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IV SESSIONE - IMMUNONCOLOGIA

I biomarcatori nell'immunoncologia: L'importanza della selezione del paziente

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I biomarcatori nell'immunoncologia: Perché è importante la selezione del paziente?

- **Migliorare il risultato terapeutico** –**Efficacia**-
 - pochi pz/grandi benefici vs molti pz/pochi vantaggi
- **Contenere i costi** –**Farmacoeconomia**-
- **Controllo adeguatezza prescrittiva** –**Ente regolatorio**-
- **Disegno di nuovi studi** –**Ricerca**-

Tumor and Immune Biomarkers Being Evaluated to Predict Better Outcomes to Immuno-Oncology Therapy

Tumor Antigens

- Biomarkers indicative of hypermutation & neo-antigens may predict response to IO treatment

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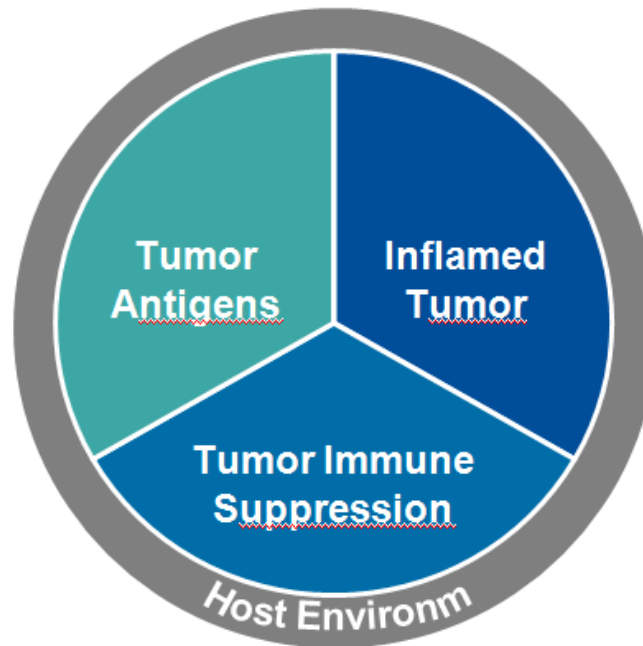
– *TMB, MSI-High, Neo-Antigens*

Tumor Immune Suppression

- Biomarkers that identify tumor immune system evasion beyond PD-1/CTLA-4 to inform new IO targets and rational combinations

Examples:

– *Tregs, MDSCs, IDO, LAG-3*



Inflamed Tumor Microenvironment

- Biomarkers (intra- or peri-tumoral) indicative of an inflamed phenotype may predict response to IO treatment

Examples:

– *PD-L1, Inflammatory Signatures*

Host Environment

- Biomarkers which characterize the host environment, beyond tumor microenvironment, may predict response to IO treatment

Examples:

– *Microbiome, Germline Genetics*

IDO = indoleamine-2,3 dioxygenase; LAG-3 = lymphocyte activation gene-3; MDSCs = myeloid-derived suppressor cells; MSI-High = microsatellite instability high; TMB = tumor mutational burden. Adapted from Blank C.U. et al., *Science* 2016;352:658–660.

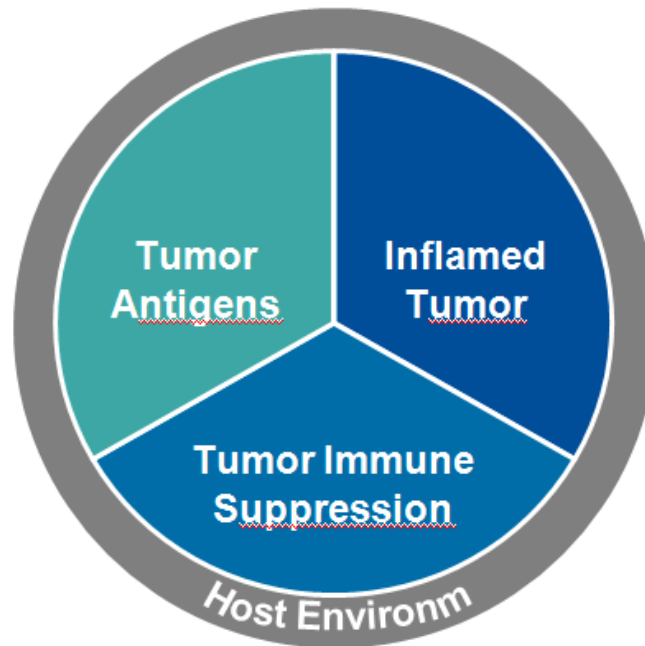
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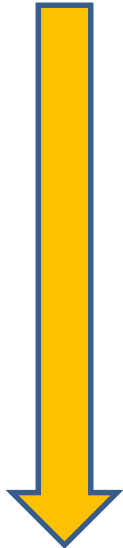
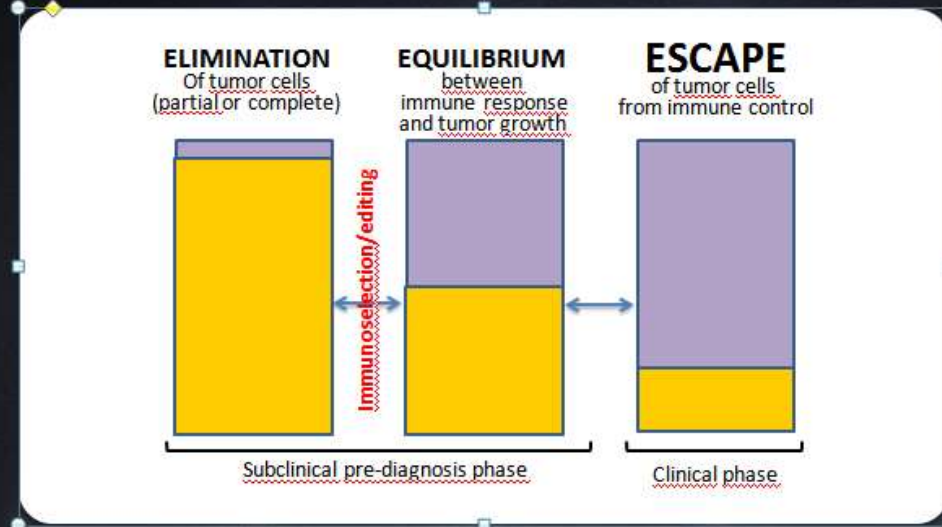
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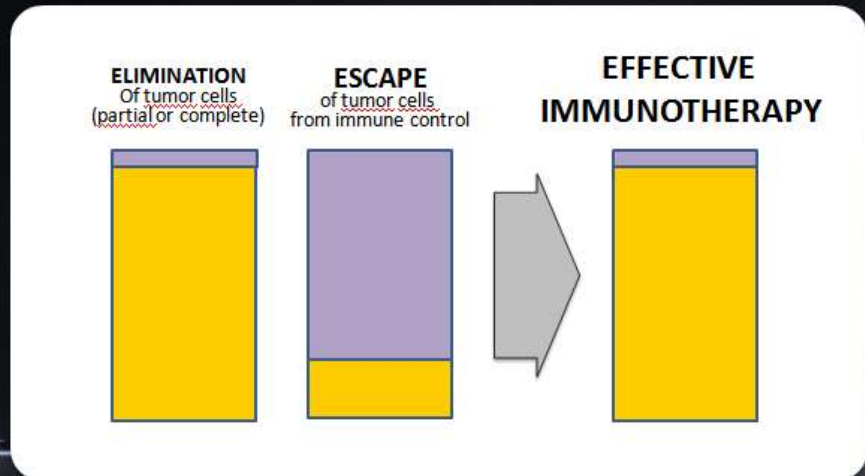


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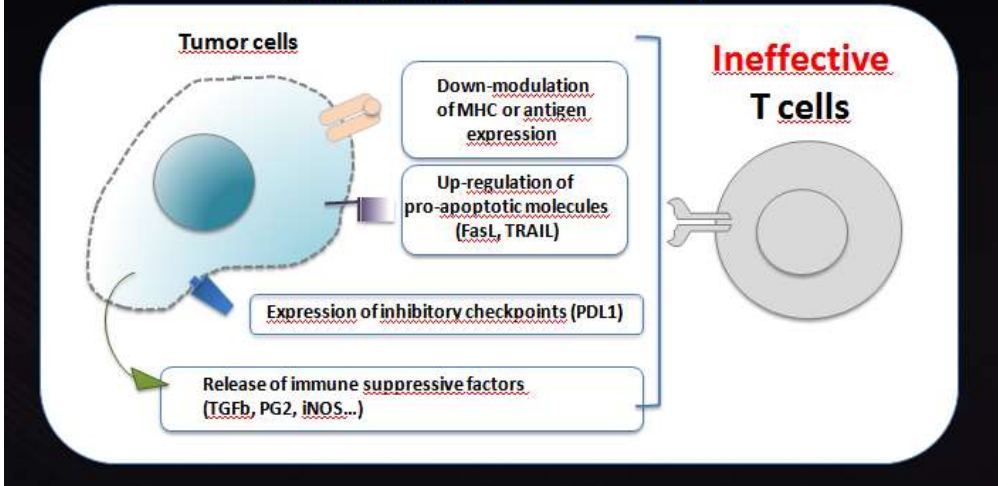
Tumor immunity: a dynamic interaction



CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY: tilt the balance to immune tumor control

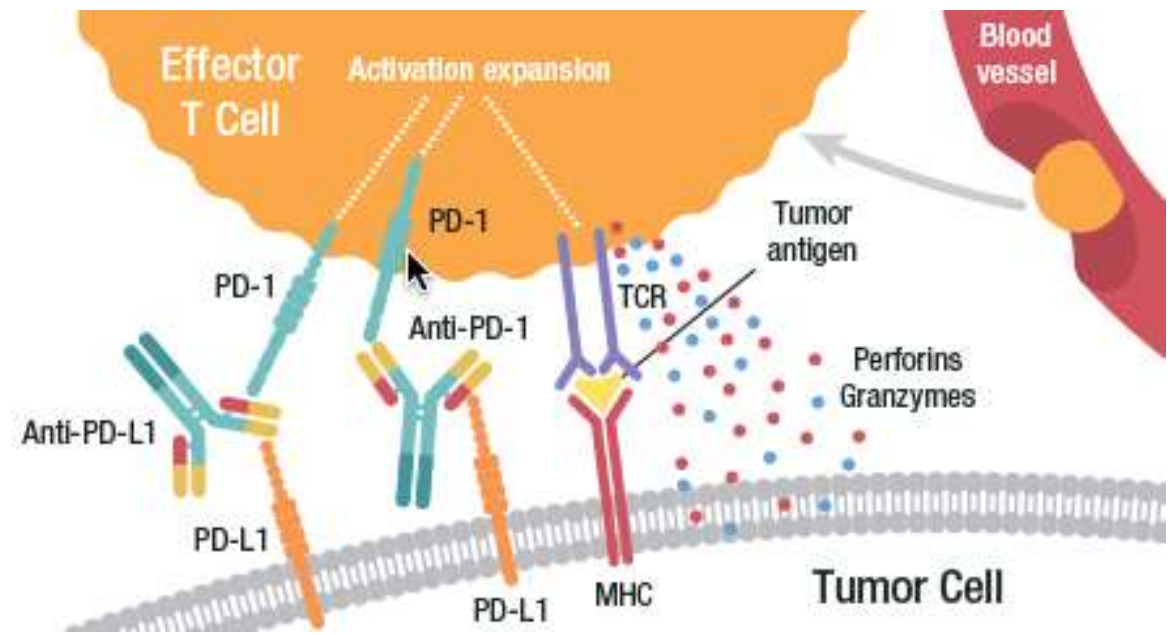


Tumor immune escape mechanisms: tumor cells counterattack



Anti-PD1
Nivolumab
Pembrolizumab

Anti-PDL1
Atezolizumab
Durvalumab
Avelumab



Solid Tumors

Anti-PD1/PDL1 FDA Approved

Anti-PD1

Nivolumab: Melanoma, NSCLC, Renal, Bladder, H&N

Pembrolizumab: Melanoma, **NSCLC***, H&N

Anti-PDL1

Avelumab: Merkel cell carcinoma

Atezolizumab: NSCLC, Urothelial

Durvalumab: Urothelial

* non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors express PD-L1 as determined by an FDA-approved test.

Randomised Trials of Anti PD-1 / anti-PD-L1 Agents

Study	Line	Agents	PD-L1	Result	HR
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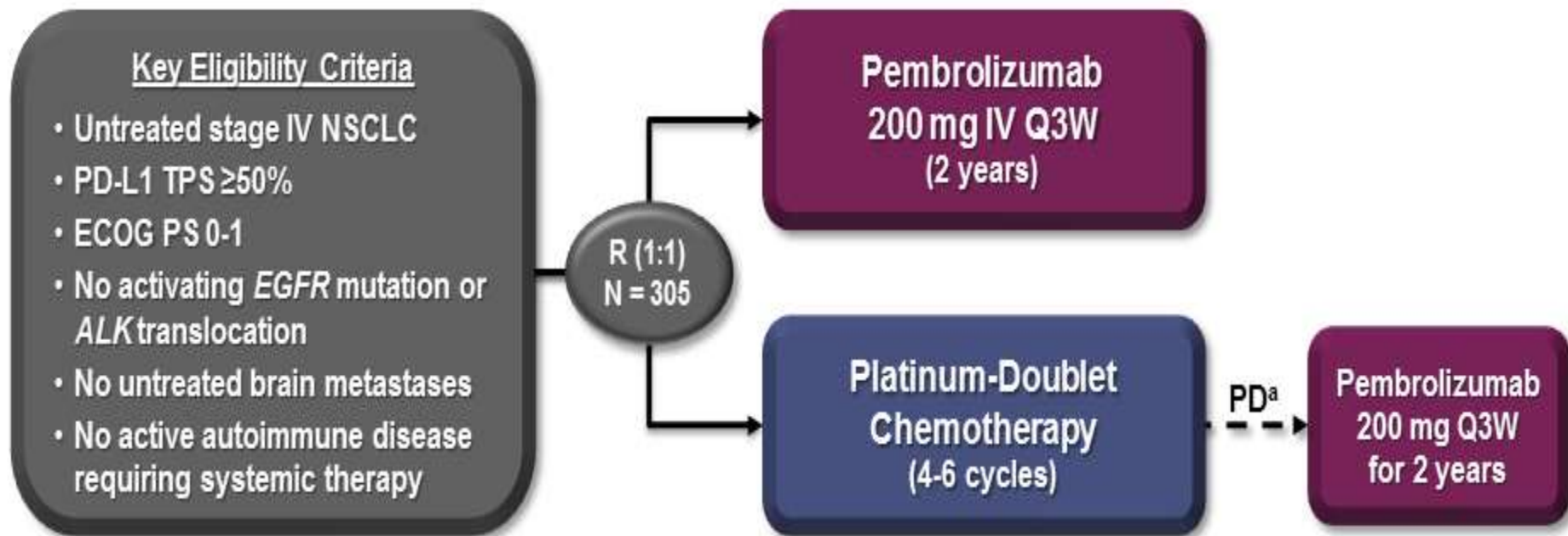
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KEYNOTE-024 Study Design (NCT02142738)



Key End Points

Primary: PFS (RECIST v1.1 per blinded, independent central review)

