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## LUNG CANCER Poster Review

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# Outline

- **Early Disease**

1. NEO-adjuvant chemo-immunotherapy for the treatment of STAGE IIIA resectable NSCLC: Data of patients who underwent surgical assessment

- **Locally Advanced Disease**

1. Three year OS update from the PACIFIC trial
2. Alteration in TME after CRT for locally advanced NSCLC

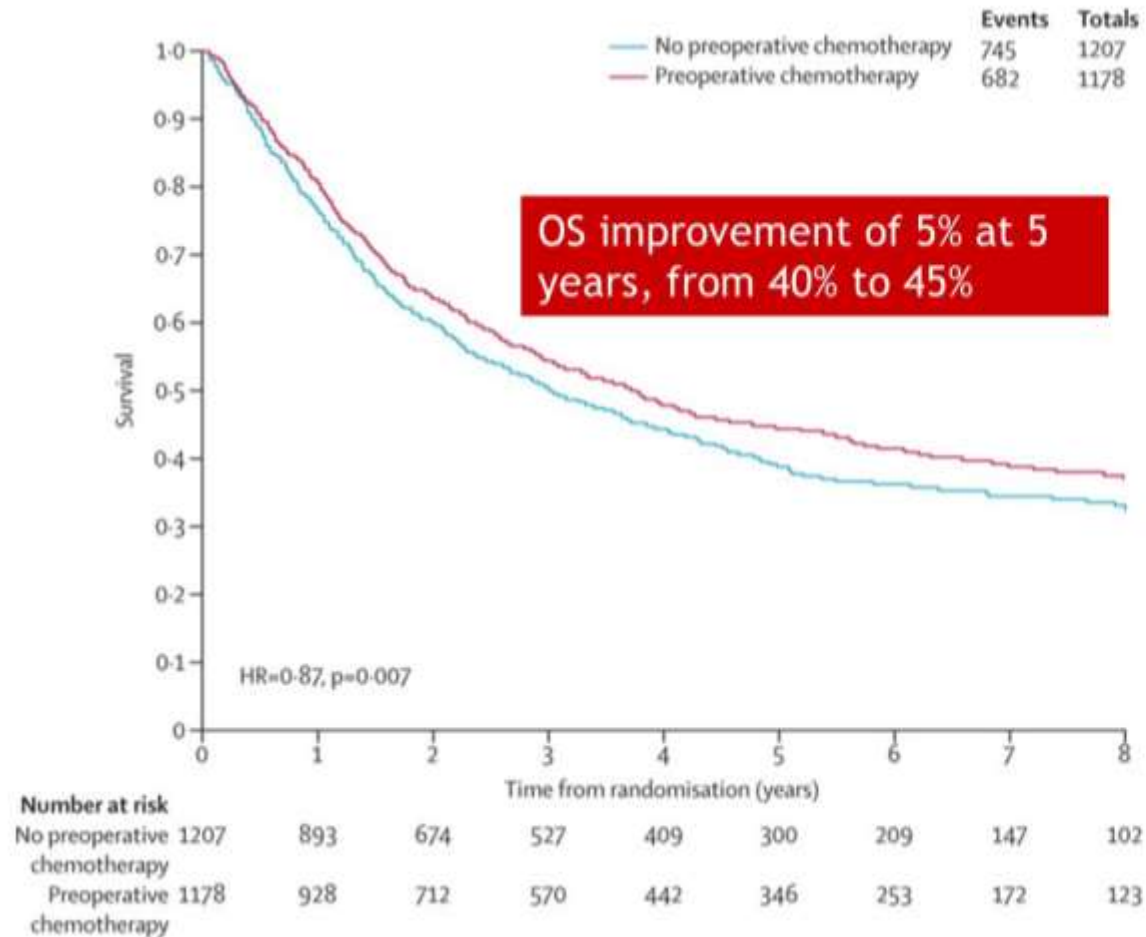
- **Advanced Disease**

1. 5-Year OS from the KEYNOTE-001 Trial
2. Updated OS from the KEYNOTE-189 Trial

- **Emerging IO Biomarkers**

1. Association of STK11/LKB1 with lack of benefit from the addition of Pembro to CT in non-squamous NSCLC

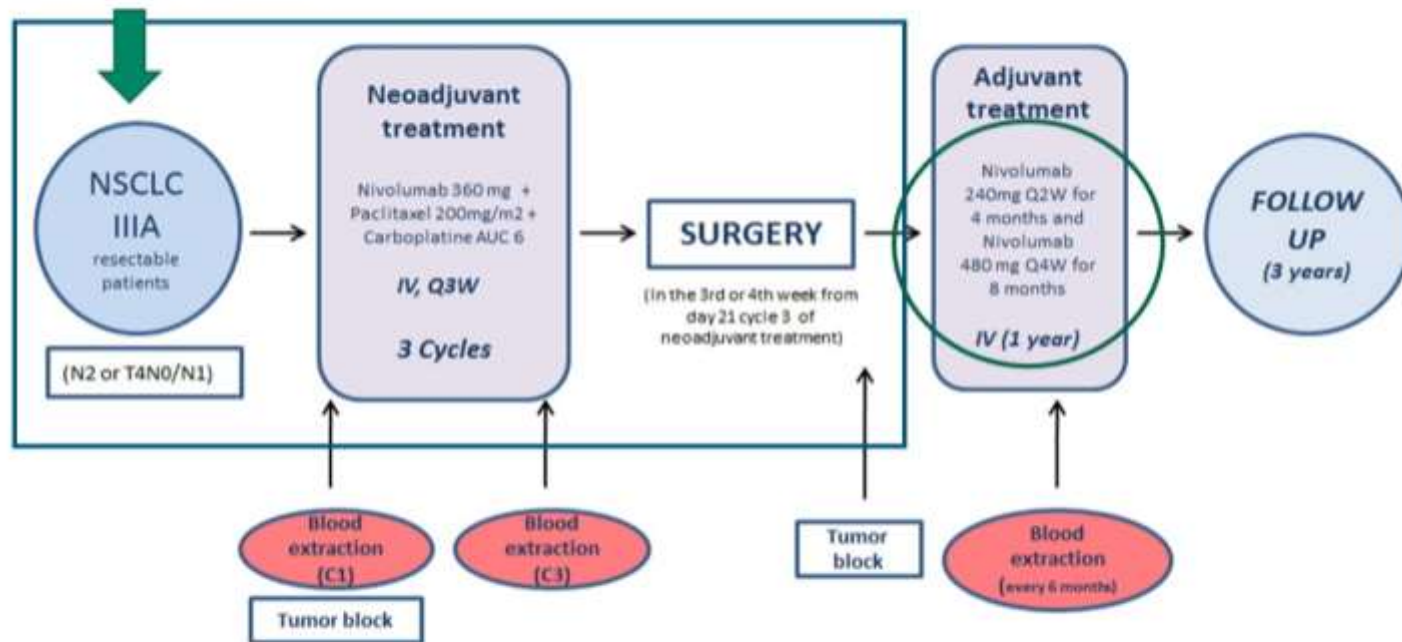
# Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy for resectable NSCLC



- Meta-analysis of preoperative chemotherapy for patients with resectable NSCLC
- 15 randomized controlled trials (2385 patients)
- Significant benefit of preoperative chemotherapy on OS:
  - hazard ratio [HR] 0.87, 95% CI 0.78-0.96,  $p=0.007$
  - 13% reduction in the relative risk of death (no evidence of a difference between trials;  $p=0.18$ )

# NADIM Study Design

Bronchoscopy or  
mediastinoscopy to  
assess LN status



A Phase II, single-arm, open-label and multicenter study of resectable stage IIIA NSCLC patients with CT + IO as a neoadjuvant treatment (46 patients).

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Patients aged  $\geq 18$  years.  
Stage IIIA NSCLC (7<sup>th</sup> edition) and resectable tumor.  
ECOG Performance Status 0-1.  
Forced expiratory volume (FEV1)  $\geq 1.2$  liters.  
Adequate hepatic, hematological and renal functions.  
EGFR and ALK mutated patients are ineligible.

