



Updates in Immunotherapy for Lung Cancer

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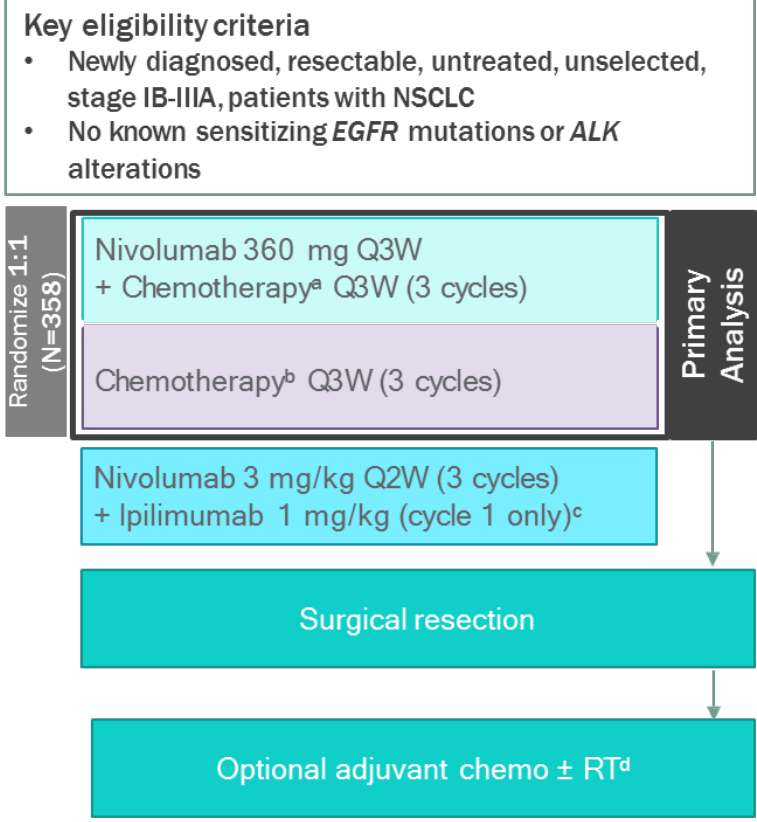
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Neoadjuvant Nivolumab +CT in Resectable Stage IB-IIIa (CheckMate 816): Study Design and Patients



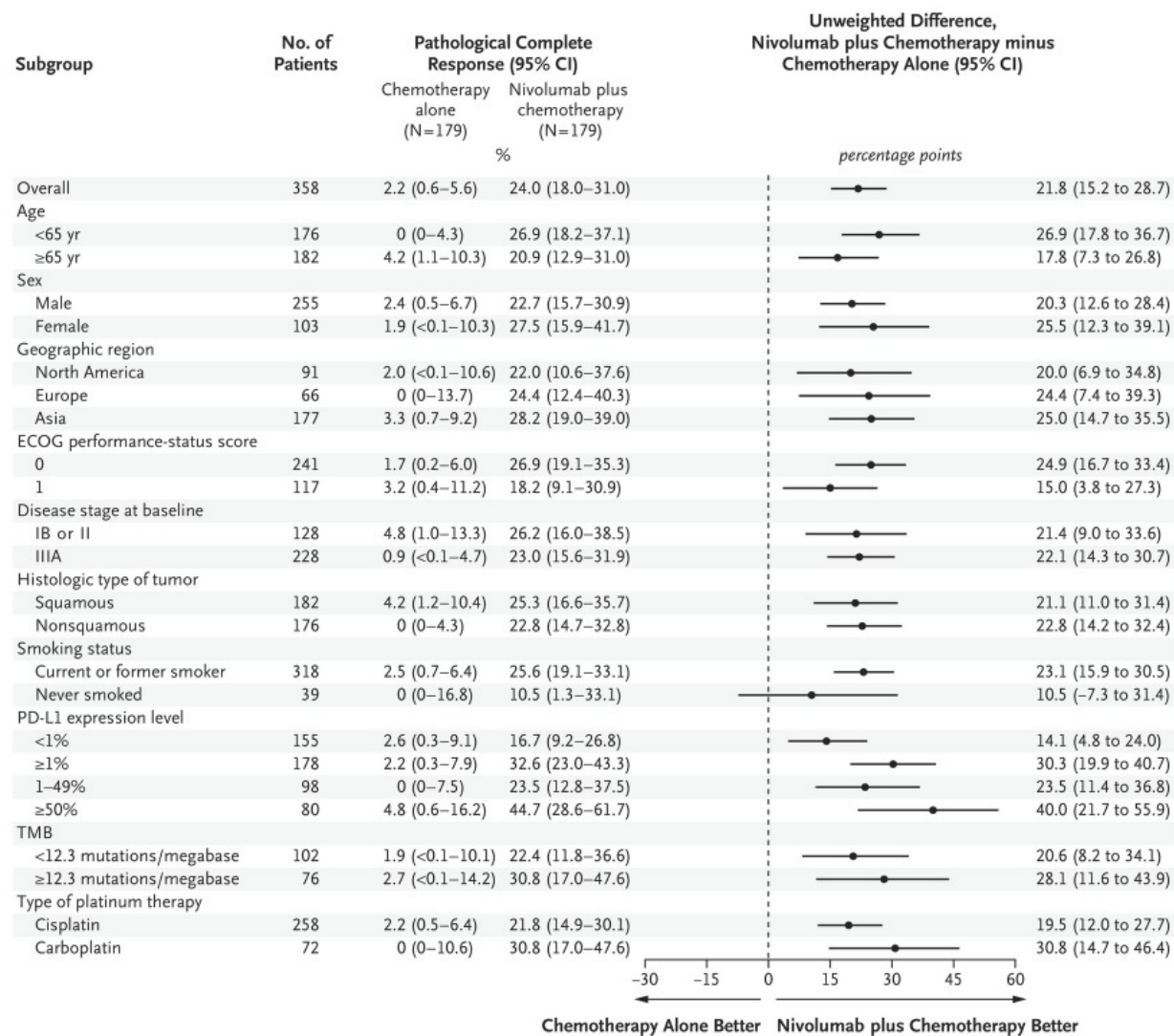
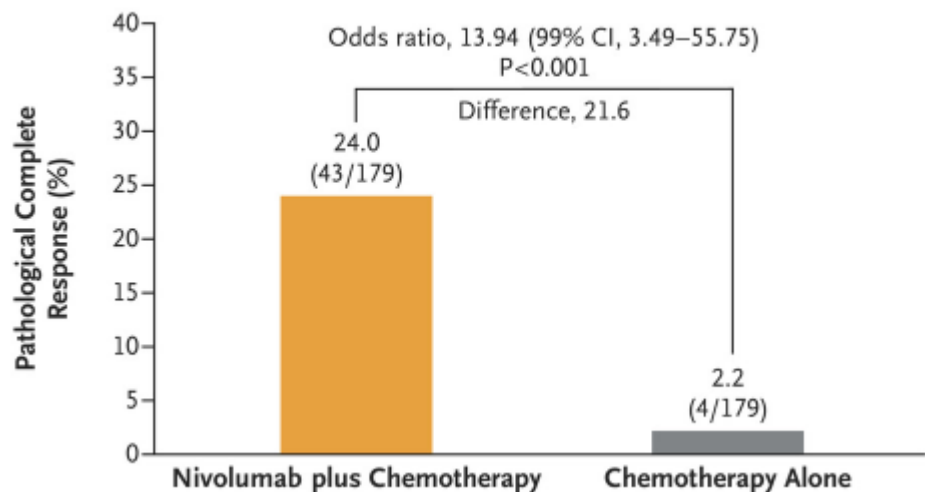
Patient Characteristics, %		Nivo + chemo (n=179)	Chemo (n=179)
Median age (range), years		64 (41-82)	65 (34-84)
Female, %		28	29
Region ^e , n (%)	North America	23	28
	Europe	23	14
	Asia	48	51
Clinical stage ^f , n (%)	IB-II ^g	36	35
	IIIa	63	64
Histology, %	Squamous	49	53
	Non-squamous	51	47
Smoking status ^h , %	Current / former	89	88
	Never	11	11
Tumor PD-L1 expression, % ⁱ	Not evaluable	7	7
	<1%	44	43
	≥1%	50	50
	1-49%	28	16
	≥50%	21	24
TMB, % ^j	Not evaluable / not reported	51	50
	<12.3 mut/Mb	27	30
	≥12.3 mut/Mb	22	21

Primary endpoints: pCR by BIPR, EFS by BICR
 Secondary endpoints: MPR by BIPR, OS, time to death or distant metastases
 Exploratory endpoints: ORR by BICR, predictive biomarkers (PD-L1, TMB, ctDNA^k)

- Baseline characteristics in the Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (exploratory) arm were generally similar to the NIVO + chemo and chemo arms

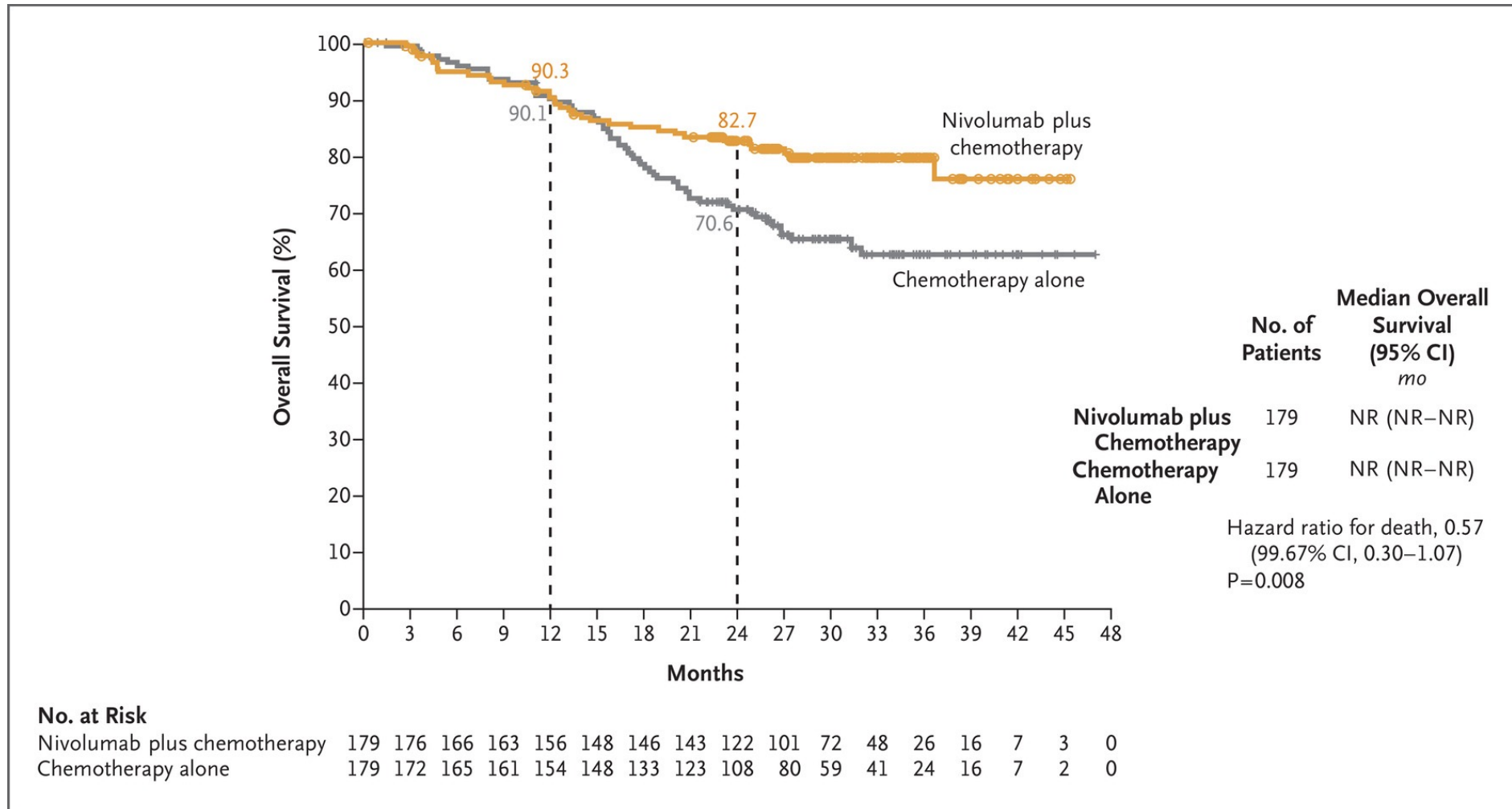
BICR, Blinded Independent Central Review; BIPR, Blinded Independent Pathology Review; EFS, event-free survival; NSCLC, non small cell lung cancer; ORR, overall response rate; pCR, pathological complete response.
^aNSQ: pemetrexed + cisplatin or paclitaxel + carboplatin; SQ: gemcitabine + cisplatin or paclitaxel + carboplatin; ^bVinorelbine + cisplatin, docetaxel + cisplatin, gemcitabine + cisplatin (SQ only), pemetrexed + cisplatin (NSQ only), or paclitaxel + carboplatin; ^cRandomized exploratory arm (enrollment closed early); ^dPer healthcare professional choice; ^eRest of the world: 7% of patients in each of the NIVO + chemo and chemo arms; ^fDisease stage by CRF, with TNM 7th edition used for classification; 1 patient in each of the NIVO + chemo and chemo arms had stage IV disease; ^gStage IB, IIA, IIB disease: 6%, 17%, and 14% of patients in the NIVO + chemo arm, and 4%, 18%, and 13% in the chemo arm, respectively; ^hSmoking status unknown: 1 patient in chemo arm; ⁱPercentages are based on ITT; ^jTMB was not analyzed for patients in China, and these patients are included in the "not reported" category; ^kPerformed using tumor guided personalized ctDNA panel (ArcherDX Personalized Cancer Monitoring).
 1. NCT02998528. 2. Forde P, et al. American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting 2021. Presentation CT003.

