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## Terapia di 1 linea: opzioni attuali e prospettive terapeutiche

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# Agenda

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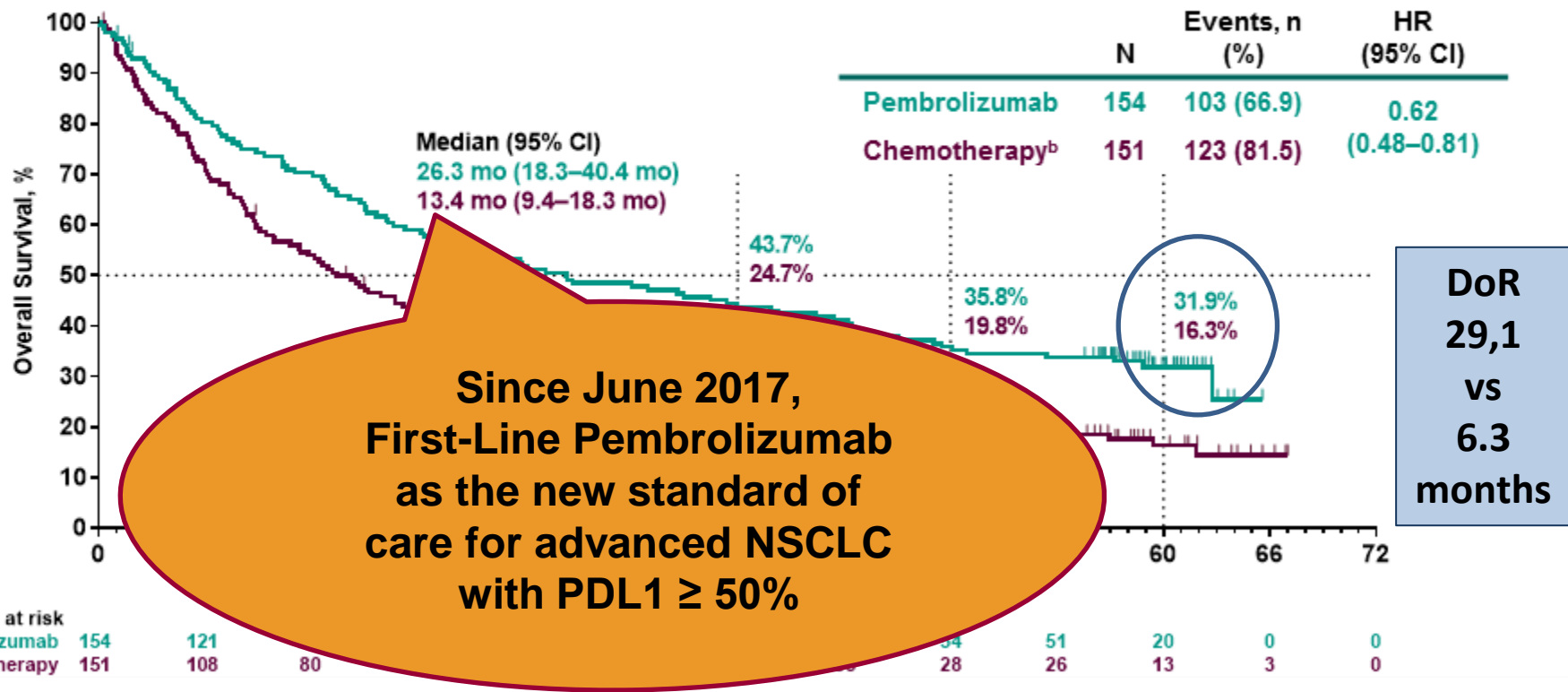
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## PROSPETTIVE FUTURE

- Anticorpi coniugati con farmaci (ADC) – anti-TROP2

# KEYNOTE 024 – 5-YEAR (60 months) OS UPDATE

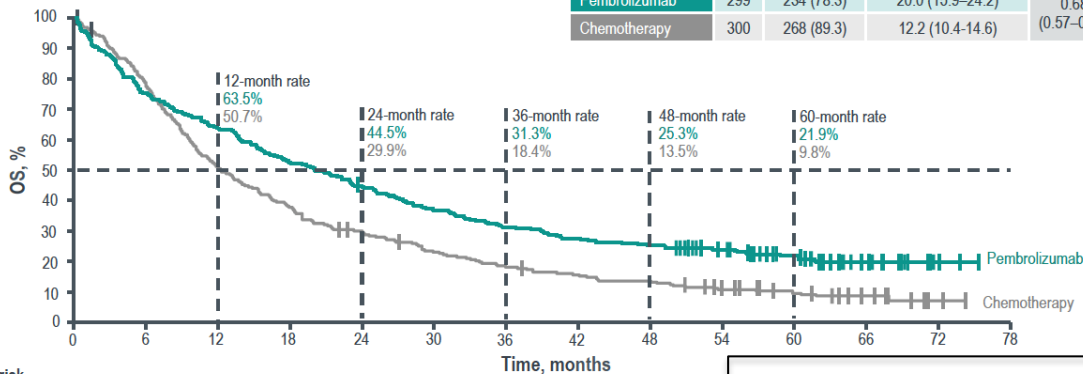


# NSCLC Studies: 1L Monotherapy Phase 3 Trials

DEMOGRAPHIC, CLINICAL AND BIOLOGICAL RCT FACTORS	IMPOWER110		EMPOWERLUNG 1		KEYNOTE 024		KEYNOTE 042	
	ATEZO	CHEMO	CEMIP	CHEMO	PEMBRO	CHEMO	PEMBRO	CHEMO
AGE ≥ 65y 	44.9%	56.1%	45%	48%	54%	54%	44%	46%
SEX (FEMALE) 	26.2%	34.7%	12%	18%	40.3%	37.1%	29.4%	29%
ECOG PS 1 	67.3%	60.2%	73%	73%	35.7%	35.1%	68.9%	70%
H. SQUAMOUS 	25.2%	23.5%	43%	43%	18.8%	17.2%	38%	39.1%
NEVER SMOKER 	8.4%	15.3%	N/A	N/A	3.2%	12.4%	22.3%	22%
BRAIN METS 	N/A	N/A	12%	12%	11.7%	6.6%	5.5%	5%
CROSSOVER 	NOT PERMITTED		PERMITTED (74% ITT)**		PERMITTED (66%)		NOT PERMITTED	
TEST 	SP142***		22C3		22C3		22C3	
1° ENDPOINT 	OS		OS/PFS		PFS		OS	
GRADE 3-5 IMPNEUMOM 	0.7%	0%	1%	1%	2.6%*	0.7%*	3.3%	0.2%

# KEYNOTE-042: 5-year Update of OS in Patients With PD-L1 TPS ≥50% (Primary Hierarchical End Point)

	N	Events, n (%)	mOS, months (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)
Pembrolizumab	299	234 (78.3)	20.0 (15.9–24.2)	0.68 (0.57–0.81)
Chemotherapy	300	268 (89.3)	12.2 (10.4–14.6)	

