# Emerging Therapeutic Landscape in Advanced Non-small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC): A New Immunotherapy Paradigm

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### CheckMate 017 & 057: Nivolumab in Previously Treated Metastatic <u>Squamous and Nonsquamous</u> NSCLC

CheckMate-017 Squamous	Nivolumab (n = 135)	Docetaxel (n = 137)	Hazard ratio	<i>p</i> -value
Median OS	9.2 mo	6.0 mo	0.59	0.00025
Median PFS	3.5 mo	2.8 mo	0.62	0.0004
ORR	20%	9%	—	0.0083

CheckMate-057 Nonsquamous	Nivolumab (n = 292)	Docetaxel (n = 290)	Hazard ratio	<i>p</i> -value
Median OS	12.2 mo	9.4 mo	0.73	0.002
Median PFS	2.3 mo	4.2 mo	0.92	0.39
ORR	19%	12%	_	0.02

Nivolumab was associated with greater efficacy than docetaxel across all end points in subgroups defined according to prespecified levels of tumor-membrane expression ( $\geq 1\%$ ,  $\geq 5\%$ , and  $\geq 10\%$ ) of the PD-1 ligand

Brahmer J et al. N Engl J Med 2015;373(2):123-35. Borghaei H et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;373(17):1627-39.

## KEYNOTE-010: Pembrolizumab versus Docetaxel in Advanced NSCLC (TPS≥1%)



Herbst RS et al. Lancet 2016;387(10027):1540-50.

## OAK: A Phase III Study of Atezolizumab versus Docetaxel in 2L/3L NSCLC (ITT Population)



- OS was improved regardless of PD-L1 expression levels
- There was pronounced benefit in patients with ≥50% PD-L1 expression
- OS benefit was observed in all subgroups except EGFR mutation-positive disease

#### Barlesi F et al. *Proc ESMO* 2016;Abstract LBA44\_PR.

Merck's KEYTRUDA<sup>®</sup> (pembrolizumab) Demonstrates Superior Progression-Free and Overall Survival Compared to Chemotherapy as First-Line Treatment in Patients with Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

KEYNOTE-024 Studied Patients Whose Tumors Expressed High Levels of PD-L1

#### June 16, 2016 06:45 AM Eastern Daylight Time

KENILWORTH, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Merck (NYSE:MRK), known as MSD outside the United States and Canada, today announced that the KEYNOTE-024 trial investigating the use of KEYTRUDA<sup>®</sup> (pembrolizumab), in patients with previously untreated advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumors expressed high levels of PD-L1 (tumor proportion score of 50 percent or more), met its primary endpoint. In this trial, KEYTRUDA was superior compared to chemotherapy for both the primary endpoint of progression-free survival (PFS), and the secondary endpoint of overall survival (OS). Based on these results, an independent Data Monitoring Committee (DMC) has recommended that the trial be stopped, and that patients receiving chemotherapy in KEYNOTE-024 be offered the opportunity to receive KEYTRUDA.

"We believe that the KEYNOTE-024 results have the potential to change the therapeutic paradigm in first-line treatment of non-small-cell lung cancer."

## ORR by PD-L1 Proportion Score: CTA-Evaluable Validation Set Patients With Measurable Disease



When measurable disease is NOT required, the ORR (95% CI) in the PS ≥50% subgroups are: 42.3%, 41.0%, and 47.1% in the total, previously treated, and treatment-naive populations<sup>d</sup>

\*n = 73, 103, and 28, respectively. <sup>b</sup>n = 57, 77, and 22, respectively. <sup>c</sup>n = 16, 26, and 6, respectively. <sup>d</sup>n = 78, 61, and 17, respectively.
ORR was assessed per RECIST v1.1 by central review in the biomarker-evaluable population (ie, patients with measurable disease per RECIST v1.1 by central review at baseline whose slides were cut within 6 months of staining and for which a proportion score could be assigned).
Analysis cut-off date: August 29, 2014.

