



# Immunotherapy Developments and TNBC

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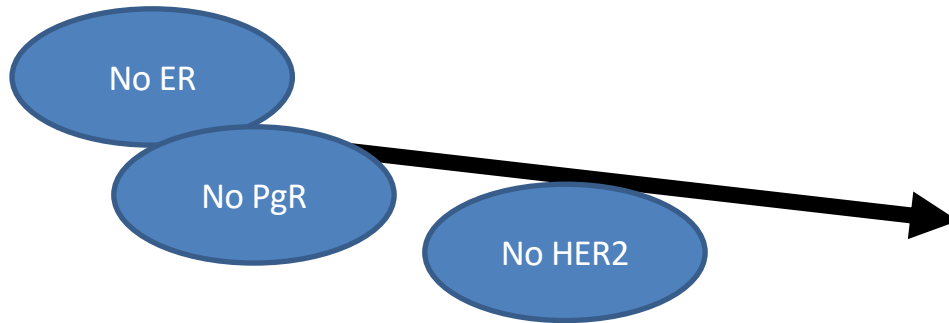
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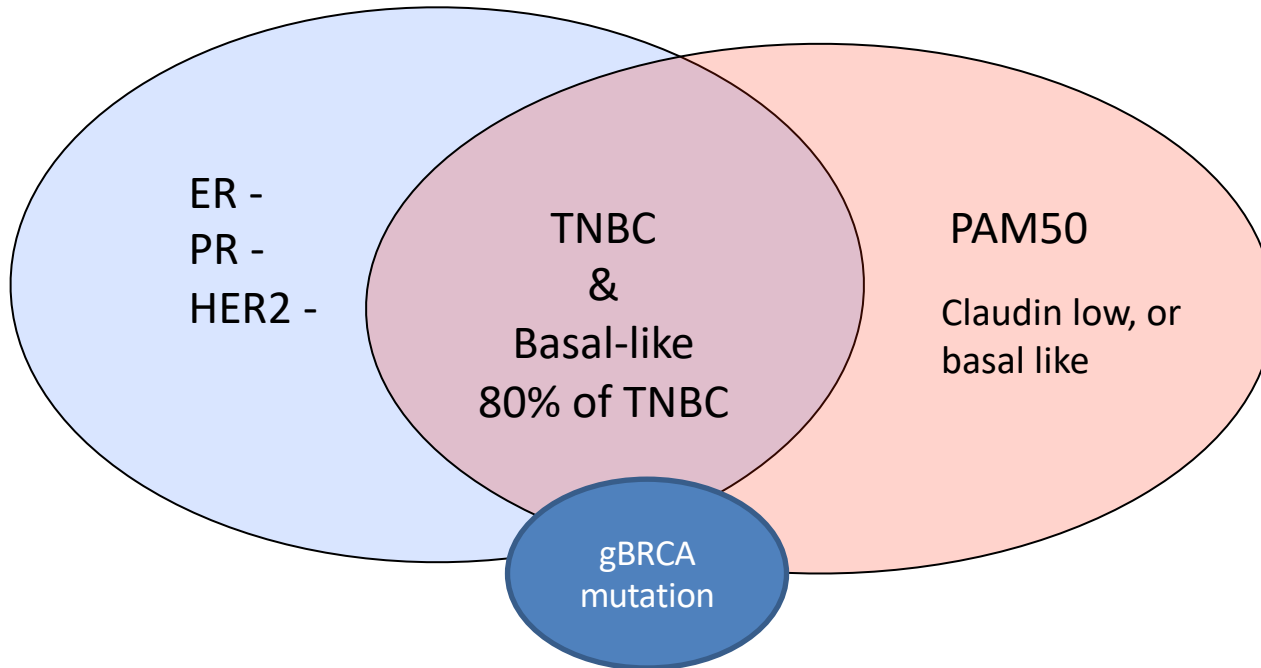
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# Triple negative Breast Cancer

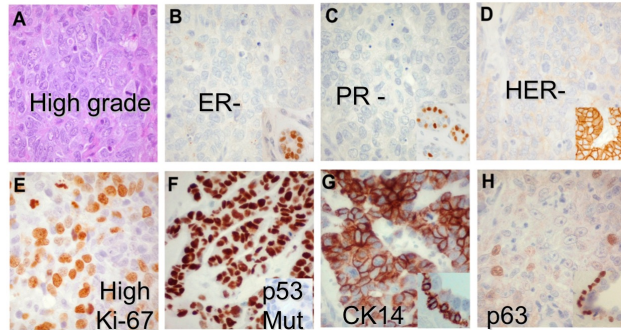
- About 15-20 percent of breast cancers are triple negative (diagnosis of exclusion)
- These tumors tend to occur more often in younger women and African-American, Hispanic heritage
- High proportion of *BRCA1*-related breast cancers are both triple negative and basal-like



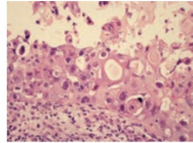
# "Triple negative breast cancer"



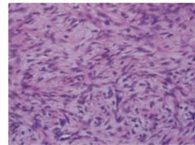
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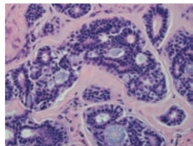
Metaplastic carcinoma with squamous differentiation



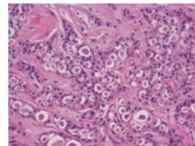
Spindle-cell metaplastic carcinoma



Adenoid cystic carcinoma



Secretory carcinoma



Heterogenous basket of tumors that lack ER, PR, HER2

- Invasive ductal carcinoma (95%)
- Invasive lobular carcinoma (1–2%)
- Metaplastic carcinoma with squamous differentiation (<1%)
- Spindle-cell metaplastic carcinoma (<1%)
- Adenoid cystic carcinoma (<1%)
- Secretory carcinoma (<1%)
- Typical medullary carcinoma (<1%)
- Atypical medullary carcinoma (<1%)
- Apocrine carcinoma (<1%)

# A lot of heterogeneity...

**Basal-like 1: cell cycle, DNA repair and proliferation genes**

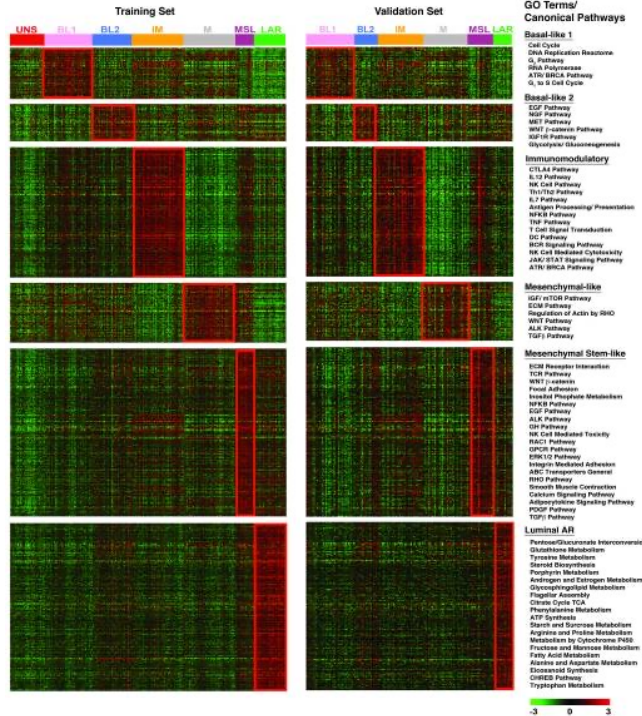
**Basal-like 2: Growth factor signaling (EGFR, MET, Wnt, IGF1R)**

**IM: immune cell processes (medullary breast cancer)**

**M: Cell motility and differentiation, EMT processes**

**MSL: similar to M but growth factor signaling, low levels of proliferation genes (metaplastic cancers)**

**LAR: Androgen receptor and downstream genes, luminal features**



Lehmann et al. J Clin Invest 2011

**METASTATIC DISEASE**

# TNBC- Chemotherapy

- **Taxanes**
  - Paclitaxel, Docetaxel, nab-paclitaxel
- **Anthacyclines**
  - Liposomal Doxorubicin, AC
- Ixabepilone (+/- capecitabine)
- Eribulin
- Platinums (Gem+carbo)

# TNBC-Other agents

- **Immunotherapy**
  - Atezolizumab
  - Pembrolizumab
- **PARPi**
  - Olaparib
  - Talazoparib
- **ADG**
  - Sacituzumab Govotecan
  - Trastuzumab Deruxtecan



