



Will ADCs Be Incorporated in 1L NSCLC Without Driver Mutations?

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To date, there are no FDA approved ADCs in the Driver Mutation Negative 1L NSCLC

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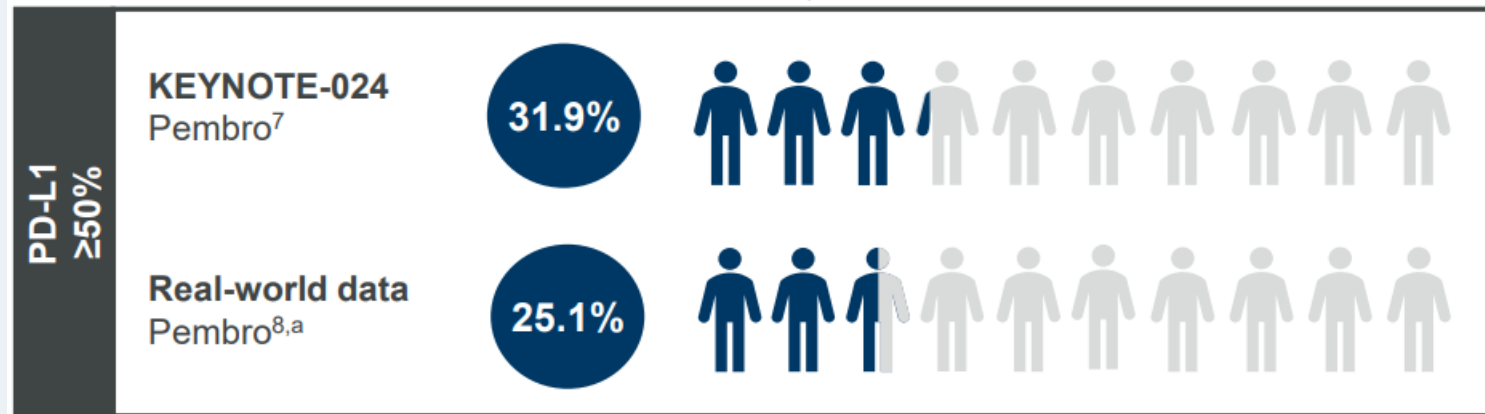




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Maybe...

5 Year Overall Survival Driver Mutation Negative NSCLC



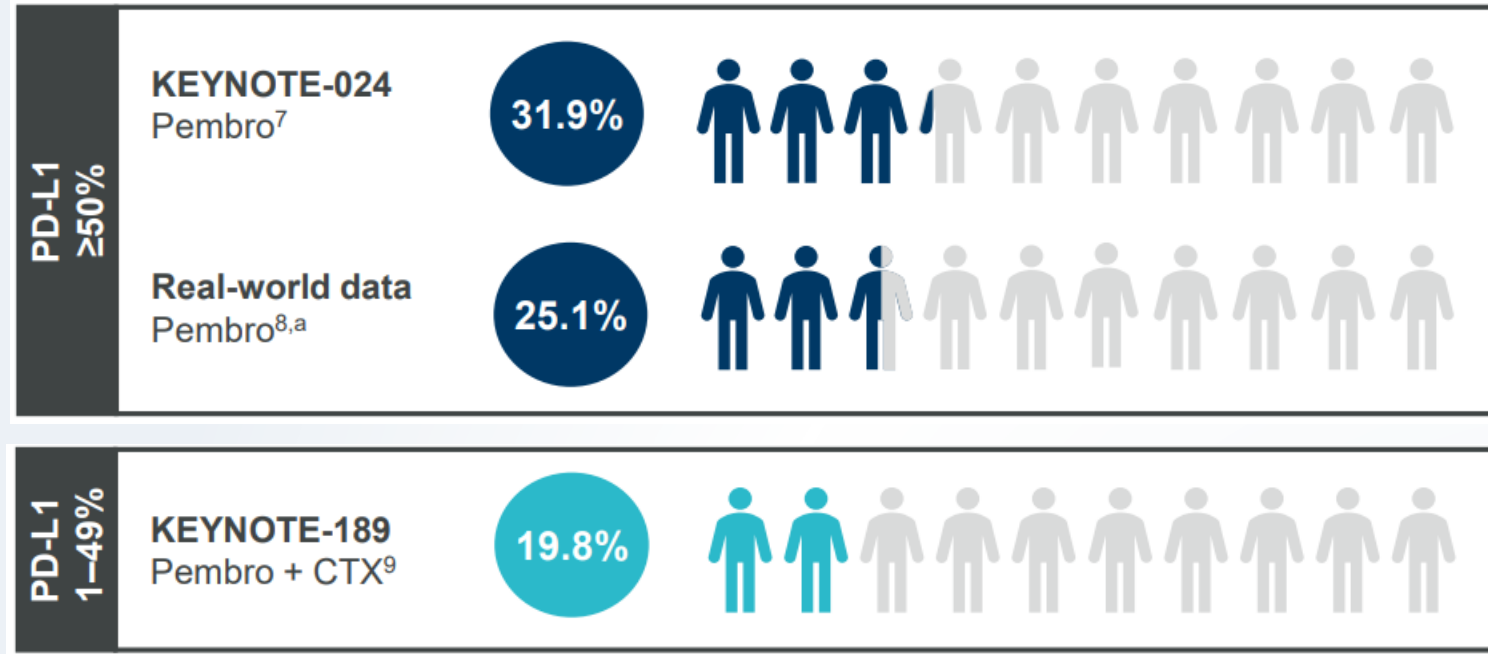
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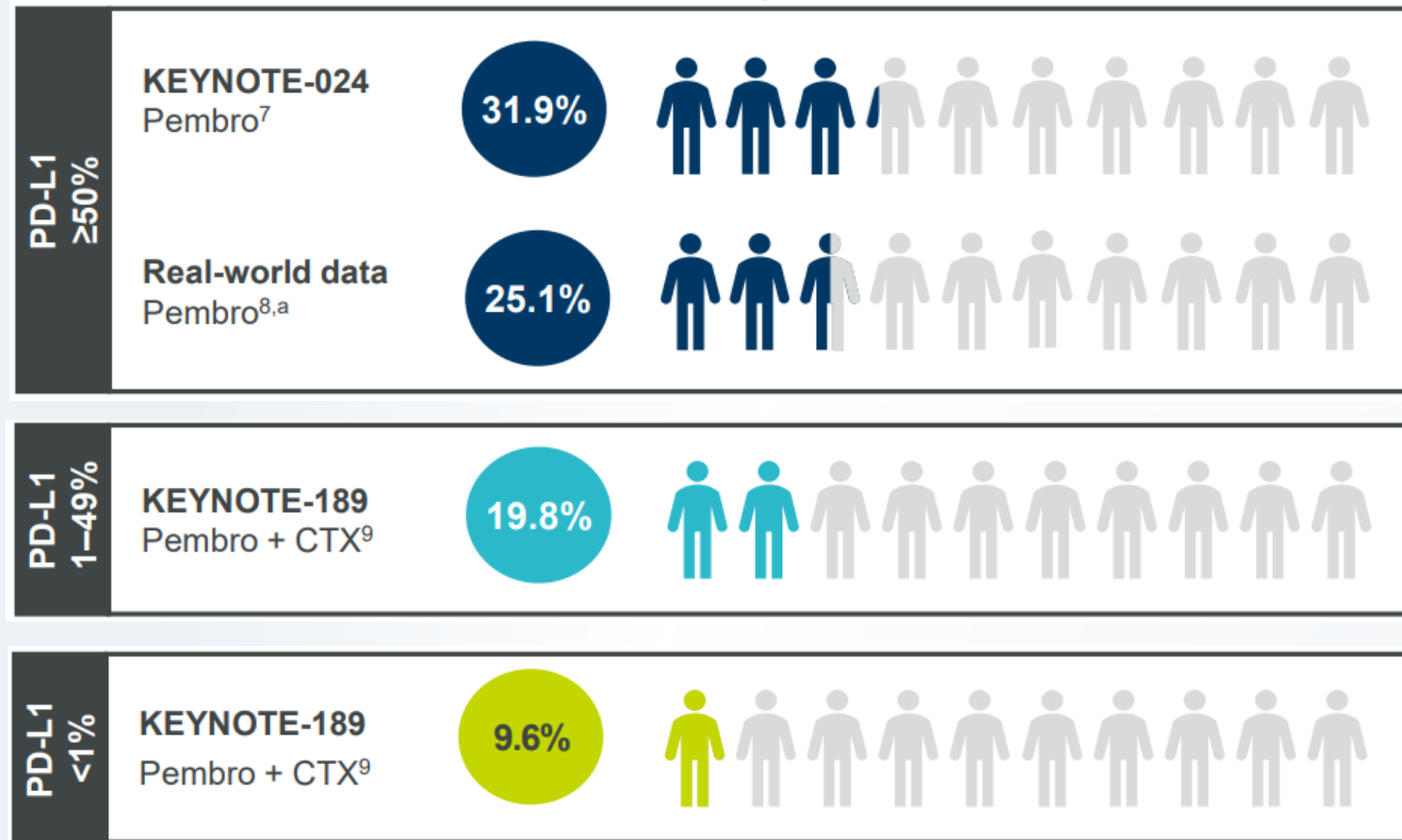


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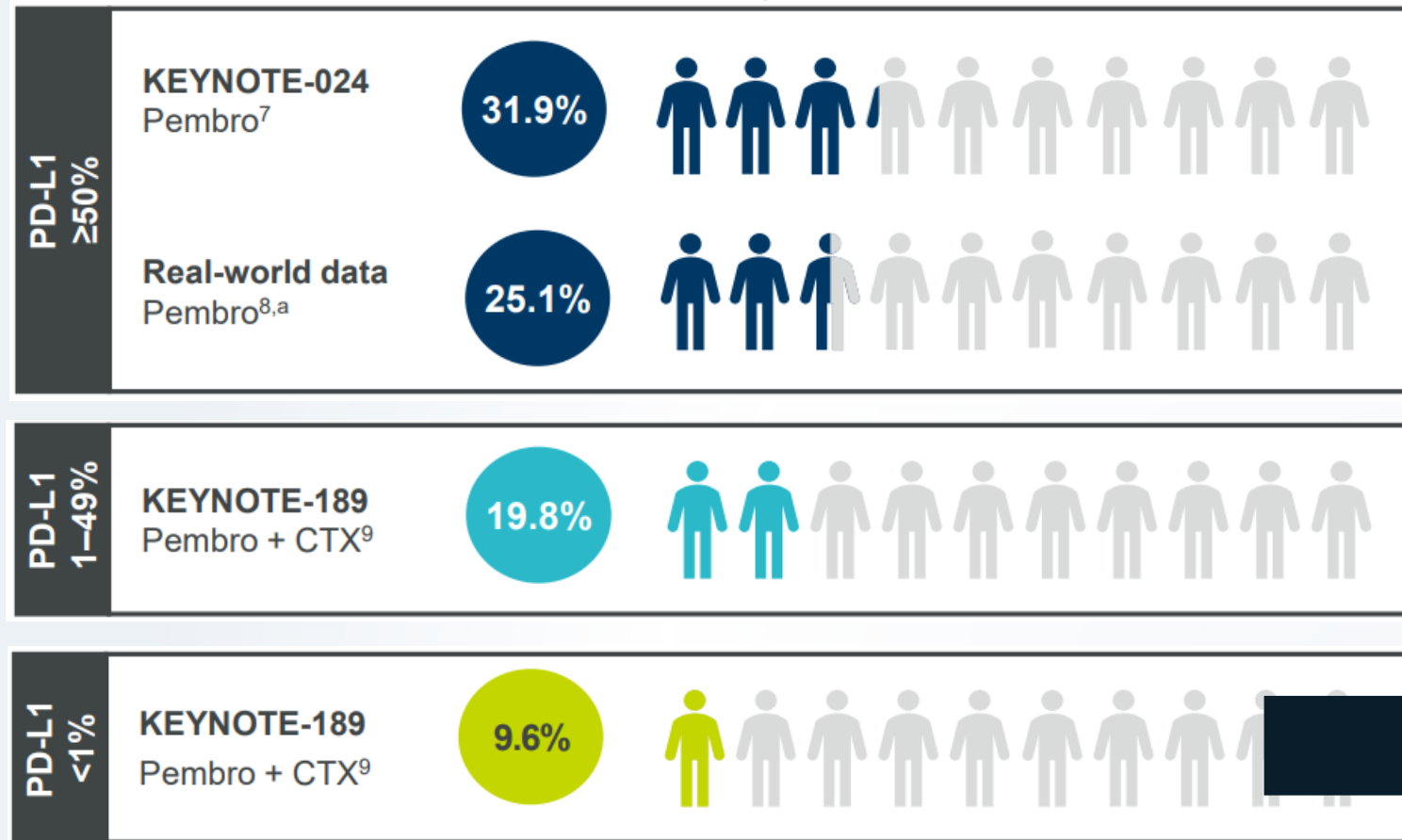
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STK11
KEAP1
PTEN
TP53
SMARCA4

