

# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Lung Cancer

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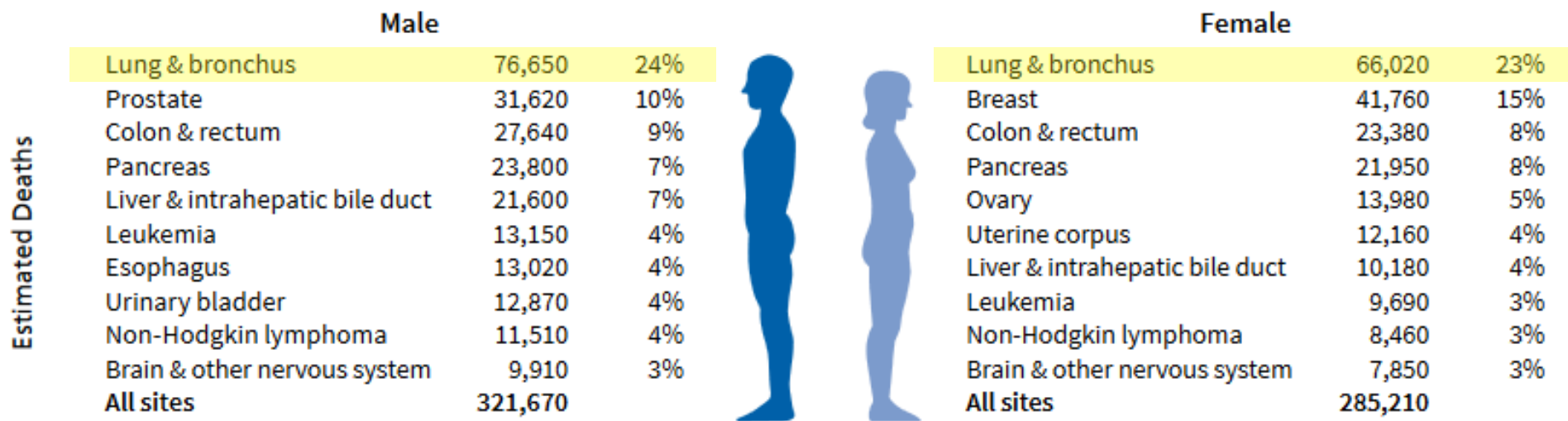
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
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
# Lung cancer


- 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



# Immune checkpoint inhibitors in lung cancer

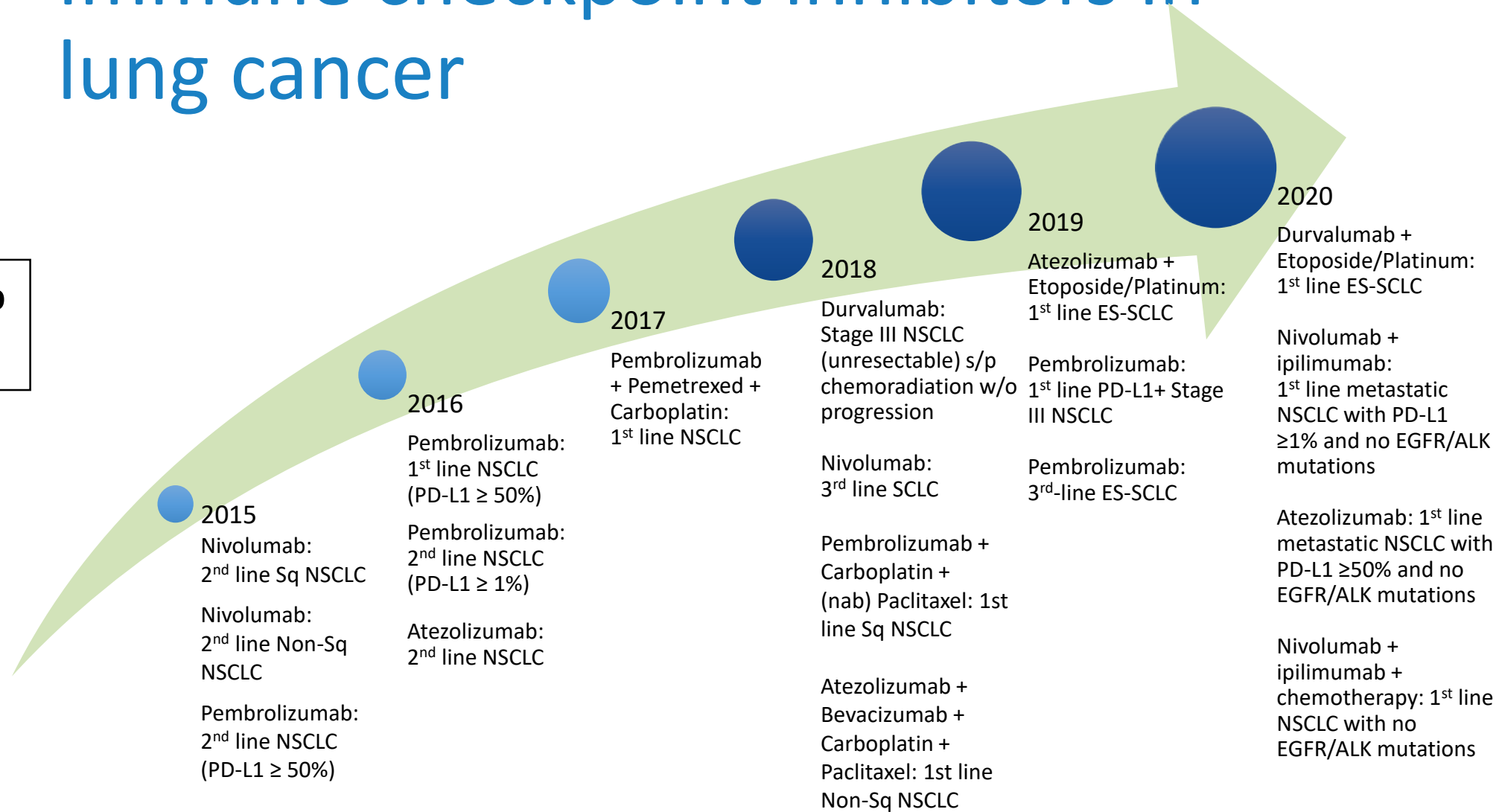
**Nivolumab**  
 → PD-1

**Pembrolizumab**  
 → PD-1

**Atezolizumab**  
 → PD-L1

**Durvalumab**  
 → PD-L1

**Ipilimumab**  
 → CTLA-4



# Approved checkpoint inhibitors in NSCLC

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

# Immunotherapy for first-line treatment of metastatic NSCLC

Drug	Indication	Dose
Pembrolizumab	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic NSCLC with <b>PD-L1 TPS ≥ 1%</b> and no EGFR/ALK mutations	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Atezolizumab	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic NSCLC with <b>PD-L1 ≥ 50% of tumor cells or ≥ 10% of immune cells</b> with no EGFR/ALK mutations	840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic NSCLC with <b>PD-L1 ≥ 1%</b> and no EGFR/ALK mutations	Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W
Nivolumab + ipilimumab + platinum-doublet chemotherapy	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	Nivolumab 360 mg Q3W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W + 2 cycles of chemotherapy
Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed + platinum	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic non-squamous NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Pembrolizumab + carboplatin + paclitaxel/nab-paclitaxel	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic squamous NSCLC	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Atezolizumab + bevacizumab + paclitaxel + carboplatin	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel + carboplatin	1 <sup>st</sup> line metastatic non-squamous 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

# Immunotherapy for relapsed/refractory NSCLC

Drug	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab	Metastatic squamous or non-squamous NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy (2 <sup>nd</sup> line)	240 mg Q2W or 480 mg Q4W
Pembrolizumab	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after chemotherapy and <b>PD-L1 ≥ 1%</b>	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Atezolizumab	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



# Treatment Naïve Regimens: Competing Strategies in NSCLC

- **KEYNOTE 024** – Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy in PD-L1  $\geq$  50%
- **KEYNOTE 042** – Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy in PD-L1  $\geq$  1%
- **KEYNOTE 189** – Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy vs. Chemotherapy alone in advanced non-squamous NSCLC
- **IMPOWER150** – 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
- **IMPOWER110** – Atezolizumab vs. chemotherapy in PD-L1  $\geq$  1%
- **CHECKMATE 9LA** – Nivolumab/ipilimumab with limited chemotherapy vs. chemotherapy in squamous and nonsquamous NSCLC

