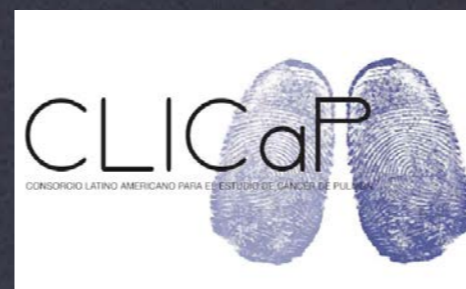


Squamous Cell Carcinoma: What are the Standards and Potential Pathways in Development

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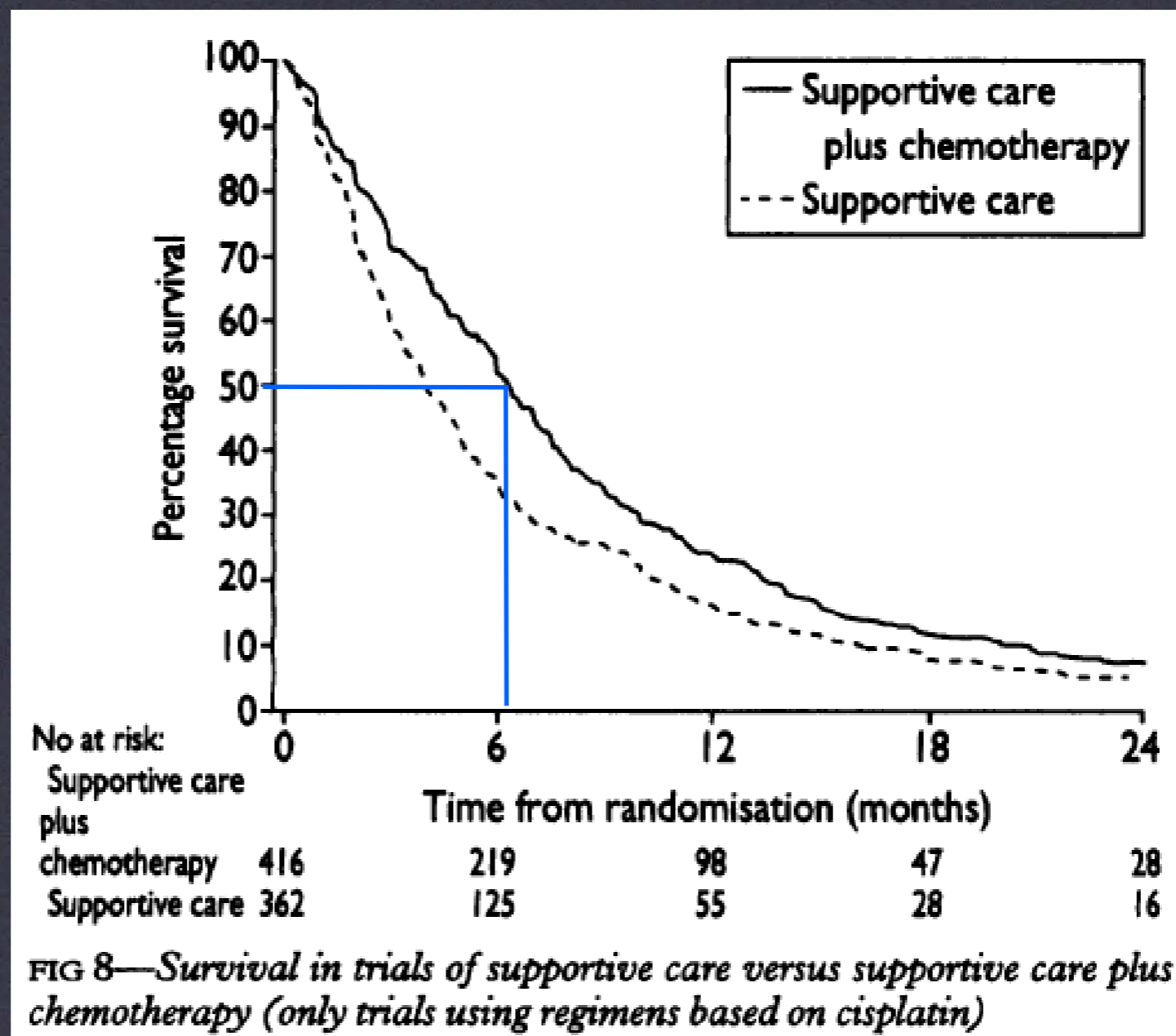
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Chemotherapy in non-small cell lung cancer: a meta-analysis using updated data on individual patients from 52 randomised clinical trials

Non-small Cell Lung Cancer Collaborative Group

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COMPARISON OF FOUR CHEMOTHERAPY REGIMENS FOR ADVANCED NON-SMALL-CELL LUNG CANCER

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Stratification Variables
Performance status: 0 or 1 vs. 2
Weight loss in previous 6 mo: <5% vs. ≥5%
Disease stage: IIIB vs. IV or recurrent disease
Presence or absence of brain metastases

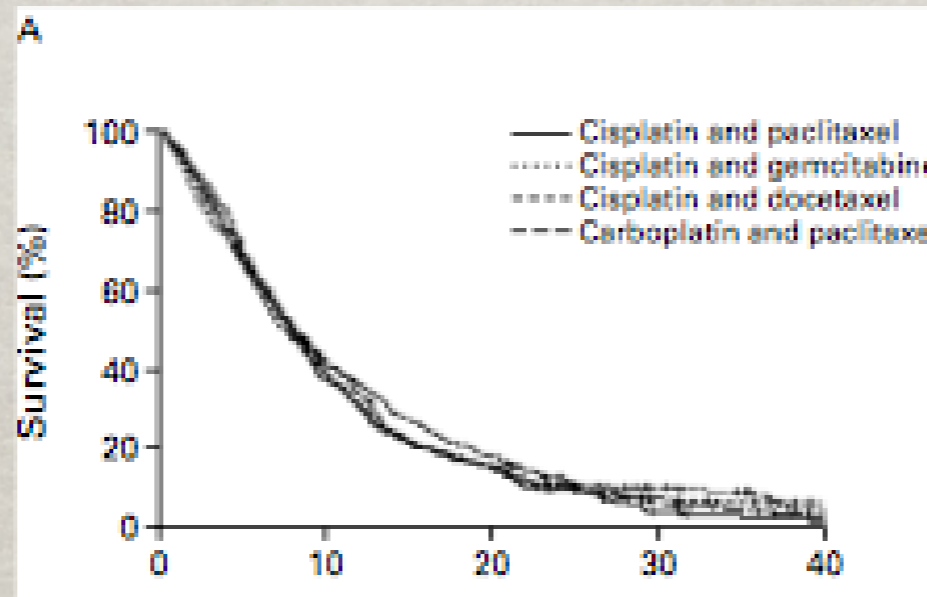
Regimens

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paclitaxel, 135 mg/m² over 24-hr period on day 1
cisplatin, 75 mg/m² on day 2
3-wk cycle

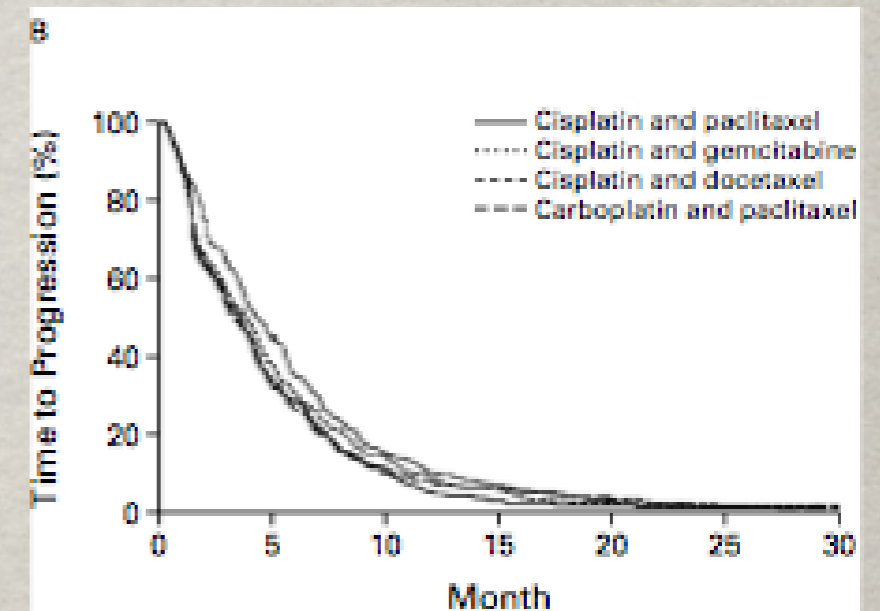
Cisplatin plus gemcitabine
gemcitabine, 1000 mg/m² on days 1, 8, and 15
cisplatin, 100 mg/m² on day 1
4-wk cycle

Cisplatin plus docetaxel
docetaxel, 75 mg/m² on day 1
cisplatin, 75 mg/m² on day 1
3-wk cycle

Carboplatin plus paclitaxel
paclitaxel, 225 mg/m² over 3-hr period on day 1
carboplatin, AUC 6.0 mg/ml/min on day 1
3-wk cycle



Overall Survival



Time to progression

Treatment according to histology

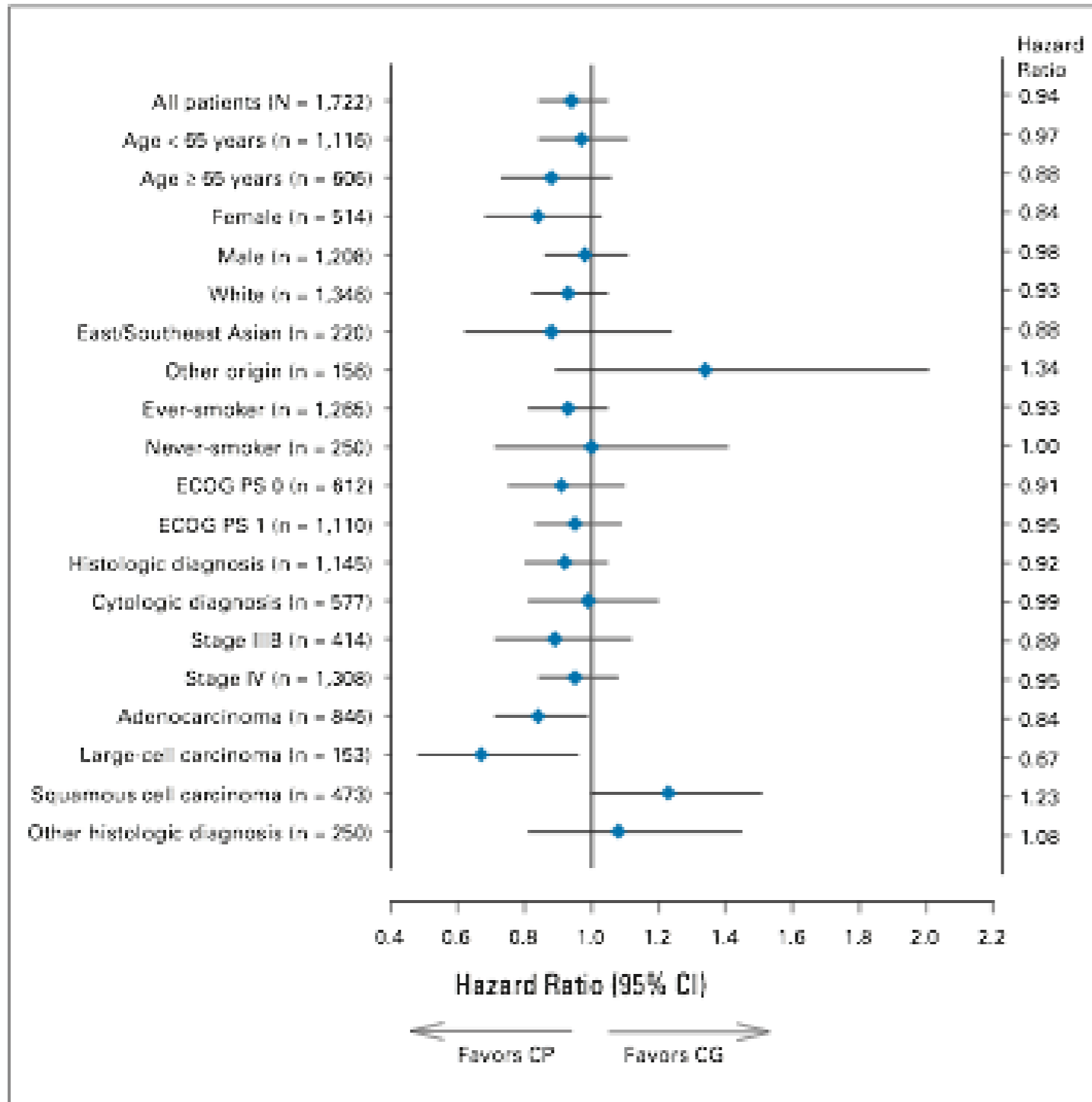


Fig 3. Survival hazard ratios (cisplatin/pemetrexed over cisplatin/gemcitabine) in groups according to baseline characteristics. Results based on Cox adjusted analyses for Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status (ECOG PS), disease stage, sex, and basis for diagnosis (histologic v cytologic). In the analysis by group, pertaining to each of these four covariates, the variable predicting the group was excluded from the model. Three patients were missing ECOG PS and are excluded from the Cox adjusted analyses; 209 patients were missing smoking status. CP, cisplatin/pemetrexed; CG, cisplatin/gemcitabine.