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Tropion Lung 01: Subset Analysis by Histology

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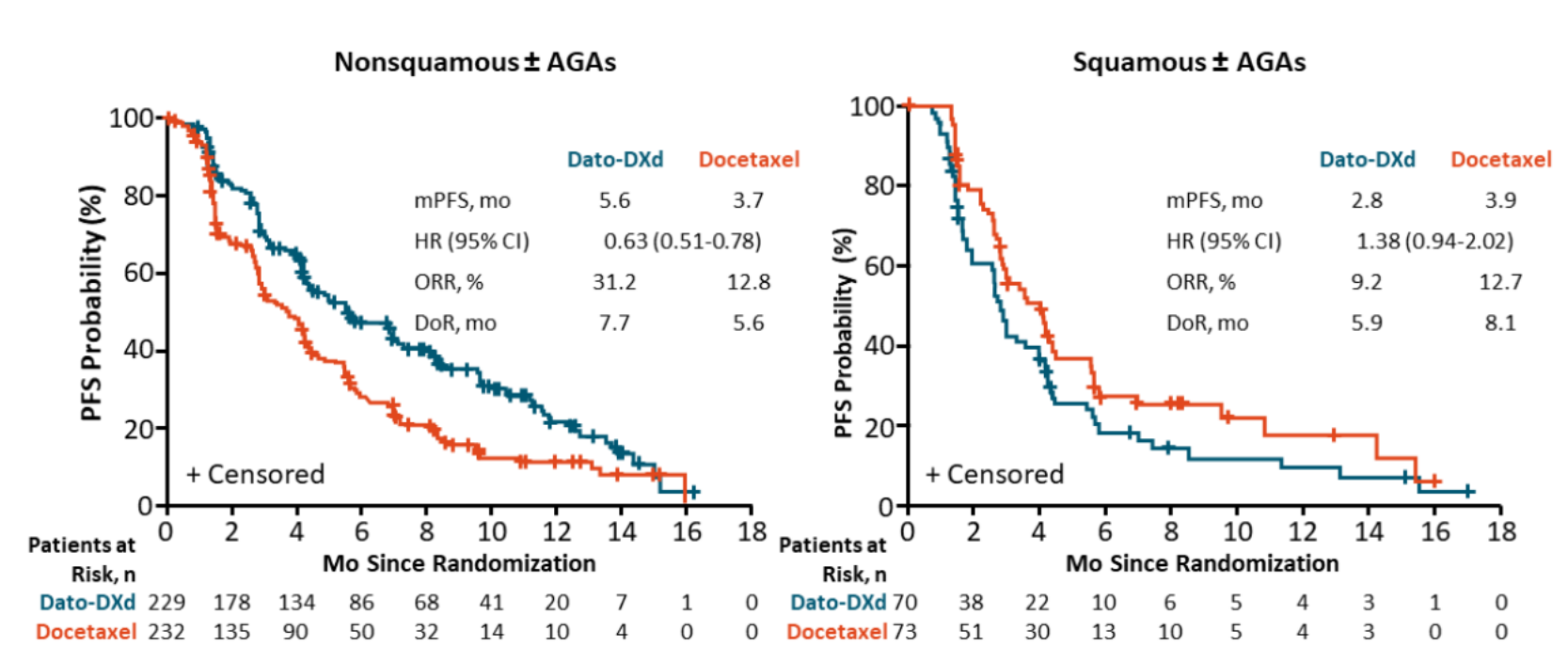


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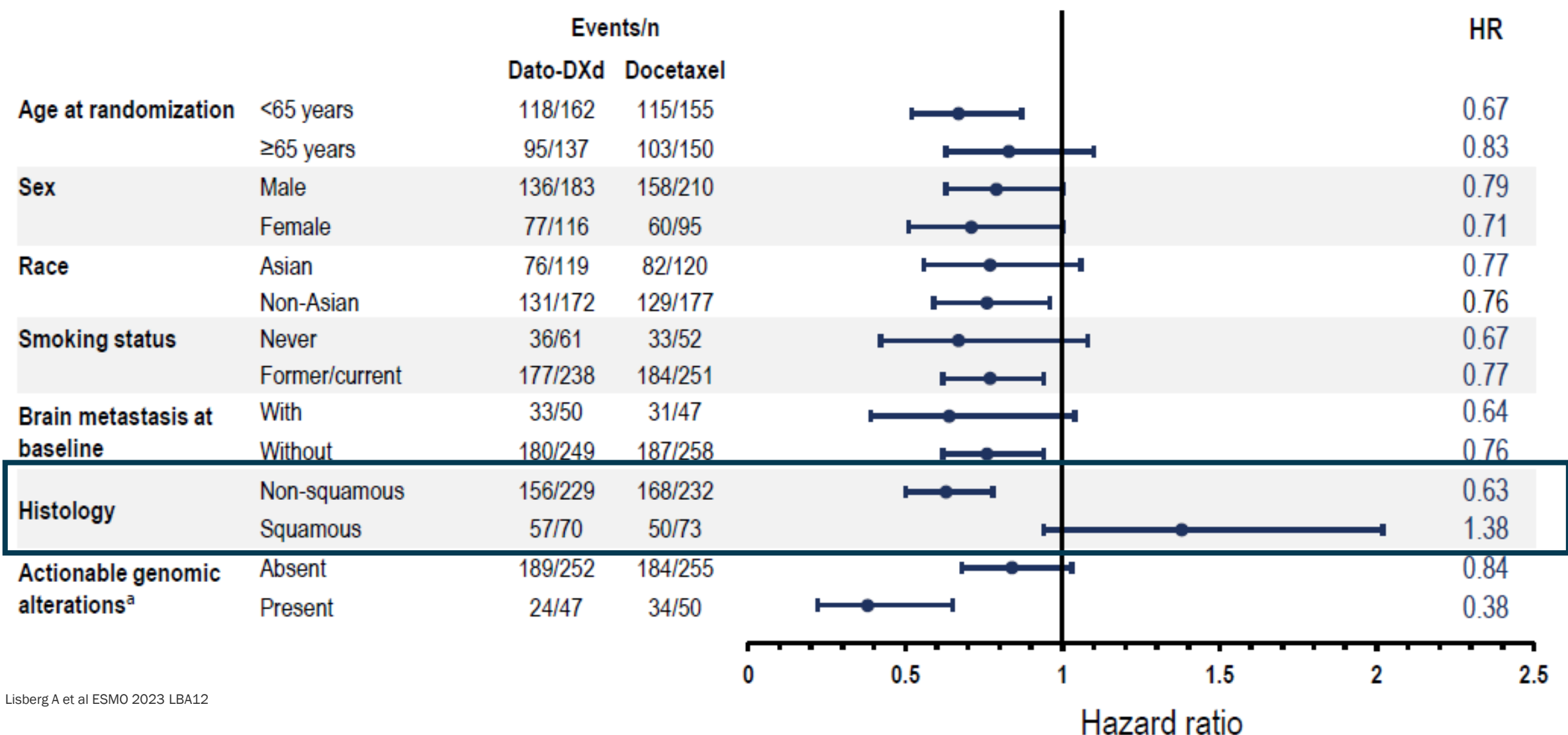
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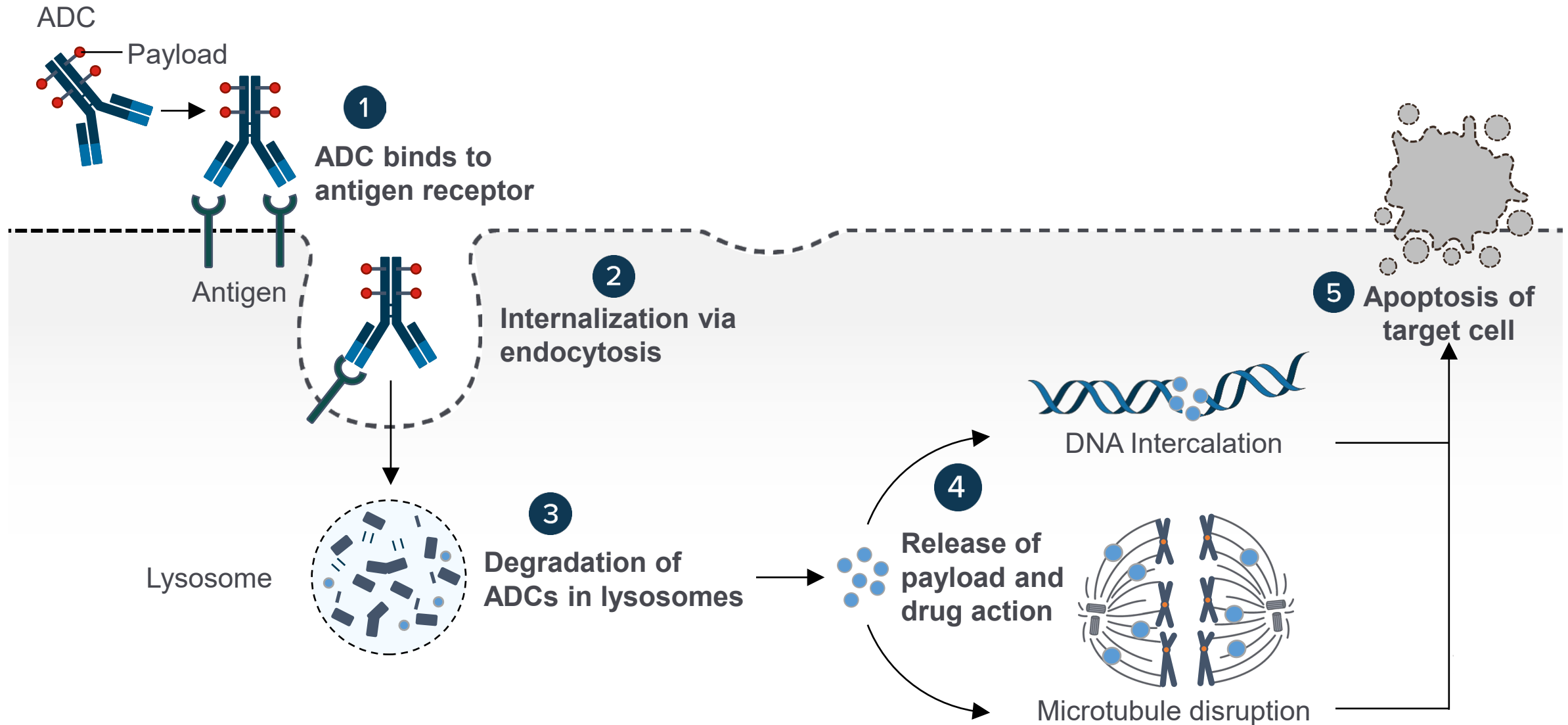