# TNBC-Other agents: Specific subpopulations

- **Immunotherapy**

- Atezolizumab

- Pembrolizumab **PDL-1 +**

- **PARPi**

- Olaparib

**BRCA 1,2 mutations**

- Talazoparib

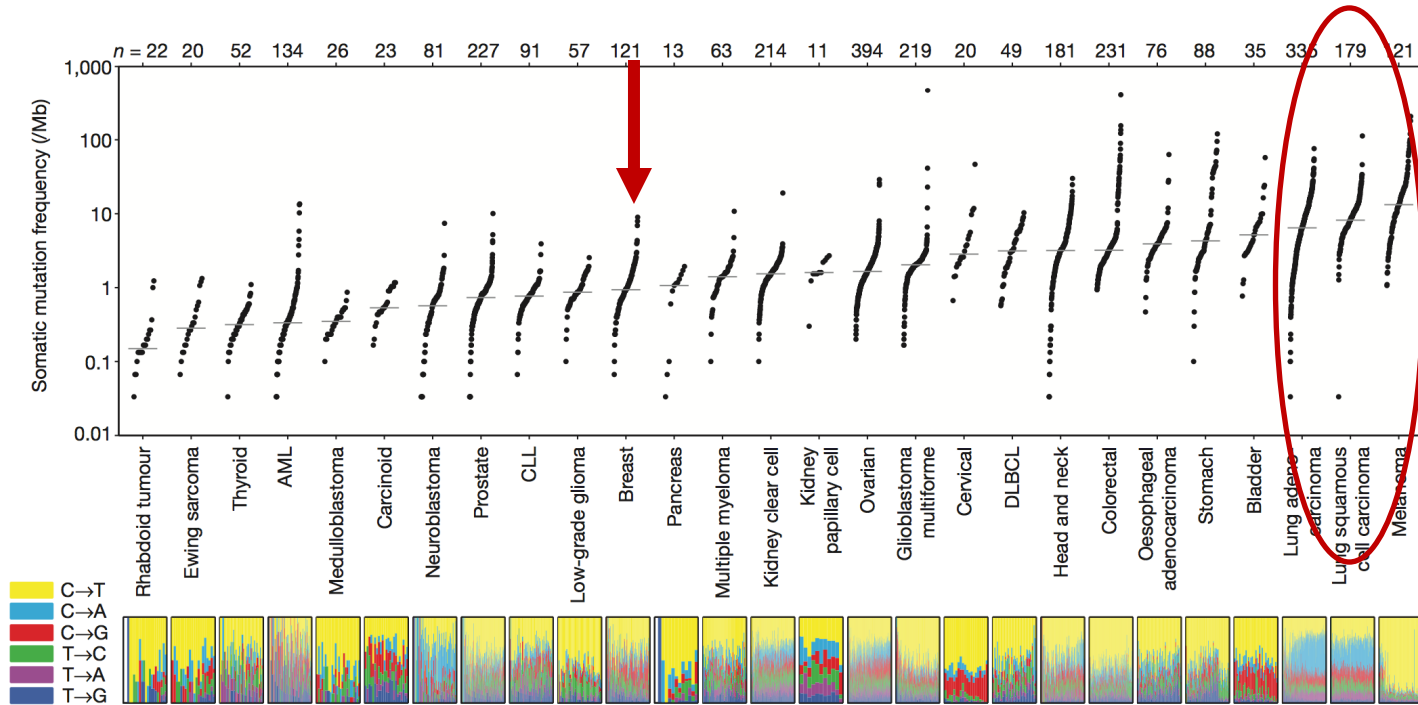
- **ADG**

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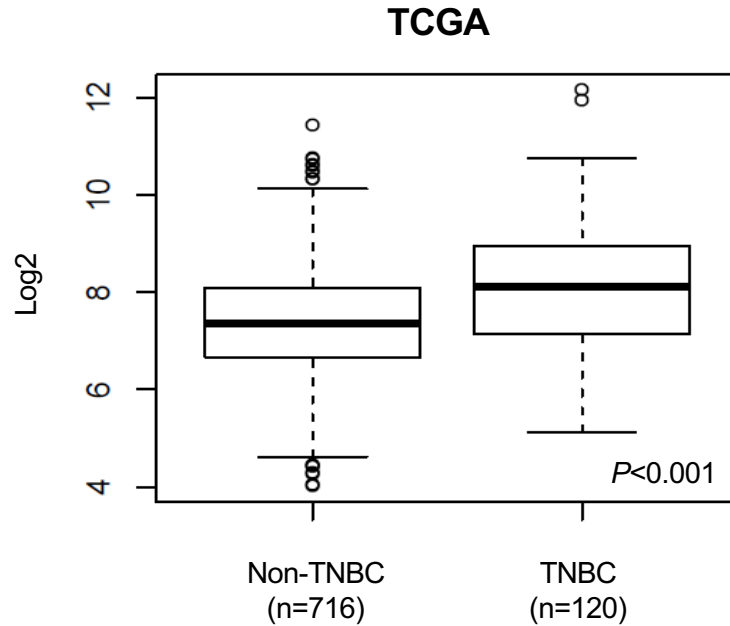
- Trastuzumab Deruxtecan **Her2-Low**

# **IMMUNOTHERAPY-PDL1**

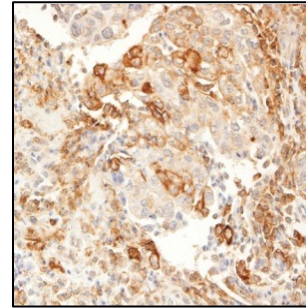
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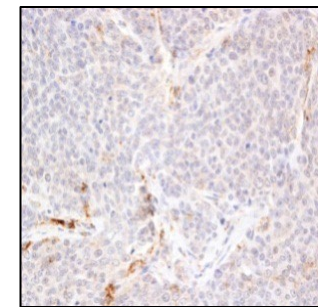
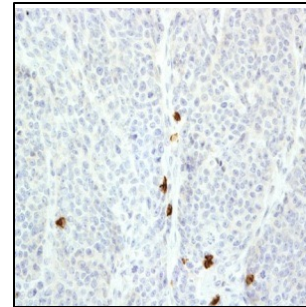
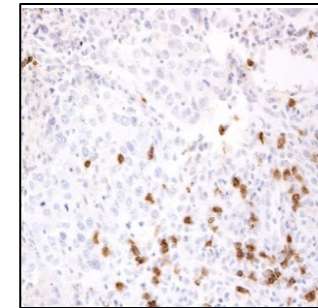
# PD-L1 in TNBC



PD-L1

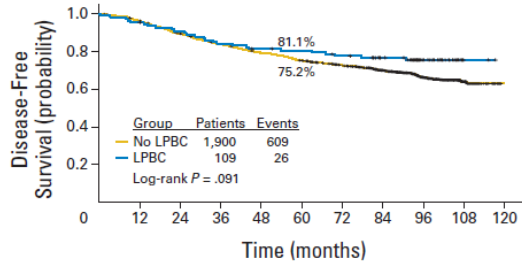


CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells



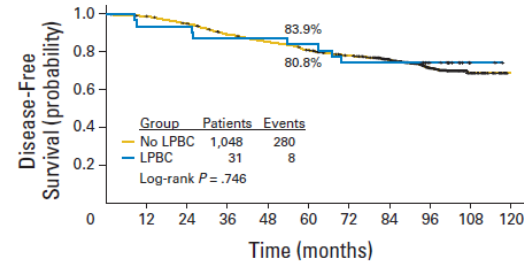
# Prognostic Value of TIL

All Patients



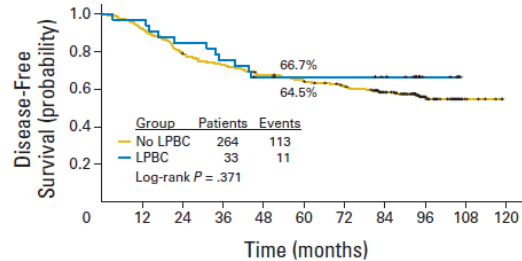
No. at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120
No LPBC	1,900	1,824	1,687	1,570	1,482	1,394	1,314	1,062	430	67	4
LPBC	109	104	98	91	86	84	80	69	34	2	0

ER+/HER2-



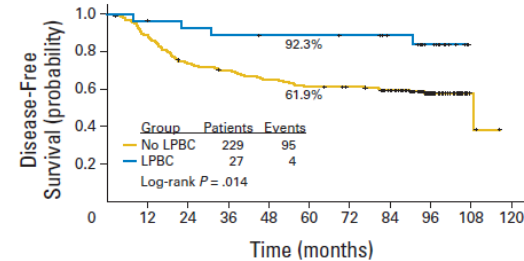
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No LPBC	1,048	1,032	986	920	876	825	778	627	266	47	3
LPBC	31	29	29	27	27	26	23	23	14	2	0

HER2+



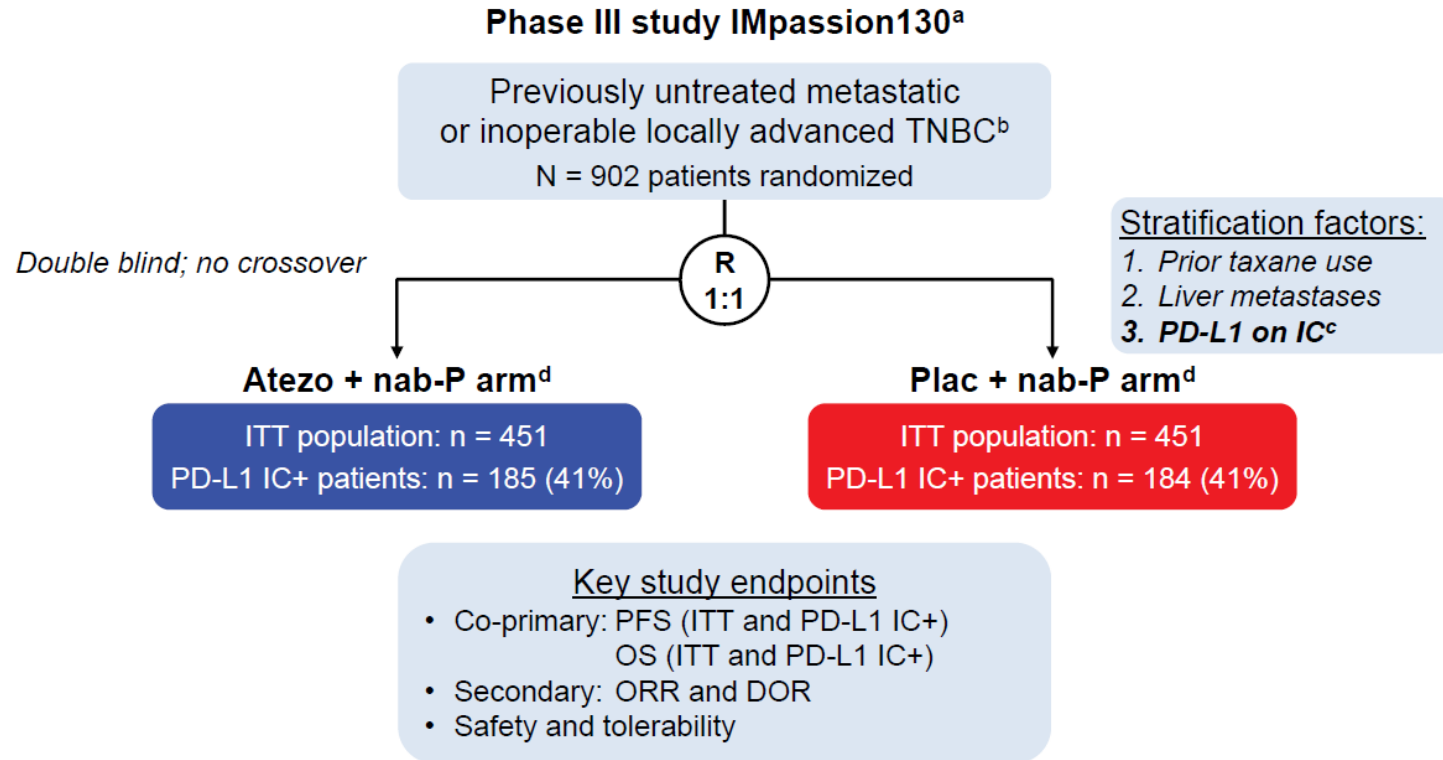
No. at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120
No LPBC	264	242	207	192	176	167	155	129	52	6	0
LPBC	33	32	28	25	21	20	20	17	5	0	0

TNBC



No. at risk	0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120
No LPBC	229	202	167	156	146	138	134	116	41	3	0
LPBC	27	26	24	23	22	22	21	18	11	0	0

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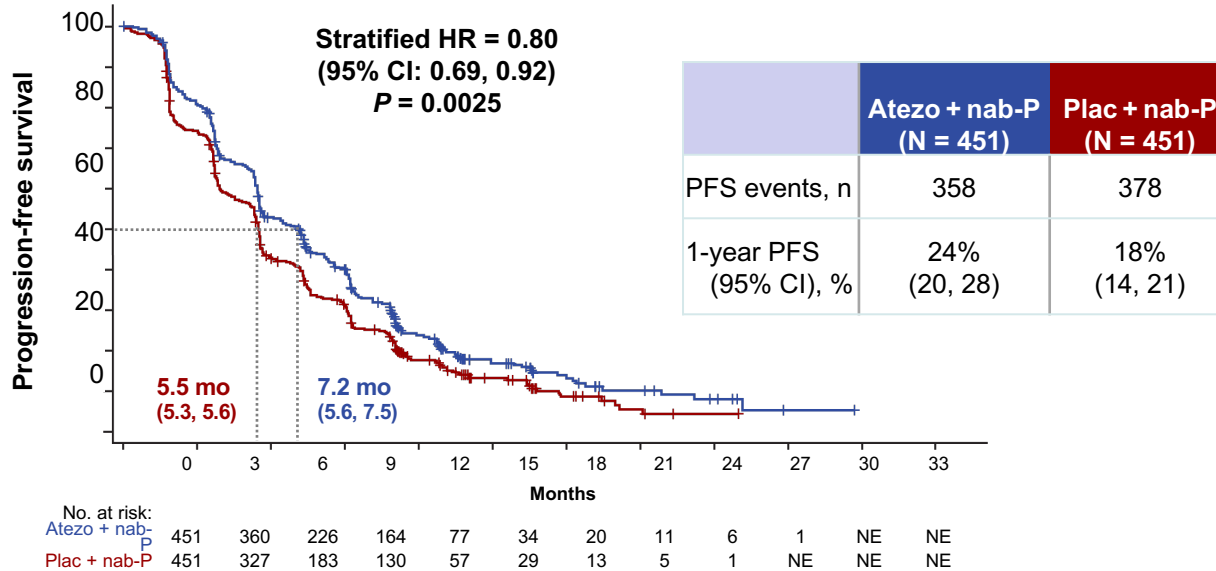


<sup>a</sup> NCT02425891. <sup>b</sup> Locally evaluated per ASCO-CAP guidelines. Prior chemotherapy in the curative setting, including taxanes, allowed if treatment-free interval  $\geq$  12 mo.