**Primary endpoint:** Progression-Free Survival at 24 months.

## Secondary endpoints::

Down-staging rate, complete resection rate and response rate (RR).  
Toxicity profile.  
Time to progression and 3-year overall survival.  
Surgical outcome and operative and post-operative complications.  
To explore the expression of other biomarkers.  
To determine whether PD-L1 expression is a predictive biomarker for ORR.  
To determine PFS in PD-L1+ ( $\geq 1\%$ ) population.

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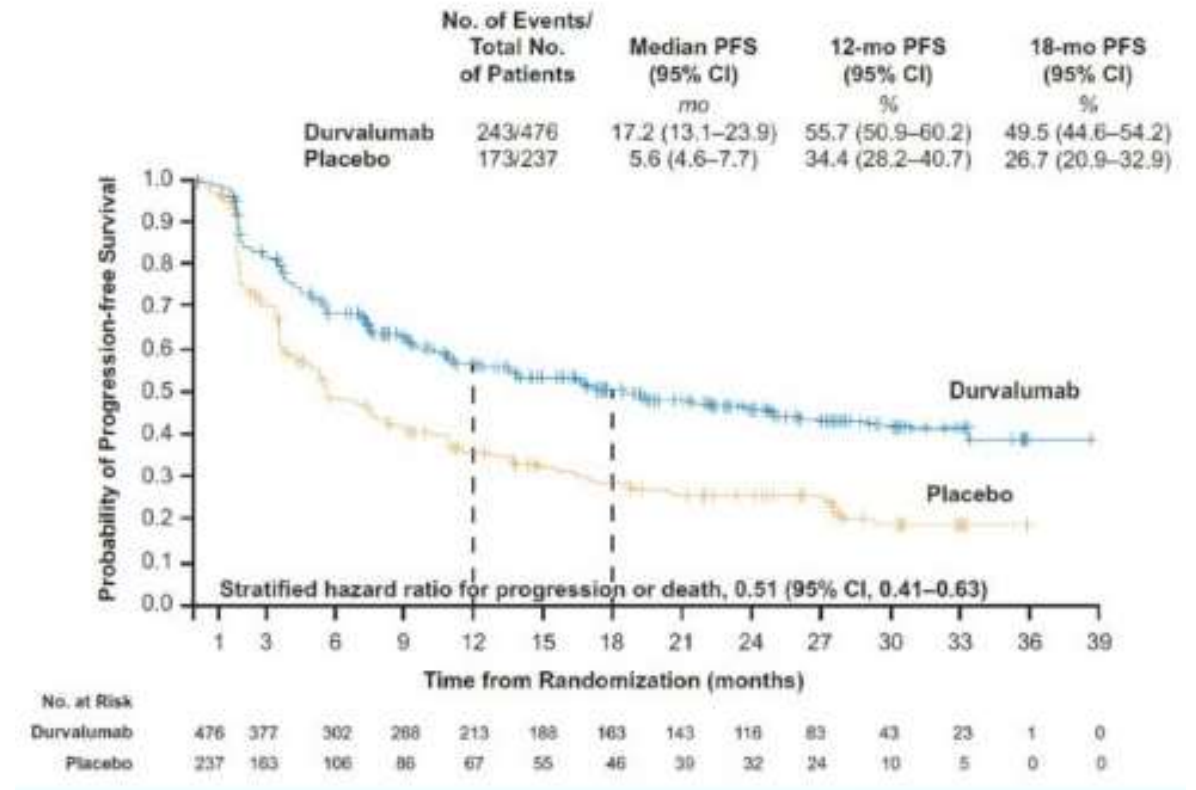
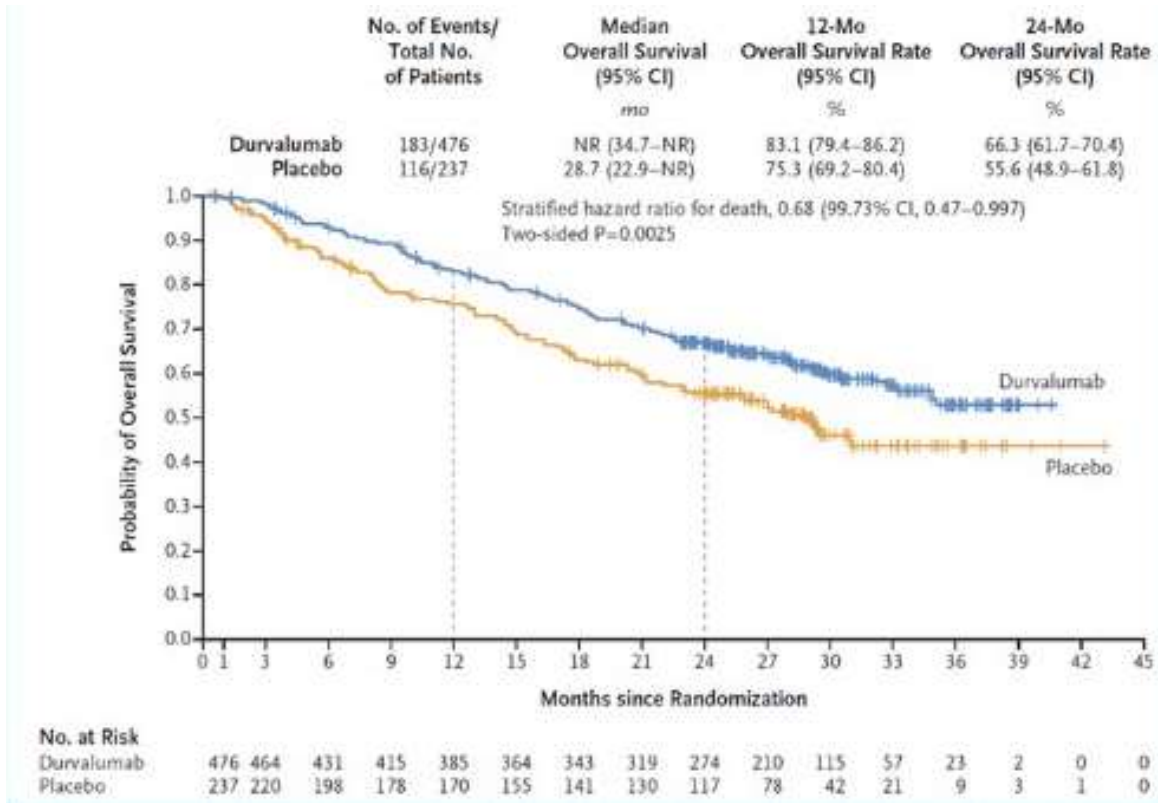
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# Durvalumab new standard of care in stage III NSCLC



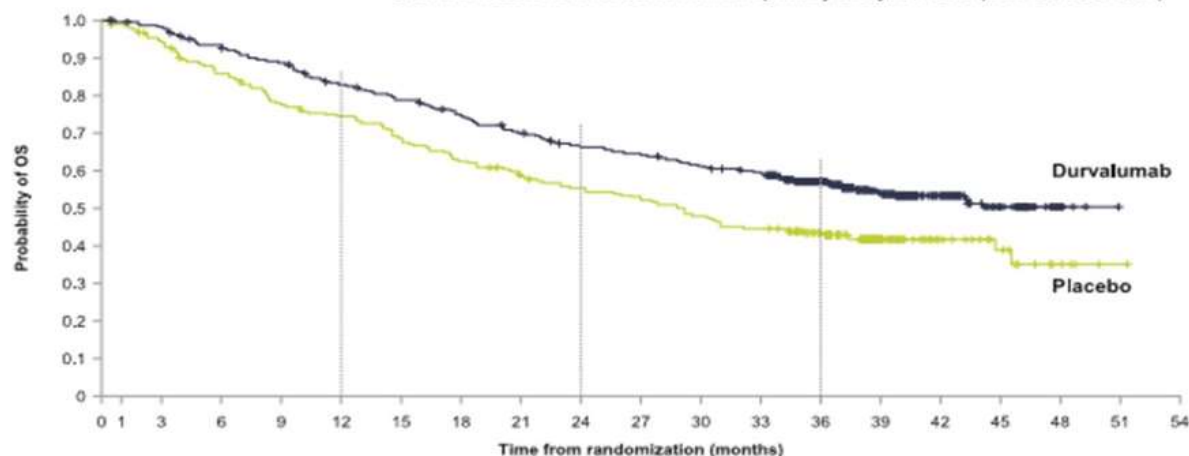
Consolidation IO after CRT significantly improves RFS and OS