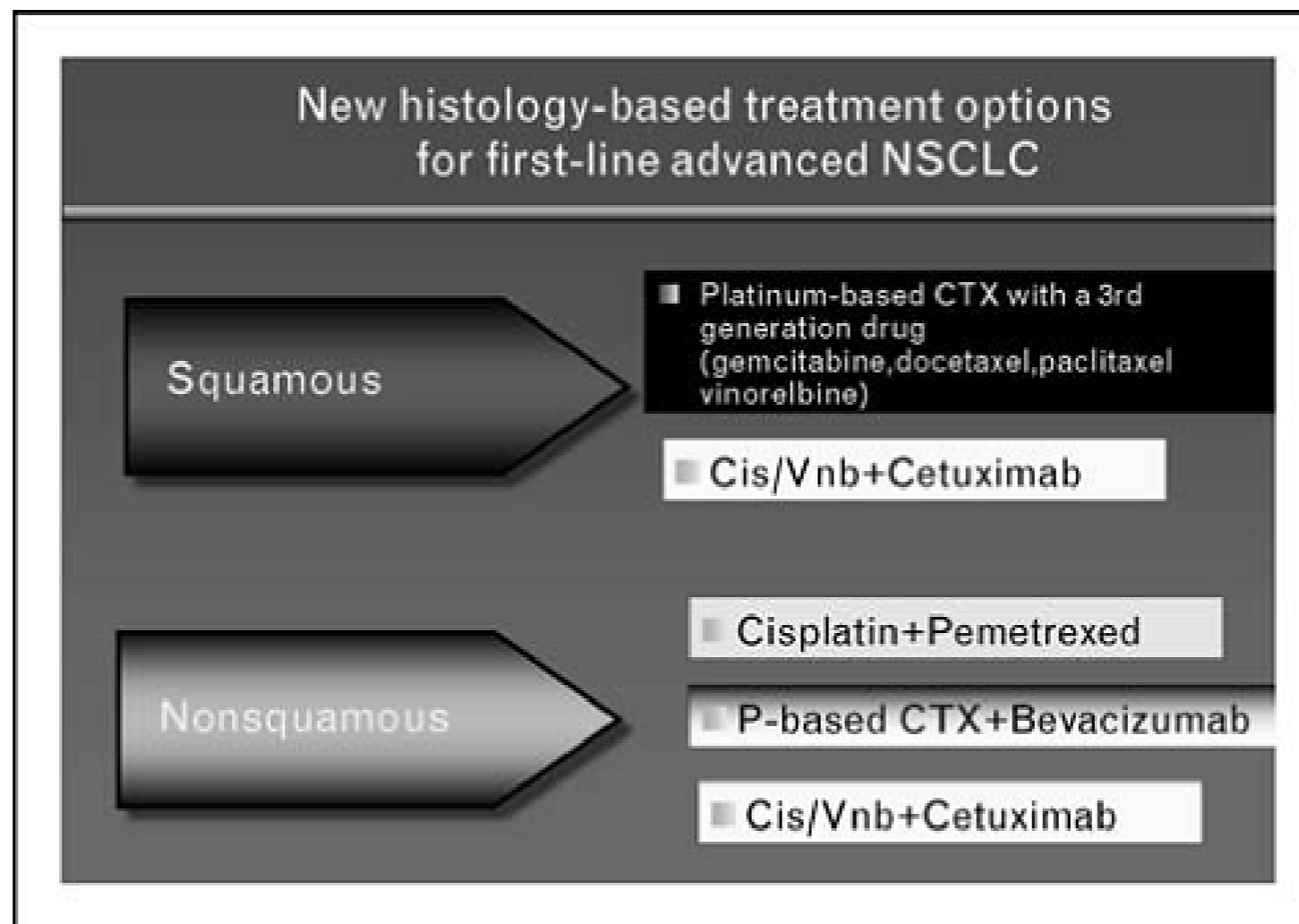
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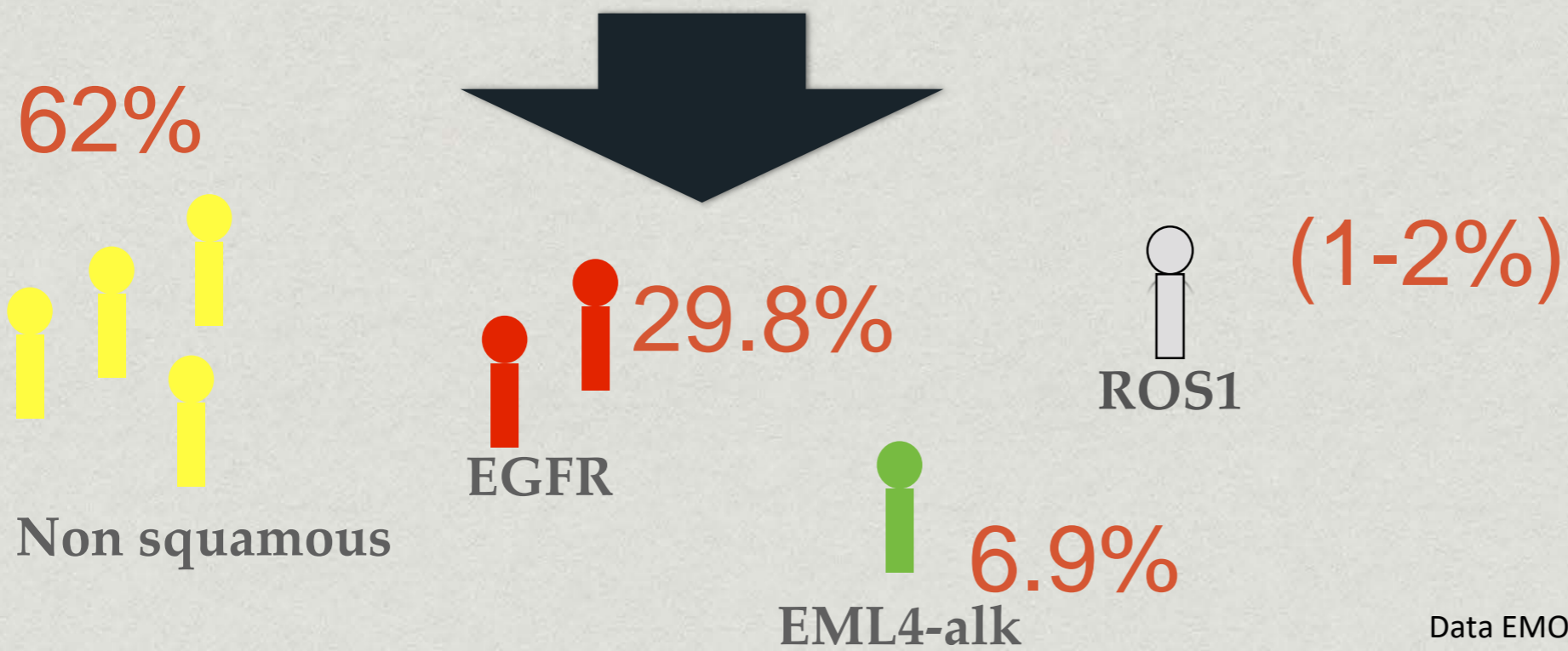
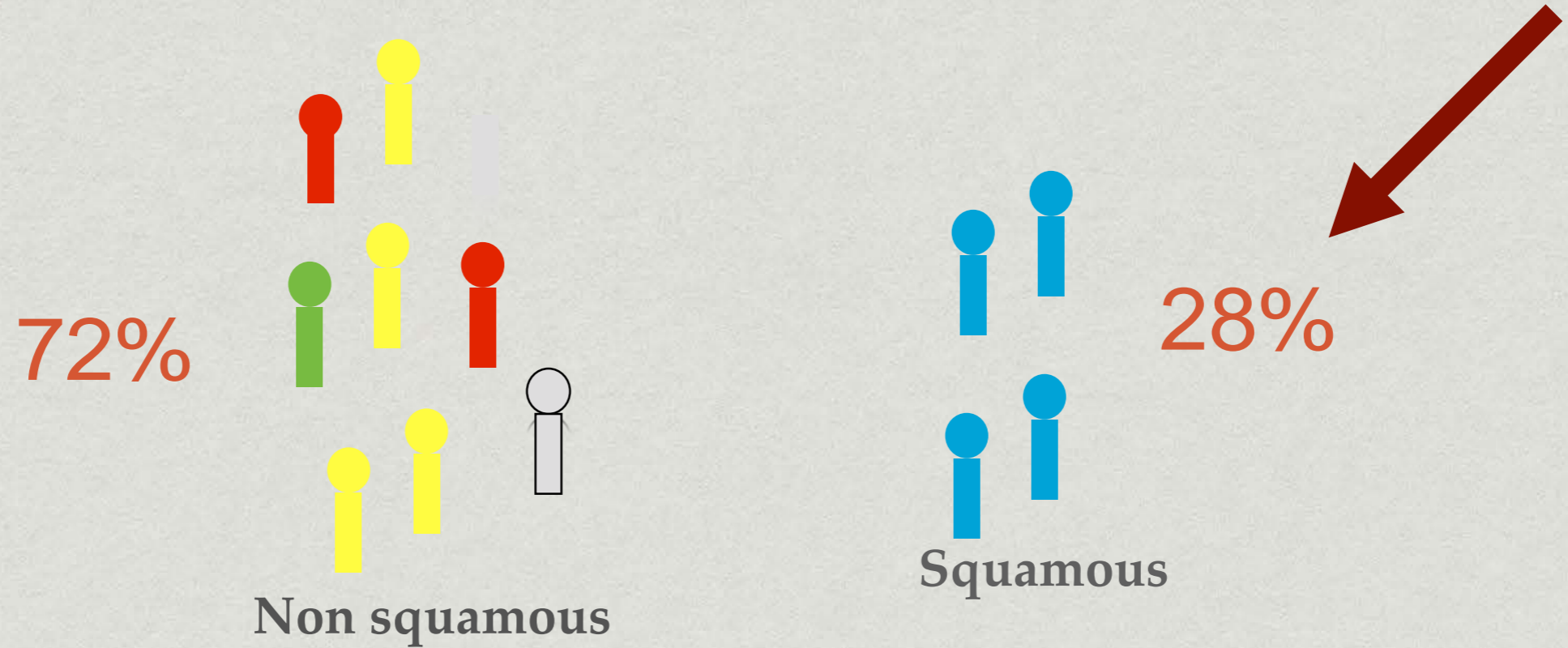
Histology-based treatment: a new scenario in the management of advanced nonsmall cell lung cancer

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Figure 1 Histology-based therapeutic options for advanced nonsmall cell lung cancer



NSCLC



First Line

Chemotherapy +/- antiEGFR

McAb

Immunotherapy

SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR ADVANCED OR METASTATIC DISEASE (3 of 4)*,,§****Initial Cytotoxic Therapy Options****Squamous Cell Carcinoma (PS 0-1)**

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- Cisplatin/paclitaxel (category 1)¹³
- Gemcitabine/docetaxel (category 1)¹⁴
- Gemcitabine/vinorelbine (category 1)¹⁵

Squamous Cell Carcinoma (PS 2)

- Albumin-bound paclitaxel¹⁷
- Carboplatin/albumin-bound paclitaxel^{18,19}
- Carboplatin/docetaxel⁵
- Carboplatin/etoposide^{6,7}
- Carboplatin/gemcitabine⁸
- Carboplatin/paclitaxel⁹
- Docetaxel^{20,21}
- Gemcitabine²²⁻²⁴
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**Carboplatin-based regimens are often used for patients with comorbidities or those who cannot tolerate cisplatin.

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Carboplatin/Albumin-Bound Paclitaxel vs Carboplatin/Paclitaxel in Advanced NSCLC

*Stratified by stage (IIIb vs IV),
age (< 70 yrs vs > 70 yrs), sex,
histology (squamous vs nonsquamous),
geographic region*

21-day cycles

Pts with stage IIIb/IV
NSCLC, ECOG PS
0-1, no previous
chemotherapy for
metastatic disease
(N = 1050)

**Albumin-bound Paclitaxel 100 mg/m² on Days 1, 8, 15 +
Carboplatin AUC 6 on Day 1
No premedication**

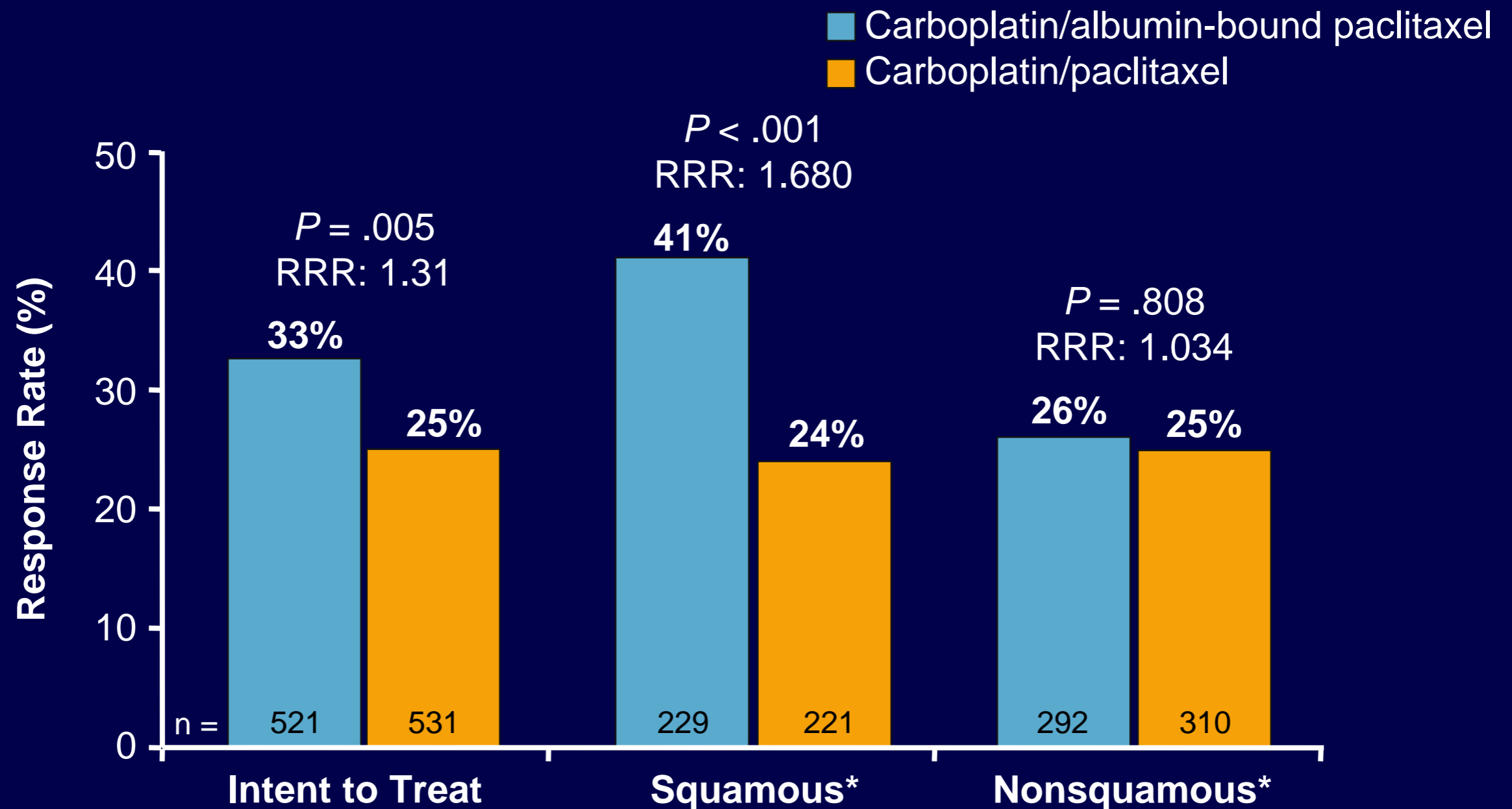
**Paclitaxel 200 mg/m² on Day 1 +
Carboplatin AUC 6 on Day 1
Premedication: dexamethasone, antihistamines**

Phase III

Primary endpoint: ORR

Secondary endpoints: PFS, OS, safety

Carboplatin/Albumin-Bound Paclitaxel vs Carboplatin/Paclitaxel: Response

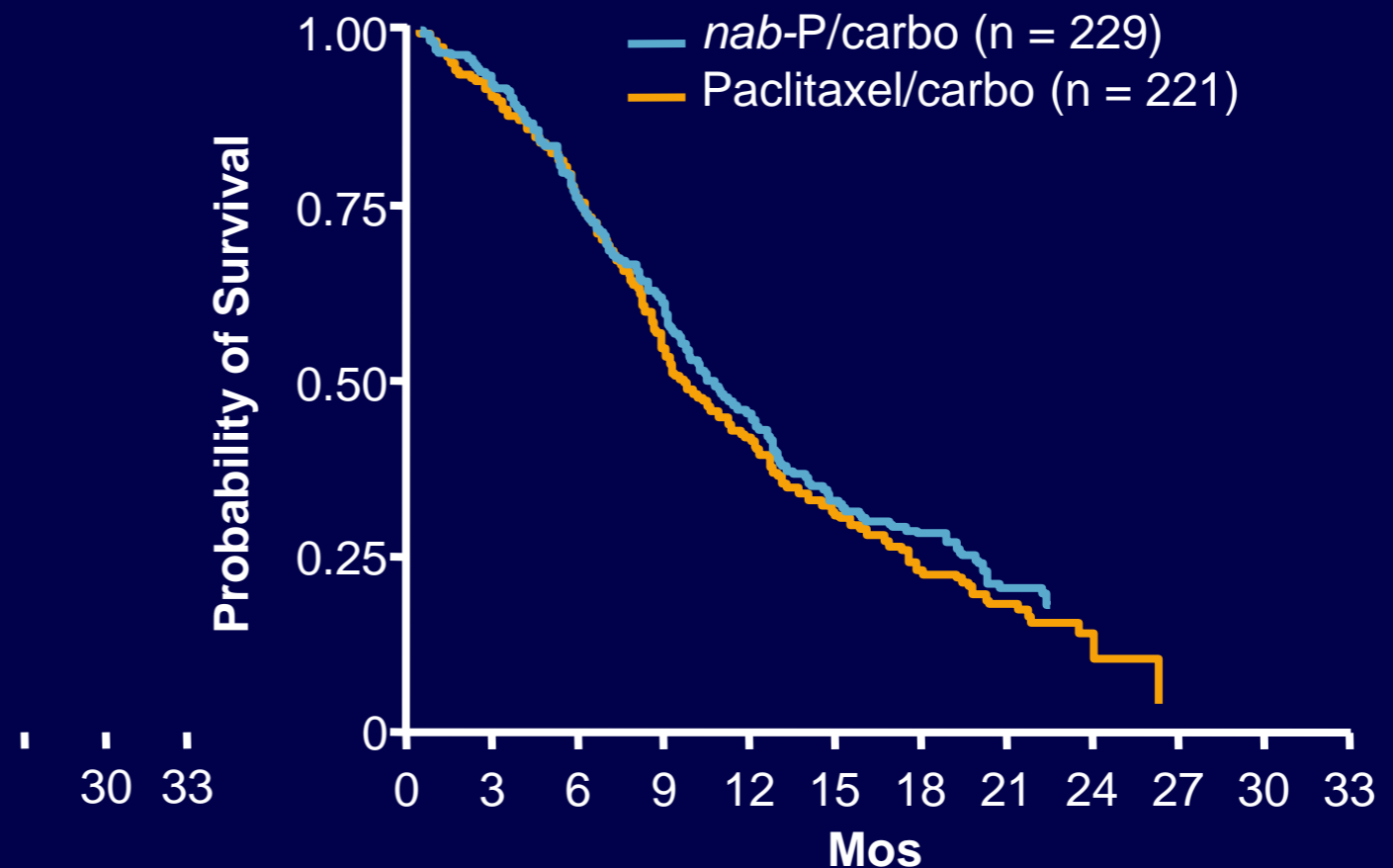


*Not a prespecified endpoint. Interaction P value for histology = .036

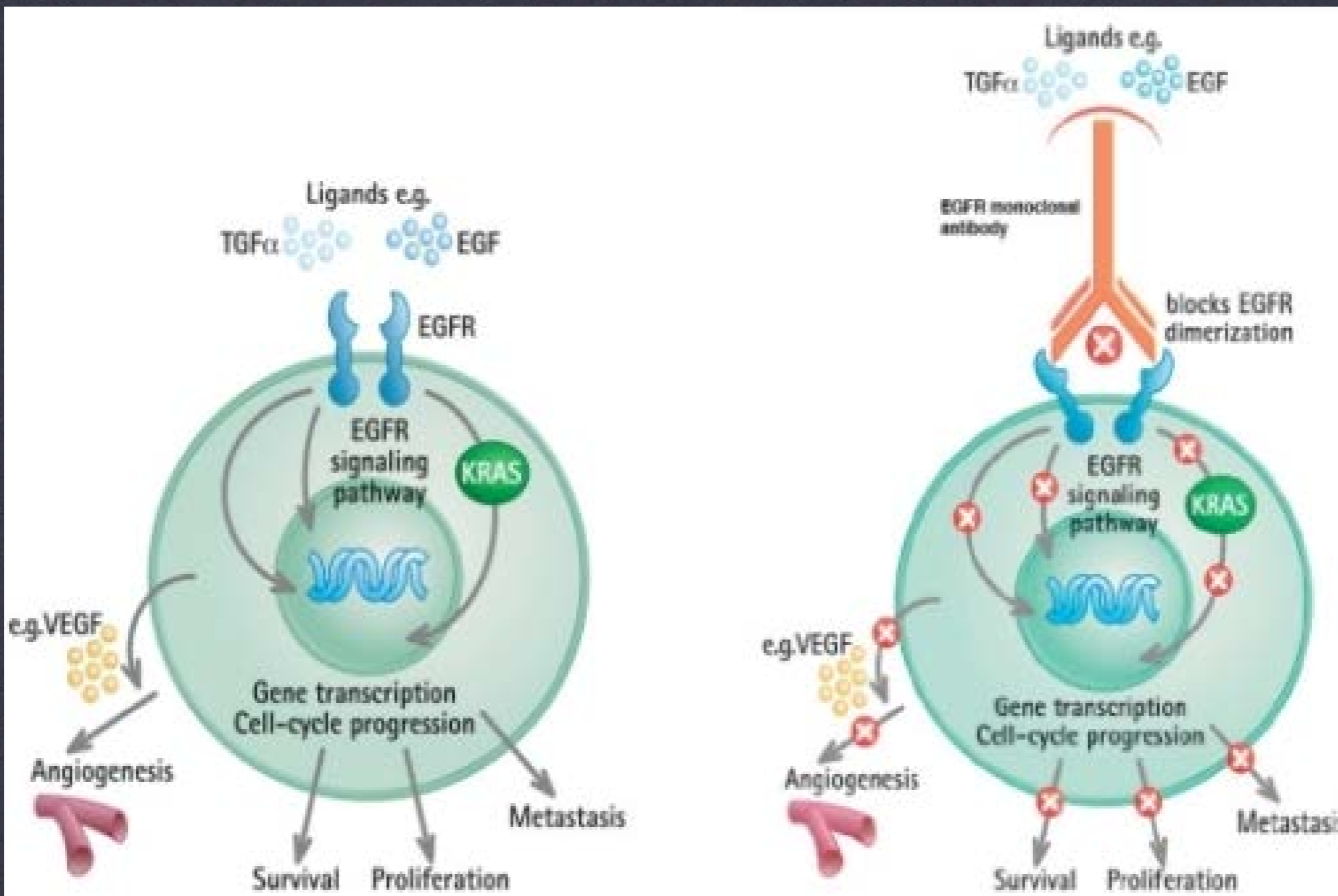


Carboplatin/Albumin-Bound Paclitaxel vs Carboplatin/Paclitaxel: OS-squamous cell

Squamous Cell	<i>nab-P/</i> Carbo	Paclitaxel/ Carbo	HR	P Value
N/events	229/170	221/173		
Median OS, mos (95% CI)	10.7(9.4-12.5)	9.5(8.6-11.6)	0.890(0.719-1.101)	.284

