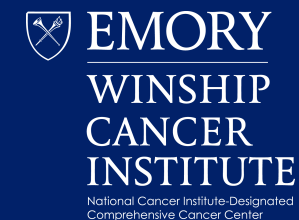


# YEAR IN REVIEW 2020: SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER AND MESOTHELIOMA

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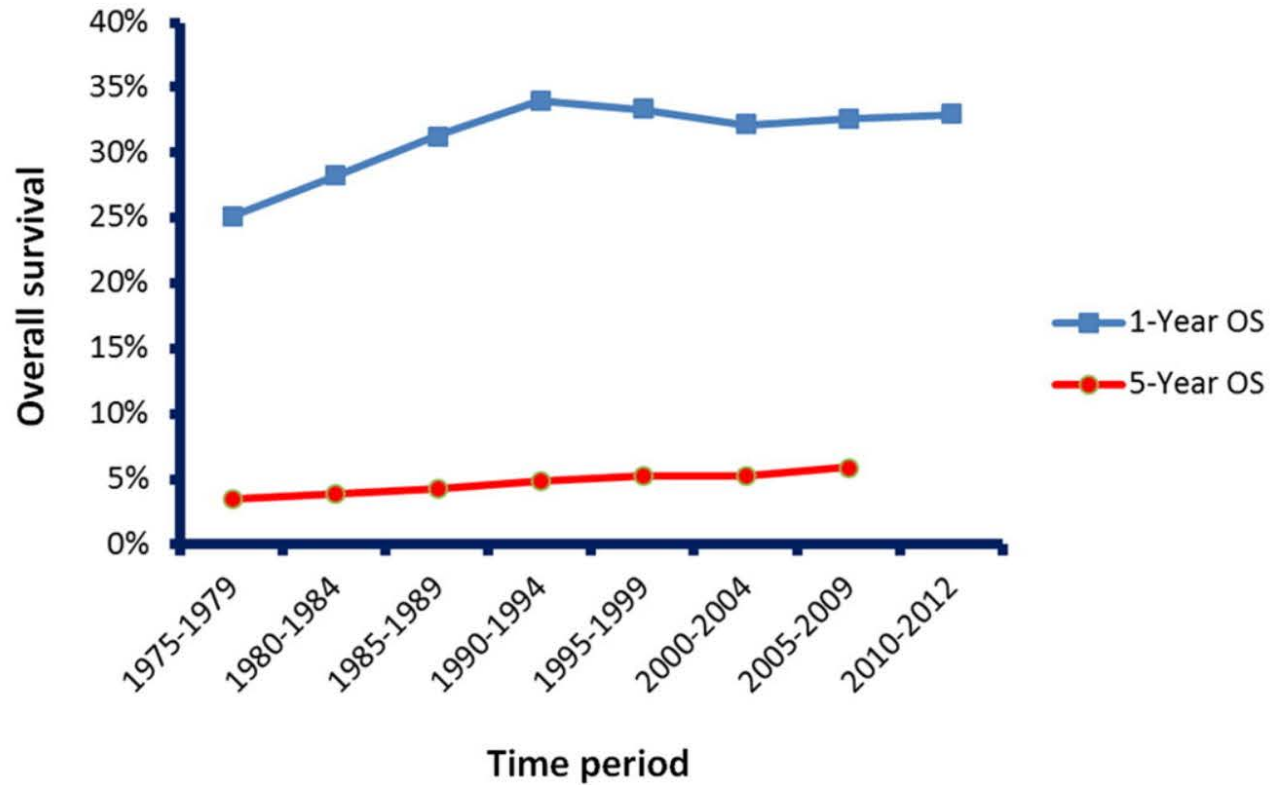


## SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER

- Accounts for 10-15% of all cases of lung cancer
- Platinum-based chemotherapy has been the standard of care for decades
- Concomitant use of radiotherapy extends survival in limited stage SCLC
- Prophylactic cranial irradiation improves survival in limited stage SCLC
- No effective salvage therapy options for relapsed/recurrent disease

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# COURSE OF PROGRESS IN SCLC



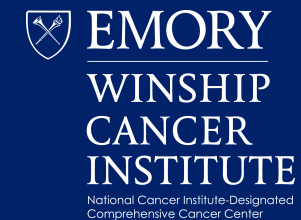
% Survival	Subgroups		
	LD and ED SCLC	LD-SCLC	ED-SCLC
6 months	68.09%	88.70%	65.36%
12 months	30.92%	57.98%	<b>29.37%</b>
24 months	8.08%	21.09%	<b>6.93%</b>

Saiama N. Waqar, Daniel Morgensztern; Pharmacology & Therapeutics December 2017, 180:16-23; Amarasena IU, Chatterjee S, Walters JAF, Wood-Baker R, Fong KM. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2015. 8. Art. No.: CD006849.

