

# “Establishing IO Management in Gastrointestinal Cancers”

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# Objectives

- Discuss role of IO in colorectal cancer
- Discuss role of IO in BTC
- Discuss role of IO in HCC
- Discuss role of IO in Gastroesophageal Cancer



# Advanced Colorectal Cancer

# Background

- In non selected colorectal cancer patients PD-1 blockade seems to be ineffective.
- Average tumor has dozens of somatic mutations.
- Mismatch repair deficient tumors harbor thousands of mutations
- Somatic mutations have the potential to generate neo-antigens which can be recognized by immune system.

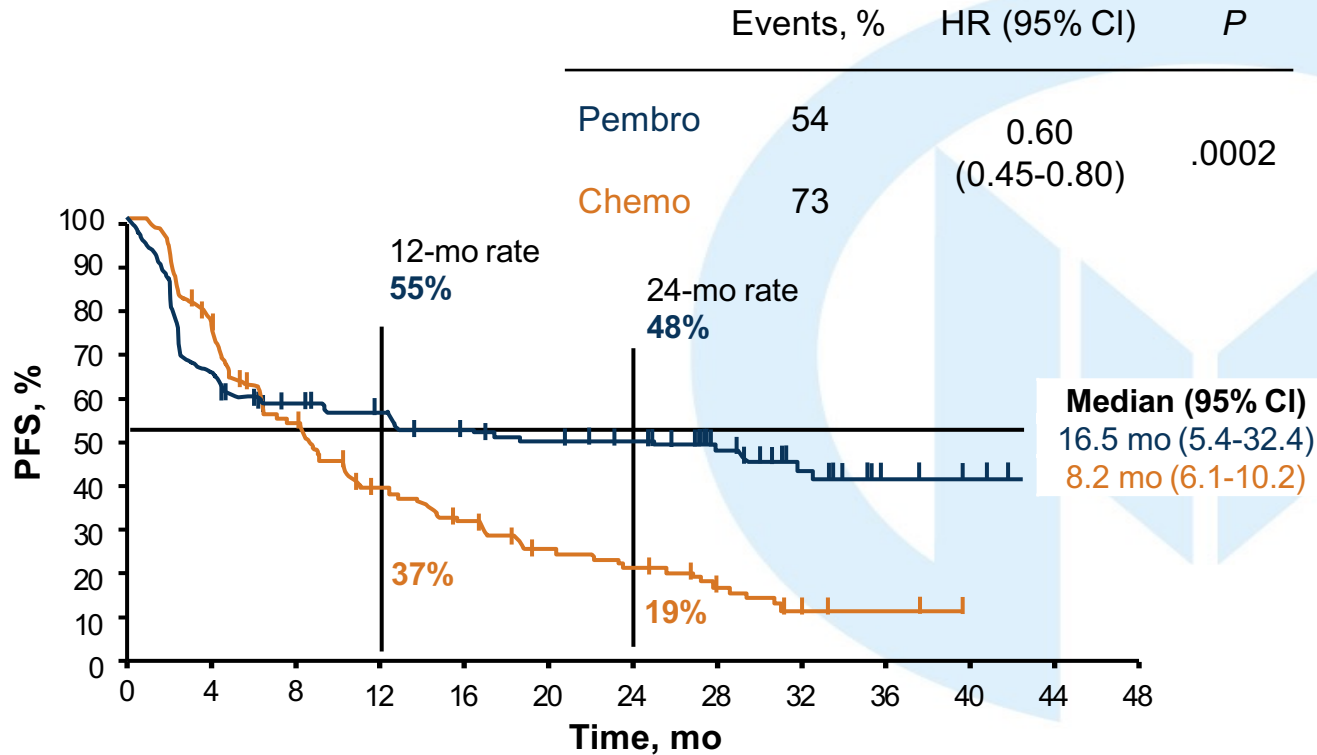
# Immunotherapy in MSI-H Colorectal Cancer

- KEYNOTE-164: Phase II.  $\geq 1$  prior lines therapy. pembrolizumab (200mg Q3W). Primary endpoint RR.
- KEYNOTE-177: Phase III randomized. 307 pts. Pembro v. SOC chemo. Cross over permitted after PD. Primary endpoints PFS and OS.
- Checkmate-142: Phase I/II. Nivo (3 mg/kg) plus ipi (1 mg/kg) Q3W x 4, followed by nivo Q2W. Primary end point RR.

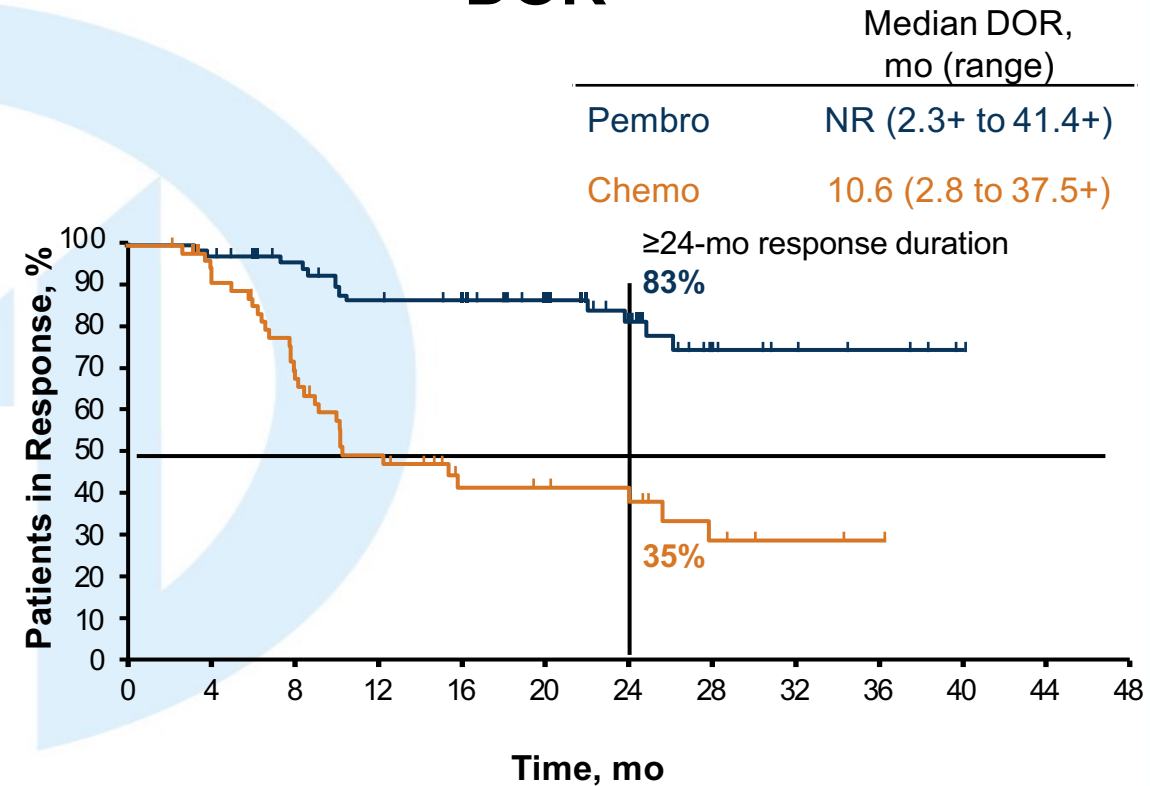
	Pembrolizumab			Nivolumab	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	
Trial	KEYNOTE-177	KEYNOTE-164 (B)/(A)		Checkmate-142		
Population	1 <sup>st</sup> L	≥2 <sup>nd</sup> L	≥3 <sup>rd</sup> L	≥2 <sup>nd</sup> L		1 <sup>st</sup> L ( <i>cont ipi</i> )
Size	307 (III RCT v. chemo)	63	61	74	119	45
ORR	45.1% v. 33.1%	33%	33%	31.1%	55%	69%
median PFS/ 12 mo PFS %	16.5m v. 8.2m	41%	34%	50%	71%	76%
median OS/ 12 mo Surv %	NR v. 36.7m. HR 0.74. p=0.0359	76%	72%	73%	85%	84%

