

Immunotherapy for Gastrointestinal Cancer

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Immunotherapy for gastrointestinal cancer

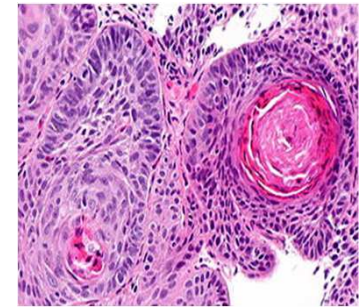
- **Squamous esophageal cancer**
- **Esophageal, junctional and gastric adenocarcinoma**
- **Hepatocellular Carcinoma**
- **Colorectal Cancer**
- **Biliary tract cancer**
- **Pancreatic Cancer**
- **Anal cancer**

ESOPHAGUEAL CANCERS

5 YEAR SURVIVAL IN WESTERN COUNTRIES: 10-12%

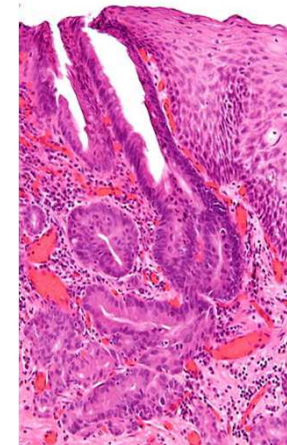
■ Squamous cell carcinomas

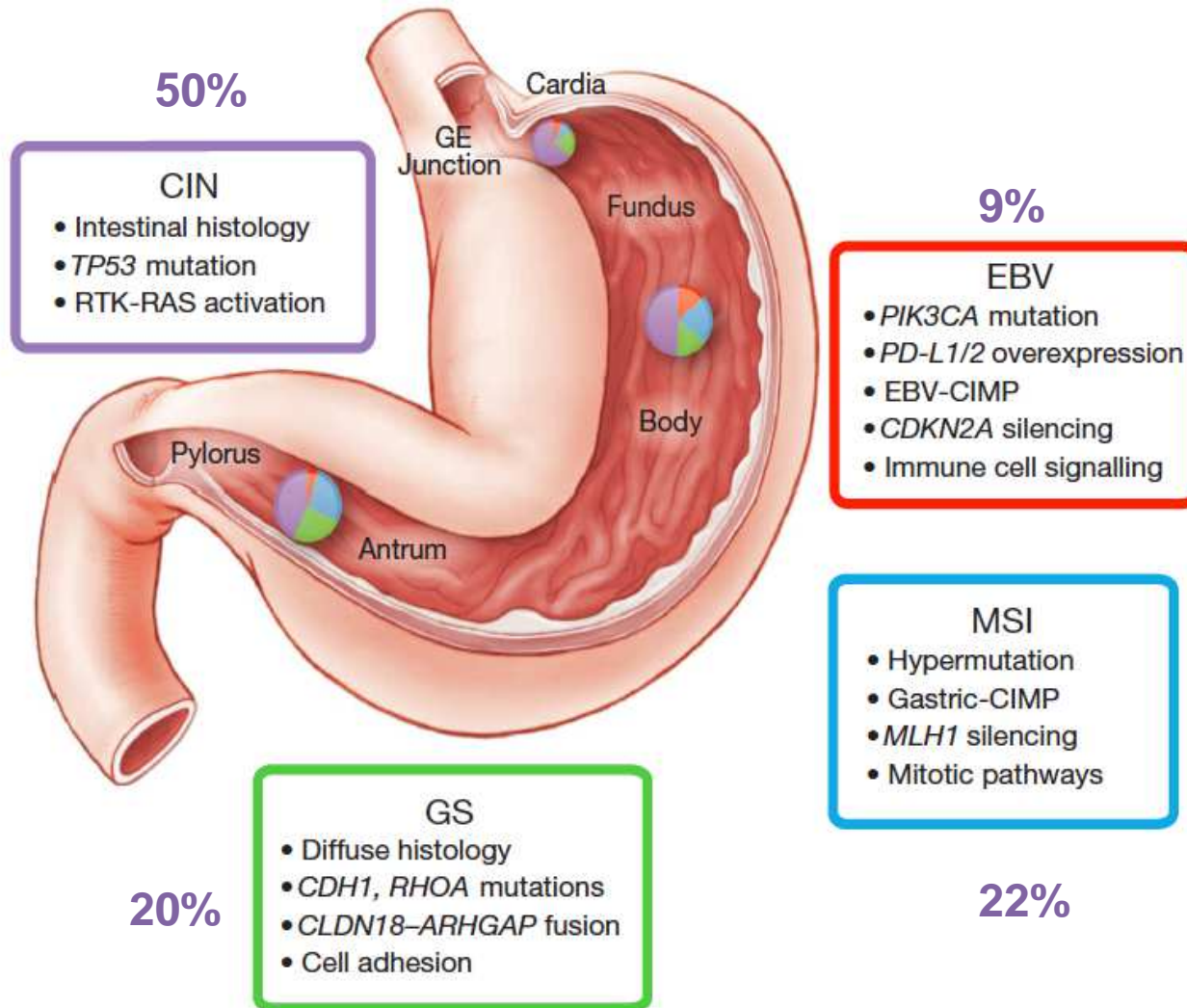
- Upper and mid-esophagus location
- Smoking and alcohol related in Western countries
- More prevalent in developing countries



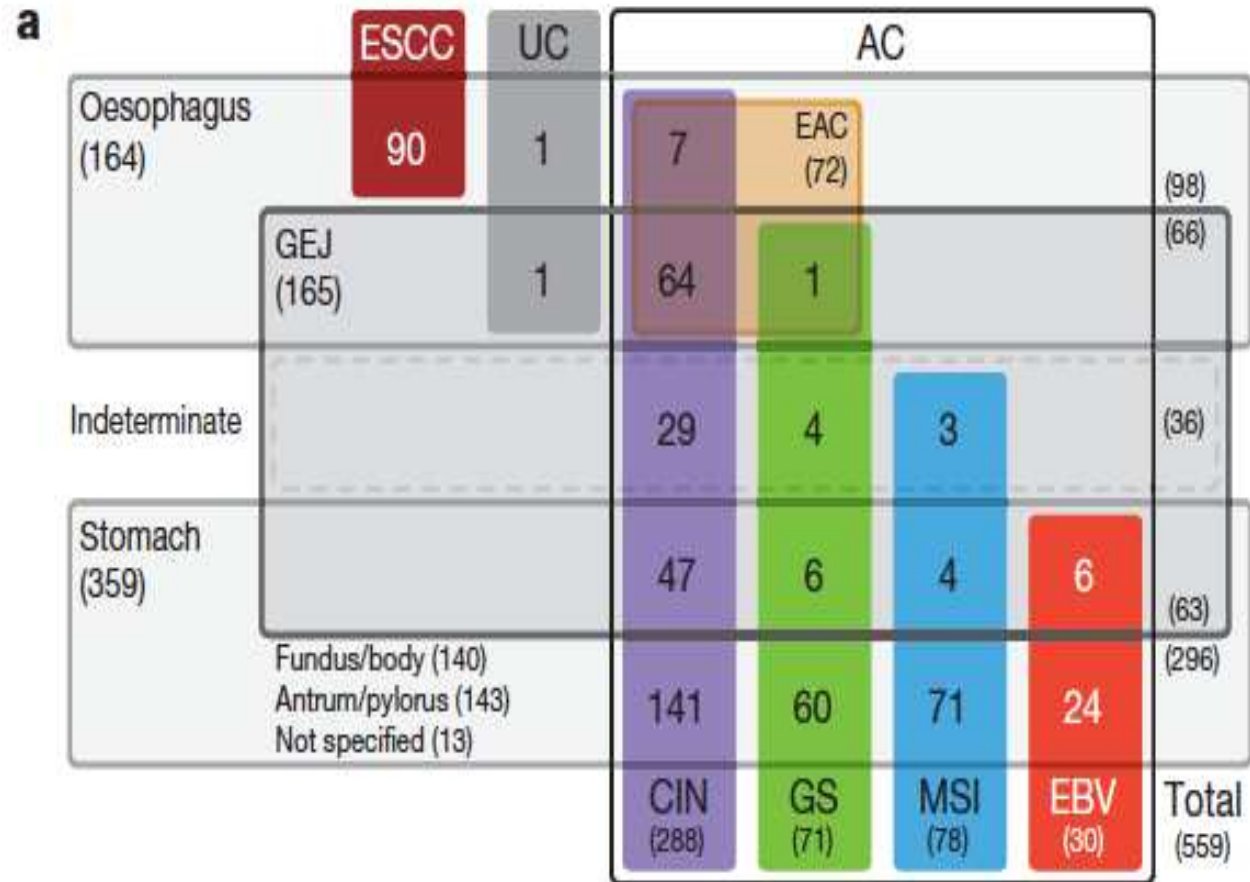
■ Adenocarcinomas

- Lower third and junctional location
- Related to obesity, smoking, gastric reflux and Barret's esophagus
- Increasing incidence in Western countries (x4.6 US)





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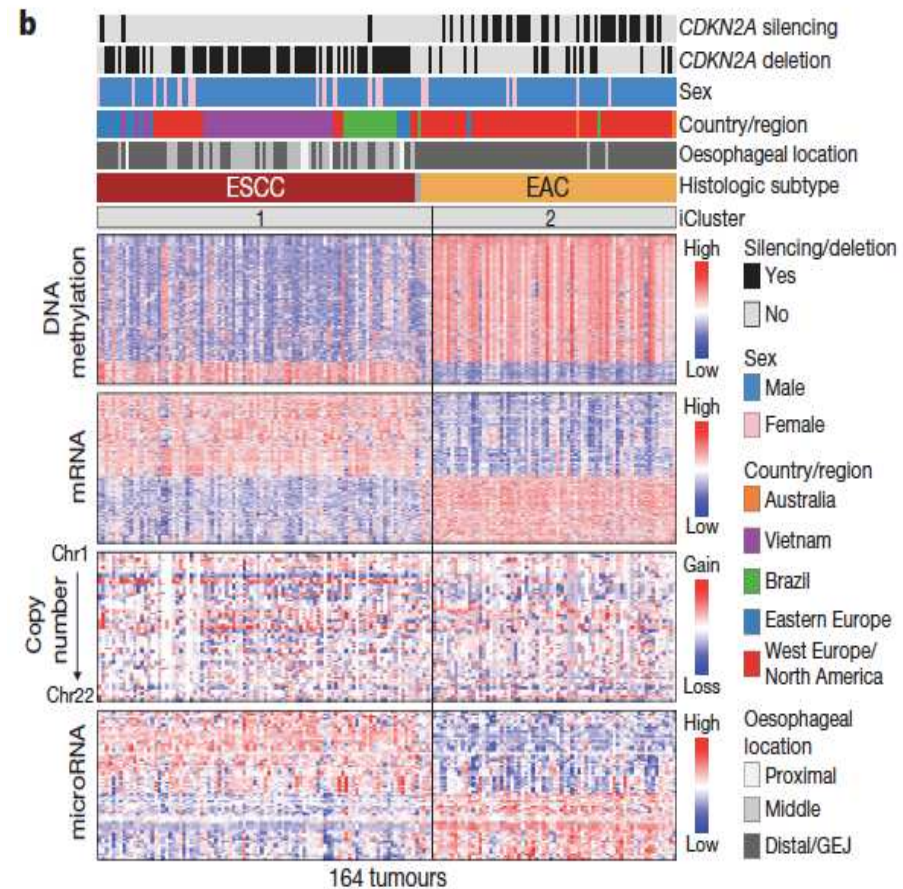
Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network. Nature 2017; 541; 169-175.

INTEGRATED GENOMIC CHARACTERIZATION OF ESOPHAGEAL CANCERS

Squamous cell cancers

VS

Adenocarcinomas



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Nivolumab treatment for oesophageal squamous-cell carcinoma: an open-label, multicentre, phase 2 trial

	Centrally assessed (n=64)	Investigator assessed (n=64)
Best overall response		
Complete response	1 (2%, 95% CI <0-5-8)	2 (3%, 95% CI 1-11)
Partial response	10 (16%, 95% CI 9-26)	12 (19%, 95% CI 11-30)
Stable disease	16 (25%, 95% CI 16-37)	20 (31%, 95% CI 21-43)
Progressive disease	29 (45%)	29 (45%)
Not assessable	8 (13%)	1 (2%)
Objective response*	11 (17%, 95% CI 10-28)	14 (22%, 95% CI 14-33)
Disease controlled†	27 (42%, 95% CI 31-54)	34 (53%, 95% CI 41-65)
Median progression-free survival (months)	1.5 (95% CI 1.4-2.8)	2.3 (95% CI 1.5-3.0)

* Complete or partial response. † Complete response, partial response, or stable disease.

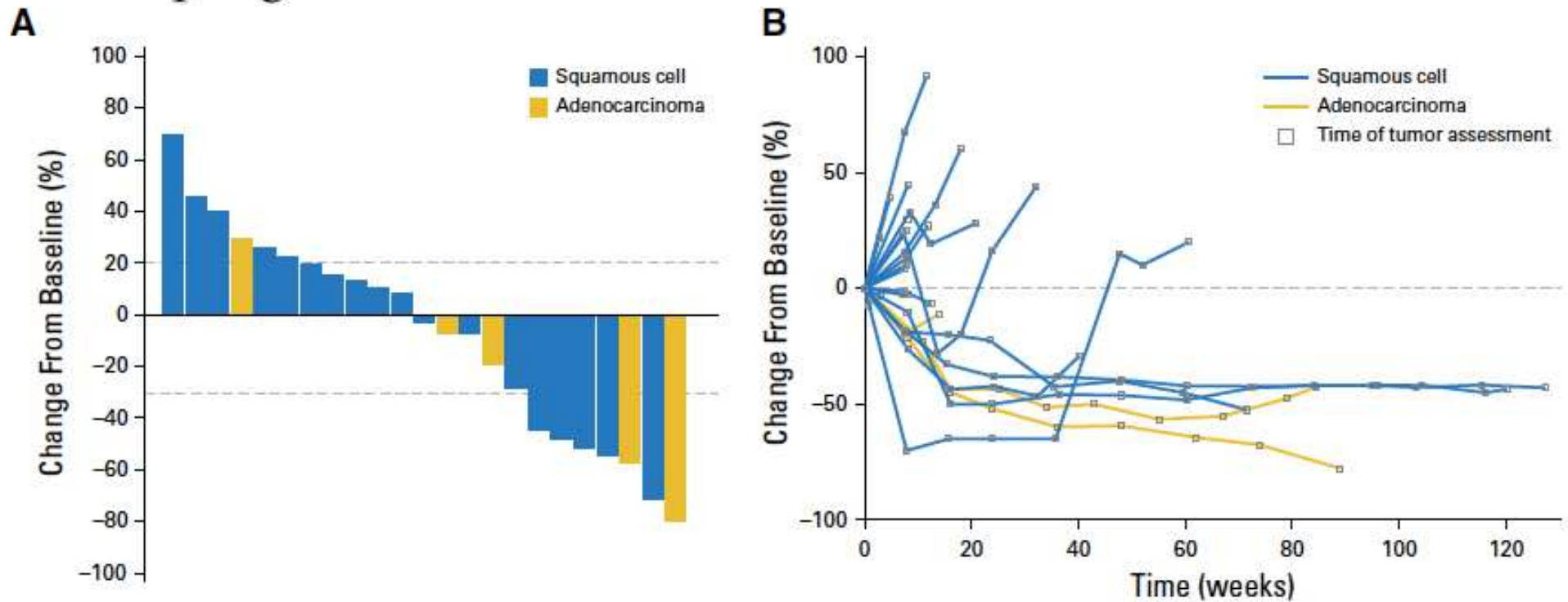
Table 2: Activity of nivolumab

Safety and Antitumor Activity of the Anti–Programmed Death-1 Antibody Pembrolizumab in Patients With Advanced Esophageal Carcinoma

