

# OPTIMAL THERAPY FOR RESECTABLE NSCLC:

# **NEOADJUVANT**

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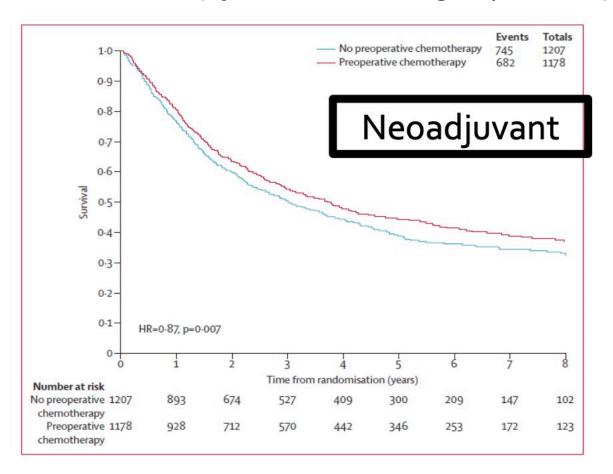


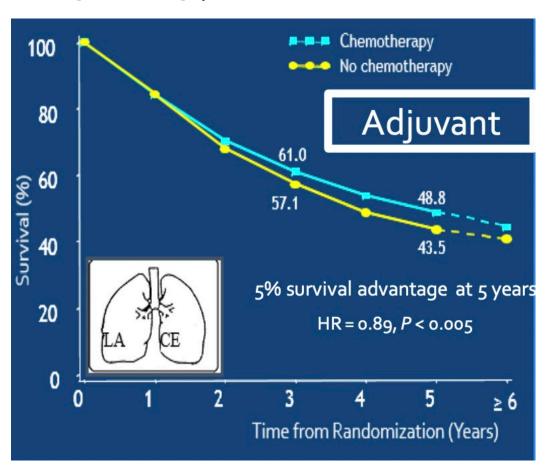




### Not for debate:

Chemotherapy is not enough (either pre- or post-op)





NSCLC Meta-Analysis Group. Lancet Oncology 2014

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Pignon et al. JCO 2006

### Inherent differences in Adjuvant v Neoadjuvant approach

#### Adjuvant:

- Prioritizes local treatment
- Patients with adverse surgical outcomes not represented in trials
- 30% do not complete adjuvant systemic therapy



#### **Neoadjuvant:**

- Prioritizes systemic treatment
- Treatment complications may preclude surgery/ surgical outcomes
- 15% do not have tumor resected

? Is definitive therapy or systemic therapy the priority

?Is this different with better systemic therapies

? Which approach leads to the best survival outcomes





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# What is Dr. Steuer going to argue?



- Surgeons prefer to operate first / inertia with current work-flow
- 2. Surgical implications of immunotherapy:
  - -Inflammation, increased OR time
- 3. Why risk delays or missed surgery when we can give immunotherapy in the adjuvant setting?

### PERIOPERATIVE IMMUNOTHERAPY TRIALS

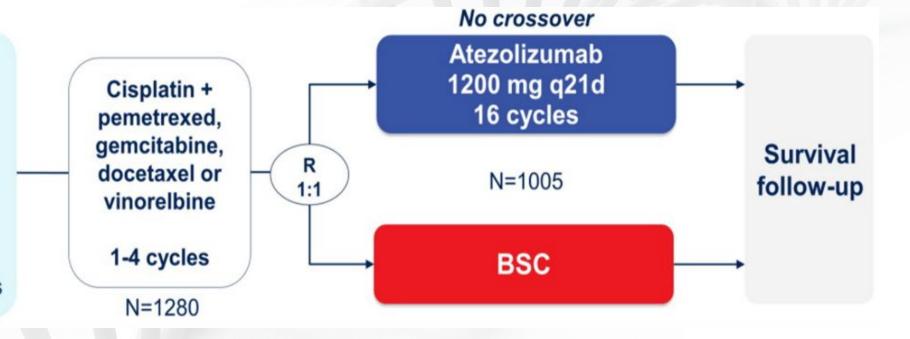
	Study (Primary Endpoint)		Patient population
Neoadjuvant	CheckMate 816 (pCR, EFS)	FDA approval 3/22	Excludes EGFR/ALK
Neoadjuvant/adj	Checkmate 77T (EFS)		Excludes EGFR/ALK
Neoadjuvant/adj	Aegean (pCR, EFS)		Excludes EGFR/ALK
Neoadjuvant/adj	KEYNOTE 671 (EFS, OS)		May include EGFR/ALK
Neoadjuvant/adj	IMpower030 (EFS)		Excludes EGFR/ALK
Adjuvant	IMpower010 (DFS)*	FDA approval 10/21	May include EGFR/ALK
Adjuvant	PEARLS/KN 091 (DFS)	FDA approval 01/23	May include EGFR/ALK
Adjuvant	BR.31 (DFS in PD-L1 TC ≥ 2	25%	May include EGFR/ALK
Adjuvant	ANVIL (DFS, OS)		Excludes EGFR/ALK

Forde et al. NEJM 2022; Cascone et al. ASCO 2021; Felip et al. Lancet 2021; Paz-Ares et al. ESMO Virtual Plenary 2022.ga aco

# IMpower010: Adjuvant atezolizumab

### Completely resected stage IB-IIIA NSCLC per UICC/AJCC v7

- Stage IB tumors ≥4 cm
- ECOG 0-1
- Lobectomy/pneumonectomy
- Tumor tissue for PD-L1 analysis

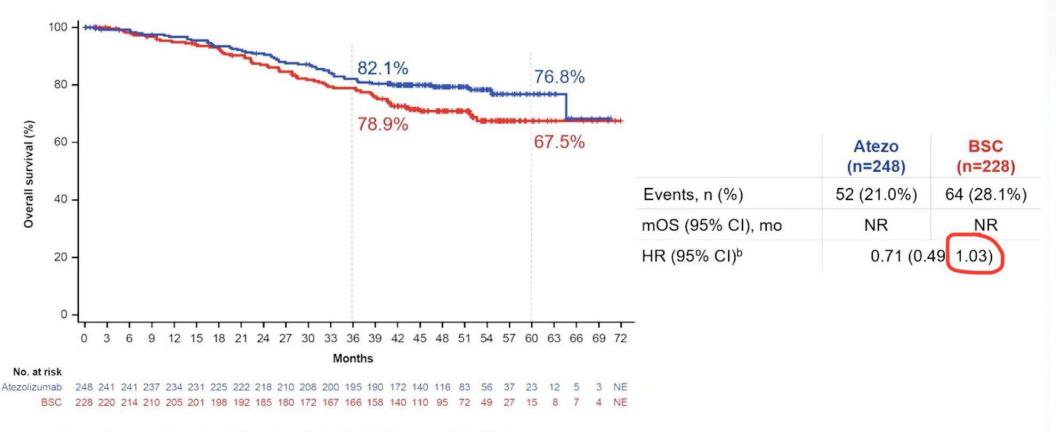


Primary endpoint: DFS in PD-L1 > 1%

# IMpower010: OS results

# Results of OS IA: PD-L1 TC ≥1%a (stage II-IIIA)

(data cutoff: 18 Apr '22, median follow-up: 46 months)