CheckMate 816: pCR and subgroup analysis



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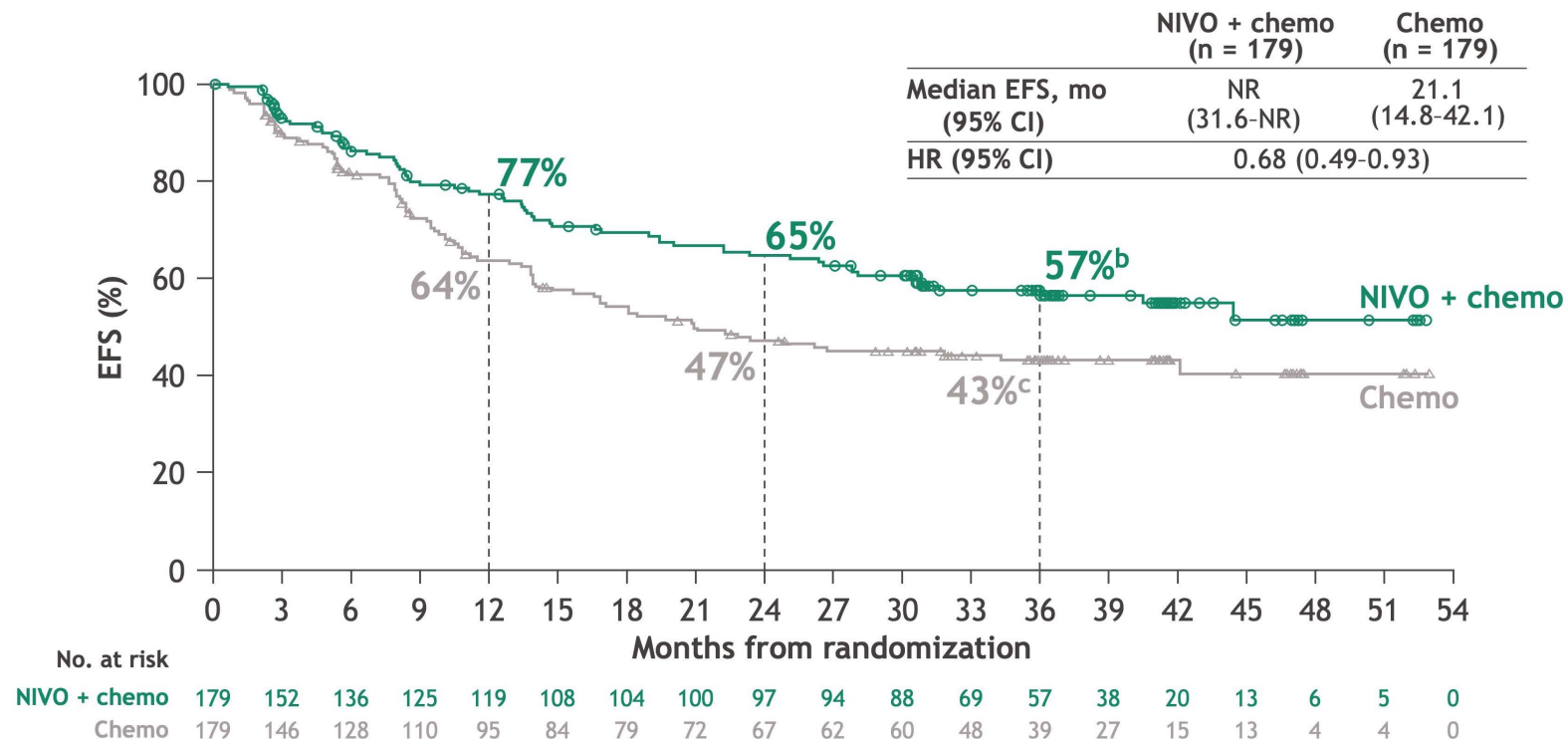
CheckMate-816: OS



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CheckMate 816: EFS - 3 year follow up

CheckMate 816: 3-y efficacy/safety update and biomarker analyses



Minimum/median follow-up: 32.9/41.4 months.

^aExploratory analysis. Time from randomization to any disease progression precluding surgery, disease progression/recurrence after surgery, progression in patients without surgery, or death due to any cause per BICR. Patients who received subsequent therapy were censored at the last evaluable tumor assessment on or prior to the date of subsequent therapy.

^{b,c}95% CIs for 3-year EFS rates: ^b48–64; ^c35–51.

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CheckMate-816: Key Points

- Three-year update to the randomized phase III CheckMate 816 study showed improved long-term event-free survival in patients with resectable NSCLC.
- Among patients who underwent surgery, fewer in the nivolumab-plus-chemotherapy arm had disease recurrence compared with patients who received chemotherapy alone (28% vs 42%). Fewer distant recurrences were observed with nivolumab plus chemotherapy (10% of patients) vs chemotherapy alone (22%), with a significant reduction in central nervous system recurrences (4% vs 15%).
- Results also demonstrated an improved overall survival trend and tolerable safety profile.
- Exploratory biomarker analysis (four-gene inflammatory signature, CD8A, STAT1, LAG3, and CD274, assessed by transcriptome) suggested potential for identifying patients who may derive the greatest clinical benefit.

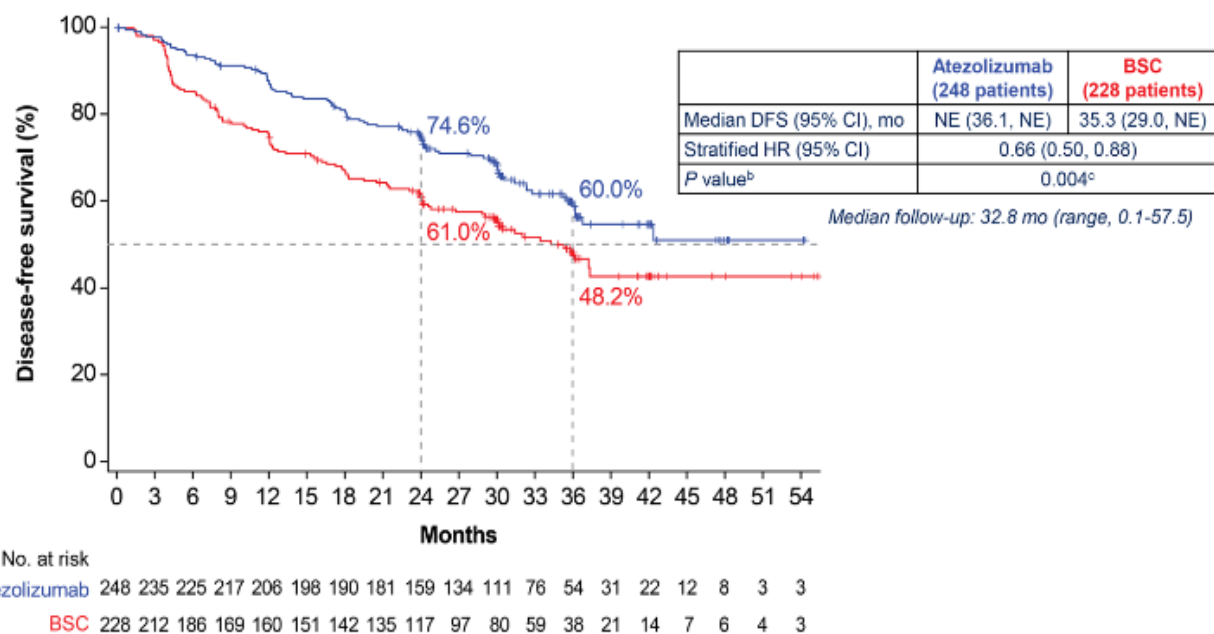
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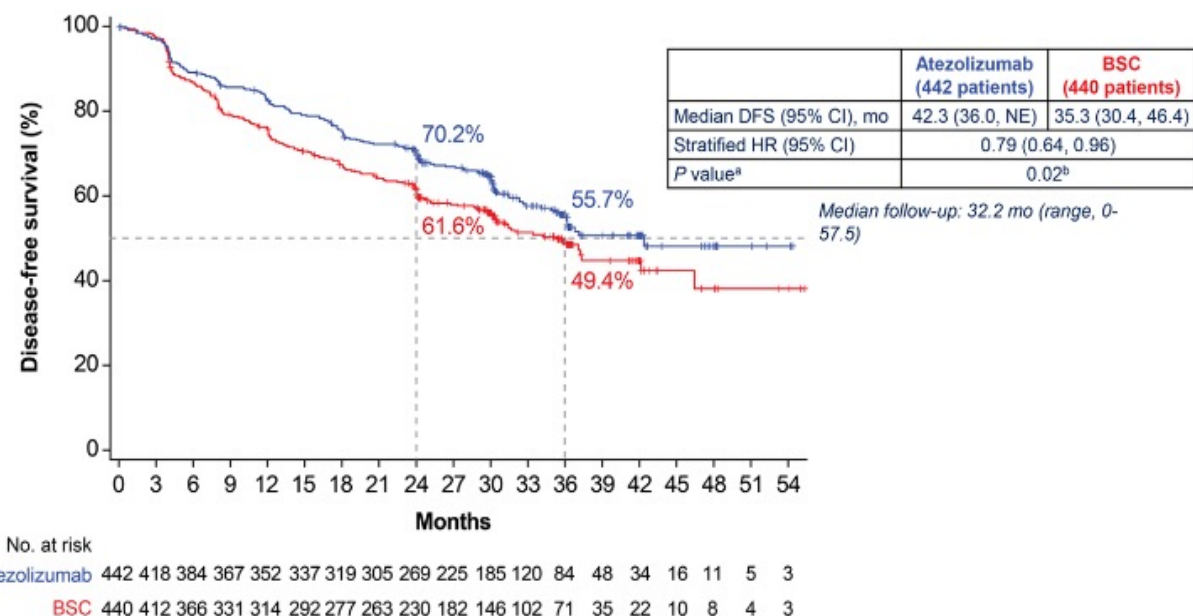
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IMpower-010

A. Patients With PD-L1 TC \geq 1% Stage II-IIIa NSCLC



B. All Randomly Assigned Patients With Stage II-IIIa NSCLC



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IMpower-010 – Role of KRAS mutation

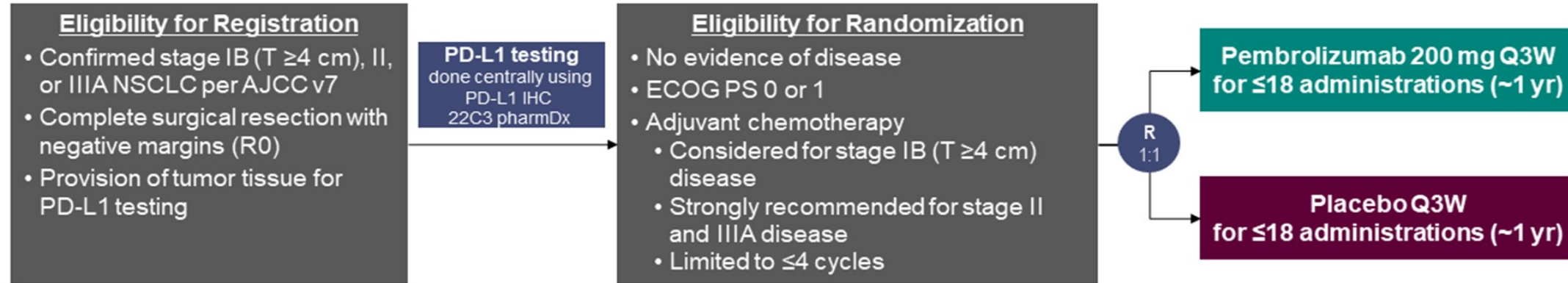
	Atezolizumab median DFS, mo	BSC median DFS, mo	DFS HR (vs BSC) 95% CI
Stage II-III A WES-BEP	NR n=270	31.4 n=266	0.70 0.54, 0.91
KRAS WT stage II-III A WES-BEP	42.3 n=208	31.4 n=210	0.74 0.55, 1.00
mKRAS stage II-III A WES-BEP	NR n=62	25.2 n=56	0.56 0.32, 0.99
mKRAS SP263-evaluable stage II-III A WES-BEP	NR n=61	25.2 n=56	0.57 0.32, 1.02
mKRAS SP263-evaluable PD-L1 TC ≥1% stage II-III A WES-BEP	NR n=39	21.7 n=32	0.52 0.25, 1.08
mKRAS SP263-evaluable PD-L1 TC <1% stage II-III A WES-BEP	NR n=22	31.6 n=24	0.67 0.26, 1.73

NR, not reached; WT, wild type.

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PEARLS/KEYNOTE-091: Randomized, Triple-Blind, Phase 3 Trial



Stratification Factors

- Disease stage (IB vs II vs IIIA)
- PD-L1 TPS (<1% vs 1-49% vs \geq 50%)
- Receipt of adjuvant chemotherapy (yes vs no)
- Geographic region (Asia vs Eastern Europe vs Western Europe vs rest of world)

