

# Lung Cancer Immunotherapy

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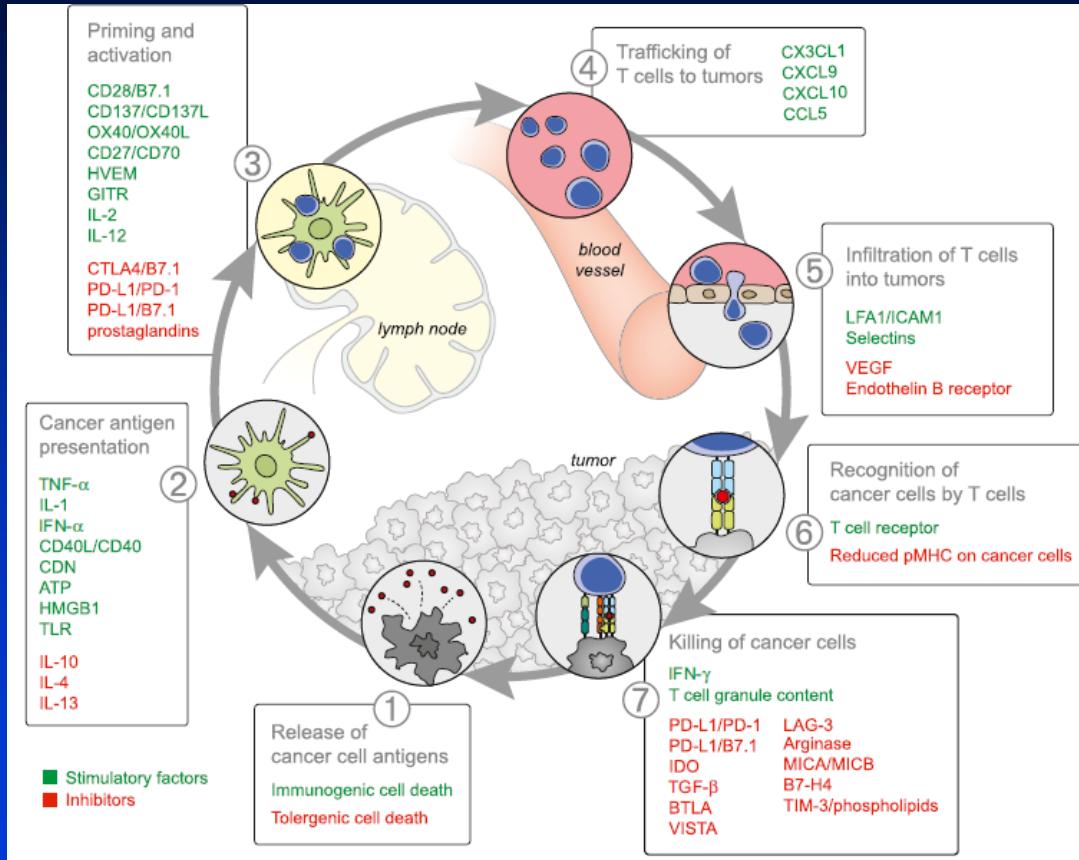
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- Honoraria for Advisory Board/Consulting
  - AstraZeneca
  - Eli Lilly
  - Roche
  - Boehringer Ingelheim
  - Pfizer
- Speaker's fee
  - AstraZeneca
  - Boehringer Ingelheim
- Data Safety Monitoring Board
  - Merck Sharp Dohme
  - Genmab
  - Regeneron

# The Cancer-Immunity Cycle

Shen DS & Mellman I. *Immunity* 2013, 39, 1



# Immune checkpoint inhibitors in lung cancer

*Helissey C et al. Curr Opin Oncol 2015, 27, 108*

Anti-CTLA4	Anti-PD-1	Anti-PD-L1
Ipilimumab (Yervoy®)	Nivolumab (Opdivo®)	Atezolizumab (Tecentriq®)
Tremelimumab	Pembrolizumab (Keytruda®)	Durvalumab (Imfinzi®)
		Avelumab (Bavencio™)

## Clinical development

Pre-treated patients	First-line therapy	Biomarkers
Single agents	Single agents	PD-L1 expression; tumor mutational burden; others
Combinations	Combined with platin-based CT Other combinations	