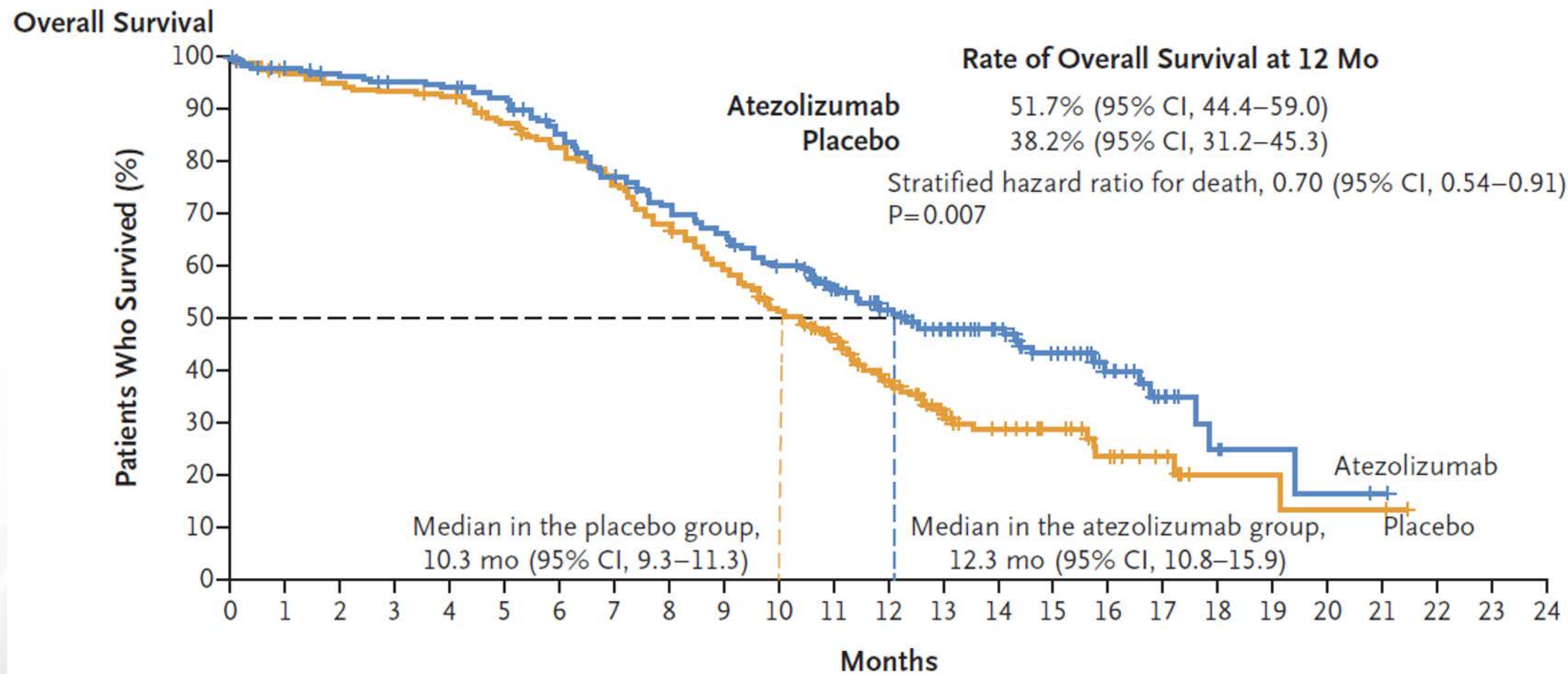
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# IMMUNOTHERAPY IN FIRST-LINE THERAPY OF SCLC



# CARBOPLATIN-ETOPOSIDE +/- ATEZOLIZUMAB (IMPOWER 133 STUDY) OVERALL SURVIVAL



Horn et al, N Engl J Med, 2018.

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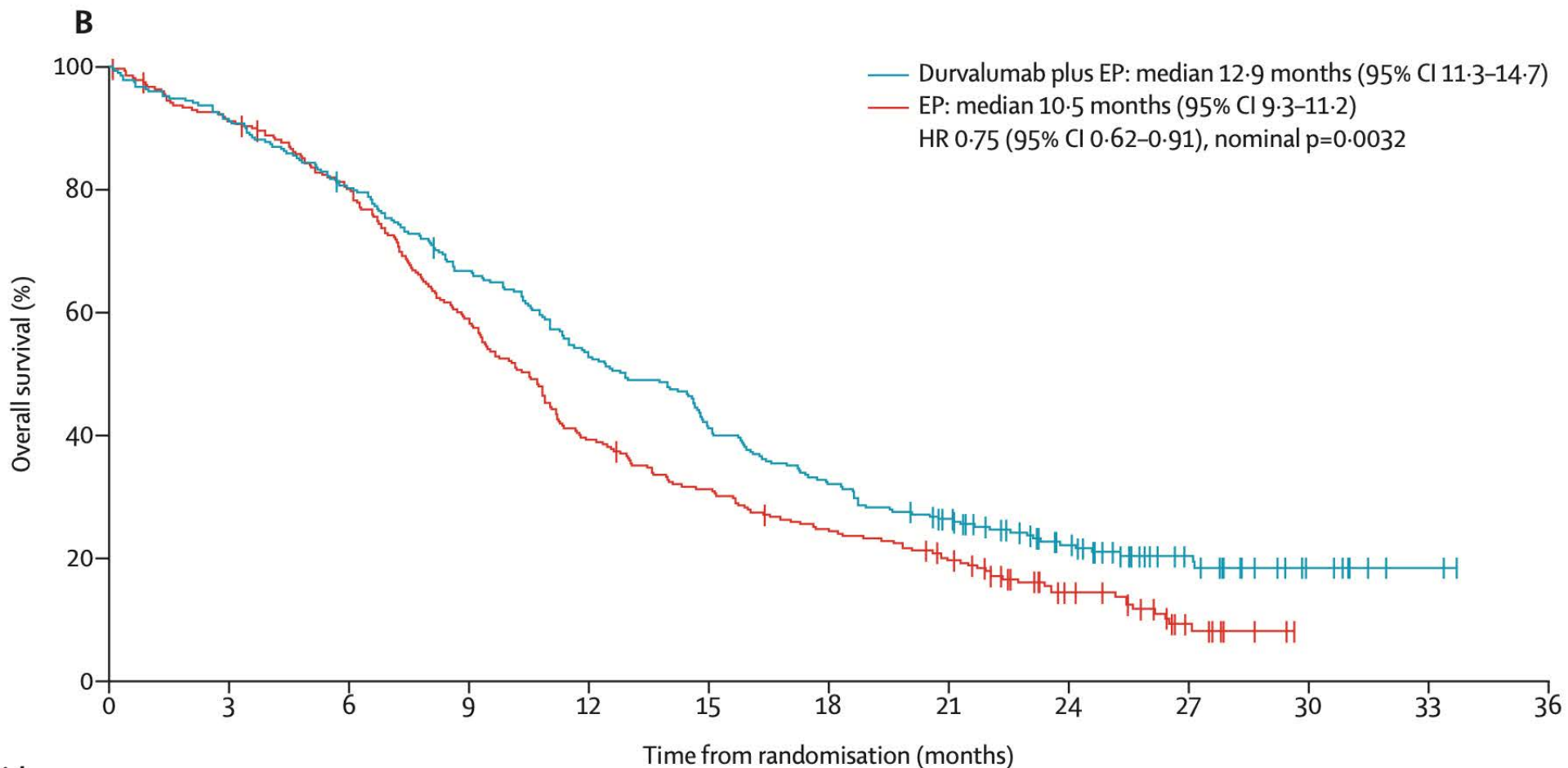
## IMPOWER 133: UPDATED EFFICACY

Parameter	Chemo + Atezo	Chemo
Median OS	12.3 m (HR 0.76)	10.3 m
18m- OS Rate	34%	21%
PD-L1 Expression		
<1% (n=72 pts)	10.2 m	8.3 m
< 5% (n=108 pts)	9.2 m	8.9 m
> 5% (n=29 pts)	21.6 m	9.2 m

Horn et al, AACR 2020.

