# Colorectal & GE Cancers Where are moving?

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#### ColoRectal Cancer

- 1. Metastatic with MSI-High
  - PHASE III KEYNOTE 177 HRQOL

**Early CRC & Adjuvant therapy** 

 SUBGROUP ANALYSIS FROM TOSCA TRIAL GastroEsophageal

**Cancers** 

Metastatic Heur 2 (-)

CHECKMATE 649

Resectable & Adjuvant Rx

CHECKMATE 577



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- Colorectal Cancer is Heterogenous disease depending
  - Tumor Location, Molecular Profiling, Tumor Burden and The patient
- ☐ The Median survival for metastatic CRC is 30-36 months
  - ☐ (GI-ASCO 2020)
- The treatment Paradigm is an evolving process:
  - Bi-Chemotherapy , Tri-Chemotherapy with Anti-VEGF or Anti-EGFR
  - Targeted Agents and lastly PDL1-Inhibition thru Immunotherapy
- ☐ The behavior of Early CRC dictate the duration of systemic chemotherapy



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#### **Tumor**

Location: Right Vs Left

Disease Burden: Resectable Vs

**Never resectable** 

#### **Molecular Profile:**

Kras/Nras..

Braf

Heur 2 Neu

MMR > Proficient Vs deficient

NTRK

#### Patient:

Age

**Performance Status** 

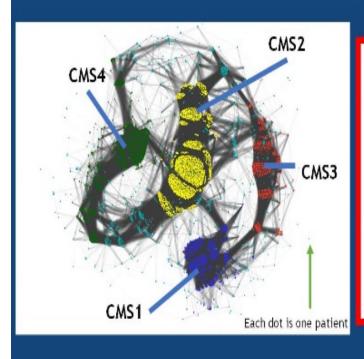
**Functionality** 

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Long term Rx effects



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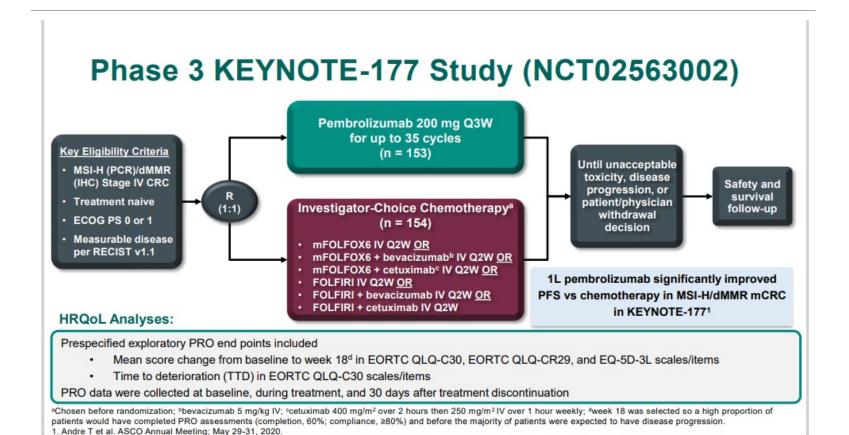


CMS1 MSI Immune	CMS2 Canonical	CMS3 Metabolic	CMS4 Mesenchymal
14%	37%	13%	23%
MSI, CIMP high Hypermutation	SCNA high	Mixed MSI status SCNA low, CIMP low	SCN high
BRAF mutations	***************************************	KRAS mutations	
Immune infiltration and activation	WNT and MYC activation	Metabolic deregulation	Stromal infiltration TGF beta activation Angiogenesis
Worse survival after relapse	Better survival after relaspe		Worse relapse-free and overall survival

#### Pembrolizumab: Health-Related Quality of Life (KEYNOTE-177)

#### SUMMARY

- KEYNOTE-177<sup>1</sup> is a randomized, open label, phase 3 study of pembrolizumab monotherapy (N=152) versus standard of care (chemotherapy with or without bevacizumab or cetuximab, N=142) as first-line treatment in microsatellite-instability high (MSI-H)/mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) metastatic colorectal cancer.
- Andre et al<sup>2</sup> presented health-related quality of life results (HRQoL) from KEYNOTE-177. Patient-reported
  outcomes (PROs) were evaluated as prespecified exploratory endpoints (data cut-off date of February 19, 2020).
  - Least squares mean (LSM) change from baseline to week 18 showed improvement in the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) Quality of Life Questionnaire Core 30 (QLQ-C30) global health status/quality of life (GHS/QoL) scale with pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy (LSM difference: 8.96; p=0.0002).
  - Pembrolizumab prolonged time to deterioration (TTD) versus chemotherapy in GHS/QoL (Hazard ratio (HR), 0.61; p=0.0195), physical functioning (HR, 0.50; p=0.0016), social functioning (HR, 0.53; p=0.0050), and fatigue (HR, 0.48; p≤0.0001).

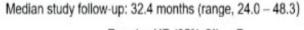


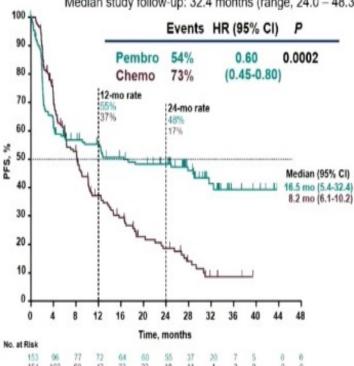
#### Mean Changes in PRO Scores

	EORTC QLQ-C30 GHS/QoL Score		EQ-5D VAS Score		EQ-5D Health Utility Score	
	Pembro	Chemo	Pembro	Chemo	Pembro	Chemo
Baseline	and the second					
Completed questionnaire, n	141	131	142	133	142	133
Mean score (SD)	66.19 (21.03)	66.60 (20.74)	70.12 (18.86)	70.83 (19.79)	0.77 (0.20)	0.75 (0.20)
Week 18						
Completed questionnaire, n	102	82	102	82	102	82
Mean score (SD)	72.14 (20.53)	62.60 (17.68)	76.86 (17.92)	70.76 (18.20)	0.84 (0.18)	0.77 (0.20)
Change from baseline <sup>a</sup>						
Included in analysis <sup>b</sup> , n	151	141	151	141	151	141
LSM change from baseline (95%CI)	3.33 (-0.05 to 6.72)	-5.63 (-9.32 to -1.94)	4.50 (1.16 to 7.83)	-2.88 (-6.46 to 0.69)	0.04 (0.00 to 0.08)	-0.01 (-0.05 to 0.02)
LSM difference (95% CI) p-value <sup>c</sup>		to 13.69) 0002		2 to 11.93) 0016	0.05 (0.00 p=0.	

CI, confidence interval; EORTC QLQ-C30, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire core 30 items; EQ-5D, EuroQoL 5 Dimensions; LSM, least-squares mean; SD, standard deviation; VAS, visual analogue scale. Based on a constrained longitudinal data analysis model with PRO scores as the response variable, and treatment by study visit interaction as covariates. Analysis using constrained longitudinal data analysis model involved patients with at least one baseline or post-baseline assessment. Values are 2-sided and nominal.