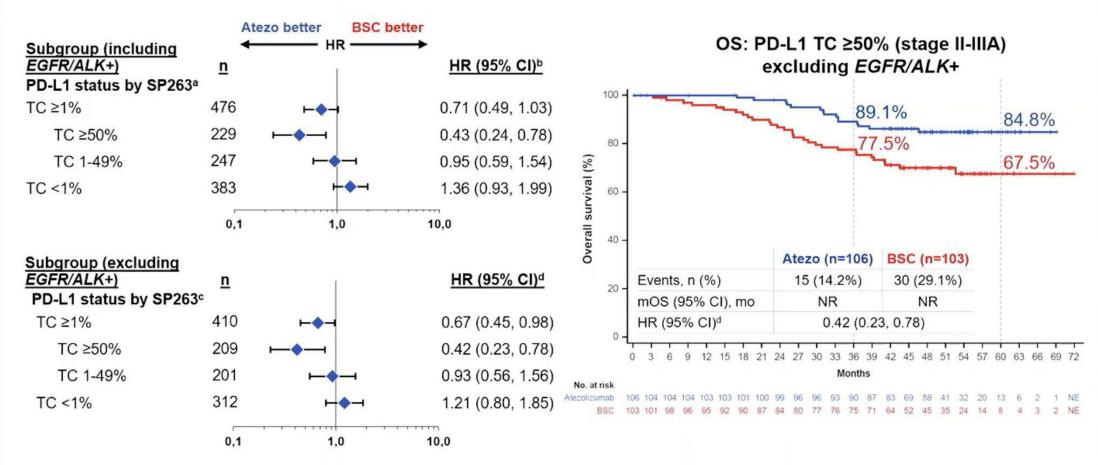
mOS, median overall survival; NR, not reached. <sup>a</sup>By SP263 assay. <sup>b</sup>Stratified.

Felipe et al, WCLC 2022

# IMpower010:

# OS by biomarker status (stage II-IIIA)

(data cutoff: 18 Apr '22)



a 23 patients had unknown PD-L1 status. b Stratified for PD-L1 TC ≥1%; unstratified for all other subgroups. c 21 patients had unknown PD-L1 status. d Unstratified.

Felipe et al, WCLC 2022

# Keynote-091: adjuvant pembrolizumab

#### Eligibility for Registration

- Confirmed stage IB (T ≥4 cm), II, or IIIA NSCLC per AJCC v7
- Complete surgical resection with negative margins (R0)
- Provision of tumor tissue for PD-L1 testing

#### Stratification Factors

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

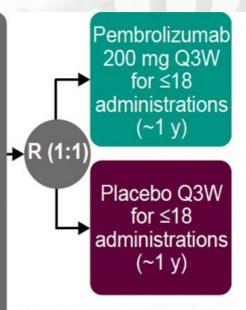
PD-L1 testing (centrally using PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx)

#### Eligibility for Randomization

- No evidence of disease
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Adjuvant chemotherapy
  - Considered for stage IB (T ≥4 cm) disease
  - Strongly recommended for stage II and IIA disease
- Limited to ≤4 cycles

#### **Dual Primary Endpoints**

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

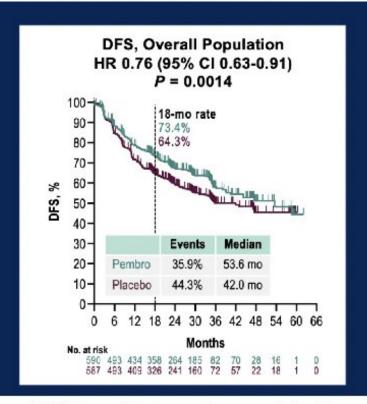


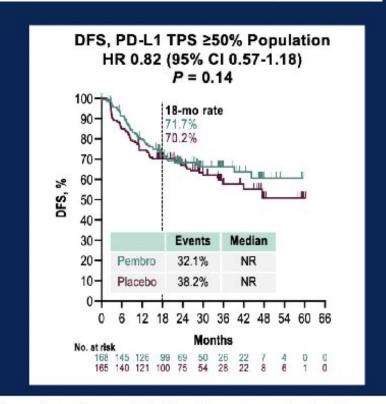
#### Secondary Endpoints

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

# **Keynote-091: DFS results**

PEARLS/KEYNOTE-091:
Primary Results From the Protocol-Specified Second Interim Analysis (IA2)





Note: 14% of patients in both arms did not receive adjuvant chemotherapy

 DFS benefit generally consistent across most protocol-specified subgroups, including PD-L1 TPS <1% (HR 0.78, 95% CI 0.58-1.03) and 1-49% (HR 0.67, 95% CI 0.48-0.92)</li>

