# **Squamous Cell Carcinoma Standard and Novel Targets.**

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### Review of current and potential future therapies for squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) of the lung.

Derman, et al Transl Lung Cancer Res. 2015 Oct; 4(5): 524-532.

Cytotoxic chemotherapy

- Carboplatin/nab-paclitaxel
- Cisplatin/gemcitabine

EGFR targeted therapy

- Erlotinib
- Afatinib
- Cetuximab
- Necitumumab

Anti-angiogenesis agents

Ramucirumab

Immunotherapeutic targets

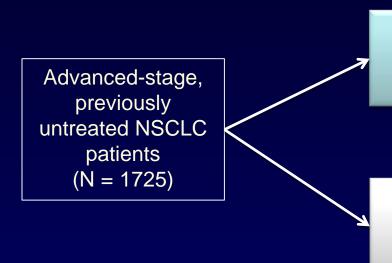
- CTLA-4 inhibitors: ipilimumab, tremelimumab
- PD-1 inhibitors: nivolumab, pembrolizumab
- PD-L1 inhibitors: BMS-936559, MPDL3280A, MEDI4736

Future targets

- FGFR pathway
- IGF pathway
- PI3K-AKT pathway

# First Line Treatment options For Metastatic Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Lung

## Phase III Study: Gemcitabine + Cisplatin vs. Pemetrexed + Cisplatin as First-line Therapy



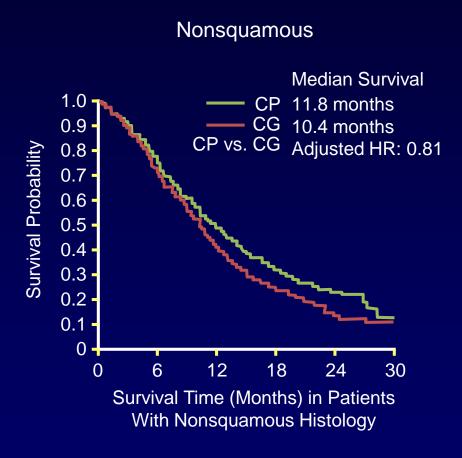
Cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Day 1 +
Gemcitabine 1250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Days 1 and 8
Six 3-week cycles

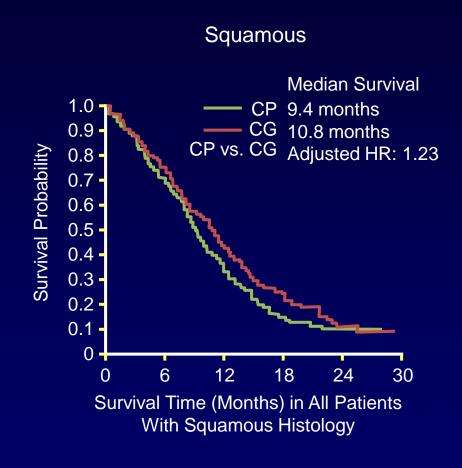
Cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Day 1 + Pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Day 1 Six 3-week cycles

#### Stratified by:

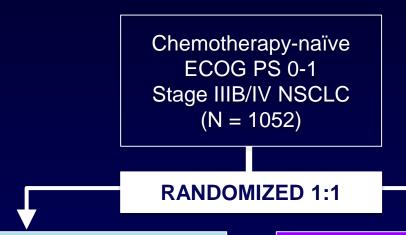
- ECOG performance score (0 vs. 1)
- Disease stage (IIIB vs. IV)
- Brain metastases (yes vs. no)
- Sex (male vs. female)
- Pathologic diagnosis (histologic vs. cytologic)
- Treatment center

### CP vs. CG in Advanced NSCLC: OS by Histology



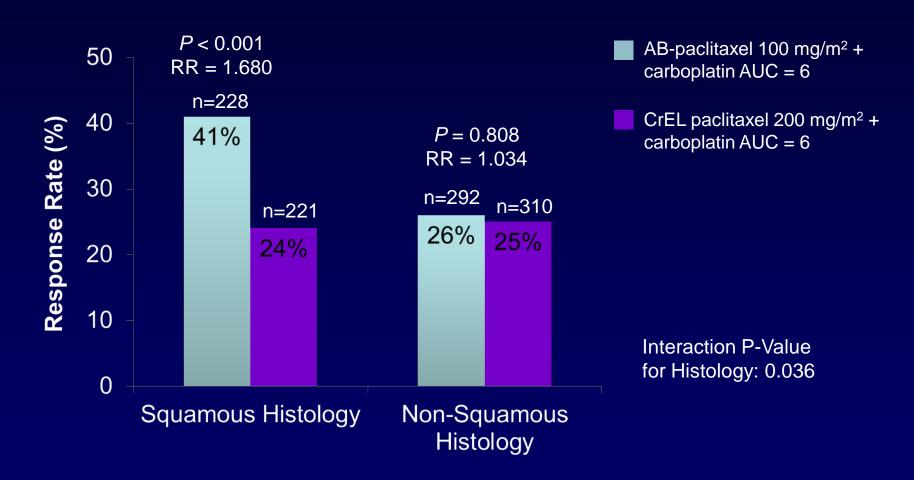


# Albumin-Bound Paclitaxel + Carboplatin vs. Cremophor EL Paclitaxel + Carboplatin in Advanced NSCLC Study Design



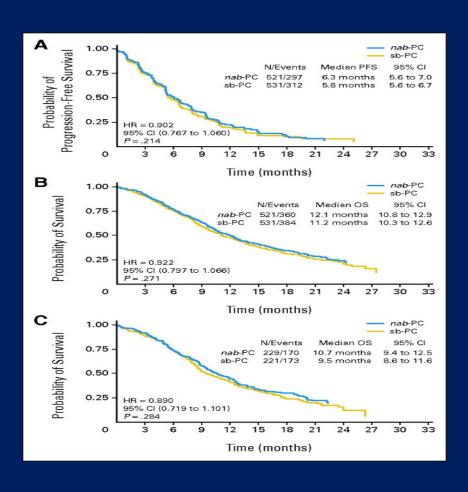
AB-paclitaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> days 1, 8, 15 Carboplatin AUC = 6 day 1 Cycles of 21 days No Premedication (n = 521) CrEL paclitaxel 200 mg/m² day 1
Carboplatin AUC = 6 day1
Cycles of 21 days
Premedication with
Dexamethasone + Antihistamines
(n = 531)

# Albumin-Bound Paclitaxel + Carboplatin vs. Cremophor EL Paclitaxel + Carboplatin in Advanced NSCLC Results: ORR, Stratified by Histology<sup>a</sup>

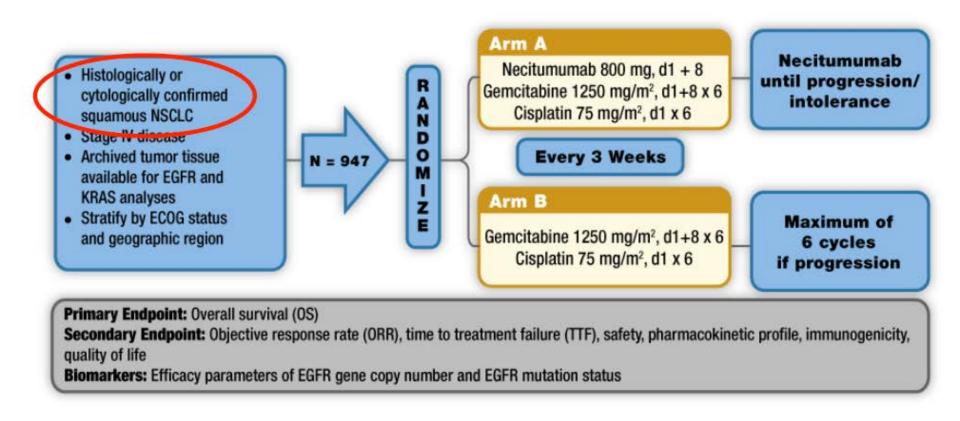


a Not a pre-specified endpoint.

### PFS (A), OS (B) in the ITT population as well as OS (C) in squamous Cell Carcinoma for CnP vs CP



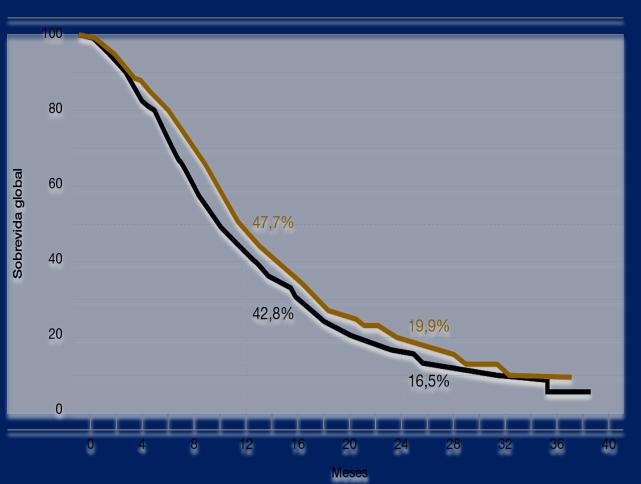
### SQUIRE (CP11-0806): Phase III Trial of Necitumumab plus Gemcitabine and Cisplatin in SqCC NSCLC



Patient selection was not based in EGFR expression

### SQUIRE: Phase III Trial of Necitumumab plus Gem/Cis in SqCC NSCLC: OS

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Median OS (m)		
Gem-Cis + Necitumumab	11,5	
Gem-Cis	9,9	
HR	0,84	
IC 95%	0,74-0,96	
p value	0,012	

### SQUIRE: Phase III Trial of Necitumumab plus Gem/Cis in SqCC NSCLC: Conclusions

- SQUIRE is the largest phase III trial exploring the first line treatment of squamous cell lung cancer
- The study reached its primary endpoint (OS: 11.5 vs. 9.9m; p=0.012)
- However, minimal delta in PFS and no difference in ORR.
- The combination of Necitumumab, Gemcitabine and Cisplatin had a manageable toxicity profile.
- New therapeutic alternative for squamous cell lung cancer.