# Immune checkpoint inhibitors in pretreated patients with advanced NSCLC: phase 3 trials

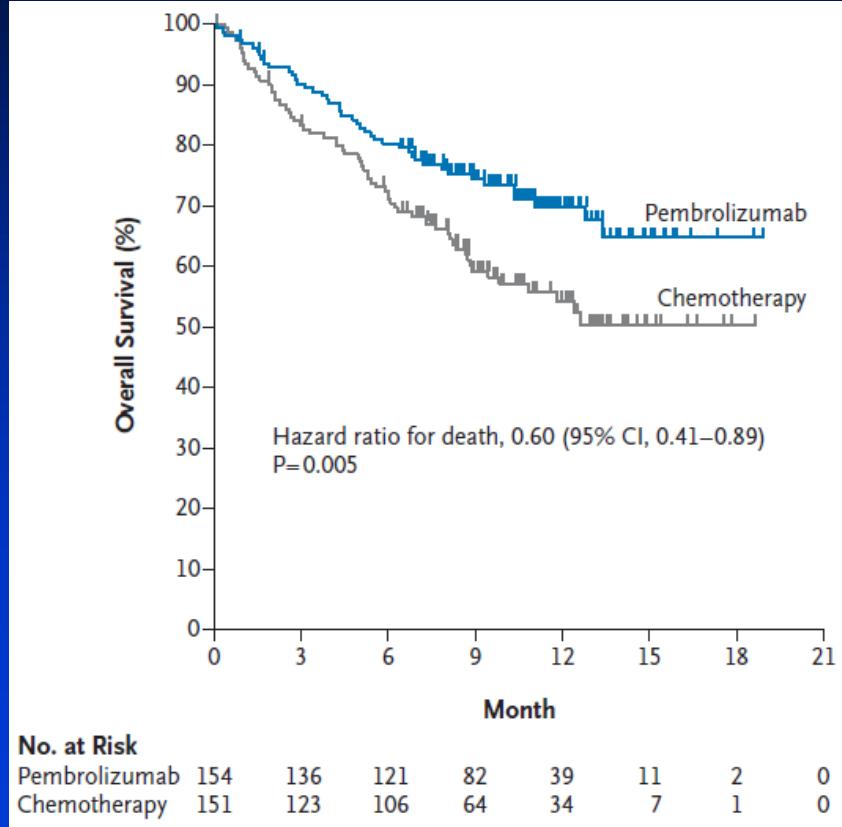
Trial	Drug	Histology / Biomarker	Survival Hazard ratio	Reference
<b>CheckMate 017</b>	Nivolumab versus docetaxel	Squamous	0.59 (0.44-0.79)	<i>Brahmer J et al.</i> <i>NEJM 2015, 373, 123</i>
<b>CheckMate 057</b>	Nivolumab versus docetaxel	Non-squamous	0.73 (0.59-0.89)	<i>Borghaei H et al.</i> <i>NEJM 2015, 373, 1627</i>
<b>KEYNOTE-010</b>	Pembrolizumab versus docetaxel	NSCLC PD-L1 ≥1%	0.67 (0.56-0.80) (pooled analysis)	<i>Herbst R et al.</i> <i>Lancet 2016, 387, 1540</i>
<b>OAK</b>	Atezolizumab versus docetaxel	NSCLC	0.73 (0.62-0.87)	<i>Rittmeyer A et al.</i> <i>Lancet 2017, 389, 255</i>
<b>JAVELIN 200</b>	Avelumab versus docetaxel	NSCLC	0.90 (0.72-1.12) (PD-L1 ≥1%)	<i>Barlesi F et al.</i> <i>Lancet Oncol 2018, 19, 1468</i>

# Immune checkpoint inhibitors *versus* first-line chemotherapy in advanced NSCLC: phase 3 trials

Trial	Drug	Histology / Biomarker	Primary Endpoint	Reference
<b>KEYNOTE-024</b>	Pembrolizumab <i>versus</i> platin-based CT	NSCLC PD-L1 ≥50%	PFS	<i>Reck M et al.</i> <i>NEJM 2016, 375, 1823</i>
<b>KEYNOTE-042</b>	Pembrolizumab <i>versus</i> platin-based CT	NSCLC PD-L1 ≥1%	OS (≥50%, ≥20%, ≥1%)	<i>Mok T et al.</i> <i>ASCO 2018</i>
<b>CheckMate 026</b>	Nivolumab <i>versus</i> platin-based CT	NSCLC PD-L1 ≥5%	PFS	<i>Carbone DP et al.</i> <i>NEJM 2017, 376, 2415</i>
<b>CheckMate 227</b>	Nivo + ipilimumab <i>versus</i> chemotherapy	NSCLC	PFS (TMB) OS (PD-L1)	<i>Hellmann MD et al.</i> <i>NEJM 2018, 378, 2093</i>
<b>MYSTIC</b>	Durva + tremelimumab <i>versus</i> durvalumab <i>versus</i> platin-based CT	NSCLC	PFS (PD-L1≥25%) OS	<i>Rizvi N et al.</i> <i>ESMO 2018</i>

# Pembrolizumab (200 mg) versus first-line chemotherapy for PD-L1-positive NSCLC: overall survival

Reck M et al. NEJM 2016, 375, 1823



Previously untreated  
advanced NSCLC

PD-L1 expression  
on at least 50%  
of tumor cells

HR 0.60  
(95% CI 0.41-0.89)

# Immune checkpoint inhibitors *versus* first-line chemotherapy in advanced NSCLC: phase 3 trials

Trial	Drug	PD-L1	Overall survival Hazard ratio (95%CI)	Reference
KEYNOTE-024	Pembrolizumab versus platin-based CT	≥50%	0.60 (0.41-0.89)	Reck M et al. NEJM 2016;375, 1823
KEYNOTE-042	Pembrolizumab versus platin-based CT	≥50%	0.69 (0.56-0.85)	Mok T et al. ASCO 2018
		≥20%	0.77 (0.64-0.92)	
		≥1%	0.81 (0.71-0.93)	
		1-49%*	0.92 (0.77-1.11)	

