

# Small Cell Lung Cancer

Evolving Treatments for the Oncology Practice

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# Epidemiology of SCLC

- Smoking associated
  - Pack years
    - 1<sup>st</sup> 50 PY confers most risk
  - Age of initiation
  - Duration of smoking
  - Cigarettes/day
- Never smokers
  - 2% of SCLC patients
  - Role for radon, air pollution
  - NSCLC transformation

## CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS IN CIGARETTE SMOKE

THIS GRAPHIC OFFERS A SUMMARY OF A SELECTION OF HAZARDOUS COMPOUNDS IN CIGARETTE SMOKE & THEIR EFFECTS

### ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS IN CIGARETTE SMOKE

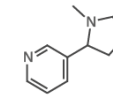
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### NUMBER OF THESE COMPOUNDS WITH CONFIRMED CARCINOGENIC ACTIVITY

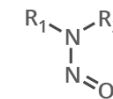
The compounds shown below are all found in cigarette smoke. The mass figures, given in µg, take into account both mainstream (inhaled) and sidestream smoke. 1 µg is equal to 1 millionth of a gram. Amounts of these compounds vary in different brands of cigarettes - these figures are approximate.

#### NICOTINE



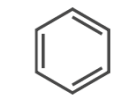
- Approx. 919µg per cigarette
- Addictive
- Increases heart rate
- Increases blood pressure
- Increases blood glucose
- Lethal dose: around 500-1000mg

#### N-NITROSAMINES



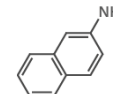
- Large class of compounds
- Several are tobacco-specific
- **Known human carcinogens**
- Most carcinogenic: NNK & NNN
- NNK: approx. 0.3µg per cigarette
- NNN: approx. 2-50µg per cigarette
- May cause reproductive damage

#### BENZENE



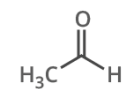
- Approx. 46-272µg per cigarette
- **Known human carcinogen**
- Damages bone marrow
- Lowers red blood cell count
- May harm reproductive organs

#### AROMATIC AMINES



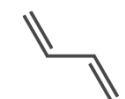
- Large class of compounds
- Includes 2-aminonaphthalene:
- **Known human carcinogen**
- Linked with bladder cancer
- Approx. 0.04µg per cigarette

#### ACETALDEHYDE



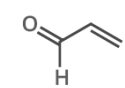
- Approx. 680-1571µg per cigarette
- **Known animal carcinogen**
- **Probable human carcinogen**
- Irritant to skin & eyes
- Irritant to respiratory tract

#### 1,3-BUTADIENE



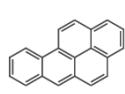
- Approx. 36-191µg per cigarette
- **Known human carcinogen**
- **Suspected human teratogen**
- Irritant to eyes & skin
- Irritant to upper respiratory tract

#### ACROLEIN



- Approx. 69-306µg per cigarette
- **Possible human carcinogen**
- **Known DNA mutagen**
- Irritant to skin & nasal passages
- May contribute to heart disease

#### POLYAROMATICS



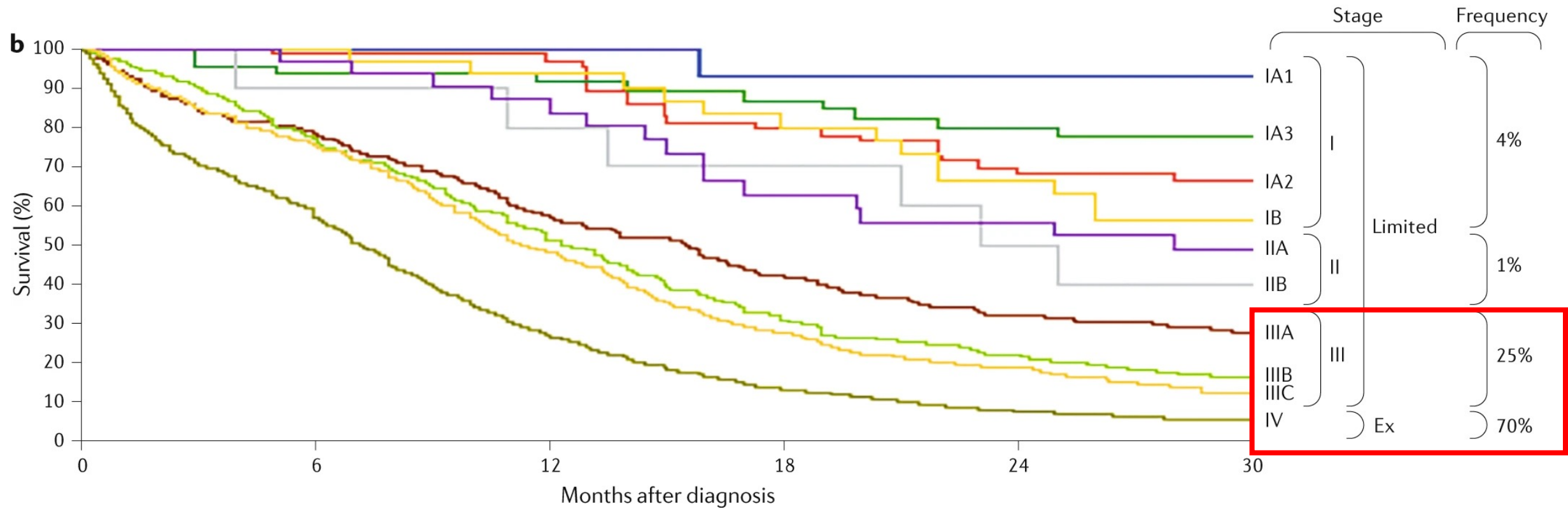
- Large class of compounds
- Includes benzo[a]pyrene:
- **Known human carcinogen**
- **Known DNA mutagen**
- Affects reproductive capacity
- Up to 0.14µg per cigarette



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# SCLC Staging Distribution and Survival



# Systemic Therapy for SCLC

## EP as SOC for Decades

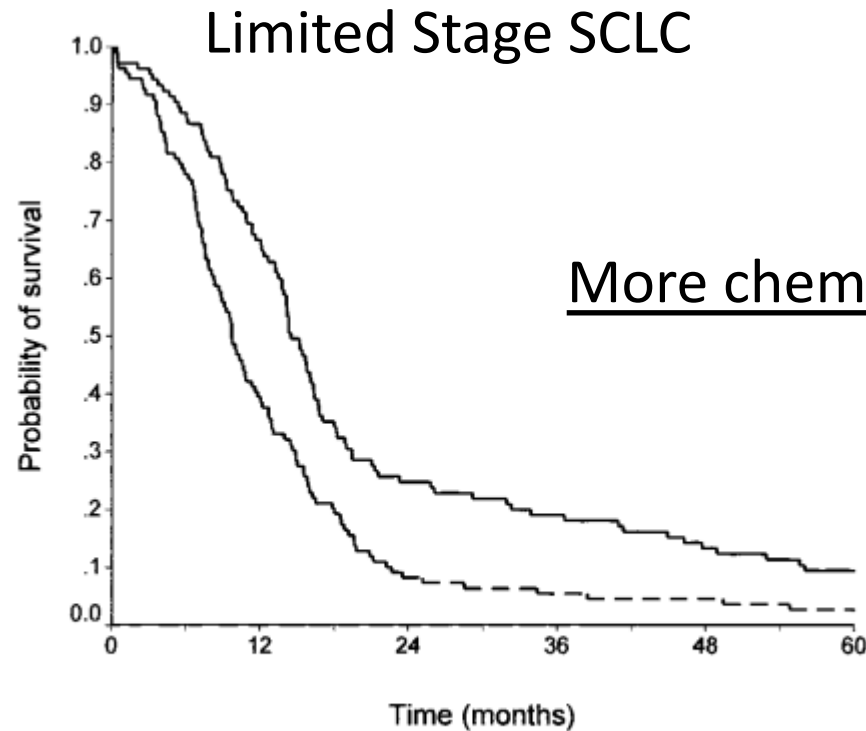


Fig 2. Overall survival of LD-SCLC patients (N = 214) according to treatment arm ( $P = .0001$ ). CEV (dashed line),  $n = 109$ ; EP (solid line),  $n = 105$ .

