



BIOMARKER SELECTION FOR IMMUNOTHERAPY IN NSCLC

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NCCN guidelines® for the first-line treatment of metastatic NSCLC without actionable driver mutations



		PD-L1 <1%	PD-L1 1% to 49%	PD-L1 ≥50%
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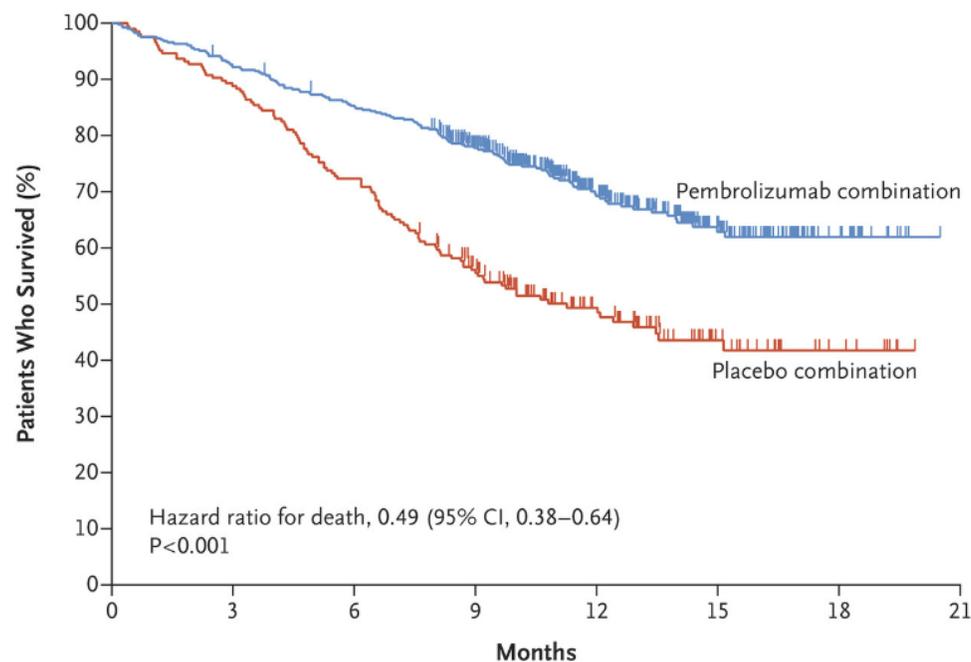
Regimens in bold are preferred
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How do we select the optimal first line regimen for an individual patient?

ChemolO with pembrolizumab and platinum based chemotherapy (KEYNOTE-189 regimen) improves OS in metastatic ns-NSCLC



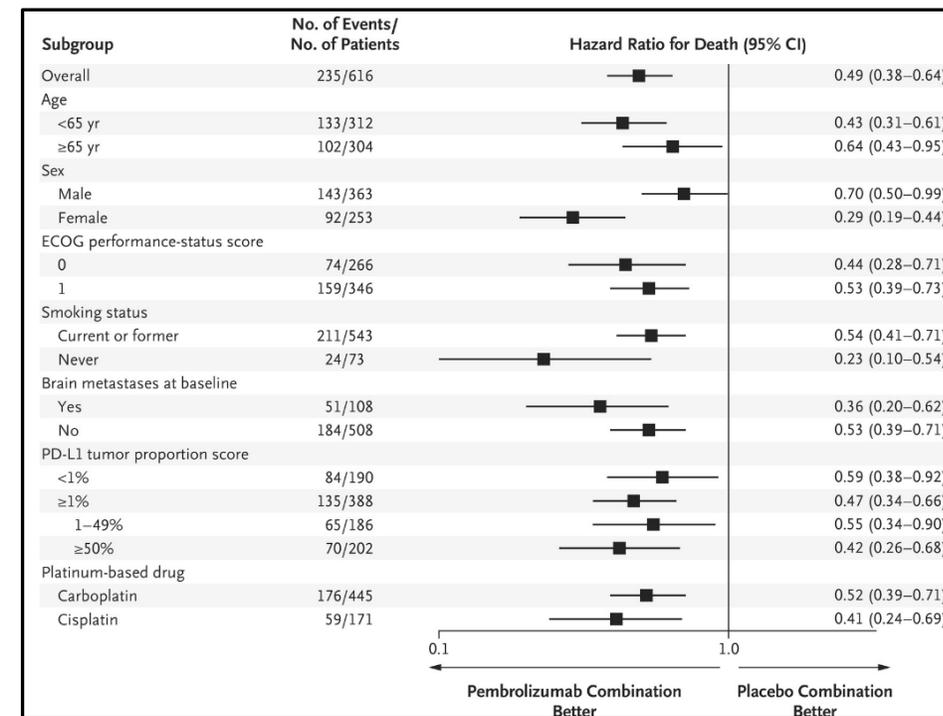
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No. at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21
Pembrolizumab combination	410	377	347	278	163	71	18	0
Placebo combination	206	183	149	104	59	25	8	0

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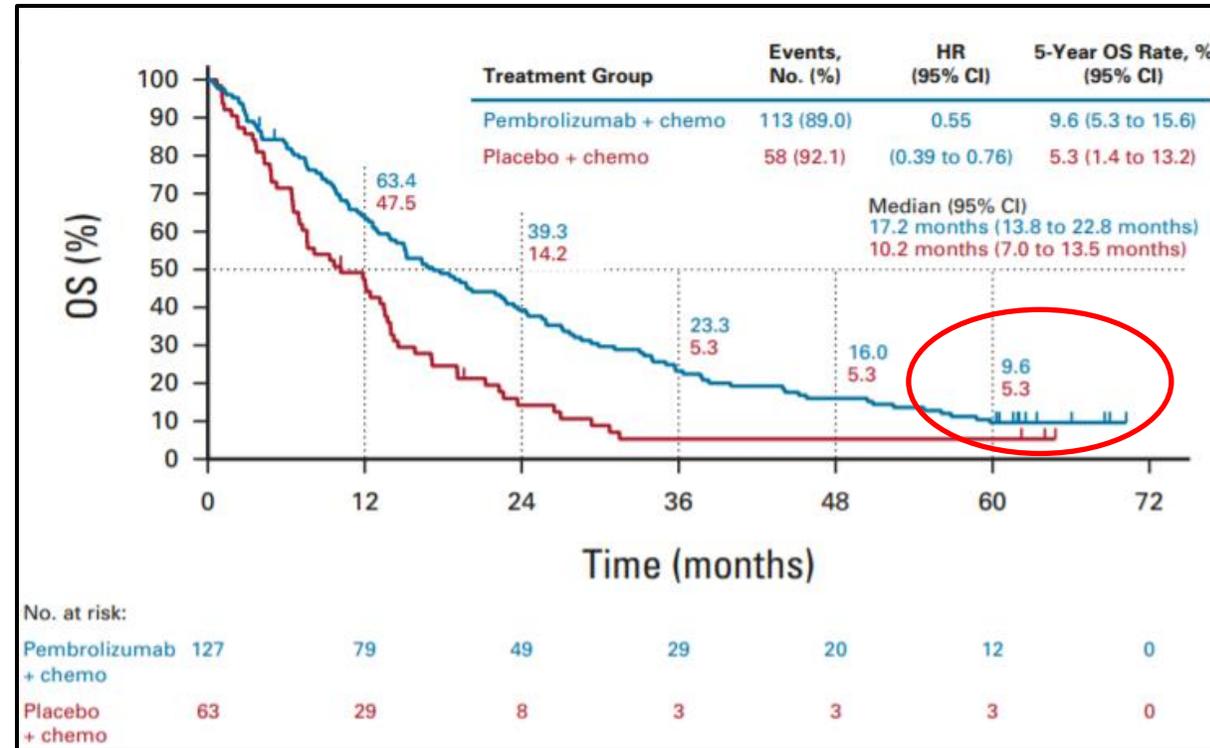
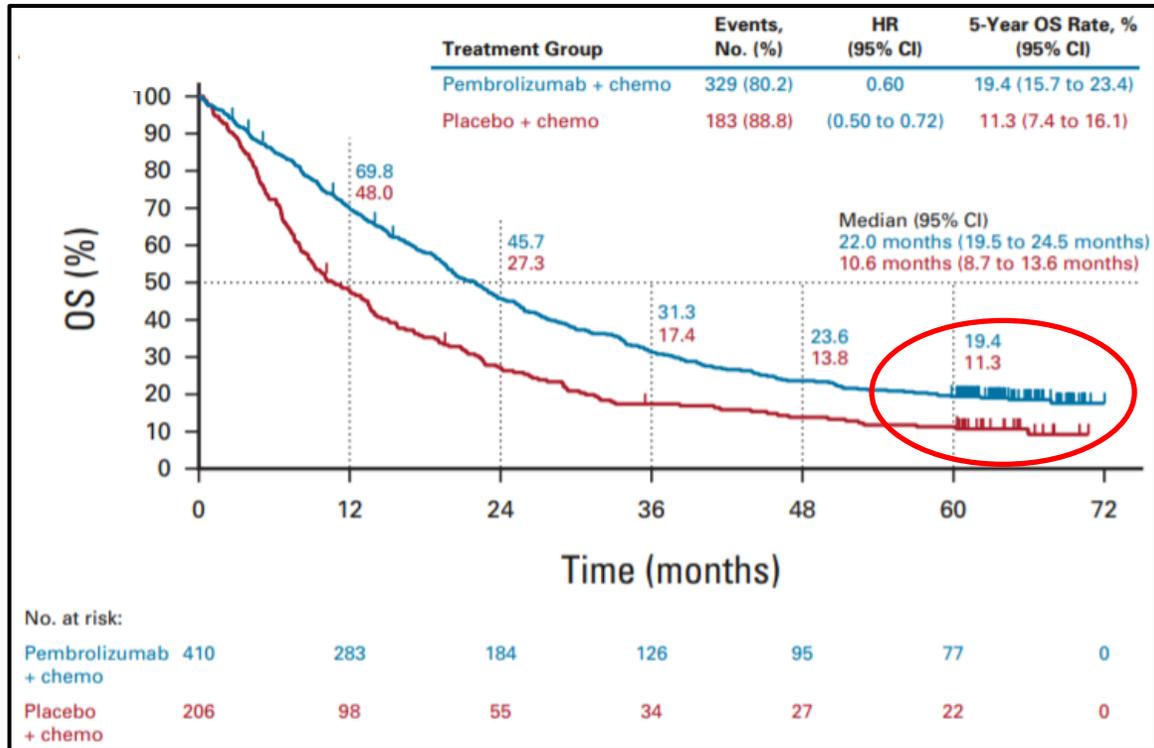
Gandhi L et al., *NEJM* 2018

