

In high PD-L1, should monotherapy
pembrolizumab or combinations be used?

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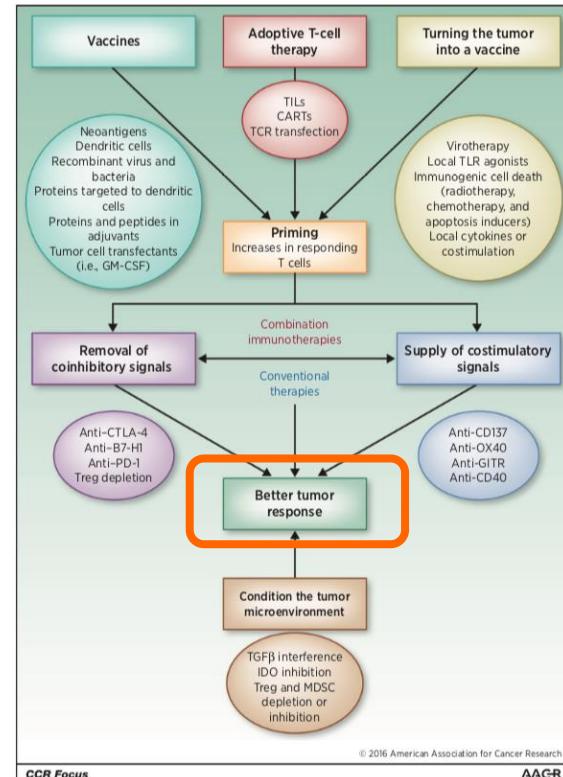
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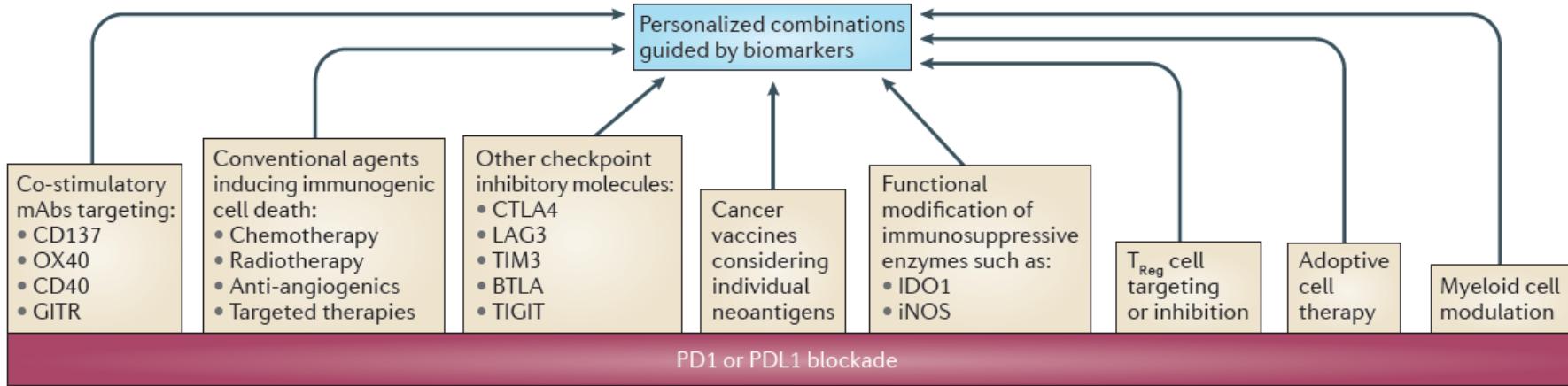
The Concept of IO

Four pillars of promise

- Enhancement of T-cell priming
- Removal of coinhibitory signals
- Supply of costimulatory signals
- Conditioning the tumor microenvironment
 - Optimising Durable Tumor Control
 - Cure?



Most combinations keep anti-PD1/PD-L1 as backbone



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Trial	PFS / OS (months)					Treatment-Related AEs, Grade 3-5 (* All toxicities)
	Treatment	PFS	OS			
KEYNOTE-024	PD-L1 TPS ≥50%	Pembrolizumab Plat/Pem or Gem or Pacli	10.3 6.0	30.0	14.2	31% vs 53%
CheckMate 026	PD-L1 ≥5%	Nivolumab Plat/Pem or Gem or Pacli	4.2 5.9	14.4	13.2	18% vs 52%
KEYNOTE-042	PD-L1 TPS ≥1%	Pembrolizumab Plat/Pem or Pacli	5.4 6.5	16.7	12.1	18% vs 41%
IMpower150	Nonsquamous	Atezolizumab + Beva + Plat/Pacli Beva + Plat/Pacli	8.3 6.8	19.2	14.7	59% vs 50%
KEYNOTE-189	Nonsquamous	Pembrolizumab + Plat/Pem Placebo + Plat/Pem	8.8 4.9	NR	11.3	67% vs 66%*
IMpower132	Nonsquamous	Atezolizumab + Plat/Pem Plat/Pem	7.6 5.2	18.1	13.6	57% vs 42%
IMpower130	Nonsquamous	Atezolizumab + Carbo/nabPacli Carbo/nabPacli	7.0 5.5	18.6	13.9	75% vs 61%
KEYNOTE-407	Squamous	Pembrolizumab + Plat/Tax Placebo + Plat/Tax	6.4 4.8	15.9	11.3	70% vs 68%*
IMpower131	Squamous	Atezolizumab + Carbo/nabPacli Carbo/nabPacli	6.3 5.6	14.0	13.9	69% vs 58%
CheckMate 227	PD-L1 neg (only PFS)	Nivolumab + Plat/Pem or Gem Plat/Pem or Gem	5.6 4.7			54% vs 38%
CheckMate 227	TMB ≥10 mut/Mb	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab Plat/Pem or Gem	7.2 5.5	23.0	16.7	32% vs 37%
MYSTIC	PD-L1 ≥25%	Durvalumab Plat/Pem or Gem or Pacli	4.7 5.4	16.3	12.9	15% vs 35%
MYSTIC	PD-L1 ≥25%	Durvalumab + Tremelimumab Plat/Pem or Gem or Pacli	3.9 5.4	11.9	12.9	24% vs 35%
MYSTIC	TMB ≥16 mut/Mb (only OS)	Durvalumab + Tremelimumab Plat/Pem or Gem or Pacli		16.5	10.5	24% vs 35%

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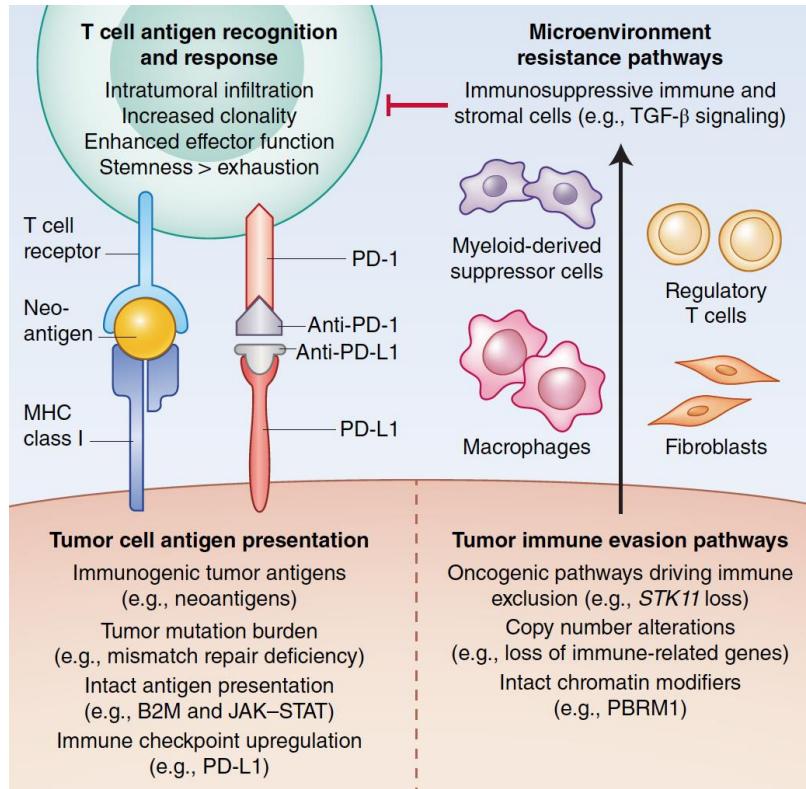
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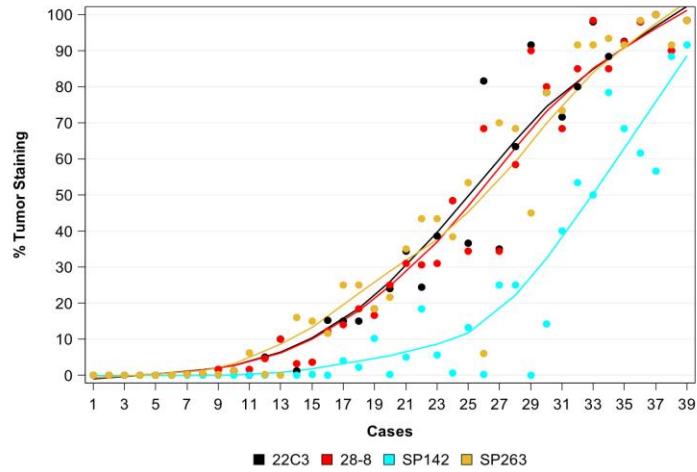
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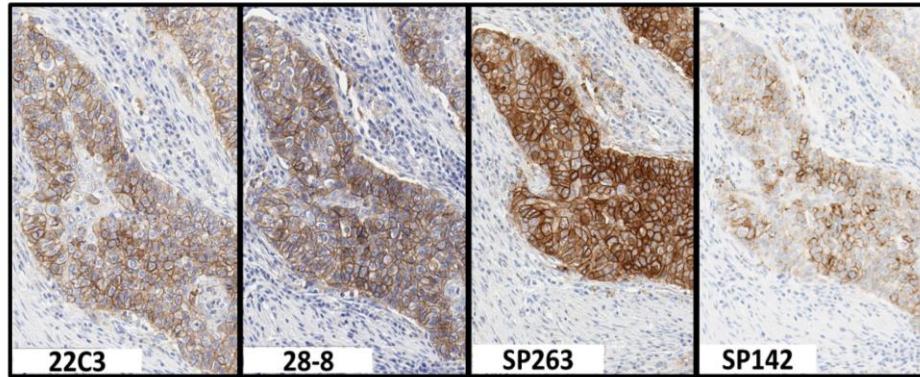
The parameters for IO success: defining biomarkers



PD-L1 expression on TC & predictive ability



Each dot represents the mean score of 3 pathologists



3 assays showed similar staining characteristics for PD-L1 staining on tumor cells, but SP142 comparatively showed less tumor cells stained