#### Progression-Free Survival

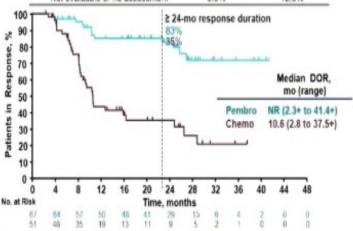






#### Overall Survival and Duration of Response

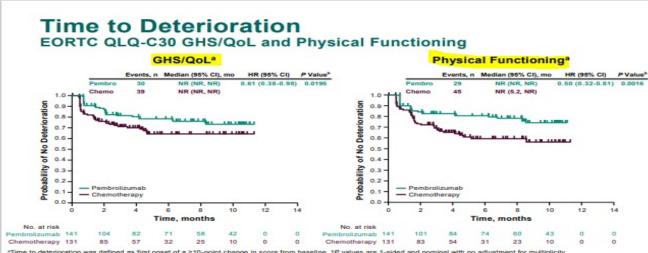
5 - 3 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2	Pembrolizumab N = 153	Chemotherapy N = 154
Overall Response Rate	43.8%	33.1%
Best Response		
Complete response	11.1%	3.9%
Partial response	32.7%	29.2%
Stable disease	20.9%	42.2%
Progressive disease	29.4%	12.3%
Not evaluable or no assessment	5.9%	12.3%

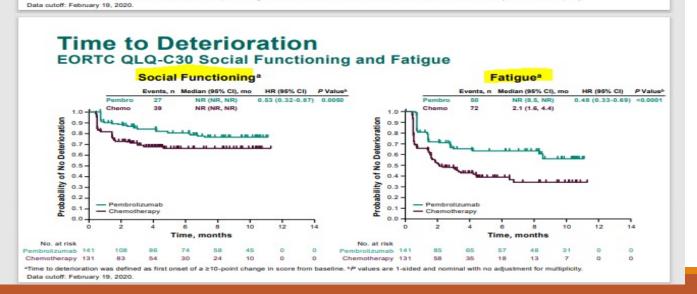


FS (time from randomization to first documented disease progression or death) assessed per RECIST v1.1 by BICR; uperiority of pembrolizumab vs. chemotherapy in PFS was demonstrated at the pre-specified one-sided a=0.0117; uration of response (DOR) assessed per RECIST v1.1 by BICR: Data cut-off: 19Feb2020.

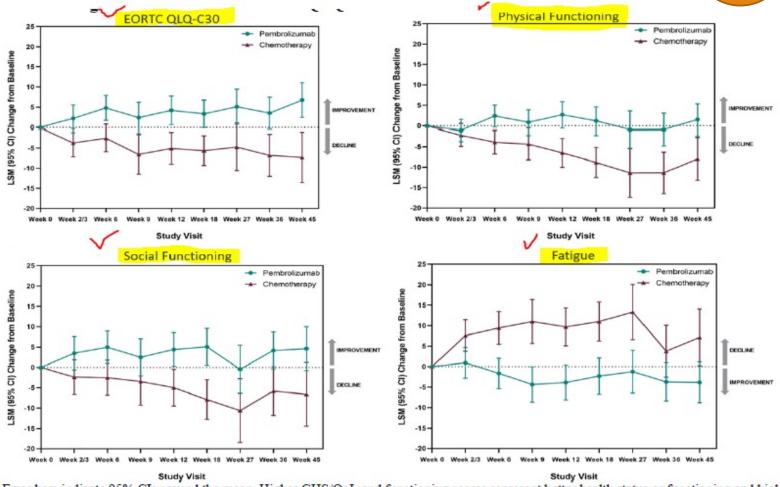
André T et al; ASCO 2020. Clin Oncol. 2020;38(supp











Error bars indicate 95% CIs around the mean. Higher GHS/QoL and functioning scores represent better health status or functioning and higher scores for fatigue indicates an increased severity of the symptom.

#### Conclusions

- Pembrolizumab monotherapy provided clinically meaningful improvements in HRQoL compared with chemotherapy ± bevacizumab or cetuximab in patients with previously untreated MSI-H/dMMR mCRC
  - Limitations include open label trial and PROs as exploratory end points
  - Results are mostly limited to treatment period
- HRQoL results complement the superior PFS and lower treatmentrelated adverse event rate with pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy ± bevacizumab or cetuximab
- These findings further support use of pembrolizumab as a standard of care for first-line treatment of patients with MSI-H/dMMR mCRC





# OXALIPLATIN PLUS FLUOROPYRIMIDINES AS ADJUVANT THERAPY FOR COLON CANCER IN ELDERLY PATIENTS: A SUBGROUP ANALYSIS FROM TOSCA TRIAL

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ON BEHALF OF ALL TOSCA (THREE OR SIX COLON ADJUVANT) INVESTIGATORS

- ✓ TOSCA¹ is a phase III non-inferiority trial randomizing 3759 patients within the IDEA² collaboration investigating adjuvant treatment duration in colon cancer.
- ✓ The study failed to show noninferiority of 3 vs 6 months of treatment to the predefined margin of 20% relative increase.
- ✓ However, a qualitative, non statistically significant interaction between regimen and treatment duration was observed: for CAPOX, 3 months were as good as 6 months; for FOLFOX, 6 months added extra benefit.
- ✓ The results of TOSCA Trial were consistent with those of the pooled analysis IDEA on more than 12.800 patients enrolled in 6 studies.

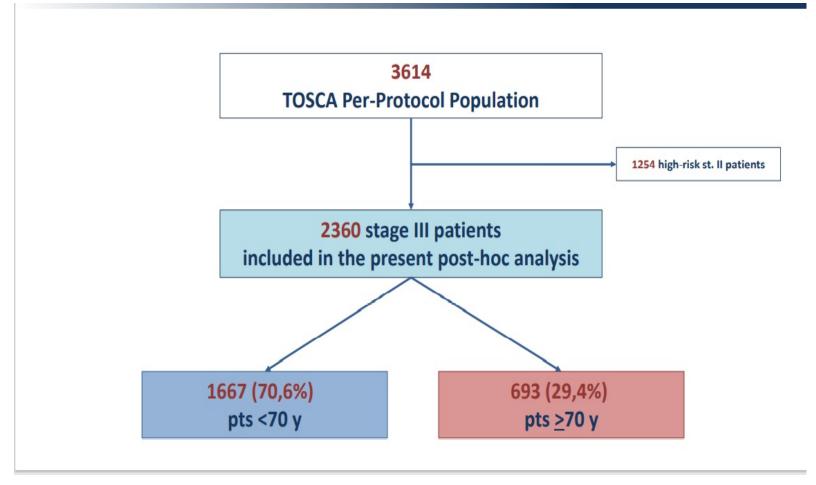
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Grothey A et al, N Engl J Med 2018