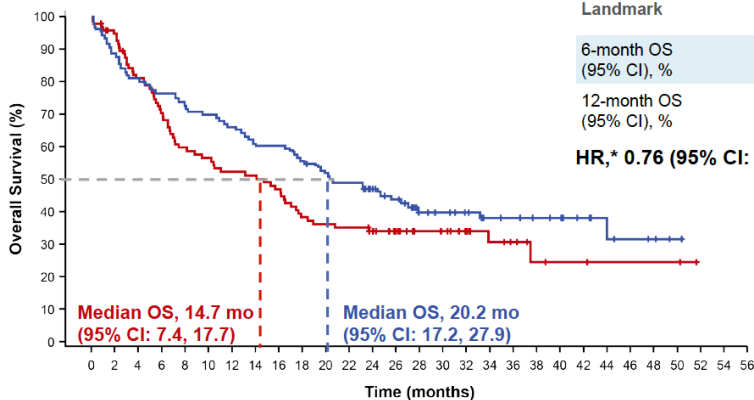


mOS: 20.0 m  
HR 0,68

No. at risk	Time, months	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78
Pembrolizumab 299		224	190	157	132	109	93	82	75	56					
Chemotherapy 300		231	151	113	87	66	53	44	38	25					

mOS: 20.2 m  
HR 0,76

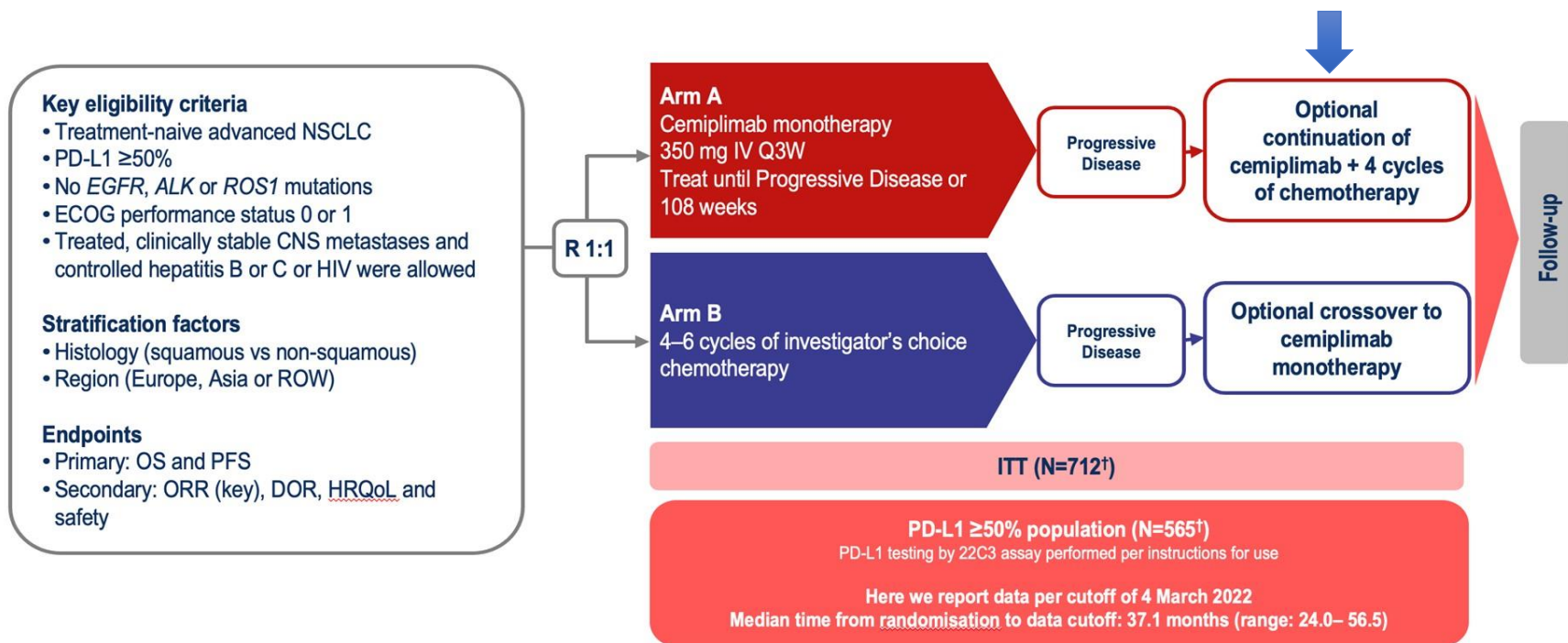
## IMpower110: OS in the TC3 or IC3 subgroup after longer follow up



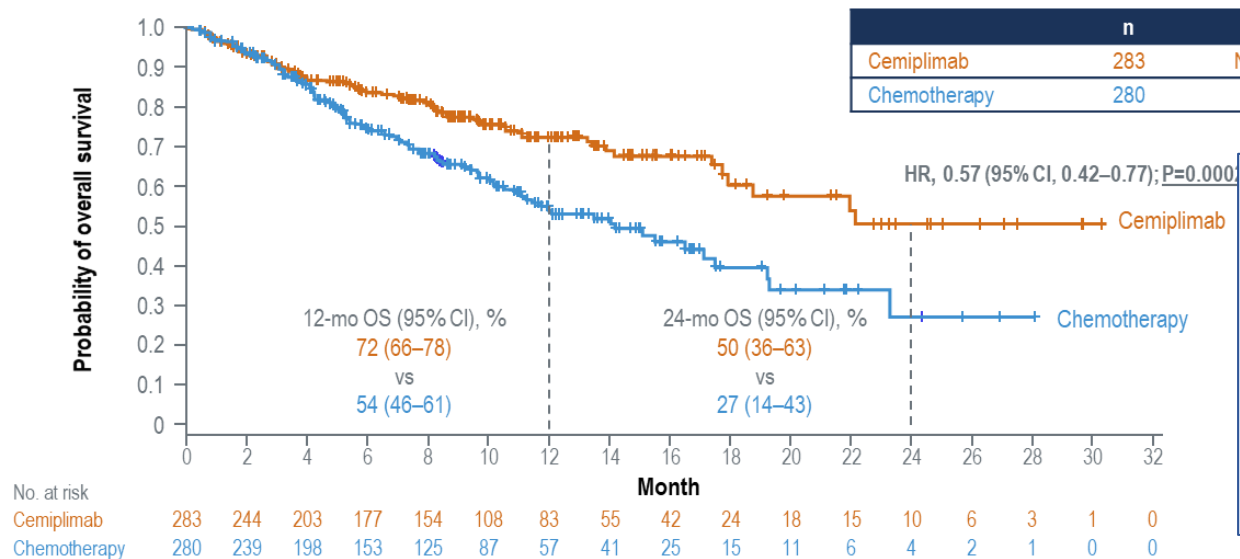
Median follow-up, 31.3 mo (range, 0–52)

No. at Risk	Time (months)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	56
Atezolizumab		107	95	86	81	77	74	70	64	64	59	54	51	43	38	27	25	22	18	16	14	13	8	5	4	3	1	0	0
Chemotherapy		98	90	76	66	56	53	49	48	44	36	34	33	30	24	19	18	14	9	7	4	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	0

# EMPOWER-Lung-1



# Overall Survival by IRC: PD-L1 of at Least 50% (N=563)<sup>1</sup>



At 35 months' follow-up

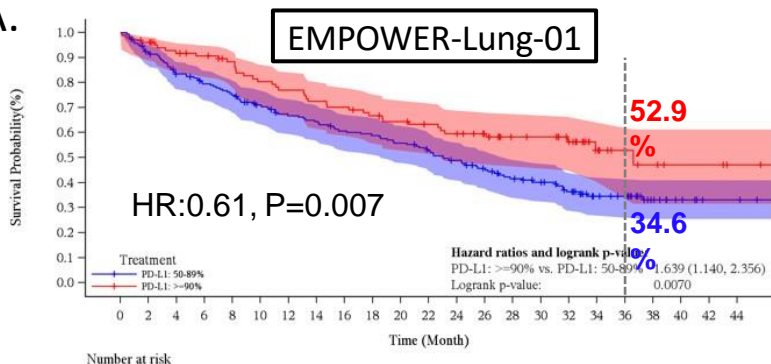
**Cemiplimab 26.1 m**  
vs  
**Chemo 13.3 m**  
HR 0.57 (0.46-0.71)  
p<0.0001

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; IQR, interquartile range; C, IRC, independent review committee; mo, month; NE, not evaluable; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death-ligand 1. Data cut-off date: 1 March 2020 (interim analysis #2). 1. Sezer A et al. *Lancet*. 2021;397:592–604 (including supplementary materials). Reproduced from *The Lancet*, Vol. 397, Sezer A, et al. Cemiplimab monotherapy for first-line treatment of advanced NSCLC with PD-L1 of at least 50%: a multicentre, open-label, global, phase 3, randomised, controlled trial, 592–604, Copyright (2021), with permission from Elsevier