### Longterm OS in KN 001 in Tx-naïve NSCLC Pts Based on PDL1 Status



## KEYNOTE-024 Study Design (NCT02142738)



#### Key End Points

Primary: PFS (RECIST v1.1 per blinded, independent central review) Secondary: OS, ORR, safety Exploratory: DOR

### **Efficacy data: KEYNOTE-24**



imaging was every 9 weeks

#### **Clear and strong signal of activity**

- → ORR is improved, with a control arm that performs as expected (based on other phase III trials)
- $\rightarrow$  45% ORR is the one of best RRs ever reported in 1<sup>st</sup> line setting (and with monotherapy !)
- ightarrow Time to Response is identical between Pembro and Chemo
- $\rightarrow$  PFS is improved by 4.3 months (HR of 0.50)
- → Improvement of PFS in all subgroups (except female/never smokers => lower mutational load ?)
- $\rightarrow$  Strongest signal of PFS benefit observed in SqCC (HR of 0.35)



### **KEYNOTE 24: Survival data**



### Clearcut survival benefit for NSCLC pts with PDL1 ≥ 50%

- Estimated rate of OS @ 12 months: 70% (Pembro) vs 54% (CT)
- HR for death: 0.60
- Despite cross-over in 50% of patients on the control arm



## **KEYNOTE-021 Cohort G:** Pem/Carbo +/- Pembrolizumab



\* To be eligible for crossover, progressive disease (PD) had to be confirmed by blinded, independent central radiology review and all safety criteria had to be met.

### Confirmed Objective Response Rate (RECIST v1.1 by Blinded, Independent Central Review)



Data cut-off: August 8, 2016.

	Pembro + Chemo Responders n = 33	Chemo Alone Responders n = 18
TTR, mo median (range)	1.5 (1.2-12.3)	2.7 (1.1-4.7)
DOR, mo median (range)	NR (1.4+-13.0+)	NR (1.4+-15.2+)
Ongoing response, <sup>a</sup> n (%)	29 (88)	14 (78)

DOR = duration of response; TTR = time to response. <sup>a</sup>Alive without subsequent disease progression.

## **PFS and OS Survival data**



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- Median PFS improved by 4.1 months
- PFS HR is 0.53
- No difference for OS
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Updated (ASCO '17):

- RR: 57% vs 30.5%
- PFS HR has dropped to 0.5 from 0.53, Median now NR vs 8.9
- OS HR has dropped to 0.69, with drop in p value from 0.369 to 0.13
  - 1 yr OS 76% vs 69%

2016 ESVO

## **PFS and OS Survival data**





negative No active CNS metastases

• EGFR wild type

• EML4/ALK fusion

Stratify:

**Patients:** 

• Metastatic non-

treatment

• ECOG PS 0-1

available

squamous NSCLC

• First line metastatic

Measurable disease

• Tissue for biomarker

- PDL1 prop score:  $\geq 1\%$ , <1%
- Smoking status
- cisplatin vs carboplatin

2:1 N=570 Secondary Endpoints: OS, ORR, AE **Exploratory Endpoints: QoL** 



## Study Design

N=570

#### **Patients:**

- Metastatic nonsquamous NSCLC
- First line metastatic treatment
- Measurable disease
- ECOG PS 0-1
- Tissue for biomarker available
- EGFR wild type
- EML4/ALK fusion negative
- No active CNS metastases

Stratify:

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   <1%</li>
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- cisplatin vs carboplatin



Primary Endpoint: PFS – target HR 0.7 Secondary Endpoints: OS, ORR, AE Exploratory Endpoints: QoL



## **KEYNOTE 407 (Squamous NSCLC)**

First line pembrolizumab + chemotherapy (carboplatin + paclitaxel/nab-paclitaxel) combination study



- Secondary Endpoints: ORR, AE
- Exploratory Endpoints: QoL

#### Stratify:

PDL1 TPS score: ≥1% vs <1% Paclitaxel vs nab-paclitaxel

\* Up to 2 years

