

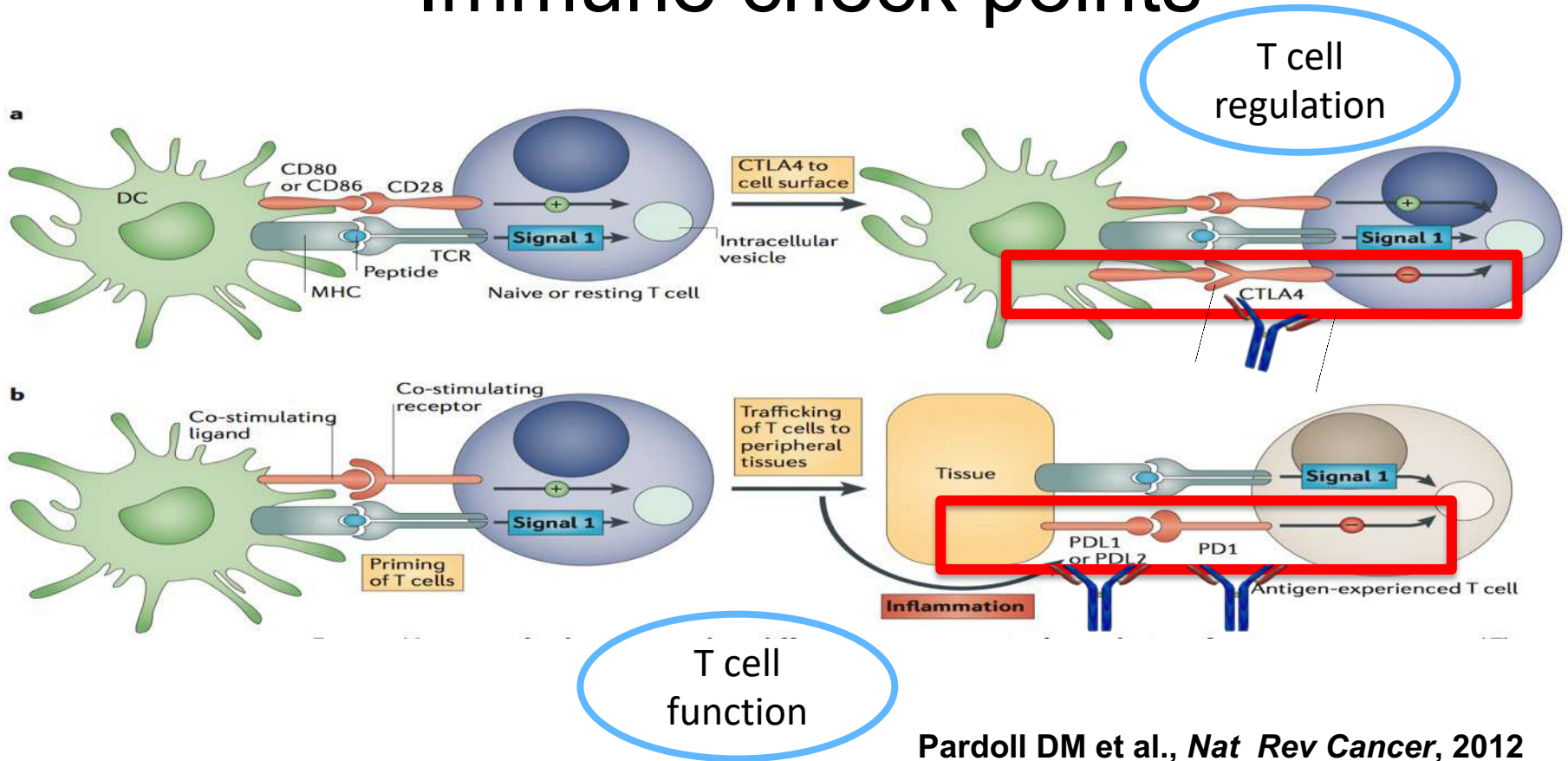
# ***Current Status of Immunotherapy in GI cancers***

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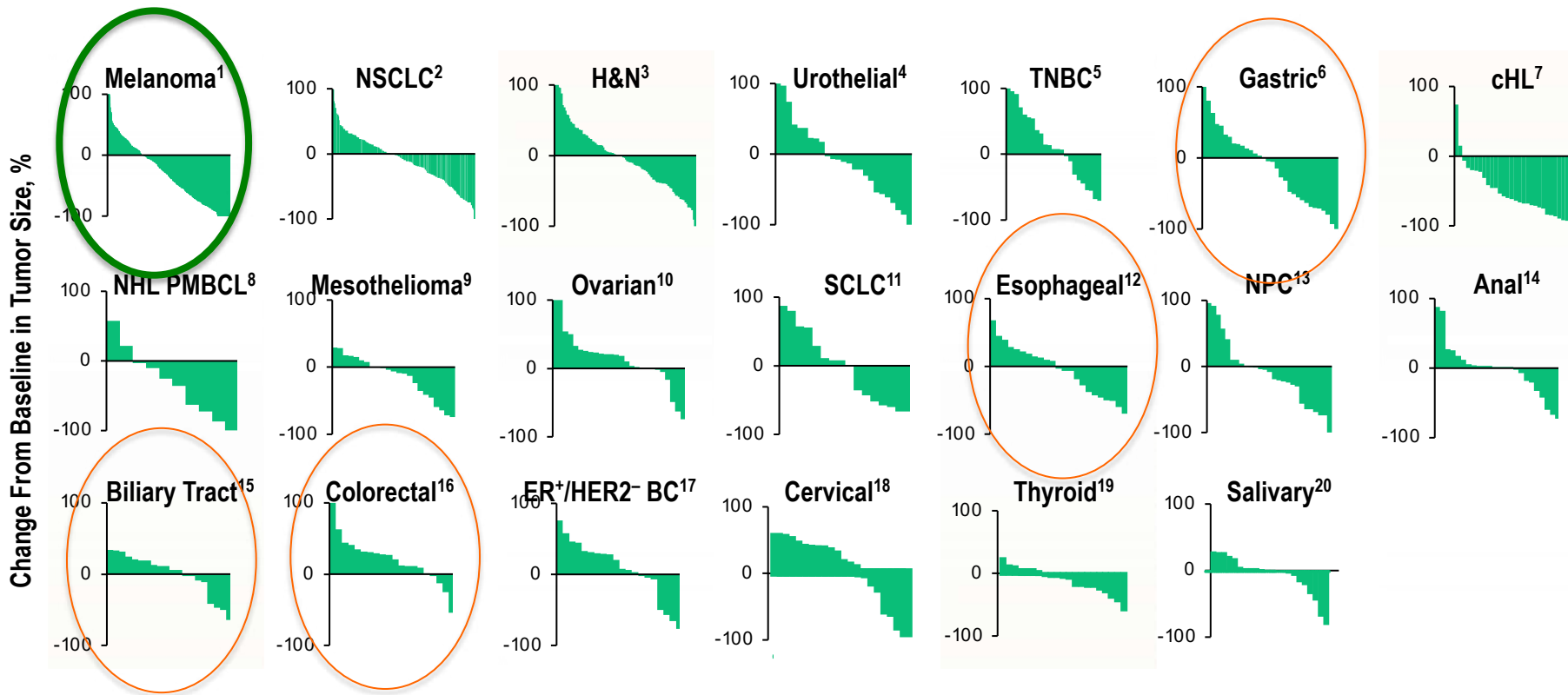
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# Immune check points



# Pan-tumor results with pembrolizumab

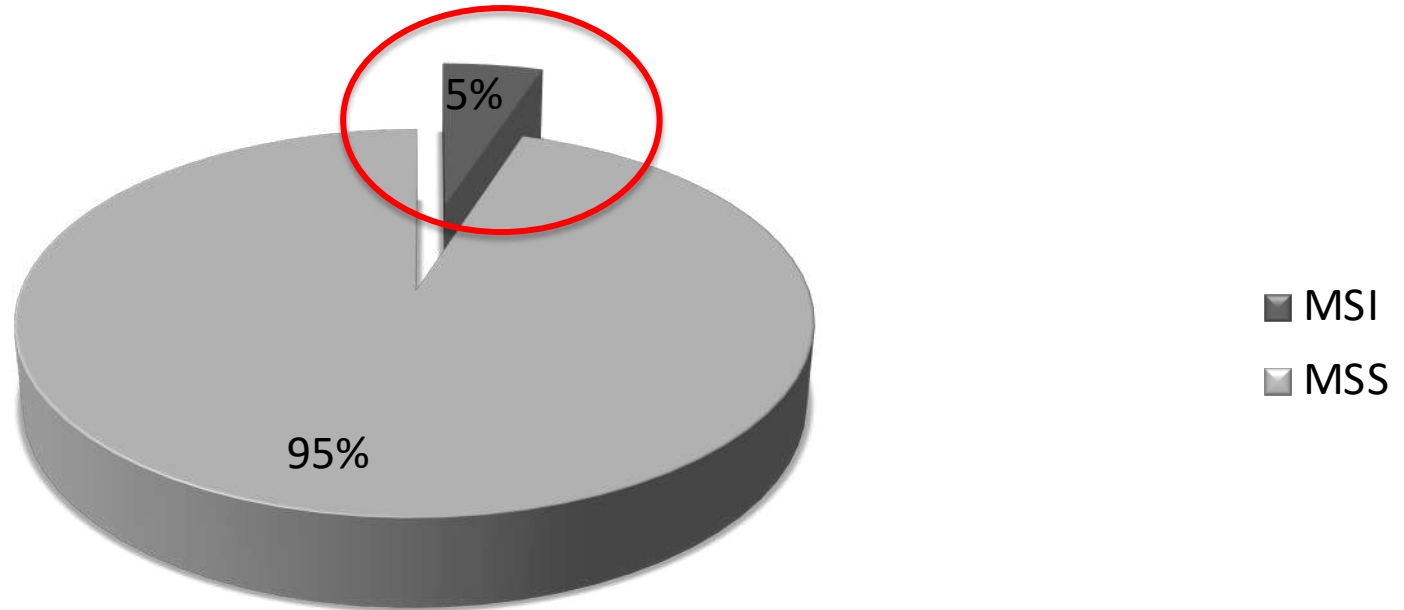


***Current status and outlook on  
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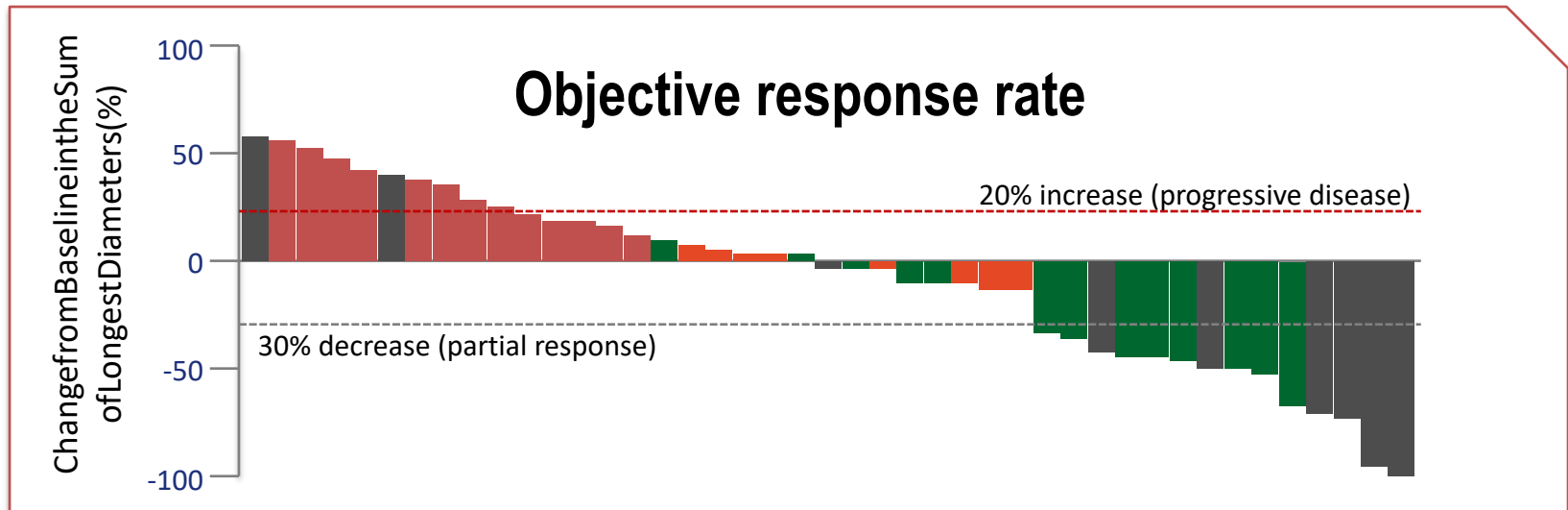
Colorectal cancer

# metastatic colorectal cancer



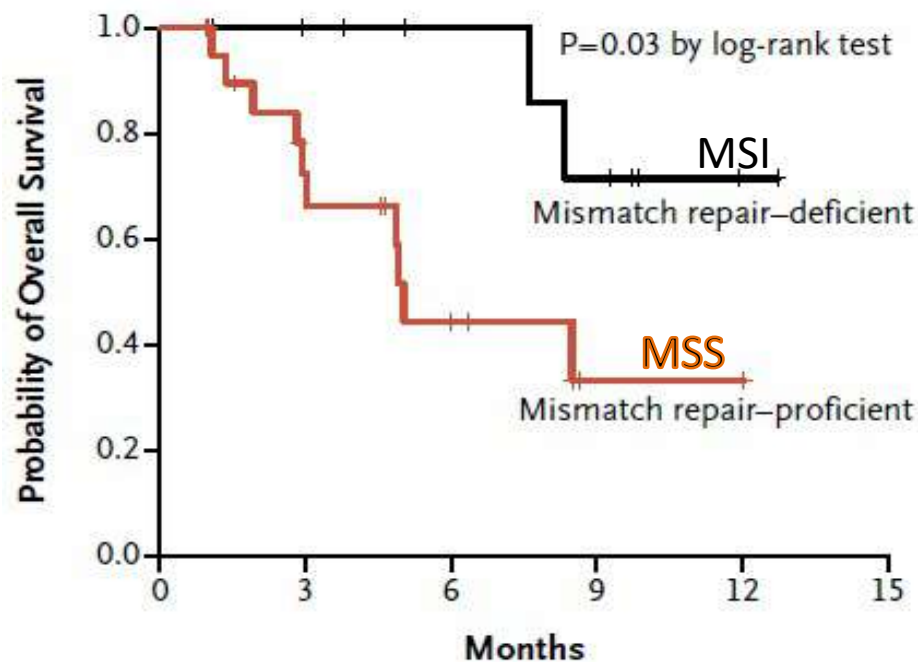
# Checkpoint blockers (pembrolizumab: anti-PD1) Efficacy signal in MSI-H tumors

	MSI-H mCRC	MSS mCRC	MSI-H non CRC
N	13	25	10
ORR	62%	0%	60%



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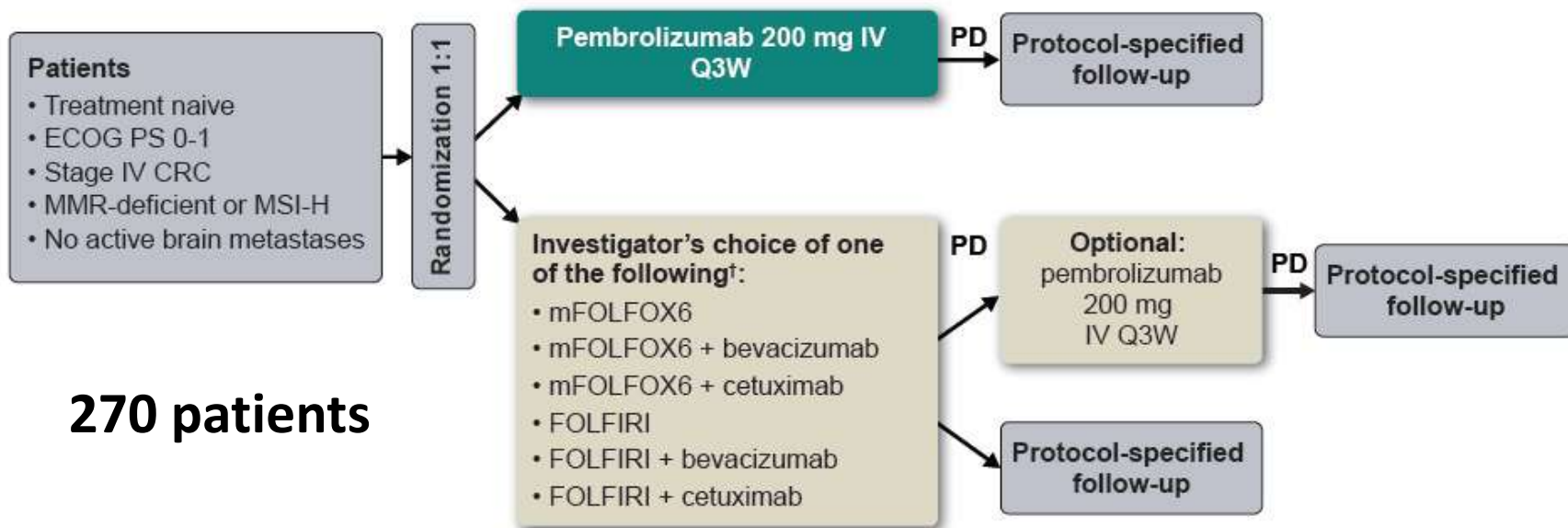
## PD-1 Blockade in Tumors with Mismatch-Repair Deficiency