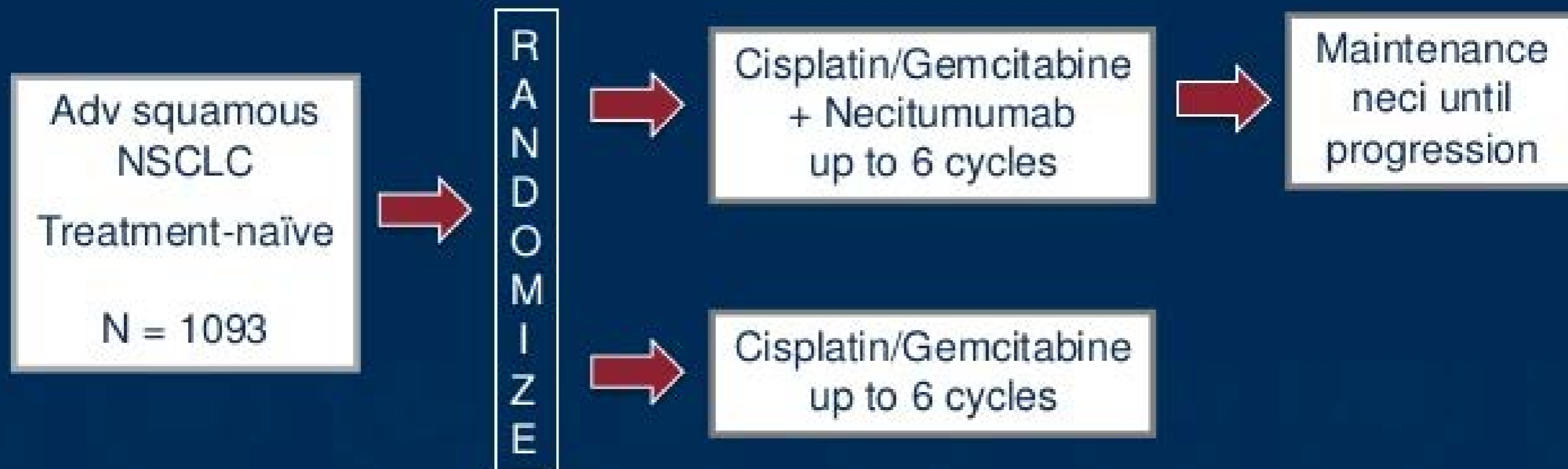


AcMc anti EGFR



SQUIRE: Chemotherapy +/- Necitumumab for First Line Adv Squamous NSCLC

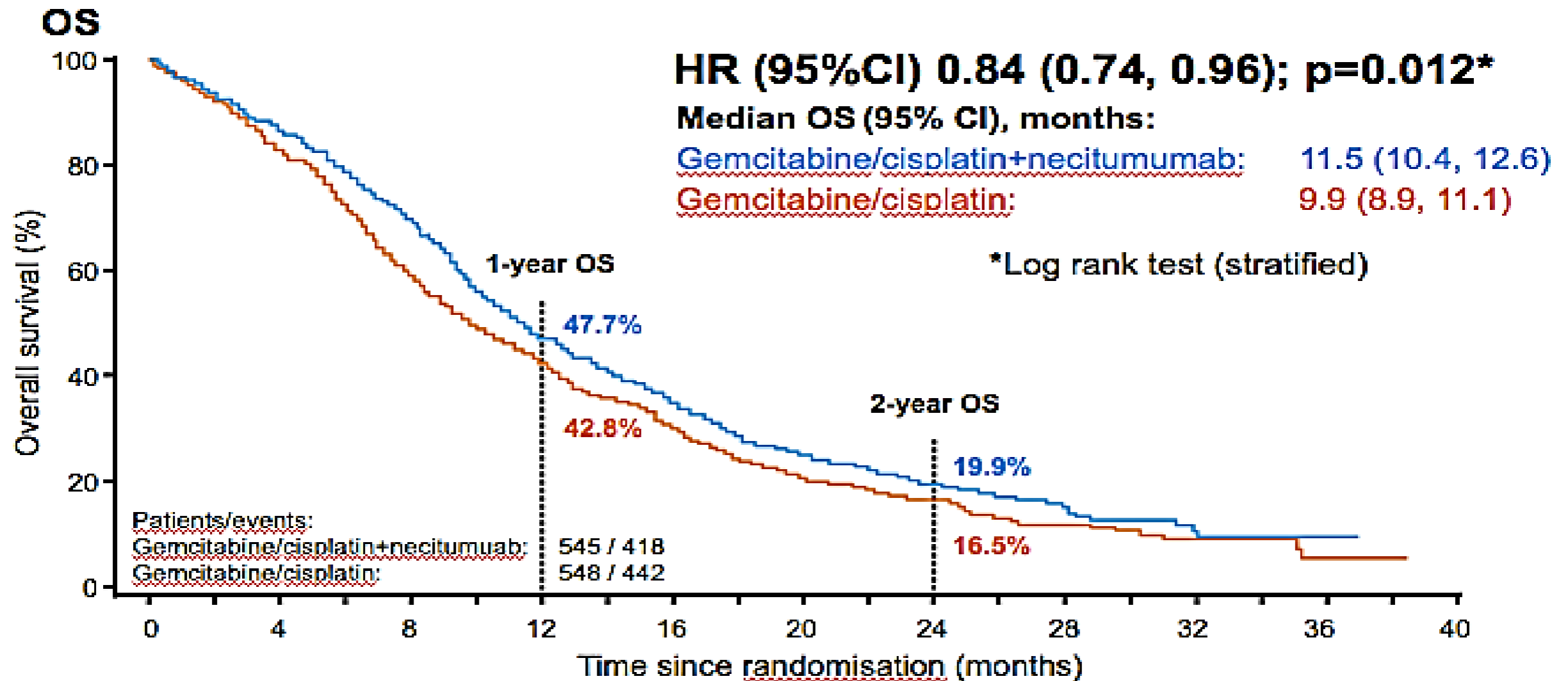
- Necitumumab (Neci) (IMC-11F8) is a human IgG1 anti-EGFR monoclonal antibody



Primary endpoint: OS

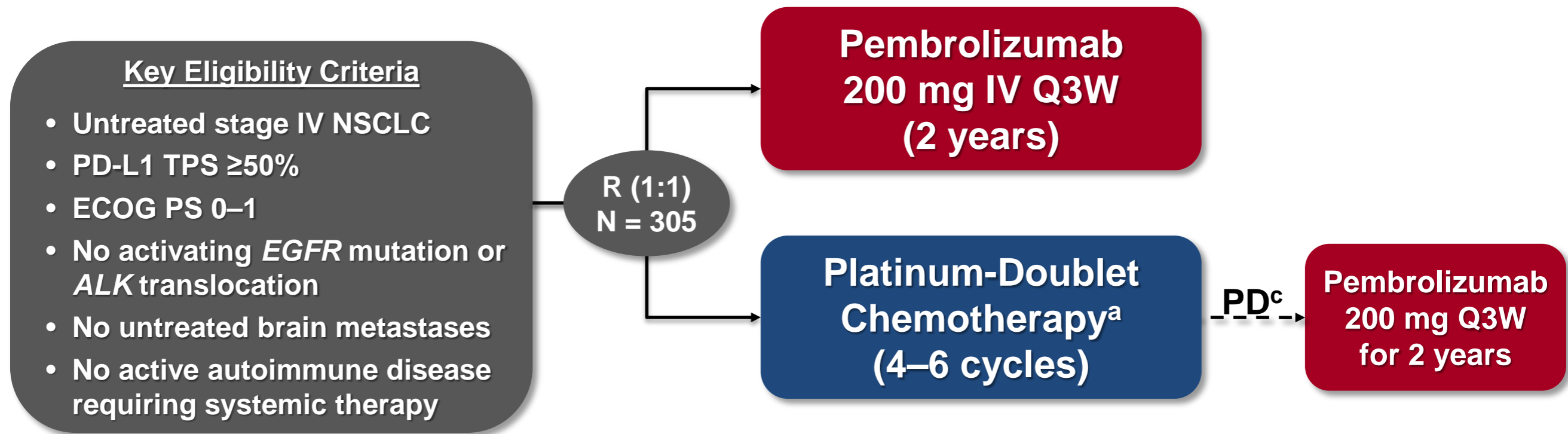
Cisplatin 75 mg/m² IV day 1 q21 days
Gemcitabine 1250 mg/m² IV days 1, 8 q21 days
Necitumumab 800 mg/kg IV days 1, 8 q21 days

SQUIRE



- **Benefit in ORR, PFS (0.85) and OS (HR 0.84)**

KEYNOTE-024 Study Design (NCT02142738)



End Points

Primary:	PFS (RECIST v1.1, blinded independent central review)
Key secondary:	OS
Secondary:	ORR, safety
Exploratory:	DOR

- Pemetrexed + carboplatin^b
- Pemetrexed + cisplatin^b
- Paclitaxel + carboplatin
- Gemcitabine + carboplatin
- Gemcitabine + cisplatin

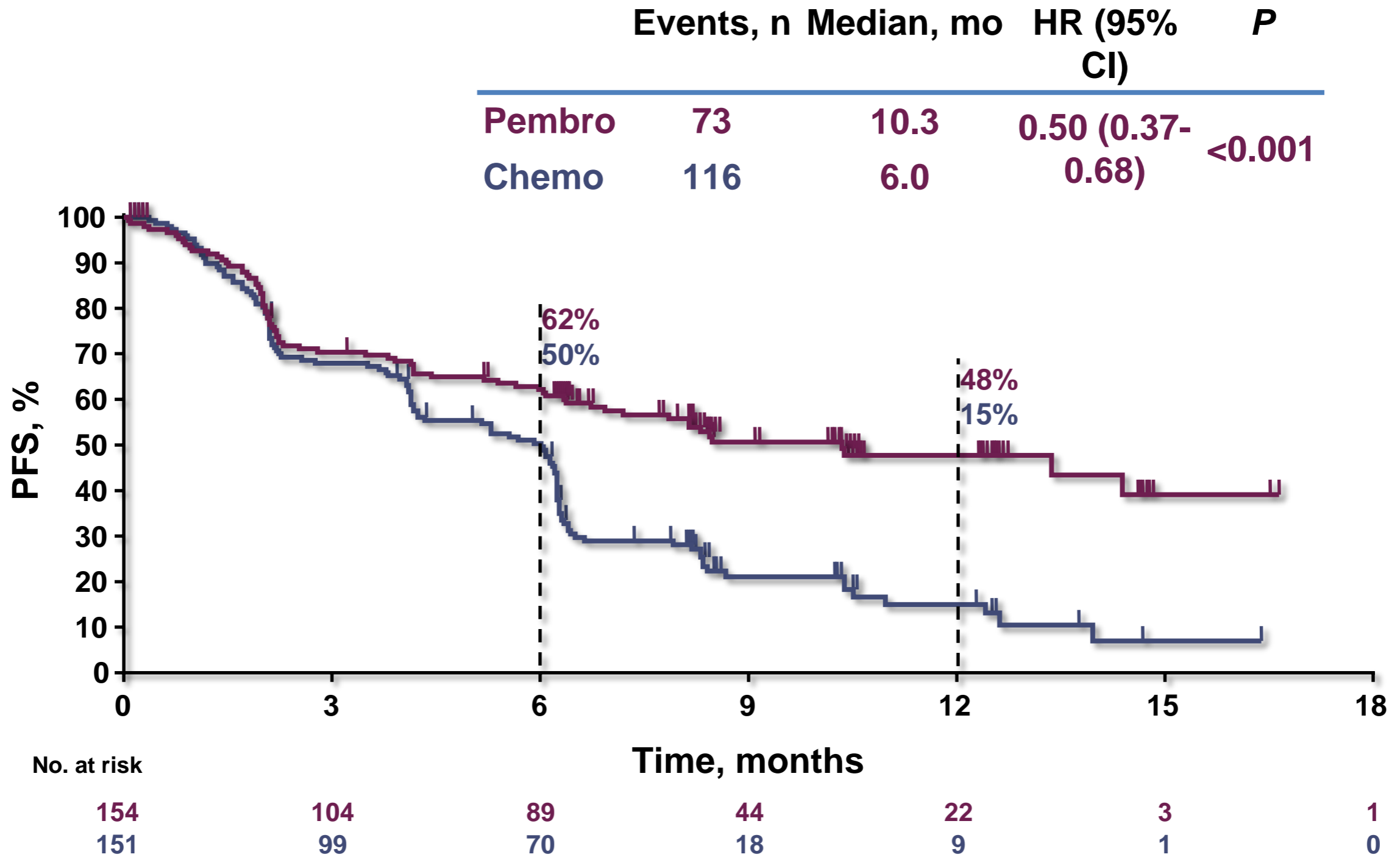
^aOptional pemetrexed maintenance therapy for nonsquamous disease. ^bPermitted for nonsquamous disease only.

^cPrior to the DMC recommendation and amendment 6, which permitted those in the chemotherapy arm to be offered pembrolizumab (based on interim analysis 2 data), patients were eligible for crossover when PD was confirmed by blinded, independent central radiology review.

Baseline Characteristics

	Pembrolizumab N = 154	Chemotherapy N = 151
Age, years, median (range)	64.5 (33–90)	66.0 (38–85)
Male, n (%)	92 (59.7)	95 (62.9)
ECOG PS 1, n (%)	99 (64.3)	98 (64.9)
East Asian enrollment site, n (%)	21 (13.6)	19 (12.6)
Squamous histology, n (%)	29 (18.8)	26 (17.2)
Current/former smoker, n (%)	149 (96.8)	132 (87.4)
Treated brain metastases, n (%)	18 (11.7)	10 (6.6)
Prior neoadjuvant therapy, n (%)	3 (1.9)	1 (0.7)
Prior adjuvant therapy, n (%)	6 (3.9)	3 (2.0)