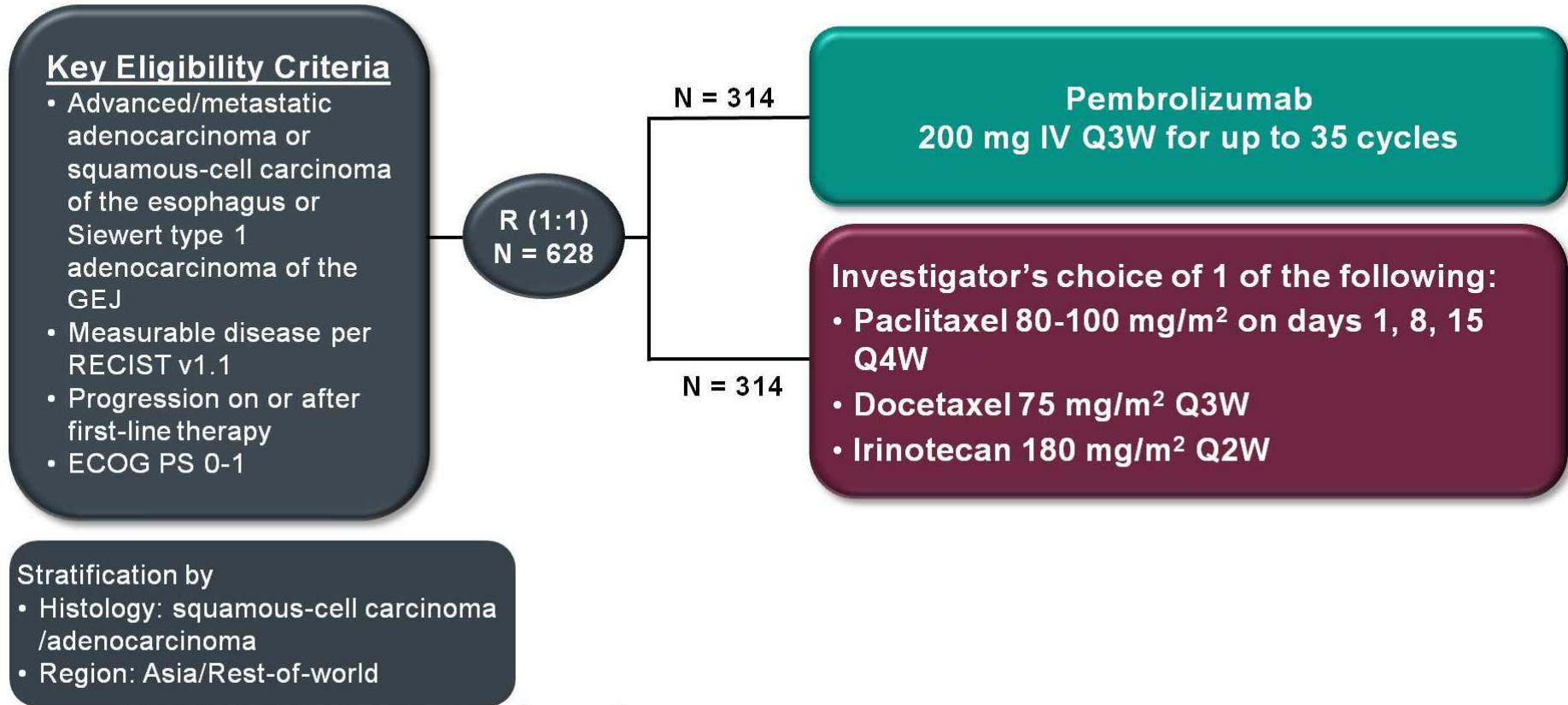
Table 3. Best Overall Response per Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors, Version 1.1, Assessed by Investigator Review (N = 23)

Response	No.	%	95% CI
Overall response rate	7	30	13 to 53
Complete response	0	0	0 to 15
Partial response	7	30	13 to 53
Stable disease	2	9	1 to 28
Progressive disease	13	57	35 to 77
Nonevaluable	1	4	< 1 to 22

Safety and Antitumor Activity of the Anti-Programmed Death-1 Antibody Pembrolizumab in Patients With Advanced Esophageal Carcinoma



Phase 3 KEYNOTE-181 Study (NCT02564263)



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Analysis Populations and Endpoints

- Analysis populations
 - Efficacy: assessed in patients with PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10 , SCC, and ITT
 - Safety: assessed in all patients who received ≥ 1 dose of study drug
- 3 primary endpoints
 - Overall survival in
 1. Patients with PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10
 2. Patients with SCC
 3. All patients (ITT)
- Secondary endpoints
 - Progression-free survival
 - Objective response
 - Safety

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SCC, squamous cell carcinoma; ITT, intent-to-treat; PD-L1 CPS: defined as number of PD-L1 positive cells (tumor cells, macrophages, lymphocytes)/total number of tumor cells x 100.

Assessments and Statistical Considerations

- Assessments
 - Response: assessed at week 9 and then every 9 weeks (RECIST, v1.1, BICR)
 - Survival follow-up every 9 weeks
- Statistical considerations
 - **Planned** enrollment: 600; Actual: 628
 - Overall alpha for study: one-sided alpha of 2.5%
 1. α 0.9% ($P \leq 0.0085$) for superiority of OS in PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10
 2. α 0.8% ($P \leq 0.0077$) for superiority of OS in SCC
 3. α 0.8% ($P \leq 0.0077^a$) for superiority of OS in ITT
 - Stratified log-rank test used to assess differences between treatment groups for OS and PFS (CPS ≥ 10 , SCC)
 - Stratified maximum weighted log-rank test used to assess differences between treatment groups for OS and PFS (ITT)

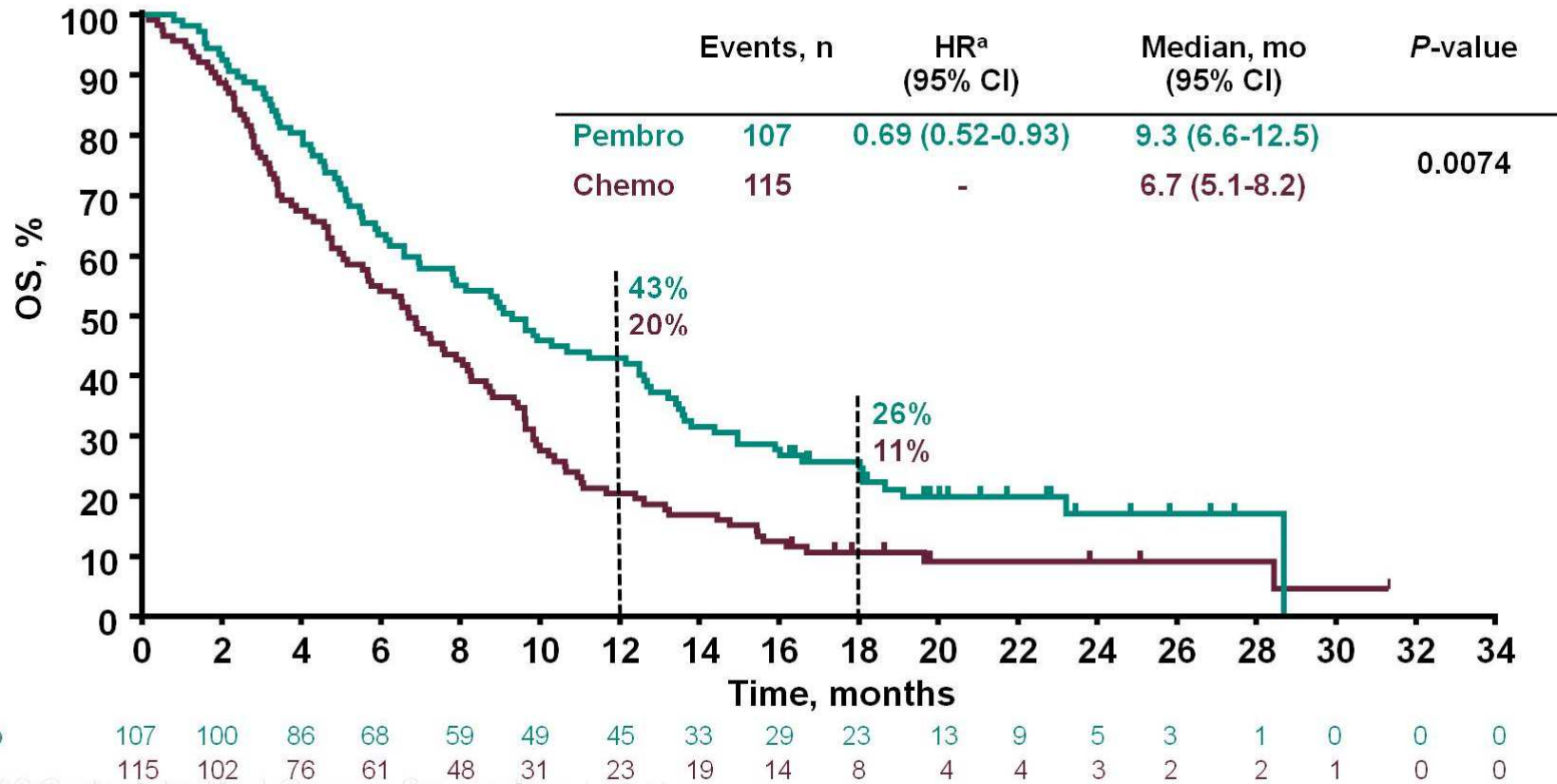
^aActual boundary is 0.0162 after alpha passing from OS in PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10 to OS in ITT (all patients) due to rejected OS in PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10 hypothesis.
BICR, blinded independent central review; PD-L1 CPS: defined as number of PD-L1 positive cells (tumor cells, macrophages, lymphocytes)/total number of tumor cells x 100.

Baseline Characteristics (ITT)

Characteristic, n	Pembrolizumab N = 314	Chemotherapy N = 314
Median age, years (range)	63 (23-84)	62 (24-84)
≥65 years	139 (44.3)	133 (42.4)
Male	273 (86.9)	271 (86.3)
Asia	121 (38.5)	122 (38.9)
Rest of World	193 (61.5)	192 (61.1)
ECOG PS 1	187 (59.6)	197 (62.7)
Squamous-cell carcinoma	198 (63.1)	203 (64.6)
Adenocarcinoma	116 (36.9)	111 (35.4)
PD-L1 CPS ≥10 ^a	107 (34.1)	115 (36.6)
Metastatic disease	290 (92.4)	286 (91.1)
0-1 ^b prior therapies	305 (97.1)	310 (98.7)
≥2 prior therapies	9 (2.9)	4 (1.3)

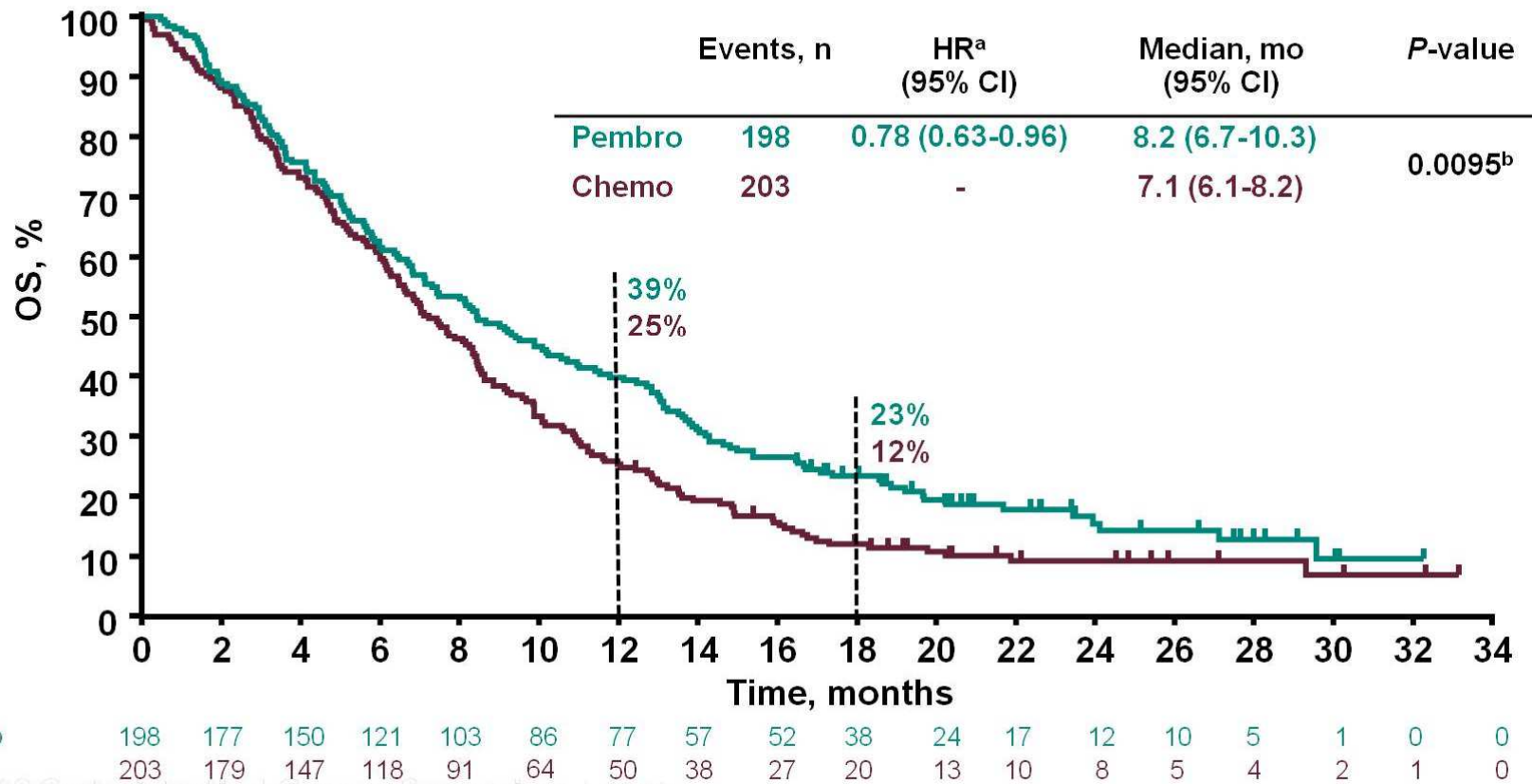
^a6 patients in pembrolizumab and 3 in chemotherapy group were not evaluable; ^b2 patients in pembrolizumab group had 0 prior therapies; Data cutoff: October 15, 2018.

Overall Survival (PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10)



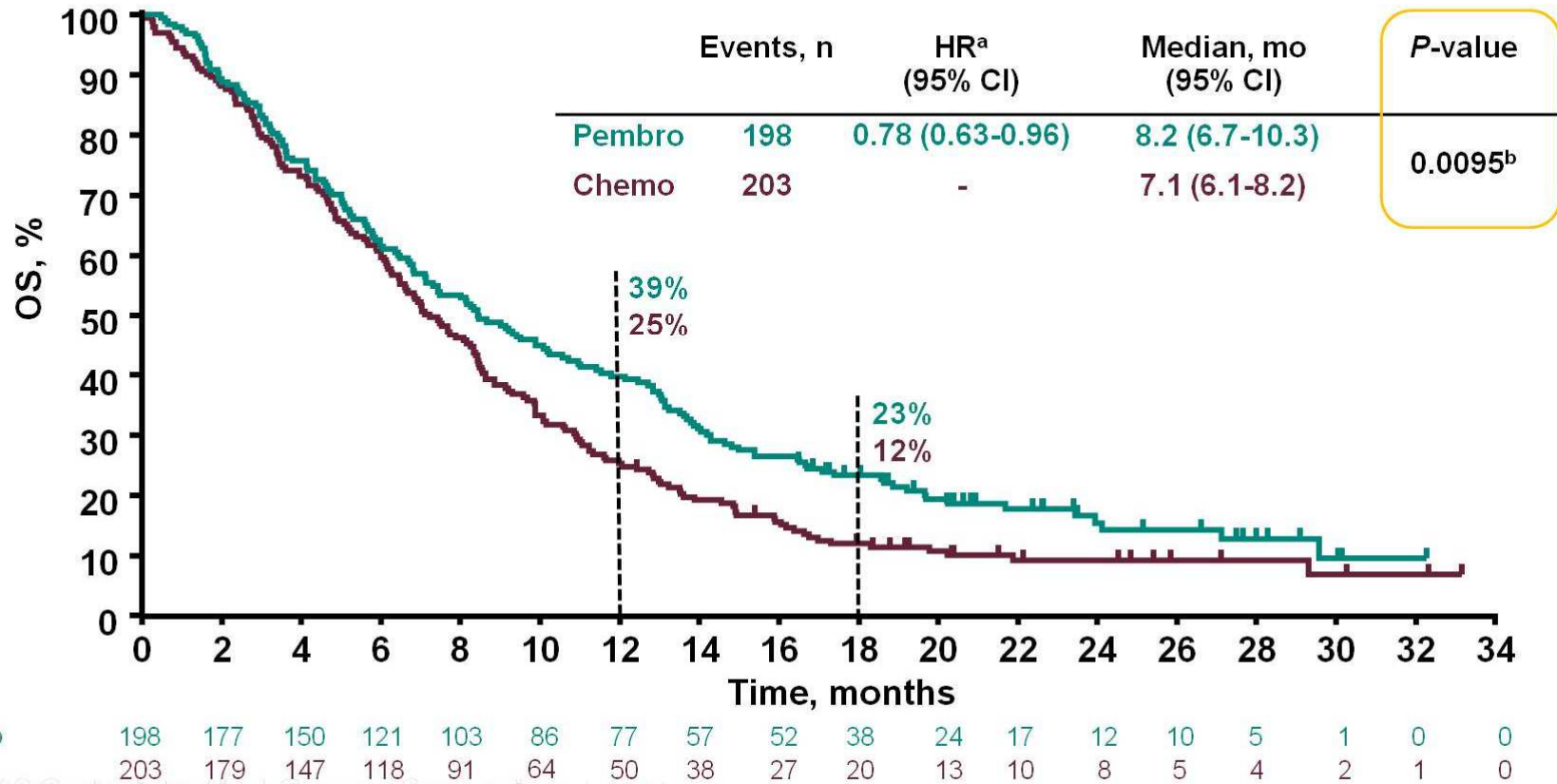
^aBased on Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by region and histology.
Data cutoff: October 15, 2018.