<sup>c</sup> Centrally evaluated per VENTANA SP142 IHC assay (double blinded for PD-L1 status, PD-L1+: PD-L1 on  $\geq$  1% of IC). <sup>d</sup> Atezolizumab or placebo 840 mg IV on days 1 and 15

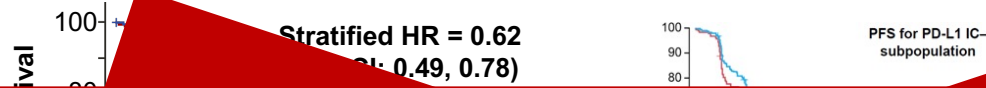
+ nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on days 1, 8 and 15 of 28-day cycle until RECIST v1.1 PD. 1. Schmid *N Engl J Med* 2018.

# Primary PFS Analysis: ITT Population



NE, not estimable. Data cutoff: 17 April 2018. Median PFS durations (and 95% CI) are indicated on the plot. Median follow-up (ITT): 12.9 months.

# Primary PFS Analysis: PD-L1+ Population



**FDA-approved for the treatment of metastatic NSCLC in patients with PD-L1 IC+ tumors**

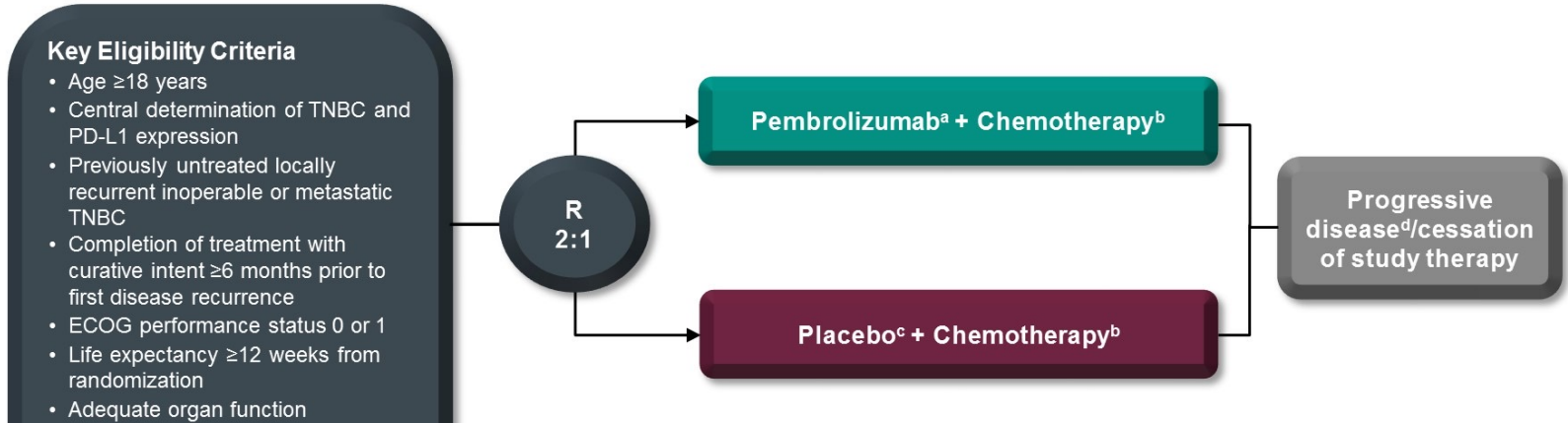
**Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel vs. placebo + nab-paclitaxel**

	Atezo + nab-P (N = 185)	Plac + nab-P (N = 184)
146	104	75
184	127	62
	44	22
	11	5
	5	1
	1	NE
	NE	NE
	NE	NE

	Atezo + nab-P (N = 185)	Plac + nab-P (N = 184)
PFS events, n	138	157
1-year PFS (95% CI), %	29% (22, 36)	16% (11, 22)



# KEYNOTE-355 Study Design (NCT02819518)



## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Age ≥18 years
- Central determination of TNBC and PD-L1 expression
- Previously untreated locally recurrent inoperable or metastatic TNBC
- Completion of treatment with curative intent ≥6 months prior to first disease recurrence
- ECOG performance status 0 or 1
- Life expectancy ≥12 weeks from randomization
- Adequate organ function
- No systemic steroids
- No active CNS metastases
- No active autoimmune disease

## Stratification Factors:

- Chemotherapy on study (taxane vs gemcitabine/carboplatin)
- PD-L1 tumor expression (CPS ≥1 vs CPS <1)
- Prior treatment with same class chemotherapy in the neoadjuvant or adjuvant setting (yes vs no)

<sup>a</sup>Pembrolizumab 200 mg intravenous (IV) every 3 weeks (Q3W)

<sup>b</sup>Chemotherapy dosing regimens are as follows:

Nab-paclitaxel 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days

Paclitaxel 90 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV on days 1, 8, and 15 every 28 days

Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/carboplatin AUC 2 on days 1 and 8 every 21 days

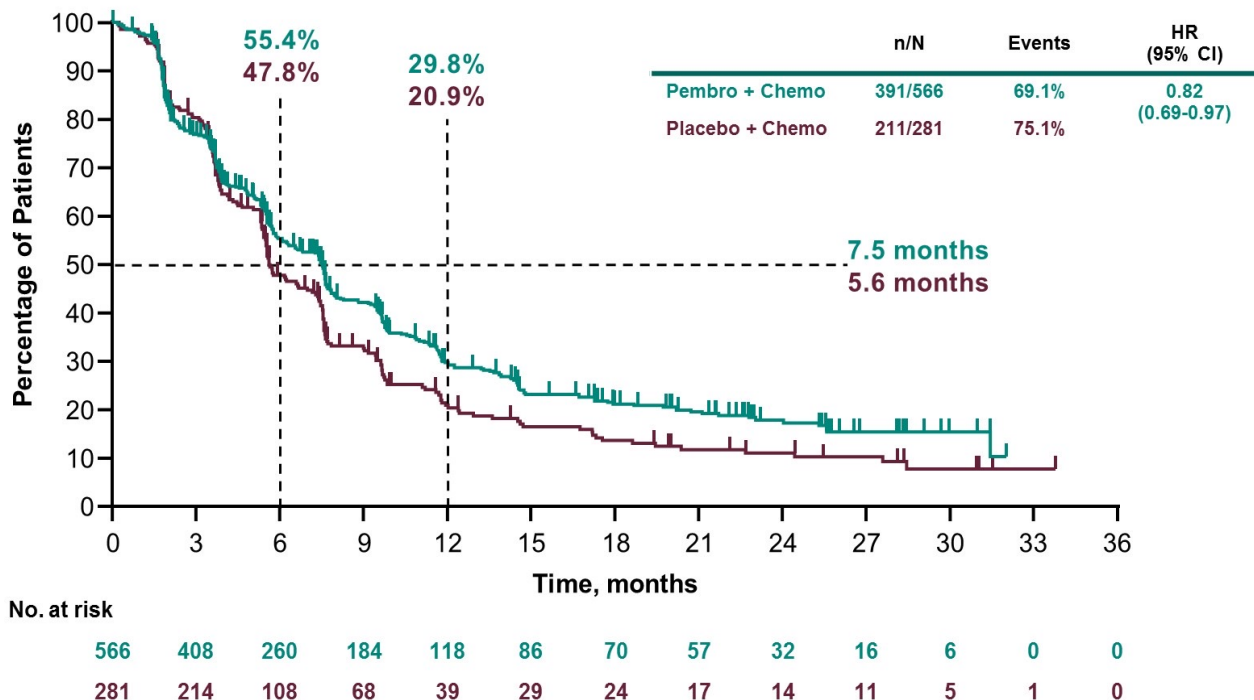
<sup>c</sup>Normal saline

<sup>d</sup>Treatment may be continued until confirmation of progressive disease

CNS=central nervous system; ECOG=Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group;

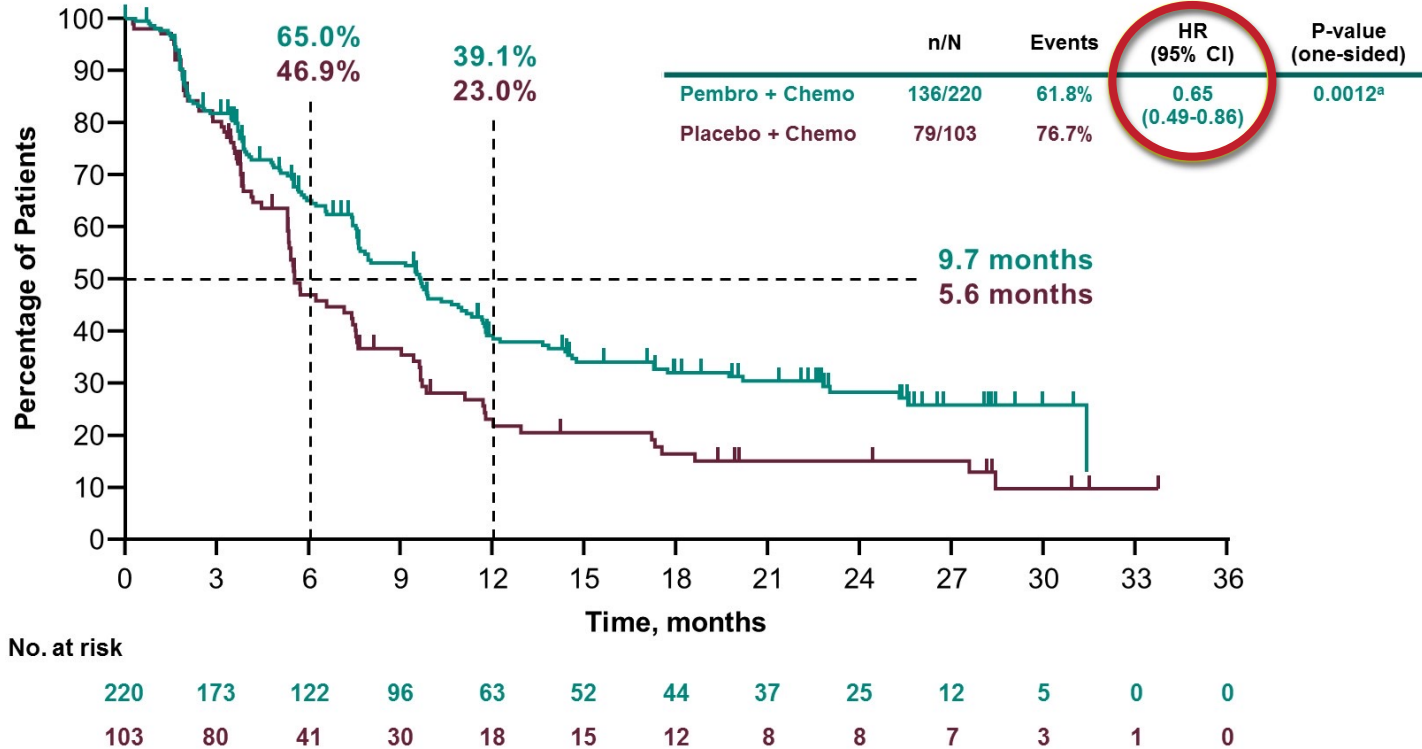
PD-L1=programmed death ligand 1; R=randomized; TNBC=triple-negative breast cancer

# Progression-Free Survival: ITT



Hazard ratio (CI) analyzed based on a Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by the randomization stratification factors. Statistical significance was not tested due to the prespecified hierarchical testing strategy. Data cutoff December 11, 2019.

