

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Lung Cancer

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Lung cancer

- 80-85% non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- 10-15% small cell lung cancer (SCLC)
- NSCLC has relatively long and extensive history of immunotherapy use

Male					Female		
Lung & bronchus	76,650	24%			Lung & bronchus	66,020	2
Prostate	31,620	10%		Breast	41,760	1	
Colon & rectum	27,640	9%	A T		Colon & rectum	23,380	
Pancreas	23,800	7%			Pancreas	21,950	
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	21,600	7%			Ovary	13,980	
Leukemia	13,150	4%			Uterine corpus	12,160	
Esophagus	13,020	4%			Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	10,180	
Urinary bladder	12,870	4%		1	Leukemia	9,690	
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11,510	4%			Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,460	
Brain & other nervous system	9,910	3%			Brain & other nervous system	7,850	
All sites	321,670		.		All sites	285,210	











FDA-approved checkpoint inhibitors in lung cancer

Nivolumab



Pembrolizumab



— PD-1

Atezolizumab



─ PD-L1

Durvalumab



PD-L1

2012

2008

Nivolumab

FIH trial

initiated

Checkmate 017 and 057 initiated

Pembrolizumab FIH trial initiated

2015

Nivolumab: 2nd line Sq NSCLC

Nivolumab: 2nd line Non-Sq **NSCLC**

Pembrolizumab: 2nd line NSCLC $(PD-L1 \ge 50\%)$

2016

Pembrolizumab: 1st line NSCLC $(PD-L1 \ge 50\%)$

2017

and

Pembrolizumab

+ Pemetrexed

Carboplatin:

1st line NSCLC

Pembrolizumab: 2nd line NSCLC (PD-L1 ≥ 1%)

Atezolizumab: 2nd line NSCLC

2018

Durvalumab: Stage III NSCLC (unresectable) s/p chemoradiation w/o progression

Nivolumab: 3rd line SCLC

2019

Atezolizumab + **Etoposide/Platinum:** 1st line ES-SCLC (March)

Pembrolizumab: 1st line PD-L1+ Stage III NSCLC (April)

Pembrolizumab: 3rd-line ED-SCLC (June)











Approved checkpoint inhibitors in NSCLC

Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab	2015	Metastatic Squamous NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy (2 nd line)	240 mg Q2W or 480 mg
INIVOIUIIIAD	2015	Metastatic Non-Squamous NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy (2 nd line)	Q4W











Approved checkpoint inhibitors in NSCLC

Drug	Approved	Drug Approved Indication	
	2015	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy and PD-L1 ≥ 50%	
	2016	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy and PD-L1 ≥ 1%	
Pembrolizumab	2016	1 st line metastatic NSCLC with PD-L1 TPS ≥ 50%	
	2019	1 st line stage III NSCLC (not candidate for resection or definitive chemoradiation) and Metastatic NSCLC, with PD-L1 TPS ≥ 1% and no EGFR/ALK mutations	200 mg Q3W
Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed & carboplatin	2017	1 st line metastatic Non-Squamous NSCLC	
Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed + platinum	2018	1 st line metastatic Non-Squamous NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	
Pembrolizumab + carboplatin + 2018		1 st line metastatic Squamous NSCLC	**************************************



Approved checkpoint inhibitors in NSCLC

Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
Atezolizumab	2016	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after Pt-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-squamous 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











Treatment Naïve Regimens: Competing Strategies in NSCLC

- **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 advanced non-squamous NSCLC
- IMPOWER 150 Atezolizumab + Chemotherapy (Bev) vs. Chemotherapy (Bev) 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









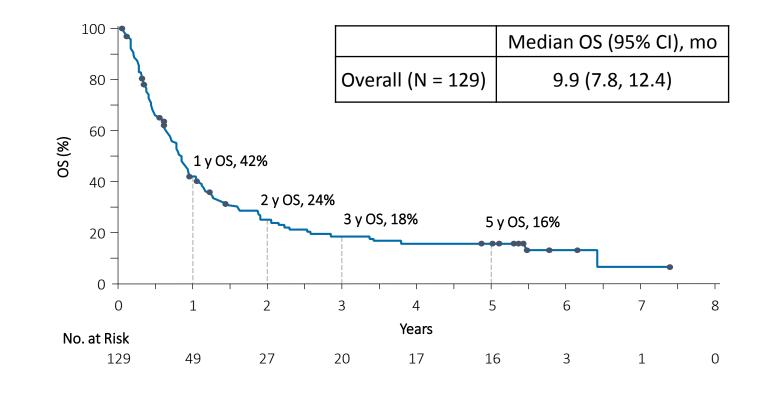


CA209-003: Nivolumab in Heavily-pretreated Advanced NSCLC (NCT00730639)

