



# Neo-Adjuvant and Adjuvant Immunotherapy for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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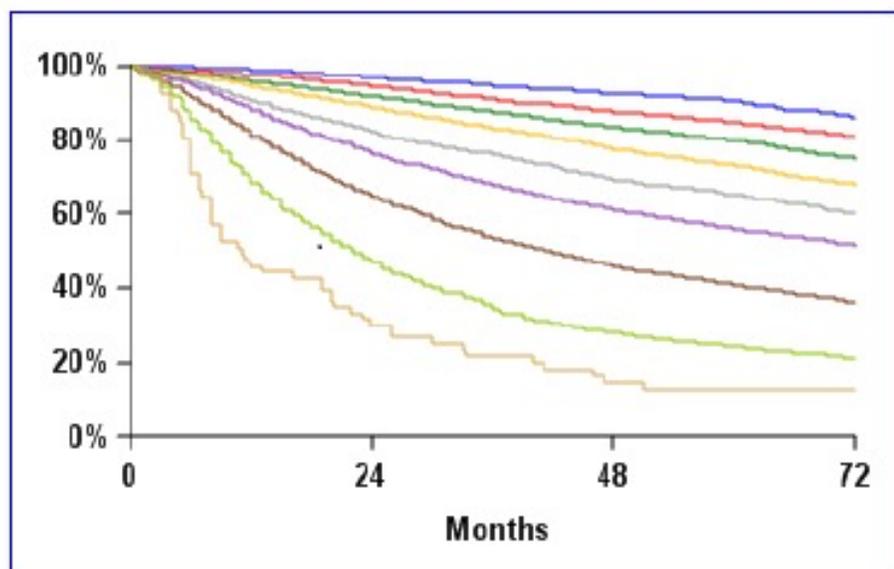
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## Surgery is still the intervention most likely to cure lung cancer

### Pathological stage



	Events/N	MST	2 years	5 years
IA1	139/1389	NR	97%	90%
IA2	823/5633	NR	94%	85%
IA3	875/4401	NR	92%	80%
IB	1618/6095	NR	89%	73%
IIA	556/1638	NR	82%	65%
IIB	2175/5226	NR	76%	56%
IIIA	3219/5756	41.9	65%	41%
IIIB	1215/1729	22.0	47%	24%
IIIC	55/69	11.0	30%	12%

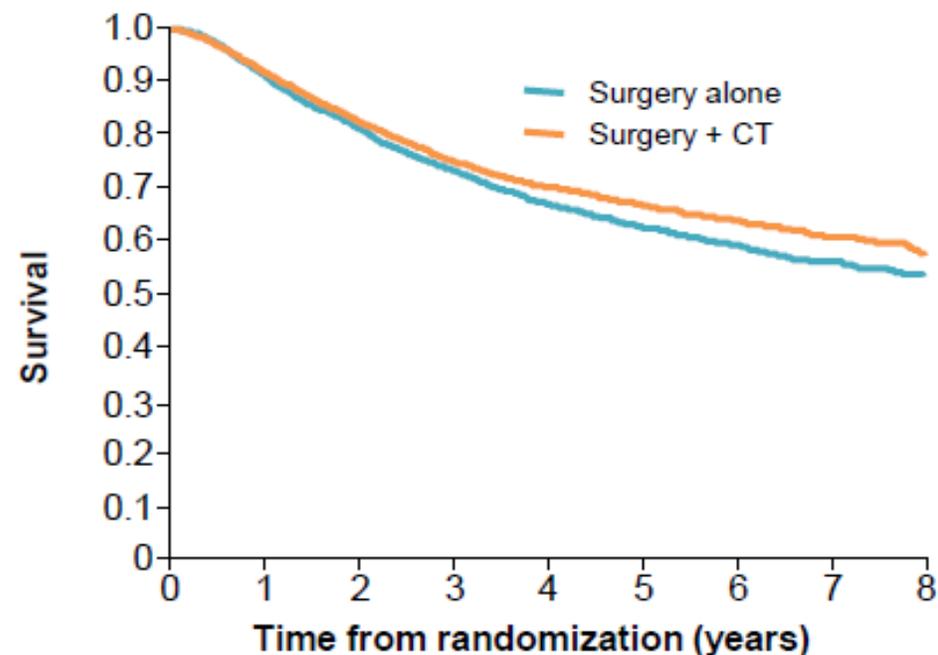
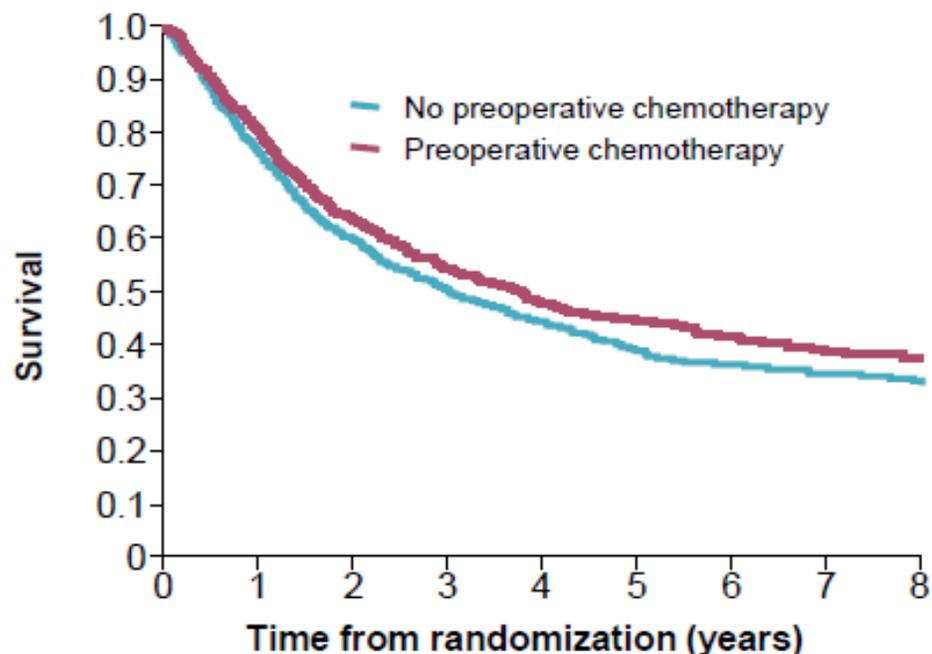
But there is a lot of room for improvement!

Goldstraw P et al. *J Thorac Oncol* 2016; 11: 39-51.



# Neoadjuvant Immunotherapy in NSCLC



**LUNG CANCER EARLY STAGES**
**Background & Current Situation**


	N	Absolute $\Delta$ 5 yr OS	HR	P value
Neoadjuvant Trials	2385	5%	0.87 (95% CI 0.78-0.96)	0.007
Adjuvant Trials	8447	4%	0.86 (95% CI 0.81-0.92)	<0.0001

# CT RECIST vs. MPR and prediction of OS after neoadjuvant chemotherapy in resectable NSCLC

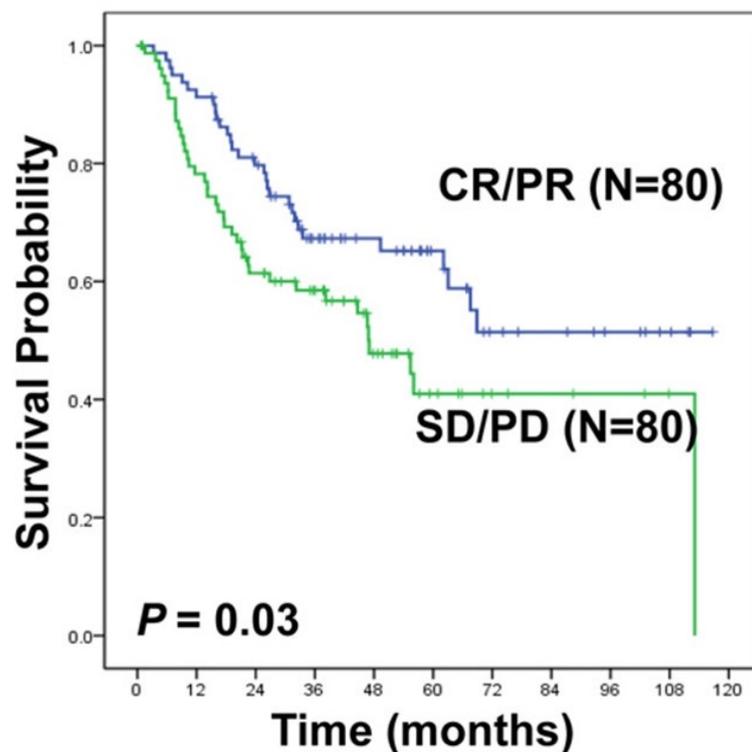
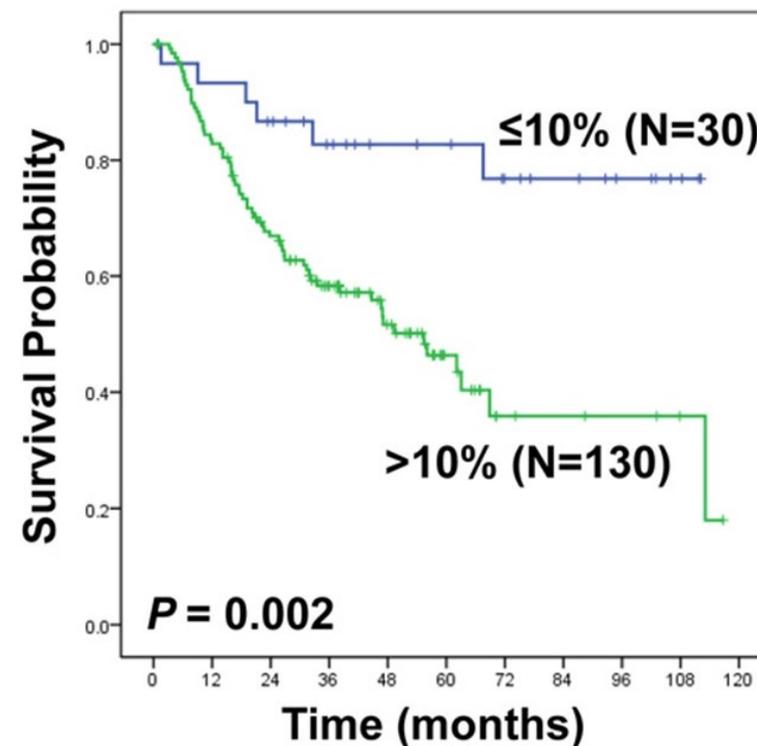
## Methods

- The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Lung Cancer Collaborative Research Group
- Primary tumor size on CT before and after neoadjuvant chemotherapy in NSCLC.
- N = 160 patients who underwent surgical resection.
- CT-measured response (RECIST) and histopathologic response and OS.
- Major pathologic response (MPR) was defined as  $\leq 10\%$  viable tumor.

## Evaluate

- CT RECIST vs. MPR in predicting OS following neoadjuvant chemotherapy

# CT RECIST vs. MPR and prediction of OS after neoadjuvant chemotherapy in resectable NSCLC

**A**
**CT RECIST Criteria**

**B**
**% Viable tumor**


41% discordance rate between CT RECIST response and histopathologic response.