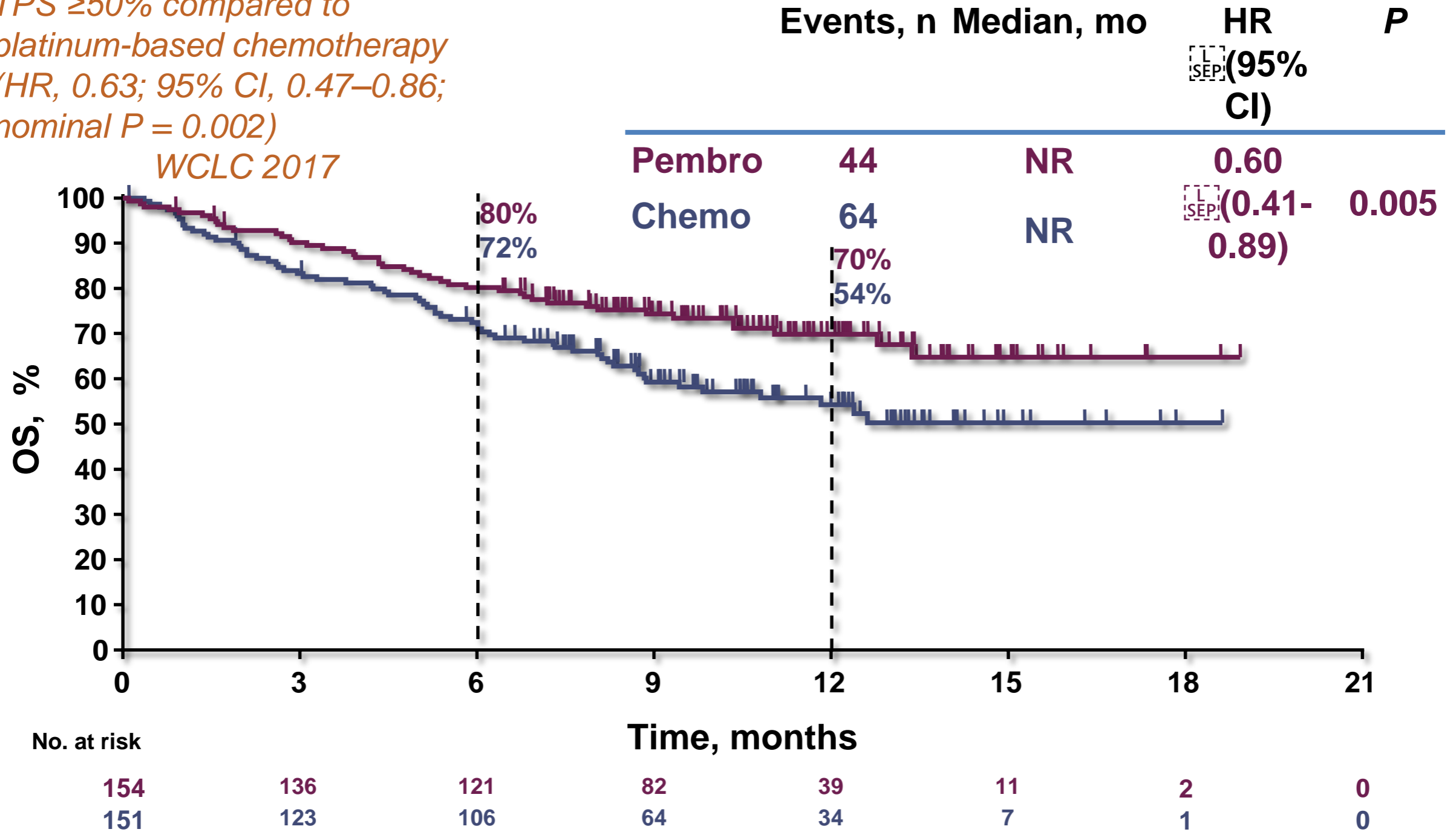
Progression-Free Survival



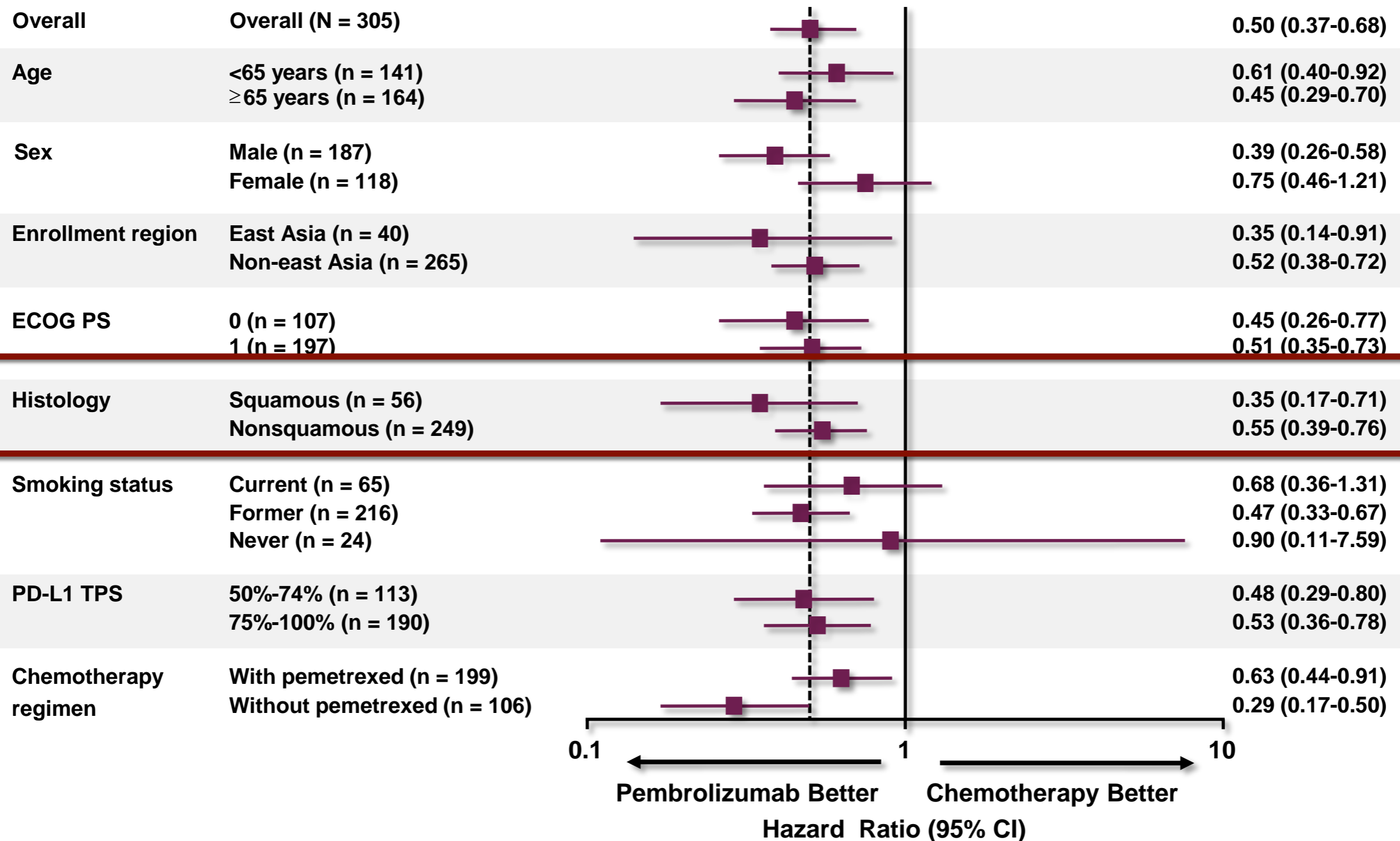
Overall Survival

OS benefit as first-line therapy for advanced NSCLC with PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$ compared to platinum-based chemotherapy (HR, 0.63; 95% CI, 0.47–0.86; nominal $P = 0.002$)

WCLC 2017

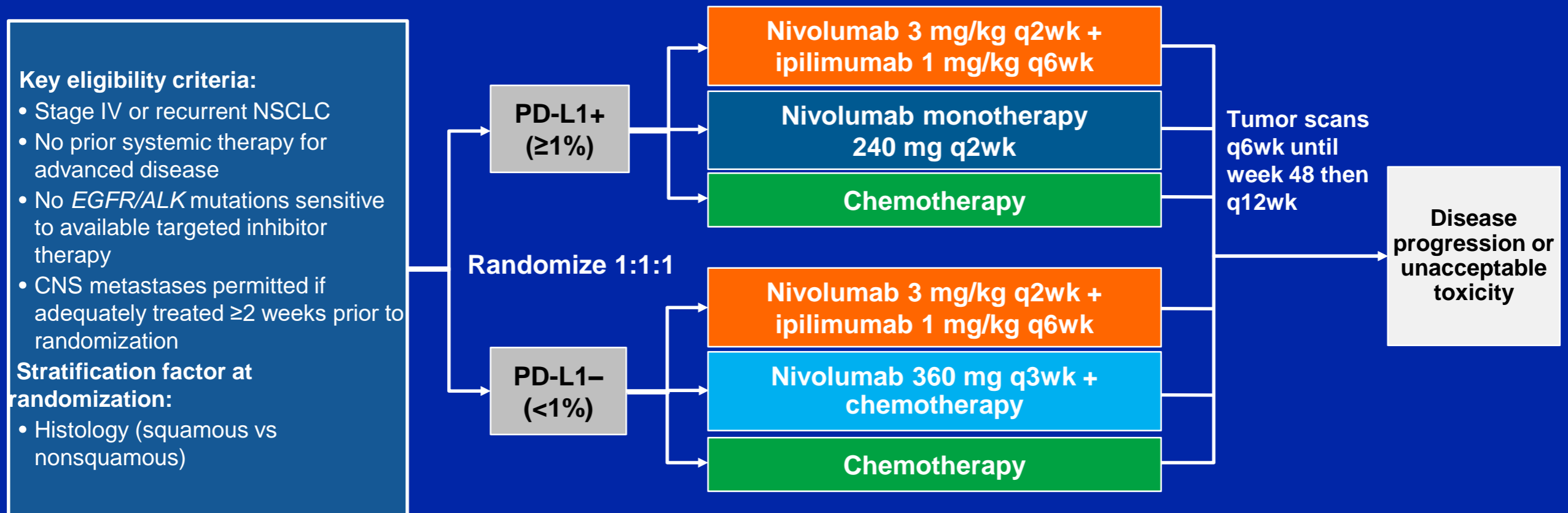


Progression-Free Survival in Subgroups



Vertical dotted line represents HR in the total population.
Data cut-off: May 9, 2016.

CheckMate 227: A Phase III Trial of Nivolumab Alone or in Combination with Ipilimumab or Chemotherapy



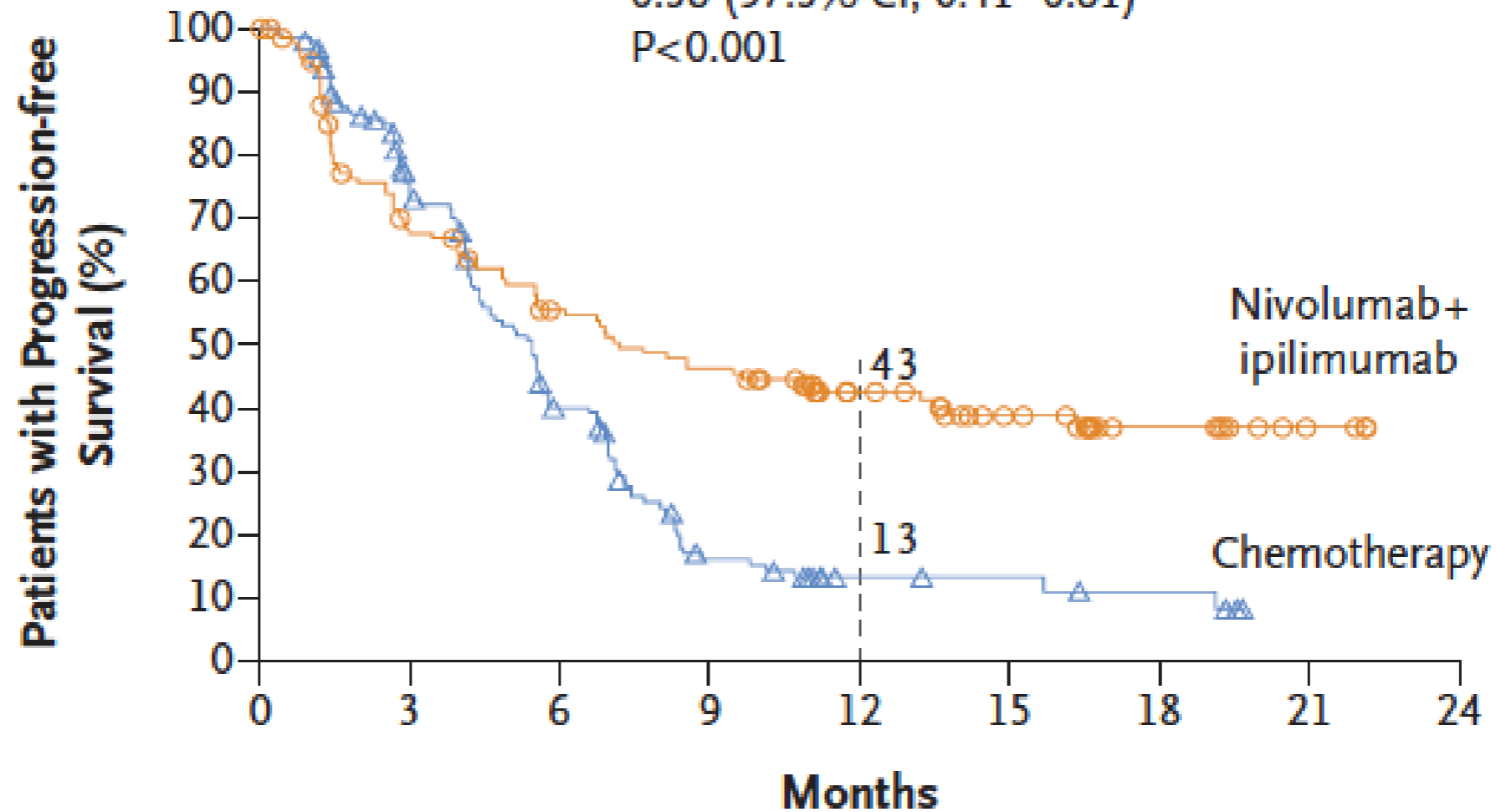
January 19, 2017: Company stated that it would NOT ask for accelerated approval of this combination based on (unknown to us) data available at the time.

Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of Patients with a High Tumor Mutational Burden.*

Characteristic	Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab (N= 139)	Chemotherapy (N= 160)
Age — yr		
Median	64	64
Range	41–87	29–80
Age category — no. (%)		
<65 yr	73 (52.5)	83 (51.9)
≥65 to <75 yr	53 (38.1)	63 (39.4)
≥75 yr	13 (9.4)	14 (8.8)
Sex — no. (%)		
Male	98 (70.5)	106 (66.2)
Female	41 (29.5)	54 (33.8)
Region — no. (%)		
North America	14 (10.1)	16 (10.0)
Europe	77 (55.4)	87 (54.4)
Asia	21 (15.1)	32 (20.0)
Rest of world†	27 (19.4)	25 (15.6)
ECOG performance-status score — no. (%)‡		
0	56 (40.3)	49 (30.6)
1	82 (59.0)	110 (68.8)
≥2	1 (0.7)	1 (0.6)
Smoking status — no. (%)		
Current or former smoker	130 (93.5)	146 (91.2)
Never smoked	7 (5.0)	11 (6.9)
Unknown	2 (1.4)	3 (1.9)
Tumor histologic type — no. (%)		
Squamous	45 (32.4)	55 (34.4)
Nonsquamous	94 (67.6)	105 (65.6)
PD-L1 expression level — no. (%)		
<1%	38 (27.3)	48 (30.0)
≥1%	101 (72.7)	112 (70.0)

A Progression-free Survival

Hazard ratio for disease progression or death,
0.58 (97.5% CI, 0.41–0.81)
 $P < 0.001$

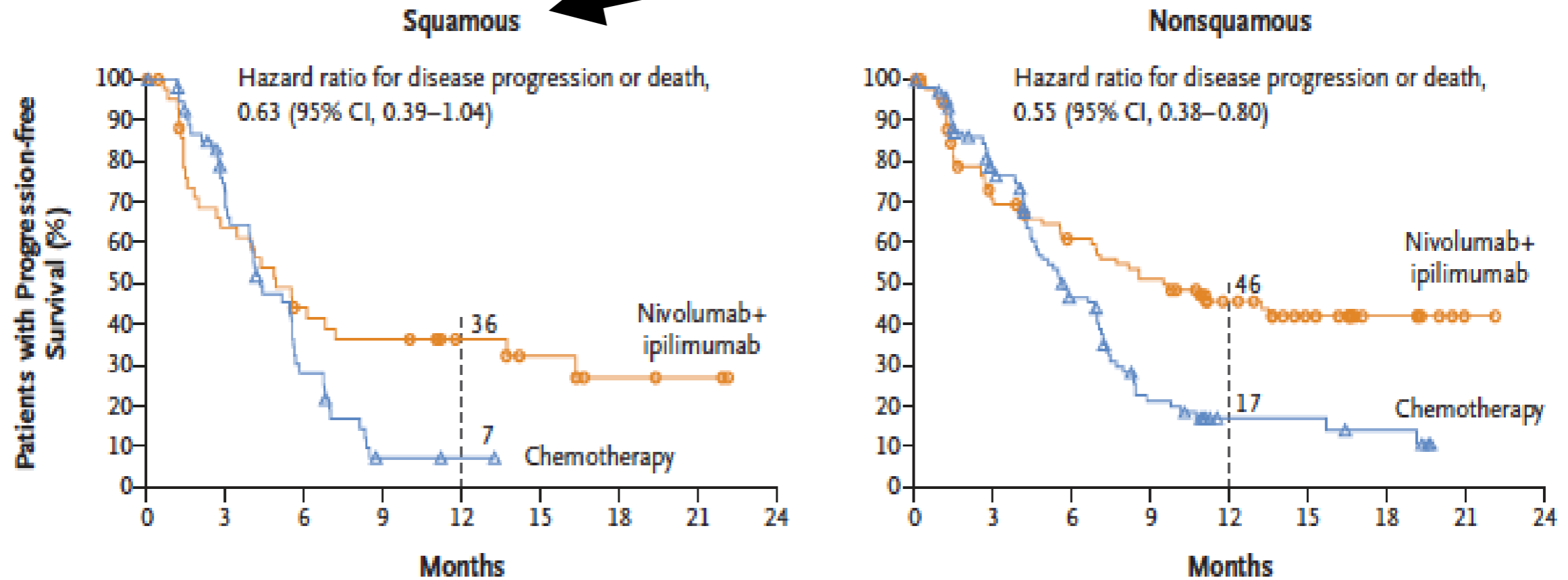


No. at Risk

Nivolumab + ipilimumab	139	85	66	55	36	24	11	3	0
Chemotherapy	160	103	51	17	7	6	4	0	0

High TMB

B Tumor Histologic Type



No. at Risk

Nivolumab + ipilimumab	44	26	17	14	9	6	3	2	0	95	59	49	41	27	18	8	1	0
Chemotherapy	56	33	13	2	1	0	0	0	0	104	70	38	15	6	6	4	0	0

Figure 3. Progression-free Survival among Patients with a High Tumor Mutational Burden According to Tumor PD-L1 Expression and Histologic Type.

A high tumor mutational burden was defined as at least 10 mutations per megabase. The circles (for nivolumab plus ipilimumab) and triangles (for chemotherapy) indicate censored data.