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# PLATINUM-ETOPOSIDE +/- DURVALUMAB (CASPIAN STUDY) OVERALL SURVIVAL



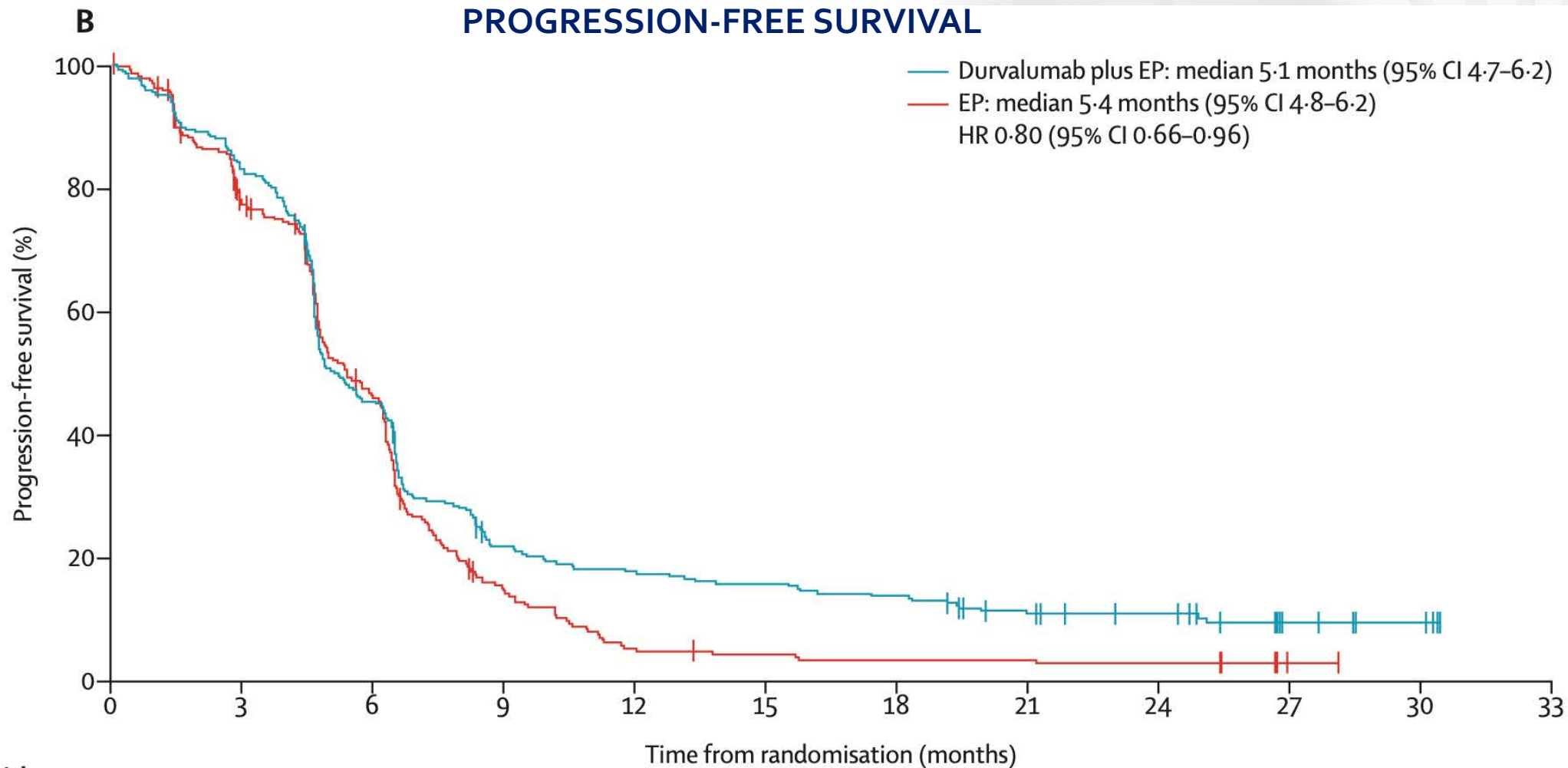
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(number censored)**

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
Durvalumab plus EP	268 (0)	244 (0)	214 (1)	177 (2)	140 (2)	109 (2)	85 (2)	66 (6)	41 (22)	21 (39)	8 (50)	2 (56)	0 (58)
EP	269 (0)	243 (2)	212 (4)	156 (4)	104 (4)	82 (5)	64 (6)	48 (9)	24 (22)	8 (31)	0 (38)	0 (38)	0 (38)

Goldman J et al, Lancet Oncol, 2020.

