

How I treat metastatic esophageal and gastric cancer in 2023

Bassel F. El-Rayes, M.D.

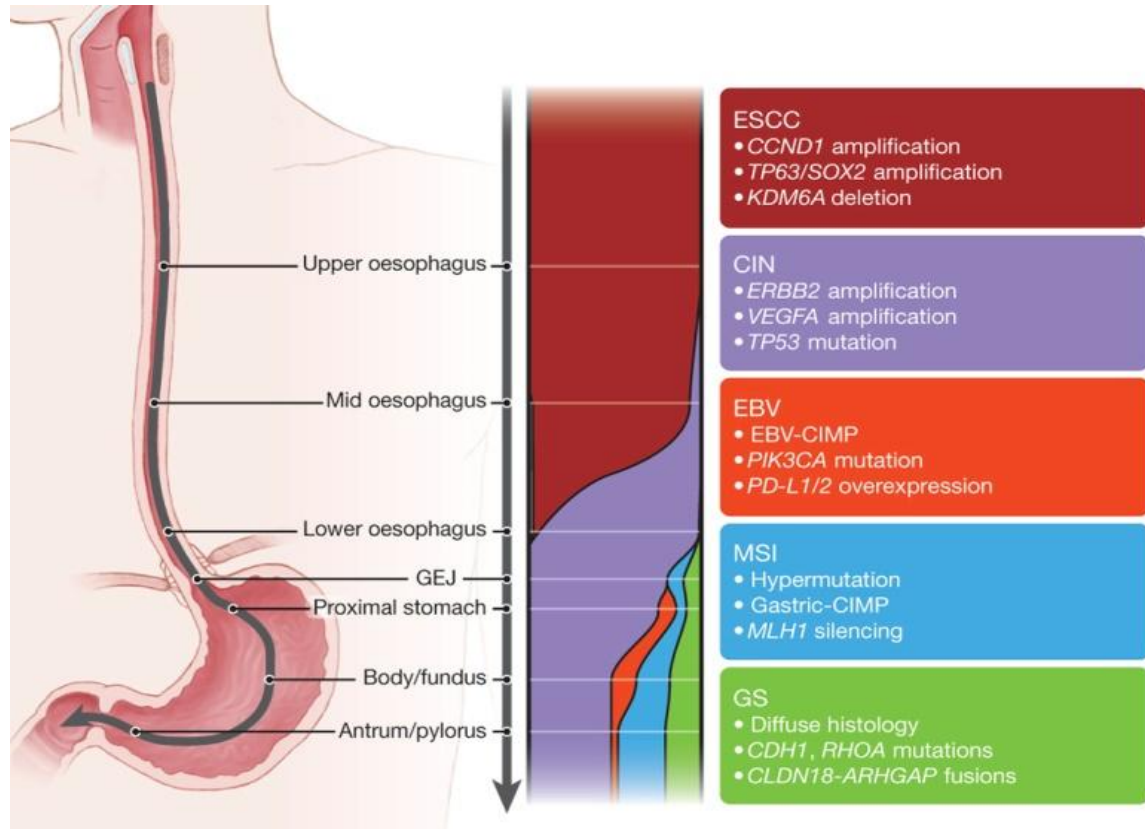
Albert F. LoBuglio Endowed Chair for Translational Cancer Research

Division Director, Hematology and Oncology

Deputy Director, O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center

Heersink School of Medicine, UAB

At Least 3 Distinct Diseases



- Gastric and gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma remains third cause of deaths globally.
- Median OS around 1 year for most part in western world
- Recent understanding of molecular and genetic variations

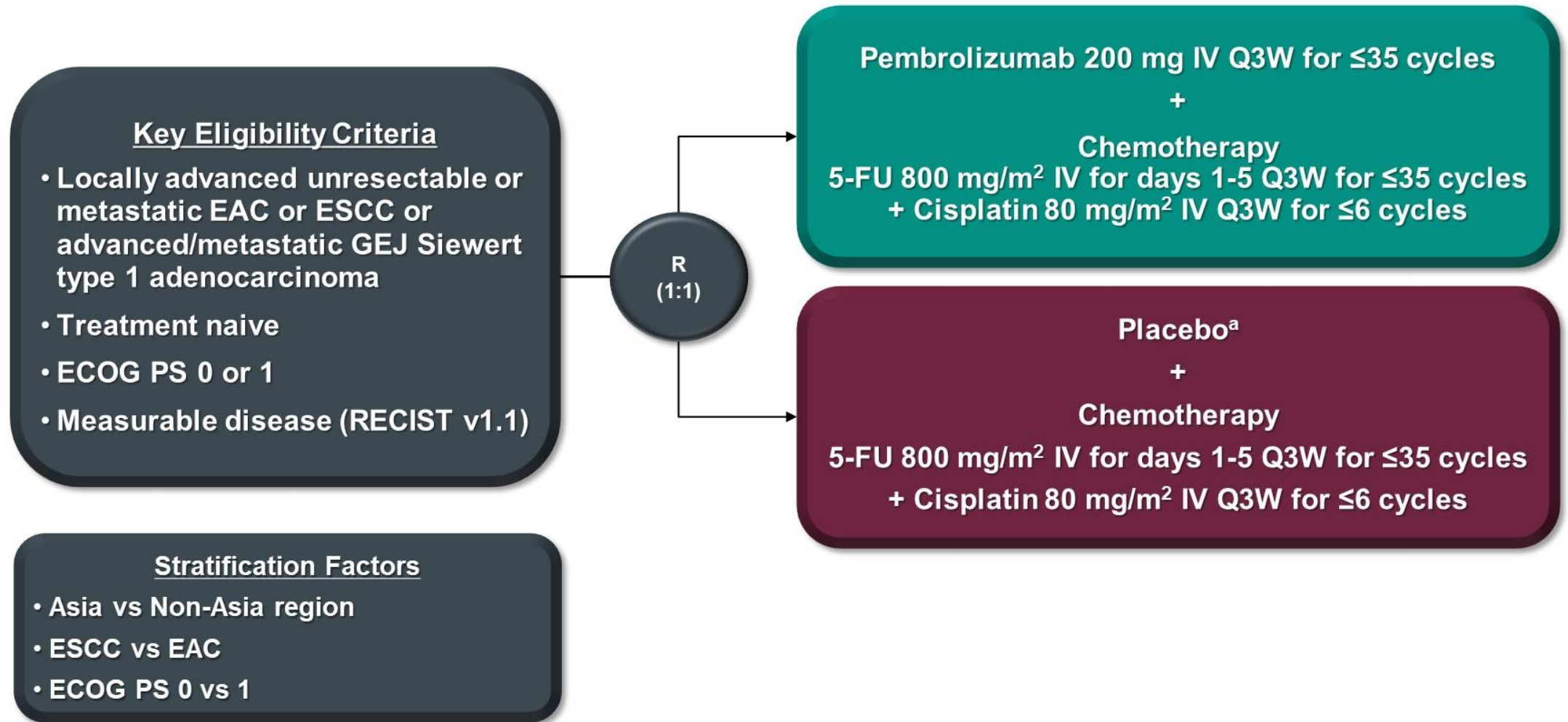
Metastatic Esophageal Cancer

First-line Pembrolizumab Plus Chemotherapy Versus Chemotherapy in Advanced Esophageal Cancer: Longer-term Efficacy, Safety, and Quality-of-life Results From the Phase 3 KEYNOTE-590 Study

Jean-Philippe Metges,¹ Ken Kato,² Jong-Mu Sun,³ Manish A. Shah,⁴ Peter Enzinger,⁵ Antoine Adenis,⁶ Toshihiko Doi,⁷ Takashi Kojima,⁷ Zhigang Li,⁸ Sung-Bae Kim,⁹ Byoung Chul Cho,¹⁰ Wasat Mansoor,¹¹ Shau-Hsuan Li,¹² Patrapim Sunpaweravong,¹³ Maria Alsina Maqueda,¹⁴ Gary L. Buchsacher, Jr,¹⁵ Wu Jimin,¹⁶ Sukrut Shah,¹⁶ Pooja Bhagia,¹⁶ Lin Shen¹⁷

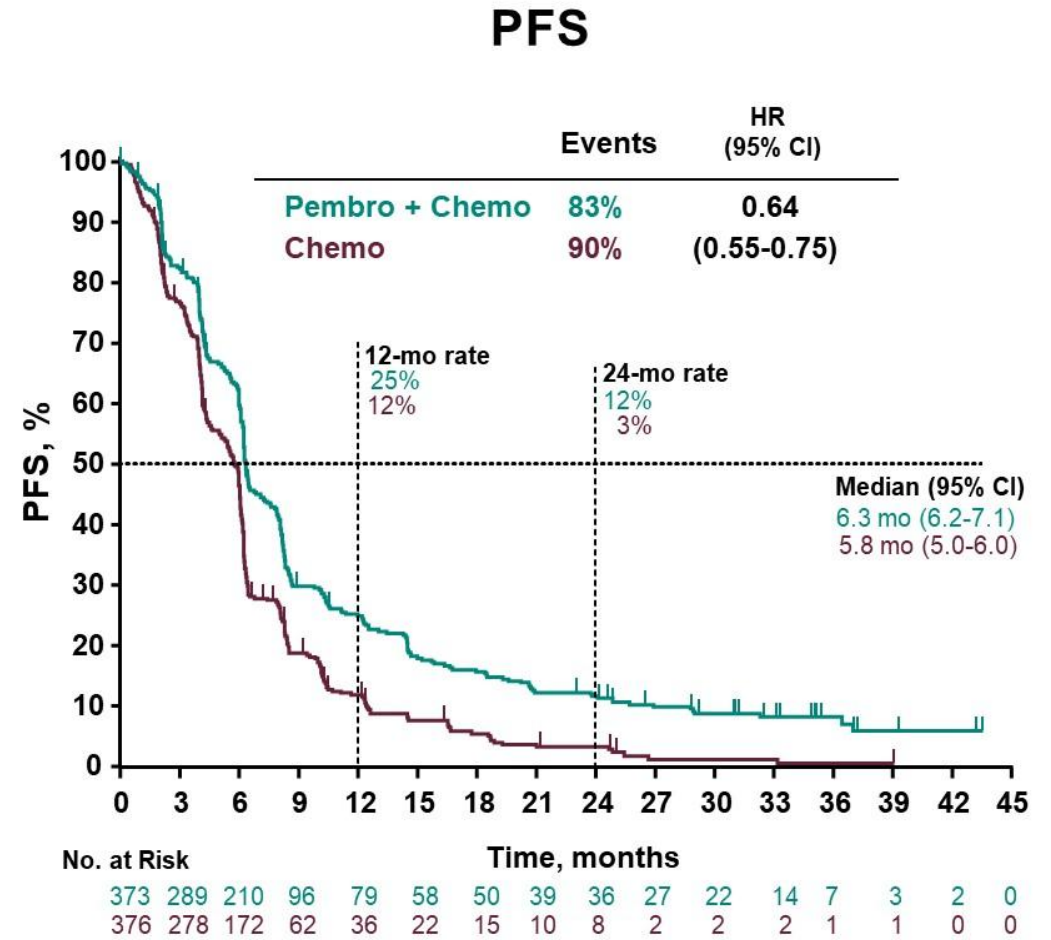
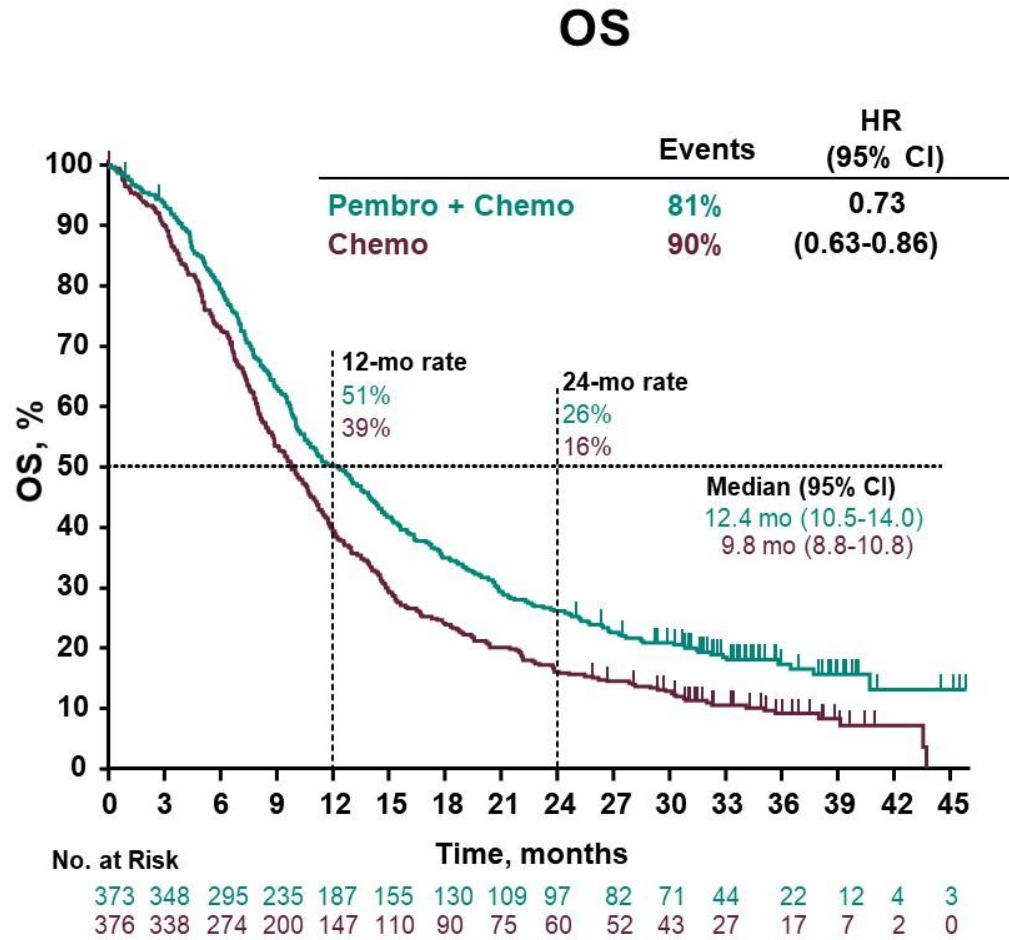
¹CHU Brest – Institut de Cancerologie et d’Hematologie ARPEGO Network, Brest, France; ²National Cancer Center Hospital, Tokyo, Japan; ³Samsung Medical Center, Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine, Seoul, Republic of Korea; ⁴Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY, USA; ⁵Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA, USA; ⁶IRCM, Inserm, Université Montpellier, ICM, Montpellier, France; ⁷National Cancer Center Hospital East, Kashiwa, Japan; ⁸Shanghai Chest Hospital Esophageal Disease Center, Shanghai, China; ⁹Asan Medical Center, University of Ulsan College of Medicine, Seoul, Republic of Korea; ¹⁰Severance Hospital, Yonsei University Health System, Seoul, Republic of Korea; ¹¹Christie Hospital NHS Trust, Manchester, United Kingdom; ¹²Kaohsiung Chang Gung Memorial Hospital and Chang Gung University College of Medicine, Kaohsiung, Taiwan; ¹³Prince of Songkla University Hospital, Songkhla, Thailand; ¹⁴Vall d’Hebron Institute of Oncology, Barcelona, Spain; ¹⁵Kaiser Permanente Southern California, Los Angeles Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, USA; ¹⁶Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, NJ, USA; ¹⁷Peking University Cancer Hospital & Institute; Beijing, China

KEYNOTE-590 Study Design (NCT03189719)



^aSaline 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; GEJ, gastroesophageal junction, ESCC, esophageal squamous cell carcinoma; Data cutoff: July 9, 2021.

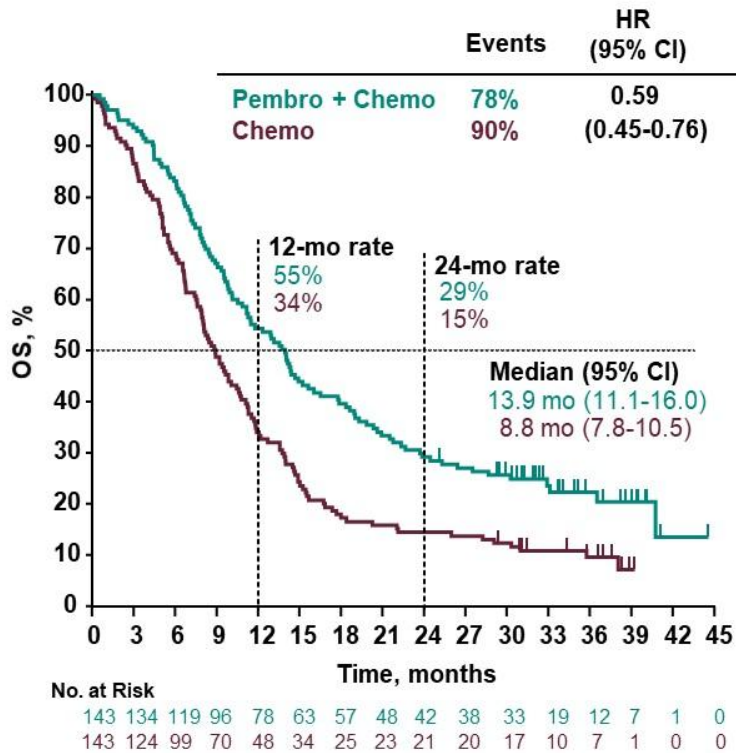
Survival: All Patients



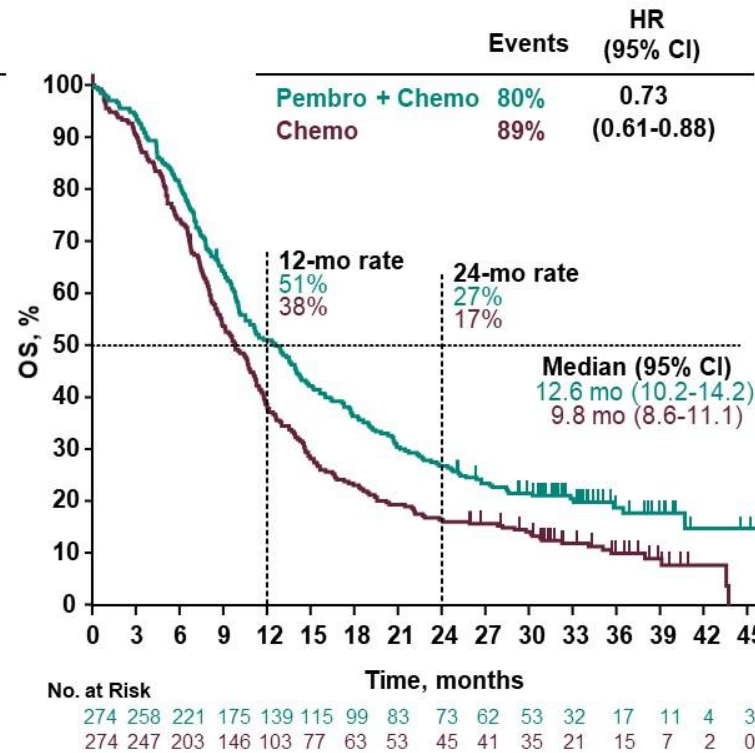
Data cut-off: July 9, 2021.

OS: Pre-specified Subgroups

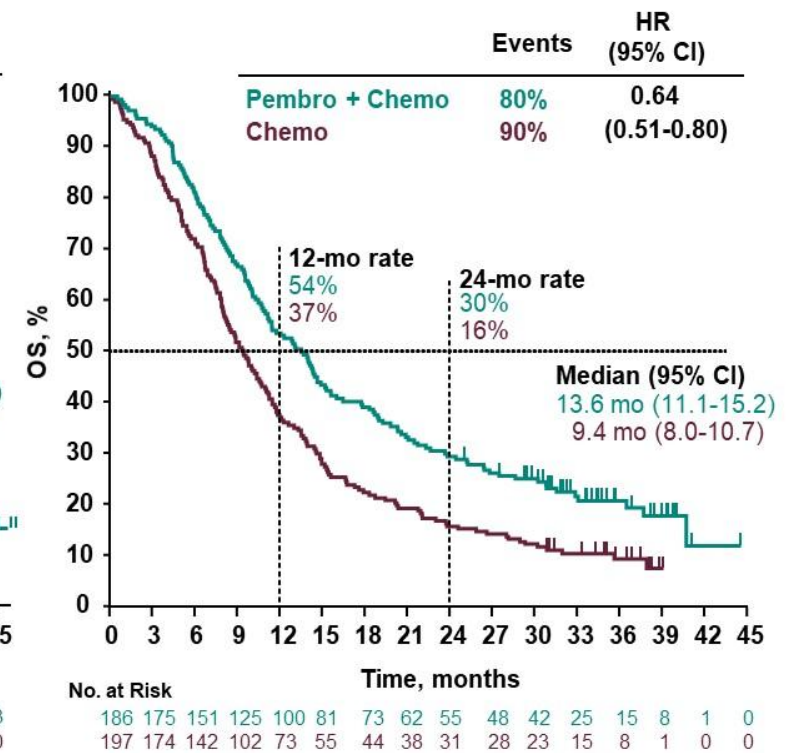
ESCC PD-L1 CPS ≥10



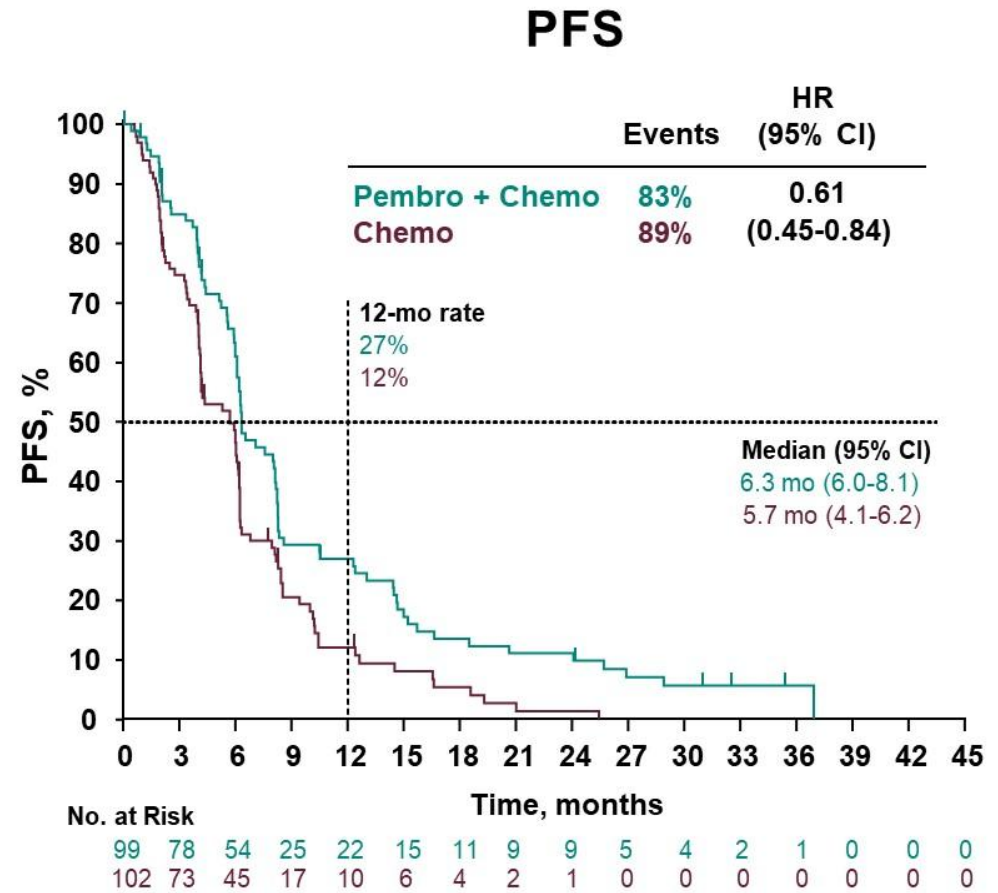
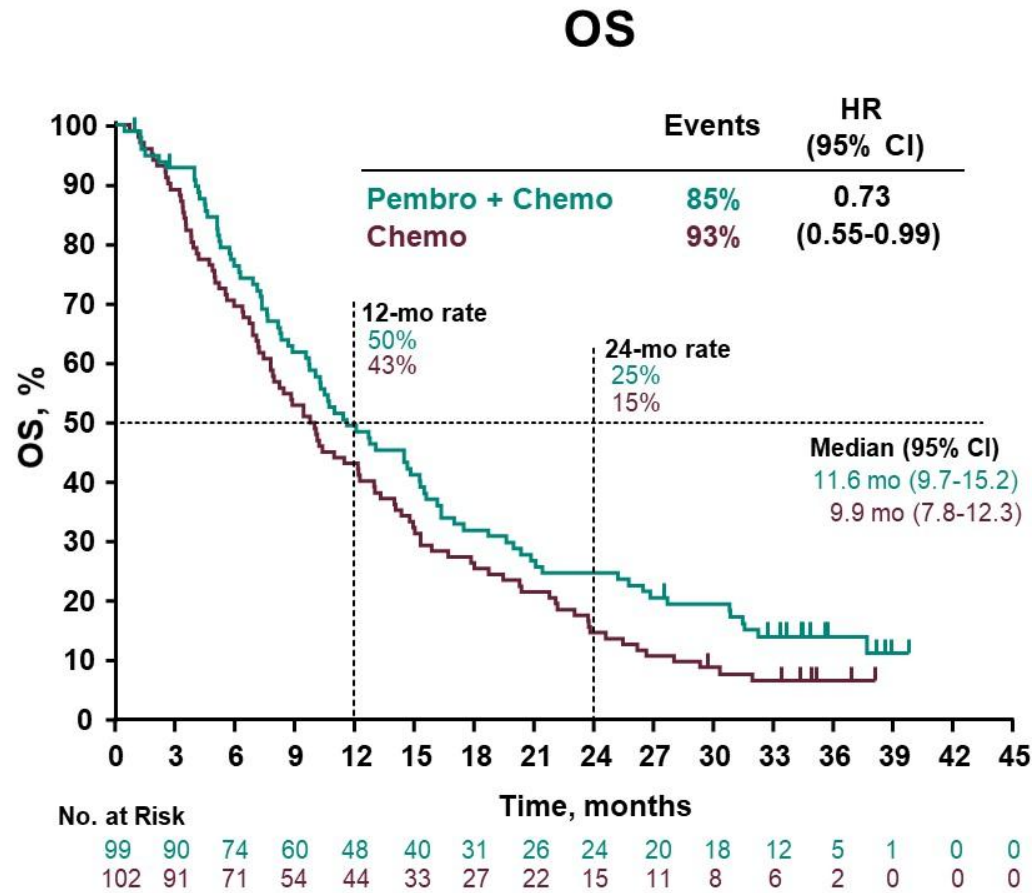
ESCC



PD-L1 CPS ≥10



Survival: Adenocarcinoma



Data cut-off: July 9, 2021.

