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# Neoadjuvant Treatment in Thoracic Surgery

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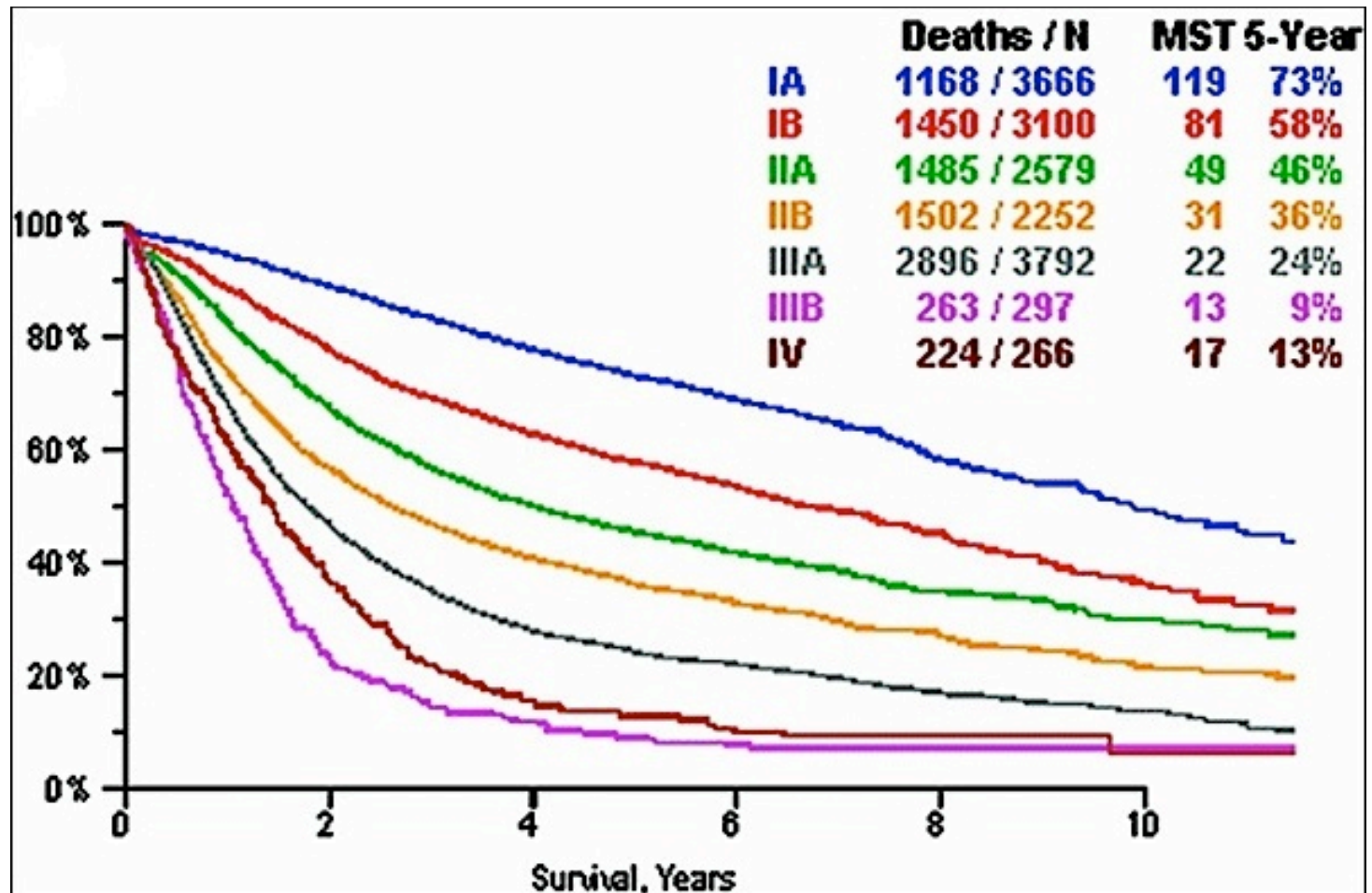
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# Traditional Model For Early Stage Lung Cancer

- “Curable” patients should not have delay in “curative” therapy.
- Surgery alone for stage IA
- Adjuvant treatment for stage IB-IIB
- Neoadjuvant treatment for stage IIIA
- No survival benefit for targeted therapy or immunotherapy in combination with surgery.

