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# Immunotherapy for Lung Cancer, Head and Neck Cancer, Mesothelioma

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# 1899: Coley's Toxin



Nature Rev Cancer. 2009;9:361-371.

New York Times - July 29, 1908

## **ERYSIPELAS GERMS AS CURE FOR CANCER**

**Dr. Coley's Remedy of Mixed  
Toxins Makes One Disease  
Cast Out the Other.**

**MANY CASES CURED HERE**

**Physician Has Used the Cure for 15  
Years and Treated 430 Cases—  
Probably 150 Sure Cures.**

Following news from St. Louis that two men have been cured of cancer in the City Hospital there by the use of a fluid discovered by Dr. William B. Coley of New York. It came out yester-



126 years later...

2015: anti-PD-1... + Coley's Toxin (?)



# Simple Conclusion...

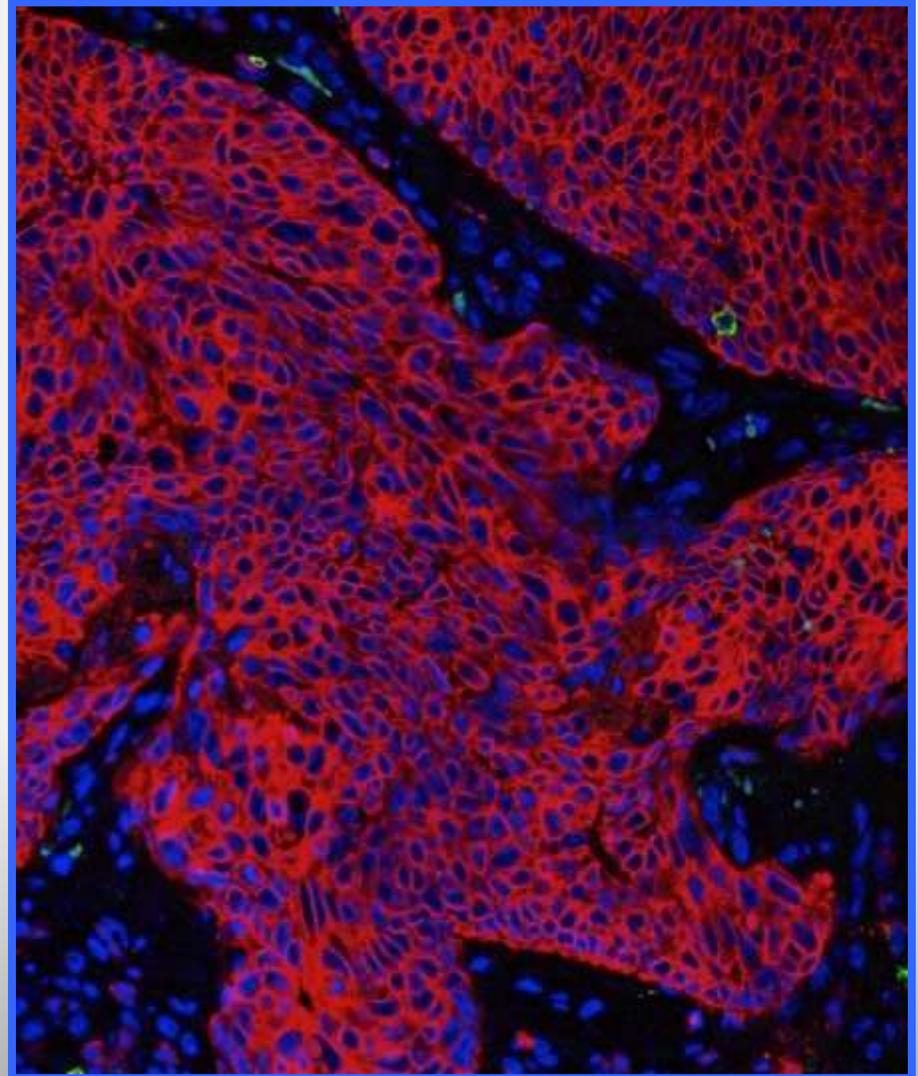
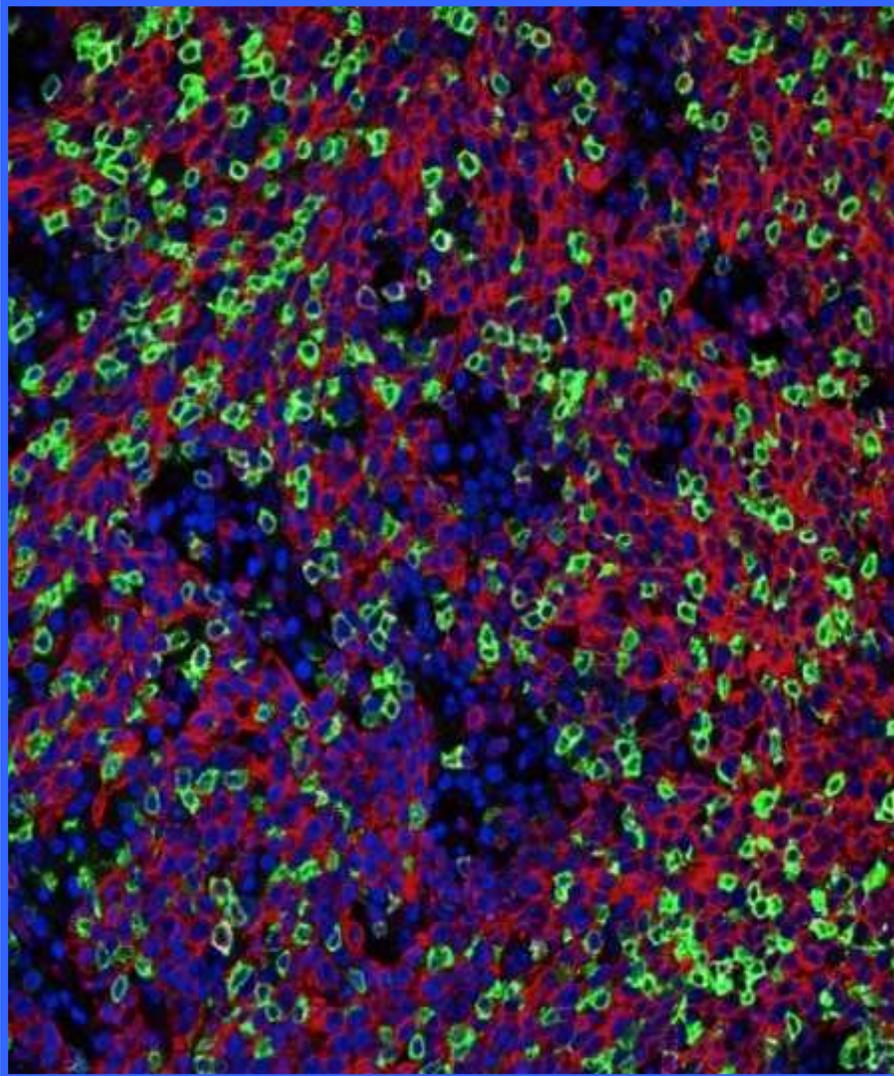


# Overview

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- IV. Mesothelioma**

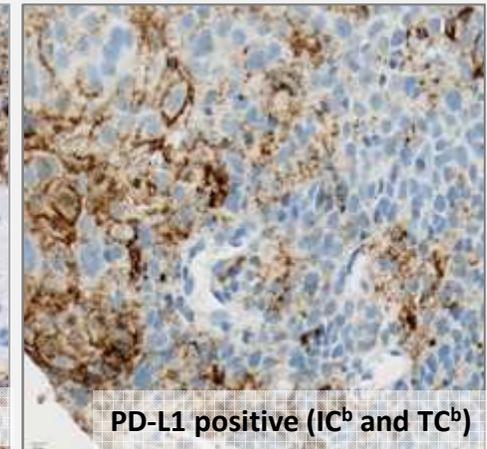
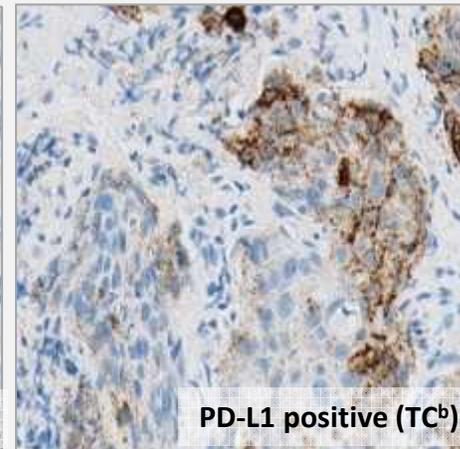
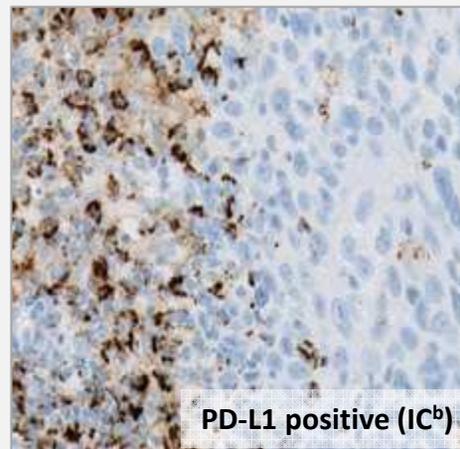
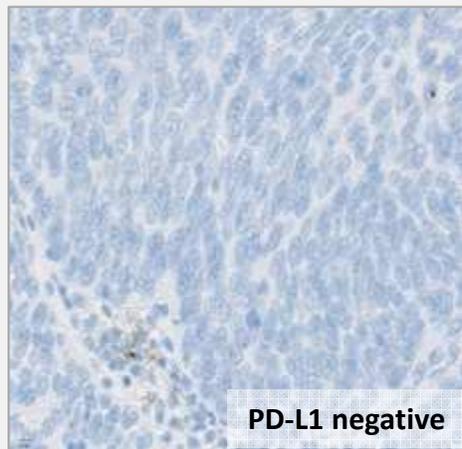
# I. Background

# Tumor infiltrating Lymphocytes (TILs) in HNC



# PD-L1 Prevalence by IHC<sup>a</sup>

## Tumor Cell (TC) & Immune Cell (IC) staining



PD-L1 expressing cells <sup>b</sup>	PD-L1 expression cut-off	All (n=135)	HPV(+) (n=49)	HPV(-) (n=86)	p-value* (HPV+ vs HPV-)
Tumor Cells (TC)	≥1%	21.5	26.5	18.6	0.27
	≥5%	11.9	16.3	9.3	
Immune Cells (IC)	≥1%	69.6	71.4	68.6	0.26
	≥5%	32.6	38.8	29.1	
Immune and/or Tumor Cells	≥1%	72.6	73.5	72.1	0.14
	≥5%	40.0	49.0	34.9	

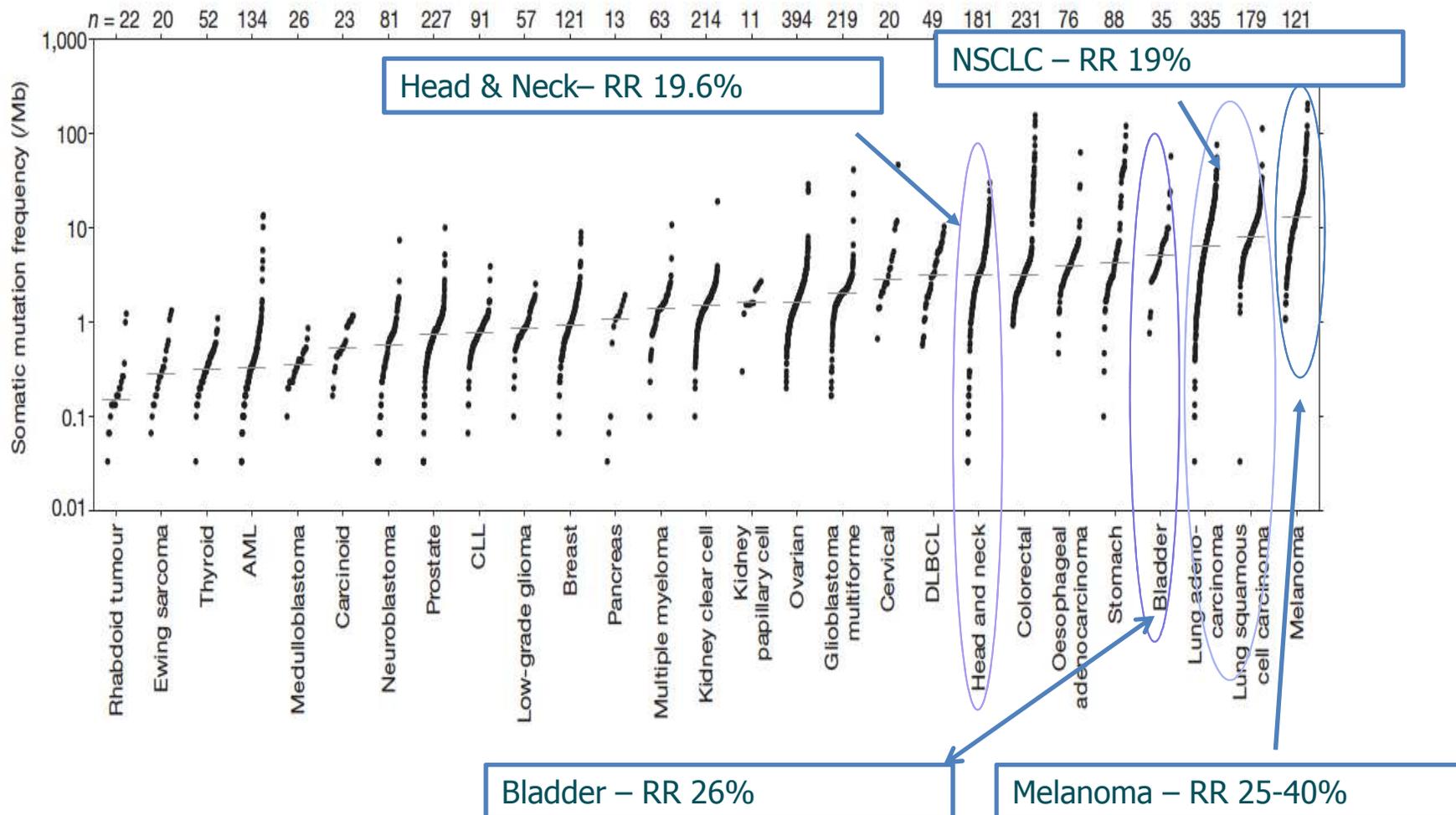
**PD-L1 prevalence (TC<sup>b</sup> & IC<sup>b</sup>) by IHC was similar in HPV(+) vs HPV(-) tumors.**

<sup>a</sup> PD-L1 assessed by proprietary Genentech/Roche IHC assay

<sup>b</sup> IC – tumor infiltrating immune cells; TC – tumor cells

\* Fisher's exact test

# Mutation landscape and response to PD-1 pathway blockade



# PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors in late stage development

Target	Agent	Class	$K_D$
PD-1	Nivolumab (MDX1106, BMS936558)	IgG4 fully human Ab	3 nM
	Pembrolizumab (MK-3475)	IgG4 engineered humanised Ab	29 pM
PD-L1	MPDL3280A	IgG1 engineered fully human Ab	-
	MEDI4736	IgG1 engineered fully human Ab	-

## II. Lung Cancer



CheckMate -017, A Phase 3 Study of Opdivo (Nivolumab)  
Compared to Docetaxel in Patients with Second-Line  
Squamous Cell Non-small Cell Lung Cancer, Stopped Early

*Opdivo demonstrates superior overall survival in this Phase 3 trial*

**FDA News Release**

# **FDA expands approved use of Opdivo to treat lung cancer**

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**For Immediate Release**

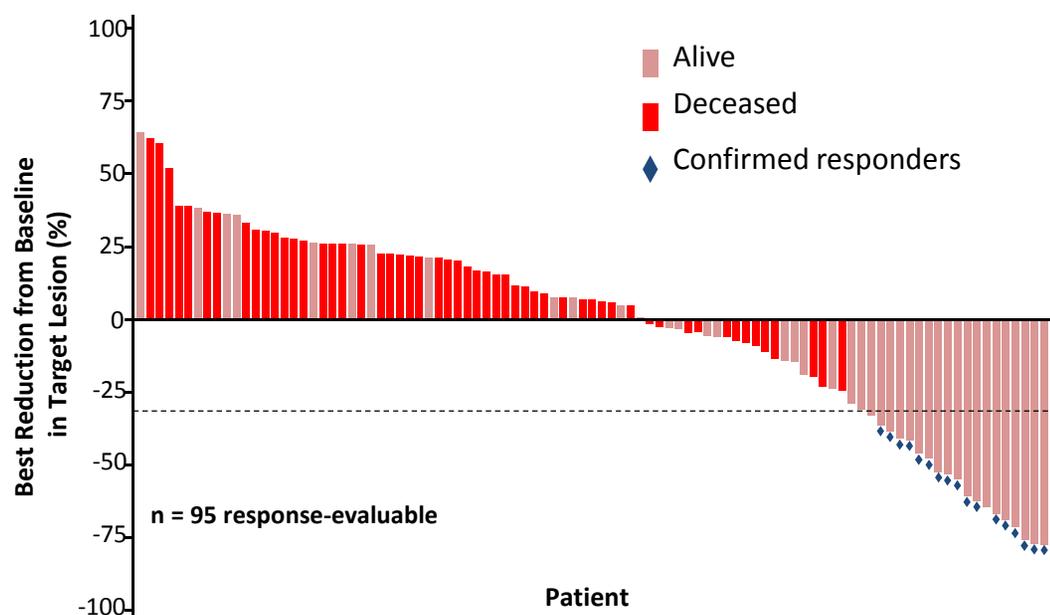
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## Efficacy of nivolumab monotherapy in patients with NSCLC

