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## Overall survival with neoadjuvant nivolumab + chemotherapy in patients with resectable NSCLC in CheckMate 816

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### Key takeaways

- In this preplanned final, 5-year analysis from CheckMate 816, neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful OS benefit vs chemo
  - NIVO + chemo continued to demonstrate benefit in lung cancer specific—survival vs chemo
- Durable, long-term EFS benefit was observed with NIVO + chemo
- Patients with pCR following neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo had improved long-term OS compared with those without pCR
- Presurgical ctDNA clearance was associated with improved OS, regardless of treatment

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## Background

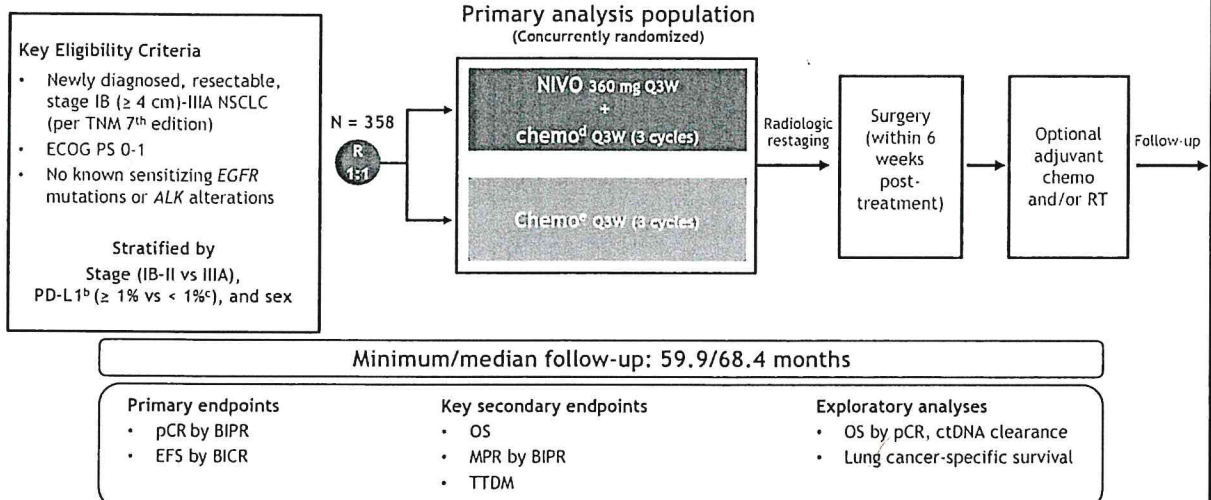
- In the phase 3 CheckMate 816 study, neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo demonstrated statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in EFS and pCR vs chemo in patients with resectable NSCLC<sup>1</sup>
  - EFS HR, 0.63 (97.38% CI, 0.43-0.91;  $P = 0.005$ ); pCR rates, 24.0% vs 2.2% (OR, 13.94; 99% CI, 3.49-55.75;  $P < 0.001$ )<sup>1</sup>
- NIVO + chemo is the sole neoadjuvant-only chemoimmunotherapy regimen approved in the United States, European Union, and several other countries<sup>2-8</sup>
- Here, we present the results of the preplanned final analysis of OS from CheckMate 816 at a minimum 5 years of follow-up

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## CheckMate 816 study design<sup>a</sup>



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## Statistical analysis plan

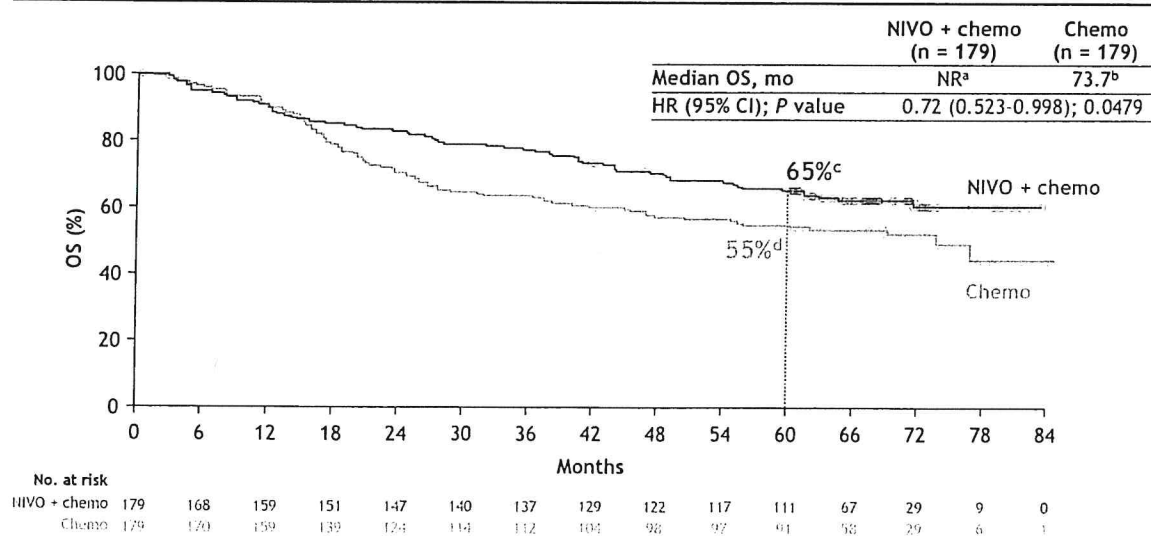
- pCR and EFS for NIVO + chemo vs chemo in the primary analysis population<sup>a</sup> were to be tested with 1% and 4% type I error (2-sided), respectively<sup>b</sup>
- If pCR was statistically significant, EFS was to be tested with a 2-sided type I error of 5%<sup>c</sup>
- If pCR and EFS were both significant, OS was to be tested hierarchically with a 2-sided type I error of 5%<sup>d</sup>
- OS final analysis was prespecified to occur at 185 events or 5 years minimum follow-up, whichever occurred first
  - The significance boundary was calculated to be a 2-sided *P* value of 0.0482 at the final database lock

<sup>a</sup>Patients concurrently randomized to NIVO + chemo and chemo. For the primary pCR analysis, patients who did not undergo surgery or have evaluable tissue samples were to be counted as nonresponders. <sup>b</sup>Comparison between treatment arms using stratified Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test for pCR and stratified log-rank test for EFS. <sup>c</sup>Approximately 185 EFS events would provide 82% power to detect an HR of 0.65, with a 5% type I error (2-sided) considering 2 interim analyses. <sup>d</sup>Significance boundaries for EFS and OS at interim analysis were calculated based on Lan-DeMets alpha spending function with the O'Brien-Fleming type of boundary.

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## Final analysis: OS with neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo vs chemo



Minimum/median follow-up: 59.9/68.4 months.  
<sup>a</sup>95% CI: 147.3-111R; 158-72; 147-62.

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## Subsequent anticancer therapy<sup>a</sup>

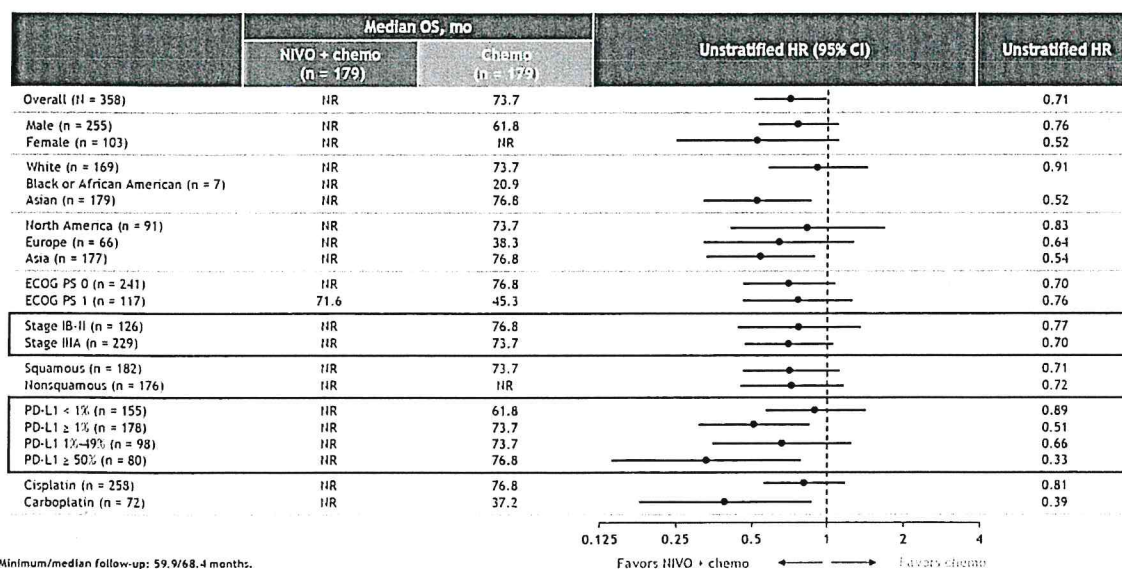
Patients, n (%)	Concurrently randomized patients		Patients with disease progression or recurrence <sup>b</sup>	
	NIVO + chemo (n = 179)	Chemo (n = 179)	NIVO + chemo (n = 67)	Chemo (n = 94)
Any subsequent therapy	56 (31)	92 (51)	50 (75)	85 (90)
Radiotherapy	28 (16)	44 (25)	25 (37)	41 (44)
Surgery	6 (3)	9 (5)	6 (9)	8 (8)
Systemic therapy	45 (25)	77 (43)	39 (58)	73 (78)
Chemo	41 (23)	50 (28)	36 (54)	46 (49)
Immunotherapy	19 (11)	49 (27)	17 (25)	48 (51)
VEGFR inhibitors	13 (7)	17 (10)	13 (19)	16 (17)
EGFR/ALK TKIs	5 (3)	11 (6)	4 (6)	11 (12)
Other targeted therapy	0	4 (2) <sup>c</sup>	0	3 (3) <sup>d</sup>
Other systemic therapy	1 (1)	8 (4)	1 (2)	7 (7)

<sup>a</sup>Subsequent therapy was defined as therapy started on or after the first study treatment dosing date (randomization date if the patient was never treated), outside of protocol-specified adjuvant therapy. Patients may have received ≥ 1 type of subsequent therapy. <sup>b</sup>Investigator-assessed. <sup>c</sup>Included amivantamab, capmatinib, entrectinib, pralsetinib, and regorafenib (n = 1 for each). <sup>d</sup>Included amivantamab, capmatinib, entrectinib, and pralsetinib (n = 1 for each).

