



CARCINOMA DEL POLMONE NON MICROCITOMA: QUALI NOVITA' PER IL 2016?

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The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Nivolumab versus Docetaxel in Advanced Squamous-Cell Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer

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N=272

Primary endpoint: OS

NEJM, July 2015

Checkmate 017: OS

Reckamp K et al. , WCLC 2015 ORAL 02.01

Increase in OS of 3,2 months for nivolumab vs docetaxel
(HR 0.62 = 38 % decrease of the risk of death)

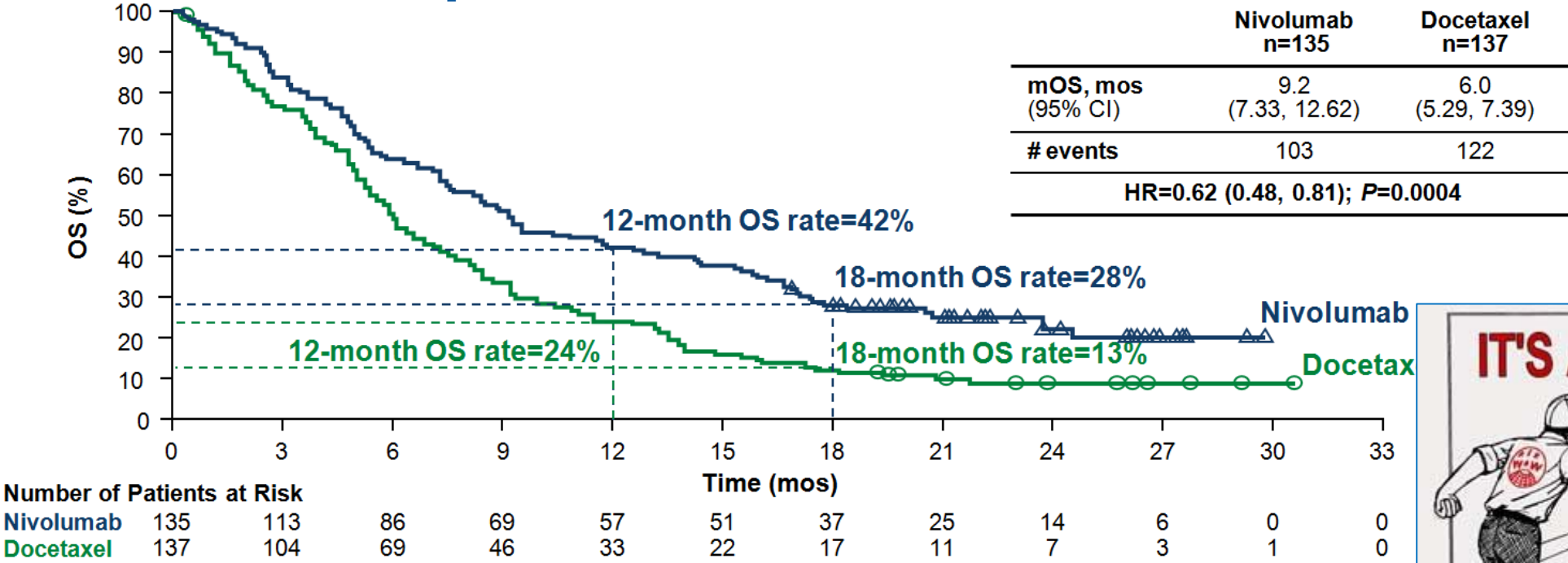
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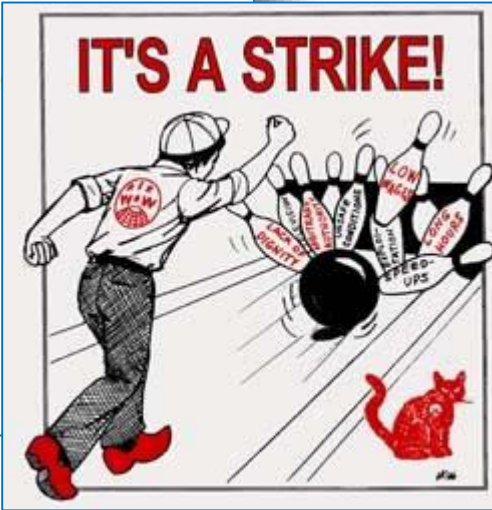
16TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON LUNG CANCER

SEPTEMBER 6-9, 2015 → DENVER, COLORADO, USA

Updated Overall Survival



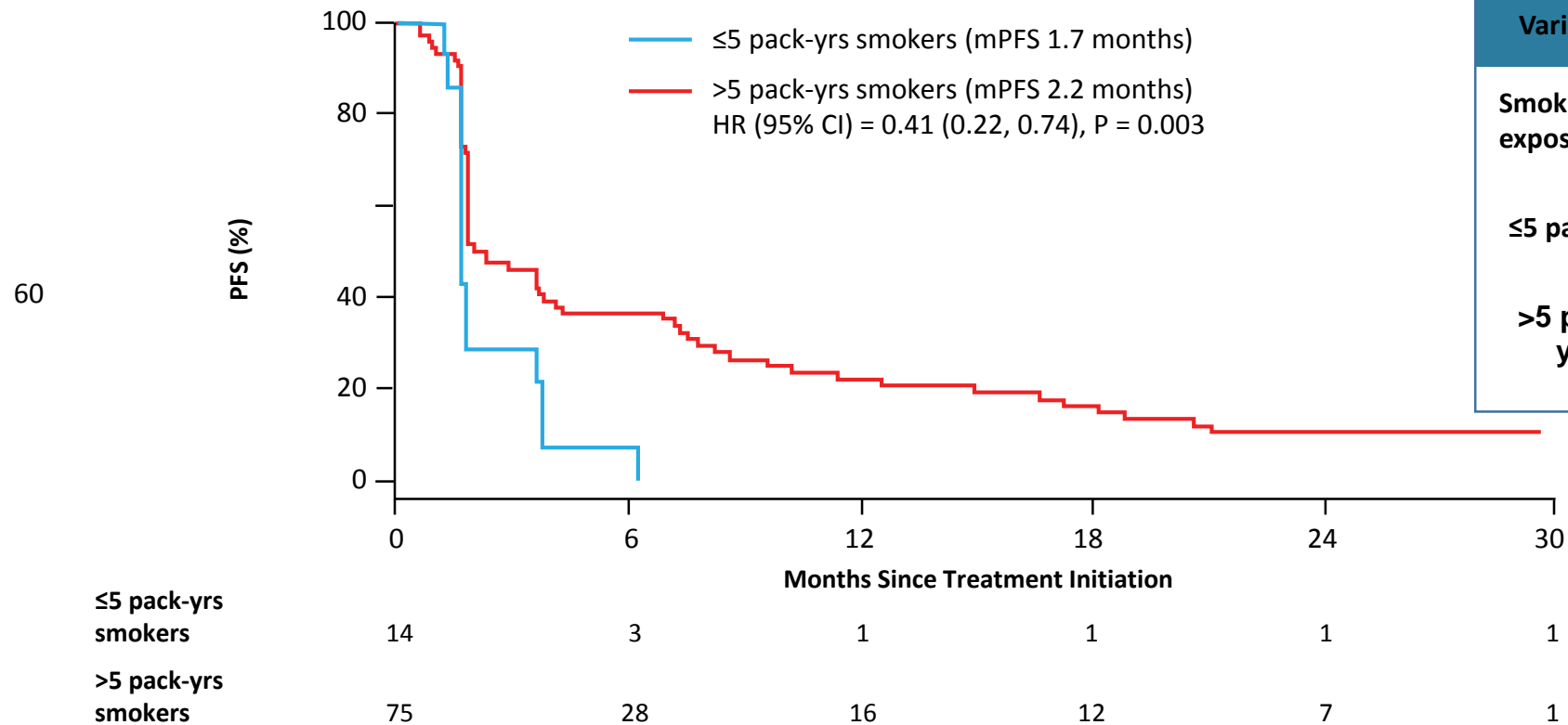
Minimum follow-up for survival: 18 months



- Updated safety and longer-term survival (18 months) are reported here
- At the time of analysis, 13% of patients in the nivolumab arm were continuing treatment vs no patients in the docetaxel arm

Smoking status and response to immunotherapy in NSCLC

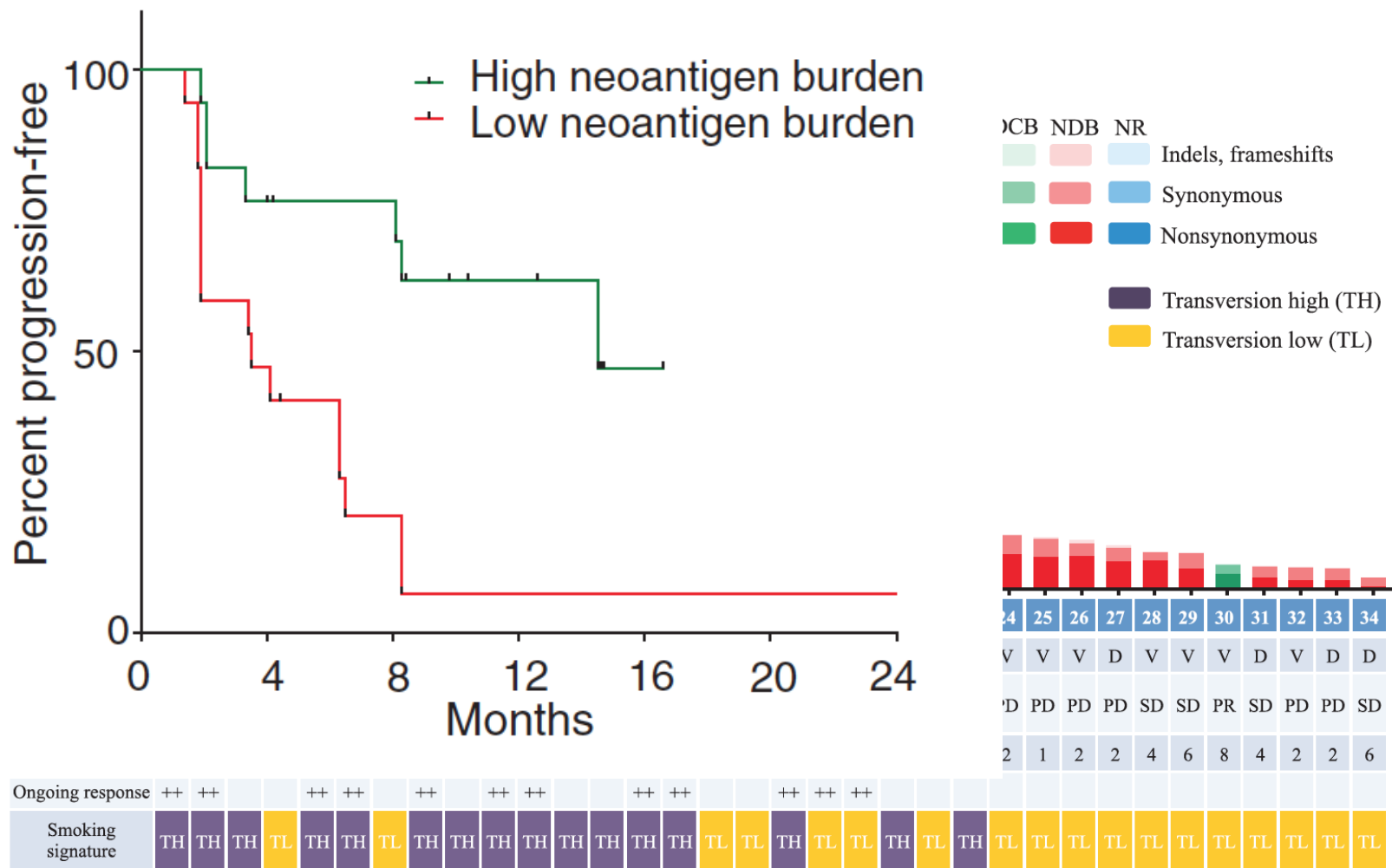
PFS by smoking exposure



Variable	ORR, % (n/N) [95% CI]	P-value
Smoking exposure		
≤5 pack-yrs	0 (0/14) [0, 23]	0.018
>5 pack-yrs	30 (20/66) [20, 43]	

HR = hazard ratio; mPFS = median progression-free survival; ORR = objective response rate; PFS = progression-free survival.