5-year OS with the KEYNOTE-189 regimen in metastatic ns-NSCLC



ITT patient population

PD-L1 TPS <1%

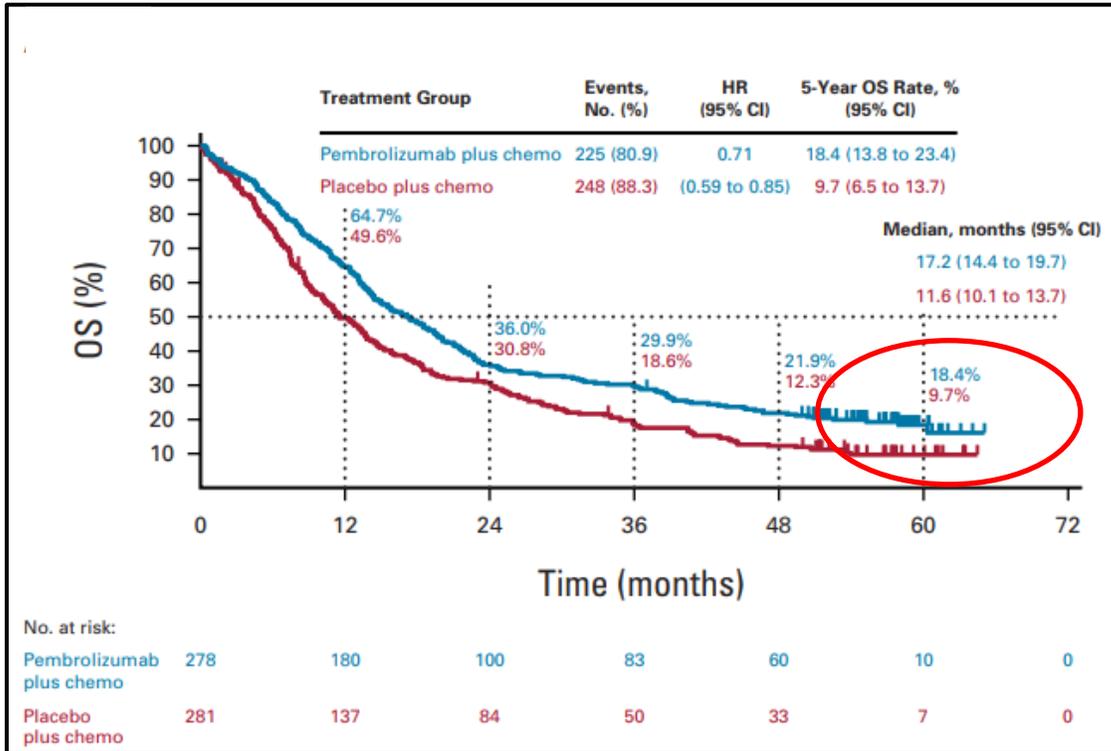


Garassino MC, *J Clin Oncol*, 2023

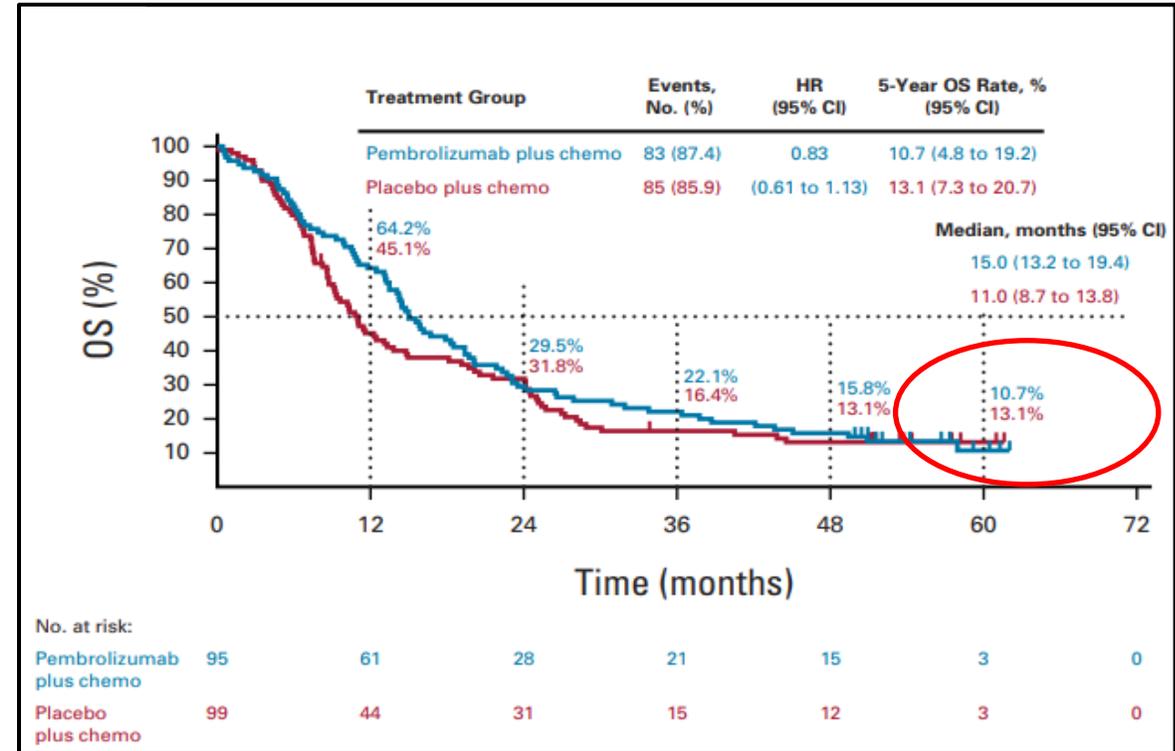
5-year OS with the KEYNOTE-407 regimen in metastatic sq-NSCLC



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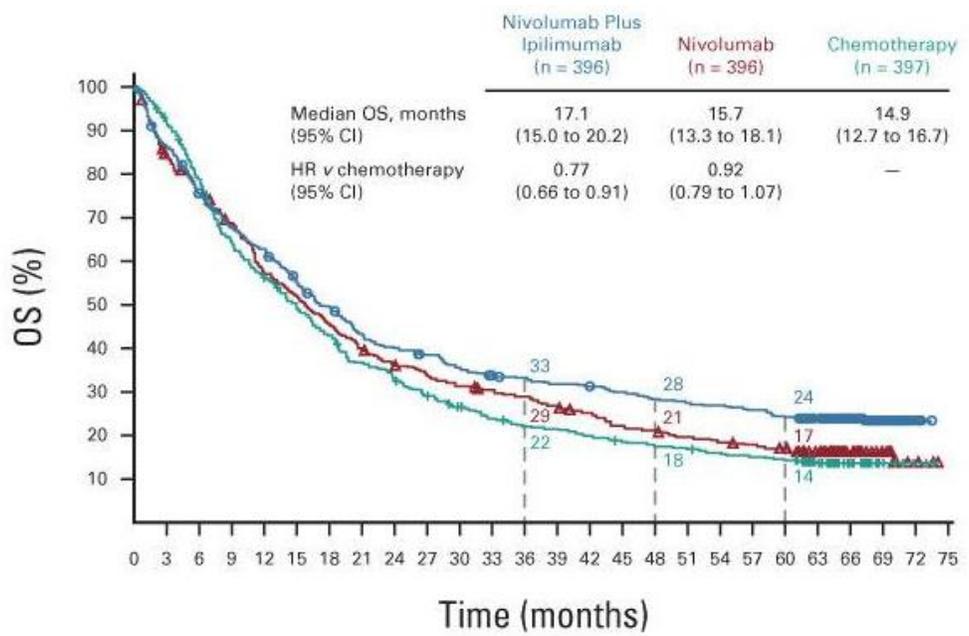
PD-L1 TPS <1%



Novello S, *J Clin Oncol*, 2023

5-year OS with nivolumab and ipilimumab in advanced NSCLC in the CheckMate 227 trial

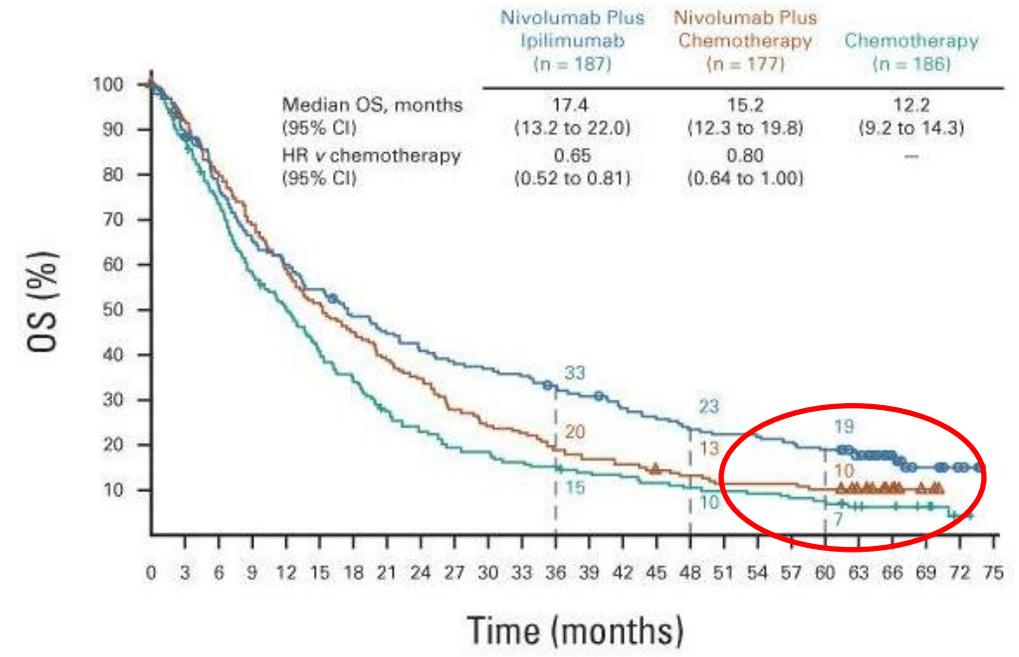
PD-L1 ≥1%



No. at risk:

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60	63	66	69	72	75
Nivolumab plus ipilimumab	396	341	296	265	246	214	192	186	154	146	124	126	123	118	115	110	104	101	99	96	89	74	47	20	3	0
Nivolumab	396	330	299	265	220	201	176	153	139	129	119	112	108	99	91	80	75	70	66	63	59	46	27	12	3	0
Chemotherapy	397	358	306	250	218	190	166	141	126	112	98	87	80	78	72	66	63	60	56	53	50	37	18	5	2	0

PD-L1 <1%



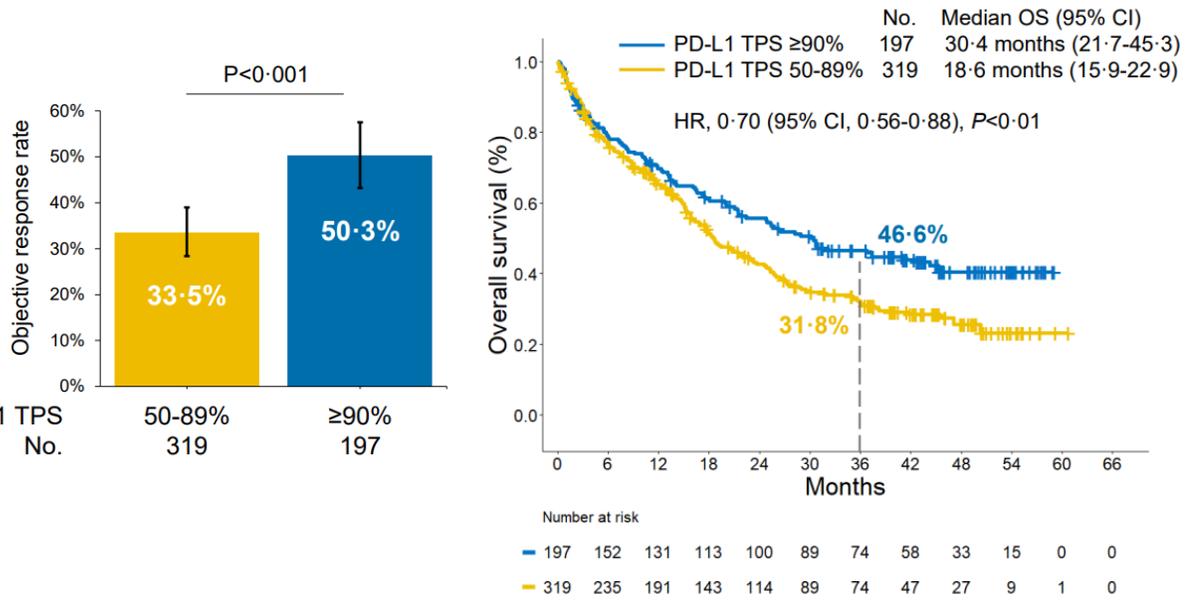
No. at risk:

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Nivolumab plus ipilimumab	187	165	142	120	110	100	88	81	74	69	67	64	59	55	49	45	41	39	38	36	33	27	15	8	3	0
Nivolumab plus chemotherapy	177	159	139	119	102	88	78	67	60	48	42	39	34	29	27	24	22	19	19	19	17	14	7	2	0	0
Chemotherapy	186	164	125	107	92	74	62	49	41	35	33	29	27	24	22	20	18	17	18	14	12	8	7	5	1	0

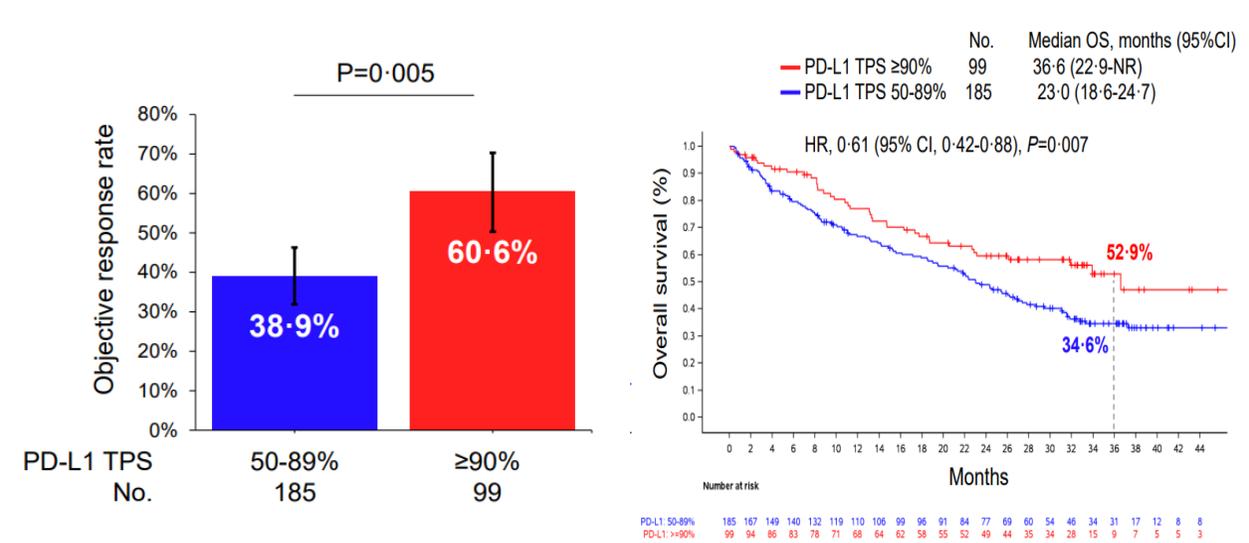
Brahmer JR et al., *J Clin Oncol*, 2023

Very high PD-L1 TPS identifies a cohort of patients with favorable outcomes with PD-(L)1 inhibitor monotherapy