TROPION Lung 01 Subset Analysis



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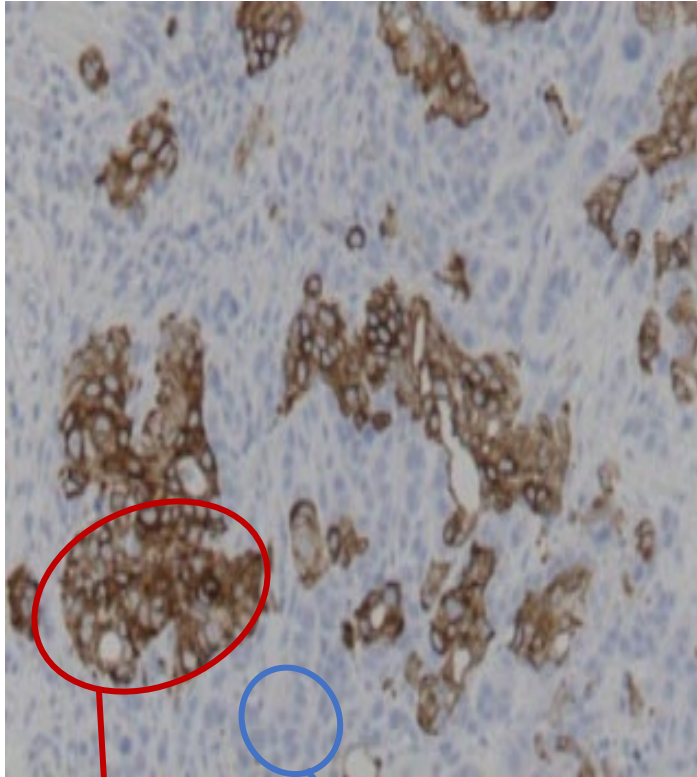
Mechanism 1: The ADC is Internalized and Degraded