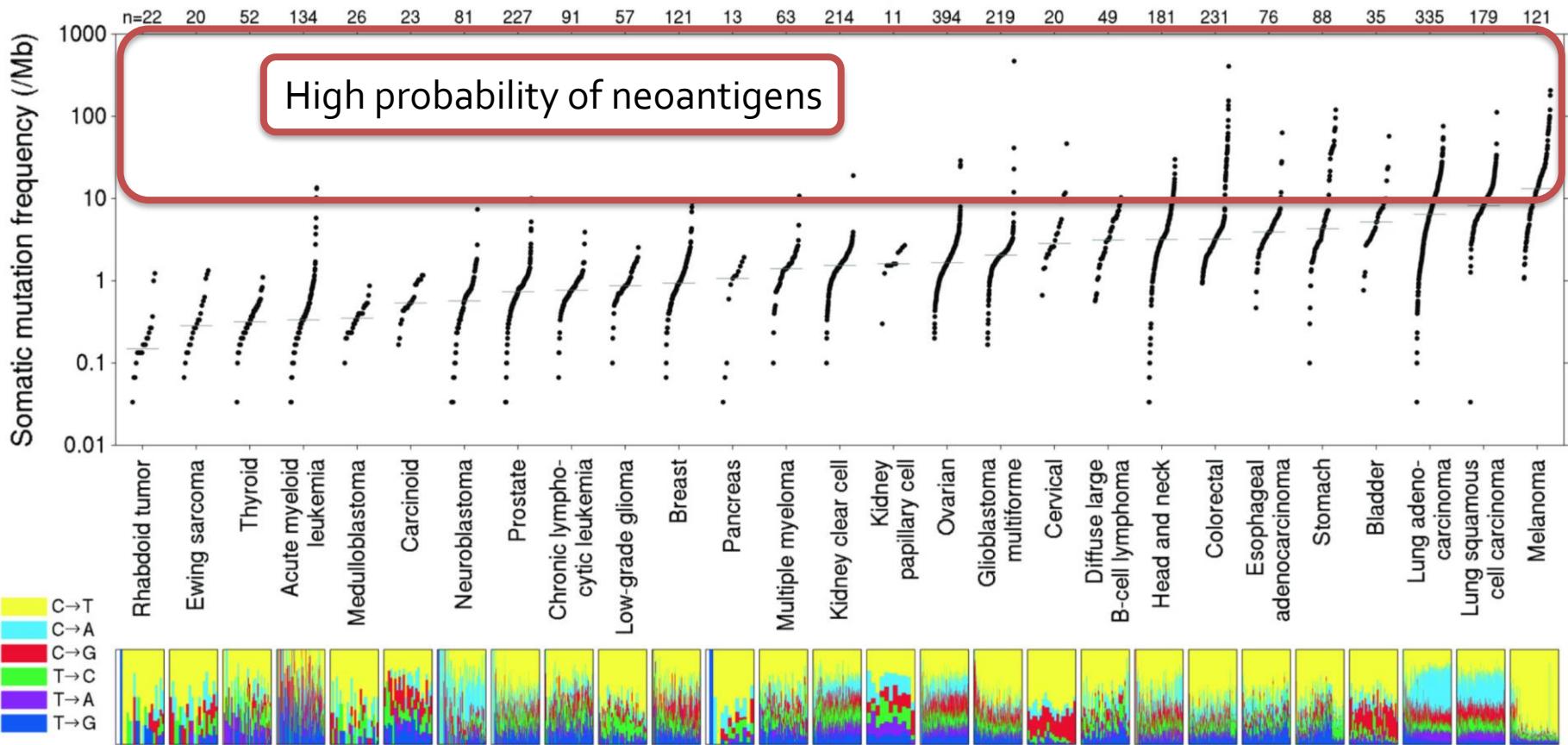
- Virtually every trial has shown a predictive ability of PD-L1 expression
- PD-L1 expression is a biological continuum
- FNA, biopsy, large block can be used : heterogeneity is the background

	KN-024^{1,2} Pembro vs CT (N = 305, PD-L1 TC ≥50%, 1:1)	KN-042³ Pembro vs CT (N = 1274, PD-L1 TC ≥1%, 1:1)	CM-026⁴ Nivo vs CT (N = 423, PD-L1 TC ≥5%, 1:1)	MYSTIC Durva vs CT (N = 568, PD-L1 TC ≥1%, 1:1)
Exp Arm Numbers	TC ≥50% n = 305	TC ≥50% n = 299	TC ≥50%* n = 214	TC ≥50%* n = 118
Median OS, mos	30 vs 14.2	20.0 vs 12.2	15.9 vs 13.9	18.3 vs 12.7
HR	0.63	0.69	0.90	0.76
Median PFS, mos	10.3 vs 6.0	7.1 vs 6.4	5.4 vs 5.8	-
HR	0.50	0.81	1.07	-
12-mo PFS, %	-	37.4 vs 27.3	-	-
ORR, %	45.5 vs 29.8	39.5 vs 32.0	34 vs 39	-

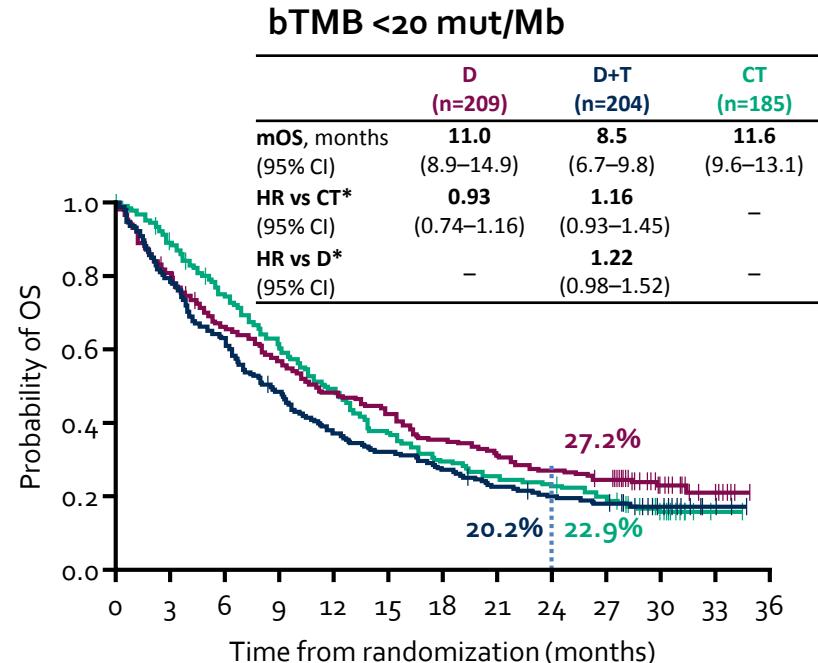
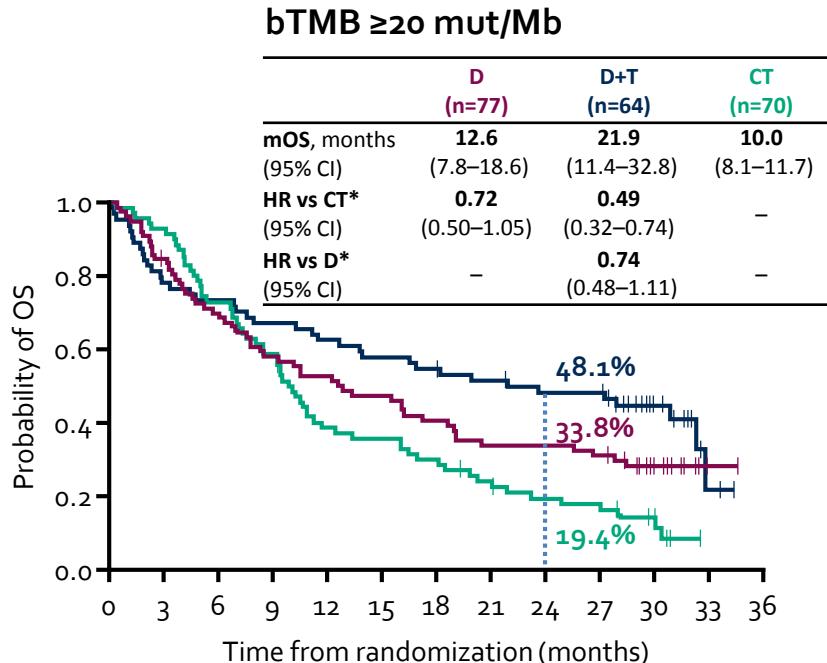
*exploratory analysis
TC, tumour cell

1. Brahmer et al; WCLC 2017 2. Reck et al 2016; NEJM 375;19 3. Lopes et al. ASCO 2018
4. Carbone et al 2017; NEJM 376;2415-2426.

Cancer is characterized by the accumulation of mutations increasing its likelihood to be recognized as foreign

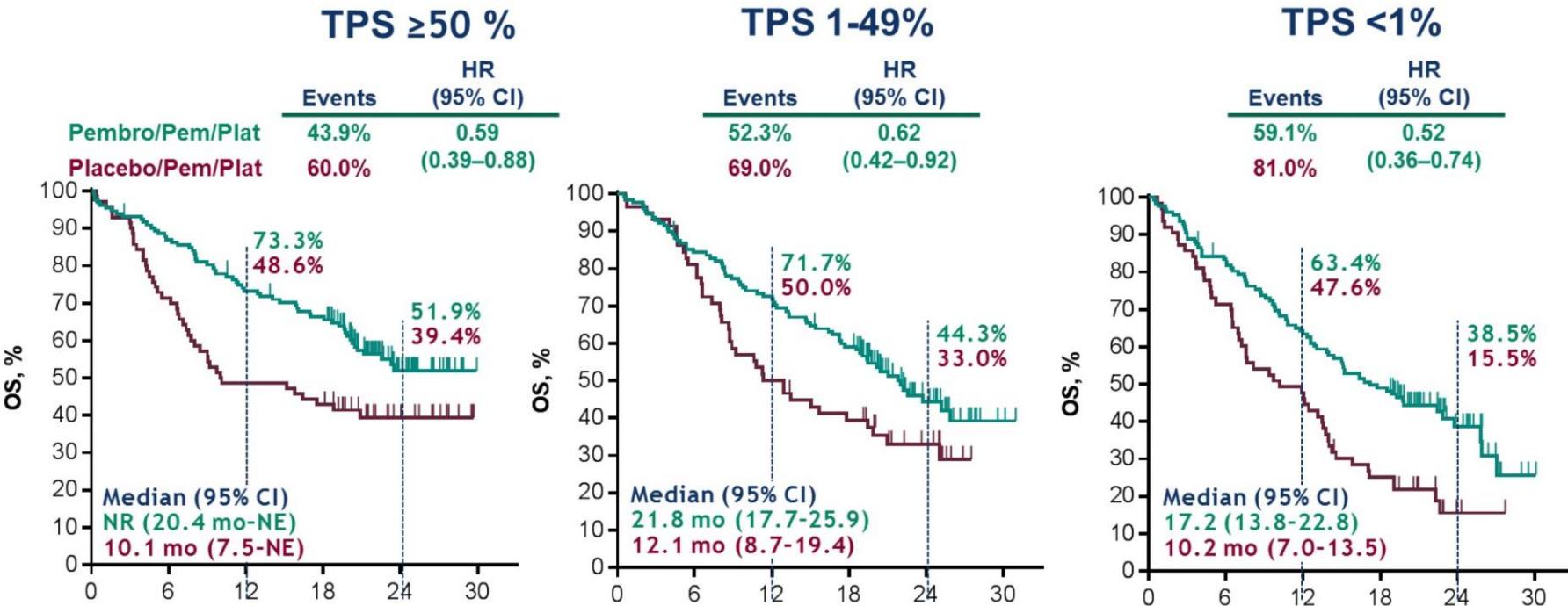


Overall Survival in Blood TMB \geq 20 and <20 mut/Mb



- bTMB was evaluated with the GuardantOMNI platform comprised of a 500-gene panel (1.0 Mb DNA footprint)
- The large bTMB dataset included baseline samples from 809 patients (72.4% of ITT) in the MYSTIC trial

Platinum/pemetrexed/pembrolizumab is superior to platinum/pemetrexed irrespective of PD-L1 (and TMB?)