# Keynote 177

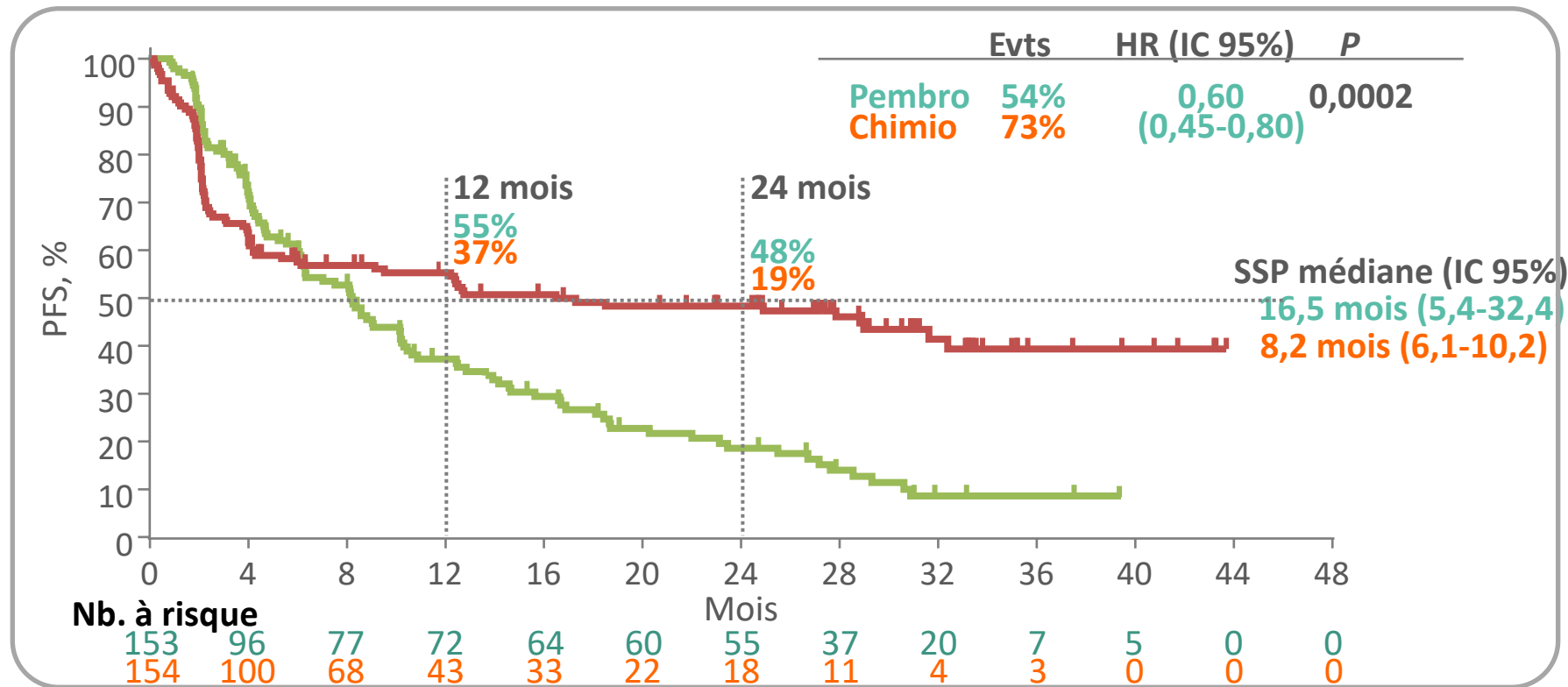
First-line, phase III study of pembrolizumab (anti-PD1) versus investigator-choice chemotherapy for MSI mCRC



**270 patients**

**Primary objective:  
PFS**

# Objectif principal atteint!



Suivi median : 32,4 mois (24,0 – 48,3);

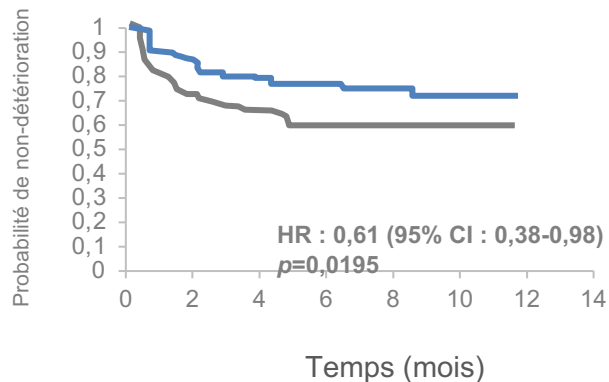
PFS (time from randomization to first documented disease progression or death) assessed per RECIST v1.1 by BICR.

Superiority of pembrolizumab vs chemotherapy for PFS was demonstrated at the pre-specified one-sided  $\alpha = 0.0117$ ; Data cut-off: 19Feb2020.

T. Andre, et al., ASCO® 2020, Abs #LBA4

# Pembrolizumab *versus* traitement standard en L1 du CCRm MSI : données de Qualité de Vie : ETUDE KEYNOTE-177

- Analyse temps jusqu'à détérioration
- Exemple QLQ-C30 et capacités physiques



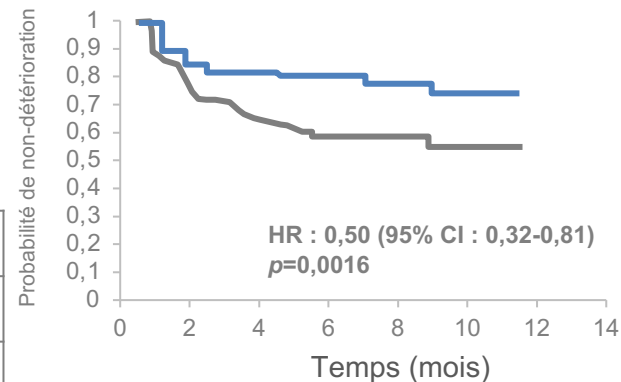
Nb. À risque

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
Pembro	141	104	82	71	58	42	0	0
CRT	131	85	57	32	25	10	0	0

	Evts (n)	SSP médiane (95% CI)
Pembro	30	NA (NA-NA)
CTR	39	NA (NA-NA)

	Evts (n)	SSP médiane (95% CI)
Pembro	29	NR (NR-NR)
CTR	45	NR (5,2-NR)



	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
Pembro	141	103	84	74	66	43	0	0
CRT	131	83	54	31	23	10	0	0

**Profil en faveur  
du bras Pembro**

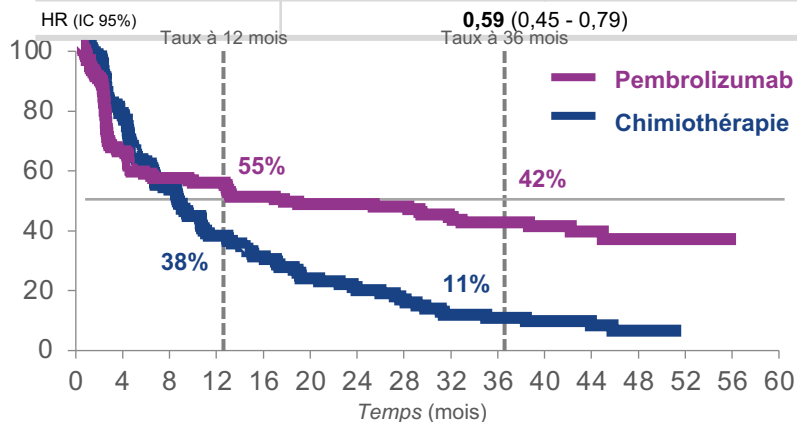
## Conclusion

- ▶ Différence significative des indicateurs de QdV en faveur du bras Pembro.
- ▶ Reflet du bénéfice clinique et profil de tolérance du traitement.

# KN177: survie sans progression

## Survie sans progression (SSP)

	Pembrolizumab (n=153)	Chimiothérapie (n=154)
Evènements (%)	56	76
SSP médiane, mois (IC 95%)	16,5 (5,4 - 38,1)	8,2 (6,1 - 10,2)



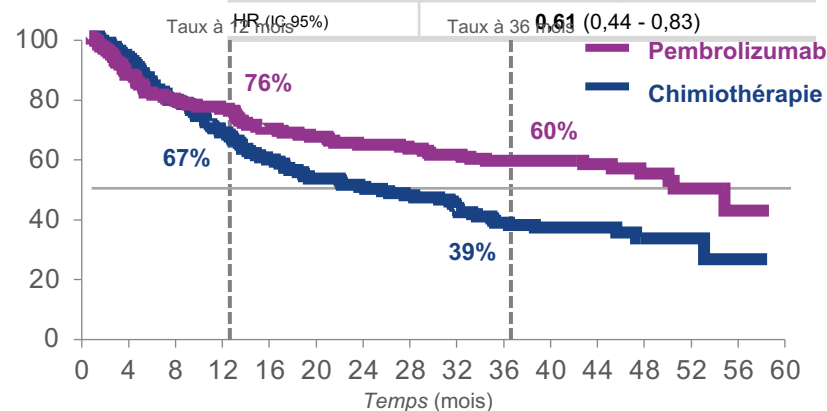
Nb. à risque

153	96	77	72	64	60	59	55	50	42	28	16	7	5	0	0
154	101	69	45	35	25	21	16	12	11	8	5	3	0	0	0

## Survie sans progression 2 (SSP2)

Délai entre la randomisation et la progression ou le décès sur la ligne de traitement ultérieure.

	Pembrolizumab (n=153)	Chimiothérapie (n=154)
Evènements (%)	44	62
SSP2 médiane, mois (IC 95%)	54,0 (44,4 to NR)	24,9 (16,6-32,6)



Nb. à risque

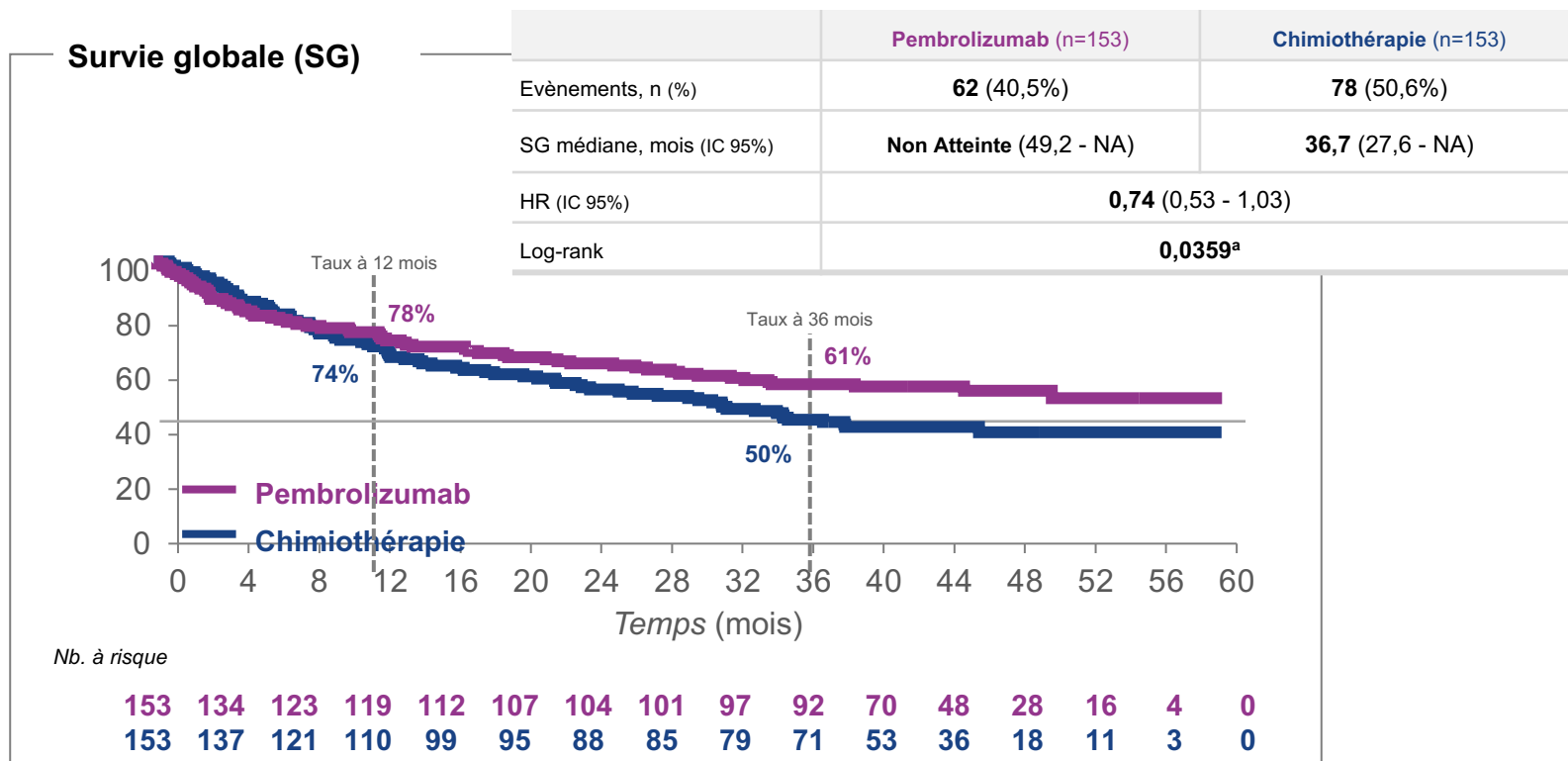
153	131	120	116	107	103	99	97	93	87	67	43	26	15	3	0
154	136	117	100	86	78	73	69	62	53	43	29	11	6	2	0

# Réponse tumorale

	Pembrolizumab N = 153	Chimiothérapie N = 154
<b>Taux de réponse objective, n (%)</b>	<b>69 (45,1)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>51 (33,1)</b>
Meilleure réponse, n (%)		
Réponse Complète	<b>20 (13,1)<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>6 (3,9)</b>
Réponse Partielle	<b>49 (32,0)<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>45 (29,2)</b>
Stabilisation	<b>30 (19,6)</b>	<b>65 (42,2)</b>
Taux de contrôle de la maladie (RC+RP+SM)	<b>99 (64,7)</b>	<b>116 (75,3)</b>
Progression	<b>45 (29,4)</b>	<b>19 (12,3)</b>
Non évaluable	<b>3 (2,0)</b>	<b>2 (1,3)</b>
Non accessible	<b>6 (3,9)</b>	<b>17 (11,0)</b>
Median duration of response (range), mo	<b>NA (2,3+ à 53,5+)</b>	<b>10,6 (2,8 à 48,3+)</b>
<b>≥ 24 months response duration, %</b>	<b>83,5</b>	<b>33,6</b>

<sup>a</sup>ORR 43.8%; <sup>b</sup>CR rate 11.1%; <sup>c</sup>PR rate 32.7% at IA2 (data cut-off: 19Feb2020).  
Data cut-off: 19Feb2021.

# Survie Globale: crossover pembro or other ICI = 60%



<sup>a</sup> Pembrolizumab was not superior to chemotherapy for OS as one-sided  $\alpha > 0.0246$ . Pre-specified sensitivity analyses to adjust for crossover effect by rank-preserving structure failure time model and inverse probability of censoring weighting showed OS HRs of 0.66 (95% CI 0.42-1.04) and 0.77 (95% CI 0.44-1.38). Data cut-off: 19Feb2021.

# Conclusions

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- Le Pembrolizumab augmente la SSP, le taux et la durée de réponse vs la chimio-biothérapie chez les patients atteints d'un CCRm MSI-H
- Le profil de tolérance et le schéma d'administration sont aussi en faveur du Pembrolizumab
  - Effets secondaires de grades  $\geq 3$  (22% vs 66%)
  - Amélioration de la QdV
- La PFS 2 et la SG sont en faveur de l'immunothérapie même si la significativité n'est pas atteinte (60% de "cross-over")

➤ **Confirme le Pembrolizumab comme nouveau standard de L1 pour les CCRm MSI-H**

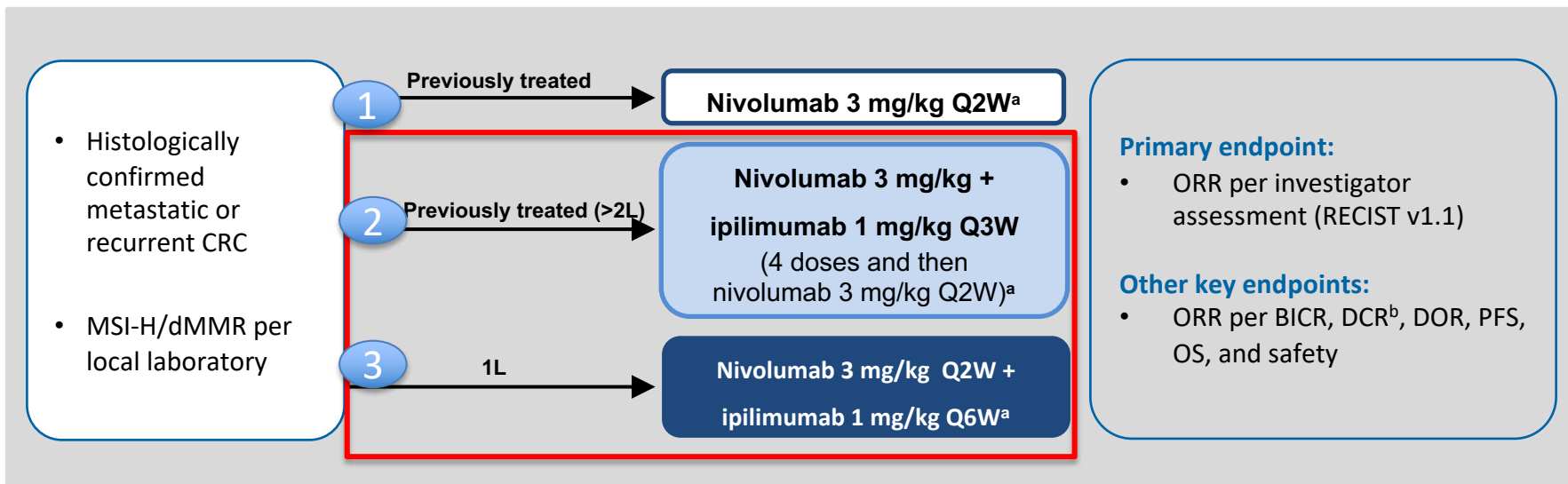
**Association avec la chimiothérapie en cours pour éviter la perte de chance initiale pour un petit % de patients**