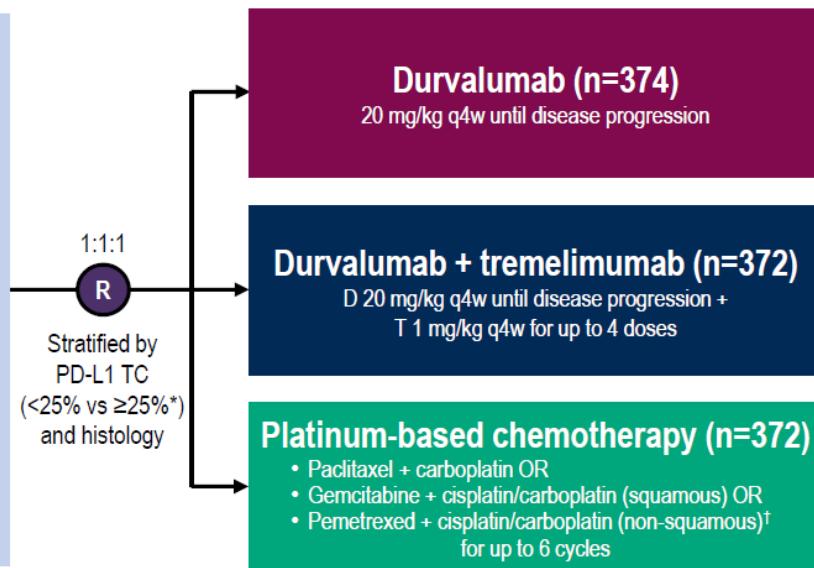
\* Explorative analysis

**Conclusion:** Pembrolizumab monotherapy as first-line therapy only in patients with PD-L1 ≥50%

# MYSTIC STUDY DESIGN

Phase 3, global, randomised, open-label, multicentre study

- Stage IV NSCLC
  - All-comers population (i.e. irrespective of PD-L1 status)
  - No sensitising *EGFR* mutation or *ALK* rearrangement
  - ECOG PS 0/1
  - Immunotherapy- and CT-naïve
- N=1118 randomised



Primary endpoints (PD-L1 TC  $\geq 25\%^*$ ):

- PFS<sup>‡</sup> (D+T vs CT)
- OS (D vs CT)
- OS (D+T vs CT)

Key secondary endpoints:

- PFS<sup>‡</sup> (D vs CT; PD-L1 TC  $\geq 25\%^*$ )
- OS (D+T vs CT; PD-L1 TC  $\geq 1\%^*$ )
- ORR<sup>‡</sup>
- DoR
- Safety and tolerability

Key exploratory endpoints:

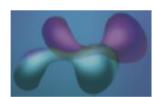
- OS by additional PD-L1 TC cutoffs
- OS by blood TMB

\*Ventana PD-L1 (SP263) assay using newly acquired or archival (<3 months) tumour biopsy;

<sup>†</sup>Followed by pemetrexed maintenance therapy if eligible; <sup>‡</sup>Blinded independent central review per RECIST v1.1

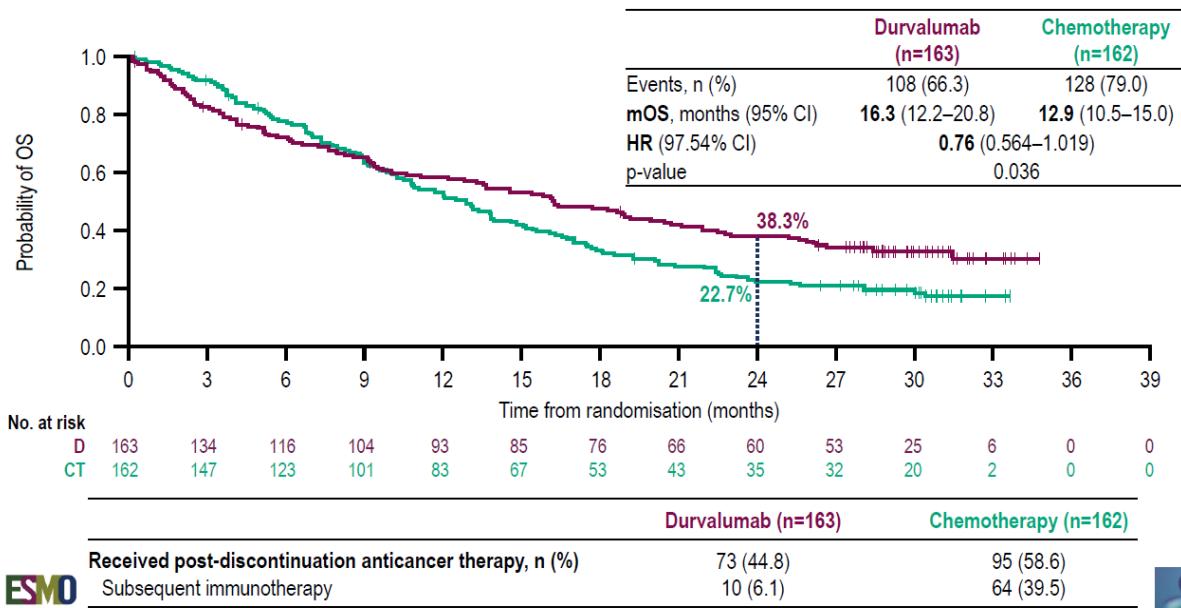
CT, chemotherapy; D, durvalumab; DoR, duration of response; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group;

ORR, objective response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; PS, performance status; q4w, every 4 weeks; T, tremelimumab; TMB, tumour mutational burden



# MYSTIC: Durvalumab *versus* chemotherapy (PD-L1 $\geq 25\%$ )

## OS: D vs CT (PD-L1 TC $\geq 25\%$ ; PRIMARY ENDPOINT)



Durvalumab  
(20 mg/kg every  
4 weeks)

