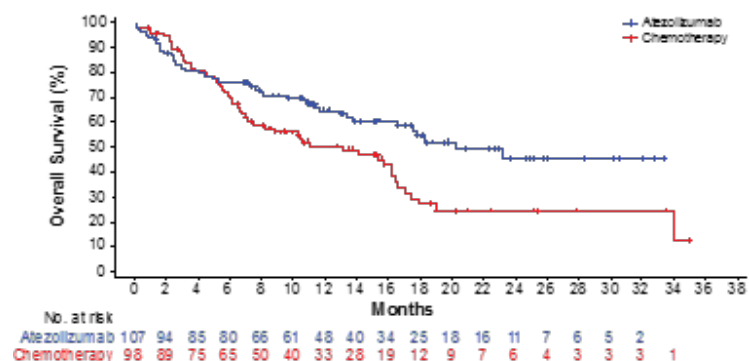
- 34 patients with EGFR mutations treated with ABCP
- ORR = 70.6%
- Median DOR = 11.1 months (2.8-18.0)



IMpower110: Atezolizumab vs. chemotherapy in advanced NSCLC

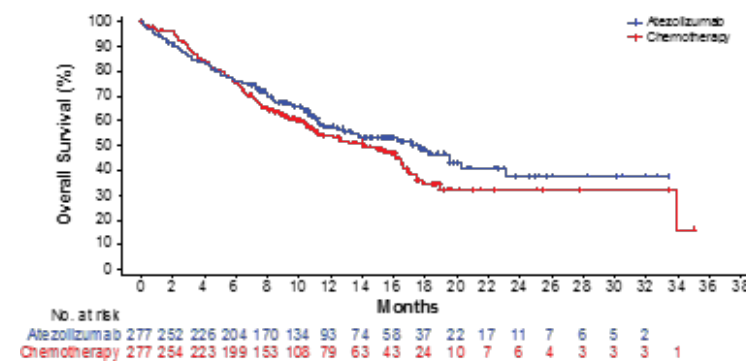
- FDA approval given to PD-L1 $\geq 50\%$ of TC (TC3) or $\geq 10\%$ of IC (IC3)

SP142 (TC3 or IC3-WT)^a



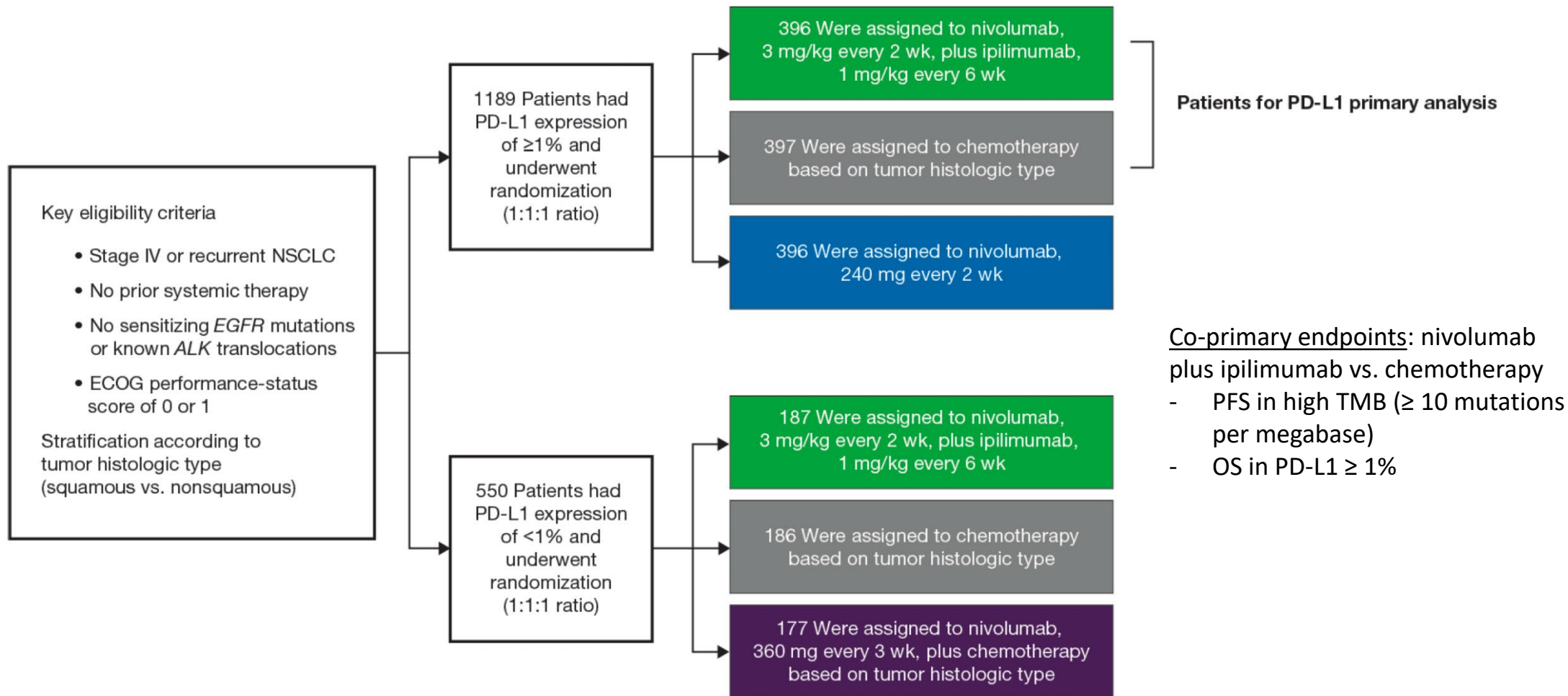
	Atezo (n = 107)	Chemo (n = 98)
mOS, mo	20.2	13.1
HR ^b (95% CI)	0.59 (0.40, 0.89)	

SP142 (TC1/2/3 or IC1/2/3-WT)^a



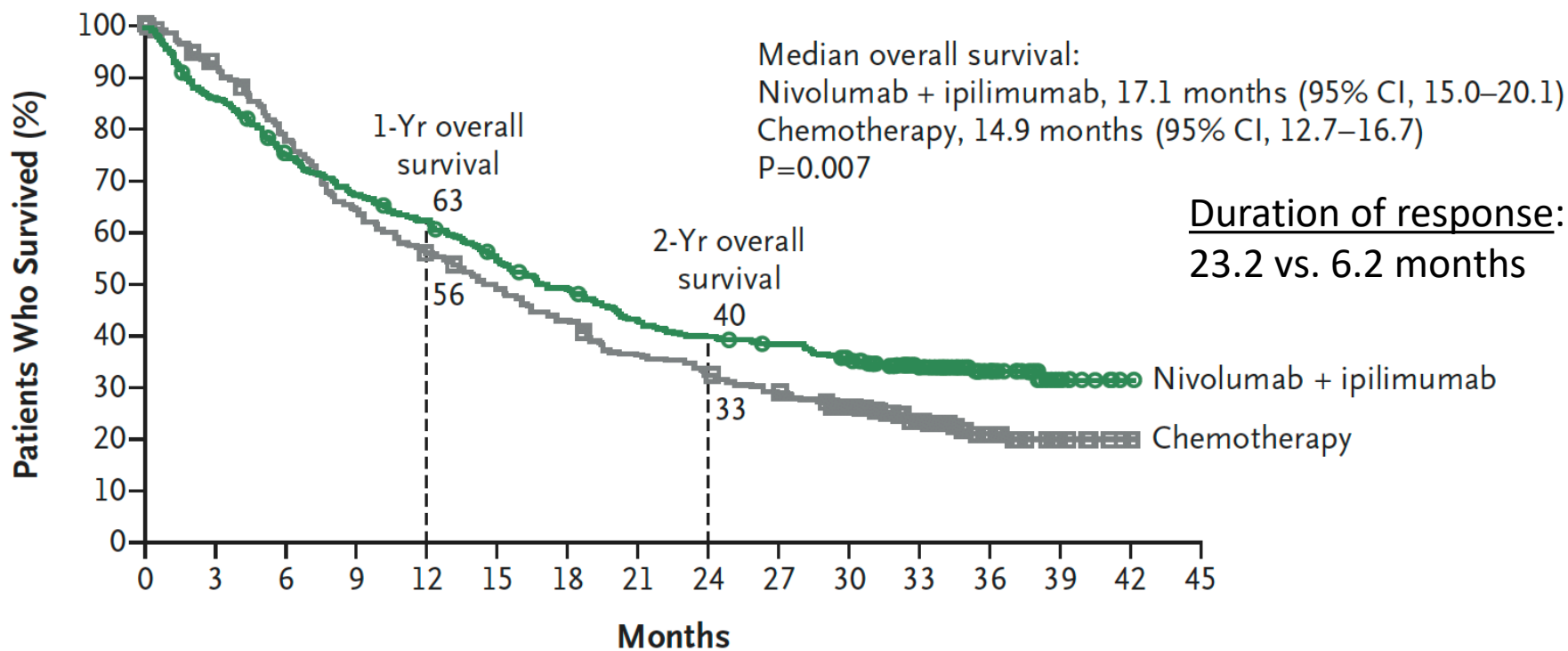
	Atezo (n = 277)	Chemo (n = 277)
mOS, mo	17.5	14.1
HR ^b (95% CI)	0.83 (0.65, 1.07)	