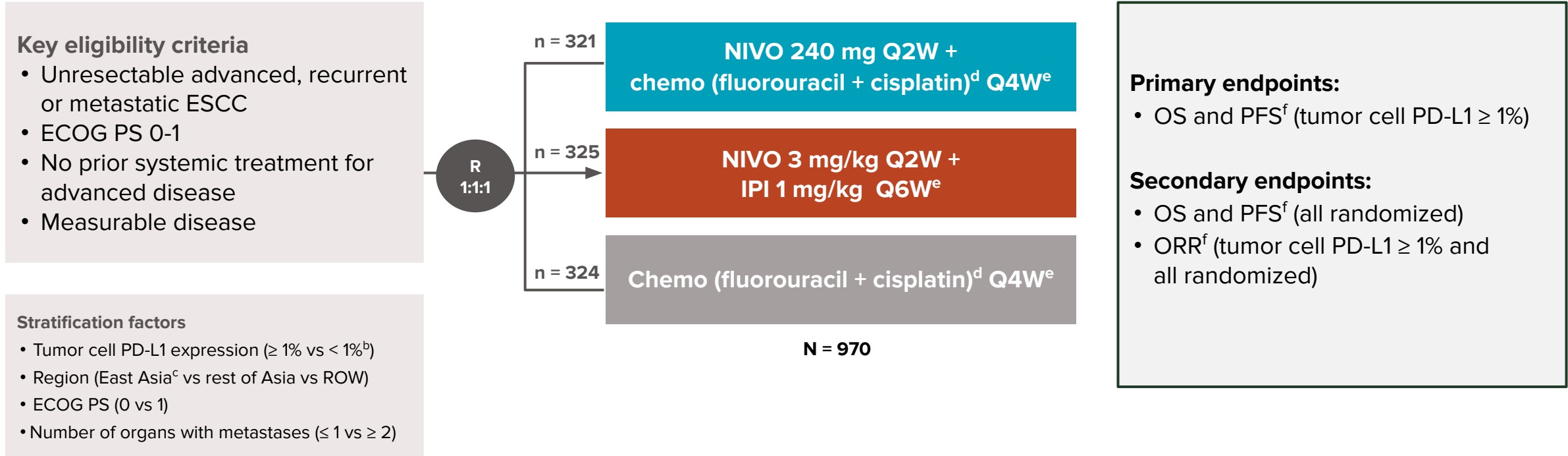
Nivolumab plus ipilimumab or nivolumab plus chemotherapy versus chemotherapy as first-line treatment for advanced esophageal **squamous cell carcinoma**: first results of the CheckMate 648 study

Ian Chau,¹ Yuichiro Doki,² Jaffer A. Ajani,³ Jianming Xu,⁴ Lucjan Wyrwicz,⁵ Satoru Motoyama,⁶ Takashi Ogata,⁷ Hisato Kawakami,⁸ Chih-Hung Hsu,⁹ Antoine Adenis,¹⁰ Farid el Hajbi,¹¹ Maria Di Bartolomeo,¹² Maria Ignez Braghiroli,¹³ Eva Holtved,¹⁴ Ioannis Xynos,¹⁵ Xuan Liu,¹⁵ Ming Lei,¹⁵ Kaoru Kondo,¹⁵ Ken Kato,¹⁶ Yuko Kitagawa¹⁷

- ¹Royal Marsden Hospital, London & Surrey, UK; ²Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka, Japan; ³The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; ⁴Affiliated Hospital Cancer Center, Academy of Military Medical Sciences, Beijing, China; ⁵Klinika Onkologii i Radioterapii, Narodowy Instytut Onkologii, Warszawa, Poland; ⁶Akita University Hospital, Akita, Japan; ⁷Kanagawa Cancer Center, Kanagawa, Japan; ⁸Kindai University Faculty of Medicine, Osakasayama, Japan; ⁹National Taiwan University Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan; ¹⁰Institut du Cancer de Montpellier, Montpellier, France; ¹¹Centre Oscar Lambret, Lille, France; ¹²Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori, Milan, Italy; ¹³Institute of Cancer of São Paulo, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil; ¹⁴Odense University Hospital, Odense, Denmark; ¹⁵Bristol Myers Squibb, Princeton, NJ; ¹⁶National Cancer Center Hospital, Tokyo, Japan; ¹⁷Keio University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan

CheckMate 648 study design

- CheckMate 648 is a global, randomized, open-label phase 3 study^a

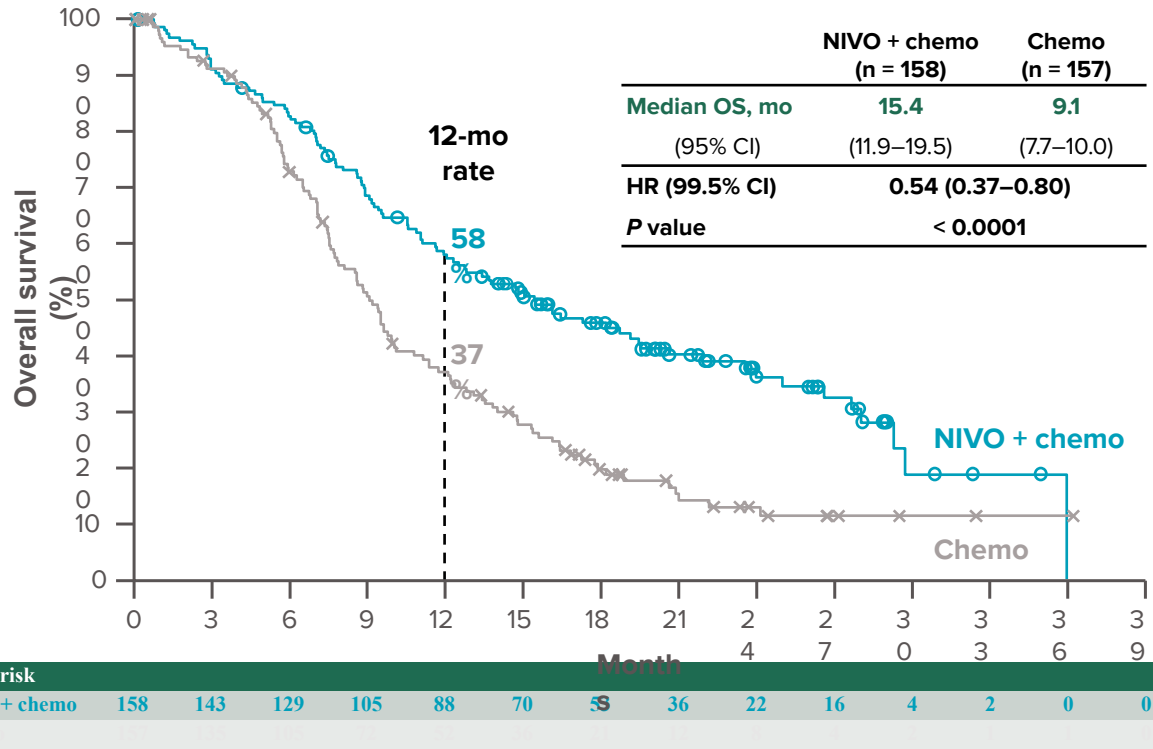


- At data cutoff (January 18, 2021), the minimum follow-up was 12.9 months^g

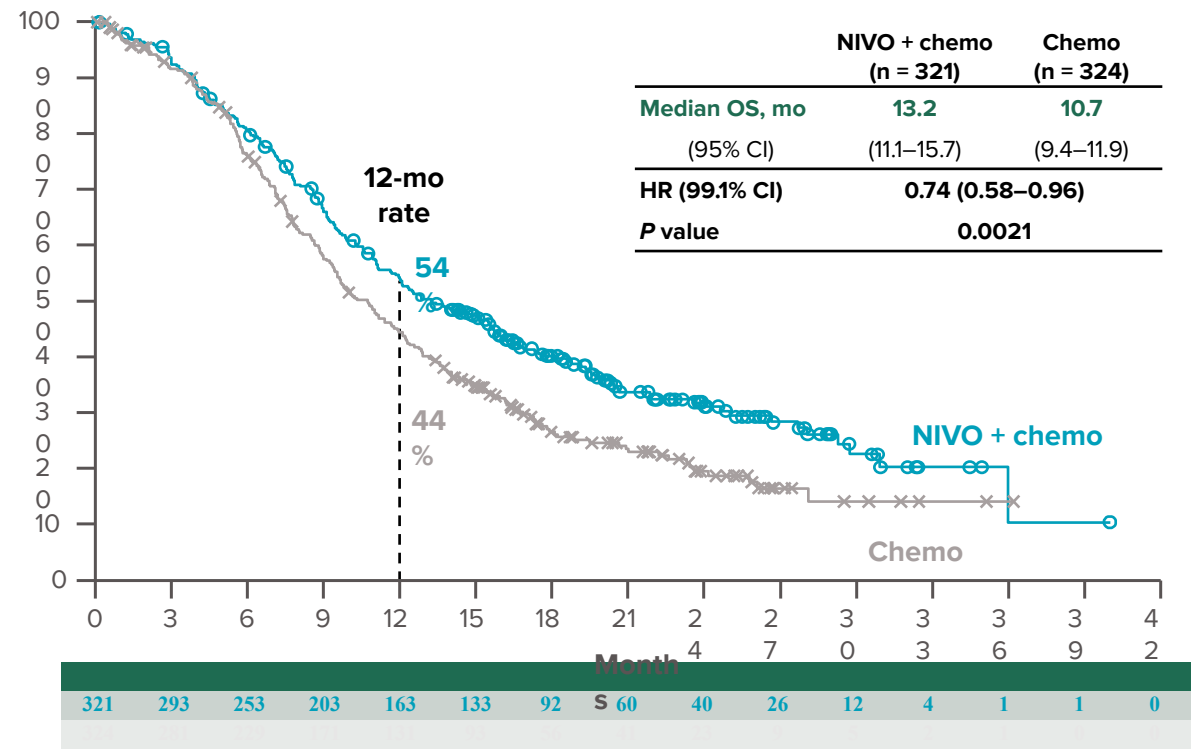
^aClinicalTrials.gov. NCT03143153; ^b< 1% includes indeterminate tumor cell PD-L1 expression; determined by PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay (Dako); ^cEast Asia includes patients from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan; ^dFluorouracil 800 mg/m² IV daily (days 1-5) and cisplatin 80 mg/m² IV (day 1); ^eUntil documented disease progression (unless consented to treatment beyond progression for NIVO + IPI or NIVO + chemo), discontinuation due to toxicity, withdrawal of consent, or study end. NIVO is given alone or in combination with IPI for a maximum of 2 years; ^fPer blinded independent central review (BICR); ^gTime from last patient randomized to clinical data cutoff.

Overall survival: NIVO + chemo vs chemo

Primary endpoint (tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1%)^a



All randomized^a

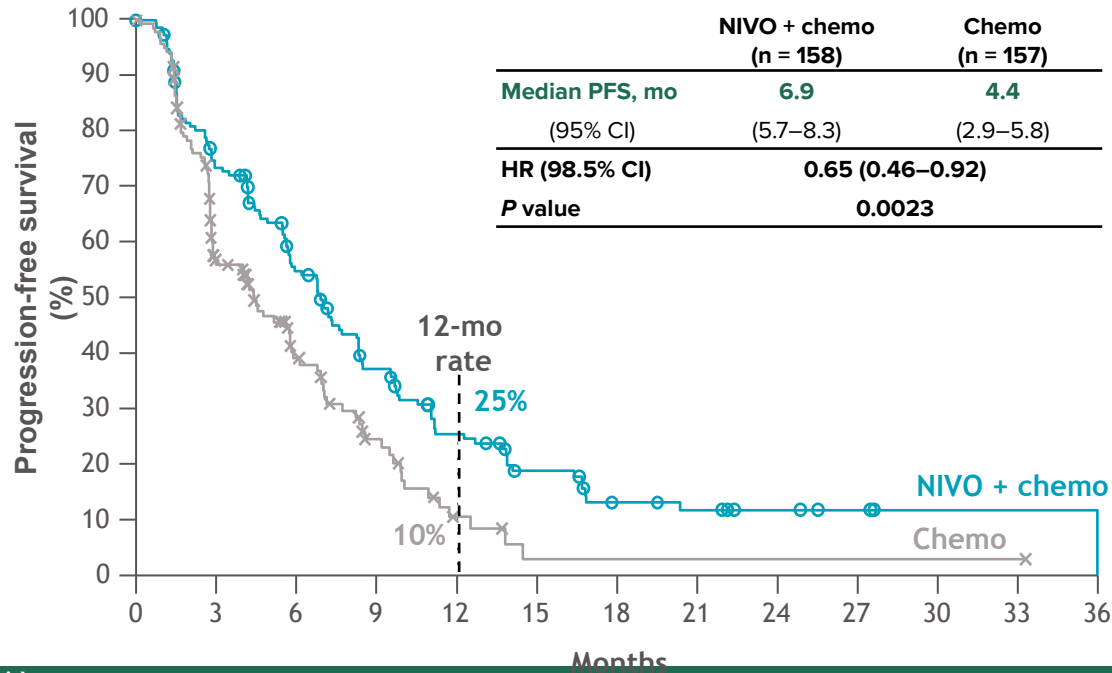


- Superior OS with NIVO + chemo vs chemo in tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1% and all randomized populations
 - Tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1%: 46% reduction in the risk of death and a 6.3-month improvement in median OS
 - All randomized: 26% reduction in the risk of death and a 2.5-month improvement in median OS

^aMinimum follow-up 12.9 months.

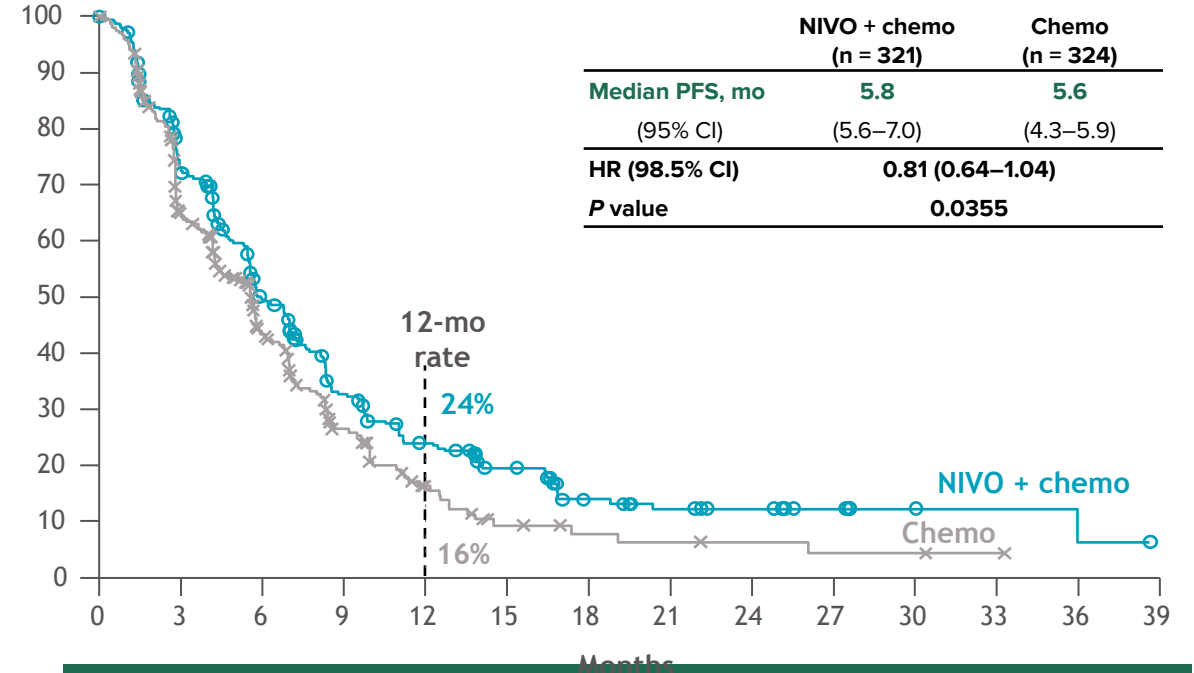
PFS: NIVO + chemo vs chemo

Primary endpoint (tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1%; per BICR)^a



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
NIVO + chemo	158	107	75	47	29	18	10	8	5	3	1	1	0

All randomized (per BICR)^a



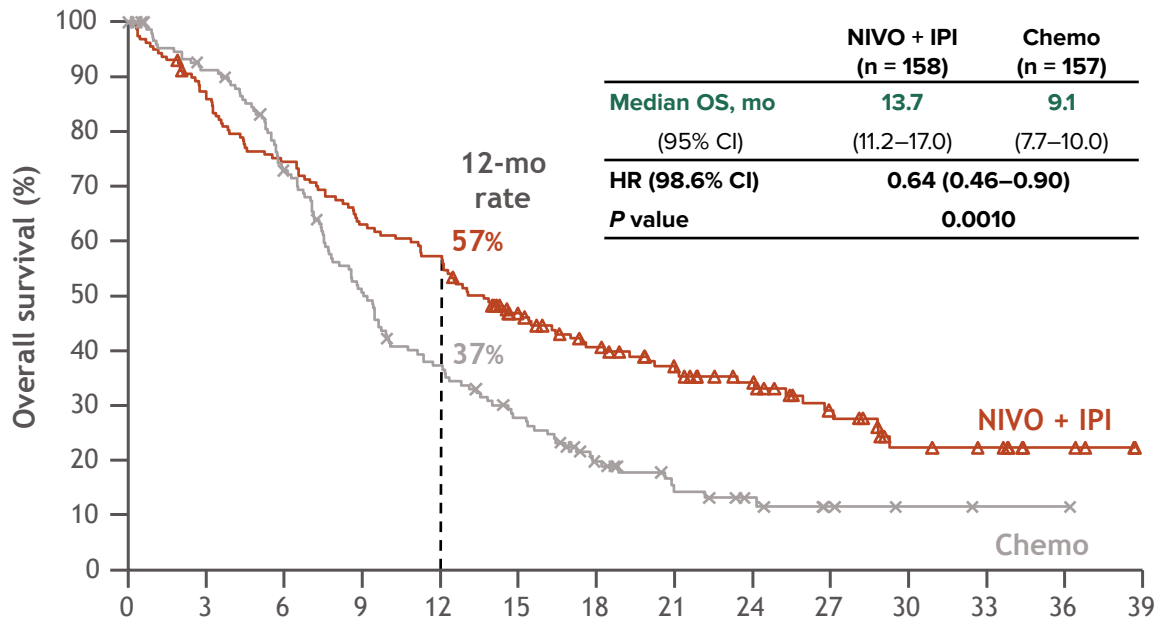
No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
NIVO + chemo	321	216	136	81	53	35	18	13	10	6	3	2	1	0

- Primary endpoint of PFS per BICR met in patients with tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1%
- Prespecified significance boundary for PFS per BICR not met in all randomized patients
- Improved PFS per INV^b with HR of 0.53 (95% CI, 0.41-0.69) in tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1% and 0.69 (95% CI, 0.58-0.83) in all randomized populations

^aMinimum follow-up 12.9 months; ^bExploratory analysis.