Mechanism 2: Bystander Effect

Control

Co-culture of HER2+ and HER2- tumors in vivo

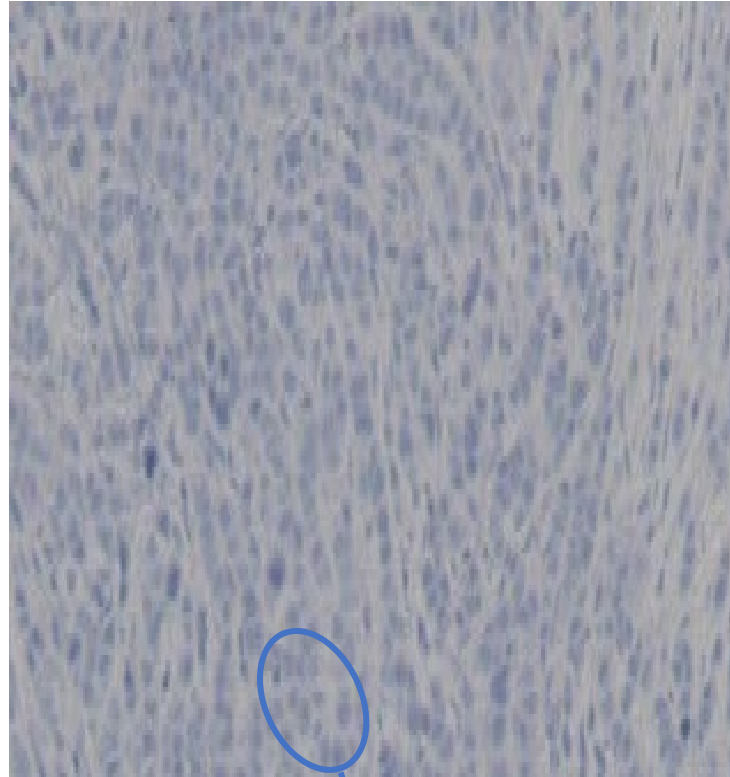


HER2+
cells
NCI-N87

HER2-
cells
MDA-MB-468

T-DM1, 10 mg/kg

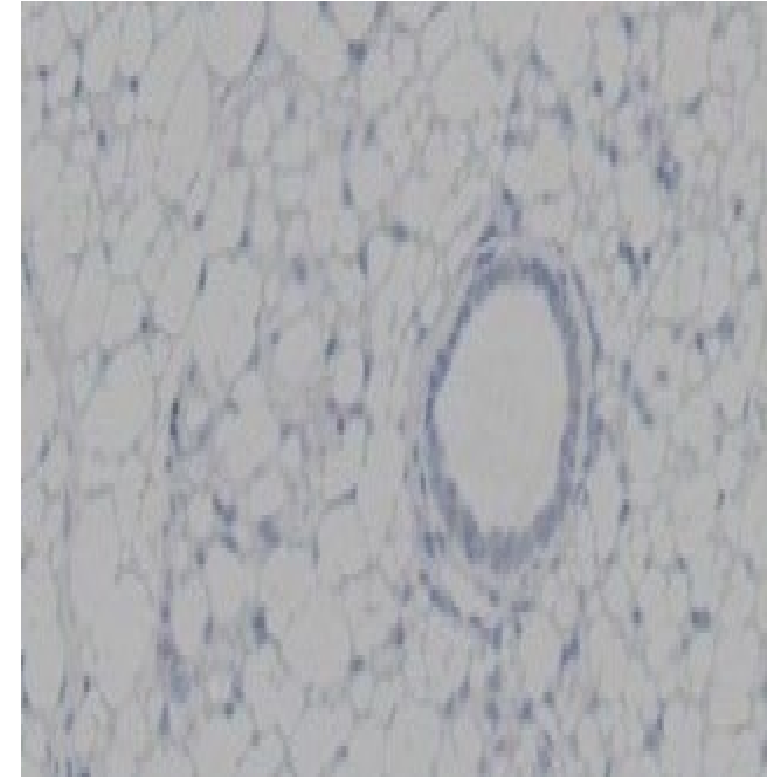
HER2- cells still persist



HER2-
cells
MDA-MB-468

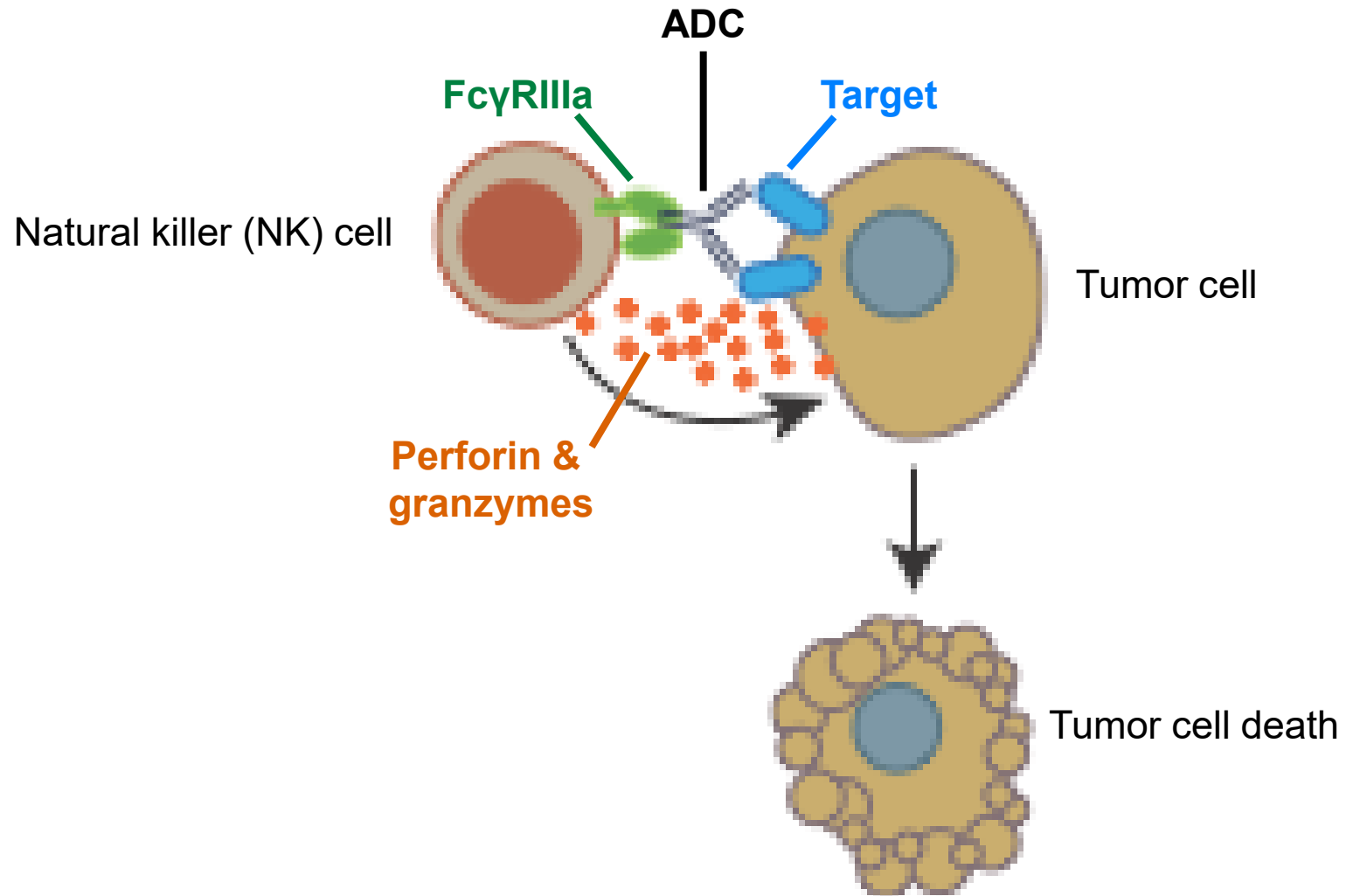
T-DXd, 3.0 mg/kg

Both HER2+ and HER2- are impacted



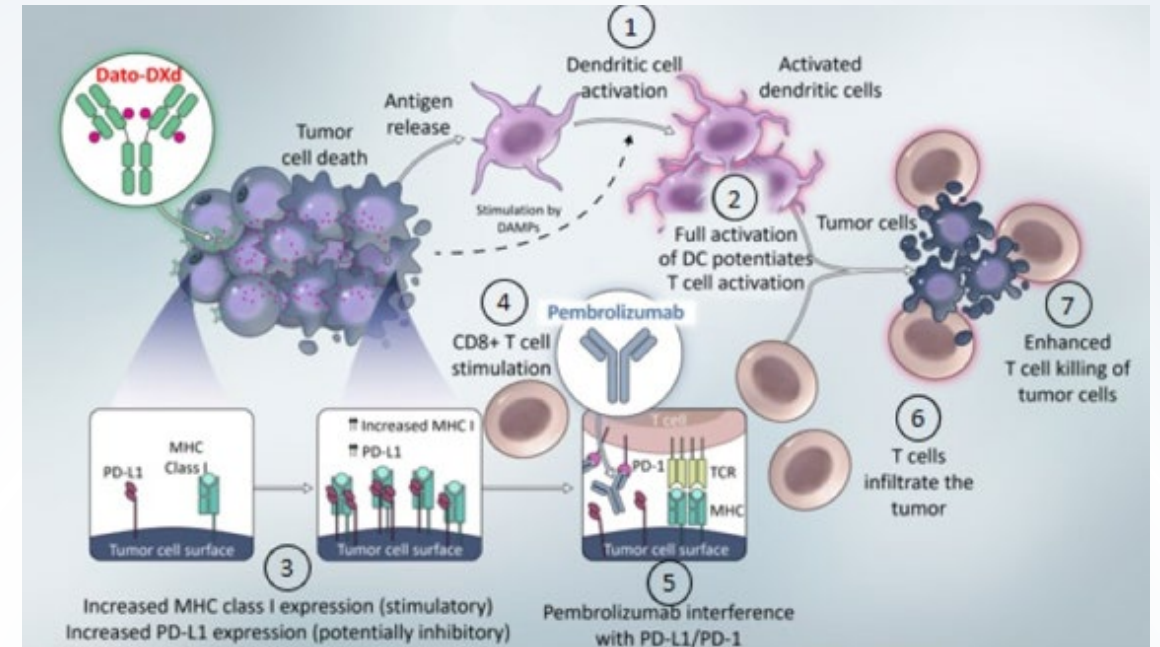
Tumor regression

Mechanism 3: Antibody-Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity

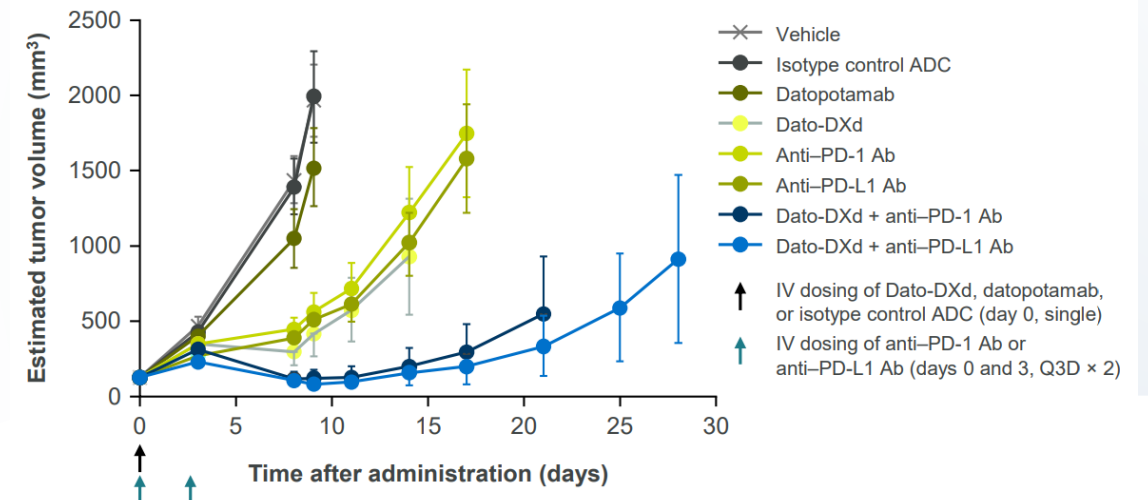


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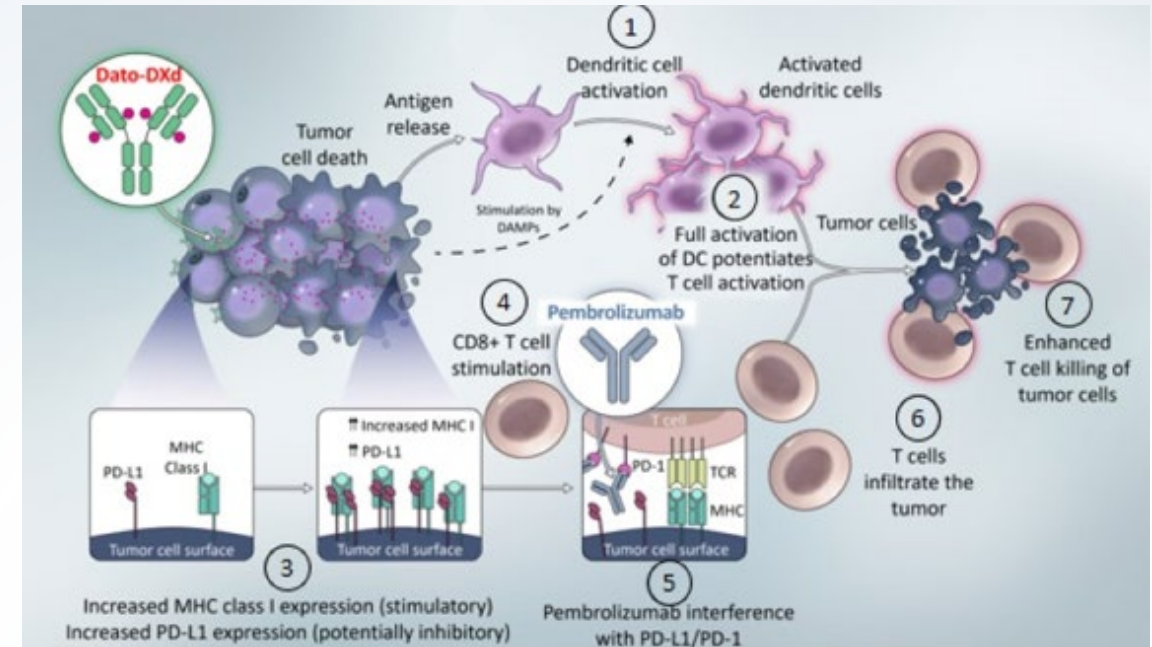
hTROP2-MC38 tumor volume in C57BL/6 mice¹



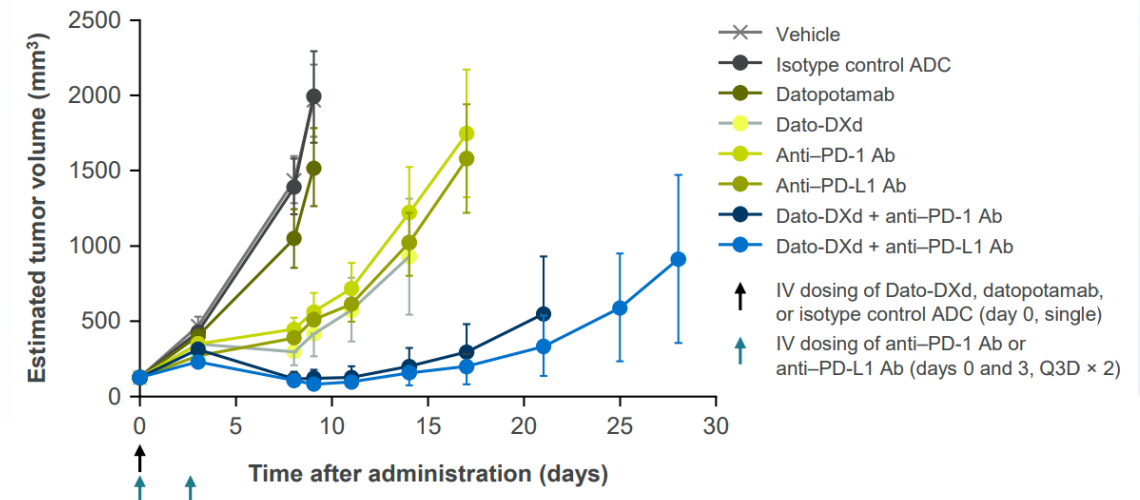
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- Is this significantly different from conventional chemotherapy?



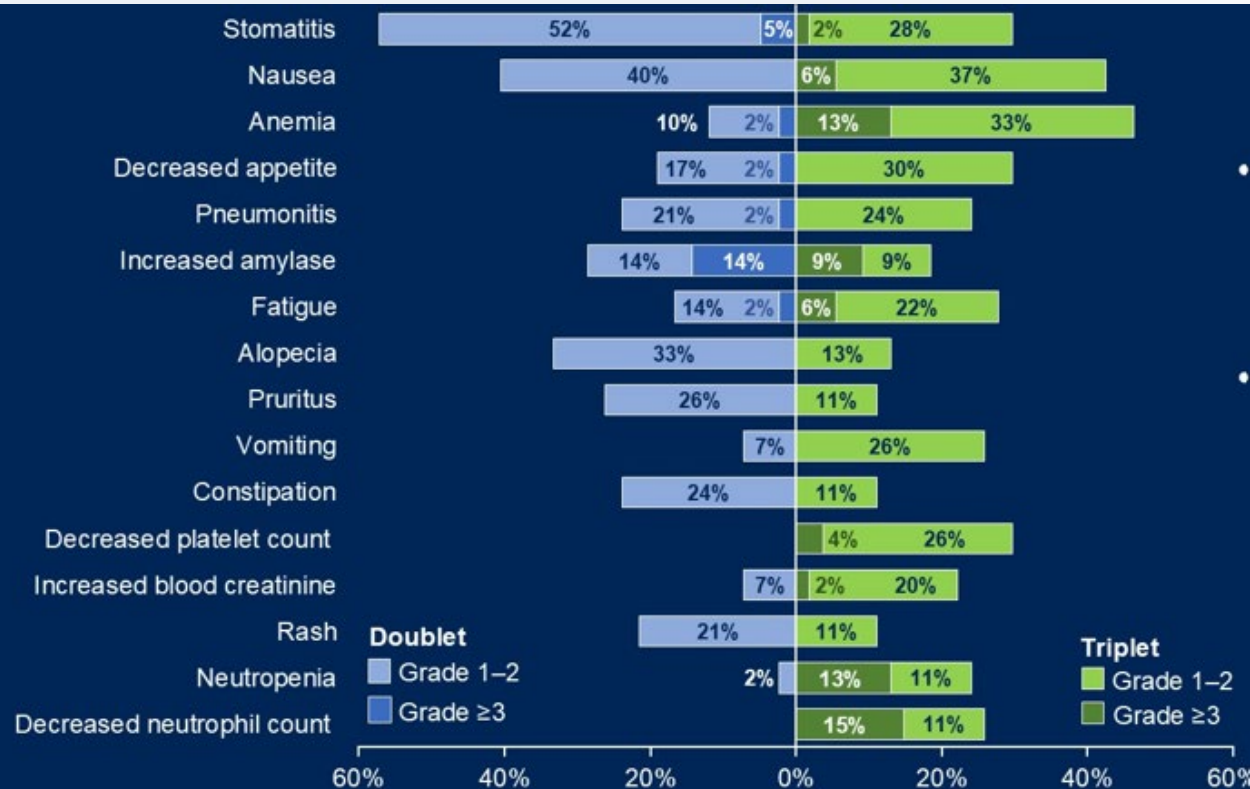
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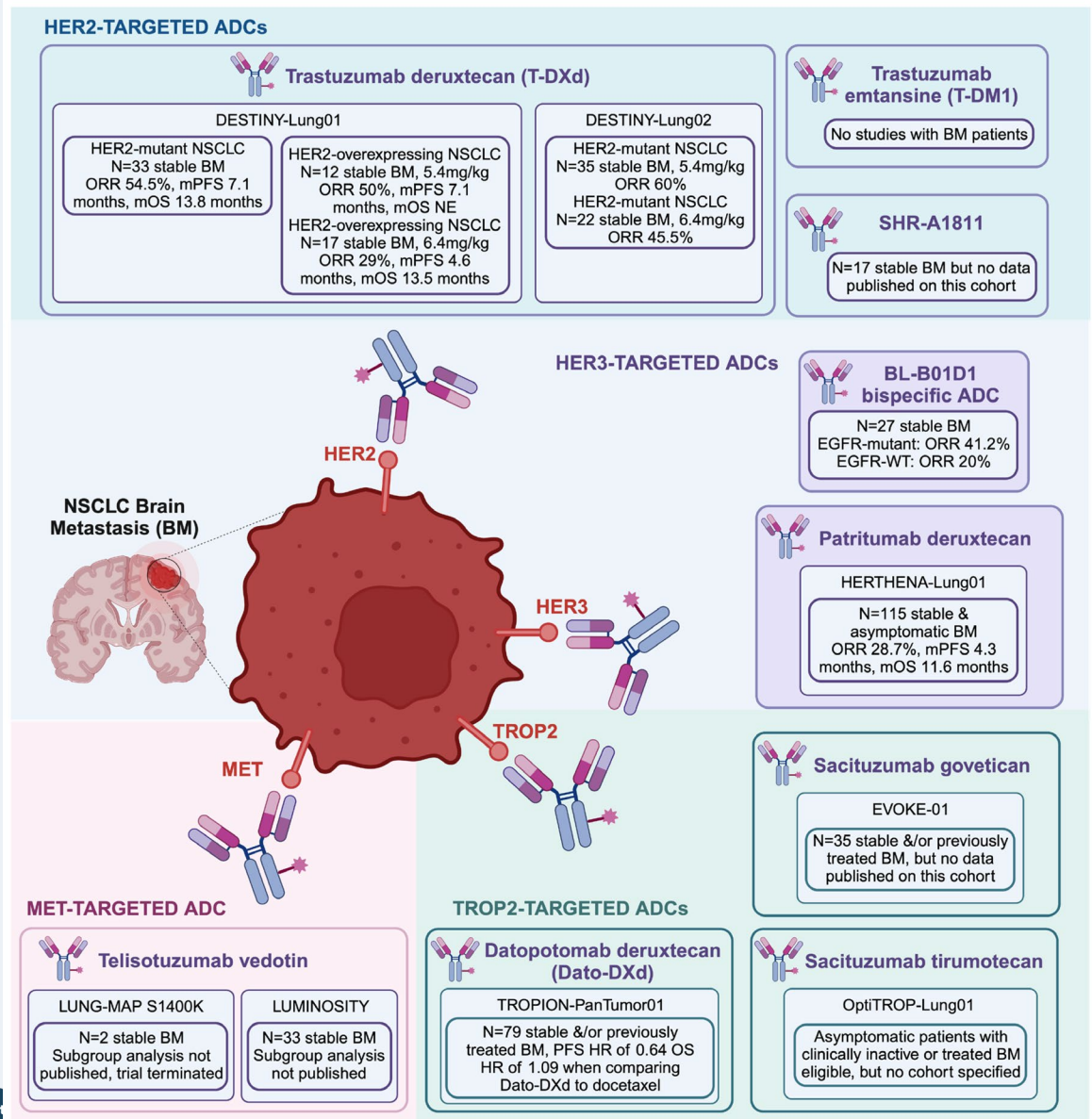
Barriers to ADCs in the 1L Setting