Dose, mg/kg	ORR, % (n/N)	Median DOR,* Wks (Range)	SD Rate $\geq$ 24 Wks, % (n/N)	Median PFS, <sup>†</sup> Mos (95% CI)	Median OS, <sup>†</sup> Mos (95% CI)
All doses	17.1 (22/129)	74.0 (6.1+, 133.9+)	10.1 (13/129)	2.3 (1.9-3.7)	9.6 (7.8-12.4)
1	3.0 (1/33)	63.9 (63.9, 63.9)	15.2 (5/33)	1.9 (1.8-3.6)	9.2 (5.6-11.1)
3	24.3 (9/37)	74.0 (16.1+, 133.9+)	8.1 (3/37)	1.9 (1.7-7.3)	14.9 (9.5-NE)
10	20.3 (12/59)	83.1 (6.1+, 117.1+)	8.5 (5/59)	3.6 (1.9-3.8)	9.2 (5.2-12.4)

- Durable responses; responses are ongoing in 45% of patients (10/22)
- Rapid responses; 50% of responding pts had response at first assessment (8 weeks)
- 7/16 responders who discontinued for reasons other than disease progression responded for  $\geq$ 16 wks; 6/7 remain in response
- 6 pts with unconventional immune-related

# Response and survival status by best reduction in target lesion (IRC assessed)<sup>a</sup>



<b>Median OS, months (95% CI)</b>	8.2 (6, 11)
<b>1-year OS rate, % (95% CI)</b>	41 (32, 50)
<b>Number of events</b>	72/117

	<b>IRC-assessment (per RECIST 1.1)<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>ORR, % (n) [95% CI]</b>	<b>15 (17) [9, 22]</b>
<b>Disease control rate, % (n)</b>	<b>40 (47)</b>
<b>Median DOR, months (range)</b>	<b>NR (2+, 12+)</b>
<b>Ongoing responders, % (n)</b>	<b>59 (10)</b>
<b>Median time to response, months (range)</b>	<b>3 (2, 9)</b>

NR = not reached; ORR = objective response rate

# Lung Cancer - NSCLC (ASCO 2015)

Lung SCC – Nivo vs Docetax  
Checkmate 17, PIII study

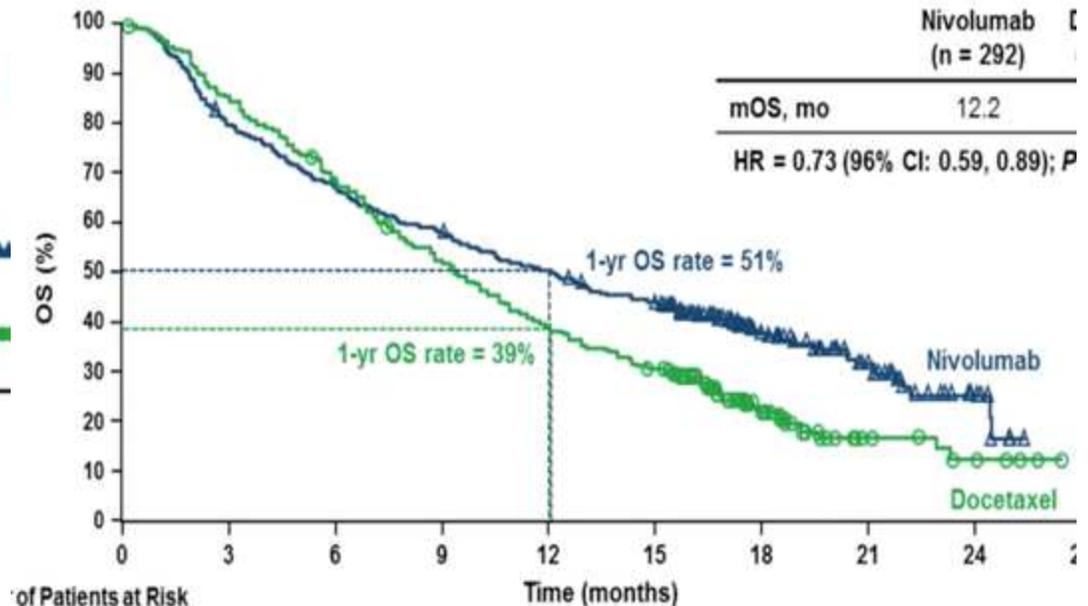
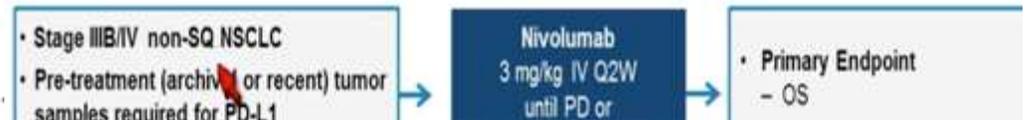
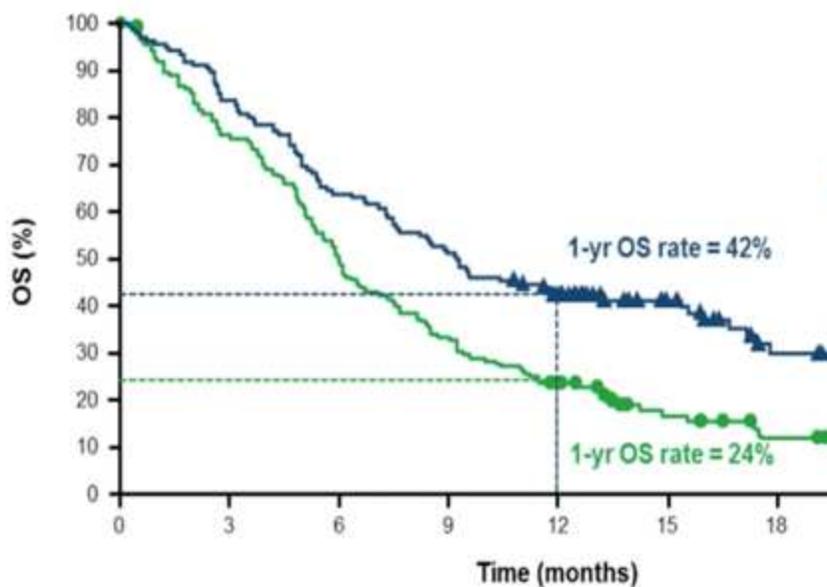
HR=0.59 PD-L1 biomarker did NOT work

CheckMate 017 (NCT01642004) - Study Design

Lung Adeno – Nivo vs Docetax  
Checkmate 57, PIII study

HR=0.73 PD-L1 biomarker worked

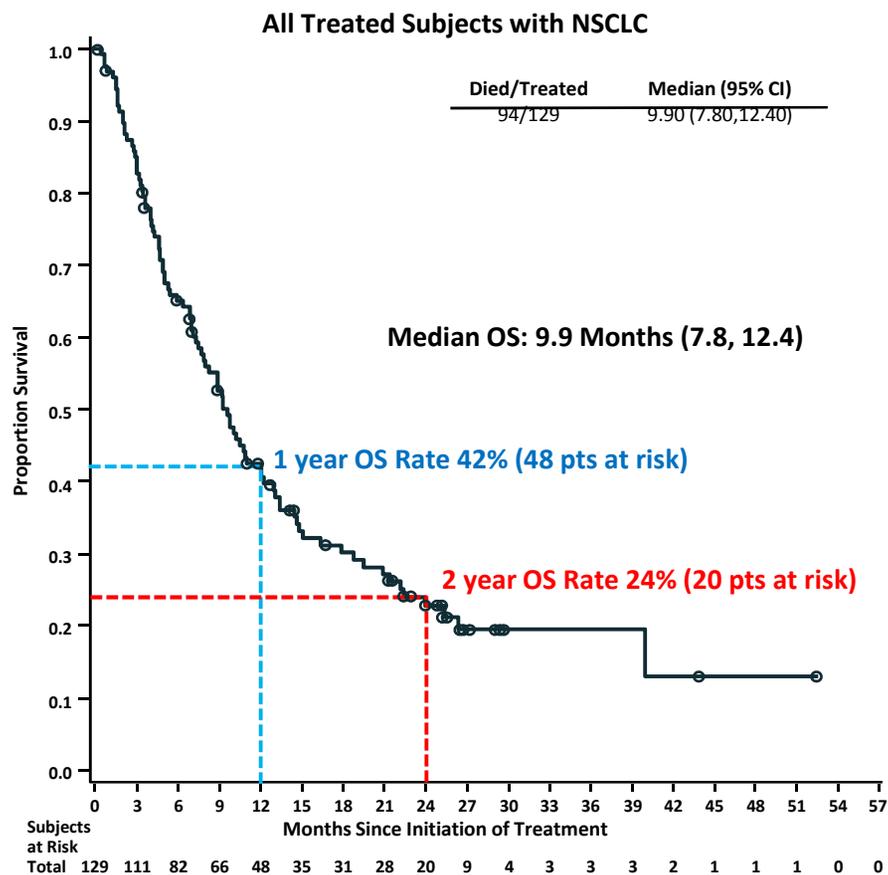
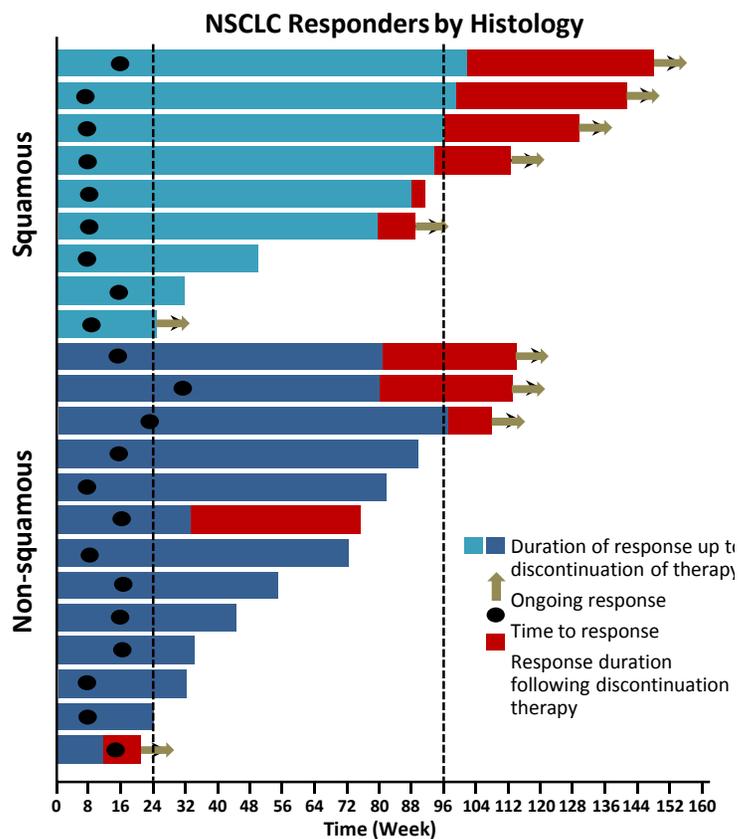
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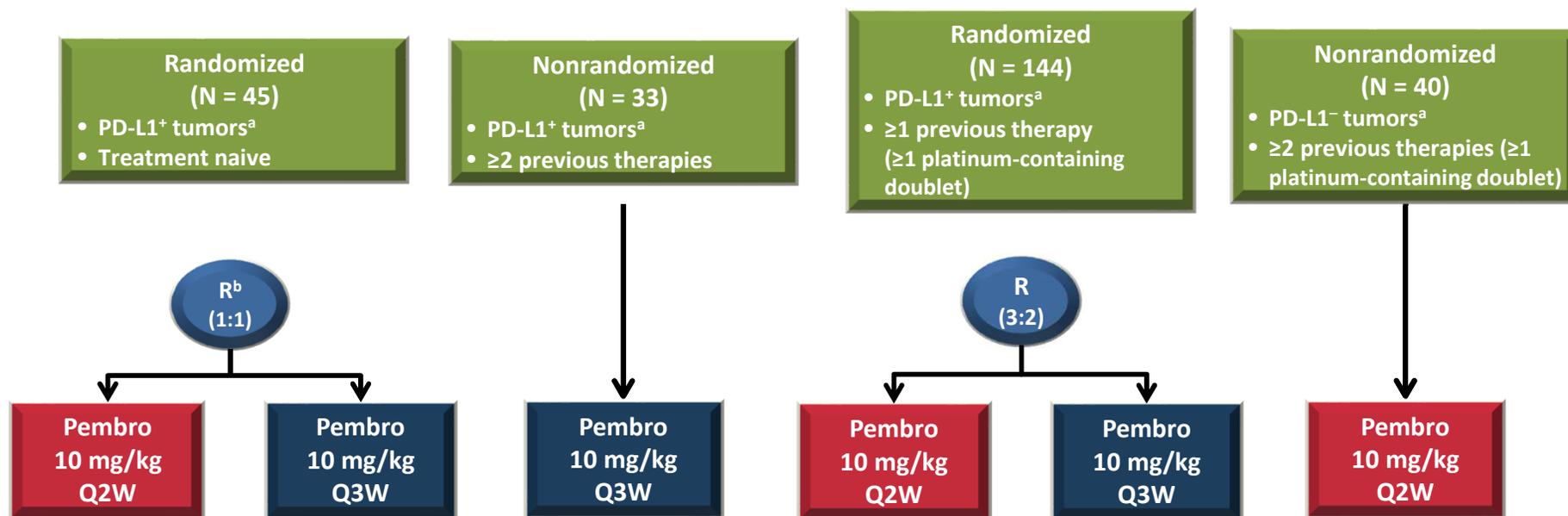
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# Nivolumab: Duration of response and overall survival



# Phase 1b KEYNOTE-001 Study: NSCLC Expansion Cohorts (N = 262)



- Response assessment
  - Primary measure: ORR by RECIST v1.1<sup>1</sup> per independent central review
  - Secondary measure: immune-related response criteria (irRC)<sup>2</sup> per investigator assessment
- Pembro was given until disease progression, unacceptable toxicity, or death
- Analysis cut-off date: March 3, 2014

## Antitumor Activity (RECIST v1.1, Central Review)

	N	ORR <sup>a</sup> % (95% CI)
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>21 (16-27)</b>
Previous treatment	236	
Treatment naive	42	26 (14-42)
Previously treated	194	20 (15-26)
Histology	230	
Nonsquamous	191	23 (17-29)
Squamous	39	18 (8-34)
Dose/schedule	236	
2 Q3W	6	33 (4-78)
10 Q3W	126	21 (14-29)
10 Q2W	104	21 (14-30)
PD-L1 expression <sup>b</sup>	236	
Positive	201	23 (18-30)
Negative	35	9 (2-23)

	N	ORR <sup>a</sup> % (95% CI)
Smoking history	230	
Current/Former	165	27 (20-34)
Never	65	9 (4-19)
Unknown	6	0 (0-46)
EGFR mutation	224	
Yes	36	14 (5-30)
No	188	22 (16-28)
KRAS mutation	140	
Yes	39	28 (15-45)
No	101	19 (12-28)
ALK rearrangement	210	
Yes	6	17 (0-64)
No	204	20 (15-26)

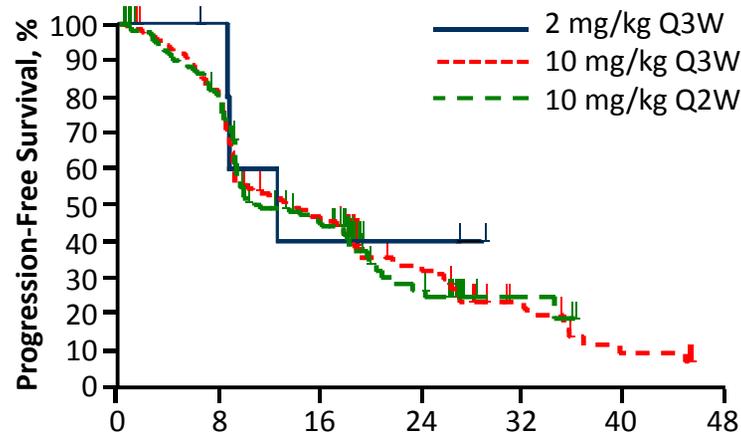
- In 45 additional patients treated at 2 mg/kg Q3W, ORR<sup>a</sup> is 20% (95% CI, 10%-35%) per irRC by investigator review

<sup>a</sup>Includes confirmed and unconfirmed responses.

<sup>b</sup>As assessed using a prototype assay. Positive was defined as staining in ≥1% of tumor cells.  
Analysis cutoff date: March 3, 2014.