#### **Objectives and endpoint**

- ✓ To evaluate the impact of patients' age (< 70 vs ≥ 70 years old) on efficacy of OXA-based adjuvant chemotherapy in stage III colon cancer patients enrolled in TOSCA Trial, irrespective of randomization arm.
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- ✓ To evaluate the compliance to the treatment

**Primary End-Point: Relapse-Free Interval** 

defined as time from randomization to relapse or last disease evaluation

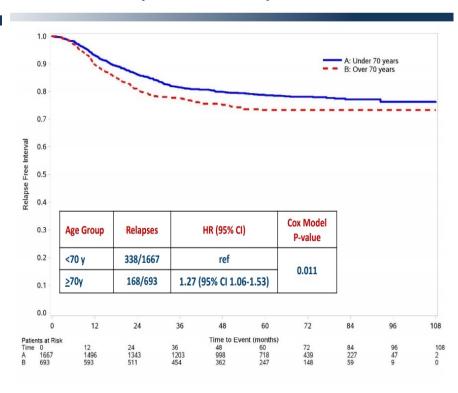




#### **Events**

#### **Primary End-Point: Relapse-Free Interval**

	< 70 y. n = 1667	<u>&gt;</u> 70 y. n = 693	Chi-square p-value
Follow-up (months)			-
Median	62.5	60.6	
Inter-quartile Range (1°-3°)	48.1-78.8	46.8-75.8	
Relapse – n (%)	338 (20.3)	168 (24.2)	0.033
Relapse site – n (%)			
Local	25 (7.5)	13 (7.7)	
Distant	293 (87.5)	142 (84.5)	
Both	17 (5.1)	13 (7.7)	
Missing	3	0	



- ☐ The TOSCA Trial was a large trial including all age groups (> 70) randomized to 3 months Vs 6 months of adjuvant Chemotherapy
- □ A higher proportion of Relapse rate seen in Patients older than 70 as compared < 70 ( 24.2 % Vs 20.3 %) with P= 0.033</p>
- ☐ The Multivariate analysis of the Relapse Free Interval did not indicate statistically significant effect of Age
- ☐ The small difference in relapse rate could be possibly attributed to compliance

### **CONCLUSION ESMO 2020 CRC**

#### **Take Home Message:**

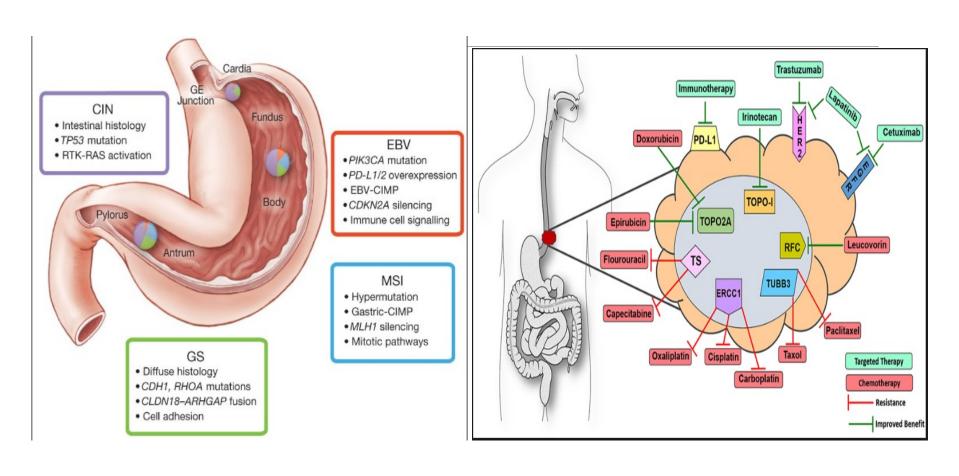
- ■1. first-line therapy for MSI-H Metastatic colorectal cancer immunotherapy should be in new standard of care
- 2. Keynote 177:
  - Median PFS 16.5 Vs 8.2 months (P= 0.002) Pembrozlimab Vs Chemotherapy with Bevacizumab/ Anti-EGFR Rx
  - Response rate 43.8% Vs 33.1 % (P= 0.0275) In favor Pembro
  - Lower Incidence of Grade 3 Rx related adverse events 22% Vs 66%
- ■3. TOSCA trial subgroup analysis patients > 70:
  - Multivariate analysis of the Relapse Free Interval did not indicate statistically significant effect of Age
  - Adjuvant Therapy Should be recommended to ALL Pts (including > 70) 3 months Vs 6 months based stratification T4 Vs T and N2 Vs N and chemoregimen FOLFOX Vs XELOX



#### **ESMO VIRTUAL CONGRESS 2020**

- ☐ Resectable & Adjuvant Rx
  - CHECKMATE 577: Neoadjuvant chemo-XRT, surgery then adjuvant Nivo
- Metastatic Heur 2 (-)
  - CHECKMATE 649: Nivo + chemo Vs Chemo in 1st L met . GE adenoca
  - ATTRACTION 4 Trial: in ASIA
  - KEYNOTE 590 : Pembro + chemo Vs Chemo

# **Gastroesophageal Cancers**





# Adjuvant nivolumab in resected esophageal or gastroesophageal junction cancer following neoadjuvant chemoradiation therapy: first results of the CheckMate 577 study

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#### CheckMate 577 study design

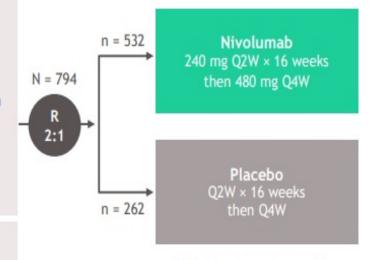
CheckMate 577 is a global, phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial<sup>a</sup>

#### Key eligibility criteria

- Stage II/III EC/GEJC
- Adenocarcinoma or squamous cell carcinoma
- Neoadjuvant CRT + surgical resection (R0,<sup>b</sup> performed within 4-16 weeks prior to randomization)
- · Residual pathologic disease
  - ≥ ypT1 or ≥ ypN1
- ECOG PS 0-1

#### Stratification factors

- · Histology (squamous vs adenocarcinoma)
- Pathologic lymph node status (≥ ypN1 vs ypN0)
- Tumor cell PD-L1 expression (≥ 1% vs < 1%<sup>c</sup>)



Total treatment duration

of up to 1 yeard

#### Primary endpoint:

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#### Secondary endpoints:

- · OSf
- OS rate at 1, 2, and 3 years

- Median follow-up was 24.4 months (range, 6.2-44.9)<sup>g</sup>
- Geographical regions: Europe (38%), US and Canada (32%), Asia (13%), rest of the world (16%)

"ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT02743494; "Patients must have been surgically rendered free of disease with negative margins on resected specimens defined as no vital tumor present within 1 mm of the proximal, distal, or circumferential resection margins; < 1% includes indeterminate/nonevaluable tumor cell PD-L1 expression; duntil disease recurrence, unacceptable toxicity, or withdrawal of consent; "Assessed by investigator, the study required at least 440 DFS events to achieve 91% power to detect an average HR of 0.72 at a 2-sided a of 0.05, accounting for a pre-specified interim analysis; The study will continue as planned to allow for future analysis of OS; Time from randomization date to clinical data cutoff (May 12, 2020).

