



Advances in SCLC Therapy

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Serplulimab + Chemotherapy in 1L SCLC

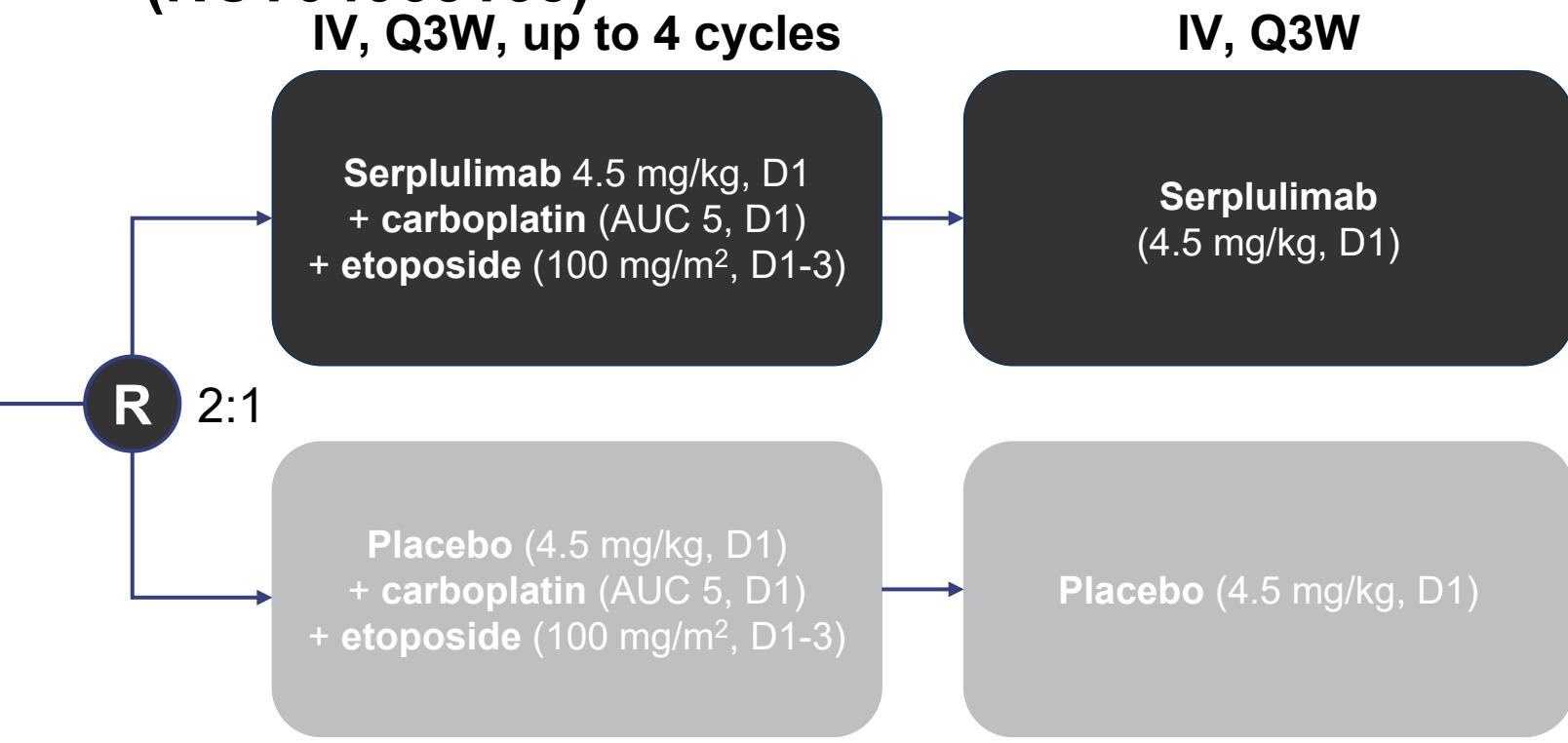
A randomized, double-blind, multicenter, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial
(NCT04063163)

Main inclusion criteria

- Histologically/cytologically diagnosed with ES-SCLC
- No prior systemic therapy for ES-SCLC
- At least one measurable lesion
- ECOG PS 0/1

Stratification factors

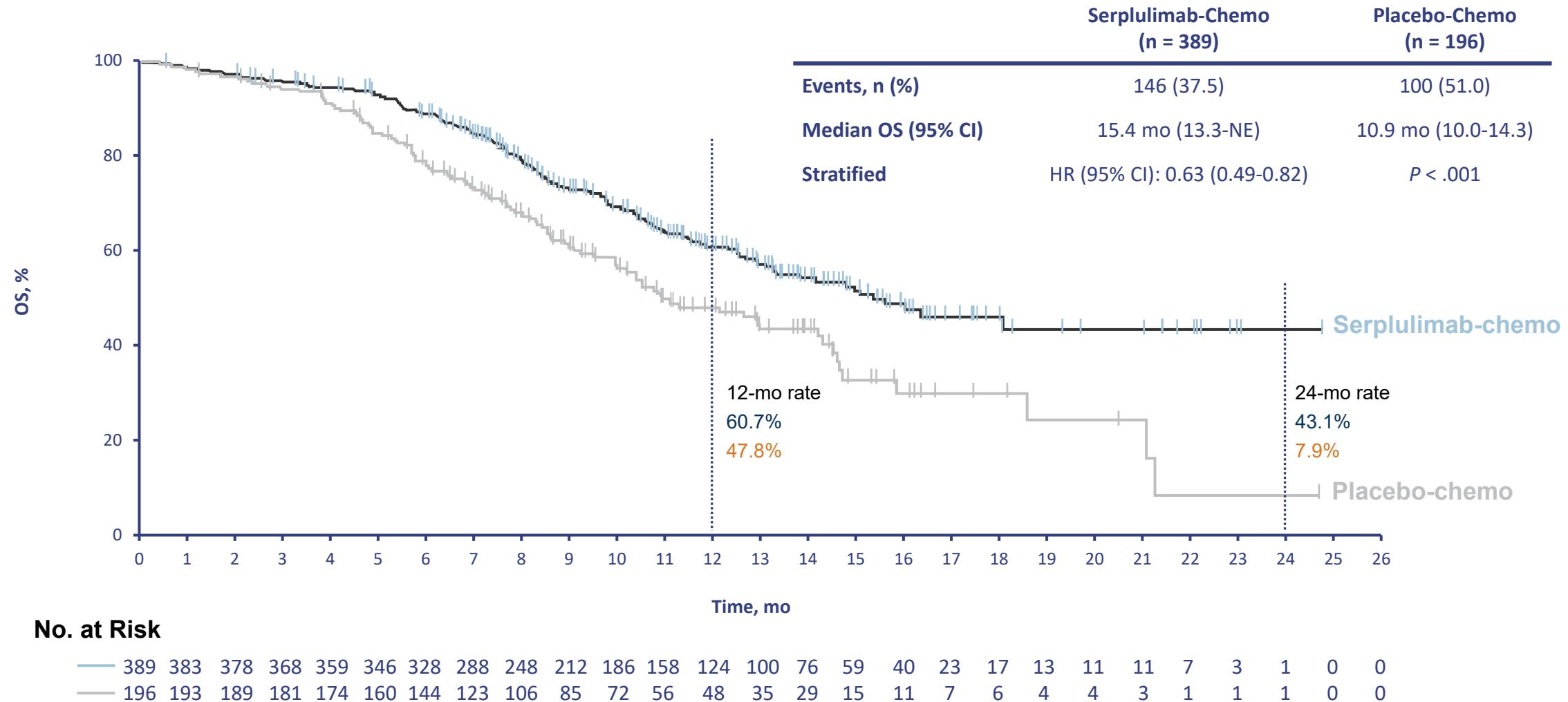
- PD-L1 expression levels (negative: TPS <1%, positive: TPS ≥1%, or NA)
- Brain metastases (yes or no)
- Age (<65 vs ≥65)



- **Primary endpoint:** OS
- **Key secondary endpoints:** PFS, ORR, DOR, safety, and immunogenicity

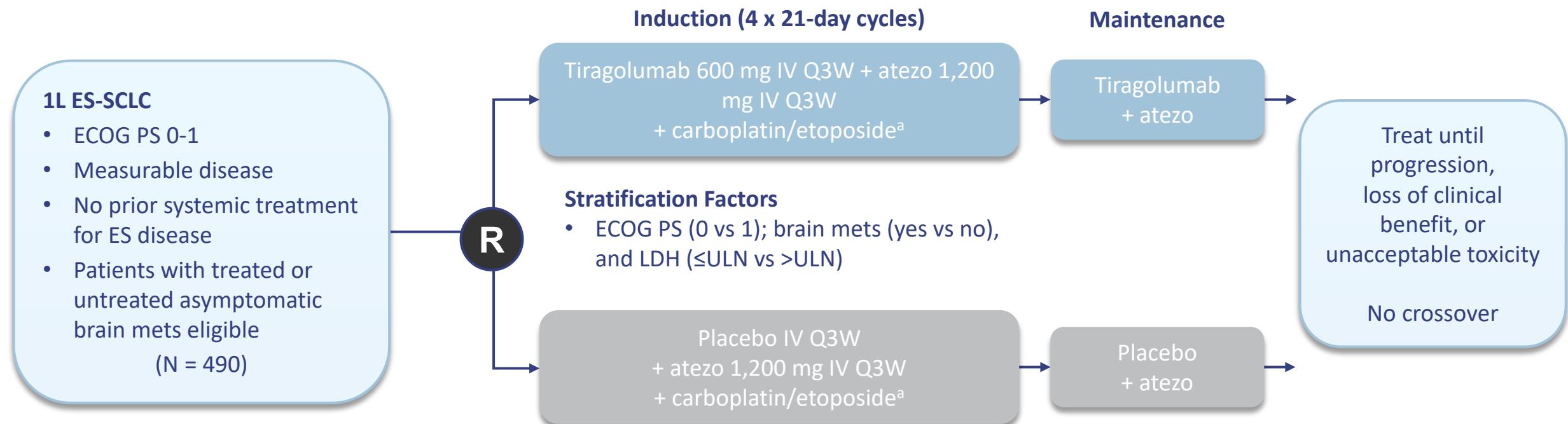
Serplulimab + Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy as 1L Treatment for ES-SCLC: OS

Rates of never smokers was very high in this study—was it representative of the global, real-world SCLC population?



