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## **Evolving Front-Line Management of Advanced Gastric/Gastroesophageal Junction (GEJ) Cancer**

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# Overview

- Summary outcomes for recent studies
  - CheckMate 649 and ATTRACTION-4 vs KEYNOTE-062
- Immunotherapy and HER2 directed therapy
- Review molecular features that affect response and inform treatment selection and timing
- Anti-PD-1 based combination strategies

# Immunotherapy in Esophagus & Gastric Cancers

## Adenocarcinoma

Nivolumab approved in Asia irrespective of PD-L1 status in  $\geq 3^{\text{rd}}$ -line

Pembrolizumab approved in  $\geq 3^{\text{rd}}$  line the U.S.

PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 1$ , TMB  $\geq 10$  or MSI-H tumors

Minimal benefit in PD-L1 CPS  $< 1$  patients

## *Squamous cell cancer*

Nivolumab approved  $\geq 2^{\text{nd}}$ -line irrespective of PD-L1 status

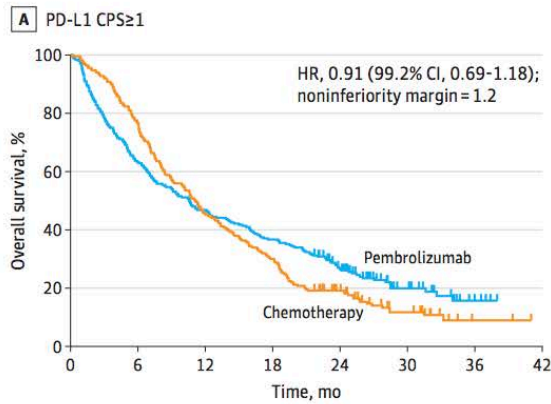
Pembrolizumab approved in PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 10$

## ESMO 2020: Practice changing studies

# Efficacy and Safety of Pembrolizumab or Pembrolizumab Plus Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy Alone for Patients With First-line, Advanced Gastric Cancer

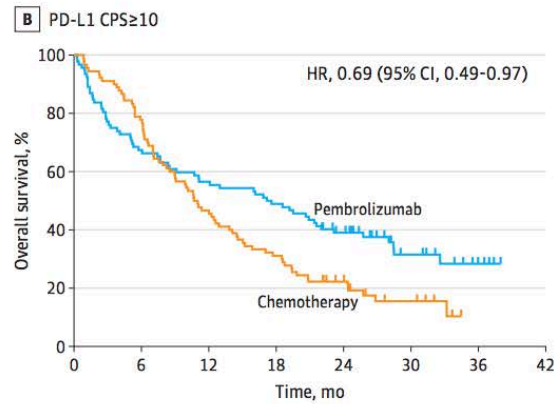
## The KEYNOTE-062 Phase 3 Randomized Clinical Trial

No benefit for pembrolizumab; CPS  $\geq 10$  is a unique population

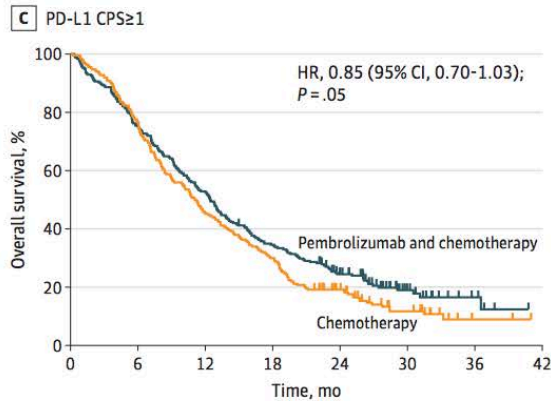


No. at risk (No. censored)

Pembrolizumab	256 (0)	162 (0)	120 (0)	94 (0)	59 (0)	23 (25)	4 (44)	0 (55)
Chemotherapy	250 (0)	192 (0)	114 (0)	75 (0)	38 (0)	15 (18)	2 (29)	0 (32)

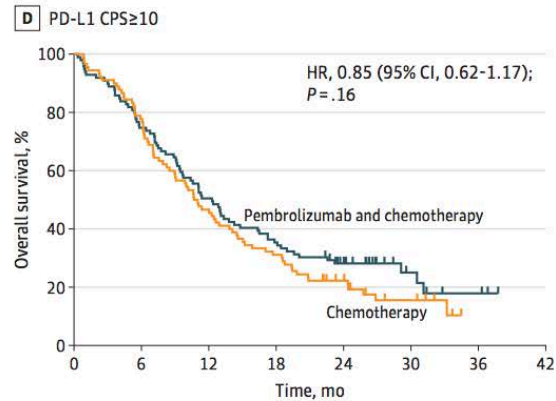


Pembrolizumab	92 (0)	62 (0)	52 (0)	45 (0)	32 (0)	13 (13)	4 (22)	0 (31)
Chemotherapy	90 (0)	70 (0)	42 (0)	28 (0)	16 (0)	7 (8)	0 (13)	0 (15)



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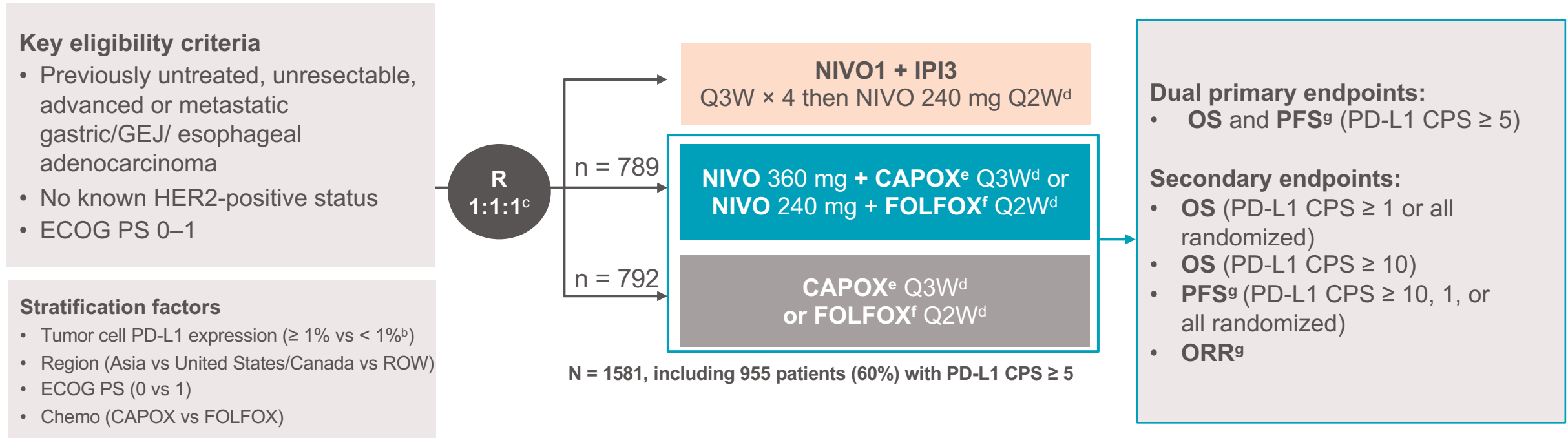
Pembrolizumab and chemotherapy	257 (0)	194 (0)	136 (0)	88 (0)	52 (0)	17 (23)	5 (44)	0 (50)
Chemotherapy	250 (0)	192 (0)	114 (0)	75 (0)	38 (0)	15 (18)	2 (29)	0 (32)



Pembrolizumab and chemotherapy	99 (0)	74 (0)	50 (0)	35 (0)	21 (0)	7 (16)	3 (21)	0 (24)
Chemotherapy	90 (0)	70 (0)	42 (0)	28 (0)	16 (0)	7 (8)	0 (15)	0 (15)

# CheckMate 649 study design

- CheckMate 649 is a randomized, open-label, phase 3 study<sup>a</sup>

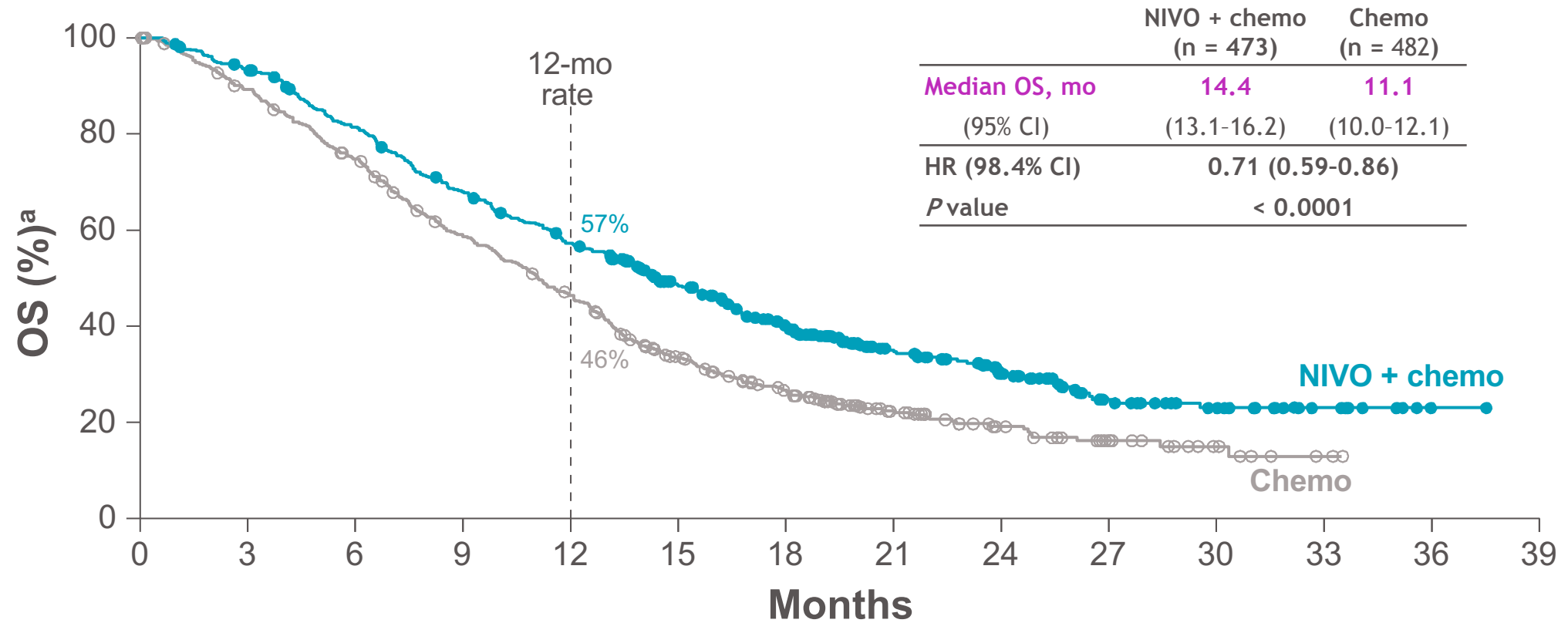


- At data cutoff (May 27, 2020), the minimum follow-up was 12.1 months<sup>h</sup>

<sup>a</sup>ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT02872116; <sup>b</sup> $< 1\%$  includes indeterminate tumor cell PD-L1 expression; determined by PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay; <sup>c</sup>After NIVO + chemo arm was added and before new patient enrollment in the NIVO1+IPI3 group was closed; <sup>d</sup>Until documented disease progression (unless consented to treatment beyond progression for NIVO + chemo), discontinuation due to toxicity, withdrawal of consent, or study end. NIVO is given for a maximum of 2 years; <sup>e</sup>Oxaliplatin 130 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV (day 1) and capecitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally twice daily (days 1–14); <sup>f</sup>Oxaliplatin 85 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, leucovorin 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, and FU 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV (day 1) and FU 1200 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV daily (days 1–2); <sup>g</sup>BICR assessed; <sup>h</sup>Time from concurrent randomization of the last patient to NIVO + chemo vs chemo to data cutoff.