Co-primary endpoints PFS/OS, crossing over 54%, 1/3 no second line therapy

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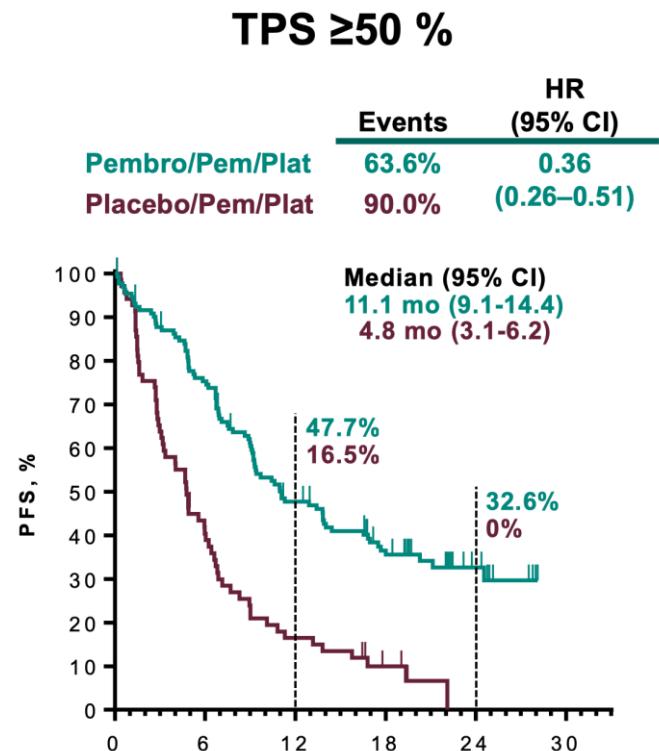
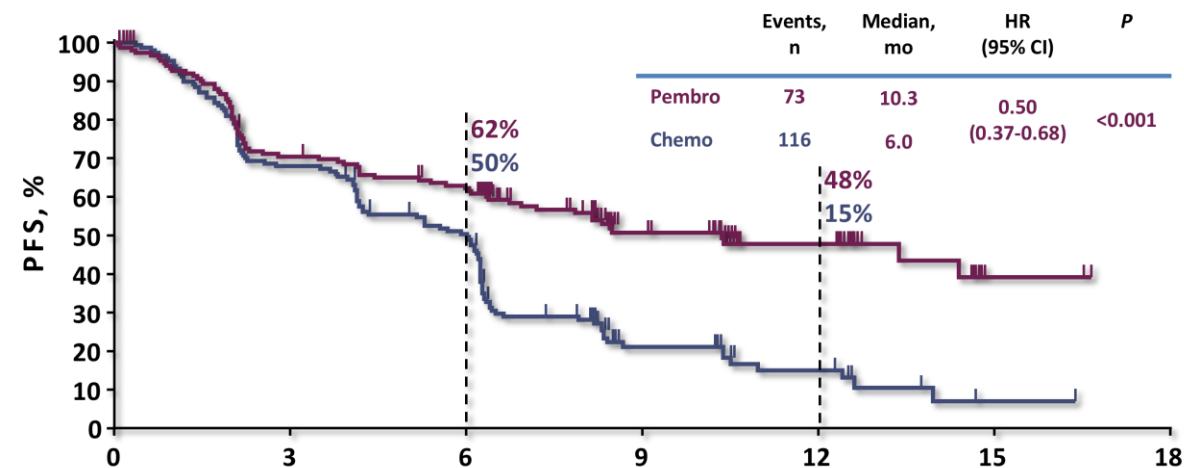
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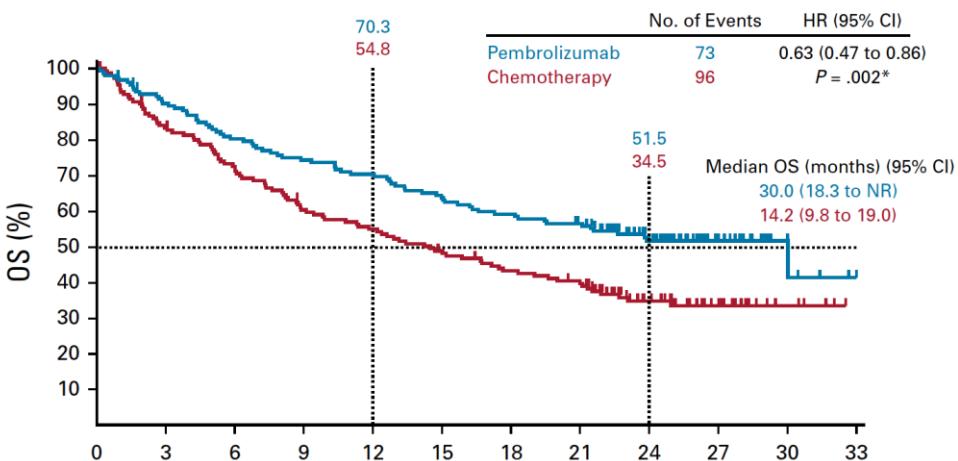
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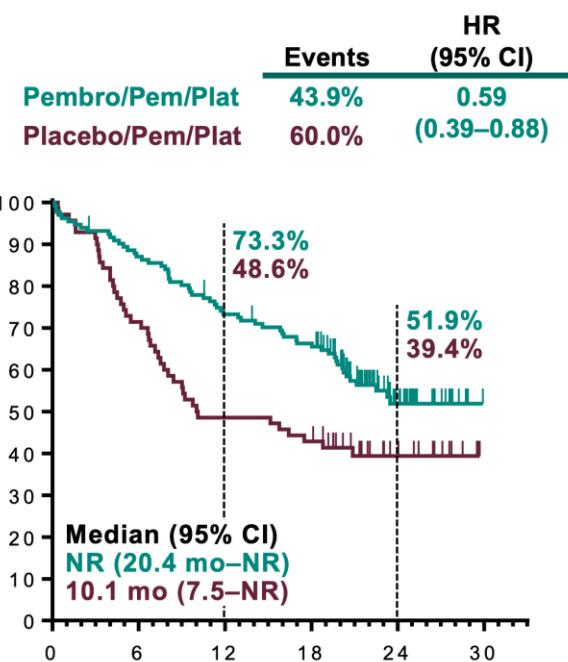
Current standards in PD-L1 $\geq 50\%$: PFS



Current standard in PD-L1 $\geq 50\%$: OS



TPS $\geq 50\%$



Can we compare IO monotherapy vs IO+Chemo in high PD-L1?

1 year OS
(70%)

Survival HR vs chemo
(0,63)

1 year PFS
(50% vs 15%)

PFS HR 0.5

RR (45%)

Time to response 2.2mo

Long duration of response

Anti-PD-1

Only 1/3
PDL-1 \geq 50%

Better OS despite
high crossover

Adjusted OS HR for
crossover : 0.49

Better quality of life

Less toxicity

Anti-PD-1 + Chemotherapy

Can treat 100% of
patients

Better OS than
chemo →IO

Toxicity not much
worse than chemo

Higher RR

1 year OS similar
(73%)

Same survival HR vs
chemo (0,59)

1 year PFS similar
(45% vs 15%)

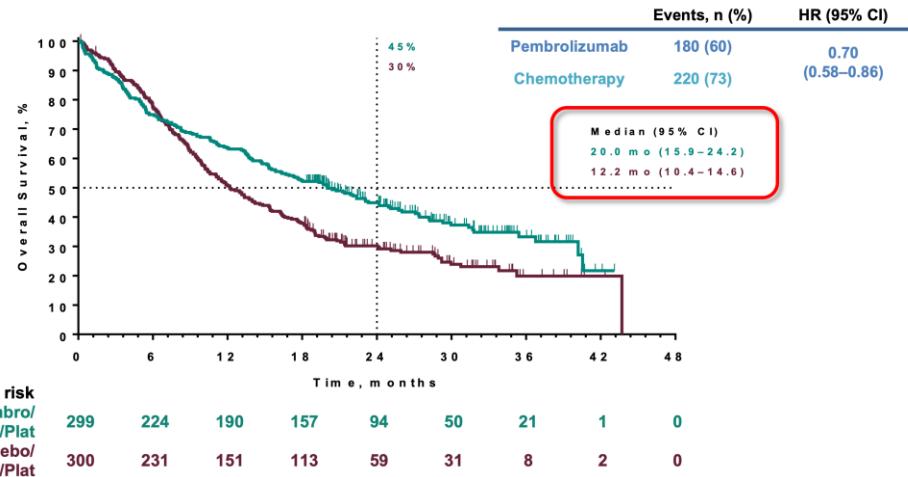
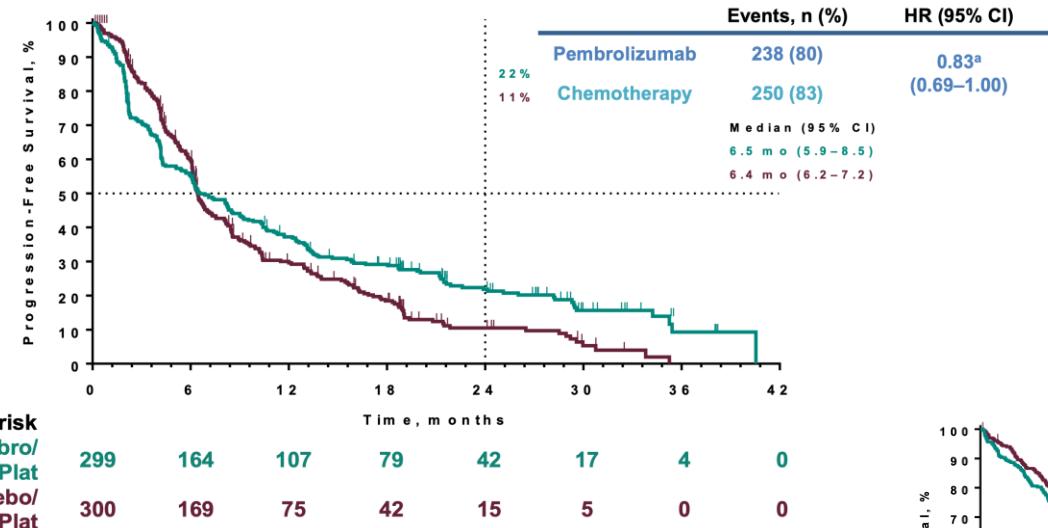
Better PFS HR 0.36

Higher RR (61%)

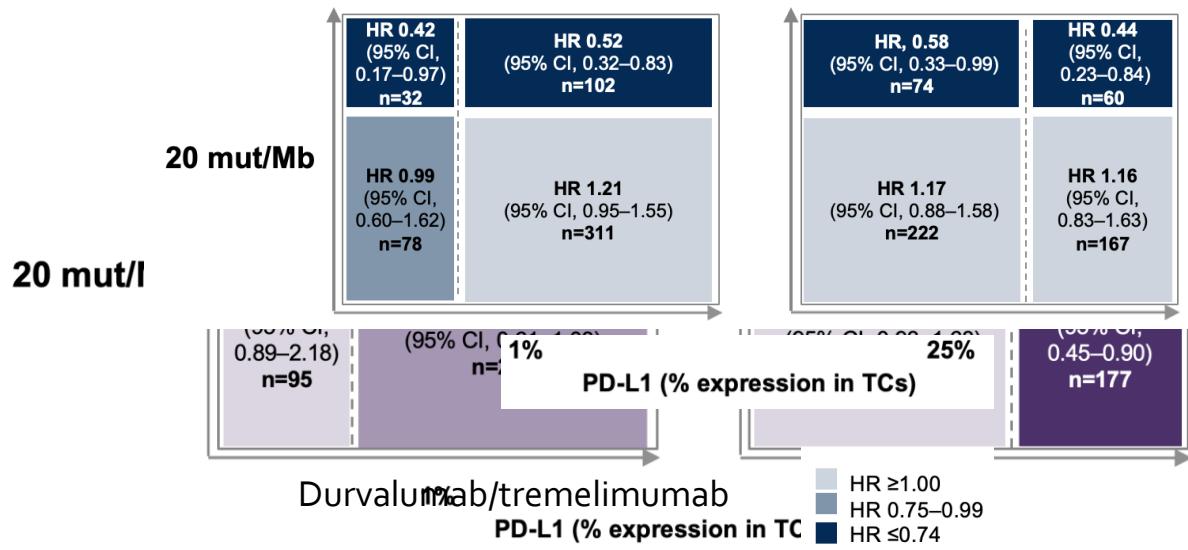
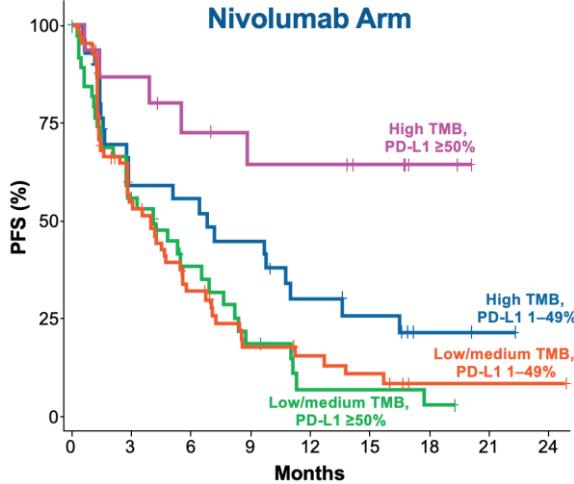
Same time to response
2.2 mo

Duration of response
similar

Crossing of the curves in PD-L1 $\geq 50\%$: KEYNOTE-042



Would IO/IO be a better option in high TMB high PD-L1?