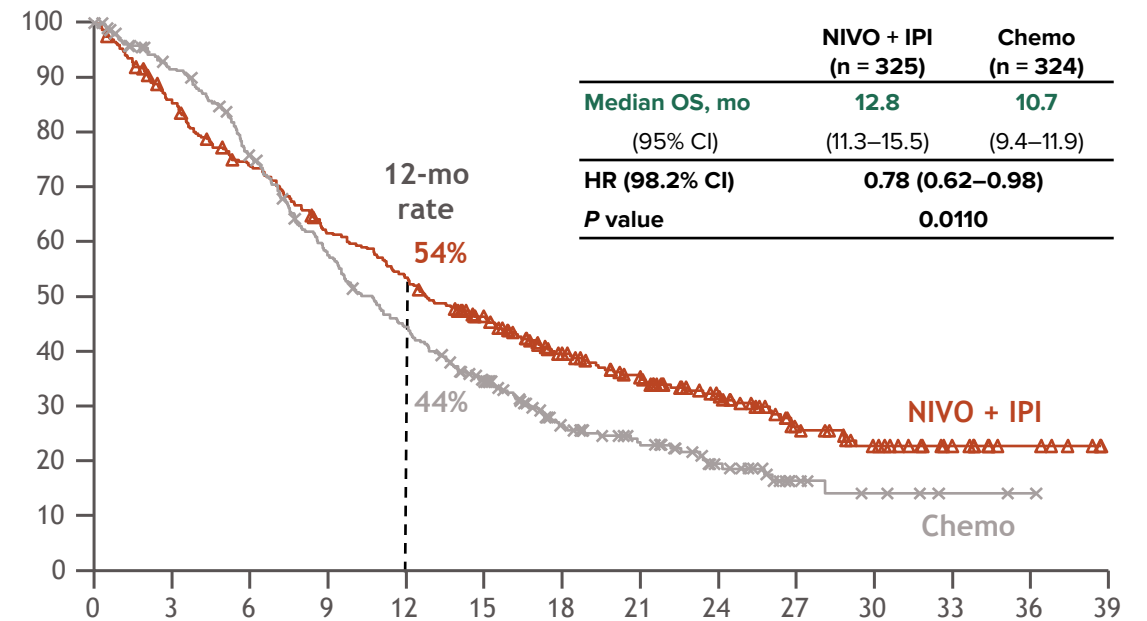
Overall survival: NIVO + IPI vs chemo

Primary endpoint (tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1%)^a



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
NIVO + IPI	158	136	116	98	89	63	50	40	31	20	11	9	4	0

All randomized^a



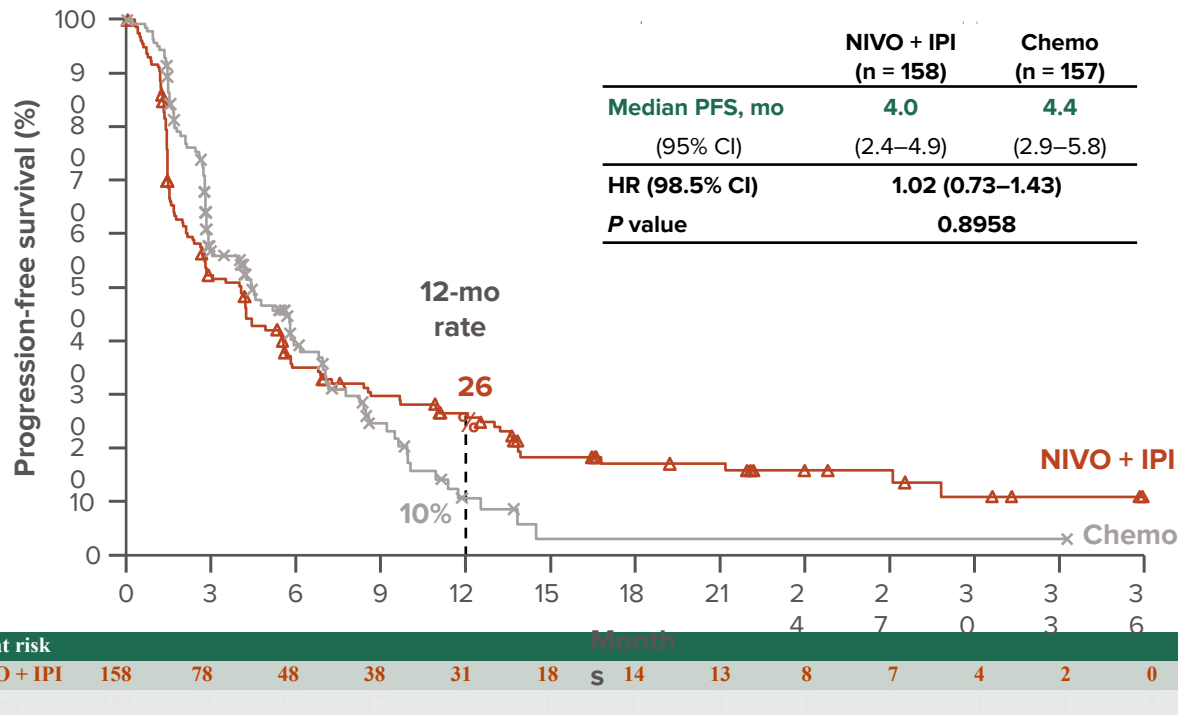
No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
NIVO + IPI	325	274	232	191	166	129	97	77	55	33	22	12	6	0

- Superior OS with NIVO + IPI vs chemo in tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1% and all randomized populations
 - Tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1%: 36% reduction in the risk of death and a 4.6-month improvement in median OS
 - All randomized: 22% reduction in the risk of death and a 2.1-month improvement in median OS

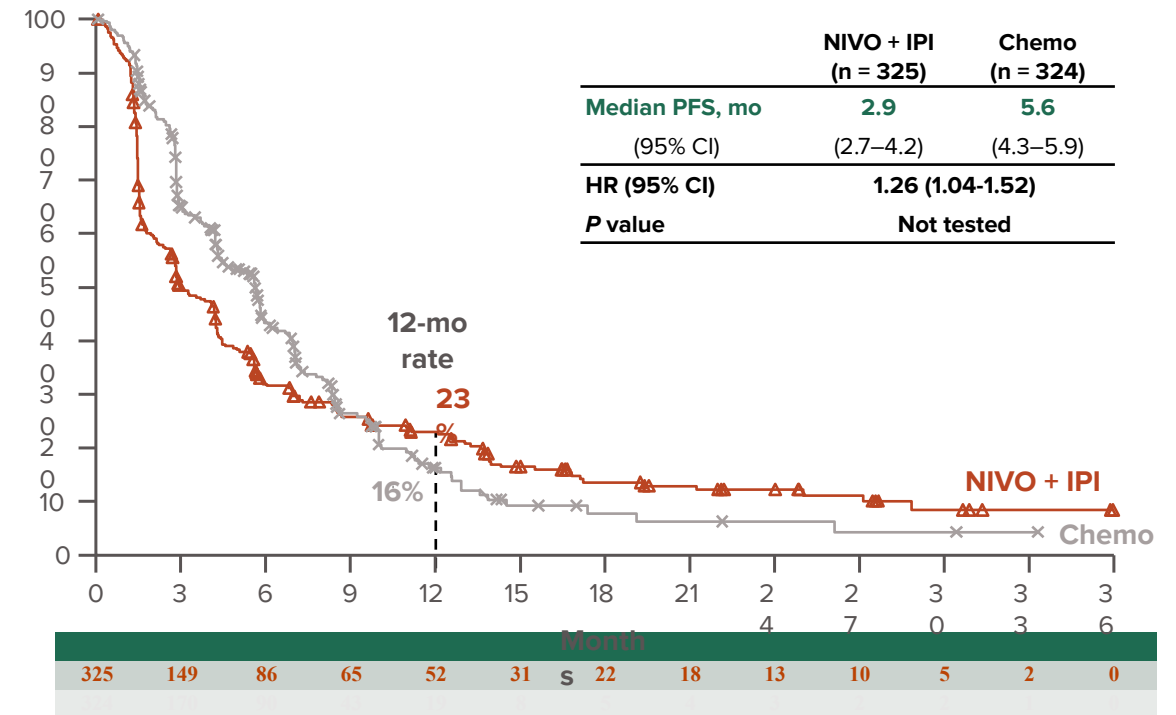
^aMinimum follow-up 12.9 months.

Progression-free survival: NIVO + IPI vs chemo

Primary endpoint (tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1%; per BICR)^a



All randomized (per BICR)^a



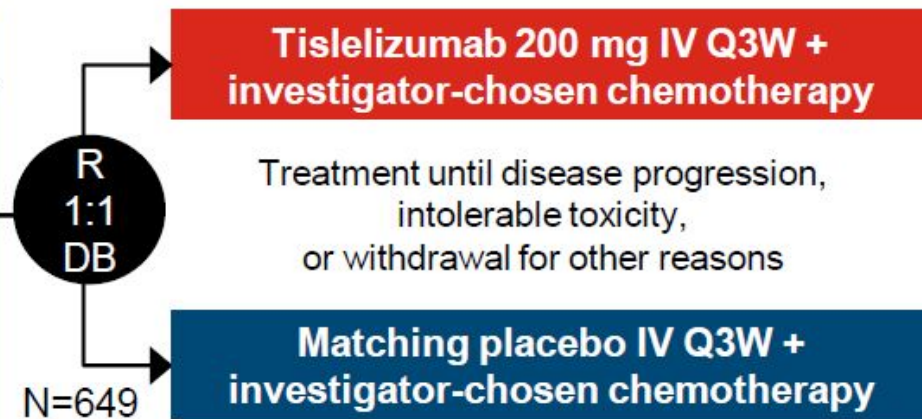
- Primary endpoint of PFS per BICR not met in patients with tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1%
- PFS per BICR not hierarchically tested in all randomized patients
- Directionally improved PFS per INV^b with HR of 0.83 (95% CI, 0.64–1.07) in tumor cell PD-L1 ≥ 1% and 1.01 (95% CI, 0.85-1.21) in all randomized populations

^aMinimum follow-up 12.9 months; ^bExploratory analysis.

First-line: RATIONALE 306

Key eligibility criteria

- Unresectable locally advanced or metastatic ESCC
- No prior systemic treatment for advanced disease
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Measurable or evaluable disease per RECIST v1.1



Investigator-chosen chemotherapy:

- **Option A: Platinum + fluoropyrimidine**
Cisplatin or oxaliplatin* + fluoropyrimidine†
- **Option B: Platinum + paclitaxel**
Cisplatin or oxaliplatin* + paclitaxel‡

Stratification factors

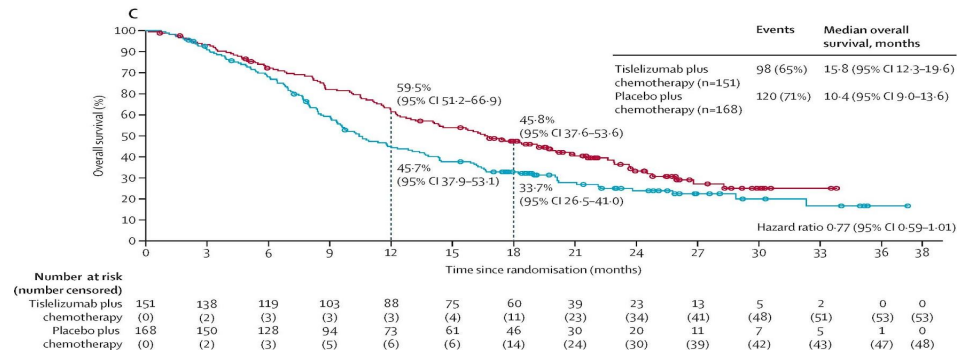
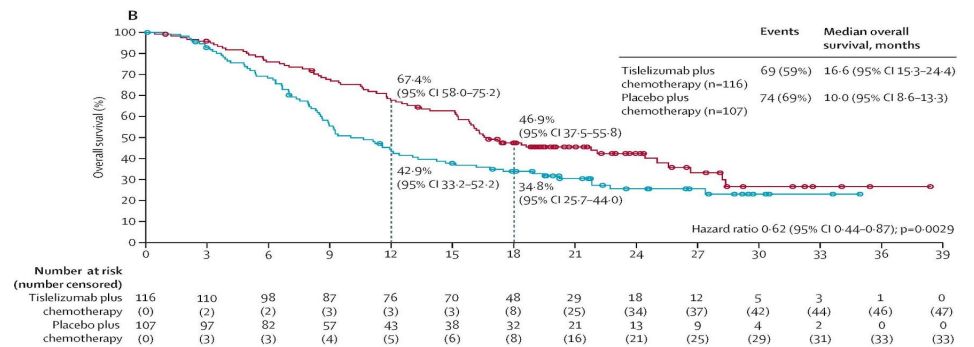
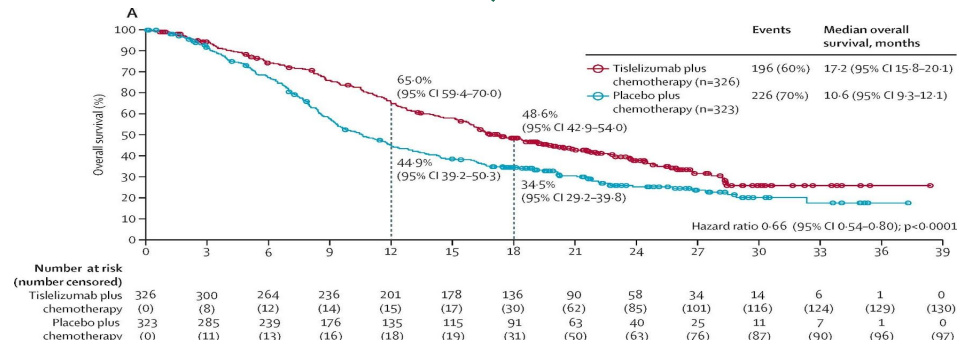
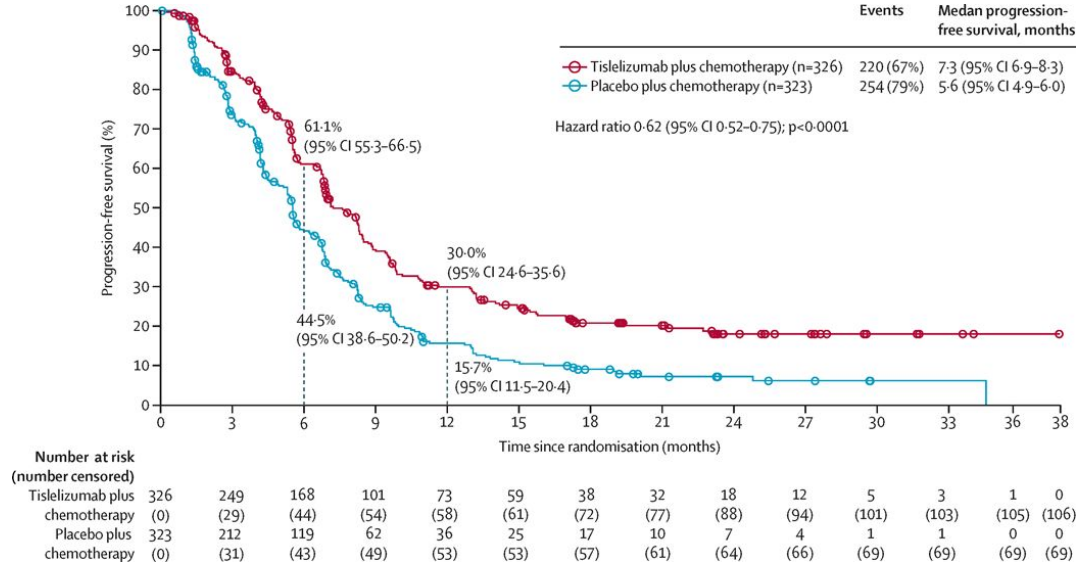
- Geographic region (Asia [excluding Japan] vs Japan vs Rest of World)
- Prior definitive therapy (yes vs no)
- Investigator-chosen chemotherapy (platinum/fluoropyrimidine vs platinum/paclitaxel)

Endpoints

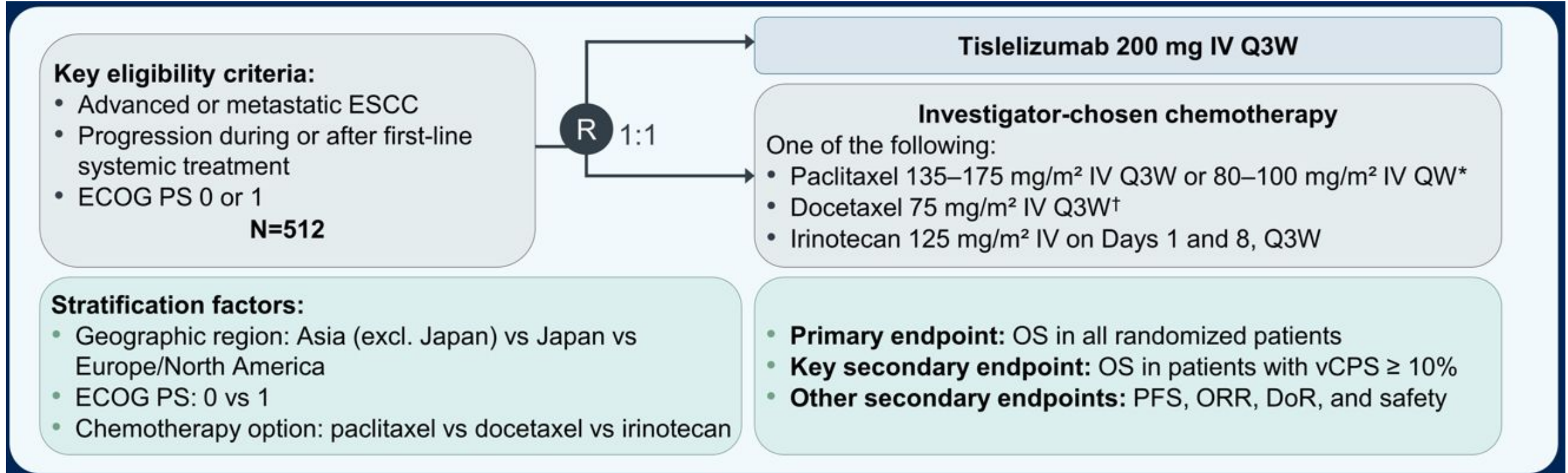
- **Primary endpoint:** OS in all randomized patients (ITT population)
- **Secondary endpoints:** PFS, ORR and DoR by investigator, OS in the PD-L1 score $\geq 10\%$ subgroup[§], HRQoL, and safety

		Tislelizumab + chemotherapy (n=326)	Placebo + chemotherapy (n=323)
Baseline characteristics			
Disease status at baseline, n (%)	Metastatic	279 (85.6)	282 (87.3)
	Locally advanced	47 (14.4)	41 (12.7)
Prior definitive therapy, n (%)	Definitive surgery [§]	107 (32.8)	107 (33.1)
	Definitive RT [§]	40 (12.3)	40 (12.4)
Centrally-assessed PD-L1 status[¶], n (%)	PD-L1 score ≥ 10%	123 (37.7)	113 (35.0)
	PD-L1 score < 10%	165 (50.6)	176 (54.5)
	Unknown	38 (11.7)	34 (10.5)
Treatment			
Median duration of tislelizumab / placebo treatment, month (range)		6.4 (0.1–38.3)	4.9 (0.6–34.9)
Investigator-chosen chemotherapy options, n (%)	Platinum + fluoropyrimidine	147 (45.1)	146 (45.2)
	Platinum + paclitaxel	179 (54.9)	177 (54.8)
Post-treatment systemic therapies, n (%)	Systemic therapy	157 (48.2)	177 (54.8)
	Immunotherapy	46 (14.1)	72 (22.3)

PFS and Overall Survival (PDL1-TAP Score)

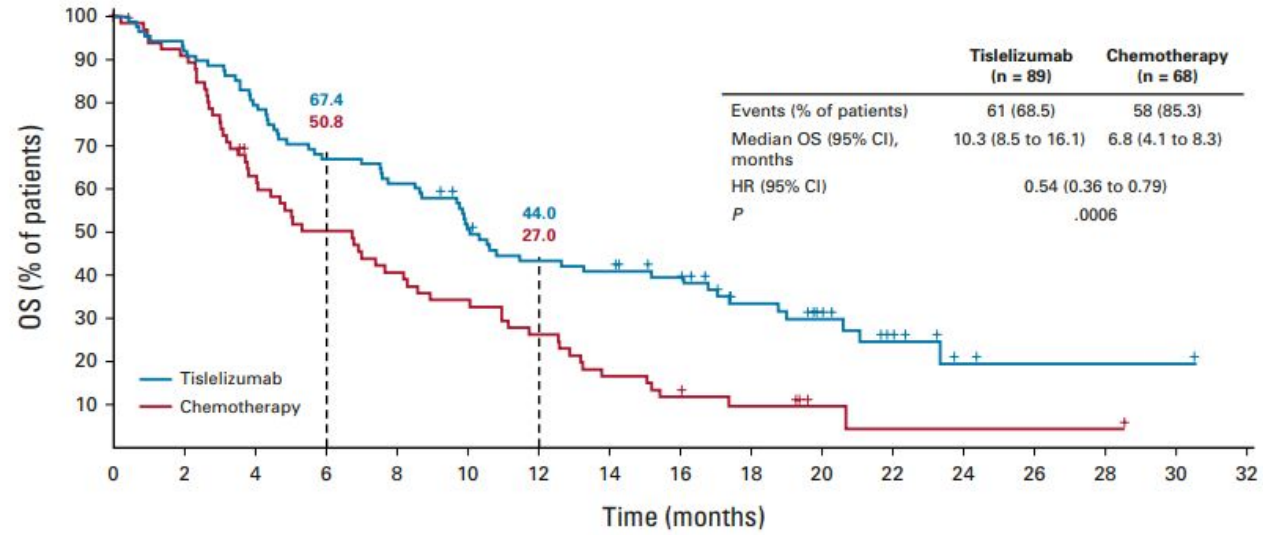


Second-Line: RATIONALE 302



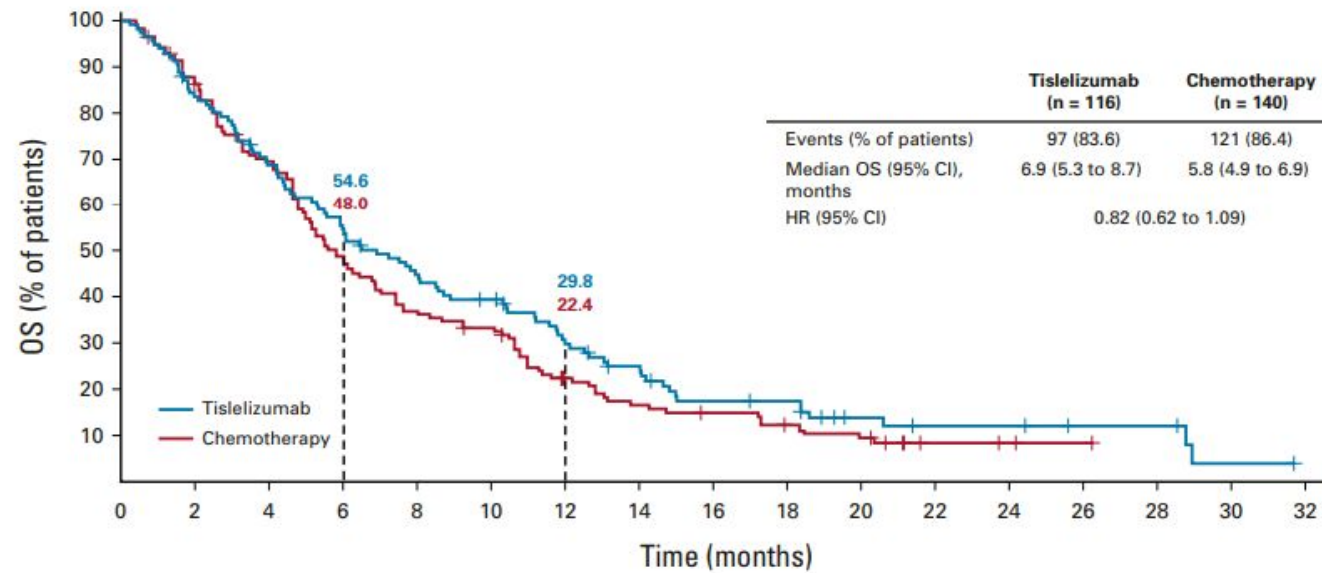
PDL1 TAP \geq 10%

B



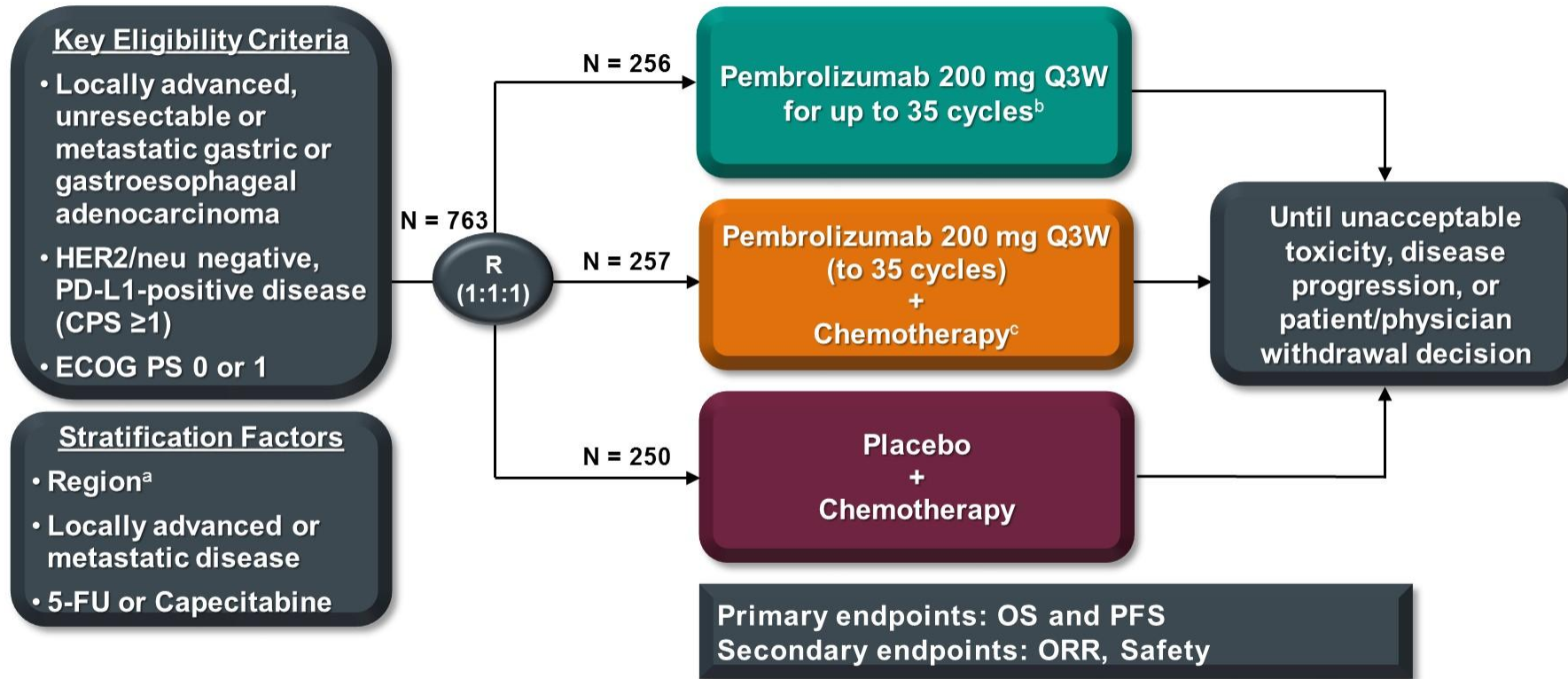
PDL1 TAP < 10%

C



Metastatic Gastric/ GEJ Cancer

KEYNOTE-062 Study Design (NCT02494583)

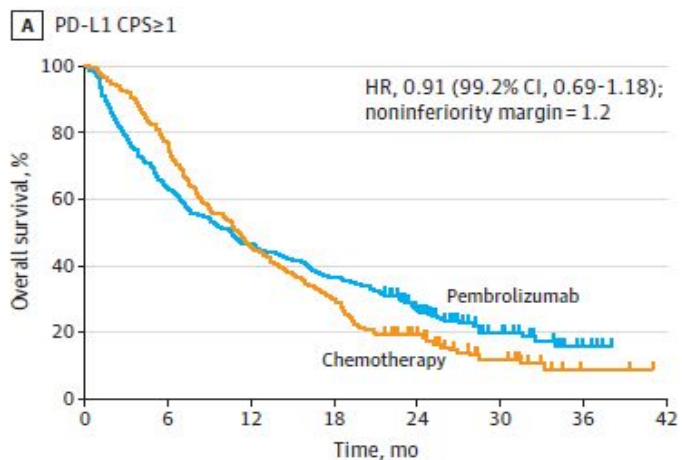


^aEU/North America/Australia, Asia (South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan), Rest of World (including South America).