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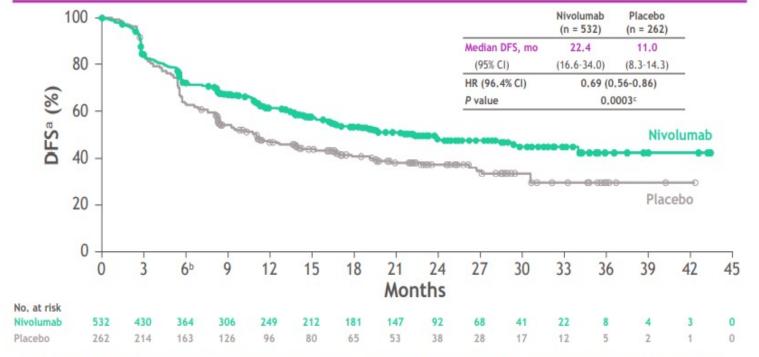
#### Baseline characteristics

	Nivolumab	Placebo
Median age (range), years	(n = 532) 62.0 (26-82)	(n = 262) 61.0 (26-86)
Male, %	84	85
Race, a %		
White	81	82
Asian	16	13
ECOG PS, %		
0	58	60
1	42	40
Disease stage at initial diagnosis, %		
II	34	38
III	66	62
Tumor location, %		
EC	60	59
GEJC	40	41
Histology, %		
Squamous cell carcinoma	29	29
Adenocarcinoma	71	71
Pathologic lymph node status ≥ ypN1, %	57	58
Tumor cell PD-L1 expression, <sup>b</sup> %		
≥ 1%	17	15
< 1%	70	75
Indeterminate/nonevaluable	13	10

<sup>&</sup>quot;Other races not shown; "Tumor cell PD-L1 expression determined from surgical specimen by the PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay (Dako).

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#### Disease-free survival



 Nivolumab provided superior DFS with a 31% reduction in the risk of recurrence or death and a doubling in median DFS versus placebo

\*Per investigator assessment; 6-month DFS rates were 72% (95% CI, 68-76) in the nivolumab arm and 63% (95% CI, 57-69) in the placebo arm; The boundary for statistical significance at the pre-specified interim analysis required the P value to be less than 0.036.

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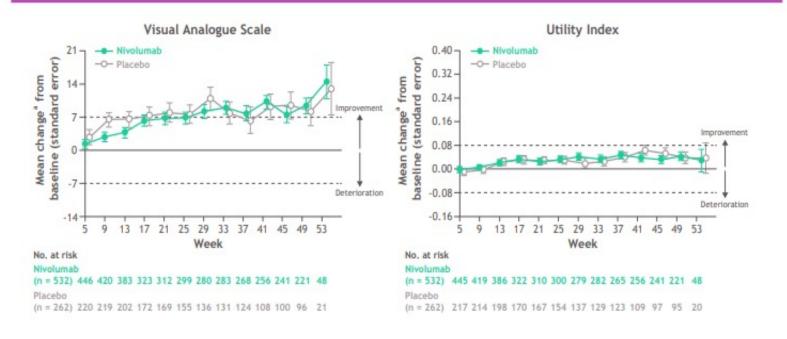
#### Disease-free survival by subgroups

Subgroup		Median DFS, months		Unstratified HR	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
Jungtoup		Nivolumab	Placebo	Olistratified Tilk	
Overall (N = 794)		22.4	11.0	0.70	-
Age, years	< 65 (n = 507) ≥ 65 (n = 287)	24.4 17.0	10.8 13.9	0.65 0.80	-
Sex	Male (n = 671) Female (n = 123)	21.4 Not reached	11.1 11.0	0.73 0.59	
Race	White (n = 648) Asian (n = 117)	21.3 24.0	10.9 10.2	0.71 0.70	+
ECOG PS	0 (n = 464) 1 (n = 330)	29.4 17.0	11.1 10.9	0.73 0.66	<del>*</del>
Disease stage at initial diagnosis	II (n = 278) III (n = 514)	34.0 19.4	13.9 8.5	0.72 0.68	<b>*</b>
Tumor location	EC (n = 462) GEJC (n = 332)	24.0 22.4	8.3 20.6	0.61 0.87	-
Histology	Adenocarcinoma (n = 563) Squamous cell carcinoma (n = 230)	19.4 29.7	11.1 11.0	0.75 0.61	-
Pathologic lymph node status	ypN0 (n = 336) ≥ ypN1 (n = 457)	Not reached 14.8	27.0 7.6	0.74 0.67	-
Tumor cell PD-L1 expression	≥ 1% (n = 129) < 1% (n = 570) Indeterminate/nonevaluable (n = 95)	19.7 21.3 Not reached	14.1 11.1 9.5	0.75 0.73 0.54	-

<sup>•</sup> DFS favored nivolumab versus placebo across these pre-specified subgroups

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#### Overall health status using the EQ-5D-3L



Patient-reported outcome analyses revealed similar overall health status between nivolumab and placebo

\*Descriptive analyses were conducted in all randomized patients who had an EQ-5D-3L visual analogue scale and utility index assessment at baseline and a 1 postbaseline assessment. Changes from baseline of 7 and 0.08 points for the visual analogue scale and utility index, respectively, were considered clinically meaningful.

1. Pickard AS, et al. Health Qual Life Outcomes 2007:5:70.

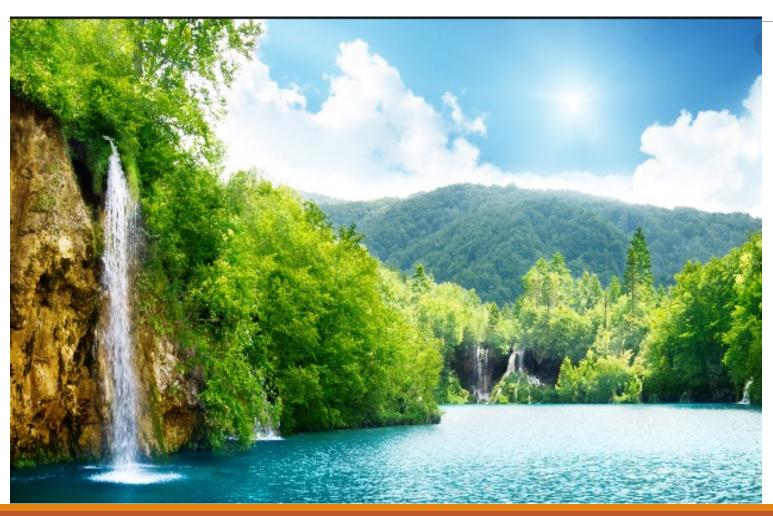
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#### Summary