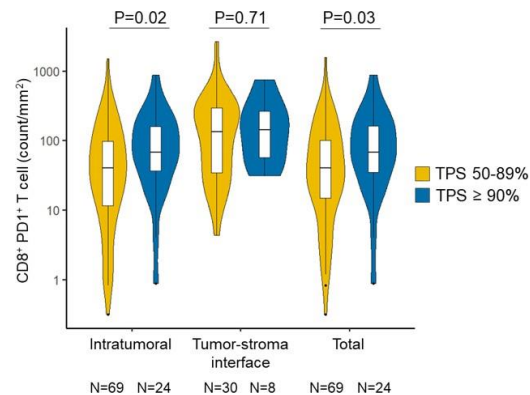
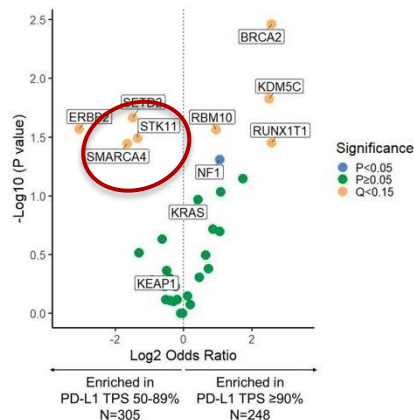


# Patients harboring NSCLC with PD-L1 TPS $\geq 90\%$ have improved long term survival with PD-1 inhibitors

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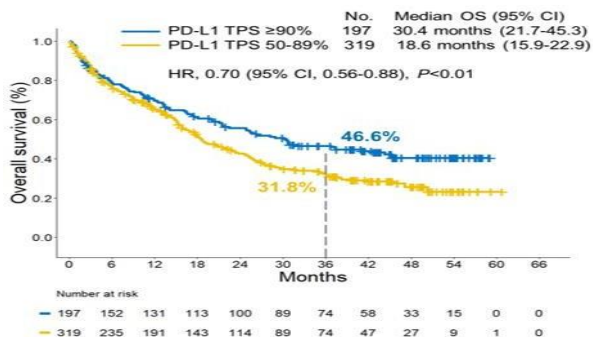


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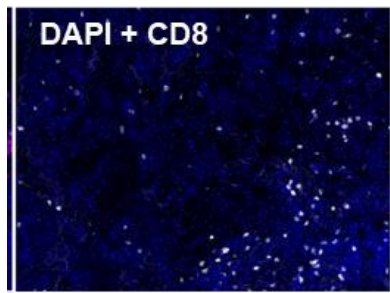


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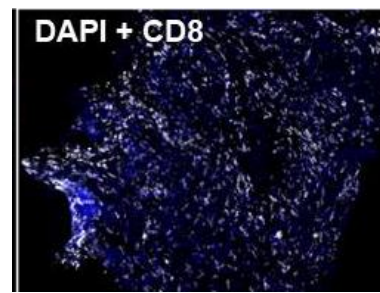
## Retrospective academic cohort



TPS 52 %



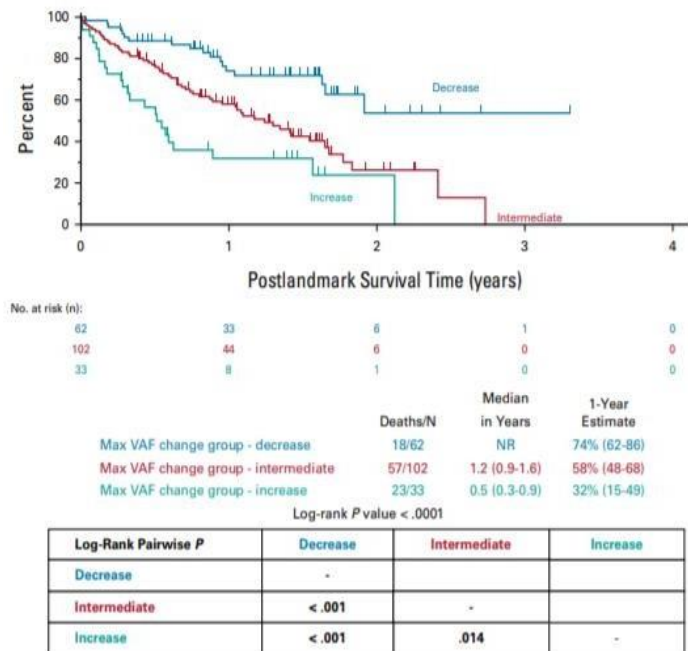
TPS 99 %



Ricciuti B et al, WCLC

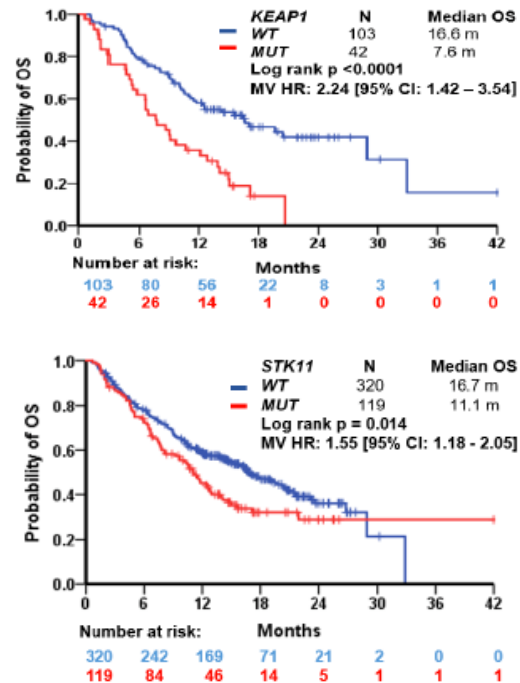
# Can we predict long term survival with immune checkpoint inhibitors?

## 2. Dynamic changes in ctDNA



Vega DM et al, *JCO Precis Oncol*, 2022

## 3. Genomic co-alterations



Limited data in IO outcomes in patients bearing alterations *STK11*, *KEAP1*, *SMARCA4* etc

# Take home messages 1°L monoterapia PDL1 >50%

- Pembrolizumab (> esperienza), atezolizumab o cemiplimab (anche St. IIIB) sono gli standard terapeutici. Studi con popolazioni non sovrapponibili
- Possibilità di modulare i ricicli di terapia sia per Pembro (3w e 6w) sia per Atezo (2w, 3w e 4w)
- Esistono alcuni parametri che predicono una lunga sopravvivenza ?
  - ✓ forse PDL1 > 90% (< prevalenza di mutazioni di STK11/SMARCA4 ed > linfociti T CD8+PD1+)
  - ✓ forse riduzione di ctDNA
  - ✓ forse KEAP1 o STK11

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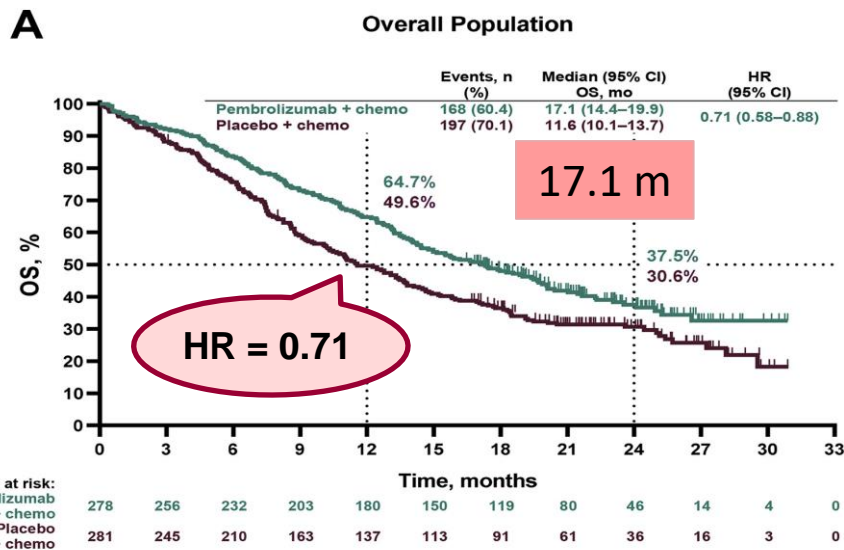
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# CT + Pembrolizumab