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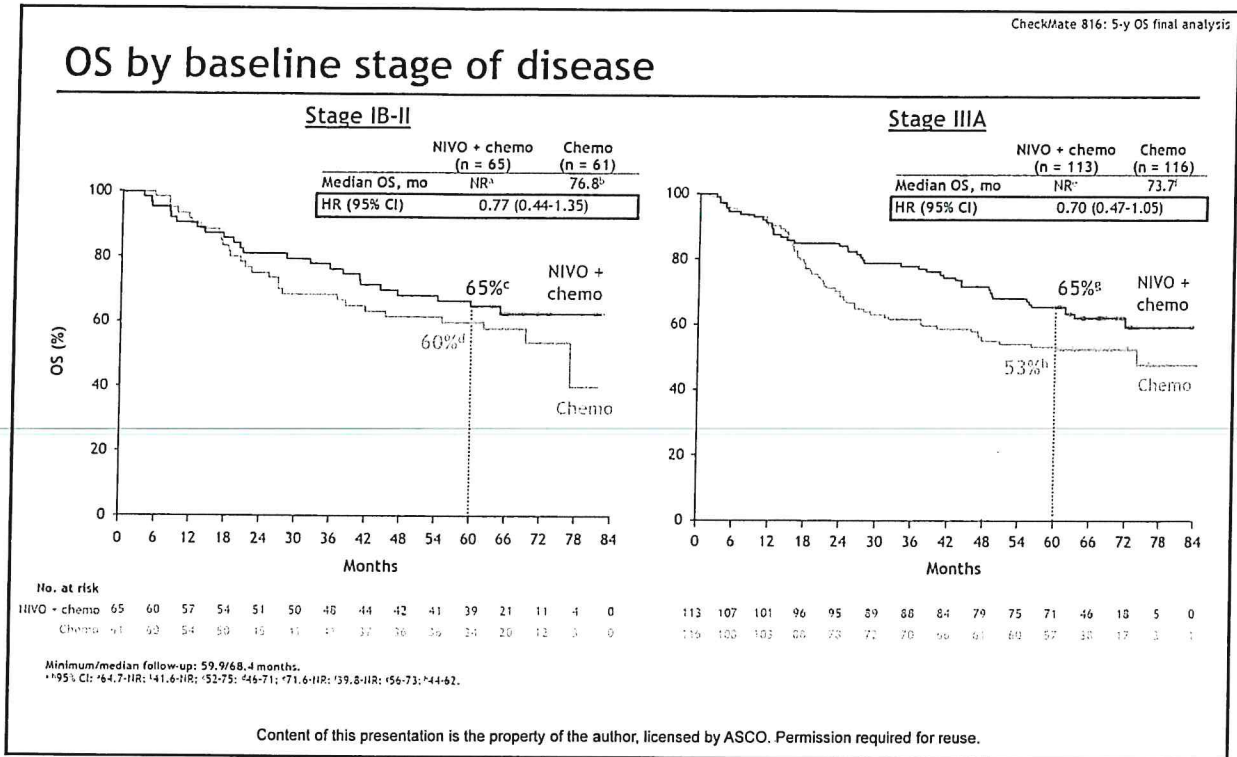
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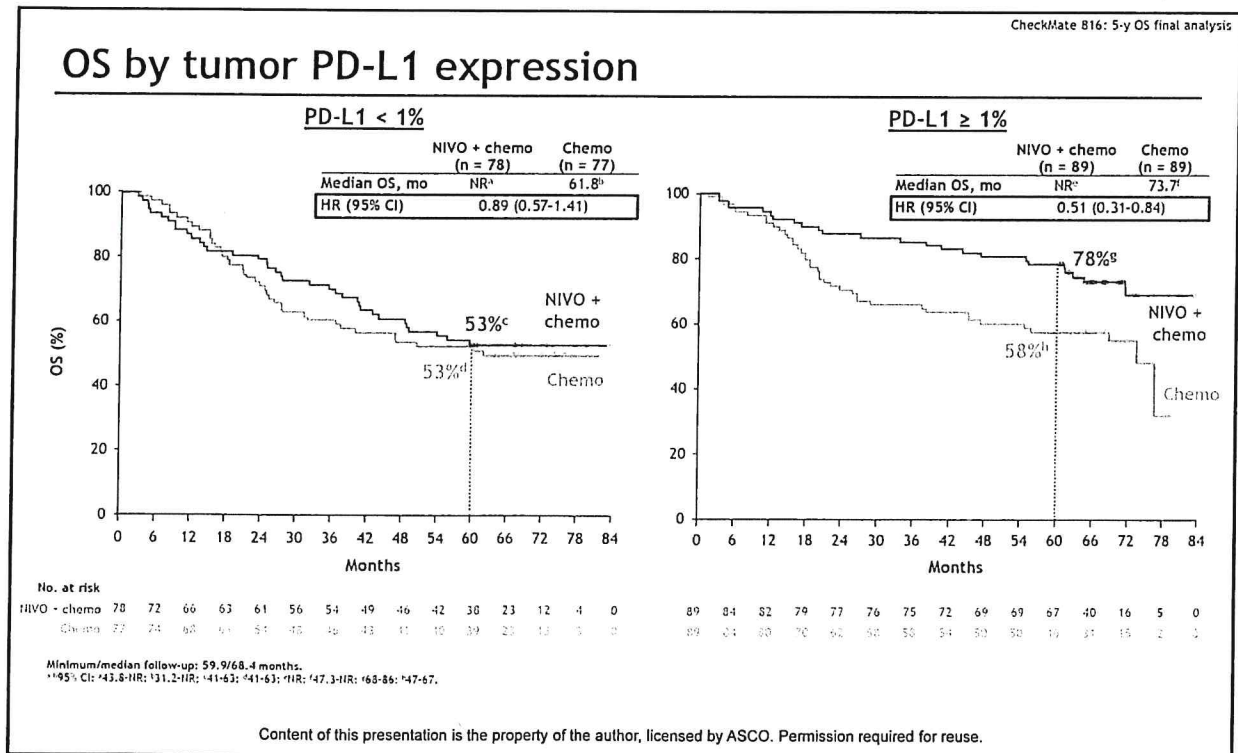
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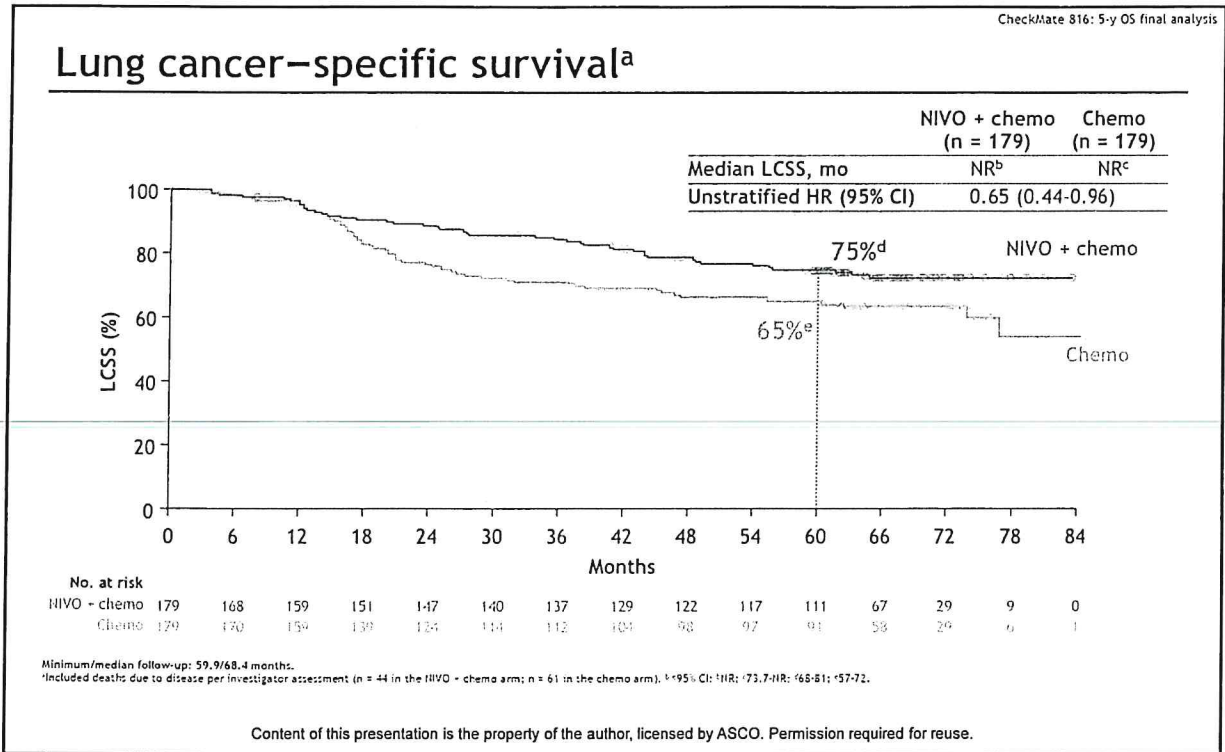




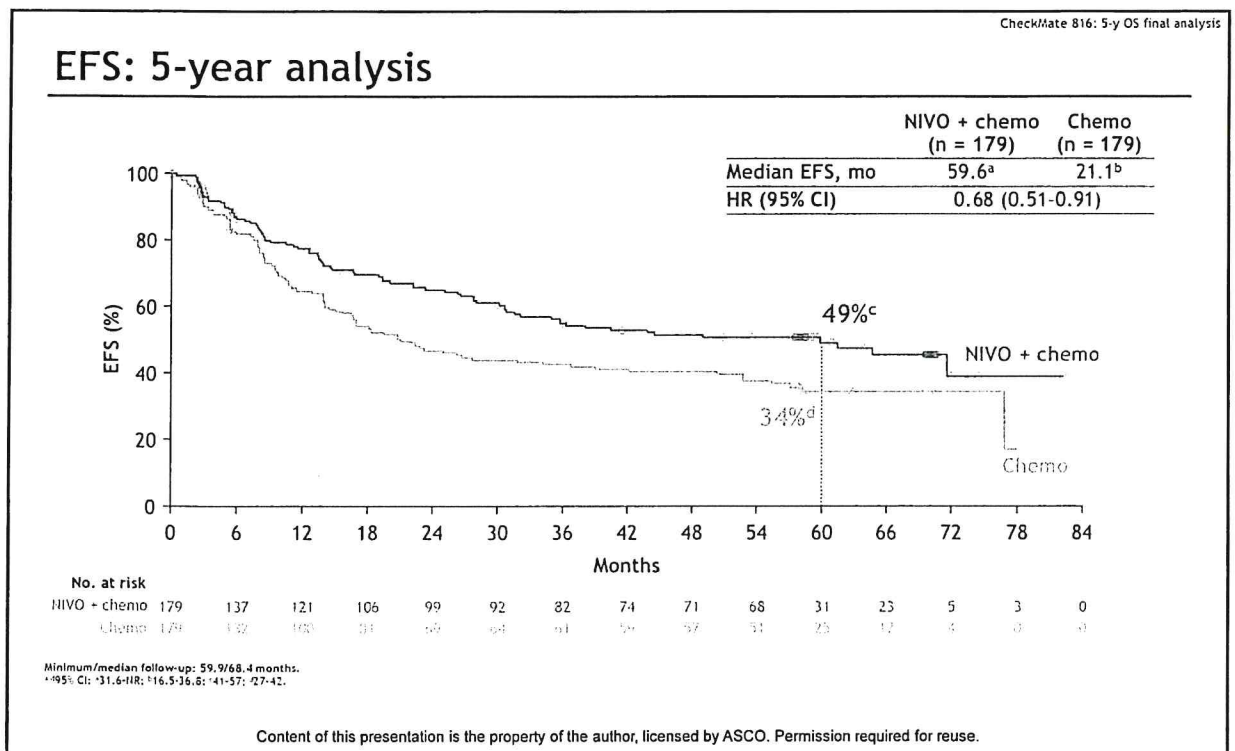
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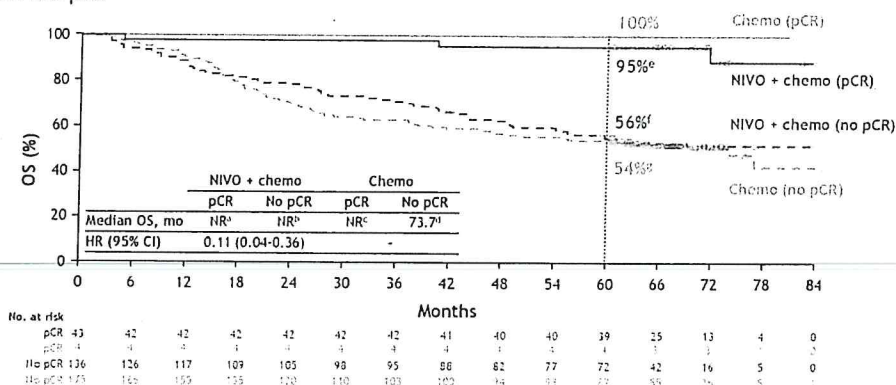


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## Exploratory analysis: OS by pCR status

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- Among concurrently randomized patients, 43/179 (24%) patients in the NIVO + chemo arm and 4/179 (2%) patients in the chemo arm had pCR<sup>1</sup>



In the NIVO + chemo arm:

- Among patients with pCR, death occurred in 3 patients; none were due to disease<sup>h</sup>
- Among patients with no pCR, there were a total of 62 (46.6%) deaths; 44 (33.1%) were due to disease<sup>i</sup>

Minimum/median follow-up: 59.9/68.4 months.

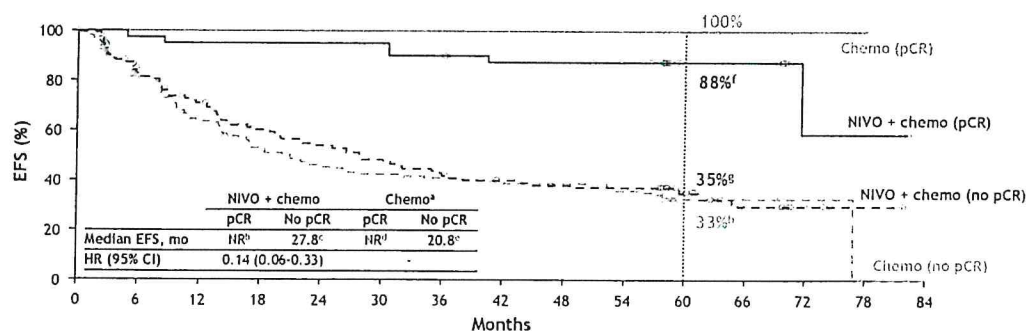
HRs were HC if there was an insufficient number of events (< 10 per arm). <sup>a</sup>95% CI: \*11R; \*53.9-11R; \*46.7-11R; \*63-99; \*47-64; \*46-61. <sup>b</sup>In the chemo arm, there were no deaths in patients with pCR. <sup>c</sup>In the chemo arm, there were 82 (47.7%) deaths; 60 (34.9%) were due to disease. <sup>d</sup>Forde PM, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2022;386:1973-1985.

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## Exploratory analysis: EFS by pCR status

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In the NIVO + chemo arm:

- Among patients with pCR, 3 (7.0%) patients had disease recurrence or relapse<sup>f</sup>
- Among patients with no pCR, 57 (41.9%) patients had disease recurrence or relapse

Minimum/median follow-up: 59.9/68.4 months.