***Combination of immunotherapy  
in MSI mCRC ?***



# CheckMate-142 Study Design

- CheckMate-142 is an ongoing, multi-cohort, nonrandomized phase 2 study evaluating the efficacy and safety of nivolumab-based therapies in patients with mCRC (NCT02060188)



<sup>a</sup>Until disease progression or discontinuation in patients receiving study therapy beyond progression, discontinuation due to toxicity, withdrawal of consent, or the study end; <sup>b</sup>Patients with a CR, PR, or SD for  $\geq 12$  weeks divided by the number of treated patients; <sup>c</sup>Time from first dose to data cutoff

BICR = blinded independent central review; CR = complete response; CRC = colorectal cancer; DCR = disease control rate; DOR = duration of response; PFS = progression-free survival; PR = partial response; Q2W = once every 2 weeks; Q3W = once every 3 weeks; Q6W = once every 6 weeks; RECIST = Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; SD = stable disease

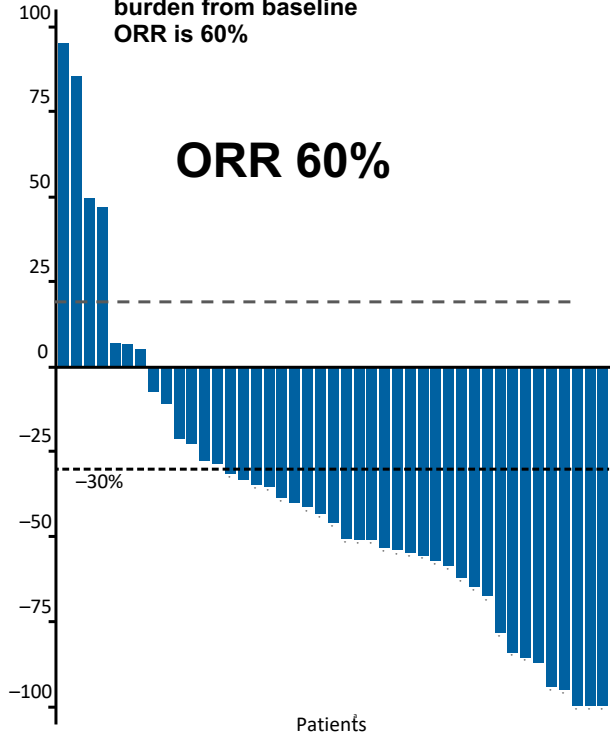
# Overall Response Rate

## NIVO + IPI L1

(n = 44)

84% of patients had reduction in tumor burden from baseline  
ORR is 60%

**ORR 60%**

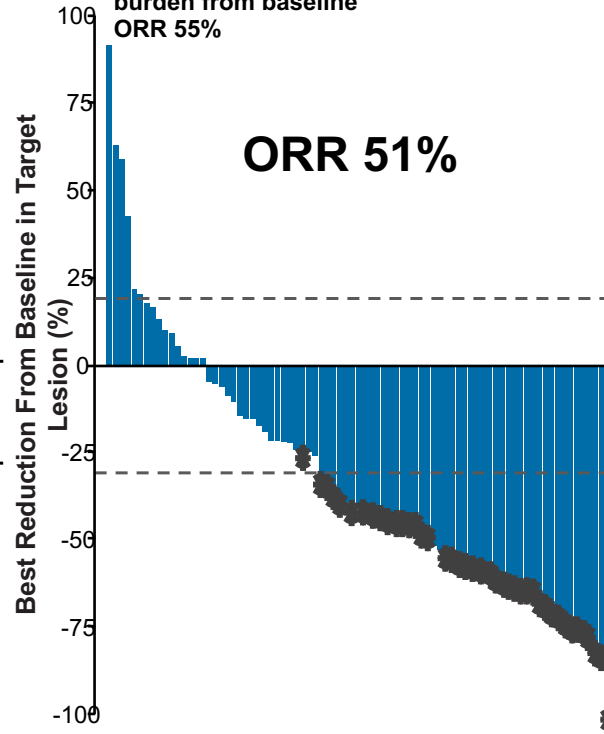


## NIVO + IPI >L2

(n = 84)

80% of patients had reduction in tumor burden from baseline  
ORR 55%

**ORR 51%**

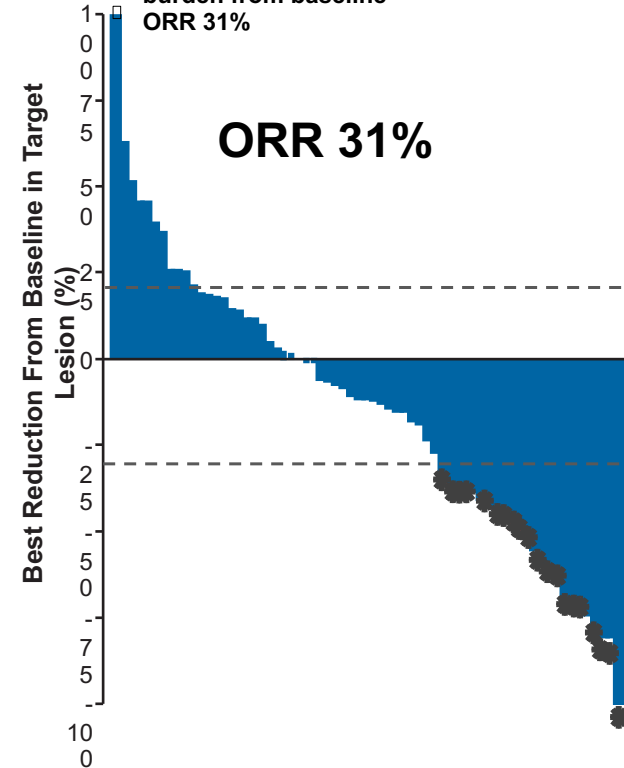


## NIVO Monotherapy >L2 1

(n = 74)

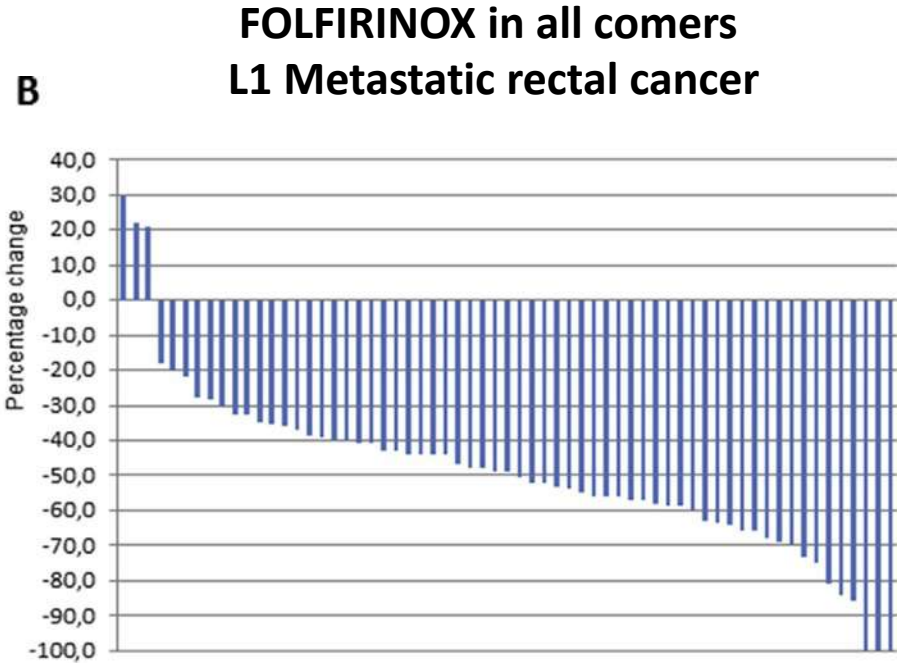
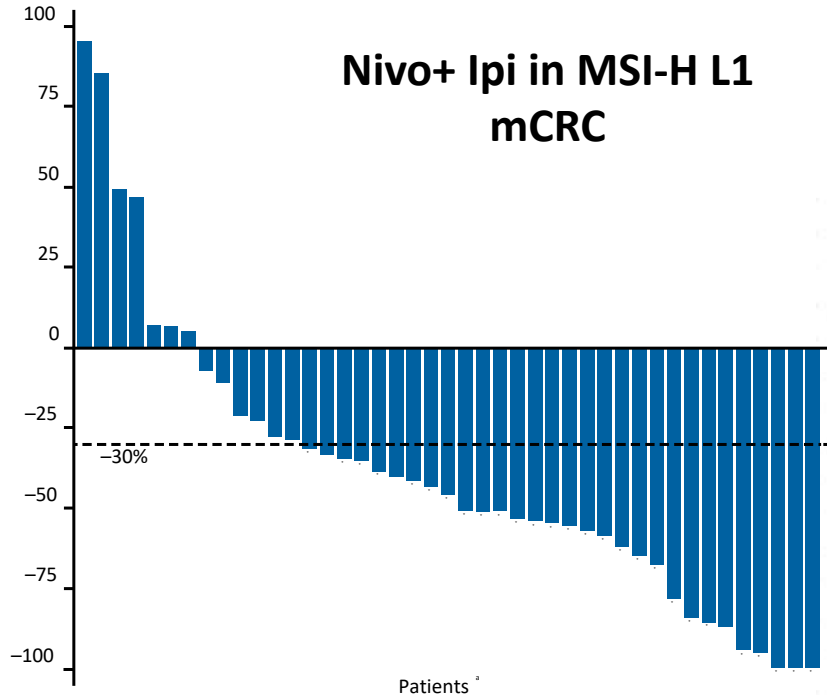
69% of patients had reduction in tumor burden from baseline  
ORR 31%

**ORR 31%**



\* Confirmed CR or PR per investigator % Change truncated at 100

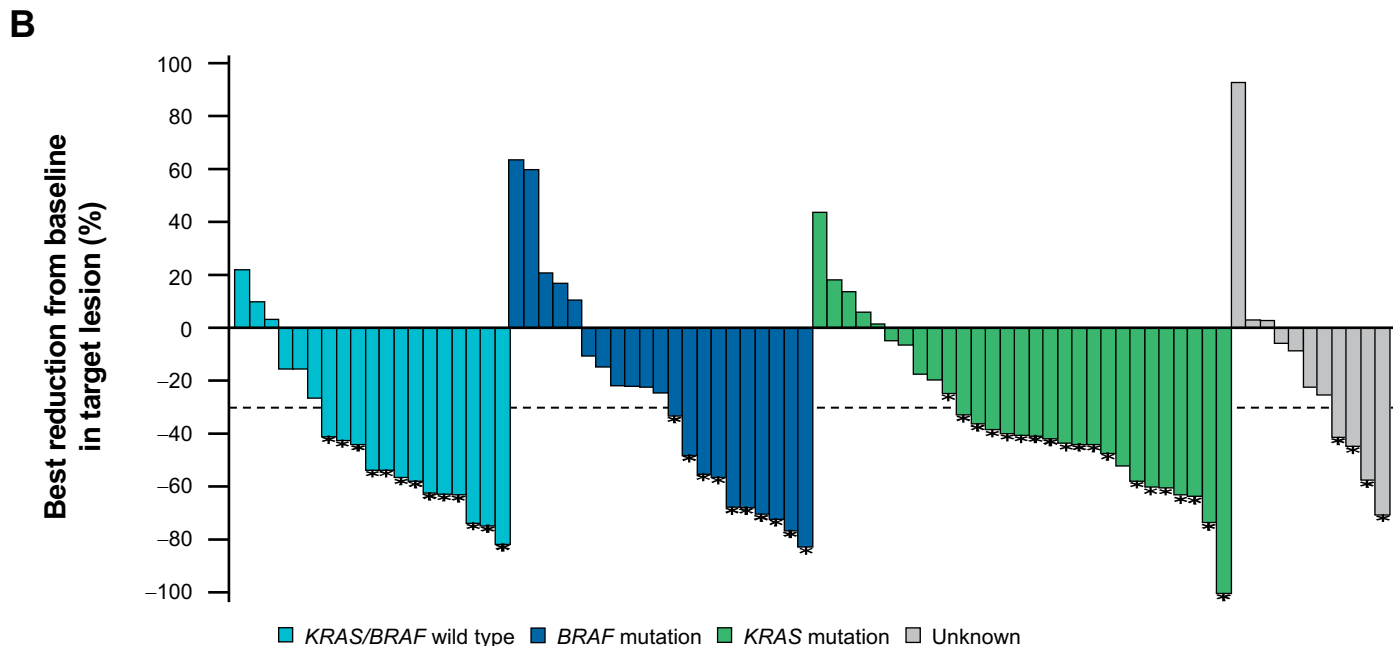
# Are these results incredible?



*Bachet et al. EJC 2018*

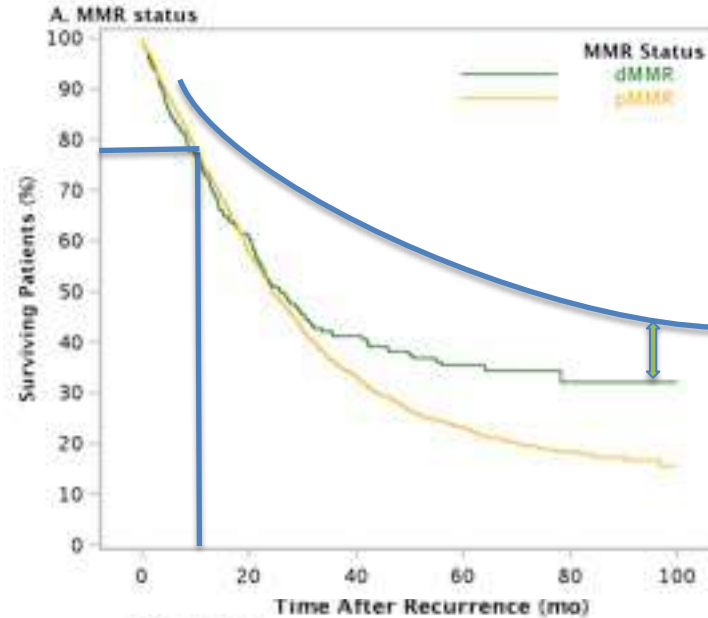
# No major differences in RAS mut, BRAF mut and double wild type patients

*Figure 2. Association of best reduction in target lesion size (B) BRAF and KRAS mutation status in patients with dMMR/MSI-H mCRC treated with NIVO + IPI*



# What is MSI-H patients mCRC survival ???

Immunotherapy  
May change things  
after 1 year



Immunotherapy

WT BRAF dMMR	84	25	12	6	2	0
WT BRAF pMMR	174	42	10	3	3	0
NT BRAF dMMR	159	84	44	18	6	1
NT BRAF pMMR	1681	983	480	184	56	6

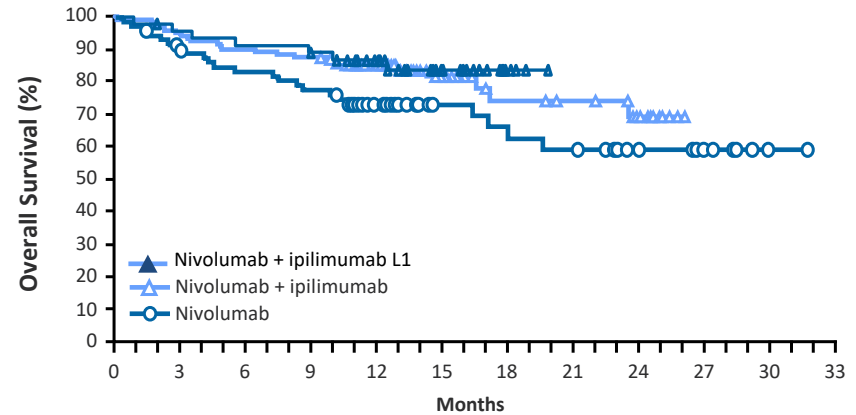
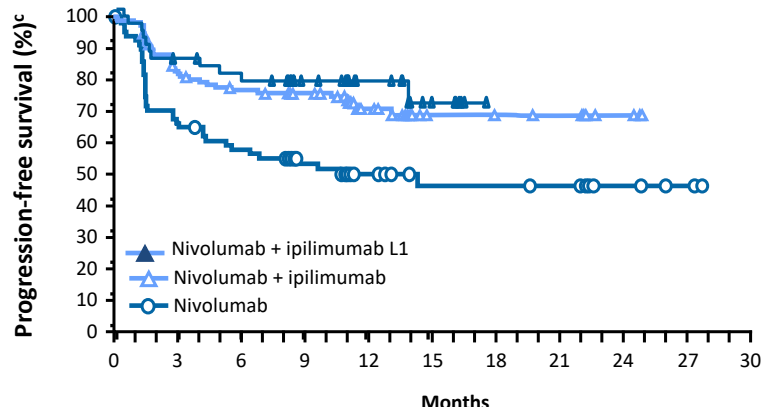
No. at risk

	0	20	40	60	80	100
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# Progression-Free and Overall Survival

	Nivo+ Ipi L1	Nivolumab + ipilimumab	Nivolumab <sup>1</sup>
9-mo (95% CI), %	<b>77</b> (62.0–87.2)	76 (67.0, 82.7)	54 [41.5, 64.5]
12-mo (95% CI), %	<b>77</b> (62.0–87.2)	71 (61.4, 78.7)	50 [38.1, 61.4]

	Nivo+ Ipi L1	Nivolumab + ipilimumab	Nivolumab
9-mo (95% CI), %	<b>89</b> (74.9–95.1)	87 (80.0, 92.2)	78 [66.2, 85.7]
12-mo (95% CI), %	<b>83</b> (67.6–91.7)	85 (77.0, 90.2)	73 [61.5, 82.1]



- Combination therapy provided improved long-term clinical benefit relative to monotherapy during a similar follow-up period<sup>a,e,f</sup>

# Safety of Nivolumab ± Ipilimumab

	NIVO3 (Q2W) + IPI1 (Q6W) <b>1L</b> N = 45	NIVO3 (Q2W) <b>Previously treated</b> <sup>1</sup> N = 74	NIVO3 + IPI1 (Q3W) x 4, then NIVO3 (Q2W) <b>Previously treated</b> <sup>2</sup> N = 119
Median follow-up <sup>a</sup> (range), months	13.8 (9–19)	13.4 (10–32) <sup>3</sup>	13.4 (9–25)
<b>Any TRAE, n (%)</b>			
Any grade	35 (78)	52 (70)	87 (73)
<b>Grade 3-4</b>	<b>7 (16)</b>	<b>15 (20)</b>	<b>38 (32)</b>
<b>Any TRAE leading to discontinuation, n (%)</b>			
Any grade	<b>3 (7)</b>	<b>5 (7)</b>	<b>15 (13)</b>
Grade 3-4	1 (2)	4 (5)	12 (10)

- Nivolumab plus low-dose ipilimumab in 1L is well tolerated, with a safety profile that is comparable to nivolumab monotherapy in previously treated patients with MSI-H/dMMR mCRC<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Median follow-up, defined as time from first dose to data cutoff

<sup>b</sup>CheckMate 142 monotherapy and combination therapy cohorts were neither randomized nor designed for a formal comparison

1. Overman MJ, et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2017;18:1182–1191; 2. Overman MJ, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2018;8:773–779.