# Survival for Lung Cancer



# Neoadjuvant therapy in other cancers

- Breast, esophageal, rectal
  - Decrease extent of surgery required
  - Improved survival
  - Pathologic complete response

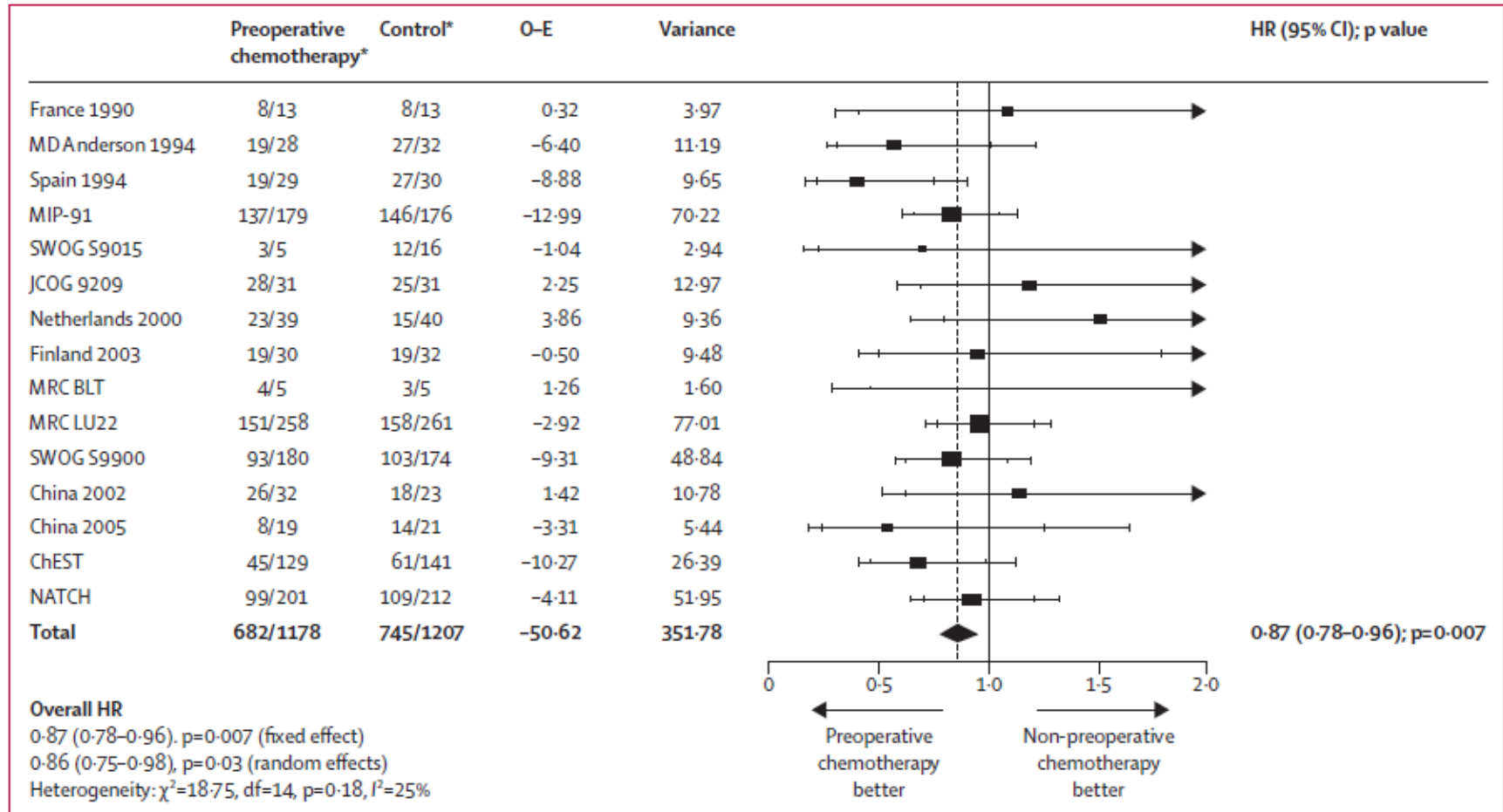
# Advantages of Neoadjuvant Therapy

- Early treatment of micrometastases
- Improved adherence/tolerability of treatment
- Downstaging
- In vivo assessment of treatment
  - Pathologic response