SKYSCRAPER-02: Phase 3 Study of Tiragolumab + Atezolizumab + Chemotherapy in Untreated ES-SCLC

TIGIT is an investigational immune checkpoint pathway, and tiragolumab is a human IgG1/kappa anti-TIGIT mAb



Coprimary endpoints

- OS and investigator-assessed PFS in primary set analysis set (all randomized patients without presence or history of brain mets at BL)

Secondary endpoints

- PFS and OS in full analysis set (all randomized patients); confirmed ORR, DOR, safety, pharmacokinetics, PROs

Primary analysis

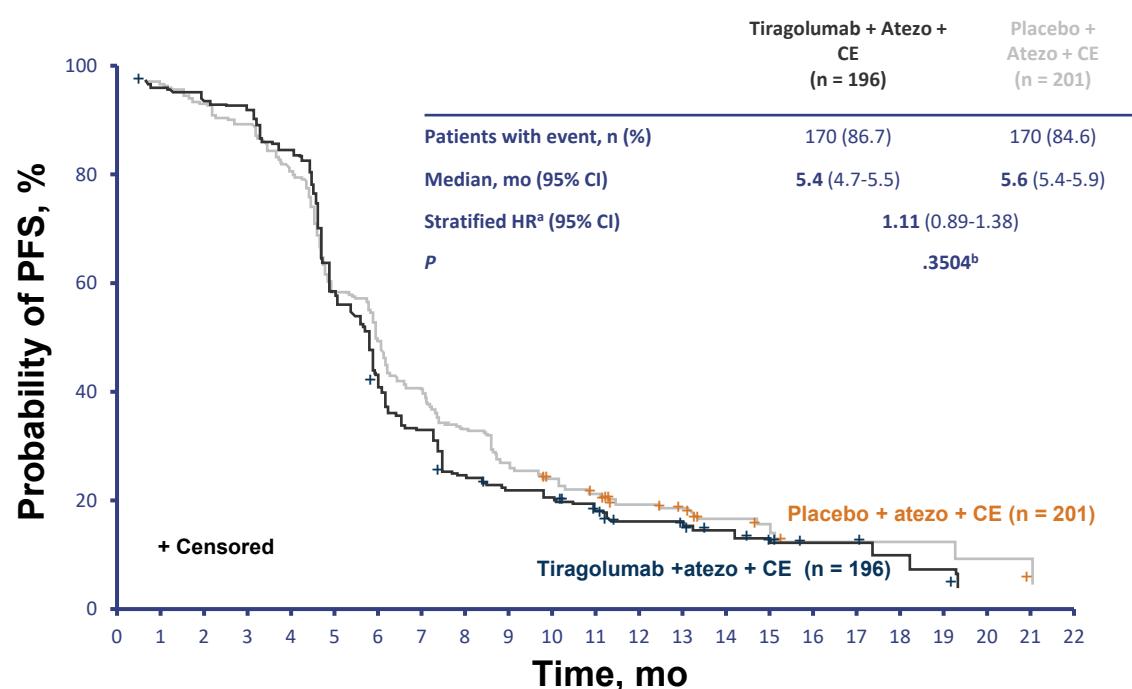
- Cutoff date: Feb 6 2022; median follow-up: 14.3 months (primary analysis set)

^a Carboplatin IV AUC 5 mg/mL/min Q3W and etoposide IV 100 mg/m² body surface area days 1-3 Q3W.

1. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04256421>. 2. Rudin CM et al. ASCO 2022. Abstract LBA8507.

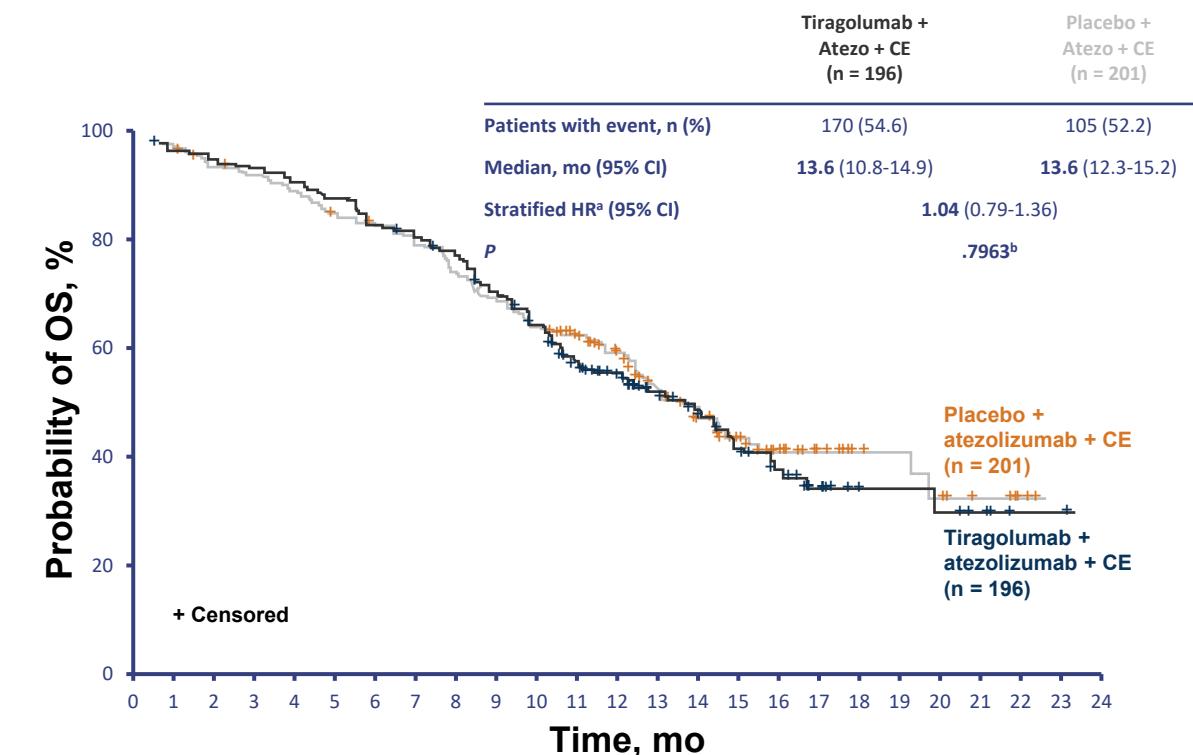
SKYSCRAPER-02: PFS and OS

PFS: Primary Analysis Set



No. at Risk
Placebo + atezo + CE
Tiragolumab + atezo + CE

OS: Primary Analysis Set

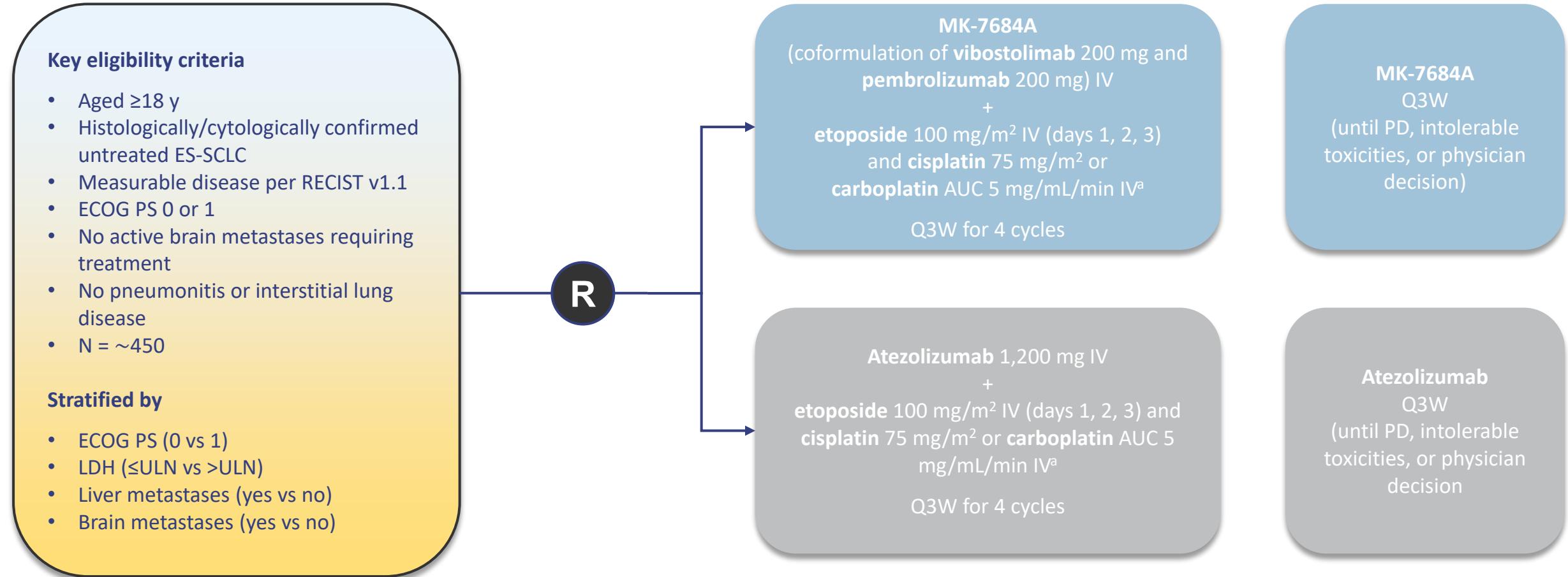


No. at Risk
Placebo + atezo + CE
Tiragolumab + atezo + CE

^a Stratification factors are: ECOG, LDH. ^b Statistical boundary: 0.001.

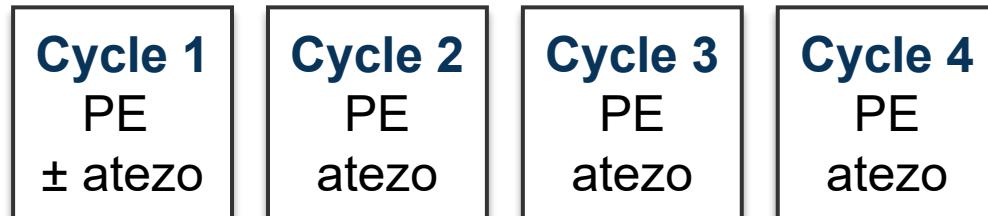
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KEYVIBE-008: Phase 3 Study of First-Line Vibostolimab + Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy in ES-SCLC