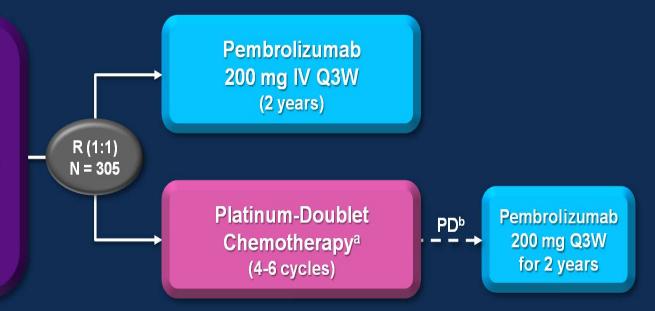
#### **Black Box warning for Necitumumab**

- Cardiopulmonary arrest or sudden death occurred in 15 (3%) of 538
  patients treated with Necitumumab plus gemcitabine and cisplatin as
  compared to 3 (0.6%) of 541 patients treated with gemcitabine and cisplatin
  alone in Study 1
- Twelve of the 15 patients died within 30 days of the last dose of Necitumumab and had comorbid conditions including history of coronary artery disease (n=3), hypomagnesemia (n=4), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (n=7), and hypertension (n=5).
- Eleven of the 12 patients had an unwitnessed death.
- Hypomagnesemia occurred in 83% of 461/538 patients with available laboratory results treated with Necitumumab as compared to 70% of 457/541 patients with available laboratory results treated with gemcitabine and cisplatin alone in Study 1.

#### KEYNOTE-024 Study Design (NCT02142738)

#### **Key Eligibility Criteria**

- Untreated stage IV NSCLC
- PD-L1 TPS ≥50%
- ECOG PS 0-1
- No activating EGFR mutation or ALK translocation
- No untreated brain metastases
- No active autoimmune disease requiring systemic therapy



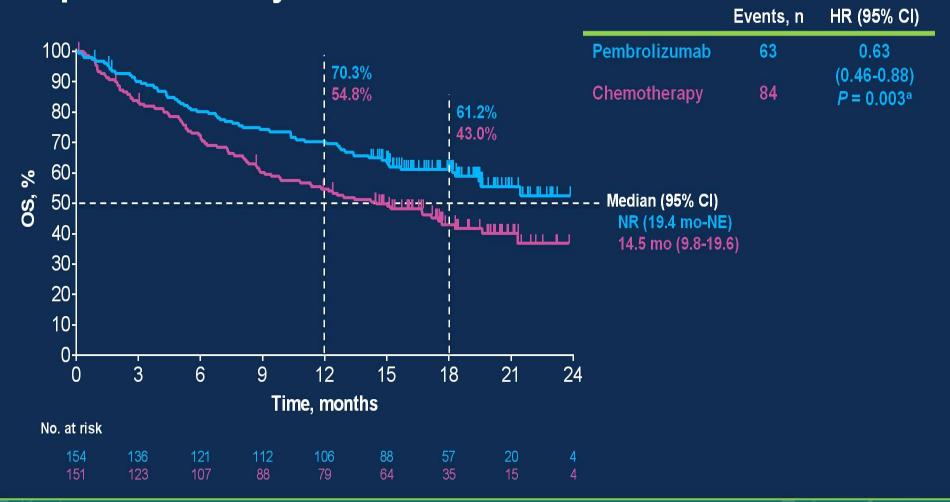
#### **Key End Points**

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

Secondary: OS, ORR, safety

Exploratory: DOR, PFS2

## Kaplan-Meier Estimate of OS: Updated Analysis

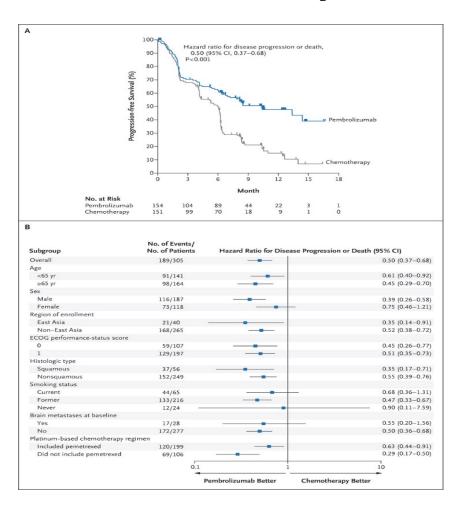


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<sup>a</sup>Nominal *P* value. Data cutoff: Jan 5, 2017.

## Subset Analysis For Squamous Cell Carcinoma in Keynote 024



# What is New at ASCO 2018 regarding Metastatic Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Lung?

# IMpower131: Primary PFS and Safety Analysis of a Randomized Phase III Study of Atezolizumab + Carboplatin + Paclitaxel or Nab-Paclitaxel vs Carboplatin + Nab-Paclitaxel as 1L Therapy in Advanced Squamous NSCLC

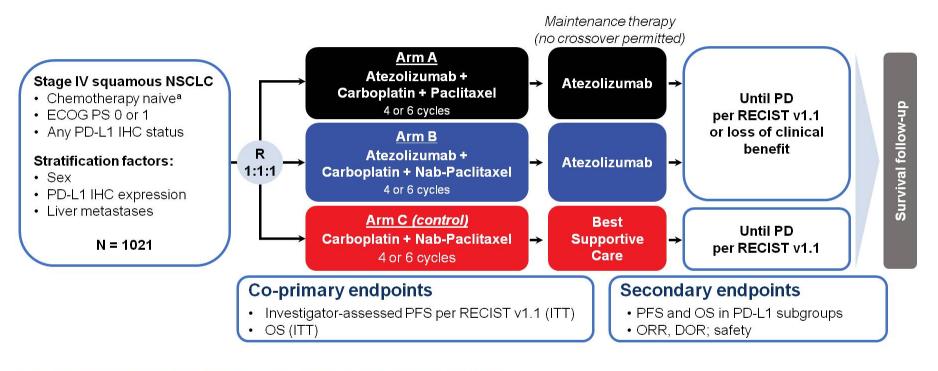
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#### IMpower131: Study Design



Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV q3w; carboplatin AUC 6 IV q3w; nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m² IV qw; paclitaxel 200 mg/m² IV q3w.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Patients with a sensitising *EGFR* mutation or *ALK* translocation must have disease progression or intolerance to treatment with ≥ 1 approved targeted therapies. Testing for *EGFR* mutation or *ALK* translocation was not mandatory.
<sup>b</sup> PD-L1 expression was evaluated using the VENTANA SP142 IHC assay.

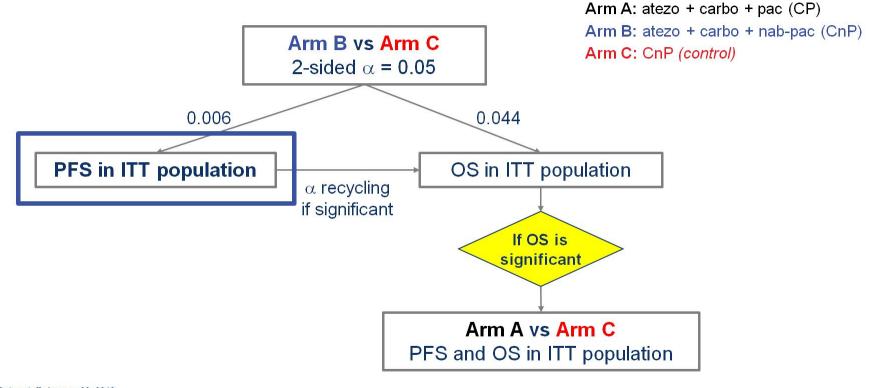


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#### **IMpower131: Statistical Testing Plan**



Data cutoff: January 22, 2018. atezo, atezolizumab; carbo, carboplatin; nab-pac, nab-paclitaxel; pac, paclitaxel.



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#### **Baseline Characteristics in the ITT Population**

Baseline Characteristics	Arm A: Atezo + CP (N = 338)	Arm B: Atezo + CnP (N = 343)	Arm C (control): CnP (N = 340)
Age, median (range), years	66 (43-85)	65 (23-83)	65 (38-86)
Sex, male, n (%)	278 (82)	279 (81)	278 (82)
Race, n (%) Asian White Other/unknown	34 (10) 290 (86) 11 (4)	41 (12) 289 (84) 13 (4)	37 (11) 290 (85) 13 (4)
ECOG PS, 0, n (%)	109 (32)	115 (34)	110 (32)
Tobacco use history,ª n (%) Current or former smoker Never smoker	308 (91) 30 (9)	311 (91) 32 (9)	216 (93) 23 (7)
Liver metastases, yes, n (%)	66 (20)	70 (20)	69 (20)
PD-L1 expression, <sup>b</sup> n (%) High (TC3 or IC3) Low (TC1/2 or IC1/2) Negative (TC0 and IC0)	53 (16) 114 (34) 170 (50)	53 (15) 129 (38) 160 (47)	48 (14) 121 (36) 171 (50)

TC3 or IC3 (high) = TC ≥ 50% or IC ≥ 10% PD-L1+; TC1/2 or IC1/2 (low) = TC ≥ 1% and < 50% or IC ≥ 1% and < 10% PD-L1+; TC0 and IC0 (negative) = TC and IC < 1% PD-L1+.