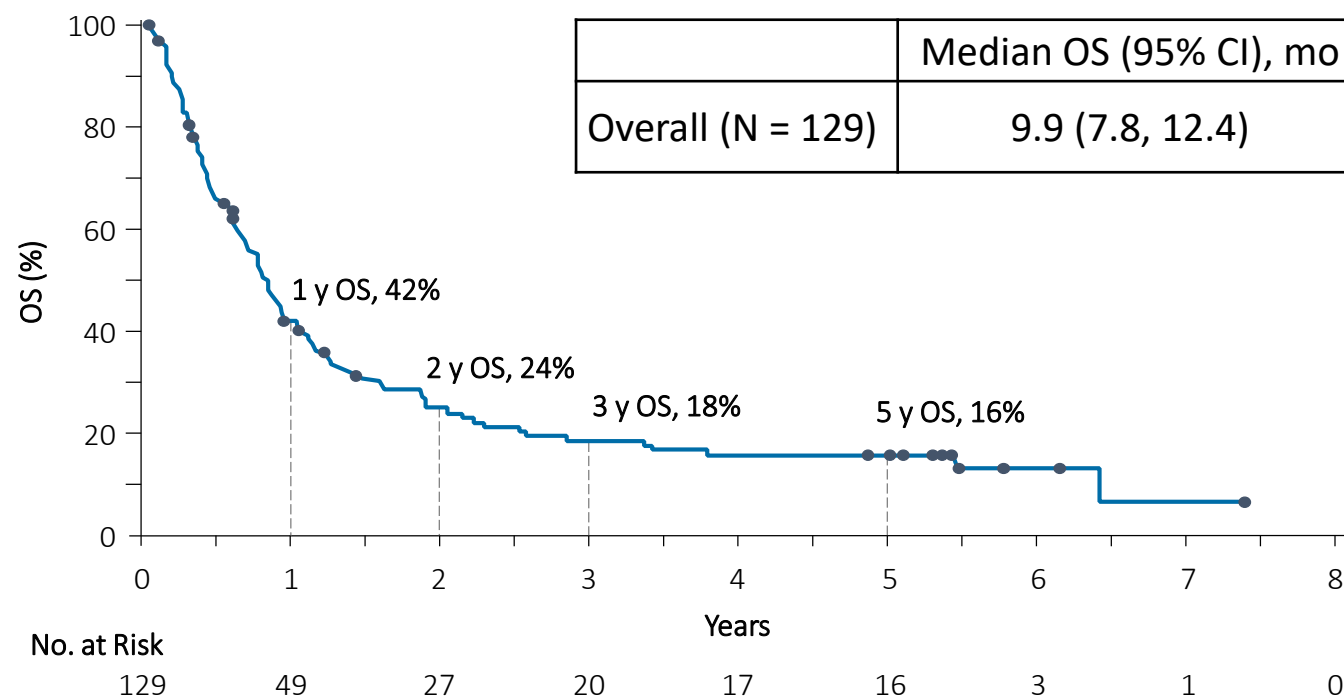


# CA209-003: Nivolumab in Heavily-pretreated Advanced NSCLC (NCT00730639)

## Phase 1, 5-Year Update

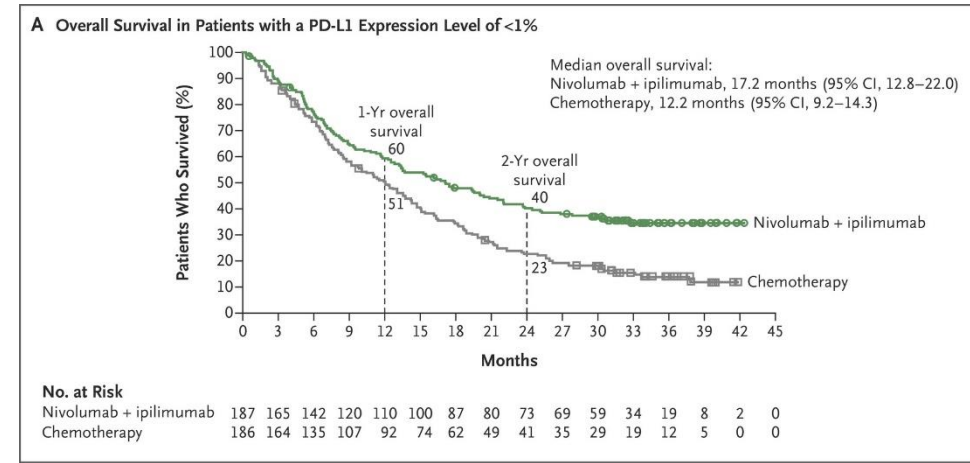
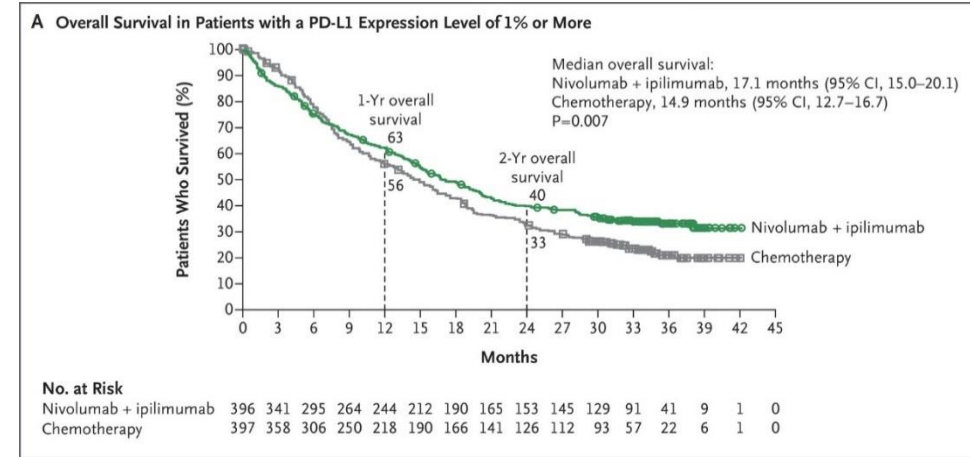
- First report of long-term survival rate in patients with metastatic NSCLC treated with an immune checkpoint inhibitor
- According to the National Cancer Institute's SEER data, 5-year survival rate for patients with advanced NSCLC is 4.9%

### 5-Year Survival



# CheckMate 227

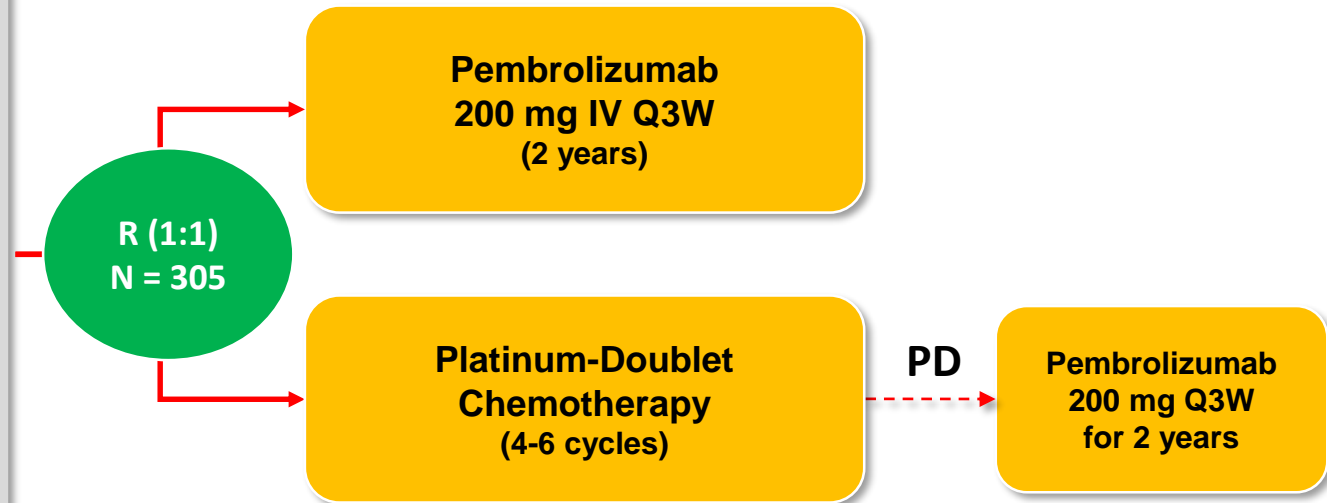
- Primary endpoint: OS in PD-L1  $\geq 1\%$  (tumor cells)
  - Nivo/ipi: 17.1 months
  - Chemo: 14.9 months
- Longer duration of response with nivo/ipi over chemo
- Benefit of nivolumab + ipilimumab seen regardless of PD-L1 status in this study