Phase 1, 5-Year Update

- 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













Front Line Trials with Single Agent 10







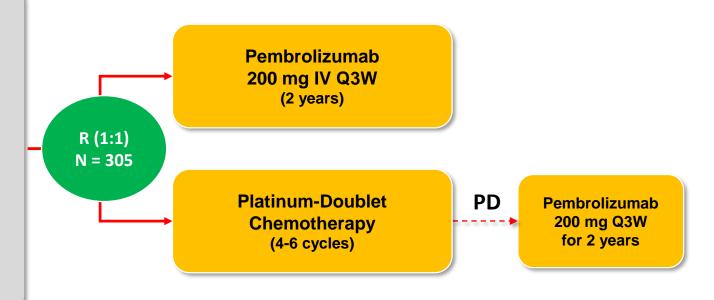




KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 Positive (≥ 50%) NSCLC Study Design (NCT021427389)

Key Eligibility Criteria

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





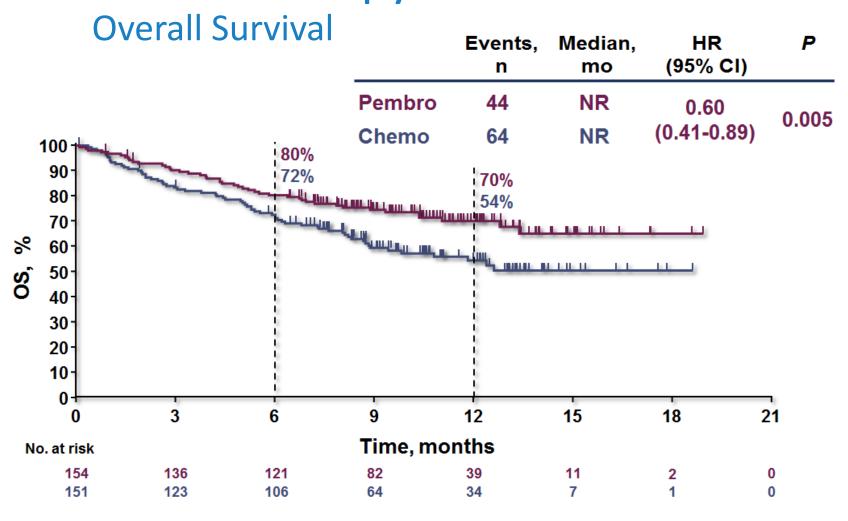








KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 ≥ 50% NSCLC





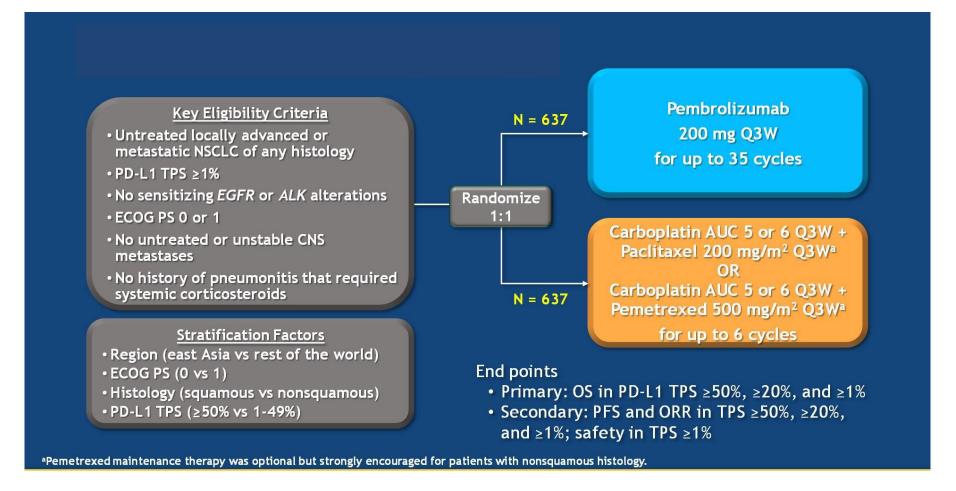








KEYNOTE-042: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 ≥ 1% NSCLC





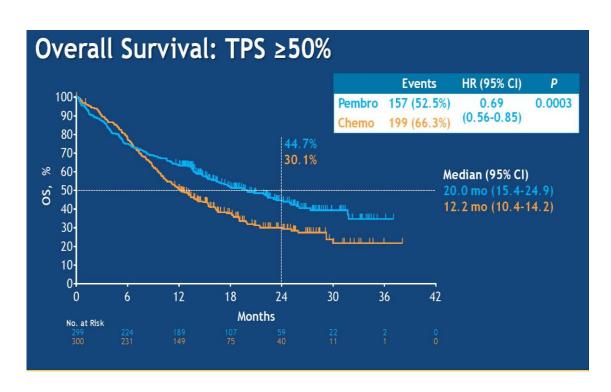


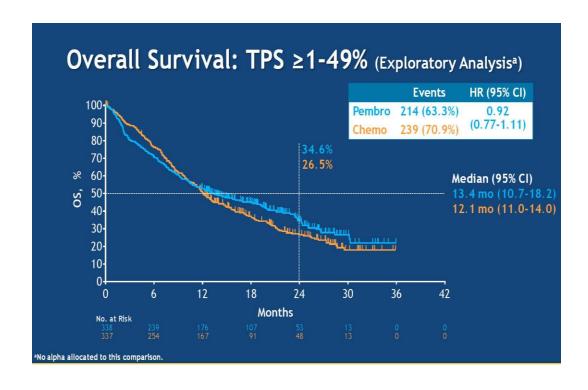






KEYNOTE-042: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 ≥ 1% NSCLC Overall Survival





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











Chemotherapy Plus IO Combinations











KEYNOTE-189: Pembrolizumab/Platinum/Pemetrexed vs Chemotherapy Alone for Advanced Non-Squamous NSCLC

Key Eligibility Criteria Pembrolizumab Pembrolizumab 200 mg + 200 mg Q3W for Pemetrexed 500 mg/m² + Untreated stage IV N = 410up to 31 cycles nonsquamous NSCLC Carboplatin AUC 5 OR Cisplatin 75 mg/m² · No sensitizing EGFR or Pemetrexed ALK alteration Q3W for 4 cycles 500 mg/m² Q3W ECOG PS 0 or 1 R (2:1)· Provision of a sample for PD-L1 assessment Placebo (normal saline) + Placebo (normal saline) Pemetrexed 500 mg/m² + for up to 31 cycles No symptomatic brain Carboplatin AUC 5 OR metastases Cisplatin 75 mg/m² N = 206Pemetrexed No pneumonitis requiring 500 mg/m² Q3W Q3W for 4 cycles systemic steroids Stratification Factors PD-L1 expression (TPS3 <1% vs ≥1%) Platinum Pembrolizumab (cisplatin vs carboplatin) PD^b 200 mg Q3W Smoking history for up to 35 cycles (never vs former/current)