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# PLATINUM-ETOPOSIDE +/- DURVALUMAB (CASPIAN STUDY) PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL



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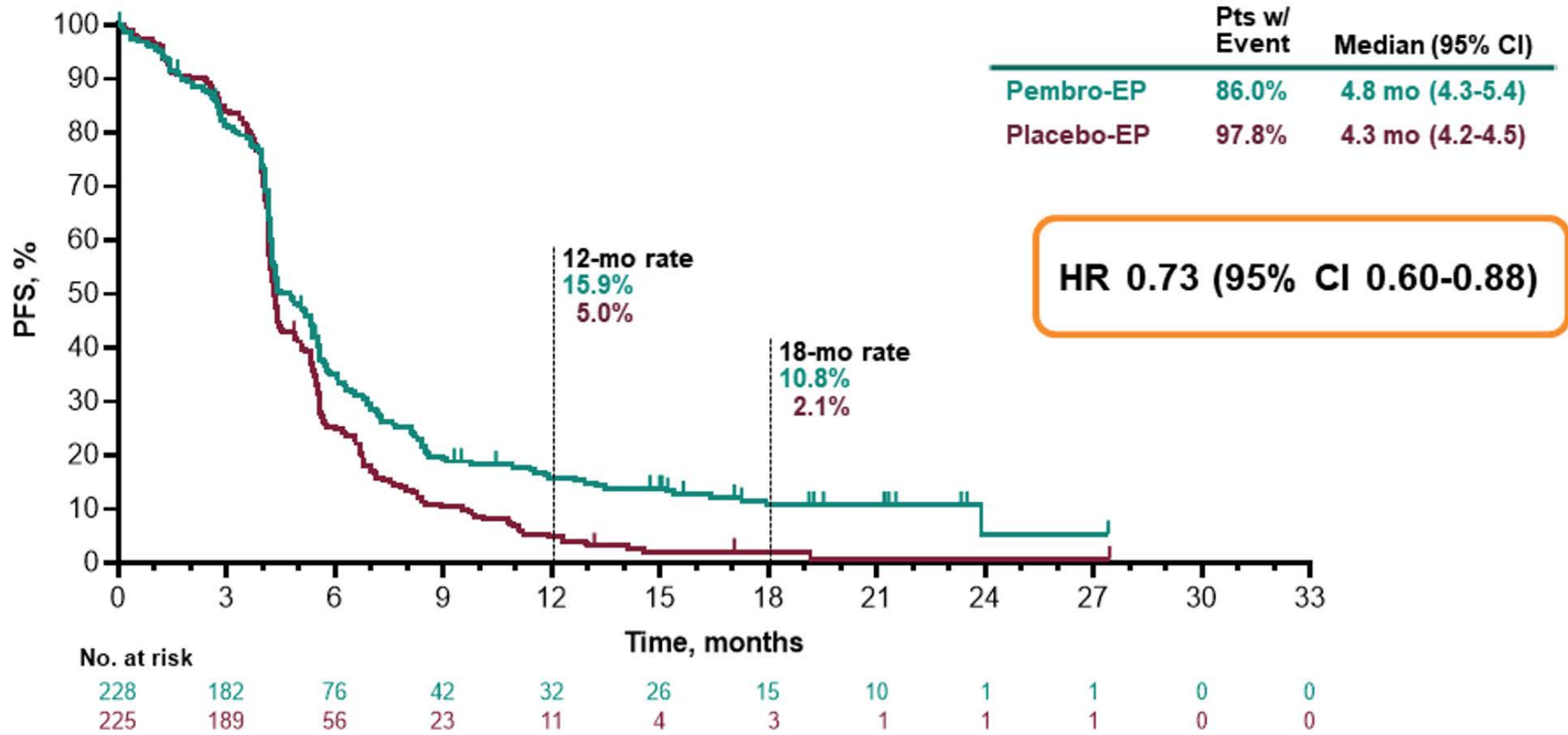
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Durvalumab plus EP	268 (0)	220 (3)	119 (5)	55 (8)	45 (8)	40 (8)	35 (8)	24 (12)	18 (18)	8 (26)	5 (29)	0 (34)
EP	269 (0)	195 (15)	110 (23)	33 (26)	12 (26)	9 (27)	7 (27)	7 (27)	6 (27)	1 (32)	0 (33)	0 (33)

Goldman J et al, Lancet Oncol, 2020.

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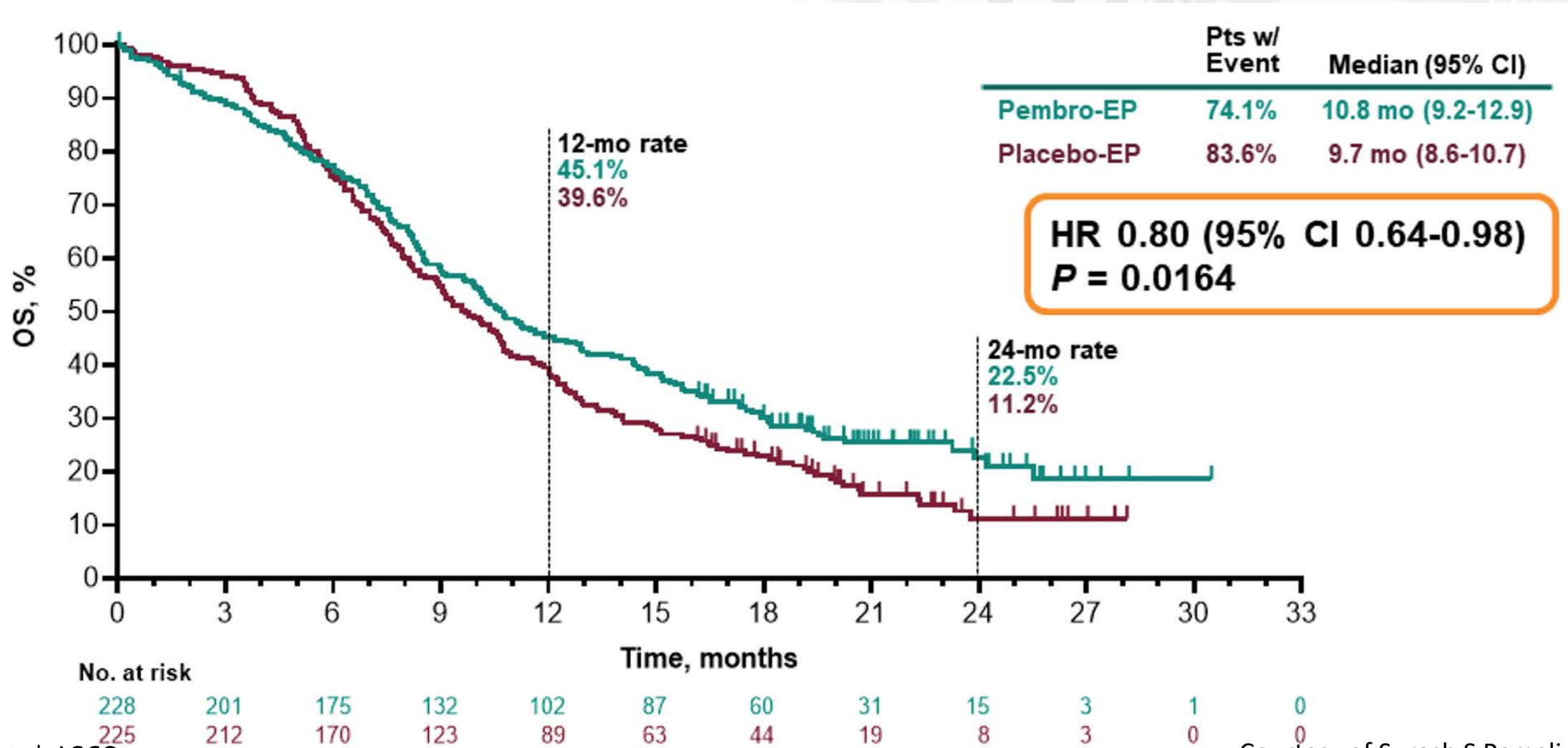
# PLATINUM-ETOPOSIDE +/- PEMBROLIZUMAB (KN 604 STUDY) PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL



Rudin C et al, ASCO 2020.

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# PLATINUM-ETOPOSIDE +/- PEMBROLIZUMAB (KN 604 STUDY) OVERALL SURVIVAL



Rudin C et al, ASCO 2020.

Courtesy of Suresh S Ramalingam, MD

## Clinical Implications

- Immune checkpoint inhibition plus atezolizumab/durvalumab is the preferred first-line therapy for SCLC-ED
- Efficacy improvement is relatively modest, yet clinically meaningful
- Immunotherapy is continued as maintenance treatment after 4-6 cycles of chemotherapy
- No predictive value for PD-L1 expression
- No suggestion of higher risk of autoimmune adverse events in SCLC

## Future directions

- Biomarkers to select patients remains an important priority
- Novel combination approaches based on chemo+IO strategy are being studied
- Role of IO agents in SCLC-LD is under investigation

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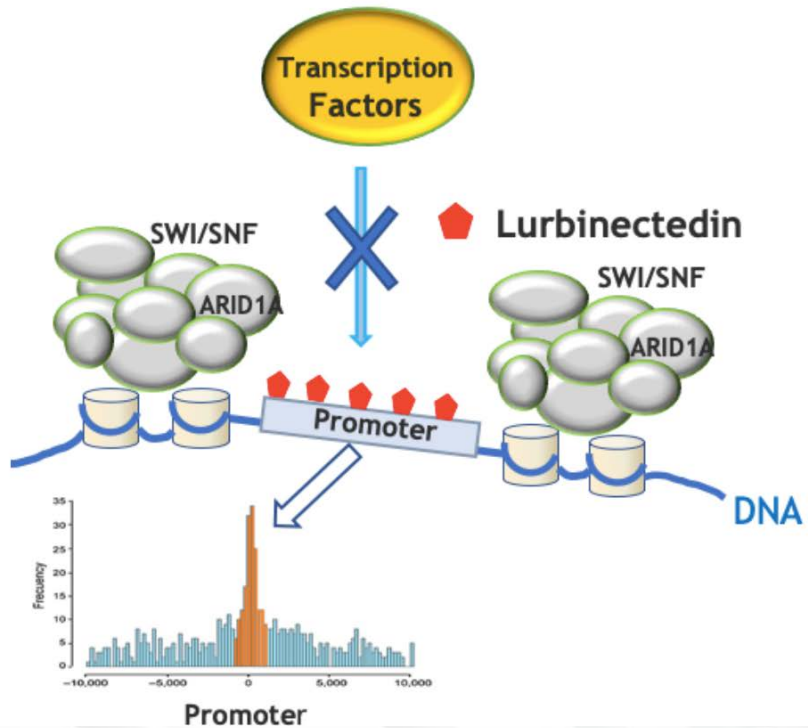
# SALVAGE THERAPY FOR SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER

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# LURBINECTEDIN

- Synthetic derivative from a sea sponge
  - Inhibits gene expression
  - ? Other effects??



SCLC-ED  
ECOG PS=0-2  
No brain metastasis  
Prior Chemotherapy

Lurbinectedin 3.2 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q 3 weeks  
N=105 Pts

Primary endpoint: Response Rate

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# LURBINECTEDIN: EFFICACY

	All patients (n=105)	Chemotherapy-free interval <90 days (n=45)	Chemotherapy-free interval ≥90 days (n=60)
<b>RECIST responses</b>			
Complete response	0	0	0
Partial response	37 (35%)	10 (22%)	27 (45%)
Stable disease*	35 (33%)	13 (29%)	22 (37%)
Progressive disease	28 (27%)	18 (40%)	10 (17%)
Not evaluable†	5 (5%)	4 (9%)	1 (2%)
Overall response, % (95% CI)	35.2% (26.2–45.2)	22.2% (11.2–37.1)	45.0% (32.1–58.4)
Disease control, % (95% CI)‡	68.6% (58.8–77.3)	51.1% (35.8–66.3)	81.7% (69.6–90.5)
mPFS	3.5 m	2.6 m	4.6 m
mOS:	9.3 m	5 m	11.9 m

Adverse events of interest:

Hematological: Anemia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia

Non-hematological: Fatigue, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, transaminitis

Trigo J et al, Lancet Oncol, 2020.

