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# Immunotherapy for Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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- Current use of Immunotherapy in advanced NSCLC
- Role of 2L+ Immunotherapy
- Role of 1L Immunotherapy vs. 1L Chemo-Immunotherapy
- Biomarkers (and combination immunotherapy)
- Problem Areas

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  - **Overview of NCCN guidelines**
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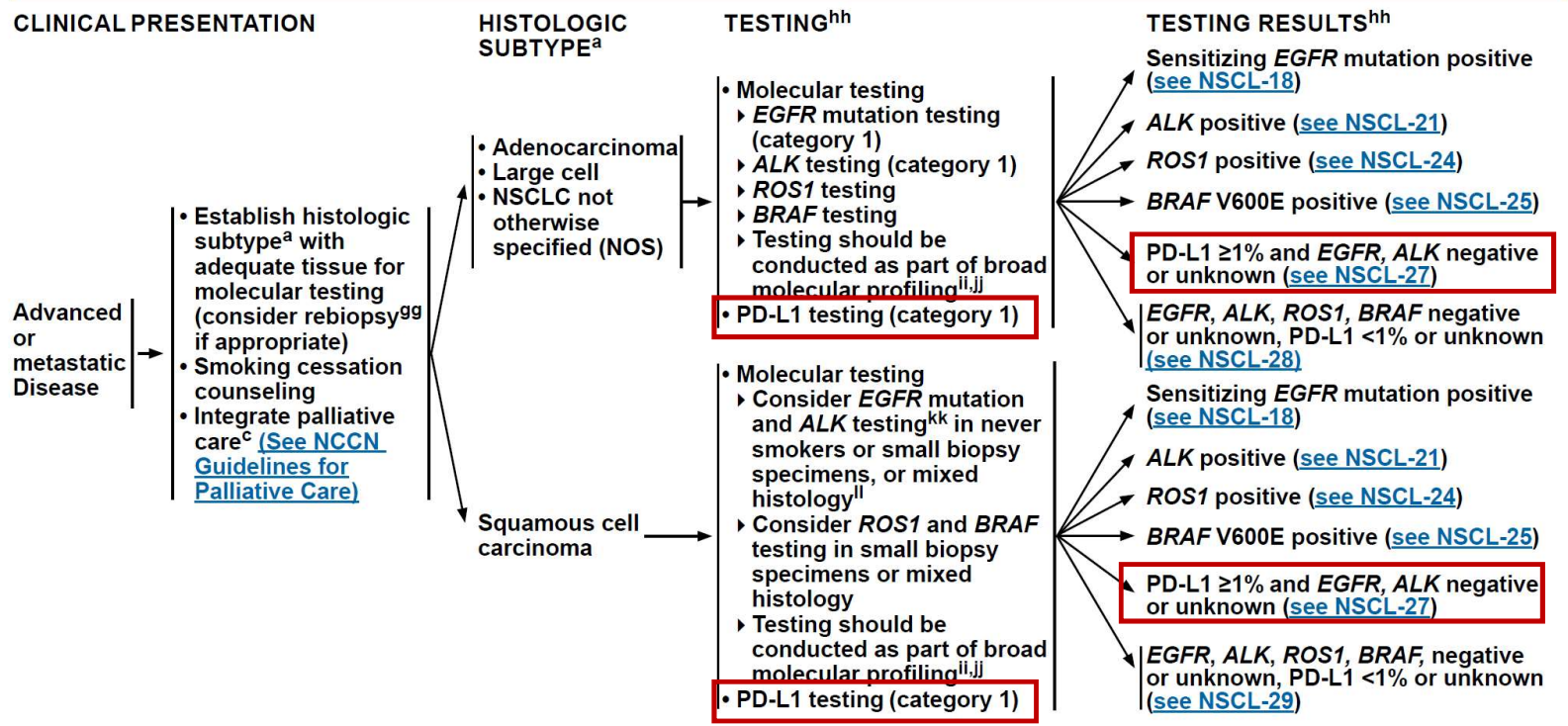
# PD-L1 (IHC) is a critical upfront biomarker in NSCLC



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# NSCLC adenocarcinoma PD-L1 ≥ 1%, EGFR/ALK WT



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PD-L1 EXPRESSION POSITIVE (≥1%)<sup>hh</sup>

**Thresholds**

- PD-L1 ≥ 50%
- PD-L1 1-49%

Adenocarcinoma,  
large cell, NSCLC  
NOS

PD-L1 expression  
positive (≥1%)  
and EGFR, ALK  
negative or  
unknown and no  
contraindications  
to the addition of  
pembrolizumab or  
atezolizumab<sup>aaa</sup>

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### FIRST-LINE THERAPY<sup>mm</sup>

Pembrolizumab (category 1 and preferred if PD-L1 ≥ 50%) (category 2B if PD-L1 1-49%)<sup>bbb</sup> or (Carboplatin or cisplatin) + pemetrexed + pembrolizumab (category 1 if PD-L1 ≥ 50%) (category 1 and preferred if PD-L1 1-49%) or Carboplatin + paclitaxel + bevacizumab + atezolizumab (category 1)

Response or stable disease

Progression

Continuation maintenance<sup>mm</sup>

- Pembrolizumab (category 1)<sup>ccc</sup>
- Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed (category 1)<sup>ddd</sup>
- Atezolizumab and/or bevacizumab (category 1)<sup>eee</sup>

or  
Close observation

See Systemic Therapy or Subsequent Therapy,<sup>fff</sup>  
[Adenocarcinoma \(NSCL-28\)](#)

# NSCLC squamous cell PD-L1 ≥ 1%, EGFR/ALK WT

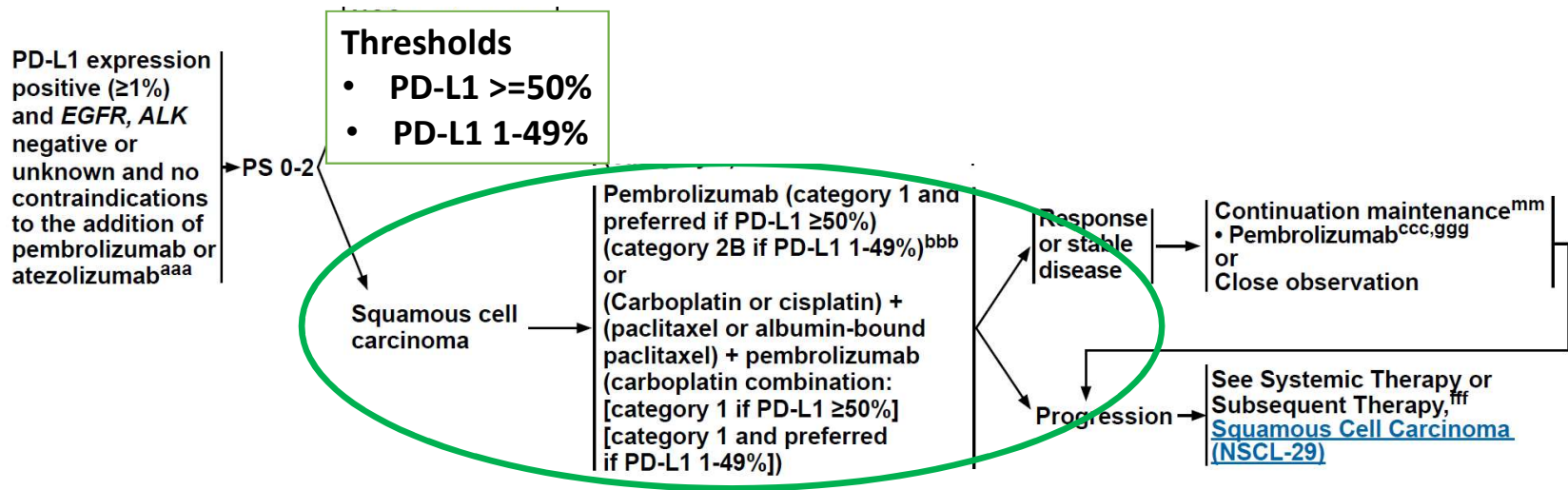


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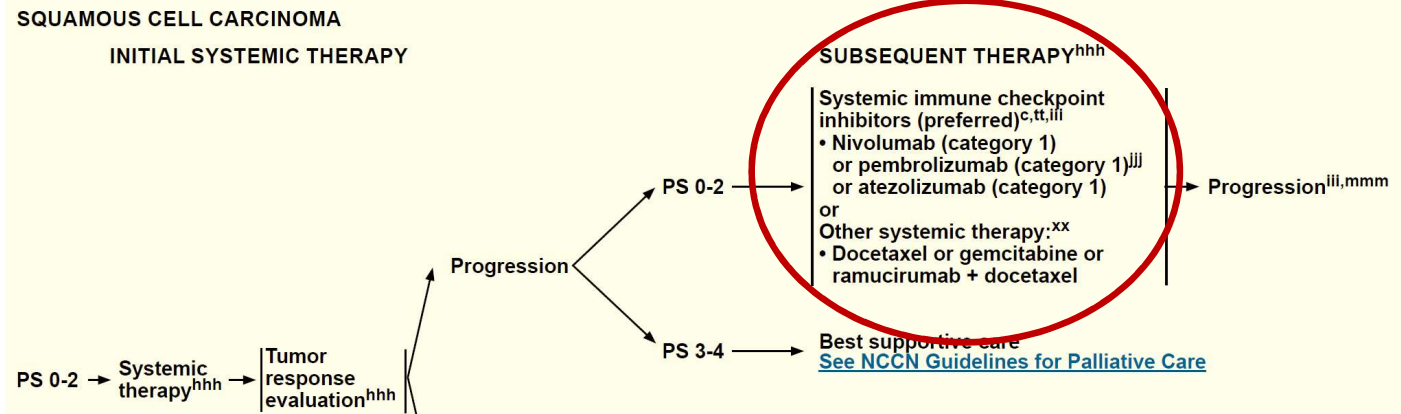
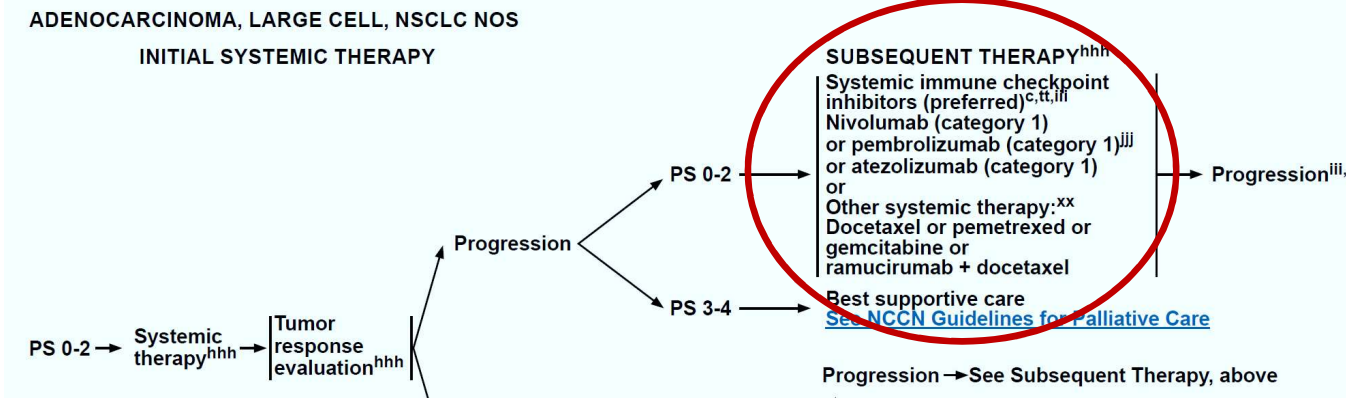
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# NSCLC adenoca and squamous: 2L+ Immunotherapy (if not received in 1L setting)



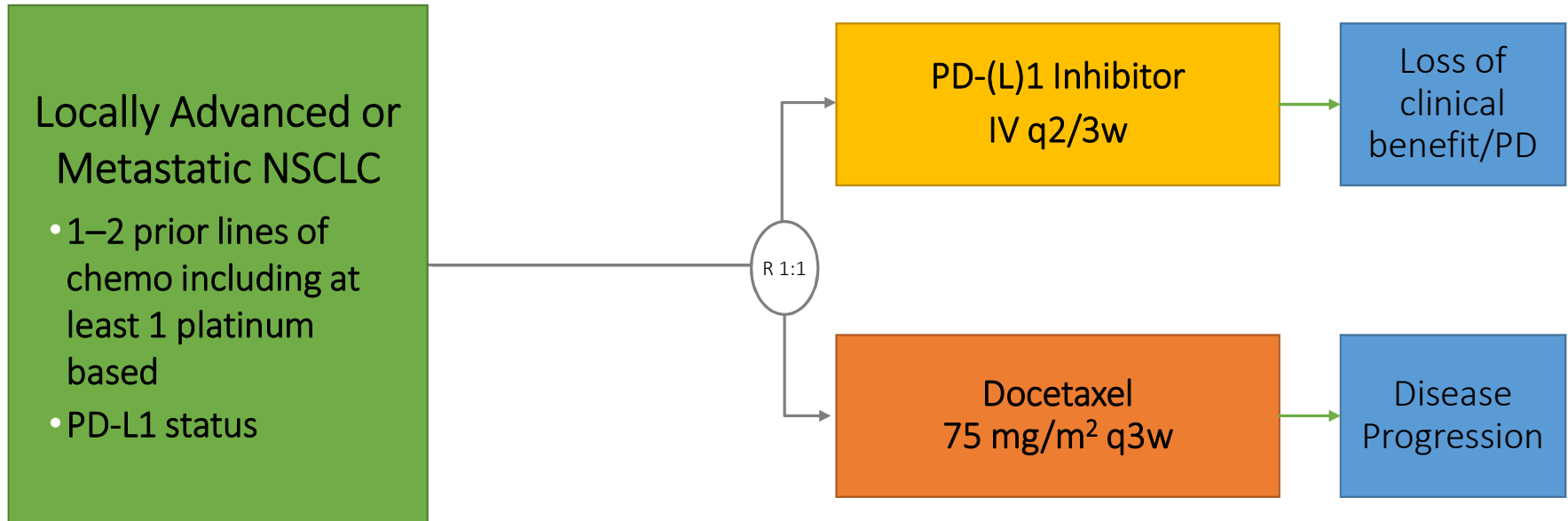
PD-L1 use only linked to pembrolizumab in 2L+ setting