# MPR and pCR may represent surrogate markers of survival benefit in operable NSCLC

## Meta-Analysis: Associations Between pCR/MPR & OS/EFS after neoadjuvant chemo-based therapy<sup>5</sup>

After neoadjuvant platinum-based chemo:

- Historical major pathologic response rates in primary tumors: ~20% (MPR,  $\leq 10\%$  residual viable tumor)<sup>1-3</sup>
- Historical pathological complete response rates: ~4% (pCR, 0% residual viable tumor)<sup>4</sup>

Association	HR (95% CI)	Range of HRs	Patients (n)	Studies (n)
OS, pCR vs no pCR	0.49 (0.42–0.57)	0.13–0.78	6474	20
OS, MPR vs no MPR	0.36 (0.29–0.44)	0.13–0.58	1193	12
EFS, pCR vs no pCR	0.49 (0.41–0.60)	0.26–0.71	2157	11
EFS, pCR vs no pCR	0.52 (0.42–0.66)	0.43–0.60	770	6

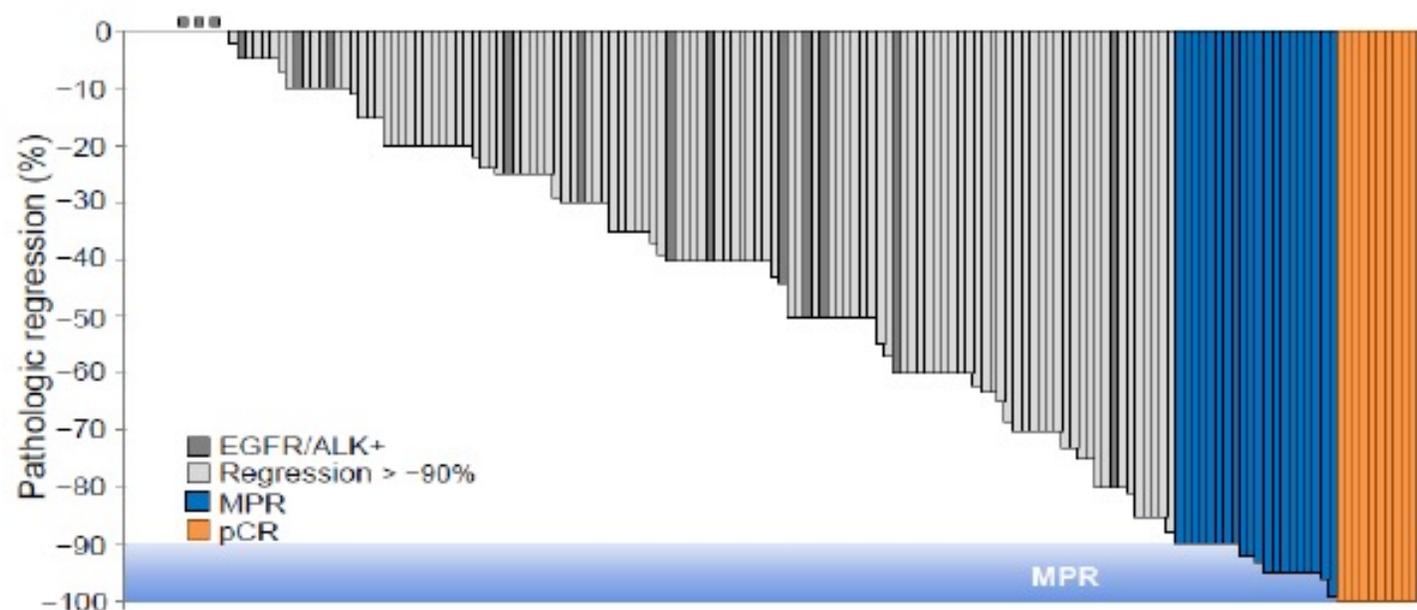
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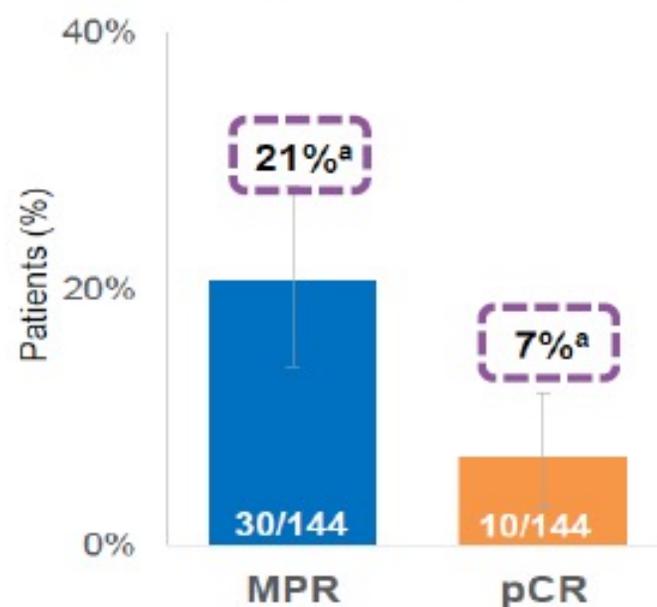
# MPR to neoadjuvant atezolizumab in the LCMC3 study

Pathologic response in surgery population (n=159)



Pathologic regression defined as % viable tumor cells - 100%.  
MPR, major pathologic response; pCR, pathologic complete response.  
<sup>a</sup>Error bars indicate 95% CI.

Major pathologic response in  
primary efficacy population (n=144)



Lee JM, *et al.* WCLC 2021



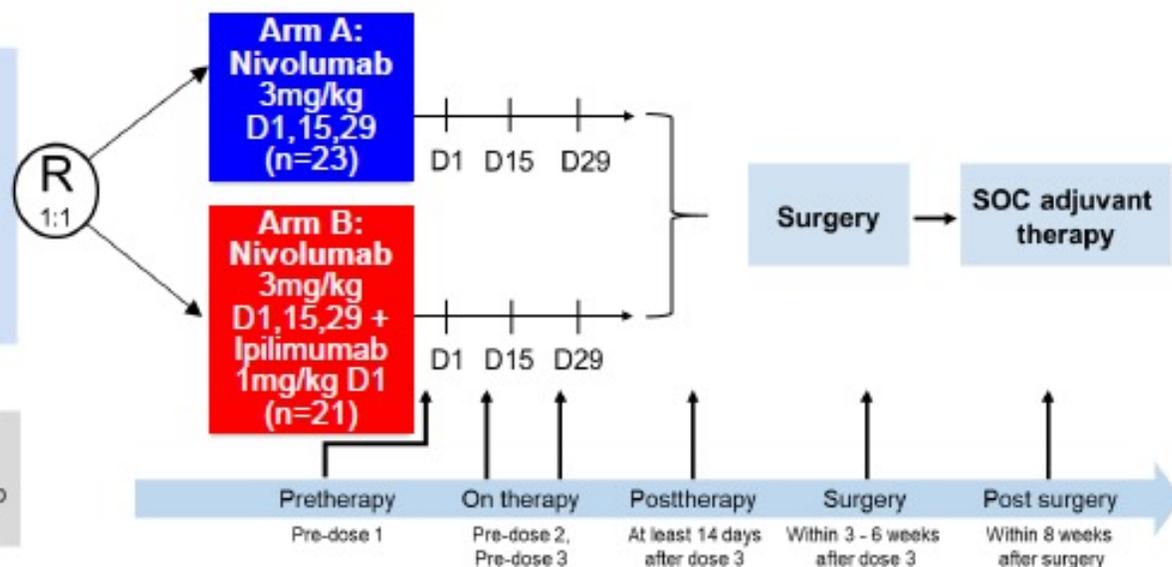
# NEOSTAR: phase 2 study of induction ICB for resectable stage I-IIIA NSCLC

**Key Eligibility Criteria**

NSCLC Stage I-IIIA N2 single station (AJCC 7<sup>th</sup>)  
 No prior systemic therapy  
 Surgical resectability  
 ECOG PS 0-1

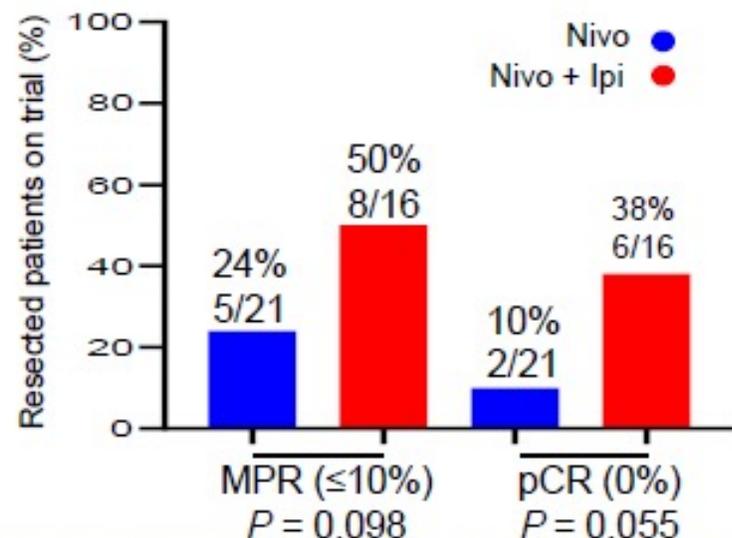
**Stratification**  
 Stage

**Primary endpoint:**  
 MPR rate in patients treated with Nivolumab and Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (MPR:  $\leq 10\%$  viable tumor)



Longitudinal tumor- blood, stool and imaging-based biomarkers

	MPR RATE (%) in ITT	
Percentage viable tumor	Nivo n=23	Nivo + Ipi n=21
0-10 (MPR)	22 (5/23)	38 (8/21)
0 (pCR)	9 (2/23)	29 (6/21)