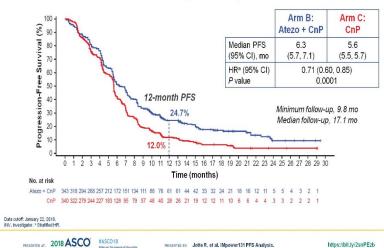
a One patient in Arm C had unknown tobacco use history status. PD-L1 expression was evaluated using the VENTANA SP142 IHC assay.



IC, tumor-infiltrating immune cell; TC, tumor cell.

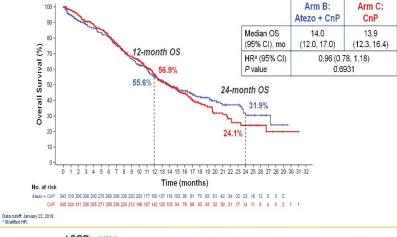
#### IMpower 131: PFS and OS Atezo + Chemo vs Chemo Alone

#### INV-Assessed PFS in the ITT Population (Arm B vs Arm C)



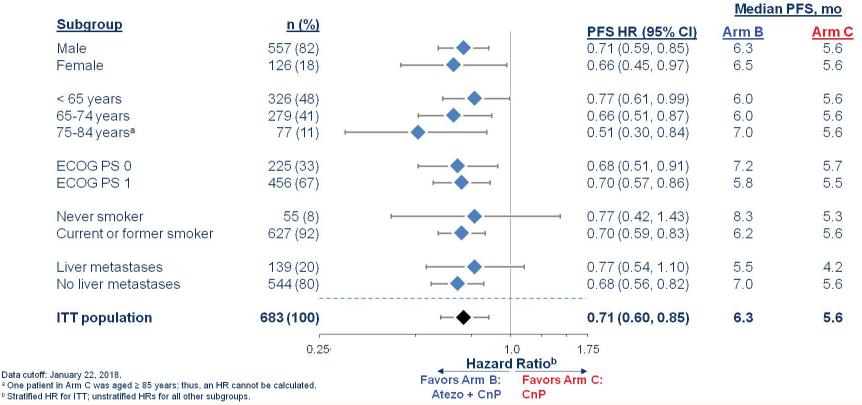
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#### **INV-Assessed PFS in Clinical Subgroups**



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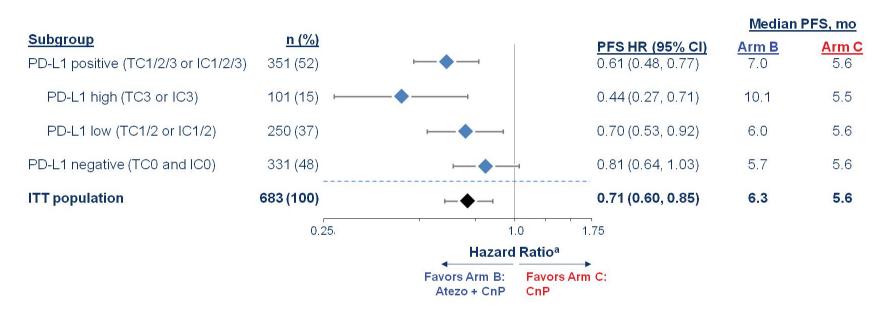


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#### **INV-Assessed PFS in PD-L1 Subgroups**



• PFS benefit was observed with atezolizumab + CnP (Arm B) vs CnP (Arm C) across all PD-L1 subgroups

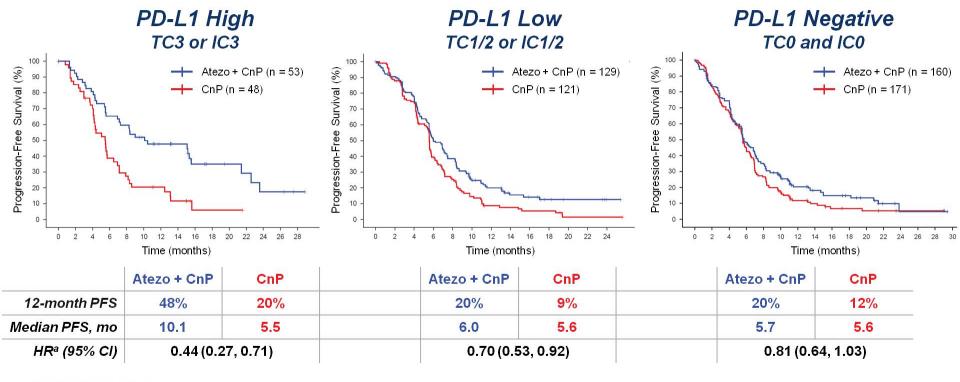
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Restricted HR for LTT: unstratified HR

a Stratified HR for ITT; unstratified HRs for all PD-L1 subgroups.



#### INV-Assessed PFS in PD-L1 Subgroups (Arm B vs Arm C)



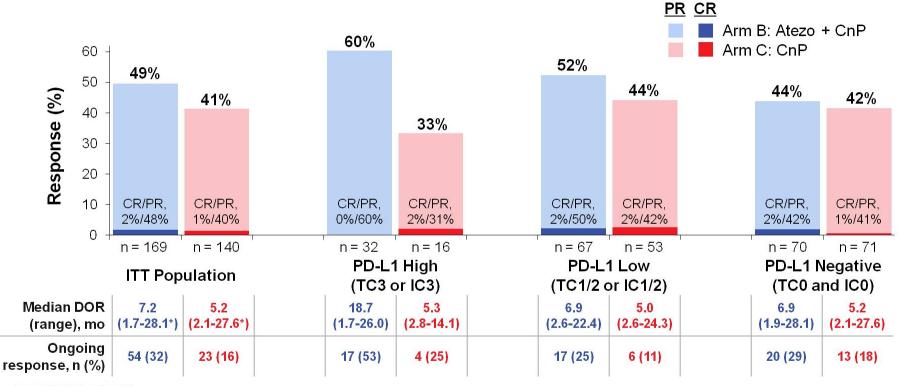
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a Unstratified HR.

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#### Confirmed Objective Response Rate and Duration of Response

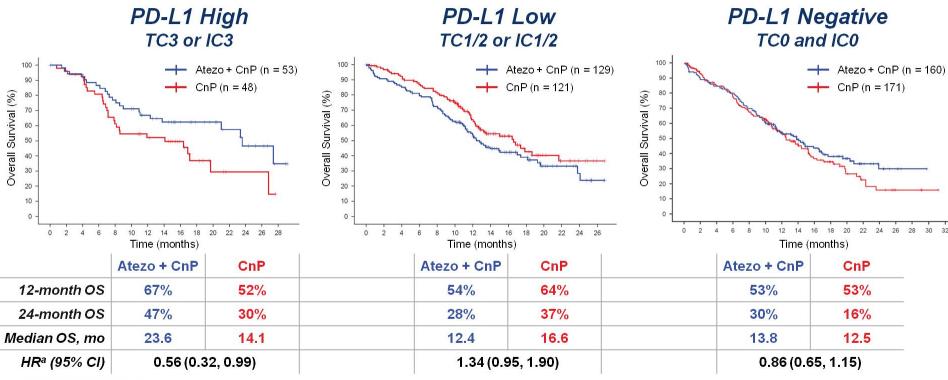


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#### First Interim OS in PD-L1 Subgroups (Arm B vs Arm C)



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#### **Subsequent Cancer Therapies**

n (%)	Arm B: Atezo + CnP (N = 343)	Arm C (control): CnP (N = 340)
Total no. of patients with ≥ 1 treatment	109 (31.8)	190 (55.9)
Immunotherapy	18 (5.2)	143 (42.1)
Nivolumab	12 (3.5)	123 (36.2)
Pembrolizumab	4 (1.2)	15 (4.4)
Atezolizumab	2 (0.6)	4 (1.2)
Ipilimumab	1 (0.3)	3 (0.9)
Durvalumab	0	2 (0.6)
Other	0	3 (0.9)
Chemotherapy	97 (28.3)	79 (23.2)
Targeted therapy	20 (5.8)	18 (5.3)

Data cutoff: January 22, 2018.



#### **Safety Summary**

	Arm B: Atezo + CnP (N = 334)	Arm C (control): CnP (N = 334)
Treatment duration, median (range), mo		
Atezolizumab Carboplatin Paclitaxel/nab-paclitaxel	6.7 (0-30) 2.6 (0-7) 3.0 (0-7)	NA 2.4 (0-7) 2.8 (0-7)
All-cause AE, n (%) Grade 3-4 Grade 5	332 (99) 243 (73) 31 (9)	324 (97) 220 (66) 14 (4)
Treatment-related AE, n (%) Grade 3-4 Grade 5	316 (95) 227 (68) 4 (1)	303 (91) 190 (57) 3 (1)
Serious AE, n (%) Treatment-related serious AE	152 (46) 68 (20)	96 (29) 35 (10)
AEs of special interest, n (%) Grade 3-4 Grade 5	162 (49) 39 (12) 1 (< 1)	71 (21) 8 (2) 0
AE leading to any treatment withdrawal, n (%)	97 (29)	58 (17)
AE leading to any dose interruption or modification, n (%)	258 (77)	219 (66)

Data cutoff: January 22, 2018.



