

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Lung Cancer

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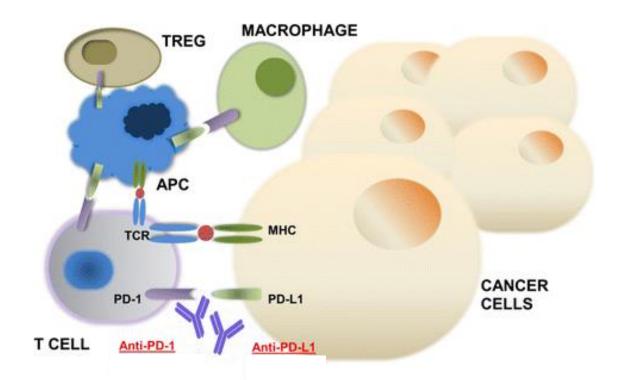
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Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Lung Cancer Checkpoint Inhibitors: PD-1 and PD-L1

- PD-1 acts as an "off-switch" for T cells when interacting with PD-L1
- Tumor PD-L1 expression allowing cancer cells to evade immune attack
- Antibodies against PD-1 and PD-L1 boost the immune response against cancer cells



Gong J, Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer, 2018

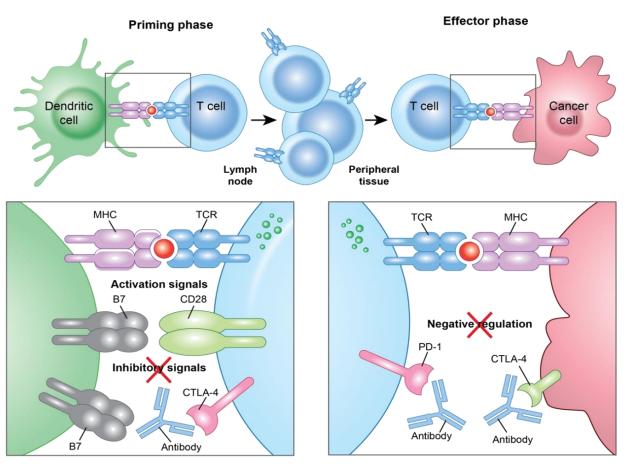






Combination Immune Checkpoint Blockade

- CTLA-4 acts as an "off-switch" for T cells when interacting with B7
- Combination strategies combine both CTLA-4 and PD-1/PD-L1 blockade



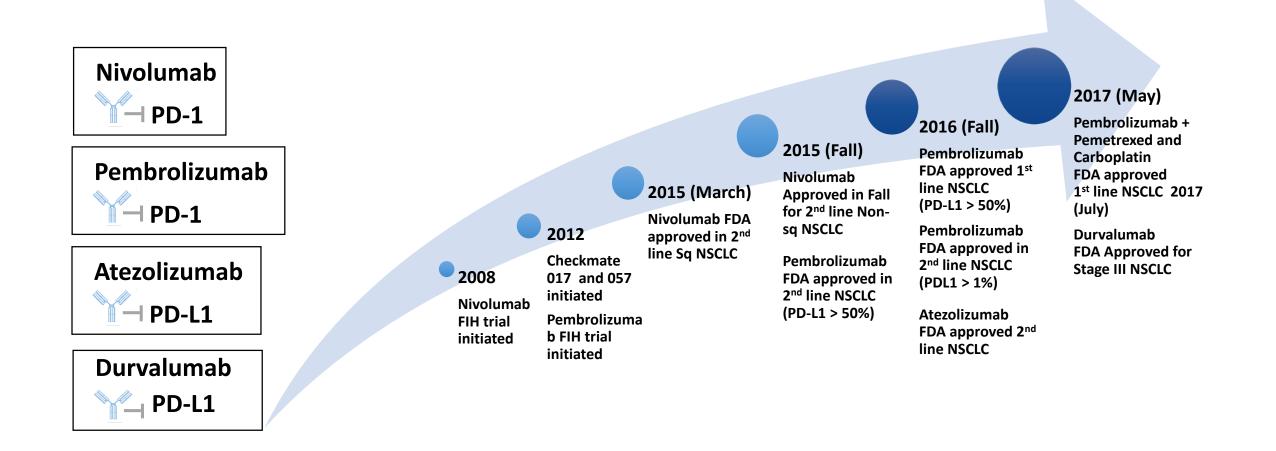
Ribas A, NEJM, 2012







FDA-approved Checkpoint Inhibitors in NSCLC







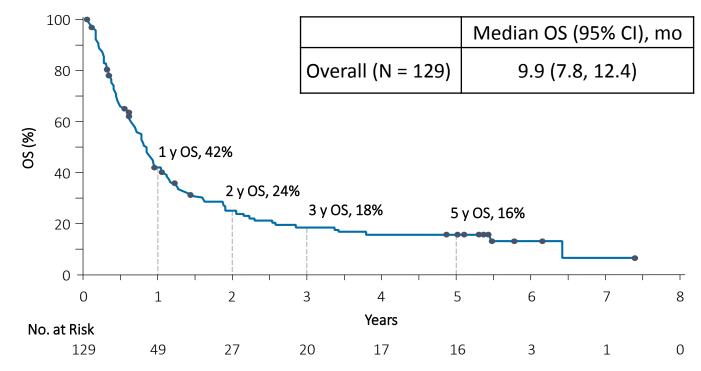
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CA209-003: Nivolumab in Heavily-pretreated Advanced NSCLC (NCT00730639) Phase 1, 5-Year Update