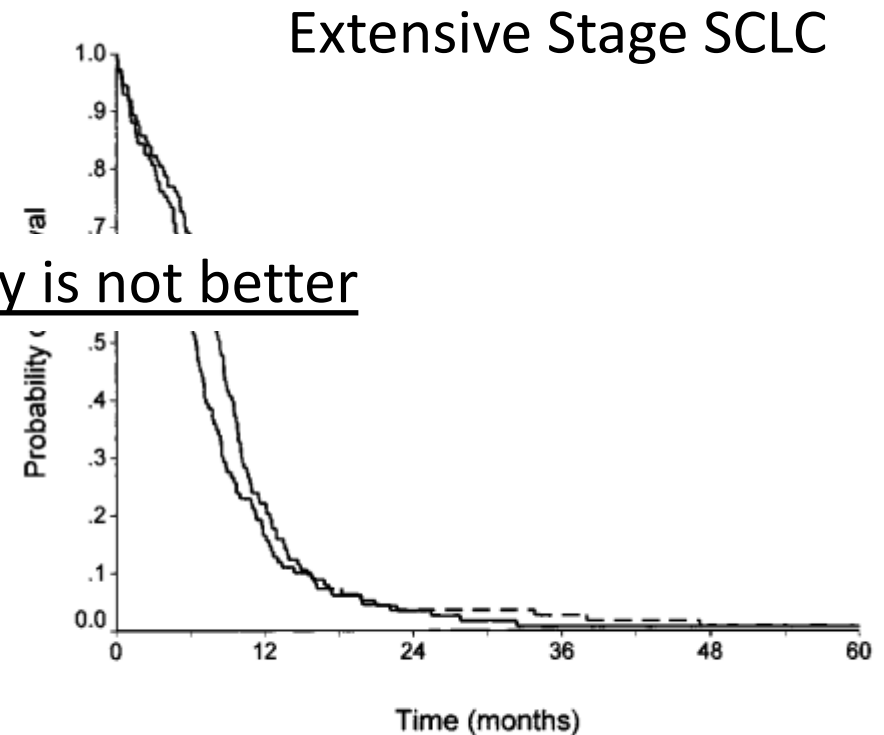
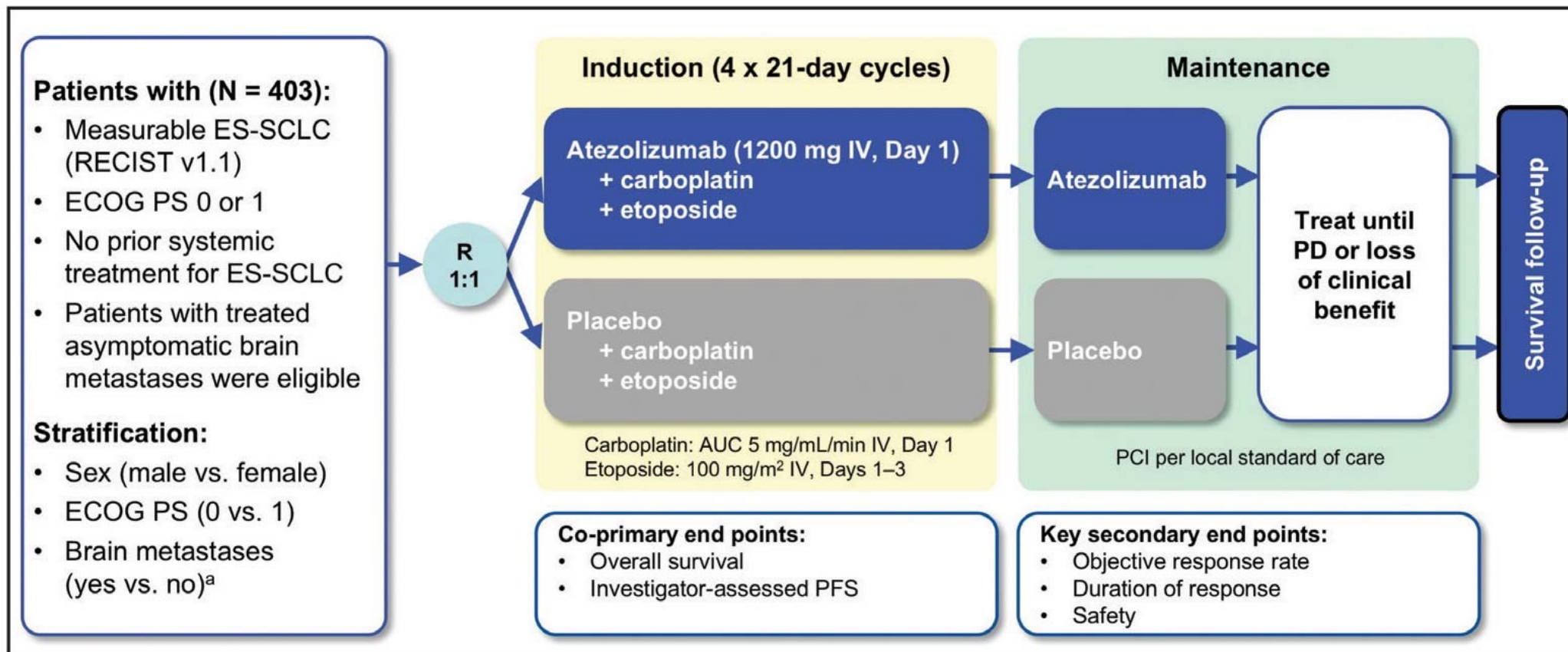


Fig 3. Overall survival of ED-SCLC patients ( $n = 222$ ) according to treatment arm ( $P = .21$ ). CEV (dashed line),  $n = 109$ ; EP (solid line),  $n = 113$ .

