

Updates in Small Cell lung cancer

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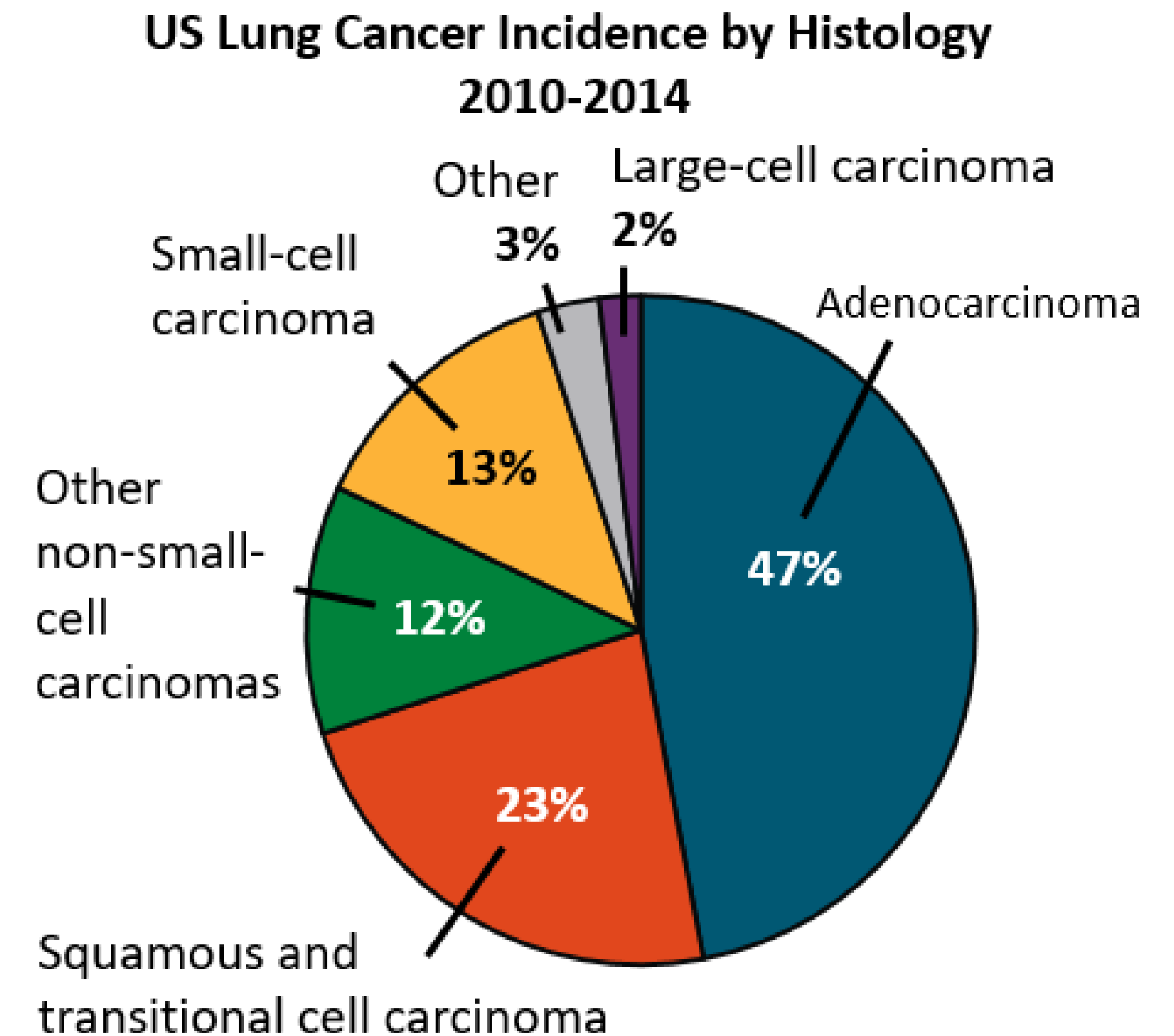
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Small Cell Lung Cancer

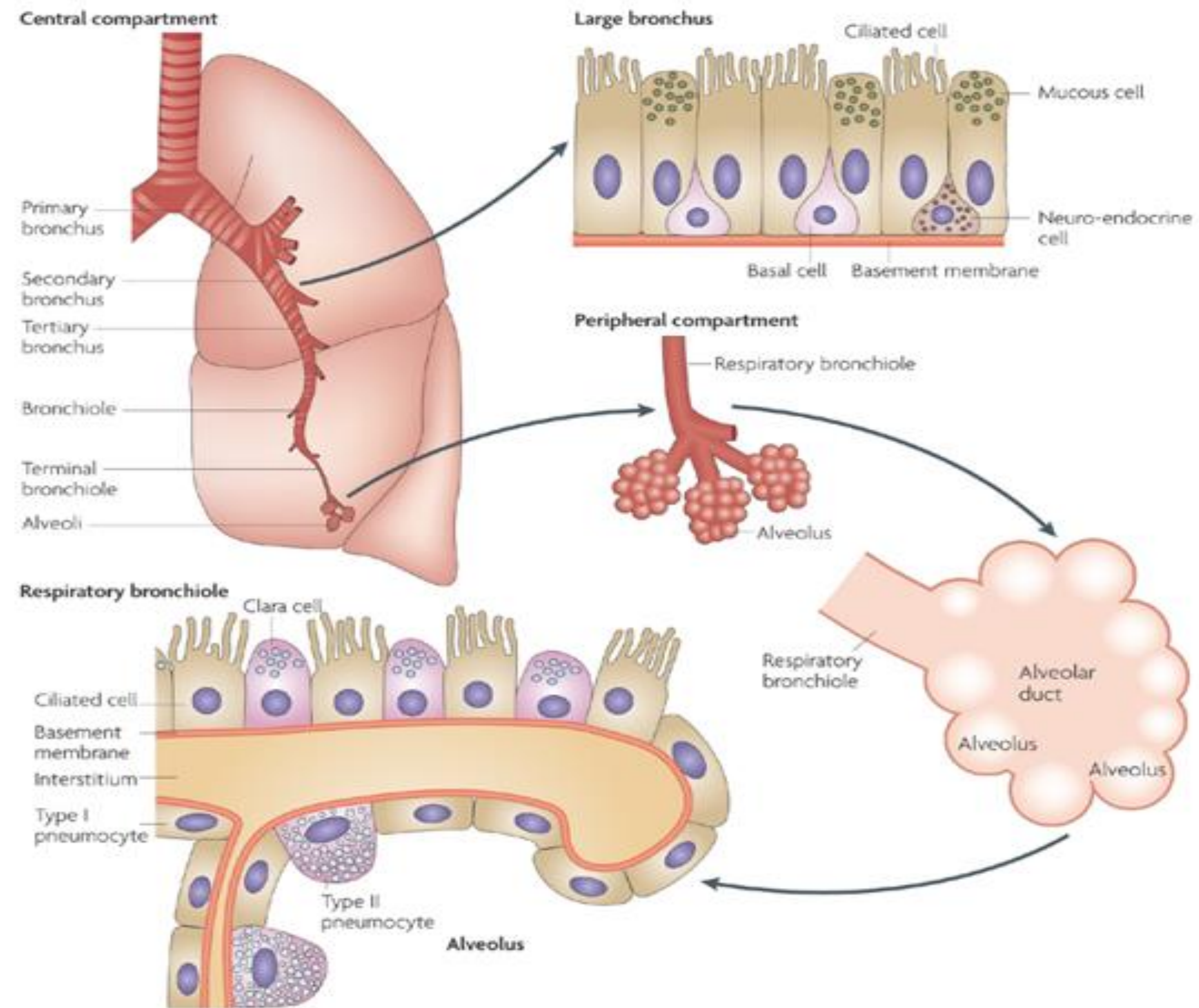
- SCLC accounts for ~ 13% of all lung cancers in the US
- Previously called oat-cell carcinoma
- Associated with a history of significant tobacco use
- Unique biology: rapid proliferation, abrupt presentation, bulky central tumor, hematogenous metastases at onset
- Poor outcomes



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Pathogenesis of Lung Cancer

Other Putative Causes	Relative Risk
2nd-hand smoke	1.2
Radon	10
Cooking oil vapors	2.1
Indoor coal and wood burning	2
Genetic	2
Viral-HPV	10

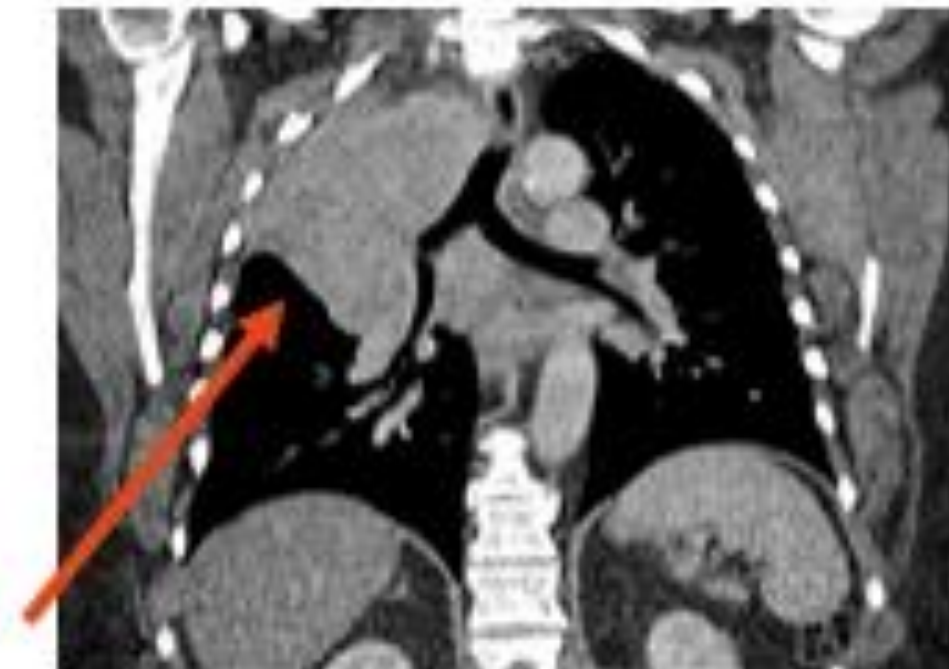


Clinical Presentation

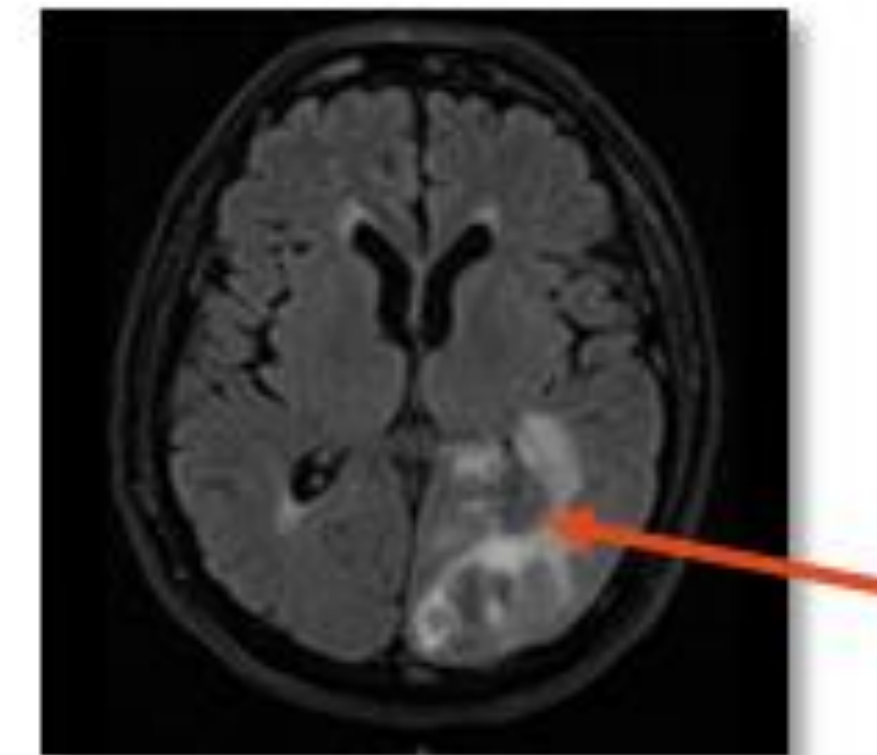
- Local symptoms: cough, 50%; dyspnea, 40%; chest pain, 35%; hemoptysis, 20%; hoarseness, 10%
- Distant symptoms: weight loss, 50%; weakness, 40%; anorexia, 30%; paraneoplastic syndrome, 15%; fever, 10%
- Paraneoplastic syndromes: ectopic hormone-associated syndromes, immune-mediated neurologic syndromes

Metastatic Site, %	At Presentation	At Autopsy
Mediastinal LNs	66-80	73-87
Liver	21-27	69
Bone	27-41	54
Adrenal glands	5-31	35-65
Bone marrow	15-30	NA
Brain	10-14	28-50
Retroperitoneal LNs	3-12	29-52
Supraclavicular LNs	17	42
Pleural effusion	16-20	30
Contralateral lung	1-12	8-27
Soft tissues	5	19

Chest CT

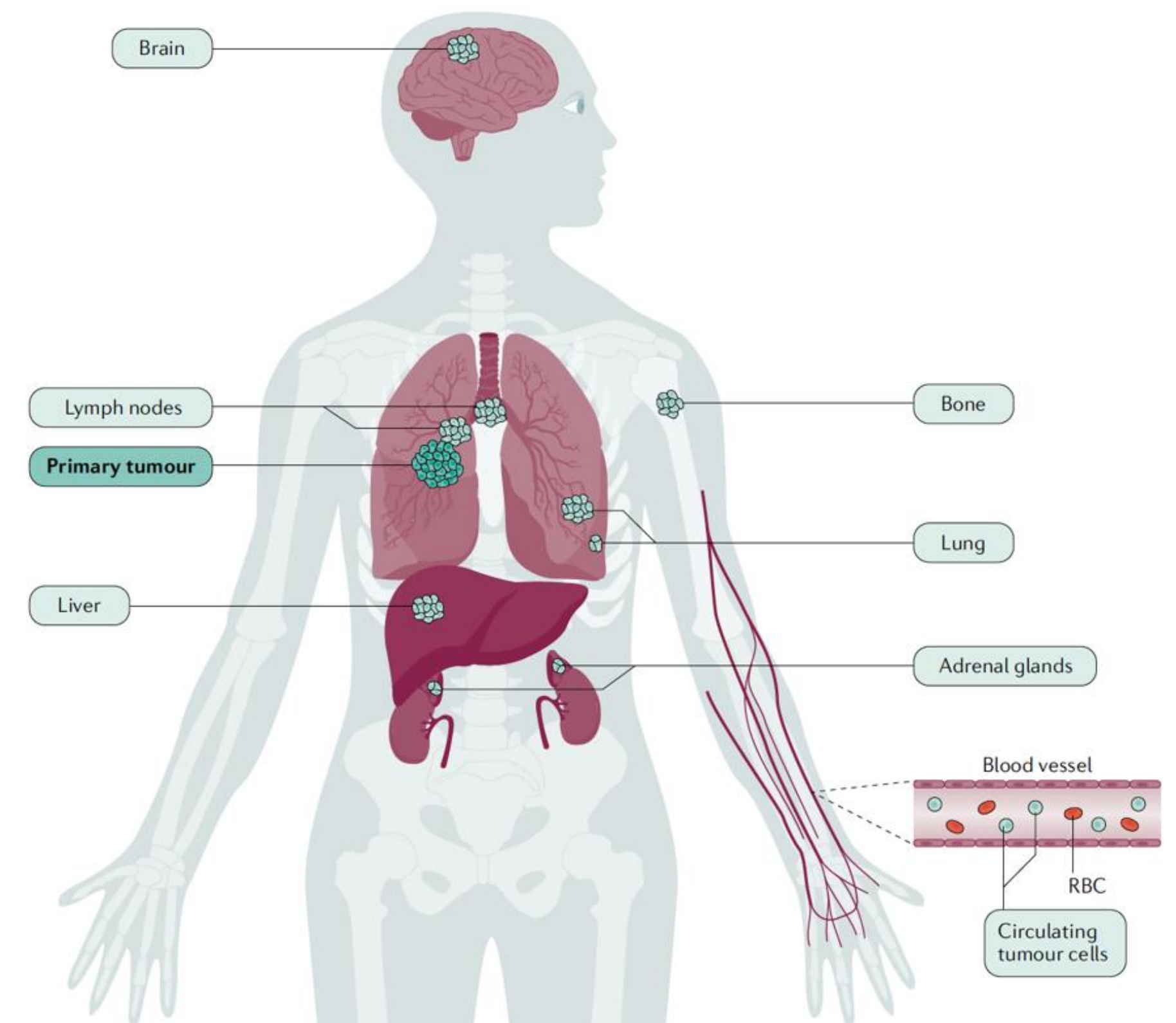
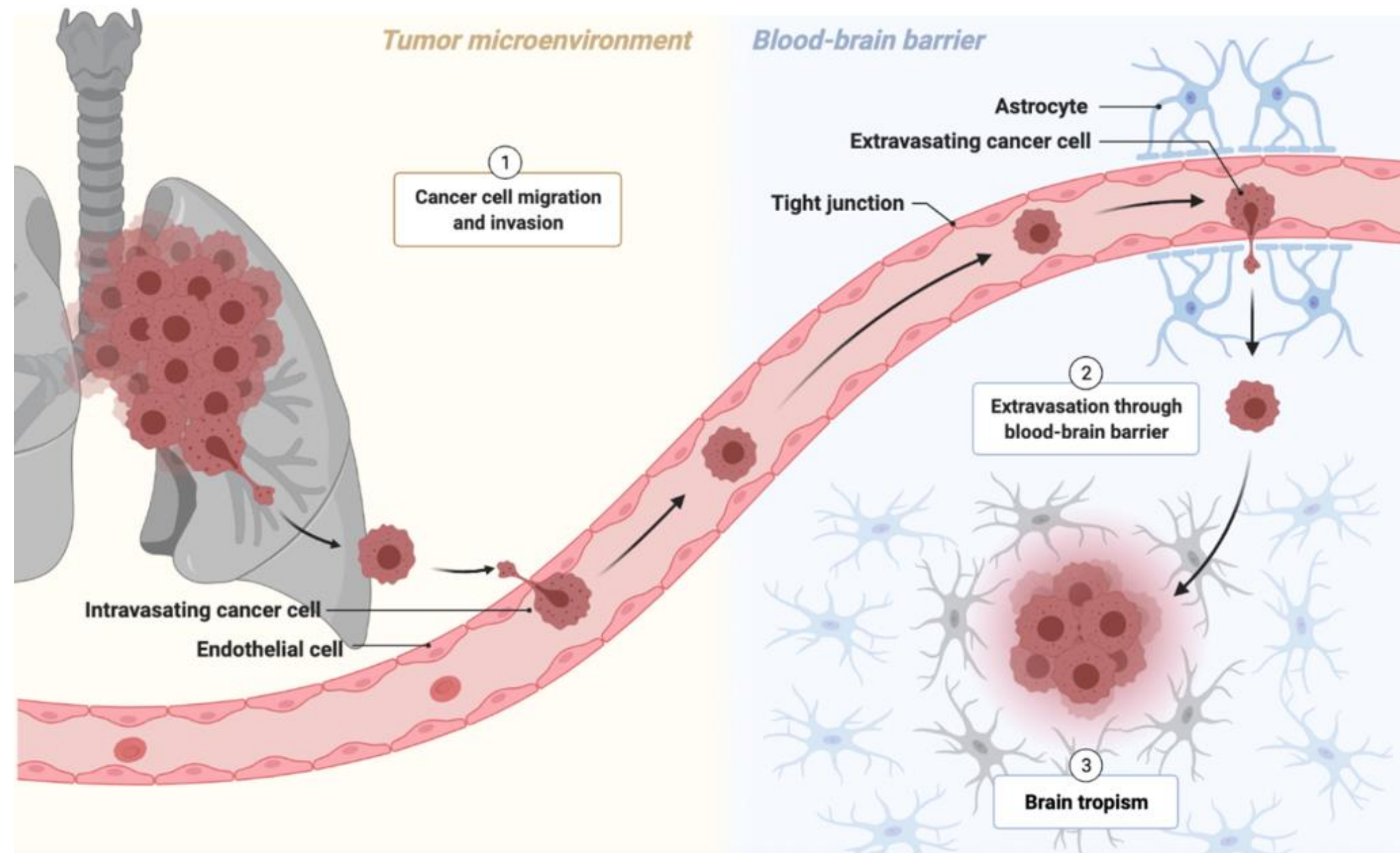