^bAdministration of pembrolizumab monotherapy was not blinded.

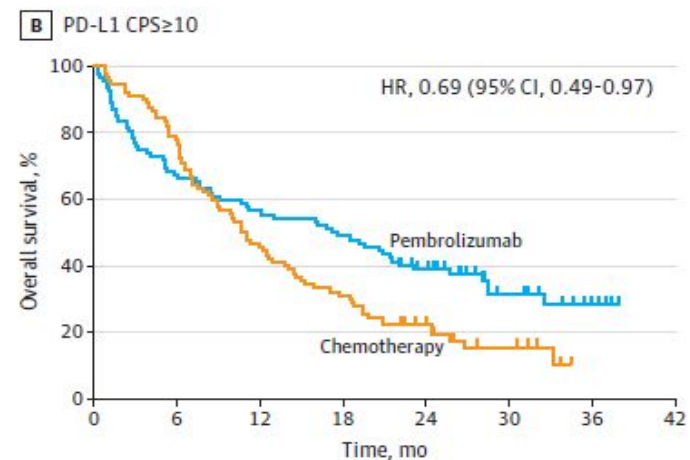
^cChemotherapy: Cisplatin 80 mg/m² Q3W + 5-FU 800 mg/m²/d for 5 days Q3W or capecitabine BID d1-14 Q3W (Cisplatin may be capped at 6 cycles as per country guidelines).

KN-62

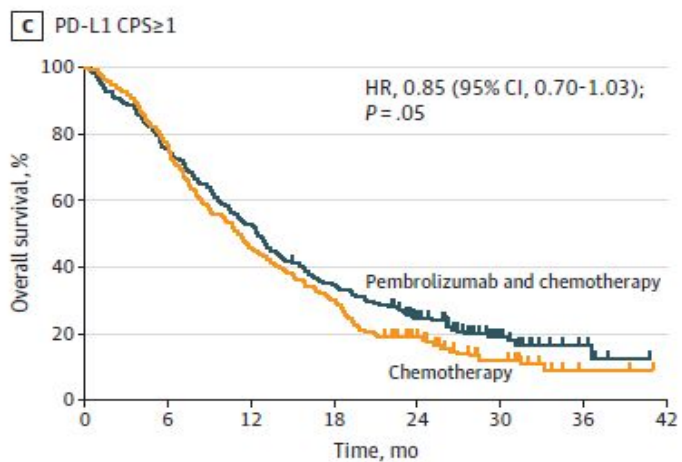


no. at risk (No. censored)

Pembrolizumab	256 (0)	162 (0)	120 (0)	94 (0)	59 (0)	23 (25)	4 (44)	0 (55)
Chemotherapy	250 (0)	192 (0)	114 (0)	75 (0)	38 (0)	15 (18)	2 (29)	0 (32)

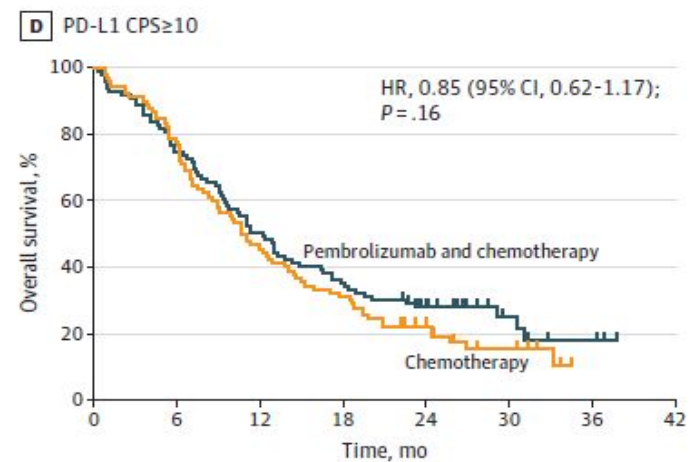


92 (0)	62 (0)	52 (0)	45 (0)	32 (0)	13 (13)	4 (22)	0 (31)
90 (0)	70 (0)	42 (0)	28 (0)	16 (0)	7 (8)	0 (13)	0 (15)



no. at risk (No. censored)

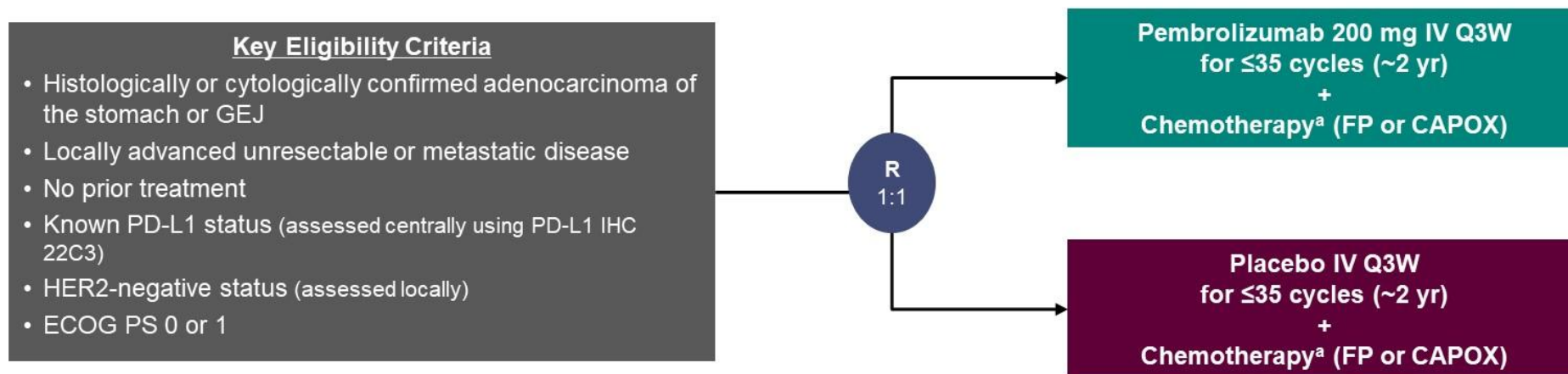
Pembrolizumab and chemotherapy	257 (0)	194 (0)	136 (0)	88 (0)	52 (0)	17 (23)	5 (44)	0 (50)
Chemotherapy	250 (0)	192 (0)	114 (0)	75 (0)	38 (0)	15 (18)	2 (29)	0 (32)



99 (0)	74 (0)	50 (0)	35 (0)	21 (0)	7 (16)	3 (21)	0 (24)
90 (0)	70 (0)	42 (0)	28 (0)	16 (0)	7 (8)	0 (15)	0 (15)

KEYNOTE-859 Study Design

Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Trial



Stratification Factors

- Geographic region (Europe/Israel/North America/Australia vs Asia vs rest of world)
- PD-L1 CPS (<1 vs ≥1)
- Choice of chemotherapy^a (FP vs CAPOX)

• **Primary End Point:** OS

• **Secondary End Points:** PFS,^b ORR,^b DOR,^b and safety

• **Alpha-controlled analyses:** OS, PFS, an ORR in the overall, PD-L1 CPS ≥1, and PD-L1 CPS ≥10 populations

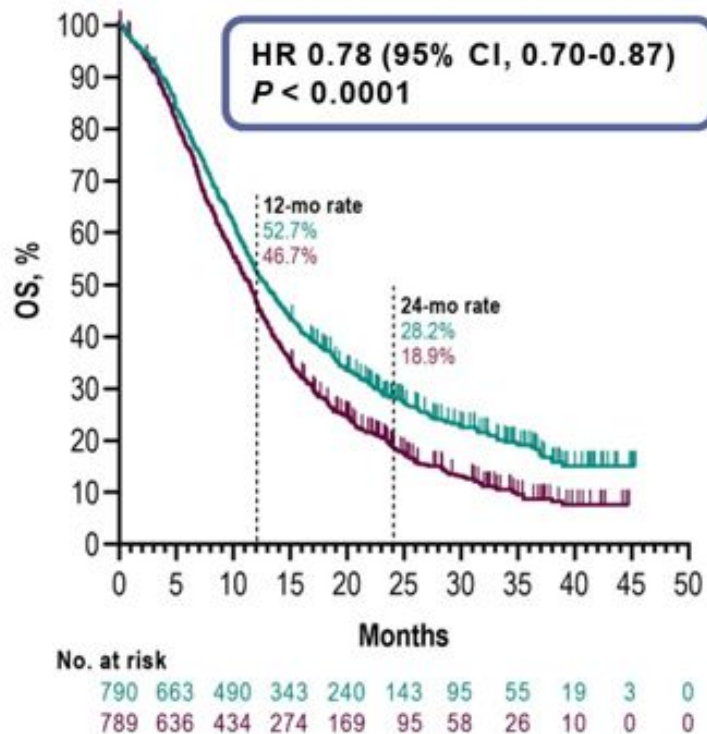
^a FP: 5-fluorouracil 800 mg/m²/day IV continuous on days 1-5 Q3W + cisplatin 80 mg/m² IV Q3W. CAPOX: capecitabine 1000 mg/m² orally twice daily on days 1-14 Q3W + oxaliplatin 130 mg/m² IV Q3W. Cisplatin and oxaliplatin have been limited to 6 cycles as per local country guidelines.

^b Assessed per RECIST v1.1 by blinded, independent central review.

ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT03675737.

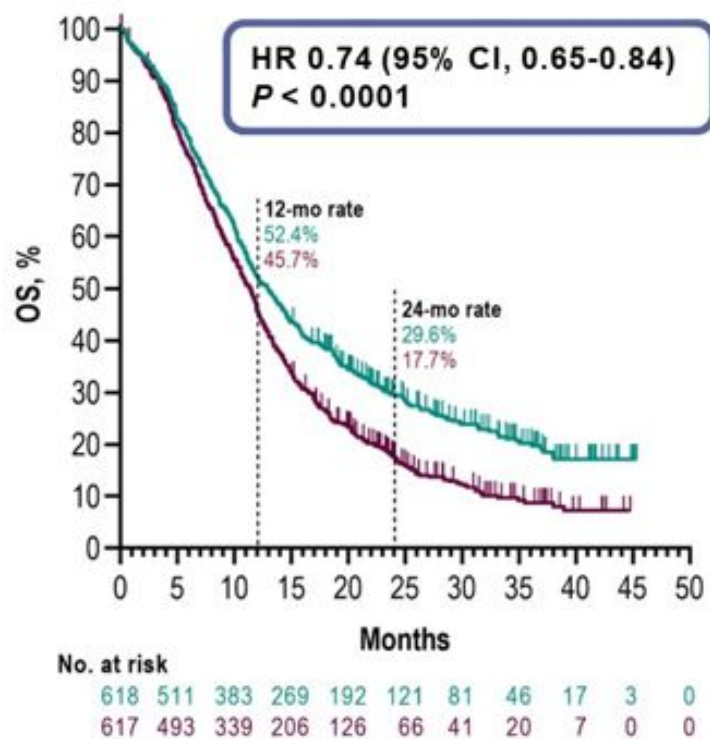
Overall¹

	Pts w/ Event	Median (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	76.3%	12.9 (11.9-14.0)
Placebo + chemo	84.4%	11.5 (10.6-12.1)



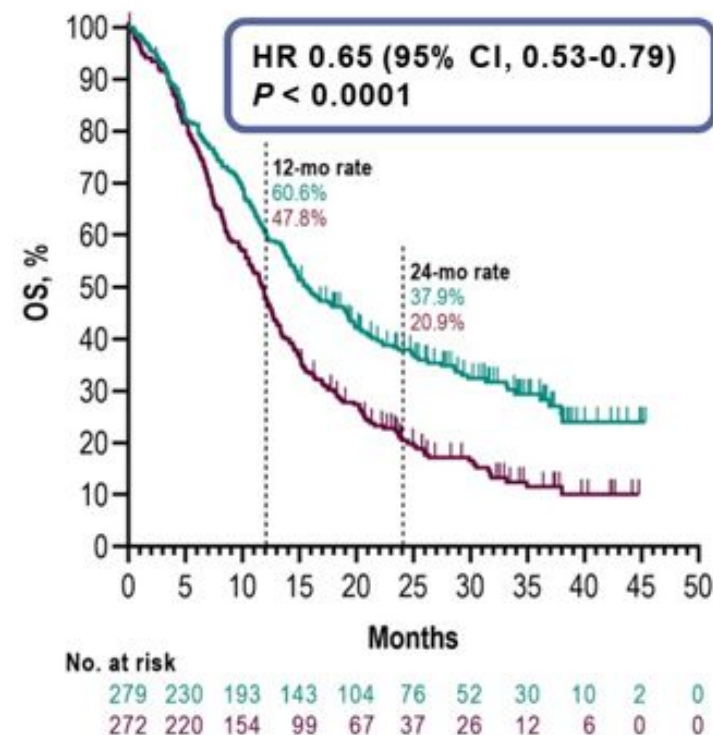
PD-L1 CPS ≥1

	Pts w/ Event	Median (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	75.1%	13.0 (11.6-14.2)
Placebo + chemo	85.3%	11.4 (10.5-12.0)



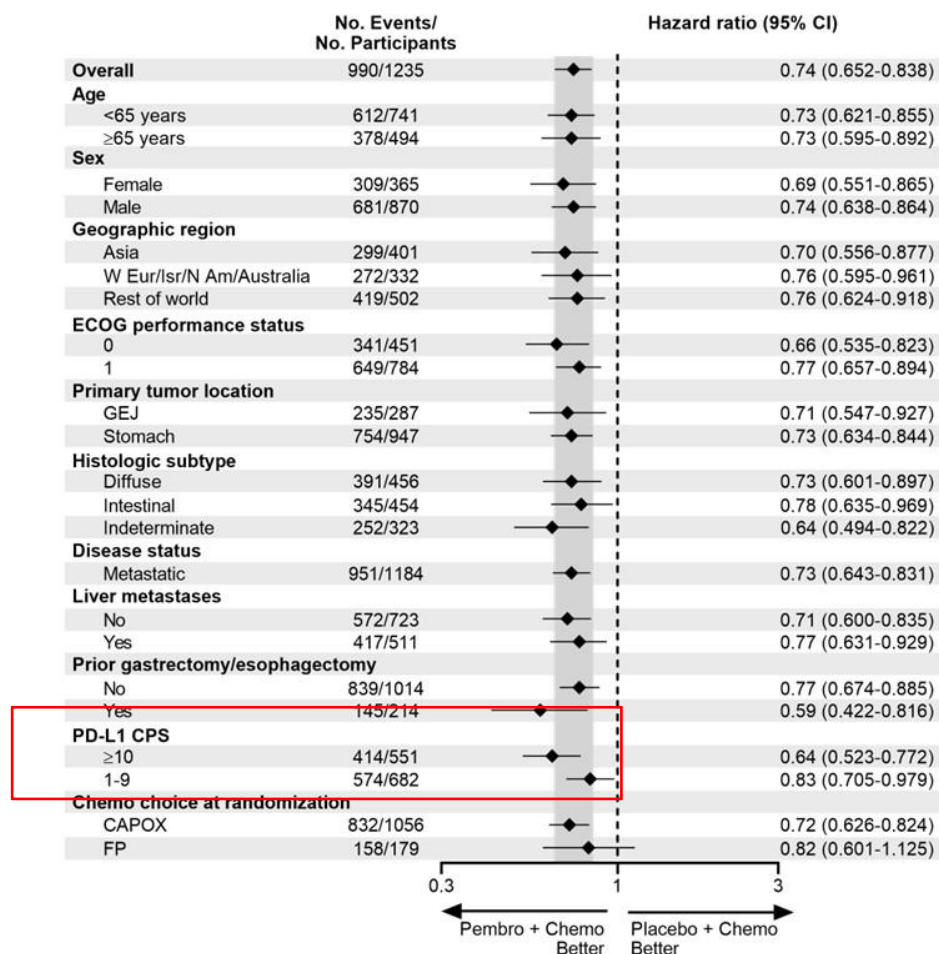
PD-L1 CPS ≥10

	Pts w/ Event	Median (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	67.4%	15.7 (13.8-19.3)
Placebo + chemo	83.1%	11.8 (10.3-12.7)

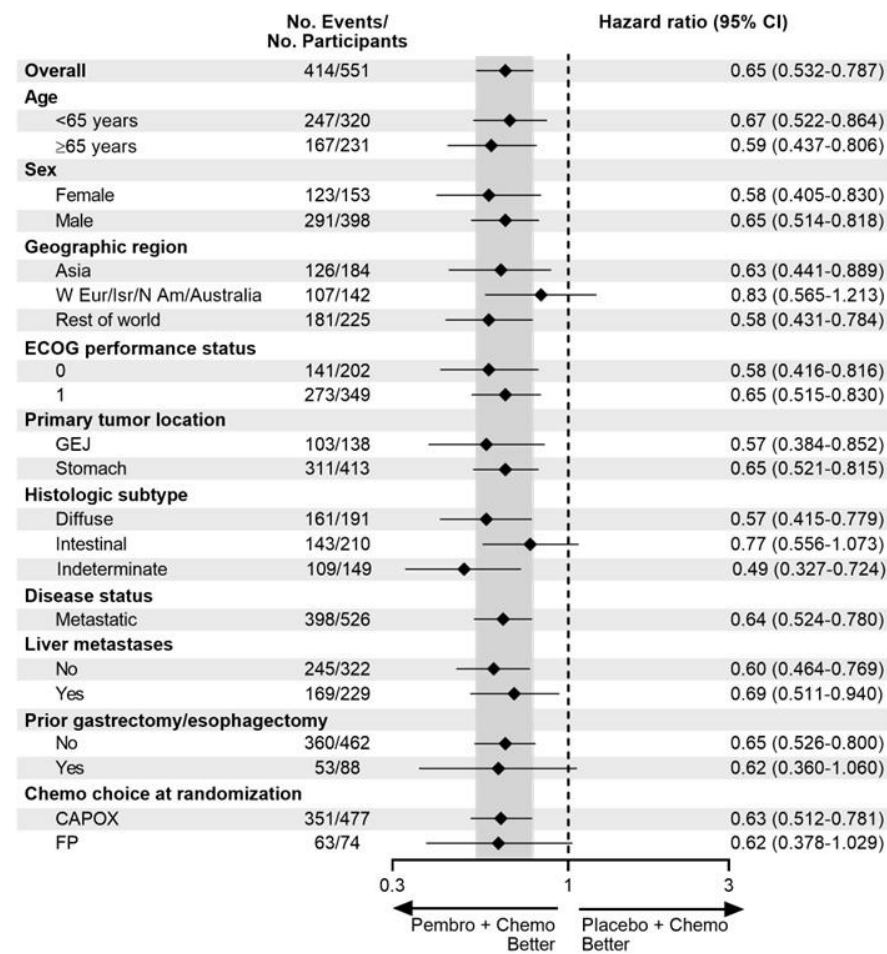


Overall Survival in Subgroups

PD-L1 CPS ≥1



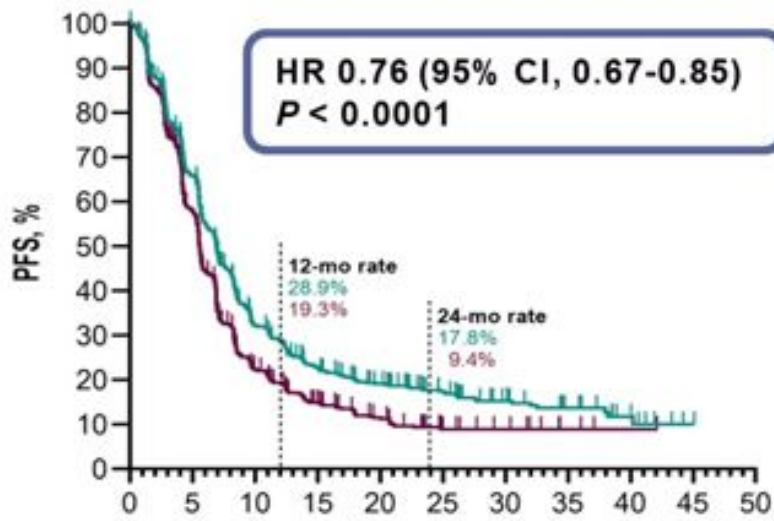
PD-L1 CPS ≥10



Data cutoff date: October 3, 2022.