***Neoadjuvant immunotherapy in  
colorectal cancer***



# Pembolizumab néoadjuvant dans les cancers MSI

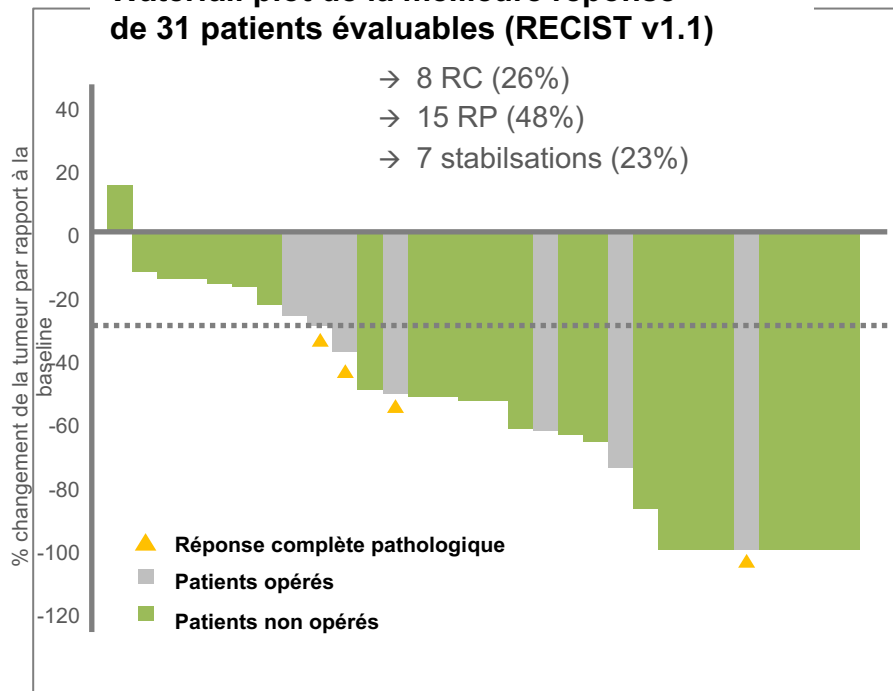
59 pts inclus: résultats préliminaires

● Patients opérés : 8

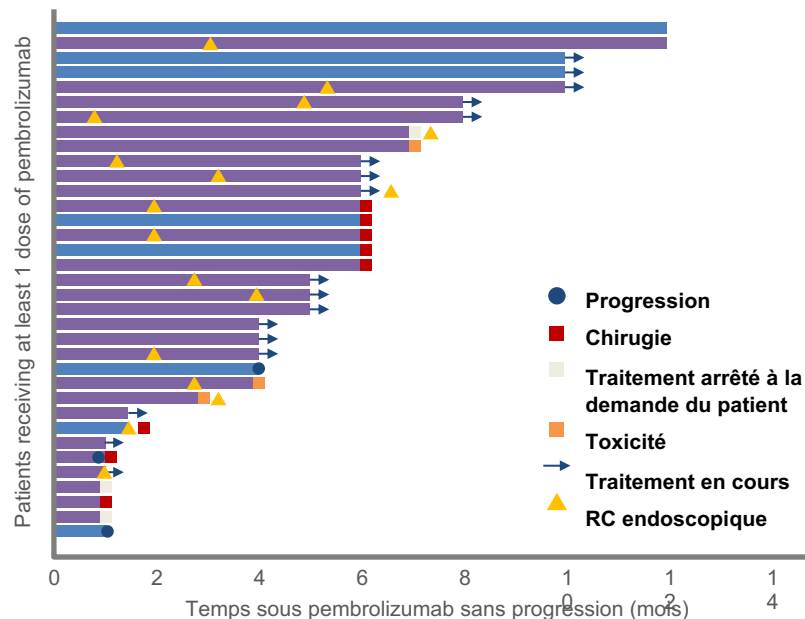
→ 4 en pRC (50%) et 3 en near pRC (38%)

## Waterfall plot de la meilleure réponse de 31 patients évaluable (RECIST v1.1)

→ 8 RC (26%)  
→ 15 RP (48%)  
→ 7 stabilisations (23%)





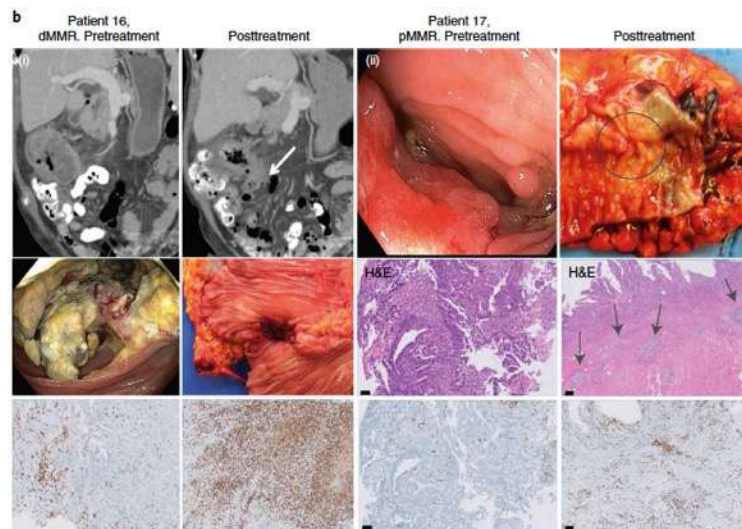
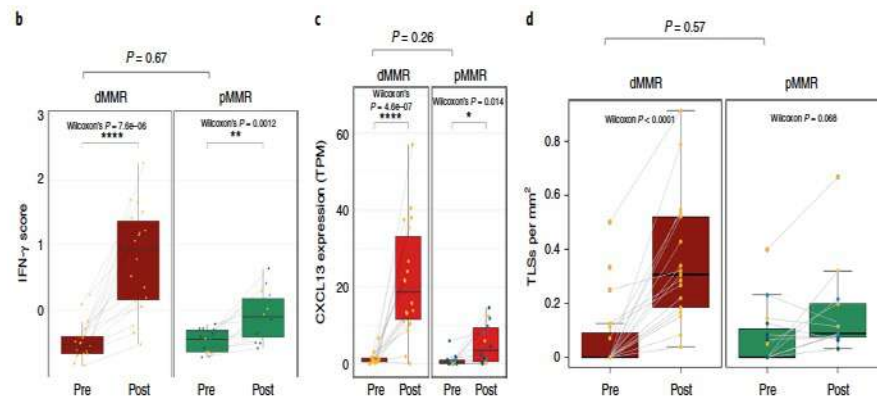
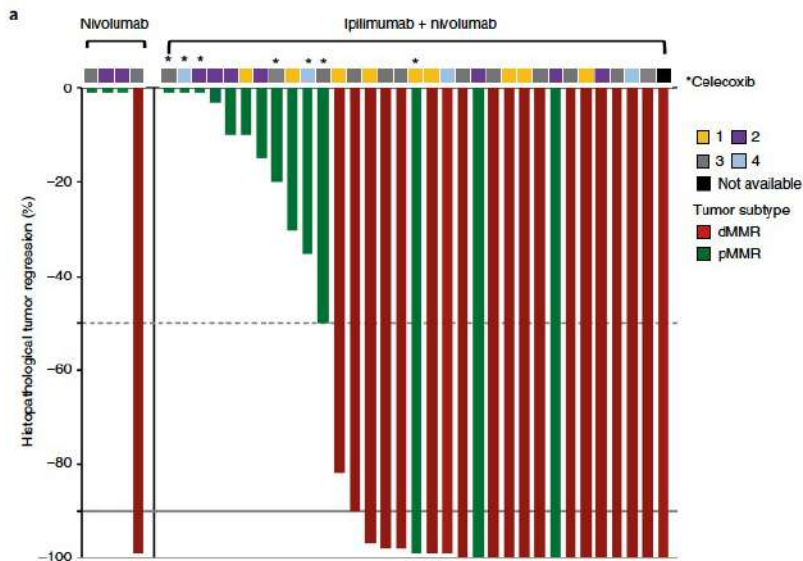
## Swimmer plot (non luminal en orange et luminal en bleu)





# Neoadjuvant immunotherapy leads to pathological responses in MMR-proficient and MMR-deficient early-stage colon cancers

Myriam Chalabi<sup>1,2,3</sup>  , Lorenzo F. Fanchi<sup>2,4,17</sup>, Krijn K. Dijkstra<sup>2,4,17</sup>, José G. Van den Berg<sup>5,17</sup>



# Etude AVANA

## Etude de Phase II

**Patients avec cancer du rectum localement avancé (N=101)**

- Risque élevé cT3
- cT4
- CN+

**CTRT + Avelumab 10 mg/kg toutes les 2 sem, pour 6 cycles**

**Chirurgie**

TME  
8-10 sem après CTRT

**CT adjuvante**

Selon la réponse pathologique  
(Xelox or Capécitabine pour 6 cycles)

### Critère primaire :

- pRC

### Critères secondaires :

- Taux de résection R0
- Downstaging tumoral
- Rechute locale
- Taux de préservation sphinctérienne
- SSP
- SG
- Profil de tolérance
- Évaluation de biomarqueurs exploratoires prédictifs et/ou pronostiques

### Statistiques :

- P0 : taux de pRC 15%
- Erreur- $\alpha$  (one-side) : 0,05
- Erreur- $\beta$  : 0,20

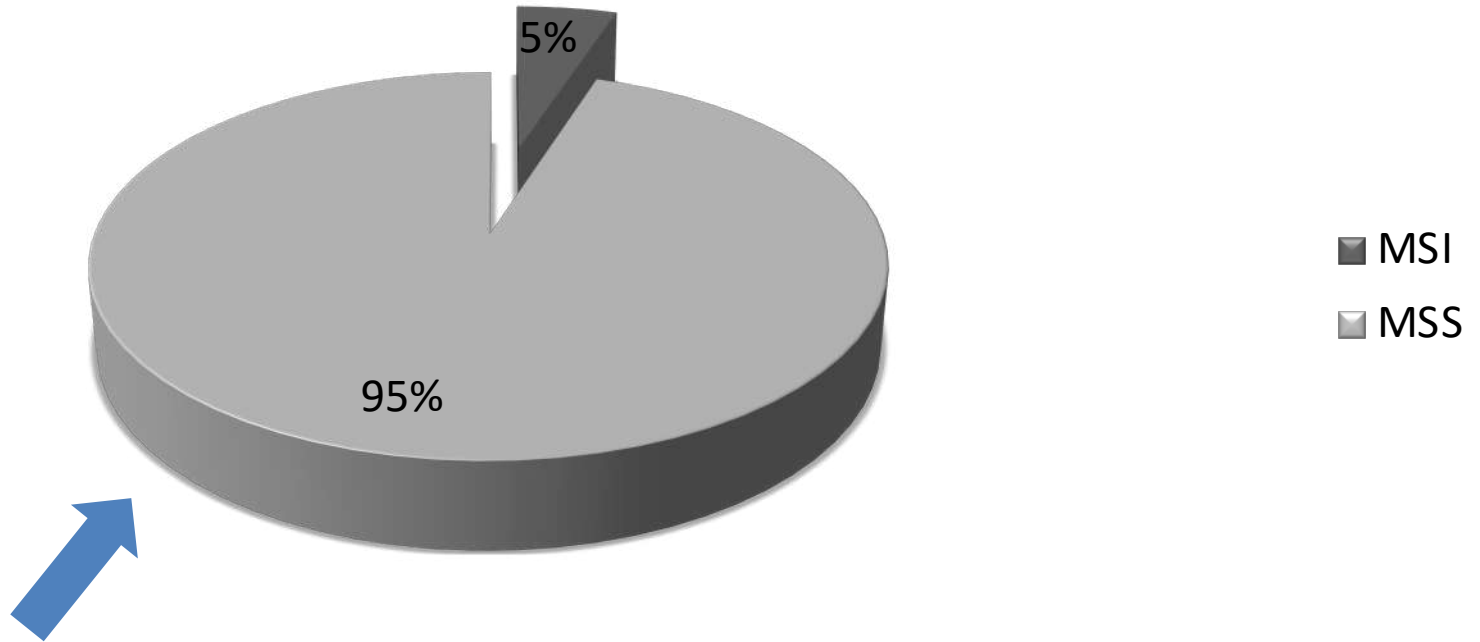
- 101 patients nécessaires pour détecter une augmentation absolue de 10 % du taux de pRC
- Le traitement expérimental est retenu pour des études ultérieures si une pRC est observée chez au moins 22 patients.

**Réponse pathologique complète : 23/100 (23%)**  
**Réponse pathologique majeure : 60/100 (60%)**

# MSI mCRC

- **Pembrolizumab is the new first line standard treatment for MSI mCRC**
- **How to optimise IO use in patients resistant ( $\approx 20\%$ ) will have to be studied**
- **Neoadjuvant immuno seems promising, need for randomized studies, can we avoid surgery?**
- **New studies are coming testing IO combos and combination with chemotherapy**

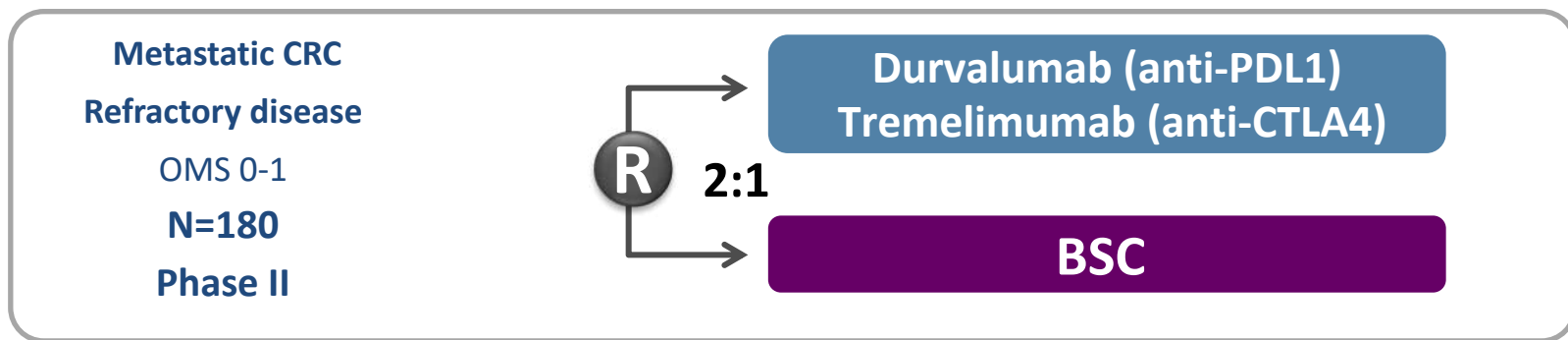
# Metastatic Colorectal Cancer



# Tumor mutational burden (TMB): predictive marker for immunotherapy ?

TMB: evaluation of the number of somatic mutations into tumour

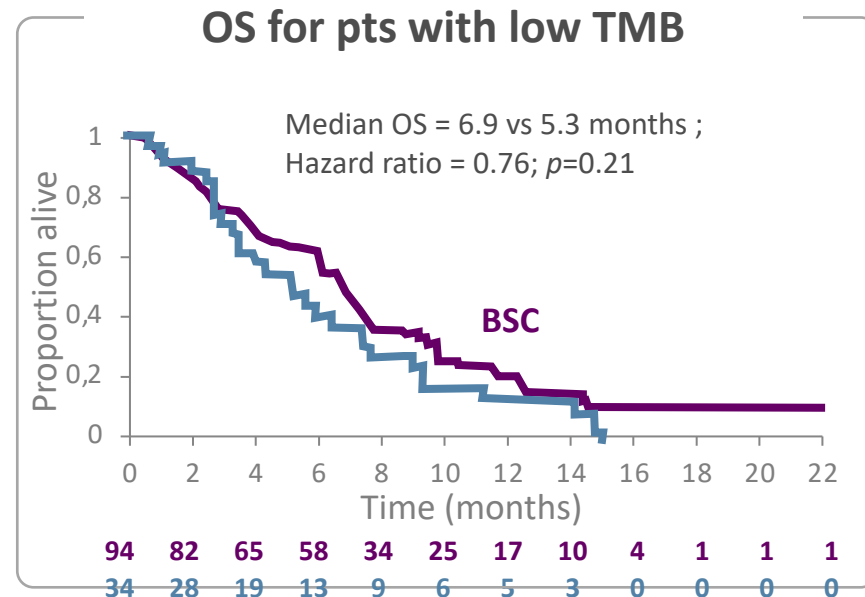
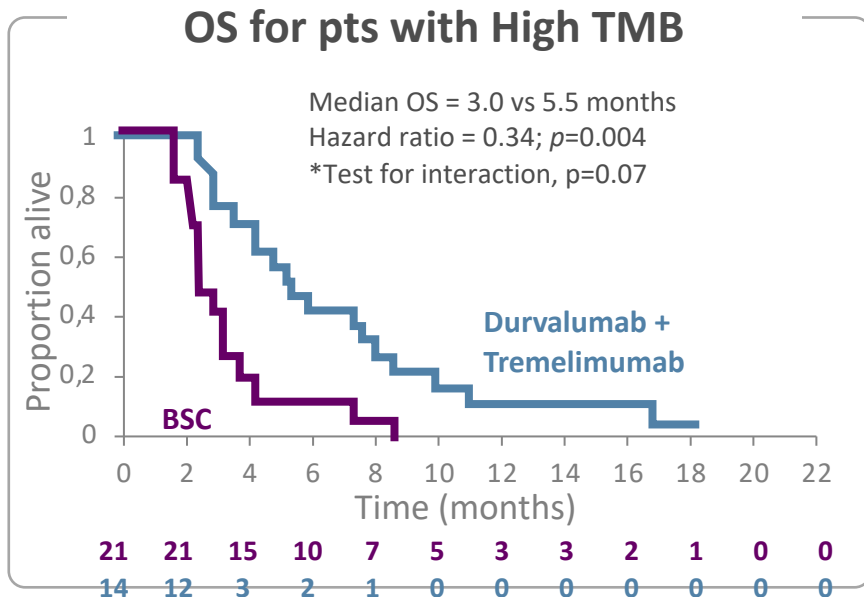
→ High TMB = more neoantigens that may respond to immunotherapy ?