#### Immune-Related AEs of Special Interest in ≥ 5 Patients Across Arms

	Atezo	n B: + CnP 334)	C	control): nP 334)
AEs of Special Interest, n (%)	All Grade	Grade 3-4	All Grade	Grade 3-4
Rash	74 (22)	6 (2)	39 (12)	1 (< 1)
Hepatitis Laboratory abnormalities <sup>a</sup>	58 (17) 58 (17)	18 (5) 18 (5)	29 (9) 27 (8)	4 (1) 3 (1)
Hypothyroidism	34 (10)	2 (1)	3 (1)	0
Pneumonitis	23 (7)	4 (1)	5 (1)	3 (1)
Hyperthyroidism	11 (3)	1 (< 1)	1 (< 1)	0
Infusion-related reaction	2 (1)	0	0	0
Colitis	6 (2)	4 (1)	0	0
Diabetes mellitus	4 (1)	3 (1)	1 (< 1)	0

Data cutoff: January 22, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> One patient in Arm B had Grade 5 abnormal hepatic function.



#### Summary

- IMpower131 met the co-primary endpoint of investigator-assessed PFS with atezolizumab + CnP (Arm B) vs CnP (Arm C) in the ITT population
- PFS benefit in Arm B vs Arm C was observed across all PD-L1—expressing subgroups and was enriched in subgroups with higher PD-L1 expression
- Atezolizumab + CnP has a manageable safety profile consistent with known safety risks of the individual therapies; no new safety signals were identified
- OS continues to be followed, with the next interim OS analysis anticipated later in 2018



# KEYNOTE-407: Phase 3 Study of Carboplatin-Paclitaxel/Nab-Paclitaxel With or Without Pembrolizumab for Metastatic Squamous NSCLC

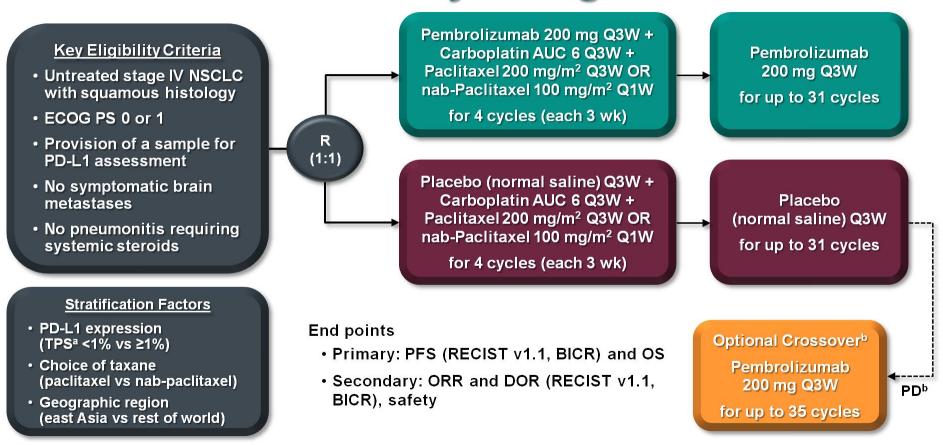
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#### Pembrolizumab and First-Line Treatment of Metastatic NSCLC

- Pembrolizumab: anti–PD-1 monoclonal antibody with antitumor activity against lung cancer and several other tumors, as well as a favorable safety profile
- As monotherapy: significantly improves OS over platinum-doublet chemotherapy for metastatic NSCLC with PD-L1 TPS ≥50%, with a benefit observed for both squamous and nonsquamous histology1
- In combination with pemetrexed and platinum: significantly improves OS over pemetrexed and platinum alone and has a manageable safety profile for metastatic nonsquamous NSCLC, irrespective of PD-L1 TPS<sup>2</sup>
- Evaluation of pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy in metastatic squamous NSCLC is a logical next step

#### KEYNOTE-407 Study Design (NCT02775435)



BICR, blinded independent central radiologic review. Percentage of tumor cells with membranous PD-L1 staining assessed using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay.

Patients could crossover during combination therapy or monotherapy. To be eligible for crossover, PD must have been verified by BICR and all safety criteria had to be met.

#### **Statistical Considerations**

- Planned enrollment: 560 patients
  - Actual enrollment: 559 patients
- Study has at least 90% power for PFS and 85% power for OS with a target HR of 0.70
- Protocol specified 3 interim analyses (IA) before the final analysis
- Overall alpha for study: strictly controlled at one-sided 2.5% using the graphical method of Mauer and Bretz

Analysis	End Points	Planned Timing
IA1	ORR	~200 patients followed for ~28 wk
IA2	PFS and OS	~332 PFS events
IA3	PFS and OS	~415 PFS events
Final	os	~361 deaths

#### **Second Interim Analysis**

- First analysis of PFS and OS
- Planned to occur after ~332 PFS events observed
- Statistical methods
  - Difference in OS and PFS: stratified log-rank test
- Data cutoff date: Apr 3, 2018
  - External DMC meeting: May 21, 2018
  - Patients with a PFS event: 349
  - Superiority thresholds (one-sided): 0.008 for PFS, 0.0029 for OS
  - Median follow-up<sup>a</sup>: 7.8 months (range, 0.1-19.1)

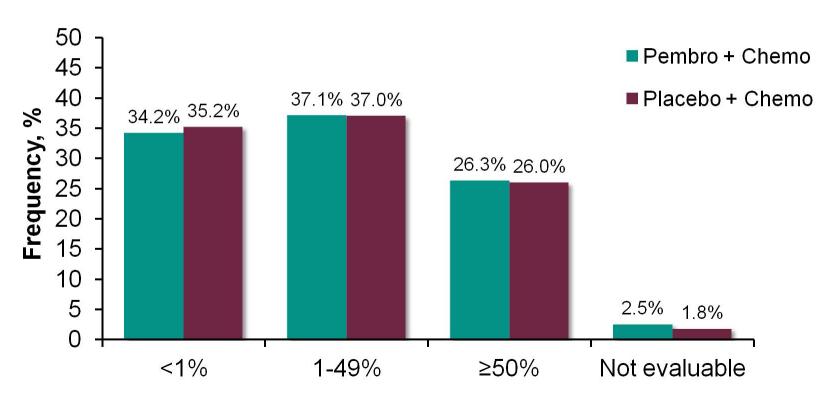
All interim analyses reviewed by external, independent data monitoring committee. Defined as the time from randomization to the date of death or data cut-off, whichever occurred first.

#### **Baseline Characteristics at IA2**

	Pembro + Chemo (N = 278)	Placebo + Chemo (N = 281)
Age, median (range), years	65.0 (29-87)	65.0 (36-88)
Men	220 (79.1%)	235 (83.6%)
ECOG PS 1	205 (73.7%)	191 (68.0%)
Stable brain metastases	20 (7.2%)	24 (8.5%)
Former/current smoker	256 (92.1%)	262 (93.2%)
Enrolled in east Asia	54 (19.4%)	52 (18.5%)
PD-L1 TPS ≥1%	176 (63.3%)	177 (63.0%)
Paclitaxel chosen as taxane	169 (60.8%)	167 (59.4%)
Prior thoracic radiation	17 (6.1%)	22 (7.8%)
Prior (neo)adjuvant therapy	5 (1.8%)	8 (2.8%)

Data cutoff date: Apr 3, 2018.

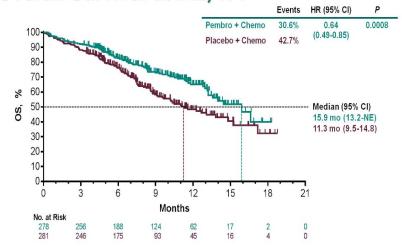
#### Frequency of PD-L1 TPS Categories



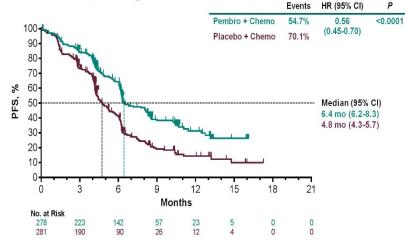
Not evaluable refers to specimens with an inadequate number of tumor cells or no tumor cells seen; these patients were included in the PD-L1 TPS <1% group for randomization stratification but excluded from analyses of efficacy by TPS. Data cutoff date: Apr 3, 2018.