# Kaplan-Meier Estimates of Survival

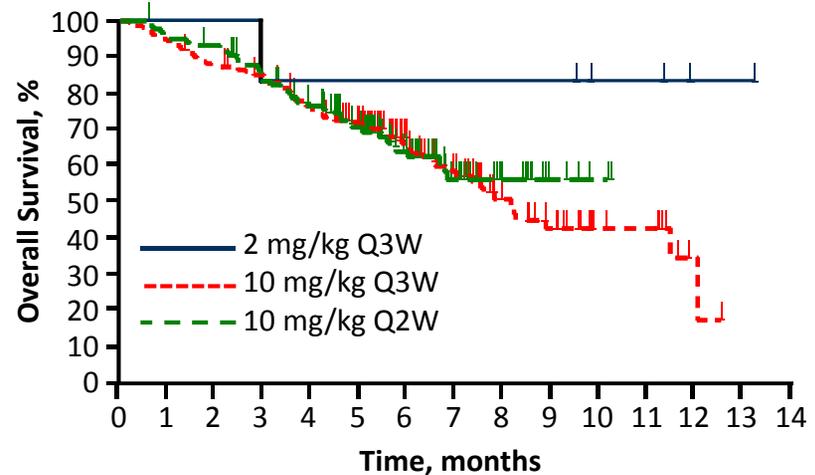
## PFS (RECIST v1.1, Central Review)



n at risk	0	8	16	24	32	40	48
Q3W 2 mg/kg	6	5	2	2	0	0	0
Q3W10 mg/kg	140	106	60	27	13	4	0
Q2W10 mg/kg	115	87	44	15	4	0	0

- Pooled population
  - Median PFS: 13.0 weeks (95% CI, 9.4-17.9)
  - 24-week PFS: 30%

## OS



n at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2 mg/kg Q3W	6	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	1	1	0
10 mg/kg Q3W	141	131	122	114	99	84	56	41	27	19	10	9	1	0	0
10 mg/kg Q2W	115	108	105	91	80	63	40	21	14	5	2	0	0	0	0

- Pooled population
  - Median OS: 8.2 months (95% CI, 7.3-NR)
  - 6-month OS: 64%

# Ongoing Studies of Pembrolizumab in NSCLC

## KEYNOTE-010

(NCT01905657)

- PD-L1<sup>+</sup> advanced NSCLC<sup>a</sup>
- PD following platinum doublet chemotherapy

R  
1:1:1  
N = 920

Pembro  
2 mg/kg  
Q3W

Pembro  
10 mg/kg  
Q3W

Docetaxel

- Primary end points: OS, PFS

## KEYNOTE-024

(NCT02142738)

- PD-L1<sup>+</sup> advanced NSCLC<sup>a</sup>
- No prior therapy

R  
1:1  
N = 300

Pembro  
200 mg  
Q3W

Platinum-  
Based  
Chemo

- Primary end point: PFS

## KEYNOTE-042

(NCT02220894)

- PD-L1<sup>+</sup> advanced NSCLC<sup>a</sup>
- No prior therapy

R  
1:1  
N = 1240

Pembro  
200 mg  
Q3W

Platinum-  
Based  
Chemo

- Primary end point: OS

<sup>a</sup>As assessed using the clinical trial assay and the 22C3 antibody.

## Summary of Exposure and Treatment-Related AEs

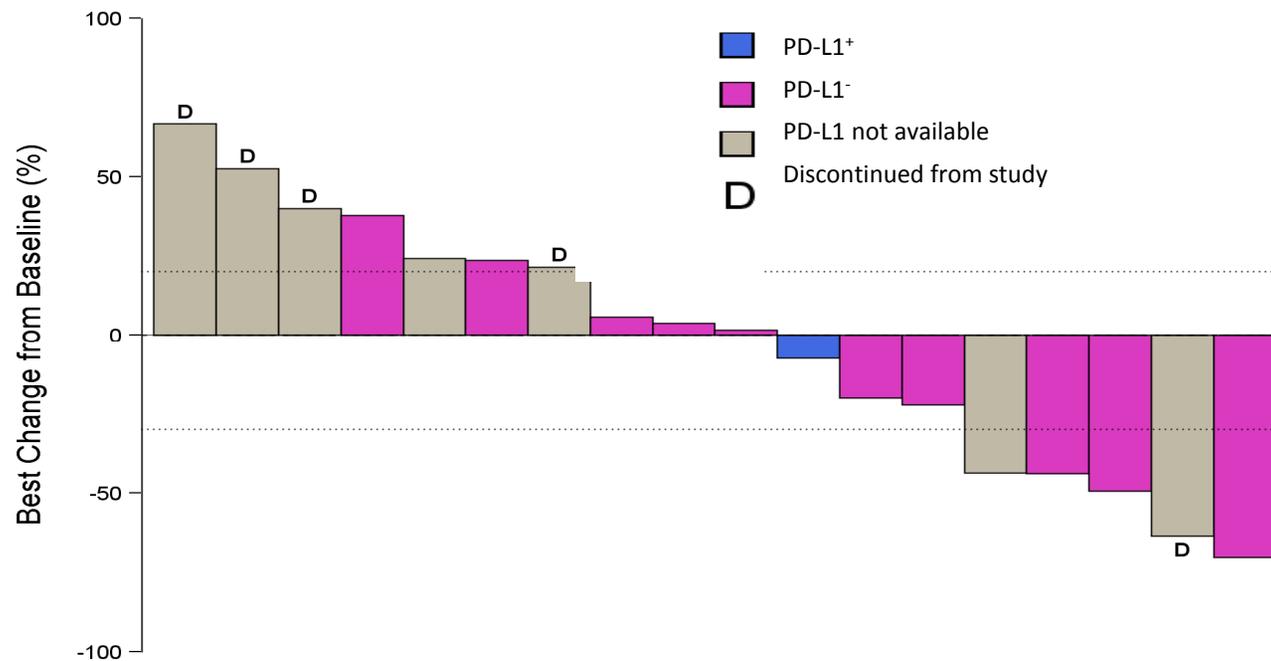
	N = 262
<b>Exposure</b>	
Median (range) time on therapy, days	85.5 (1-400)
Median (range) doses, n	5.50 (1-23)
<b>Treatment-related AE summary, n (%)</b>	
Any grade	175 (67)
Grade 3-5	24 (9)
Serious	19 (7)
Death	1 (0.4)
Discontinued	8 (3)

- Other potentially immune-mediated AEs that occurred in <1% of patients were colitis, hyponatremia, and hypersensitivity reaction

AE, n (%)	N = 262	
	Any Grade	Grade 3-5
<b>Treatment-related with incidence ≥5%</b>		
Fatigue	20	<1
Pruritus	9	0
Arthralgia	8	<1
Decreased appetite	8	0
Diarrhea	7	0
Hypothyroidism	6	0
Pyrexia	6	0
Rash	6	0
Nausea	5	<1
<b>Other of clinical interest</b>		
Pneumonitis	10 (4)	5 (2)
Hyperthyroidism	5 (2)	1 (0.4)

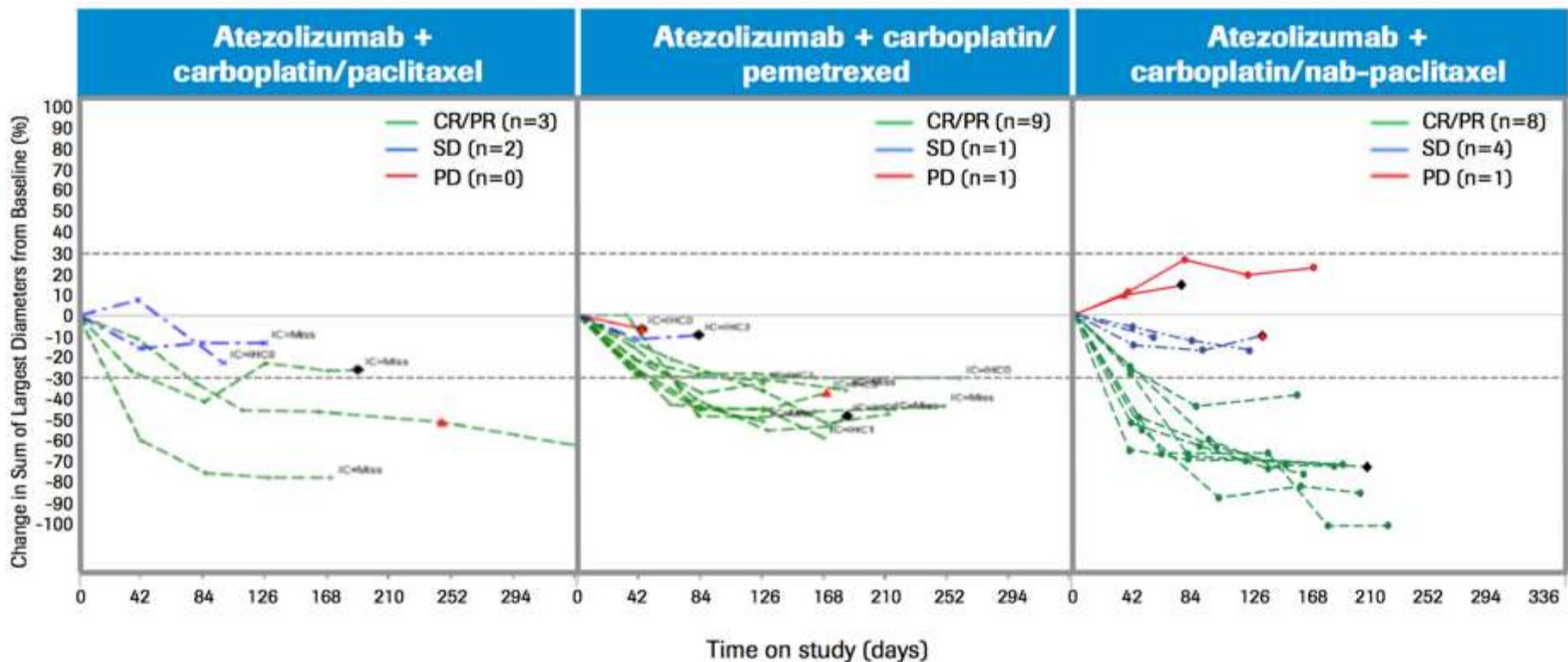
# Clinical activity: Durvalumab (MEDI4736) + tremelimumab

	MEDI4736 + tremelimumab combination		
	All patients <sup>a</sup>	PD-L1 <sup>-</sup>	PD-L1 <sup>+</sup>
RECIST response (ORR), % (n/N)	28 (5/18)	30 (3/10)	0 (0/1)
Stable disease, % (n/N)	28 (5/18)	40 (4/10)	100 (1/1)



# Combination with Chemo (ASCO 2015)

Combinations with chemotherapy appear to extend the benefit of atezolizumab in NSCLC patients



**Chemotherapy can promote Th1-type inflammation in tumors**



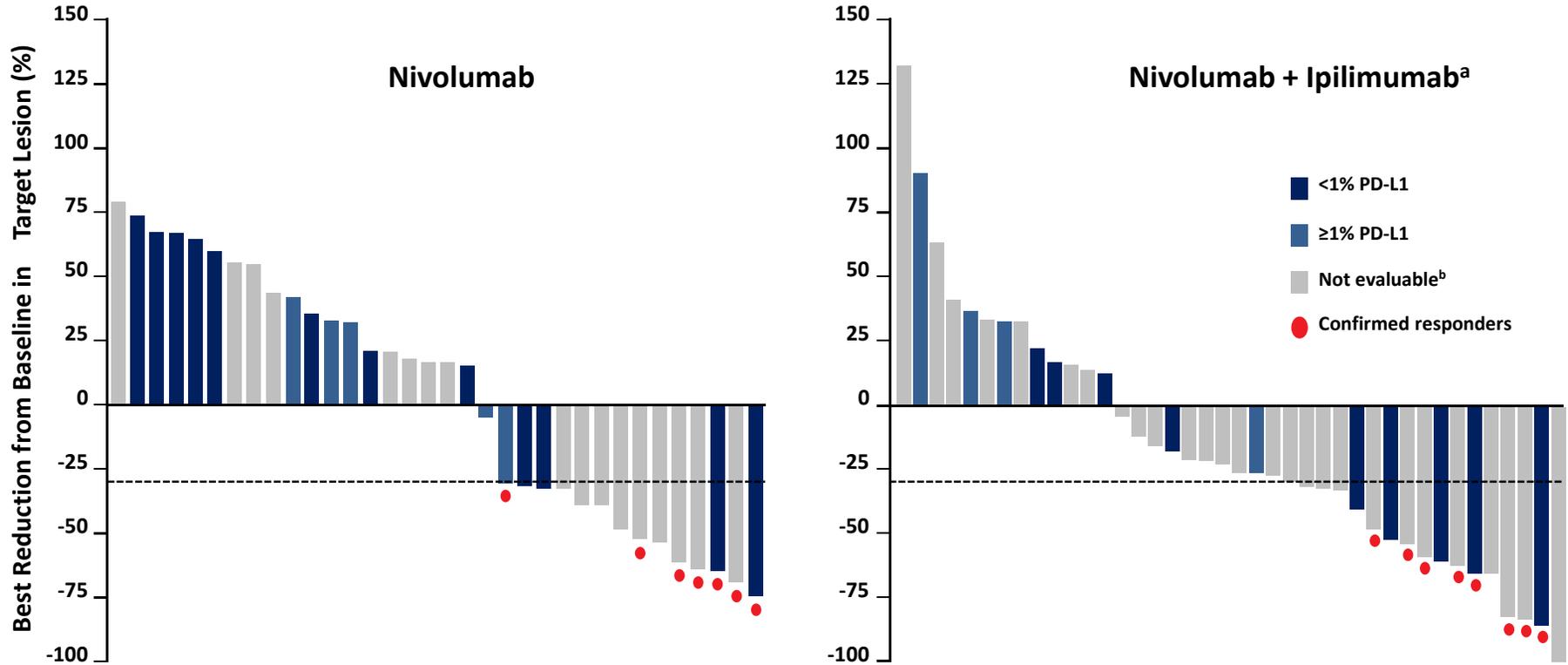
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Liu *et al.* ASCO 2015

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# Lung Cancer - SCLC (Antonia et al, ASCO 2015)

## Tumor Responses

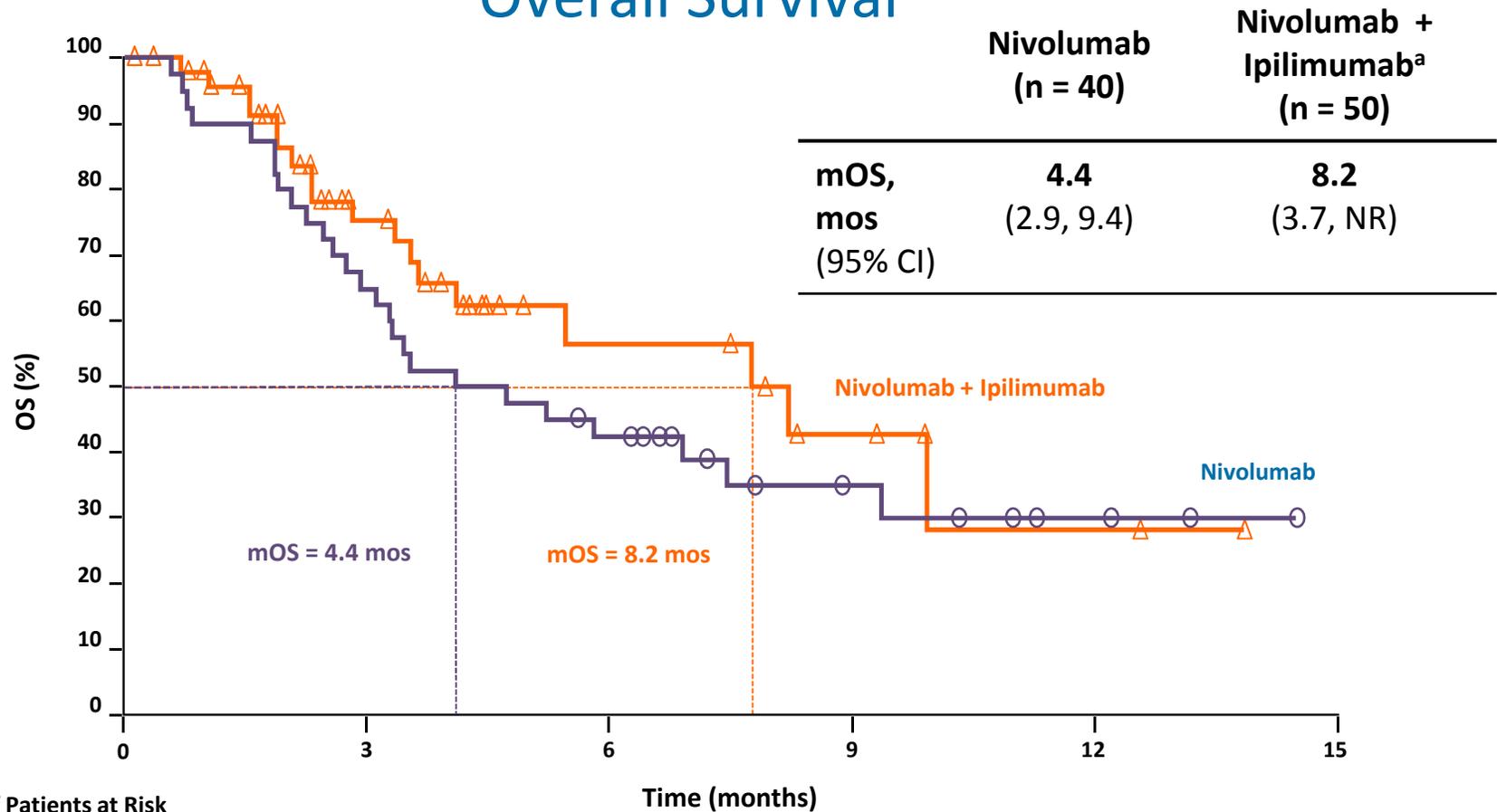


	Nivolumab (n = 40)	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab <sup>a</sup> (n = 46)
<b>ORR, %</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>
Complete response, %	0	2.2
Partial response, %	18	15

<sup>a</sup>Combined data for nivolumab 1 + ipilimumab 1 and nivolumab 1 + ipilimumab 3 cohorts. <sup>b</sup>Not evaluable due to specimens that are not quantifiable, indeterminate, or not yet obtained; 10 nonevaluable samples and 8 not yet obtained in the nivolumab arm, 6 nonevaluable samples and 26 not yet obtained in the nivolumab 1 + ipilimumab 3 arm. Only pts with target lesion at baseline and ≥1 on-treatment tumor assessment are included (nivolumab, n = 34, nivolumab + ipilimumab, n = 40).