Primary objective : Overall survival  
according to the TMB



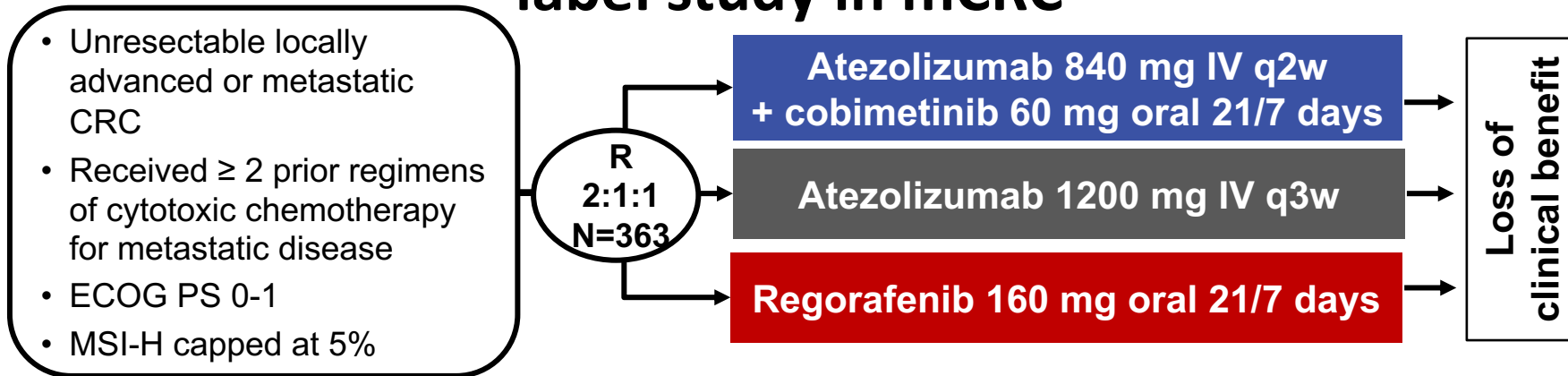
# Tumor mutational burden (TMB): predictive marker for immunotherapy ?



High TMB:  $TMB > 28/Mb$ ; Low TMB:  $TMB < 28/Mb$



# IMblaze370: randomised, Phase III, multicentre, open-label study in mCRC



## Stratification

- Extended *RAS* mutation status ( $\geq 50\%$  patients in each arm)
- Time since diagnosis of first metastasis ( $< 18$  months vs  $\geq 18$  months)

## Primary endpoint

- OS<sup>a</sup>
  - Atezo + cobi vs rego
  - Atezo vs rego
- Data cutoff date: March 9, 2018

## INV-assessed key secondary endpoints

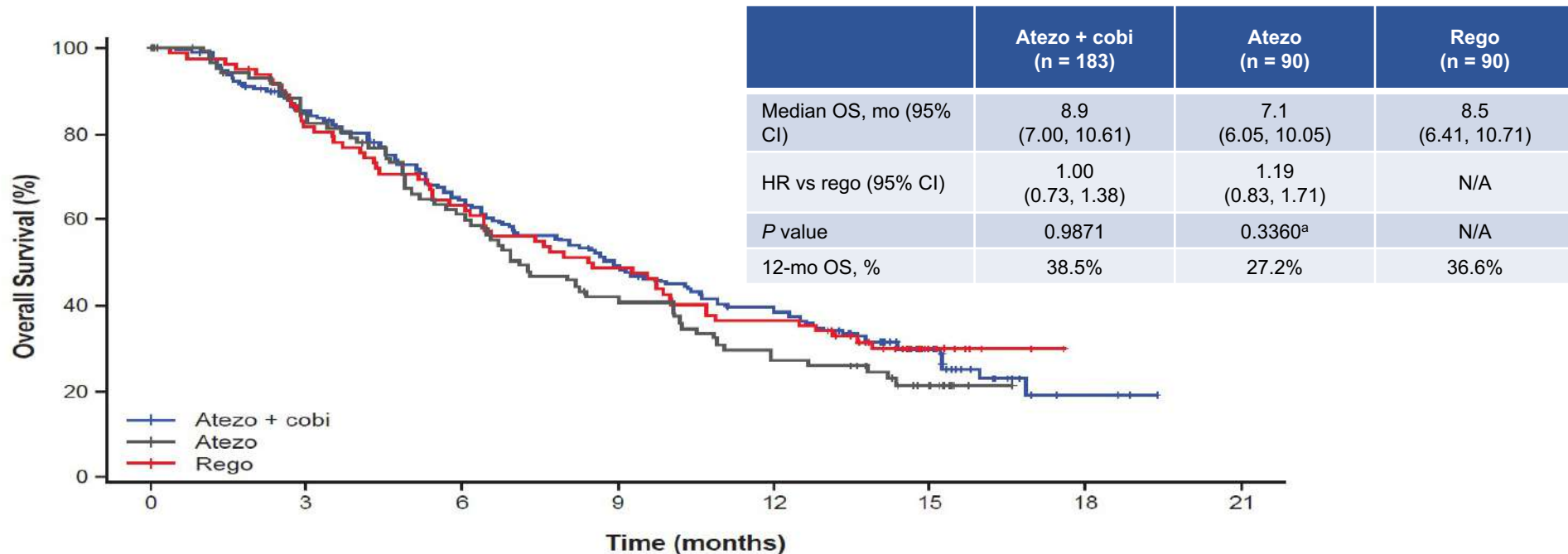
- PFS
- ORR
- DOR

Atezo, atezolizumab; cobi, cobimetinib; INV, investigator; rego, regorafenib.

<sup>a</sup> Two-sided type I error rate of 0.05 was controlled by hierarchical testing (testing atezo vs rego only if atezo + cobi vs rego was positive). NCT02788279



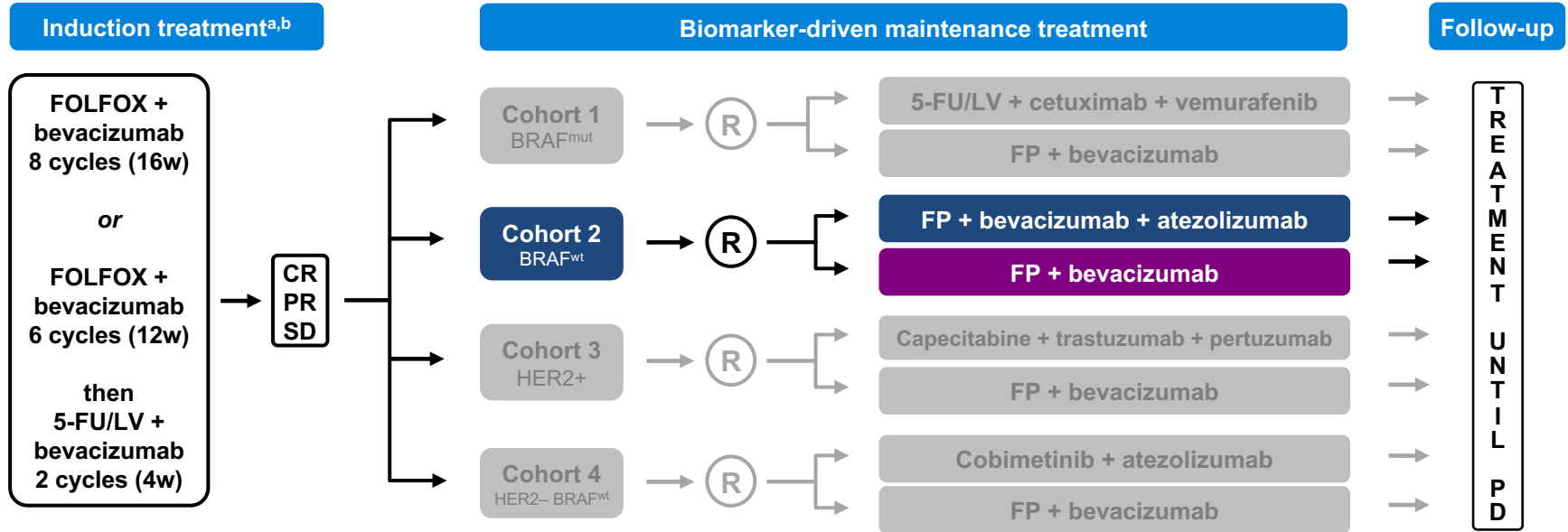
# Overall survival



No. at risk							
Atezo + cobimetinib	183	150	110	83	63	28	3
Atezo	90	73	51	34	22	9	
Regorafenib	90	67	52	40	30	9	

N/A, not applicable. HRs are from stratified log-rank tests.  
Data cutoff: March 9, 2018. <sup>a</sup> For descriptive purposes only.

# MODUL: Cohort 2 (1L BRAF<sup>wt</sup>)



**Primary objective:** Progression-free survival (PFS; RECIST v1.1) measured from randomization in each maintenance treatment cohort

**Secondary objectives:** Overall survival (OS); overall response rate (ORR); disease control rate (DCR); time to treatment response (TTR); duration of response (DoR); change in ECOG performance status; safety

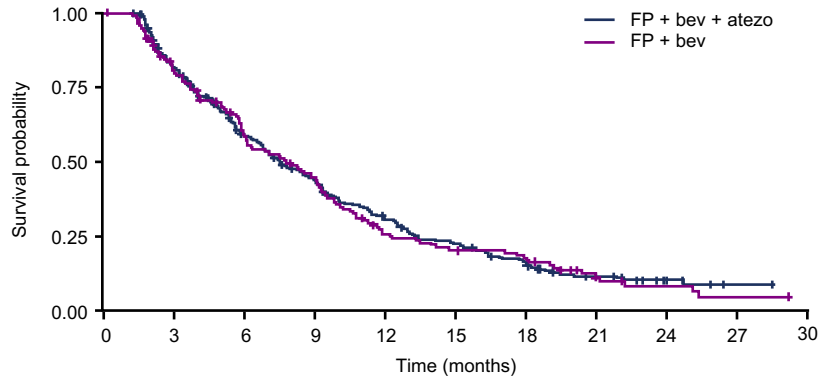
<sup>a</sup>Key eligibility criteria: histologically confirmed mCRC; measurable, unresectable disease (RECIST 1.1); no prior chemotherapy for mCRC; age ≥18 years; ECOG PS ≤2

<sup>b</sup>Patients with disease progression following Induction treatment can receive further treatment at the discretion of their physician

# Updated analysis: 1L BRAF<sup>wt</sup>

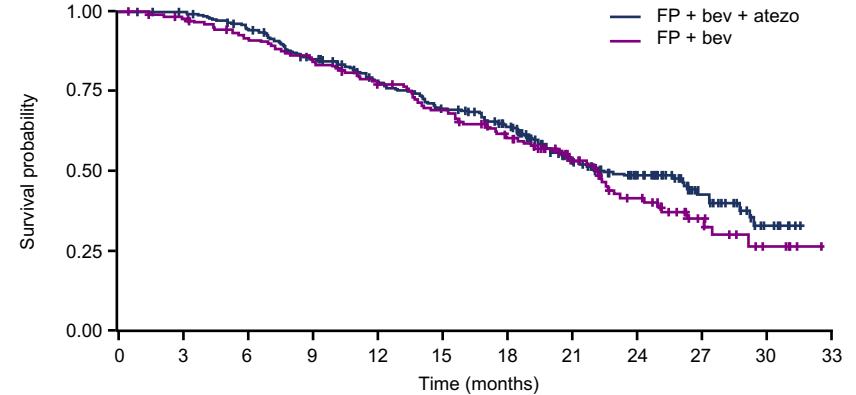
## Median follow-up 18.7 months

### PFS



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
FP+bev+atezo	297	224	147	103	70	49	29	15	6	1	0
FP+bev	148	109	74	55	29	21	17	6	3	1	0

### OS



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
FP+bev+atezo	297	293	275	244	214	189	164	104	70	28	8	0
FP+bev	148	142	130	120	108	94	79	49	30	14	5	0

FP + bev + atezo

FP + bev

Median PFS, months

7.20

7.39

FP + bev + atezo

FP + bev

Median OS, months

22.05

21.91

Stratified HR (95% CI)

0.96 (0.77–1.20)

Stratified HR (95% CI)

0.86 (0.66–1.13)

p=0.283

Median duration of induction treatment phase: 4.1 months; for PFS, 73% of patients had an event  
 One MSI patient in the FP + bev + atezo arm had a complete response during the maintenance treatment phase

# Immunotherapy for MSS mCRC



How to better select patients ?  
Biomarkers ?

- ⇒ **PolE or PolD mutations**
- ⇒ **Immunoscore**
- ⇒ **Specific molecular subgroup (CMS4?)**
- ⇒ **Tumor mutational burden**
- ⇒ ...

Can we make a cold  
tumor hot?

- ⇒ **Combine with MEK inhibitors ?**
- ⇒ **Combine with anti-angiogenic agents ?**
- ⇒ **Combine with chemotherapy that induces immunogenic cell deaths ?**
- ⇒ **Combine with radiation therapy to induce abscopal effect ?**
- ⇒ ...

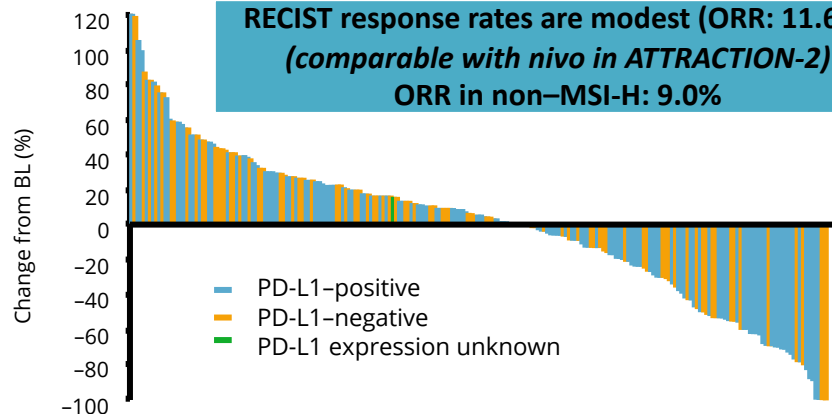
***Immunotherapy  
in GI cancers***

Gastric cancer

# KEYNOTE-059 (phase II)

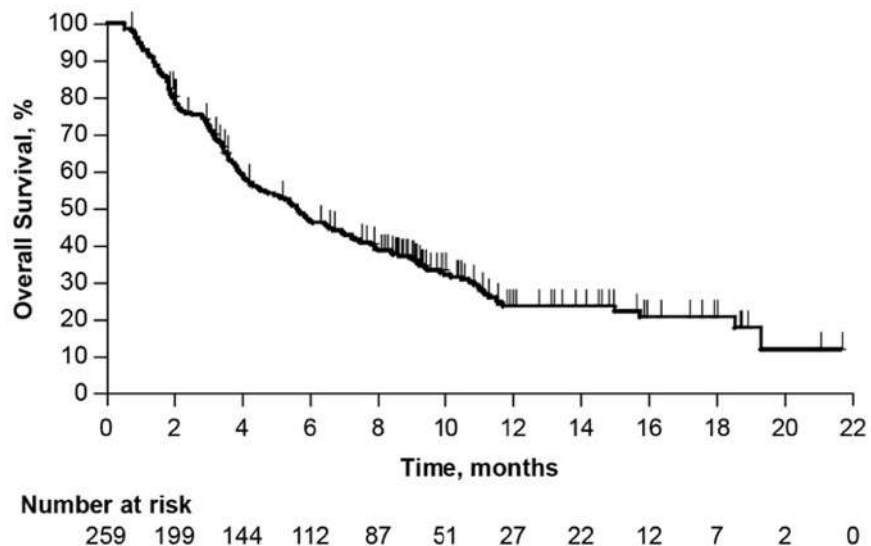
## Pembrolizumab in chemorefractory mGC

**RECIST response rates are modest (ORR: 11.6%)**  
*(comparable with nivo in ATTRACTION-2)*  
**ORR in non-MSI-H: 9.0%**



	PD-L1 status	
	Positive (n=148)	Negative (n=109)
<b>ORR % (range)</b>	15.5 (10.1–22.4)	6.4 (2.6–12.8)

