

# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Head and Neck Cancer

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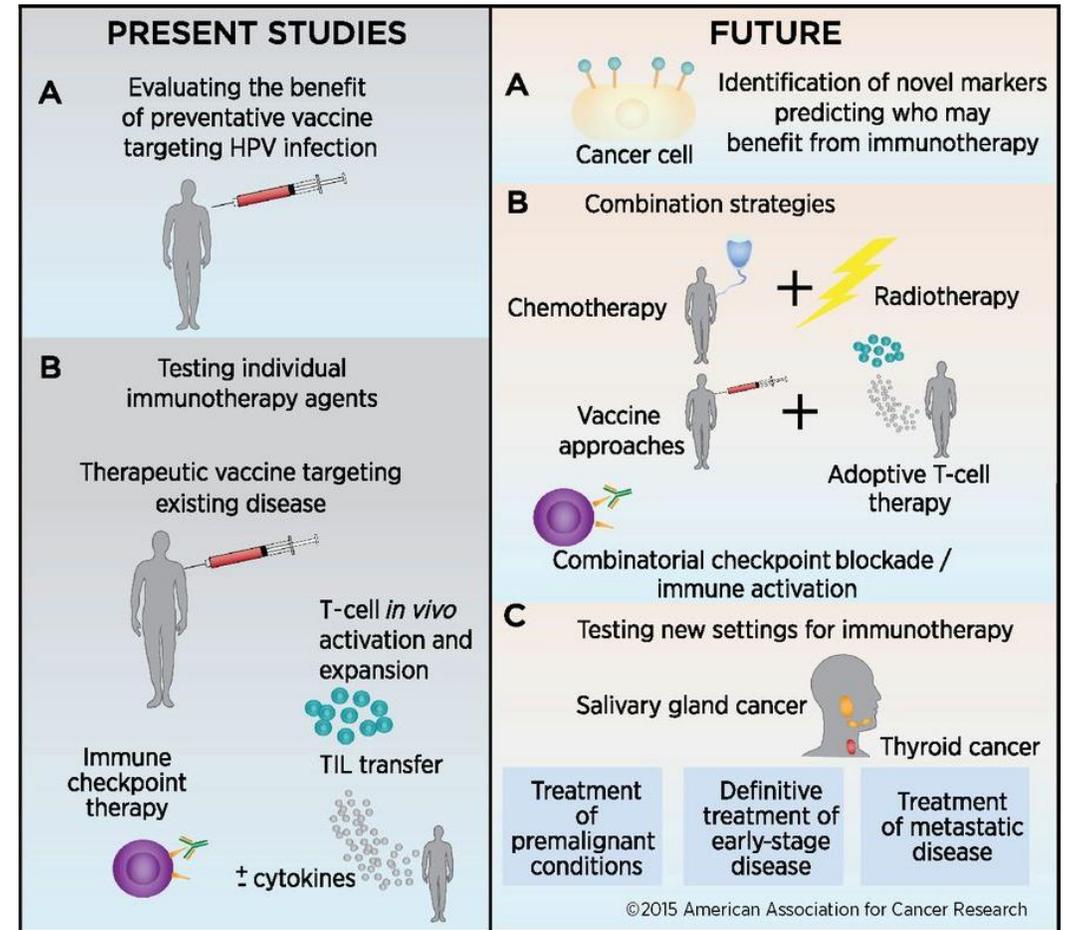
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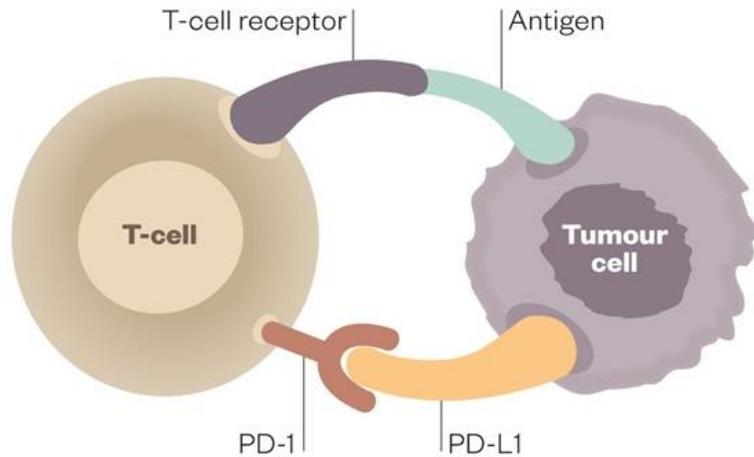
- Immuno-Oncology (I-O) developments in treatment of head and neck cancers
  - Expression of immunologic markers to guide treatment
  - Preventive vaccination against virally mediated cancers
  - PD-1 checkpoint inhibitors for the treatment of metastatic disease



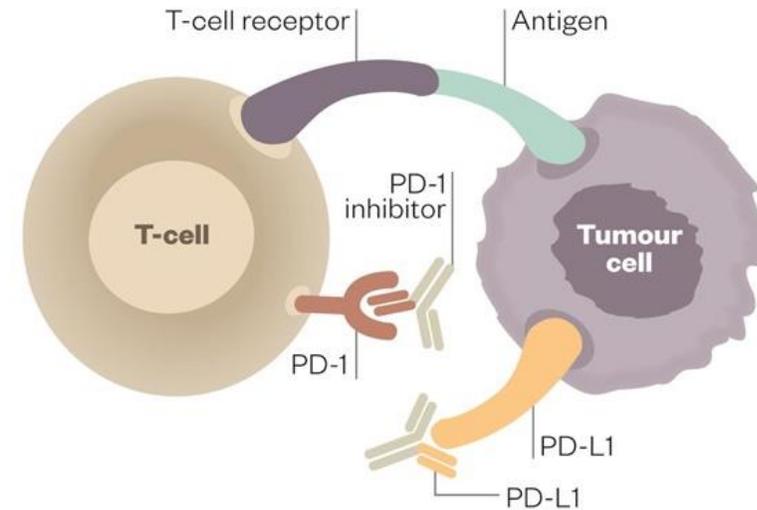
Schoenfeld JD, Cancer Immunol Res, 2015

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## Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (ICI)



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



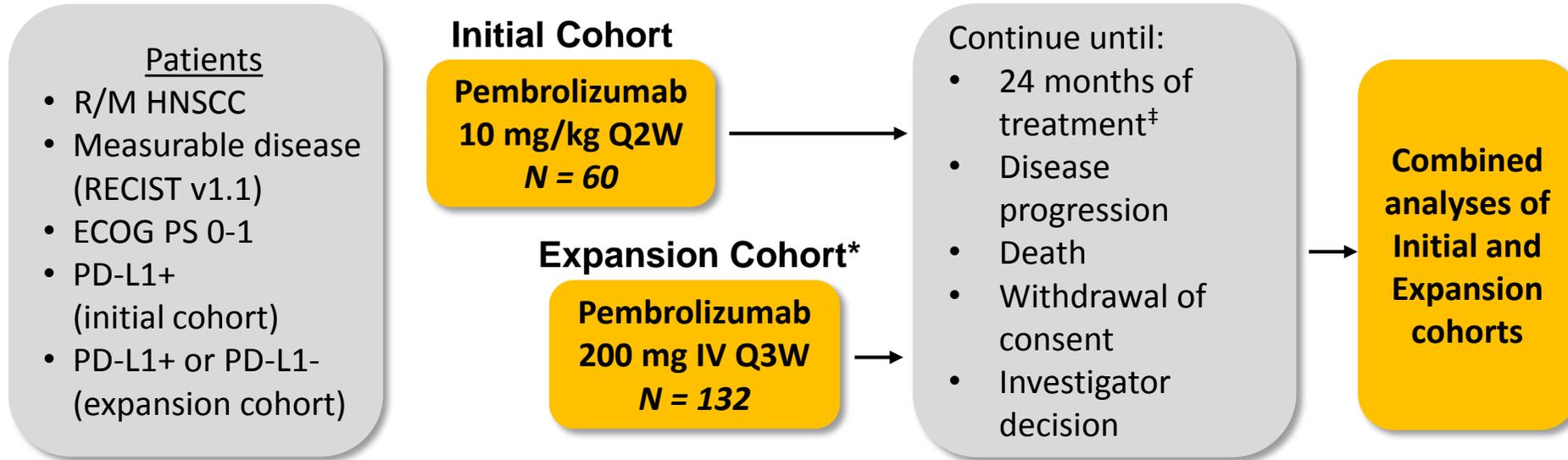
Antibodies against PD-1 and PD-L1 boost the immune response against cancer cells

# FDA-approved Checkpoint Inhibitors for Use in Head and Neck Cancers

- Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W(anti-PD-1)
  - KEYNOTE – 012/055: Patients with recurrent or metastatic (R/M) squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck (HNSCC) with disease progression on or after platinum-containing chemotherapy
  - Accelerated Approval by FDA – August 5, 2016
- Nivolumab 240 mg IV Q2W or 480 mg IV Q4W (anti-PD-1)
  - CheckMate – 141: Patients with R/M HNSCC with disease progression on or after a platinum-based therapy
  - Breakthrough Therapy Designation by FDA – April, 2016
  - Approval – November 10, 2016

# KEYNOTE-012: Pembrolizumab in R/M HNSCC

Nonrandomized, Phase 1b Trial, Cohorts<sup>†</sup> B, B2



**Response assessment:** Every 8 weeks until disease progression

**Primary end points:** ORR (RECIST v1.1, central imaging vendor review), safety

**Secondary end points:** ORR (investigator), PFS, OS, duration of response (DOR), ORR in HPV+ patients<sup>§</sup>

<sup>†</sup>Additional cohorts included bladder cancer, TN breast cancer, and gastric cancer.

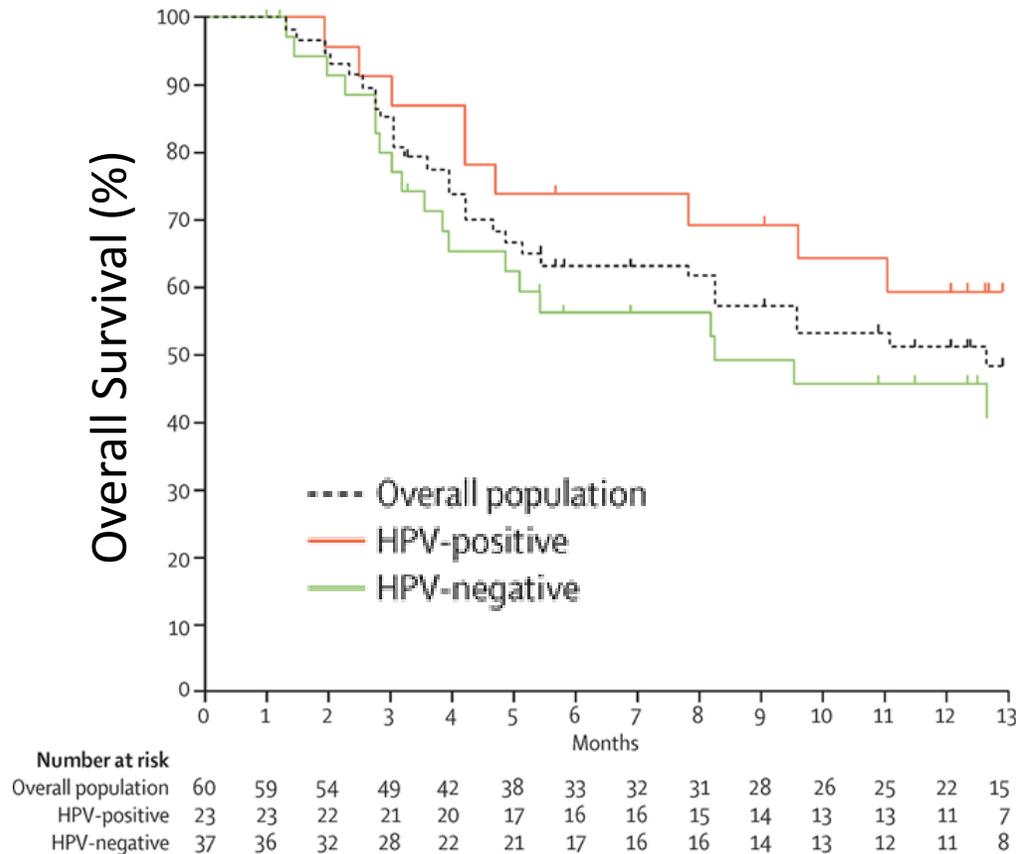
<sup>‡</sup>Treatment beyond progression was allowed.