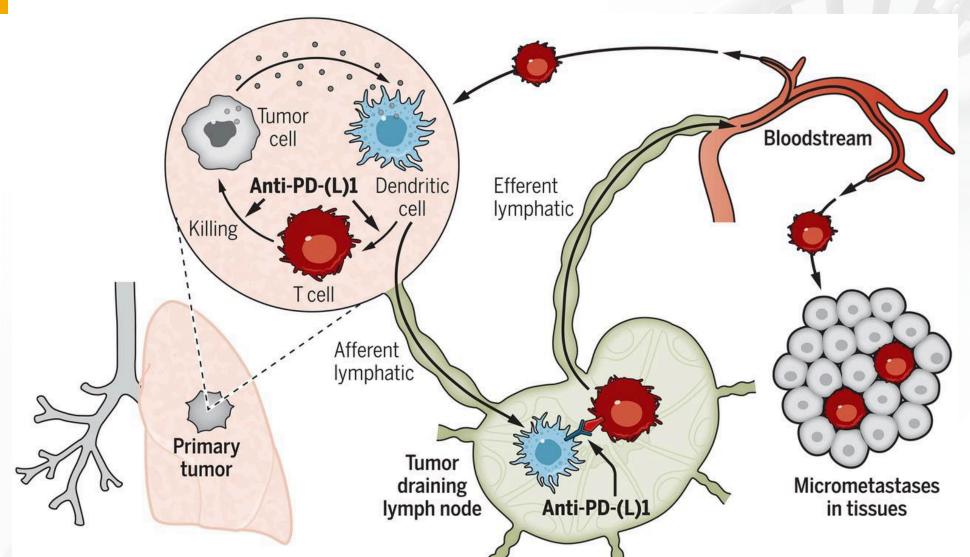
J Patel, ASCO 2022

# **Keynote-091: DFS results**

	Events/partici	ants	Hazard ratio (95% C
	Pembrolizuma	Placebo	
Age, years	100		
<65	94/285	119/273	0.73 (0.56-0.96)
≥65	118/305	141/314	0.84 (0.66–1.07)
Sex			
emale	71/189	87/184	0.73 (0.54–1.00)
Male	141/401	173/403	0.81 (0.65–1.01)
Geographical region	-1-710-	=731 T=3	002(00) 202)
Asia	44/106	52/105	0.74 (0.49–1.10)
Eastern Europe	42/116	48/113	0.84 (0.56–1.27)
Western Europe	109/303	136/301	0.77 (0.60–1.00)
Rest of the world	17/65	24/68	
	1//05	24/66	0.74 (0.40–1.39)
Race	4551450		0.00 (0.00 0.00)
White	156/450	192/455	0.82 (0.66-1.01)
All others†	49/118	58/113	0.71 (0.48–1.04)
ECOG performance status sco			
0	138/380	150/343	0.78 (0.62-0.99)
1	74/210	110/244	0.79 (0.59–1.06)
Smoking status			
Current	15/75	38/90	0.42 (0.23-0.77)
Former	155/428	185/431	0.84 (0.68–1.04)
Never	42/87	37/66	0.72 (0.47–1.13)
Disease stage			
IB	21/84	25/85	0.76 (0.43–1.37)
II	102/329	144/338	0.70 (0.55-0.91)
IIIA	89/177	89/162 —	0.92 (0.69–1.24)
Received adjuvant chemothe		03/202	0 32 (0 0 3 224)
No	35/84	29/83 —	1.25 (0.76-2.05)
Yes	177/506	231/504	0.73 (0.60-0.89)
Histology	1///500	232/304	073(0.00.003)
Non-squamous	146/398	184/363	0.67 (0.54-0.83)
Non-squarilous	140/390	104/303	0.07 (0.54-0.63)
PD-L1 TPS	00/172	70/224	104(07) 143)
<1%	89/233	106/232	0.78 (0.58–1.03)*
1–49%	69/189	91/190	0.67 (0.48-0.92)*
≥50%	54/168	63/165	0-82 (0-57–1-18)*
EGFR mutation	74/100	V 1/4V 1	0.02 (0·3/=1·18)
No	84/218	102/216	0.78 (0.59–1.05)
Yes	18/39	22/34	0.78 (0.39-1.03)
Unknown	110/333	136/337	0.82 (0.63–1.05)
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# Why may timing of immunotherapy matter?



#### Tumor present=

- 1. More antigen
- Activate the tumor—specific TILs already in the tumor
- 3. Better T cell priming at the level of the dendritic cell

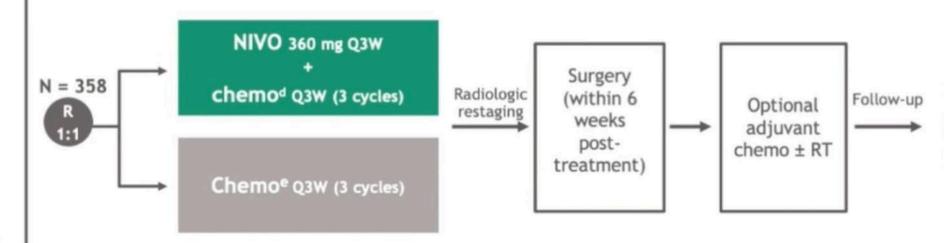
Topalian et al., SCIENCE 2020:367(647)

### **CHECKMATE 816**

#### Key eligibility criteria

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

Stratified by stage (IB/II vs IIIA), PD-L1<sup>b</sup> (≥ 1% vs < 1%<sup>c</sup>), and sex



#### Primary endpoints

- pCR by BIPR
- · EFS by BICR

#### Key secondary endpoints

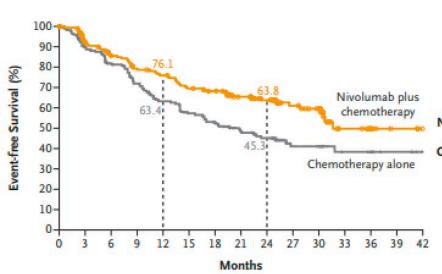
- MPR by BIPR
- OS
- Time to death or distant metastases

#### Key exploratory endpoints included

- · ORR by BICR
- Feasibility of surgery; peri- and post-operative surgery-related AEs

Forde et al. NEJM 2022

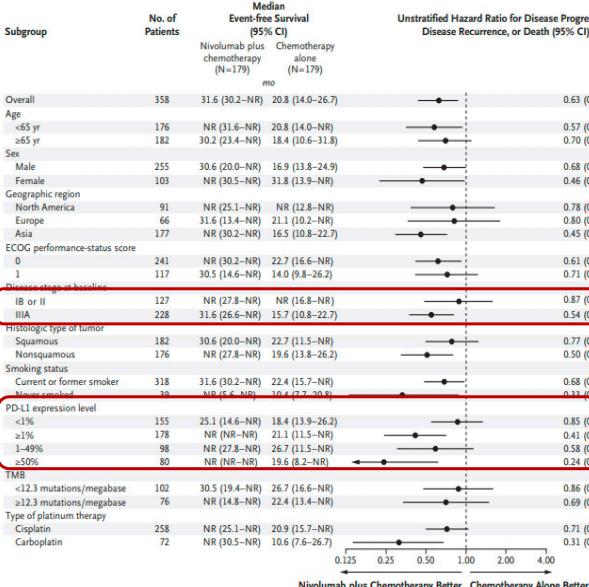
### **CHECKMATE 816: EFS BENEFIT**



	No. of Patients	Median Event-free Surviv (95% CI) mo
Nivolumab plus Chemotherapy	179	31.6 (30.2-NR)
Chemotherapy Alone	179	20.8 (14.0–26.7)