CheckMate 227: Dual PD-1 and CTLA-4 blockade using nivolumab and ipilimumab vs. chemotherapy



CheckMate 227: Dual PD-1 and CTLA-4 blockade using nivolumab and ipilimumab vs. chemotherapy

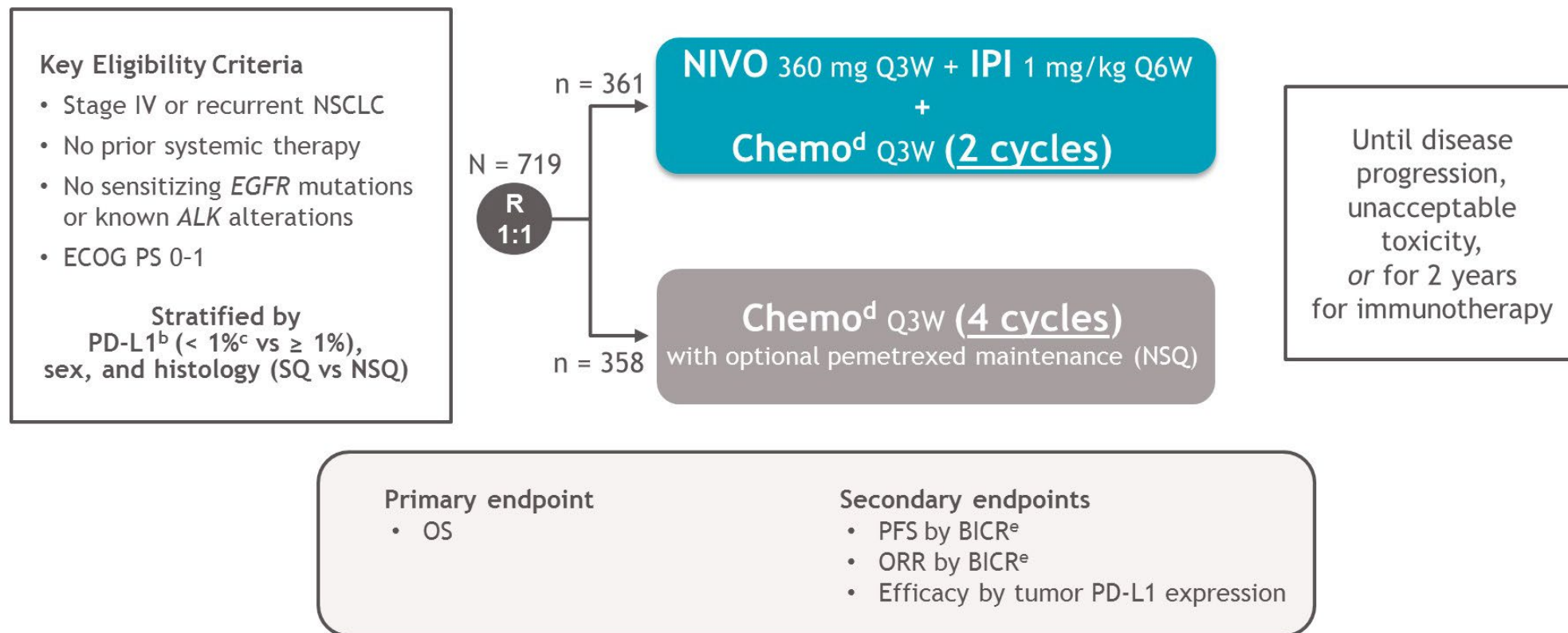
Overall Survival in Patients with a PD-L1 Expression Level of 1% or More



No. at Risk

Nivolumab + ipilimumab	396	341	295	264	244	212	190	165	153	145	129	91	41	9	1	0
Chemotherapy	397	358	306	250	218	190	166	141	126	112	93	57	22	6	1	0

CheckMate 9LA: Nivolumab/ipilimumab plus chemotherapy (2 cycles) vs. chemotherapy



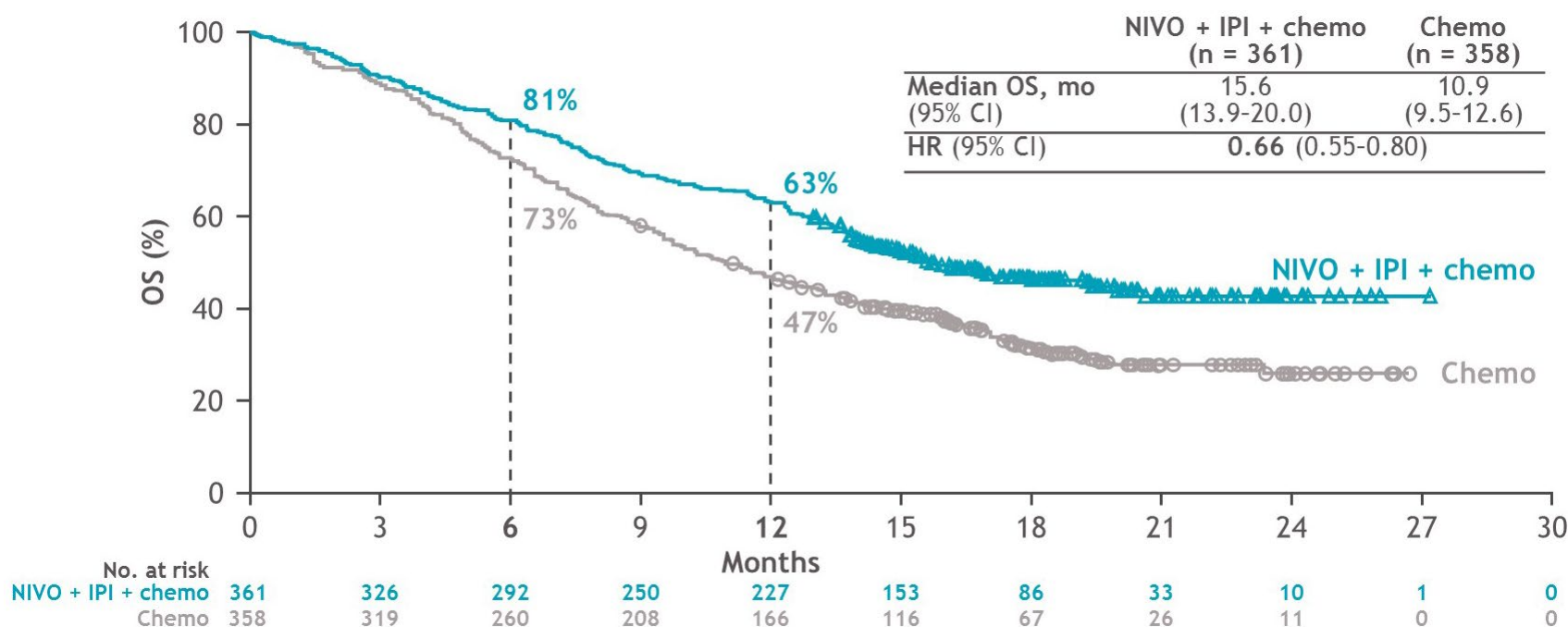
Interim database lock: October 3, 2019; minimum follow-up: 8.1 months for OS and 6.5 months for all other endpoints.