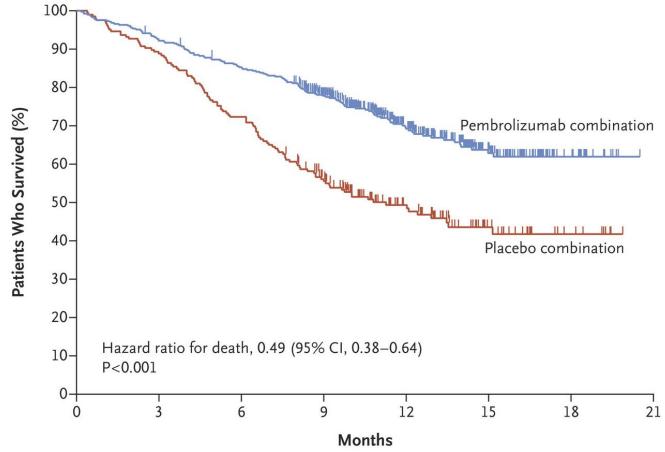








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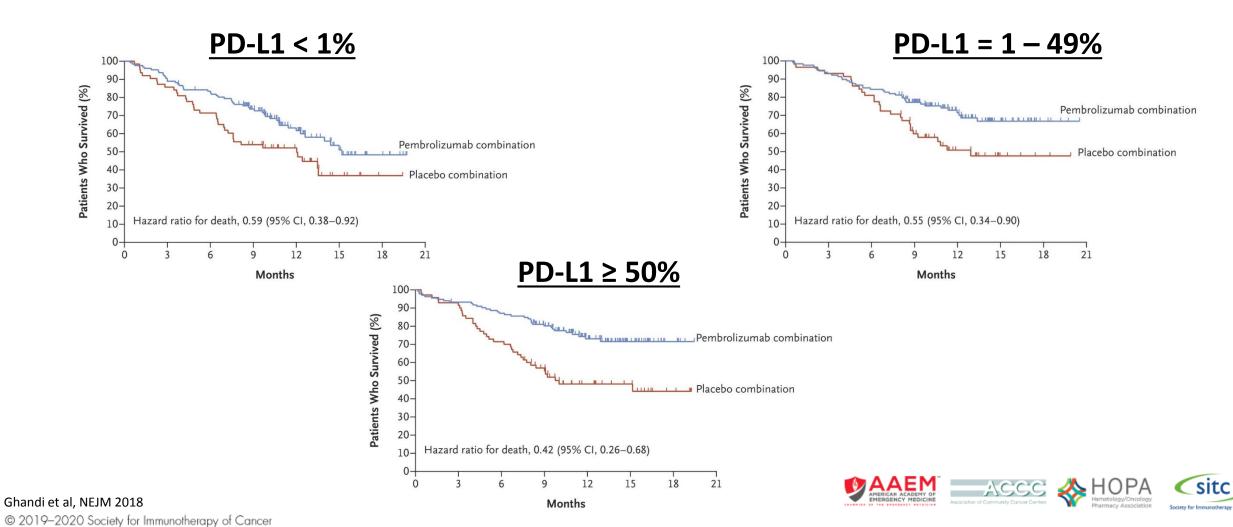








KEYNOTE-189: Pembrolizumab/Platinum/Pemetrexed vs Chemotherapy Alone for Advanced Non-Squamous NSCLC





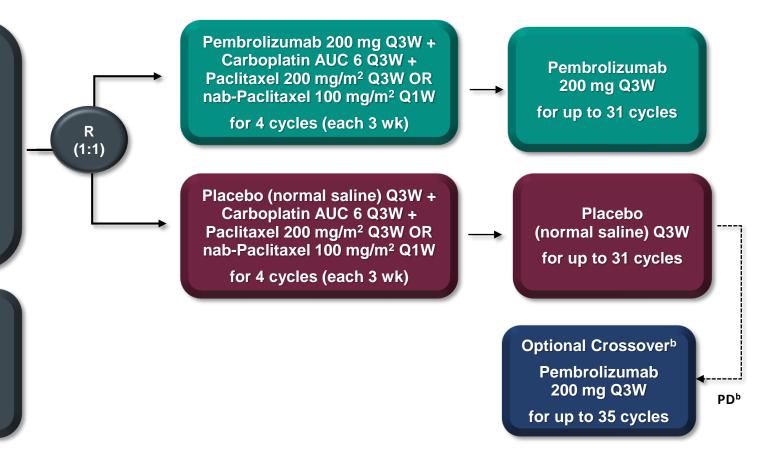
KEYNOTE-407: Pembrolizumab/Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy Alone for Advanced Squamous-Cell NSCLC

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Untreated stage IV NSCLC with squamous histology
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Provision of a sample for PD-L1 assessment
- No symptomatic brain metastases
- No pneumonitis requiring systemic steroids

Stratification Factors

- PD-L1 expression (TPS^a <1% vs ≥1%)
- Choice of taxane (paclitaxel vs nab-paclitaxel)
- Geographic region (east Asia vs rest of world)













