

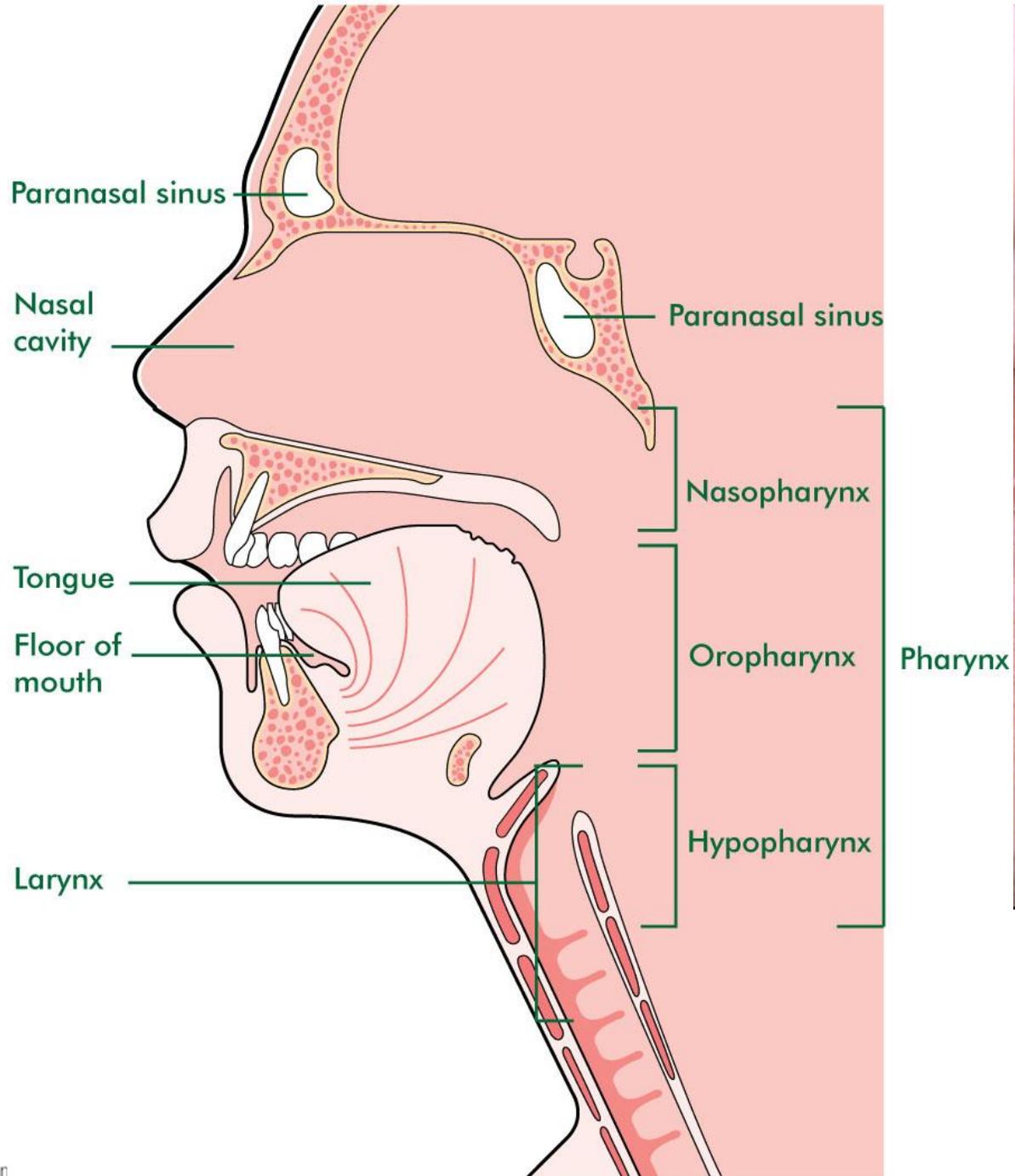
Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Head and Neck Cancer

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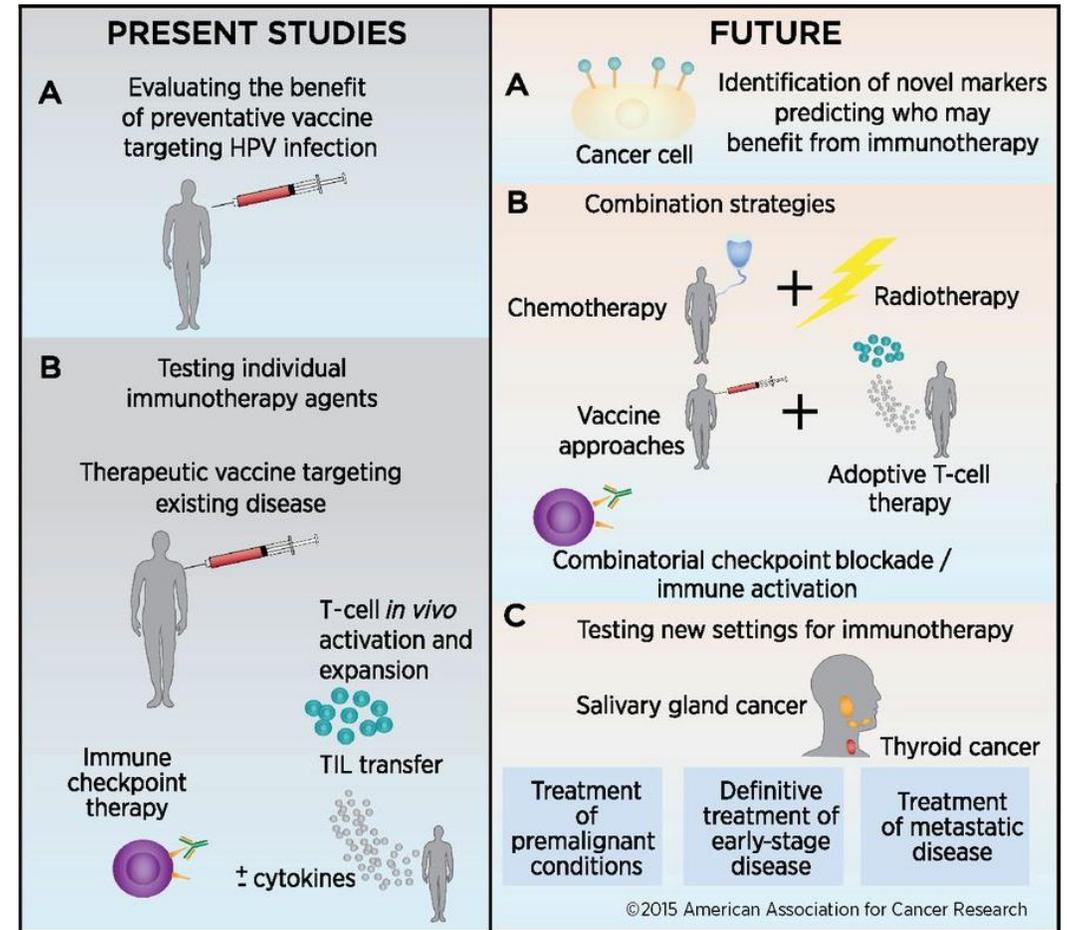
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Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Head and Neck Cancers

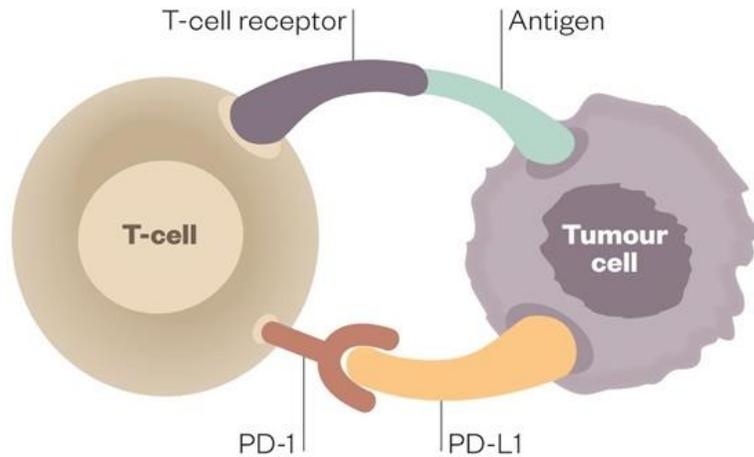
- Immuno-Oncology (I-O) developments in treatment of head and neck cancers
 - Preventive vaccination against virally mediated cancers
 - PD-1 checkpoint inhibitors for the treatment of metastatic disease
 - Testing new settings in non-squamous cancers and early stage squamous cell cancers



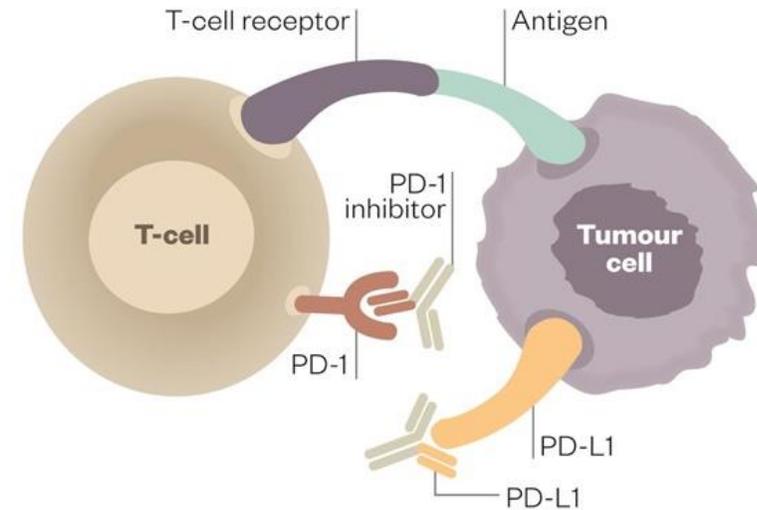
Schoenfeld JD, Cancer Immunol Res, 2015

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Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (ICI)