Updated database lock: March 9, 2020; minimum follow-up: 12.7 months for OS and 12.2 months for all other endpoints.

^aNCT03215706; ^bDetermined by the PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay (Dako); ^cPatients unevaluable for PD-L1 were stratified to PD-L1 < 1% and capped to 10% of all randomized patients;

^dNSQ: pemetrexed + cisplatin or carboplatin; SQ: paclitaxel + carboplatin; ^eHierarchically statistically tested.

CheckMate 9LA: Nivolumab/ipilimumab plus chemotherapy (2 cycles) vs. chemotherapy



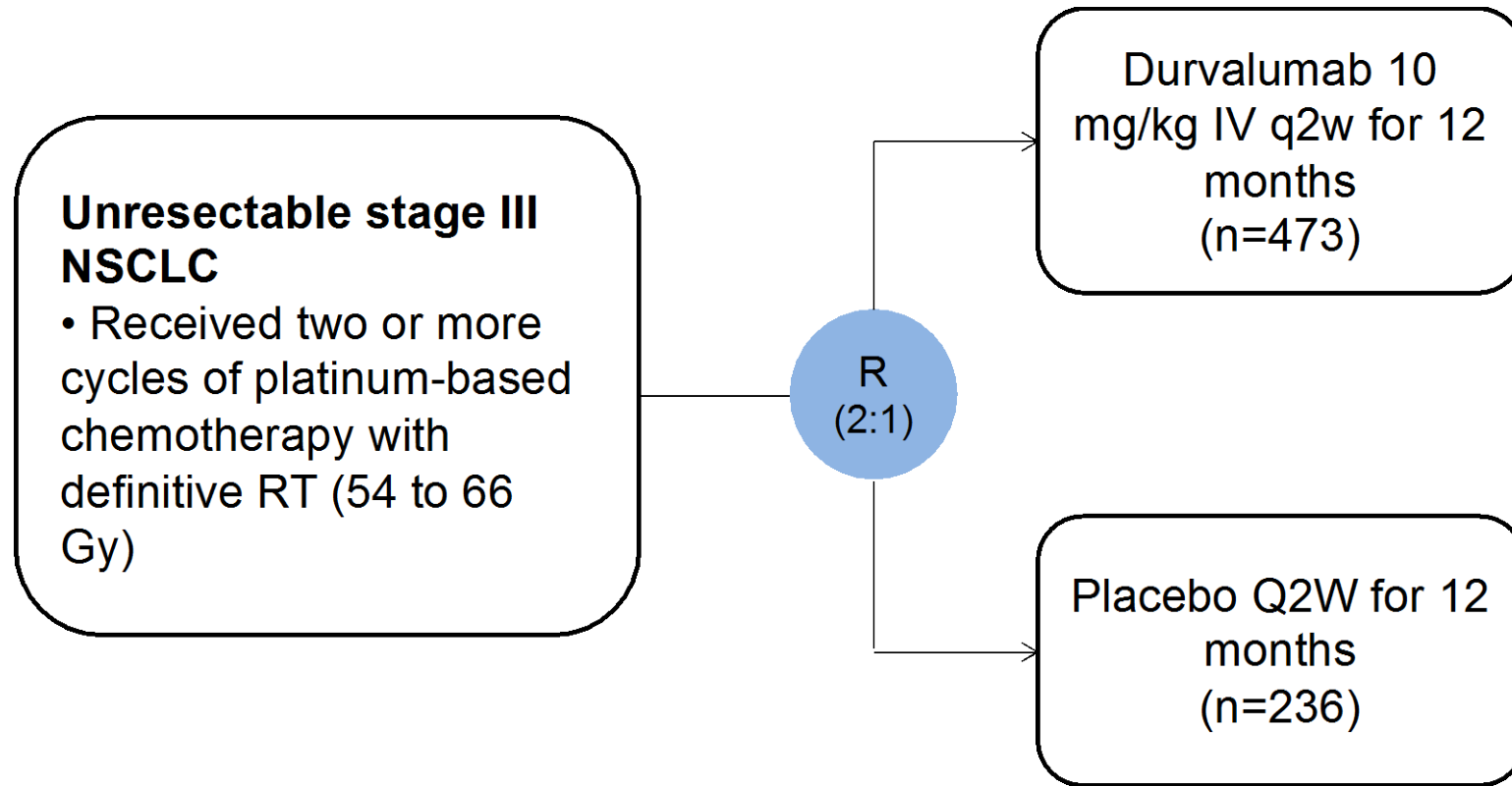
	NIVO + IPI + chemo (n = 361)	Chemo (n = 358)
ORR, n (%)	138 (38)	89 (25)
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.9 (1.4-2.6)	
BOR, n (%)		
CR	8 (2)	4 (1)
PR	130 (36)	85 (24)
SD	164 (45)	185 (52)
PD	32 (9)	45 (13)
DCR, n (%)	302 (84)	274 (76)

Study	Regimen	Study size	Median OS (months)	HR for OS (95% CI)	PD-L1
KEYNOTE 024 ¹	Pembrolizumab	305	30 vs. 14.2	0.63 (0.47-0.86)	≥ 50%
KEYNOTE 042 ²	Pembrolizumab	1274	20 vs. 12.2 17.7 vs. 13.0 16.7 vs. 12.1	0.69 (0.56-0.85) 0.77 (0.64-0.92) 0.81 (0.71-0.93)	≥ 50% ≥ 20% ≥ 1%
KEYNOTE 189 ³	Pembrolizumab/ pemetrexed/platinum	616	22 vs. 10.7 NR vs. 10.1 21.8 vs. 12.1 17.2 vs. 10.2	0.56 (0.45-0.70) 0.59 (0.39-0.88) 0.62 (0.42-0.92) 0.52 (0.36-0.74)	All comers ≥ 50% 1-49% < 1%
KEYNOTE 407 ⁴	Pembrolizumab/ taxane/carboplatin	559	15.9 vs. 11.3 NA NA NA	0.64 (0.49-0.85) 0.64 (0.37-1.10) 0.57 (0.36-0.90) 0.61 (0.38-0.98)	All comers ≥ 50% 1-49% < 1%
IMpower150 ⁵	Atezolizumab/ bevacizumab/ carboplatin/paclitaxel	1202	19.2 vs. 14.7	0.78 (0.64-0.96)	All comers
IMpower110 ⁶	Atezolizumab	572	20.2 vs. 13.1 17.5 vs. 14.1	0.59 (0.40-0.89) 0.83 (0.65-1.07)	TC3 or IC3* ≥ 1%
CHECKMATE 227 ⁷	Nivolumab/ Ipilimumab	1189 (Part 1A)	17.1 vs. 14.9 21.2 vs. 14.0	0.79 (0.65-0.96) 0.70 (0.55-0.90)	≥ 1% ≥ 50%
CHECKMATE 9LA ⁸	Nivolumab/ Ipilimumab/ Platinum doublet (2 cycles)	719	15.6 vs. 10.9 18.0 vs. 12.6 15.4 vs. 10.4 15.8 vs. 10.9	0.66 (0.55-0.80) 0.66 (NA) 0.61 (NA) 0.64 (NA)	All comers ≥ 50% 1-49% < 1%

¹Reck et al., JCO 2019; ²Mok et al., Lancet 2019; ³Gadgeel et al., JCO 2020; ⁴Paz-Ares et al., NEJM 2018; ⁵socinski et al., NEJM 2018; ⁶Herbst et al., ESMO IO 2019; ⁷Hellmann et al., NEJM 2019; ⁸Reck et al. ASCO 2020