# Lung Cancer - SCLC (Antonia et al, ASCO 2015)

## Overall Survival



### Number of Patients at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15
Nivolumab	40	26	16	7	3	0
Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	50	25	10	5	2	0

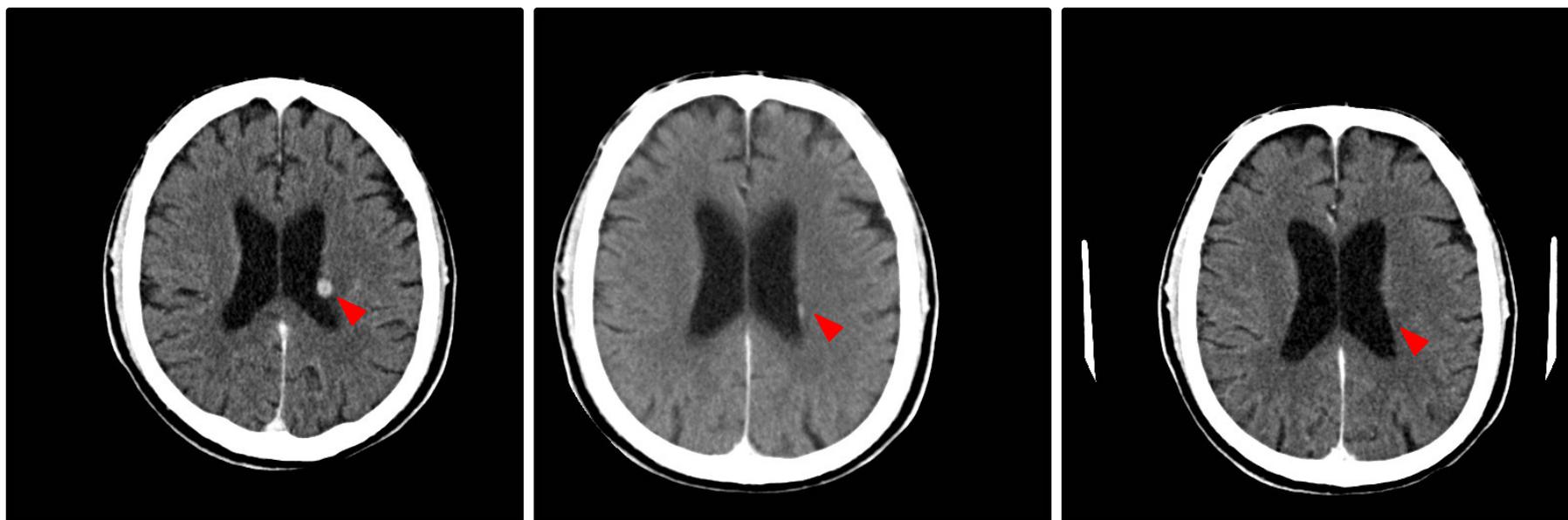
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## Response to nivolumab in SQ NSCLC brain metastasis

Pre-treatment

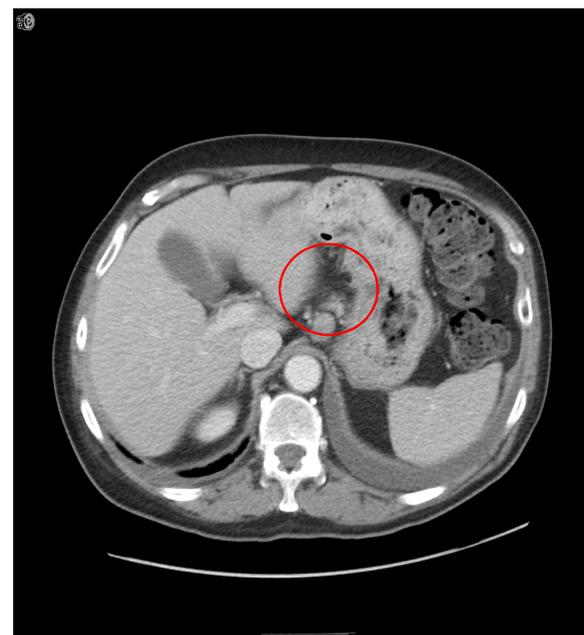
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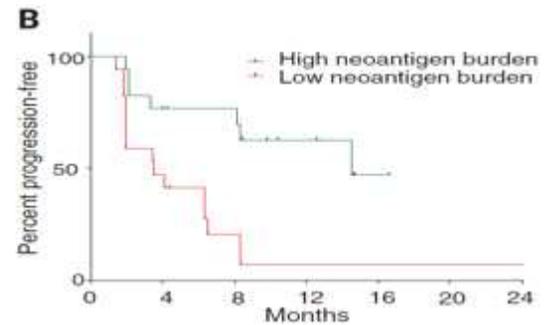
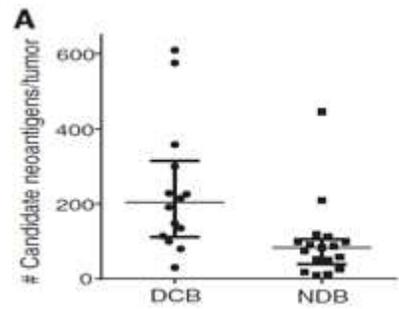
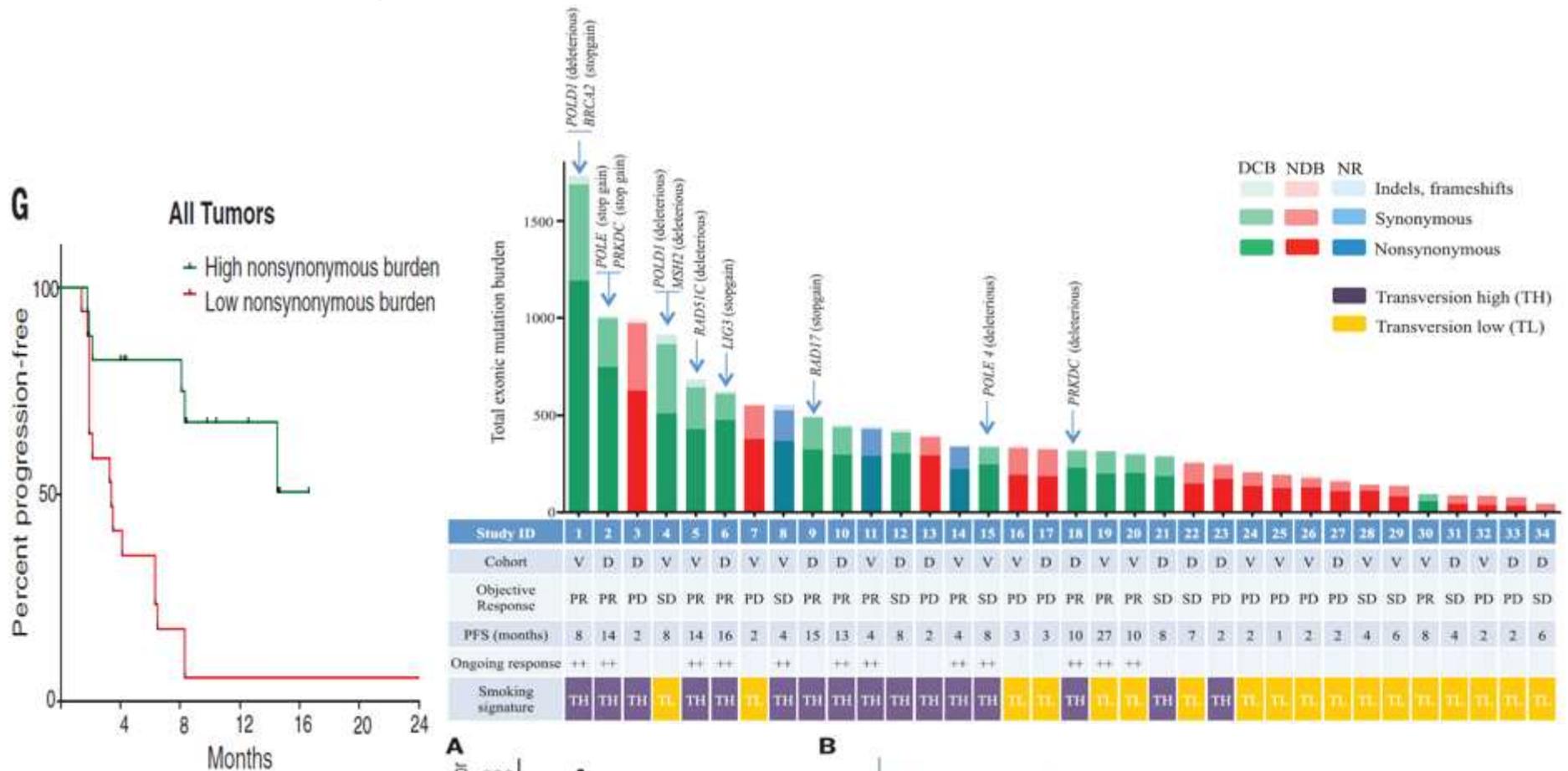


- 73 year-old male, stage IIIb, former smoker
- Prior radiotherapy (mediastinal), 3 prior systemic regimens (cisplatin/gemcitabine, docetaxel, vinorelbine)
- No prior CNS-directed therapy

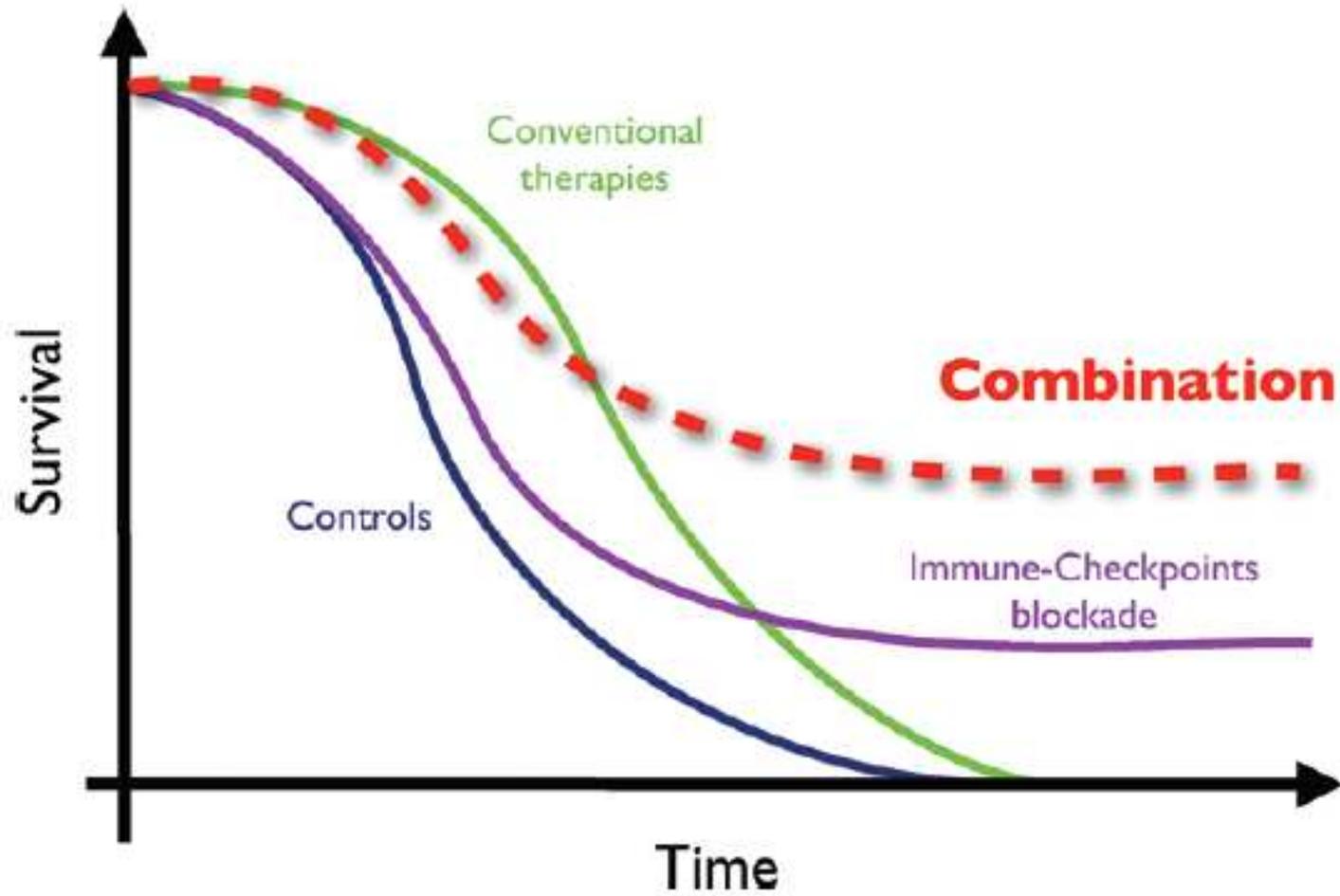
## Acquired resistance to PD-1 progression