Atezolizumab + Talazoparib Maintenance SCLC 1L, *SLFN11+* disease

***SLFN11* IHC H-score ≥ 1 as integral biomarker**



Optional
PCI/TRT

***SLFN11+*
and
nonprogressive
disease**

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**Arm A
Atezolizumab**

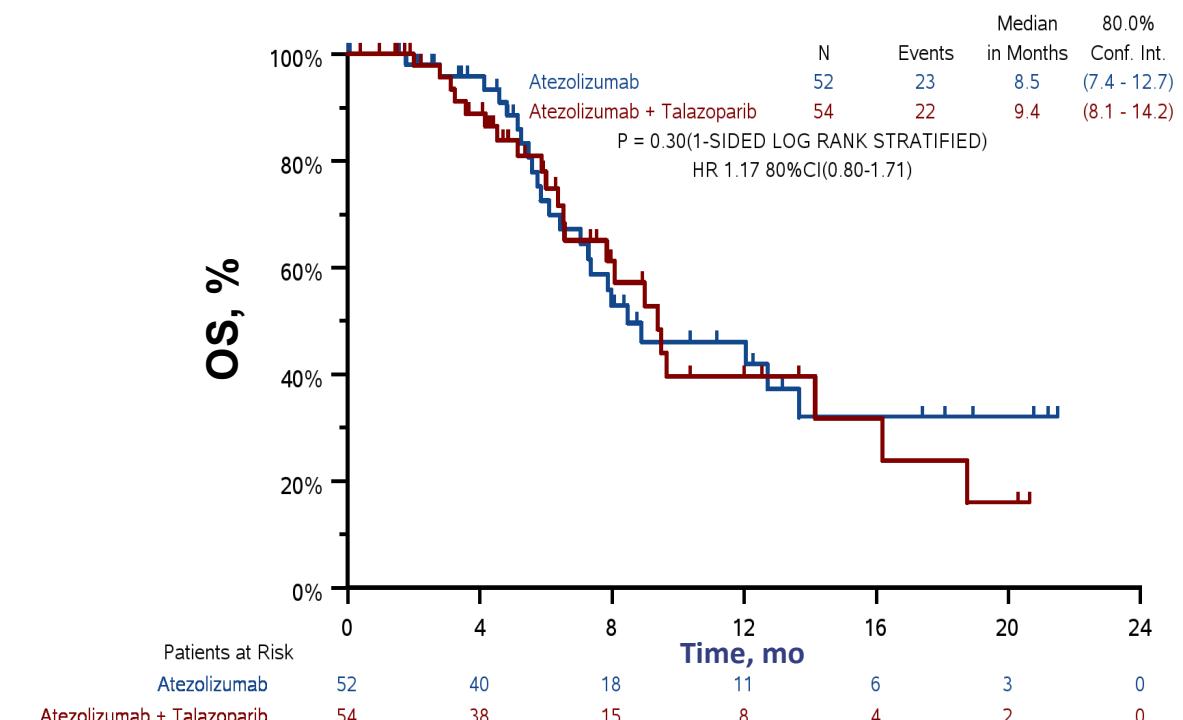
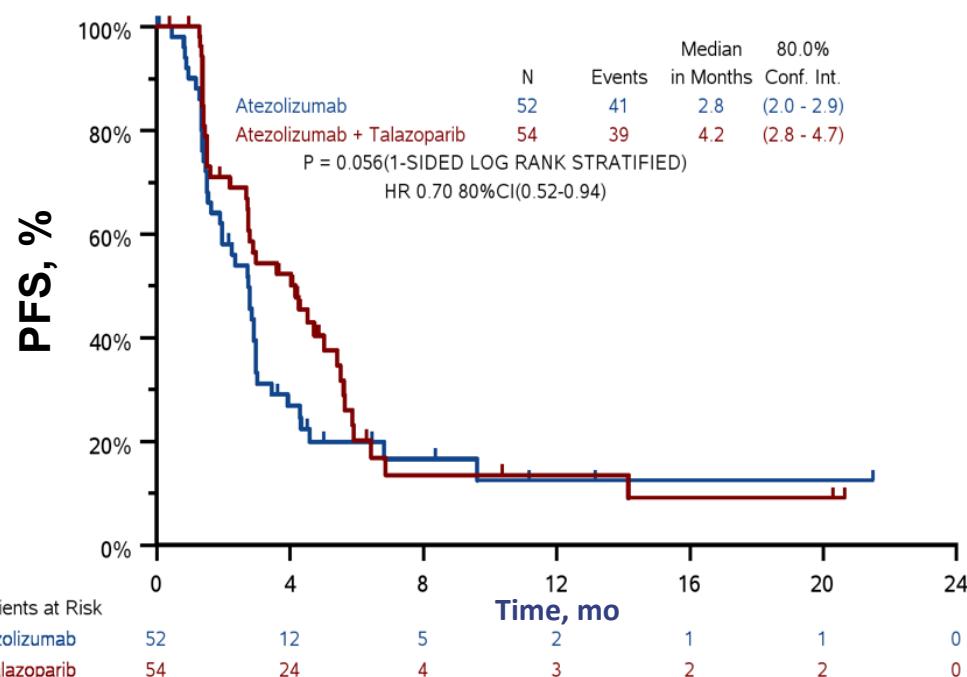
**Arm B
Atezolizumab
+ talazoparib**

Step 1: registration
SLFN11 IHC on archival specimen

**Step 2:
randomization**

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SWOG 1929: PFS and OS



**Trials underway testing thoracic RT and RT to metastatic sites
with maintenance immunotherapy**

Relapsed SCLC



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SCLC SUBSEQUENT SYSTEMIC THERAPY (PS 0–2) ^c Consider dose reduction or growth factor support for patients with PS 2.	
Preferred Regimens	
• Platinum-based doublet ^{d,e,f,36,37,39-41}	
• Clinical trial	
Other Recommended Regimens	
• Topotecan oral (PO) or intravenous (IV) ¹⁴⁻¹⁶	
• Lurbinectedin ^{17,38}	
• Cyclophosphamide/doxorubicin/vincristine (CAV) ¹⁴	
• Docetaxel ²⁰	
• Oral etoposide ^{24,25}	
• Gemcitabine ^{28,29}	
• Irinotecan ²¹	
• Nivolumab ^{b,d,30,31}	
• Paclitaxel ^{18,19}	
• Pembrolizumab ^{b,d,32-34}	
• Temozolomide ^{22,23}	
• Vinorelbine ^{26,27}	
• Bendamustine (category 2B) ³⁵	

^b Contraindications for treatment with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors may include active or previously documented autoimmune disease and/or concurrent use of immunosuppressive agents.

^c Subsequent systemic therapy refers to second-line and beyond therapy.

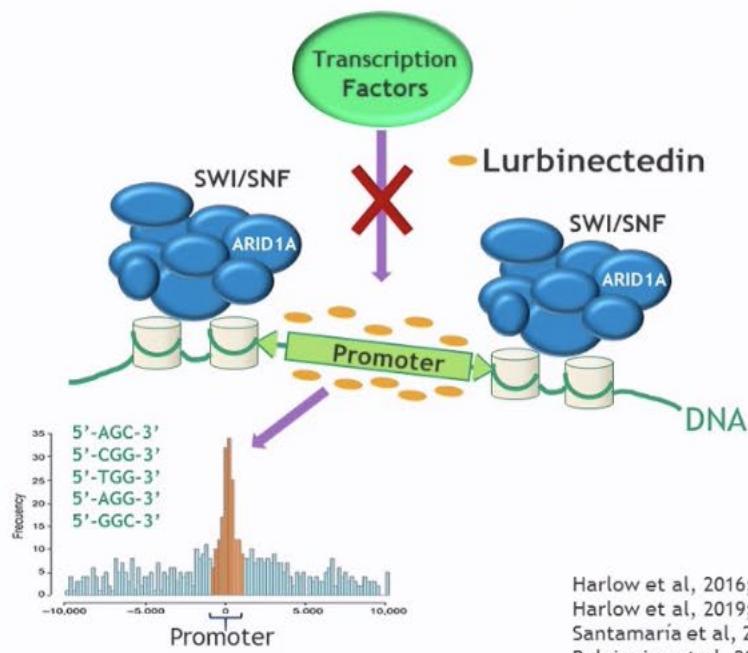
^d The use of immune checkpoint inhibitors is discouraged if there is progression on maintenance atezolizumab or durvalumab at time of relapse.

^e Rechallenging with the original regimen or similar platinum-based regimen, as shown on SCL-E 1, is recommended if there has been a disease-free interval of more than 6 months and may be considered if there has been a disease-free interval of at least 3 to 6 months.

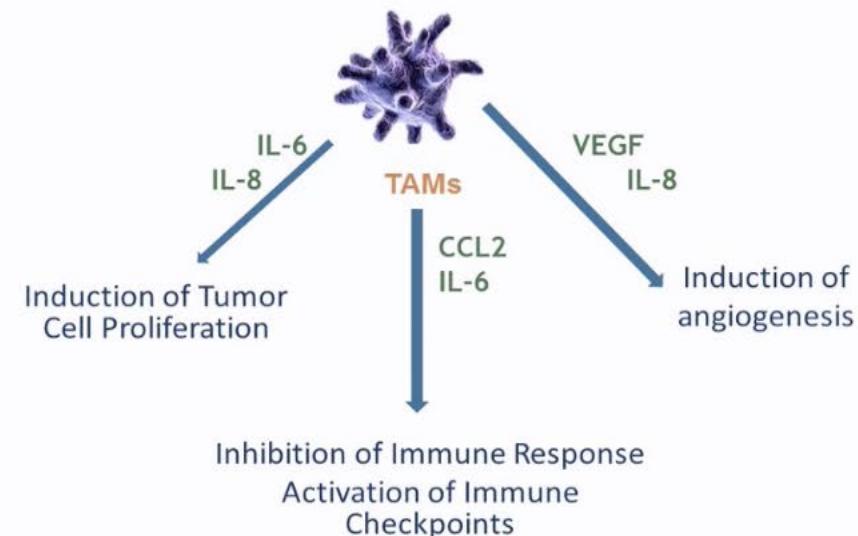
^f See regimens on [SCL-E 1](#).

Lurbinectedin - a Selective Inhibitor of Oncogenic Transcription

CANCER IS FREQUENTLY A TRANSCRIPTIONAL DISEASE CAUSED BY DEREGLATED ONCOGENIC TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS



BY INHIBITING ACTIVE TRANSCRIPTION IN TUMOR ASSOCIATED MACROPHAGES (TAMs), LURBINECTEDIN DOWNREGULATES IL-6, IL-8, CCL2 AND VEGF

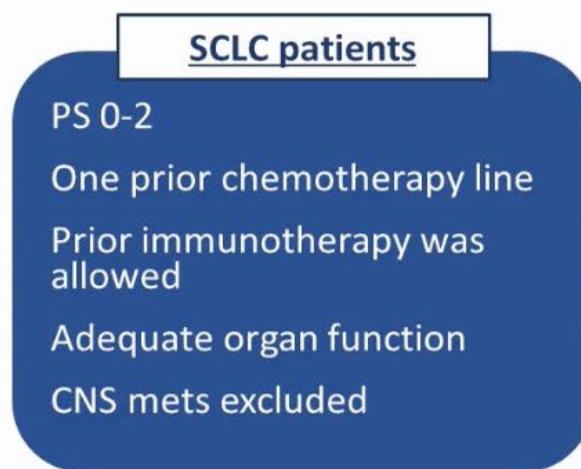


Harlow et al, 2016; Cancer Res 72: 6657-68
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Belgiavine et al, 2017 Br J Cancer 117:628-38

Lurbinectedin as Single Agent in Second Line SCLC: Phase II BASKET Trial

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE : ORR by RECIST V.1.1

(Investigator assessed)



➤ **Lurbinectedin 3.2 mg/m², 1h iv, q3wk**

≥ 2
responses
in first 15 patients*

Enroll up to
100 patients

* 5 confirmed responses observed in the first 15 treated patients

Statistical assumptions for SCLC cohort

Null hypothesis :
≤15% get a response
($p \leq 0.15$)

Alternative hypothesis:
≥30% get a response
($p \geq 0.30$)

Statistical power 95%

≥ 23% of confirmed
responses needed to
reject the null hypothesis

Data cut-off: January 15th 2019

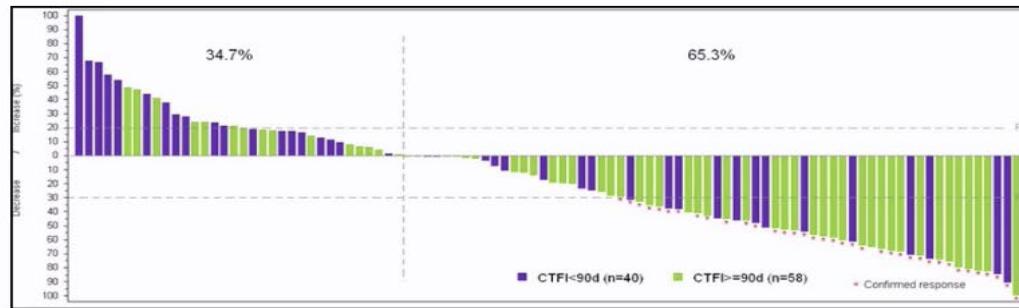
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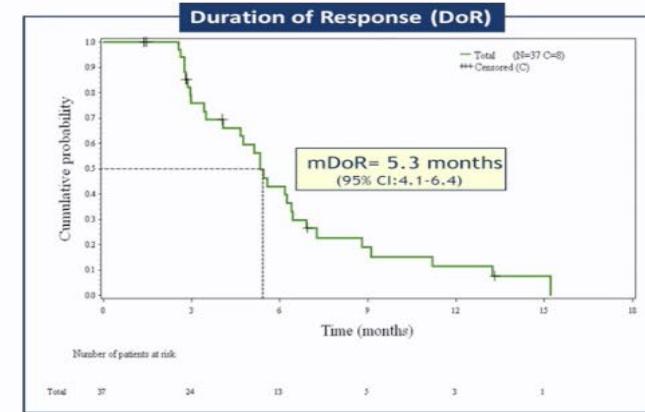
Lurbinectedin: Efficacy in SCLC