Brain MRI



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Sites of metastases



Staging – TNM staging

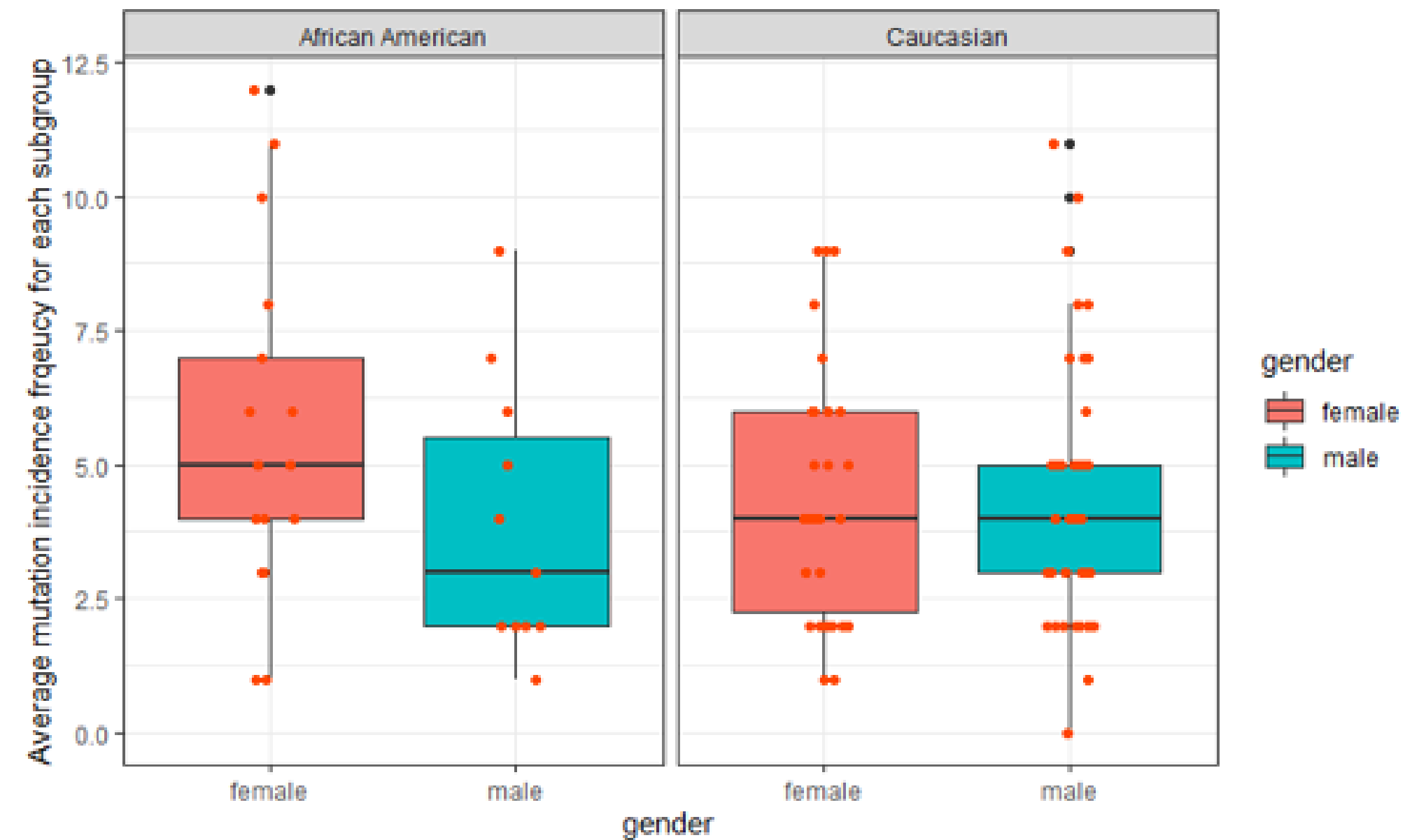
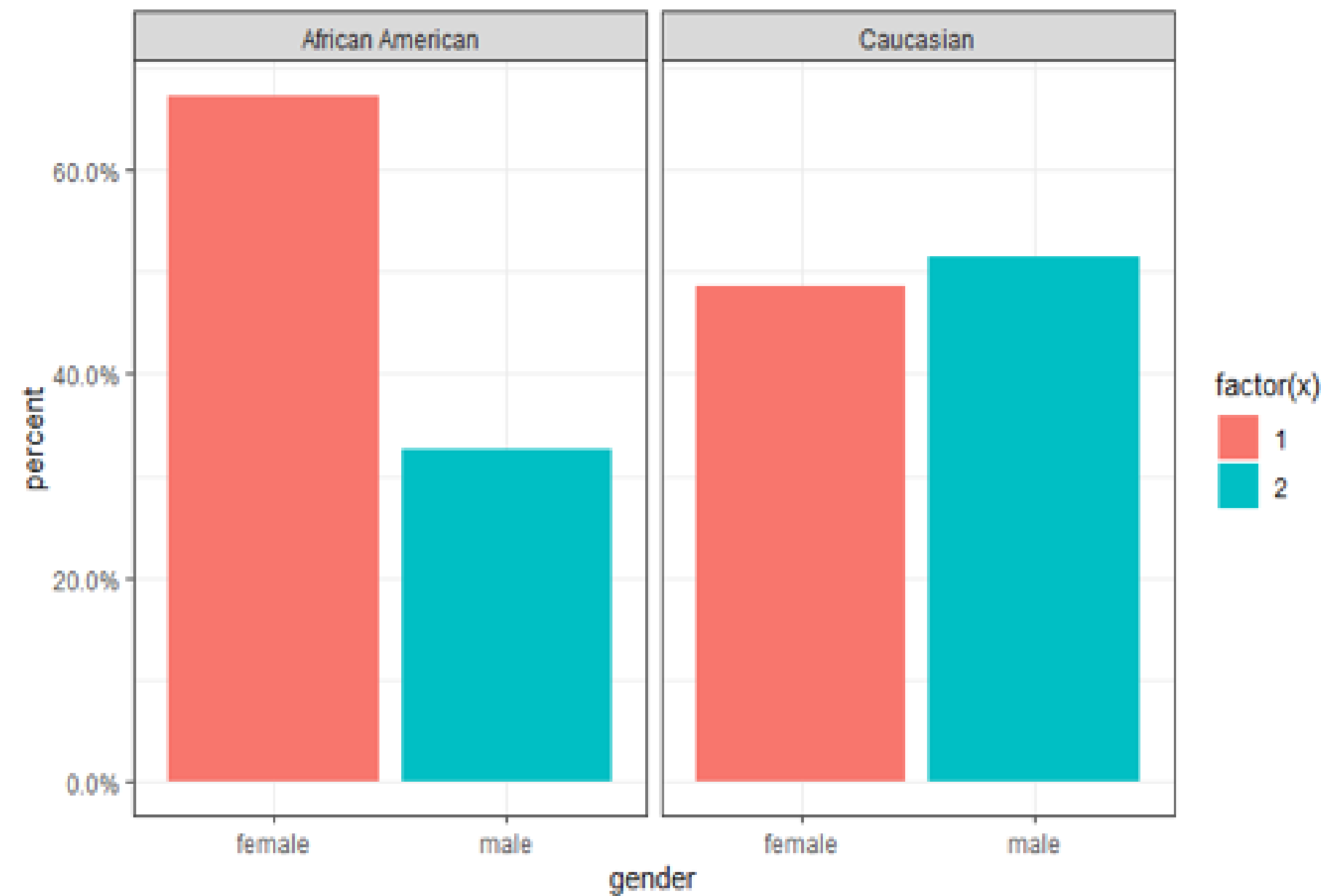
- Diagnosis by FNA or biopsy
- Staging workup
 - CT chest/abdomen/pelvis
 - Brain MRI
 - PET scan to rule out distant metastases

TNM Staging	VA Staging	Incidence, %
T1-T2, N0, M0 (stage I)	Limited stage	~ 5
T any, N any, M0 (stage I-III)	Limited stage; disease burden contained within radiation field	~ 30
T any, N any, M1 (stage IV)	Extensive stage; disease burden beyond radiation field	~ 65

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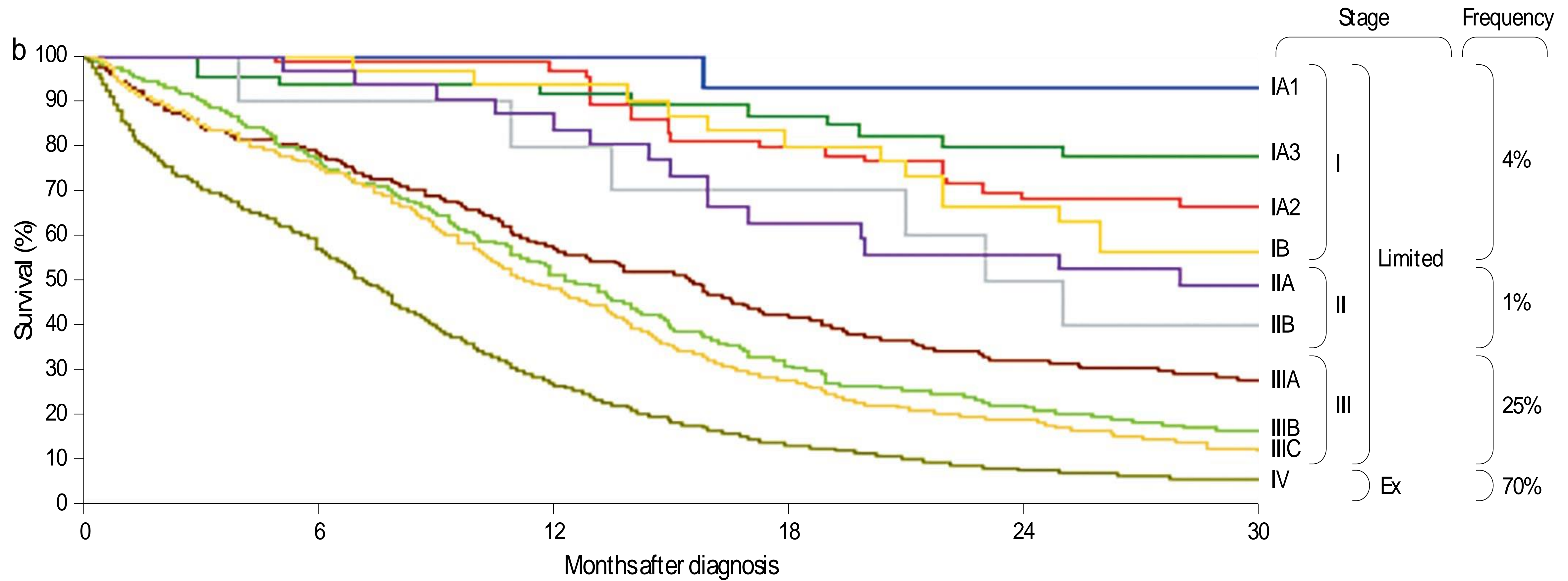
Epidemiology of SCLC

- 13% of all lung cancers = 20,000 – 30,000/yr in US



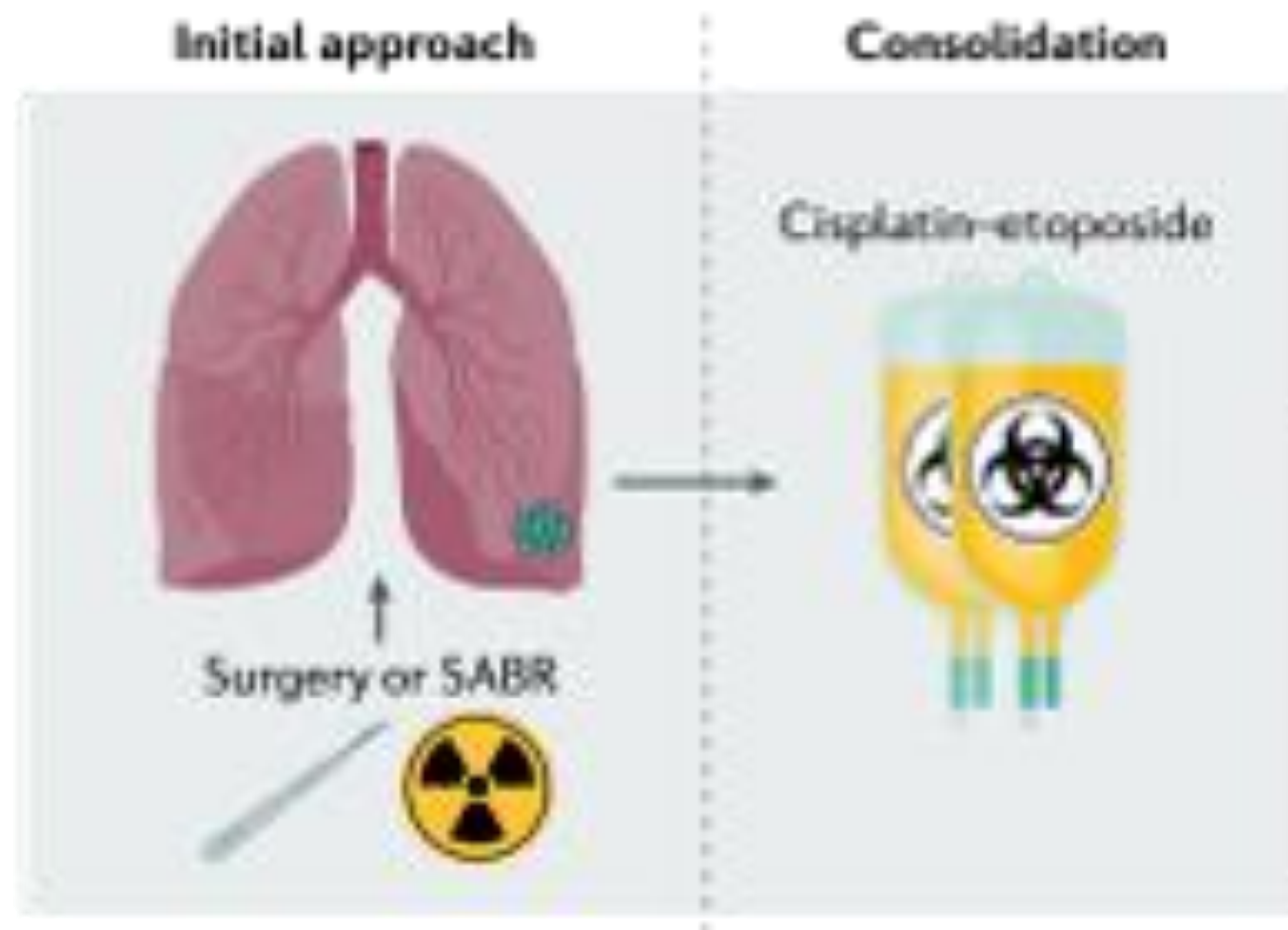
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Survival according to the stage