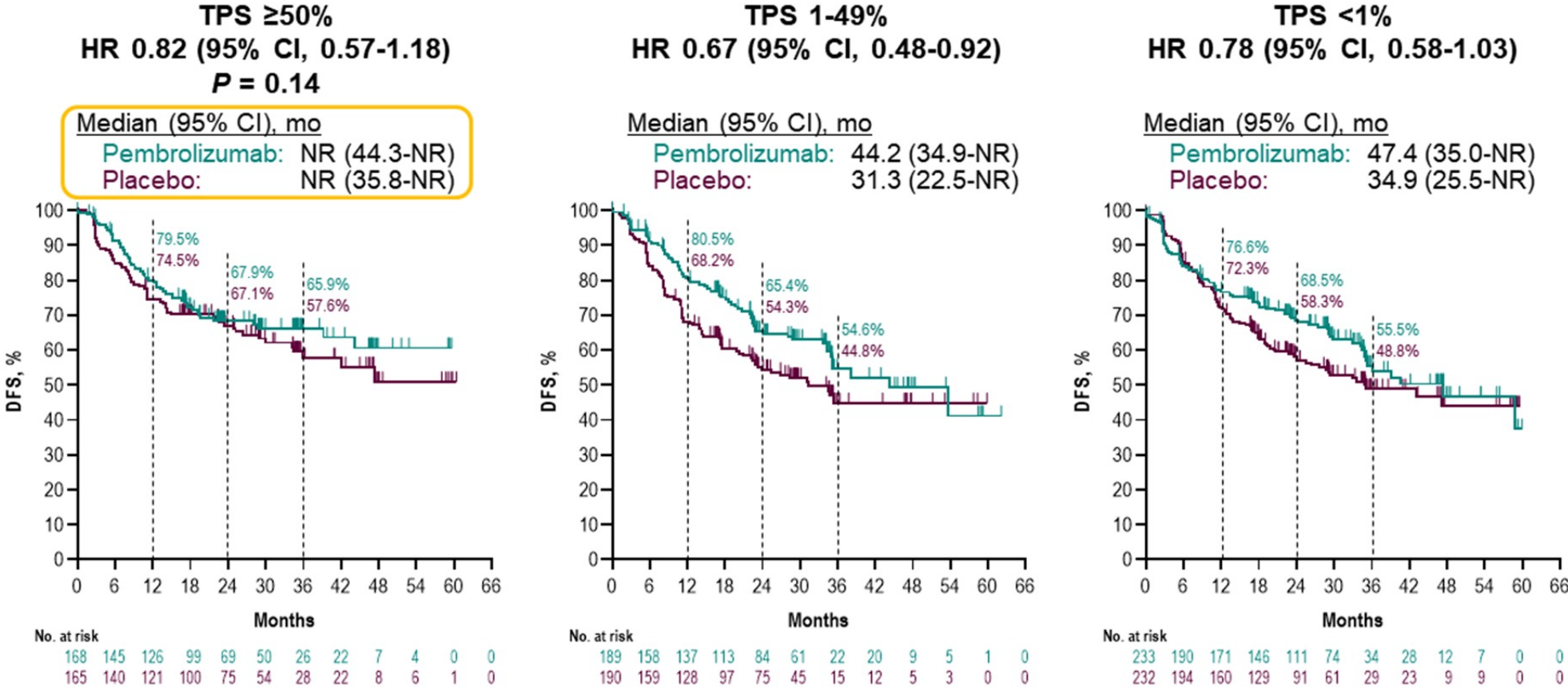
Dual Primary End Points

- DFS in the overall population
- DFS in the PD-L1 TPS \geq 50% population

Secondary End Points

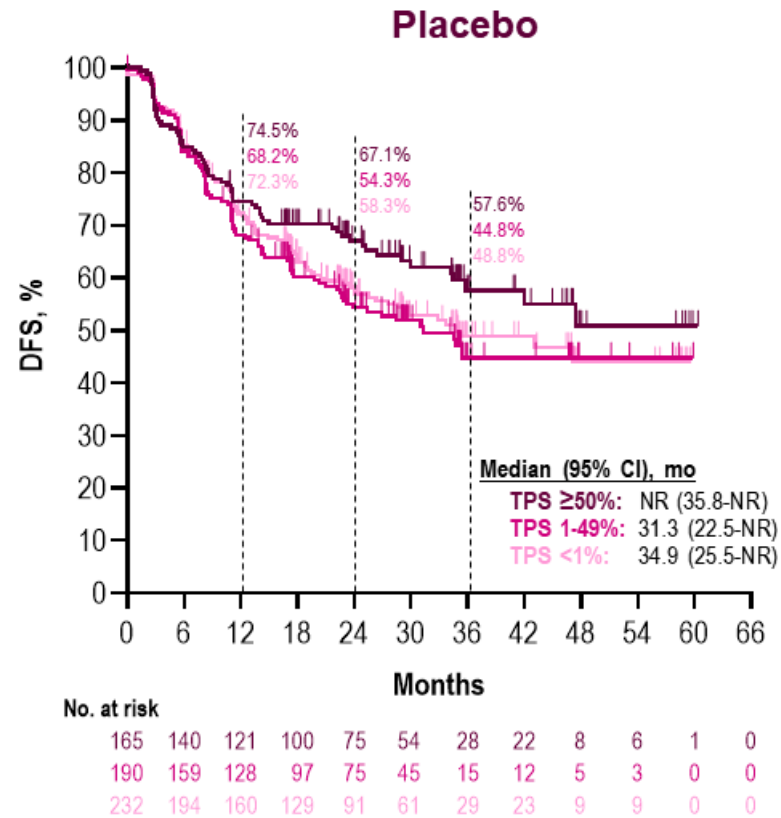
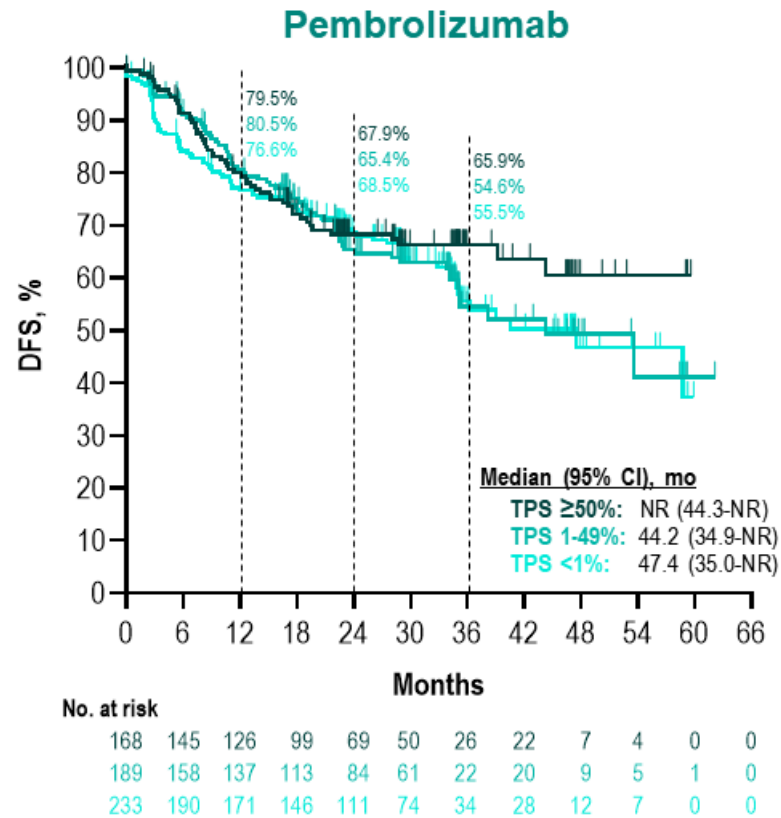
- DFS in the PD-L1 TPS \geq 1% population
- OS in the overall, PD-L1 TPS \geq 50%, and PD-L1 TPS \geq 1% populations
- Lung cancer-specific survival in the overall population
- Safety

DFS: Pembrolizumab vs Placebo by PD-L1 TPS



Data cutoff date: September 20, 2021

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Perioperative NSCLC Immune Checkpoints:

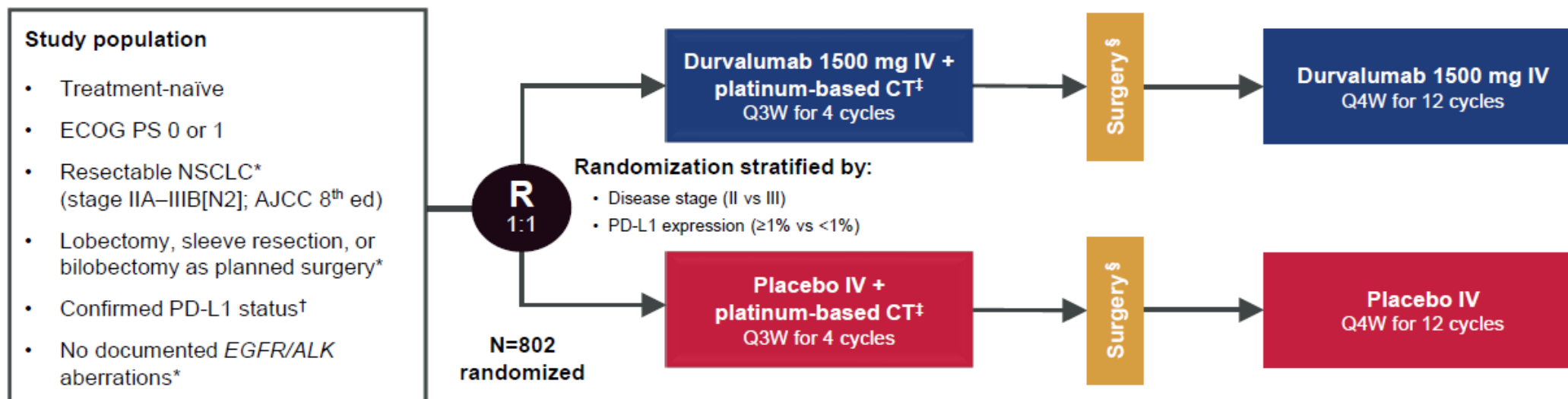
- Both studies are positive and agents approved by FDA; however, efficacy is rather modest and no OS data yet
- Surprising discrepancy of the PDL1 role as a predictive marker
- Similar expected rates of irAEs
- Will be more controversy now with neoadjuvant and perioperative data
- Controversy about use in EGFR mutated tumors (especially after ADAURA resulted)

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- Perioperative setting
 - AEGEAN
 - KEYNOTE-671
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AEGEAN: A Phase 3 Trial of Neoadjuvant Durvalumab + Chemotherapy



Endpoints: All efficacy analyses performed on a modified population that excludes patients with documented *EGFR/ALK* aberrations[¶]

Primary:

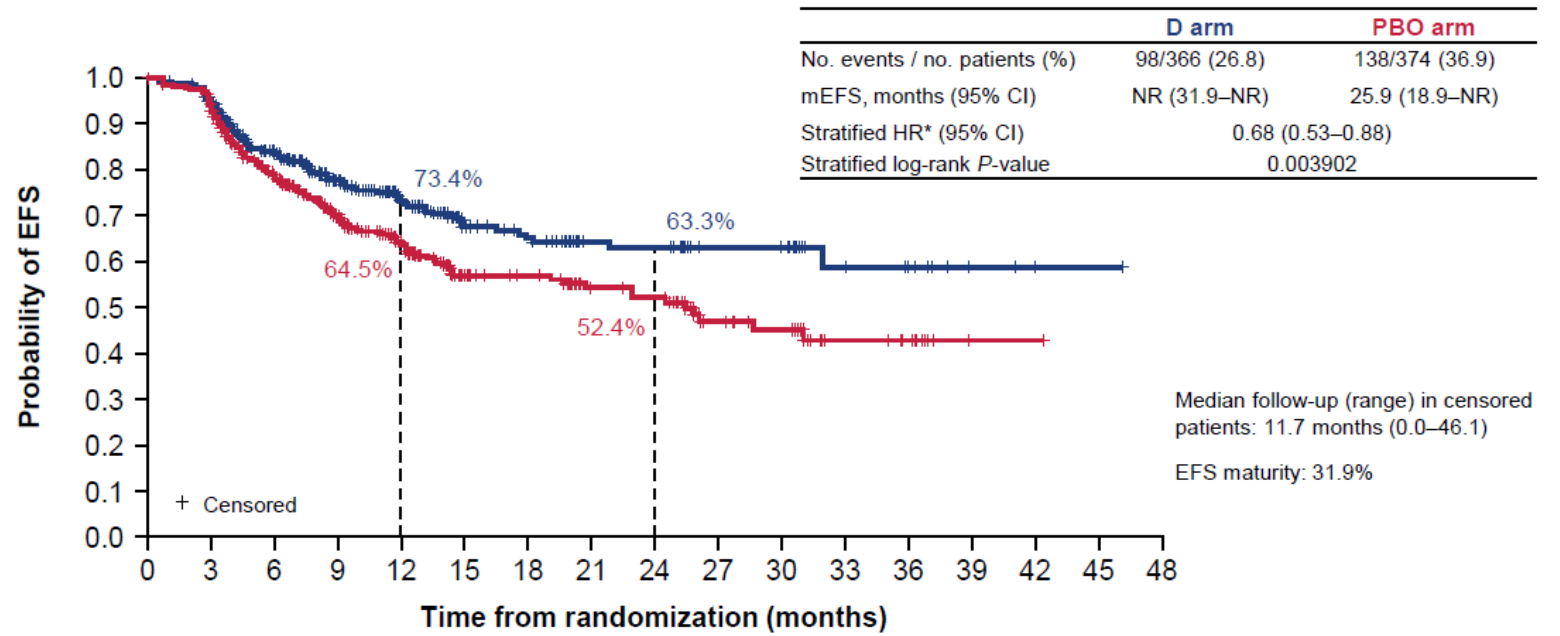
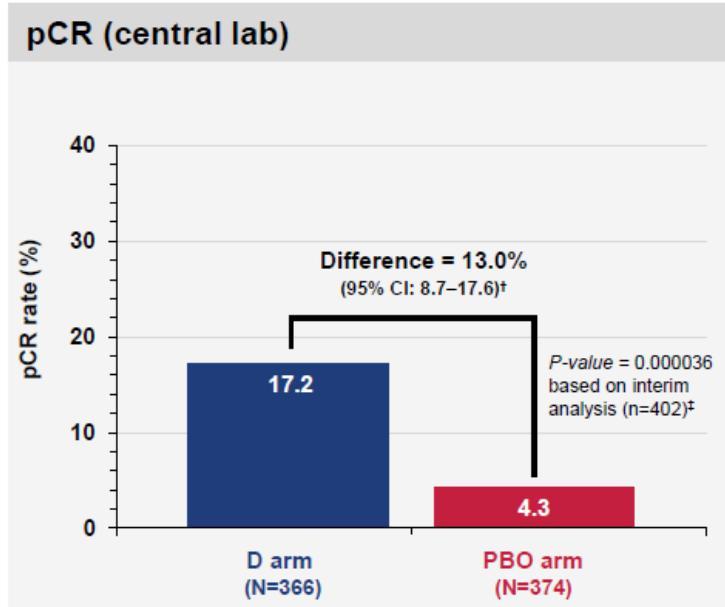
- pCR by central lab (per IASLC 2020¹)
- EFS using BICR (per RECIST v1.1)

Key secondary:

- MPR by central lab (per IASLC 2020¹)
- DFS using BICR (per RECIST v1.1)
- OS

*The protocol was amended while enrollment was ongoing to exclude (1) patients with tumors classified as T4 for any reason other than size; (2) patients with planned pneumonectomies; and (3) patients with documented *EGFR/ALK* aberrations. [†]Ventana SP263 immunohistochemistry assay. [‡]Choice of CT regimen determined by histology and at the investigator's discretion. For non-squamous: cisplatin + pemetrexed or carboplatin + pemetrexed. For squamous: carboplatin + paclitaxel or cisplatin + gemcitabine (or carboplatin + gemcitabine for patients who have comorbidities or who are unable to tolerate cisplatin per the investigator's judgment). [§]Post-operative radiotherapy (PORT) was permitted where indicated per local guidance. [¶]All efficacy analyses reported in this presentation were performed on the mITT population, which includes all randomized patients who did not have documented *EGFR/ALK* aberrations.