More chemotherapy is not better

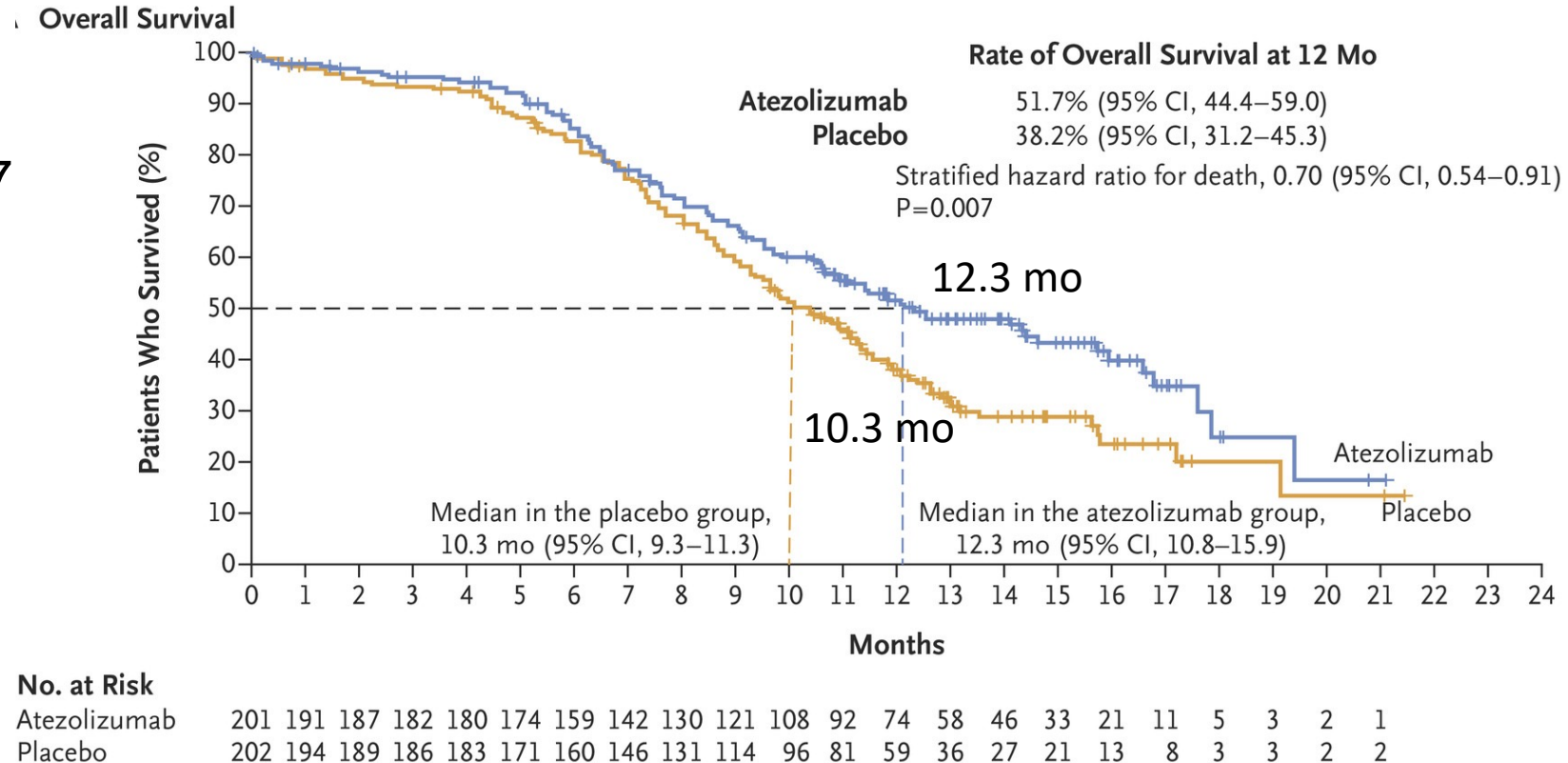
# First Line Therapy for ES-SCLC

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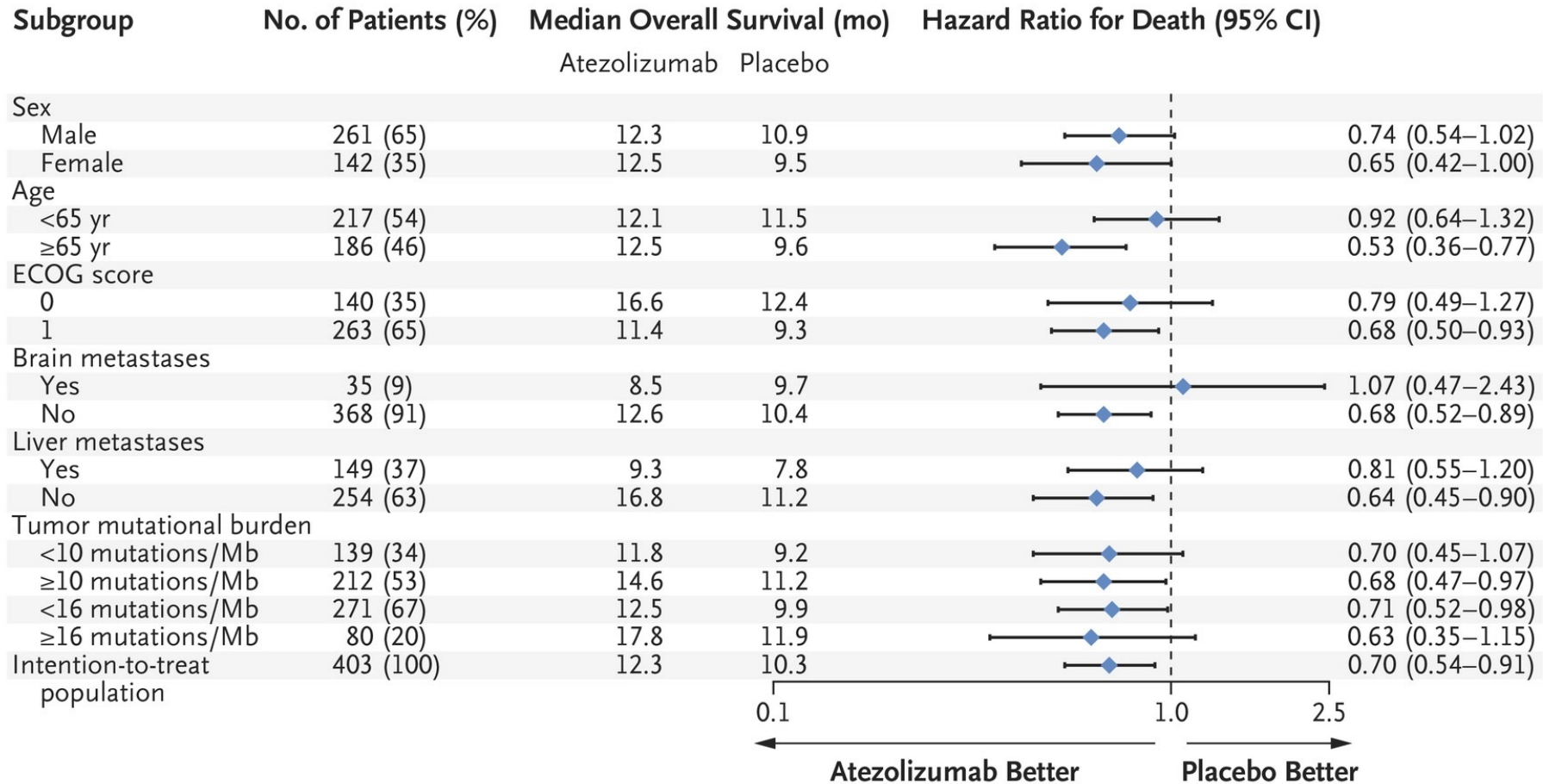
# IMpower133

- **OS (primary endpoint):**  
12.3 vs 10.3 mo  
HR 0.70 (CI 0.54 – 0.91),  $p = 0.007$
- **PFS (primary endpoint):**  
5.2 vs 4.3 mo  
HR 0.52 (CI 0.62 – 0.96),  $p = 0.02$
- **Response rate:**  
60.2 vs 64.4%

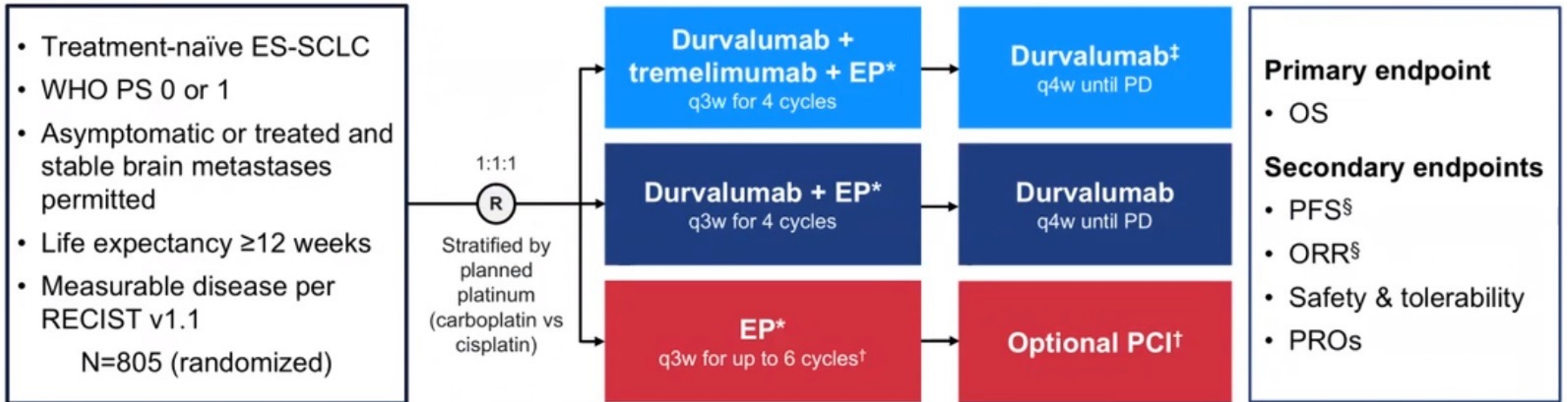


# IMpower133

## C Overall Survival According to Baseline Characteristics



# CASPIAN Trial



\*EP consists of etoposide 80–100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> with either carboplatin AUC 5–6 or cisplatin 75–80 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, durvalumab dosed at 1500 mg, tremelimumab dosed at 75 mg

<sup>†</sup>Patients could receive an additional 2 cycles of EP (up to 6 cycles total) and PCI at the investigator's discretion

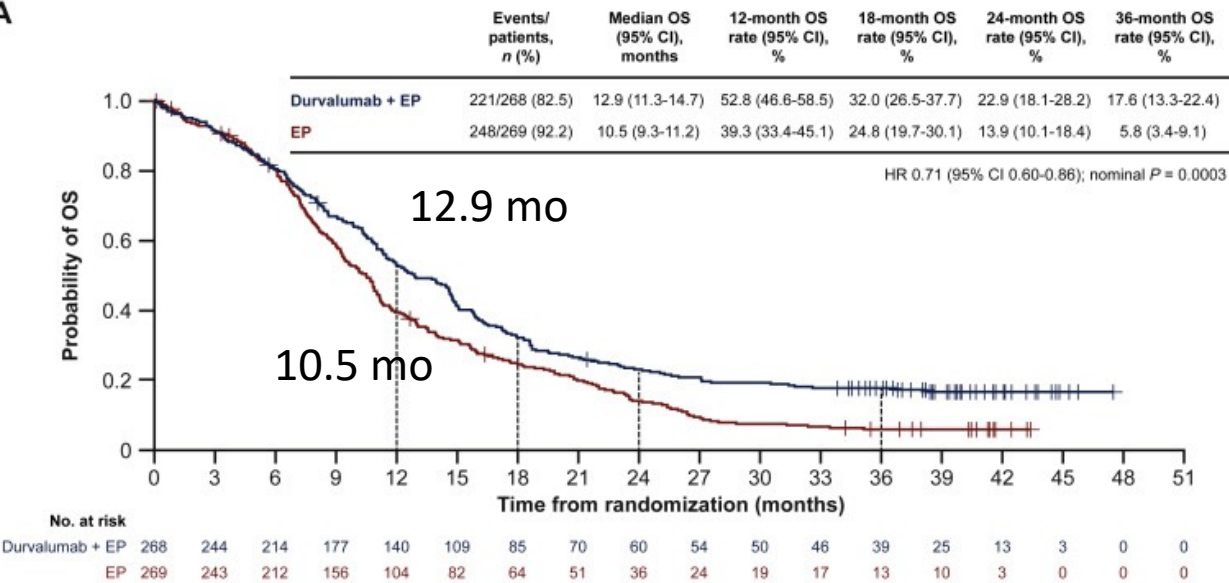
<sup>‡</sup>Patients received an additional dose of tremelimumab post-EP; <sup>§</sup>By investigator assessment per RECIST v1.1

AUC, area under the curve; ORR, objective response rate; PCI, prophylactic cranial irradiation; PD, disease progression; PFS, progression-free survival; PROs, patient-reported outcomes; PS, performance status; q3w, every 3 weeks; q4w, every 4 weeks; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1

# CASPIAN Trial

## Durvalumab + EP

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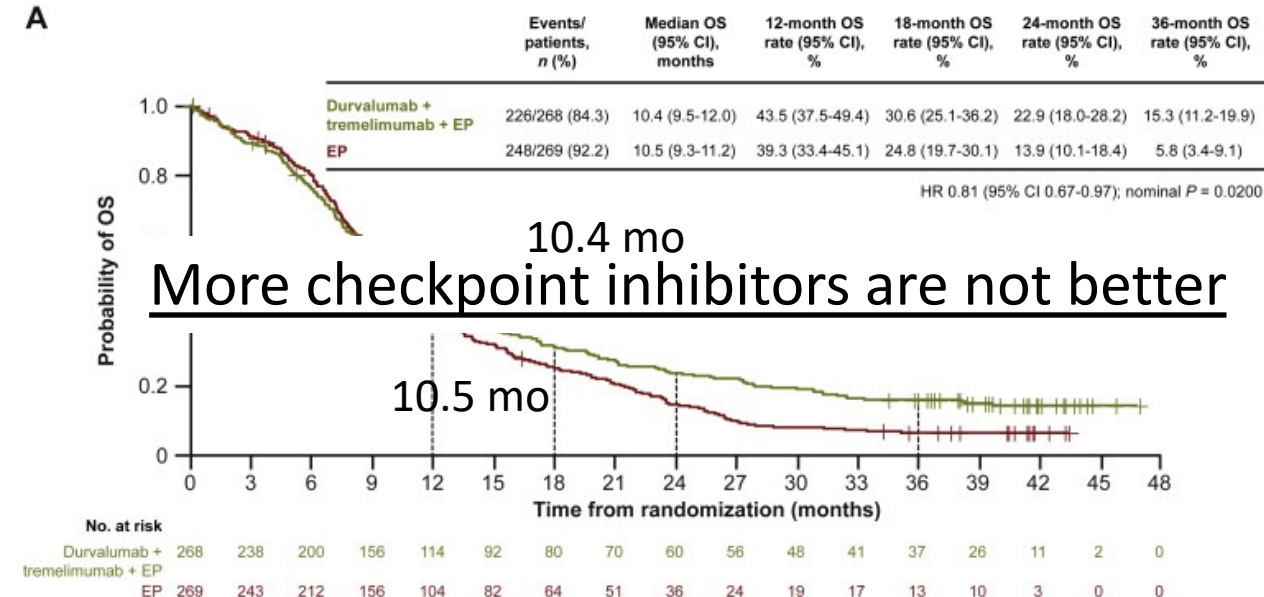


