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**NOVEL APPROACH FOR EARLY STAGES/LOCALLY
ADVANCE ESOPHAGEAL AND GE JUNCTION
TUMORS**

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Clinical Anatomy

- Hollow muscular tube 25 cm in length which spans from the **cricopharyngeus** at the **cricoid cartilage** to **gastroesophageal junction** (Extends from C7-T10).
- Has 4 constrictions-
 - At starting (cricopharyngeal junction)
 - crossed by aortic arch (9 inch)
 - crossed by left bronchus (11 inch)
 - Pierces the diaphragm (15 inch)
- Histologically 4 layers: mucosa, submucosa, muscular & fibrous layer.

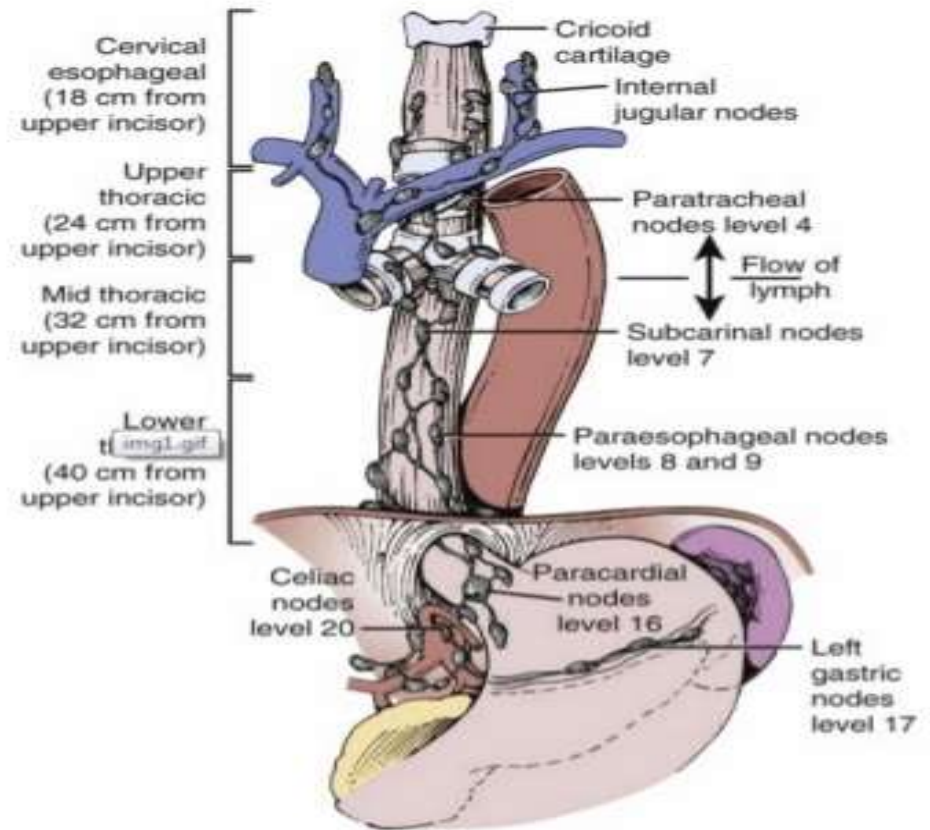
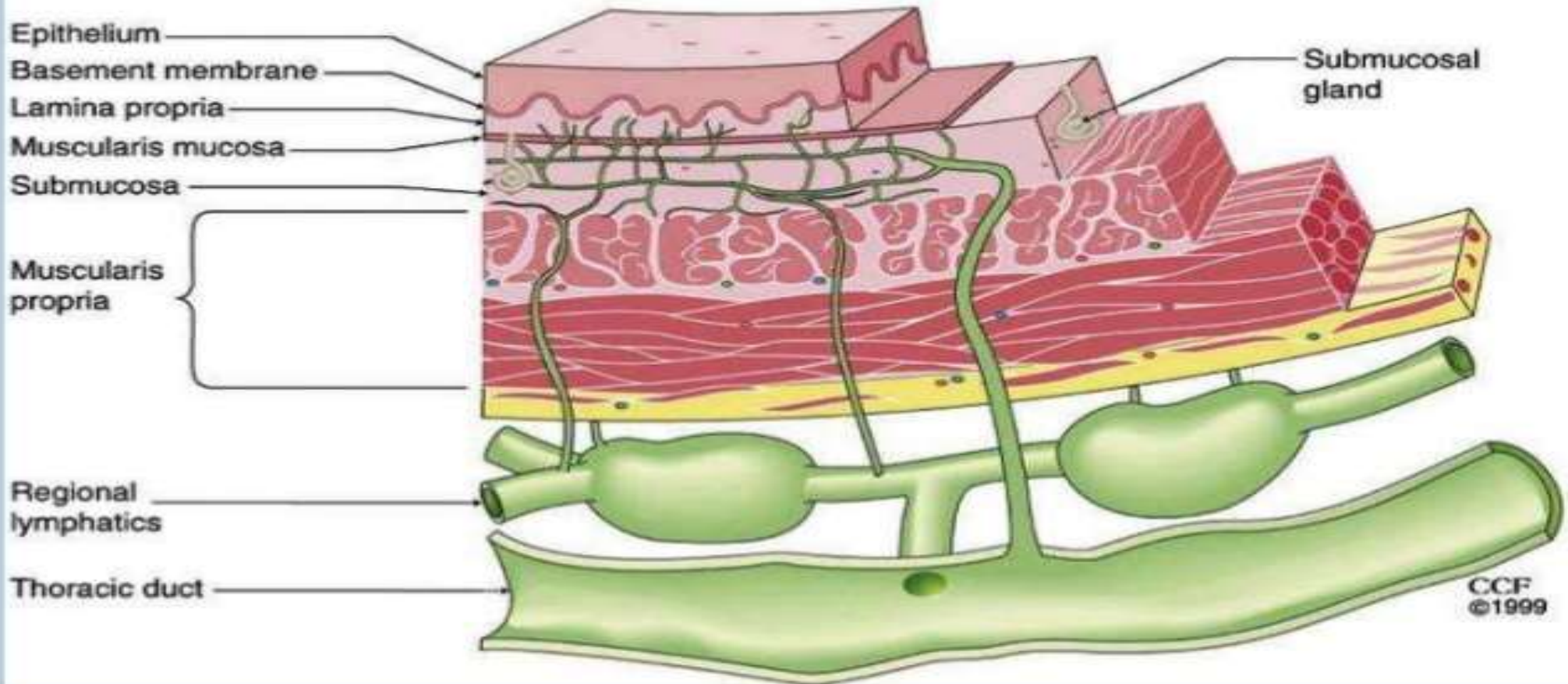
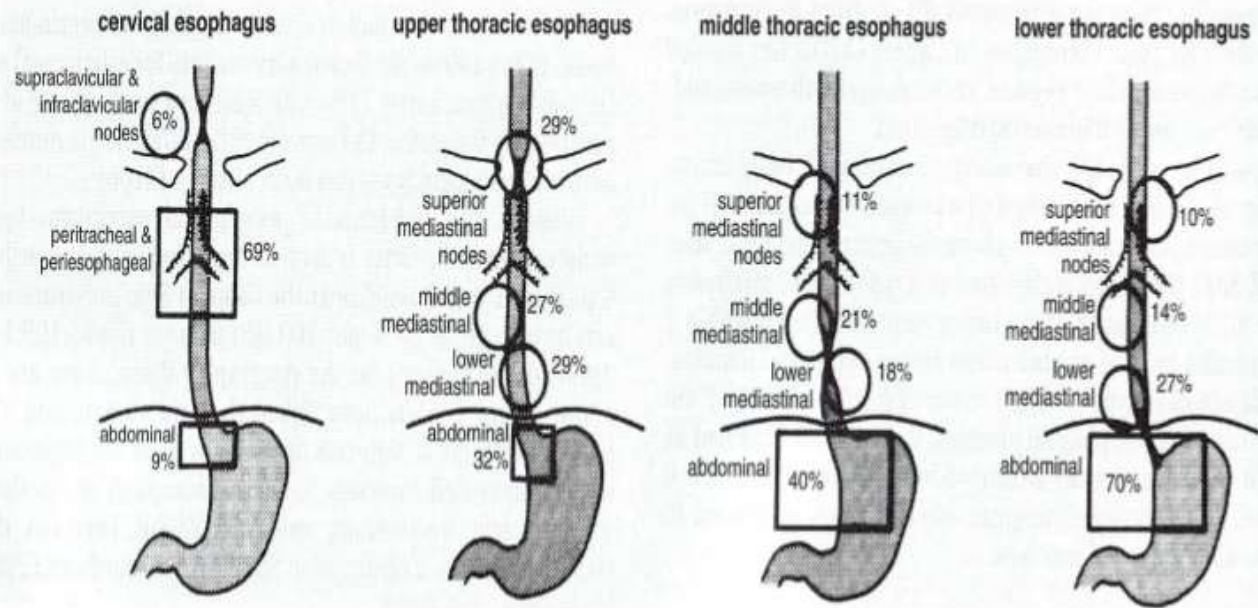