AEGEAN: pCR and EFS using RECIST v1.1 (BICR) (mITT)

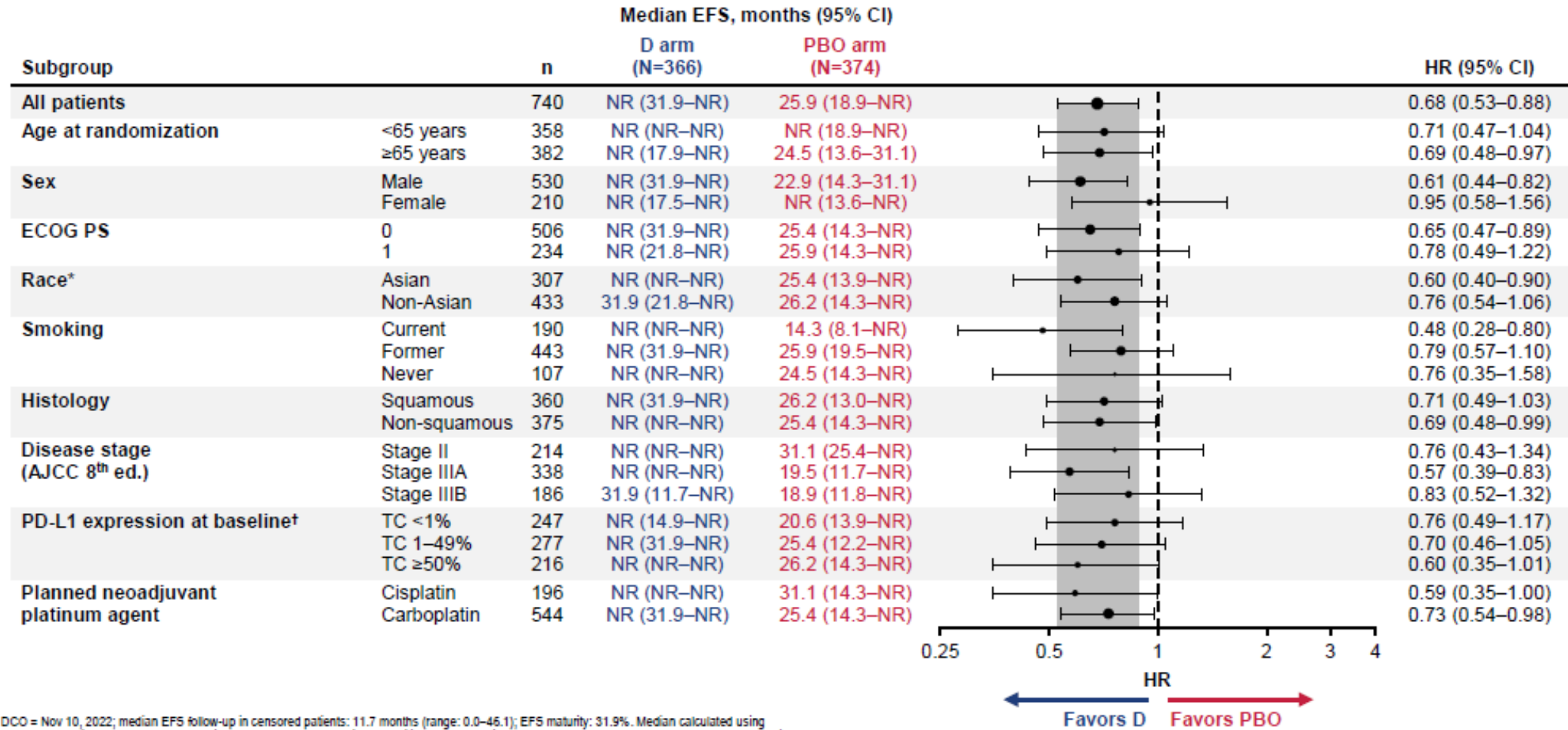


No. at risk:

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
D arm	366	336	271	194	140	90	78	50	49	31	30	14	11	3	1	1	0
PBO arm	374	339	257	184	136	82	74	53	50	30	25	16	13	1	1	0	0

DCO = Nov 10, 2022. EFS is defined as time from randomization to the earliest of: (A) progressive disease (PD) that precludes surgery; (B) PD discovered and reported by the investigator upon attempting surgery that prevents completion of surgery; (C) local/distant recurrence using BICR per RECIST v1.1; or (D) death from any cause. *HR <1 favors the D arm versus the PBO arm. Median and landmark estimates calculated using the Kaplan–Meier method; HR calculated using a stratified Cox proportional hazards model; and P-value calculated using a stratified log rank test. Stratification factors: disease stage (II vs III) and PD-L1 expression status (<1% vs ≥1%). Significance boundary = 0.009899 (based on total 5% alpha), calculated using a Lan-DeMets alpha spending function with O'Brien Fleming boundary. mEFS, median EFS; NR, not reached.

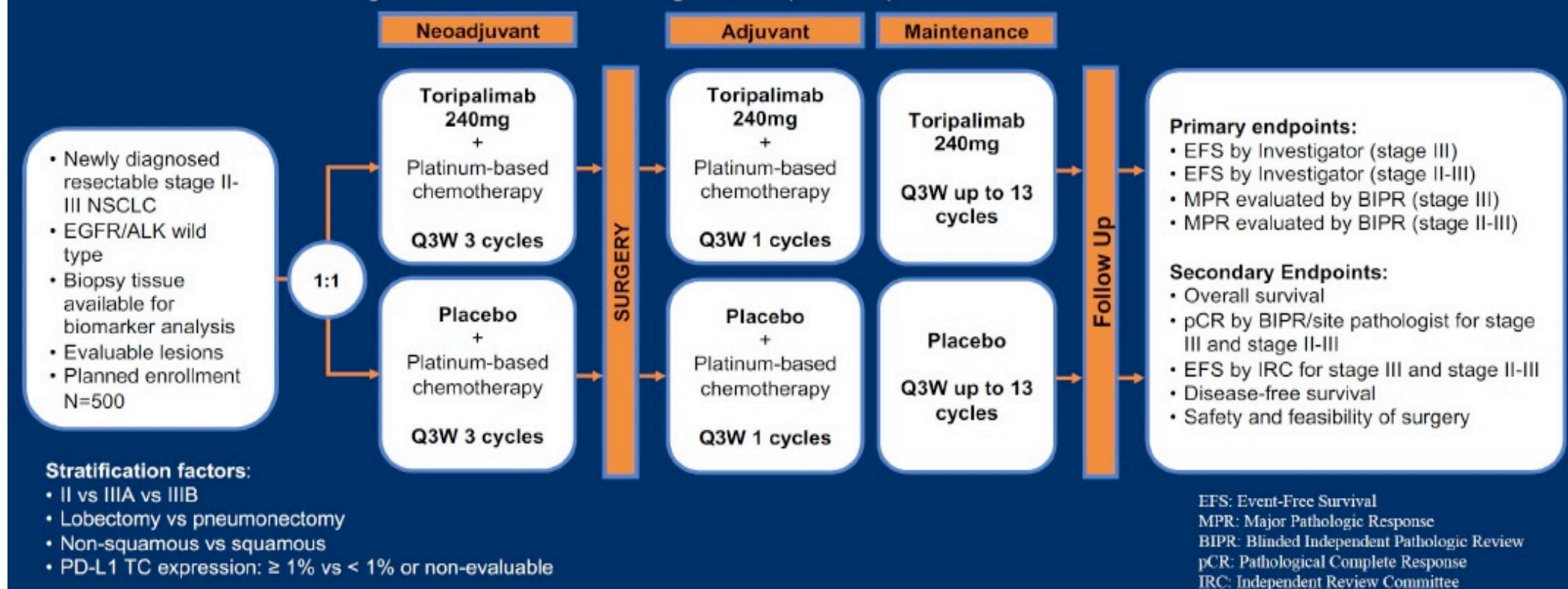
AEGEAN: EFS subgroup analysis



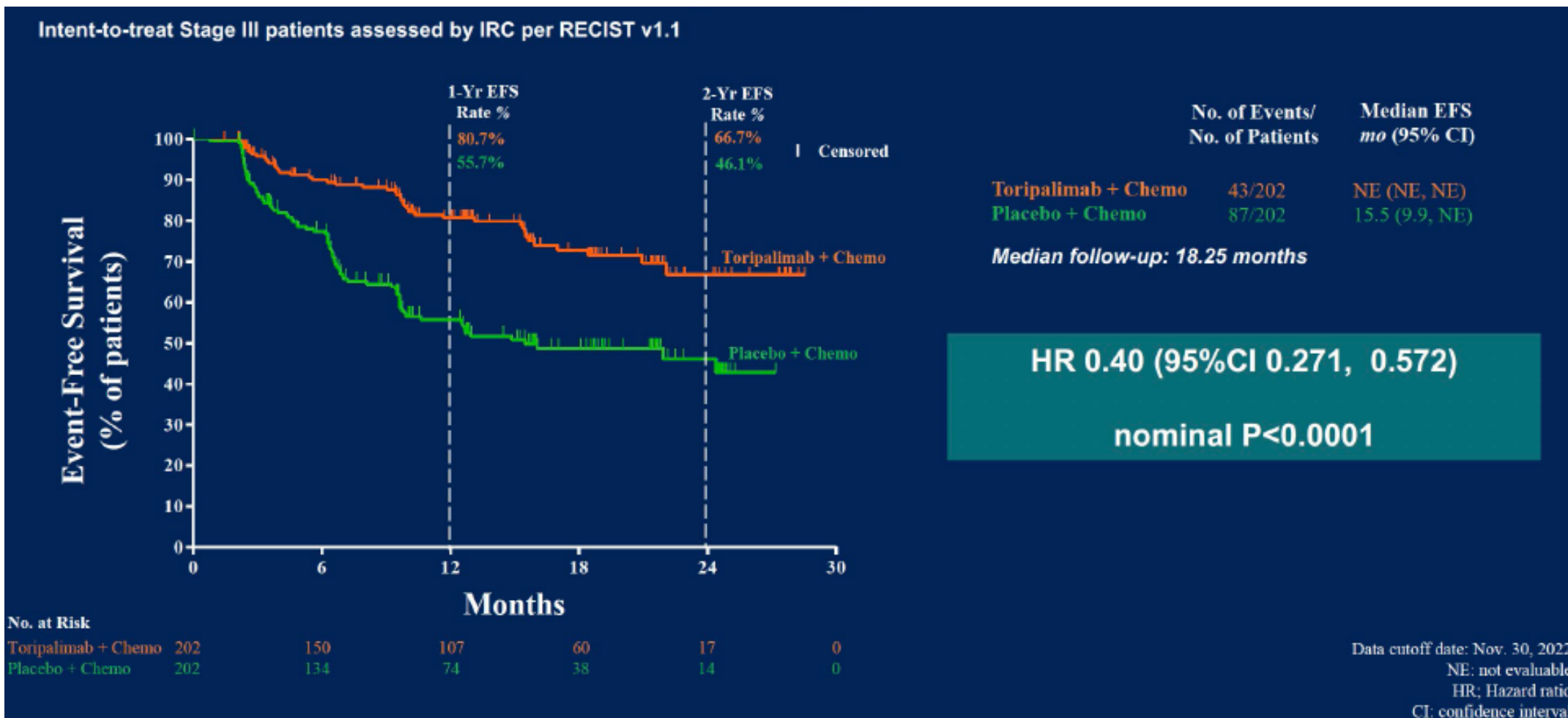
DCO = Nov 10, 2022; median EFS follow-up in censored patients: 11.7 months (range: 0.0–46.1); EFS maturity: 31.9%. Median calculated using the Kaplan–Meier method; HR for all patients (mITT) calculated using a stratified Cox proportional hazards model. HRs for subgroups calculated using unstratified Cox proportional hazards models. The size of circles is proportional to the number of events for each subgroup, and the horizontal bars represent the 95% CIs. *Race was self-reported per the electronic case report form. †Determined using the Ventana SP263 immunohistochemistry assay.

NEOTORCH: Perioperative Toripalimab + Chemo vs Chemo in Resectable Stage II/III NSCLC

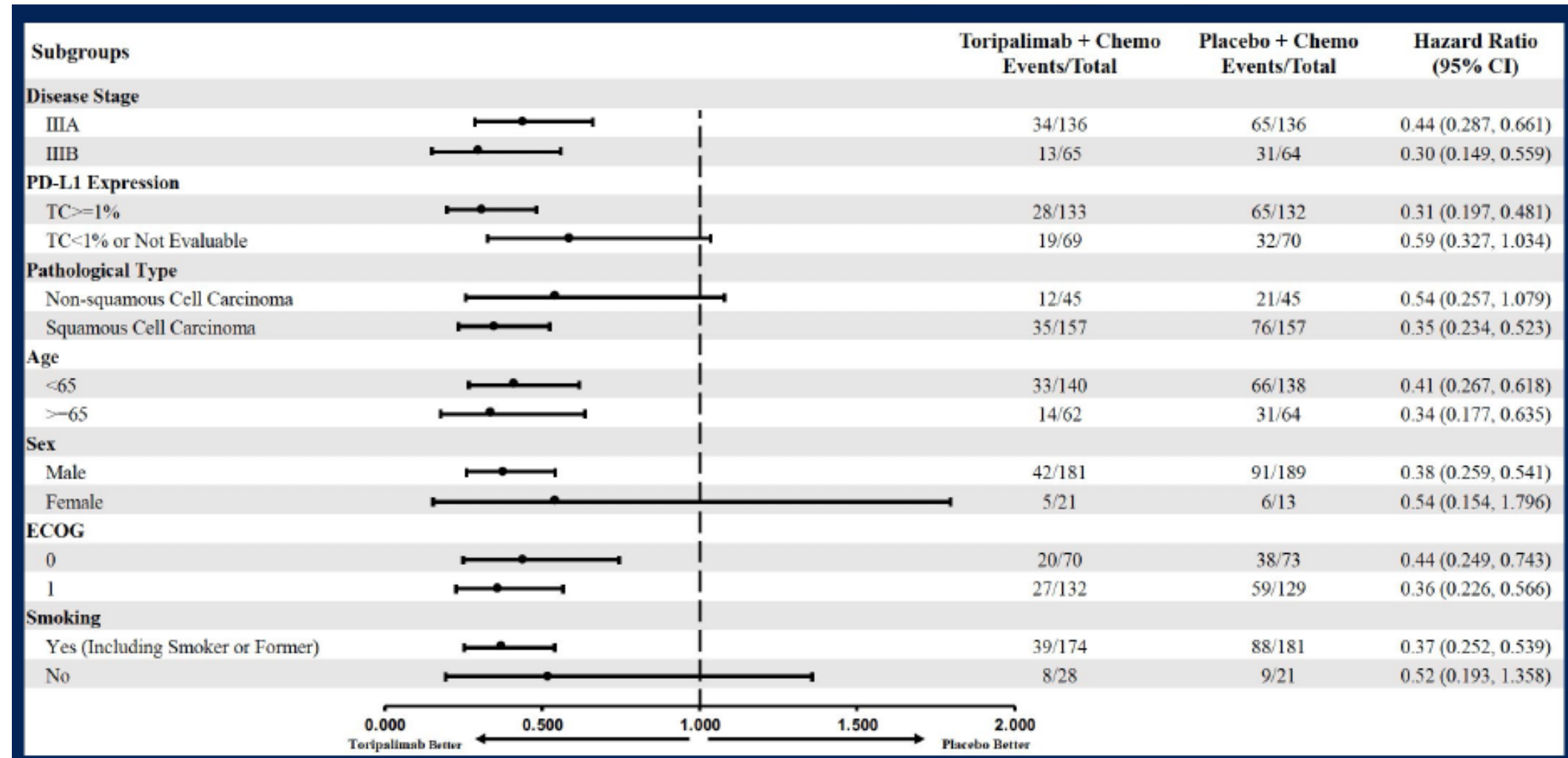
- Neotorch is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, Phase III trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of perioperative toripalimab plus chemotherapy, followed by toripalimab maintenance vs perioperative chemotherapy alone in resectable stage II/III non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)