Retrospective cohort



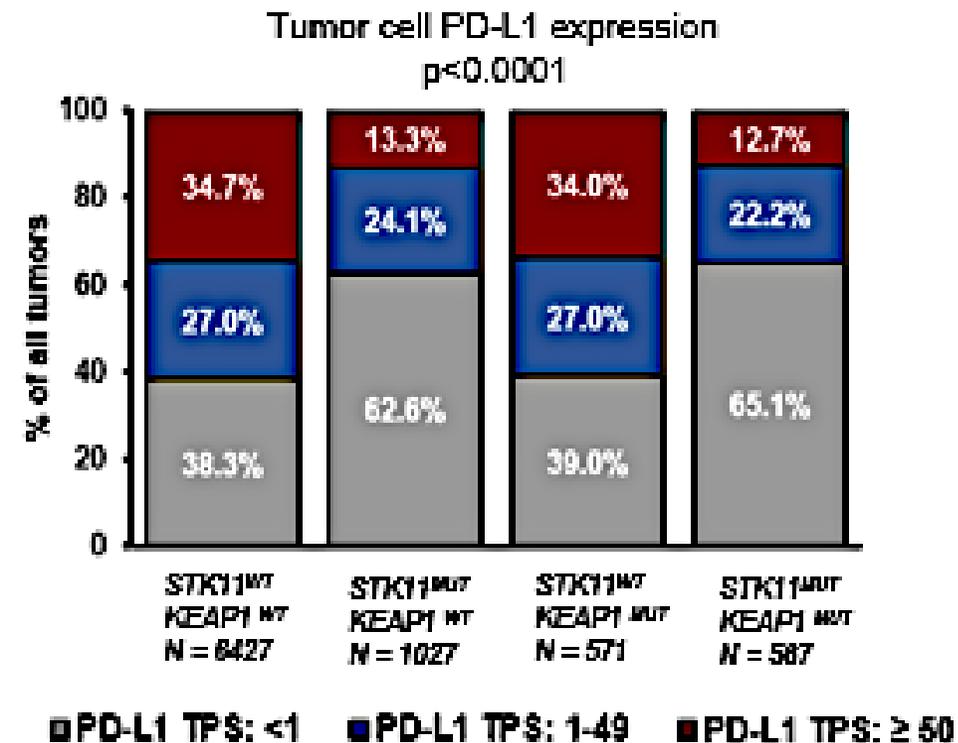
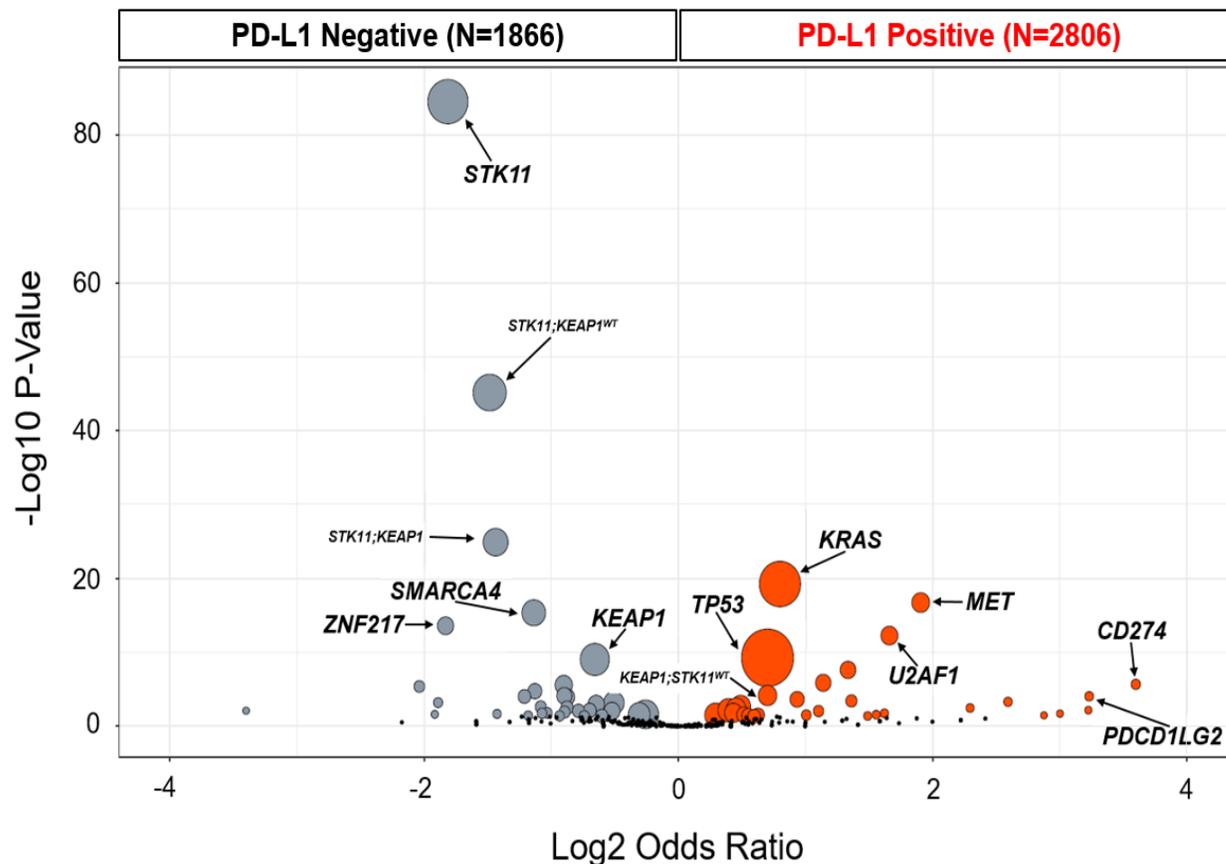
EMPOWER Lung-01



Ricciuti B et al., *JTO*, 2024

Oncogenotype and tumor cell PD-L1 expression in lung adenocarcinoma

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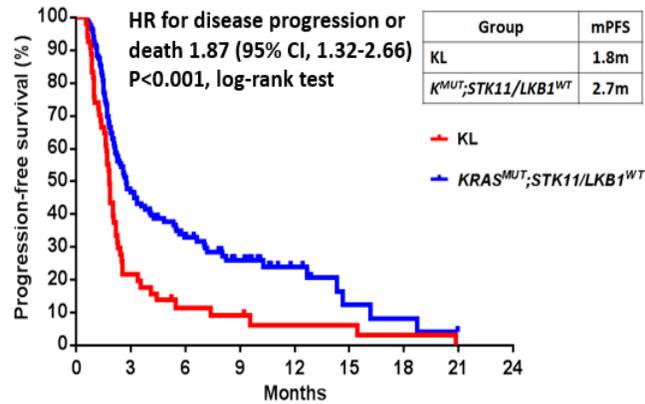


Skoulidis F et al., under review
 Collaboration with Lee Albacker, FMI

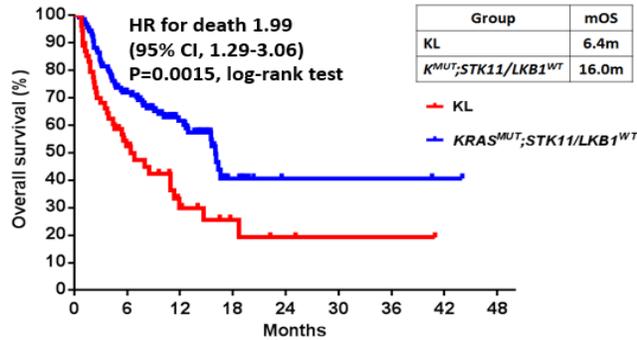
STK11 and KEAP1 alterations drive inferior clinical outcomes with PD-1 axis inhibitor monotherapy in KRAS-mutant NSCLC



Skoulidis F et al., Cancer Discov, 2018

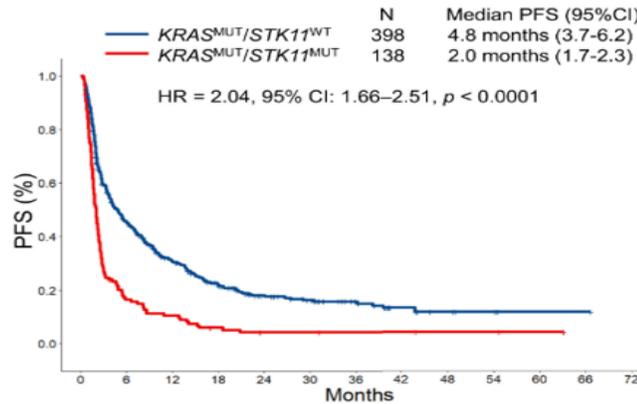


Group	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
KL	54(0)	11(2)	5(3)	4(3)	2(4)	2(4)	1(4)	1(4)	0(4)
$K^{MUT};STK11^{WT}$	120(0)	55(3)	34(9)	18(18)	8(27)	3(29)	2(29)	1(29)	0(30)

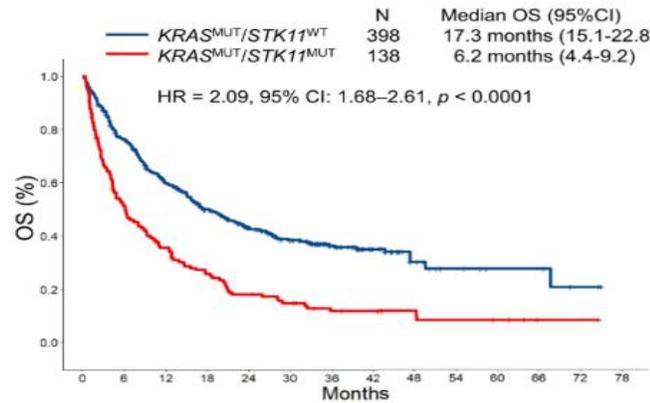


Group	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
KL	54(0)	25(5)	10(12)	4(16)	2(17)	1(18)	1(18)	0(19)	0(19)
$K^{MUT};STK11^{WT}$	120(0)	81(6)	46(32)	8(60)	2(66)	2(66)	2(66)	1(67)	0(68)

Ricciuti B et al., JTO, 2021

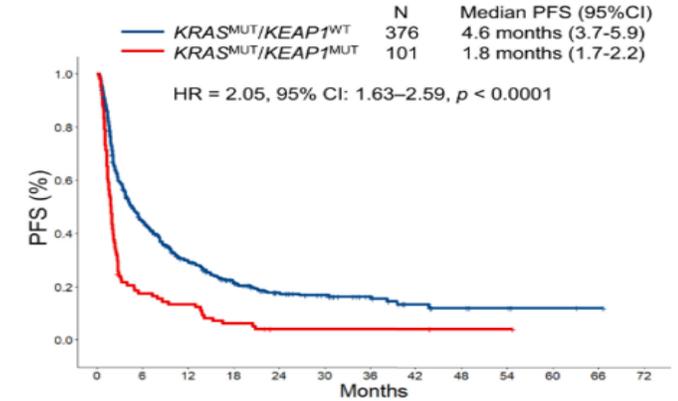


Group	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
$KRAS^{MUT}/STK11^{WT}$	398	172	106	99	44	34	21	9	5	3	1	1	0
$KRAS^{MUT}/STK11^{MUT}$	138	22	14	7	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	0	0

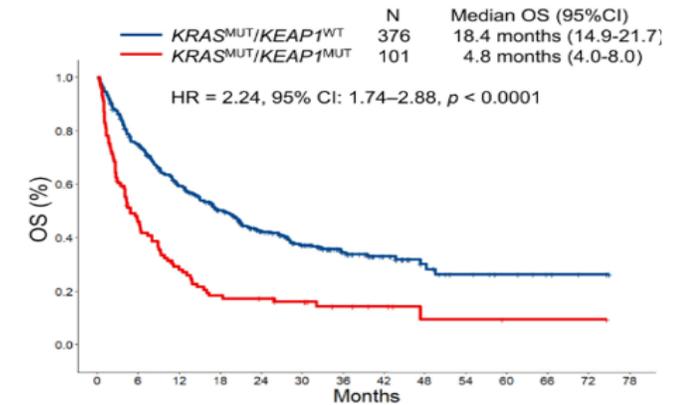


Group	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78
$KRAS^{MUT}/STK11^{WT}$	398	296	223	170	126	92	59	34	14	8	5	5	2	0
$KRAS^{MUT}/STK11^{MUT}$	138	69	47	34	23	18	11	10	7	5	4	1	1	0