5-Year Survival

- 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%



Gettinger et al. JCO 2018 Brahmer et al, AACR 2017 NCI SEER data, Lung and Bronchus Cancer, 2014







Treatment Naïve Regimens: Competing Strategies

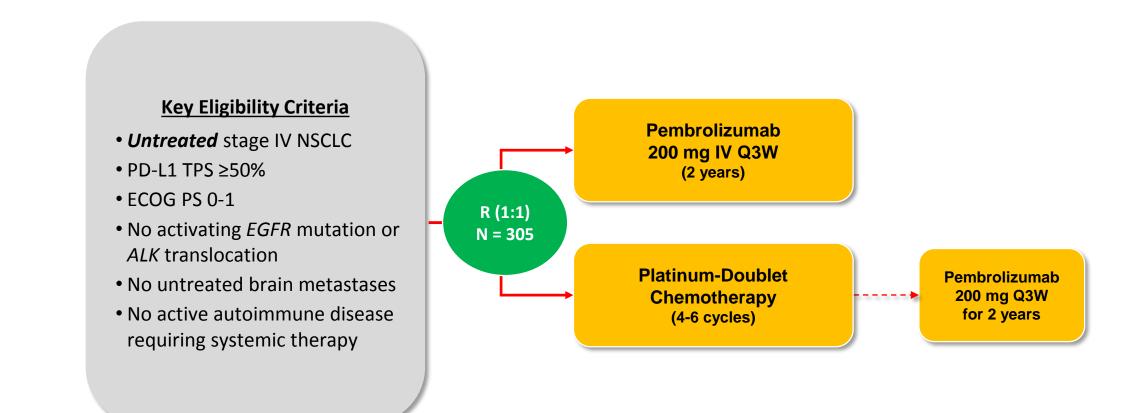
- KEYNOTE 024 Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy in PD-L1 > 50%
- KEYNOTE 042 Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy in PD-L1 > 1%
- KEYNOTE 189 Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy vs. Chemotherapy alone in patients with advanced non-squamous NSCLC
- IMPOWER 150 Atezolizumab + Chemotherapy (Bev) vs. Chemotherapy (Bev) in patients 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







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



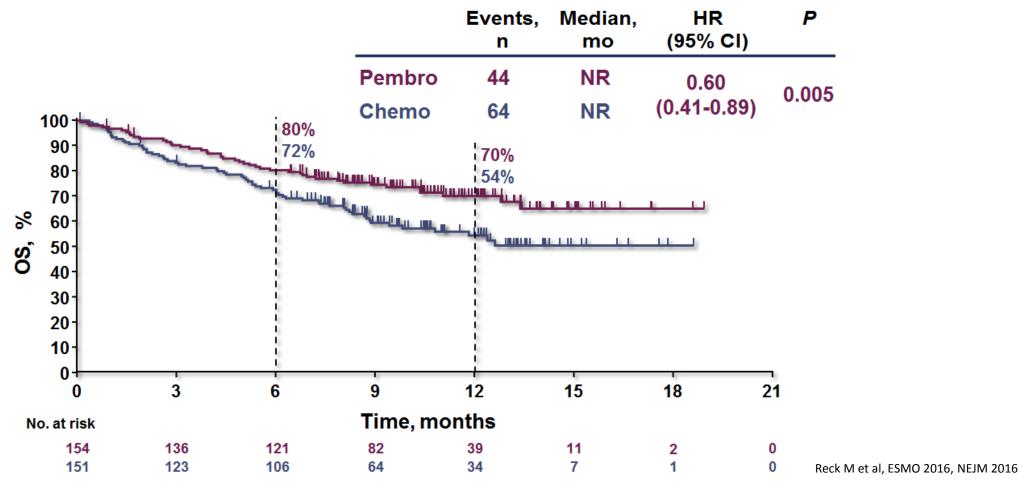
Reck M et al, ESMO 2016, NEJM 2016







KEYNOTE-024: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 >50% NSCLC Overall Survival

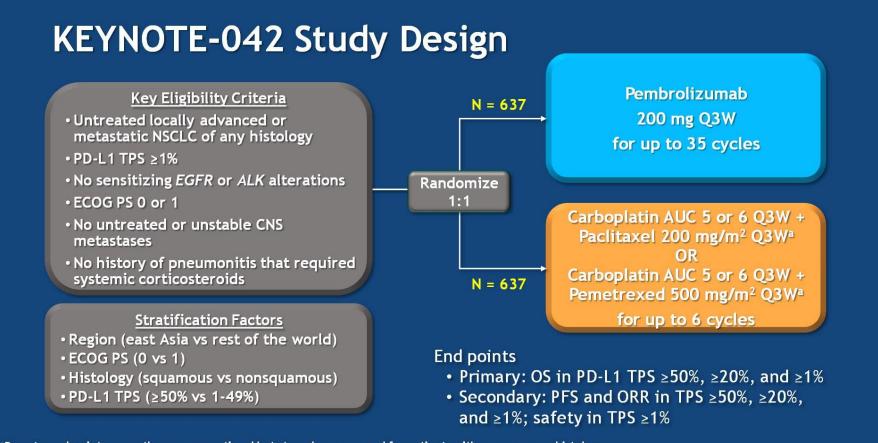








KEYNOTE-042: Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy for PD-L1 > <u>1%</u> NSCLC



^aPemetrexed maintenance therapy was optional but strongly encouraged for patients with nonsquamous histology.