Overall¹

	Pts w/ Event	Median PFS (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	72.4%	6.9 (6.3-7.2)
Placebo + chemo	77.1%	5.6 (5.5-5.7)

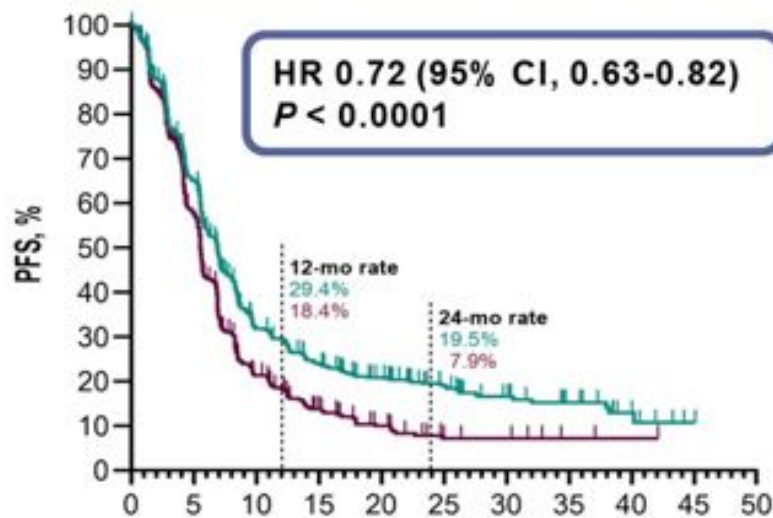


No. at risk		Months										
		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
Pembro + Chemo	790	461	199	131	94	63	36	22	9	1	0	
Placebo + Chemo	789	407	130	71	41	19	11	3	1	0	0	

	Pembro + Chemo	Placebo + Chemo
ORR, % (95% CI)	51.3% (47.7-54.8)	42.0% (38.5-45.5)
Δ (95% CI)	9.3 (4.4-14.1); P = 0.00009	
mDOR (range)	8.0 mo (1.2+ - 41.5+)	5.7 mo (1.3+ - 34.7+)

PD-L1 CPS ≥1

	Pts w/ Event	Median PFS (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	71.7%	6.9 (6.0-7.2)
Placebo + chemo	78.3%	5.6 (5.4-5.7)

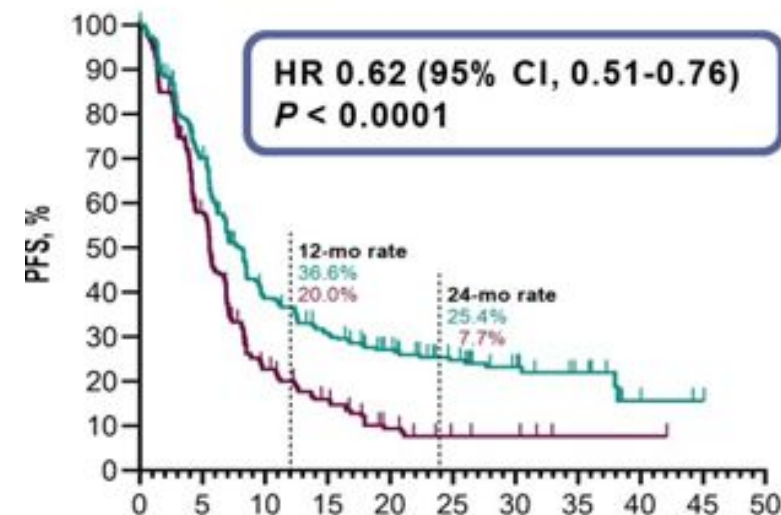


No. at risk		Months										
		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
Pembro + Chemo	618	356	156	112	82	57	33	21	8	1	0	
Placebo + Chemo	617	317	97	51	26	11	8	2	1	0	0	

	Pembro + Chemo	Placebo + Chemo
ORR, % (95% CI)	52.1% (48.1-56.1)	42.6% (38.7-46.6)
Δ (95% CI)	9.5 (3.9-15.0); P = 0.00041	
mDOR (range)	8.3 mo (1.2+ - 41.5+)	5.6 mo (1.3+ - 34.2+)

PD-L1 CPS ≥10

	Pts w/ Event	Median PFS (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	68.1%	8.1 (6.8-8.5)
Placebo + chemo	77.2%	5.6 (5.4-6.7)



No. at risk		Months										
		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
Pembro + Chemo	279	176	90	69	52	37	23	14	3	1	0	
Placebo + Chemo	272	138	44	27	12	6	5	1	1	0	0	

	Pembro + Chemo	Placebo + Chemo
ORR, % (95% CI)	60.6% (54.6-66.3)	43.0% (37.1-49.1)
Δ (95% CI)	17.5 (9.3-23.5); P = 0.00002	
mDOR (range)	10.9 mo (1.2+ - 41.5+)	5.8 mo (1.4+ - 31.2+)

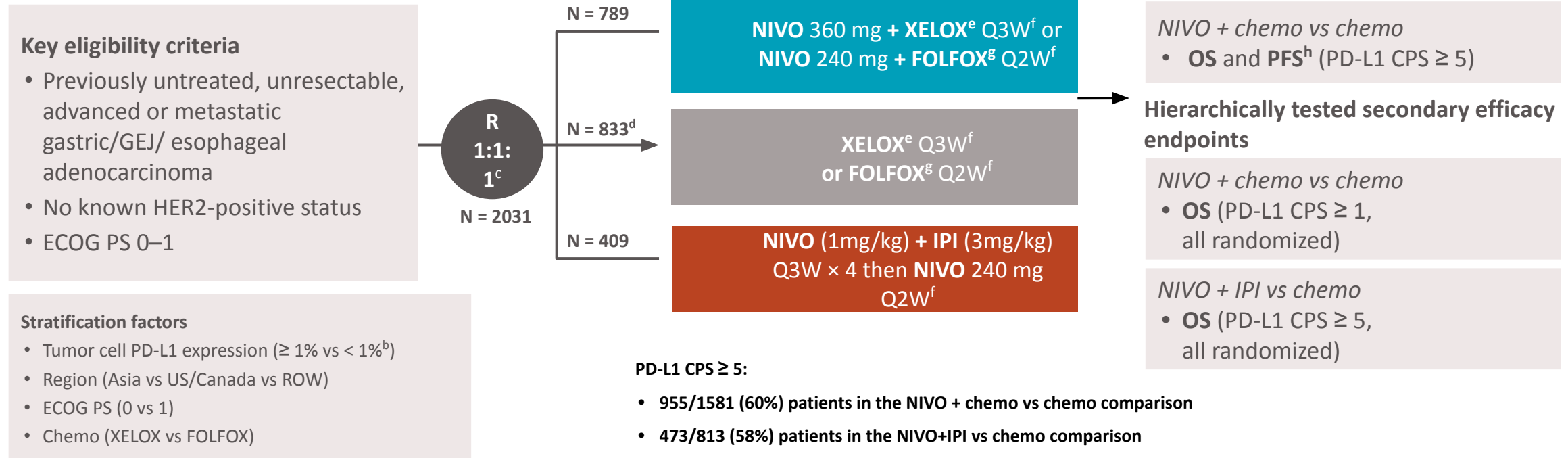
Nivolumab plus chemotherapy versus chemotherapy as first-line treatment for advanced gastric cancer/gastroesophageal junction cancer/esophageal adenocarcinoma: expanded analyses from 24-month follow-up of CheckMate 649

Kohei Shitara,¹ Yelena Y. Janjigian,² Markus Moehler,³ Marcelo Garrido,⁴ Carlos Gallardo,⁵ Lin Shen,⁶ Kensei Yamaguchi,⁷ Lucjan Wyrwicz,⁸ Tomasz Skoczyas,⁹ Arinilda Bragagnoli,¹⁰ Tianshu Liu,¹¹ Mustapha Tehfe,¹² Elena Elimova,¹³ Samira Soleymani,¹⁴ Ming Lei,¹⁴ Kaoru Kondo,¹⁴ Mingshun Li,¹⁴ Jaffer A. Ajani¹⁵

¹National Cancer Center Hospital East, Kashiwa, Japan; ²Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY, USA; ³Johannes-Gutenberg University Clinic, Mainz, Germany; ⁴Clinica San Carlos de Apoquindo, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Santiago, Chile; ⁵Fundacion Arturo Lopez Perez, Santiago, Chile; ⁶Department of Gastrointestinal Oncology, Key Laboratory of Carcinogenesis and Translational Research (Ministry of Education/Beijing), Peking University Cancer Hospital and Institute, Beijing, China; ⁷Cancer Institute Hospital of JFCR, Tokyo, Japan; ⁸Klinika Onkologii i Radioterapii, Narodowy Instytut Onkologii, Warszawa, Poland; ⁹II Klinika Chirurgii Ogólnej, Gastroenterologicznej i Nowotworów Układu Pokarmowego, Medical University of Lublin, Lublin, Poland; ¹⁰Fundacao Pio Xii Hosp Cancer De Barretos, Barretos, Brazil; ¹¹Zhongshan Hospital Fudan University, Shanghai, China; ¹²Oncology Center - Centre Hospitalier de l'Universite de Montreal, Montreal, QC, Canada; ¹³Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, ON, Canada; ¹⁴Bristol Myers Squibb, Princeton, NJ, USA; ¹⁵The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, USA

CheckMate 649 Study Design

- CheckMate 649 is a randomized, open-label, phase 3 study^a



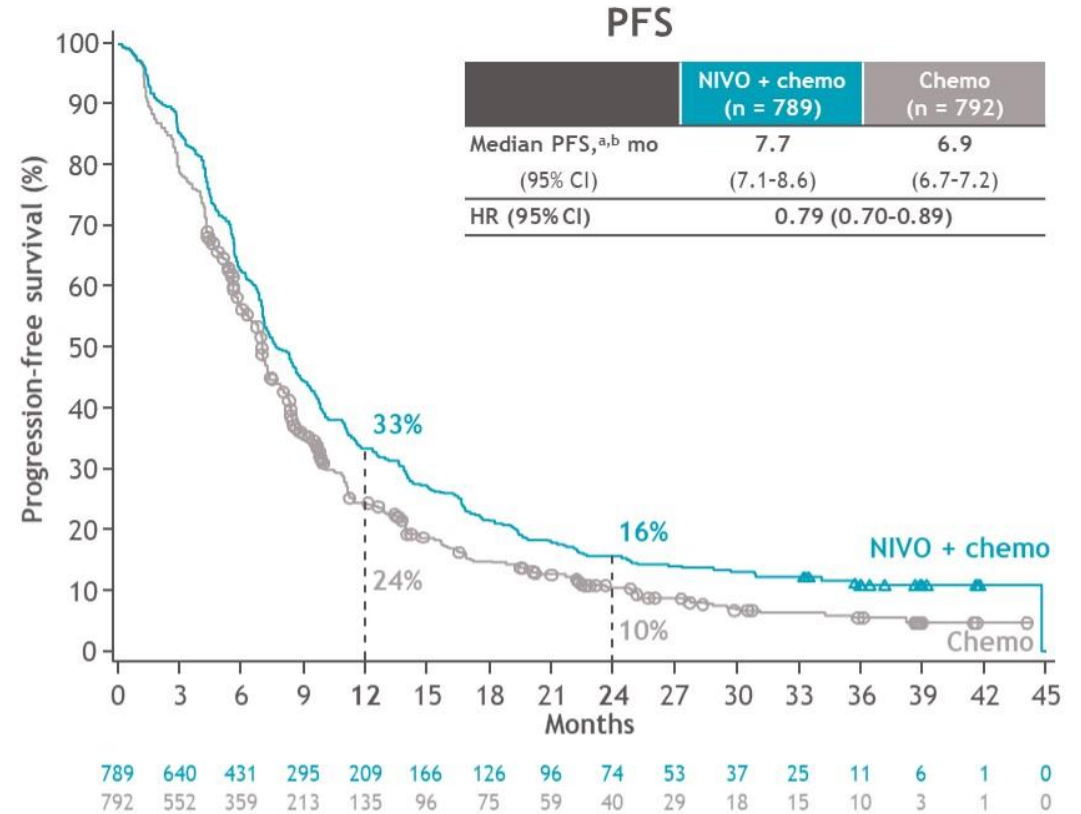
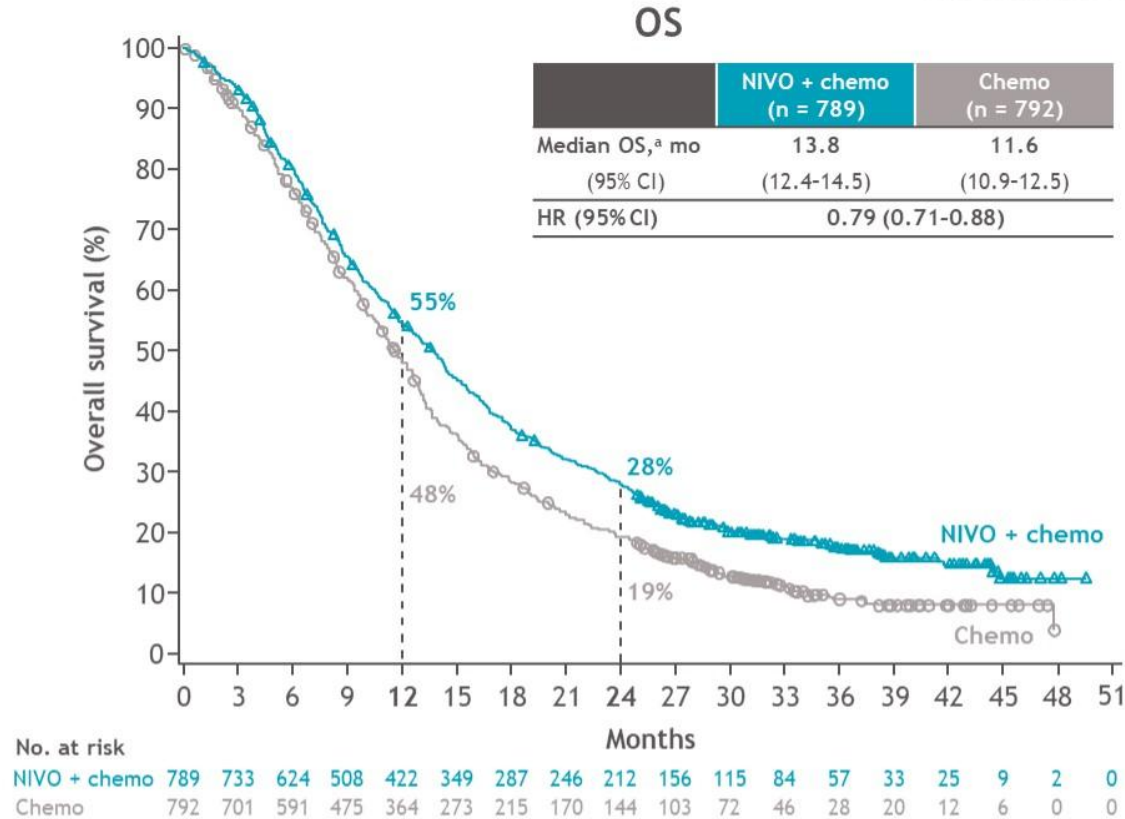
- At data cutoff (May 27, 2021), the minimum follow-upⁱ was 24.0 months in the NIVO + chemo arm and 35.7 months in the NIVO + IPI arm

^aClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT02872116. ^b< 1% includes indeterminate tumor cell PD-L1 expression; determined by PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay (Dako). ^cAfter NIVO + chemo arm was added and before new patient enrollment in the NIVO + IPI arm was closed. Upon DMC recommendation (31-May-2018), enrollment to the NIVO + IPI arm was stopped early due to an observed increase in rates of early death and toxicity. Patients already in the NIVO+IPI arm were allowed to remain on study based on the DMC recommendation. ^dIncludes patients that were concurrently randomized to receive chemo versus NIVO + IPI (October 2016–June 2018) and NIVO + chemo (June 2018–Apr 2019). ^eOxaliplatin 130 mg/m² IV (day 1) and capecitabine 1000 mg/m² orally twice daily (days 1–14). ^fUntil documented disease progression (unless consented to treatment beyond progression for NIVO + chemo or NIVO + IPI), discontinuation due to toxicity, withdrawal of consent, or study end. NIVO is given for a maximum of 2 years.

^gOxaliplatin 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). ^hBICR assessed. ⁱTime from concurrent randomization of the last patient to data cutoff

Overall survival and progression-free survival

All randomized patients



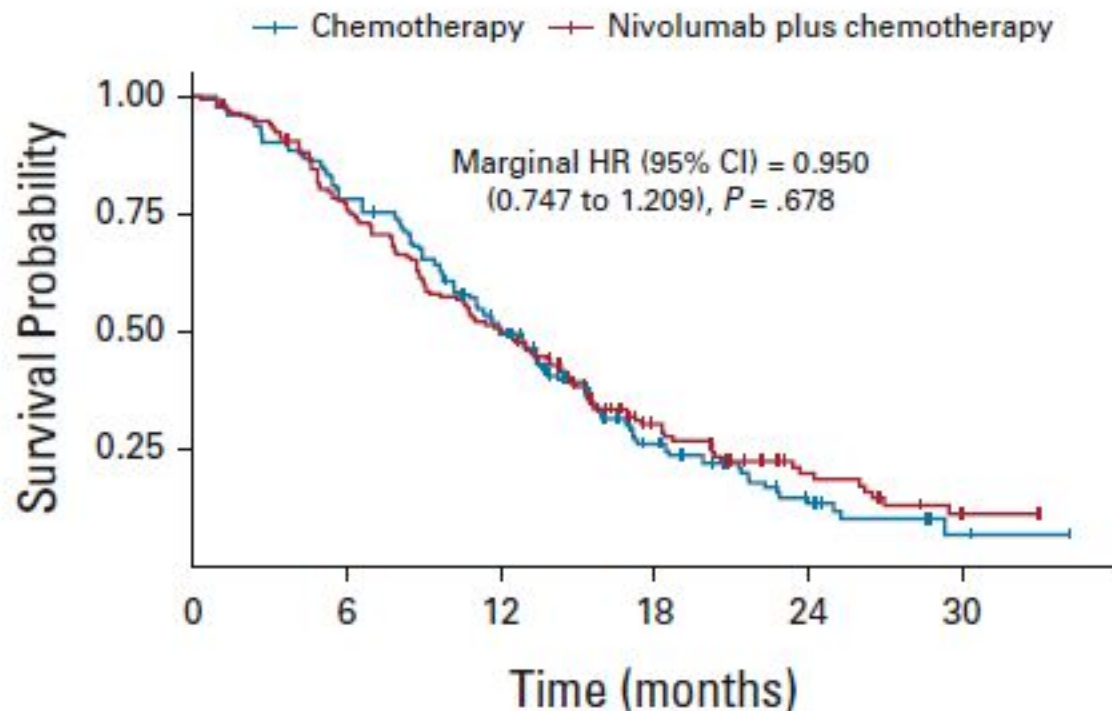
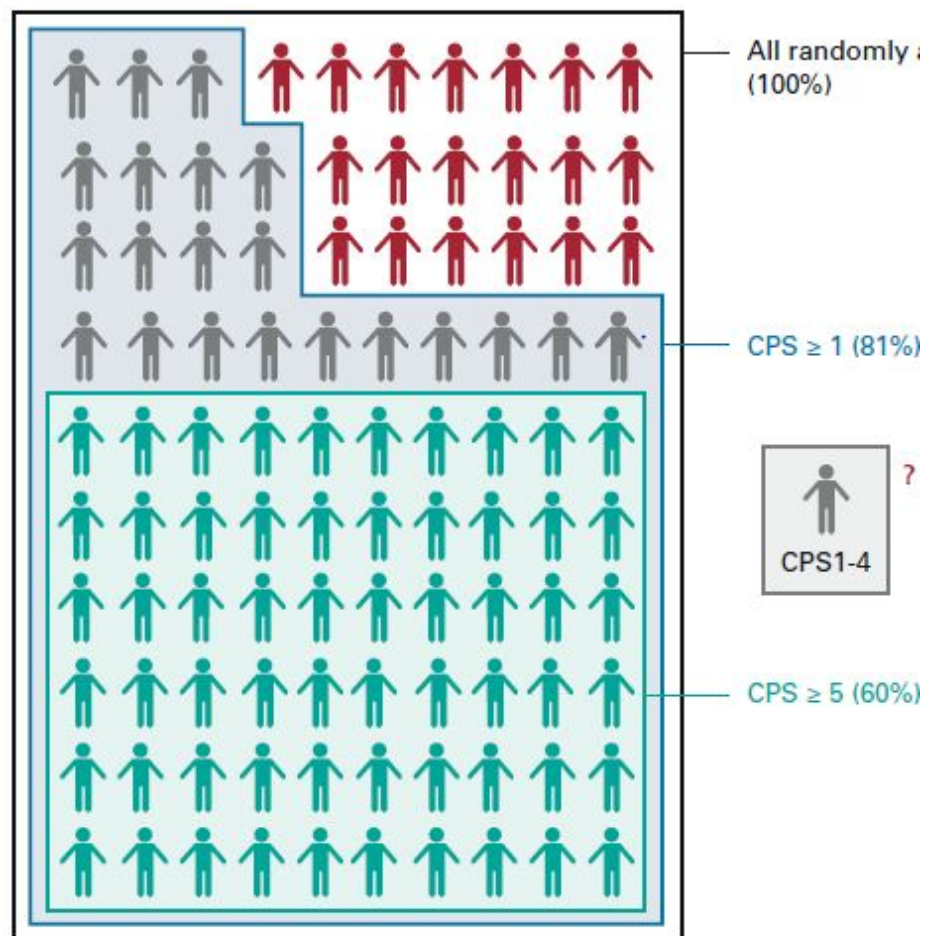
- Clinically meaningful improvement in OS and PFS with NIVO + chemo vs chemo was maintained with longer follow-up

^aMinimum follow-up, 24.0 months. ^bPer BICR assessment. Janjigian YY et al. Oral presentation at ESMO; September 16-21, 2021; Virtual. Abstract LBA7.