Ricciuti B et al., JTO, 2021



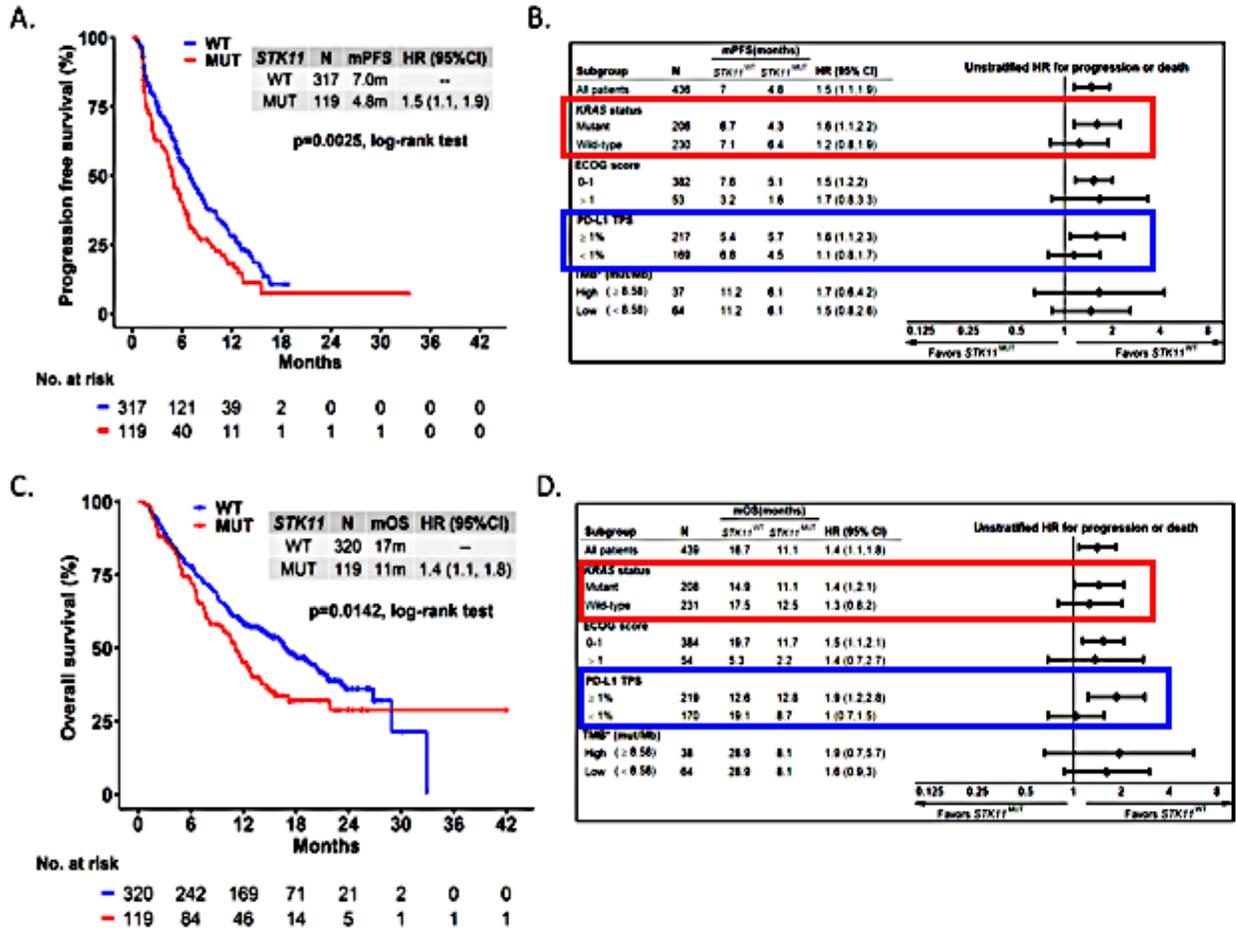
Group	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
$KRAS^{MUT}/KEAP1^{WT}$	376	190	98	63	40	32	19	9	6	4	2	1	0
$KRAS^{MUT}/KEAP1^{MUT}$	101	17	13	6	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0



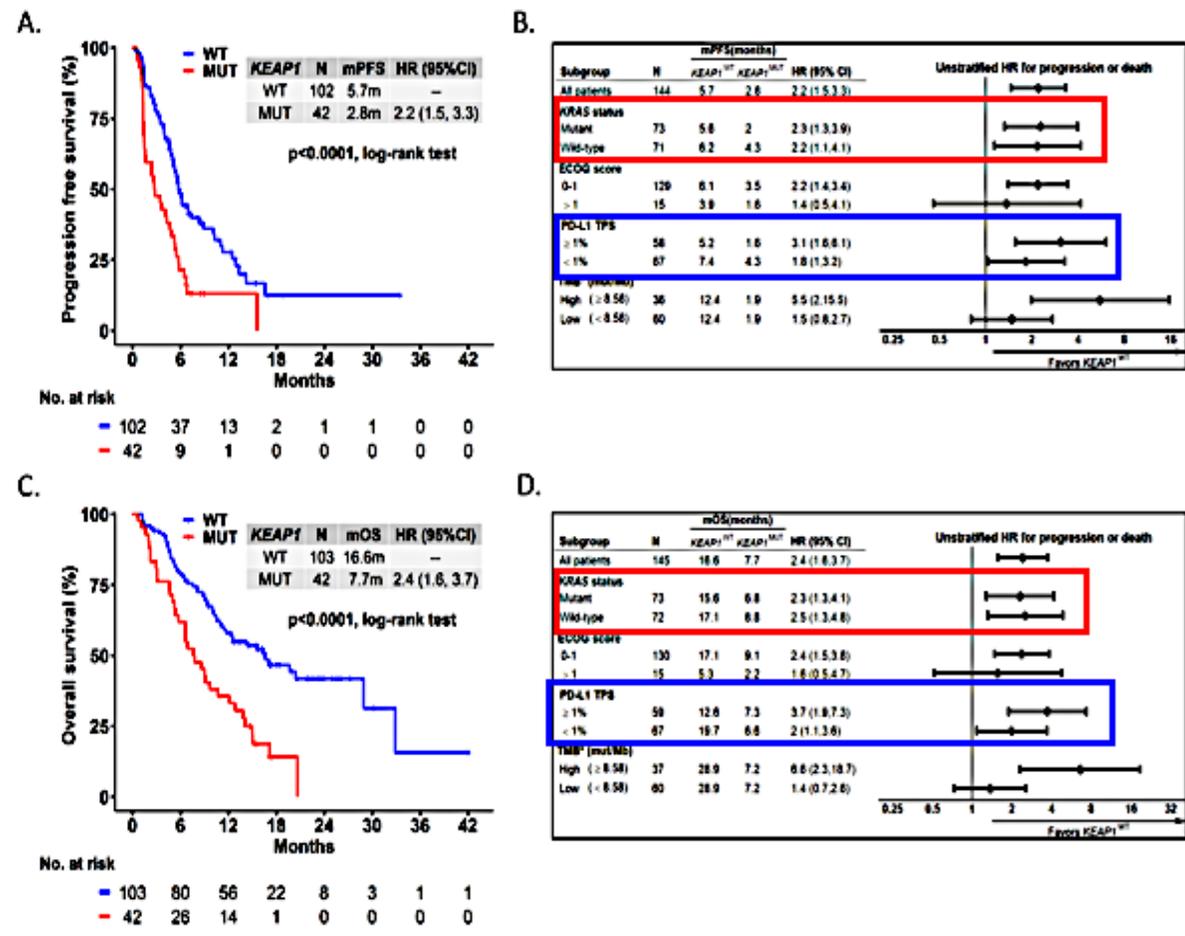
Group	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78
$KRAS^{MUT}/KEAP1^{WT}$	376	276	210	162	116	83	62	32	18	10	7	4	2	0
$KRAS^{MUT}/KEAP1^{MUT}$	101	44	28	17	15	12	7	5	2	2	1	1	1	0

STK11 and KEAP1 alterations and clinical outcomes with first-line PCP chemIO. (platinum, pemetrexed, pembrolizumab)

STK11



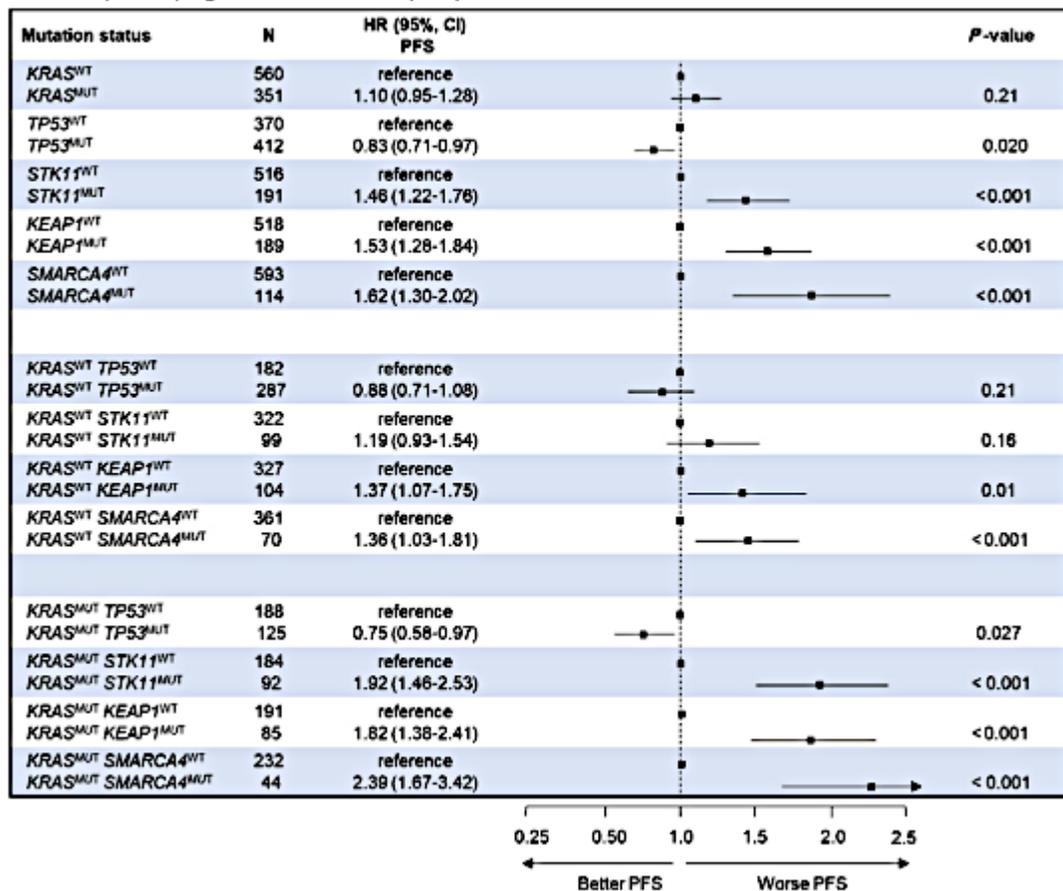
KEAP1



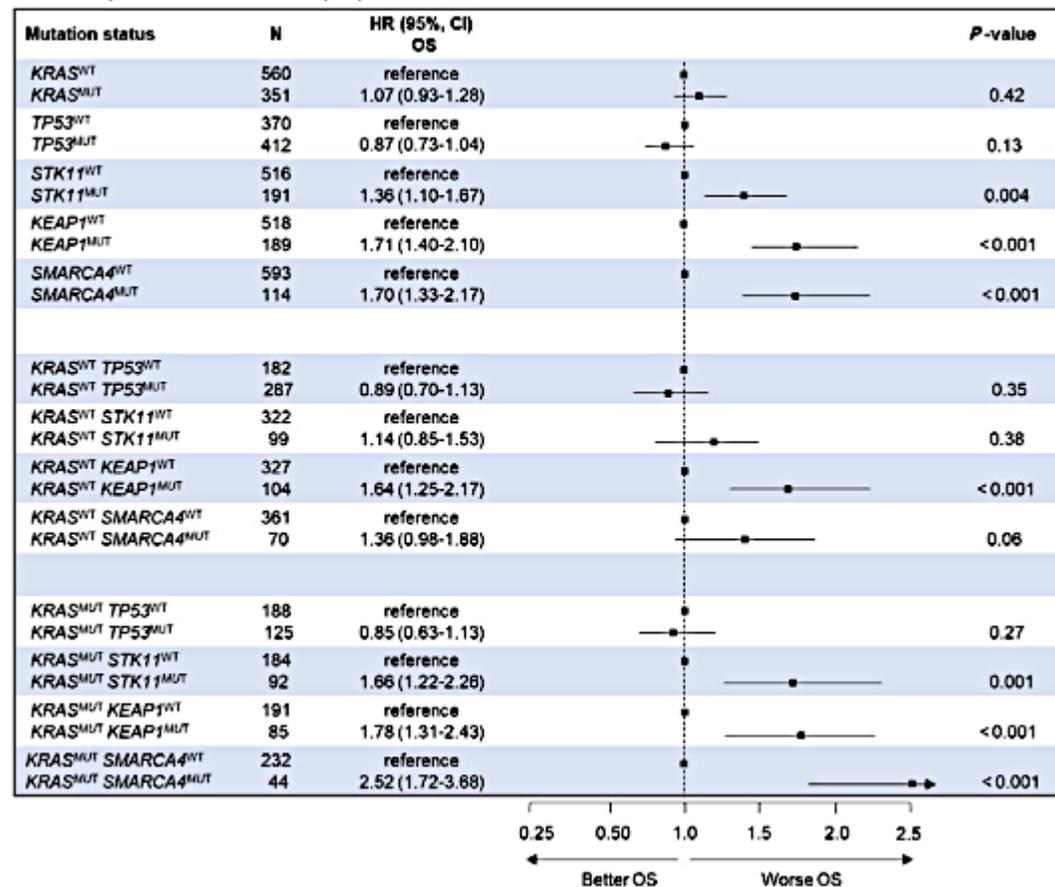
Skoulidis F et al, under review

STK11 and KEAP1 alterations and clinical outcomes with 1st line chemolo

Forest-plot for progression-free survival (PFS)