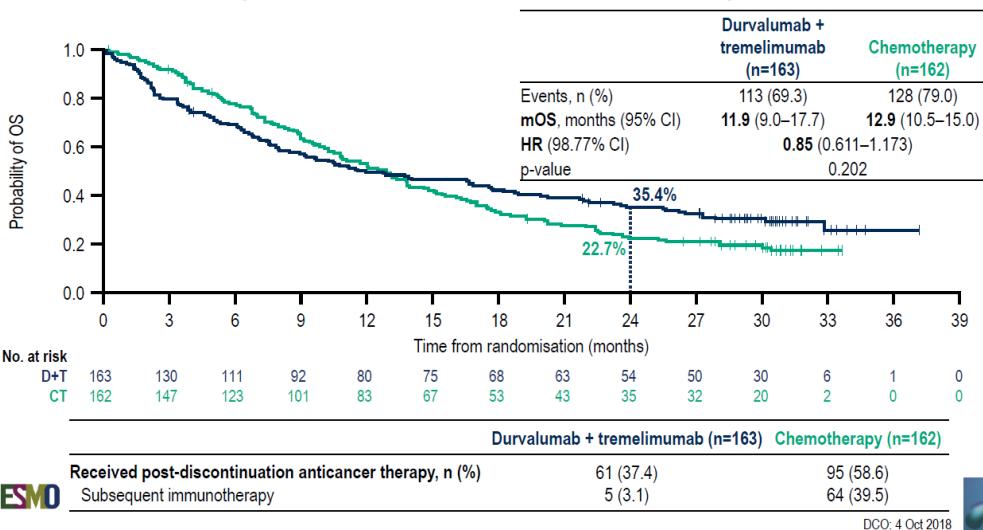
HR 0.76 (0.56-1.019)  
p=0.036 (NS)

Explorative analysis  
in PD-L1  $\geq 50\%$ :  
HR 0.76 (0.55-1.038)



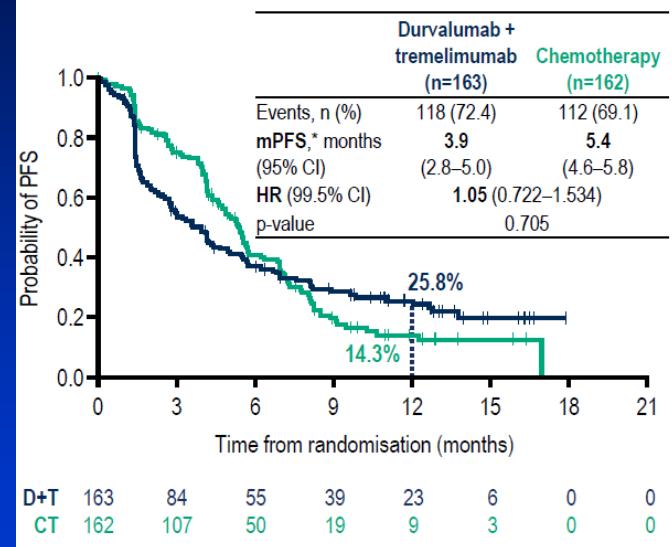
# MYSTIC: Durvalumab + tremelimumab versus chemotherapy (PD-L1 $\geq 25\%$ )

OS: D+T vs CT (PD-L1 TC  $\geq 25\%$ ; PRIMARY ENDPOINT)



OS: HR 0.85 (0.611-1.173)

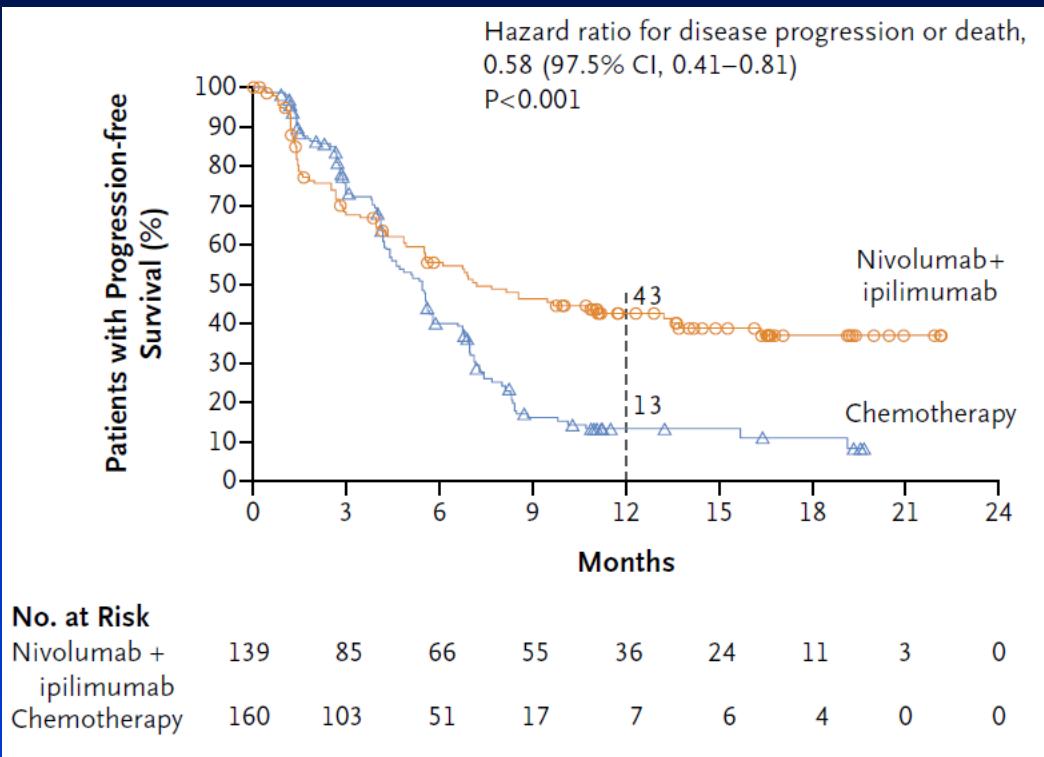
D+T vs CT (primary endpoint)



PFS: HR 1.05 (0.72-1.53)