CheckMate-649

Nivolumab plus chemotherapy v chemotherapy

for first-line treatment of advanced gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma

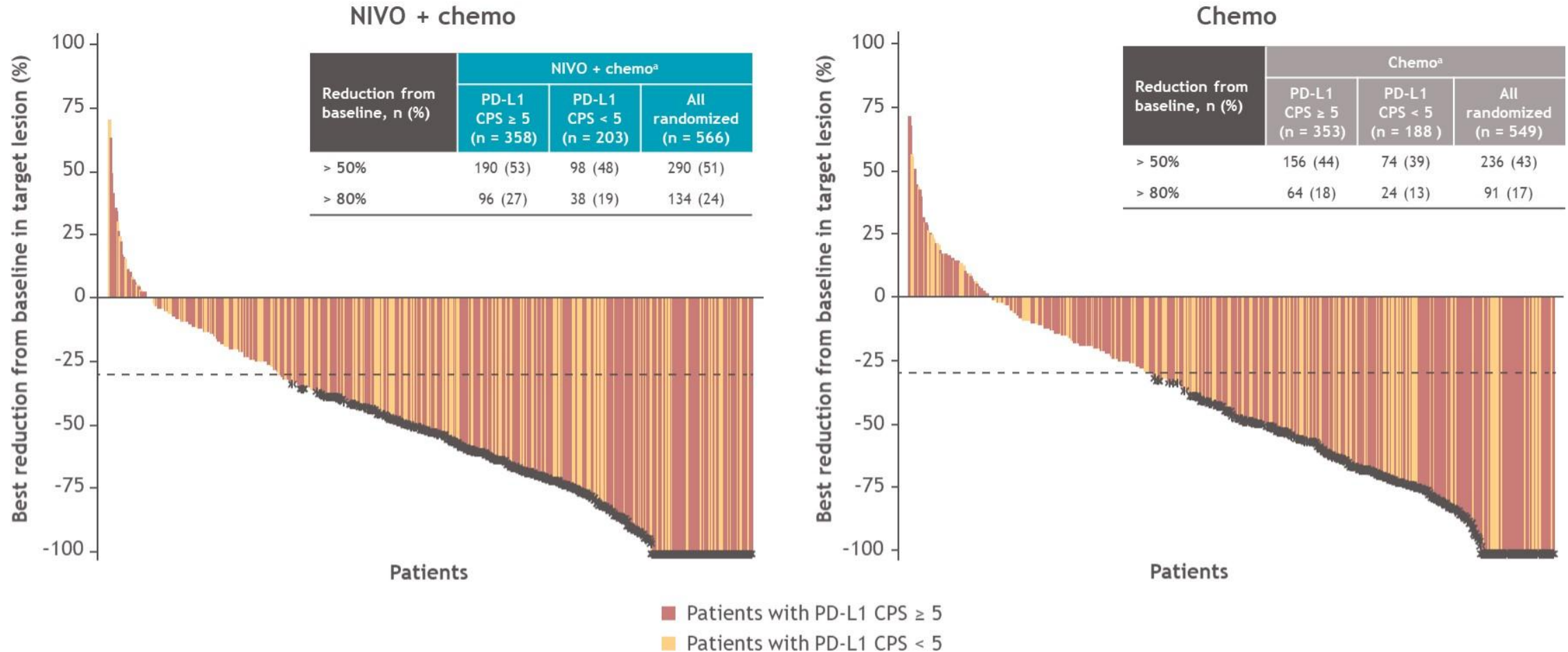


PD-L1 CPS*	Number of patients	Median, months		Unstratified HR ^b	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
		NIVO + chemo	Chemo		
Overall (N = 1581)		13.8	11.6	0.78	
< 1	265	13.1	12.5	0.95	
≥ 1	1297	13.8	11.3	0.74	
< 5	607	12.4	12.3	0.94	
≥ 5	955	14.4	11.1	0.69	
< 10	795	12.4	12.5	0.91	
≥ 10	767	15.0	10.9	0.66	

0.5 NIVO + chemo ← 1 → Chemo

OS benefit was enriched with higher PD-L1 CPS cutoff suggesting lack of benefit in PD-L1 <5

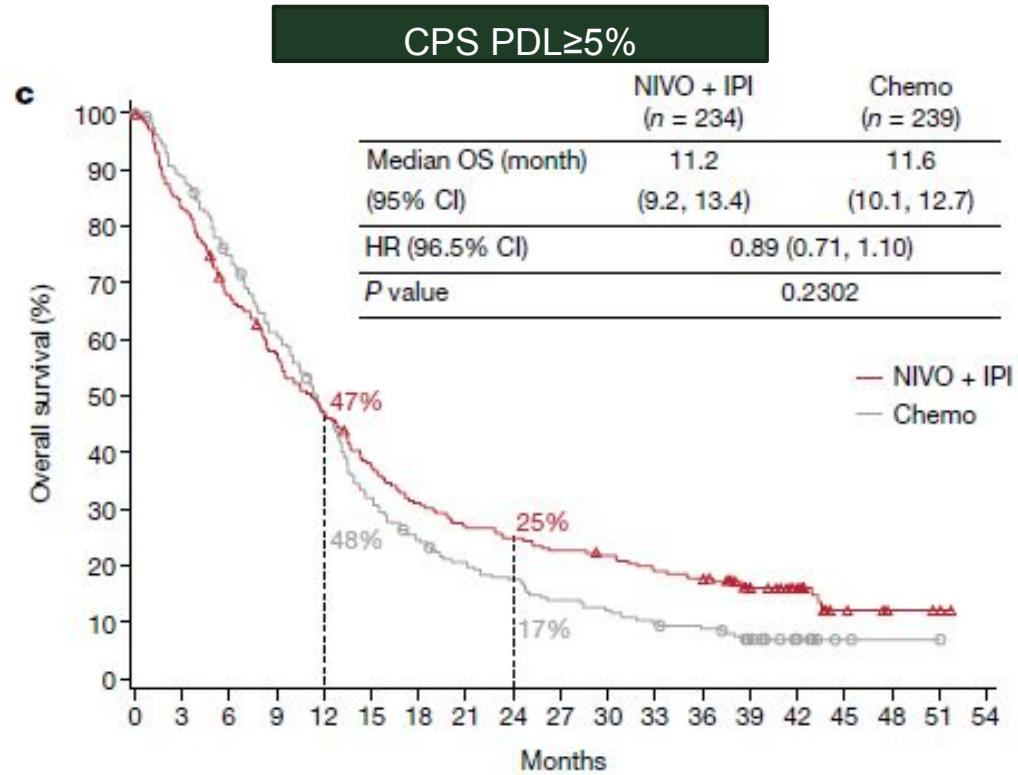
Best percentage reduction in tumor burden



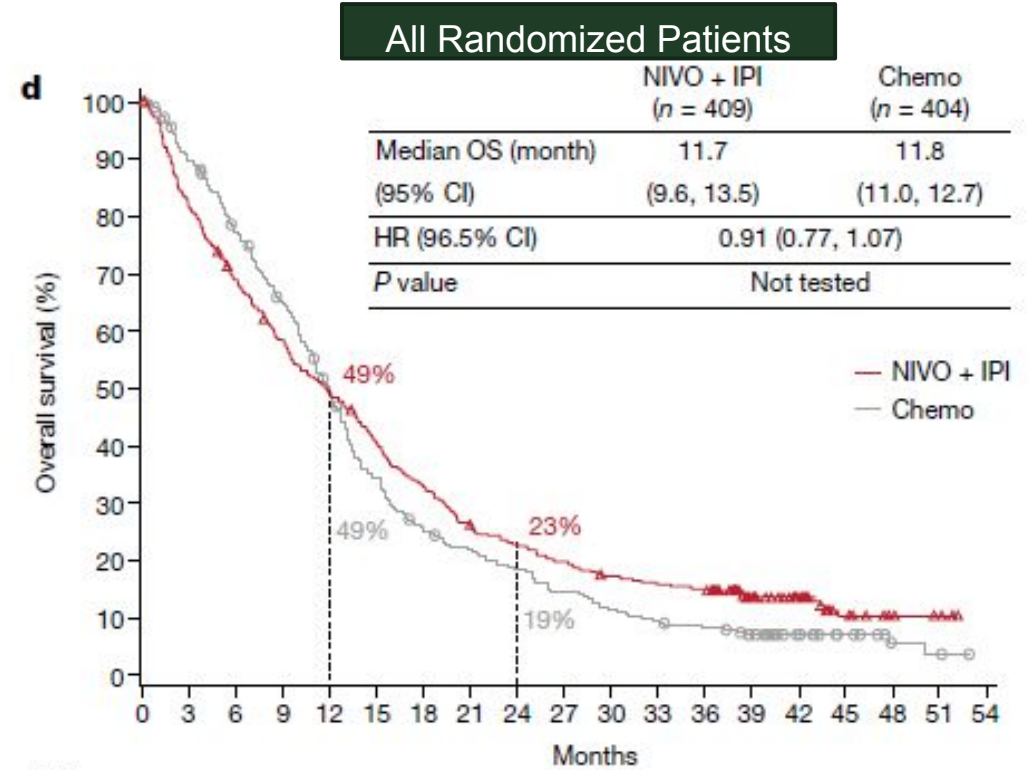
- More deep responses were observed with NIVO + chemo vs chemo regardless of PD-L1 CPS \geq 5 or < 5

^aAll randomized patients who had measurable disease at baseline per BICR and at least 1 on-treatment tumor assessment. Best reduction is maximum reduction in sum of diameters of target lesions. Horizontal reference line indicates the 30% reduction consistent with a response per RECIST v1.1. Asterisk symbol represents responders.

Nivo+IPI not superior to chemo



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54
NIVO + IPI	234	193	156	131	106	85	70	60	56	51	48	42	39	25	18	6	3	2	0
Chemo	239	211	176	143	110	74	56	45	39	31	27	22	19	12	7	2	1	1	0



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54
NIVO + IPI	409	332	279	235	197	162	132	102	90	79	68	62	59	36	25	10	5	3	0
Chemo	404	359	305	255	189	134	98	84	71	56	43	36	31	23	15	9	3	2	0

New Biomarker: Claudin 18.2

- CLDN 18.2 is a tight junction protein expressed in normal and malignant gastric mucosa cells.
- During malignant transformation, CLDN18.2 may become exposed on the surface of the adenocarcinoma cells.
- CLDN 18.2 positivity is 30-44%
 - Region
 - 36% in Asia Pacific
 - 35% North America
 - 44% Europe and Middle East
 - Tumor Type
 - 48.3% diffuse type
 - 38.8% intestinal type
 - PDL1 status in CLDN+ tumors
 - CPS \geq 5 17.4%
- Zolbetuximab is a chimeric IgG1 monoclonal antibody that targets CLDN18.2 and induces ADCC/CDC

Study Design: SPOTLIGHT

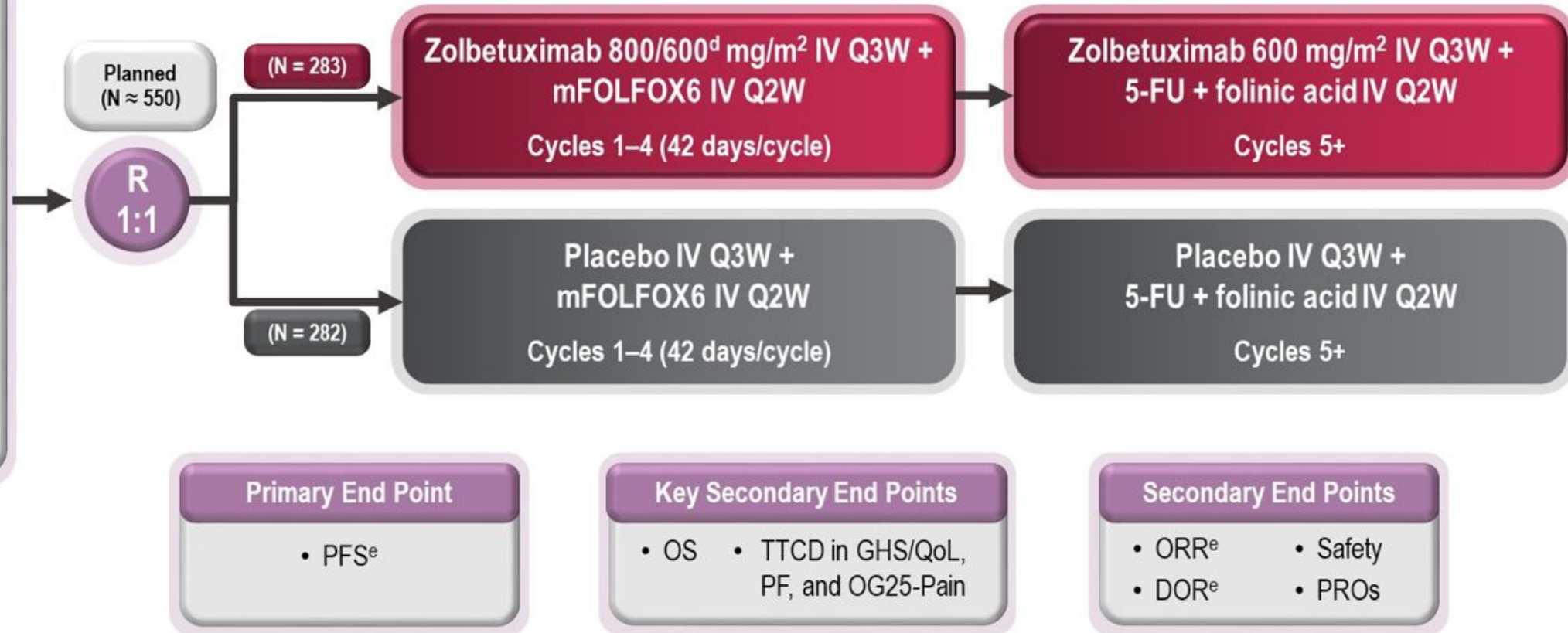
Global^a, randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial

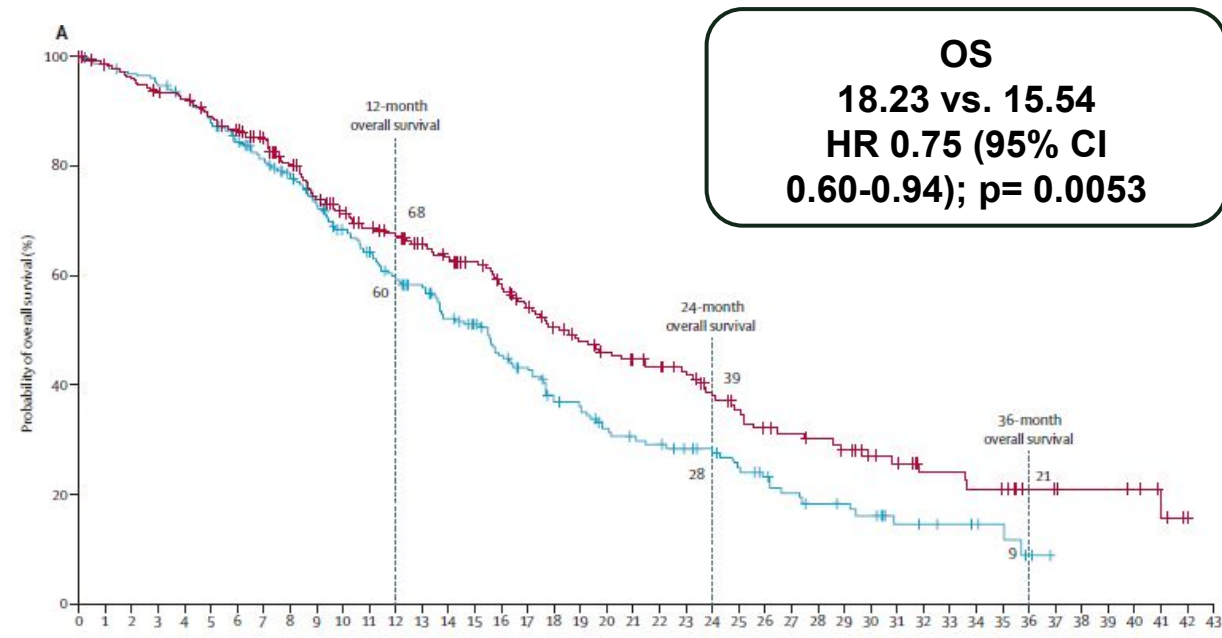
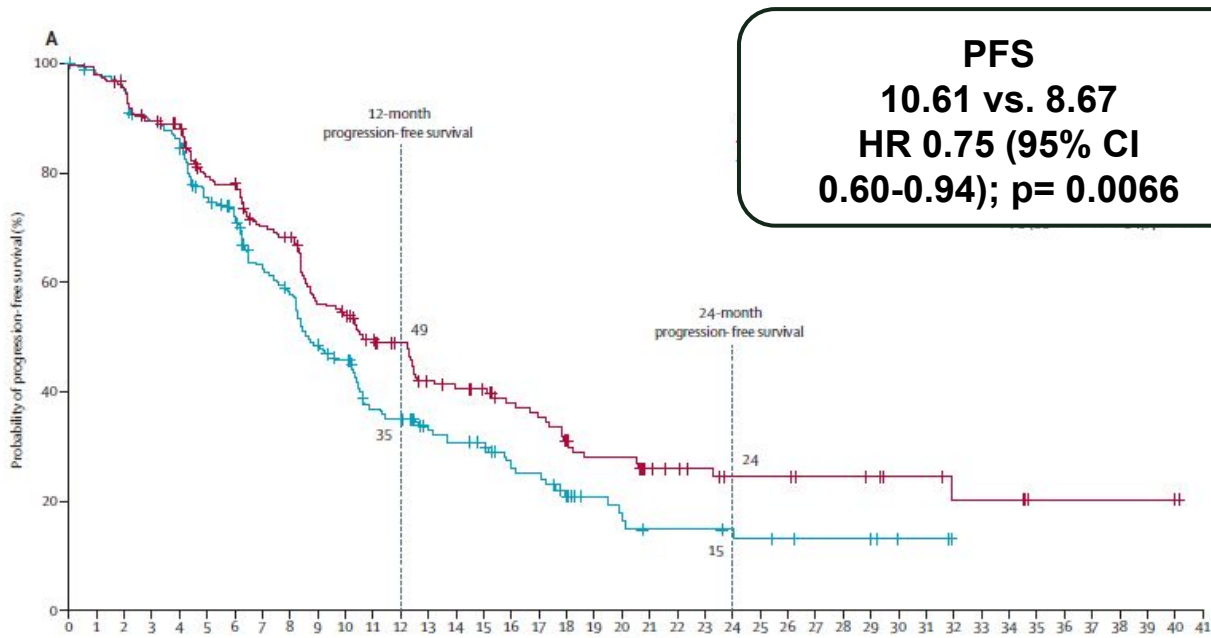
Key Eligibility Criteria

- Previously untreated LA unresectable or mG/GEJ adenocarcinoma
- CLDN18.2+ (moderate-to-strong CLDN18 staining in $\geq 75\%$ of tumor cells)^b
- HER2^{-c}
- ECOG PS 0–1

Stratification Factors

- Region (Asia vs non-Asia)
- Number organs w/ metastases (0–2 vs ≥ 3)
- Prior gastrectomy (yes vs no)

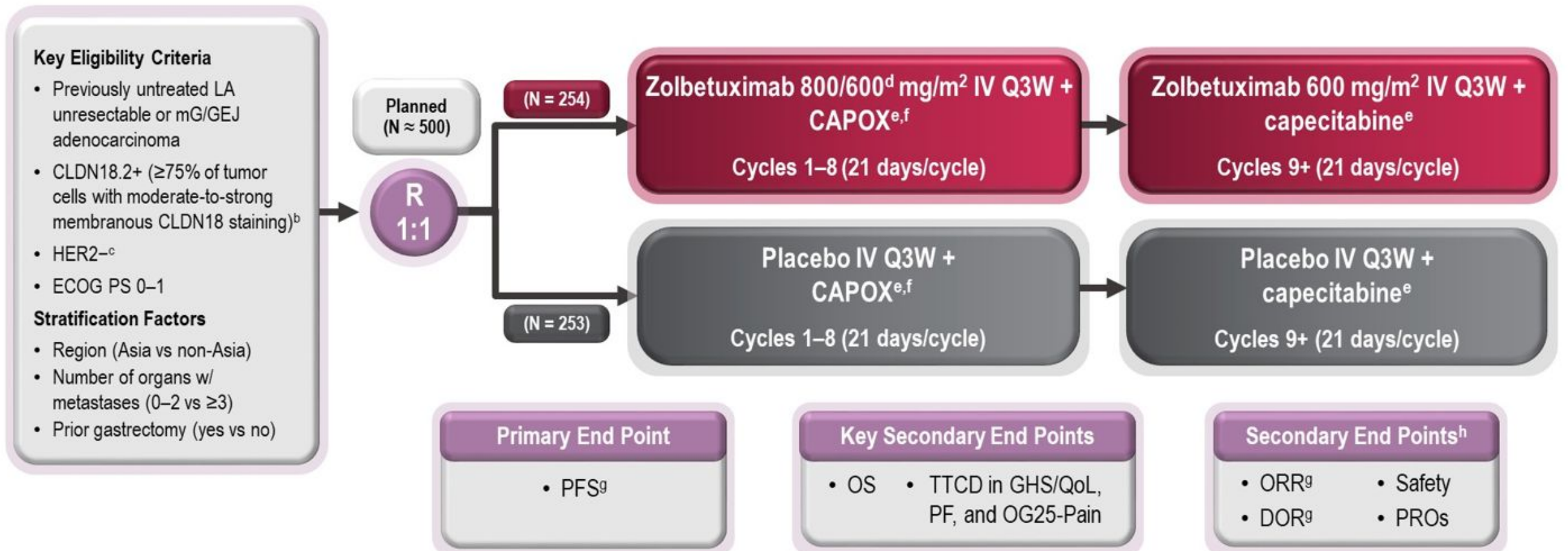




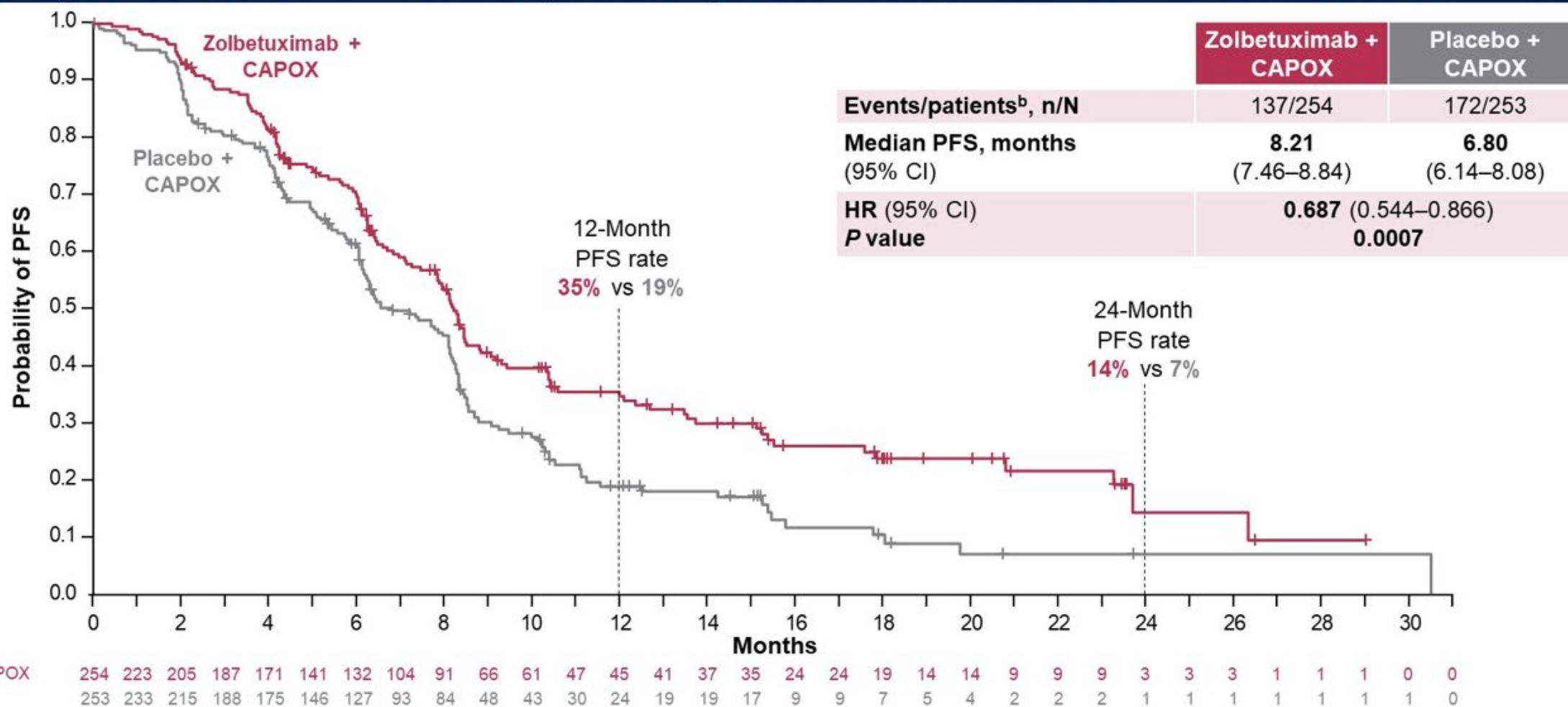
- Zolbetuximab did NOT improve ORR of 48%
- Nausea and vomiting most common side effects (82%; grade 3/4 16%)

Study Design: GLOW

Global^a, randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial



Primary End Point: PFS by Independent Review Committee^a

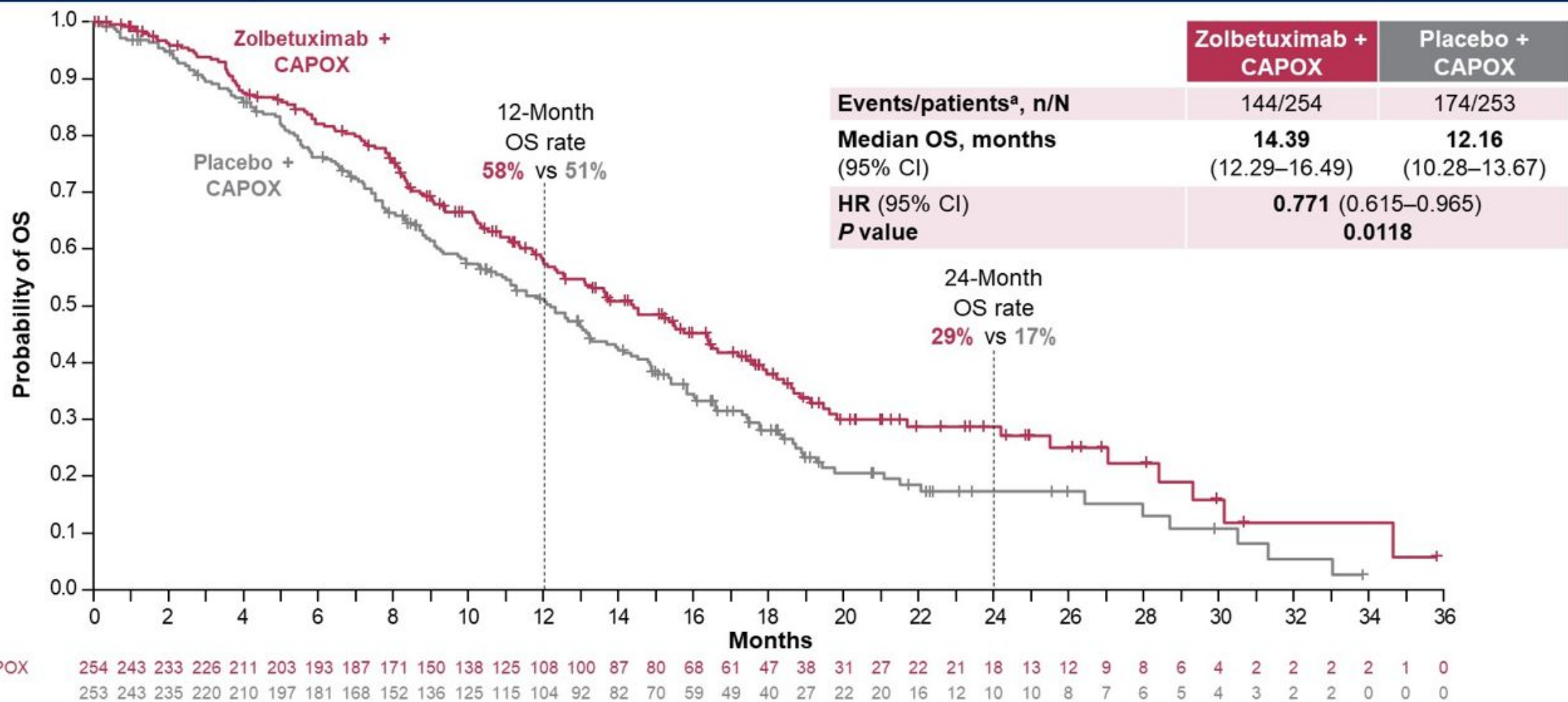


PFS was significantly longer with zolbetuximab + CAPOX vs placebo + CAPOX
The benefit was maintained across most prespecified subgroups

Data cutoff: October 7, 2022; Median follow-up = 12.62 months (zolbetuximab + CAPOX) vs 12.09 months (placebo + CAPOX).