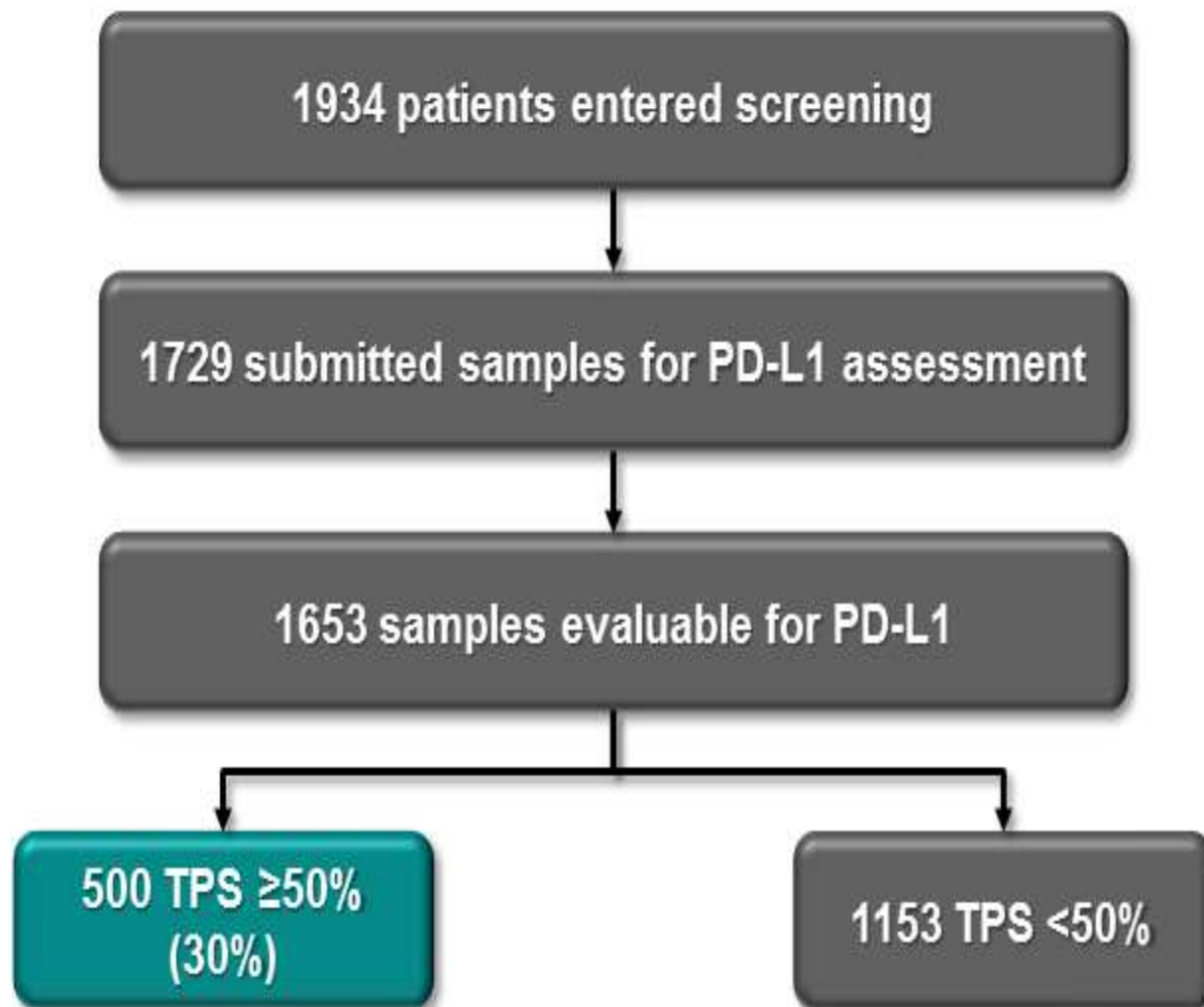
Secondary: OS, ORR, safety

Exploratory: DOR

Median duration follow up: 11.2 months

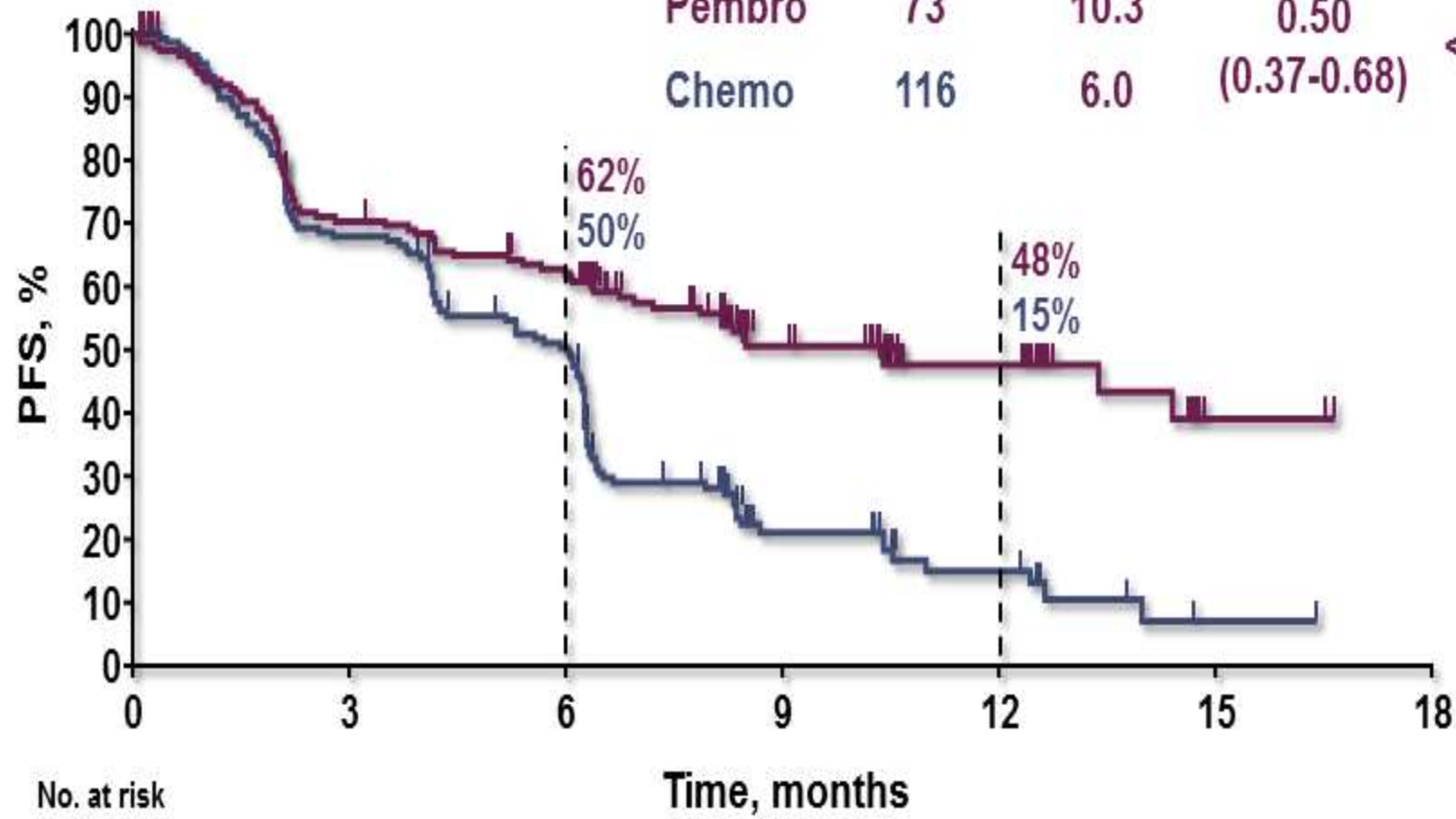
^aTo be eligible for crossover, progressive disease (PD) had to be confirmed by blinded, independent central radiology review and all safety criteria had to be met.

PD-L1 Screening



Progression-Free Survival

	Events, n	Median, mo	HR (95% CI)	P
Pembro	73	10.3	0.50	<0.001
Chemo	116	6.0	(0.37-0.68)	

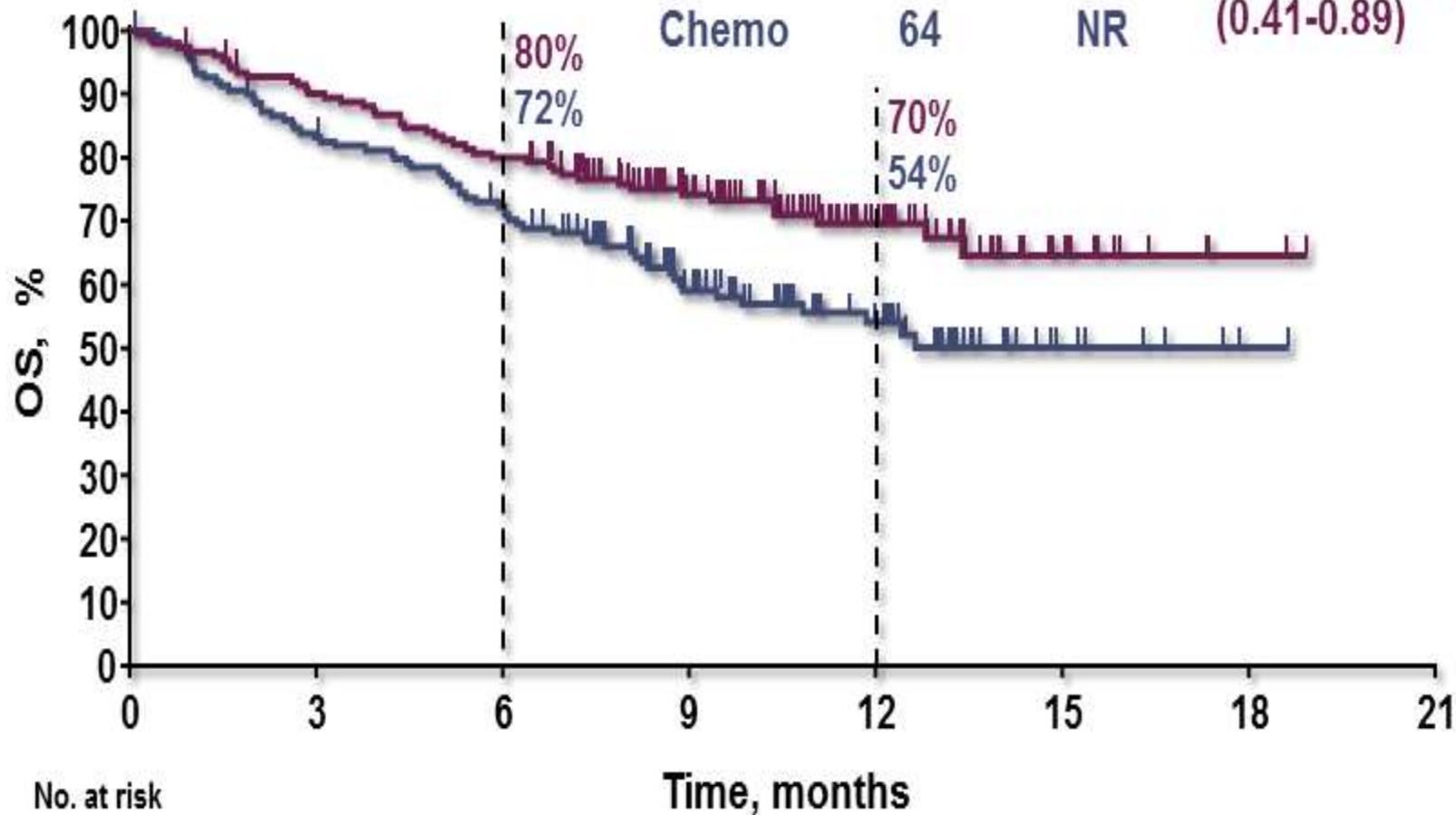


No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
Pembro	154	104	89	44	22	3	1
Chemo	151	99	70	18	9	1	0

Assessed per RECIST v1.1 by blinded, independent central review. Data cut-off: May 9, 2016.

Overall Survival

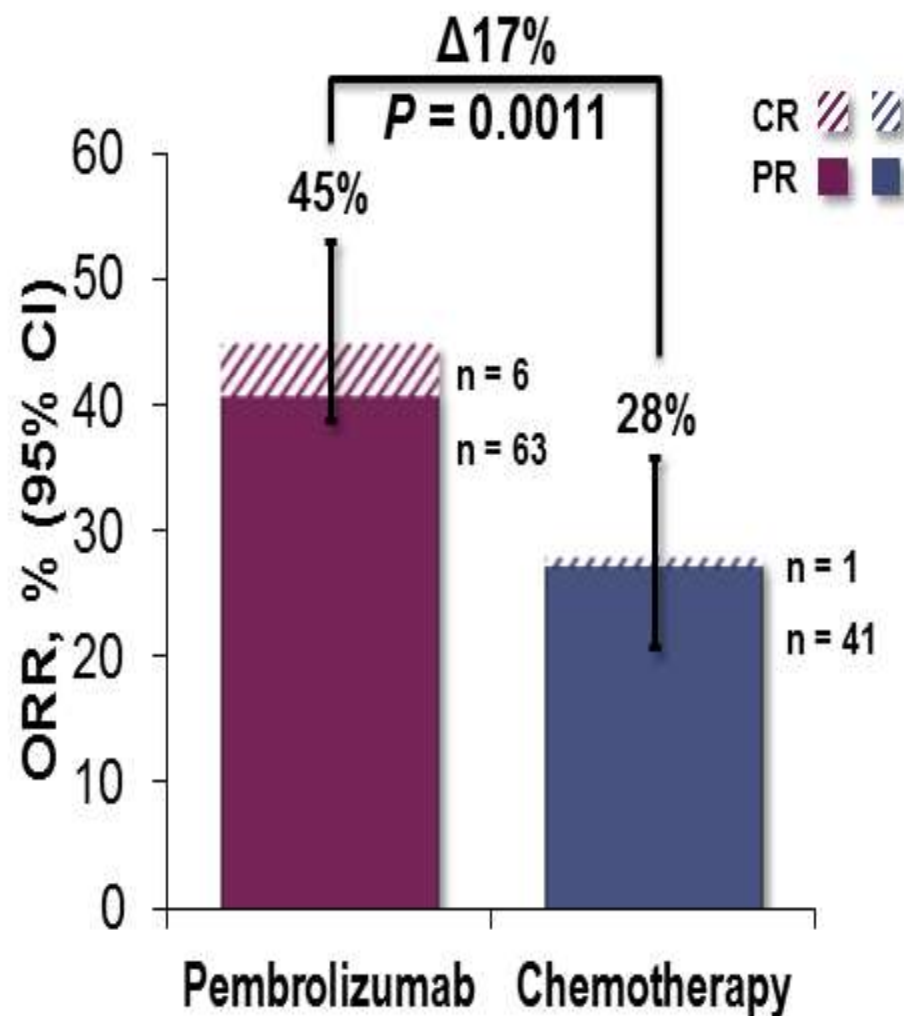
	Events, n	Median, mo	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
Pembro	44	NR	0.60 (0.41-0.89)	0.005
Chemo	64	NR		



No. at risk

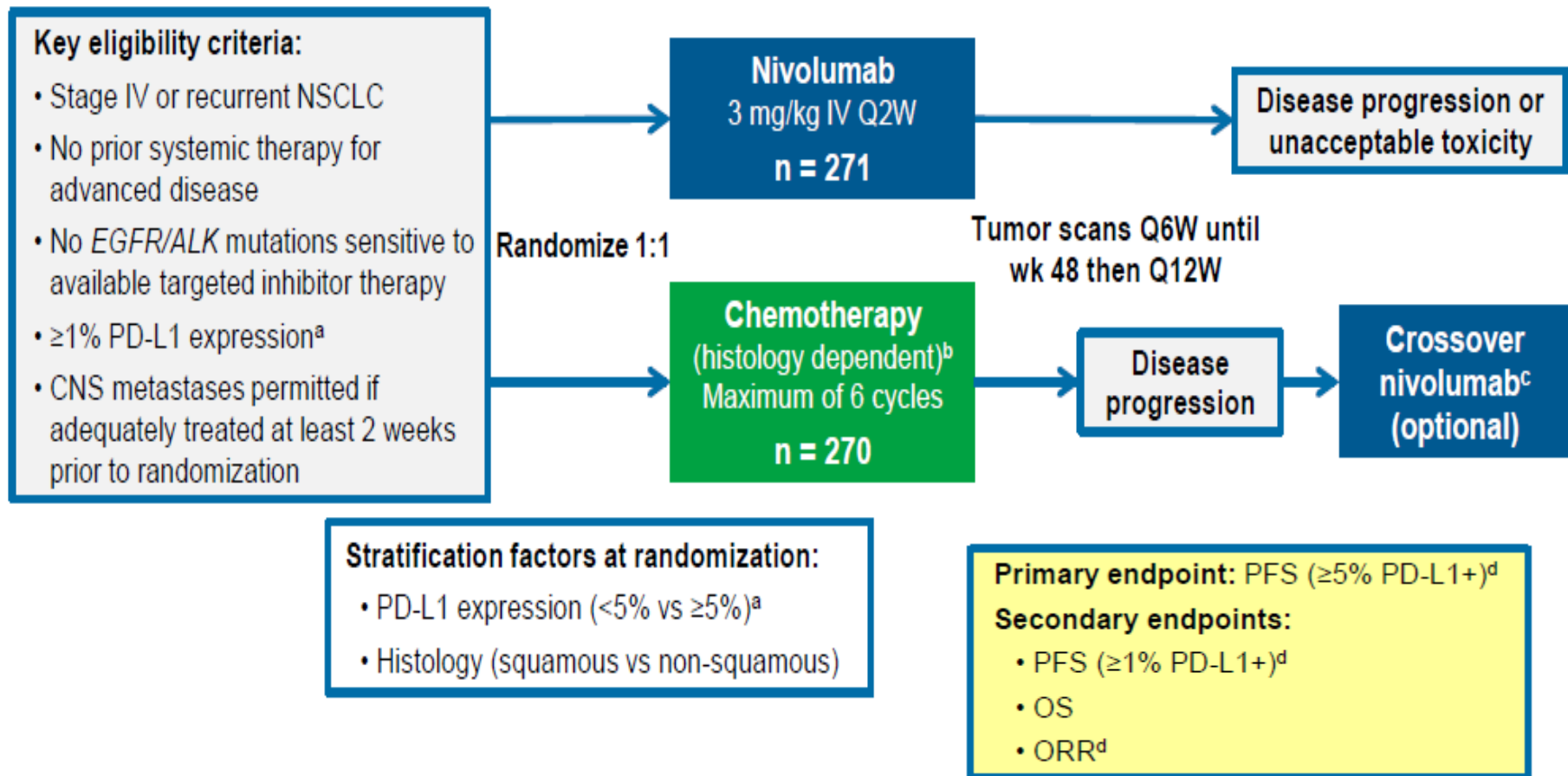
154	136	121	82	39	11	2	0
151	123	106	64	34	7	1	0

Confirmed Objective Response Rate



	Pembro Responders n = 69	Chemo Responders n = 42
TTR, mo median (range)	2.2 (1.4-8.2)	2.2 (1.8-12.2)
DOR, mo median (range)	NR (1.9+ to 14.5+)	6.3 (2.1+ to 12.6+)

Phase 3 CheckMate 026 Study Design: Nivolumab vs Chemotherapy in First-line NSCLC



^aDako 28-8 validated; archival tumor samples obtained ≤ 6 months before enrollment were permitted; PD-L1 testing was centralized

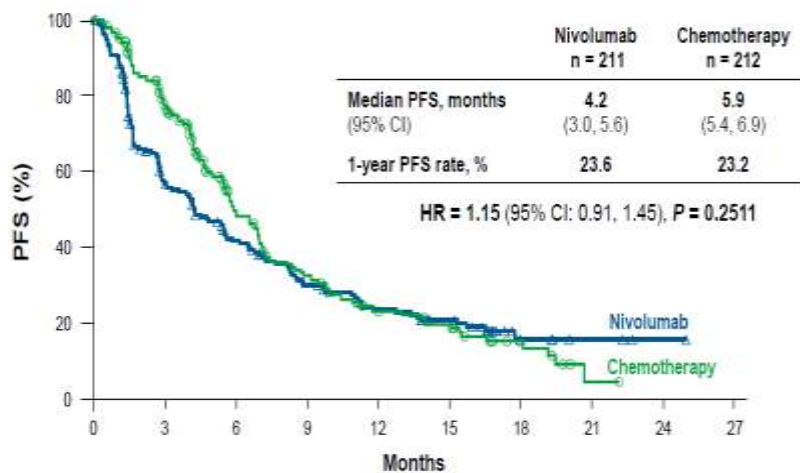
^bSquamous: gemcitabine 1250 mg/m² + cisplatin 75 mg/m²; gemcitabine 1000 mg/m² + carboplatin AUC 5; paclitaxel 200 mg/m² + carboplatin AUC 6;
Non-squamous: pemetrexed 500 mg/m² + cisplatin 75 mg/m²; pemetrexed 500 mg/m² + carboplatin AUC 6; option for pemetrexed maintenance therapy

^cPermitted if crossover eligibility criteria met, including progression confirmed by independent radiology review

PFS, OS & ORR

Primary Endpoint (PFS per IRRC in $\geq 5\%$ PD-L1+)

CheckMate 026: Nivolumab vs Chemotherapy in First-line NSCLC



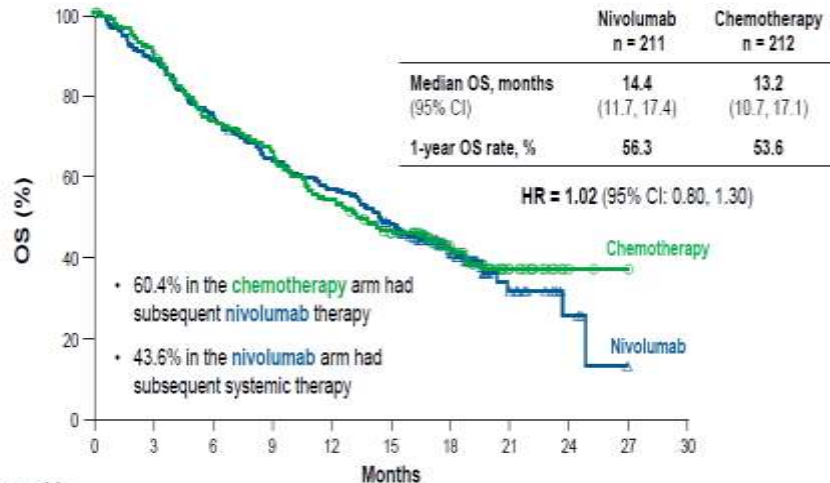
No. of patients at risk:

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
Nivolumab	211	104	71	49	35	24	6	3	1	0
Chemotherapy	212	144	74	47	28	21	8	1	0	0

All randomized patients ($\geq 1\%$ PD-L1+): HR = 1.17 (95% CI: 0.95, 1.43)

OS ($\geq 5\%$ PD-L1+)

CheckMate 026: Nivolumab vs Chemotherapy in First-line NSCLC



No. of patients at risk:

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
Nivolumab	211	186	156	133	118	98	49	14	4	0	0
Chemotherapy	212	186	153	137	112	91	50	15	3	1	0