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

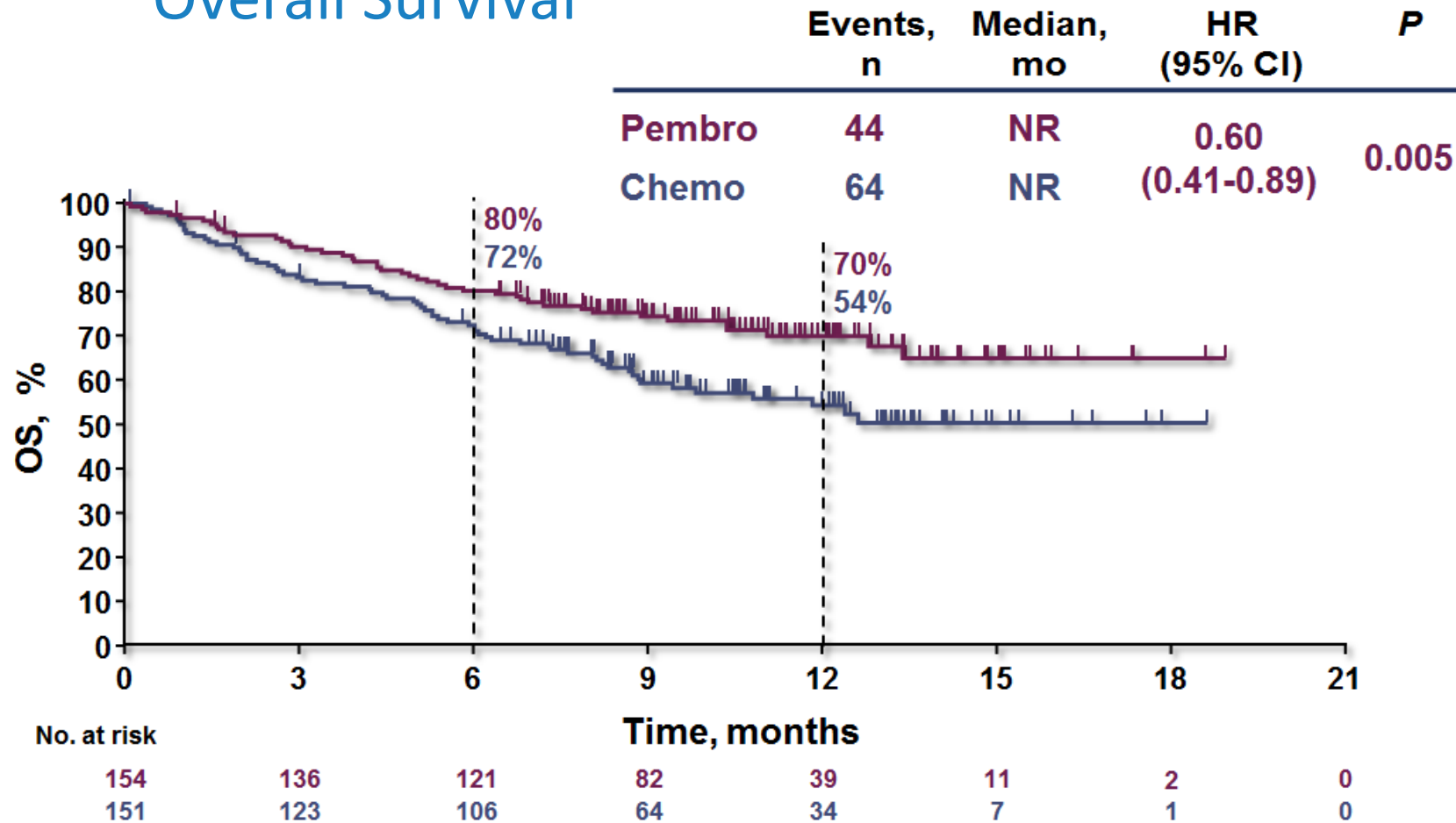
## Key Eligibility Criteria

- **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

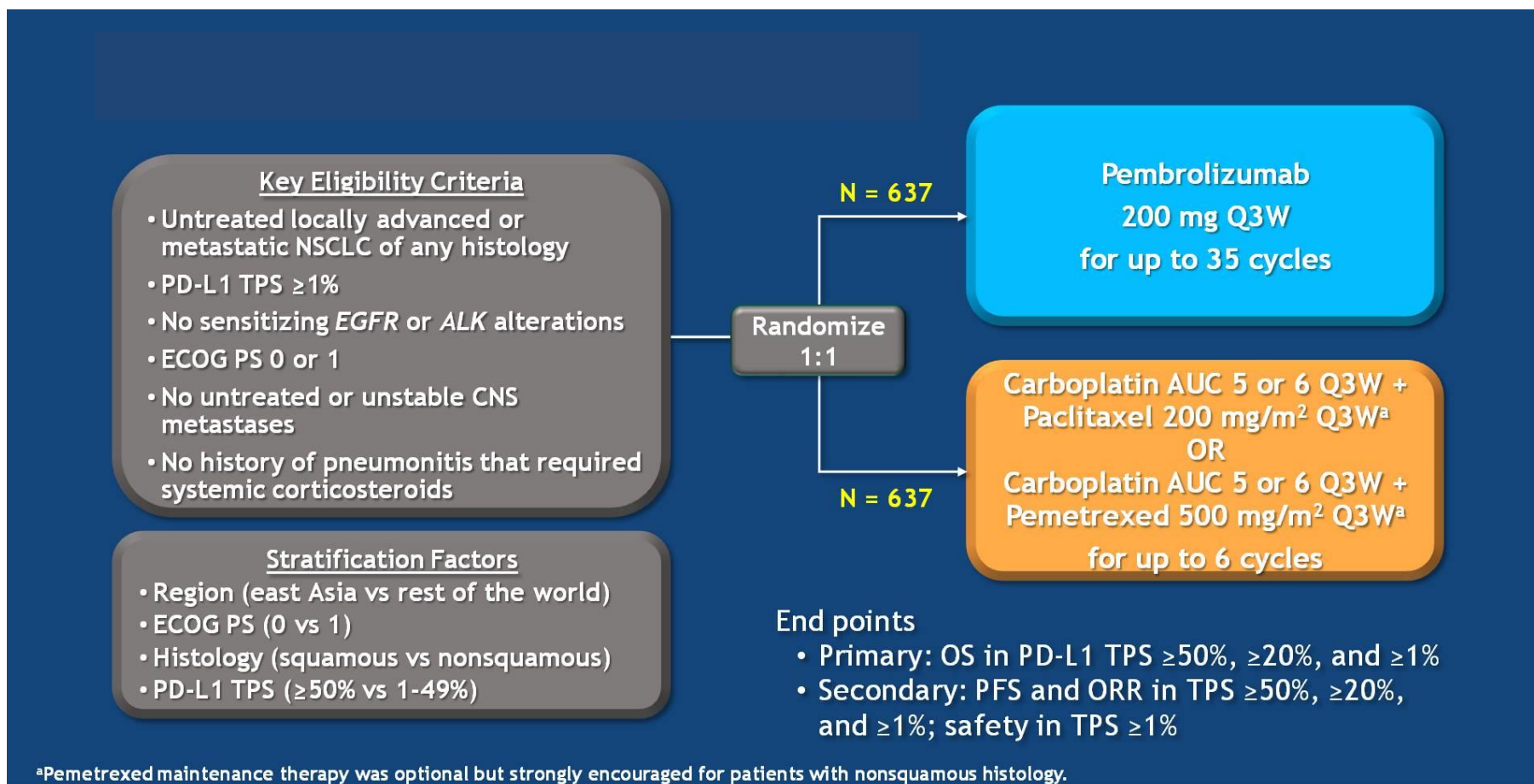


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## Overall Survival

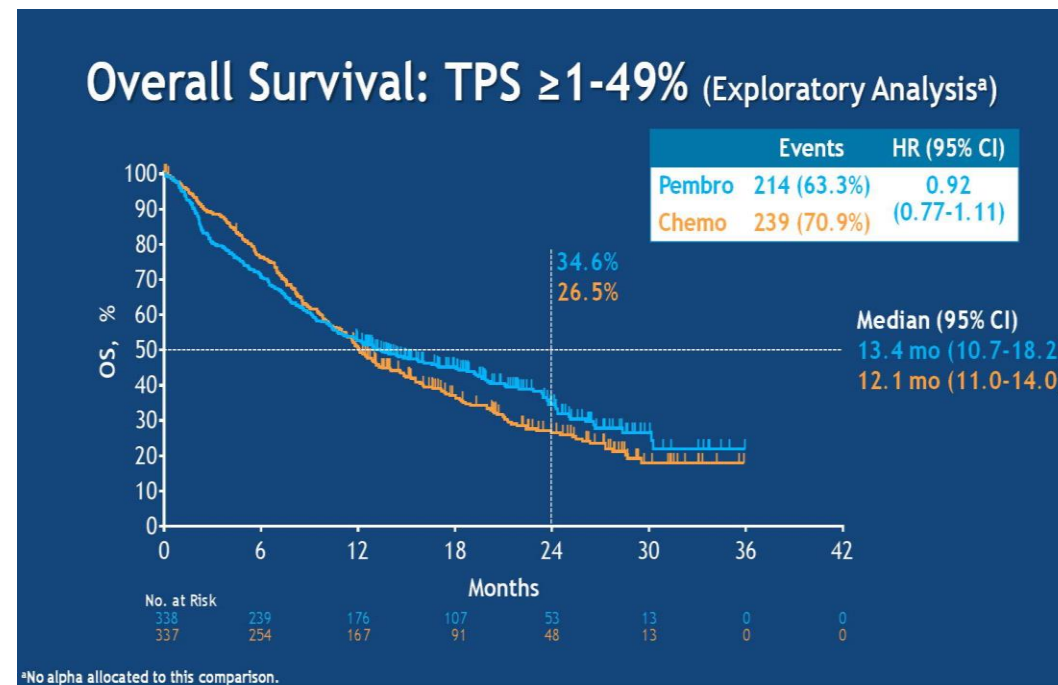
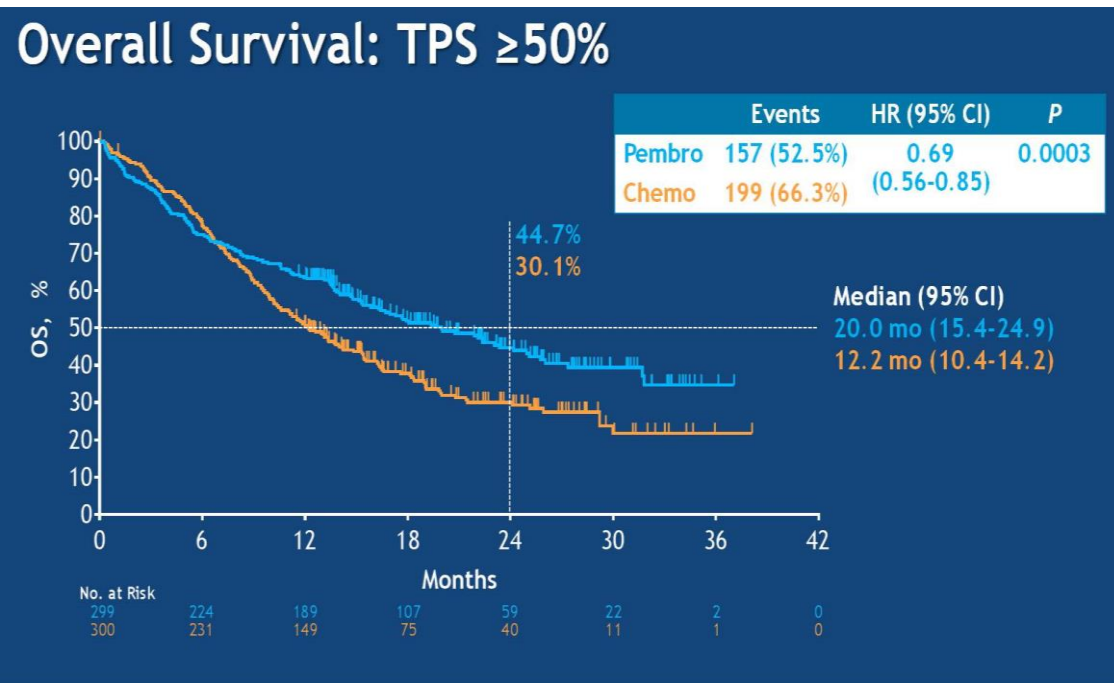


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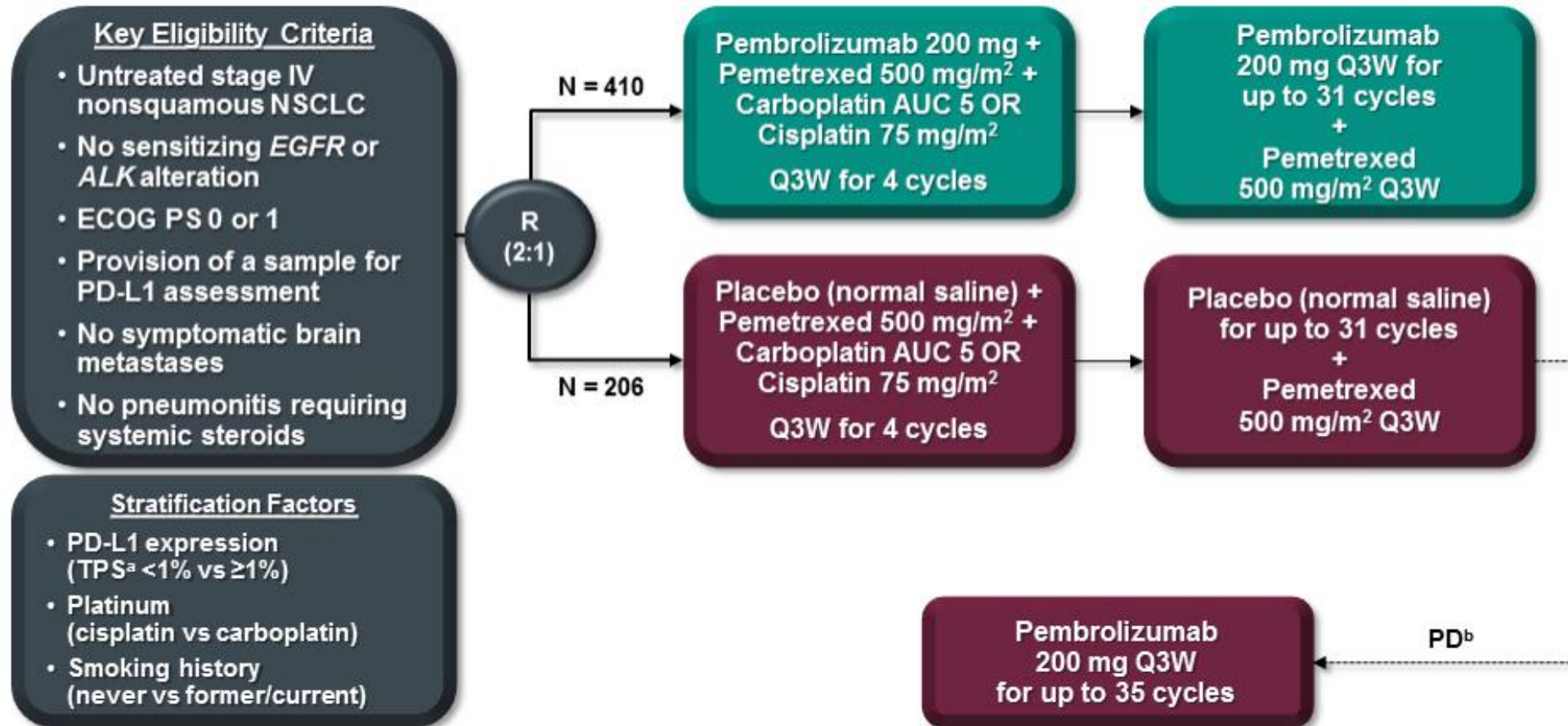
## Overall Survival