The study met its primary end point, ORR



	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)

- Single arm Phase 2 study
- Immature OS data
- Shifting standards for first-line therapy: chemo/IO
- Active CNS metastases excluded

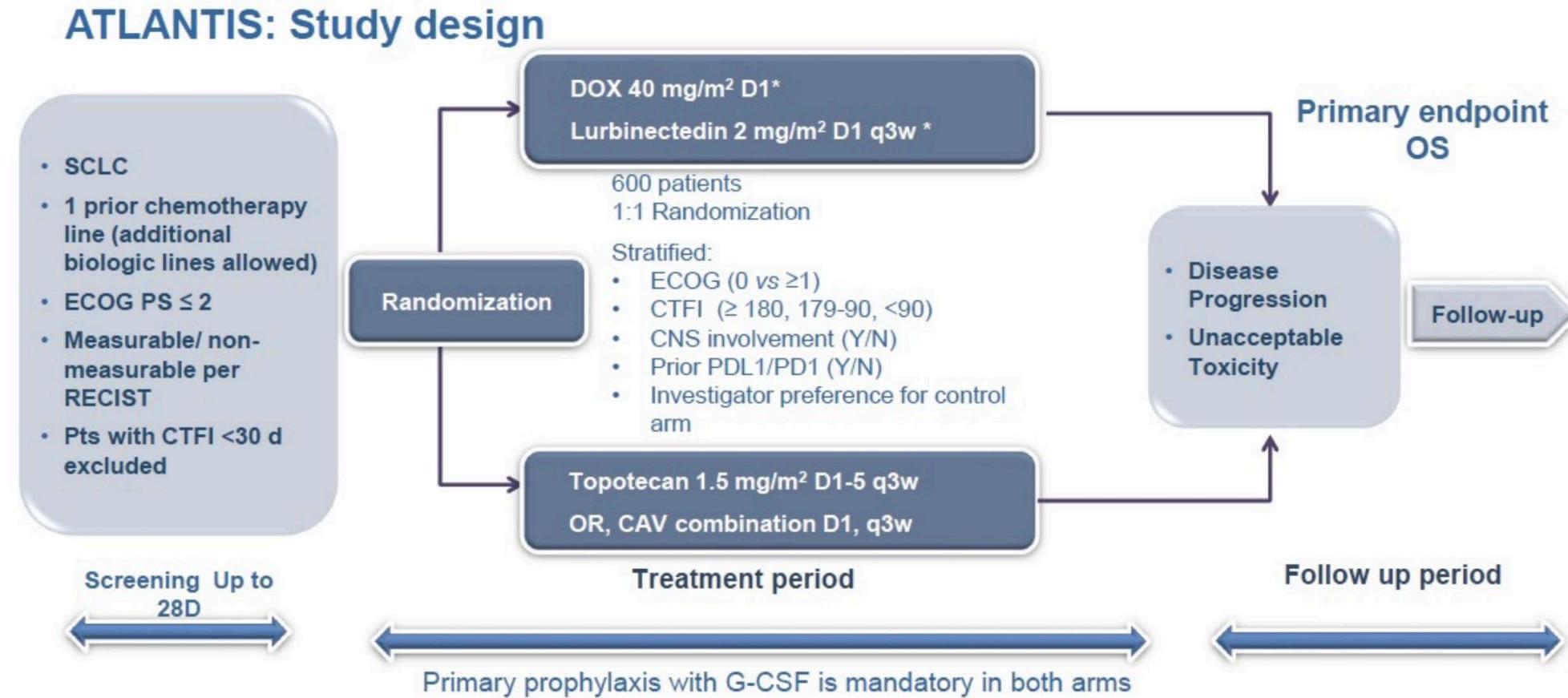


	Lurbinectedin (n=105)	Von Pawel 2014: Topotecan (n=213) ¹	Von Pawel 2014: Amrubicin (n=424) ¹	CheckMate 331: Chemotherapy (n=285) ²	CheckMate 331: Nivolumab (n=284) ²
ORR (%)	35.2	16.9	31.1	16.5	13.7
ORR sens (%)	45.0	23.1	40.9		
ORR res (%)	22.2	9.4	20.1		
mPFS	3.9 m	3.5 m	4.1 m	3.8 m	1.4 m
mPFS sens	4.6 m	4.3 m	5.5 m		
mPFS res	2.6 m	2.6 m	2.8 m		
mOS	9.3 m 95% CI 6.3-11.8	7.8 m 95% CI 6.6-8.5	7.5 m 95% CI 6.8-8.5	8.4 m 95% CI 7.0-10.0	7.5 m 95% CI 5.6-9.2
mOS sens	11.9 m	9.9 m	9.2 m	11.1 m	7.6 m
mOS res	5.0 m	6.2 m	5.7 m	5.7 m	7.0 m

Lurbinectedin: Safety¹

	Grade 1/2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Hematological abnormalities (regardless of relation to study drug), n (%)^a			
Anemia	91 (87)	9 (9)	0
Leukopenia	53 (50)	20 (19)	10 (10)
Neutropenia	27 (26)	22 (21)	26 (25)
Thrombocytopenia	39 (37)	3 (3)	4 (4)
Biochemical abnormalities (regardless of relation to study drug), n/N (%)^a			
Creatinine ^b	86/104 (83)	0	0
Alanine aminotransferase	69/103 (67)	5/103 (5)	0
Aspartate aminotransferase	52/103 (50)	13/103 (13)	2/103 (2)
γ-glutamyltransferase	44/103 (43)	2/103 (2)	0
Alkaline phosphatase	31/103 (30)	3/103 (3)	0
Treatment-related adverse events, n (%)			
Fatigue	54 (51)	7 (7)	0
Nausea	34 (32)	0	0
Decreased appetite	22 (21)	0	0
Vomiting	19 (18)	0	0
Diarrhea	13 (14)	1 (1)	0
Febrile neutropenia	0	2 (2)	3 (3)
Pneumonia	0	2 (2)	0
Skin ulcer	0	1 (1)	0

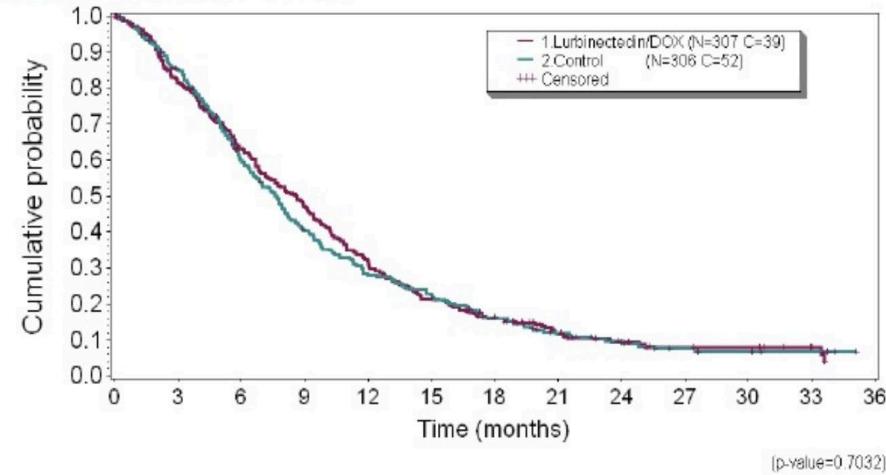
Relapsed SCLC: Atlantis



* Maximum 10 cycles, lubrinectedin to be continued at 3.2 mg/m² D1 q3w

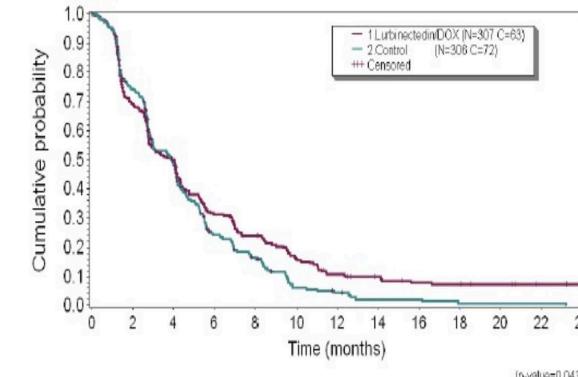
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Overall Survival (ITT population)



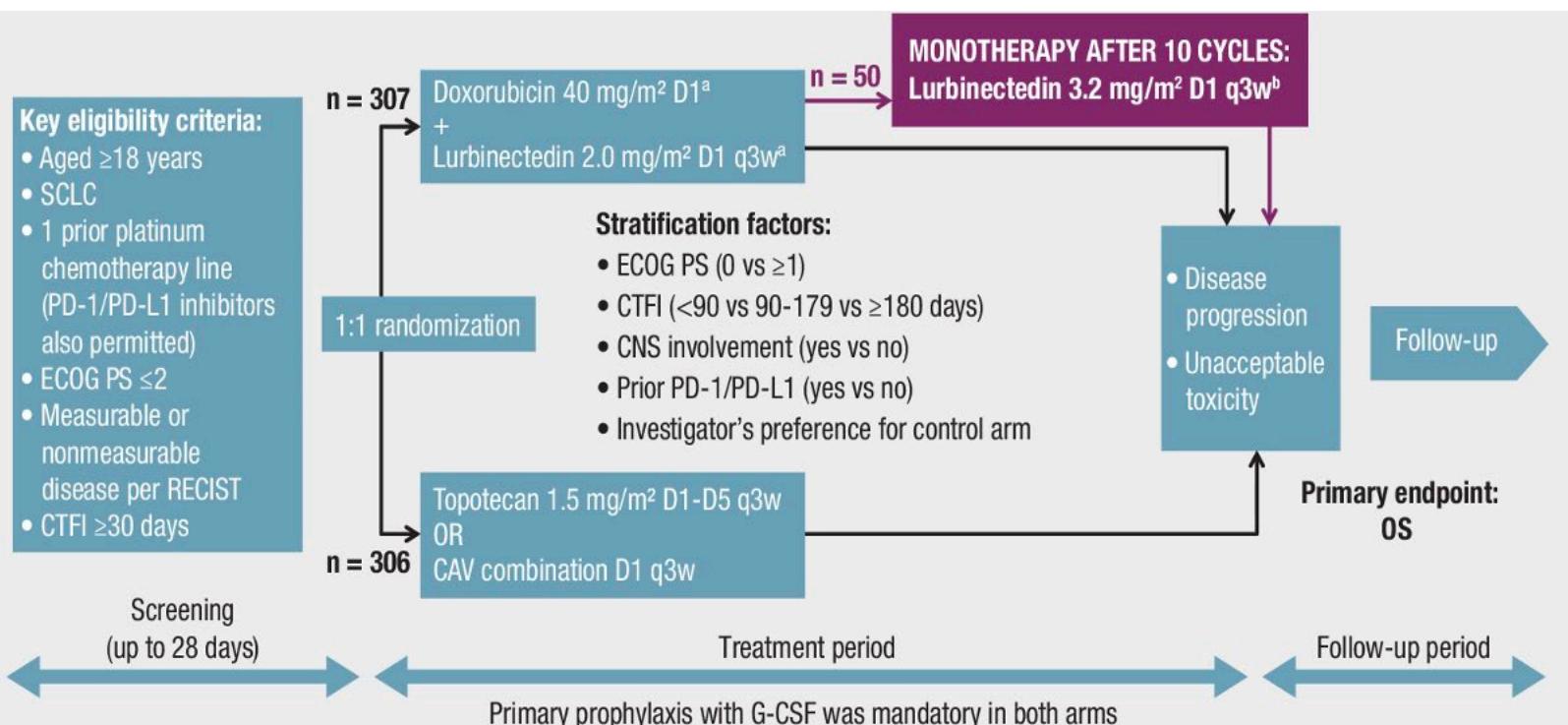
	Lurbinectedin+DOX (N=307)	Control (N=306)	Parameter	p-value
Events, n (%)	268 (87.3)	254 (83.0)		
Censored, n (%)	39 (12.7)	52 (17.0)		
Median OS (95% CI), months	8.6 (7.1, 9.4)	7.6 (6.6, 8.2)	HR : 0.967 (0.815, 1.148)	0.7032
Mean OS, months	10.6	9.9		