Mutational landscape determines sensitivity to PD-1 blockade NSCLC



“...we show that in NSCLCs treated with pembrolizumab, elevated nonsynonymous mutation burden strongly associates with clinical efficacy. ...clinical efficacy correlates with a molecular signature characteristic of tobacco carcinogen–related mutagenesis, certain DNA repair mutations, and the burden of neoantigens.”

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10.1126/science.aaf490 (2016).

Clonal neoantigens elicit T cell immunoreactivity and sensitivity to immune checkpoint blockade

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«We demonstrate a relationship between clonal neoantigen burden and overall survival in primary lung adenocarcinomas (n = 139).

Cytotoxic chemotherapy-induced subclonal neoantigens, contributing to an increased mutational load, were enriched in certain poor responders.»

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Clinical development of checkpoint inhibitors

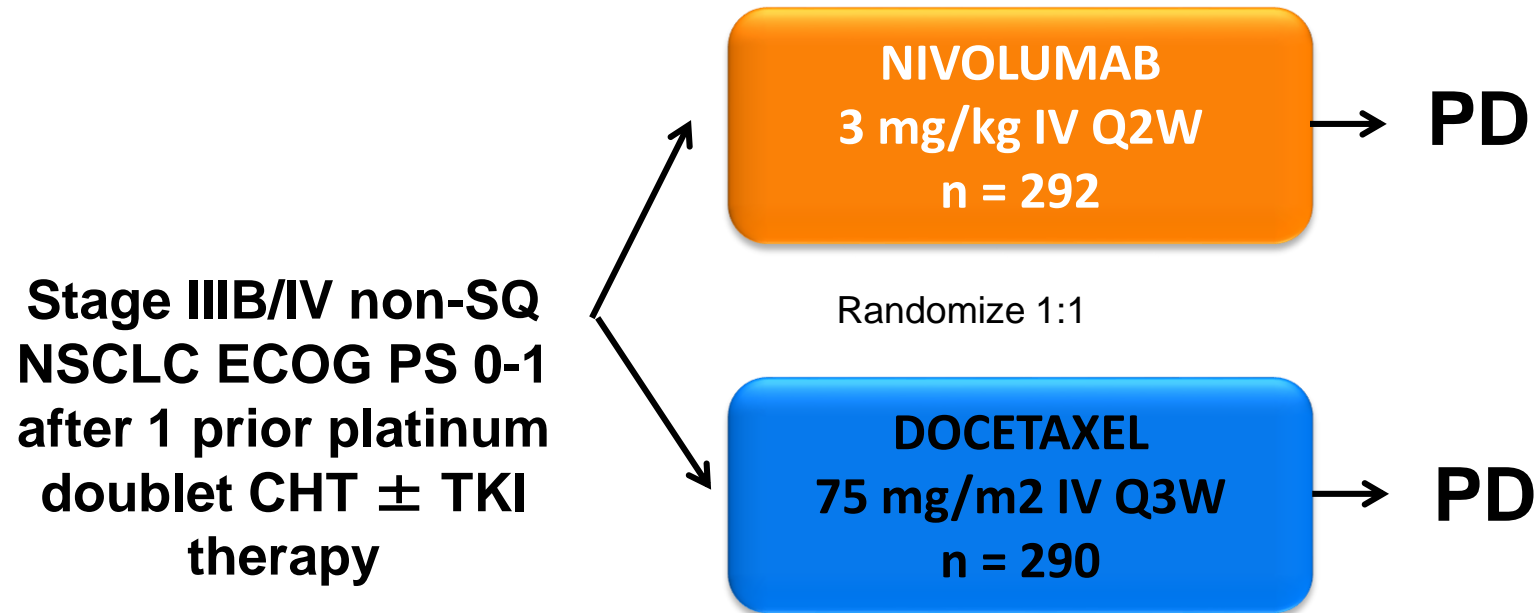
PD-1	Nivolumab	Fully human IgG4 mAb	BMS	FDA, EMA approved
	Pidilizumab	Humanized IgG1 mAb	Cure Tech	ph II (NOT in Lung)
	Pembrolizumab	Humanized IgG4 mAb	MSD	FDA, EMA approved
	AMP-224	Recombinant PD-L2 Fc fusion protein	GSK	ph I: NCT01352884 in advanced cancers

- FDA approved **Nivolumab** (Opvirdo) for metastatic **NSCLC Squamous** (March 4, 2015) and **Non-Squamous** (October 9, 2015) progressing during or after platinum-based CHT.
- FDA accelerated approval for **Pembrolizumab** Keytruda for metastatic **NSCLC** (October 2, 2015) progressing during or after platinum-based CHT. with tumors that express PD-L1 (companion diagnostic, the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx test).

CTLA-4	Ipilimumab	fully human IgG1 mAb	BMS	5 ph III combo trials
	Tremelimumab	Fully human IgG2 mAb	AZ	3 ph III combo with durvalumab (NCT02352948, NCT02453282, NCT02542293)