Overall Survival (SCC)



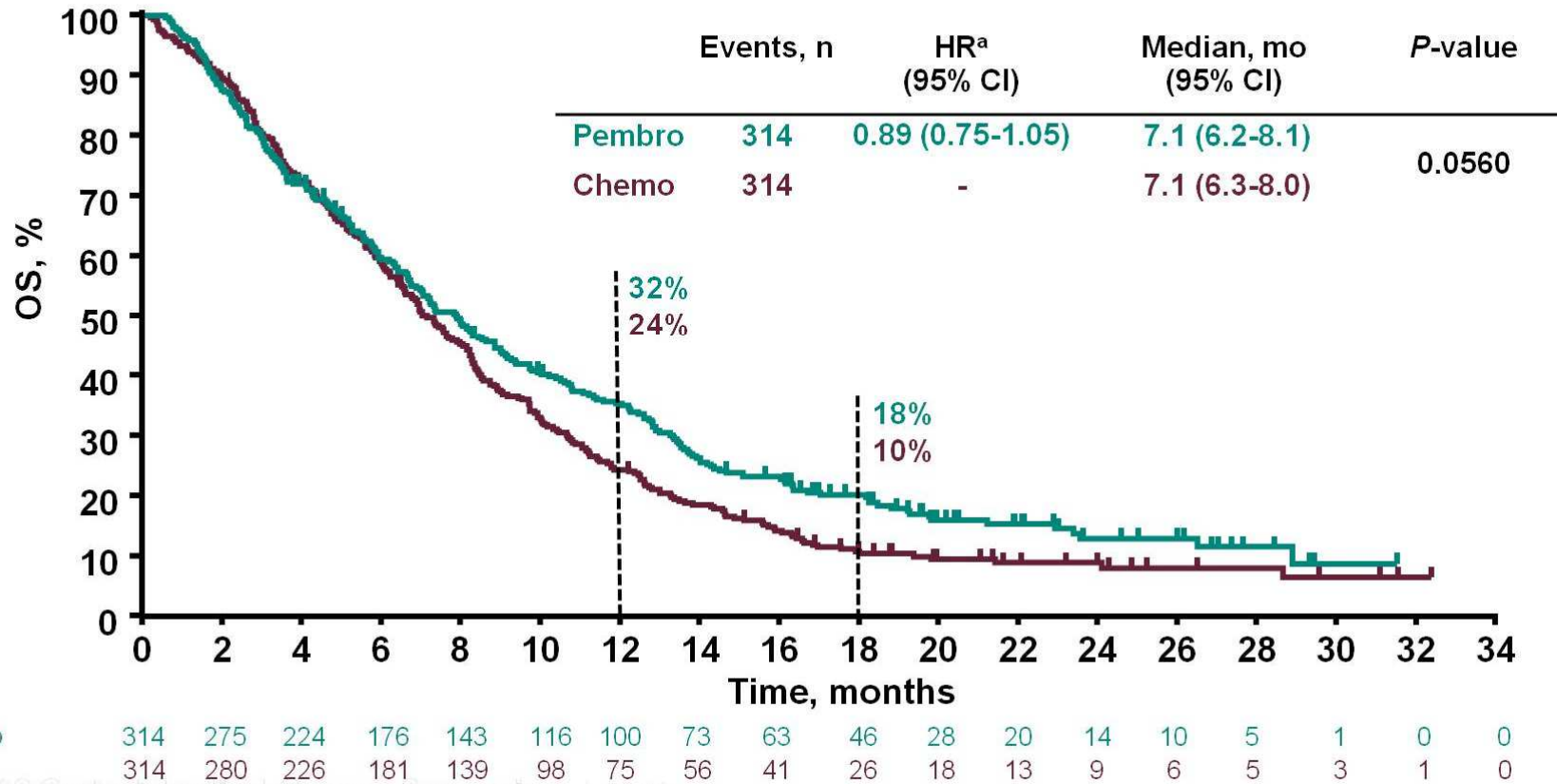
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Overall Survival (SCC)



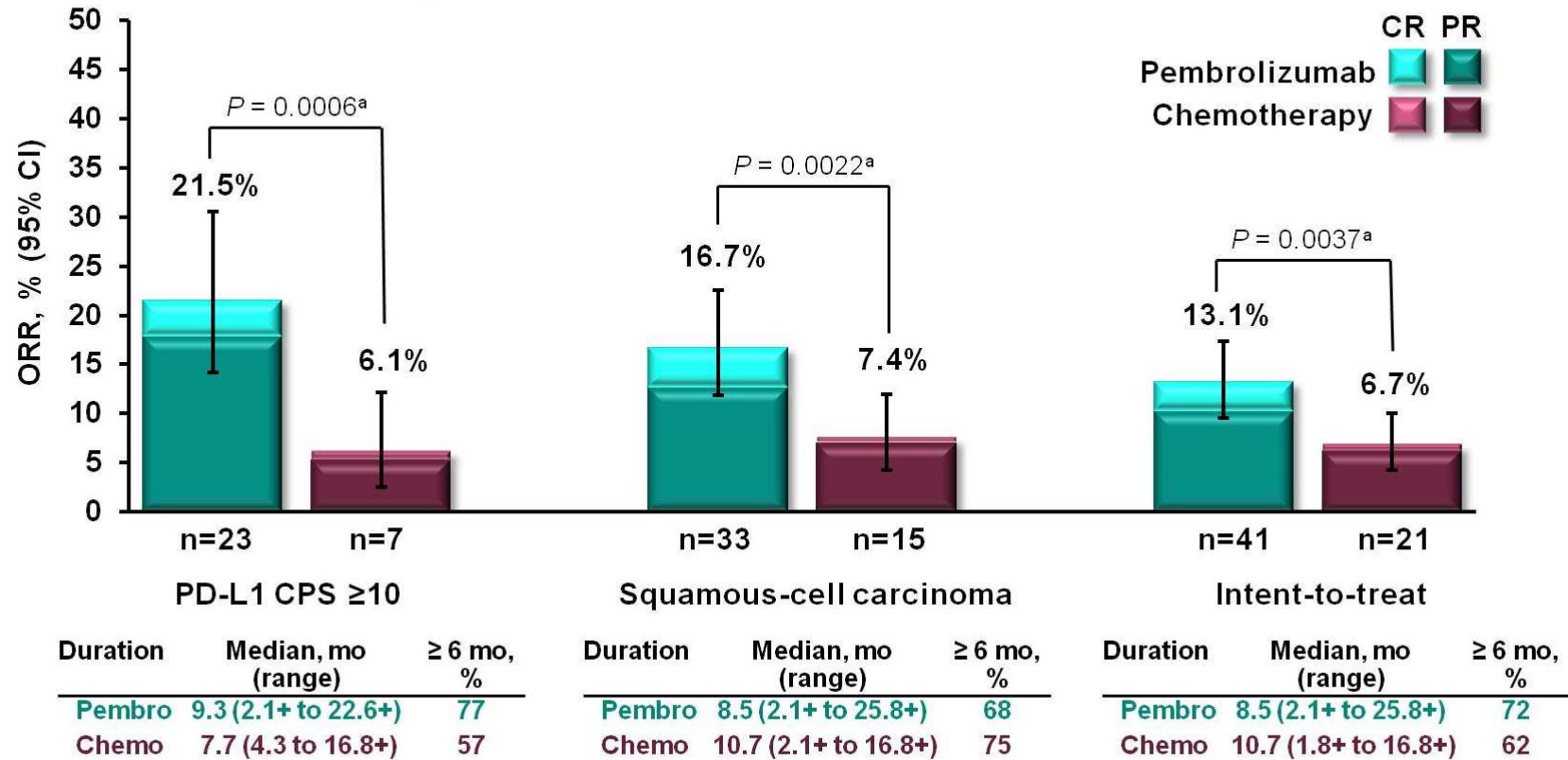
^aBased on Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by region and histology; ^bNot significant based on pre-specified statistical boundaries of $P \leq 0.0077$ for superiority of OS in SCC; Data cutoff: October 15, 2018.

Overall Survival (ITT)



^aBased on Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by region and histology.
Data cutoff: October 15, 2018.

Response Rate and Duration (RECIST v1.1, BICR)



^aNominal; one-sided.
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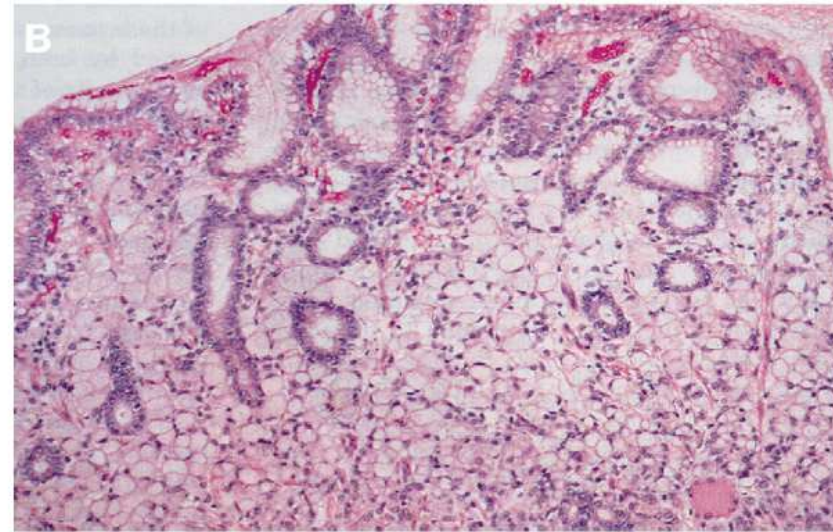
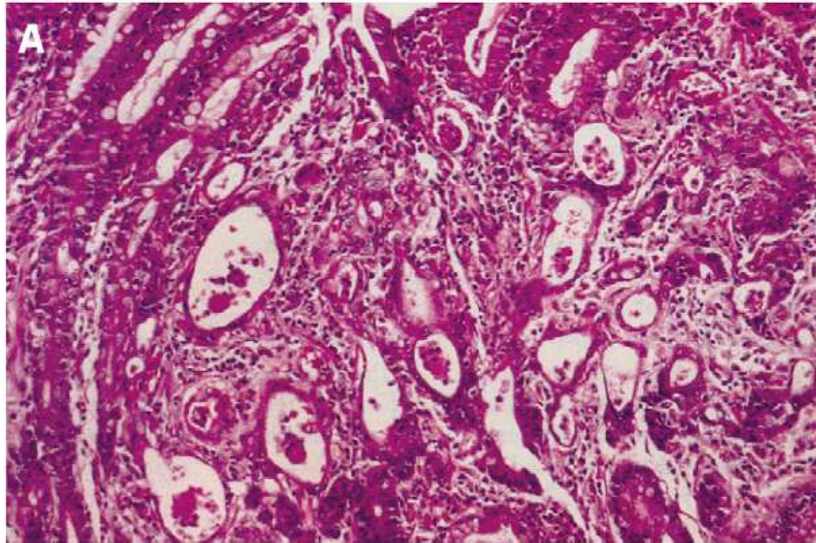
Summary and Conclusions

- Pembrolizumab significantly improved OS in patients with metastatic esophageal cancer and PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10 that progressed after 1 prior therapy versus chemotherapy
 - Superior OS in patients with PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10 metastatic esophageal cancer who had progressed after 1 prior therapy (HR 0.69, 95% CI 0.52-0.93)
 - Clinically meaningful increase in OS in patients with SCC (HR 0.78, 95% CI 0.63-0.96)
 - Similar OS in ITT (HR 0.89 95% CI 0.75-1.05)
- ORR higher with pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy
 - 21.5% vs 6.1% (CPS ≥ 10); 16.7% vs 7.4% (SCC); 13.1% vs 6.7% (ITT)
- More favorable safety profile with pembrolizumab compared with chemotherapy
 - Lower frequency of grade 3-5 treatment-related adverse events with pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy (18.2% vs 40.9%)
 - No new safety signals were observed
- Data suggest that pembrolizumab should be considered a new standard-of-care in the second-line for patients with metastatic esophageal cancer and PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10

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Classification of gastric adenocarcinoma: Pathology

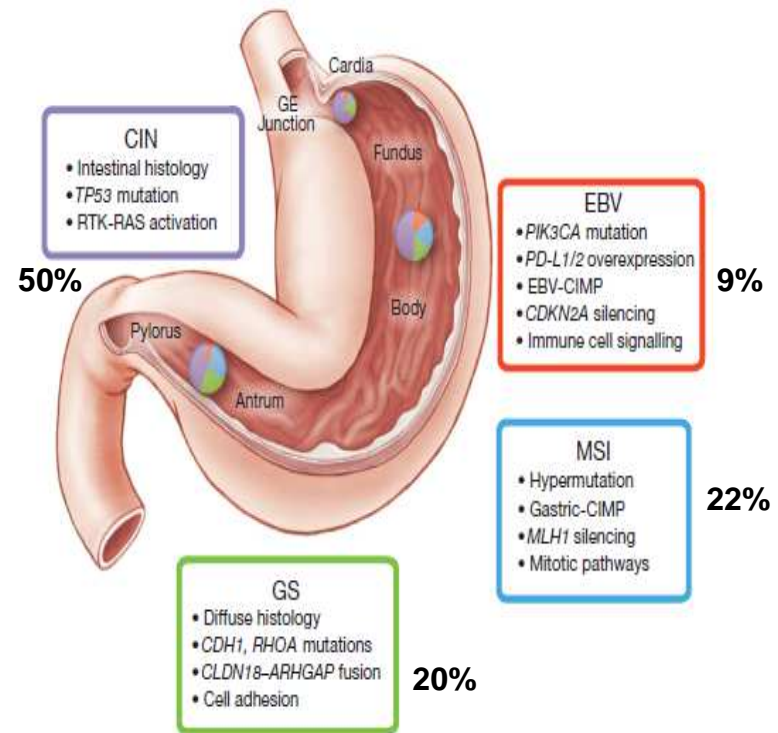
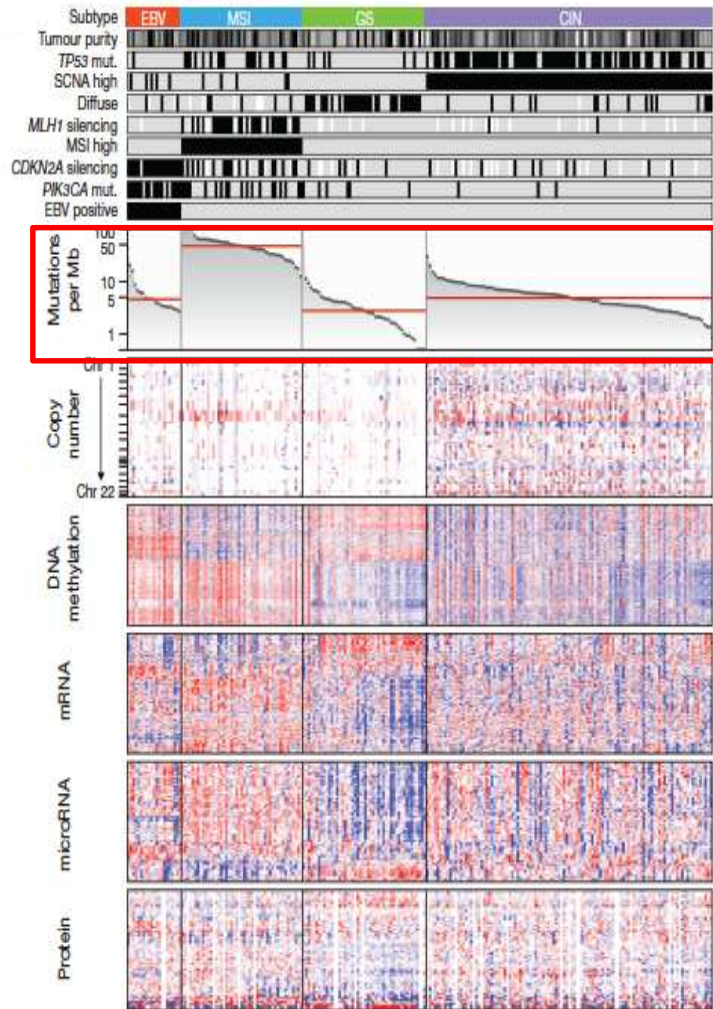
■ Intestinal versus diffuse subtypes



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Molecular subtypes of gastric cancer

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EBV, Epstein–Barr virus (red); MSI, microsatellite instability (blue), GS, genomically stable (green); CIN, chromosomal instability (light purple)

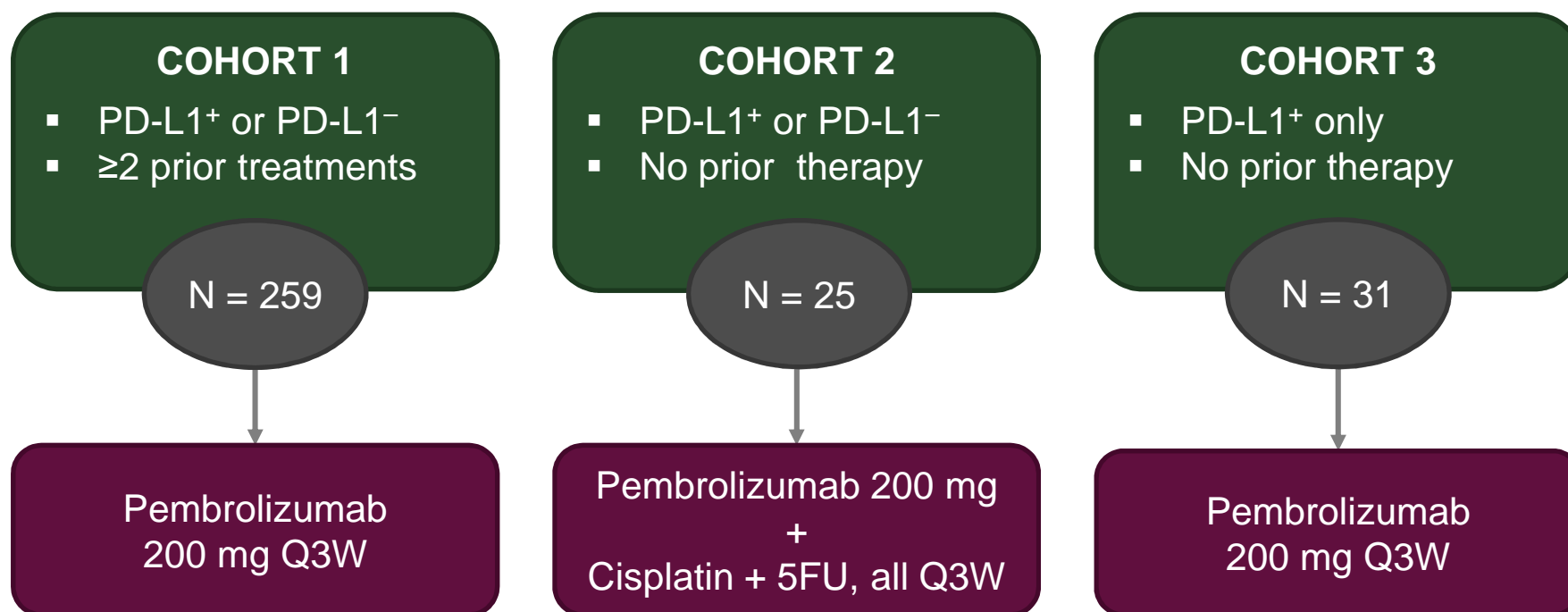
Immunotherapy in advanced Gastro-esophageal Adenocarcinomas