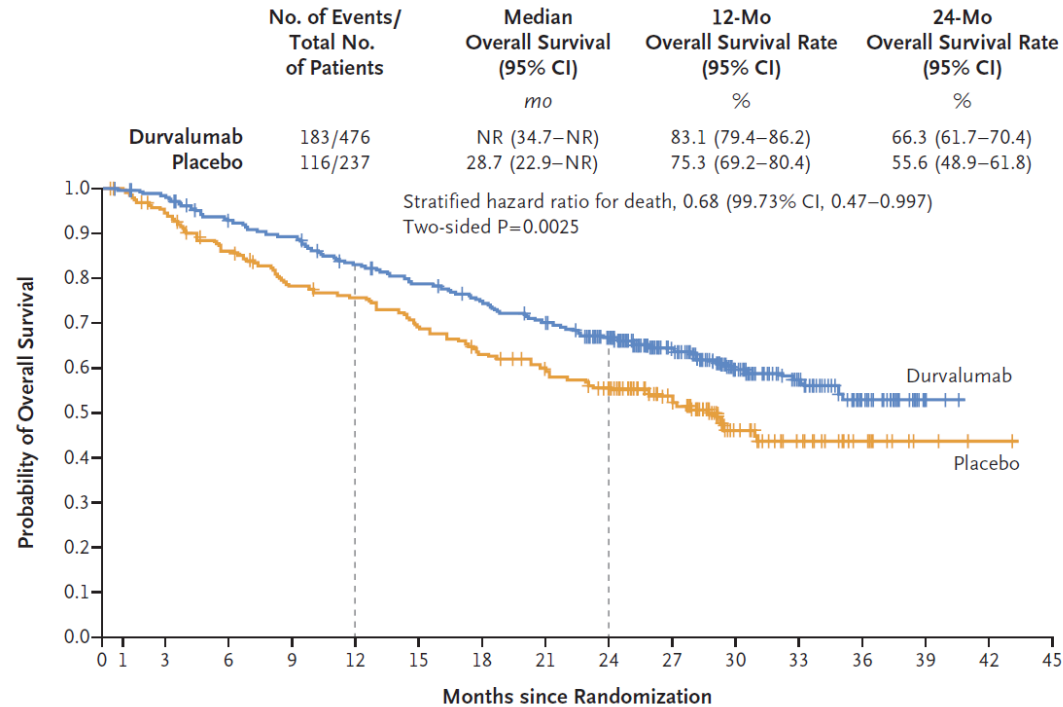
* TC3 or IC3: ≥50% expression of PD-L1 on tumor cells (TC3) or ≥10% expression on tumor-infiltrating immune cells (IC3)

PACIFIC: Durvalumab in unresectable stage III NSCLC after chemoradiation



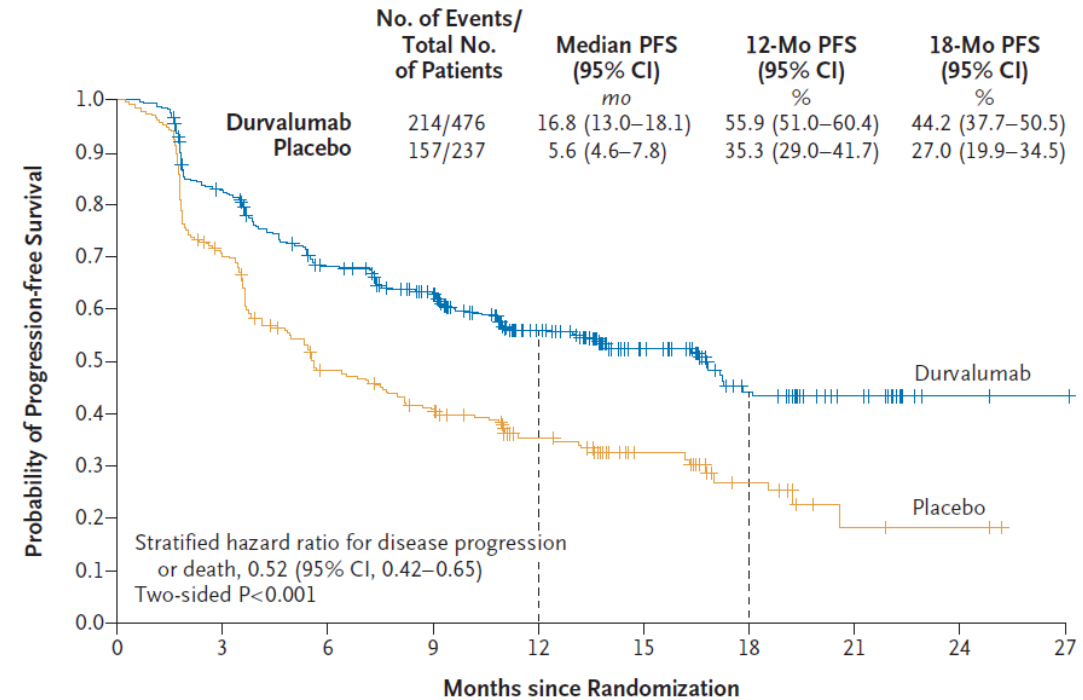
Randomize within 1 to 42 days after CRT

OS



No. at Risk																
Durvalumab	476	464	431	415	385	364	343	319	274	210	115	57	23	2	0	0
Placebo	237	220	198	178	170	155	141	130	117	78	42	21	9	3	1	0