CHECKMATE 057

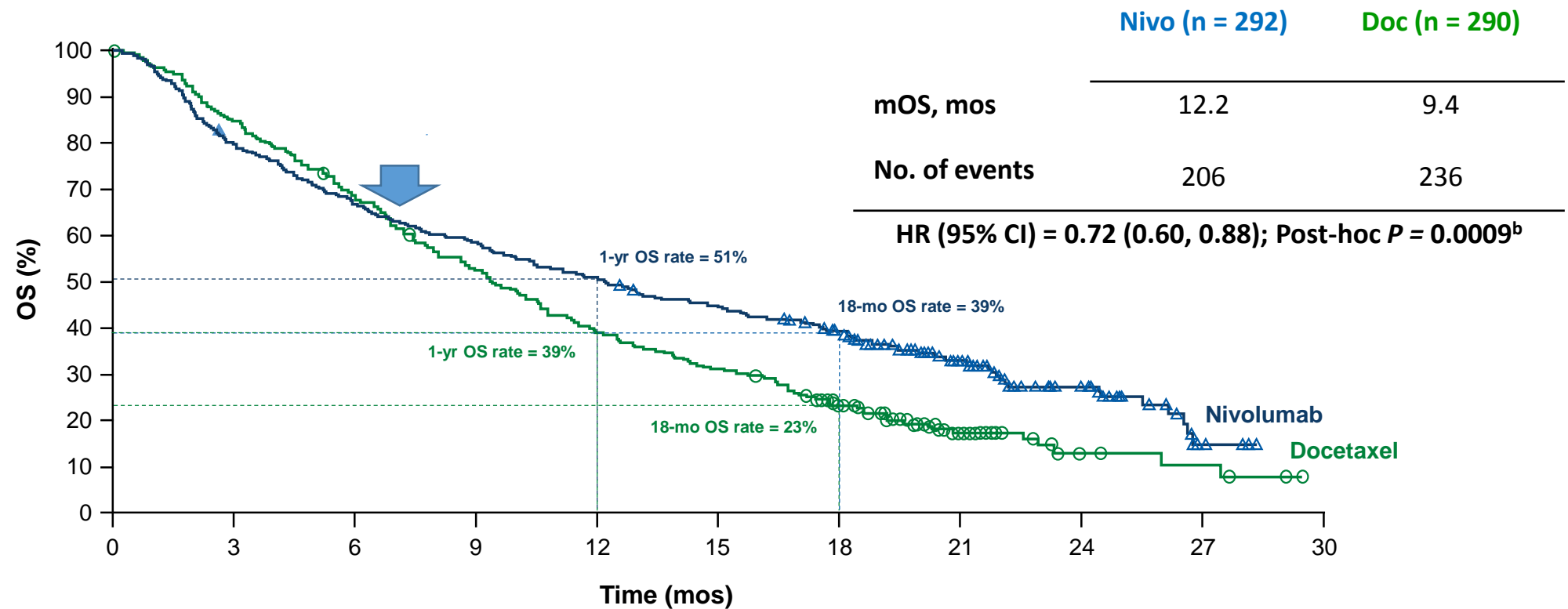
Nivolumab (anti PD-1) in NON-SQUAMOUS



N = 582

PRIMARY ENDPOINT OS

CheckMate 057: OS



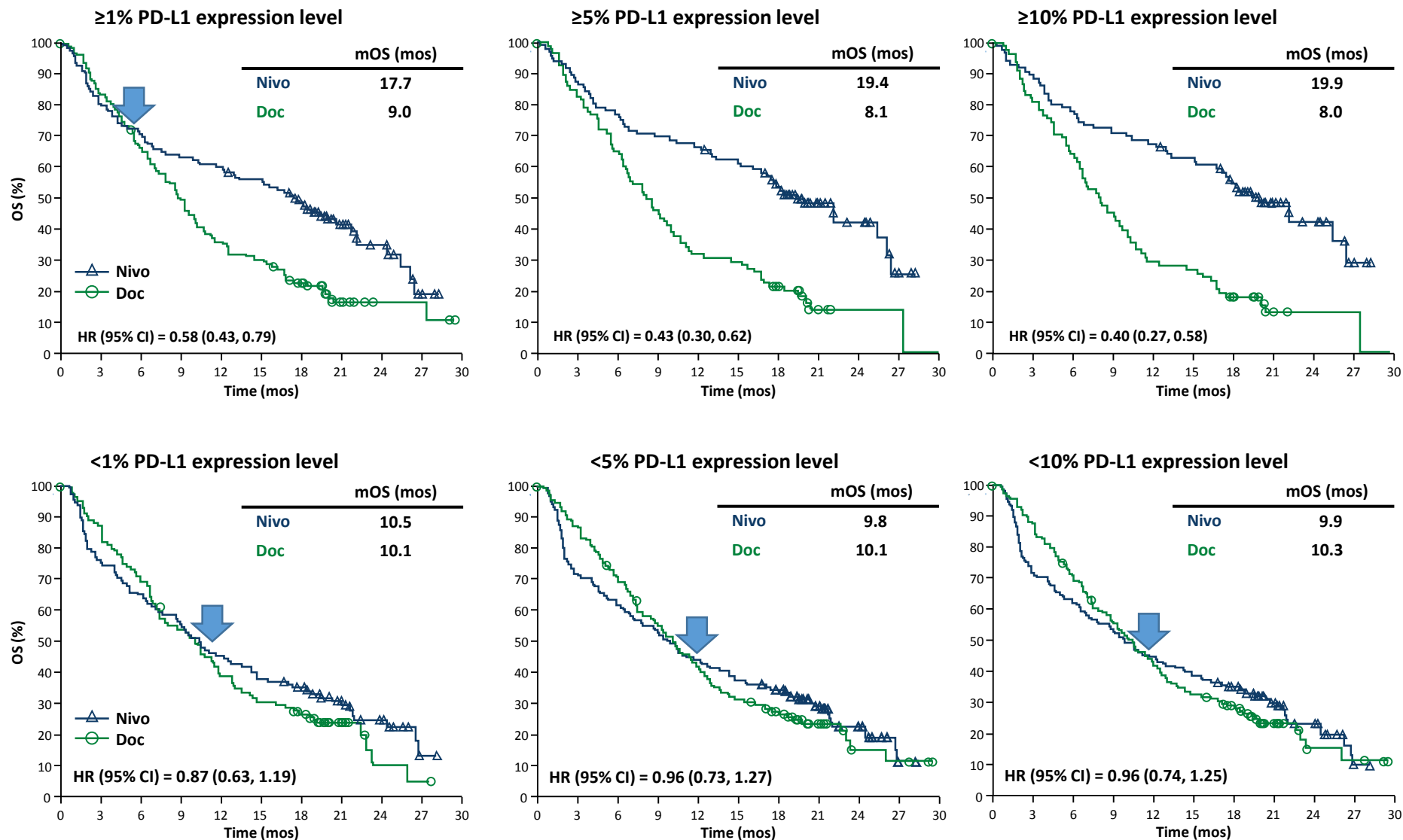
No. of patients at risk (18-mo OS)^b

Nivolumab	292	233	195	171	148	128	107	55	27	4	0
Docetaxel	290	244	194	150	111	89	61	23	6	4	0

- Minimum follow-up for 12-mo OS rate, 13.2 mos; for 18-mo OS rate, 17.1 mos

^aBased on a July 2, 2015, DBL; ^bThe formal primary end point testing was based on the interim analysis (March 18, 2015).
 HR for 1-yr OS rate: 0.73 (96% CI: 0.59, 0.89), P = 0.0015
 Symbols represent censored observations

CheckMate 057 – OS by PD-L1 Expression



Based on a July 2, 2015 DBL. Symbols represent censored observations.

Horn L. et al ESMO Asia

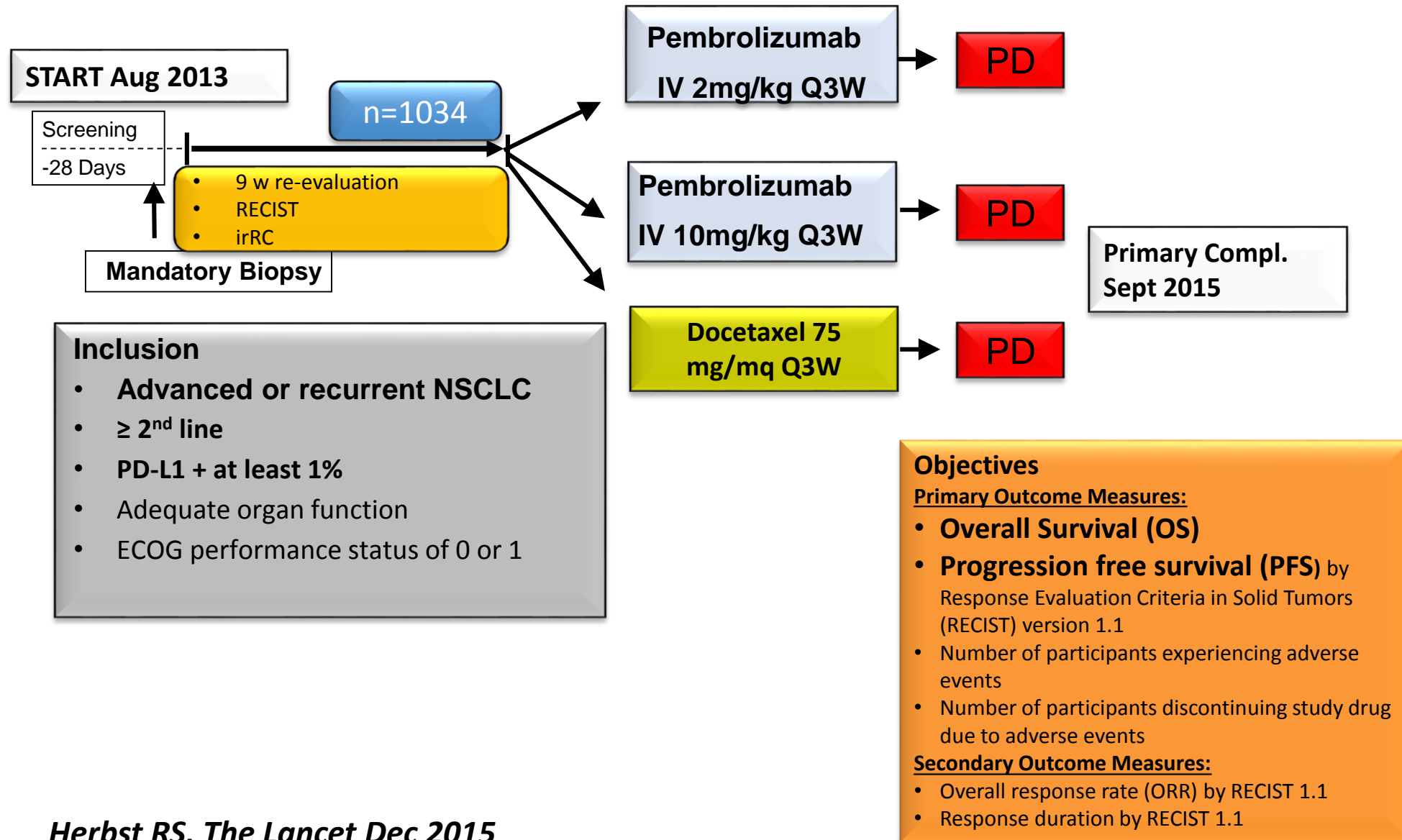
Pembrolizumab: Summary of KEYNOTE-001 & 010

	KEYNOTE-001	KEYNOTE-010
phase	I	II/III
line	Any, Naive (19%)	≥2
Sample size	495	1034 (691 with Pembro)
PD-L1 Expression		
<1%	68	0
1-49%	146	442
≥50%	111	592
Dose, schedule	2 mg/kg Q3w OR 10 mg/kg Q3w OR 10 mg/kg Q2w	2 mg/kg Q3w OR 10 mg/kg Q3w
ORR (%)	19.4%	18% (vs 9.3% for docetaxel)
Median duration of response	12.5	NR
OS (months)	12.0	10.4
2 mg/kg Q3w		12.7 (vs 8.5 for docetaxel)
10mg/kg Q3w		
PFS (months)	3.7	3.9
2 mg/kg Q3w		4.0 (vs 4.0 for docetaxel)
10mg/kg Q3w		
Treatment related Aes (%)	70.9	64.6
≥Grade 3	9.5	14.4
Pneumonitis	3.6	4.5

Adapted from Lim SH et al Expert Opinion on Biological Therapy, Feb 2016

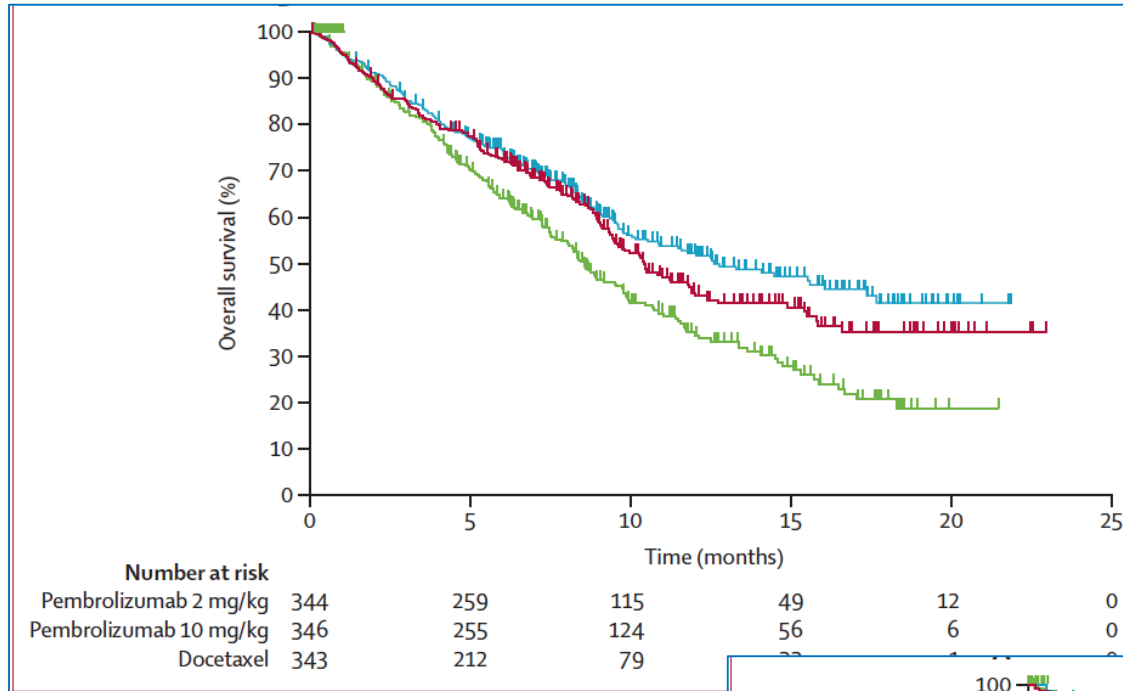
KEYNOTE-010: (Phase II-III) Study Design

[PD-L1+, pre-treated NSCLC]



