



***STK11, KEAP1* and *TP53* as co-mutations with bad prognosis – is there a predictive role?**

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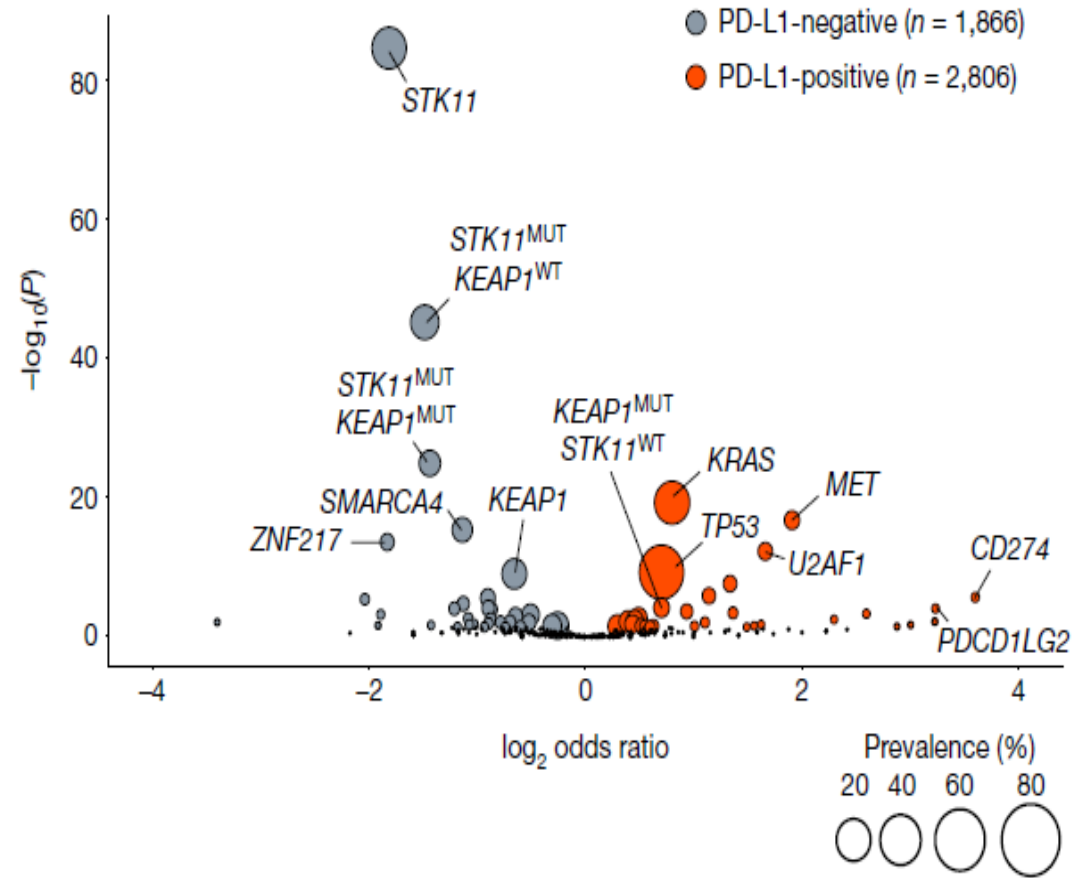
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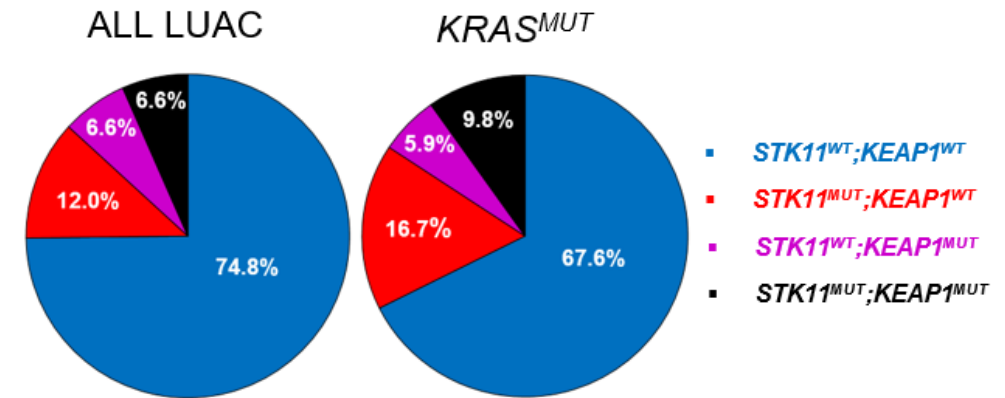
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STK11 alterations represent the most prevalent genomic driver of the cold TIME in ns-NSCLC

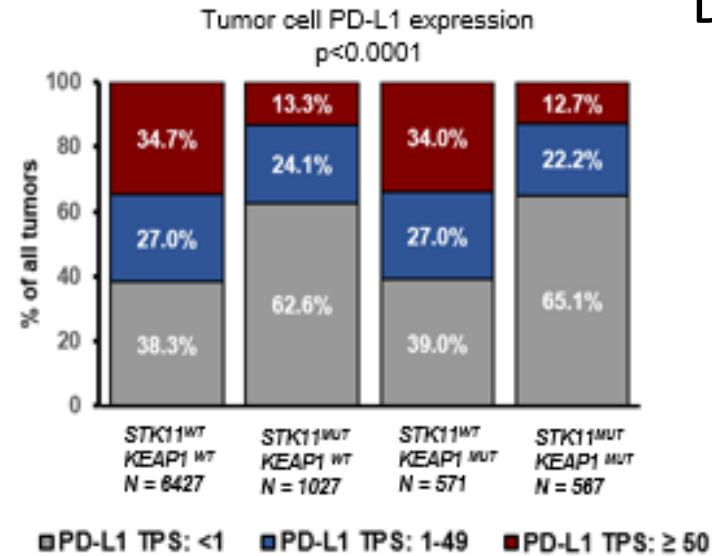
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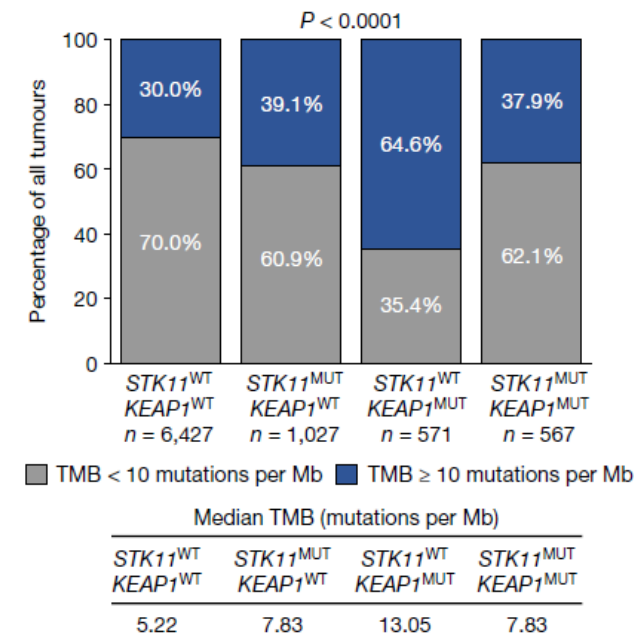
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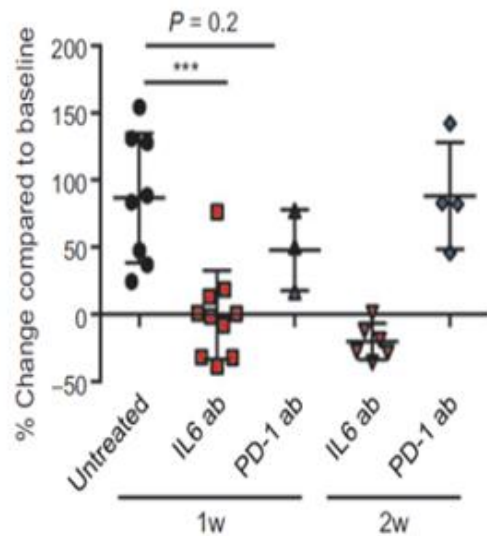
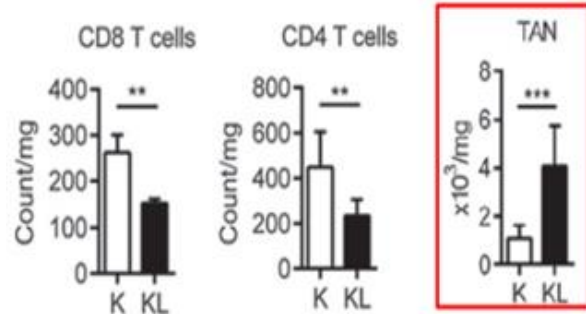


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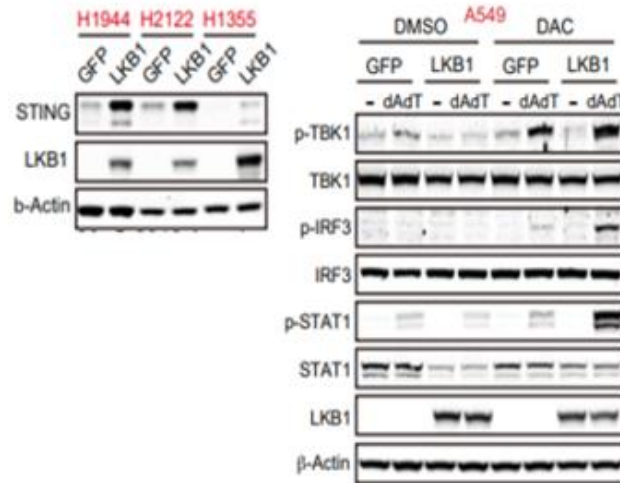
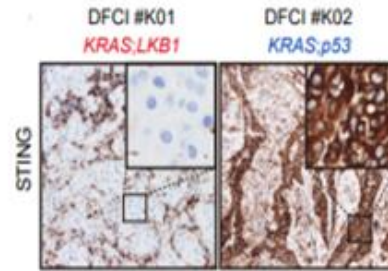
Mechanisms of *STK11* and *KEAP1* loss-mediated immune escape

Recruitment of MDSCs



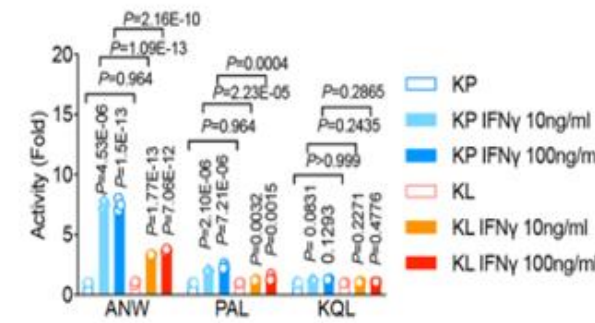
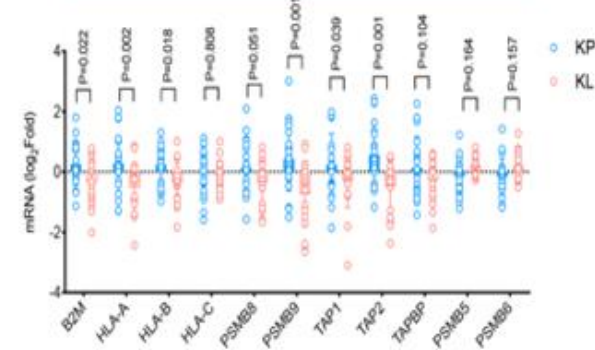
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Repression of STING



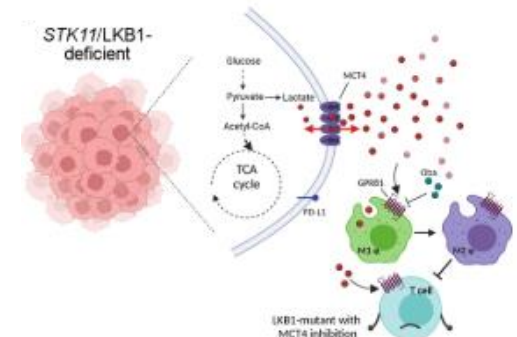
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Impaired antigen presentation

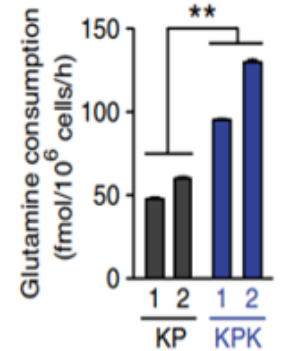


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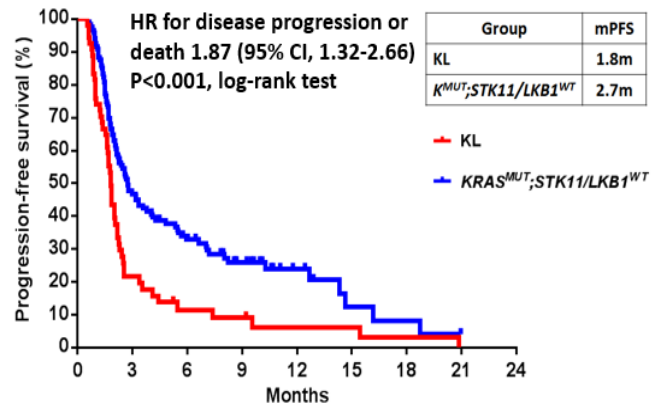
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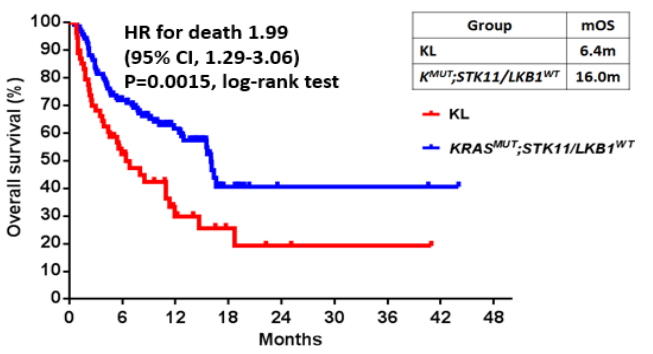
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STK11 and KEAP1 alterations drive inferior clinical outcomes with PD-1 axis inhibitor monotherapy in KRAS-mutant NSCLC

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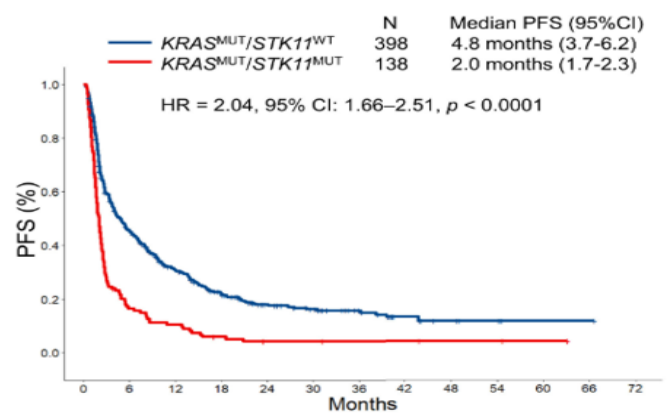


Group	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
KL	54(0)	11(2)	5(3)	4(3)	2(4)	2(4)	1(4)	1(4)	0(4)
$K^{MUT};STK11^{WT}$	120(0)	55(3)	34(9)	18(18)	8(27)	3(29)	2(29)	1(29)	0(30)

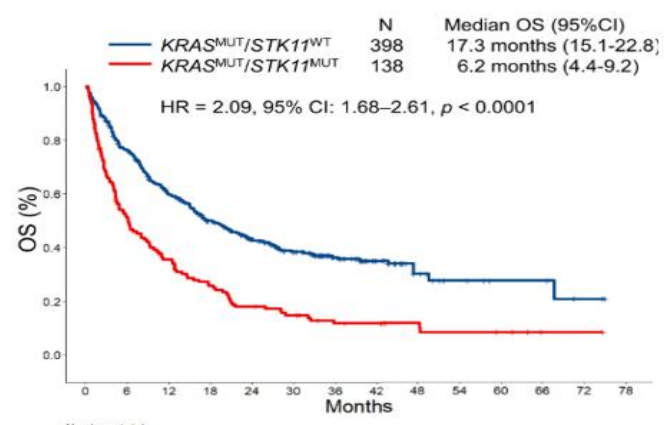


Group	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
KL	54(0)	25(5)	10(12)	4(16)	2(17)	1(18)	1(18)	0(19)	0(19)
$K^{MUT};STK11^{WT}$	120(0)	81(6)	46(32)	8(60)	2(66)	2(66)	2(66)	1(67)	0(68)

Ricciuti B et al., JTO, 2021

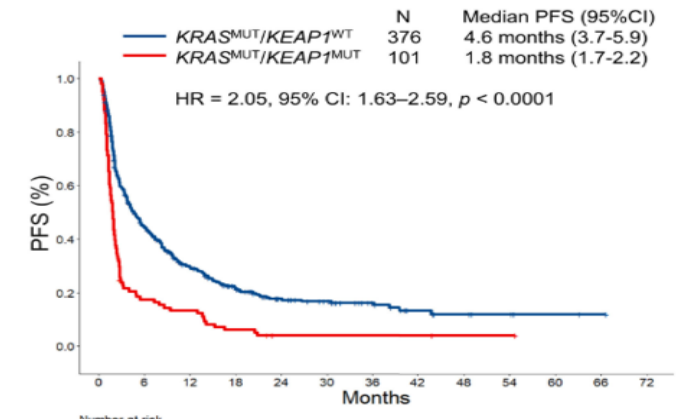


Group	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
$KRAS^{MUT};STK11^{WT}$	398	172	106	99	44	34	21	9	5	3	1	1	0
$KRAS^{MUT};STK11^{MUT}$	138	22	14	7	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	0	0