PFS by Independent Review Committee: Lurbinectedin/Doxo vs Control



	Lurbinectedin+DOX (N=307)	Control (N=306)	Parameter	p-value
Events, n (%)	244 (79.5)	234 (76.5)		
Censored, n (%)	63 (20.5)	72 (23.5)		
Median PFS (95% CI), months	4.0 (2.8, 4.2)	4.0 (3.0, 4.1)	HR: 0.831 (0.693, 0.996)	0.0437
Mean PFS, months	5.9	4.6		
PFS (%) at 6 months (95% CI)	31.3 (25.8, 36.9)	24.4 (19.1, 30.1)		0.0851
PFS (%) at 12 months (95% CI)	10.8 (7.1, 15.3)	4.4 (2.1, 8.1)		0.0129

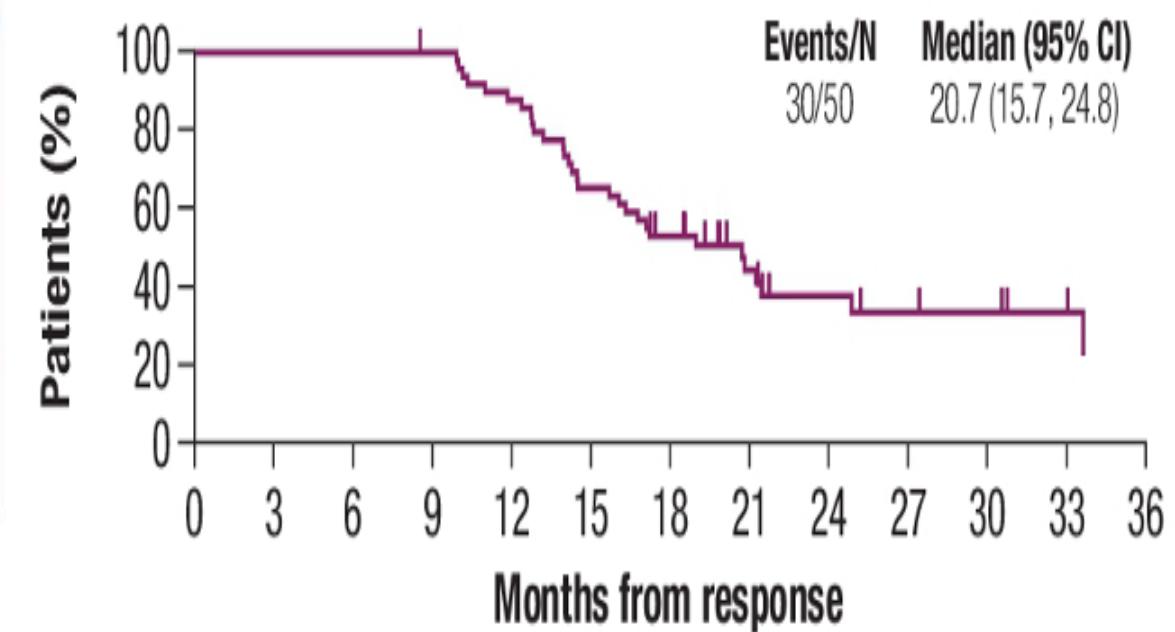
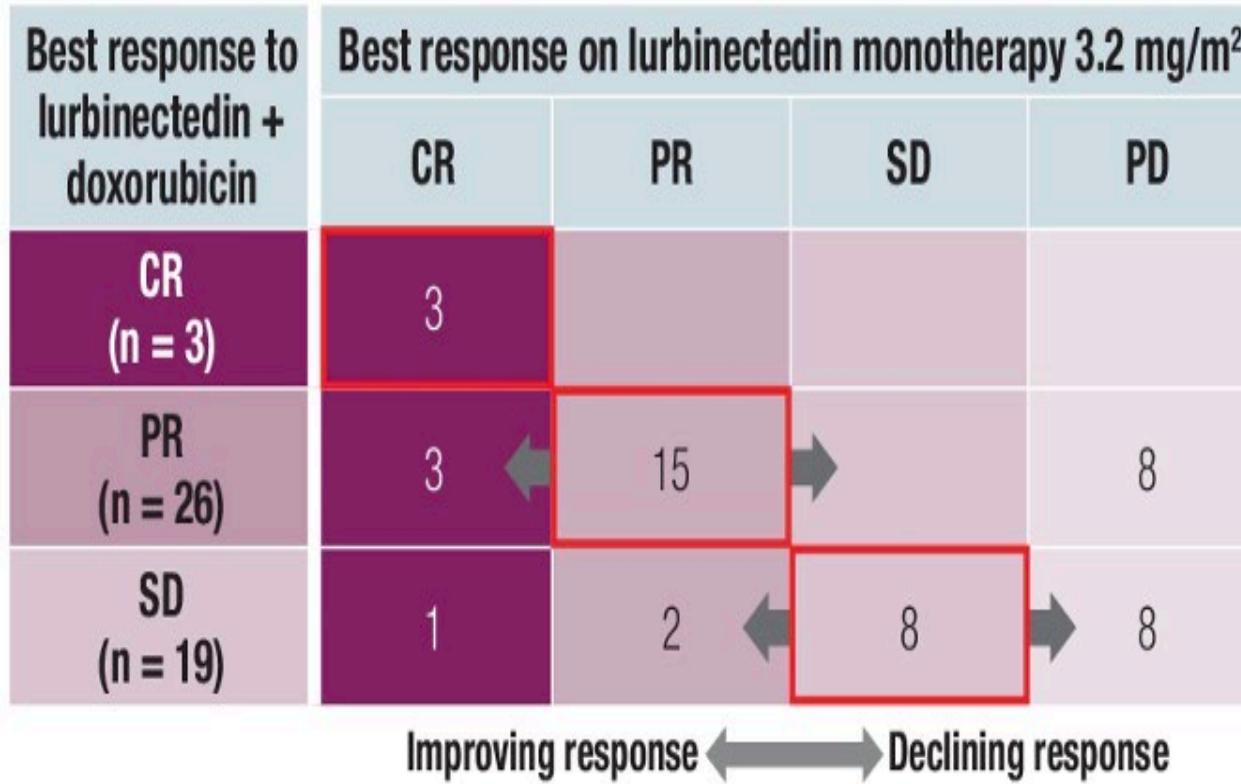
Analysis of patients with relapsed SCLC receiving lurbinectedin in the phase 3 ATLANTIS trial



Baseline characteristics

	n = 50
Median (range) age, years	61.5 (43, 77)
Age group, n (%)	
18 to 49 years	1 (2)
50 to 65 years	31 (62)
>65 years	18 (36)
Male, n (%)	31 (62)
Race, n (%)	
White	40 (80)
Not available	10 (20)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0	21 (42)
1	29 (58)
Smoking status, n (%)	
Former	31 (62)
Current	16 (32)
Never	3 (6)
Disease stage at baseline, n (%)	
Extensive	40 (80)
Limited	10 (20)
Baseline CNS involvement, n (%)	3 (6)
Best response to first-line therapy, n (%)	
CR	9 (18)
PR	32 (64)
SD	6 (12)
PD	1 (2)
Unknown	2 (4)
CTFI, n (%)	
<90 days	2 (4)
≥90 days	48 (96)
<180 days	18 (36)
≥180 days	32 (64)

Analysis of patients with relapsed SCLC receiving lurtinectedin in the phase 3 ATLANTIS trial



Phase 3 LAGOON trial ongoing

- Confirmatory phase 3 trial has been initiated: LAGOON



- Patients with SCLC progression following prior platinum-containing chemotherapy with or without anti-PD-1 or anti-PD-L1 agents
- Expected N: 705 from >100 sites, mainly in North America and Europe

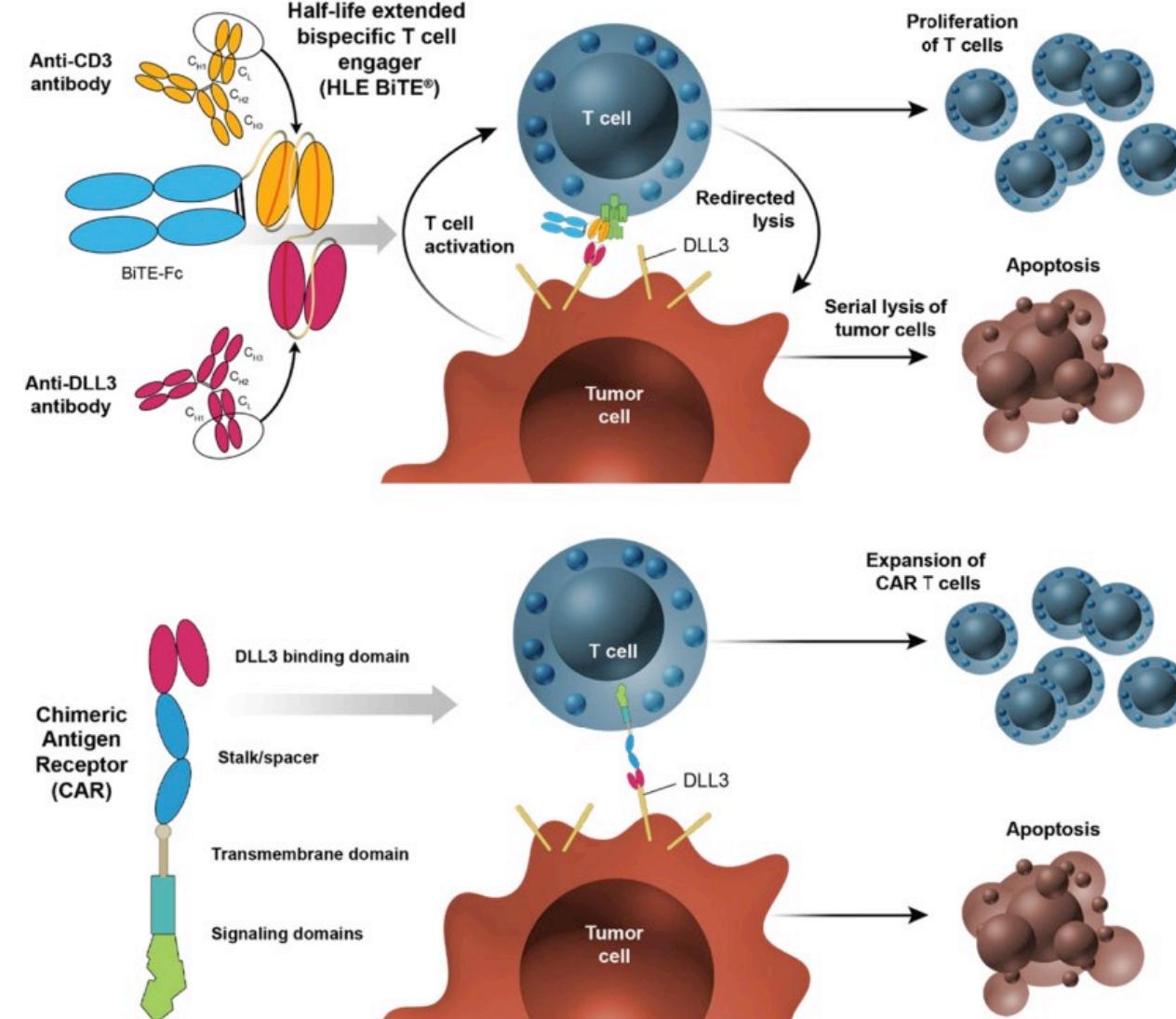
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Lurbinectedin monotherapy
or
lurbinectedin + irinotecan