Additional lines of treatment

Chemotherapy

Immunotherapy

Other treatments

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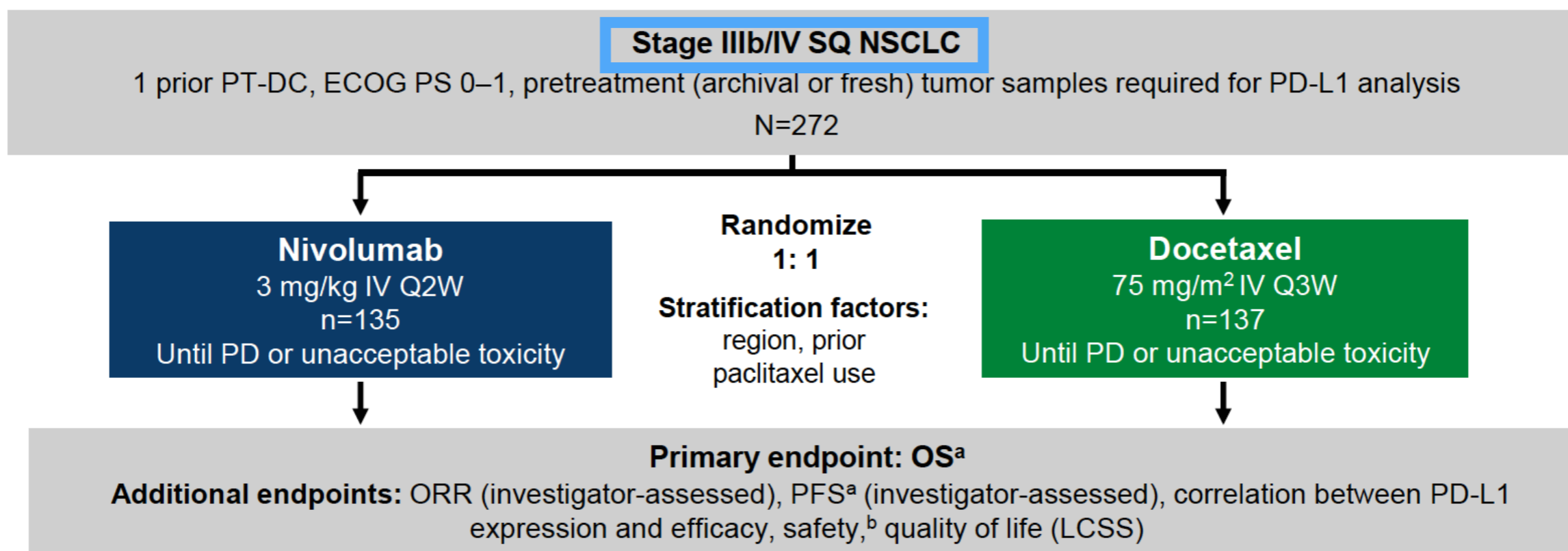
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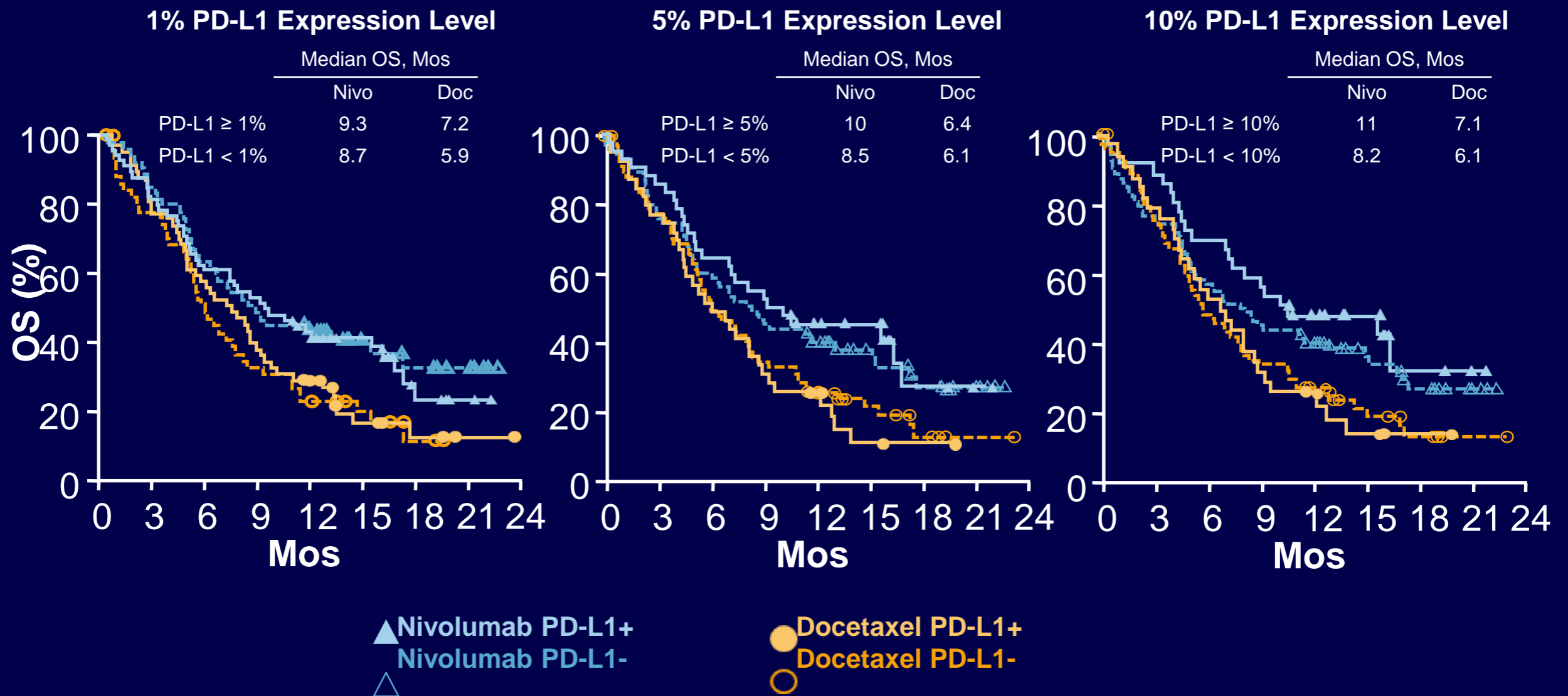
Immunotherapy

CheckMate 017 (NCT01642004) — Study Design

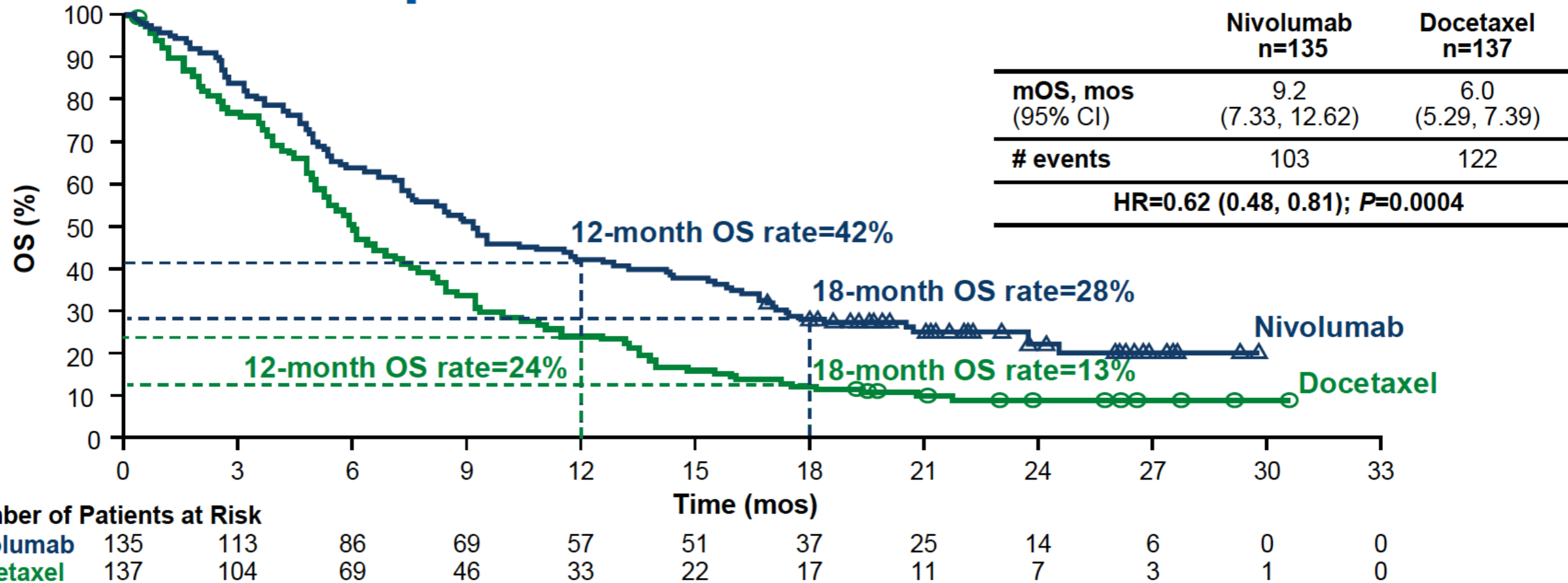


- Updated safety and longer-term survival (18 months) are reported here
- At the time of analysis, 13% of patients in the nivolumab arm were continuing treatment vs no patients in the docetaxel arm

CheckMate 017: OS by PD-L1 Expression in Squamous NSCLC



Updated Overall Survival



Minimum follow-up for survival: 18 months

KEYNOTE-010: trial 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

Endpoints stratified by TPS $\geq 50\%$ vs. $\geq 1\%$

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

ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT01905657.

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

^bAdded after 441 patients had been enrolled, following results from KEYNOTE-001 (Garon EB *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2015;372:2018–2028).

^cPatients who discontinued docetaxel after receiving the maximum number of cycles approved by the local authorities were considered to have completed study treatment.

ECOG PS: Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ILD: interstitial lung disease; IV: intravenous;

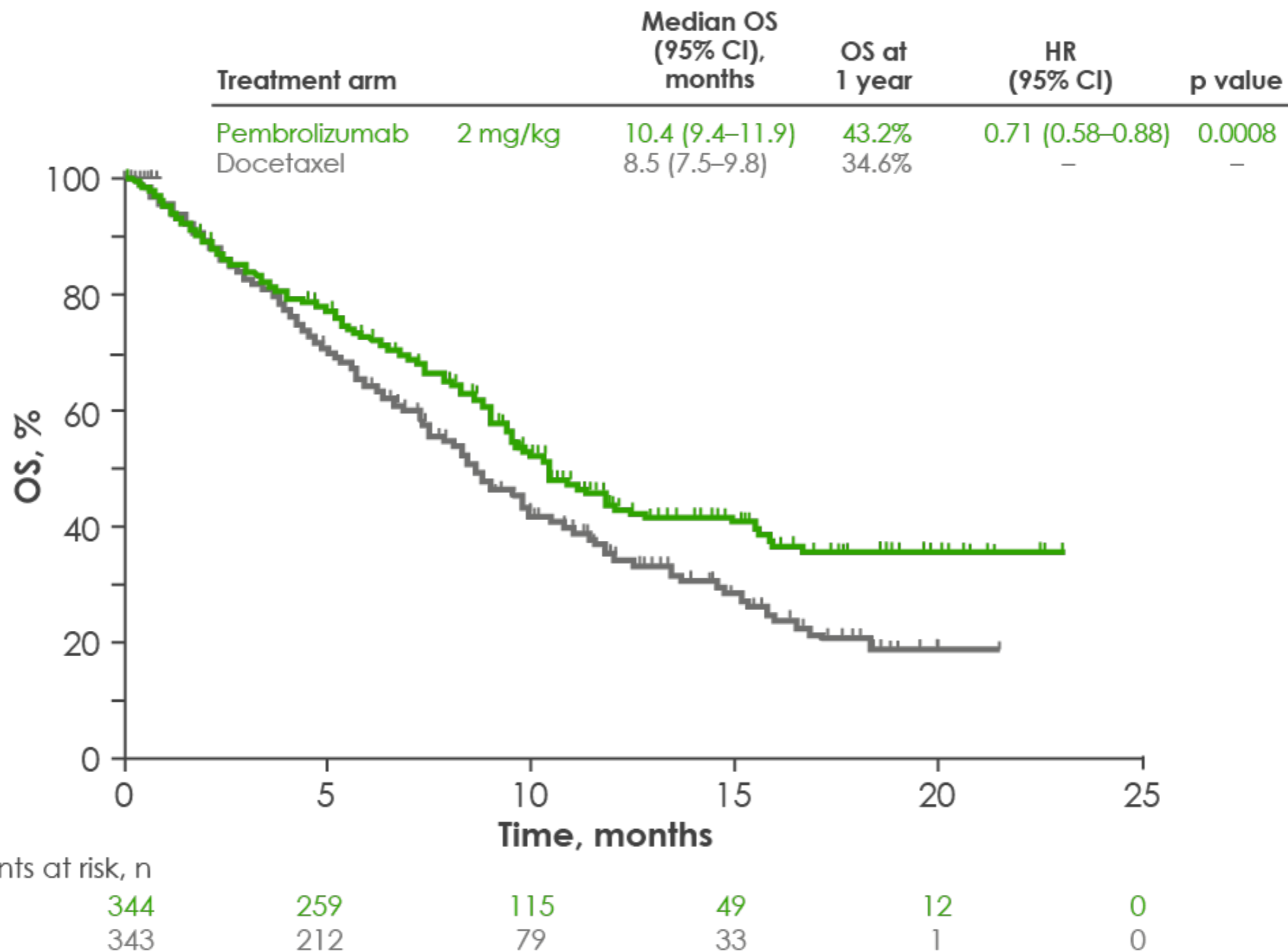
NSCLC: non-small-cell lung cancer; ORR: overall response rate; OS: overall survival; PD: progressive disease;

PD-L1: programmed cell death ligand 1; PFS: progression-free survival; Q3W: every 3 weeks; TPS: tumour proportion score.

Herbst RS *et al.* *Lancet* 2016; 387: 1540–1550 (and online appendix).

KEYNOTE-010: overall survival

All patients (PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$)

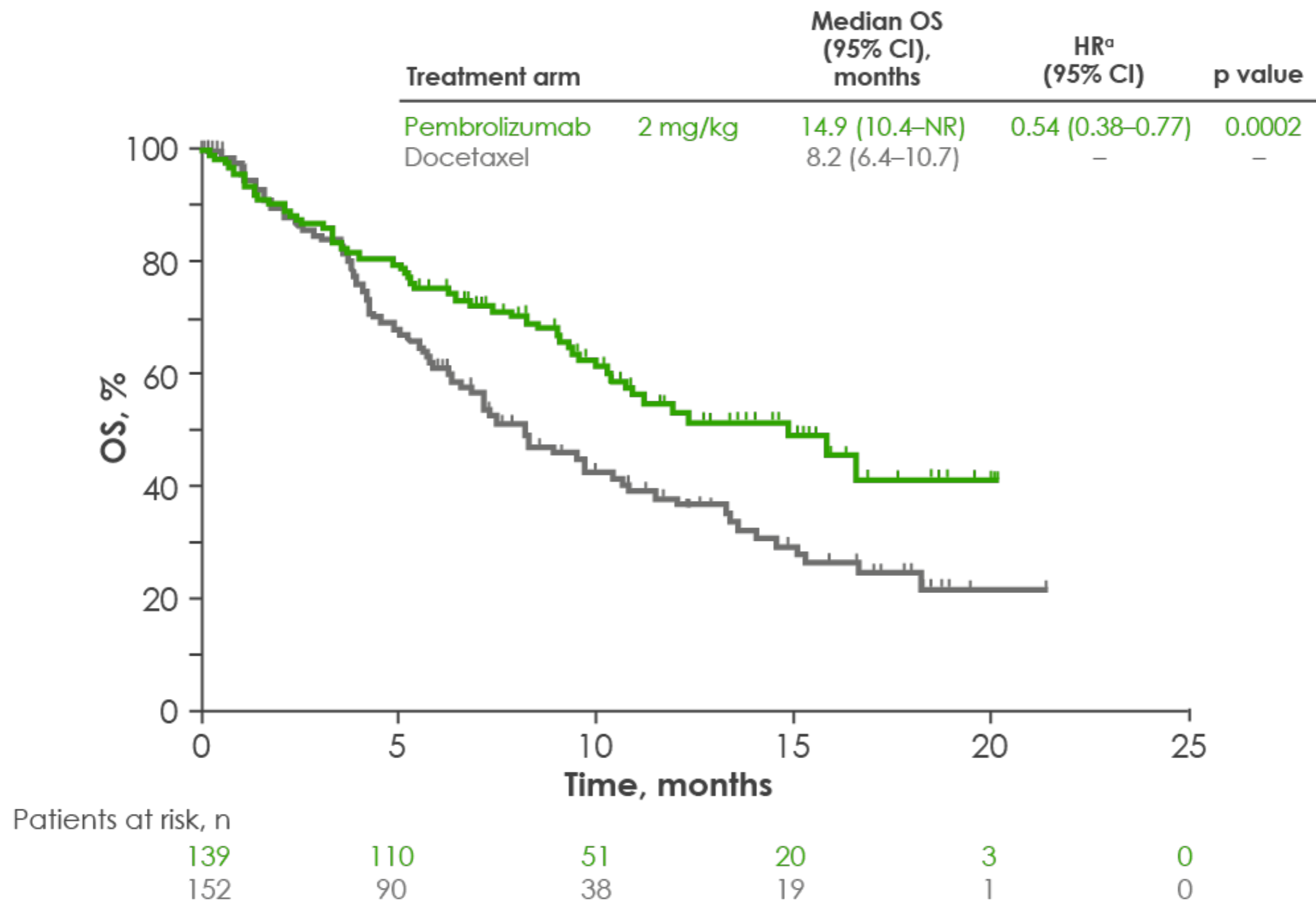


Analysis cut-off date: September 30, 2015.

CI: confidence interval; HR: hazard ratio; OS: overall survival; PD-L1: programmed cell death ligand 1; TPS: tumour proportion score.