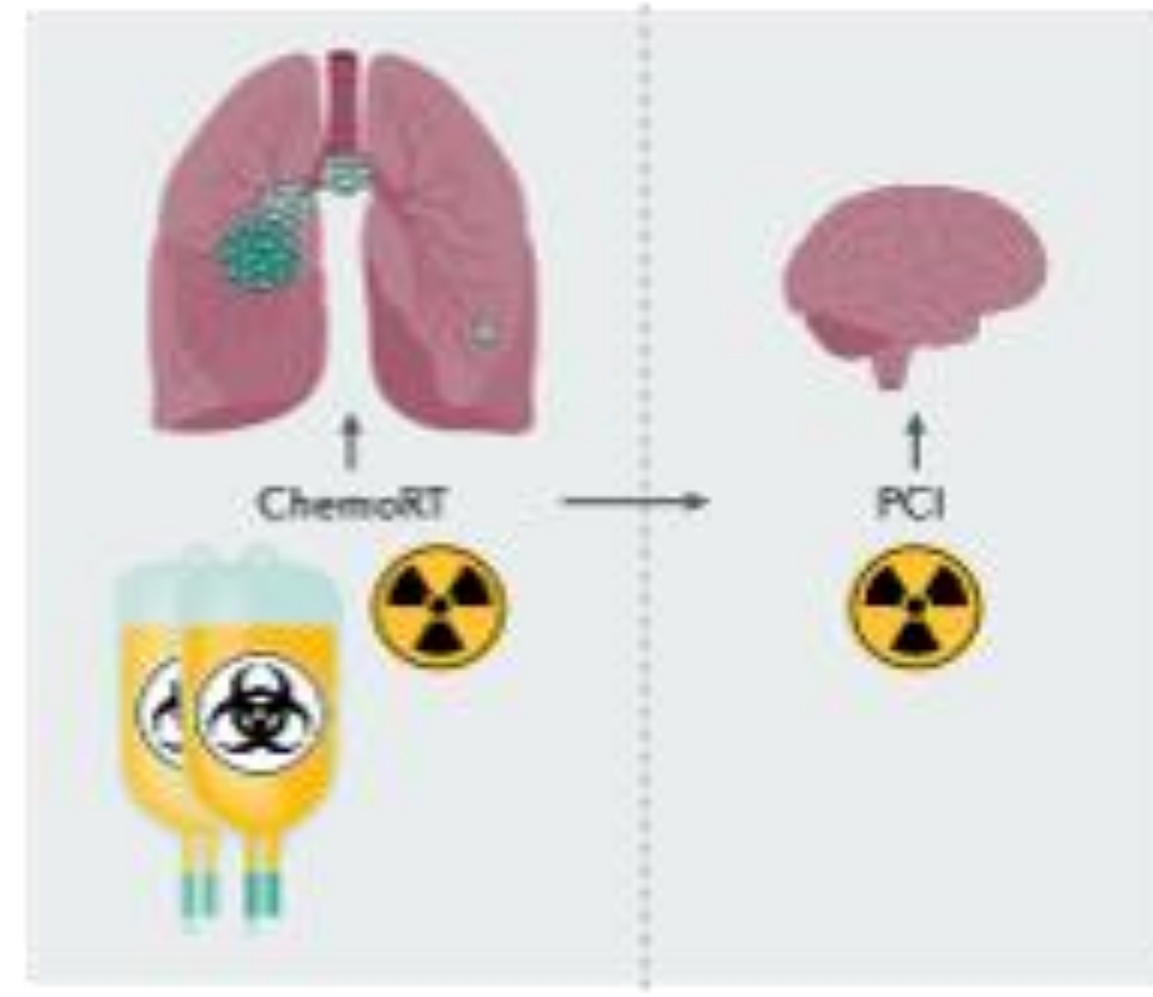


Treatment

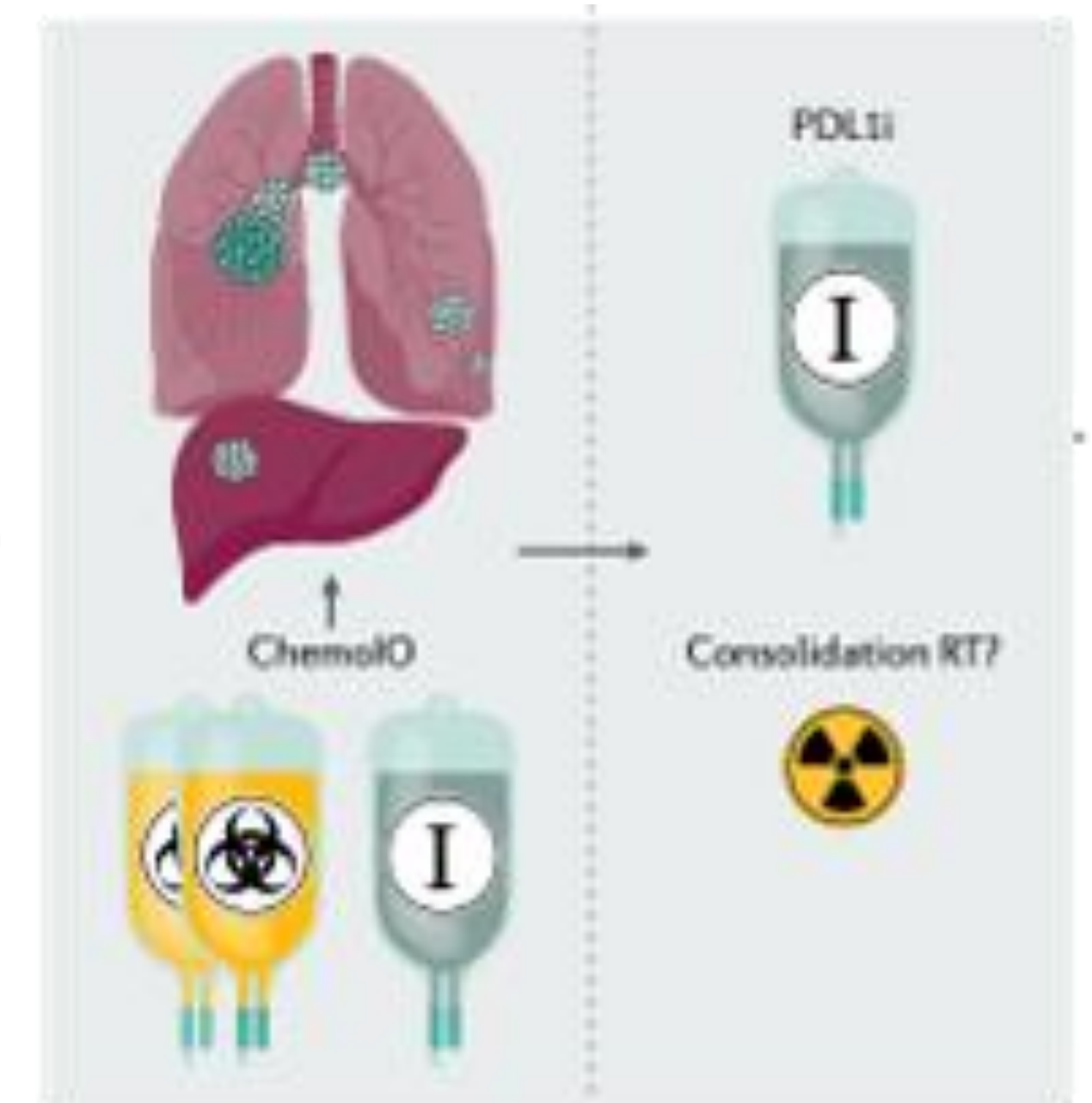
TNM stage I only



TNM stage I-III



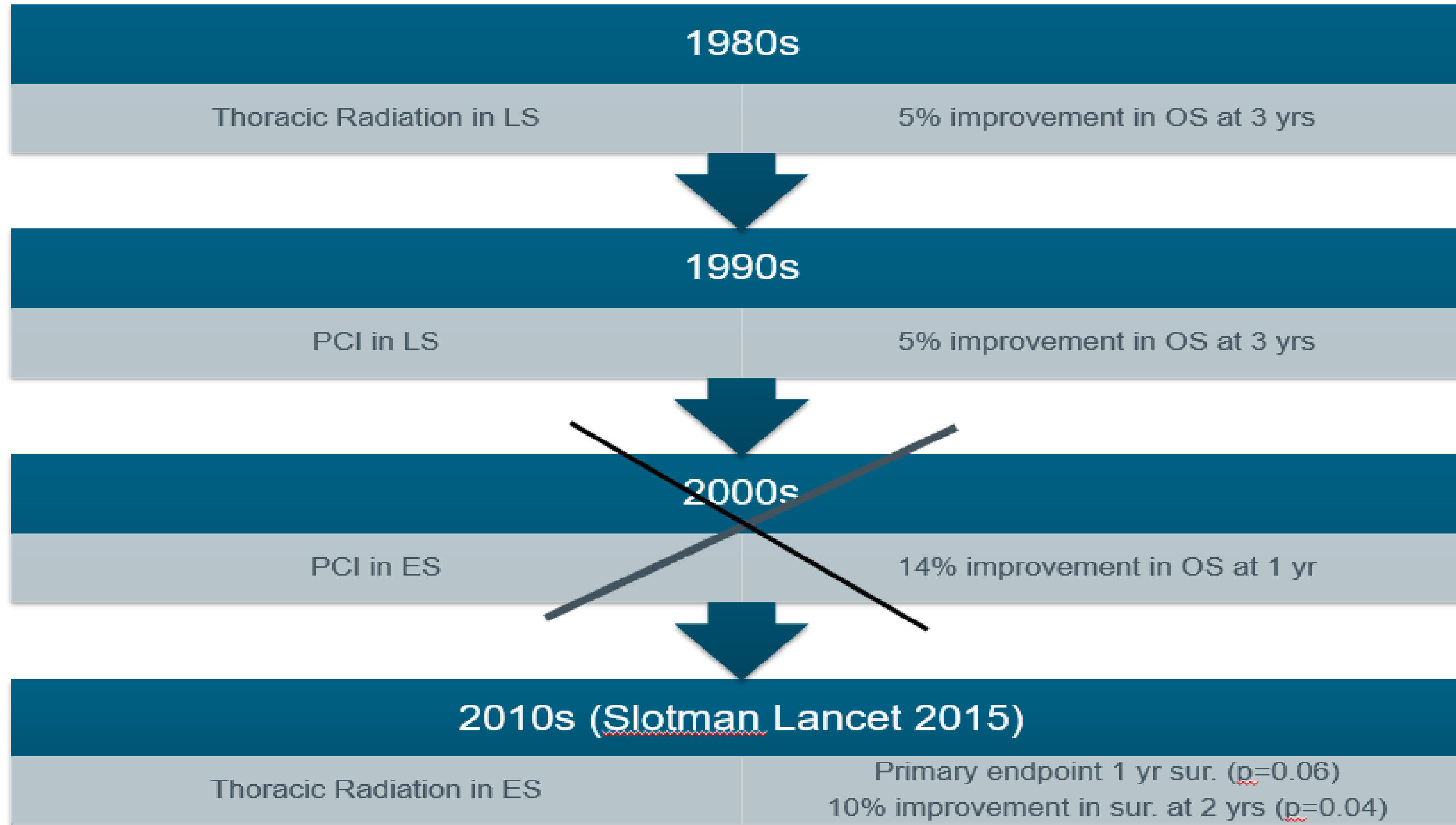
TNM stage IV



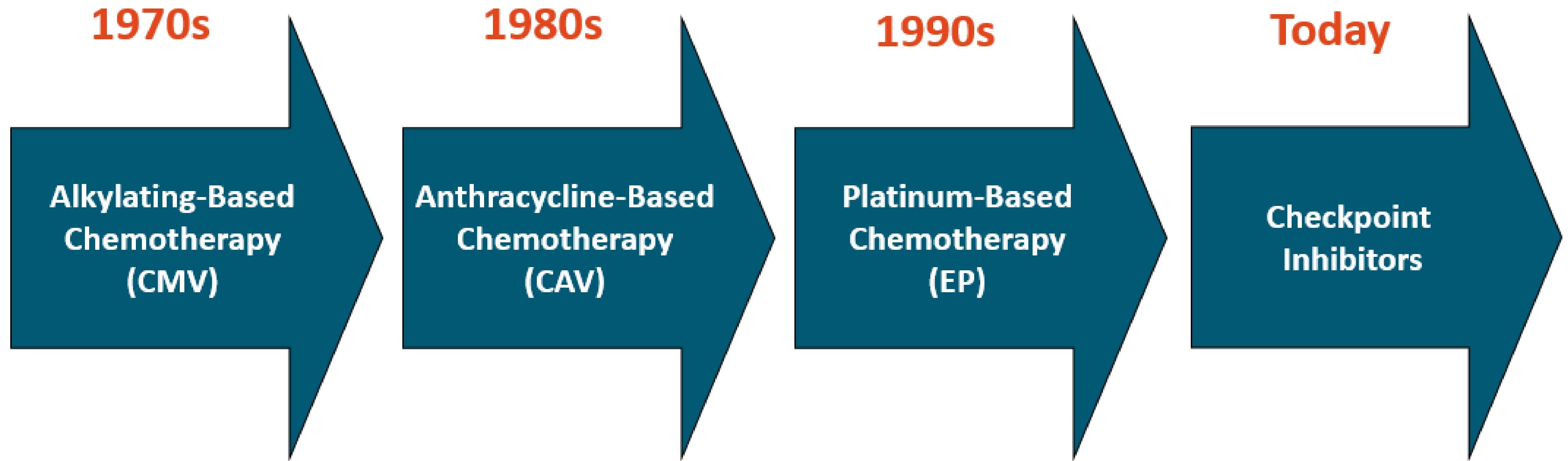
Cisplatin Etoposide compared to other doublets

Regimen	No of Trials	No. Patients	Results	Population studied
Cisplatin and Irinotecan	3	Trial 1 – Japan - 154 Trial 2 – Pfizer - 331 Trial 3 – SWOG -671	Superior Equivalent Equivalent	Ext-SCLC
Carboplatin and Gemcitabine	1	241	Equivalent	Ext-SCLC and Lim-SCLC
Carboplatin and Etoposide	1	220	Equivalent	Ext-SCLC Poor risk
Cisplatin and Topotecan	1	780	Equivalent	Ext-SCLC
Carboplatin and Pemetrexed	1	909	Inferior	Ext-SCLC
Carboplatin and Irinotecan	1	209	Equivalent	Ext-SCLC compared to carbo/ <u>etop</u>