Pembrolizumab induces responses in chemorefractory gastric cancer: Efficacy in evaluable patients in KEYNOTE-012

		Investigator review N = 39
ORR, % (95% CI)	22.2 (10.1, 39.2)	33.3 (19.1, 50.2)
Best overall response, n (%)		
Complete response ^b	0	0
Partial response ^b	8 (22.2)	13 (33.3)
Stable disease	5 (13.9)	5 (12.8)
Progressive disease	19 (52.8)	21 (53.8)
No assessment ^c	1 (2.8)	—
Not determined ^d	3 (8.3)	—

KEYNOTE-059: Phase 2 Study of Pembrolizumab for advanced gastric or GEJ adenocarcinoma

- Primary end point: ORR per RECIST v1.1 by central review



Pembrolizumab induces responses in chemorefractory gastric cancer: Efficacy in evaluable patients in KEYNOTE-059 Cohort 1

Table 1. Objective Tumor Response

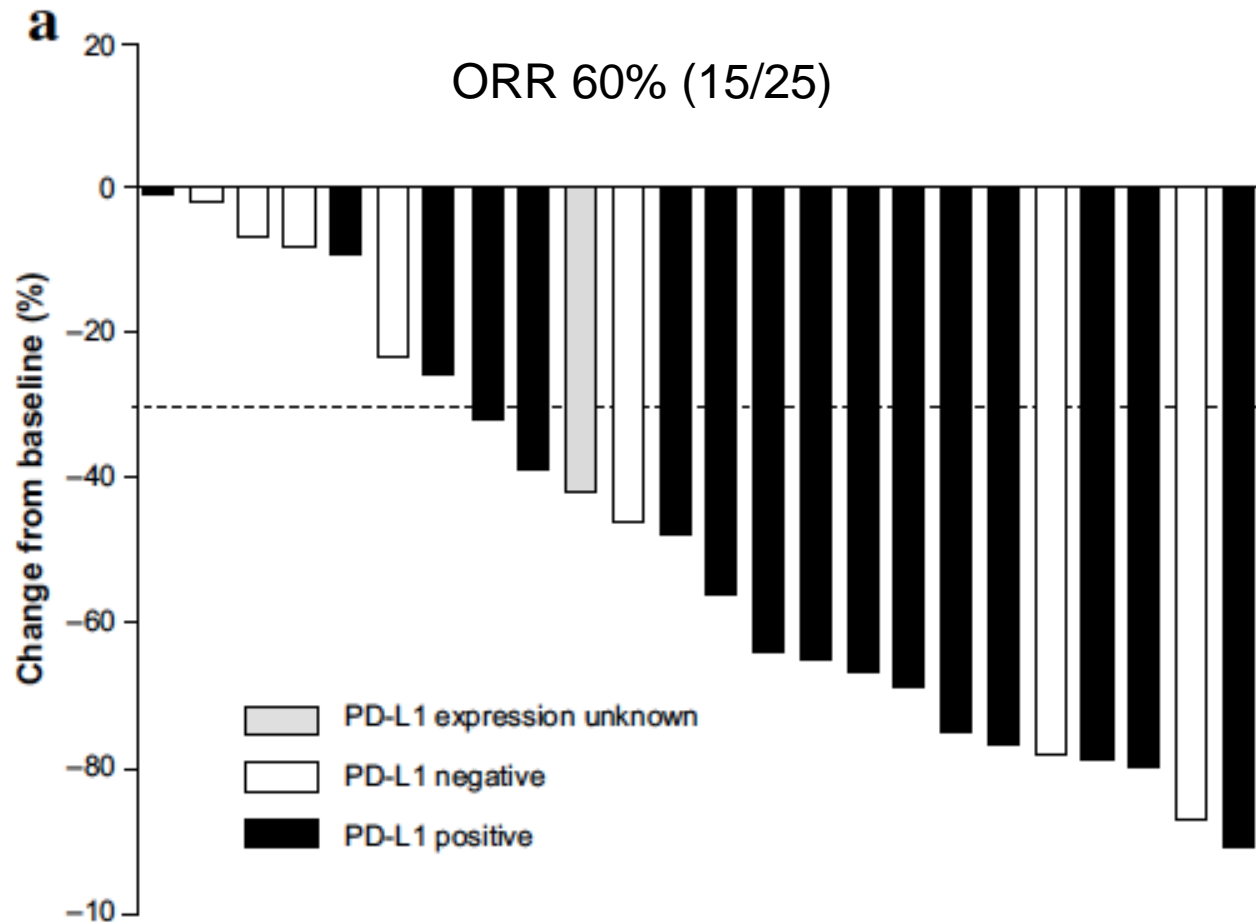
Best Overall Response ^a	Participants (n = 259)	
	No.	% (95% CI)
Objective response (CR+PR)	30	11.6 (8.0-16.1)
Disease control (CR+PR+SD ≥2 mo)	70	27.0 (21.7-32.9)
CR	6	2.3 (0.9-5.0)
PR	24	9.3 (6.0-13.5)
SD	42	16.2 (11.9-21.3)
Progressive disease	145	56.0 (49.7-62.1)
Nonevaluable	7	2.7 (1.1-5.5)
No assessment ^b	35	13.5 (9.6-18.3)
Duration of response, median (range), mo	8.4 (1.6+ to 17.3+) ^c	

Abbreviations: CR, complete response; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

^a Only confirmed responses are included.

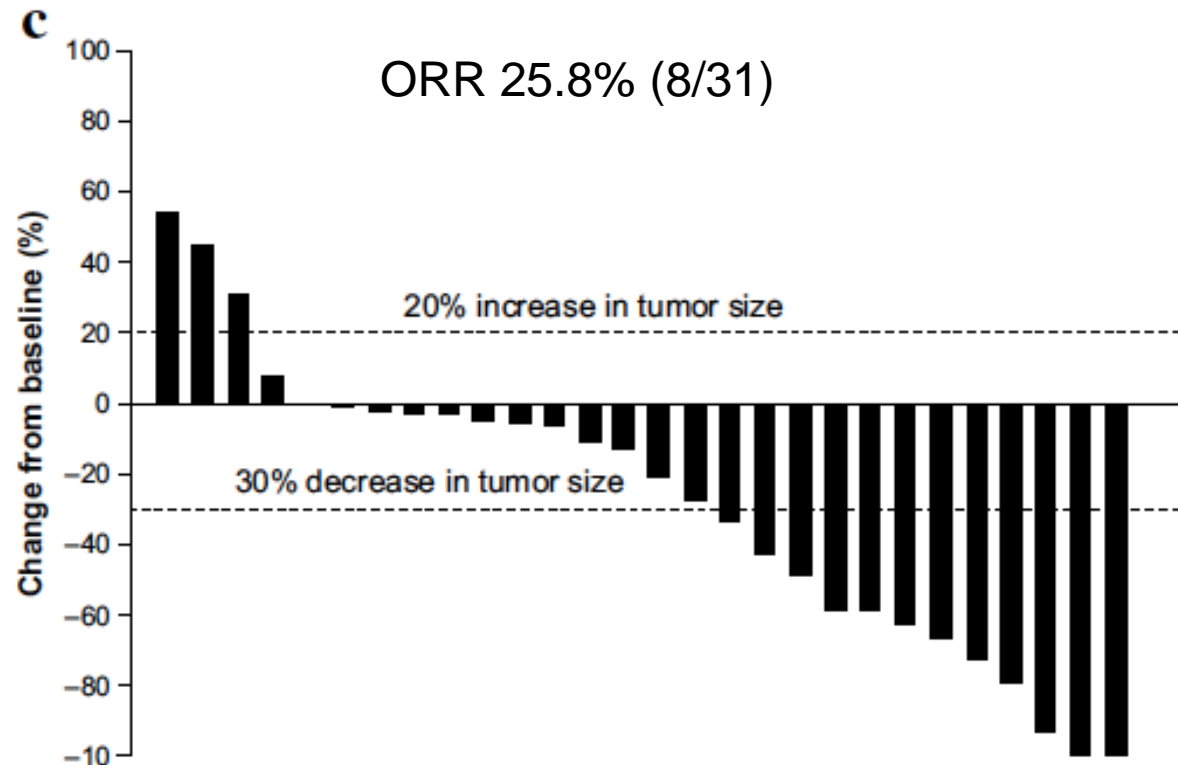
Pembrolizumab induces responses in First line gastric Cancer in combination with Chemotherapy

Efficacy in evaluable patients in KEYNOTE-059 Cohort 2.

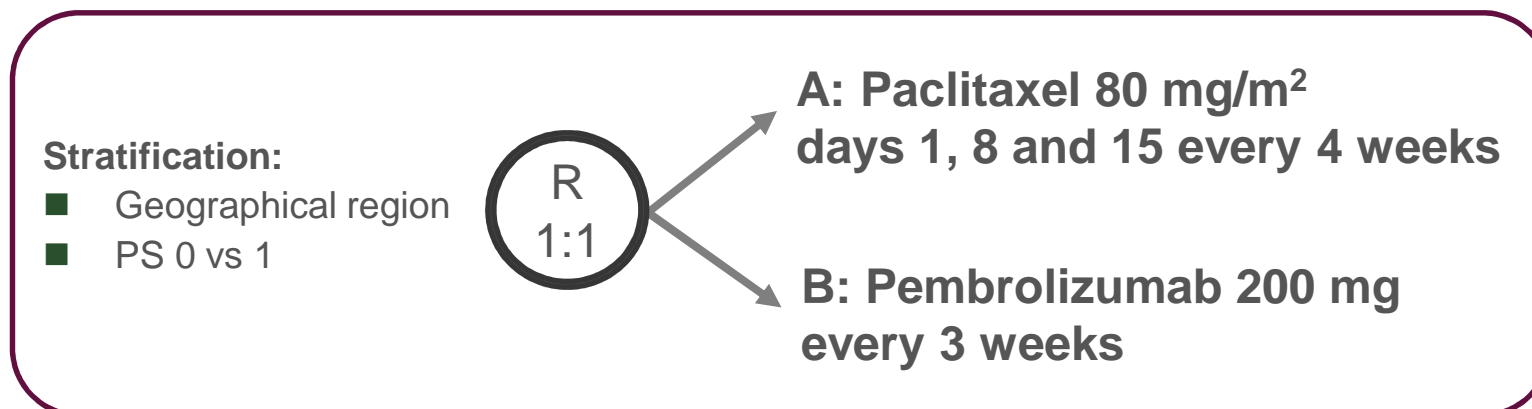


Pembrolizumab induces responses in First line gastric Cancer as single agent

Efficacy in evaluable patients in KEYNOTE-059 Cohort 3.



A Phase III Study of Pembrolizumab vs weekly Paclitaxel in second line for advanced gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma (KEYNOTE-061)



- **Objective I:** PFS and OS as co-primary end-points in PDL1 Combined Positive Score ≥ 1 patients
- **Objectives II:**
 - Toxicity
 - Response rate
 - Duration of response
 - Time to progression

Pembrolizumab not superior to weekly Paclitaxel in second line for advanced gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma

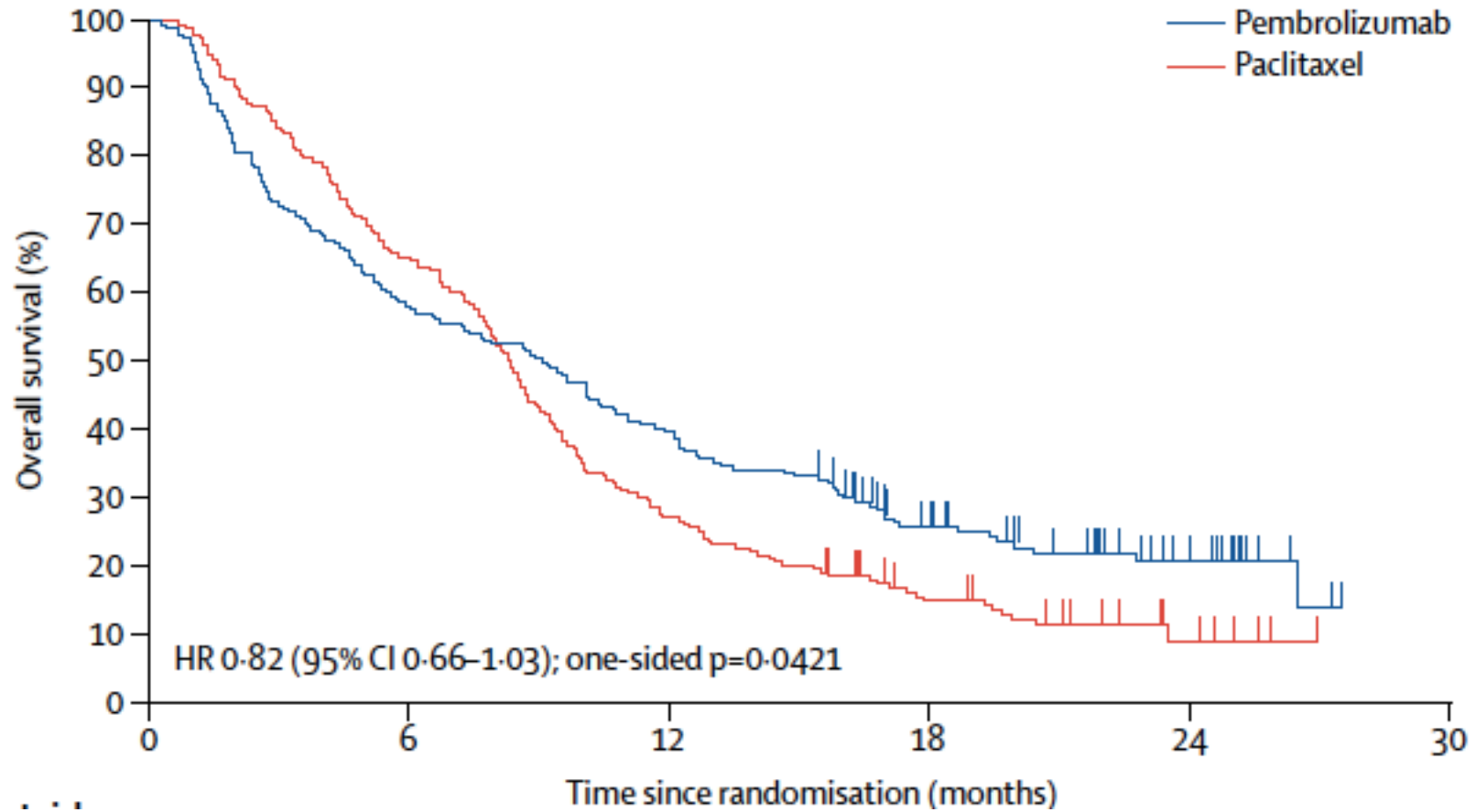
Trial author	Year	Patients (n)	Treatment	HR OS	P value	Gain in median survival
Hironaka, et al. ¹	2013	223	Irinotecan vs paclitaxel	1.13	0.38	0.9 months For Irinotecan
Wilke et al. ²	2014	665	Paclitaxel+/- Ramucirumab	0.80	0.017	2.2 months For Ramucirumab
Shitara et al. ³ KEYNOTE-061	2018	592 1:1	Pembrolizumab vs wk Paclitaxel	0.82	0.084	0.8 months for Pembrolizumab

1. Hironaka S, et al. J Clin Oncol 2013;31:4438–4444.

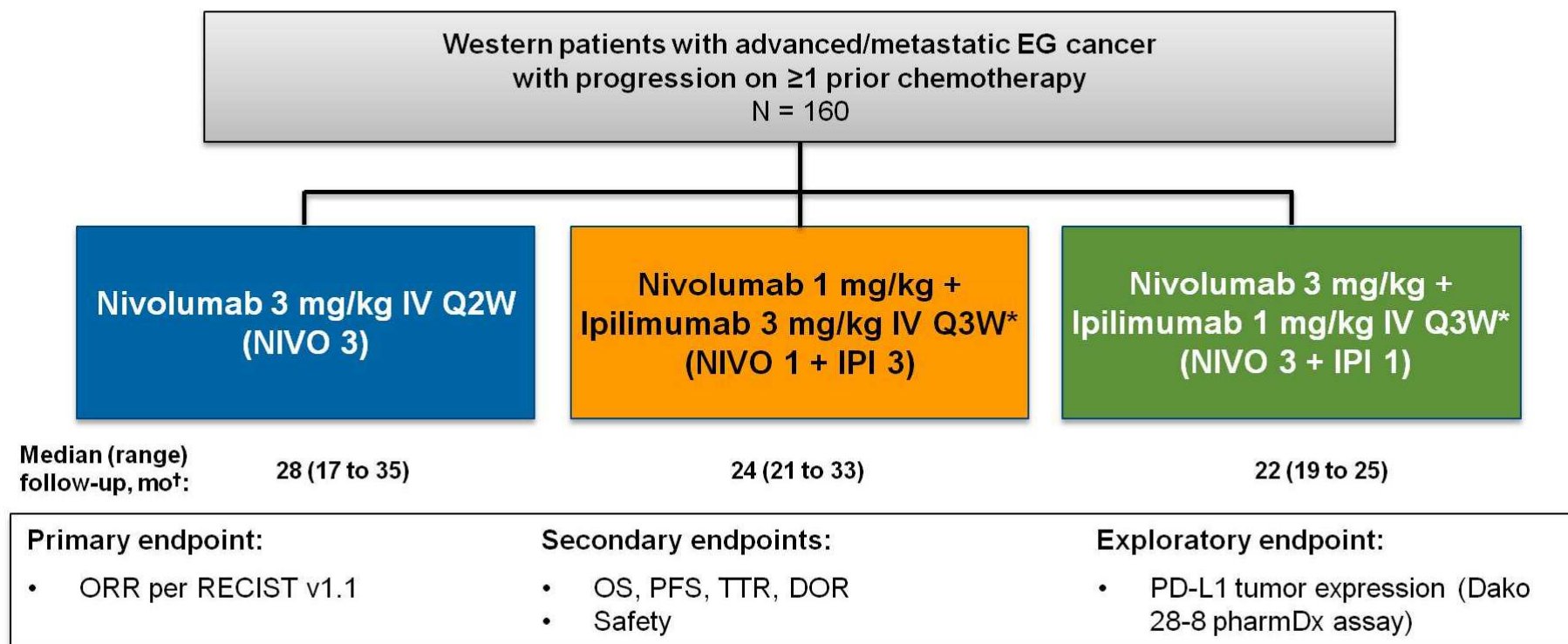
2. Wilke H, et al. Lancet Oncol 2014;15:1224–1235.