HRs were HC if there was an insufficient number of events (< 10 per arm). <sup>a</sup>In the chemo arm, no patients with pCR had disease recurrence or relapse; 84 (48.0%) of patients without pCR had disease recurrence or relapse. <sup>b</sup>95% CI: \*171.6-11R; \*16.9-35.1; \*11R; \*14.8-31.8; \*73-95; \*26-44; \*25-40. <sup>c</sup>Among the 3 patients with recurrence, 1 patient is alive at 5 years on an ALK-directed therapy, the other 2 patients had recurrence by BICR, however, have not received further systemic therapy and are alive at 5 years.

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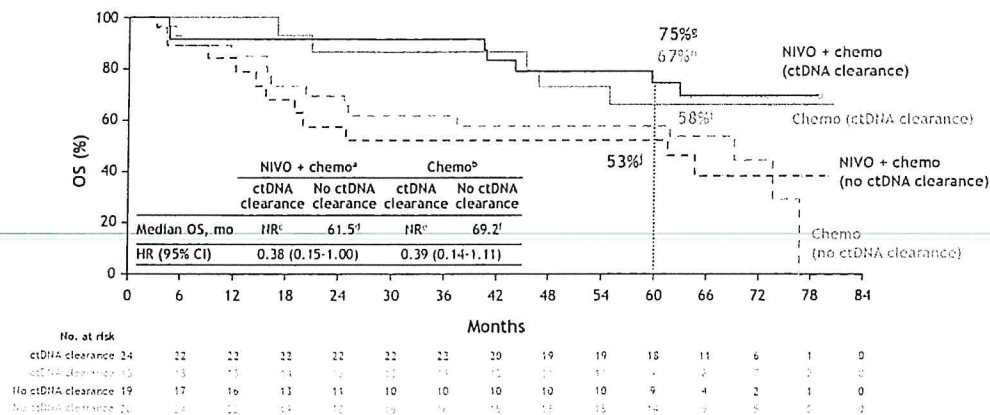
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## Exploratory analysis: OS by ctDNA clearance status

- Among patients with detectable ctDNA levels at cycle 1, 24/43 (56%) patients in the NIVO + chemo arm and 15/43 (35%) patients in the chemo arm had ctDNA clearance<sup>1</sup>



Minimum/median follow-up: 59.9/68.4 months.

ctDNA clearance was defined as presurgical change from detectable ctDNA levels before cycle 1 to undetectable ctDNA levels before cycle 3. Analysis was performed using a WES tumor-guided personalized ctDNA panel (ArcherDX Personalized Cancer Monitoring). <sup>1</sup>ctDNA clearance: 7 (29.2%) deaths; 3 (12.5%) due to disease; no ctDNA clearance: 11 (57.9%) deaths; 8 (42.1%) due to disease. <sup>2</sup>ctDNA clearance: 5 (33.3%) deaths; 4 (26.7%) due to disease; no ctDNA clearance: 15 (53.6%) deaths; 11 (39.3%) due to disease. <sup>3</sup>95% CI: \*62.9-HR: \*14.5-HR: \*45.3-HR: \*20.2-HR: \*53-88: \*36-85: \*37-74: \*29-72. 1. Forde PM, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2022;386:1973-1985.

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

Patients, n (%)	NIVO + chemo (n = 176)		Chemo (n = 176)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4
All AEs <sup>b</sup>	165 (94)	76 (43)	173 (98)	79 (45)
TRAEs <sup>b</sup>	147 (84)	63 (36)	159 (90)	67 (38)
All AEs leading to discontinuation <sup>b</sup>	18 (10)	10 (6)	20 (11)	7 (4)
TRAEs leading to discontinuation <sup>b</sup>	18 (10)	10 (6)	17 (10)	6 (3)
All SAEs <sup>b</sup>	30 (17)	19 (11)	24 (14)	17 (10)
Treatment-related SAEs <sup>b</sup>	21 (12)	15 (8)	18 (10)	14 (8)
Surgery-related AEs <sup>c</sup>	67 (45)	17 (11)	66 (49)	20 (15)
Treatment-related deaths <sup>d</sup>	0		3 (2) <sup>e</sup>	

- Grade 5<sup>f</sup> surgery-related AEs occurred in 2 patients in the NIVO + chemo arm (1 each due to pulmonary embolism and aortic rupture); both were unrelated to study drug

<sup>a</sup>AEs per CTCAE v4.0 and MedDRA v27.1. <sup>b</sup>Includes events reported between the first neoadjuvant dose and 30 days after the last dose of neoadjuvant study treatment. <sup>c</sup>Includes events reported within 90 days after definitive surgery. Percentages calculated from treated patients who had definitive surgery (n = 149 in the NIVO + chemo arm; n = 135 in the chemo arm). <sup>d</sup>Treatment-related deaths occurring at any time after the first dose of neoadjuvant study treatment. <sup>e</sup>Due to pancytopenia, diarrhea, acute kidney injury (all in 1 patient), enterocolitis (n = 1), and pneumonia (n = 1). <sup>f</sup>AEs that led to death within 24 hours of onset.

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## Summary

- In this preplanned final, 5-year analysis from CheckMate 816, neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful OS benefit vs chemo (HR, 0.72)
  - 5-year OS rates were 65% and 55% in the NIVO + chemo and chemo arms, respectively
- NIVO + chemo showed improved lung cancer–specific survival vs chemo
- Patients with pCR with neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo had a ~90% reduction in the risk of death by 5 years vs those without pCR
- Presurgical ctDNA clearance was associated with long-term OS improvement
- The safety profile of neoadjuvant NIVO + chemo was consistent with previous reports
- CheckMate 816 is the only phase 3 trial of neoadjuvant-only chemoimmunotherapy to demonstrate a statistically significant OS benefit across any resectable solid tumor type and affirm a paradigm shift in the treatment of resectable NSCLC without actionable genomic alterations

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## Key takeaway points

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IMforte demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in PFS and OS with 1L maintenance treatment with lurbinectedin + atezolizumab vs atezolizumab in patients with ES-SCLC

The safety profile of the combination was predictable with an increased incidence of AEs, most of which were low grade; treatment discontinuation rates were low

The combination of lurbinectedin + atezolizumab has the potential to become the new standard of care for 1L maintenance treatment of ES-SCLC

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## Background

- Despite improved efficacy with 1L immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) + platinum-based chemotherapy, most patients with ES-SCLC eventually experience disease progression and long-term survival remains limited<sup>1-5</sup>
- Due to the high attrition rate in ES-SCLC of ~60%<sup>6</sup>, offering the most effective treatment in the front-line setting before progression is crucial to improve outcomes in this difficult-to-treat disease
- Lurbinectedin is an alkylating agent and transcription inhibitor that is approved in the US and other countries for the treatment of patients with metastatic SCLC who experienced disease progression on or after platinum-based chemotherapy
- In pre-clinical studies, lurbinectedin was shown to synergize with ICIs<sup>7,8</sup> to achieve high rates of tumor regression and induce long-term T-cell memory<sup>9,10</sup>
- In Phase 1/2 trials in patients with relapsed ES-SCLC, the combination of lurbinectedin and ICIs was well tolerated with promising activity<sup>11-13</sup>

The global, open-label, randomized, Phase 3 IMforte study investigated the efficacy and safety of lurbinectedin + atezolizumab versus atezolizumab for the maintenance treatment of ES-SCLC in patients whose disease had not progressed after 1L induction treatment with atezolizumab + carboplatin + etoposide

1L, first-line; ES-SCLC, extensive-stage small cell lung cancer; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; SCLC, small cell lung cancer.

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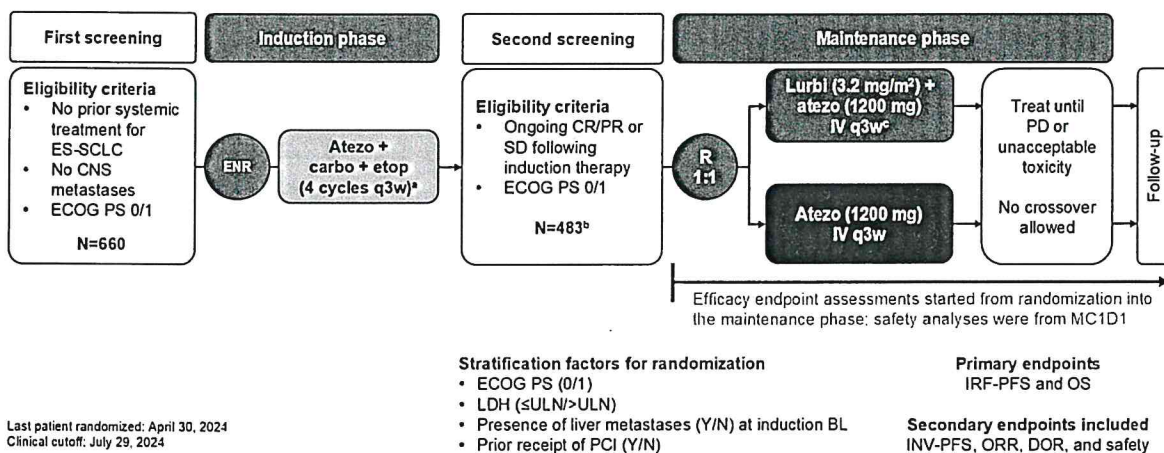
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## IMforte study design



Last patient randomized: April 30, 2024  
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atezo, atezolizumab; BL, baseline; carbo, carboplatin; CNS, central nervous system; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ENR, enrollment; etop, etoposide; INV-PFS, investigator-assessed PFS; IRF-PFS, independent review facility-assessed PFS; IV, intravenously; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; lurbi, lurbinectedin; MC1D1, maintenance Cycle 1 Day 1; PCI, prophylactic cranial irradiation; q3w, every 3 weeks; R, randomization; ULN, upper limit of normal; Y/N, yes/no

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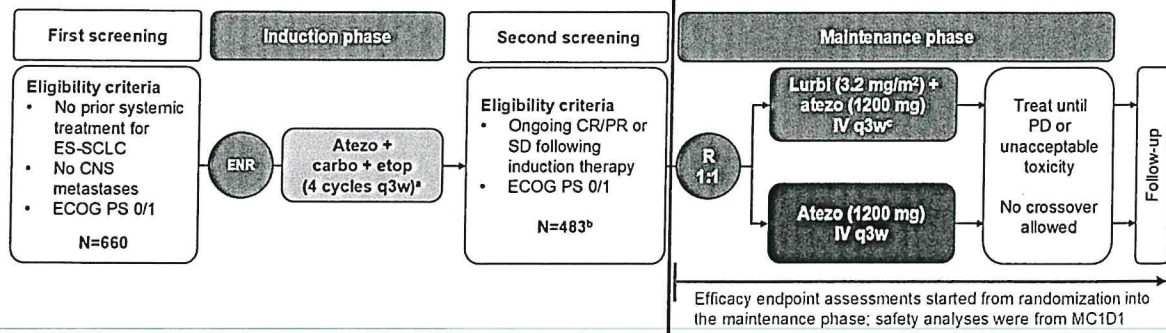
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## IMforte study design



### Stratification factors for randomization

- ECOG PS (0/1)
- LDH ( $\leq$ ULN/ $>$ ULN)
- Presence of liver metastases (Y/N) at induction BL
- Prior receipt of PCI (Y/N)

### Primary endpoints

IRF-PFS and OS

Secondary endpoints included  
INV-PFS, ORR, DOR, and safety

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## Statistical analysis plan

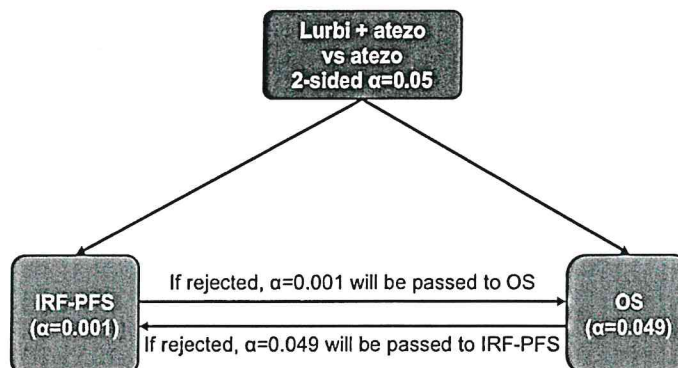
### • OS

- Target HR of 0.71 with a power of 85%
- Interim analysis occurred when ~219 deaths were observed in the FAS<sup>a</sup> or when the minimum follow-up<sup>b</sup> was completed, whichever occurred later
- If OS results were statistically significant at the interim analysis, they would constitute the primary analysis

### • IRF-PFS

- No interim analysis
- Primary analysis was conducted at the time of OS interim analysis

### Type 1 error rate control strategy



<sup>a</sup> The FAS was defined as all patients randomized into the maintenance phase regardless of whether or not the assigned study treatment was received.

<sup>b</sup> The minimum follow-up was defined as 5 months after the target sample size of 450 participants had been randomized.  
FAS, full analysis set.