Durvalumab

- HR ≥ 1.00
- HR 0.75–0.99
- HR ≤ 0.74

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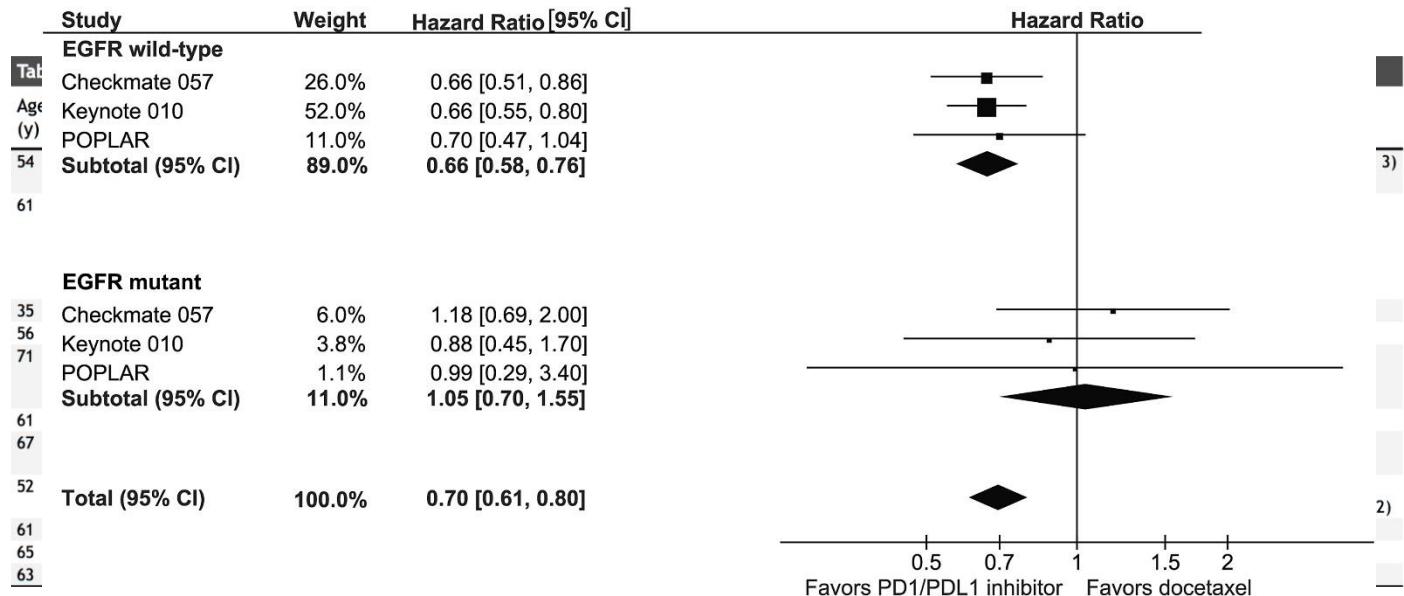
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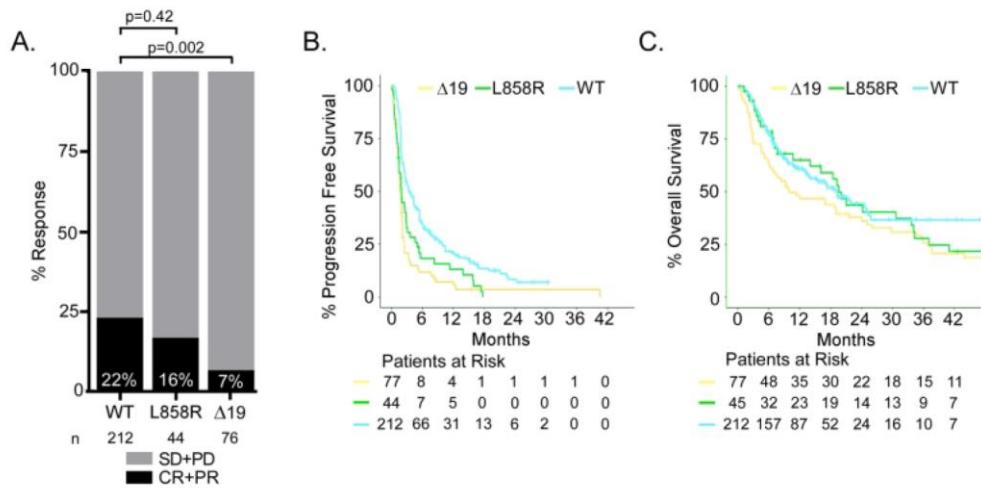
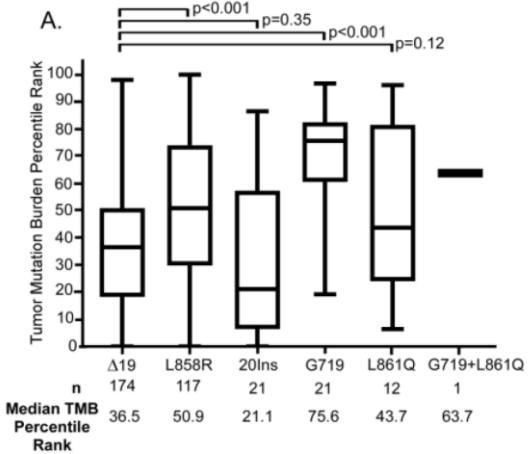
Shouldn't high PD-L1 EGFR M+ receive frontine IO ?



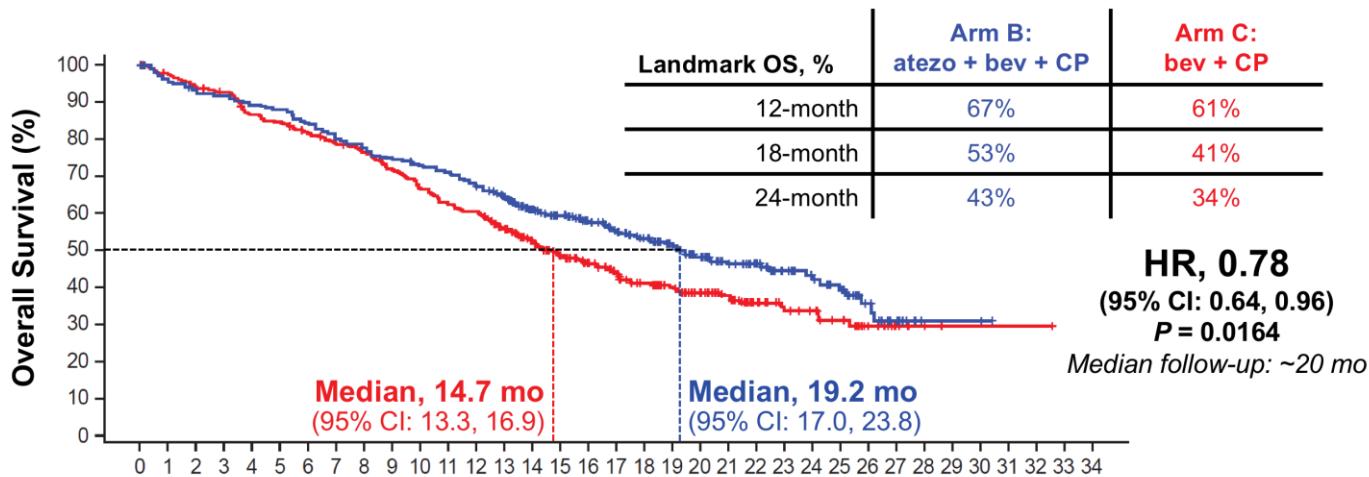
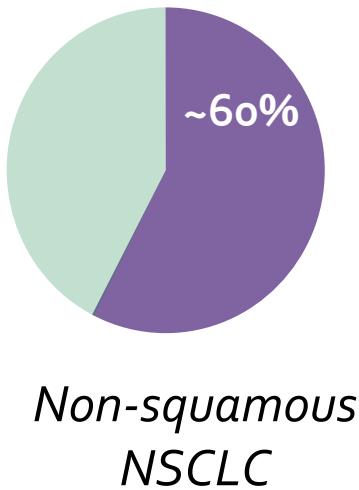
- The lack of an objective response in 10 PD-L1-positive, EGFR-mutant patients, inclusive of 7 with PD-L1 expression >50% was sobering
- Do not omit molecular testing!

EGFR mutations are not equal

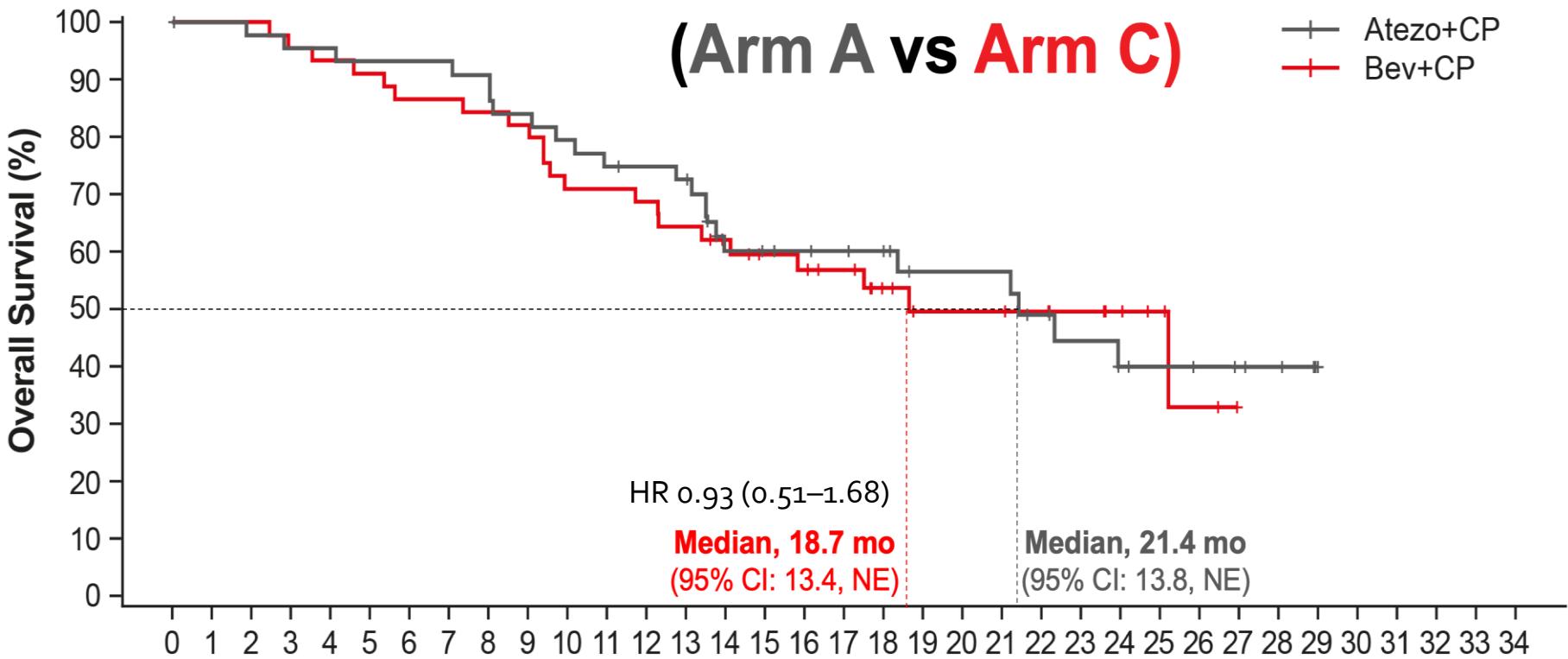
EGFR T790M (n=27)	21 (77.8%)	5 (18.5%)	1 (3.7%)
EGFR exon19 (n=21)	18 (85.7%)	1 (4.8%)	2 (9.5%)
EGFR other (n=34)	19 (55.9%)	11 (32.4%)	4 (11.8%)
EGFR exon21 (n=24)	14 (58.3%)	5 (20.8%)	5 (20.8%)