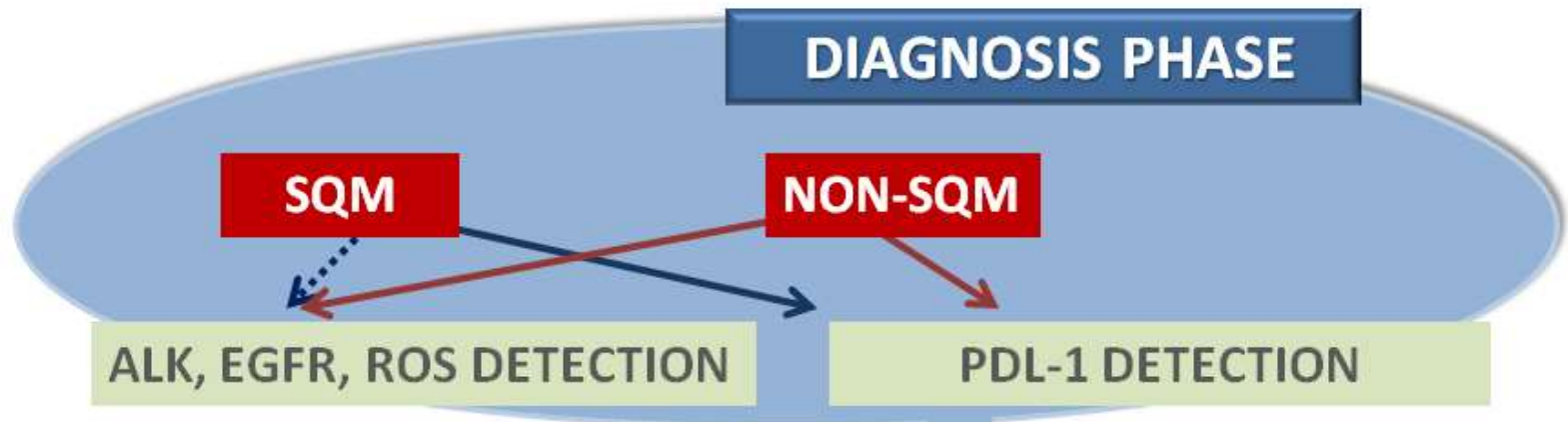
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ORR, % (95% CI)

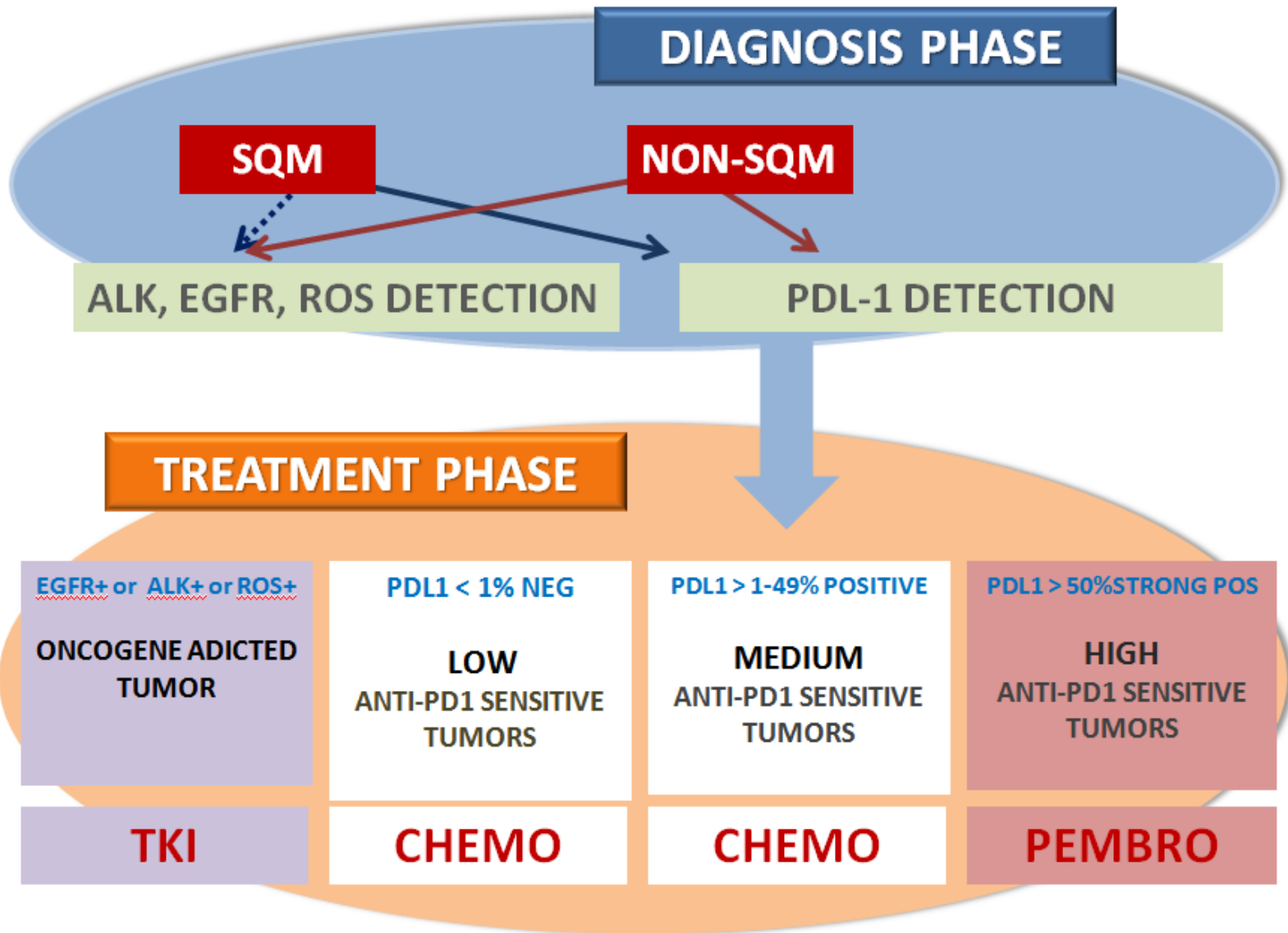
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(n = 211)
26.1 (20.3, 32.5)

Chemotherapy
(n = 212)
33.5 (27.2, 40.3)

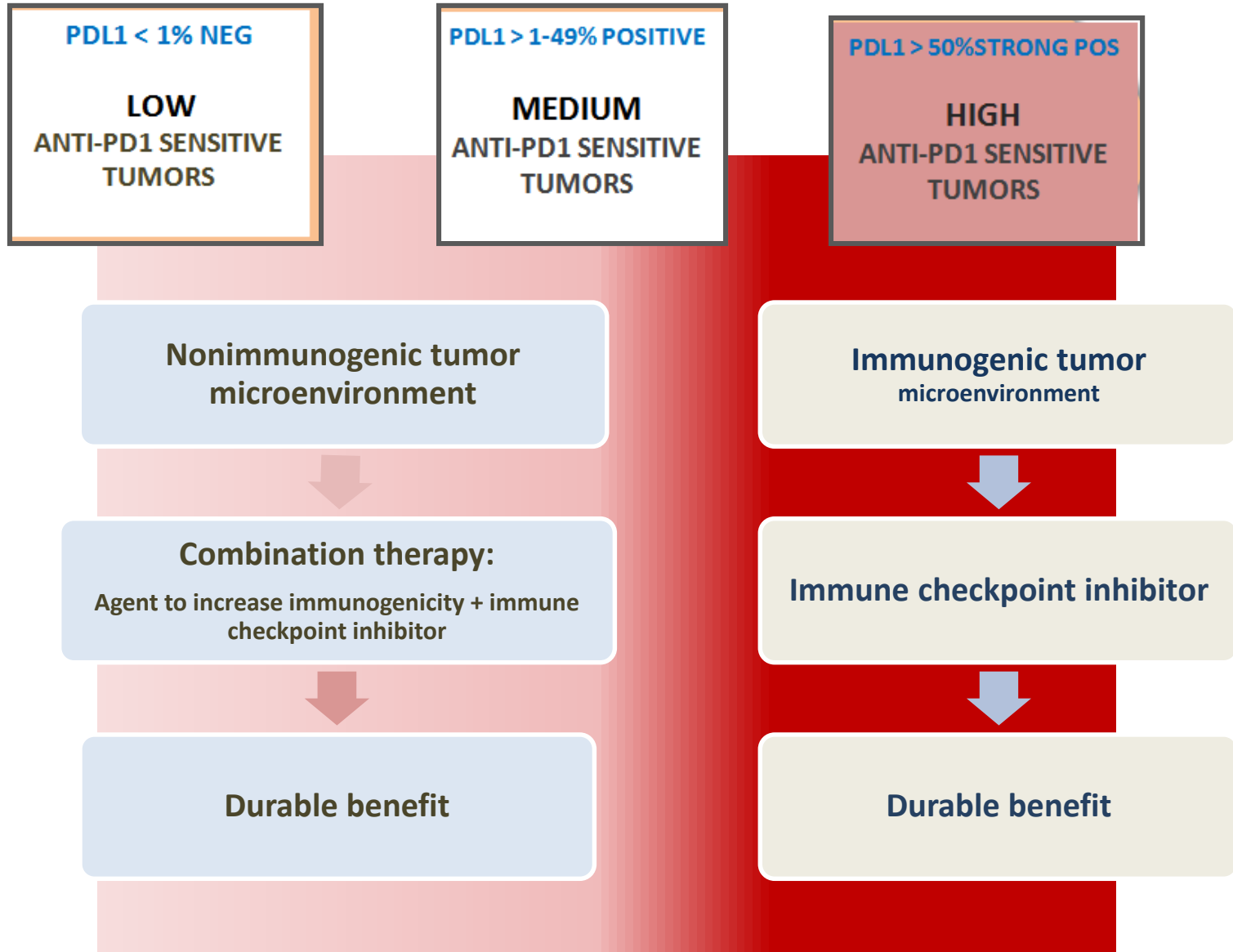
1° line NSCLC DX/TX Algorithm



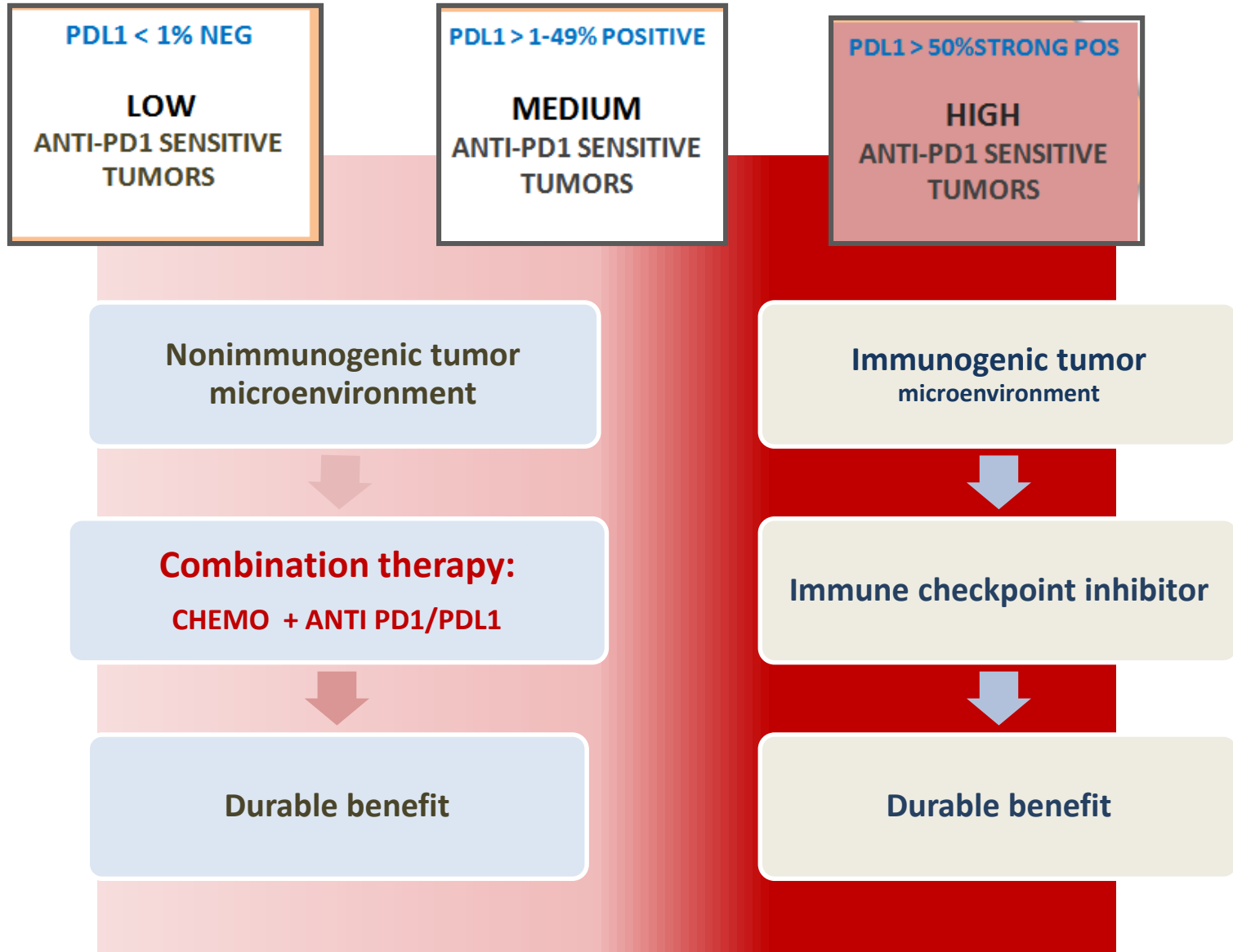
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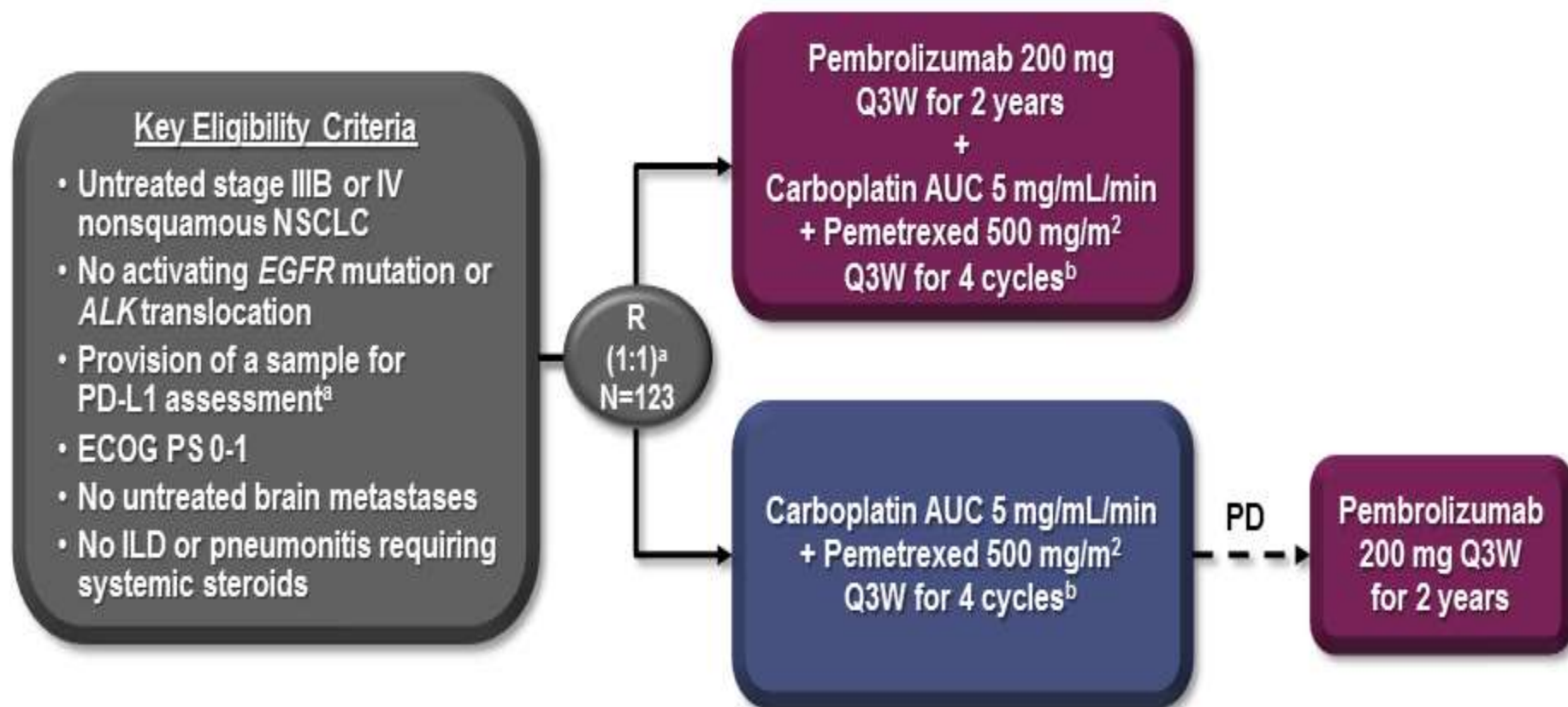
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KEYNOTE-021 Cohort G



End Points

Primary: ORR (RECIST v1.1 per blinded, independent central review)

Key secondary: PFS

Other secondary: OS, safety, relationship between antitumor activity and PD-L1 TPS

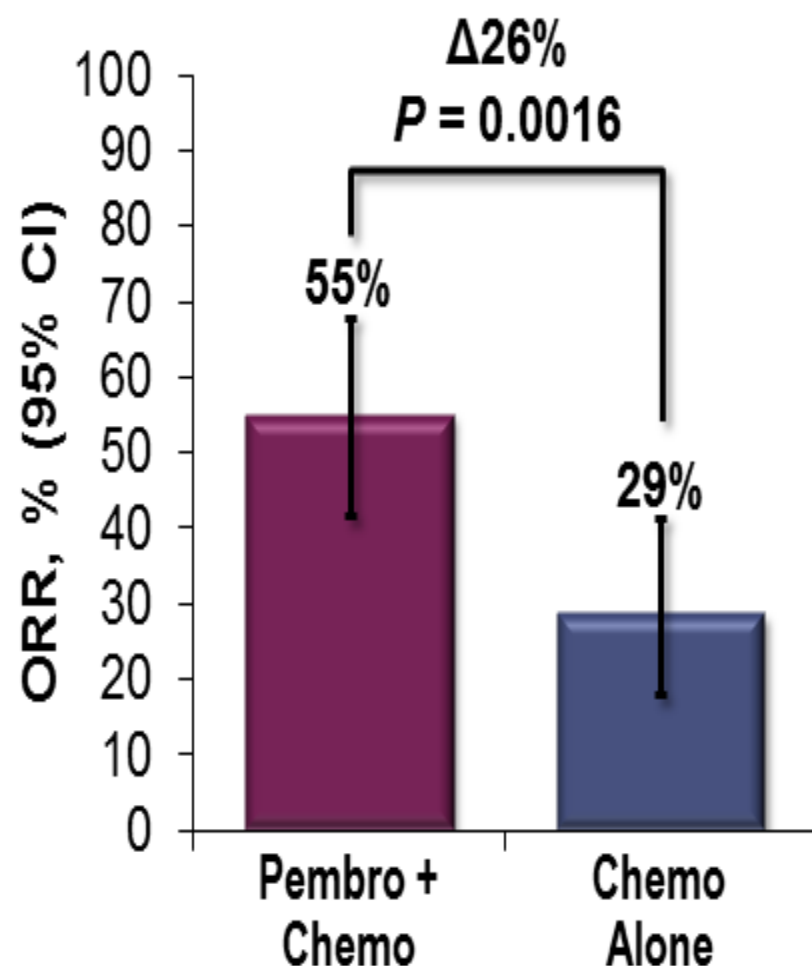
PD=progressive disease.

^aRandomization was stratified by PD-L1 TPS <1% vs ≥1%.

^bIndefinite maintenance therapy with pemetrexed 500 mg/m² Q3W permitted.