# CheckMate-227: High tumor mutational burden

Hellmann MD et al. NEJM 2018, 378, 2093



≥10 mutations per megabase  
Nivolumab + ipilimumab  
versus  
chemotherapy

Hazard ratio
ITT
PD-L1 ≥1%
PD-L1 <1%

**0.58 (0.41-0.81)**

**0.62 (0.44-0.88)**

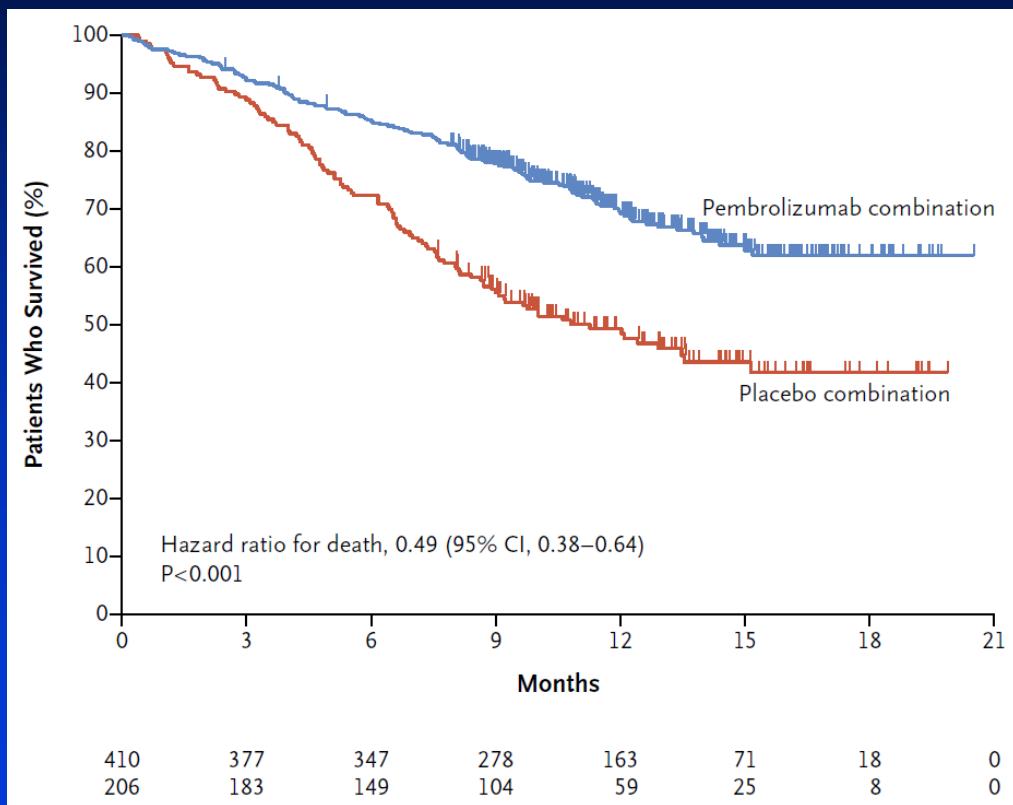
**0.48 (0.27-0.85)**

# First-line chemotherapy ± immune checkpoint inhibitors in advanced non-squamous cell NSCLC: phase 3 trials

Study	Pts.	PD-L1	Treatment	PFS		Survival	
				HR (95%CI)	median mo	HR (95%CI)	median mo
KEYNOTE-189	616	0-100%	CT + pembro versus CT	0.52 (0.43-0.64)	8.8 4.9	0.49 (0.38-0.64)	not reach. 11.3
IMpower150	692	0-100%	CT + bev + atezolizumab versus carbo+pacl+bev	0.62 (0.52-0.74)	8.3 6.8	0.78 (0.64-0.96)	19.2 14.7

Gandhi L et al. NEJM 2018, 378, 2078  
 Socinski MA et al. NEJM 2018, 378, 2288

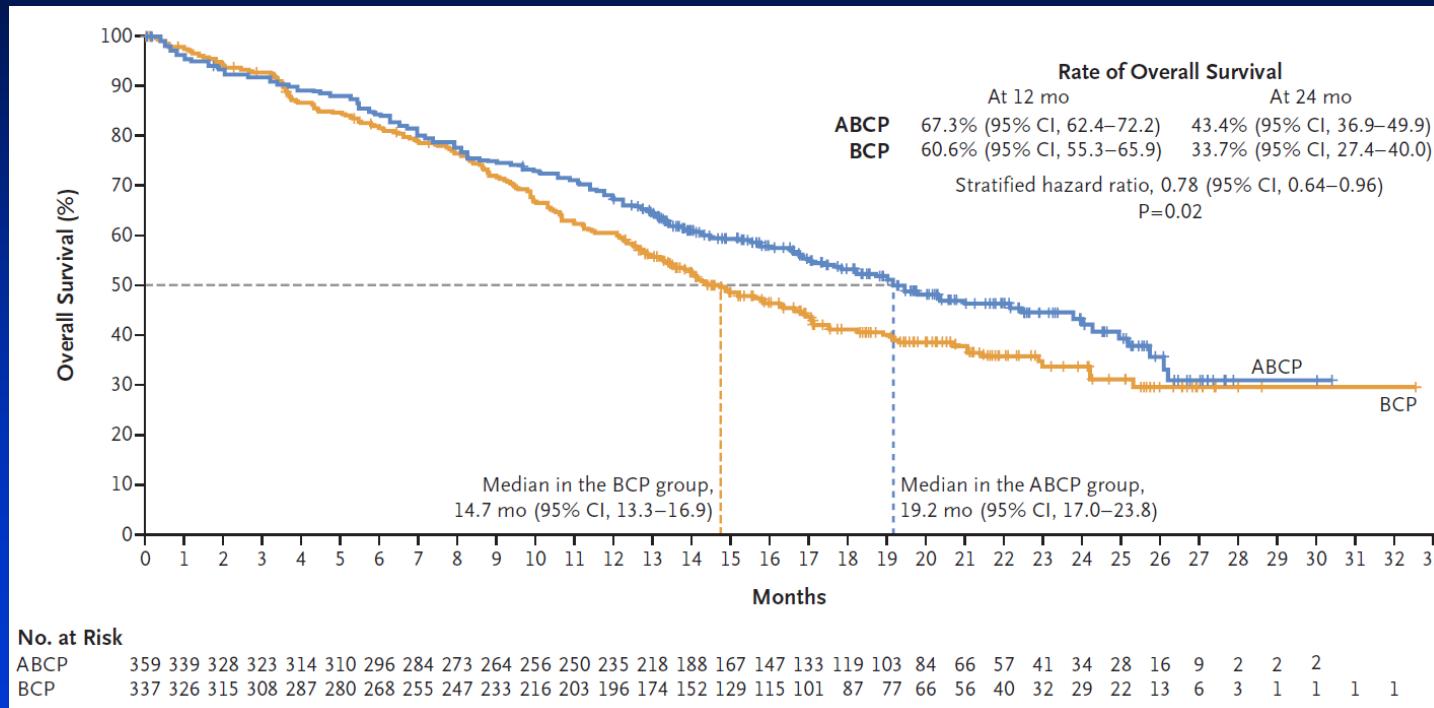
# KEYNOTE-189: First-line chemotherapy ± pembrolizumab Overall survival