# Objectives

- Current use of Immunotherapy in advanced NSCLC
- **Role of 2L+ Immunotherapy**
  - **Overview of major phase III randomized studies compared to docetaxel**
    - Nivolumab: CM-017 (squamous) and CM-057 (non-squamous)
    - Pembrolizumab: KN-010
    - Atezolizumab: OAK
- Role of 1L Immunotherapy vs. 1L Chemo-Immunotherapy
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# PHASE III – 2<sup>ND</sup> LINE NSCLC PD-(L)1 VS. DOCETAXEL

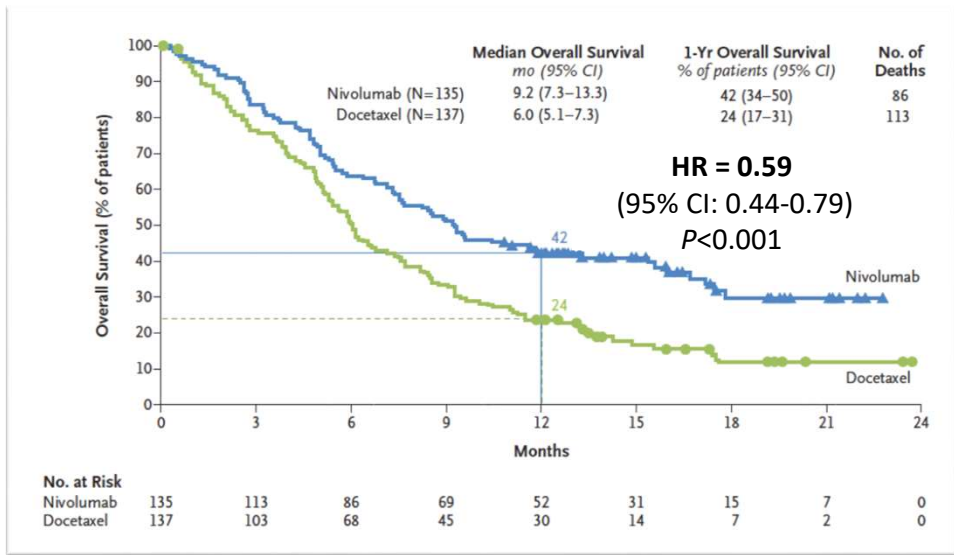


Primary Endpoints:

- OS in the ITT population
- OS in patients with PD-L1 expression
- Secondary Endpoints: ORR, PFS, DoR, Safety

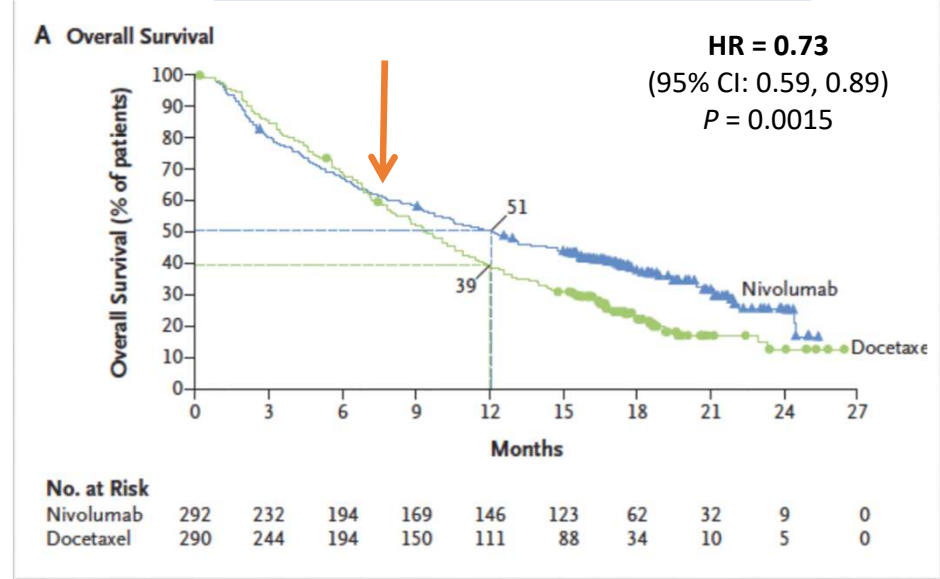
# All second line immunotherapy studies showed an improvement in overall survival

## CM-017 Nivolumab Squamous NSCLC



Brahmer. N Engl J Med. 2015 Jul 9;373(2):123-35.

## CM-057 Nivolumab Non-squamous NSCLC

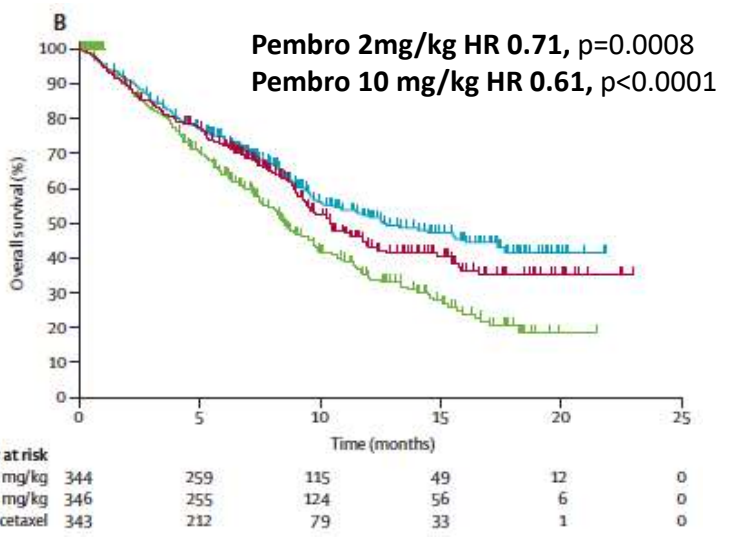


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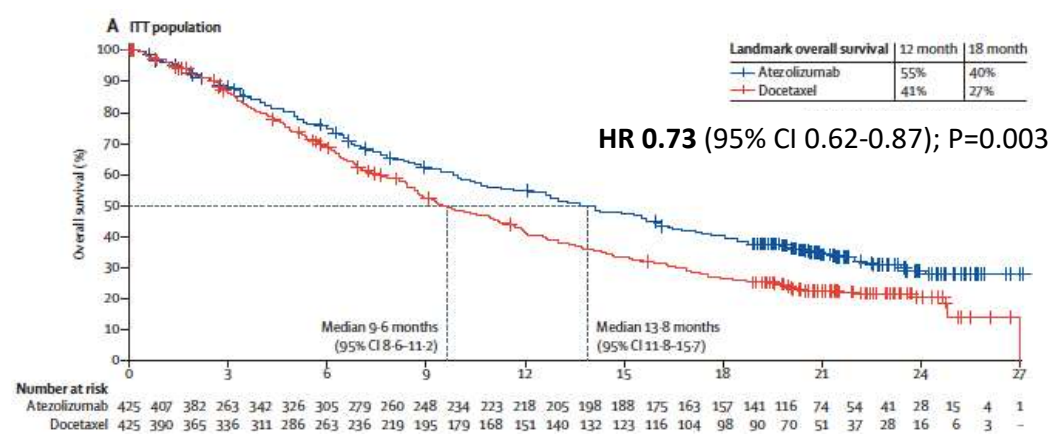
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**KN-010 (PD-L1  $\geq 1\%$ )  
Pembrolizumab  
Squamous and Non-squamous NSCLC**

**OAK (ITT)  
Atezolizumab  
Squamous and Non-squamous NSCLC**



Herbst et al. Lancet. 2016 Apr 9;387(10027):1540-50.



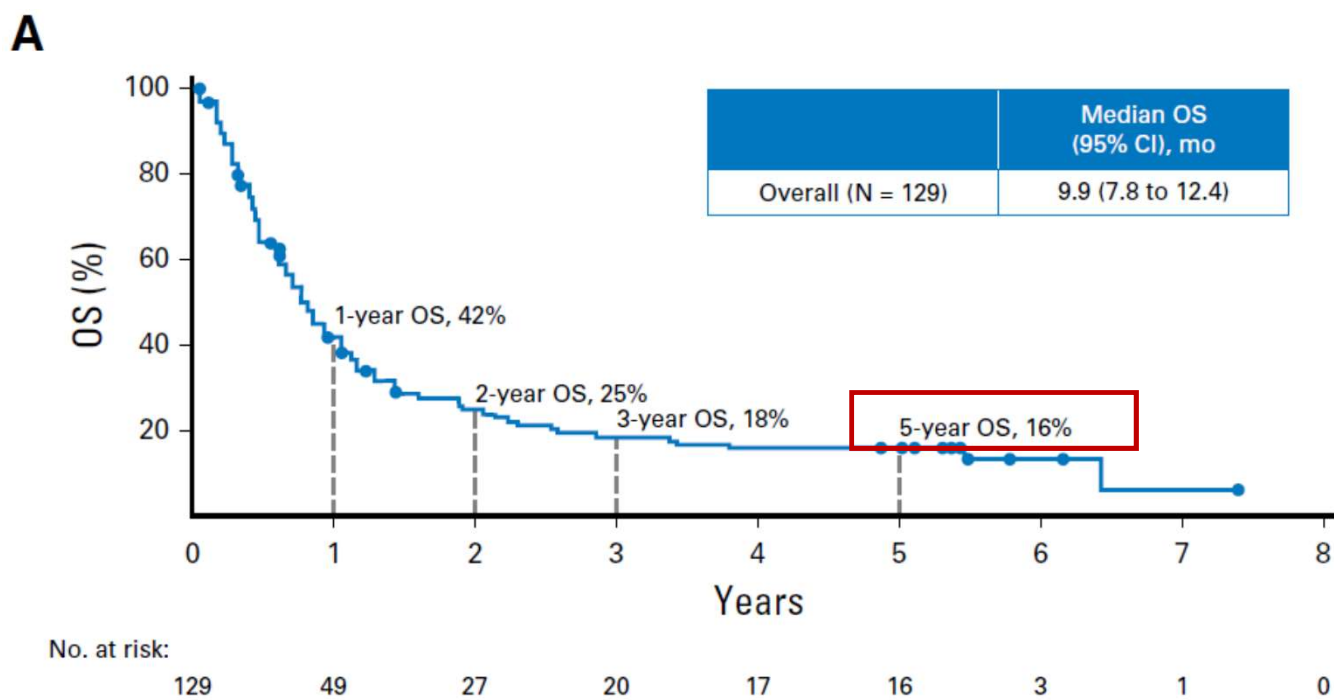
Rittmeyer et al. Lancet. 2017 Jan 21;389(10066):255-265.

## Summary 2<sup>nd</sup> line Checkpoint Inhibitors in NSCLC

Trial	Primary Endpoint OS	median OS	1-year OS rate	mPFS	ORR	PD-L1+ matter?
<b>Nivo:</b> squam CM017	<b>HR = 0.59</b> (95% CI: 0.44,0.79)	9.2 vs 6.0 mo	42% vs 24%	3.5 vs. 2.8 mo	20% vs. 9% <i>P</i> = 0.008	NO
<b>Nivo:</b> non-sq CM057	<b>HR = 0.73</b> (95% CI: 0.59,0.89)	12.2 vs 9.4 mo	51% vs 39%	2.3 vs. 4.2 mo	19% vs.12% <i>P</i> = 0.025	YES
<b>Pembro:</b> KN010 TPS <sub>≥</sub> 1%	<b>P2:HR = 0.71</b> (95% CI: 0.58,0.88) <b>P10:HR = 0.61</b> (95% CI 0.49,0.75)	10.4 (P2) vs 12.7 (P10) vs 8.5 mo (D)	43% vs 52% vs 35%	~4.0 mo all 3 groups	18% (P2) vs 18% (P10) vs 9% D; <i>P</i> =.0005	YES
<b>Atezo:</b> OAK	<b>HR = 0.73</b> (95% CI:0.62,0.87)	13.8 vs 9.6 mo	55% vs 41%	2.8 vs 4.0 mo	14% vs. 13% NS	YES

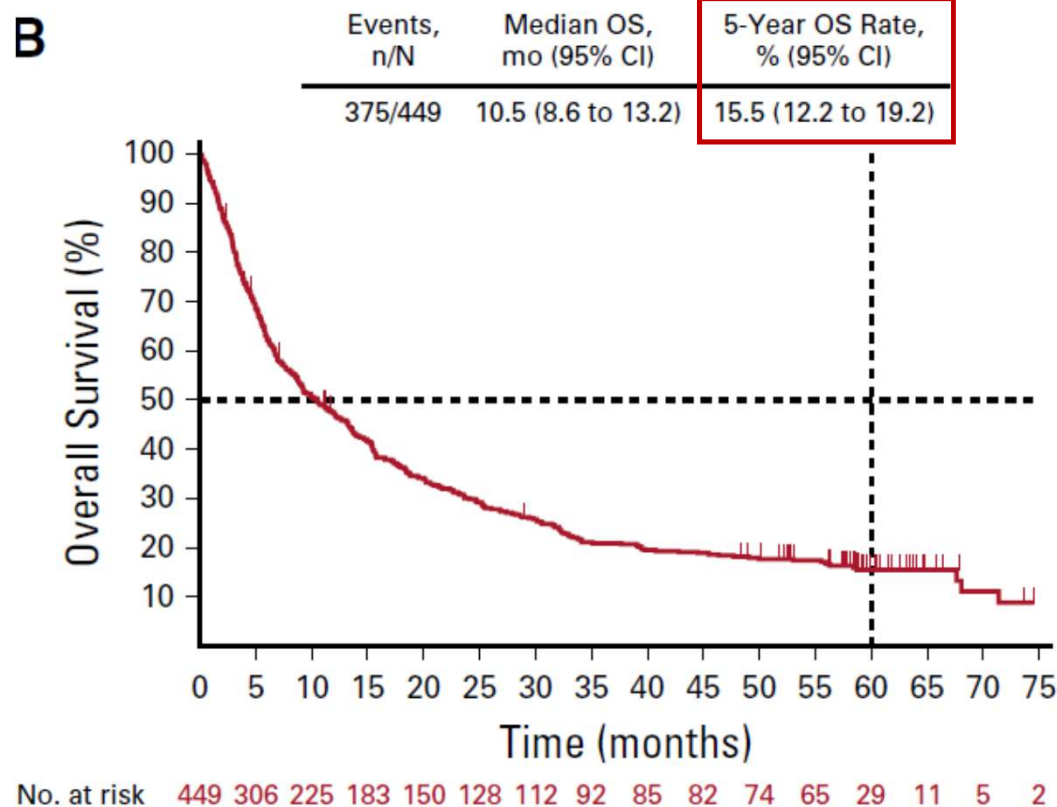
# Long term-survival documented in 2L+ immunotherapy studies