# KEYNOTE-177<sup>1,2</sup>

## PFS

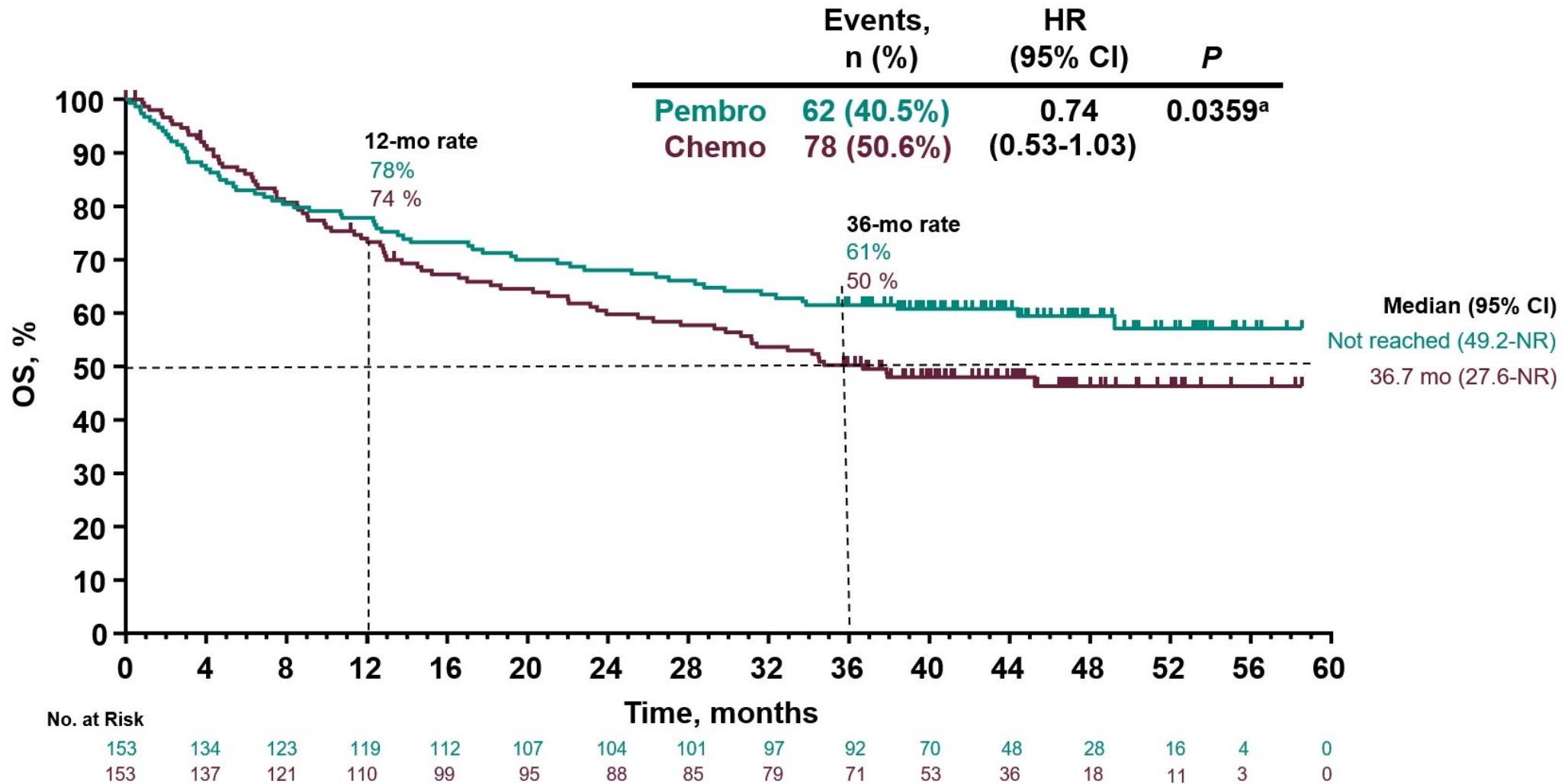


## DOR



Median study follow-up: 32.4 months (range, 24-48.3): PFS (time from randomization to first documented disease progression or death) assessed per RECIST v1.1 by BICR. Superiority of pembrolizumab vs chemotherapy for PFS was demonstrated at the pre-specified one-sided  $P = .0117$ ; data cut-off: February 19, 2020.

# KEYNOTE-177: Overall Survival



<sup>a</sup>Pembrolizumab was not superior to chemotherapy for OS as one-sided  $\alpha > 0.0246$ . Pre-specified sensitivity analyses to adjust for crossover effect by rank-preserving structure failure time model and inverse probability of censoring weighting showed OS HRs of 0.66 (95% CI 0.42-1.04) and 0.77 (95% CI 0.44-1.38). Data cut-off: 19Feb2021.



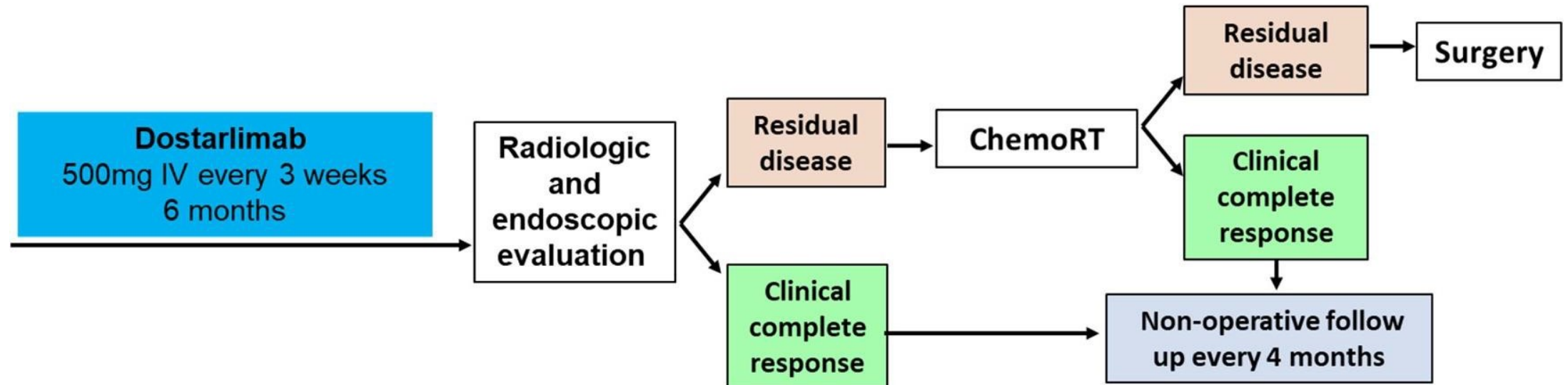
# Immunotherapy in dMMR rectal cancer

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## PD-1 Blockade in Mismatch Repair– Deficient, Locally Advanced Rectal Cancer

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J. Zhang, N. Gianino, C. Crane, P.B. Romesser, E.P. Pappou, P. Paty,  
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K.A. Schalper, and L.A. Diaz, Jr.

# Study design



Patient population: stage 2 and 3 dMMR rectal cancer

Primary objectives:

- overall response rate
- pathologic or clinical complete response rate

# Individual responses to PD-1 blockade with dostarlimab

Patients who completed 6-months of dostarlimab

ID	Age	Stage T	Stage N	FU (months)	Digital rectal exam response	Endoscopic best response	Rectal MRI best response	Overall response <b>100%</b>
1	38	T4	N+	23.8	CR	CR	CR	cCR
2	30	T3	N+	20.5	CR	CR	CR	cCR
3	61	T1/2	N+	20.6	CR	CR	CR	cCR
4	28	T4	N+	20.5	CR	CR	CR	cCR
5	53	T1/2	N+	9.1	CR	CR	CR	cCR
6	77	T1/2	N+	11.0	CR	CR	CR	cCR
7	77	T1/2	N+	8.7	CR	CR	CR	cCR
8	55	T3	N+	5.0	CR	CR	CR	cCR
9	68	T3	N+	4.9	CR	CR	CR	cCR
10	78	T3	N-	1.7	CR	CR	CR	cCR
11	55	T3	N+	4.7	CR	CR	CR	cCR
12	27	T3	N+	4.4	CR	CR	CR	cCR
13	26	T3	N+	0.8	CR	CR	CR	cCR
14	43	T3	N+	0.7	CR	CR	CR	cCR

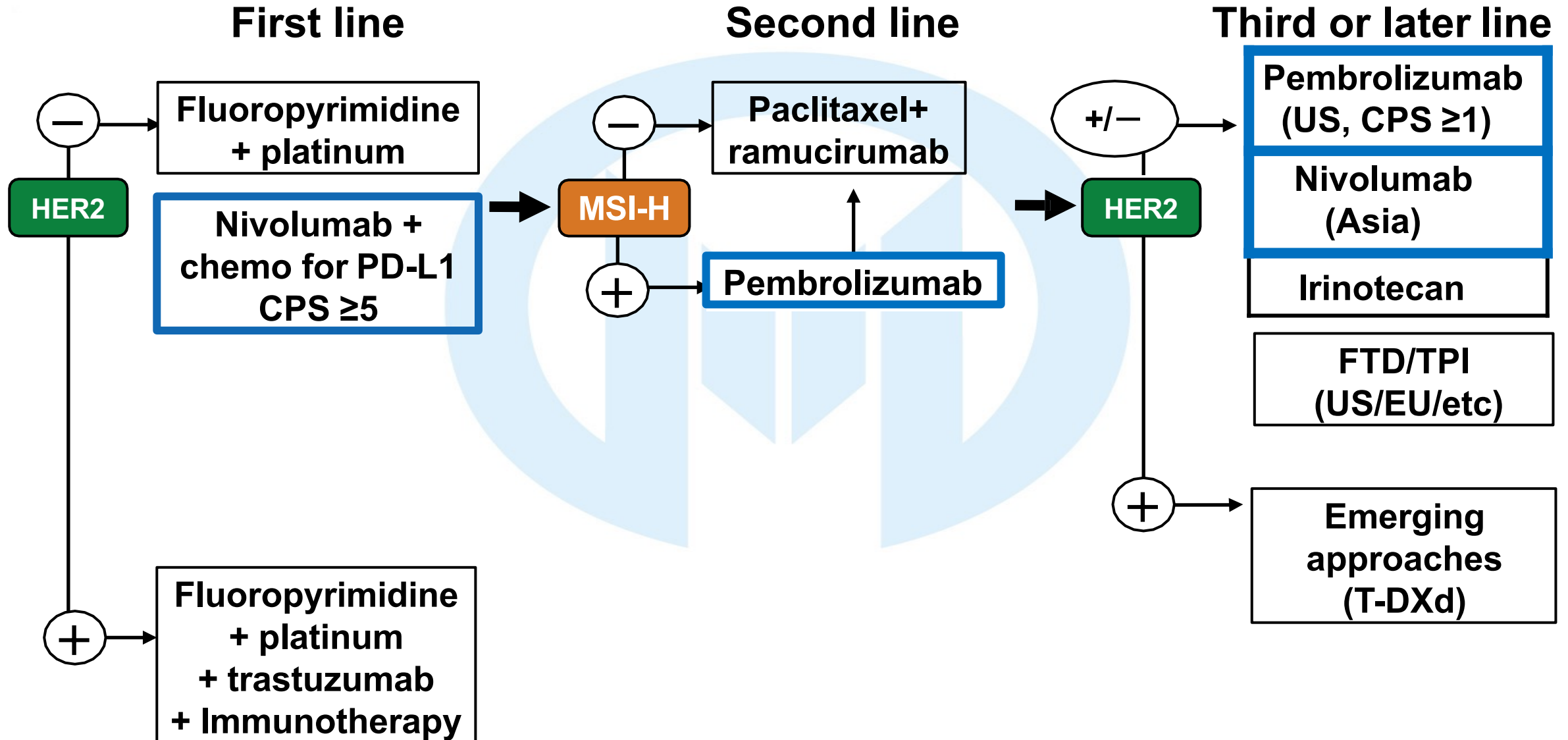
# Conclusions

- NGS and mismatch repair testing is standard of care for all patients with CRC, especially those with stage IV disease
- Immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy is an important option in the first-line setting for patients with CRC and for those in the second line and beyond who have not been exposed.
- Neoadjuvant immunotherapy has the **potential** to become standard of care for patients with dMMR rectal cancer – Organ preservation for rectal cancer !!!!!
- Multiple immunotherapy approaches are being explored in mismatch repair proficient patients. To convert “cold tumor” to “hot tumor”