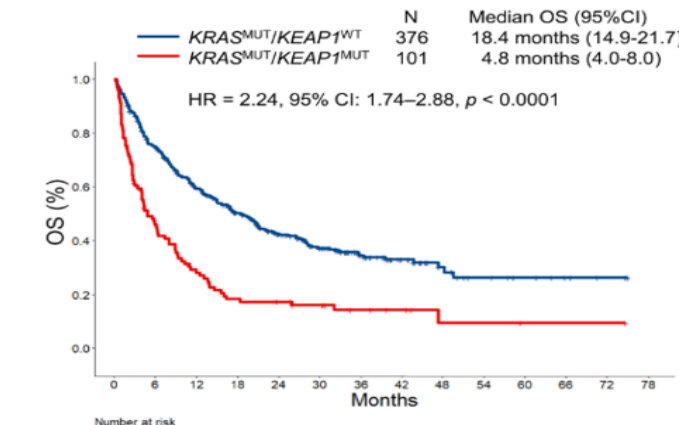


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$KRAS^{MUT};STK11^{WT}$	398	296	223	170	126	92	59	34	14	9	5	5	2	0
$KRAS^{MUT};STK11^{MUT}$	138	49	47	34	23	18	11	10	7	5	4	1	1	0

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Group	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
$KRAS^{MUT};KEAP1^{WT}$	376	160	98	63	40	32	19	9	6	4	2	1	0
$KRAS^{MUT};KEAP1^{MUT}$	101	17	13	6	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0

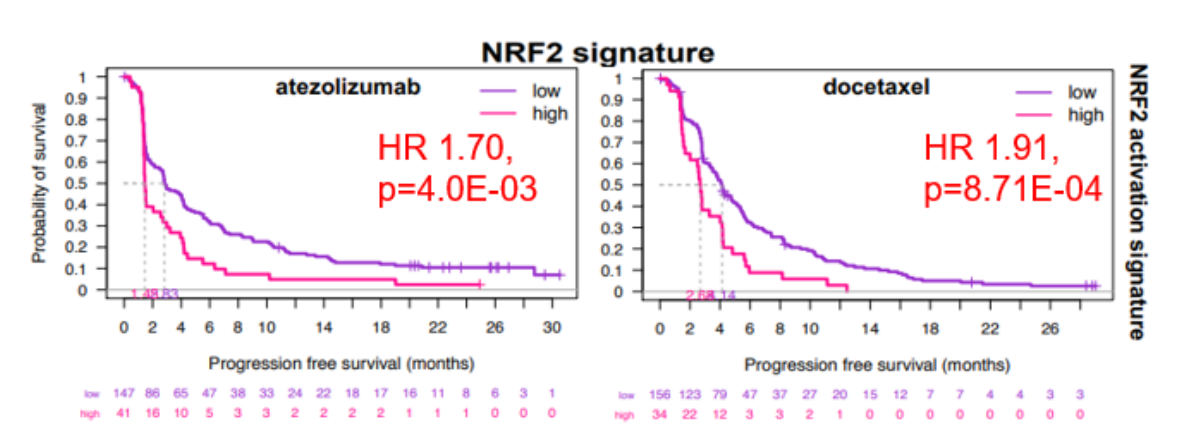
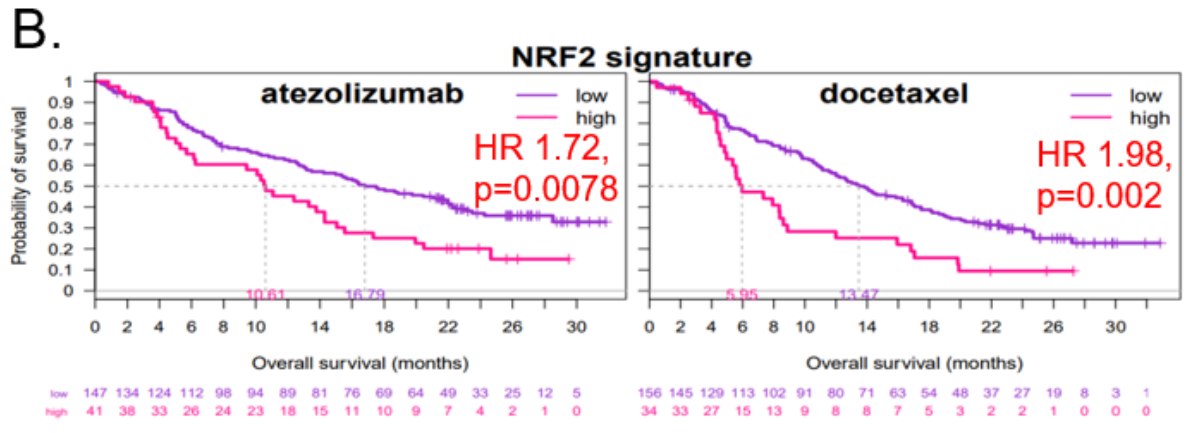
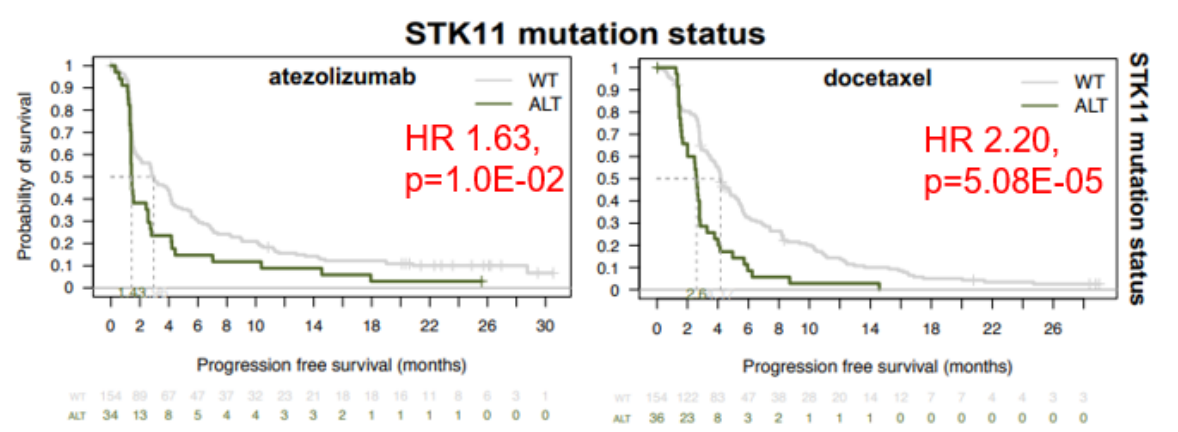
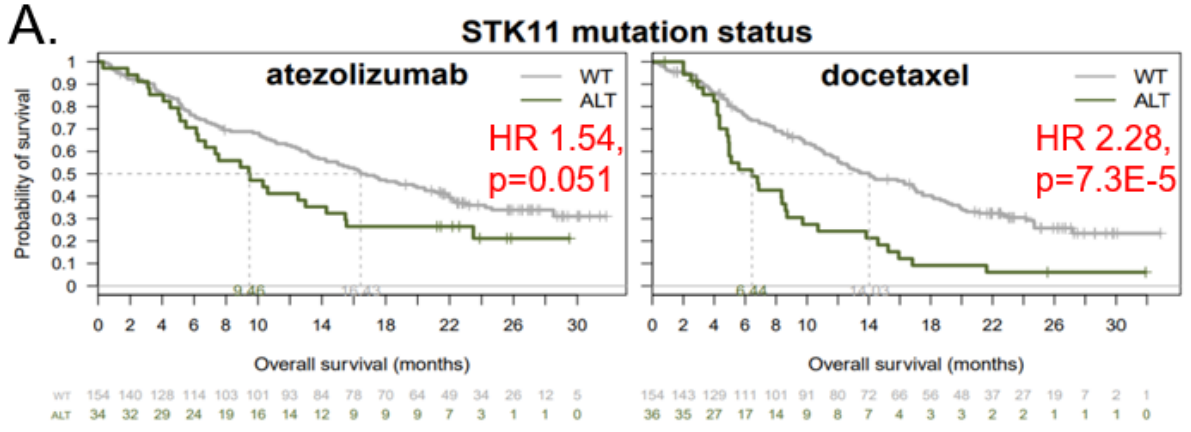


Group	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78
$KRAS^{MUT};KEAP1^{WT}$	376	276	210	162	116	83	52	32	16	10	7	4	2	0
$KRAS^{MUT};KEAP1^{MUT}$	101	44	26	17	15	12	7	5	2	2	1	1	1	0

STK11 alterations and NRF2 activation are associated with worse clinical outcomes with either atezolizumab or docetaxel in the OAK Phase 3 clinical RCT

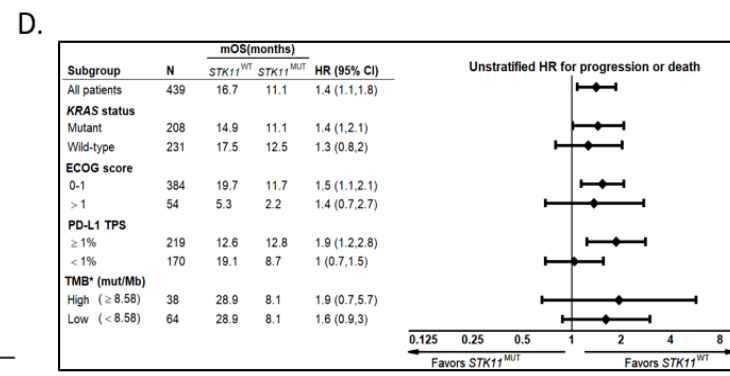
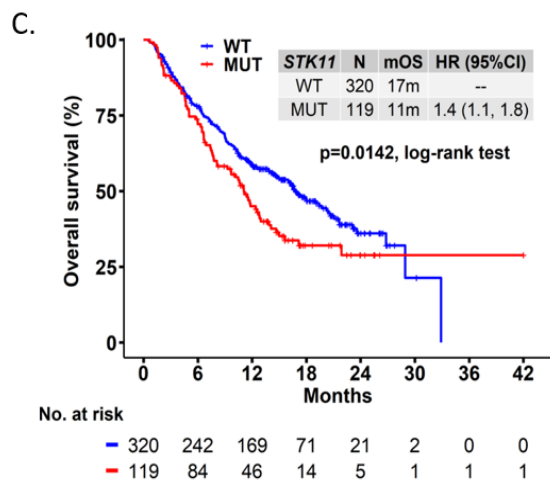
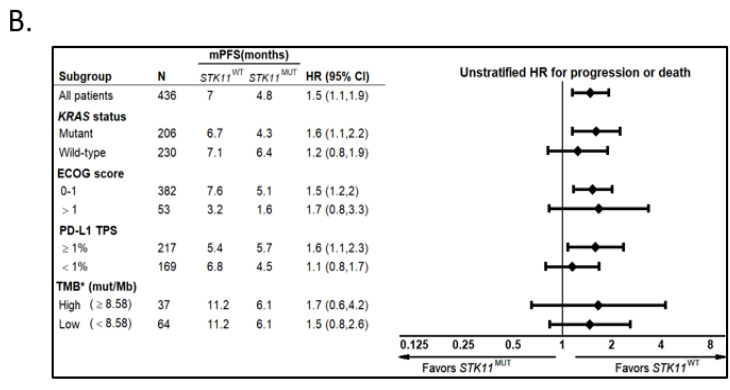
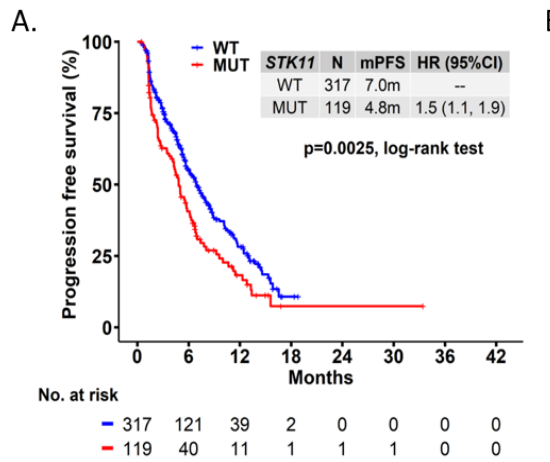
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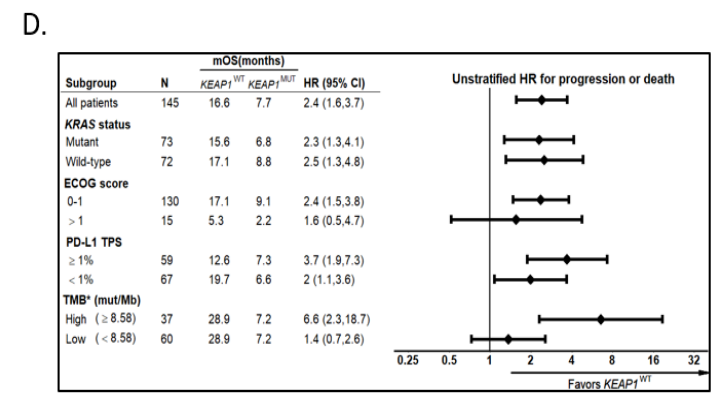
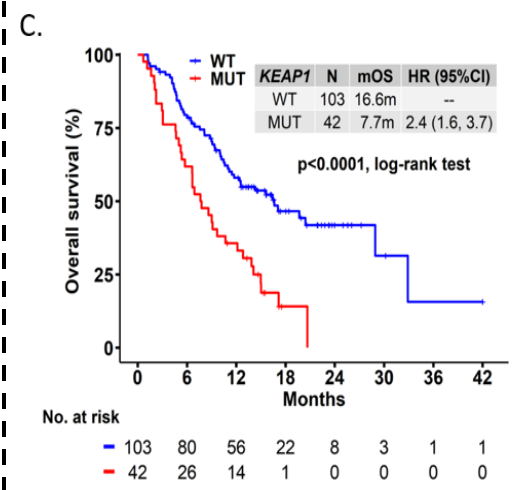
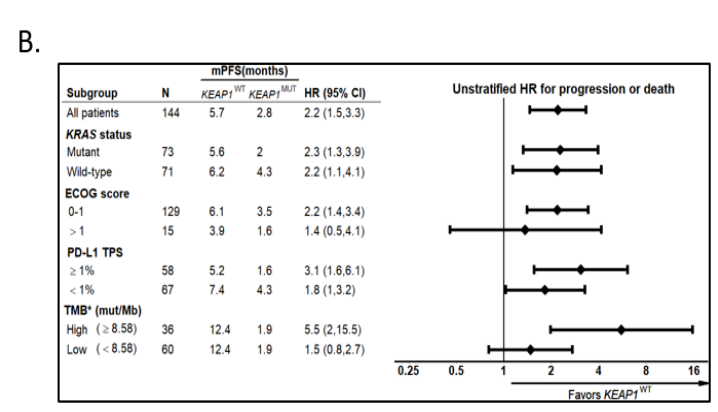
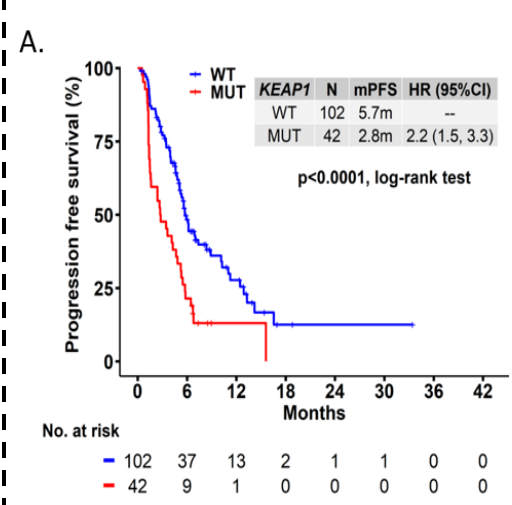


STK11 and KEAP1 alterations and clinical outcomes with first-line PCP chemotherapy (platinum, pemetrexed, pembrolizumab)