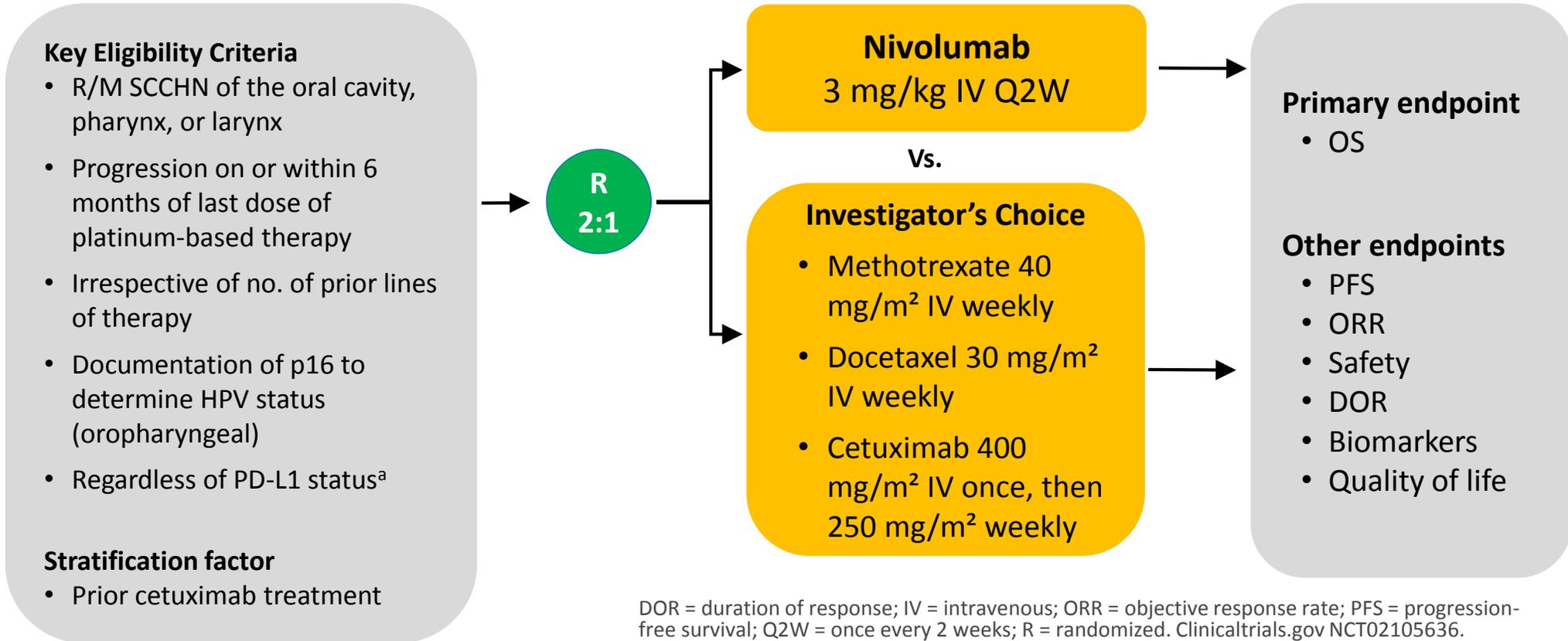
PD-1 acts as “off-switch” for T cells, allowing cancer cells to evade immune attack



Antibodies against PD-1 and PD-L1 boost the immune response against cancer cells

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Phase III Randomized, Safety and Efficacy Trial



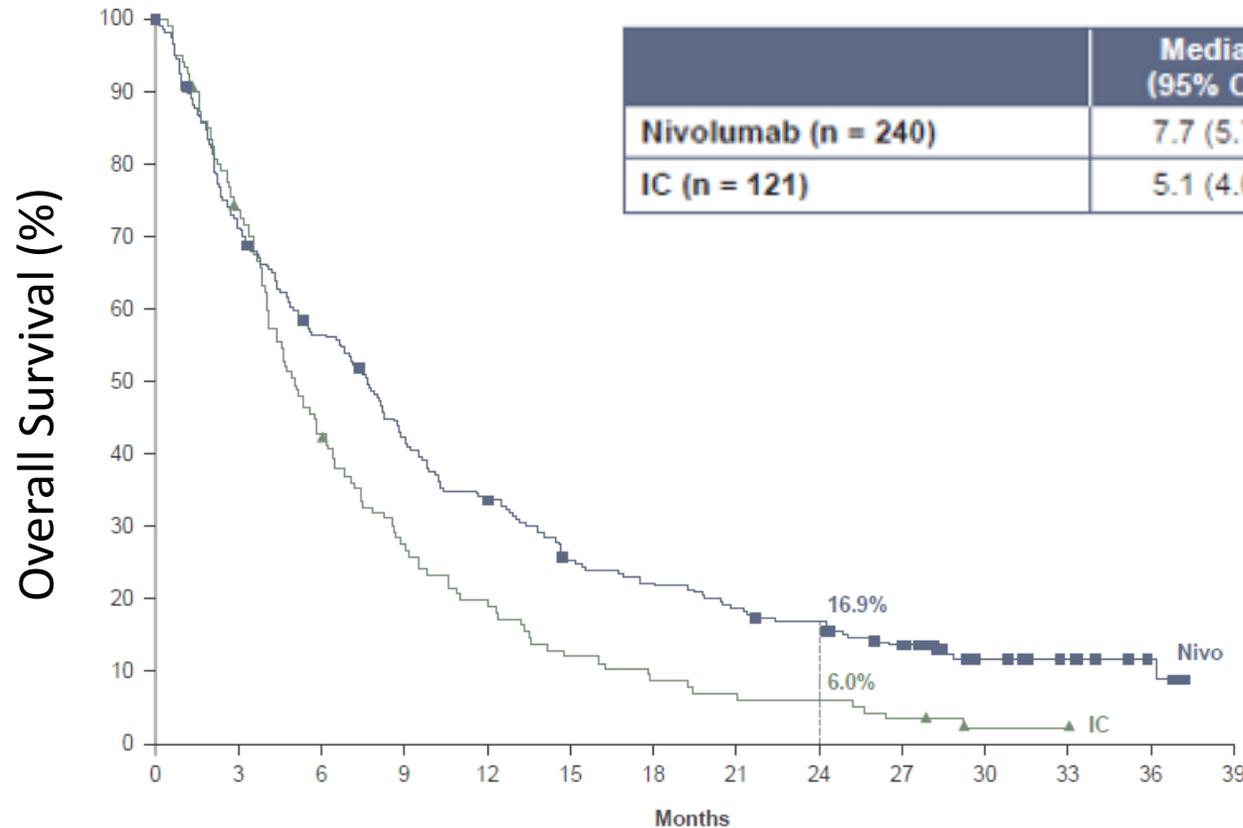
DOR = duration of response; IV = intravenous; ORR = objective response rate; PFS = progression-free survival; Q2W = once every 2 weeks; R = randomized. Clinicaltrials.gov NCT02105636.

^aTissue required for testing

Ferris & Gillison, NEJM, 2016

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Overall Survival: 2 year report



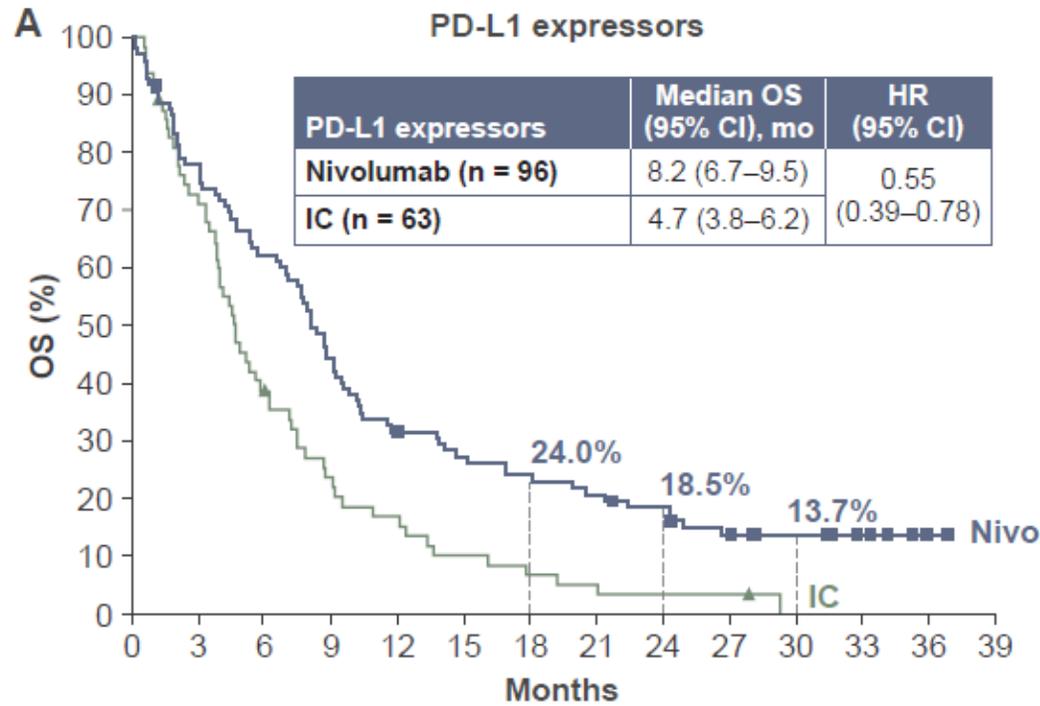
	Median OS (95% CI), mo	HR (95% CI)
Nivolumab (n = 240)	7.7 (5.7–8.8)	0.68 (0.54–0.86)
IC (n = 121)	5.1 (4.0–6.2)	

No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
Nivo	240	169	132	98	78	57	50	42	37	28	15	10	4	0
IC	121	88	51	32	23	14	10	8	7	4	1	1	0	0

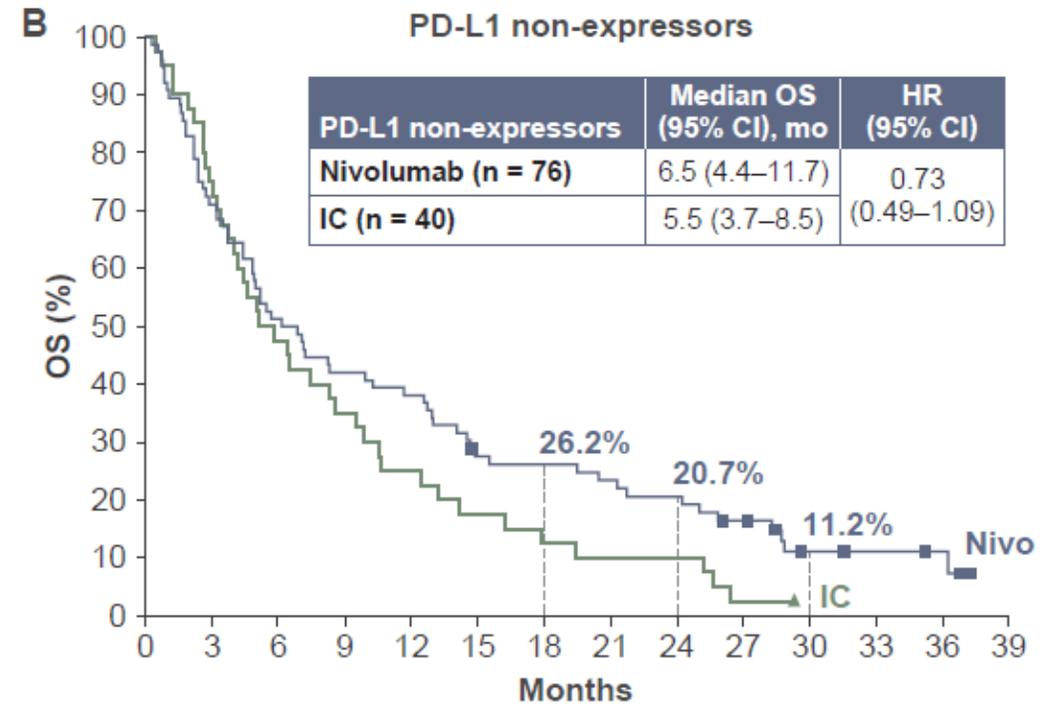
Ferris RL. Oral Oncology, 2018

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Overall Survival by PD-L1 expression category