12.9 v 10.5 mo

HR 0.71 CI 0.60-0.86,  $p = 0.0003$

## Durvalumab + Tremelimumab + EP

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10.4 mo  
**More checkpoint inhibitors are not better**

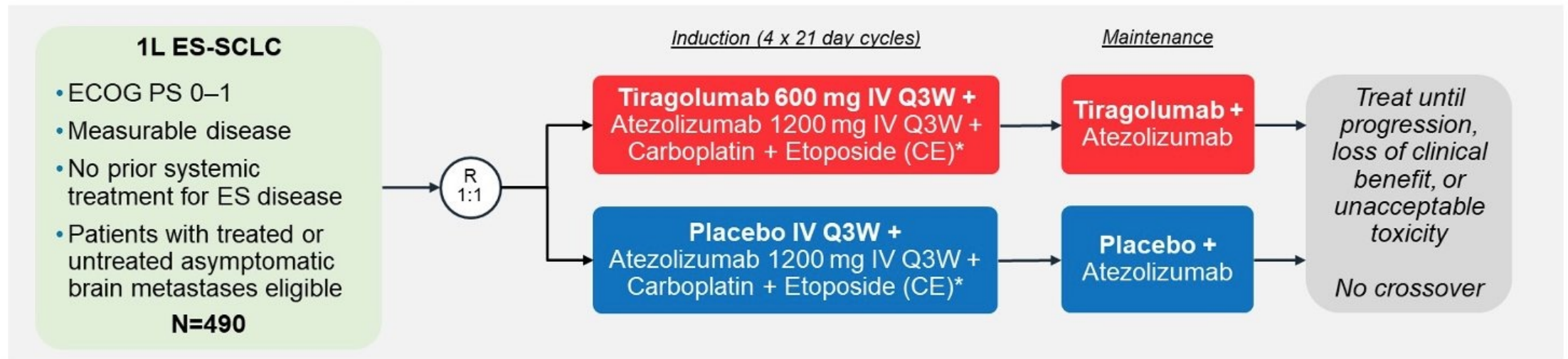
10.5 mo

10.4 v 10.5 mo

HR 0.81 CI 0.67-0.97,  $p = 0.02$

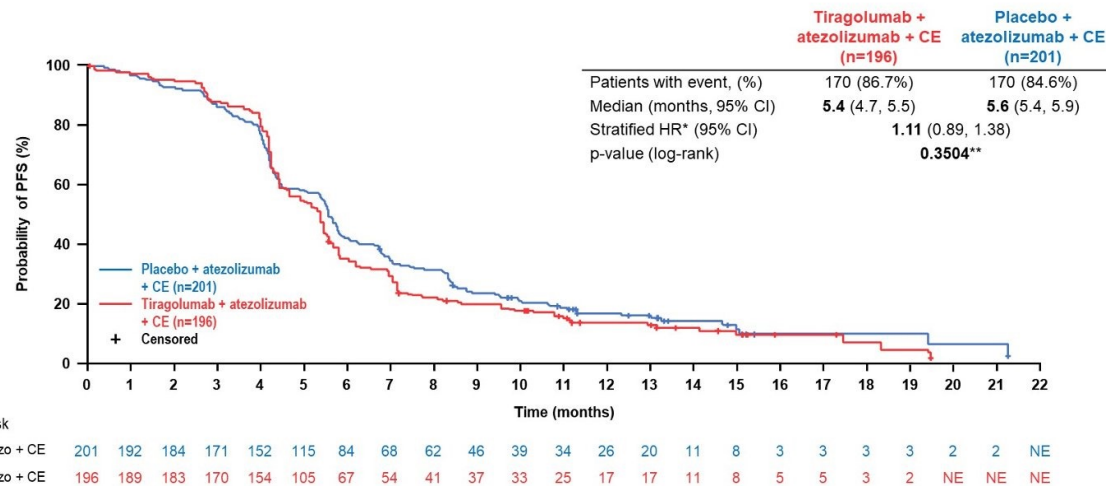
# Adding More Checkpoint Inhibitors

## SKYSCRAPER-02: randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of tiragolumab + atezolizumab + chemotherapy in patients with untreated ES-SCLC