# Mutational load and response to anti-PD1 (pembrolizumab) in NSCLC

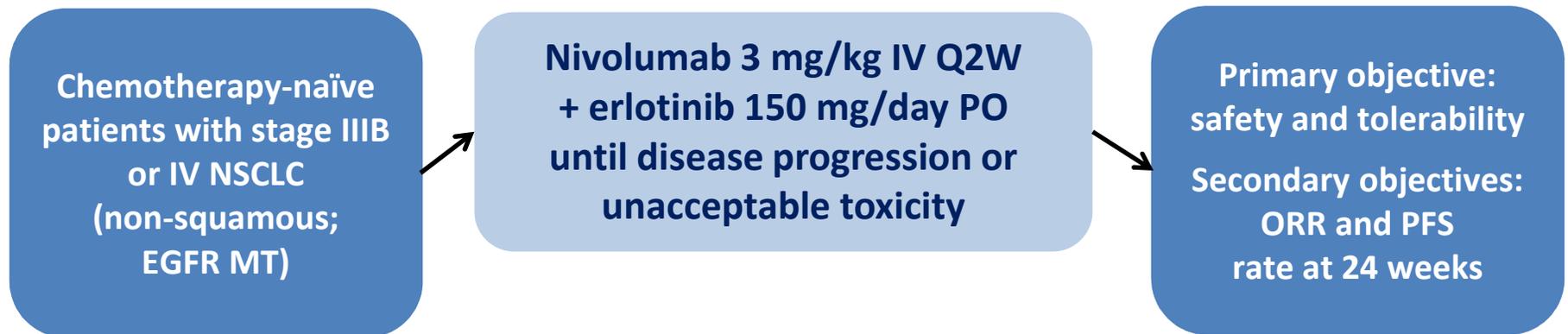


# Combination Approaches

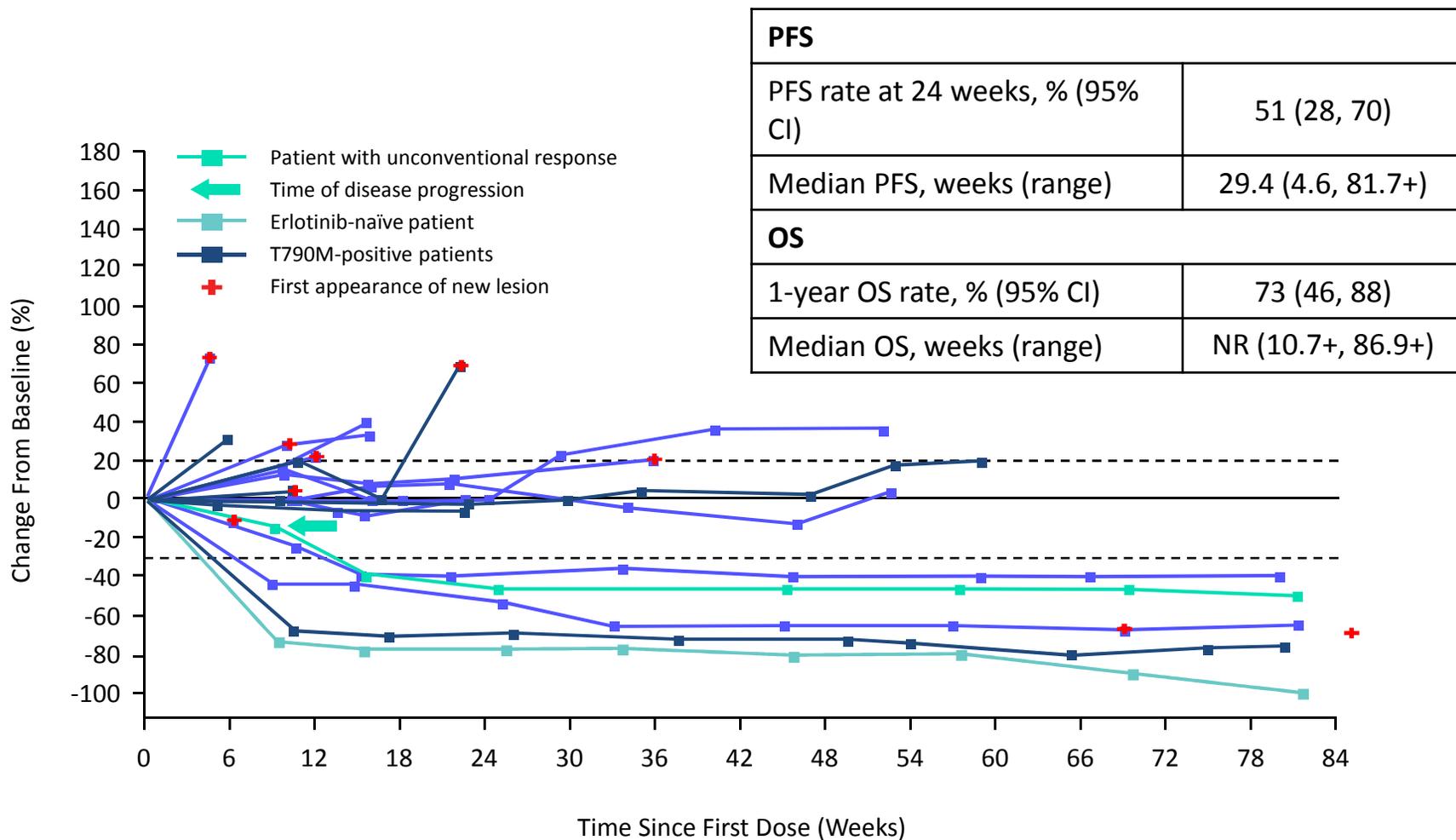


Adapted from: Ribas A, et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2012;18:336-341.

## nivolumab + erlotinib



# CA209-012 study design: nivolumab in combination with erlotinib



## **III. Head and Neck Cancer**

# Antitumor Activity of the anti-PD-1 Antibody Pembrolizumab in biomarker-unselected Patients with R/M Head and Neck Cancer: *Preliminary Results from the KEYNOTE-012 Expansion Cohort*

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# Head and Neck Squamous Cell Cancer

- Head and Neck Squamous Cell Cancer (HNSCC): 5th most common cancer worldwide
- Recurrent/metastatic HNSCC remains poorly treatable with a median OS of 10 months in the first-line setting<sup>1</sup>
  - Commonly used agents: platinum, cetuximab, taxanes, 5-FU, methotrexate

- Median OS of 6-months in patients previously treated<sup>2</sup>

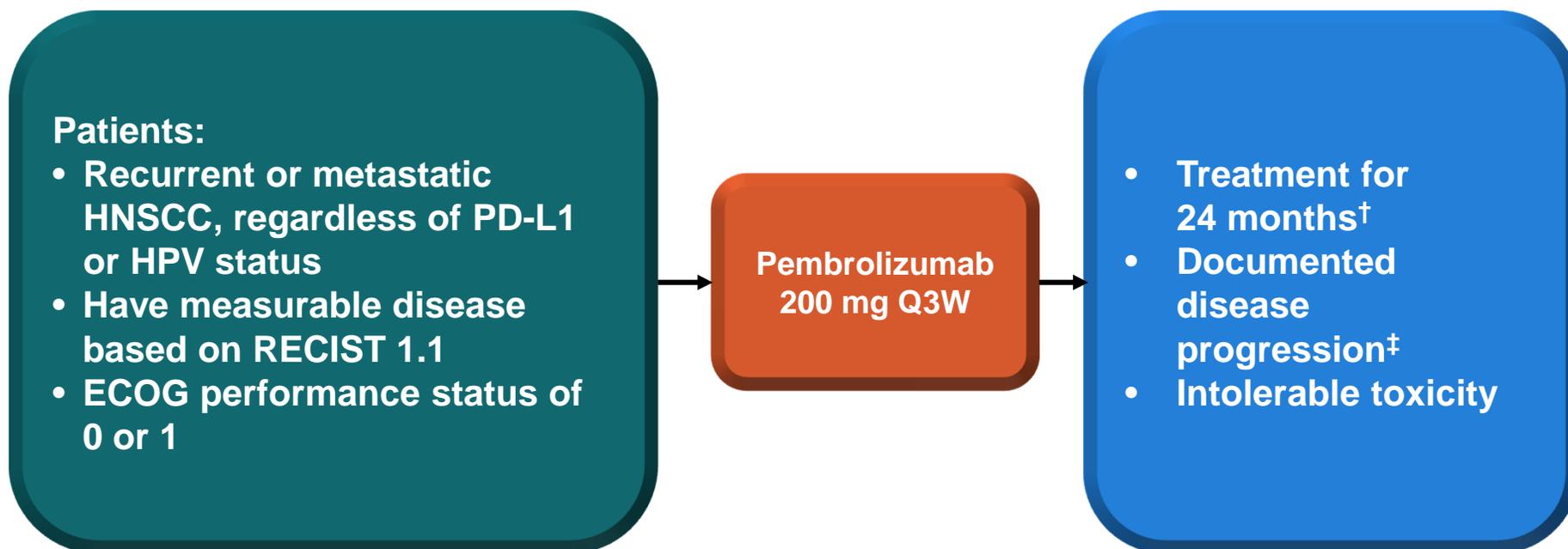
- **Prominent immune escape** observed in HNSCC<sup>3,4</sup>

- T-cell inflamed phenotype (TILs + PD-L1 expression)
- Present in both HPV(-) and HPV(+) tumors
- HPV related “foreign” antigens present in HPV(+) tumors

→ **Blocking PD-1 interaction with PD-L1 or PD-L2 may reactivate immune surveillance and elicit anti-tumor activity**

1. Vermorken J et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2008;359(11):1116-27.  
2. Stewart JSW, et al *J Clin Oncol*. 27:1864-1871.  
3. Saloura V et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2014;32 (Suppl 5): Abstract 6009  
4. Lyford-Pike S et al. *Cancer Res* 2013;73(6):1733-1741.

# HNSCC expansion cohort of the KEYNOTE-012 Nonrandomized, Phase 1b Multi-cohort trial\*



**Response assessment:** Every 8 weeks

**Primary end points:** ORR per modified RECIST v1.1 by investigator review; safety

**Secondary end points:** PFS, OS, duration of response

\*Additional cohorts included bladder cancer, TN breast cancer, and gastric cancer.

<sup>†</sup>Treatment beyond progression was allowed.

<sup>‡</sup>Re-treatment was permitted.

# Baseline Demographics

Characteristic	N = 132* N (%)
Median age (range), years	60 (25–84)
Male	110 (83.3)
Race	
White	96 (72.7)
Asian	28 (21.2)
Other	8 (6.1)
ECOG PS	
[0] Normal Activity	38 (28.8)
[1] Symptoms, but ambulatory	94 (71.2)

Characteristic	N = 132* N (%)
Prior adjuvant/neoadjuvant systemic therapy	
Yes	53 (40.2)
Prior lines of therapy for recurrent/metastatic disease	
0	22 (16.7)
1	30 (22.7)
2	28 (21.2)
3 or more	50 (37.9)
Unknown	2 (1.5)

Data cutoff date: March 23, 2015

\*Includes patients who received  $\geq 1$  dose of pembrolizumab

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# Treatment-Related Adverse Events

AE in $\geq 5$ % of Patients	N = 132* N (%)
Any	79 (59.8)
Fatigue	20 (15.2)
Hypothyroidism	12 (9.1)
Decreased appetite	10 (7.6)
Rash	10 (7.6)
Dry skin	9 (6.8)
Pyrexia	9 (6.8)
Arthralgia	7 (5.3)
Nausea	7 (5.3)
Weight decreased	7 (5.3)

Grades 3-5 ( $\geq 2$ patients)	N = 132* N (%)
Any	13 (9.8)
Swelling face	2 (1.5)
Pneumonitis	2 (1.5)

- No treatment-related deaths occurred

\*Includes patients who received  $\geq 1$  dose of pembrolizumab  
Data cut off date: March 23, 2015.

# Overall Response Rate [Site Radiology Review]\*

Best overall response	Total N = 117 <sup>†</sup>		HPV+ n = 34		HPV- n = 81	
	n (%)	95% CI	n (%)	95% CI	n (%)	95% CI
ORR	<b>29 (24.8)</b>	17.3-33.6	7 (20.6)	8.7-37.9	22 (27.2)	17.9-38.2
Complete Response	1 (0.9)	0.0-4.7	1 (2.9)	0.1-15.3	0 (0)	0-4.5
Partial Response	28 (23.9)	16.5-32.7	6 (17.6)	6.8-34.5	22 (27.2)	17.9-38.2
Stable Disease	29 (24.8)	17.3-33.6	9 (26.5)	12.9-44.4	19 (23.5)	14.8-34.2
Progressive Disease	48 (41.0)	32.0-50.5	13 (38.2)	22.2-56.4	34 (42.0)	31.1-53.5
No Assessment <sup>#</sup>	9 (7.7)	3.6-14.1	4 (11.8)	3.3-27.5	5 (6.2)	2.0-13.8
Non-evaluable <sup>±</sup>	2 (1.7)	0.2-6.0	1 (2.9)	0.1-15.3	1 (1.2)	0.0-6.7

\*Unconfirmed and confirmed RECIST v 1.1 responses

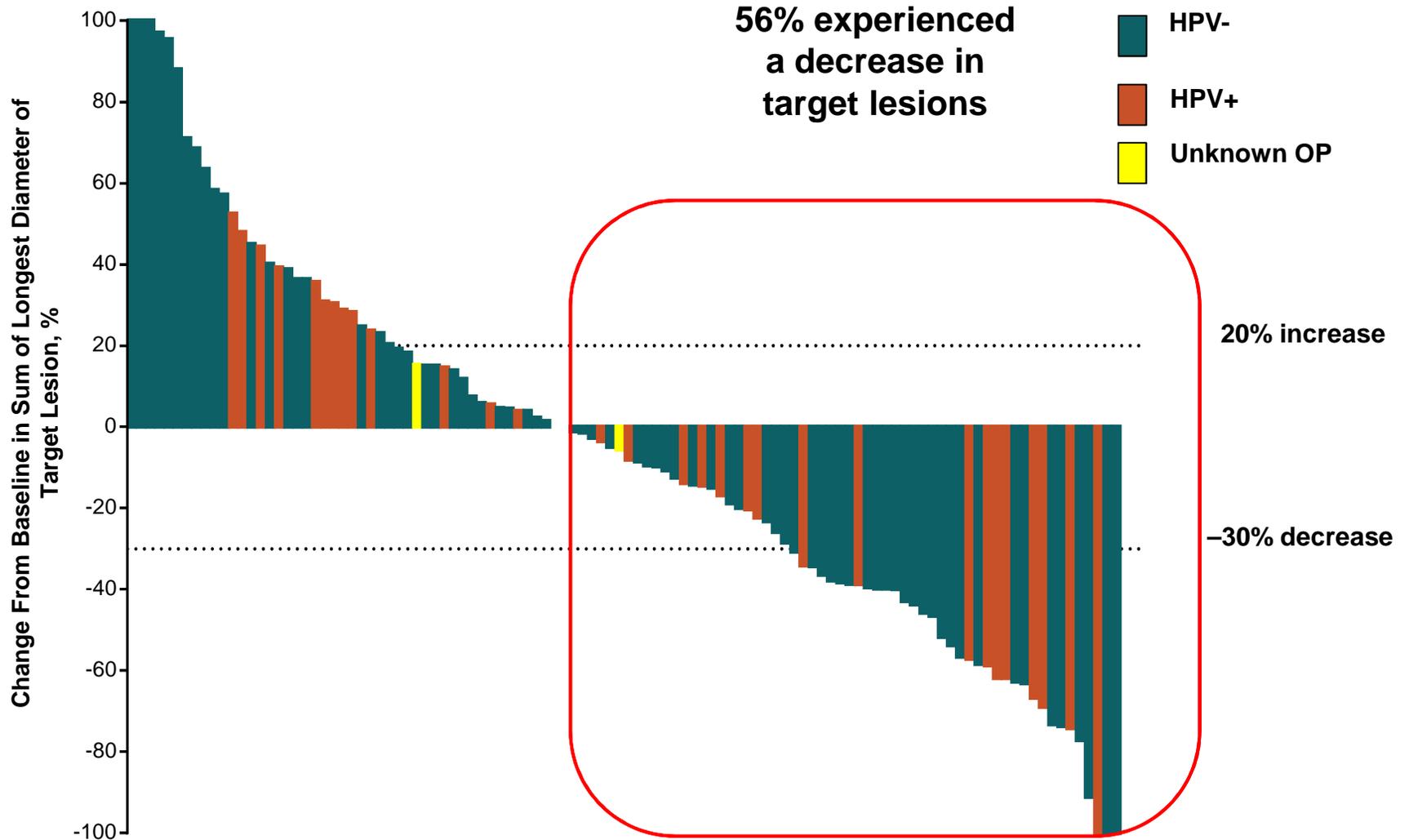
<sup>†</sup>Includes patients who received  $\geq 1$  dose of pembrolizumab, had measurable disease at baseline and  $\geq 1$  postbaseline scan or discontinued due to PD or DRAE. 15 patients not included in this analysis: 2 did not have baseline scans within screening window, 13 did not have post-baseline assessment and discontinued due to non-drug related AE (7), subject withdrawal of consent (4), other (2).

<sup>#</sup>No assessment: Discontinued without post-baseline radiographic assessment due to drug related AE (2 patients), clinical PD (6 patients), death due to PD (1 patient)

<sup>±</sup>Non-evaluable: Images were not of sufficient quality to be evaluable

HPV status missing for 2 patients with oropharynx cancer. Cancers outside the oropharynx are considered HPV negative by convention.