TROPION LUNG 02 1L: TRAE ≥ 20%



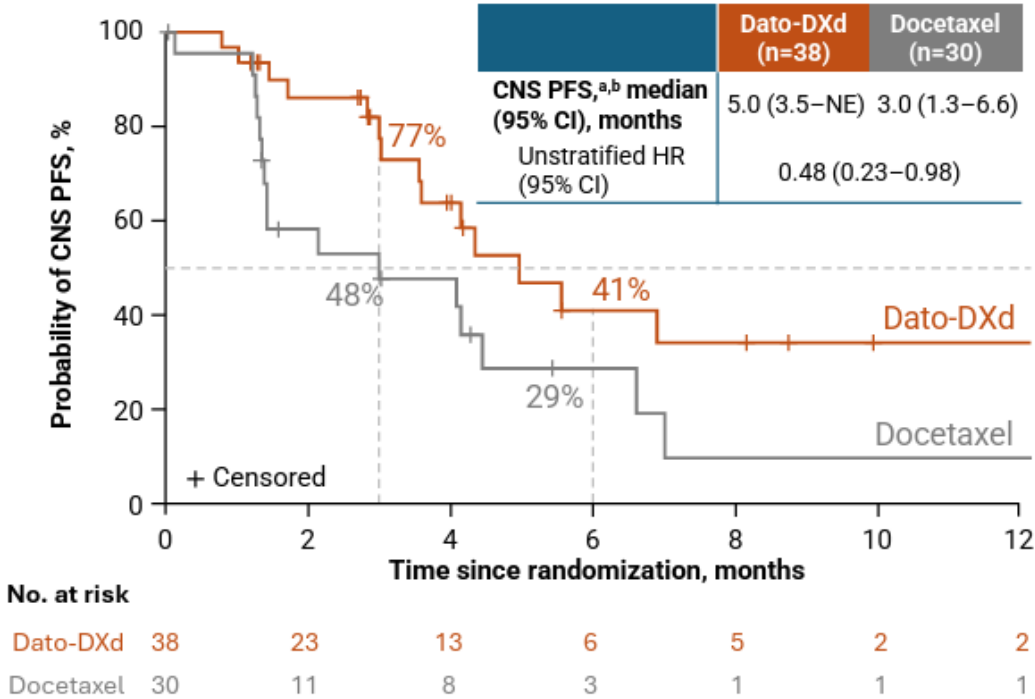
- Toxicity / Quality of life
 - Stomatitis, nausea, fatigue, diarrhea, ILD
 - Subspecialty care: Ophtho, Pulm, Derm
- Dose reduction / Discontinuation of SOC / Efficacy
- Lack of Biomarker Selection
- Payload Resistance
- CNS Activity
- Financial burden:
 - Cost of therapy, supportive meds, chair time

CNS Activity of ADCs



	Dato-DXd (n=16)	Docetaxel (n=11)
CNS confirmed ORR, ^a % (95% CI)	38 (15–65)	0 (0–29)
CNS confirmed BOR, ^a n (%)		
CR	1 (6)	0
PR	5 (31)	0
SD	8 (50)	4 (36)
PD	0	2 (18)
NE	2 (13)	5 (46)
CNS confirmed DCR, ^a % (95% CI)	88 (62–98)	36 (11–69)

All Patients With Untreated BM or Progression After RT

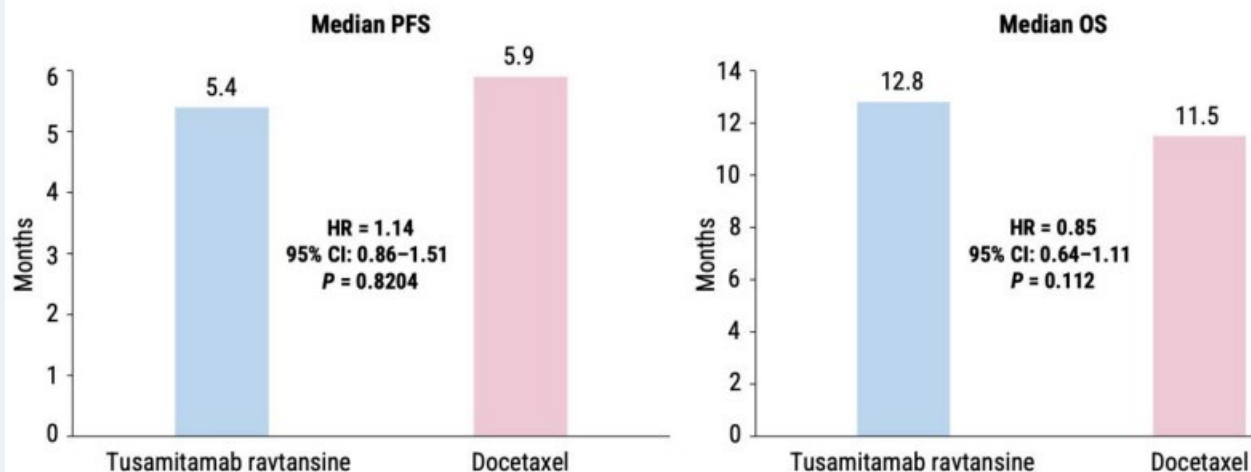


Driver Mutation Negative NSCLC, Second Line Setting

To date (10/25/25), No ADCs have shown OS improvement over SOC

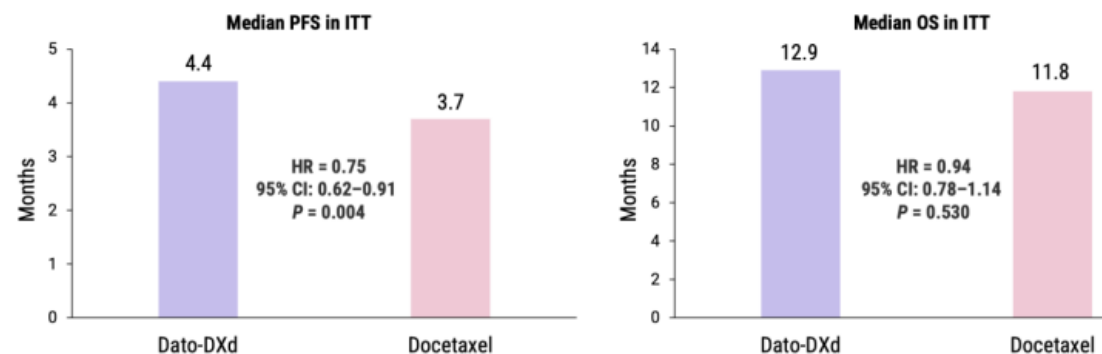
CARMEN-LC03: Results^{1,2}

Phase 3, randomised, open-label, study examining tusamitamab ravtansine vs docetaxel in patients with pretreated, advanced, non-squamous CEACAM5-positive NSCLC



TROPION-Lung01: Results

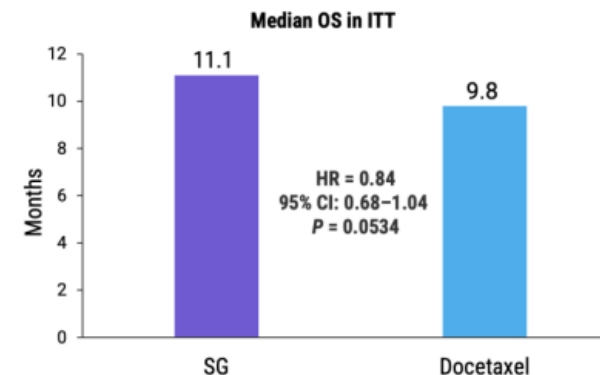
Phase 3 study examining datopotamab deruxtecan vs docetaxel in pre-treated patients with advanced/metastatic NSCLC with or without actionable genomic alterations



EVOKE-01: Efficacy

Phase 3 study examining sacituzumab govitecan vs docetaxel in patients with mNSCLC progressing on or after PBC and anti-PD-(L)1 treatment

- Patients were randomised to receive either 10 mg/kg sacituzumab govitecan on Day 1 and 8 or 75 mg/m² docetaxel on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle



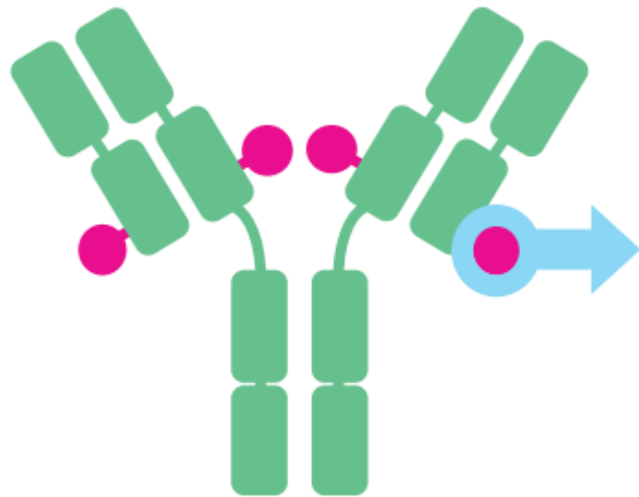
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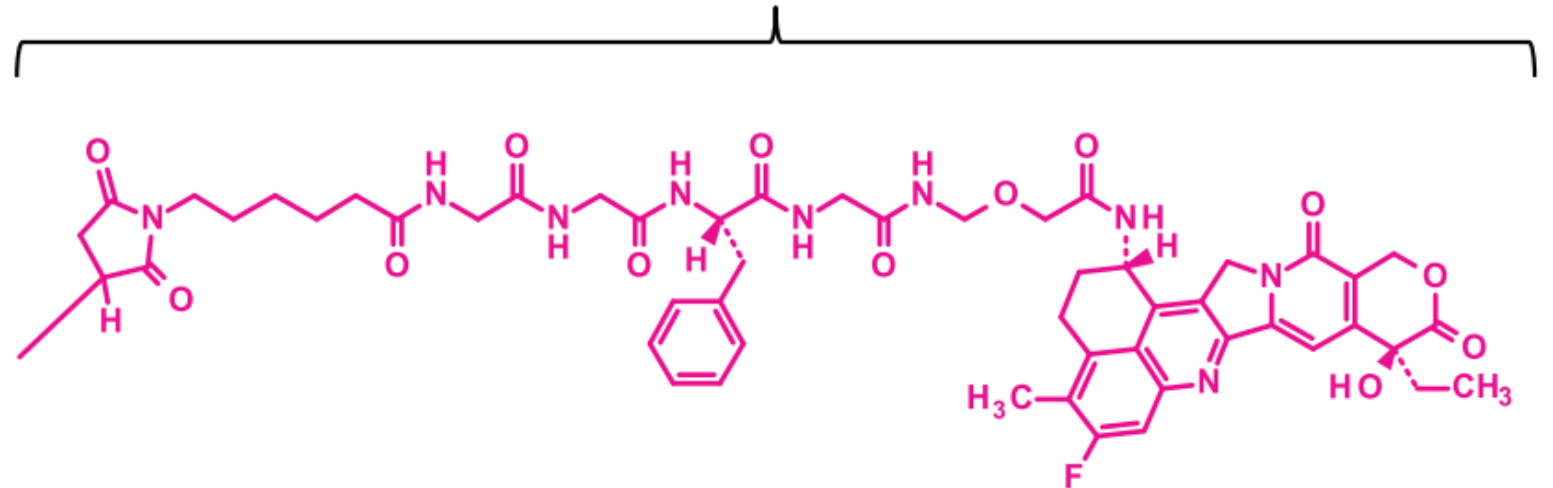
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Dato DXd