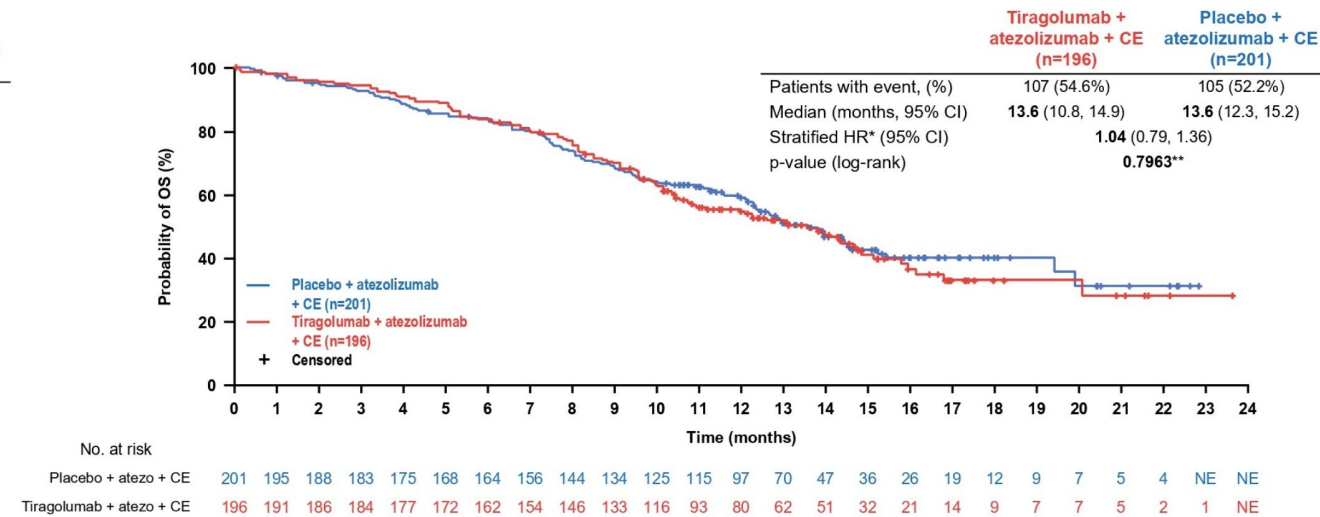


# Tiragolumab Did Not Improve 1<sup>st</sup> Line Efficacy

## PFS: Primary Analysis Set



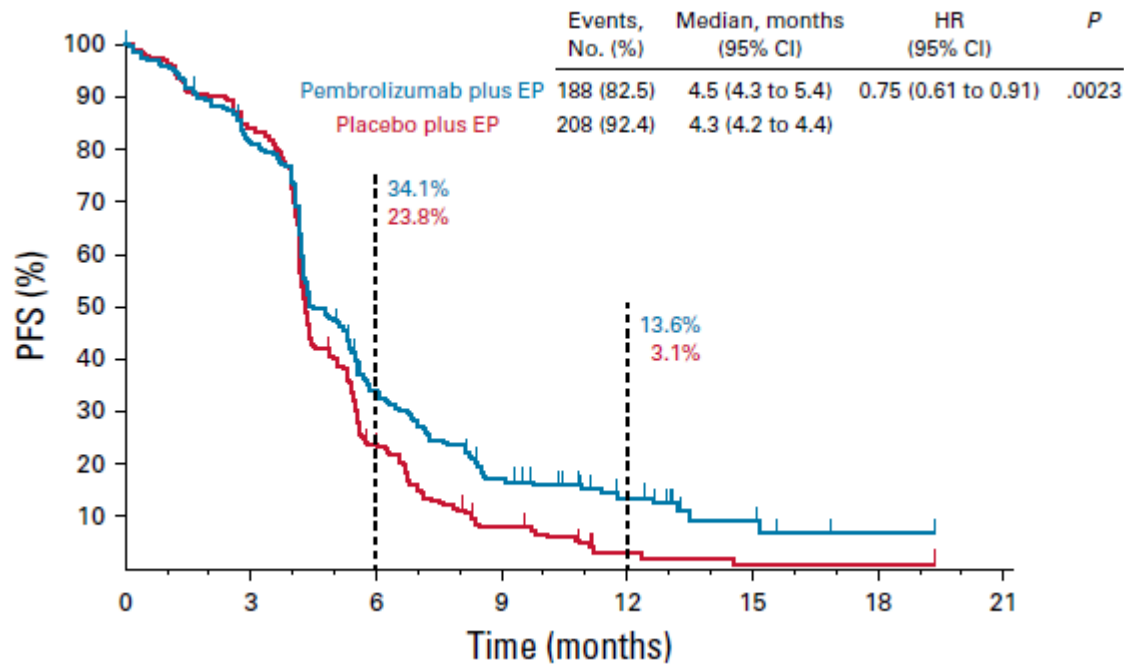
## Interim OS: Primary Analysis Set



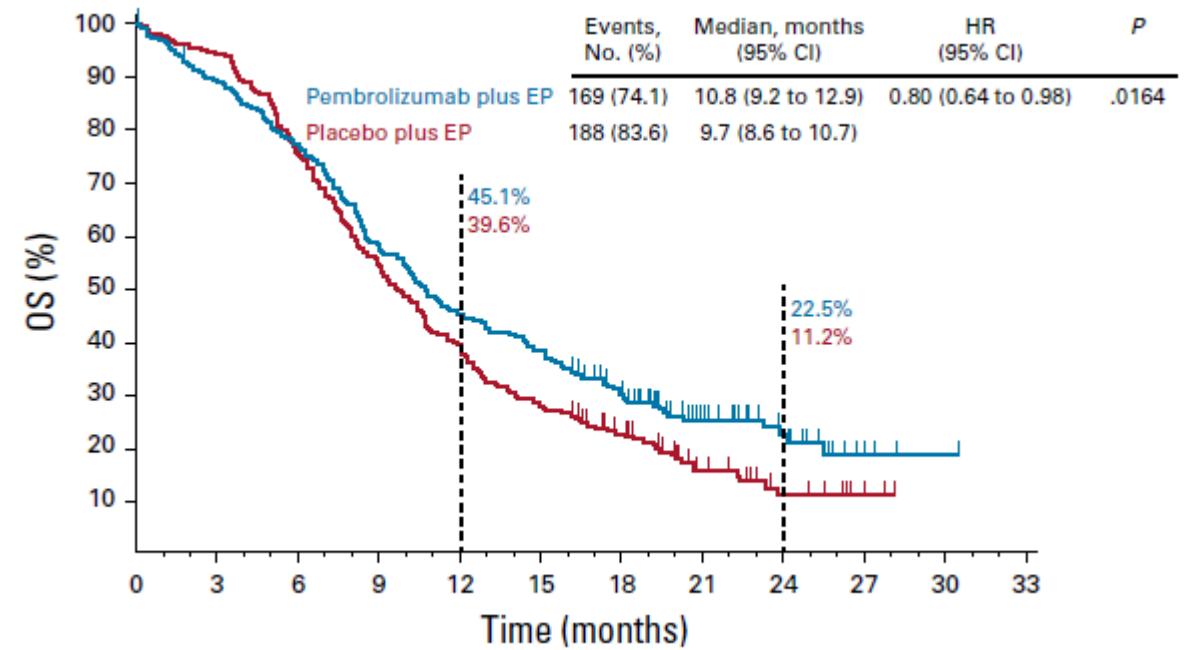
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## Pembrolizumab + EP in ES SCLC

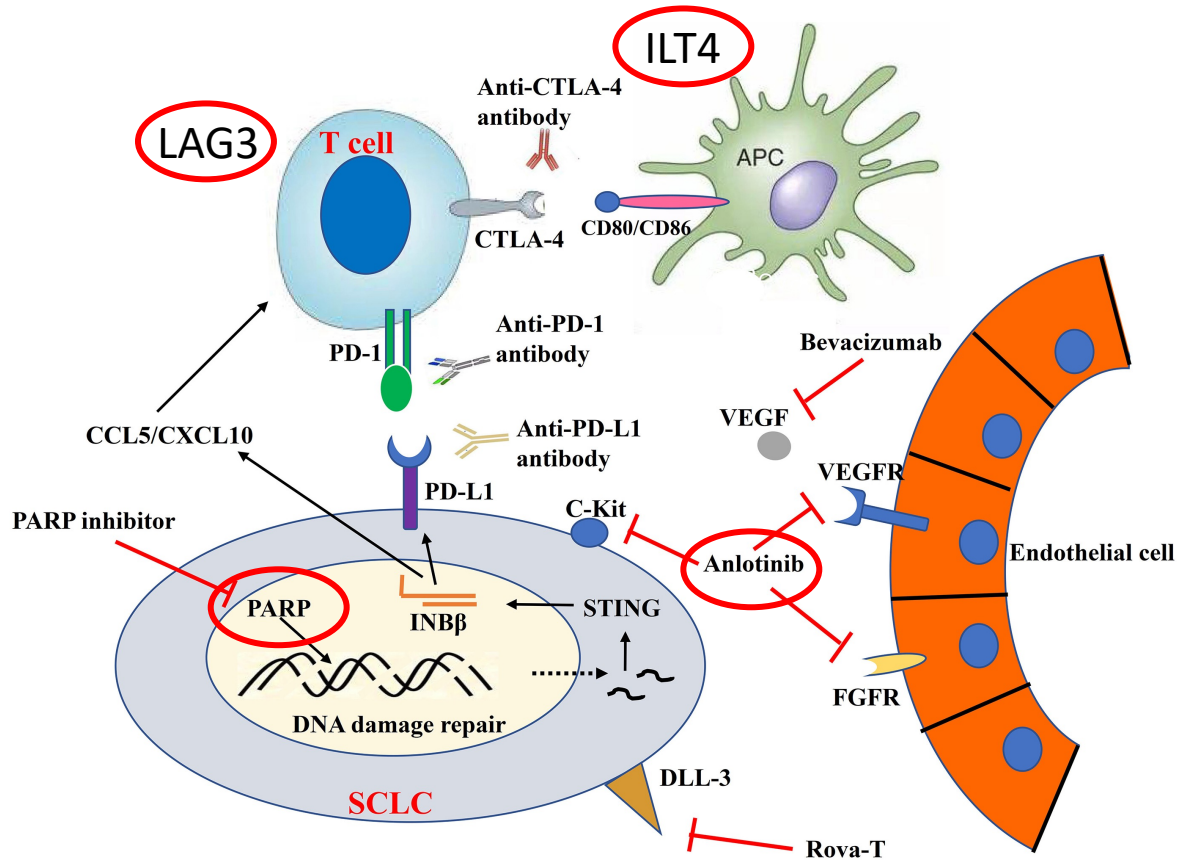
Improved PFS



Did not improve OS



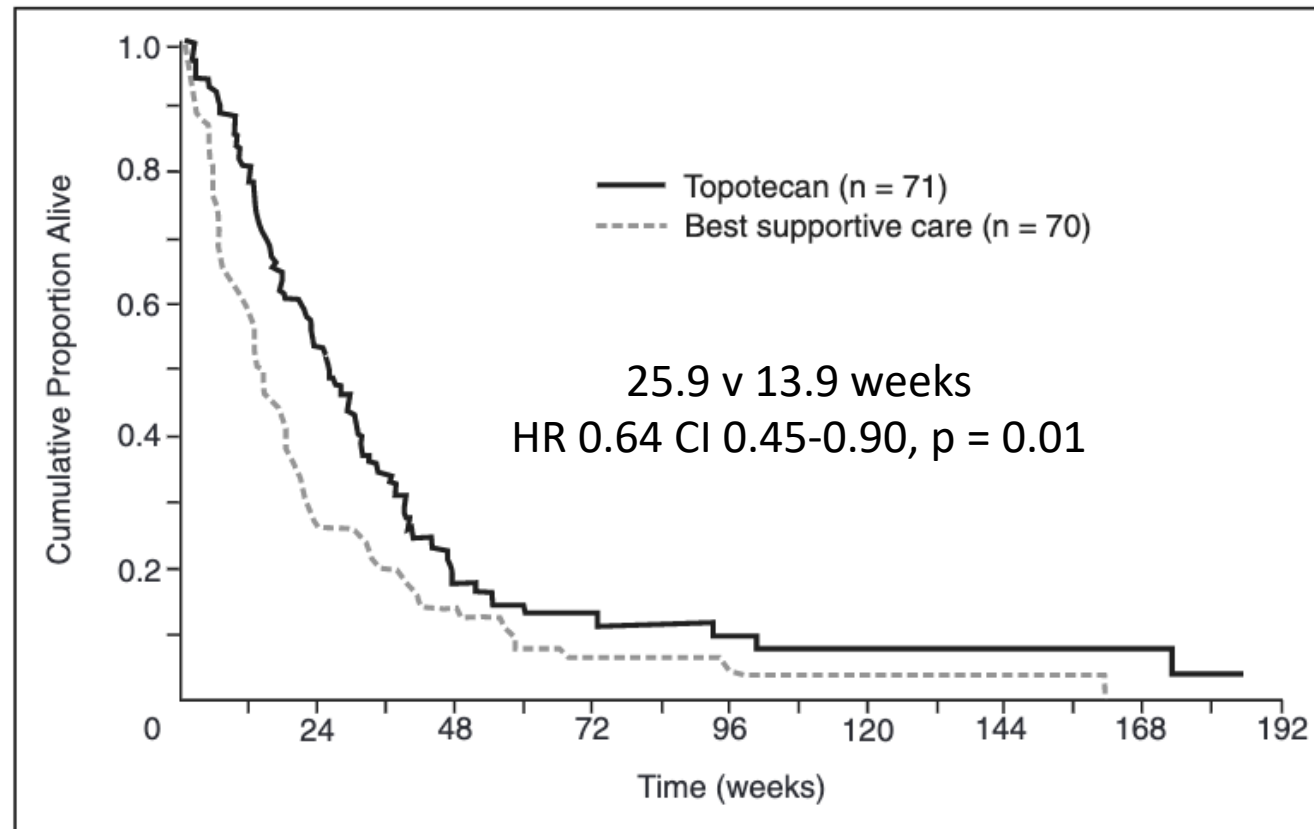
# Current 1<sup>st</sup> Line ES-SCLC Trial Landscape



