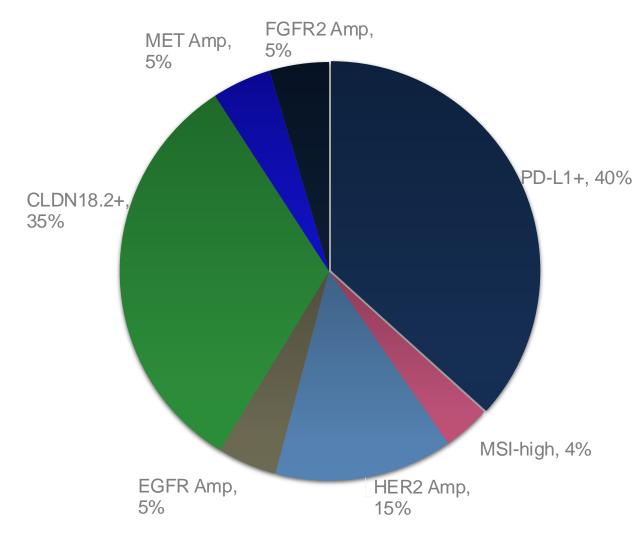


Recent FDA Approved Therapies for Advanced Gastric Cancer, Based on What Studies?

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Key Biomarkers in Gastroesophageal Cancer



AMP = amplification; CPS = combined positive score; EGFR = epidermal growth factor receptor; FGFR2 = fibroblast growth factor receptor 2; HER = human epidermal growth factor receptor

Key markers in advanced disease

HER2 positive: 15%-20% of patients; improved survival with

chemo + HER2-targeting trastuzumab

MSI high: 3%-5% of patients, high response rates to

immunotherapies ± chemo

<u>PD-L1</u> positive: 30%-50% of patients; identifies those more likely to benefit from immunotherapy; likely gradation within PD-L1+ (CPS)

<u>CLDN18.2 high:</u> 30%-35% of patients; response predictor for CLDN18.2-targeting agent

Investigational biomarkers

FGFR2 amp: 5%-10% of patients; multiple trials of inhibitors

FGFR2 high: May be up to 30% of HER2 negative

EGFR amp: 5%-7%; may predict response to EGFR agents

Tumor agnostic

Mismatch repair deficiency (or MSI-H)
Tumor mutation burden
NTRK fusion

Kuwata T. Pathol Int. 2024; online ahead of print.

Practice-Changing Advances Seen With Immunotherapy in Gastroesophageal Adenocarcinoma

Addressing Gaps and Improving Outcomes With Immunotherapy

- Previously, 1L chemotherapy resulted in disease progression and death within 1 year in most patients with gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma
- Anti-PD-1 (immune-based) therapies have demonstrated superior OS vs chemotherapy in numerous phase 3
 RCTs and have become new standard of care

Approvals in Adenocarcinoma

- Nivolumab/Pembrolizumab + chemotherapy approved in the United States for 1L treatment, CPS > 0¹
- **Pembrolizumab + trastuzumab and chemotherapy** approved in the United States for HER2+ disease²
- Nivolumab approved in Asia irrespective of PD-L1 status for ≥3L treament³
- Pembrolizumab approval for ≥3L treatment in the United States withdrawn (announced in July 2021)⁴
- **Pembrolizumab** approved in TMB ≥10 mut/Mb (United States) or MSI-H tumors (United States and Japan)^{2,5}
- 1. FDA ODAC meeting, Sept 26, 2024
- 2. Keytruda (pembrolizumab) Prescribing Information. https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2023/125514s143lbl.pdf.
- 3. Högner A, Thuss-Patience P. Pharmaceuticals (Basel). 2021;14:151.
- 4. https://www.cancernetwork.com/view/merck-to-withdraw-indication-for-pembrolizumab-in-third-line-gastric-cancer.
- 5. https://www.ajmc.com/view/phase-3-data-for-pembrolizumab-in-hepatocellular-carcinoma-show-significant-improvements-in-os-pfs.

Overview of Select Trials of Immunotherapy in Upper GI Cancers: Increasing Complexity

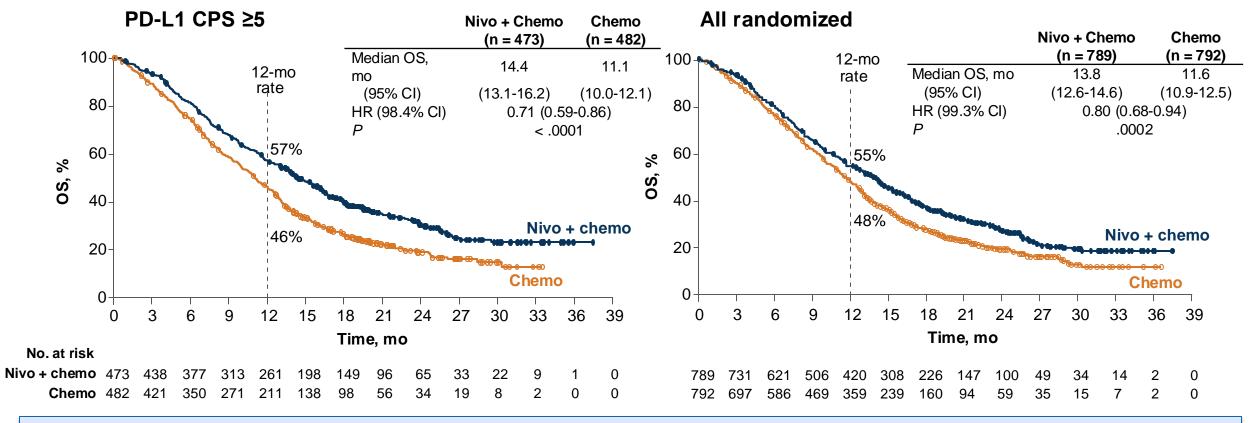
Parameter	CheckMate -649 ²	KEYNOTE-859 ³	Rationale-05
Disease location	Gastric, GEJ, esophagus	Gastric, GEJ	Gastric, GEJ
Histology	Adenocarcinoma	Adenocarcinoma	Adenocarcinoma
Agent	Nivolumab + chemo vs chemo	Pembrolizumab + chemo vs chemo	Tislelizumab + chemotherapy vs chemo
Setting	1L advanced	1L advanced	1L advanced
ORR, %	60 vs 45 (CPS ≥5)	51.3 vs 42	50 vs 43 (TAP <u>></u> 5)
PFS HR	0.68 (CPS ≥5)	0.76	0.67 (TAP <u>≥</u> 5)
OS Δ, mo	3.3 (CPS ≥5), 2.7 (CPS ≥1), 2.2 (all patients)	1.4	4.6 mo (TAP <u>≥</u> 5)

^a Results from prespecified interim analysis of the first 264 patients.