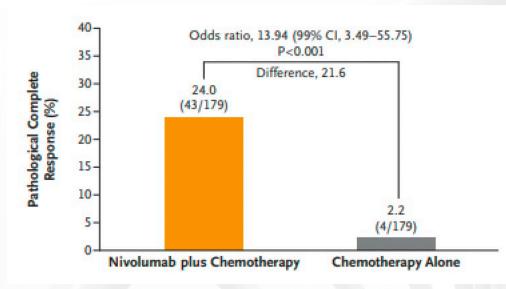
Hazard ratio for disease progressio (97.38% CI, 0.43-0.91)

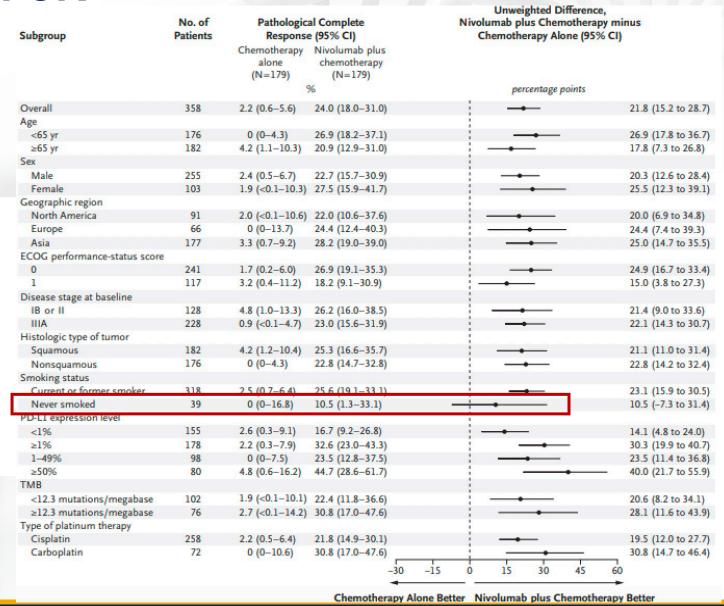
disease recurrence, or death, 0.6 P=0.005



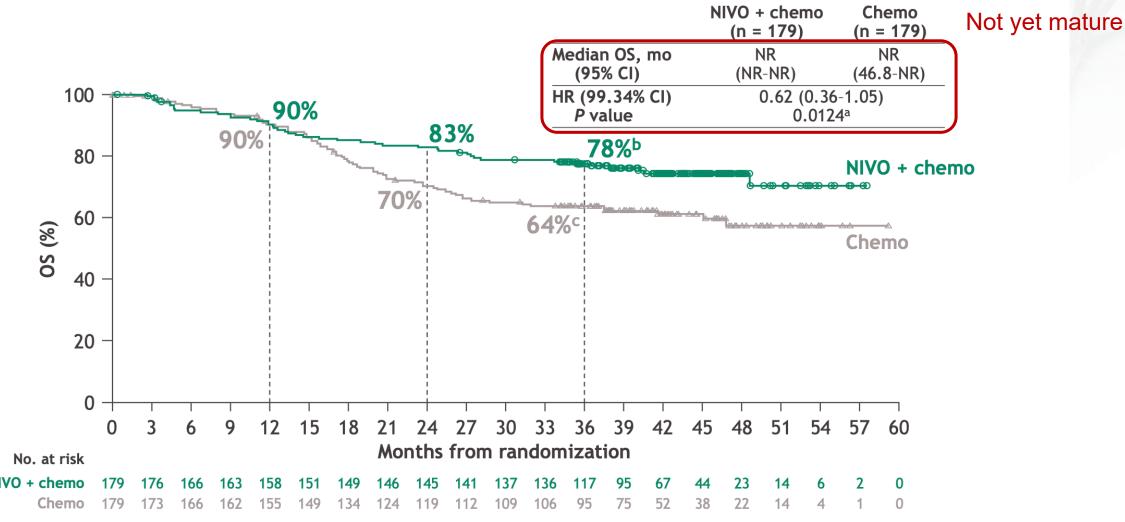
Nivolumab plus Chemotherapy Better Chemotherapy Alone Better

### **CHECKMATE 816: PATH CR**





### OS with neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo vs chemo: 3-year update



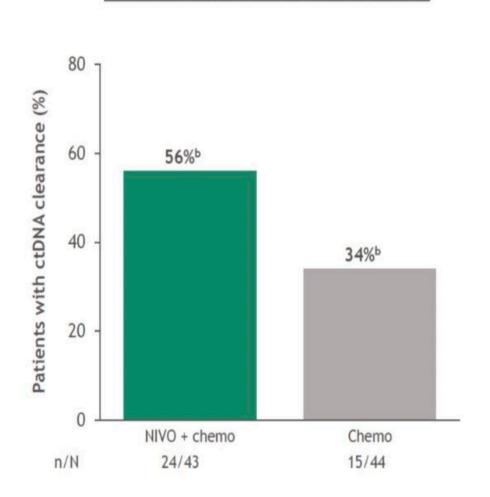
Minimum/median follow-up: 32.9/41.4 months.

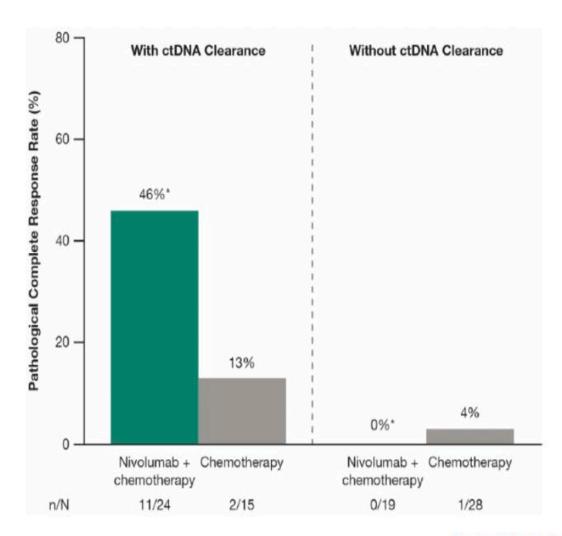
Forde et al. ELCC 2023 oral

aSignificance boundary for OS was not crossed at this interim analysis. b.c95% CIs for 3-year OS rates: b71-83; c56-70.