# Tumor Shrinkage

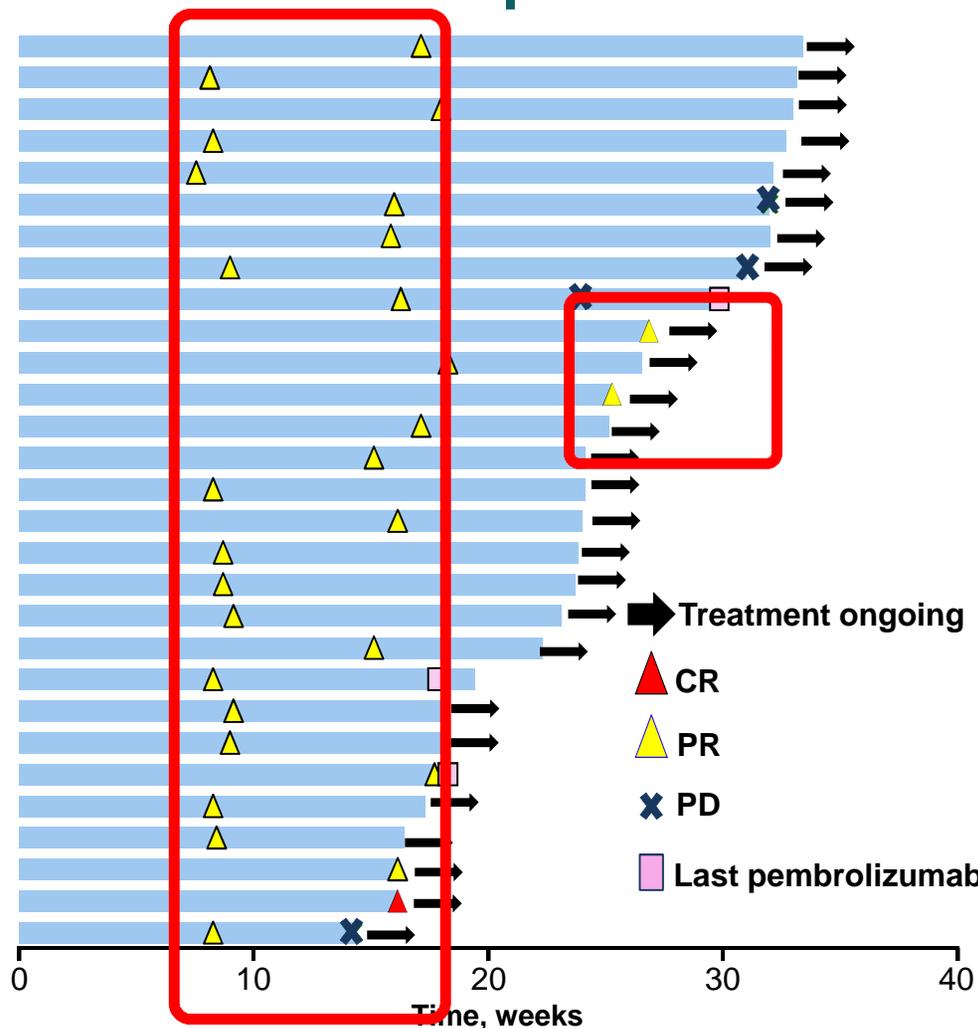


Analysis includes patients with measurable disease at baseline who received  $\geq 1$  pembrolizumab dose and had  $\geq 1$  post-baseline tumor assessment (n = 106)  
 Unconfirmed and confirmed RECIST v 1.1 responses by site radiology review

\*2 oropharynx cancer patient are HPV unknown. Cancers outside the oropharynx are considered HPV negative by convention

Data cutoff date: March 23, 2015. OP = oropharyngeal primary

# Treatment Exposure and Response Duration of Patients Who Responded

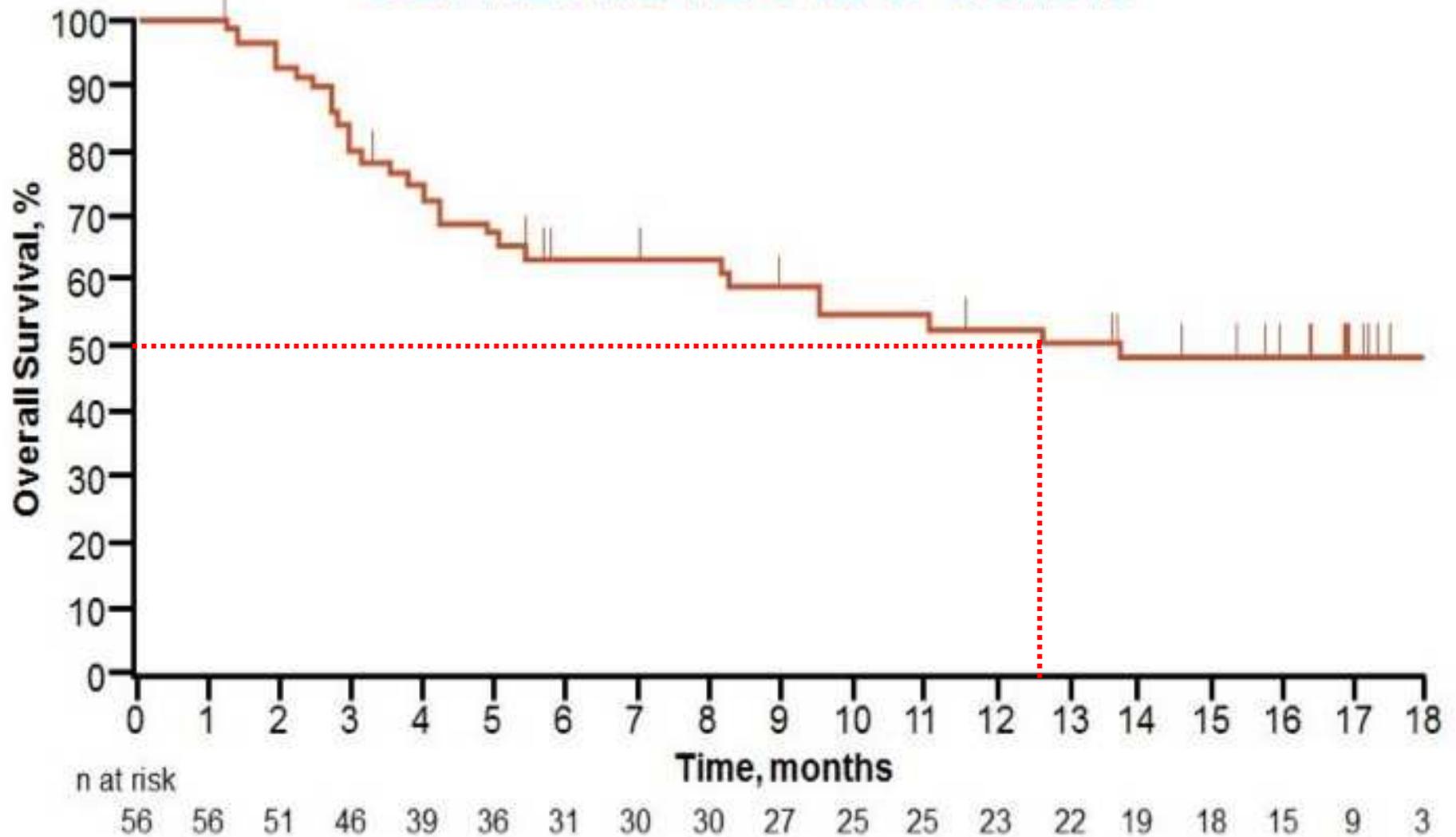


- Median follow-up duration:
  - 5.7 (0.2 – 8.7) months
- Median time to response:
  - 9.0 (7.6–18.0) weeks
- Median duration of response was not reached
  - Range: 7.3+ – 25.1+ weeks
- 40 patients remain on therapy
- **86% (25/29) of responding patients remain in response**

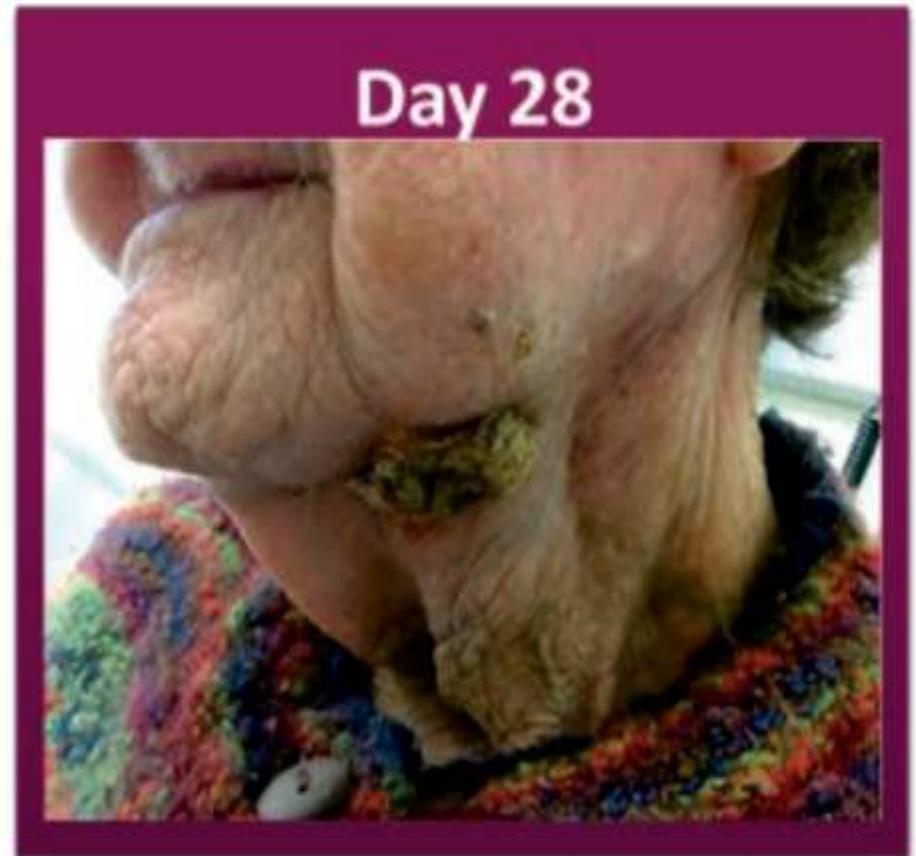
Unconfirmed and confirmed RECIST v 1.1 responses  
 Data cutoff date: March 23, 2015.

# Overall Survival Data

## OS: KEYNOTE-012 B Cohort



# Durvalumab (MEDI4736) Efficacy in HNC:



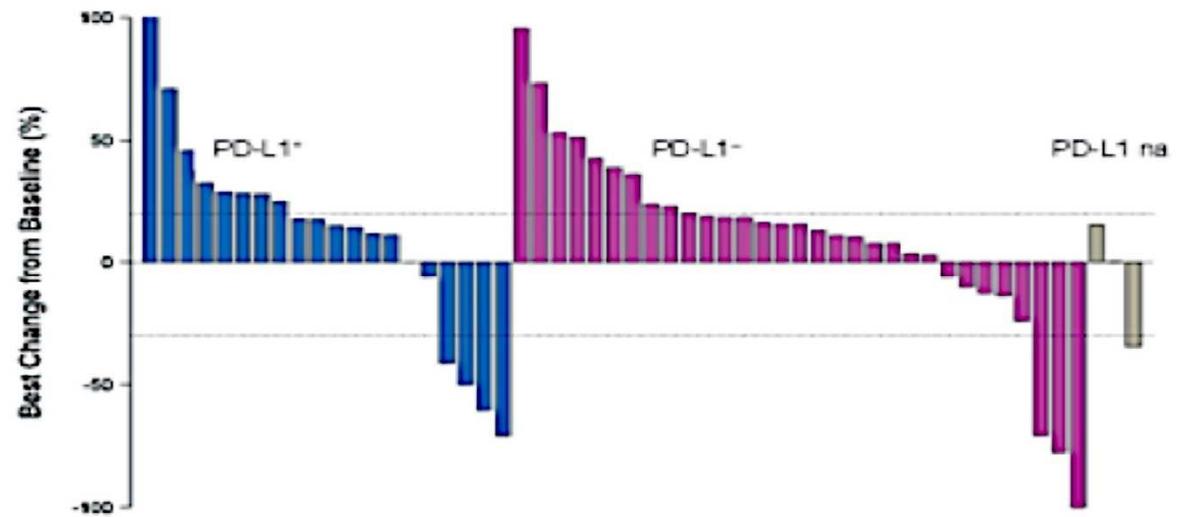


# Durvalumab/MEDI4736: Clinical Data – ASCO 2015

Table 5. Tumor Response Overall and by PD-L1 Status

	MEDI4736 10 mg/kg		
	All patients (n=62)	PD-L1 <sup>+</sup> (n=22)	PD-L1 <sup>-</sup> (n=37)
RECIST response (ORR), n/N (%) 95% CI	7/62 (11) 4.7–21.9	4/22 (18) 5.2–40.3	3/37 (8) 1.7–21.9
DCR 24 weeks*, n/N (%) 95% CI	9/62 (15) 6.9–25.8	4/22 (18) 5.2–40.3	4/37 (11) 3.0–25.4
Range of ongoing DoR†, weeks	16.1+–55.4+	41.1+–53.1+	16.1+–55.4+
Ongoing responders, n/N (%)	5/7 (71)	2/4 (50)	3/3 (100)

B. Best change in tumor size from baseline by PD-L1 status (n=54)



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Patients with baseline and  $\geq 1$  on-treatment scan. Disease assessment at 6, 12, and 16 weeks, then every 8 weeks. PD-L1 status was determined via the PD-L1 (SP263) immunohistochemical assay. PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1.

# Conclusions

- Largest experience of immunotherapy in head and neck cancer (N =132 patients)
- 56% of patients experienced any decrease in target lesions
  - Response rate of 25%
  - Broadly active in both HPV(+) and HPV(-) patients
  - Active in heavily pretreated population
  - Responses were durable → 86% of responding patients remain in response
- Pembrolizumab administered at a fixed dose of 200 mg every 3 weeks was well tolerated
- Pembrolizumab is currently being evaluated in two phase III trials to investigate the clinical benefit of pembrolizumab vs standard of care chemotherapy (using the 200mg every 3 week dose schedule)

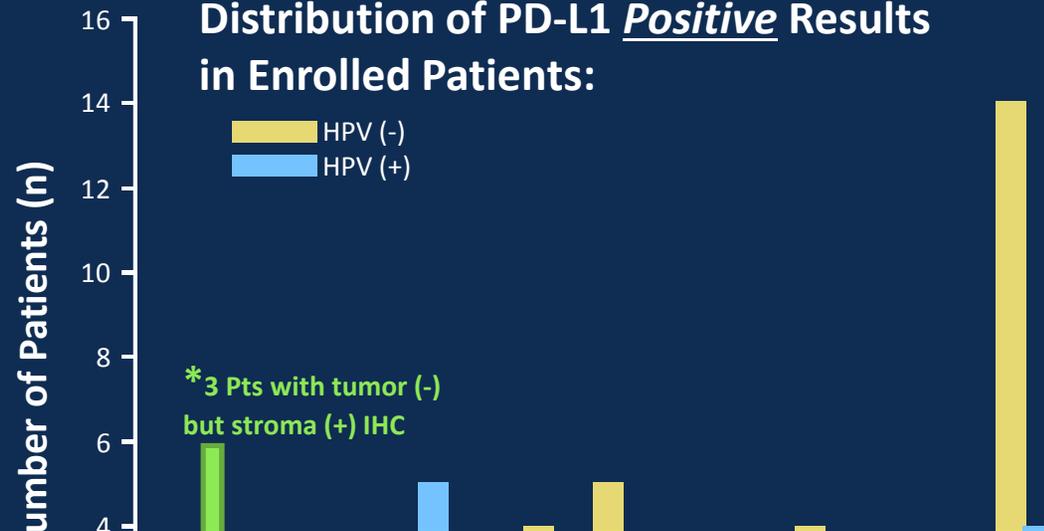
# PD-L1 Screening Results

104 Patients screened:

**PD-L1 positive: 78% (81)**

- Study Eligible n = 61\*
  - HPV (-) n = 36†
  - HPV (+) n = 23†
  - HPV (na) n = 2

Distribution of PD-L1 Positive Results in Enrolled Patients:



PD-L1

- PD-L1 expression correlates with Response
- Using a Youden-Index derived, preliminary PD-L1 cut point:
  - Above cutpoint: **45.5% (5/11) RR**
  - Below cutpoint: **11.4% (5/44) RR**

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		PD-L1 Staining in Tumors of Screened Patients (N = 104)									
Staining (%)	0	1-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	81-90	91-100
n	26*	24	8	9	3	2	2	4	3	2	21



## **IV. Mesothelioma**

# **Clinical Safety and Efficacy of Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) in Patients with Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma (MPM): Preliminary Results from KEYNOTE-028**

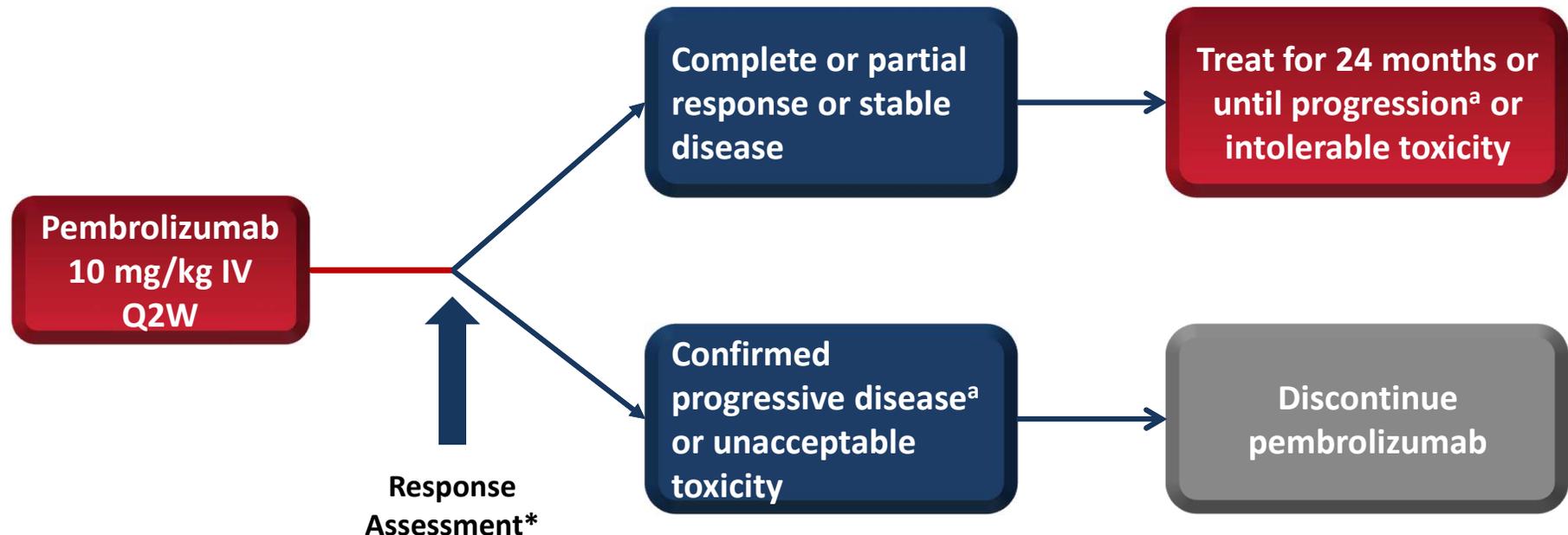
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# KEYNOTE-028 (NCT02054806): Phase 1b Multi-Cohort Study of Pembrolizumab for PD-L1<sup>+</sup> Advanced Solid Tumors



**\*Response assessment:** Every 8 weeks for the first 6 months; every 12 weeks thereafter

**Primary end points:** ORR per RECIST v1.1 and safety

**Secondary end points:** PFS, OS, duration of response

**Power:** With ~22 subjects enrolled, this study provides 80% power to demonstrate that the ORR exceeds 10%

<sup>a</sup>If clinically stable, patients are to remain on pembrolizumab until progressive disease is confirmed on a second scan performed  $\geq 4$  weeks later. Patients who experience progression may be eligible for up to 1 year of additional pembrolizumab if no other anticancer therapy is received.