Humanized anti-TROP2 IgG1 mAb⁶



Deruxtecan⁶



Cleavable tetrapeptide-
based linker

Topoisomerase I inhibitor
payload (DXd)

Front line studies of Dato DXd

TROPION-Lung02 (NCT04526691) Phase 1b DatoDXd + Pembrolizumab +/- Chemotherapy

TROPION-Lung04 (NCT04612751) Phase 1b DatoDXd + IO [Durvalumab, AZD2936, MEDI5752] +/- Chemo

TROPION-Lung07 (NCT05555732) Phase 3 DatoDXd + Pembrolizumab +/- Chemotherapy vs KN189 in 1L

TROPION-Lung08 (NCT05215340) Phase 3 DatoDXd + Pembrolizumab vs Pembrolizumab in 1L

AVENZAR (NCT05687266) Phase 3 DatoDXd + Durvalumab + Chemotherapy vs Chemotherapy + Pembrolizumab in 1L

TROPION-Lung10 (NCT06357533) Phase 3 DatoDXd + Rivegostomig vs Pembrolizumab in 1L PDL1 >50%

NCT05555732; NCT04612751; NCT05555732; NCT05215340; NCT05687266; NCT06357533

TROPION Lung 02 Schema:

Doublet: Dato DXd + Pembrolizumab

Triplet: Dato DXd + Pembrolizumab + Platinum Chemotherapy

TROPION-Lung02

- Phase 1b study of Dato-DXd + pembrolizumab ± Pt-CT in a/mNSCLC without actionable genomic alterations^a

Key eligibility criteria

- a/mNSCLC
- Dose escalation^b:
≤2 lines of prior therapy^c
- Dose expansion
 - ≤1 line of Pt-CT (cohorts 1 and 2)^c
 - Treatment-naïve (cohort 2)^{c,d}
 - Treatment-naïve (cohorts 3–6)^c

1L patients only

Dato-DXd
IV Q3W

+ Pembrolizumab
IV Q3W

Pt-CT
IV Q3W

Cohort 1 (n=2):

4 mg/kg

+ 200 mg

Cohort 2 (n=40):

6 mg/kg

+ 200 mg

Doublet

Cohort 3 (n=14):

4 mg/kg

+ 200 mg

+ Carboplatin AUC 5

Cohort 4 (n=26):

6 mg/kg

+ 200 mg

+ Carboplatin AUC 5

Cohort 5 (n=8):

4 mg/kg

+ 200 mg

+ Cisplatin 75 mg/m²

Cohort 6 (n=6):

6 mg/kg

+ 200 mg

+ Cisplatin 75 mg/m²

Triplet

Objectives

Primary:
Safety and
tolerability

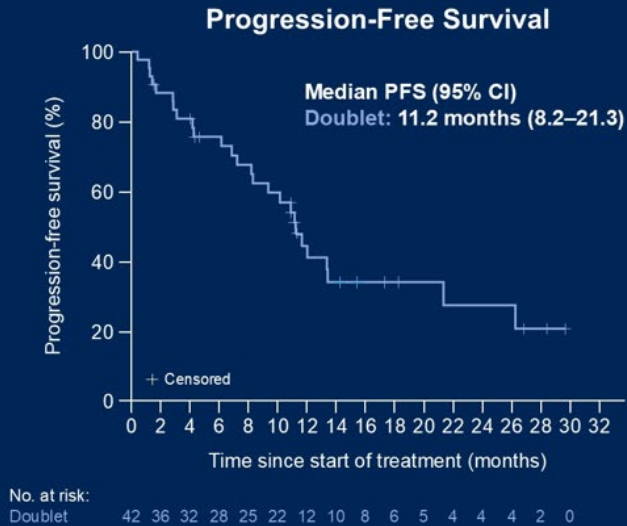
Secondary:
Efficacy

Data cutoff: April 29, 2024. Median study duration was 18.7 months (range, 11–33.8) for doublet and 24.6 months (range, 15.4–32.4) for triplet combinations.

Efficacy of Dato DXd 1L Doublet

Efficacy, 1L Doublet

	Doublet (n=42)
Confirmed ORR*, n (%)	23 (54.8)
95% CI	38.7–70.2
Median DOR, months	20.1
95% CI	9.7–NE
DCR, n (%)	37 (88.1)
95% CI	74.4–96.0
Median TTR, months	1.4
Range	1.2–7.0
Median PFS, months	11.2
95% CI	8.2–21.3
Median OS, months	NE
95% CI	19.2–NE

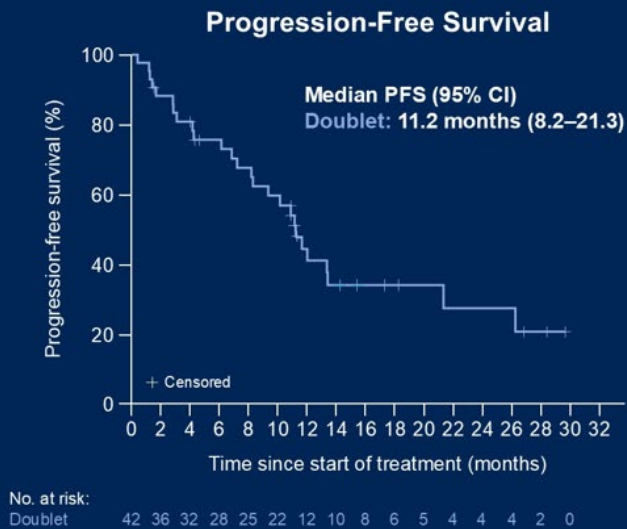


DOUBLET: ORR 54.8%; mPFS 11.2 months

Efficacy of Dato DXd 1L Doublet and 1L Triplet

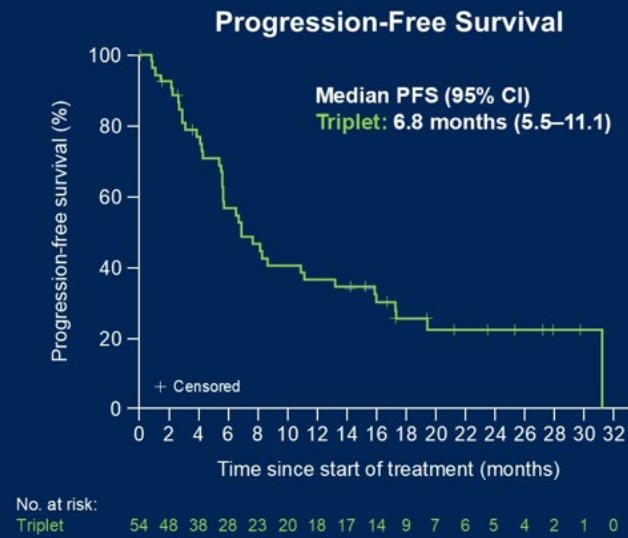
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Median OS, months	NE
95% CI	19.2–NE



Efficacy, 1L Triplet

	Triplet (n=54)
Confirmed ORR*, n (%)	30 (55.6)
95% CI	41.4–69.1
Median DOR, months	13.7
95% CI	5.7–NE
DCR, n (%)	48 (88.9)
95% CI	77.4–95.8
Median TTR, months	1.4
Range	1.2–9.6
Median PFS, months	6.8
95% CI	5.5–11.1
Median OS, months	17.4
95% CI	9.1–NE

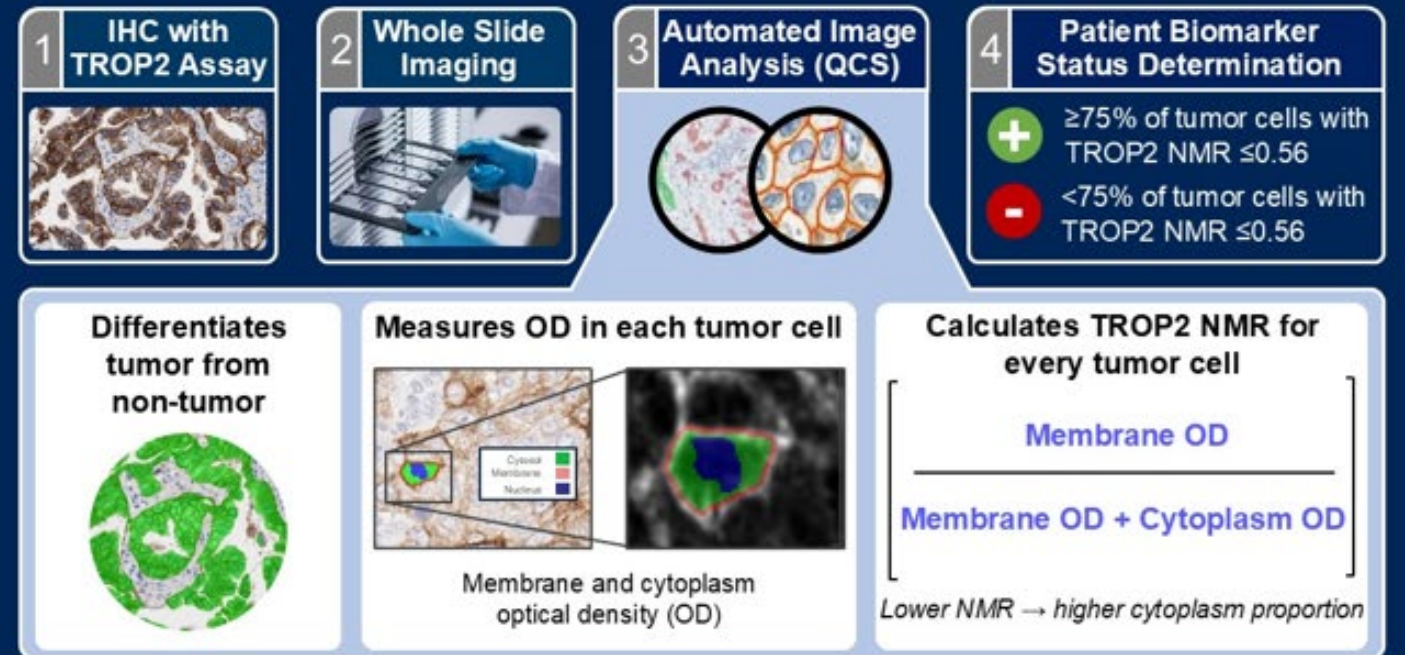


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TRIPLET: ORR 55.6%; mPFS 6.8 months