<sup>§</sup> Initial cohort only.

\*Median duration of disease not reached.

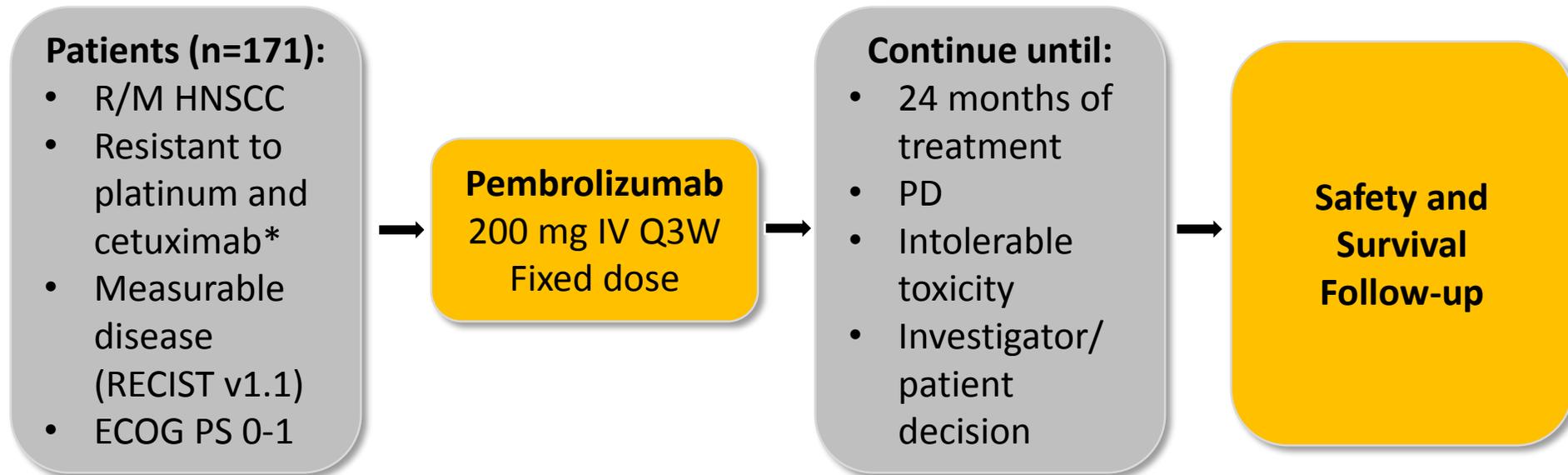
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- ORR = 18%
  - CR = 4%
  - PR = 14%
- mOS = 8.0 months
- mPFS = 2.2 months

# KEYNOTE-055: Pembrolizumab in R/M HNSCC after Progression on Platinum/Cetuximab Phase II Trial, Single Arm



Bauml J JCO 2017

**Response assessment:** Imaging every 6 to 9 weeks (central radiology review)

**Primary end points:** ORR (RECIST v1.1) by Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors and safety

**Secondary end points:** ORR (RECIST v1.1) in all dosed patients, ORR for HPV+, PD-L1+, DOR, PFS, OS

\*75% of patients had  $\geq 2$  prior lines of therapy for metastatic disease

# KEYNOTE-055: Pembrolizumab in R/M HNSCC after Progression on Platinum/Cetuximab Phase II Trial, Single Arm

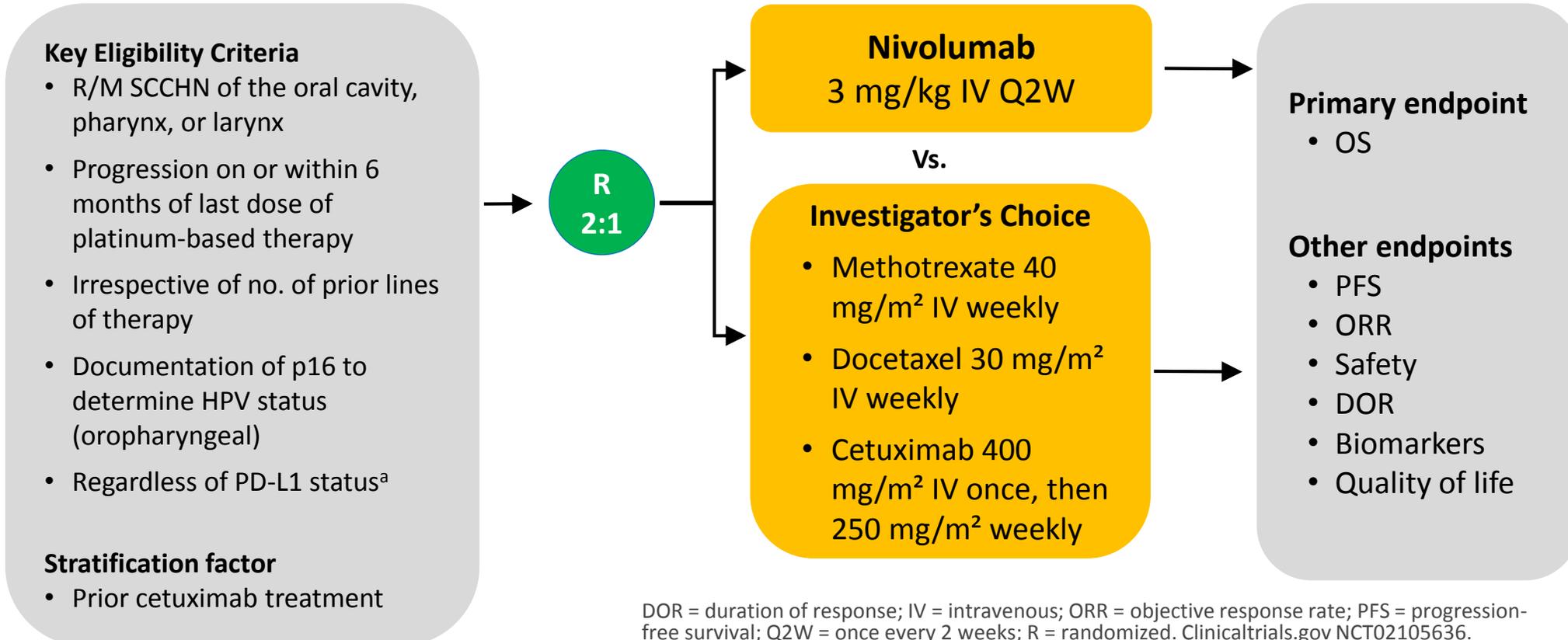
Outcome	All Patients	HPV Status		PD-L1 Status		
	N=171	Positive n=37	Negative n=131	≥1% n=140	<1% n=26	≥50% n=48
ORR, %	16	16	15	18	12	27
mPFS, mo	2.1					
6-mo PFS, %	23	25	21	24	20	31
6-mo OS, %	59	72	55	59	56	60

- Neither tumor PD-L1 expression or HPV status are sufficiently robust in guiding the use of pembrolizumab at this time.

Bauml J, et al, J Clin Oncol. 2017

# CheckMate 141: Nivolumab vs Investigator's Choice in R/M HNSCC after Platinum Therapy

## Phase III Randomized, Safety and Efficacy Trial



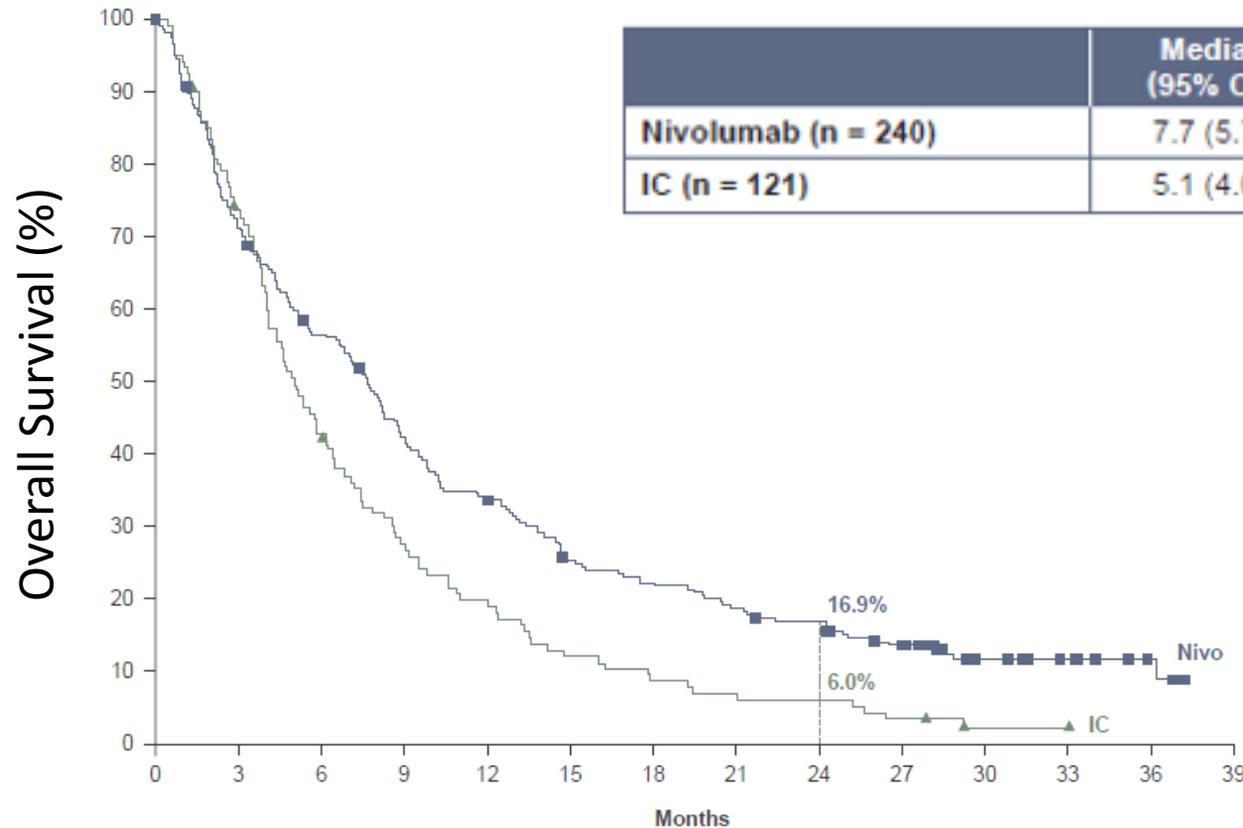
DOR = duration of response; IV = intravenous; ORR = objective response rate; PFS = progression-free survival; Q2W = once every 2 weeks; R = randomized. Clinicaltrials.gov NCT02105636.

<sup>a</sup>Tissue required for testing

Ferris & Gillison, NEJM, 2016

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## Overall Survival: 2 year report



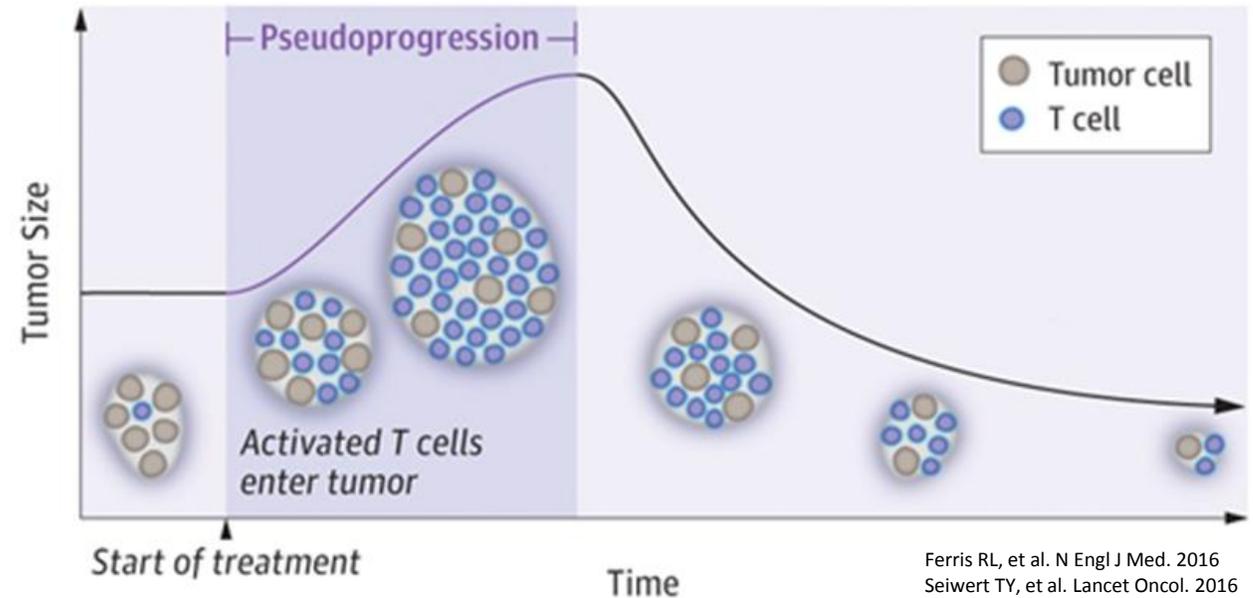
No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
Nivo	240	169	132	98	78	57	50	42	37	28	15	10	4	0
IC	121	88	51	32	23	14	10	8	7	4	1	1	0	0

Ferris RL. Oral Oncology, 2018

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

## Pseudoprogession

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



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

## Case Report – KEYNOTE-012



- Both KEYNOTE-012 and CheckMate 141 trials showed an exceedingly rare rate of pseudoprogression with pembrolizumab and nivolumab, respectively.