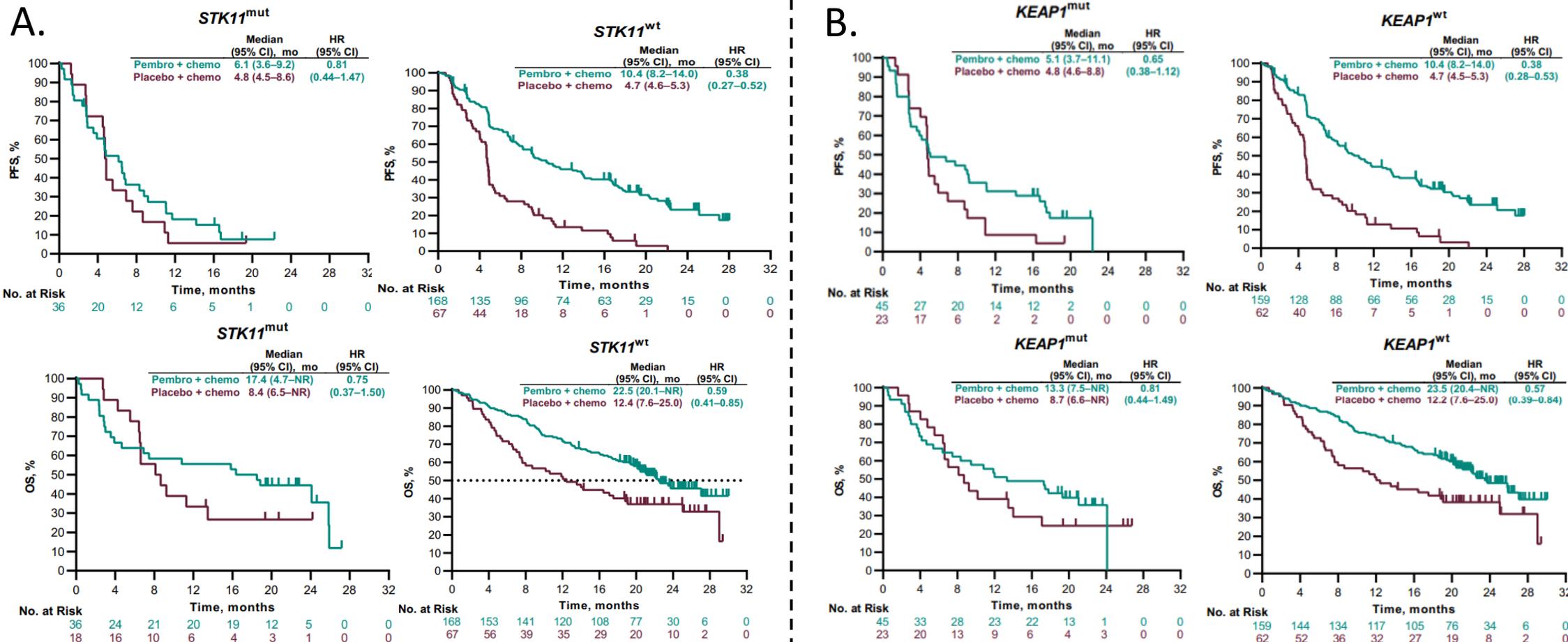


Forest-plot for overall survival (OS)



Alessi JV et al., *JTO*, 2023

Reduced benefit from the addition of pembrolizumab to platinum doublet chemotherapy in patients with *STK11* and *KEAP1*-mutant NSCLC in KEYNOTE-189

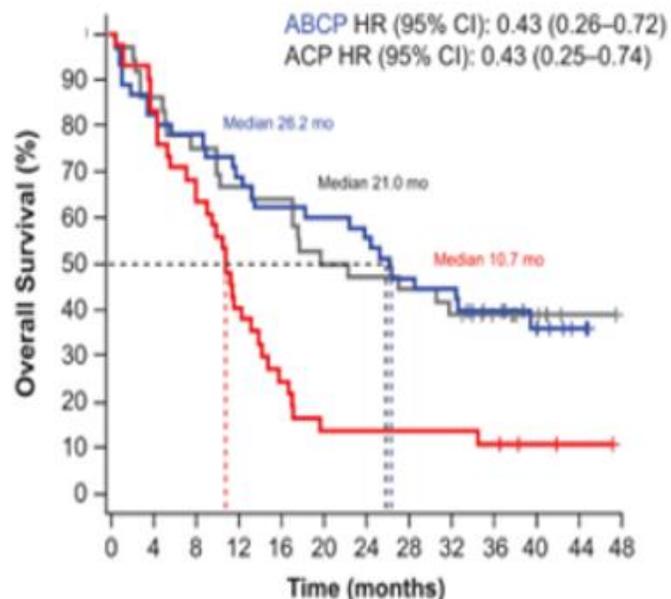


Garassino MC et al, JTO, 2022

Clinical outcomes in *KRAS* co-mutational subgroups in IMpower150

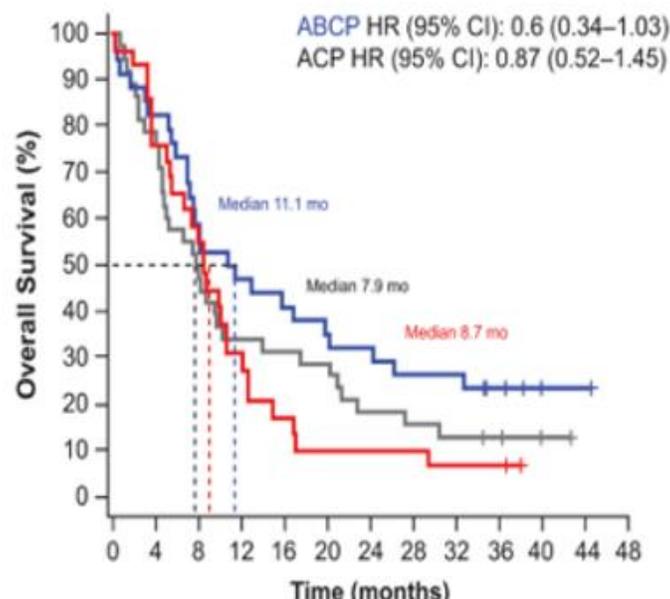


mKRAS, STK11-WT and KEAP1-WT



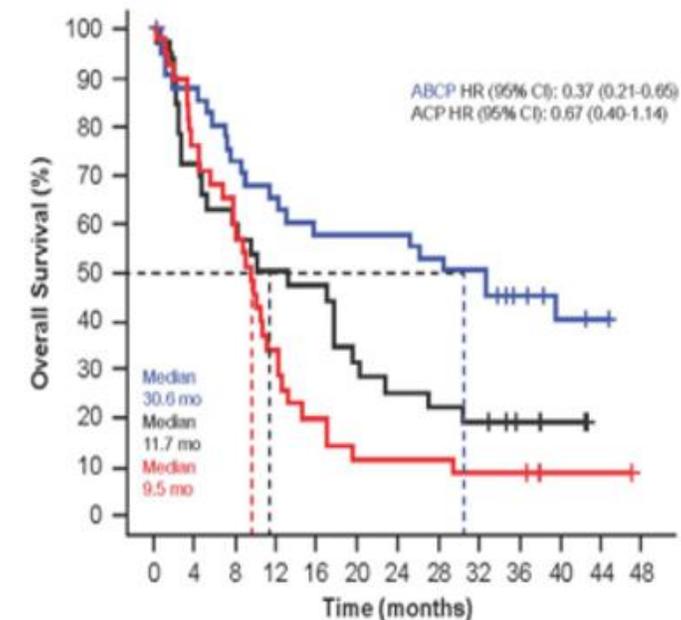
ACP	36	31	27	24	23	18	17	16	14	9	5	1	0
ABCP	46	37	35	31	28	27	25	21	20	13	8	2	0
BCP	42	34	25	16	9	5	5	5	5	4	2	1	0

mKRAS, mSTK11 and/or mKEAP1



ACP	38	30	19	13	12	11	7	6	5	4	3	0
ABCP	34	28	20	16	14	12	11	9	9	6	3	2
BCP	29	22	16	9	5	3	3	3	2	2	0	0

mKRAS/mTP53

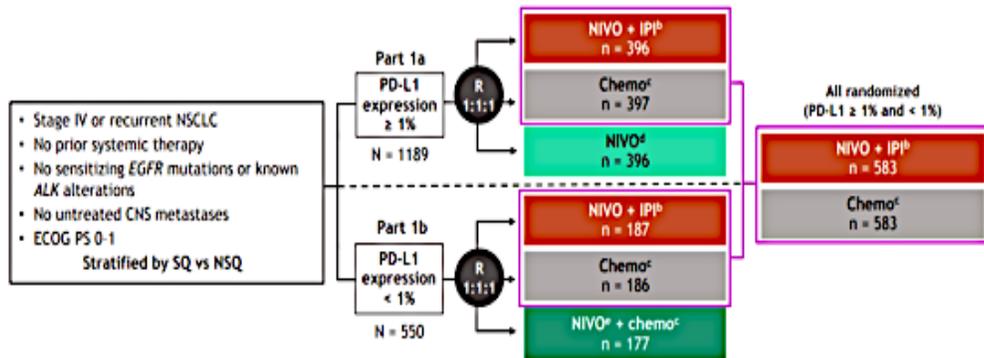


ACP	32	23	19	16	15	10	8	7	6	3	2	0	0
ABCP	41	35	29	26	23	23	23	21	20	12	7	3	0
BCP	38	28	20	12	7	4	4	4	3	3	1	1	0

West HJ et al, JITC, 2021

STK11 and KEAP1 alterations and clinical outcomes with ipi/nivo in Part 1 of CheckMate 227

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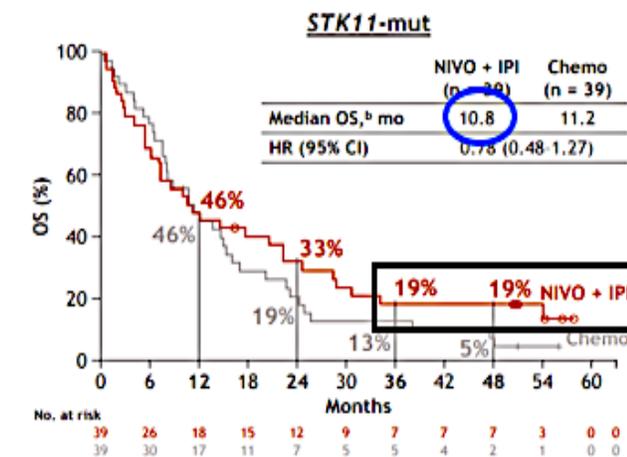
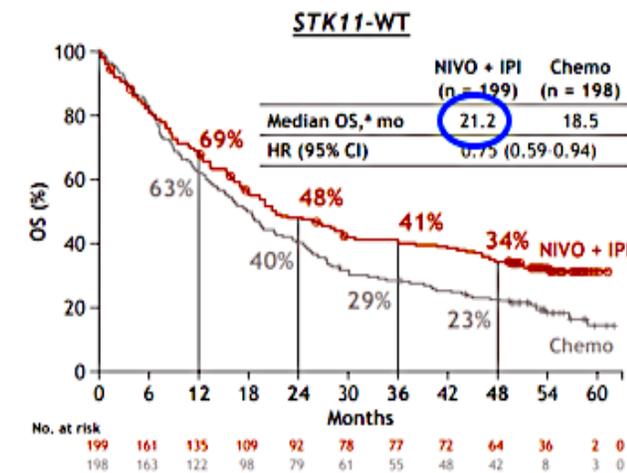
PD-L1 <1% : 29%
 PD-L1 ≥1% : 71%
 PD-L1 ≥50%: 37%
 TMB≥10Mut/Mb : 40%
 TMB<10Mut/Mb : 60%

B.