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

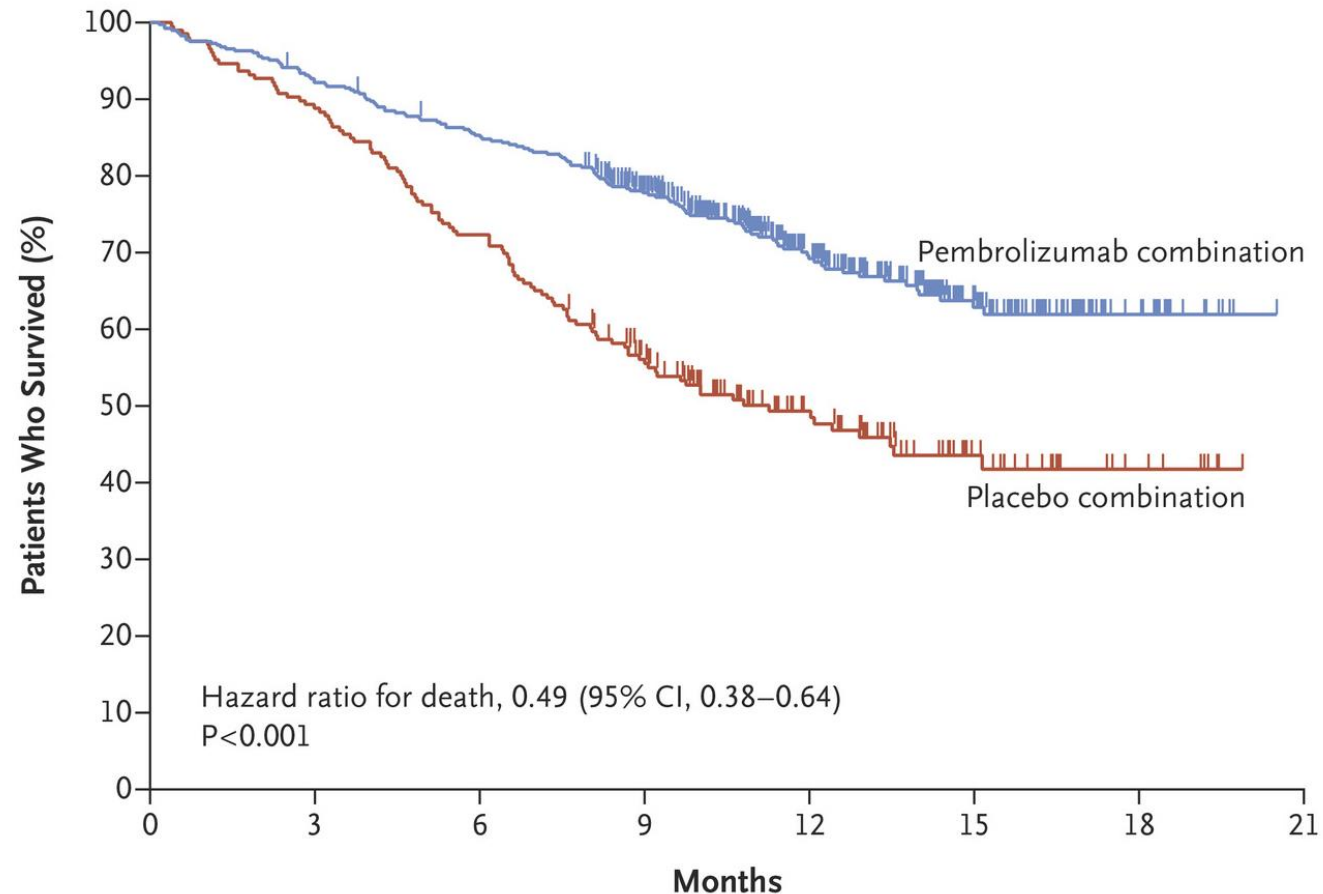


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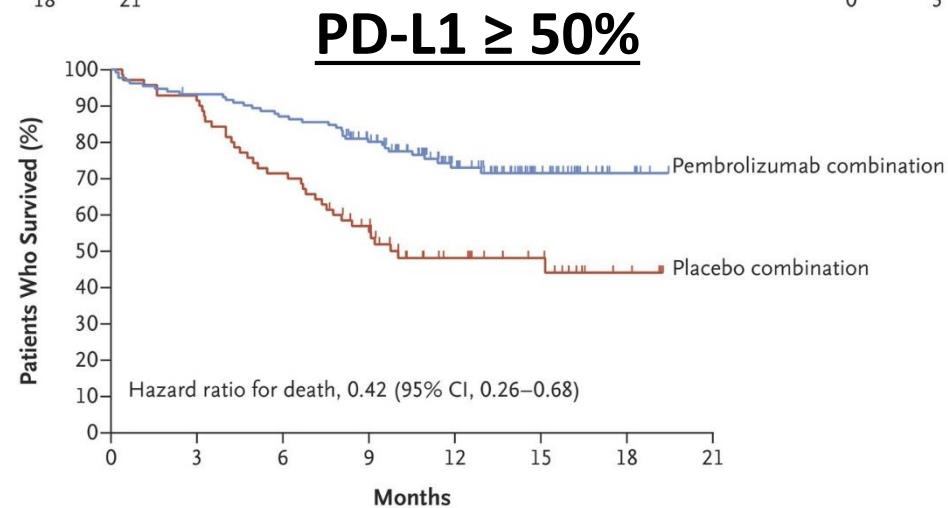
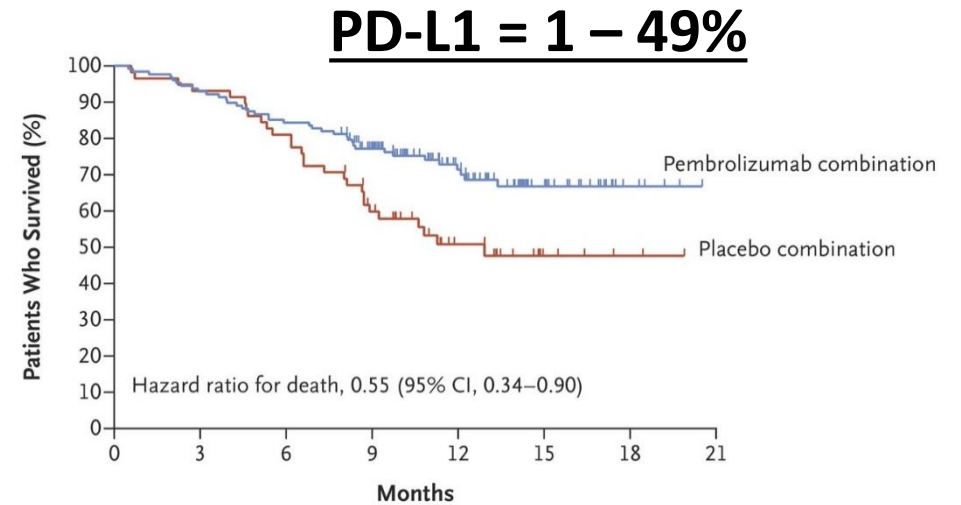
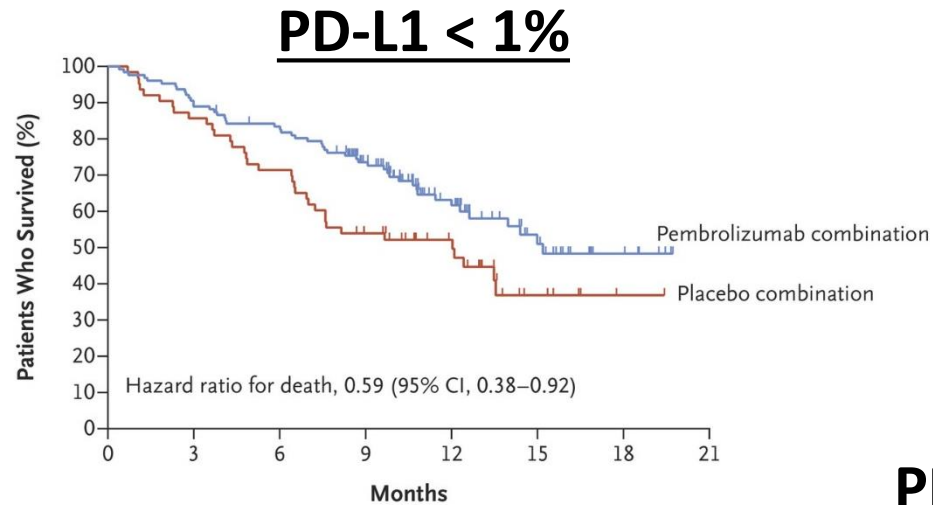




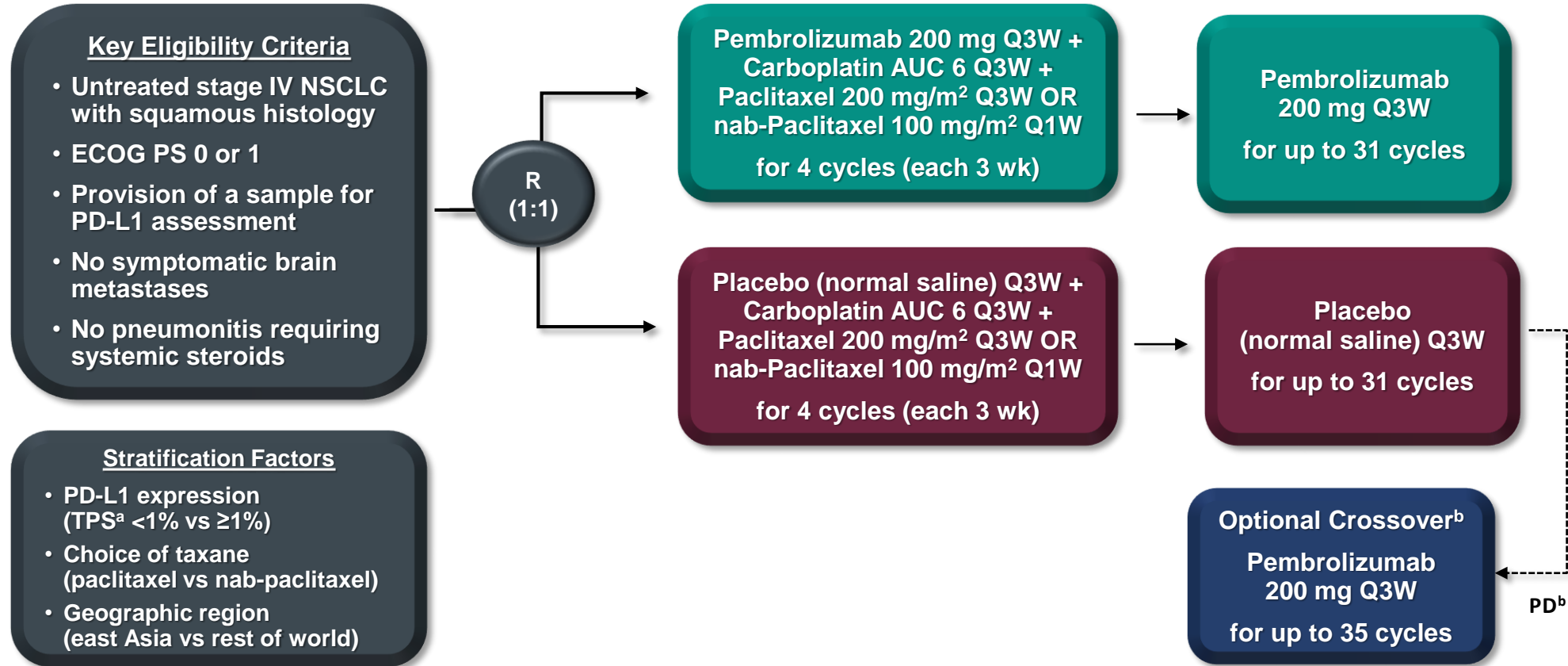
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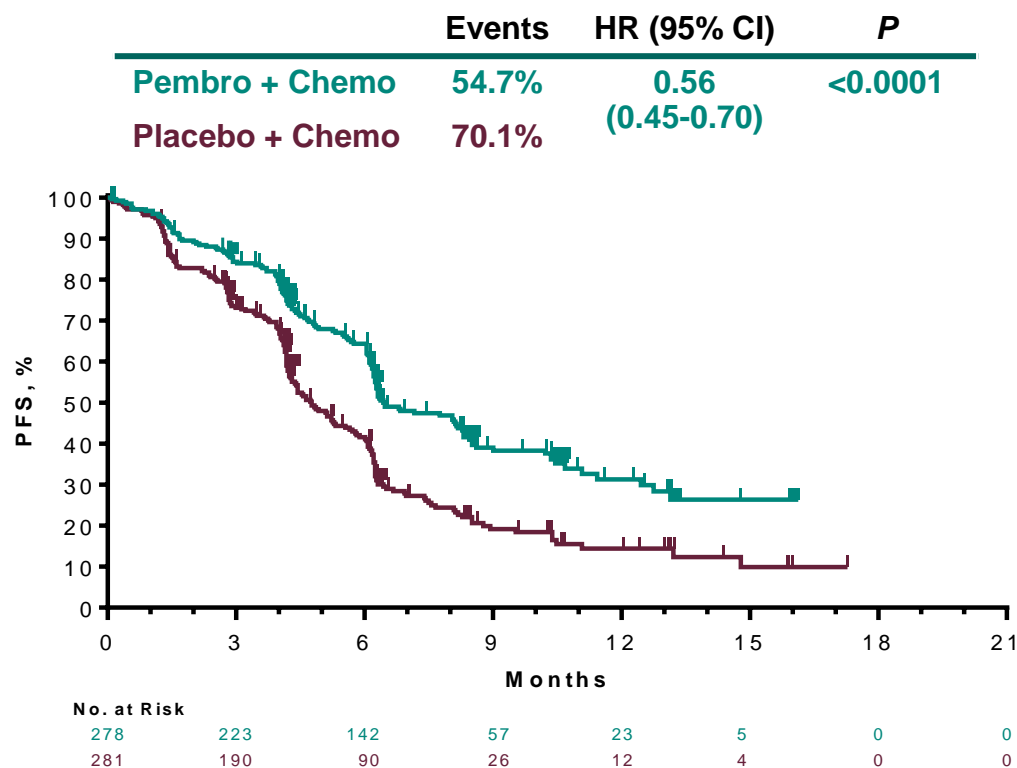


# KEYNOTE-407: Pembrolizumab/Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy Alone for Advanced Squamous-Cell NSCLC