NEOTORCH: EFS

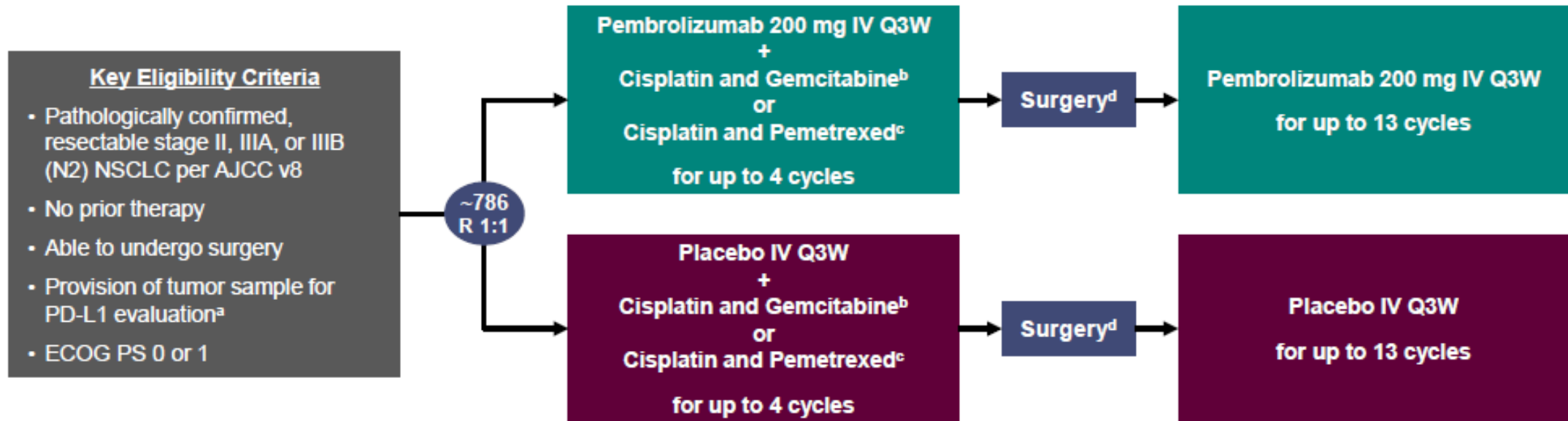


NEOTORCH: Subgroup Analysis



KEYNOTE-671 Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3

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Stratification Factors

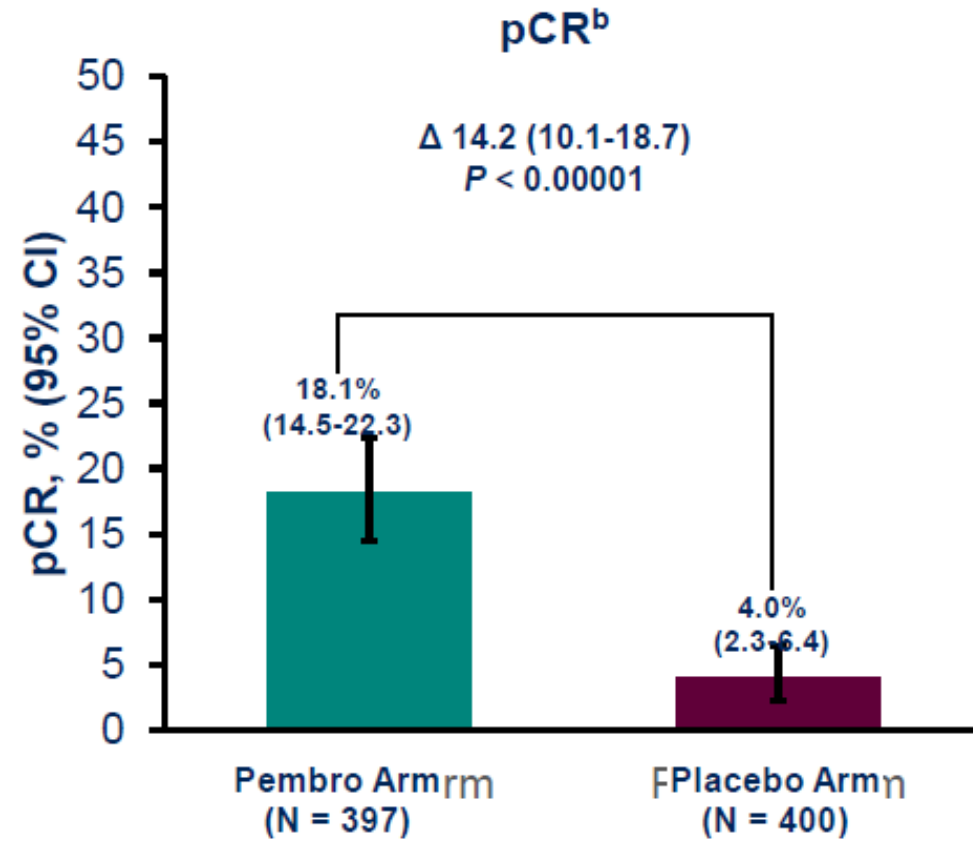
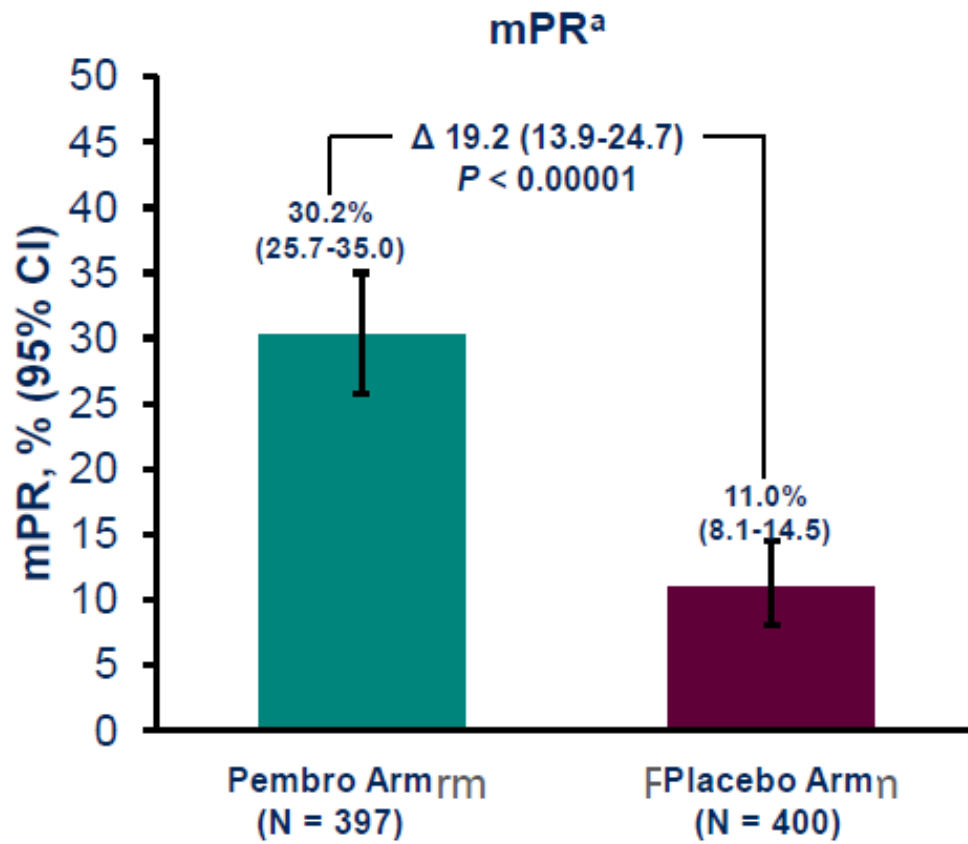
- Disease stage (II vs III)
- PD-L1 TPS^a (<50% vs ≥50%)
- Histology (squamous vs nonsquamous)
- Geographic region (east Asia vs not east Asia)

Dual primary end points: EFS per investigator review and OS

Key secondary end points: mPR and pCR per blinded, independent pathology review, and safety

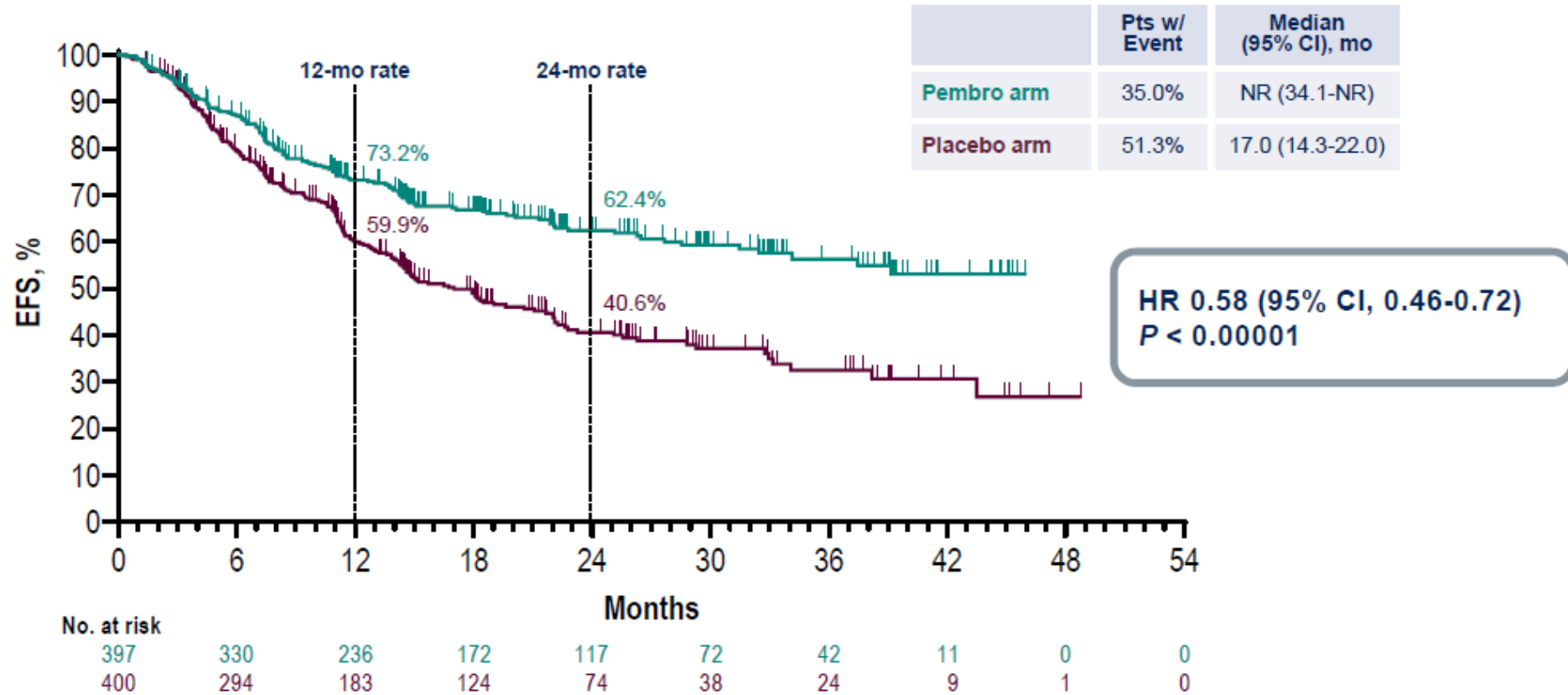
^a Assessed at a central laboratory using PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx. ^b Cisplatin 75 mg/m² IV Q3W + gemcitabine 1000 mg/m² IV on days 1 and 8 Q3W was permitted for squamous histology only. ^c Cisplatin 75 mg/m² IV Q3W + pemetrexed 500 mg/m² IV Q3W was permitted for nonsquamous histology only. ^d Radiotherapy was to be administered to participants with microscopic positive margins, gross residual disease, or extracapsular nodal extension following surgery and to participants who did not undergo planned surgery for any reason other than local progression or metastatic disease. ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT03425643.