# Overall survival

## Primary endpoint (PD-L1 CPS $\geq 5$ )



### No. at risk

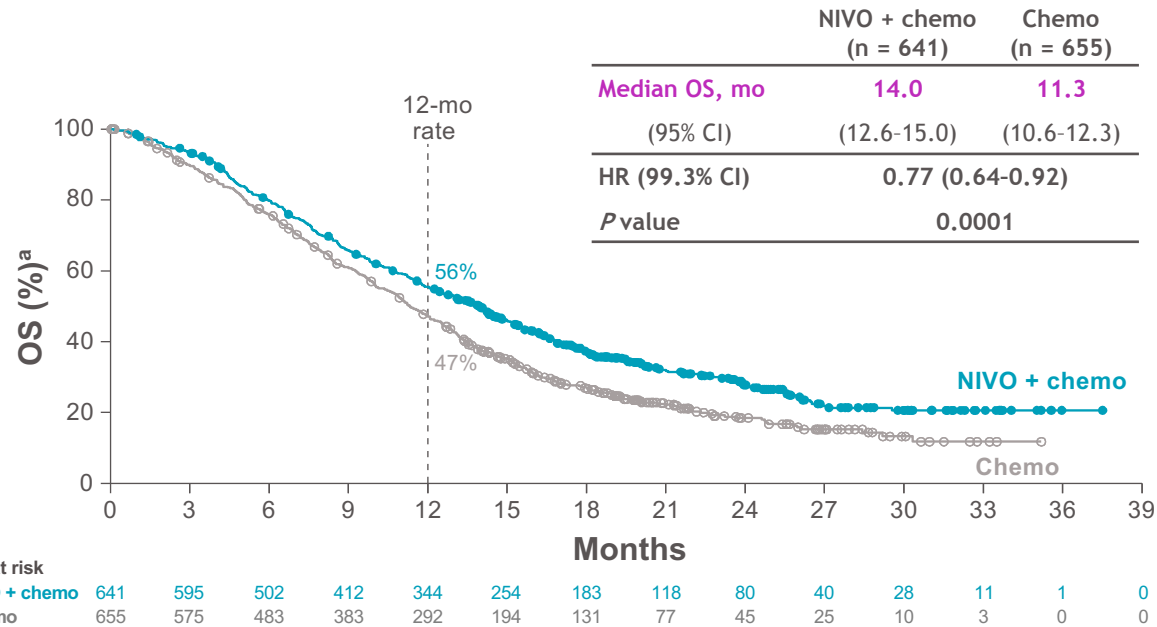
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
NIVO + chemo	473	438	377	313	261	198	149	96	65	33	22	9	1	0
Chemo	482	421	350	271	211	138	98	56	34	19	8	2	0	0

- Superior OS, 29% reduction in the risk of death, and a 3.3-month improvement in median OS with NIVO + chemo versus chemo in patients whose tumors expressed PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 5$

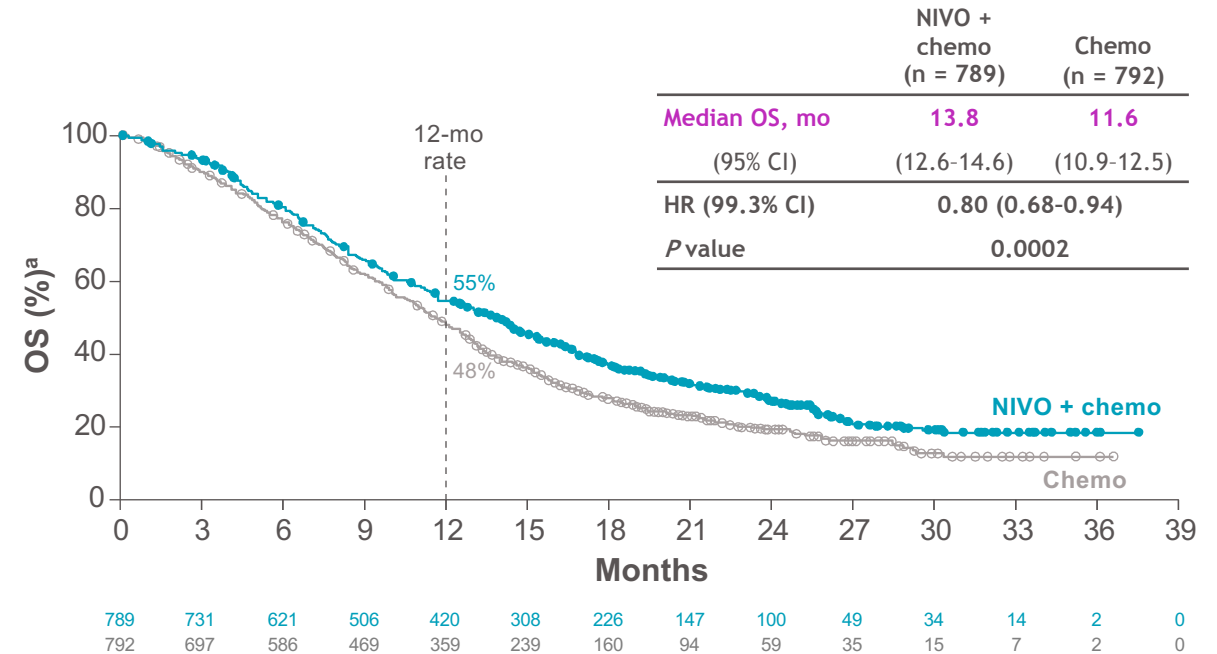
<sup>a</sup>Minimum follow-up 12.1 months.

# Overall survival

## PD-L1 CPS $\geq 1$



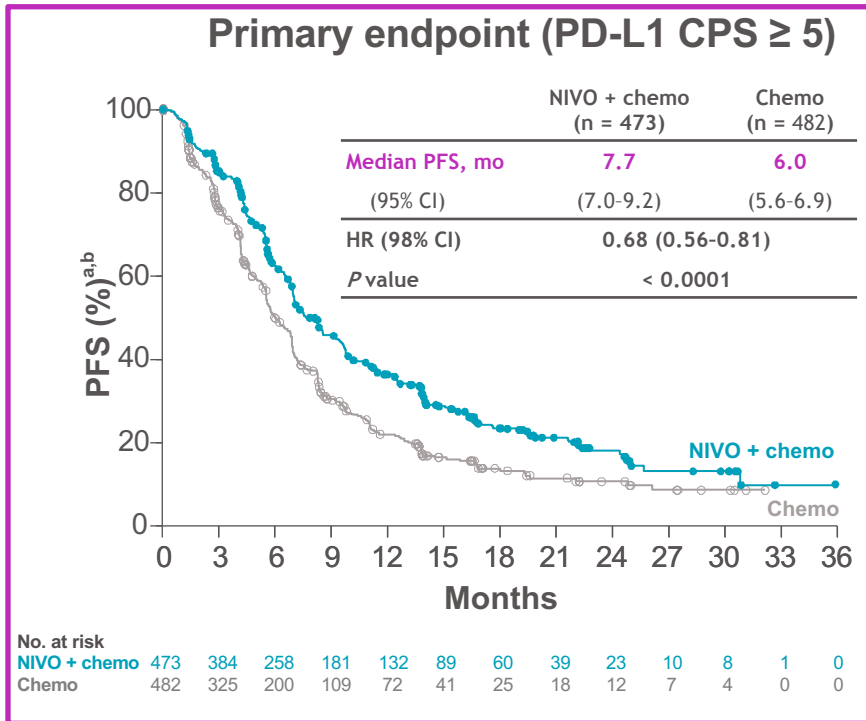
## All randomized



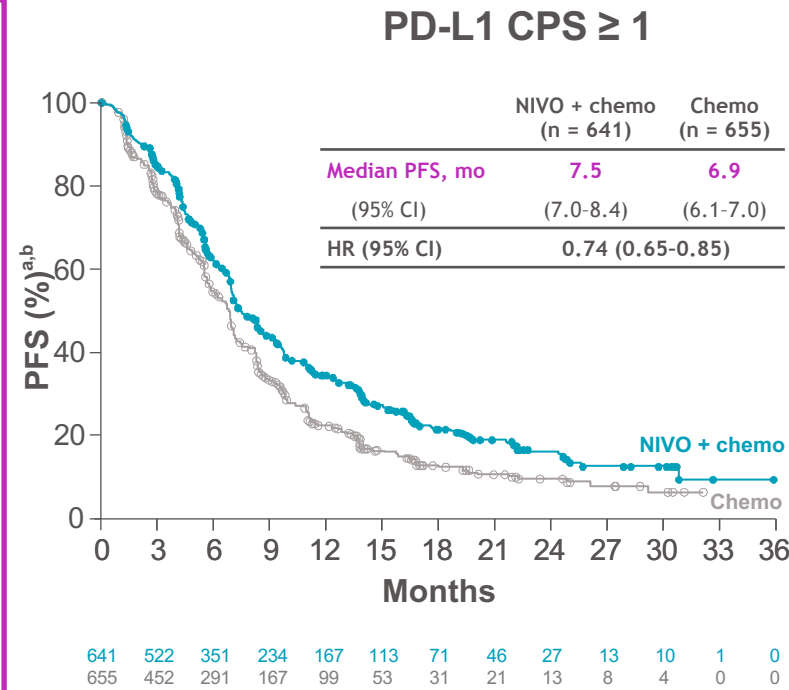
- Superior OS benefit in PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 1$  and all randomized patients with NIVO + chemo versus chemo

<sup>a</sup>Minimum follow-up 12.1 months.