3. Shitara, K. et al. Lancet 2018; 392:123–133

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Checkmate 032 EG Cohort

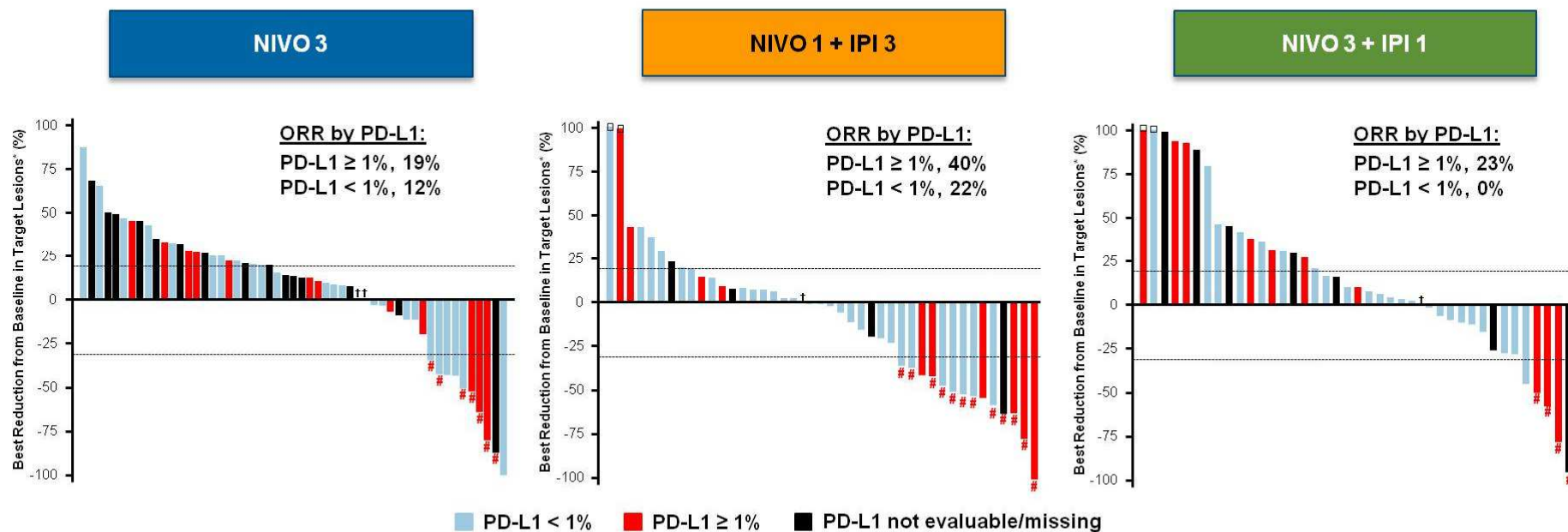


DOR, duration of response; EG, esophagogastric (including gastric/esophageal/gastroesophageal junction cancer); TTR, time to response.

* Nivolumab + ipilimumab administered for 4 cycles followed by nivolumab 3 mg/kg IV Q2W.

† Time from first dose to data cut-off; follow-up was shorter for patients who died prior to data cut-off.

Best Reduction in Target Lesions



- Responses were observed regardless of PD-L1 expression

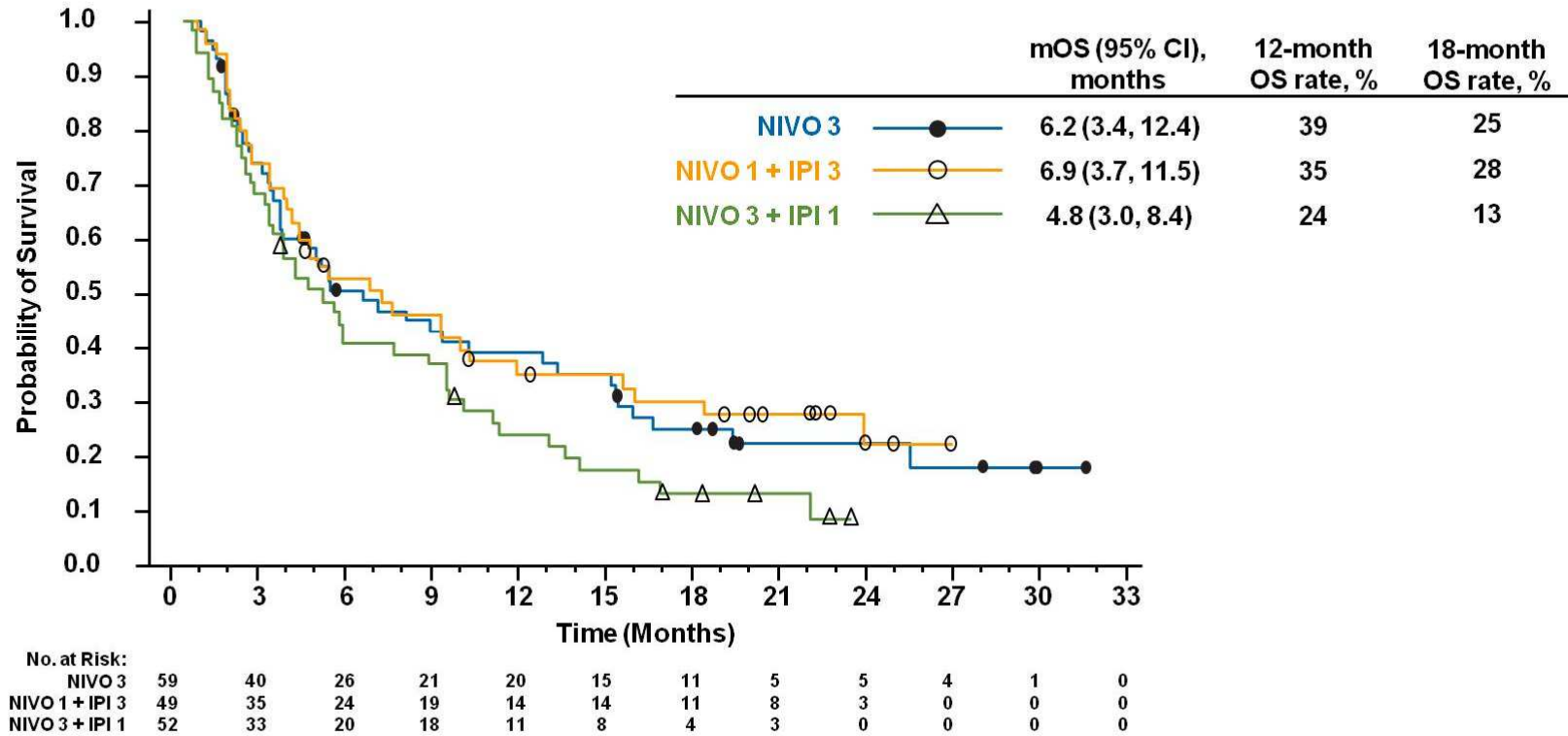
* Investigator review.

Patients with confirmed response (complete or partial response).

† Patients with 0% best reduction in target lesion, including 3 patients with PD-L1 ≥ 1% (NIVO 3, n=2; NIVO 3 + IPI 1, n=1) and 1 patient with PD-L1 < 1% (NIVO 1 + IPI 3).

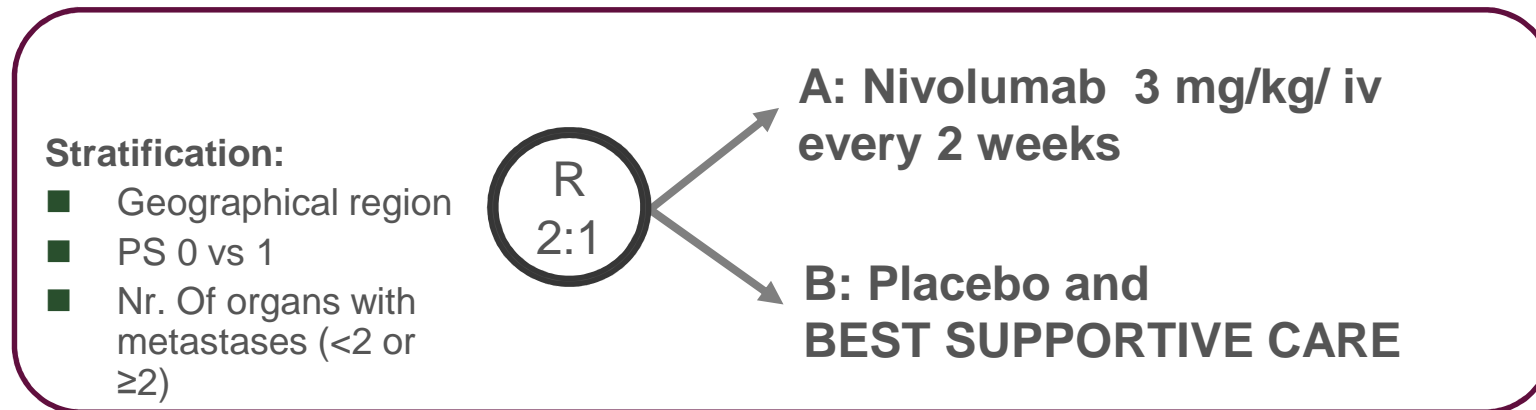
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Overall Survival



mOS, median OS.

A Phase III Study of Nivolumab vs BSC in second line advanced gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma: The **ATTRACTION-2** Trial



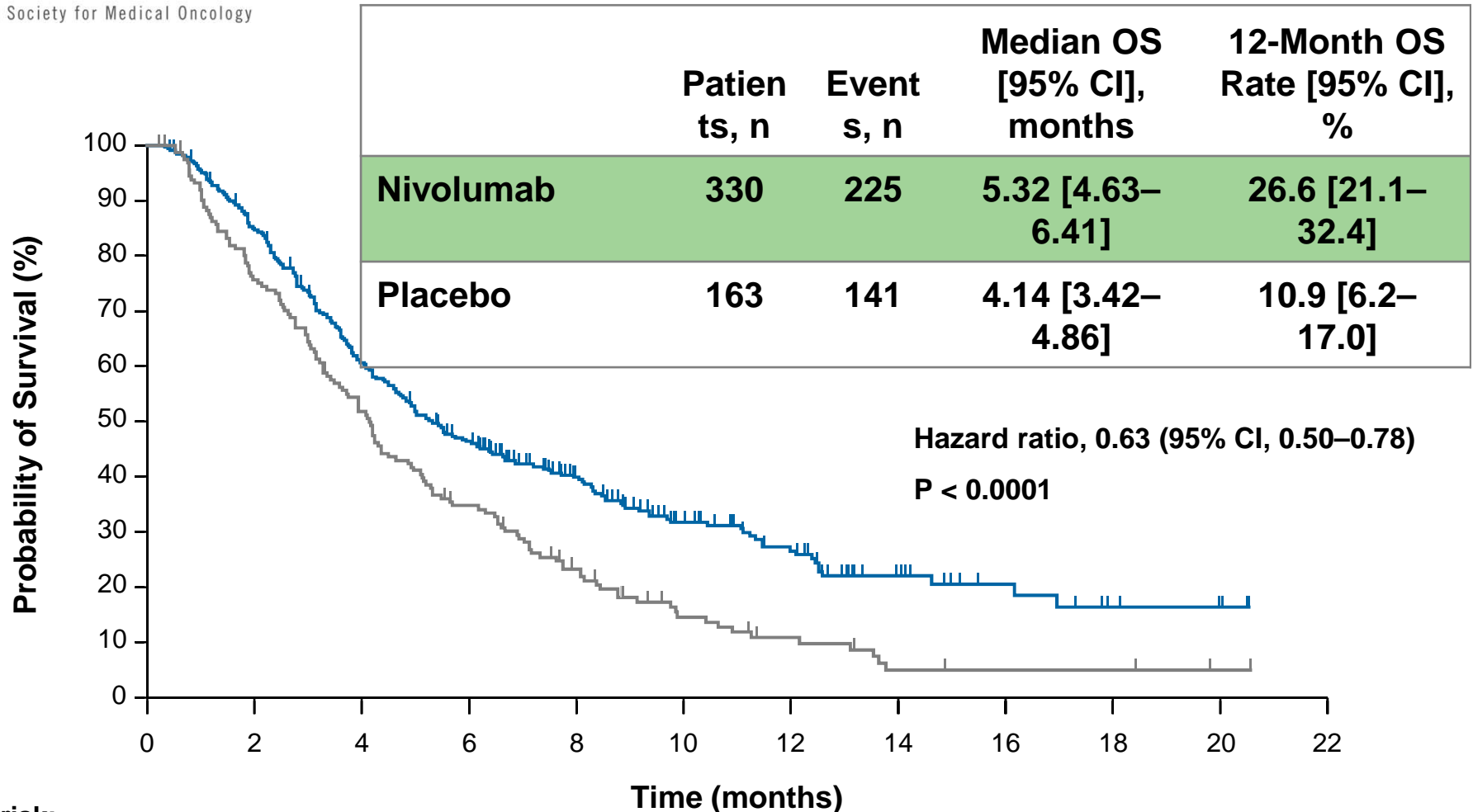
- **Objective I: OS**
- **Objectives II:**
 - PFS
 - Response rate, Duration of response, Disease Control rate
 - Time to progression
 - Safety

Gastroesophageal Adenocarcinomas: Third or further line therapy. Randomized trials comparing BSC or active treatment

Trial author	Year	Patients random (n)	Treatment	HR OS	P value	mOS and Gain in median survival
Li J, et al. ¹ Apatinib Third line	2016	273 2:1	Apatinib vs Placebo	0,70	0,0149	6.5 vs 4.7 1.8 months
Shitara, et al. ² TAGS Third line	2018	507 2:1	Trifluridine/Tipiracil vs BSC	0.69	0.0003	5.7 vs 3.6 2.1 months
Bang, et al. ³ JAVELIN 300 Third or further lines	2018	371 1:1	Avelumab vs Investigator choice of Chemotherapy	1.10	ns	4.6 vs 5.0 -0.4 months
Kang, et al. ⁴ ATTRACTION-2 Third or further lines	2017	493 2:1	Nivolumab vs BSC	0.63	0.0001	5.26 vs 4.14 1.12 months