Overall Survival with Radiation

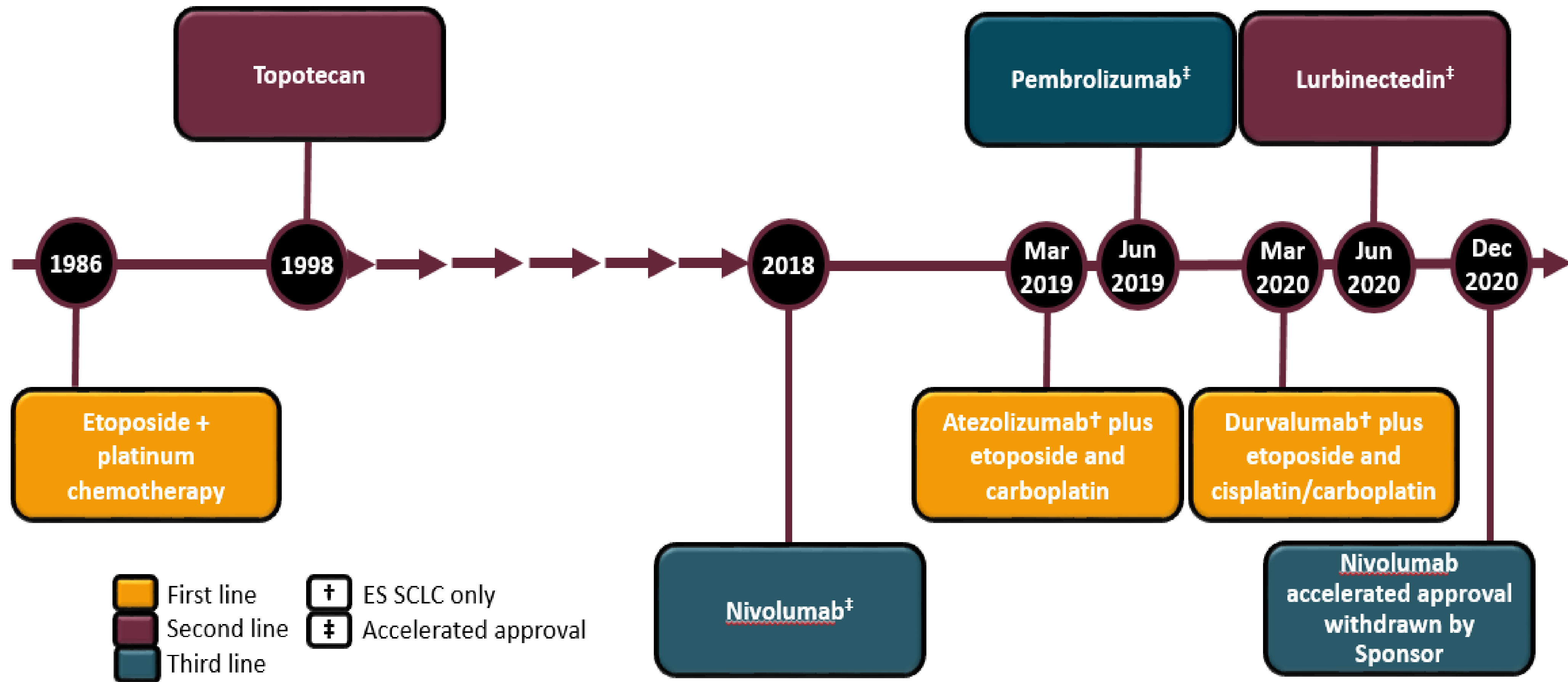


Evolution of Systemic therapy in SCLC

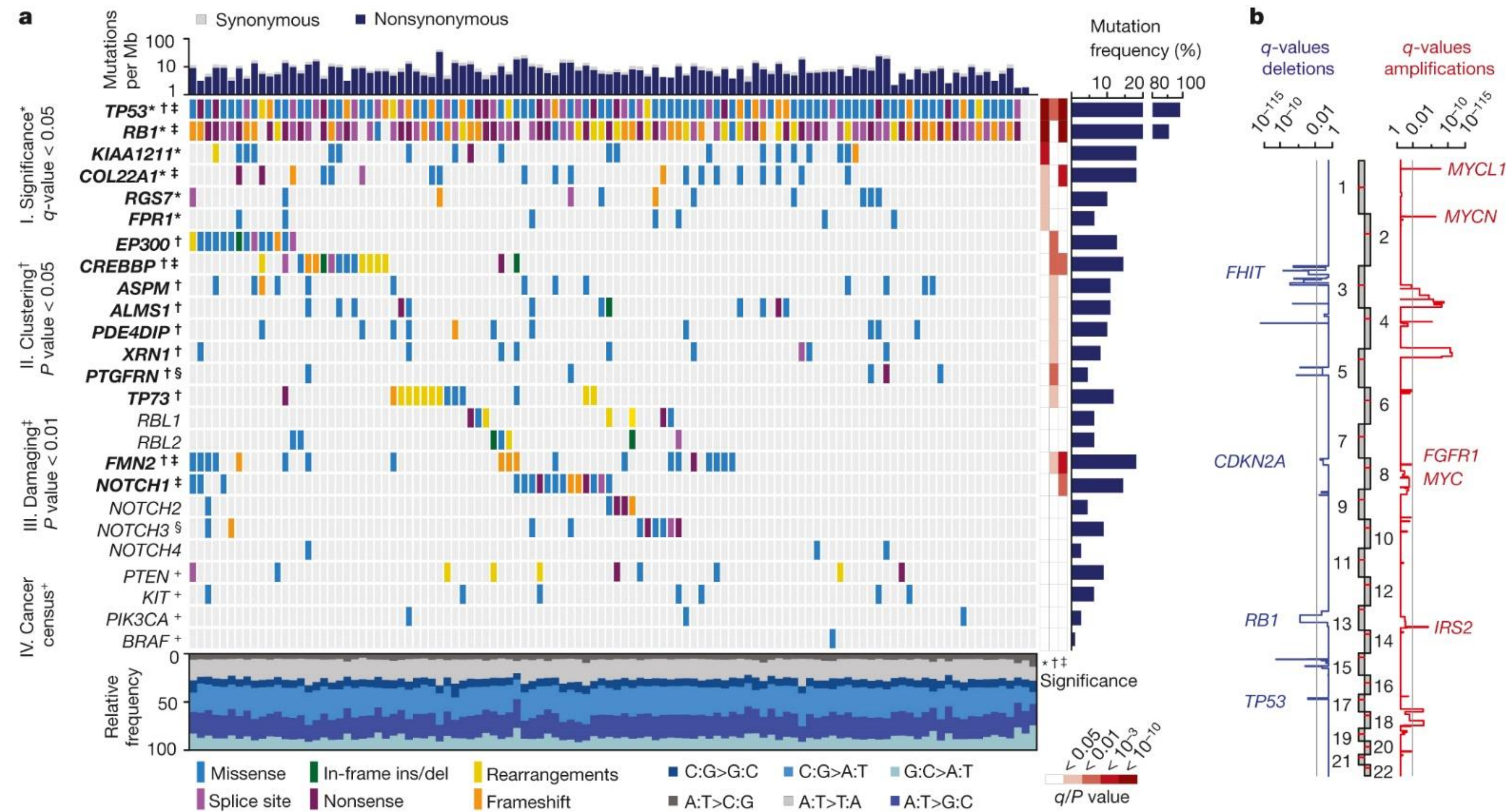


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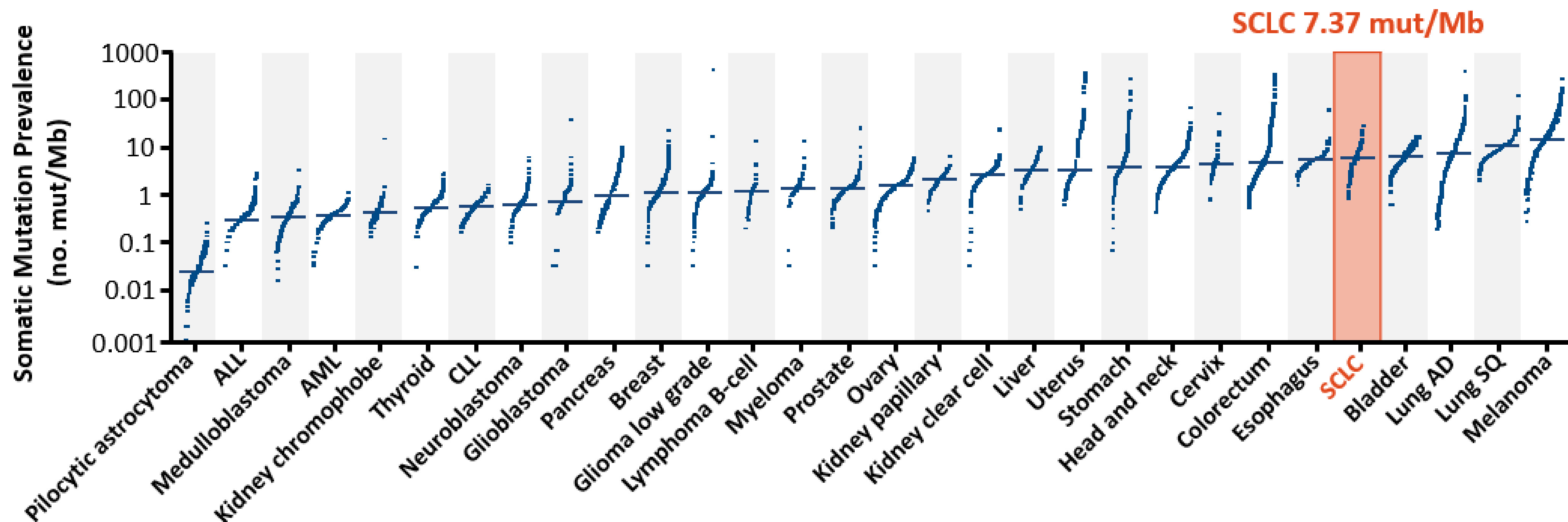


SCLC – lack of expression of driver mutations



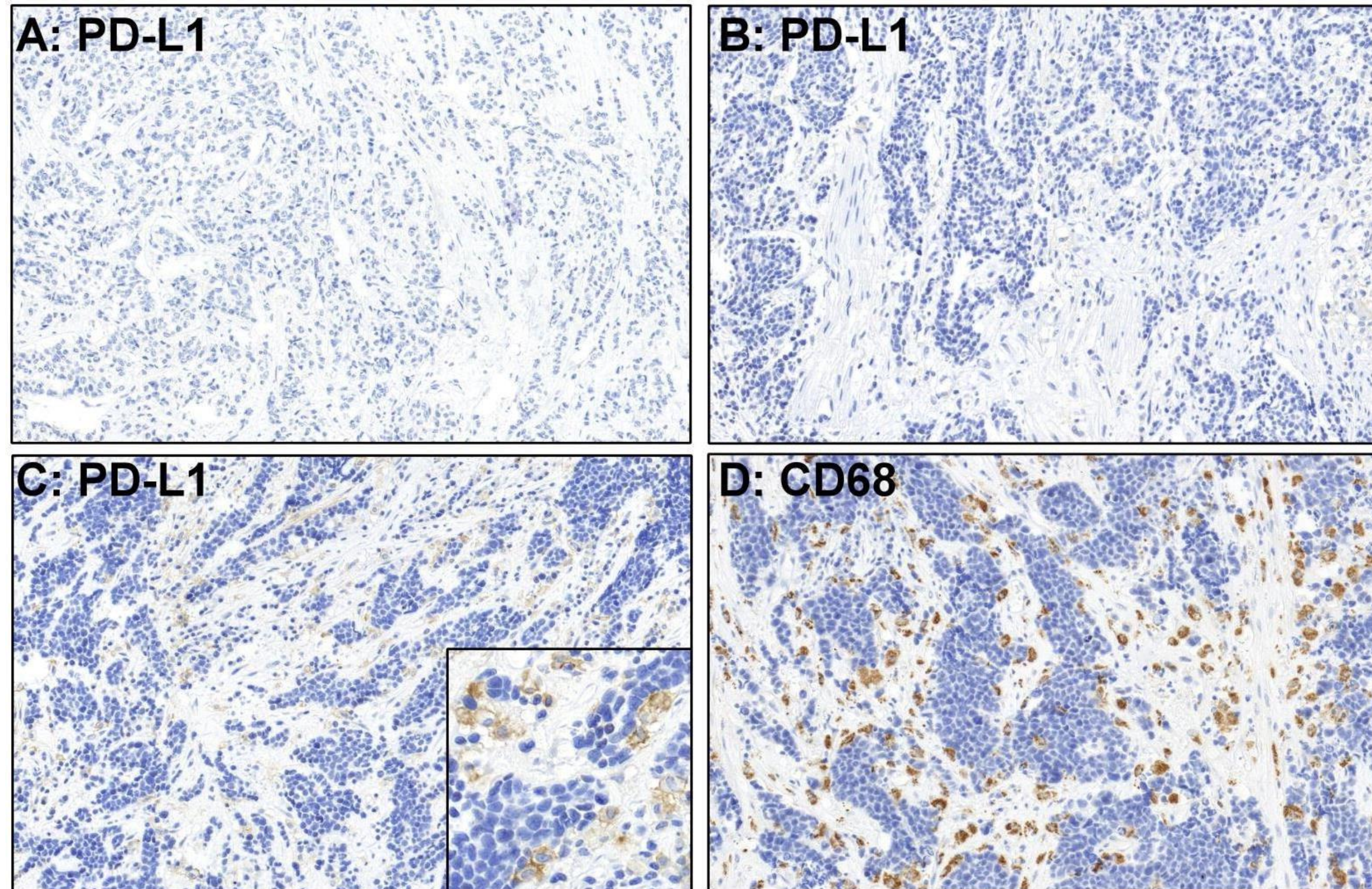
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SCLC has high tumor mutational burden



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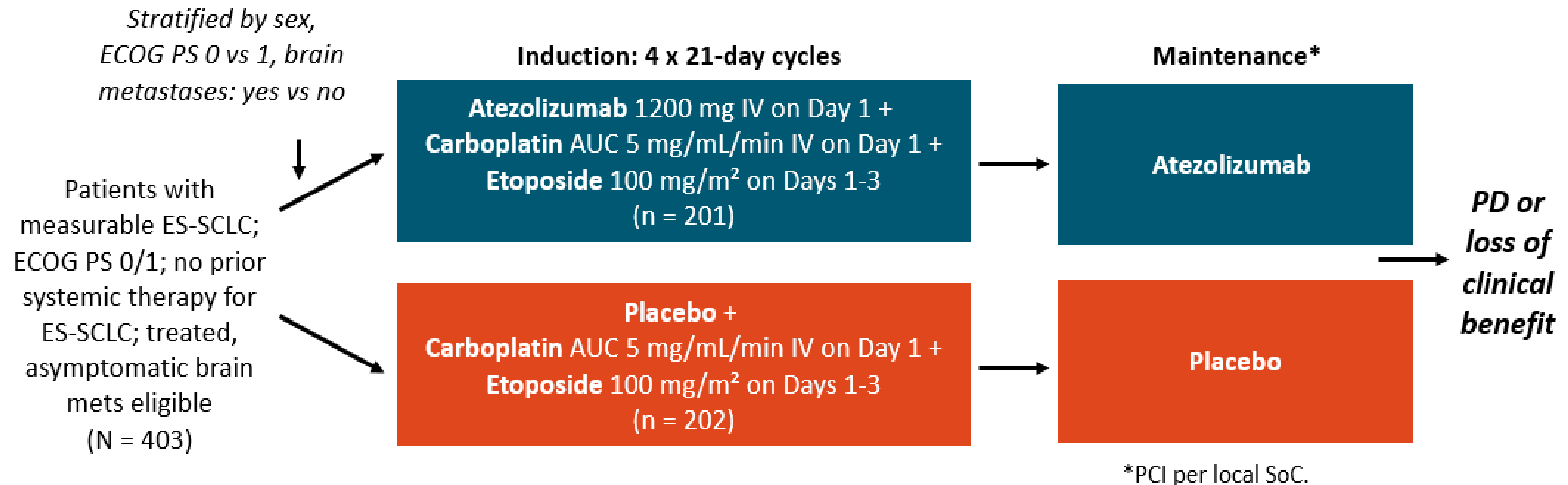
PDL1 Expression



- No PD-L1 expression detected by IHC on tumor cells in 94 SCLC cases
- 18.5% of cases (17/92) showed PD-L1 expression in tumor-infiltrating macrophages
- 48% (45/94) of cases showed PD-1–positive T-lymphocytes

IMpower133: Atezolizumab + Chemotherapy for Advanced SCLC

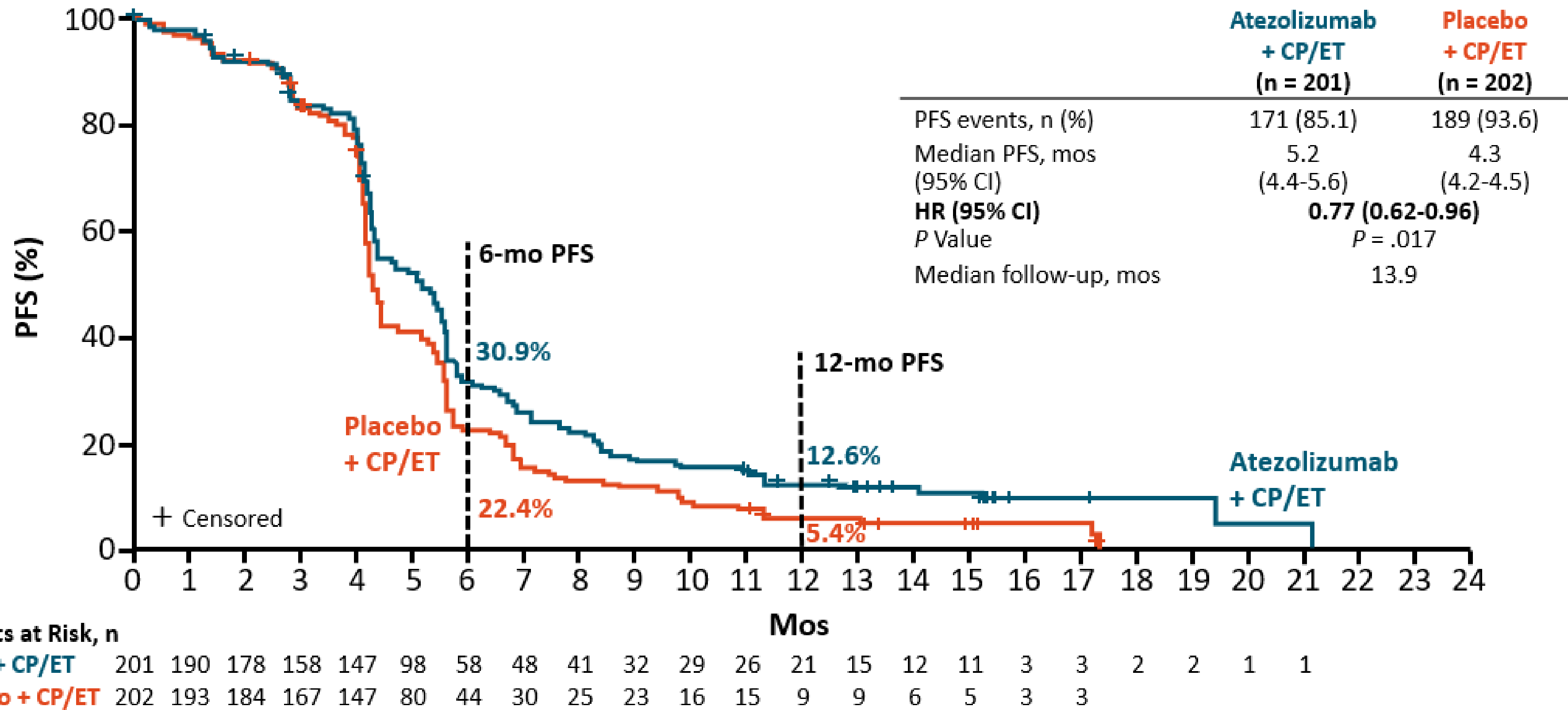
- Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled phase I/III trial



- Coprimary endpoints: OS, PFS by investigator assessment
- Secondary endpoints: ORR, DoR, safety

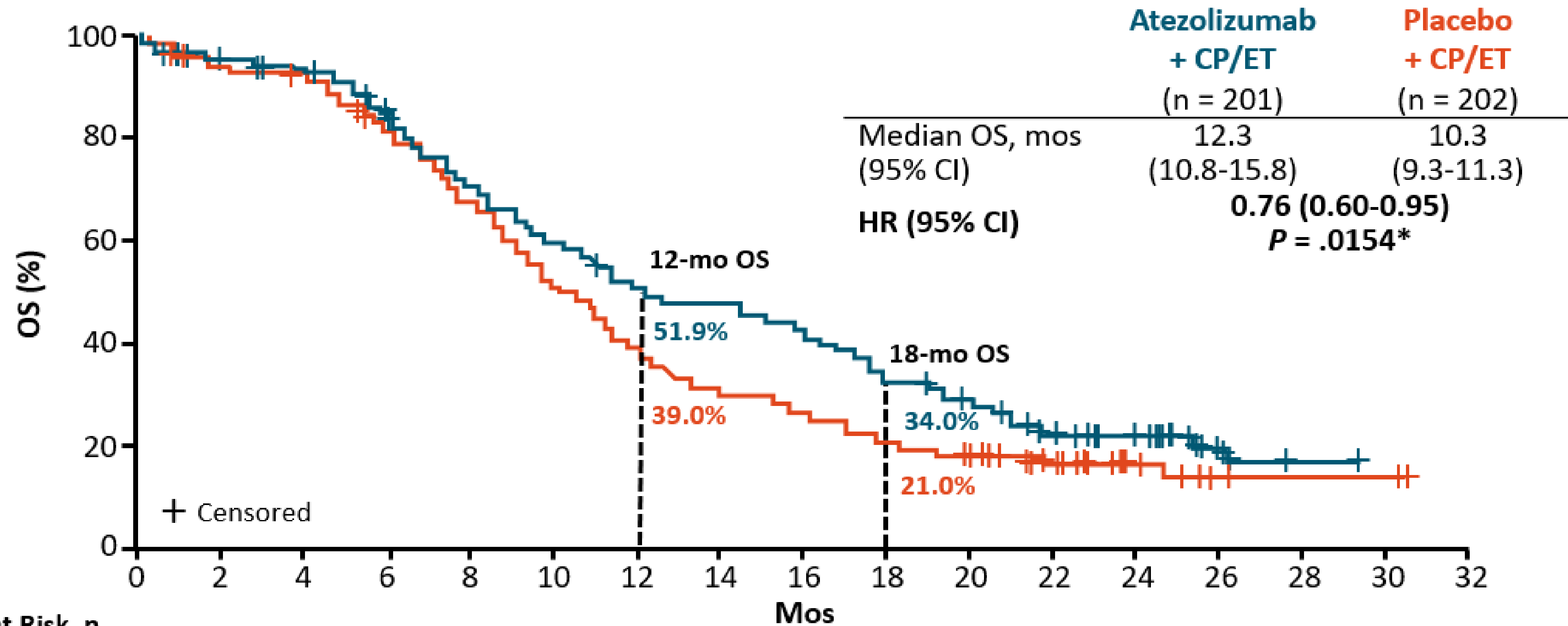
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IMpower133: PFS