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KEYNOTE-010: overall survival Patients with PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$



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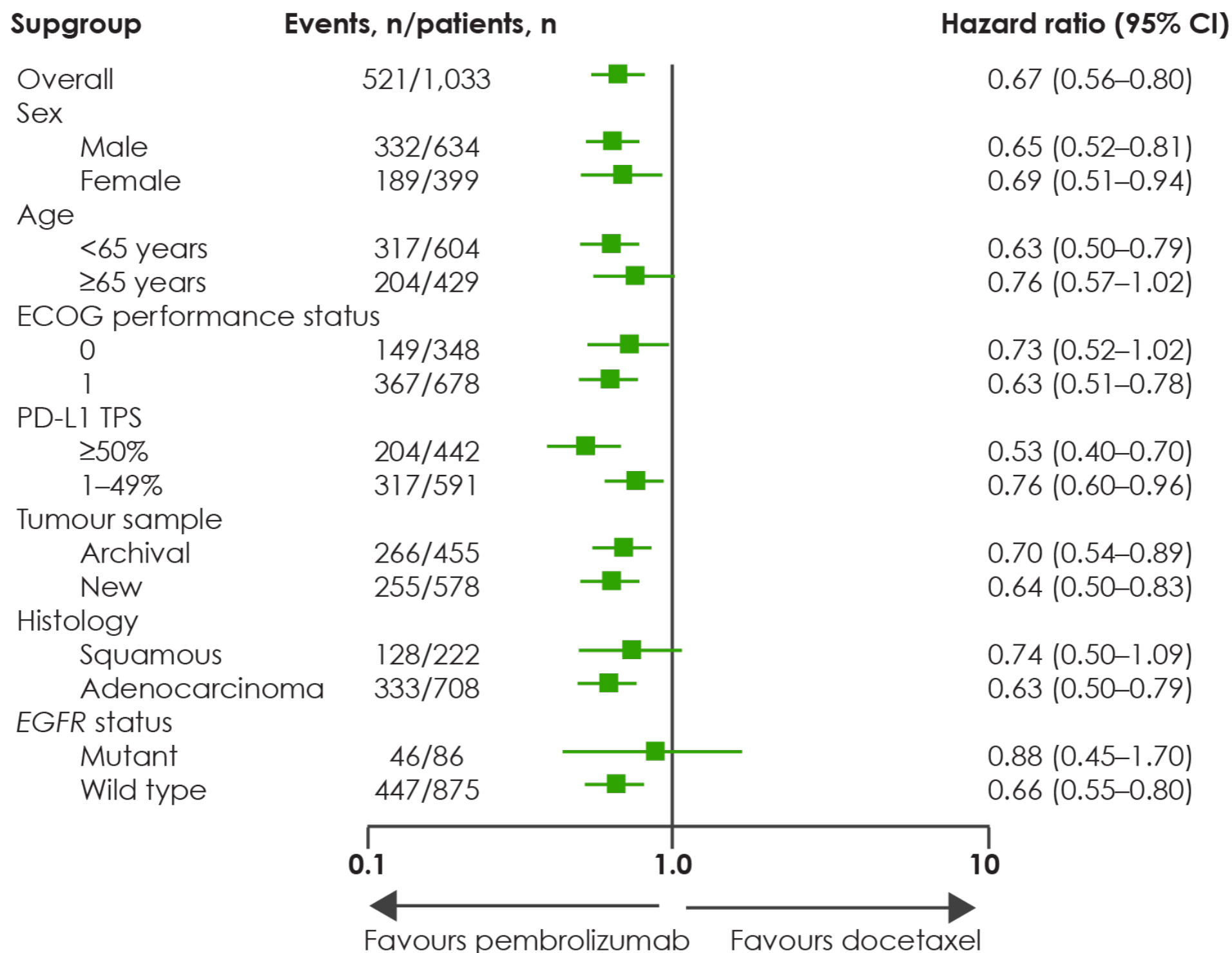
^aDifference for pembrolizumab vs docetaxel.

CI: confidence interval; HR: hazard ratio; NR: not reached; OS: overall survival; PD-L1: programmed cell death ligand 1; TPS: tumour proportion score.

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KEYNOTE-010: overall survival in key subgroups

All patients (PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$)



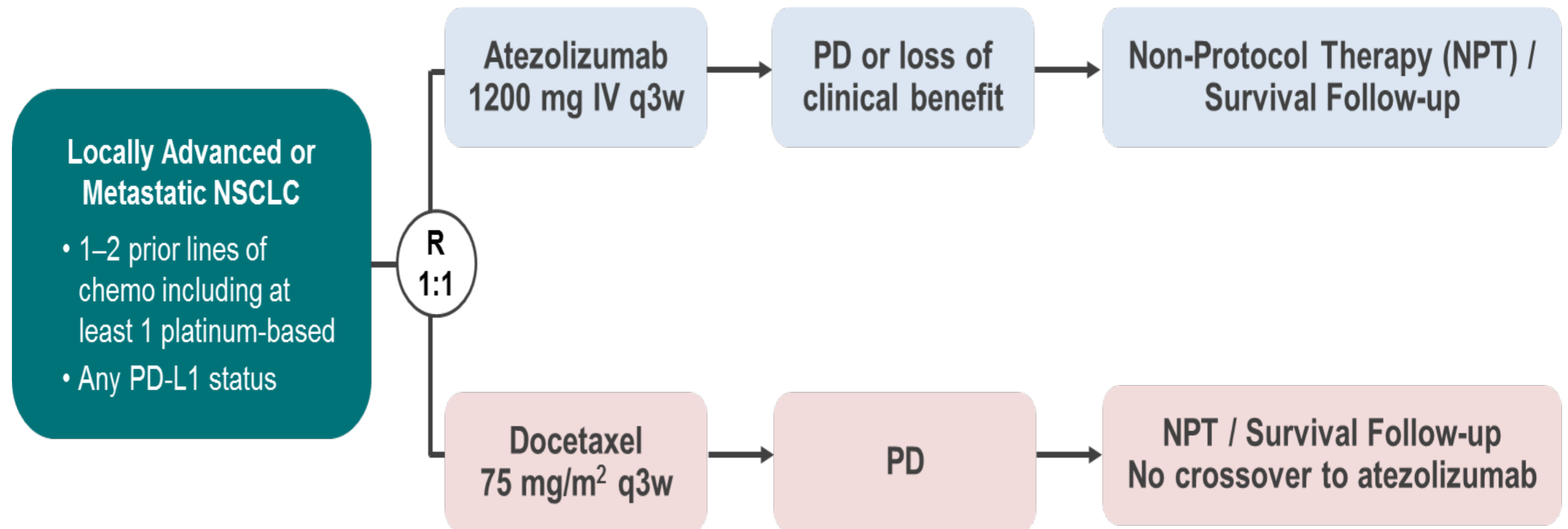
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^aData for pembrolizumab groups pooled.

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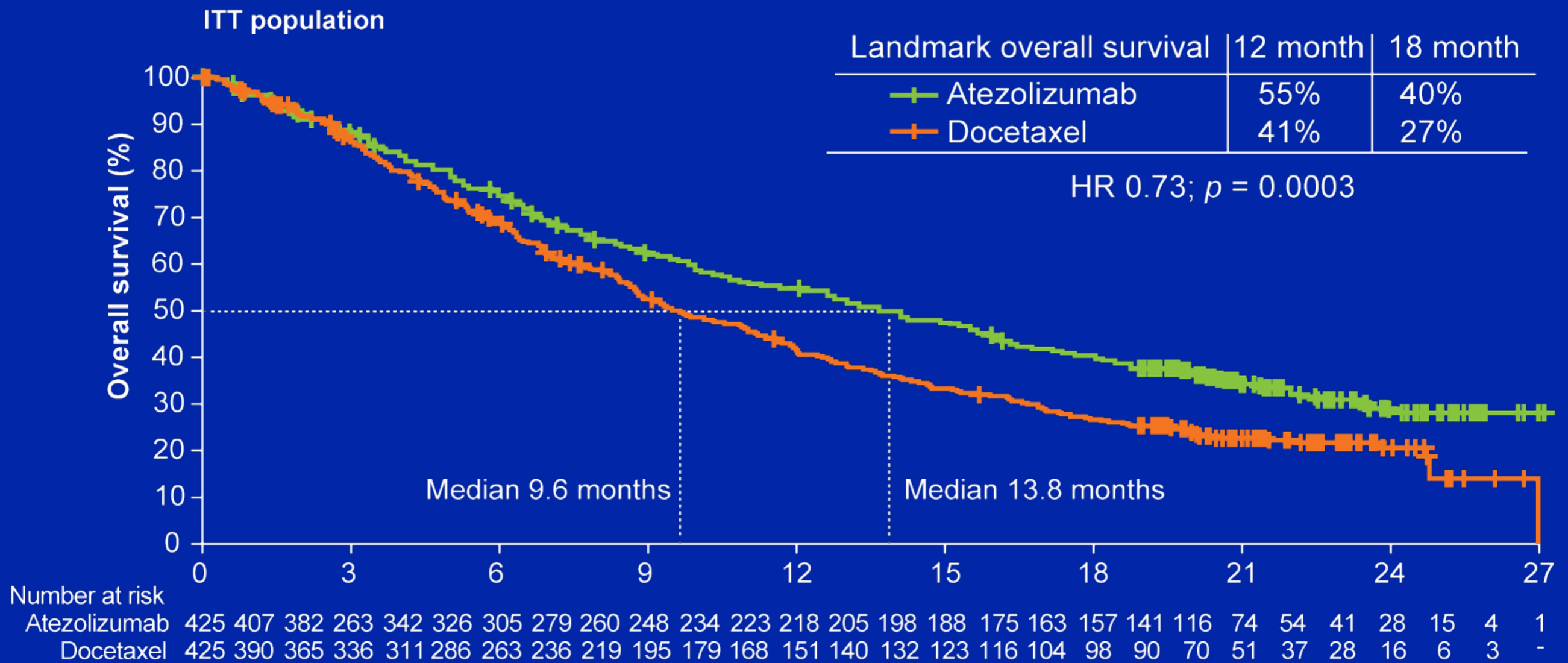
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OAK: Ph III Randomized Study in 2L+ NSCLC



- **Primary endpoint (first 850 enrolled patients): OS in the ITT population**
- **Treatment Beyond Progression (TBP)** allowed in the atezolizumab arm as long as patients were felt to be experiencing continued clinical benefit (per investigator) and no severe toxicity based on protocol defined criteria

OAK: Atezolizumab versus Docetaxel in NSCLC



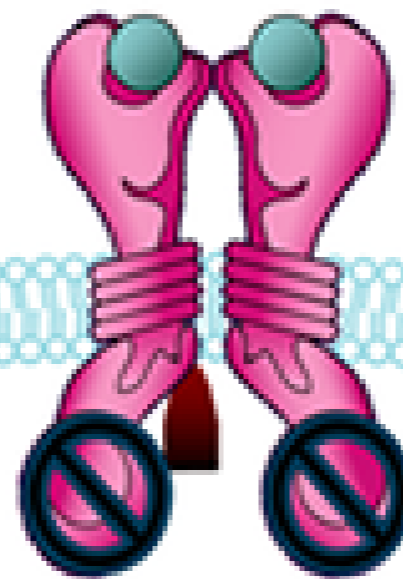
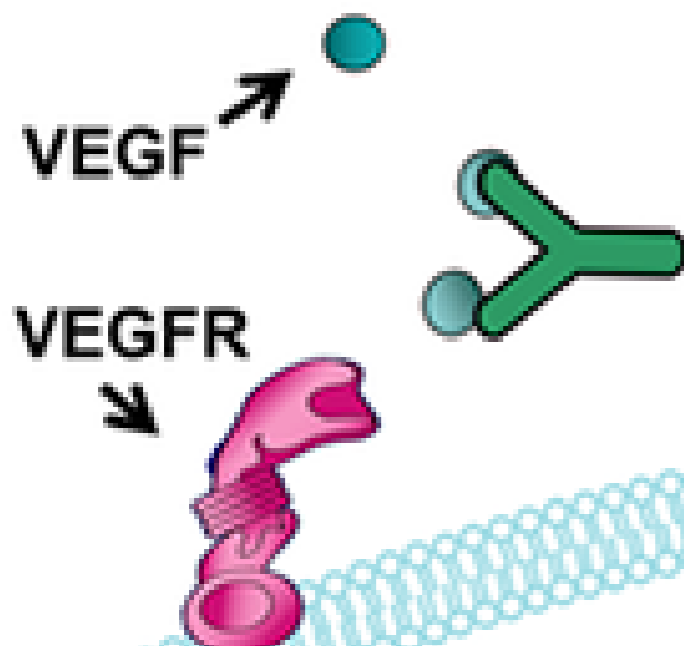
Other treatments

Targeted Approaches to Anti-VEGF Therapy

Bevacizumab

Nintedanib

Ramucirumab

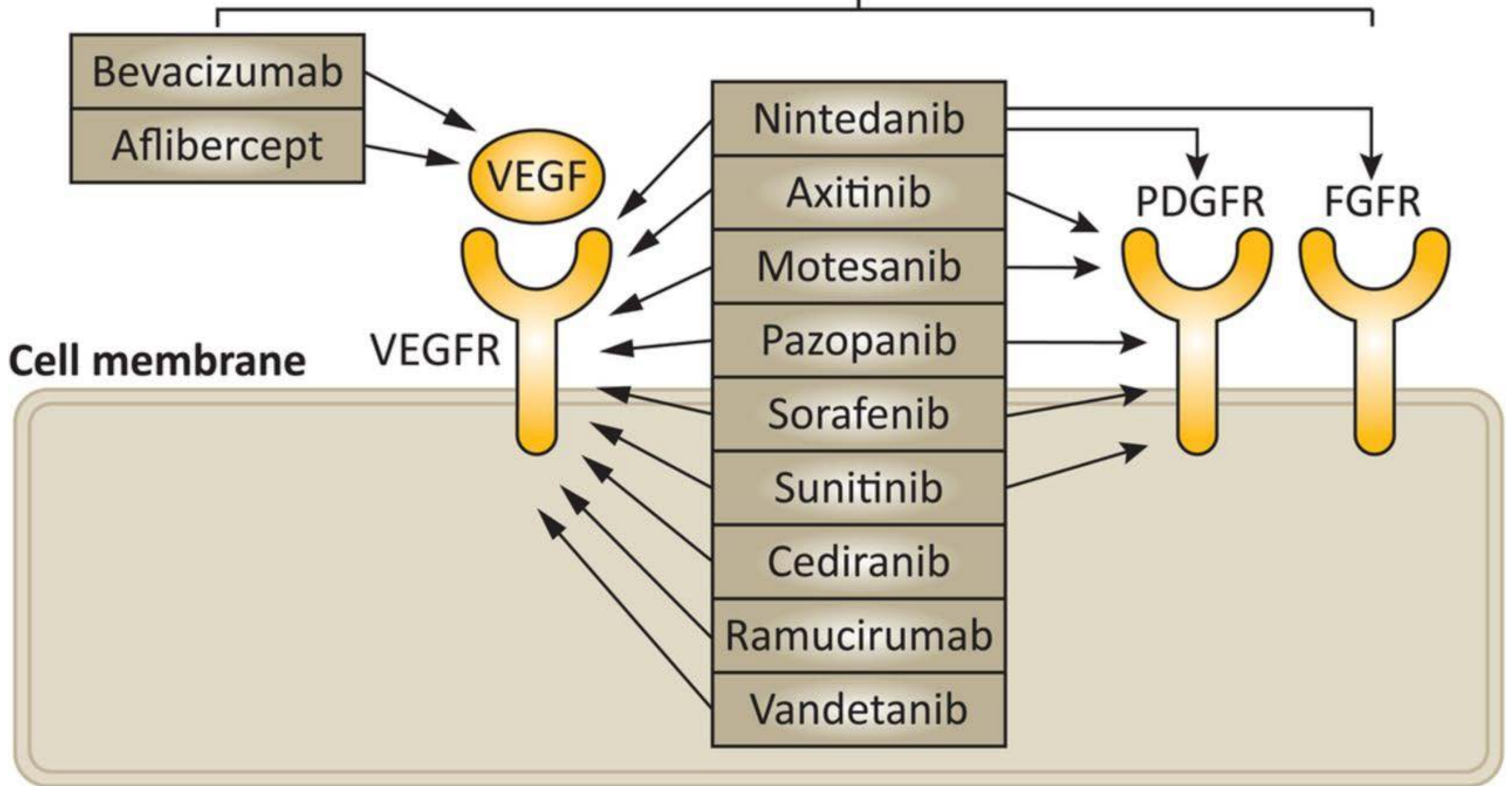


Anti-ligand-blocking antibodies

Tyrosine kinase inhibitors

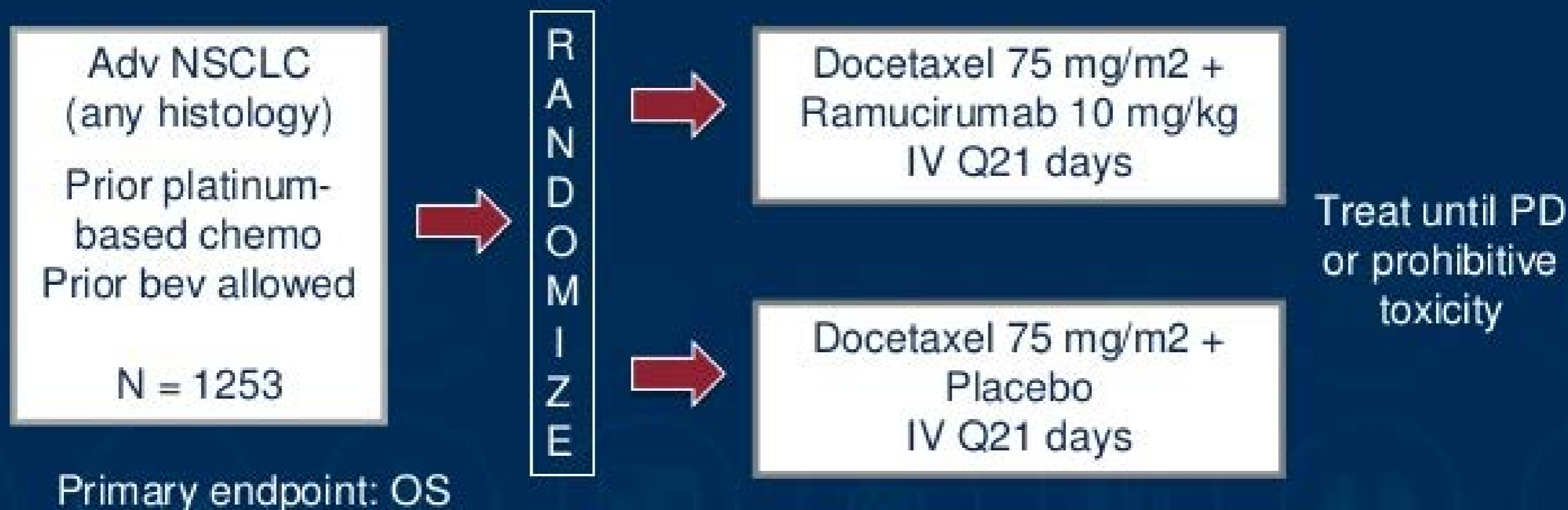
Anti-receptor-blocking antibodies

Receptor signalling



REVEL: Docetaxel +/- Ramucirumab as Second Line Therapy for Adv NSCLC

- Ramucirumab (RAM) is a human IgG1 monoclonal antibody, specifically binding to the extracellular domain of VEGFR-2
- Approved in previously treated gastric cancer