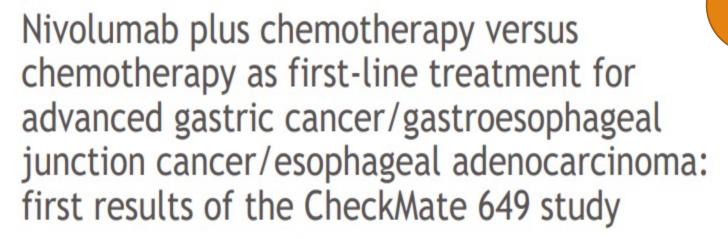
- Nivolumab is the first adjuvant therapy to provide a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in DFS versus placebo in resected EC/GEJC following neoadjuvant CRT
  - 31% reduction in the risk of recurrence or death and a doubling in median DFS
  - DFS benefit across multiple pre-specified subgroups
- Nivolumab was well tolerated with an acceptable safety profile
  - Incidence of serious TRAEs and TRAEs leading to discontinuation were ≤ 9% with nivolumab and 3% with placebo
- These results represent the first advance in years for this group of patients, potentially establishing adjuvant nivolumab as a new standard of care

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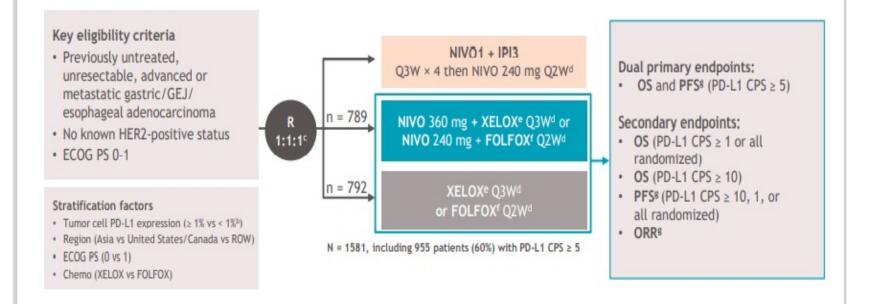
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#### CheckMate 649 study design

CheckMate 649 is a randomized, open-label, phase 3 study<sup>a</sup>



At data cutoff (May 27, 2020), the minimum follow-up was 12.1 monthsh

\*ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT02872116; h-c 1% includes indeterminate tumor cell PD-L1 expression; determined by PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay (Dako); "After NIVO + chemo arm was added and before new patient enrollment in the NIVO1+IPI3 group was closed; dUntil documented disease progression (unless consented to treatment beyond progression for NIVO + chemo), discontinuation due to toxicity, withdrawal of consent, or study end. NIVO is given for a maximum of 2 years; "Oxaliplatin 130 mg/m² IV (day 1) and capecitabine 1000 mg/m² orally twice daily (days 1-14); Dxaliplatin 85 mg/m², leucovorin 400 mg/m², and FU 400 mg/m² IV (day 1) and FU 1200 mg/m² IV daily (days 1-2); BICR assessed; "Time from concurrent randomization of the last patient to NIVO + chemo vs chemo to data cutoff.

CheckMate 649 Statistical considerations NIVO + chemo • Overall  $\alpha$  is split between the 2 primary vs chemo: endpoints PFS OS PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5 PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5 If OS in the PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5 population is a: 0.02 a: 0.03 statistically significant, OS in PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1, ( $\alpha$  at interim: 0.016) followed by OS in all randomized patients, is tested hierarchically 50% · Final PFS and pre-specified interim OS analyses: OS after a minimum follow-up of 12 months PD-L1 CPS > 1 (a at interim: 0.007) 100% Primary endpoint OS All randomized Secondary endpoint 100% 50% ( $\alpha$  at interim: 0.007) Fraction of a transmitted to next endpoint NIVO + IPI vs chemo: OSa \*Hierarchical testing of OS in the PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5 population, followed by all randomized patients, is planned for the final analysis.

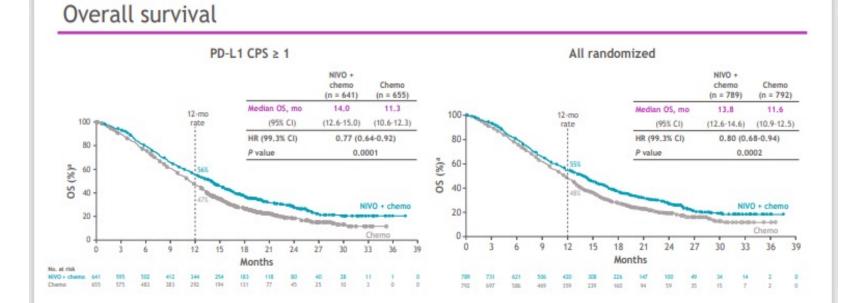
CheckMate 649 Overall survival Primary endpoint (PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5) NIVO + chemo Chemo (n = 473)(n = 482)12-mo Median OS, mo 14.4 11.1 rate 80 (95% CI) (13.1-16.2)(10.0-12.1) 0.71 (0.59-0.86) HR (98.4% CI) P value < 0.0001 os (%) 60 NIVO + chemo 20 Chemo 0 15 18 21 24 27 33 36 30 39 Months No. at risk NIVO + chemo 473 438 377 313 261 198 65 33 0 Chemo 421 350

 Superior OS, 29% reduction in the risk of death, and a 3.3-month improvement in median OS with NIVO + chemo versus chemo in patients whose tumors expressed PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5

\*Minimum follow-up 12.1 months.

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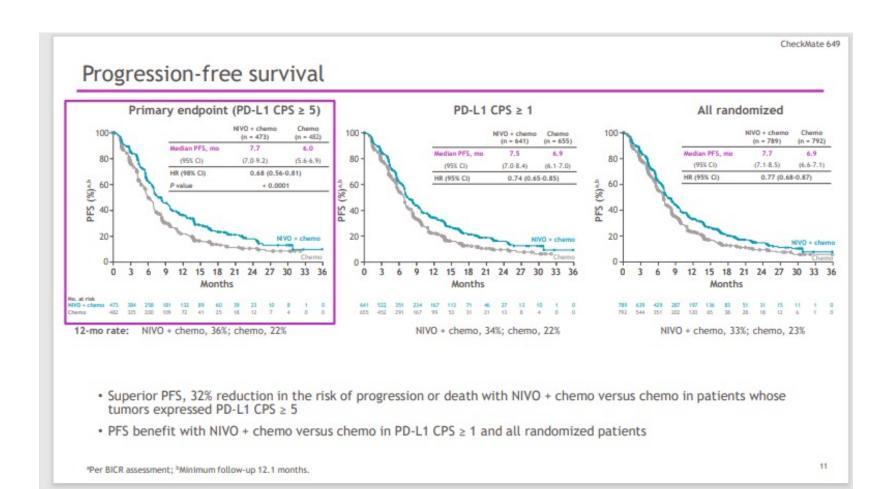
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Superior OS benefit in PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 and all randomized patients with NIVO + chemo versus chemo