^{1.} Janjigian YY et al. Lancet. 2021;398:27-40. 2. Rha SY et al. ESMO 2023. Abstract VP1-2023. 3. Xu R-H, et al. Oral presentation at ESMO 2023. Abstract LBA80.

CheckMate -649 Global Phase 3 Trial: Nivolumab Plus Chemotherapy Improved Survival^{1,2}

FDA-approved April 2021



- Grade 3-4 TRAEs were reported in 59% of patients in the nivolumab + chemo arm and 44% of patients in the chemo arm
- Treatment-related deaths occurred in 16 (2%) and 4 (1%) of patients in the nivolumab + chemo and chemo arms, respectively

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- 1. Opdivo (nivolumab) Prescribing Information. https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2023/125554Orig1s121lbl.pdf.
- 2. Janjigian YY et al. Lancet. 2021;398:27-40.

KEYNOTE-859: Study Design¹

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Histologically or cytologically confirmed adenocarcinoma of the stomach or GEJ
- Locally advanced unresectable or metastatic disease
- No prior treatment
- Known PD-L1 status (assessed centrally using PD-L1 IHC 22C3)
- HER2-negative status (assessed locally)
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W for ≤35 cycles (~2 y) + Chemotherapy (FP or CAPOX) R 1:1

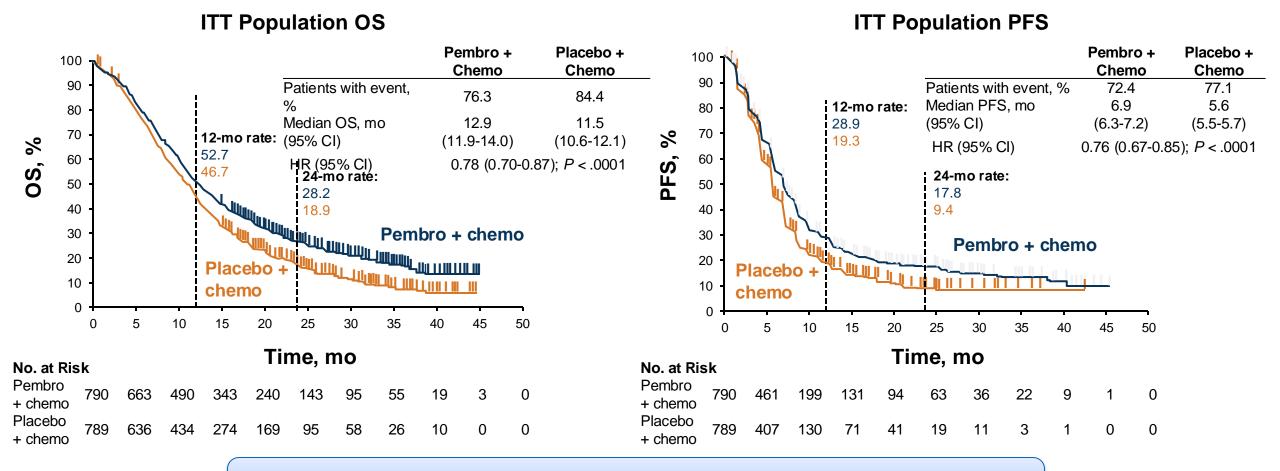
Placebo IV Q3W for ≤35 cycles (~ 2 y) + Chemotherapy (FP or CAPOX)

Stratification Factors

- Geographic region (EU/Israel/North America/Australia vs Asia vs rest of the world)
- PD-LI CPS (<1 vs >1)
- Choice of chemotherapy (FP vs CAPOX)

- Primary endpoint: OS
- Secondary endpoints: PFS, ORR, DOR, safety

KEYNOTE-859: 1L Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy Improves Survival for Advanced G/GEJ Cancer¹



In addition to higher ORR (51.3% vs 42.0%), responses were also more durable in pembrolizumab arm (median DOR, 8.0 vs 5.7 months)

Rationale 305

Phase 3

Study Identifier: RATIONALE-305, BGB-A317-305, NCT03777657

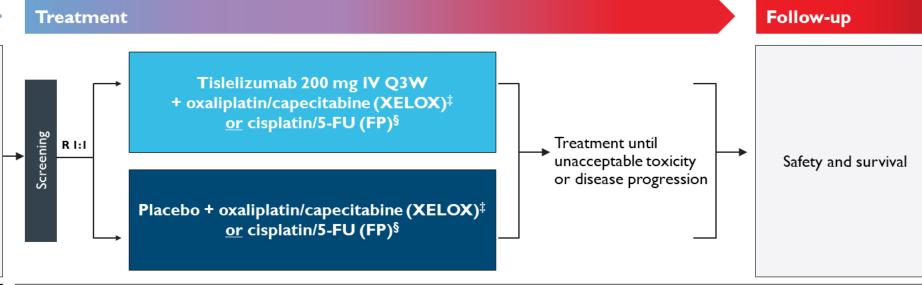
Key eligibility criteria

- Histologically confirmed GC/GEJC
- HER2/neu-negative disease
- Measurable disease
- ECOG PS ≤I
- No previous therapy for locally advanced unresectable or metastatic GC/GEIC[†]
- No prior therapy with drug specifically targeting T cell co-stimulation or checkpoint pathways