Confirmed Objective Response Rate

(RECIST v1.1 by Blinded, Independent Central Review)



	Pembro + Chemo Responders n = 33	Chemo Alone Responders n = 18
TTR, mo median (range)	1.5 (1.2-12.3)	2.7 (1.1-4.7)
DOR, mo median (range)	NR (1.4+-13.0+)	NR (1.4+-15.2+)
Ongoing response, ^a n (%)	29 (88)	14 (78)

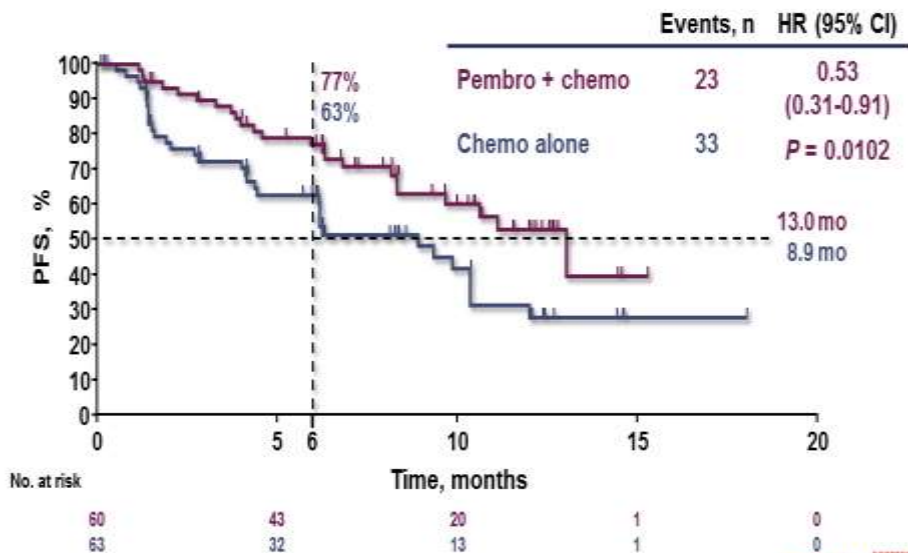
DOR = duration of response; TTR = time to response.

^aAlive without subsequent disease progression.

PFS&OS

Progression-Free Survival (RECIST v1.1 by Blinded, Independent Central Review)

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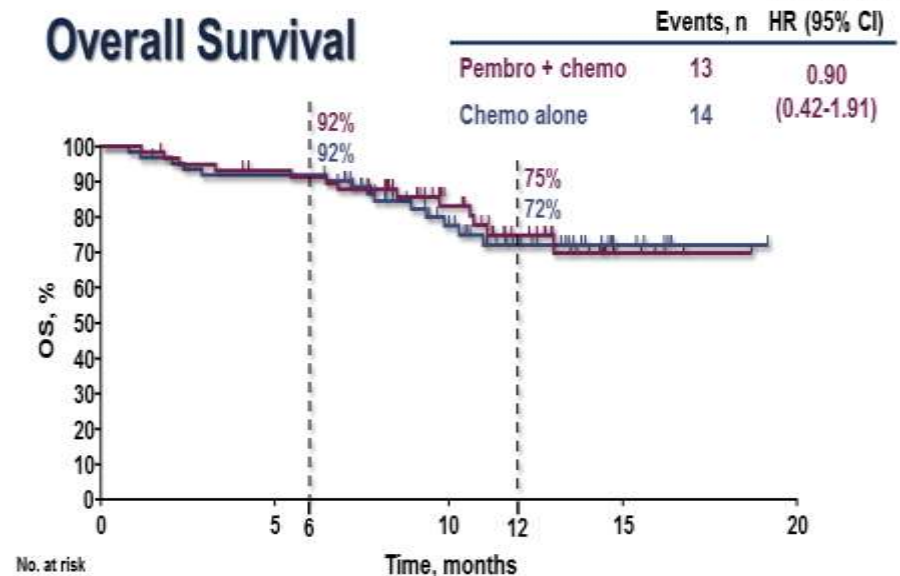


Data cut-off: August 6, 2016.



Overall Survival

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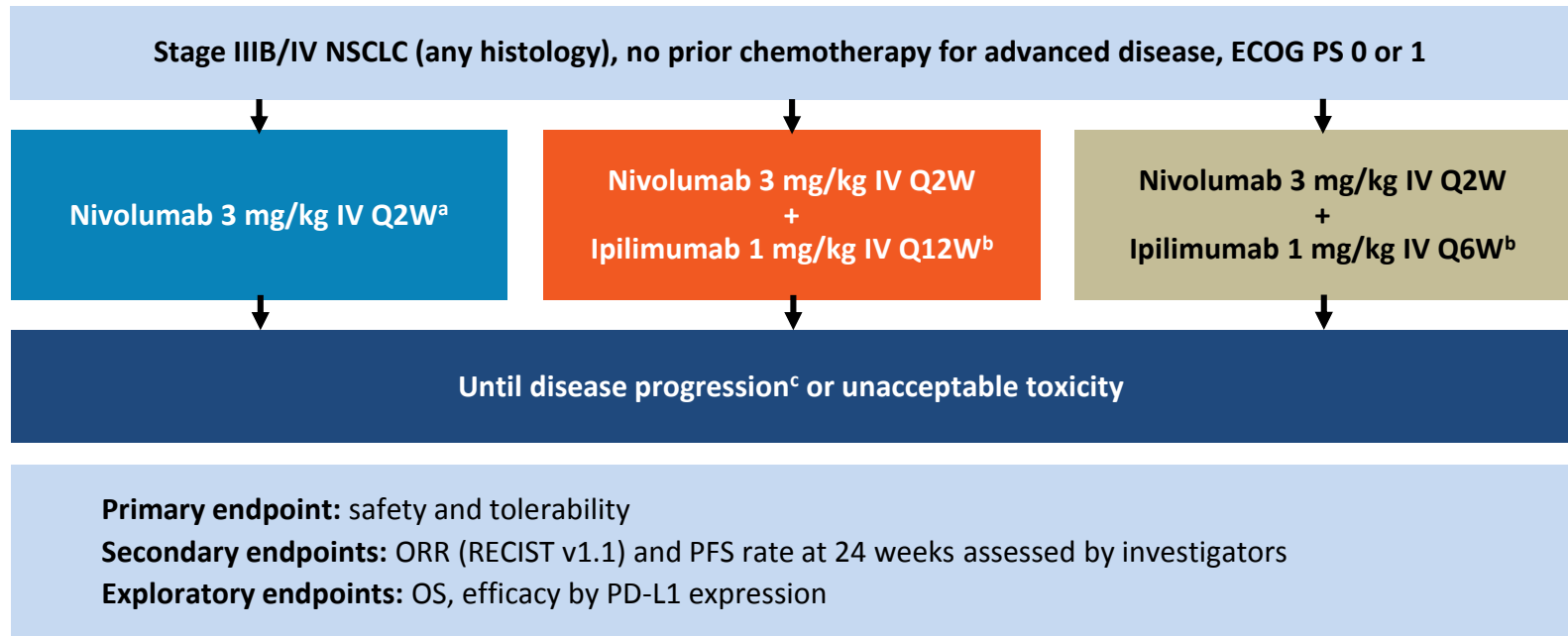
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First-Line Nivolumab Monotherapy and Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab in Patients With Advanced NSCLC: Long-Term Outcomes From CheckMate 012

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Phase 1 CheckMate 012 Study Design: First-Line Nivolumab ± Ipilimumab in NSCLC



- Updated data^d presented here are based on median follow-up durations of 22 months (monotherapy) and 16 months (combination cohorts)
 - Overall additional follow-up relative to previous reports: monotherapy, +~18 months;¹ combination cohorts, +6 months²

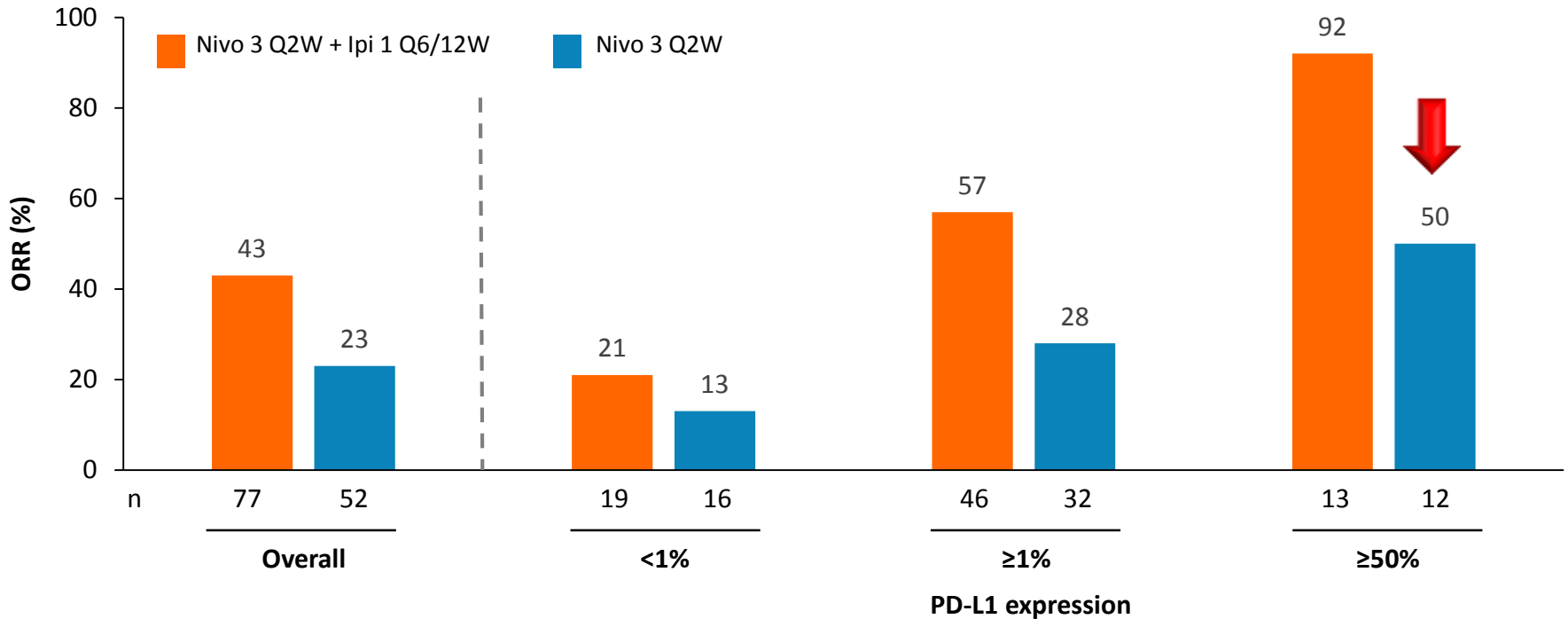
ClinicalTrials.gov number NCT01454102; ^aTreatment allocation not randomized; ^bTreatment allocation randomized; earlier cohorts evaluated other dosing schedules/regimens² ^cPatients tolerating study treatment permitted to continue treatment beyond RECIST v1.1-defined progression if considered to be deriving clinical benefit

^dBased on a September 2016 database lock

1. Gettinger S, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2016;34:2980–2987; 2. Hellmann MD, et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2016 Dec 5. [Epub ahead of print].

Nivolumab ± Ipilimumab ORR by Tumor PD-L1 Expression

CheckMate 012: First-Line Nivolumab ± Ipilimumab in NSCLC



- 5 CRs (10%) were achieved in the nivolumab monotherapy cohort (1 in a patient with tumor PD-L1 expression <1%)
- 6 CRs (8%) were achieved in the nivolumab + ipilimumab cohorts^a (3 in patients with tumor PD-L1 expression <1%)

Upcoming randomized immunotherapy trials in 1st line NSCLC and projected read-out timelines



Legend

PD1/PDL1 Monotherapy

PD1 or PDL1 CT Combo

CTLA4 + PD1

Pembrolizumab monotherapy
>50% PDL1+
Keynote 024
Q2 2016



Pembrolizumab + platinum / pemetrexed (non-squamous)
Keynote 189
Q3 2017



Pembrolizumab monotherapy
>1% PDL1+
Keynote 042
Q2 2018



Nivolumab monotherapy
PDL1+
CheckMate-026
Q3 2016



Avelumab mono vs Pt doublet
PD-L1+
JAVELIN lung 100
Q1 2018



Atezolizumab monotherapy all histologies
PDL1+
Impower 110
Q2 2018



Ipilimumab + paclitaxel + carboplatin squamous
CA184-153
Q3 2019



Durvalumab ± tremelimumab vs SoC

MYSTIC
Q1 2017



Atezolizumab + chemo ± bevacizumab vs chemo + bevacizumab
IMpower 150
Q1 2017



Nivolumab mono vs
Niv + Ipi vs
Niv + Pt doublet vs Pt doublet
CheckMate-227
Q1 2018



Atezolizumab + chemo
IMpower 130 (non-SCC)
Impower 131 (SCC)
Q3 2018



Durvalumab ± tremelimumab vs SoC
NEPTUNE
Q4 2018



Come cambia l'algoritmo di trattamento nella pratica clinica del NSCLC



Immunoterapia: Cosa si ha fatto imparare?

1° LINEA

2° LINEA

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Summary of phase III studies of immunotherapy in previously treated patients

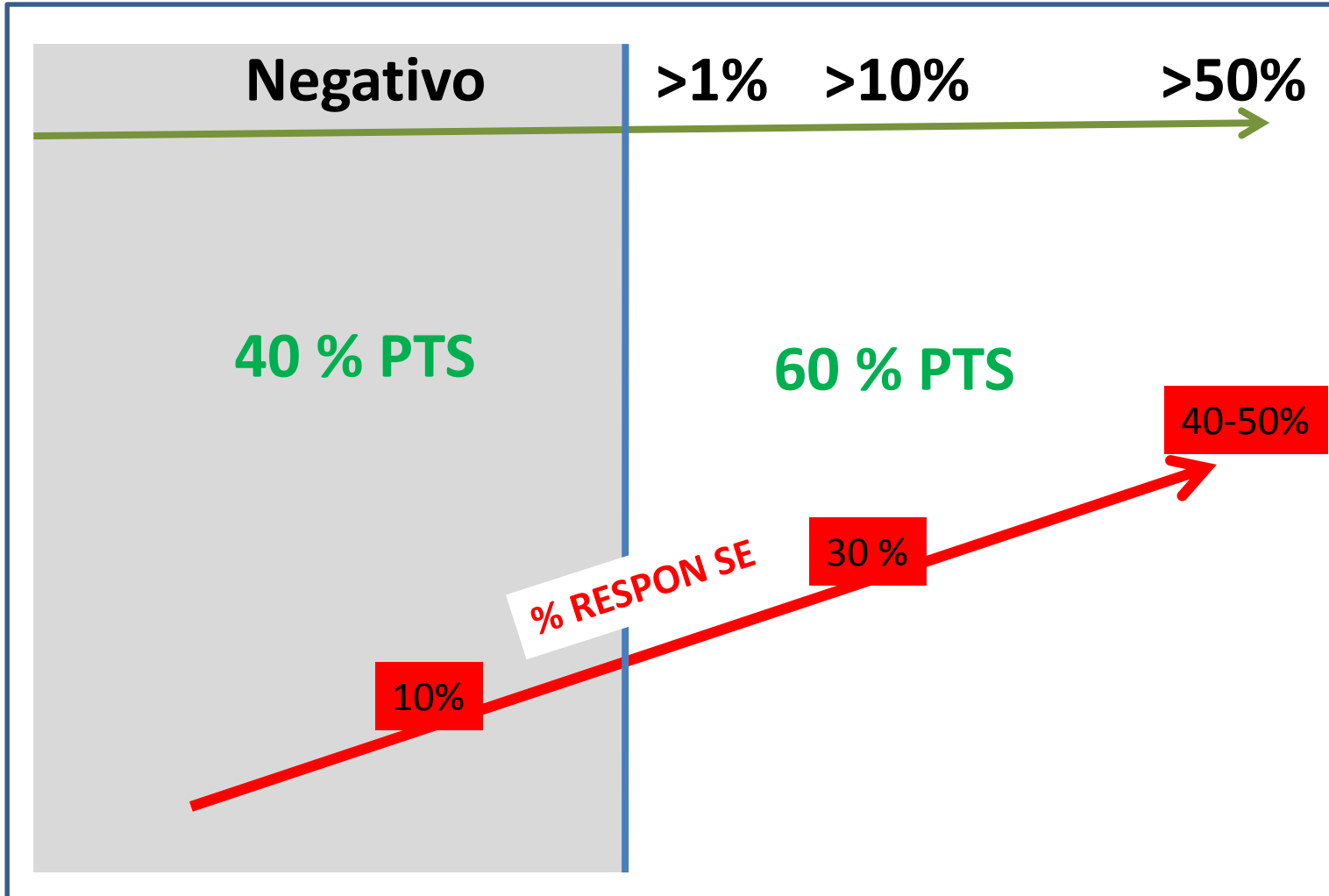
	CheckMate 017¹ Nivolumab vs docetaxel	CheckMate 057¹ Nivolumab vs docetaxel	KEYNOTE-010² Pembrolizumab (2mg/kg or 10mg/kg) vs docetaxel	OAK³ Atezolizumab vs docetaxel
Phase of study	III	III	II/III	III
PD-L1 selected	No	No	Yes (TPS* ≥1%)	No
Study size, n	272 (135 vs 137)	582 (292 vs 290)	1,033 (344 vs 346 vs 343)	1,225 (425 vs 425)*
Histology	Squamous	Non-squamous	All-comers	All-comers
Line of therapy, %				
2L	100	88	69	75
3L	0	11	20	25
>3L	0	<1	9	0
Other/unknown	0	0	<1	0
Subsequent CIT (immunotherapy arm vs chemo arm), %	<1 vs 2	1 vs 2	0.6 vs 1.7 vs 13.1	4.5 vs 17.2
Crossover from chemo arm to study immunotherapy, %	4	6	Not permitted	Not permitted
Median OS, months HR vs docetaxel (p value)	9.2 vs 6.0 0.62 (p=0.0004)	12.2 vs 9.5 0.75 (p<0.001)	10.4 vs 12.7 vs 8.5 2mg/kg: 0.71 (p=0.0008) 10mg/kg: 0.61 (p<0.0001)	13.8 vs 9.6 0.73 (p=0.0003)

*850 in primary population
NR = not reached

1. Borghaei, et al. ASCO 2016
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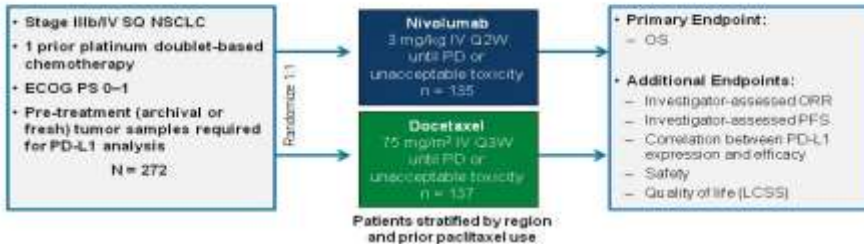
2°-Line NSCLC

Anti PD-1 / anti-PD-L1 Agents , PD-L1 expression



Second line – Nivolumab Checkmate 017 (SQM)

CheckMate 017 (NCT01642004) - Study Design



- One pre-planned interim analysis for OS
- At time of DBL (December 15, 2014), 199 deaths were reported (86% of deaths required for final analysis)
- The boundary for declaring superiority for OS at the pre-planned interim analysis was $P < 0.03$

LCSS = Lung cancer symptom scale
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IASLC