STK11

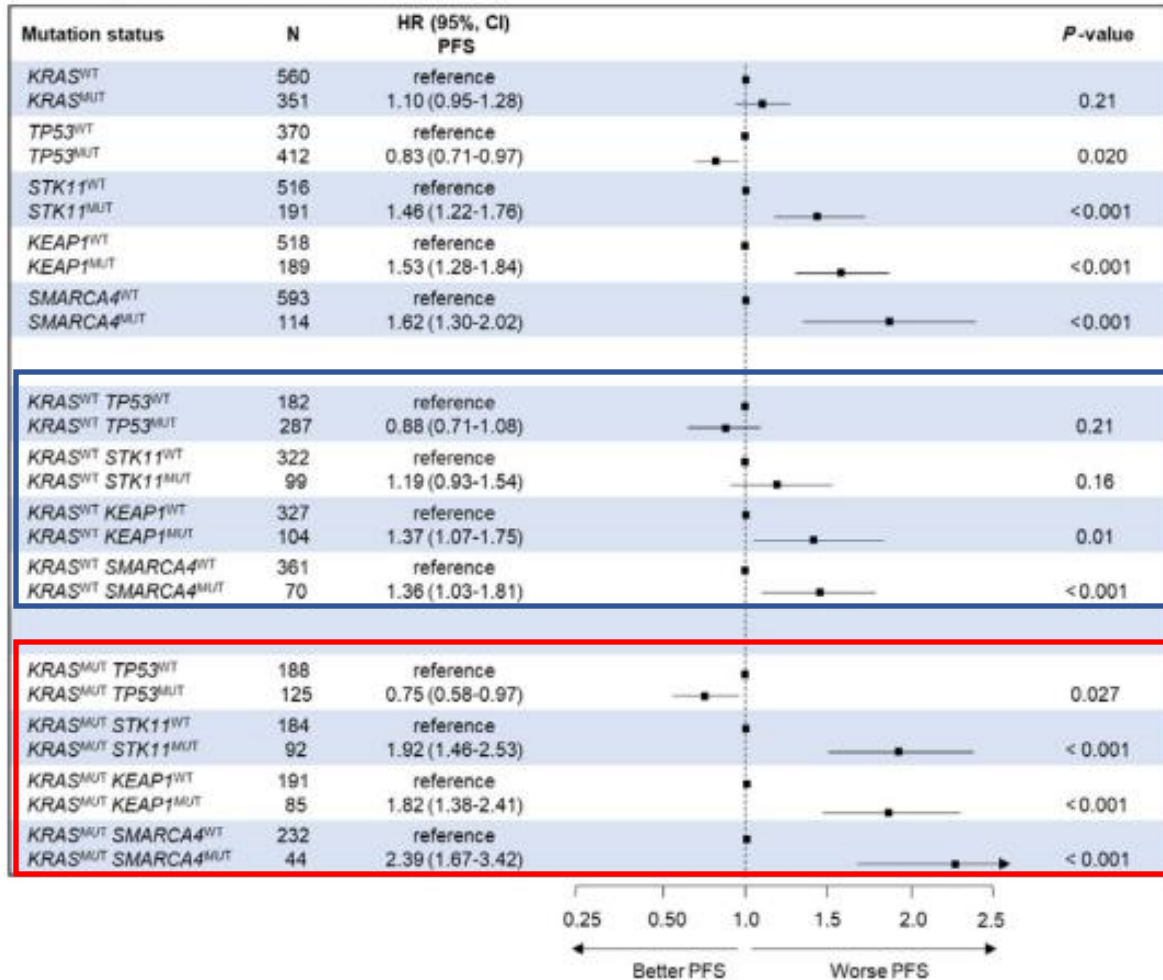


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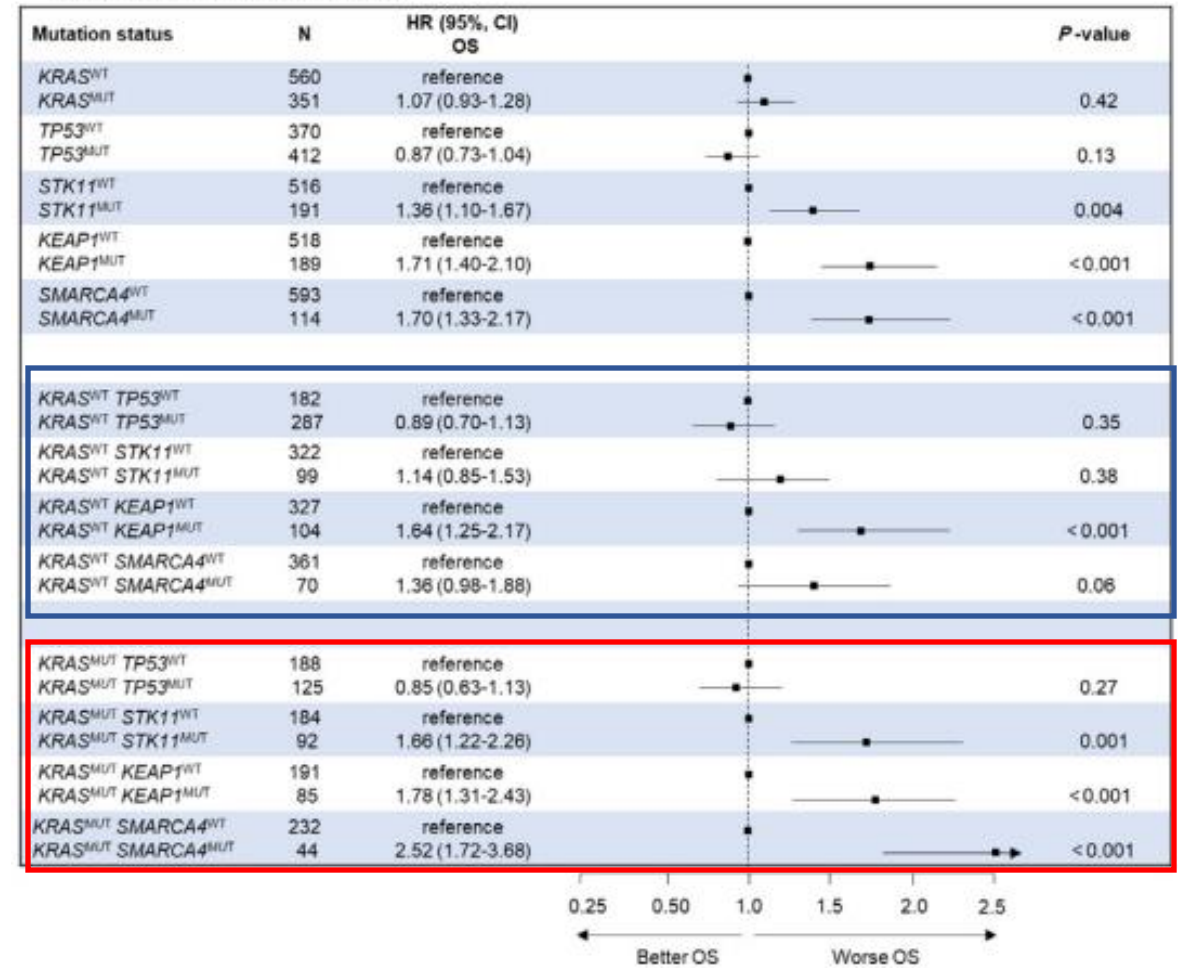


STK11 and KEAP1 alterations and clinical outcomes with 1st line chemolo

Forest-plot for progression-free survival (PFS)

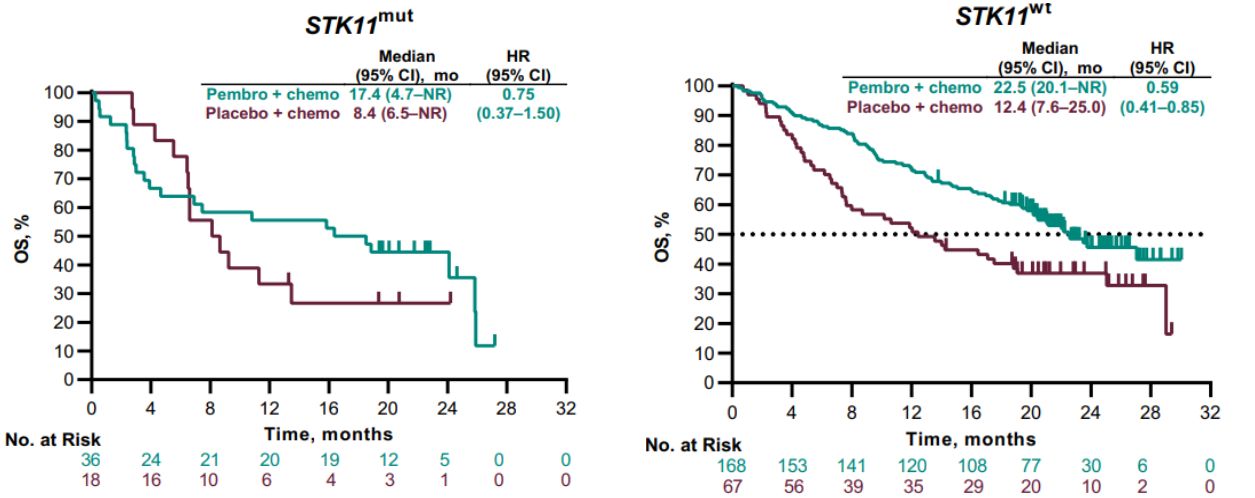
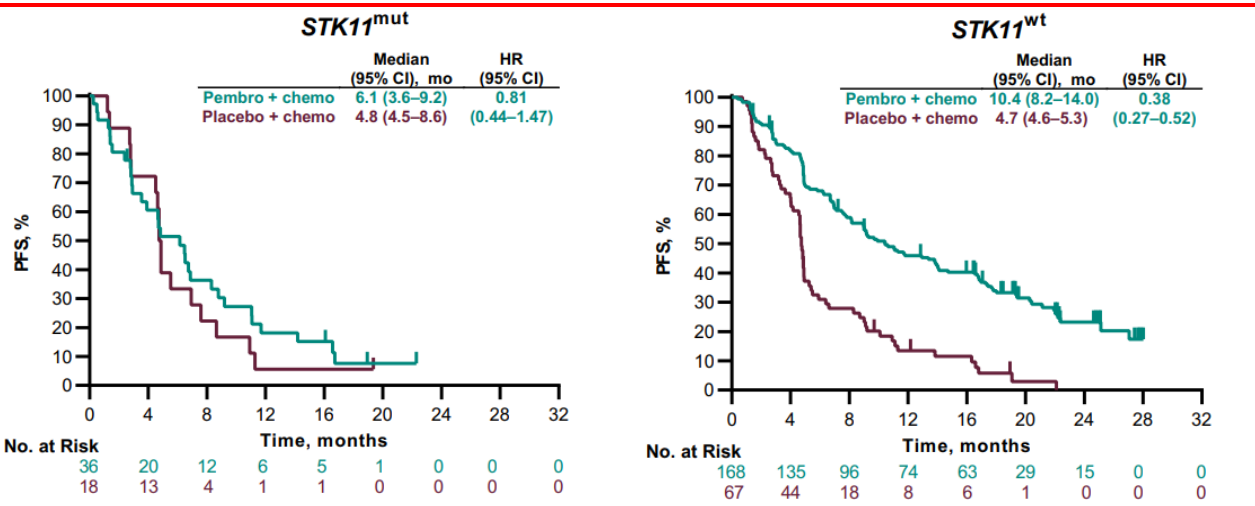


Forest-plot for overall survival (OS)

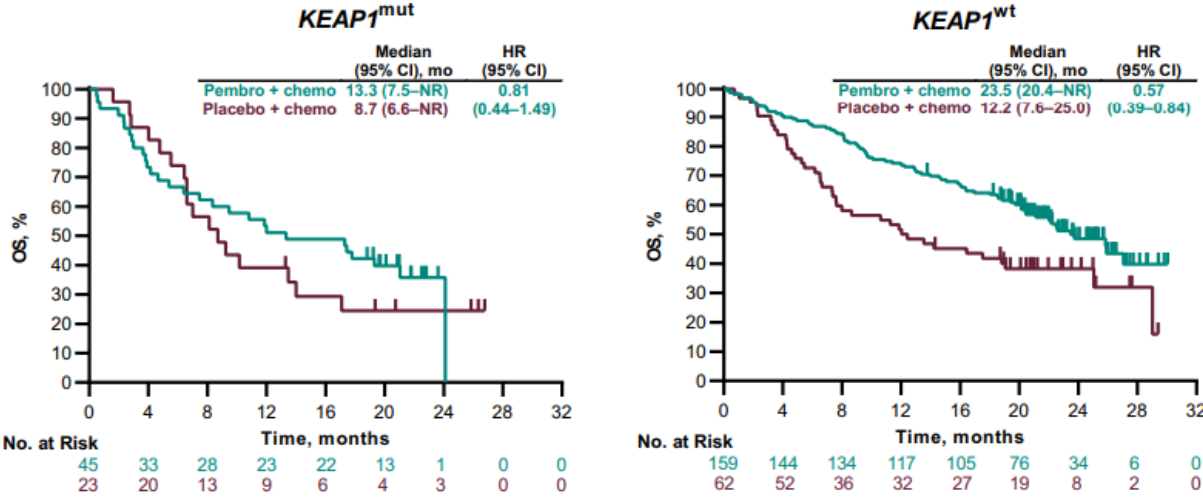
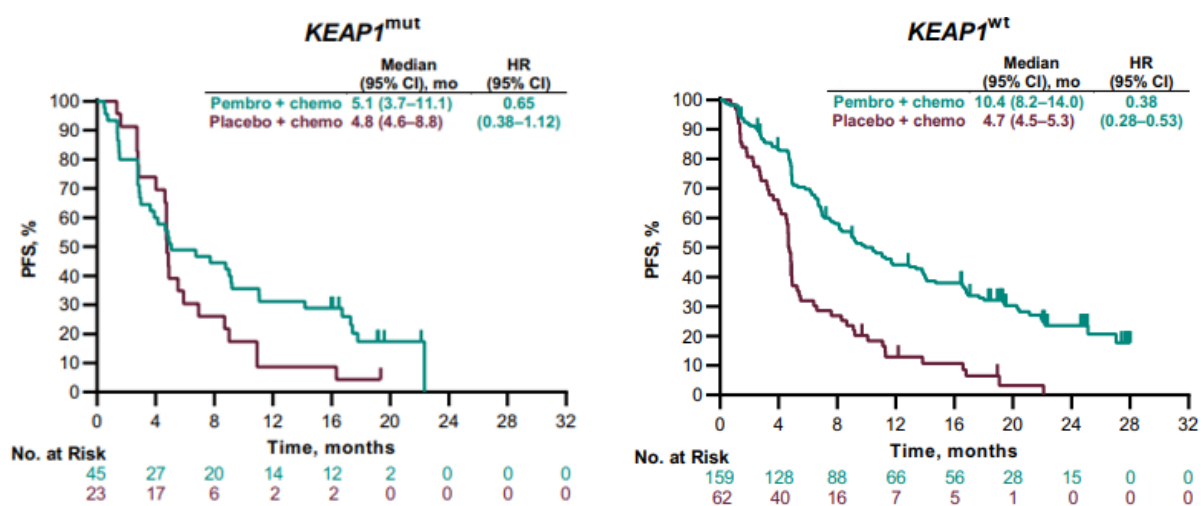


Reduced benefit from the addition of pembrolizumab to platinum doublet chemotherapy in patients with *STK11* and *KEAP1*-mutant NSCLC in KEYNOTE-189

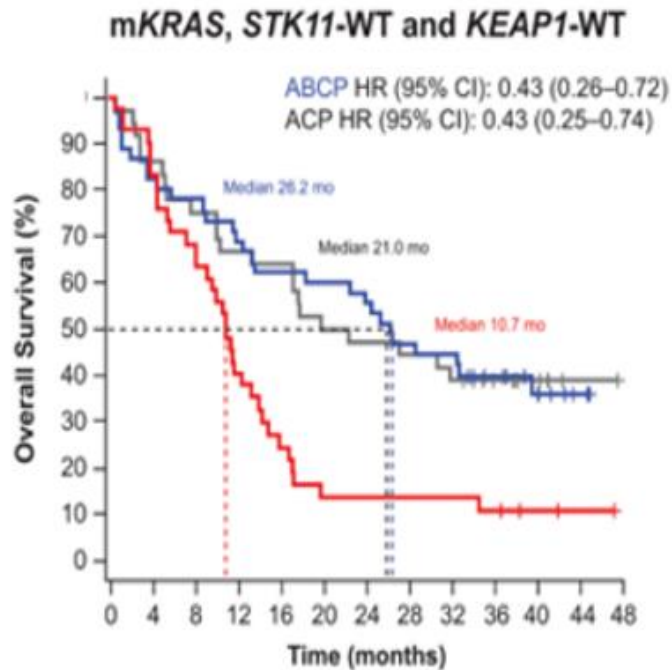
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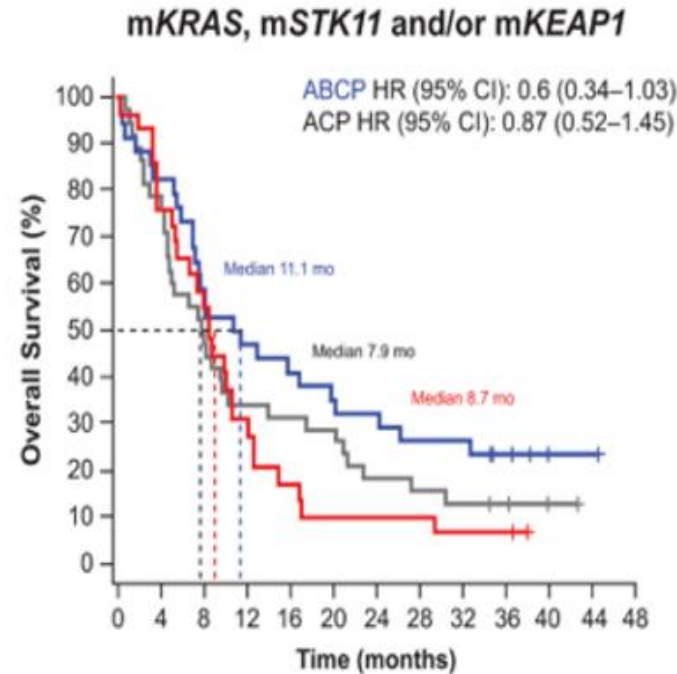
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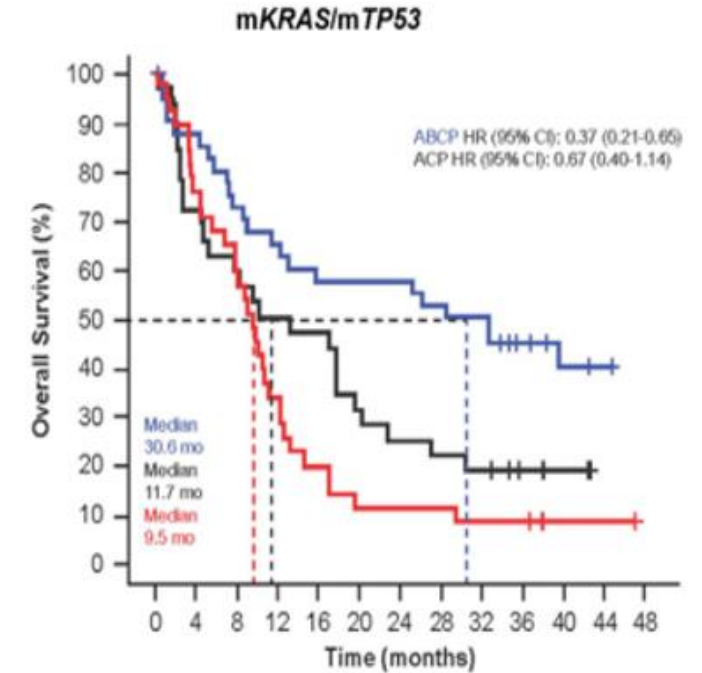
Clinical outcomes in *KRAS* co-mutational subgroups in IMpower150