Stratification Factors

- Regions of enrollment
- · Peritoneal metastasis
- PD-L1 score (PD-L1 ≥5% vs <5%)
- · Investigator's choice of chemo

Primary Endpoint: OS in PD-LI+ (PD-LI score ≥5%*) and ITT analysis set **Key Secondary Endpoints:** PFS, ORR, DOR, DCR, CBR, HRQoL, safety

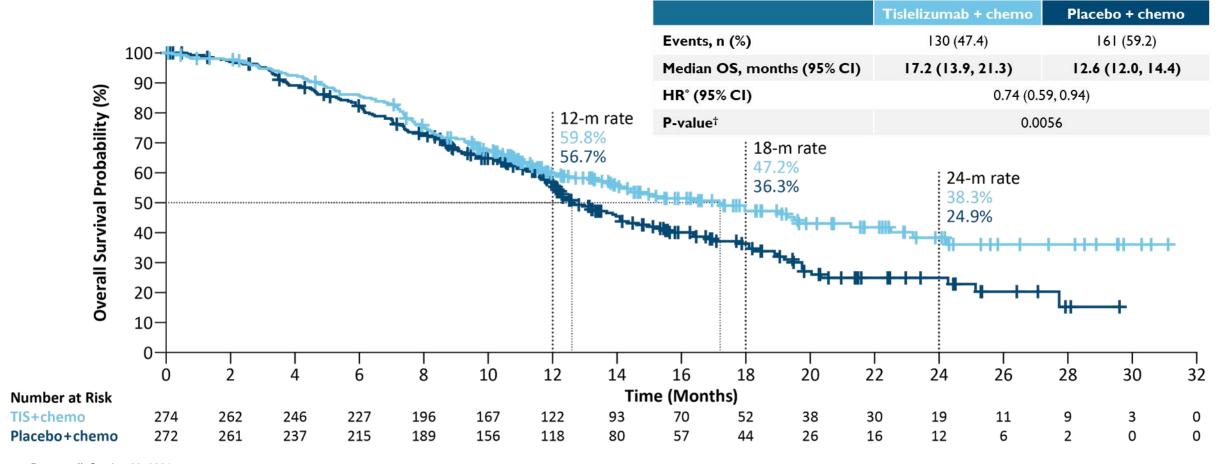


Statistical considerations:

- If OS in the PD-LI+ analysis set is statistically significant, OS in the ITT analysis set is tested hierarchically
- An interim analysis was performed based on 291 actual observed events for the PD-L1+ analysis set and the updated one-sided P value boundary was 0.0092
- Final analysis (cutoff date: 28 February 2023) based on 776 OS events (ITT)

RATIONALE-305: Interim Analysis

Tislelizumab plus chemotherapy demonstrated statistically significant improvement in OS vs placebo plus chemotherapy



Data cutoff: October 08, 2021.

Primary OS analysis: Stratified by regions (east Asia vs rest of the world) and presence of peritoneal metastasis. †One-sided stratified log-rank test. 116 (42.3%) patients and 147 (54.0%) patients in tislelizumab plus chemotherapy arm and placebo plus chemotherapy arm received subsequent anticancer systemic therapies, respectively. Of those, 19 (6.9%) patients and 38 (14.0%) patients received immunotherapy.

CI=confidence interval, HR=hazard ratio, OS=overall survival, m=month Moehler M et al. ASCO-GI 2023 abstract no. 286 Jan19-21, 2023

FDA ODAC Meeting – September 24, 2024

Intended to harmonize biomarker testing across platforms

Benefit of immunotherapy is greater for higher PD-L1 expressing tumors

Here are the FDA slides used for discussion



Gastric Cancer Applications

	Nivolumab CheckMate-649 April 16, 2021	Pembrolizumab Keynote-859 November 16, 2023	Tislelizumab Rationale-305 Under review	
Intent to Treat	N = 1581	N=1579	N=997	
Median OS - ICI + Chemo arm, mos (95% CI) - Chemo arm, mos (95% CI)	13.8 (12.6, 14.6) 11.6 (10.9, 12.5)	12.9 (11.9, 14.0) 11.5 (10.6, 12.1)	15.0 (13.6, 16.5) 12.9 (12.1, 14.1)	
OS HR (95% CI)	0.80 (0.71, 0.90)	0.78 (0.70, 0.87)	0.80 (0.70, 0.92)	
Pre-specified analysis for PD-L1 group 1	CPS ≥ 1 N = 1296	CPS ≥ 1 N = 1235	TAP ≥ 5 N = 576	
Median OS - ICI + Chemo arm, mos (95% CI) - Chemo arm, mos (95% CI)	14.0 (12.6, 15.0) 11.3 (10.6, 12.3)	13.0 (11.6, 14.2) 11.4 (10.5, 12.0)	17.2 (13.9, 21.3) 12.6 (12.0, 14.4)	
OS HR (95% CI)	0.77 (0.68, 0.88)	0.74 (0.65, 0.84)	0.74 (0.59, 0.94)	
Pre-specified analysis for PD-L1 group 2	CPS ≥ 5 N = 955	CPS ≥ 10 N = 551	NA	
Median OS - ICI + Chemo arm, mos (95% CI) - Chemo arm, mos (95% CI)	14.4 (13.1, 16.2) 11.1 (10.0, 12.1)	15.7 (13.8, 19.3) 11.8 (10.3, 12.7)	NA	
OS HR (95% CI)	0.71 (0.61, 0.83)	0.65 (0.53, 0.79)	NA	