International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer

16TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON LUNG CANCER

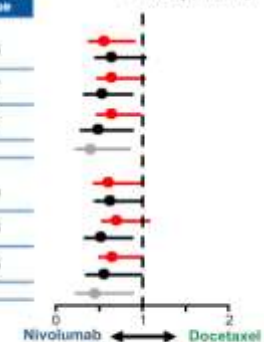
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Efficacy by PD-L1 Expression

- Survival benefit with nivolumab was independent of PD-L1 expression level

PD-L1 Expression	Patients, n		Unstratified HR (95% CI)	Interaction P-value
	Nivolumab	Docetaxel		
OS				
<1%	54	52	0.68 (0.37, 1.32)	0.56
≥1%	63	56	0.69 (0.45, 1.05)	
<5%	75	69	0.70 (0.47, 1.02)	0.47
≥5%	42	39	0.53 (0.31, 0.89)	
<10%	81	75	0.70 (0.48, 1.01)	0.41
≥10%	36	33	0.50 (0.28, 0.89)	
Not quantifiable	18	29	0.39 (0.18, 0.82)	
PFS				
<1%	54	52	0.66 (0.43, 1.00)	0.70
≥1%	63	56	0.57 (0.44, 1.01)	
<5%	75	69	0.75 (0.52, 1.08)	0.16
≥5%	42	39	0.54 (0.32, 0.90)	
<10%	81	75	0.70 (0.48, 0.99)	0.35
≥10%	36	33	0.58 (0.33, 1.02)	
Not quantifiable	18	29	0.45 (0.23, 0.89)	

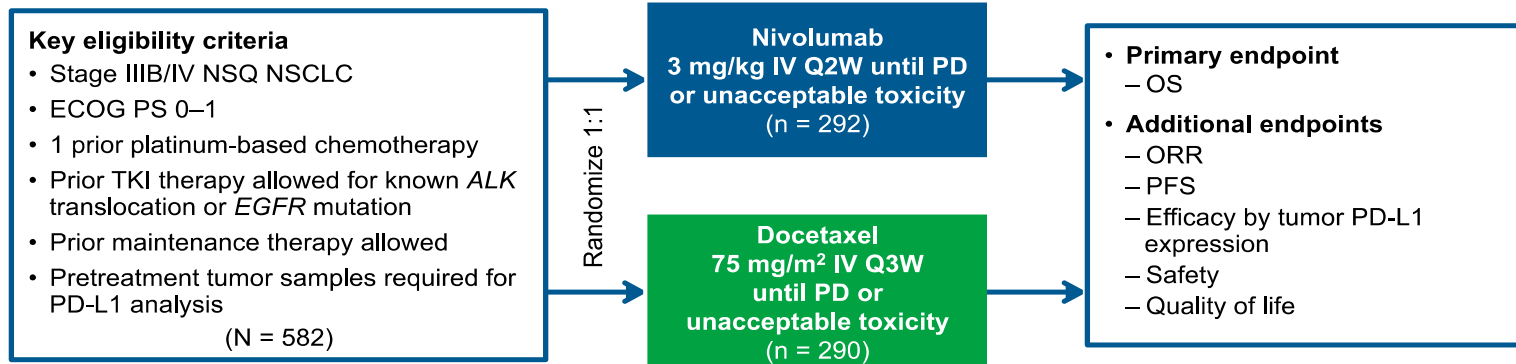
- PD-L1 positive expression
- PD-L1 negative expression
- Not quantifiable



- 83% of patients (225/272) had quantifiable PD-L1 expression

Second line – Nivolumab Checkmate 057

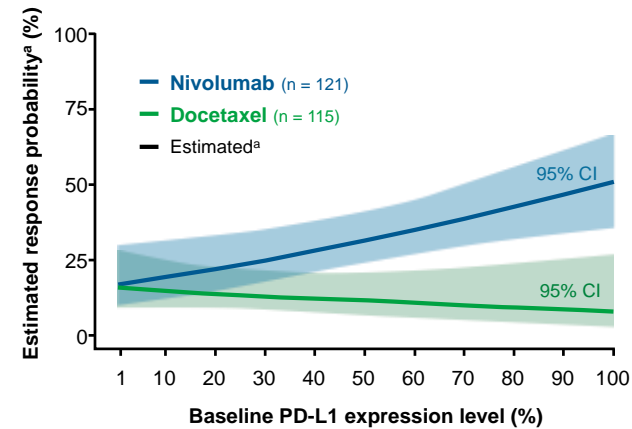
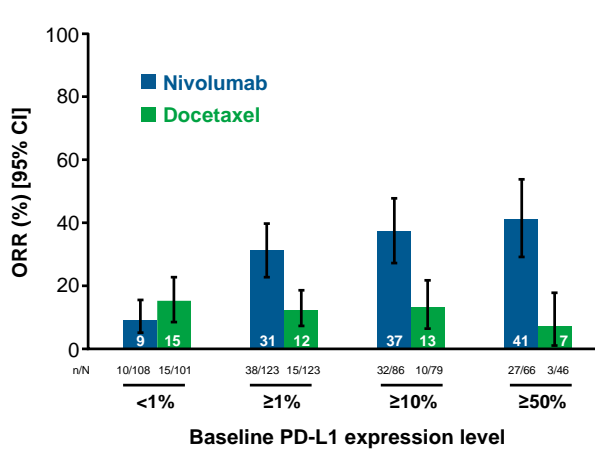
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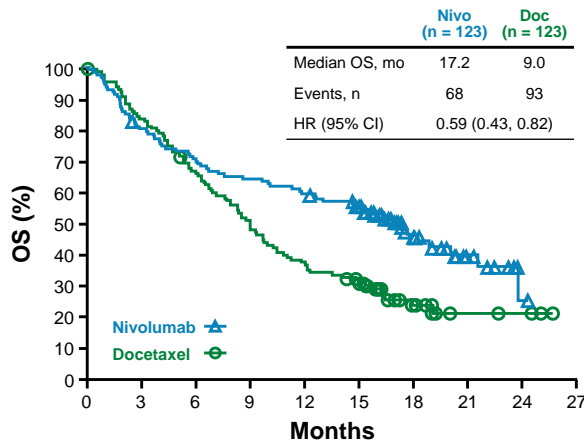
Randomization stratified by prior maintenance therapy and line of therapy (second-line vs third-line)

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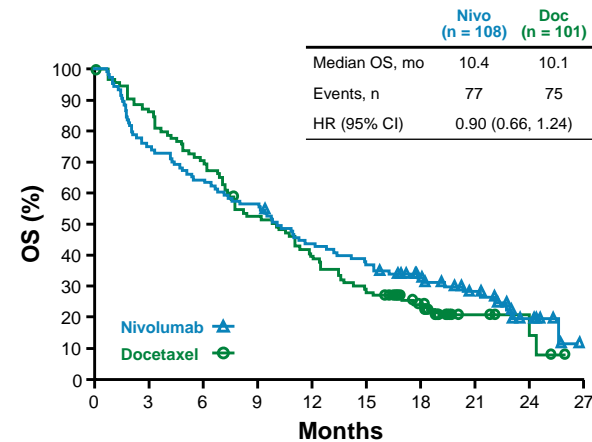
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≥1% PD-L1 Expression

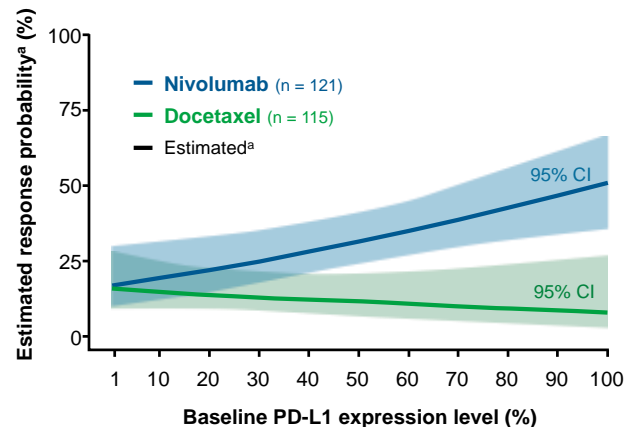
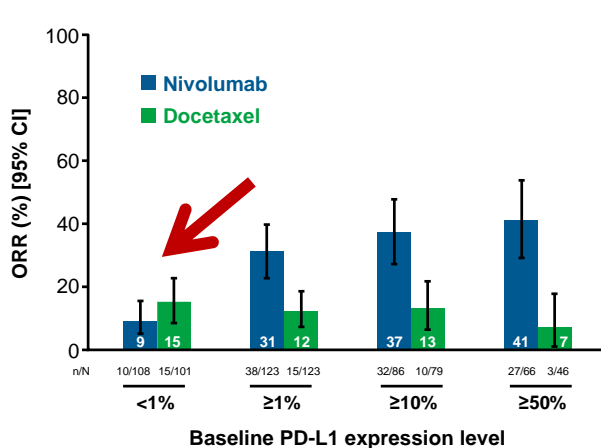


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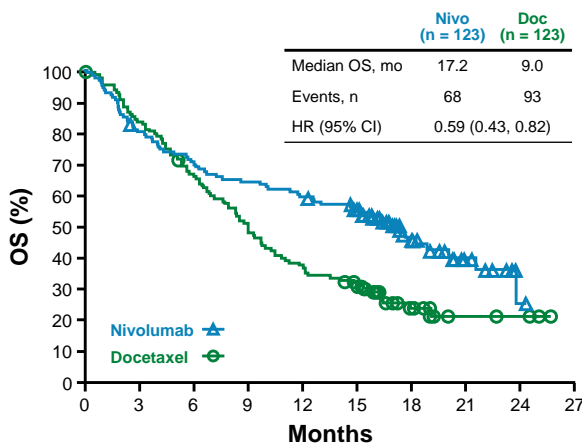


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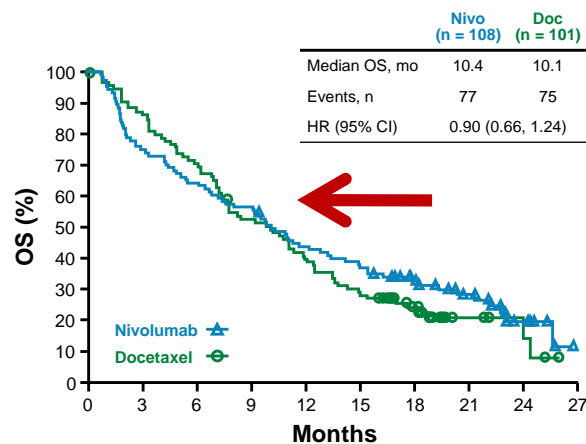
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≥1% PD-L1 Expression



<1% PD-L1 Expression



KEYNOTE-010 Study Design

Patients

- Advanced NSCLC
- Confirmed PD after ≥ 1 line of chemotherapy^a
- No active brain metastases
- ECOG PS 0-1
- PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$
- No serious autoimmune disease
- No ILD or pneumonitis requiring systemic steroids

Stratification factors:

- ECOG PS (0 vs 1)
- Region (East Asia vs non-East Asia)
- PD-L1 status^b (TPS $\geq 50\%$ vs 1%-49%)

R
1:1:1

**Pembrolizumab
2 mg/kg IV Q3W
for 24 months**

**Pembrolizumab
10 mg/kg IV Q3W
for 24 months**

**Docetaxel
75 mg/m² Q3W
per local guidelines^c**

End points in the TPS $\geq 50\%$ stratum and TPS $\geq 1\%$ population

- Primary: PFS and OS
- Secondary: ORR, duration of response, safety

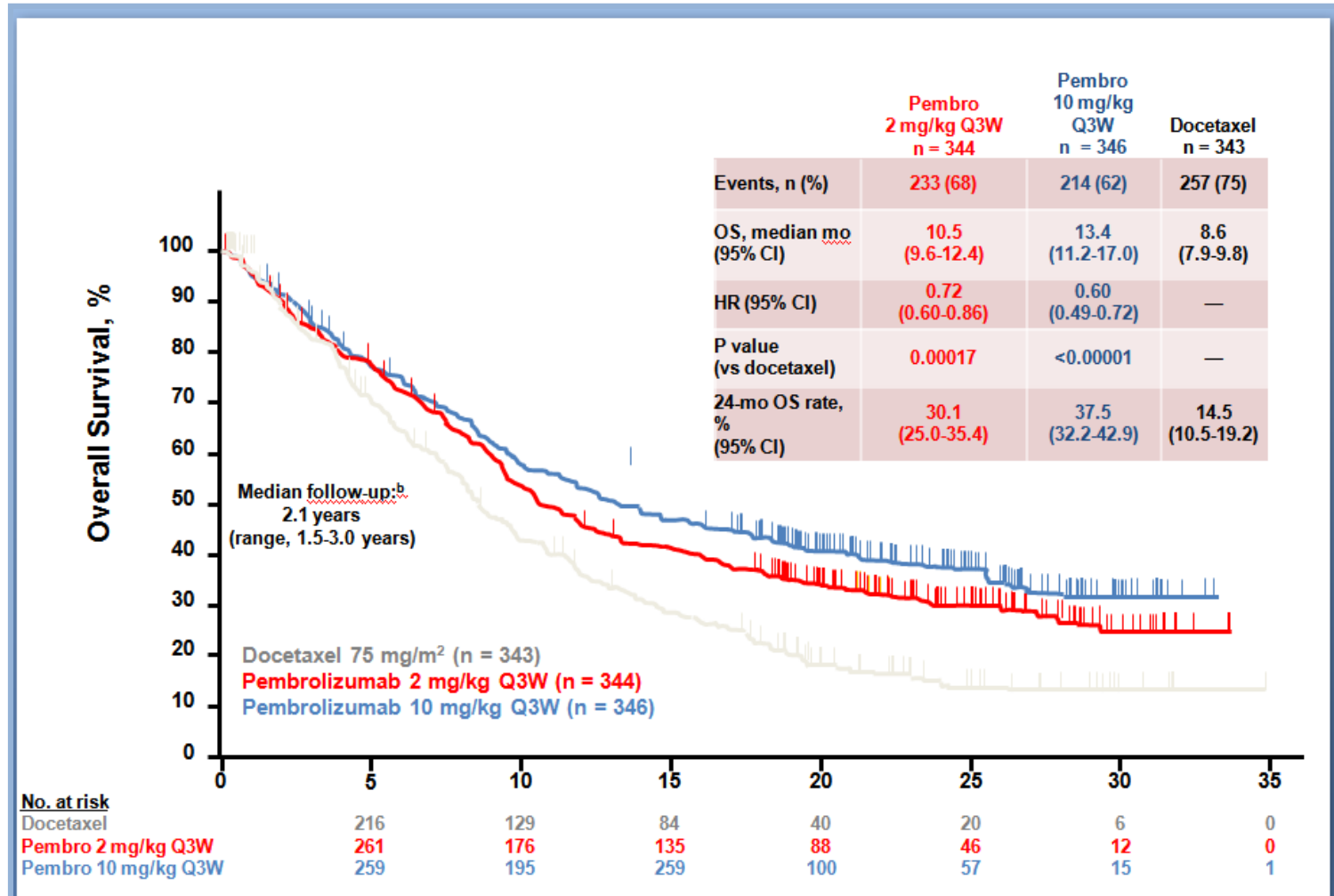
ClinicalTrials.gov, NCT01905657.

^aPrior therapy must have included ≥ 2 cycles of platinum-doublet chemotherapy. An appropriate tyrosine kinase inhibitor was required for patients whose tumors had an EGFR sensitizing mutation or an ALK translocation.

^bAdded after 441 patients enrolled based on results from KEYNOTE-001 (Garon EB et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2015;372:2018-28).

^cPatients received the maximum number of cycles permitted by the local regulatory authority.

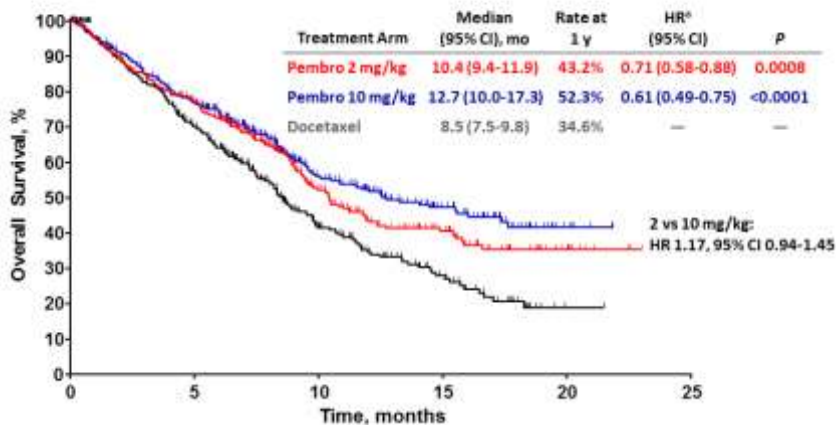
OS KEYNOTE-010 STUDY



Efficacy to PEMBROLIZUMAB according to PDL1 expresion (KN-010)

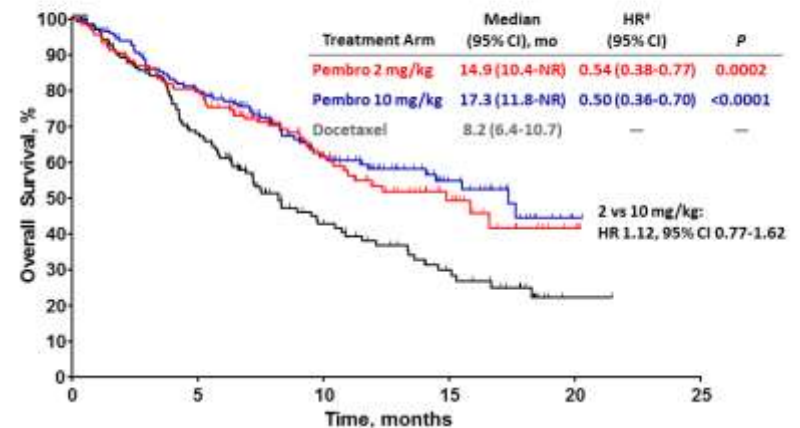
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OS, PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$ (Total Population)



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OS, PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$ Stratum



↓ PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$	Pembro 2 mg/kg n = 344	Pembro 10 mg/kg n = 346	Docetaxel n = 343
ORR, % (95% CI)	18 (14-22) P = 0.0005 ^a	18 (14-23) P = 0.0002 ^a	9 (6-13)