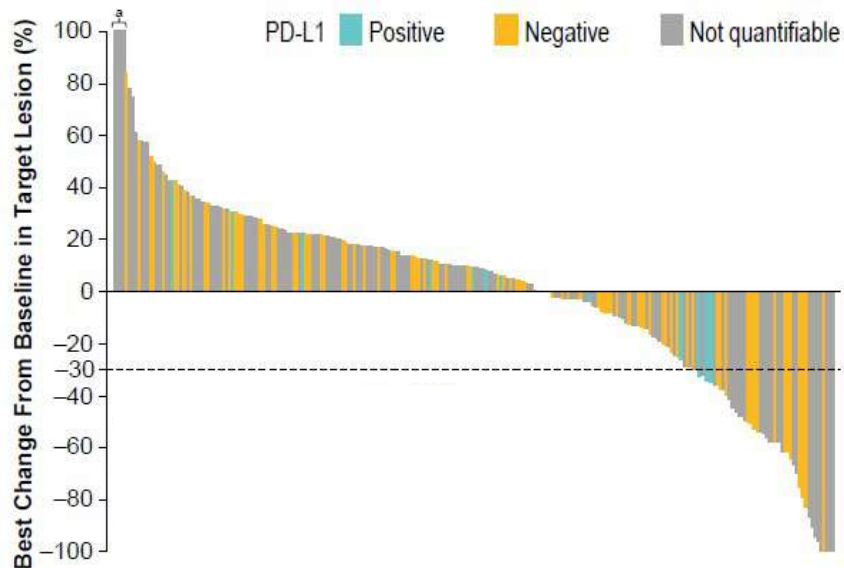
**Median response duration were 16.3 vs 6.9 months**  
**in patients with PD-L1-positive vs PDL1-negative tumors**



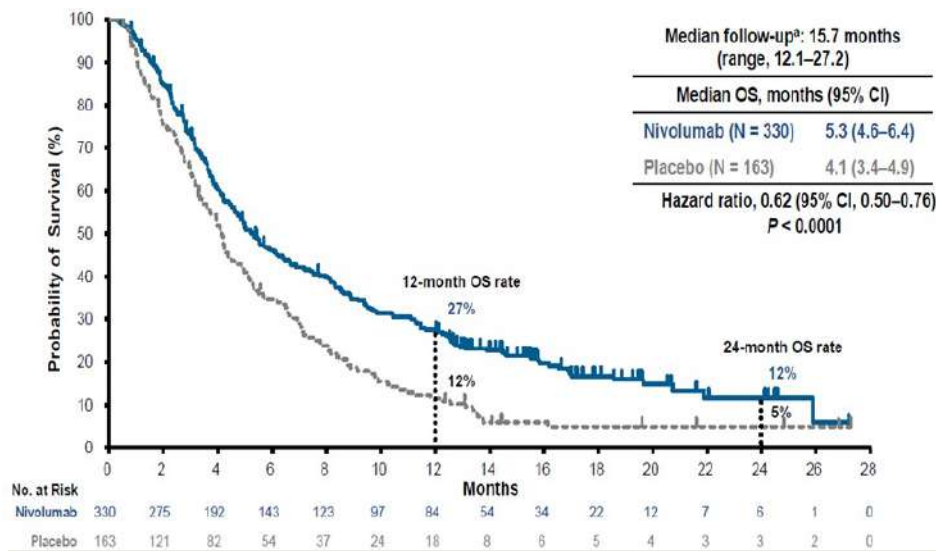
# ATTRACTION-2 (phase III)

Nivolumab in chemorefractory mGC

RECIST response rates are modest (12%)  
No impact of PD-L1 status



Significant improvement of OS  
No impact of PD-L1 status



RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumours

Patients from Asia= 100%

Kang YK, et al. Lancet 2017;390:2461–2471

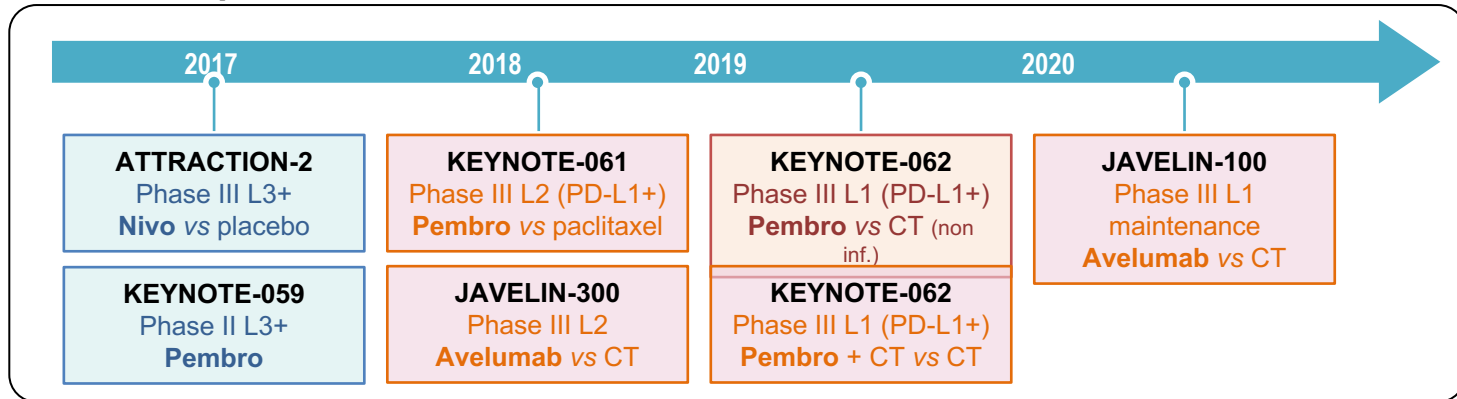
HOWEVER



# Immunothérapie des adénocarcinomes gastriques et de la JOG en L1

- Chimiothérapie par 5FU platine = standard en L1 des cancers gastriques métastatiques HER2-
- SG médiane courte < 12 mois
- La majorité des patients hors Asie ne reçoivent qu'une ligne de traitement (40% L2, <20% L3)

## ► Immunothérapie



- Étude CheckMate 649

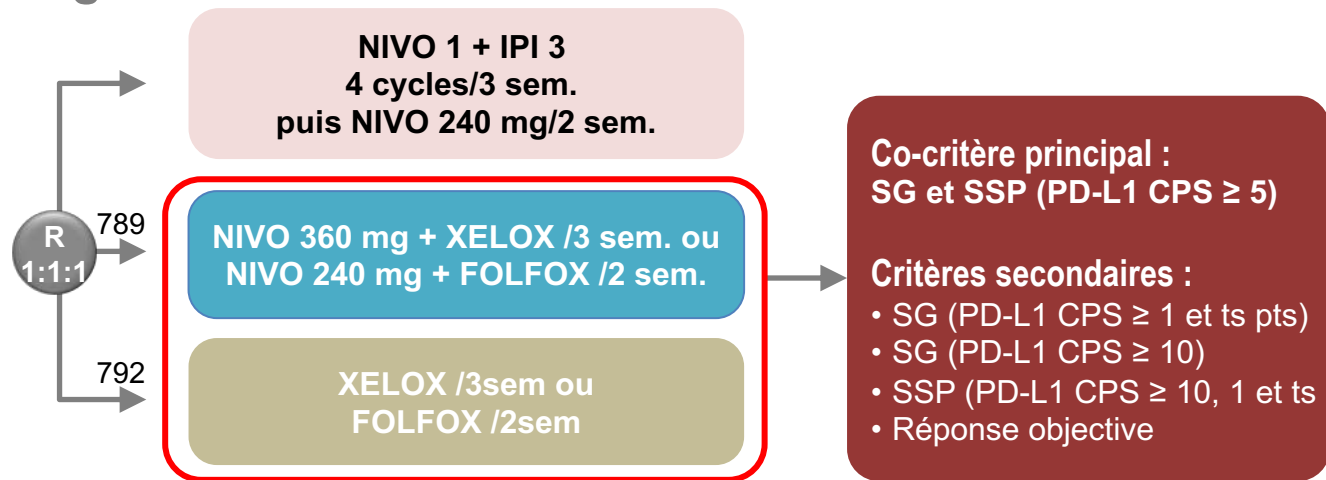
# Nivolumab +/- CT en L1 des ADK œso-gastriques avancés



## ChekMate-649 - Design

### Critères inclusion

- ADK gastriques/JOG/œsophage
- Non résécables/avancés ou métastatiques
- HER2 –
- ECOG 0-1
- Non prétraités



**N = 1581 patients, soit 995 (60%° avec PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5)**

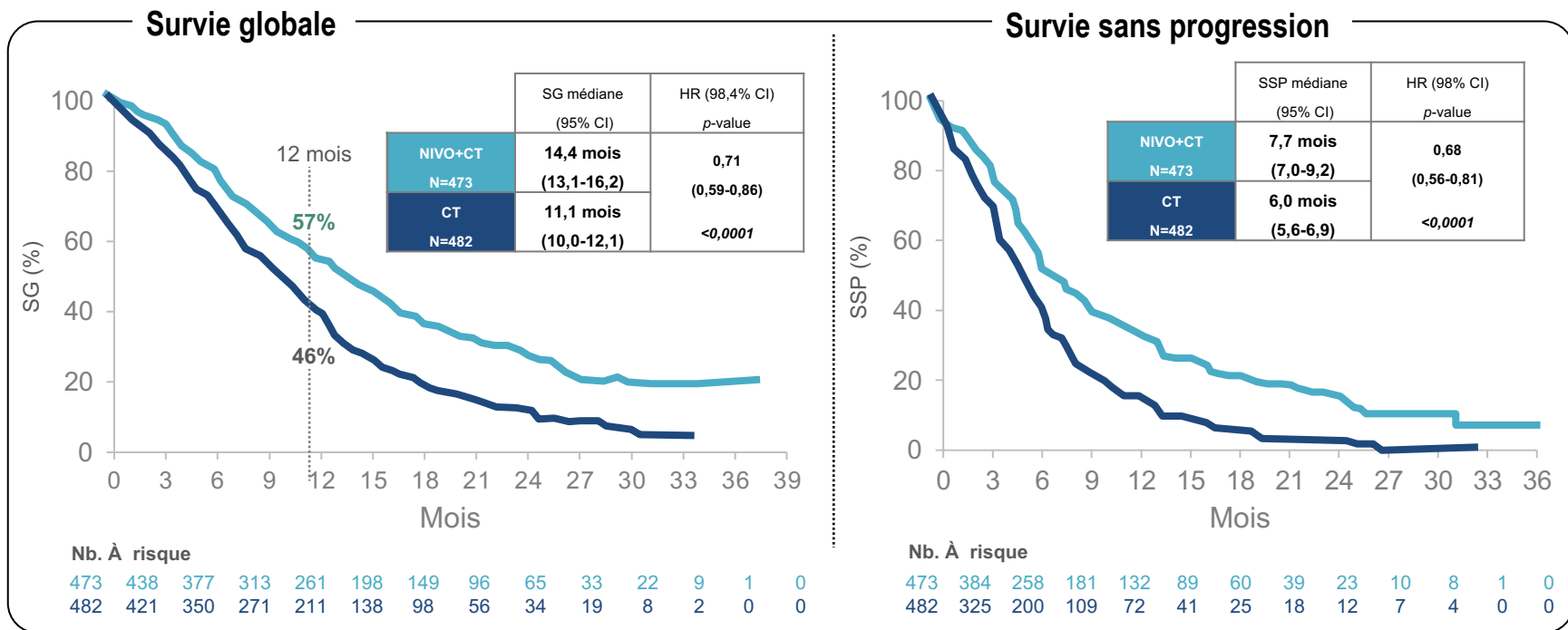
**Stratification :** PD-L1 (≥1% vs <1%); région (Asie vs le reste); ECOG 0 vs 1, CT (FOLFOX vs XELOX)

Cut off des données : 27 mai 2020, suivi minimum de 12.1 mois

- ▶ **2 critères principaux :** SG et SSP chez les patients avec score CPS ≥ 5
- ▶ Analyse SG chez patients avec score CPS ≥ 1 si critère principal positif

# Nivolumab +/- CT en L1 des ADK œso-gastriques avancés

**ChekMate-649** — Rappel SG et SSP pts avec score CPS ≥ 5 (co-critères principaux) (M. Moehler et al., ESMO® 2020, Abs #LB6)

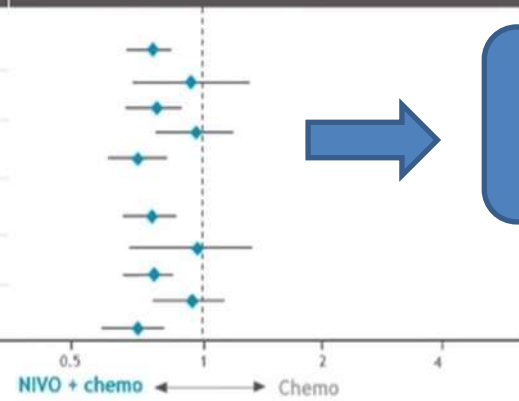


75% de non asiatiques , ORR 58% nivo+CT vs 46% CT

# ChekMate-649 – Survie et réponse, analyse en sous-groupes

## Survival

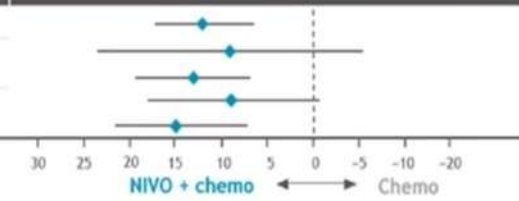
PD-L1 CPS <sup>a</sup>	Number of patients, n	Median, months		Unstratified HR <sup>b</sup>	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
		NIVO + chemo	Chemo		
<b>Overall survival</b>					
Overall (N = 1581)		13.8	11.6	0.79	
< 1	265	13.1	12.5	0.92	
≥ 1	1296	14.0	11.3	0.76	
< 5	606	12.4	12.3	0.94	
≥ 5	955	14.4	11.1	0.70	
<b>Progression-free survival</b>					
Overall (N = 1581)		7.7	6.9	0.77	
< 1	265	8.7	8.1	0.93	
≥ 1	1296	7.5	6.9	0.75	
< 5	606	7.5	8.2	0.93	
≥ 5	955	7.7	6.1	0.69	



Pas de bénéfice si  
CPS < 1 ou  
CPS < 5

## Objective response rate

PD-L1 CPS <sup>c</sup>	Number of patients, n	Objective response rate, %		Unweighted ORR difference, <sup>d</sup> %	Unweighted ORR difference, <sup>d</sup> % (95% CI)
		NIVO + chemo	Chemo		
<b>Overall (N = 1211)</b>					
Overall (N = 1211)		58	46	12	
< 1	178	51	41	9	
≥ 1	1019	60	46	13	
< 5	428	55	46	9	
≥ 5	769	60	45	15	



# KN-811 : Estomac & JOG HER2, intérêt du pembro en L1



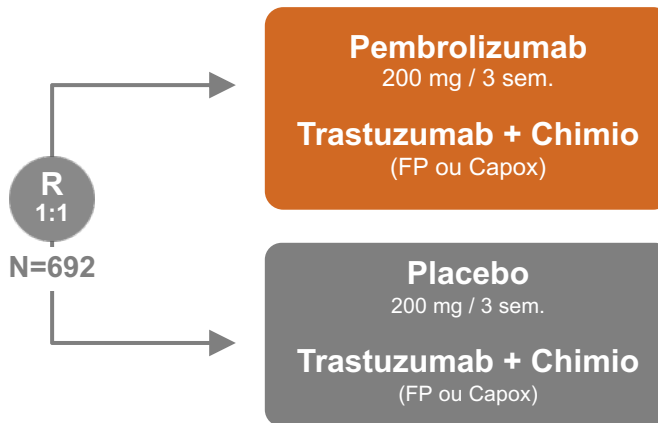
- **Standard L1 estomac M+ HER2+ :** Chimio (CF) + Trastuzumab (essai ToGA, Bang Lancet 2010)
- **Intérêt de l'immunothérapie + chimio dans les adénoK gastriques avancés HER2 négatifs en L1 :** démontré avec le nivo (Attraction 4, Checkmate 649) ; non démontré avec le Pembro (KN-062).
- **Synergie de Pembro + Trastuzumab ?** (2 phases II : Janjigian et al Lancet Oncol 2020;21:821-31 ; Rha et al. JCO 2020 #3081)

## Phase III internationale

### ADK gastrique et JOG HER2+

- Avancés
- Non prétraités

*Stratification :  
région, CPS, choix de chimio*



### Objectif primaire :

- Survie globale
- Survie sans progression

### Objectifs secondaires :

- Taux de réponse
- Durée de réponse
- Tolérance



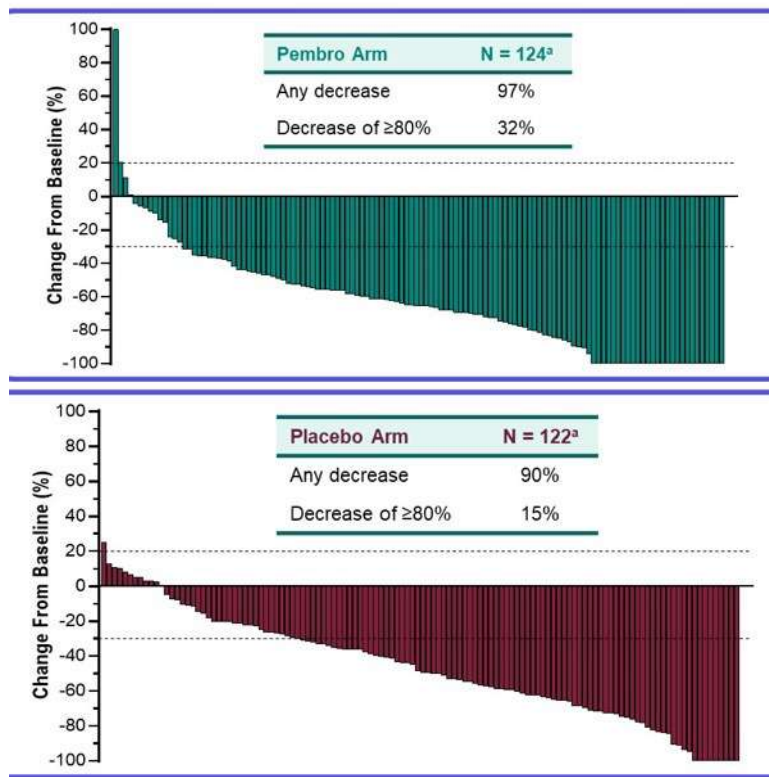
**1<sup>ère</sup> analyse intermédiaire pré-spécifiée**  
(taux de réponse chez 260 patients avec suivi ≥ 8,5 mois)

# KN-811 : Résultats d'efficacité, réponse tumorale objective

## Population :

- **N = 264**, Suivi médian 12 mois (8,5 – 19,4)
- 62 ans méd, Hommes ~80%, Estomac 70%, Diffus 20%
- HER2 IHC3+ : 80% / IHC2+ et ISH : 20%
- **CAPOX : 87% / FP 13%**

	Pembro (n = 133)	Placebo (n = 131)
<b>TRO</b>	<b>74,4%</b> [66,2 – 81,6]	<b>51,9%</b> [43 – 60,7]
	<i>p</i> = 0,00006	
DCR	96,2%	89,3%
RC	11%	3%
RP	63%	49%
SD	22%	37%
PD	4%	5%
<b>Durée de réponse</b>	<b>Pembro (n = 99)</b>	<b>Placebo (n = 68)</b>
Médiane	<b>10,6</b> [1,1+ - 16,5 +]	<b>9,5 mois</b> [1,4+ - 15,4 +]
≥ 6 mois	70,3%	61,4%
≥ 9 mois	58,4%	51,1%



# Conclusions for immunotherapy in GC

- **There is an activity of IO agents in mGC but the picture is complex !!!**
- **PDL1 expression remains controversial, the best score still needs to be define but CPS is rising (standardization)**
- **MSI and EBV appear to be good markers for IO agents**
- **Nivo + chemo seems to be a new standard first line treatment since ESMO 2020**
- **Ongoing trials (combinations, markers, HER2+ ...) will help to better select patients for IO**

What about esophageal cancer ?