## CTDNA CLEARANCE AND ASSOCIATION WITH PCR IN CHECKMATE-816

ctDNA clearance rate (C1D1 to C3D1)a





Forde PM et al. NEJM 2022

# **CHECKMATE 816: SAFETY**

Event	•	Chemotherapy 176)	Chemotherapy Alone (N = 176)		
	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4	
Adverse events of any cause — no. (%)†					
All	163 (92.6)	72 (40.9)	171 (97.2)	77 (43.8)	
Leading to discontinuation of treatment	18 (10.2)	10 (5.7)	20 (11.4)	7 (4.0)	
Serious	30 (17.0)	19 (10.8)	24 (13.6)	17 (9.7)	
Treatment-related adverse events — no. (%)†					
All	145 (82.4)	59 (33.5)	156 (88.6)	65 (36.9)	
Leading to discontinuation of treatment	18 (10.2)	10 (5.7)	17 (9.7)	6 (3.4)	
Serious	21 (11.9)	15 (8.5)	18 (10.2)	14 (8.0)	
Death;	0	_	3 (1.7)	-	
Surgery-related adverse events — no./total no. (%)∫	62/149 (41.6)	17/149 (11.4)	63/135 (46.7)	20/135 (14.8)	

Forde et al. NEJM 2022

#### **DEBUNKING SURGICAL CONCERNS**

CheckMate 816 (NIVO + chemo in resectable NSCLC): 3-y efficacy and safety by definitive surgery status

### Subsequent therapy summary

	With defini	tive surgery	Without definitive surgery		
Patients, n (%)	NIVO + chemo (n = 149)	Chemo (n = 135)	NIVO + chemo (n = 30)	Chemo (n = 44)	
Any subsequent therapy	32 (22)	59 (44)	17 (57)	28 (64)	
Subsequent radiotherapy	14 (9)	26 (19)	11 (37)	18 (41)	
Subsequent surgery	4 (3)	7 (5)	1 (3)	1 (2)	
Subsequent systemic therapy	26 (17)	52 (38)	15 (50)	23 (52)	
Immunotherapy	14 (9)	31 (23)	1 (3)	16 (36)	
Targeted therapy	10 (7)	23 (17)	5 (17)	4 (9)	
Chemotherapy	23 (15)	28 (21)	14 (47)	19 (43)	

Numerically, more patients who got chemo alone did not get surgery than chemo + IO

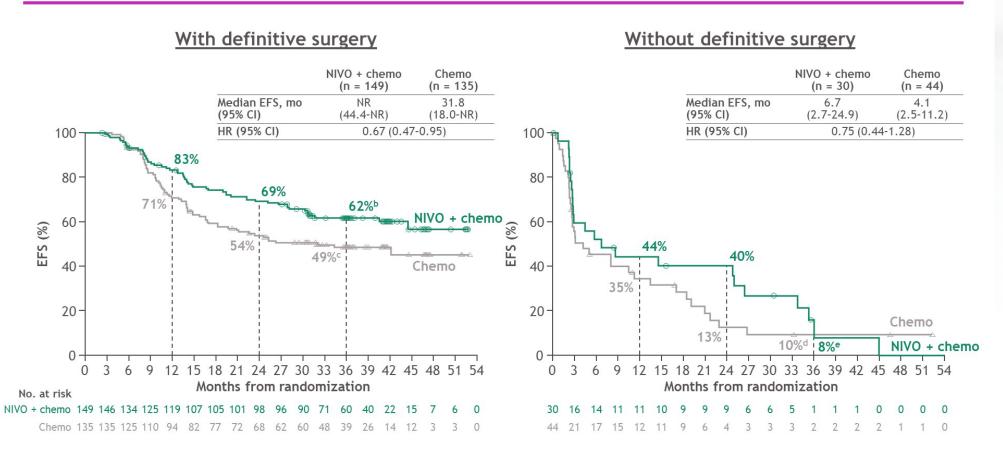
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Spicer et al. ASCO 2023

### PATIENTS WHO DON'T GET TO SURGERY HAVE POOR OUTCOMES

CheckMate 816 (NIVO + chemo in resectable NSCLC): 3-y efficacy and safety by definitive surgery status

### EFS<sup>a</sup> by definitive surgery status



Minimum/median follow-up, 32.9/41.4 months.

aSecondary definition: time from randomization to any progression of disease precluding surgery, progression or recurrence of disease after surgery, or death due to any cause; patients receiving subsequent therapy were 3 not censored, b-e95% CI: b53-69; c40-57; d2-22; e1-28

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### ADDITION OF NIVOLUMAB DOES NOT INCREASE SURGICAL AES

CheckMate 816 (NIVO + chemo in resectable NSCLC): 3-y efficacy and safety by definitive surgery status