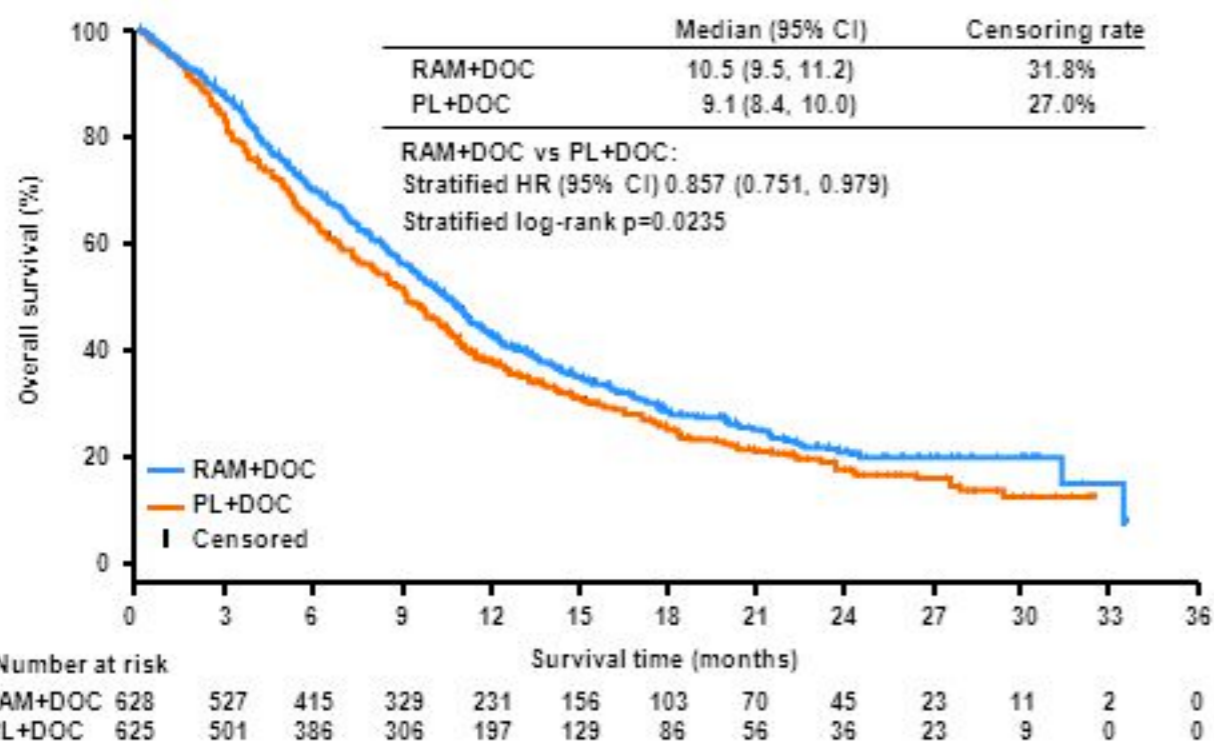
Squamous 25% DR vs 27% DP

LBA8006[^]: REVEL: A randomized, double-blind, phase III study of docetaxel (DOC) and ramucirumab (RAM; IMC-1121B) versus DOC and placebo (PL) in the second-line treatment of stage IV non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) following disease progression after one prior platinum-based therapy – Perol M et al

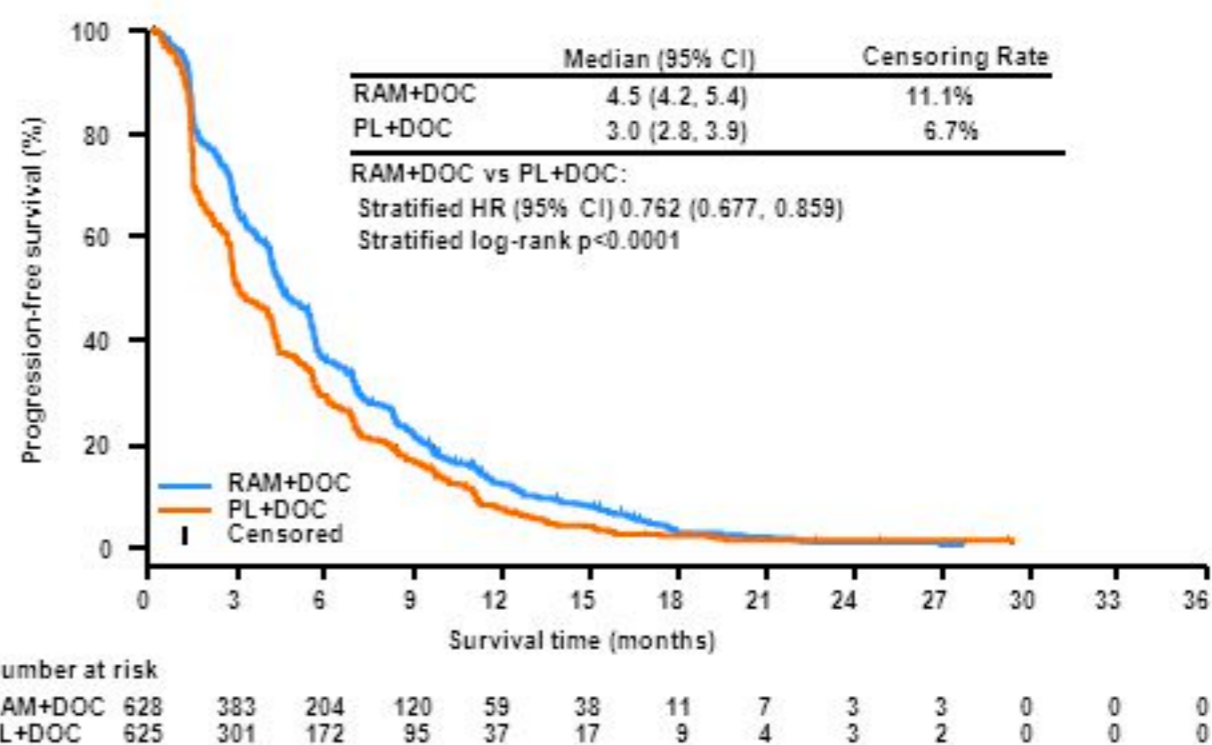
• Key results

- Ramucirumab+docetaxel significantly improved survival over placebo+docetaxel

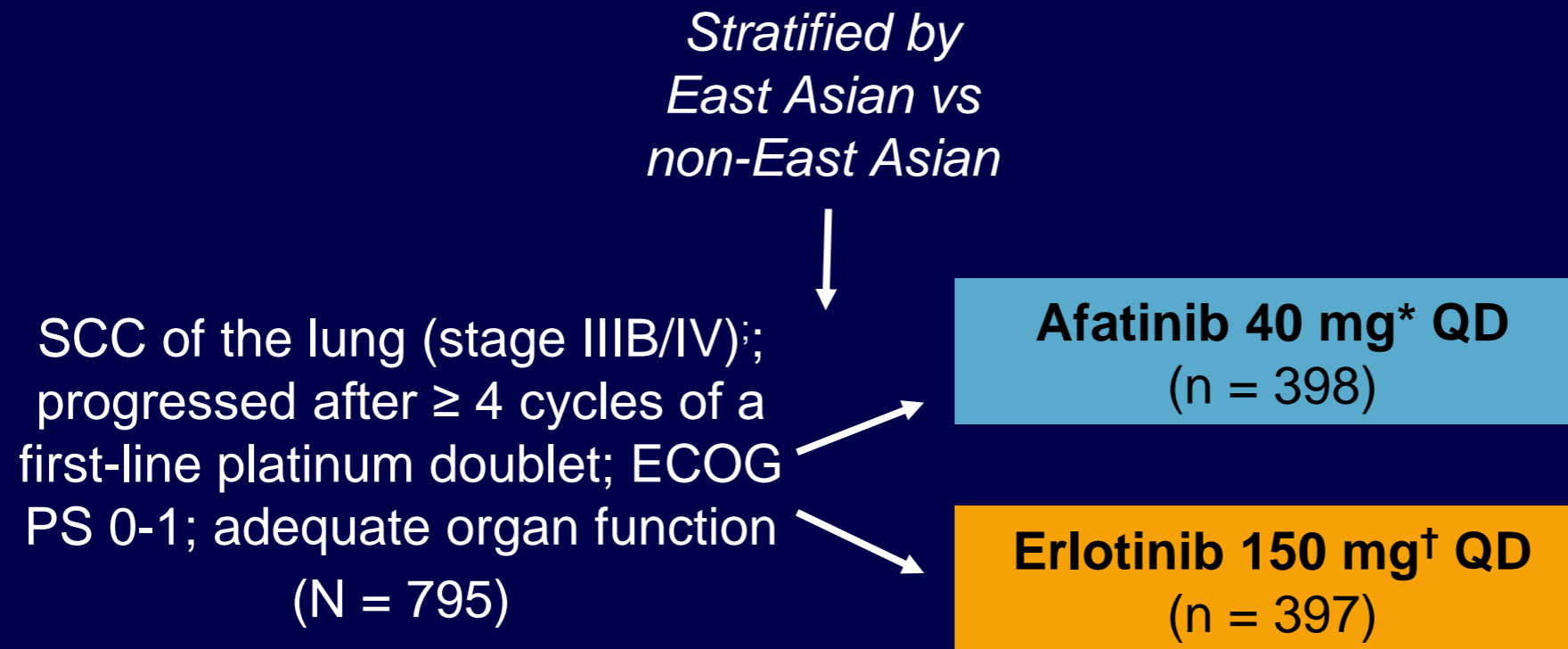
OS



PFS



LUX-Lung 8: Afatinib vs Erlotinib Study Design



*Dose escalation to 50 mg and dose reduction to 30 or 20 mg permitted.

†Dose reduction to 100 or 50 mg permitted.

Tumor assessment at baseline, Wks 8, 12, 16; every 8 wks thereafter.

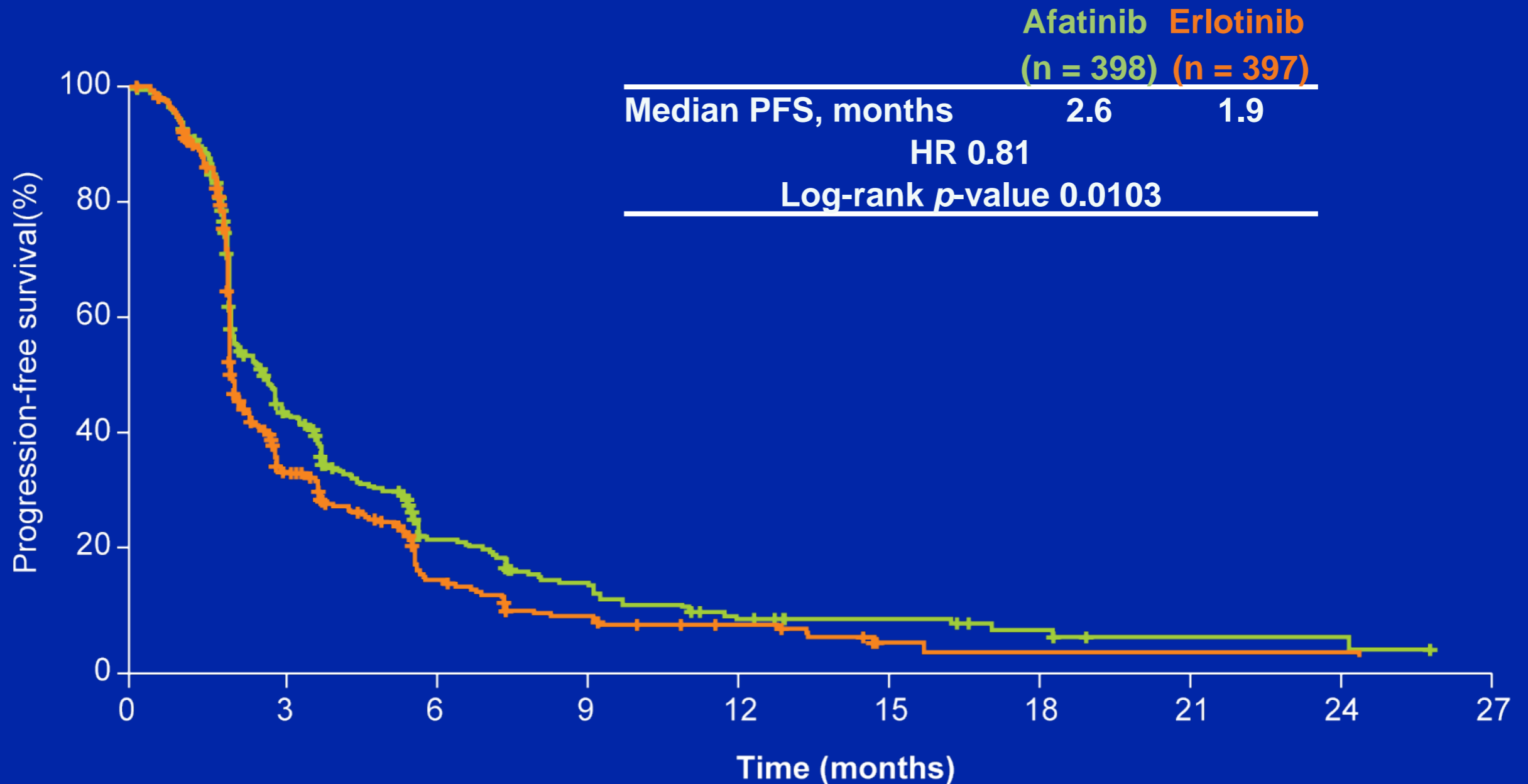
- Primary endpoint: PFS by independent review
- Secondary endpoints: OS, ORR, DCR, tumor shrinkage, PRO, safety

Características demográficas

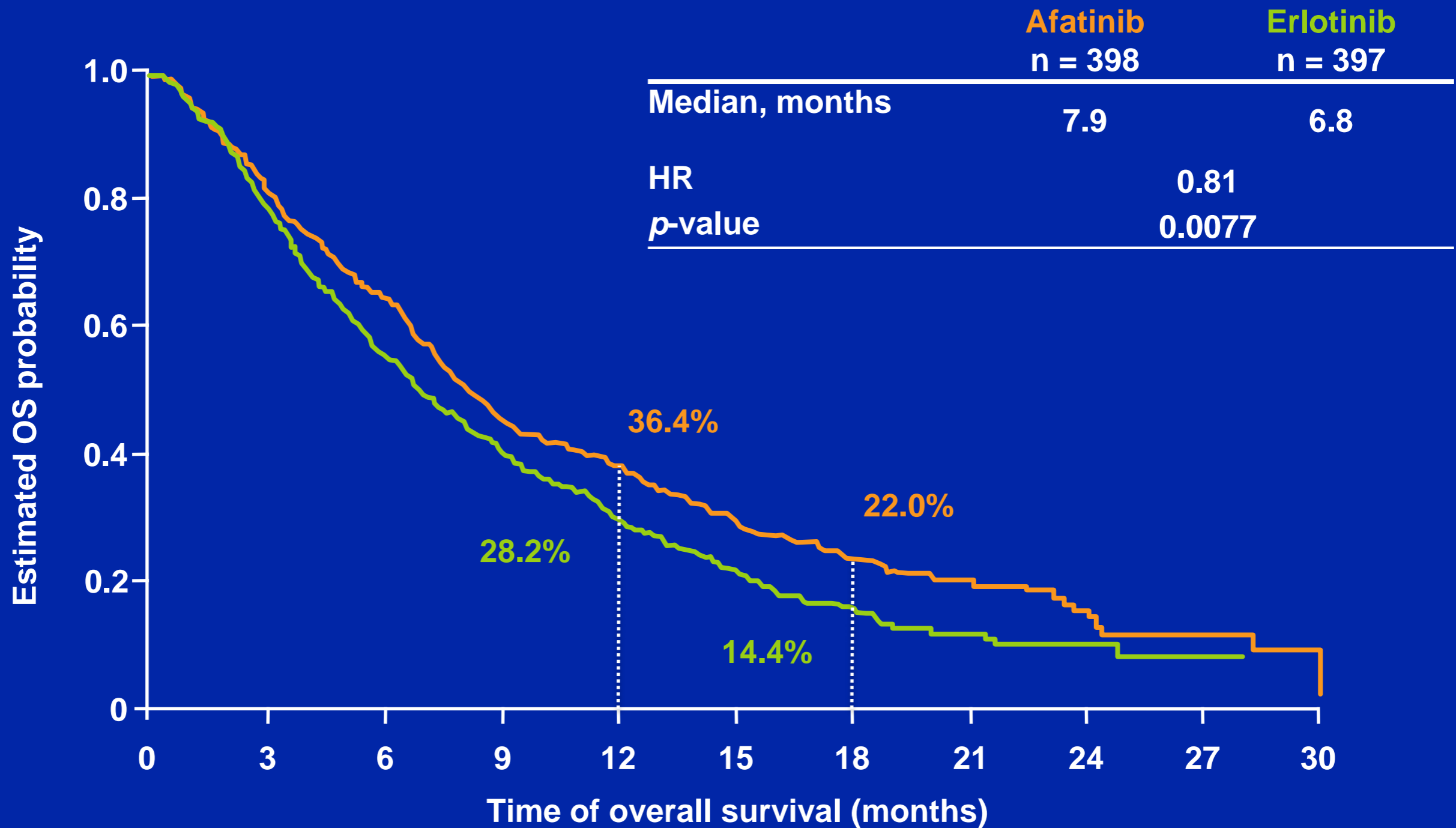
		Afatinib ^{‡‡}	Erlotinib ^{‡‡}	Total
Aletorizados		335	334	669
ECOG*, %	0	33	35	34
	1	66	65	66
Masculinos, %		85	84	85
Raza (para estratificación), %	Non-East Asian	78	78	78
	East Asian	22	23	22
Edad mediana, años		65	64	65
Tabaquismo, %	No fumadores	8	3	5
	Ex-fumadores[†]	7	6	7
	Fumador	85	91	88
Mediana diagnóstico, años		0.7	0.8	0.8
Etapas clínicas[‡], %	IIIB	13	12	12
	IV	88	87	87
Histología[§], %	Células escamosas	96	96	96
	Mixto[¶]	5	3	4
Quimioterapia previa, %	Doble-platino	100	100	100
Mejor respuesta a primera línea de quimioterapia^{**}, %	RC/RP	47	46	46
	EE	41	43	42
	Desconocido	13	11	12