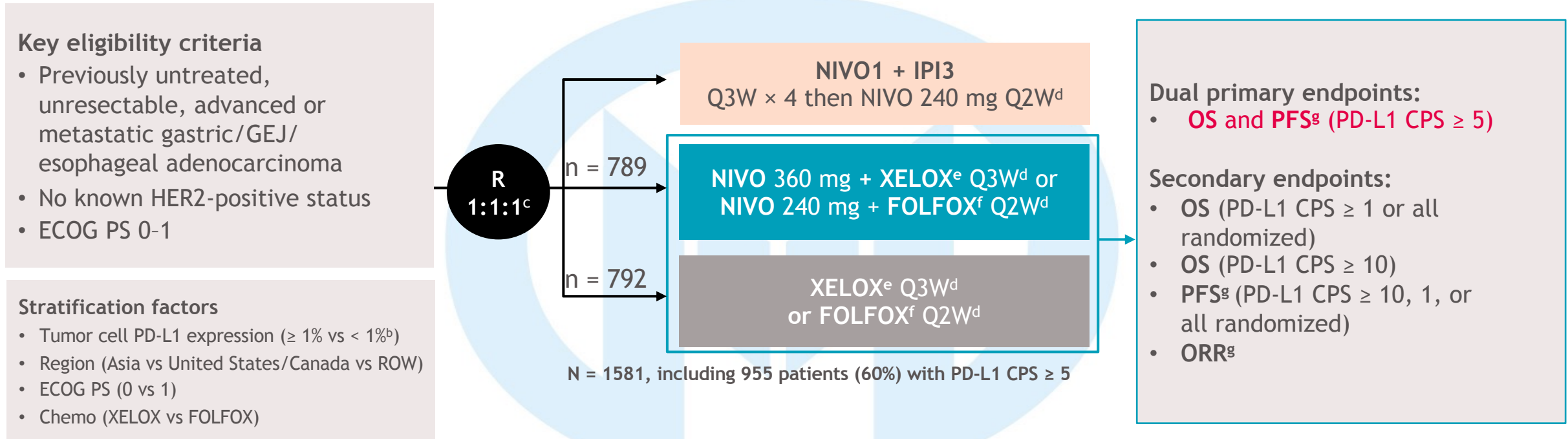
# **Advanced Esophagogastric Cancer**

# Standard Treatment for GE/Gastric Cancer<sup>1</sup>



# CheckMate 649 Study Design

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

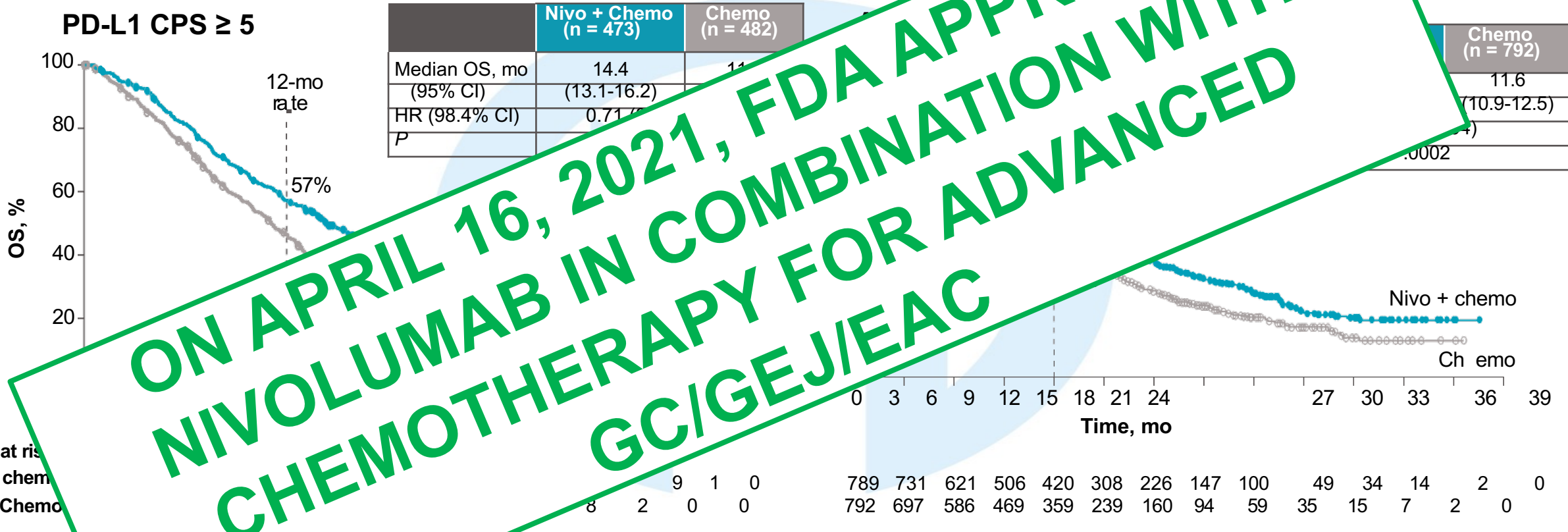


- At data cutoff (May 27, 2020), the minimum follow-up was 12.1 months<sup>h</sup>

<sup>a</sup>ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT02872116; <sup>b</sup> $< 1\%$  includes indeterminate tumor cell PD-L1 expression; determined by PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay (Dako); <sup>c</sup>After NIVO + chemo arm was added and before new patient enrollment in the NIVO1+IPI3 group was closed; <sup>d</sup>Until 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; <sup>e</sup>Oxaliplatin 130 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV (day 1) and capecitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally twice daily (days 1-14); <sup>f</sup>Oxaliplatin 85 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, leucovorin 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, and FU 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV (day 1) and FU 1200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV daily (days 1-2); <sup>g</sup>BICR assessed; <sup>h</sup>Time from concurrent randomization of the last patient to NIVO + chemo vs chemo to data cutoff.

CheckMate -649: Global Phase 3 Registration Trial  
*Nivolumab Plus Chemotherapy Improved Survival*

- FDA approved April 2021



- Grade 3-4 adverse events occurred in 44% of patients in the nivolumab + chemo arm and 44% of patients in the chemo arm
- Treatment-related deaths occurred in 16 (2%) and 4 (1%) of patients in the nivolumab + chemo and chemo arms, respectively

Adapted with permission from Jennifer Y. Janjigian, MD.  
1. Opdivo (nivolumab) Prescribing Information. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2022/125554s106lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2022/125554s106lbl.pdf). 2. Janjigian YY et al. *Lancet*. 2021;398:27-40.



# CheckMate 649 Update: Efficacy

Survival	All Randomized		PD-L1 CPS ≥5	
	Nivo + CT (n = 789)	CT (n = 792)	Nivo + CT (n = 473)	CT (n = 482)
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	13.7 (12.4-14.5)	11.6 (10.9-12.5)	14.4 (13.1-16.2)	11.1 (10.0-12.1)
▪ HR (95% CI)	0.79 (0.71-0.88)		0.70 (0.61-0.81)	
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	7.7 (7.1-8.6)	6.9 (6.7-7.2)	8.3 (7.0-9.3)	6.1 (5.6-6.9)
▪ HR (95% CI)	0.79 (0.71-0.89)		0.70 (0.60-0.81)	
Response	Nivolumab + CT (n = 602)	CT (n = 607)	Nivolumab + CT (n = 378)	CT (n = 390)
ORR, % (95% CI)	58 (54-62)	46 (42-50)	60 (55-65)	45 (40-50)
Duration of Response	Nivolumab + CT (n = 350)	CT (n = 279)	Nivolumab + CT (n = 226)	CT (n = 176)
Median DoR, mo (95% CI)	8.5 (7.7-9.9)	6.9 (5.8-7.2)	9.6 (8.2-12.4)	7.0 (5.6-7.9)