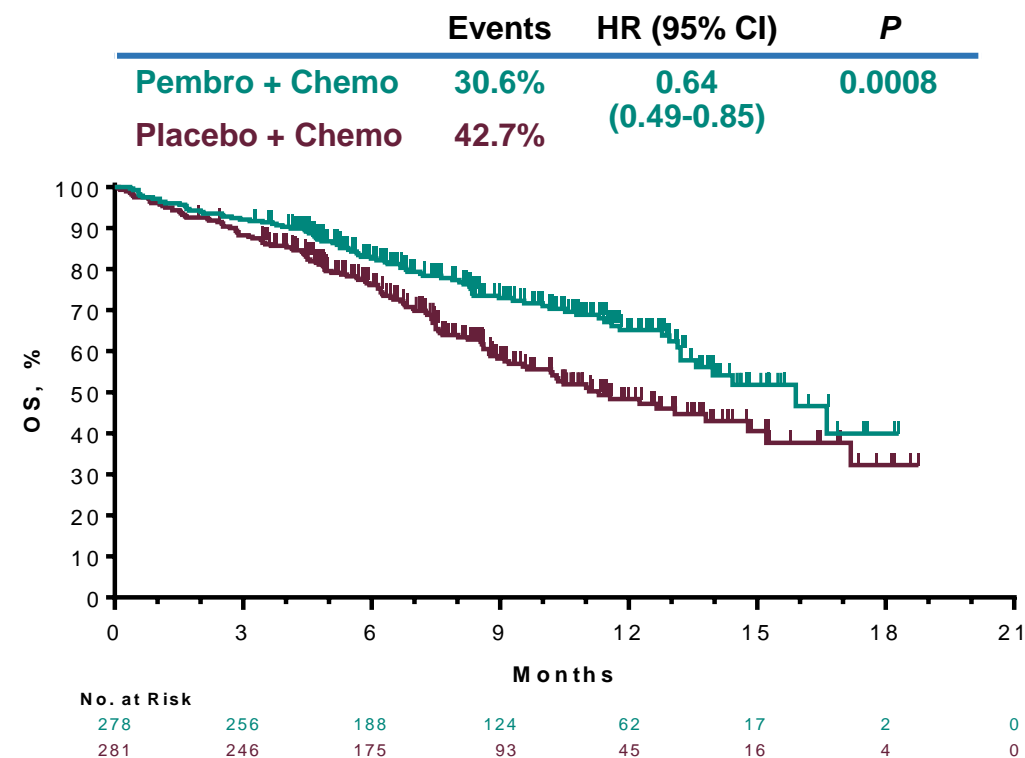


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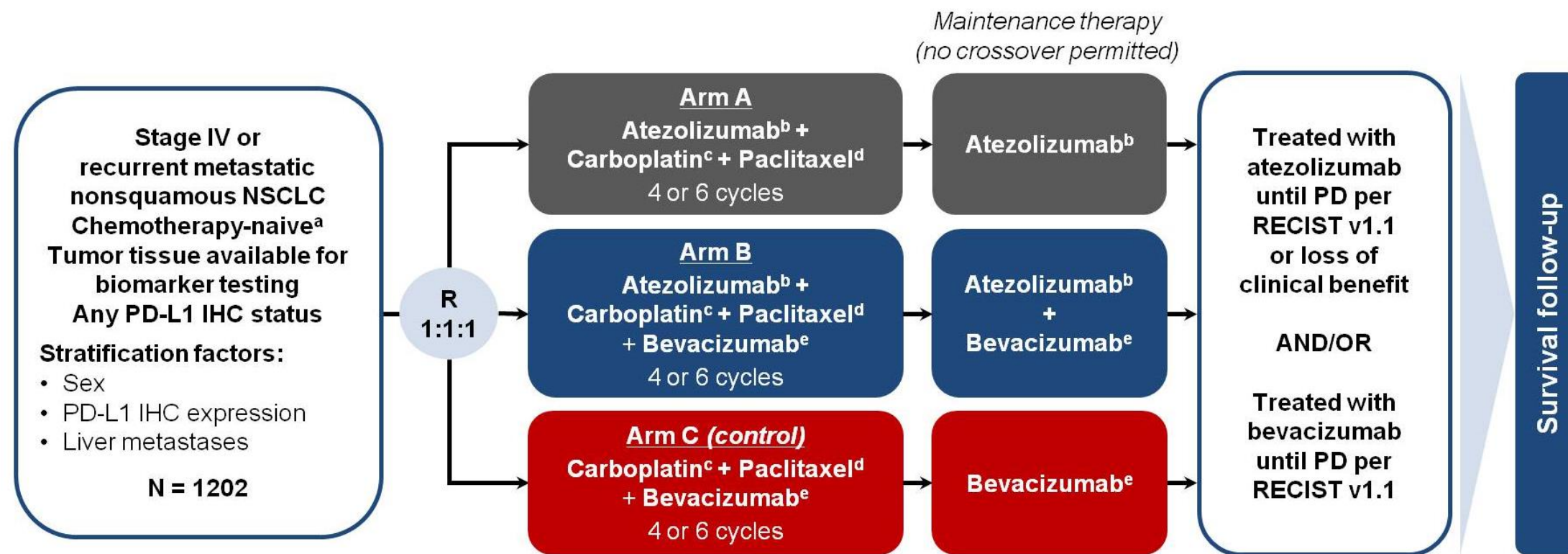
## PFS (RECISTv1.1, BICR)



## Overall Survival



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

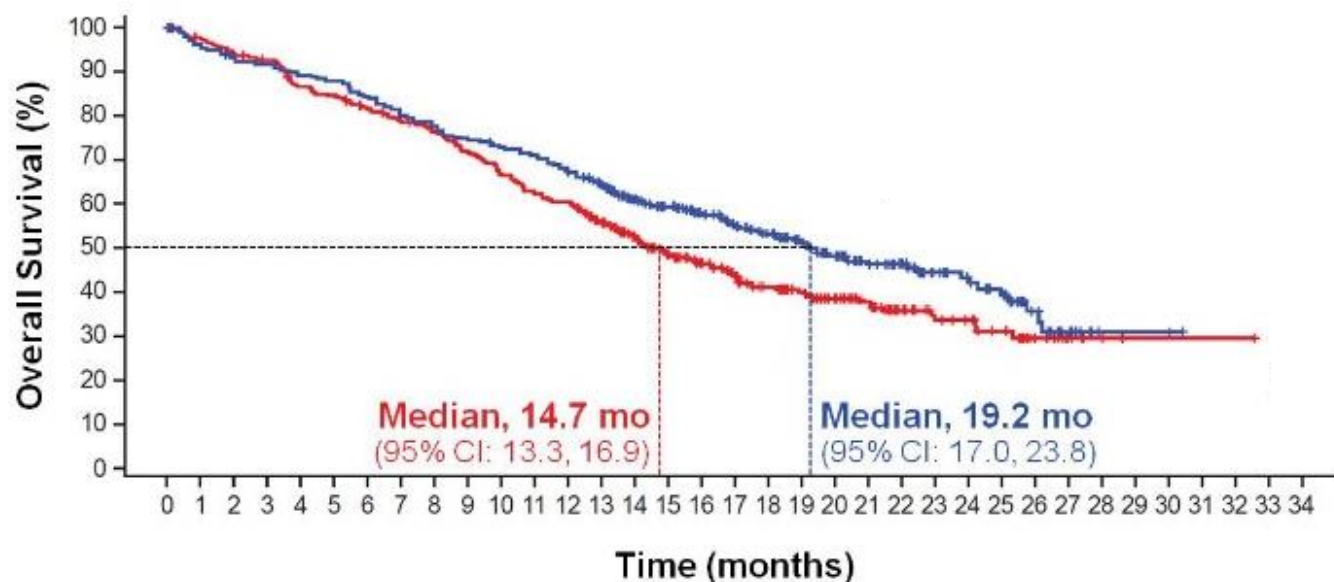




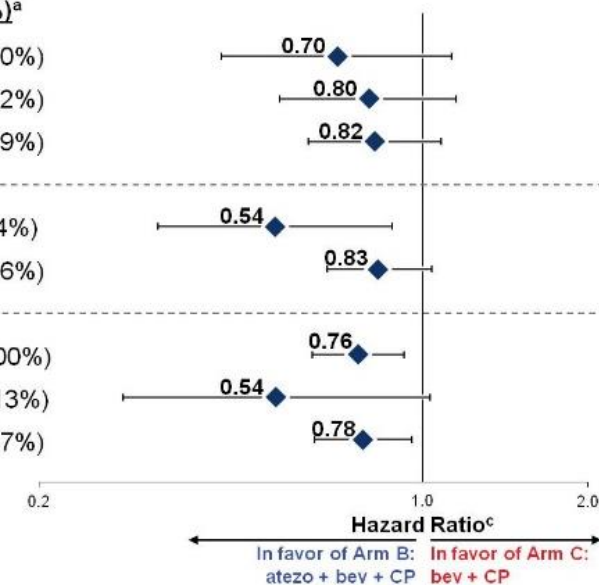
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Landmark OS, %	Arm B: atezo + bev + CP	Arm C: bev + CP
12-month	67%	61%
18-month	53%	41%
24-month	43%	34%

**HR<sup>a</sup>, 0.78**  
(95% CI: 0.64, 0.96)  
**P = 0.0164**  
Median follow-up: ~20 mo

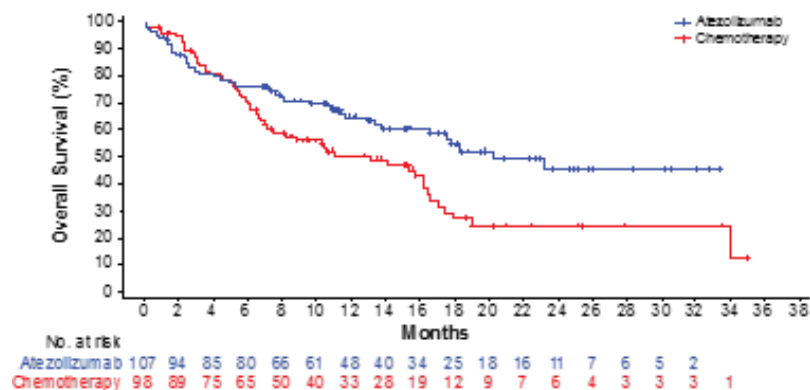


Subgroup	n (%) <sup>a</sup>
PD-L1–High (TC3 or IC3) WT	136 (20%)
PD-L1–Low (TC1/2 or IC1/2) WT	226 (32%)
PD-L1–Negative (TC0 and IC0) WT	339 (49%)
Liver Metastases WT	94 (14%)
No Liver Metastases WT	602 (86%)
ITT (including EGFR/ALK+)	800 (100%)
EGFR/ALK+ only	104 <sup>b</sup> (13%)
ITT-WT	696 (87%)



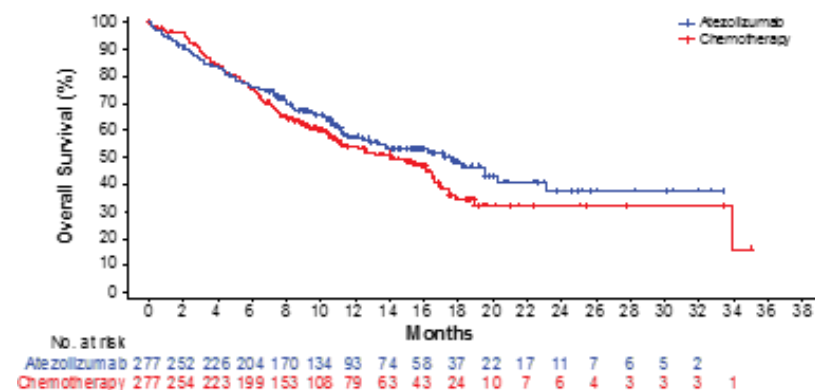
# IMpower110: Atezolizumab vs chemotherapy in 1L NSCLC

**SP142 (TC3 or IC3-WT)<sup>a</sup>**



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

**SP142 (TC1/2/3 or IC1/2/3-WT)<sup>a</sup>**

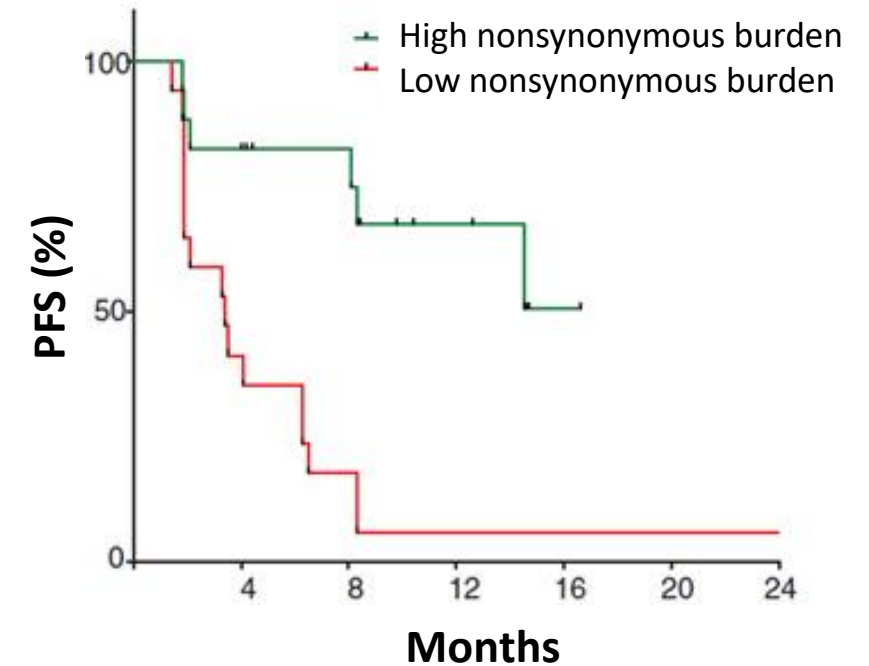
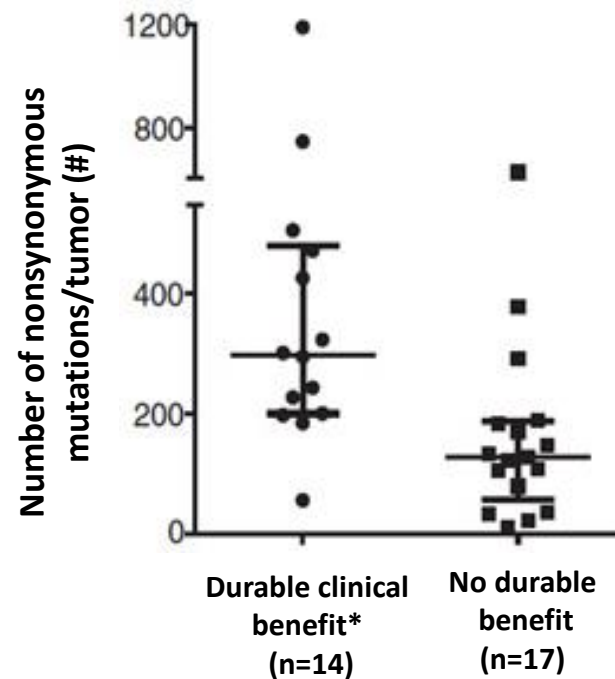