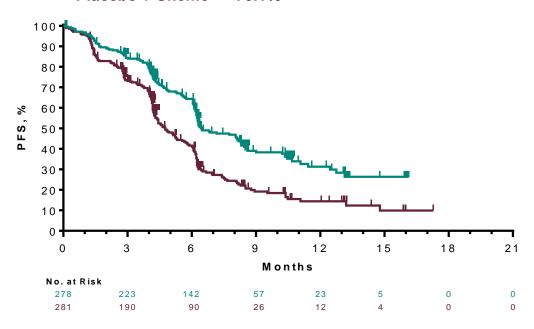
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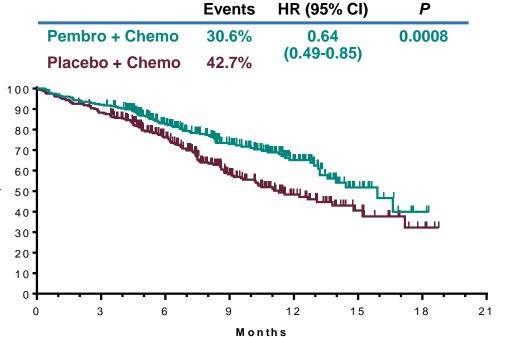
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PFS (RECISTv1.1, BICR)

	Events	HR (95% CI)	P
Pembro + Chemo	54.7%	0.56	<0.0001
Placebo + Chemo	70.1%	(0.45-0.70)	



Overall Survival





124

188

175



17







IMPOWER 150: Atezolizumab/Carboplatin/ Paclitaxel/Bevacizumab vs Carboplatin/Paclitaxel/

Bevacizumab in Advanced Non-Squamous NSCLC

Maintenance therapy

(no crossover permitted) Arm A Atezolizumabb + Stage IV or Treated with Atezolizumab^b Carboplatinc + Paclitaxeld recurrent metastatic atezolizumab 4 or 6 cycles nonsquamous NSCLC until PD per Survival follow-up Chemotherapy-naive^a **RECIST v1.1** Arm B Tumor tissue available for or loss of Atezolizumab^b biomarker testing Atezolizumabb + clinical benefit Any PD-L1 IHC status Carboplatinc + Paclitaxeld 1:1:1 + Bevacizumabe Bevacizumabe AND/OR Stratification factors: 4 or 6 cycles · Sex Treated with PD-L1 IHC expression bevacizumab Arm C (control) Liver metastases. until PD per Carboplatinc + Paclitaxeld Bevacizumabe N = 1202**RECIST v1.1** + Bevacizumabe 4 or 6 cycles







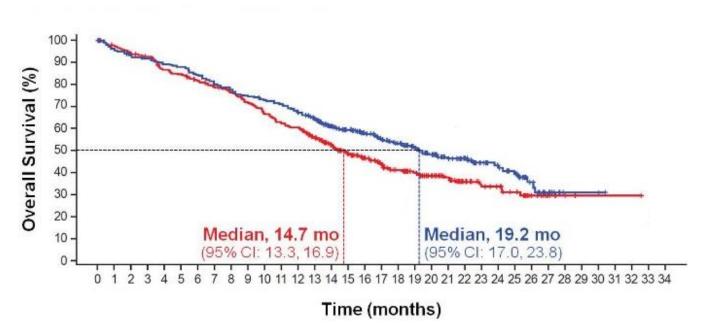


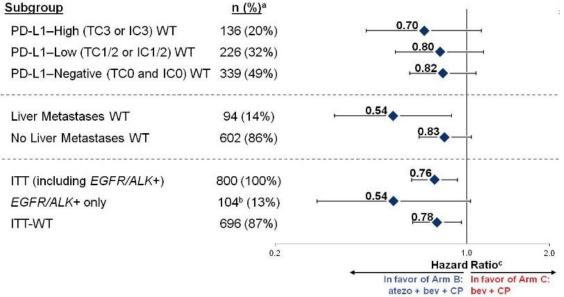


IMPOWER 150: Atezolizumab/Carboplatin/ Paclitaxel/Bevacizumab vs Carboplatin/Paclitaxel/ Bevacizumab in Advanced Non-Squamous NSCLC

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

HR^a, 0.78 (95% CI: 0.64, 0.96) P = 0.0164 Median follow-up: ~20 mo















TMB As a Biomarker?