ACP	36	31	27	24	23	18	17	16	14	9	5	1	0
ABCP	46	37	35	31	28	27	25	21	20	13	8	2	0
BCP	42	34	25	16	9	5	5	5	5	4	2	1	0



ACP	38	30	19	13	12	11	7	6	5	4	3	0
ABCP	34	28	20	16	14	12	11	9	9	6	3	2
BCP	29	22	16	9	5	3	3	3	2	2	0	0

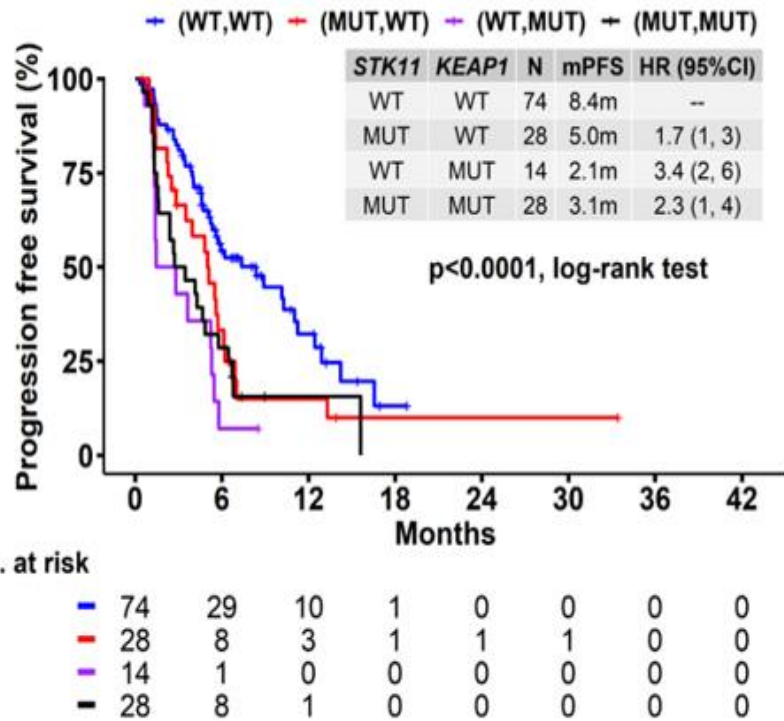


ACP	32	23	19	16	15	10	8	7	6	3	2	0	0
ABCP	41	35	29	26	23	23	21	20	12	7	3	0	
BCP	38	28	20	12	7	4	4	4	3	3	1	1	0

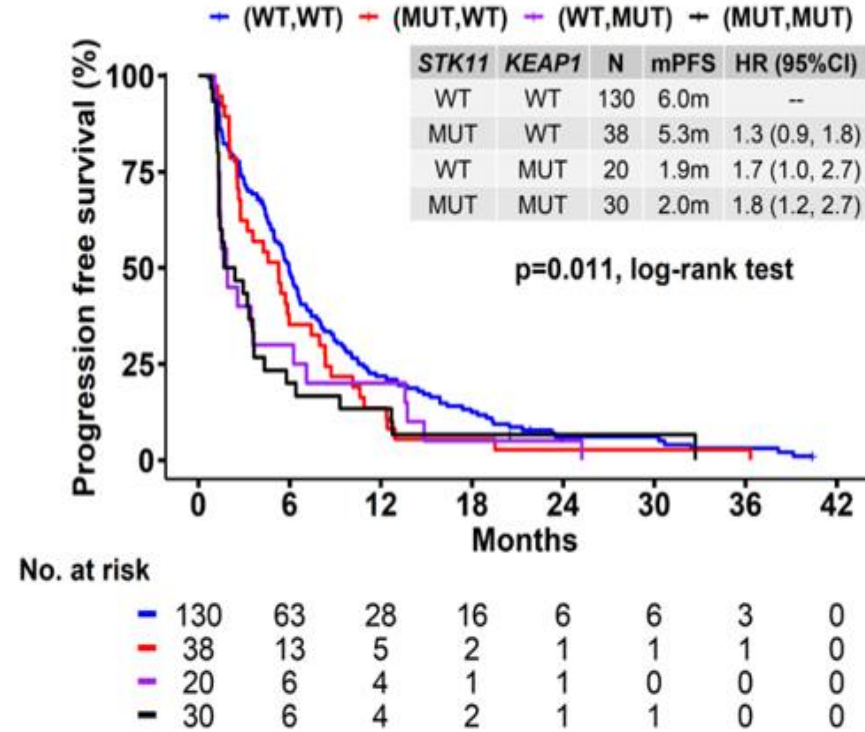
	<i>KRAS</i> ^{MUT} ; <i>STK11</i> ^{WT} ; <i>KEAP1</i> ^{WT}	<i>KRAS</i> ^{MUT} ; <i>TP53</i> ^{MUT}	<i>KRAS</i> ^{MUT} ; <i>STK11</i> ^{MUT} and/or <i>KEAP1</i> ^{MUT}
ABCP	26.2m	30.6m	11.1m
ACP	21m	11.7m	7.9m

Deconvoluting the impact of *STK11* and *KEAP1* alterations on clinical outcomes with systemic therapies

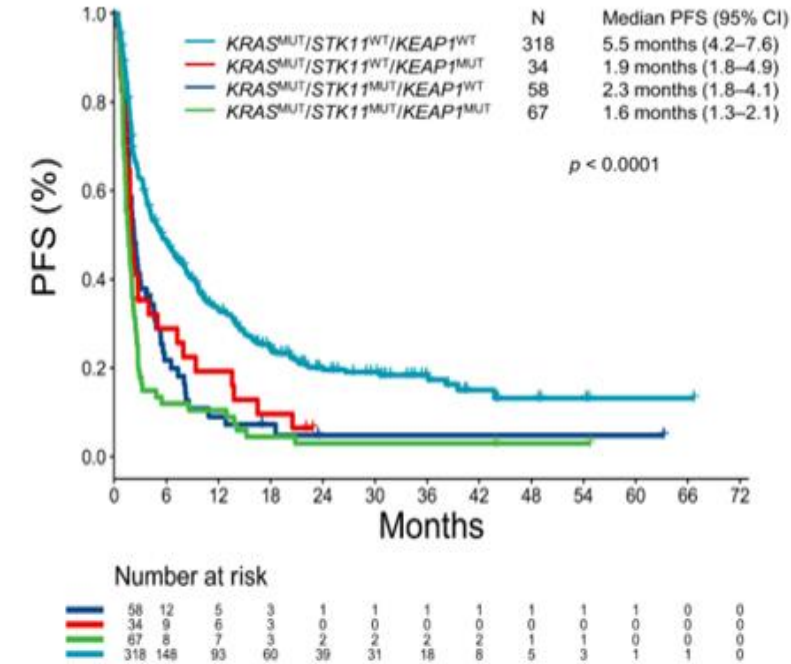
PCP Chemo-IO



Platinum-doublet



PD-(L)1 blockade

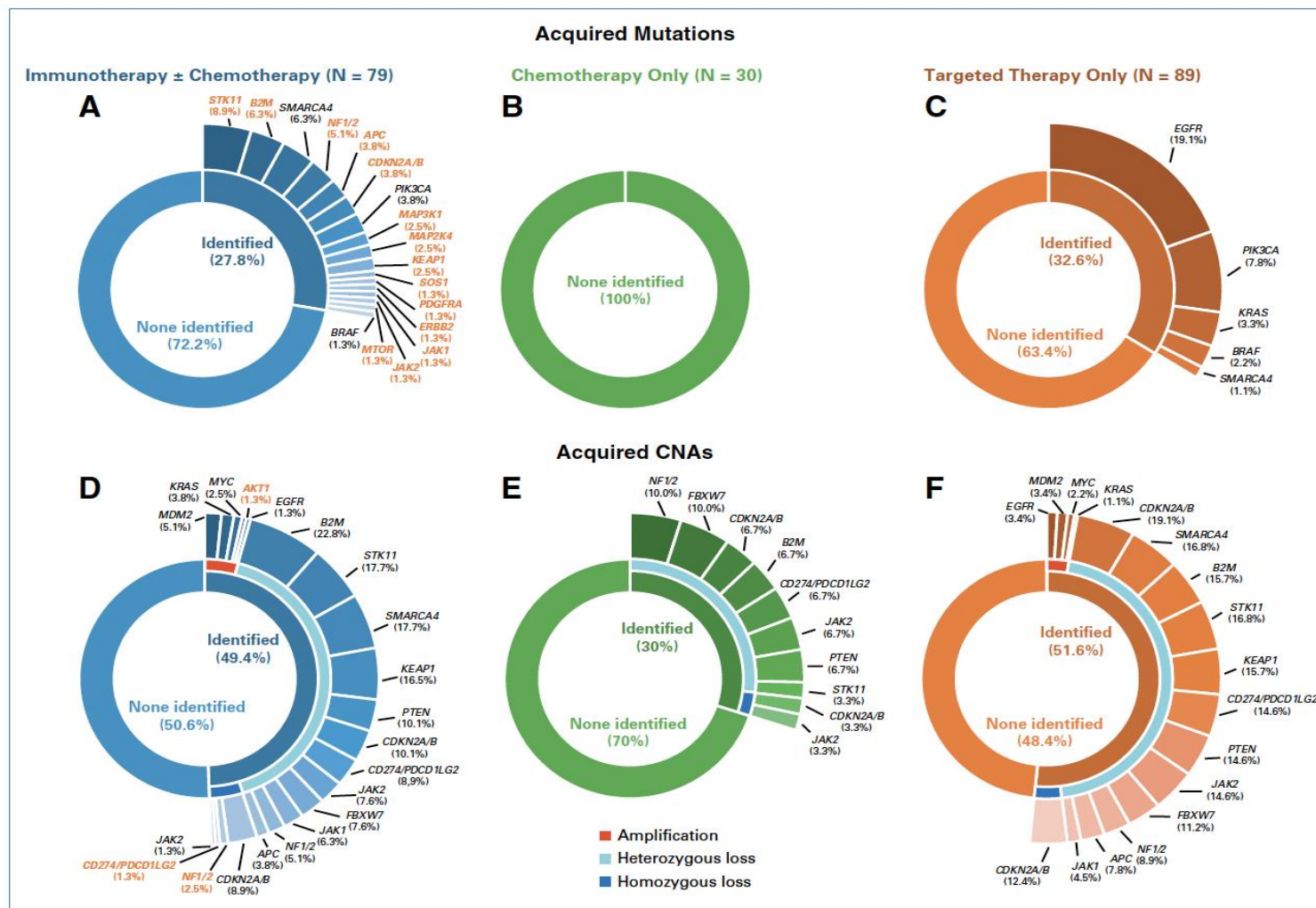


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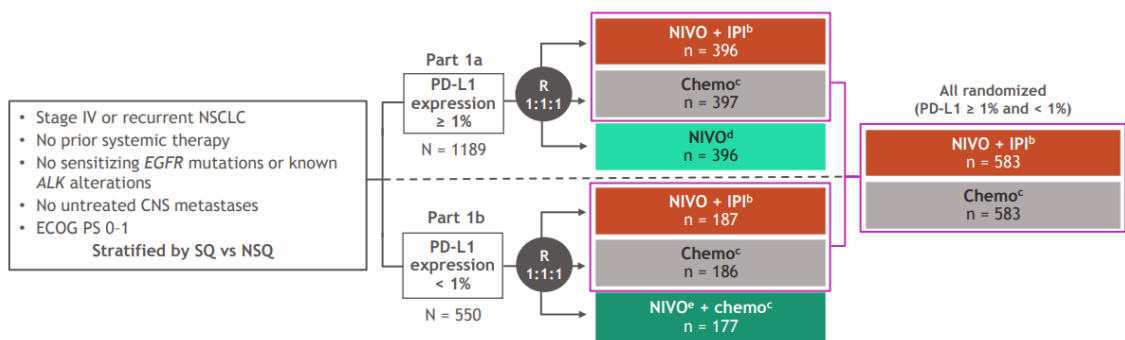
STK11 predominantly impacts ICB outcomes with single agent anti-PD-(L)1 whereas *KEAP1* alterations drive marked resistance to platinum chemo

STK11 and KEAP1 alterations represent putative mechanisms of acquired resistance to PD-1 axis immunotherapy



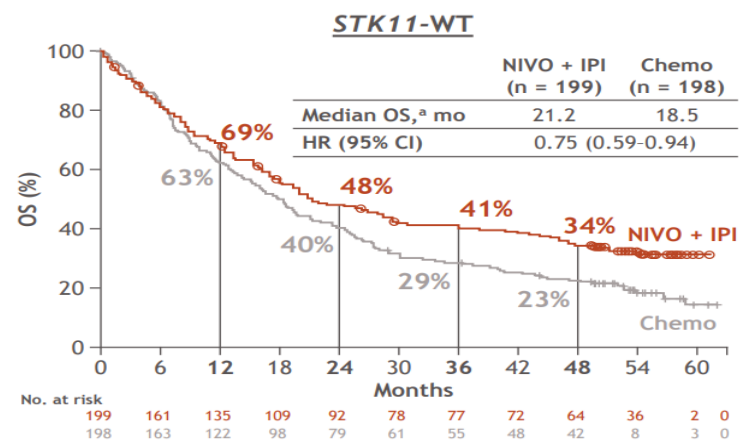
STK11 and KEAP1 alterations and clinical outcomes with ipi/nivo in Part 1 of CheckMate 227

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PD-L1 <1% : 29%
 PD-L1 ≥1% : 71%
 PD-L1 ≥50%: 37%
 TMB≥10Mut/Mb : 40%
 TMB<10Mut/Mb : 60%

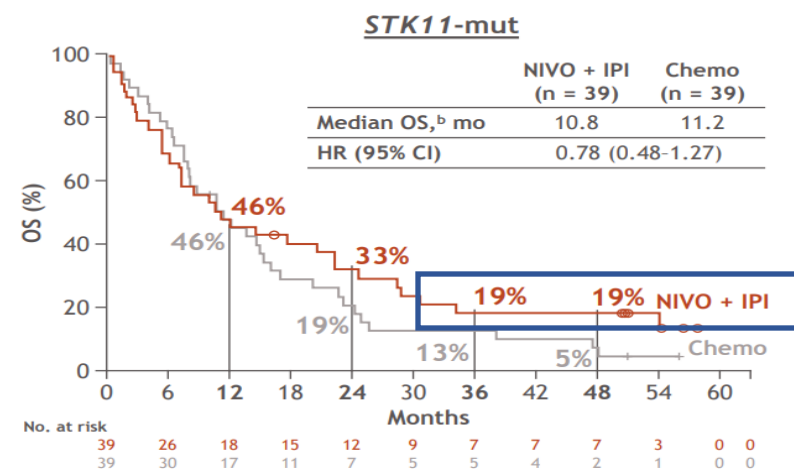
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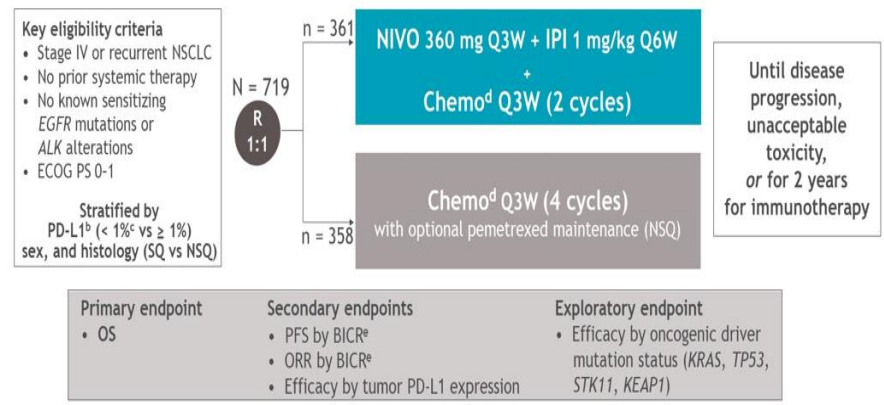
Subgroup, n ^b	4-y PFS rate, %		Median PFS, mo		Unstratified HR	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
	NIVO + IPI	Chemo	NIVO + IPI	Chemo		
NSQ (n = 419, 419)	14	3	5.2	5.6	0.82	
Mut-eval (n = 238, 237)	14	3	5.6	5.6	0.76	
<i>KRAS</i> -WT (n = 150, 162)	19	6	5.6	5.6	0.75	
<i>KRAS</i> -mut (n = 88, 75)	17	2	5.4	5.8	0.78	
<i>TP53</i> -WT (n = 111, 106)	10	5	5.4	5.6	0.88	
<i>TP53</i> -mut (n = 127, 131)	24	7	5.8	6.6	0.69	
<i>STK11</i> -WT (n = 199, 198)	19	6	8.1	6.1	0.72	
<i>STK11</i> -mut (n = 39, 39)	13	0	2.8	4.3	1.04	
<i>KEAP1</i> -WT (n = 218, 219)	16	6	5.5	5.8	0.83	
<i>KEAP1</i>-mut (n = 20, 18)	41	0	11.1	2.9	0.25	