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#### Overall survival subgroup analysis

Category (PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5)	Subseque	Median OS, m	Median OS, months		Unstratified HR (95% CI
	Subgroup	NIVO + chemo	Chemo	Unstratified HR for death	Ulistratified fix (93% Ci
Overall (N = 955)	* 2001 A 1000 F 10	14.4	11.1	0.70	-
Age, years	< 65 (n = 552) ≥ 65 (n = 403)	14.8 14.3	11.0 11.2	0.69 0.72	
Sex	Male (n = 680) Female (n = 275)	14.4 14.4	10.8 12.1	0.67 0.78	-
Race	Asian (n = 236) White (n = 655) Other (n = 64)	16.1 14.0 9.8	11.5 11.1 10.6	0.63 0.71 0.93	-
Region	Asia (n = 228) US/Canada (n = 137) ROW (n = 590)	15.6 16.8 13.6	11.8 12.6 10.4	0.64 0.67 0.74	
ECOG PS <sup>a</sup>	0 (n = 397) 1 (n = 557)	17.6 12.6	13.8 8.8	0.79 0.63	
Primary tumor location	GC (n = 667) GEJC (n = 170) EAC (n = 118)	15.0 14.2 11.2	10.5 13.1 11.3	0.66 0.84 0.78	-
Tumor cell PD-L1 <sup>b</sup> expression	< 1% (n = 724) ≥ 1% (n = 230)	14.2 16.2	11.6 8.8	0.75 0.56	
Liver metastases	Yes (n = 408) No (n = 518)	13.1 15.5	9.8 12.0	0.63 0.76	-
Signet ring cell carcinoma	Yes (n = 141) No (n = 814)	12.1 15.1	9.0 11.3	0.71 0.69	-
MSI status <sup>c</sup>	MSS (n = 846) MSI-H (n = 34)	14.4 Not reached	11.1 8.8	0.73 0.33 +	<u>+</u>
Chemotherapy regimen	FOLFOX (n = 479) XELOX (n = 454)	14.3 15.0	11.3 11.0	0.71 0.69	<b>=</b>

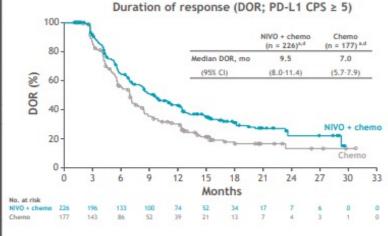
· OS consistently favored NIVO + chemo versus chemo across multiple pre-specified subgroups

\*Not reported, n = 1; \*Unknown, n = 1; \*Not reported/invalid, n = 75.

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#### Response and duration of response

	PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5		
	NIVO + chemo (n = 378) <sup>a</sup>	Chemo (n = 391) <sup>2</sup>	
ORR, %	60	45	
95% CI	55-65	40-50	
P value <sup>b</sup>	< 0.0001		
Best overall response,c%		4900-0	
Complete response	12	7	
Partial response	48	38	
Stable disease	28	34	
Progressive disease	7	11	
Not evaluable	6	10	
Median TTR (range), months	1.5 (0.8-10.2)	1.5 (1.0-7.1)	



· ORR was higher with NIVO + chemo versus chemo, and responses were more durable

"Randomized patients who had target lesion measurements at baseline per BICR assessment; "ORR was not formally tested, the pre-specified P value is descriptive; "Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding; "Number of responders.

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#### Summary

- NIVO is the first PD-1-inhibitor to demonstrate superior OS and PFS in combination with chemo versus chemo alone in previously untreated patients with advanced GC/GEJC/EAC
  - Statistically significant and clinically meaningful OS benefit in patients whose tumors expressed PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5 and ≥ 1 and in all randomized patients
  - Survival benefit across multiple pre-specified subgroups (assessed in primary population)
  - PFS benefit in PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5 (statistically significant), PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1, and all randomized patients
- No new safety signals were identified with NIVO + chemo
- NIVO + chemo represents a new potential standard 1L treatment for patients with advanced GC/GEJC/EAC



Nivolumab plus chemotherapy versus chemotherapy alone in patients with previously untreated advanced or recurrent gastric/ gastroesophageal junction (G/GEJ) cancer: ATTRACTION-4 (ONO-4538-37) study

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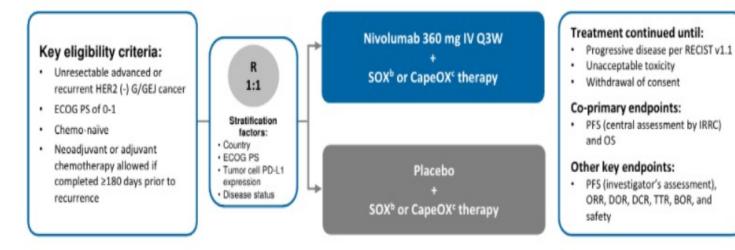


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## Phase 3 part of ATTRACTION-4: Study Design

 Phase 3 part of ATTRACTION-4 is a double-blind, randomized controlled study conducted at 130 centers in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan<sup>a</sup>



- At data cutoff for interim analysis of PFS (31 Oct 2018), the median follow-up period was 11.6 months
- At data cutoff for final analysis of OS (31 Jan 2020), the median follow-up period was 26.6 months
- A total of 724 patients were randomized between Mar 2017 and May 2018

\*ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02746796.

bSOX : S-1 (tegafur-gimeracil-oteracil potassium) 40 mg/m² orally twice daily (days 1-14) and Oxaliplatin 130 mg/m² IV (day 1), q3w

CapeOX : Capecitabine 1000 mg/m² orally twice daily (days 1–14) and Oxaliplatin 130 mg/m² IV (day 1), q3w

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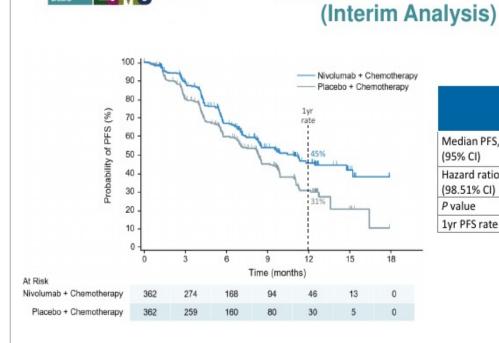
## **Exposure and Disposition**