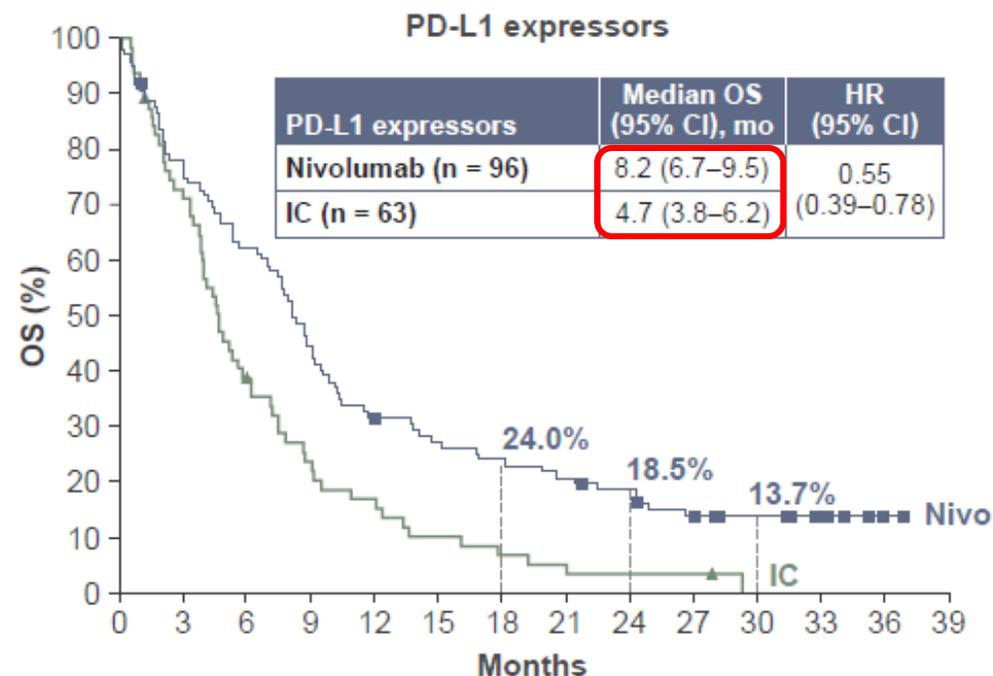
Ferris RL, et al. N Engl J Med. 2016  
 Seiwert TY, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2016

# Evaluating Biomarkers in HNSCC

- Current FDA approvals of pembrolizumab and nivolumab are NOT contingent upon tumor PD-L1 status
  - KEYNOTE - 012/055: Response rates not significantly different on the basis of tumor PD-L1 staining
  - KEYNOTE - 040: Phase III pembrolizumab vs. investigator's choice chemotherapy
    - Did not meet survival endpoints in total population but improved outcomes in patients with PD-L1 expressing tumor
  - CheckMate 141: Most benefit was seen in PD-L1-positive tumors

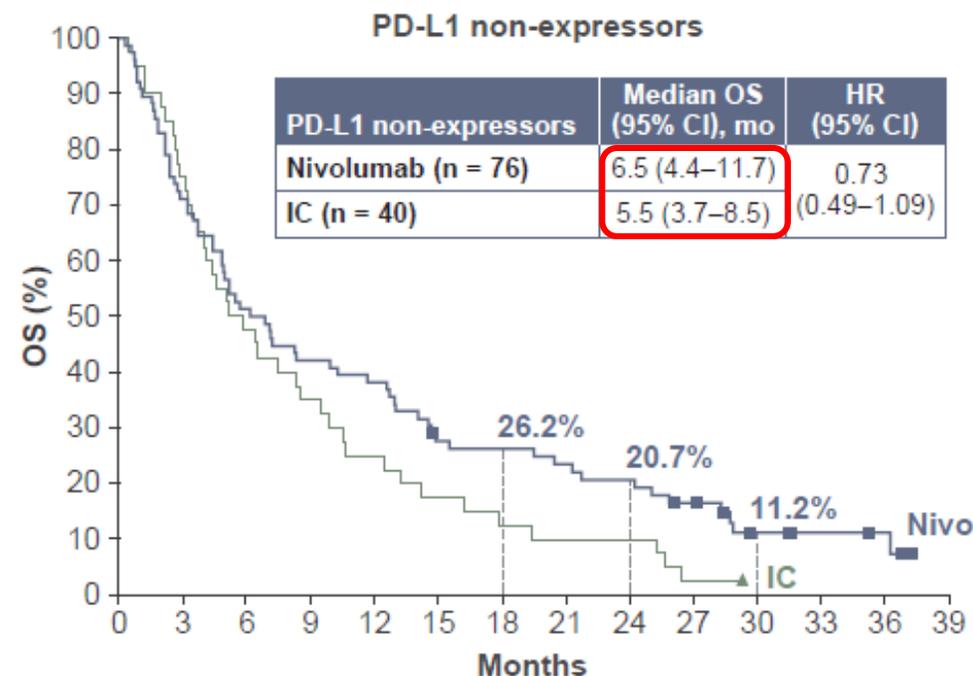
# Evaluating Biomarkers in HNSCC

## CheckMate 414: 2 year update



**No. at risk**

Nivo	96	74	59	42	30	25	22	19	16	11	8	5	1	0
IC	63	45	24	14	10	6	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	0



**No. at risk**

Nivo	76	54	39	32	29	20	19	17	15	11	5	4	3	0
IC	40	30	19	14	10	7	5	4	4	1	0	0	0	0

# Immune-related Adverse Events

## KEYNOTE 012

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

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

## CheckMate 141

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

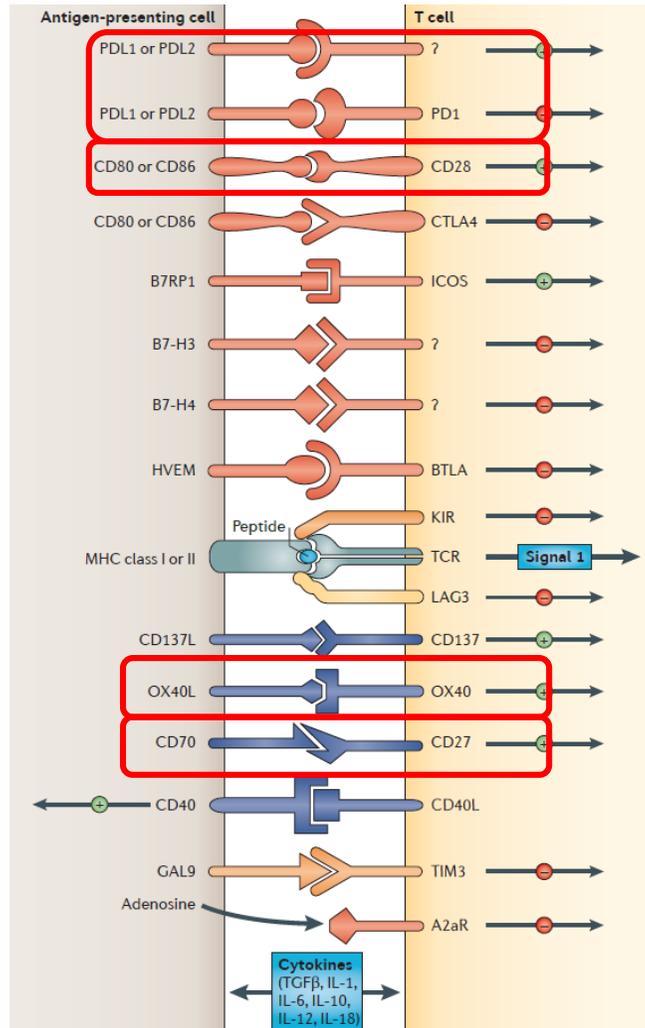
# Immune-related Adverse Events

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

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

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# Developmental Immunotherapies for HNSCC



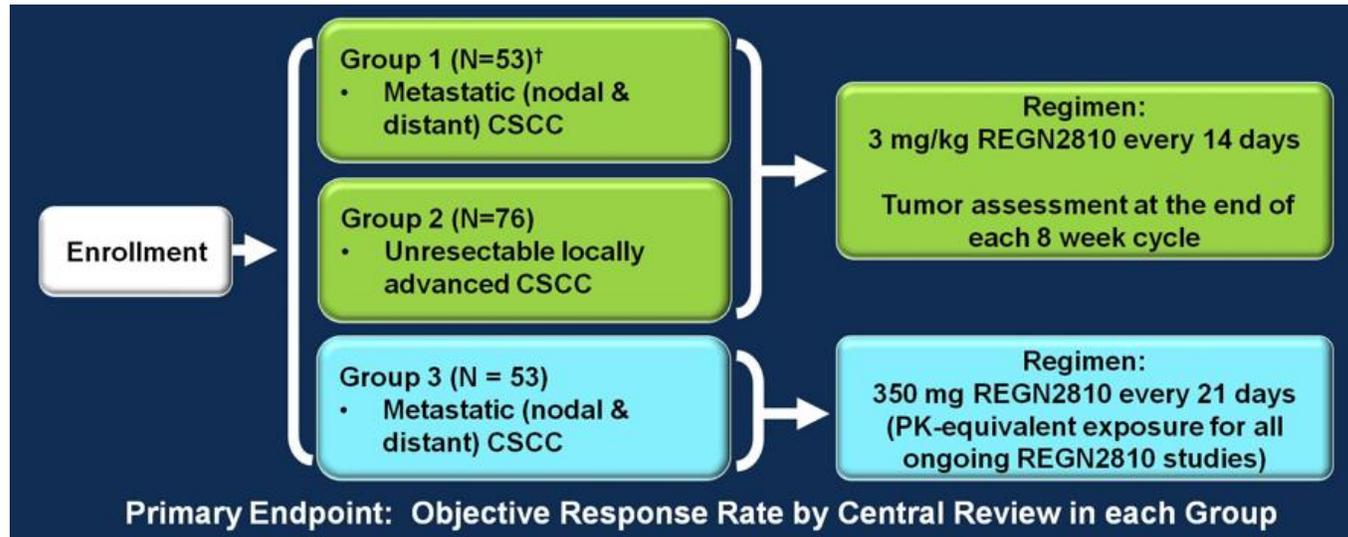
Pardoll DM Nature 2012

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

# Developmental Immunotherapies for HNSCC

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

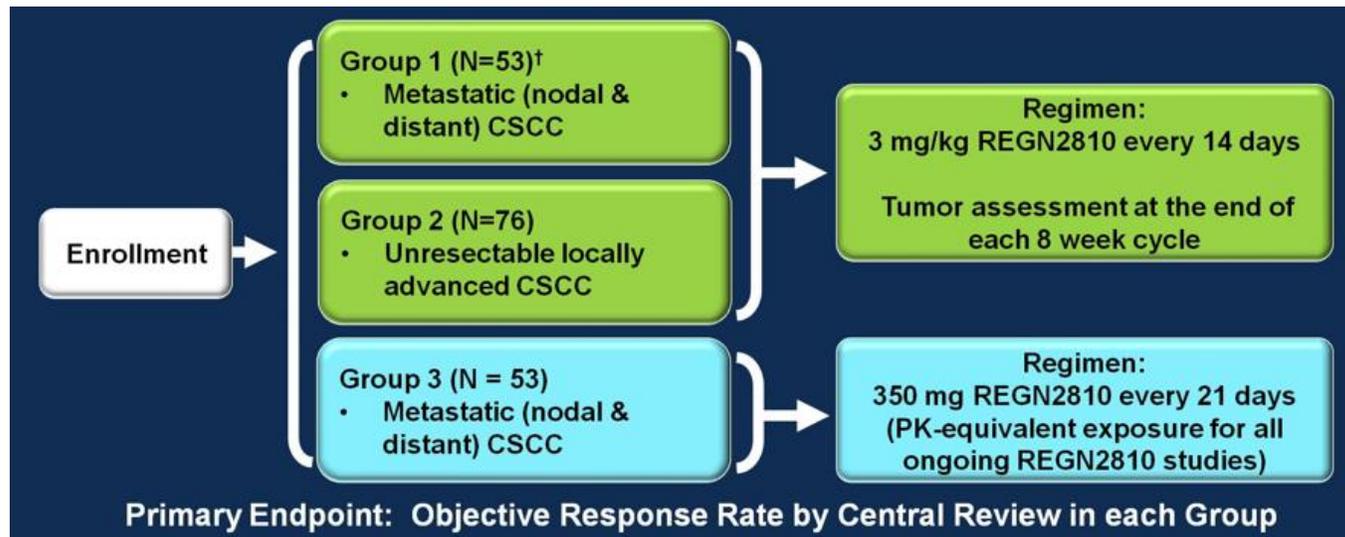
NCT02760498



- Largest prospective study in this disease
- ORR 46% in 82 patients in study
  - Much higher than RR in mucosal HNSCC as per KEYNOTE and CheckMate studies
- Responses durable, median DOR not reached
- Study ongoing