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## Clinical implications

- Lurbinectedin is available for routine use in salvage therapy setting
- Efficacy is more favorable for patients with chemo-sensitive SCLC
- Adverse event profile includes marrow and GI toxicity

## Future directions

- Confirmatory phase 3 trial (ATLANTIS) reported negative for OS- compared Lurbinectedin + Adriamycin to CAV
- Confirmation of efficacy of single agent lurbinectedin is warranted (comparison versus topotecan)

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# MALIGNANT PLEURAL MESOTHELIOMA

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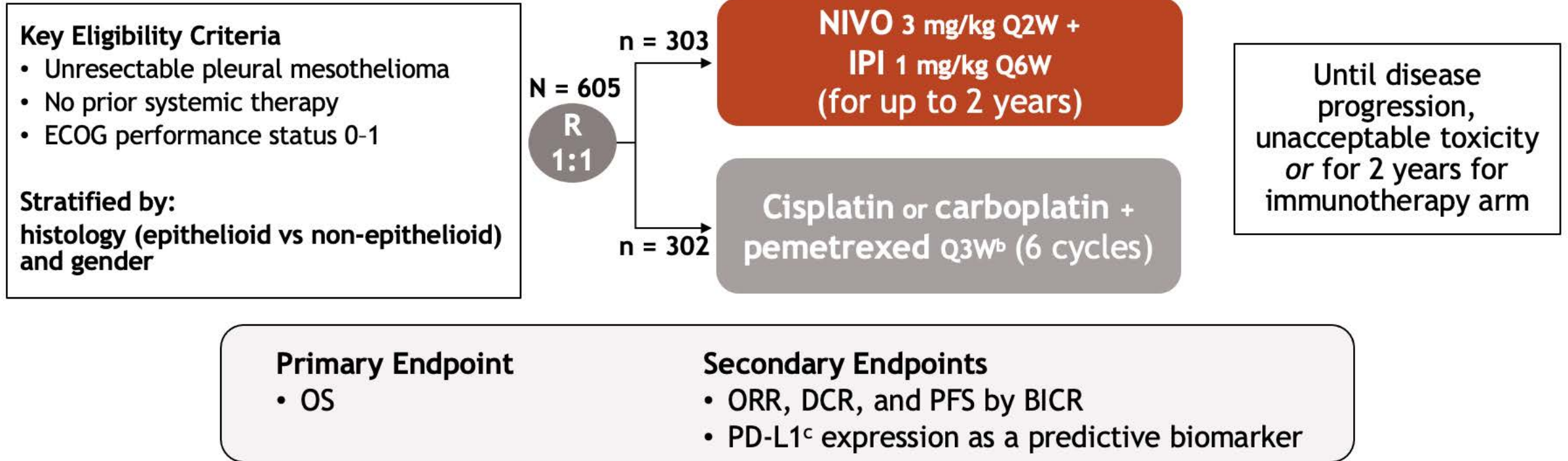


# MALIGNANT PLEURAL MESOTHELIOMA

- Presents at an advanced stage in majority of the patients
- Multi-modality therapy is appropriate for selected subset of patients with early stage disease
- Cisplatin-pemetrexed is the standard systemic therapy
- No approved salvage therapy options
- Initial results with chemo + IO have yielded promising results

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# IPIILIMUMAB + NIVOLUMAB FOR PLEURAL MESOTHELIOMA (CM 743 STUDY)



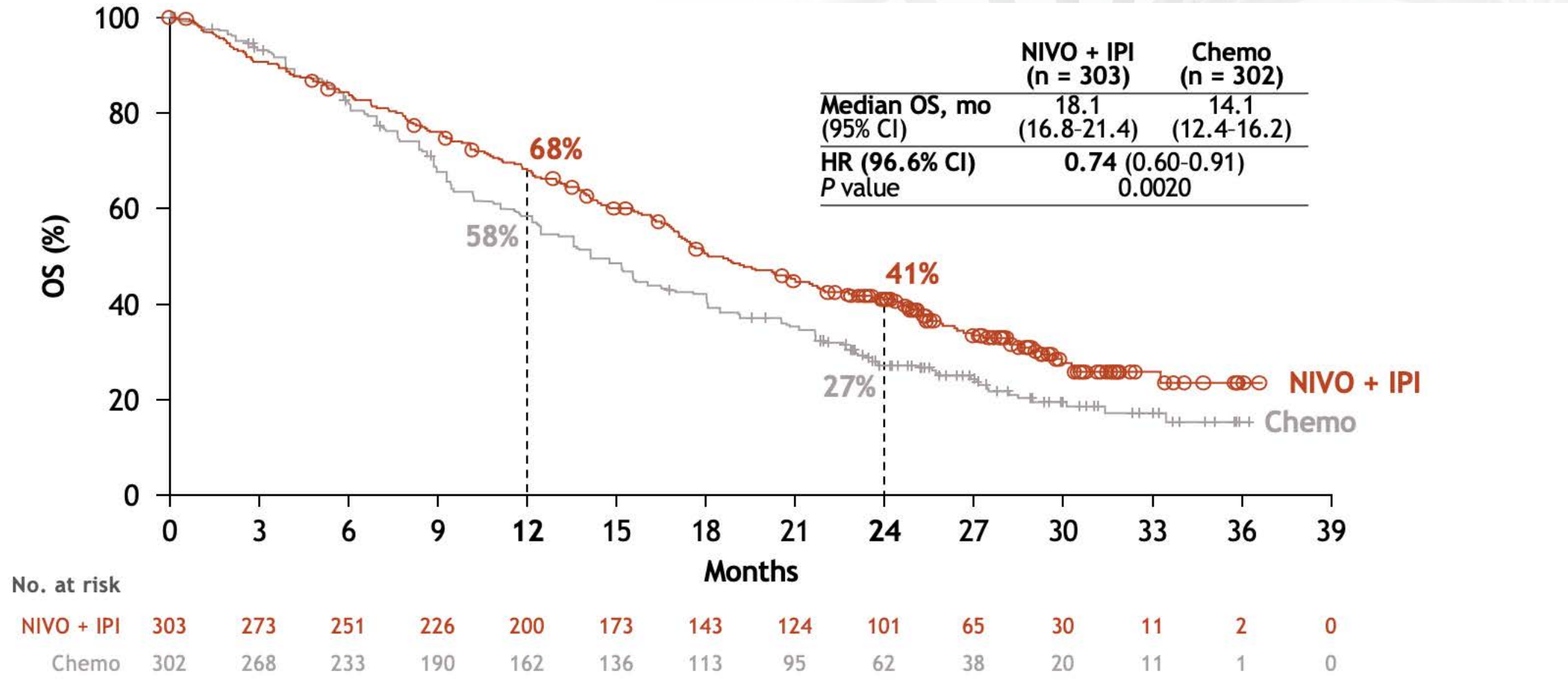
Database lock: April 3, 2020; minimum follow-up for OS: 22.1 months; median follow-up: 29.7 months.