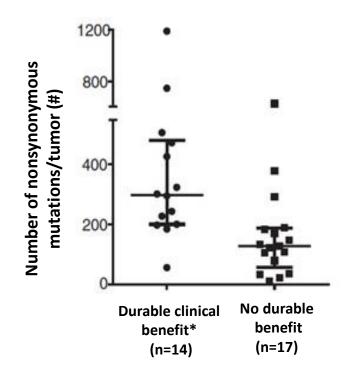


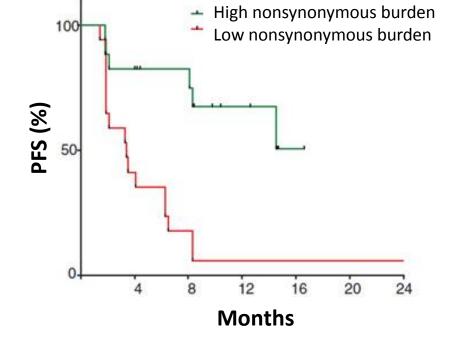




Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) may Determine Sensitivity to PD-1 Blockade in NSCLC

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



Locally Advanced Disease











PACIFIC (NCT02125461): Durvalumab after chemoradiotherapy in Stage III NSCLC

R 2:1 N=702

Patients with locally advanced unresectable NSCLC (Stage III) in a consolidation setting

Absence of progression following at least 2 cycles of platinum-based chemotherapy concomitant with radiation therapy

(Randomization after chemoradiotherapy completion)

Durvalumab (n=468)
IV 10 mg/kg Q2W
<12 months

Placebo (n=234)
IV Q2W





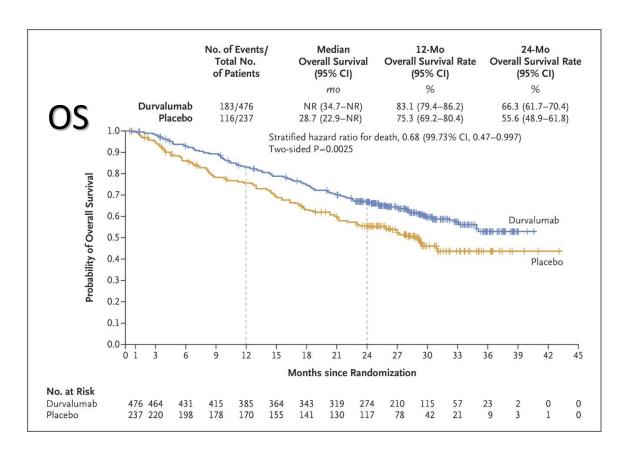


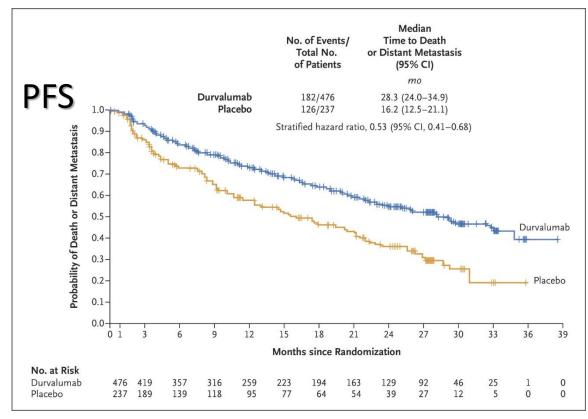


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Immunotherapy in EGFR Mutation Positive Lung Cancer