PD-L1	Hazard ratio (95% CI)
All	<b>0.49 (0.38-0.64)</b>
<1%	0.59 (0.38-0.92)
≥1%	0.47 (0.34-0.66)
1-49%	0.55 (0.34-0.90)
≥50%	0.42 (0.26-0.68)

Gandhi L et al. NEJM 2018, 378, 2078

# IMpower150: Carboplatin + nab-paclitaxel + bevacizumab ± atezolizumab Overall survival



Socinski MA et al. NEJM 2018;378,2288

# Chemotherapy ± immune checkpoint inhibitors in advanced squamous cell NSCLC: phase 3 trials

Study	Treatment	PFS		Survival		References
		HR (95%CI)	median mo	HR (95%CI)	median mo	
KEYNOTE-407	CT + pembrolizumab versus carbo + pacl/nab-pacl	0.56 (0.45-0.70)	6.4 4.8	0.64 (0.49-0.85)	15.9 11.3	Paz-Ares L et al. <i>NEJM</i> 2018, <i>online</i>
IMpower131	CT + atezolizumab versus carbo + nab-pacl	0.71 (0.60-0.85)	6.3 5.6	0.96 (0.78-1.18)	14.0 13.9	Jotte RM et al. <i>ASCO</i> 2018, <i>LBA9000</i>

# Treatment of advanced driver-negative non-squamous NSCLC

*Pirker R, January 2019*

	First-line	Second-line	Third-line
All	Platin + pem + pembrolizumab	Docetaxel ± nintedanib Docetaxel ± ramucirumab	Gemcitabine, vinorelbine, erlotinib, anlotinib
	Carbo + nab-pacl + bevacizumab + atezolizumab	Docetaxel ± nintedanib Docetaxel ± ramucirumab	Gemcitabine, vinorelbine, erlotinib, anlotinib
PD-L1 ≥50%	Pembrolizumab	Platin + pemetrexed	Docetaxel ± nintedanib Docetaxel ± ramucirumab
High TMB	Nivolumab + ipilimumab	Platin + pemetrexed	Docetaxel ± nintedanib Docetaxel ± ramucirumab
All	Platin + pemetrexed	Atezolizumab, nivolumab, pembrolizumab	Docetaxel ± nintedanib Docetaxel ± ramucirumab

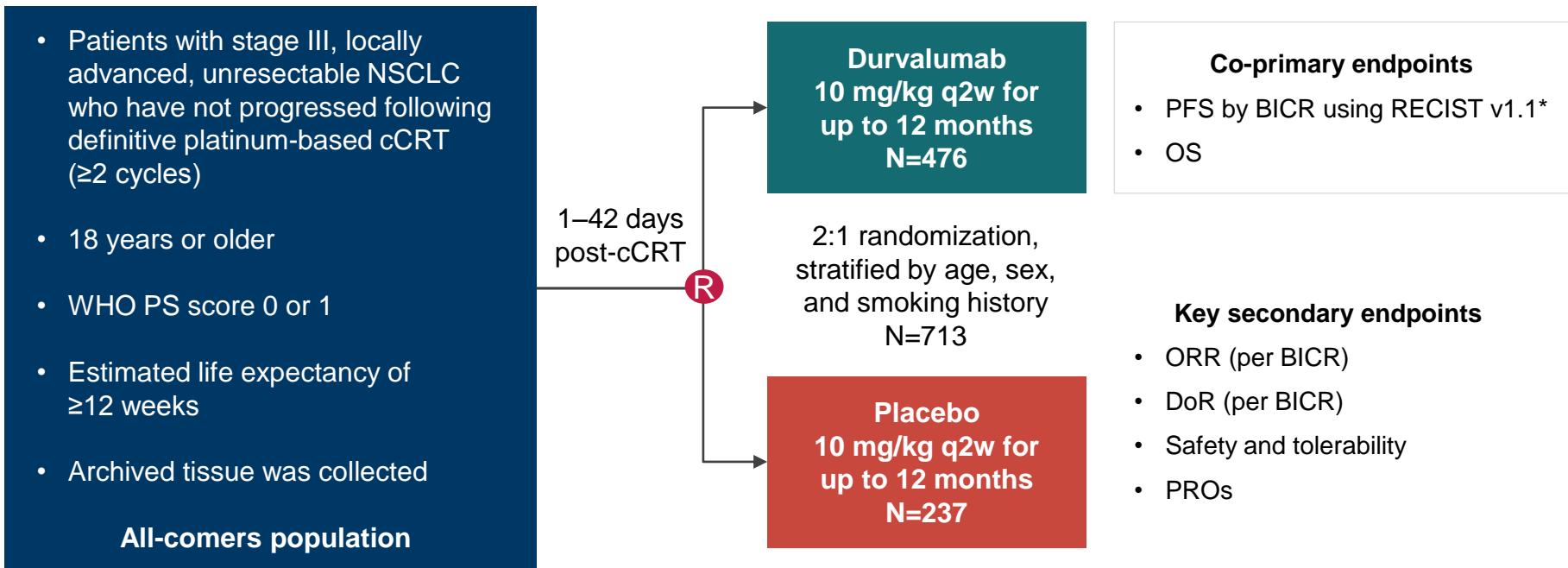
# Treatment of advanced driver-negative squamous NSCLC