# Progression-Free Survival: PD-L1 CPS $\geq 10$



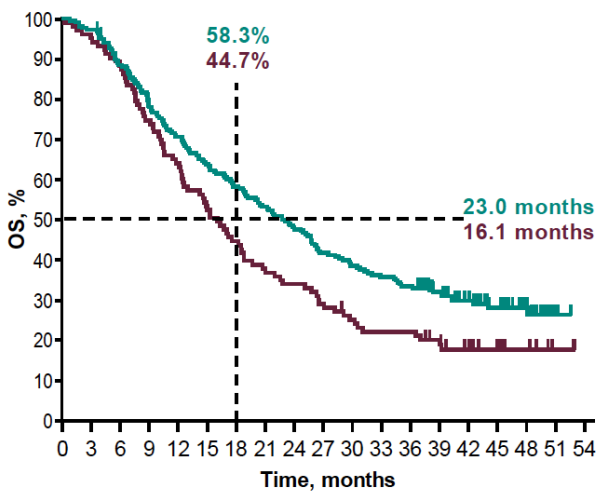
<sup>a</sup>Prespecified P value boundary of 0.00411 met.

Hazard ratio (CI) analyzed based on a Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by the randomization stratification factors. Data cutoff December 11, 2019.

# Overall Survival at Final Analysis

## PD-L1 CPS ≥10

	n/N	Events	HR (95% CI)	P-value (one-sided)
Pembro + Chemo	155/220	70.5%	0.73 (0.55-0.95)	0.0093 <sup>a</sup>
Placebo + Chemo	84/103	81.6%		

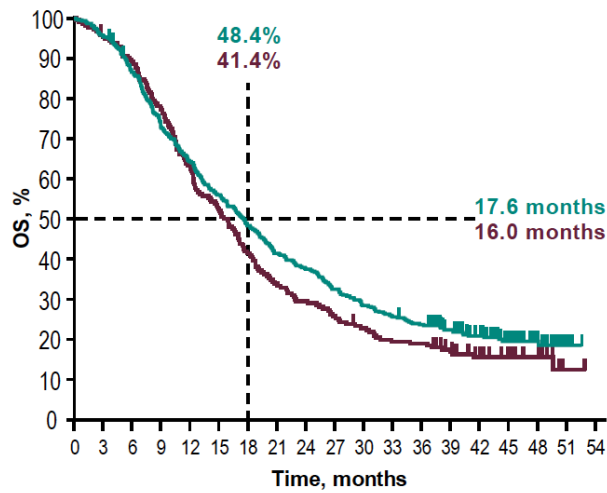


No. at risk

220	214	193	171	154	139	127	116	105	91	84	78	73	59	43	31	17	2	0
103	98	91	77	66	55	46	39	35	30	25	22	22	17	12	8	6	2	0

## PD-L1 CPS ≥1

	n/N	Events	HR (95% CI)	P-value (one-sided)
Pembro + Chemo	336/425	79.1%	0.86 (0.72-1.04)	0.0563 <sup>b</sup>
Placebo + Chemo	177/211	83.9%		

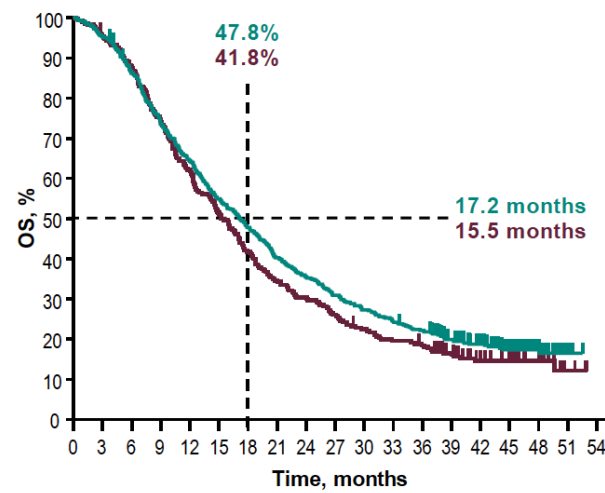


No. at risk

425	406	365	308	271	236	204	175	159	137	120	108	99	80	60	38	21	3	0
211	200	187	163	133	110	87	71	62	54	47	40	39	30	21	15	10	2	0

## ITT

	n/N	Events	HR (95% CI)
Pembro + Chemo	460/566	81.3%	0.89 (0.76-1.05) <sup>c</sup>
Placebo + Chemo	238/281	84.7%	

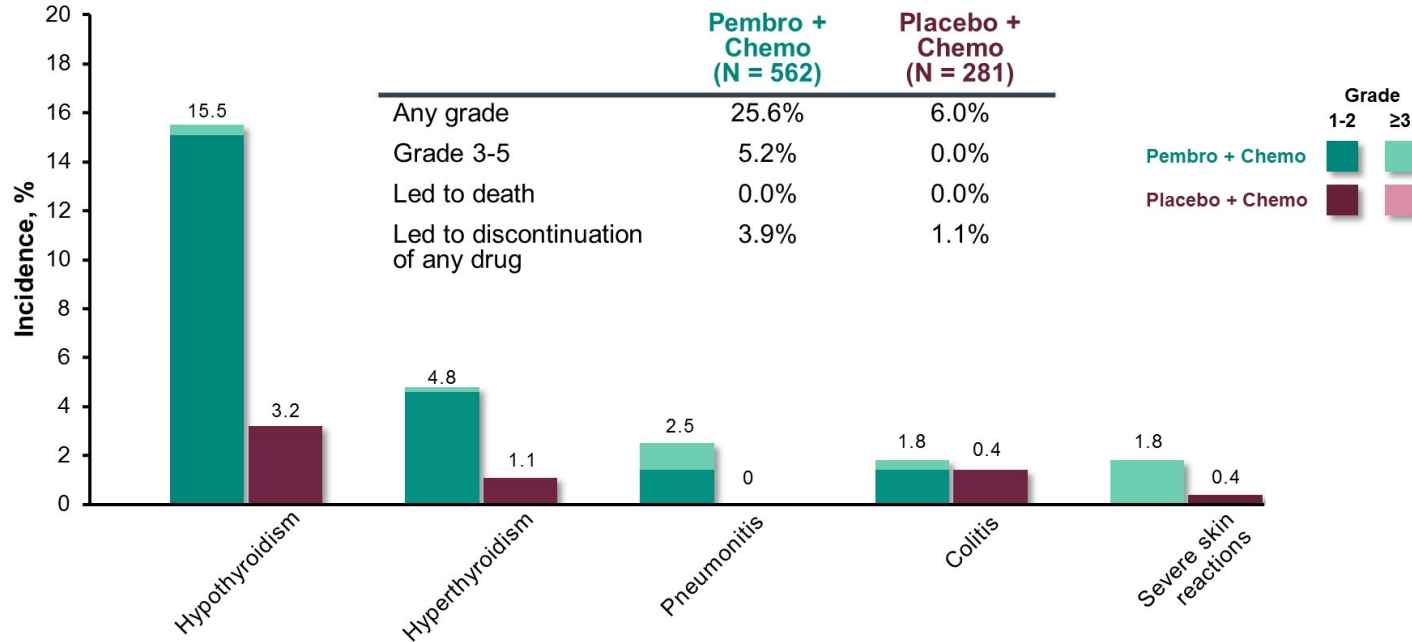


No. at risk

566	539	486	415	363	309	269	226	200	174	153	137	124	94	69	42	22	4	0
281	267	246	209	174	144	117	97	85	73	62	54	50	38	25	18	12	3	0

<sup>a</sup>Prespecified P-value boundary of 0.0113 met. <sup>b</sup>Prespecified P-value boundary of 0.0172 not met. <sup>c</sup>Statistical significance not tested due to the prespecified hierarchical testing strategy. Hazard ratio (CI) analyzed based on a Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by the randomization stratification factors. Data cutoff: June 15, 2021.

# Immune-Mediated AEs



**Immune-Mediated AEs with Incidence  $\geq 10$  Patients in Either Treatment Group<sup>a</sup>**

<sup>a</sup>Based on a list of terms prespecified by the sponsor and included regardless of attribution to study treatment or immune relatedness by the investigator; related terms included. Data cutoff date: December 11, 2019.

# FDA grants accelerated approval to pembrolizumab for locally recurrent unresectable or metastatic triple negative breast cancer

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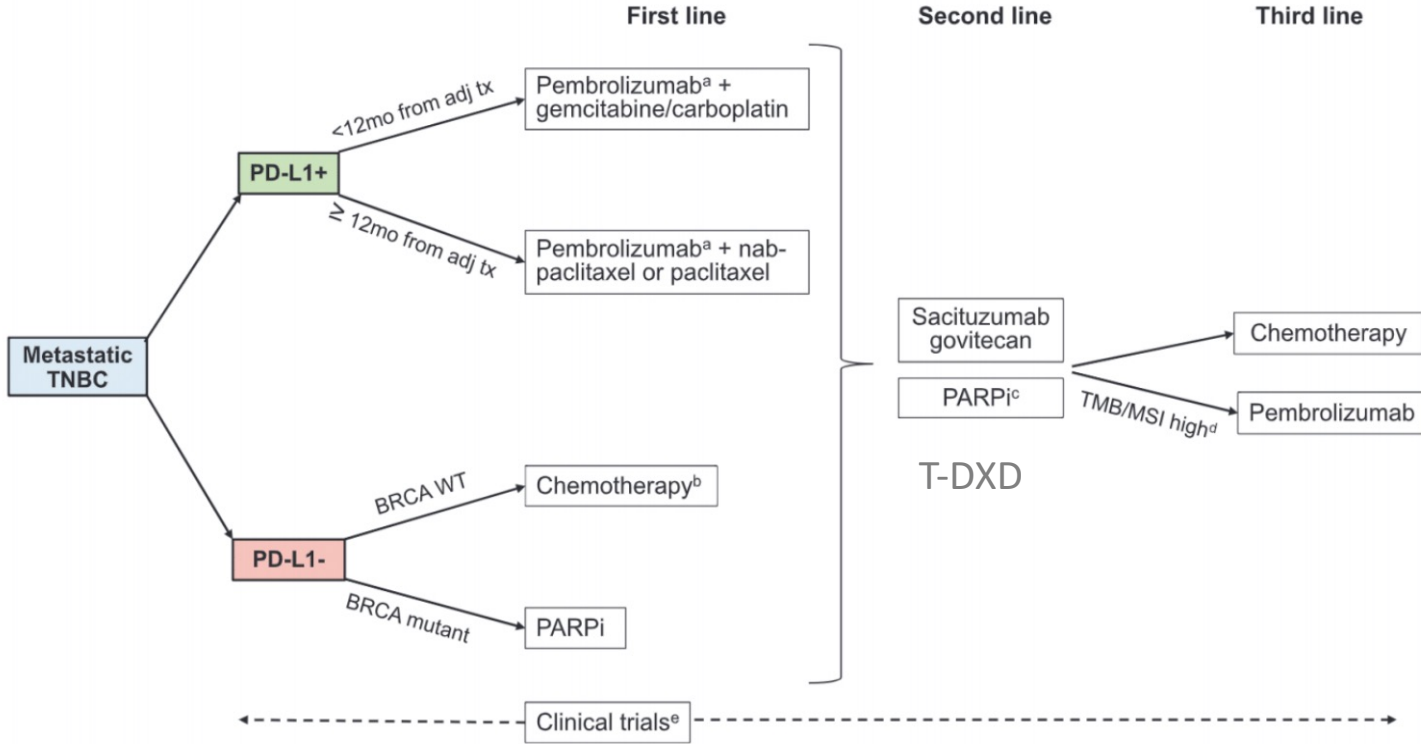
On November 13, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration granted accelerated approval to pembrolizumab in combination with chemotherapy for the treatment of patients with locally recurrent unresectable or metastatic triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC) whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS  $\geq 10$ ) as determined by an FDA approved test.