## Nivolumab CA209-003



# Long term-survival documented in 2L+ immunotherapy studies

Pembrolizumab KEYNOTE-001



## Conclusions 2L+ Immunotherapy

- All 2L+ immunotherapy studies showed an improvement in overall survival compared to docetaxel
- Long-term survivors observed with 2L+ immunotherapy
- Uncommonly used in 2L+ setting as immunotherapy has moved to the 1L setting

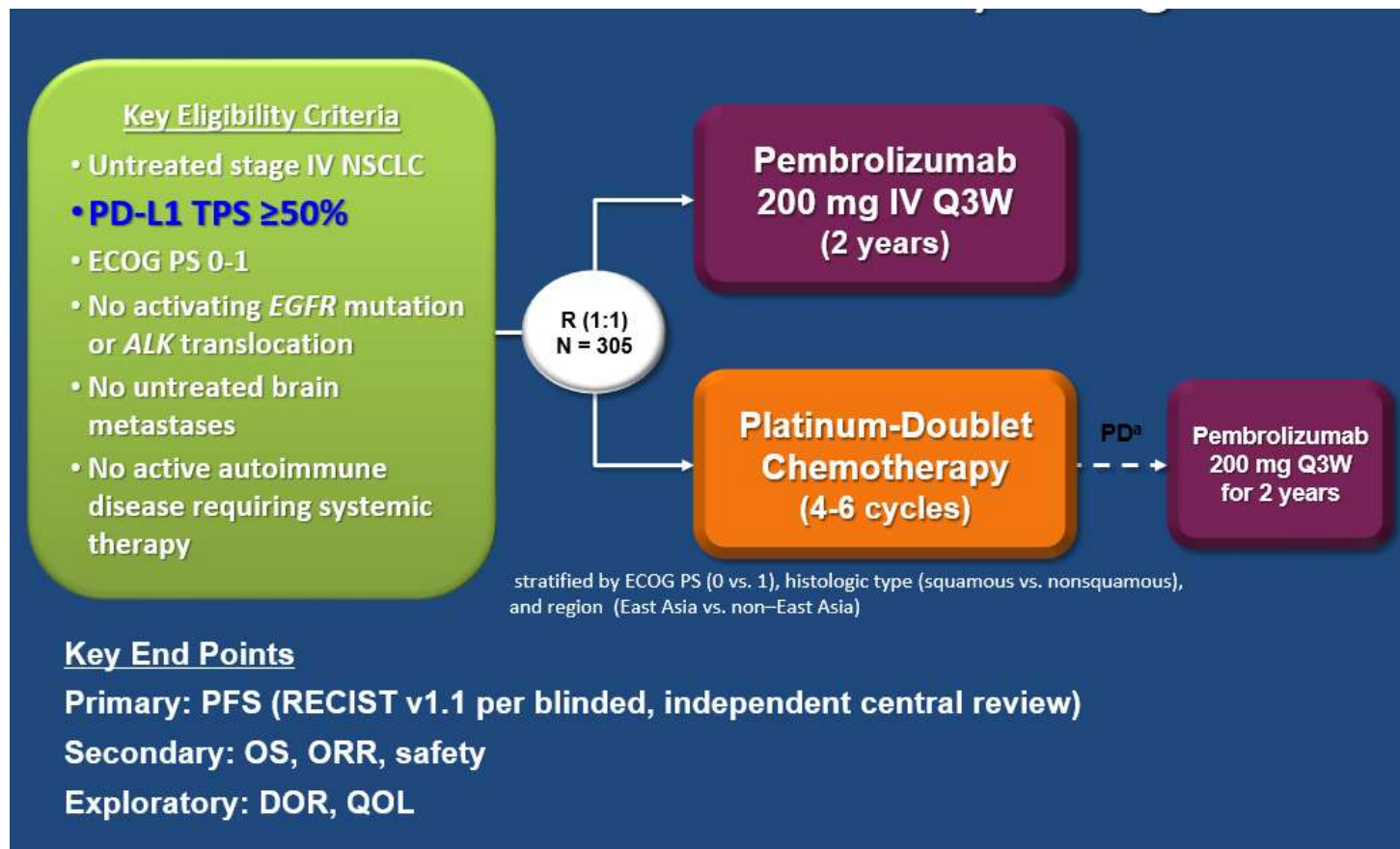


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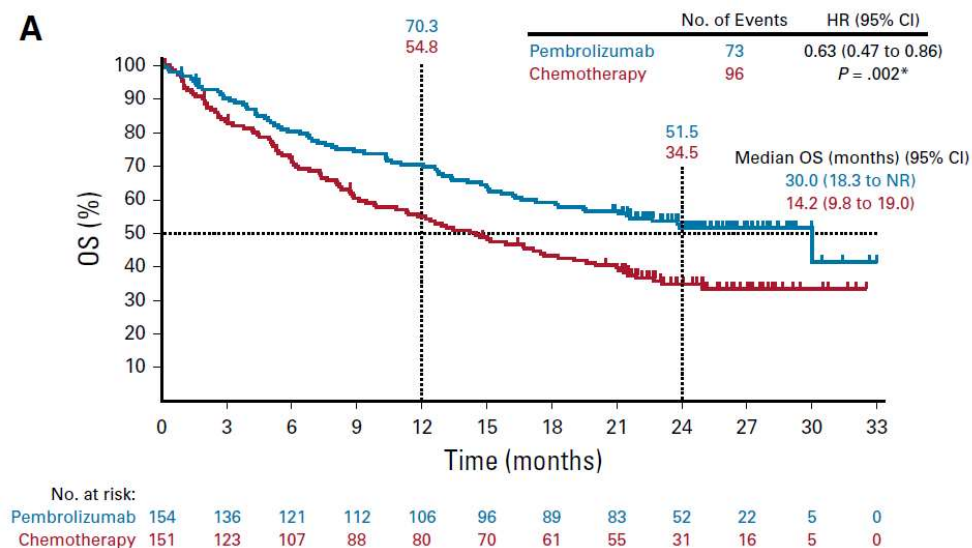
- Current use of Immunotherapy in advanced NSCLC
- Role of 2L+ Immunotherapy
- **Role of 1L Immunotherapy vs. 1L Chemo-Immunotherapy**
  - Immunotherapy single agent: Pembrolizumab KN-024 ( $\geq 50\%$  PD-L1); KN-042 ( $\geq 1\%$  PD-L1)
  - Chemo-immunotherapy: KN-189 nonsquamous (carbo/pemetrexed/pembro); KN-407 squamous (carbo/pac or nab-pac/pembro); IMPower150 (carbo/pac/atezo/bev)
- Biomarkers (and combination immunotherapy)
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# 1L Pembrolizumab in PD-L1 high ( $\geq 50\%$ ), *EGFR/ALK* WT NSCLC

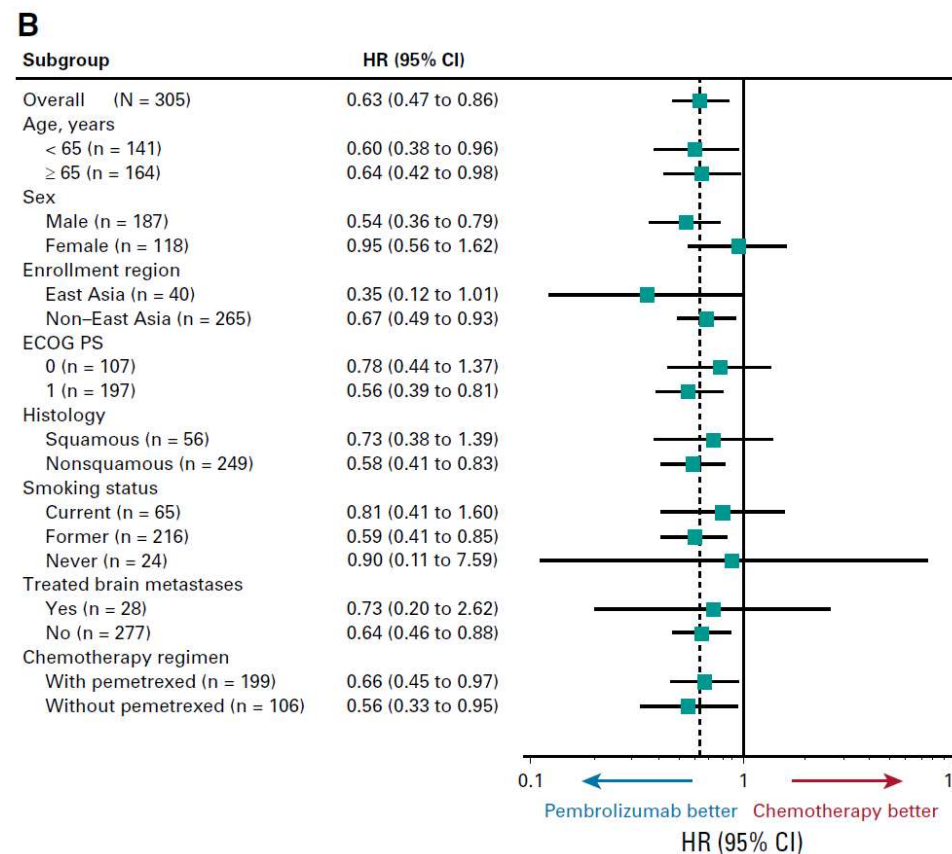
PH III KEYNOTE-024 Study



# 1L Pembrolizumab improves overall survival in PD-L1 high ( $\geq 50\%$ ), *EGFR/ALK* WT NSCLC



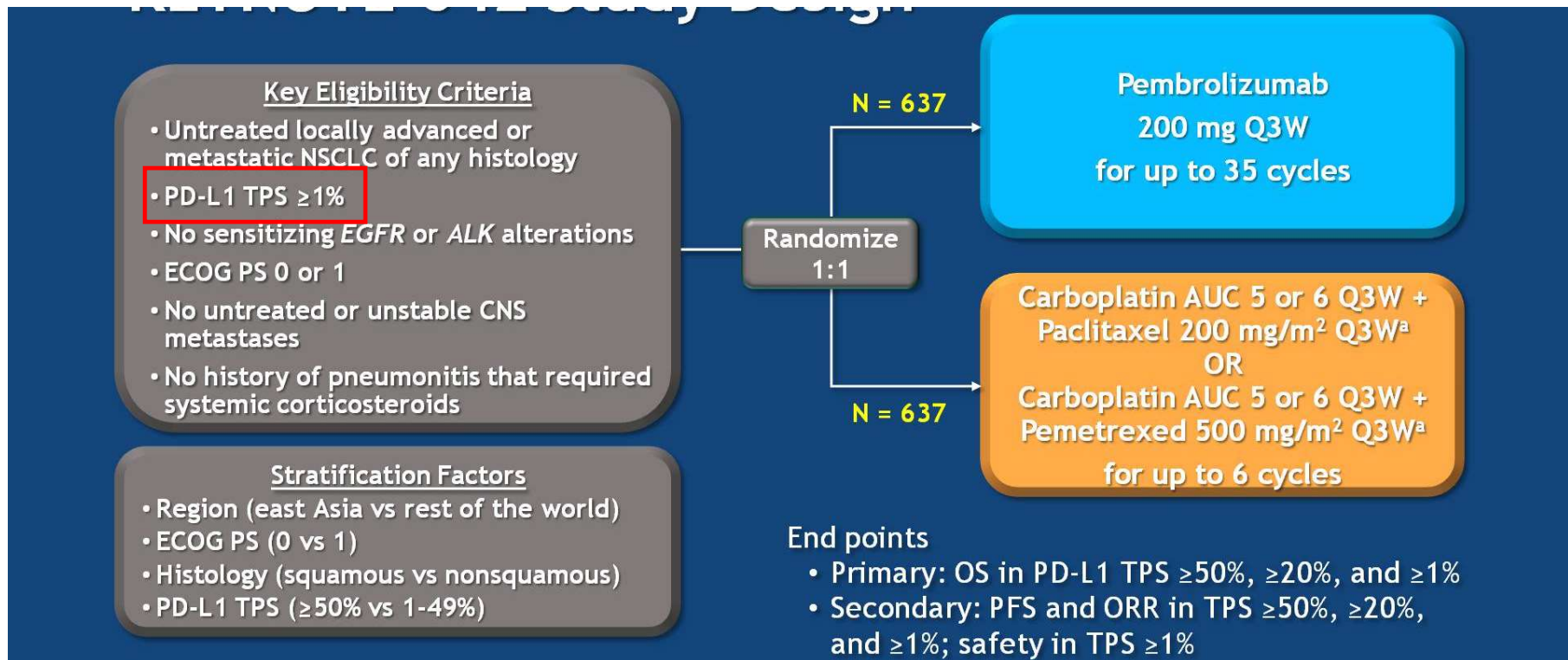
- **OS HR 0.63; P=0.002**
  - HR adjusted for crossover 0.49 (95% CI 0.34, 0.69)
- **PFS HR 0.50; p <0.001**
- **ORR 44.6% vs. 27.8%**