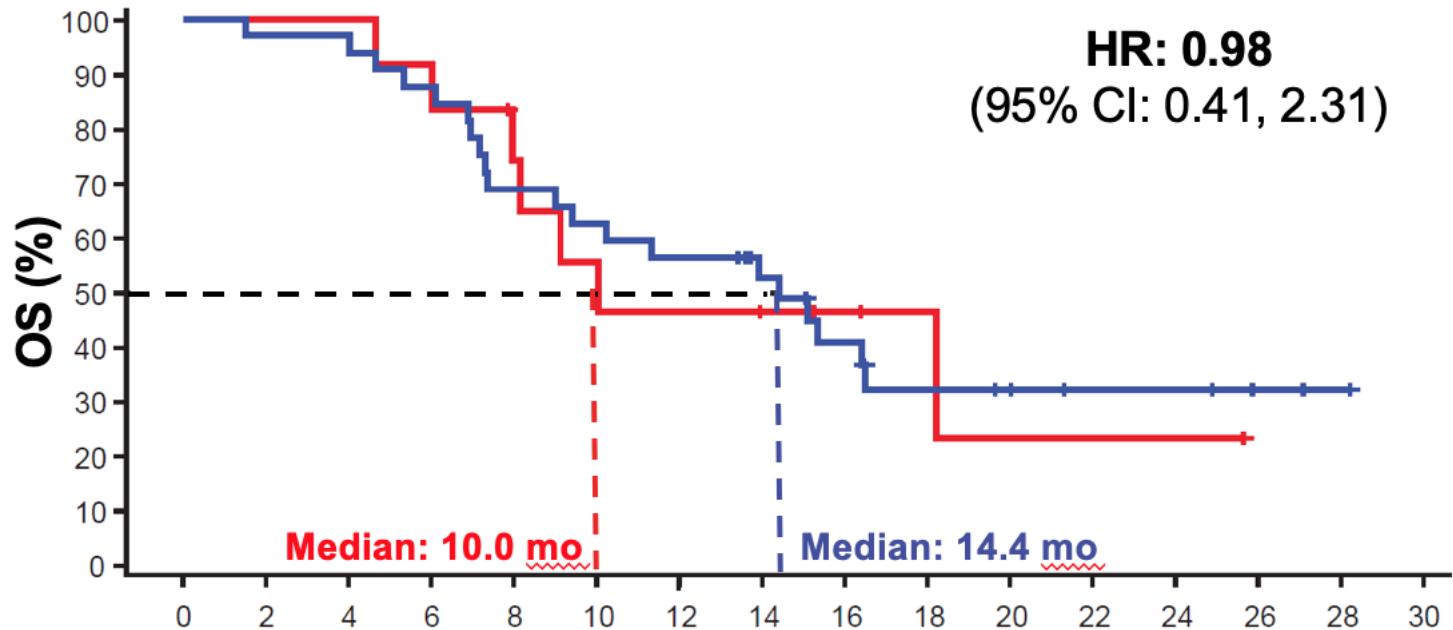
Carboplatin/paclitaxel/atezolizumab/bevacizumab IMpower150



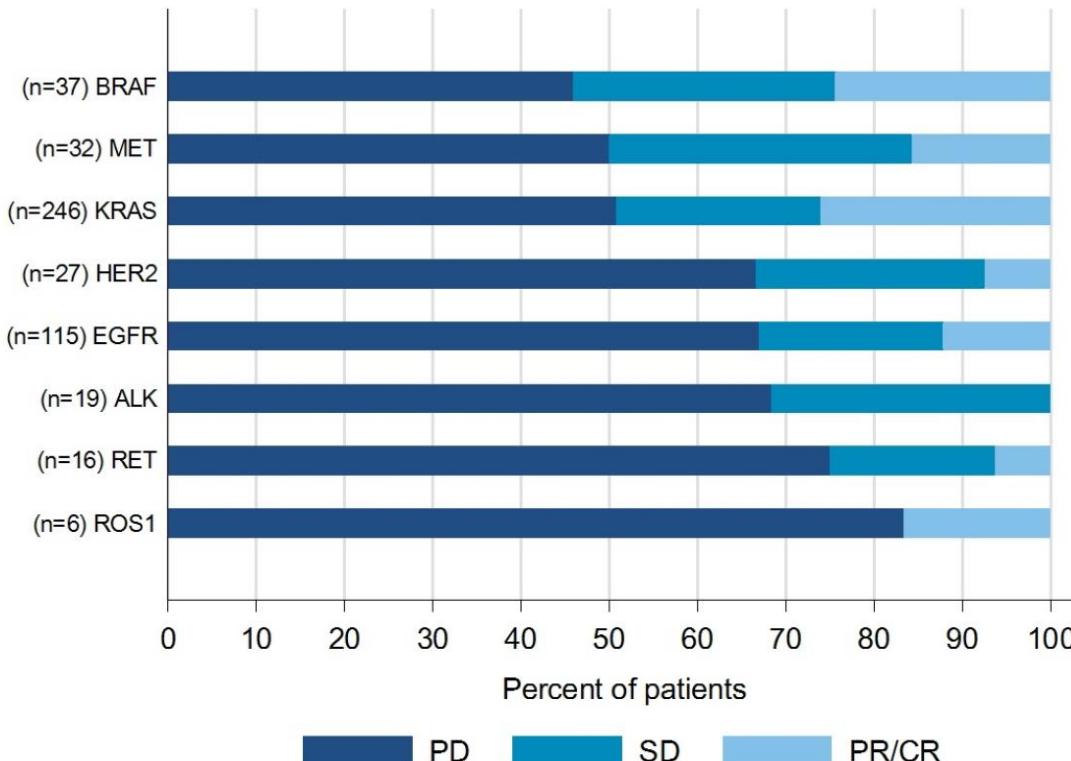
OS in EGFR-mt patients (Arm B vs Arm C)



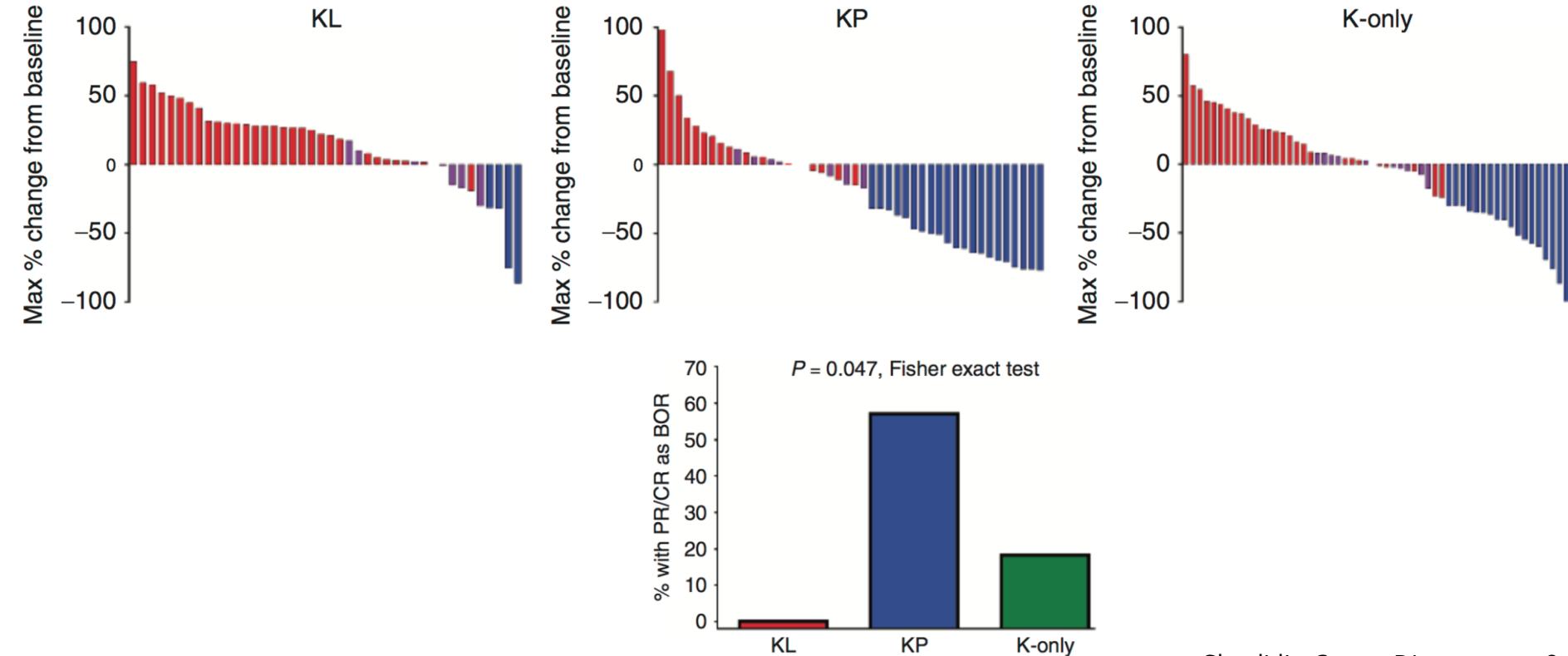
IMpower 130: carboplatin - NabP +/- atezo



What about other mutations?

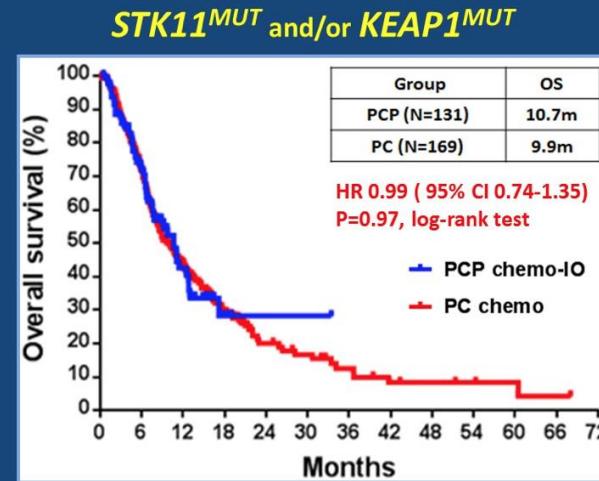
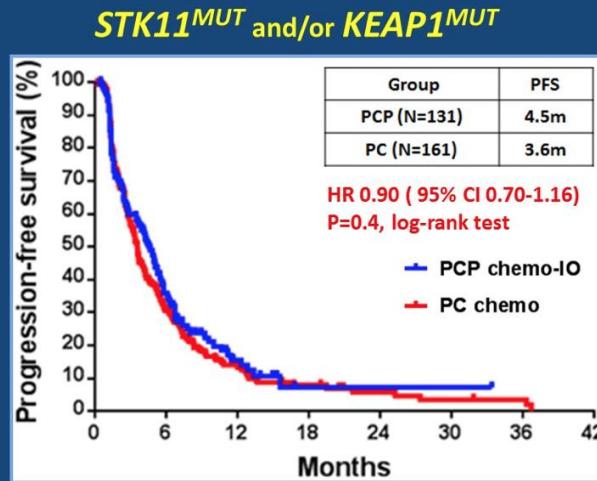


STK11/LKB1 alterations drive primary resistance to PD-1 axis inhibitors in *KRAS*-mutant lung adenocarcinoma