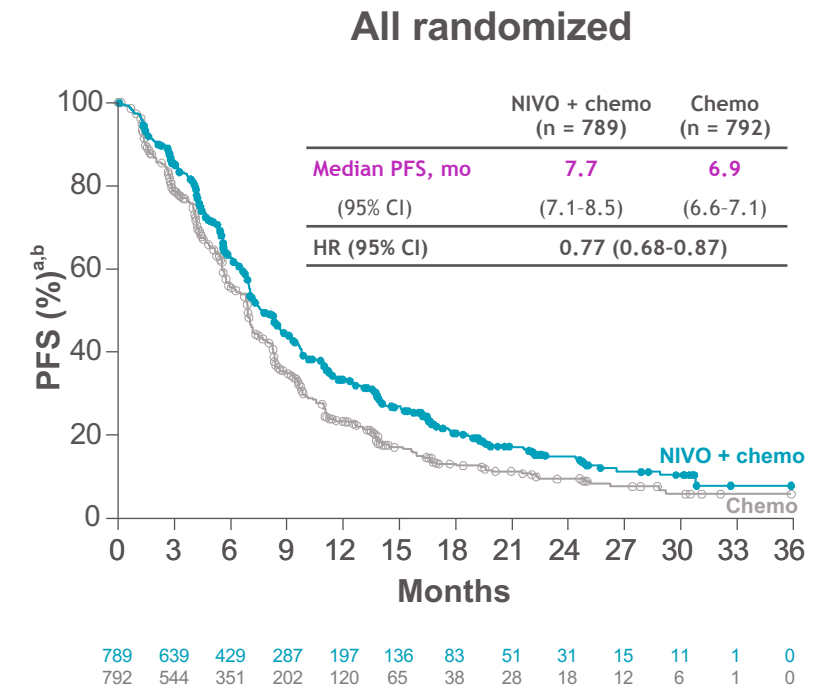
# Progression-free survival



**12-mo rate:** NIVO + chemo, 36%; chemo, 22%



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- Superior PFS, 32% reduction in the risk of progression or death with NIVO + chemo versus chemo in patients whose tumors expressed PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 5$
- PFS benefit with NIVO + chemo versus chemo in PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 1$  and all randomized patients

<sup>a</sup>Per BICR assessment; <sup>b</sup>Minimum follow-up 12.1 months.



# Overall survival subgroup analysis and safety

Category (PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5)	Subgroup	Median OS, months		Unstratified HR for death	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
		NIVO + chemo	Chemo		
<b>Overall (N = 955)</b>		14.4	11.1	0.70	
<b>Age, years</b>	< 65 (n = 552)	14.8	11.0	0.69	
	≥ 65 (n = 403)	14.3	11.2	0.72	
<b>Sex</b>	Male (n = 680)	14.4	10.8	0.67	
	Female (n = 275)	14.4	12.1	0.78	
<b>Race</b>	Asian (n = 236)	16.1	11.5	0.63	
	White (n = 655)	14.0	11.1	0.71	
	Other (n = 64)	9.8	10.6	0.93	
<b>Region</b>	Asia (n = 228)	15.6	11.8	0.64	
	US/Canada (n = 137)	16.8	12.6	0.67	
	ROW (n = 590)	13.6	10.4	0.74	
<b>ECOG PS<sup>a</sup></b>	0 (n = 397)	17.6	13.8	0.79	
	1 (n = 557)	12.6	8.8	0.63	
<b>Primary tumor location</b>	GC (n = 667)	15.0	10.5	0.66	
	GEJC (n = 170)	14.2	13.1	0.84	
	EAC (n = 118)	11.2	11.3	0.78	
<b>Tumor cell PD-L1<sup>b</sup> expression</b>	< 1% (n = 724)	14.2	11.6	0.75	
	≥ 1% (n = 230)	16.2	8.8	0.56	
<b>Liver metastases</b>	Yes (n = 408)	13.1	9.8	0.63	
	No (n = 518)	15.5	12.0	0.76	
<b>Signet ring cell carcinoma</b>	Yes (n = 141)	12.1	9.0	0.71	
	No (n = 814)	15.1	11.3	0.69	
<b>MSI status<sup>c</sup></b>	MSS (n = 846)	14.4	11.1	0.73	
	MSI-H (n = 34)	Not reached	8.8	0.33	
<b>Chemotherapy regimen</b>	FOLFOX (n = 479)	14.3	11.3	0.71	
	XELOX (n = 454)	15.0	11.0	0.69	

- OS consistently favored NIVO + chemo versus chemo across multiple pre-specified subgroups
- Grade 3-4 select treatment-related TRAEs occurred in ≤5% of pts and there were no grade 5 events
- The incidence of select TRAEs in pts whose tumors expressed PD-L1 CPS ≥5 was consistent with all treated pts across both arms

<sup>a</sup>Not reported, n = 1; <sup>b</sup>Unknown, n = 1; <sup>c</sup>Not reported/invalid, n = 75.

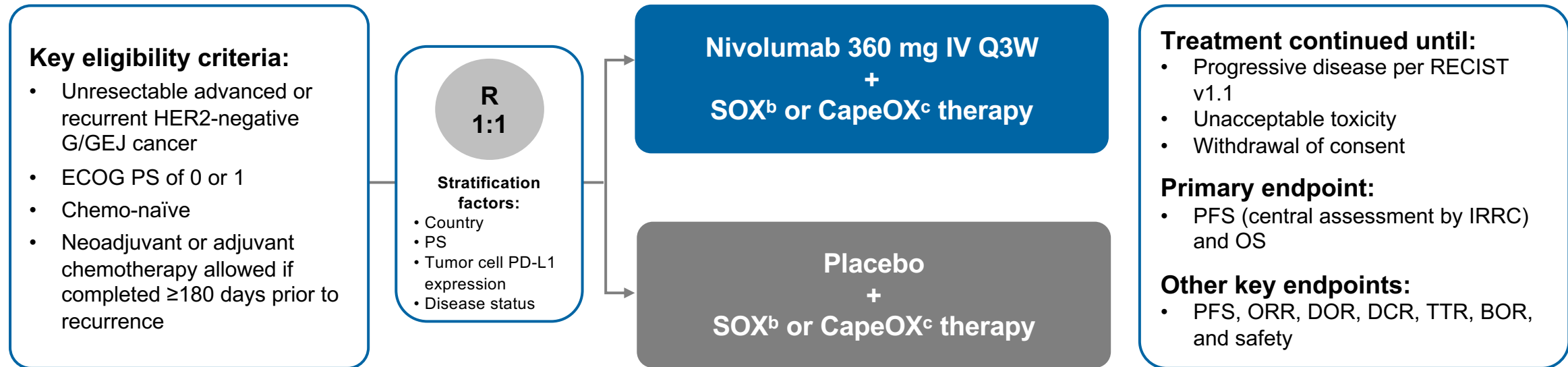
# KEY DIFFERENCES: KEYNOTE-062 VS. CheckMate 649

	KN062	CM 649
Population	CPS1, Gastric/GEJ adenocarcinoma	All comers, EAC/Gastric/GEJ adenocarcinoma
Chemo backbone	FP/XP	FOLFOX/CAPOX
N	~250/group	~790/group
Minimum follow-up	22 months	12 months

	KN062 (based on screened patients with PD-L1 status)	KN062 All CPS1	CM649 (all comers)
CPS1	72%	100%	82%
CPS 5	29%	61%	60%
CPS10	17%	37%	--

# Phase 3 part of ATTRACTION-4

- Phase 3 part of ATTRACTION-4 is a double-blind, randomized (1:1) controlled study conducted at 130 centers in Japan, Korea, and Taiwan from Mar 2017<sup>a</sup>



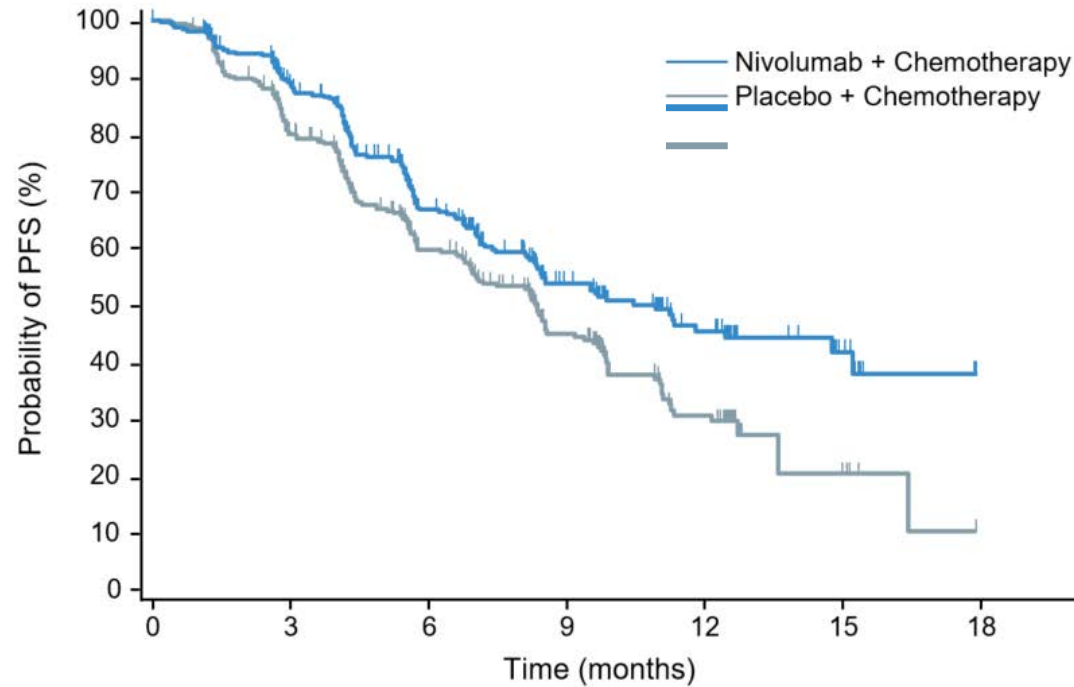
- At data cutoff for interim analysis of PFS (31 Oct 2018), the median follow-up period was 11.6 months
- At data cutoff for final analysis of OS (31 Jan 2020), the median follow-up was 26.6 months
- A total of 724 patients were randomized

<sup>a</sup>ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02746796,

<sup>b</sup>SOX : S-1 (tegafur-gimeracil-oteracil potassium) 40 mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally twice daily (days 1–14) and Oxaliplatin 130 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV (day 1), q3w

<sup>c</sup>CapeOX : Capecitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> orally twice daily (days 1–14) and Oxaliplatin 130 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV (day 1), q3w