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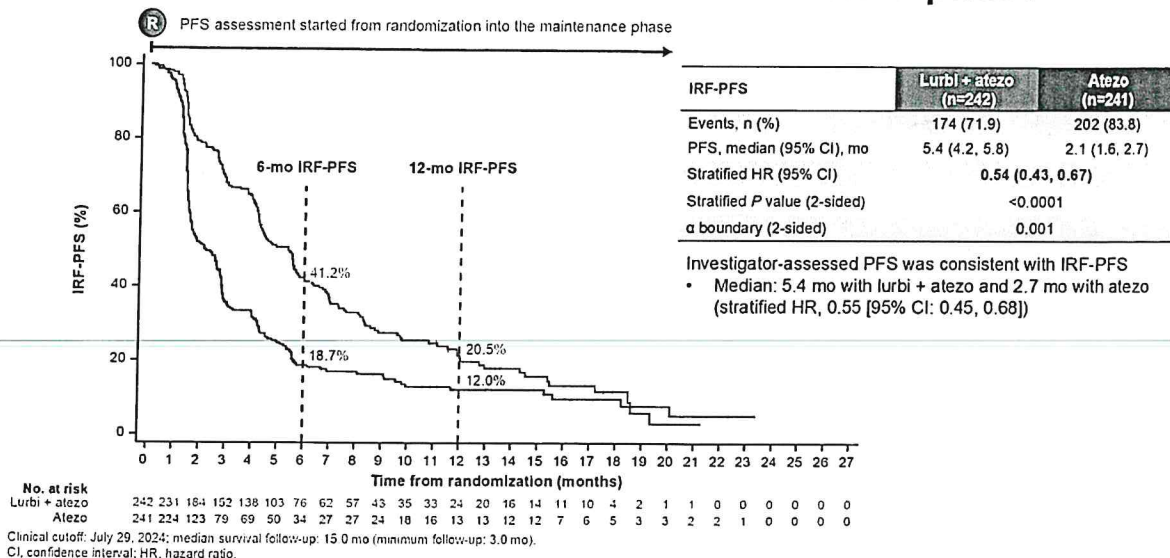
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## IRF-PFS from randomization into maintenance phase

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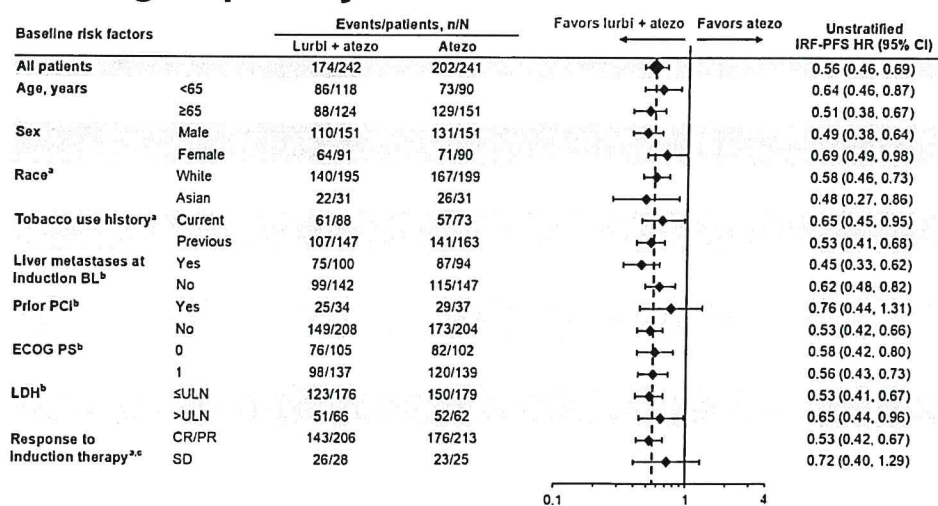
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## IRF-PFS subgroup analysis



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<sup>a</sup> Data from subgroups with small numbers are not displayed. <sup>b</sup> Stratification factor for randomization; data determined from electronic case-report forms. <sup>c</sup> n=236 in the lurbi + atezo arm and n=240 in the atezo arm; 7 randomized patients did not have a maintenance screening tumor assessment.2025 ASCO  
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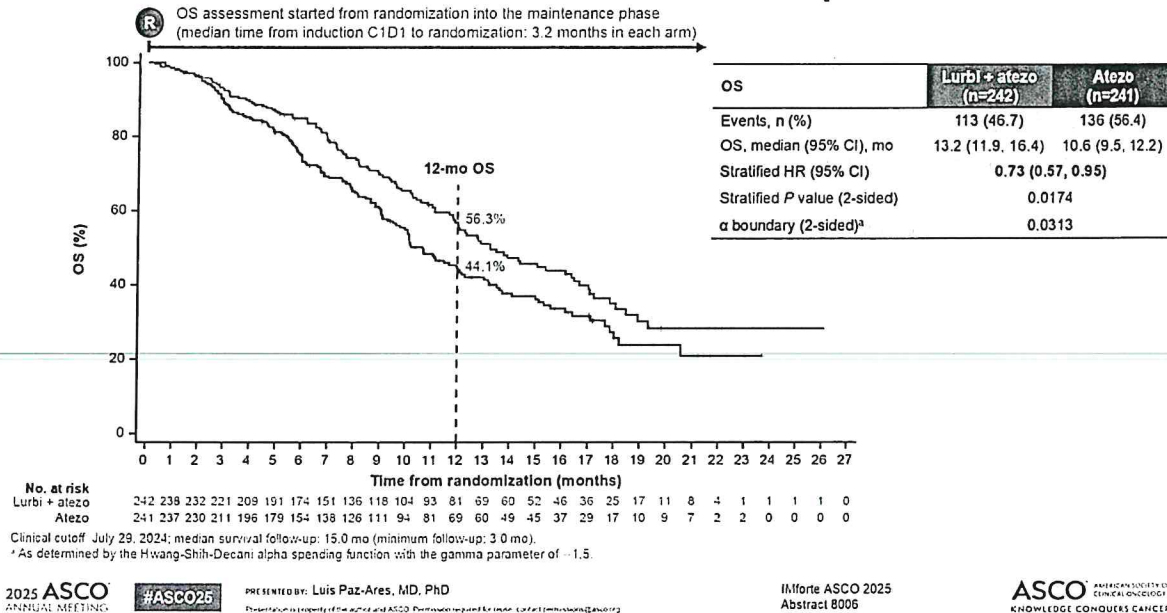
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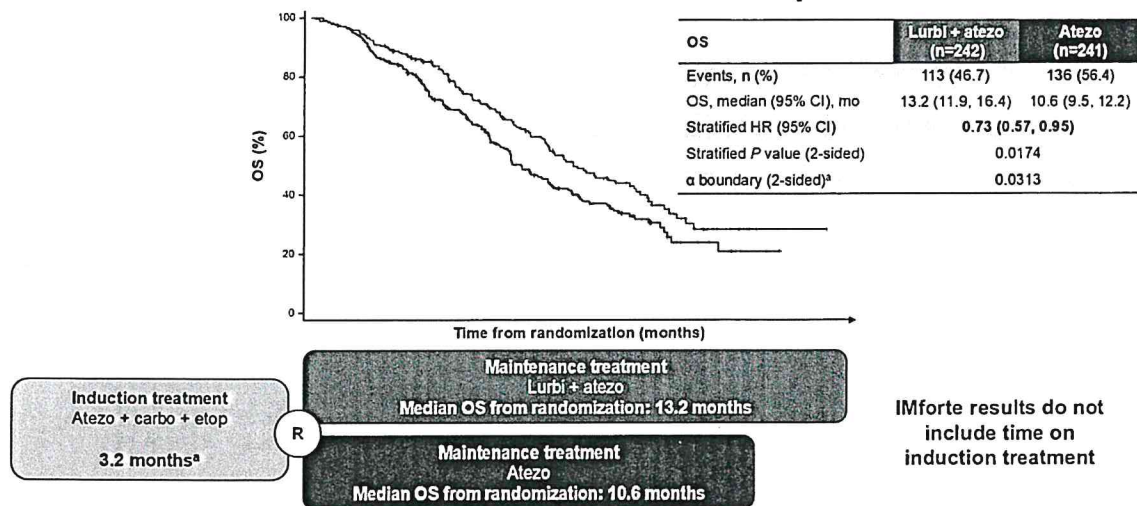
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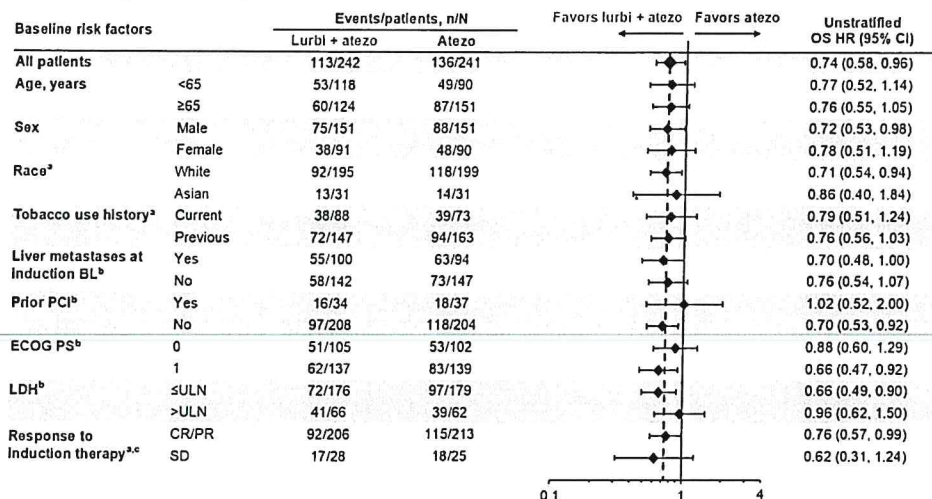
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## OS subgroup analysis

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## Confirmed IRF-assessed ORR and DOR during the maintenance phase

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- Background: At the time of randomization, 88% of patients had CR/PR and 11% had SD to induction therapy
- Tumor response in the maintenance phase was assessed against maintenance baseline

Patients with measurable disease <sup>a</sup>	Lurbi + atezo (n=175)	Atezo (n=182)
Confirmed objective response, n (%) (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	34 (19.4) (13.9, 26.1)	19 (10.4) (6.4, 15.8)
Difference in ORR (95% CI), %	9.0 (1.1, 16.9)	
CR, n (%)	4 (2.3)	1 (0.5)
PR, n (%)	30 (17.1)	18 (9.9)
SD, n (%)	96 (54.9)	68 (37.4)
PD, n (%)	34 (19.4)	87 (47.8)
Missing or non-evaluable, n (%)	11 (6.3)	8 (4.4)
DOR <sup>c</sup>		
Responders with an event/responders, n (%)	14/34 (41.2)	11/19 (57.9)
Median DOR (95% CI), mo	9.0 (5.5, NE)	5.6 (4.2, NE)

Clinical cutoff: July 29, 2024. <sup>a</sup> Measurable disease was not an inclusion criterion to enter the maintenance phase. <sup>b</sup> The confirmed ORR was defined as the proportion of randomized patients with a CR or PR on two consecutive occasions ≥4 weeks apart after randomization and was assessed in patients who had measurable disease at maintenance baseline. <sup>c</sup> DOR was assessed in patients who had a confirmed objective response in the maintenance phase. NE, not estimable.

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## Follow-up systemic anticancer treatments

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Patients, n (%)	Lurbi + atezo (n=242)	Atezo (n=241)
Patients who discontinued maintenance treatment	197	208
Patients with ≥1 follow-up systemic anticancer treatment	108 (44.6)	132 (54.8)
Chemotherapy	89 (36.8)	119 (49.4)
Immunotherapy	25 (10.3)	20 (8.3)
Targeted therapy	3 (1.2)	2 (0.8)
Other	3 (1.2)	3 (1.2)

At the time of clinical cutoff, no patient in the lurbi + atezo arm and 22 patients (9.1%) in the atezo arm had received follow-up lurbi treatment

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## Safety summary during the maintenance phase

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Patients with ≥1 AE, n (%)	Lurbi + atezo (n=242)	Atezo (n=240)	Patients with ≥1 AE, n (%)	Lurbi + atezo (n=242)	Atezo (n=240)
All-cause AEs	235 (97.1)	194 (80.8)	Lurbinectedin AESI <sup>d</sup>	93 (38.4)	62 (25.8)
Grade 3/4 AEs	92 (38.0)	53 (22.1)	Grade 5 AESI	7 (2.9)	4 (1.7)
Treatment-related Grade 3/4 AEs	62 (25.6)	14.0 (5.8)	Atezolizumab AESI <sup>d</sup>	76 (31.4)	54 (22.5)
Grade 5 AEs	12 (5.0)	6 (2.5)	Grade 5 AESI	0	0
Treatment-related Grade 5 AEs	2 (0.8) <sup>a</sup>	1 (0.4) <sup>b</sup>	Atezolizumab AESI requiring corticosteroids	40 (16.5)	18 (7.5)
Serious AEs	75 (31.0)	41 (17.1)	Median treatment duration, mo	4.1 (lurbi)/ 4.2 (atezo)	2.1
AEs leading to discontinuation of any study drug	15 (6.2)	8 (3.3)	Median number of doses received	6.5 (lurbi)/ 7.0 (atezo)	4.0
AEs leading to dose interruption/ modification of any study drug <sup>c</sup>	92 (38.0)	33 (13.8)			

Clinical cutoff: July 29, 2024. One patient randomized to the atezo arm did not receive treatment and was not included in the safety analysis set.