# FDA approves cemiplimab for R/M cSCC

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



- FDA approval was based on clinically meaningful and durable objective response rates
- 75/108 M cSCC / 33/108 LA cSCC
- ORR 47% ( 4% CR / 44% PR)
- 75/108 M cSCC - RR47%
- 33/108 LA cSCC – RR -49%
- 350mg IV Q3W ( 30min ) FDA approved dose

# Recently reported Immunotherapies for HNSCC

## KEYNOTE – 048 (NCT02358031)

### Key Eligibility Criteria

- R/M SCCHN of the oropharynx, oral cavity, hypopharynx, or larynx considered incurable by local therapies
- No prior systemic therapy in the R/M setting
- ECOG 0-1
- Results from HPV testing (oropharyngeal)
- Tissue for PD-L1 biomarker analysis



**Pembrolizumab**  
200 mg IV Q3W

Vs.

**Pembrolizumab +  
Platinum + 5-FU**

Vs.

**Cetuximab + Platinum  
+ 5-FU**

### Primary endpoint

- PFS
- OS

### Other endpoints

- PFS at 6 months
- ORR
- Biomarkers
- Quality of life

# Study End Points: Pembrolizumab vs EXTREME and Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy vs EXTREME

## Primary

- CPS  $\geq 20$ ,<sup>a</sup> CPS  $\geq 1$ ,<sup>a</sup> and total populations
  - OS
  - PFS<sup>b</sup>

## Secondary

- CPS  $\geq 20$ ,<sup>a</sup> CPS  $\geq 1$ ,<sup>a</sup> and total populations
  - PFS<sup>b</sup> rates at 6 and 12 mo
  - ORR<sup>b</sup>
  - Change from baseline and time to deterioration in quality of life (EORTC QLQ-C30 and H&N-35)<sup>c</sup>
- Total population
  - Safety and tolerability

## Key Exploratory

- CPS  $\geq 20$ ,<sup>a</sup> CPS  $\geq 1$ ,<sup>a</sup> and total populations
  - Duration of response<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Assessed at a central laboratory using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay. CPS = combined positive score = number of PD-L1–positive cells (tumor cells, lymphocytes, macrophages) divided by total number of tumor cells  $\times 100$ .

<sup>b</sup>Assessed per RECIST v1.1 by blinded, independent central review.

# KEYNOTE-048 Study Design (NCT02358031)

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- SCC of the oropharynx, oral cavity, hypopharynx, or larynx
- R/M disease incurable by local therapies
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Tissue sample for PD-L1 assessment<sup>a</sup>
- Known p16 status in the oropharynx<sup>b</sup>

## Stratification Factors

- PD-L1 expression<sup>a</sup> (TPS ≥50% vs <50%)
- p16 status in oropharynx (positive vs negative)
- ECOG performance status (0 vs 1)

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**Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W**  
for up to 35 cycles

Pembrolizumab 200 mg +  
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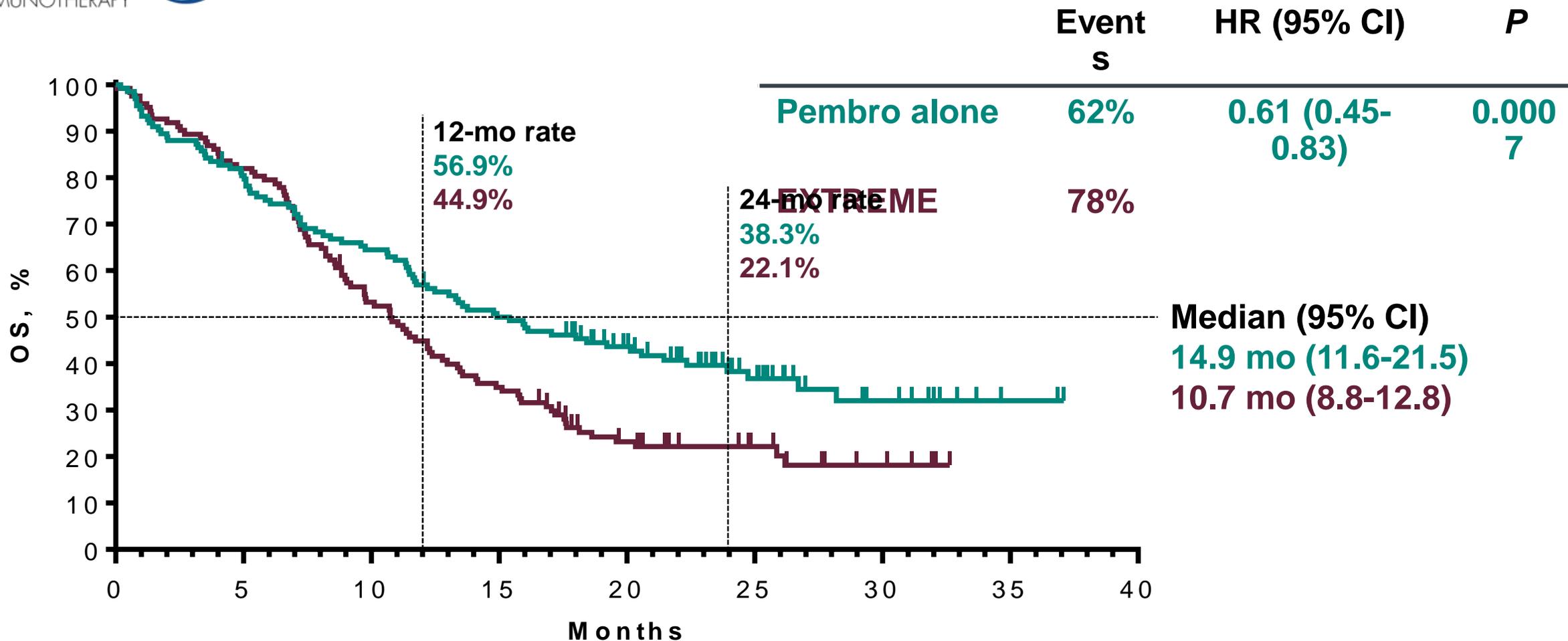
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**Cisplatin 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> +**  
**5-FU 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d for 4 days**  
for 6 cycles (each 3 wk)

**Cetuximab**  
**250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q1W**

<sup>a</sup>Assessed using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay (Agilent). TPS = tumor proportion score = % of tumor cells with membranous PD-L1 expression. <sup>b</sup>Assessed using the CINtec p16 Histology assay (Ventana); cutpoint for positivity = 70%. <sup>c</sup>Following a loading dose of 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

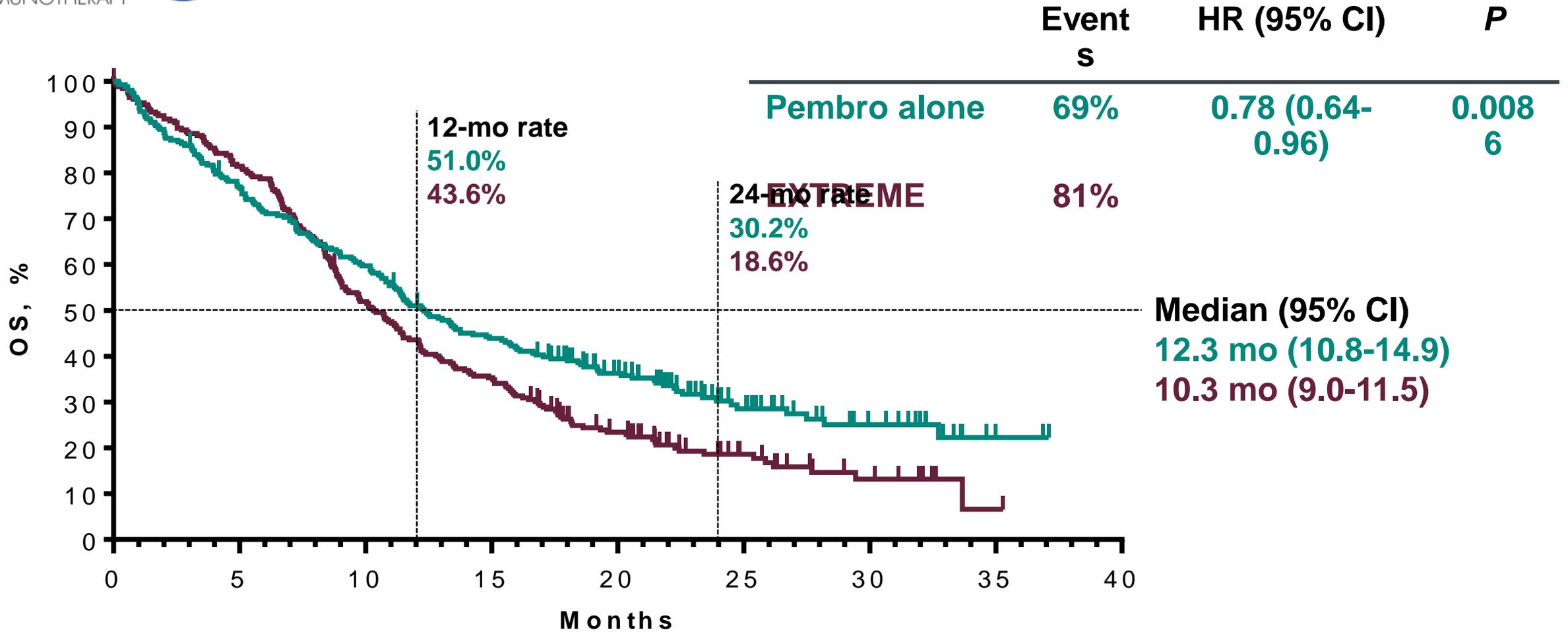
# Overall Survival: P vs E, CPS ≥20 Population