Adapted from slide made by Dr. Vaibhav Kumar





Pre-Specified PD-L1 groups

	Nivolumab CheckMate-649 April 16, 2021		Pembrolizumab Keynote-859 November 16, 2023		Tislelizumab Rationale-305 Under review	
Pre-specified analysis for PD-L1 group 1	CPS ≥ 1 N = 1296	CPS < 1 N = 265	CPS ≥ 1 N = 1235	CPS < 1 N = 344	TAP ≥ 5 N = 576	TAP < 5 N = 451
Median OS - ICI + Chemo arm, mos - Chemo arm, mos	14.0 11.3	13.1 12.5	13.0 11.4	12.7 12.2	17.2 12.6	14.1 12.9
OS HR (95% CI)	0.77 (0.68, 0.88)	0.85 (0.63, 1.15)	0.74 (0.65, 0.84)	0.92 (0.73, 1.17)	0.74 (0.59, 0.94)	0.91 (0.74, 1.12)
Pre-specified analysis for PD-L1 group 2	CPS ≥ 5 N = 955	CPS < 5 N = 606	CPS ≥ 10 N = 551)	NA	
Median OS - ICI + Chemo arm, mos (95% CI) - Chemo arm, mos (95% CI)	14.4 11.1	12.4 12.3	15.7 11.8		NA	
OS HR (95% CI)	0.71 (0.61, 0.83)	0.94 (0.78, 1.14)	0.65 (0.53, 0.79)		NA	

Abbreviations: CPS combined positive score; TAP tumor area positivity; ICI immune checkpoint inhibitor; mos months; OS overall survival

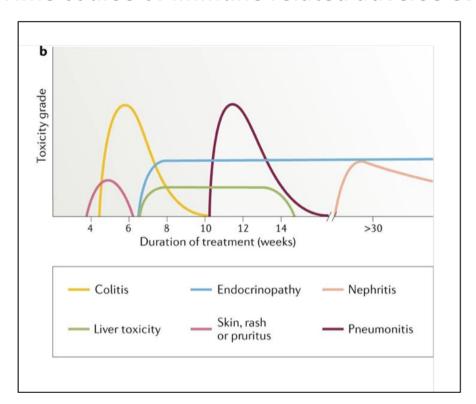


Safety – Immune Related Adverse Events (anti-PD-1)

Incidence of immune related adverse reactions (IMARs)

	All Grade	≥3
Diarrhea	6 to 19%	1%
Colitis	1 to 4%	0.3 to 2%
Pulmonary	1.5 to 5%	0 to 2%
Rash	9 to 16%	0.2 to 3.5%
Neurological	NR to 0.3%	NR to 0.3%
Endocrinopathy	7.3 to 23.4%	0 to 2%
Hepatic	0.3 to 10.8%	0 to 1.5%
Renal	NR to 2%	0 to 0.5%

Time course of immune related adverse events



Source: (Adapted-Table and Copied-Figure) Martins et al., Nature Reviews, 2019

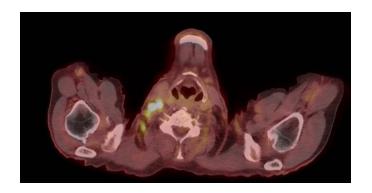
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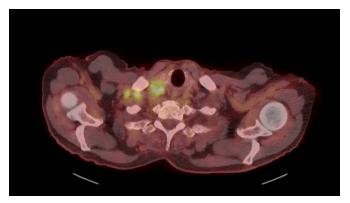
- Patient:
 - 85-year-old male
- **■** PMH:
 - HFrecEF, HTN, HLD, IPMNs, ESRD secondary to bilateral native nephrectomies for urogenital cancer s/p DDKT 2021
- HPI:
 - 1 year history of worsening fatigue, abdominal pain, weight loss

Case study

Staging

- EGD: large, ulcerated, partially circumferential (involving one-half of the lumen circumference) mass with oozing bleeding was found in the distal esophagus.
- Biopsy: invasive poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma with signet ring cell features, MMR deficient, HER2 IHC equivocal, arising in a background of intestinal metaplasia and highgrade dysplasia
- PET scan: right neck and supraclavicular adenopathy, SUV avid distal esophageal malignancy.