<sup>a</sup> Sepsis and febrile neutropenia, both considered related to lurbi. <sup>b</sup> Sepsis considered related to atezo. <sup>c</sup> Atezo dose modifications were not permitted. <sup>d</sup> AESI for lurbi and atezo were pre-specified based on their mechanism of action and were independent of the causal relationship assigned by the investigator. AE: adverse event; AESI: adverse events of special interest.

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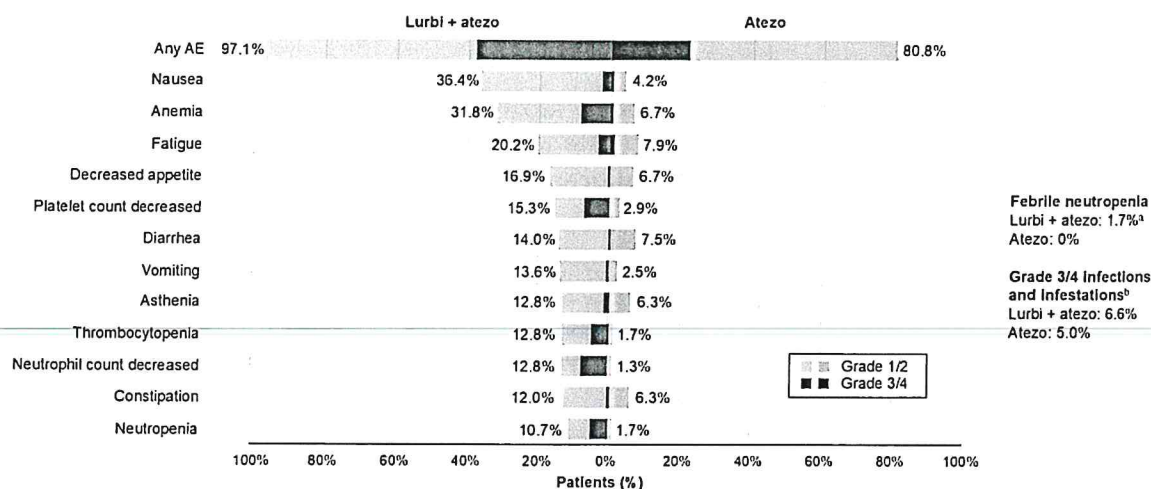
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## All-cause AEs with incidence $\geq 10\%$ in either arm

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Clinical cutoff: July 29, 2024. Percentage labels represent all-grade AEs, including Grade 5 AEs. Grade 5 AEs occurred in 12 (5.0%) patients in the lurbi + atezo arm and 6 (2.5%) patients in the atezo arm.  
<sup>a</sup> Includes 1 Grade 5 AE. <sup>b</sup> Grade 5 infections: lurbi + atezo arm (n=6 [2.5%]): COVID-19 pneumonia, pneumonia, pneumonia viral, sepsis, septic shock, and vascular device infection (n=1 each); atezo arm (n=4 [1.7%]): pneumonia (n=2), abscess intestinal, and sepsis (n=1 each).

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## Conclusions

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- IMforte demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in IRF-PFS and OS with 1L maintenance treatment with lurbinectedin + atezolizumab vs atezolizumab in patients with ES-SCLC
  - Stratified IRF-PFS HR: 0.54 (95% CI: 0.43, 0.67);  $P < 0.0001$
  - Stratified OS HR: 0.73 (95% CI: 0.57, 0.95);  $P = 0.0174$
- IRF-PFS and OS benefit with lurbinectedin + atezolizumab was generally consistent across the majority of subgroups
- Despite the higher rate of Grade 3/4 AEs and SAEs, there were no new or unexpected safety signals with lurbinectedin + atezolizumab
  - The safety profile was predictable, with mostly low-grade AEs and low treatment discontinuation rates
  - There was no clinically meaningful increase in immune-related AEs
- IMforte is the first Phase 3 study to show PFS and OS improvement with 1L maintenance treatment for ES-SCLC, highlighting the potential of lurbinectedin + atezolizumab to become a new standard of care for 1L maintenance therapy in patients with this aggressive and difficult-to-treat disease

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## Lay summary

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### Who does this research impact?

- Patients with extensive-stage small-cell lung cancer (ES-SCLC) who have not been treated for this disease
- ES-SCLC is a type of very fast-growing lung cancer that has spread widely to both lungs and/or other parts of the body

### What did this research tell us?

- Adding lurbinectedin, a novel chemotherapeutic drug, to atezolizumab, another drug known as an "immune checkpoint inhibitor," can reduce the risk of death and/or the worsening of ES-SCLC after initial treatment with current standard medicines
- There were no new or unexpected side effects with lurbinectedin + atezolizumab

### What does this mean for patients right now?

- Lurbinectedin + atezolizumab has the potential to become a new standard medicine for treating patients with ES-SCLC, thereby allowing them to live longer with their disease

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## Disposition from treatment in the SAS

Patients, n (%)	Lurbi + atezo (n=242)		Atezo (n=240)
	Lurbi	Atezo	
<b>Treatment status</b>			
Ongoing	44 (18.2)	45 (18.6)	32 (13.3)
Discontinued maintenance treatment	198 (81.8)	197 (81.4)	208 (86.7)
<b>Reasons for discontinuation of maintenance treatment<sup>a</sup></b>			
Progressive disease	155 (78.3)	160 (81.2)	185 (88.9)
Death	16 (8.1)	16 (8.1)	6 (2.9)
Adverse event	13 (6.6)	6 (3.0)	9 (4.3)
Withdrawal	8 (4.0)	9 (4.6)	2 (1.0)
Symptomatic deterioration	5 (2.5)	5 (2.5)	5 (2.4)
Physician decision	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)

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SAS, safety analysis set

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## Disposition from study in the FAS

Patients, n (%)	Lurbi + atezo (n=242)	Atezo (n=241)
<b>Randomization phase status</b>		
Ongoing	126 (52.1)	102 (42.3)
Discontinued study	116 (47.9)	139 (57.7)
<b>Reasons for discontinuation from randomization phase</b>		
Death	112 (46.3) <sup>a</sup>	135 (56.0) <sup>a</sup>
Withdrawal by subject	3 (1.2)	1 (0.4)
Lost to follow-up	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)
Progressive disease	0	2 (0.8)

Clinical cutoff: July 29, 2024. <sup>a</sup> One death in each arm was collected from public records after the patients had discontinued the study for other reasons and is therefore not accounted for here.

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## Follow-up systemic anticancer treatments in the FAS

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Patients, n (%)	Lurbi + atezo (n=242)	Atezo (n=241)	Patients, n (%)	Lurbi + atezo (n=242)	Atezo (n=241)
Patients who discontinued maintenance treatment	197	208	Immunotherapy	25 (10.3)	20 (8.3)
Patients with $\geq 1$ follow-up systemic anticancer treatment	108 (44.6)	132 (54.8)	Atezolizumab	20 (8.3)	9 (3.7)
Chemotherapy	89 (36.8)	119 (49.4)	Tarlatamab	4 (1.7)	8 (3.3)
Carboplatin	39 (16.1)	27 (11.2)	Ipilimumab	1 (0.4)	0
Etoposide	34 (14.0)	23 (9.5)	Magrolimab	1 (0.4)	0
Topotecan	25 (10.3)	38 (15.8)	Nivolumab	1 (0.4)	0
Irinotecan	23 (9.5)	34 (14.1)	Durvalumab	0	3 (1.2)
Cyclophosphamide	18 (7.4)	21 (8.7)	Targeted therapy	3 (1.2)	2 (0.8)
Vincristine	17 (7.0)	21 (8.7)	Bevacizumab	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)
Doxorubicin	14 (5.8)	14 (5.8)	Sacituzumab govitecan	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)
Paclitaxel	9 (3.7)	17 (7.1)	DS 7300a	1 (0.4)	0
Cisplatin	9 (3.7)	16 (6.6)	Other	3 (1.2)	3 (1.2)
Docetaxel	3 (1.2)	3 (1.2)	Other monoclonal antibodies and ADCs	1 (0.4)	2 (0.8)
Temozolomide	3 (1.2)	0	Other therapeutic products	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)
Epirubicin	2 (0.8)	5 (2.1)	Talazoparib	1 (0.4)	0
Ifosfamide	2 (0.8)	1 (0.4)			
Belotecan	2 (0.8)	0			
Lurbinectedin	0	22 (9.1)			
Gemcitabine	0	2 (0.8)			
Vinorelbine	0	2 (0.8)			
Dactinomycin	0	1 (0.4)			
Other antineoplastic agents	1 (0.4)	0			

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ADC, antibody-drug conjugate.

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## Serious AEs with incidence $\geq 1\%$ in either arm in the SAS

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Patients, n (%)	Lurbi + atezo (n=242)	Atezo (n=240)
Pneumonia	6 (2.5)	6 (2.5)
Dyspnea	5 (2.1)	4 (1.7)
Respiratory tract infection	5 (2.1)	1 (0.4)
Platelet count decreased	5 (2.1)	0
Febrile neutropenia	4 (1.7)	0
Infection	3 (1.2)	0
Myocardial infarction	3 (1.2)	0
Pyrexia	3 (1.2)	0
Hyponatremia	2 (0.8)	3 (1.3)

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## Causes of death in the SAS

Patients, n (%)	Lurbi + atezo (n=242)	Atezo (n=240)
All deaths	113 (46.7)	135 (56.3) <sup>a</sup>
Progressive disease <sup>b</sup>	90 (79.6)	117 (86.7)
AEs <sup>b</sup>	12 (10.6)	6 (4.4)
Other <sup>b,c</sup>	11 (9.7)	12 (8.9)

Clinical cutoff: July 29, 2024. <sup>a</sup> The 1 patient who never started maintenance treatment discontinued the study due to death and is not accounted for in this table which displays the SAS. <sup>b</sup> Percentages were calculated based on the total number of deaths in each arm. <sup>c</sup> Other refers to deaths that occurred outside the AE reporting period that were not attributed to progressive disease nor to prior study treatment.

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## Grade 5 AEs by SOC and PT in the SAS

Patients, n (%)	Lurbi + atezo (n=242)	Atezo (n=240)
All Grade 5 AEs	12 (5.0)	6 (2.5)
Infections and infestations	6 (2.5)	4 (1.7)
Pneumonia	1 (0.4)	2 (0.8)
Sepsis	1 (0.4) <sup>a</sup>	1 (0.4) <sup>b</sup>
Abscess intestinal	0	1 (0.4)
COVID-19 pneumonia	1 (0.4)	0
Pneumonia viral	1 (0.4)	0
Septic shock	1 (0.4)	0
Vascular device infection	1 (0.4)	0
Cardiac disorders	4 (1.7)	0
Cardiorespiratory arrest	2 (0.8)	0
Myocardial infarction	2 (0.8)	0
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	1 (0.4)	0
Febrile neutropenia	1 (0.4) <sup>a</sup>	0
General disorders and administration site conditions	0	1 (0.4)
Death	0	1 (0.4)
Nervous system disorders	0	1 (0.4)
Cerebrovascular accident	0	1 (0.4)
Psychiatric disorders	1 (0.4)	0
Completed suicide	1 (0.4)	0

Clinical cutoff: July 29, 2024. <sup>a</sup> AE related to lurbinertinib. <sup>b</sup> AE related to atezolizumab.  
PT, preferred term; SOC, system organ class.

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## Tarlatamab versus chemotherapy as second-line treatment for small cell lung cancer (SCLC): primary analysis of the phase 3 DeLLphi-304 study

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## Key takeaways

In the phase 3 DeLLphi-304 study, tarlatamab significantly improved overall survival and progression-free survival, reducing the risk of death by 40% compared with chemotherapy

Tarlatamab, compared with chemotherapy, significantly improved patient-reported outcomes of dyspnea and cough

Tarlatamab had a lower rate of high-grade AEs and lower rate of AEs that led to treatment discontinuations

CRS and ICANS were mostly grade 1 or 2 in severity and generally manageable

**The DeLLphi-304 study affirms tarlatamab as the new standard of care in patients with previously treated SCLC**

CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome.