	Nivolumab + Chemotherapy (n = 359)		Placebo + Chemotherapy (n = 358)	
	Nivolumab + SOX (n = 229)	Nivolumab + CapeOX (n = 130)	Placebo + SOX (n = 230)	Placebo + CapeOX (n = 128)
Median Duration of treatment (range), months				
Nivolumab or Placebo	6.3 (0-32)	5.2 (0-33)	5.0 (0-31)	5.7 (0-33)
Oxaliplatin	5.4 (0-29)	4.9 (0-21)	4.6 (0-29)	4.9 (0-29)
S-1	7.1 (0-32)		5.4 (0-31)	-
Capecitabine		6.0 (0-33)	-	6.1 (0-34)
Discontinued Nivolumab or Placebo, n (%)	322	(89.7)	339	(94.7)
Reason for Nivolumab or Placebo discontinuation, n (%)				
PD according to RECIST Guidelines (version 1.1)	212	(59.1)	252	(70.4)
Worsening of clinical symptoms due to disease progression	19	(5.3)	22	(6.1)
Unacceptable toxicity	30	(8.4)	17	(4.7)
Investigator decision	31	(8.6)	15	(4.2)
Other	41	(11.4)	44 (	12.3)
Subsequent pharmacotherapy, n (%)	230	(64.1)	244	(68.2)
Nivolumab	37	(10.3)	91 (	25.4)
Pembrolizumab	5	(1.4)	7 (	2.0)

SOX, S-1 (Tegafur-gimeracil-oteracil potassium) plus oxaliplatin combination; CapeOX, Capecitabine plus oxaliplatin combination; PD, Progression of disease

**Progression-Free Survival** 

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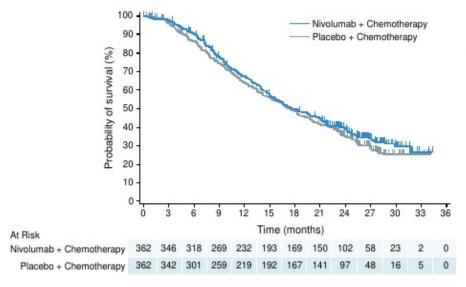
	Nivolumab + Chemotherapy N = 362	Placebo + Chemotherapy N = 362
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	10.45 (8.44-14.75)	8.34 (6.97-9.40)
Hazard ratio (98.51% CI)	0.68 (0.51-0.90)	
P value	0.0007	
1yr PFS rate (%)	45.4	30.6

Data cut off: 31 Oct 2018 at interim analysis



## Overall Survival (Final Analysis)





	Nivolumab + Chemotherapy N = 362	Placebo + Chemotherapy N = 362	
Median OS, months	17.45	17.15	
(95% CI)	(15.67-20.83)	(15.18-19.65)	
Hazard ratio	0.90		
(95% CI)	(0.75-1.08)		
P value	0.257		

Data cut off: 31 Jan 2020 at final analysis

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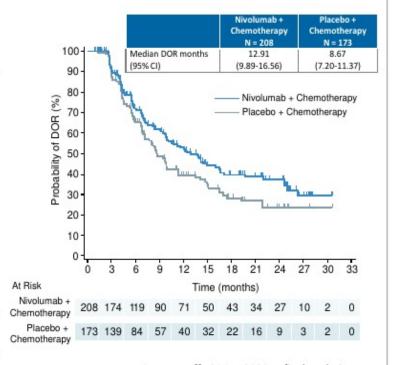


## Overall response rate and duration of response

	Nivolumab + Chemotherapy N = 362	Placebo + Chemotherapy N = 362		
ORR, n (%)	208 (57.5)	173 (47.8)		
95% CI	52.2-62.6	42.5-53.1		
P value	0.0	0.0088		
Best overall response, n (%)				
Complete response	70 (19.3)	48 (13.3)		
Partial response	138 (38.1)	125 (34.5)		
Stable disease	52 (14.4)	75 (20.7)		
Progressive disease	25 (6.9)	46 (12.7)		
Not evaluable*	77 (21.3)	68 (18.8)		
DCR, n (%)	260 (71.8)	248 (68.5)		
95% CI	66.9-76.4	63.4-73.3		
Median TTR (range), months	1.4 (1.0-8.3)	1.4 (1.0-15.3)		

CI, confidence interval; DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response; ORR, overall response rate; TTR, time to response

<sup>\*</sup>Patients without image examination for response evaluation, without change in tumors assessable for response, or without measurable lesions judged by the central review.



Data cut off: 31 Jan 2020 at final analysis

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### **Summary and Conclusion**

- NIVO + Chemo demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in PFS, but not in OS
  - Higher overall response rates and more durable responses
- The pre-specified objective of the phase 3 part of ATTRACTION-4 was achieved, showing clinically meaningful efficacy
- NIVO + Chemo demonstrated a manageable safety profile
- NIVO + Chemo could be considered a new first-line treatment option in unresectable advanced or recurrent G/GEJ cancer



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# Pembrolizumab Plus Chemotherapy Versus Chemotherapy as First-Line Therapy in Patients With Advanced Esophageal Cancer: The Phase 3 KEYNOTE-590 Study

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## KEYNOTE-590 Study Design (NCT03189719)

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#### **Key Eligibility Criteria**

- Locally advanced unresectable or metastatic EAC or ESCC or advanced/metastatic EGJ Siewert type 1 adenocarcinoma
- Treatment naive
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- · Measurable disease (RECIST v1.1)

#### Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W for ≤35 cycles

Chemotherapy
5-FU 800 mg/m² IV for days 1-5 Q3W for ≤35 cycles
+ Cisplatin 80 mg/m² IV Q3W for ≤6 cycles

#### Placebo<sup>a</sup>

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Chemotherapy

5-FU 800 mg/m² IV for days 1-5 Q3W for ≤35 cycles + Cisplatin 80 mg/m² IV Q3W for ≤6 cycles

#### Stratification Factors

- · Asia vs Non-Asia region
- ESCC vs EAC
- ECOG PS 0 vs 1

- Dual-Primary endpoints: OS and PFS (RECIST v1.1, investigator)
- Secondary endpoint: ORR (RECIST v1.1, investigator)
- Tumor response assessed at week 9 then Q9W (RECIST v1.1, investigator)

\*Saline IV Q3W for ≤35 cycles. All treatments were continued for the specified number of cycles or until disease progression, intolerable toxicity, withdrawal of consent, or physician decision; EAC, esophageal adenocarcinoma; EGJ, esophagogastric junction, ESCC, esophageal squamous cell carcinoma.

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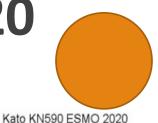
#### **Treatment Disposition** 749 patients randomly assigned Pembrolizumab (Pembro) + Chemotherapy Placebo + Chemotherapy (Chemo) · 373 assigned · 376 assigned · 370 treated 370 treated 27 ongoing 10 ongoing 15 completed 1 completed 328 discontinued 359 discontinued · 204 disease progression · 239 disease progression · 49 adverse events · 44 adverse events 36 clinical progression 41 clinical progression · 30 patient withdrawals 23 patient withdrawals · 9 physician decision · 10 physician decision · 0 complete response 1 complete response 0 protocol violation 1 protocol violation

22-month recruitment period occurred from 25 Jul 2017 to 03 Jun 2019. At interim analysis median follow-up (from randomization to data cut-off or death) was 10.8 months. Mean (SD) time on therapy was 7.7 months (6.84) vs 5.8 months (4.76) for pembro + chemo vs chemo.

