

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Lung Cancer

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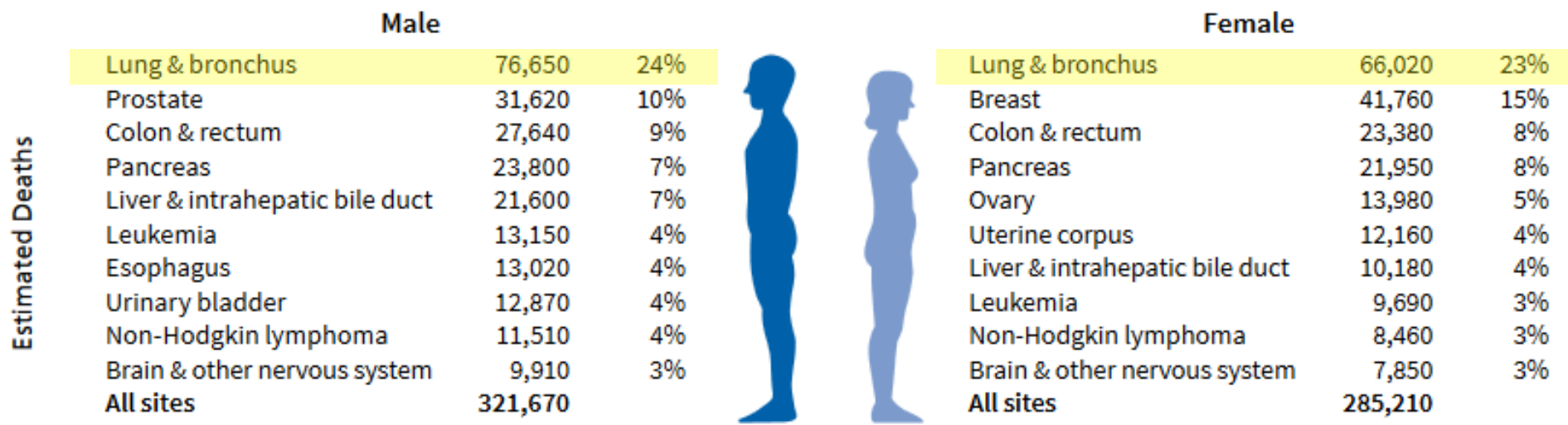
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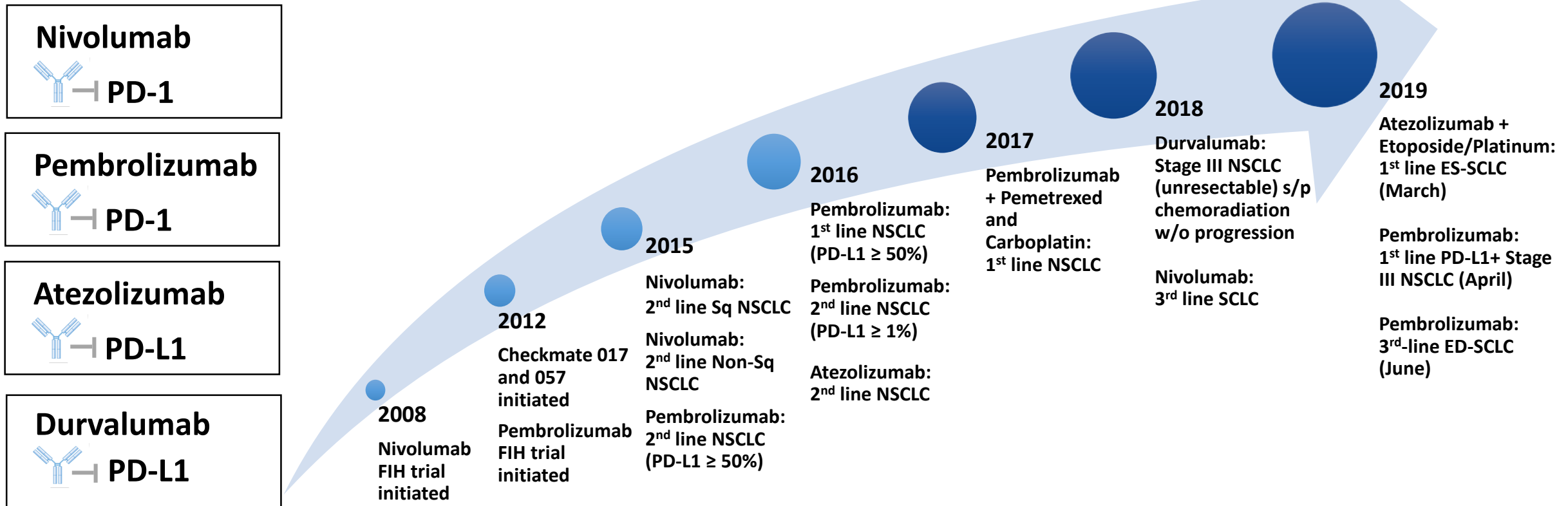
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- I will be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.

Lung cancer

- 80-85% non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)
- 10-15% small cell lung cancer (SCLC)
- NSCLC one of the earliest approved indications for immunotherapy



FDA-approved checkpoint inhibitors in lung cancer



Approved checkpoint inhibitors in NSCLC

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

Approved checkpoint inhibitors in NSCLC

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

Approved checkpoint inhibitors in NSCLC

Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
Atezolizumab	2016	Metastatic NSCLC with progression after Pt-chemotherapy and targeted therapy if EGFR/ALK mutation-positive	840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Atezolizumab + bevacizumab + paclitaxel + carboplatin	2018	1 st line metastatic non-squamous NSCLC with no EGFR/ALK mutations	For 4-6 cycles: atezolizumab 1200 mg Q3W + chemotherapy + bevacizumab Maintenance: 840 mg Q2W, 1200 mg Q3W, or 1680 mg Q4W
Durvalumab	2018	Stage III NSCLC, ineligible for surgery and without progression after chemoradiation	10 mg/kg Q2W

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

OAK (atezolizumab)

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

Minimum follow up = 19 months

Treatment-naïve regimens: Competing strategies in NSCLC

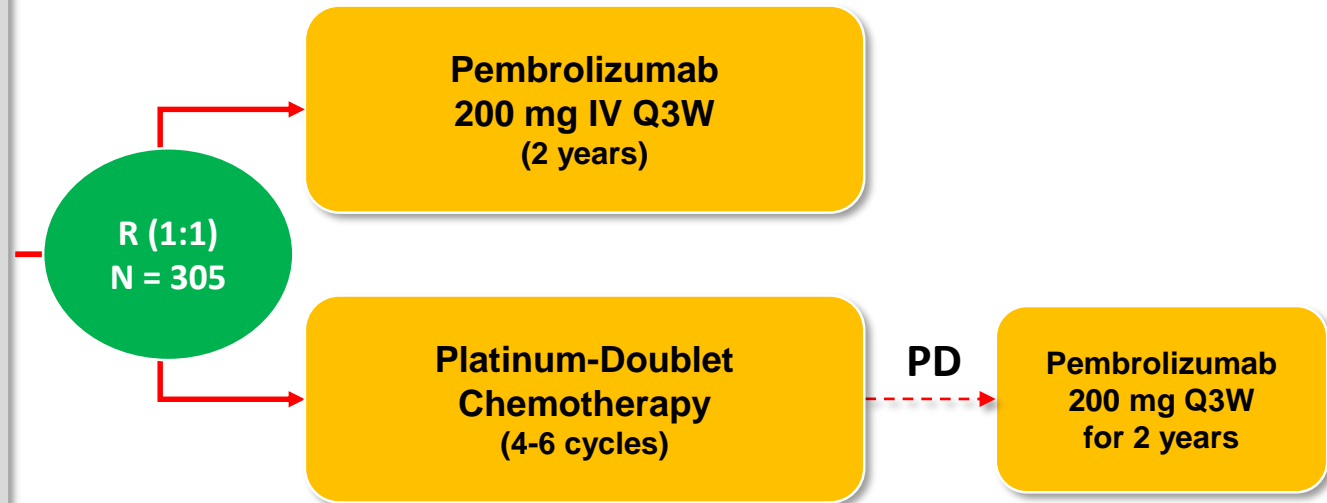
- **KEYNOTE 024** – Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy in PD-L1 \geq 50%
- **KEYNOTE 042** – Pembrolizumab vs. Chemotherapy in PD-L1 \geq 1%
- **KEYNOTE 189** – Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy vs. Chemotherapy alone in advanced non-squamous NSCLC
- **IMPOWER 150** – Atezolizumab + Chemotherapy (Bev) vs. Chemotherapy (Bev) in advanced non-squamous NSCLC
- **KEYNOTE 407** – Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy vs. Chemotherapy in advanced squamous cell lung cancer
- **CHECKMATE 227** – Ipilimumab + Nivolumab vs. Chemotherapy in advanced NSCLC