No. at risk		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
Nivo	96	74	59	42	30	25	22	19	16	11	8	5	1	0	
IC	63	45	24	14	10	6	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	

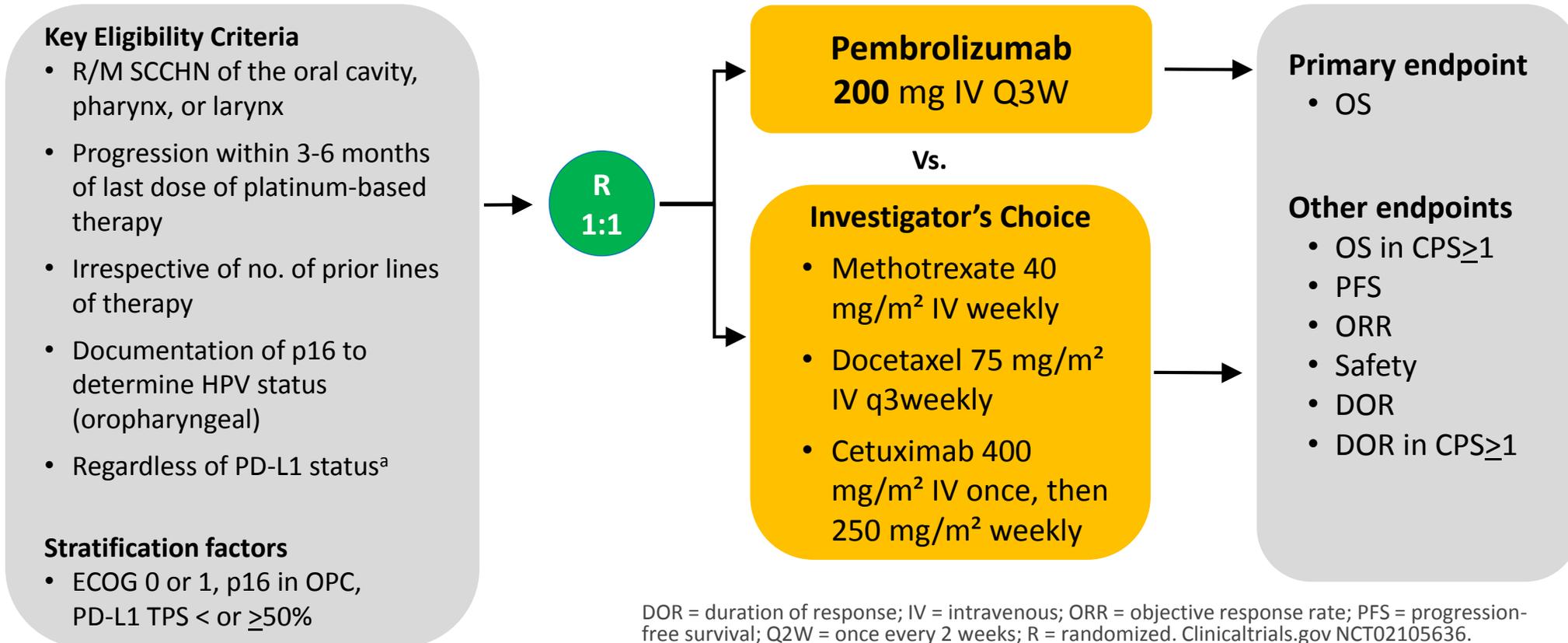


No. at risk		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
Nivo	76	54	39	32	29	20	19	17	15	11	5	4	3	0	
IC	40	30	19	14	10	7	5	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	

Ferris RL. Oral Oncology, 2018

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Randomized open-label, phase 3 study

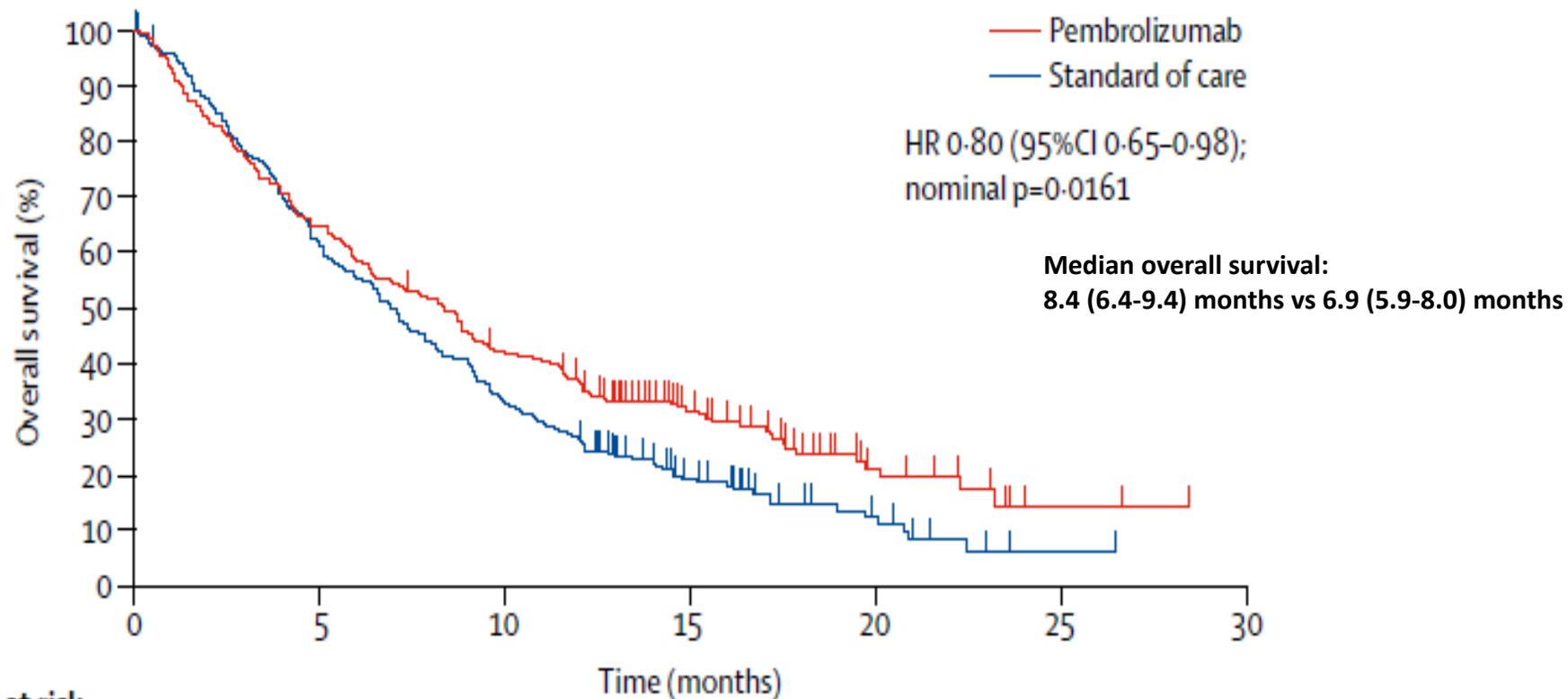


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Overall survival *post hoc* update of final analysis

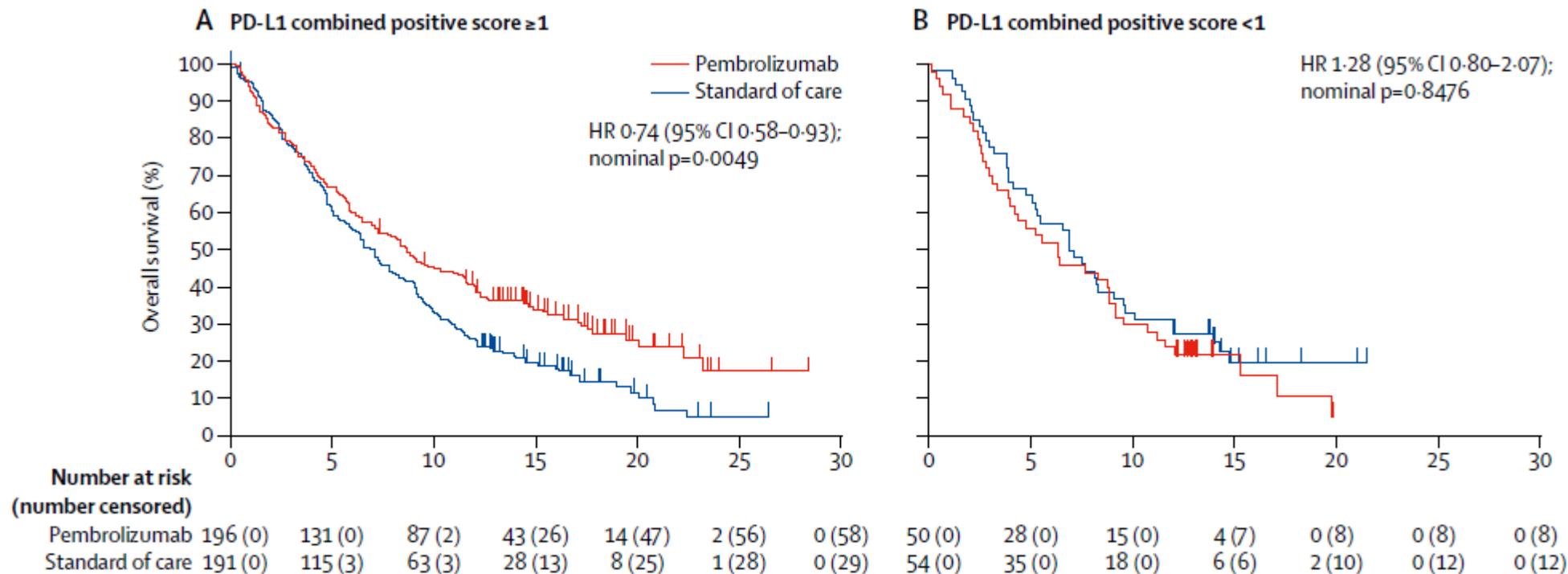


	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
Number at risk (number censored)							
Pembrolizumab	247 (0)	160 (0)	103 (2)	48 (33)	14 (55)	2 (64)	0 (66)
Standard of care	248 (0)	151 (3)	82 (3)	34 (19)	10 (35)	1 (40)	0 (41)