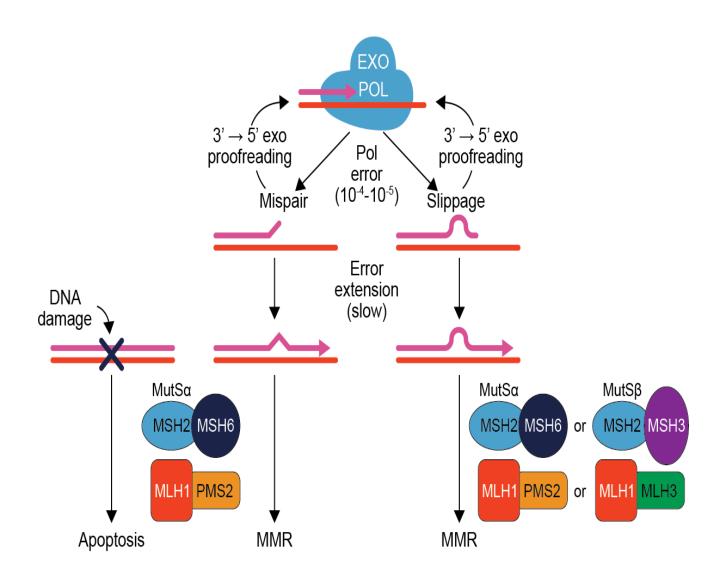




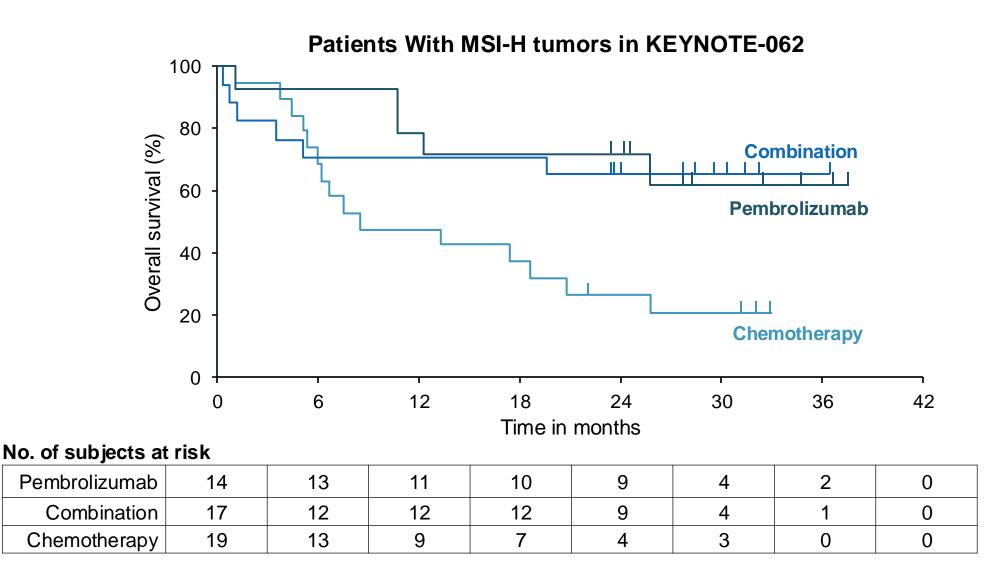


Microsatellite Unstable Disease

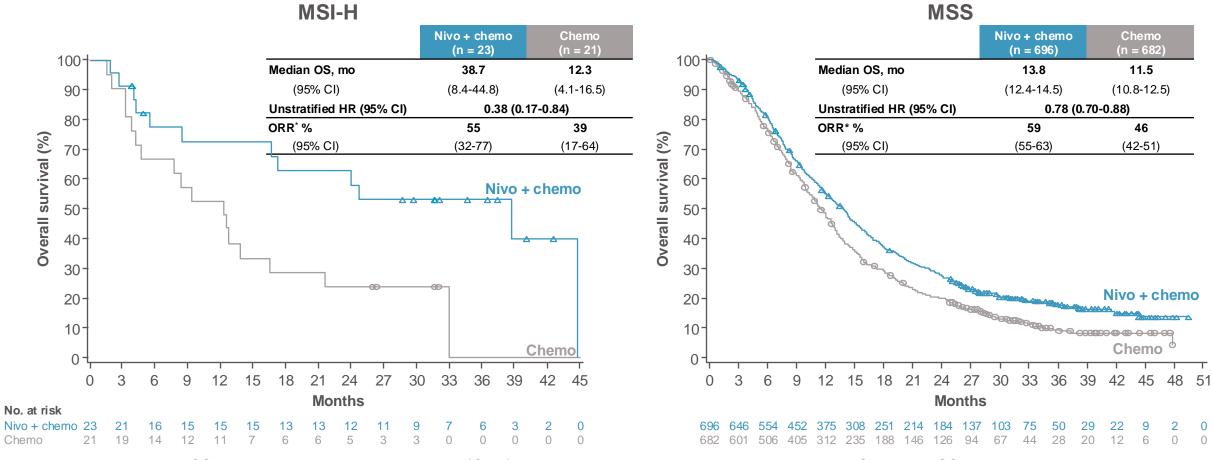
Mismatch Repair Leads to Very High Mutational Burden



KEYNOTE-062: First-Line Pembrolizumab ± Chemo

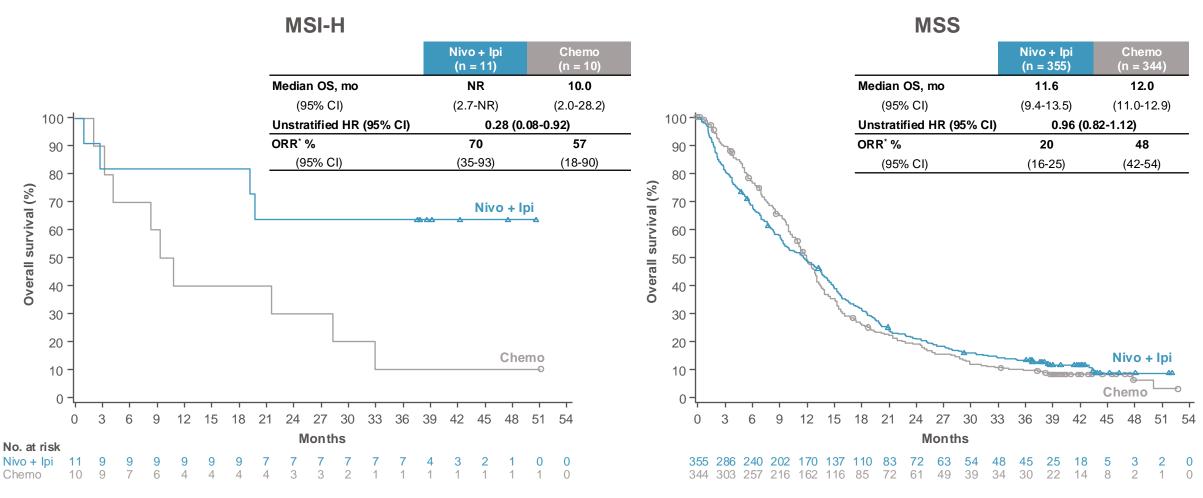


Efficacy by MSI Status: Nivo + Chemo vs Chemo



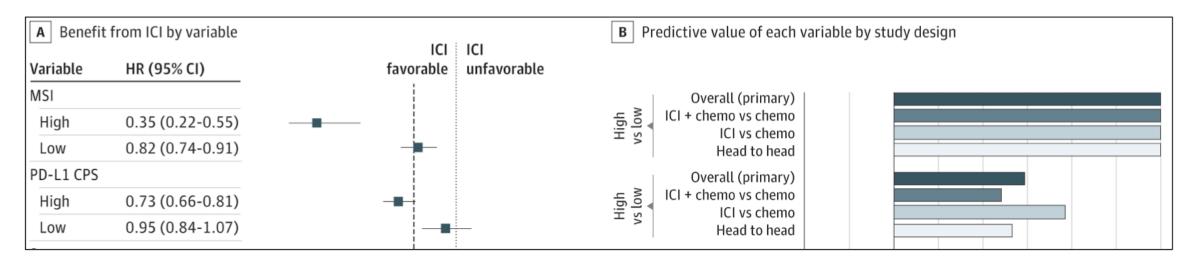
- Longer median OS and higher objective response rate (ORR) were observed in all randomized patients with MSI-H and MSS tumors with nivo + chemo vs chemo
 - Magnitude of benefit was greater in patients with MSI-H tumors, and patients with MSS tumors had results similar to the all-randomized population

Efficacy by MSI Status: Nivo + Ipi vs Chemo



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 chemo, n=7, patients with MSI-H: nivo + ipi, n = 10; chemo, n=7, patients with MSS: nivo + ipi, n=292; chemo, n=257.