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

Study Design

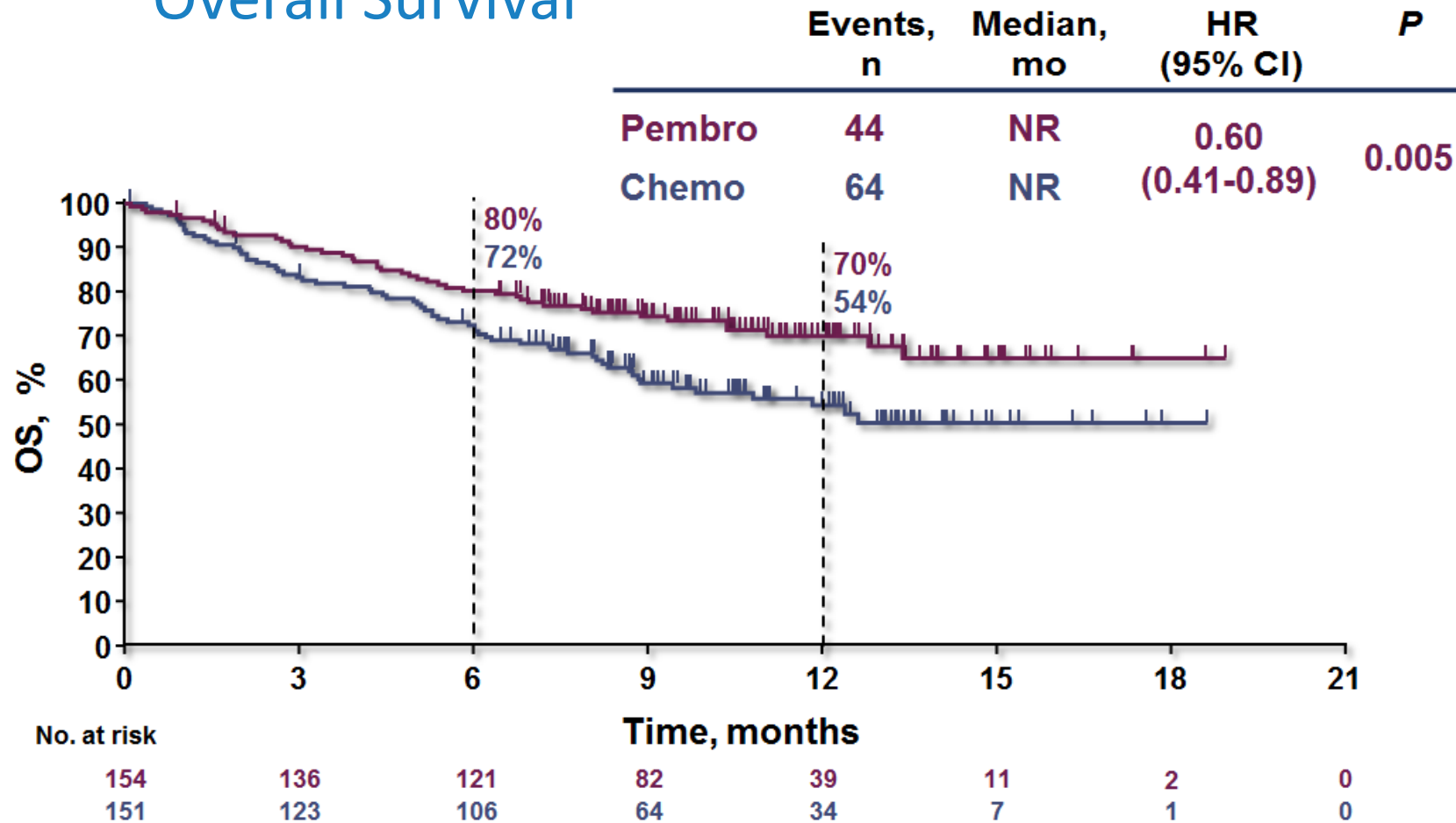
Key Eligibility Criteria

- **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

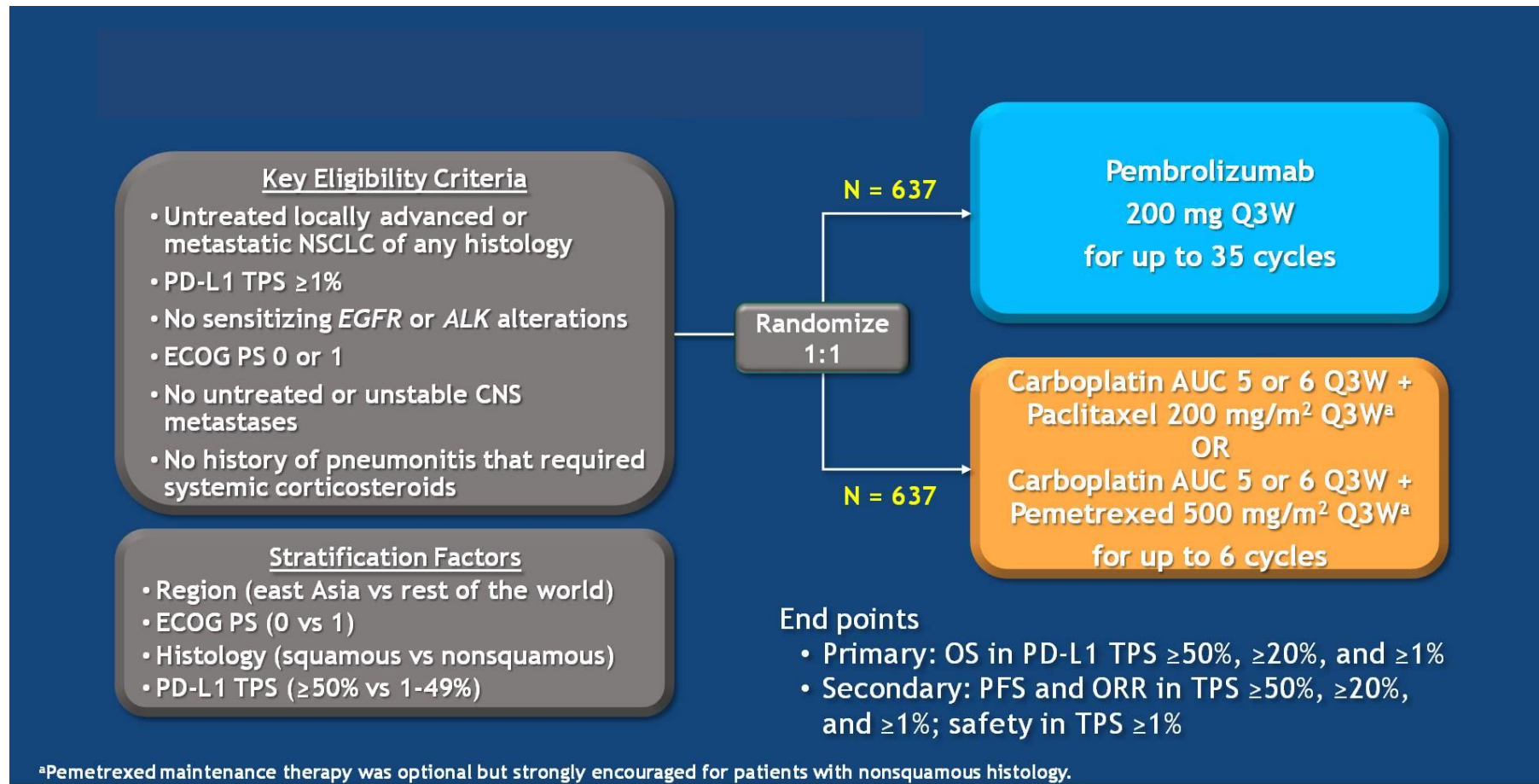


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Overall Survival



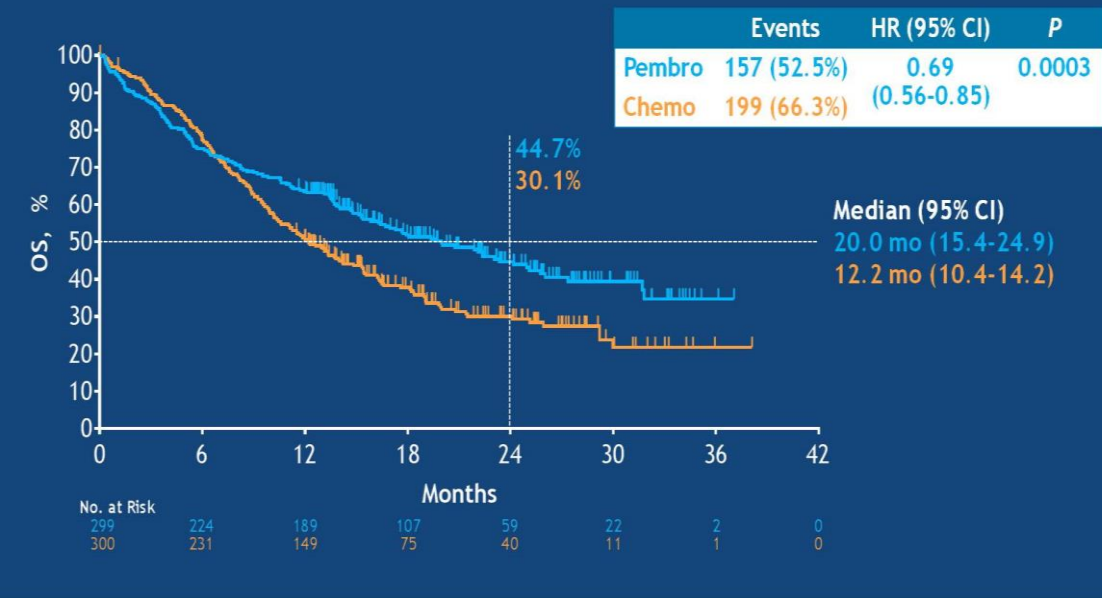
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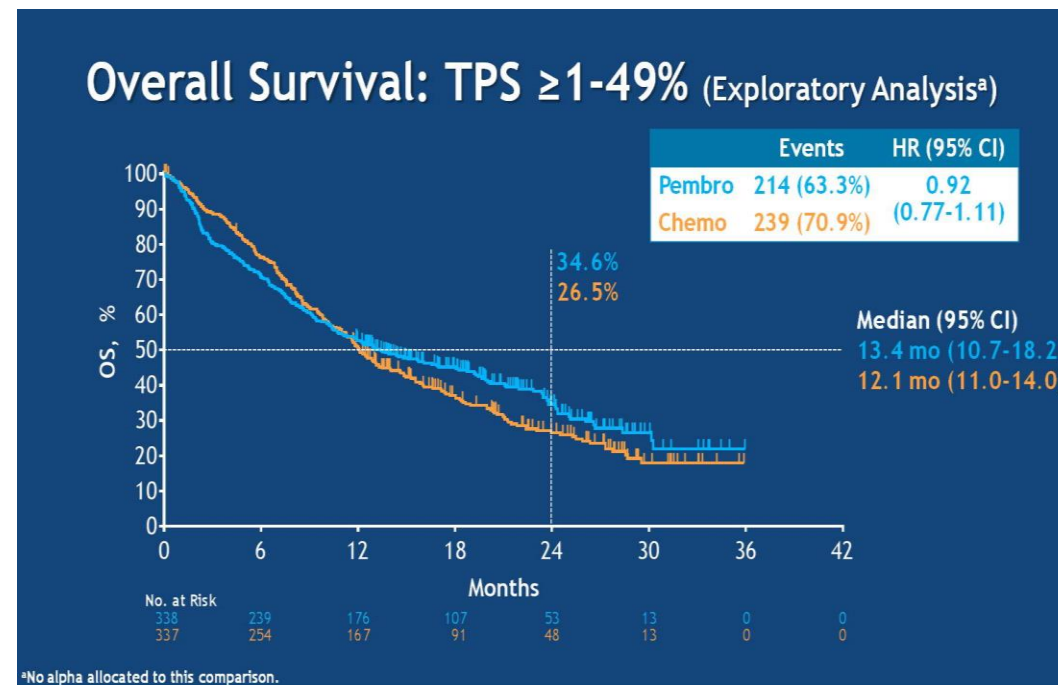
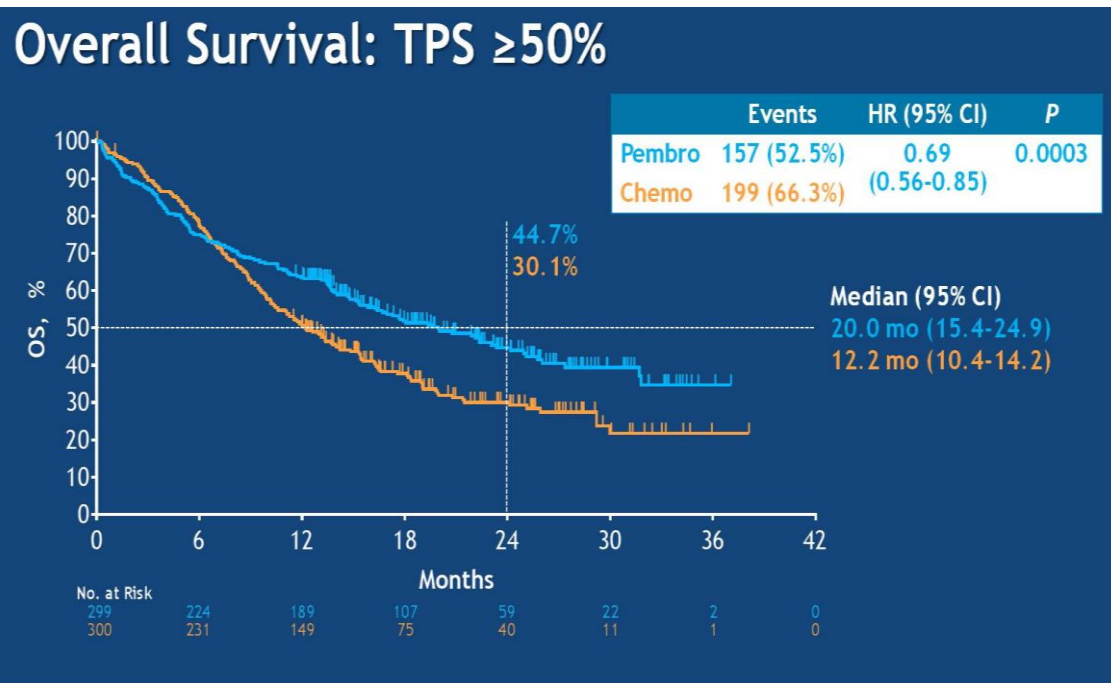
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Overall Survival: TPS $\geq 50\%$