FDA also approved the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx as a companion diagnostic for selecting patients with TNBC for pembrolizumab.

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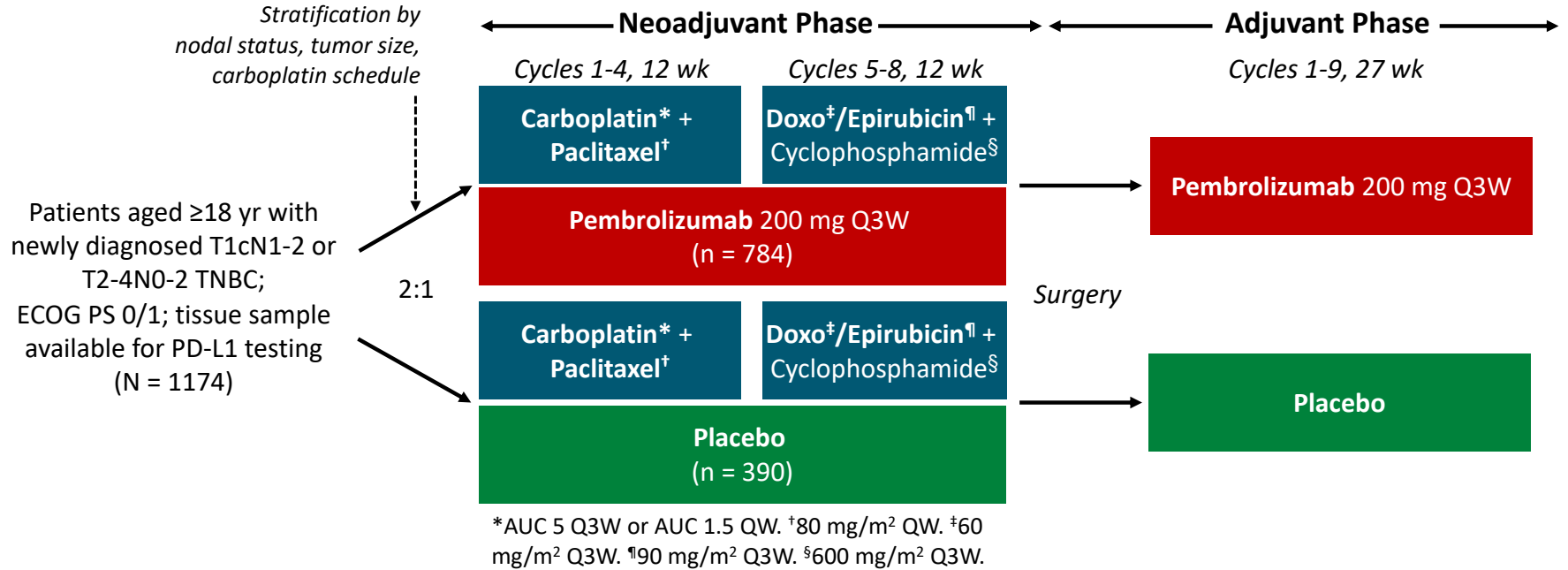
# How to integrate?



**EARLY STAGE DISEASE**



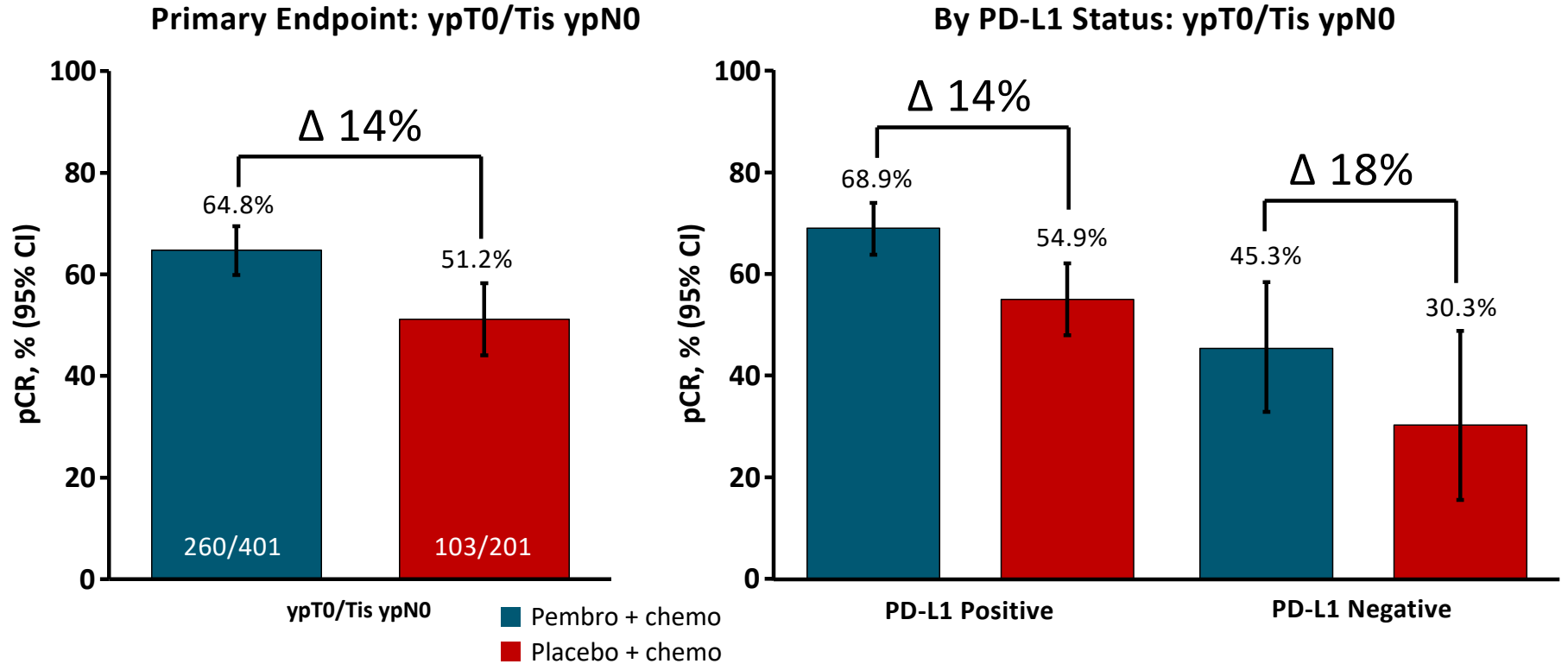
# KEYNOTE-522: Study Design



- **Primary endpoints:** pCR (ypT0/Tis ypN0) by local review, EFS by local review

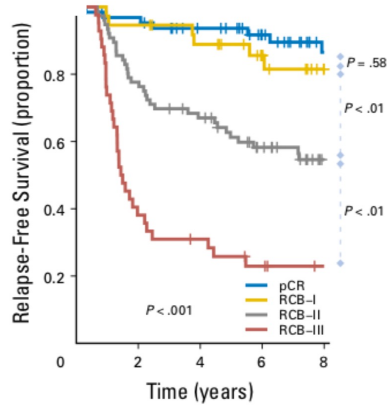
- Secondary endpoints: pCR (ypT0 ypN0 and ypT0/Tis), OS, EFS, AE
- Exploratory endpoints: RCB, pCR by subgroups, EFS by pCR