^aPer RECIST version 1.1; ^b117/254 (46.1%) patients assigned to zolbetuximab + CAPOX and 81/253 (32.0%) of patients assigned to placebo + CAPOX were censored.

Key Secondary End Point: OS



OS was significantly longer in patients treated with zolbetuximab + CAPOX vs placebo + CAPOX

The benefit was maintained across most prespecified subgroups

Subsequent anticancer therapies (47% zolbetuximab arm; 55% placebo arm) were balanced between arms

Data cutoff: October 7, 2022; Median follow-up = 17.71 months (zolbetuximab + CAPOX) vs 18.43 months (placebo + CAPOX).

^a110/254 (43.3%) patients assigned to zolbetuximab + CAPOX and 79/253 (31.2%) of patients assigned to placebo + CAPOX were censored.

Zolbetuximab

- Improves PFS 2 months and OS 2.5-3 months
- Not much added ORR
- Nausea and vomiting are main side effects
- Studies are looking at combination with nivolumab

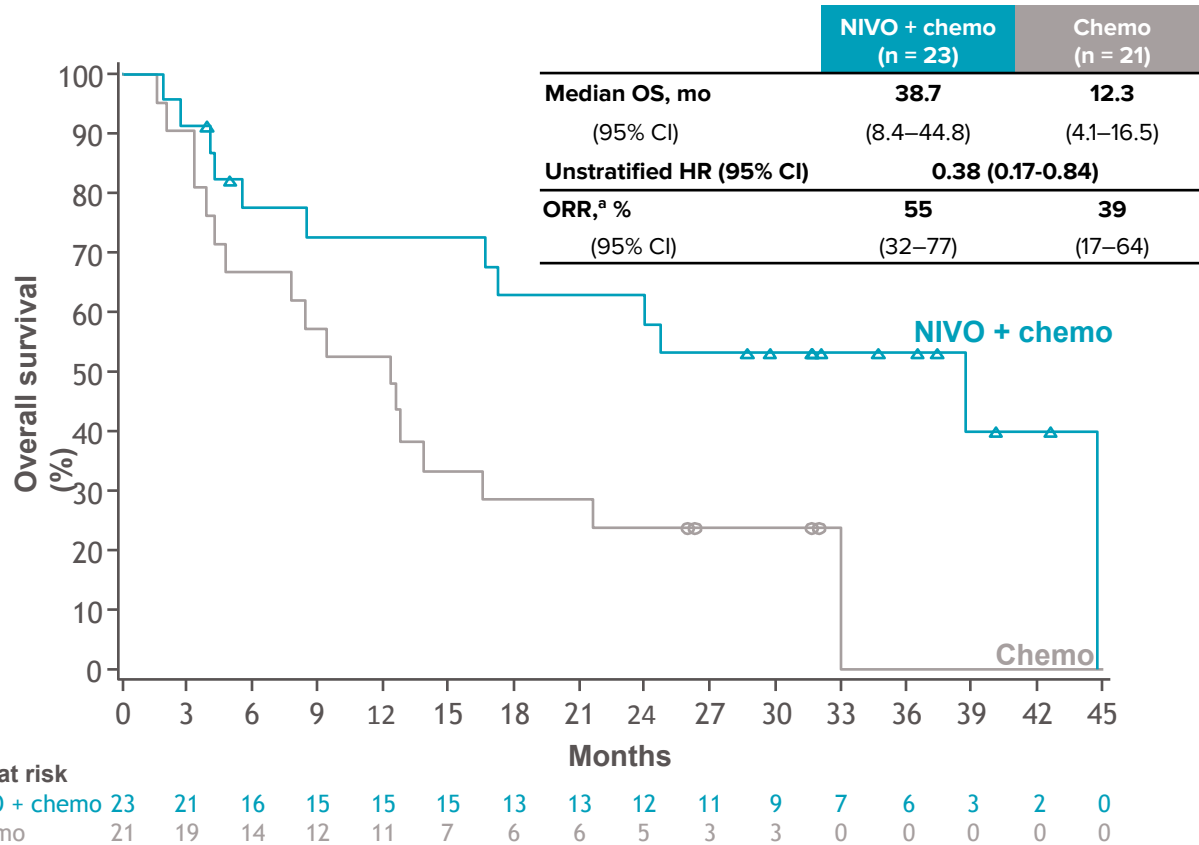
Metastatic Gastric/ GEJ Cancer MSI-H

MSI high

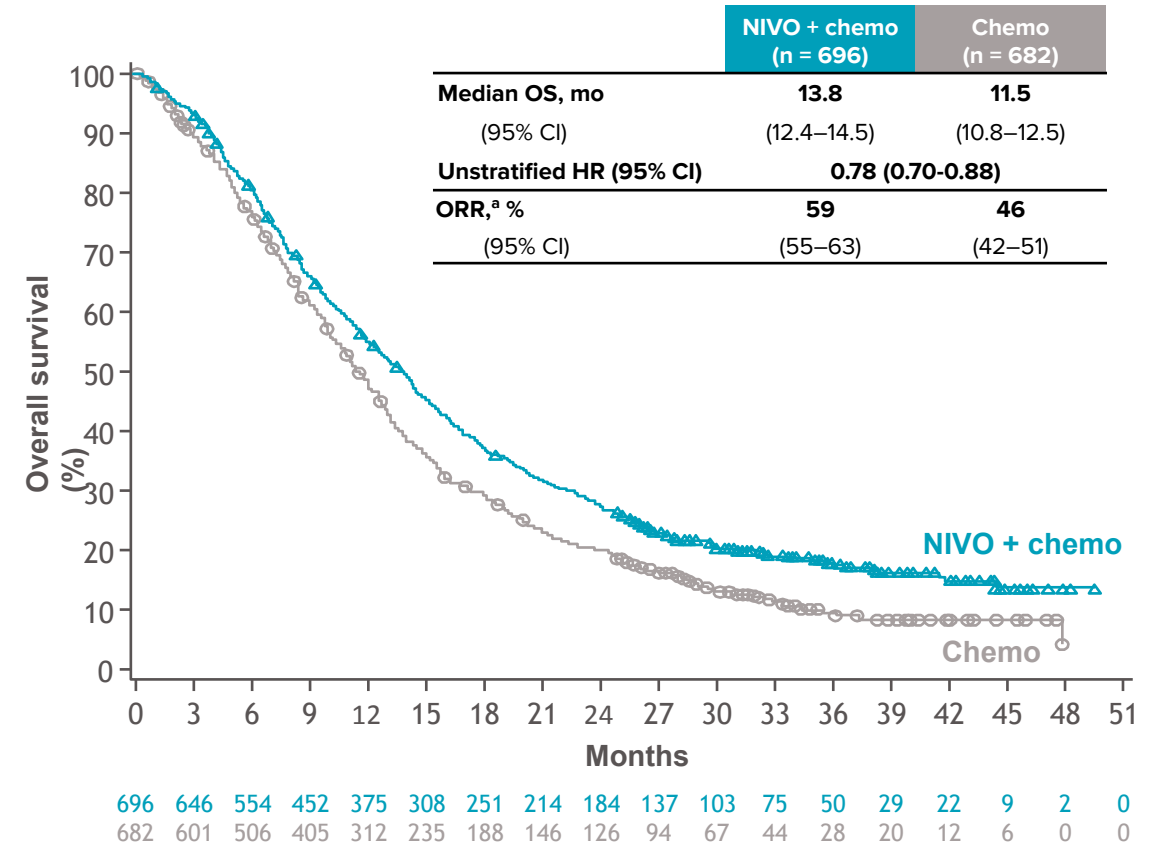
Characteristic	Patients, No. (%)					
	KEYNOTE-059 ^a	KEYNOTE-061 ^b		KEYNOTE-062 ^c		
	Pembrolizumab	Pembrolizumab	Chemotherapy	Pembrolizumab	Pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy	Chemotherapy
Total patients, No.	7	15	12	14	17	19
PD-L1 CPS						
≥1	5 (71.4)	13 (86.7)	11 (91.7)	14 (100)	17 (100)	19 (100)
≥10	2 (28.6)	8 (53.3)	5 (41.7)	11 (78.6)	11 (64.7)	10 (52.6)
Objective response rate, % (95% CI)	57.1 (18.4-90.1)	46.7 (21.3-73.4)	16.7 (2.1-48.4)	57.1 (28.9-82.3)	64.7 (38.3-85.8)	36.8 (16.3-61.6)
Best overall response rate, %						
Complete	28.6	6.7	8.3	7.1	35.3	10.5
Partial	28.6	40.0	8.3	50.0	29.4	26.3
Stable disease	14.3	40.0	58.3	21.4	17.6	42.1
Progressive disease	0	6.7	0	14.3	0	10.5
Duration of response, median (range), mo	NR (20.0 ^d -26.8 ^d)	NR (5.5-26.0 ^d)	NR (2.2 ^d -12.2 ^d)	21.2 (1.4 ^d -33.6 ^d)	NR (1.6 ^d -34.5 ^d)	7.0 (2.0-30.4 ^d)
Survival, median (95% CI), mo						
Progression-free	NR (1.1-NR)	17.8 (2.7-NR)	3.5 (2.0-9.8)	11.2 (1.5-NR)	NR (3.6-NR)	6.6 (4.4-8.3)
Overall	NR (1.1-NR)	NR (5.6-NR)	8.1 (2.0-16.7)	NR (10.7-NR)	NR (3.6-NR)	8.5 (5.3-20.8)
Estimated overall survival rate, % (95% CI)						
12 mo	71 (NA)	73 (44-89)	25 (6-50)	79 (47-92)	71 (43-87)	47 (24-67)
24 mo	57 (NA)	59 (31-79)	NA	71 (41-88)	65 (38-82)	26 (10-57)

Efficacy by MSI status: NIVO + chemo vs chemo

MSI-H



MSS



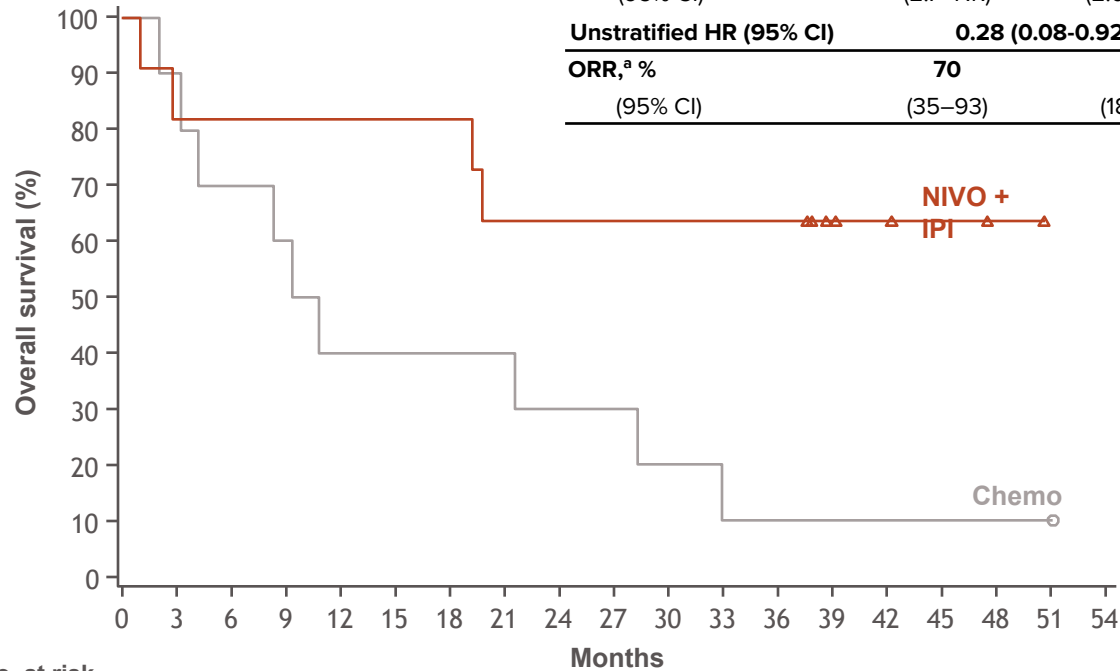
- Longer median OS and higher ORR were observed in all randomized patients with MSI-H and MSS tumors with NIVO + chemo vs chemo
 - The magnitude of benefit was greater in patients with MSI-H tumors, and patients with MSS tumors had results similar to the all randomized population

^aRandomized patients who had target lesion measurements at baseline per BICR assessment. MSI-H: NIVO + chemo, n = 20; chemo, n = 18, patients with MSS: NIVO + chemo, n = 535; chemo, n = 533.

Efficacy by MSI status: NIVO + IPI vs chemo

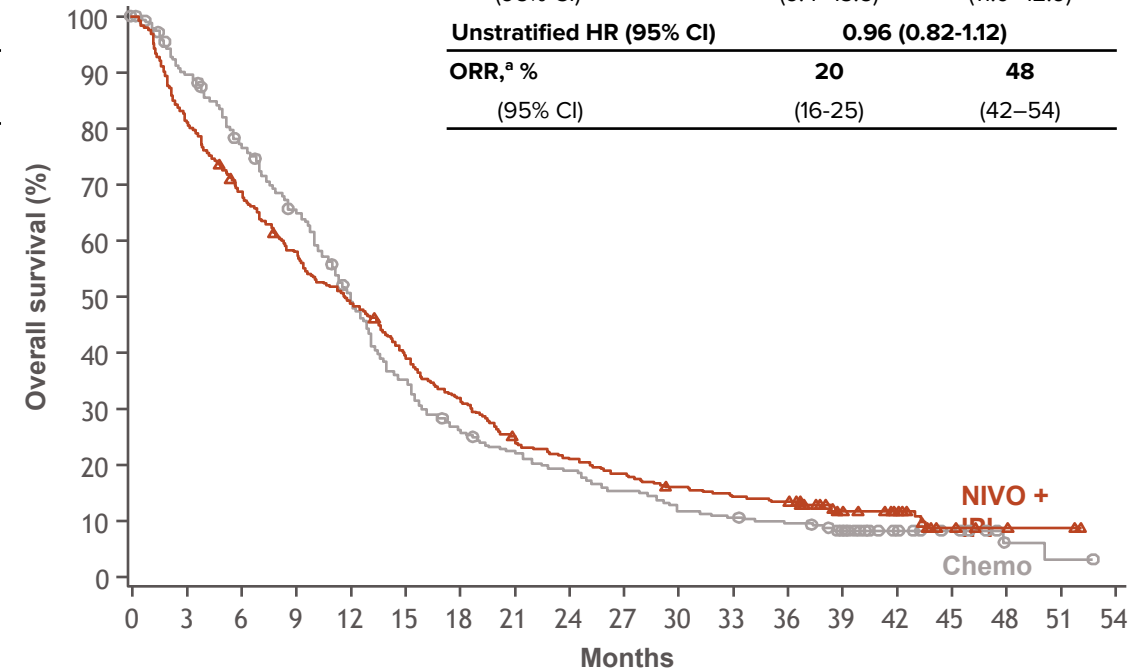
MSI-H

	NIVO + IPI (n = 11)	Chemo (n = 10)
Median OS, mo	NR	10.0
(95% CI)	(2.7–NR)	(2.0–28.2)
Unstratified HR (95% CI)	0.28 (0.08-0.92)	
ORR,^a %	70	57
(95% CI)	(35–93)	(18–90)



MSS

	NIVO + IPI (n = 355)	Chemo (n = 344)
Median OS, mo	11.6	12.0
(95% CI)	(9.4–13.5)	(11.0–12.9)
Unstratified HR (95% CI)	0.96 (0.82-1.12)	
ORR,^a %	20	48
(95% CI)	(16-25)	(42–54)

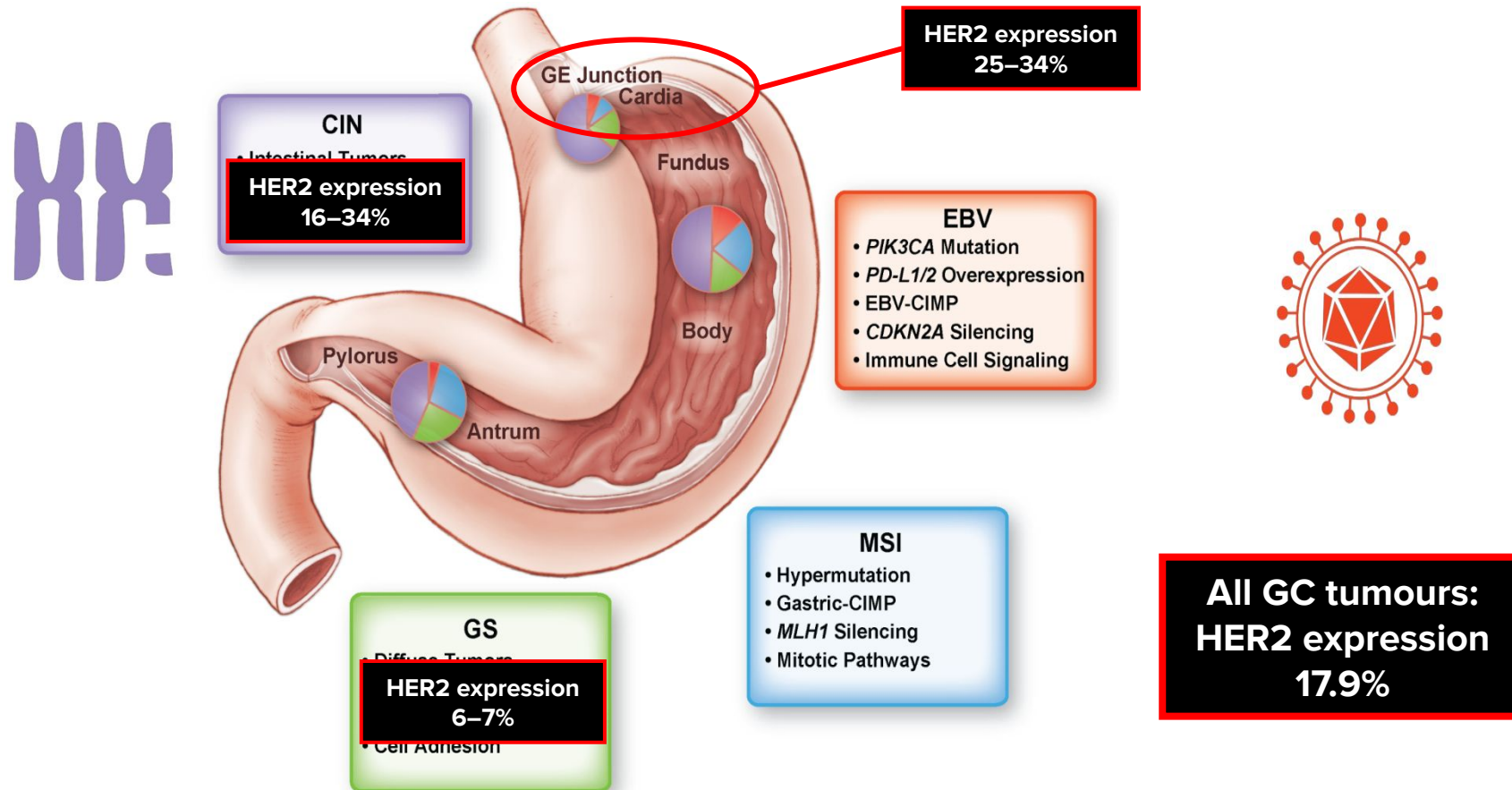


- Longer median OS and higher ORR observed in all randomized patients with MSI-H tumors with NIVO + IPI vs chemo, although sample size was small

^aRandomized patients who had target lesion measurements at baseline per BICR assessment. Patients with MSI-H: NIVO + IPI, n = 10; chemo, n = 7, patients with MSS: NIVO + IPI, n = 292; chemo, n = 257.

Metastatic Gastric/ GEJ Cancer Her2 Positive

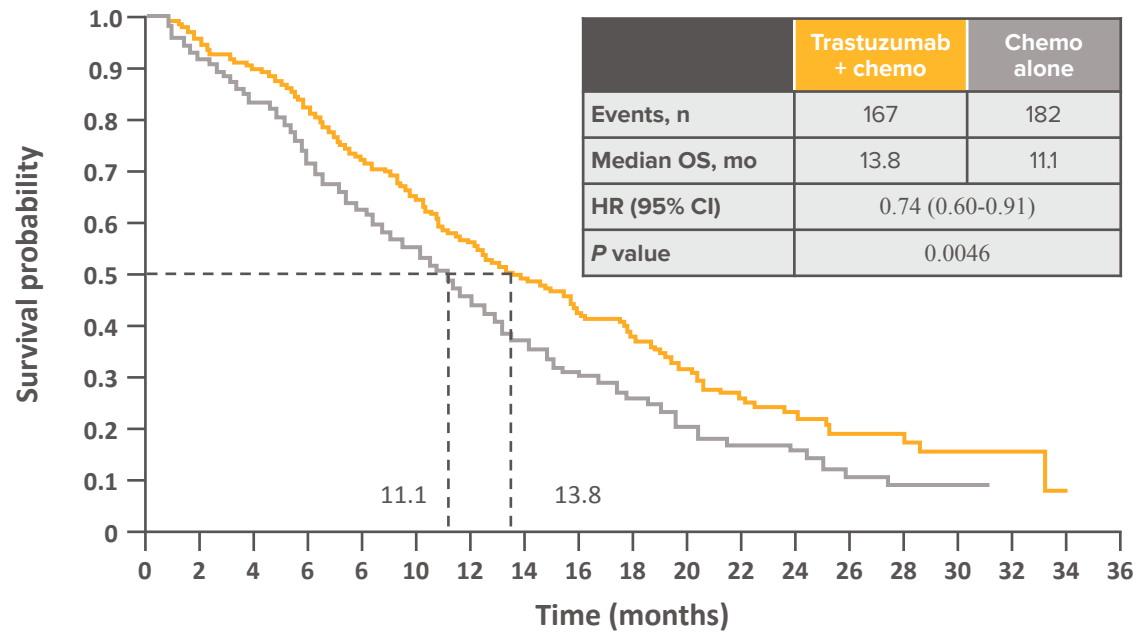
Incidence of HER2 Expression by IHC or FISH¹⁻⁶



1. Bang et al. Lancet 2010; 2. Gravalos et al. Ann Oncol 2008; 3. Yano et al. ASCO 2004; 4. Gravalos et al. ASCO GI 2007; 5. Lordick et al. ESCO 2007; 6. Yano et al. Lancet 2010. Slide provided, courtesy of Manish A. Shah, MD et al. World J Gastroenterol 2016.