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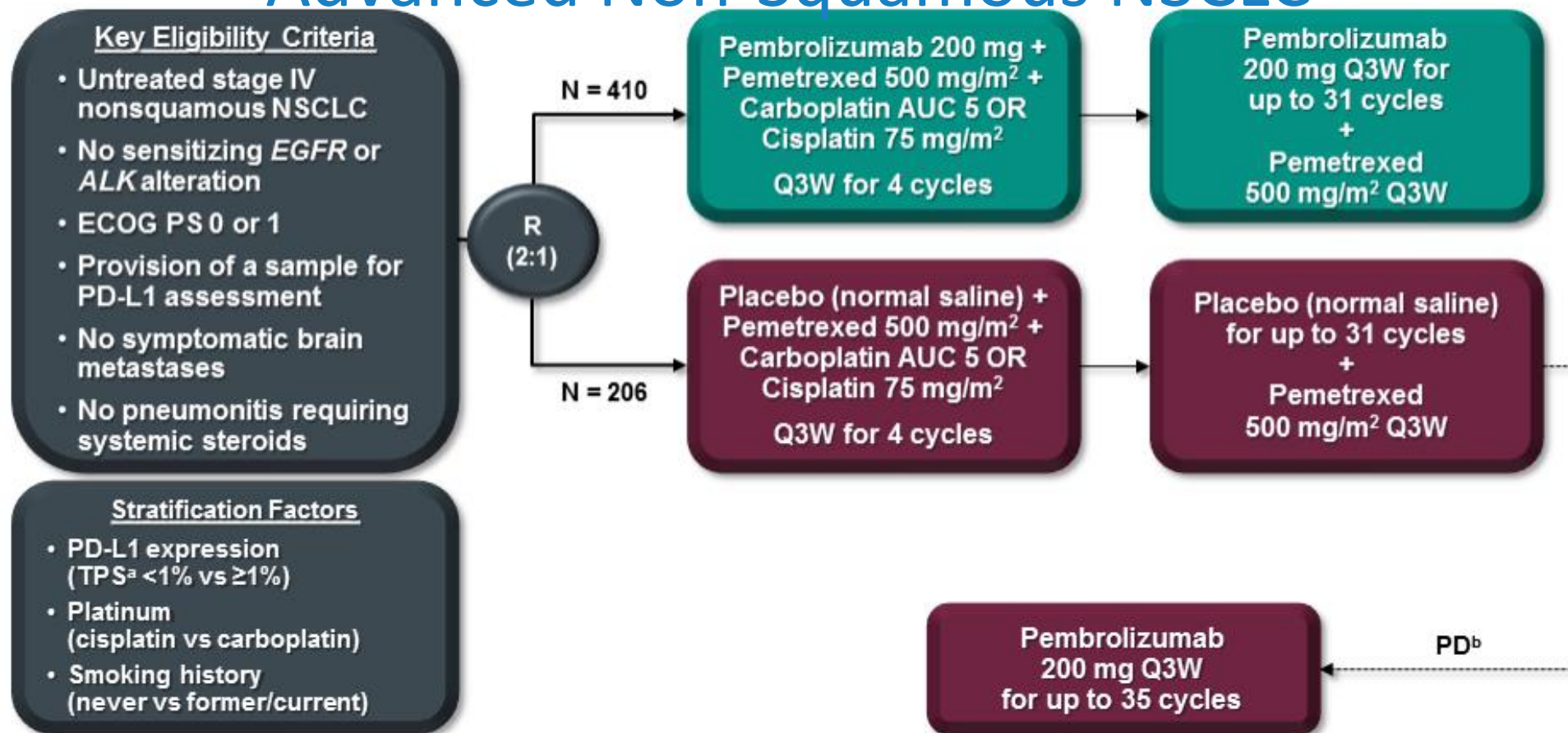


Survival benefit seemed to be driven by the TPS $\geq 50\%$ subset with little benefit witnessed in the subset TPS = 1 - 49%

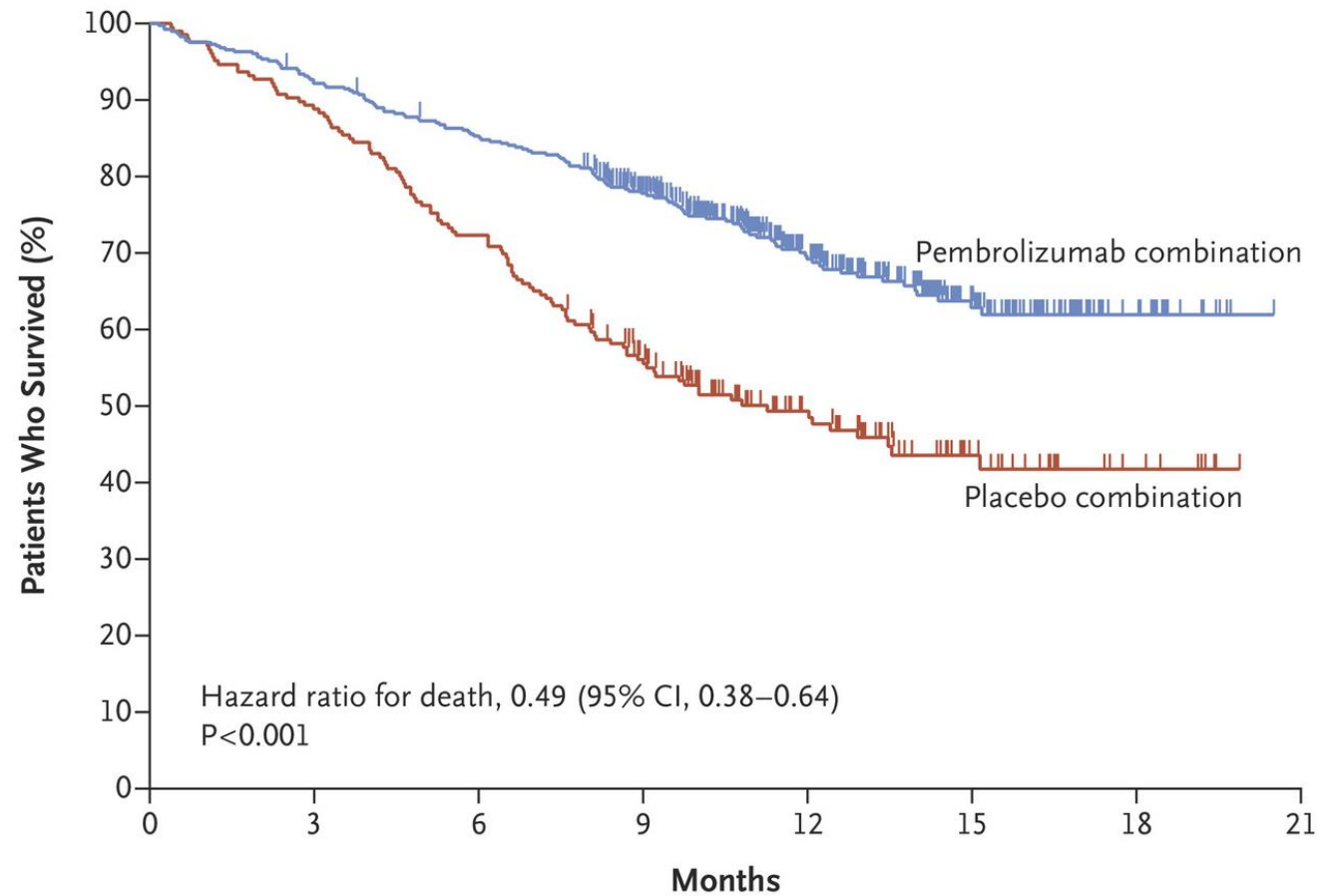
Only 20% of chemo arm later had immunotherapy

FDA approved but NOT recommended by SITC Consensus Statement or NCCN Guidelines for most PD-L1 1-49%

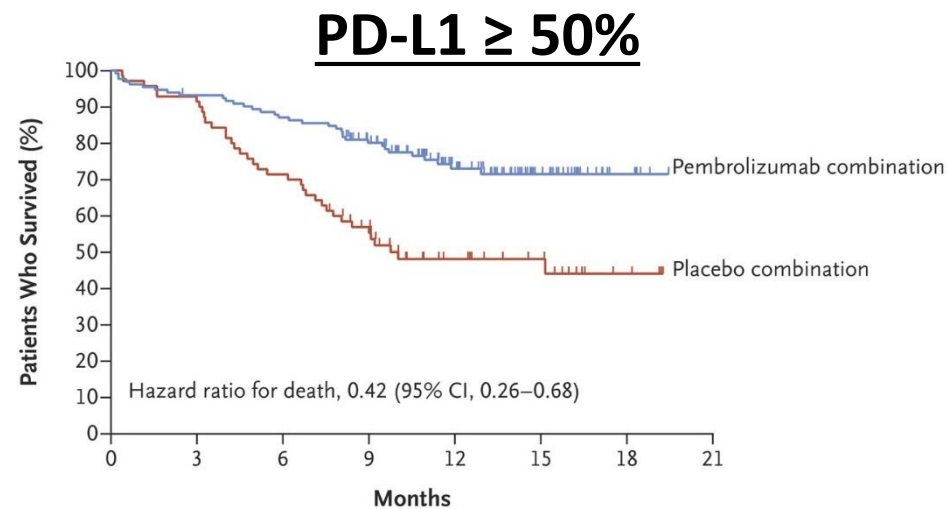
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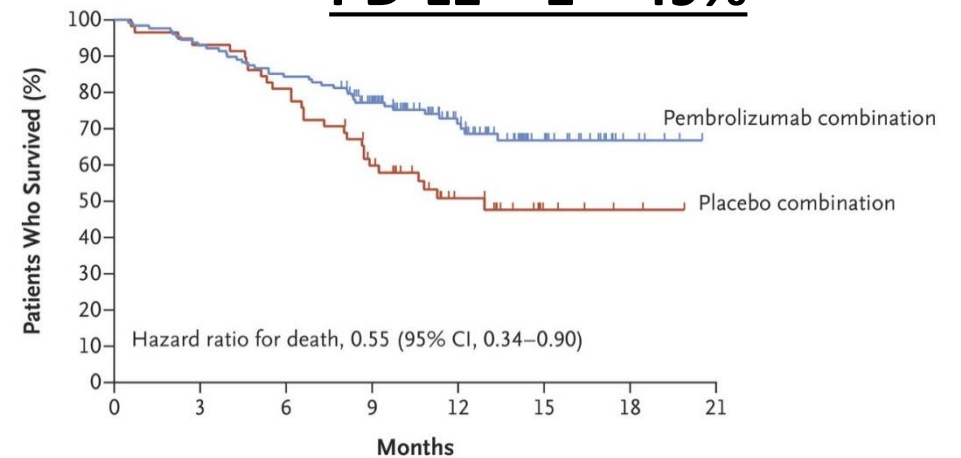