# Neoadjuvant chemotherapy

- 15 randomized trials (stage IB-III A)
- Most trials small (< 100 patients)
  - Poor accrual
  - Stopped due to positive data from adjuvant trials
- Meta-analyses indicate relative survival benefit of HR 0.87 (0.78-0.96) and absolute survival benefit of 5% at 5 years (similar to adjuvant trials)

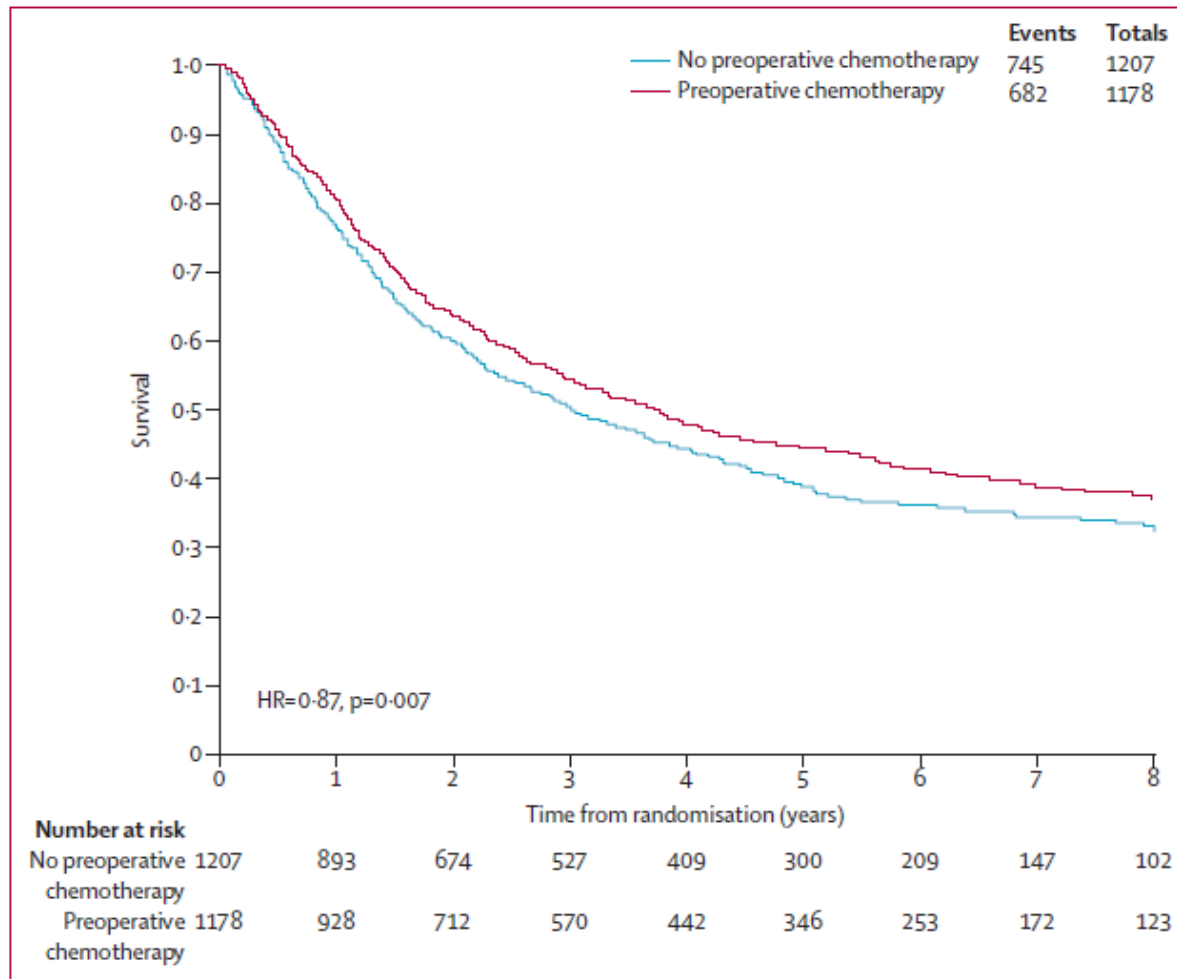
# Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy



NSCLC Meta-analysis Collaborative Group. Lancet 2014



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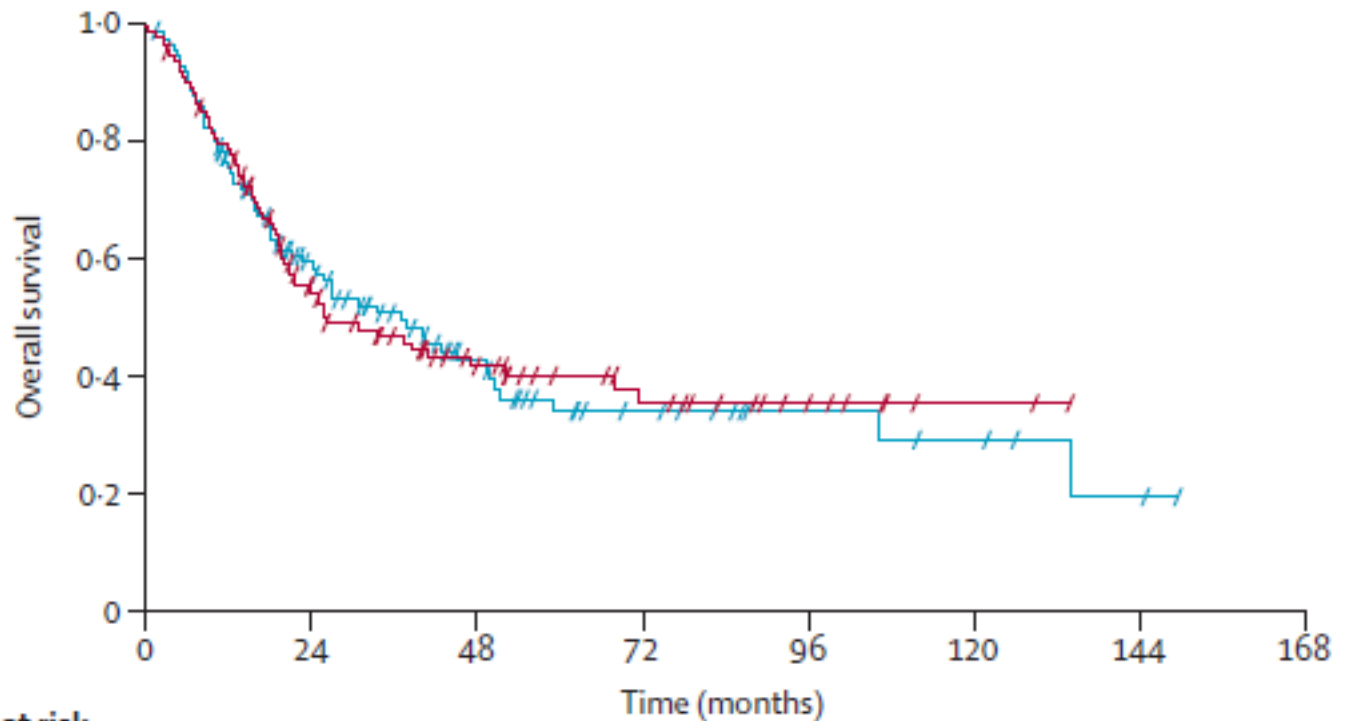


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# Neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy

- Addition of radiotherapy for improved local control.
- Generally, for stage IIIA, given excellent local control with stage I-II.
- Little evidence for improved outcomes vs. neoadjuvant chemo.