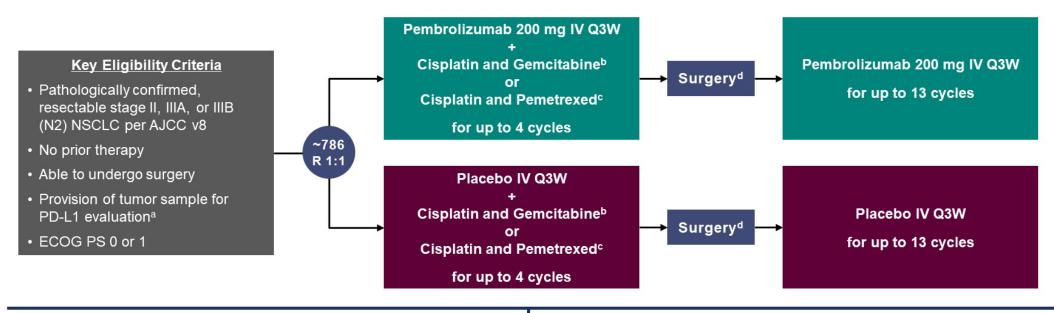
### Safety summary<sup>a</sup>

	With definitive surgery				Without definitive surgery				
	NIVO + chemo (n = 149)		Chemo (n = 135)		NIVO + chemo (n = 27)		Chemo (n = 41)		
Patients, n (%)	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4	
All AEsb	142 (95)	68 (46)	133 (98)	58 (43)	23 (85)	8 (30)	40 (98)	21 (51)	
TRAEsb	129 (87)	56 (38)	120 (89)	48 (36)	18 (67)	7 (26)	39 (95)	19 (46)	
All AEs leading to discontinuation <sup>b</sup>	16 (11)	8 (5)	13 (10)	5 (4)	2 (7)	2 (7)	7 (17)	2 (5)	
TRAEs leading to discontinuation <sup>b</sup>	16 (11)	8 (5)	11 (8)	5 (4)	2 (7)	2 (7)	6 (15)	1 (2)	
All SAEsb	23 (15)	16 (11)	15 (11)	11 (8)	7 (26)	3 (11)	9 (22)	6 (15)	
Treatment-related SAEsb	17 (11)	13 (9)	11 (8)	9 (7)	4 (15)	2 (7)	7 (17)	5 (12)	
Surgery-related AEsc	67 (45)	17 (11)	66 (49)	20 (15)	<u></u>	V==	=	v=	
Treatment-related deathsd	(	0		1 (1) <sup>e</sup>		0		2 (5) <sup>f</sup>	

aAEs per CTCAE v4.0 and MedDRA v25.0. Includes events reported between the first dose and 30 days after the last dose of neoadjuvant study treatment. Includes events reported within 90 days after definitive surgery. dTreatment-related deaths occurring at any time after the first dose of neoadjuvant study treatment. Due to pneumonia. Due to pancytopenia, diarrhea, and acute kidney injury (all in 1 patient) and enterocolitis (n = 1).

Spicer et al. ASCO 2023

# **KEYNOTE-671 Study Design**Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Trial



#### Stratification Factors

- Disease stage (II vs III)
- PD-L1 TPSa (<50% vs ≥50%)
- · Histology (squamous vs nonsquamous)
- · Geographic region (east Asia vs not east Asia)

Dual primary end points: EFS per investigator review and OS

**Key secondary end points:** mPR and pCR per blinded, independent pathology review, and safety

<sup>a</sup> Assessed at a central laboratory using PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx. <sup>b</sup> Cisplatin 75 mg/m² IV Q3W + gemcitabine 1000 mg/m² IV on days 1 and 8 Q3W was permitted for squamous histology only. <sup>c</sup> Cisplatin 75 mg/m² IV Q3W + pemetrexed 500 mg/m² IV Q3W was permitted for nonsquamous histology only. <sup>d</sup> Radiotherapy was to be administered to participants with microscopic positive margins, gross residual disease, or extracapsular nodal extension following surgery and to participants who did not undergo planned surgery for any reason other than local progression or metastatic disease. ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT03425643.





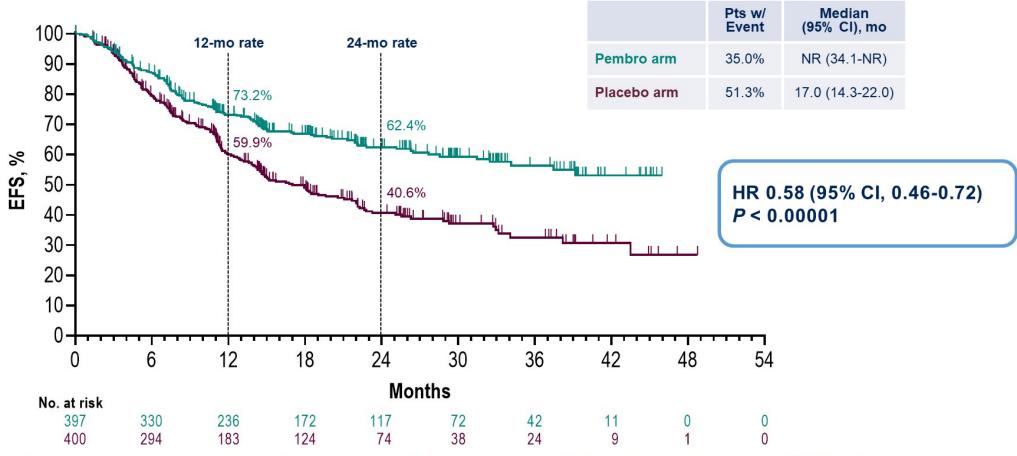
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#### **KEYNOTE-671: NEOADJ. CHEMO +PEMBRO**

### **Event-Free Survival**



EFS defined as time from randomization to first occurrence of local progression precluding planned surgery, unresectable tumor, progression or recurrence per RECIST v1.1 by investigator assessment, or death from any cause. Data cutoff date for IA1: July 29, 2022 (median follow-up, 25.2 mo [range, 7.5-50.6]).





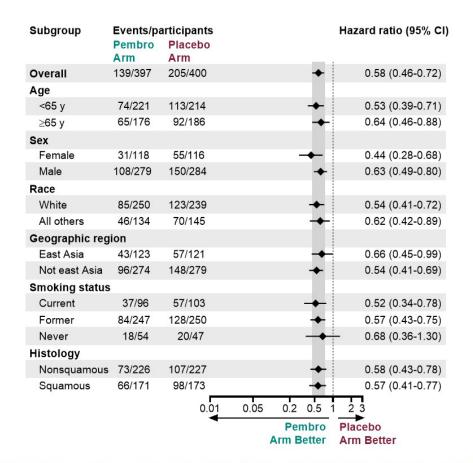
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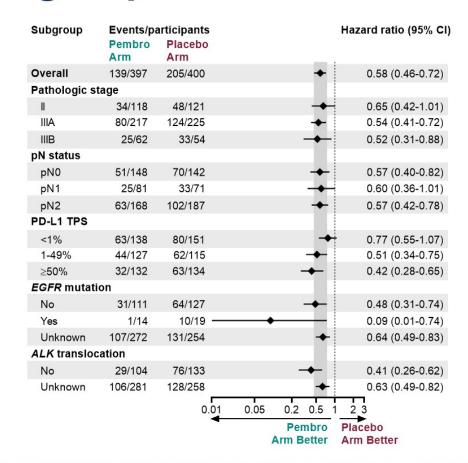
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#### **KEYNOTE-671: NEOADJ CHEMO + PEMBRO**

# **Event-Free Survival in Subgroups**





Per the prespecified analysis plan, subgroups with <30 participants are excluded from the forest plot. Subgroups for stage IIIA and IIIB and pN status were post hoc; all other subgroups were prespecified. Data cutoff date for IA1: July 29, 2022.