FIGURE Anatomy of the esophagus

The Esophageal Wall



Site-wise nodal involvement



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Geographical Distribution

- Carcinoma esophagus more common in China, Japan , India , South Africa Belgium ,Iran, U.K. France and Iceland

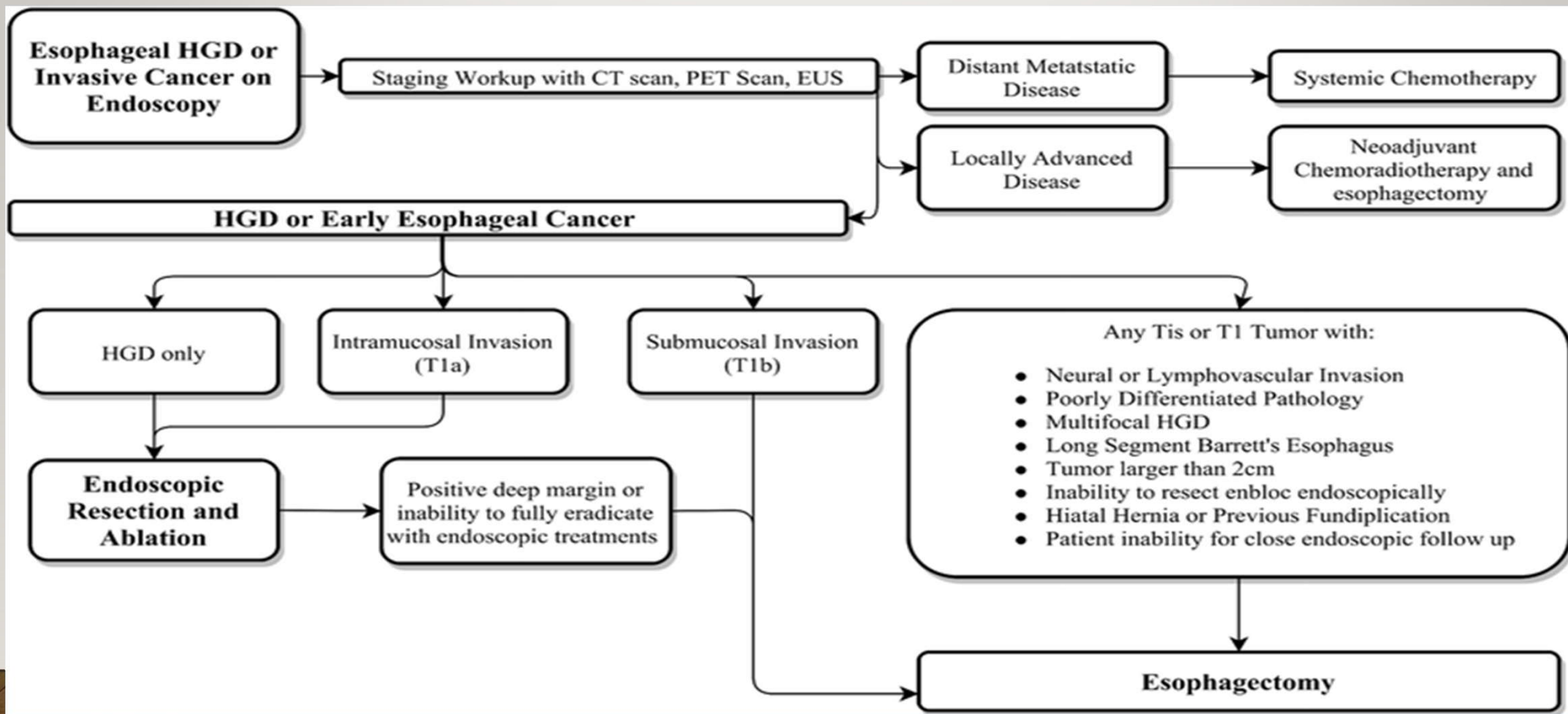


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- Definition and Classification

- Early esophageal cancers are
 - Tis (high grade dysplasia) and T1 lesions.
 - T1a- tumor invades lamina propria and muscularis mucosa
 - T1b- tumor invades submucosa.