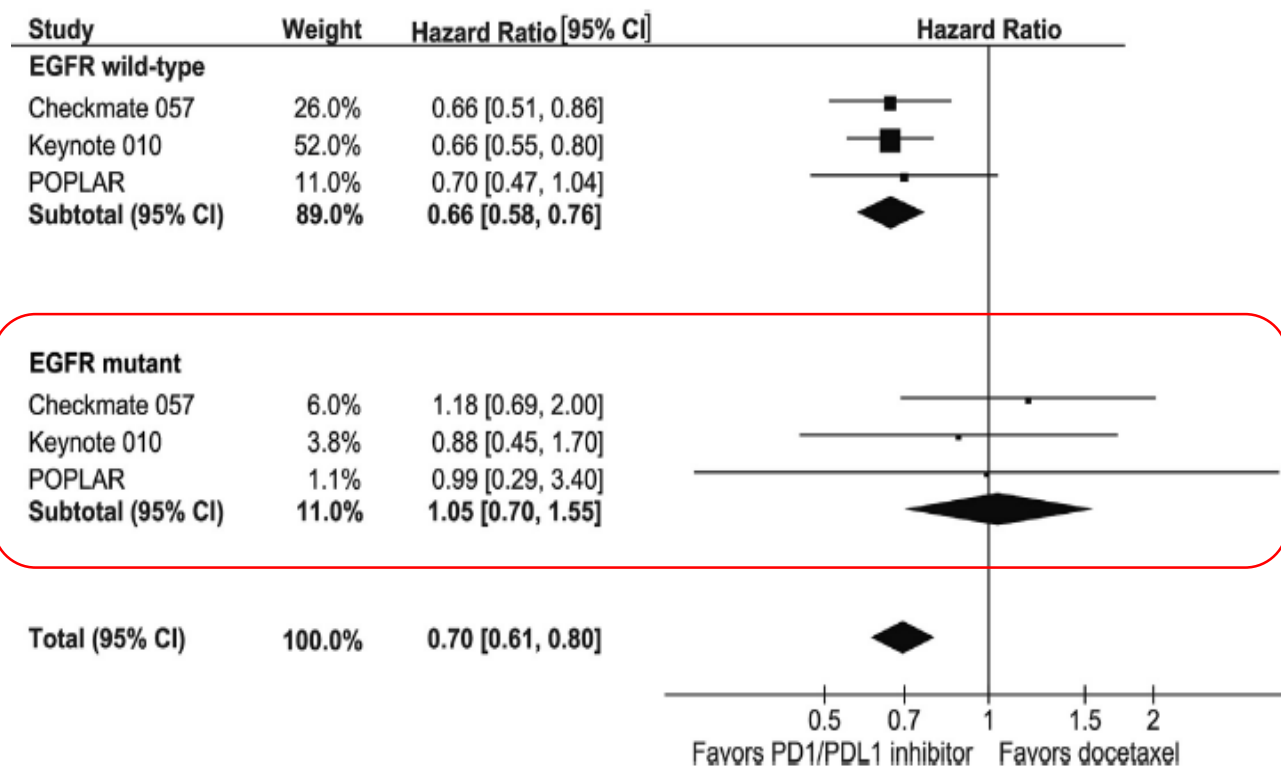
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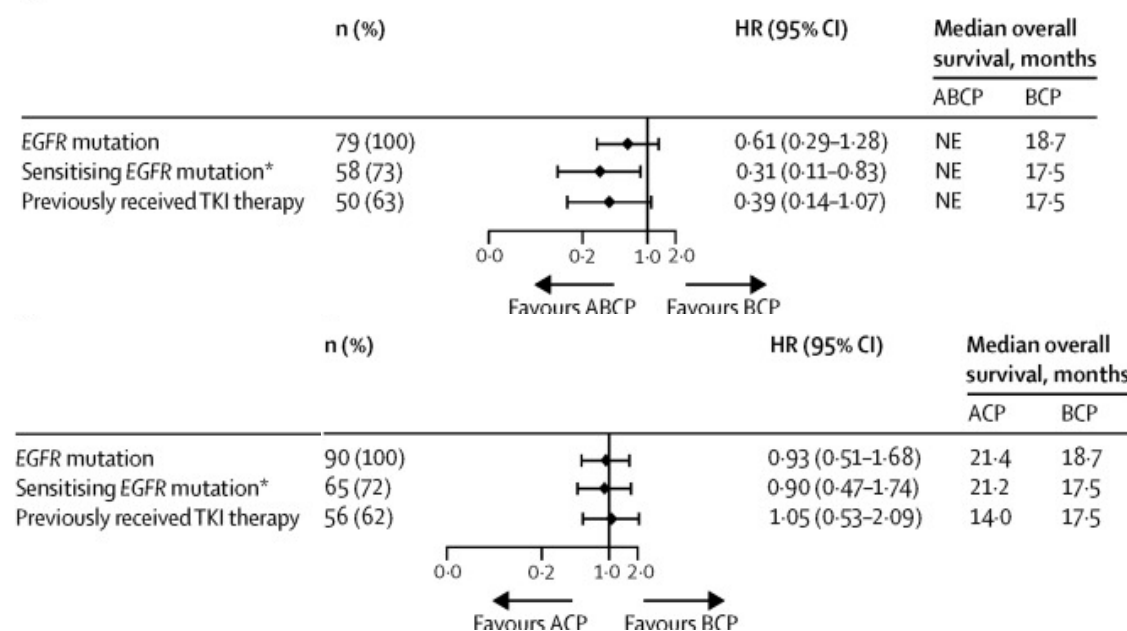
No. at Risk										
Durvalumab	476	377	301	264	159	86	44	21	4	1
Placebo	237	163	106	87	52	28	15	4	3	0

Checkpoint inhibitors in metastatic EGFR-mutated NSCLC

Meta-analysis (CheckMate 057, KEYNOTE-010, POPLAR)



IMpower 150



Approved checkpoint inhibitors in NSCLC

Regimen	Approved	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab	2015	Metastatic Sq NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy (2 nd line)	240 mg Q2W or 480 mg Q4W
	2015	Metastatic non-Sq NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy (2 nd line)	
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	2020	1 st line metastatic NSCLC with PD-L1 ≥1% and no EGFR/ALK mutations	Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W
Nivolumab + ipilimumab + platinum-doublet	2020	1 st line metastatic NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	Nivolumab 360 mg Q3W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W + 2 cycles of chemotherapy

Approved checkpoint inhibitors in NSCLC

Regimen	Approved	Indication	Dose
Pembrolizumab	2015	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy and PD-L1 \geq 50%	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
	2016	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy and PD-L1 \geq 1%	
	2016	1 st line metastatic NSCLC with PD-L1 TPS \geq 50%	
	2019	1 st line stage III NSCLC (not candidate for resection or definitive chemoradiation) and metastatic NSCLC, with PD-L1 TPS \geq 1% and no EGFR/ALK mutations	
Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed + carboplatin	2017	1 st line metastatic non-Sq NSCLC	
Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed + platinum	2018	1 st line metastatic non-Sq NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	
Pembrolizumab + carboplatin + paclitaxel/nab-paclitaxel	2018	1 st line metastatic Sq NSCLC	

Approved checkpoint inhibitors in NSCLC

Regimen	Approved	Indication	Dose
Atezolizumab	2016	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after platinum chemotherapy and targeted therapy if EGFR/ALK mutation-positive	840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Atezolizumab + bevacizumab + paclitaxel + carboplatin	2018	1 st line metastatic non-Sq NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	For 4-6 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg Q3W + chemotherapy + bevacizumab Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Durvalumab	2018	Stage III NSCLC, ineligible for surgery and without progression after chemoradiation	10 mg/kg Q2W
Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel + carboplatin	2019	1 st line metastatic non-Sq NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	For 4-6 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg Q3W + chemotherapy Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Atezolizumab	2020	1 st line metastatic NSCLC with PD-L1 \geq 50% of tumor cells or \geq 10% of immune cells with no EGFR/ALK mutations	840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W

Small-cell lung cancer

- 10-15% of lung cancers
- Highly correlated with smoking
- Median survival 14-20 months in LS-SCLC and 8-13 months in ES-SCLC¹
- Until recently, only FDA approved 2nd line option: topotecan (approved in 1998)
- Recent approvals of immunotherapies mark the first progress in decades

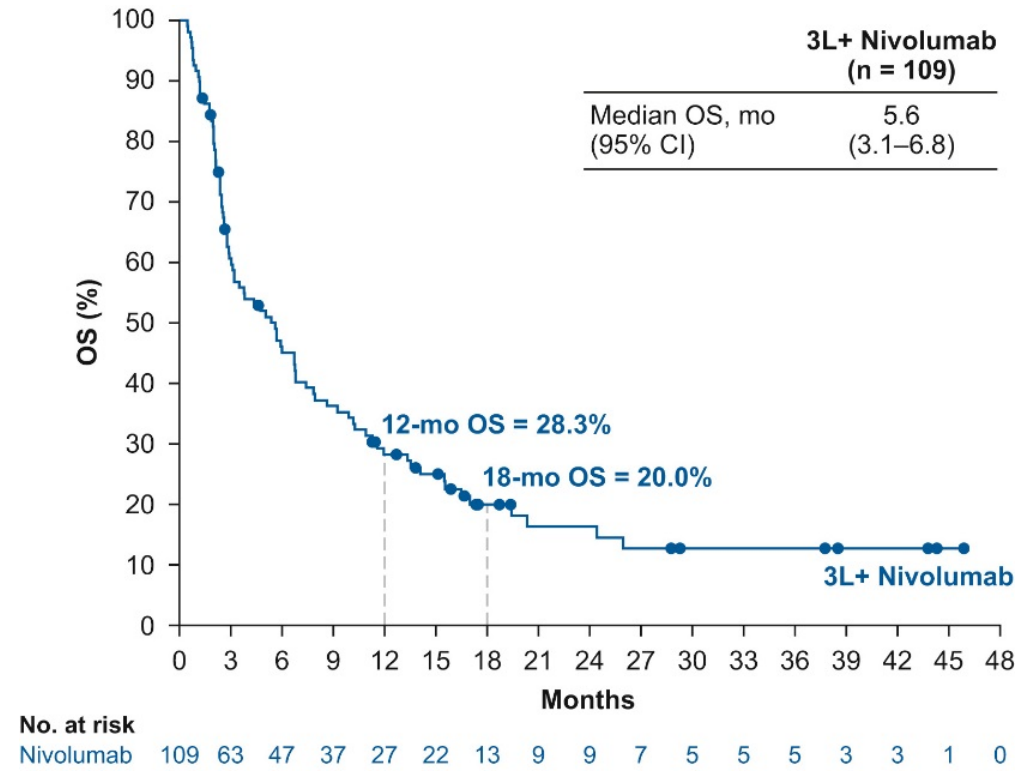
¹Demedts et al., EUR RESPIR J 2020

Approved checkpoint inhibitors in SCLC

Regimen	Approved	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab	2018	Metastatic SCLC with progression on platinum chemotherapy and one other therapy (3 rd line)	240 mg Q2W
Pembrolizumab	2019	Metastatic SCLC with progression on platinum chemotherapy and one other therapy (3 rd line)	200 mg Q3W
Atezolizumab + carboplatin + etoposide	2019	1 st line ES-SCLC	For 4 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg + chemotherapy Q3W Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Durvalumab + etoposide + carboplatin/cisplatin	2020	1 st line ES-SCLC	Combination: durvalumab 1500 mg + chemotherapy Q3W Maintenance: durvalumab 1500 mg Q4W