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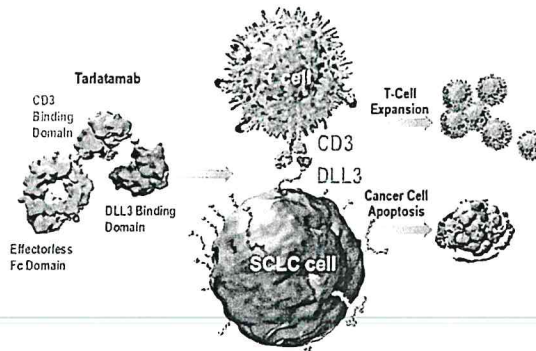
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## Background

- Tarlatamab is a bispecific T-cell engager immunotherapy that directs cytotoxic T cells to DLL3-expressing SCLC cells resulting in tumor cell lysis<sup>1</sup>
- Tarlatamab demonstrated durable anticancer efficacy in patients with previously treated SCLC<sup>2,3</sup>
- Survival with current 2L chemotherapy options is modest and is also associated with substantial hematological toxicity<sup>4-6</sup>
- The DeLLphi-304 study was conducted to assess whether tarlatamab could improve survival for patients with SCLC whose disease had progressed or recurred following one line of platinum-based chemotherapy<sup>7</sup>



**We present results from the first planned interim analysis of the phase 3 DeLLphi-304 trial comparing tarlatamab to chemotherapy for 2L treatment of SCLC**

2L, second-line; CD3, cluster of differentiation 3; DLL3, delta-like ligand 3; Fc, fragment crystallizable region; SCLC, small cell lung cancer.

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## Randomized, controlled, phase 3 DeLLphi-304 study (NCT05740566)

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### Key inclusion criteria

- Histologically or cytologically confirmed SCLC
- Progression after 1L platinum-based chemotherapy +/- anti-PD-(L)1
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Asymptomatic, treated or untreated brain metastases

### Randomization stratified by

- Prior anti-PD-(L)1 exposure (yes/no)
- Chemotherapy-free interval (< 90 days vs  $\geq 90$  to < 180 days vs  $\geq 180$  days)
- Presence of (previous/current) brain metastases (yes/no)
- Intended chemotherapy (topotecan/amrubicin vs lurbinectedin)

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1:1  
(N = 509)

**Tarlatamab (n = 254)**

**Chemotherapy\* (n = 255)**

Topotecan (n = 185); Lurbinectedin (n = 47);  
Amrubicin (n = 23)

**Primary Endpoint:** Overall survival

**Key Secondary Endpoints:** Progression-free survival, patient-reported outcomes

**Other Secondary Endpoints:** Objective response, disease control, duration of response, safety

\*Topotecan was used in all countries except Japan, lurbinectedin in Australia, Canada, Republic of Korea, Singapore and the United States, and amrubicin in Japan.  
1L, first-line; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; PD-(L)1, programmed death (ligand)-1; R, randomization; SCLC, small cell lung cancer.

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## Baseline patient characteristics

	Tarlatamab (n = 254)	Chemotherapy (n = 255)
Median age, years (range)	64 (20 – 86)	66 (26 – 84)
Male / Female, %	72 / 28	66 / 34
Race		
Asian / Black / White, %	38 / 1 / 60	42 / 1 / 55
Smoking history		
Current or former smokers / Never smokers, %	91 / 9	88 / 12
ECOG performance status, 0 / 1, %	33 / 67	31 / 68
Prior anti-PD-(L)1 therapy, %	71	71
Prior radiotherapy for current malignancy*, %	63	63
Chemotherapy-free interval, %		
< 90 days	43	45
≥ 90 to < 180 days	33	31
≥ 180 days	24	25
Presence of brain / liver metastases, %	44 / 33	45 / 37
DLL3 expression, %, (n/N <sup>†</sup> )	95 (207/217)	93 (198/214)

\*Includes patients who received radiotherapy for brain metastases; <sup>†</sup>Number of patients with DLL3 expression (n) among patients with evaluable tumor tissue sample (N).  
 DLL3, delta-like ligand 3; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; PD-(L)1, programmed death (ligand)-1.

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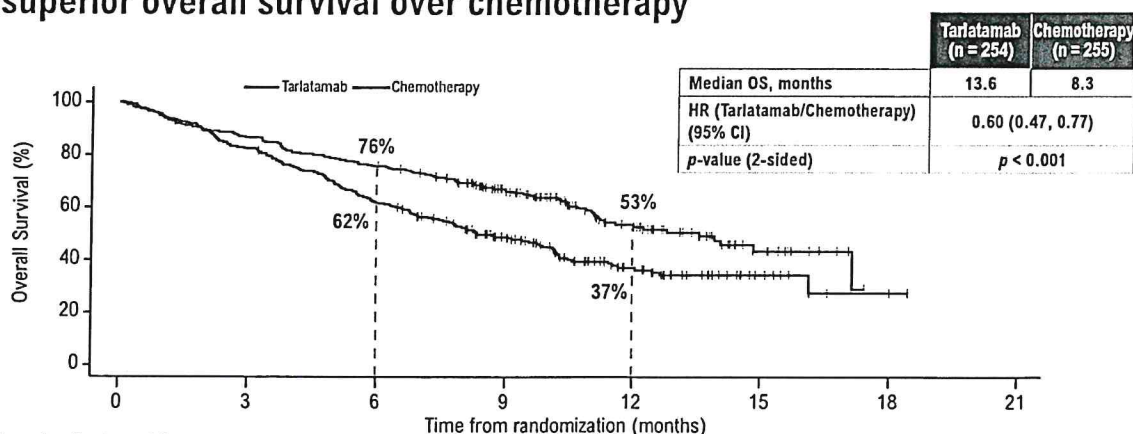
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## DeLLphi-304 met its primary endpoint with tarlatamab demonstrating superior overall survival over chemotherapy



Number of patients at risk:

Tarlatamab	254	220	192	131	60	17	0	
Chemotherapy	255	210	156	97	42	9	2	0

Median follow-up time: 11.2 months for the tarlatamab group and 11.7 months for the chemotherapy group; p-value was calculated using a stratified log-rank test.  
 HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival.

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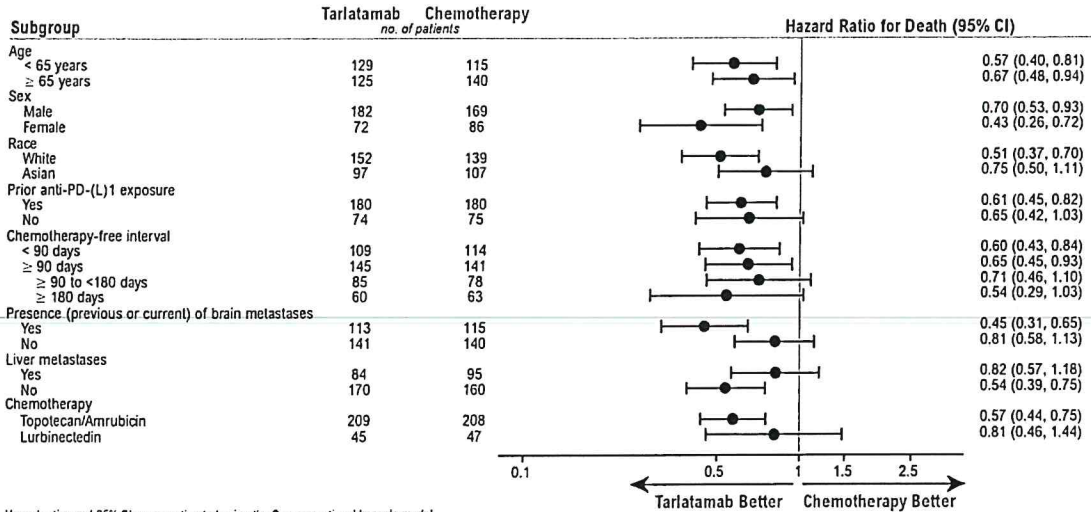
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## Survival benefit with tarlatamab was consistent across prespecified patient subgroups

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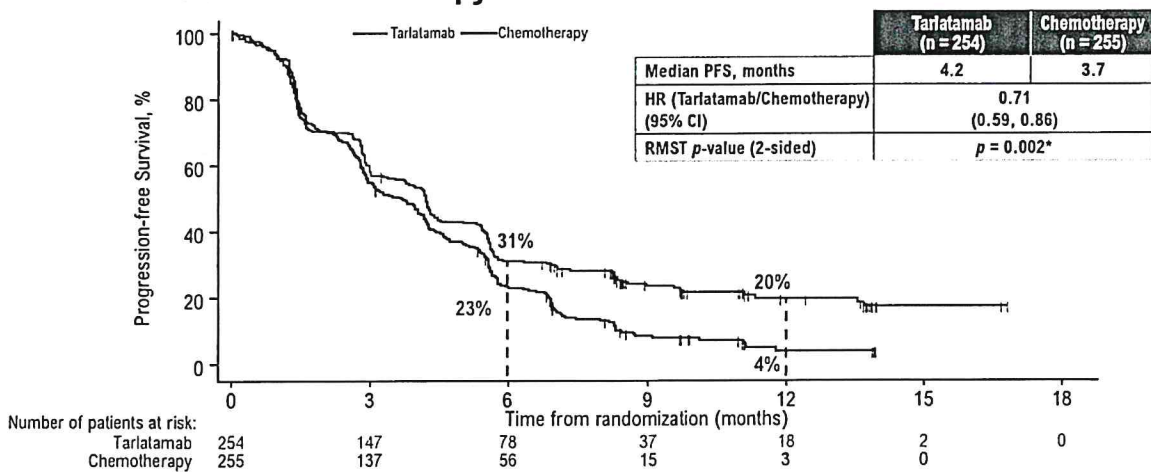
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## Progression-free survival was significantly longer with tarlatamab vs chemotherapy



Median follow-up time: 11.0 months for the tarlatamab and the chemotherapy group. \*The restricted mean PFS time in the tarlatamab and the chemotherapy group was 5.3 months and 4.3 months at 12 months respectively, resulting in statistically significant improvement of the tarlatamab group over the chemotherapy group.  
HR: hazard ratio; PFS, progression-free survival.

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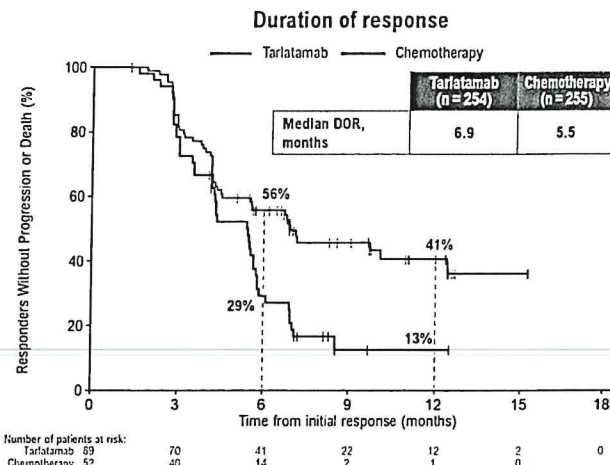
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## Tarlatamab was associated with more frequent and more durable responses

	Tarlatamab (n = 254)	Chemotherapy (n = 255)
<b>Best overall response<sup>1</sup>, n (%)</b>		
Complete response	3 (1)	0 (0)
Partial response	86 (34)	52 (20)
Stable disease	84 (33)	112 (44)
Progressive disease	56 (22)	50 (20)
Not evaluable/no post-baseline scan	25 (10)	41 (16)
<b>Objective response rate<sup>1</sup>, % (95% CI)</b>	<b>35 (29–41)</b>	<b>20 (16–26)</b>
<b>Median duration of response, months</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Median time to objective response, months</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>Ongoing response at data cutoff, n<sup>5</sup> (%)</b>	<b>42 (47)</b>	<b>8 (15)</b>



<sup>1</sup>Assessment of disease response was based on RECIST 1.1 guidelines. Confirmation of complete response and partial response was required no fewer than 4 weeks after initial documentation of complete response or partial response. <sup>2</sup>Investigator-assessed response in the intention-to-treat analysis set. <sup>3</sup>Odds ratios and *p* value not shown as the difference in ORR between the 2 arms was not formally tested. <sup>4</sup>Percentage of total number of responders.

DOR, duration of response; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.

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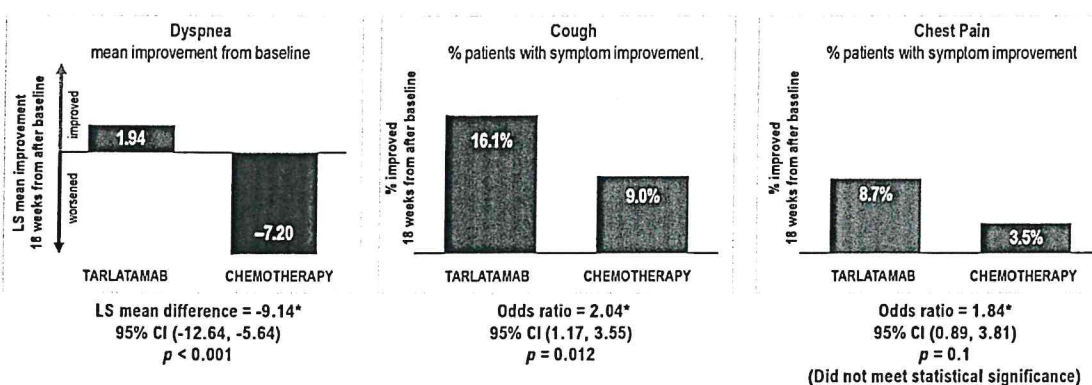
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## Tarlatamab improved symptoms of dyspnea and cough after 18 weeks from baseline



The mean difference in the change after 18 weeks in the physical functioning score (10.35 points [95% CI: 6.00 to 14.69]) and the global health status score (8.93 points [95% CI: 5.04 to 12.83]) trended in favor of tarlatamab. \*Similar results were observed when the sensitivity analyses were carried out incorporating a more conservative estimand (i.e., treatment policy strategy) for change from baseline after 18 weeks in dyspnea (mean difference, -6.19; [95% CI, -8.88 to -3.49]), cough (odds ratio, 1.48 [95% CI, 1.08 to 2.02]), chest pain (odds ratio, 1.21 [95% CI, 0.80 to 1.82]).