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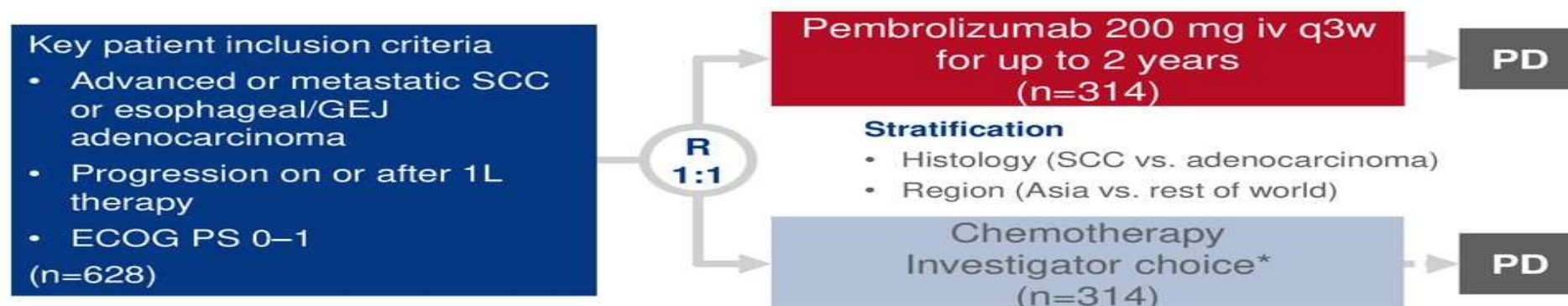


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2: Pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy as second-line therapy for advanced esophageal cancer: Phase III KEYNOTE-181 study – Kojima T, et al

Study objective

- To assess the efficacy and safety of pembrolizumab as a 2L treatment for patients with advanced or metastatic SCC and esophageal or GEJ adenocarcinoma in KEYNOTE-181



PRIMARY ENDPOINT

- OS in PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10 , SCC, total population

SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- PFS, ORR (RECIST v1.1), safety

*Paclitaxel 80–100 mg/m² D1, 8, 15 q4w; docetaxel 75 mg/m² q3w; or irinotecan 180 mg/m² q2w

Kojima T, et al. J Clin Oncol 2019;37(Suppl):Abstr 2

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Pembrolizumab for Esophageal Cancer in Second-Line *KEYNOTE-181*

- Phase 3 study
- Patients with 1 of the following:
 - Advanced, metastatic adenocarcinoma or SCC of the esophagus
 - Siewert type 1 adenocarcinoma of the GEJ
- Pembrolizumab vs investigator's choice of chemo in second-line setting
- 628 patients; PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10

Patient Subgroup*	Pembrolizumab	Chemotherapy	P Value
mOS in PD-L1 positive, mo	9.3	6.7	.0074
mOS in SCC, mo	8.2	7.1	.0095
mOS in ITT, mo	7.1	7.1	.0560
Grade 3-5 TRAEs in ITT, %	18.2	40.9	

*Starting n for each patient subgroup in each treatment condition was different
Kojima T, et al. ASCO GI 2019. Abstract 2.

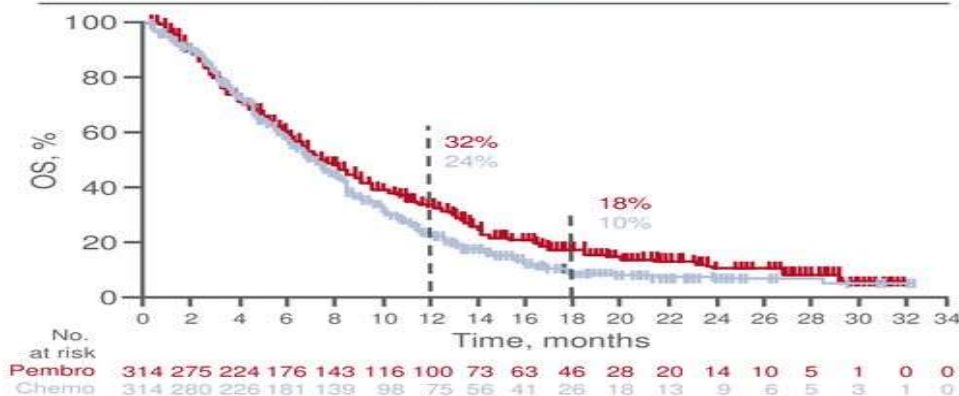
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Key results

OS in total population

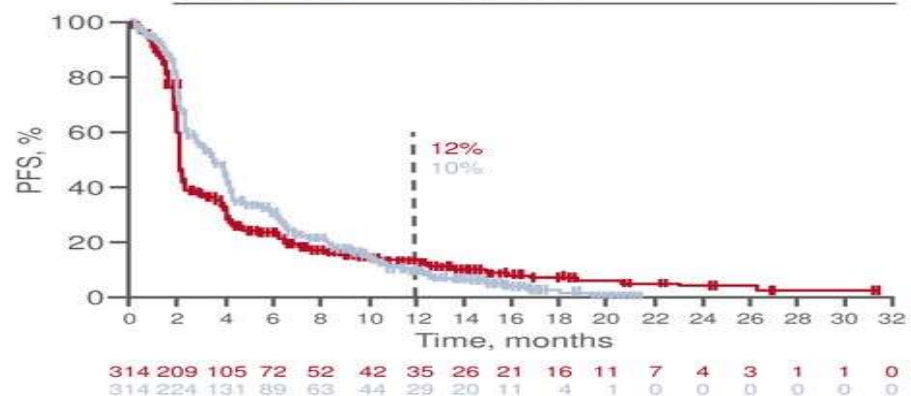
	Events, n	Median, mo (95%CI)	HR ^a (95%CI)	p-value
Pembrolizumab	314	7.1 (6.2, 8.1)	0.89 (0.75, 1.05)	0.0560
Chemotherapy	314	7.1 (6.3, 8.0)	–	



^aBased on Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by region and histology

PFS in total population

	Median, mo (95%CI)	HR (95%CI)
Pembrolizumab	2.1 (2.1, 2.2)	1.11 (0.94, 1.31)
Chemotherapy	3.4 (2.8, 3.9)	–



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EFFICACY RESULTS IN PATIENTS WITH RECURRENT OR METASTATIC ESCC (CPS ≥10) IN KEYNOTE-181

Endpoint	KEYTRUDA 200 mg every 3 weeks n=85	Chemotherapy N=82
OS		
Number (%) of patients with event	68 (80%)	72 (88%)
Median in months (95% CI)	10.3 (7.0, 13.5)	6.4 (4.8, 8.6)
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.64 (0.46, 0.90)	
PFS		
Number (%) of patients with event	76 (89%)	76 (93%)
Median in months (95% CI)	3.2 (2.1, 4.4)	2.3 (2.1, 3.4)
Hazard ratio* (95% CI)	0.66 (0.48, 0.92)	
Objective Response Rate		
ORR (95% CI)	22 (14, 33)	7 (3, 15)
Number (%) of complete responses	4 (5)	1 (1)
Number (%) of partial responses	15 (18)	5 (6)
Median duration of response in months (range)	9.3 (2.1+, 18.8+)	7.7 (4.3, 16.8+)

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5: Safety and efficacy of durvalumab following trimodality therapy for locally advanced esophageal and GEJ adenocarcinoma: Early efficacy results from Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium study – Mamdani H, et al

Study objective

- To assess the efficacy and safety of durvalumab in patients with locally advanced esophageal or GEJ adenocarcinoma

Key patient inclusion criteria

- Locally advanced esophageal or GEJ adenocarcinoma
 - ECOG PS 0–1
- (n=24)

Preoperative CRT* followed by surgery (R0 resection)

Durvalumab 1500 mg iv† q4w for up to 1 year

PRIMARY ENDPOINT

- 1-year RFS

SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- Safety

*Carboplatin/paclitaxel or cisplatin/5FU + definitive radiation;
†durvalumab started within 1–3 months of surgery

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Key results (cont.)