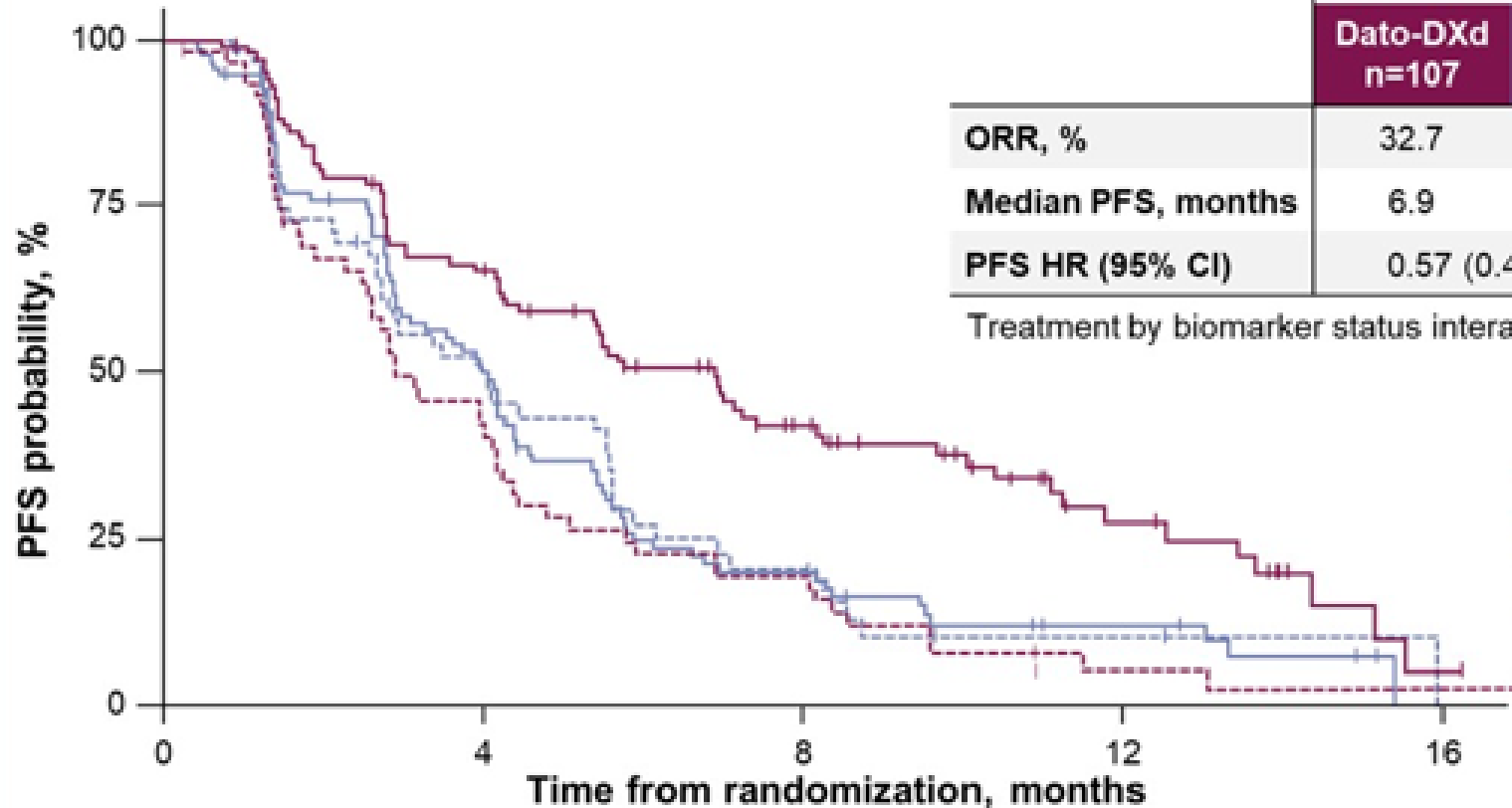
TROP2 Normalized Membrane Ratio (NMR) measured by Quantitative Continuous Scoring (QCS)

- TROP2 tumor membrane expression using conventional IHC and pathology visual scoring does not enrich for response
- TROP2 NMR as measured by QCS reflects the expression of TROP2 in the membrane relative to total TROP2 (membrane and cytoplasm)



TROP2 NMR Positivity was Predictive for Longer PFS with Dato-DXd in TROPION Lung 01

Biomarker-evaluable population, n=352



	TROP2 QCS-NMR+		TROP2 QCS-NMR-	
	Dato-DXd n=107	Docetaxel n=107	Dato-DXd n=65	Docetaxel n=73
ORR, %	32.7	10.3	16.9	15.1
Median PFS, months	6.9	4.1	2.9	4.0
PFS HR (95% CI)	0.57 (0.41–0.79)		1.16 (0.79–1.70)	

Treatment by biomarker status interaction: $p=0.0063$

— Dato-DXd, QCS-NMR+
- - Dato-DXd, QCS-NMR-
— Docetaxel, QCS-NMR+
- - Docetaxel, QCS-NMR-

TROPION-Lung07 (NCT05555732)

Advanced/metastatic NSCLC
(N=975)

- PD-L1 TPS <50%

Primary endpoints

- PFS (by BICR)
- OS

R
1:1:1

Dato-DXd + pembrolizumab +
cisplatin/carboplatin

Dato-DXd + pembrolizumab

Pembrolizumab + pemetrexed
+ cisplatin/carboplatin

TROPION-Lung08 (NCT05215340)

Advanced/metastatic NSCLC
(N=740)

- PD-L1 TPS ≥50%

Primary endpoints

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- OS

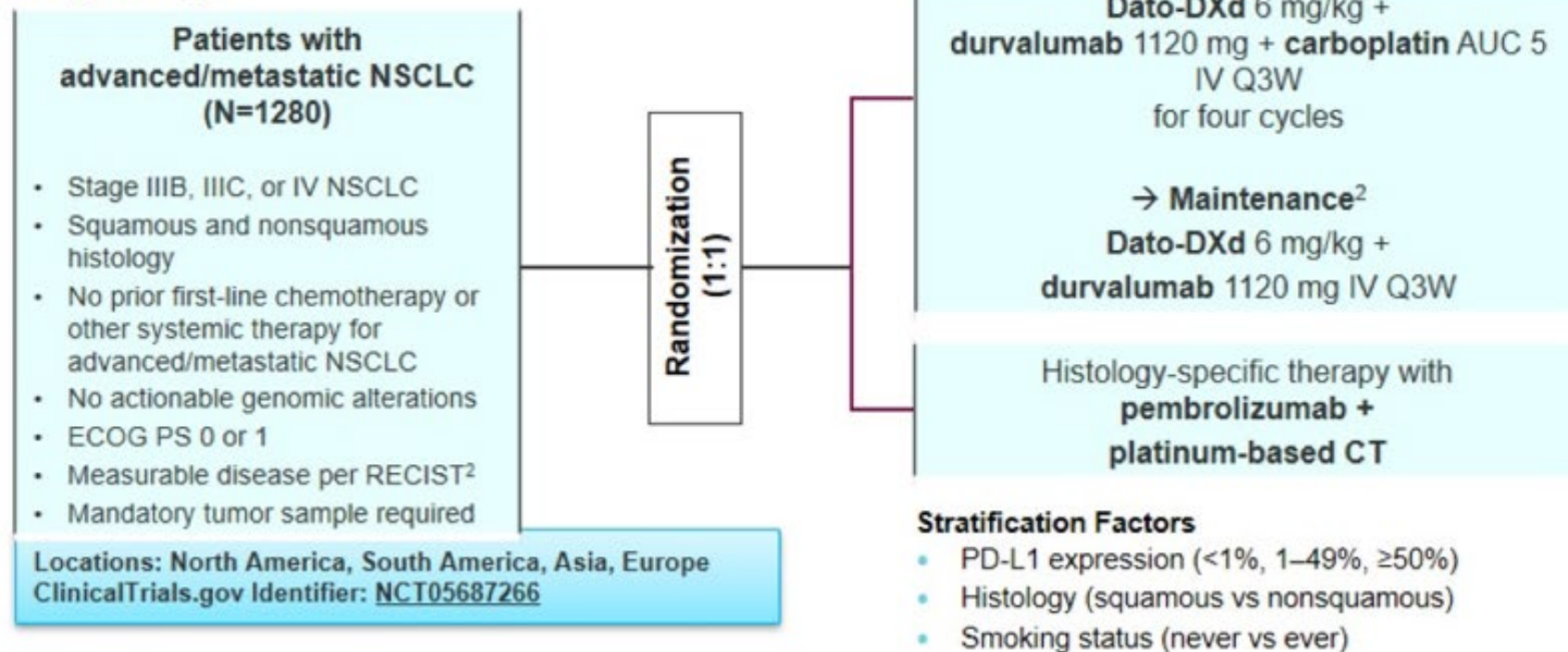
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Dato-DXd + pembrolizumab

Pembrolizumab

AVANZAR: Phase III Dato DXd + Durvalumab + Carboplatin vs Keynote189

Study Design



Primary Endpoints

- PFS in TROP2 biomarker positive^{b,f,g}
- OS in TROP2 biomarker positive^{f,g}
- PFS in the NSQ population
- OS in the NSQ population

Secondary Endpoints

ITT and TROP2^g defined populations

- PFS^b
- OS

In ITT, NSQ and TROP2 defined populations

- ORR (CR + PR)^{c,d}
- DOR^{c,d}
- PFS^{d,e}
- PFS^{2,2}
- PRO²
- ADA, PK

Safety Endpoints

- Safety and tolerability

Sacituzumab Govitecan 1L TROP2 ADC SN38 Payload

EVOKE 02 (NCT05186974) Phase 2 Sacituzumab Govitecan + Pembrolizumab +/- Chemotherapy in 1L

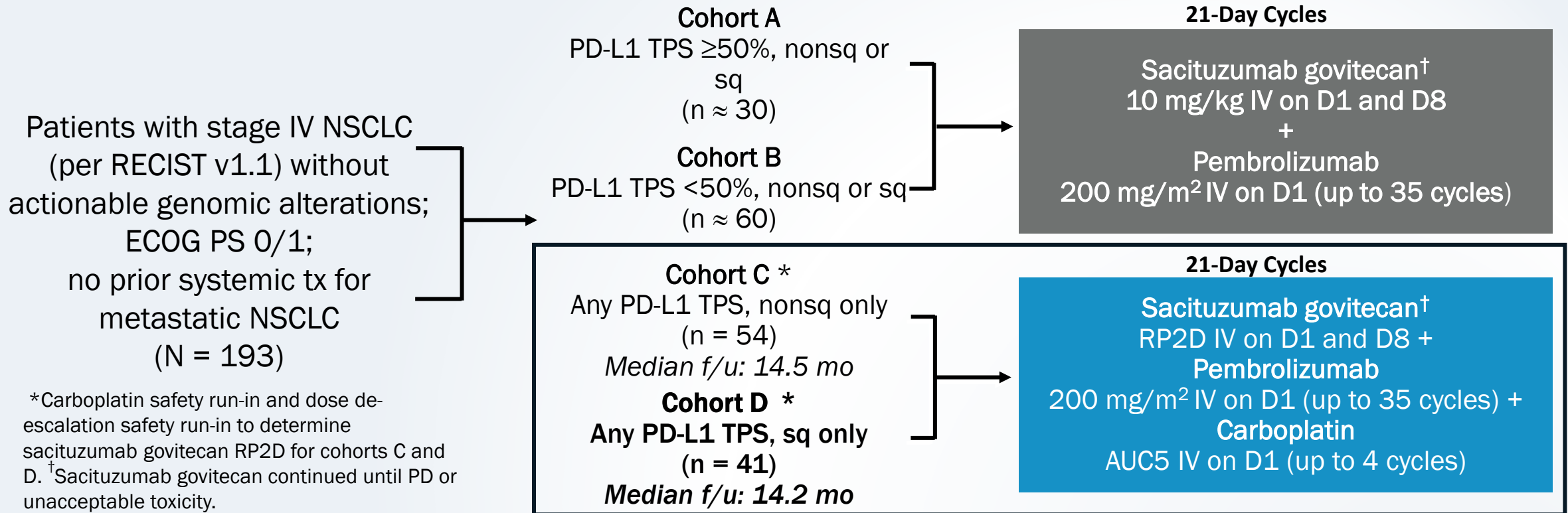
EVOKE 03 (NCT05609968) Phase 3 Sacituzumab Govitecan + Pembrolizumab vs Pembrolizumab in PDL1 high 1L