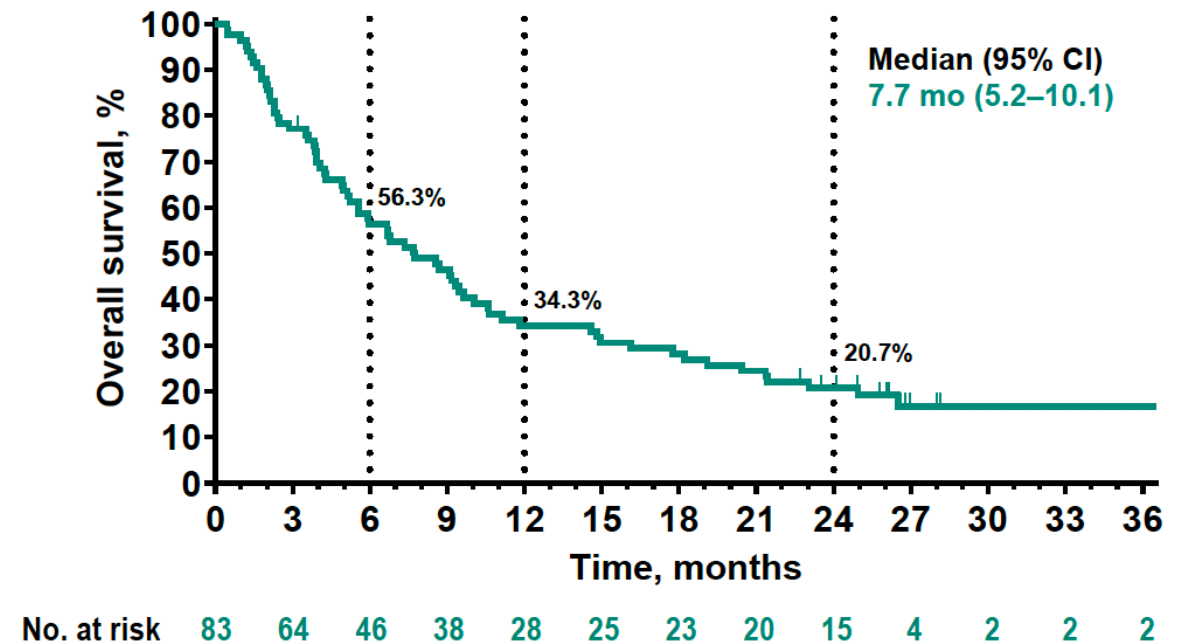
CheckMate 032: Nivolumab in 3rd line SCLC

- Nivolumab in recurrent SCLC with progression after two or more chemotherapy regimens
- Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W
- Median follow-up: 28.3 months
- ORR: 11.9%
- Median DOR: 17.9 months (range 3.0-42.1)
- Median OS: 5.6 months (3.1-6.8)
- Median PFS: 1.4 months (1.3-1.6)