Investigator's choice
(topotecan or irinotecan)

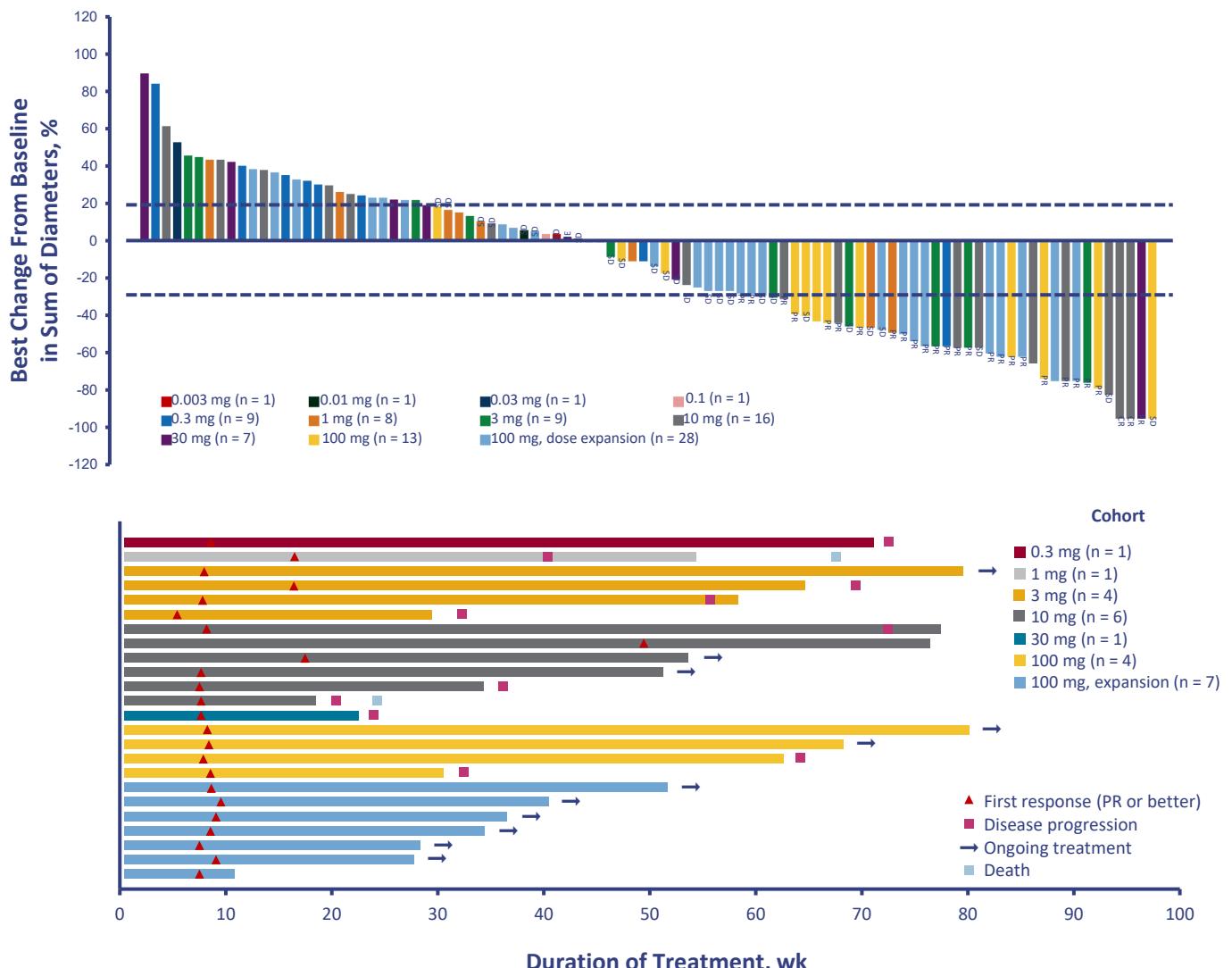
- Primary endpoint: OS
- Secondary endpoint: PFS

BiTEs and CARs: Immune Engagers to DLL3¹

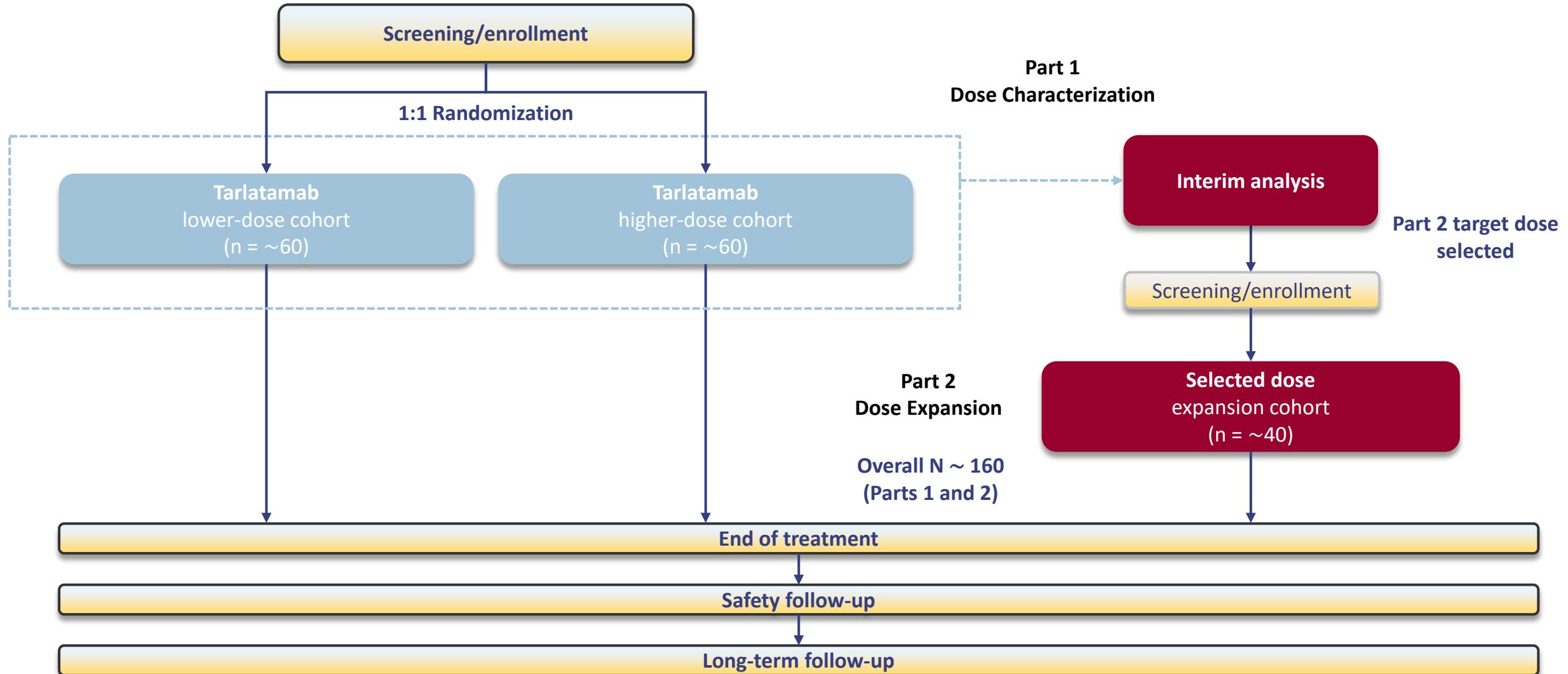


DeLLphi-300 Study: Tarlatamab (AMG 757) in SCLC¹

- Promising antitumor activity with encouraging response durability in heavily pretreated SCLC: confirmed ORR 23%, median DOR 13 mo, median OS 13.2 mo
- Acceptable safety profile: CRS primarily grade 1 and reversible; treatment discontinuation because of TRAEs low (4%)