KEAP1^{MUT} (N=38)
 Ipi/Nivo: mOS 24.4m
 Chemo: mOS 8.9m



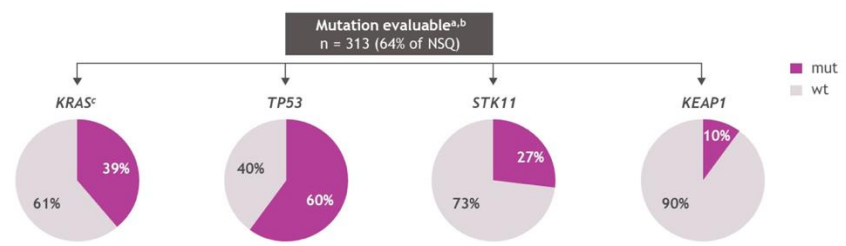
Clinical outcomes with the CheckMate 9LA regimen in *STK11*^{MUT} NSCLC

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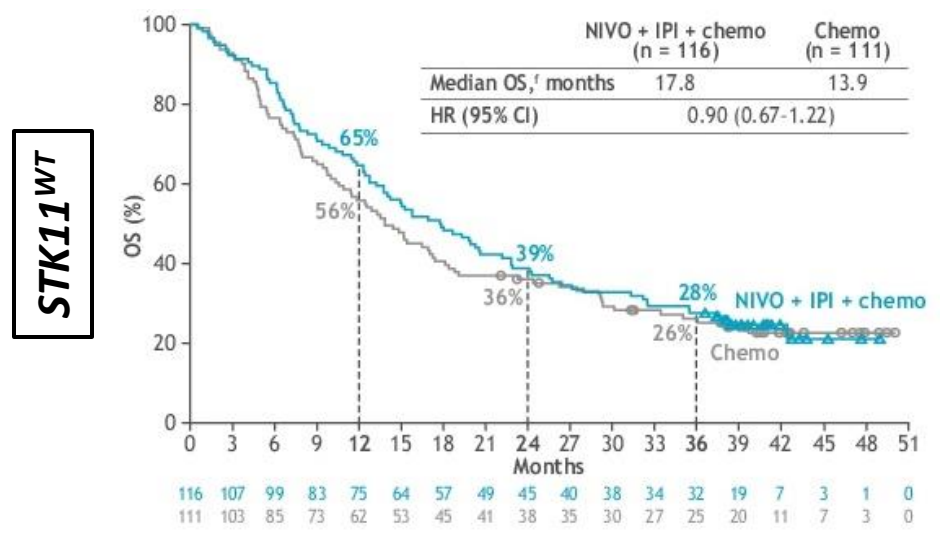
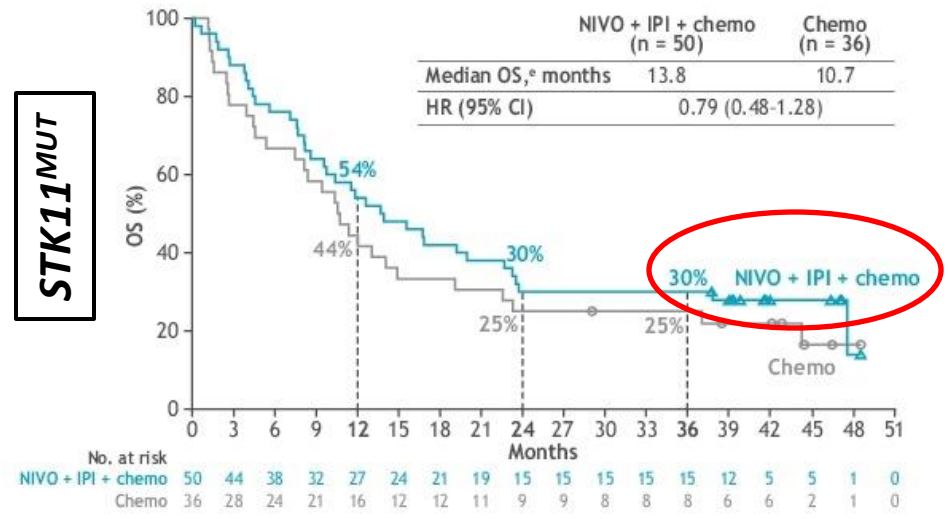


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^aNCT03215706; ^bDetermined by the PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay (Dako); ^cPatients unevaluable for PD-L1 were stratified to PD-L1 < 1% and capped to 10% of all randomized patients; ^dNSQ: pemetrexed + cisplatin or carboplatin; SQ: paclitaxel + carboplatin; ^eHierarchically statistically tested.
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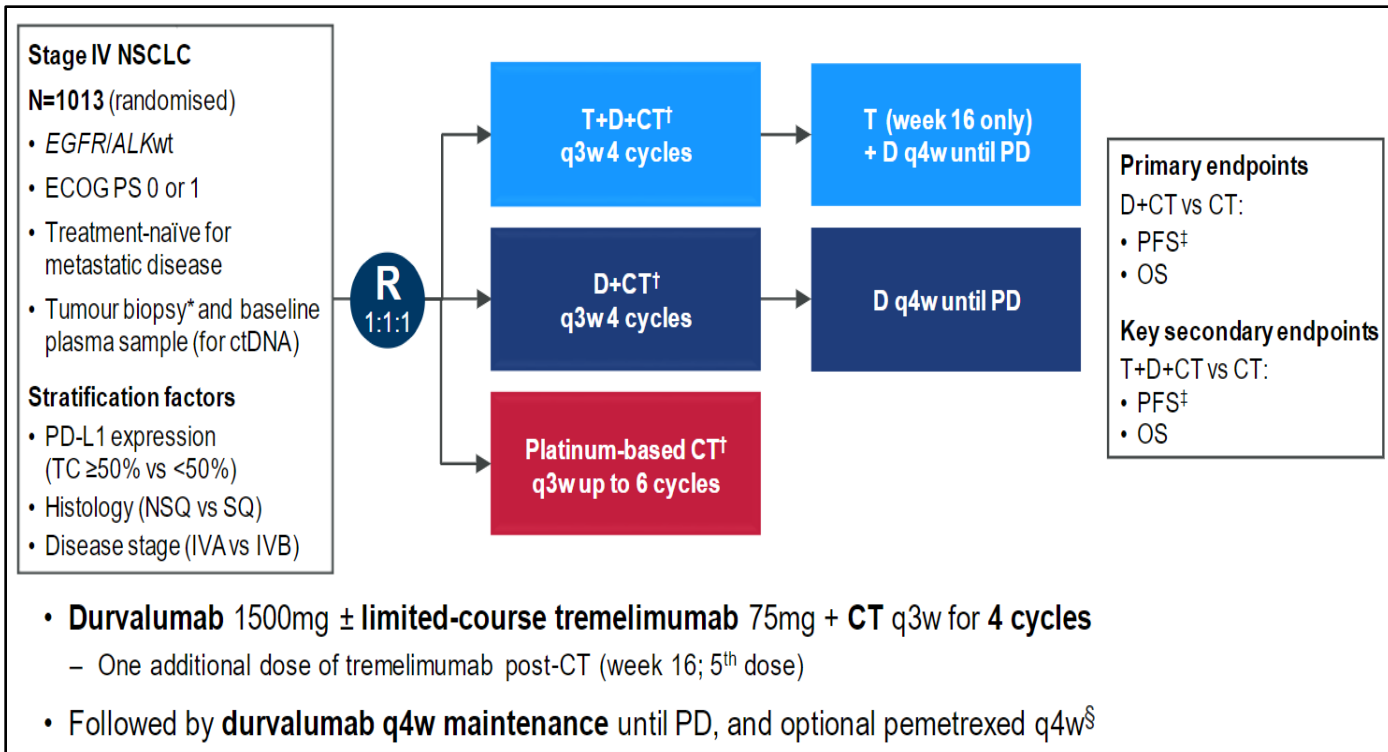


• Similar trend of OS benefit was seen with NIVO + IPI + chemo vs chemo in *KRAS* G12C-mut (n = 50) and *KEAP1*-mut (n = 32) subgroups

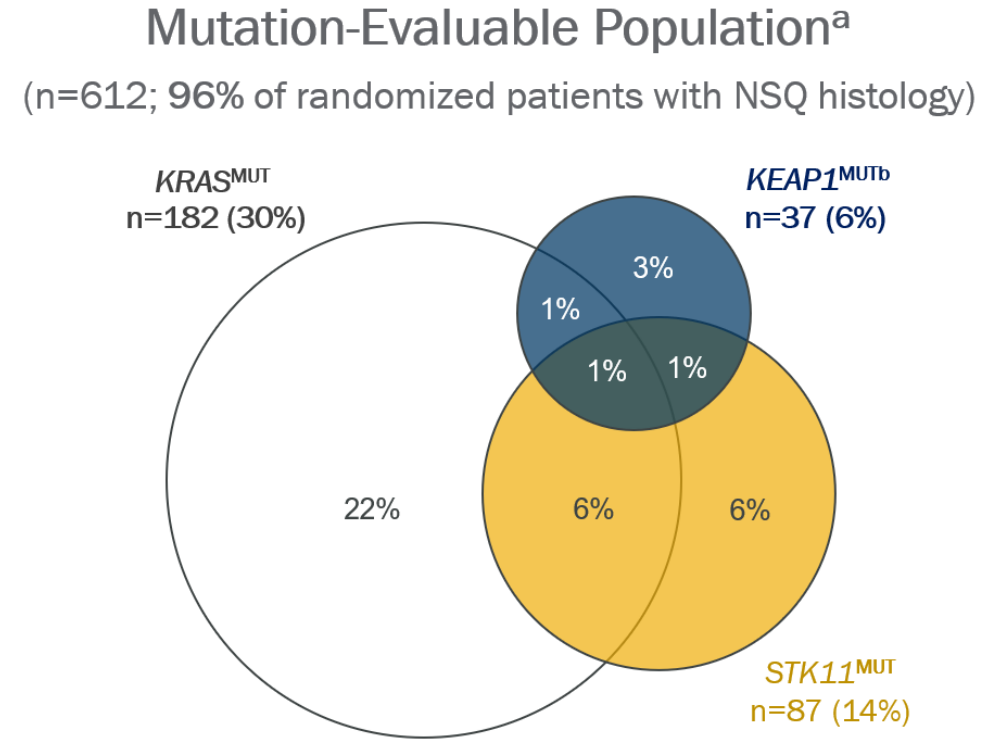
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POSEIDON Study of Durvalumab+-Tremelimumab+Chemo for the 1st line Treatment of Metastatic NSCLC

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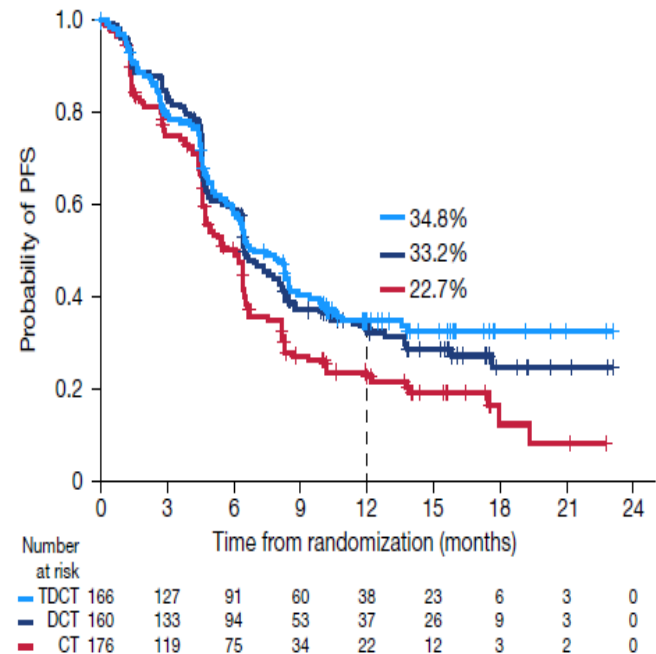
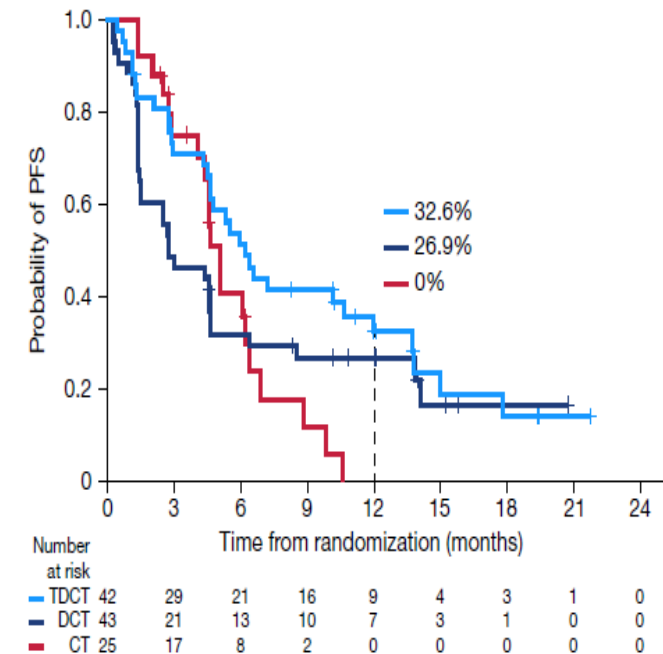


PFS and ORR with the POSEIDON regimen (D+T+chemo) in *STK11* and/or *KEAP1*-mutant NSCLC

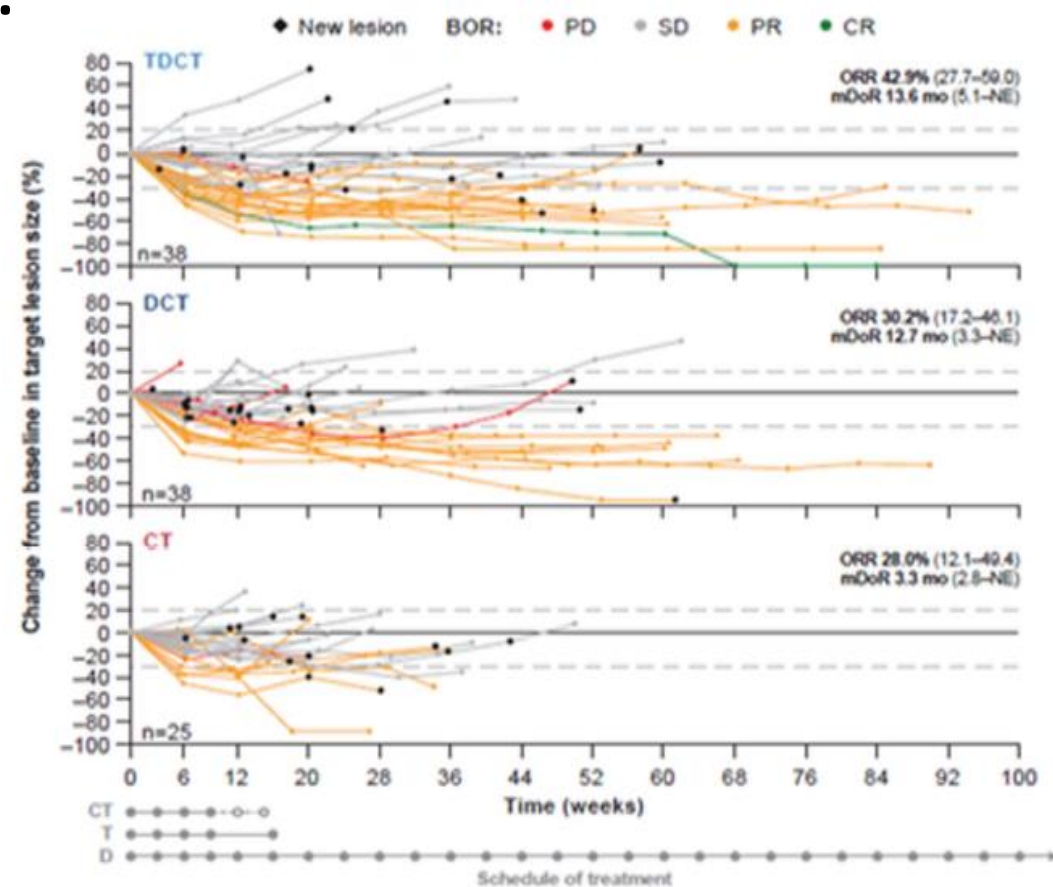
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	<i>STK11</i> ^{MUT} and/or <i>KEAP1</i> ^{MUT}		
	TDCT	DCT	CT
mPFS (months) (95% CI)	6.2 (4.5–12.0)	2.8 (1.5–4.7)	5.1 (4.1–6.4)
HR versus CT (95% CI)	0.52 (0.28–0.95)	1.00 (0.57–1.77)	-
HR versus DCT (95% CI)	0.71 (0.43–1.17)	-	-
ORR (%) (95% CI)	42.9 (27.7–59.0)	30.2 (17.2–46.1)	28.0 (12.1–49.4)