# Keynote#407 OS and PFS Pembro + Chemotherapy vs. Chemotherapy alone

#### Overall Survival at IA2, ITT

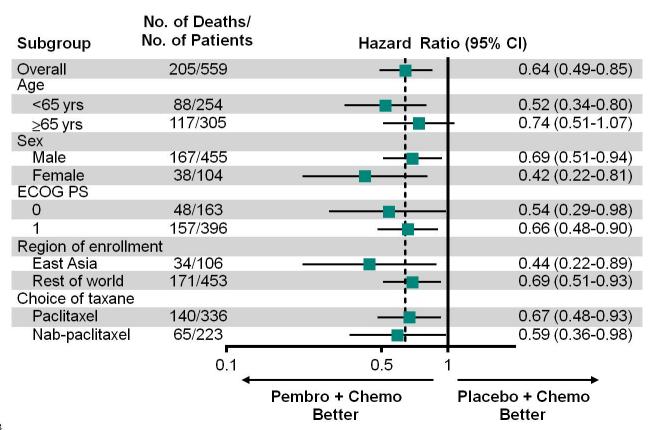


Progression-Free Survival at IA2, ITT (RECIST v1.1, BICR)

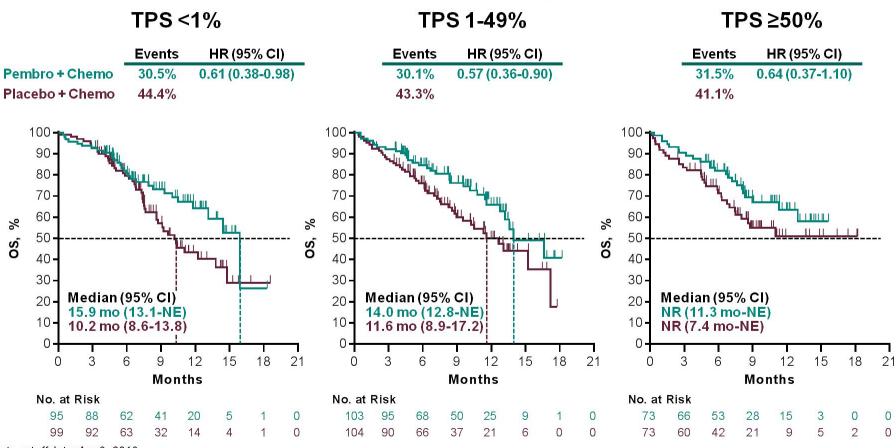


BICR, blinded, independent central review. Data cutoff date: Apr 3, 2018.

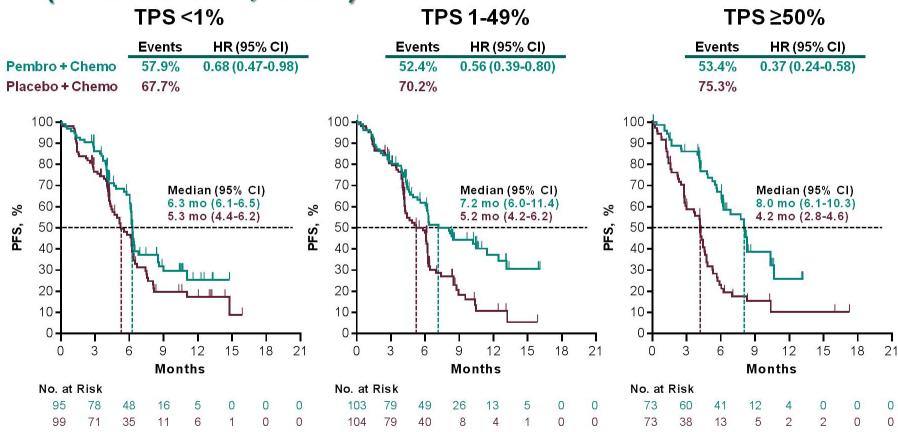
#### Overall Survival at IA2 in Key Subgroups



#### Overall Survival at IA2 by PD-L1 TPS



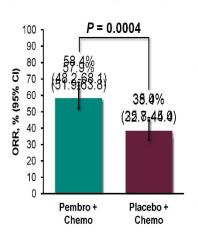
### Progression-Free Survival by PD-L1 TPS (RECIST v1.1, BICR)



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#### Keynote#407 ORR and DOR: Pembro + Chemo vs. Chemo alone

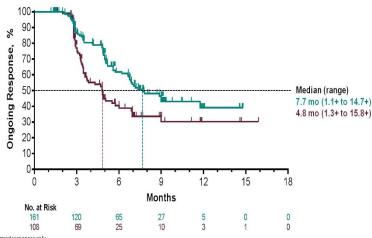
#### Objective Response Rate at IA2 (RECIST v1.1 by BICR)



Best Response	Pembro + Chemo (N = 278)	Placebo + Chemo (N = 281)
Complete response	4 (104%)	@ (2.9%)
Partial response	15597 (5596 45%)	13042 ((3336 (29%))
Stable disease	26 (28.7%)	13064 ((3357,000%))
Progressive disease	177 (66 91%)	36 (15.9%)
Not evaluable <sup>a</sup>	6 (2.2%)	<b>ቼ (2</b> 1.9%)
Not assessed <sup>b</sup>	156(5503%)	29 (9.2%)

-Patients who had ≥1 post-baseline imaging assessment, none of which were evaluable per RECIST v1.1 by BICR. Patients who did not have ≥1 post-baseline imaging assessment. Includes confirmed responses only. Datalphtodit

#### **Duration of Response at IA2** (RECIST v1.1, BICR)



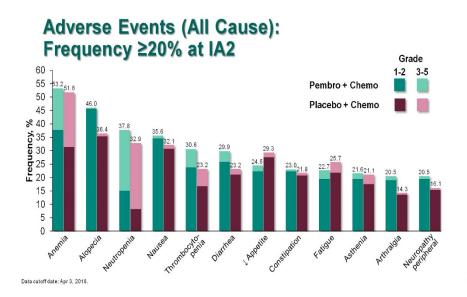
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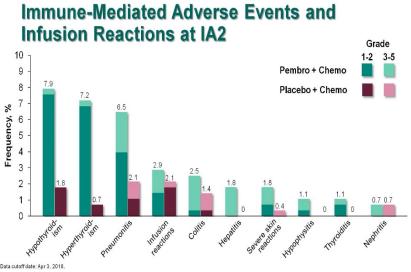
Data cutoff date for initial response: Apr 3, 2018.

#### **Exposure to Study Treatment at IA2**

	Pembro + Chemo N = 278	Placebo + Chemo N = 280
Treatment duration, mean (SD)	6.3 mo (4.1)	4.7 mo (3.5)
Treatment cycles		
Mean (SD)	9.3 (5.8)	7.3 (5.0)
Median (range)	8 (1-27)	6 (1-27)
4 doses of carboplatin, n (%)	219 (78.8%)	205 (73.2%)
4 doses of paclitaxel, n (%)	133/169 (78.7%)	119/167 (71.3%)
5-11 doses of nab-paclitaxel, n (%)	72/109 (66.1%)	73/113 (64.6%)
12 doses of nab-paclitaxel, n (%)	25/109 (22.9%)	24/113 (21.2%)
≥5 doses of pembrolizumab or placebo, n (%)	214 (77.0%)	189 (67.5%)

# Keynote #407 Adverse effects: Pembro + Chemo vs. Chemo Alone





#### **Summary and Conclusions**

- Pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy significantly improved OS (HR 0.64) over chemotherapy alone
  - Benefit was observed irrespective of PD-L1 TPS: HR 0.61 for TPS <1%, 0.57 for TPS 1-49%, and 0.64 for TPS ≥50%</li>
- PFS (HR 0.56) and ORR (P = 0.0004) were also improved with pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy and responses were more durable
- AE frequency and severity were mostly similar between arms
  - Observed events consistent with known safety profiles of pembrolizumab and chemotherapy, with no new safety signals identified
  - Rates of discontinuation due to AEs were higher in the pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy arm, but generally low overall
  - Immune-mediated AEs were more frequent in the pembrolizumab arm, with frequency and severity consistent with those observed for pembrolizumab monotherapy
- Data suggest pembrolizumab plus carboplatin and paclitaxel or nab-paclitaxel should become a new standard-of-care for first-line treatment of metastatic squamous NSCLC, irrespective of PD-L1 expression

#### Pembrolizumab vs Platinum-Based Chemotherapy as First-Line Therapy for Advanced/Metastatic NSCLC With a PD-L1 TPS ≥1%: Open-Label, Phase 3 KEYNOTE-042 Study

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**KEYNOTE-042 Study Design** 

#### Key Eligibility Criteria

- Untreated locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC of any histology
- PD-L1 TPS ≥1%
- No sensitizing EGFR or ALK alterations
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- No untreated or unstable CNS metastases
- No history of pneumonitis that required systemic corticosteroids

#### **Stratification Factors**

- Region (east Asia vs rest of the world)
- ECOG PS (0 vs 1)
- Histology (squamous vs nonsquamous)
- PD-L1 TPS (≥50% vs 1-49%)



Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W for up to 35 cycles

Paclitaxel 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q3W<sup>a</sup>
OR
Carboplatin AUC 5 or 6 Q3W +
Pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q3W<sup>a</sup>
for up to 6 cycles

Carboplatin AUC 5 or 6 Q3W +

#### **End points**

- Primary: OS in PD-L1 TPS ≥50%, ≥20%, and ≥1%
- Secondary: PFS and ORR in TPS ≥50%, ≥20%, and ≥1%; safety in TPS ≥1%

<sup>a</sup>Pemetrexed maintenance therapy was optional but strongly encouraged for patients with nonsquamous histology.