# KEYNOTE-522: pCR at IA1

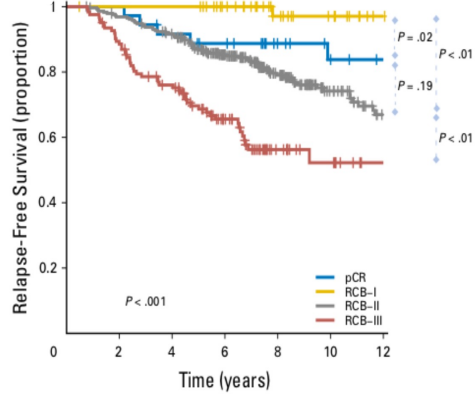


# RFS and RBC according to tumor subtype

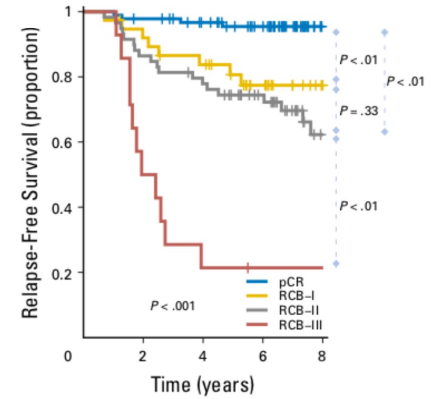
## TNBC



## HR+ and HER2-

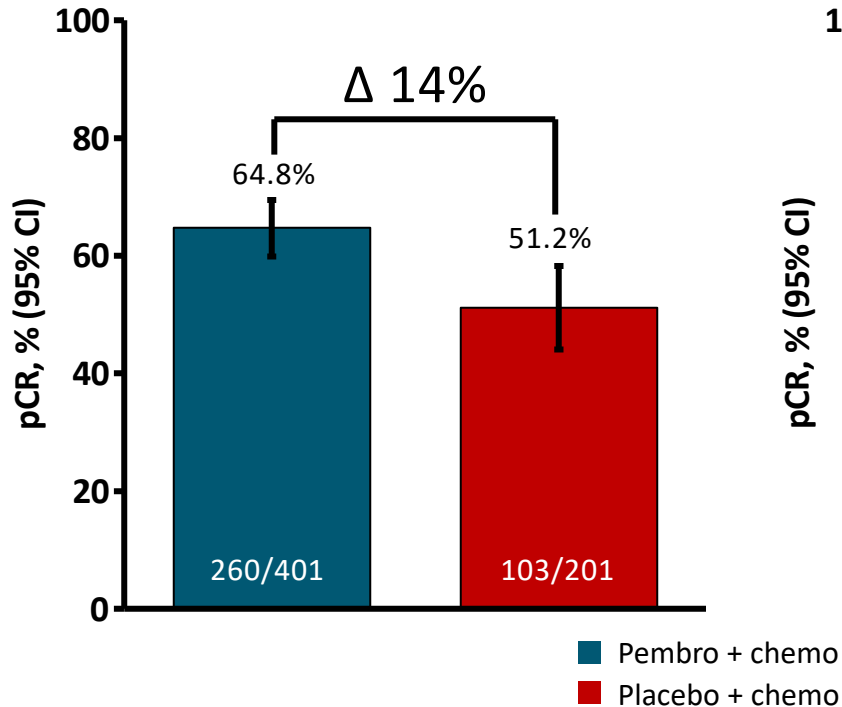


## All HER2+

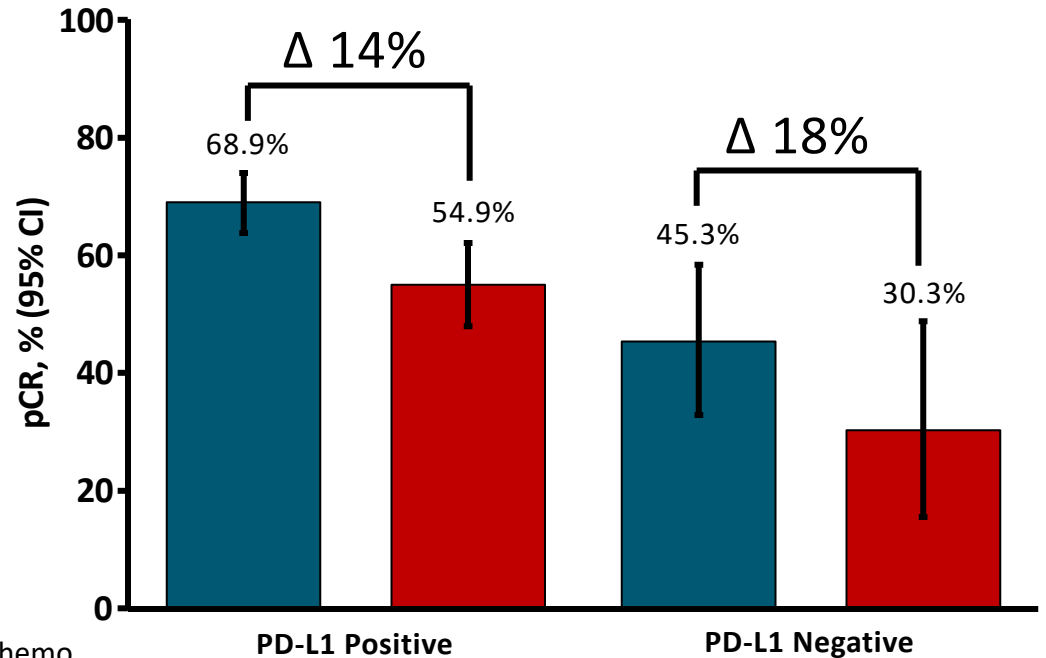


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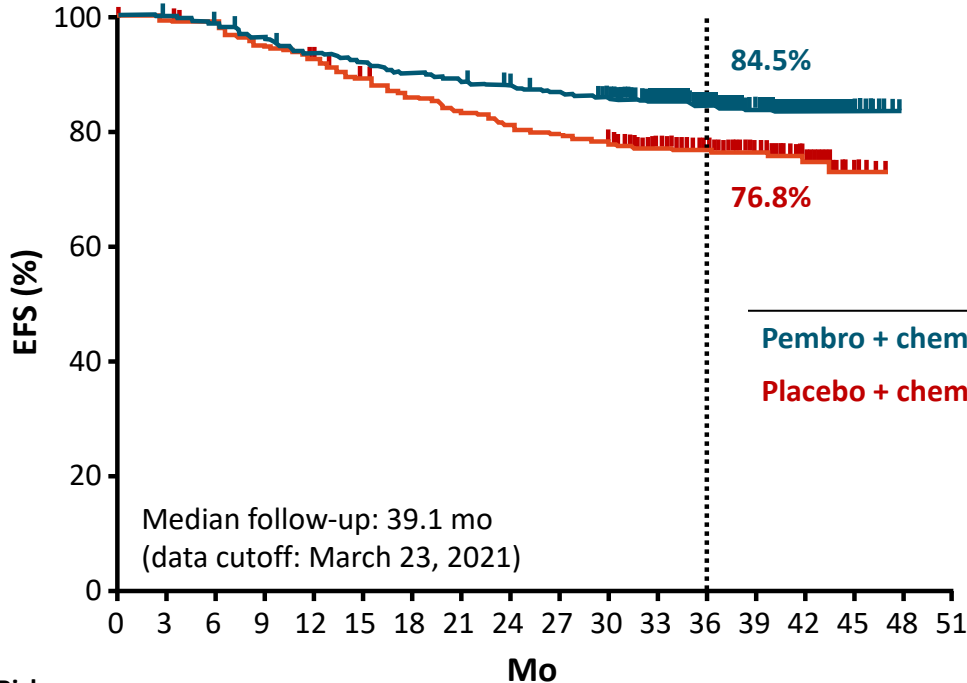
Primary Endpoint: ypT0/Tis ypN0



By PD-L1 Status: ypT0/Tis ypN0



# KEYNOTE-522: EFS at IA4



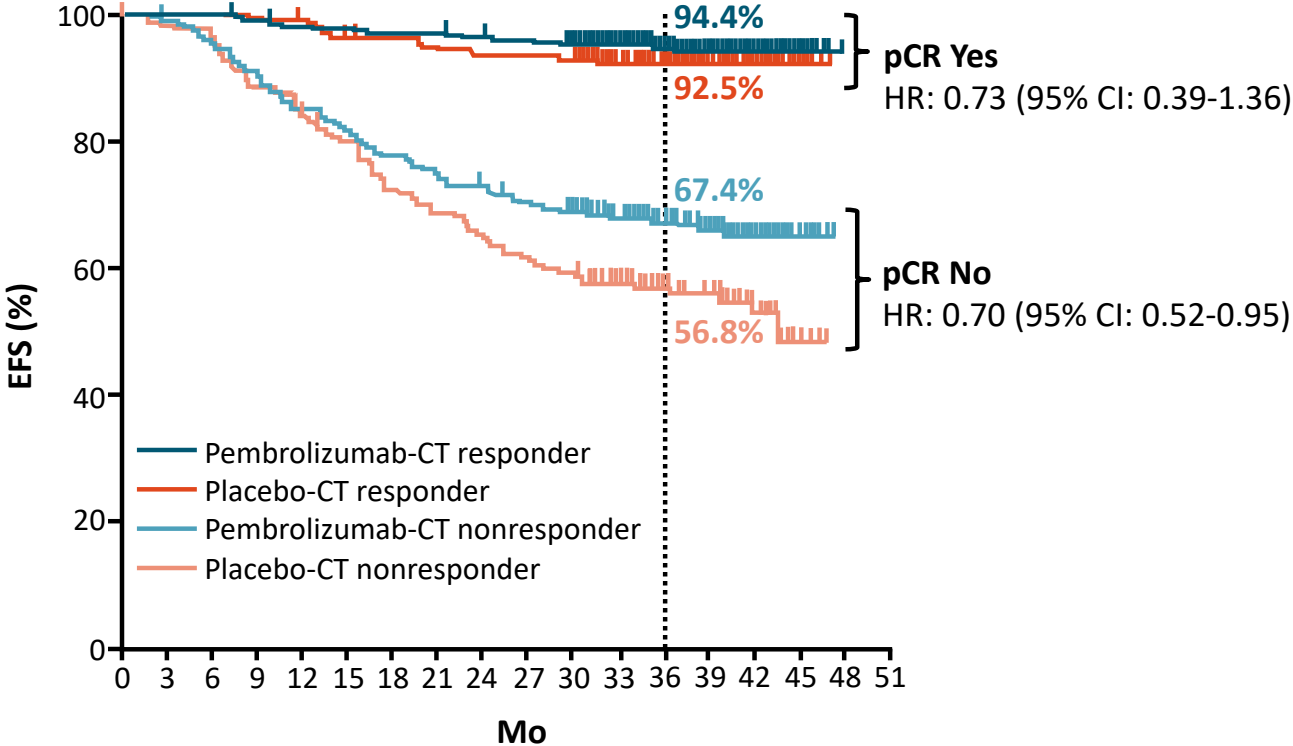
Patients at Risk, n

Time (Mo)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51
Pembro + chemo	784	781	769	751	728	718	702	692	681	671	652	551	433	303	165	28	0	0
Placebo + chemo	390	386	382	368	358	342	328	319	310	304	297	250	195	140	83	17	0	0

	Events, %	HR (95% CI)
Pembro + chemo	15.7	0.63
Placebo + chemo	23.8	(0.48-0.82; <i>P</i> < .001*)

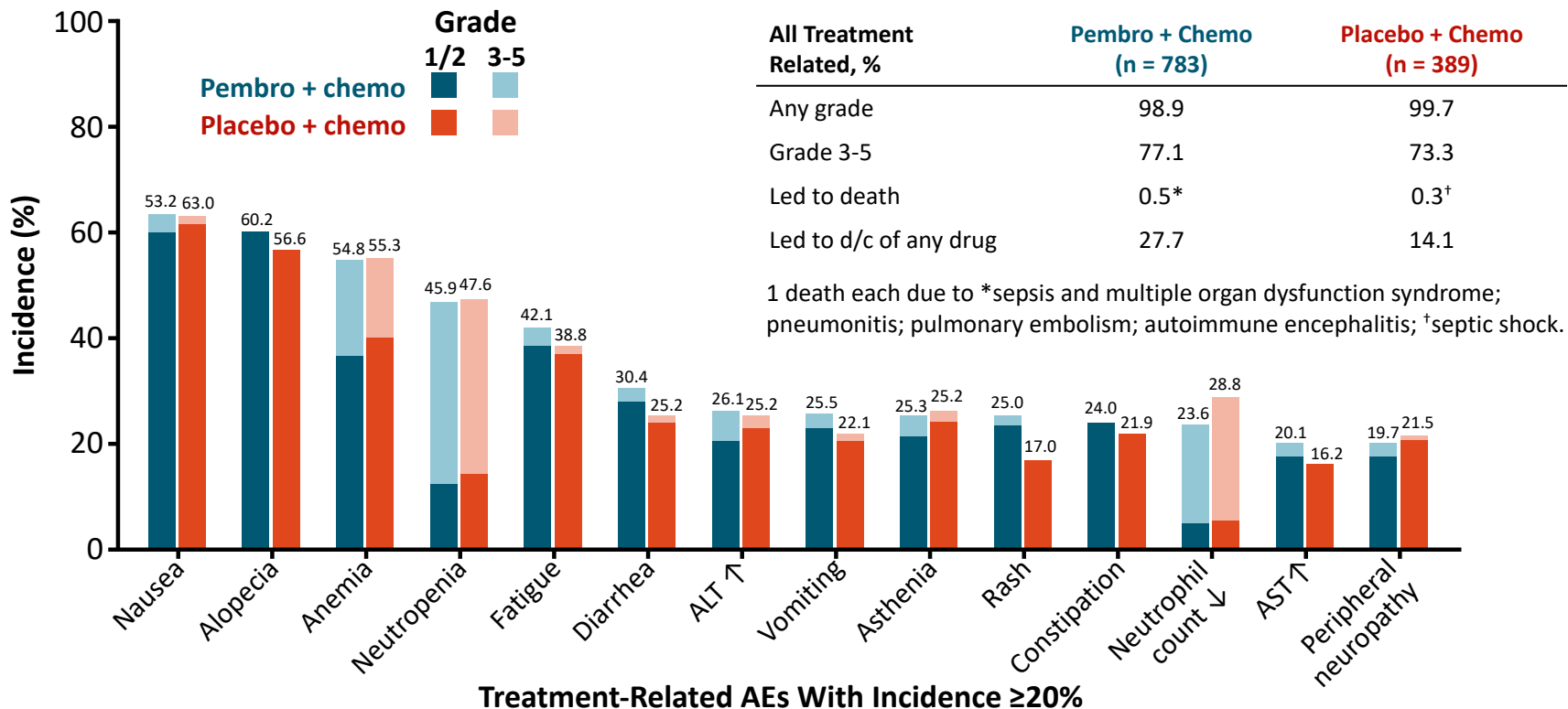
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# KEYNOTE-522: EFS by pCR