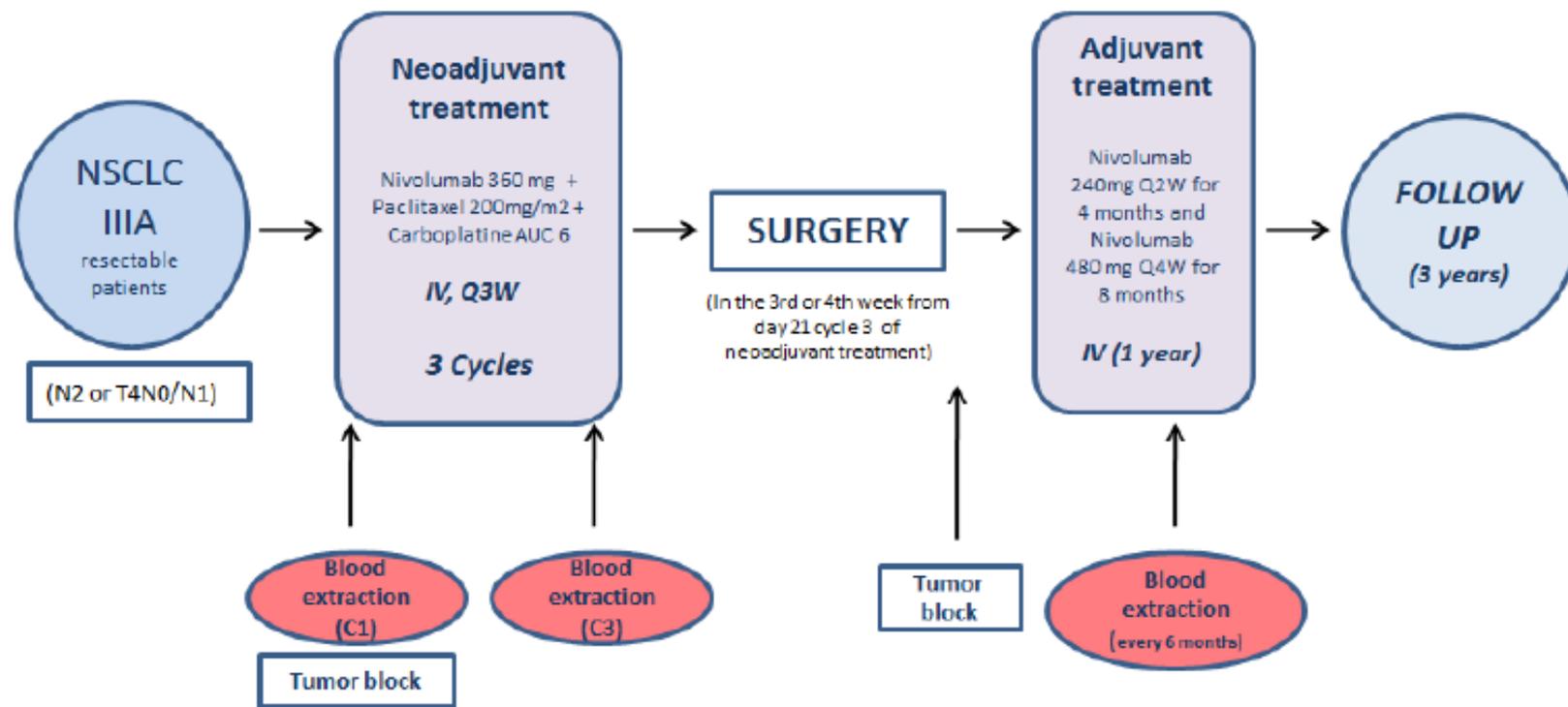


Cascone, T et al. Nat Med. 2021

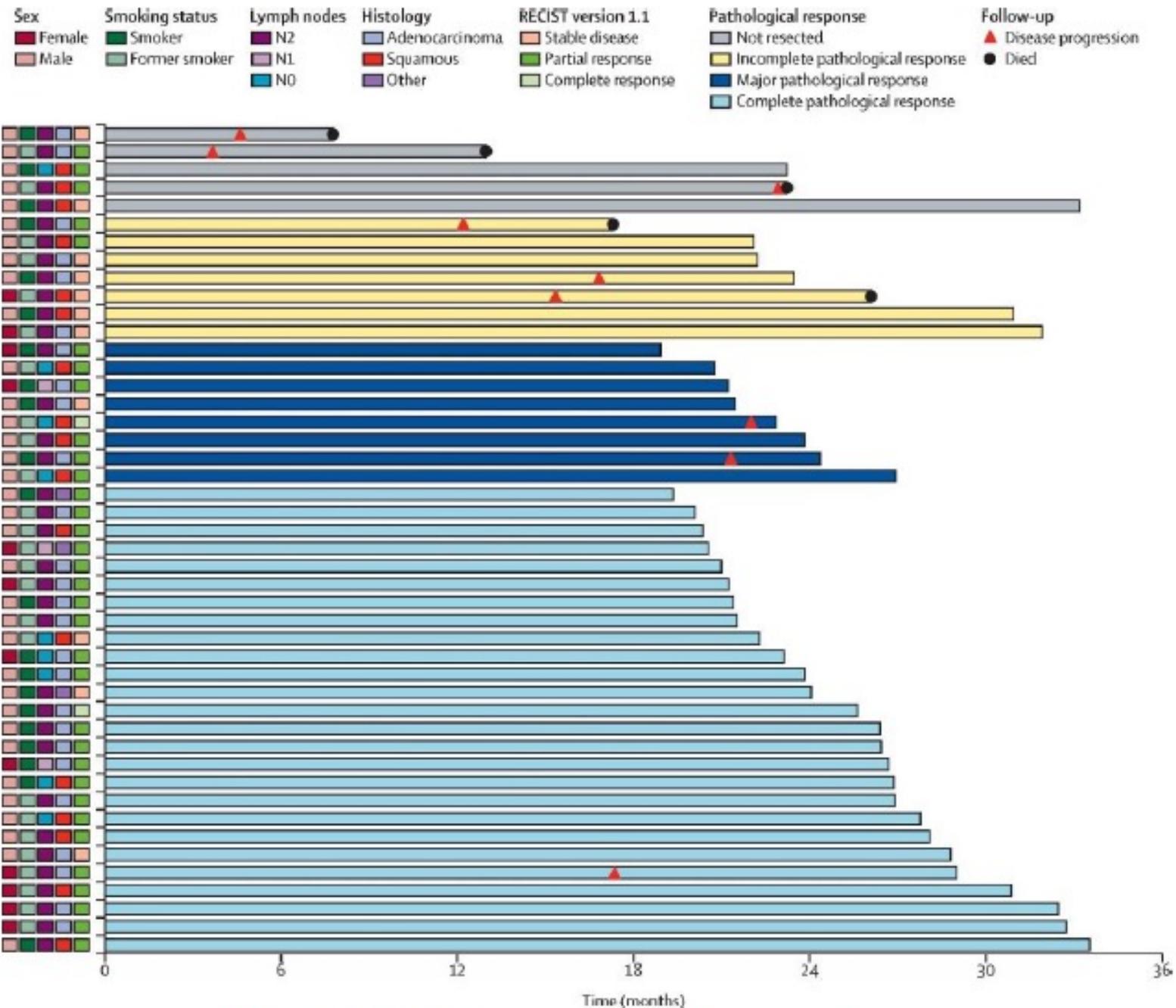
# Neoadjuvant Chemo-Immunotherapy NADIM: Study Design & Endpoints

**Primary Endpoint:**  
PFS at 24 months

**Secondary Endpoints:**  
Down-staging rate,  
complete resection rate,  
ORR, safety, TTP, OS at 3  
years



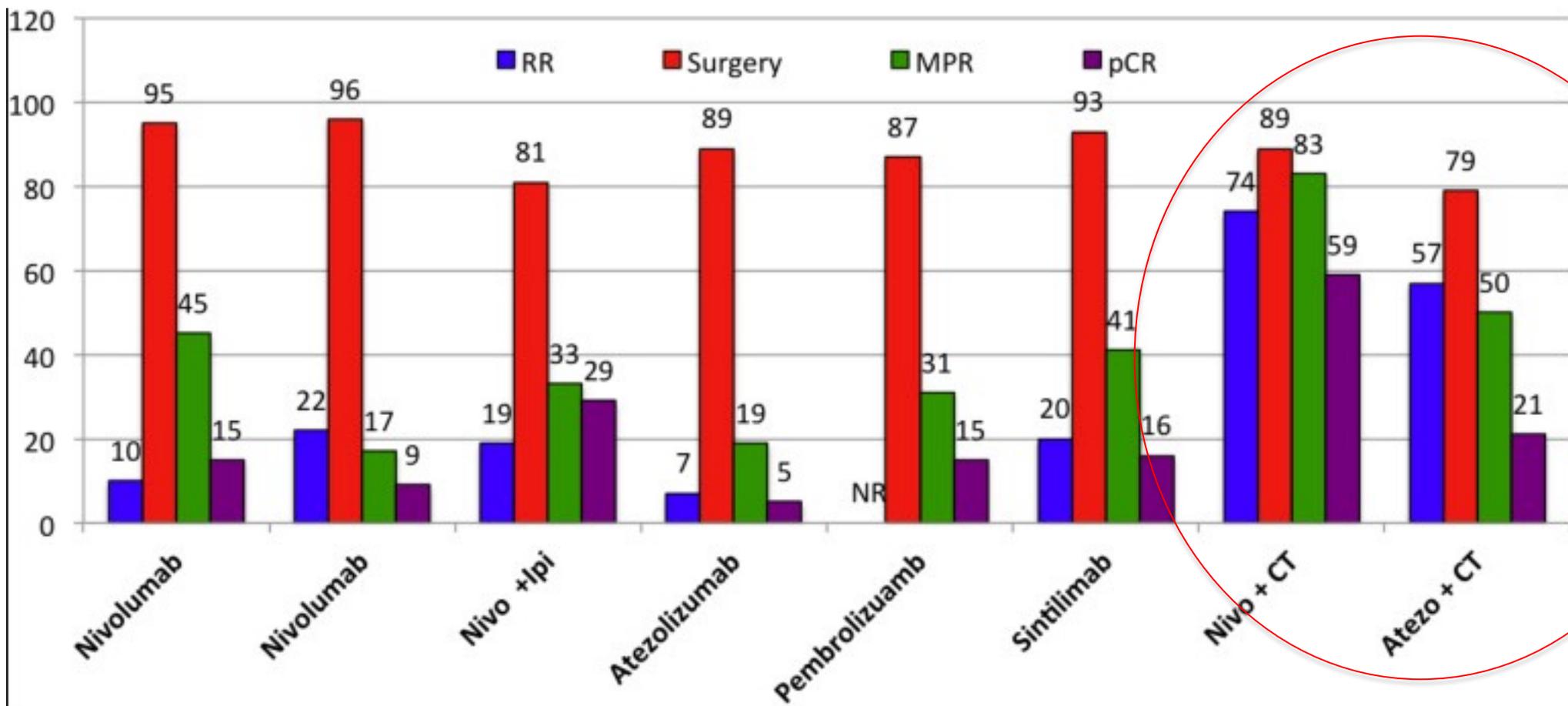
## Key Results - NADIM



\*2 pts elected not to have surgery, 3 pts had progressive disease

- 46 patients with clinical stage IIIA enrolled, 74% N2 including 54% multi-station N2
- 30% of pts had  $\geq$ G3 toxicity, no delays to surgery due to toxicity
- **ORR 76%** 41 of 46 patients underwent R0 resection\*. 37/46 (80%) downstaged at resection.
- 24 month PFS – 77% (59.9-87.7)
- **74%** (34/46) had MPR and **57%** (26/46) pts had pCR

# Efficacy of neoadjuvant immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) with or without chemotherapy (CT)



# CheckMate 816 study design<sup>a</sup>

FDA approved 3/2022

## Key Eligibility Criteria

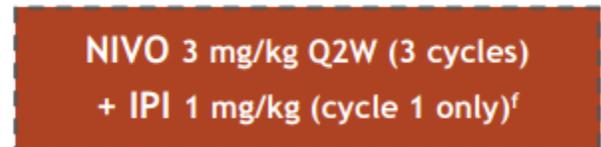
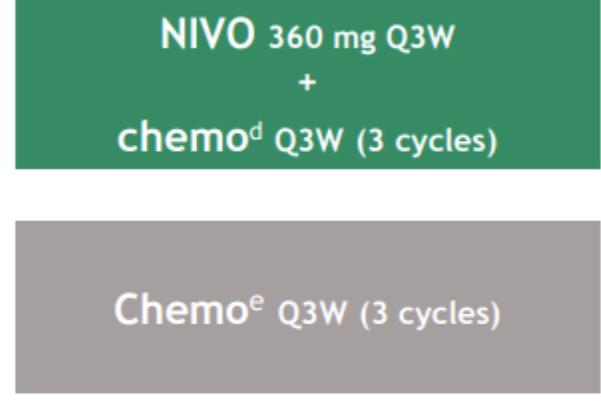
- Newly diagnosed, resectable, stage IB ( $\geq 4$  cm)-IIIA NSCLC (per TNM 7<sup>th</sup> edition)
- ECOG performance status 0-1
- No known sensitizing *EGFR* mutations or *ALK* alterations

Stratified by  
Stage (IB-II vs IIIA),  
PD-L1<sup>b</sup> ( $\geq 1\%$  vs  $< 1\%$ <sup>c</sup>), and sex

N = 358

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1:1

## Primary analysis population



## Primary endpoints

- pCR by BIPR
- EFS by BICR

## Secondary endpoints

- MPR by BIPR
- OS
- Time to death or distant metastases

## Exploratory endpoints

- ORR by BICR
- Predictive biomarkers (PD-L1, TMB, ctDNA<sup>h</sup>)

# CheckMate 816—Baseline Characteristics



	NIVO + Chemo (n = 179)	Chemo (n = 179)
Age, median (range), years	64 (41–82)	65 (34–84)
Female, %	28	29
Region, %*		
North America	23	28
Europe	23	14
Asia	48	51
Stage, %†		
IB–II‡	36	35
IIIA	63	64
Histology, %		
Squamous	49	53
Nonsquamous	51	47
Smoking status, %§		
Current / former	89	88
Never	11	11

	NIVO + Chemo (n = 179)	Chemo (n = 179)
Tumor PD-L1 expression, %¶		
Not evaluable	7	7
<1%	44	43
≥1%	50	50
1%–49%	28	26
≥50%	21	24
TMB, %¶		
Not evaluable / not reported//	51	50
<12.3 mut/Mb	27	30
≥12.3 mut/Mb	22	21

**Baseline characteristics in the NIVO + IPI (exploratory) arm were generally similar to the NIVO + chemo and chemo arms**

\*Rest of the world: 7% of patients in each of the NIVO + chemo and chemo arms. †Disease stage by CRF, with TNM 7<sup>th</sup> edition used for classification; 1 patient in each of the NIVO + chemo and chemo arms had stage IV disease. ‡Stage IB, IIA, IIB disease: 6%, 17%, and 14% of patients in the NIVO + chemo arm, and 4%, 18%, and 13% in the chemo arm, respectively. §Smoking status unknown: 1 patient in chemo arm. ¶Percentages are based on ITT. //TMB was not analyzed for patients in China, and these patients are included in the “not reported” category.

Abbreviations: ITT, intention to treat; NIVO, nivolumab; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1; TMB, tumor mutational burden.