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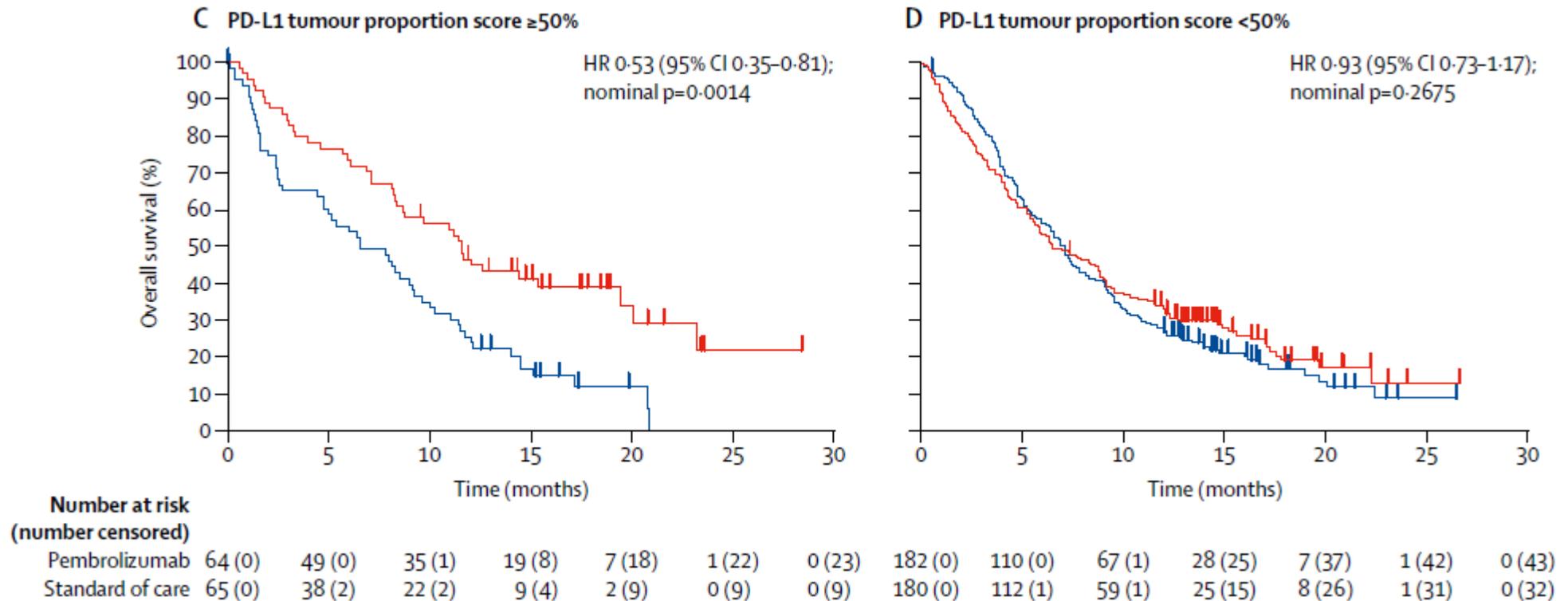
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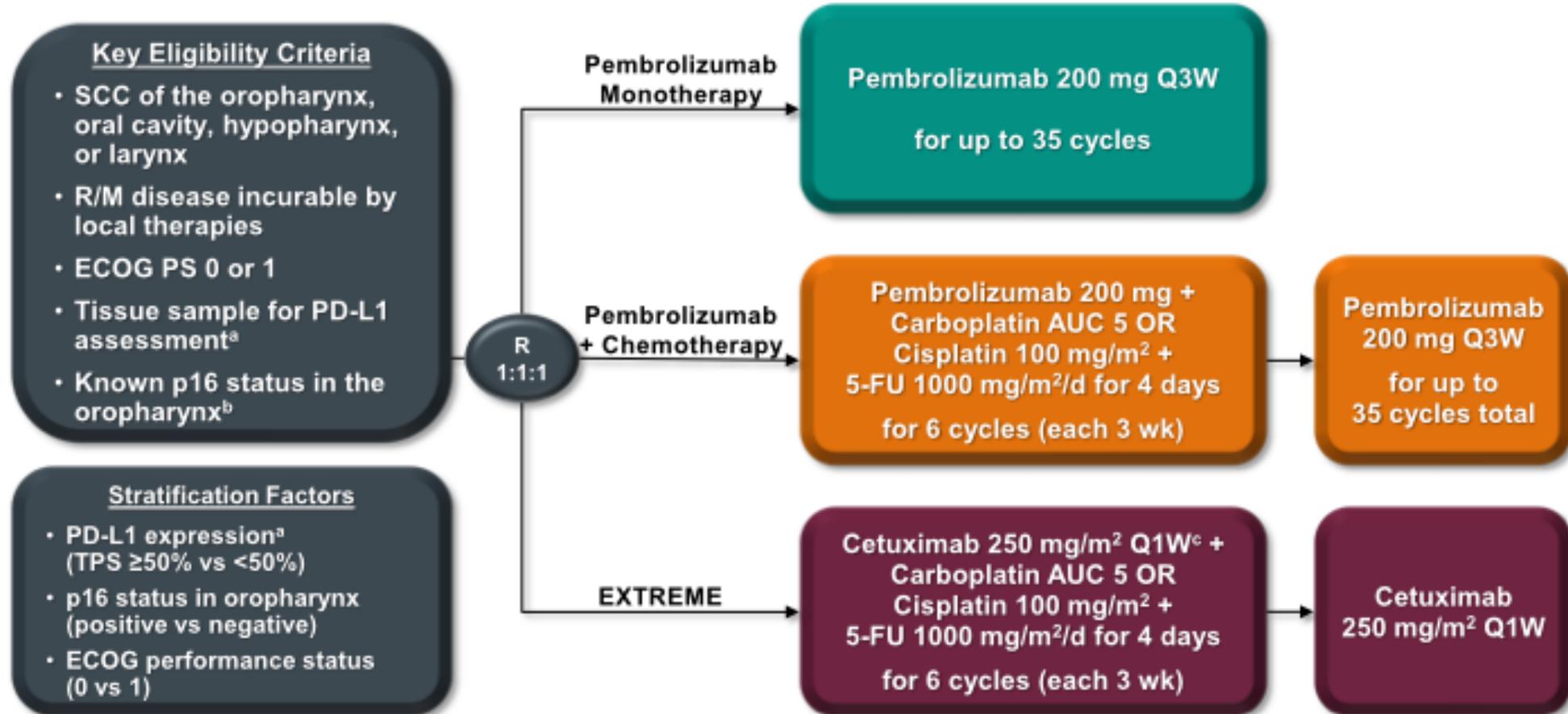
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KEYNOTE-048: Pembrolizumab +/- Chemotherapy in First-line R/M HNSCC

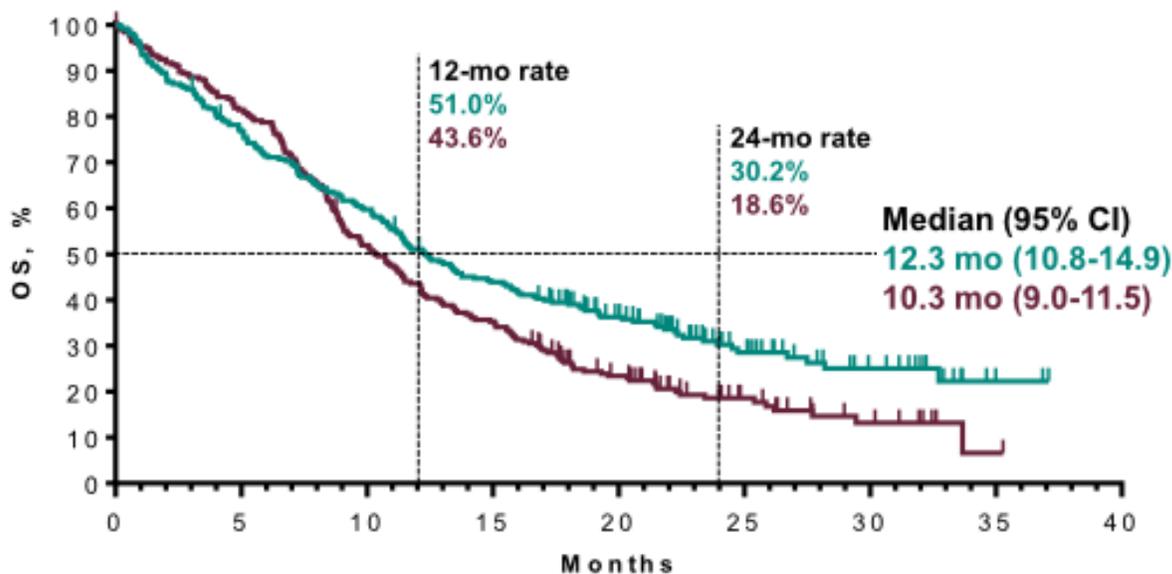


^aAssessed using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay (Agilent). TPS = tumor proportion score = % of tumor cells with membranous PD-L1 expression. ^bAssessed using the CINtec p16 Histology assay (Ventana); cutpoint for positivity = 70%. ^cFollowing a loading dose of 400 mg/m².