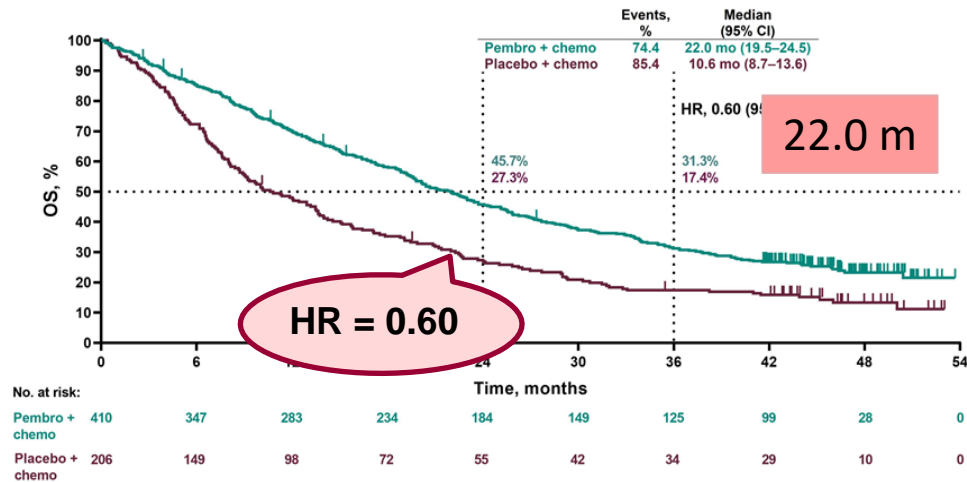
## KEYNOTE-407

Platinum + Taxane +/- Pembrolizumab  
SQUAMOUS NSCLC



## KEYNOTE-189

Platinum + pemetrexed +/- Pembrolizumab  
NON-SQUAMOUS NSCLC



Paz-Ares L, et al. J Thor Oncol 2020

Gray J.E. WCLC 2021 4-year FW

# CheckMate 9LA Study Design<sup>a</sup>

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Stage IV NSCLC
- No prior systemic therapy
- No sensitizing *EGFR* mutations or known *ALK* alterations
- ECOG PS 0–1

Stratified by  
PD-L1<sup>b</sup> (< 1% vs ≥ 1%),  
sex, and histology (SQ vs NSQ)

R  
1:1

NIVO 360 mg Q3W +  
IPI 1 mg/kg Q6W  
+  
Chemo<sup>c</sup> Q3W  
(2 cycles<sup>d</sup>)

Post-Induction  
NIVO 360 mg Q3W  
+  
IPI 1 mg/kg Q6W

Chemo<sup>c</sup> Q3W  
(4 cycles)

Optional  
Pemetrexed  
maintenance  
(NSQ histology)

Treatment until disease  
progression, unacceptable  
toxicity, OR  
for 2 years for NIVO + IPI

## Primary endpoint

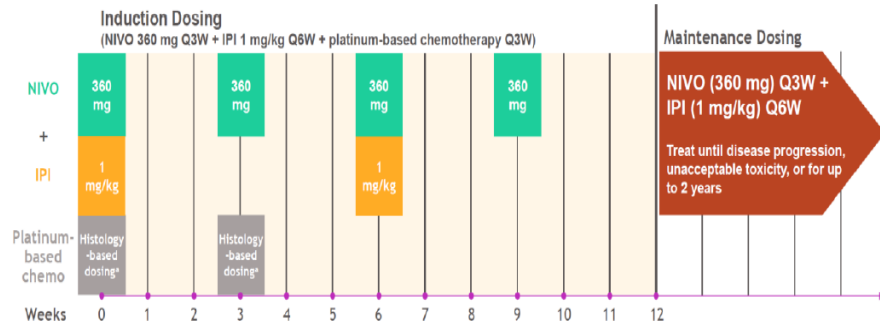
- OS

## Secondary endpoints

- PFS by BICR<sup>d</sup>
- ORR by BICR<sup>d</sup>
- Efficacy by tumor PD-L1 expression

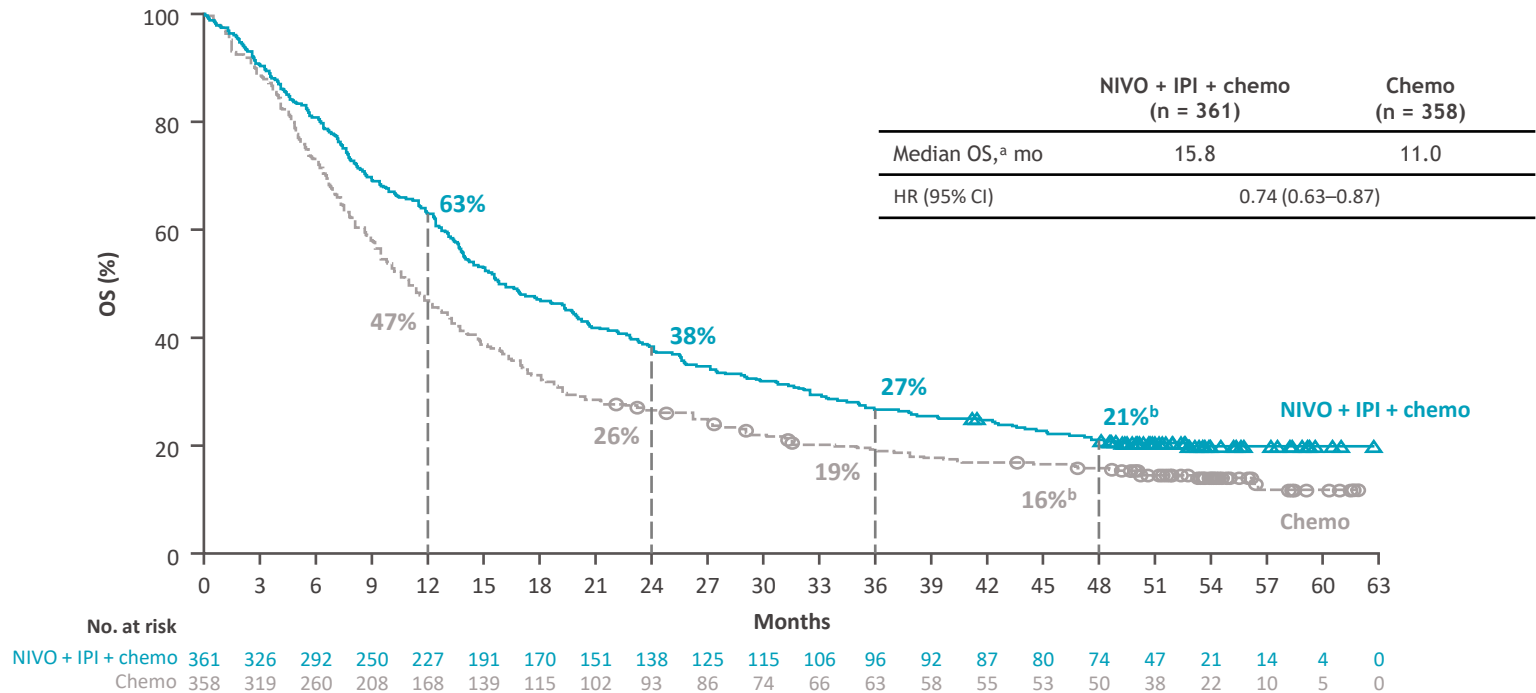
## Exploratory endpoint

- Safety



# OS in all randomized patients (4-year clinical update)

## A. All randomized



Database lock: February 13, 2023; minimum/median follow-up for OS: 47.9/54.5 months.  
 95% CIs for NIVO + IPI + chemo and chemo, respectively: <sup>a</sup>13.9-19.7 and 9.5-12.7; <sup>b</sup>17-25 and 12-20.