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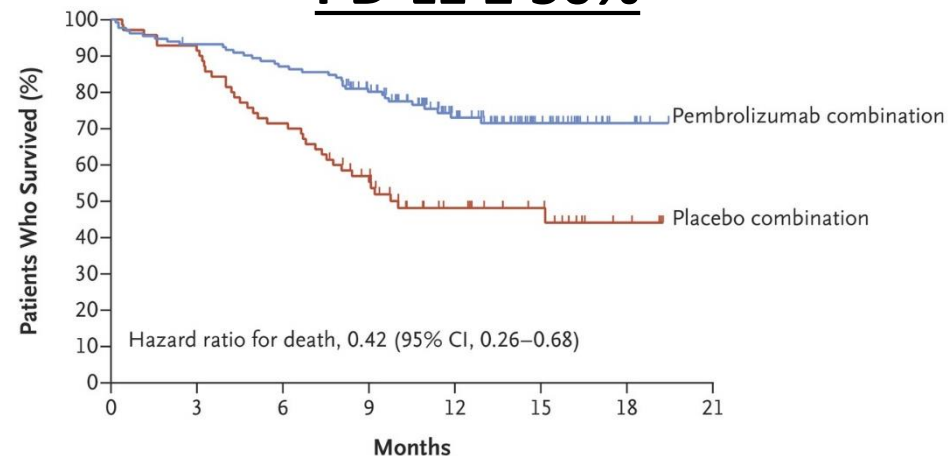


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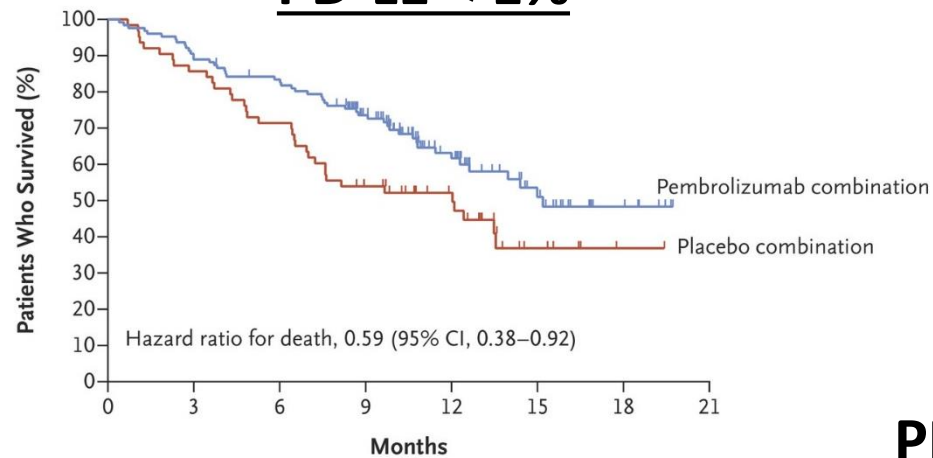
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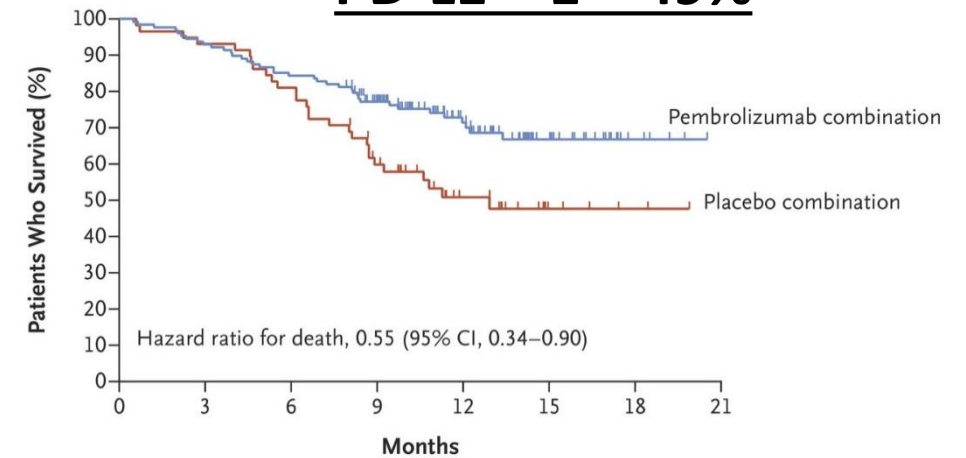
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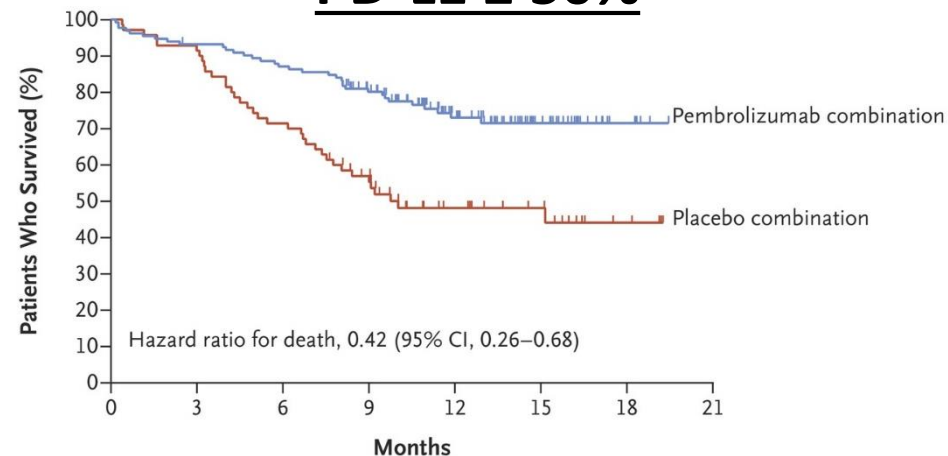
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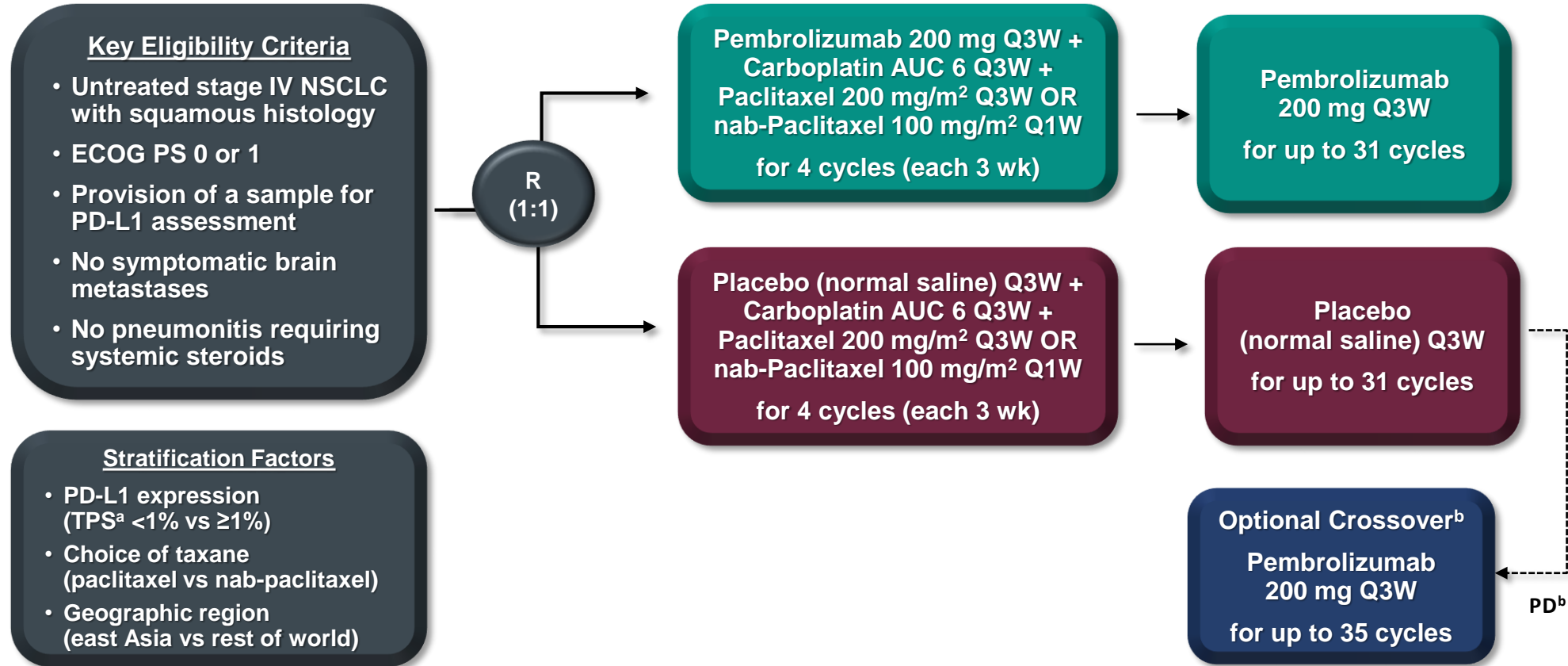
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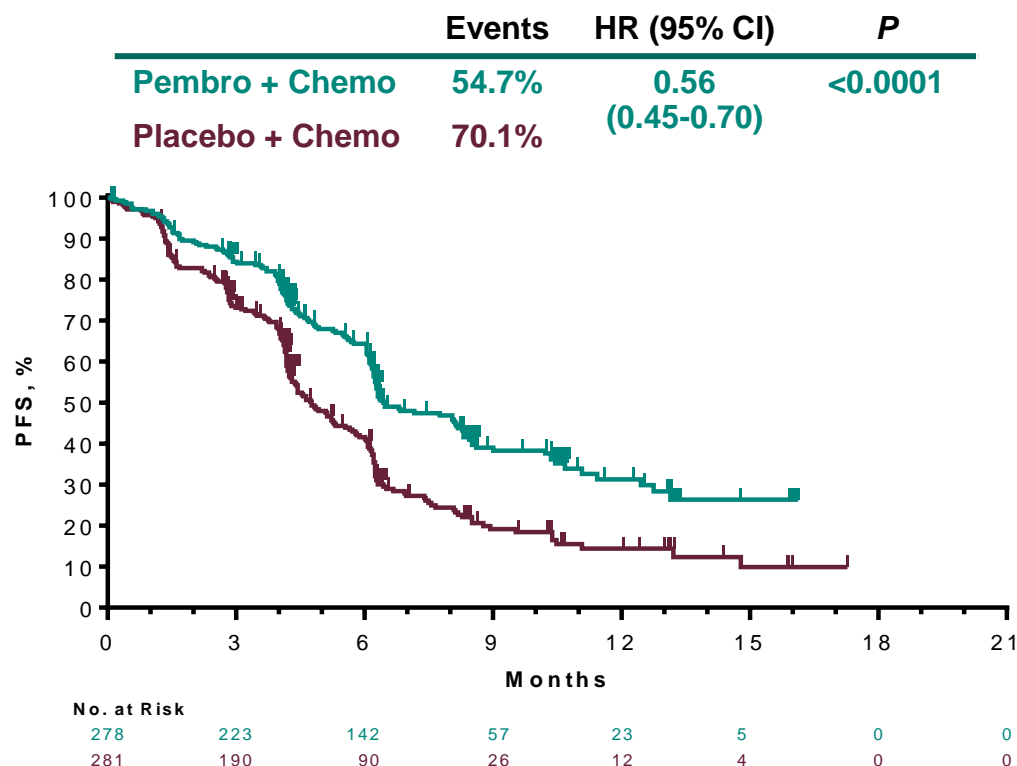