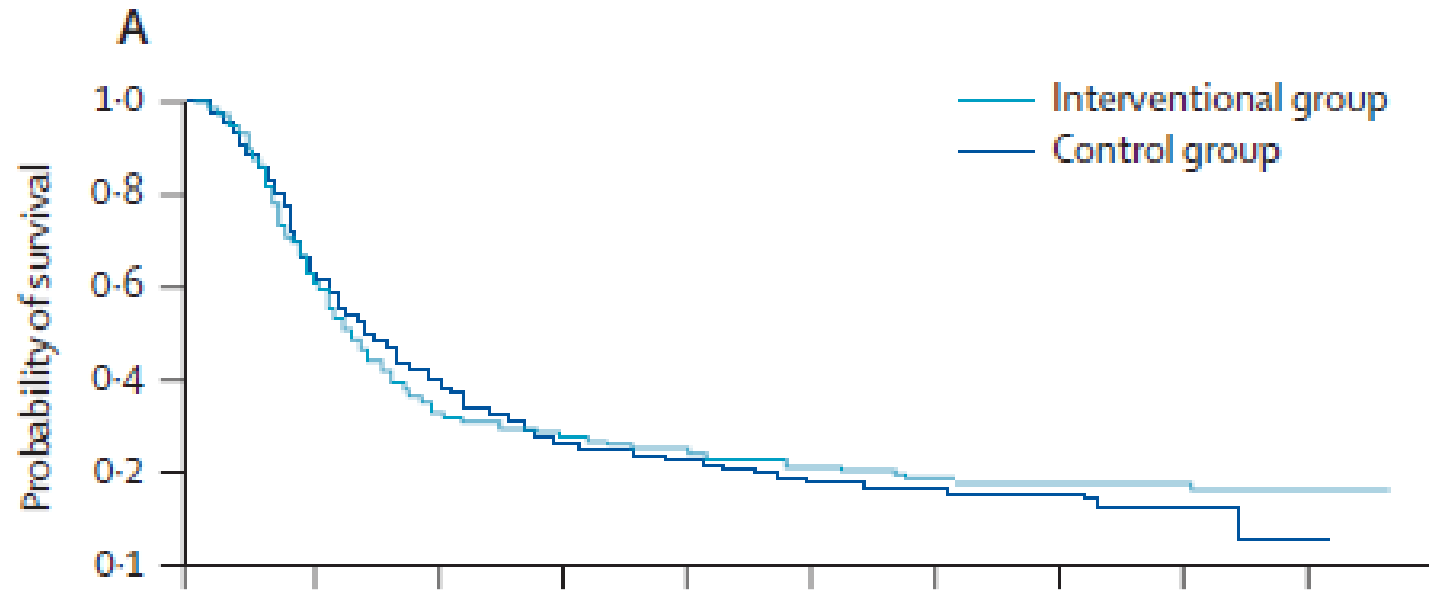
# Neoadjuvant Chemoradiotherapy vs. Chemotherapy



	0	24	48	72	96	120	144	168
Chemoradiotherapy group	117	57	27	13	7	5	2	0
Chemotherapy group	115	53	28	15	7	2	0	0

Pless M et al. Lancet 2015

# Neoadjuvant Chemoradiotherapy vs. Chemotherapy



Number at risk										
Interventional group	264	159	86	62	47	36	25	18	13	6
Control group	260	161	97	57	42	25	15	11	4	1

Thomas M et al. Lancet Oncol 2008

# Pathologic Response

## Pathological response after neoadjuvant chemotherapy in resectable non-small-cell lung cancers: proposal for the use of major pathological response as a surrogate endpoint

*Matthew D Hellmann, Jamie E Chaft, William N William Jr, Valerie Rusch, Katherine M W Pisters, Neda Kalhor, Apar Pataer, William D Travis, Stephen G Swisher, Mark G Kris, and The University of Texas MD Anderson Lung Cancer Collaborative Group*

- Clinical trials for earlier stage patients require many patients and a long time
- mPR (<10% residual viable tumor) strongly associated with survival

Lancet Oncol 2014

# Pathologic response and survival

	Hazard ratio for death
1-10%	1.00
11-30%	2.51 (95% CI 0.91-6.96)
31-50%	3.39 (95% CI 1.40-8.22)
51-70%	4.57 (95% CI 1.98-10.52)
71-100%	4.78 (95% CI 2.06-11.11)

**Table 2: Percentage of residual viable tumour after neoadjuvant chemotherapy relative to the risk of death**

# Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Neoadjuvant PD-1 Blockade in Resectable Lung Cancer

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# Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy

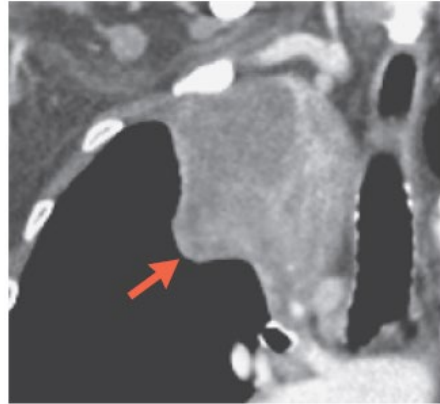
**Table 1.** Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline, According to Pathological Response.\*