AEs occurring in $\geq 10\%$, n (%)	Grade 1	Grade 2
Fatigue	6 (25.0)	2 (8.3)
Nausea	6 (25.0)	0 (0)
Cough	3 (12.5)	2 (8.3)
Diarrhea	3 (12.5)	1 (4.2)
Pruritus	3 (12.5)	1 (4.2)
Dyspnea	1 (4.2)	2 (8.3)

- Grade 3 AEs included hypoglycemia (n=1) and hyperglycemia (n=1)
- Grade 3 TRAEs leading to discontinuation occurred in 3 patients (1 pneumonitis, 1 hepatitis, 1 colitis)

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PRACTICE AID



Key Immunotherapy Clinical Trials in Esophageal Cancer^{1,a}

PeerView
Oncology



Adjuvant

CheckMate-577
NCT02743494
Phase 3
Nivolumab
vs
placebo
(E or GEJ)

Recruiting

First-Line Metastatic

KEYNOTE-590
NCT03189719
Phase 3
Pembrolizumab + CT
vs
placebo + CT
(E or EGJ^b)

Recruiting

CheckMate-648
NCT03143153
Phase 3
Nivolumab +
ipilimumab or CT
vs CT
(E)

Recruiting

Second-Line Metastatic

KEYNOTE-181
NCT02564263
Phase 3
Pembrolizumab
vs
CT
(E or EGJ^b)

Recruiting

CheckMate-473
NCT02569242
Phase 3
Nivolumab
vs docetaxel
or paclitaxel
(E)

Active, Not Recruiting

Third-Line Metastatic

KEYNOTE-180
NCT02559687
Phase 2
Pembrolizumab
(E or EGJ^b)

Active, Not Recruiting

^a Recruitment status as of May 16, 2019.

^b Stomach type 1 EGJ.

CT, chemotherapy; E, esophageal; EGJ, esophagogastric junction; GEJ, gastroesophageal junction.

1. <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov>. Accessed May 16, 2019.

This Practice Aid has been provided as a quick reference to help learners apply the information to their daily practice and care of patients.

Access the activity, "The Advent of Immunotherapy in Gastrointestinal Cancers: MasterClass and Practicum on Checkpoint Inhibition and Biomarkers in Colorectal and Gastric Tumors," at www.peerview.com/EFX40.

•**Nivolumab ± Ipilimumab**

•**in Patients With Advanced/Metastatic Chemotherapy-Refractory Gastric,**

•**Esophageal, or Gastroesophageal Junction Cancer:**

•**CheckMate 032 Study**

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BACKGROUND

- Nivolumab improved OS vs placebo in Asian patients with gastric/GEJ cancer with ≥ 2 prior treatments (ATTRACTION-2 phase 3 study)¹
 - **27% vs 11% of patients alive at 1 year (HR, 0.63; $P < 0.0001$)**
- Nivolumab alone or in combination with ipilimumab led to encouraging results in a similar population of Western patients (CheckMate 032 phase 1/2 study)^{2,3}
- Here we present **longer-term updated survival, efficacy, and safety data from CheckMate 032**

GEJ, gastroesophageal junction.

1. Kang YK, et al. ASCO-GI 2017 [abstract 2]; 2. Janjigian YY, et al. ASCO 2016 [abstract 4010]; 3. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT01928394> (Accessed April 21, 2017).

CHECKMATE 032 EG COHORT

Western patients with advanced/metastatic EG cancer
with progression on ≥ 1 prior chemotherapy
N = 160

**Nivolumab 3 mg/kg IV Q2W
(NIVO 3)**

**Nivolumab 1 mg/kg +
Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg IV Q3W*
(NIVO 1 + IPI 3)**

**Nivolumab 3 mg/kg +
Ipilimumab 1 mg/kg IV Q3W*
(NIVO 3 + IPI 1)**

Median (range)
follow-up, mo†:

28 (17 to 35)

24 (21 to 33)

22 (19 to 25)

Primary endpoint:

- ORR per RECIST v1.1

Secondary endpoints:

- OS, PFS, TTR, DOR
- Safety

Exploratory endpoint:

- PD-L1 tumor expression (Dako 28-8 pharmDx assay)

DOR, duration of response; EG, esophagogastric (including gastric/esophageal/gastroesophageal junction cancer); TTR, time to response

* Nivolumab + ipilimumab administered for 4 cycles followed by nivolumab 3 mg/kg IV Q2W.

† Time from first dose to data cut-off; follow-up was shorter for patients who died prior to data cut-off.

BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

Patients, n (%)	NIVO 3 n = 59	NIVO 1 + IPI 3 n = 49	NIVO 3 + IPI 1 n = 52
Age, median (range), years	60 (29 to 80)	53 (27 to 77)	58 (19 to 81)
≥65 years	17 (29)	10 (20)	17 (33)
Male	45 (76)	34 (69)	45 (87)
Race			
White	56 (95)	46 (94)	50 (96)
Black	3 (5)	1 (2)	1 (2)
Asian/other	0	2 (4)	1 (2)
Primary site			
Gastric	19 (32)	22 (45)	18 (35)
GEJ/esophageal	40 (68)	27 (55)	34 (65)
Number of prior regimens			
0	0	1 (2)	0
1	10 (17)	6 (12)	16 (31)
2	20 (34)	19 (39)	16 (31)
3	19 (32)	11 (22)	13 (25)
>3	10 (17)	12 (24)	7 (13)
PD-L1 tumor expression, n/N (%) [*]			
≥1%	16/42 (38)	10/42 (24)	13/43 (30)
<1%	26/42 (62)	32/42 (76)	30/43 (70)

* PD-L1 tumor expression rates reported according to the number of patients with quantifiable samples. PD-L1 was quantifiable in 71%, 86%, and 83% of patients in the NIVO 3, NIVO 1 + IPI 3, and NIVO 3 + IPI 1 treatment groups, respectively.

PATIENT DISPOSITION

Patients, n (%)	NIVO 3 n = 59	NIVO 1 + IPI 3 n = 49	NIVO 3 + IPI 1 n = 52
Continuing on study treatment	2 (3)	6 (12)	3 (6)
Not continuing on study treatment	57 (97)	43 (88)	49 (94)
Disease progression	50 (85)	25 (51)	38 (73)
AE related to study drug	2 (3)*	9 (18)†	7 (13)‡
AE unrelated to study drug	3 (5)	5 (10)	1 (2)
Patient withdrawal/noncompliance	2 (3)	4 (8)	3 (6)

* Increased ALT/AST (n=1); pneumonitis (n=1).