KEYNOTE-407: Pembrolizumab/Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy Alone for Advanced Squamous-Cell NSCLC

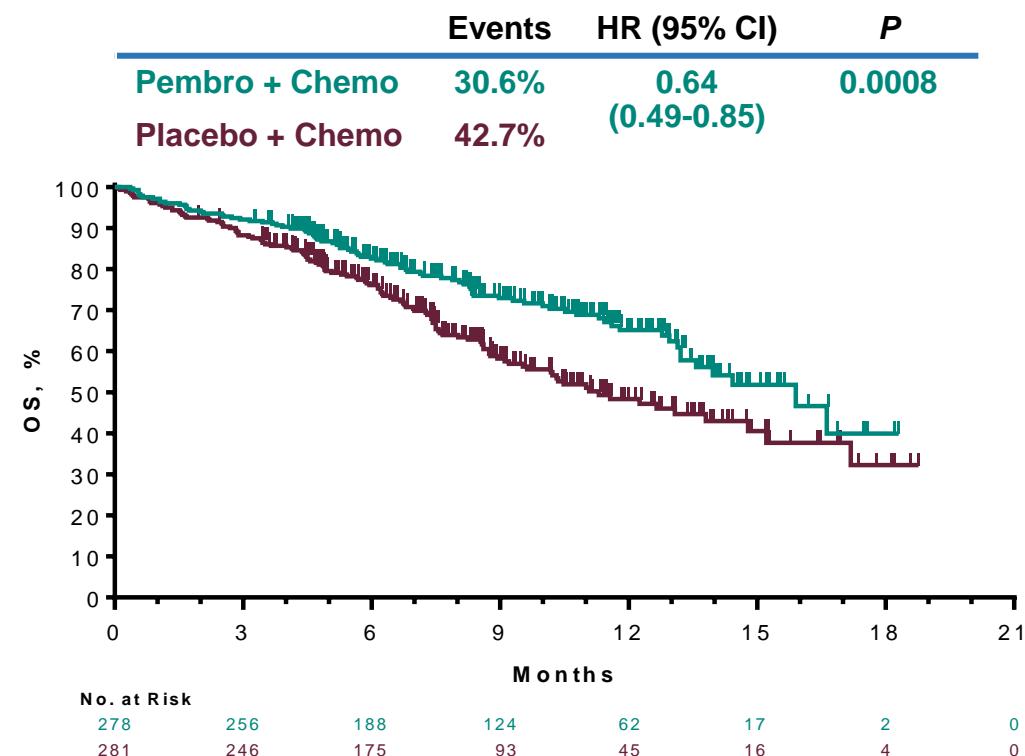


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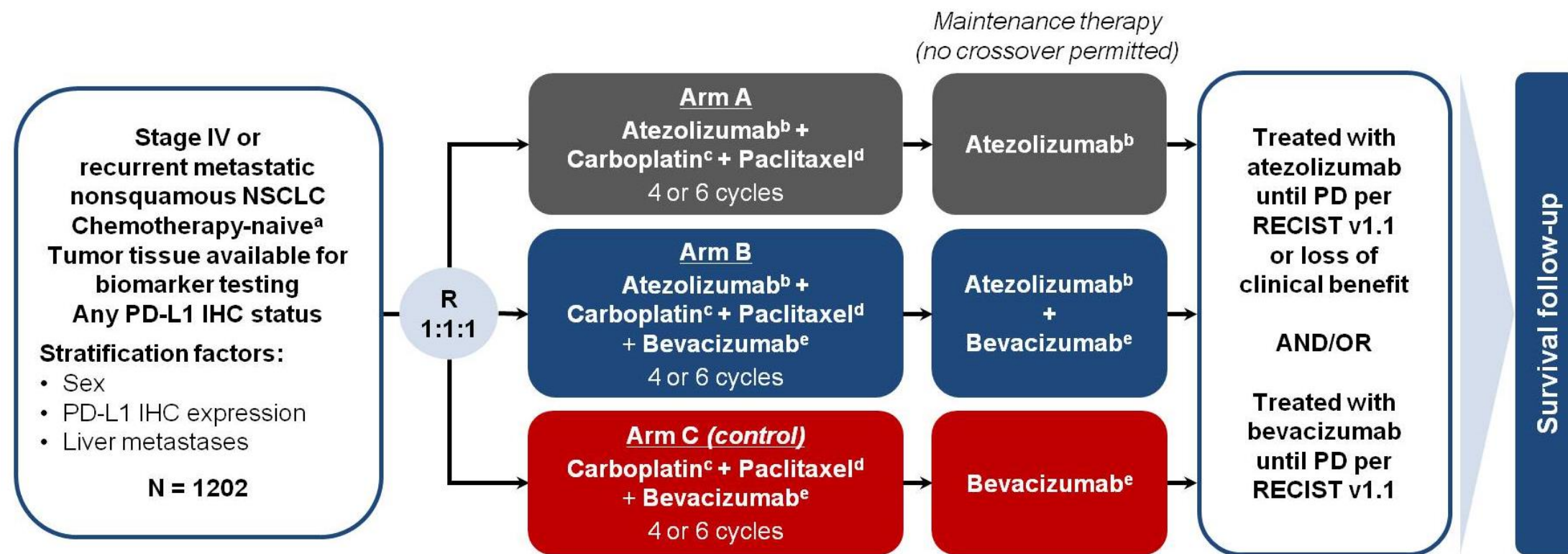
PFS (RECISTv1.1, BICR)



Overall Survival



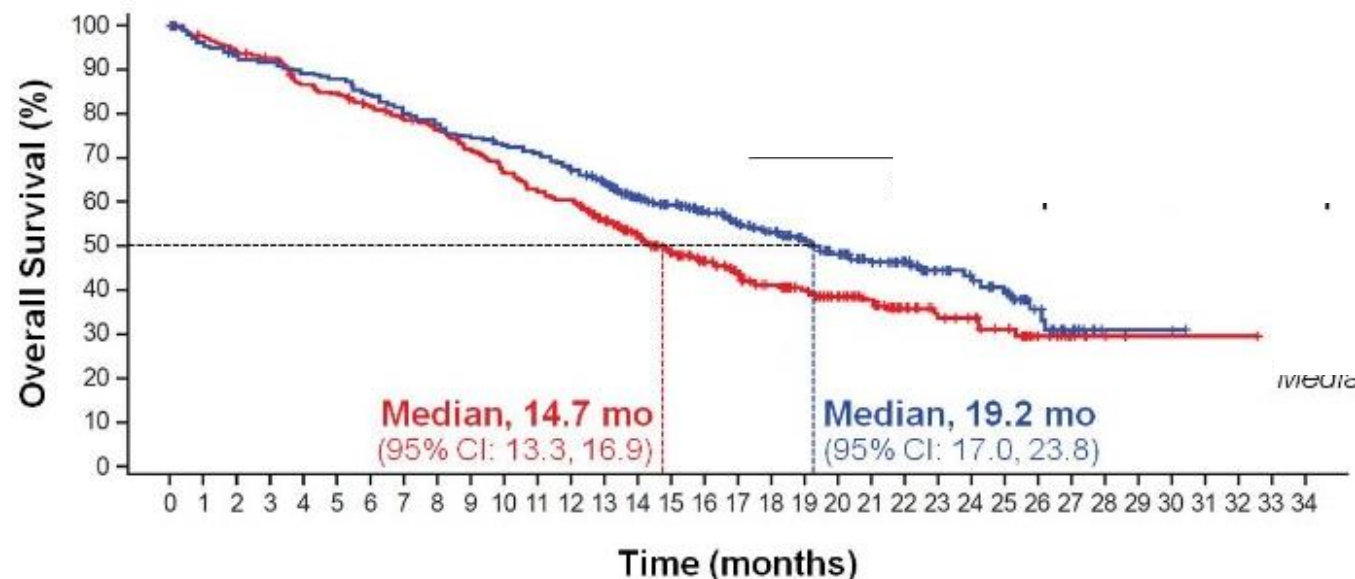
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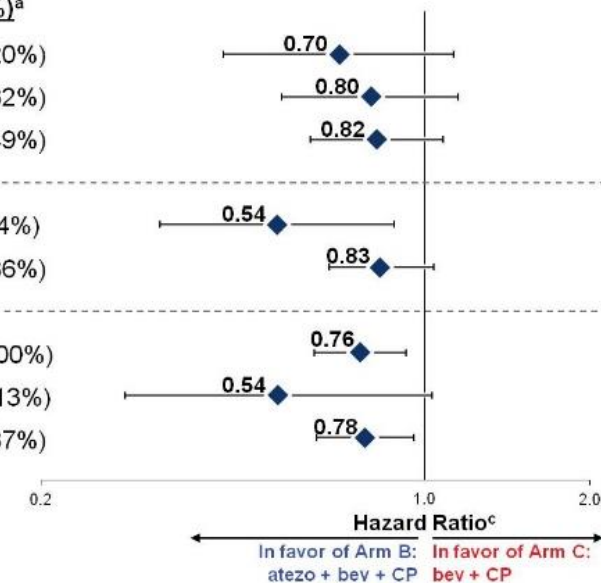
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Landmark OS, %	Arm B: atezo + bev + CP	Arm C: bev + CP
12-month	67%	61%
18-month	53%	41%
24-month	43%	

HR^a, 0.78
(95% CI: 0.64, 0.96)
P = 0.0164



Subgroup	n (%) ^a
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 ^b (13%)
ITT-WT	696 (87%)



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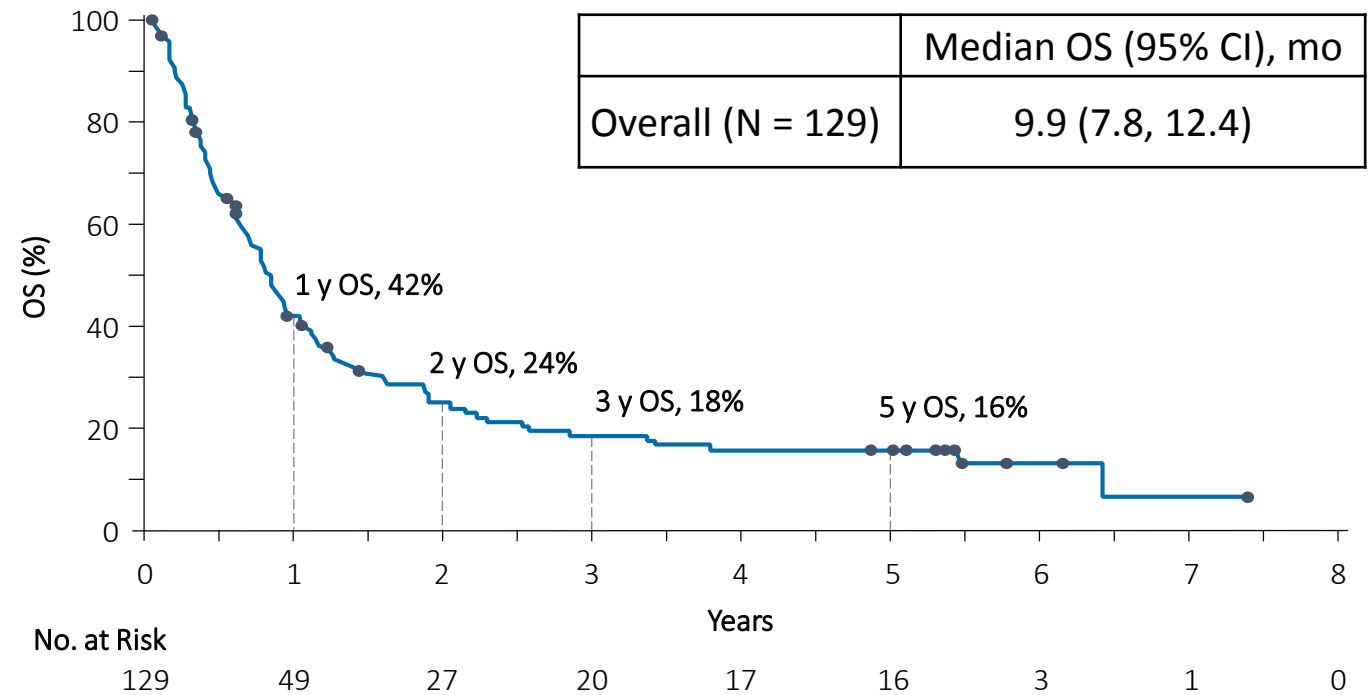
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	#	All	PD-L1 ≥50%
Treatment-naïve	101	23.2%	29.6%
Previously treated	449	15.5%	25.0%