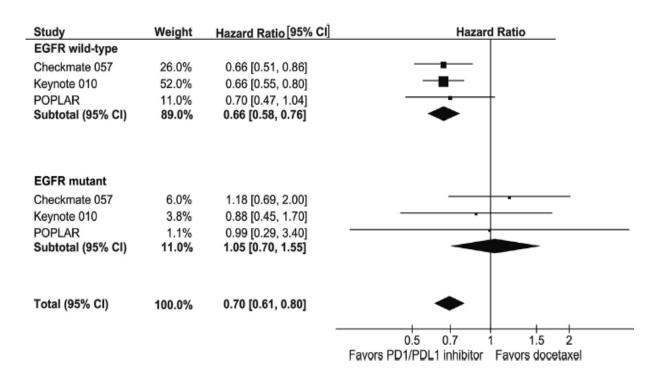


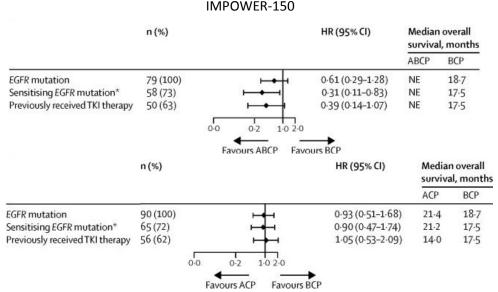




Checkpoint Inhibitors in Metastatic EGFR-Mutated NSCLC

Meta-Analysis: CM-057, KN-010, POPLAR; IMPOWER-150















PD-1/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)	Р
Pembro 2 mg/kg	14.9 (10.4-NR)	0.54 (0.38-0.77)	0.0002
Pembro 10 mg/kg	17.3 (11.8-NR)	0.50 (0.36-0.70)	<0.0001
Docetaxel	8.2 (6.4-10.7)		

OAK (atezolizumab)

HR, 0.73^a (95% CI, 0.62, 0.87) *P* = 0.0003

Minimum follow up = 19 months











Small cell lung cancer

- 10-15% of lung cancers
- Almost exclusively former/current smokers
- Median survival 1-2 years after diagnosis
- Until recently, only one FDA-approved 2nd line option: topotecan DOR: 3.3 months
- Recent approvals of immunotherapies mark the first progress in decades











Approved checkpoint inhibitors in SCLC

Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab	2018	Metastatic small cell lung cancer with progression on Pt-chemotherapy and one other therapy (3 rd line)	240 mg Q2W
Atezolizumab + carboplatin + etoposide	2019	1 st line extensive stage SCLC	For 4 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg + carboplatin + etoposide Q3W Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Pembrolizumab	2019	Metastatic small cell lung cancer with progression on Pt-chemotherapy and one other therapy (3 rd line)	200 mg Q3W





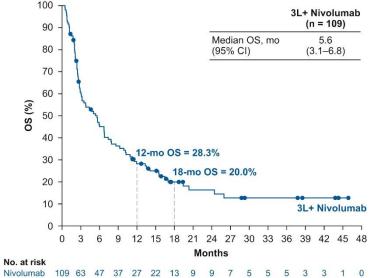


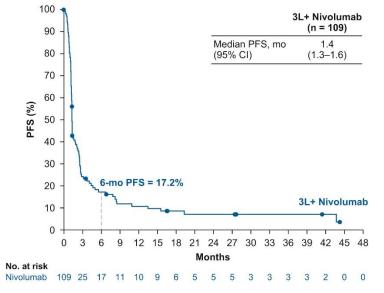




CheckMate-032: Nivolumab in 3rd line SCLC

- Nivolumab in SCLC with progression on platinum chemotherapy and another therapy
- Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W
- @28.3 months:
 - ORR: 11.9%
 - mDOR: 17.9 months











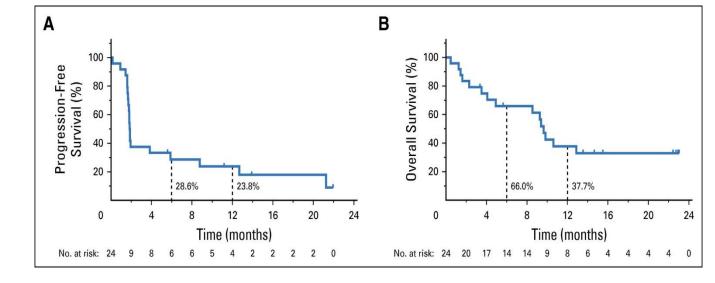




Pembrolizumab in 3rd-line SCLC

- KEYNOTE-028: PD-L1+ only (Cohort C1)
- KEYNOTE-158: PD-L1 +/-(Cohort G)
- Combined analysis:
- ORR: 19.3%
 - 2 CR, 14 PR
 - 14/16 responders were PD-L1+
 - 9/16 responders had response ≥18 mo.
- mOS: 7.7 months

PD-L1+ (KEYNOTE-028)







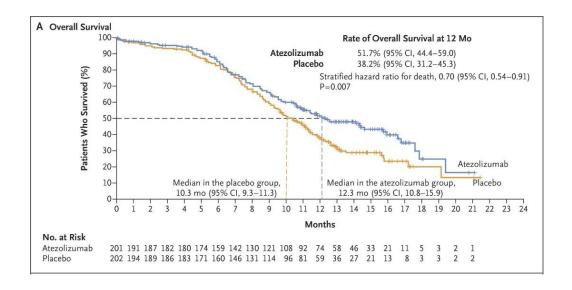






IMpower133: Atezolizumab + chemo in 1st-line SCLC

- Induction phase: four 21-day cycles of carboplatin and etoposide + atezolizumab (1200 mg once per cycle) or placebo
- Maintenance phase: either atezolizumab or placebo
- @13.9 mo:
 - mOS = 12.3 vs 10.3 mo
 - mPFS = 5.2 vs 4.3 mo