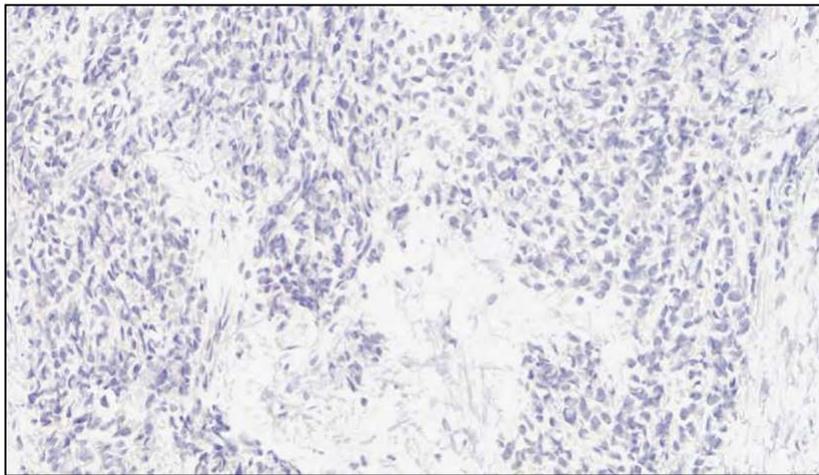
# Key Eligibility Criteria

- Age  $\geq 18$  years
- Locally advanced or metastatic malignant pleural mesothelioma
- Failure of or inability to receive standard therapy
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1
- ECOG performance status of 0 or 1
- PD-L1–positive tumor
- Adequate organ function
- No autoimmune disease or interstitial lung disease
- No active brain metastases

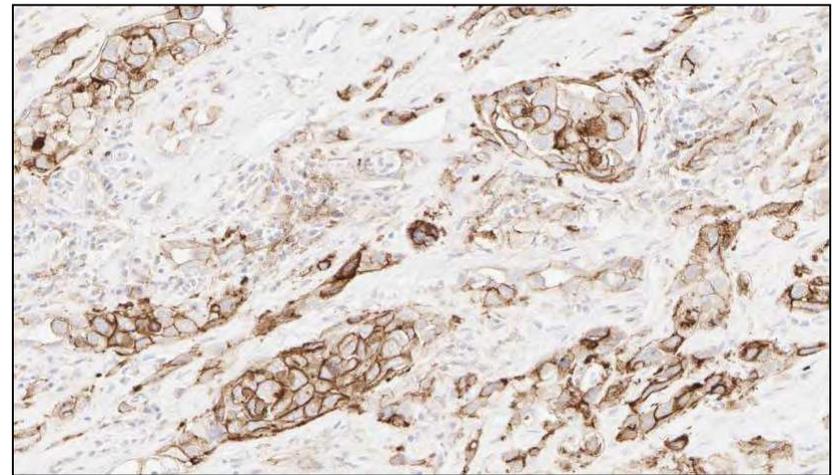
# Analysis of PD-L1 Expression

- Tumor samples: archival or newly obtained core or excisional biopsy of a nonirradiated lesion
- Analyzed at a central laboratory using a prototype immunohistochemistry assay and the 22C3 antibody clone (Merck)
- Positivity: membranous expression in  $\geq 1\%$  of cells in tumor nests or PD-L1–positive bands in stroma

## Examples of PD-L1 Staining in MPM Specimens from KEYNOTE-028

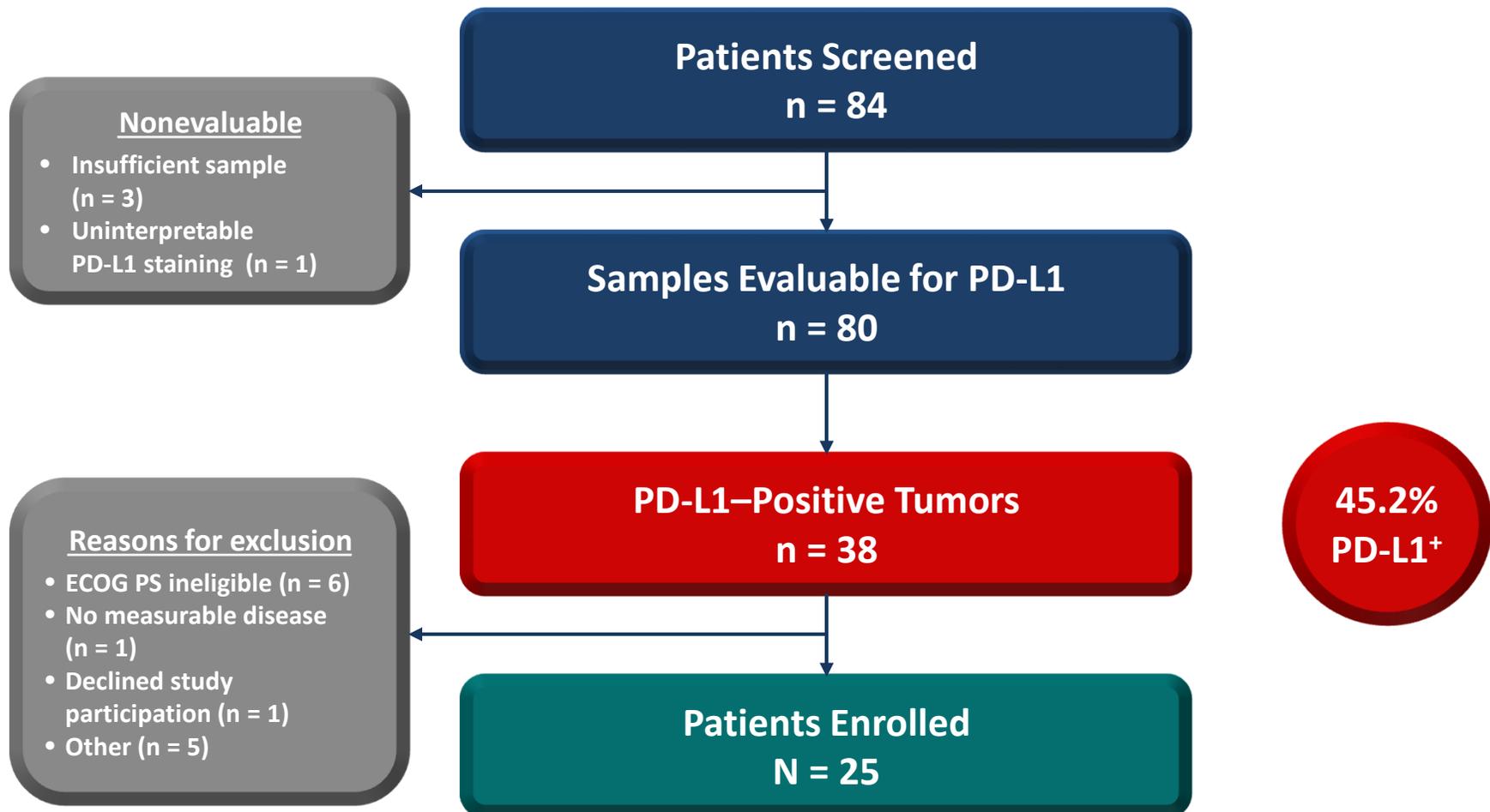


**PD-L1 Negative**



**PD-L1 Positive**

# PD-L1 Screening: MPM Cohort



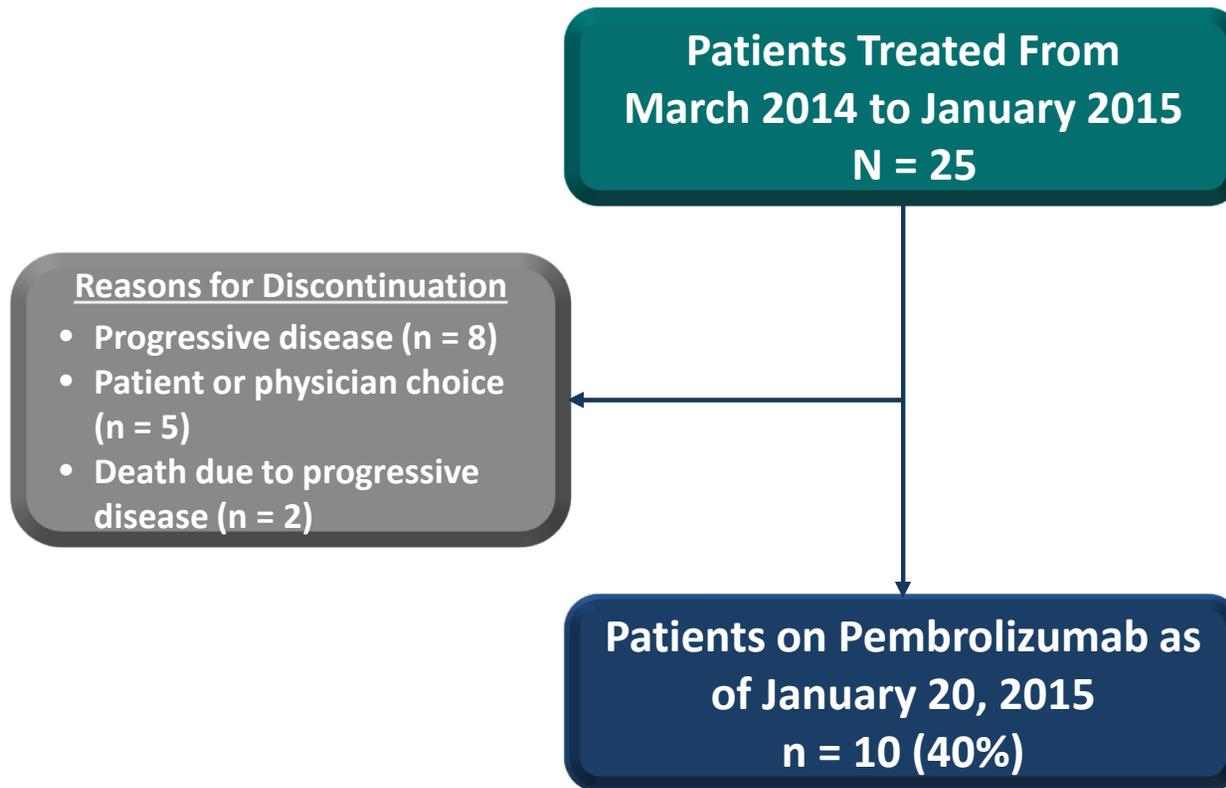
# Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic, n (%)	N = 25
Median age, year (range)	65 (32 – 86)
Sex	
Male	17 (68)
Female	8 (32)
Prior Lines of Therapy	
0	3 (12)
1	15 (60)
≥2	7 (28)
Histology	
Epithelioid	16 (64)
Sarcomatoid	2 (8)
Biphasic	2 (8)
Not specified or reported	5 (20)

Characteristic, n (%)	N = 25
ECOG performance status	
0	9 (36)
1	16 (64)
Race	
White	21 (84)
Asian	2 (8)
Unknown	2 (8)
Prior chemotherapy <sup>a</sup>	
Cisplatin/carboplatin	21 (84)
Pemetrexed	20 (80)
Gemcitabine	4 (16)
Vinorelbine	1 (4)

<sup>a</sup>Patients could have received ≥1 prior chemotherapy agent.  
Analysis cut-off date: January 20, 2015.

# Patient Disposition



	Total (N = 25)	On Therapy (n = 10)
Time on therapy, weeks, mean (range)	22.0 (0.1 to 34.1+)	29.2 (26.1+ to 34.1+)
Number of doses, median (range)	10 (1 to 22+)	18 (16+ to 22+)

# Treatment-Related Adverse Events

## Any Grade Observed in $\geq 2$ Patients

Adverse Event, n (%)	N = 25
Any	15 (60)
Fatigue	6 (24)
Nausea	6 (24)
Arthralgia	4 (16)
Pruritus	3 (12)
Dry mouth	3 (12)
Headache	2 (8)
Maculopapular rash	2 (8)

## Grade 3-4 Observed in $\geq 1$ Patient

Adverse Event, n (%)	N = 25
ALT increased (grade 3)	1 (4)
Thrombocytopenia (grade 3)	1 (4)

- No treatment-related deaths
- No discontinuations due to treatment-related AE

# Adverse Events of Special Interest

Adverse Event, n (%)	Total N = 25	Resulted in Interruption	Resulted in Discontinuation
Rash <sup>a</sup> (all grade 1)	4 (16)	No	No
ALT/AST increased (grade 3)	1 (4)	Yes	No
Hypersensitivity (grade 2)	1 (4)	No	No
Iridocyclitis (uveitis) (grade 2)	1 (4)	Yes	No

<sup>a</sup>Includes maculopapular rash.  
Analysis cut-off date: January 20, 2015.

# Antitumor Activity (RECIST v1.1, Investigator Review)

N = 25		
Best Overall Response	n	%
Complete response	0	0
Partial response <sup>a</sup>	7	28
Stable disease	12	48
Progressive disease	4	16
No assessment <sup>b</sup>	2	8

**Objective response rate: 28% (95% CI, 12-49)**

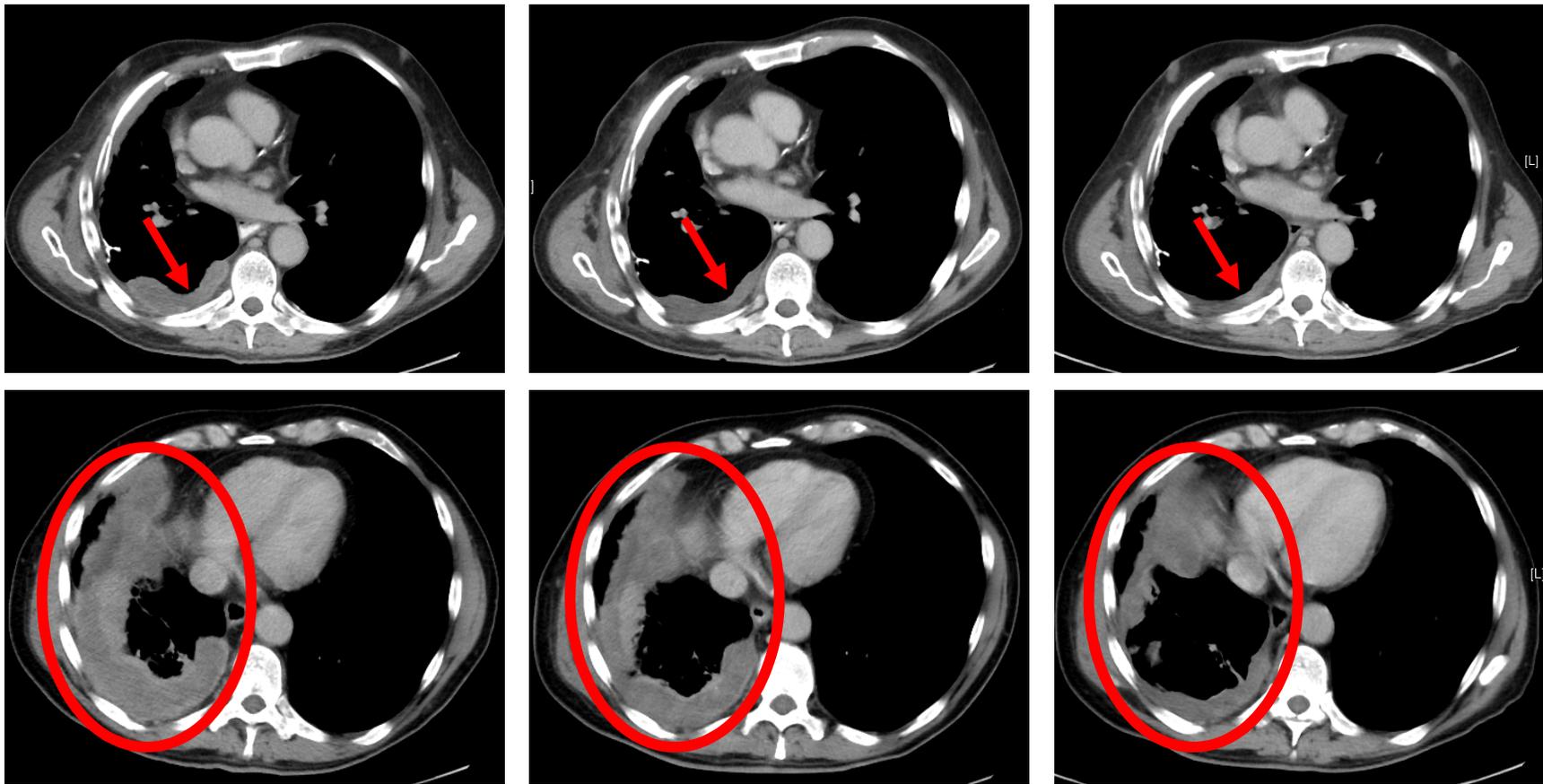
**Disease control rate: 76% (95% CI, 55-91)**

<sup>a</sup>Includes confirmed and unconfirmed responses.