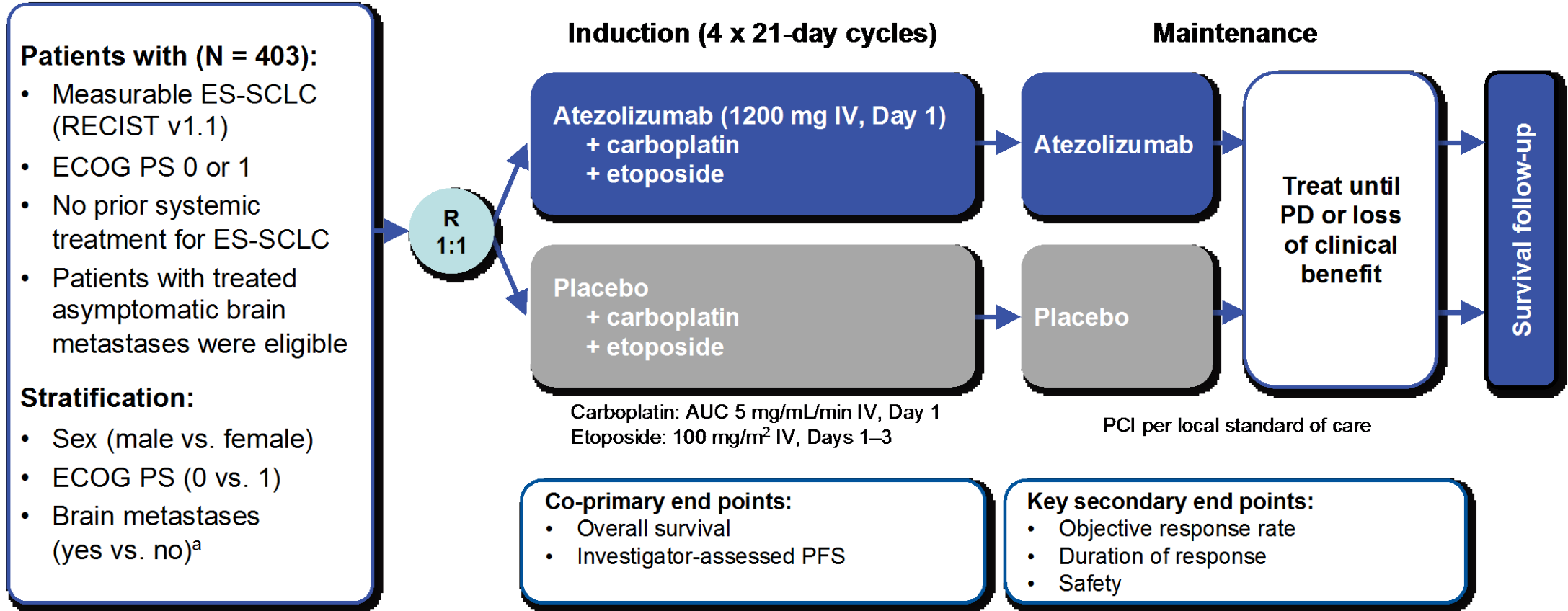


Pembrolizumab in 3rd line SCLC

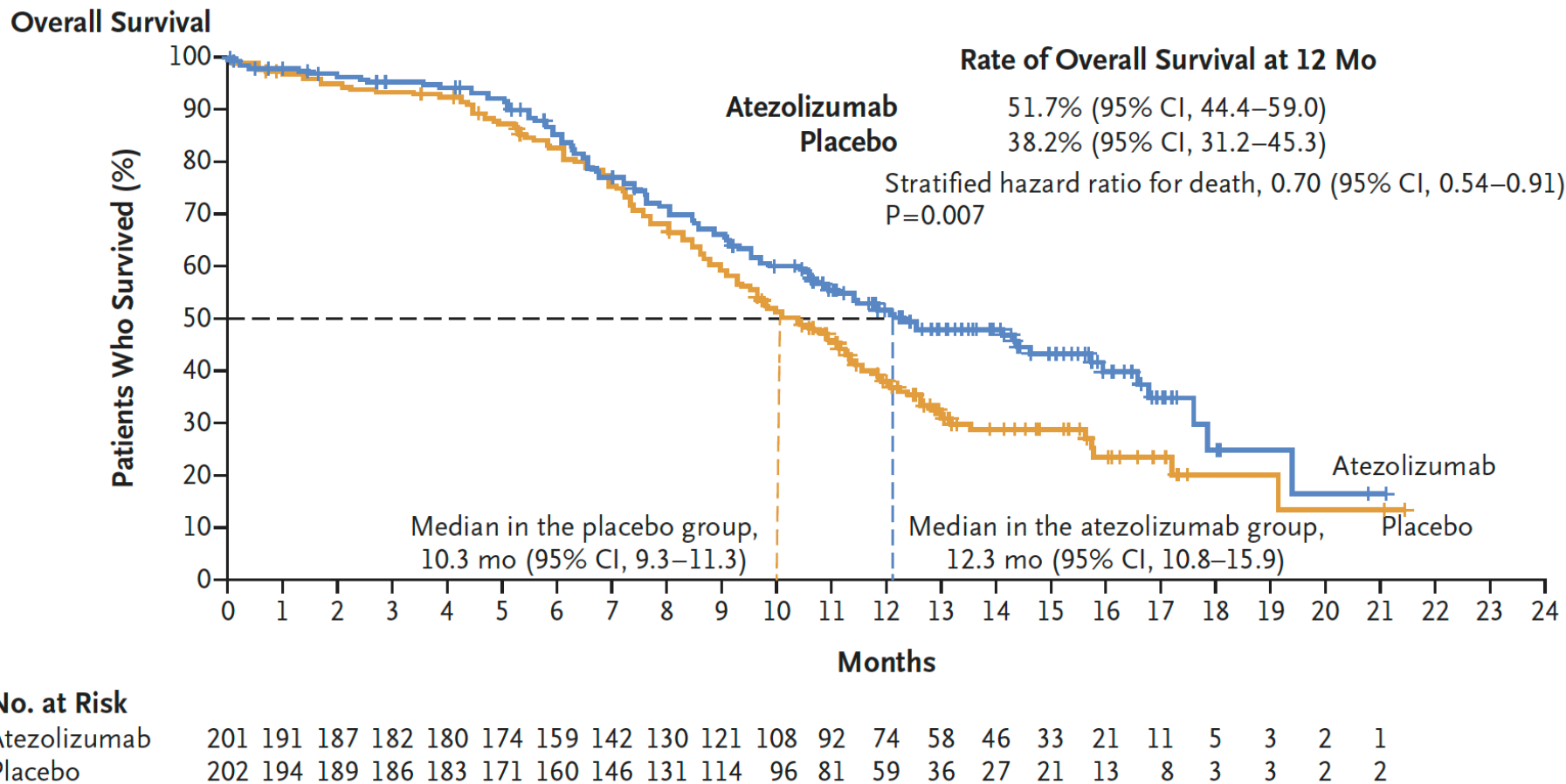
- Combined analysis of 83 patients from KEYNOTE-028 (PD-L1+ only) and KEYNOTE-158 (Cohort C1)
- ORR: 19.3%
- Median DOR: NR (4.1-35.8 months)
- Median OS: 7.7 months (5.2-10.1)
- Median PFS: 2.0 months (1.9-3.4)



IMpower133: Atezolizumab plus chemotherapy vs. chemotherapy in ES-SCLC

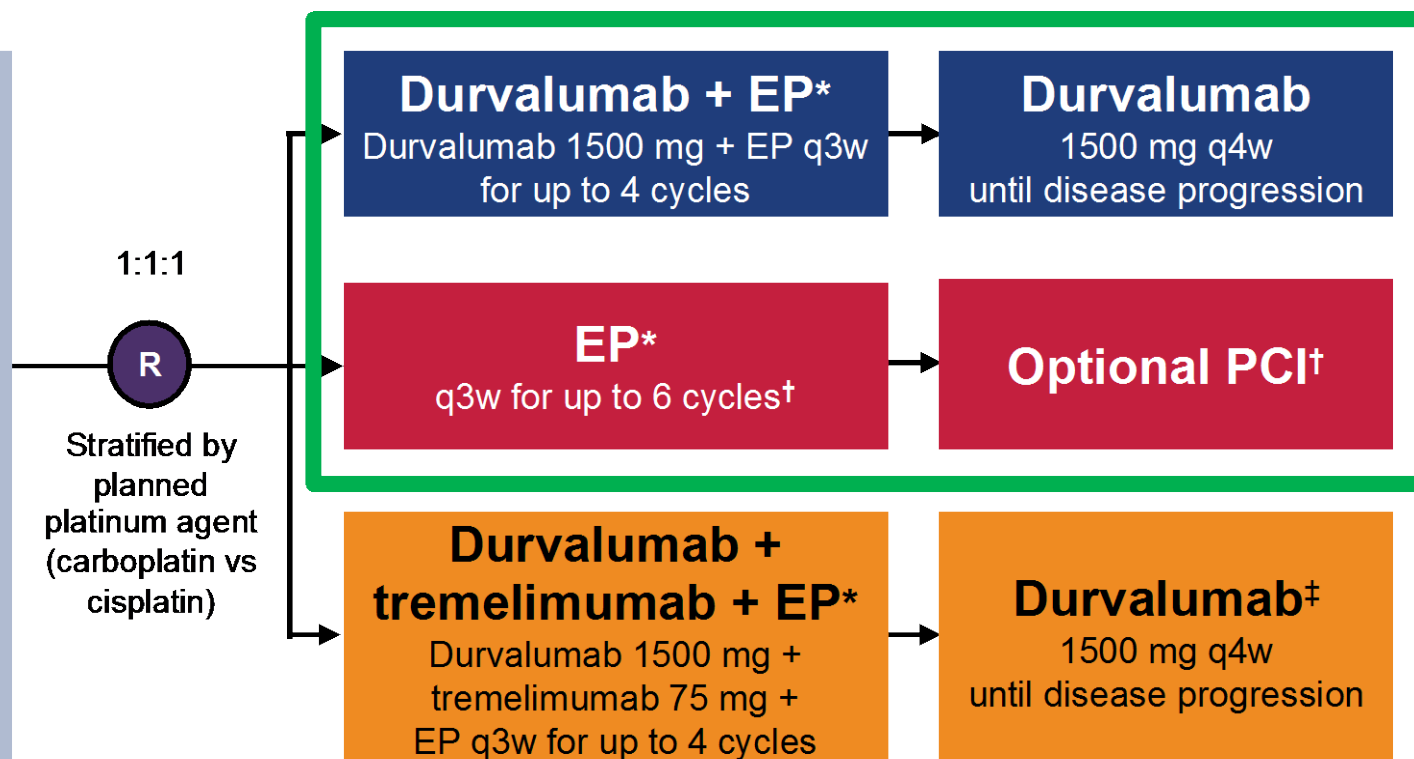


IMpower133: Atezolizumab plus chemotherapy vs. chemotherapy in ES-SCLC



CASPIAN: Durvalumab plus chemotherapy vs. chemotherapy in ES-SCLC

- Treatment-naïve ES-SCLC
 - WHO PS 0 or 1
 - Asymptomatic or treated and stable brain metastases permitted
 - Life expectancy ≥12 weeks
 - Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1
- N=805 (randomised)