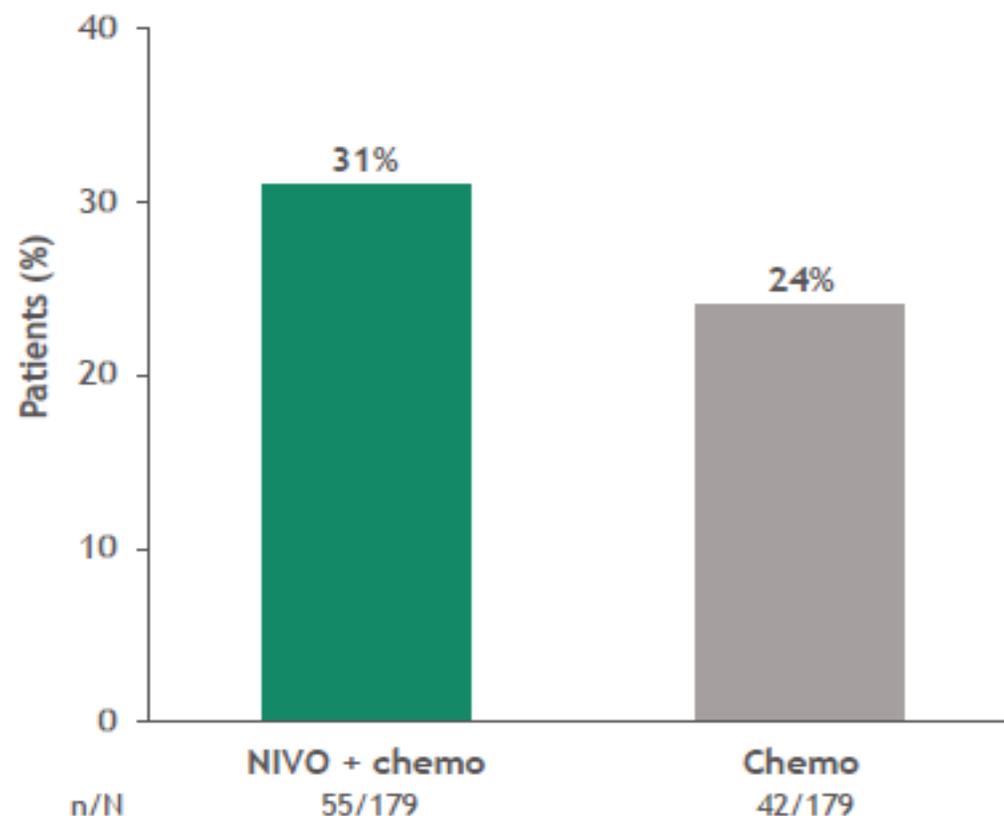
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# Objective response rate and radiographic down-staging

## Objective response rate

Patients, n (%)	NIVO + chemo (n = 179)	Chemo (n = 179)
ORR <sup>a</sup>	96 (54) <sup>b</sup>	67 (37) <sup>b</sup>
<b>Best overall response</b>		
Complete response	1 (1)	3 (2)
Partial response	95 (53)	64 (36)
Stable disease	70 (39)	88 (49)
Progressive disease	8 (4)	11 (6)
Not evaluable	1 (1)	1 (1)
Not reported	4 (2)	12 (7)

## Patients with radiographic down-staging<sup>c</sup>

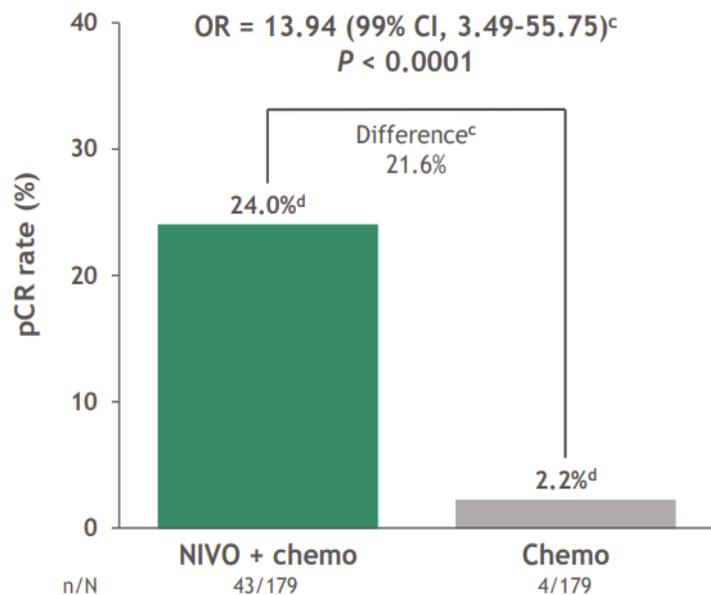


<sup>a</sup>Objective response rate was up to the presurgical scan; <sup>b</sup>ORR rates 95% CI: NIVO + chemo, 46-61; chemo, 30-45; <sup>c</sup>Decrease in stage from baseline to presurgical scan.

CheckMate 816: pCR with neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo in resectable NSCLC

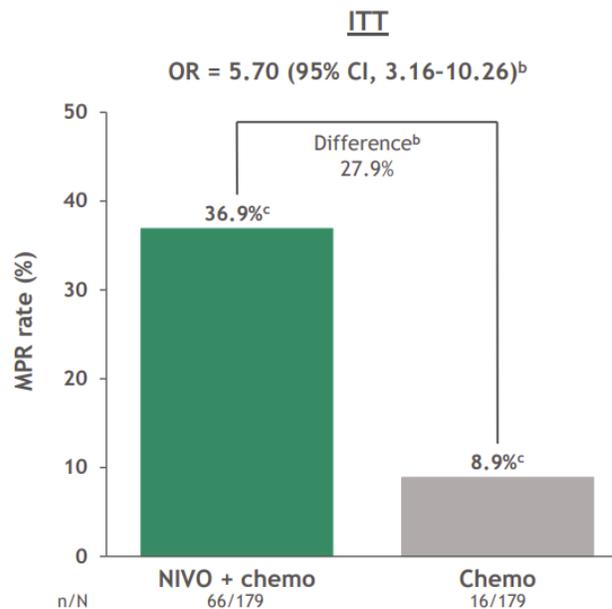
## Primary endpoint: pCR<sup>a</sup> rate with neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo vs chemo

Primary endpoint: ITT (ypT0N0)<sup>b</sup>



CheckMate 816: pCR with neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo in resectable NSCLC

## MPR<sup>a</sup> rate with neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo vs chemo



<sup>a</sup>Per BIPR; MPR: ≤ 10% residual viable tumor cells in both the primary tumor (lung) and sampled lymph nodes; <sup>b</sup>Calculated by stratified Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel method; <sup>c</sup>MPR rates 95% CI: NIVO + chemo, 29.8-44.4; chemo, 5.2-14.1.

# CheckMate 816 Summary—Neoadjuvant Nivolumab Plus Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy for Resectable NSCLC



- CheckMate 816 showed a statistically significant improvement in the primary endpoint of pCR (OR = 13.94 [99% CI, 3.49–55.75];  $P < .0001$ ), and benefit was consistent across disease stages, histologies, TMB, and PD-L1 expression levels
  - MPR and ORR were also improved
  - The study reportedly also now positive for EFS
- The addition of neoadjuvant nivolumab to chemotherapy maintained a tolerable safety profile and did not impede the feasibility of surgery
- In an exploratory subset analysis, ctDNA clearance was more frequent with nivolumab plus chemotherapy vs chemotherapy alone and appeared to be associated with pCR
- CheckMate 816 is the first phase III study to show the benefit of neoadjuvant immunotherapy plus chemotherapy combination for resectable NSCLC

Abbreviations: ctDNA, circulating tumor DNA; EFS, event-free survival; MPR, major pathologic response; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; ORR, objective response rate; pCR, pathologic complete response; TMB, tumor mutational burden.

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# Ongoing Phase III Trials of Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy Plus PD-1/PD-L1 Antibody in NSCLC



PD-1/PD-L1 Antibody	Trial (Estimated Enrollment)	Stage (AJCC ed)	Backbone	Neoadjuvant IO Intervention	Adjuvant IO Intervention	Primary Endpoints
Nivolumab	CheckMate 816 <sup>1</sup> (N = 350)	IB–IIIA (7 <sup>th</sup> )	Platinum-doublet chemotherapy	+/- Nivolumab IPI + NIVO (closed)	No	pCR EFS
	CheckMate 7TT <sup>2</sup> (N = 452)	II–IIIB (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Platinum-doublet chemotherapy	Nivolumab or placebo	Nivolumab or placebo	EFS
Pembrolizumab	KEYNOTE-671 <sup>3</sup> (N = 786)	IIA–IIIB (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Platinum-doublet chemotherapy	Pembrolizumab or placebo	Pembrolizumab or placebo	EFS OS
Atezolizumab	IMpower030 <sup>4</sup> (N = 450)	II–IIIB (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Platinum-doublet chemotherapy	Atezolizumab or placebo	Atezolizumab or BSC	EFS
Durvalumab	AEGEAN <sup>6</sup> (N = 800)	IIA–IIIB (8 <sup>th</sup> )	Platinum-doublet chemotherapy	Durvalumab or placebo	Durvalumab or placebo	pCR EFS

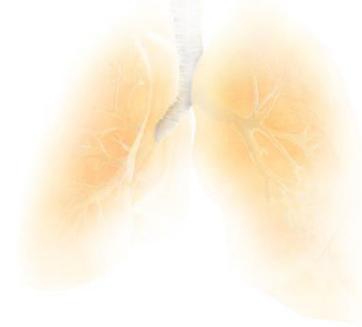
1. CheckMate 816 positive for both pCR and EFS endpoints at 1<sup>st</sup> interim analysis – BMS press release Nov 2021

Abbreviations: AJCC, American Joint Commission on Cancer; BSC, best supportive care; ed, edition; EFS, event-free survival; IO, immunotherapy; IPI, ipilimumab; NIVO, nivolumab; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; OS, overall survival; pCR, pathologic complete response; PD-1, PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1. PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1. 1. ClinicalTrials.gov. Accessed 8/12/21 at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02996528> 2. ClinicalTrials.gov. Accessed 8/12/21 at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04025879> 3. ClinicalTrials.gov. Accessed 8/12/21 at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03425643> 4. ClinicalTrials.gov. Accessed 8/12/21 at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03456063> 5. ClinicalTrials.gov. Accessed 8/12/21 at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03800134>



# ADJUVANT IMMUNOTHERAPY IN NSCLC





# The Unmet Need in Early-Stage and Locally Advanced NSCLC

A retrospective review of complete surgical resection for early-stage (N=1294) and stage IIIA (N=346) NSCLC<sup>a</sup> found<sup>1,2</sup>:

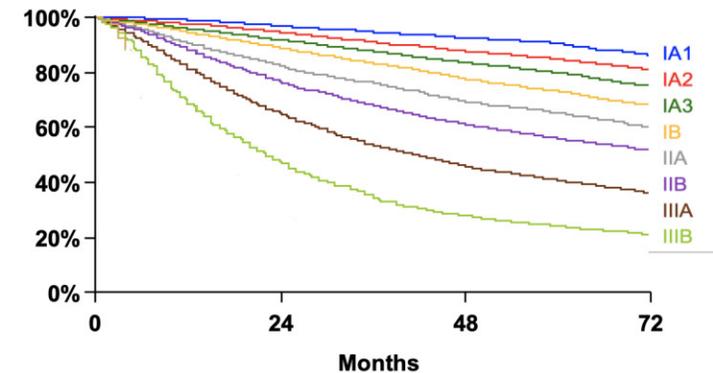
## Recurrence Rates by Stage<sup>1,2</sup>

**20%** for patients with stage I or II NSCLC<sup>1</sup>

**52%** for patients with stage IIIA NSCLC<sup>2</sup>

A review of a global database of NSCLC (N=25,911 with pathological staging<sup>b</sup>) found<sup>3</sup>:

## Overall Survival by Pathological Stage<sup>b</sup>

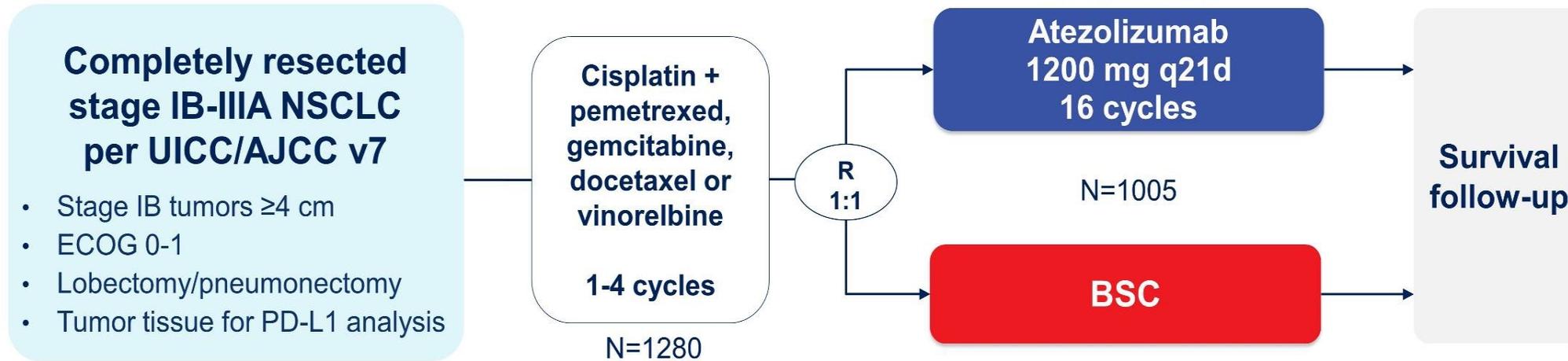


60-month survival decreased from **90%** for stage IA1 to **24%** for stage IIIB<sup>3</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Based on 7th edition AJCC cancer staging. <sup>b</sup>Based on the proposed 8th edition AJCC cancer staging. AJCC=American Joint Committee on Cancer.