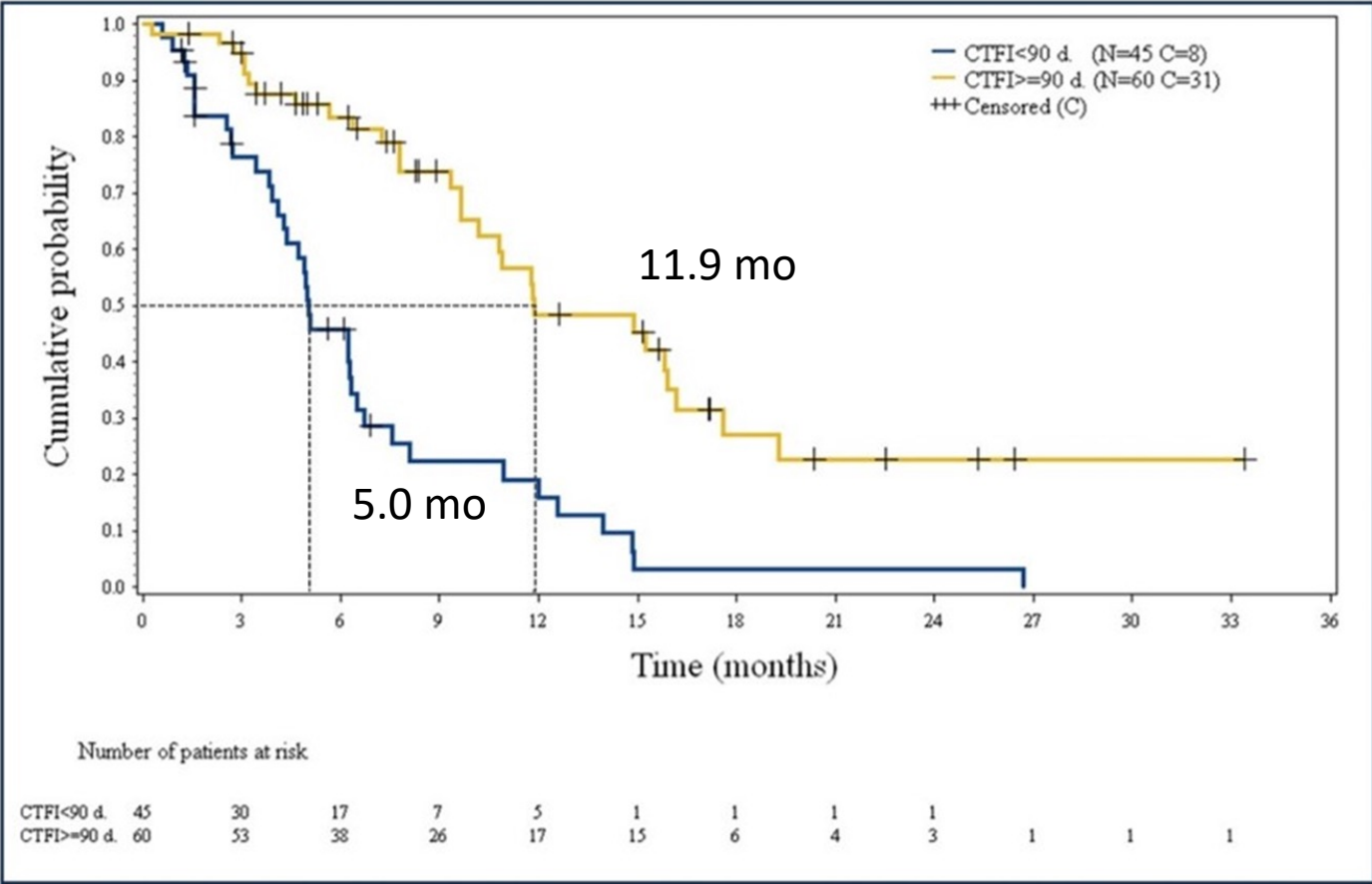
- EP + IO + anti-VEGF
  - Multiple trials + Anlotinib
  - VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, c-Kit, PDGFR- $\alpha$ , FGFR1, FGFR2, FGFR3
- EP + IO + other drugs
  - LAG3 –T cell inhibitor
  - ILT4 – MDSC activator
  - PARP inhibitors

# Subsequent Line Therapy ES SCLC

# Second Line Topotecan



# Lurbinectedin Phase 2 Basket Trial SCLC Cohort



	n	OS mo median (95% CI)	OS at 12 mo % (95% CI)
All	105	9.3 (6.3-11.8)	34.2 (23.2-45.1)
Resistant CTFI < 90d	45	5.0 (4.1-6.3)	15.9 (3.6-28.2)
Sensitive CTFI ≥ 90d	60	11.9 (9.7-16.2)	48.3 (32.5-64.1)

ORR

35%

22%

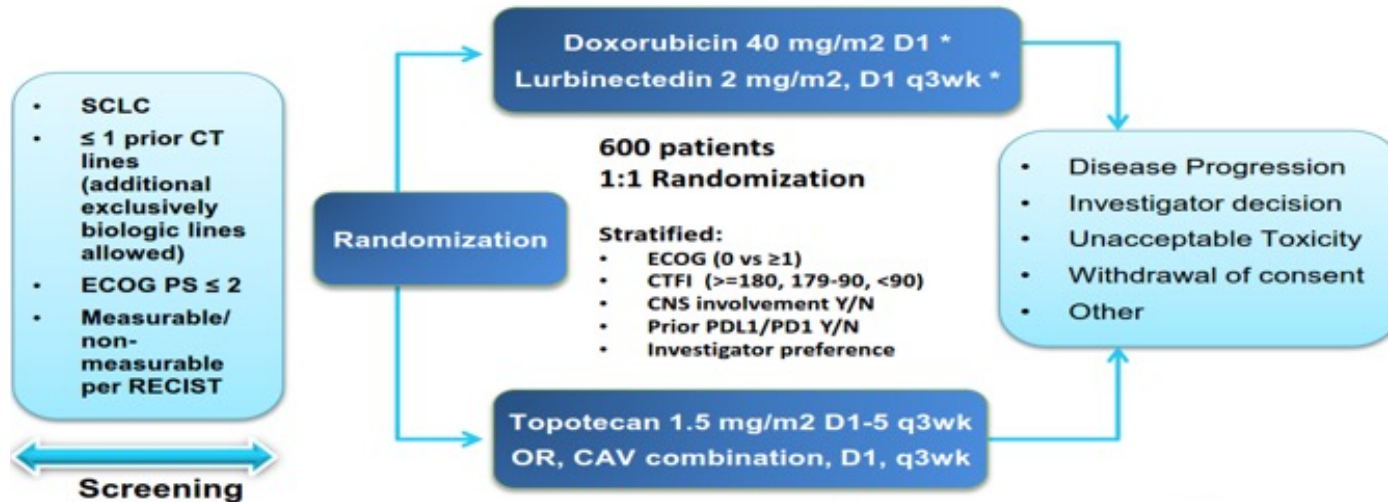
45%

Topotecan

OS ~6.5 mo

RR ~20%

# ATLANTIS: Lurbinectedin + Doxorubicin



- 613 patients
- Lurbinectedin 2mg/m<sup>2</sup> + Doxorubicin vs Topotecan or CAV

- Median OS of 8.6 mo with the lurbinectedin vs. 7.6 mo
- Lower dose than Phase 2 basket trial (3.2 v 2.0 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Higher ORR than the control group (31.6% vs. 29.7%)
- Longer median duration of response (5.7 mo vs. 3.8 mo; HR = 0.58; 95% CI, 0.41-.81)

# Lurbinectedin Clinical Trials

- LAGOON Phase 3 Trial For Single Agent vs Combination Lurbinectedin vs SOC
- Plan to enroll 705 patients
- 3 arm trial with lurbinectedin at single agent dosing 3.2 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or 2mg/m<sup>2</sup> with irinotecan, or control topotecan or irinotecan arms
- Lurbinectedin with Atezolizumab: NCT05091567, NCT04253145
- Lurbinectedin with Pembrolizumab: NCT04358237
- Nivolumab, ipilimumab and Lurbinectedin: NCT04610658
- Durvalumab plus Topotecan or Lurbinectedin: NCT04607954
- Safety and Efficacy of Lurbinectedin: NCT04894591