# Frontline Chemo-Immunotherapy Regardless of PD-L1 Expression

Trial	Treatment	Histology	Median DoR	Median OS	3-yr OS	4-yr OS	5-Yr OS
Keynote 189	CT + pembrolizumab	Non-squamous	12.7 m	22.0 m	31,3%	<b>23.6%</b>	19.4%
CheckMate 9LA	CT + ipilimumab + nivolumab	Non-squamous	17.5 m	17.8 m	28%	<b>22%</b>	-
Poseidon	CT + tremelimumab x5 + durvalumab	Non-squamous	16.4 m	17.2 m	31.4%	<b>25.1%</b>	-

Trial	Treatment	Histology	Median DoR	Median OS	3-yr OS	4-yr OS	5-Yr OS
Keynote 407	CT + pembrolizumab	Squamous	9.0 m	17.2 m	29,9%	<b>21.9%</b>	18.4%
CheckMate 9LA	CT <sub>2</sub> + ipilimumab + nivolumab	Squamous	10.8 m	14.5 m	24%	<b>20%</b>	-
Poseidon	CT + tremelimumab x5 + durvalumab	Squamous	5.6 m	10.4 m	14%	<b>13.1%</b>	-

*Not head-to-head comparisons*

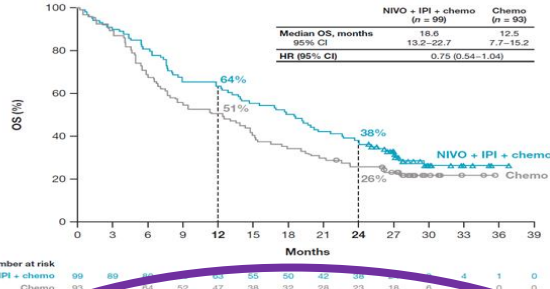
## How to Select Patients for CTLA-4 Inhibition?

Garassino M et al., JCO 2023; Novello S et al., JCO 2023; Carbone D et al., ASCO 2023; Johnson M et al., ESMO 2022; Paz-Ares, JTO 2023