KEYNOTE-010: (Phase II-III) Overall Survival

Overall Population



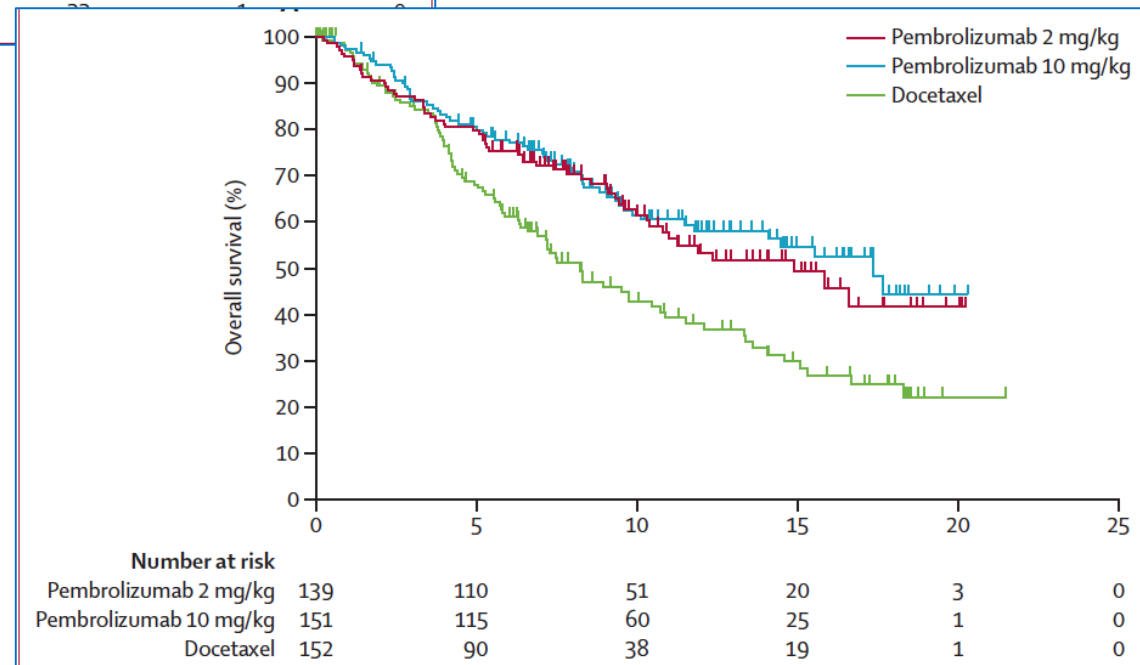
10.4 mo
12.7 mo
8.5 mo

Pembro 2mg/kg vs Doc
HR 0.71 (p=0.0008)
Pembro 10mg/kg vs Doc
HR 0.61 (p<0.0001)

PDL-1≥50%

Pembro 2mg/Kg vs Doc
HR 0.54 (p=0.0002)

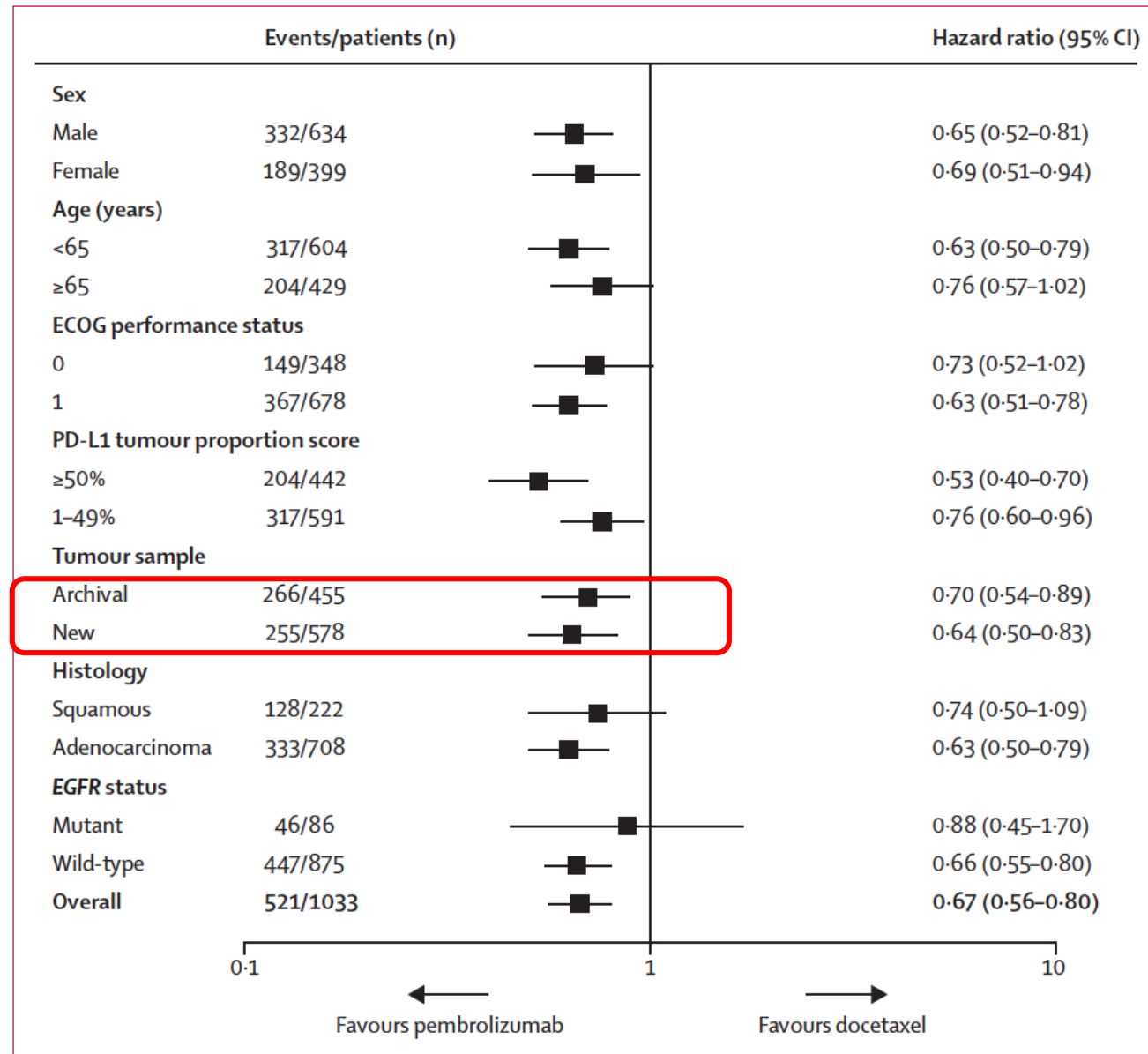
Pembrol 10mg/Kg vs Doc
HR 0.50 (p<0.0001)



14.9 mo
17.3 mo
8.2 mo

Herbst RS, The Lancet Dec 2015

KEYNOTE-010: Overall Survival-Subgroups



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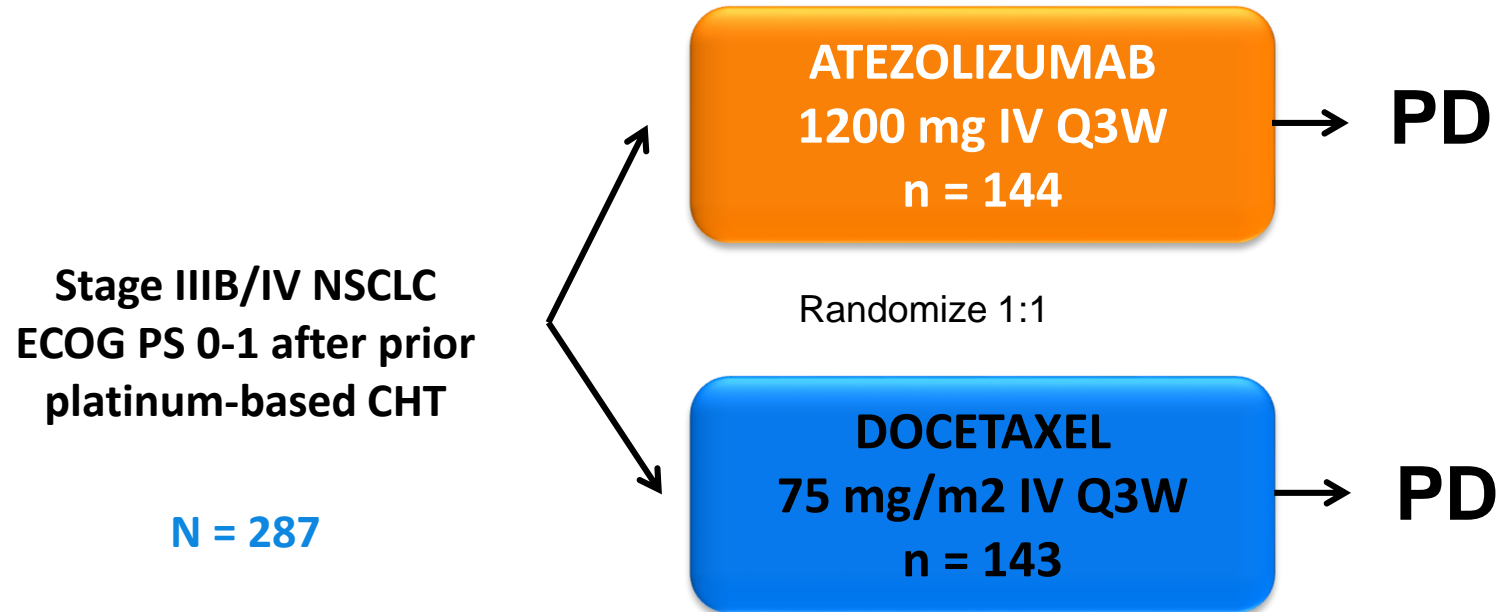
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PD-L1	BMS-936559	Fully human IgG4 mAb	BMS	ph I: (NCT00729664) recurrent/advanced solid tumors
	MEDI4736 (Durvalumab)	Engineered human IgG1 mAb	MedImmune, AZ	ph III: (NCT02125461) PACIFIC in stage III NSCLC; (NCT02273375) in completely resected NSCLC
	MPDL3280A (Atezolizumab)	Engineered human IgG1 mAb	Genentech	ph III: (NCT02008227) OAK Advanced NSCLC who Have Failed Platinum Therapy vs TXT; (NCT02486718) in completely resected NSCLC
	MSB0010718C (Avelumab)	Engineered human IgG1 mAb	EMD Serono Pfizer	ph III (NCT02395172): recurrent advanced NSCLC
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Adapted from Pennel NA Seminars in Oncology 2015

Phase II POPLAR Trial

Atezolizumab (MPDL3280A)