KEYNOTE-048: Pembrolizumab +/- Chemotherapy in First-line R/M HNSCC

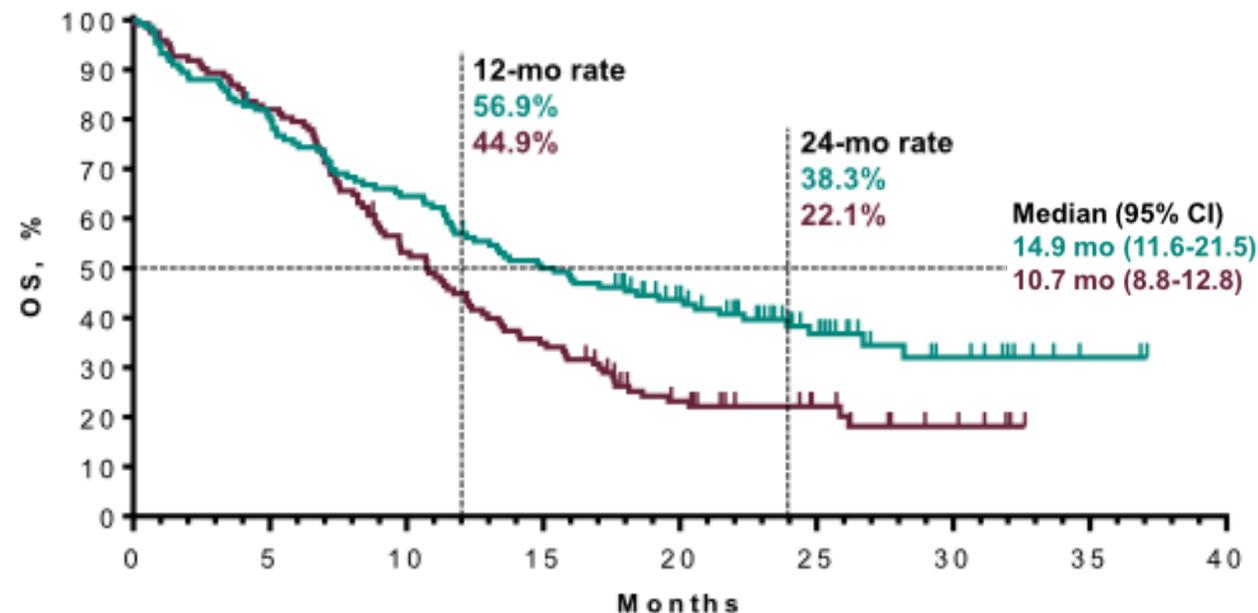
PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1%

	Events	HR (95% CI)	P
Pembro alone	69%	0.78 (0.64-0.96)	0.0086
EXTREME	81%		



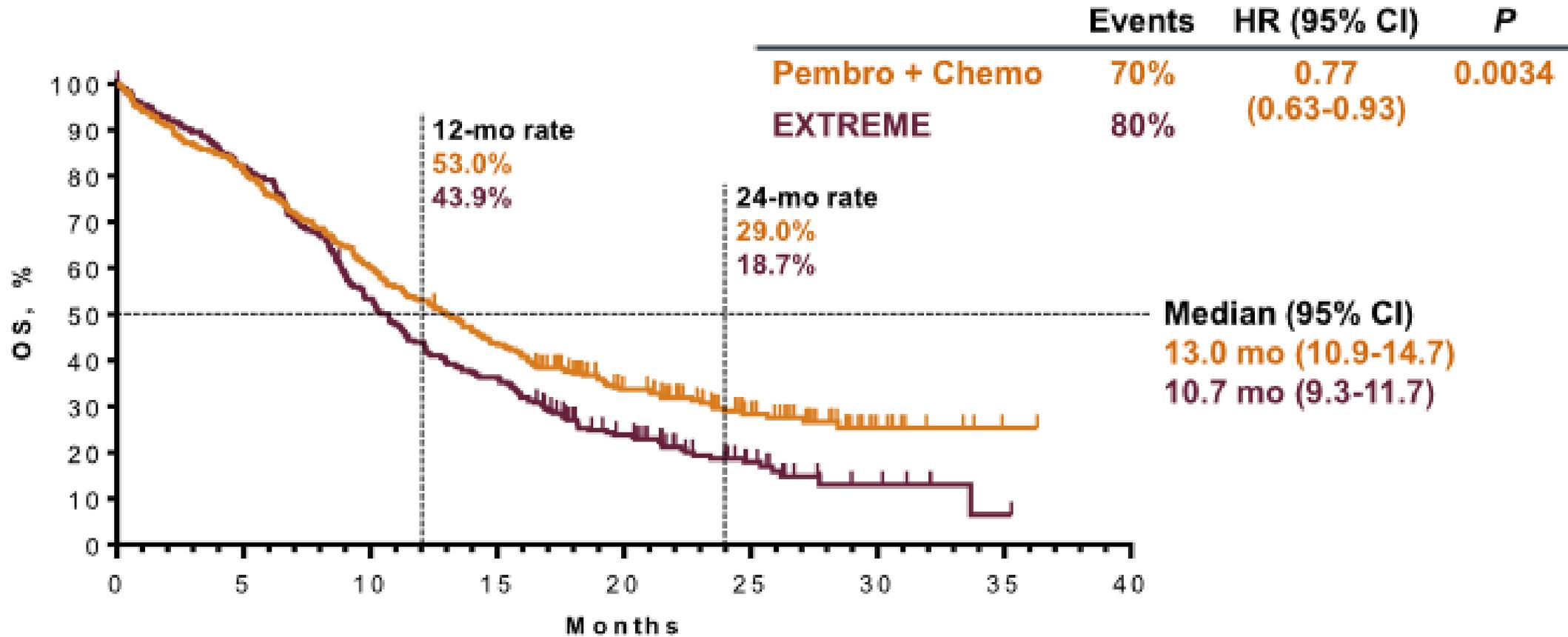
PD-L1 CPS ≥ 20%

	Events	HR (95% CI)	P
Pembro alone	62%	0.61 (0.45-0.83)	0.0007
EXTREME	78%		



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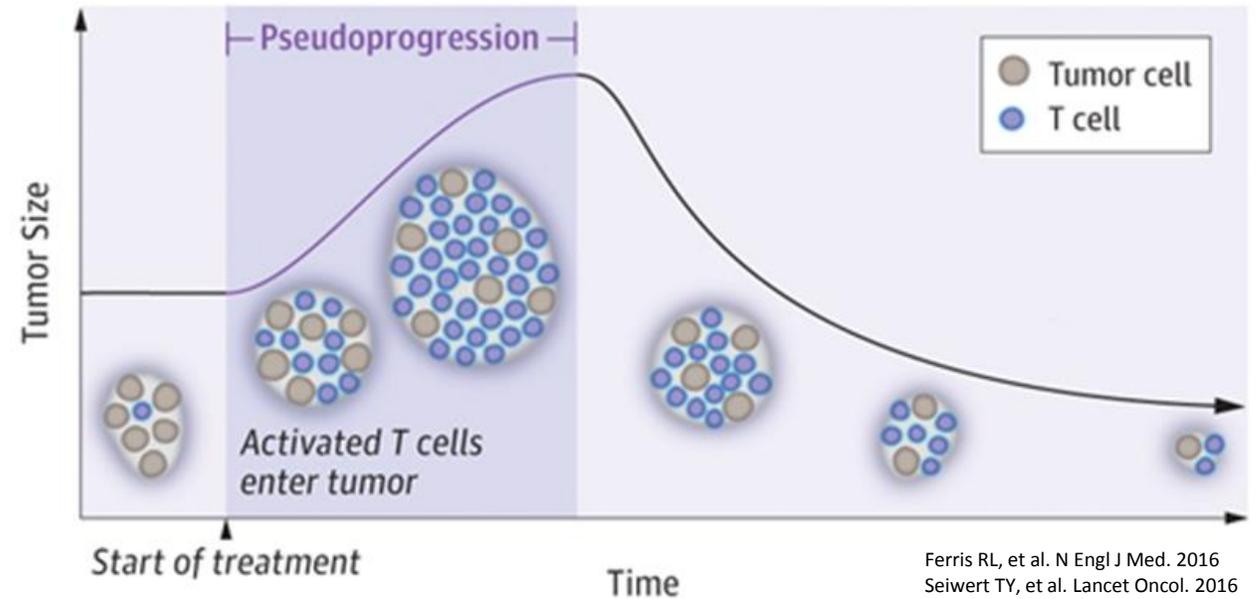
All Patients



Response to Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Treatment with Brief Increase in Tumor Size

Pseudoprogession

- Early appearance of an increase in tumor burden, subsequently followed by tumor regression
- Initially recognized in the melanoma trials, with incidence up to 10%



Response to Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Treatment with Brief Increase in Tumor Size

Case Report – KEYNOTE-012



- KEYNOTE-012 and CheckMate 141 trials showed rare pseudoprogression with pembrolizumab and nivolumab.

Ferris RL, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016
Seiwert TY, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2016

Immune-related Adverse Events

KEYNOTE-012 and CheckMate 141

KEYNOTE 012

Table 2. Treatment-Related Adverse Events by Grade Severity (all-patients-as-treated population; N = 132)

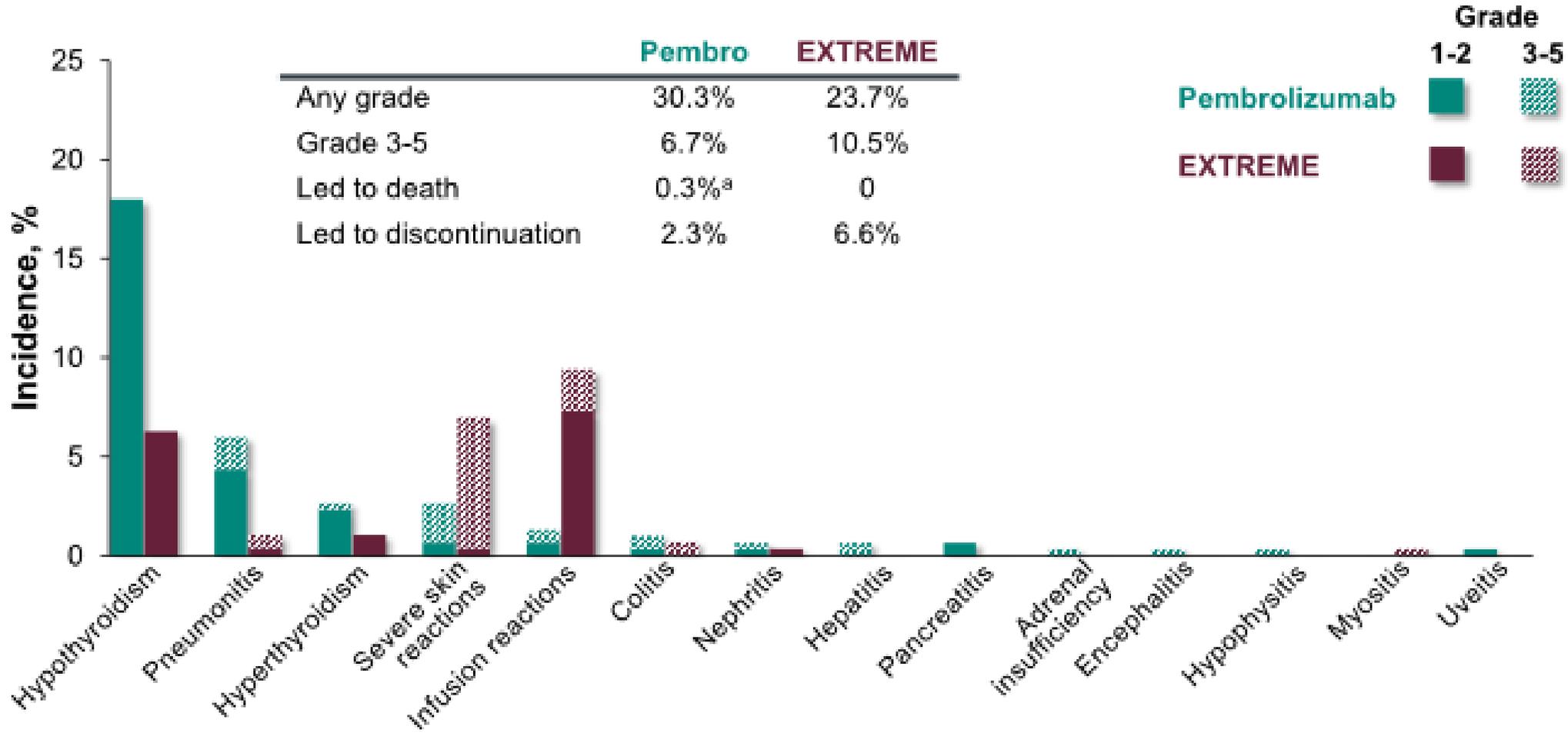
Treatment-Related Adverse Event	Grade 1 or 2 (≥ 10% of patients), No. (%)	Grade 3 (any occurrence), No. (%)	Grade 4 (any occurrence), No. (%)
Patients with ≥ 1 event	70 (53)	8 (6)	4 (3)
Hypothyroidism	14 (11)	0	0
Immune thrombocytopenic purpura	0	0	1 (1)
Abdominal pain	1 (1)	1 (1)	0
Colitis	0	1 (1)	0
Dysphagia	1 (1)	1 (1)	0
Nausea	6 (5)	1 (1)	0
Stomatitis	1 (1)	1 (1)	0
Facial edema	0	1 (1)	0
Fatigue	28 (21)	0	0
Localized edema	0	1 (1)	0
Infection	0	1 (1)	0
Decreased appetite	9 (7)	2 (2)	0
Dehydration	0	1 (1)	0
Diabetic ketoacidosis	0	0	1 (1)
Hyperglycemia	1 (1)	0	1 (1)
Type I diabetes mellitus	0	1 (1)	0
Laryngeal edema	0	0	1 (1)
Pneumonitis	2 (2)	2 (2)	0
Respiratory distress	0	1 (1)	0
Facial swelling	3 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)