<sup>b</sup>Patients who discontinued therapy before the first post-treatment scan due to progressive disease.

Analysis cut-off date: January 20, 2015.

# Example of Pembrolizumab Antitumor Activity in a Patient With MPM

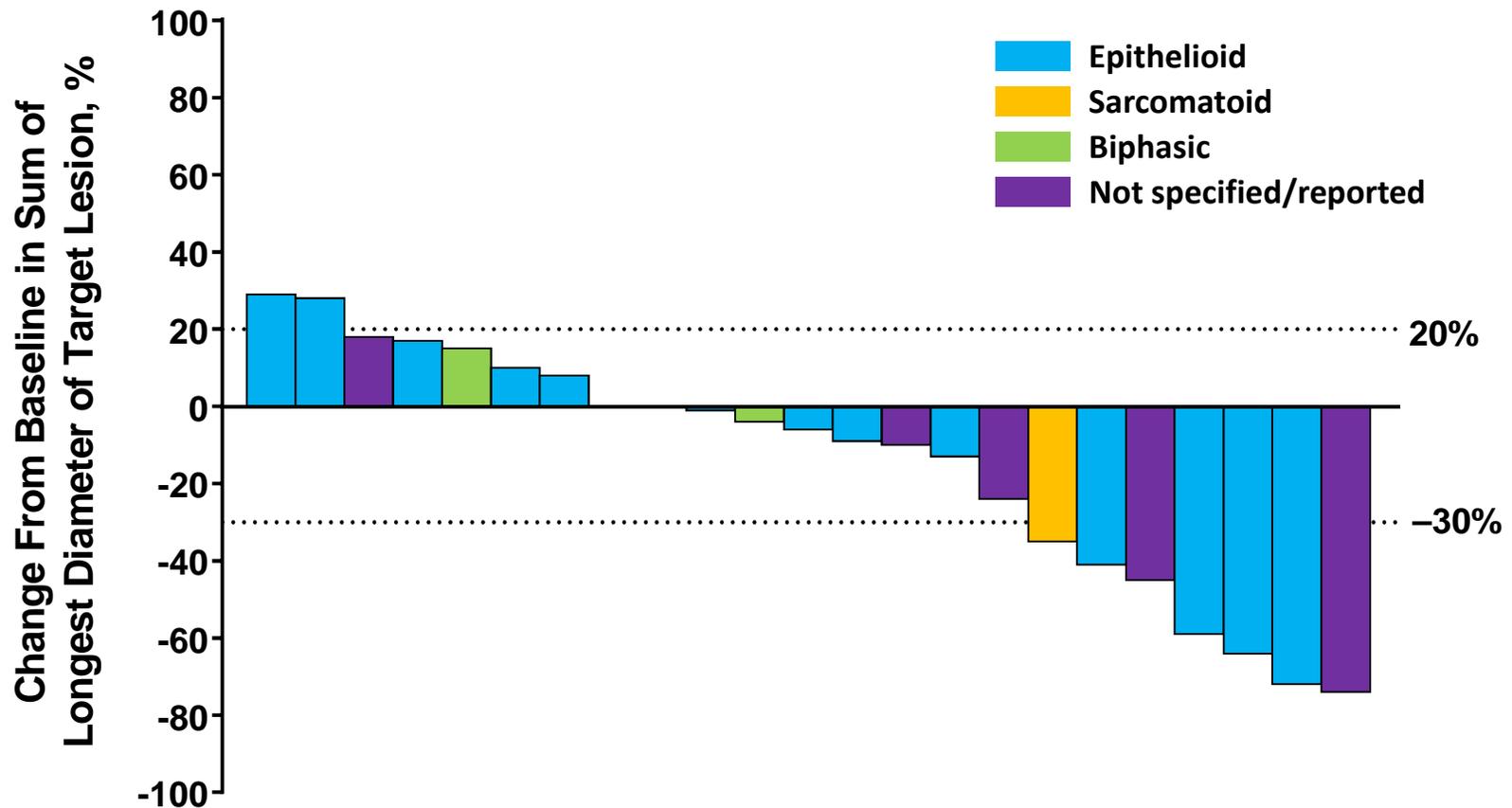


**Pretreatment**

**Week 8**

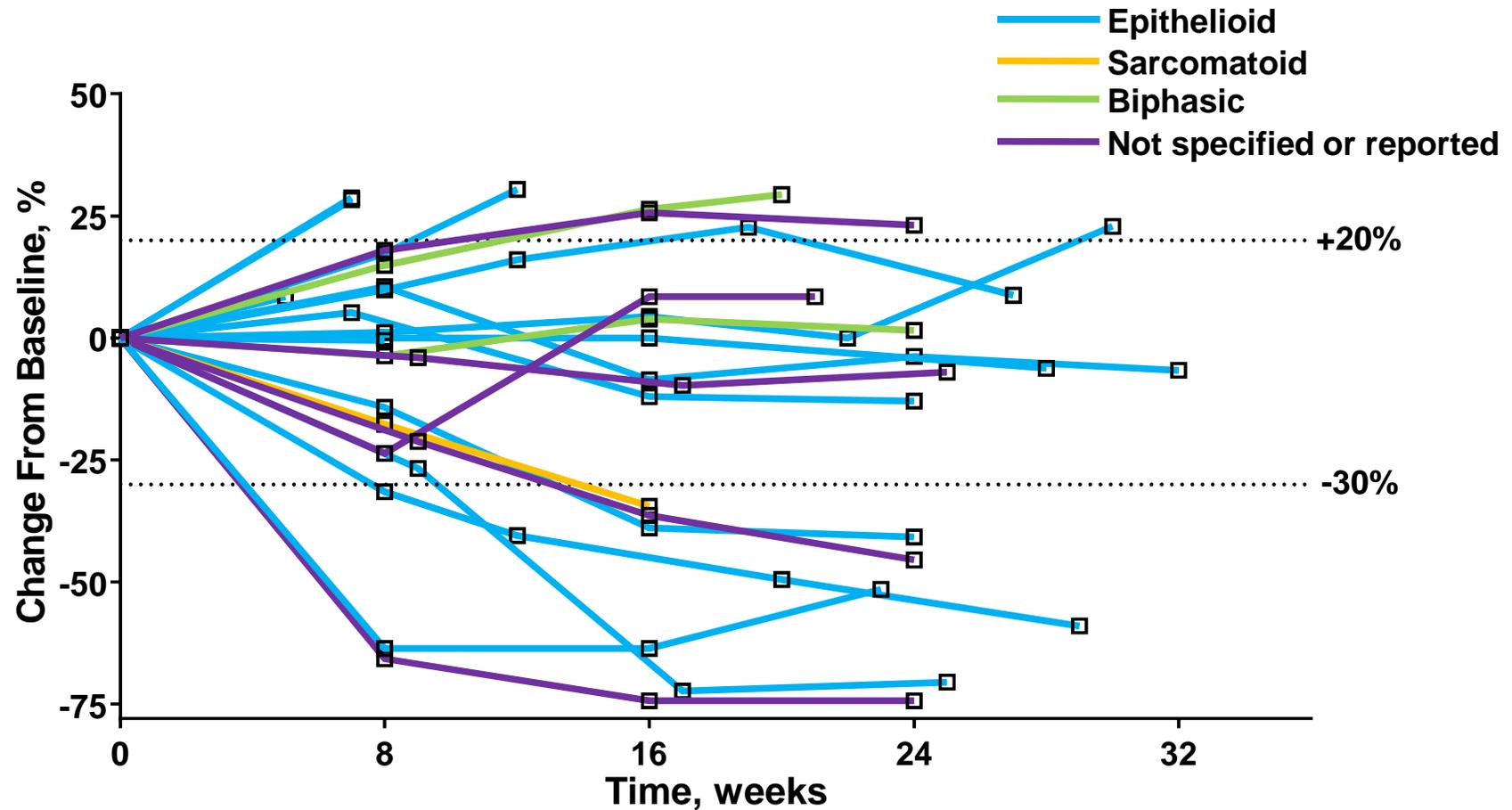
**Week 16**

# Maximum Percentage Change From Baseline in Target Lesions<sup>a</sup> (RECIST v1.1, Investigator Review)



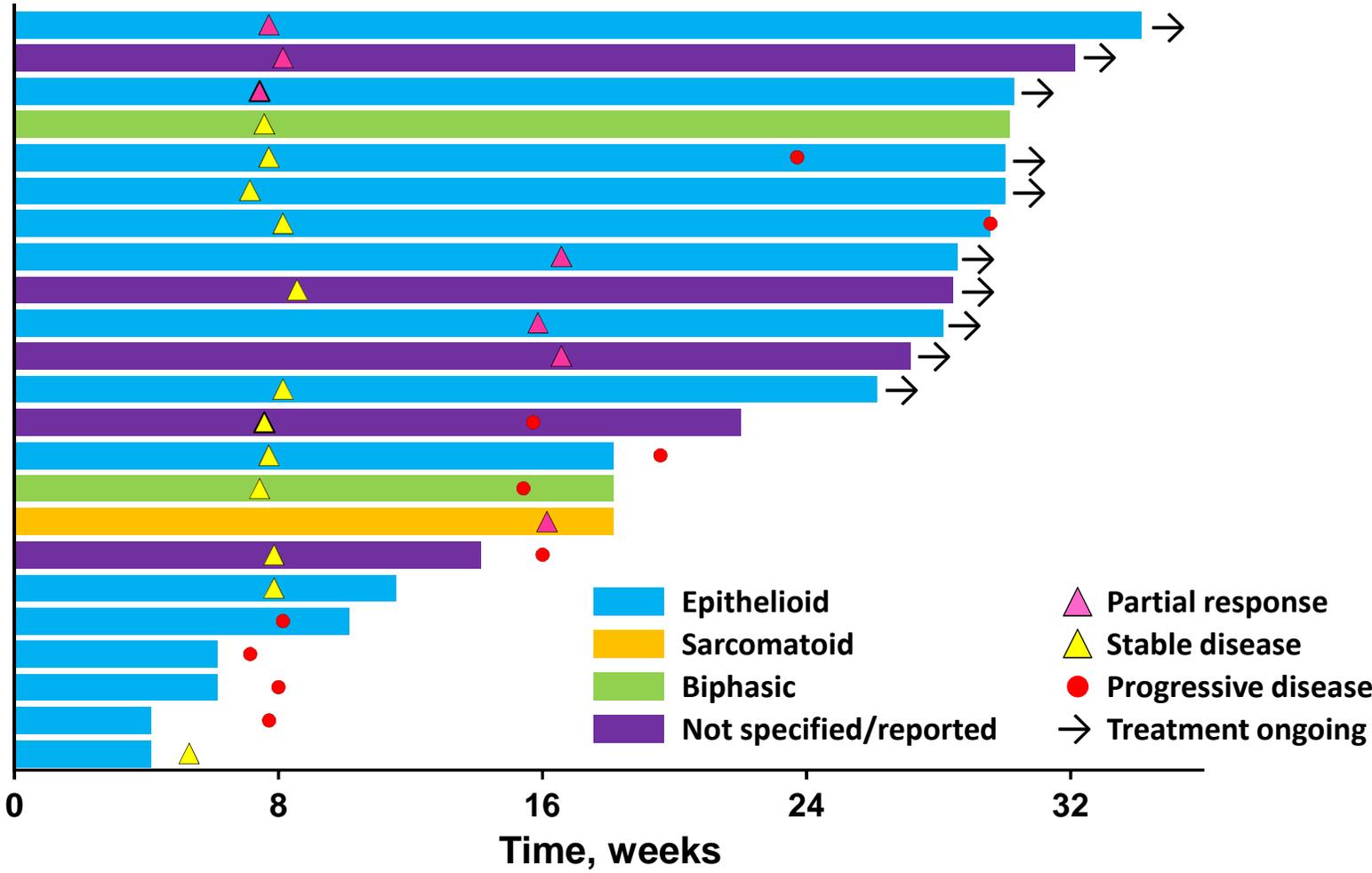
<sup>a</sup>Includes patients with  $\geq 1$  postbaseline tumor assessment (n = 23).  
Analysis cut-off date: January 20, 2015.

# Longitudinal Change From Baseline in Tumor Size (RECIST v1.1, Investigator Review)



<sup>a</sup>Includes patients with  $\geq 1$  postbaseline tumor assessment (n = 23).  
Analysis cut-off date: January 20, 2015.

# Treatment Exposure and Response Duration<sup>a</sup> (RECIST v1.1, Investigator Review)



<sup>a</sup>Includes patients with ≥1 postbaseline tumor assessment (n = 23). The length of each bar corresponds to the duration of treatment. Analysis cut-off date: January 20, 2015.

# Conclusions

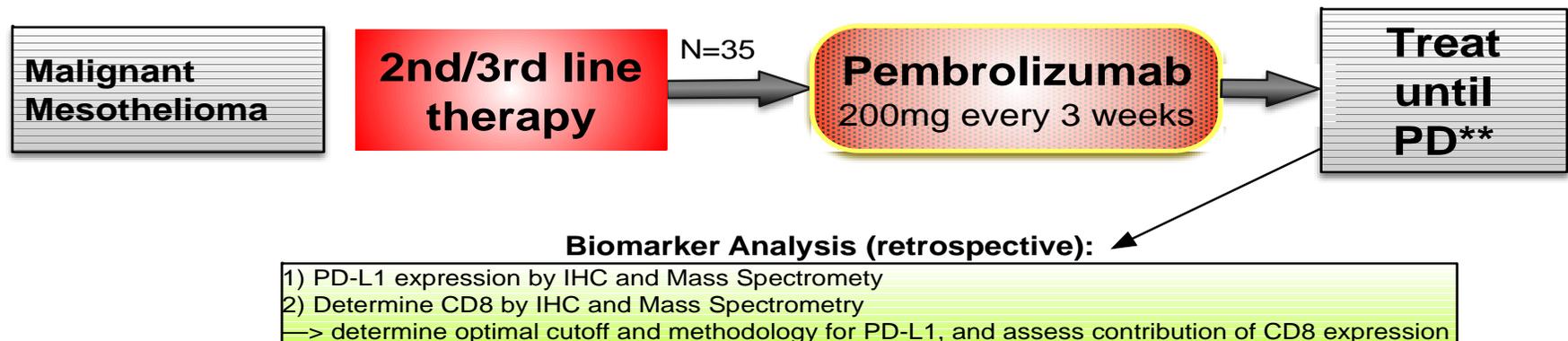
- Manageable safety and toxicity profile
  - No treatment-related mortality
  - No discontinuations due to treatment-related AEs
- 28% ORR and 76% DCR better than historical response rate for second-line chemotherapy
  - Some responses observed at first imaging assessment
  - All responses ongoing at time of data cutoff
- Further evaluation of pembrolizumab in mesothelioma is warranted
  - Ongoing phase 2 trial (NCT02399371) evaluating pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W as second-line therapy for advanced MPM

# Mesothelioma F/u Study at UofC

- Currently enrolling - only open study nationwide
  - Co-PIs: Kindler / Seiwert (*PIII in planning*)

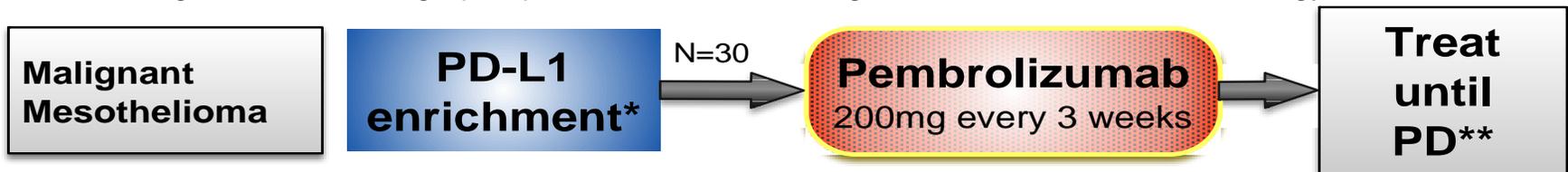
## Part A:

Determine anti-tumor activity in an unselected group of Mesothelioma patients, and assess optimal PD-L1 cutoff



## Part B: Expansion cohort

In the setting of an active drug - prospective enrollment using a biomarker enrichment strategy



\* assessed on fresh tissue if medically feasible

\*\* Treatment beyond PD is allowable under specific circumstance (see respective paragraph in protocol)

# Conclusions

1. Immunotherapy is active in Lung Cancer
  - Including both Squamous and Adenocarcinoma histologies
  - However EGFR/ALK driven tumors should continue to be treated with targeted therapies in first/second line
  - Multiple clinical trials available at UChicago and other centers
  
1. Immunotherapy is active in Head and Neck Cancer
  - Twice the response rate of Cetuximab
  - Active in both HPV(+) and HPV(-) tumors
  - Multiple trials available at UChicago and other centers
  
3. Immunotherapy is active in Malignant Mesothelioma
  - Active in both epithelioid and sarcomatoid histologies
  - Nationwide only trial available at UChicago

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