No. at Risk

133	106	85	65	47	24	11	2	0
122	100	64	42	22	12	5	0	0

# Overall Survival: P vs E, CPS ≥1 Population

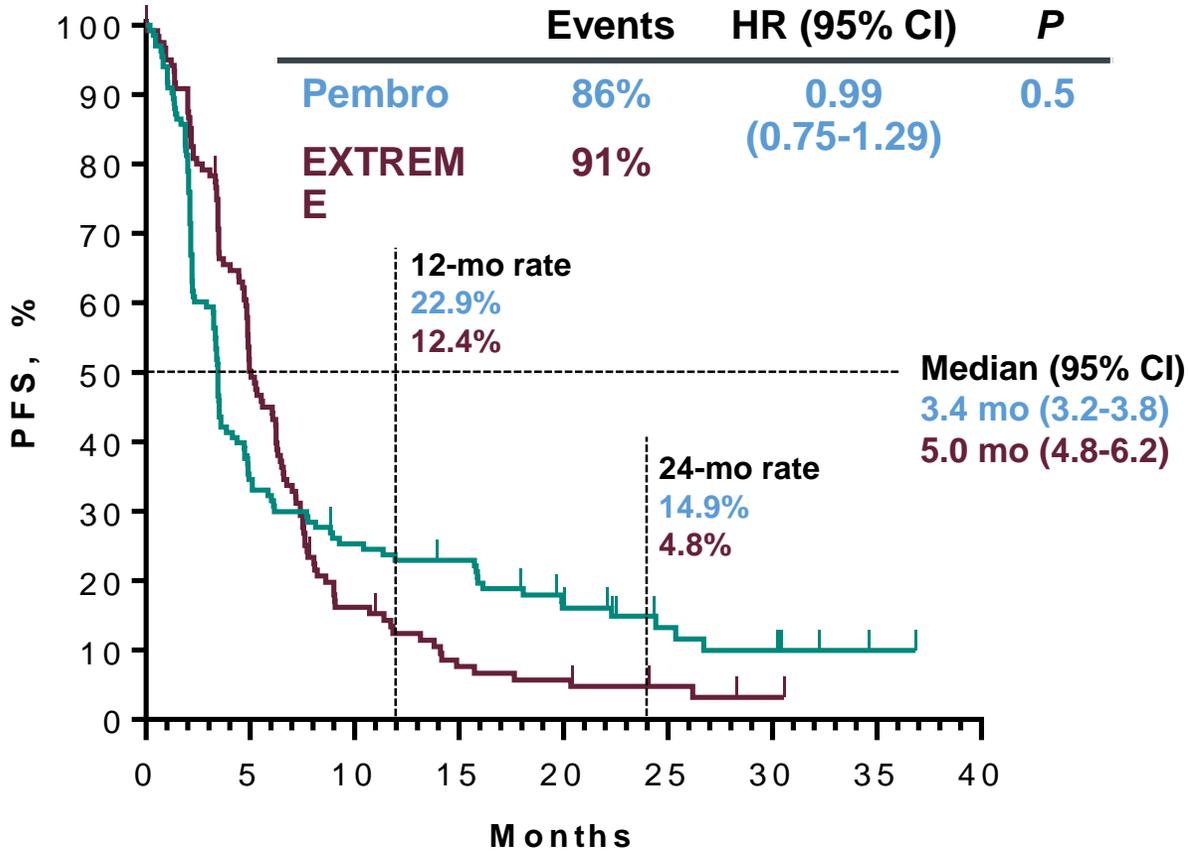


No. at Risk

257	196	152	110	74	34	17	2	0
255	207	131	89	47	21	9	1	

# Progression-Free Survival: P vs E

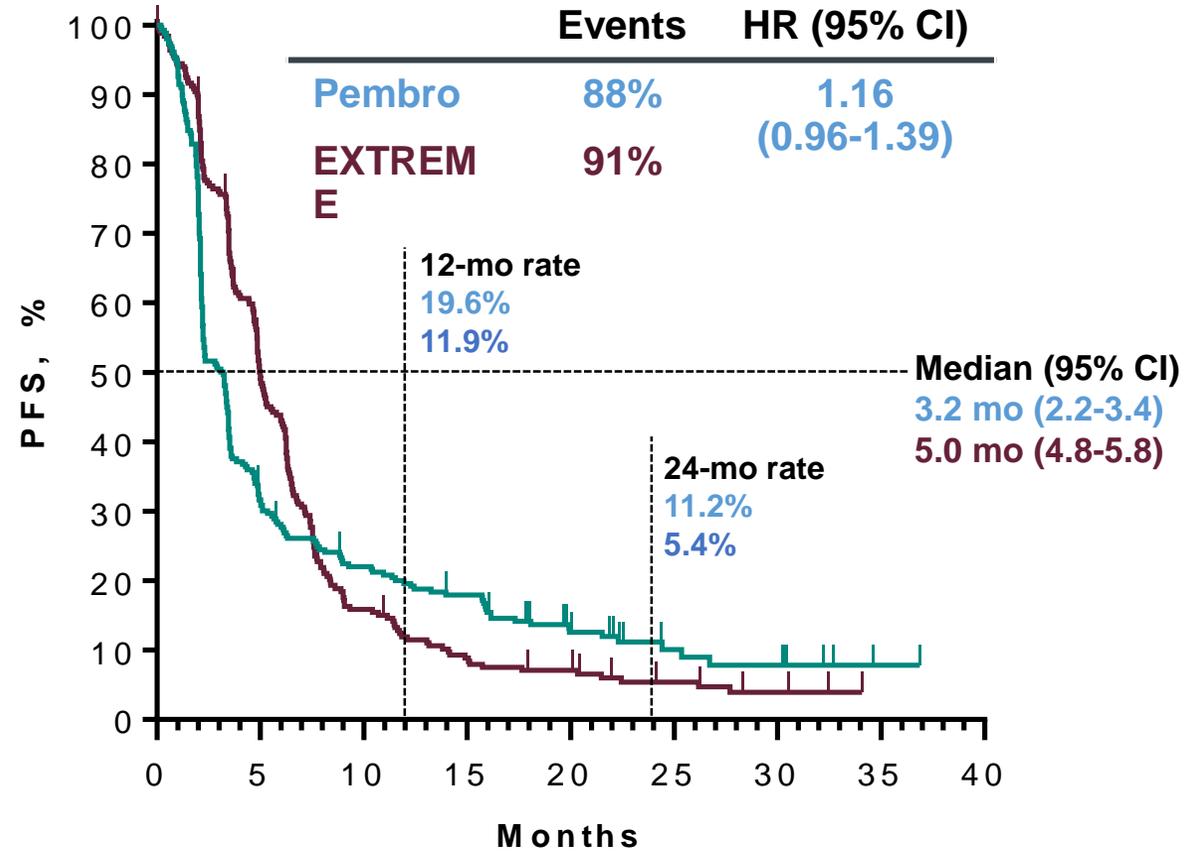
**CPS ≥20**



No. at Risk

133	45	32	28	17	8	6	1	0
122	58	18	8	6	3	1	0	0

**CPS ≥1**



No. at Risk

257	80	54	43	23	9	7	1	0
255	119	37	20	15	8	4	0	0

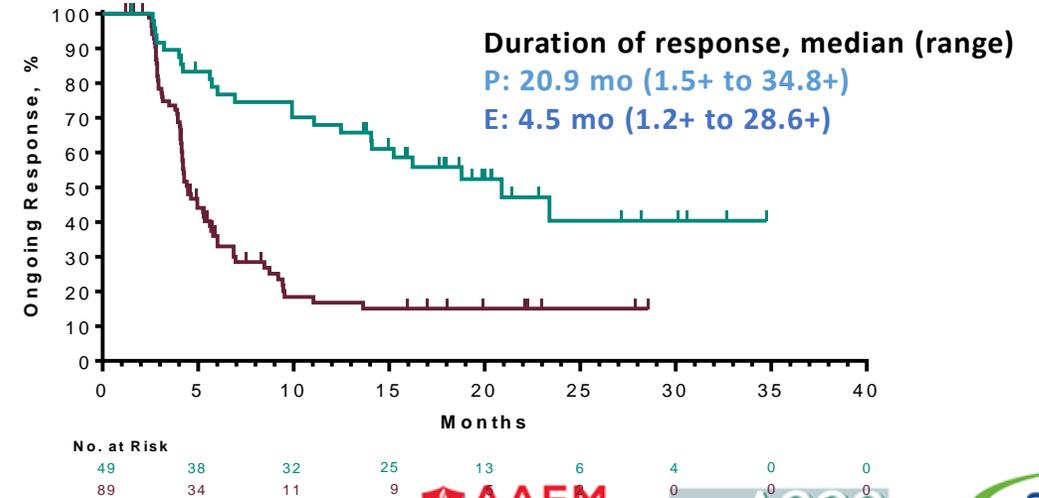
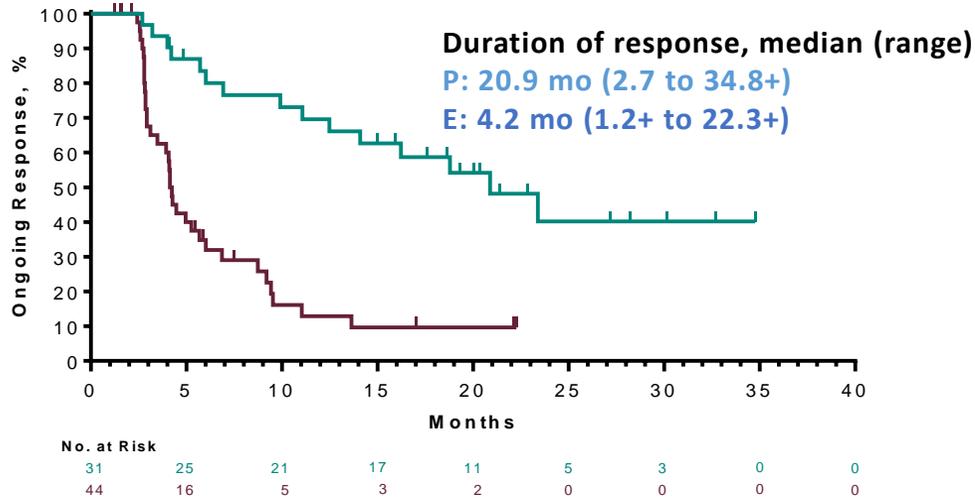
# Response Summary, P vs E

## CPS ≥20

Confirmed Response, n (%)	Pembro N = 133	EXTREME N = 122
ORR	31 (23.3)	44 (36.1)
CR	10 (7.5)	4 (3.3)
PR	21 (15.8)	40 (32.8)
SD	40 (30.1)	42 (34.4)
PD	42 (31.6)	13 (10.7)
Non-CR/non-PD <sup>a</sup>	8 (6.0)	6 (4.9)
Not evaluable or assessed <sup>b</sup>	12 (9.0)	17 (13.9)

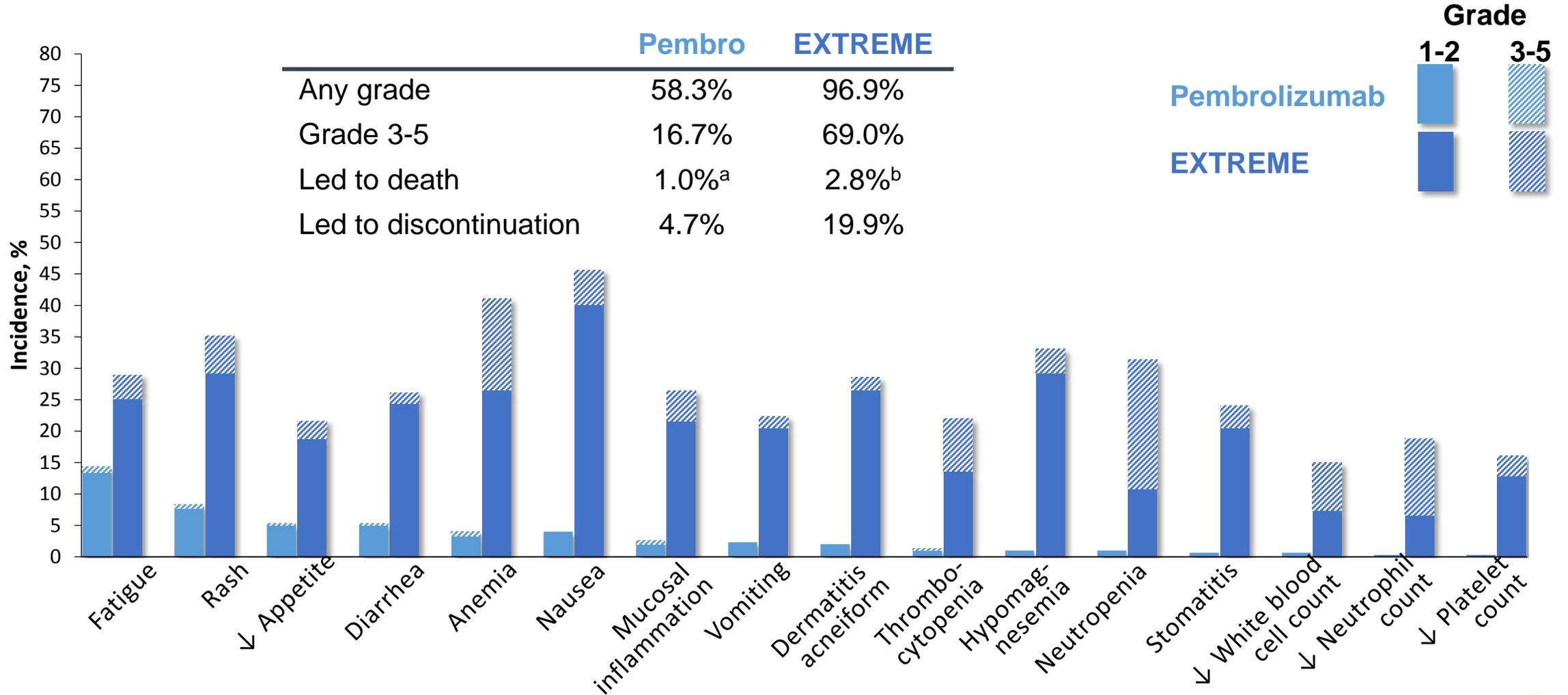
## CPS ≥1

Confirmed Response, n (%)	Pembro N = 257	EXTREME N = 255
ORR	49 (19.1)	89 (34.9)
CR	14 (5.4)	7 (2.7)
PR	35 (13.6)	82 (32.2)
SD	72 (28.0)	83 (32.5)
PD	100 (38.9)	34 (13.3)
Non-CR/non-PD <sup>a</sup>	11 (4.3)	11 (4.3)
Not evaluable or assessed <sup>b</sup>	25 (9.7)	38 (14.9)



<sup>a</sup>Patients without measurable disease per central review at baseline who did not have CR or PD. <sup>b</sup>Patients who did not have a post-baseline imaging assessment evaluable for response or who did not have post-baseline imaging. Response assessed per RECIST v1.1 by blinded, independent central radiologic review. Data cutoff date: Jun 13, 2018.