KEYNOTE-671: mPR and pCR



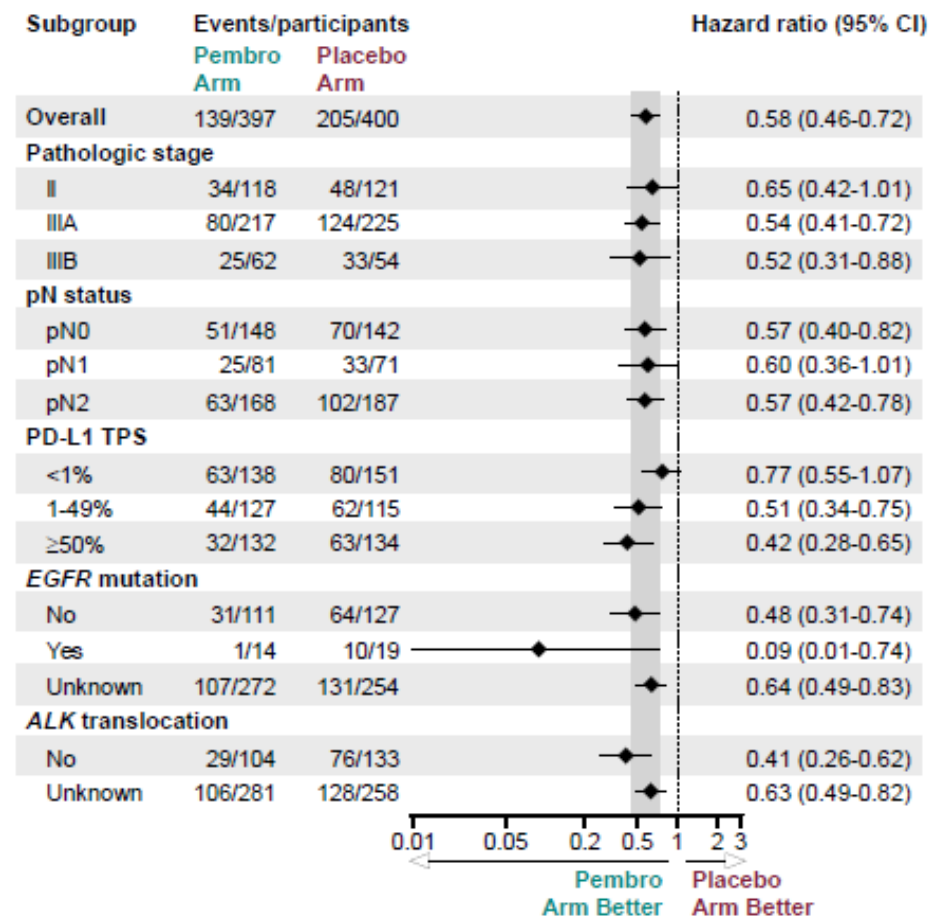
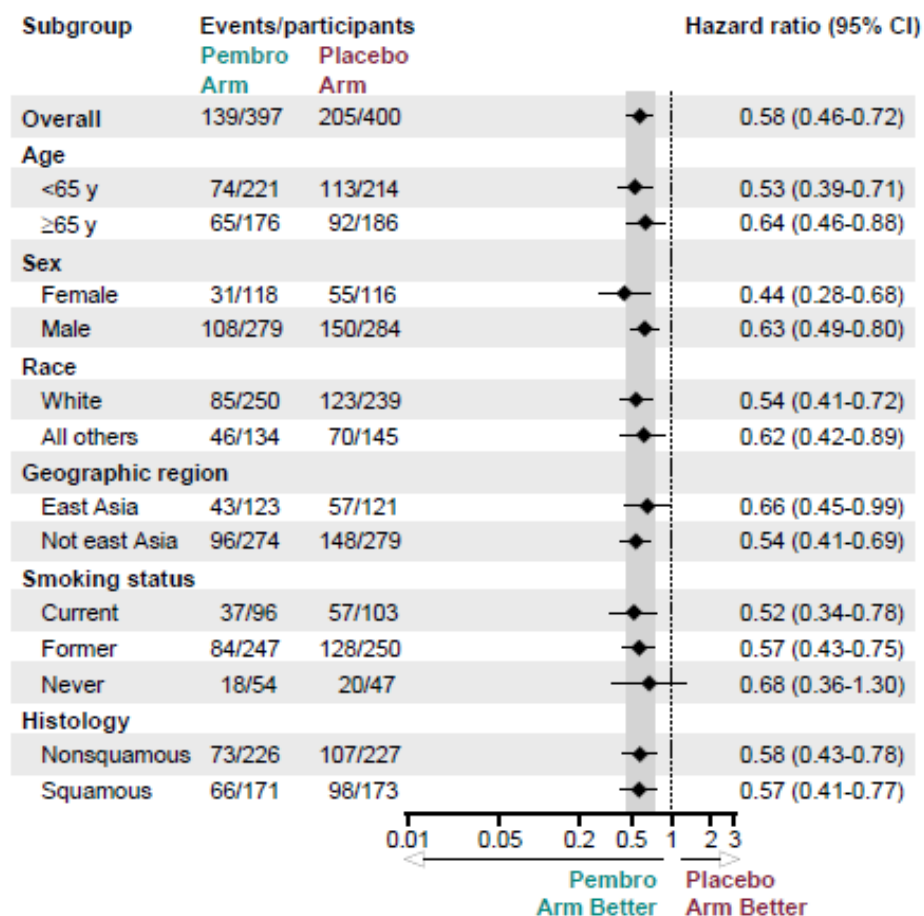
^a Per IASLC criteria, defined as $\leq 10\%$ viable tumor cells in resected primary tumor and lymph nodes. ^b Per IASLC criteria, defined as absence of residual invasive cancer in resected primary tumor and lymph nodes (ypT0/Tis ypN0). Data cutoff date for IA1: July 29, 2022.

KEYNOTE-671: EFS



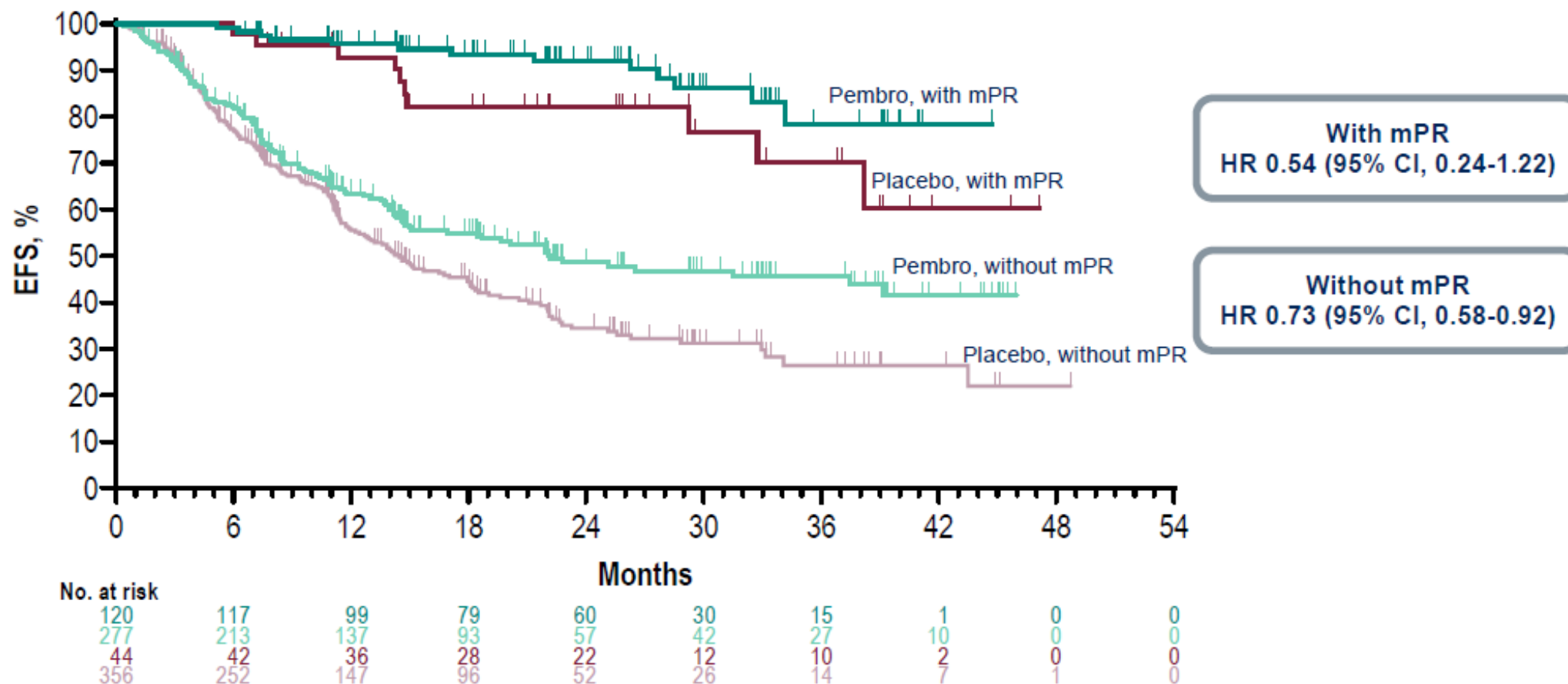
EFS defined as time from randomization to first occurrence of local progression precluding planned surgery, unresectable tumor, progression or recurrence per RECIST v1.1 by investigator assessment, or death from any cause. Data cutoff date for IA1: July 29, 2022 (median follow-up, 25.2 mo [range, 7.5-50.6]).

KEYNOTE-671: Subgroup Analysis



Per the prespecified analysis plan, subgroups with <30 participants are excluded from the forest plot. Subgroups for stage IIIA and IIIB and pN status were post hoc; all other subgroups were prespecified. Data cutoff date for IA1: July 29, 2022.

KEYNOTE-671: Exploratory EFS Analysis by mPR



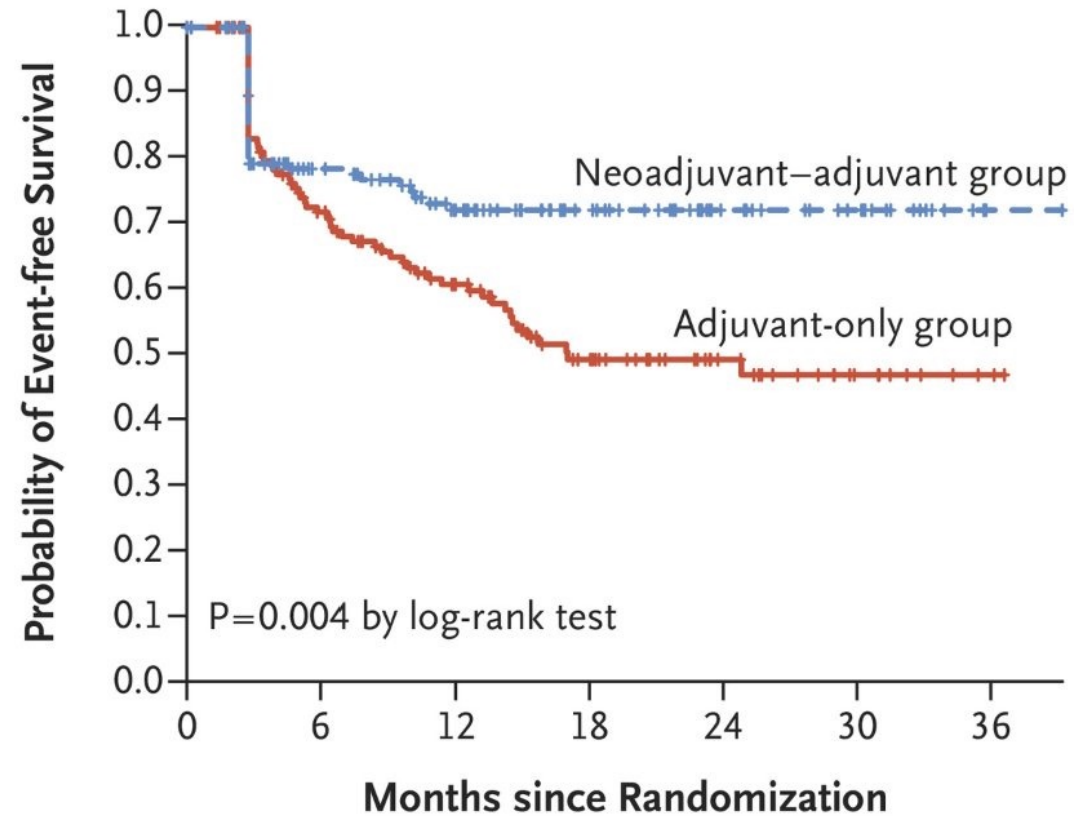
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Perioperative NSCLC Immune Checkpoints:

- Impressive and similar EFS and pCR rate in all three trials. Similar study design.
- No obvious tumor or demographic characteristics to serve as predictor factors, except PDL-1
- Similar rates of irAEs in all three studies
- Awaiting approval. Will be more controversy when to use neoadjuvant, adjuvant and perioperative regimens
- Controversy about use in EGFR and ALK mutated tumors (KN-671 included these)
- Ongoing work to define more precise molecular predictors. Has to be easy, fast and adaptable in all healthcare settings

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Neoadjuvant-Adjuvant or Adjuvant-Only Pembrolizumab in Advanced Melanoma



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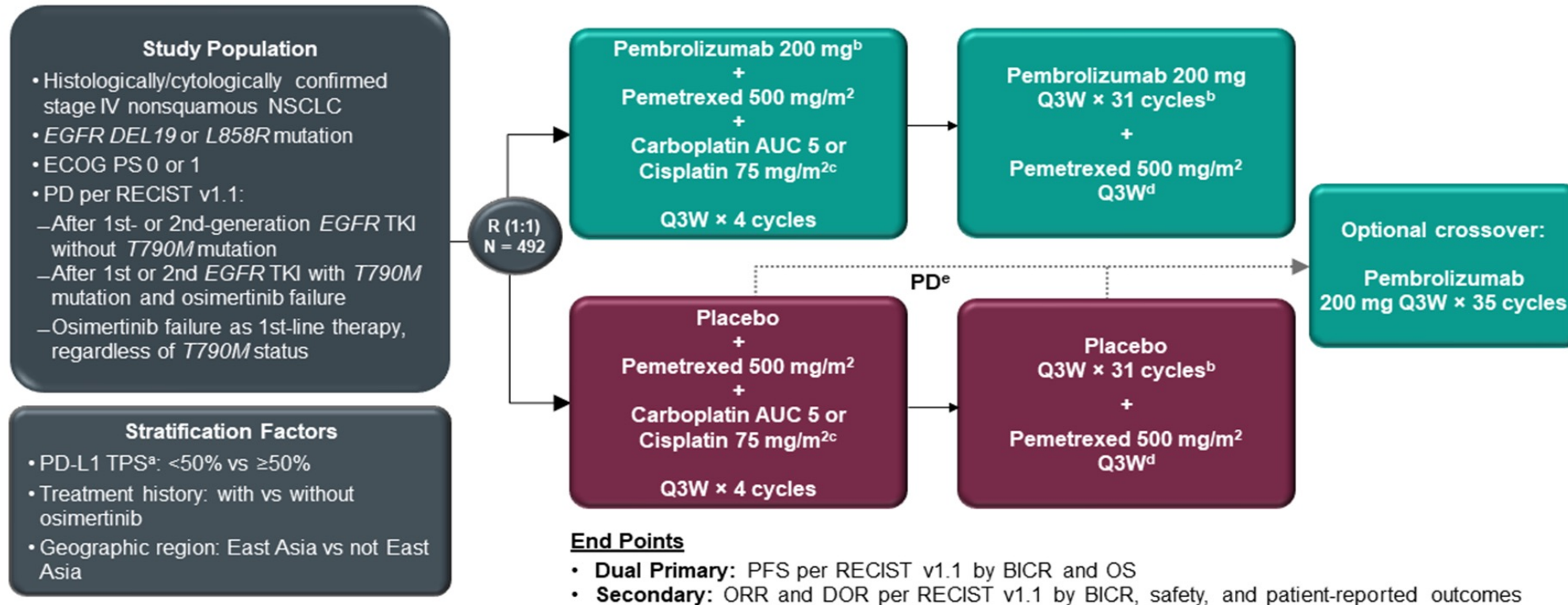
Neoadjuvant-adjuvant group	154	96	69	46	25	17	1
Adjuvant-only group	159	98	67	40	22	10	2

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KEYNOTE-789: Phase 3 Randomized Study (NCT03515837)