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IMpower133: Updated OS

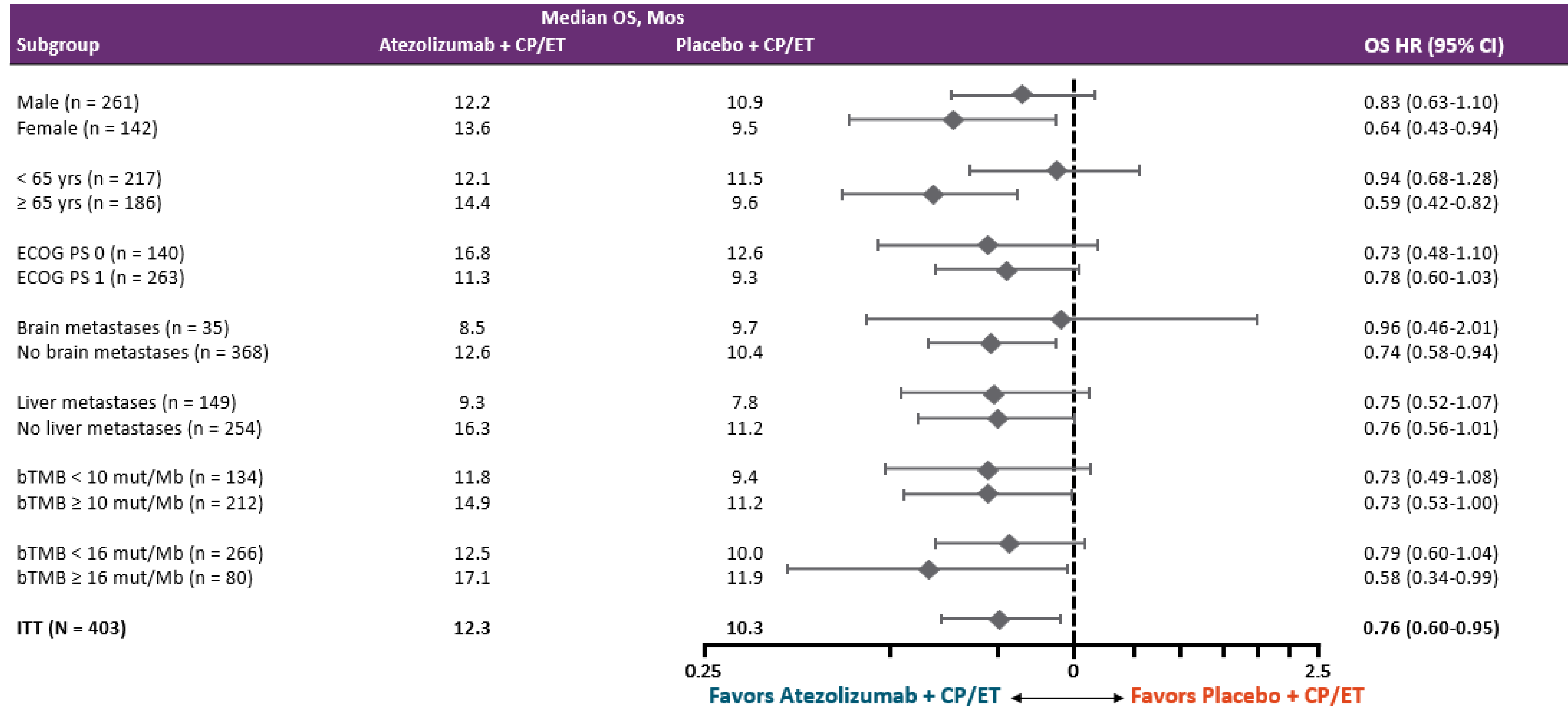


Patients at Risk, n

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32
Atezo + CP/ET	201	187	180	159	130	109	98	86	75	61	51	28	21	8	1		
Placebo + CP/ET	202	189	183	160	131	97	74	58	49	39	33	20	8	3	2	2	

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IMpower133: Updated OS by Subgroup



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IMpower133: Updated Safety

Events, n (%)	Atezolizumab + CP/ET (n = 198)	Placebo + CP/ET (n = 196)
≥ 1 AE	198 (100)	189 (96.4)
Grade 3/4 AEs	134 (67.7)	124 (63.3)
Treatment-related AEs	188 (94.9)	181 (92.3)
Serious AEs	77 (38.9)	69 (35.2)
Immune-related AEs	82 (41.4)	48 (24.5)
AEs leading to withdrawal from any study medication	24 (12.1)	6 (3.1)
▪ Atezolizumab or placebo	23 (11.6)	5 (2.6)
▪ Carboplatin	5 (2.5)	1 (0.5)
▪ Etoposide	8 (4.0)	2 (1.0)
Treatment-related deaths	3 (1.5)	3 (1.5)

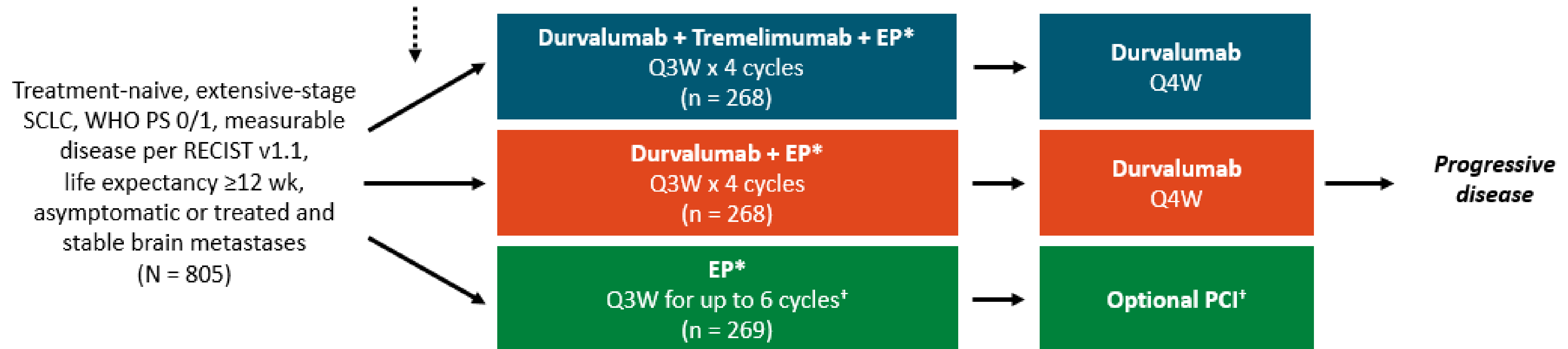
- Median duration of treatment: atezolizumab, 4.7 mos (range: 0-29); placebo, 4.1 mos (range: 0-26)
- Median no. of doses received: atezolizumab, 7.0 (range: 1-39); placebo, 6.0 (range: 1-38)

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CASPIAN 3-Yr Update: Study Design

- Randomized, open-label, multicenter phase III study

Stratified by planned carboplatin vs cisplatin



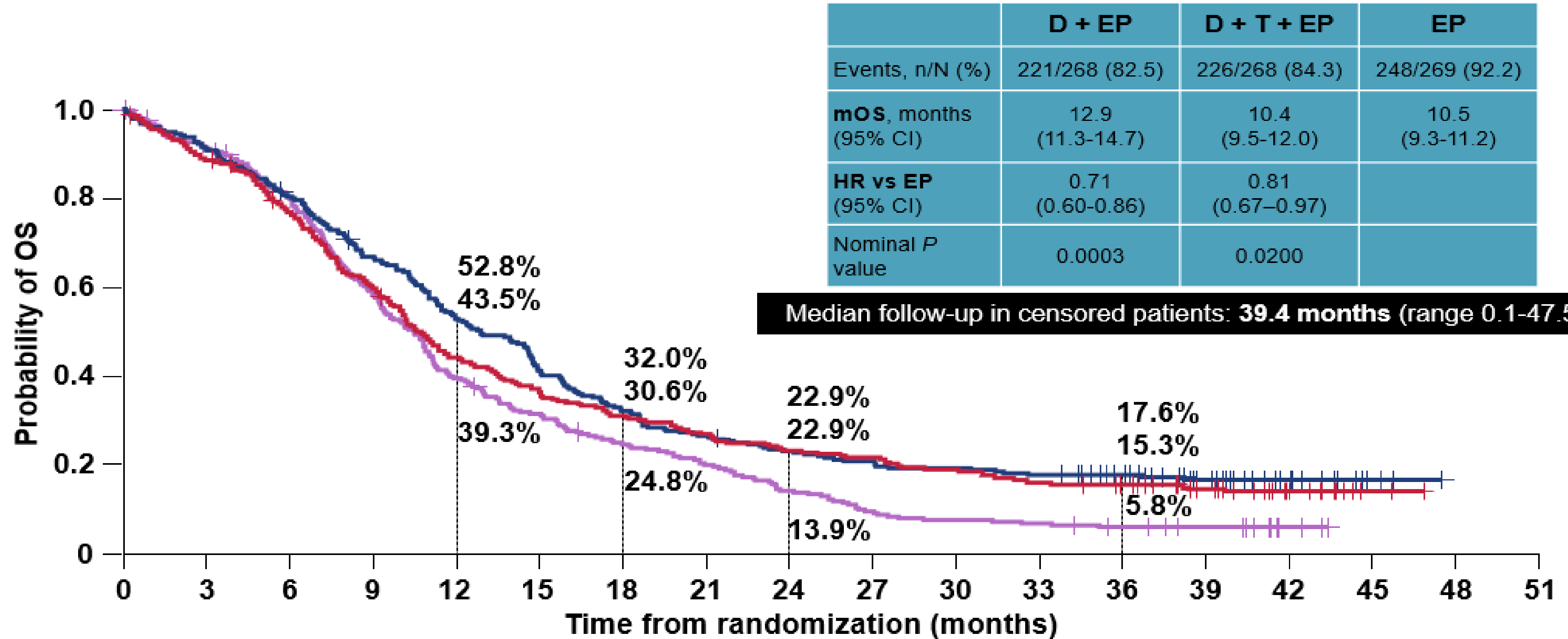
*Etoposide 80-100 mg/m² with either carboplatin AUC 5-6 or cisplatin 75-80 mg/m², durvalumab 1500 mg, tremelimumab 75 mg.

[†]Per investigator discretion, additional 2 cycles of EP (6 cycles total) and PCI.

- **Primary endpoint: OS**
- **Secondary endpoints: PFS and ORR (not collected since last data cutoff), safety (limited to serious AEs, including death)**

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CASPIAN 3 year OS update



	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51
D + EP	268	244	214	177	140	109	85	70	60	54	50	46	39	25	13	3	0	0
D + T + EP	268	243	200	156	114	92	80	70	60	56	48	41	37	26	11	2	0	0
EP	269	243	212	156	104	82	64	51	36	24	19	17	13	10	3	0	0	0

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CASPIAN 3-Yr Update: OS With Durvalumab + EP vs EP Alone

Outcome	D + EP (n = 268)	EP (n = 269)	HR (95% CI)
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	12.9 (11.3-14.7)	10.5 (9.3-11.2)	0.71 (0.60-0.86) Nominal <i>P</i> = .0003
12-mo OS, %	52.8	39.3	
18-mo OS, %	32.0	24.8	
24-mo OS, %	22.9	13.9	
36-mo OS, %	17.6	5.8	

- Median follow-up (range) – 39.4 months (0.1-47.5)

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CASPIAN 3-Yr Update: Subgroup Analysis of OS With Durvalumab + EP vs EP Alone

Subgroup		HR (95% CI)
All patients (n = 537)		0.71 (0.60-0.86)
Planned platinum agent	Carboplatin (n = 402)	0.74 (0.60-0.91)
	Cisplatin (n = 135)	0.65 (0.45-0.94)
Age	<65 yr (n = 324)	0.68 (0.54-0.87)
	≥65 yr (n = 213)	0.78 (0.59-1.04)
Sex	Male (n = 374)	0.76 (0.62-0.95)
	Female (n = 163)	0.60 (0.42-0.84)
Performance status	0 (n = 189)	0.70 (0.51-0.95)
	1 (n = 348)	0.73 (0.58-0.92)
Smoking status	Smoker (n = 500)	0.71 (0.59-0.86)
	Nonsmoker (n = 37)	0.82 (0.41-1.69)

Subgroup		HR (95% CI)
Brain/CNS metastases	Yes (n = 55)	0.76 (0.43-1.33)
	No (n = 482)	0.71 (0.59-0.86)
AJCC disease stage at diagnosis	Stage III (n = 52)	0.82 (0.45-1.49)
	Stage IV (n = 485)	0.71 (0.59-0.86)
Race	Asian (n = 78)	0.81 (0.50-1.28)
	Non-Asian (n = 458)	0.71 (0.58-0.87)
Region	Asia (n = 76)	0.82 (0.51-1.31)
	Europe (n = 405)	0.69 (0.56-0.85)
	North/South America (n = 56)	0.84 (0.46-1.54)

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CASPIAN 3-Yr Update: Treatment Exposure

Parameter	D + T + EP (n = 266)	D + EP (n = 265)
Receiving durvalumab at cutoff, n (%)	19 (7.1)	27 (10.2)
Median number of durvalumab doses (range)	6.0 (1-46)	7.0 (1-52)
Total duration of durvalumab exposure, n (%)		
▪ ≥1 yr	49 (18.4)	54 (20.4)
▪ ≥2 yr	30 (11.3)	32 (12.1)
▪ ≥3 yr	21 (7.9)	24 (9.1)
Median total duration of durvalumab, wk (range)	23.1 (0.1-190.0)	28.0 (0.3-198.7)

- Most patients at risk at Yr 3 in the durvalumab-containing arms remained on durvalumab treatment at the data cutoff (March 22, 2021)
- Exposure to chemotherapy and tremelimumab remained unchanged at these data cutoff compared with previous analysis

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CASPIAN 3-Yr Update: Serious Adverse Events

Serious AEs ≥2%	D + T + EP (n = 266)	D + EP (n = 265)	EP (n = 266)
Any, n (%)	126 (47.4)	86 (32.5)	97 (36.5)
Febrile neutropenia	11 (4.1)	12 (4.5)	12 (4.5)
Pneumonia	16 (6.0)	6 (2.3)	11 (4.1)
Anemia	9 (3.4)	5 (1.9)	12 (4.5)
Thrombocytopenia	6 (2.3)	1 (0.4)	9 (3.4)
Hyponatremia	9 (3.4)	2 (0.8)	4 (1.5)
Neutropenia	5 (1.9)	2 (0.8)	7 (2.6)
Diarrhea	7 (2.6)	2 (0.8)	4 (1.5)
Pulmonary embolism	7 (2.6)	1 (0.4)	0
Fatal AE (any cause), n (%)*	29 (10.9)	14 (5.3)	16 (6.0)
Fatal TRAE, n (%)	12 (4.5)	6 (2.3)	2 (0.8)

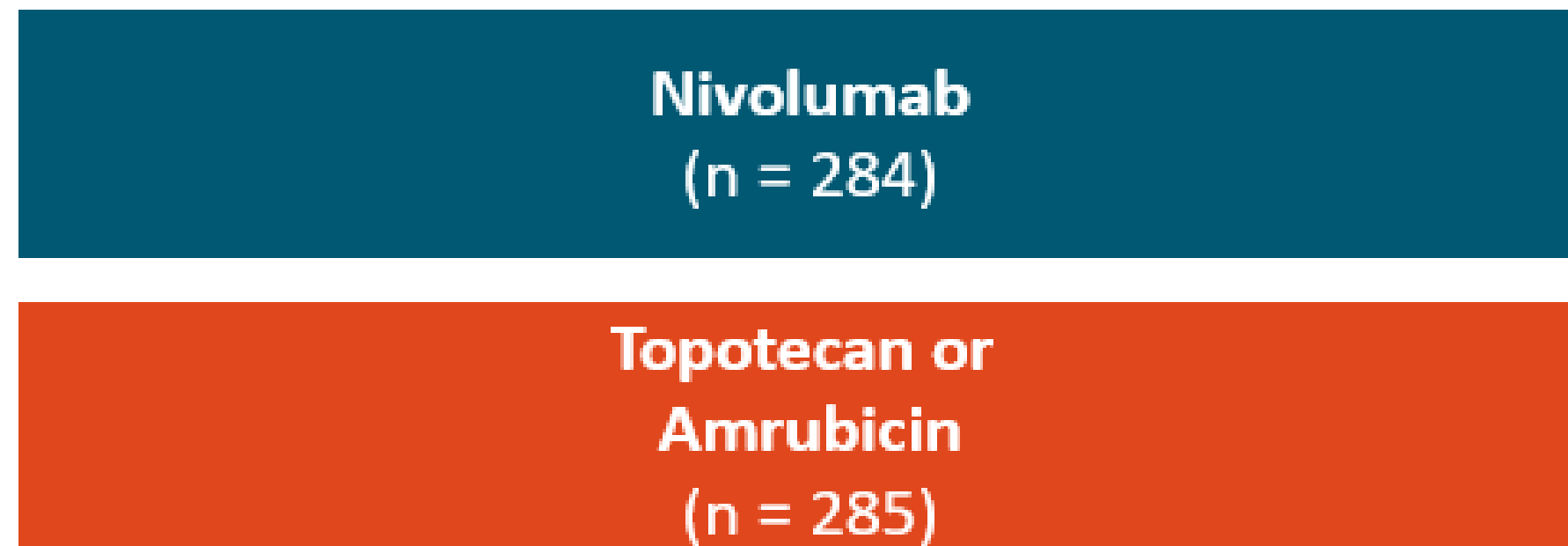
*4 more deaths that were not treatment-related were reported since the previous analysis: 1 each in the D + EP and EP arms (aspiration and small intestine leiomyosarcoma, respectively), and 2 in the D + T + EP arm (drowning and *Pneumocystis jirovecii* pneumonia).