# Treatment-Related AEs With Incidence ≥15%, P vs E, Total Population

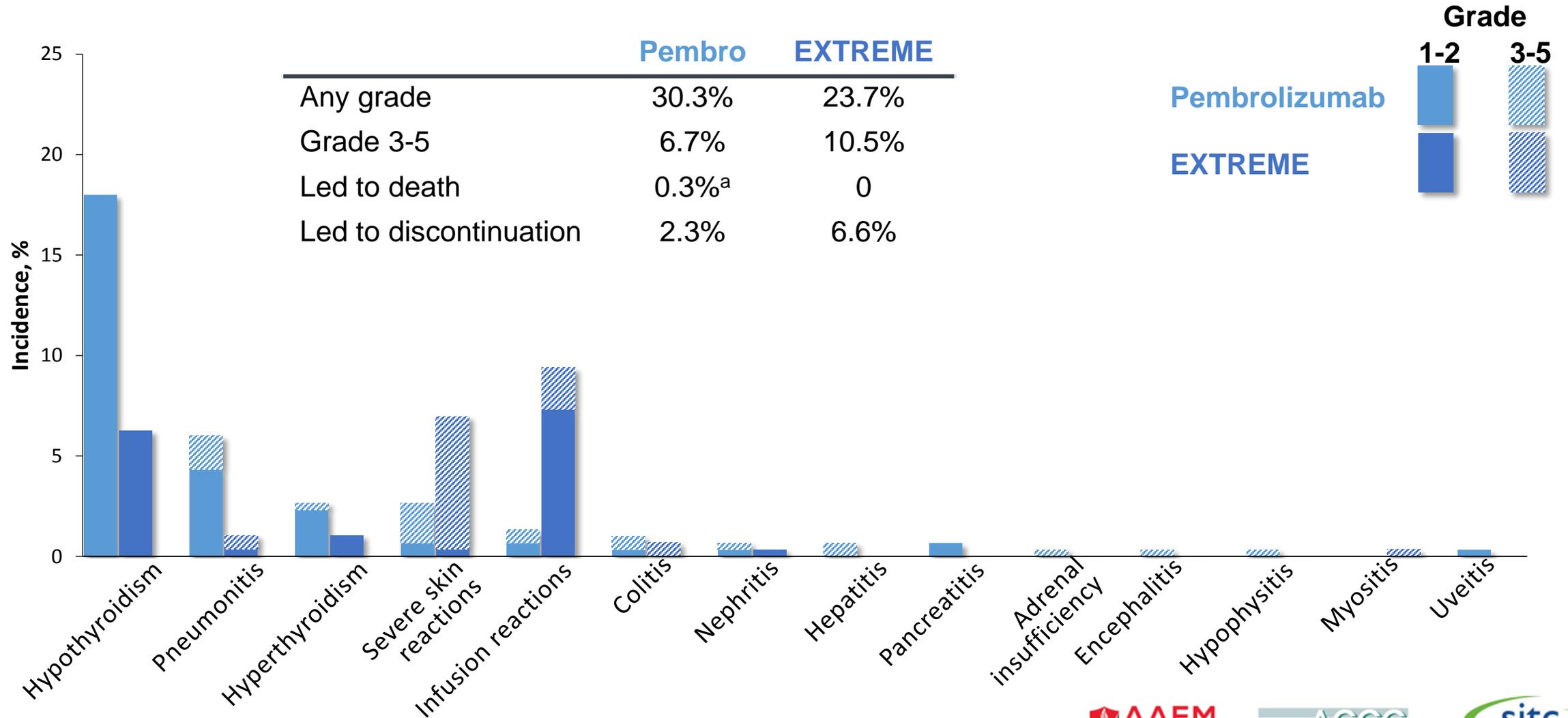


Median (range) treatment duration was 3.5 mo (0.03-24.2) for pembrolizumab and 4.9 mo (0.03-35.3) for EXTREME.

<sup>a</sup>Autoinflammatory disease, disseminated intravascular coagulation, and pneumonitis (n=1 each).

<sup>b</sup>Pneumonia (n=3), sepsis (n=2), and hypoxia, osteomyelitis, and pulmonary artery thrombosis (n=1 each). Data cutoff date: Jun 13, 2018.

# Immune-Mediated AEs and Infusion Reactions, P vs E, Total Population



<sup>a</sup>Pneumonitis (n=1).

Considered regardless of attribution to treatment or immune relatedness by the investigator. Related terms included in addition to preferred terms listed. Data cutoff date: Jun 13, 2018.

# Summary and Conclusions: Pembrolizumab Monotherapy vs EXTREME

- Pembrolizumab significantly improved OS vs EXTREME in the PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 20$  (HR 0.61,  $P = 0.0007$ ) and CPS  $\geq 1$  (HR 0.78,  $P = 0.0086$ ) populations
  - No PFS benefit for pembrolizumab
  - Although pembrolizumab had a lower ORR, responses were substantially more durable
- Pembrolizumab had a favorable safety profile vs EXTREME
  - Lower incidence of any-grade, grade 3-4, and grade 5 treatment-related AEs
  - Lower incidence of treatment-related AEs leading to discontinuation
  - Safety profiles as expected for pembrolizumab and EXTREME
- Data support pembrolizumab monotherapy as a new first-line standard-of-care for R/M HNSCC that expresses PD-L1

# KEYNOTE-048 Study Design

(NCT02358031)

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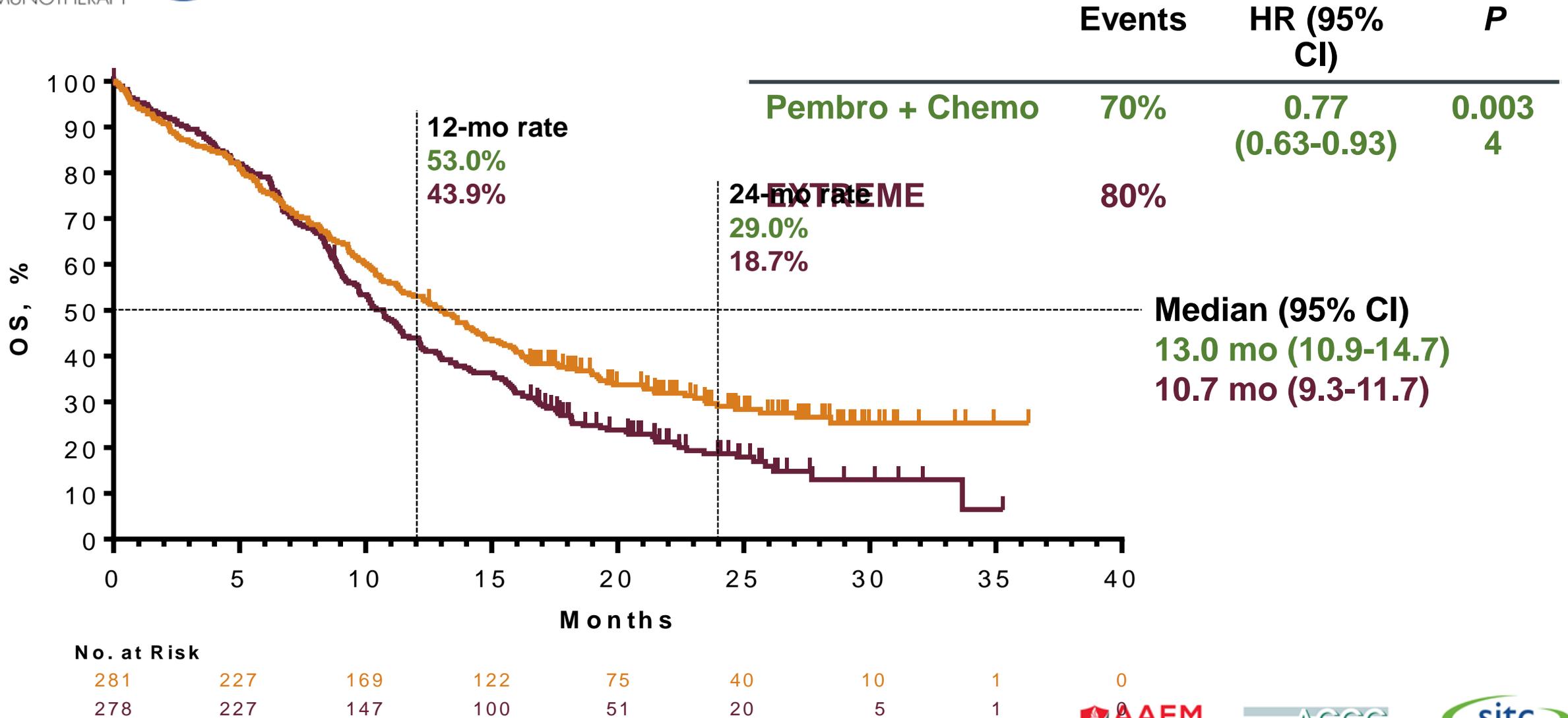
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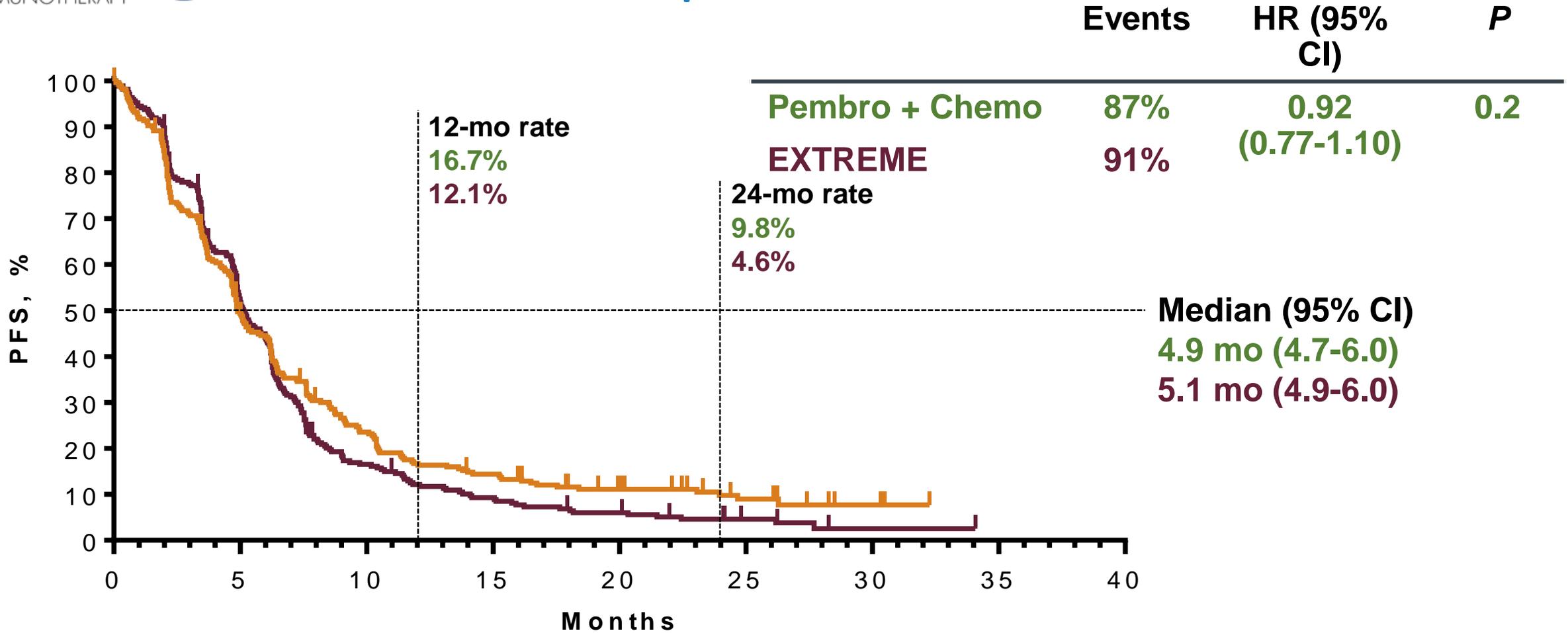
**Cetuximab 250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q1W**