# PACIFIC: 3 year OS update

	No. of events/ total no. of patients (%)	Median OS (95% CI) months	12-month OS rate (95% CI) %	24-month OS rate (95% CI) %	36-month OS rate (95% CI) %
Durvalumab	210/476 (44.1)	NR (38.4–NR)	83.1 (79.4–86.2)	66.3 (61.8–70.4)	57.0 (52.3–61.4)
Placebo	134/237 (56.5)	29.1 (22.1–35.1)	74.6 (68.5–79.7)	55.3 (48.6–61.4)	43.5 (37.0–49.9)

Stratified hazard ratio for death, 0.69 (95% CI, 0.55–0.86)

Stratified hazard ratio for death from the primary analysis,<sup>9</sup> 0.68 (95% CI, 0.53–0.87)



No. at risk	0	1	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54
Durvalumab	476	464	431	415	385	364	343	319	298	289	274	263	205	132	73	33	7	0	0	0
Placebo	237	220	199	179	171	156	143	133	123	116	107	99	79	49	25	13	5	1	0	0

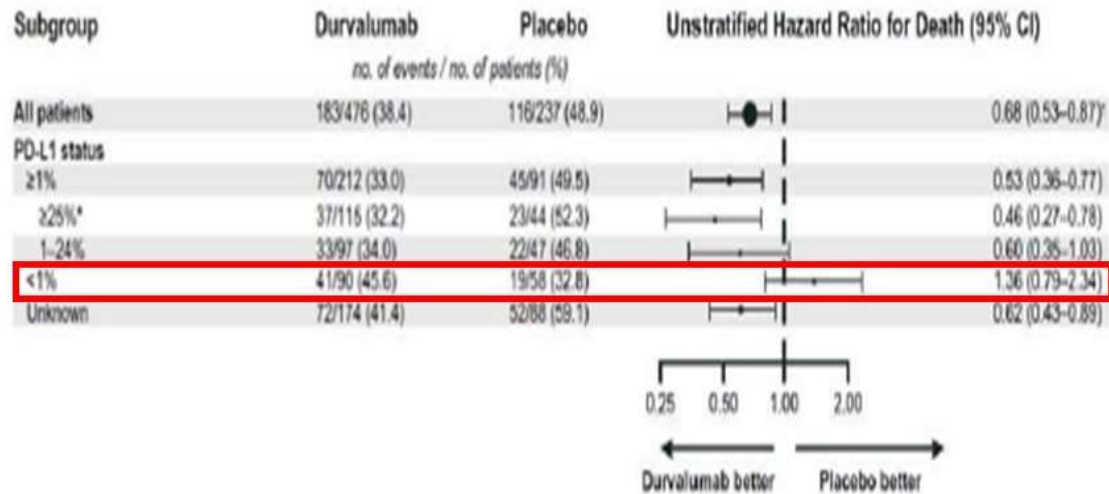
NR, not reached

HR: 0.69 (vs 0.68 primary analysis)  
31% reduction of death risk

OS rate	Durvalumab	Placebo	Delta
12-month	83.1%	74.6%	8.5%
24-month	66.3%	55.3%	11%
36-month	57%	43.5%	13.5%

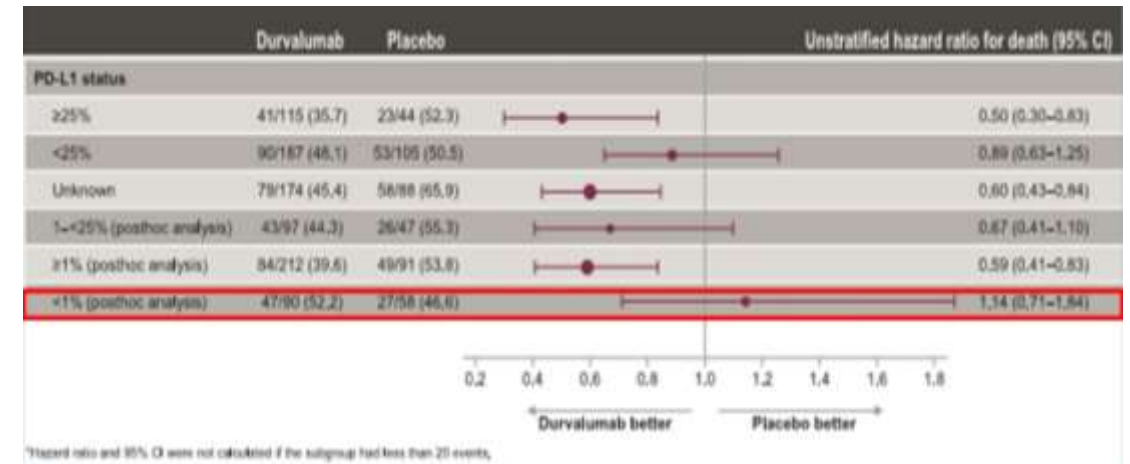
# PACIFIC: PD-L1 expression and OS

## Primary exploratory analysis



OS HR: 1.36 in PD-L1 <1%

## Updated analysis at 3 years



OS HR: 1.14 in PD-L1 <1%



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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** The consolidation treatment with durvalumab, an anti-PD-L1 antibody, after concurrent chemo-radiotherapy (cCRT) has become a new standard of care for locally advanced non-small cell lung cancer (LA-NSCLC). The rationale of the addition of anti-PD-L1 antibody is based on evidence suggesting that chemotherapy and radiotherapy may up-regulate PD-L1 expression on tumor cells. However, there has been no clinical evidence showing up-regulation of PD-L1 expression after cCRT.

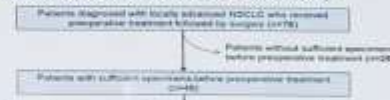
**Methods:** LA-NSCLC patients with paired histologic specimens for immuno-histochemical analysis of tumoral PD-L1 expression (tumor proportion score, TPS) and stromal CD8+ tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte (CD8+TIL) density before and after pre-operative treatment in this study. Twenty-three patients who underwent cCRT were reviewed in comparison with who underwent chemotherapy.

**Results:** PD-L1 expression was significantly enhanced after cCRT (median TPS, 48 from 7.5 before;  $P=0.01$ ), but not after chemotherapy (median, 7.5 from 1;  $P=0.62$ ). No significant correlation between baseline TPS and TPS after cCRT. Stromal CD8+TIL density was significantly increased after cCRT (median, 39 from 11;  $P<0.01$ ), but not after chemotherapy (median, 23 from 12;  $P=0.08$ ). No significant correlation between baseline TPS and stromal CD8+TIL density after cCRT ( $P=0.378$ ). Among cCRT cases, stromal CD8+TIL density after treatment was significantly higher in cases with higher pathologic response to cCRT (median, 55 versus 27;  $P<0.01$ ), and higher stromal CD8+TIL density was a significant factor to predict a favorable survival after surgery ( $P=0.03$  for recurrence-free survival;  $P=0.02$  for overall survival).

**Conclusions:** PD-L1 expression was significantly upregulated after cCRT regardless of baseline PD-L1 status, which may provide a pathologic rationale for the use of anti-PD-L1 agent after cCRT to improve the prognosis. Stromal CD8+TIL density also increased after cCRT, which was correlated with pathologic response to cCRT and provided a significant prognostic impact.