PD-L1 in Gastric Cancer – External Meta-Analysis



Source: Copied (adapted) from Yoon et al, JAMA Onc, 2022

Abbreviations: MSI microsatellite instability; CPS combined positive score; ICI immune checkpoint inhibitor; HR hazard ratio

Metastatic gastric cancer

PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY

Systemic Therapy for Unresectable Locally Advanced, Recurrent, or Metastatic Disease (where local therapy is not indicated)

First-Line Therapy Oxaliplatin is preferred over cisplatin due to lower toxicity. Preferred Regimens HER2 overexpression positive^c Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracila or capecitabine), oxaliplatin and trastuzumabf Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil^a or capecitabine), oxaliplatin, trastuzumab^t and pembrolizumab for PD-L1 CPS ≥1 (category 1)^{g,h,17-18} Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil^a or capecitabine), cisplatin and trastuzumab (category 1)^{f,19} ▶ Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracila or capecitabine), cisplatin, trastuzumab and pembrolizumab for PD-L1 CPS ≥1 (category 1)g,h,17-18 HER2 overexpression negative ► Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracila or capecitabine), oxaliplatin, and nivolumab (PD-L1 CPS ≥5) (category 1)g,h,20 Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracila or capecitabine), oxaliplatin, and pembrolizumab for PD-L1 CPS ≥19,h (category 1 for PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10; category 2B for PD-L1 CPS 1 to <10) Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracii^e or capecitabine) and oxaliplatin²² Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil^a or capecitabine), cisplatin, and pembrolizumab for PD-L1 CPS ≥1g,h,21 (category 1 for PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10; category 2B for PD-L1 CPS 1 to <10) ▶ Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracila or capecitabine) and cisplatin^{22,25-27} MSI-H/dMMR tumors (independent of PD-L1 status) ▶ Pembrolizumab^{g,n,28-30} ▶ Dostarlimab-gxly^{g,h,31} ▶ Nivolumab and ipilimumab^{g,h,20} ▶ Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil^a or capecitabine), oxaliplatin, and nivolumab^{g,h,20} ▶ Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracil^a or capecitabine), oxaliplatin, and pembrolizumab^{g,h,29,30} Other Recommended Regimens Fluorouracil^{a,i} and irinotecan^{j,32} Paclitaxel with or without carboplatin or cisplatin^{j,33-37} Docetaxel with or without cisplatin^{1,38-41} Fluoropyrimidine^{j,26,42,43} (fluorouracil^a or capecitabine) Docetaxel, cisplatin or oxaliplatin, and fluorouracil^{a,j,44,45} Useful in Certain Circumstances HER2 overexpression negative^c

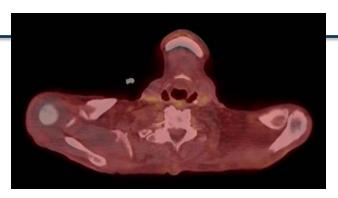
Gastric Cancer, Version 2.2022, NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology

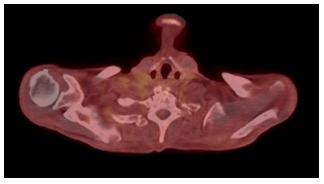
Fluoropyrimidine (fluorouracila or capecitabine), oxaliplatin, and nivolumab (PD-L1 CPS <5) (category 2B)g,h,20

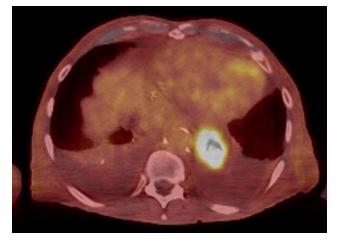
Case study

Staging

- 11/02/2023 R cervical core LN biopsy: non-GC DLBCL; no EBER performed; Ki67 95%; Favor follicular lymphoma, grade 3B
- Patient was treated with Pola-RCHP x 4 cycles
- PET scan: slightly decreased avidity and extent of distal esophageal neoplasm. No FDG avid nodal or distant sites of disease.



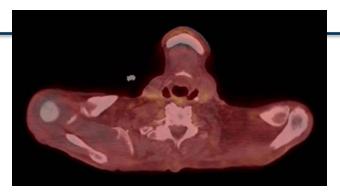


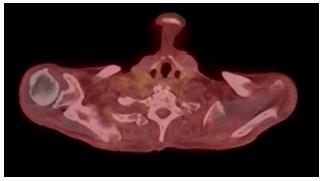


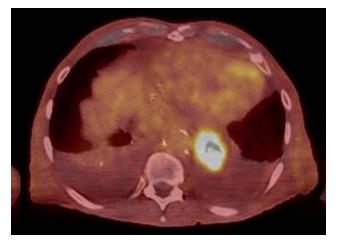
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Esophageal cancer treatment

- Option 1: Chemotherapy with radiation
- Option 2: Immunotherapy
- Things to consider patient has a transplanted kidney. There is ~30-40% rate of graft failure.