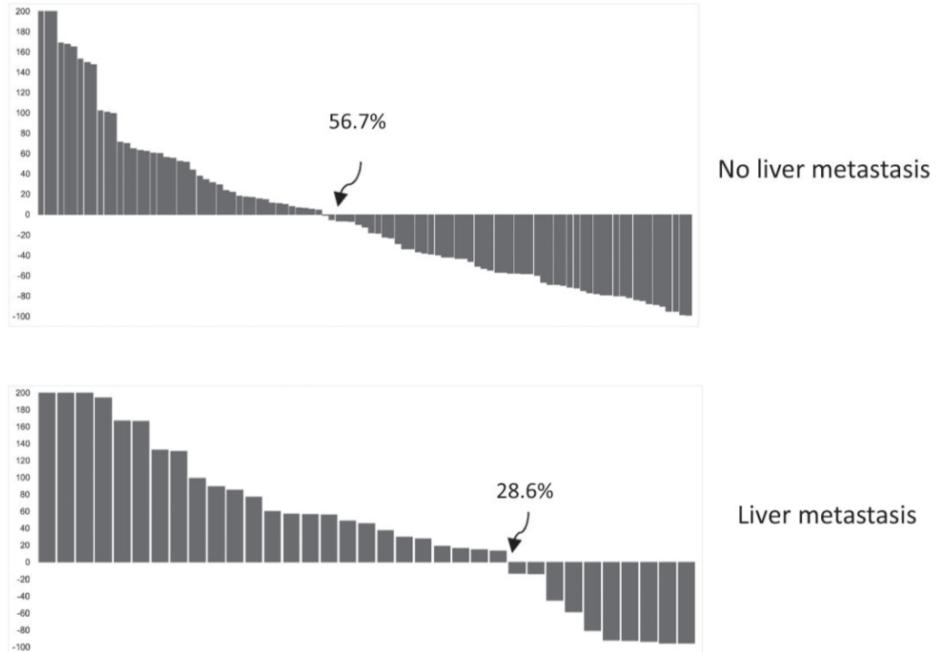
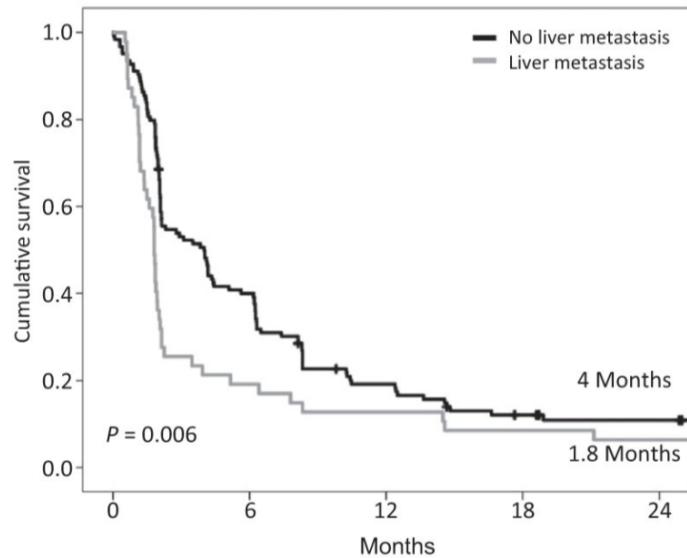


Chemo-IO in STK11/LKB1 and/or KEAP-1 alterations

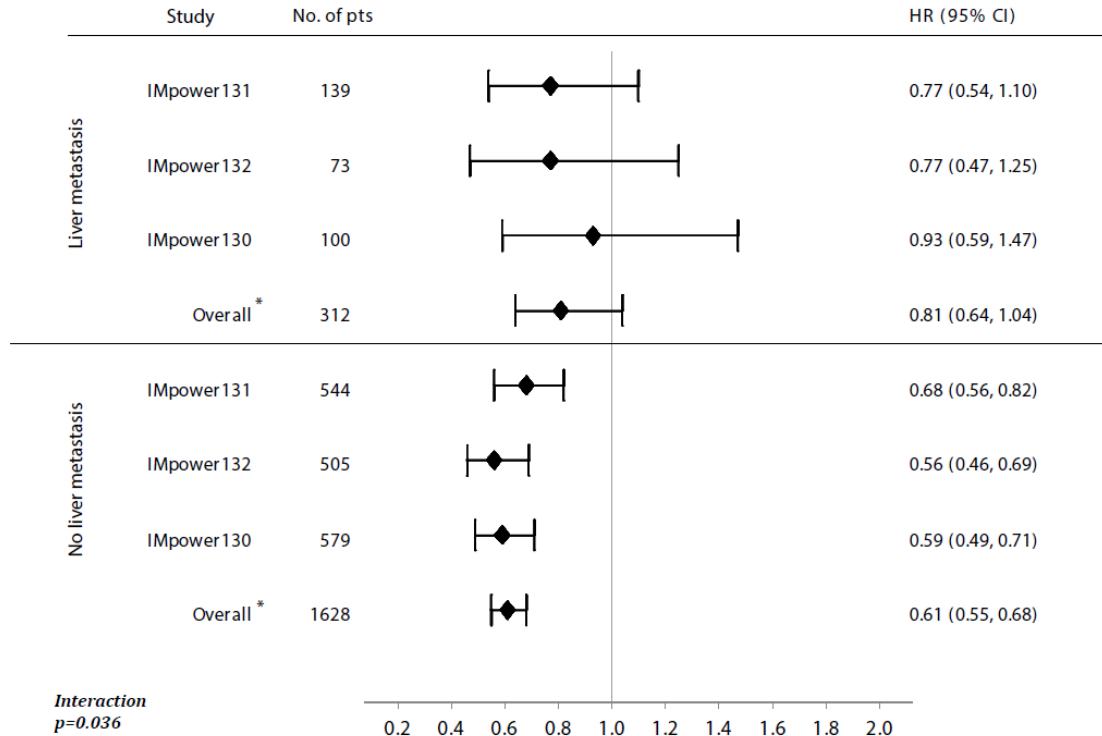
Lack of benefit from addition of pembrolizumab to CP chemotherapy in *STK11* and/or *KEAP1*-mutant non-squamous NSCLC



Liver metastases define a negative predictive factor for IO monotherapy

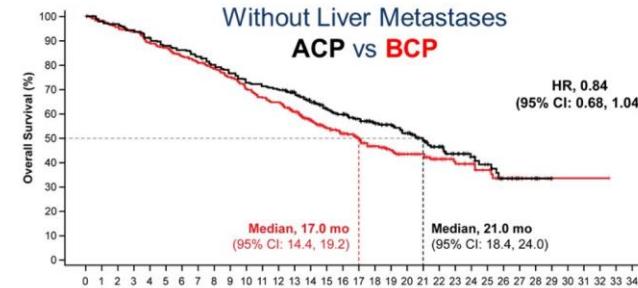
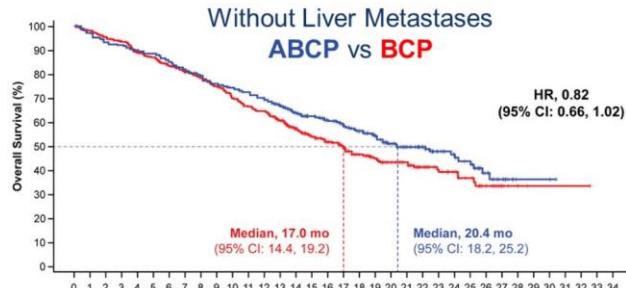
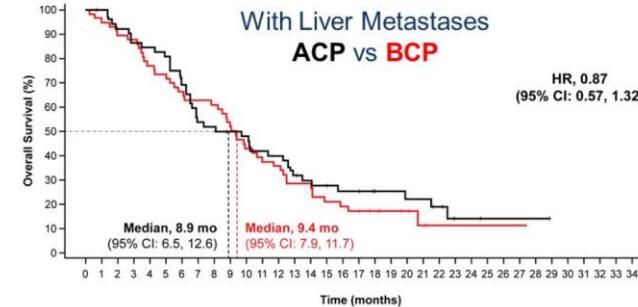
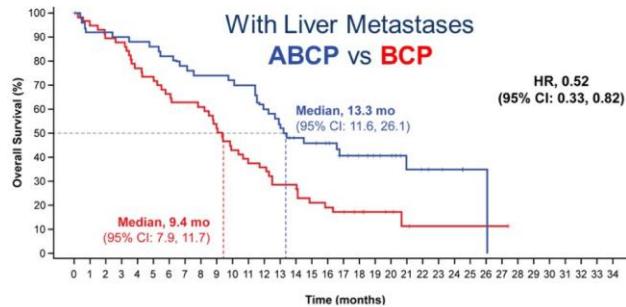


Liver metastases in NSCLC



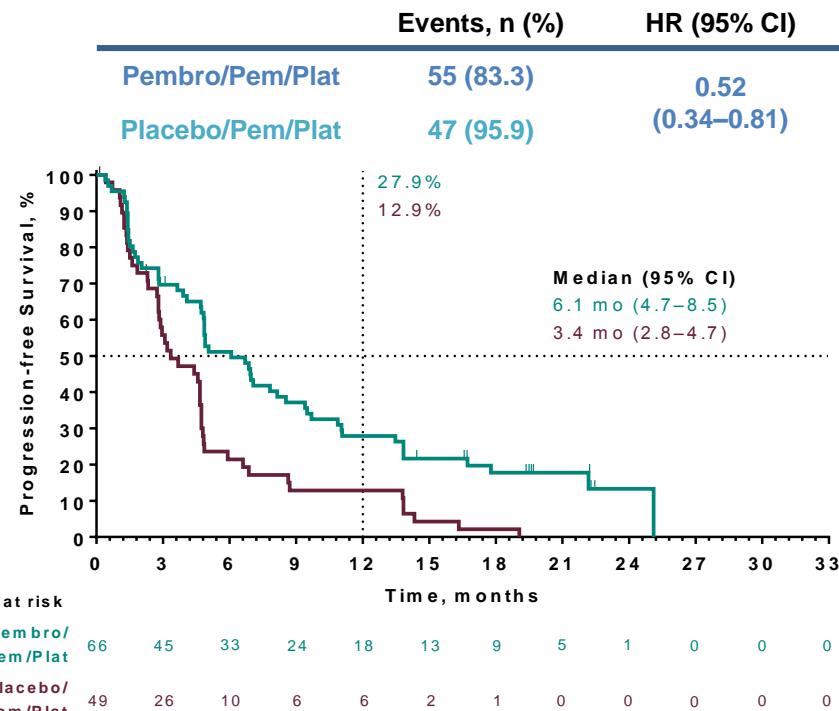
Carboplatin/nabPaclitaxel/atezolizumab in liver metastatic patients (stratification factor)

Abstract 9012: IMpower150: Analysis of efficacy in patients with liver metastases: Overall Survival