## Patients

Flow diagram of patients enrolled in the study



## Alterations in PD-L1 expression on tumor cells and stromal CD8+TIL density

Alteration in PD-L1 expression on tumor cells after chemotherapy or cCRT



Alteration in density of stromal CD8+TILs after chemotherapy or cCRT



## Results from 23 pts receiving CRT:

PD-L1 expression was significantly enhanced after CRT

No correlation between baseline PD-L1 and PD-L1 after CRT

Stromal CD8+ TIL density was significantly increased after CRT and correlated to pathologic response

density of stromal CD8+TILs after cCRT

pathologic response

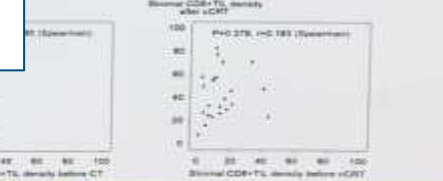
response: E1.1 (n=6) Pathologic response: E1.2 (n=17)



and that after cCRT

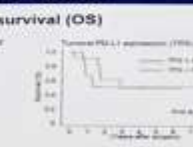
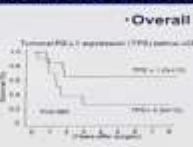
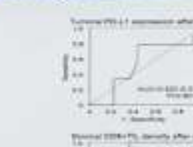
relationship between density of stromal CD8+TILs and pathologic response

chemotherapy (n=18) Concurrent chemo-radiotherapy (n=23)



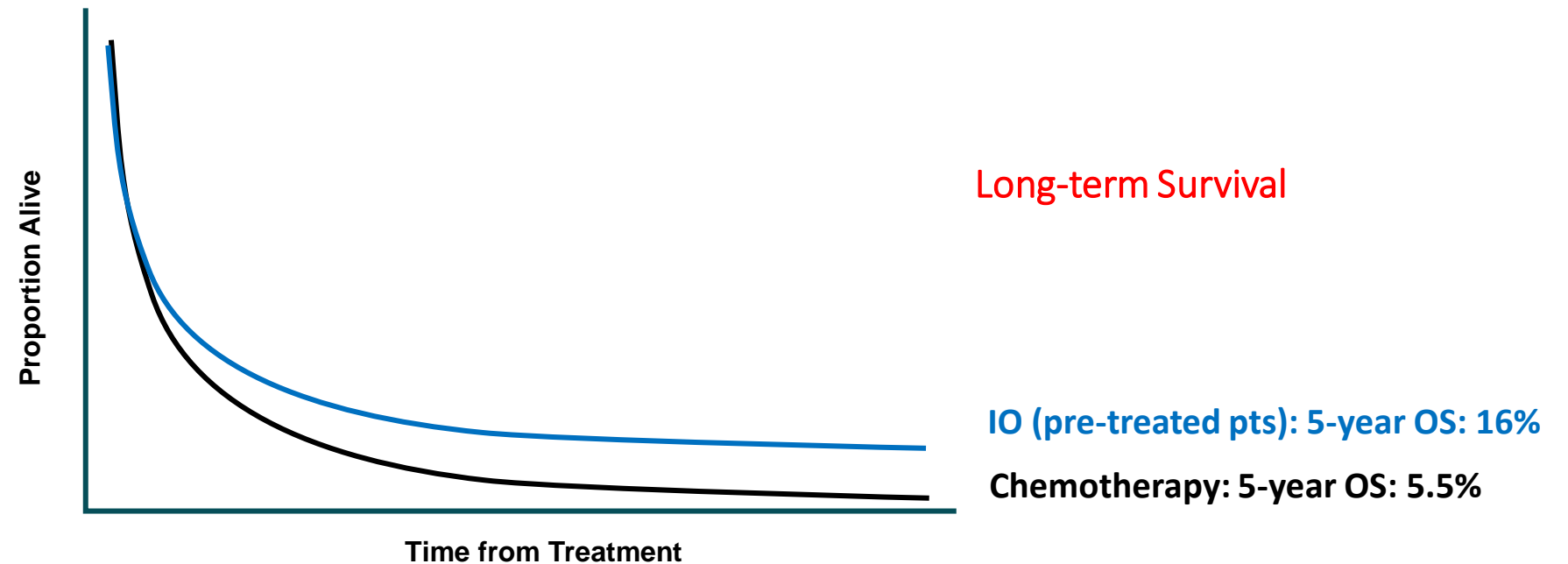
## Prognosis according to PD-L1 expression on tumor cells or stromal CD8+TIL density before and after cCRT

ROC curve for PD-L1 expression on tumor cells or density of stromal CD8+TILs to predict death or recurrence after surgery following cCRT



# Long-term Survival in advanced NSCLC

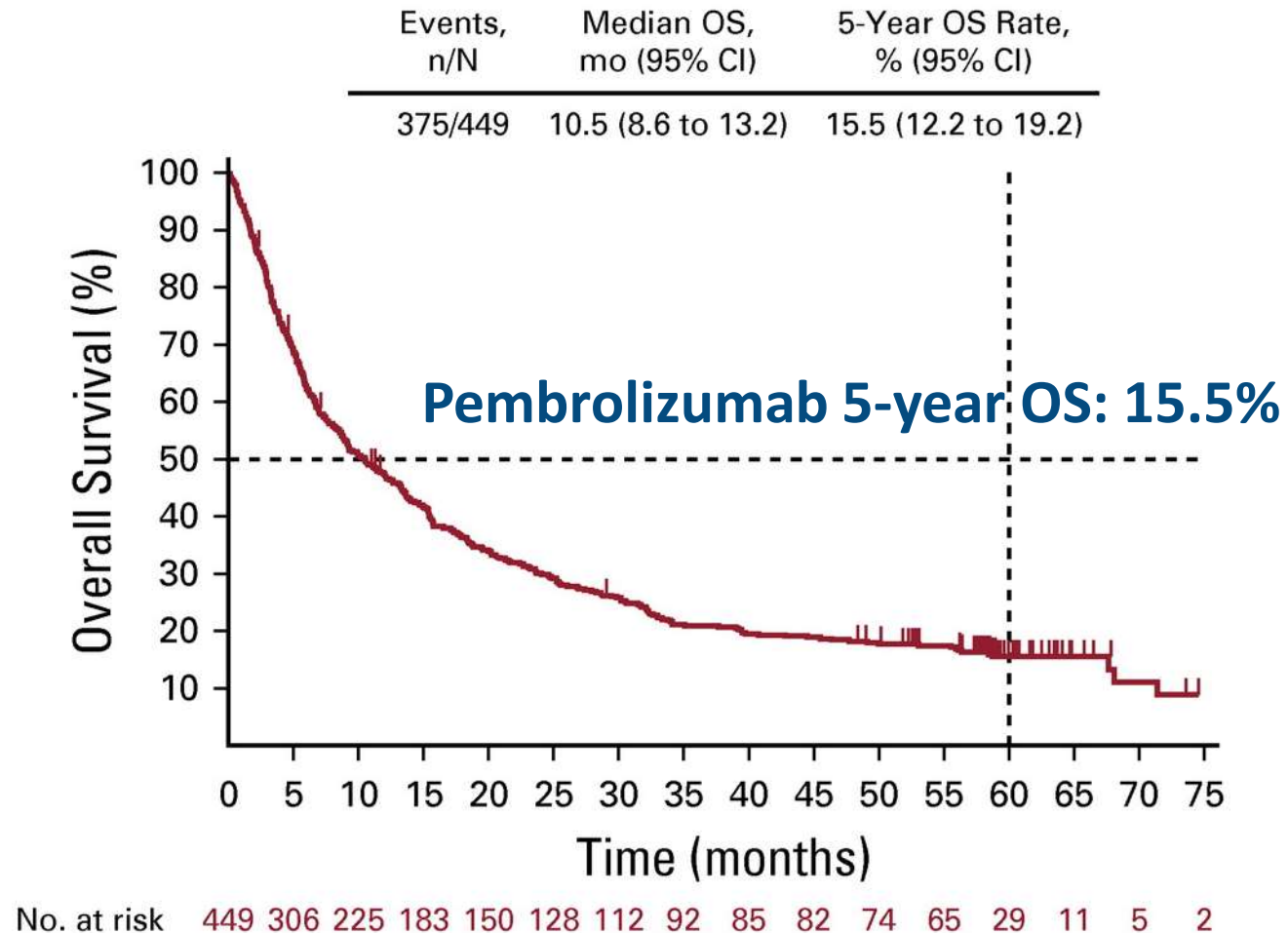
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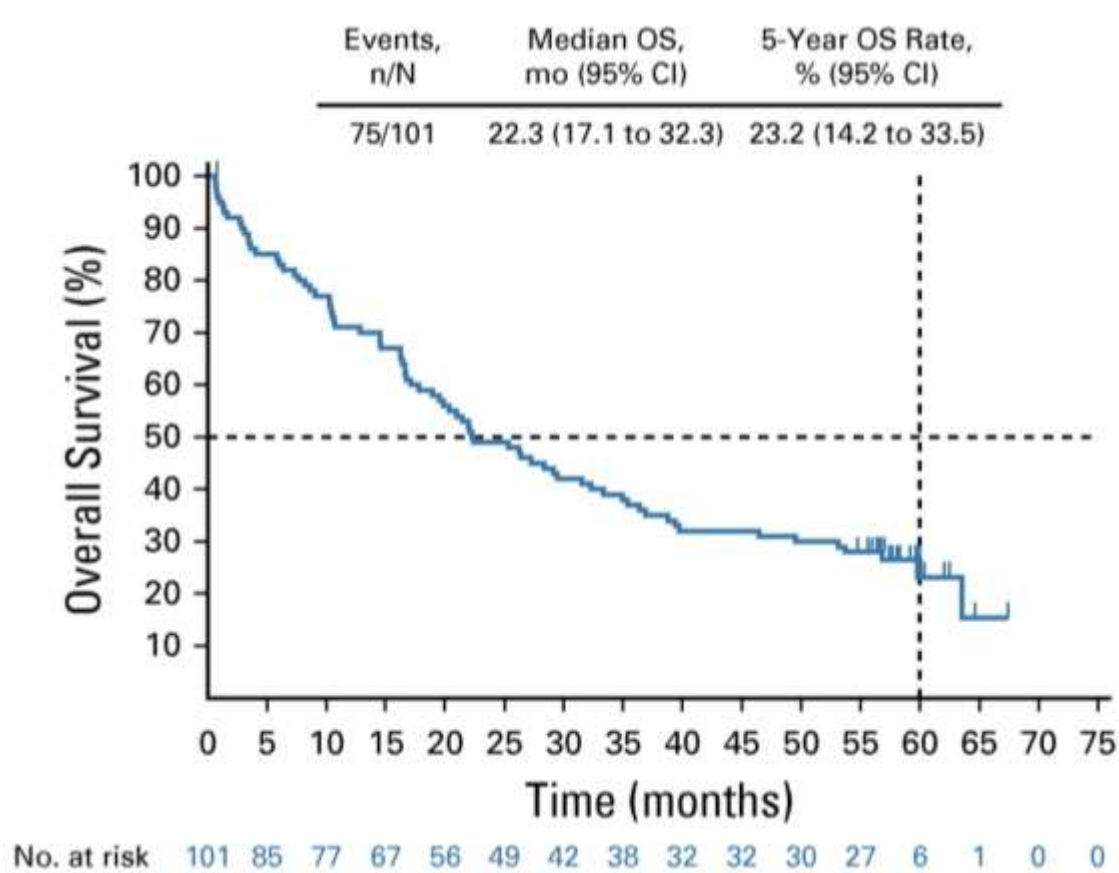
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## 5-year OS in pre-treated patients