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CheckMate 331: Second-line Nivolumab in Patients With Relapsed SCLC

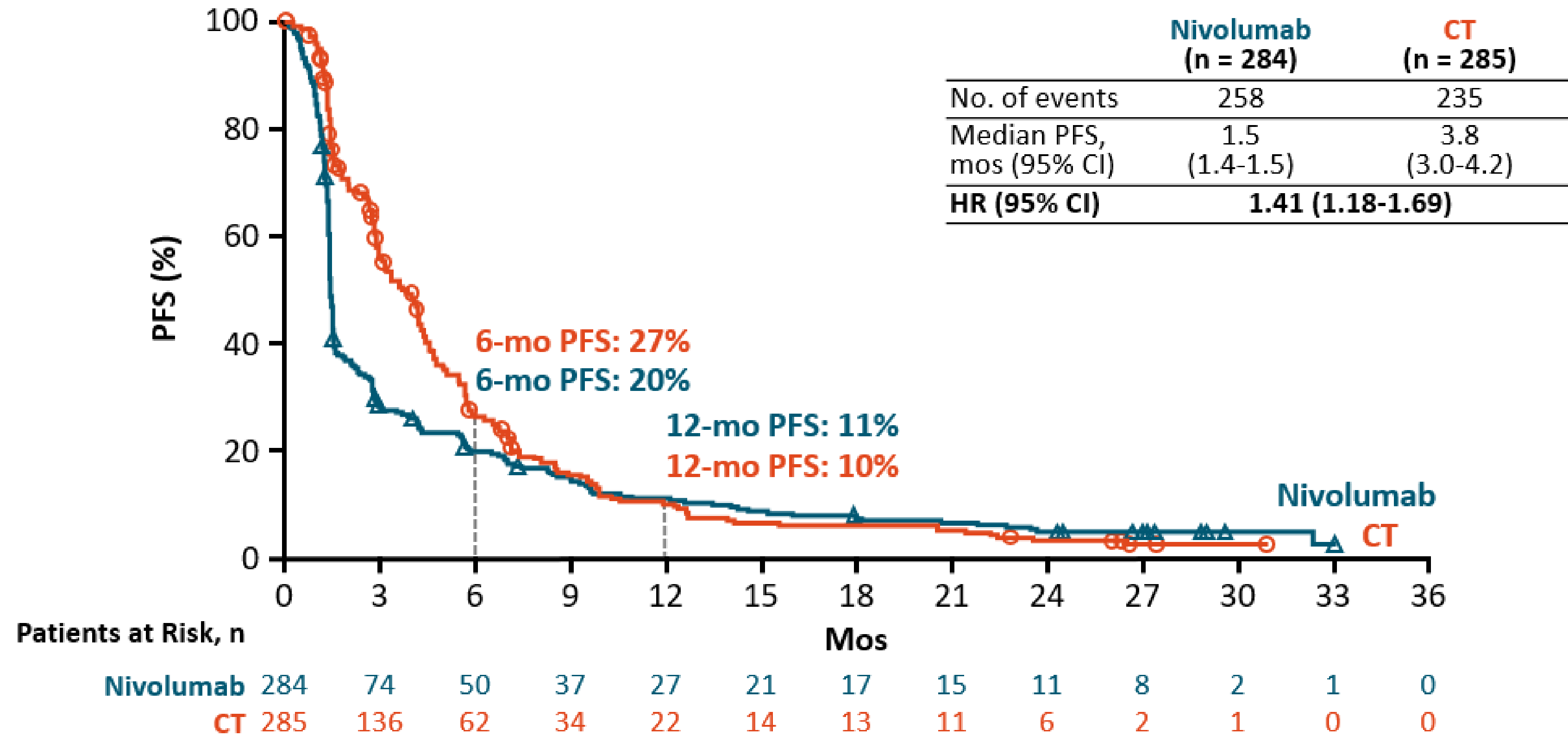
- Randomized, open-label phase III trial (database lock: September 28, 2018)
 - Median follow-up: nivolumab, 7.0 mos; CT, 7.6 mos
 - Minimum follow-up for OS: 15.8 mos

Patients with SCLC and recurrence or PD after ≥ 4 cycles of first-line platinum CT or CRT; ECOG PS 0 or 1; no symptomatic CNS metastases; no earlier therapy with anti-CTLA-4, anti-CD37, or anti-PD-L1 or anti-PD-L2 agents
(N = 596)



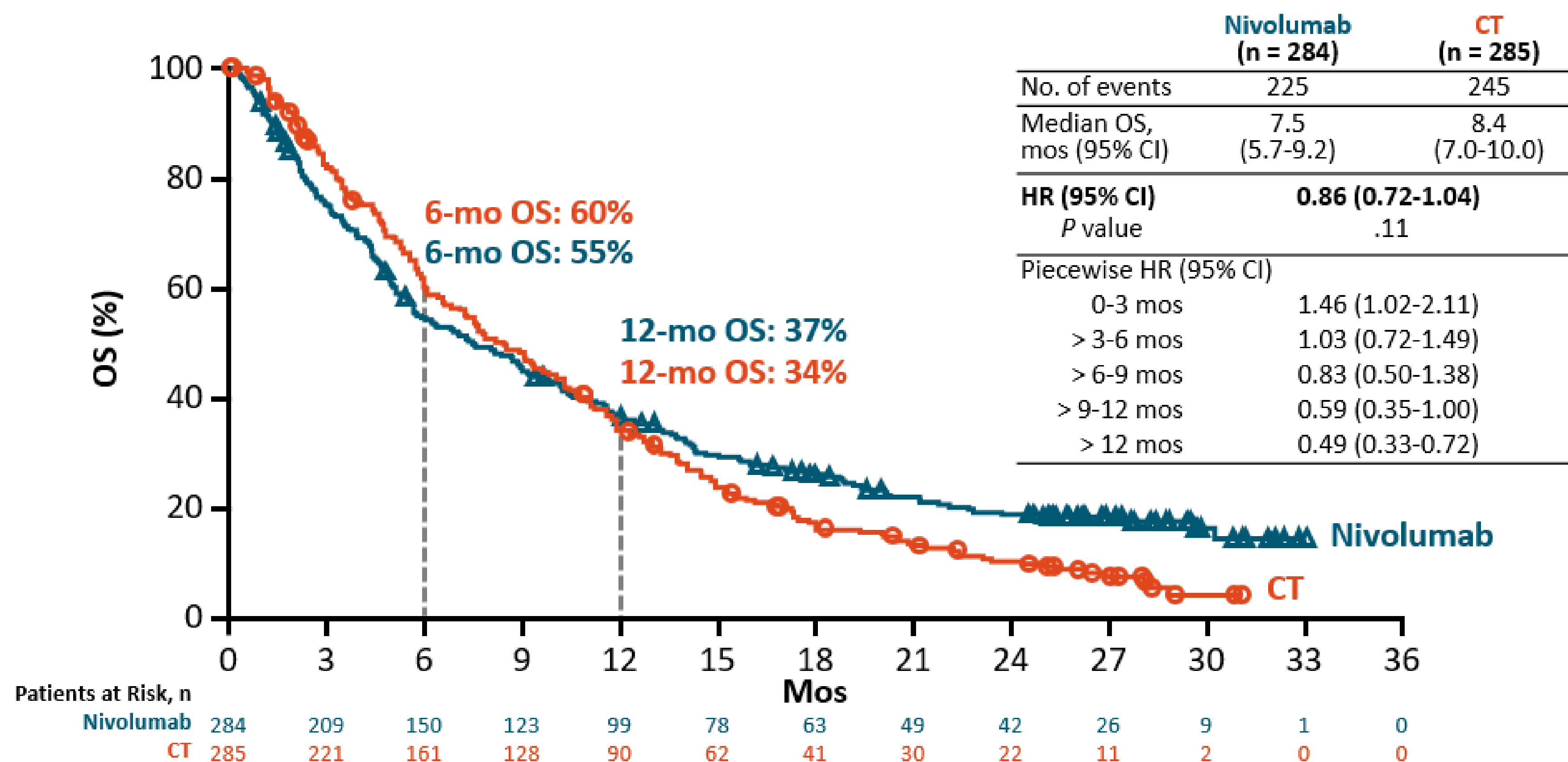
- Primary endpoint: OS
- Secondary endpoints: PFS, ORR

CheckMate 331: PFS With Nivolumab vs Chemotherapy



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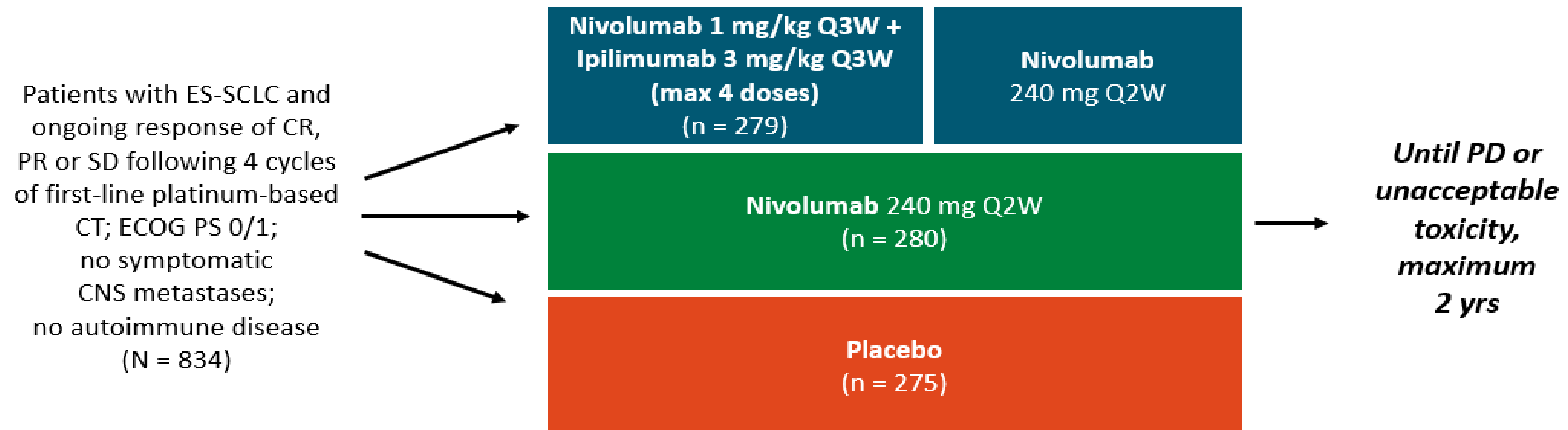
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CheckMate 451: Nivolumab + Ipilimumab vs Nivolumab vs Placebo as Maintenance Therapy for ES-SCLC

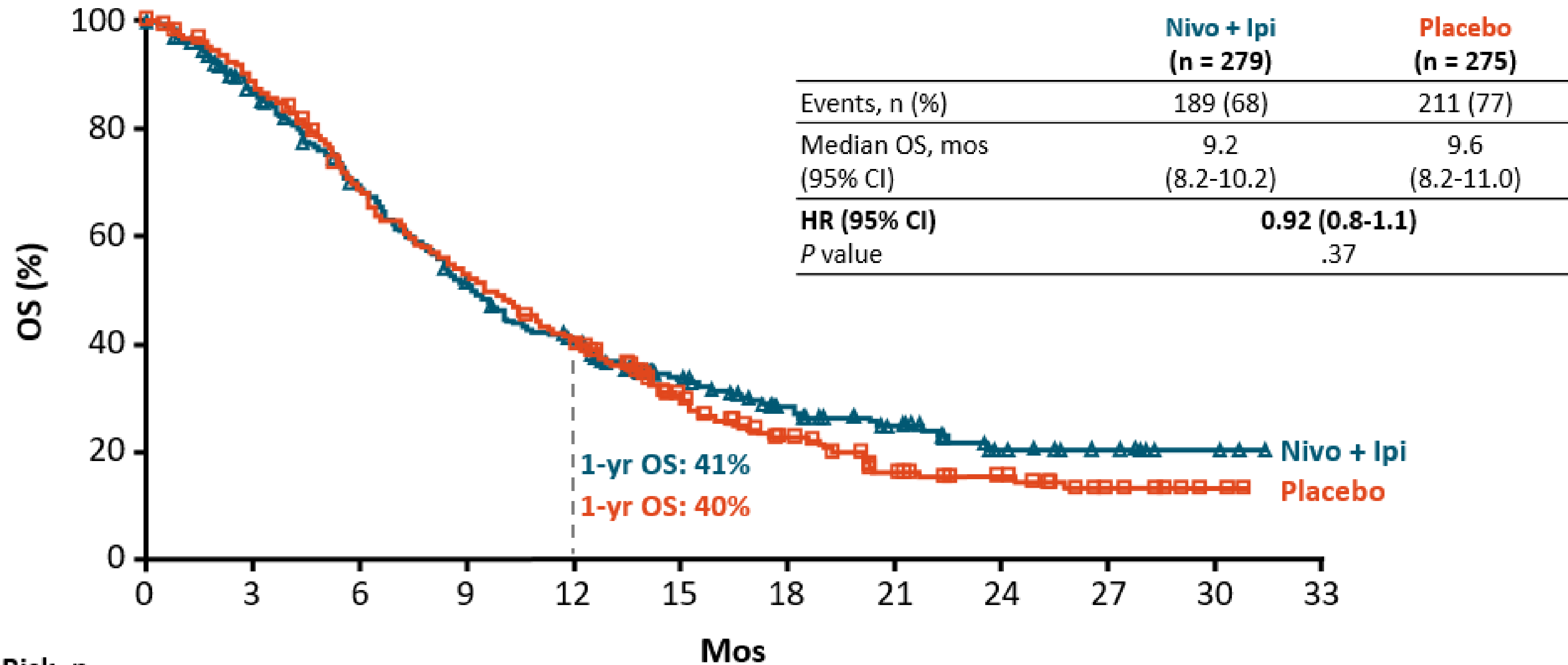
- Randomized, double-blind phase III study (minimum follow-up: 9 mos)



- Primary endpoint: OS, nivolumab + ipilimumab vs placebo
- Secondary endpoints: PFS, nivolumab + ipilimumab vs placebo; PFS and OS, nivolumab vs placebo
- Exploratory endpoints: ORR; DoR; safety and tolerability

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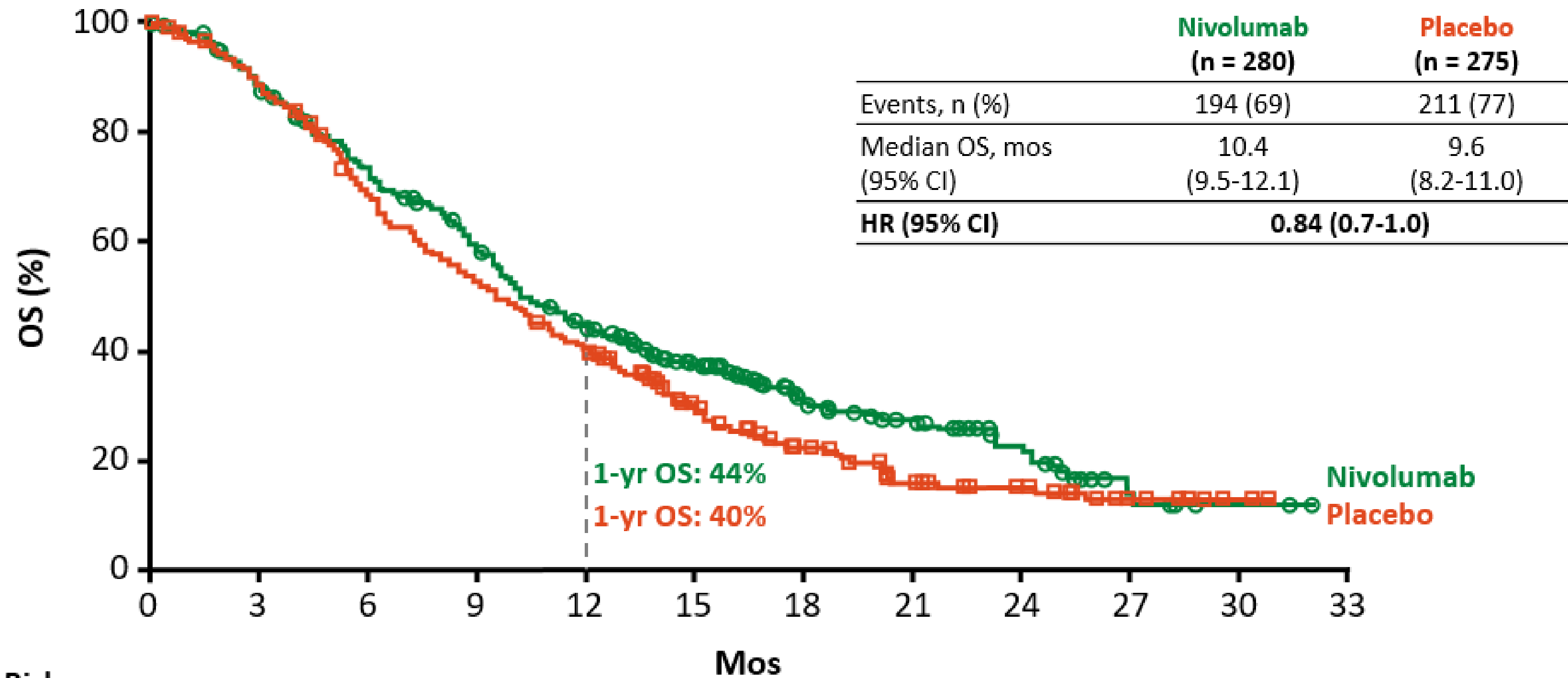
CheckMate 451: OS With Nivolumab + Ipilimumab vs Placebo (Primary Endpoint)



Patients at Risk, n	Mos											
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Nivo + Ipi	279	230	177	130	100	65	43	30	14	8	3	0
Placebo	275	237	181	139	105	65	41	23	16	7	2	0