*R Pirker, January 2019*

	First-line	Second-line	Third-line
All	Platin-based CT + pembro	Docetaxel ± ramu; Afatinib	Afatinib, gemcitabine, vinorelbine, anlotinib
	Carbo + nab-pacl + atezolizumab	Docetaxel ± ramucirumab	Afatinib, erlotinib, gem, vinorelbine, anlotinib
PD-L1 ≥50%	Pembrolizumab	Platin-based CT	Docetaxel ± ramucirumab
High TMB	Nivolumab + ipi	Platin-based CT	Docetaxel ± ramucirumab
All	Platin-based CT	Atezo, nivo, pembro	Docetaxel ± ramucirumab
High EGFR	Platin + gem + necitumumab	Atezo, nivo, pembro	Docetaxel ± ramucirumab

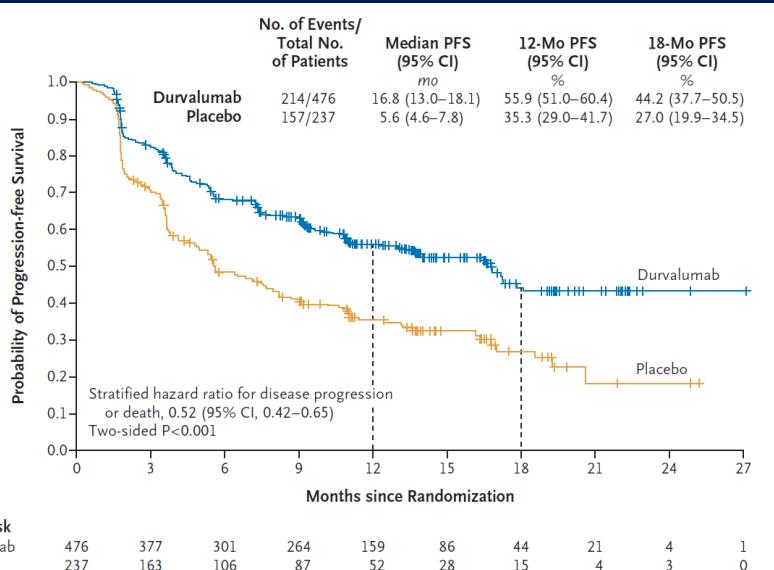
# PACIFIC: Study Design

Phase III, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter, International Study