† Increased ALT/AST (n=3); colitis (n=2); diarrhea (n=2); colitis, cystitis, and transaminitis (n=1); diarrhea and hyperthyroidism (n=1).

‡ Acute renal failure, autoimmune hepatitis, diarrhea, enteritis, increased ALT/AST, lymphocytic myocarditis, and pneumonitis (n=1 each).

OBJECTIVE RESPONSE

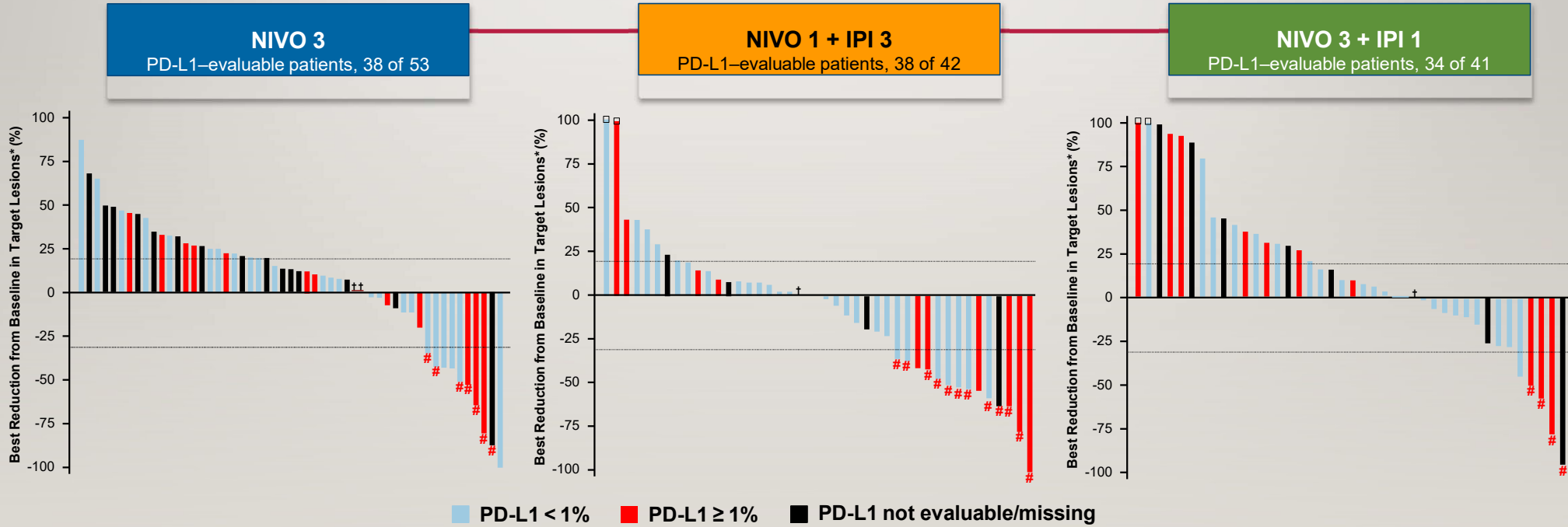
	NIVO 3 n = 59	NIVO 1 + IPI 3 n = 49	NIVO 3 + IPI 1 n = 52
ORR, n (%)* [95% CI]	7 (12) [5, 23]	12 (24) [13, 39]	4 (8) [2, 19]
BOR, n (%)*			
Complete response	1 (2)	1 (2)	0
Partial response	6 (10)	11 (22)	4 (8)
Stable disease	12 (20)	8 (16)	15 (29)
Progressive disease	34 (58)	23 (47)	24 (46)
Not evaluable	6 (10)	6 (12)	9 (17)
DCR, n (%)†	19 (32)	20 (41)	19 (37)
Median TTR (range), months	1.6 (1.2 to 4.0)	2.7 (1.2 to 14.5)	2.6 (1.3 to 2.8)
Median DOR (95% CI), months	7.1 (3.0, 13.2)	7.9 (2.8, NE)	NR (2.5, NE)

BOR, best objective response; DCR, disease control rate; NR, not reached, NE, not estimable.

* Investigator review.

† Patients with a BOR of complete response, partial response, or stable disease.

BEST REDUCTION IN TARGET LESIONS



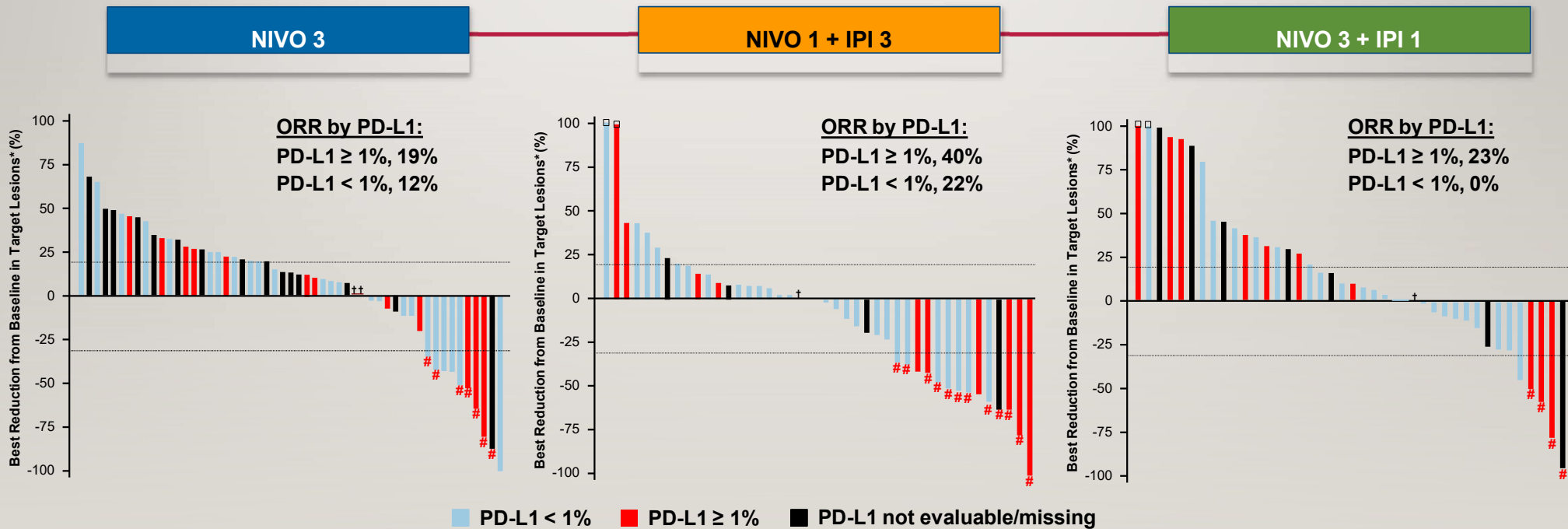
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Patients with confirmed response (complete or partial response).

† Patients with 0% best reduction in target lesion, including 3 patients with PD-L1 ≥ 1% (NIVO 3, n=2; NIVO 3 + IPI 1, n=1) and 1 patient with PD-L1 < 1% (NIVO 1 + IPI 3).