1. Lou F, et al. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg.* 2013;145:75-81; 2, Lou F, et al. *Ann Thorac Surg.* 2014;98:1755-1760; 3. Goldstraw P, et al. *J Thorac Oncol.* 2016;11:39-51.

# IMpower010: study design



## Stratification factors

- Male/female
- Stage (IB vs II vs IIIA)
- Histology
- PD-L1 tumor expression status<sup>a</sup>: TC2/3 and any IC vs TC0/1 and IC2/3 vs TC0/1 and IC0/1

## Primary endpoints

- Investigator-assessed DFS tested hierarchically:
  - PD-L1 TC  $\geq 1\%$  (per SP263) stage II-IIIa population
  - All-randomized stage II-IIIa population
  - ITT population (stage IB-IIIa)

## Key secondary endpoints

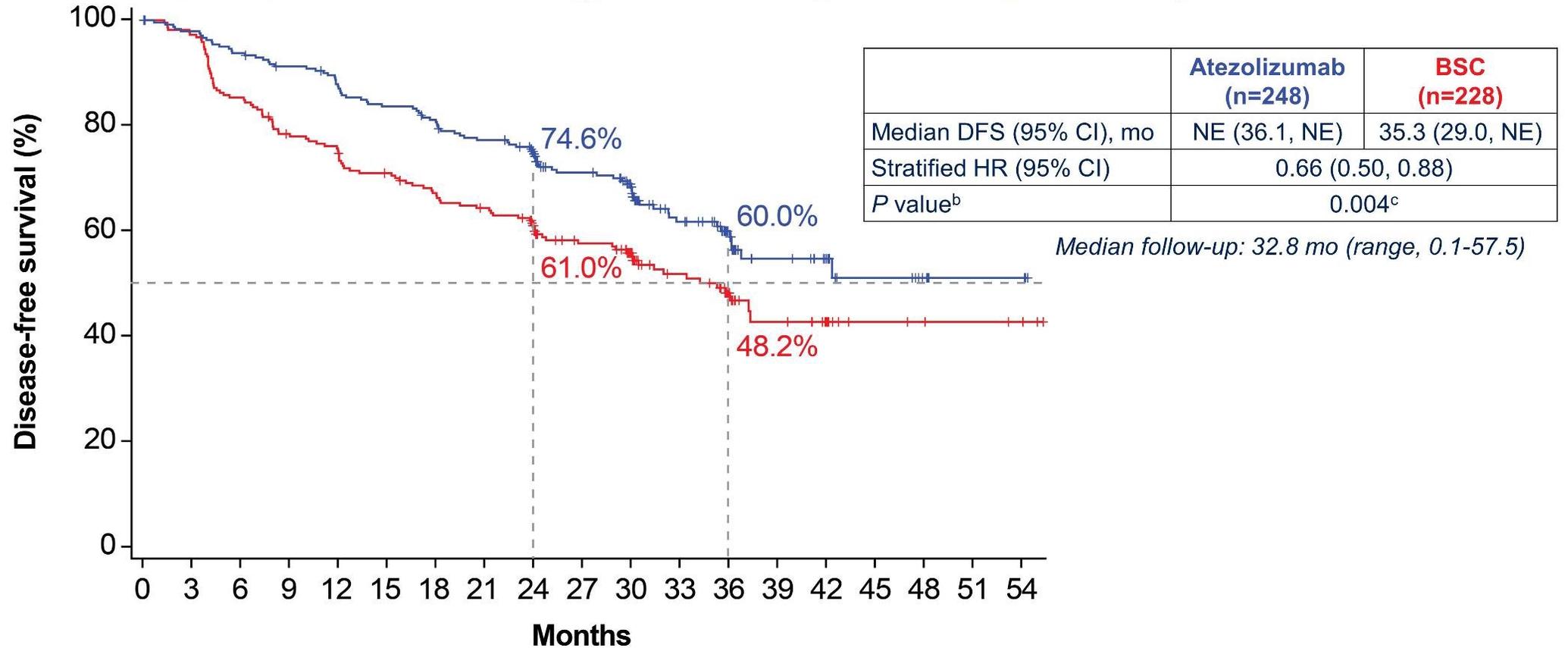
- OS in ITT population
- DFS in PD-L1 TC  $\geq 50\%$  (per SP263) stage II-IIIa population
- 3-y and 5-y DFS in all 3 populations

Both arms included observation and regular scans for disease recurrence on the same schedule.

ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; IC, tumor-infiltrating immune cells; ITT, intent to treat; TC, tumor cells. <sup>a</sup> Per SP142 assay.

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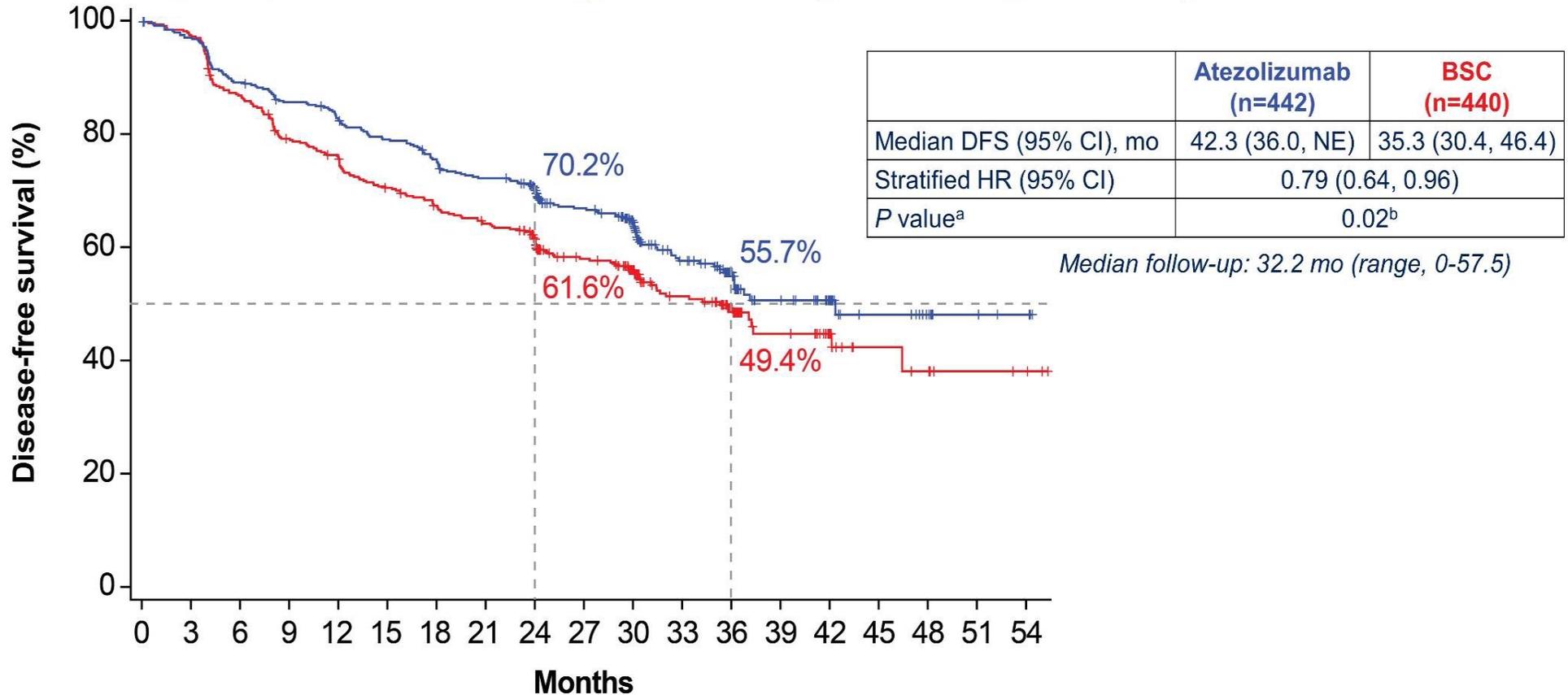
# IMpower010: DFS in the PD-L1 TC $\geq 1\%$ <sup>a</sup> stage II-IIIa population (primary endpoint)



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54
Atezolizumab	248	235	225	217	206	198	190	181	159	134	111	76	54	31	22	12	8	3	3
BSC	228	212	186	169	160	151	142	135	117	97	80	59	38	21	14	7	6	4	3

Clinical cutoff: January 21, 2021. CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; NE, not evaluable. <sup>a</sup> Per SP263 assay. <sup>b</sup> Stratified log-rank. <sup>c</sup> Crossed the significance boundary for DFS.

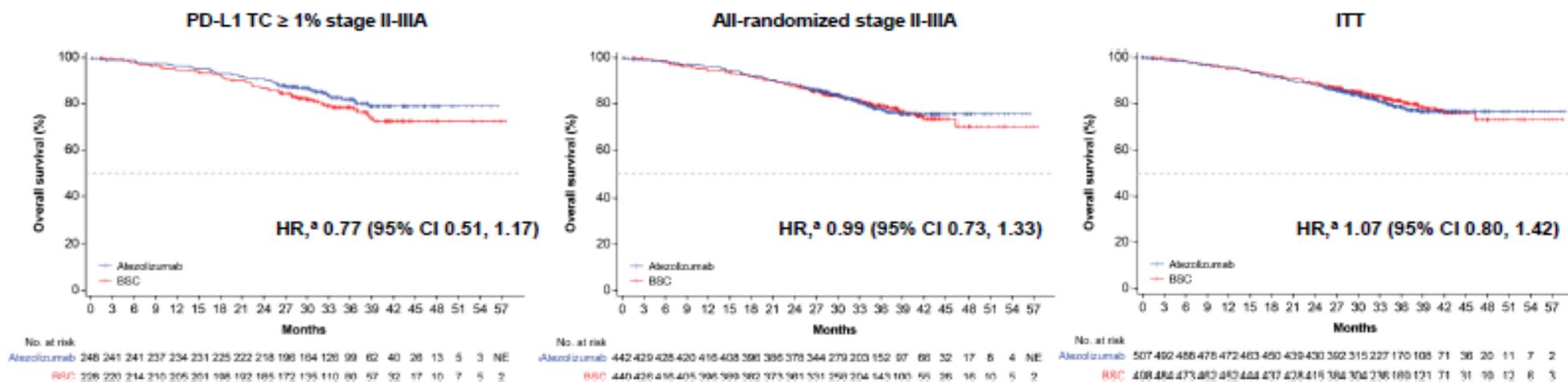
# IMpower010: DFS in the all-randomized stage II-IIIa population (primary endpoint)



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54
Atezolizumab	442	418	384	367	352	337	319	305	269	225	185	120	84	48	34	16	11	5	3
BSC	440	412	366	331	314	292	277	263	230	182	146	102	71	35	22	10	8	4	3

Clinical cutoff: January 21, 2021. <sup>a</sup> Stratified log-rank. <sup>b</sup> Crossed the significance boundary for DFS.