Subgroup, n ^b	4-y PFS rate, %		Median PFS, mo		Unstratified HR	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
	NIVO + IPI	Chemo	NIVO + IPI	Chemo		
NSQ (n = 419, 419)	14	3	5.2	5.6	0.82	
Mut-eval (n = 238, 237)	14	3	5.6	5.6	0.76	
KRAS-WT (n = 150, 162)	19	6	5.6	5.6	0.75	
KRAS-mut (n = 88, 75)	17	2	5.4	5.8	0.78	
TP53-WT (n = 111, 106)	10	5	5.4	5.6	0.88	
TP53-mut (n = 127, 131)	24	7	5.8	6.6	0.69	
STK11-WT (n = 199, 198)	19	6	8.1	6.1	0.72	
STK11-mut (n = 39, 39)	13	0	2.8	4.3	1.04	
KEAP1-WT (n = 218, 219)	16	6	5.5	5.8	0.83	
KEAP1-mut (n = 20, 18)	41	0	11.1	2.9	0.25	

KEAP1^{MUT} (N=38)
 Ipi/Nivo: mOS 24.4m
 Chemo: mOS 8.9m

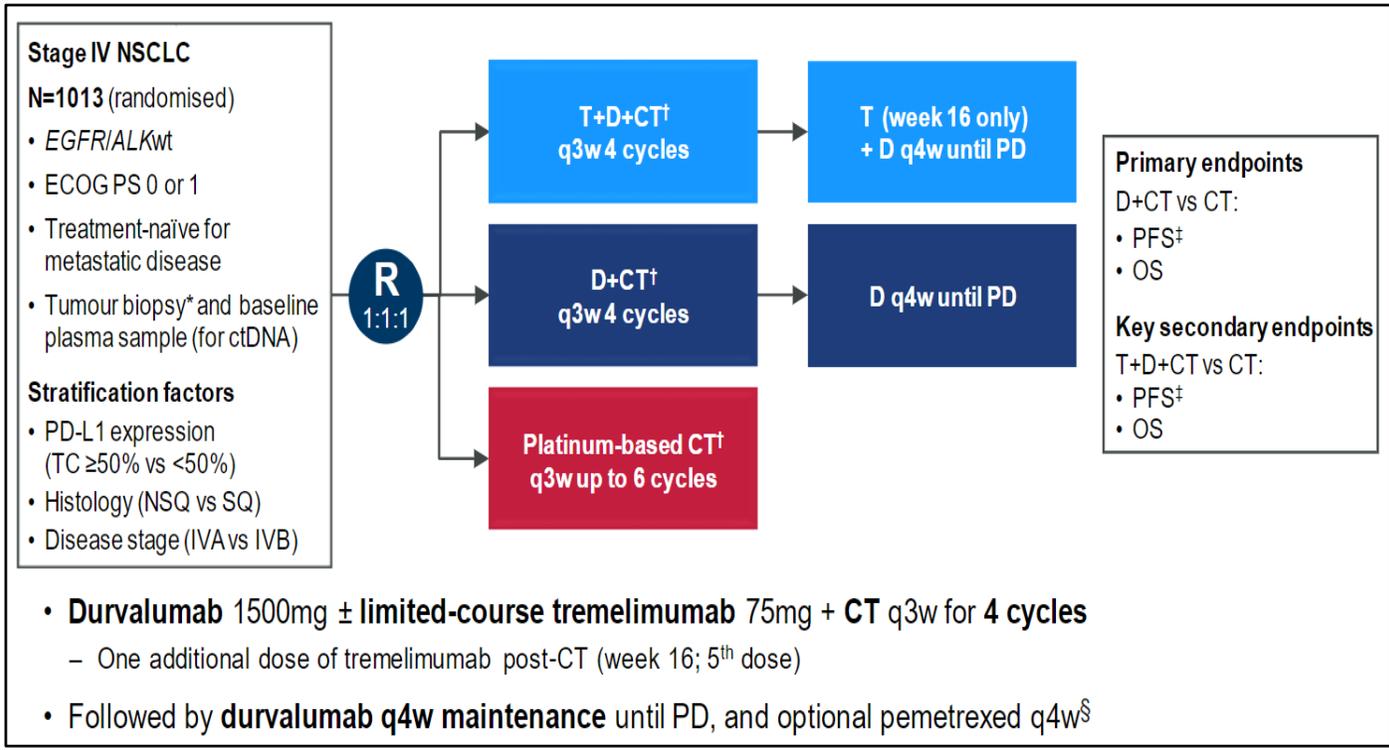
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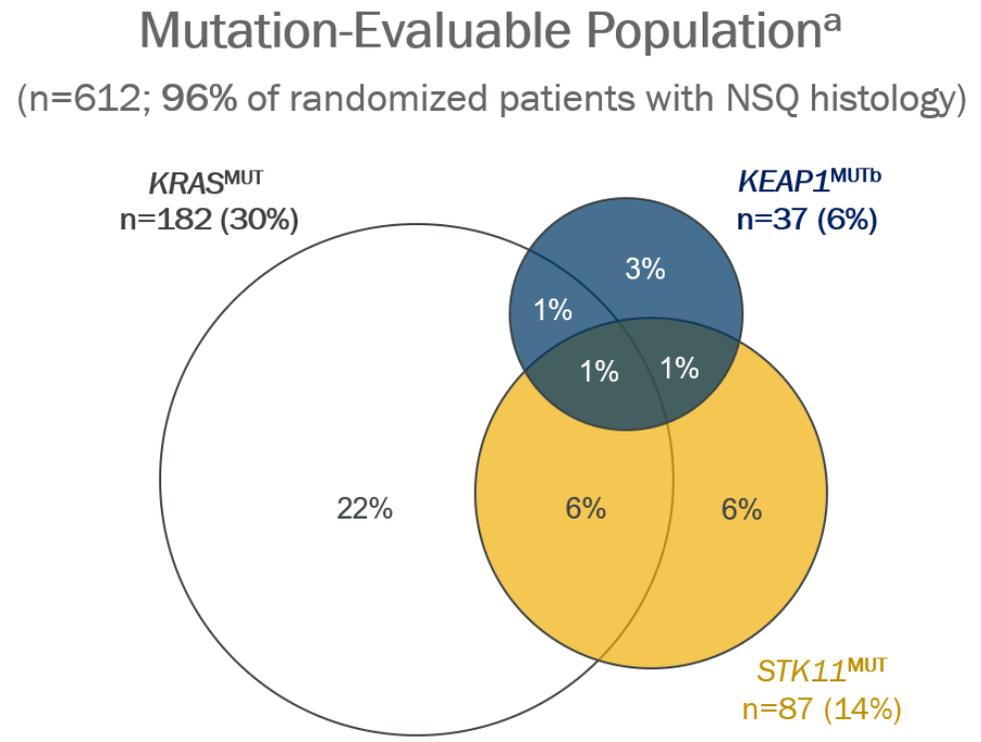
Ramalingam S et al., ESMO Immuno-Oncology Congress, 2021

POSEIDON Study of Durvalumab+-Tremelimumab+Chemo for the 1st line Treatment of Metastatic NSCLC

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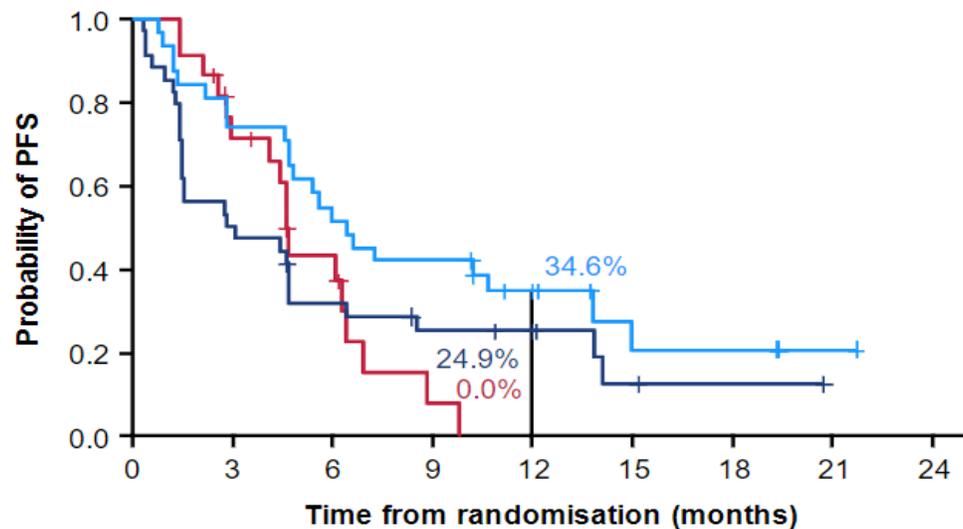
Peters S et al., WCLC, 2022

PFS and ORR with the POSEIDON regimen (D+T+chemo) in *STK11*-mutant NSCLC

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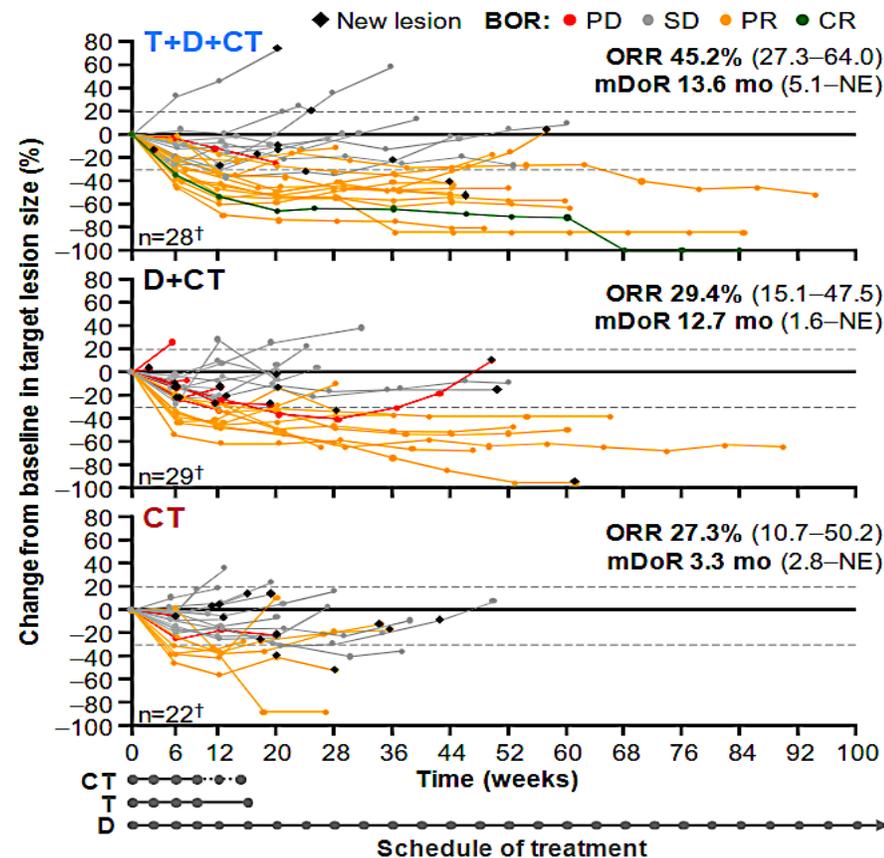
PFS

	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	22/31	27/34	17/22
mPFS, mo (95% CI)	6.4 (4.7–13.8)	2.9 (1.4–4.7)	4.6 (2.9–6.4)
HR* (95% CI)	0.47 (0.23–0.93)	1.02 (0.55–1.93)	–



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
T+D+CT	31	23	16	13	7	3	3	1	0
D+CT	34	17	10	7	5	2	1	0	0
CT	22	14	7	1	0	0	0	0	0

B.



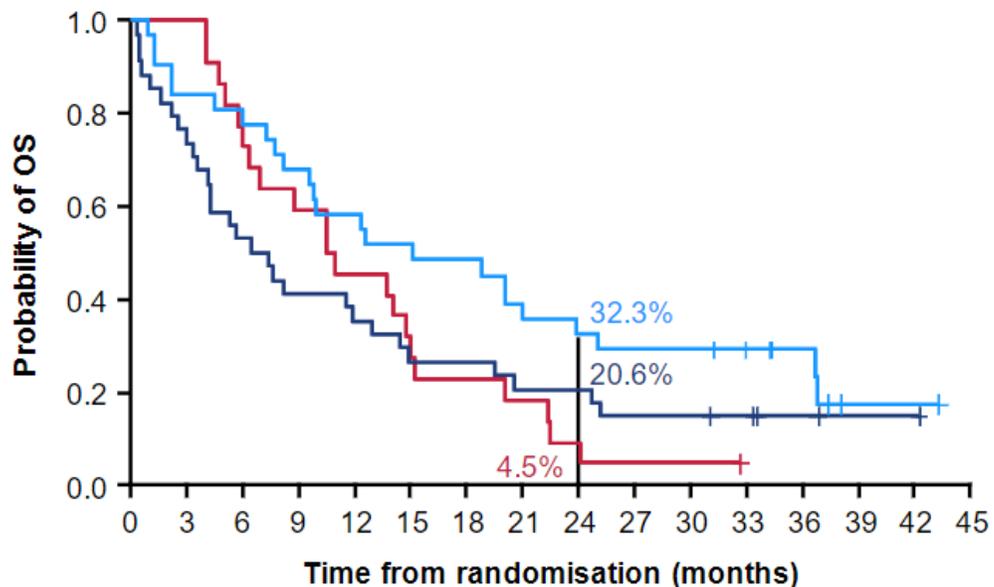
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OS with the POSEIDON regimen (D+T+chemo) in *STK11*-mutant NSCLC



***STK11*m**

	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	24/31	29/34	21/22
mOS, mo (95% CI)	15.0 (8.2–23.8)	6.9 (3.6–12.9)	10.7 (6.0–14.9)
HR* (95% CI)	0.56 (0.30–1.03)	1.03 (0.59–1.84)	–