	<i>STK11</i> ^{WT} and <i>KEAP1</i> ^{WT}		
	TDCT	DCT	CT
mPFS (months) (95% CI)	6.9 (6.1–8.5)	6.5 (6.3–8.2)	6.1 (4.8–6.5)
HR versus CT (95% CI)	0.69 (0.53–0.89)	0.74 (0.57–0.96)	-
HR versus DCT (95% CI)	0.93 (0.71–1.21)	-	-
ORR (%) (95% CI)	47.9 (40.0–55.8)	49.4 (41.2–57.5)	23.6 (17.5–30.6)



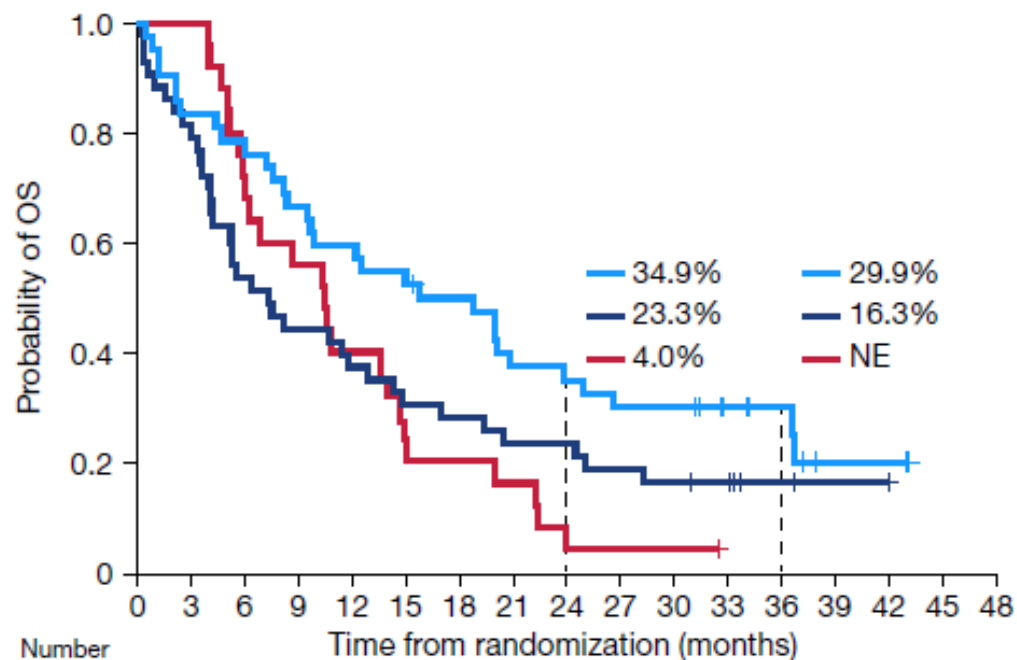
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OS with the POSEIDON regimen (D+T+chemo) in *STK11* and/or *KEAP1*-mutant NSCLC

STK11^{MUT} and/or *KEAP1*^{MUT}

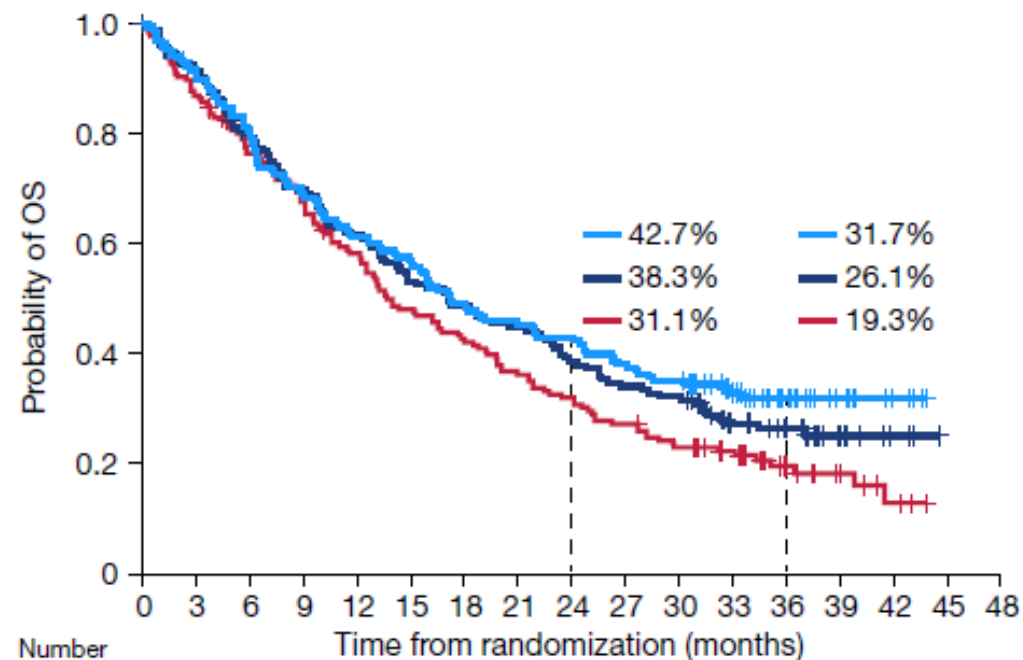
	TDCT	DCT	CT
mOS (months) (95% CI)	15.8 (9.5–23.8)	7.3 (4.2–12.9)	10.5 (6.0–14.7)
HR versus CT (95% CI)	0.50 (0.29–0.87)	0.90 (0.53–1.52)	–
HR versus DCT (95% CI)	0.64 (0.40–1.04)	–	–



Number at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
TDCT	42	35	32	28	25	22	20	15	14	12	12	8	6	2	2	0	0
DCT	43	35	23	19	16	13	12	10	10	8	7	5	2	1	0	0	0
CT	25	25	17	14	10	6	5	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

STK11^{WT} and *KEAP1*^{WT}

	TDCT	DCT	CT
mOS (months) (95% CI)	17.2 (14.2–24.1)	17.1 (13.3–22.6)	13.7 (12.0–17.8)
HR versus CT (95% CI)	0.74 (0.58–0.95)	0.81 (0.63–1.04)	–
HR versus DCT (95% CI)	0.90 (0.69–1.17)	–	–



Number at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
TDCT	166	150	132	113	100	93	80	75	70	62	57	39	24	10	4	0	0
DCT	160	146	125	109	96	83	76	70	60	53	50	32	23	10	4	0	0
CT	176	151	130	115	97	80	71	60	52	45	37	29	15	8	4	0	0

OS in 1st line (chemo)-IO trials in patients with *STK11* and/or *KEAP1*-mutated nsNSCLC

STK11^{MUT}

	KEYNOTE-189	CheckMate 227	CheckMate 9LA	POSEIDON 5y OS update
N	54	78	86	53
Treatment	Pembrolizumab+ CT vs CT	Nivolumab+ipilimumab vs CT	Nivolumab+ipilimumab+CT vs CT	Durvalumab+tremelimumab+CT vs CT
OS HR (95% CI)	0.75 (0.37-1.50)	0.78 (0.48-1.27)	0.79 (0.48-1.28)	0.57 (0.32-1.04)
OS median (m)	17.0 vs 8.0	10.8 vs 11.2	13.8 vs 10.7	15.0 vs 10.7
3 y OS rate	Not reported	19%	30%	25.8%

KEAP1^{MUT}

	KEYNOTE-189	CheckMate 227	CheckMate 9LA	POSEIDON
N	68	38	32	51*
Treatment	Pembrolizumab+ CT vs CT	Nivolumab+ipilimumab vs CT	Nivolumab+ipilimumab+CT vs CT	Durvalumab+tremelimumab+CT vs CT
OS HR (95% CI)	0.81 (0.44-1.49)	0.31 (0.14-0.70)	0.51 (0.24-1.08)	0.43 (0.16-1.25)
OS median (m)	13.0 vs 9.0	24.4 vs 8.9	13.2 vs 5.0	13.7 vs 8.7

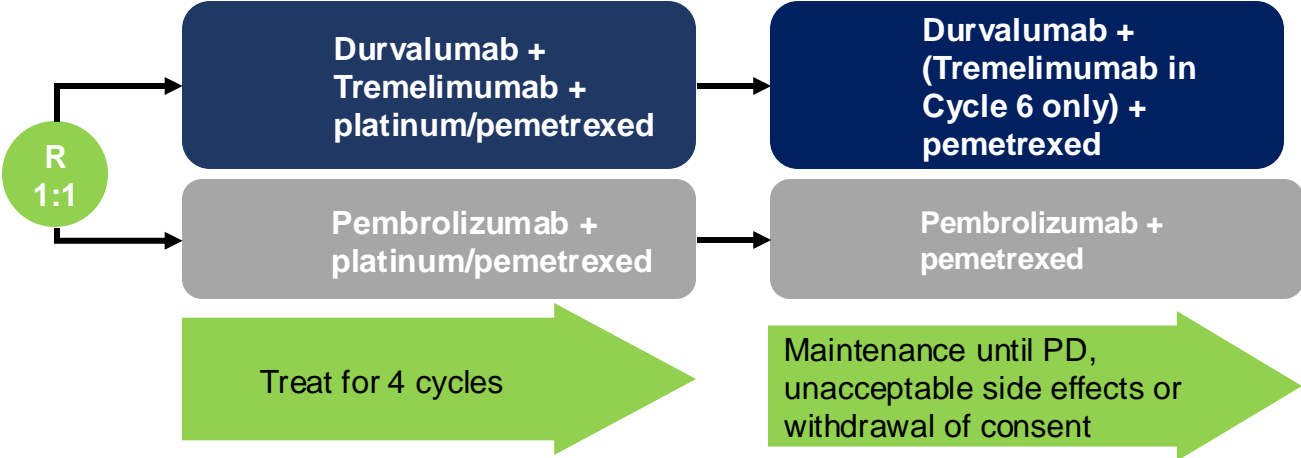
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*includes pts with SCC

Head to head comparison of KEYNOTE 189 and POSEIDON in patients with advanced nsNSCLC and *STK11* and/or *KEAP1* and/or *KRAS* mutations: the TRITON phase IIIB RCT

Study Population

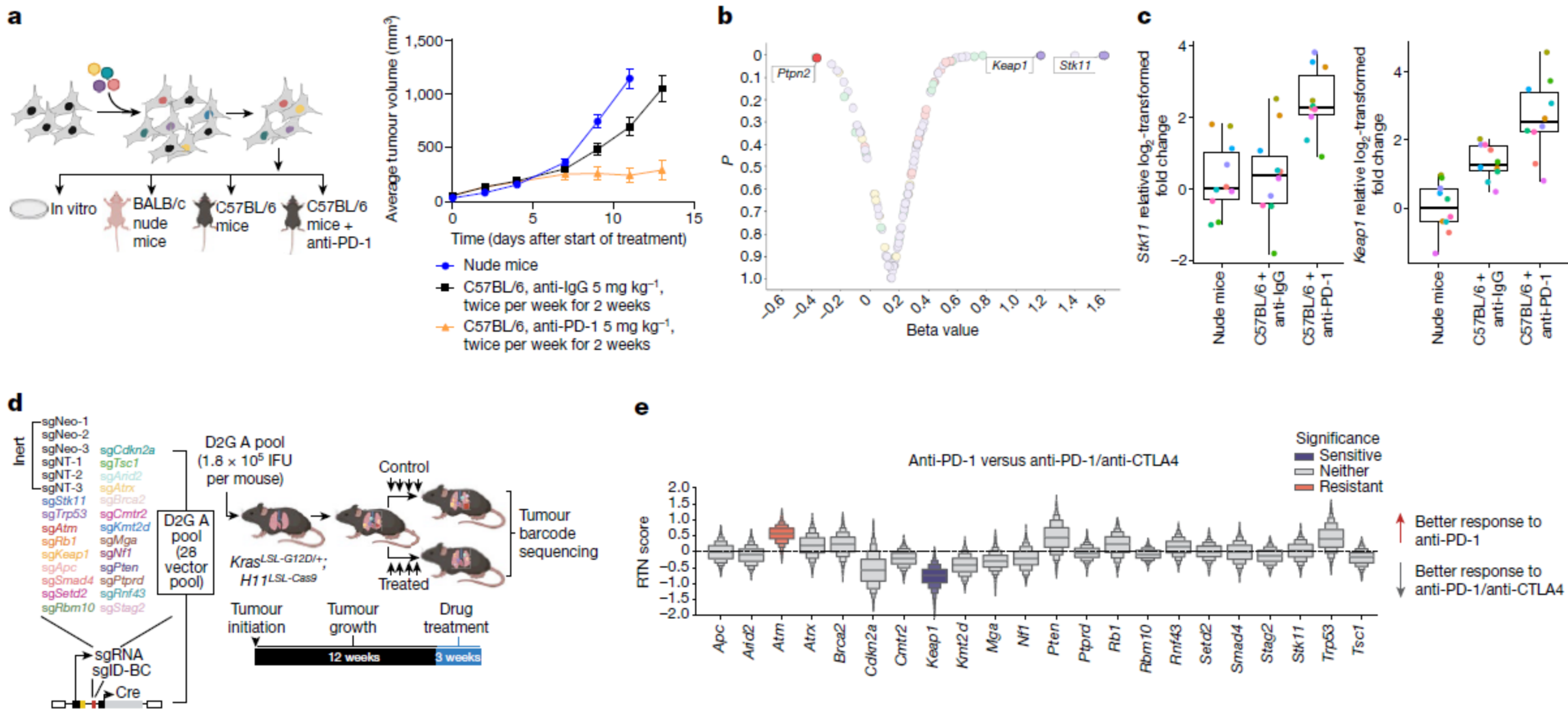
- N = 280
- Metastatic non-squamous NSCLC with *STK11* mutations and/or *KEAP1* mutations and/or *KRAS* mutations * (per local NGS testing)
- No prior systemic treatment for metastatic disease
- No *EGFR* mutations or *ALK* alterations
- ECOG PS 0 or 1



Dual Primary Endpoints

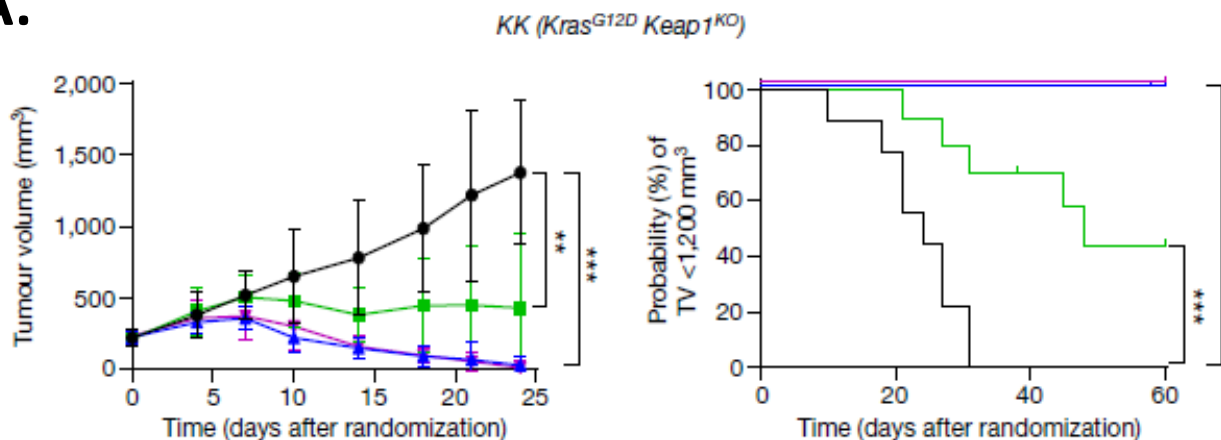
- OS in ITT
- OS in *STK11m* & *KEAP1m*

In vivo CRISPR/Cas9 screens identify selective sensitivity of KEAP1-deficient *Kras*-mutant lung adenocarcinoma to dual ICB

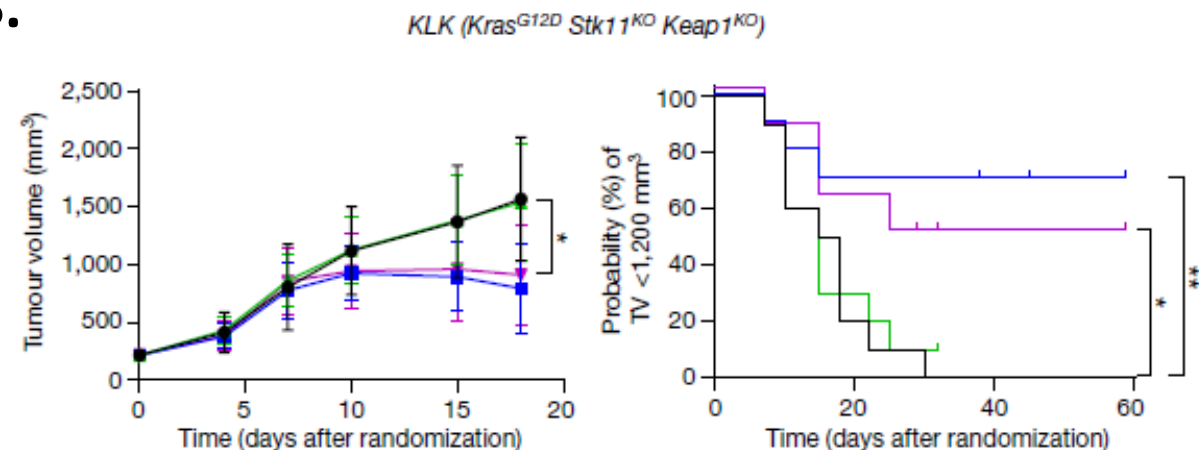


Sensitivity of $Kras^{MUT};Stk11^{-/-}$ and/or $Keap1^{-/-}$ LUAD to dual α PD-(L)1/ α CTLA-4 ICB is recapitulated in syngeneic models