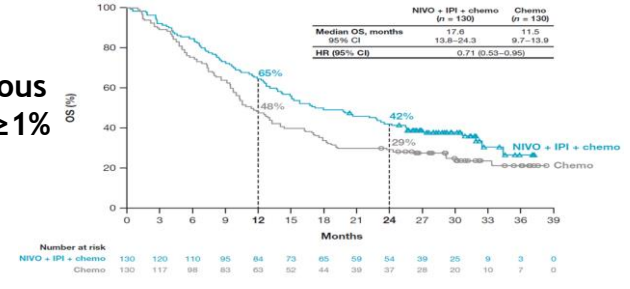


# CM 9LA - Overall survival (by histology and by PD-L1)

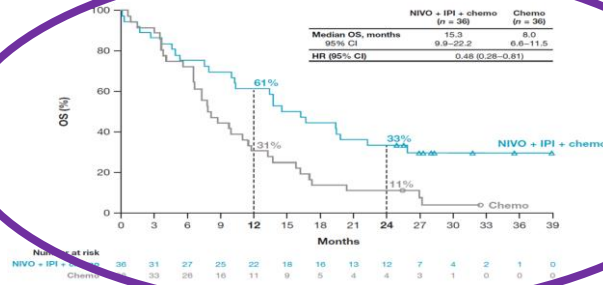
Non-squamous  
and PD-L1 <1%



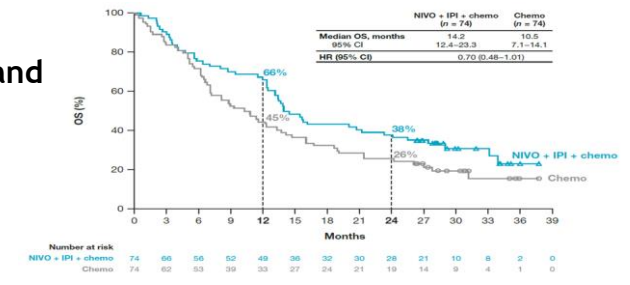
Non-squamous  
and PD-L1 ≥1%



Squamous and  
PD-L1 <1%

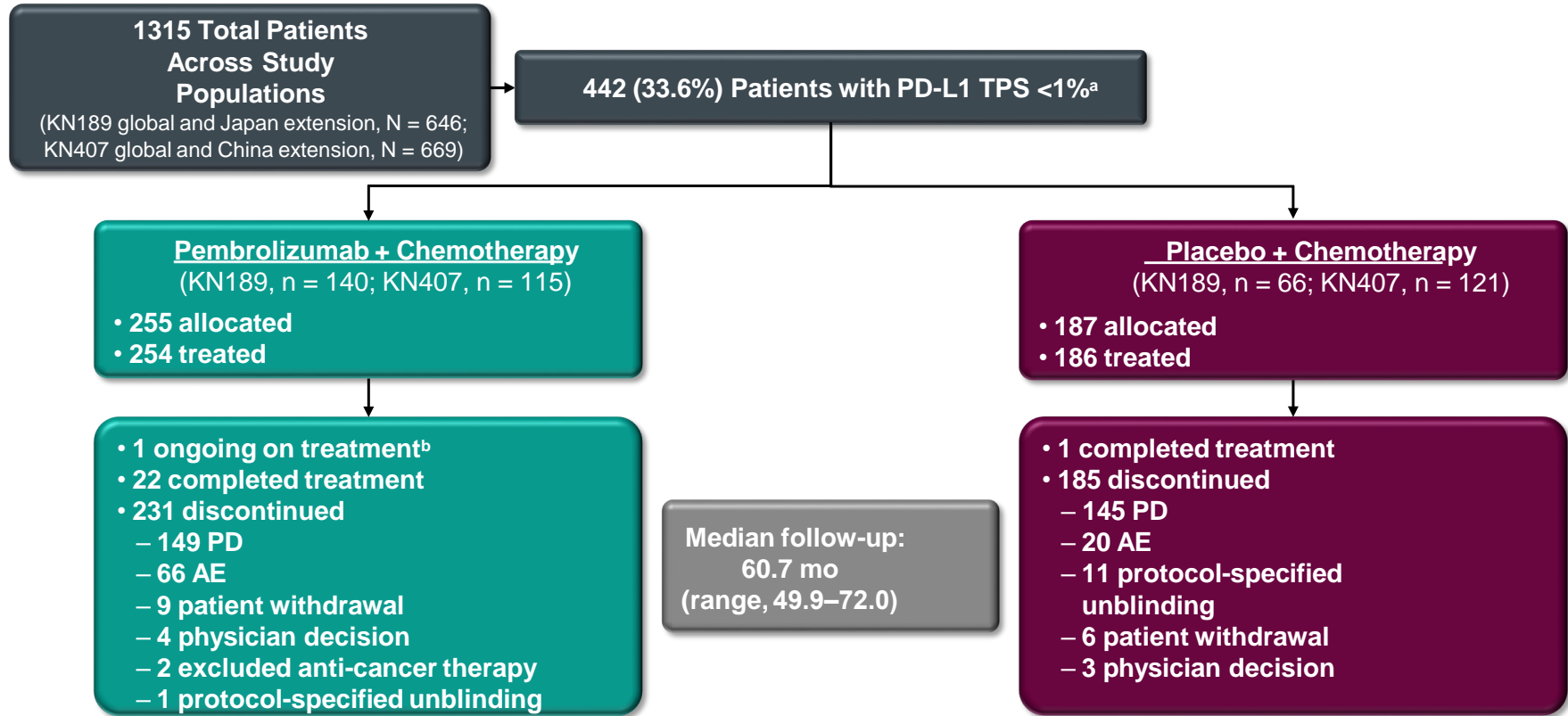


Squamous and  
PD-L1 ≥1%



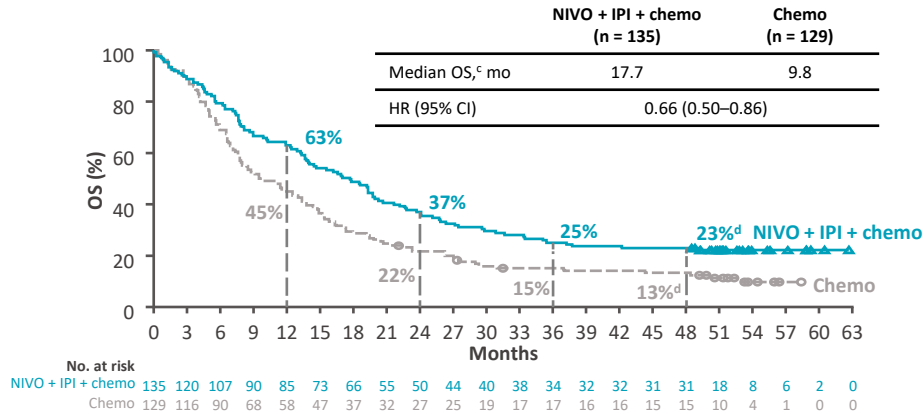
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# Disposition of Pooled Analysis Population



# PD-L1 < 1%

## Subgroup 9LA

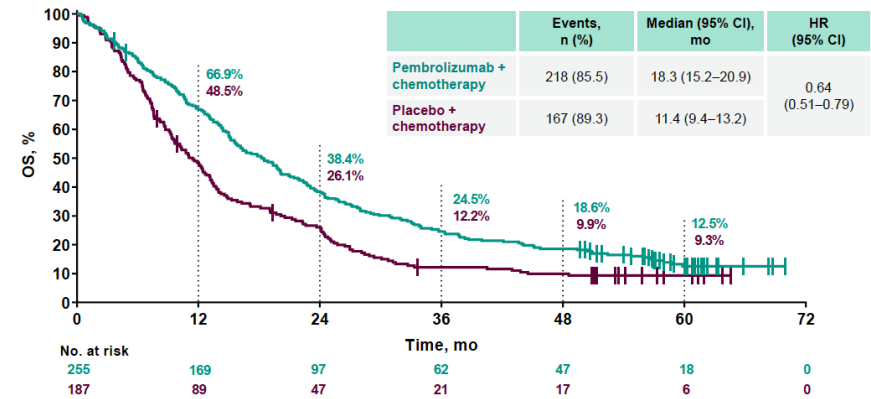


4-year clinical update

Carbone D. P. ASCO 2023 LBA9023

## Pooled analysis CT ± Pembro

### Overall Survival



5-year survival data

Gadgeel SM WCLC 2023 OA 14.05

# Which Room for Anti-CTLA-4?

## PD-L1 TPS<1%

		Median PFS (months)	3-yr PFS	5-yr PFS	Median OS (months)	3-yr OS	4-yr OS	5-yr OS
<b>Non-squamous</b>	CheckMate 227	-	-	-	17.5	<b>32%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>19%</b>
	CheckMate 9LA	6.4	16%	-	18.6	25%	-	-
	Keynote 189	6.2	6.4%	2.4%	17.2	23.3%	16%	9.6%
<b>Squamous</b>	CheckMate 227	-	-	-	16.3	<b>36%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>18%</b>
	CheckMate 9LA	5.3	19%	-	15.3	25%	-	-
	Keynote 407	6.3	11.6%	7.1%	15.0	22.1%	15.8%	10.7%

*Not head-to-head comparisons*

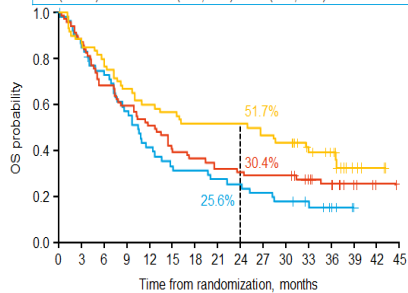
**Maybe**

Paz-Ares, ASCO 2022; Garassino et al., ESMO 2022; Novello et al., ESMO 2022; Gray et al., WCLC 2021; Garon, WCLC 2022; Robinson, ELCC 2021; Brahmer, JCO 2022

# Association Between *KRAS*/*STK11*/*KEAP1* Mutations and Outcomes in POSEIDON

**KRAS mutant**

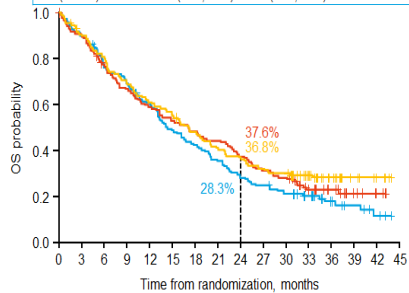
	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	38/60	51/69	43/53
mOS, mo (95%CI)	25.7 (9.9, 36.5)	12.6 (7.5, 16.9)	10.4 (7.5, 13.6)
HR* (95%CI)	0.56 (0.36, 0.88)	0.90 (0.53, 1.21)	–



No. at risk	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
60	53	46	40
36	34	31	31
31	28	26	17
14	4	2	0
2	0	0	0
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**KRAS WT**

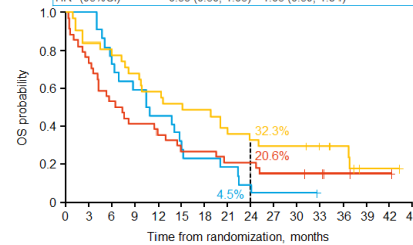
	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	104/148	101/134	119/148
mOS, mo (95%CI)	17.1 (13.4, 20.1)	17.1 (12.3, 22.6)	14.4 (12.6, 18.3)
HR* (95%CI)	0.80 (0.62, 1.04)	0.86 (0.66, 1.12)	–



No. at risk	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
148	132	118	101
89	81	69	59
53	46	43	30
16	8	4	0
4	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0

**STK11 mutant**

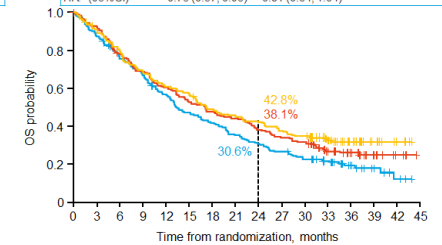
	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	24/31	29/34	21/22
mOS, mo (95%CI)	15.0 (8.2, 23.8)	6.9 (3.6, 12.9)	10.7 (6.0, 14.9)
HR* (95%CI)	0.56 (0.30, 1.03)	1.03 (0.59, 1.84)	–



No. at risk	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
31	26	24	21
18	15	11	10
9	9	7	5
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0	0	0	0

**STK11 WT**

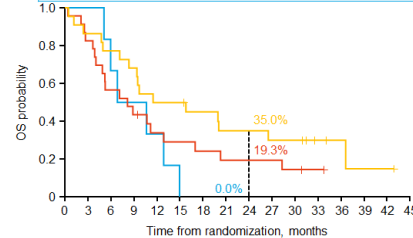
	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	118/177	123/169	141/179
mOS, mo (95%CI)	17.2 (14.9, 22.1)	17.1 (13.3, 22.3)	13.4 (11.5, 17.5)
HR* (95%CI)	0.73 (0.57, 0.93)	0.81 (0.64, 1.04)	–