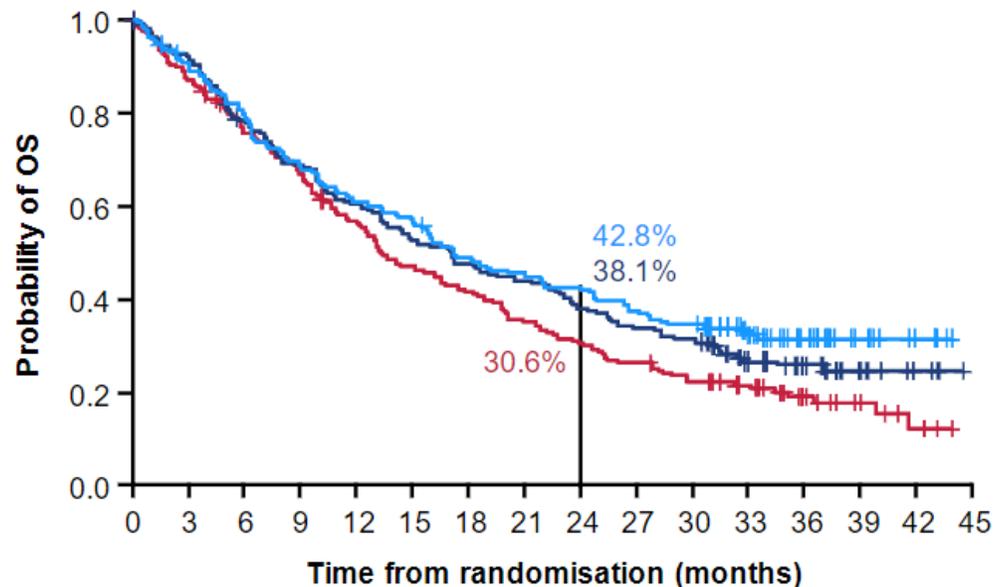


No. at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
T+D+CT	31	26	24	21	18	15	15	11	10	9	9	7	5	1	1	0
D+CT	34	26	18	14	12	9	9	7	7	5	5	4	2	1	0	0
CT	22	22	16	13	10	6	5	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

***STK11*wt**

	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	118/177	123/169	141/179
mOS, mo (95% CI)	17.2 (14.9–22.1)	17.1 (13.3–22.3)	13.4 (11.5–17.5)
HR* (95% CI)	0.73 (0.57–0.93)	0.81 (0.64–1.04)	–



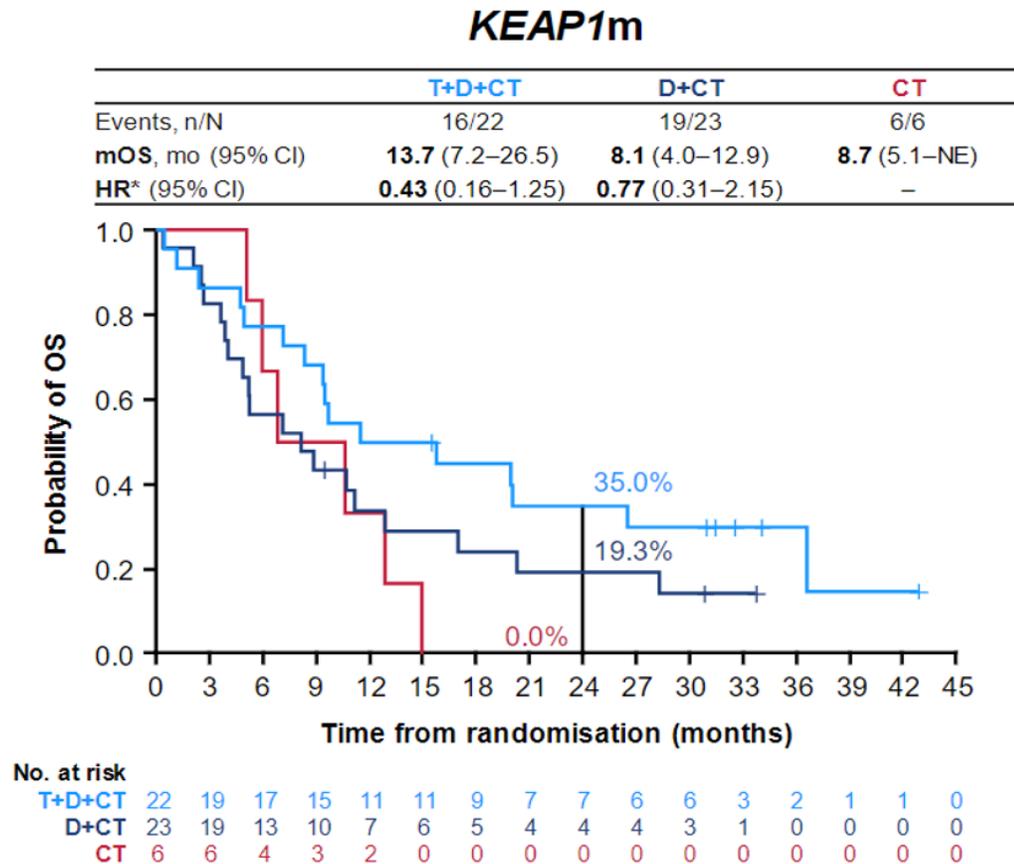
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D+CT	169	155	130	114	100	87	79	73	63	56	52	33	23	10	4	0
CT	179	154	131	116	97	80	71	60	52	45	37	29	15	8	4	0

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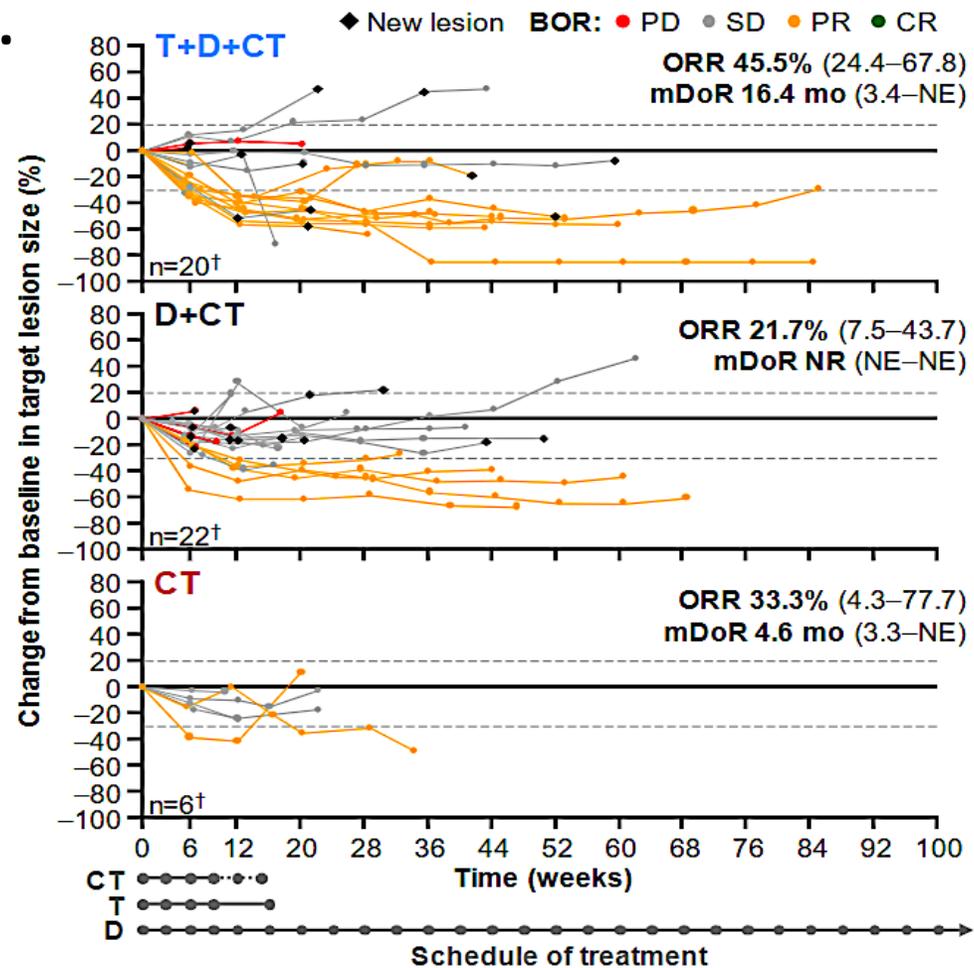
OS and ORR with the POSEIDON regimen (D+T+chemo) in *KEAP1*-mutant NSCLC

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HR (95% CI) vs CT in NSQ *KEAP1*m was 0.33 (0.10–1.15) with T+D+CT and 0.67 (0.23–2.17) with D+CT

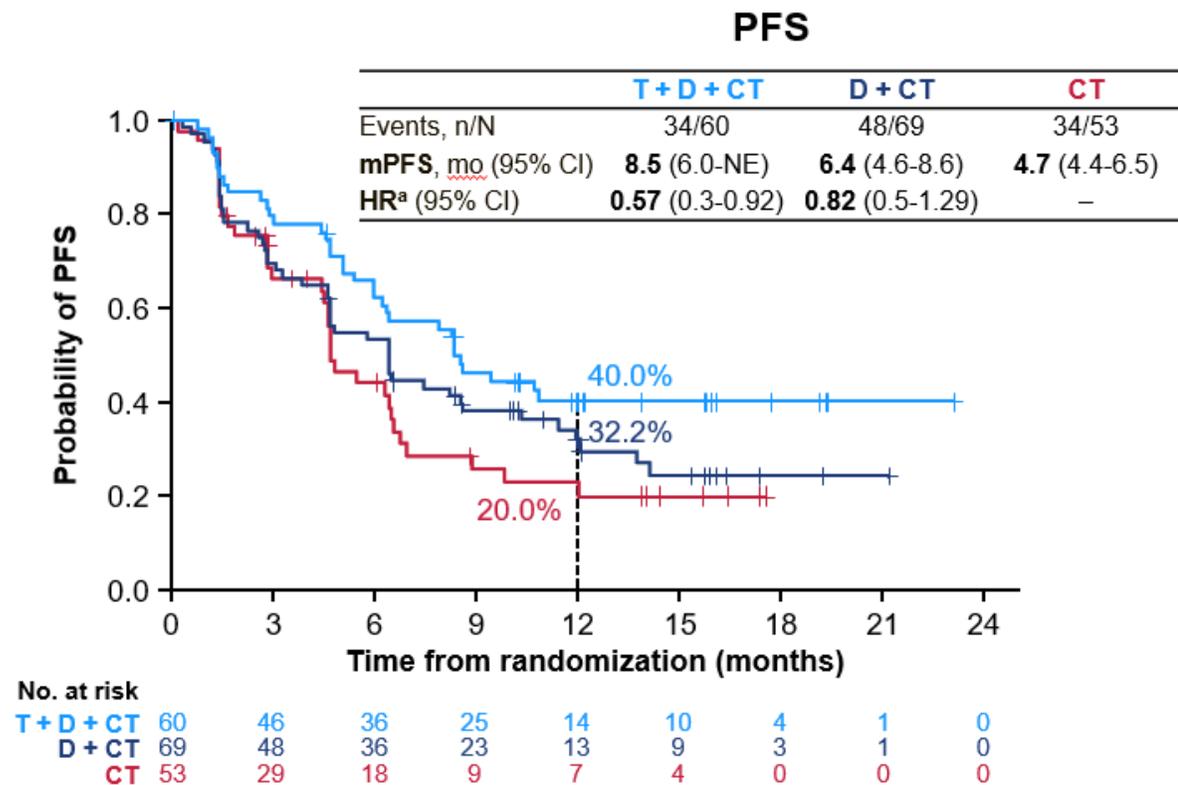
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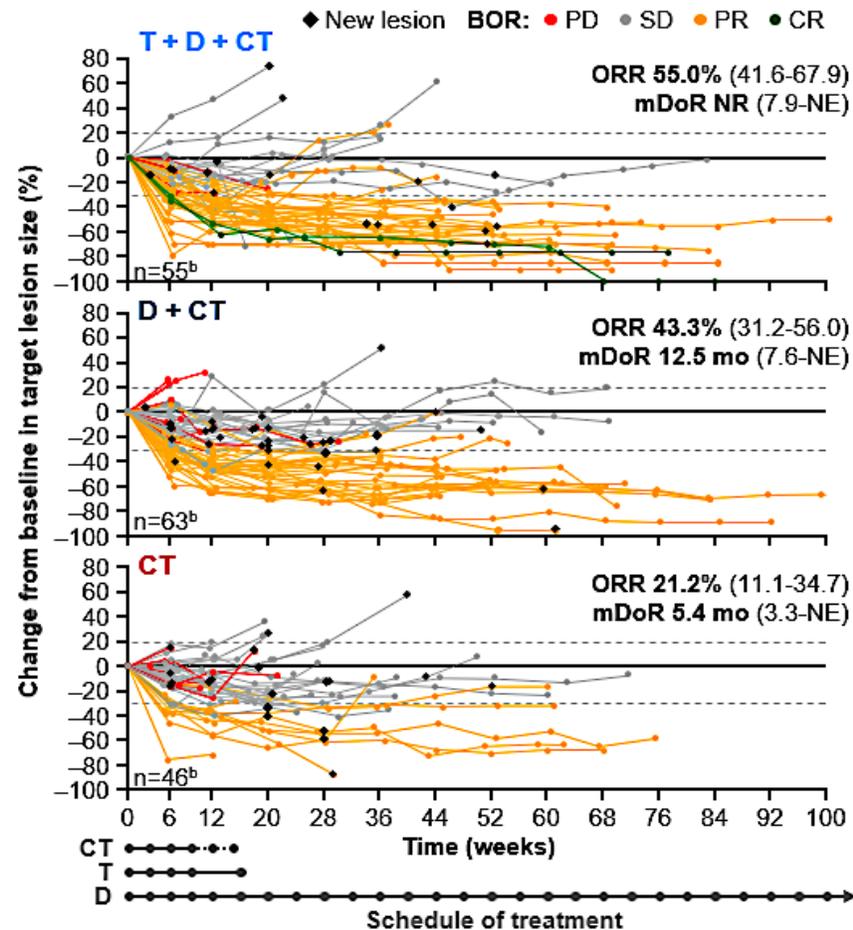
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PFS and ORR with the POSEIDON regimen (D+T+chemo) in KRAS-mutant NSCLC (4-year update)