RC, respuesta completa; RP, respuesta parcial; EE, enfermedad estable; * <1% fueron ECOG PS 2; † <15 paquetes años y pararon >1 año antes del diagnóstico; ‡ <1% etapa IIIA; § <1% no diferenciado (considerados como histología escamosa); ¶ considerado a ser histología escamosa; ** <1% presentan progresión de la enfermedad; ‡‡ los porcentajes pueden no sumar 100 debido al redondeo

LUX-Lung 8: Progression-Free Survival with Second-Line Afatinib versus Erlotinib in Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Lung

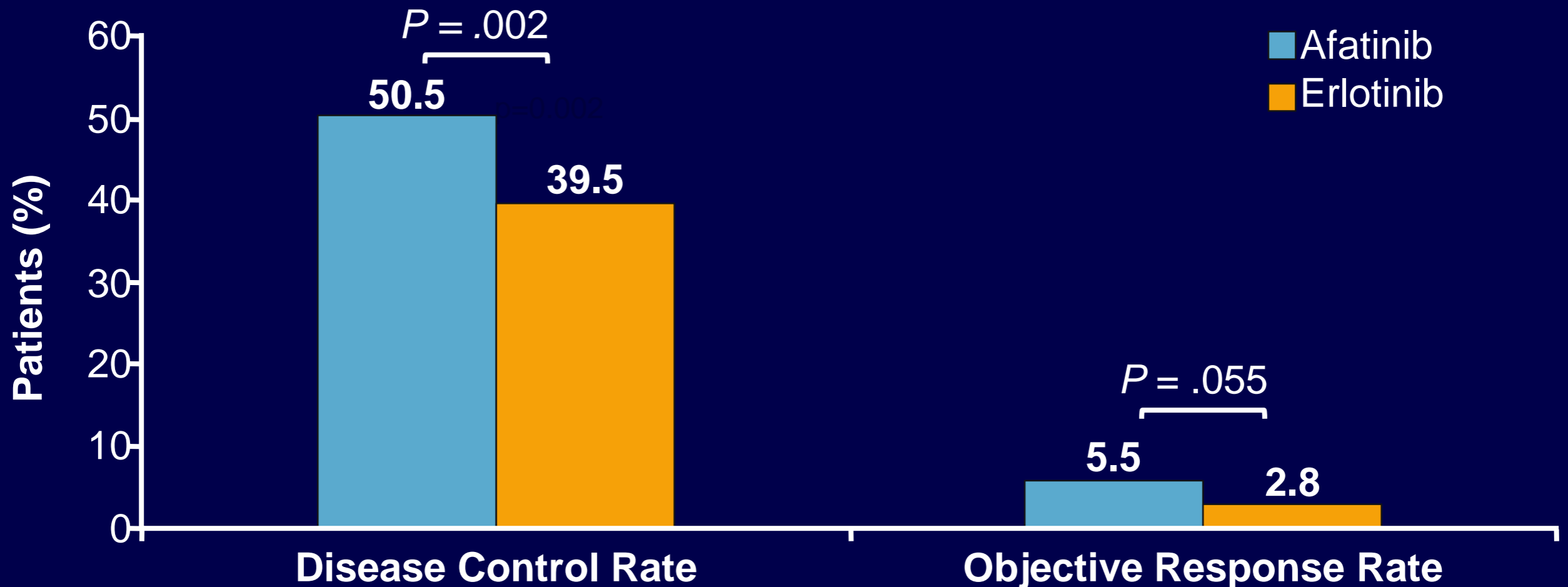


LUX-Lung 8 Primary Analysis: Overall Survival



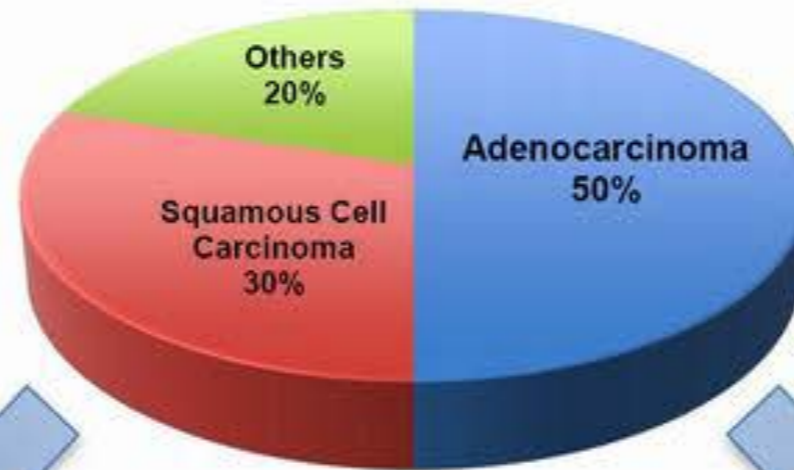
Median follow-up time: 18.4 months

LUX-Lung 8: Response

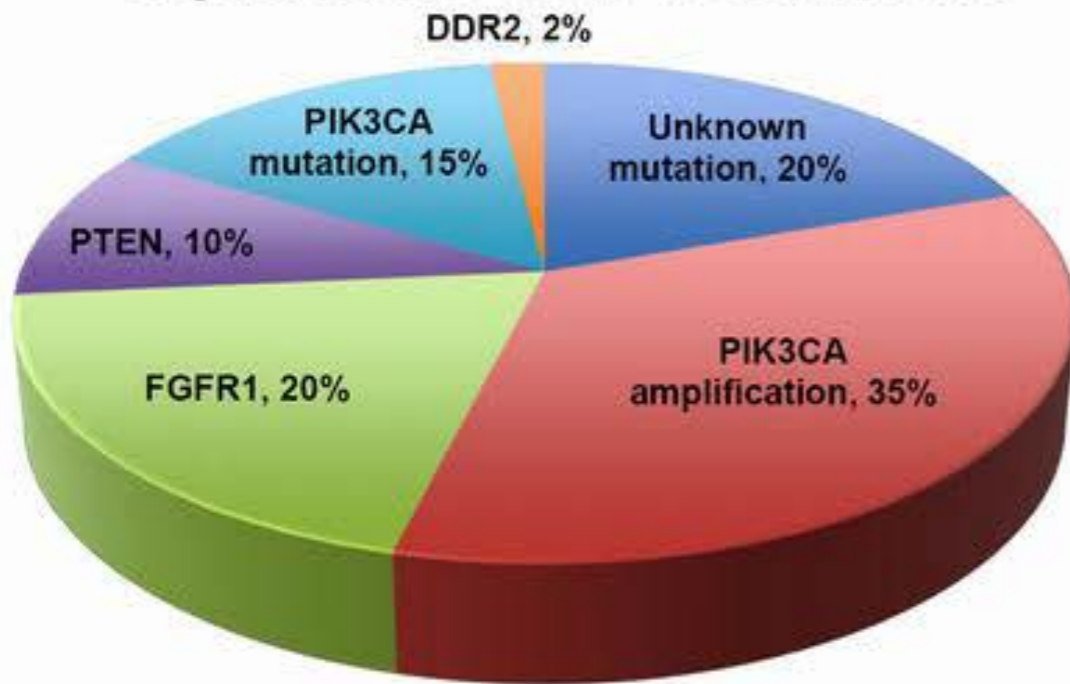


- Duration of response was 7.29 mos for afatinib and 3.71 mos for erlotinib

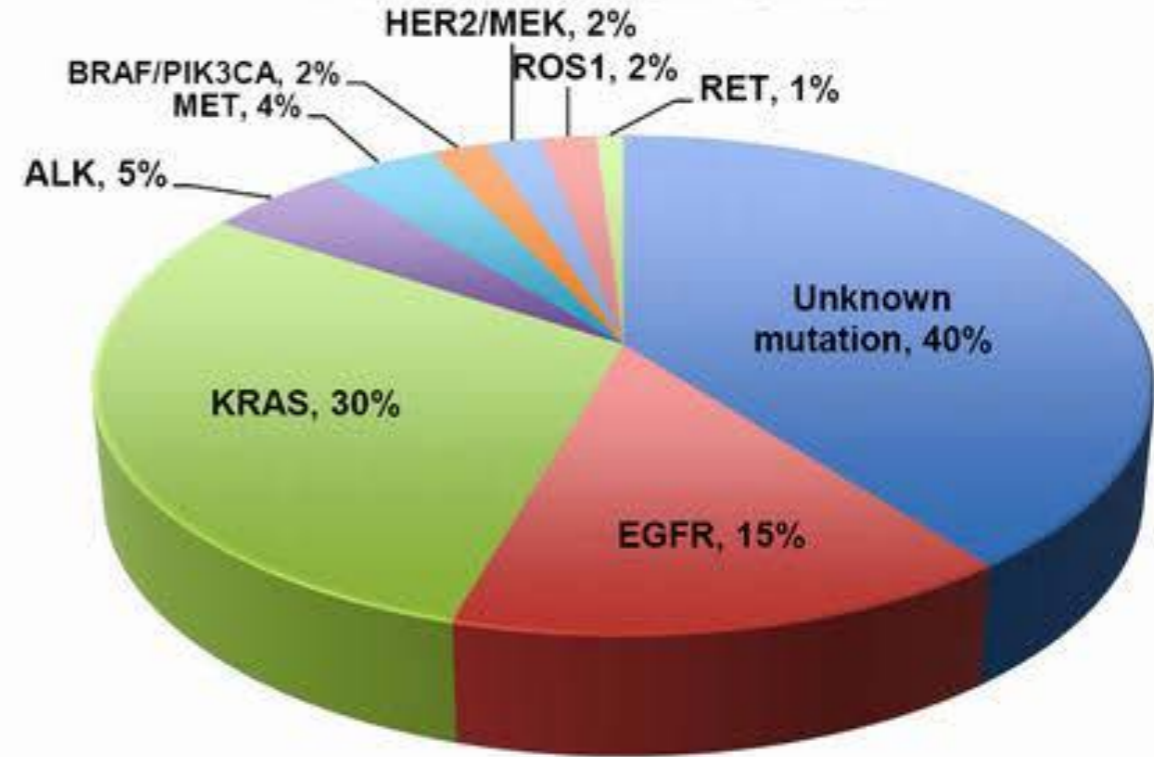
NSCLC by histology



Squamous Cell Carcinoma

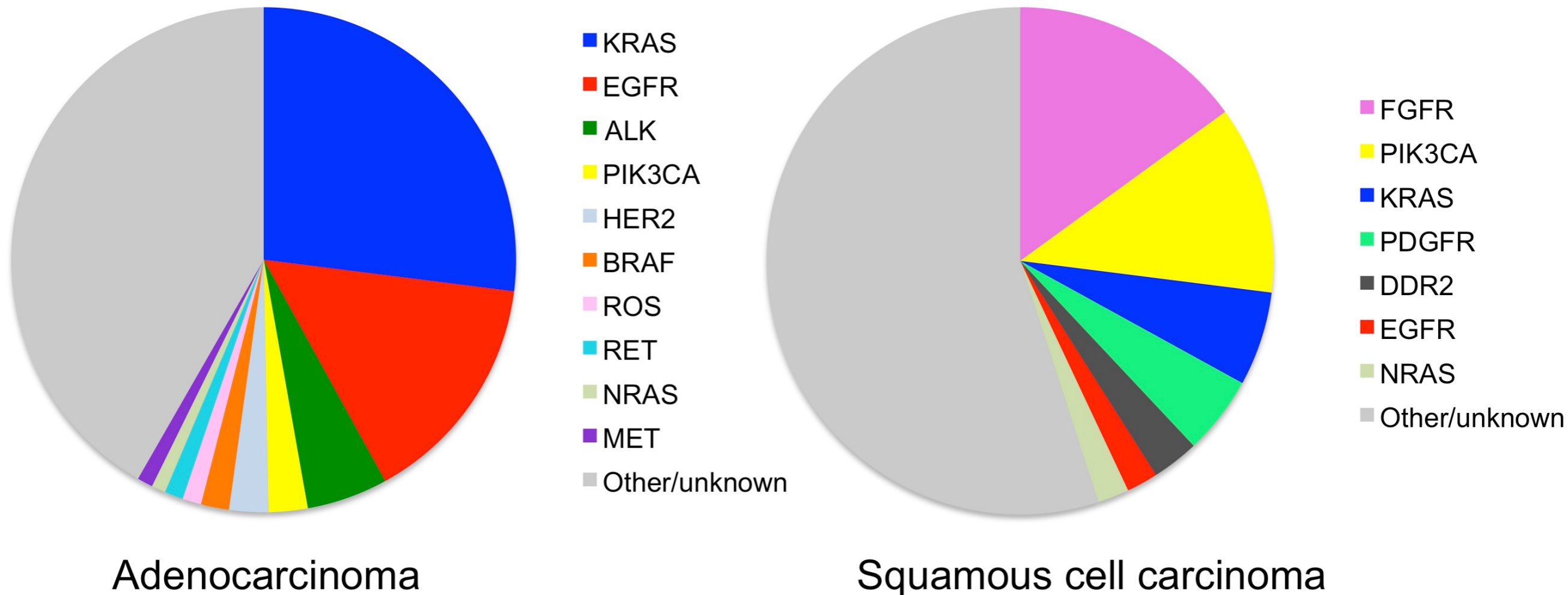


Adenocarcinoma

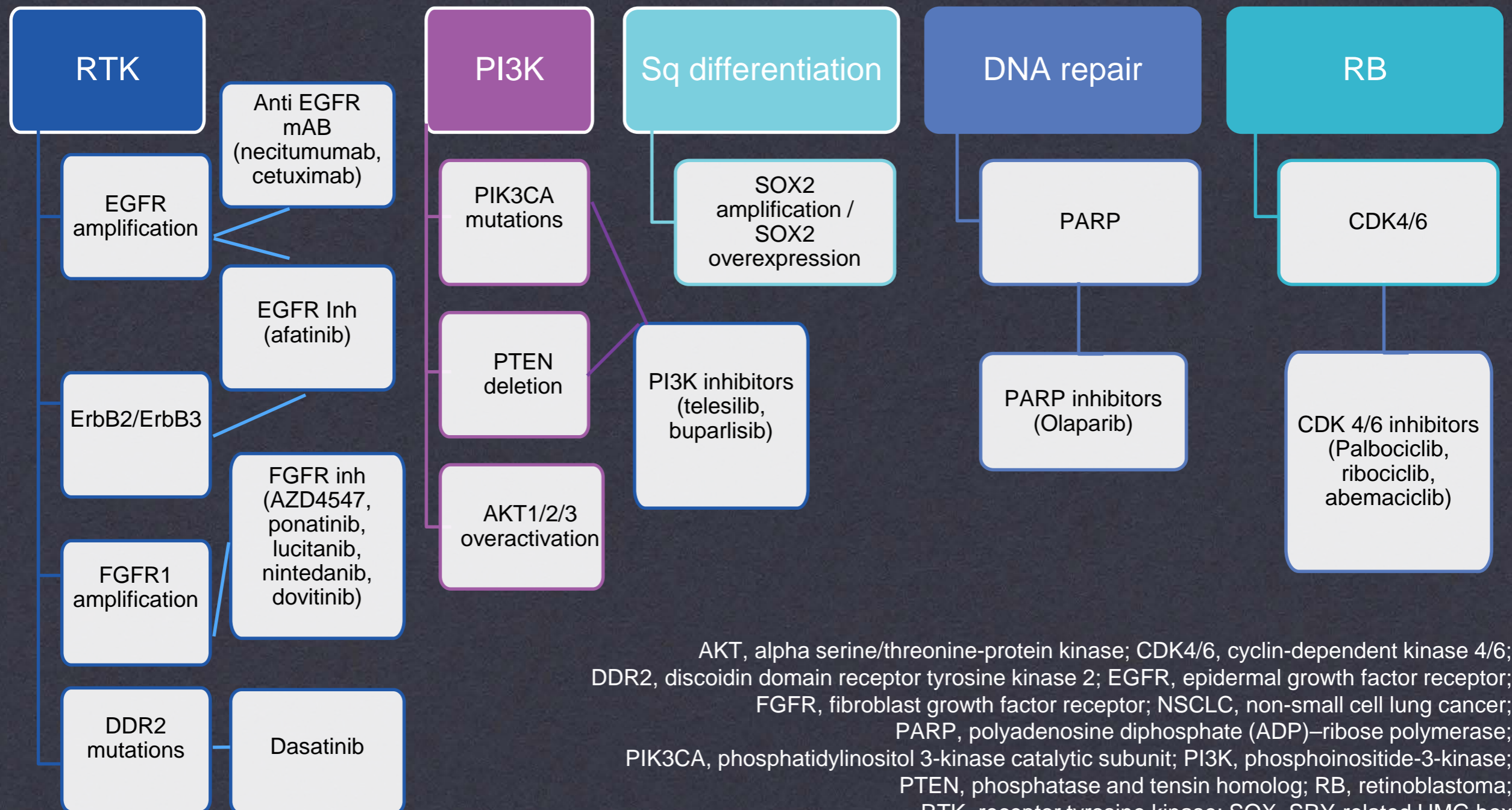


Genetic Profiles by Histologic Subtype

Oncogenic drivers differ between adenocarcinomas and squamous cell carcinomas



Selected potential target pathways in squamous NSCLC^{1,2}



AKT, alpha serine/threonine-protein kinase; CDK4/6, cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6; DDR2, discoidin domain receptor tyrosine kinase 2; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; FGFR, fibroblast growth factor receptor; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; PARP, polyadenosine diphosphate (ADP)-ribose polymerase; PIK3CA, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase catalytic subunit; PI3K, phosphoinositide-3-kinase; PTEN, phosphatase and tensin homolog; RB, retinoblastoma; RTK, receptor tyrosine kinase; SOX, SRY-related HMG box

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Thank you!

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