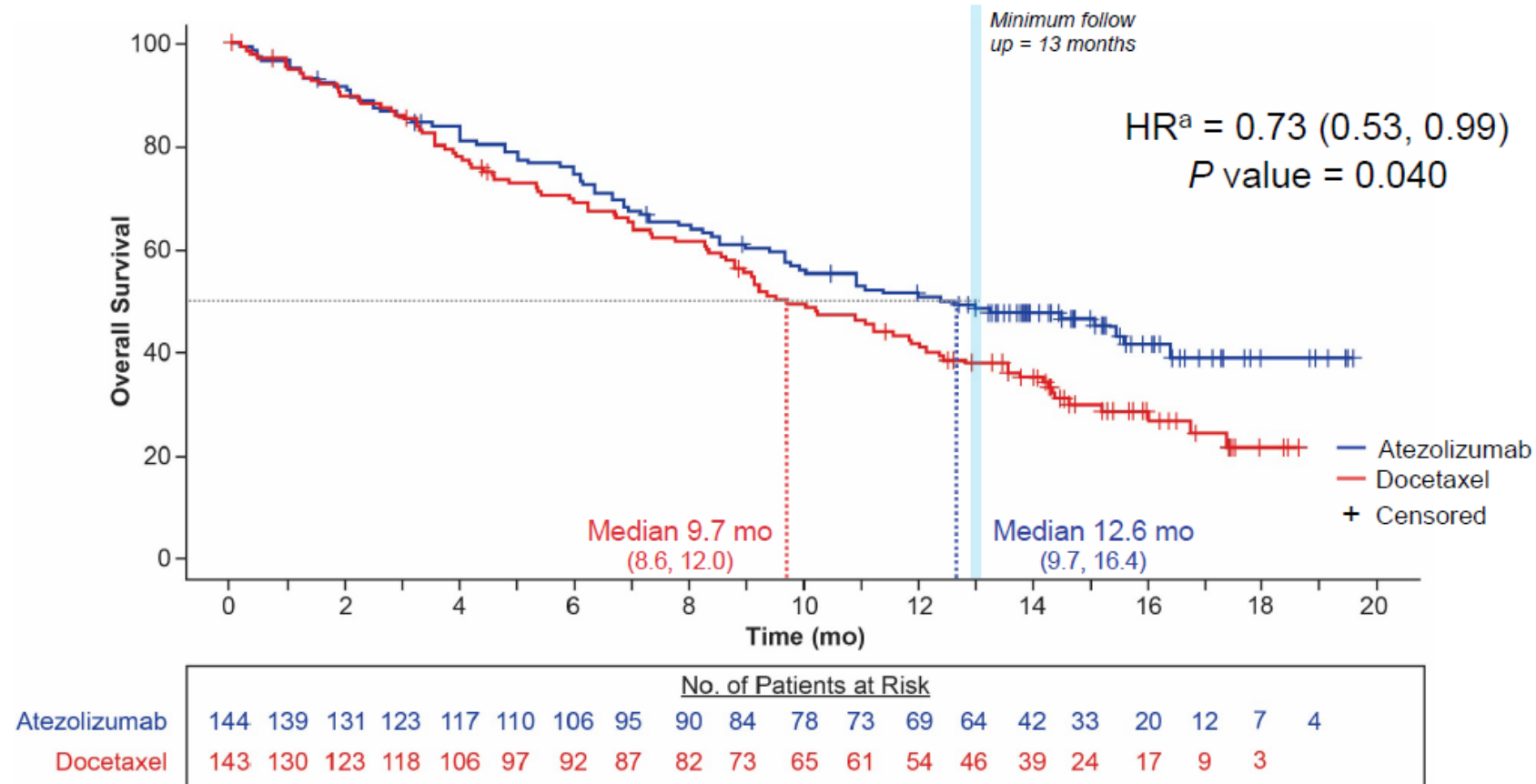
Stratified by PD-L1 immune cell expression (0 vs 1 vs 2 vs 3), histology (squamous vs nonsquamous), and line of therapy (second vs third line)



PRIMARY ENDPOINT OS BY: a) PD-L1 EXPRESSION on TC;
b) IC= lymphocyte infiltrate as percentage of tumour area

TC= percentage of PD-L1-expressing tumour cells: TC3≥50%, TC2≥5% and <50%, TC1≥1% and <5%, and TC0<1%)
IC = percentage of tumour area: IC3≥10%, IC2≥5% and <10%, IC1≥1% and <5%, and IC0<1%).

POPLAR: All patient efficacy



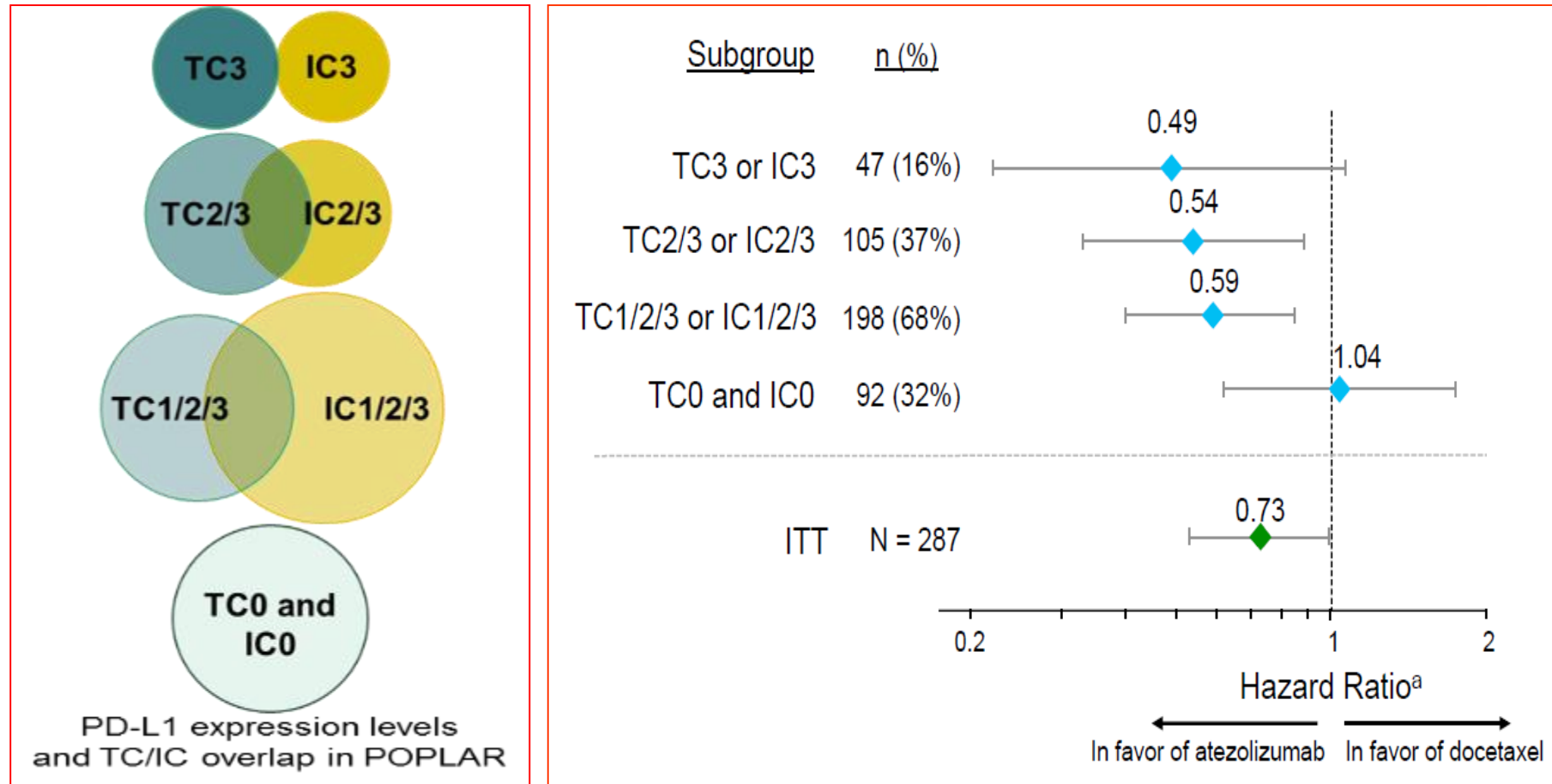
- **Event/patient ratio: 60%** (54% for atezolizumab, 66% for docetaxel)

^aStratified HR; data cut-off 8 May 2015

Fehrenbacher L et al., The Lancet March 2016

Survival benefit by PD-L1 expression

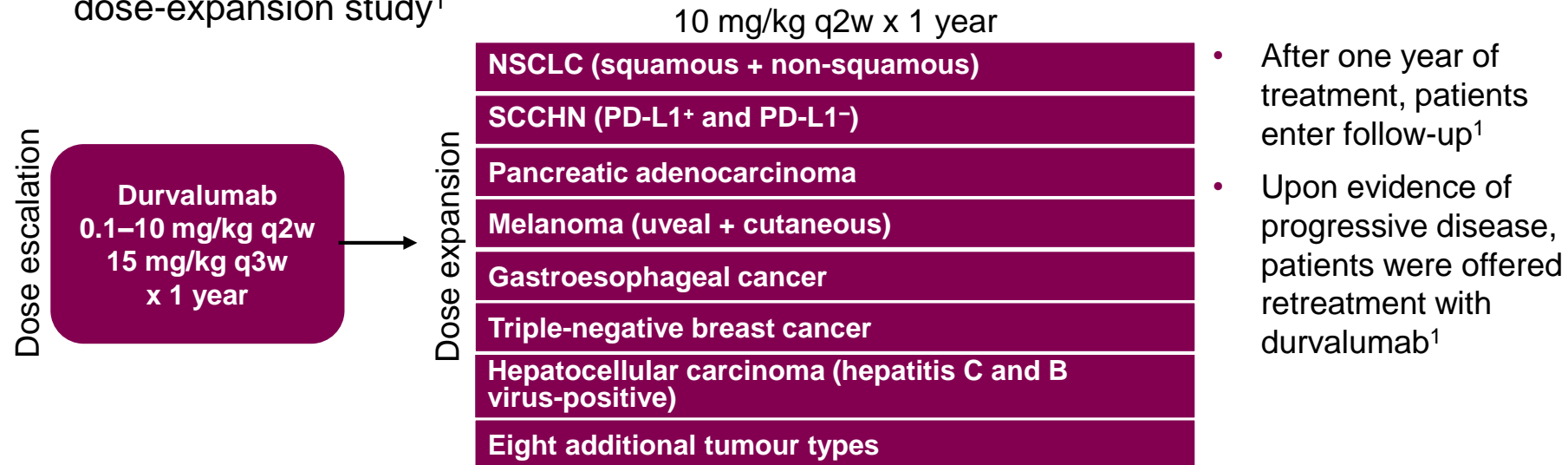
POPLAR: Atezolizumab vs docetaxel all comers ≥ 2 nd-line



^aUnstratified HR for subgroups and stratified HR for ITT; data cut-off 8 May 2015

Phase 1 Study 1108: Durvalumab (MEDI4736) monotherapy in advanced solid tumours

- Multicentre, open-label, first-in-human Phase 1 dose-escalation (3+3 design) and dose-expansion study¹



Primary endpoints

- MTD or OBD (escalation only)²
- Safety and tolerability of durvalumab²

Secondary endpoints

- Anti-tumour activity of durvalumab (tumour response assessed by RECIST v1.1)²
- PK of durvalumab²
- Immunogenicity of durvalumab³

1. Segal NH, et al. Poster presented at ESMO 2014. Poster 1058PD;

2. Lutzky J, et al. Oral presentation at ASCO 2014. Abstract 3001

3. ClinicalTrials.gov. Available at:

<http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01693562>

Safety and Clinical Activity of Durvalumab, an Anti-programmed Cell Death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) Antibody, in Patients with Non-small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