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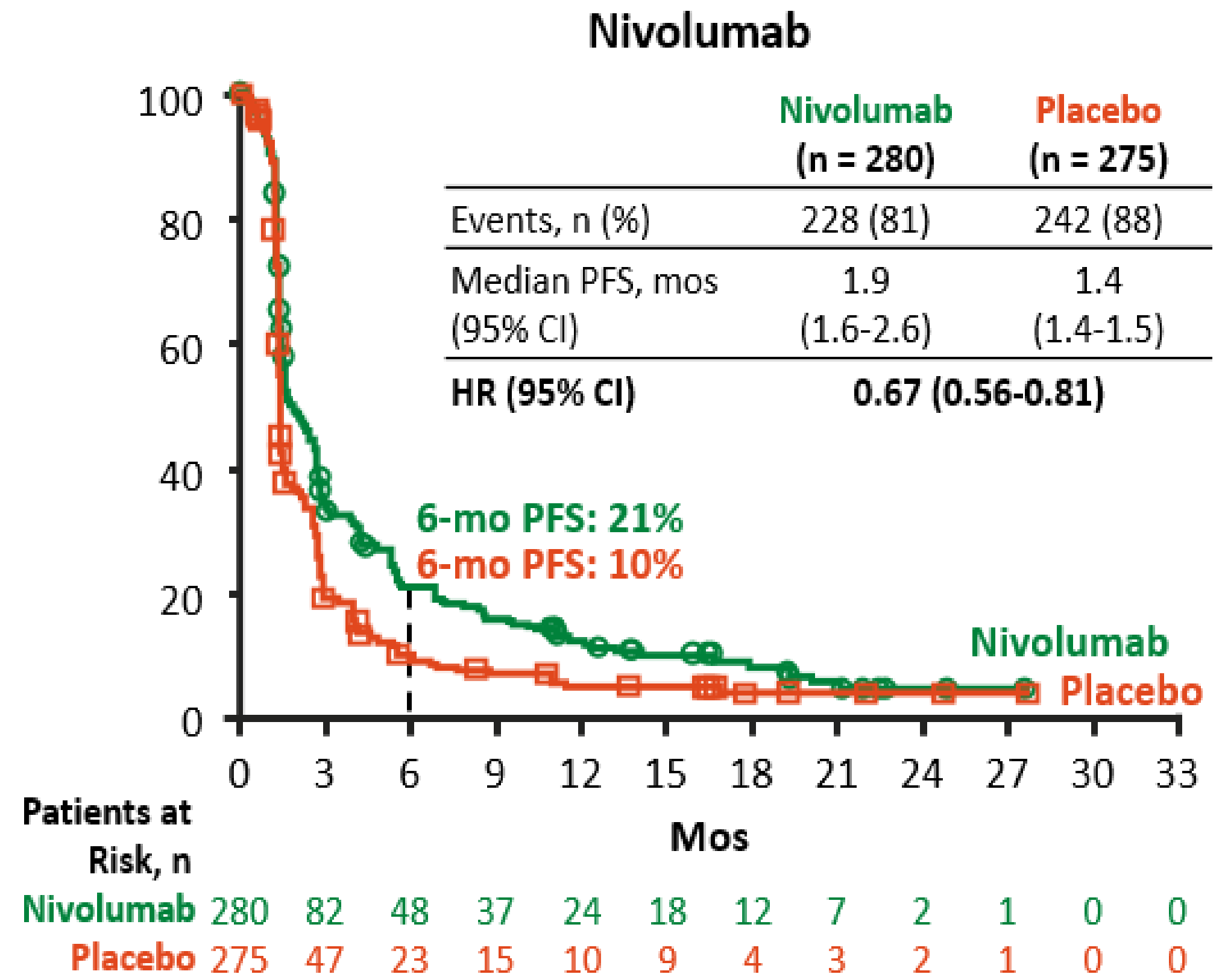
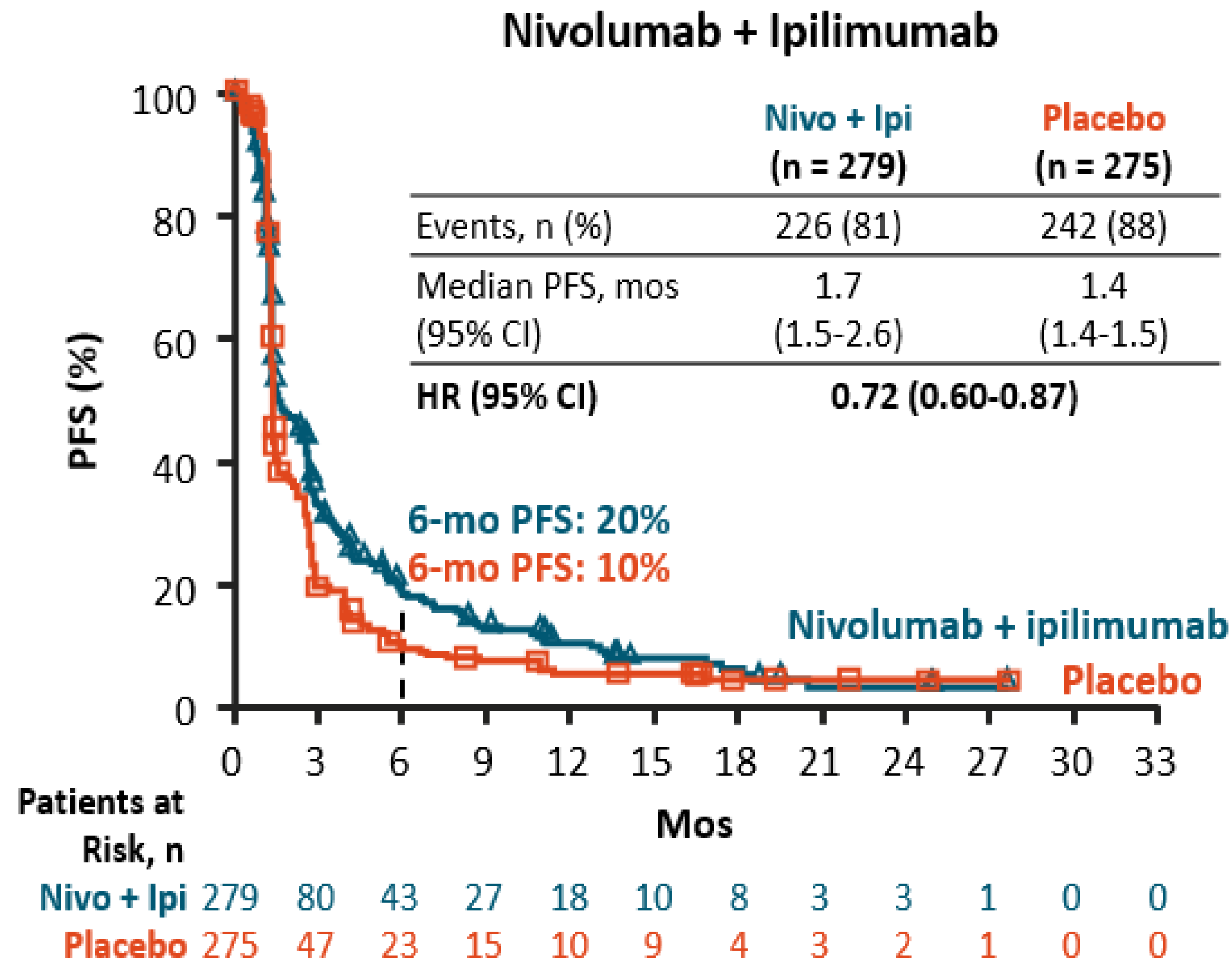
CheckMate 451: OS Nivolumab + Ipilimumab vs Nivolumab vs Placebo



Patients at Risk, n	Mos											
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Nivolumab	280	242	195	155	114	81	49	37	21	6	2	0
Placebo	275	237	181	139	105	65	41	23	16	7	2	0

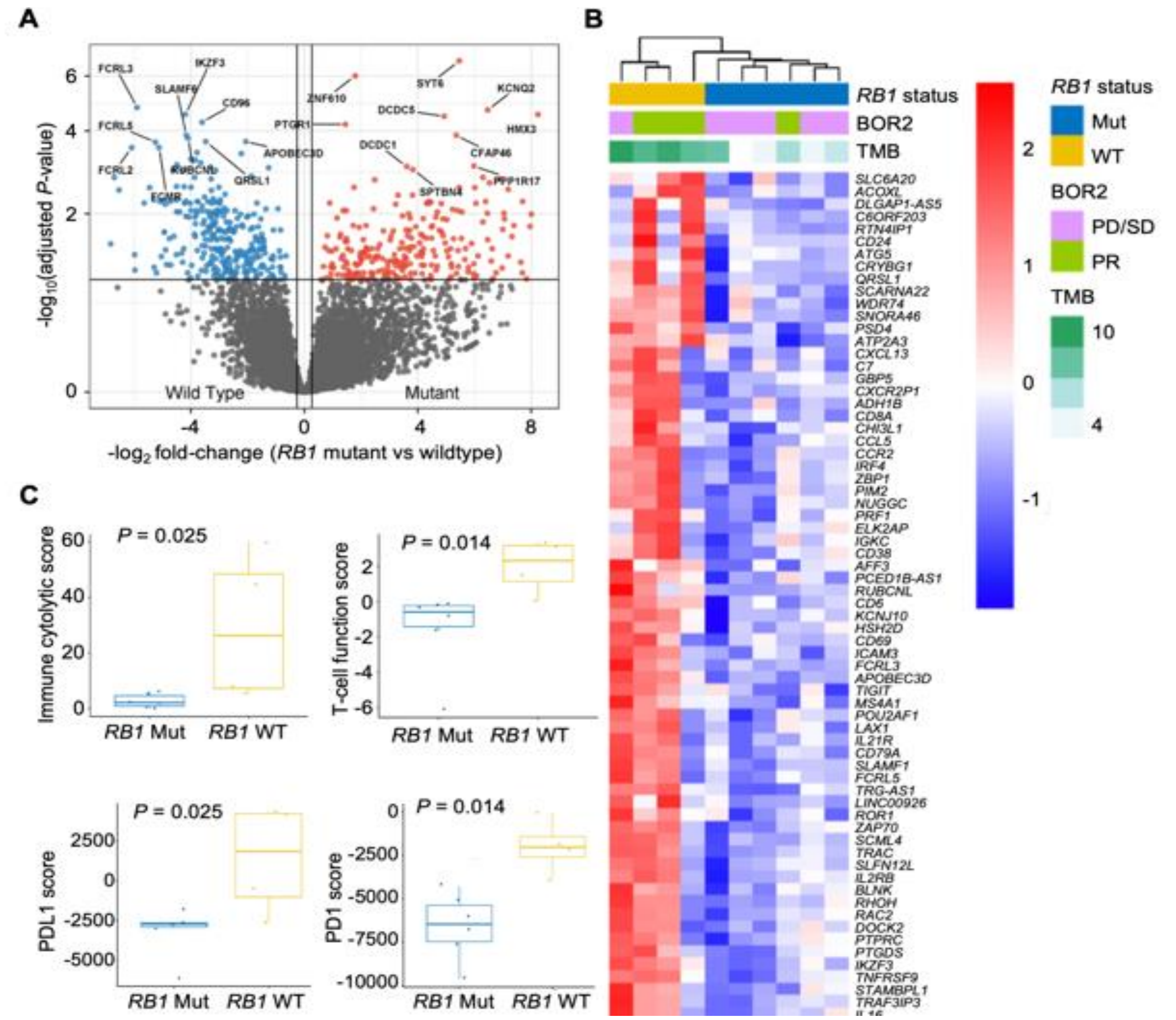
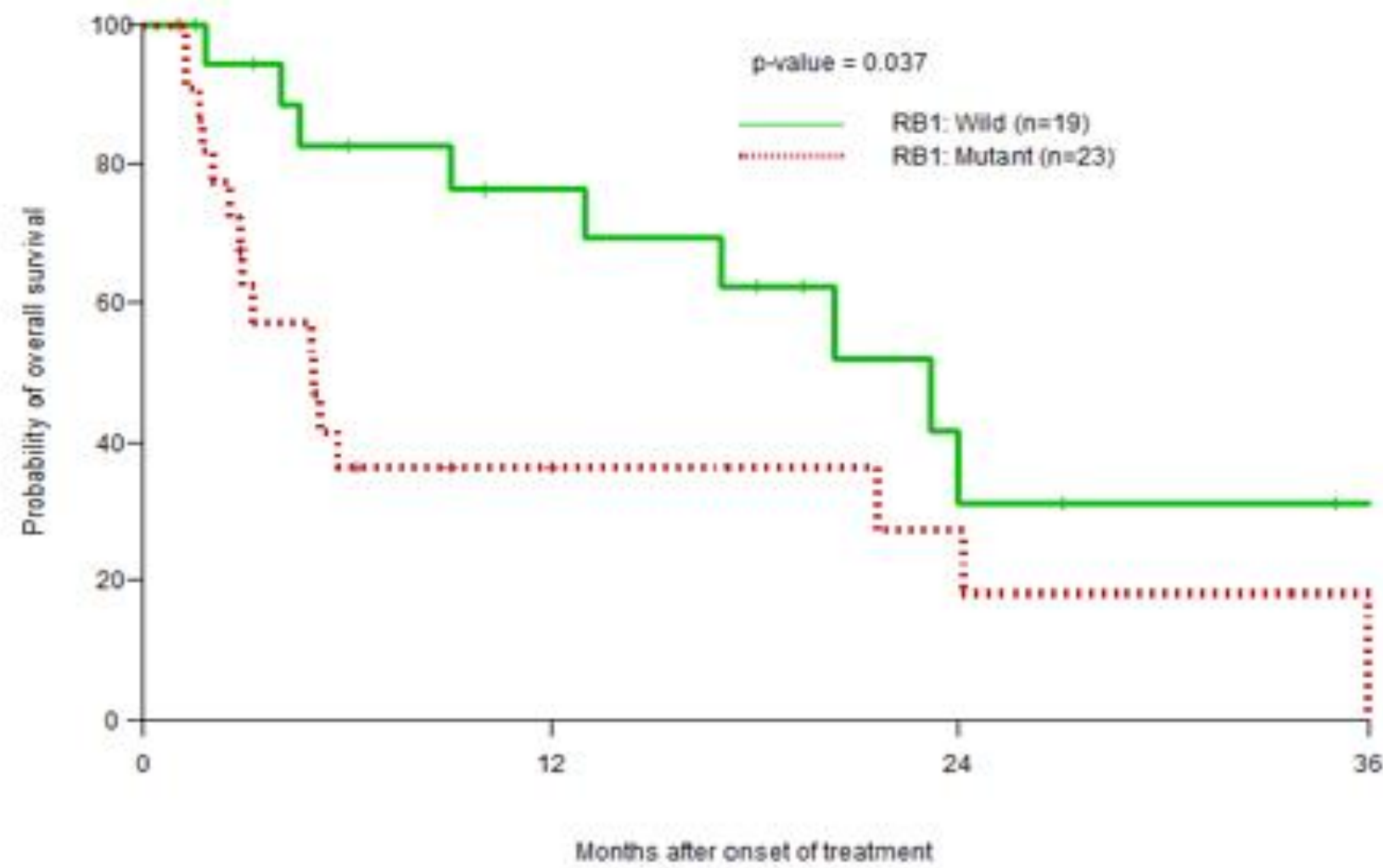
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CheckMate 451: PFS for Nivolumab + Ipilimumab or Nivolumab vs Placebo