Lopes et al, ASCO 2018

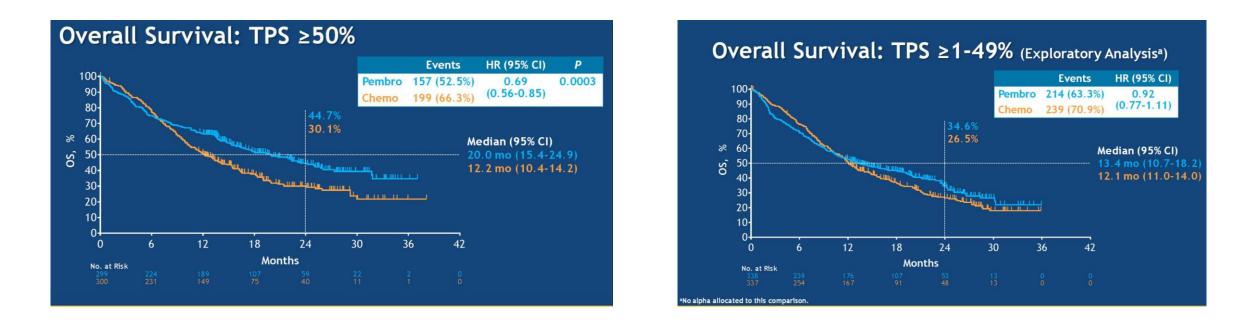








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Survival benefit seemed to be driven by the TPS > 50% subset with little benefit witnessed in the subset TPS > 1-49%

Lopes et al, ASCO 2018

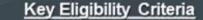




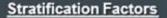


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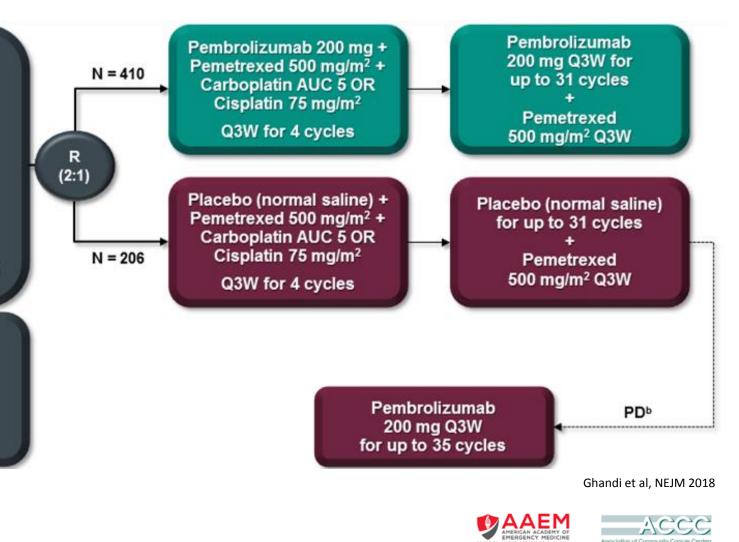
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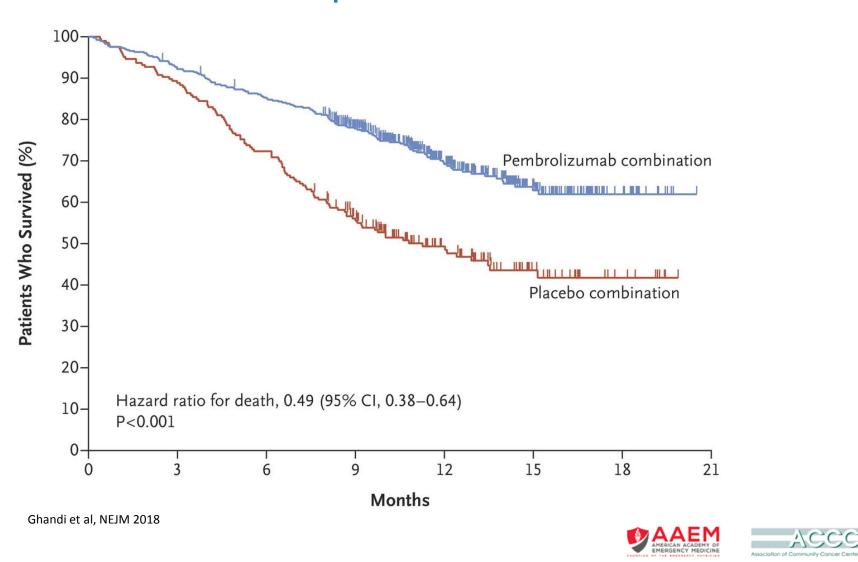
- Untreated stage IV nonsquamous NSCLC
- No sensitizing EGFR or ALK alteration
- ECOG PS0 or 1
- Provision of a sample for PD-L1 assessment
- No symptomatic brain metastases
- No pneumonitis requiring systemic steroids



- PD-L1 expression (TPS^a <1% vs ≥1%)
- Platinum (cisplatin vs carboplatin)
- Smoking history (never vs former/current)