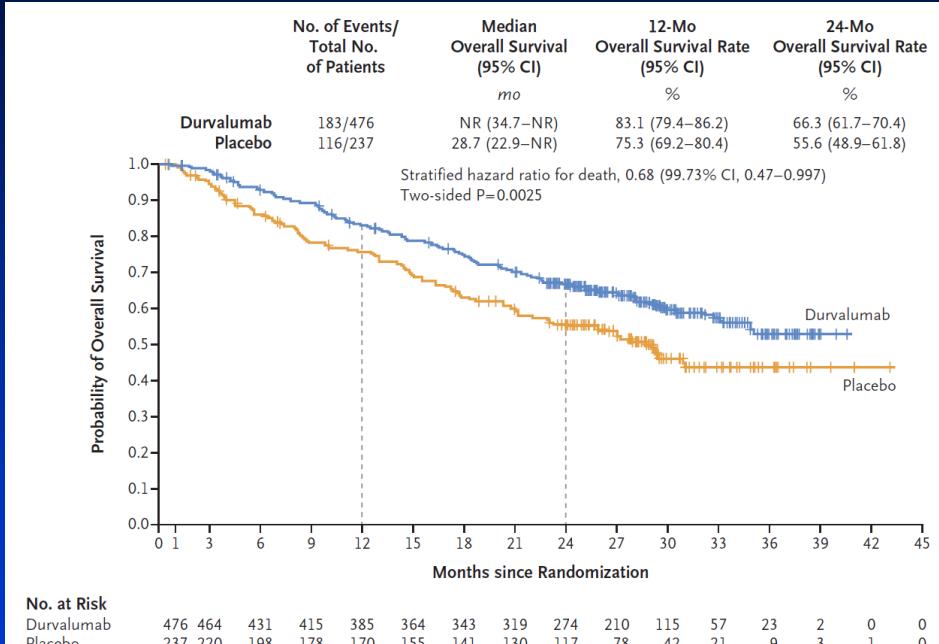


# PACIFIC: Progression-free survival & overall survival

*Antonia SJ et al. NEJM 2017, 377, 1919*



**HR 0.52 (95% CI 0.42-0.65)**



**HR 0.68 (95% CI 0.47-0.99)**

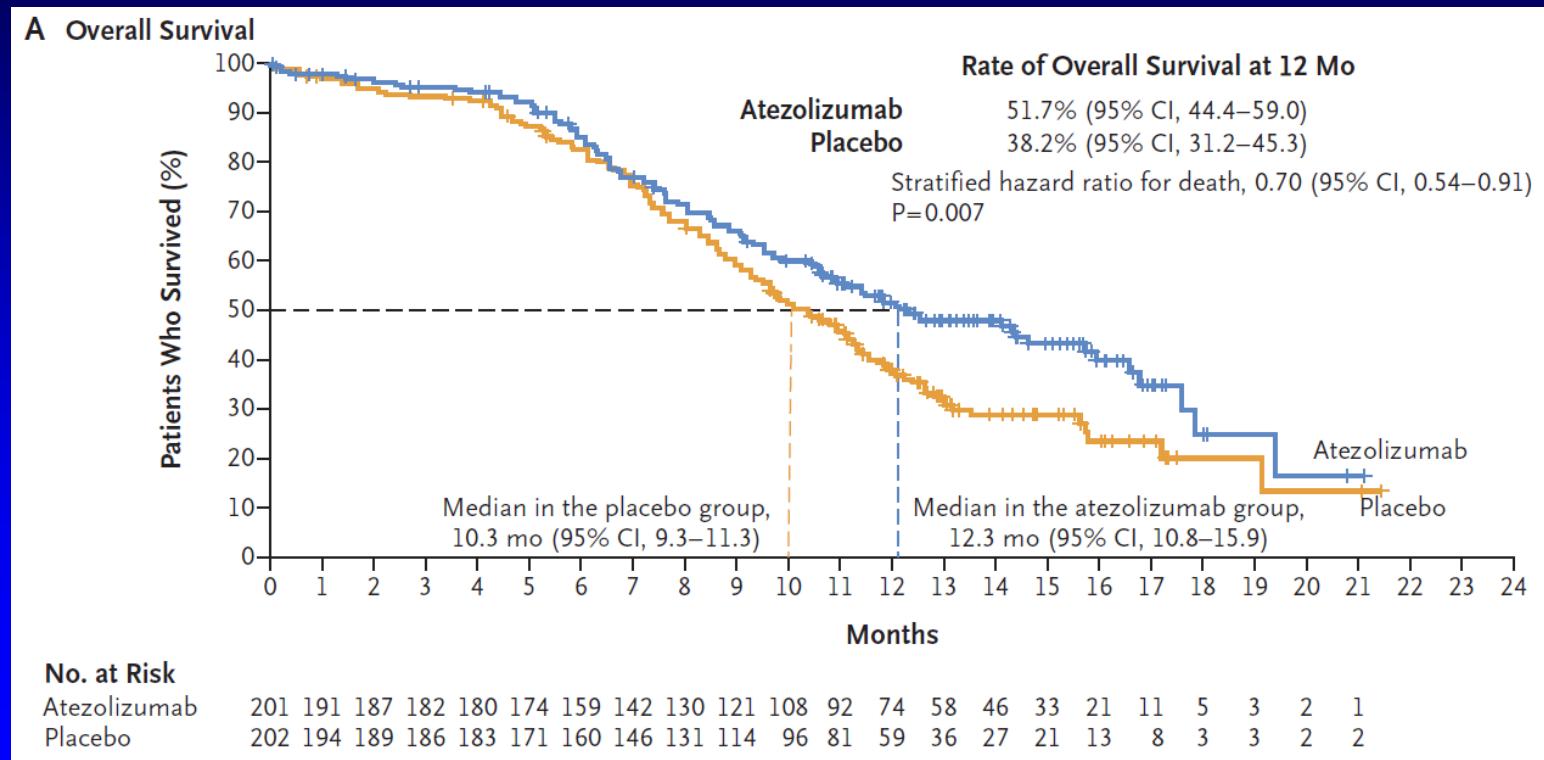
# Immune checkpoint inhibitors in the adjuvant treatment of NSCLC: phase 3 trials

Study	Drug	Patients	Tumor stage	Primary Endpoint*	Trial identifier
ANVIL	Nivolumab (1 year) <i>versus</i> Observation	714	IB - IIIA	OS and / or DFS	NCT02595944 (ALCHEMIST)
PEARLS	Pembrolizumab (1 year) <i>versus</i> Placebo	1380	IB ( $\geq 4\text{cm}$ ) - IIIA	DFS	NCT02504372 (ETOP, EORTC)
ADJUVANT BR.31	Durvalumab (1 year) <i>versus</i> Placebo	1100	IB - IIIA	DFS (PD-L1 positive; all patients)	NCT02273375 (NCIC Clinical Trials Group)

\* OS overall survival      DFS disease-free survival

# Impower 133: First-line atezolizumab plus chemotherapy in extensive-stage SCLC

Horn L et al. NEJM, online September 25, 2018, at [nejm.org](http://nejm.org)



# Immune checkpoint inhibitors in lung cancer

## Summary

- Nivolumab, pembrolizumab & atezolizumab are established as single agents in patients with advanced NSCLC who progress after first-line chemotherapy.
- Immune checkpoint inhibitors improved outcome compared to first-line chemotherapy in advanced NSCLC.
  - Pembrolizumab in patients with PD-L1 levels  $\geq 50\%$
  - Pembrolizumab or atezolizumab combined with platin-based chemotherapy in both non-squamous and squamous NSCLC.
  - Nivolumab + ipilimumab in patients with high tumor mutational burden.
- PD-L1 levels & tumor mutational load often predict degree of benefit.
- Durvalumab consolidation improved survival in NSCLC stage III.
- Adjuvant trials are ongoing in completely resected NSCLC.
- Atezolizumab added to chemotherapy improved survival in extensive disease SCLC.

# Benefits of stopping smoking: United Kingdom Million Women Study

Jha P & Peto R. NEJM 2014, 370, 60