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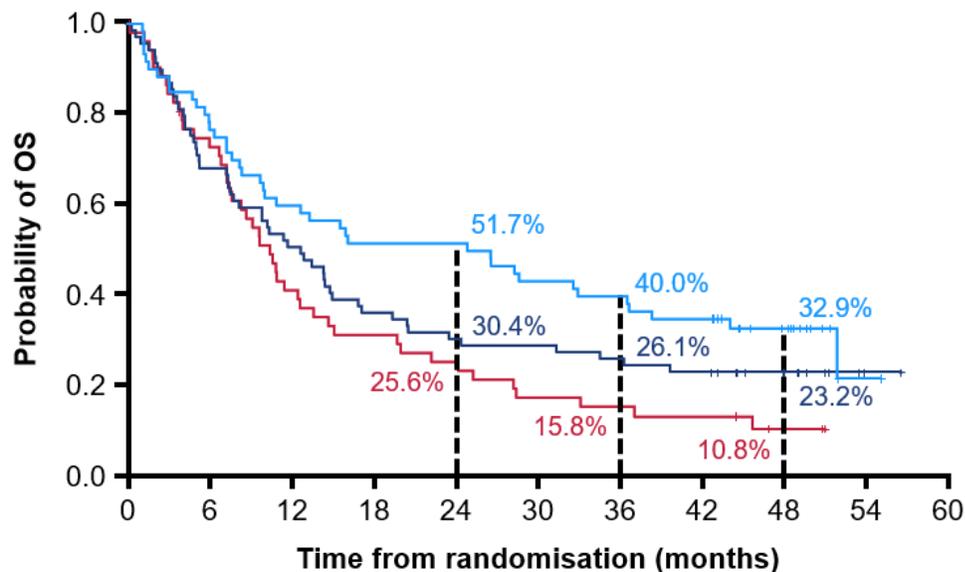


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OS with the POSEIDON regimen (D+T+chemo) in *KRAS*-mutant and wild-type NSCLC (4-year update)

*KRAS*_m

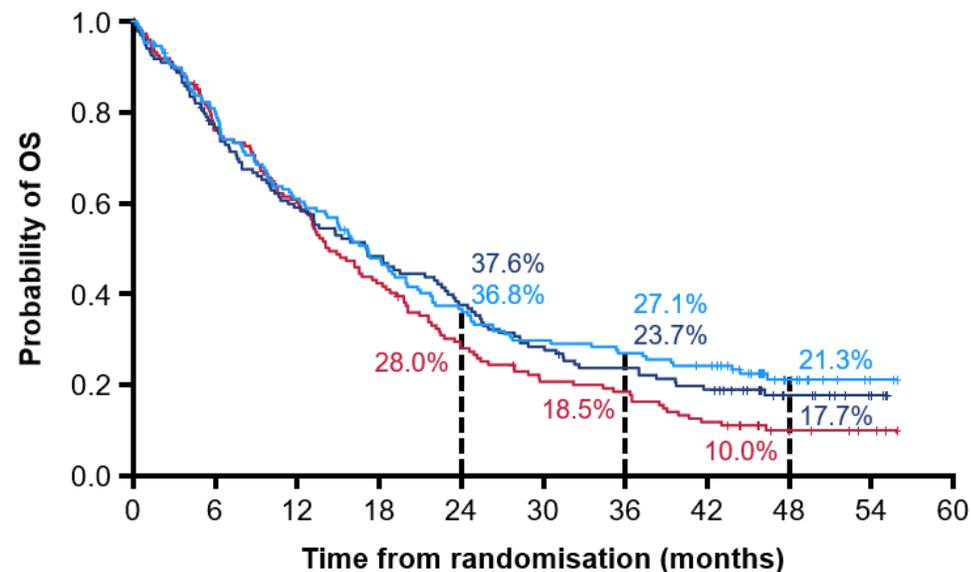
	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	41/60	53/69	45/53
mOS, months (95% CI)	25.7 (9.9–36.7)	12.6 (7.5–16.9)	10.4 (7.5–13.6)
HR* (95% CI)	0.55 (0.36–0.85)	0.78 (0.52–1.16)	–



No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
T+D+CT	60	46	36	31	31	26	24	21	12	1	0
D+CT	69	47	35	25	21	20	18	16	9	1	0
CT	53	37	21	16	13	9	7	6	2	0	0

*KRAS*_{wt}

	T+D+CT	D+CT	CT
Events, n/N	113/148	107/134	127/148
mOS, months (95% CI)	17.1 (13.4–20.1)	17.1 (12.3–22.6)	14.4 (12.6–18.3)
HR* (95% CI)	0.78 (0.60–1.00)	0.83 (0.64–1.08)	–



No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
T+D+CT	148	118	89	69	53	43	39	34	12	2	0
D+CT	134	101	77	63	49	37	30	24	11	3	0
CT	148	110	86	60	39	28	25	16	7	4	0

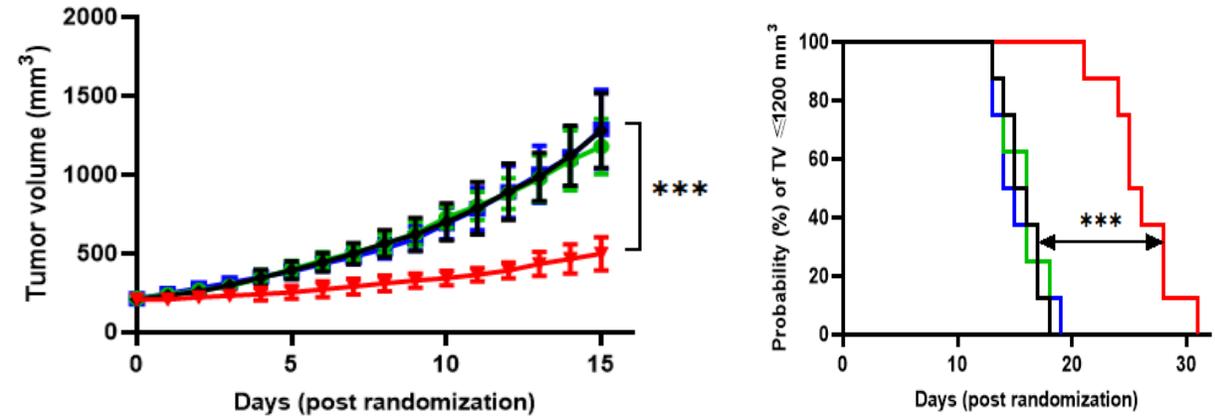
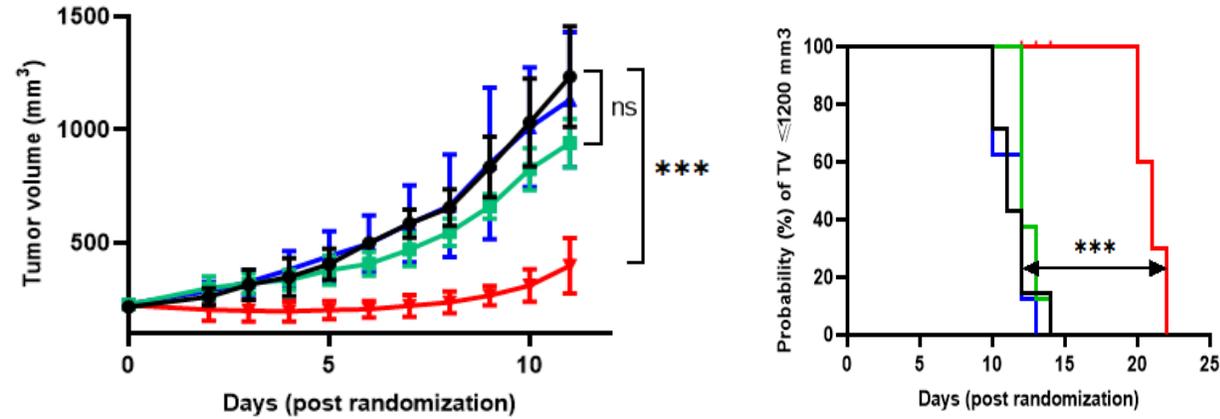
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Sensitivity of *Kras*^{MUT}; *Stk11*^{-/-} lung adenocarcinomas to dual anti-PD-1/anti-CTLA-4 ICB is recapitulated in syngeneic models



KL2 (*Kras*^{G12C}; *Stk11*^{-/-})

KL5 (*Kras*^{G12C}; *Stk11*^{-/-})



— IgG control — αPD-1 — αCTLA-4 — αPD-1 + αCTLA-4

Skoulidis F et al., under review

My current practice for the 1st-line treatment of NSCLC pts with distinct onco-genotypes



Non-squamous NSCLC, no driver alterations

Squamous NSCLC

ONCO-GENOTYPE	FIRST LINE OPTIONS
<i>KRAS^{MUT} or WT;STK11^{MUT};KEAP1^{WT}</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> POSEIDON (PS 0-1); 2. 9-LA (PS 0-1); 3. Ipi/Nivo; 4. PCP (more borderline PS, c/indication to αCTLA-4, potential outlier with high PD-L1 TPS, high TMB etc). <p>Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical trial (1st line RASi combo etc)
<i>KRAS^{MUT} or WT;STK11^{WT};KEAP1^{MUT}</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> POSEIDON or 9-LA (PS 0-1) 2. Ipi/Nivo; 3. PCP (borderline PS, c/indication to αCTLA-4, high PD-L1 TPS and/or high TMB). Can consider a-PD-(L)1 monotherapy if <i>KRAS^{WT}</i> + PD-L1^{High} and/or TMB^{High}, borderline PS If any additional poor outcome predictors (<i>SMARCA4</i> mut etc) I favor dual ICB+- chemo
<i>KRAS^{MUT} or WT;STK11^{MUT};KEAP1^{MUT}</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> POSEIDON or 9-LA (PS 0-1) 2. Ipi/Nivo; 3. PCP (more borderline PS, c/indication to αCTLA-4, potential outlier with high PD-L1 TPS, high TMB etc). <p>Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical trial (1st line RASi combo etc)
<i>KRAS^{MUT} or WT;STK11^{WT};KEAP1^{WT}</i>	<p>PD-L1 TPS <1% : 1. PCP; 2. POSEIDON or 9-LA or Ipi/Nivo (for good PS, high burden, aggressive biology)</p> <p>PD-L1 TPS 1-49%: 1. PCP; 2. POSEIDON or 9-LA or Ipi/Nivo in pts with high burden/aggressive biology/lower PD-L1 TPS; 3. Pembro (if poor PS, organ dysfunction etc).</p> <p>PD-L1 TPS ≥50% : 1. Pembro or PCP (high burden, threatened organs, rapid growth)</p> <p>Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical trial (1st line RASi combo etc)

PD-L1 TPS	FIRST LINE OPTIONS
<1%	1. IPI/NIVO or 9-LA (PS 0-1); 2. KN-407
1-49%	1. KN407; 2. IPI/NIVO or 9-LA (PS 0-1). I favor dual ICB if brain mets
≥50%	1. Pembro or KN-407



Conclusions

- A number of regimens incorporating single (α PD1/ α PD-L1) or dual (α PD-(L)1/ α CTLA-4) ICB with or without platinum based chemotherapy are FDA approved. This raises the question of how to select the optimal regimen for individual patients.
- Clinical decision making for selection of 1st line systemic therapy for patients with advanced NSCLC is currently based on (a) Histology; (b) Tumor cell PD-L1 expression; (c) clinical characteristics (tumor burden, threatened organs, brain mets, liver mets, co-morbidities); (d) absence of targetable genomic drivers.
- Somatic mutations in *KEAP1* and/or *STK11* identify difficult to treat subgroups of patients with mNSCLC that exhibit poor clinical outcomes with PD-(L)1 inhibitor – based chemo-immunotherapy (such as the KEYNOTE-189 regimen) or PD-(L)1 monotherapy, especially in patients harboring *KRAS*-mutant NSCLC.
- Loss of *KEAP1* and/or *STK11* may impart selective sensitivity to dual immune checkpoint blockade with anti-PD-(L)1+ anti-CTLA-4.
- Chemo-IO regimens that incorporate anti-CTLA-4 in addition to anti-PD-(L)1 (such as 9LA and POSEIDON) may represent a preferred approach in *STK11* and/or *KEAP1*-mutated NSCLC with good PS. Data from POSEIDON appear the most robust to date in this patient population.
- *STK11*, *KEAP1* represent emerging biomarkers for selection of first-line regimens in advanced NSCLC.
- A randomized controlled clinical trial (TRITON) (POSEIDON regimen vs KEYNOTE 189) in patients with previously untreated metastatic NSCLC with *STK11*, *KEAP1* or *KRAS* alterations is under development to confirm findings from POSEIDON
- AI-supported integration of clinical, molecular (pathological/genomic), transcriptomic and radiomic features may further refine criteria for selection of optimal 1st line systemic therapy regimens in advanced NSCLC.



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