	Atezo (n = 277)	Chemo (n = 277)
mOS, mo	17.5	14.1
HR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	0.83 (0.65, 1.07)	



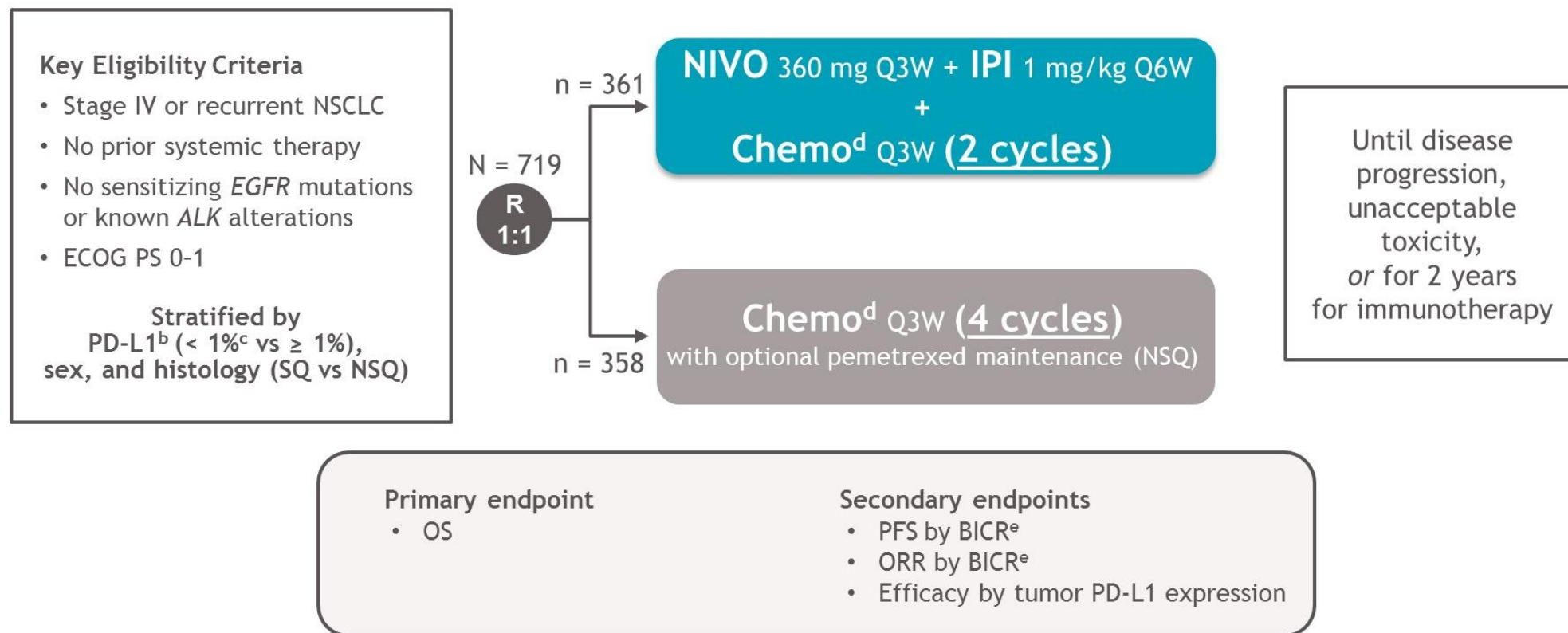
# Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) may Determine Sensitivity to PD-1 Blockade in NSCLC

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

# CheckMate 9LA: Nivolumab/Ipilimumab + limited chemo



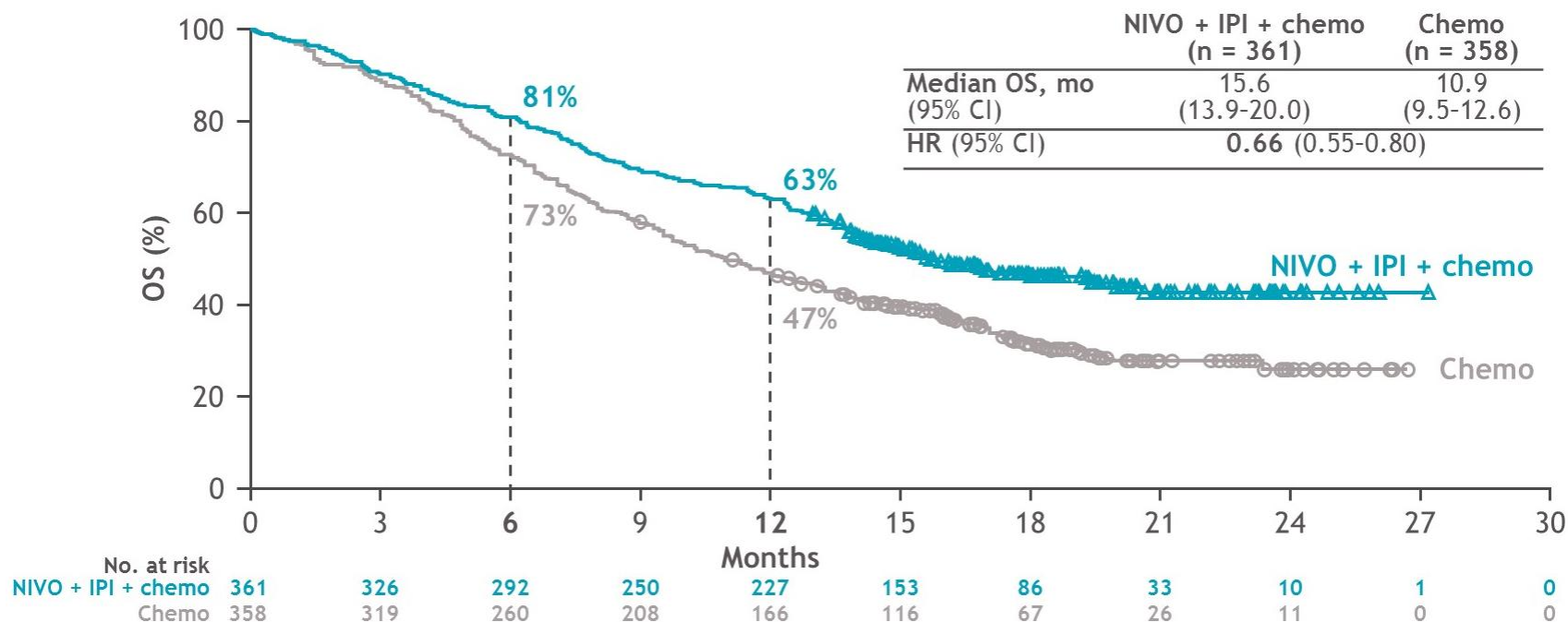
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<sup>a</sup>NCT03215706; <sup>b</sup>Determined by the PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay (Dako); <sup>c</sup>Patients unevaluable for PD-L1 were stratified to PD-L1 < 1% and capped to 10% of all randomized patients;

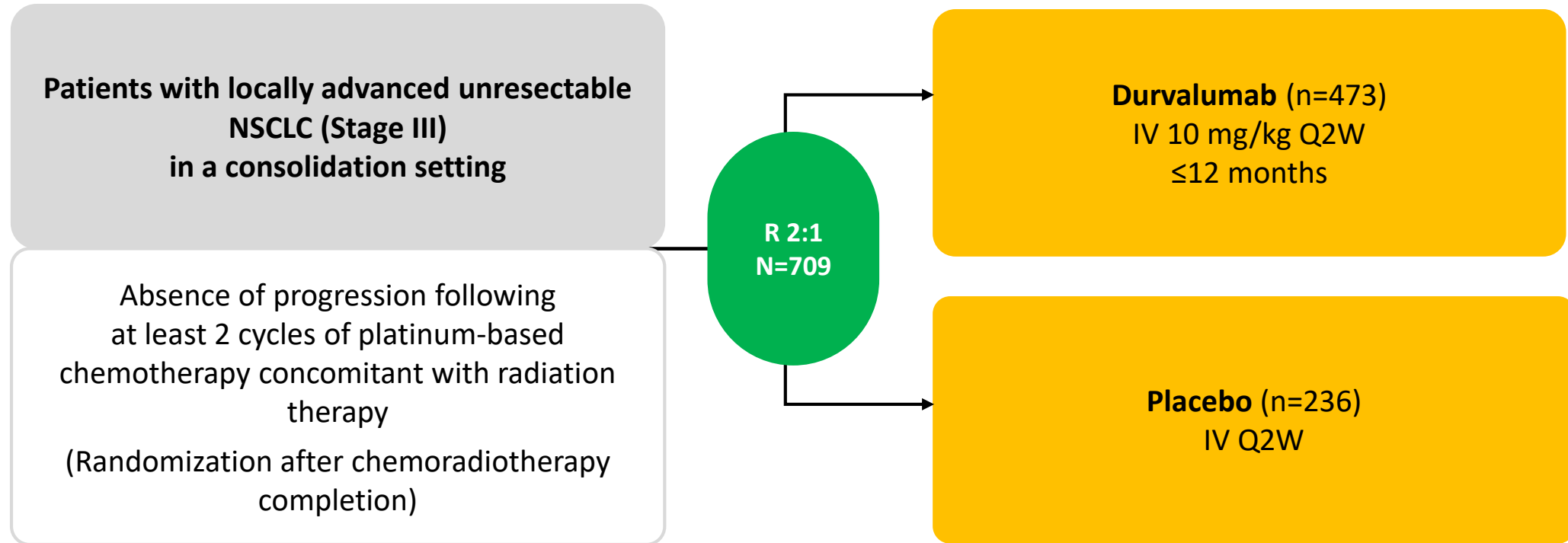
<sup>d</sup>NSQ: pemetrexed + cisplatin or carboplatin; SQ: paclitaxel + carboplatin; <sup>e</sup>Hierarchically statistically tested.