No. at risk	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
177	159	140	120
107	100	85	79
74	65	60	40
25	11	5	0
5	0	0	0
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**KEAP1 mutant**

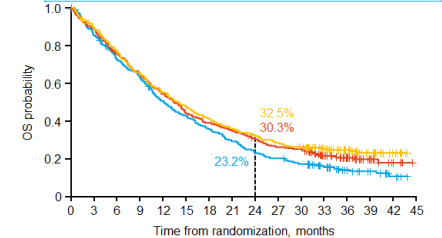
	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	18/22	19/23	6/6
mOS, mo (95%CI)	13.7 (7.2, 26.5)	8.1 (4.0, 12.9)	8.7 (5.1, NE)
HR* (95%CI)	0.43 (0.16, 1.25)	0.77 (0.31, 2.15)	–



No. at risk	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
22	19	17	15
11	9	7	7
6	3	2	1
0	0	0	0
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**KEAP1 WT**

	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	228/303	241/307	262/312
mOS, mo (95%CI)	14.0 (11.8, 16.1)	13.5 (11.7, 14.9)	12.2 (10.6, 13.9)
HR* (95%CI)	0.79 (0.66, 0.94)	0.85 (0.71, 1.01)	–



No. at risk	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
303	268	230	194
165	142	123	108
97	85	78	57
38	19	8	0
8	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0

- Exploratory analyses
- Small sample size

# Take home messages 1°L PDL1 <50%

- CT+Pembrolizumab (> esperienza) e CT+Nivo-Ipi sono gli standard terapeutici.
- Non è ancora chiaro come selezionare clinicamente i pazienti che beneficiano maggiormente di uno o dell'altro schema terapeutico (PDL1 < 1% ?)
- Esistono alcune analisi esplorative su piccole casistiche che ipotizzano una maggior utilità di associare un anti-CTLA4 in caso di mutazioni di K-RAS o STK11 o KEAP1
- Troppi studi ME TOO.
- La nuova sfida è rendere questi trattamenti accessibili alla maggior parte dei pazienti e ridurre i costi

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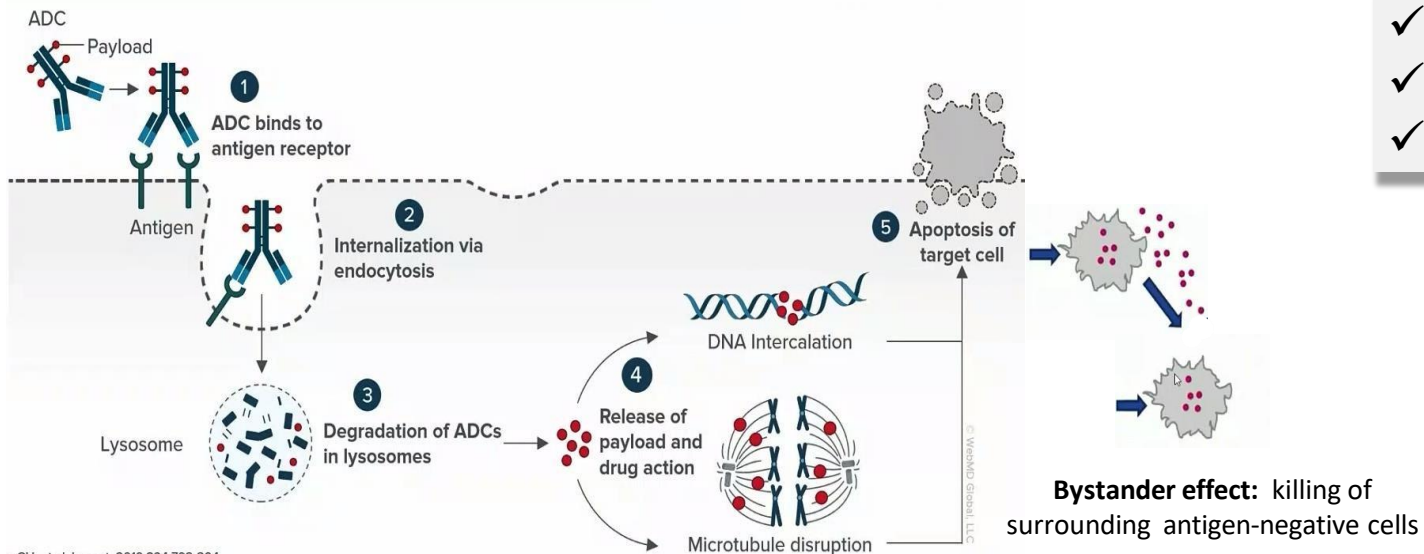
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## Mechanisms of action of ADCs



- ✓ Apoptosis
- ✓ ADCC/ CDC/ ADCP
- ✓ Bystander Effect

- HER-2
- HER-3
- TROP-2
- C-MET
- CEACAM-5
- B7-H3

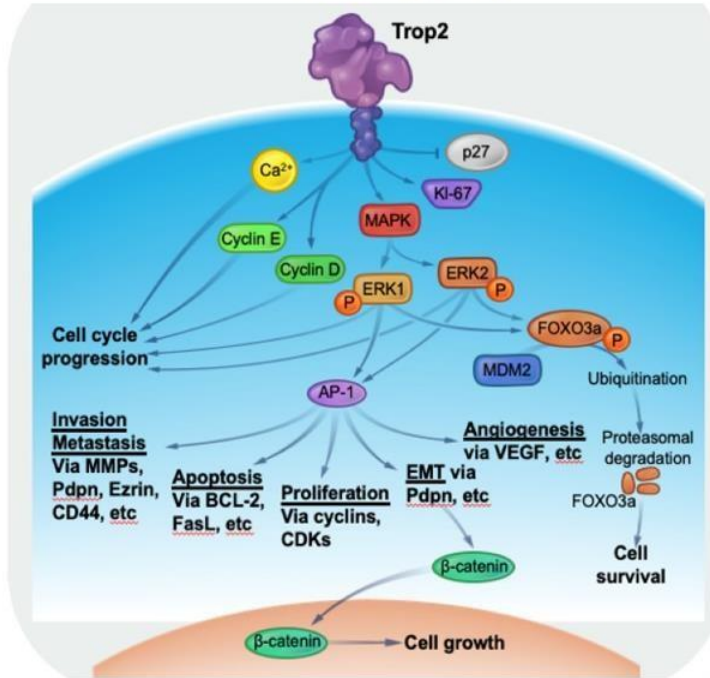
Chau CH et al. *Lancet* 2019; 394:793





# TROP-2 as a therapeutic target in NSCLC

TROP2: Cell Signaling



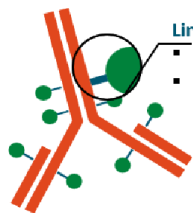
- Trophoblast cell-surface antigen 2 (TROP-2) is a transmembrane glycoprotein overexpressed in solid tumors including TNBC and NSCLC, associated with poor survival
- **NSCLC overexpression in 64% of AC and 75% of SCC**
- TROP-2 is an epithelial adhesion molecule and regulates stem cell marker-associated cell regeneration

# TROP-2 targeted ADCs

## Sacituzumab Govitecan

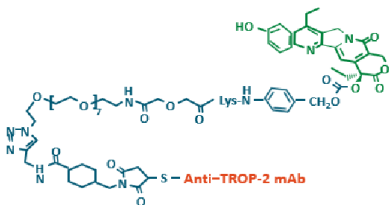
### Humanized RS7 Antibody

- Targets TROP-2
- Type: hRS7 IgG1k



### Linker for SN-38

- High DAR (7.6:1)
- pH-sensitive linker for rapid release of payload at or inside tumor



### SN-38 Payload

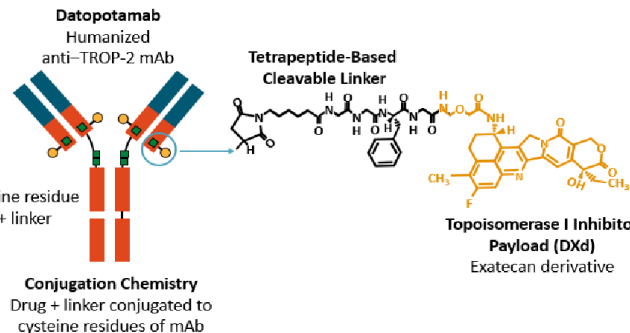
- Delivers 136-fold more to tumors than parent compound irinotecan
- Unique chemistry improves solubility, selectively delivers SN-38 to tumor

**Bystander effect:** In acidic tumor microenvironment, SN-38 is released from anti-TROP-2 antibody and diffuses into neighboring TROP-2-negative cells

Goldenberg, Oncotarget. 2015;6:22496. Goldenberg, MAbs. 2019;11:987. Sacituzumab govitecan PI.