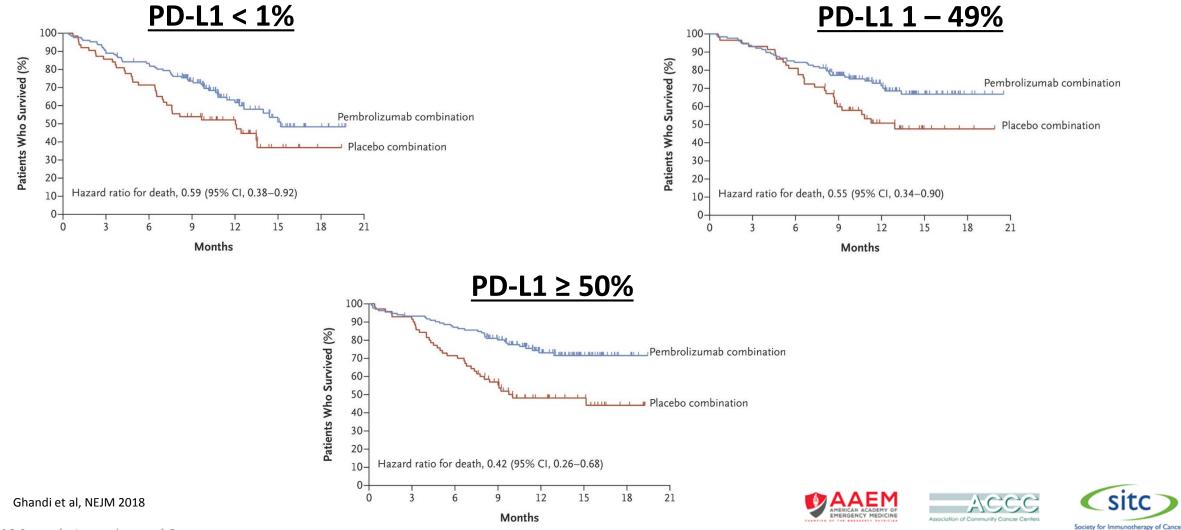






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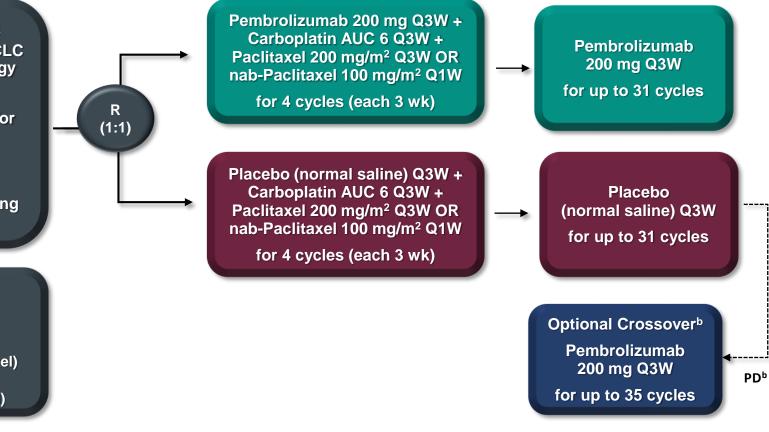




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KEYNOTE-407: Pembrolizumab/chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy for Advanced Squamous-cell NSCLC



Paz-Ares et al, ASCO 2018







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

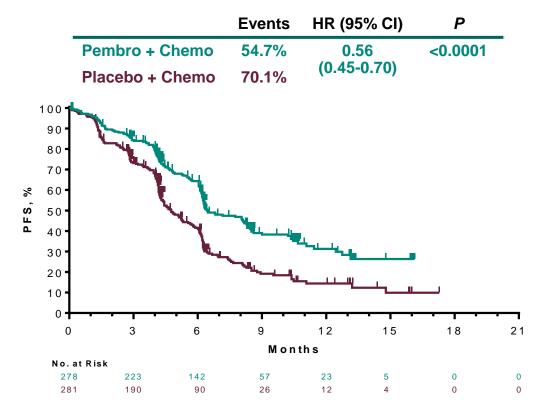
Stratification Factors

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

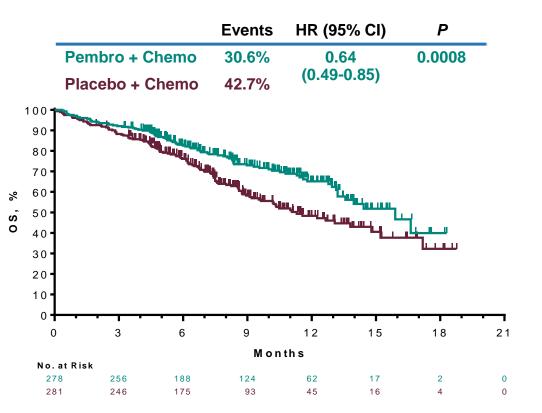


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PFS (RECISTv1.1, BICR)



Overall Survival



Paz-Ares et al, ASCO 2018

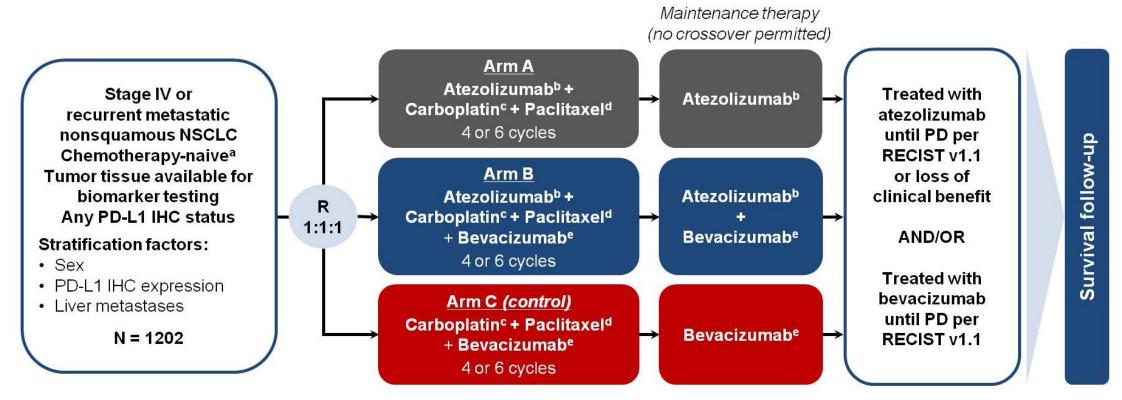








IMPOWER 150: Atezolizumab/Carboplatin/ Paclitaxel/Bevacizumab vs Carboplatin/Paclitaxel/ Bevacizumab in advanced non-squamous NSCLC