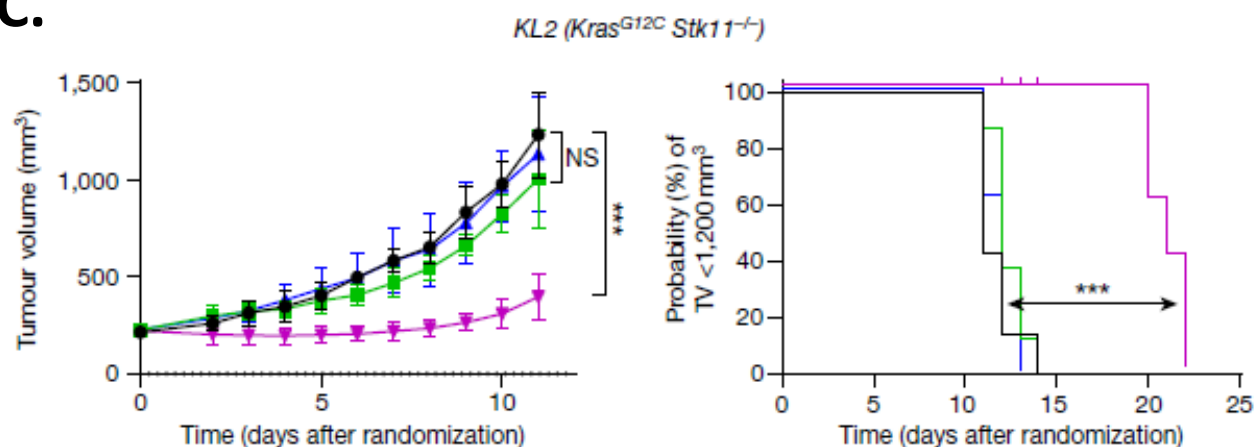
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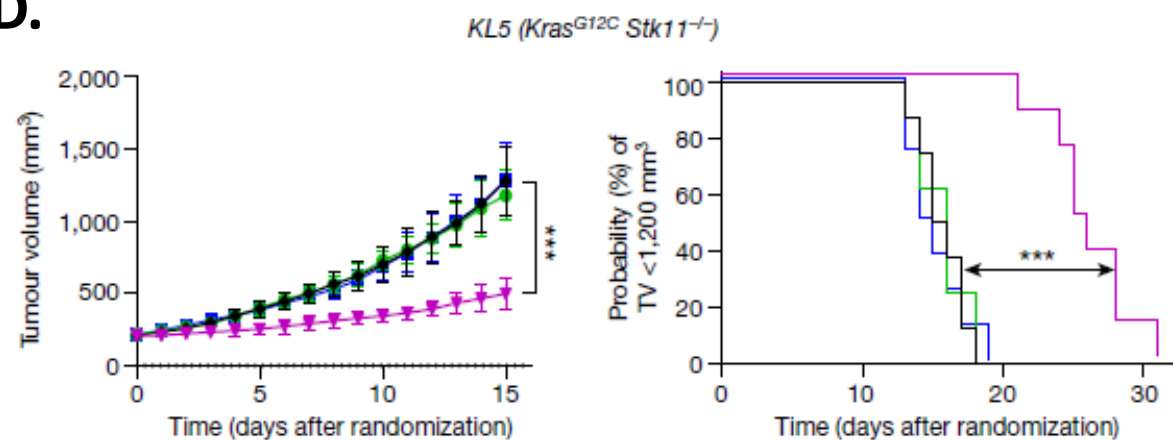
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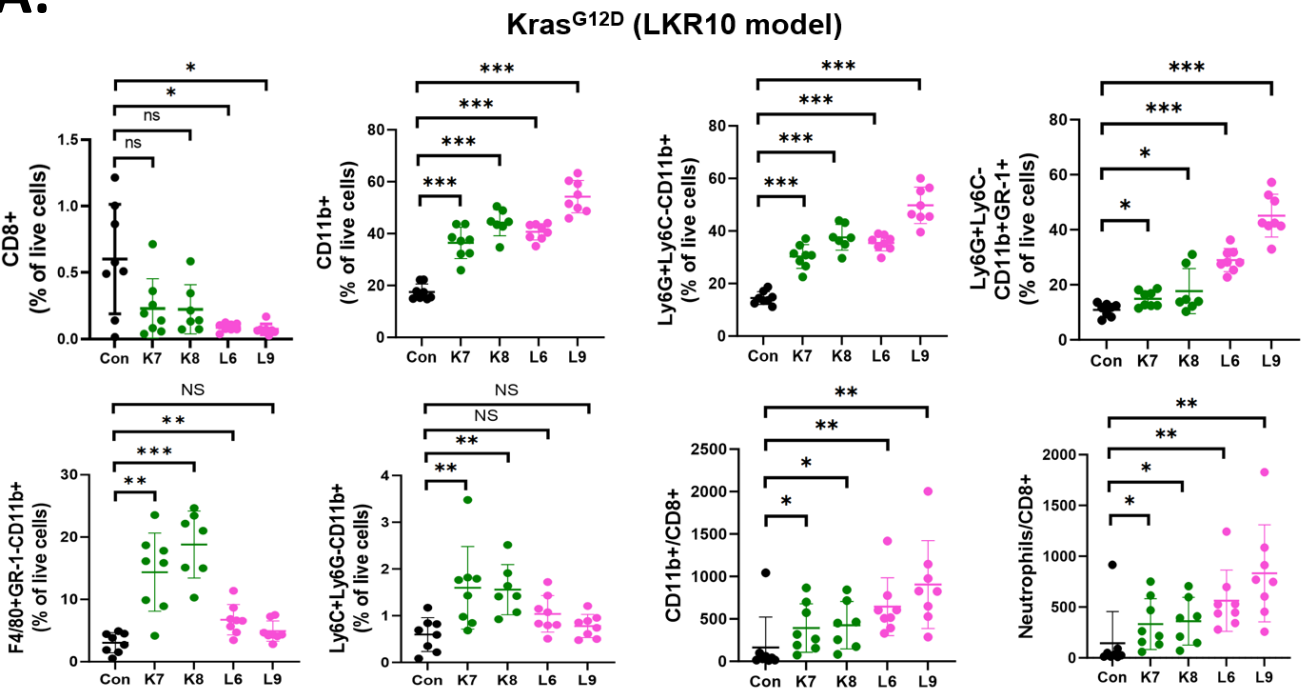
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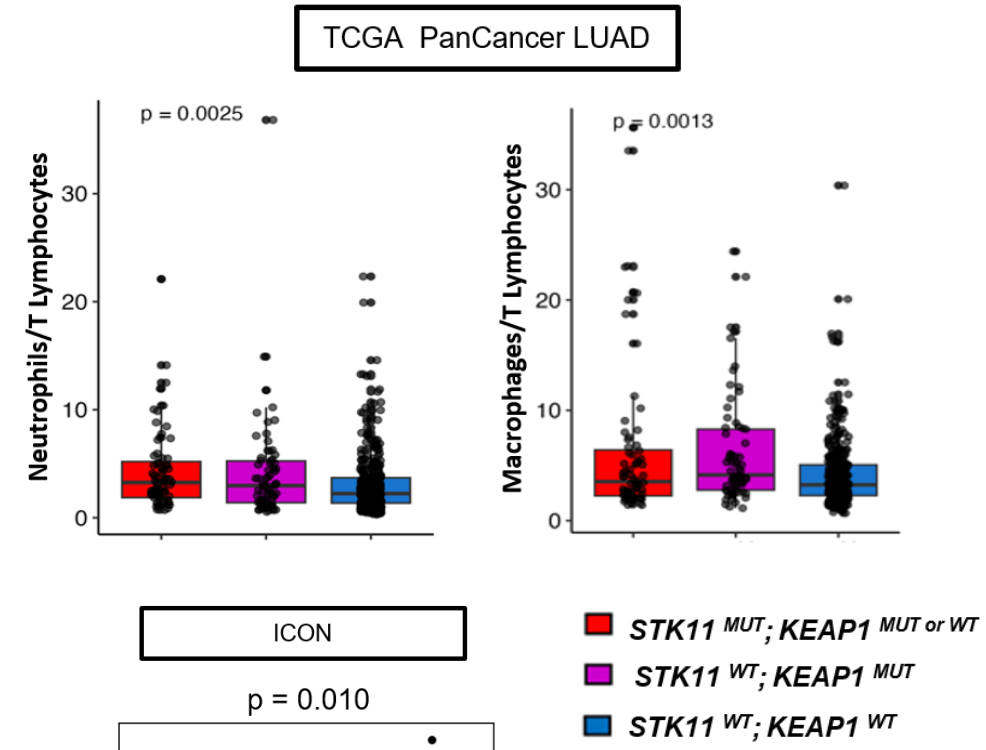
— IgG control — Anti-PD-1 — Anti-CTLA4 — Anti-PD-1/anti-CTLA4

Detailed interrogation of the *STK11*^{MUT} or *KEAP1*^{MUT} TIME reveals increased myeloid/CD8+ ratio and relative retention of CD4+ effector cells

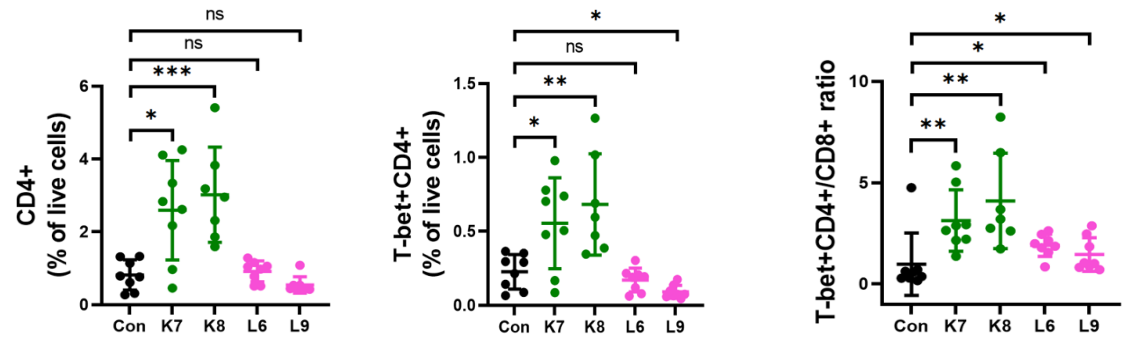
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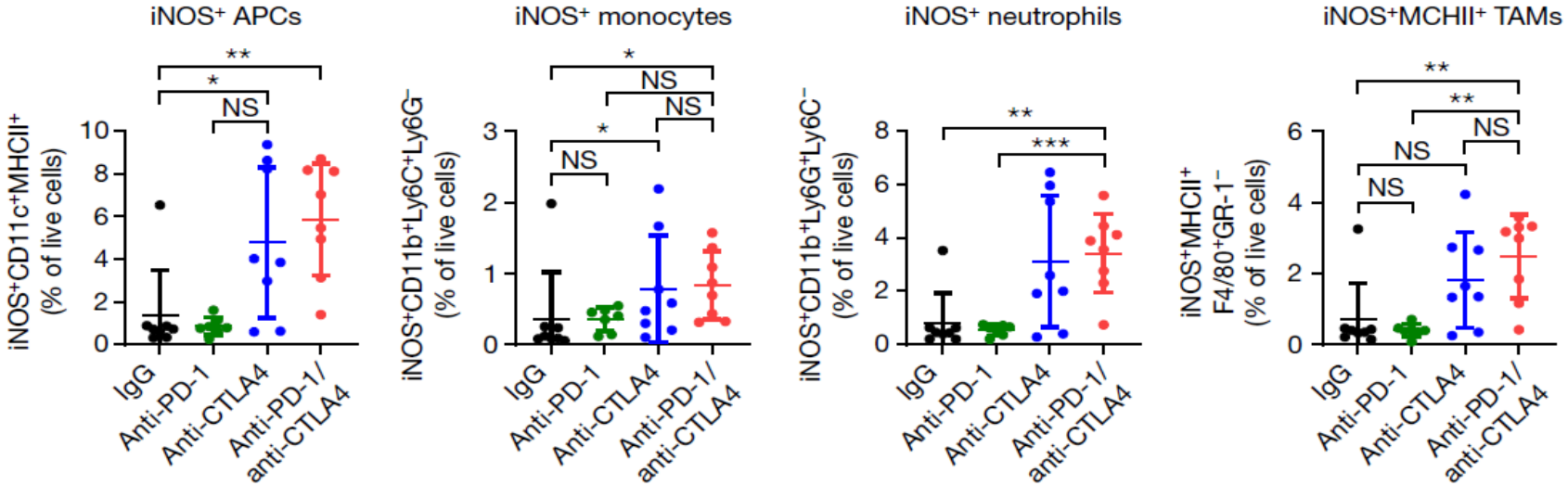


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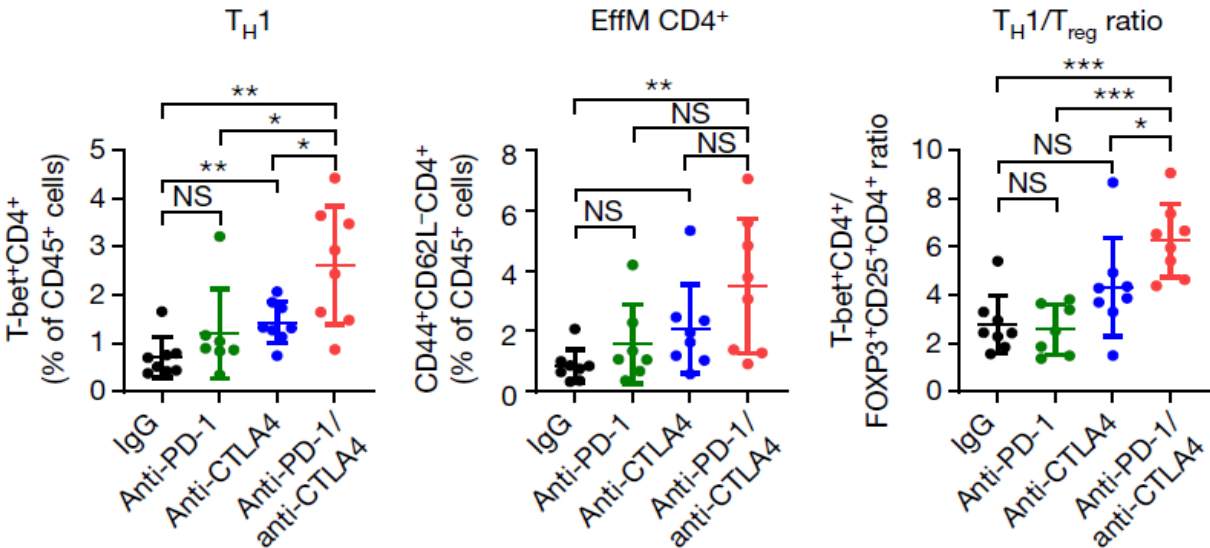


Dual ICB re-programs innate immune cells and engages CD4+ effector T cells in *STK11* and/or *KEAP1*-deficient *KRAS*-mutant NSCLC models