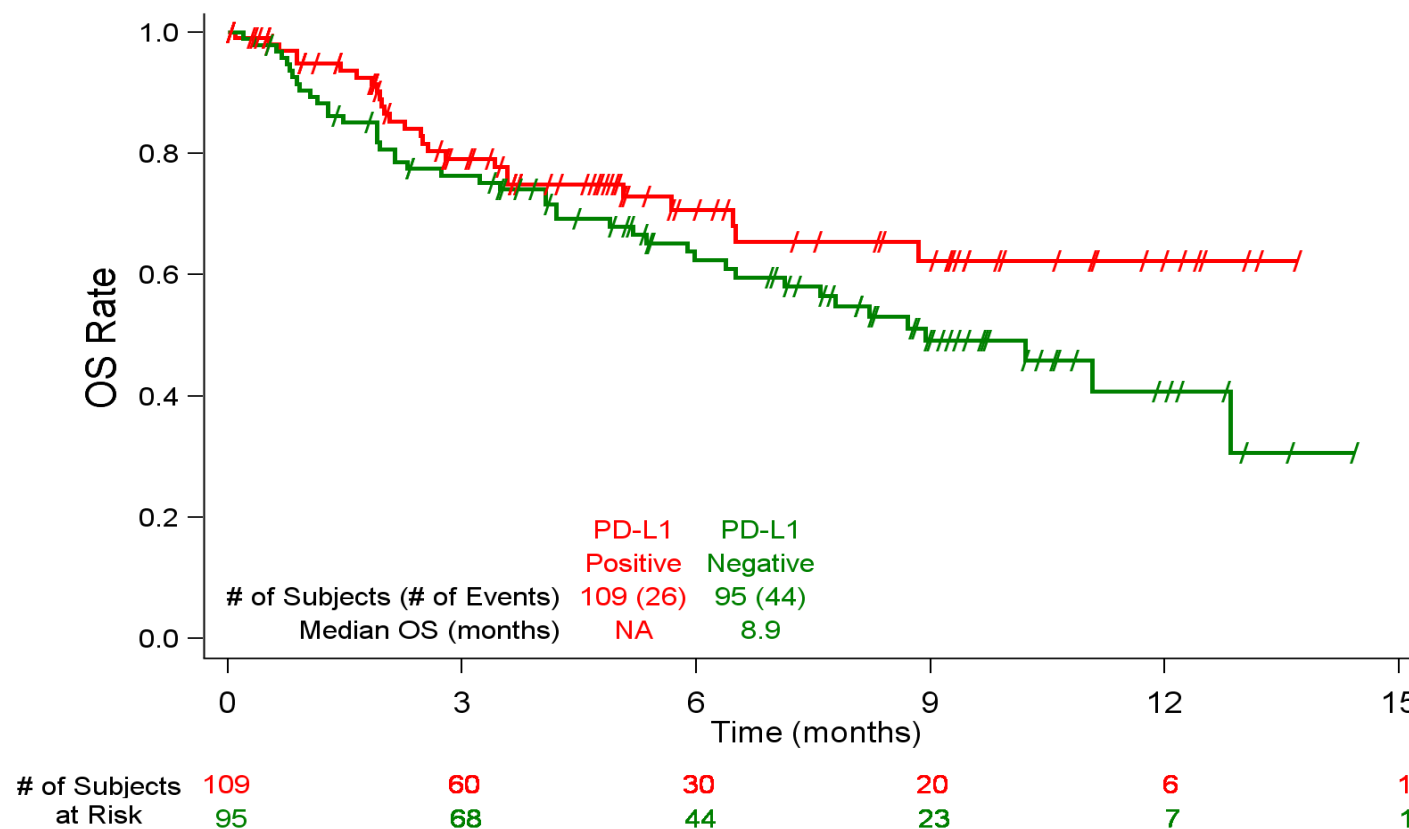
200 patients were evaluable for response with ≥ 12 weeks of follow-up

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Durvalumab (anti PD-L1): OS by PD-L1 status

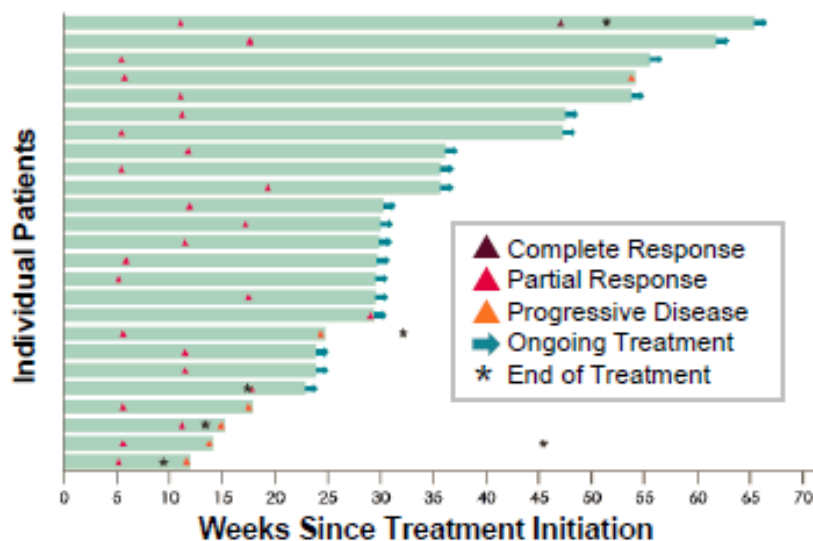
Preliminary OS data suggest that patients with PD-L1 positive tumours have improved OS compared with those with PD-L1 negative tumours



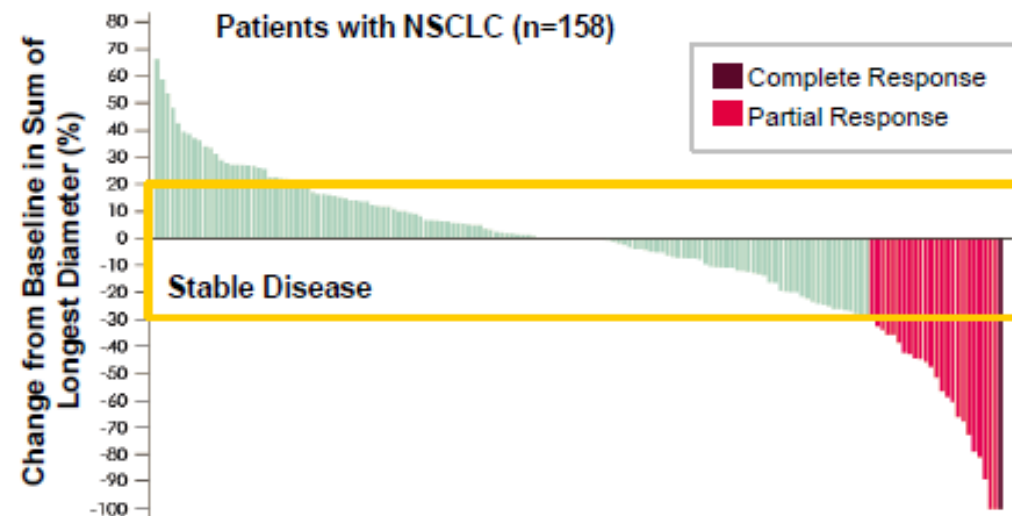
Avelumab (MSB0010718C) in NSCLC

- Treatment with avelumab was associated with a manageable safety profile
- We believe data support registration study starts in 2015 in 1L and 2L NSCLC
- Combination studies with 4-1BB and with PF-3922 (ALK+) also expected to start in 2015

Best Overall Response* n=184	n (%)
Objective Response Rate (ORR)	25 (13.6)
Disease Control Rate* (DCR) [§]	93 (50.5)



Survival Data
• Median OS was 8.4 months
• Proportion of patients alive at 12 months was 37.0% (95% CI: 27.1, 46.9)



Avelumab (MSB0010718C), an anti-PD-L1 antibody, in advanced NSCLC patients: A phase 1b, open-label expansion trial in patients progressing after platinum-based chemotherapy; Gulley et al

* Includes confirmed and unconfirmed responses as assessed by RECIST 1.1 in patients with measurable disease at baseline

[§] DCR is defined by CR + PR + SD

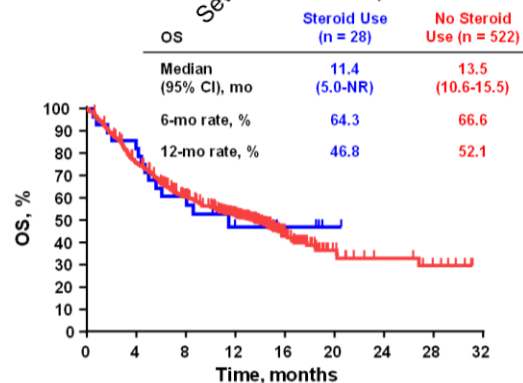
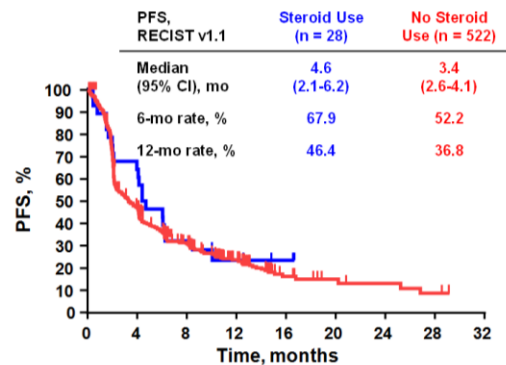
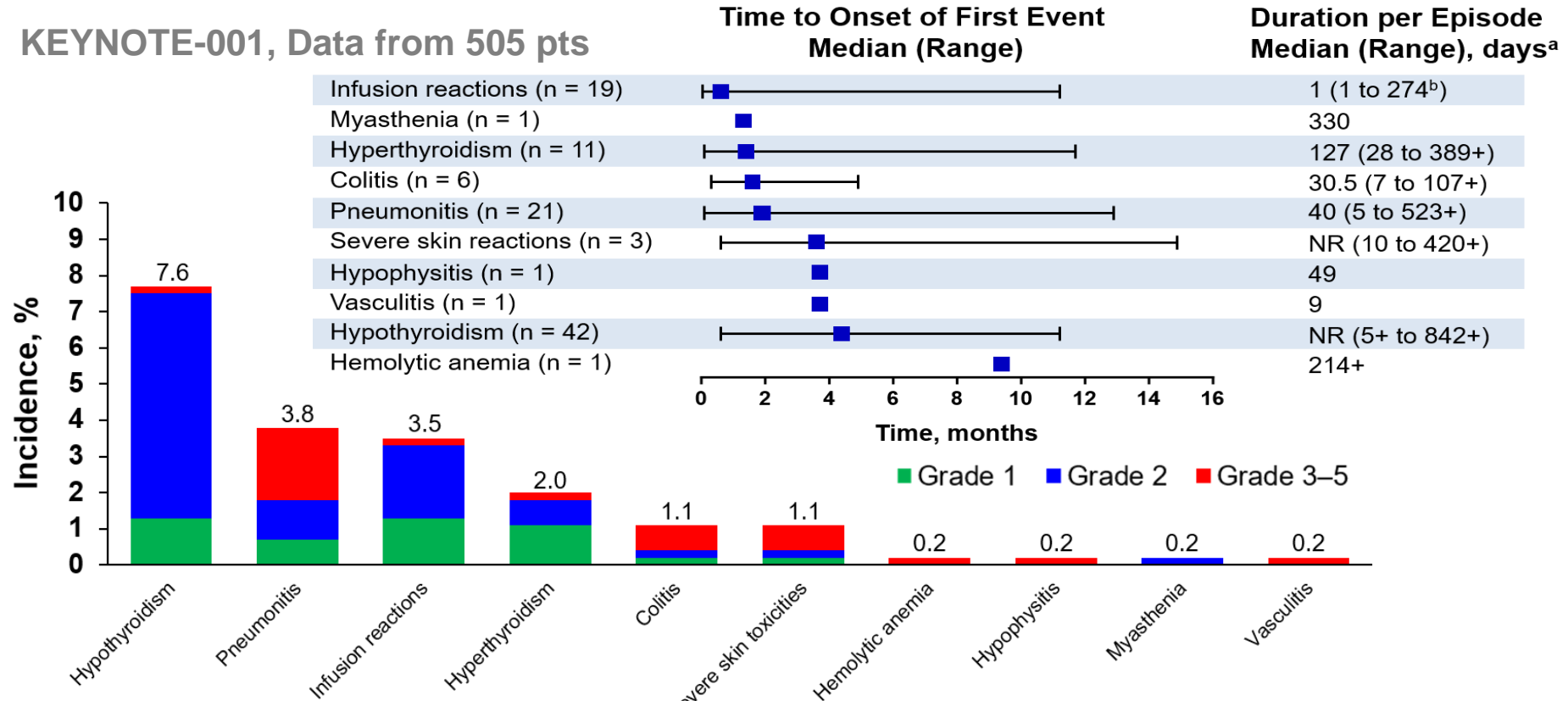
Toxicity Profile for Pembrolizumab & Nivolumab