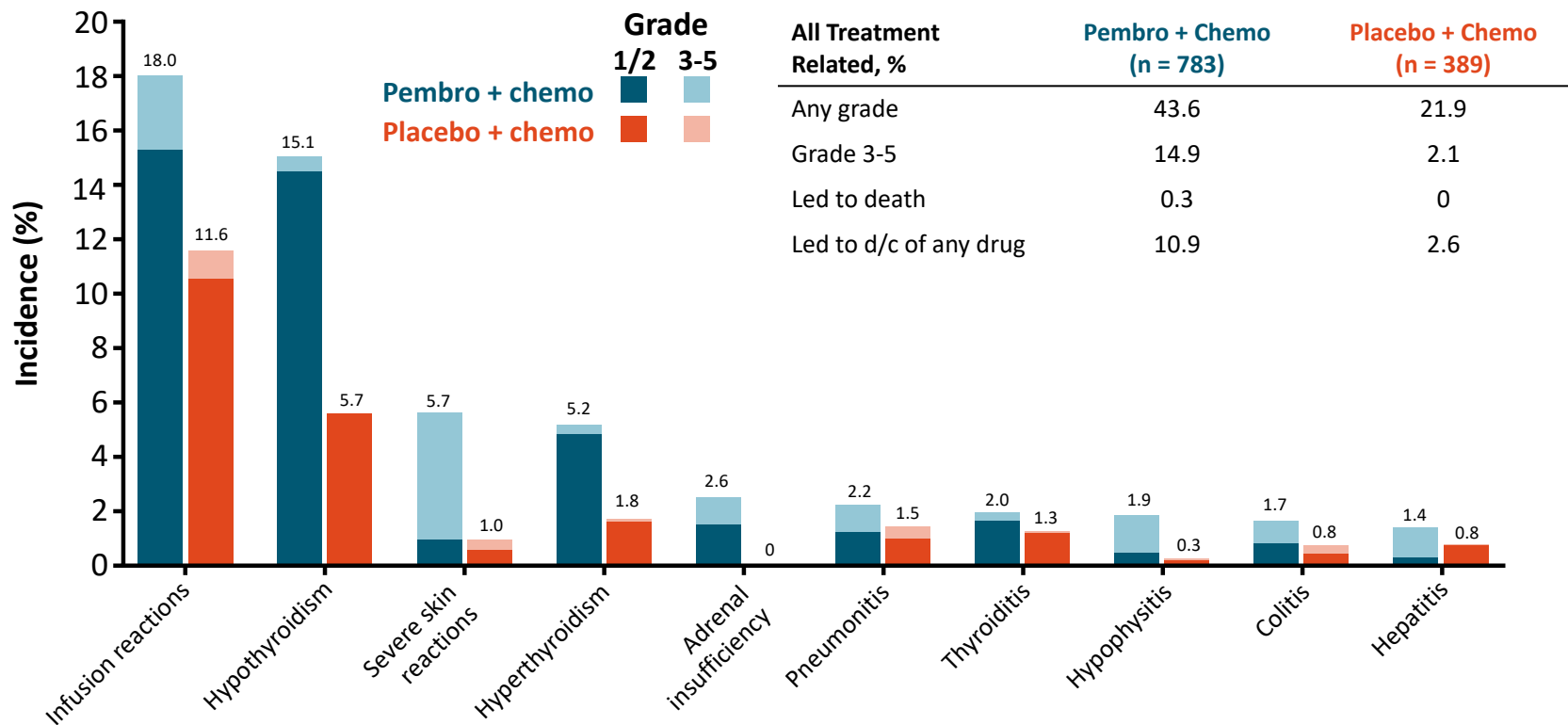


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# KEYNOTE-522: Treatment-Related Adverse Events

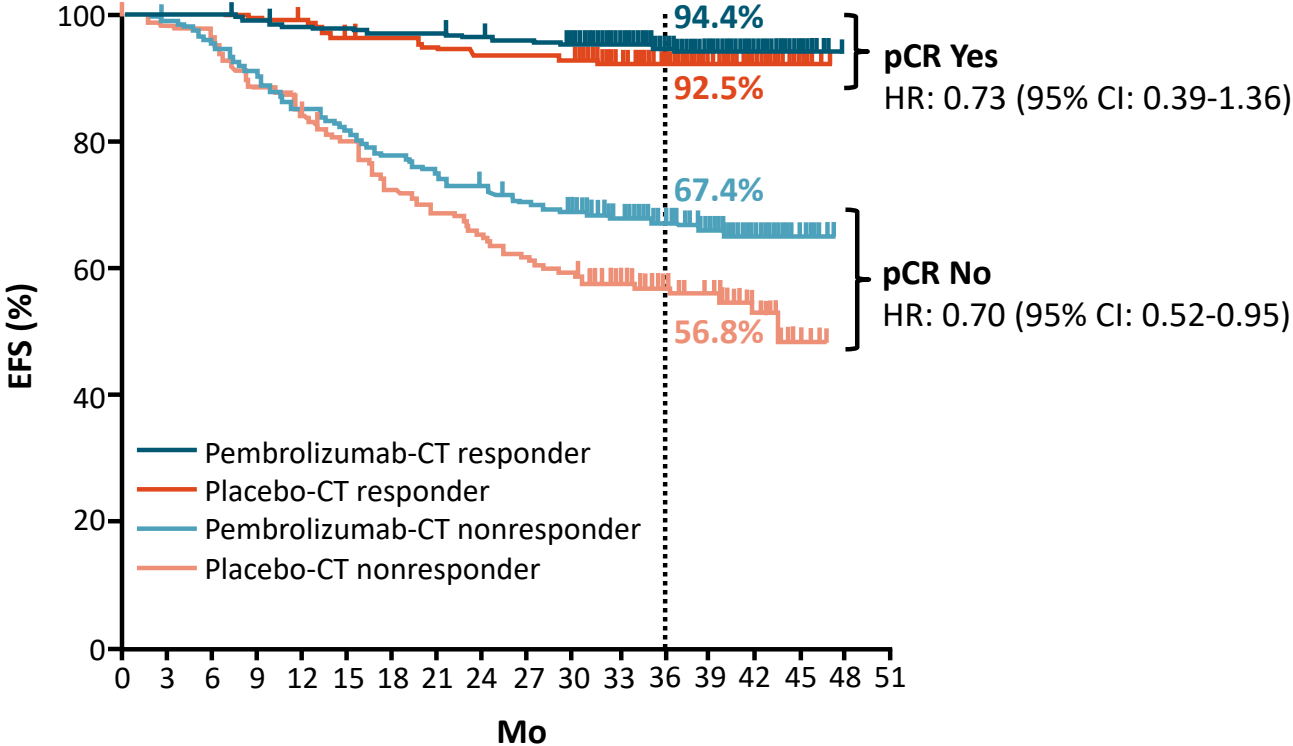


# KEYNOTE-522: Immune-Related Adverse Events



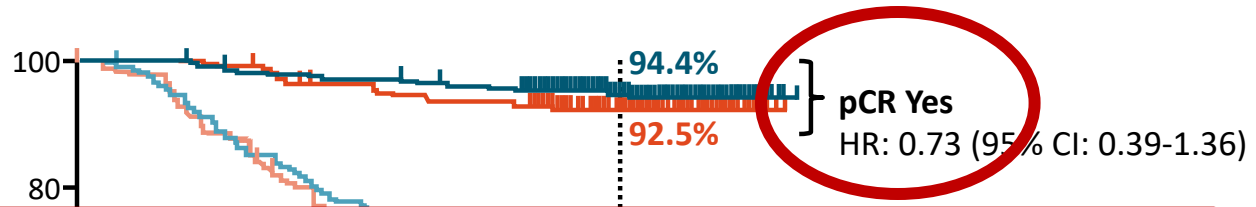


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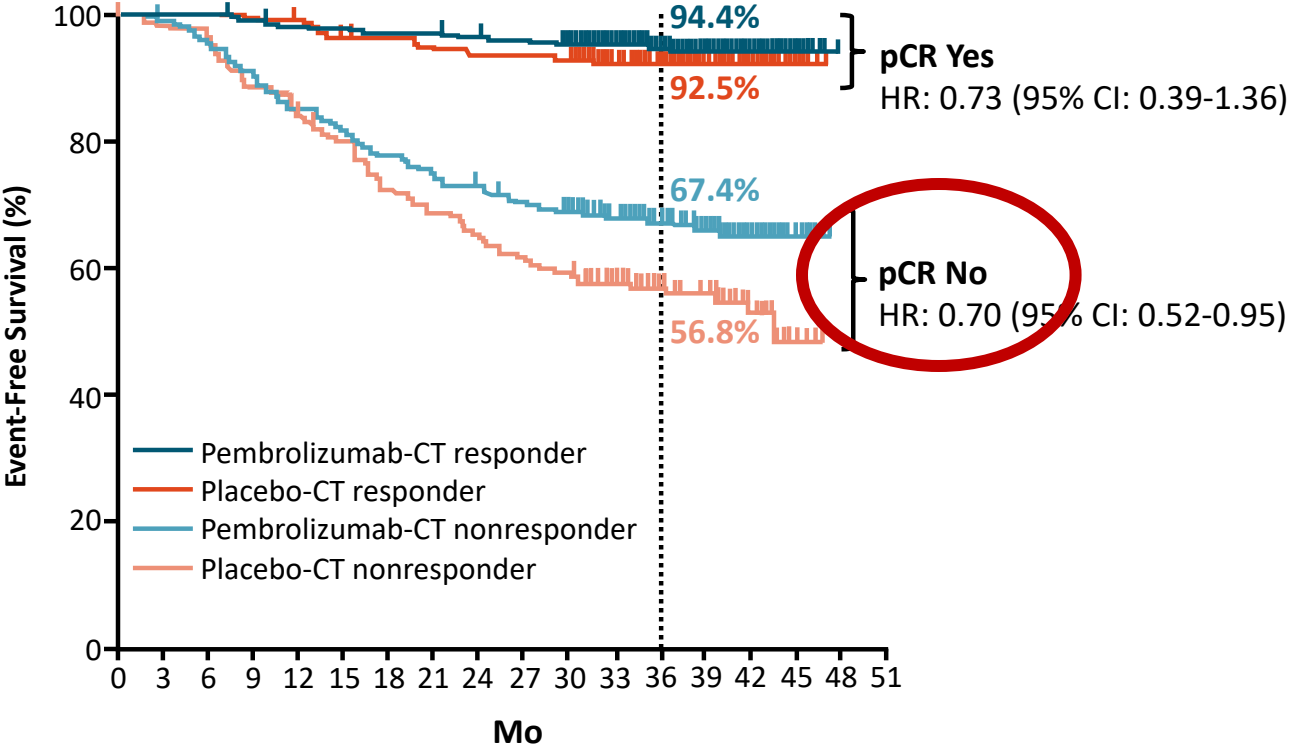


Forgo adjuvant pembro?  
Briefer neoadjuvant IO exposure?  
Neoadjuvant chemo alone?  
Chemo optimization?  
Biologic combinations?