Characteristic	All Patients (N=21)	Patients with Major Pathological Response (N=9)	Patients without Major Pathological Response (N=11)†
Age at enrollment — yr			
Mean ±SD	66.9±8.3	67.7±8.3	65.8±8.5
Median (range)	67 (55–84)	66 (57–79)	67 (55–84)
Sex — no. (%)			
Female	11 (52)	6 (67)	4 (36)
Male	10 (48)	3 (33)	7 (64)
Histologic diagnosis — no. (%)			
Adenocarcinoma	13 (62)	6 (67)	6 (55)
Squamous-cell carcinoma	6 (29)	2 (22)	4 (36)
Other‡	2 (10)	1 (11)	1 (9)
Clinical disease stage — no. (%)§			
I	4 (19)	2 (22)	2 (18)
II	10 (48)	5 (56)	5 (45)
IIIA	7 (33)	2 (22)	4 (36)
Smoking status — no. (%)			
Never	3 (14)	1 (11)	2 (18)
Former or current	18 (86)	8 (89)	9 (82)

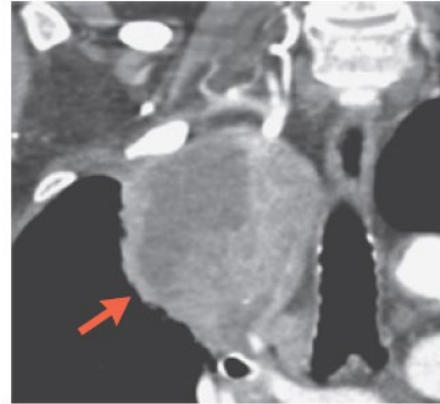


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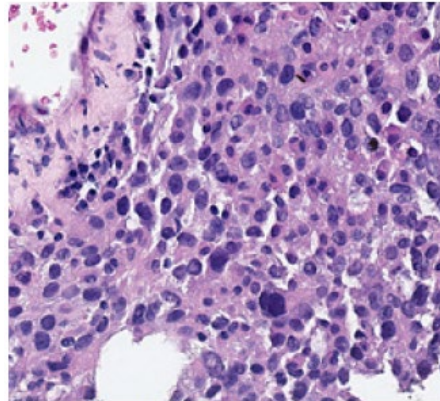
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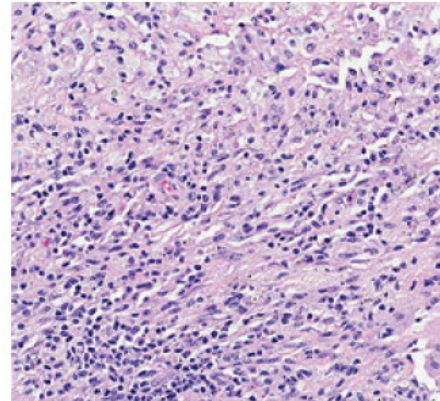
Pretreatment Imaging



Week 4 (before surgery)



Pretreatment Tumor Biopsy



Resection Specimen



# Neoadjuvant atezolizumab in resectable non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC): Updated results from a multicenter study (LCMC3)