	Pembrolizumab		Nivolumab	
	All grade	Grade3/4	All grade	Grade 3/4
diarrhoea	8	1	8-10	0-3
colitis	1	1	1	<1
hepatitis	1-3	<1	1-3	<1
pruritus	11	0	6-8	0-1
rash	10	0.2	4-11	0-1
pneumonitis	5	2	3-5	1-3
hypothyroidism	8	<1	4-7	0
hyperthyroidism	2-4	0	1-2	0
hypophysitis	<1	<1	NR	NR
Renal injury	<1	0	0-4	1
Reumatological myalgia	3	0	2.5	0-1
arthralgia	9	<1	5	NR
Fatigue	14	1	16	1-4
Anemia	3	1	2	1

Adapted from Spain L et al, Cancer Treatment Reviews Feb 2016

Pembrolizumab: Immune-Related Events & Steroids

KEYNOTE-001, Data from 505 pts



- PFS and OS and Steroids Use to Manage Immune-Mediated AEs

PD-L1 as a predictive biomarker: a different companion diagnostic for each drug!

	Pembrolizumab Merck	Nivolumab Bristol-Myers Squibb	MPDL3280A Roche/Genentech	
PD-L1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prototype or clinical trial IHC assay (22C3 Ab)¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dako automated IHC assay (28-8 Ab)^{3,4} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ventana assay 	
Sample Source and Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surface expression of PD-L1 on tumor specimen* Ph I: Fresh Ph II: Fresh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surface expression of PD-L1 on tumor specimen* Ph I: Fresh Ph II: Fresh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surface expression of PD-L1 on tumor specimen* Ph I: Fresh Ph II: Fresh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surface expression of PD-L1 on tumor specimen* Ph I: Fresh Ph II: Fresh
Definition of Positivity [†]	<p>KEYNOTE 001 trial requires PD-L1⁺ tumors¹</p> <p>Tumor PD-L1 expression:¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥50% PD-L1⁺ cut-off: 32% (41/129) 1-49% PD-L1⁺ cut-off: 36% (46/129) 	<p>Strong vs weak expression^{3,4}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients not restricted in PD-L1 status in 2nd- & 3rd-line⁴ Ph III 1st-line trial in PD-L1⁺³ <p>Tumor PD-L1 expression:⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% PD-L1⁺ cut-off: 49% (33/68)⁴ 	<p>IHC Staining intensity (0, 1, 2, 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IHC 3 (≥10% PD-L1⁺): Ph III trial⁵ IHC 2,3 (≥5% PD-L1⁺)⁵ IHC 1,2,3 (≥1% PD-L1⁺)⁵ IHC 1, 0, or unknown PD-L1 expression required for NSCLC for enrollment <p>TIL PD-L1 expression:^{5,6}</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IHC 3 (≥10% PD-L1⁺): 11% (6/53) PD-L1 low (IHC 1, 0): 75% (40/53) 	<p>IHC Staining intensity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not presented to date^{7,8,9} <p>TIL PD-L1 expression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not presented to date^{7,8,9}

IASLC:PDL-1 PROJECT



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- **KEYNOTE-001: 101/495 pts received pembrolizumab as a first-line therapy.**
ORR 24.8% (95% CI, 16.7%-34.3%) in the 1^o line group; vs 19.4% (95% CI, 16%-23.2%) in the second line setting.
PD-L1+ > 50%: RR 50%
PD-L1+ 1% to 49%: RR 19%
PD-L1+less than 1%: RR 17%
- **Checkmate-052 patients were treated with nivolumab as a first-line therapy.**
ORR was 21%
n°46 had tissue available for PDL1 analysis
PD-L1+ > 50% n°12 : RR 50%
PD-L1+ 5% to 49%: RR 14%
PD-L1+less than 5%: RR 115%

Available data from first-line nivolumab and pembrolizumab suggest that the RR is approximately 50% in pts with high PD-L1 expression, which is comparable to, if not superior to the RR seen with first-line CHT and responses may last longer.

Phase 3 Trials Comparing T-cell Checkpoint Blockade With First-Line Chemotherapy

Trial ID	Intervention	Status
NCT02041533 (Checkmate-026)	Nivolumab vs CHT in pts with with PD-L1 pos (>5%) tumors	Accrued
NCT02142738 (Keynote-024)	Pembrolizumab vs CHT in pts with PD-L1 pos (>50%) tumors	Accrued
NCT02409342 and NCT02409355 (IMpower 110 and IMpower 111, respectively)	Atezolizumab vs CHT in pts with PD-L1 pos tumors	Recruiting
NCT02453282 and NCT02542293 (MYSTIC and NEPTUNE, respectively)	Durvalumab + tremelimumab vs durvalumab vs CHT	Recruiting
NCT02477826 (CheckMate-227)	Nivolumab vs nivolumab + ipilimumab vs nivolumab + platinum-doublet CHT vs platinum-doublet CHT	Recruiting

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Phase II Trial of Pembrolizumab for Untreated Brain Metastases

Key Eligibility:

- Advanced NSCLC or melanoma
- At least 1 untreated or progressive brain metastasis 5-20mm
- No neurologic symptoms or steroid requirement
- PS 0-1
- PD-L1 expression after the most recent systemic therapy

Pembrolizumab
10mg/kg
q2 weeks

Brain
metastasis
PD

Consider radiation or
surgery to progressing
lesions

Brain
metastasis
CR, PR, or
SD

Continue
pembrolizumab
if systemic control
achieved

Safety evaluation at 4 weeks:

- Brain MRI

Response evaluation every 8 weeks:

- Brain MRI
- CT chest/abdomen/pelvis

- Brain metastasis response by modified RECIST allows up to 5 target lesions with diameter ≥ 5 mm
- Data presented from an interim analysis with cut-off date June 30, 2015

Primary Endpoint:

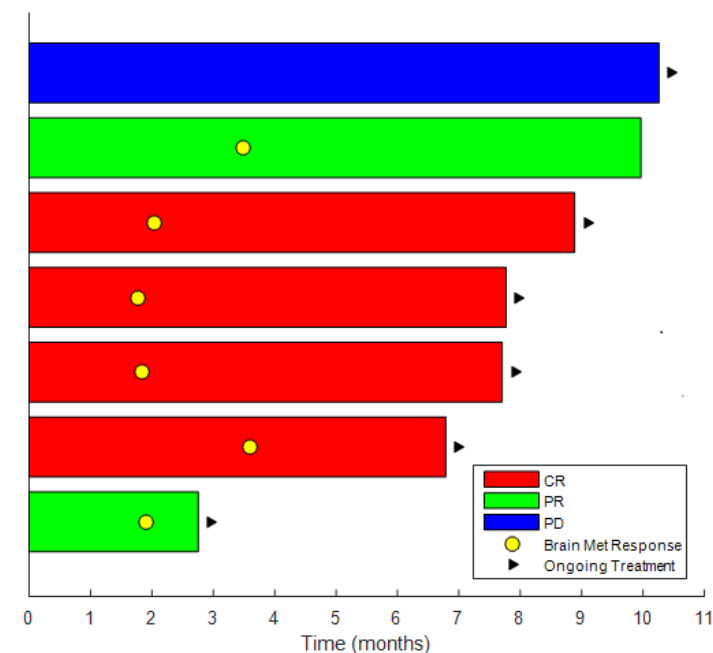
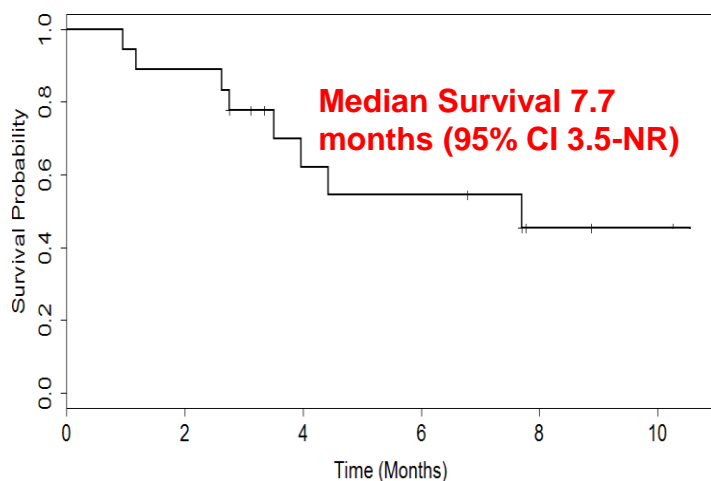
Brain Metastasis Response Rate

Secondary Endpoints:

Overall response rate, safety, PFS, OS

Phase II Trial of Pembrolizumab for Untreated Brain Metastases

Total evaluable patients	Brain Metastasis Responses (CR + PR)			Duration of BrM Response	Systemic Responses (CR + PR)		
N	No. of patients	%	95% CI	Individual duration (months)	No. of patients	%	95% CI
18	6*	33	0.14-0.59	3.2+, 6.0+, 6.1+, 6.6, 7.0+	6	33	0.14-0.59