<sup>a</sup>NCT02899299; <sup>b</sup>Cisplatin (75 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) or carboplatin (AUC 5) + pemetrexed (500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>), Q3W for 6 cycles; <sup>c</sup>Determined by PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx assay from Dako.

Baas P et al, IASLC 2020.

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# CM743: OVERALL SURVIVAL

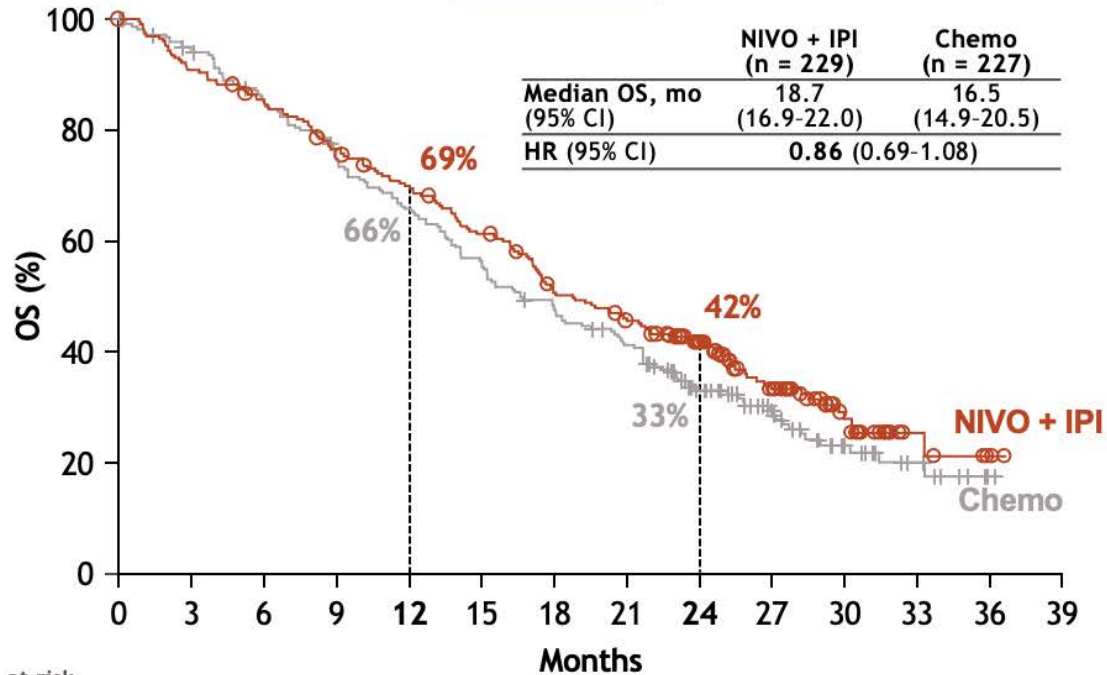


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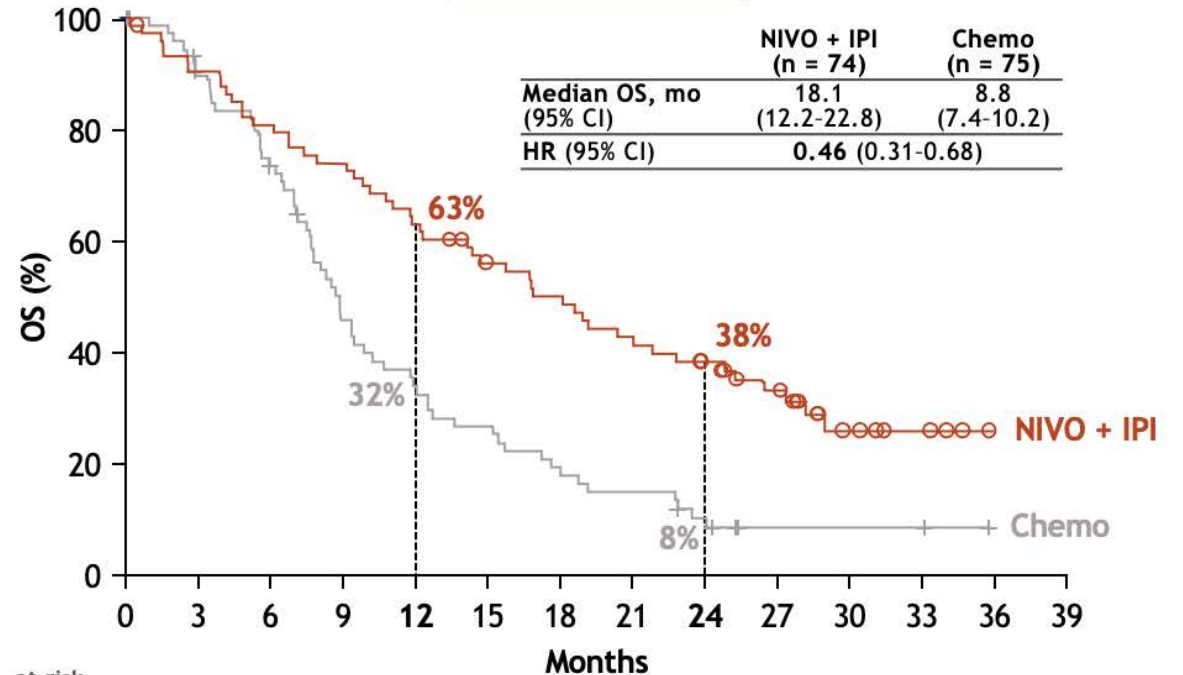
# CM743: SURVIVAL BASED ON HISTOLOGY

## Epithelioid



No. at risk	Months														
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	
NIVO + IPI	229	207	192	172	154	135	109	96	77	47	22	6	2	0	
Chemo	227	204	182	159	140	118	101	85	57	36	18	9	1	0	