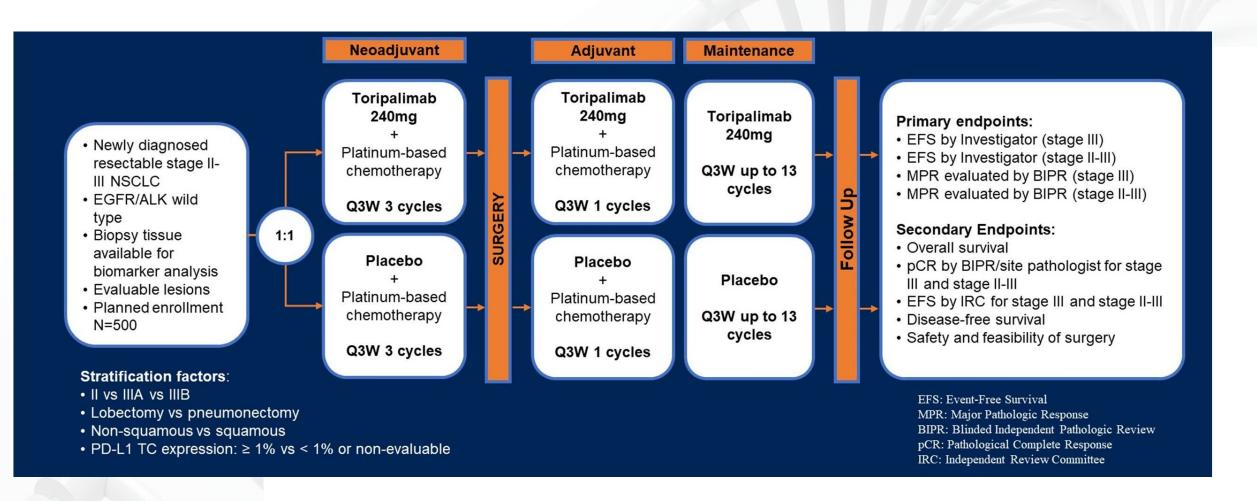


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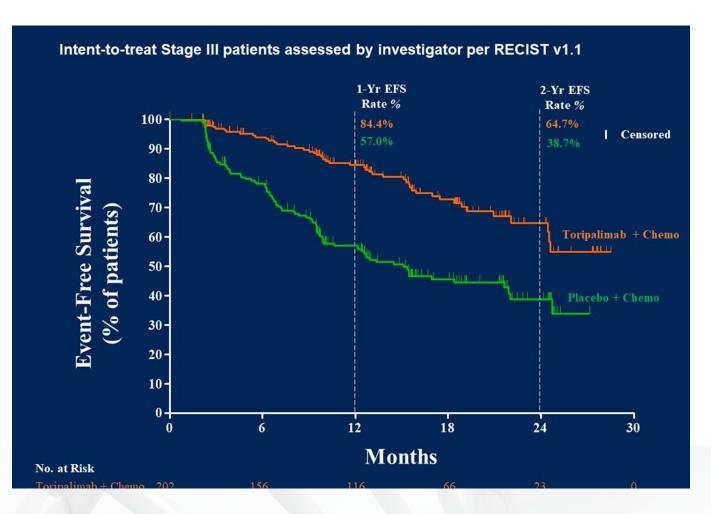


# **NEO-TORCH:** peri-operative toripalimab + chemo



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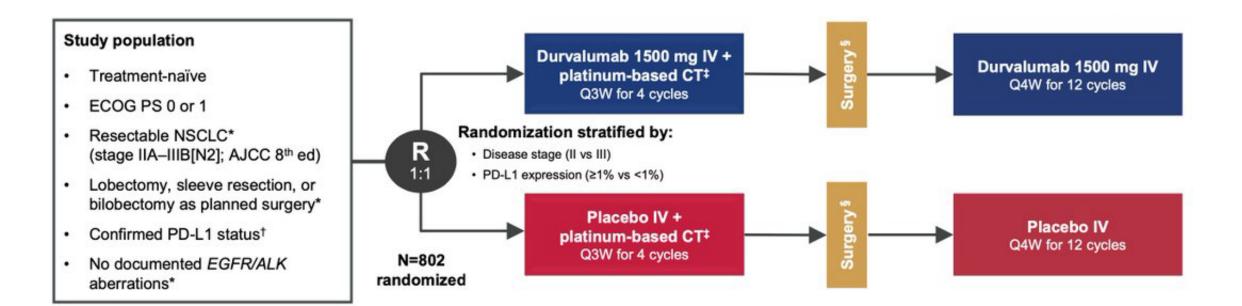




Does the number of cycles and timing of chemo-io matter?

3 chemo-IO pre-op, 1 post op

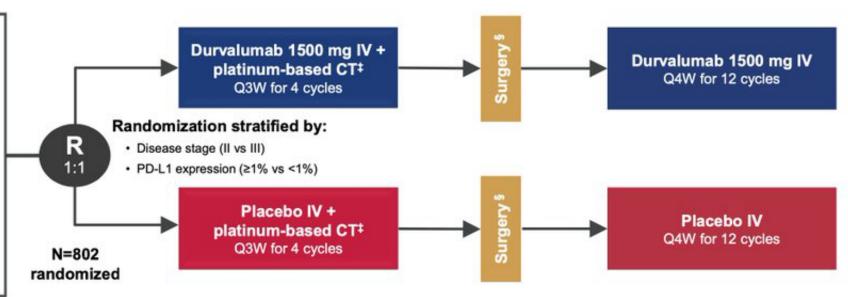
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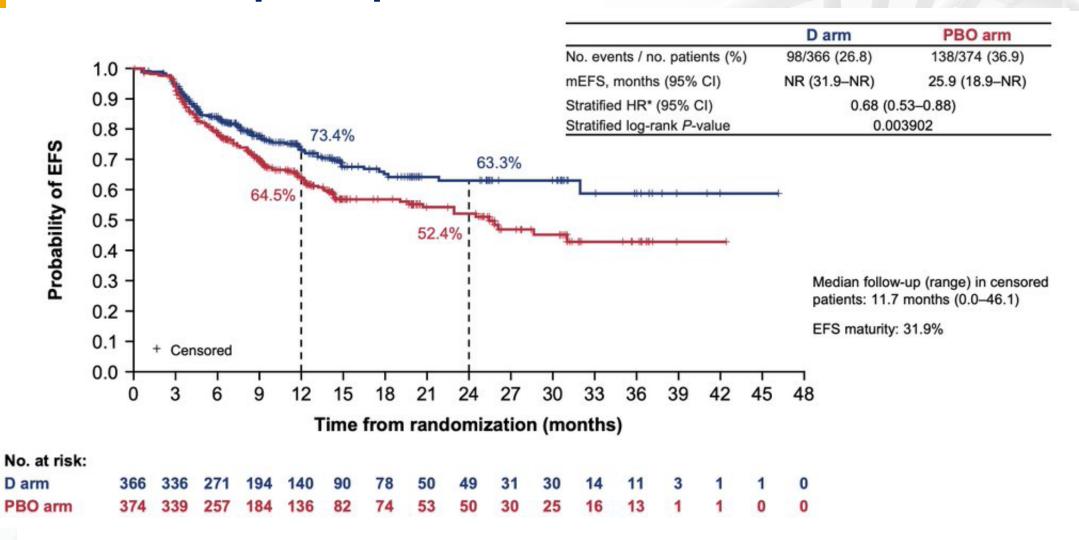