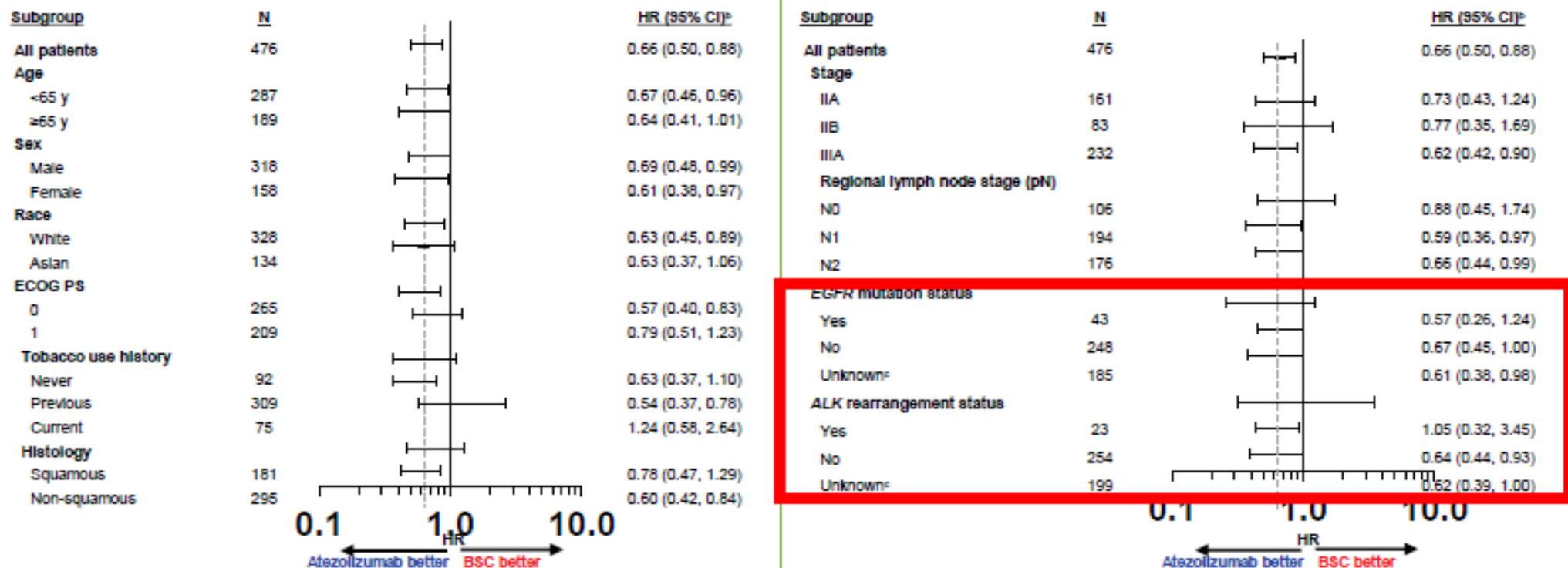
# IMpower010: early OS data at interim- Exploratory DFS analysis



- OS data were immature at this pre-planned DFS interim analysis
  - OS in the ITT population was not formally tested
  - A trend toward OS improvement with atezolizumab was seen in the PD-L1 TC  $\geq$ 1% stage II-IIIa population

Clinical cutoff: January 21, 2021. \* Stratified.

# IMpower010: DFS in key subgroups of the PD-L1 TC $\geq 1\%$ <sup>a</sup> stage II-IIIa population



Clinical cutoff: January 21, 2021. <sup>a</sup> Per SP263 assay. <sup>b</sup> Stratified for all patients; unstratified for all other subgroups.

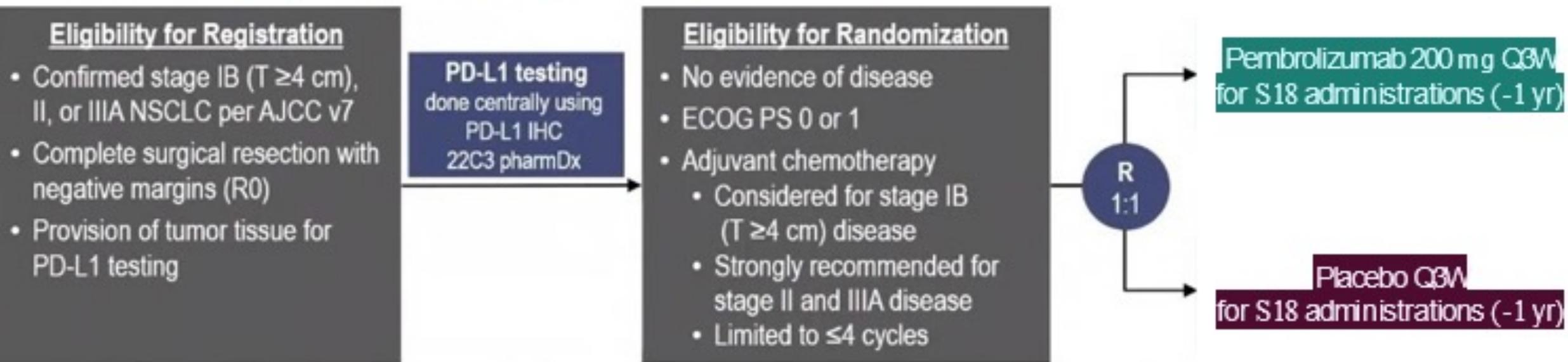
<sup>c</sup> 89.2% and 80.7% of patients in the ITT population with unknown EGFR or ALK status, respectively, had squamous NSCLC and were not required to undergo local or central testing.

# IMpower010: conclusions

- IMpower010 is the first Phase III study of cancer immunotherapy to demonstrate DFS improvement in the adjuvant NSCLC setting after platinum-based chemotherapy
  - Adjuvant atezolizumab following complete resection and adjuvant chemotherapy showed statistically significant DFS benefit in the PD-L1 TC  $\geq 1\%$  stage II-III A (HR, 0.66; 95% CI: 0.50, 0.88) and all-randomized stage II-III A (HR, 0.79; 95% CI: 0.64, 0.96) populations, with enriched clinical benefit in patients whose tumors express PD-L1
- IMpower010 will continue for DFS and OS analyses in the ITT population
  - DFS in the ITT population, including patients with stage IB disease, did not cross the significance boundary at this interim DFS analysis
  - At this pre-planned interim DFS analysis, OS data were immature and not formally tested
- The safety profile of atezolizumab was consistent with prior experience of atezolizumab monotherapy across indications and lines of therapy
- Atezolizumab may be considered a practice-changing adjuvant treatment option for patients with PD-L1 TC  $\geq 1\%$  stage II-III A NSCLC

# PEARLS/KEYNOTE-091 Study Design

Randomized, Triple-Blind, Phase 3 Trial



## Stratification Factors

- Disease stage (I vs II vs IIIA)
- PD-L1 TPS (<1% vs 1-49% vs ≥50%)
- Receipt of adjuvant chemotherapy (yes vs no)
- Geographic region (Asia vs Eastern Europe vs Western Europe vs rest of world)

## Dual Primary End Points

- DFS in the overall population
- DFS in the PD-L1 TPS ≥50% population

## Secondary End Points

- DFS in the PD-L1 TPS <1% population
- OS in the overall, PD-L1 TPS ≥50%, and PD-L1 TPS <1% populations
- Lung cancer-specific survival in the overall population
- Safety

# Baseline Characteristics, Overall Population

	Pembrolizumab (N = 590)	Placebo (N = 587)
<b>Age, median (range)</b>	65 y (31-87)	65 y (37-85)
<b>Male</b>	401 (68.0%)	403 (68.7%)
<b>Geographic region</b>		
Asia	106 (18.0%)	105 (17.9%)
Eastern Europe	116 (19.7%)	113 (19.3%)
Western Europe	303 (51.4%)	301 (51.3%)
Rest of world	65 (11.0%)	68 (11.6%)
<b>ECOG PS 1</b>	210 (35.6%)	244 (41.6%)
<b>Current/former smoker</b>	503 (85.3%)	521 (88.8%)
<b>EGFR mutation<sup>a</sup></b>	39 (6.6%)	34 (5.8%)
<b>ALK translocation<sup>b</sup></b>	7 (1.2%)	7 (1.2%)

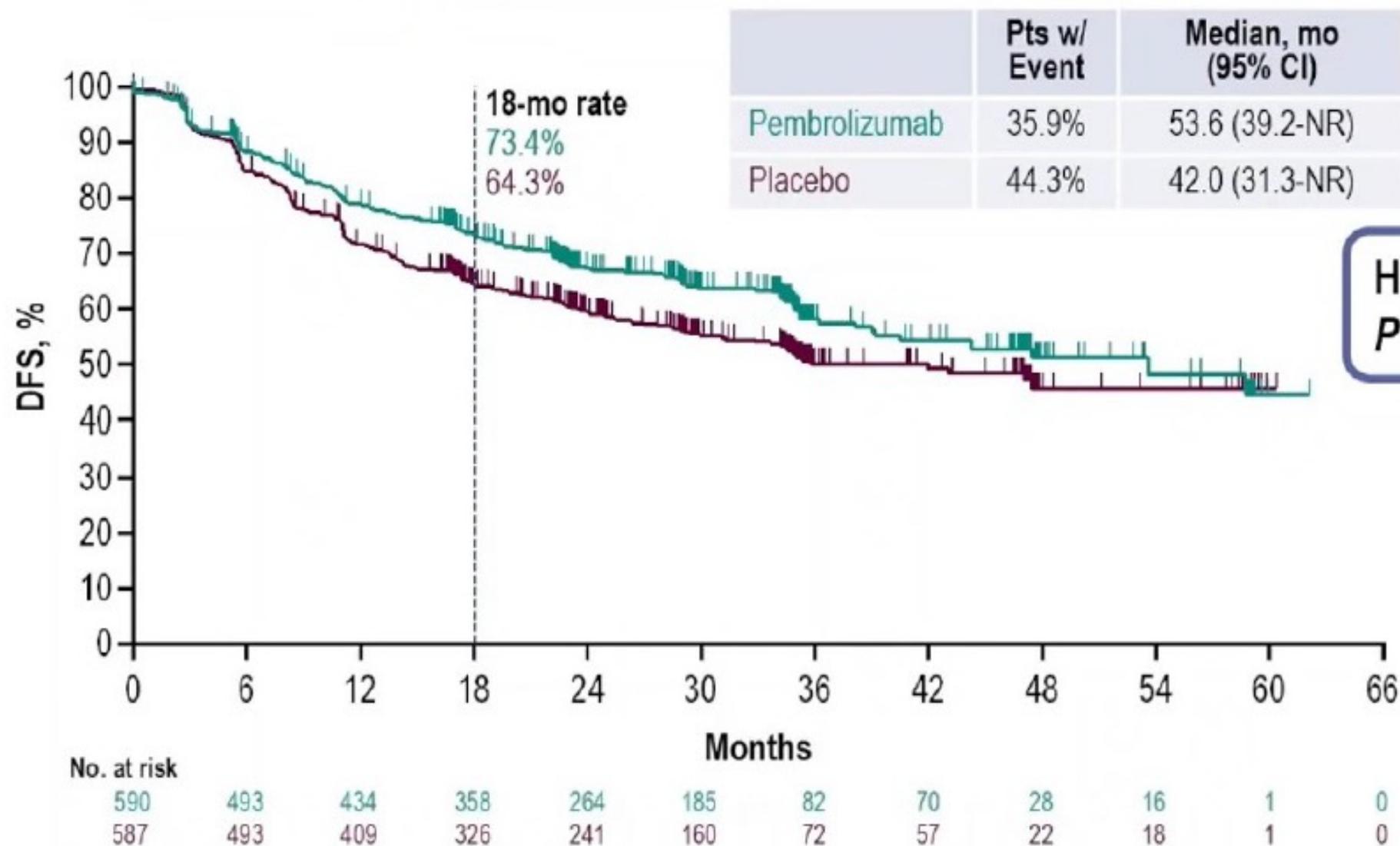
<sup>a</sup> EGFR status unknown for 333 (56.4%) in pembro arm and 337 (57.4%) in placebo arm.

<sup>b</sup> ALK status unknown for 357 (60.5%) in pembro arm and 390 (66.4%) in placebo arm.