Need for upfront pCR predictors!

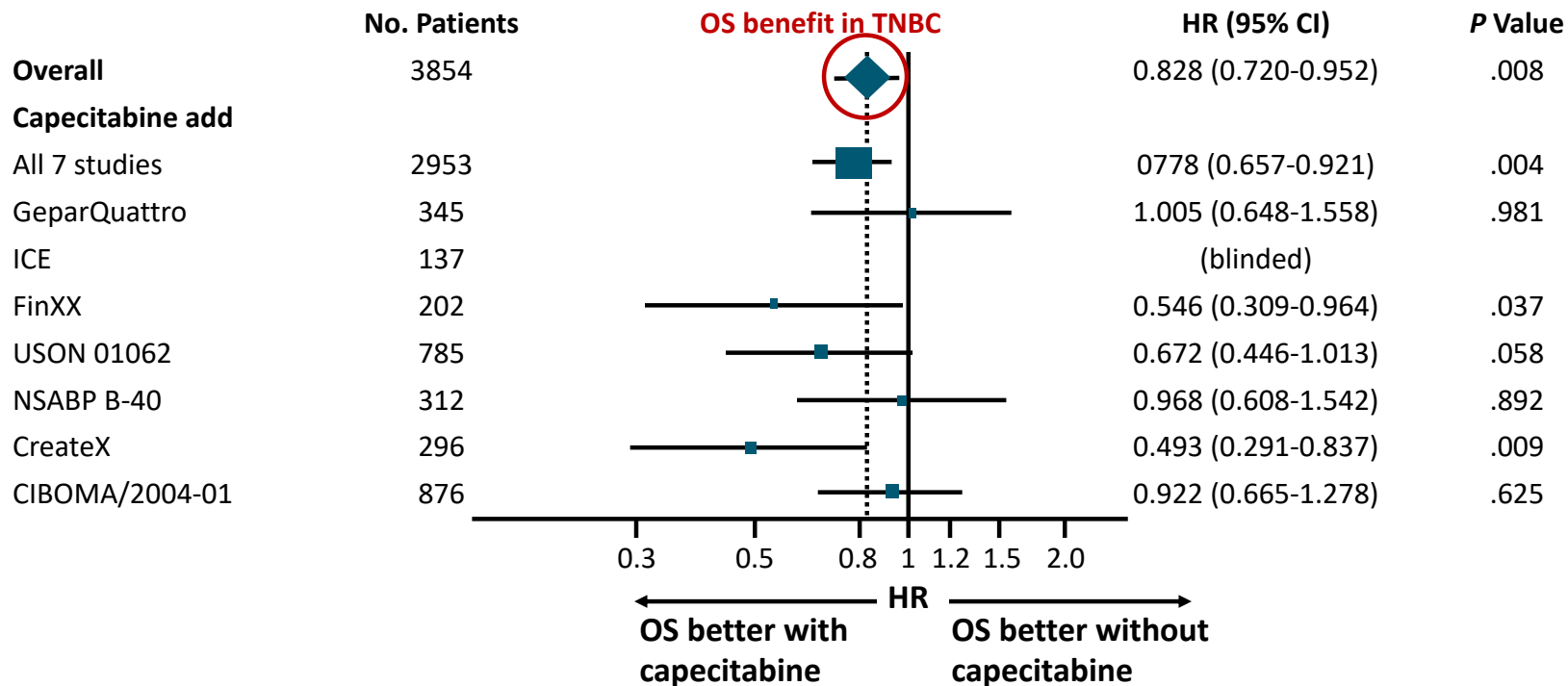
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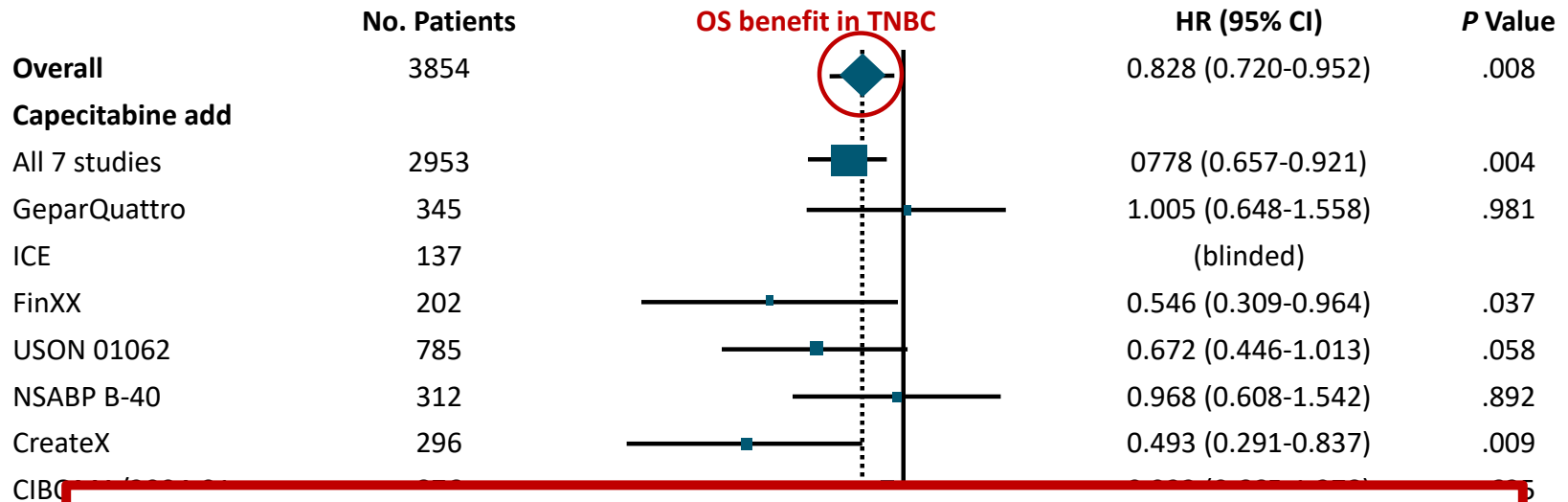
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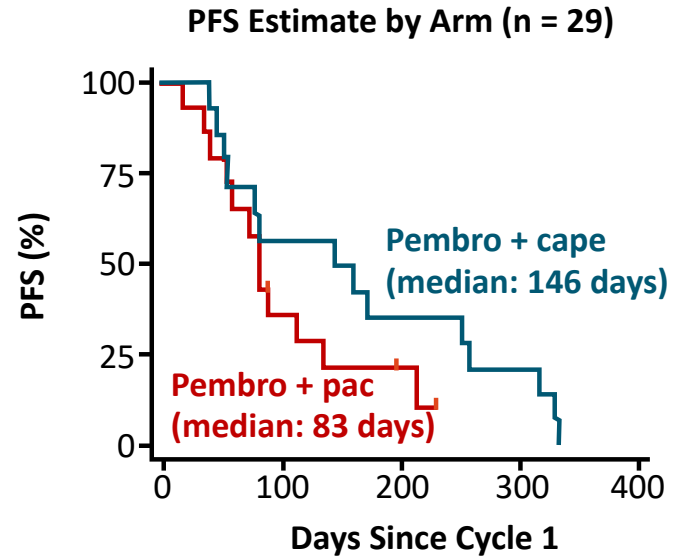
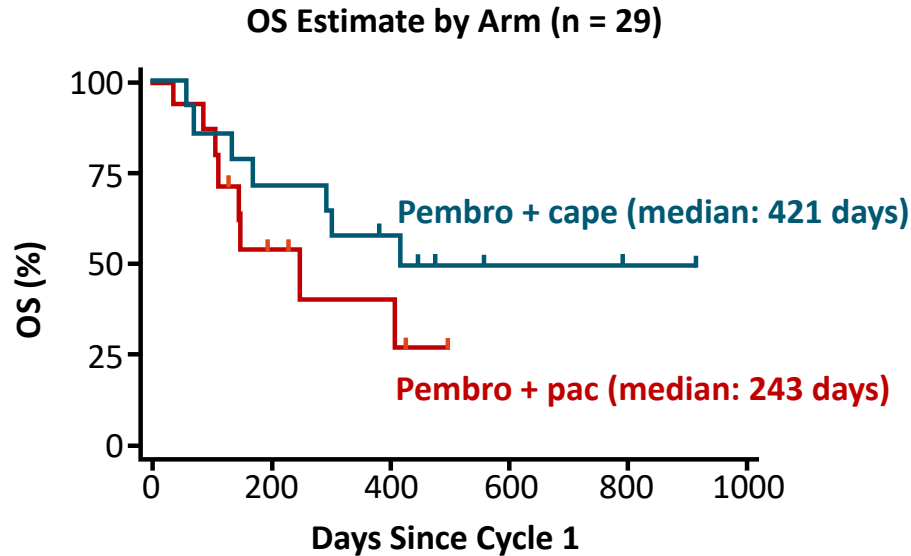
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**Adjuvant capecitabine not permitted on KEYNOTE-522**  
**Concurrent with IO?**

capecitabine
capecitabine

# First-line/Second-line Pembrolizumab With Paclitaxel or Capecitabine in mTNBC



Wk 12 ORR: 43% with pembro + cape  
Coadministration was safe  
Coadministration of adjuvant pembro/cape may be reasonable in  
selected high-risk patients with residual TNBC after NAC

# How to integrate?

- Neoadjuvant therapy
  - Node Negative: AC-taxol
  - Node Positive: KN-522
  - Limited PS: Evaluate carbo
- Adjuvant therapy
  - PCR: Observation vs pembro if KN-522
  - no PCR:
    - Capecitabine
    - Pembro
    - Capecitabine + Pembro?
    - BRCA+
      - Olaparib
      - Olaparib + Pembro?

# What to Give in the Adjuvant Setting Now for High-Risk Early Breast Cancer?

In my opinion only, because we do not have all the data needed:

- **HR+ gBRCAwt**
  - Tamoxifen or AI ± ovarian suppression and **abemaciclib**
- **HR+ gBRCAm**
  - Tamoxifen or AI ± ovarian suppression and **olaparib**
  - Consider* starting ET + abemaciclib after olaparib completed?
- **TNBCg BRCAwt**
  - Capecitabine
    - **Continue the adjuvant immunotherapy**
- **TNBC gBRCAm**
  - **Olaparib** ± continued immunotherapy
- Waiting on SWOG 1418 to give more information on the benefit of adjuvant immunotherapy



# Take home messages

- Early resistance, early recurrence and death
- New therapies are improving outcomes, but better therapies are needed
- Immunotherapy is now part of the treatment of patients with TNBC
- Take advantage of heterogeneity/Biomarkers
- Early-stage patients: Majority need to be treated with NST
  - Target those with residual disease
  - De-escalation



**Gracias**