- Treatment-naïve
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Resectable NSCLC\* (stage IIA–IIIB[N2]; AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> ed)
- Lobectomy, sleeve resection, or bilobectomy as planned surgery\*
- Confirmed PD-L1 status†
- No documented EGFR/ALK aberrations\*

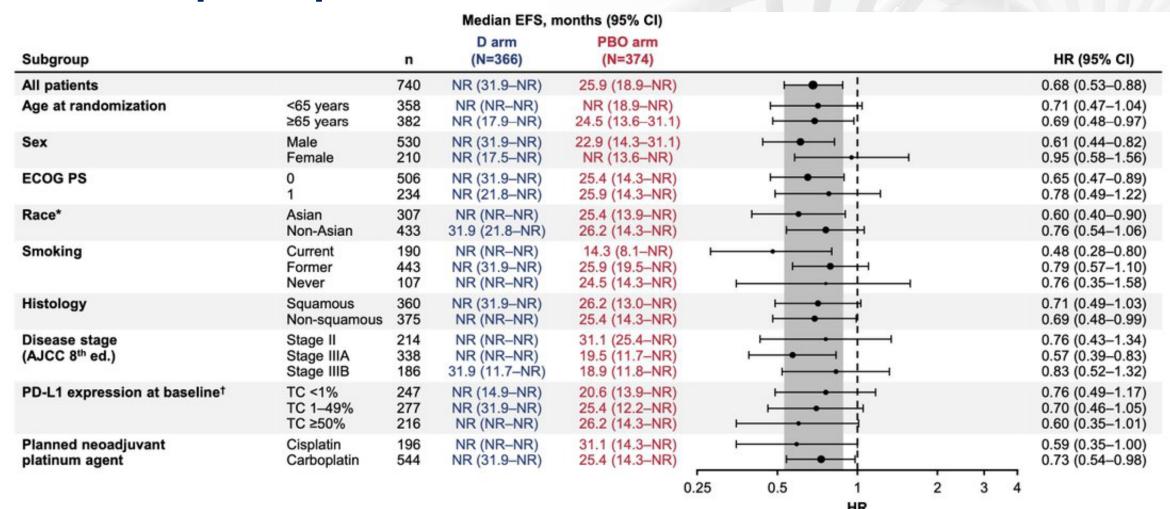


		D arm	PBO arm	·		Durva.	Placebo	
TNM classification	on†	(N=366)	(N=374)	****		Current	26.0	25.4
	T1	12.0	11.5	***	Smoking status, %	Former	60.1	59.6
Primary	T2	26.5	28.9	***		Never	13.9	15.0
tumor, %	Т3	35.0	34.5		Disease store	II	28.4	29.4
T4 26.5	25.1		Disease stage	IIIA	47.3	44.1		
NO 30.1	27.3		. (AJCC 8th ed.), %	IIIB	24.0	26.2		
Regional lymph	N1	20.5	23.3			Squamous	46.2	51.1
nodes, % N2 49.5	49.5	49.5		Histology, %	Non-squamous	53.6	47.9	
						TC <1%	33.3	33.4
					PD-L1 expression, %	TC 1-49%	36.9	38.0
						TC ≥50%	29.8	28.6

Haymach, AACR, 2023



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DCO = Nov 10, 2022; median EFS follow-up in censored patients: 11.7 months (range: 0.0–46.1); EFS maturity: 31.9%. Median calculated using the Kaplan-Meier method; HR for all patients (mITT) calculated using a stratified Cox proportional hazards model. HRs for subgroups calculated using unstratified Cox proportional hazards models. The size of circles is proportional to the number of events for each subgroup, and the horizontal bars represent the 95% Cls. \*Race was self-reported per the electronic case report form. \*Determined using the Ventana SP263 immunohistochemistry assay.

Haymach, AACR, 2023

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# Overall Survival Results Summary (Interim Analyses)

Immunotherapy Setting	Trial	Median f/u	HR (95% CI)	P value
Neoadjuvant	KEYNOTE-671	25.2 mo	0.73 (0.54, 0.99)	0.02124
+ Adjuvant	Neotorch	18.2 mo	0.62 (0.381, 0.999)	0.0502
Neoadjuvant	CheckMate 816	41.4 mo	0.62 (0.36, 1.05)	0.0124
Adjuvant	IMpower010	45-46 mo	ITT Stage IB-IIIA: 0.995 (0.78, 1.28) Stage II-IIIA: 0.95 (0.74, 1.24) Stage II-IIIA, PD-L1 TPS ≥1%: 0.71 (0.49, 1.03)	0.9661 N/A N/A
	KEYNOTE-091	35.6 mo	0.87 (0.67, 1.15)	0.17

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# Benefits of neoadjuvant immunotherapy approach

- 1. Improved overall survival, especially relevant for resectable N2 disease
- 2. Minimal surgical risks
- 3. Provides benefit regardless of PD-L1 status

Practice change may not be convenient, but in this case is necessary

# Key Questions remain for perioperative treatment NSCLC:

# 1. Can we omit chemotherapy?

- Patients want this
- Currently no proven overall survival benefit of IO alone in peri-operative setting

# 2. Role of PD\_L1

- Neoadjuvant chemo-nivo: All PD-L1 included in CM816 approval
- Adjuvant atezo: PD\_L1> 1% approved

# 3. Can we "downstage" patients?

- Currently need to determine surgical resectability up-front

### 4. What about common and less common driver mutations?

- Some trials address EGFR and ALK, but we have so many other drivers