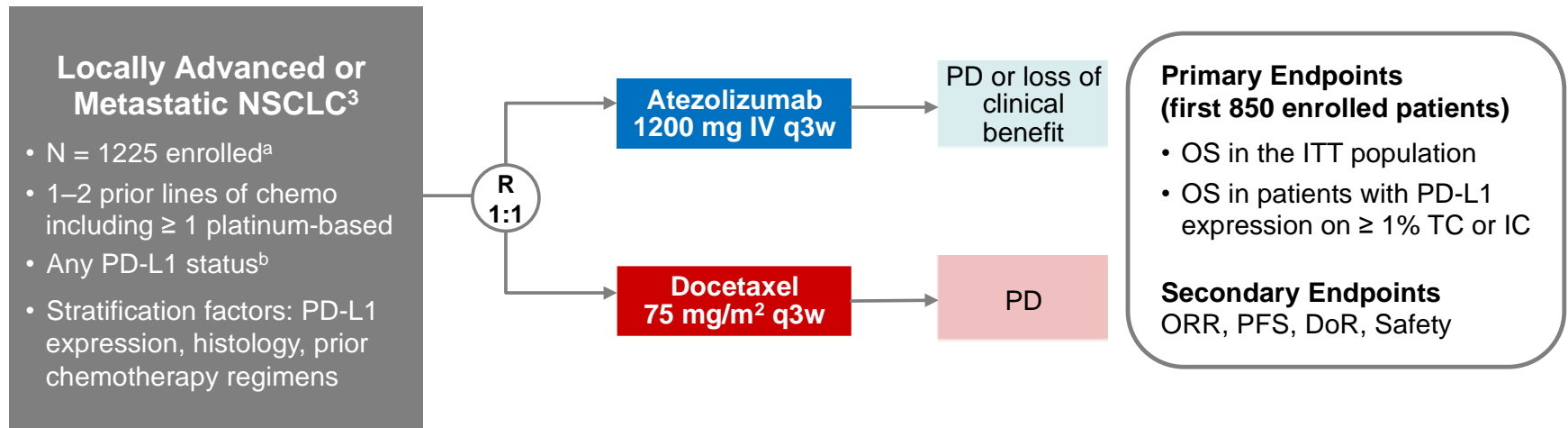
↓ PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$	Pembro 2 mg/kg n = 139	Pembro 10 mg/kg n = 151	Docetaxel n = 152
ORR, % (95% CI)	30 (23-39) P < 0.0001 ^a	29 (22-37) P < 0.0001 ^a	8 (4-13)

Second line – Atezo Subgroups OAK PhIII

Phase III OAK study design

Atezolizumab (anti-PD-L1) is an engineered mAb that inhibits the PD-L1/PD-1 and PD-L1/B7.1 interactions to restore anti-tumor T-cell activity and enhance T-cell priming^{1,2}

OAK study design



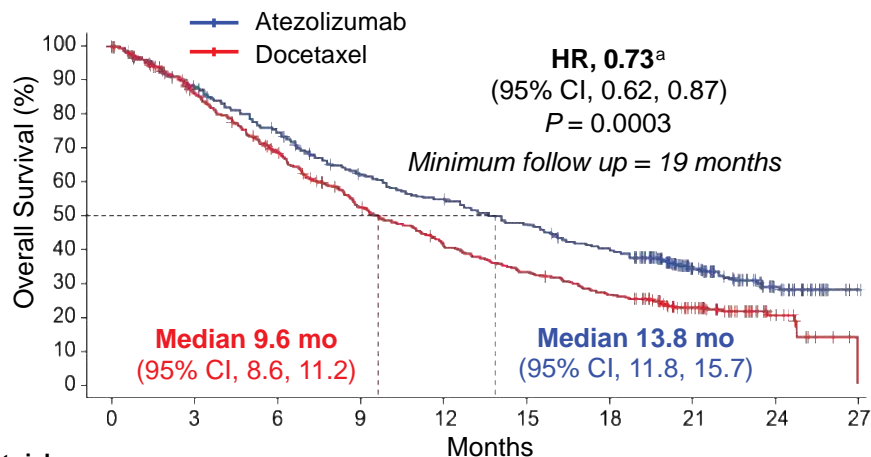
^aA prespecified analysis of the first 850 patients provided sufficient power to test the co-primary endpoints of OS in the ITT and TC1/2/3 or IC1/2/3 subgroup (≥ 1% PD-L1 expression).

^bPD-L1 expression assessed with VENTANA SP142 IHC assay

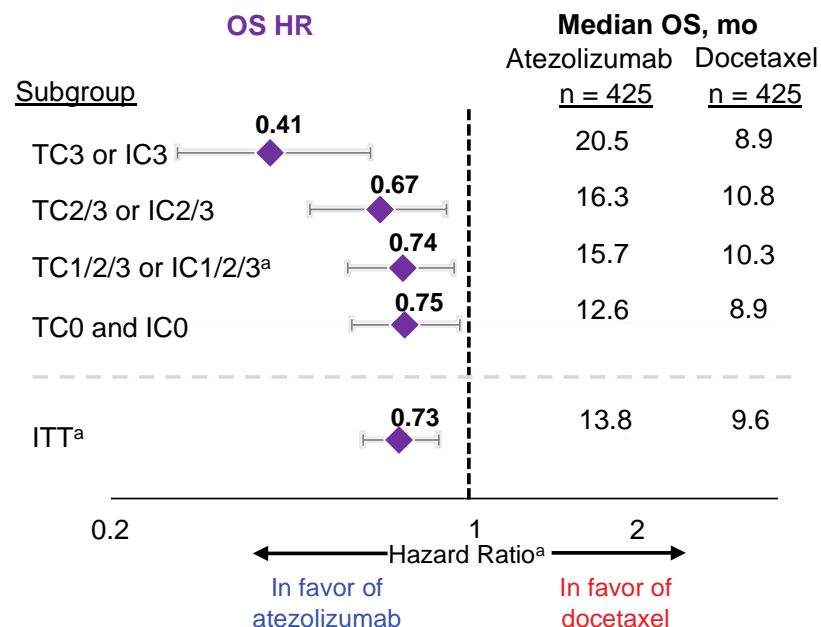
1. Herbst *Nature* 2014. 2. Chen *Immunity* 2013. 3. Barlesi et al. ESMO 2016 LBA44

Second line – Atezo Subgroups OAK PhIII

Overall survival, ITT (n = 850) and PD-L1 subgroups



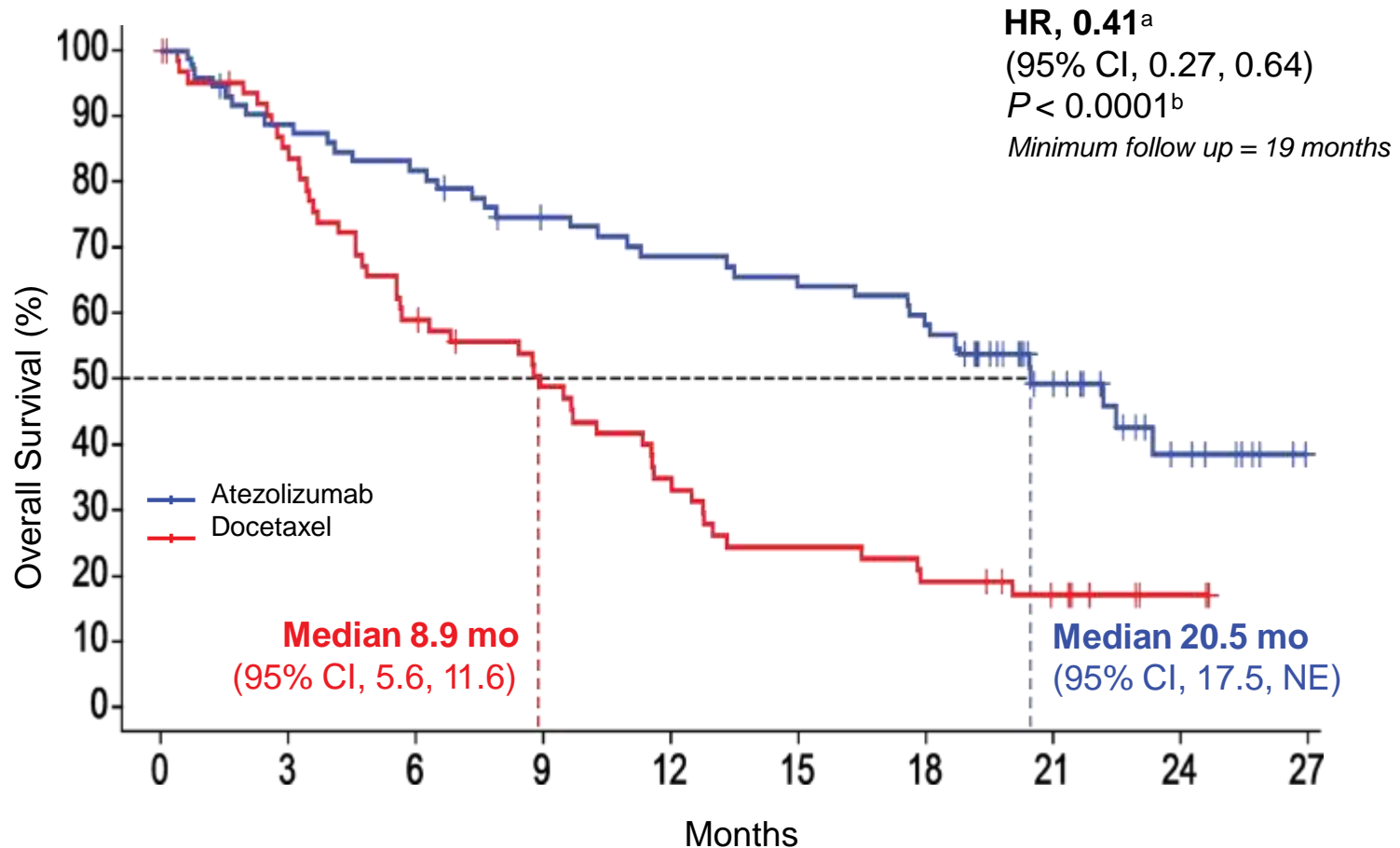
No. at risk		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
Atezolizumab	425	363	305	248	218	188	157	74	28	1	
Docetaxel	425	336	263	195	151	123	98	51	16	0	



^aStratified HR for ITT and TC1/2/3 or IC1/2/3. Unstratified HR for other subgroups.
TC, tumor cells; IC, tumor-infiltrating immune cells; OS, overall survival.
Barlesi et al. ESMO 2016 LBA44

OS, PD-L1 EXPRESSION ON $\geq 50\%$ TC OR $\geq 10\%$ IC

TC3 OR IC3; 16% OF PATIENTS



No. at Risk																											
Atezolizumab	72	69	65	63	61	59	58	55	51	50	49	47	46	46	44	43	43	42	39	34	28	19	16	11	8	6	2
Docetaxel	65	59	57	51	45	40	36	32	32	28	25	24	20	15	14	14	14	13	11	11	9	7	4	3	2		

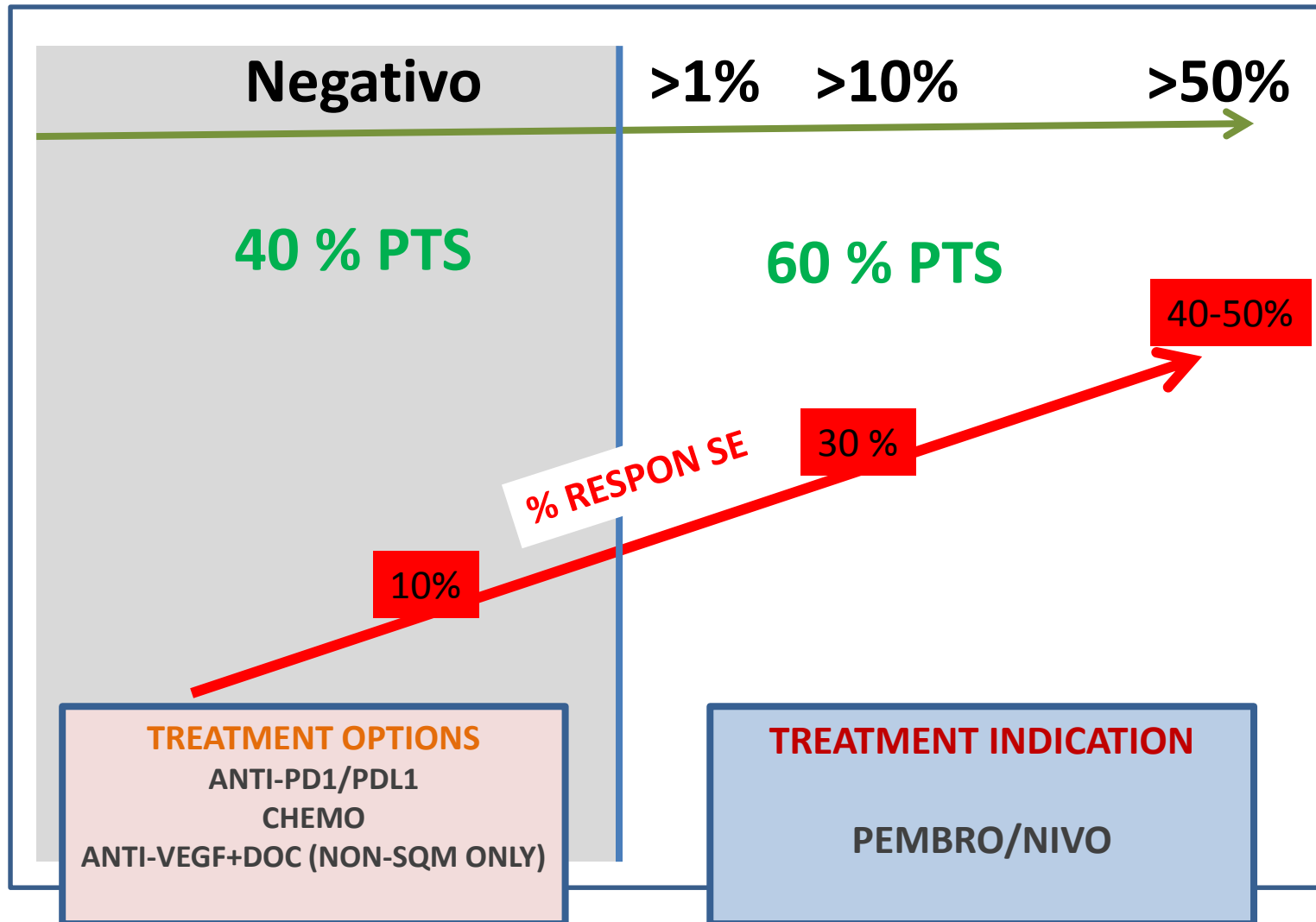
^aUnstratified HR.

^bP values for descriptive purpose only.

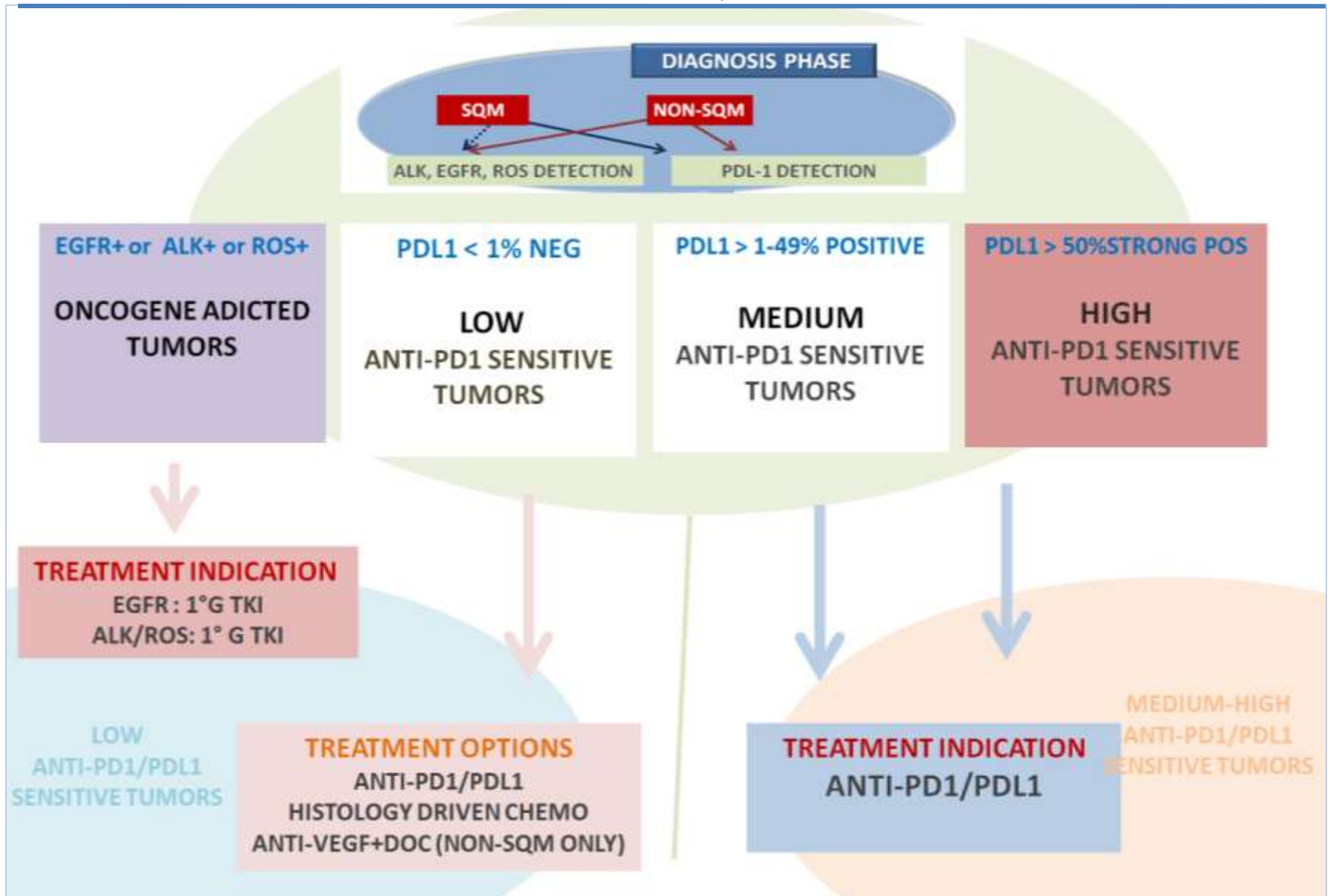
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2°-Line NSCLC (Non-Sqm)

Anti PD-1 / anti-PD-L1 Agents , PD-L1 expression



2°-line NSCLC DX/TX algorithm: "1° Scenario" Non-SQM



I biomarcatori nell'immunoncologia: L'importanza della selezione del paziente

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PDL1 ?