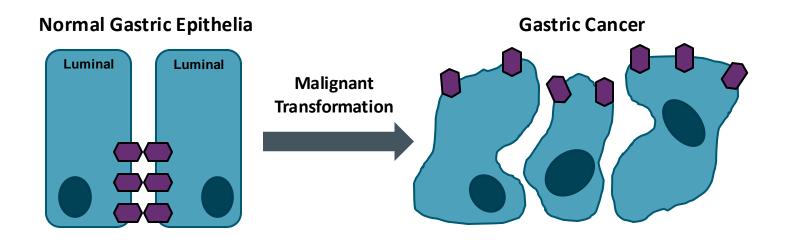


Other Targets

CLDN18.2

FGFR2

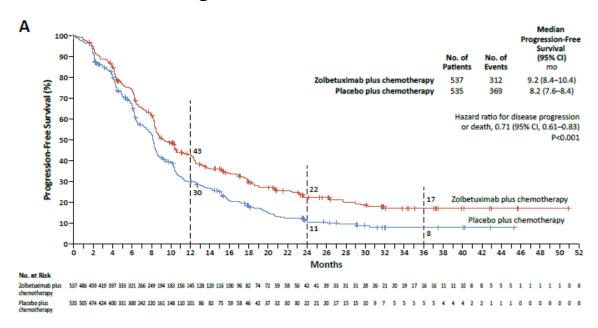
Claudin 18.2: Leveraging Biology



- Claudin18.2 is a major structural component of intercellular tight junctions
- Not routinely expressed in any normal tissue outside gastric mucosa (cancer-restricted antigen)
- Broadly expressed in several tumor types including gastric, GEJ, biliary, and pancreatic

SPOTLIGHT and GLOW – Combined Final Analysis

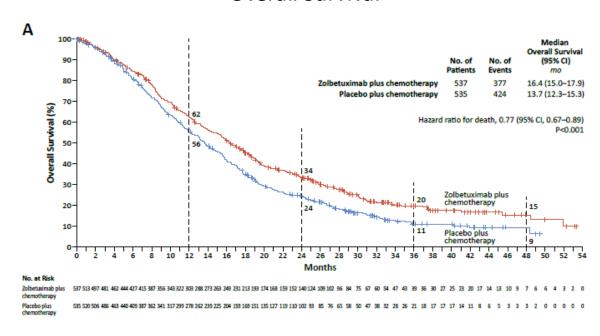
Progression Free Survival



Total Population - 1072 (n=537 Zolbe + chemo) PFS HR 0.71 (0.61-0.83), p < 0.001 OS HR 0.77 (0.67-0.89), p < 0.01

Measurable disease (n=820), Complete Response - 5.2%. v. 3.1% Partial Response - 52.2%. v. 52.2% Overall Response Rate - 57.4%. Vs. 55.3%

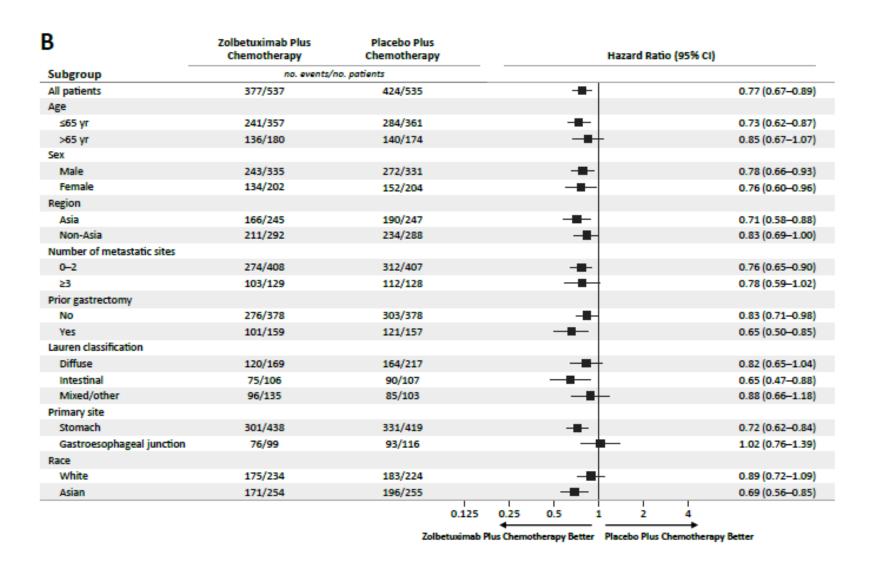
Overall Survival



Key Toxicity

≥ Grade 3 toxicity higher than control Nausea - 12.6%. vs. 4.7% Vomiting 14.3%. vs. 4.9% Decreased appetite - 6.4% vs. 2.5%

SPOTLIGHT and GLOW – Combined Final Analysis



Key Points

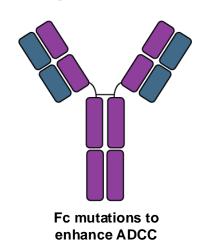
- Broad activity
- ? GEJ resistance?
- ? White people?

Validated Target

CLDN18.2 is a valid target: Emerging CLDN18.2 Targeted Treatments

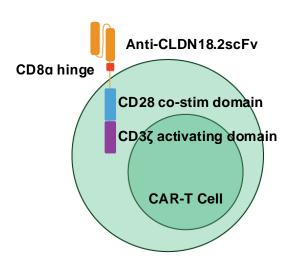
Monoclonal antibody

- Humanized mAb
- Engineered mAb



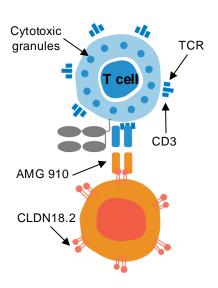
- IMAB306/zolbetuximab TST-001
- ABI011, MIL93, ZL1211

CAR-T



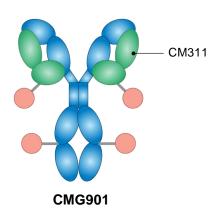
- CT-041, LCAR-C18S
- LY011

BITE Bispecific



- AMG910/ASP2138 (CD3), Q-1802 (PD-L1)
- TJCD4B (4-1BB)
- PT886 (CD47)