Socinski et al, NEJM 2018

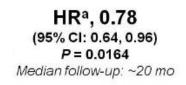


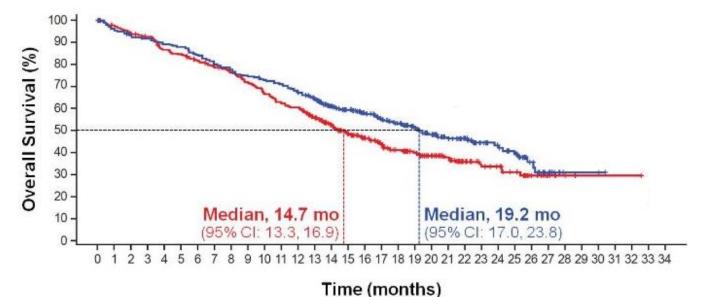


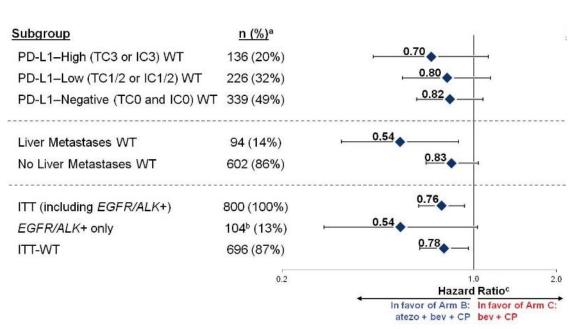


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Landmark OS, %	Arm B: atezo + bev + CP	Arm C: bev + CP	
12-month	67%	61%	
18-month	53%	41%	
24-month	43%	34%	







Socinski et al, NEJM 2018

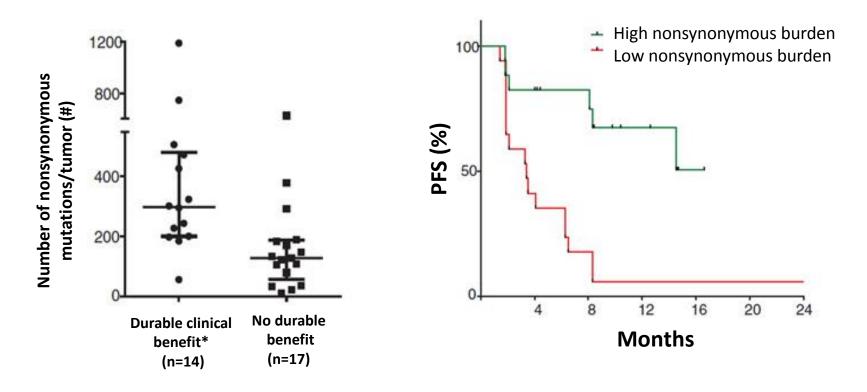






Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) may Determine Sensitivity to PD-1 Blockade in NSCLC

 In two independent cohorts, higher nonsynonymous tumor mutational burden (TMB) was associated with improved objective response, durable clinical benefit, and PFS.



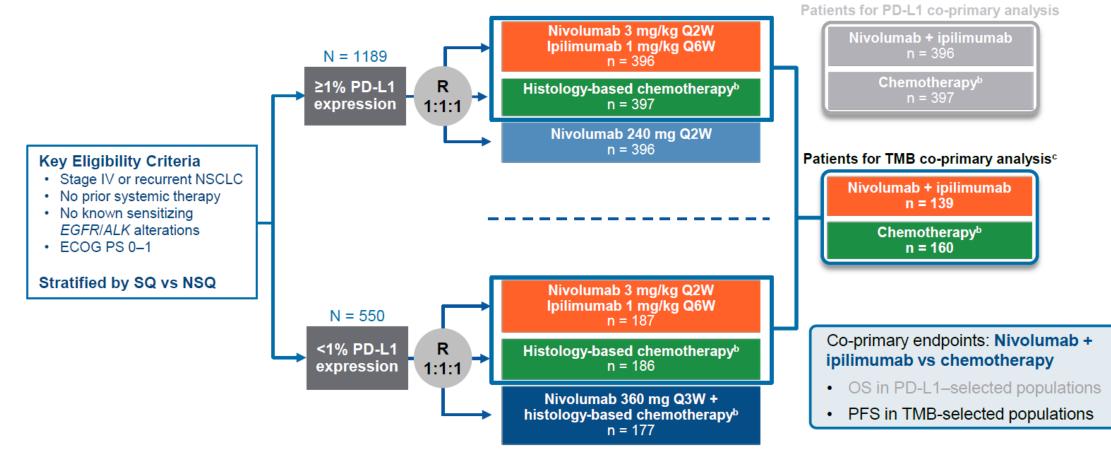
*Partial or stable response lasting > 6 mo