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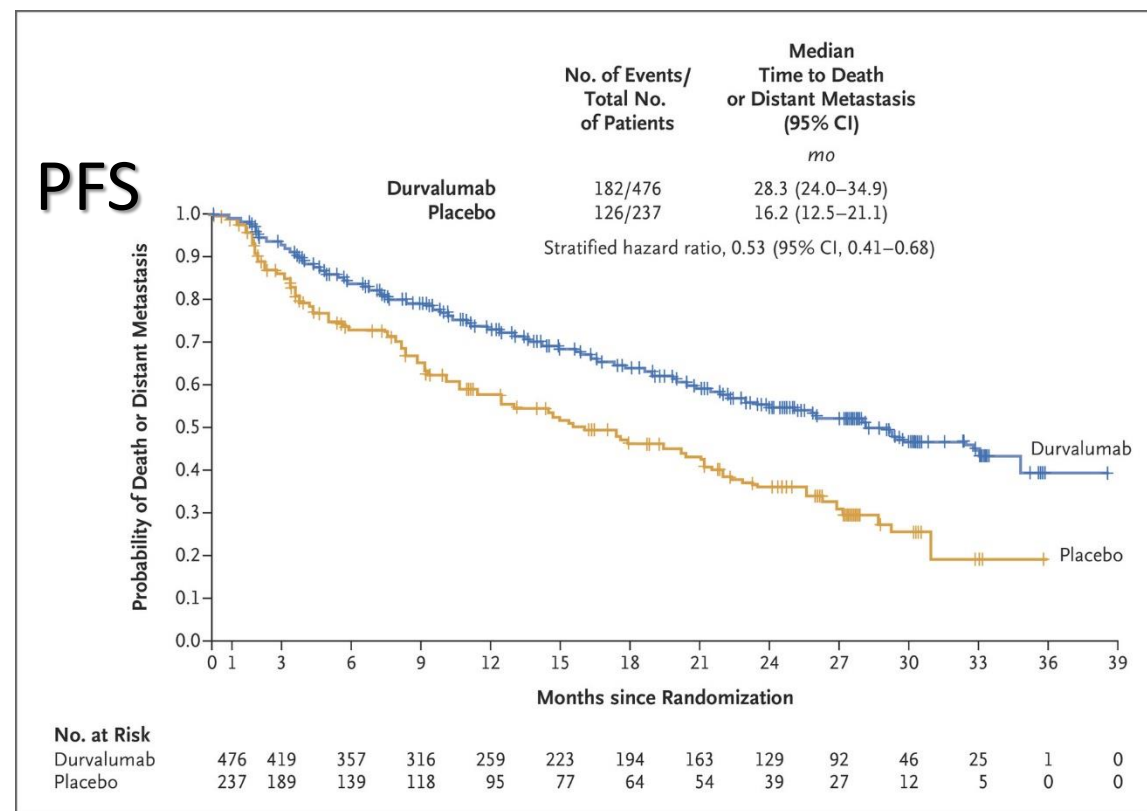
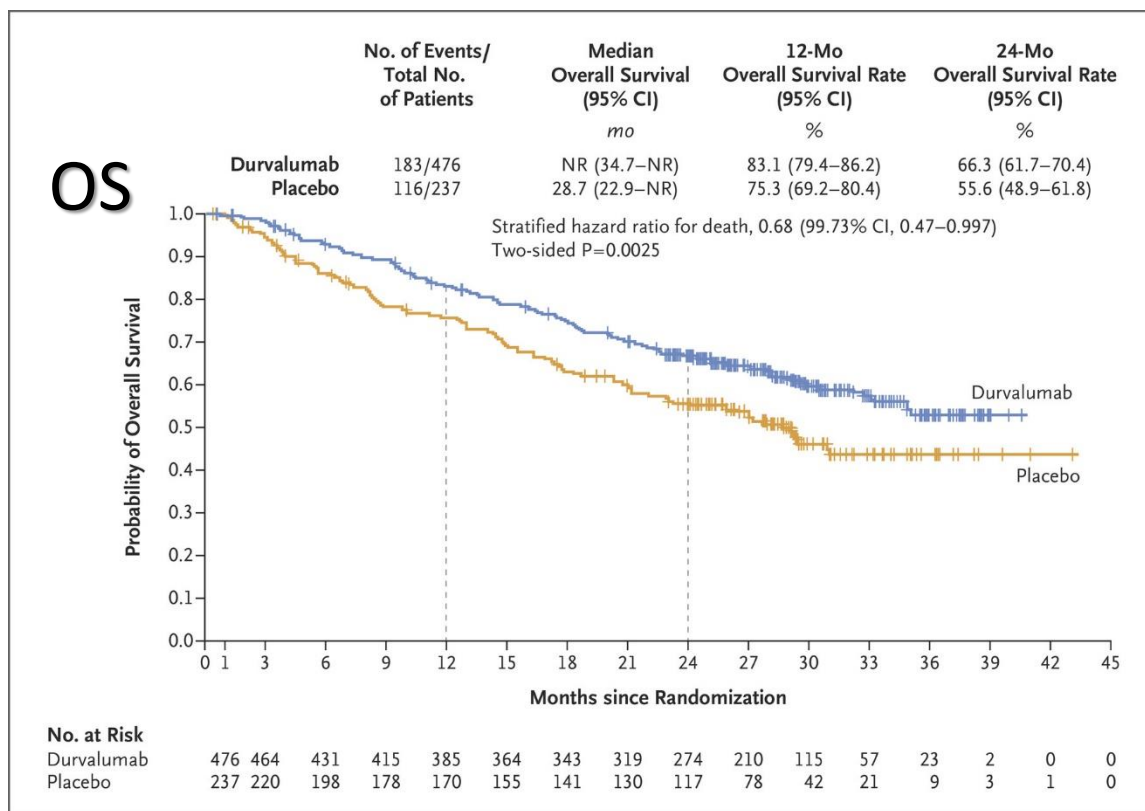


	NIVO + IPI + chemo (n = 361)	Chemo (n = 358)
ORR, n (%)	138 (38)	89 (25)
Odds ratio (95% CI)	1.9 (1.4-2.6)	
BOR, n (%)		
CR	8 (2)	4 (1)
PR	130 (36)	85 (24)
SD	164 (45)	185 (52)
PD	32 (9)	45 (13)
DCR, n (%)	302 (84)	274 (76)

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



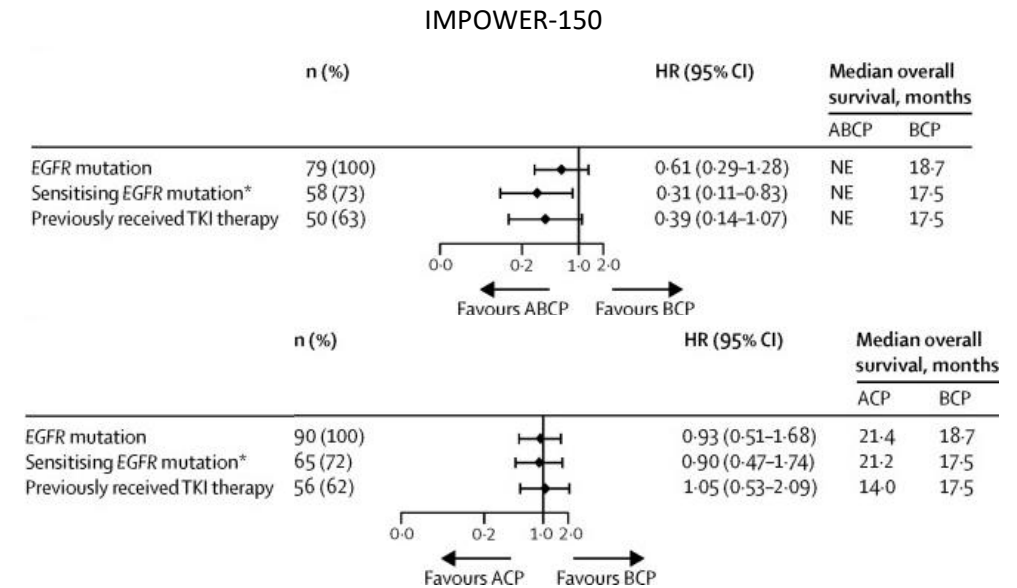
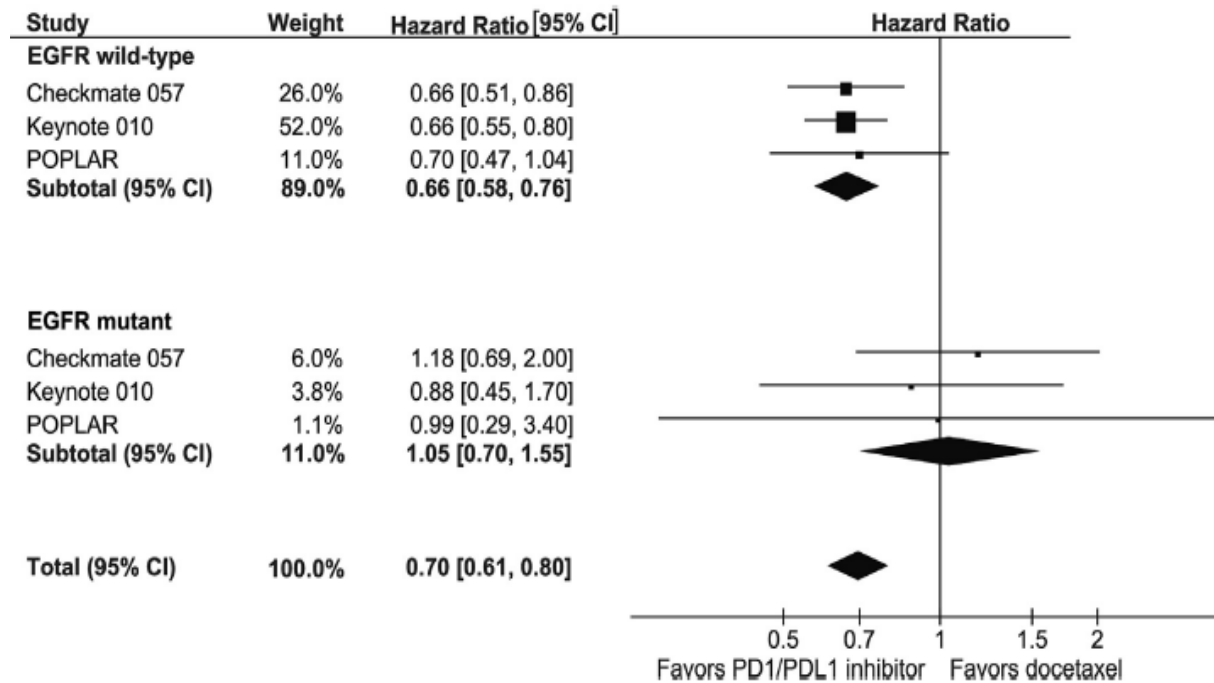
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# Checkpoint Inhibitors in Metastatic EGFR-Mutated NSCLC

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)	P
<b>Pembro 2 mg/kg</b>	<b>14.9 (10.4-NR)</b>	<b>0.54 (0.38-0.77)</b>	<b>0.0002</b>
<b>Pembro 10 mg/kg</b>	<b>17.3 (11.8-NR)</b>	<b>0.50 (0.36-0.70)</b>	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
Docetaxel	8.2 (6.4-10.7)	--	--

## OAK (atezolizumab)

<b>HR, 0.73<sup>a</sup></b> (95% CI, 0.62, 0.87) <i>P</i> = 0.0003  <i>Minimum follow up = 19 months</i>
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# Small cell lung cancer

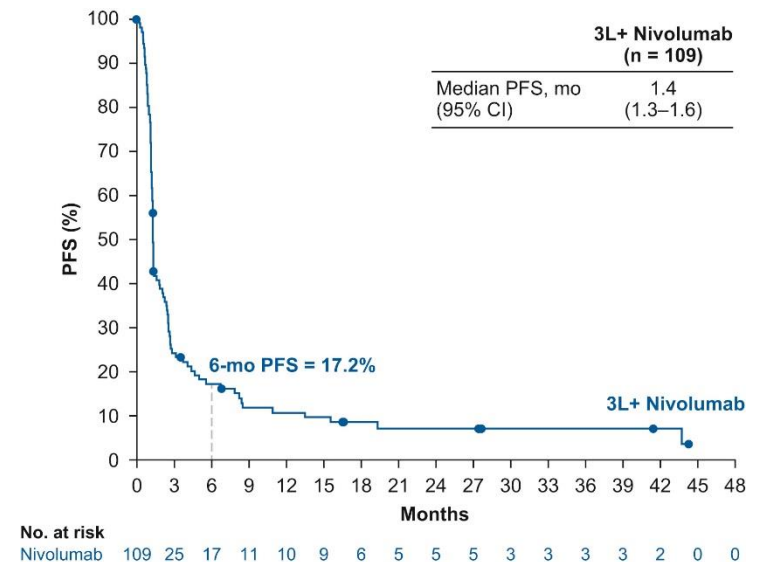
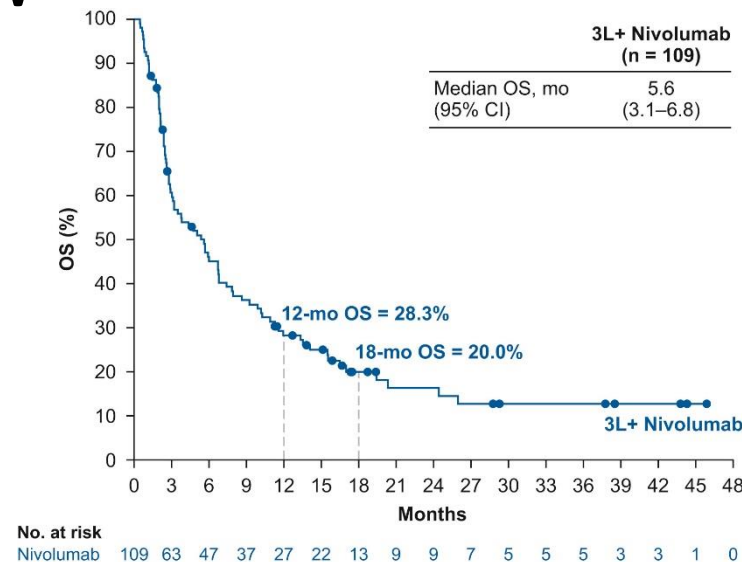
- 10-15% of lung cancers
- Almost exclusively former/current smokers
- Median survival 1-2 years after diagnosis
- Until recently, only one FDA-approved 2<sup>nd</sup> line option: topotecan – DOR: 3.3 months
- Recent approvals of immunotherapies mark the first progress in decades