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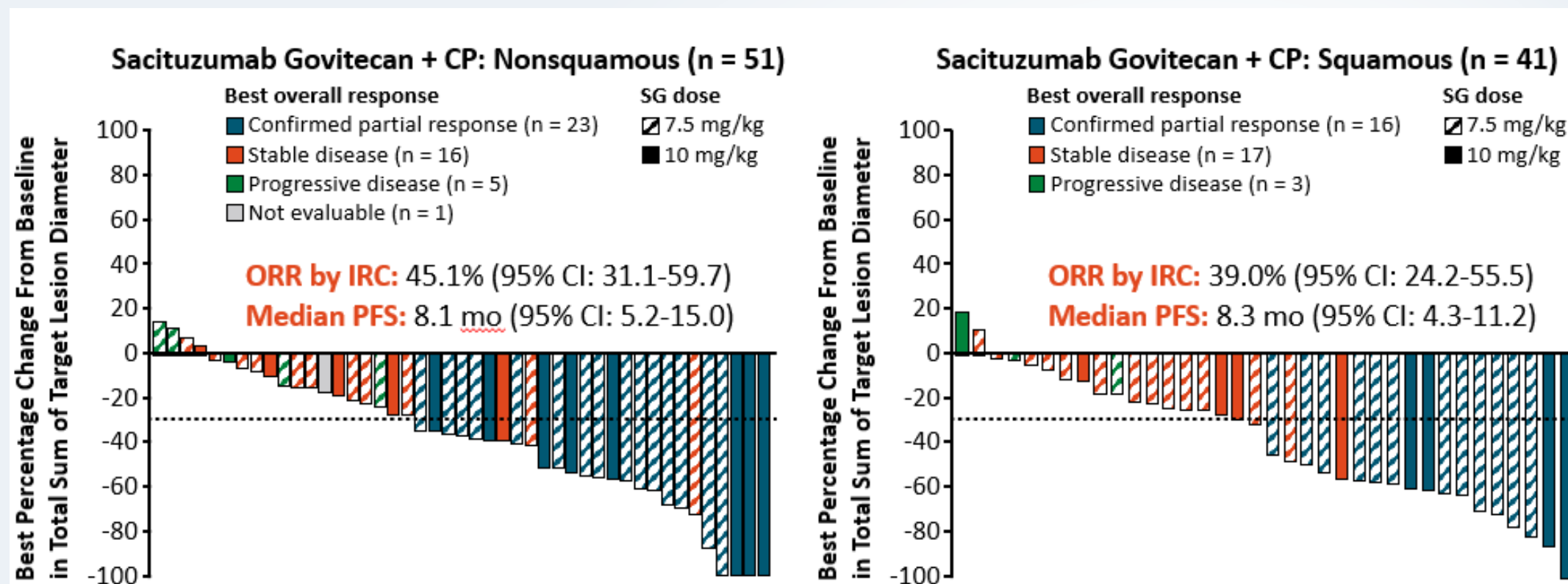


EVOKE-02 (Cohorts C & D): Sacituzumab Govitecan + Carboplatin/Pembrolizumab in 1L Untreated NSCLC



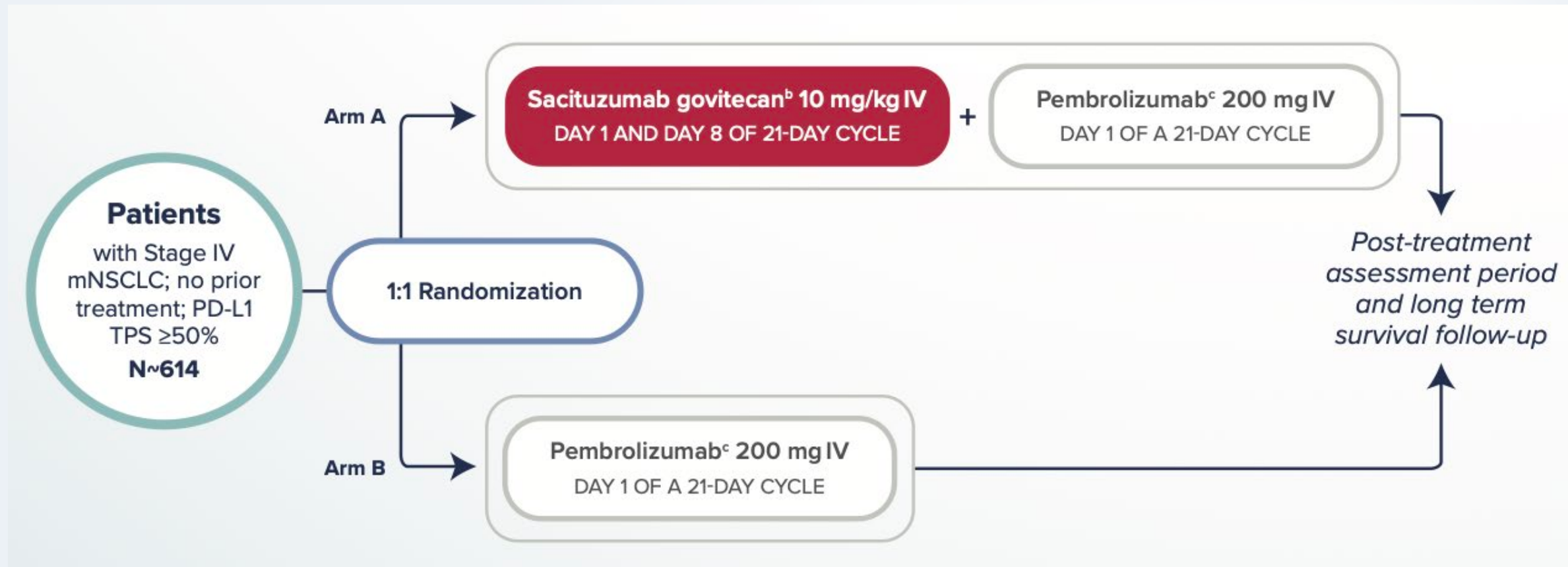
- **Primary endpoints:** ORR per RECIST v1.1, dose-limiting toxicity in safety run-in
- **Secondary endpoints:** DCR, DoR, and PFS per RECIST v1.1; OS; safety

EVOKE 02: Sacituzumab Govitecan Antitumor Activity (Cohort C & D)



Outcome	PD-L1 TPS <1% (n = 44)	PD-L1 TPS 1%-49% (n = 36)	PD-L1 TPS ≥50% (n = 16)
ORR, % (95% CI)	43.2 (28.3-59.0)	33.3 (18.6-51.0)	66.7 (34.9-90.1)
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	8.3 (5.2-15.0)	6.8 (4.0-10.7)	NR (1.9-NR)

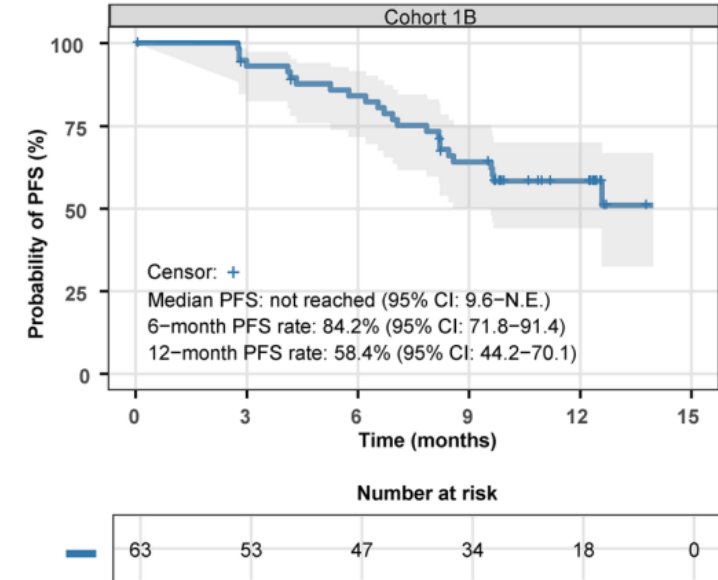
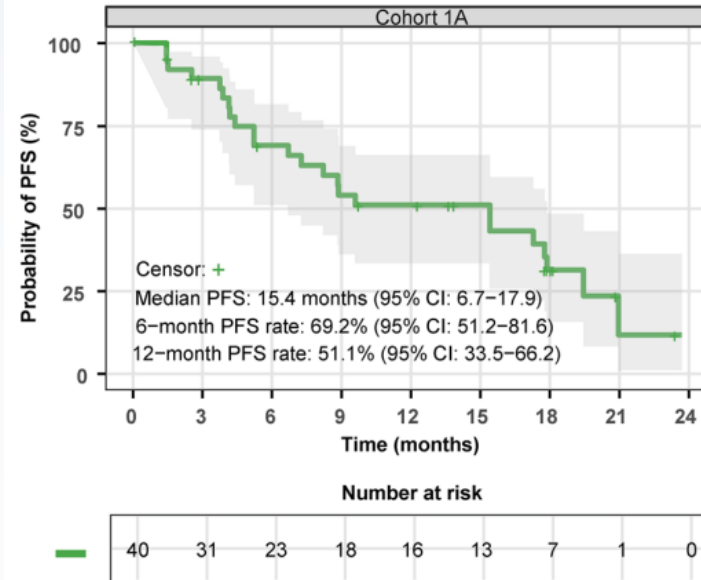
EVOKE 3: 1L Sacituzumab Govitecan + Pembrolizumab vs Pembrolizumab in PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$ mNSCLC Patients



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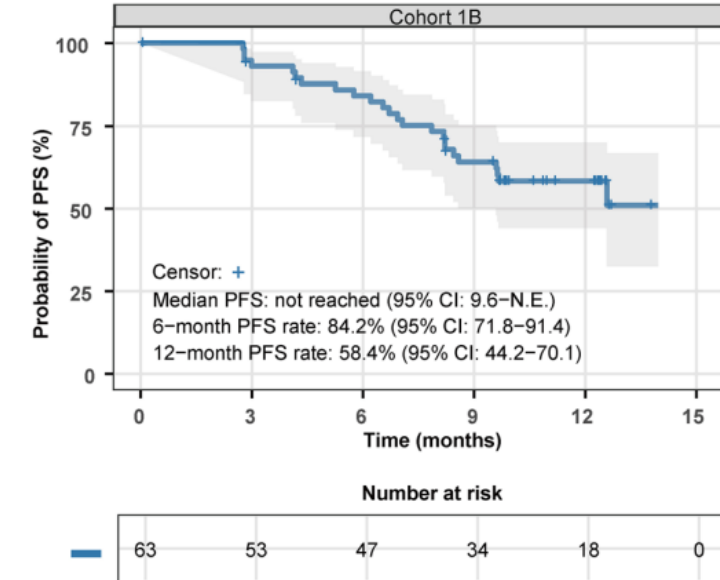
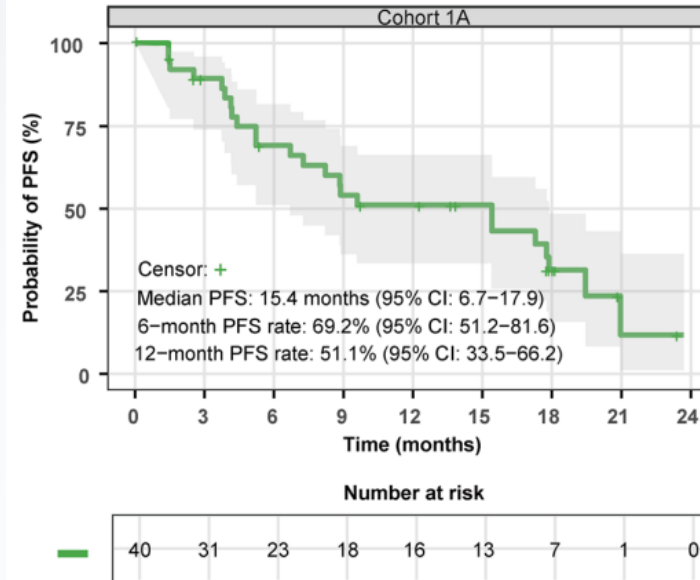
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- In first-line metastatic driver negative NSCLC, role for ADC remain **investigational**.
 - Need biomarkers to select correct population
 - Combination strategies / balancing toxicity and efficacy
 - CNS activity remains limited
 - OS benefit has not yet been seen
 - Need further data on squamous histology
- ADCs will not replace immunotherapy, may replace chemo in combination strategies in the front-line setting
- KRAS G12C and other RAS mutations with competing strategies in the front line