<sup>a</sup>Assessed using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay (Agilent). TPS = tumor proportion score = % of tumor cells with membranous PD-L1 expression. <sup>b</sup>Assessed using the CINtec p16 Histology assay (Ventana); cutpoint for positivity = 70%. <sup>c</sup>Following a loading dose of 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

# Overall Survival: P+C vs E, Total Population



# Progression-Free Survival: P+C vs E, Total Population



	Events	HR (95% CI)	P
<b>Pembro + Chemo</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>EXTREME</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>(0.77-1.10)</b>	

No. at Risk

281	134	62	37	22	11	3	0	0
278	136	42	23	14	6	1	0	0



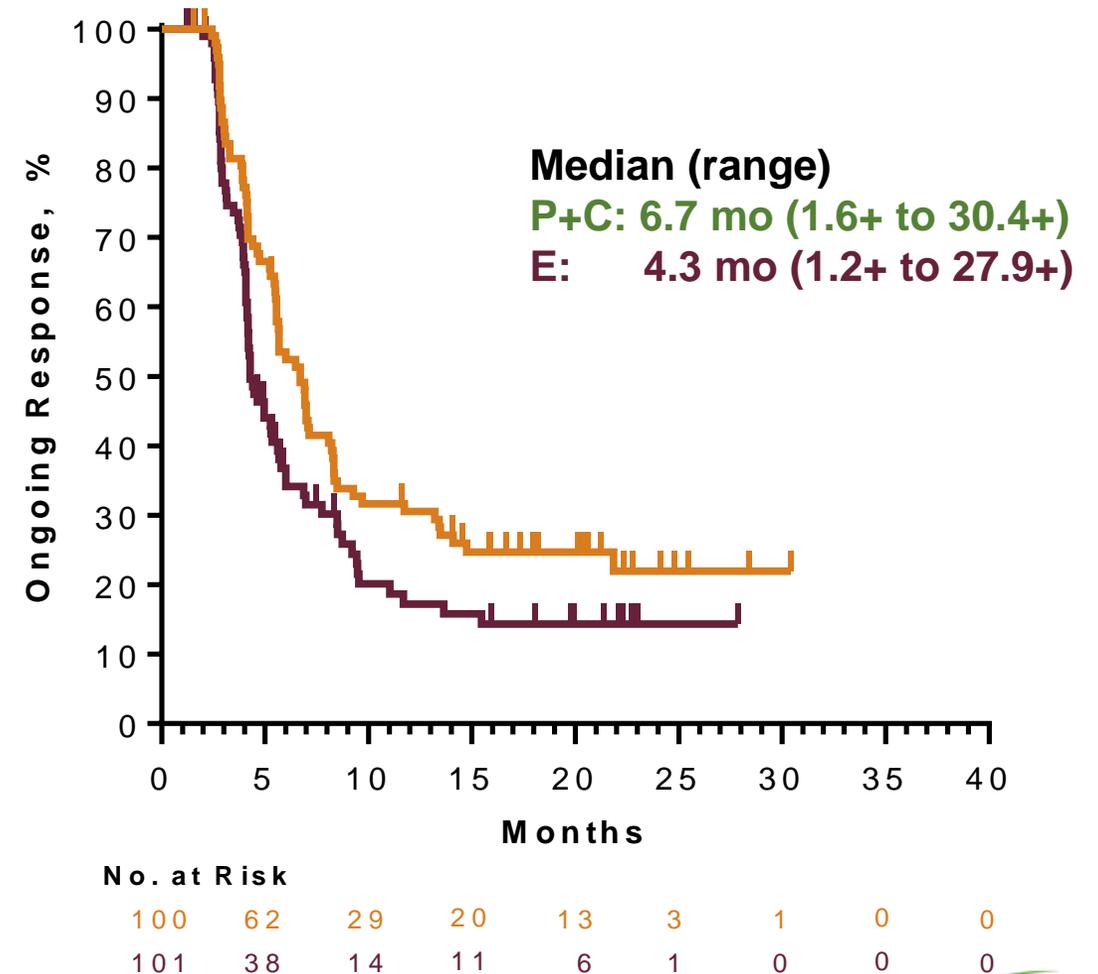
Progression-free survival assessed per RECIST v1.1 by blinded, independent central radiologic review.

Data cutoff date: Jun 13, 2018.

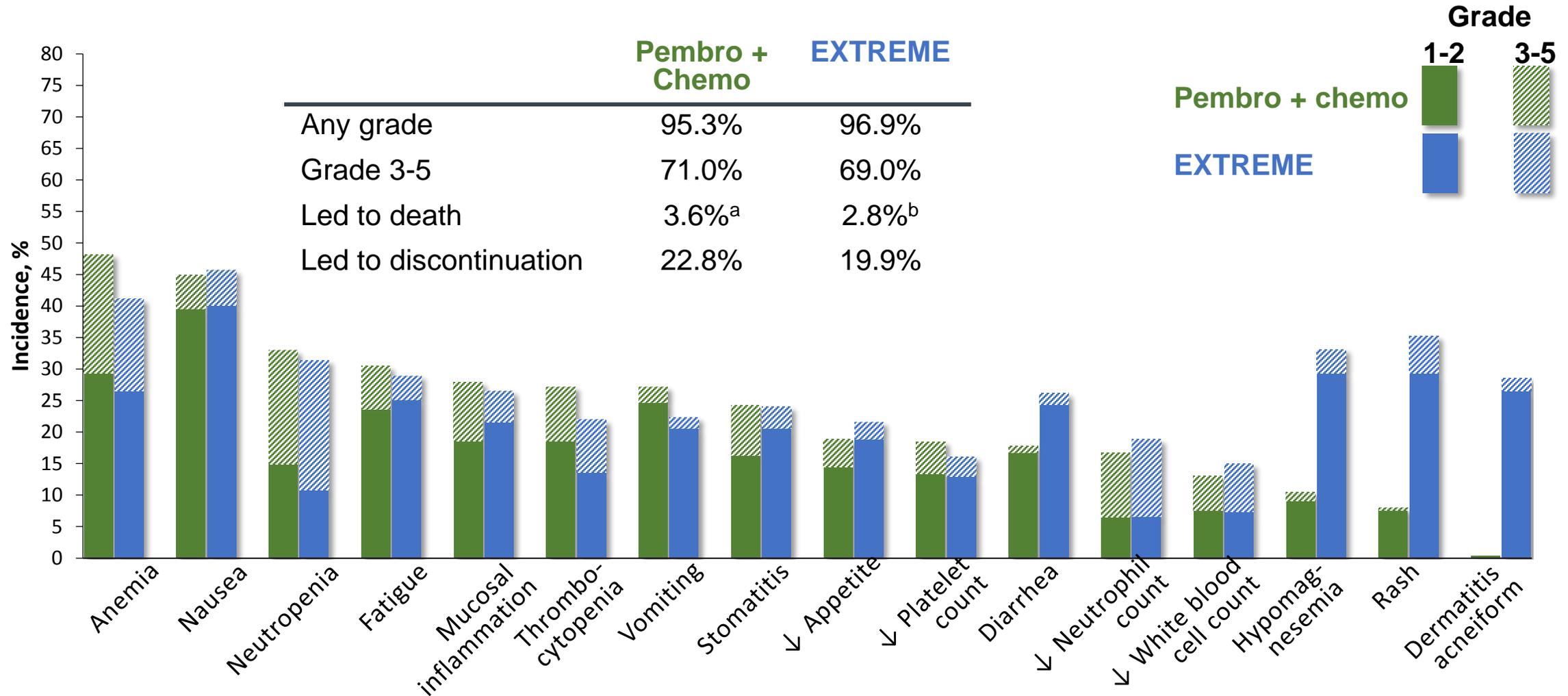
# Response Summary, P+C vs E, Total Population

Confirmed Response, n (%)	Pembro + Chemo N = 281	EXTREME N = 278
ORR	100 (35.6)	101 (36.3)
CR	17 (6.0)	8 (2.9)
PR	83 (29.5)	93 (33.5)
SD	78 (27.8)	94 (33.8)
PD	48 (17.1)	34 (12.2)
Non-CR/non-PD <sup>a</sup>	13 (4.6)	9 (3.2)
Not evaluable or assessed <sup>b</sup>	42 (14.9)	40 (14.4)

## Duration of Response



# Treatment-Related AEs With Incidence $\geq 15\%$ , P+C vs E, Total Population

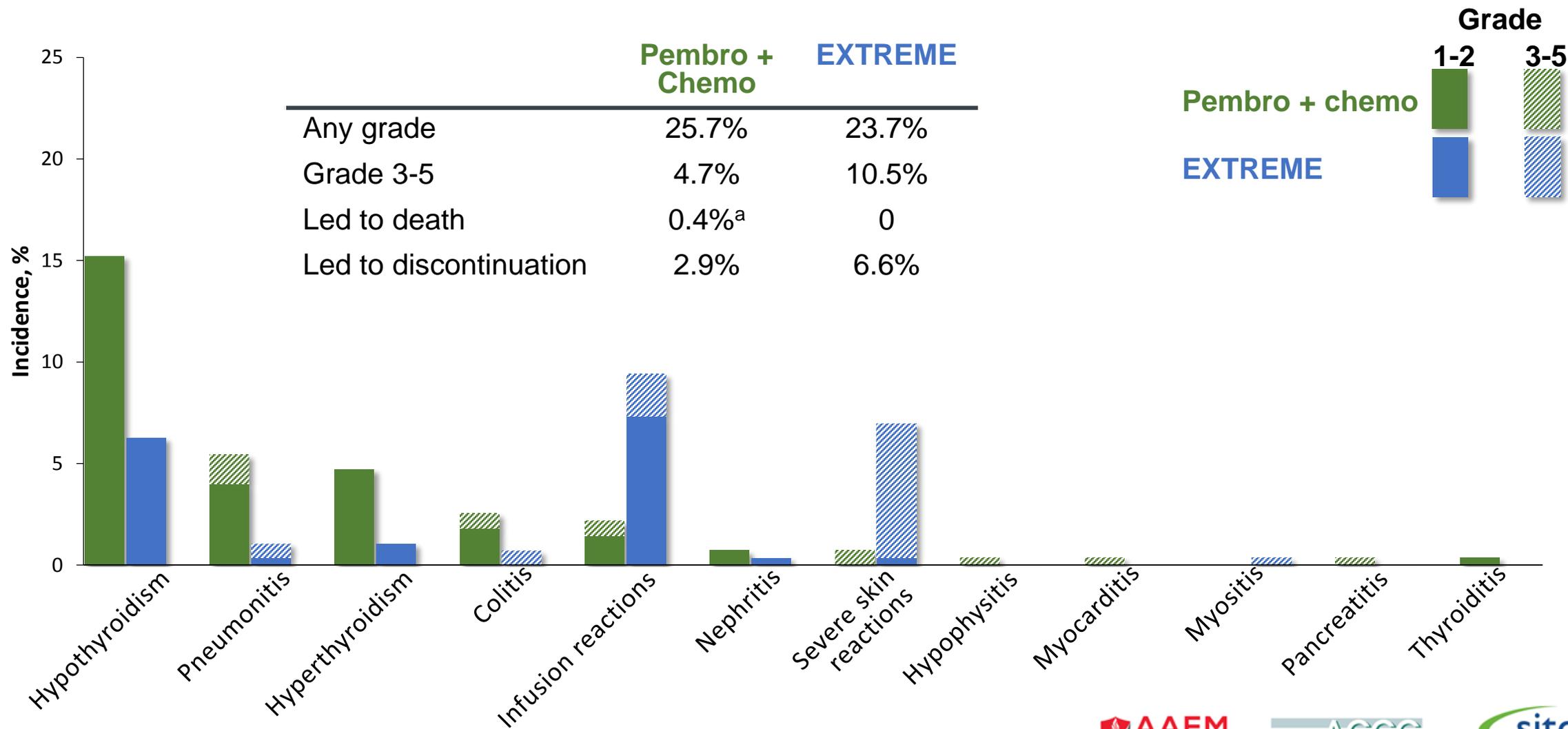


Median (range) treatment duration was 5.8 mo (0.1-24.2) for pembrolizumab + chemotherapy and 4.9 mo (0.03-35.3) for EXTREME.