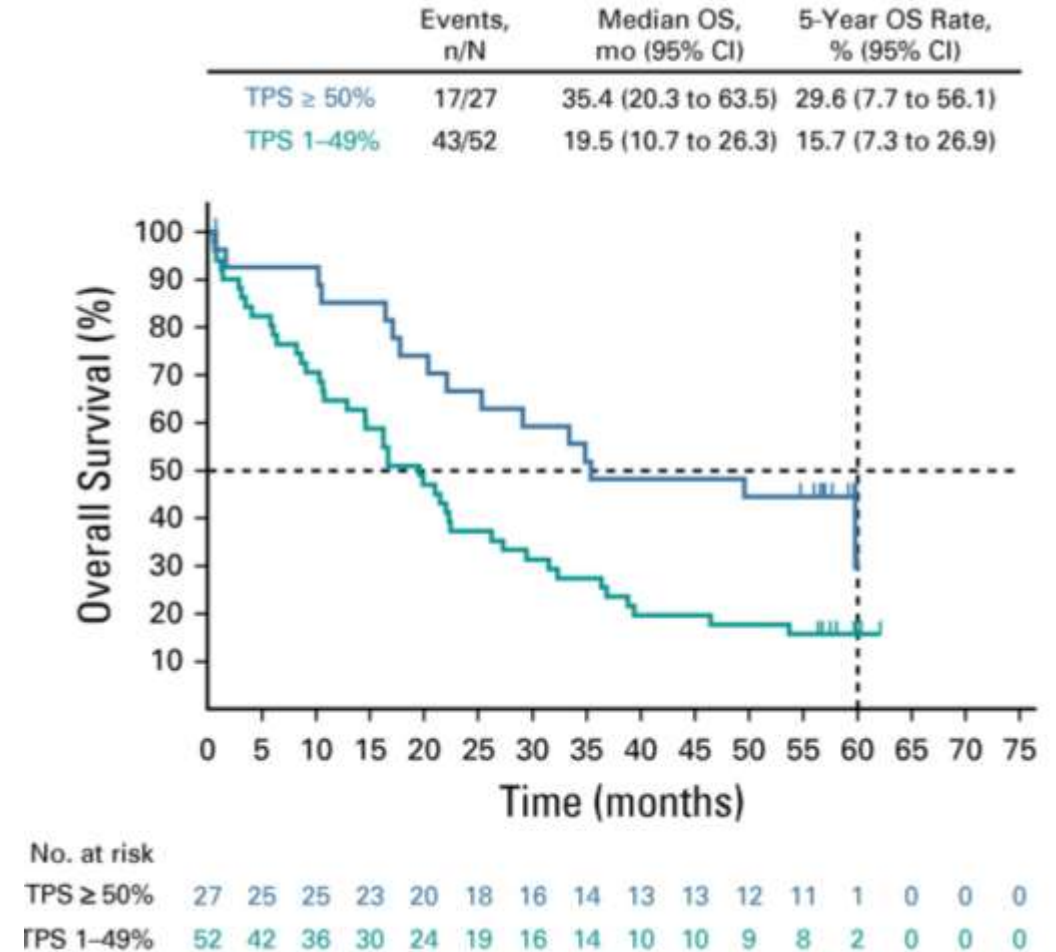


# KEYNOTE 001

## 5-year OS in naive patients



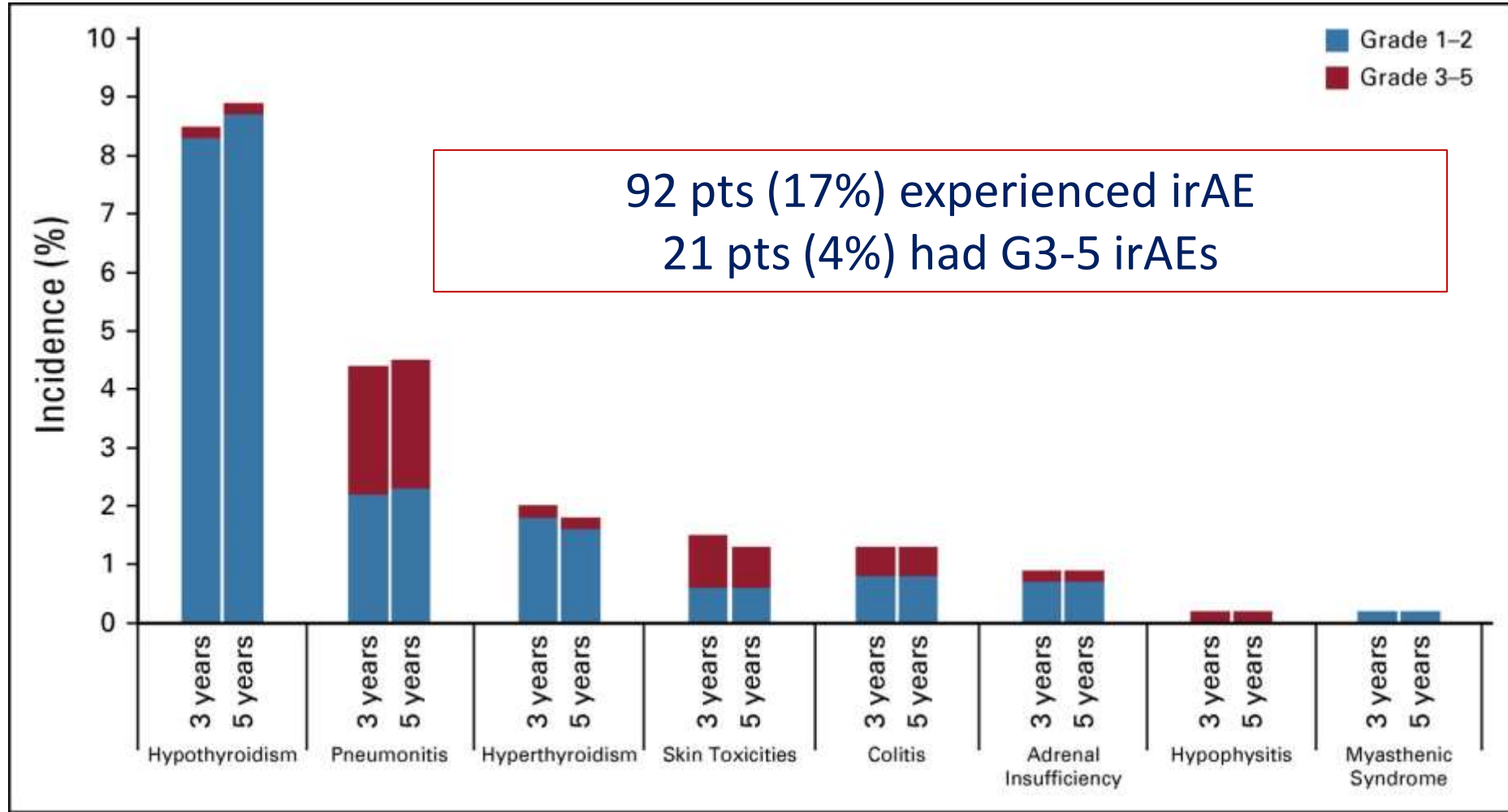
Pembrolizumab 5-year OS: 23%



Pembrolizumab 5-year OS: 29% (PD-L1>50%)

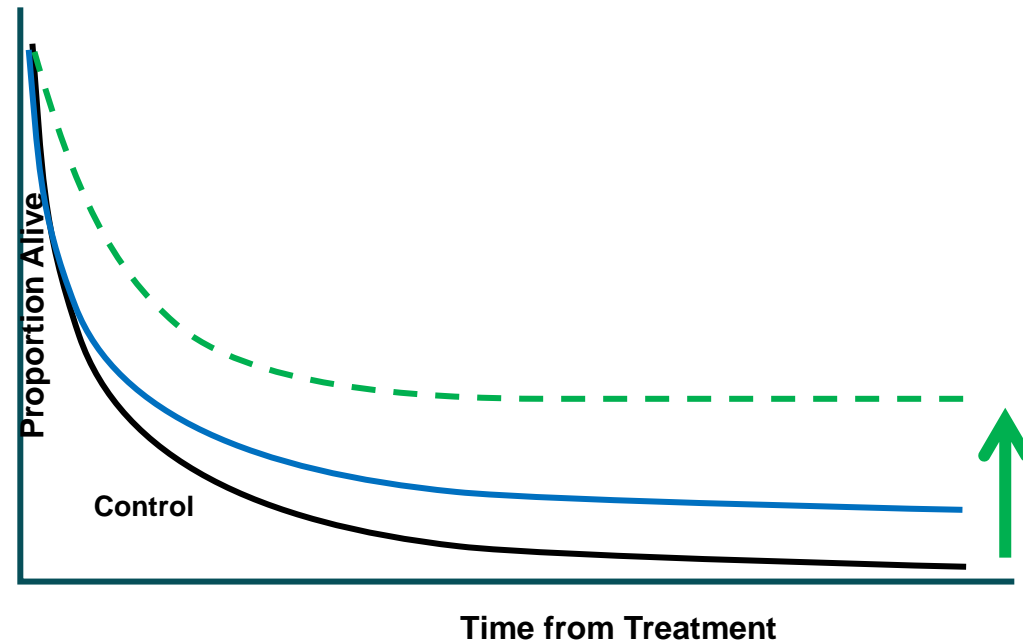
# KEYNOTE-001

## Long-term Tolerability



# Long-term survival in advanced