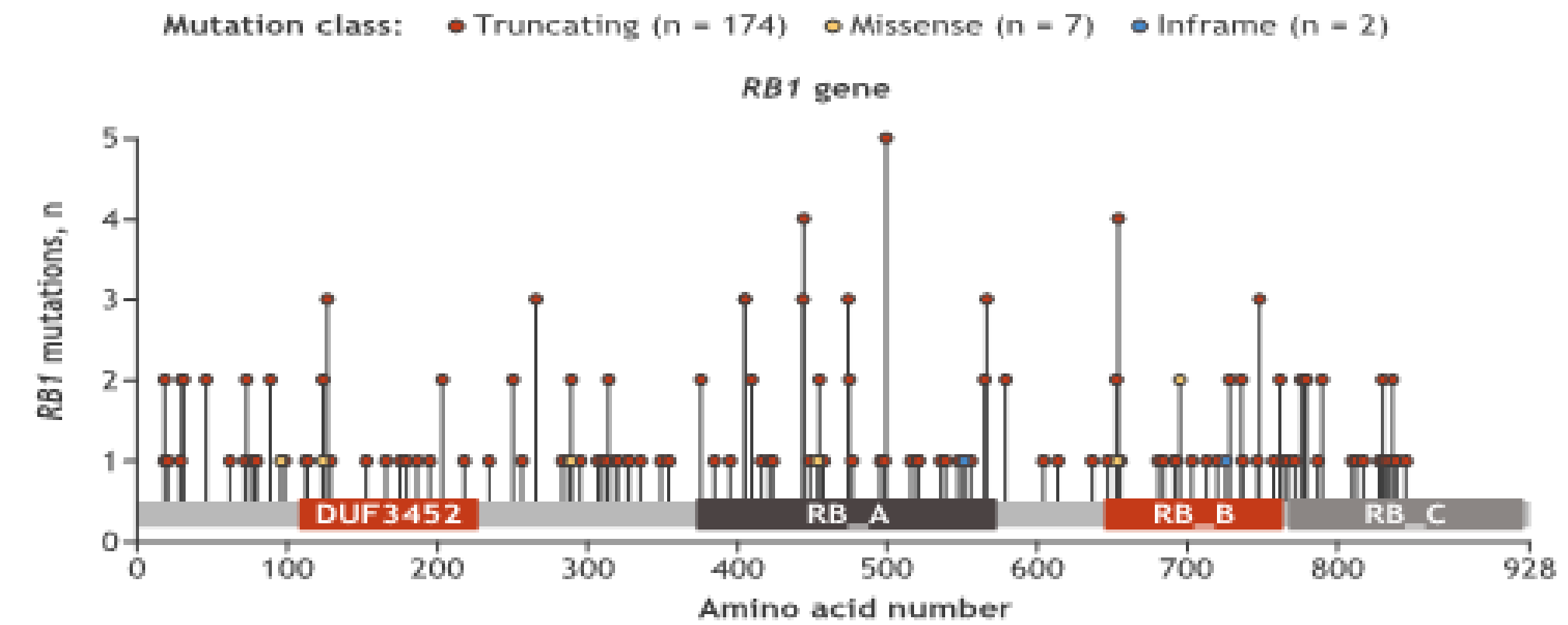
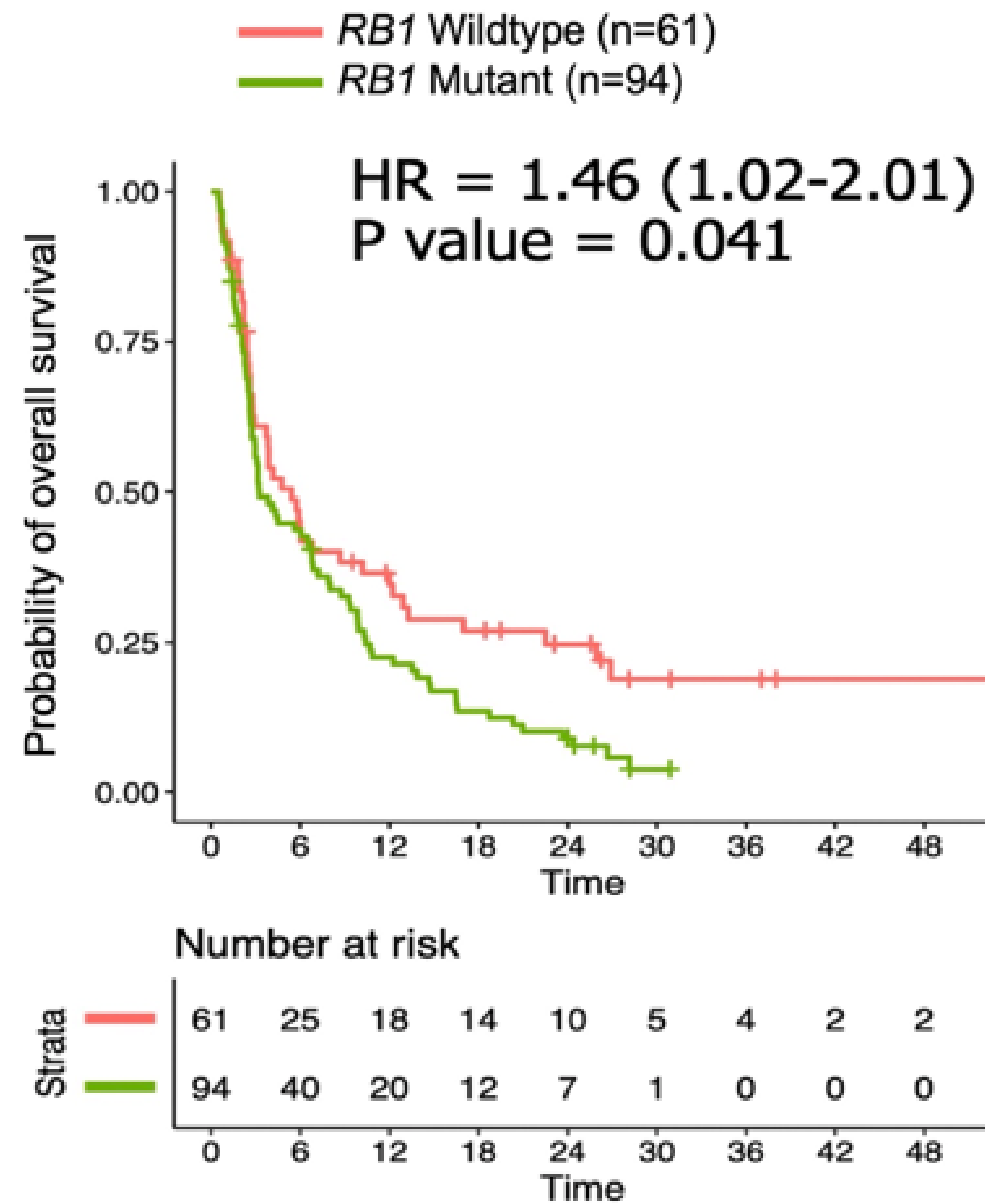
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RB1 Wildtype SCLC – Benefit from ICI

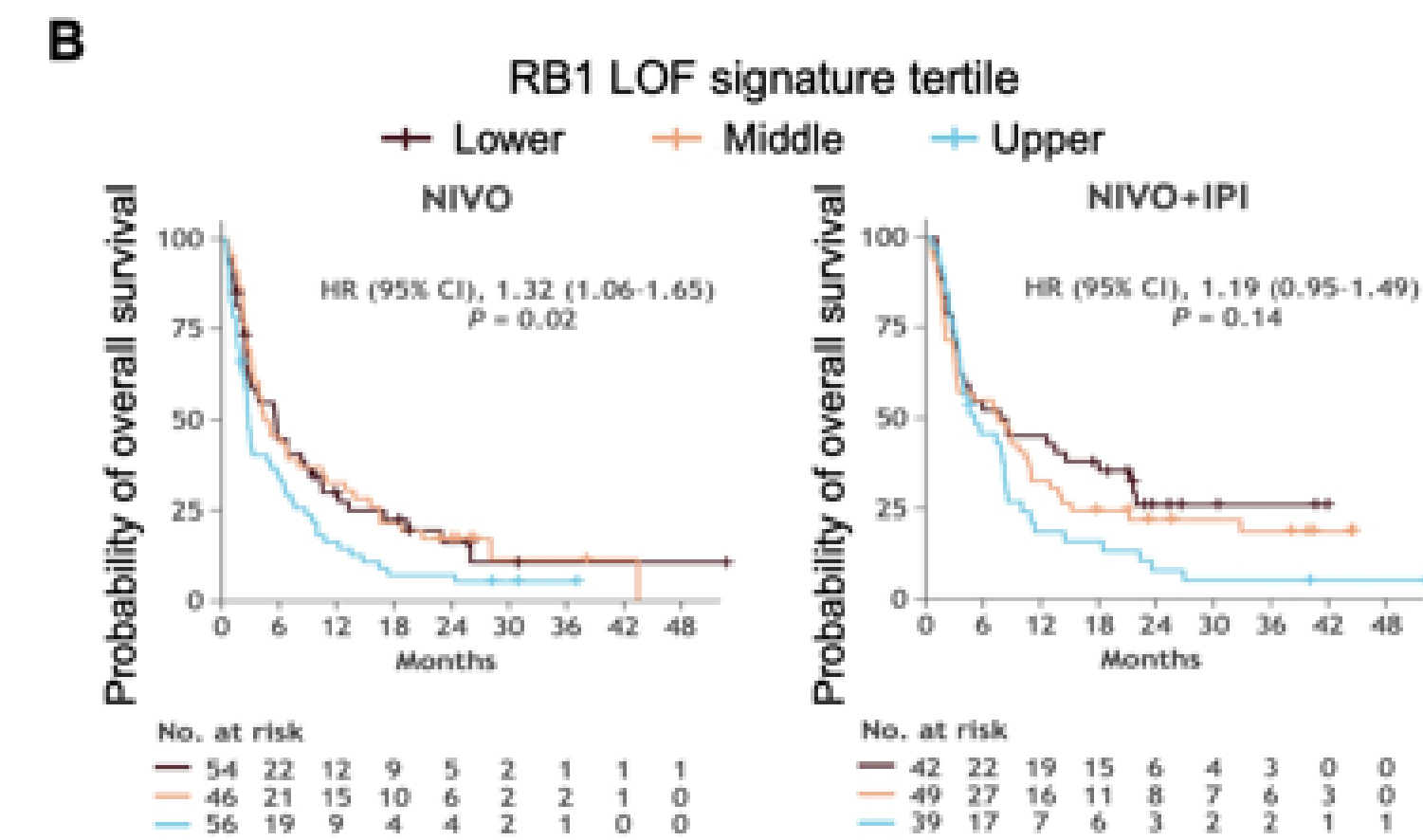
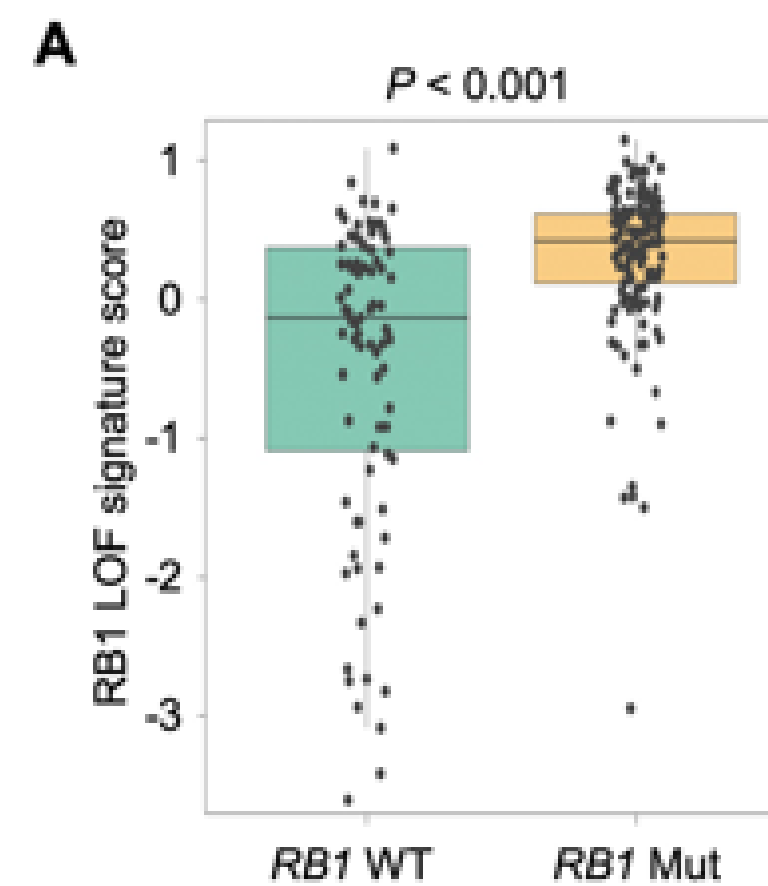


Checkmate 032 – Validation of RB WT and ICI

CM-032: OS



DUF3452, domain of unknown function (DUF3452); RB_A, Rb-associated protein A domain; RB_B, Rb-associated protein B domain; RB_C, Rb C-terminal domain.



Phase II Update: Second-line Lurbinectedin Monotherapy in Patients with Relapsed Advanced SCLC

- Confirmed ORR of 35.2% with second-line lurbinectedin surpassed $\geq 30\%$ statistical cut off for a positive trial^[1]
 - Follow-up: 6.1 mos (range: 1-33)
- Outcomes with second-line lurbinectedin numerically higher than historical outcomes with second-line topotecan^[1,2]
 - Topotecan ORR: 5-24%, mOS: 6-8 mos

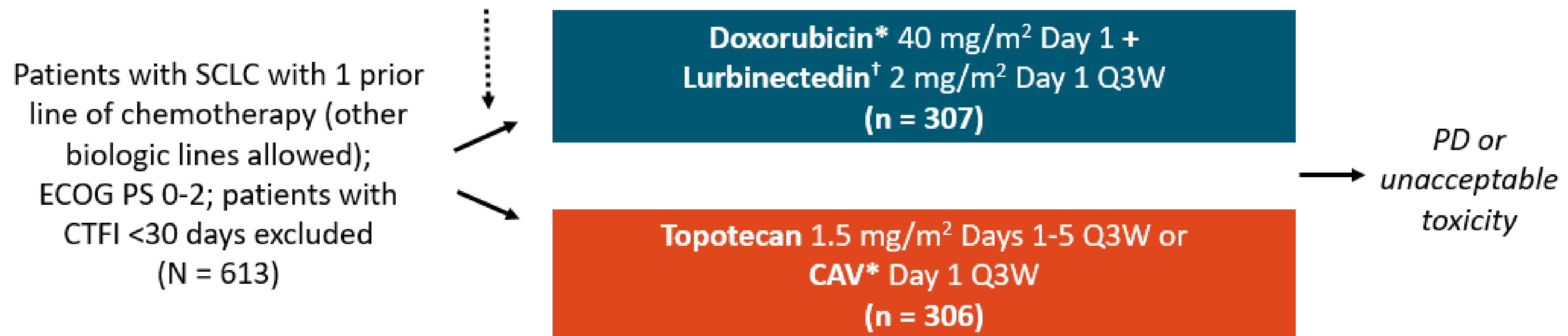
Outcome ^[1]	All patients (N = 105)	Platinum sensitive [†] (n = 60)	Platinum resistant [‡] (n = 45)
ORR, %	35.2*	45.0*	22.2*
DCR, %	68.6	81.7	51.1
Median <u>DoR</u> , <u>mos</u>	5.3	6.2	4.7
Median PFS, <u>mos</u>	3.9	4.6	2.6
▪ 6-mo PFS, %	33.6	44.6	18.8
Median OS, <u>mos</u>	9.3	11.9	5.0
▪ 12-mo OS, %	34.2	48.3	15.9

*All confirmed PRs. [†]CTFI ≥ 90 days. [‡]CTFI < 90 days.

ATLANTIS: Study Design

- Multicenter, randomized phase III trial

Stratified by ECOG PS (0 vs 1-2), CTFI (≥ 180 vs 90-179 vs < 90 days), CNS involvement (yes vs no), prior PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor (yes vs no), investigator preference for control arm



*Maximum 10 cycles of doxorubicin.

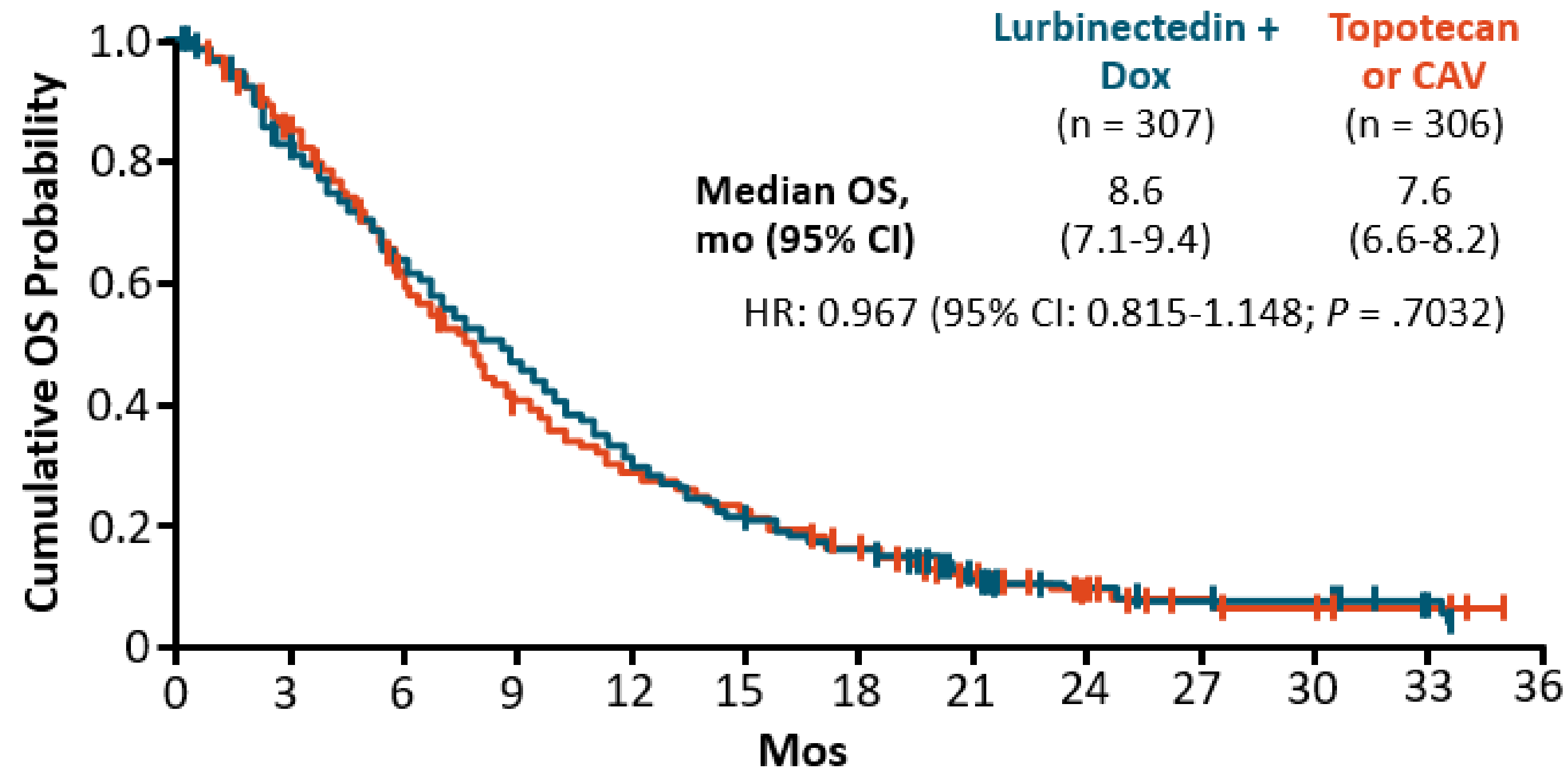
[†]Lurbinectedin continued as maintenance at 3.2 mg/m² Day 1 Q3W.

G-CSF prophylaxis mandatory in both arms.

- **Primary endpoint: OS**
- **Secondary endpoints: PFS, tumor response, DoR, safety**

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ATLANTIS: OS in ITT Population



- No significant difference in OS between arms in ITT population
- Subset analyses also showed no significant differences between arms based on stratification factors

Lurbinectedin + Dox	307	247	188	138	91	62	43	25	14	10	9	5
Topotecan or CAV	306	244	168	111	77	62	42	24	15	8	6	4

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Summary

- The majority of progress in SCLC over the past 30 years has been in radiation oncology
- However, the addition of checkpoint inhibitors durvalumab and atezolizumab has made a modest impact in overall survival.
- Long-term follow-up from the Caspian trial shows a 17.6% 3 year survival rate for extensive stage SCLC, a major advancement in SCLC treatment.
- Novel drugs are likely to make further impact in the near future.

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