# CheckMate 649 Update: Efficacy by PD-L1 and MSI Status

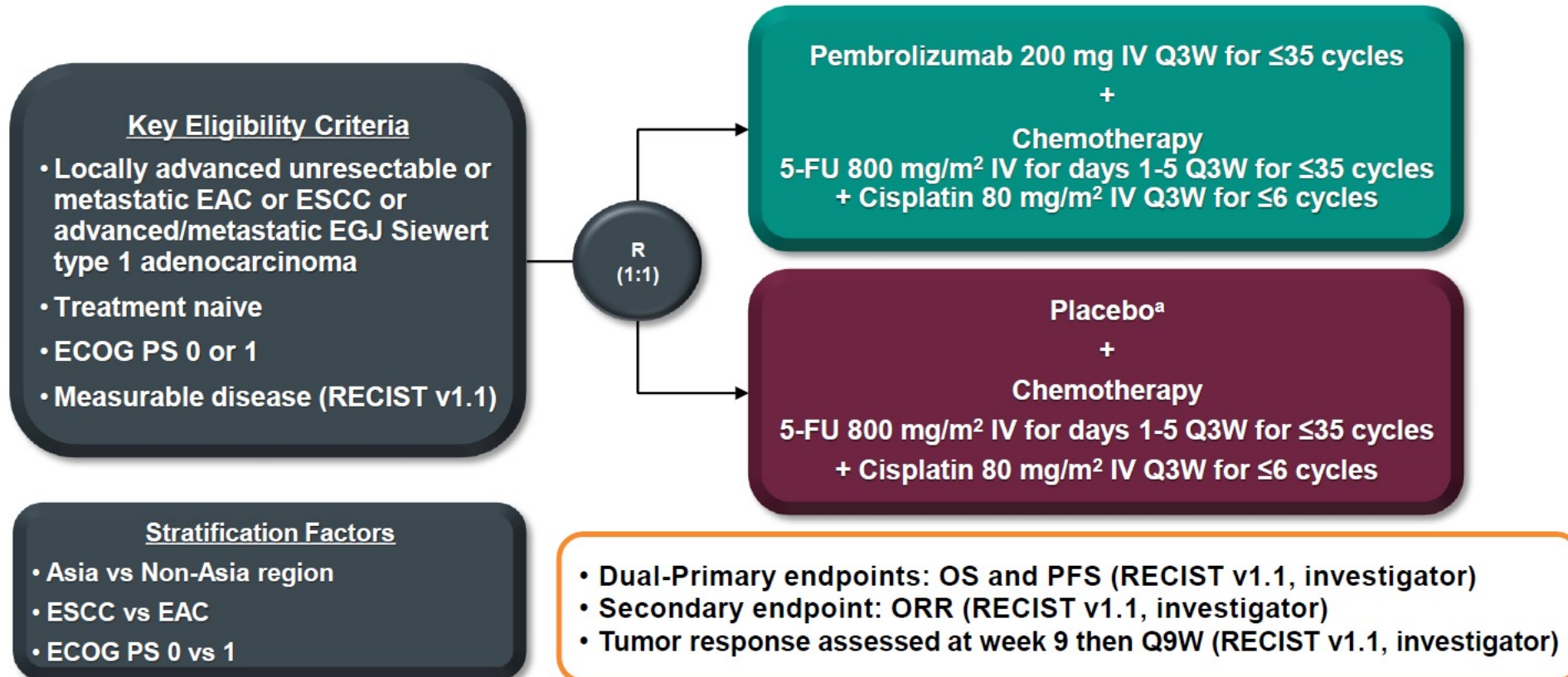
Median OS, Mo			Unstratified HR for Death	ORR, %		
	Nivo + CT	CT			Nivo + CT	CT
Overall (N = 1581)	13.7	11.6	0.78	Overall (N = 1209)	58	46
PD-L1 CPS				PD-L1 CPS		
<1% (n = 265)	13.1	12.5	0.95	<1% (n = 179)	51	41
≥1% (n = 1297)	13.8	11.3	0.75	≥1% (n = 1016)	60	46
<5% (n = 607)	12.4	12.3	0.95	<5% (n = 427)	56	46
≥5% (n = 955)	14.4	11.1	0.69	≥5% (n = 768)	60	45
<10% (n = 794)	12.4	12.5	0.91	<10% (n = 577)	58	47
≥10% (n = 768)	15.0	10.9	0.66	≥10% (n = 618)	59	44

OS by MSI Status	MSI-H		MSS	
	Nivo + CT (n = 23)	CT (n = 21)	Nivo + CT (n = 696)	CT (n = 682)
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	38.7 (8.4-NE)	12.3 (4.1-16.5)	13.8 (12.4-14.5)	11.5 (10.8-12.5)
▪ Unstratified HR (95% CI)	0.34 (0.16-0.74)		0.79 (0.71-0.89)	

# How about Siewert 1 GEJ?

## KEYNOTE-590

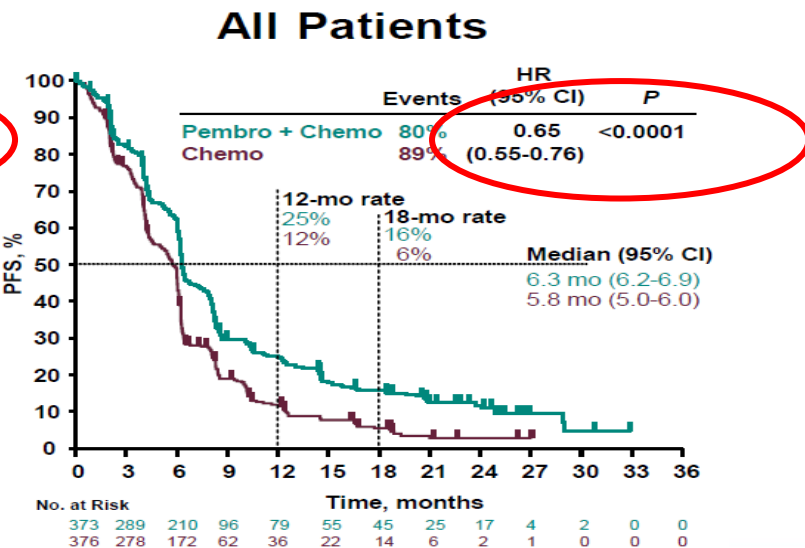
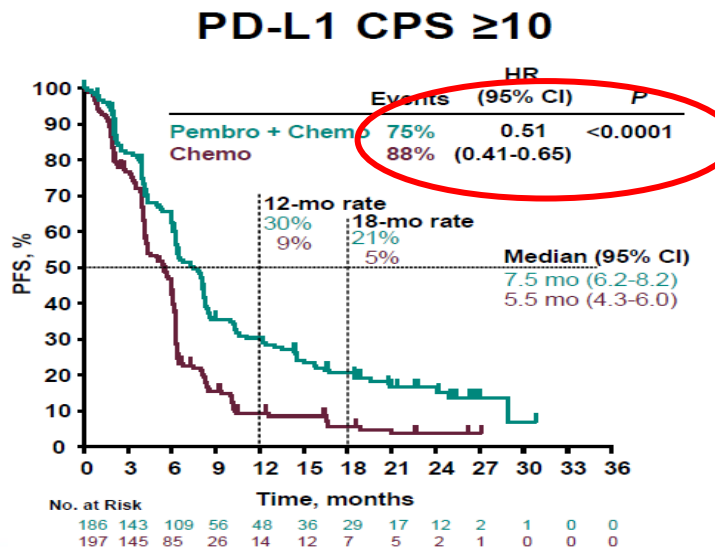
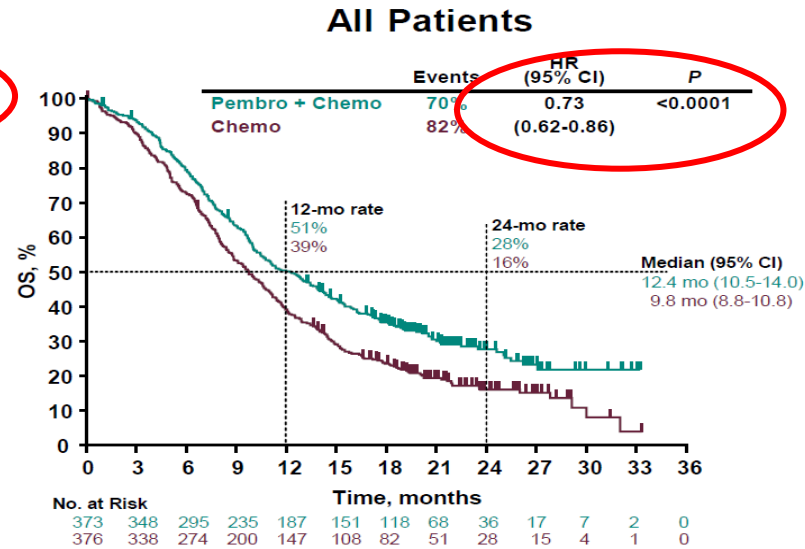
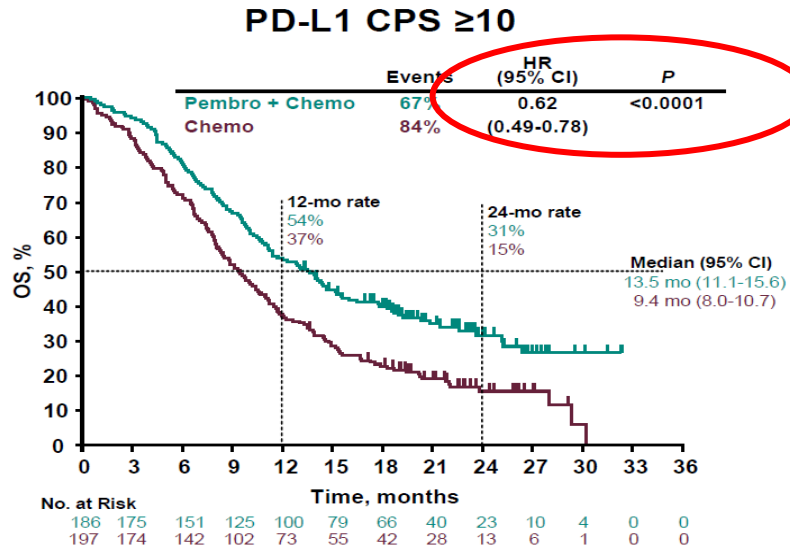
Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy versus placebo plus chemotherapy in advanced esophageal cancer in the first line