CheckMate 141

Event	Nivolumab (N=236)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4
Any event	139 (58.9)*	31 (13.1)
Fatigue	33 (14.0)	5 (2.1)
Nausea	20 (8.5)	0
Rash	18 (7.6)	0
Decreased appetite	17 (7.2)	0
Pruritus	17 (7.2)	0
Diarrhea	16 (6.8)	0
Anemia	12 (5.1)	3 (1.3)
Asthenia	10 (4.2)	1 (0.4)
Vomiting	8 (3.4)	0
Dry skin	7 (3.0)	0
Stomatitis	5 (2.1)	1 (0.4)
Weight loss	4 (1.7)	0
Mucosal inflammation	3 (1.3)	0
Peripheral neuropathy	1 (0.4)	0
Alopecia	0	0
Neutropenia	0	0

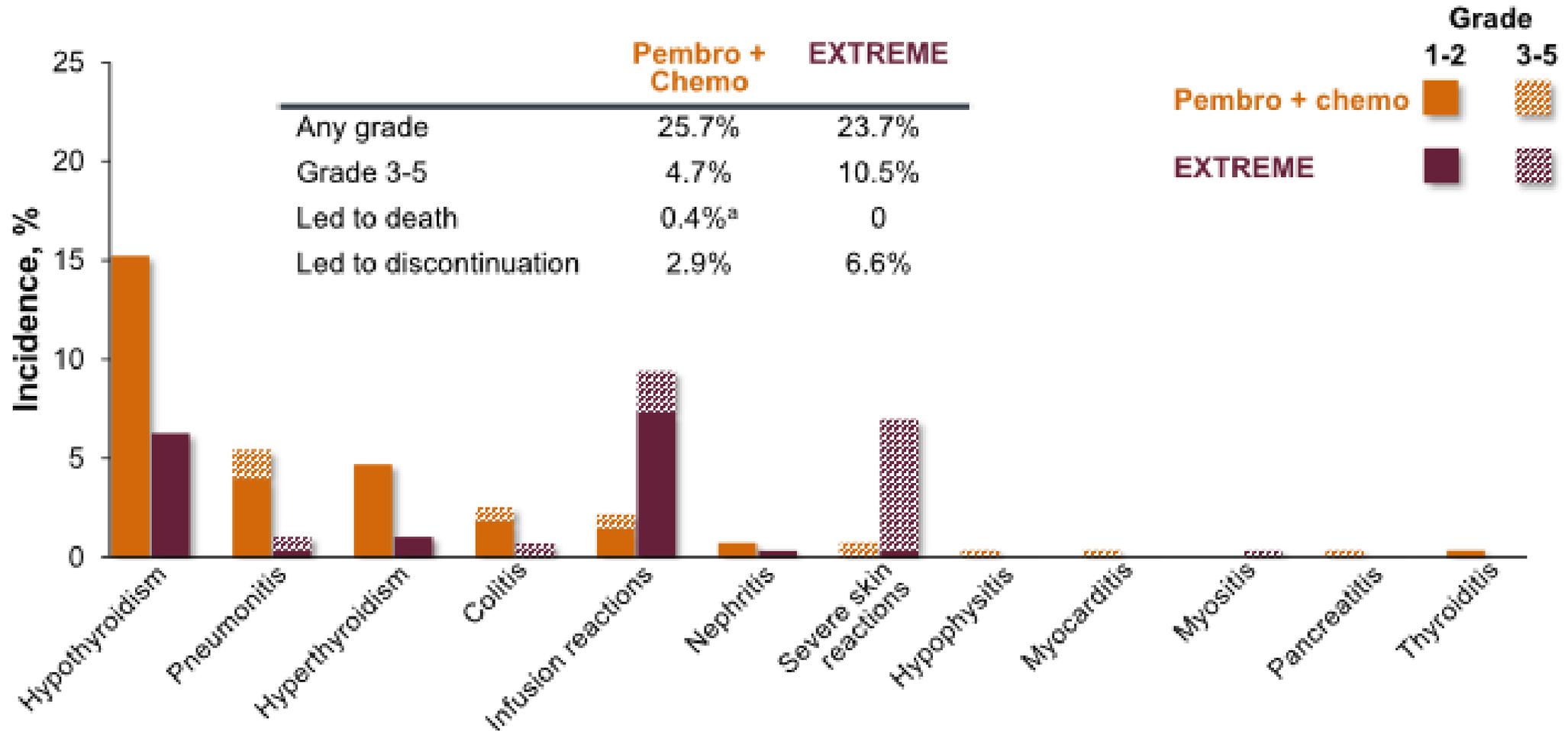
Immune-related Adverse Events

KEYNOTE-048 – Pembrolizumab monotherapy



Immune-related Adverse Events

KEYNOTE-048 – Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy



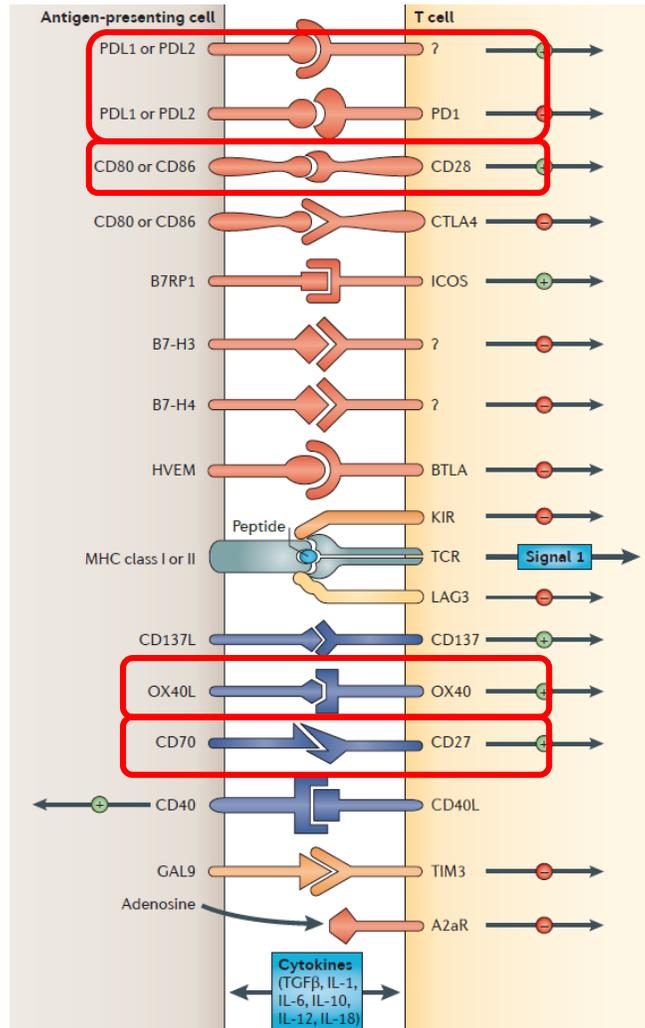
Immune-related Adverse Events

Table 2 General guidance for corticosteroid management of immune-related adverse events

Grade of immune-related AE (CTCAE/equivalent)	Corticosteroid management	Additional notes
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corticosteroids not usually indicated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue immunotherapy
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If indicated, start oral prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day if patient can take oral medication. If IV required, start methylprednisolone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day IV If no improvement in 2–3 days, increase corticosteroid dose to 2 mg/kg/day Once improved to ≤grade 1 AE, start 4–6 week steroid taper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold immunotherapy during corticosteroid use Continue immunotherapy once resolved to ≤grade 1 and off corticosteroids Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant Once improved to ≤ grade 1, start 4–6-week steroid taper Provide supportive treatment as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold immunotherapy; if symptoms do not improve in 4–6 weeks, discontinue immunotherapy Consider intravenous corticosteroids Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (>30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant, e.g., infliximab Provide supportive care as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discontinue immunotherapy Continue intravenous corticosteroids Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (>30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)

Puzanov Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer 2017

Developmental Immunotherapies for HNSCC



Pardoll DM Nature 2012

- Durvalumab, atezolizumab, avelumab, CK-301 (anti-PD-L1)
- Cemiplimab (anti-PD-1)
- Ipilimumab, tremelimumab (anti-CTLA-4)
- Varlilumab (anti-CD27)
- PF-04518600, tavolimab (anti-OX40)

Completed RCTs in R/M HNSCC

- KESTREL (n=823)
 - Durvalumab + tremelimumb versus durvalumab versus EXTREME regimen
- CheckMate 651 (n=930)
 - Nivolumab + ipilimumab versus EXTREME regimen