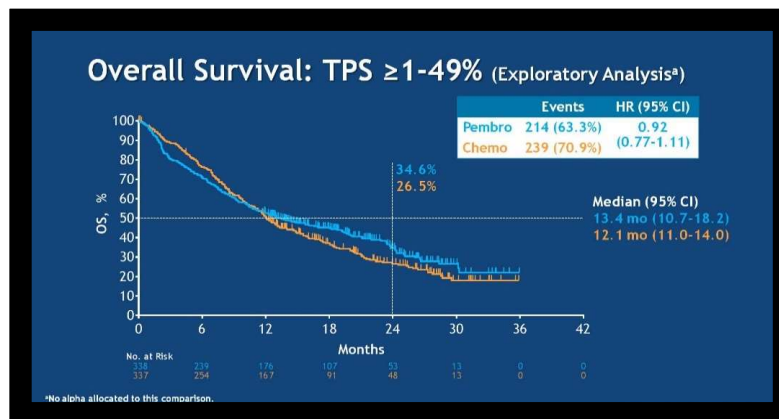
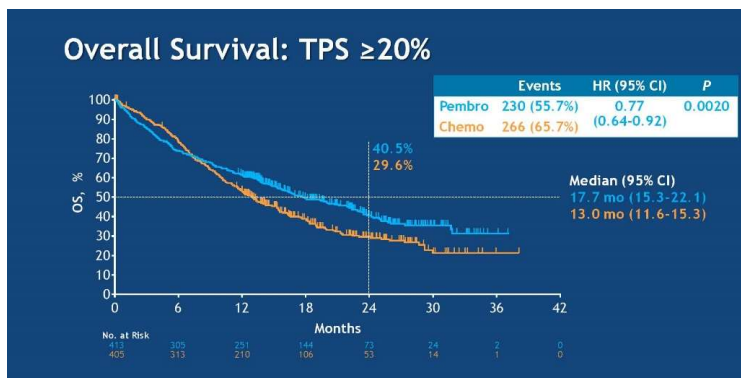
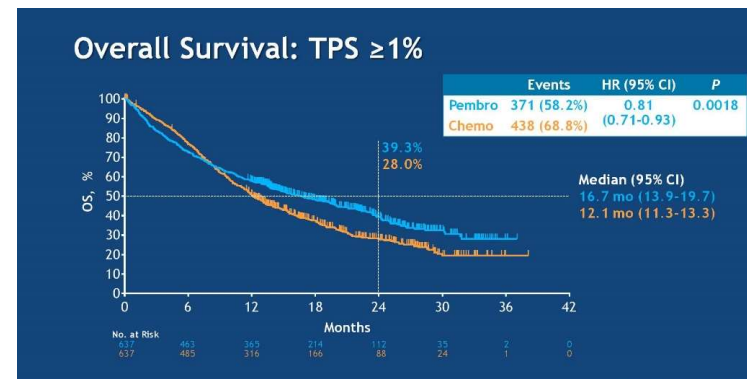
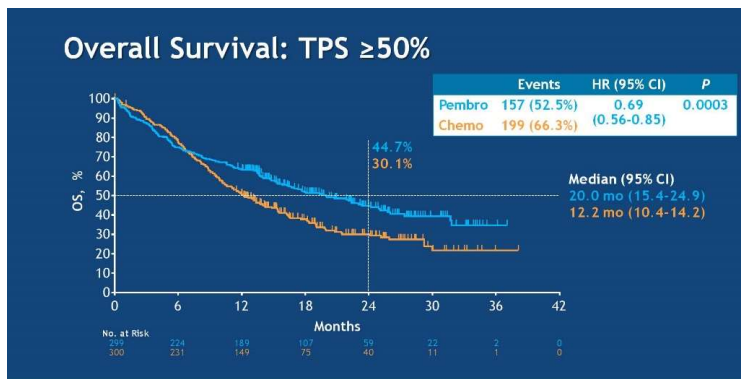
\*median f/u 25.2 months

# 1L Pembrolizumab in PD-L1 positive ( $\geq 1\%$ ), *EGFR/ALK* WT NSCLC

PH III KEYNOTE-024 Study

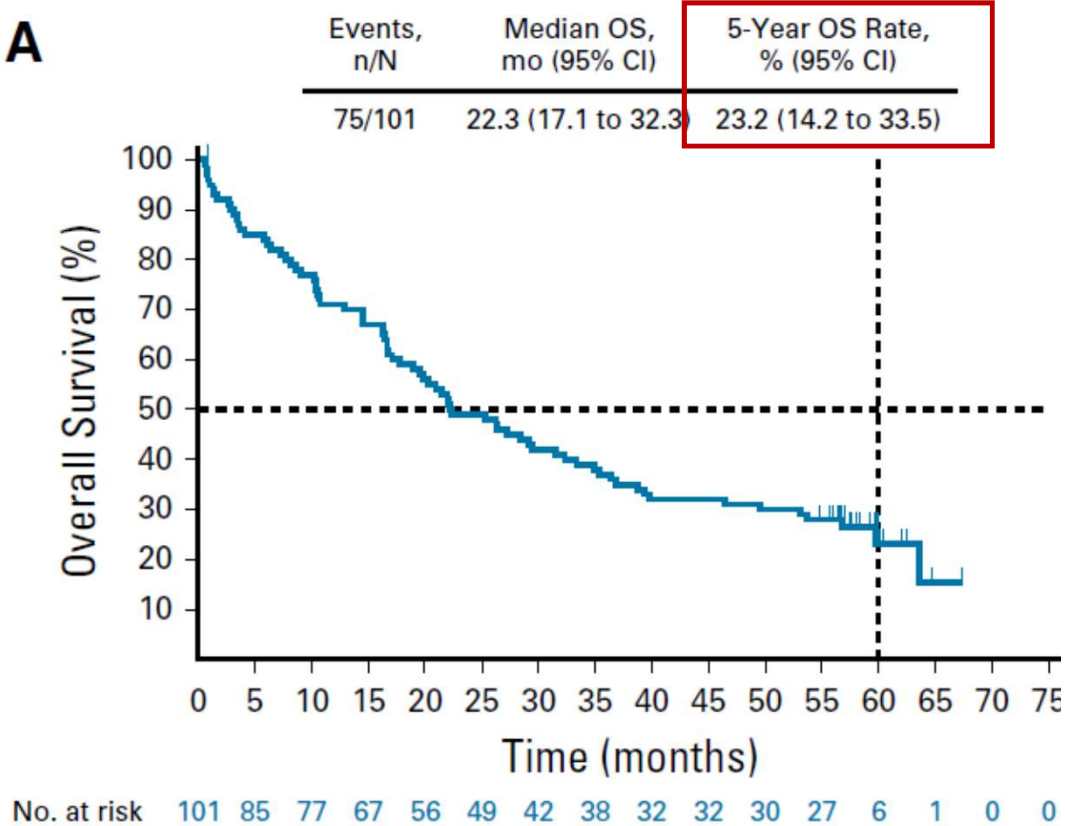


# Is 1L Pembrolizumab good enough in PD-L1 1-49%?



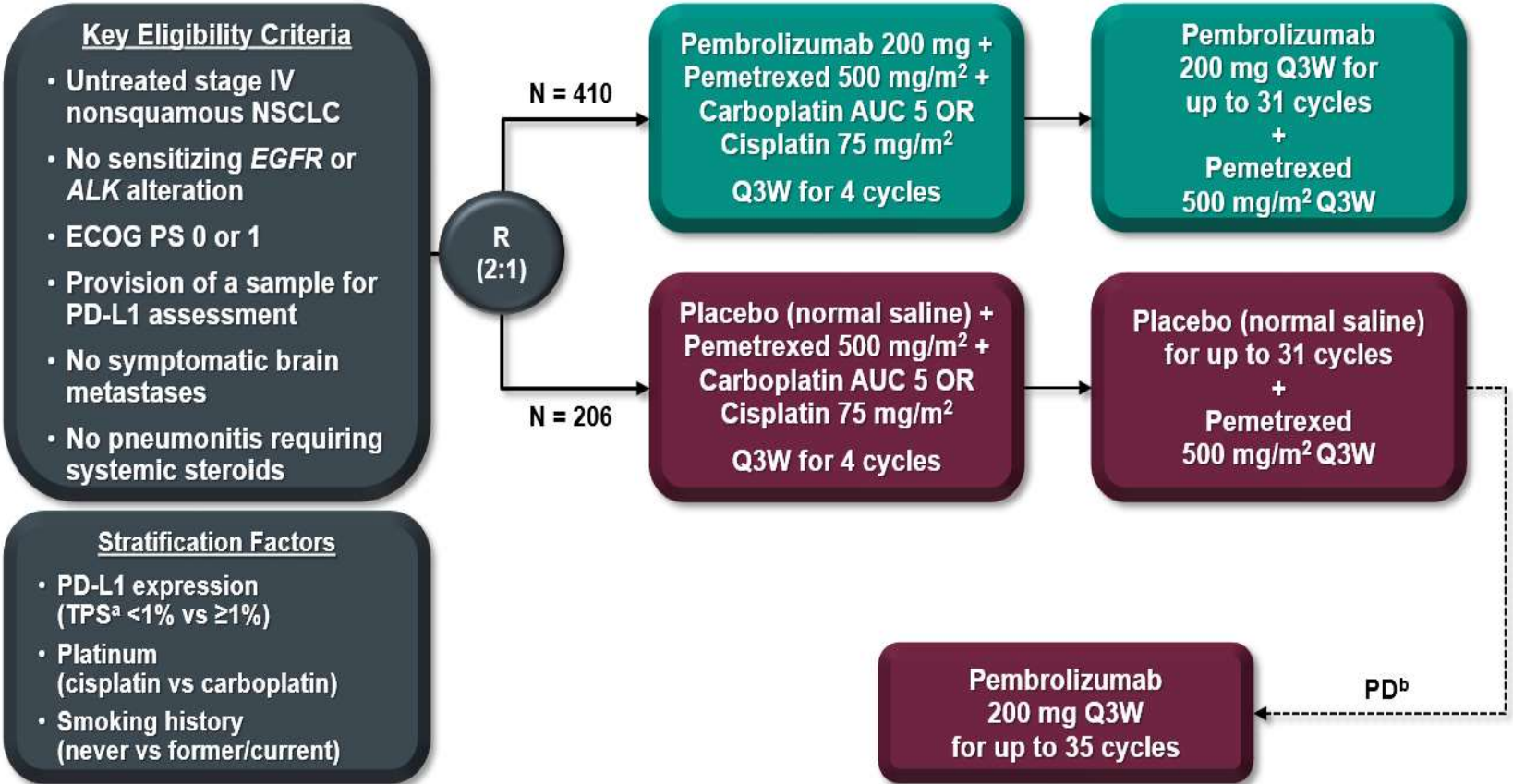
# Long term-survival documented in treatment-naïve NSCLC

## Pembrolizumab KEYNOTE-001



# 1L Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy Non-squamous NSCLC

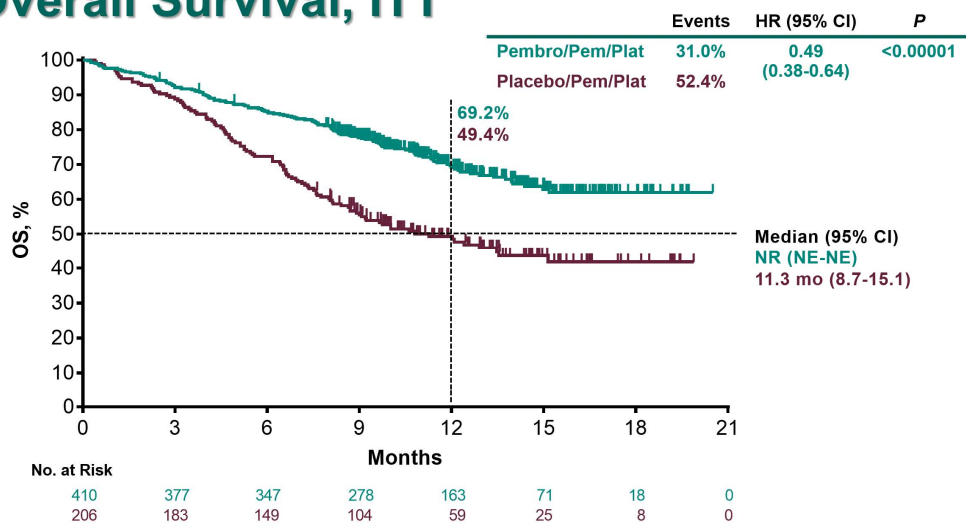
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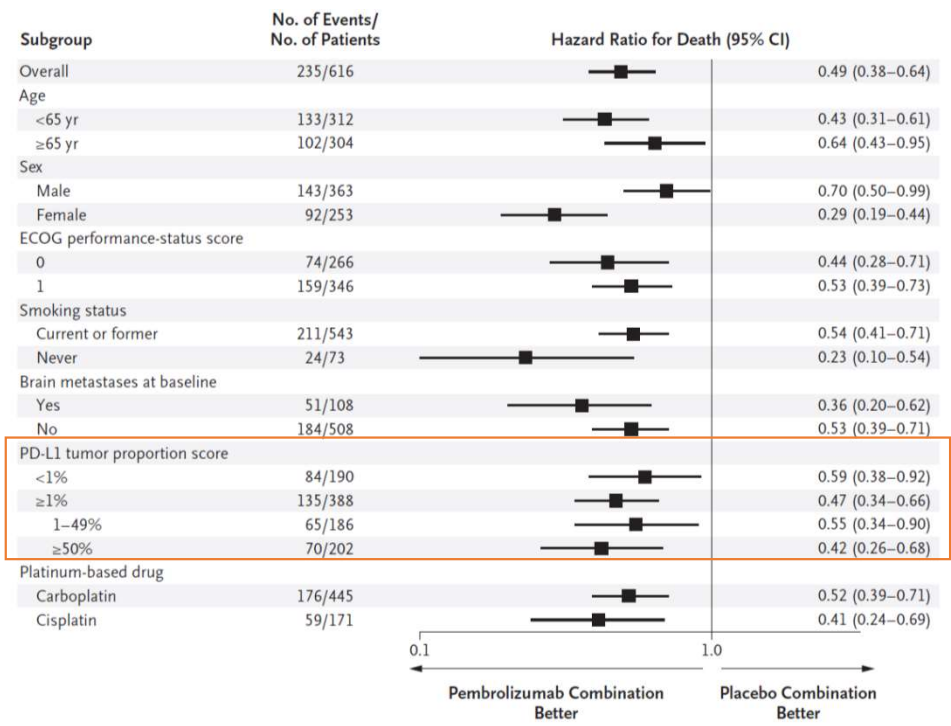
# Platinum-pemetrexed +/- Pembrolizumab

## KN189 Non-squamous NSCLC 1L (PD-L1 unselected)

### Overall Survival, ITT



- OS HR 0.49\*; P<0.00001
- PFS HR 0.52; P<0.001
- ORR 47.6% vs. 18.9%



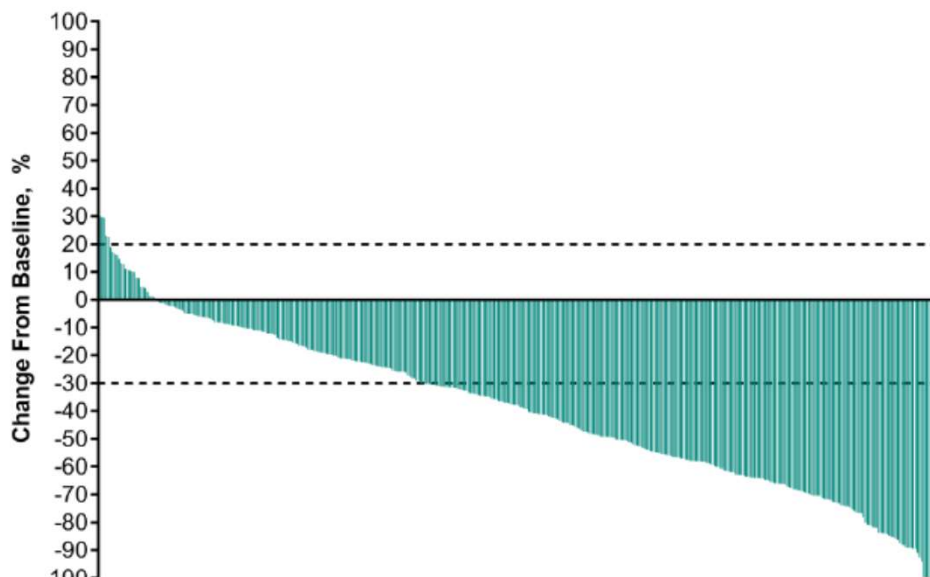
\*median follow-up of 10.5 months; 1/3 cross-over