The change from baseline after 18 weeks in symptoms of chest pain, cough, and dyspnea were measured by European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Questionnaire (EORTC QLQ-C30) and the supplementary symptom scores for Lung Cancer (EORTC QLQ-LC13). Change from baseline after 18 weeks in chest pain and cough were analyzed using generalized linear mixed models (GLMMs) with a cumulative logit link. Change from baseline after 18 weeks in dyspnea was analyzed using mixed effects model with repeated measures (MMRM) with a restricted maximum likelihood estimator method (REML). A hypothetical estimand strategy was pre-specified for these key secondary PRD endpoints. Clinically meaningful improvement in chest pain and cough was defined as improving at least 1 level in the response categories. Difference in dyspnea score between groups with more than 9 points is considered clinically meaningful. LS, least squares.

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## Tarlatamab had a more favorable safety profile

	Tarlatamab (n = 252)*	Chemotherapy (n = 244)*
Median duration of treatment, months, (range)	4.2 (< 1–17)	2.5 (< 1–15)
All grade, TEAEs, n (%)	249 (99)	243 (100)
All grade, TRAEs n (%)	235 (93)	223 (91)
Grade ≥ 3 TRAEs, n (%)	67 (27)	152 (62)
Serious TRAEs, n (%)	70 (28)	75 (31)
TRAEs leading to dose interruption and/or dose reduction, n (%)	48 (19)	134 (55)
TRAEs leading to discontinuation, n (%)	7 (3)	15 (6)
Treatment-related grade 5 events†, n (%)	1 (0.4)	4 (2)

\*Safety analysis set (all patients who received at least one dose of study treatment). †The single grade 5 TRAE observed with tarlatamab was attributed to ICANS in the setting of progressive neurological decline concurrent with persistent fever, hypoxemia, and hypotension. Grade 5 TRAEs observed with chemotherapy were attributed to general physical health deterioration (n = 1), pneumonia (n = 1), respiratory tract infection (n = 1), and tumor lysis syndrome (n = 1).  
ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event.

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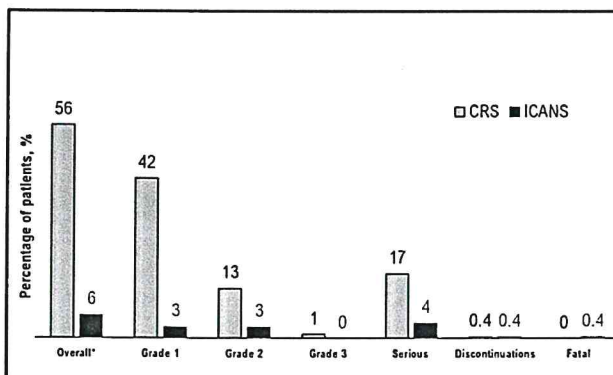
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## CRS and ICANS events were consistent with tarlatamab's established safety profile

### Treatment-emergent CRS and ICANS with tarlatamab



\*Grade 4 CRS or ICANS events were not observed. A single grade 5 treatment-related adverse event observed with tarlatamab was attributed to ICANS in the setting of progressive neurological decline concurrent with persistent fever, hypoxemia, and hypotension.  
CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; IP, investigational product.

### CRS with first two infusions

Tarlatamab (N = 252)	Minimum required monitoring duration	
	6 - 8 Hours (n = 43)	48 Hours (n = 209)
Treatment emergent CRS, n (%)*	16 (37)	125 (60)
Grade 1	12 (28)	94 (45)
Grade 2	4 (9)	28 (13)
Grade 3	0 (0)	3 (1)
Serious adverse events	3 (7)	39 (19)
Leading to discontinuation of IP	0 (0)	1 (0.5)
Median time to intervention from last tarlatamab dose (hours)	17	27

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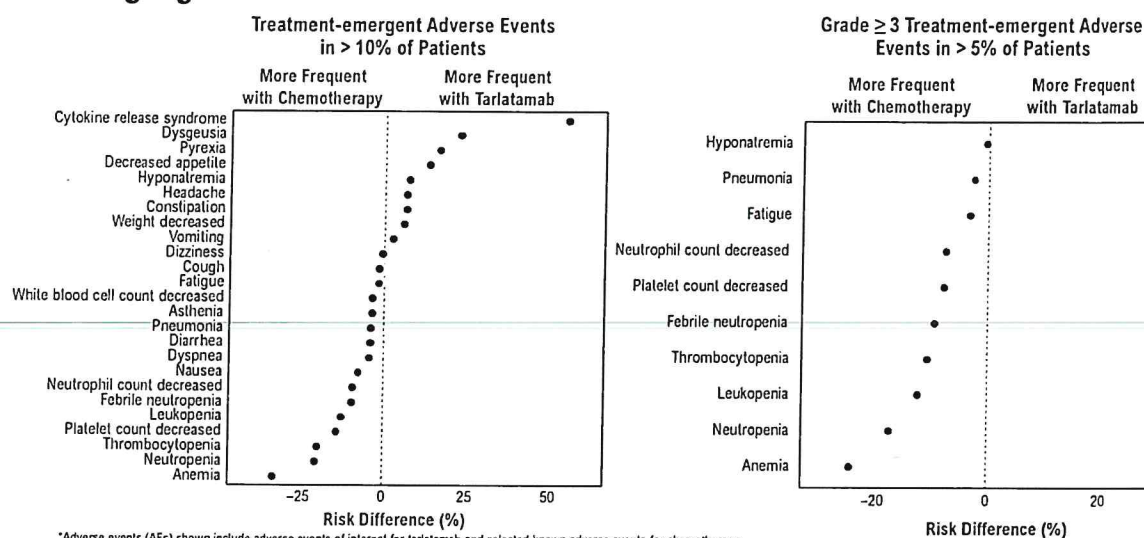
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## Patients treated with tarlatamab experienced lower incidence of high-grade AEs



\*Adverse events (AEs) shown include adverse events of interest for tarlatamab and selected known adverse events for chemotherapy.

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## Conclusions

In the phase 3 DeLLphi-304 randomized controlled trial evaluating tarlatamab versus chemotherapy in patients with SCLC whose disease had progressed or recurred following one line of platinum-based chemotherapy with or without immune-checkpoint inhibitor:

- ✓ Tarlatamab treatment achieved a 40% reduction in the risk of death compared to chemotherapy
- ✓ Benefit extended to those with poor prognostic factors such as platinum resistance and brain metastases
- ✓ Tarlatamab improved patient reported symptoms of dyspnea and cough compared with chemotherapy
- ✓ Tarlatamab was well tolerated with a lower incidence of high-grade adverse events and a lower incidence of adverse events that led to treatment discontinuations
- ✓ CRS and ICANS were mostly grade 1 or 2 in severity and generally manageable

- *The superior survival outcomes coupled with the favorable patient-reported outcomes and safety profile affirm tarlatamab as the standard of care for 2L treatment of SCLC*
- *The DeLLphi-304 study establishes a new paradigm for bispecific T-cell engager immunotherapy in lung cancer*

2L, second line; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; SCLC, small cell lung cancer.

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## Lay summary




**The DeLLphi-304 study was conducted to compare how effective and safe tarlatamab was in comparison to the currently available chemotherapy drugs for SCLC that had not responded to or had come back after initial treatment with chemotherapy (recurrent SCLC).**



**Patients given tarlatamab:**

- had a 40% reduced risk of death
- lived longer overall and without their cancer growing or spreading
- reported improved outcomes with cancer-related symptoms such as shortness of breath and cough



- In the tarlatamab group, patients had fewer severe side effects and stopped treatment less often due to side effects
- Side effects of CRS and ICANS were low grade and generally manageable

**The results of the DeLLphi-304 study show that tarlatamab is more effective and safer than the currently available chemotherapy options for recurrent SCLC.**

CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICANS, immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome; SCLC, small cell lung cancer.

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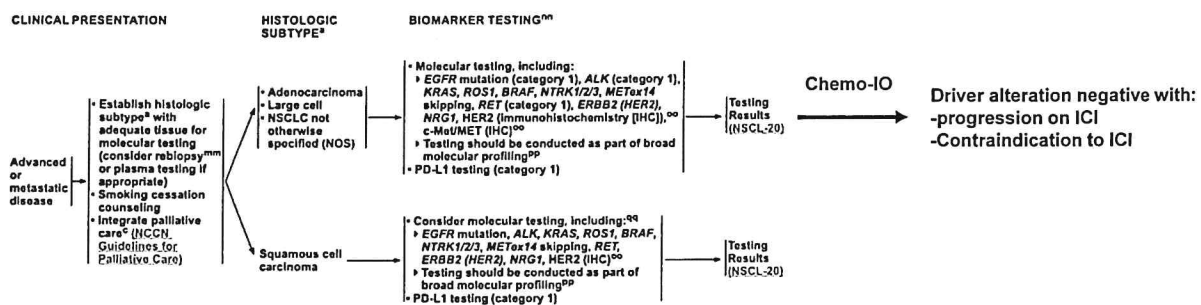
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## NCCN Guidelines



Options after first-line chemo-immunotherapy?

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## Next-line options

- Docetaxel +/- VEGF inhibitor
- IO beyond progression +/- radiation
- Pemetrexed
- Gemcitabine
- Nab-paclitaxel

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## Standard of Care Outcomes

### **REVEL (2014) - chemotherapy**

- Docetaxel: mPFS: 4.5 months and mOS: 9.1 months
- Docetaxel + Ramucirumab: mPFS: 3.0 months and mOS: 10.5 months

### **OAK (2018) - IO beyond radiographic progression**

- Atezolizumab: mPFS 4.2 months and post-progression mOS 12.7 months

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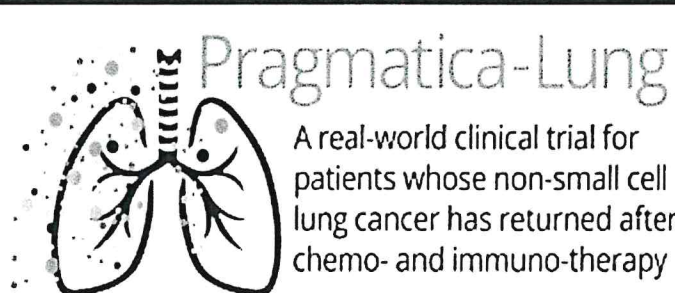
## Lung-MAP S1800A

- ▶ Phase II cooperative group trial
- ▶ Advanced NSCLC with progression on prior chemo-IO
- ▶ 136 patients randomized to ramucirumab and pembrolizumab vs. investigator's choice chemo

### Result

- ▶ mOS 14.5 vs 11.6 months favoring ramucirumab + pembrolizumab
- ▶ HR for OS: 0.69 (95% CI: 0.51-0.92)
- ▶ HR for PFS: 0.86 (95% CI: 0.66-1.14)
- ▶ Response Rate 22% vs 28% favoring chemo
- ▶ Grade  $\geq 3$  adverse events 42% vs 60% favoring ramucirumab + pembrolizumab

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## Trial Schema

### Phase III Randomized trial

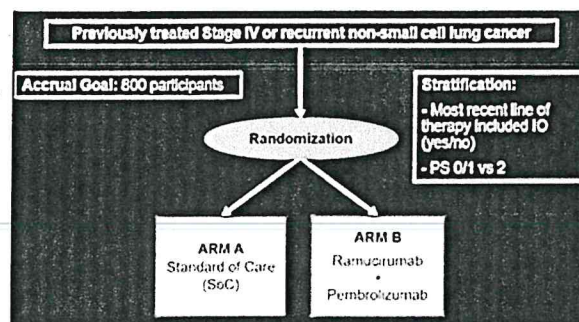
Arm 1: pembrolizumab + ramucirumab

vs.