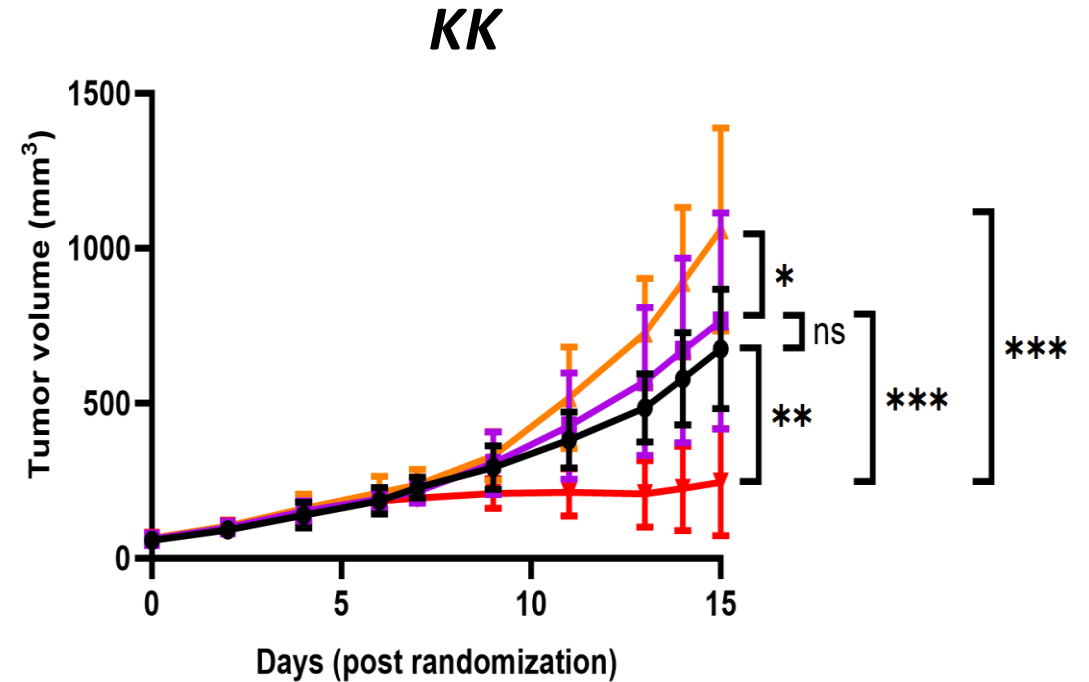
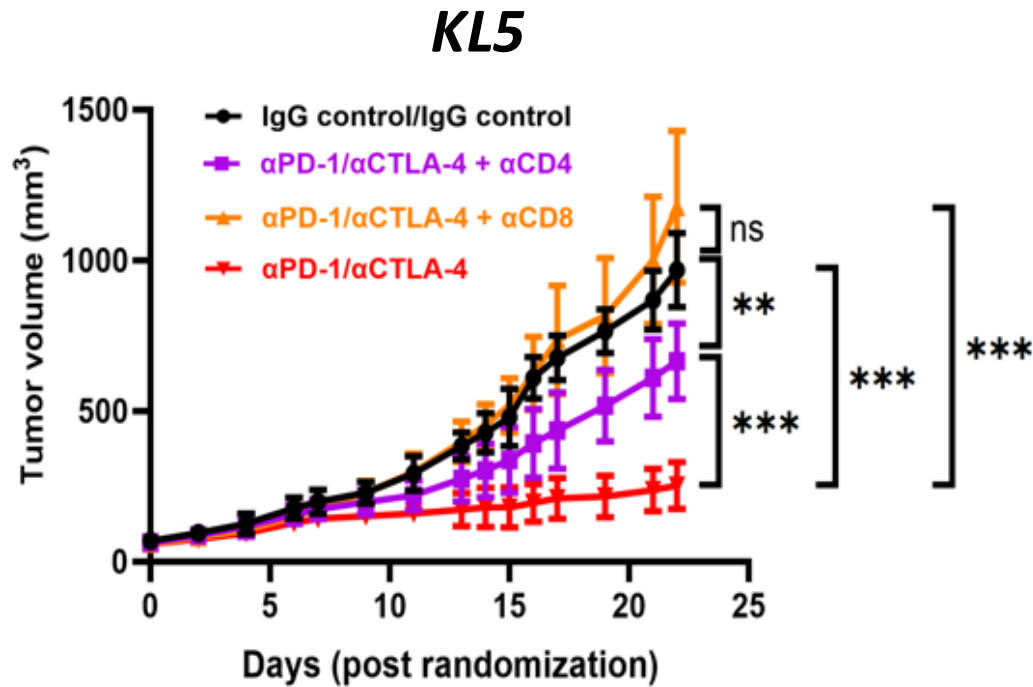
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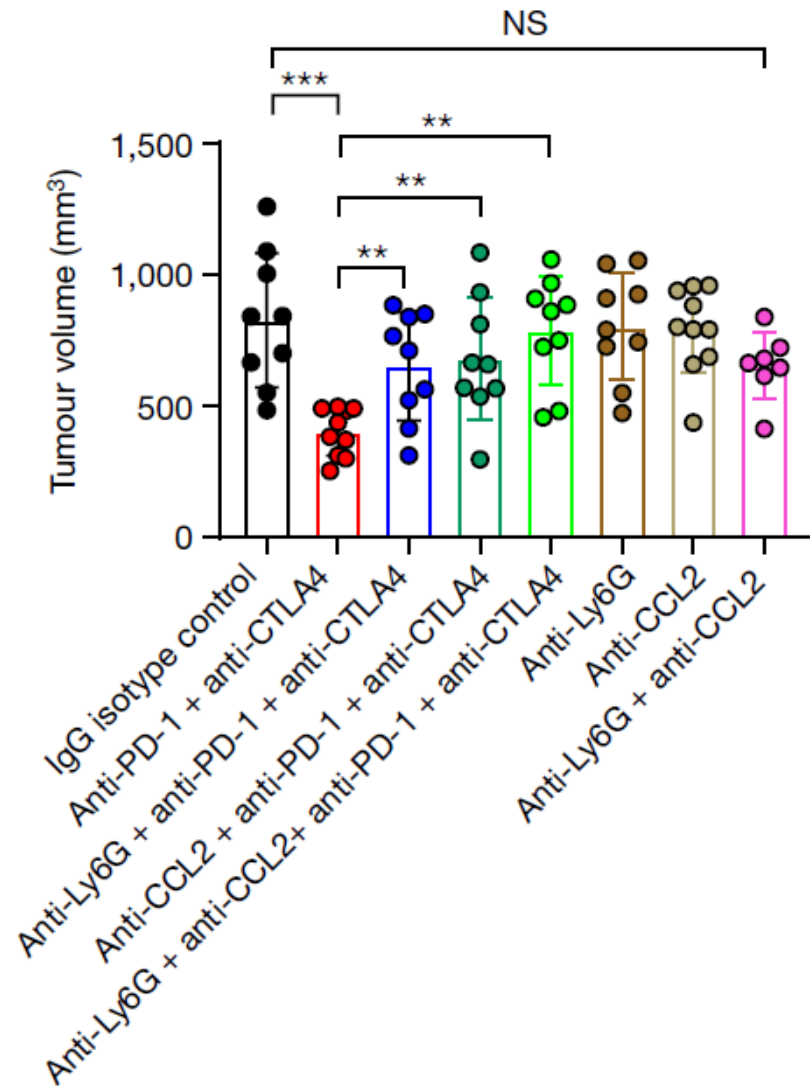
The efficacy of dual ICB in *STK11* and/or *KEAP1*-deficient NSCLC models is dependent on both $CD8^+$ and $CD4^+$ TILs



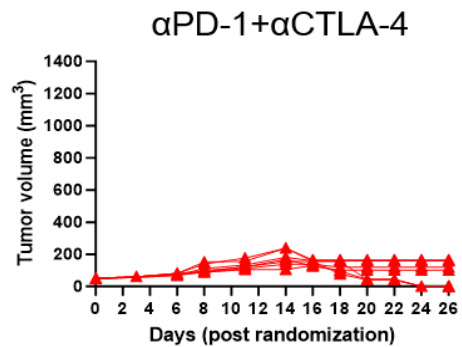
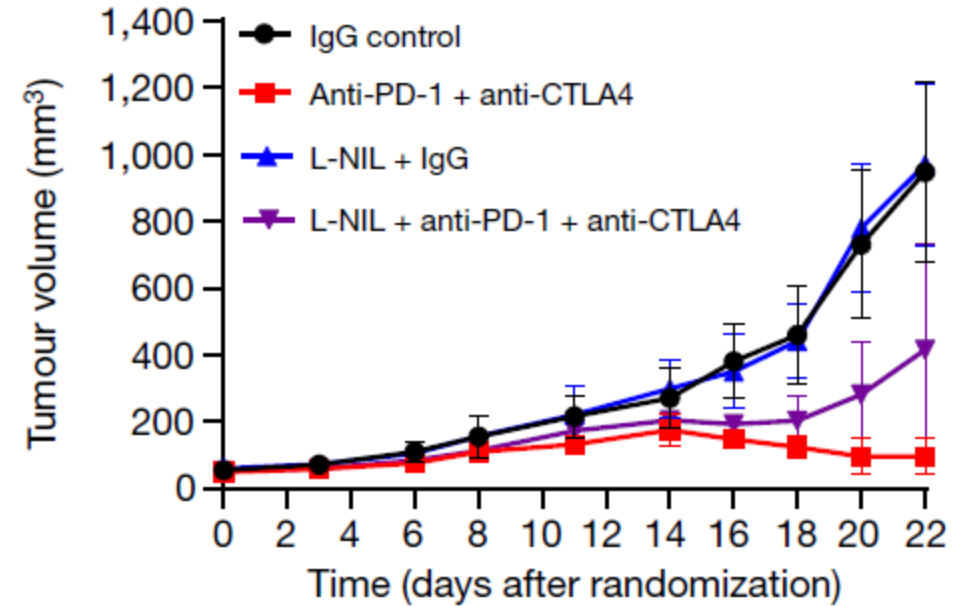
The efficacy of dual ICB in STK11 and/or KEAP1-deficient NSCLC models is partially dependent on myeloid cell subsets

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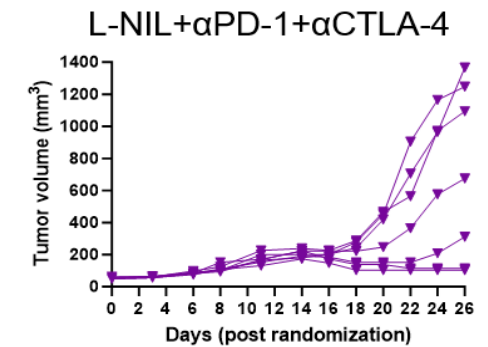
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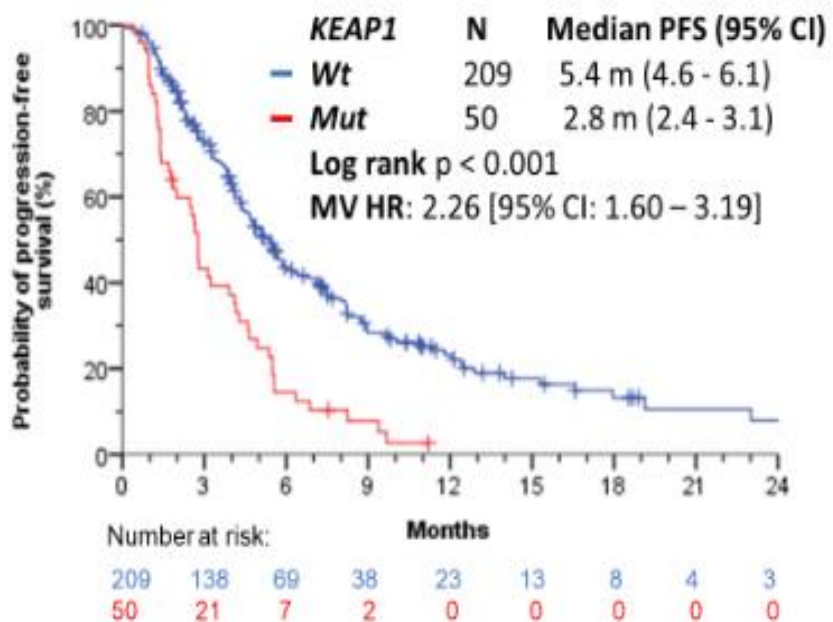
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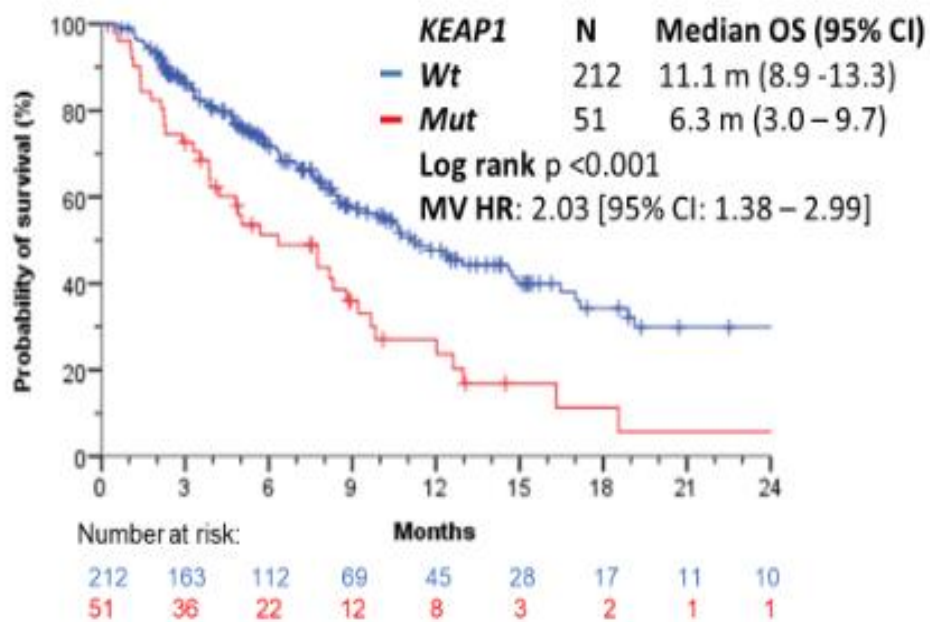
2/7 without outgrowth

Patients harboring NSCLC with *KEAP1* co-alterations exhibit inferior PFS and OS with sotorasib and adagrasib

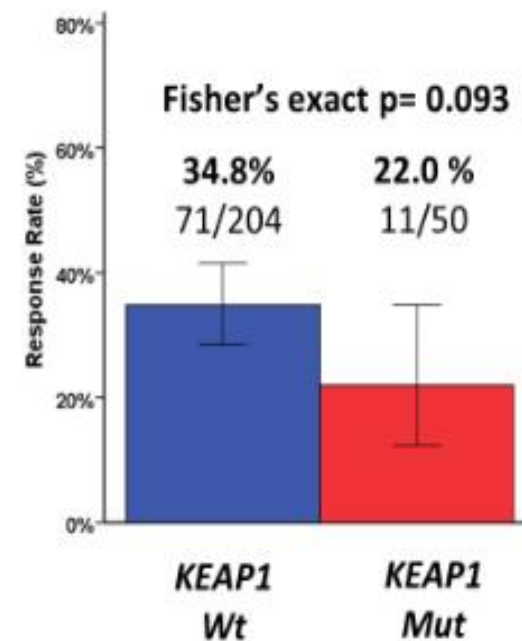
Progression-free survival



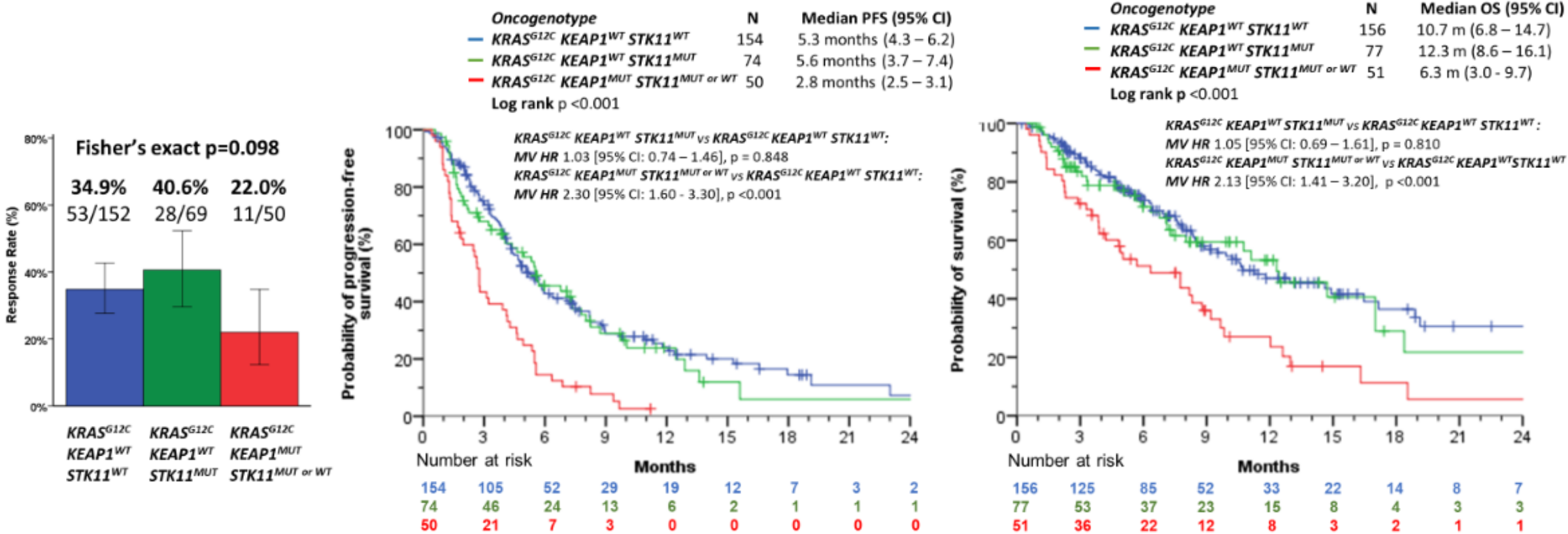
Overall survival



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STK11 alterations without concurrent KEAP1 mutations do not appear to impact clinical outcomes with sotorasib and adagrasib



Conclusions

- Somatic mutations in *KEAP1* and/or *STK11* identify difficult to treat subgroups of patients with mNSCLC that exhibit poor clinical outcomes with PD-(L)1 inhibitor – based chemo-immunotherapy (such as the KEYNOTE-189 regimen) or PD-(L)1 monotherapy, especially in patients harboring *KRAS*-mutant NSCLC.
- Both prognostic and predictive effects are likely in operation. The adverse impact of *STK11* alterations on clinical outcomes is most notable with regimens that include single agent ICB with anti-PD-(L)1 inhibitors.
- Loss of *STK11* and/or *KEAP1* establishes an adverse TIME characterized by (a) increased myeloid to CD8+ T cell ratio and (b) profound depletion of CD8+ T cells but relative retention of CD4+ effector cell subsets.
- Preclinical models of *KRAS*-mutant NSCLC with *STK11* and/or *KEAP1* inactivation exhibit selective sensitivity to dual ICB.
- Mechanistically, dual ICB : (a) reprograms myeloid cells towards tumoricidal phenotypes and (b) engaged CD4+ effector subsets, including T_H1 cells. Myeloid cells as well as CD4+ as well as CD8+ T cells are critical for the anti-tumor efficacy of dual ICB.
- Chemo-IO regimens that incorporate anti-CTLA-4 in addition to anti-PD-(L)1 (such as 9LA and POSEIDON) may represent a preferred approach in *STK11* and/or *KEAP1*-mutated NSCLC with good PS. Data from POSEIDON appear the most robust to date in this patient population.
- *STK11*, *KEAP1* represent emerging biomarkers for selection of first-line regimens in advanced NSCLC.
- A randomized controlled clinical trial (TRITON) (POSEIDON regimen vs KEYNOTE 189) in patients with previously untreated metastatic NSCLC with *STK11*, *KEAP1* or *KRAS* alterations is ongoing to confirm findings from POSEIDON

Thank you !