DeLLphi-301 Study: Phase 2 Registrational Study of Tarlatamab in $\geq 3L$ SCLC¹



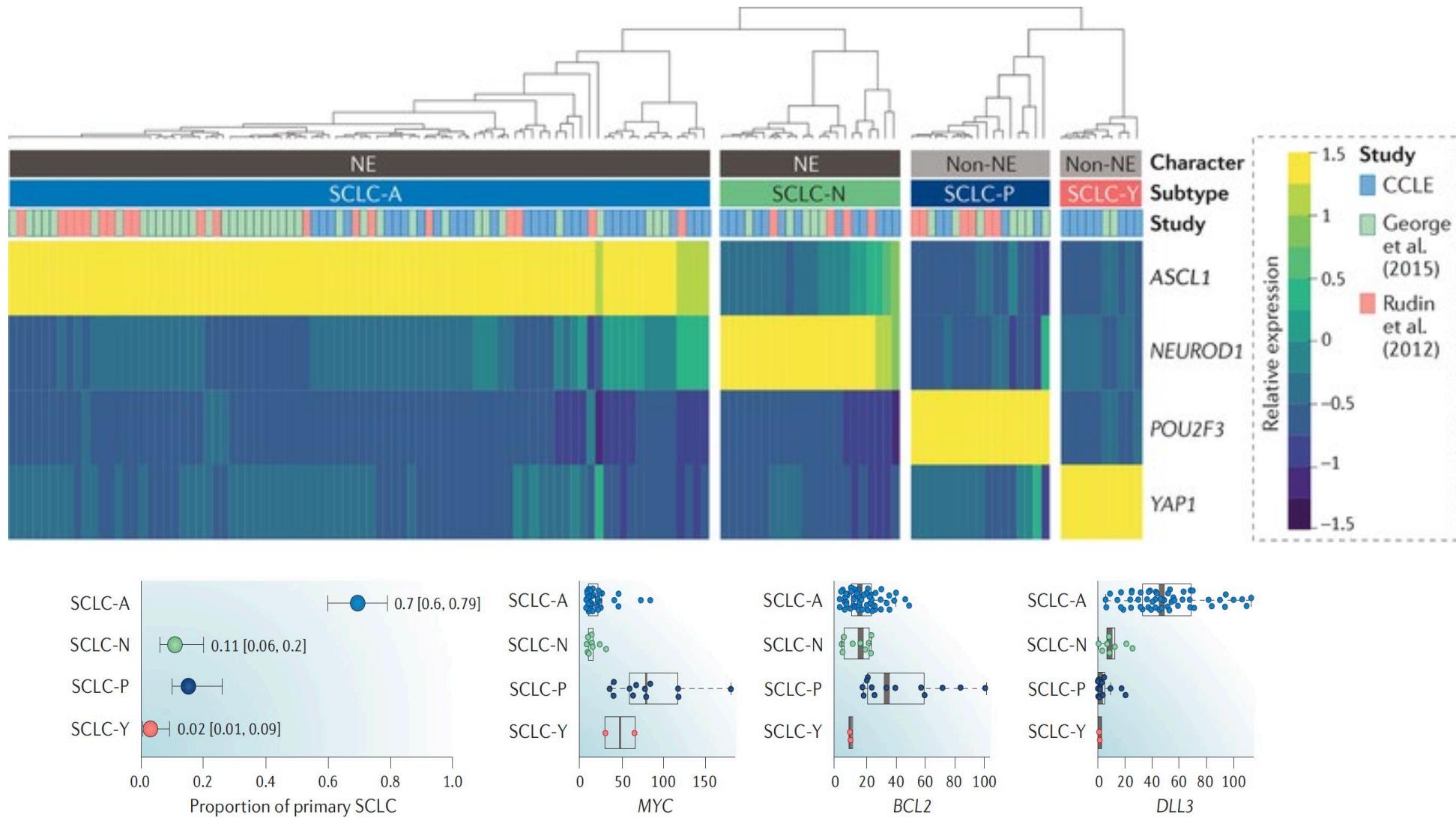
Other Investigational DLL3 T-Cell Engagers and DLL3 CAR-T

Clinical Trial Identifier	Treatment	Phase	Treatment Setting	Endpoint
DLL3 T-cell engagers				
NCT05060016	Tarlatamab	2	≥2L	ORR
NCT05361395	Tarlatamab, atezolizumab/durvalumab, chemotherapy	1b	1L	Safety
NCT05619744	RO7616789	1	≥2L	Safety
NCT04429087	BI764532	1	≥2L	Safety
NCT04471727	HPN328	1/2	≥2L	Safety
DLL3 CAR-T				
NCT05680922	LB2102	1	≥2L	Safety

ADCs in SCLC: Summary

Target	Payload/MOA	Agent	DAR	SCLC Activity RR, DOR	Source
DLL3	Pyrrolobenzodiazepine	Rovalpituzumab tesirine	~2	—	—
TROP2	SN-38; topo I inhibitor Deruxtecan; topo I inhibitor	Sacituzumab govitecan Datopotamab deruxtecan	~7-8 ~4	N = 50, ORR 14%; DOR 5.7 mo	NCT01631552 (Gray et al. CCR 2017) NCT03401385
B7-H3	Deruxtecan; topo I inhibitor	Ifinatamab deruxtecan	~4	N = 19, ORR 58%; DOR 5.5 mo	NCT04145622
SEZ6	Calicheamicin; induces DS breaks	ABBV-011 ABBV-706	~2	—	NCT03639194 NCT05599984
CEACAM5	Maytansinoid DM4; MT inhibitor	Tusamitamab ravidansine	~3.8	—	NCT02187848
B7-H3	Clezutoclax; BCL-2/XL inhibitor	Mirzotamab clezutoclax	—	—	NCT03595059

SCLC subtypes defined by a dominant transcriptional regulator

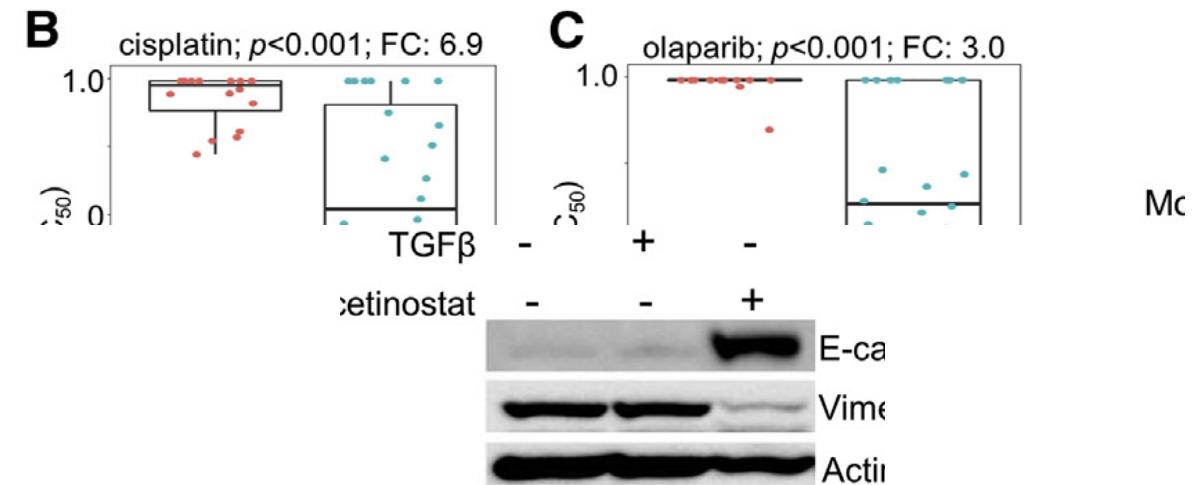
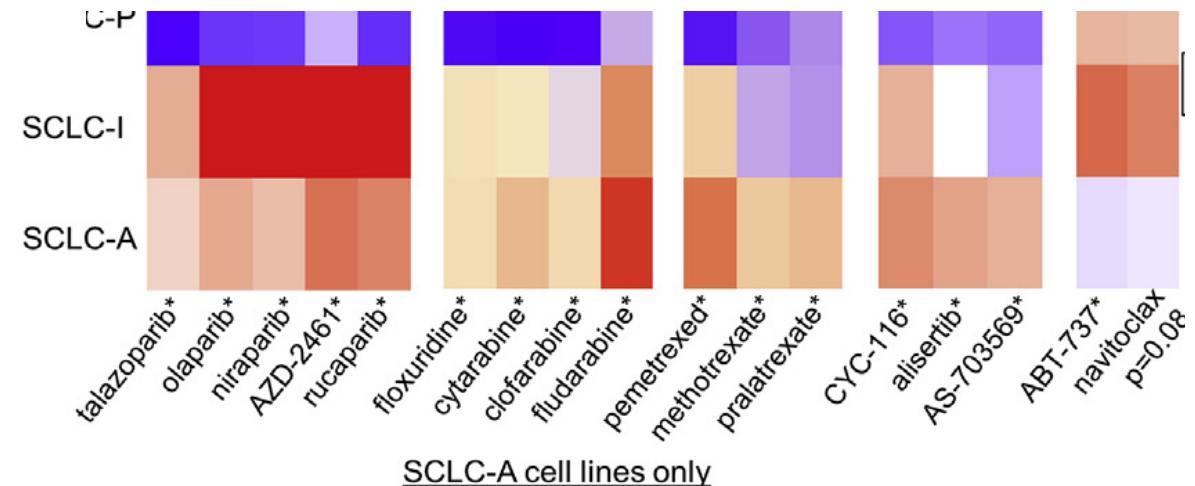


SCLC molecular classification: therapeutic implications



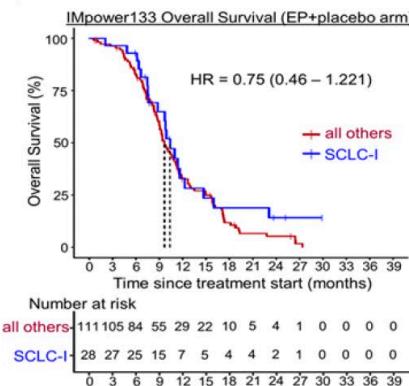
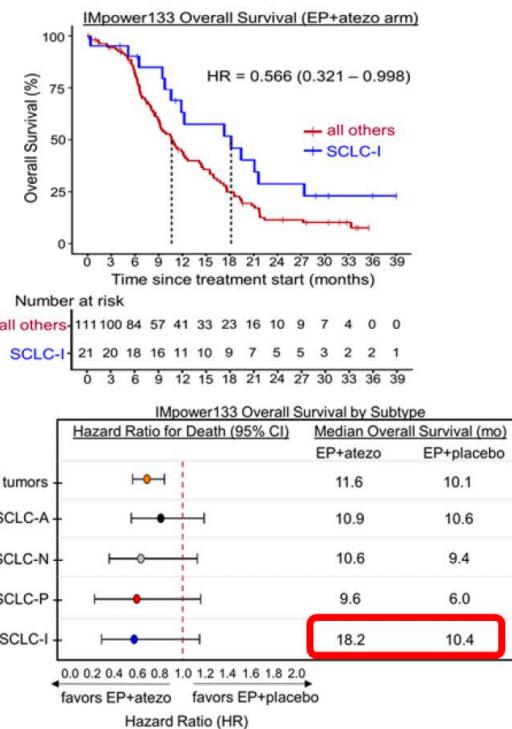
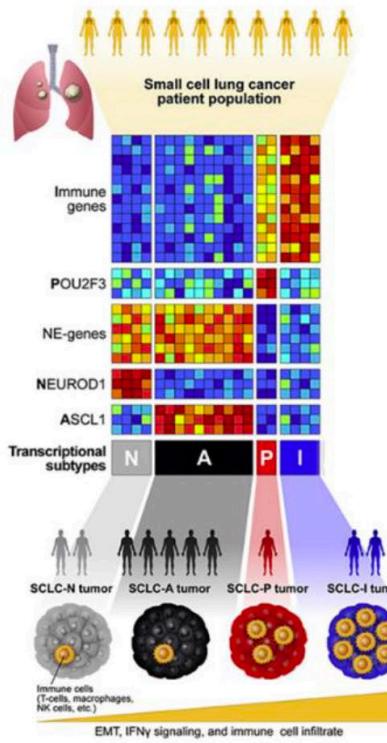
ASCL1	NEUROD1	POU2F3	YAP1
BCL2	Arginine Deprivation	Arginine Deprivation	Arginine Deprivation
CREBBP	AURKA/B	AURKA/B	AURKA/B
DLL3	CHK1	CHK1	CHK1
LSD1	IMPDH	IGF-R1	IMPDH
	LSD1	IMPDH	IO