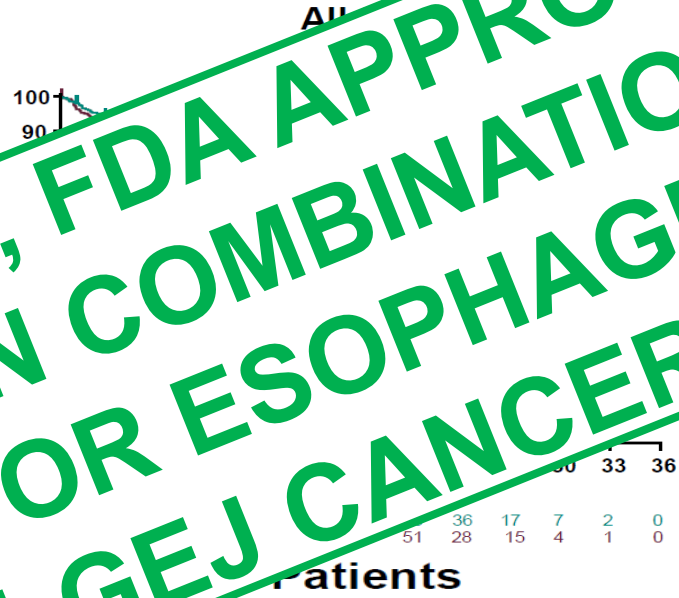
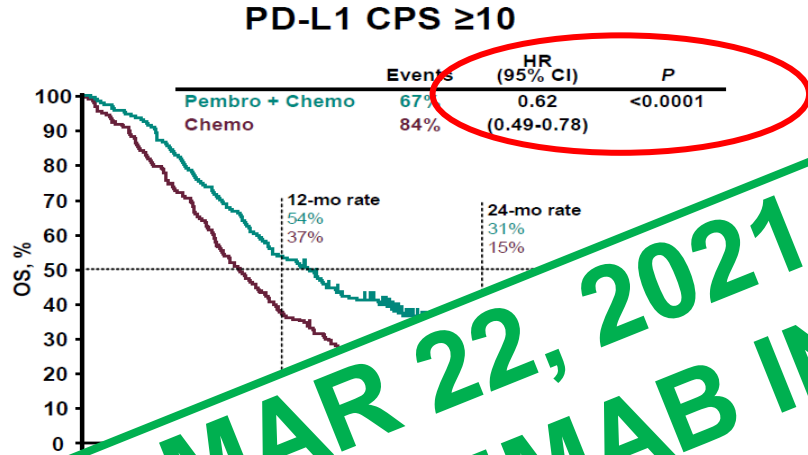
# KEYNOTE-590

Characteristic, n (%)	Pembro + Chemo N = 373	Chemo N = 376
Median age, years (range)	64.0 (28-94)	62.0 (27-89)
≥65 years	172 (46)	150 (40)
Male	306 (82.0)	319 (84.8)
Asia Region	196 (52.5)	197 (52.4)
ECOG PS 1	223 (59.8)	225 (59.8)
Metastatic disease	344 (92.2)	339 (90.2)
Unresectable/locally-advanced	29 (7.8)	37 (9.8)
Squamous-cell carcinoma	274 (73.5)	274 (72.9)
Adenocarcinoma	99 (26.5)	102 (27.1)
Esophageal	58 (15.5)	52 (13.8)
EGJ	41 (11.0)	50 (13.3)
PD-L1 CPS ≥10 <sup>a</sup>	186 (49.9)	197 (52.4)

# KEYNOTE-590



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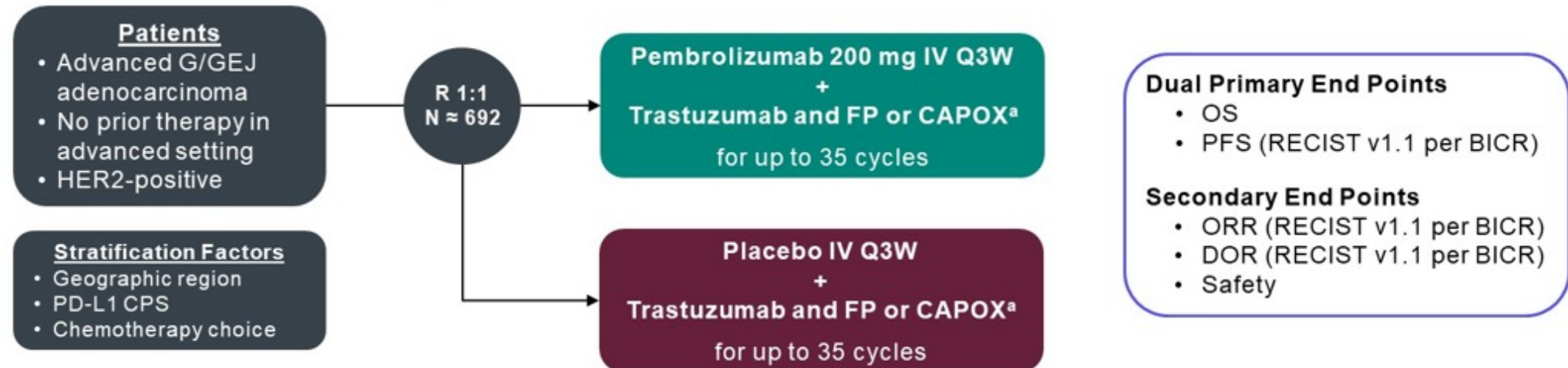


**ON MAR 22, 2021, FDA APPROVED PEMBROLIZUMAB IN COMBINATION WITH CHEMOTHERAPY FOR ESOPHAGEAL AND GASTROESOPHAGEAL ADENOCARCINOMA AND SIEWERT 1 GEJ CANCERS**

# KEYNOTE-811: 1L HER2-POS mGC/GEJ

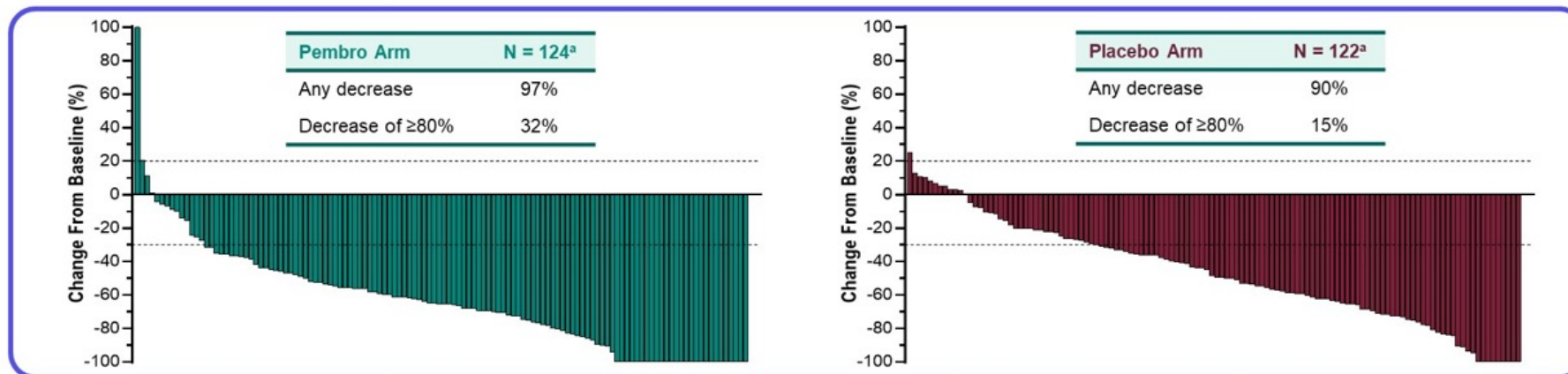
## KEYNOTE-811 Global Cohort

Double-Blind Phase 3 Study of Pembrolizumab + Trastuzumab and Chemotherapy vs Placebo + Trastuzumab and Chemotherapy as First-Line Therapy For HER2-Positive Unresectable or Metastatic G/GEJ Cancer (NCT03615326)



# KEYNOTE-811

## Confirmed Response at IA1



ORR and DCR, % (95% CI)	Pembro Arm (N = 133)	Placebo Arm (N = 131)	Best Response, n (%)	Pembro Arm (N = 133)	Placebo Arm (N = 131)	Duration of Response <sup>c</sup>	Pembro Arm (N = 99)	Placebo Arm (N = 68)
<b>ORR</b>	<b>74.4%</b> <b>(66.2-81.6)</b>	<b>51.9%</b> <b>(43.0-60.7)</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>15 (11%)</b>	<b>4 (3%)</b>	Median <sup>d</sup>	10.6 mo	9.5 mo
<b>ORR difference<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>22.7% (11.2-33.7)</b>		<b>PR</b>	<b>84 (63%)</b>	<b>64 (49%)</b>	Range	1.1+ to 16.5+	1.4+ to 15.4+
	<b>P = 0.00006</b>		SD	29 (22%)	49 (37%)	≥6-mo duration <sup>d</sup>	70.3%	61.4%
DCR	96.2% (91.4-98.8)	89.3% (82.7-94.0)	PD	5 (4%)	7 (5%)	≥9-mo duration <sup>d</sup>	58.4%	51.1%
			Not evaluable	0	2 (2%)			
			Not assessed	0	5 (4%)			

<sup>a</sup>Participants with RECIST-measurable disease at baseline and ≥1 post-baseline measurement evaluable for change from baseline in target lesions. <sup>b</sup>Calculated using the Miettinen and Nurminen method stratified by the randomization stratification factors. <sup>c</sup>Calculated in participants with best response of CR or PR. <sup>d</sup>Kaplan-Meier estimation. The treatment regimen in both arms included trastuzumab and chemotherapy. Data cutoff date: June 17, 2020.