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BEST REDUCTION IN TARGET LESIONS



- Responses were observed regardless of PD-L1 expression

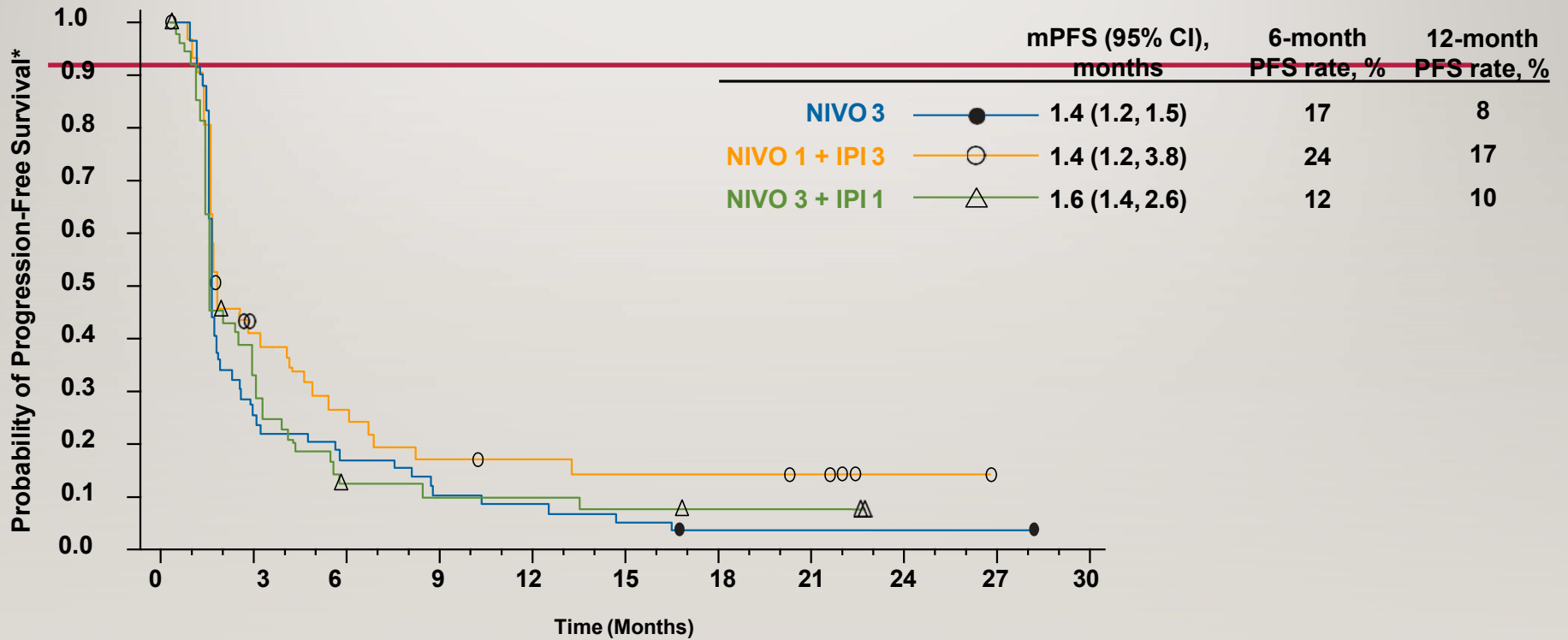
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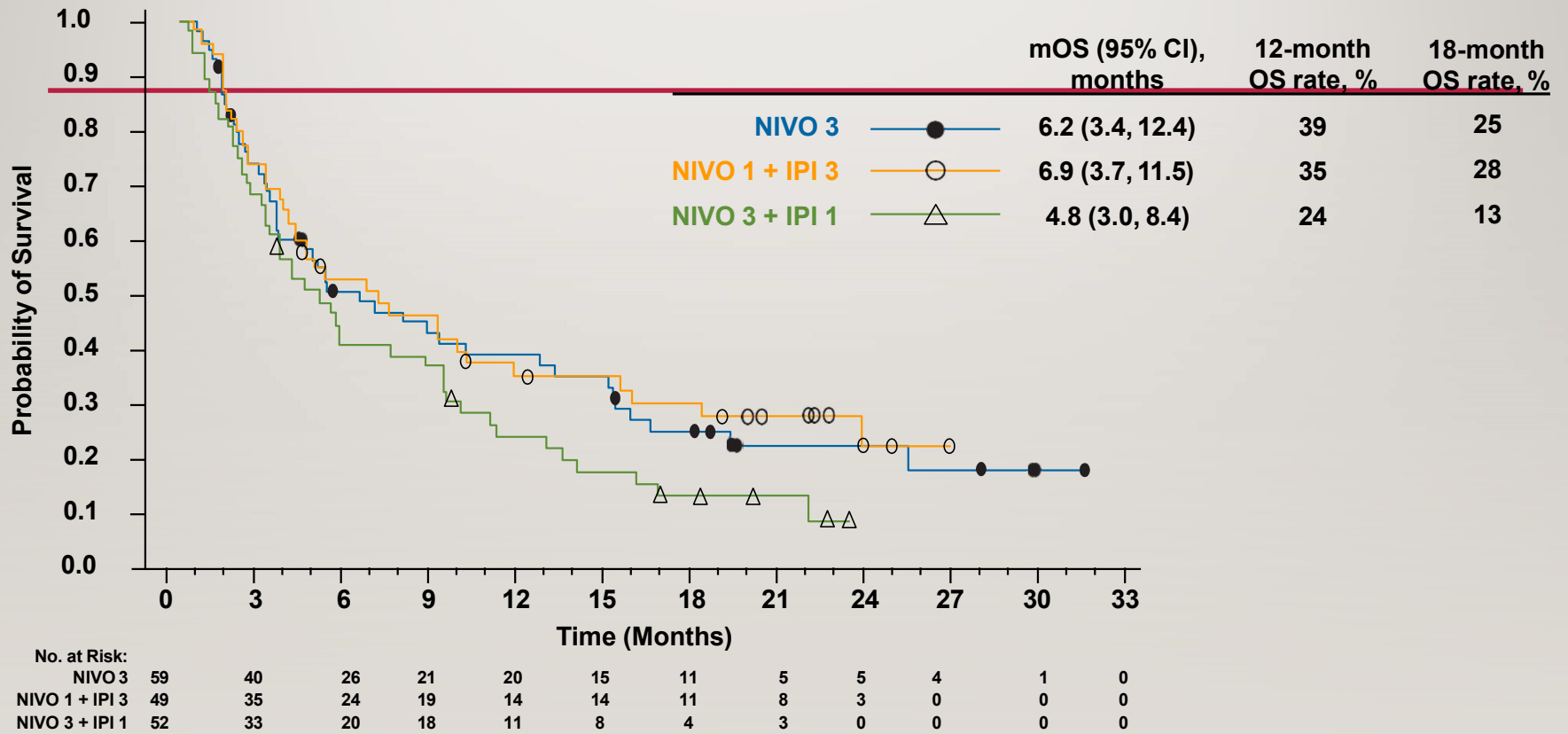
PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL



No. at Risk:	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
NIVO 3	59	13	10	6	5	3	1	1	1	1	0
NIVO 1 + IPI 3	49	16	10	7	6	5	5	4	1	0	0
NIVO 3 + IPI 1	52	13	5	4	4	3	2	2	0	0	0

mPFS, median PFS
* Investigator review.