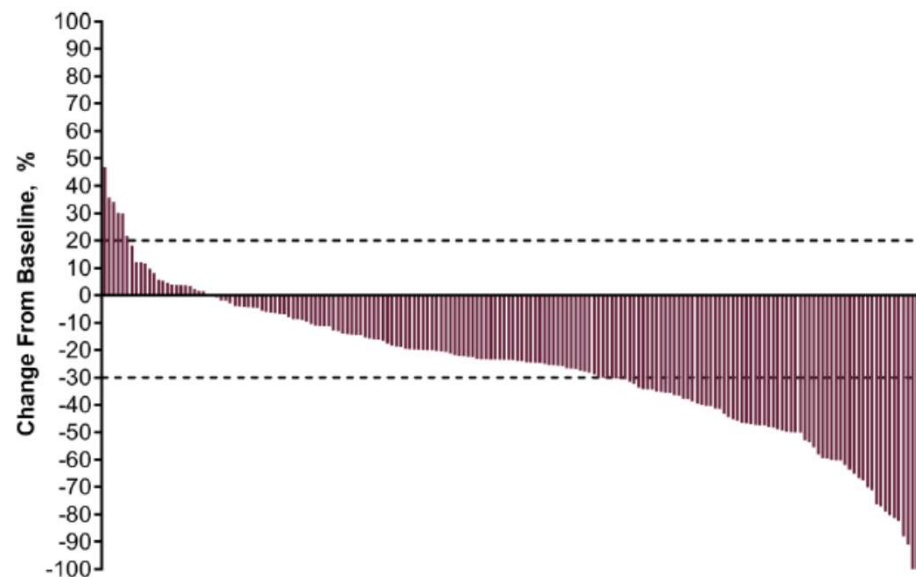
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KN189 Non-squamous NSCLC 1L (PD-L1 unselected)

**Pembrolizumab-Pemetrexed-Platinum**

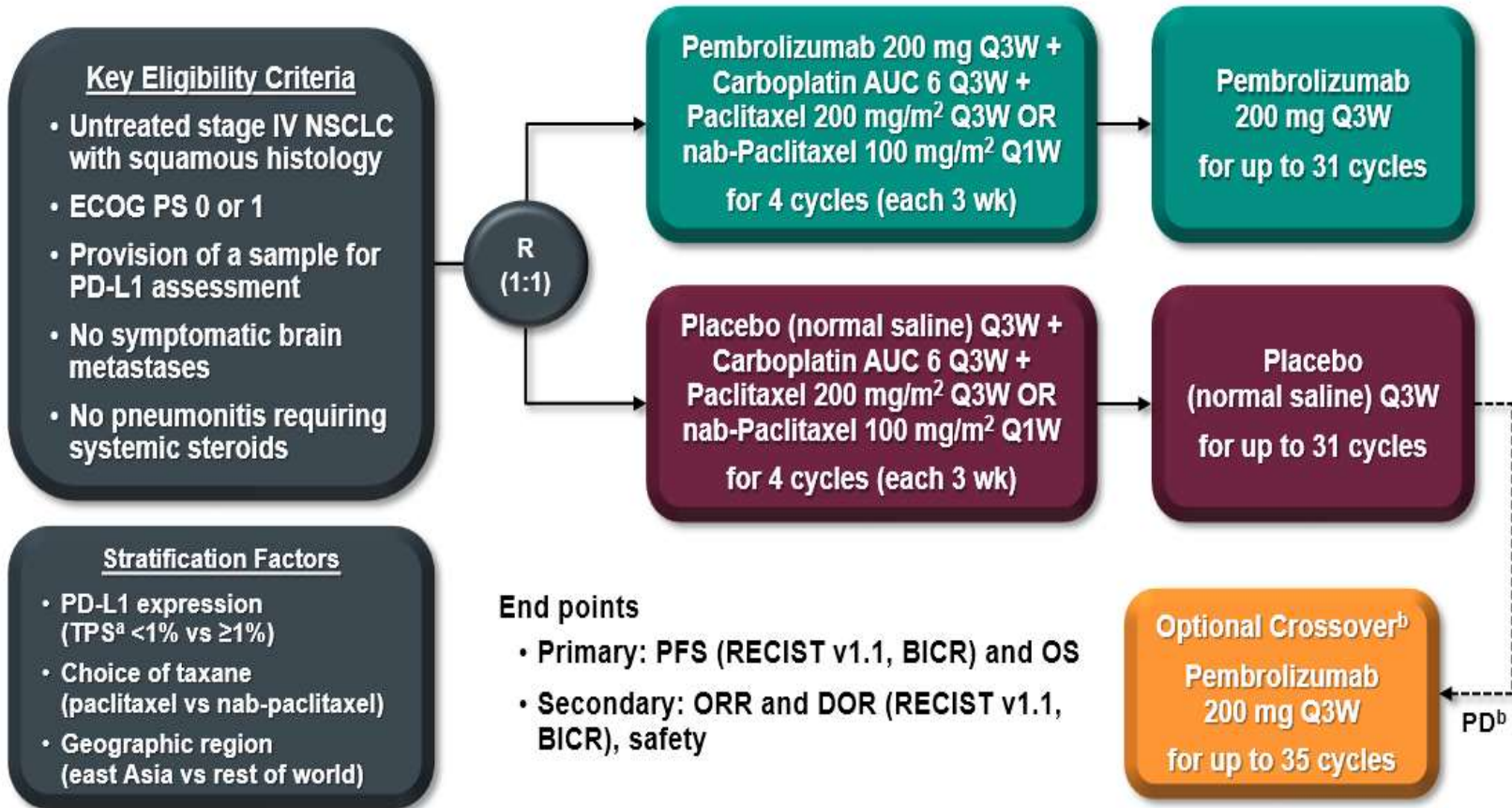


**Placebo-Pemetrexed-Platinum**



# 1L Carboplatin/taxane (pac/nab-pac) +/- Pembrolizumab Squamous NSCLC

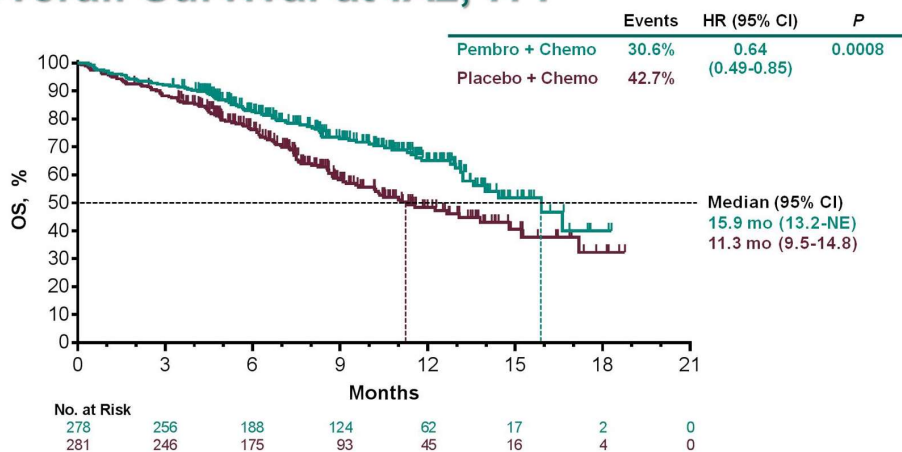
Ph III Keynote-407 Study Design



# Carboplatin/taxane (pac/nab-pac) +/- Pembrolizumab

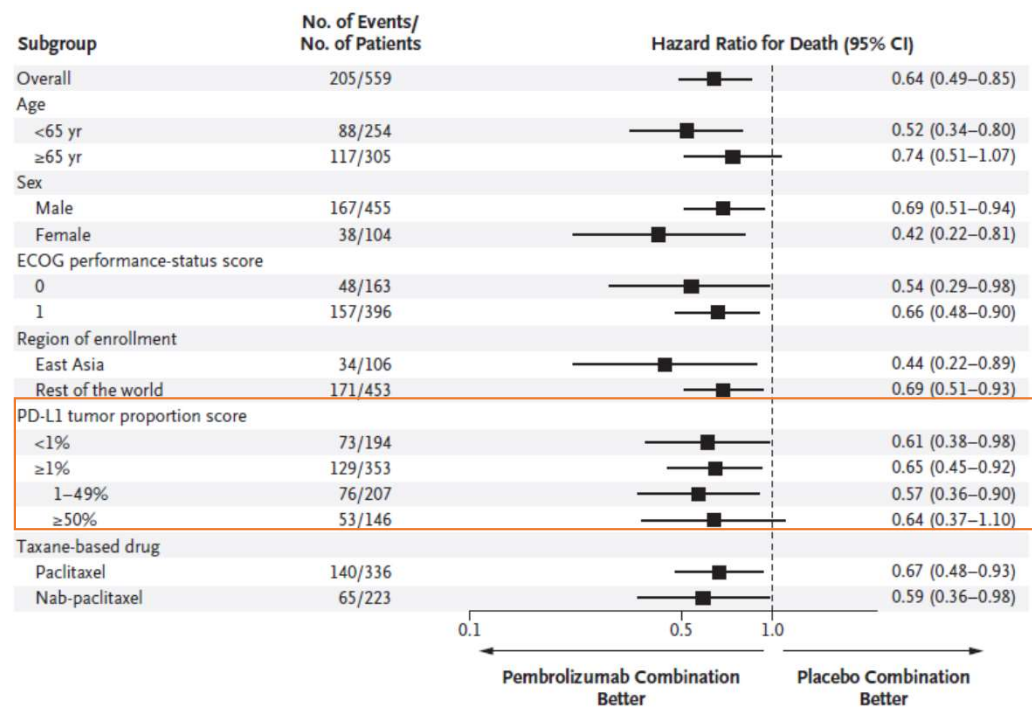
## KN407 Squamous NSCLC 1L (PD-L1 unselected)

### Overall Survival at IA2, ITT



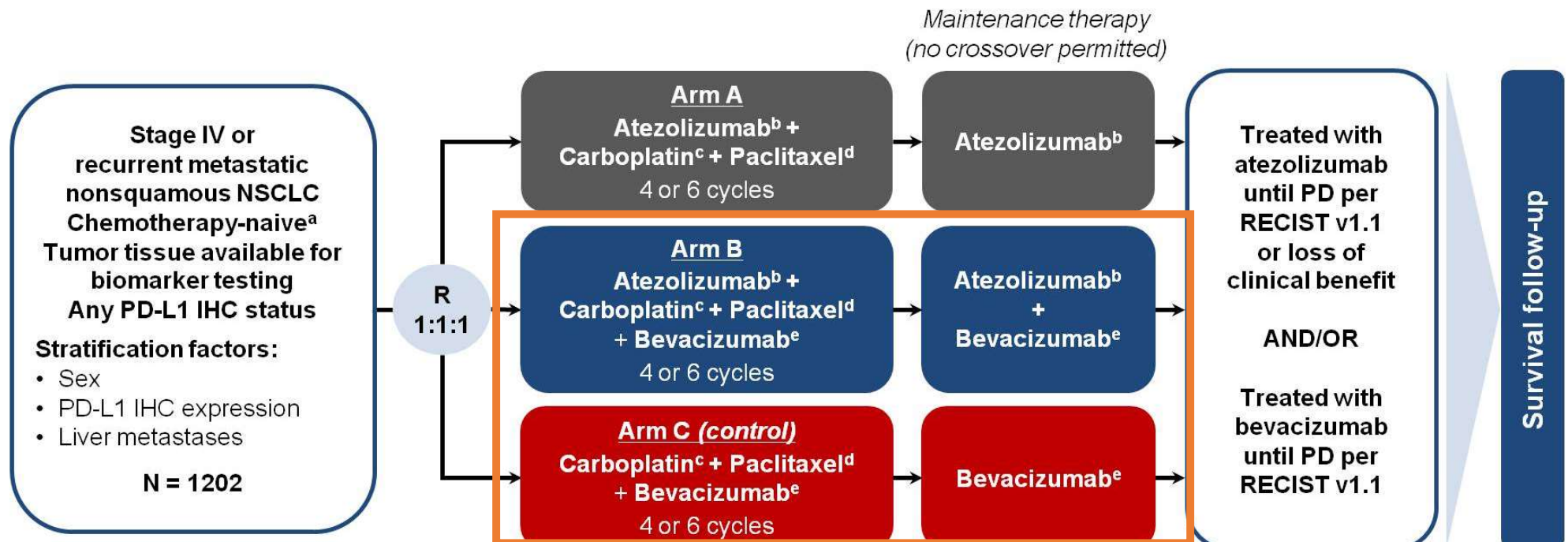
- OS HR 0.64\*; p=0.0008
- PFS HR 0.56; p<0.0001
- ORR 58% vs. 38%

\*median f/u 7.8 months; 27% crossover



# 1L Chemo + Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab

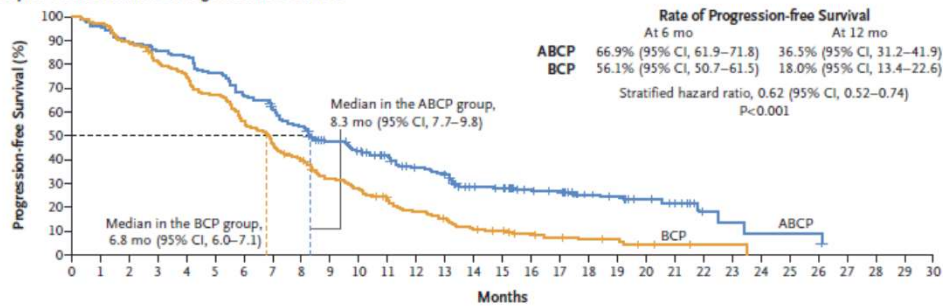
IMpower150 Non-squamous NSCLC 1L (PD-L1 unselected)