# Summary

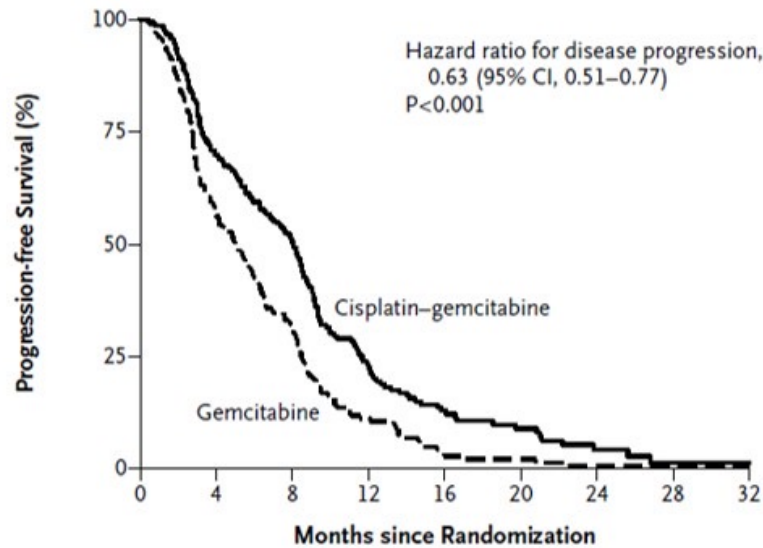
- Nivolumab in combination with chemotherapy is standard of care for patients with advanced/metastatic disease esophagogastric cancer
- Pembrolizumab in combination with chemotherapy is standard of care option for patients with esophageal cancer adenocarcinoma or SCC.
- Pembrolizumab in combination with chemotherapy and trastuzumab is standard of care for patients with HER2+ gastric, GEJ adenocarcinoma
- Patients with MSI high advanced disease benefit from immunotherapy or immunotherapy with chemotherapy



# **Advanced Biliary Tract Cancer**

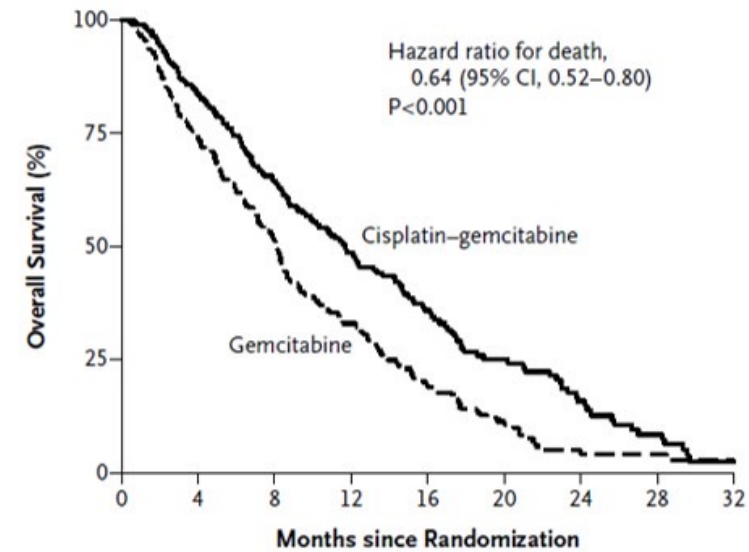
# Standard first-line treatment option for Biliary tract cancers

Randomised phase 3 studies in advanced/metastatic bile duct cancer – gemcitabine ± cisplatin



No. at Risk  
Gemcitabine  
Cisplatin-gemcitabine

	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32
Gemcitabine	206	115	56	18	4	3	1	1	1
Cisplatin-gemcitabine	204	140	95	36	18	10	4	1	1



No. at Risk  
Gemcitabine  
Cisplatin-gemcitabine

	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32
Gemcitabine	206	151	97	53	28	15	4	3	2
Cisplatin-gemcitabine	204	167	120	76	51	28	17	8	2

Study	Reference	PFS (months)		OS (months)	
		Gem	CisGem	Gem	CisGem
ABC-02	Valle <i>NEJM</i> 2010 <sup>1</sup>	5.0	8.0	8.1	11.7
BT-22	Okusaka <i>BJC</i> 2010 <sup>2</sup>	3.7	5.8	7.7	11.2

1. Valle J, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2010;362:1273–81.  
2. Okusaka T, et al. *Br J Cancer.* 2010;103:469–74.

## ABC-02: Conclusions

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Cisplatin and gemcitabine significantly improves overall survival compared with gemcitabine monotherapy (11.7 vs. 8.3 months)

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Benefit gained with no clinically significant added toxicity

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Gem/Cis is recommended as a worldwide standard of care and the backbone for further studies

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Caution required in patients with PS  $\geq$  2

# Phase 3 TOPAZ-1 Trial: First-Line Immunotherapy Plus Chemotherapy in Patients With Advanced Biliary Cancers<sup>1,2</sup>

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Aged  $\geq 18$  years
- Previously untreated biliary cancer, including cholangiocarcinoma (intrahepatic or extrahepatic) and gallbladder carcinoma, if unresectable or metastatic at initial diagnosis or recurrent disease  $>6$  mo after curative surgery or completion of adjuvant therapy)
- WHO/ECOG PS of 0 or 1
- N = 685

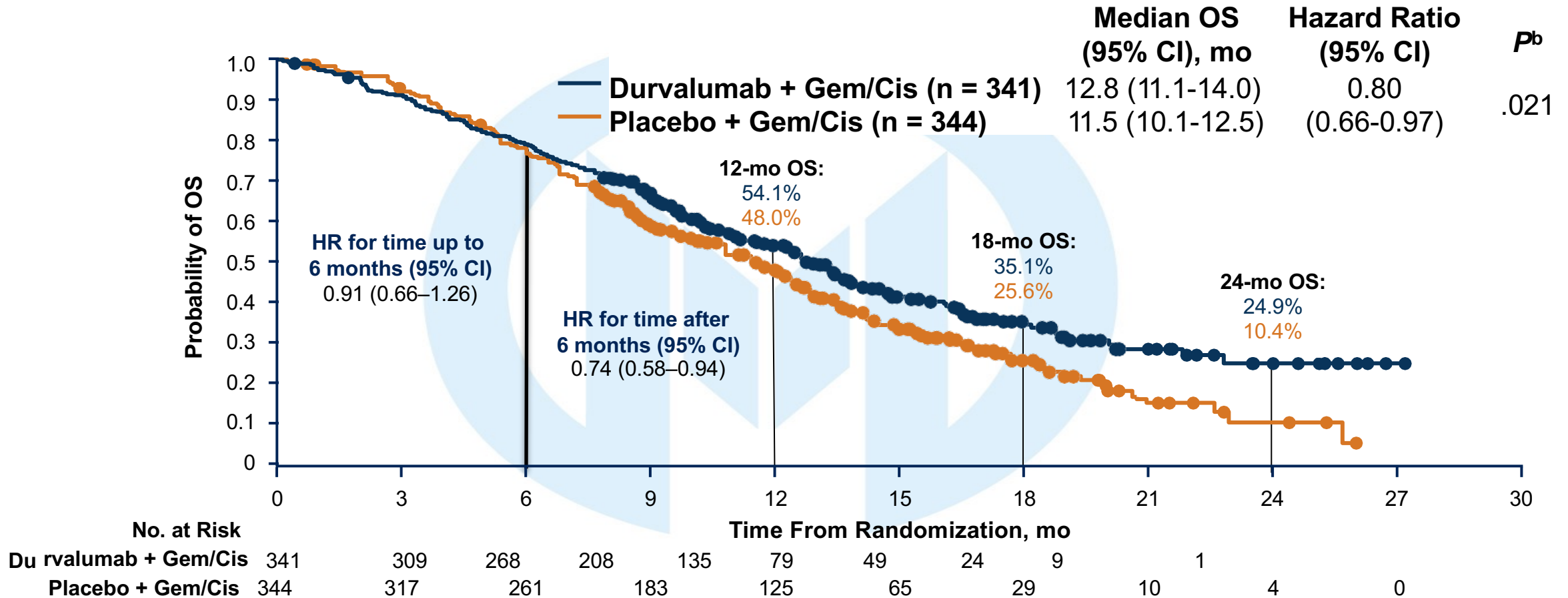
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Durvalumab IV every 3 wk with gemcitabine + cisplatin up to 8 cycles followed by monotherapy every 4 wk until disease progression or other discontinuation criteria  
(n = 344)

Placebo IV every 3 wk with gemcitabine + cisplatin up to 8 cycles followed by monotherapy every 4 wk until disease progression or other discontinuation criteria  
(n = 341)