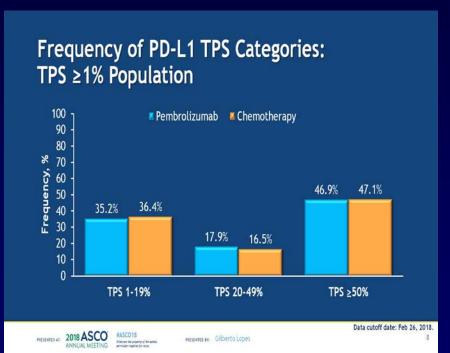


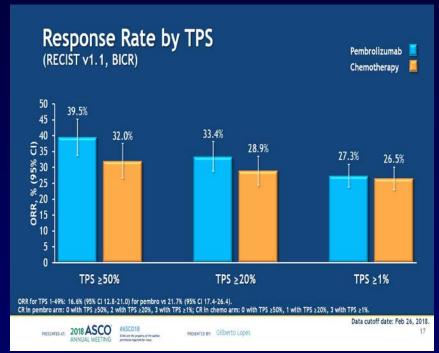
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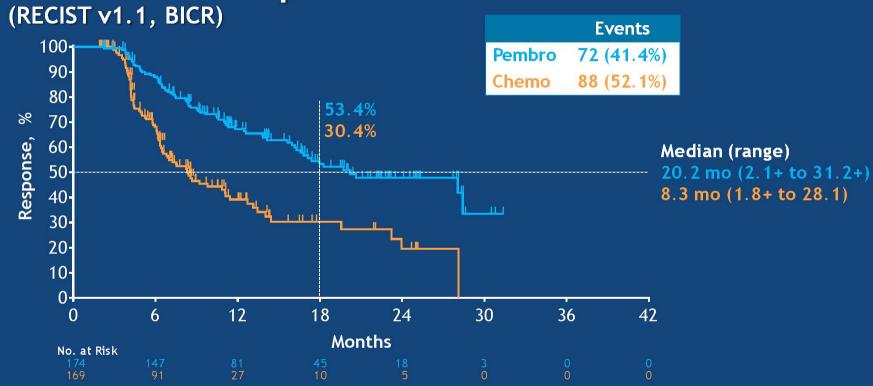
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# Frequency and Response Rate for PDL1 TPS >1%





**Duration of Response: TPS ≥1%** 



Median DOR for pembro vs chemo: 20.2 mo vs 10.8 mo for TPS ≥50%, 20.2 mo vs 8.3 mo for TPS ≥20%, and 17.4 mo vs 8.2 mo for TPS 1-49%.

Data cutoff date: Feb 26, 2018.

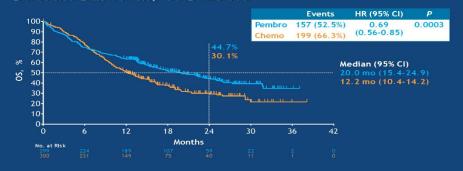
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#### Overall Survival: TPS ≥50%



#### Overall Survival: TPS ≥20%

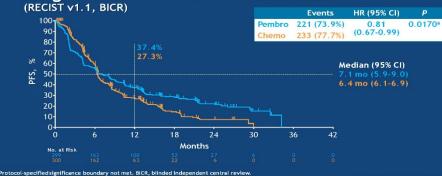


#### Overall Survival: TPS ≥1%

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#### Progression-Free Survival: TPS ≥50%



#### Progression-Free Survival: TPS ≥20%



#### Progression-Free Survival: TPS ≥1%



Formal comparison of pembrolizumab vs chemotherapy not performed based on hierarchical testing strateg

Data cutoff date: Feb 26, 2018.

#### **Summary and Conclusions**

- Pembrolizumab significantly improved OS over platinum-based chemotherapy as first-line therapy for advanced/metastatic NSCLC with PD-L1 TPS ≥50%, ≥20%, and ≥1%
  - HR (95% CI) of 0.69 (0.56-0.85), 0.77 (0.64-0.92), and 0.81 (0.71-0.93), respectively
  - Greater magnitude of benefit for pembrolizumab at higher levels of PD-L1 expression is consistent with previous studies of pembrolizumab monotherapy in metastatic NSCLC
  - In an exploratory analysis of TPS 1-49% population, HR (95% CI) was 0.92 (0.77-1.11)
- No significant PFS benefit for pembrolizumab at this analysis
  - Based on recommendation of external data monitoring committee, study is continuing to evaluate PFS based on additional follow-up
- Duration of response longer in patients treated with pembrolizumab than chemotherapy at all levels of PD-L1 expression



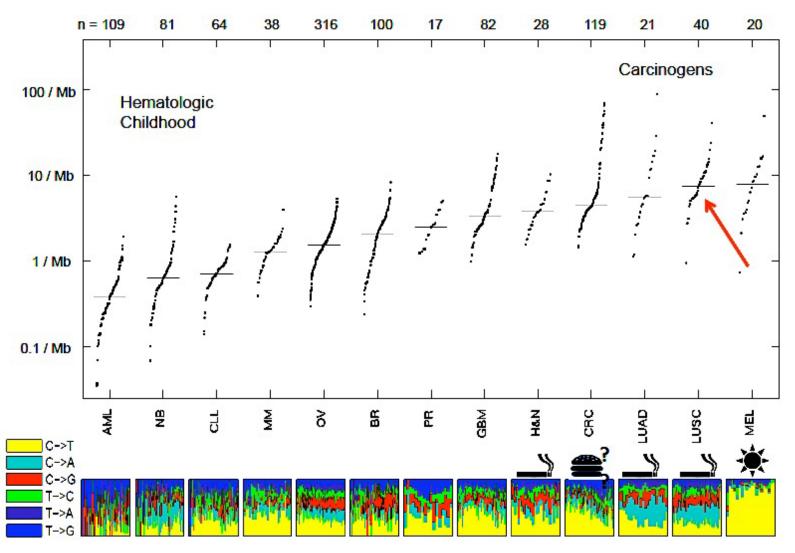
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#### **Summary and Conclusions**

- Despite longer exposure, frequency of treatment-related AEs was lower with pembrolizumab
  - Safety profile consistent with that previously observed for pembrolizumab
  - Better safety profile of pembrolizumab suggests it is an appropriate treatment option for any level of PD-L1 positivity
- Keynote 042 is the first study with a primary endpoint of OS to demonstrate superiority
  of pembrolizumab over platinum-based chemotherapy in patients with previously
  untreated advanced or metastatic NSCLC without EGFR mutations or ALK translocations
  and with a PD-L1 TPS ≥1%
- These data confirm and potentially extend the role of pembrolizumab monotherapy as a standard first-line treatment for patients with PD-L1-expressing tumors



# Comparative Rate of Mutations Across Different Tumor Types





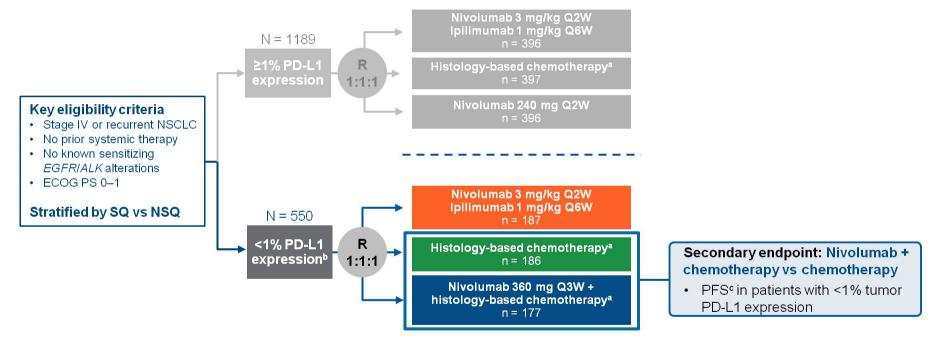
# Nivolumab + Ipilimumab, Nivolumab + Chemotherapy, and Chemotherapy in Chemo-Naive Patients With Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer and <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression: Results From CheckMate 227

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#### CheckMate 227 Part 1 Study Design



Co-primary endpoints: OS in PD-L1—selected populations and PFS<sup>c</sup> in TMB-selected populations treated with nivolumab + ipilimumab vs chemotherapy

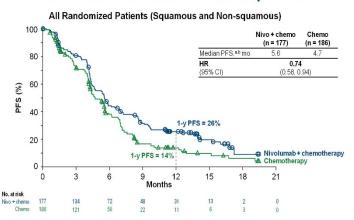
Database lock: January 24, 2018; minimum follow-up: 11.2 months

aNSQ: pemetrexed + cisplatin or carboplatin, Q3W for ≤4 cycles, with optional pemetrexed maintenance following chemotherapy or nivolumab + pemetrexed maintenance following nivolumab + chemotherapy; SQ: gemoitabine + cisplatin, or gemoitabine + carboplatin, Q3W for ≤4 cycles; Done patient was randomized with <1% tumor PD-L1 expression in IVRS, but was subsequently found to have ≥1% tumor PD-L1 expression; Per BICR

# PFS, ORR and DOR: Nivolumab + Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy in Patients With <1% Tumor PDL1 Expression

CheckMate 227: Nivo + Ipi, Nivo + Chemo, and Chemo in 1L NSCLC With <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression

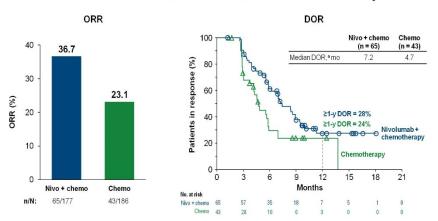
#### PFS: Nivolumab + Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy in Patients With <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression



5% Cl: nivo + chemo (4.6.6.7 mo), chemo (4.3.5.6 mo); In the nivo + ipi arm (n = 187), median (95% Cl) PFS was 4.4 (3.1.6.0), 1-y PFS was 29%, and HR vs chemo was 0.79 (0.62, 1.01)

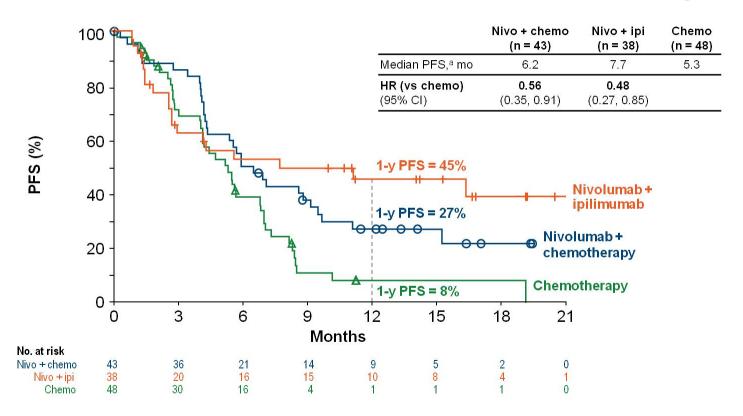
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#### ORR and DOR in Patients With <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression



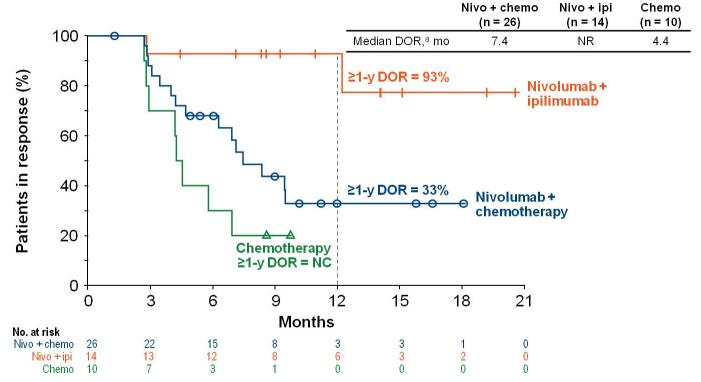
DOR per BICR; ORR was 25.1% (n/N: 47/187), median DOR was 18.0 mo (95% Cl: 12.2, NR), and ≥1-y DOR was 72% in the nivo + ipi arm \*95% Cl: nivo + chemo (5.9, 9.4 mo), chemo (3.7, 5.8 mo)

### PFS: Nivolumab + Chemotherapy and Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in Patients With TMB ≥10 mut/Mb and <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression



Exploratory analysis ³95% Cl: nivo + chemo (4.3, 9.1 mo), nivo + ipi (2.7, NR mo), chemo (4.0, 6.8 mo)

### DOR: Nivolumab + Chemotherapy and Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in Patients With TMB ≥10 mut/Mb and <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression



• ORR was 60.5% with nivo + chemo, 36.8% with nivo + ipi, and 20.8% with chemo

Exploratory analysis <sup>95%</sup> CI: nivo + chemo (4.6, NR mo), nivo + ipi (12.2, NR mo), chemo (2.7, 6.9 mo)

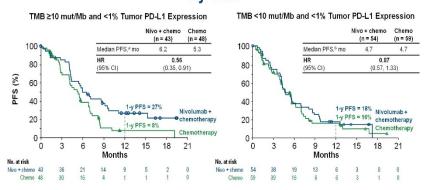
#### PFS Subgroup Analyses in Patients With <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression

Subgroup	Nivo + chemo n	Chemo n	Unstratified HR	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
Overall	177	186	0.71	-
<65 years	91	98	0.59	<b>—</b>
≥65 years	86	88	0.85	<del>•</del> :-
Male	130	125	0.70	
Female	47	61	0.70	<del></del>
North America	25	15	0.65	<del></del>
Europe	90	92	0.59	<b></b>
Asia	36	43	0.72	<b>—</b>
Rest of world	26	36	1.12	<del></del>
ECOG PS 0	59	57	0.88	<del></del>
ECOG PS 1	117	127	0.64	-
Squamous	43	46	0.92	<del></del>
Non-squamous	134	140	0.68	<b>—</b>
TMB high (≥10 mut/Mb)	43	48	0.56	
TMB low (<10 mut/Mb)	54	59	0.87	<b>÷</b> :-

# PFS: Nivolumab vs. Chemotherapy vs. Nivolumab + Ipilumumab by TMB

CheckMate 227: Nivo + Ipi, Nivo + Chemo, and Chemo in 1L NSCLC With <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression

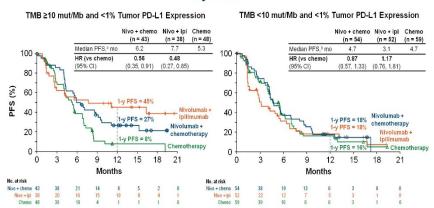
#### PFS: Nivolumab + Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy By TMB



- TMB ≥10 mut/Mb: ORR was 60.5% with nivo + chemo and 20.8% with chemo
- TMB <10 mut/Mb: ORR was 27.8% with nivo + chemo and 22.0% with chemo</li>

CheckMate 227: Nivo + Ipi, Nivo + Chemo, and Chemo in 1L NSCLC With <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression

#### PFS: Nivolumab + Chemotherapy and Nivolumab + Ipilimumab By TMB



Exploratory analysis

95% Cl: nivo + chemo (4.3, 9.1 mo), nivo + ipi (2.7, NR mo), chemo (4.0, 6.8 mo); 95% Cl: nivo + chemo (4.2, 6.9 mo), nivo + ipi (1.6, 5.4 mo), chemo (3.9, 6.2 mo)

395% CI: nivo + chemo (4.3, 9.1 mo), chemo (4.0, 6.8 mo); 595% CI: nivo + chemo (4.2, 6.9 mo), chemo (3.9, 6.2 mo)

#### Summary: Nivolumab + Ipilimumab and Nivolumab + Chemotherapy in 1L NSCLC With <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression

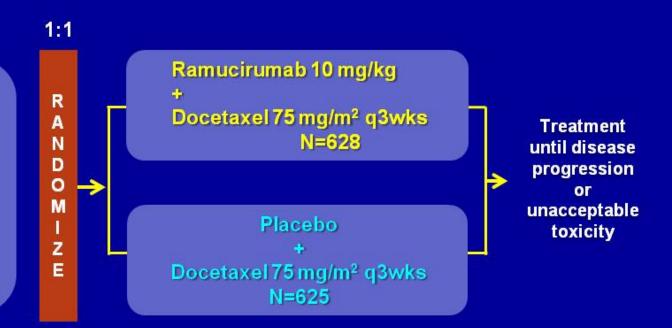
- Nivolumab + chemo vs chemo PFS HR was 0.74 (95% CI: 0.58, 0.94)<sup>a</sup> in patients with <1% PD-L1 expression,<sup>b</sup> consistent with other PD-(L)1 + chemo studies
- TMB testing may be clinically relevant to select patients for IO + chemo in addition to IO + IO
  - In patients with <1% PD-L1 expression, PFS benefit from nivolumab + chemo vs chemo was enhanced with high TMB (≥10 mut/Mb)</li>
  - Patients with low TMB (<10 mut/Mb) and <1% PD-L1 did not appear to have PFS benefit from nivolumab in combination with either chemo or ipilimumab
- Responses were more durable and 1-year PFS rates were higher with nivolumab + ipilimumab vs nivolumab + chemo in patients with high TMB (≥10 mut/Mb) and <1% PD-L1 expression
- There were fewer grade 3–4 TRAEs with nivolumab + ipilimumab than nivolumab + chemo