Developmental Immunotherapies for HNSCC

MASTERKEY 232/KEYNOTE-137

- Talimogene laherparepvec (T-Vec)
 - Genetically engineered herpes virus
- T-Vec 10^6 PFU/mL intratumoral injection followed by 10^8 PFU/mL Q3W
- Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W
- Eligibility:
 - R/M HNSCC not suitable for curative therapy
 - Progressed after platinum treatment
 - At least 1 injectable cutaneous, subcutaneous, or nodal tumor ≥ 10 mm in longest diameter

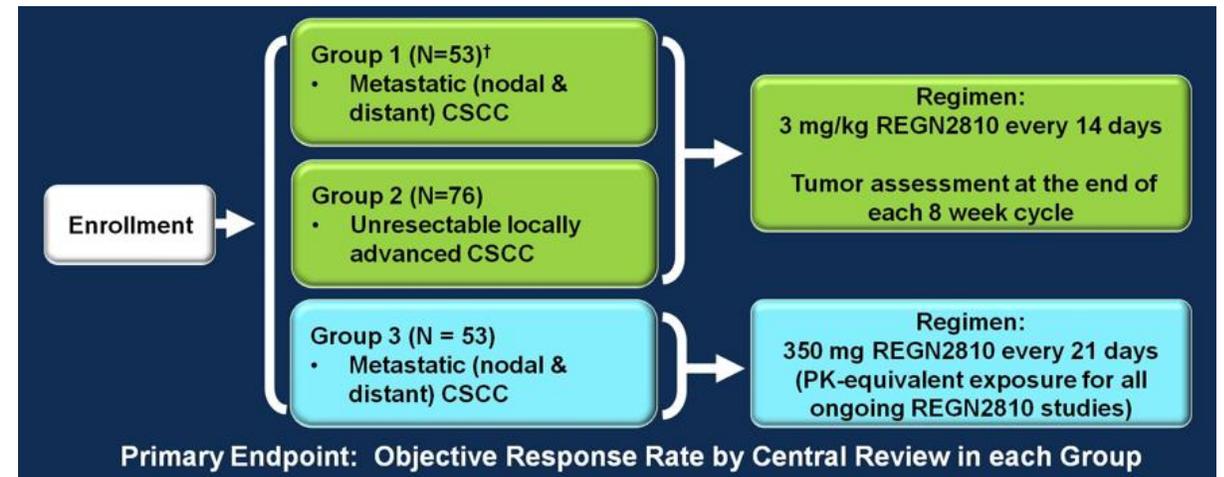
Developmental Immunotherapies for HNSCC

Cemiplimab (REGN2810) for treatment of patients with cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma (cSCC)

FDA approved – 09/28/2018

- Patients with metastatic cSCC
- Patients with locally advanced cSCC who are not candidates for radiation or surgery

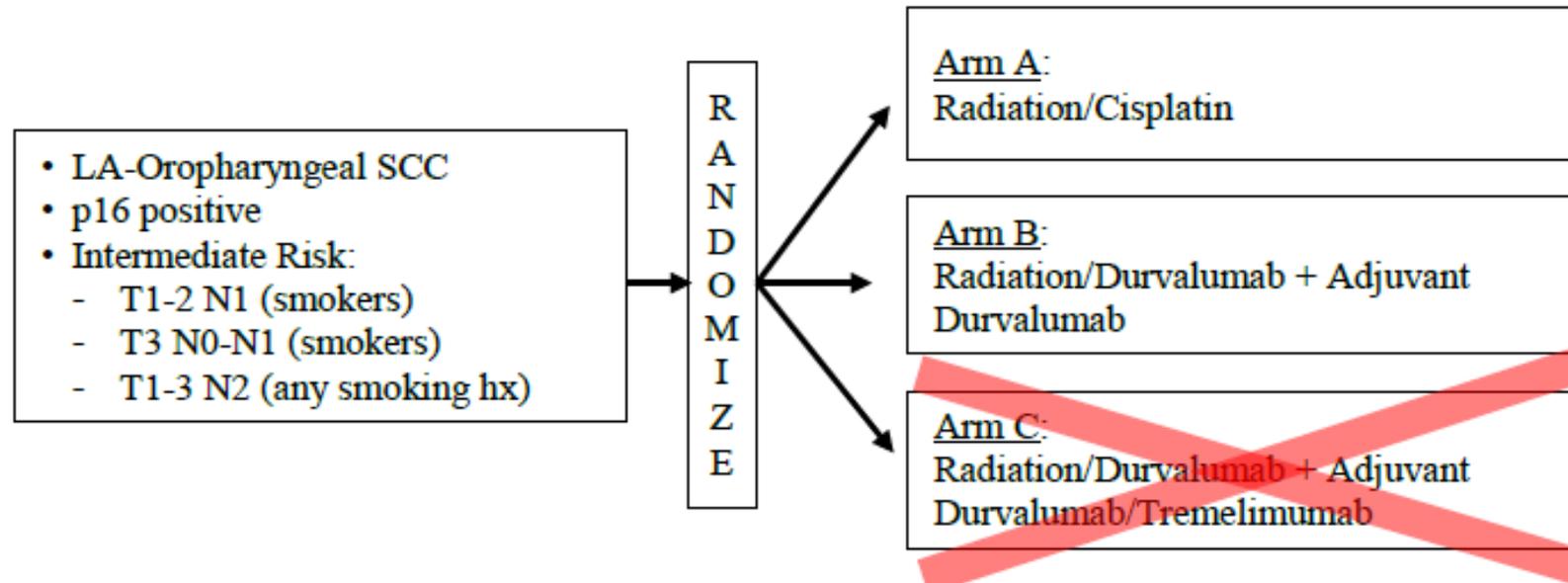
NCT02760498



- ORR 46% in 82 patients in study
- Responses durable, median DOR not reached

Developmental Immunotherapies for HNSCC

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Randomization 1:2 - Arm A:Arm B

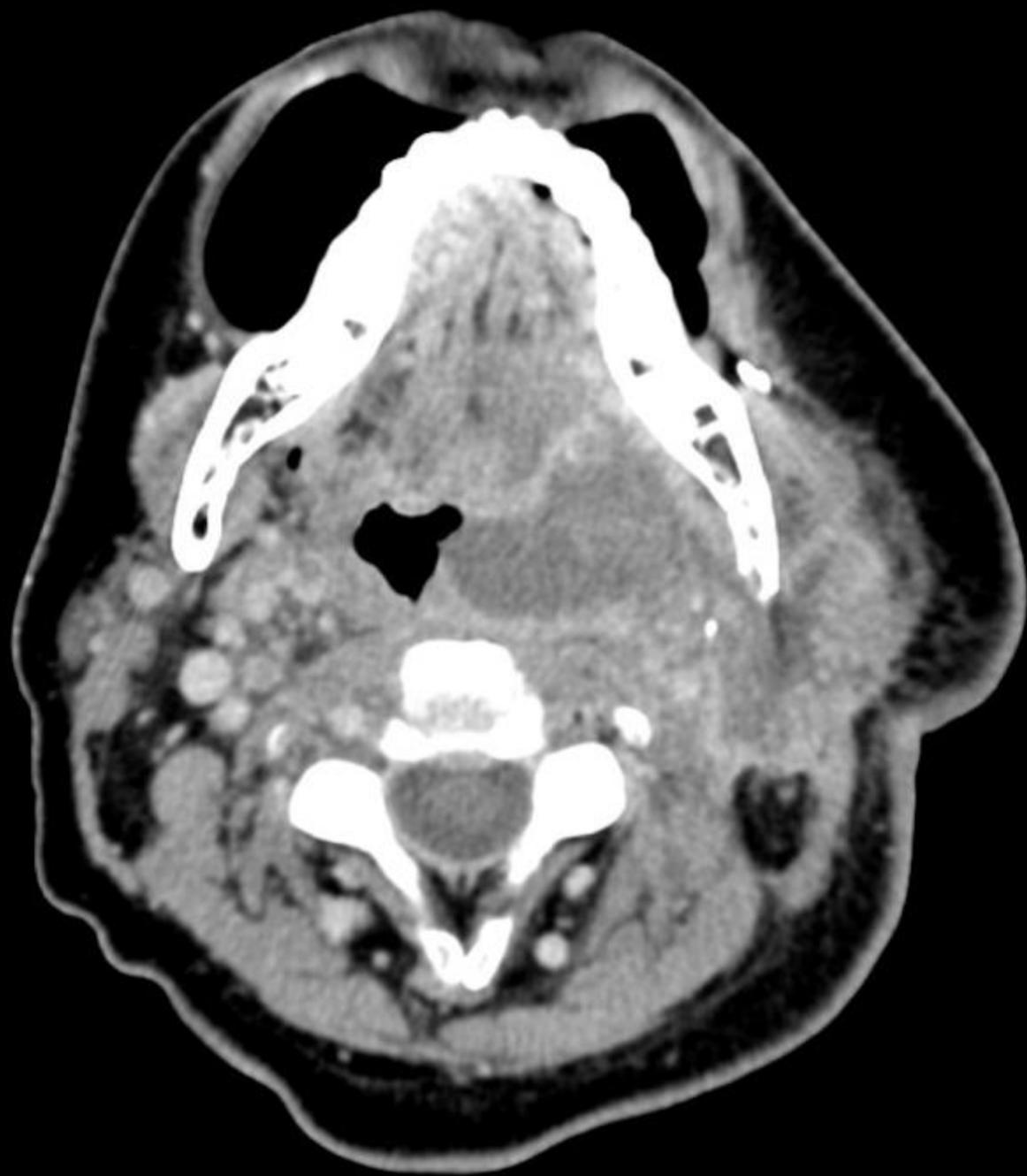
Sample Size: 180

Conclusions

1. Chemotherapy offers short survival with many side effects
2. PD-1 antibodies nivolumab and pembrolizumab are US FDA approved in *platinum-refractory* recurrent / metastatic HNSCC
3. Most patients have fewer side effects on PD-1 Abs than on chemotherapy
4. Clinical trials are underway to improve immunotherapy response rates and testing immunotherapy in other settings

Case Study 1

- 66 year old male
 - Seropositive rheumatoid arthritis x 30 years
 - Feb 2014: Left hemi-glossectomy, left selective neck dissection and buccal flap reconstruction
 - 2.0 cm well diff SCC margins negative, 1/39 LN +ve (no ENE), LVI indeterminate, PNI +ve
 - April 2014: completed postop RT
- July 2014: swelling left face
- November 2014: locoregional recurrence confirmed on CT and PET scans
- February 2015: minimal symptoms, left facial swelling & left neck mass