<sup>a</sup>Septic shock (n=5) and cerebral ischemia, hemorrhage, interstitial lung disease, sepsis, and tumor hemorrhage (n=1 each).

<sup>b</sup>Pneumonia (n=3), sepsis (n=2), and hypoxia, osteomyelitis, and pulmonary artery thrombosis (n=1 each). Data cutoff date: Jun 13, 2018.

# Immune-Mediated AEs and Infusion Reactions, P+C vs E, Total Population



<sup>a</sup>Pneumonitis (n=1).

Considered regardless of attribution to treatment or immune relatedness by the investigator. Related terms included in addition to preferred terms listed. Data cutoff date: Jun 13, 2018.

# Developmental Immunotherapies for HNSCC

## MASTERKEY 232/KEYNOTE-137

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

# Conclusions

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

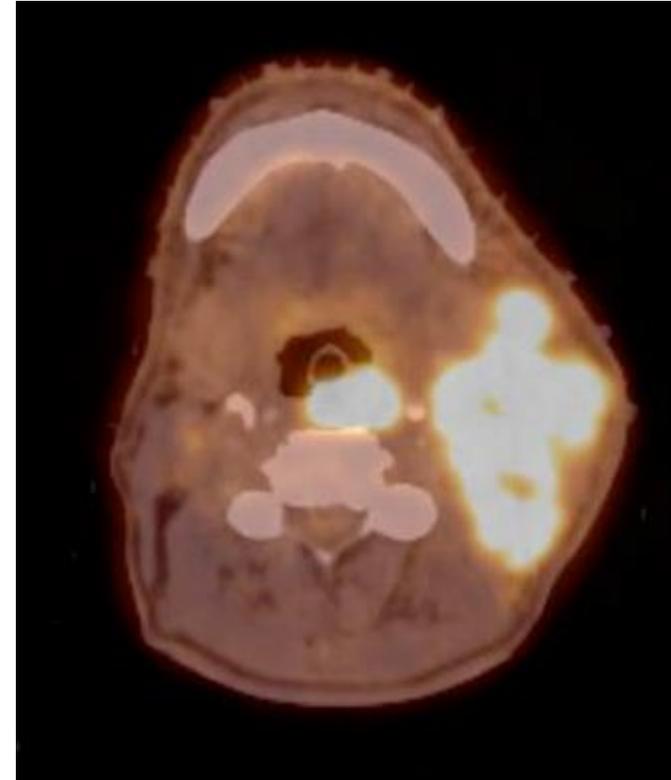
# Patient Case Study 1

- Patient Background Information:
  - 78 yo M with a history of CAD, HTN, HLD
  - Presents with painful L sided neck mass
  - Lost 30 lbs due to anorexia

# Patient Case Study 1

## November 2014

- PET CT
  - Large L sided cervical mass
  - Periepiglottic tumor with no airway compromise
  - Multiple cervical osseous metastases
- Palliative hypofractionated XRT initiated



# Patient Case Study 1

## January 2015

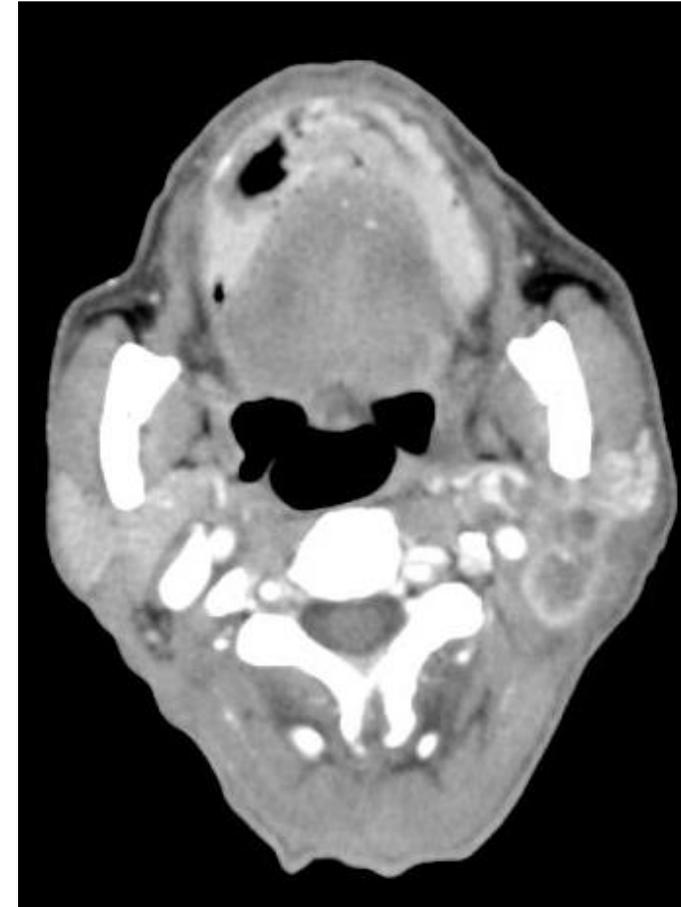
- Cervical disease decreased – pain improved
  - Carboplatin/paclitaxel 1<sup>st</sup> line
- PET CT revealed new osseous and axillary mets
  - Started on cetuximab 2<sup>nd</sup> line



# Patient Case Study 1

## June 2015

- Progression in cervical nodes
  - Re-irradiation not an option
- Enrolled in KEYNOTE-055
  - Started on pembrolizumab



# Patient Case Study 1

## October 2015

- Patient experienced near CR
  - Response lasted 1 year
  - No side effects of note



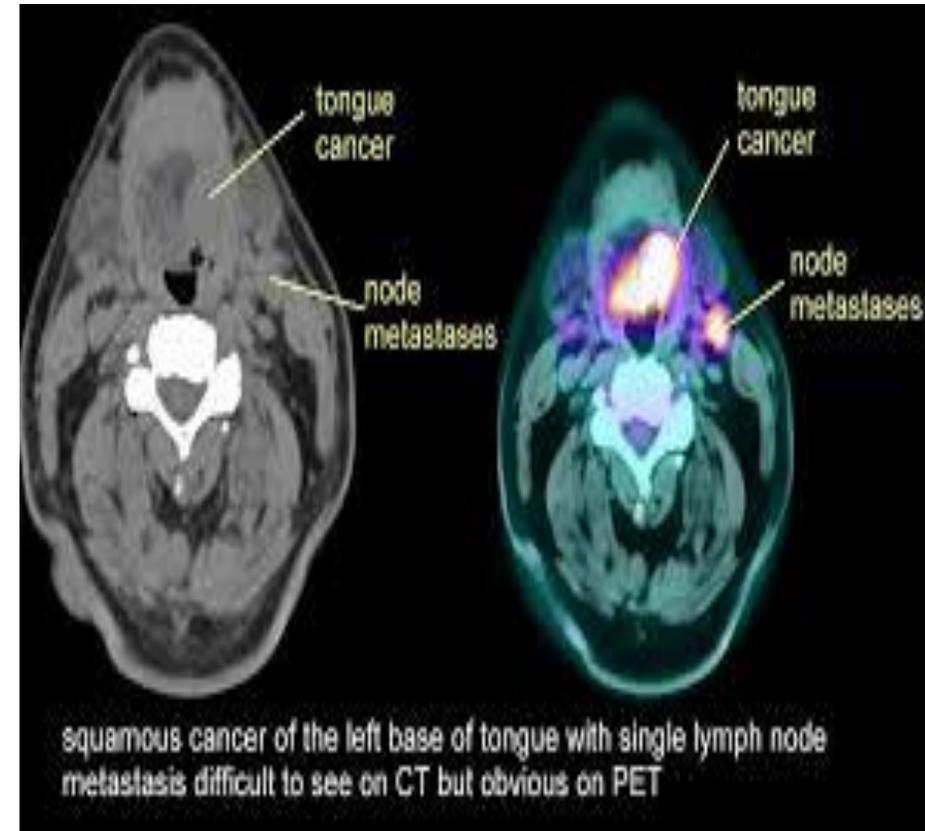
# Patient Case Study 2

- Patient Background Information:
  - 56 yo M with a history of smoking
  - Presents with painful L oral tongue mass and L sided neck mass
  - Lost 30 lbs due to anorexia

# Patient Case Study 2

## November 2014

- PET CT
  - L sided oral tongue mass
  - L neck metastases
  - No DM
- S/p surgical resection followed by adjuvant CRT with Cisplatin (+margins/ +ECE )
- Early recurrence 2 months after CRT completion



# Patient Case Study 2

- Treatment options discussed :
  - CF + Erbitux followed by Erbitux (EXTREME) : RR 35% , OS 10.7m
  - Single agent chemotherapy or Erbitux alone
  - Doublet with Cis/Carb + Taxane
  - Immunotherapy ?

# Patient Case Study 2

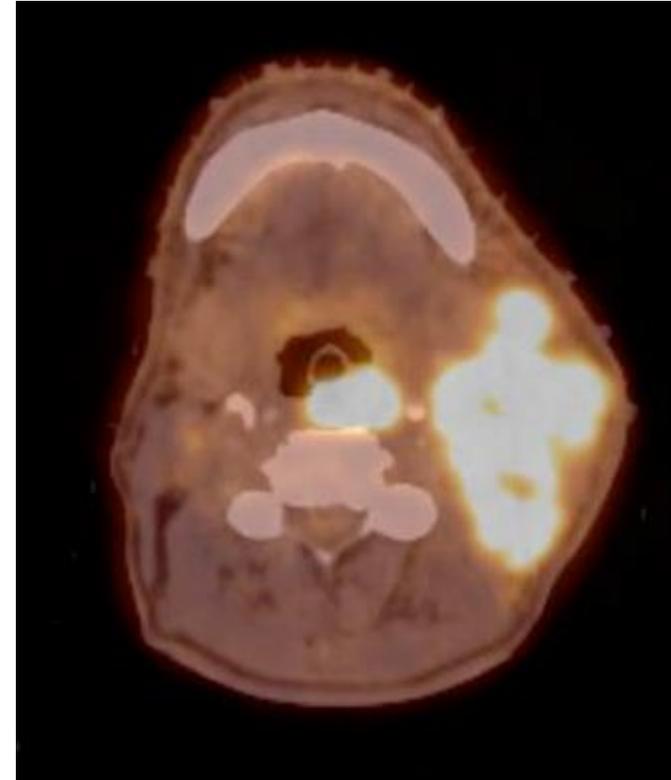
- Treatment received :
- Nivolumab ( FDA approval for persistent disease)

# Patient Case Study 3

- Patient Background Information:
  - 60 yo M with a history of LA SCCHN tx in 2016 with definitive CRT
  - Presents now with painful L sided neck mass and DM on PET scan
  - Lost 30 lbs due to anorexia

# Patient Case Study 3

- PET CT
  - Large L sided cervical mass
  - Periepiglottic tumor with no airway compromise
  - Multiple cervical osseous metastases
- Palliative hypofractionated XRT initiated



# Patient Case Study 3

## November 2018

- Cervical disease decreased – pain improved
  - 1<sup>st</sup> line treatment as of 11/2018 ?
- PET CT revealed new osseous and axillary mets



# Patient Case Study 3

- Treatment options discussed
- CFE + E (EXTREME)
- Pembro alone
- CF Pembro + Pembro
- Clinical trial