OVERALL SURVIVAL



mOS, median OS.

OVERALL SURVIVAL BY PD-L1 STATUS

OS rate (95% CI), %	NIVO 3	NIVO 1 + IPI 3	NIVO 3 + IPI 1
Patients with PD-L1 \geq1%	n = 16	n = 10	n = 13
12 months	34 (12, 57)	50 (18, 75)	23 (6, 47)
Patients with PD-L1 <1%	n = 26	n = 32	n = 30
12 months	45 (25, 62)	32 (16, 48)	25 (11, 42)

TREATMENT-RELATED ADVERSE EVENTS

Patients, n (%)	NIVO 3 n = 59		NIVO 1 + IPI 3 n = 49		NIVO 3 + IPI 1 n = 52	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Any TRAE	41 (69)	10 (17)	41 (84)	23 (47)	39 (75)	14 (27)
Serious TRAEs	6 (10)	3 (5)	21 (43)	17 (35)	13 (25)	9 (17)
TRAEs leading to treatment discontinuation	2 (3)	2 (3)	10 (20)	10 (20)	7 (13)	5 (10)
TRAEs in ≥15% of patients in any treatment arm						
ALT increased	5 (8)	2 (3)	8 (16)	7 (14)	5 (10)	2 (4)
AST increased	7 (12)	3 (5)	8 (16)	5 (10)	2 (4)	1 (2)
Decreased appetite	9 (15)	0	5 (10)	0	3 (6)	0
Diarrhea	9 (15)	1 (2)	15 (31)	7 (14)	5 (10)	1 (2)
Fatigue	20 (34)	1 (2)	14 (29)	3 (6)	10 (19)	0
Pruritus	10 (17)	0	9 (18)	1 (2)	12 (23)	0
Rash	5 (8)	0	10 (20)	0	8 (15)	0

- One grade 5 TRAE was reported (tumor lysis syndrome in a patient treated with NIVO 3 + IPI 1)

CONCLUSIONS

- Nivolumab alone or in combination with ipilimumab demonstrates clinical activity in patients with chemotherapy-refractory EG cancer irrespective of PD-L1 status
- Safety profile is consistent with prior reports¹⁻⁴
- Nivolumab alone and in combination with ipilimumab are being investigated in phase 3 studies in patients with advanced EG cancer

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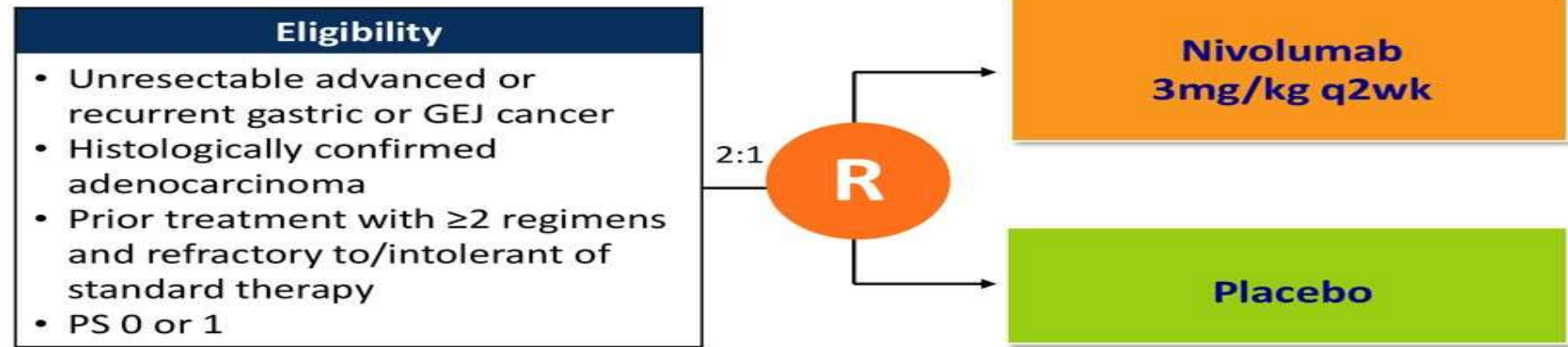
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ATTRACTION-2 Phase III Schema

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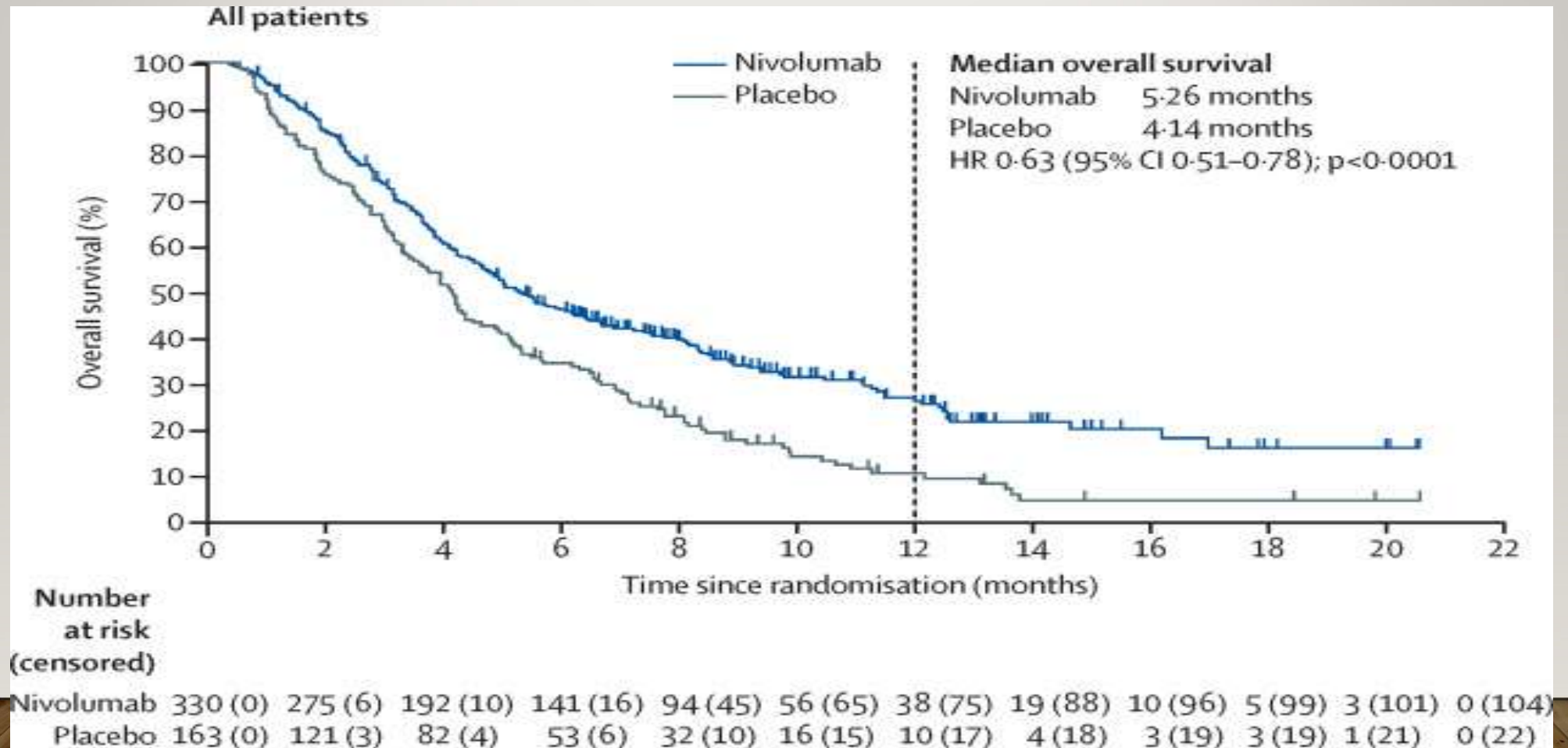
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Primary endpoint: Overall survival