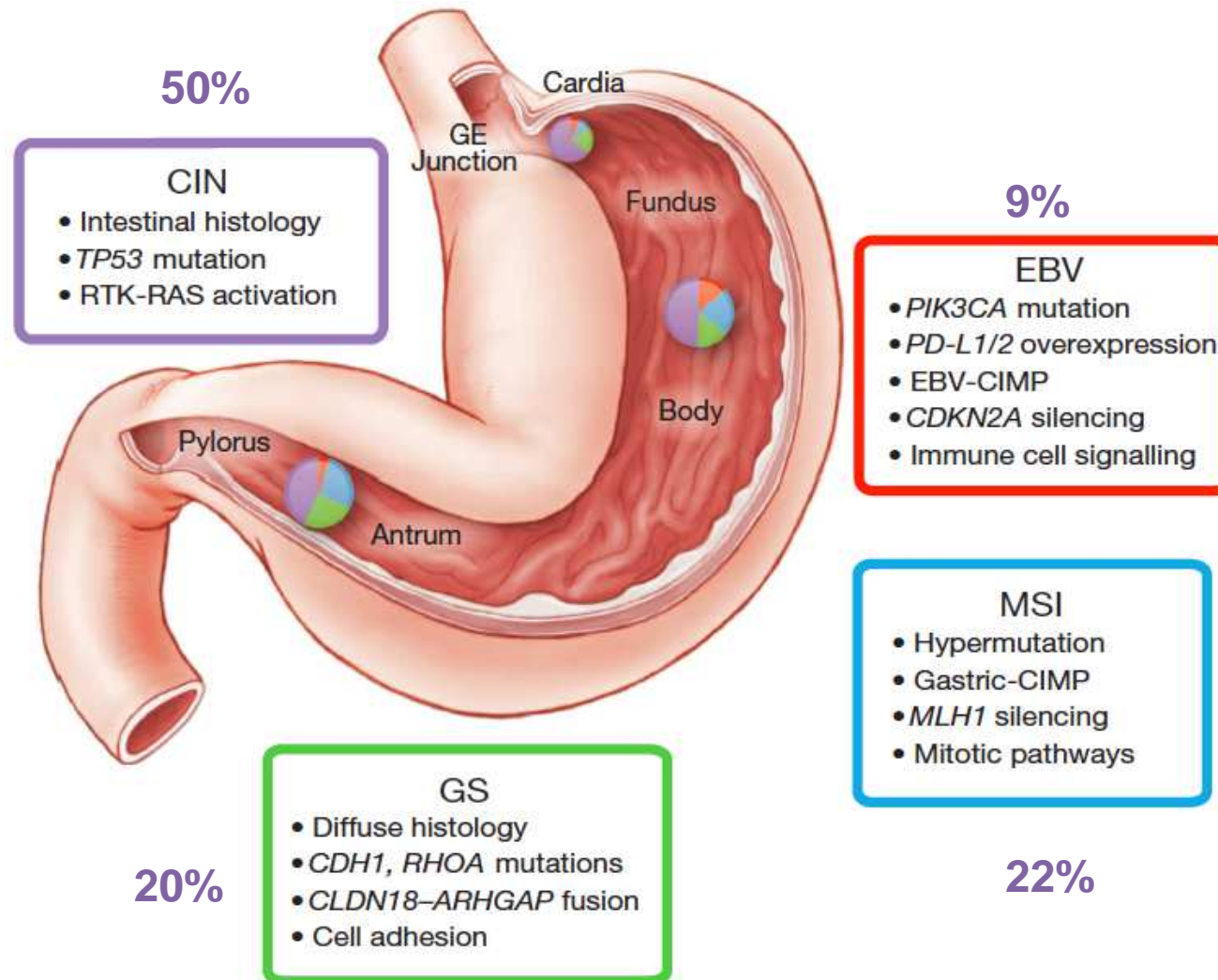
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Overall Survival Nivolumab vs BSC in ATTRACTION-2 Trial

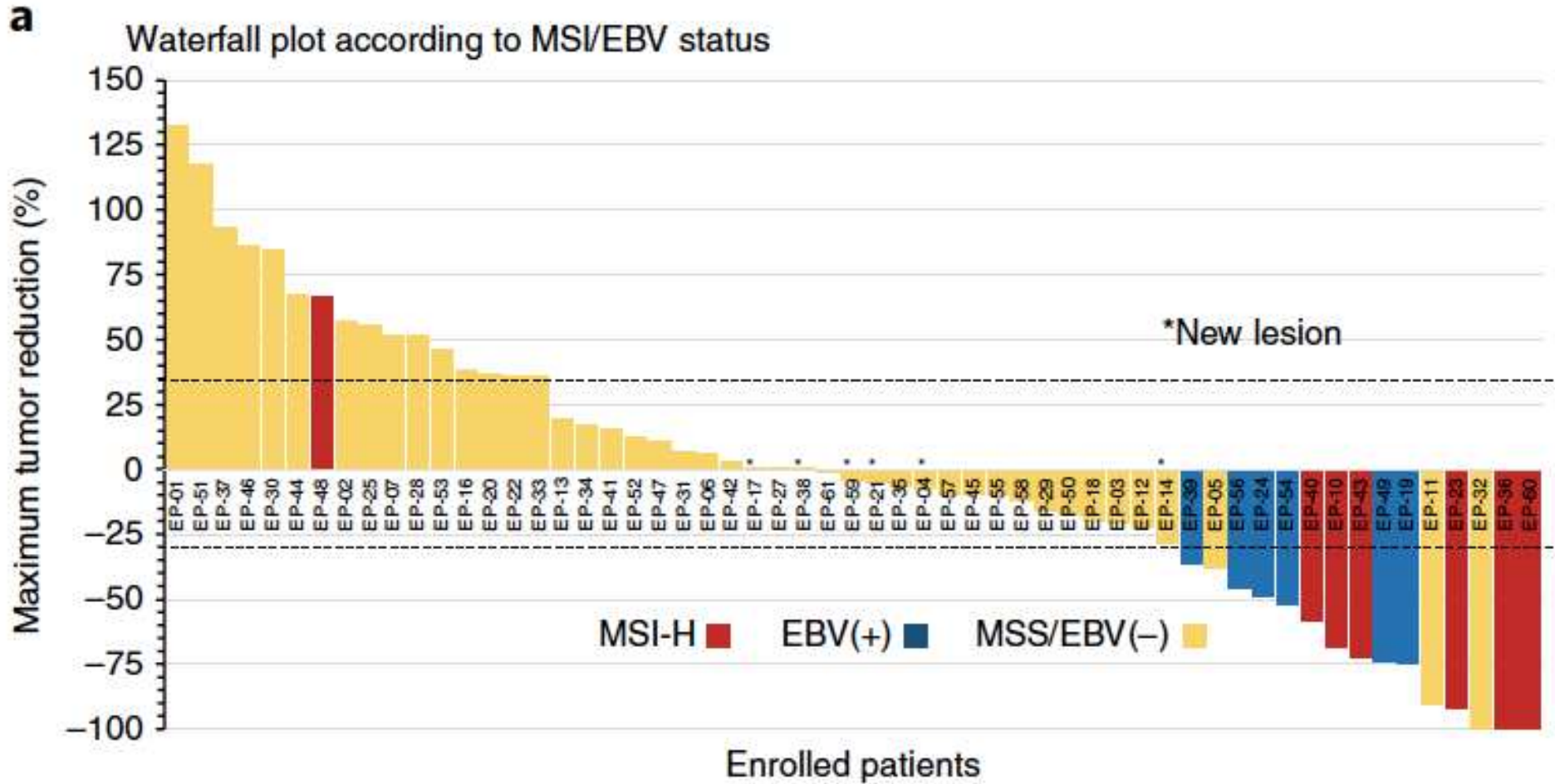


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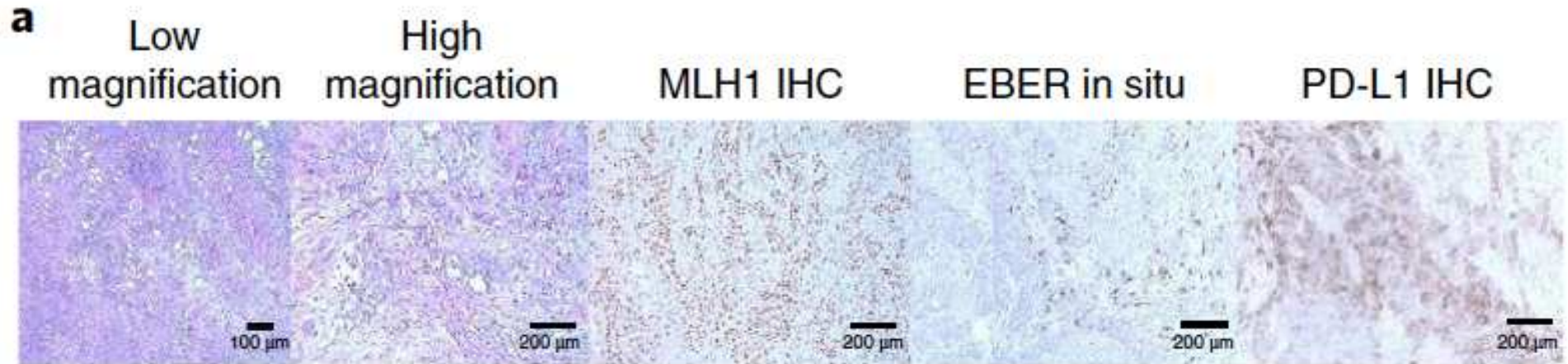
Nivolumab	330	275	193	142	95	57	39	19	10	5	3	0
Placebo	163	121	82	53	32	16	10	4	3	3	1	0



Pembrolizumab induces responses mainly in MSI or EBV+ gastric cancer

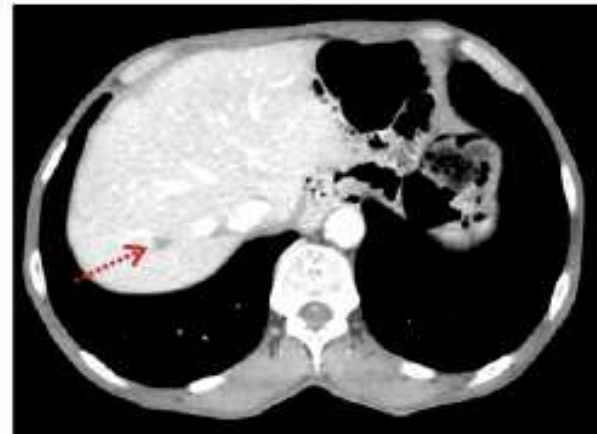


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Before pembrolizumab

Post-pembrolizumab
(6 cycles)

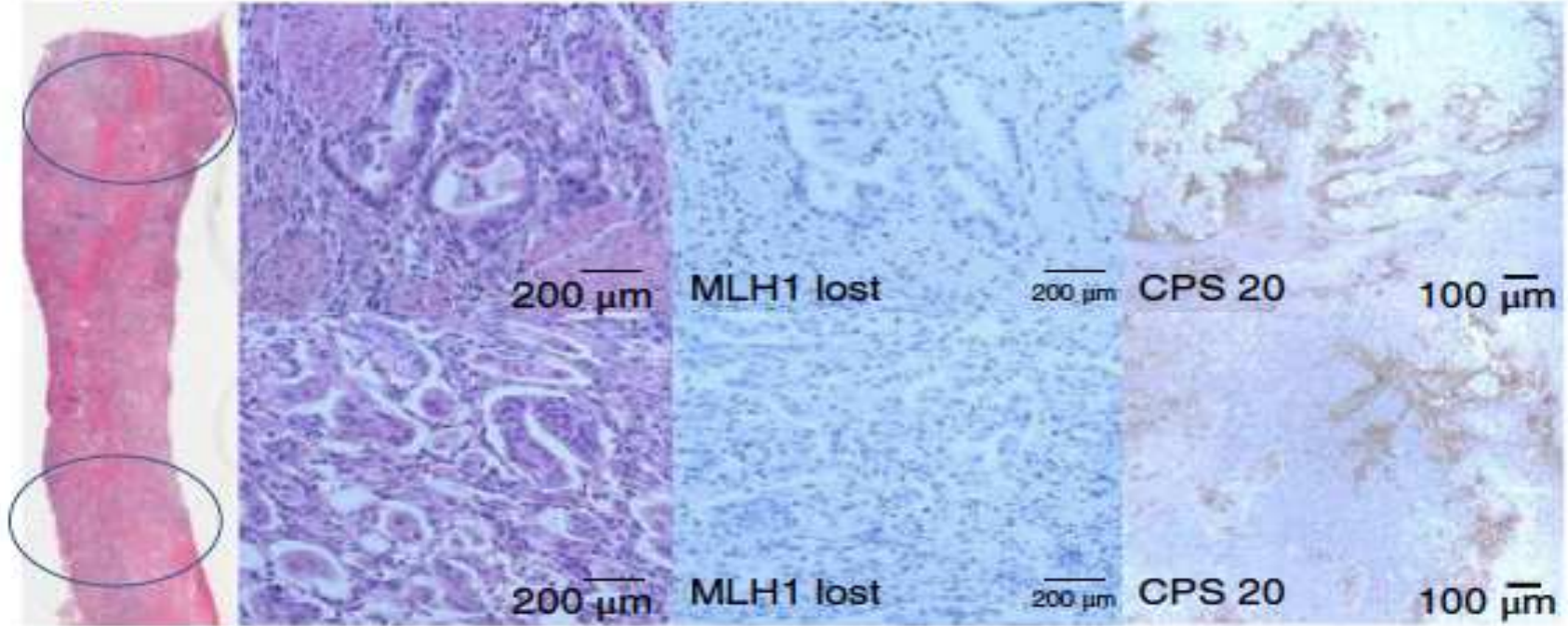


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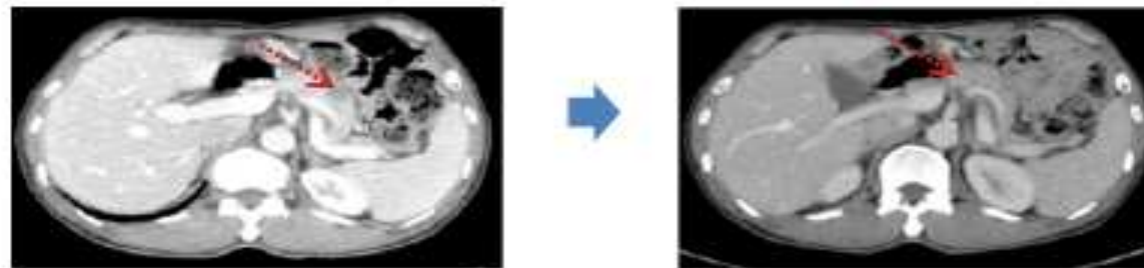
MLH1 IHC

PD-L1 IHC

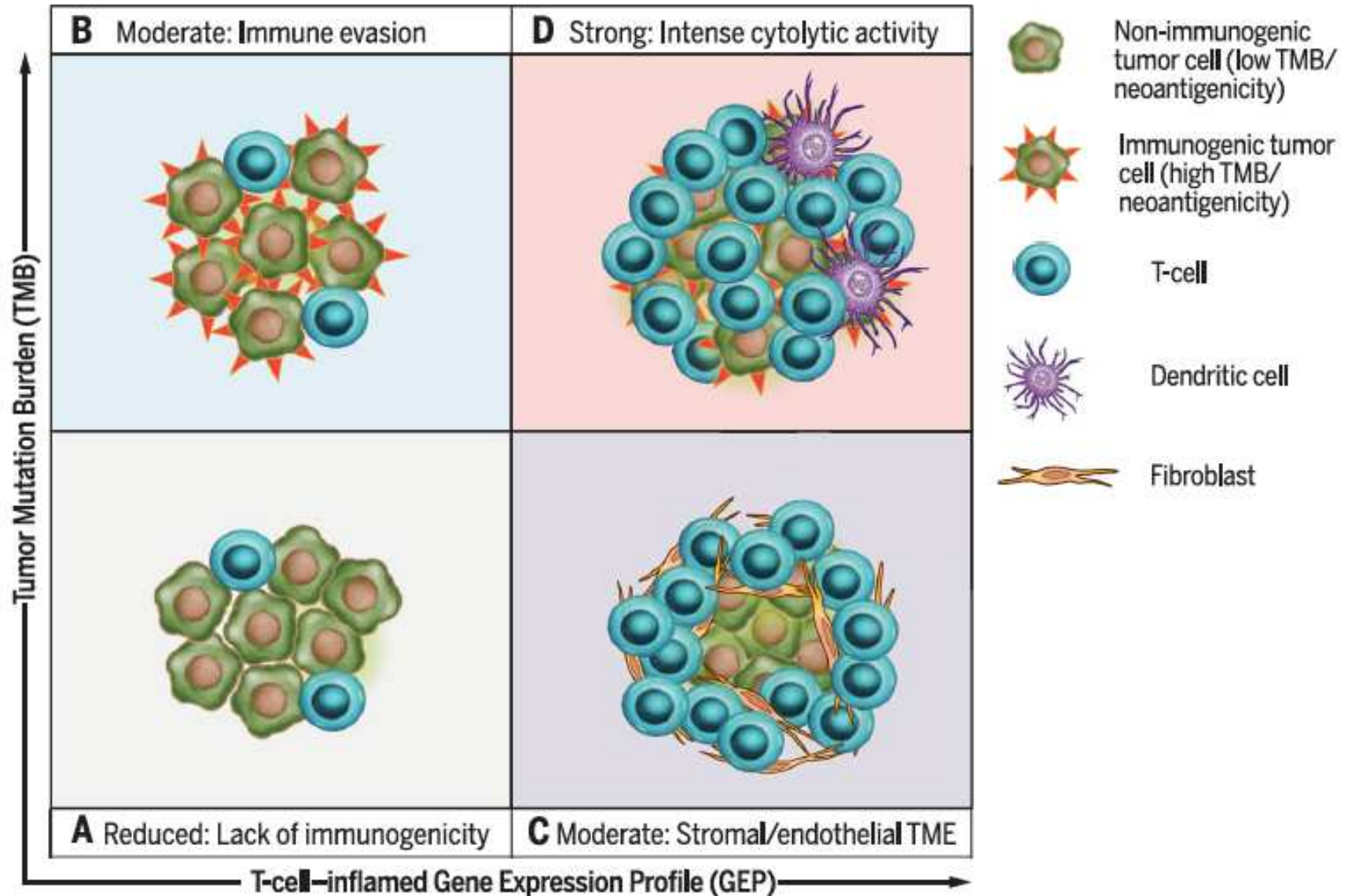


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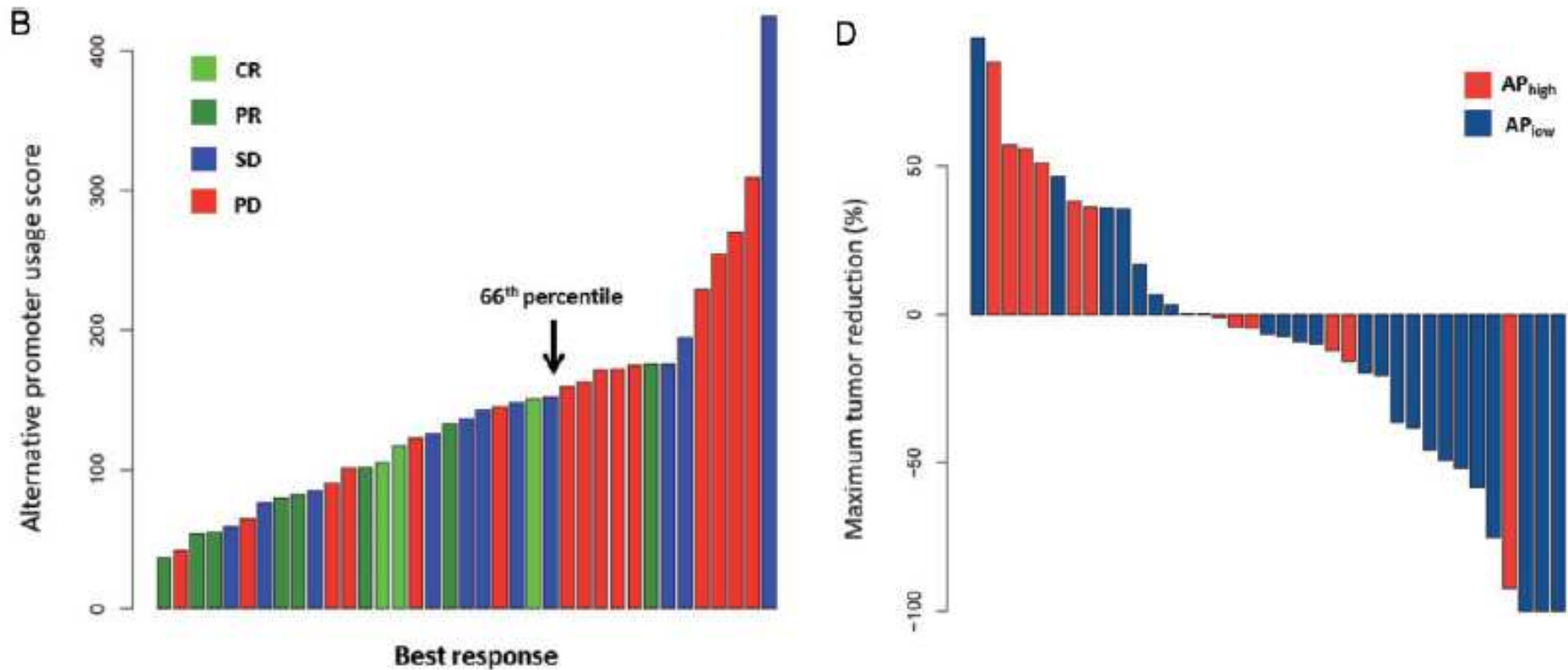
Post-pembrolizumab (2 cycles)