# Progression-Free Survival (Interim Analysis)



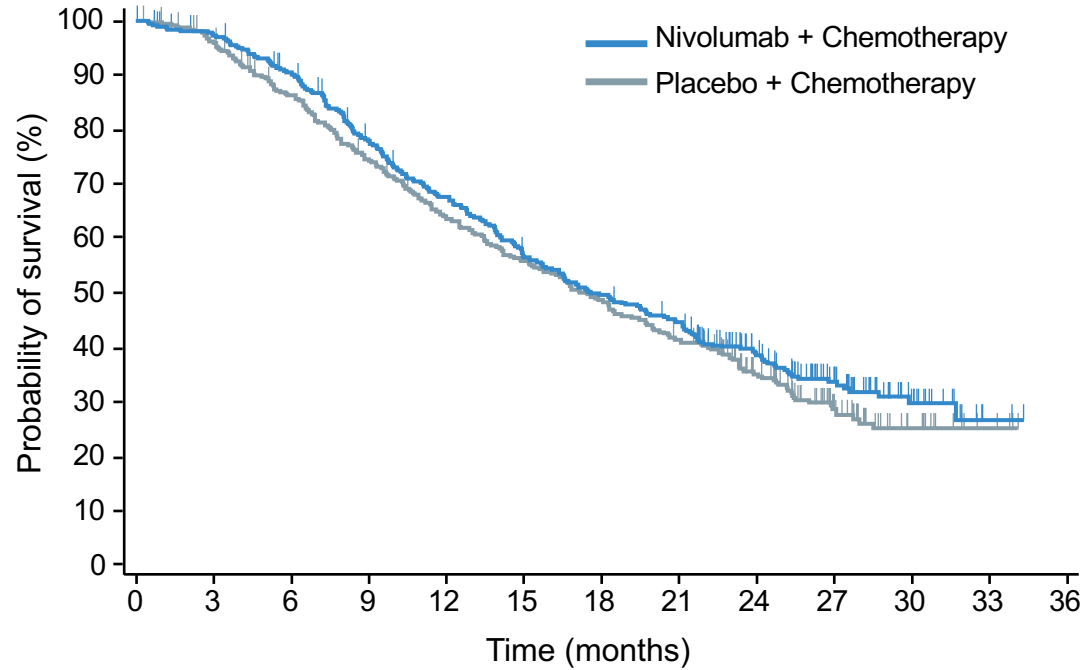
	Nivolumab + chemotherapy N = 362	Placebo + chemotherapy N = 362
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	10.45 (8.44-14.75)	8.34 (6.97-9.40)
Hazard ratio (98.51% CI)	0.68 (0.51 – 0.90)	
P value	0.0007	
1yr PFS rate (%)	45.4	30.6

At Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
Nivolumab + Chemotherapy	362	274	168	94	46	13	0
Placebo + Chemotherapy	362	259	160	80	30	5	0

Cut off: 31 Oct 2018 for Interim analysis

- PFS was continuously longer in NIVO + Chemo than in Chemo at the final analysis (NIVO+Chemo vs. Chemo: HR 0.70; mPFS 10.9 vs. 8.4 mo)

# Overall Survival (Final Analysis)



At Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
Nivolumab + Chemotherapy	362	346	318	269	232	193	169	150	102	58	23	2	0
Placebo + Chemotherapy	362	342	301	259	219	192	167	141	97	48	16	5	0

	Nivolumab + chemotherapy N = 362	Placebo + chemotherapy N = 362
Median OS, months (95% CI)	17.45 (15.67-20.83)	17.15 (15.18-19.65)
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.90 (0.75 – 1.08)	
P value	0.257	

Cut off: 31 Jan 2020 for final analysis

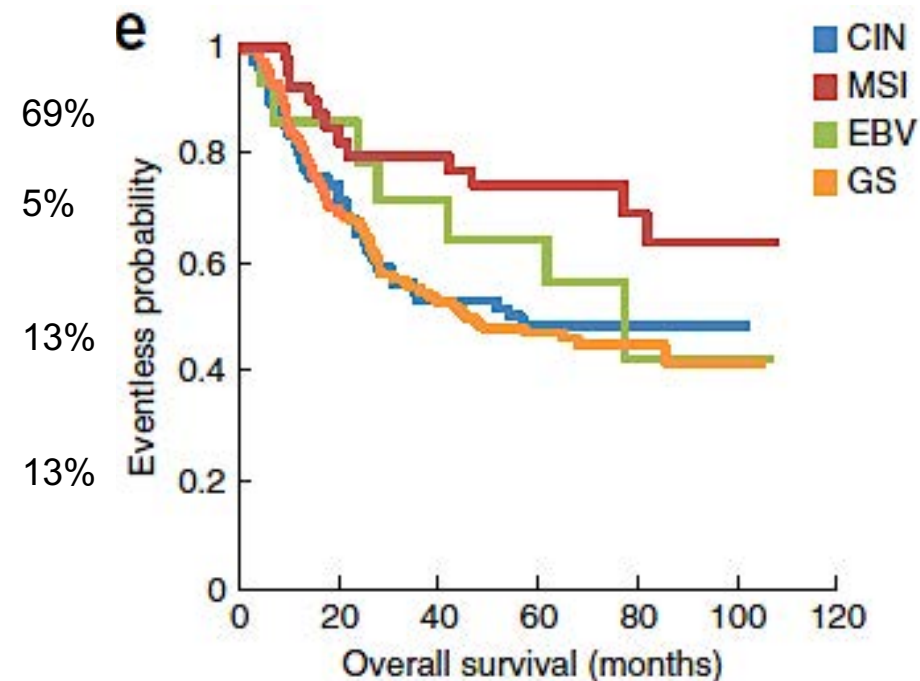
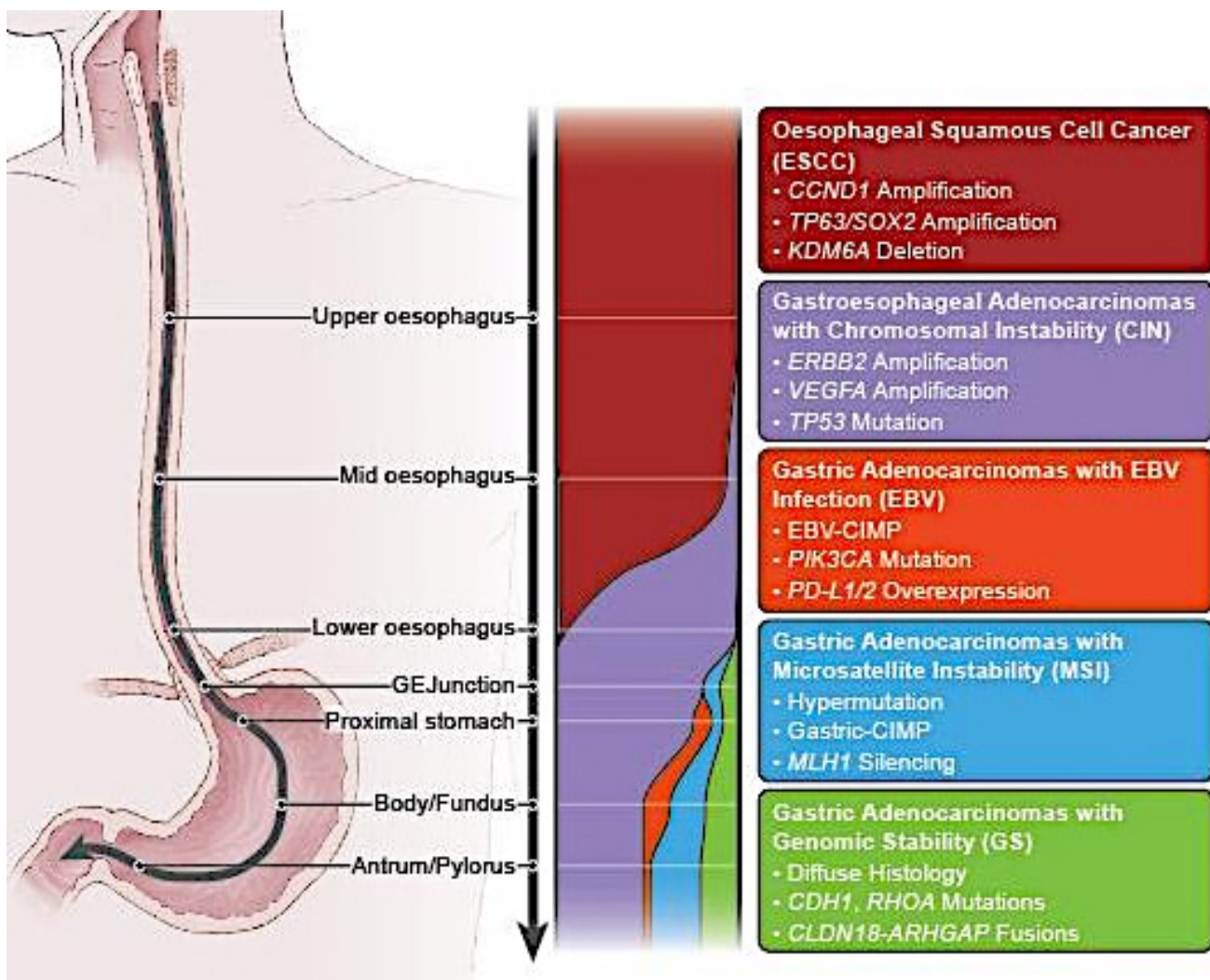
# PD-L1 TESTING

**Table 1** The FDA-approved anti-PD1 drug and PD-L1 assessment

mAb	Drug	FDA approval	Scoring assessment	Overall response rate
22C3 pharmDx	Pembrolizumab	NSCLC	TPS <sup>a</sup> < 1%: No PD-L1 expression TPS = 1~49%: PD-L1 expression TPS ≥ 50%: High PD-L1 expression	NCT02007070 TPS ≥ 1%: 15.4% (95% CI: 4.4–34.9%) TPS ≥ 50%: 27.3% (95% CI: 6.0–61.0%)
		Gastric or GEJ adenocarcinoma	CPS <sup>b</sup> < 1: No PD-L1 expression CPS ≥ 1: PD-L1 expression	NCT02335411 CPS ≥ 1: 13.3% (95% CI: 8.2–20.0%)
28-8 pharmDx	Nivolumab	Melanoma	TC < 1% <sup>c</sup> : No PD-L1 expression TC ≥ 1% <sup>d</sup> : PD-L1 expression	NCT01721746 PD-L1 ≥ 5%: 5.49% (95% CI: 1.92–19.08%) PD-L1 < 5%: 1.13% (95% CI: 0.44–3.16%)
		Non-squamous NSCLC	TC < 1% <sup>e</sup> : No PD-L1 expression TC ≥ 1% <sup>f</sup> : PD-L1 expression	NCT01673867 PD-L1 ≥ 1%: 30.9% (95% CI: 22.9–39.9%) PD-L1 < 1%: 9.3% (95% CI: 4.5–16.4%)
SP142 Assay	Atezolizumab	NSCLC	TC ≥ 50% <sup>g</sup> : PD-L1 expression IC ≥ 10%: PD-L1 expression TC < 50% and IC < 10% <sup>h</sup> : PD-L1 expression	NCT01846416 PD-L1 expression: 16.1% (95% CI: 9.32 to 25.2%)
SP263 Assay	Durvalumab	Urothelial Carcinoma	TC ≥ 25%: High PD-L1 expression ICP <sup>7</sup> > 1% and IC + <sup>7</sup> ≥ 25%: High PD-L1 expression ICP = 1% and IC+ = 100%: High PD-L1 expression None of the criteria for PD-L1 High Status are met low/negative PD-L1 expression	NCT01693562 High PD-L1: 27.6% (95% CI: 19–37.5%) Low/negative PD-L1: 5.1% (1.4–12.5%)