NSCLC

## The IO Revolution



Long-term survival

IO (Naïve PD-L1>50%): 5-year OS: 29% ?

IO (Naive): 5-year OS: 23%

IO (pre-treated pts): 5-year OS: 16%

Chemotherapy: 5-year OS: 5.5%

# KEYNOTE-189

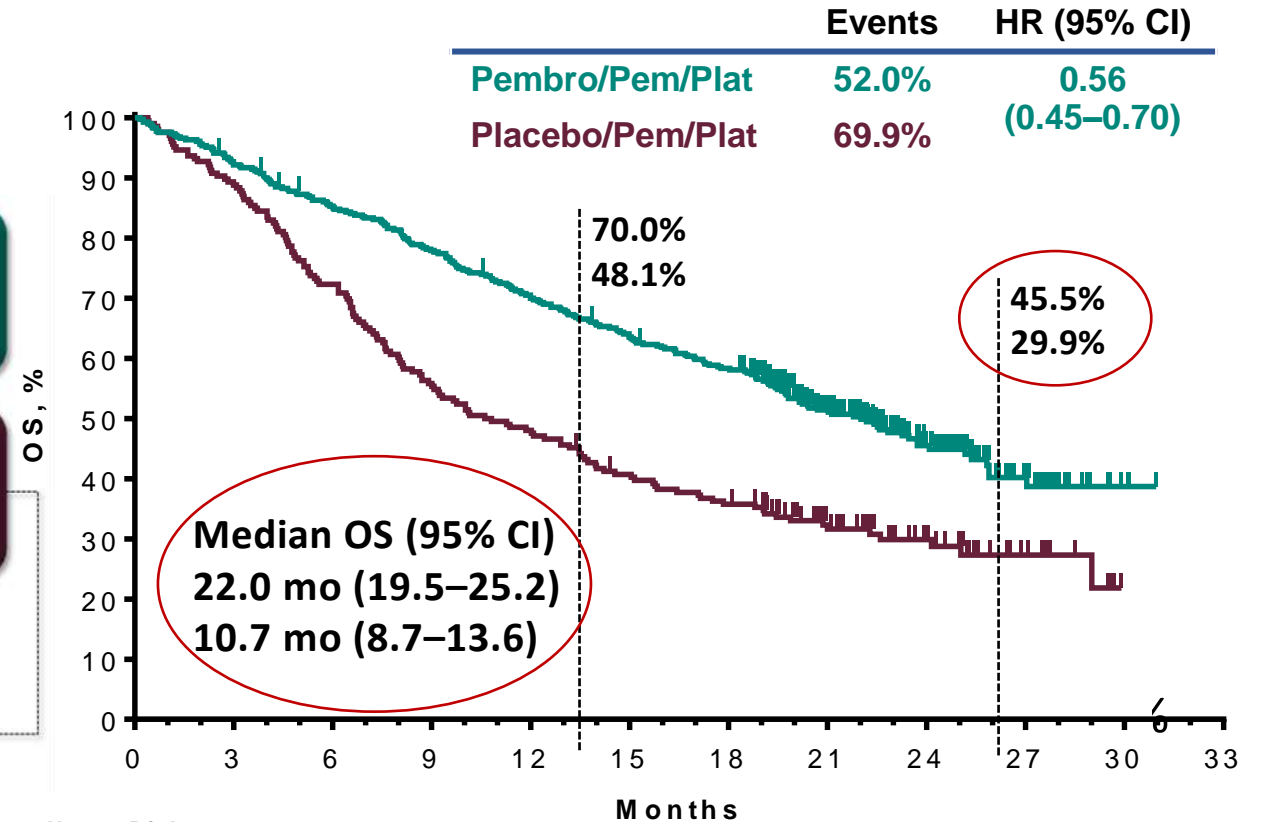
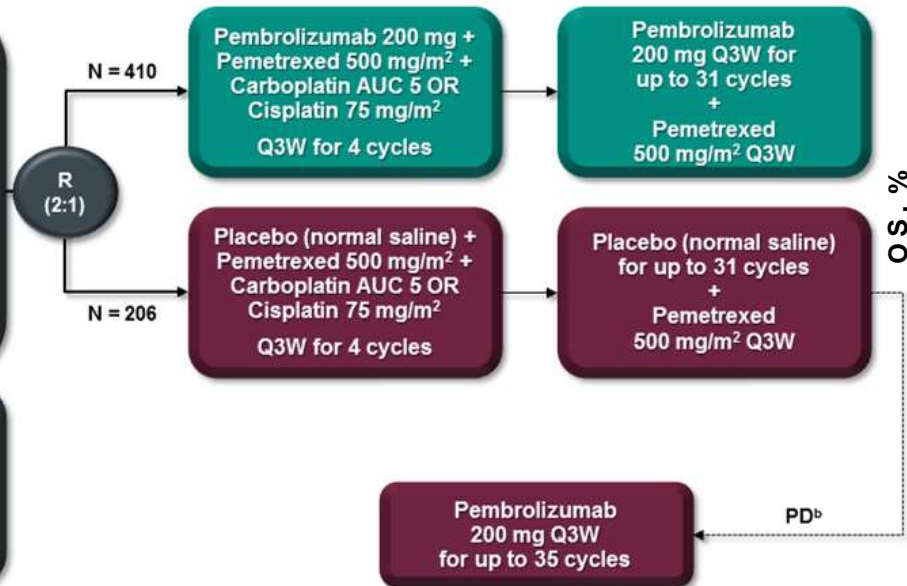
## Updated OS in the ITT population