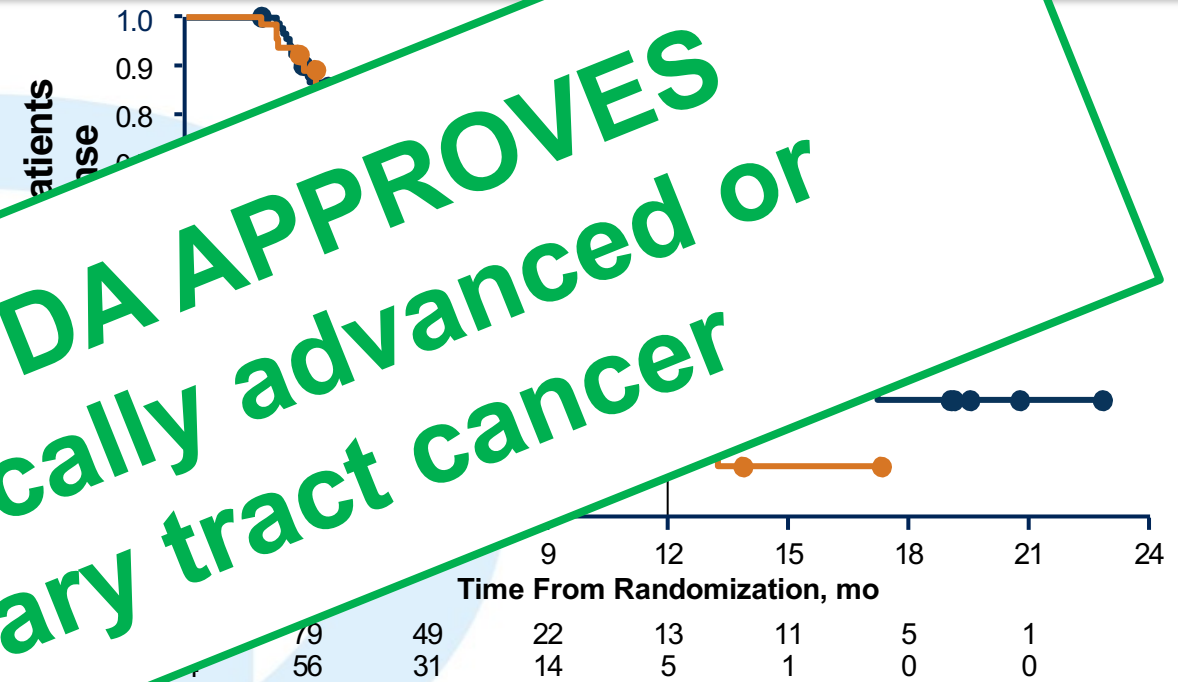
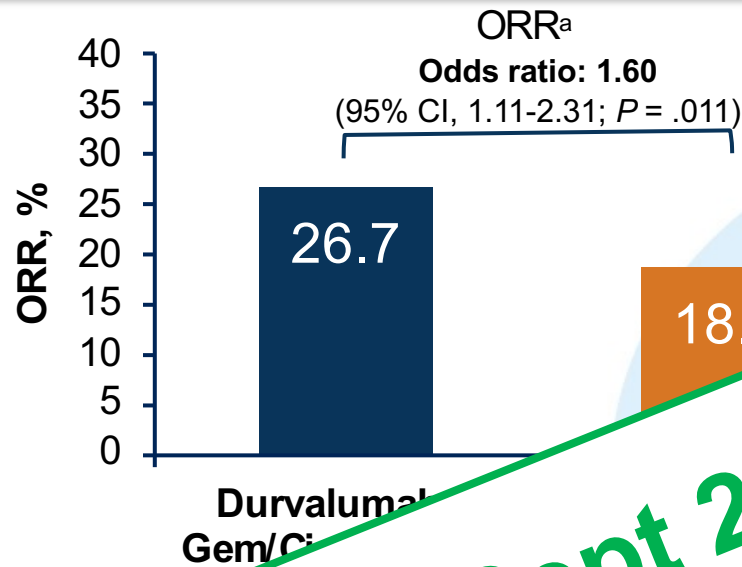
- **Stratification:** disease status and primary tumor location
- **Primary endpoint:** OS
- **Second endpoints:** PFS, ORR, and DOR by investigator assessment using RECIST v1.1

# Phase 3 TOPAZ-1 Trial: OS<sup>1,a</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Median duration of follow-up (95% CI) was 16.8 (14.8-17.7) months with durvalumab + gemcitabine/cisplatin and 15.9 (14.9-16.9) months with placebo + gemcitabine/cisplatin. <sup>b</sup> Statistical significance cut-off for OS: *P* = .03.

1. Oh D-Y et al. ASCO GI 2022. Abstract 378.



**On Sept 2, 2022, FDA APPROVES durvalumab for locally advanced or metastatic biliary tract cancer**

	Durvalumab + Gem/Cis (n = 91)	Placebo + Gem/Cis (n = 64)
Median DOR (quartile 1-3), mo	6.4 (4.6-17.2)	6.2 (3.8-9.0)
Median time to response (quartile 1-3), mo	1.6 (1.3-3.0)	2.7 (1.404.1)


<sup>a</sup> By investigator assessment using RECIST v1.1 based on patients in the final analysis set who had measurable disease at baseline. <sup>b</sup> Analysis of DOR was based on patients in the full analysis set who had an objective response and measurable disease at baseline. <sup>c</sup> Analysis of DCR was based on all patients in the full analysis set. 1. Oh D-Y et al. ASCO GI 2022. Abstract 378.

# Conclusions

- Combination GemCis + durvalumab (ORR) over GemCis alone in biliary tract cancers in TC  
– Benefit

- A **Jan 25, 2023. Press Release. Pembrolizumab in combination with standard of care chemotherapy (gemcitabine and cisplatin) demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in overall survival (OS) versus chemotherapy alone for the first-line treatment of patients with advanced or unresectable biliary tract cancer (BTC)** as a new standard for first-line treatment in subgroups of patients  
• Ongoing studies of GemCis ± pembrolizumab





**Last but not least..**  
**Advanced Hepatocellular carcinoma**

0: Very early stage

A: Early stage

B: Intermediate stage

C: Advanced stage

D: Terminal stage

1st Tx Option

Ablation

Resection

Ablation

Transplant

TACE

Systemic therapy

BSC

Expected survival

>5 years

>2.5 years

>2 years

3 months

Clinical decision-making

Treatment stage migration

Primes lower priority options due to nonliver-related clinical profile (age, comorbidities, patient values, and availability)

Not feasible or failure

Successful downstaging

**TACE**  
**Radioembolization**  
(only for single lesion  $\leq 8$  cm)

Not feasible or failure

**1L**  
**Atezolizumab-bevacizumab/**  
**durvalumab-tremelimumab**  
If not feasible **sorafenib or**  
**lenvatinib or durvalumab**

**2L**  
Post sorafenib  
**Regorafenib**  
(sorafenib tolerant)  
**Cabozantinib**  
**Ramucirumab**  
AFP  $\geq 400$  ng/mL

- Post atezolizumab/bevacizumab
- Post durvalumab/tremelimumab
- Post lenvatinib or durvalumab