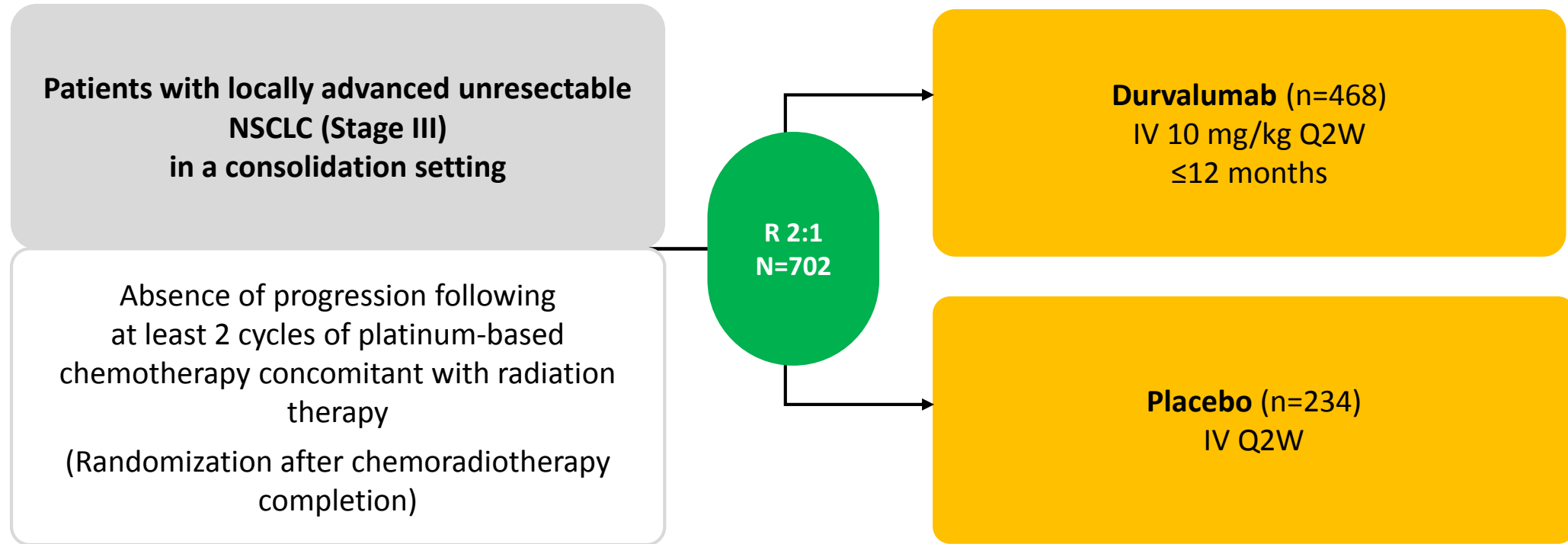
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- CA209-003
- Nivolumab monotherapy in previously treated patients

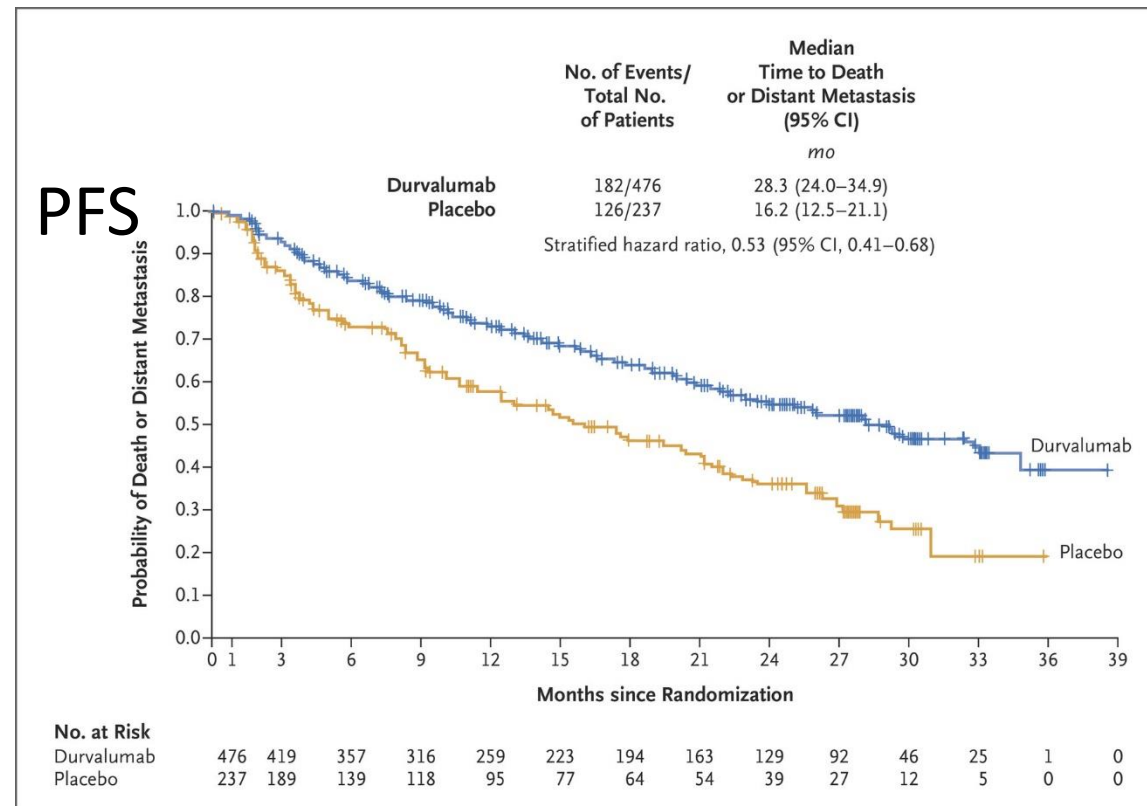
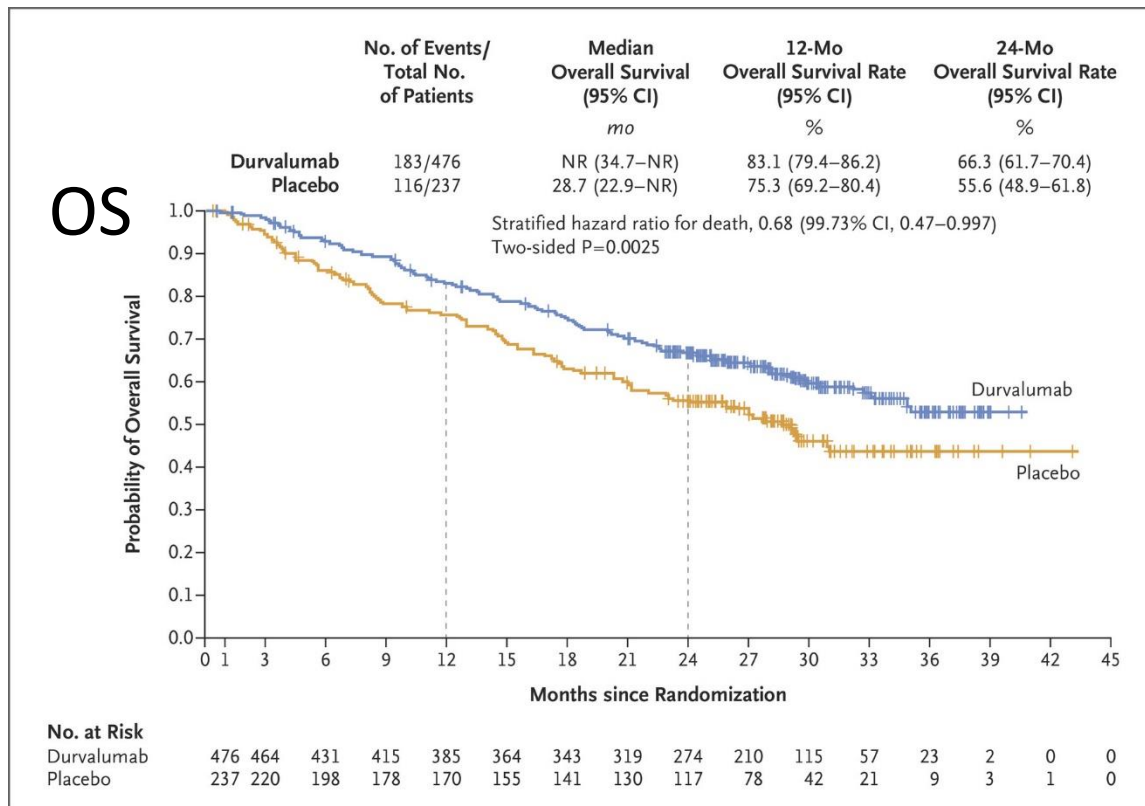
5-Year Survival



PACIFIC: Durvalumab after Chemoradiotherapy in Stage III NSCLC



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Grade 3/4 toxicity 29.9 vs 26.1%, pneumonitis 3.4 vs 2.6%, d/c rate 15.4 vs 9.8%