Rizvi N et al, Science, 2015







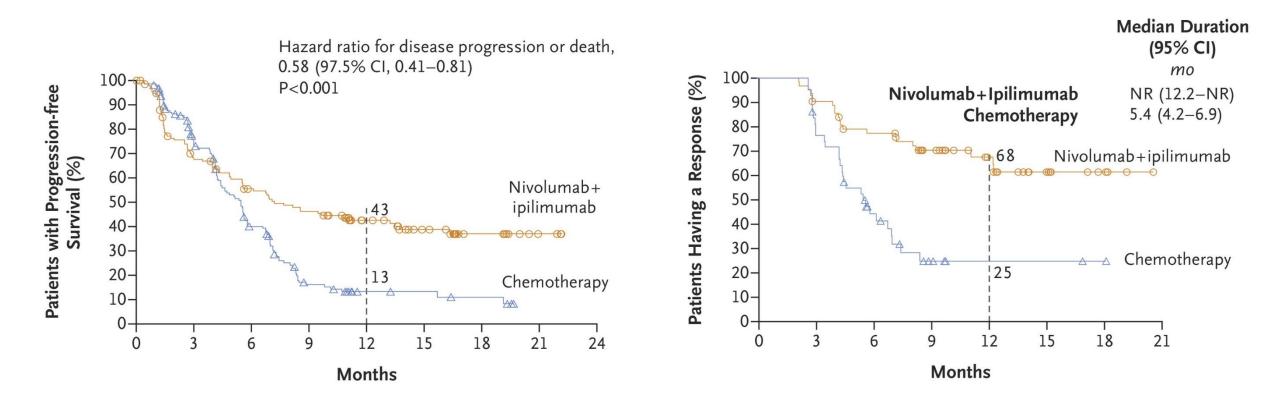


















PD-L1 Expression of $\geq 1\%$ PD-L1 Expression of <1% 100-4 Hazard ratio for disease progression or death, 100-Hazard ratio for disease progression or death, Patients with Progression-free Survival (%) 0.62 (95% CI, 0.44-0.88) 0.48 (95% CI, 0.27-0.85) 90-90 80-80-70-70-60-60-Nivolumab+ Nivolumab+ 50-50-145 ipilimumab ipilimumab 40-40-0000 30-30-Chemotherapy 20-20-16 Chemotherapy 8 2 10-10-0 0-15 21 12 15 18 21 24 12 18 24 0 3 9 0 3 6 9 Months Months







PD1/PD-L1 Inhibitors Increase Overall Survival in 2L Advanced NSCLC

1-Yr Overall Survival

% of patients (95% CI)

42 (34-50)

24 (17-31)

HR* (95% CI)

0.54 (0.38-0.77)

0.50 (0.36-0.70)

No. of

Deaths

86

113

CHECKMATE 017				
(nivolumab)				

CHECKMATE 057
(nivolumab)

	Nivolumab (n = 292)	Docetaxel (n = 290)		
mOS, mo	12.2	9.4		
HR = 0.73 (96% CI: 0.59, 0.89); <i>P</i> = 0.0015				

Median (95% CI), mo

14.9 (10.4-NR)

17.3 (11.8-NR)

8.2 (6.4-10.7)

Median Overall Survival

mo (95% CI)

9.2 (7.3-13.3)

6.0 (5.1-7.3)

KEYNOTE 010 (TPS ≥ 1%)				
(pembrolizumab)				

OAK (atezolizumab) **HR, 0.73**^a (95% Cl, 0.62, 0.87) *P* = 0.0003

Nivolumab (N-135)

Docetaxel (N-137)

Treatment Arm

Pembro 2 mg/kg

Pembro 10 mg/kg

Docetaxel

Minimum follow up = 19 months



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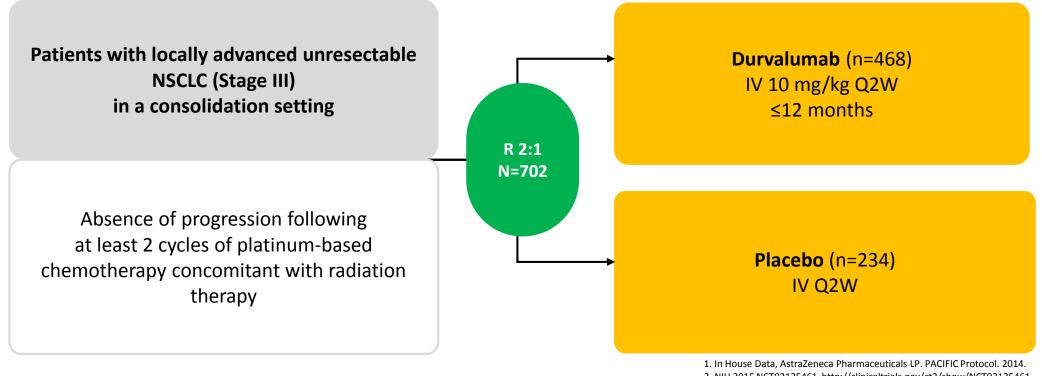
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PACIFIC (NCT02125461): Durvalumab after Chemoradiotherapy in Stage III NSCLC