ADCs



- CMG901, EO-3021
- TPX4589
- RC118
- LM302
- SOT102
- SKB315
- JS107
- IBI343

FIGHT Trial Design

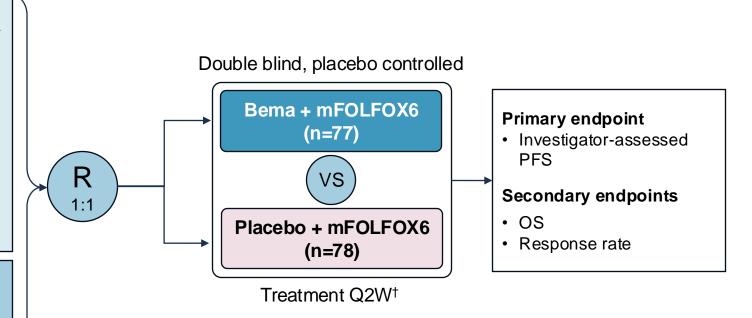
Key Eligibility Criteria

- No prior therapy for unresectable LA or mG/GEJ adenocarcinoma
- RECIST v1.1 evaluable disease
- FGFR2b overexpression by IHC and/or FGFR2 gene amplification by ctDNA*
- ECOG 0/1
- · HER2 not positive
- May receive 1 dose of mFOLFOX6

Stratification Factors

- · Geographic region
- Single dose of mFOLFOX6 during screening
- Prior adjuvant or neoadjuvant chemotherapy

*Central testing: IHC stain (Ventana): cut-off any 2+/3+; circulating tumor DNA (PGDx): cut-off 1.5X. †15 mg/kg Q2W with a single 7.5-mg/kg dose on Cycle 1 Day 8.



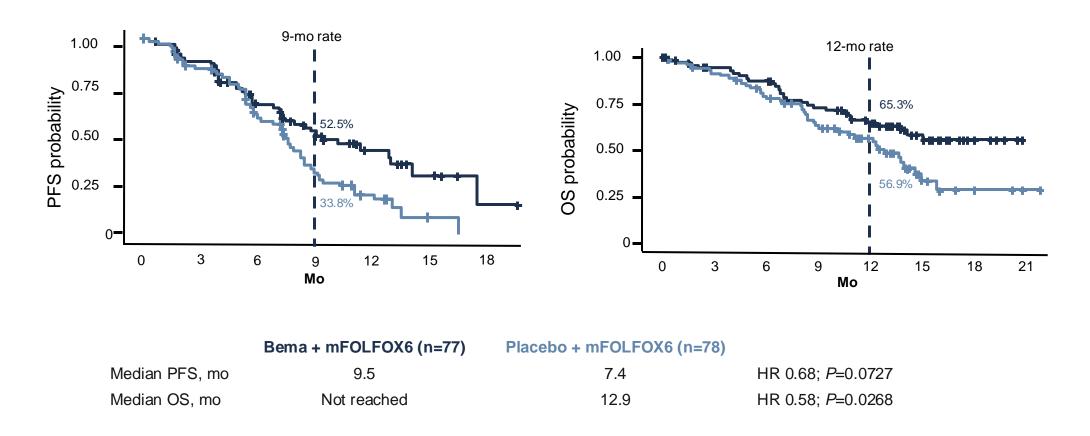
Statistical Plan

Trial initially designed as registrational phase 3 (n=548) with 2-sided α 0.05 amended after enrolling n=155 to a proof-of-concept phase 2 with prespecified statistical assumptions of:

- Hierarchical sequential testing: PFS, then OS/ORR
- ≥84 events to demonstrate benefit at a HR ≤0.76 for PFS at 2-sided α of 0.2

FIGHT: First-Line Bemarituzumab + mFOLFOX6 vs Placebo + mFOLFOX6 in Advanced Gastric/GEJ Cancer

 Randomized phase 2 trial of bemarituzumab (anti-FGFR2b antibody) or placebo + (both + mFOLFOX6) for patients with no prior therapy and unresectable LA or mG/GEJ adenocarcinoma with FGFR2b overexpression/amplification (N=155)



FORTITUDE Phase 3 Studies

Fortitude-101

FOLFOX +/- bemarituximab

Fortitude-102

FOLFOX + Nivolumab +/- bemarituximab

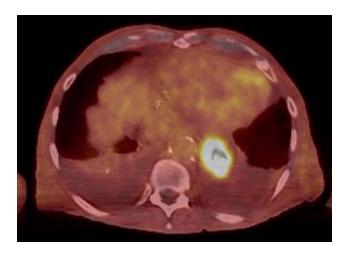
Both studies have completed accrual, with revised statistics with higher FGFR2 threshold

Case study

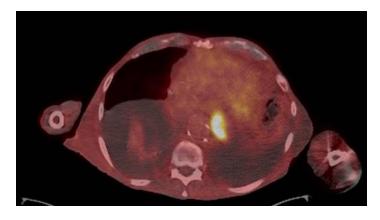
 After counseling, patient did undergo pembrolizumab x2 doses (200 mg).

- PET: Decreased masslike avidity within the distal esophageal with residual linear avidity within the distal portion of the esophagus, distal to stent extending over a distance of approximately 6 cm, SUV 13.7, previously 9.6 cm SUV 21.1 possibly reflecting residual tumor +/-inflammatory process
- Pt was admitted with acute renal failure. Was given steroids.
- Pt's creatinine is up to 6, he is making urine. Not requiring dialysis.
- No plan for further chemotherapy

PRE-treatment



Post-treatment



Conclusions

- Critical to obtain Biomarkers to optimally treat advanced Gastric/ GEJ adenocarcinoma
 - PD-L1
 - HER2
 - MMR
 - CLDN18.2
 - FGFR2
- Immunotherapy + chemotherapy for PD-L1 positive Gastric/GEJ adeno
- CLDN18.2 positive tumors zolbetuximab
- HER2 chemotherapy + pembrolizumab + trastuzumab

Thank You!

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