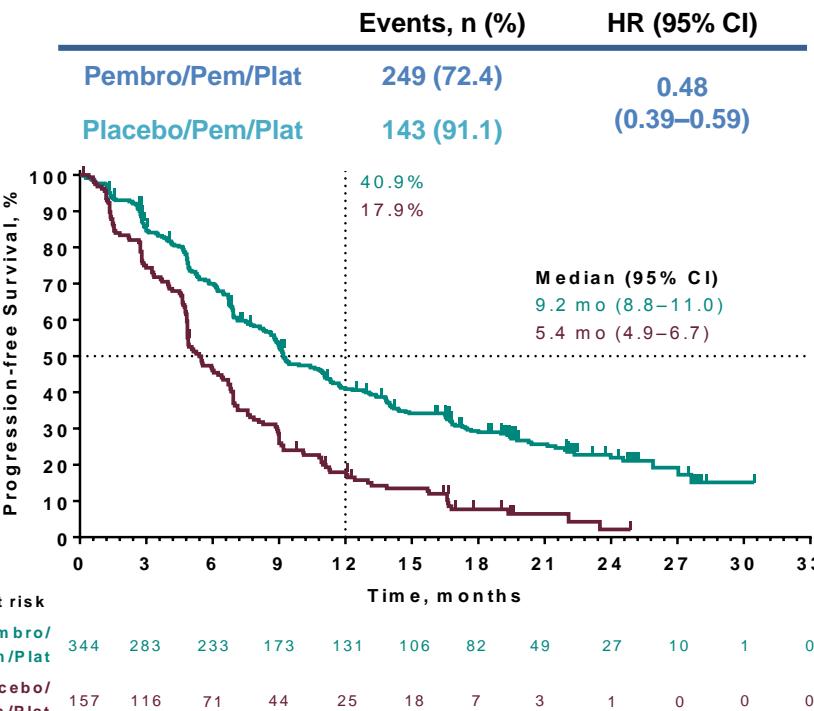


KEYNOTE 189 : PFS and Liver Metastases

With Liver Metastases

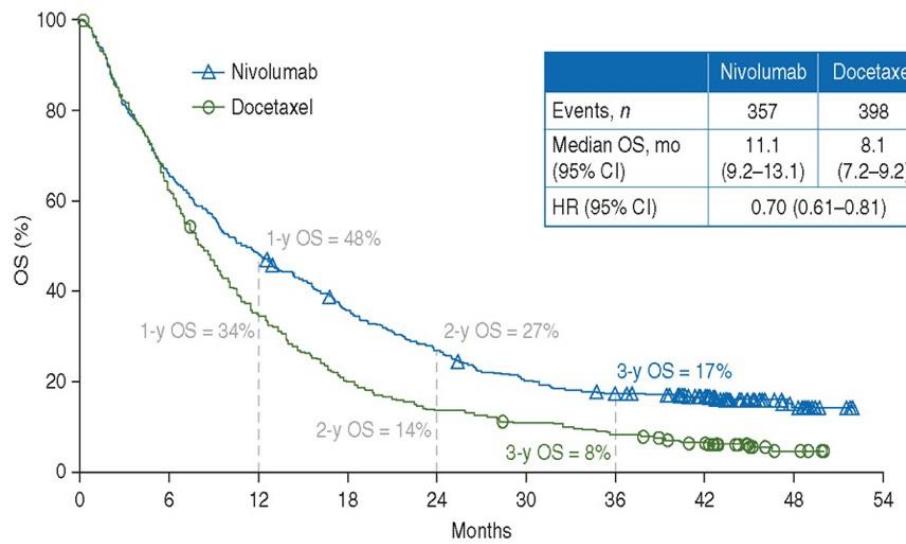


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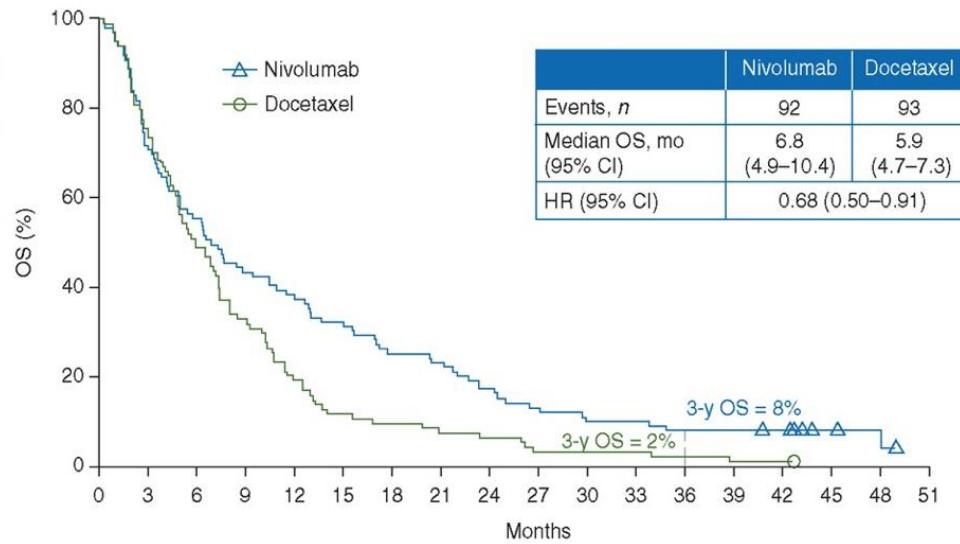


CheckMate 017/057: Similarly, nivolumab demonstrated an OS benefit in liver metastases

Overall Study Population



Patients with Liver Metastases



Immune evasion beyond and independent of the PD-1 axis

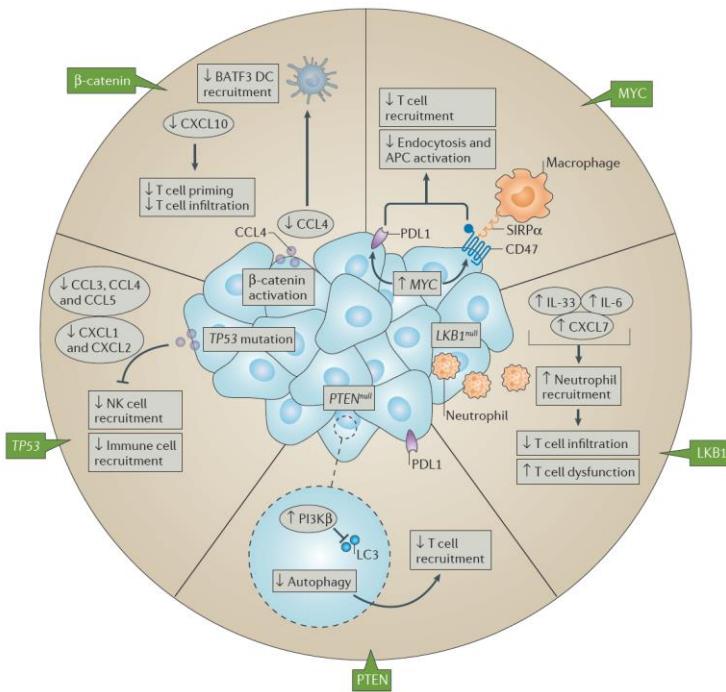


Table 1 | Genomic correlates of response and resistance organized by primary location

Primary location	Response category	Defining characteristics or examples
T cell	Intratumoral infiltration ^{85,15,135-137,139}	Transcriptional signatures of cytotoxic lymphocytes infiltrating the tumor core
	Enhanced effector function ^{52,134,141}	Increased expression of PRF1, GZMA/B, CD8A, and IFNG
	Increased clonality ^{4,34,41}	Ranging from 0 to 1, with 1 indicating a monoclonal population
	Greater stemness ^{14,250}	Express chemokine receptor CXCR5 and transcription factor TCF7; lack TIM-3/CD39
Tumor cell (response mechanisms)	Reduced exhaustion ^{14,750}	Express co-inhibitory receptor TIM-3 and ectonucleotidase CD39; lack CXCR5/TCF7
	Tumor antigens ^{31,32,34-40,54,57,65,67}	Neoantigens, viral antigens
	Increased tumor mutation burden ^{9,37,48}	Mismatch repair deficiency
	Immunogenic alterations ¹⁵⁹	Inactivating mutations in SERPINB3 and SERPINB4
	Mutational signatures ^{39,53,108}	Smoking, ultraviolet light, alkylating agent therapy, APOBEC
Tumor cell (resistance mechanisms)	Genomic upregulation of PD-L1 (refs. ^{50,92-94,97,100})	PDL1 amplification and loss of CDK4, SPOP, and CMTM4 and CMTM6
	Chromatin modifier loss ^{152,154,157,158}	Inactivating mutations in PBRM1, ARID1A, and SMARCA4
	Tumor antigens ⁶⁸	Cancer/testis antigens similar to self and less immunogenic
	Deficient antigen presentation ^{37,53}	Inactivating mutations in B2M, HLA, JAK/STAT, and IFN-γ response genes
Microenvironment	Oncogenic pathways ^{45,113-115,117,118,241,252,299,130,133}	Inactivating STK11 and PTEN mutations, WNT/β-catenin, EGFR and KRAS mutations
	Immune evasion alterations ¹⁴¹	Increased expression of SERPINB9
	CNA ^{144,360}	High levels of copy-number loss, chromosome arm and whole-chromosome CNAs
	Immunosuppressive stromal cells ^{115,123,126,140}	Transcriptional signatures of fibroblasts, endothelial cells, and TGF-β signaling
	Immunosuppressive immune cells ^{136,141}	Transcriptional signatures of myeloid-derived suppressor cells and regulatory T cells

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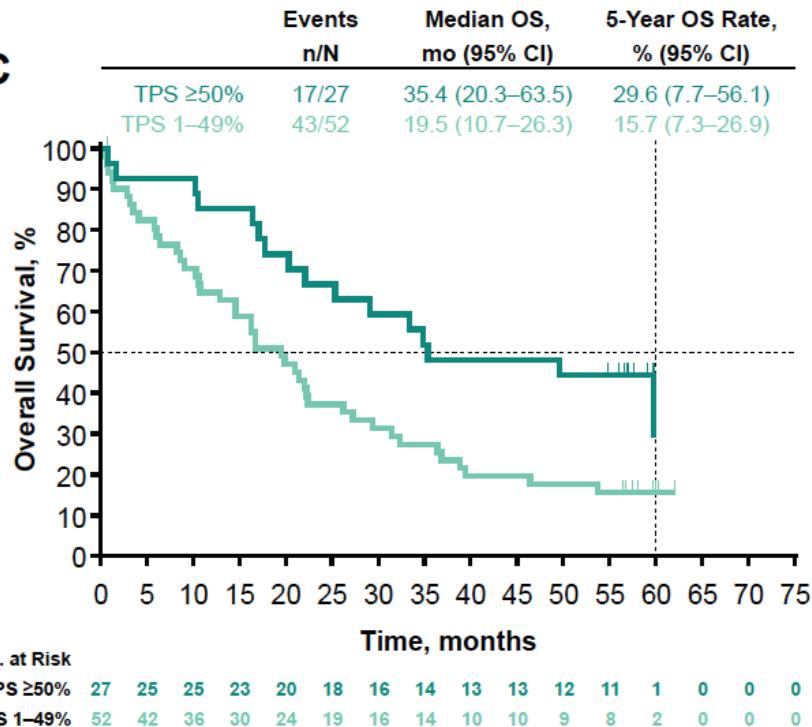
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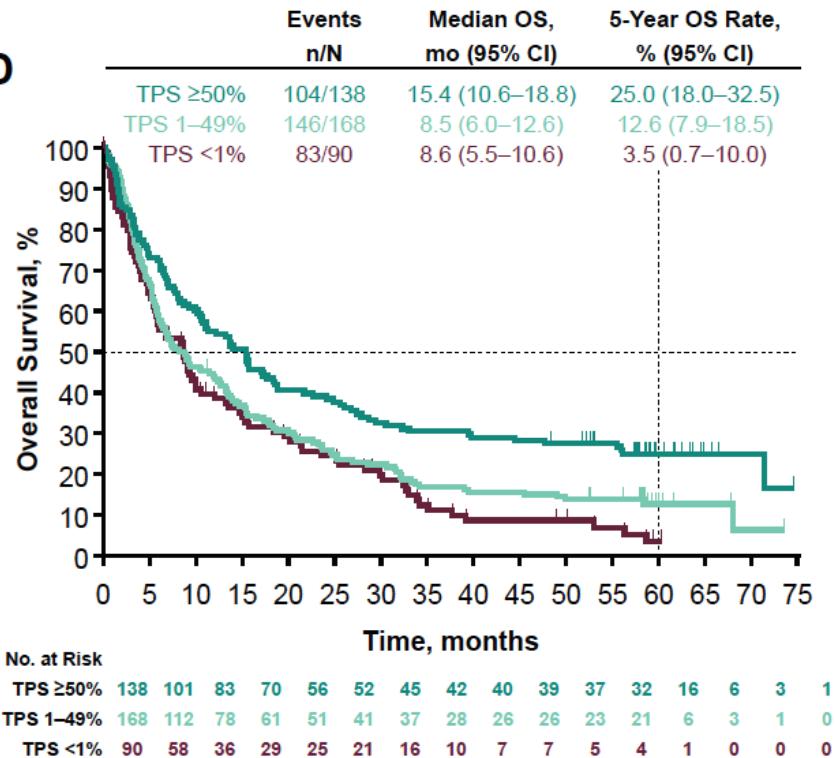
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Long term survivors exist