Arm 2: investigator's choice chemotherapy

Enrollment: 3/2023-12/2025

- ▶ **Primary Outcome:** Overall Survival
- ▶ **Secondary Outcome:** Safety (grade  $\geq 3$  TRAE's and all grade 5 events)
- ▶ **Inclusion:** prior exposure to platinum-based chemo and PD-(L)1  $\geq 84$  days
- ▶ **Exclusion:** ECOG PS  $>2$



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## Trial Participants

- ▶ **Sample:** 838 patients (419 per arm)
- ▶ **Sites:** 667 US academic and community centers
- ▶ **Enrollment:** 3/2023-12/2024
- ▶ **Race/Ethnicity:** 78% White, 13% Black, 4% Asian, 4% Hispanic
- ▶ **ECOG PS:** 0-1 = 87% 2 = 13%
- ▶ **Histology:** 63% adenocarcinoma, 29% squamous, 8% other
- ▶ **Median follow-up:** 5.2 months

	Standard of Care		Ramucirumab + Pembrolizumab	
	(n=419)		(n=419)	
Age (median)	68.7	34.7-88.2	67.7	33.8-87
Female Sex	170	41%	197	47%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	317	76%	335	80%
Black	62	15%	50	12%
Asian	17	4%	15	4%
Hispanic	17	4%	15	4%
Most recent therapy I/O Yes	339	81%	336	80%
No	80	19%	83	20%
PS 0-1	365	87%	361	86%
PS 2	54	13%	58	14%
Squamous cell carcinoma	120	29%	122	29%
Non-squamous cell carcinoma	296	71%	292	71%
PD-L1				
Negative, <1%	133	36%	144	38%
Positive, $\geq 1\%$	235	65%	232	63%
Positive, $\geq 50\%$	98	27%	66	18%
Number of prior lines				
0	36	9%	36	9%
1	233	56%	221	53%
2	95	23%	106	25%
3+	54	13%	53	13%

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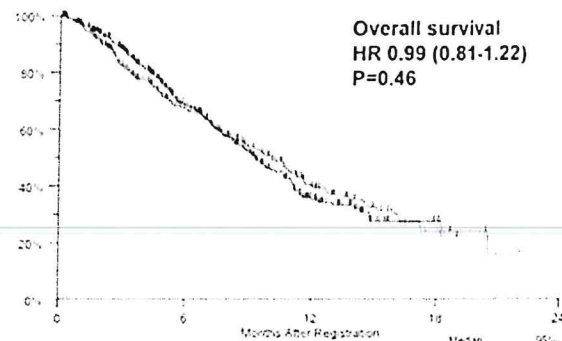
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## Results

- ▶ **Median OS:** 10.1 vs. 9.3 months favoring pembro + ram
- ▶ **HR for OS:** 0.99 (95% CI: 0.81-1.22, p=0.46)
- ▶ **HR SCC:** 0.82 (95% CI 0.56-1.22, p=0.17)
- ▶ **HR non-SCC:** 1.09 (95% CI 0.85-1.39, p=0.75)

### Author take home points:

1. Pembro + Ram did not improve OS, but was not worse than chemo – offers a chemo-free option for patients
2. Some with SCC may benefit from Pembro + Ram
3. Some subgroups may benefit with delayed curve separation



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## Trial Strengths

- ▶ Multi-institutional cooperative group cohort
- ▶ Representative patient population
- ▶ Rapid accrual of a large sample
- ▶ Clinically relevant question and endpoint (OS)
- ▶ Appropriate control arm
- ▶ **Pragmatic Trial:** minimized data collection, study visits, forms, concomitant data collections, reduced time toxicity and administrative costs
- ▶ **Compared to Lung-MAP S1800A:** increased recruitment of elderly, rural, and minority patients, 45+% reduction in forms and data elements collected

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## Trial Implications

- Pembro + Ramucirumab is not superior to investigator's choice chemotherapy
- Pembro + Ramucirumab is a reasonably effective and well-tolerated, chemotherapy-free treatment option after progression on chemo-IO
- Ongoing investigation of novel therapeutics (bispecific antibodies, intratumoral therapies, ADCs) is needed to improve outcomes in the second line setting
- Pragmatic trial designs may ease burdens on patients and help recruit more representative sample populations with faster accrual

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## Trial Schema

Phase 1b randomized dose escalation + expansion trial

First-line advanced NSCLC

Arm 1: Dato-DXd + pembro

Arm 2: Dato-DXd + pembro + platinum-based chemo (cis/carbo)

Primary Outcome: Safety

Secondary Outcome: Efficacy

TROPION-Lung02				
Phase 1b study of Dato-DXd + pembrolizumab ± Pt-CT in a/mNSCLC without actionable genomic alterations <sup>a</sup>				
Key eligibility criteria	1L patients only	Dato-DXd IV Q3W	+ Pembrolizumab IV Q3W	Pt-CT IV Q3W
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a/mNSCLC</li> <li>Dose escalation: <math>\geq 2</math> lines of prior therapy<sup>c</sup></li> <li>Dose expansion                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>\leq 1</math> line of Pt-CT (cohorts 1 and 2)<sup>f</sup></li> <li>Treatment-naïve (cohort 2)<sup>d</sup></li> <li>Treatment-naïve (cohorts 3-6)<sup>e</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Cohort 1 (n=2):	4 mg/kg	+	200 mg
	Cohort 2 (n=40):	6 mg/kg	+	200 mg
	Cohort 3 (n=14):	4 mg/kg	+	200 mg
	Cohort 4 (n=26):	6 mg/kg	+	200 mg
	Cohort 5 (n=8):	4 mg/kg	+	200 mg
	Cohort 6 (n=8):	6 mg/kg	+	200 mg
				Carboplatin AUC 6
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				Cisplatin 75 mg/m <sup>2</sup>
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				Triplet
				Primary: Safety and tolerability
				Secondary: Efficacy

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## Trial Participants

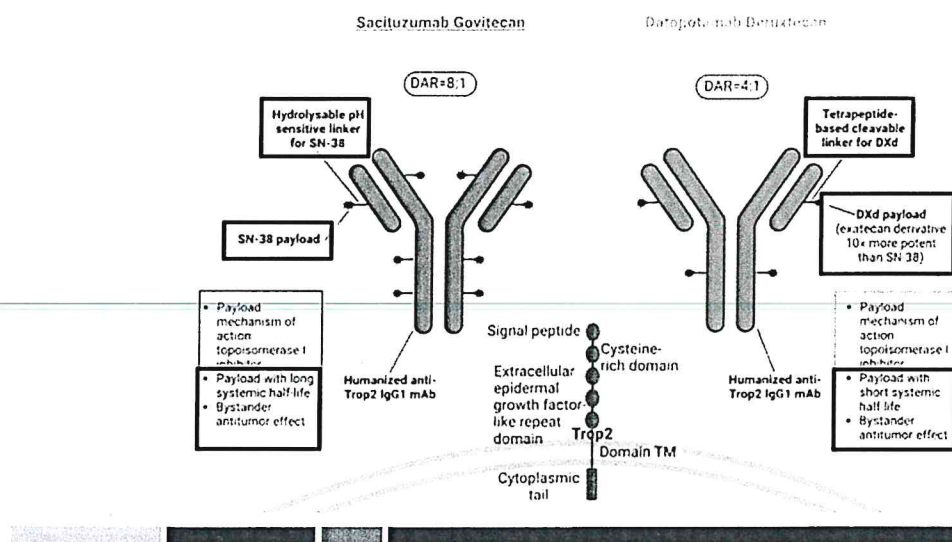
- Sample: 96 patients (42 doublet + 54 triplet)
- Sites: international multi-center trial
- Median age: 65 vs. 64 years
- Histology: 78% non-squamous, 22% squamous
- Exclusion: EGFR, ALK, ROS1, NTRK, BRAF, RET, MET

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## Safety Results

- ▶ Median treatment duration: 9.7 vs. 5.8 months favoring doublet
- ▶ Stomatitis: 57% vs. 33%
- ▶ Nausea: 42% vs. 48%
- ▶ Grade  $\geq 3$  treatment related adverse events: 40.5% vs 55.6%
- ▶ Grade 5 events: no events in either arm
- ▶ Common grade  $\geq 3$  AEs: neutropenia (13%), anemia (13%), fatigue (6%), nausea (6%), ILD (3.1%, n=3)

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## Efficacy Results

- Objective Response Rate: 55% vs. 56%
- Disease Control Rate: 88% vs. 89%
- Duration of Response: 20.1 vs. 13.7 months
- Median PFS: 11.2 vs. 6.8 months

### Non-squamous

- Objective Response Rate: 52% vs. 57%
- Disease Control Rate: 88% vs. 91%
- Duration of Response: 24.9 vs. 18.0 months
- Median PFS: 11.2 vs. 10.8 months

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## Efficacy Results

Summary of TROPION-Lung02 First-Line Efficacy Results

Efficacy Measure	Doublet			Triplet		
	Overall (n=42)	PD-L1<50% (n=30)	PD-L1≥50% (n=5)	Overall (n=54)	PD-L1<50% (n=40)	PD-L1≥50% (n=10)
Confirmed ORR, <sup>i,ii</sup> % (95% CI)	54.8% (38.7–70.2)	53.3% (34.3–71.7)	100% (47.8–100)	55.6% (41.4–69.1)	55% (38.5–70.7)	60% (26.2–87.8)
CR, %	2.4%	3.3%	0%	3.7%	2.5%	10%
PR, %	52.4%	50%	100%	51.9%	52.5%	50%
SD, %	33%	NA	NA	33%	NA	NA
PD, % (n)	7%	NA	NA	4%	NA	NA
DCR, % (n) <sup>iii</sup> (95% CI)	88.1% (37) (74.4–96.0)	96.7% (29) (82.8–99.9)	100% (5) (47.8–100)	88.9% (48) (77.4–95.8)	87.5% (35) (73.2–95.8)	90% (9) (55.5–99.7)
Median DoR, (months) (95% CI)	20.1 months (9.7–NE)	12 months (8.0–NE)	NE (5.5–NE)	13.7 months (5.7–NE)	14.6 months (5.3–NE)	NE (4.1–NE)
Median PFS, (months) (95% CI)	11.2 months (8.2–21.3)	11.1 months (7.2–13.3)	NE (8.3–NE)	6.8 months (5.5–11.1)	6.4 months (5.5–13.2)	6.8 months (0.8–NE)

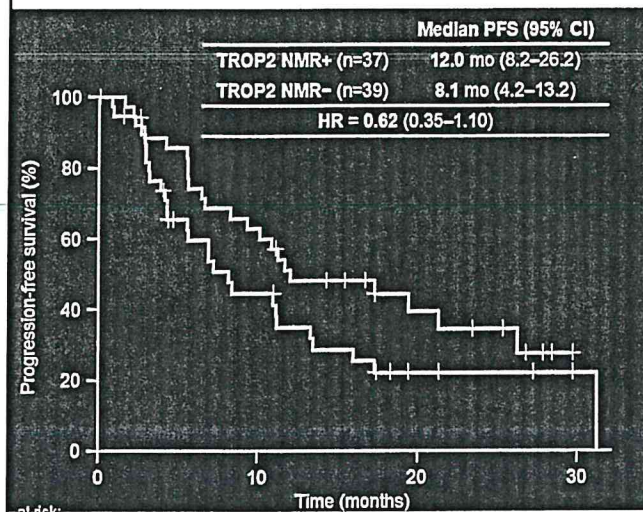
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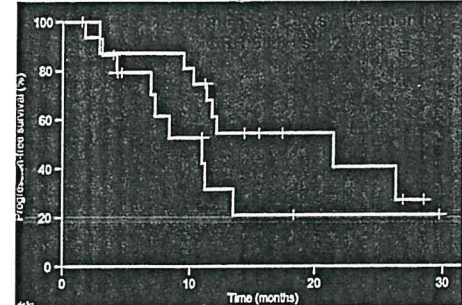
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## Efficacy by TROP2 NMR +

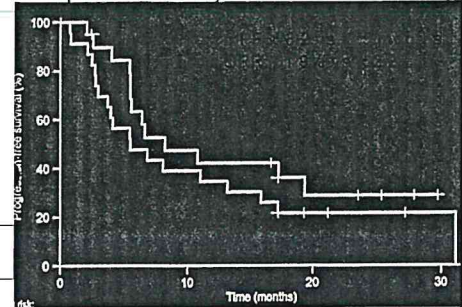
Overall PFS by TROP2 NMR+



Doublet PFS by TROP2 NMR+



Triplet PFS by TROP2 NMR+



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## Trial Design Pros and Cons

### Strengths

- ▶ International, multi-center design
- ▶ Relevant clinical question

### Weaknesses

- ▶ No standard of care control arm
- ▶ Small sample
- ▶ Primary outcome of safety not efficacy
- ▶ Sample may not be representative of our patient population

## Trial Implications

### ► Authors:

- 1) Dato-DXd + pembro with or without platinum-based chemo is a viable treatment option in the first-line setting for advanced NSCLC
- 2) These findings support the ongoing investigations of investigational therapeutic combinations with Dato-DXd (with rilvegostomig a PD-1 and TIGIT bispecific in mNSCLC – TROPION-Lung04 and with durvalumab and chemo in early-stage disease – NeoCOAST-2

### ► Our Take:

- 1) Additional efficacy and safety data is needed to identify if Datopotamab has a role in the first-line setting
- 2) TROP2 NMR testing may be relevant to identifying the appropriate patients for this approach