### Key Eligibility Criteria

- Untreated stage IV nonsquamous NSCLC
- No sensitizing *EGFR* or *ALK* alteration
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Provision of a sample for PD-L1 assessment
- No symptomatic brain metastases
- No pneumonitis requiring systemic steroids

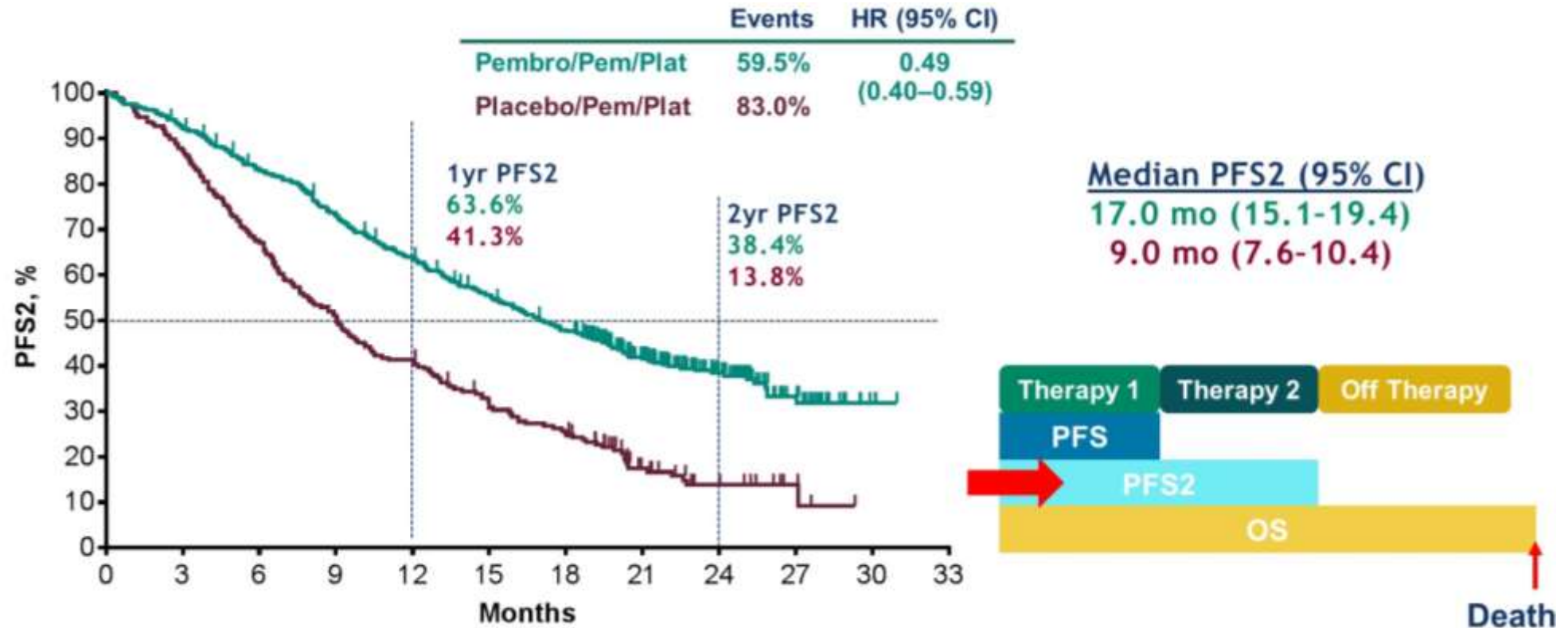
### Stratification Factors

- PD-L1 expression (TPS<sup>a</sup> <1% vs ≥1%)
- Platinum (cisplatin vs carboplatin)
- Smoking history (never vs former/current)



# KEYNOTE-189

## Progression after second-line (PFS2)



# KEYNOTE-189

## Subsequent Therapies

Participants, n (%)	Pembro/Pem/Platinum (N = 410)	Placebo/Pem/Platinum (N = 206)
Remaining on $\geq 1$ component of allocated study therapy	58 (14.1)	7 (3.4)
Discontinued all components of allocated study therapy	352 (85.9)	199 (96.6)
Alive, no subsequent therapy	58 (14.1)	8 (3.9)
Without PD	36 (8.8)	4 (1.9)
Died without subsequent therapy	111 (27.1)	69 (33.5)
$\geq 1$ subsequent therapy	183 (44.6)	122 (59.2)
$\geq 1$ subsequent immunotherapy	55 (13.4)	111 (53.9)



# KEYNOTE-189

## Subsequent Therapies by PD-L1 TPS

Participants, n (%)	TPS ≥50%		TPS 1-49%		TPS <1%	
	Pembro Arm (n = 132)	Placebo Arm (n = 70)	Pembro Arm (n = 128)	Placebo Arm (n = 58)	Pembro Arm (n = 127)	Placebo Arm (n = 63)
Remaining on ≥1 component of allocated study therapy	28 (21.2)	4 (5.7)	17 (13.3)	2 (3.4)	11 (8.7)	1 (1.6)
Discontinued all components of allocated study therapy	104 (78.8)	66 (94.3)	111 (86.7)	56 (96.6)	116 (91.3)	62 (98.4)
Alive, no subsequent therapy	26 (19.7)	2 (2.9)	16 (12.5)	3 (5.2)	12 (9.4)	3 (4.8)
Died without subsequent therapy	35 (26.5)	22 (31.4)	33 (25.8)	14 (24.1)	39 (30.7)	24 (38.1)
≥1 subsequent therapy	43 (32.6)	42 (60.0)	62 (48.4)	39 (67.2)	65 (51.2)	35 (55.6)
≥1 subsequent immunotherapy	11 (8.3)	37 (52.9)	21 (16.4)	34 (58.6)	15 (11.8)	34 (54.0)