43.5% vs 47.8% of patients in the pembro + chemo vs chemo group had post-study treatment; Data cutoff: July 2, 2020.

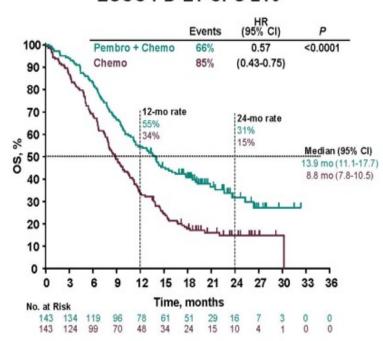
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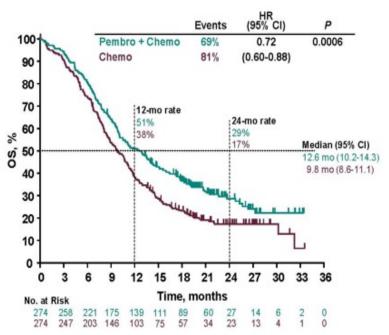


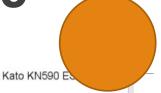
## **Overall Survival**

#### ESCC PD-L1 CPS ≥10



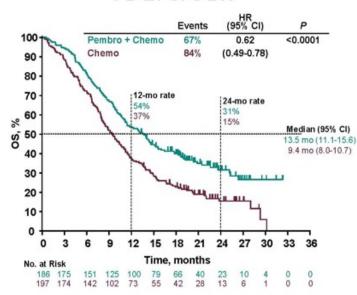
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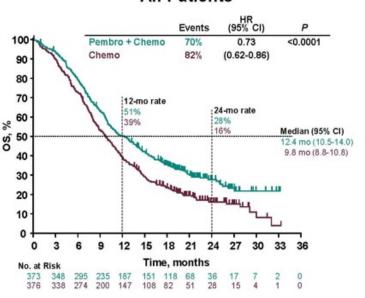


#### **Overall Survival**

PD-L1 CPS ≥10



#### **All Patients**

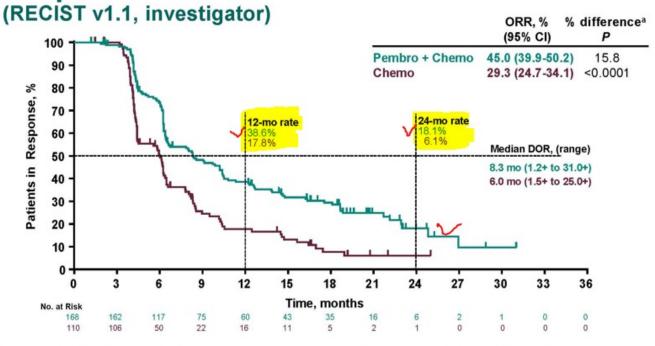


Data cut-off: July 2, 2020.

Kato KN590 ESMO 2020 Survival in Key Subgroups: All Patients Overall Survival **Progression-free Survival** HR (95% CI) Events/Patients, N HR (95% CI) Events/Patients, N HH Overall 571/749 0.73 (0.62-0.86) Overall 630/749 0.65 (0.55-0.76) Age, years Age, years < 65 332/427 -0.76 (0.61-0.95) < 65 372/427 -0.69 (0.56-0.85) ≥ 65 239/322 -0.69 (0.53-0.89) ≥65 258/322 -0.62 (0.48-0.80) Sex Sex HH Male HH Male 482/625 0.70 (0.58-0.84) 537/625 0.63 (0.53-0.75) 89/124 0.89 (0.59-1.35) 93/124 0.74 (0.49-1.12) Female Female ECOG PS **ECOG PS** 0.72 (0.55-0.94) 207/299 0 248/299 -0.57 (0.45-0.74) 0.73 (0.59-0.90) 362/448 380/448 0.71 (0.58-0.87) Geographic region Geographic region Asia 288/393 Asia 333/393 H0.64 (0.51-0.81) 0.59 (0.47-0.73) -Non-Asia 283/356 0.83 (0.66-1.05) Non-Asia 297/356 0.70 (0.56-0.89) Histology Histology 159/201 -167/201 -Adenocarcinoma 0.74 (0.54-1.02) Adenocarcinoma 0.63 (0.46-0.87) **FSCC** 412/548 0.72 (0.60-0.88) **FSCC** 463/548 H 0.65 (0.54-0.78) PD-L1 Status PD-L1 Status CPS≥10 289/383 -0.62 (0.49-0.78) CPS ≥10 314/383 0.51 (0.41-0.65) 0.80 (0.64-1.01) CPS < 10 271/347 0.86 (0.68-1.10) **CPS < 10** 302/347 10 0.1 10 Favors pembro + Favors Favors pembro + **Favors** chemo chemo chemo chemo Data cut-off: July 2, 2020.

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## **Response Rate and Duration: All Patients**



Estimate based on Miettinen & Nurminen method stratified by geographic region, histology, and ECOG performance status; Data cut-off; July 2, 2020.

## KEYNOTE 590 ESMO 2020 conclusion

- First-line pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy vs chemotherapy plus placebo provided a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in OS, PFS, and ORR in patients with locally advanced and metastatic esophageal cancer including EGJ adenocarcinoma
  - <u>Superior OS</u>: ESCC CPS ≥10 (HR 0.57, P<0.001), ESCC (HR 0.72, P=0.006), CPS ≥10 (HR 0.62, P<0.001), all patients (HR 0.73, P<0.001)
  - Superior PFS: ESCC (HR 0.65), CPS ≥10 (HR 0.51), all patients (HR 0.65), all P<0.001</li>
  - Superior ORR: all patients (45.0% vs 29.3%, Δ15.8%, P<0.001)</li>
- Comparable safety profile between the two treatment groups
  - No new safety signals detected
- Pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy should be a new standard-of-care as first-line therapy in patients with locally advanced and metastatic esophageal cancer including EGJ adenocarcinoma



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- ☐ The Treatment Paradigm of Esophageal /GE junction carcinomas is an evolving process
- ☐ The addition of Nivolumab in the adjuvant after Neoadjuvant Chemo-radiotherapy followed by Surgery led to statistically significant improvement in DFS (22 months Vs 11 months) with P= 0.003 (Checkmate 577
- Nivo + ChemoRx will represent a new standard of care in Pts with metastatic Esophageal Cancer/ GE and gastric Cancer with Median OS 14.4 Vs 11.1 Months ( P=0.0001) Checkmate 649
- ☐ In the Asian Population improvement of PFS 11.45 Vs 8.34 m ( Attraction4)
- ☐ Pembro + Chemo Vs ChemoRx statistically meaningful improvement in Median OS
  - ESCC → 13.9 m Vs 8.8 m (if PCS >=10)
     12. 6 Vs 9.8 all PCS
  - All Esophageal cancer→ 13.5 Vs 9.4 m if PCS >=10 , 12.4 m Vs 9.8m all PCS