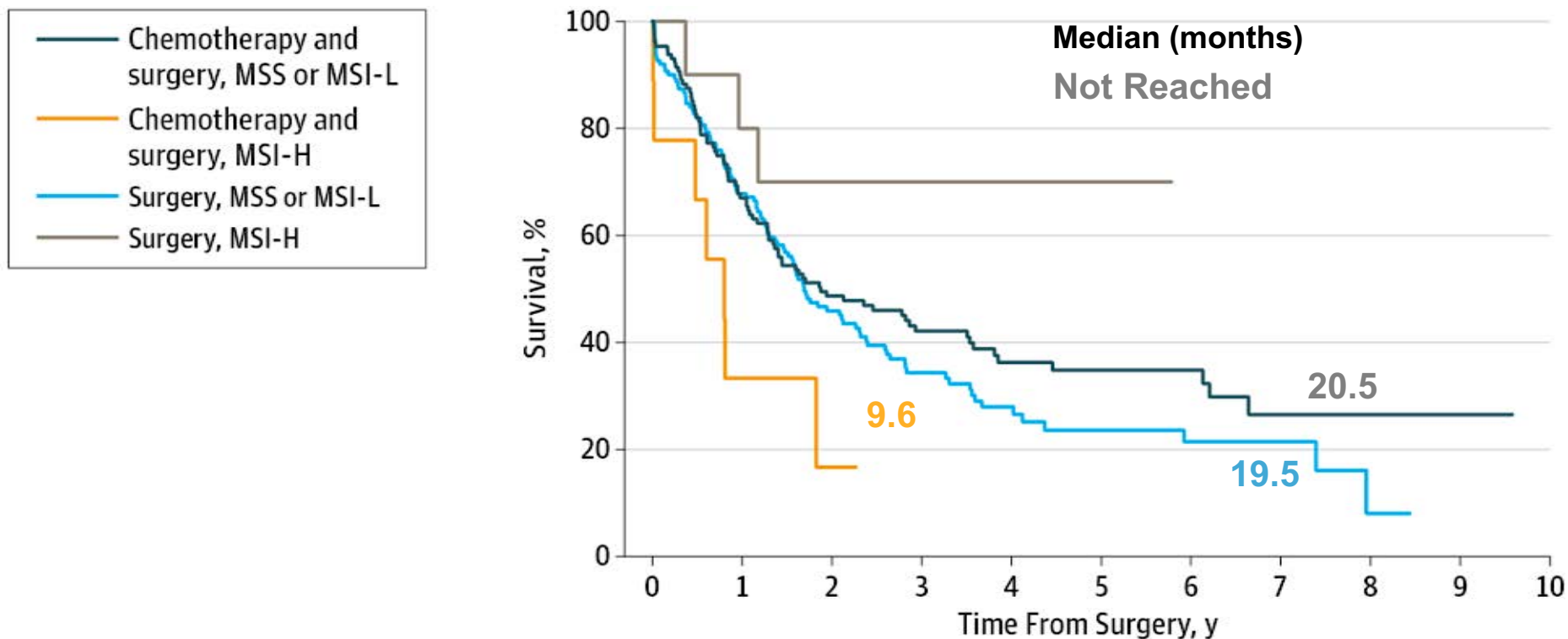
E1L3N IHC with PD-L1 clone E1L3N has been validated against clone 22C3 and found to be comparable.

# THE GENOMIC SPECTRUM OF EG CANCER



# MSI-H EG TUMORS ARE CHEMOTHERAPY RESISTANT

## OS in ADJUVANT MAGIC STUDY



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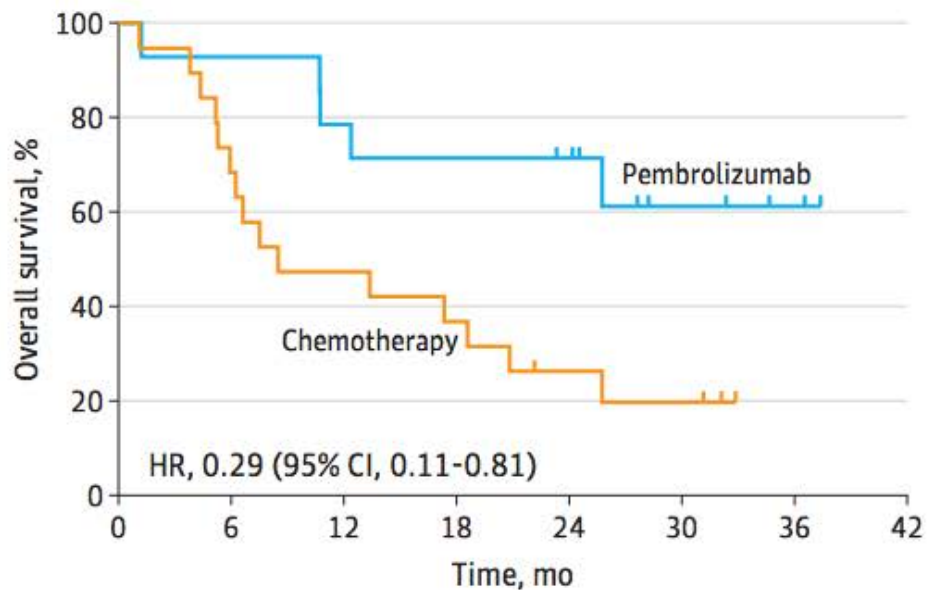
Chemotherapy and surgery, MSI-negative patients	129	85	58	42	27	22	15	6	3	1
Chemotherapy and surgery, MSI-positive patients	9	3	1							
Surgery, MSI-negative patients	151	100	58	37	21	13	9	7	1	
Surgery, MSI-positive patients	10	8	6	3	1	1				



# The KEYNOTE-062 Phase 3 Randomized Clinical Trial

## Overall Survival in Patients With MSI-H Tumors and PD-L1 CPS of 1 or Greater

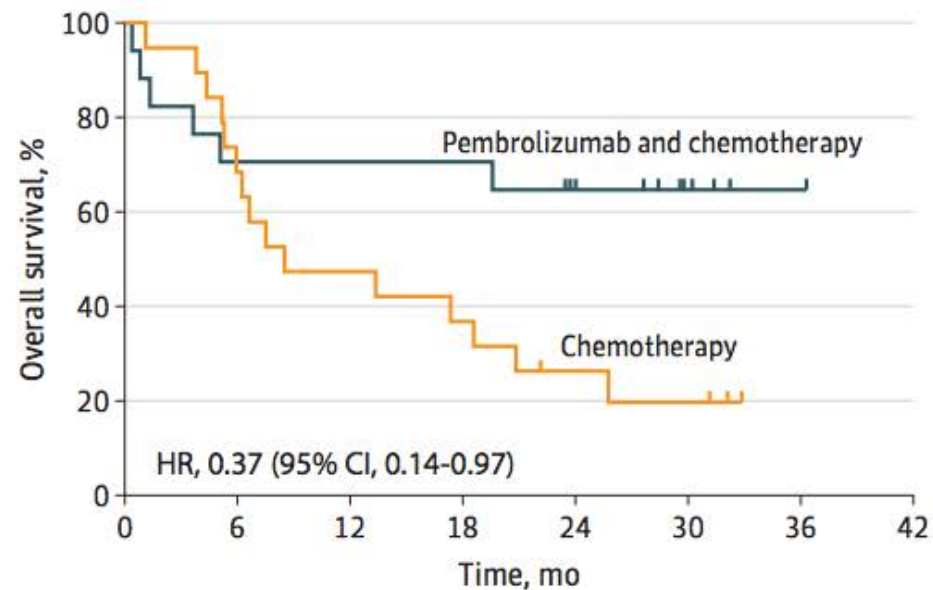
**A** Pembrolizumab



No. at risk (No. censored)

Pembrolizumab	14 (0)	13 (0)	11 (0)	10 (0)	9 (0)	4 (3)	2 (6)	0 (9)
Chemotherapy	19 (0)	13 (0)	9 (0)	7 (0)	4 (0)	3 (1)	0 (4)	0 (4)

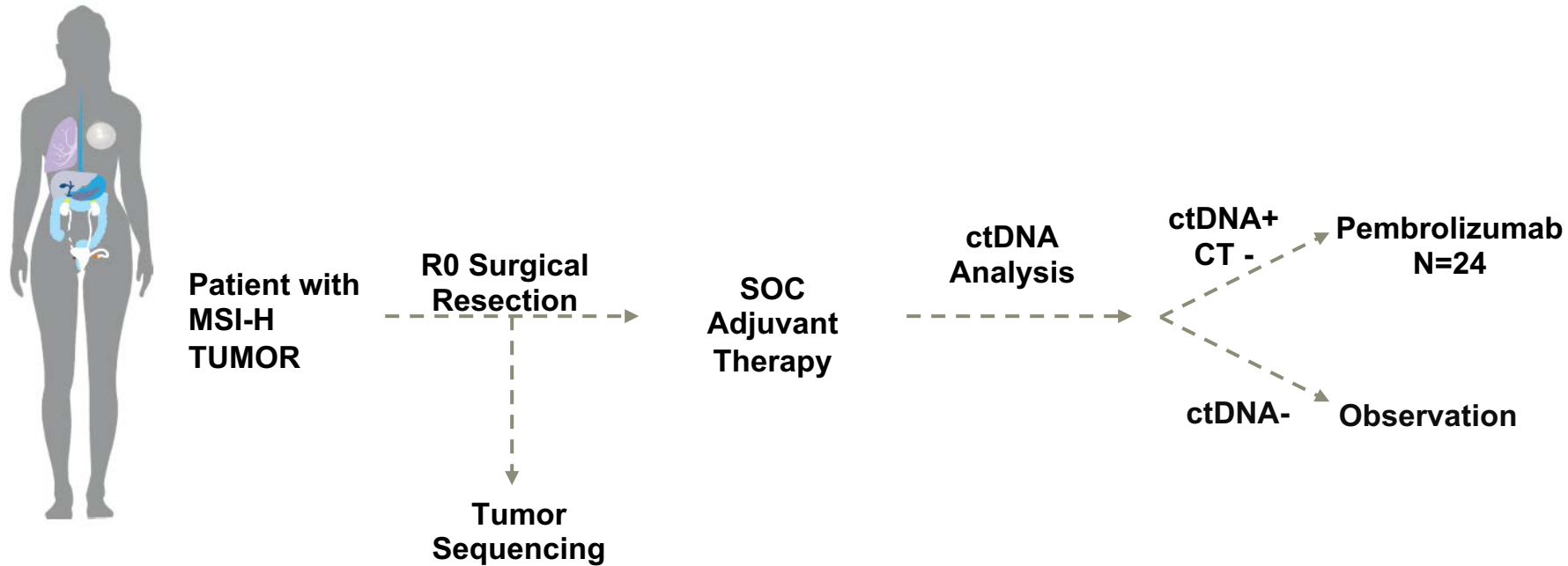
**B** Pembrolizumab and chemotherapy



No. at risk (No. censored)