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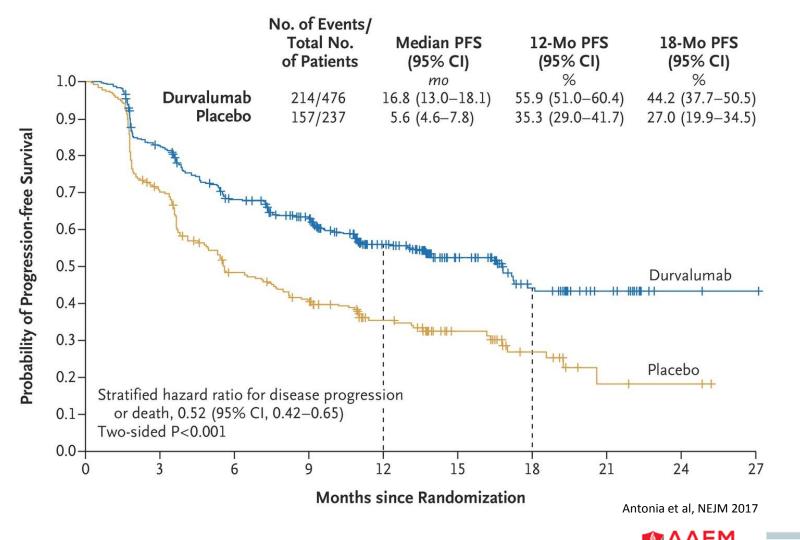


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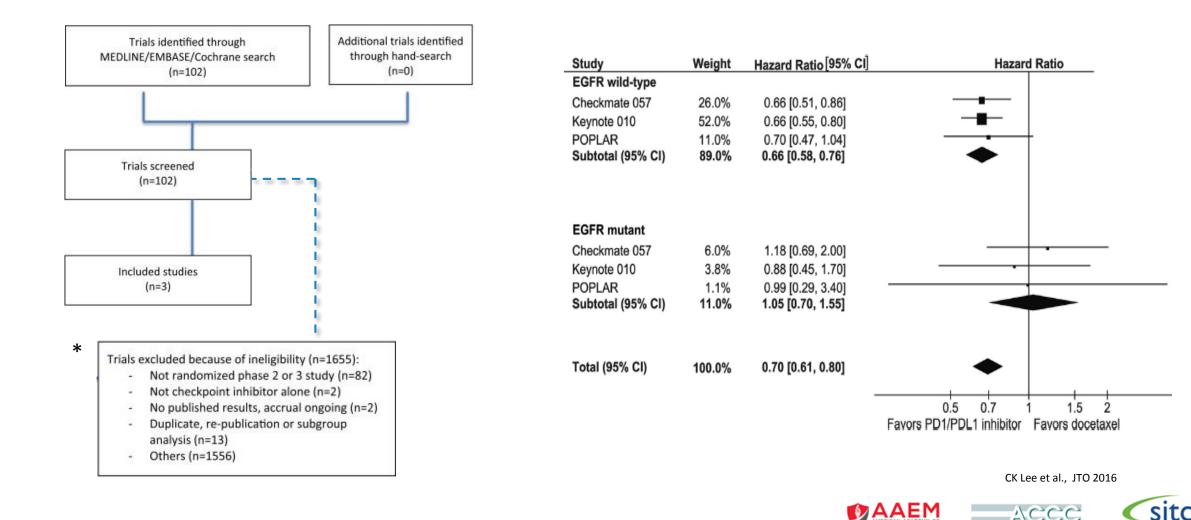




Checkpoint Inhibitors in Metastatic EGFR-Mutated NSCLC Meta-Analysis: CM-057, KN-010, POPLAR

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Single-agent Toxicities in 2/3L Randomized Trials

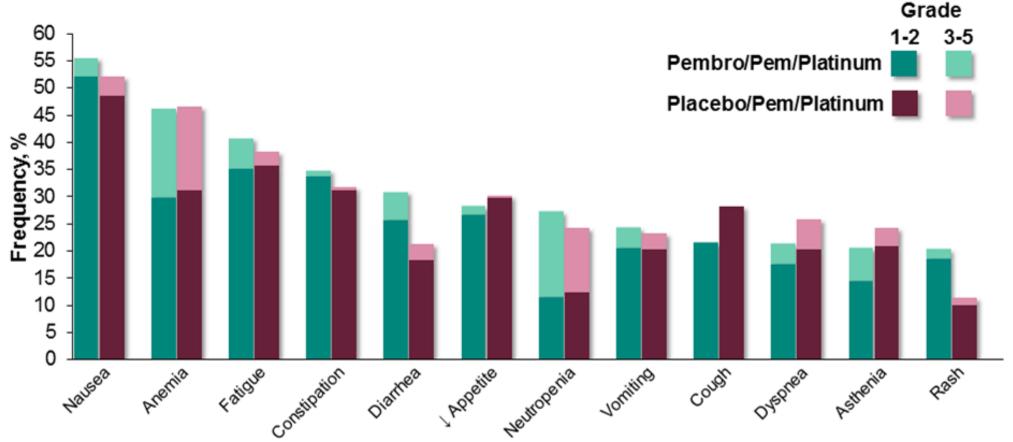
	Atezolizumab OAK	Nivolumab SQ: CM 017 (updated OS; 2L)	Nivolumab NSQ:CM 057 (updated OS; 2/3L)	Pembrolizumab Keynote 010
Related Grade 3- 5 AEs	15%	8%	11%	13-16%
Discontinuation due to related AEs	5%	6%	6%	4-5%
Pneumonitis AEs	1%	5%	3%	4-5%

Rittmeyer, et al., *Lancet*Brahmer, et al., *NEJM*Borghaei, et al., *NEJM*Herbst, et al., *Lancet*