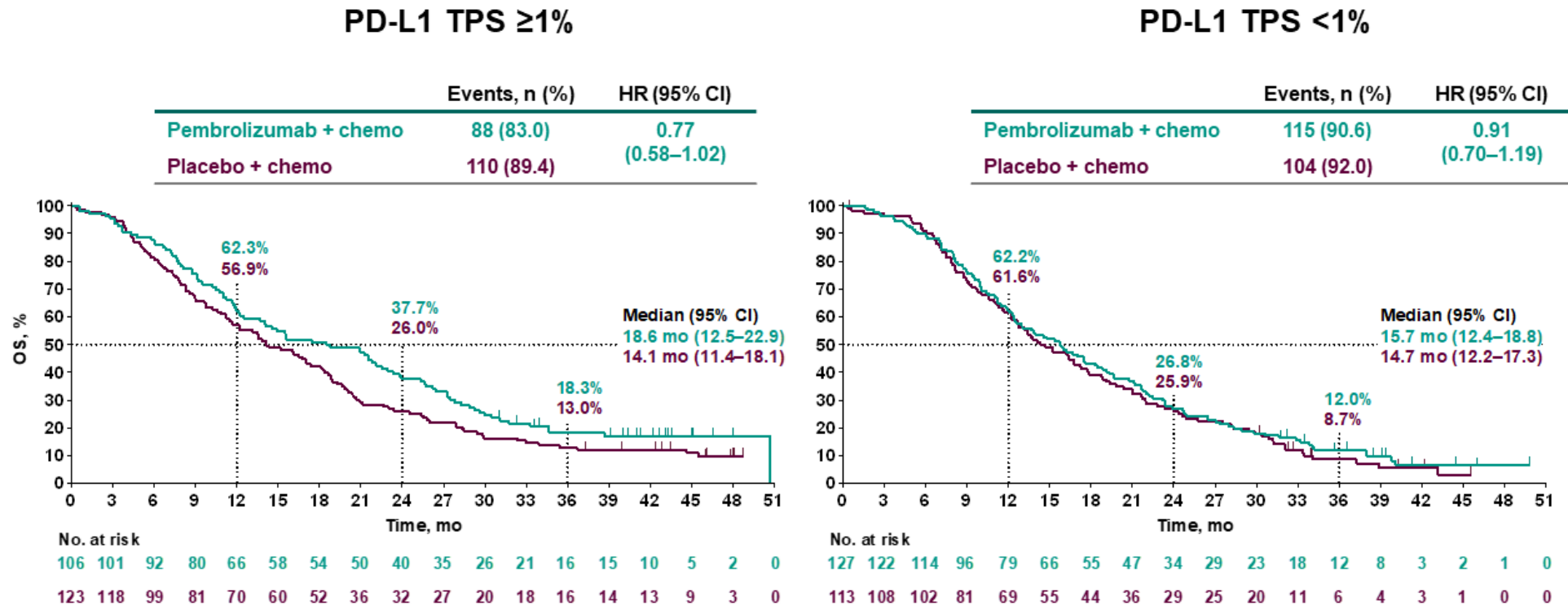


^aPD-L1 expression was centrally assessed using PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx (Agilent Technologies, Carpinteria, CA). ^bIf a patient has documented PD but is benefiting clinically, they may receive pembrolizumab monotherapy to complete a total of 35 pembrolizumab administrations. ^cCarboplatin or cisplatin therapy is at the investigator's choice. ^dMaintenance pemetrexed may continue past 35 cycles until reaching a discontinuation criterion if the patient is receiving benefit; however, pembrolizumab or saline placebo are limited to 35 cycles. ^ePatients could crossover at any time during the treatment. To be eligible for crossover, PD must have been verified by BICR.

KEYNOTE-789: OS

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Overall Survival in PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$ and $< 1\%$ at FA



Data cutoff date: January 17, 2023.

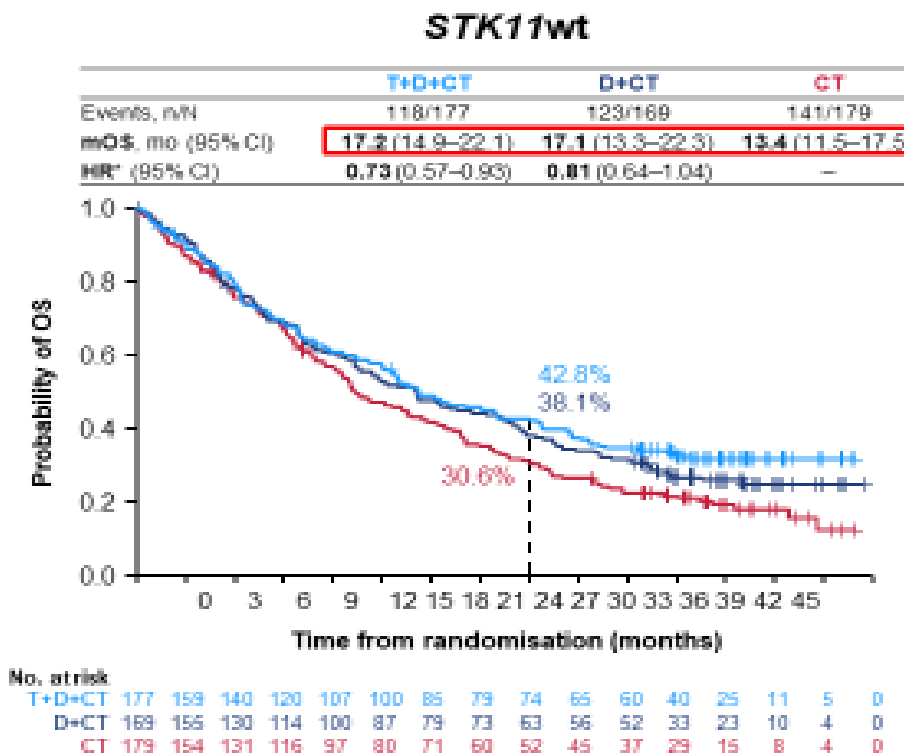
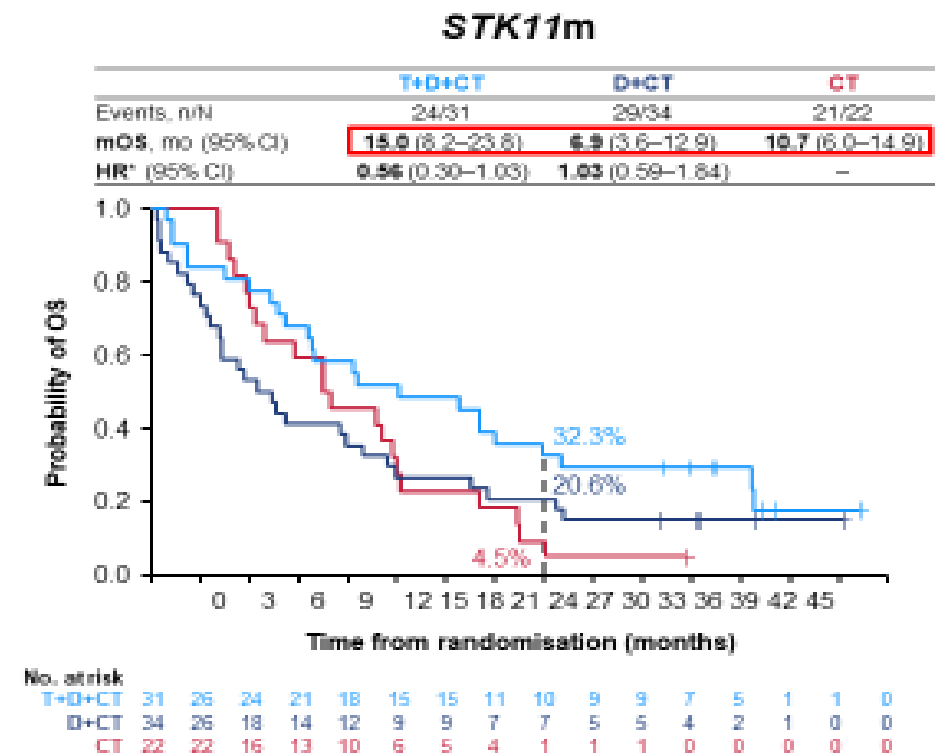
STK11: Dual vs Single ICI

OS by STK11 Mutation Status

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OS benefit observed for T+D+CT vs CT in STK11m with HR 0.56 and estimated 32.3% alive at 2 yrs vs 4.5%



DCO, data cut-off; mo, months; mOS, median OS

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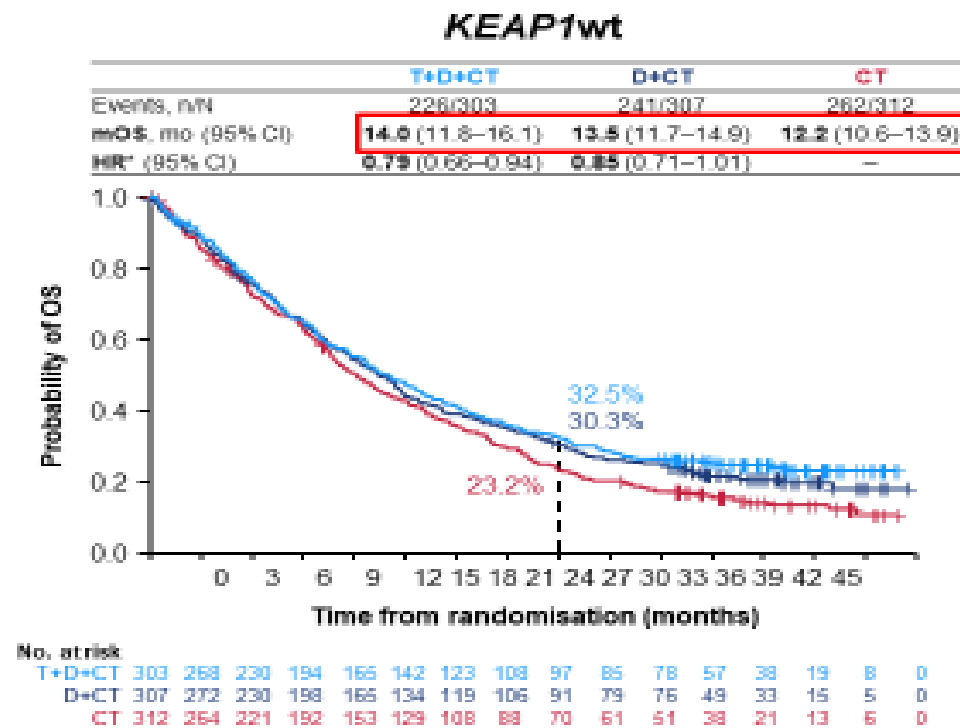
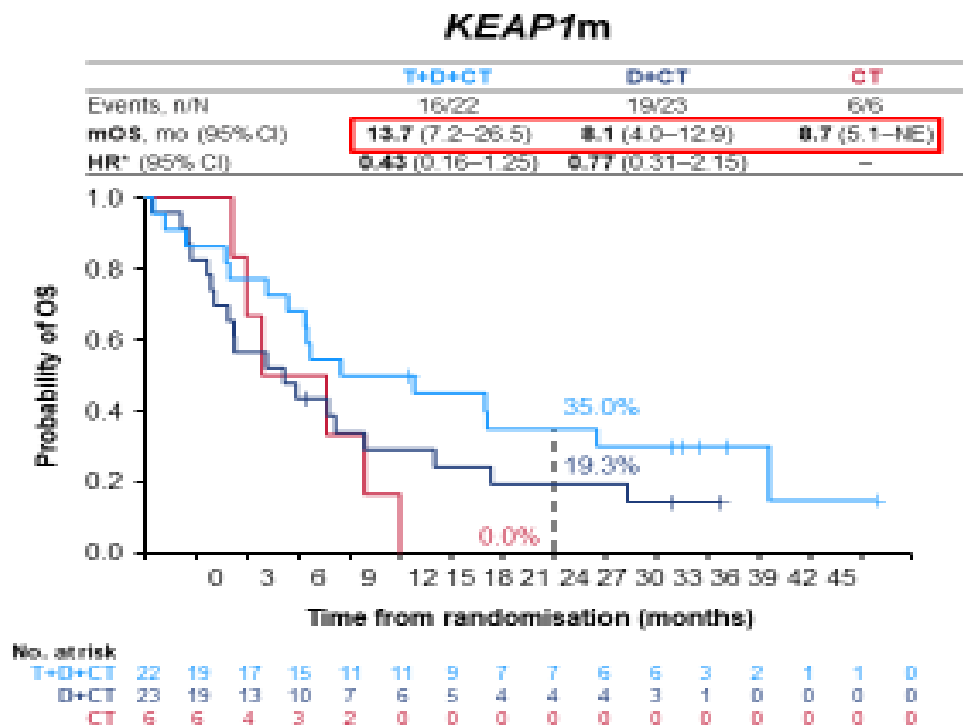
KEAP1: Dual vs Single ICI

OS by KEAP1 Mutation Status

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OS benefit observed for T+D+CT vs CT in KEAP1m with HR 0.43 (small sample size)



HR (95% CI) vs CT in NSQ KEAP1m was 0.33 (0.10–1.15) with T+D+CT and 0.67 (0.23–2.17) with D+CT