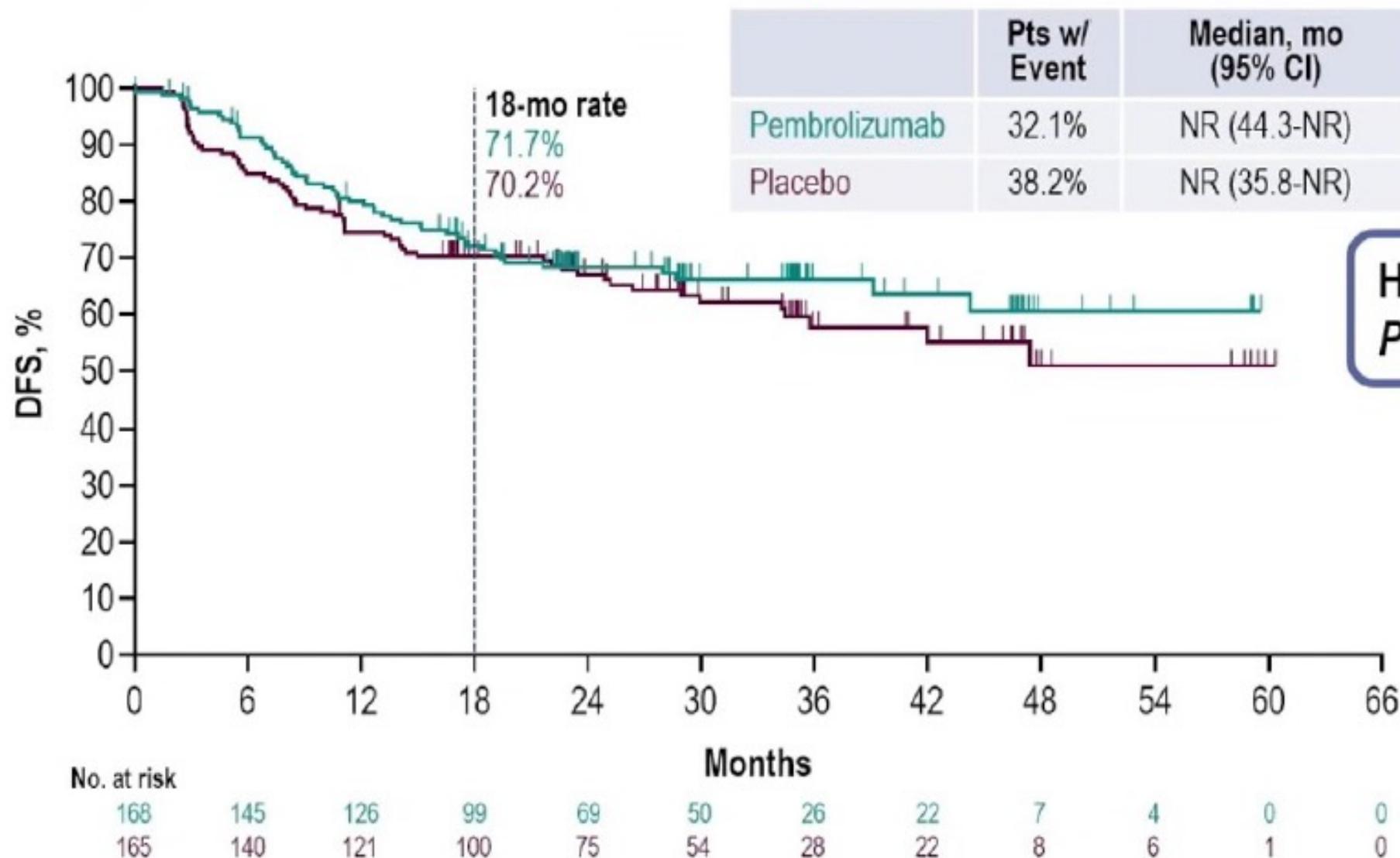
	Pembrolizumab (N = 590)	Placebo (N = 587)
<b>Nonsquamous histology</b>	398 (67.5%)	363 (61.8%)
<b>Pathologic stage<sup>c</sup></b>		
IB	84 (14.2%)	85 (14.5%)
II	329 (55.8%)	338 (57.6%)
IIIA	177 (30.0%)	162 (27.6%)
<b>Received adjuvant chemotherapy</b>		
Yes	506 (85.8%)	504 (85.9%)
No	84 (14.2%)	83 (14.1%)
<b>PD-L1 TPS</b>		
<1%	233 (39.5%)	232 (39.5%)
1-49%	189 (32.0%)	190 (32.4%)
≥50%	168 (28.5%)	165 (28.1%)

<sup>c</sup> 2 (0.3%) participants in the placebo group had stage IV disease.

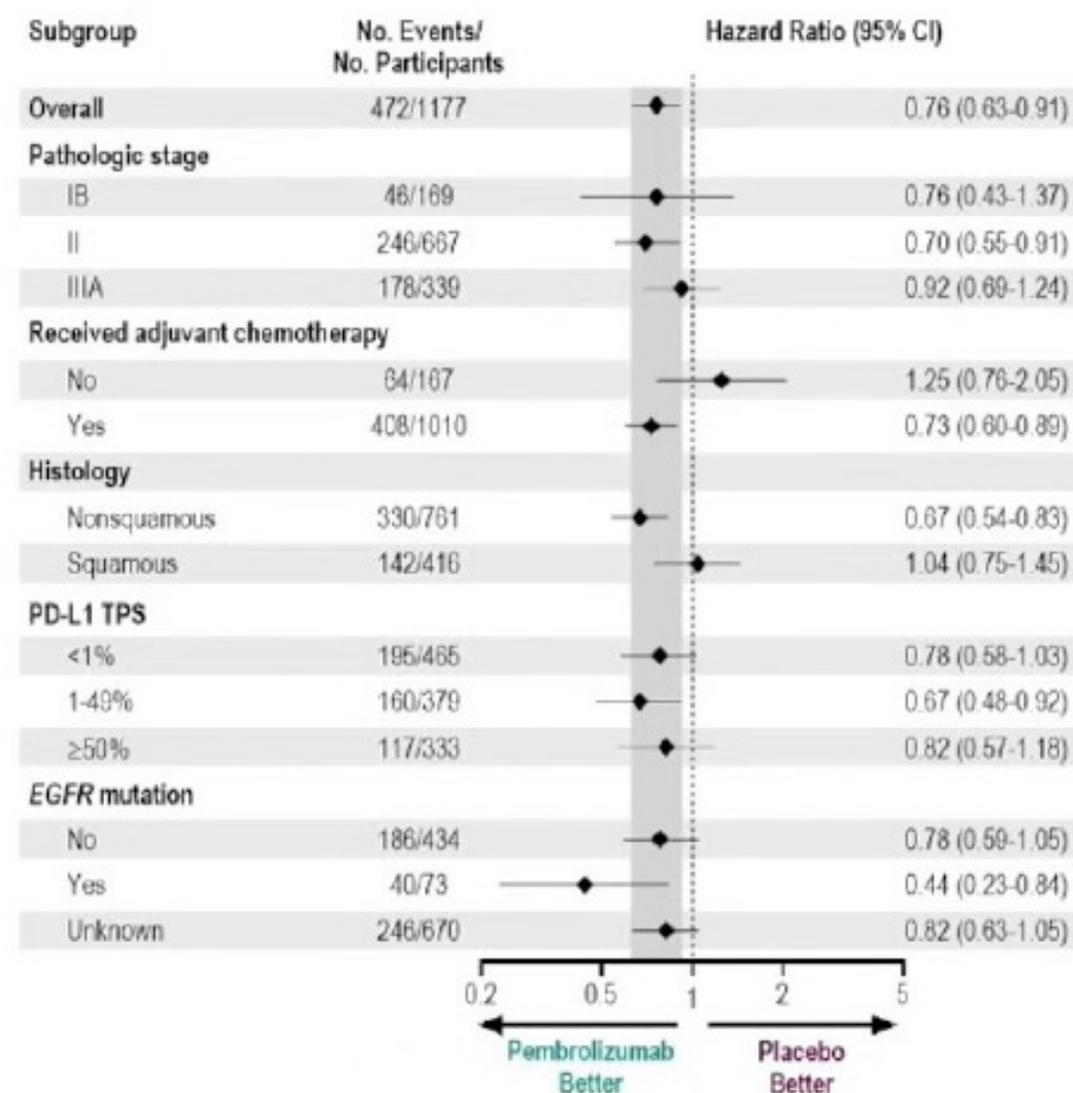
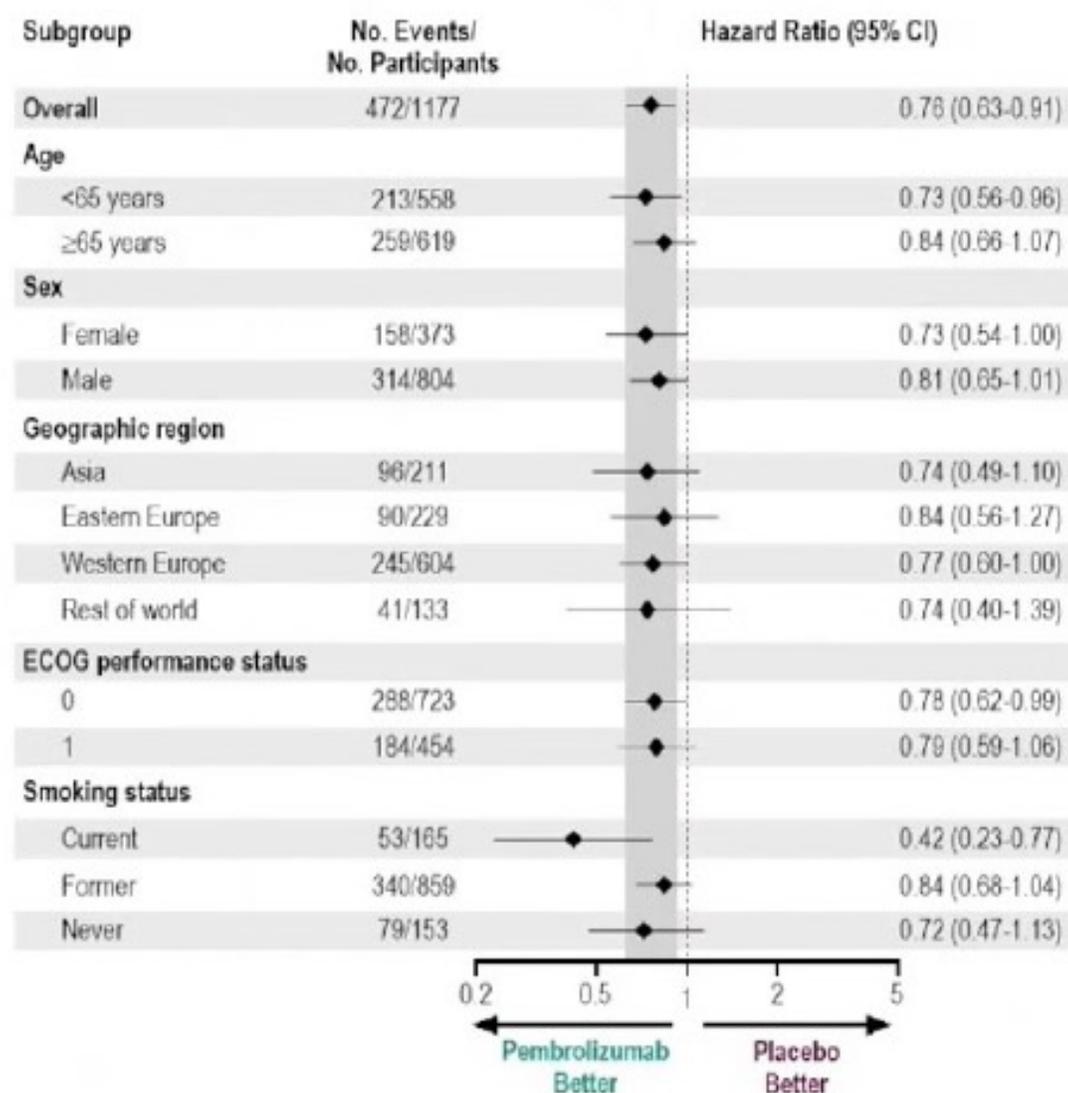
# DFS, Overall Population