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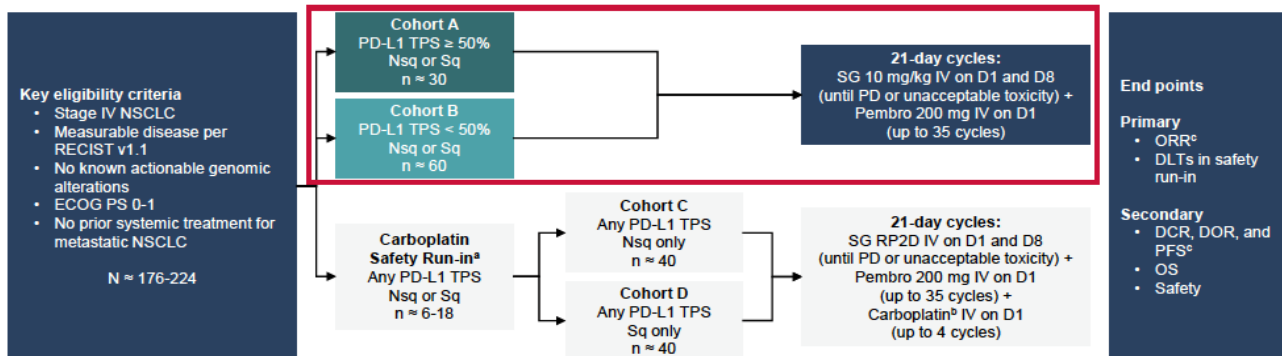
## Datopotamab Deruxtecan



- High-potency, membrane-permeable payload with short systemic half-life
- Optimized DAR: ~4:1
- Stable linker-payload
- Tumor-selectable cleavable linker
- Bystander killing effect

Okajima, Mol Cancer Ther. 2021;20:2329. Shastri, Breast. 2022;66:169. Bardia, SABCS 2022. Abstr P6-10-03. Yasuda, AACR 2023. Abstr 4893.

# EVOKE-02: An Open-Label, Multicohort Phase 2 Study, 1<sup>st</sup> Line



The safety profile of SG + Pembro was manageable and consistent with the known safety of each agent

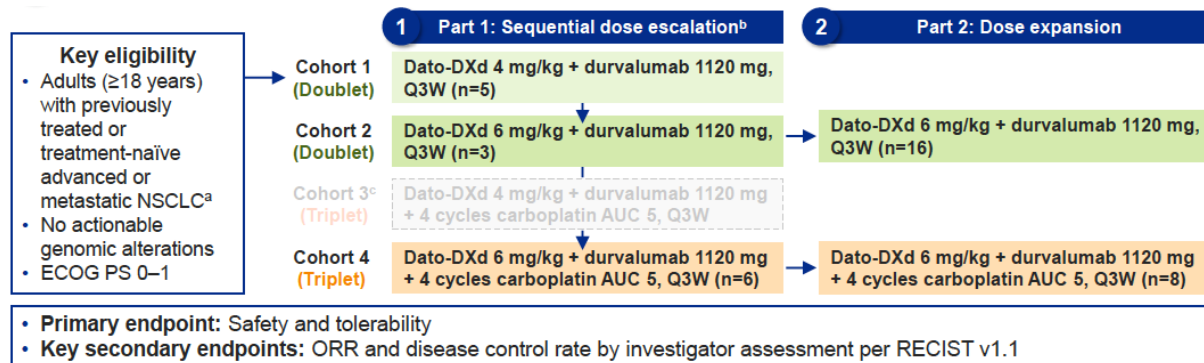
- The most common any-grade TEAEs were diarrhea, anemia, and asthenia
- TEAEs leading to treatment discontinuation were low (18%)

	> 50%	< 50%	
	Cohort A (PD-L1 TPS ≥ 50%) SG + Pembro n = 29	Cohort B (PD-L1 TPS < 50%) SG + Pembro n = 32	Total SG + Pembro n = 61
<b>Efficacy by INV<sup>a</sup></b>			
ORR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI), %	69 (49-85)	44 (26-62)	56 (42-69)
PR, n (%) – confirmed and unconfirmed	20 (69)	14 (44)	34 (56)
Confirmed PR, n (%)	18 (62)	12 (38)	30 (49)
SD, n (%)	5 (17)	11 (34)	16 (26)
PD, n (%)	3 (10)	2 (6)	5 (8)
DCR <sup>c</sup> (95% CI), %	86 (68-96)	78 (60-91)	82 (70-91)
Median DOR <sup>d,e</sup> (95% CI), months	NR (5.6-NR)	NR (3.5-NR)	NR (7.9-NR)
DOR rate at 6 months <sup>d,e</sup> (95% CI), %	88 (39-98)	88 (39-98)	87 (58-97)
<b>KEYNOTE 189: ORR:</b>	62.1% (TPS≥50%),	50% (TPS 1-49%),	48.3% all comers

Ongoing, open-label, global, randomized, **phase 3 EVOKE-03 study**: SG + Pembro versus Pembro monotherapy in 1L mNSCLC PD-L1 TPS ≥ 50%

# TROPION-Lung04 Study Design

Phase 1b, multicenter, open-label, dose escalation/confirmation and expansion study



## Safety

- No new safety signals
- The most frequent TEAEs were stomatitis, nausea and alopecia.
- G3 hematological tox more frequent in triplet
- 4 case of ILD

The Phase 3 AVANZAR (NCT05687266), TROPION-Lung07 (NCT0555732) and TROPION-Lung08 (NCT05215340) trials are evaluating Dato-DXd and immune checkpoint inhibitor combinations as potential 1L treatment options in patients with advanced or metastatic NSCLC

Response in patients in the 1L setting, <sup>a</sup> n (%)		Cohort 2 (doublet) N=14	Cohort 4 (triplet) N=13
Objective response rate (confirmed)		7 (50.0)	10 (76.9)
	[95% CI]	[23.0, 77.0]	[46.2, 95.0]
Best objective response	Complete response	0	0
	Partial response	7 (50.0)	10 (76.9) <sup>b</sup>
	Stable disease	6 (42.9)	2 (15.4)
	Progressive disease	1 (7.1)	1 (7.7)
Disease control rate		13 (92.9)	12 (92.3)
	[95% CI]	[66.1, 99.8]	[64.0, 99.8]

# PROSPETTIVE FUTURE

## Take home messages

- ✓ TROP-2 è un target interessante, frequentemente espresso nei ca. polmonari (>60% in SCC, 42-64% in AC, 20% nei neuroendocrini alto grado)
- ✓ Preliminari **segnali di attività promettenti** degli anti-TROP-2 ADCs
- ✓ **Tossicità maneggevole**
- ✓ **Manca un biomarcatore predittore di efficacia**
- ✓ **Significativa attività e buona safety quando associati con IO**

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