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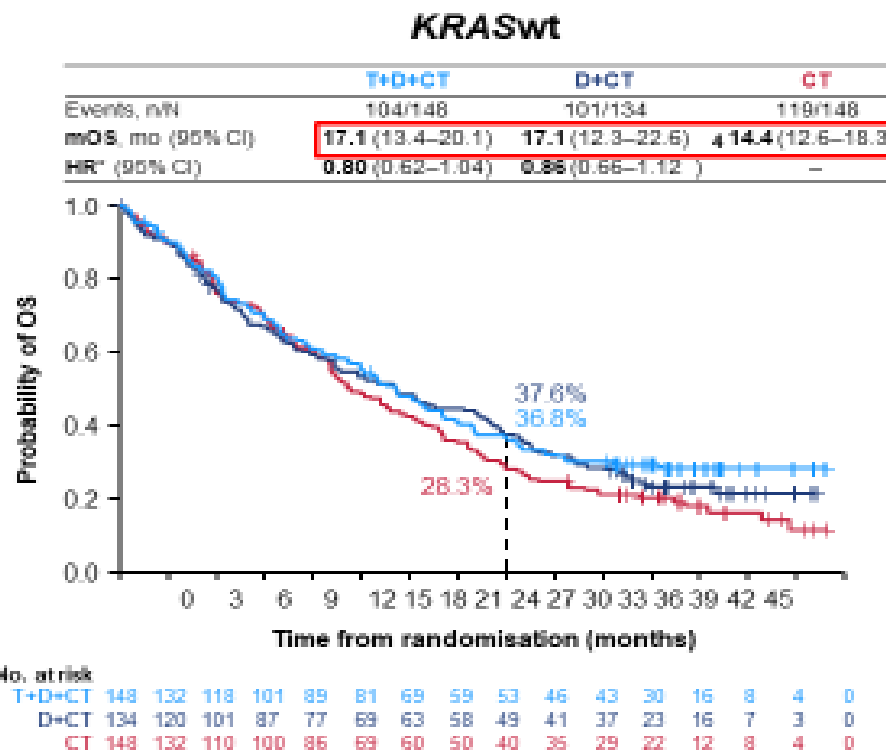
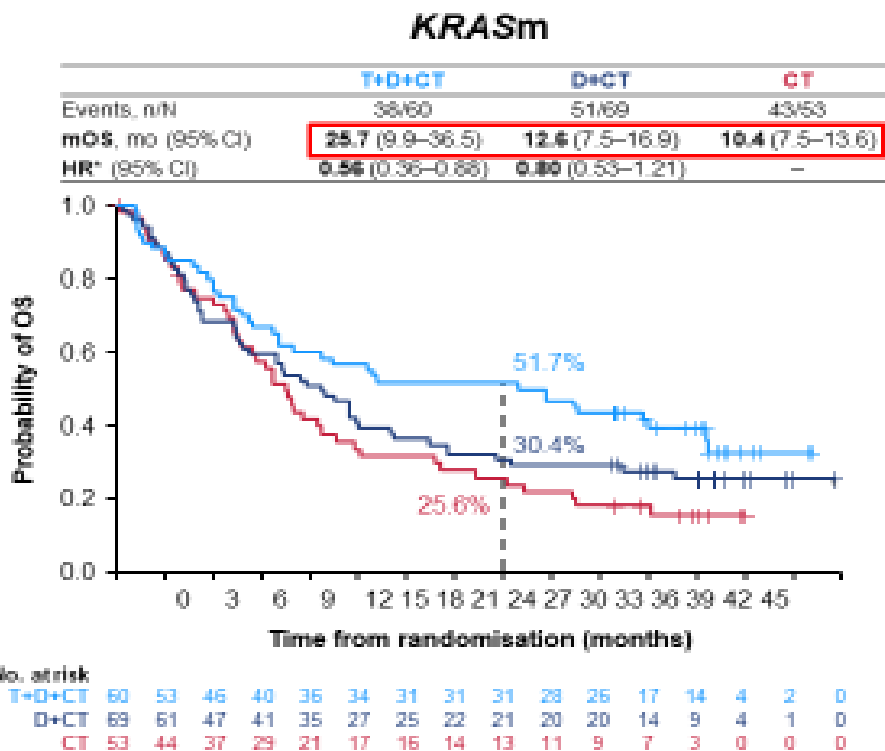
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KRAS: Dual vs Single ICI

OS by KRAS Mutation Status

OS benefit observed for T+D+CT vs CT in KRAS_M with HR 0.56 and estimated 51.7% alive at 2 yrs vs 25.6%

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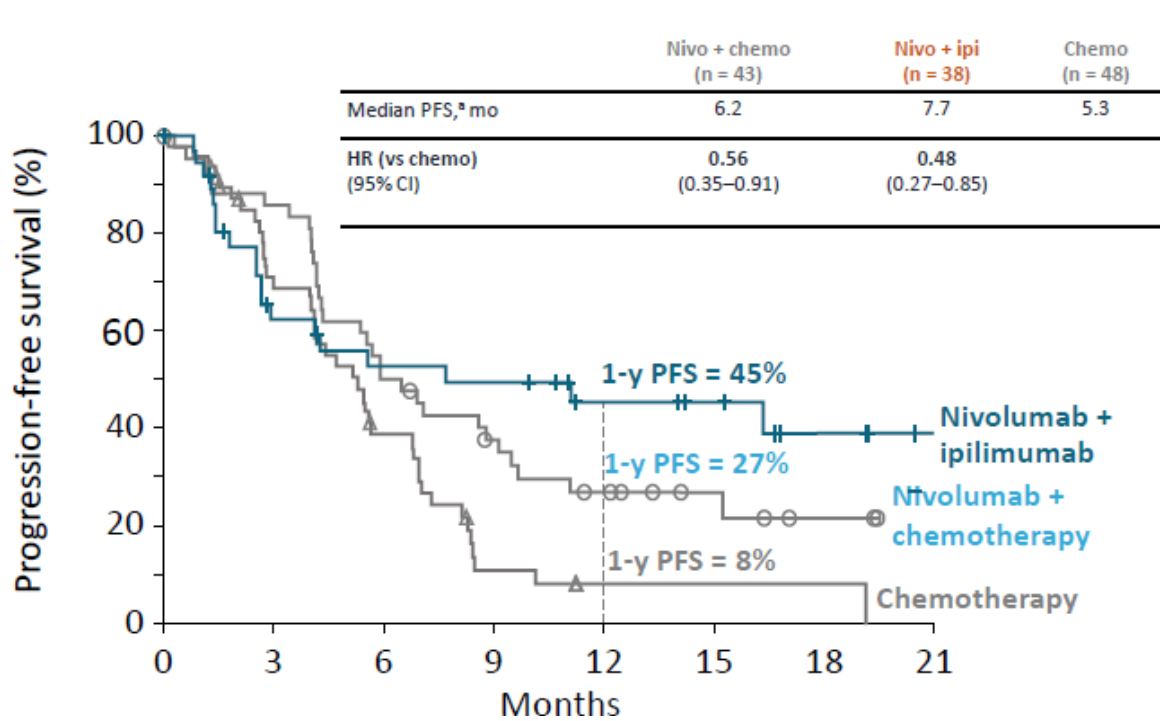
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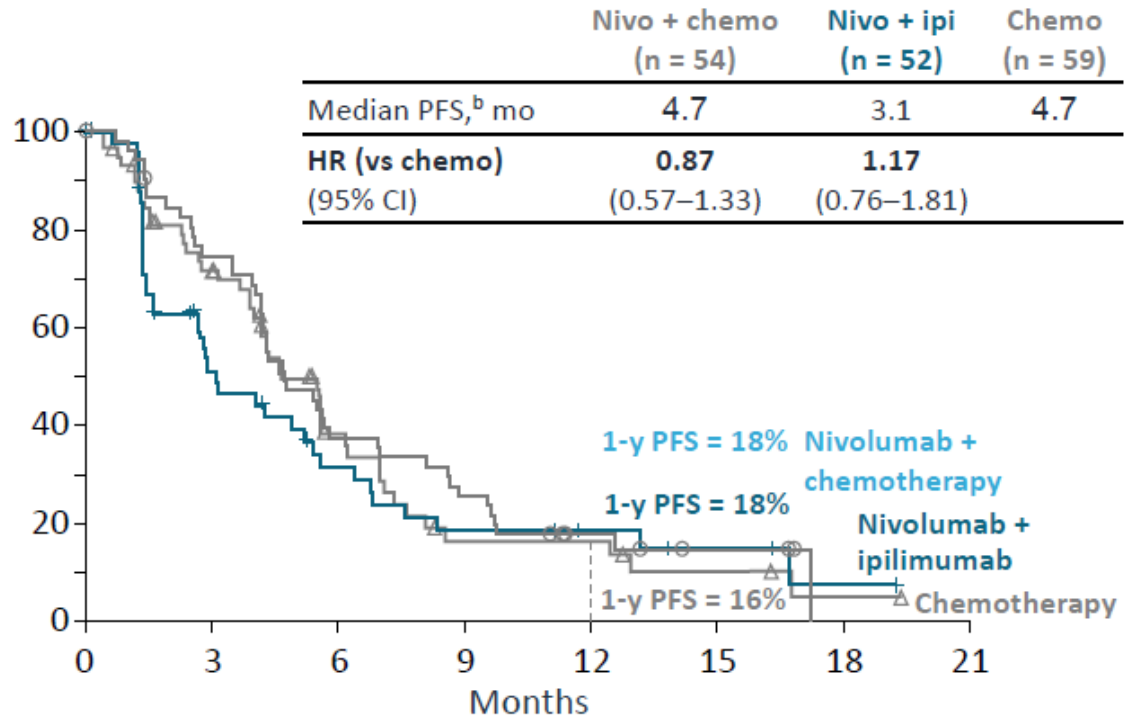
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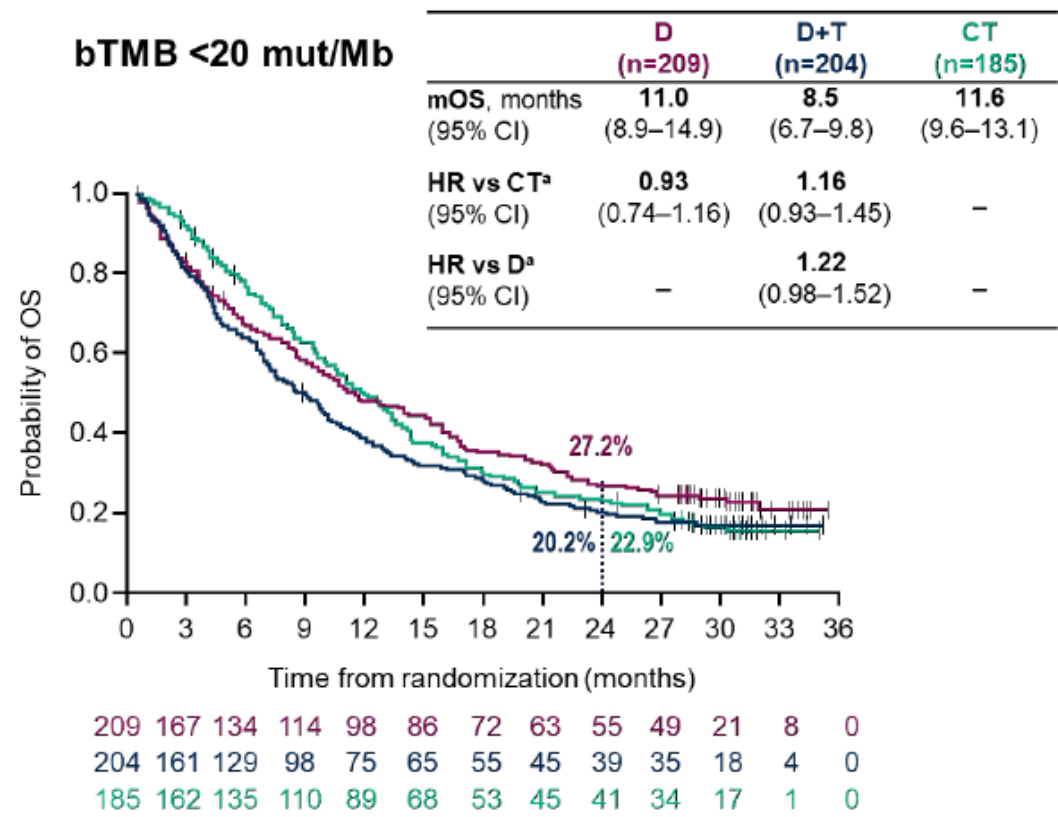
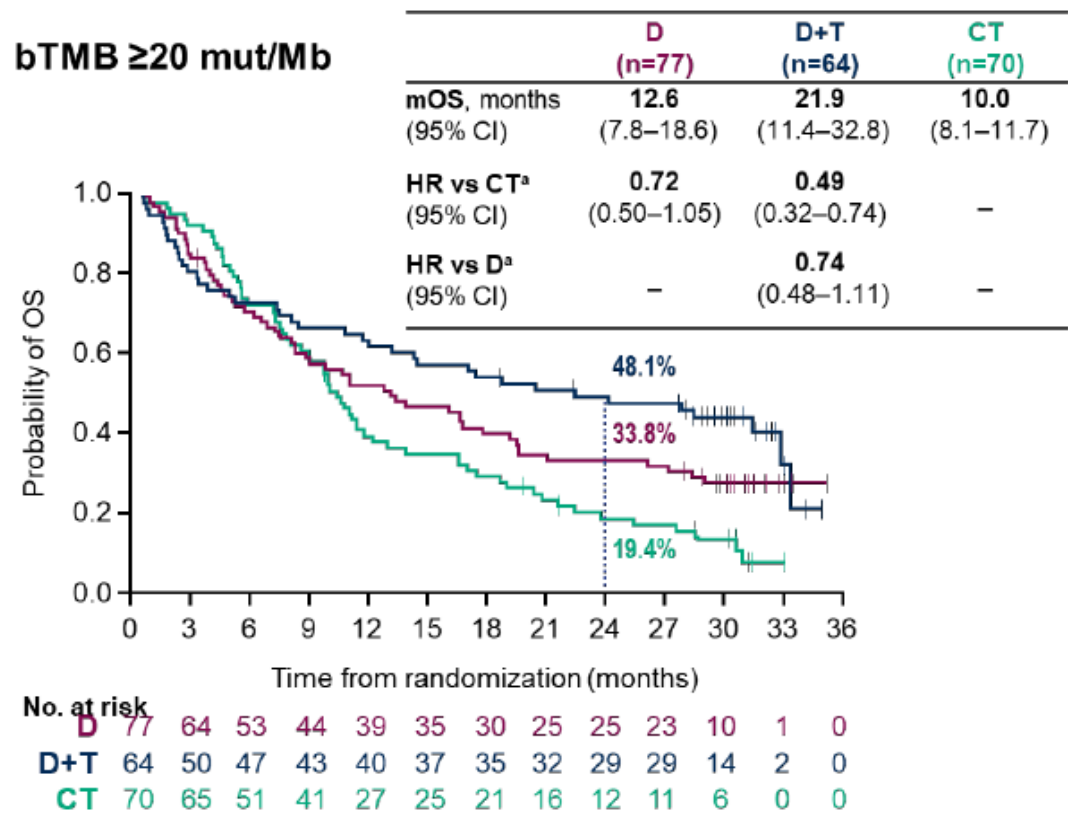


TMB ≥10 mut/Mb and <1% tumor PD-L1 expression



TMB <10 mut/Mb and <1% tumor PD-L1 expression

MYSTIC: Durvalumab +/- Tremelimumab. bTMB.



Rizvi NA, et al. ASCO 2019. ESMO 2019

Metastatic NSCLC Immune Checkpoints:

- Potential role for ICI in EGFR mutated tumors with high PDL1. However, clinical trial can be better solution
- Presence of KEAP1 or STK11 or KRAS mutations favors dual immune checkpoint blockade
- High TMB, in particular, with low PDL1 favors dual immune checkpoint blockade

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