Small cell lung cancer

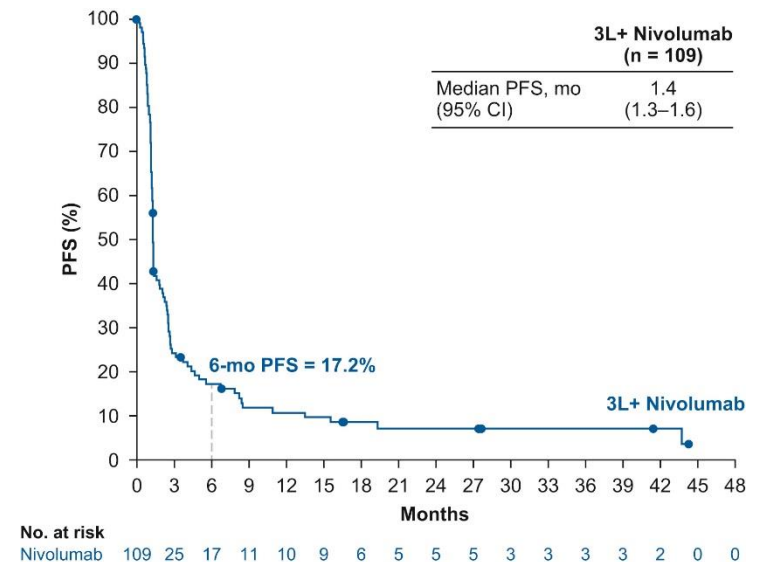
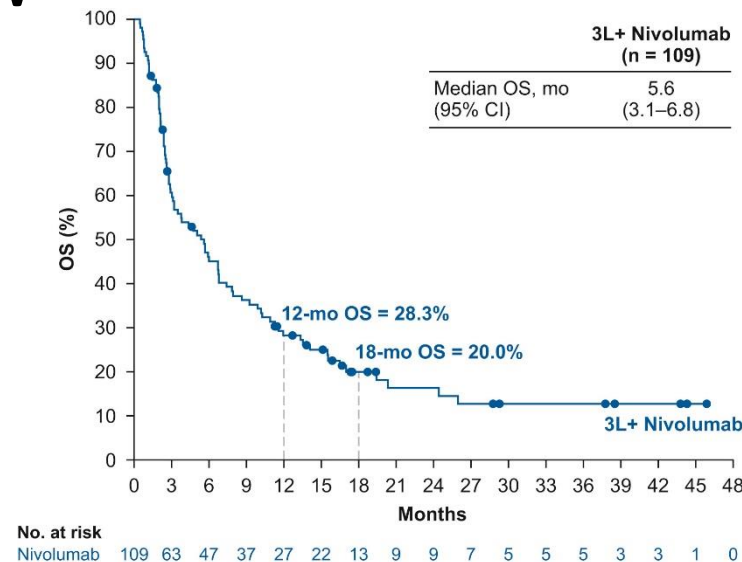
- 10-15% of lung cancers
- Almost exclusively former/current smokers
- Median survival 1-2 years after diagnosis
- Until recently, only one FDA-approved 2nd line option: topotecan – DOR: 3.3 months
- Recent approvals of immunotherapies mark the first progress in decades

Approved checkpoint inhibitors in SCLC

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

CheckMate-032: Nivolumab in 3rd line SCLC

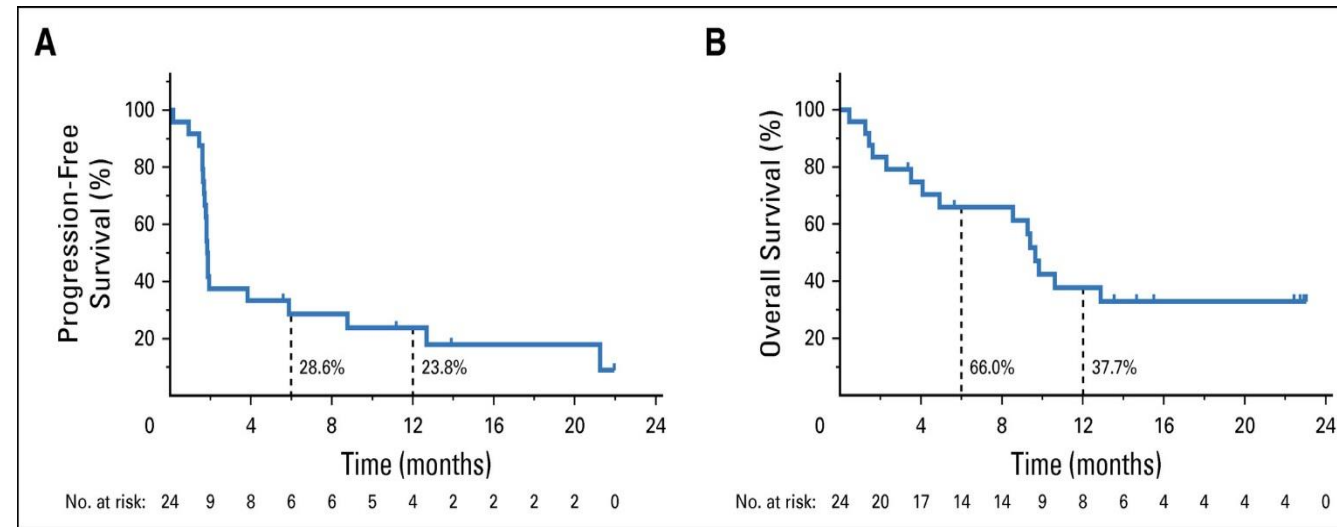
- Nivolumab in SCLC with progression on platinum chemotherapy and another therapy
- Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W
- @28.3 months:
 - ORR: 11.9%
 - mDOR: 17.9 months



Pembrolizumab in 3rd-line SCLC

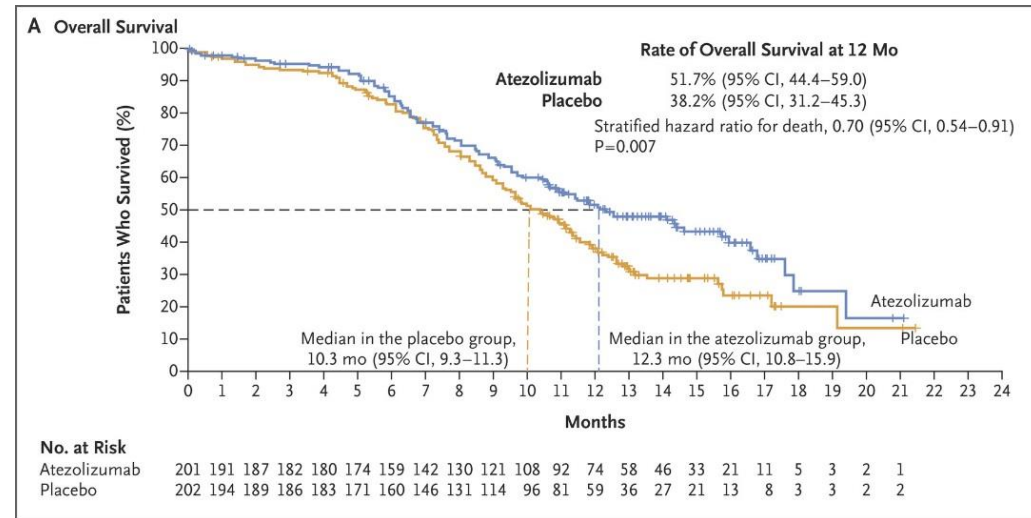
- KEYNOTE-028: PD-L1+ only (Cohort C1)
- KEYNOTE-158: PD-L1 +/- (Cohort G)
- Combined analysis:
- ORR: 19.3%
 - 2 CR, 14 PR
 - 14/16 responders were PD-L1+
 - 9/16 responders had response ≥ 18 mo.
- mOS: 7.7 months

PD-L1+ (KEYNOTE-028)



IMpower133: Atezolizumab + chemo in 1st-line SCLC

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



Conclusions

- NSCLC has been a proving ground for checkpoint inhibitors
- PD-1 and PD-L1 inhibitors have moved from 2nd/3rd line options to the front line for nearly all NSCLC patients
- Already seeing durable long-term responders from early phase 1 trials
- Clear-cut biomarkers still lacking
- Clear need for immuno-refractory strategies

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Case Studies

Case Study 1

- 49yo Caucasian man presents with cough, progressive SOB and back pain
 - CXR shows L pleural effusion
 - Thoracentesis: 1.2L, cytology sent to lab
 - CT after thoracentesis shows 3.4cm left upper lung mass with near total collapse of left lung, large conglomerate mediastinal LAD
 - PET/CT also reveals multiple bone metastases and a left adrenal mass, hypermetabolic
 - MRI brain negative
- Patient still quite dyspneic after thoracentesis, PS 1
- Works as a foreman, but no toxic exposures
- Tobacco: 5PY in his teens, quit at 20. EtOH: None.

Case Study 1

- 49yo Caucasian man presents with cough, progressive SOB and back pain, found to have metastatic stage IV adenocarcinoma involving pleura, bone, and adrenal
 - Cytology: Adenocarcinoma
 - IHC
 - CK7+, CK20-, TTF1+ and NapsinA+
 - PD-L1 22C3 70%, 3+

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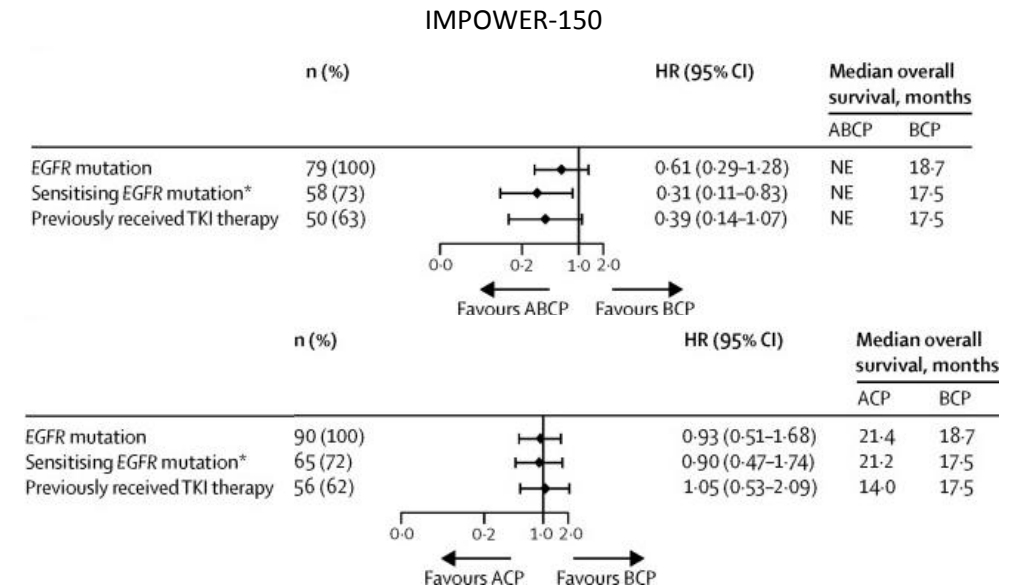
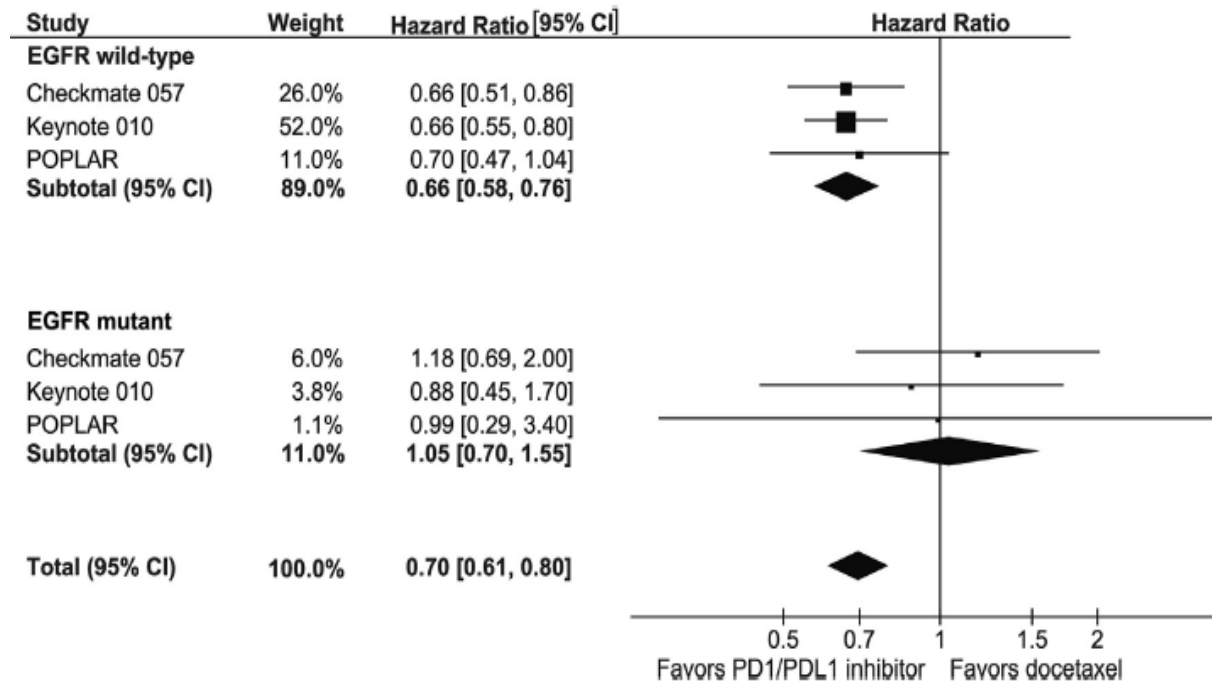
- 49yo Caucasian man presents with cough and progressive SOB with metastatic stage IV adenocarcinoma involving pleura, bone, adrenal, symptomatic, PD-L1 high at 70%
- What do you want to treat with now?
 - Carboplatin, paclitaxel, bevacizumab and atezolizumab
 - Carboplatin, pemetrexed and pembrolizumab
 - Pembrolizumab
 - Other