Pembrolizumab and chemotherapy	17 (0)	12 (0)	12 (0)	12 (0)	9 (0)	4 (3)	1 (10)	0 (11)
Chemotherapy	19 (0)	13 (0)	9 (0)	7 (0)	4 (0)	3 (1)	0 (4)	0 (4)

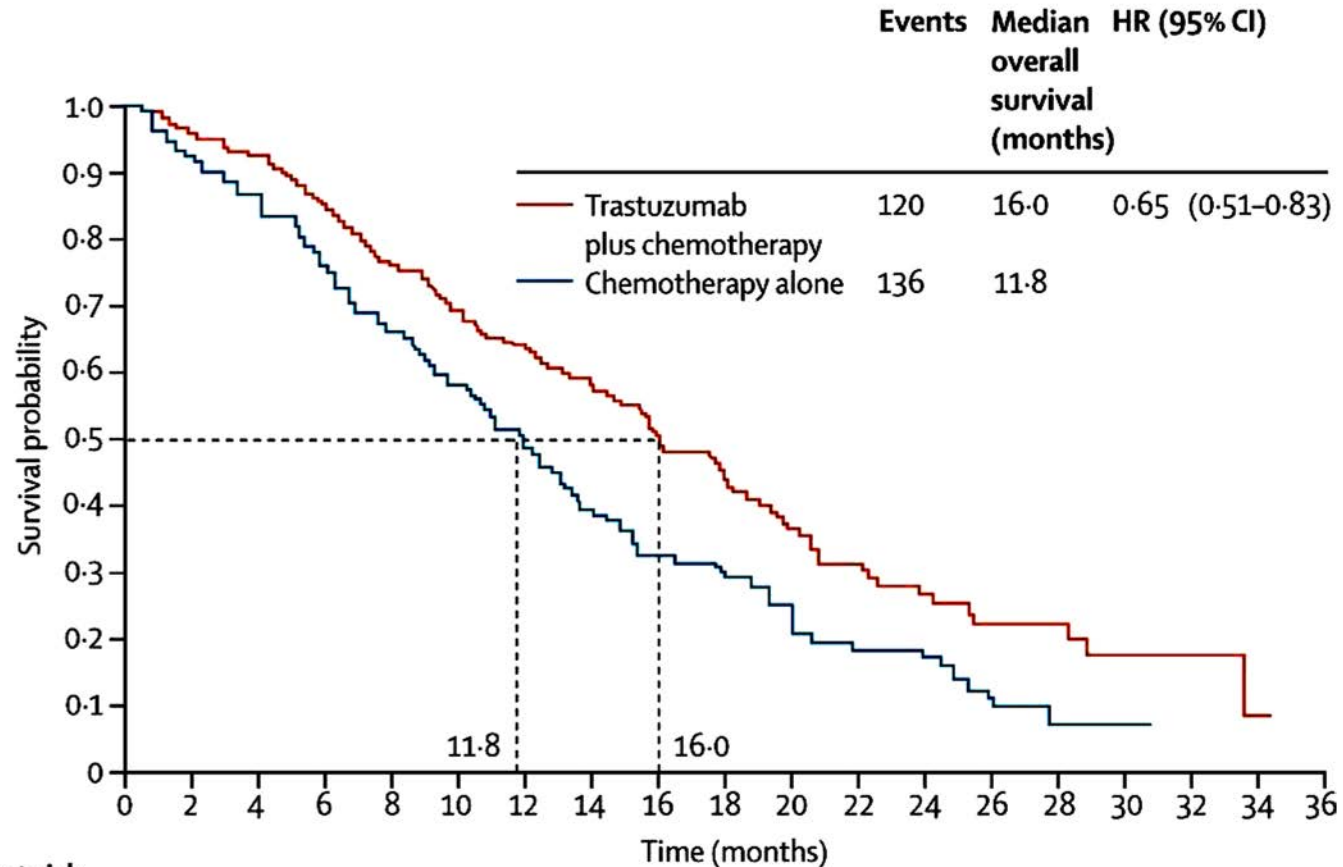
# A Randomized Double-Blind Study of Adjuvant Pembrolizumab vs. Placebo In Patients with MSI-H Tumors with Persistent ctDNA Following Surgery NCT03832569



**Year 1 Objective:** To demonstrate clearance of ctDNA at 6 months.

**Year 2, 3 and 5 Objectives:** To demonstrate DFS and OS.

# ToGA Overall Survival IHC 2+/FISH+ or IHC 3+

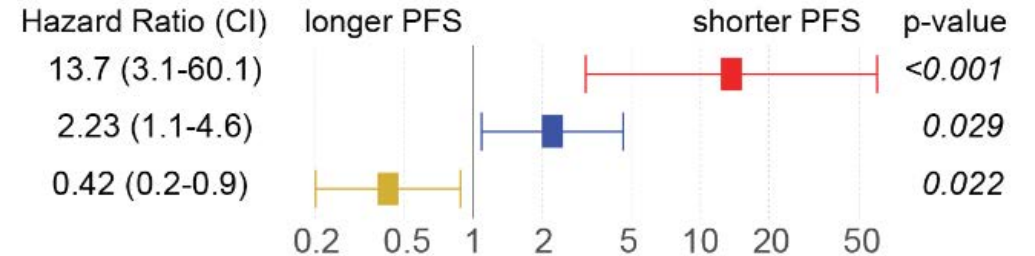
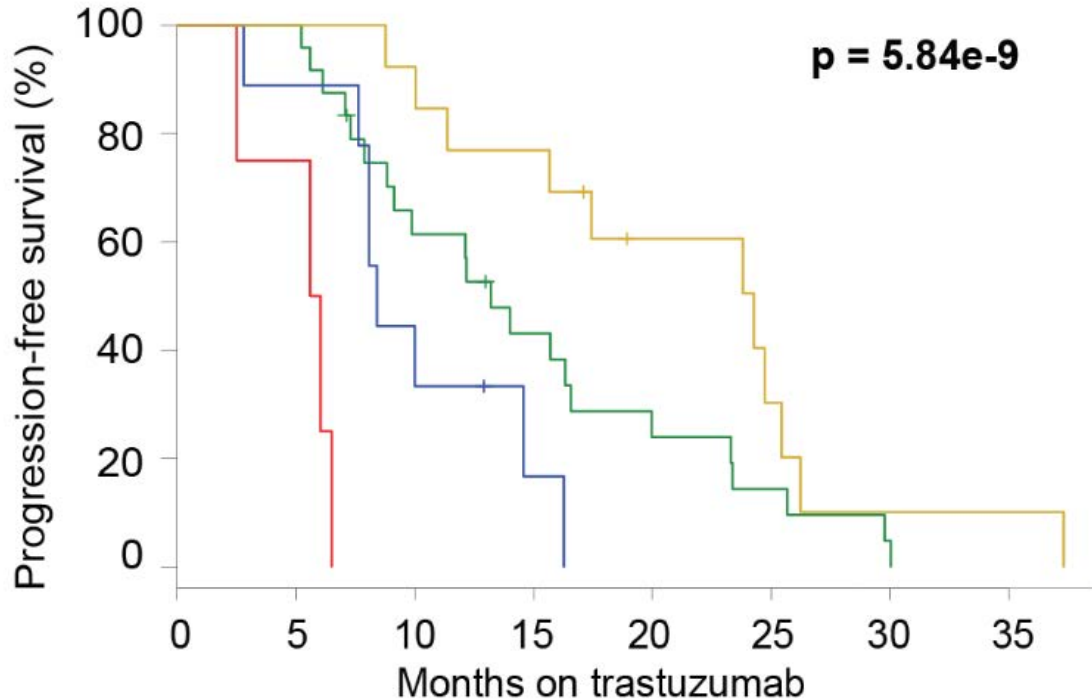


	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
<b>Number at risk</b>																			
Trastuzumab plus chemotherapy	228	218	196	170	142	122	100	84	65	51	39	28	20	12	11	5	4	1	0
Chemotherapy alone	218	198	170	141	112	96	75	53	39	28	20	13	11	4	3	3	0	0	0