**3L**  
**Cabozantinib**

Not feasible

Not feasible

Clinical trials

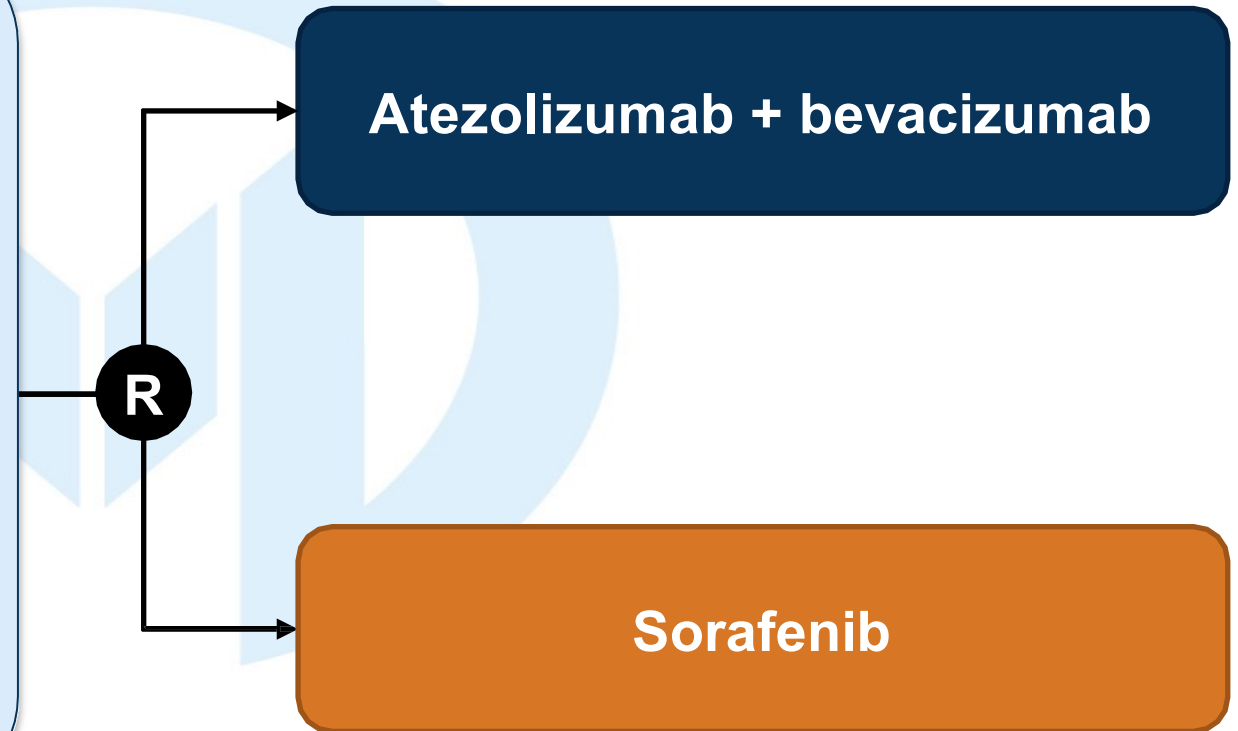
Not feasible

Alternative sequences may be considered but they have not been proved

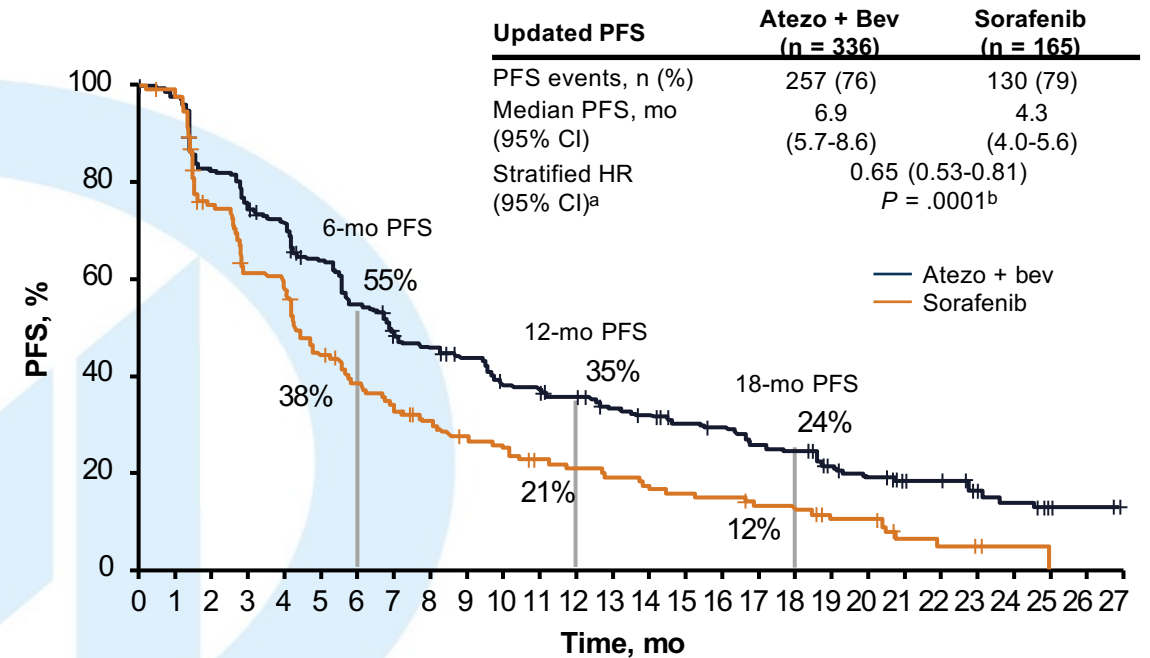
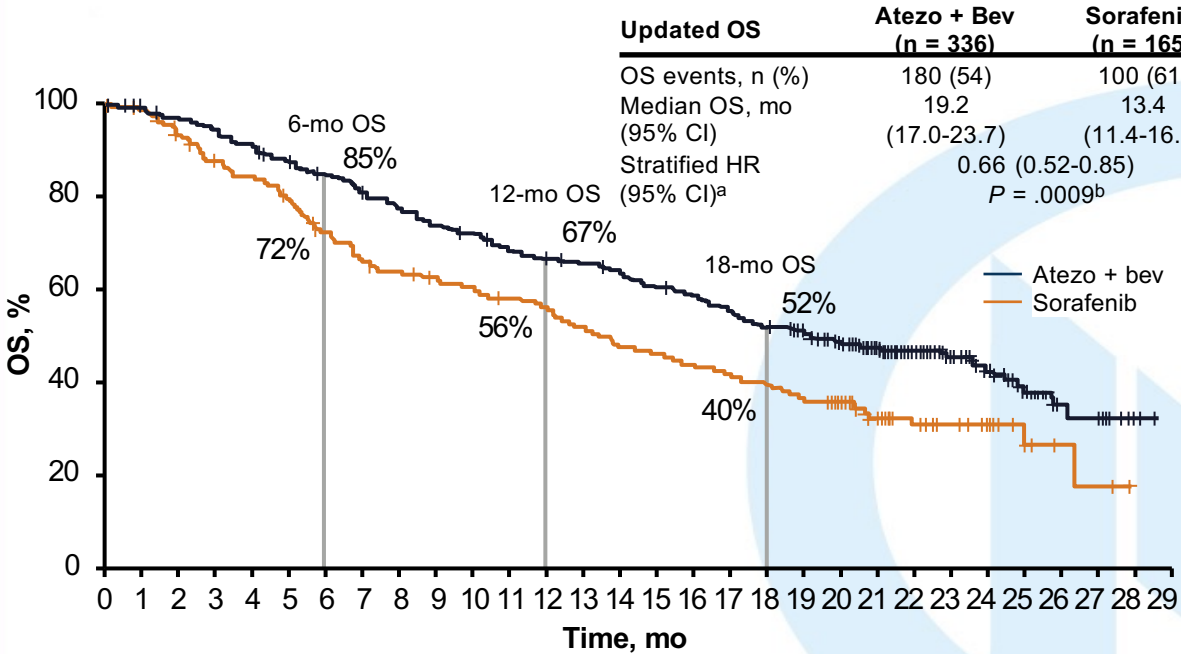
# Phase 3 IMbrave150 Trial: Atezolizumab Plus Bevacizumab Versus Sorafenib in Untreated Patients<sup>1</sup>

- Locally advanced or metastatic and/or unresectable HCC
- No prior systemic therapy for HCC
- $\geq 1$  measurable untreated lesion
- ECOG PS 0-1
- Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) within 6 months
- Adequate hematologic and end-organ function
- Child–Pugh A

N = ~480



# Updated Results



- **With an additional 12 months of follow-up**
  - ORR and CR per RECIST v1.1: 30% and 8% vs 11% and <1%
  - Safety and tolerability remains consistent with known safety profiles

Clinical cutoff: August 31, 2020; median follow-up: 15.6 mo.

<sup>a</sup> Stratification factors included in the Cox model are geographic region (Asia excluding Japan vs rest of the world), AFP level (<400 ng/mL vs ≥400 ng/mL) at baseline and MVI and/or EHS (Yes vs No) per interactive voice/web response system (IxRS). <sup>b</sup> P value for descriptive purposes only.

1. Finn RS et al. ASCO GI 2021. Abstract 267. 2. Finn RS et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;382:1894-1905. 3. Cheng AL et al. *J Hepatol.* 2022;76:862-873.

## Phase 3 IMbrave150: Response Rate and Duration of Response<sup>1,2</sup>

Parameter	RECIST 1.1		HCC mRECIST	
	Atezo + Bev (n = 326)	Sorafenib (n = 159)	Atezo + Bev (n = 325) <sup>a</sup>	Sorafenib (n = 158)
Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)	30 (25-35)	11 (7-17)	35 (30-41)	14 (9-20)
CR, n (%)	25 (8)	1 (<1)	39 (12)	4 (3)
PR, n (%)	Phase 3 IMbrave150: Response Rate and Duration of Response <sup>1,2</sup>		76 (23)	18 (11)
SD, n (%)	72 (22)	17 (11)	121 (37)	65 (41)
PD, n (%)	144 (44)	69 (43)	65 (20)	40 (25)
DCR, n (%)	63 (19)	40 (25)	236 (72)	87 (55)
Ongoing response, n (%)	241 (74)	87 (55)	58 (50)	6 (27)
Median DOR, mo (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	54 (56)	5 (28)	16.3 (13.1-21.4)	12.6 (6.1-17.7)

<sup>a</sup> Only patients with measurable disease at baseline were included in the analysis of ORR. <sup>b</sup> Only confirmed responders were included in the analysis of ORR and DOR. Data cutoff: August 31, 2020; median survival follow-up: 15.6 mo.

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## Phase 3 HIMALAYA Trial: First-Line Durvalumab Plus Tremelimumab Versus Sorafenib<sup>1</sup>

- Unresectable HCC not eligible for LRTs
- BCLC stage B or C
- Child–Pugh A
- No prior systemic therapy

N ≈ 1,200

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Durvalumab 1,500 mg Q4W

~~Durvalumab 1,500 mg Q4W +  
Tremelimumab 75 mg x 4 dose~~

Durvalumab 1,500 mg Q4W +  
Tremelimumab 300 mg x 1 dose  
(STRIDE)

Sorafenib

- **Primary endpoint:** OS
- **Other endpoints:** TTP, PFS, ORR, DCR, DOR, and QOL

Phase 3 HIMALAYA Trial: Survival Benefits of First-Line Durvalumab Plus Tremelimumab Versus Sorafenib<sup>1</sup>



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
STRIDE	393	335	281	235	193	155	118	78	38
Durvalumab	389	315	255	205	165	125	85	45	15
Sorafenib	389	305	245	195	155	115	75	35	10

1. Abou-Alfa G et al. *NEJM Evid.* 2022;1(8).

# Phase 3 HIMALAYA Trial: Response Rate and Duration of Response<sup>1</sup>

Parameter	STRIDE (n = 393)	Durvalumab (n = 389)	Sorafenib (n = 389)
Response, n (%)			
Objective <sup>a</sup>	79 (20.1)	66 (17.0)	20 (5.1)
CR	12 (3.1)	6 (1.5)	0
PR	67 (17.0)	60 (15.4)	20 (5.1)
SD, n (%)	157 (39.9)	147 (37.8)	216 (55.5)
DCR, n (%)	236 (60.1)	213 (54.8)	236 (60.7)
DOR, mo <sup>b</sup>			
Median	22.34	16.82	18.43
IQR	8.54-NR	7.43-NR	6.51-25.99
Time to response, mo			
Median	2.17	2.09	3.78
95% CI	1.84-3.98	1.87-3.98	1.89-8.44

<sup>a</sup> Best objective response by investigator assessment using RECIST v1.1. Responses were confirmed. <sup>b</sup> Time from the first documentation of a response until the date of progression, death, or the last evaluable RECIST assessment.

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# AE Summary

Event, n (%)	STRIDE (n = 388)		Durvalumab (n = 388)		Sorafenib (n = 374)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4
Diarrhea	103 (26.5)	17 (4.4)	58 (14.9)	6 (1.5)	167 (44.7)	16 (4.3)
Constipation	36 (9.3)	0	42 (10.8)	0	35 (9.4)	0
Abdominal pain	46 (11.9)	5 (1.3)	37 (9.5)	4 (1.0)	63 (16.8)	12 (3.2)
Nausea	47 (12.1)	0	37 (9.5)	0	53 (14.2)	0
Pruritus	89 (22.9)	0	56 (14.4)	0	24 (6.4)	1 (0.3)
Rash	87 (22.4)	6 (1.5)	40 (10.3)	1 (0.3)	51 (13.6)	4 (1.1)
Alopecia	2 (0.5)	0	5 (1.3)	0	53 (14.2)	0

# Adjuvant Trials with Immunotherapy

- Multiple phase III studies ongoing

- EMERALD-2: durvalumab + pembrolizumab (NCT03847428)

- KEYNOTE-859: pembrolizumab + bevacizumab (NCT03867084)

(NCT03383458)

durvalumab + bevacizumab

1/18/2023 Phase III study met its primary endpoint of recurrence-free survival (RFS) at the prespecified interim analysis.

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# Conclusions

- Atezolizumab and bevacizumab or durvalumab Plus tremelimumab is the new SOC for advanced HCC, Child-Pugh class A cirrhosis.
- Sequential therapy is an evolving field, and maximizing options is our obligation.
- Combined therapy evaluation is still underway
- Integration of systemic therapy into early-stage disease/adjuvant setting may evolve based on ongoing clinical studies.

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