# Novel Approaches In Development

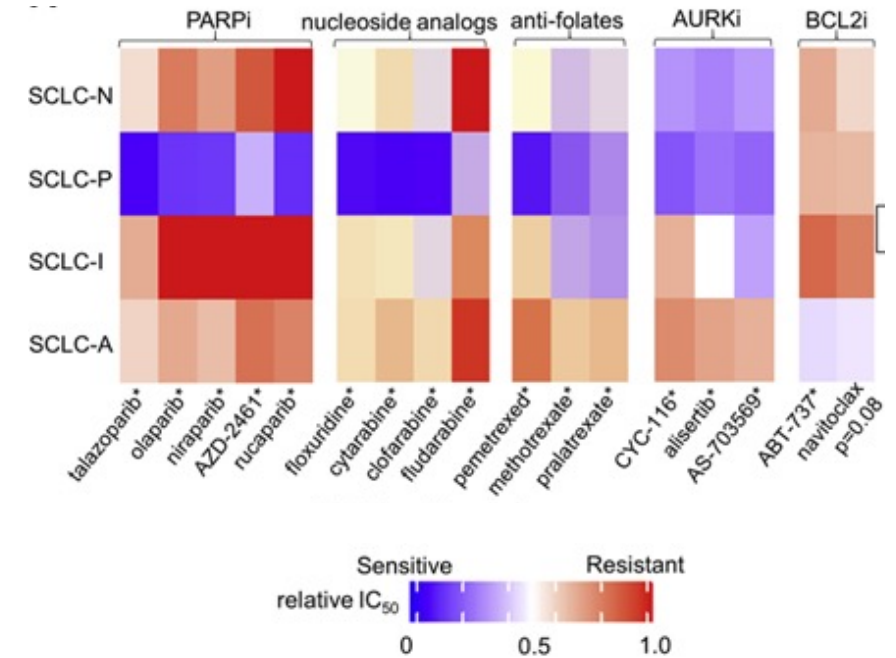
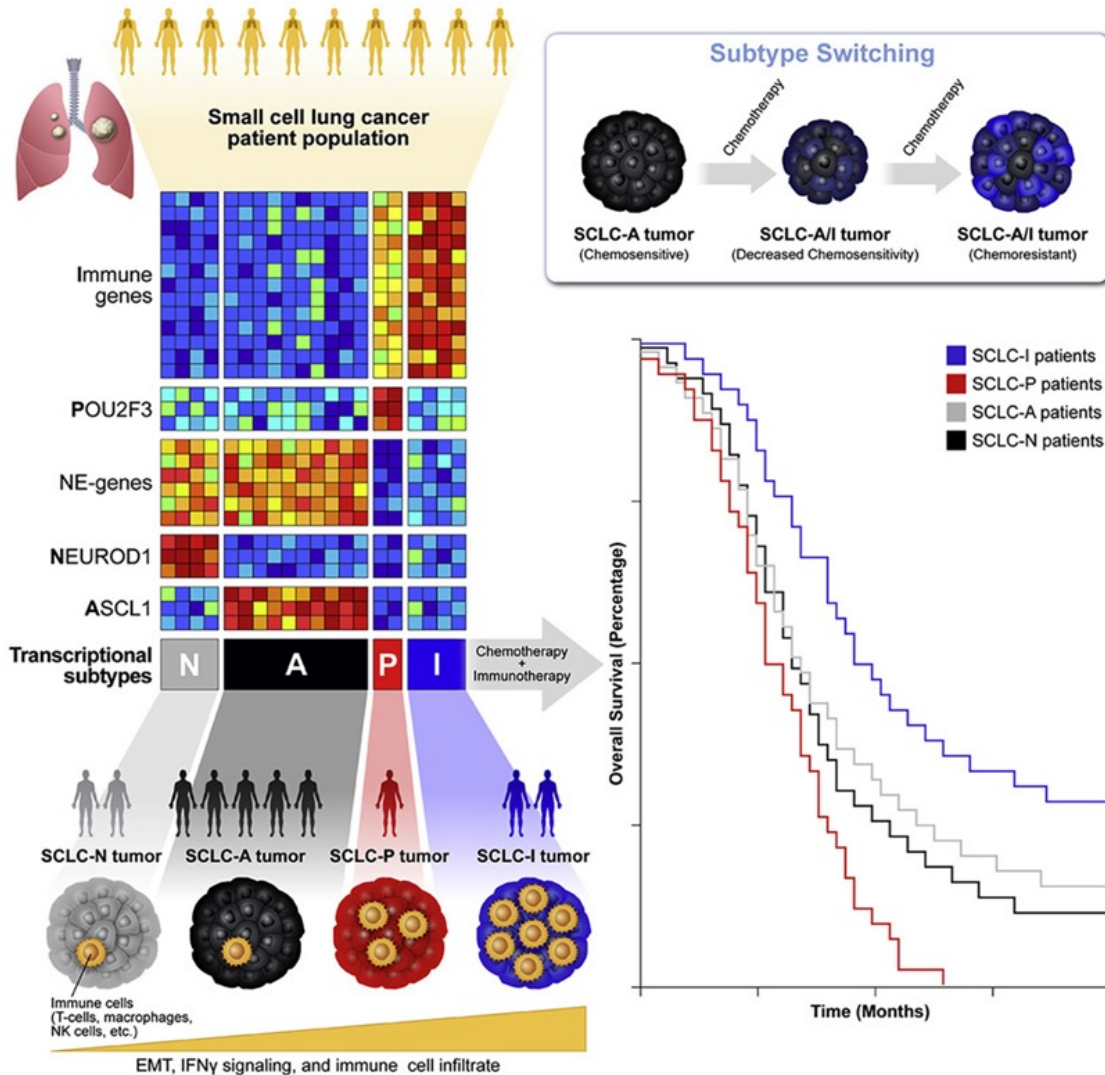
## Targeting DLL3

- Highly expressed in SCLC and low/no expression in normal tissue
- ADC
  - Rova-T
  - No benefit in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> line trials

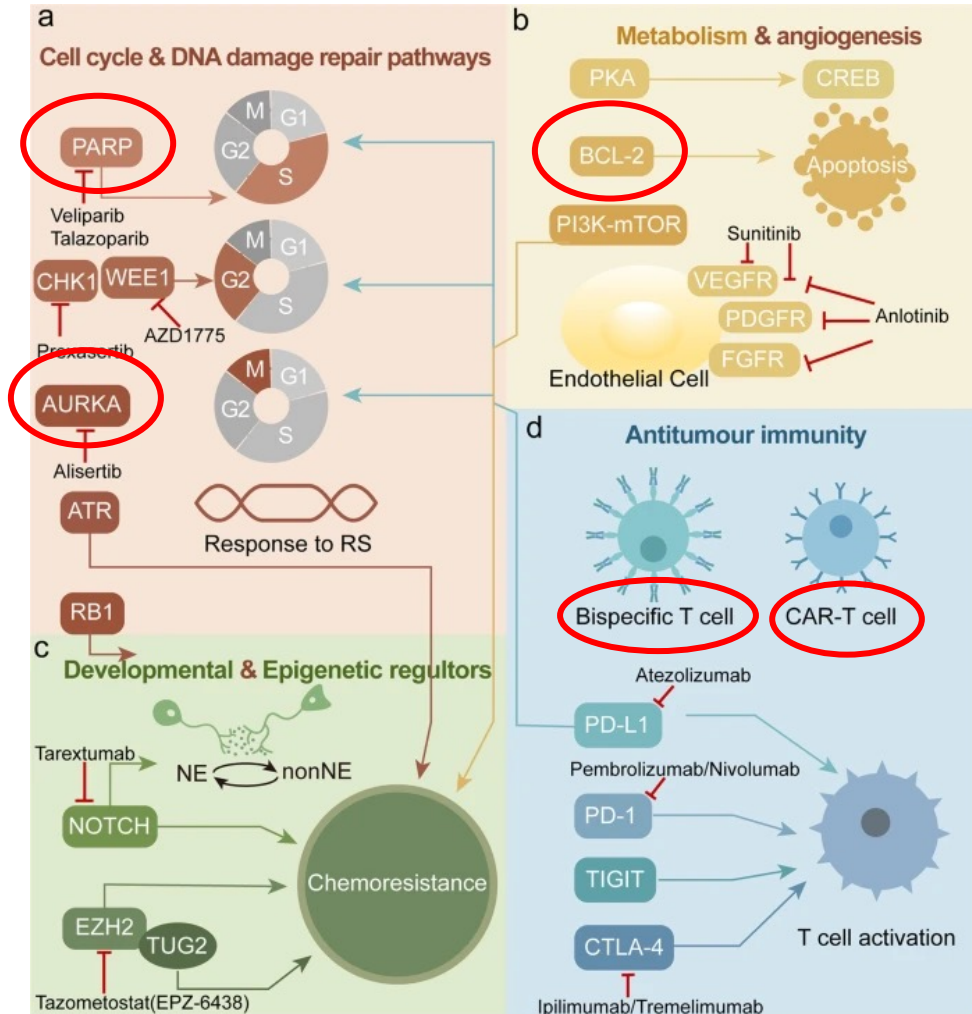
## Was it the target or the delivery system?