# Chemo + Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab

## IMpower150 Non-squamous NSCLC 1L (PD-L1 unselected)

**A Kaplan-Meier Estimates of Progression-free Survival**



**No. at Risk**

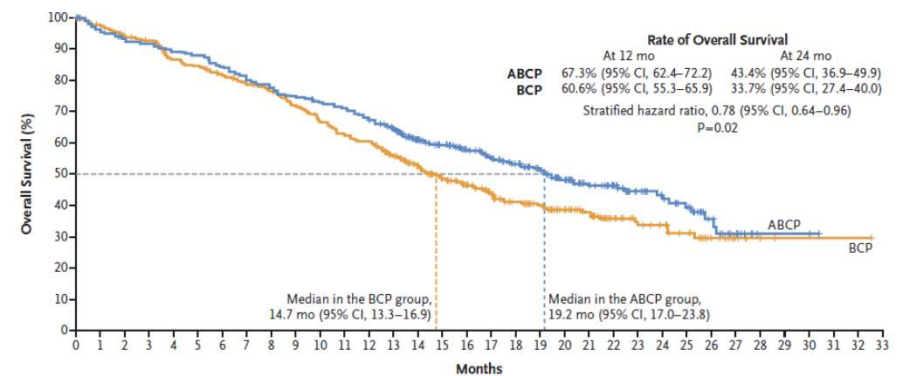
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ABCP	356	332	311	298	290	265	232	210	186	151	124	111	87	77	58	55	42	39	27	24	16	12	4	3	2	2	2				
BCP	336	321	292	261	243	215	179	147	125	91	69	55	39	32	21	18	12	9	7	6	3	2	1	1							

**B Hazard Ratios for Disease Progression or Death in Biomarker Subgroups**

Population	No. of Patients (%)	Median Progression-free Survival (mo)		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
		ABCP	BCP	
ITT population	800 (100)	8.3	6.8	0.61 (0.52–0.72)
Patients with <i>EGFR</i> or <i>ALK</i> genetic alterations	108 (14)	9.7	6.1	0.59 (0.37–0.94)
WT population	692 (87)	8.3	6.8	0.62 (0.52–0.74)
<b>PD-L1 subgroups (in the WT population)</b>				
TC3 or IC3	135 (20)	12.6	6.8	0.39 (0.25–0.60)
TC1/2/3 or IC1/2/3	354 (51)	11.0	6.8	0.50 (0.39–0.64)
TC1/2 or IC1/2	224 (32)	8.3	6.6	0.56 (0.41–0.77)
TC0/1/2 and IC0/1/2	557 (80)	8.0	6.8	0.68 (0.56–0.82)
TC0 and IC0	338 (49)	7.1	6.9	0.77 (0.61–0.99)
<b>Teff subgroups (in the WT population)</b>				
High gene-signature expression	284 (43)	11.3	6.8	0.51 (0.38–0.68)
Low gene-signature expression	374 (57)	7.3	7.0	0.76 (0.60–0.96)

**PFS HR 0.62 (95% CI 0.52-0.74); median 8.3 mo vs. 6.8 mo**

**Interim OS HR 0.78 (95% CI 0.64-0.96); median 19.2 mo vs. 14.7 mo**



**No. at Risk**

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ABCP	359	339	328	323	314	310	296	284	273	264	256	250	235	218	188	167	147	133	119	103	84	66	57	41	34	28	16	9	2	2	2			
BCP	337	326	315	308	287	280	268	255	247	233	216	203	196	174	152	129	115	101	87	77	66	56	40	32	29	22	13	6	3	1	1	1		

# Conclusions- 1L Immunotherapy vs. Chemo-Immunotherapy

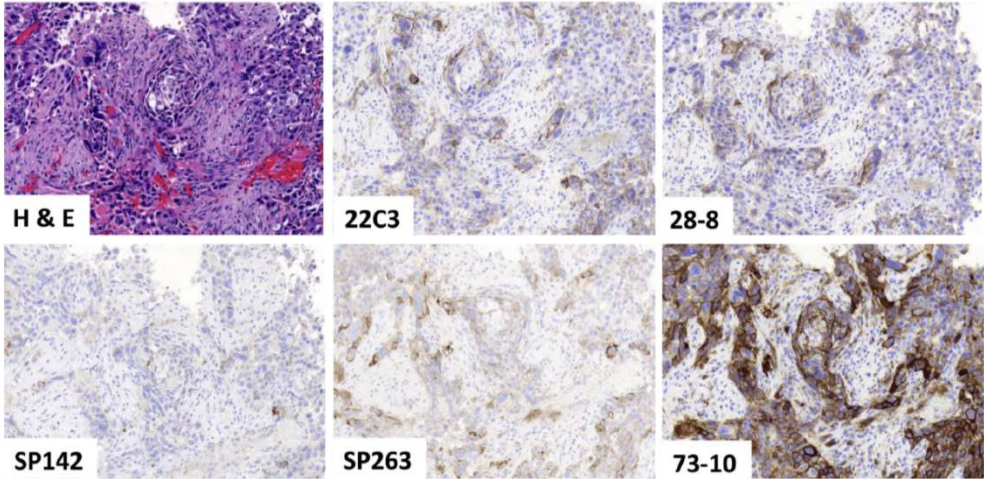
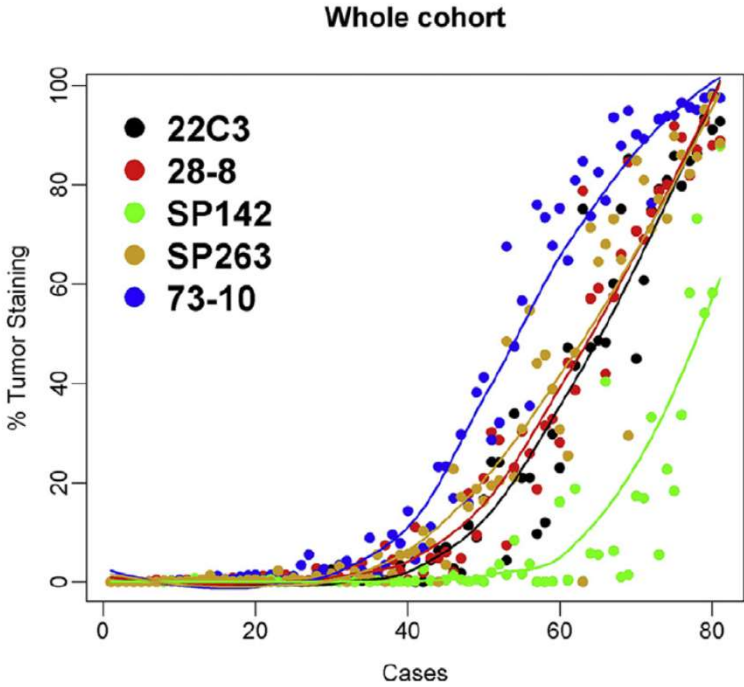
- **Non-squamous NSCLC High PD-L1  $\geq 50\%$ ; *EGFR/ALK(-)***
  - Pembrolizumab monotherapy
  - Platinum-pemetrexed-pembrolizumab combination therapy, especially if high tumor burden, high symptom burden, good performance status, limited comorbidity
  - IMPower150 regimen also an option if bevacizumab eligible
- **Squamous NSCLC High PD-L1  $\geq 50\%$ ; *EGFR/ALK(-)***
  - Pembrolizumab monotherapy
  - Platinum-(nab)paclitaxel-pembrolizumab combination therapy, especially if high tumor burden, high symptom burden, good performance status, limited comorbidity
- **Non-squamous/squamous NSCLC PD-L1 0-49%, *EGFR/ALK(-)***
  - Chemo-immunotherapy (preferred)
  - Immunotherapy PD-L1 1-49% if not a chemotherapy candidate but ? benefit

# Objectives

- Current use of Immunotherapy in advanced NSCLC
- Role of 2L+ Immunotherapy
- Role of 1L Immunotherapy vs. 1L Chemo-Immunotherapy
- **Biomarkers (and combination immunotherapy)**
  - PD-L1 (IHC)- premier biomarker for the moment...
  - Tumor mutation burden in context of PD-1/CTLA-4 inhibition (CheckMate-227 and MYSTIC)
- Problem Areas

# Blueprint Project PD-L1 IHC Assays- some differences

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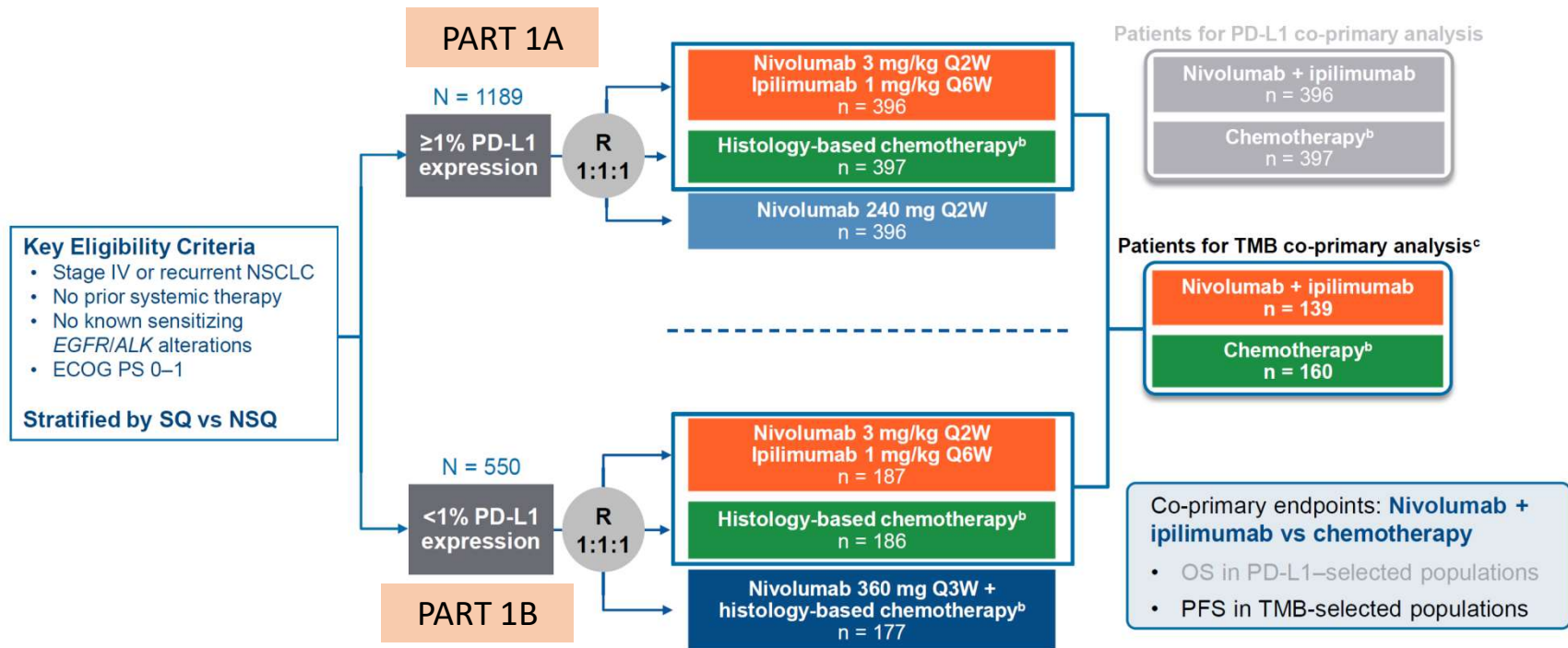




# Nivolumab + ipilimumab NSCLC

## CM227 NSCLC 1L

PART 2: Nivo+chemo vs. chemo non-squamous regardless of PD-L1

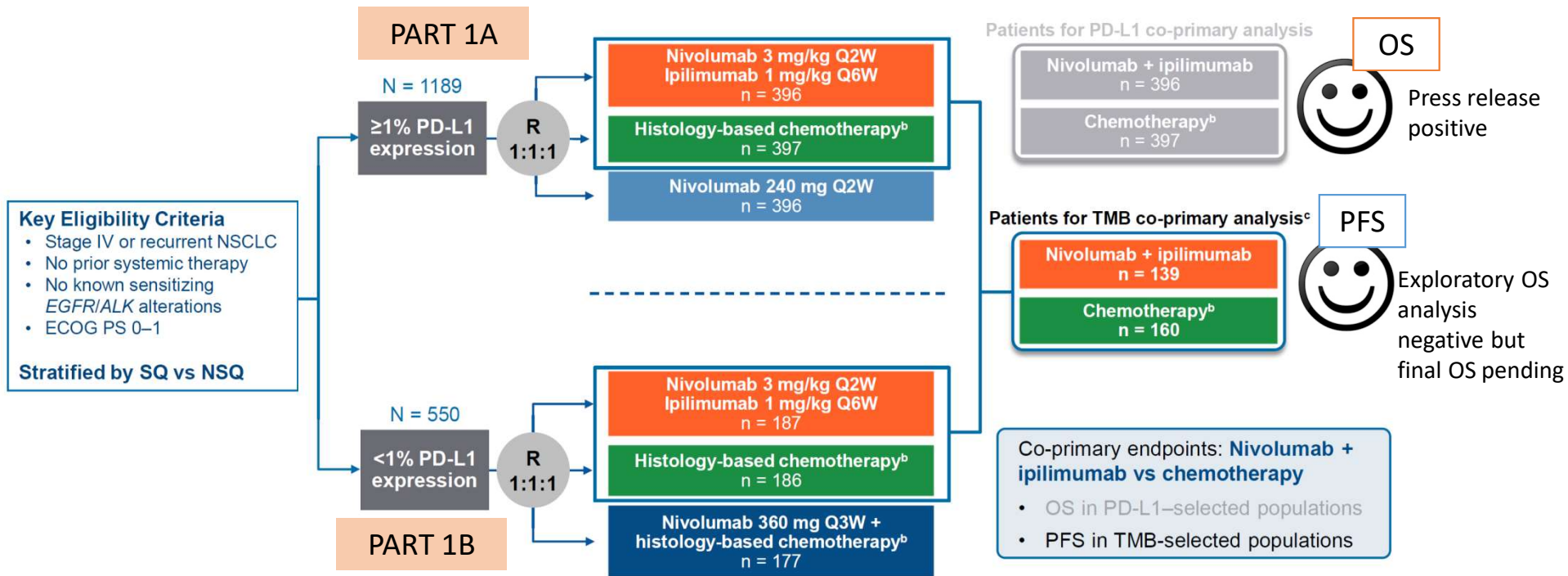
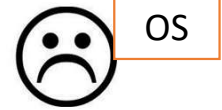