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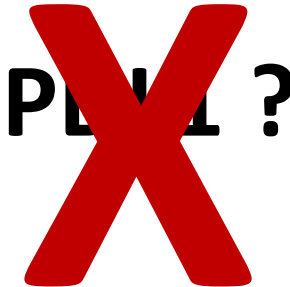
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PD-1 Inhibitors: Approved Indications in Advanced Melanoma

- **Nivolumab**

- Single agent (3 mg/kg q2w) for unresectable or metastatic melanoma with or without a *BRAF* V600 mutation
- In combination with ipilimumab for unresectable or metastatic melanoma
 - Nivolumab 1 mg/kg + ipilimumab 3 mg/kg q3w x 4 then nivolumab 3 mg/kg q2w

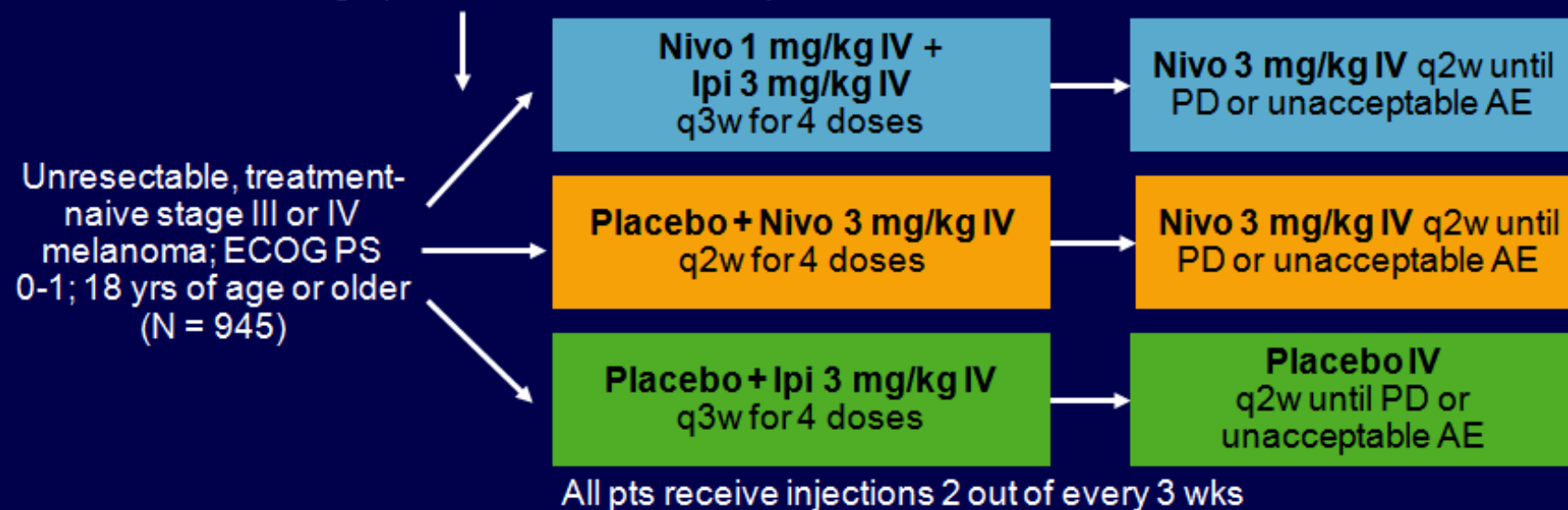
- **Pembrolizumab**

- Single agent (2 mg/kg q3w) for unresectable or metastatic melanoma

Nivo + Ipi vs Nivo vs Ipi for First-line Treatment of Melanoma (Checkmate 067)

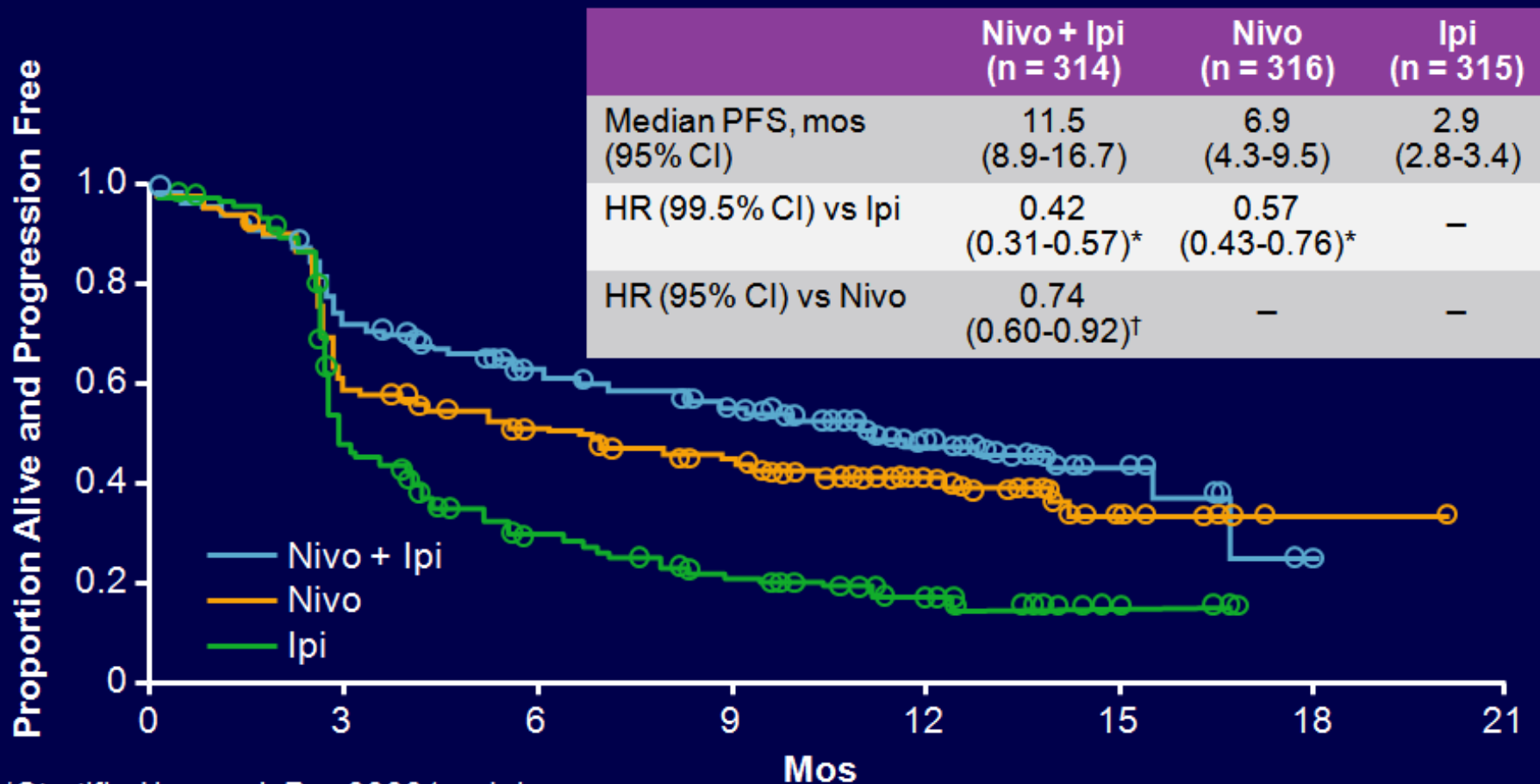
A randomized, double-blind phase III study

Stratified by tumor PD-L1 status (positive vs negative/indeterminate), BRAF mutation status (V600 mutation positive vs wild type), and AJCC metastasis stage (M0, M1a, or M1b vs M1c)



- **Primary endpoint: OS, PFS**
- **Secondary endpoint: ORR, OS by PD-L1, safety**

CheckMate 067: Improved PFS With Nivo + Ipi or Nivo Alone vs Ipi Alone



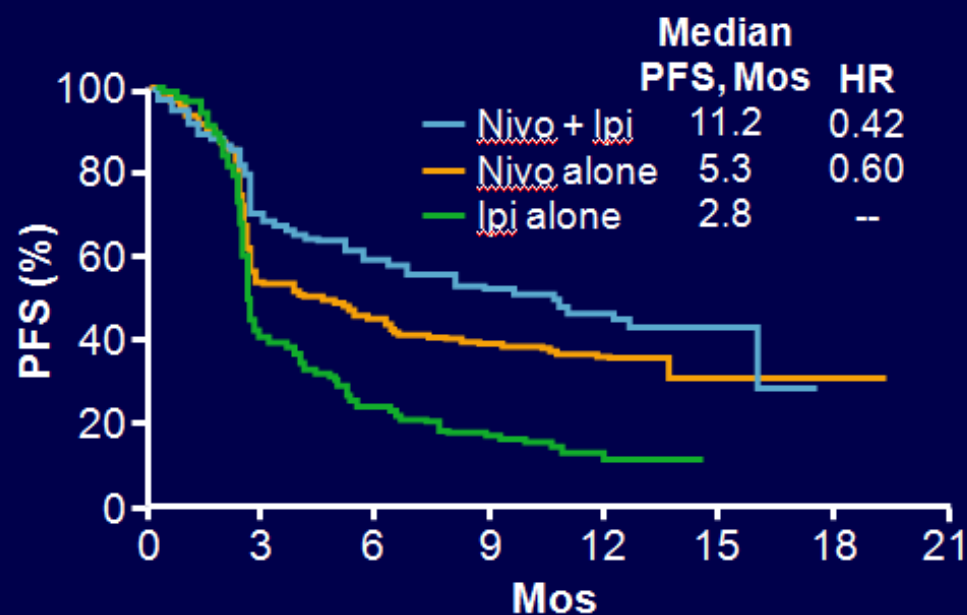
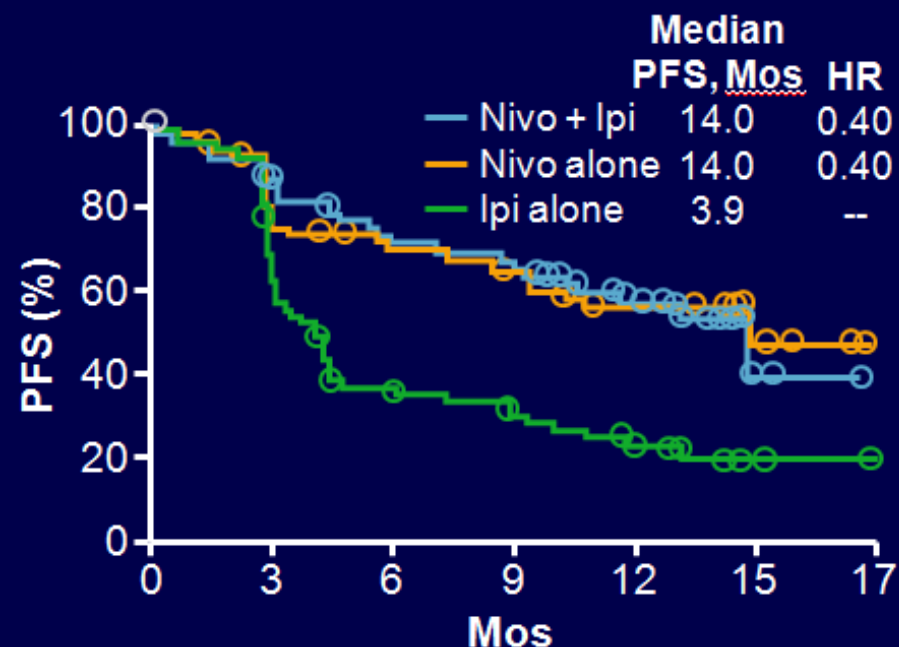
*Stratified log-rank $P < .00001$ vs Ipi.

†Exploratory endpoint. Study not powered to detect a statistical difference between Nivo + Ipi and Nivo.

CheckMate 067: Nivo + Ipi Provides Most Benefit for PD-L1_{lo}, Similar to Nivo for PD-L1_{hi}

PD-L1 $\geq 5\%^*$ (hi)

PD-L1 $< 5\%^*$ (lo)

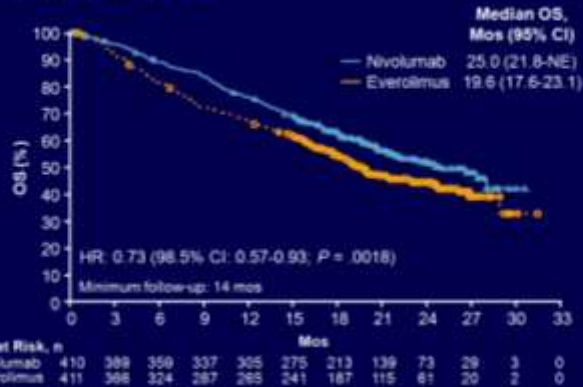


*Per validated PD-L1 IHC assay based on PD-L1 staining of tumor cells in a section of at least 100 evaluable tumor cells.

RENE – 2° linea

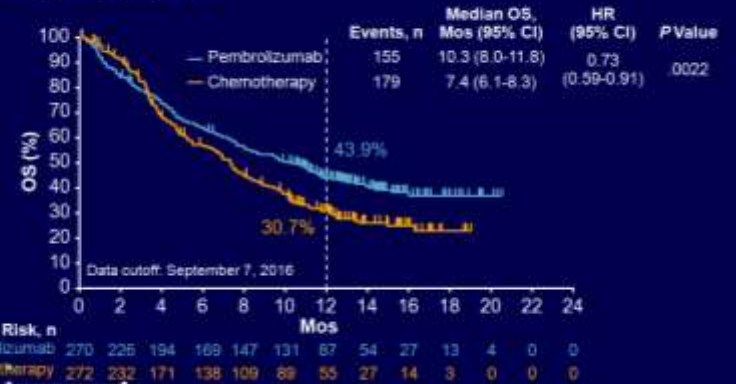
VESCICA – 2° linea

CheckMate 025: OS



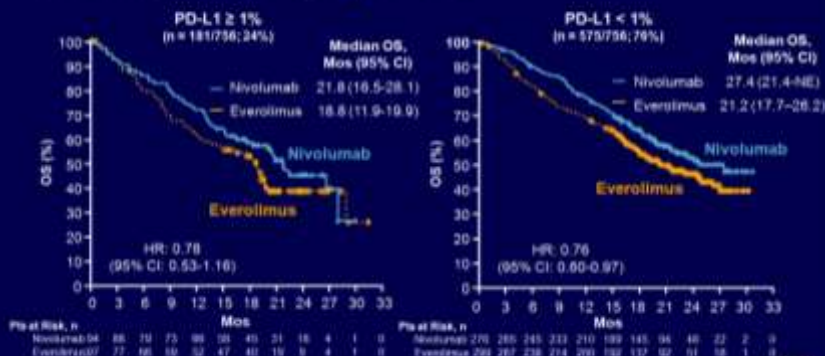
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KEYNOTE-045: OS



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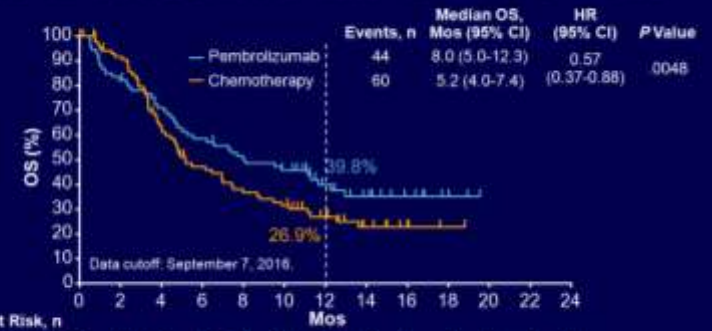
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KEYNOTE-045: OS in Pts With PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10%



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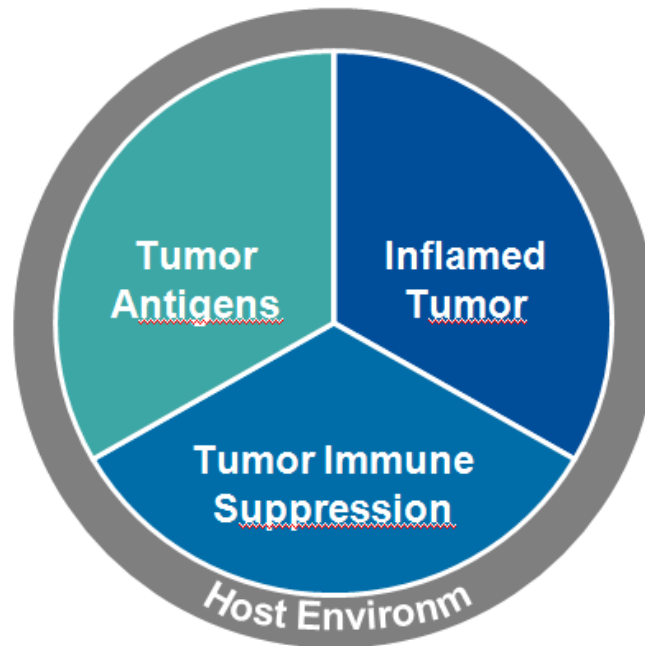
Tumor and Immune Biomarkers Being Evaluated to Predict Better Outcomes to Immuno-Oncology Therapy

Tumor Antigens

- Biomarkers indicative of hypermutation & neo-antigens may predict response to IO treatment

Examples:

– *TMB, MSI-High, Neo-Antigens*



Inflamed Tumor Microenvironment

- Biomarkers (intra- or peri-tumoral) indicative of an inflamed phenotype may predict response to IO treatment

Examples:

– *PD-L1, Inflammatory Signatures*

IDO = indoleamine-2,3 dioxygenase; LAG-3 = lymphocyte activation gene-3; MDSCs = myeloid-derived suppressor cells; MSI-High = microsatellite instability high; TMB = tumor mutational burden. Adapted from Blank C.U. et al., *Science* 2016;352:658–660.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

PD-1 Blockade in Tumors with Mismatch-Repair Deficiency

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Somatic mutations have the potential to encode “non-self” immunogenic antigens. We hypothesized that tumors with a large number of somatic mutations due to mismatch-repair defects may be susceptible to immune checkpoint blockade.

METHODS

We conducted a phase 2 study to evaluate the clinical activity of pembrolizumab, an anti-programmed death 1 immune checkpoint inhibitor, in 41 patients with progressive metastatic carcinoma with or without mismatch-repair deficiency. Pembrolizumab was administered intravenously at a dose of 10 mg per kilogram of body weight every 14 days in patients with mismatch repair-deficient colorectal cancers, patients with mismatch repair-proficient colorectal cancers, and patients with mismatch repair-deficient cancers that were not colorectal. The coprimary end points were the immune-related objective response rate and the 20-week immune-related progression-free survival rate.

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Pembrolizumab in Mismatch Repair–Deficient CRC: Overview

- **Mismatch repair defects lead to MSI-H**
 - **MSI-H** associated with hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal carcinoma and present in 15% of CRCs across all stages
 - **MSI-H** tumors harbor genetic mutations that are potentially recognizable by immune system; **abundant expression of neoantigens on tumor cells creates inflamed microenvironment with high expression of immune checkpoints, such as PD-1**
- **PD-1 blockade has antitumor effects in MSI-H tumors**
- Pembrolizumab, an immune checkpoint inhibitor of PD-1, evaluated in pts with treatment-refractory, progressive, metastatic cancer by mismatch repair status^[1]
 - Received breakthrough therapy designation in 11/2015 for tx of MSI-H CRC
- Current report summarizes phase I data on PD-1 blockade with pembrolizumab in pts with mismatch repair–deficient CRC^[2]

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2. Le DT, et al. ASCO 2016. Abstract 103.