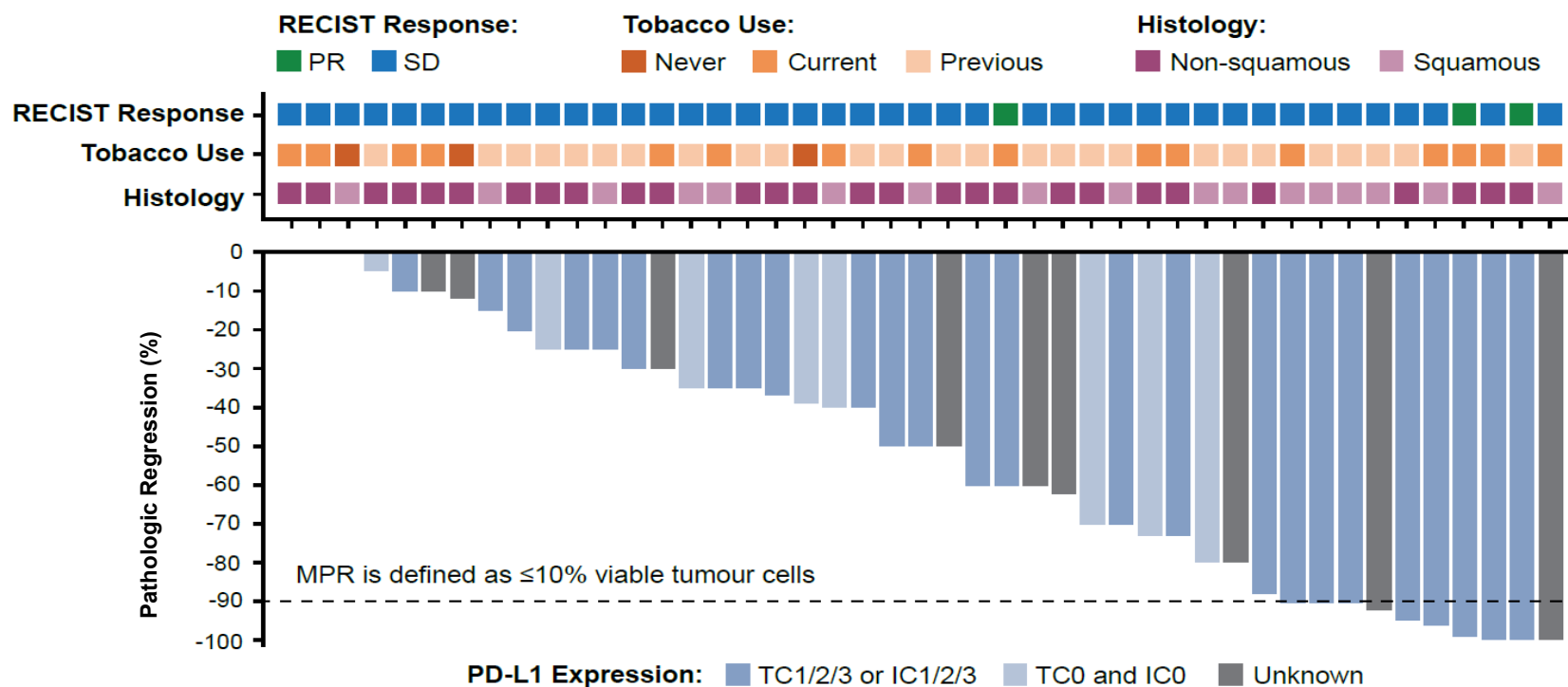
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# Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy



pCR 3/45 (6%)

MPR 10/45 (22%)



# NEO-ADJUVANT CHEMO-IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR THE TREATMENT OF STAGE IIIA RESECTABLE NON-SMALL-CELL LUNG CANCER (NSCLC): A PHASE II MULTICENTER EXPLORATORY STUDY

## NADIM: Neo-Adjuvant Immunotherapy



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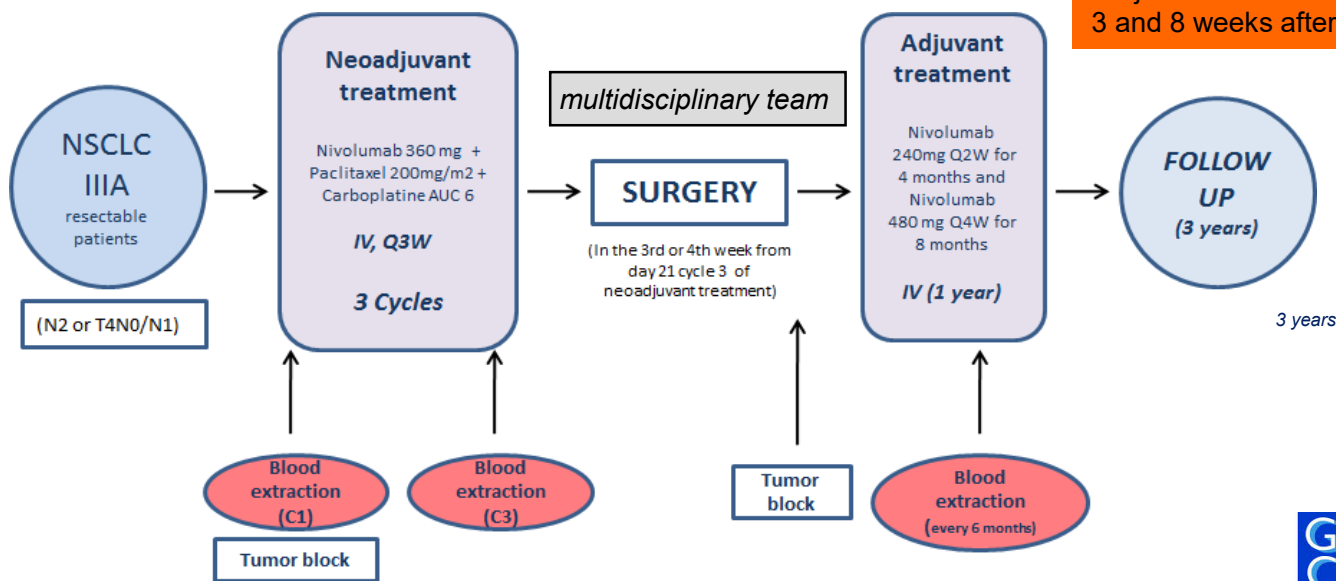
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# NADIM: Study design & Flow-chart