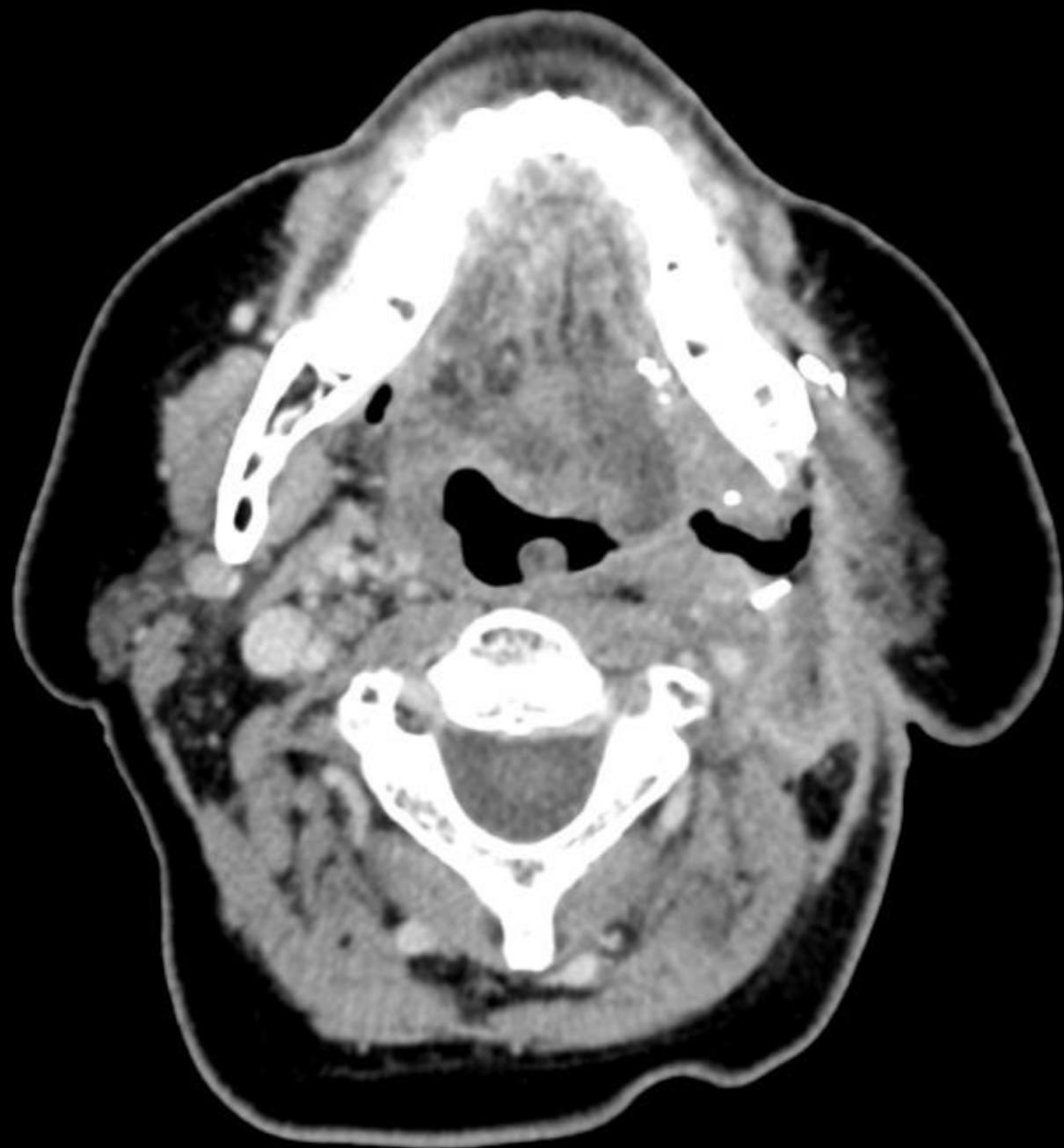


Case Study 1

- March-June 2015: cisplatin + 5-flourouracil
 - Objective partial response
 - Grade 3 mucositis, delayed N&V, neutropenic sepsis, G-CSF arthralgias, severe fatigue
- July 2015-October 2016: chronic infection/osteomyelitis, multiple antibiotic courses
 - RA requiring MTX, tracheostomy, development of chronic oro-cutaneous fistula
- July-August 2016: weekly paclitaxel
 - Minor objective and some symptomatic response, severe fatigue
- October 2016-May 2017: cetuximab
 - Stable disease, aspiration pneumonia, fatigue

Case Study 1

- September 2017-February 2018: cetuximab re-treatment
 - Evidence of radiological progression
 - On methotrexate + prednisone 5 mg for RA
- February 2018-present: nivolumab
 - Hydroxychloroquine and sulfasalazine added prior to initiation of nivolumab
 - RA minimally active



Case study 2

- 59 year old male with controlled HIV and HBsAg +ve on Genvoya and darunavir
 - Kaposi's sarcoma treated with liposomal doxorubicin 1999 and 2005
 - Oral cavity SCC resected 2005 and re-resected 2009
- Fall 2013: right neck adenopathy, biopsy = squamous cell carcinoma
 - Radical chemoradiation Feb-March 2014
- December 2014: resection of 1.5 cm mod differentiated SCC from left lung
- October 2015: 3 oligometastatic pulmonary recurrences treated with SBRT
- January 2018: Persistent cough, progressive mediastinal & pulmonary metastases

Case study 2

- Both you and patient agree it is time for treatment.
- What would you do?
 - Nivolumab
 - Chemotherapy
 - Clinical trial
 - Genomic testing

Case study 2

Tier I and II Variants (variants of strong and potential clinical significance, therapeutic, prognostic & diagnostic)

Results: No Pathogenic Variants Detected

Tier III (>10% allele frequency with 500X coverage)

ERBB4:c.1855C>T, p.(Pro619Ser) (14.6%)

EGFR:c.2625+1G>A (15.1%)

FGFR2:c.1156G>A, p.(Val386Ile) (10.3%)

EGFR:c.2602G>A, p.(Glu868Lys) (14.6%)

SMAD4:c.755G>A, p.(Gly252Glu) (13%)

APC:c.4541C>T, p.(Pro1514Leu) (13.6%)

APC:c.4282G>A, p.(Gly1428Arg) (26%)

KIT:c.122C>T, p.(Pro41Leu) (16.3%)

CDKN2A:c.203C>T, p.(Ala68Val) (13.7%)

Case study 2

- February-October 2018: afatinib
 - Minor response
 - Symptomatic progression with invasion right bronchus intermedius requiring hospitalization and palliative radiation
- Nivolumab is now available.
- What are your concerns about proceeding with this treatment?

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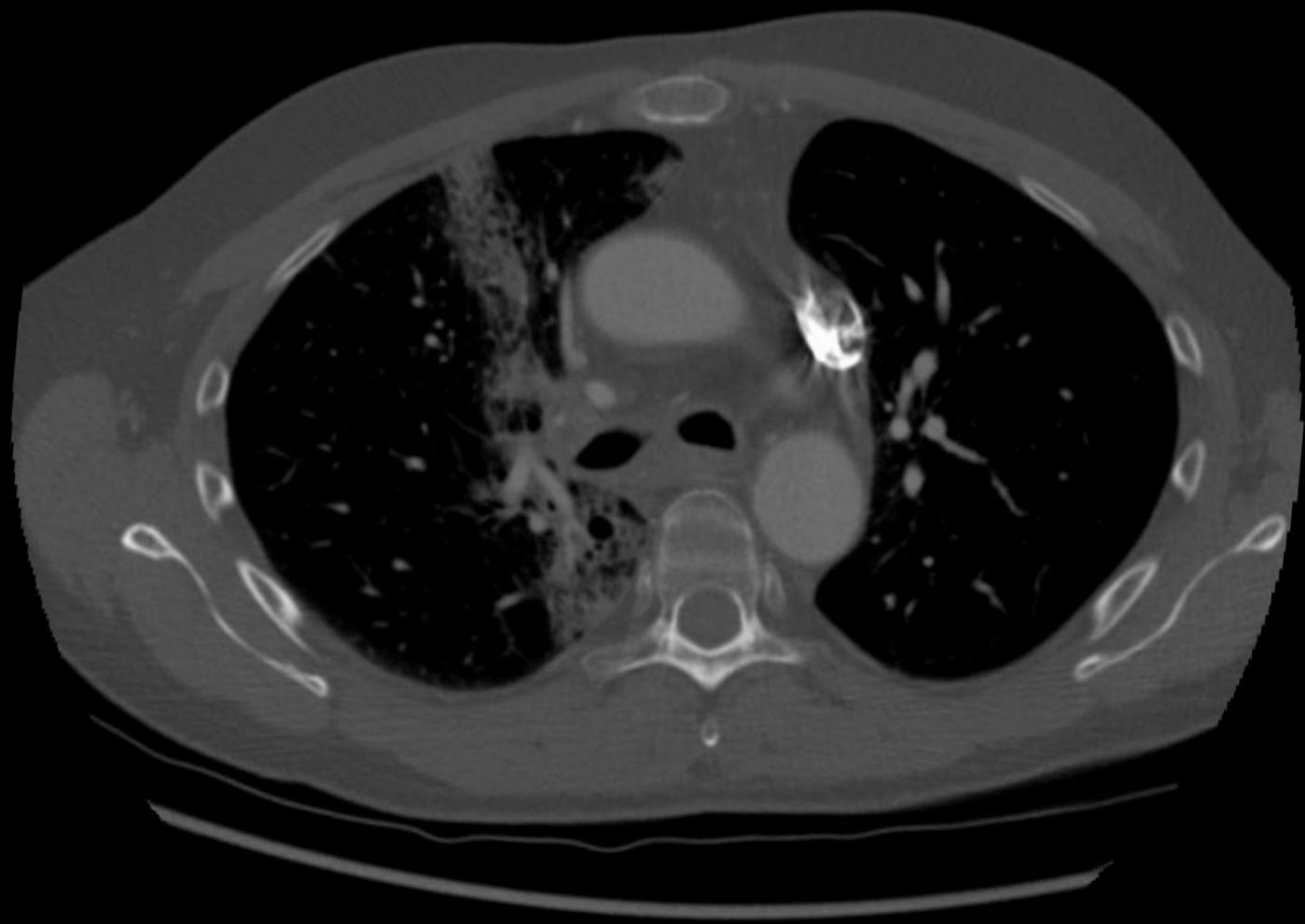
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 - Safety in HIV
 - Safety in hepatitis B
 - Meets NDFP funding criteria

Case study 2

- November 2018-present: nivolumab
- January 2019: dry cough, dyspnea, atypical PND and chest “pressure”
- What are the possibilities?

Case study 2

- November 2018-present: nivolumab
- January 2019: dry cough, dyspnea, atypical PND and chest “pressure”
- What are the possibilities?
 - Immune pneumonitis
 - Infectious pneumonitis including opportunistic
 - Pulmonary embolism
 - Radiation pneumonitis



Thank you!