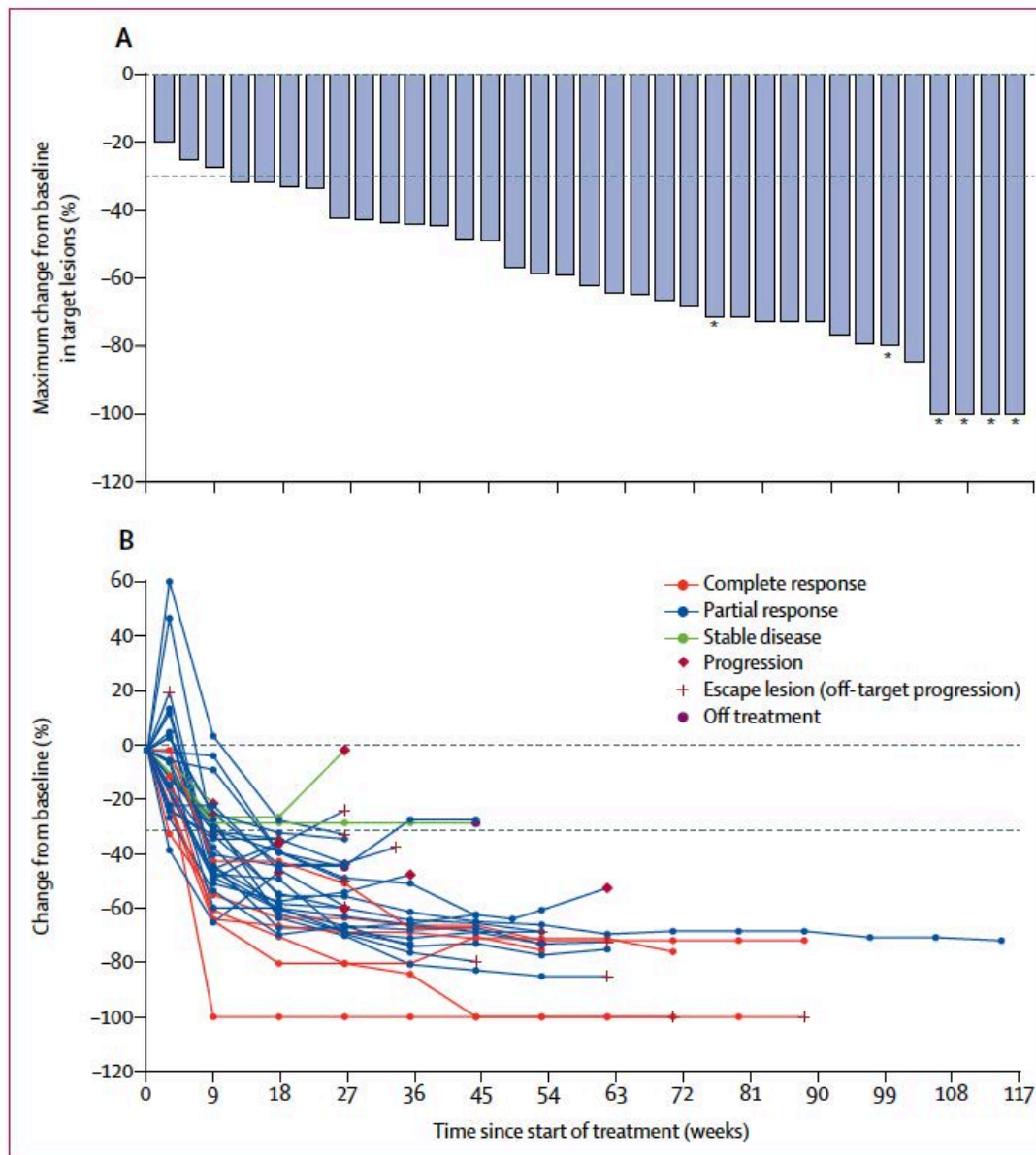
# INTRINSIC TRASTUZUMAB RESISTANCE

30% of HER2+ tumors lack ERBB2 amp or had co-mutations of RTK-RAS-PIK3K pathway, and such patients had rapid progression on trastuzumab

- ERBB2+ Top Quartile of expression (n=13)
- ERBB2+ / unaltered RTK/RAS/PI3K (n=24)
- ERBB2+ / altered RTK/RAS/PI3K (n=9)
- ERBB2- (n=4)

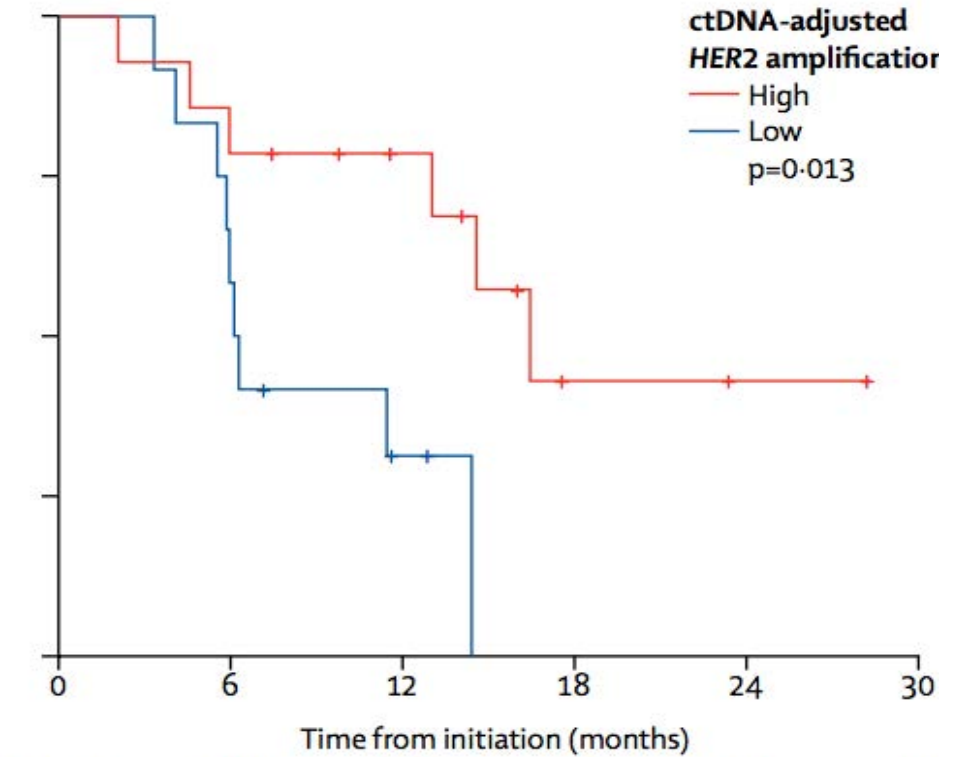
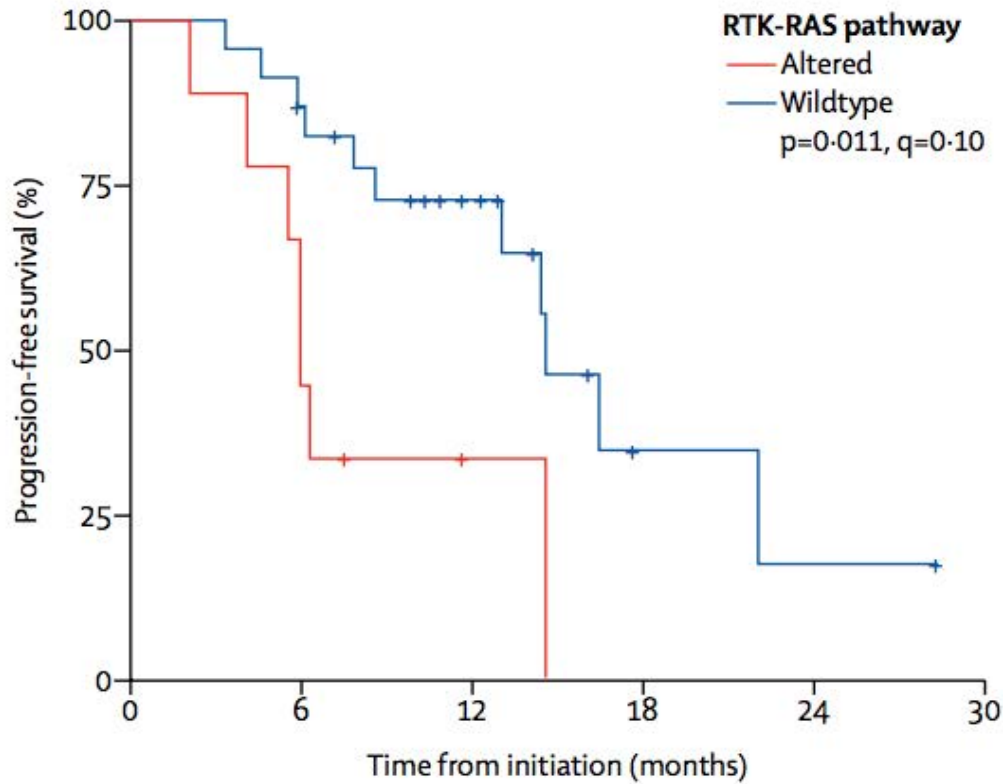


# First Line Capecitabine/Oxaliplatin/Pembrolizumab/Trastuzumab



Best Response (n=37)	Patients, n (%)
ORR, n (%)	32 (91%) 95% CI (78%, 97%)
CR	6 (17)
PR	26 (74)
SD	3 (9)
PD	0
<b>Disease Control Rate</b>	<b>100%</b>

# First line Capecitabine/Oxaliplatin/Pembrolizumab/Trastuzumab HER2 heterogeneity, RTK-RAS co-alterations contribute to outcome



14 (0)	11 (0)	8 (3)	2 (6)	1 (7)	0 (8)
12 (0)	7 (0)	2 (2)	0 (3)	0 (3)	0 (3)

# Summary

- 5FU/Oxaliplatin + Nivolumab is likely to replace SOC
- Adjuvant nivolumab DFS benefit irrespective of PD-L1 and histology
- Order HER2, MSI and PD-L1 on all patients
- NGS approved in stage III/IV patients
- Lots of research potential for tumor matched ctDNA analysis

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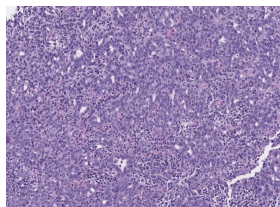
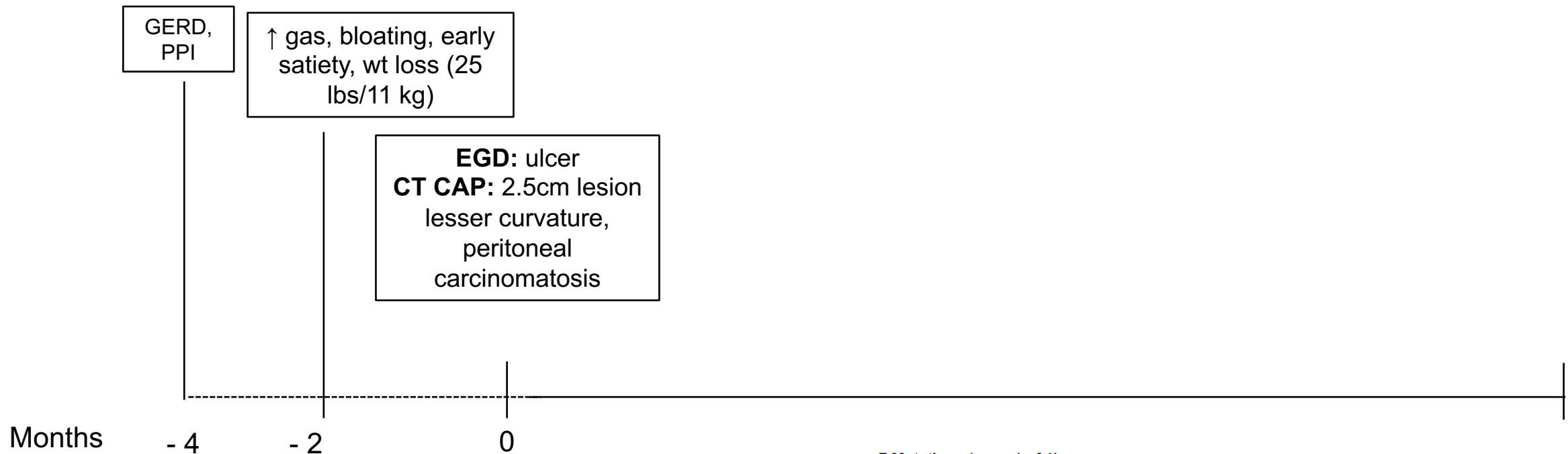
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# Case 1: 53-year-old woman with Stage IV gastric adenocarcinoma