## Non-epithelioid

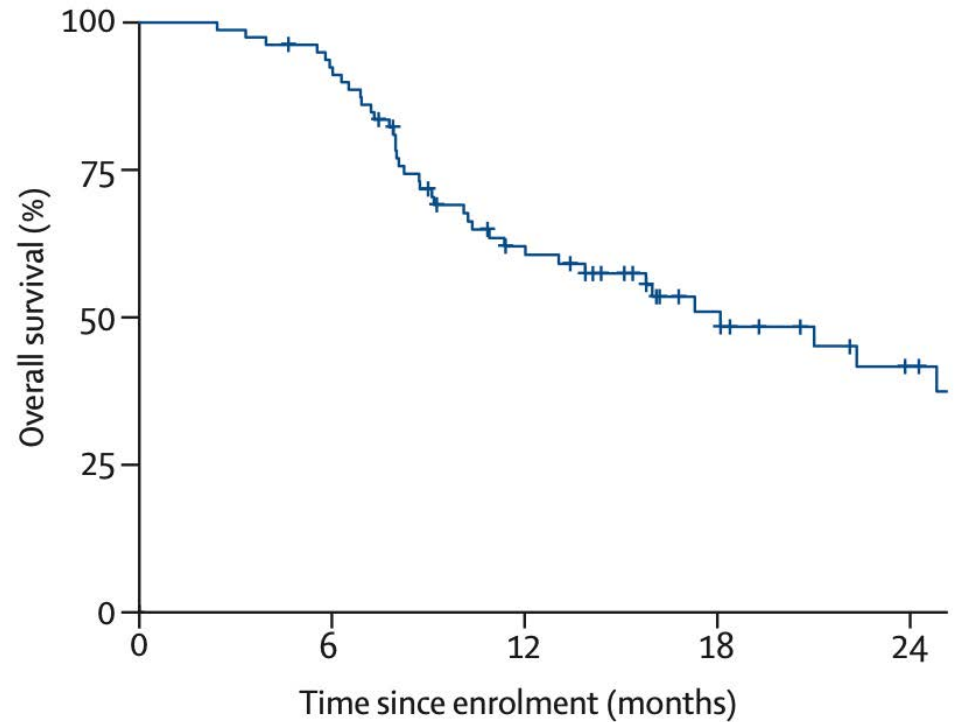


No. at risk	Months														
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	
NIVO + IPI	74	66	59	54	46	38	34	28	24	18	8	5	0	0	
Chemo	75	64	51	31	22	18	12	10	5	2	2	2	0	0	

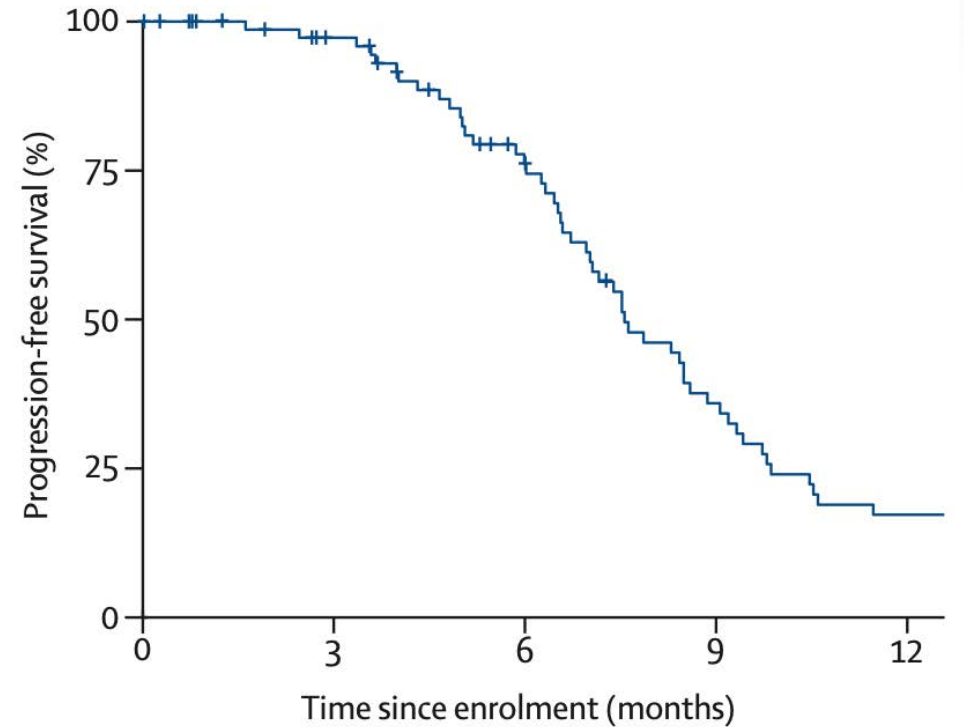
Baas P et al, IASLC 2020.

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# CHEMOTHERAPY PLUS TUMOR-TREATING FIELDS (TTF) FOR MESOTHELIOMA



Number at risk 80 (0) 74 (1) 43 (8) 20 (25) 12 (31)  
(number censored)



Number at risk 80 (0) 68 (10) 48 (18) 21 (19) 10 (19)  
(number censored)

Adverse event of interest: skin toxicity grade 1-2: 66%; grade 3: 5%.

Ceresoli et al, Lancet Oncol, 2019.

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## Clinical implications

- Ipilimumab plus nivolumab is an effective first line therapy option for mesothelioma
- Results are of even greater impact for patients with sarcomatoid histology
- Chemotherapy + TTF is another option for advanced mesothelioma patients

## Future directions

- Chemotherapy +/- IO is being studied in randomized trials
- Need for effective salvage therapy options
- Biomarkers to individualize therapy remains an unmet need

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## CONCLUSIONS

### Small cell lung cancer

- Chemotherapy plus IO has emerged as standard first line therapy
- Atezolizumab and durvalumab are both approved by the FDA for 1<sup>st</sup> line use
- PD-L1 expression level is not a predictive biomarker in SCLC
- Lurbinectedin has promising results as salvage therapy for SCLC

### Mesothelioma

- Ipilimumab plus nivolumab is now approved as first line therapy for advanced mesothelioma
- Chemotherapy plus TTF is another approved option based on phase 2 data
- Role of chemo plus IO is currently under investigation

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