Poirier *et al.* JTO 2020



Gay *et al.* Cancer Cell 2021

SCLC-I with differential benefit from immunotherapy



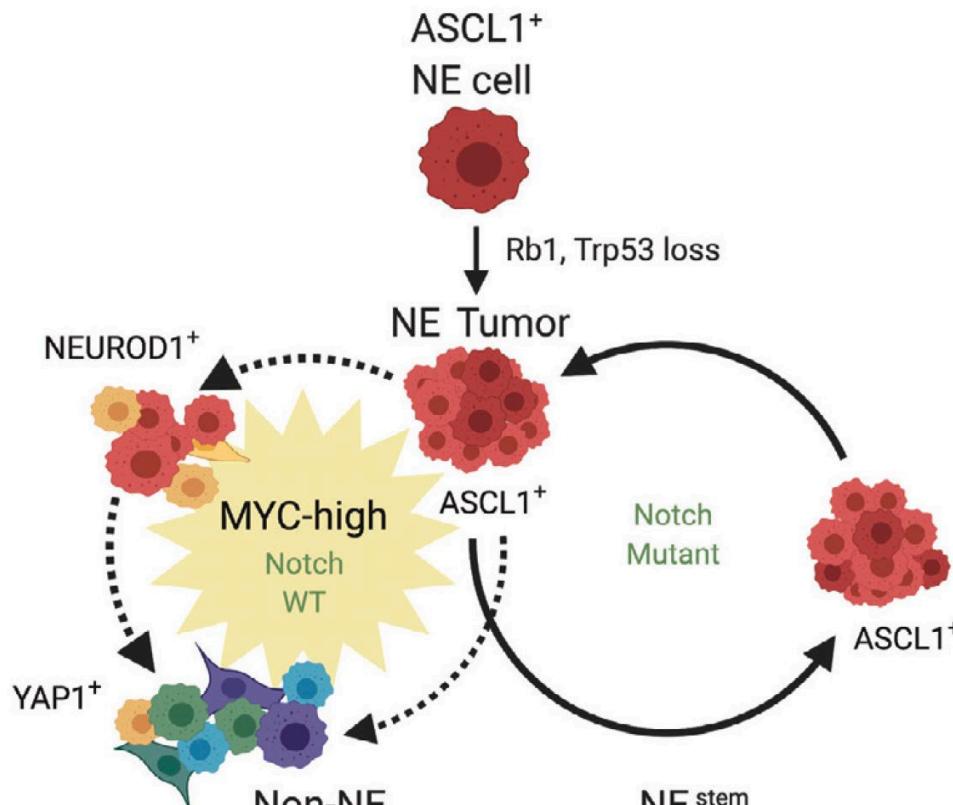
...and result in differential benefit from immunotherapy.

Gay et al. *Cancer Cell*, 2021

Carl Gay | MD Anderson, Houston, TX, USA

Gay, Hot Topics SCLC 2023

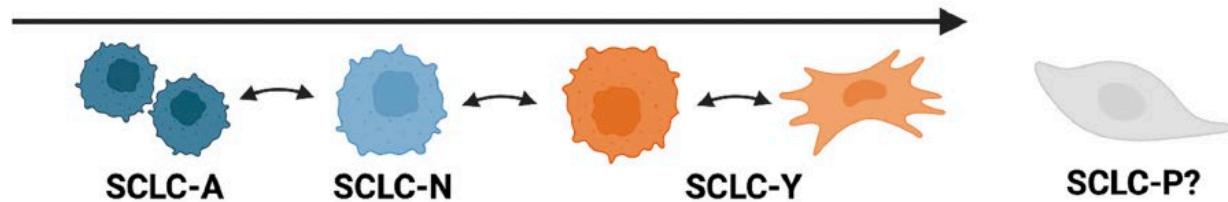
A dynamic classification



Ireland *et al.* *Cancer Cell* 2020

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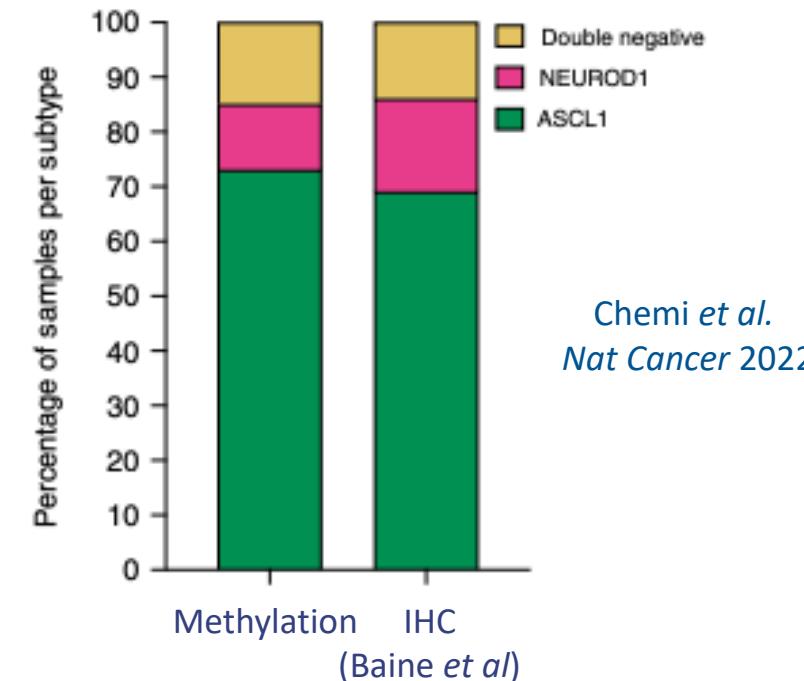
Subtype evolution during treatment with chemotherapy and/or disease progression



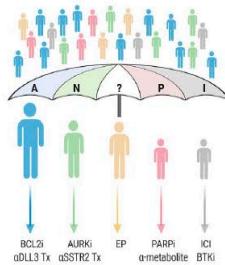
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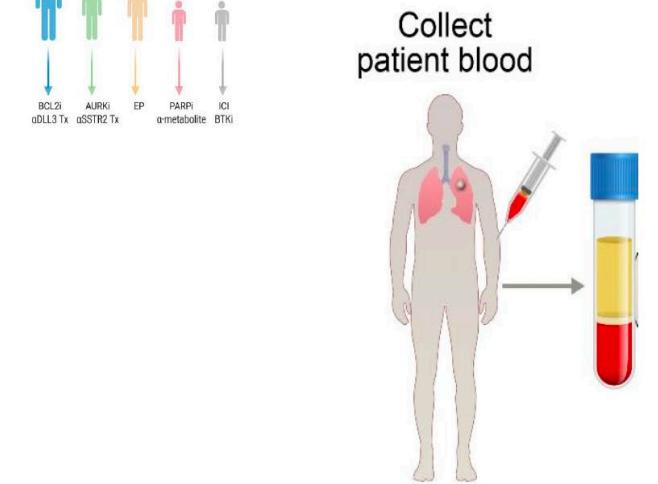
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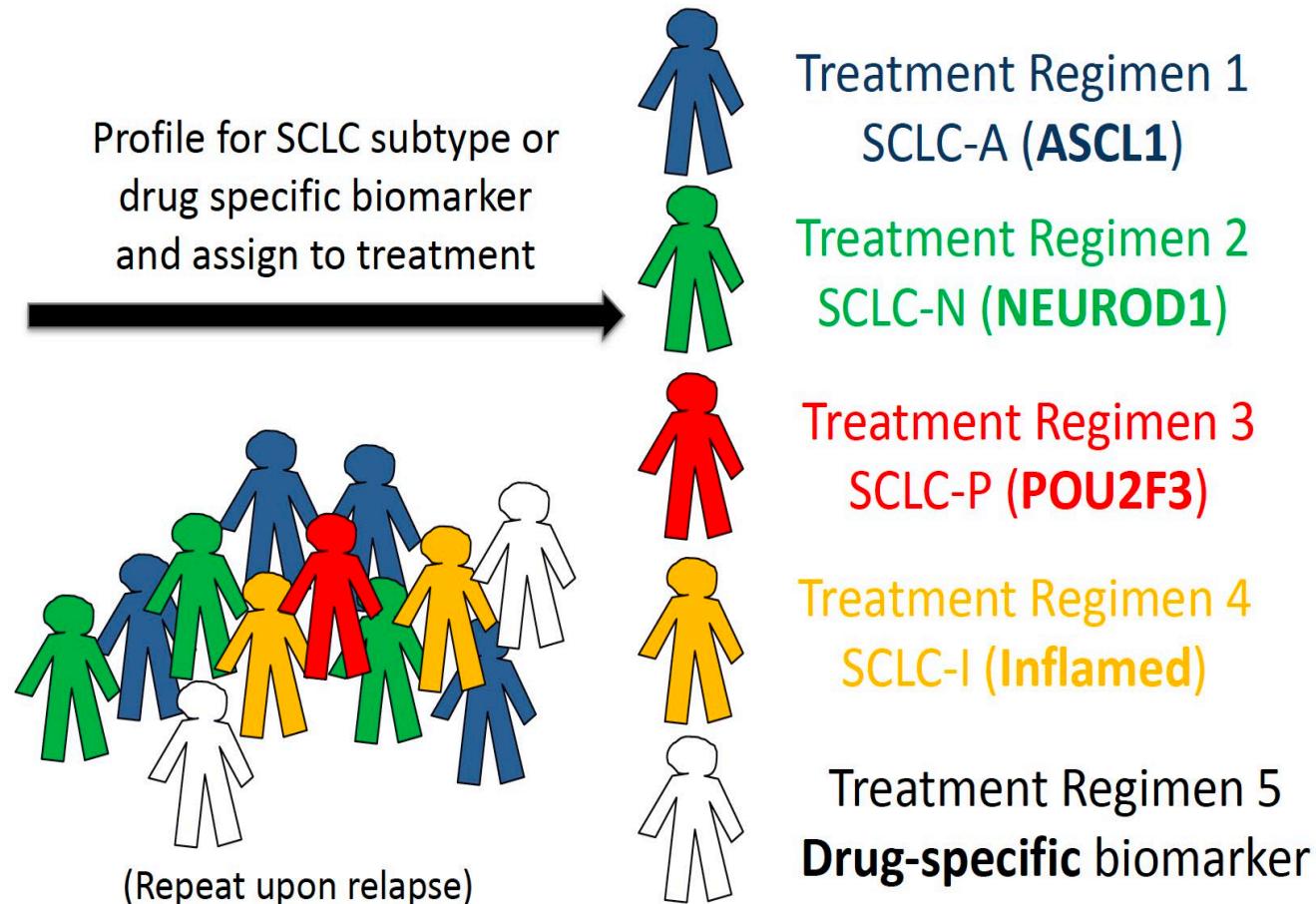
Chemi *et al.*
Nat Cancer 2022



Personalizing SCLC Treatment: *Clinical Trials*



	Neuroendocrine		Non-Neuroendocrine	
Subtype	SCLC-A (36-51%)	SCLC-N (23-31%)	SCLC-P (7-17%)	SCLC-Inflamed (16-18%)
Targets	DLL3 BCL2 CD56 EZH1 LSD1	AURKA DLL3 MYC GD2	PARP1	AXL CD274 CD38 CTLA4 PD1/PDL1 BTKi



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Conclusions

- Despite recent advancements in first-line chemoimmunotherapy, effective treatments that provide greater magnitude of benefit are needed.
- The discovery of transcriptional subsets in SCLC is a major breakthrough in better understanding tumor heterogeneity and the potential therapeutic vulnerabilities.
- Blood-based biomarkers (e.g., ctDNA/methylation) are candidates that pave the way to better predict novel therapies.
- Prospective studies are needed to translate recent discoveries into personalized, biomarker-driven clinical trials.

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Spotlight on Small-Cell Lung Cancer and Other Lung Neuroendocrine Neoplasms

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