Pembrolizumab in Mismatch Repair– Deficient CRC: Study Design

- Eligibility for cohorts A and B:
 - Histologically confirmed metastatic or locally advanced CRC, with or without mismatch repair deficiency
 - Mismatch repair deficiency defined as: deficiency in MLH1, MSH2, MSH6 or PMS2 by IHC, or microsatellite instability in ≥ 2 loci by PCR
 - Measurable disease
 - ≥ 2 previous cancer therapy regimens
 - ECOG PS ≤ 1
 - No previous anti-PD-1/PD-L1/PD-L2, anti-CD137, anti-OX-40, anti-CTLA-4
- Pembrolizumab 10 mg/kg every 2 wks
- Current report: updated data from cohort A

Cohort A (n = 28)
MMRD CRC

Cohort B (n = 25)
MMRP CRC

Cohort C (n = 30)
MMRD non-CRC

Pembrolizumab in Mismatch Repair–Deficient CRC: Pt Population

Characteristics	MMRD CRC (n = 28)	MMRP CRC (n = 25)
Median age, yrs (range)	49 (26-75)	62 (32-79)
Male, n (%)	15 (54)	16 (64)
ECOG PS, n (%)		
▪ 0	5 (18)	7 (28)
▪ 1	23 (82)	18 (72)
No. of previous treatments, median	3	4
Liver metastases, n (%)	14 (50)	15 (60)
Lynch syndrome, n (%)		
▪ Yes	15 (54)	0 (0)
▪ No	2 (7)	25 (100)
▪ Unknown	11 (39)	0 (0)

Pembrolizumab in Mismatch Repair–Deficient CRC: Efficacy

Outcome	MMRD CRC (n = 28)	MMRP CRC (n = 25)
Median follow-up, mos	9.3	6
ORR, % (95% CI)	57 (39-73)	0 (0-13)
Response, %		
▪ CR	11	0
▪ PR	46	0
▪ SD (Wk 12)	32	16
▪ PD	4	44
▪ NE (no 12-wk scan)	7	40
Disease control rate, % (95% CI)	89 (73-96)	16 (6-35)
Median PFS, mos	NR	2.3
Median OS, mos	NR	5.98

Tumor Mutation Burden As a Predictive Biomarker for Immuno-Oncology Therapies

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CANCER IMMUNOLOGY

Mutational landscape determines sensitivity to PD-1 blockade in non-small cell lung cancer

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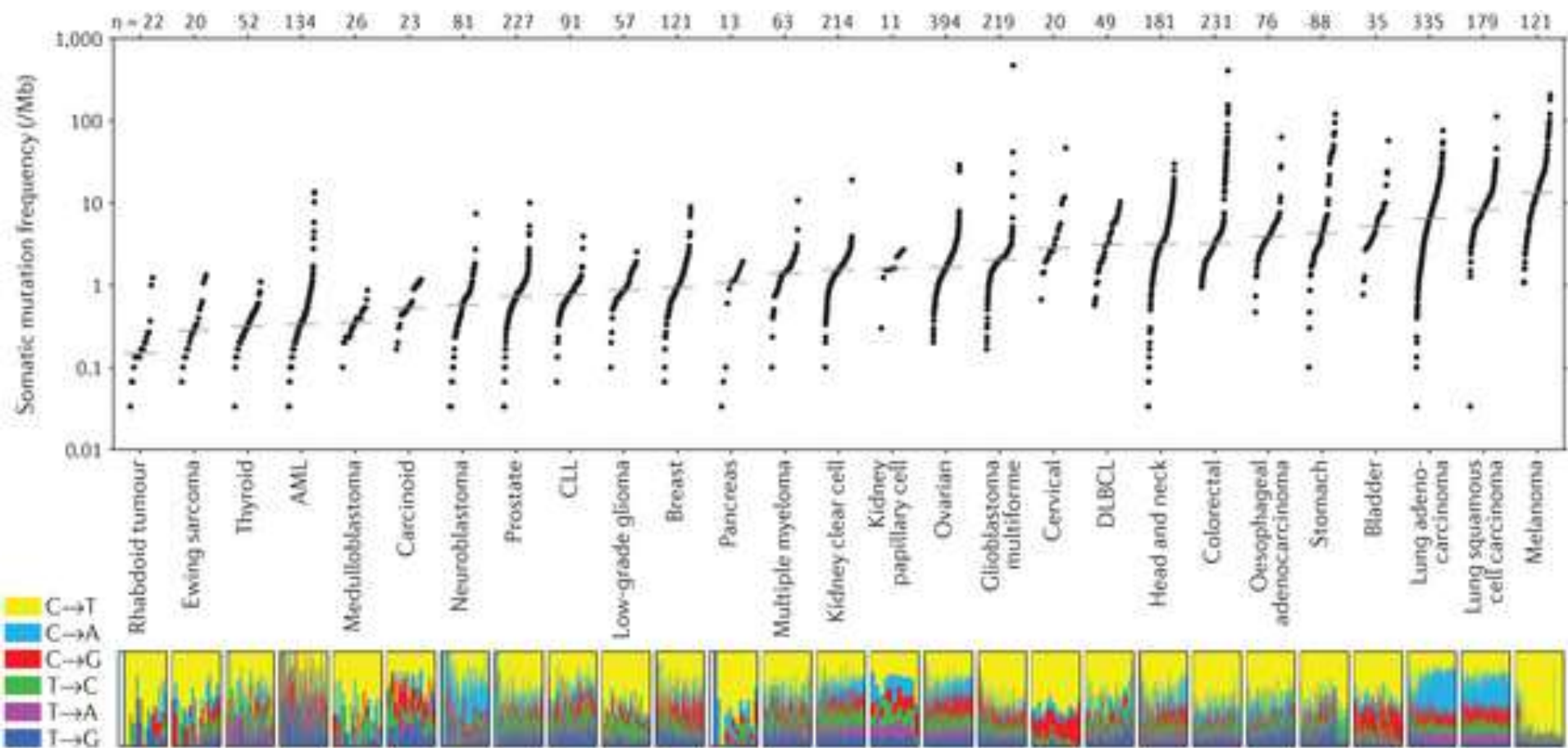
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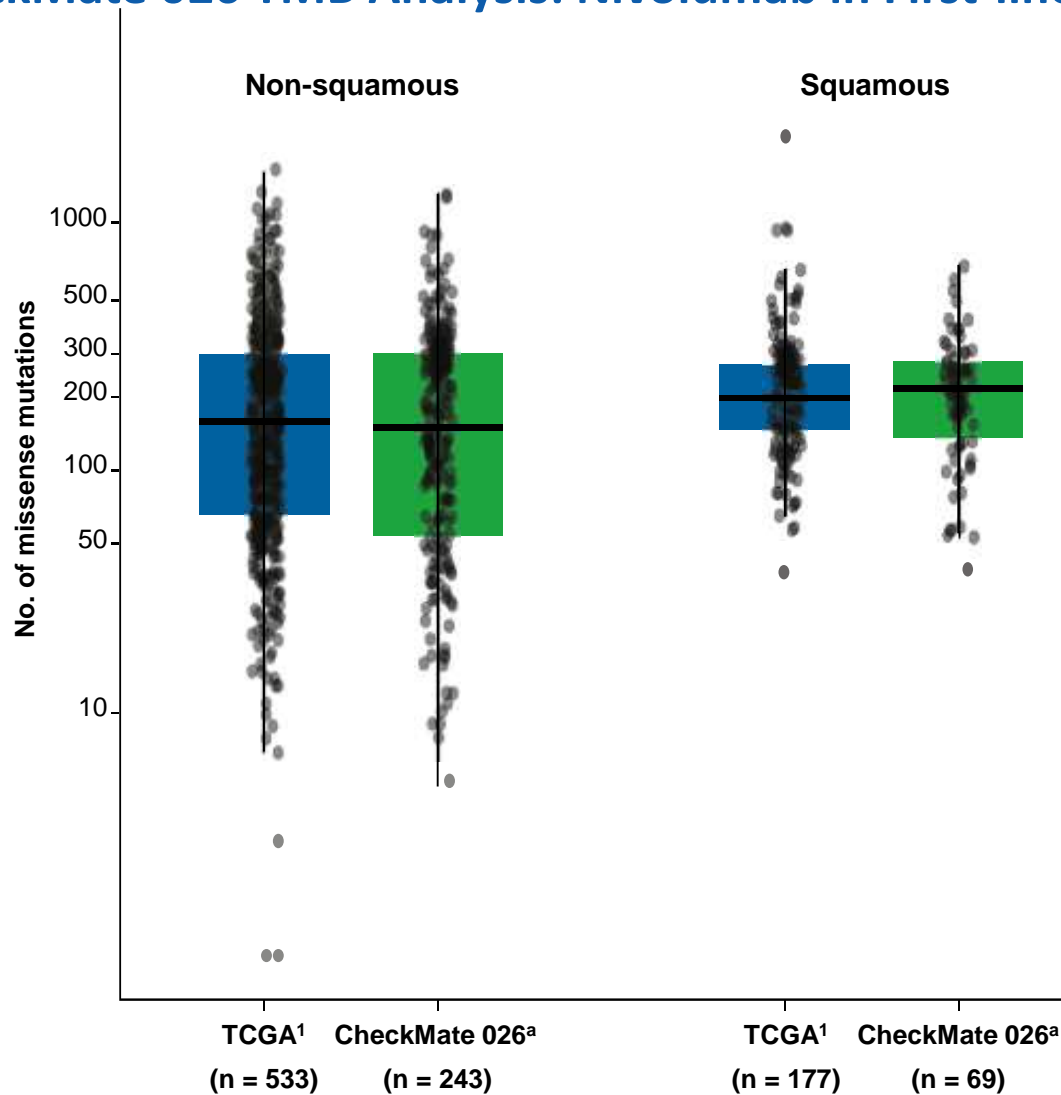
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TMB in The Cancer Genome Atlas¹ and CheckMate 026 Samples^a

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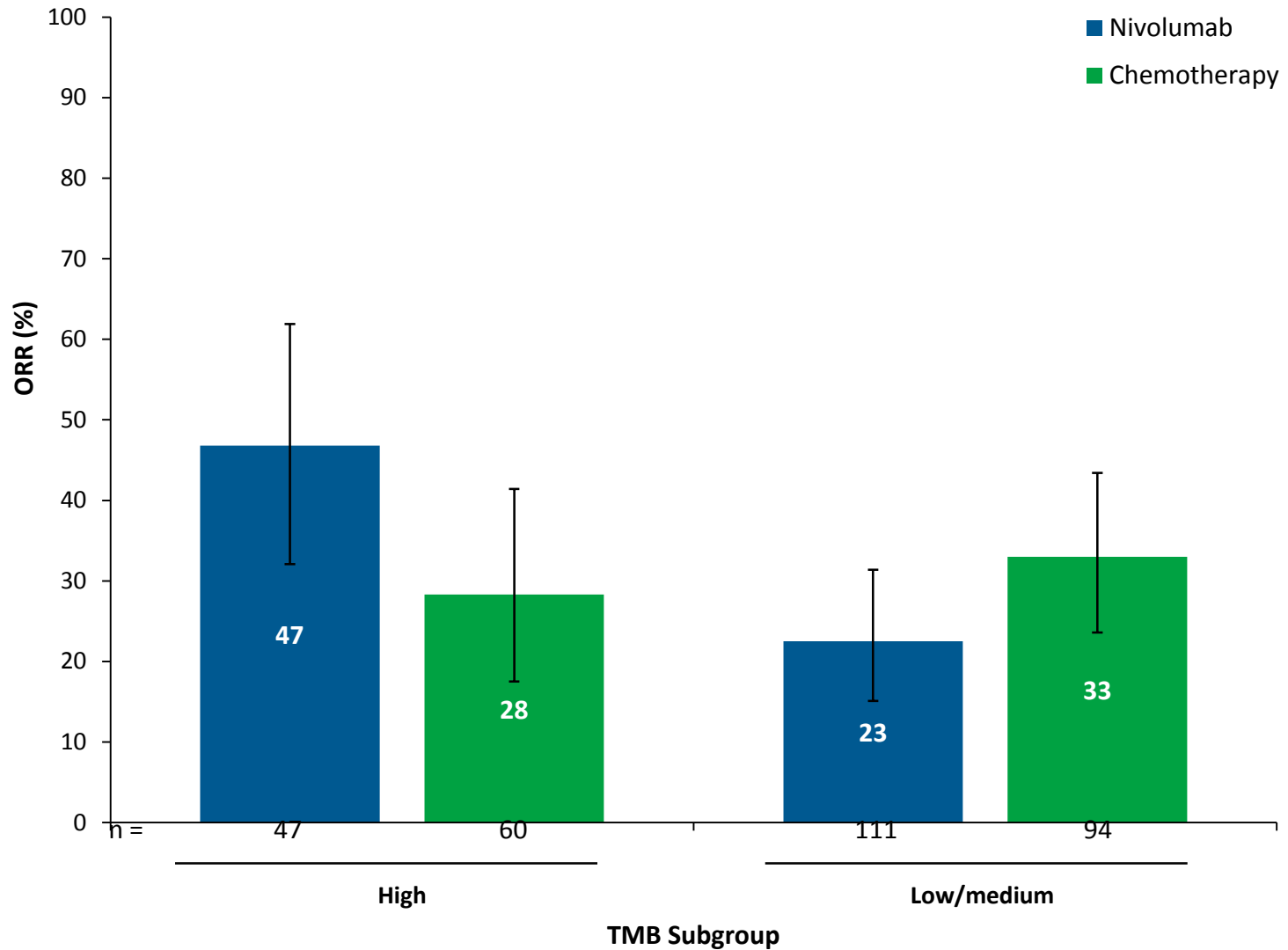


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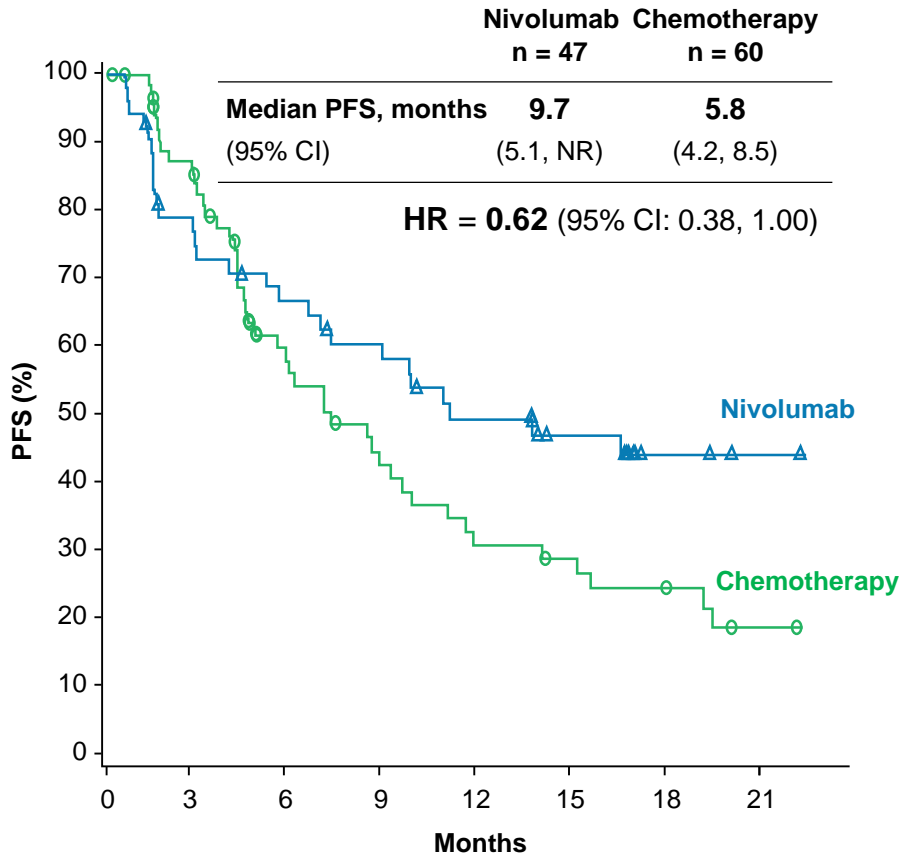
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PFS by Tumor Mutation Burden Subgroup

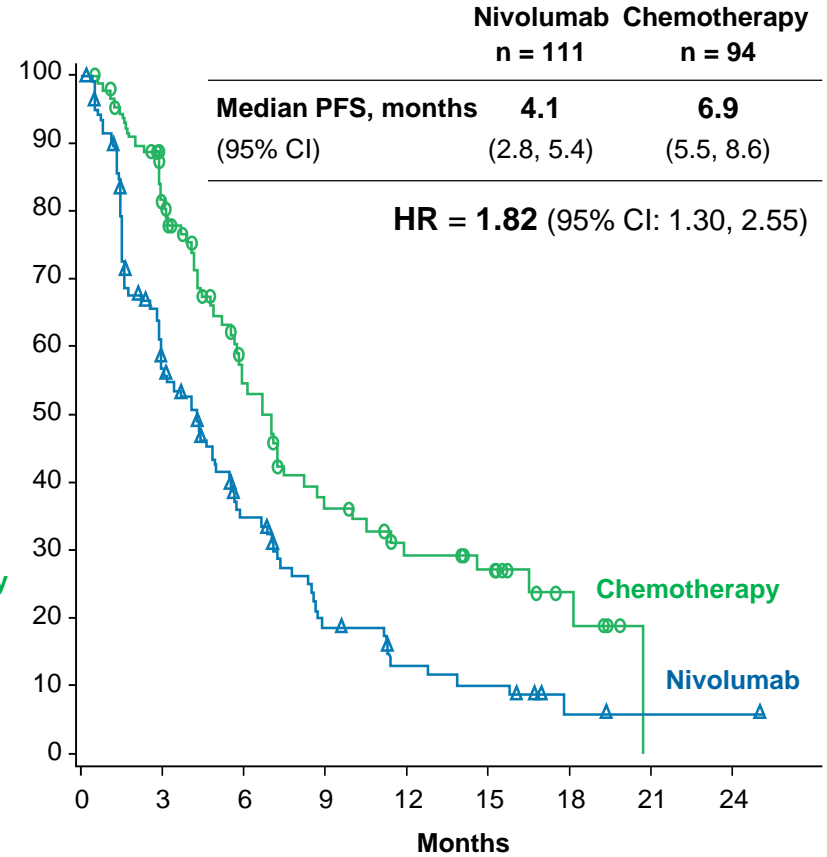
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High TMB



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Nivolumab	47	30	26	21	16	12	4	1
Chemotherapy	60	42	22	15	9	7	4	1

Low/medium TMB



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Nivolumab	111	54	30	15	9	7	2	1	1
Chemotherapy	94	65	37	23	15	12	5	0	0



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The Role of ERCC-1 Polymorphisms as Predictive Biomarker of Response to Nivolumab in Advanced NSCLC

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Methods: Study design

- Stage IIIB/IV NSCLCs
- Previous platinum-based therapy
- ≥ 18 years
- PS (ECOG) 0 – 1
- Archival tissue availability
- **No autoimmune diseases**

Evaluation of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) by pyrosequencing analysis on tumor DNA:

- **rs11615**
- **rs3212986**
- **rs2298881**



Nivolumab 3 mg/kg q2w

- Until PD or unacceptable toxicity
- Treatment beyond progression was allowed in presence of clinical benefit

- Responses were assessed according to RECIST 1.1 criteria → Radiological assessments were performed every 6 weeks.
- PFS was calculated from the beginning of the treatment until PD or patient's death.

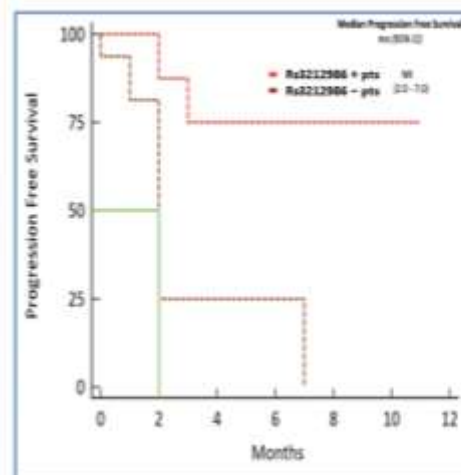


Results: Objective Response Rate

	All patients	Rs3212986 + patients	Rs3212986 - patients
Type of response	(N = 24)	N= 8	N= 16
Complete Response — no. (%)	1 (4)	1 (12.5)	0
Partial Response — no. (%)	5 (21)	4 (50)	1 (6)
Stable Disease — no. (%)	5 (21)	2 (25)	3 (19)
Progressive Disease — no. (%)	13 (54)	1 (12.5)	12 (75)
ORR (95% CI) — %	25 (10-47)	62.5 (25-92)	6 (0-30)
Disease control rate (95% CI) — %	46 (25-67)	87.5 (47-100)	25 (7-52)

**ORR is higher in Rs3212986 + pts than Rs3212986 - pts
(62,5% VS. 6% p= 0.006)**

Results: Progression Free Survival



**PFS is higher in Rs3212986 + pts than
Rs3212986 - pts
NR vs. 2.0 months
(HR = 0.21, 95% CI, 0.07 to 0.58; P = 0.004)**

Conclusioni

- **La determinazione del PDL1 ha un valore limitato per la selezione dei pazienti nei tumori solidi**
- **Nella ricerca biomedica e prioritario individuare nuovi biomarkers per questa tipologia di farmaci**
- **E' necessaria una maggiore conoscenza dei meccanismi di risposta ai farmaci immunoterapici**

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