# DFS, PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$ Population



# DFS in Key Subgroups, Overall Population



# Summary of Adverse Events

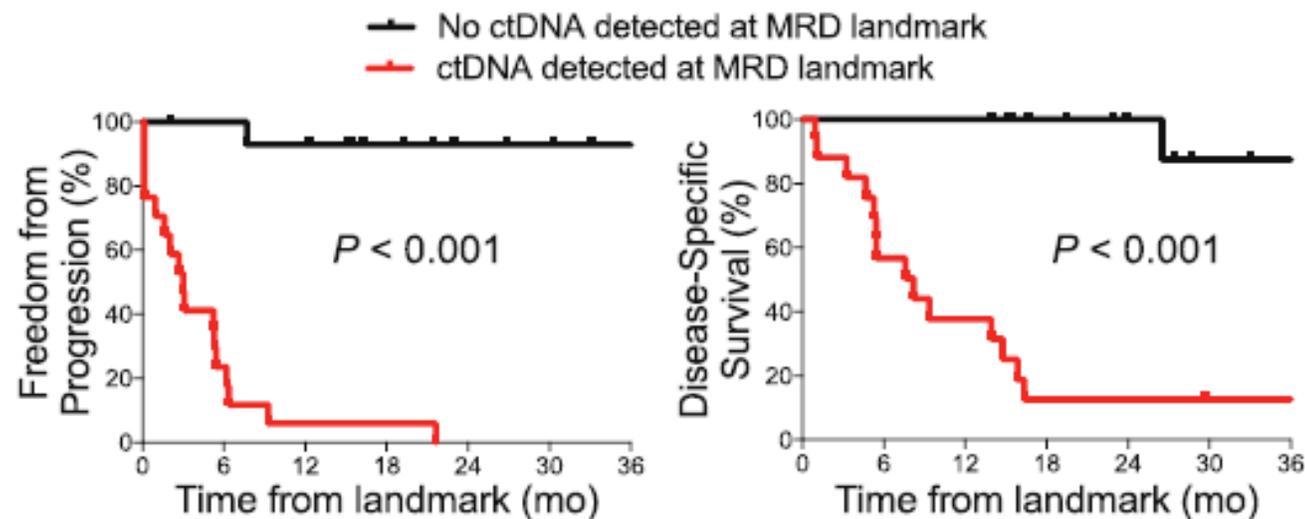
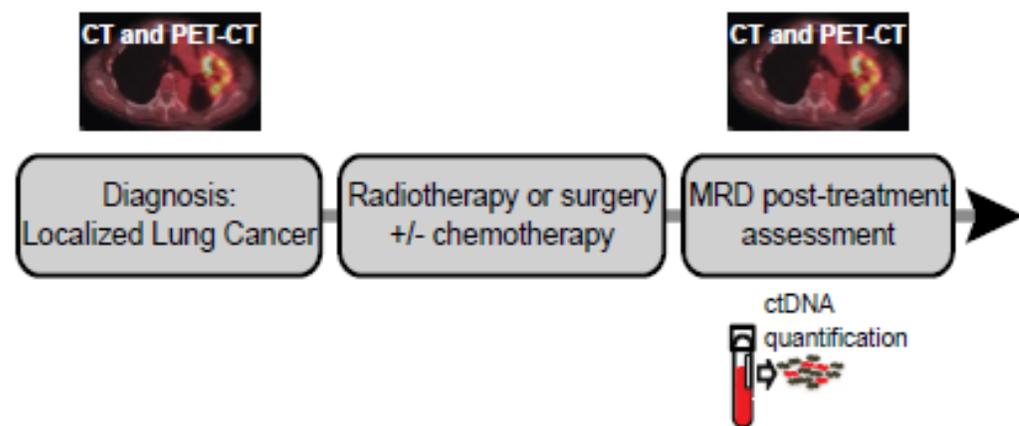
	<b>Pembrolizumab (N = 580)</b>	<b>Placebo (N = 581)</b>
<b>Any</b>	556 (95.9%)	529 (91.0%)
<b>Grade 3-5</b>	198 (34.1%)	150 (25.8%)
<b>Led to death</b>	11 (1.9%)	6 (1.0%)
Treatment-related	4 (0.7%) <sup>a</sup>	0 (0.0%)
<b>Serious</b>	142 (24.5%)	90 (15.5%)
<b>Led to treatment discontinuation</b>	115 (19.8%)	34 (5.9%)
<b>Led to treatment interruption</b>	221 (38.1%)	145 (25.0%)

<sup>a</sup> 1 participant each with myocarditis + cardiogenic shock, myocarditis + septic shock, pneumonia, and sudden death.

# Summary and Conclusions

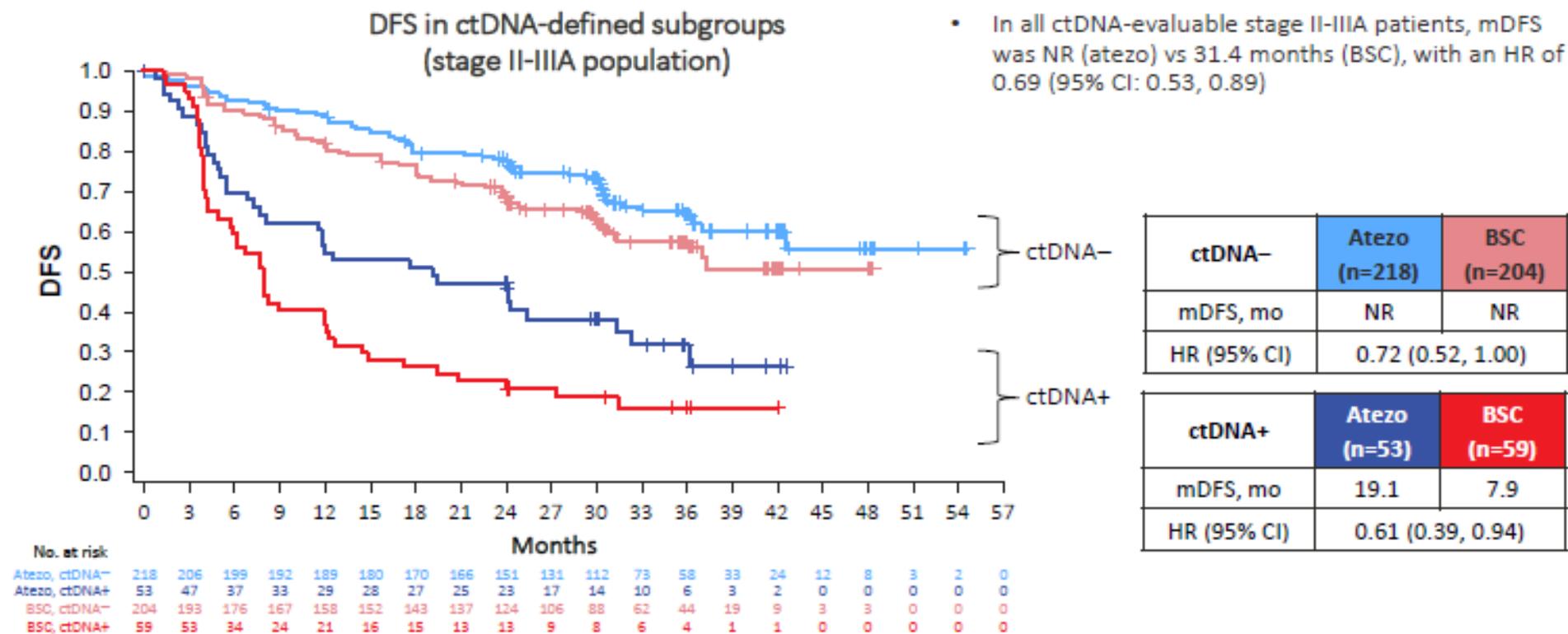
- Pembrolizumab provided statistically significant, clinically meaningful DFS improvement versus placebo in the overall population
  - Median DFS of 53.6 months with pembrolizumab vs 42.0 months with placebo (HR, 0.76)
  - Generally consistent DFS benefit in participants with PD-L1 TPS <1%, 1-49%, and ≥50%
  - OS data are immature
  - DFS in the PD-L1-defined populations and OS will be tested at future analyses according to the analysis plan
- Pembrolizumab safety profile as expected
- **Data suggest pembrolizumab has the potential to be a new adjuvant treatment option for patients with stage IB (T ≥4 cm) to IIIA NSCLC following complete resection and adjuvant chemotherapy when recommended, regardless of PD-L1 expression**

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Residual ctDNA after completion of therapy is associated with an extremely high risk of recurrence

# IMpower010 ctDNA MRD Analysis



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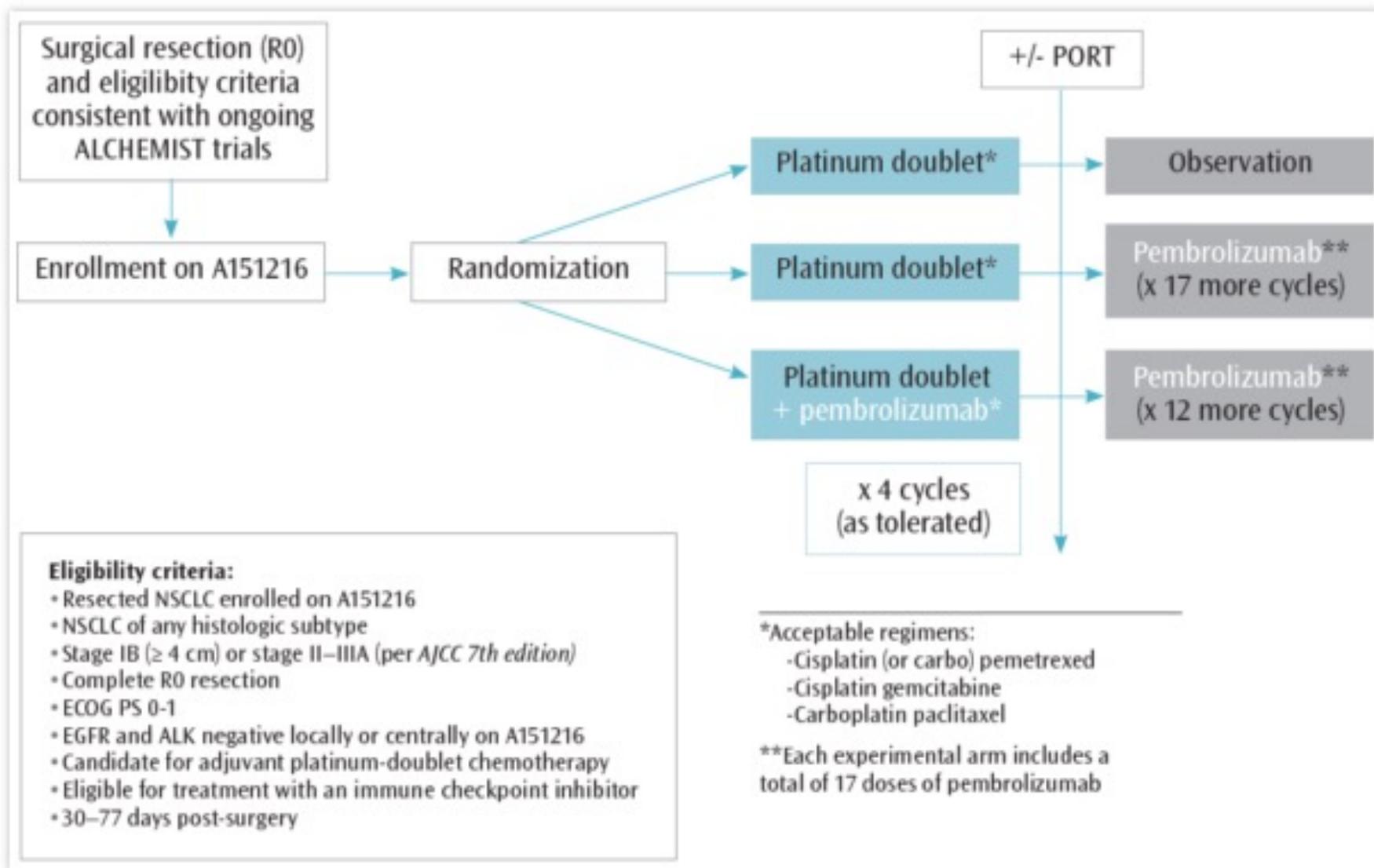
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Figure 1. Schema: ALCHEMIST CHEMO-IO



# Adjuvant PD-1/PD-L1 IO trials

Drug/Trial	Description	Stages entered	Description	Primary endpoint
Nivolumab	US, NCI (ECOG), Observational control	IB (4cm)-IIIA After Adj Chemo +/- radiation	Phase 3 Allows PD-L1 +/-	OS/DFS
Atezolizumab	Global, Placebo controlled	IB (4cm)-IIIA After Adj Chemo	Phase 3 Allows PD-L1 +/-	DFS
Durvalumab	Global, Placebo controlled	IB (4cm)-IIIA After Adj Chemo	Phase 3 Allows PD-L1 +/-	DFS
Pembrolizumab PEARLS KN-091	ETOP/EORTC, Placebo Controlled	IB (4cm)-IIIA After Adj Chemo	Phase 3 Allows PD-L1 +/-	DFS



- 1) Adjuvant IO therapy with proven DFS benefit in PD-L1+ stage II-III A NSCLC pts
- 2) Adjuvant IO + chemotherapy trials needed
- 3) Patient and tumor specific biomarkers necessary to predict benefit
  - Improve upon PD-L1
  - Fully understand tumor mutation relevance
  - Many other factors
- 4) ctDNA and other biomarkers to select patients who need therapy



## Pre-operative vs. Postoperative IO: General considerations

- **Both have the disadvantage that you are treating a lot of people who may be cured by surgery alone with expensive drugs for a long time**
  - No robust biomarkers for relapse or benefit from IO
- **Postoperative:**
  - No delay or potential interference with the most effective regimen (surgery)
  - Longest experience, more accurate staging
  - Patients/surgeons don't like to delay surgery
- **Preoperative:**
  - Ability to assess antitumor efficacy of the intervention, – may not need postoperative IO if pCR
  - Early systemic therapy
  - Intact nodal drainage and tumor might be a benefit for immunity/IO therapy
  - Access to pre- and post biospecimens for research