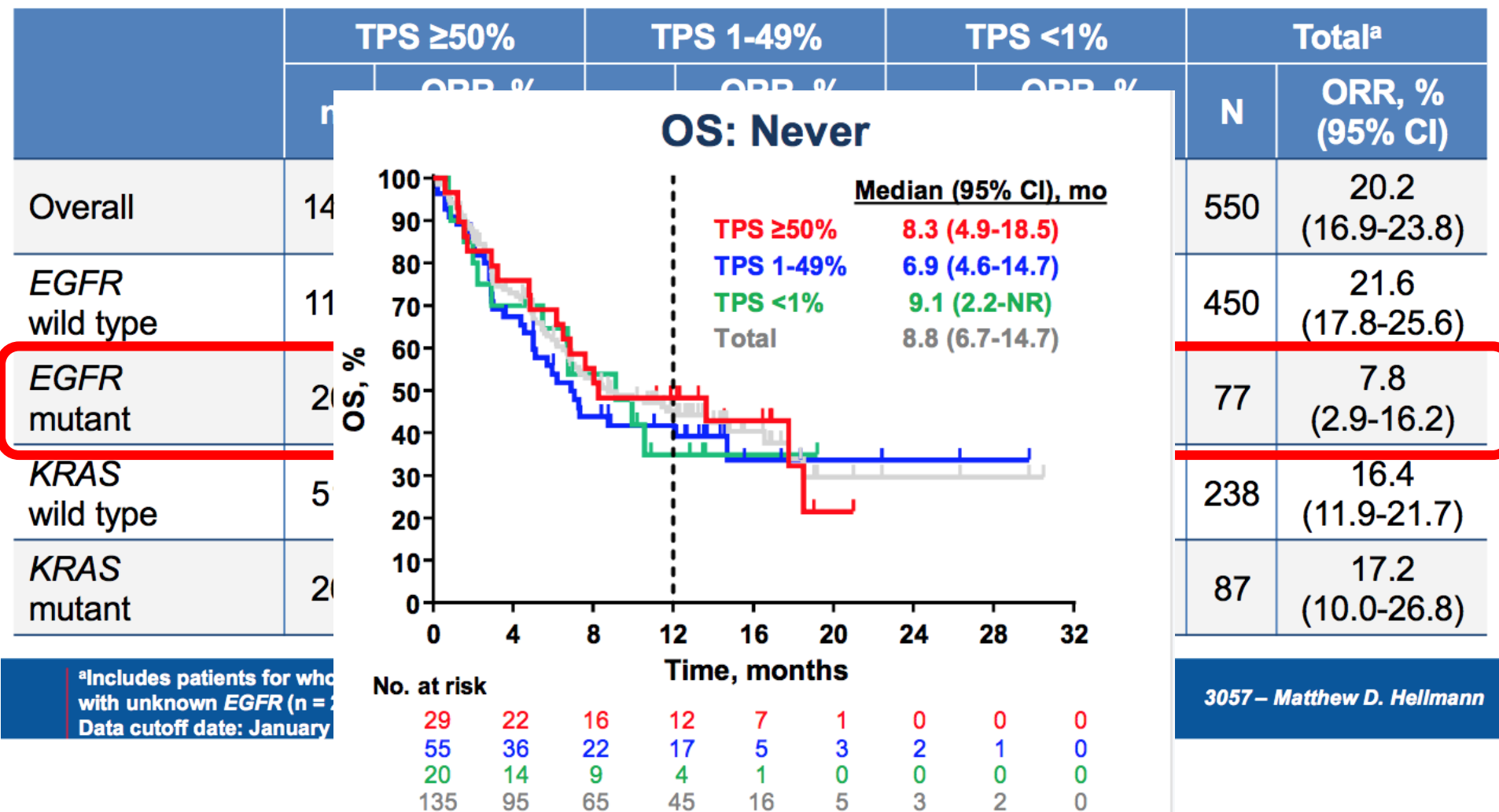


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Keynote 001– Subgroups analyses

Antitumor Activity by *EGFR* and *KRAS* Status



Checkmate 057 – Subgroups ORR

		Nivolumab		Docetaxel	
		n	ORR, ^a %	n	ORR, ^a %
Overall		292	19	290	12
Age categorization (yrs)	<65	184	17	155	13
	≥65	108	22	135	12
Gender	Male	151	21	168	12
	Female	141	17	122	13
Baseline ECOG PS ^b	0	84	24	95	15
	1	208	17	194	11
CNS metastases	Yes	34	18	34	6
	No	258	19	256	13
Prior use of maintenance therapy	Yes	122	17	111	14
	No	170	21	179	11
Time from completion of most recent regimen to randomization	<3 mos	181	18	183	11
	≥3 mos	111	21	107	15
Smoking status	Current/Former smoker	231	22	227	11
	Never smoked	58	9	60	15
EGFR mutation status	Positive	44	11	38	16
	Not detected	168	18	172	9
	Not reported	80	25	80	18

^aConfirmed CR+PR (investigator assessment) as per RECIST v1.1 criteria

^bIncludes one patient in the docetaxel arm who had ECOG PS = 3

Based on a March 18, 2015, DBL

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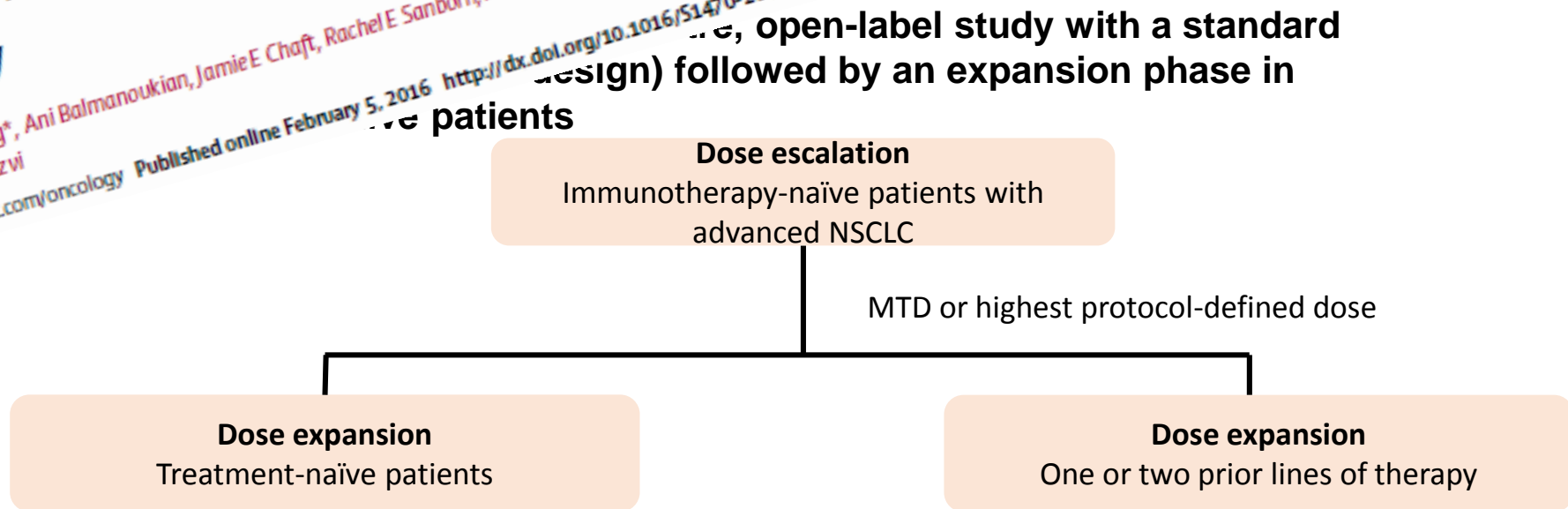
Phase 1b study

Safety and antitumour activity of durvalumab plus tremelimumab in non-small cell lung cancer: a multicentre, phase 1b study

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Tremelimumab in NSCLC



Primary objectives:

- MTD
- Safety and tolerability

ClinicalTrials.gov. Available at:
<http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02090947>
Antonia S, et al. Poster presented at ASCO 2015. Poster 3014
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Steroid use was limited

n (%)	M3 q4w T1 n=3	M10 q4w T1 n=3	M15 q4w T1 n=18	M20 q4w T1 n=18	M10 q2w T1 n=17	M10 q4w T3 n=3	M15 q4w T3 n=14	M20 q4w T3 n=6	M10 q2w T3 n=11	M15 q4w T10 n=9	All Cohorts N=102
Corticosteroids	1 (33)	3 (100)	5 (28)	3 (17)	2 (12)	3 (100)	4 (29)	3 (50)	3 (27)	5 (56)	32 (31)
Infliximab	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (7)	0 (0)	1 (9)	1 (11)	3 (3)

- Red box=selected Phase 3 dose

- Grade 3/4 drug-related AEs were manageable and generally reversible using standard treatment guidelines
- In the Q4W cohorts, M20/T1 had the lowest frequency of steroid use and no patients required infliximab or mycophenylate mofetil

Durvalumab + Tremelimumab show activity regardless of PD-L1 status

	M10-20 q4/2w T1 mg/kg n=27	M10-20 q4/2w T3 mg/kg n=24	M15 q4w T10 mg/kg n=9	All Cohorts (Including M3/T1) N=63
All evaluable patients				
ORR, n (%)	9 (33)	6 (25)	2 (22)	17 (27)
95% CI	17-54	10-47	3-60	17-40
DCR (CR, PR, SD ≥16 weeks), n (%)	14 (52)	10 (42)	2 (22)	26 (41)
95% CI	32-71	22-63	3-60	29-54
PD-L1 ⁺	N=9	N=5	N=4	N=18
ORR, n (%)	3 (33)	2 (40)	1 (25)	6 (33)
95% CI	7-70	5-85	1-81	13-59
DCR (CR, PR, SD ≥16 weeks), n (%)	4 (44)	2 (40)	1 (25)	7 (39)
95% CI	14-79	5-85	1-81	17-64
PD-L1 ⁻	N=13	N=14	N=4	N=33
ORR, n (%)	5 (38)	3 (21)	1 (25)	9 (27)
95% CI	14-68	5-51	1-81	13-46
DCR (CR, PR, SD ≥16 weeks), n (%)	8 (62)	7 (50)	1 (25)	16 (48)
95% CI	32-86	23-77	1-81	31-66
PD-L1 Unknown	N=5	N=5	N=1	N=12
ORR, n (%)	1 (20)	1 (20)	0 (0)	2 (17)
95% CI	1-72	1-72	0-98	2-48
DCR (CR, PR, SD ≥16 weeks), n (%)	2(40)	1 (20)	0 (0)	3 (25)
95% CI	5-85	1-72	0-98	5-57

Includes all patients in the as-treated population who were dosed ≥16 weeks prior to the cut-off date, with measurable disease at baseline, ≥1 follow-up scan (includes those that discontinued due to PD or death without any follow-up scan). ORR includes confirmed and unconfirmed CR or PR.

CR, complete response; DCR, disease control rate; ORR, objective response rate; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease

Red Box = Dose Selected for Phase 3 Studies

Data presented at ASCO 2015 Poster #3014;

April 15, 2015 data cut-off

And the Garon's point of view....The race for combined checkpoint inhibition in NSCLC

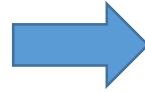
- The data presented by Antonia and have a median follow-up of 18,8 weeks (IQR 11–33) thus PFS, OS cannot be assessed.
- Both RR and AEs these could be underestimated, because events occurring more than a few months after initiation of treatment are not captured.
- Although this accelerated approach has the potential to validate a novel combination more quickly, the potential for negative consequences is real.
 - overtreatment of subgroups that would benefit similarly from a single drug
 - the dosing regimen might not yet have been optimised.

However, at this point, the race is on, and the oncology community will hope that combined inhibition of the CTLA-4 and PD-1 checkpoints is a winner.

Take home messages

- Level 1 evidence supports the use of nivolumab/pembrolizumab as 2nd-line NSCLC therapy both in squamous and in non-squamous disease.
- The benefit of this class of drugs in patients with targetable driver mutations remains uncertain.
- The use of PD-L1 expression to guide therapy in NSCLC is controversial (nivolumab approval regardless of PD-L1 status and pembrolizumab approval of in PD-L1–pos pts).
- Although PD-L1 expression is the best available biomarker for these pts further validation and standardization are needed.
- Research into other checkpoint inhibitors new combinations, biomarkers, and use in earlier settings is ongoing.

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Thank you for your attention!

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