Co-primary endpoints: OS in PD-L1–selected populations (Part 1A) and PFS in TMB-selected populations (Part 1A and 1B) treated with nivolumab + ipilimumab vs chemotherapy

# Nivolumab + ipilimumab NSCLC

## CM227 NSCLC 1L

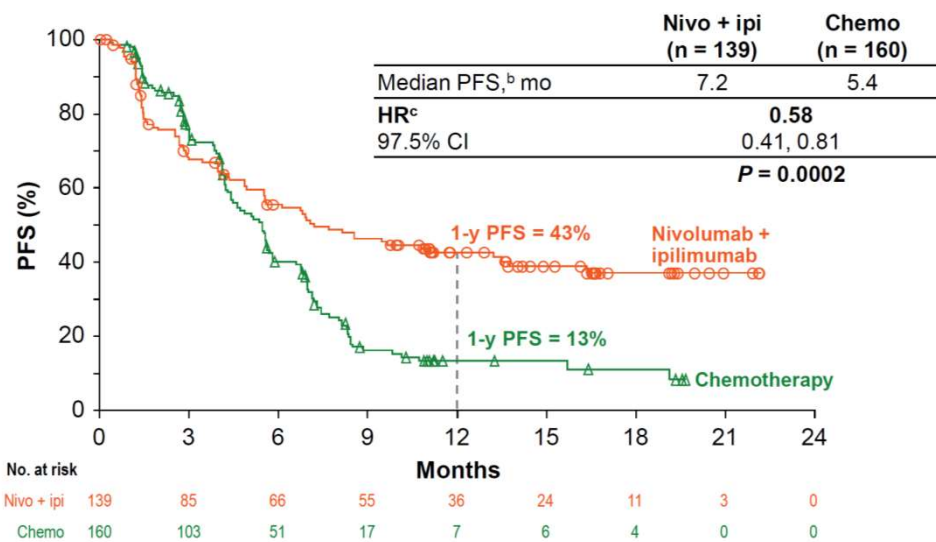
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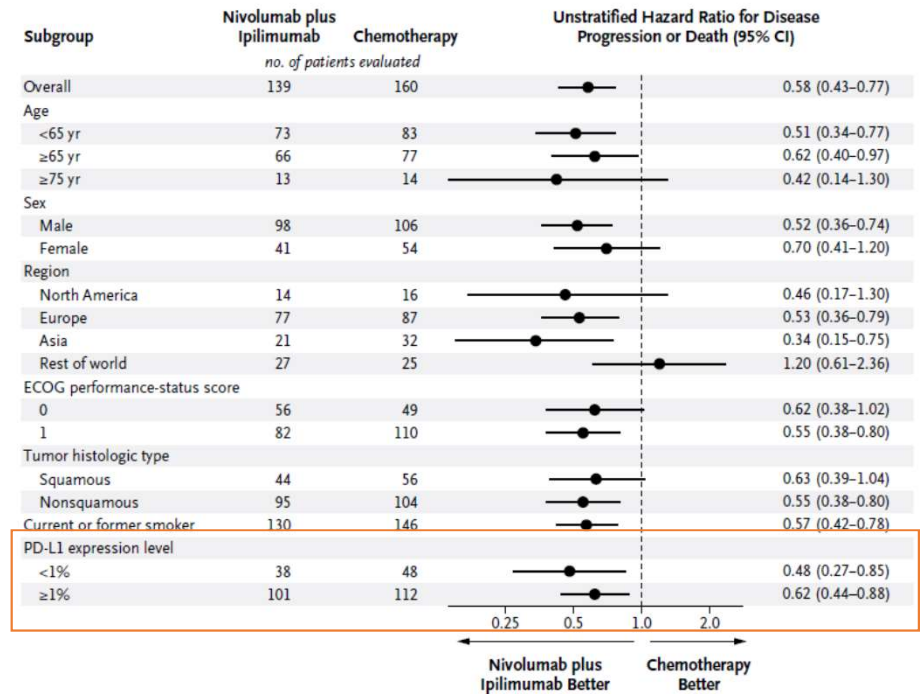
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# Nivolumab + ipilimumab NSCLC

## CM227 NSCLC 1L High TMB ( $\geq 10$ mutations per megabase)



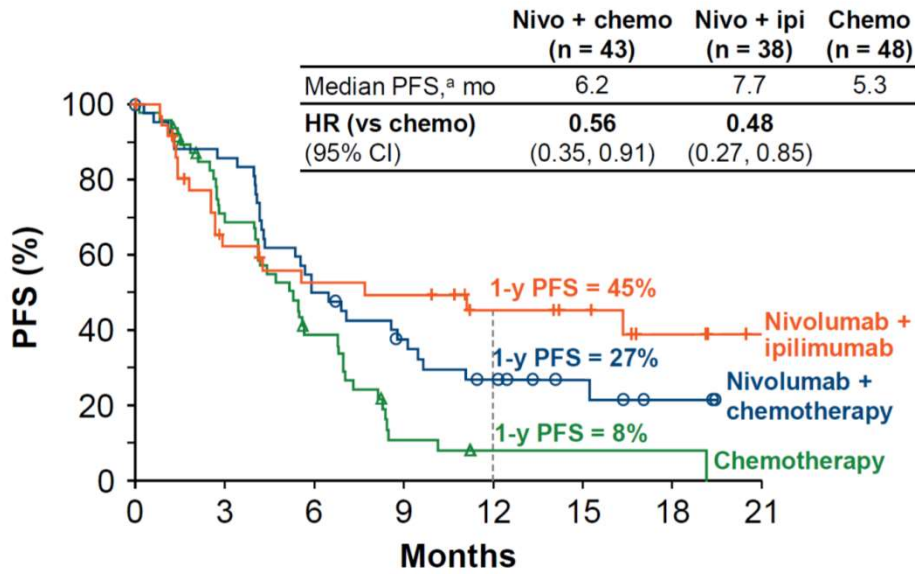
ORR 45.3% vs. 26.9%



# Nivolumab + ipilimumab NSCLC

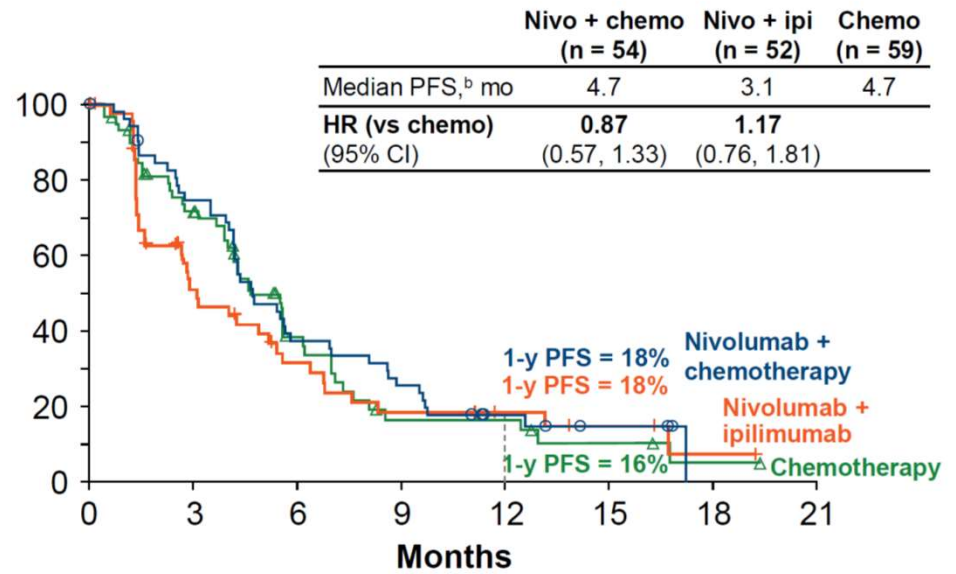
CM227 NSCLC 1L TMB at 10 mutations per megabase threshold & PD-L1<1%

**TMB ≥10 mut/Mb and <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression**



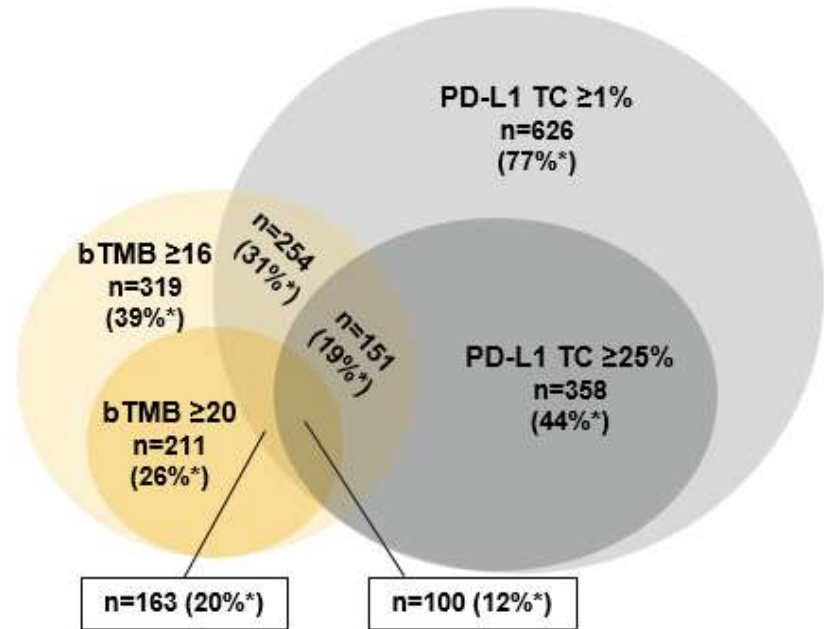
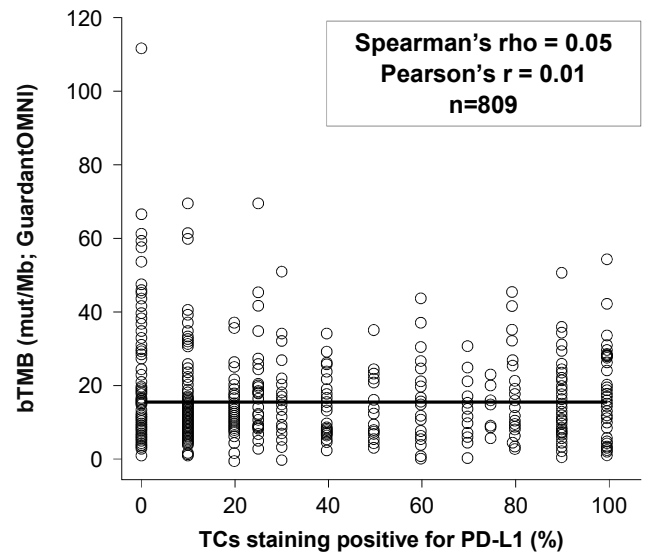
No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Nivo + chemo	43	36	21	14	9	5	2	0
Nivo + ipi	38	20	16	15	10	8	4	1
Chemo	48	30	16	4	1	1	1	0

**TMB <10 mut/Mb and <1% Tumor PD-L1 Expression**



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Nivo + chemo	54	38	19	13	6	3	0	0
Nivo + ipi	52	22	12	7	5	3	1	0
Chemo	59	39	16	6	6	3	1	0

# MYSTIC Trial (durvalumab/tremelimumab) overall negative but blood tumor mutation burden potential independent biomarker



## Conclusions- Biomarkers

- PD-L1 IHC remains the “premier” biomarker in selection for immunotherapy in advanced NSCLC
- Tumor mutation burden (including blood-based) potential independent biomarker of PD-L1 IHC, particularly for PD-1/CTLA-4 combination

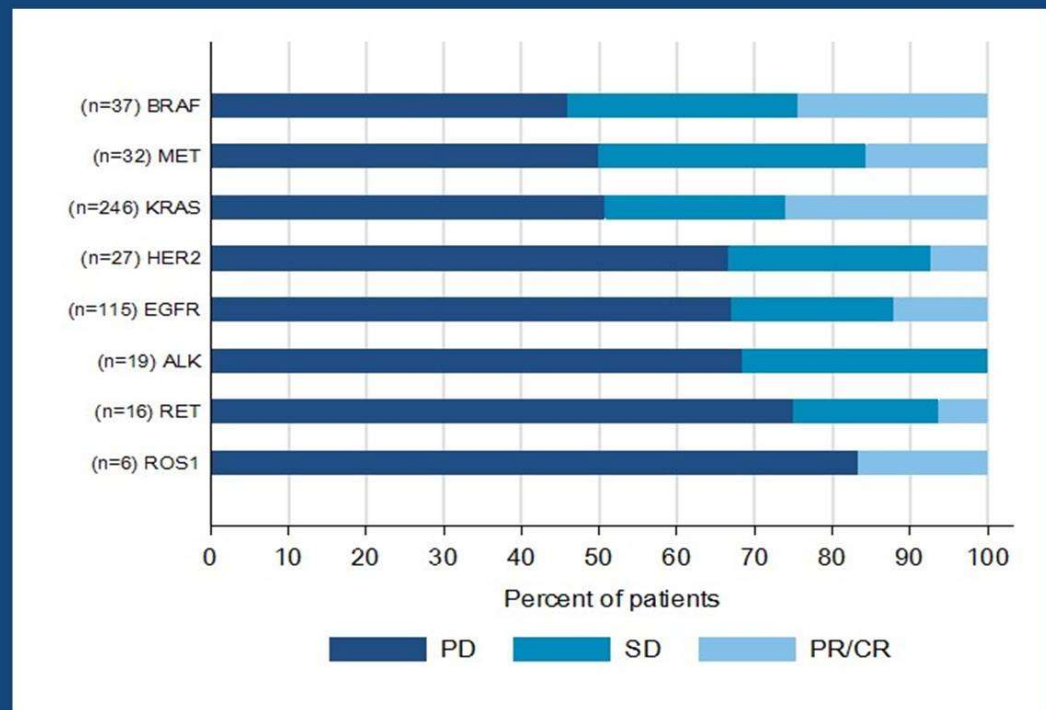
# Objectives

- Current use of Immunotherapy in advanced NSCLC
- Role of 2L+ Immunotherapy
- Role of 1L Immunotherapy vs. 1L Chemo-Immunotherapy
- Biomarkers (and combination immunotherapy)
- **Problem Areas**
  - Oncogenic drivers *EGFR, ALK*
  - Emerging oncogenic drivers *KEAP1, STK11*