Case Study 1

- 49yo Caucaian man presents with cough and progressive SOB with metastatic stage IV adenocarcinoma involving pleura, bone, adrenal, symptomatic, PD-L1 high at 70%
- NGS returns 10 days later with EGFR exon 19 deletion, TMB 0 Muts/Mb

Checkpoint Inhibitors in Metastatic EGFR-Mutated NSCLC

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



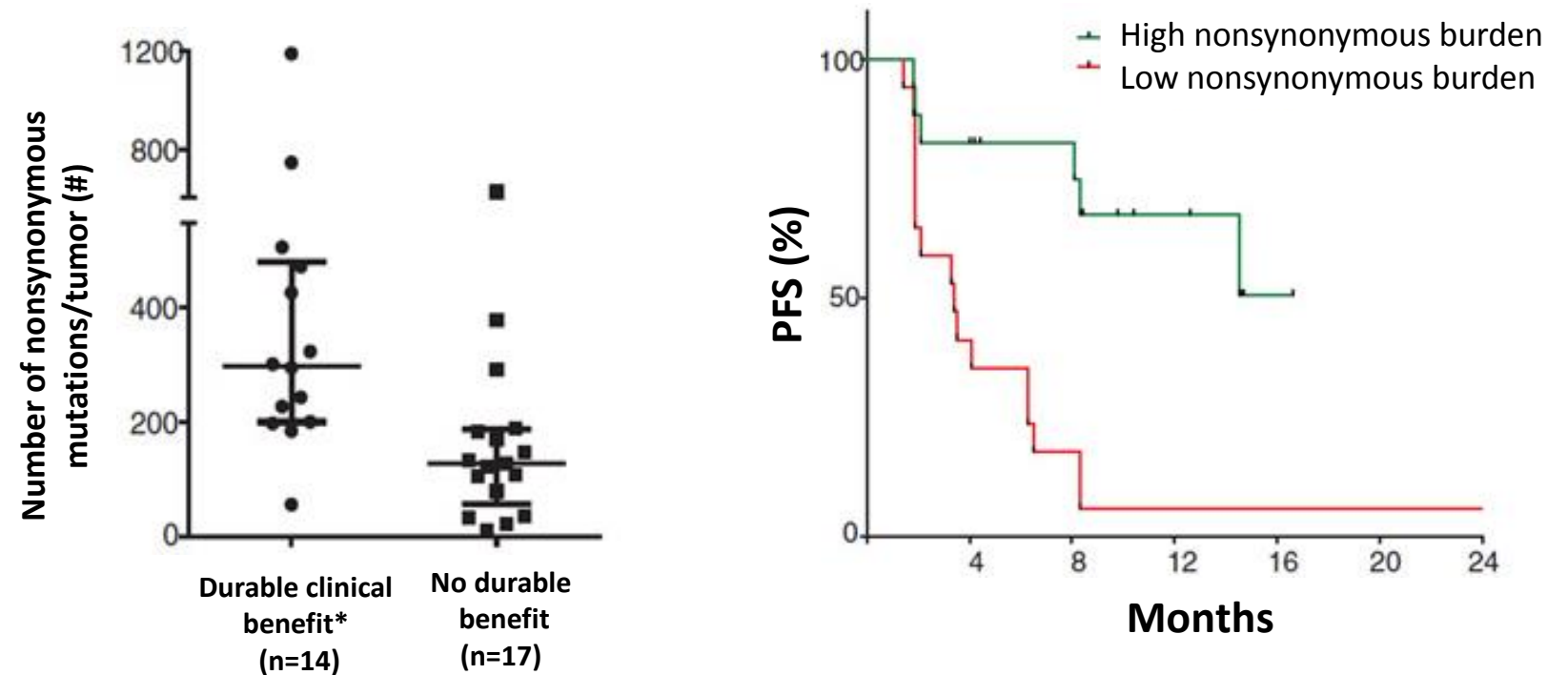
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1st line study from UCLA: Lisberg et al ASCO 2017

- Phase 2 study, planned 25 EGFR+ TKI-naïve patients with advanced dz
 - Pembrolizumab single agent
 - Primary endpoint ORR
- Results: Stopped after stage 1, 11 patients
 - 1/11 had an objective response
 - ...and that patient was later found to be EGFR negative
 - This despite 73% with PD-L1 expression $\geq 50\%$
 - 2 deaths within 6 months of enrollment, including 1 attributed to pneumonitis
- Take-home messages: first line IO not appropriate for EGFR and likely other driver mutations where targeted therapy available— poor effectiveness even with high PD-L1 and potential interaction with TKI

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

Case Study 1

- 49yo Caucasian man presents with cough and progressive SOB with metastatic stage IV adenocarcinoma involving pleura, bone, adrenal, PD-L1 high at 70%, EGFR exon 19 del
- Osimertinib with disease response x 26 months, then multifocal progression
- Repeat biopsy with EGFR exon 19 del, TP53 mut
- What next?
 - Carboplatin, paclitaxel, bevacizumab and atezolizumab
 - Carboplatin, pemetrexed and bevacizumab
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 - Pembrolizumab

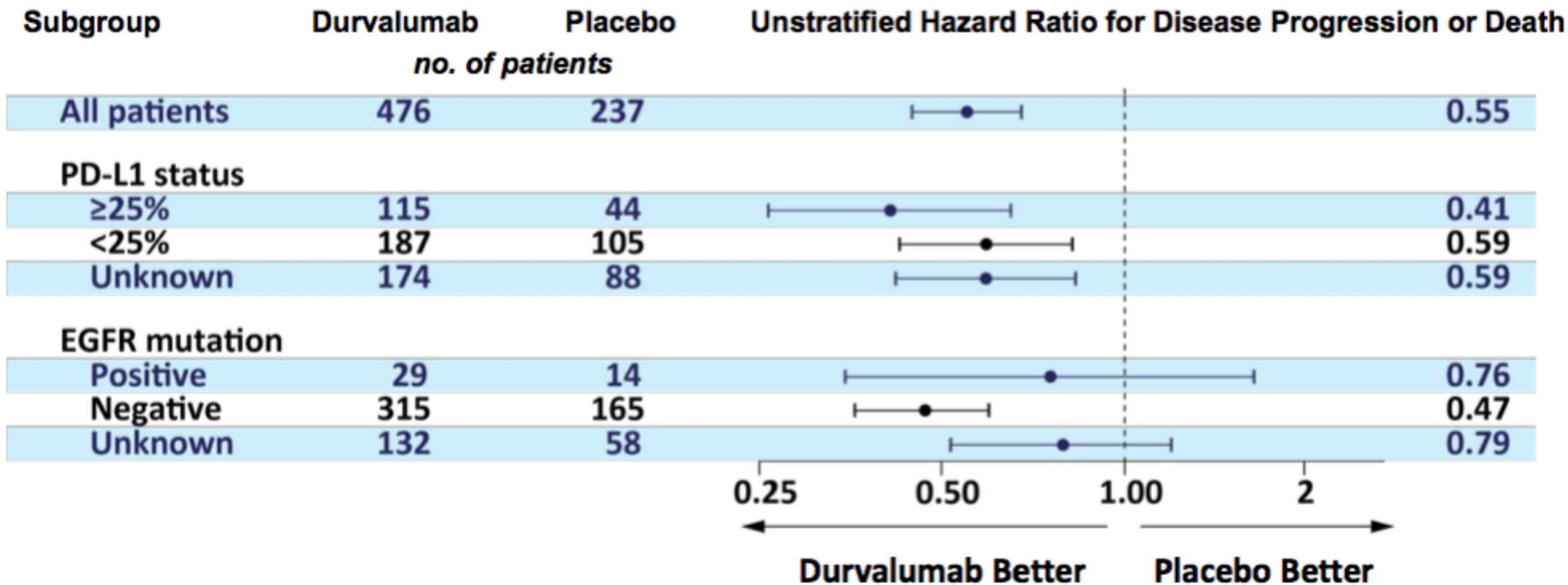
Case Study 2

- 69yo Asian woman presents with fever and productive cough x 1 week
- CXR shows left lung/hilar consolidation, 4.8cm
- After 1 week of antibiotics, fever resolves but cough continues to worsen
- CT chest shows 5.1 cm left lower lobe mass and also hilar, prevascular, subcarinal and paratracheal LAD up to 1.6cm short axis
- PET/CT shows uptake only in the lung mass and hilar and ipsilateral mediastinal nodes
- MRI brain negative
- Patient feeling ok aside from cough, PS1.
- Never smoker. Homemaker.

Case Study 2

- 69yo Asian woman with clinical stage IIIB (T3N2M0) lung cancer
- EBUS subcarinal node: Adenocarcinoma, TTF1+
 - PD-L1 30%by 22C3, EGFR exon 19 del
- Thoracic surgery deems her unresectable
- How would you treat?
 - Concurrent chemoradiation with carboplatin and paclitaxel
 - Concurrent chemoradiation with carboplatin and paclitaxel, then durvalumab
 - Concurrent chemoradiation with carboplatin and paclitaxel, then osimertinib
 - Osimertimib

PACIFIC trial subsets



Case Study 2

- 69yo Asian woman with clinical stage IIIB (T3N2M0) lung adenocarcinoma
- She completes chemoradiation with 66Gy in 6 weeks with weekly carboplatin/paclitaxel
- Imaging at end of treatment shows treatment response
- She starts on durvalumab

Case Study 2

- 69yo Asian woman with clinical stage IIIB (T3N2M0) lung adenocarcinoma s/p chemoradiation, now on durvalumab
- At 3 months, TSH 12 and FT4 2
 - Started on levothyroxine with normalization of TSH 6 weeks later
- At 6 months, glucose 330 on routine labs → fasting 230, A1c 8.2
 - Sent to endocrinology
 - Started on long-acting and short-acting insulin with good control
- Do you resume durvalumab to complete a year?
 - Yes
 - No

Thank you!