- Bispecific T cell engagers (BiTE)
  - AMG 757
- CAR T therapy
  - AMG 119

# Future Directions – SCLC Subtypes



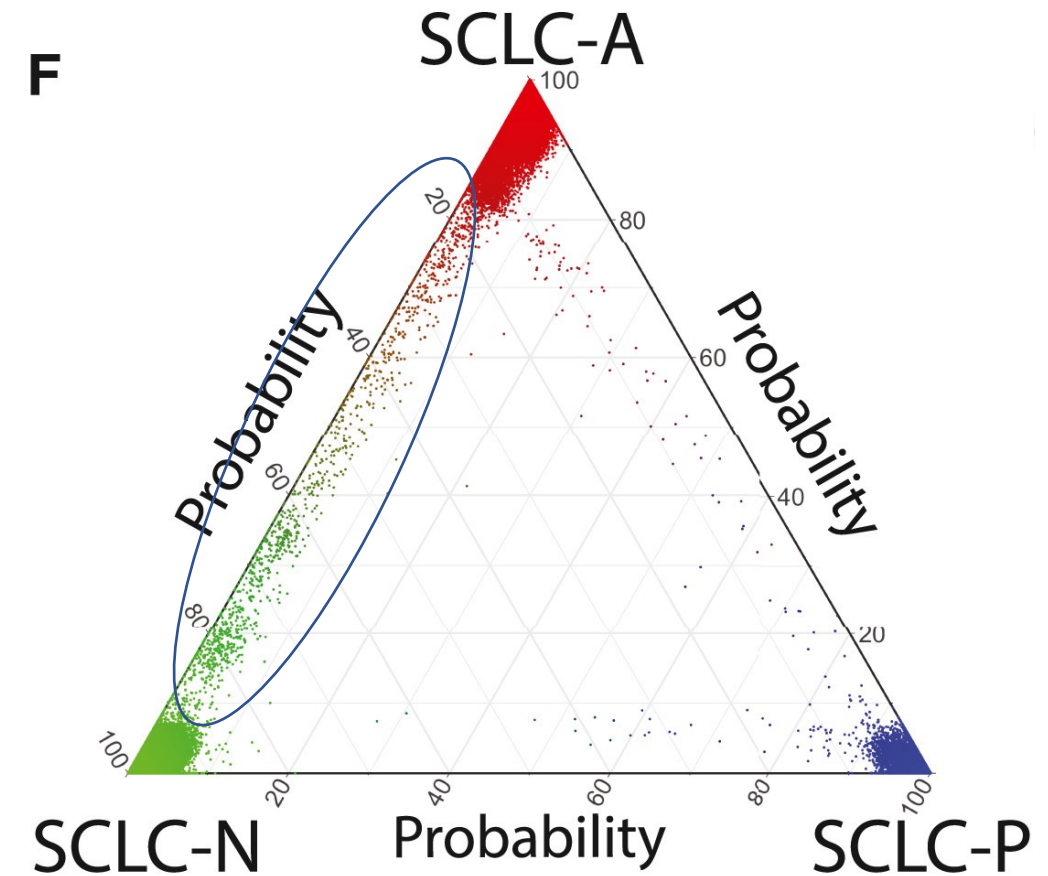
# Targeting SCLC Subtypes



- Emerging Clinical Trial Approaches
- PARP inhibitors
  - Prevents DNA repair
- BCL-2/BCXL inhibitors
  - Promote apoptosis
- Aurora kinase inhibitors
  - Inhibit cell division

# Challenges in SCLC Subtype Targeting

- While morphologically homogenous, high levels of heterogeneity at the transcriptional level
- Tumor plasticity is a major problem
- Multiple pathways or underlying factors supporting plasticity may need to be targeted



# Conclusions

- The addition of anti PD-L1 therapy to 1<sup>st</sup> line ES-SCLC therapy is the first advance in decades
- Lurbinectedin is an available 2<sup>nd</sup> line therapy
  - LAGOON Phase III trial will clarify its role vs topotecan
- Subtyping of SCLC may provide better patient stratification for future precision therapy efforts

# Questions & Discussion

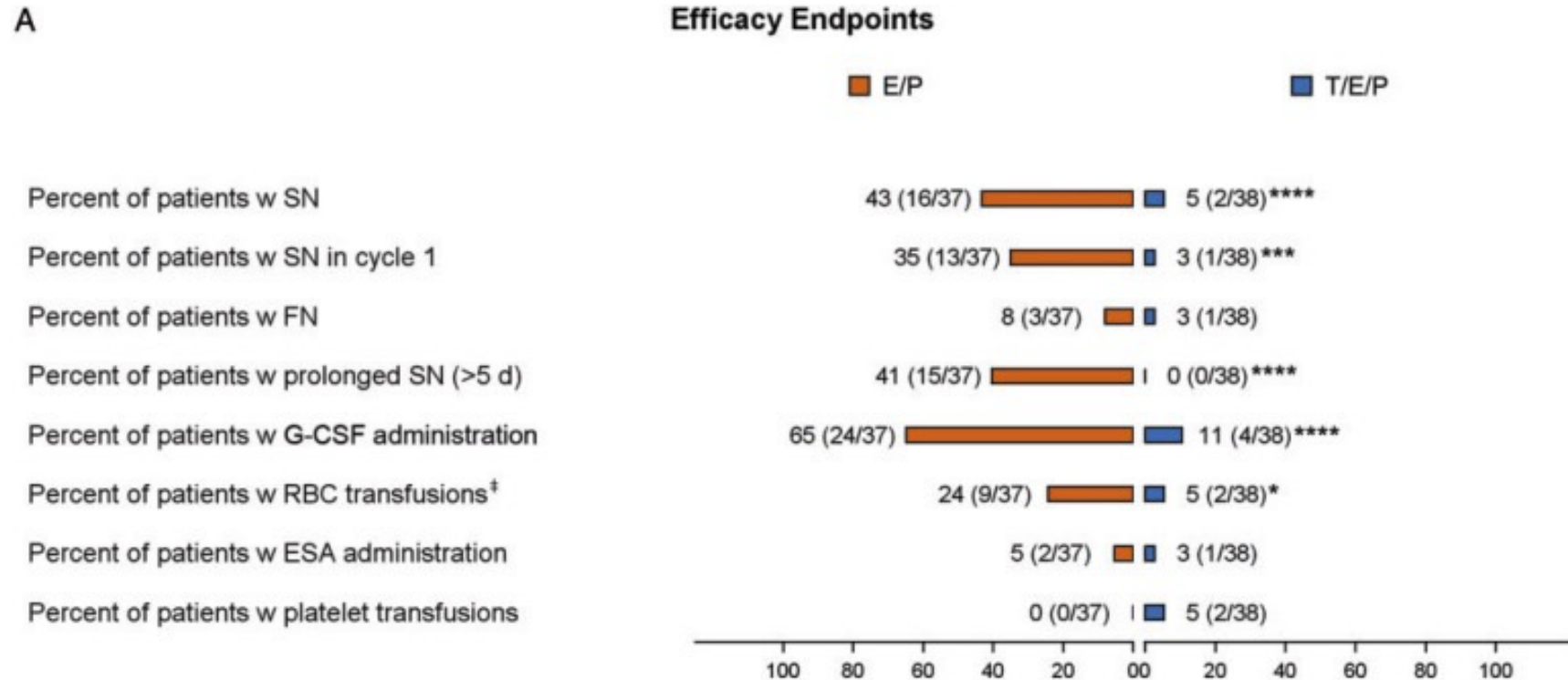
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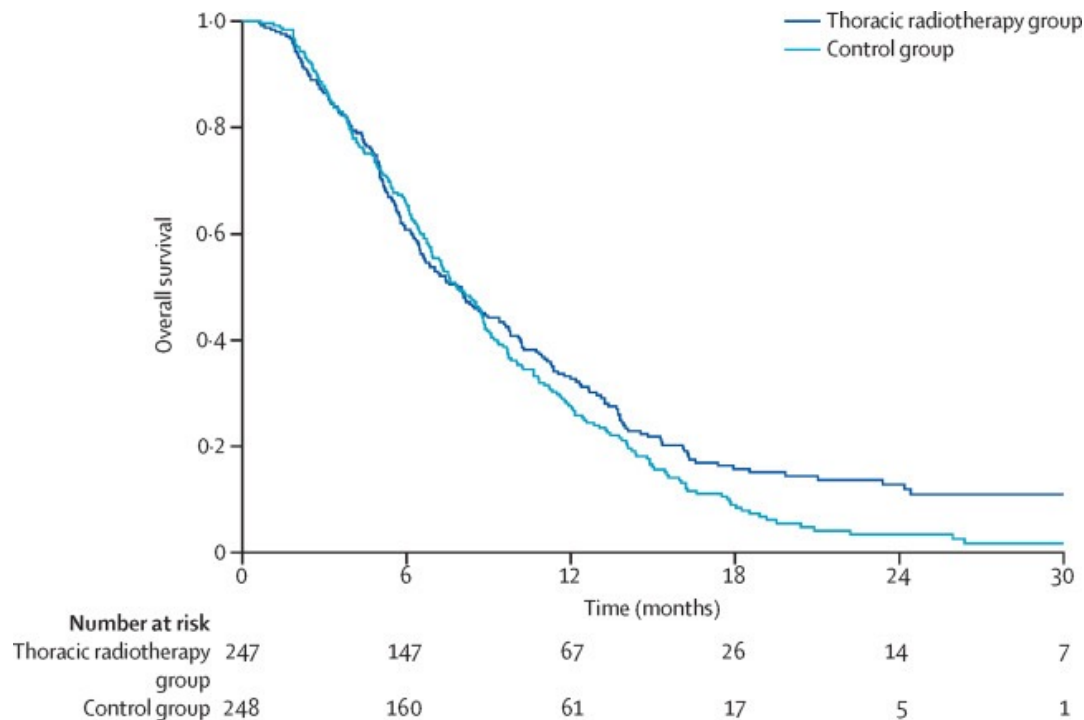


# CDK4/6 inhibitor Trilaciclib



- Phase II study that randomized 77 patients to EP +/- trilaciclib

# Consolidative Thoracic RT



- 498 patients randomized after 4-6 cycles of chemotherapy
- 2 years, survival was 13% (95% CI 9–19) in the thoracic RT group and 3% (95% CI 2–8) in the control group ( $p=0.004$ ).
- NNT to avoid one death was 10.6 (95% CI 6.1–42.5).

# PCI in ES-SCLC