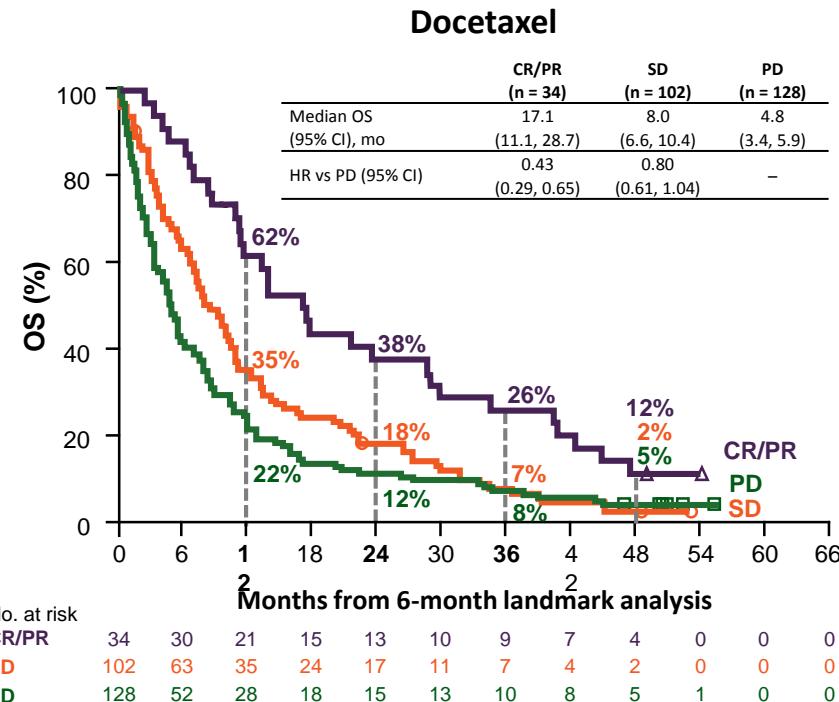
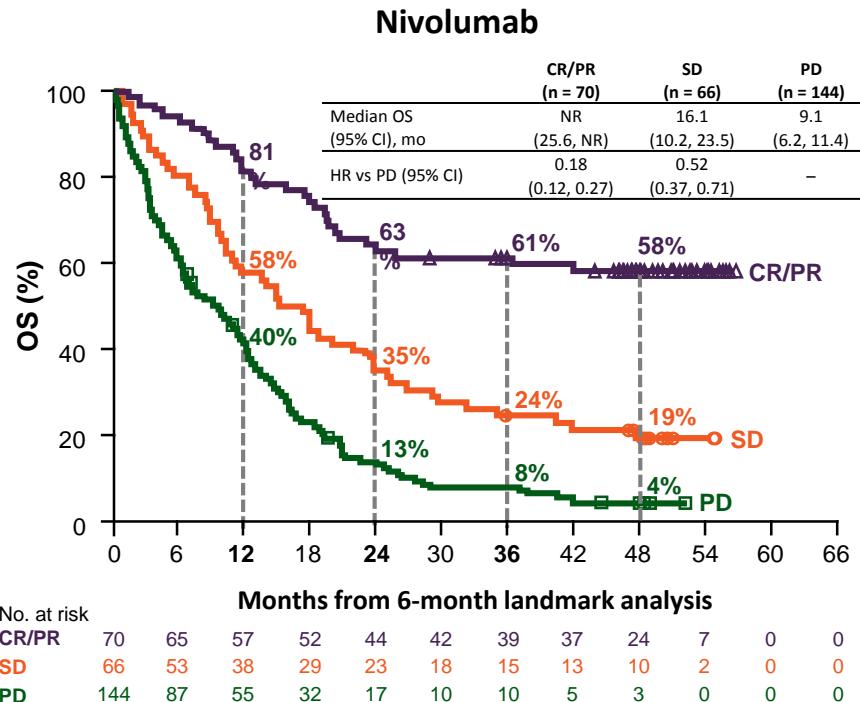
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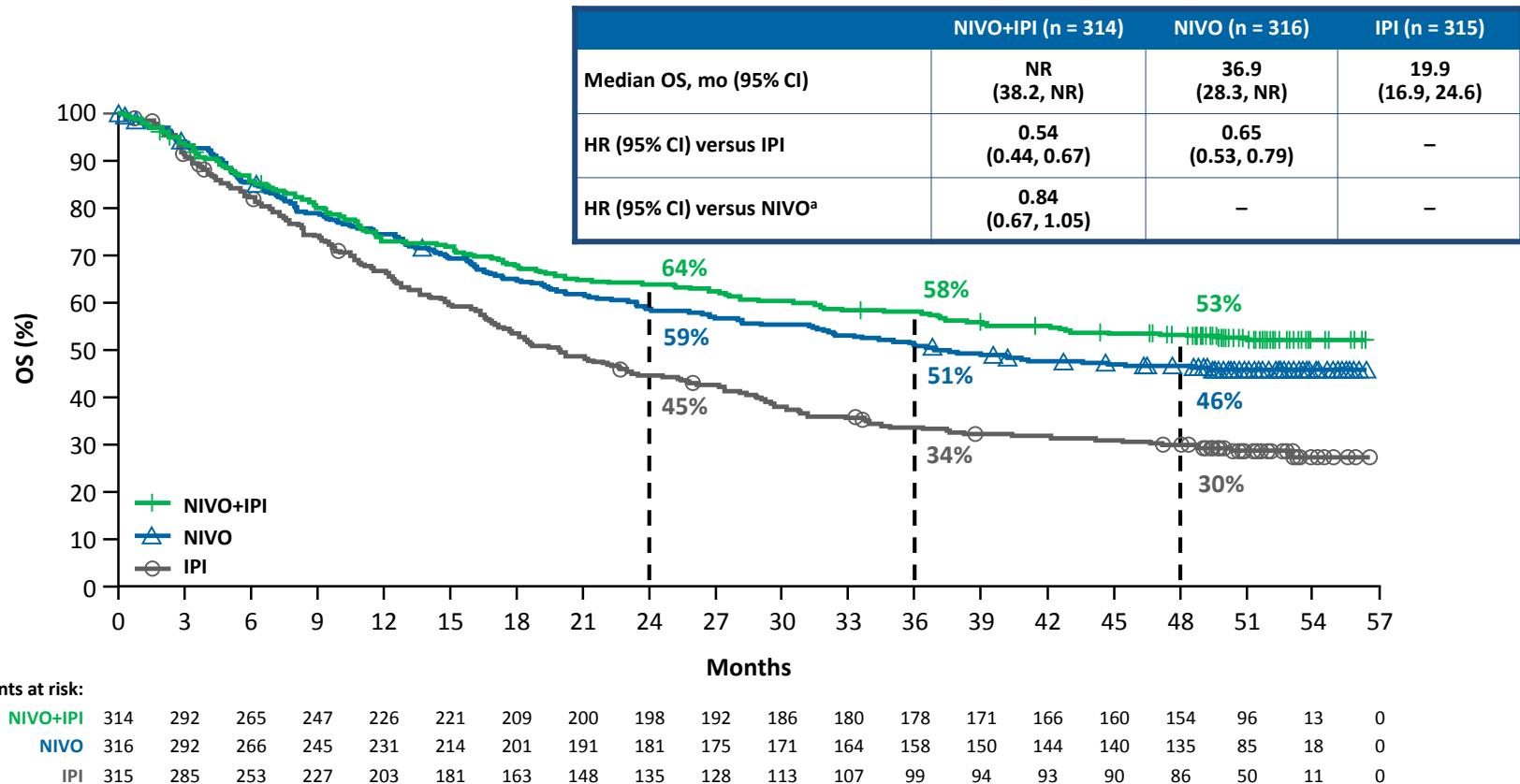


Landmark analysis of OS by response category status at 6 months in CheckMate 017/ 057

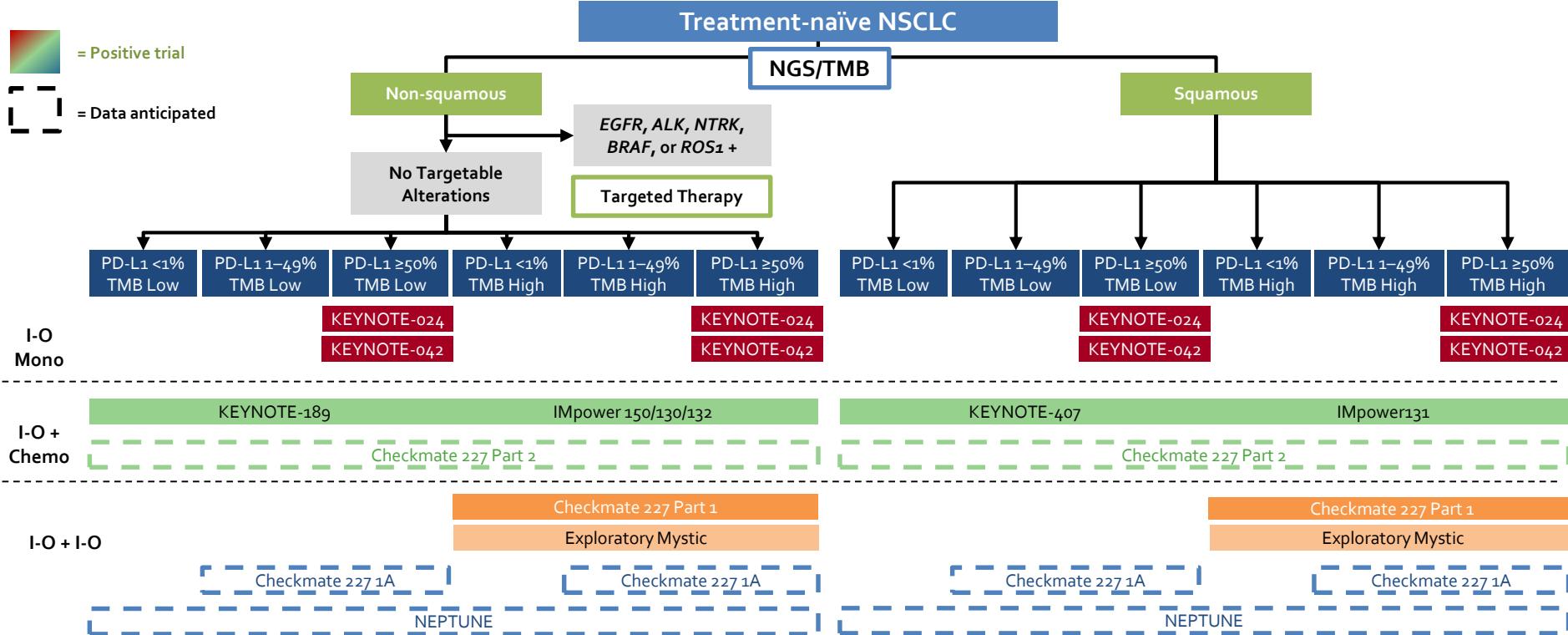


Brains mets, EGFR mutants, never smokers are also found among survivors

Higher probability when a CTLA-4 component is included?



Evolving treatment options frontline in advanced NSCLC



Mono, combos IO/IO and IO/chemo

How should we choose?

- Patient Safety ✓
 - Patient Preference ✓
 - Tumour PDL-1 ✓
 - TMB ✓
 - Comorbidities ✓
 - Smoking X (or by default)
 - Age X
 - Sex X
 - Favor class of / a specific drug?
 - Disease Burden ?
 - Liver metastases ?
 - Genetic alterations?
 - HLA?
 - Other biomarkers ?
- Impact on long term OS

Thanks for your kind attention