# Second Line Options for Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Lung

#### **REVEL: Study Design**

- Stage IV NSCLC after one platinumbased chemo +/maintenance

- Prior Bev allowed
- All histologies
- PS 0 or 1



#### Stratification factors:

- ECOG PS 0 vs 1
- Gender
- Prior maintenance
- East-Asia vs. ROW

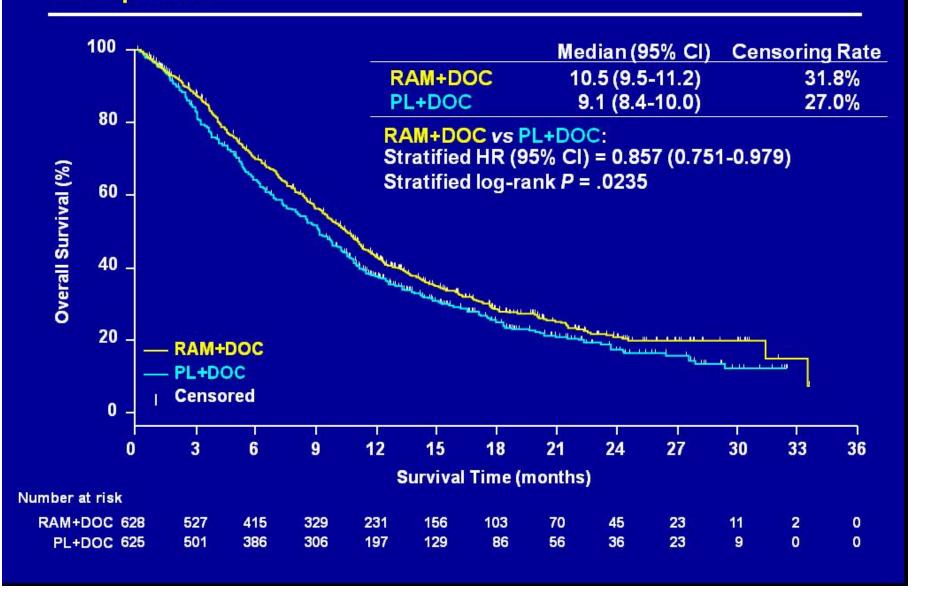
Primary endpoint: Overall Survival

Secondary endpoints: PFS, ORR, safety, patient-reported outcomes

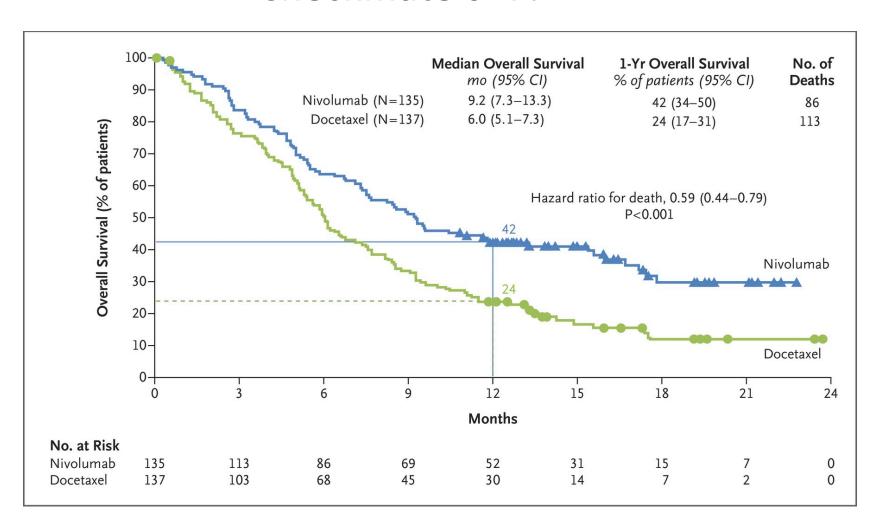
Abbreviations: Bev=bevacizumab; ECOG PS=Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ORR=objective response rate; PFS=progression-free survival; ROW=rest of the world; q3wks=every 3 weeks.

#### **Overall Survival**

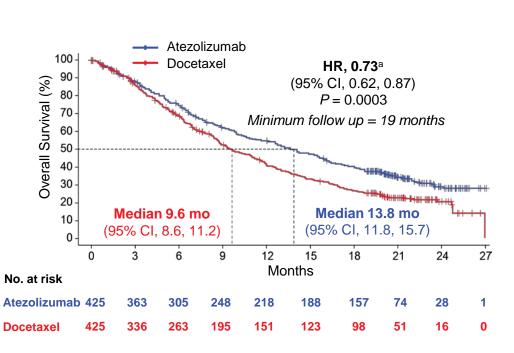
#### **ITT Population**

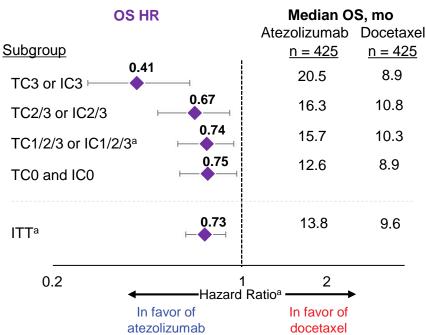


# OS for Nivolumab vs. Docetaxel as second line option in squamous Cell carcinoma, Checkmate 017.



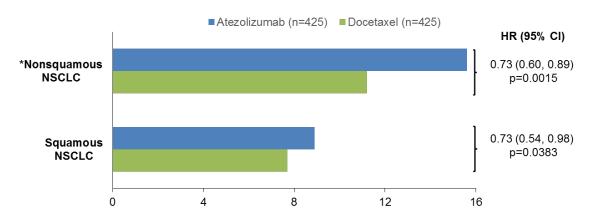
## Atezolizumab: Overall survival, ITT (n = 850) and PD-L1 subgroups





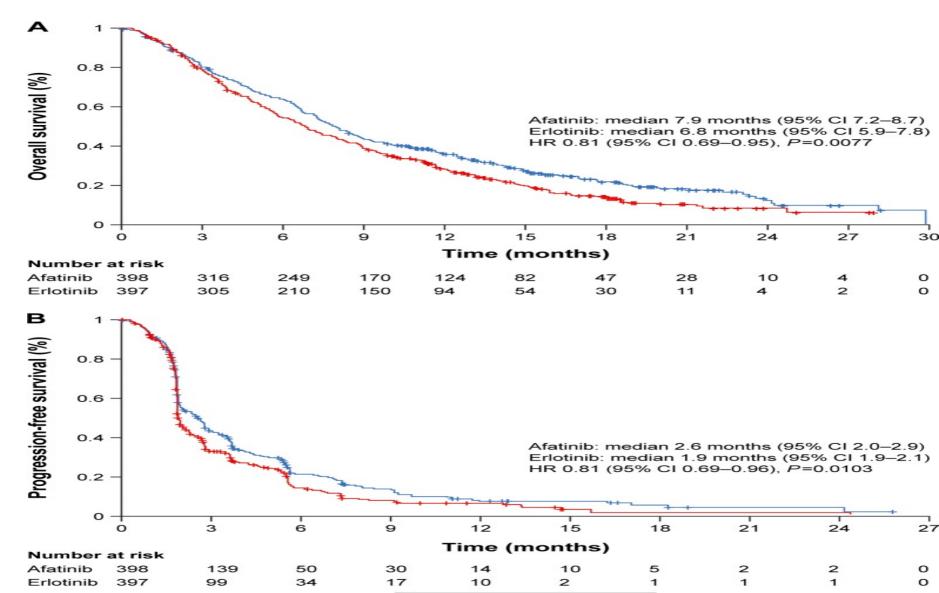
# Atezolizumab Survival Benefit by Histology Compared to Docetaxel

OS results from OAK: a randomized Phase III clinical trial:<sup>2</sup>

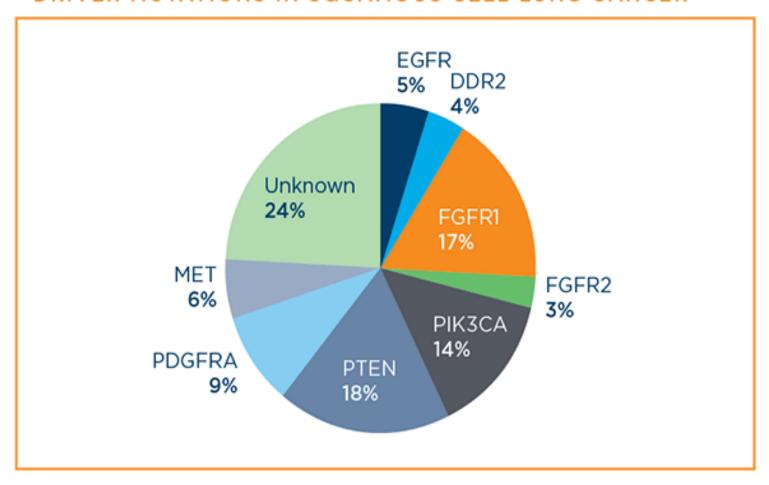


\*There are 4 main pathological types of lung cancer (adeno-, squamous cell, small cell and large cell carcinoma). For reasons of clinical consequences, different pathological types of lung cancer are sometimes grouped into a category (non-small cell carcinoma or nonsquamous non-small cell carcinoma) when it is necessary or useful to consider them in the same way, even if the tumors are pathologically different

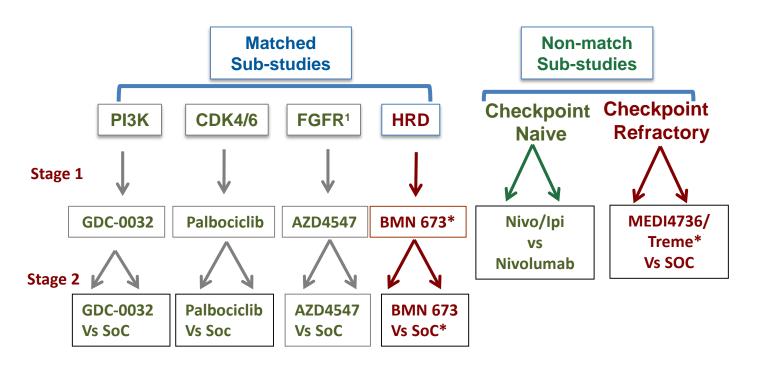
# Afatinib vs. Erlotinib as second line options for Squamous Cell carcinoma of the lung



#### DRIVER MUTATIONS IN SQUAMOUS CELL LUNG CANCER



#### **LUNG-MAP Schema**



- Lung-MAP amended to 2<sup>nd</sup> line therapy & beyond to accommodate Nivolumab approval
- Pre-screening added back
- Eligibility criteria broadened; \*Sub-studies in development

#### Thank You