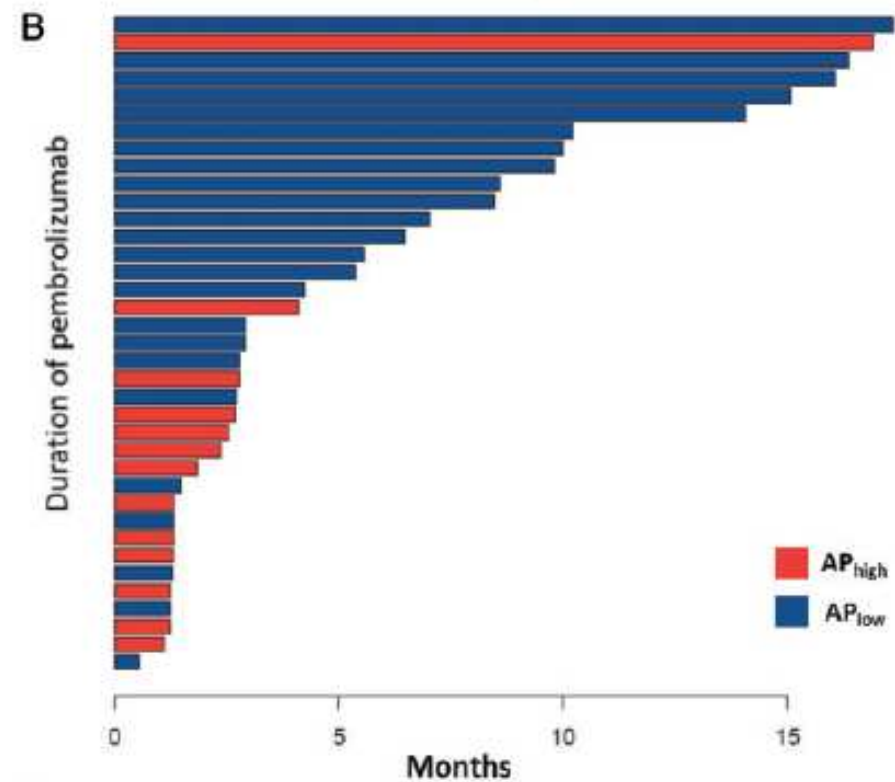
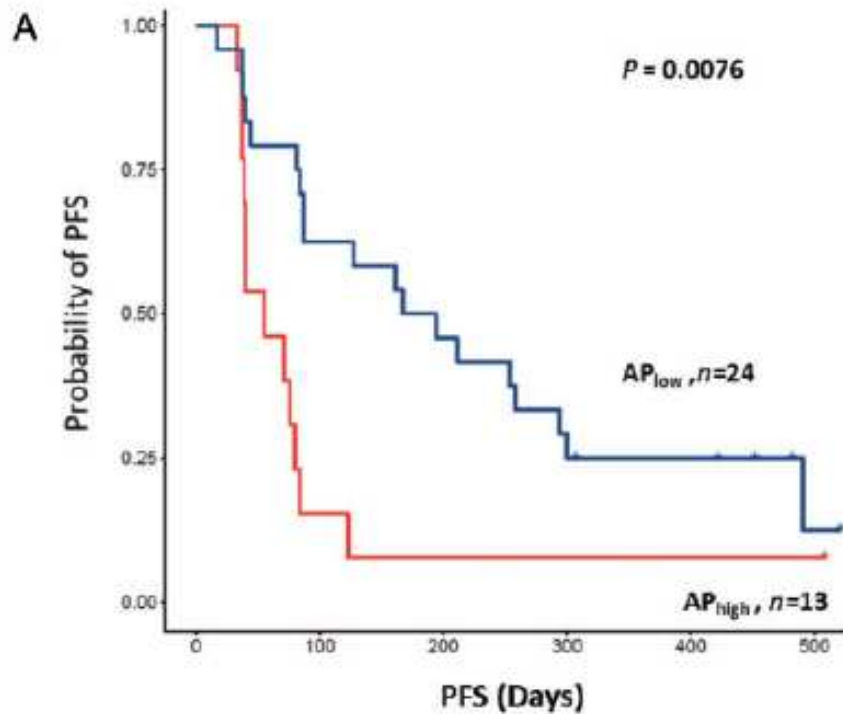
Pan-tumor genomic biomarkers for PD-1 checkpoint blockade–based immunotherapy



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Nivolumab in patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma (CheckMate 040): an open-label, non-comparative, phase 1/2 dose escalation and expansion trial

	Dose escalation (n=48) 3+3 design					Dose expansion (n=214) 3 mg/kg	
Without viral hepatitis	n=6 0.1 mg/kg (n=1)	n=9 0.3 mg/kg (n=3)	n=10 1.0 mg/kg (n=3)	n=10 3.0 mg/kg (n=3)	n=13 10 mg/kg (n=13)	Sorafenib untreated or intolerant (n=56)	
HCV infected		0.3 mg/kg (n=3)	1.0 mg/kg (n=4)	3.0 mg/kg (n=3)		Sorafenib progressor (n=57)	
HBV infected	0.1 mg/kg (n=5)	0.3 mg/kg (n=3)	1.0 mg/kg (n=3)	3.0 mg/kg (n=4)		HCV infected (n=50)	
						HBV infected (n=51)	

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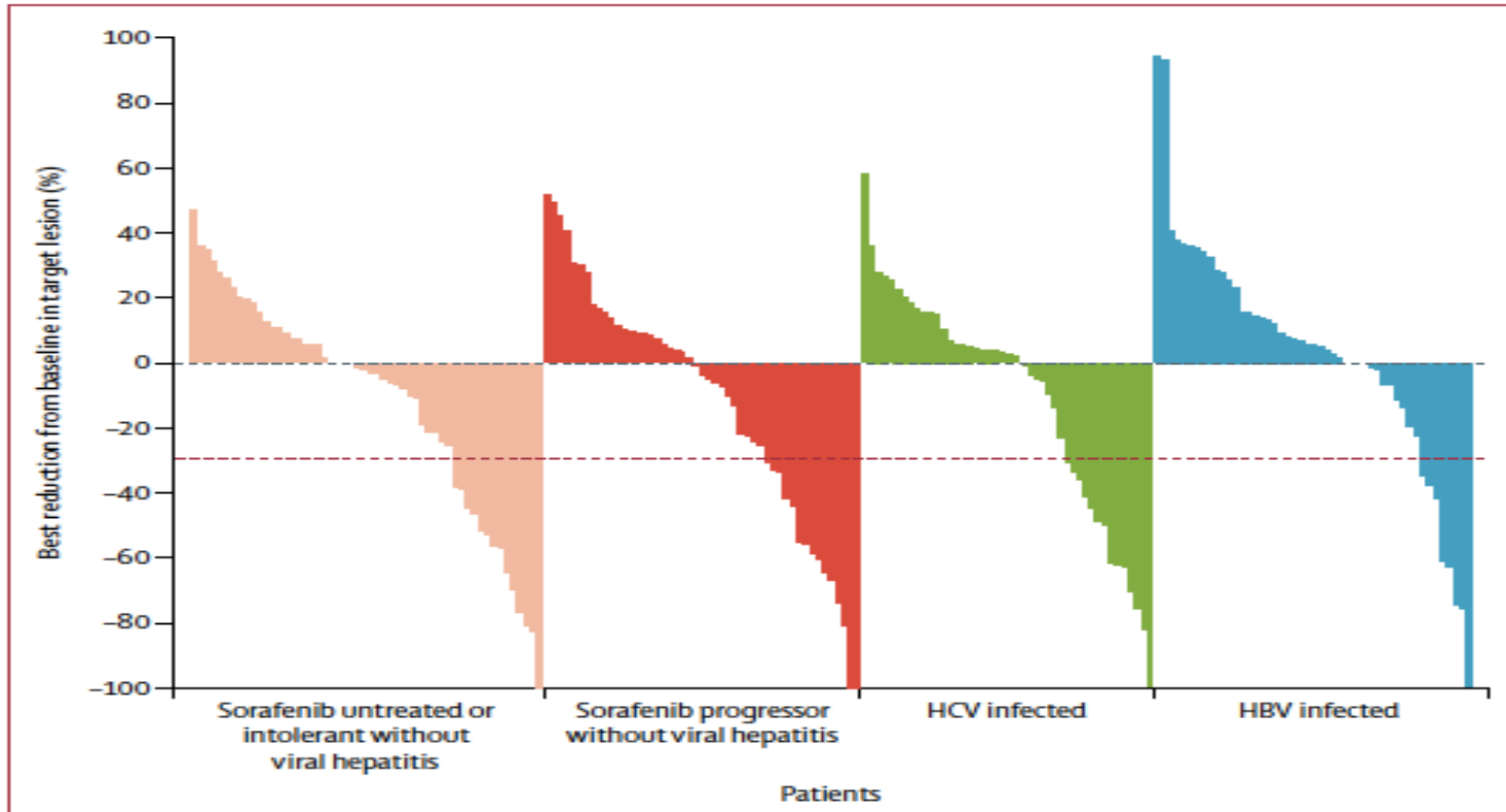


Figure 4: Best percentage change in tumour burden
Best percentage change in tumour lesion size from baseline over time in the dose-expansion phase (n=202). Red dash indicates a 30% reduction. HCV=hepatitis C virus. HBV=hepatitis B virus.

Pembrolizumab in patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma previously treated with sorafenib (KEYNOTE-224): a non-randomised, open-label phase 2 trial

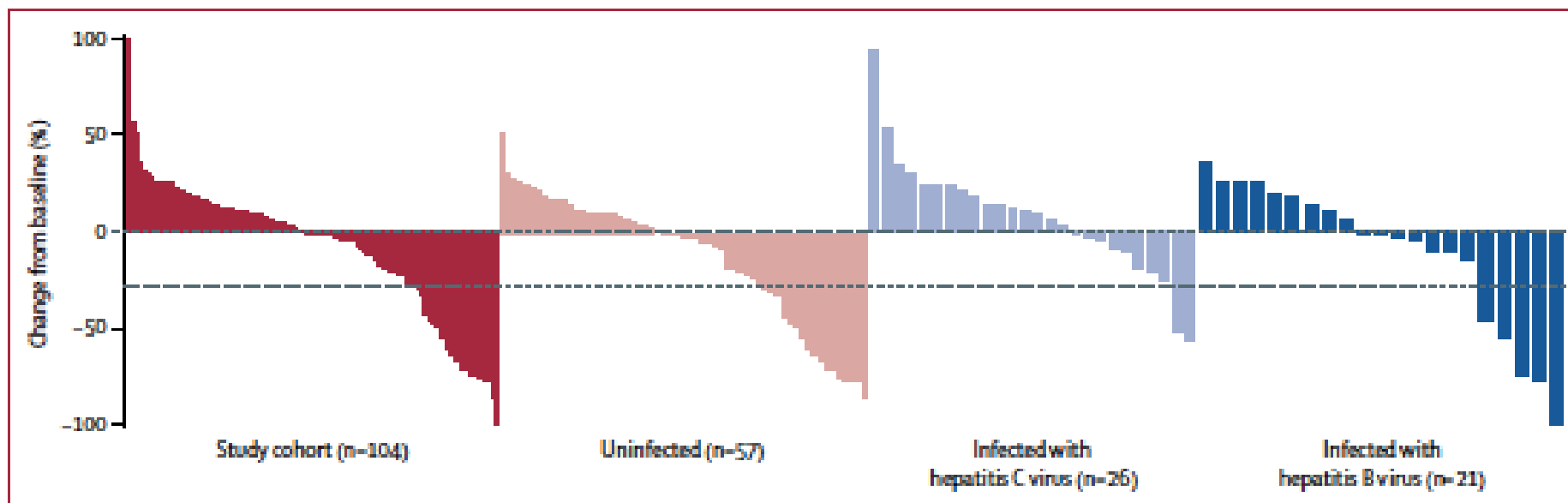


Figure 5: Best percentage changes from baseline in size of target lesions

Assessed with RECIST by central radiology review in patients with image measurements before and after treatment. The horizontal dashed line represents the threshold for response according to RECIST version 1.1.

Comparison of Toxicity / Efficacy Profiles CPI in HCC.

	n	ORR %	PFS months	OS months	AE leading to discont.
Camrelizumab ¹	217	14 [9 -19]	2.3 [2.0 – 3.2]	14.4 [13.8 – NR]	3%
Nivolumab ²	214	15 [6 – 28]	4.0 [2.9 – 5.4]	15.0 [9.6 – 20.2]	6%
Pembrolizumab ³	104	17 [11 – 26]	4.9 [3.4 – 7.2]	12.9 [9.7 – 15.5]	5%

¹Qin S et al. ESMO 2018

²El-Khoueiry AB et al. Lancet Oncol 2017;389:2492-502

³Zhu A et al. Lancet Oncol 2018.19:940-52

Competitive Landscape for Immunotherapy in HCC

Monotherapy (checkpoint inhibitors – mostly in 2L)

Atezolizumab (Ph1b) <i>Anti-PDL1</i>	Nivolumab (Ph3) <i>Anti-PD1</i>	Camrelizumab (Ph2) <i>aPD-1</i>
Pembrolizumab (Ph1/2) <i>Anti-PD1</i>	Durvalumab (Ph1/2) <i>Anti-PDL1</i>	Avelumab (Ph2) <i>aPD-L1</i>
	Spartalizumab (Ph1b/2) <i>Anti-PD1</i>	Tislelizumab (Ph3) <i>aPD-1</i>