# Cancer de l'œsophage avancé: CT+/-pembrolizumab KEYNOTE-590 (NCT030189719)

## Critères d'inclusion

- ▶ Carcinomes épidermoïdes ou ADK de l'œsophage ou de la JOG Siewert 1
- ▶ Non prétraités
- ▶ ECOG PS 0 ou 1
- ▶ Maladie mesurable (RECIST v1.1)

## Facteurs de stratification:

- Asie vs Non-As
- Epidermoïde vs ADK
- ECOG PS 0 vs 1



**Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W ≤ 35 cycles  
+ CT**

**5-FU 800 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV J1-5 Q3W pour ≤ 35 cycles +  
Cisplatine 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Q3W pour ≤ 6 cycles**

**Placebo<sup>a</sup>  
+ CT**

**5-FU 800 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV J1-5 Q3W pour ≤ 35 cycles +  
Cisplatine 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV Q3W pour ≤ 6 cycles**

## Critères principaux :

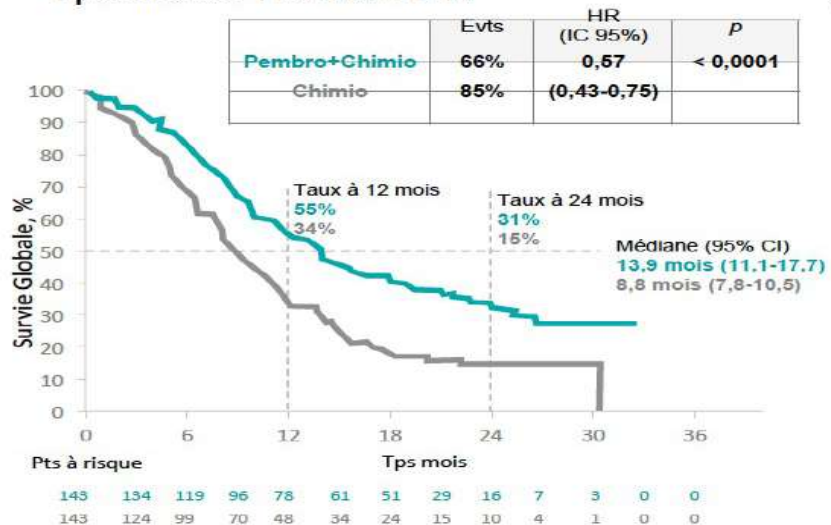
- ▶ SG et SSP (RECIST V1.1, investigator)

## Critères secondaires :

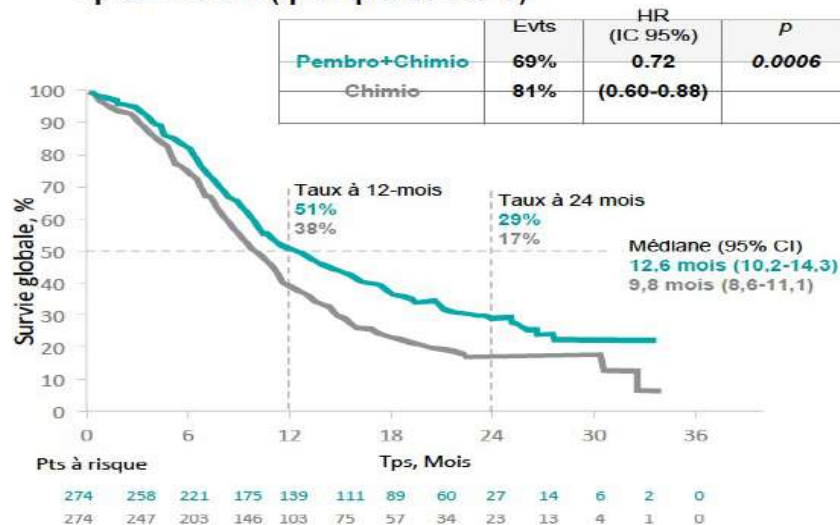
- ▶ Taux de réponse (RECIST v1.1, investigator)
- ▶ Taux de réponse à 9 semaines (RECIST v1.1, investigator)

# Cancer de l'œsophage avancés/ CT+/-pembrolizumab KEYNOTE-590 (NCT030189719) - Survie globale

## Epidermoïdes PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10

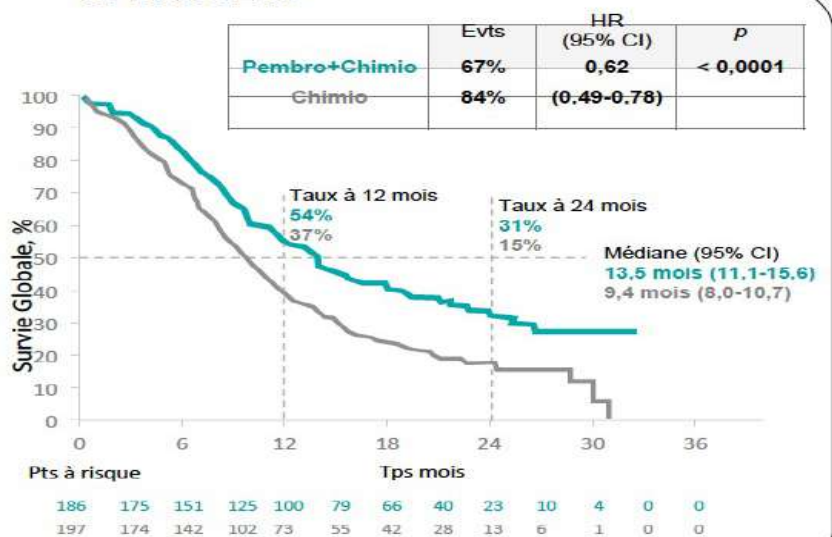


## Epidermoïdes (quel que soit CPS)

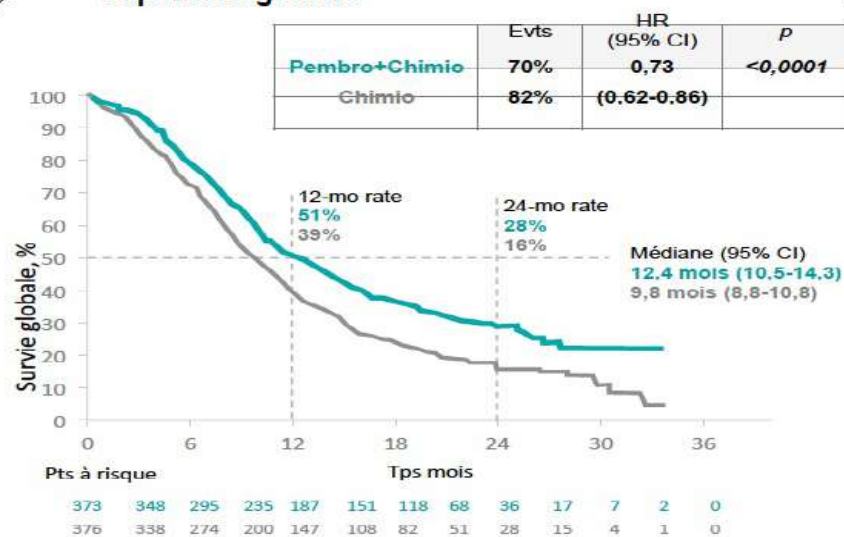


# Cancer de l'œsophage avancés/ CT+/-pembrolizumab KEYNOTE-590 (NCT030189719) - Survie globale

## PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10



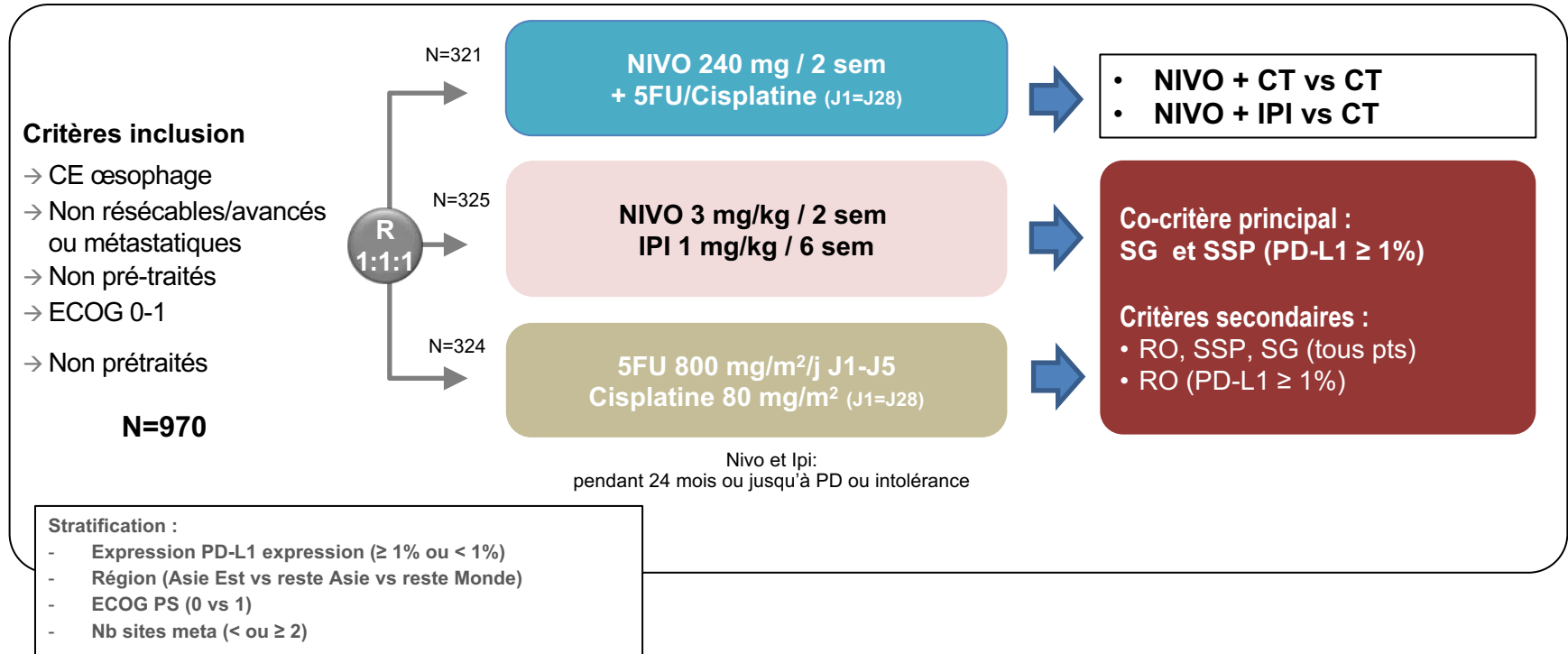
## Population globale



# Nivolumab en 1<sup>ère</sup> ligne des épidermoïdes de l'œsophage avancés



## ChekMate-648 - Design



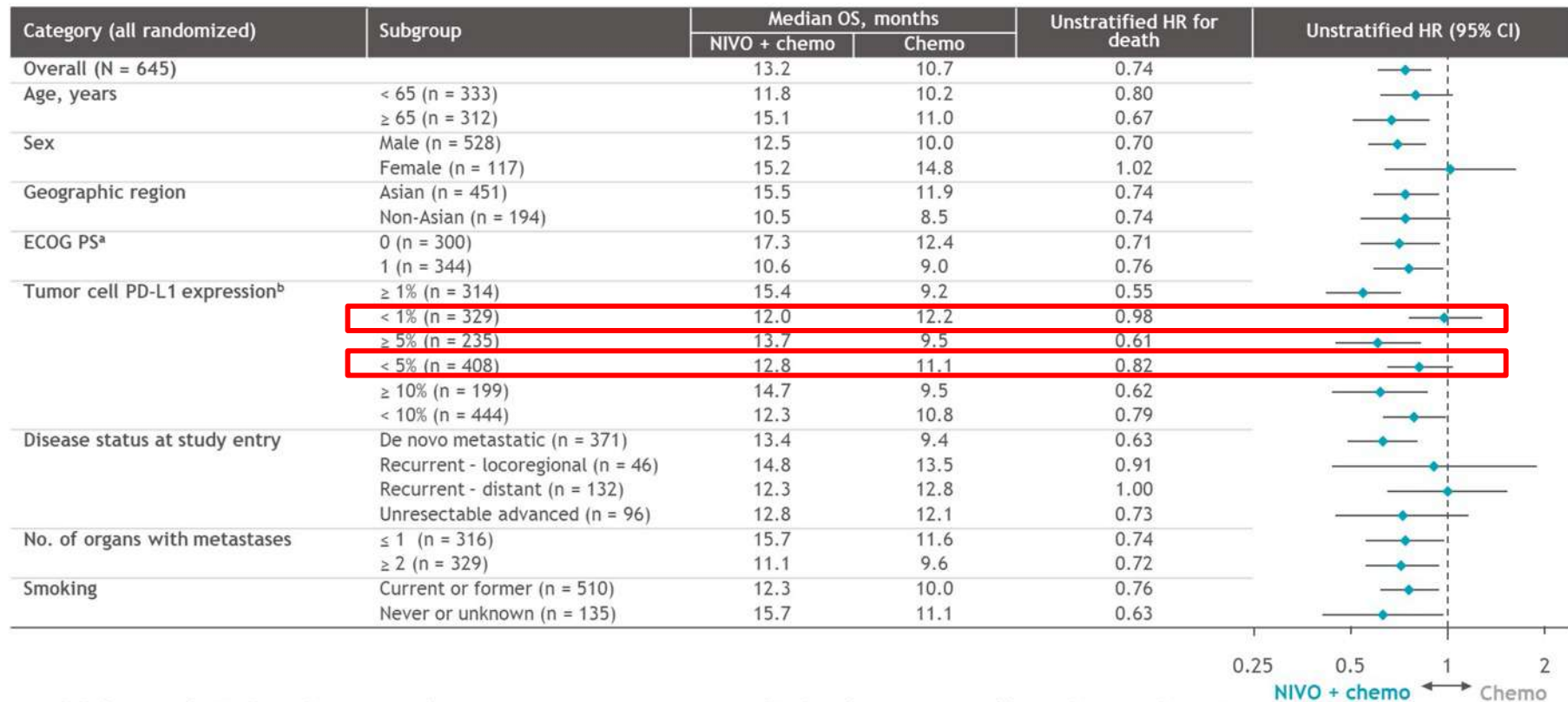
# Nivolumab en 1<sup>ère</sup> ligne des épidermoïdes de l'œsophage avancés

## ChekMate-648 – Caractéristiques des patients

All randomized	NIVO + chemo (n = 321)	NIVO + IPI (n = 325)	Chemo (n = 324) <sup>a</sup>
Median age, years (range)	64 (40-90)	63 (28-81)	64 (26-81)
Male, %	79	83	85
Asian/non-Asian, <sup>b</sup> %	70/30	70/30	70/30
ECOG PS 1, <sup>c</sup> %	54	54	53
ESCC, <sup>d</sup> %	97	99	98
Tumor cell PD-L1 expression, <sup>e</sup> %			
≥ 1%	49	49	48
< 1%	51	51	52
Disease status at study entry, %			
De novo metastatic	57	60	58
Recurrent - locoregional	7	8	8
Recurrent - distant	22	22	19
Unresectable advanced	14	10	16
Number of organs with metastases <sup>f</sup>			
≤ 1	49	49	49
≥ 2	51	51	51
Current or former smoker, %	79	82	79