Adjuvant treatment initiated between 3 and 8 weeks after surgical resection



- Phase II
- Single-arm
- Open-label
- Multicenter
- Resectable IIIA NSCLC
- 46 patients



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### Pathological response

	N	%
<b>Overall Major Response</b>	24	80.0
<b>PCR</b>	18	60.0
<b>MPR</b>	6	20.0
<b>Total</b>	30	100.0

<sup>1</sup>Major pathological response defined as <10% viable tumor cells in the resected specimen.

- *Median patient follow-up = 4.1 months, range 0.2-14.6 months.*
- *None of the patients have suffered recurrence.*

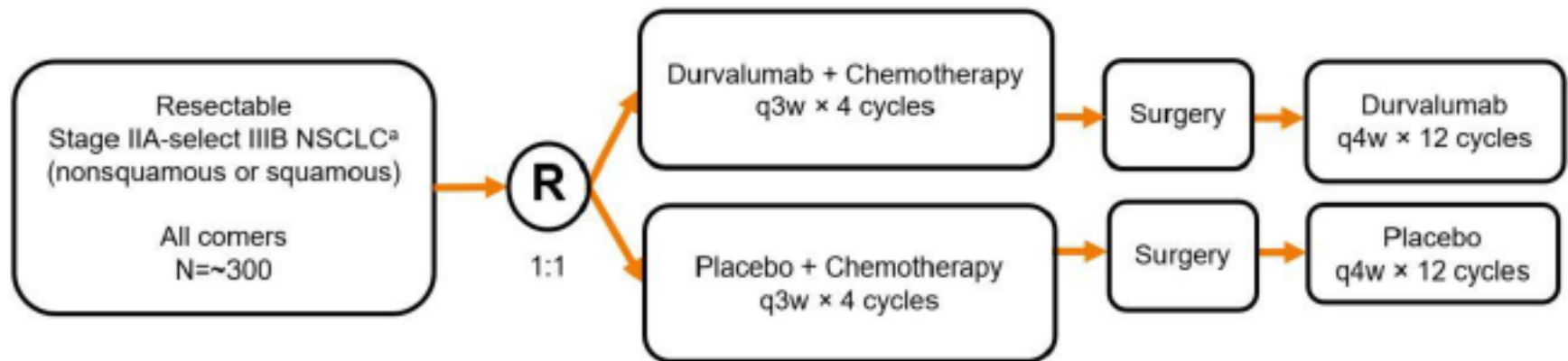


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# Neoadjuvant chemo + immunotherapy

- AEGEAN: Phase III, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Multi-Center, International Study of Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant Durvalumab (anti-PDL-1) for the Treatment of Patients with Resectable Stages II and III NSCLC: opening soon.



# Summary

- Survival benefit for neoadjuvant chemo for NSCLC
- No clear superiority for any treatment combination for stage IIIA
- Potential for major pathologic response as surrogate endpoint
- Exciting preliminary results from neoadjuvant immunotherapy trials



*The last part of surgery, namely, operations, is a reflection on the healing art;*

*it is a tacit acknowledgement of the insufficiency of surgery.*

*It is like an armed savage who attempts to get that by force which a civilized man would get by strategem.*

*John Hunter (1728-1793)*