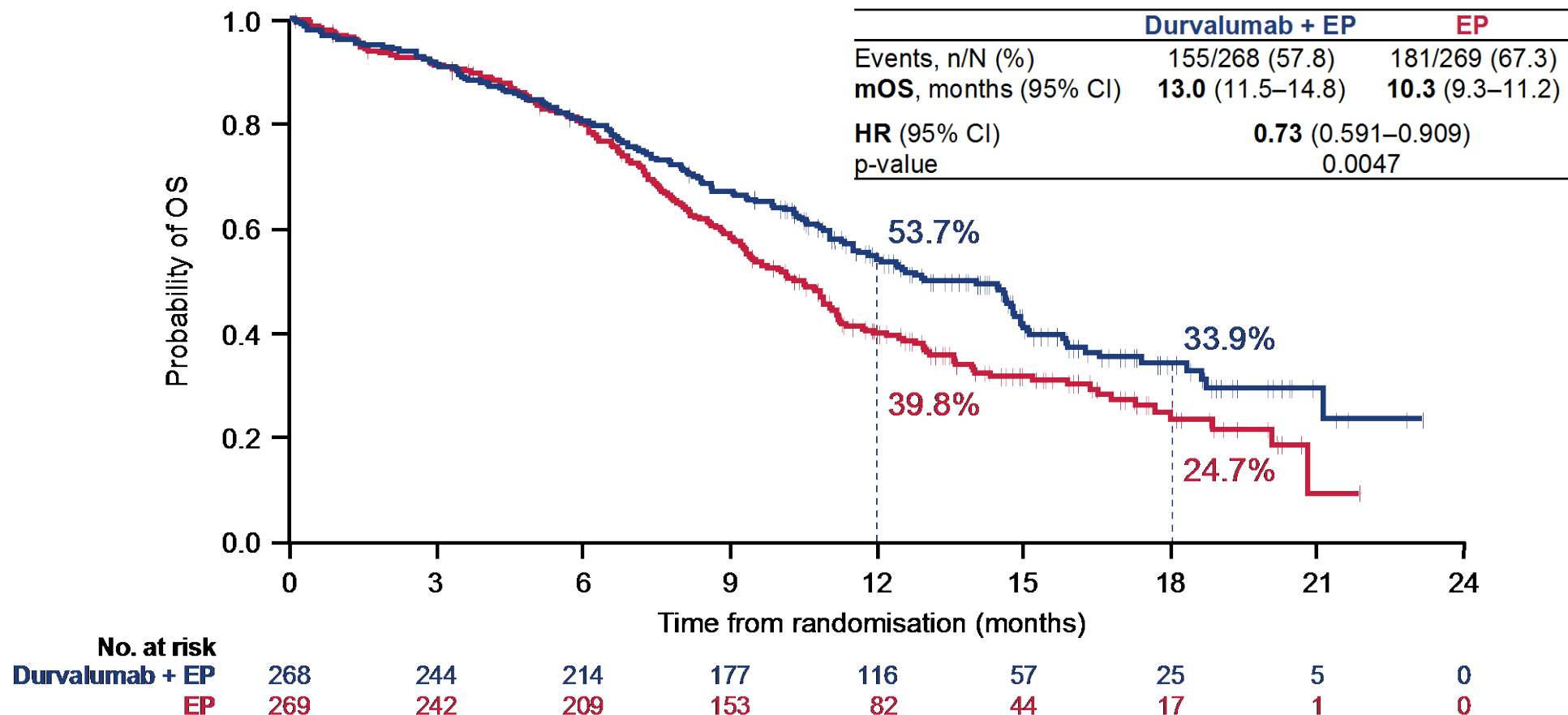
Primary endpoint

- OS

Secondary endpoints

- PFS
- ORR
- Safety & tolerability
- Health-related QoL

CASPIAN: Durvalumab plus chemotherapy vs. chemotherapy in ES-SCLC



Conclusions

- Immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) therapy has transformed the treatment landscape for stage III/IV NSCLC and ES-SCLC.
- Predictive biomarkers to better select patients who benefit from ICI therapy are needed.

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Case Studies

Case Study 1

A 55-year-old female with light smoking history presented with dyspnea and fatigue. During work-up, she was found to have a large pericardial effusion, marantic endocarditis, innumerable pulmonary nodules, and bilateral pleural effusions. She underwent pericardiocentesis (750 cc removed). Pathology of pericardial effusion was consistent with lung adenocarcinoma. Brain MRI was negative. You ordered tissue molecular testing. You saw her on inpatient service. What would you do?

- A) Start pembrolizumab
- B) Start carboplatin, pemetrexed, pembrolizumab
- C) Wait for molecular testing results prior to starting systemic therapy
- D) Start carboplatin, pemetrexed while awaiting the NGS results

Case Study 1

- NGS came back one day after cycle 2 of carboplatin and pemetrexed and showed the following: KRAS G12A and TP53 mutations. PD-L1 10% by 22c3, 5% by 28-8.



At initial presentation



After 2 cycles of chemotherapy

Case Study 1

- What is the best next step among the options below?
 - A) Continue carboplatin/pemetrexed, followed by pemetrexed maintenance therapy
 - B) Add pembrolizumab to carboplatin/pemetrexed
 - C) Stop chemotherapy and explore clinical trials targeting KRAS mutations

Case Study 2

- A 59-year-old never-smoker female presented with dyspnea. CT showed a massive right pleural effusion, an endobronchial lesion, and mediastinal lymphadenopathy. She underwent thoracentesis and pathology showed findings consistent with lung adenocarcinoma. Analysis of pleural effusion showed PD-L1 100%, but no further testing was possible due to insufficient tumor cells. She underwent bronchoscopy and mutation testing done on a lymph node showed EGFR L858R. Brain MRI negative. How would you treat this patient?
 - A) Pembrolizumab
 - B) Carboplatin, pemetrexed
 - C) Carboplatin, paclitaxel, bevacizumab, atezolizumab
 - D) Osimertinib

Case Study 2

- She started osimertinib 80 mg QD.



At initial presentation

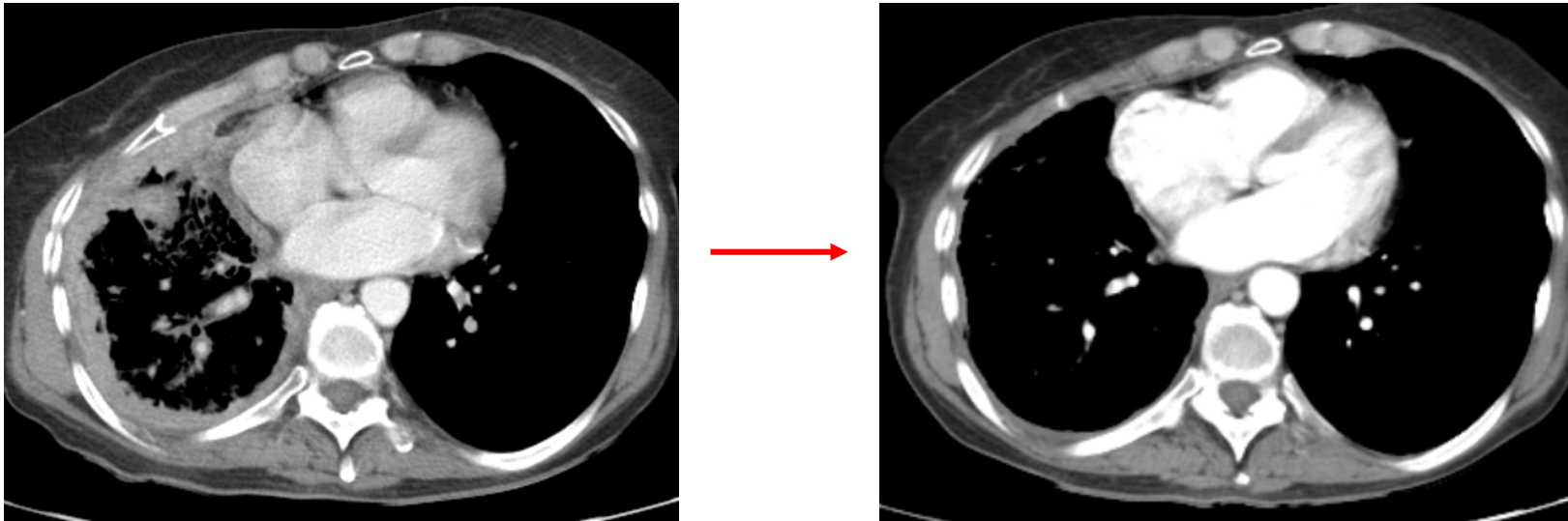


3 months after osimertinib

- ctDNA testing showed increased allele frequencies of EGFR and TP53. A repeat tissue biopsy showed the same mutations.

Case Study 2

- What is the best next step (more than one answer may apply)?
 - A) Start pembrolizumab
 - B) Switch treatment to carboplatin, pemetrexed +/- osimertinib
 - C) Switch treatment to carboplatin, paclitaxel, atezolizumab, bevacizumab
 - D) Switch treatment to docetaxel plus ramucirumab



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