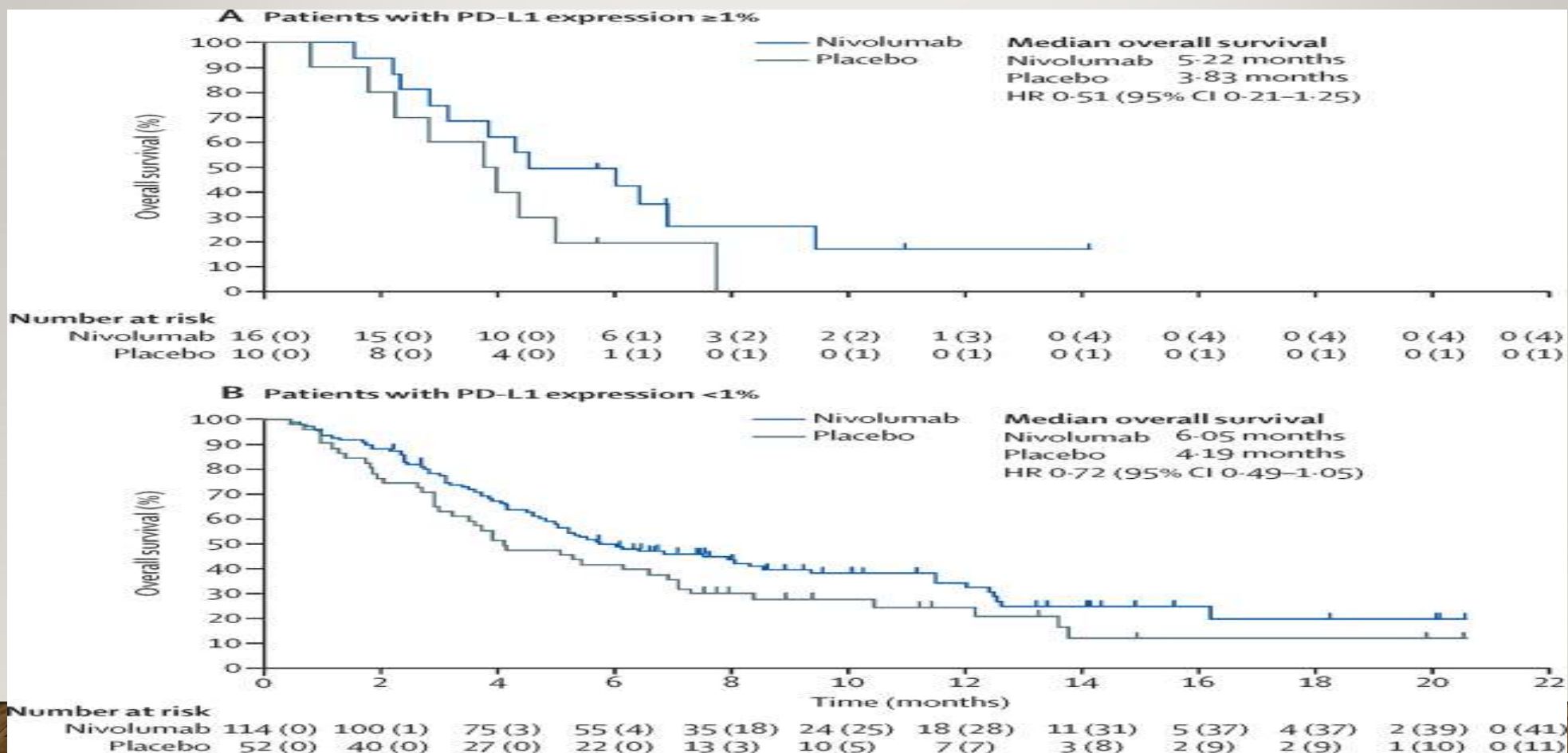
Patients were permitted to continue treatment beyond initial RECIST v1.1-defined disease progression, as assessed by the investigator, if receiving clinical benefit and tolerating treatment drug.

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Immunotherapy Plus Chemotherapy *First-Line Setting*

KEYNOTE-59 Cohort 2^[a]

- Phase 2 study
- 25 patients with advanced G/GEJ cancer
- Pembrolizumab + 5-FU + cisplatin
- Higher ORR (PD-L1-positive): 69%
- mPFS: 6.6 mo
- mOS: 20.8 mo

ATTRACTION-4^[b]

- Phase 2 study
- 40 patients with unresectable advanced or *HER2*-negative G/GEJ cancer
- Nivolumab + S-1 + SOX or CAPOX
- ORR (SOX): 57.1%
- ORR (CAPOX): 76.5%
- mOS (both groups): NR
- Proceeded to phase 3: nivolumab + SOX/CAPOX vs SOX/CAPOX alone

a. Bang YJ, et al. ASCO 2017. Abstract 4012.
b. Boku N, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2019;30:250-258.

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Conclusion

- ❑ Esophageal cancer is the 7th leading cause of cancer deaths.
- ❑ Adenocarcinoma now accounts for over 50% of esophageal cancer in the USA, due to association with GERD & obesity.
- ❑ Dysphagia and weight loss are the two most common presentations in patients with esophageal cancer.
- ❑ Endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) is necessary to accompany a complete workup for proper staging and diagnosis of esophageal cancer.
- ❑ Surgery is the standard of care for early-stage esophageal cancer.
- ❑ Preoperative chemotherapy and radiation is the standard option for locally advanced esophageal cancer in surgically eligible patients.

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THE END