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<b>Atezolizumab + carboplatin + etoposide</b>	2019	1 <sup>st</sup> line extensive stage SCLC	For 4 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg + carboplatin + etoposide Q3W Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
<b>Pembrolizumab</b>	2019	Metastatic small cell lung cancer with progression on Pt-chemotherapy and one other therapy (3 <sup>rd</sup> line)	200 mg Q3W

# CheckMate-032: Nivolumab in 3<sup>rd</sup> line SCLC

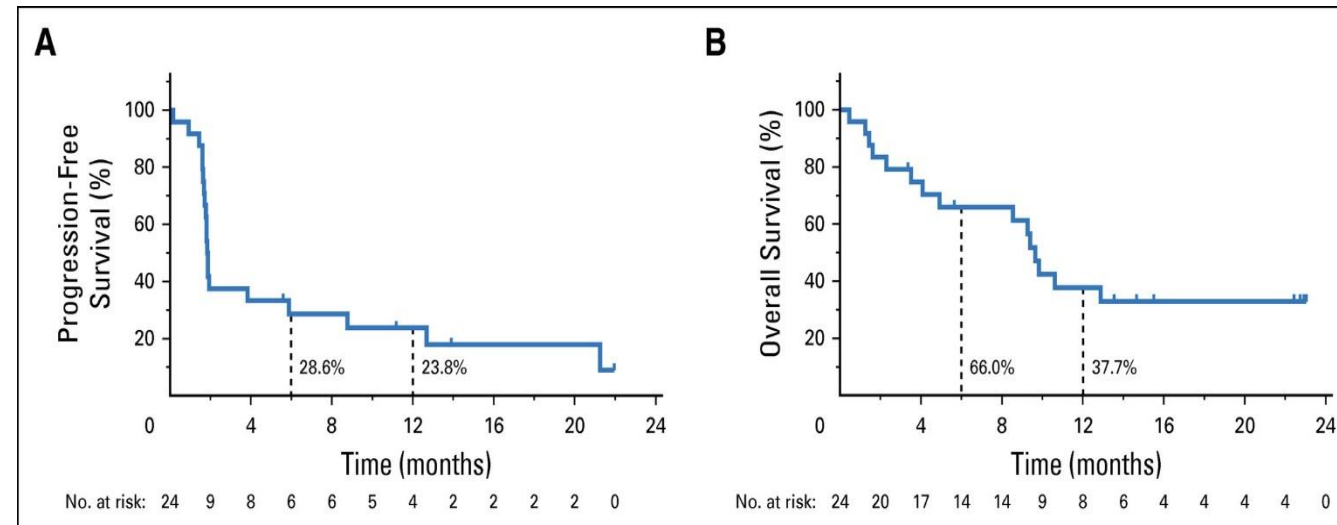
- Nivolumab in SCLC with progression on platinum chemotherapy and another therapy
- Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W
- @28.3 months:
  - ORR: 11.9%
  - mDOR: 17.9 months



# Pembrolizumab in 3<sup>rd</sup>-line SCLC

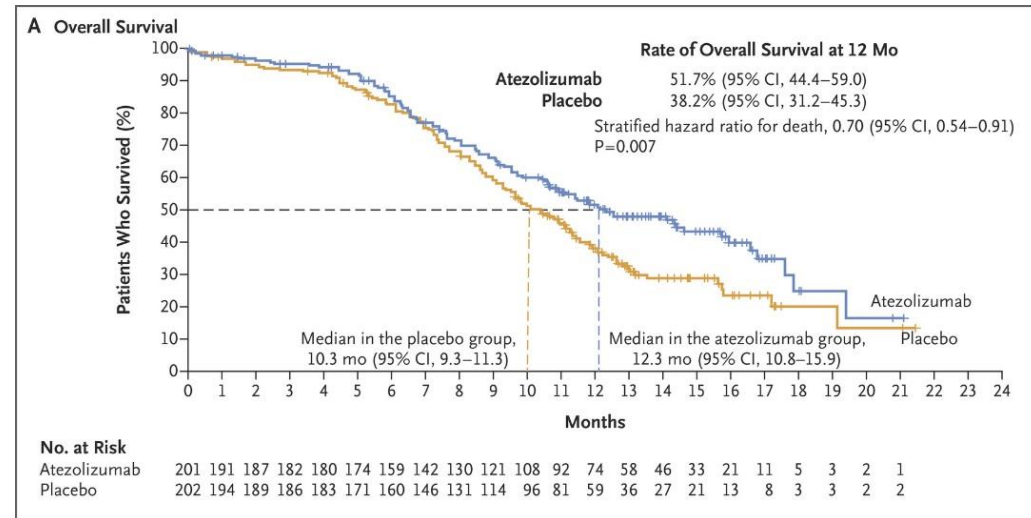
- KEYNOTE-028: PD-L1+ only (Cohort C1)
- KEYNOTE-158: PD-L1 +/- (Cohort G)
- Combined analysis:
- ORR: 19.3%
  - 2 CR, 14 PR
  - 14/16 responders were PD-L1+
  - 9/16 responders had response ≥18 mo.
- mOS: 7.7 months

PD-L1+ (KEYNOTE-028)



# IMpower133: Atezolizumab + chemo in 1<sup>st</sup>-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



# Immunotherapy for mesothelioma

Drug	Indication	Dose
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	Frontline unresectable malignant pleural mesothelioma	Nivolumab 360 mg Q3W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W

- Approval based on CheckMate 743
  - Nivolumab + ipilimumab vs platinum-based chemotherapy
  - Median OS: 18.1 months vs 14.1 months
  - 2-year OS: 41% vs 27%
  - Median PFS: 6.8 months vs 7.2 months
- First FDA approval for mesothelioma since 2004

# Conclusions

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



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## The Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer consensus statement on immunotherapy for the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)

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# Case Studies

# Case Study 1

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*Not incorrect given >50%, but . . .*

*IO + chemo > IO alone in patient with high disease burden in whom you may want faster time to response*

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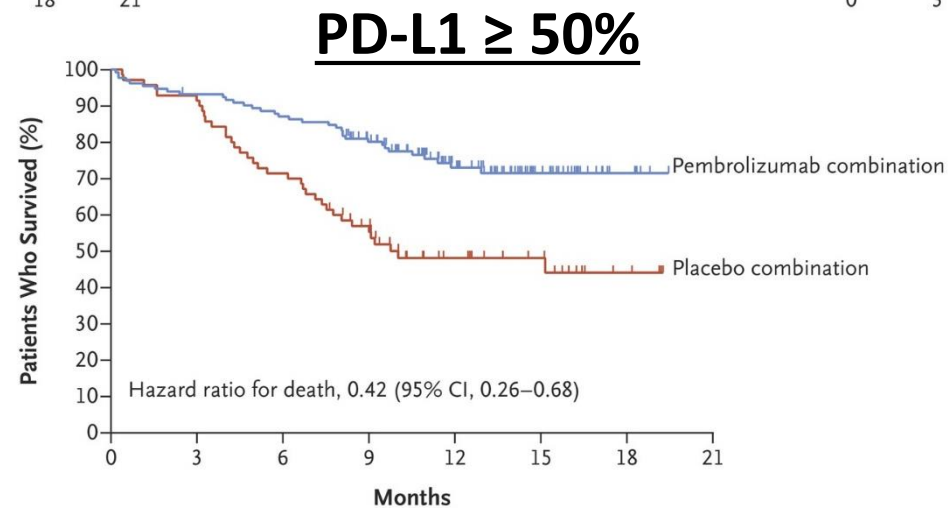
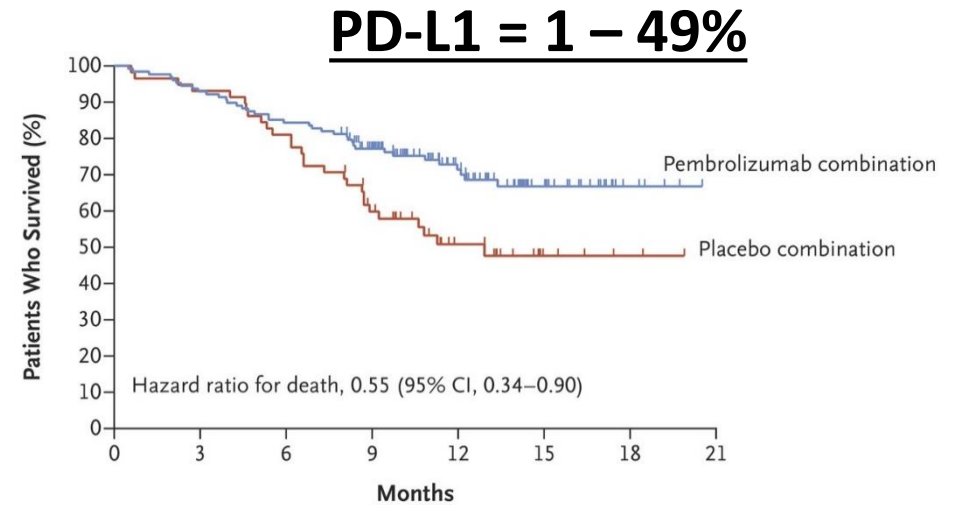
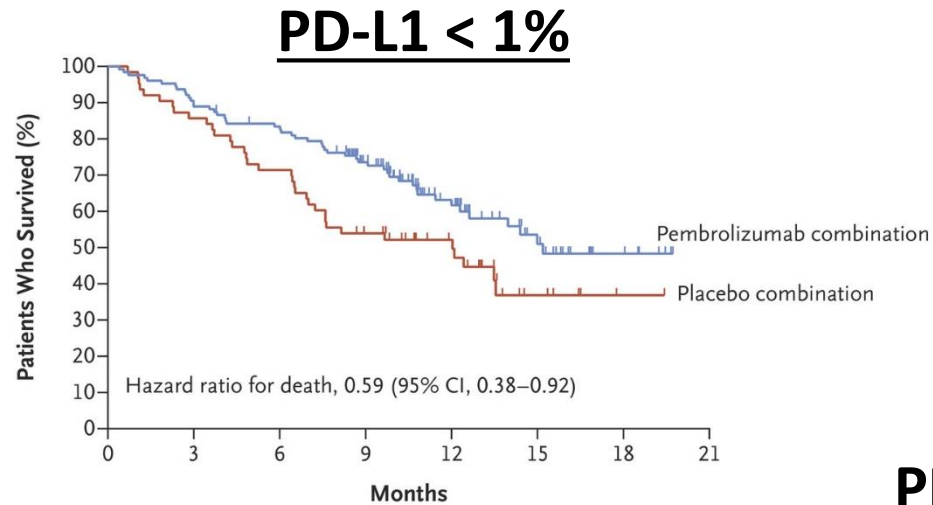
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*Would involve patient in decision. Could initiate IO alone and add in chemotherapy for combination if slow/limited response.*

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*Avoid upfront immunotherapy in a patient with potential driver mutation*

*Good option if need to control symptoms*

*Best choice if able to wait on results*

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### *Toxicities of combined TKI and IO*

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*Would be hesitant given “cold” tumor type*

*Best options if clinical trial not available.  
Okay to use IO following TKI, avoid in  
combination or TKI following IO.*

*C797S may respond to earlier gen TKIs; also  
need to test for MET amp and rule out SCLC  
transformation*