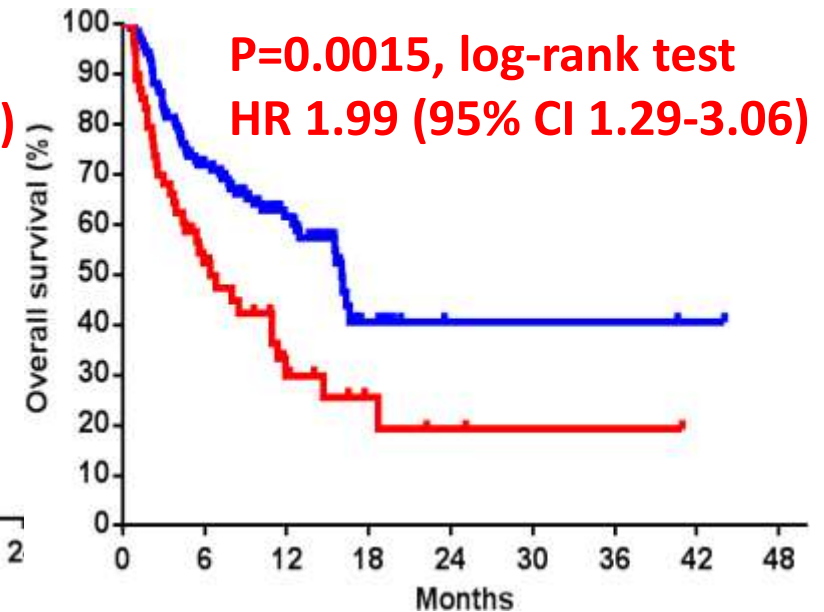
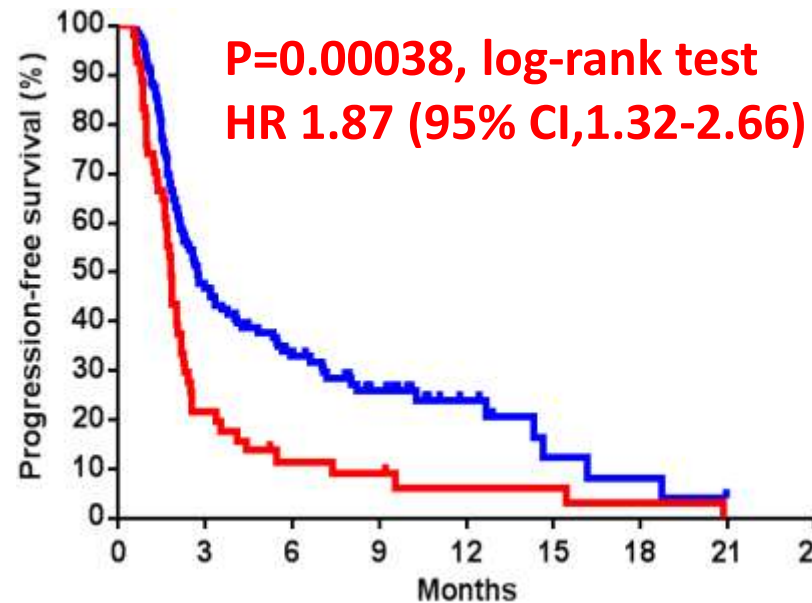
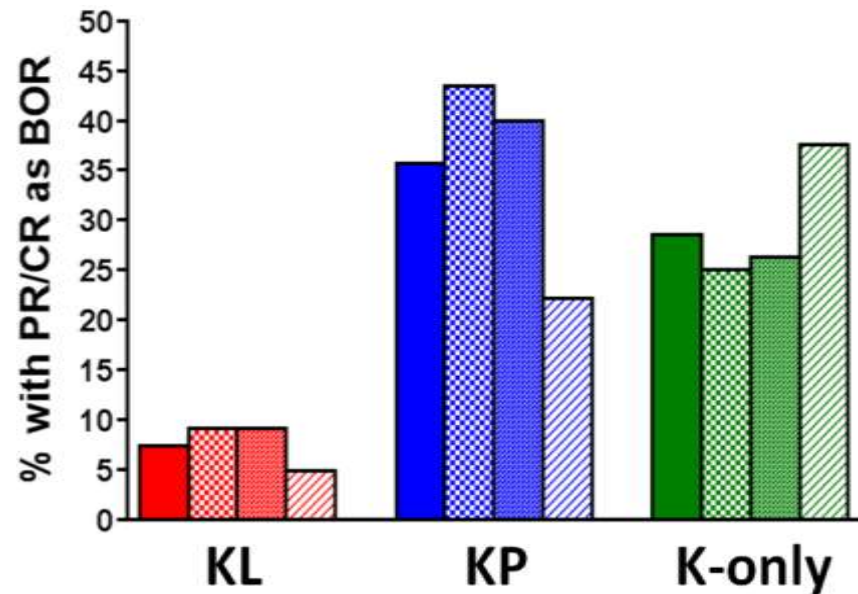
## **Unanswered Question**

**How identifying 1/3 of naive NSCLC patients who do not receive survival benefit from the addition of Pembrolizumab to Platinum Chemotherapy**

**???**

**10 Biomarkers (beyond PD-L1) needed**

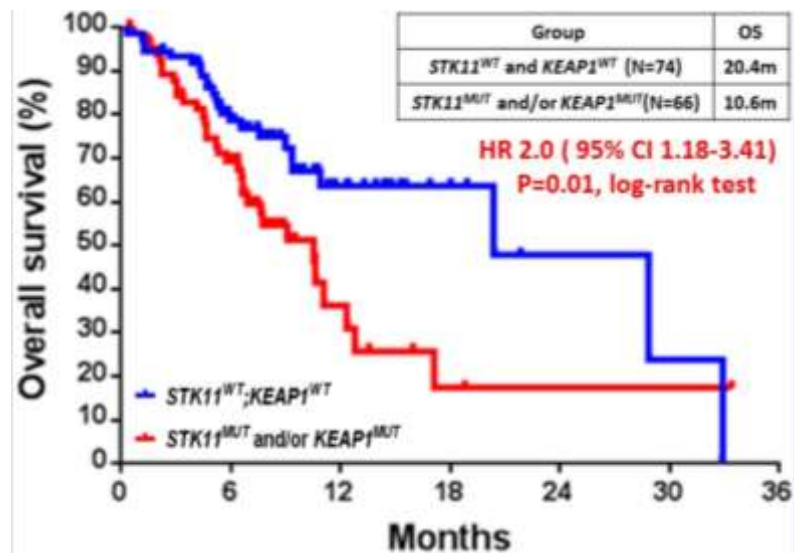
# STK11 mutations and PD-1 monotherapy resistance in NSCLC



STK11 alterations are enriched in TMB low/PD-L1 negative tumors associated with a cold TME (TILs low/ MDSC high)

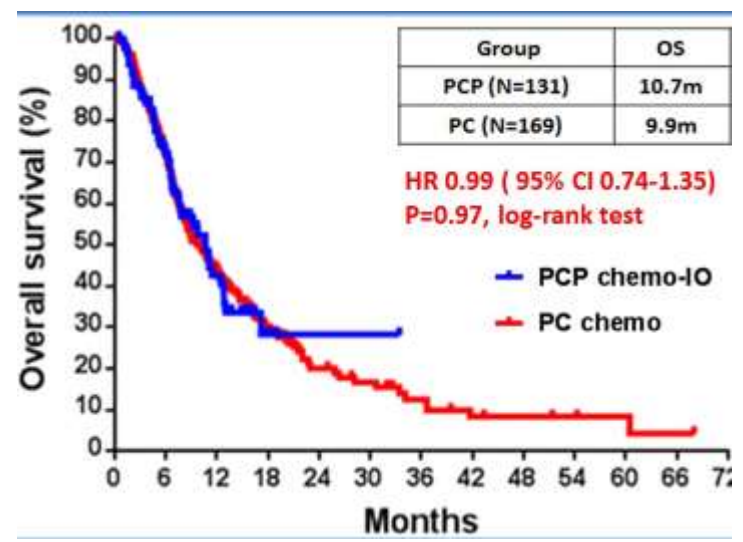
# Are STK11/KEAP1 alterations associated to IO+CT resistance in NSCLC ?

IO+CT in STK11 and/or KEAP MUT vs WT



STK11/KEAP MUT identify a group of non-sq NSCLC pts with poor OS

IO+CT vs CT in STK11 and/or KEAP MUT



Lack of OS benefit from addition of IO to CT in STK11/KEAP MUT NSCLC

**STK11/KEAP1 MUT is a potential biomarker of IO primary resistance in advanced non-squamous NSCLC**

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## Key messages

- **Early Disease**

1. Strong rationale and promising data for Neoadjuvant IO (+ CT ?)

- **Locally Advanced Disease**

1. Consolidative Durvalumab SOC in stage III NSCLC
2. All eligible pts should receive concurrent CRT starting Durvalumab < 14 days

- **Advanced Disease**

1. IO 5-year OS constitutes a milestone in lung cancer treatment
2. IO+CT SOC in naïve pts with PD-L1<50%
3. IO and IO+CT effective options in naive pts with PD-L1 >50%

- **IO Biomarkers**

1. STK11/KEAP1 MUT biomarker of primary resistance to IO and IO+CT