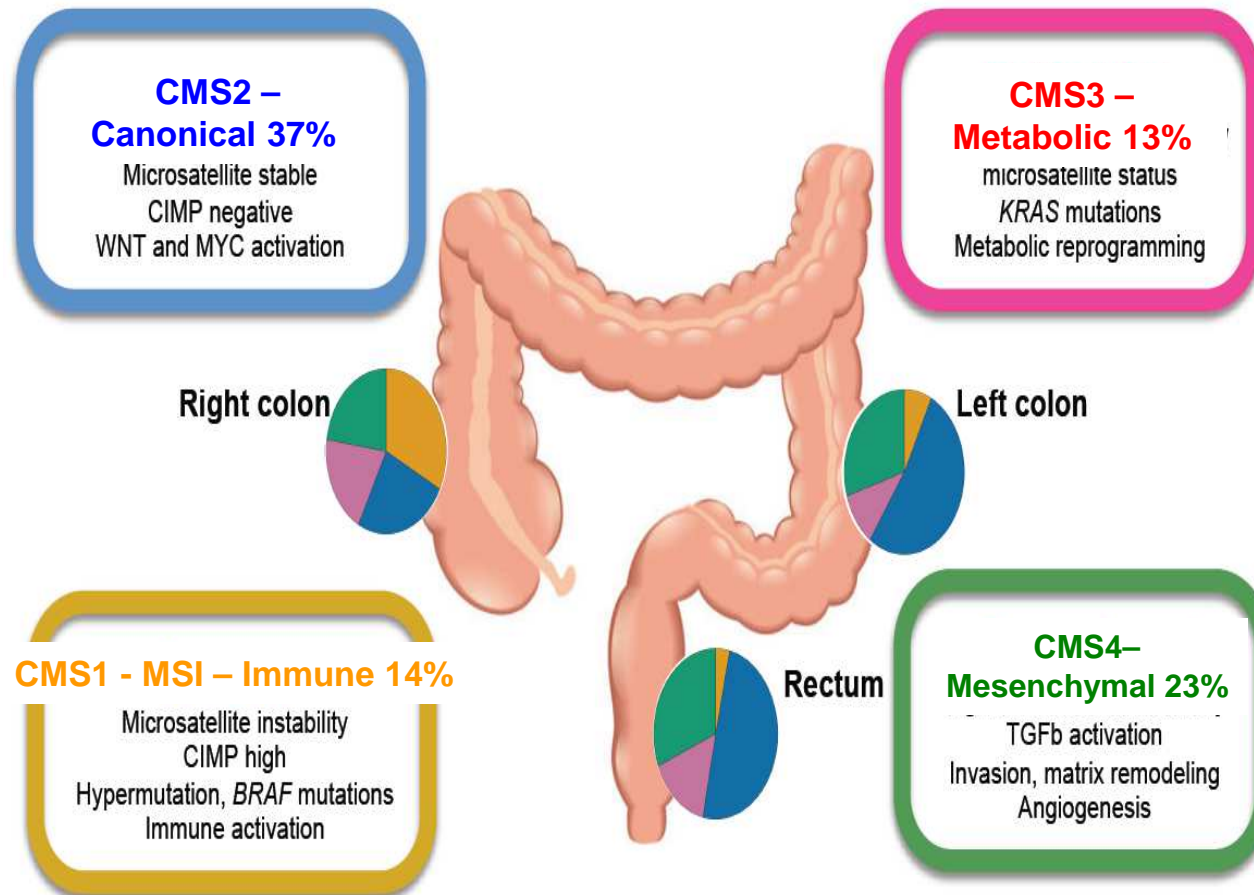
Combinations of checkpoint inhibitors + anti-VEGF

Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab (Ph3) <i>Anti-PDL1 + anti-VEGF</i>	Nivolumab + Avastin (Ph1) <i>Anti-PD1 + anti-VEGF</i>	Camrelizumab + Apatinib (Ph2) <i>Anti-PD1 + TKI</i>
Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib (Ph1b) <i>Anti-PD1 + TKI</i>	Nivolumab + sorafenib (Ph3) <i>Anti-PD1 + TKI</i>	Avelumab + Axitinib (Ph1b) <i>Anti-PDL1 + TKI</i>
Pembrolizumab + regorafenib (Ph1b) <i>Anti-PD1 + TKI</i>	Nivolumab + lenvatinib (Ph1b) <i>Anti-PD1 + TKI</i>	Spartalizumab + sorafenib (Ph2) <i>Anti-PD1 + TKI</i>

Combinations of two checkpoint inhibitors

Durvalumab + tremelimumab (Ph3) <i>Anti-PDL1 + anti-CTLA4</i>	Nivolumab + relatlimab (Ph1/2) <i>Anti-PD1 + anti-LAG3</i>	Nivo + Ipilimumab (Ph2) <i>aPD-1 + aCTLA-4</i>
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CMS subtypes – clinical and molecular correlates

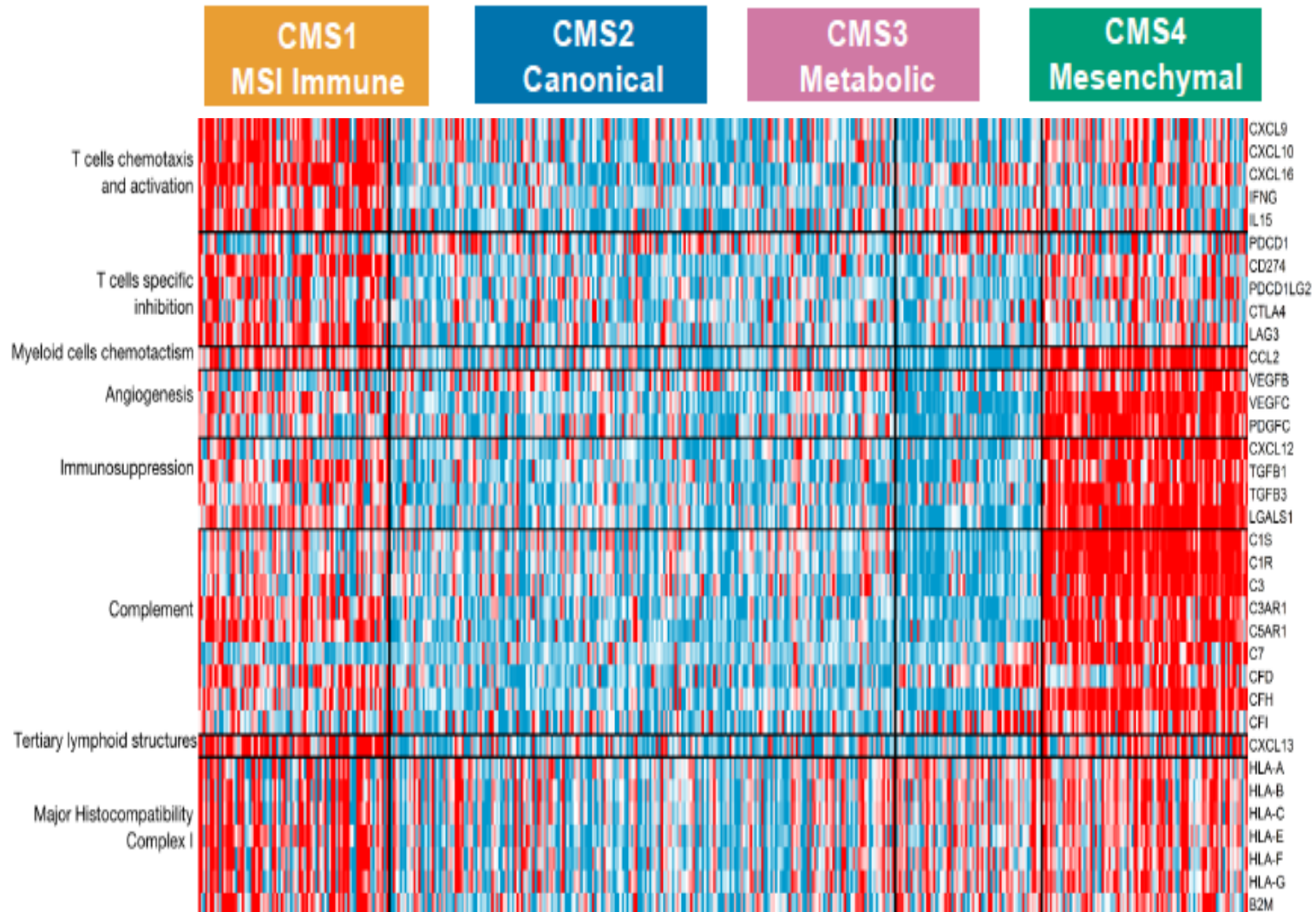




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Immune vs Transcriptomic subtypes of CRC

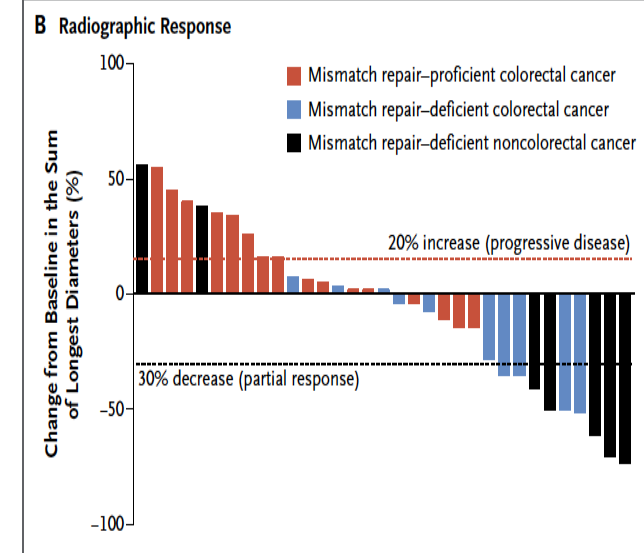
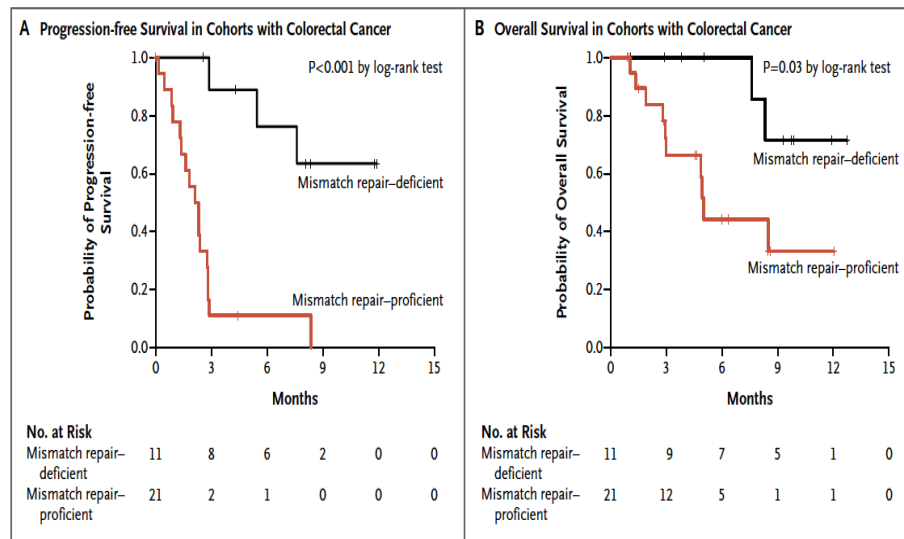
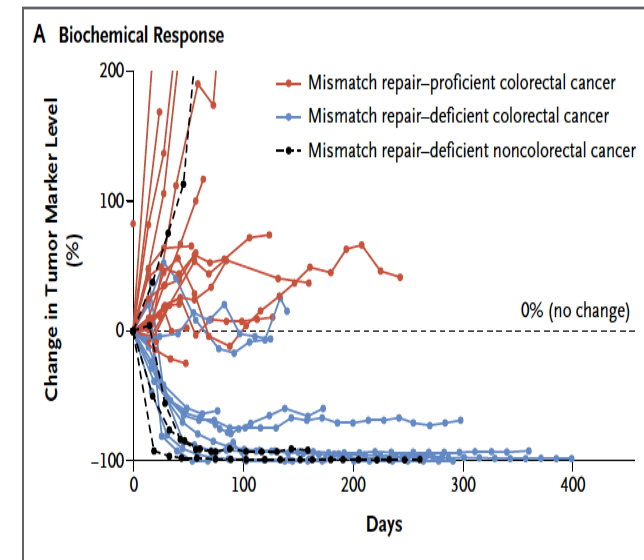
Supervised immune infiltration analysis



Pembrolizumab (anti-PD1) in mismatch repair-deficient/-proficient CRC: phase I

Table 2. Objective Responses According to RECIST Criteria.

Type of Response	Mismatch Repair-Deficient Colorectal Cancer (N=10)	Mismatch Repair-Proficient Colorectal Cancer (N=18)	Mismatch Repair-Deficient Noncolorectal Cancer (N=7)
Complete response — no. (%)	0	0	1 (14)*
Partial response — no. (%)	4 (40)	0	4 (57)†
Stable disease at week 12 — no. (%)	5 (50)	2 (11)	0
Progressive disease — no. (%)	1 (10)	11 (61)	2 (29)
Could not be evaluated — no. (%)‡	0	5 (28)	0
Objective response rate (95% CI) — %	40 (12–74)	0 (0–19)	71 (29–96)
Disease control rate (95% CI) — %§	90 (55–100)	11 (1–35)	71 (29–96)
Median duration of response — wk	Not reached	NA¶	Not reached
Median time to response (range) — wk	28 (13–35)	NA¶	12 (10–13)



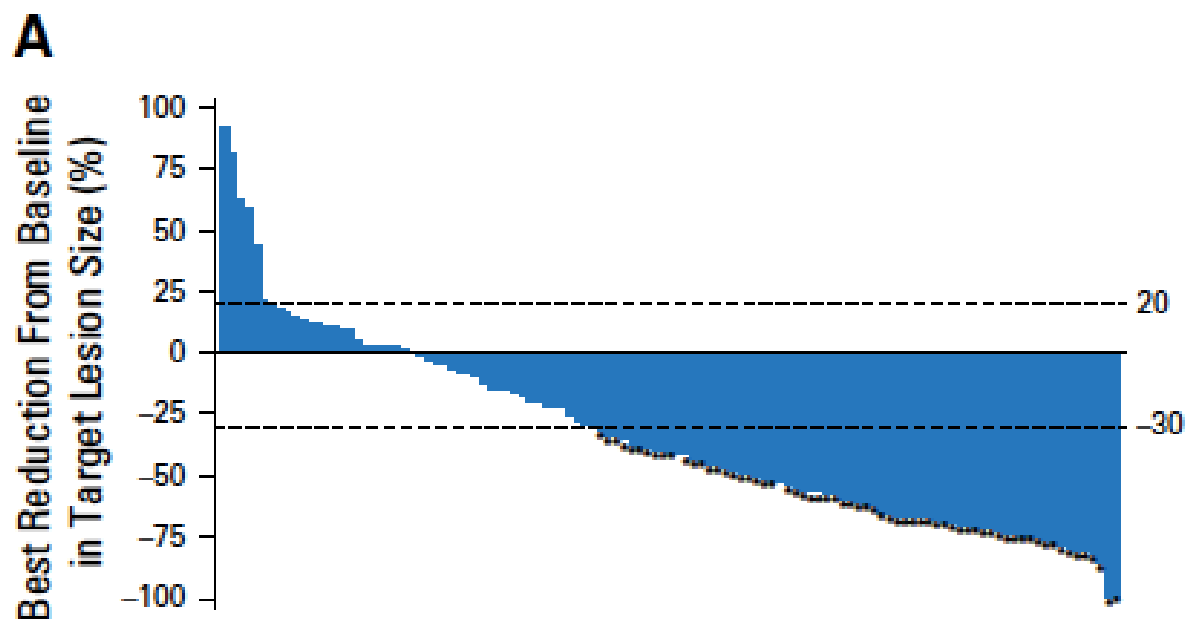
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Table 2. ORR, Best Overall Response, and DCR per Investigator Assessment (N = 119)

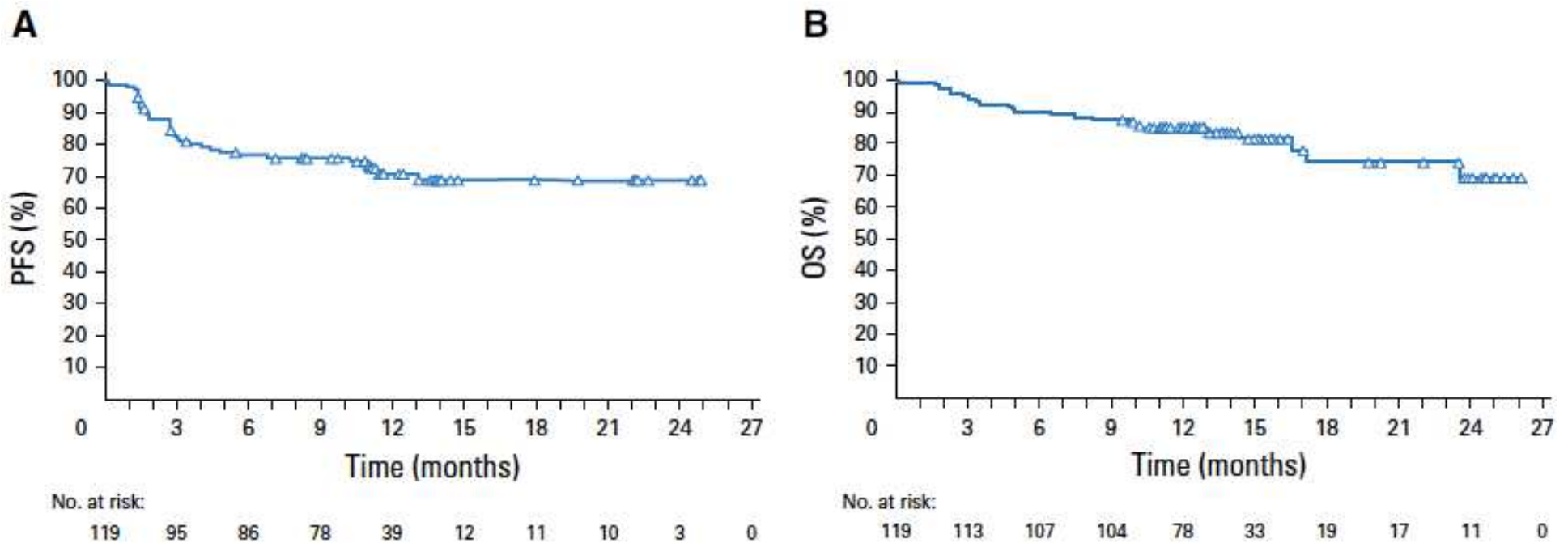
Response	No. (%)	95% CI
ORR	65 (55)	45.2 to 63.8
Best overall response		
Complete response	4 (3)	
Partial response	61 (51)	
Stable disease	37 (31)	
Progressive disease	14 (12)	
Not determined	3 (3)	
Disease control for \geq 12 weeks	95 (80)	71.5 to 86.6

Abbreviations: DCR, disease control rate; ORR, objective response rate.

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