ToGA Overall Survival: 1st-Line Gastric Cancer

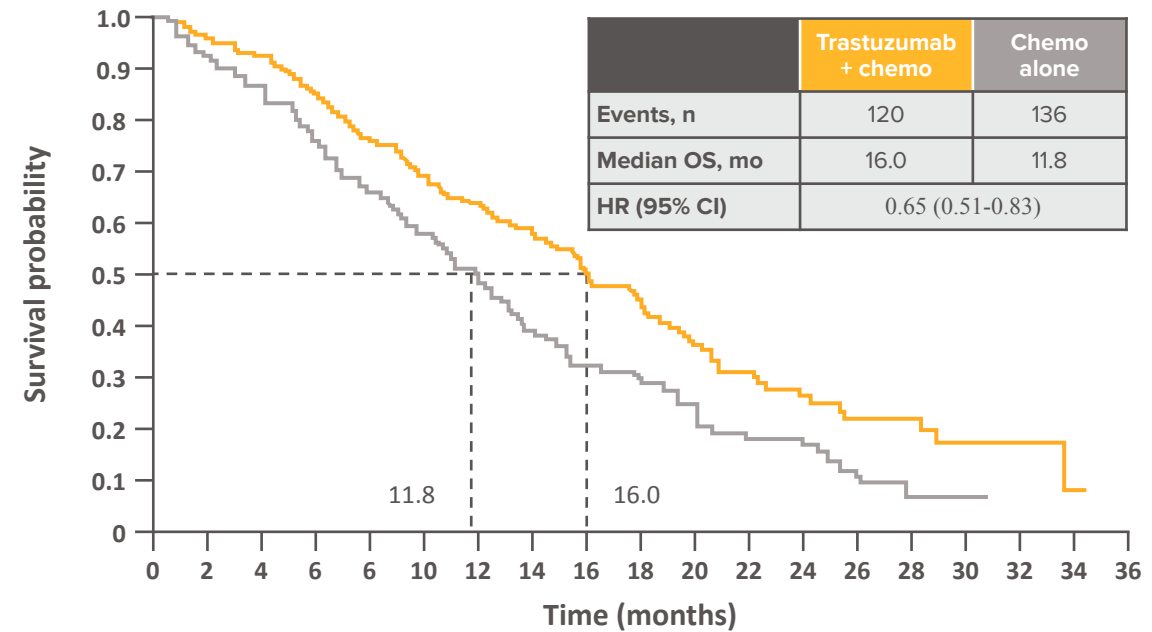
Primary analysis population



No. at risk

Time (months)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
Trastuzumab + chemo	294	277	246	209	173	147	113	90	71	56	43	30	21	13	12	6	4	1	0
Chemo alone	290	266	223	185	143	117	90	64	47	32	24	16	14	7	6	5	0	0	0

HER2 IHC 2+/FISH+ or IHC 3+ population



Time (months)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
Trastuzumab + chemo	228	218	196	170	142	122	100	84	65	51	39	28	20	12	11	5	4	1	0
Chemo alone	218	198	170	141	112	96	75	53	39	28	20	13	11	4	3	3	0	0	0

- Grade 3-4 AE rates did not differ between treatment arms (68%)
- Treatment-related deaths occurred in 3% (10) of patients in the trastuzumab + chemo arm vs 1% (3) of patients in the chemo alone arm

KEYNOTE-811: Study Design

HER2 Positive Gastric Cancer

Key eligibility criteria

- Unresectable or metastatic gastric or GEJ adenocarcinoma
- No prior systemic therapy in advanced setting
- HER2-positive tumor by central review (IHC 3+ or IHC 2+ in combination with ISH+ (or FISH+))
- ECOG PS 0–1

Stratification factors

- Geographic region (Australia/Europe/Israel/North America vs Asia vs ROW)
- PD-L1 CPS (≥ 1 vs < 1)
- Chemotherapy choice (FP vs CAPOX)

R
1:1

**PEMBRO 200 mg IV Q3W
+ Trastuzumab
+ FP or CAPOX^b × ≤ 35**

**Placebo IV Q3W
+ Trastuzumab
+ FP or CAPOX^b × ≤ 35**

Dual primary endpoints:

- OS and PFS^c
- ### Key secondary endpoints:
- ORR and DOR^c
 - Safety

^aClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT03615326. ^bTrastuzumab: 6 mg/kg IV Q3W following an 8 mg/kg loading dose. FP: 5-fluorouracil 800 mg/m² IV on D1-5 Q3W + cisplatin 80 mg/m² IV Q3W. CAPOX: capecitabine 1000 mg/m² BID on D1-14 Q3W + oxaliplatin 130 mg/m² IV Q3W. ^cPer RECIST v1.1 by BICR.

KEYNOTE-811: Outcome

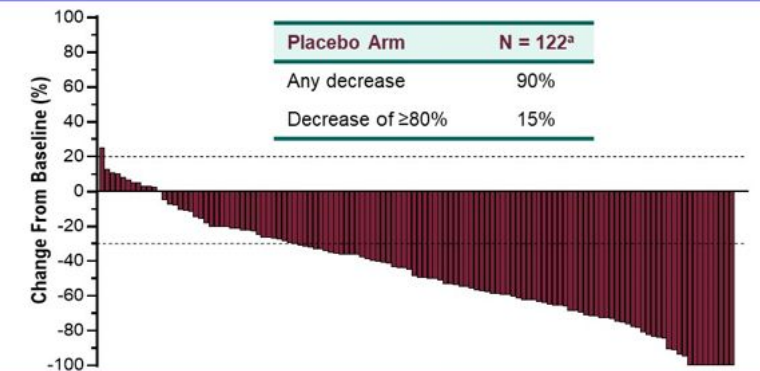
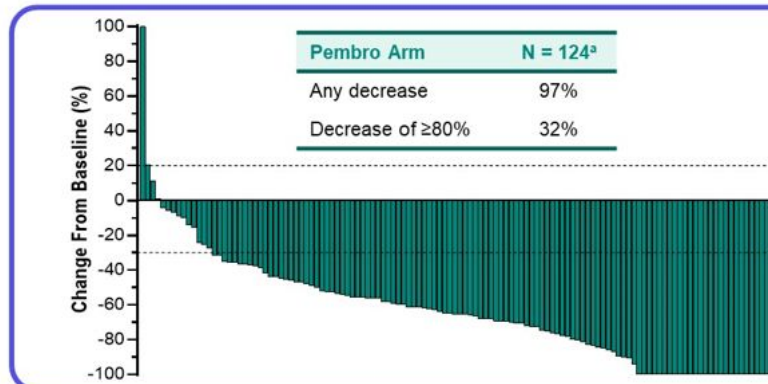
HER2 Positive Gastric Cancer

Patient Population

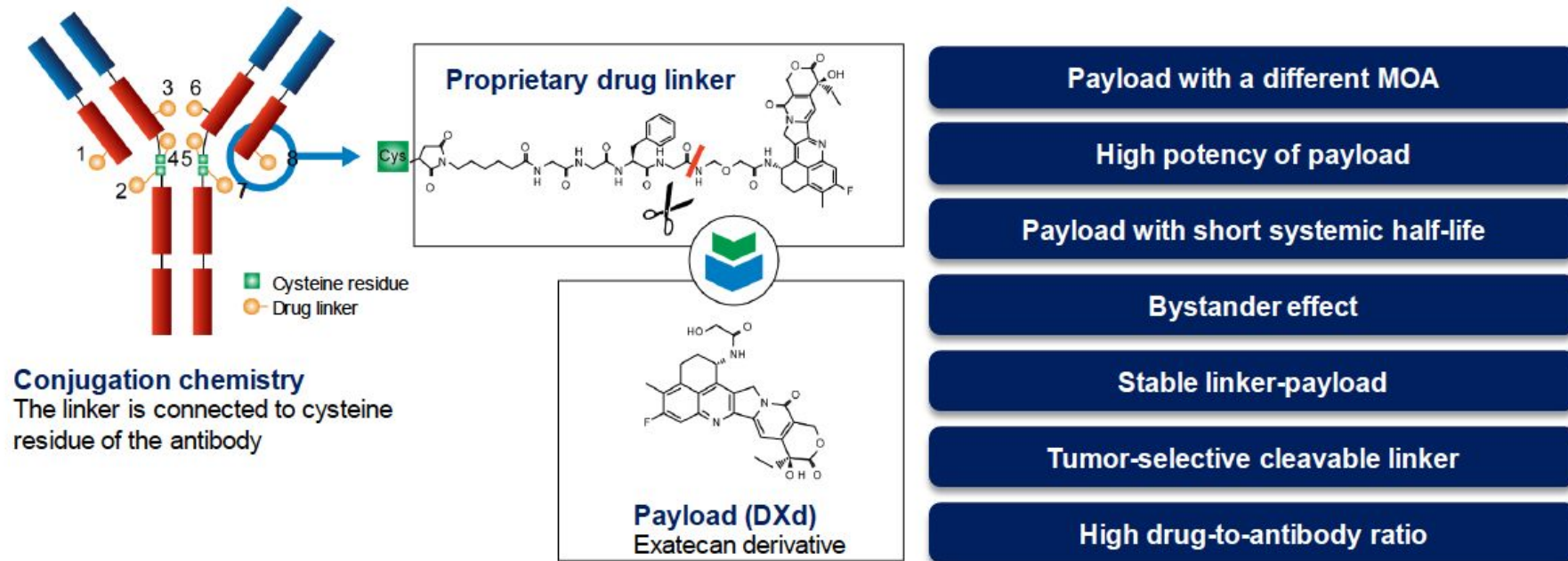
	Pembro Arm (N = 133)	Placebo Arm (N = 131)
Age, median (range)	62 y (19-84)	61 y (32-83)
Male sex	84%	79%
Region of enrollment		
Aus/EU/Isr/NAm	31%	34%
Asia	30%	30%
ROW	39%	37%
ECOG PS 1	51%	55%
Primary location of stomach	72%	68%
Histologic subtype		
Diffuse	21%	20%
Intestinal	61%	48%
Indeterminate	18%	32%
PD-L1 CPS ≥1	88%	85%
HER2 status		
IHC 2+, ISH positive	18%	21%
IHC 3+	82%	79%
Choice of chemotherapy		
CAPOX	86%	88%
FP	14%	12%

ORR and DCR, % (95% CI)	Pembro Arm (N = 133)	Placebo Arm (N = 131)
ORR	74.4% (66.2-81.6)	51.9% (43.0-60.7)
ORR difference^b	22.7% (11.2-33.7) P = 0.00006	
DCR	96.2% (91.4-98.8)	89.3% (82.7-94.0)

Best Response, n (%)	Pembro Arm (N = 133)	Placebo Arm (N = 131)
CR	15 (11%)	4 (3%)
PR	84 (63%)	64 (49%)
SD	29 (22%)	49 (37%)
PD	5 (4%)	7 (5%)
Not evaluable	0	2 (2%)
Not assessed	0	5 (4%)



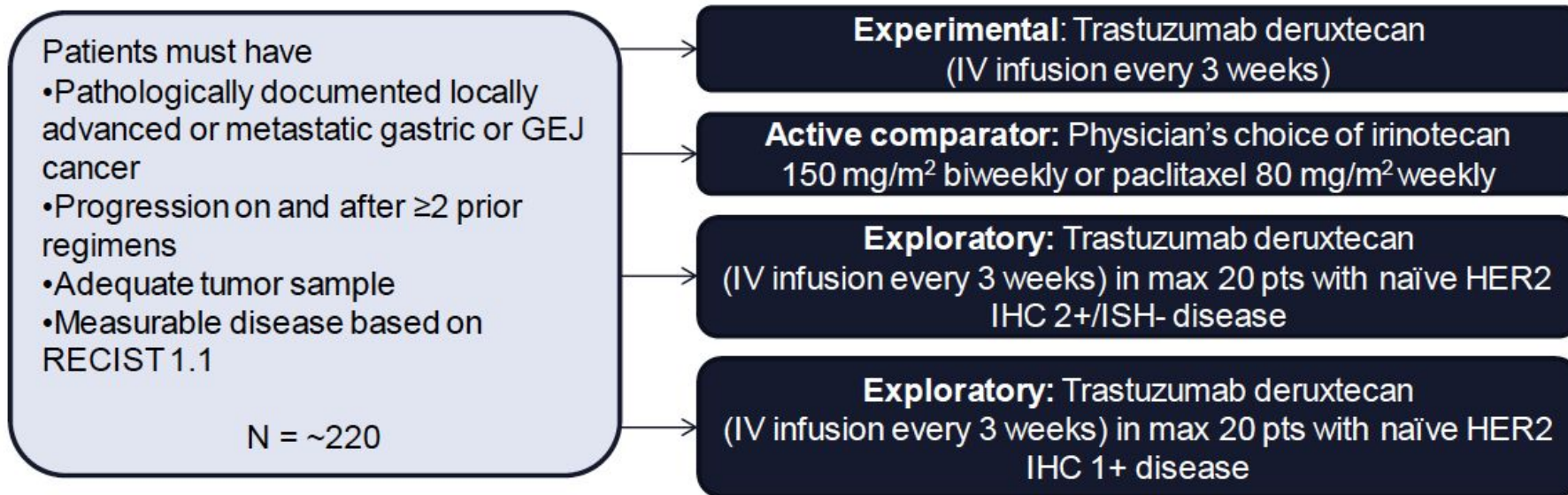
Trastuzumab Deruxtecan Structure and Mechanism of Action¹



- Trastuzumab deruxtecan (DS-8201a) designed with goal of improving critical attributes of an ADC

1. Wata H et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2018;36(15 suppl):2501-2501.

DESTINY-Gastric01: Phase 2 Trial of Trastuzumab Deruxtecan in Advanced HER2+ Gastric Cancer¹

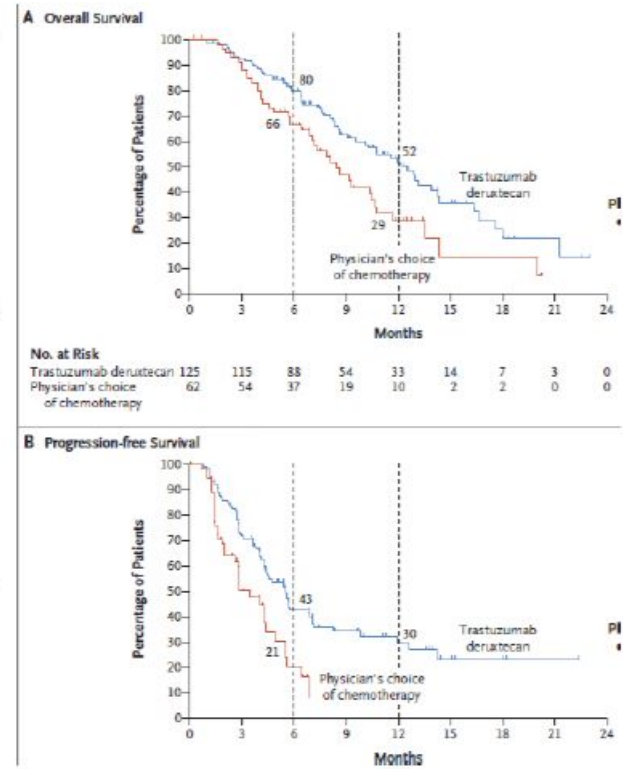
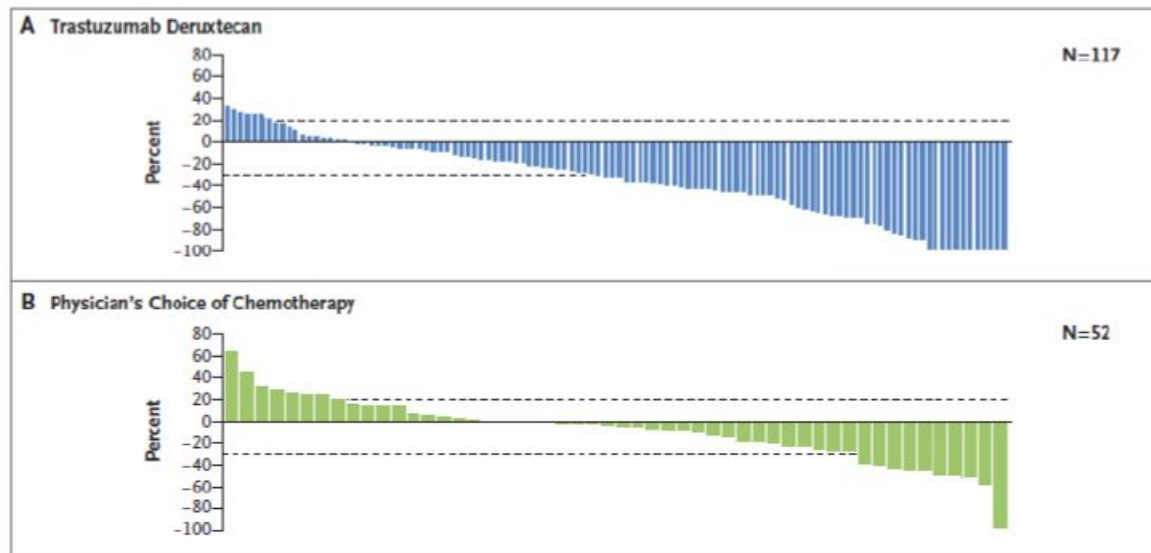


Outcomes

Primary: % of participants in the experimental and active comparator groups with objective response

Secondary: % of participants in the experimental and active comparator groups with PFS, OS, DOR, DCR, TTF, ORR, Cmax, AUClast, and AUC0-21

DESTINY Gastric01



Shitara NEJM 2020

T-DXd after Trastuzumab Progression: Adverse Events

DESTINY-Gastric02 – 2nd line in West

n (%)	Patients (N = 79)	
	Any Grade	Grade ≥3
Patients with ≥1 TRAEs	74 (93.7)	21 (26.6)
TRAEs with ≥15% incidence in all patients		
Nausea	46 (58.2)	3 (3.8)
Fatigue	29 (36.7)	3 (3.8)
Vomiting	26 (32.9)	1 (1.3)
Diarrhea	22 (27.8)	1 (1.3)
Decreased appetite	18 (22.8)	1 (1.3)
Alopecia	17 (21.5)	0
Anemia	15 (19.0)	6 (7.6)
Decreased platelet count	13 (16.5)	1 (1.3)
Decreased neutrophil count	12 (15.2)	6 (7.6)

DESTINY-Gastric01 ≥3rd line in East

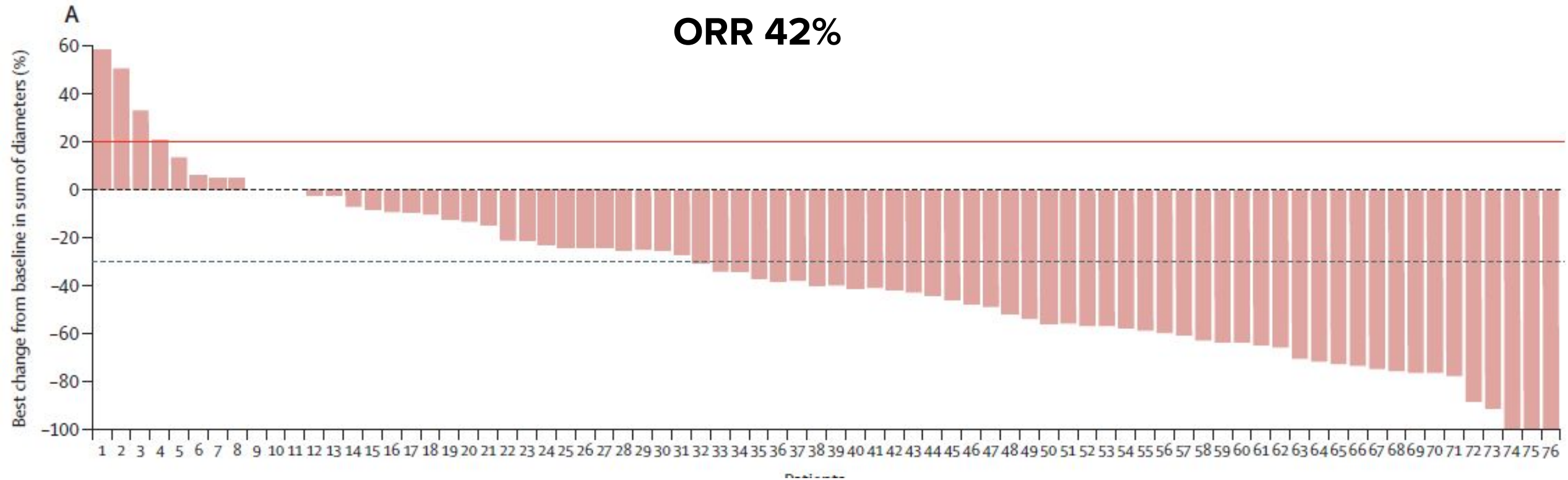
Table 3. Adverse Events Occurring in at Least 20% of the Patients Treated with Trastuzumab Deruxtecan.*

Preferred Term	Trastuzumab Deruxtecan (N=125)			Physician's Choice of Chemotherapy (N=62)		
	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4
	<i>number of patients (percent)</i>					
Nausea	79 (63)	6 (5)	0	29 (47)	1 (2)	0
Neutrophil count decreased†	79 (63)	48 (38)	16 (13)	22 (35)	10 (16)	5 (8)
Decreased appetite	75 (60)	21 (17)	0	28 (45)	8 (13)	0
Anemia‡	72 (58)	47 (38)	0	19 (31)	13 (21)	1 (2)
Platelet count decreased§	49 (39)	12 (10)	2 (2)	4 (6)	1 (2)	1 (2)
White-cell count decreased¶	47 (38)	26 (21)	0	22 (35)	5 (8)	2 (3)
Malaise	43 (34)	1 (1)	0	10 (16)	0	0
Diarrhea	40 (32)	3 (2)	0	20 (32)	1 (2)	0
Vomiting	33 (26)	0	0	5 (8)	0	0
Constipation	30 (24)	0	0	14 (23)	0	0
Pyrexia	30 (24)	0	0	10 (16)	0	0
Alopecia	28 (22)	0	0	9 (15)	0	0
Fatigue	27 (22)	9 (7)	0	15 (24)	2 (3)	0
Lymphocyte count decreased	27 (22)	8 (6)	6 (5)	2 (3)	0	1 (2)

DESTINY-Gastric02: Second Trastuzumab Deruxtecan

- Single arm; western countries
- Second-line

- Eight patients (10%)
ILD/pneumonitis
 - Two (3%) grade 1
 - Four (5%) grade 2
 - 2 died (2%) grade 5



Summary

- Her2 , MSI and CPS (PDL1) need to be checked at a minimum
 - Soon Claudin 18.2
- Trastuzumab adds value in first line **Her 2 amplified** GC.
 - Trastuzumab Pembrolizumab Chemo is now standard in 1 L
 - Trastuzumab Deruxtecan is now standard post-Trastuzumab (watch for ILD)
- Patients with **MSI H** in 1-L advanced gastroesophageal or gastric cancer can be treated with pembrolizumab +/- chemo, nivolumab + chemo or NIVO + IPI
- Patients with **MSS Her2 negative** 1L advanced gastroesophageal or gastric cancer should be treated with Chemotherapy/Nivolumab (if CPS ≥ 5) or Chemotherapy/Pembrolizumab (if CPS ≥ 1)
 - If **CPS<5** doublet chemotherapy
 - **CPS>10** option of using Pembrolizumab
 - Subsequent lines therapy include ramucirumab/ paclitaxel and trifluridine/ tipiracil
- NIVO + chemo, Tisle+chemo, and NIVO + IPI each represent a new potential 1L standard of care for patients with **advanced ESCC**
- Pembrolizumab + chemo represents a new potential 1L standard of care for patients with advanced esophageal cancer
- Tisle represents a potential treatment option in second line ESCC (PDL-1 TAP>10)

A woman in a white lab coat and sunglasses is holding a baby in a carrier. She is also holding a sign that says "1 in 8 Beat the Rate". The background is a blurred outdoor setting with other people.

O'NEAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

UAB THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

1 in 8
Beat the Rate