**Infiltrating adenocarcinoma**  
moderately to poorly differentiated

IHC for **HER2** (4B5): **Negative** (Score 0)

IHC for **PD-L1** expression (clone E1L3N): **Combined Positive Score (CPS) 20 (of 100)**

Mismatch repair proteins: MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2 present

## 7 Mutations (page 1 of 1)

Samples	Gene ▼	Protein Change	Annotation ▼	Mutation Type
1	PIK3CA	G106R	🔥	Missense
1	KRAS	G13D	🔥	Missense
1	CREBBP	R1446S	🔥	Missense
1	SMARCA4	R1135W	🔥	Missense
1	BCOR	L775Vfs*42	🔥	FS ins
1	SETD2	Y1605N	🔥	Missense
1	NSD1	S1061N	🔥	Missense

Showing 1-7 of 7 Mutations

# Case 1: Patient comorbidities and additional history

- **PMH**

- Type 1 diabetes
- Hypothyroidism
- Psoriasis

- **Social Hx**

- Never smoker
- 2 children

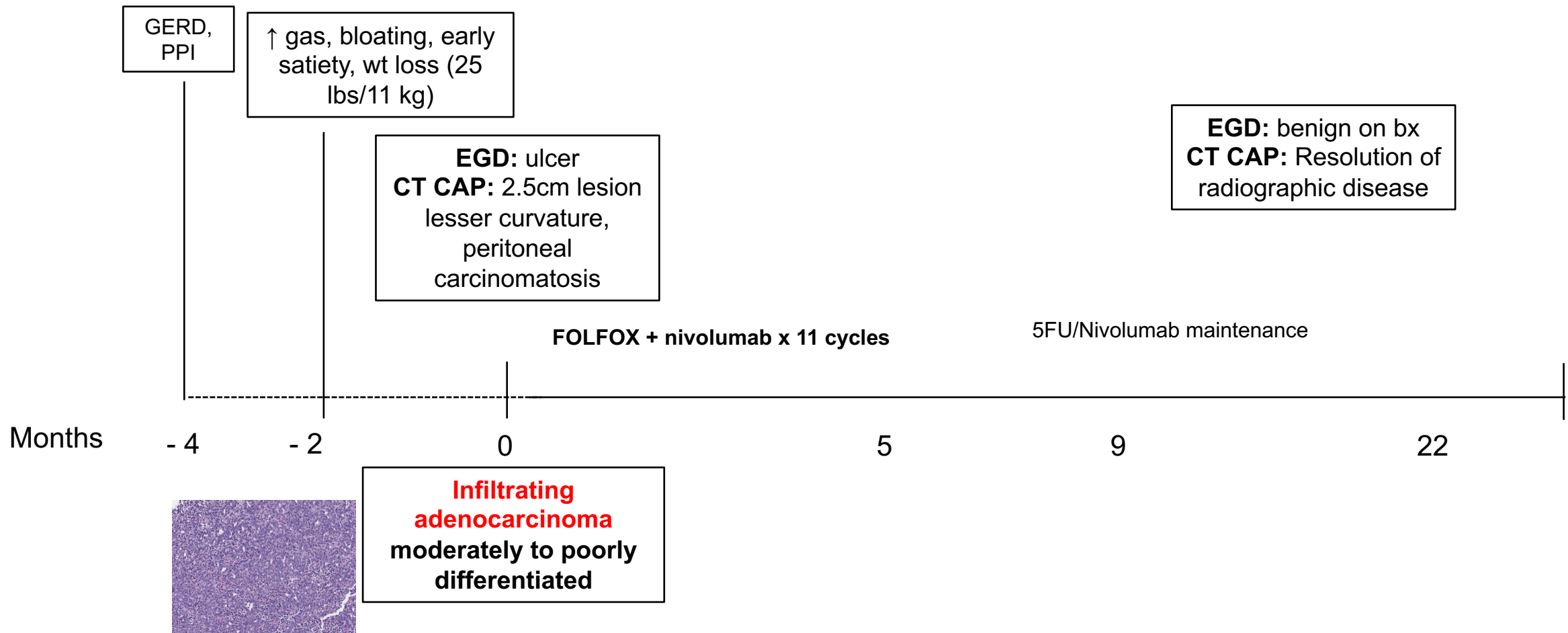
- **Family Hx** (Irish descent)

- Mother – ovarian cancer age 65
- Paternal grandfather – colon cancer

- **Home medications (at dx)**

- Ranitidine, lansoprazole
- Metformin, insulin glulisine
- Pancreatin oral tablet
- Synthroid
- Lisinopril
- Atorvastatin

# Case 1: 53-year-old woman with Stage IV gastric adenocarcinoma



IHC for **HER2** (4B5): **Negative** (Score 0)

IHC for **PD-L1** expression (clone E1L3N): **Combined Positive Score (CPS) 20 (of 100)**

Mismatch repair proteins: MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2 present

## Case 2: 60 y/o woman with Stage IV gastric adenocarcinoma

- Epigastric discomfort, early satiety and back pain, 18 lb weight loss
- EGD: a large fungating mass in the proximal body
- Pathology shows moderately to poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma, HER2 **Negative**, PD-L1+
- **PD-L1** expression (clone E1L3N): **Combined Positive Score (CPS) 7 (of 100)**
- Mismatch repair proteins: **MSH2 absent**, MLH1, MSH6, PMS2 present

## Case 2

### Past Medical History:

- HLD, Hypothyroidism, Lynch syndrome.

### Social History:

- Single, no children
- Originally from Italy

### Family History:

- Mother died at 85 of a malignant brain tumor
- Father died at 93 of natural causes
- 2 sisters alive and well
- Maternal cousin died of stomach cancer at 48
- Brother with Lynch syndrome and colorectal cancer (dx in 2013, surgery in 2014), currently reportedly NE

# Case 2: Tumor and Liquid biopsy ctDNA profile

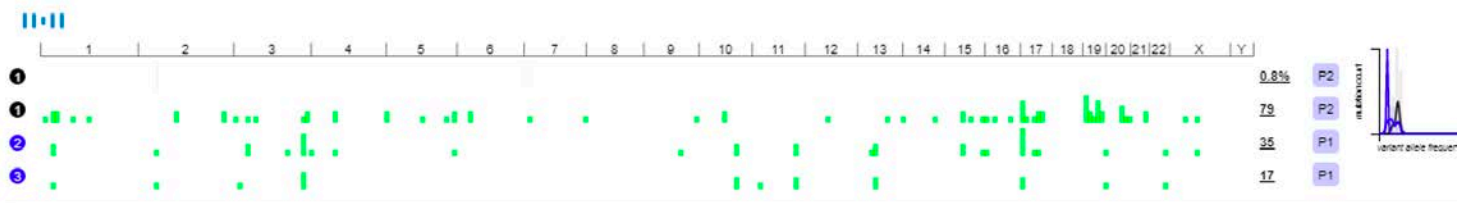
## MSI-H TUMOR & HNPCC

2	MLH1	<i>K196Nfs*6</i>	FS del	<1%
1	MSH2	<i>MSH2-intragenic loss</i> Germline	Fusion	
2 3	MSH2	<i>L559*</i>	FS del	1%

Patient: Female, Esophagogastric Cancer (Stomach Adenocarcinoma), LIVING (7 months) MSK Clinical Sequencing Cohort

Samples: 1 T01-IM6, Primary (Esophagus), MSI-H, TMB-H 2 T02-XS1, ctDNA 3 T03-XS1, ctDNA

Summary Genomic Evolution Pathways Clinical Data Tissue Image



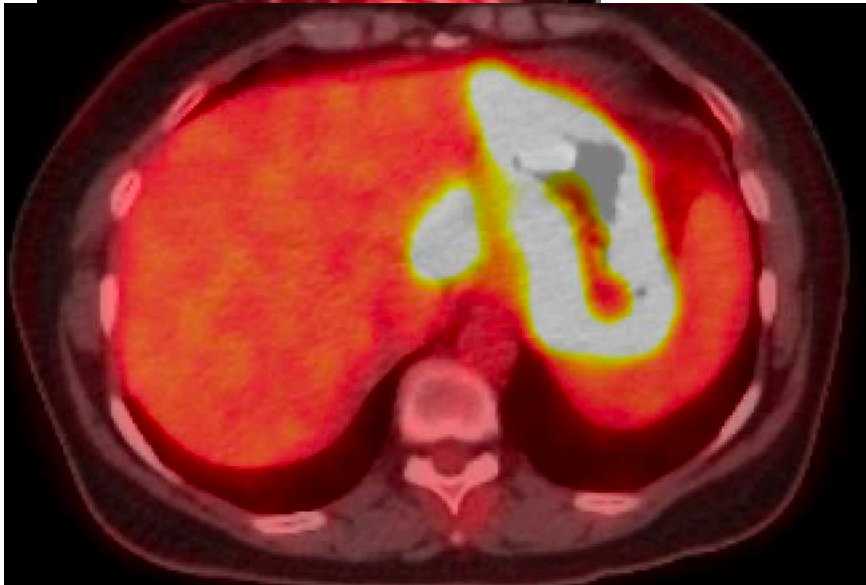
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Samples	Gene	Protein Change	Annotation	Mutation Type	Allele Freq	Cohort
1 2	PIK3CA	<i>H1047R</i>	🔥	Missense	--	11%
2 3	PIK3CA	<i>R93W</i>	🔥	Missense	--	11%
2 3	PIK3CA	<i>R93Q</i>	🔥	Missense	--	11%
2 3	PIK3CA	<i>G118D</i>	🔥	Missense	--	11%
2	PTCH1	<i>R1308Efs*64</i>	🔥	FS del	--	2%
2 3	PTEN	<i>K267Rfs*9</i>	🔥	FS del	--	0%
2 3	PPP2R1A	<i>R183Q</i>	🔥	Missense	--	1%
1 2	TP53	<i>R282W</i>	🔥	Missense	--	38%
2 3	TP53	<i>R273H</i>	🔥	Missense	--	38%
1 2	FGFR4	<i>V550L</i>	🔥	Missense	--	1%

Sample	Baseline	Pembro x 2 cycles
GEJ	107 mutations	
ctDNA	35 mutations	17 mutations

# Case 2

## Baseline



## After 8 months of pembrolizumab



**EGD: - Congested,  
erythematous, eroded  
mucosa;  
All biopsies: benign**

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