Conclusions

- NSCLC has been a proving ground for checkpoint inhibitors
- Moving from 2nd/3rd line options to the front line
- Clear-cut biomarkers still lacking











Resources



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POSITION ARTICLE AND GUIDELINES

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Case Studies











• A 70 year old male, former smoker presents for an initial consultation. He had been experiencing a cough and shortness of breath for several weeks. He was treated with antibiotics but his symptoms did not improve. Eventually he is seen by a pulmonologist who obtained a CT of chest. Biopsy of the right middle lobe mass shows Adenocarcinoma. Brain MRI is negative. PET shows bone metastasis. ECOG 1.



What would you recommend next?

- 1. Start Treatment with a platinum doublet chemotherapy
- 2. Obtain PD-L1 status
- 3. Obtain Molecular Testing with an NGS platform
- 4. Both 2 and 3











Molecular testing shows the following:

Marker	Alteration	Therapies approved in this indication	Therapies approved in other indications	May indicate resistance to therapies	Trials
NF1	splice site 7181_7189+2delT TTTAAAAGGT	None	Temsirolimus (C.2), Binimetinib (C.2), Trametinib (C.2), Everolimus (C.2), Cobimetinib (D)	None	Yes
KRAS	G12D	None	Binimetinib (C.2)	None	Yes

- PD-L1 80%
- How would you proceed now?
 - A. Pembrolizumab alone
 - B. Platinum doublet chemo plus a checkpoint inhibitor
 - C. Platinum doublet chemo alone
 - D. Radiation to the right lung











• Treatment with pembrolizumab was initiated. After two cycles of treatment a repeat CT shows the following:



Before Treatment



After Treatment











- What is the next best option assuming that the patient is asymptomatic and tolerating treatment well?
 - A. Continue pembrolizumab for two years in the absence of progression or toxicities
 - B. Add chemotherapy since the patient has not had a CR
 - C. Offer a clinical trial now
 - D. Add bevacizumab since CR is not achieved.



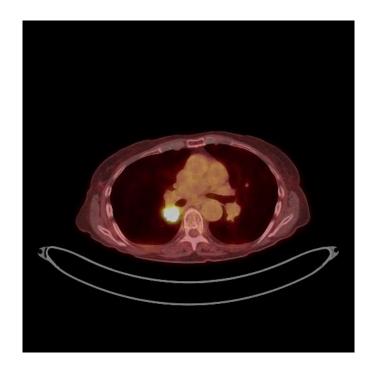








• A 76 year old female, former smoker has been referred to you for further management. Her history indicates a non productive cough and shortness of breath. Imaging studies had shown a right perihilar mass. A PET scan shows this lesion without evidence of distance metastasis. ECOG 1.















- Biopsy shows and adenocarcinoma. Brain MRI is negative. She appears to have Stage III disease.
 What is the next step?
 - Referral to Surgery
 - Referral to Radiation Oncology
 - Molecular Testing
 - All of the above











- She is not a surgical candidate based on surgical consultation and she is not interested in it at any rate. Radiation oncology consultation is completed and patient is a candidate for radiation. What is the best option for her?
- Concurrent chemo-RT followed by a year of durvalumab based on the PACIFIC trial
- Sequential chemo-RT
- Concurrent chemo-RT followed by two more cycles of chemotherapy
- Immunotherapy only











Cast Study 2

- She starts on treatment with concurrent chemo-RT. She completes 6
 weeks of combined treatment and is back to see you. She has no
 molecular alterations. PD-L1 is 30%. What would you recommend
 now?
- Check a CT of her chest before starting durvalumab
- Start durvalumab immediately
- Start Atezolizumab
- Start Nivolumab











- She starts durvalumb after an interim CT confirms lack of progression.
 What is the duration of treatment?
- One year
- Two years
- Until Progression
- No specific time limit