# Oncogenic Drivers matter for immunotherapy in NSCLC

## IMMUNOTARGET COHORT: Response

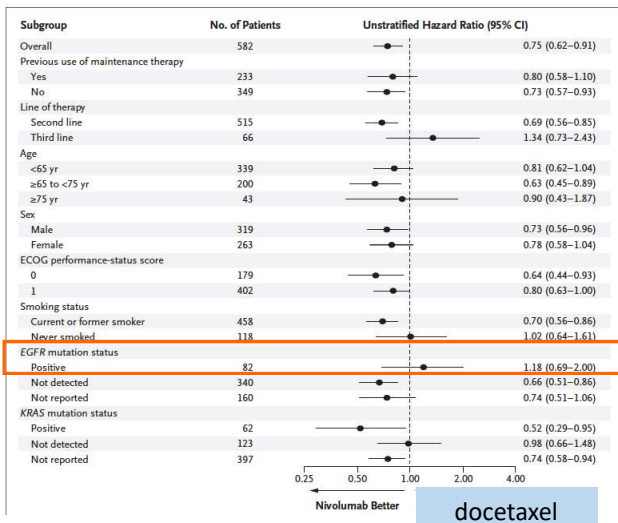
Driver	PD	SD	CR/PR
BRAF	46%	30%	24%
MET	50%	34%	16%
KRAS	51%	23%	26%
HER2	67%	26%	7%
EGFR	67%	21%	12%
ALK	68%	32%	0
RET	75%	19%	6%
ROS1	83%	0	17%
TOTAL	57%	24%	19%



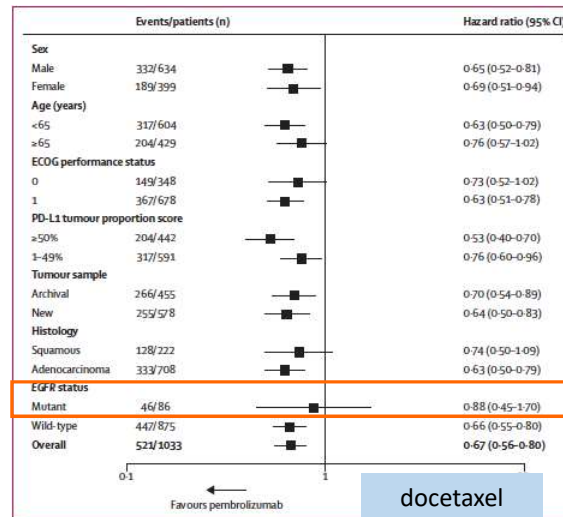


# EGFR mutated subgroups did not have benefit in 2L+ immunotherapy studies compared to docetaxel

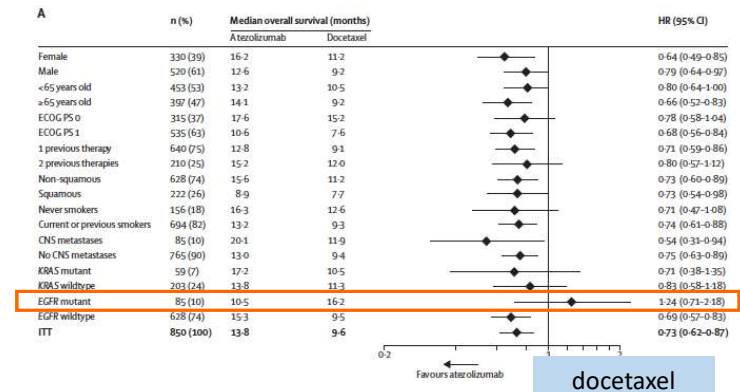
## CM-057 Nivo Non-Squamous



## KN-010 Pembro

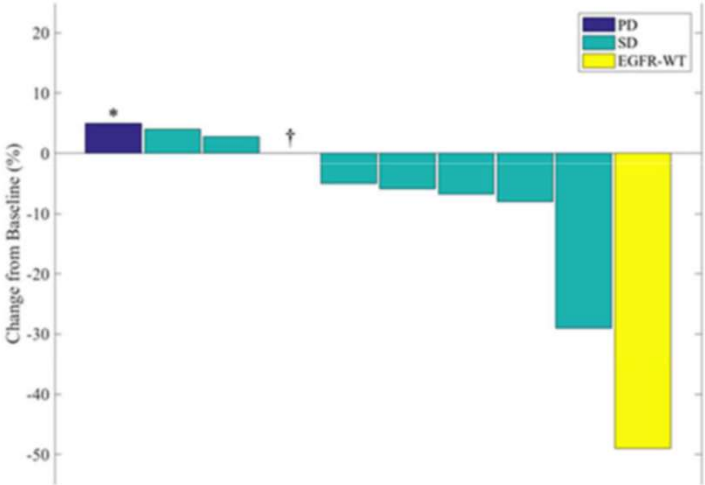


## OAK Atezo



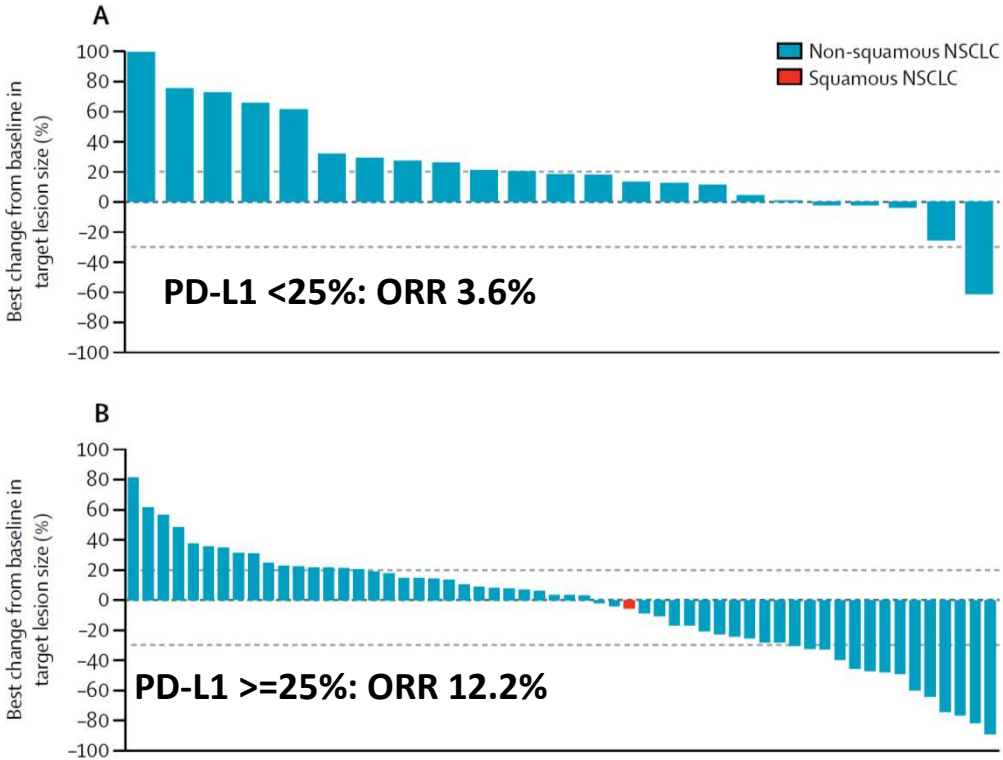
# An Immunotherapy Challenge: oncogene drivers *EGFR*, *ALK*

## Pembrolizumab 1L PD-L1+ *EGFR* mutant



Lisberg. J Thorac Oncol. 2018 Aug;13(8):1138-1145.

## Durvalumab 3L *EGFR/ALK* mutant/rearranged



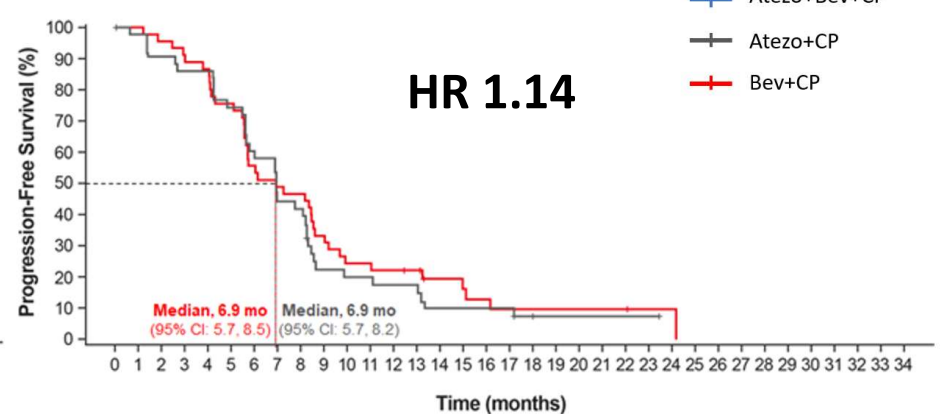
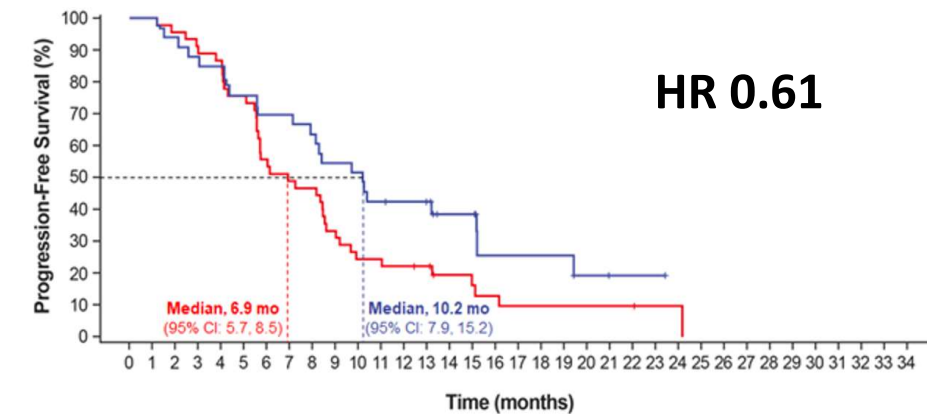
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# Bev + Atezo > Bev in *EGFR* mutated NSCLC

IMpower150 Non-squamous NSCLC 1L (PD-L1 unselected)

**Arm B vs Arm C**

**Arm A vs Arm C**



No. at Risk

Atezo+Bev+CP	34	33	31	29	28	25	23	23	21	18	17	14	13	12	8	8	4	4	4	4	2	1	1	1
Bev+CP	45	45	43	41	39	34	25	22	21	15	11	11	10	9	6	5	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	1

No. at Risk

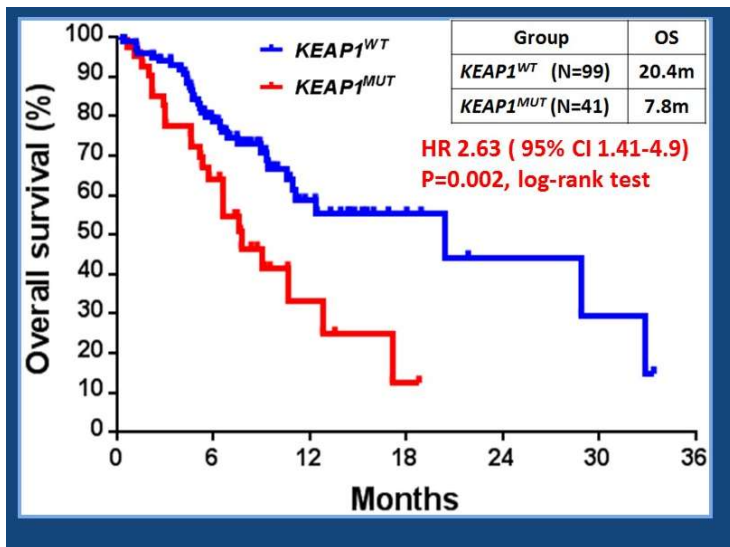
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Bev+CP	45	45	43	41	39	34	25	22	21	15	11	11	10	9	6	5	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	1

Arm A/B/C ORR: 36%/**71%**/42% and DOR mo 5.6/**11.1**/4.7

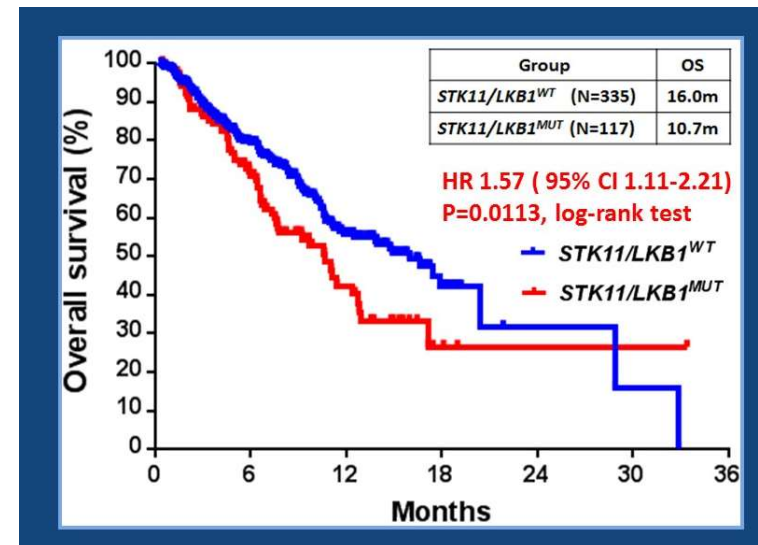
# Emerging problem targets- *KEAP1*, *STK11* mutations

Worse outcomes with chemo-immunotherapy

*KEAP1* mutant



*STK11* mutant



- Immunotherapy does not add to chemotherapy in these subgroups
- High TMB or PD-L1 do NOT improve outcomes for these subgroups

# Conclusions

- *EGFR* mutant/*ALK* rearranged NSCLC have limited efficacy with immunotherapy and these subgroups were excluded from chemo-immunotherapy studies
- Chemo-immunotherapy + antiangiogenic agent bevacizumab may be useful for the *EGFR* mutated NSCLC
- Emerging oncogenic mutations such as *STK11*, *KEAP1* also pose a problem for immunotherapy efficacy

# Overall Conclusions

- Most NSCLC patients without “actionable” oncogenic drivers will receive immunotherapy as part of their first line standard of care, either as monotherapy or in combination with chemotherapy
- PD-L1 remains an important biomarker, with tumor mutation burden emerging
- Future directions involve overcoming cold tumor immune microenvironments created by oncogenic mutations and refining biomarkers