Ghandi et al, NEJM 2018

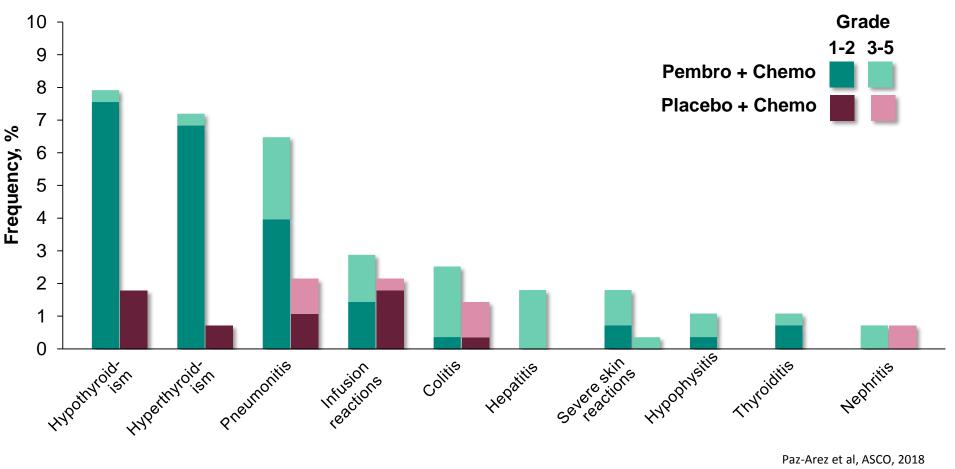
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		⊦ ipilimumab 576)	Chemotherapy (n = 570)		
TRAE,ª %	Any grade	Grade 3–4	Any grade	Grade 3–4	
Any TRAE	75	31	81	36	
TRAE leading to discontinuation ^b	17	12	9	5	
Most frequent TRAEs (≥15%)					
Rash	17	2	5	0	
Diarrhea	16	2	10	1	
Fatigue	13	1	18	1	
Decreased appetite	13	<1	19	1	
Nausea	10	<1	36	2	
Constipation	4	0	15	<1	
Anemia	4	2	32	11	
Neutropenia	<1	0	17	9	
Treatment-related deaths ^c	1 1		1		







Summary of Frontline Strategies in Advanced NSCLC

Clinical Trial	Drug	PFS (Months)	OS (Months)	PFS HR in PD-L1 neg	Toxicities Grade 3 - 5
KEYNOTE-024	Pembro	10.3	30	NIA	31% vs 53%
PD-L1 ≥ 50%	Plat/Pem or Gem or Pacli	6	14.2	NA	
KEYNOTE-042 PD-L1 ≥ 1%	Pembro	5.4	16.7		18% vs 41%
	Plat/Pem or Pacli	6.5	12.1	NA	
IMpower150 Non-squamous	Atezo + Beva + Carbo/Pacli	8.3	19.2	0.77	60 vs 51%
	Beva + Carbo/Pacli	6.8	14.7		
KEYNOTE-189 Non-squamous	Pembro + Plat/Pem	8.8	NR	0.75	67% vs 66%
	Plat/Pem	4.9	11.3	0.75	
KEYNOTE-407 Squamous	Pembro + Carbo/Pacli or NabPacli	6.4	15.9	0.68	70% vs 68%
	Carbo/Pacli or NabPacli	4.8	11.3	0.08	
CheckMate 227 TMB≥10mut/Mb	Nivo + Ipi	7.2	23	0.49	31% vs 36%
	Plat/Pem or Gem	5.4	16.7	0.48	

Adapted from Solange Peters, 2018 ASCO Annual Meeting * This is for illustration purposes only and comparing different trials is challenging as populations, indications, and other characteristics vary.







Lung Cancer Case

How would you treat this 62 year-old woman, with a new diagnosis of stage IV lung adenocarcinoma, without targetable mutations, PD-L1 5% and TMB high.

- 1. Carboplatin/paclitaxel +/- bevacizumab
- 2. Carboplatin/pemetrexed +/- bevacizumab
- 3. Pembrolizumab
- 4. Carboplatin/pemetrexed/pembrolizumab
- 5. Carboplatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab + atezolizumab
- 6. Nivolumab/ipilumumab





Lung Cancer Case

Your patient with stage IV adenocarcinoma with begins therapy with pembrolizumab/pemetrexed/carboplatin with an excellent partial response.

After 6 months of treatment, the patient is hospitalized with a new progressive dry cough and marked shortness of breath. O2 saturation is 88% RA (previously 98%).

- The patient is afebrile, and without leukocytosis.
- A Chest CT performed.





What is the most likely cause of this clinical event and these new CT scan findings?

- **1. Progressive cancer**
- 2. Infection
- 3. Pembrolizumab-related immune pneumonitis
- 4. Pulmonary edema







How would you manage this patient with new dyspnea/cough, hypoxia and bilateral ground glass opacities during treatment with pembrolizumab?

- 1. Begin antibiotic therapy; continue pembrolizumab
- 2. Refer for bronchoscopy with cultures and lung biopsy
- 3. Continue pembrolizumab and initiate prednisolone at 1 mg/kg
- 4. Hold pembrolizumab and initiate prednisolone at 1 mg/kg
- 5. Combined #2 and #4





Lung Cancer Case

- A presumptive diagnosis of immunotherapy-related pneumonitis is made on clinical grounds. Pembrolizumab is held and the patients symptoms improve dramatically over the next 2 weeks with prednisolone at 1 mg/kg daily.
- Steroids are tapered off over a 6 week period without recurrence of symptoms.
- A follow up CT chest shows complete resolution.
- The patient asks whether she should resume pembrolizumab, which she has now received for 8 months.
- Yes, resume pembrolizumab.
 No, do not resume pembrolizumab.