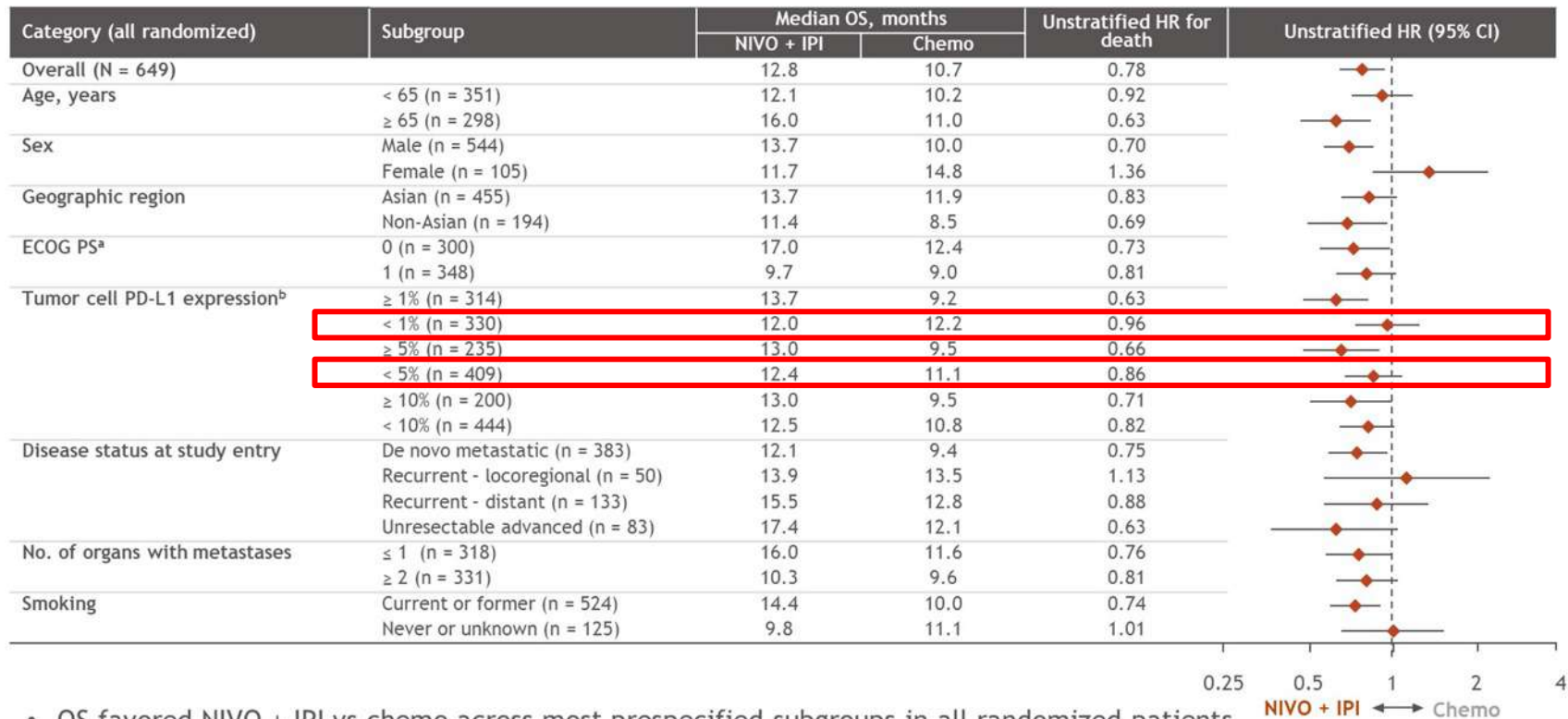
# ChekMate-648 – NIVO + CT vs CT : sous groupes







# ChekMate-648 – NIVO + IPI vs CT : sous groupes

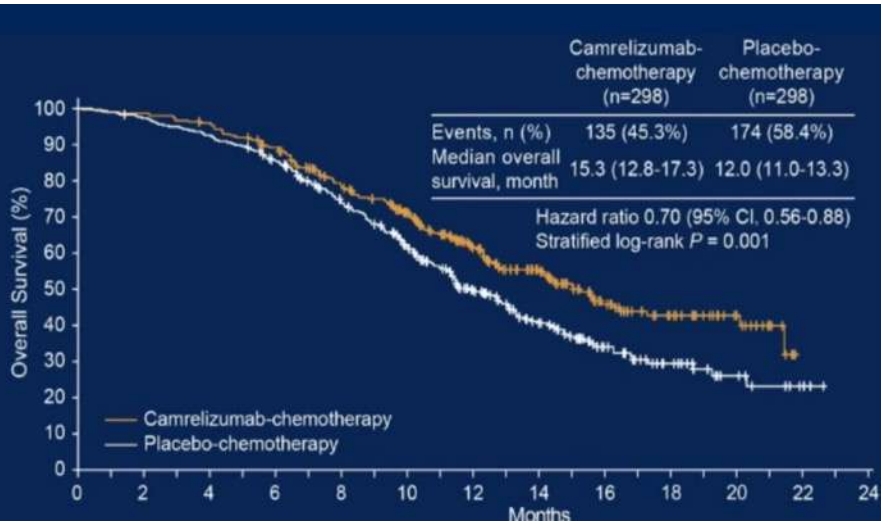


<sup>a</sup> OS favored NIVO + IPI vs chemo across most prespecified subgroups in all randomized patients

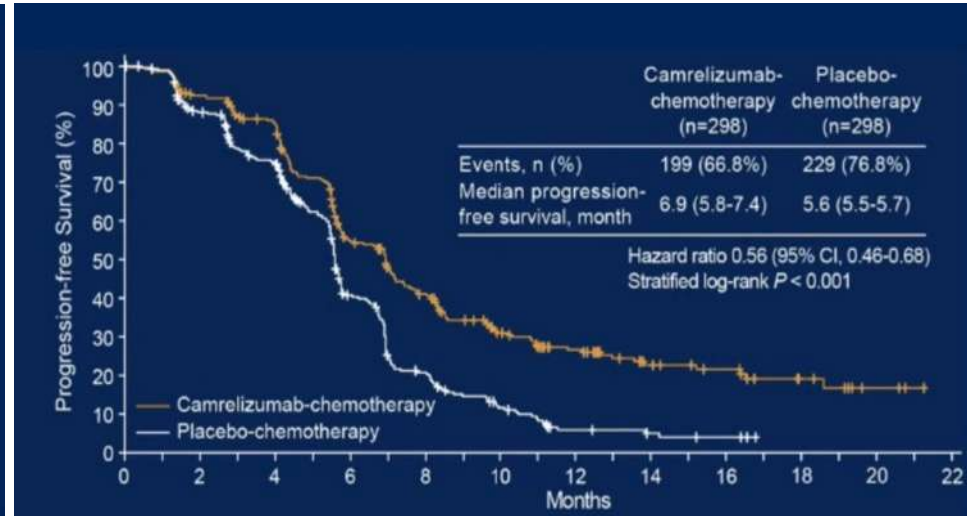
# Camrelizumab en L1 des épidermoïdes de l'œsophage avancés

ESCORT-1st – Critères principaux : SG et SSP (revue centralisée)

Survie globale



Survie sans progression



Chimio: par CDDP+ paclitaxel, pas d'analyse selon PDL1 ou CPS

# Œsophage L2 immuno – essais de phase III

Essai L2	Design	n	Site/histo	%	Asian	Objectif principal	Populations	SG	SSP
<b>Attraction 3</b>	<b>Nivolumab</b> vs Chimio (taxane)	419	Œso CE	CE : 100%	96%	SG	tous	<b>Positif</b> <b>HR : 0,77</b>	Négatif
<b>KN-181</b>	<b>Pembrolizumab</b> vs Chimio (taxane ou irino)	628	Œso CE ou ADK	CE : 64% ADK : 37%	39%	SG chez CPS≥10 chez CE Population totale	CPS≥10	<b>Positif</b> <b>HR : 0,69</b>	<b>Positif</b> <b>HR : 0,73</b>
							CE	<b>Positif</b> <b>HR : 0,78</b>	Négatif
							Pop totale	Négatif	Négatif
<b>ESCORT</b>	<b>Camrelizumab</b> vs Chimio (docétaxel ou irino)	457	Œso CE	CE : 100%	100%	SG	Tous	<b>Positif</b> <b>HR : 0,71</b>	<b>Positif</b> <b>HR : 0,69</b>
<b>RATIONALE 302</b>	<b>Tislelizumab</b> vs Chimio (taxane ou irino)	512	Œso CE	CE : 100%	79%	SG population totale	pop totale	<b>Positif</b> <b>HR : 0,70</b>	Négatif
							CPS ≥ 10	<b>Positif</b> <b>HR : 0,54</b>	-

Attraction 3 : Kato K et al, Lancet Oncol 2019  
 KN-181 : Kojima T et al, JCO 2020  
 ESCORT : Huang J et al, Lancet Oncol 2020  
 Rationale 302 : Chen L et al, ASCO 2021 #4012

# Nivolumab adjuvant des cancers de l'œsophage ou de la JOG opérés après radiochimiothérapie (RCT)

## Étude CheckMate 577

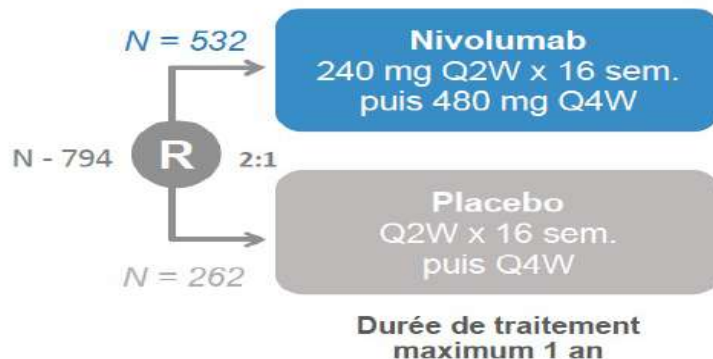
### Design

#### Critères d'inclusion

- Cancer de l'œsophage/JOG stade II/III
- Adénocarcinome ou carcinome épidermoïde
- RCT néoadjuvante + chirurgie (R0, dans les 4-16 sem. avant randomisation)
- Tumeur résiduelle  $\geq$  ypT1 or  $\geq$  ypN1
- ECOG PS 0-1

#### Stratification

- Histologie (épidermoïde vs adénocarcinome)
- Statut ganglionnaire ( $\geq$  ypN1 vs ypN0)
- Expression PD-L1 cell. tumorales ( $\geq$  1% vs < 1%)



#### Critère principal :

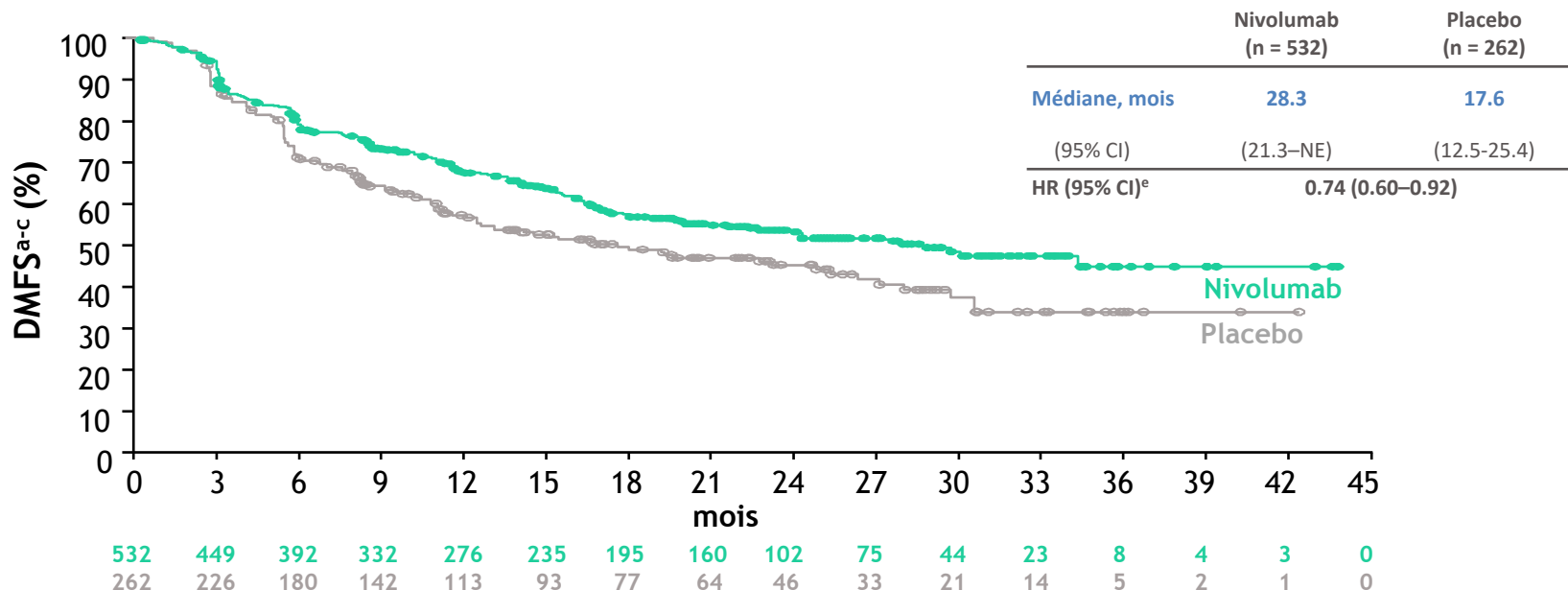
- SSM

#### Critères secondaires :

- SG
- Taux de SG à 1, 2 et 3 ans

# Nivolumab adjuvant des cancers de l'œsophage opérés après RCT

## ChekMate-577 – Survie sans récidive métastatique



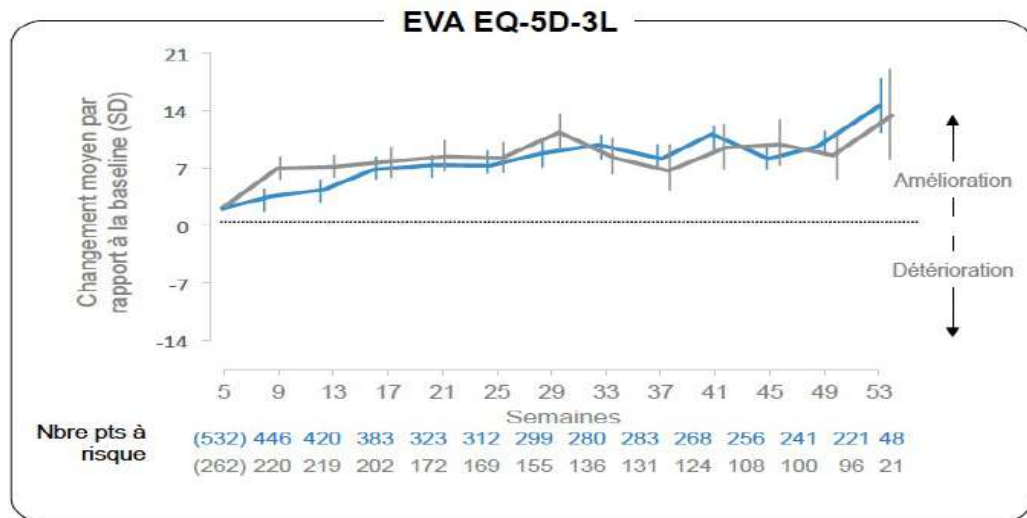
- Taux de récidive à distance (29% vs 39%) et de récidive locorégionale (12% vs 17%) diminués avec le nivolumab

# Nivolumab adjuvant des cancers de l'œsophage ou de la JOG opérés après radiochimiothérapie (RCT)

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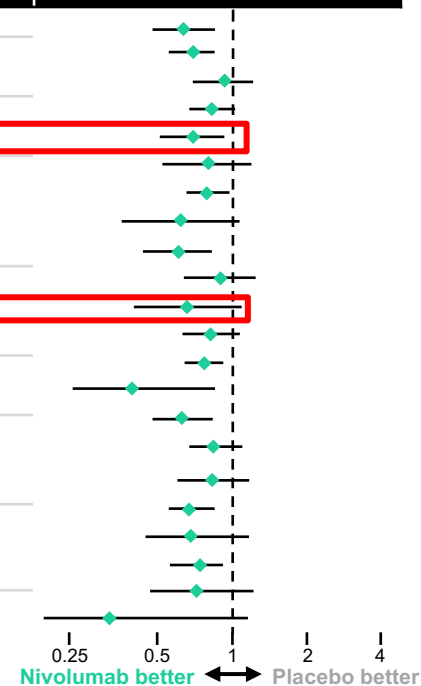
Résultats – Tolérance et Qualité de vie

	Nivolumab N = 532	Placebo N = 260
El tout grade (%)	376 (71)	119 (46)
El grade 3-4 (%)	71 (13)	15 (6)
El graves (%)	40 (8)	7 (3)
El conduisant à l'arrêt du traitement (%)	48 (9)	8 (3)



# ChekMate-577 – Analyse de sous-groupe SSM

Category	Subgroup	Median DFS, mo		Unstratified HR	Unstratified HR (95% CI)
		Nivolumab	Placebo		
Overall	N = 794	22.4	11.0	0.70	
Localisation tumorale	Esophagus (n = 462)	24.0	8.3	0.61	
	Gastroesophageal junction (n = 332)	22.4	20.6	0.87	
Type Histologique	Adenocarcinoma (n = 563)	19.4	11.1	0.75	
	Squamous cell carcinoma (n = 230)	29.7	11.0	0.61	
Expression PD-L1 - % cellules tum.	≥ 1% (n = 129)	19.7	14.1	0.75	
	< 1% (n = 570)	21.3	11.1	0.73	
	Indeterminate/nonevaluable (n = 95)	Not reached	9.5	0.54	
Expression PD-L1 - CPS	≥ 5 (n = 371)	29.4	10.2	0.62	
	< 5 (n = 295)	16.3	11.1	0.89	
	Missing/nonevaluable (n = 128)	Not reached	10.8	0.61	
Envahissement ganglionnaire	ypN0 (n = 336)	Not reached	27.0	0.74	
	≥ ypN1 (n = 457)	14.8	7.6	0.67	
Stade tumoral	ypT0 (n = 47)	34.0	5.2	0.35	
	ypT1 or ypT2 (n = 308)	28.3	9.3	0.60	
	ypT3 or ypT4 (n = 436)	18.9	14.1	0.84	
Temps entre chir et randomisation	< 10 weeks (n = 256)	24.0	14.1	0.84	
	≥ 10 weeks (n = 538)	21.4	10.8	0.66	
Dose radiotherapy	< 41.4 Gray (n = 92 <sup>d</sup> )	19.7	13.8	0.69	
	41.4-50.4 Gray (n = 504)	24.0	11.1	0.73	
	> 50.4 Gray (n = 152)	21.4	8.3	0.72	
	Not reported (n = 41)	14.4	6.1	0.41	



## To conclude

- **Colorectal cancer:**

Pembrolizumab a new standard for first line treatment in MSI-H mCRC (KN177)

Interesting results in the neoadjuvant setting (NICHE, MDA)

no strong signal for MSS (Module, IMBLAZE)

- **Gastric cancer:**

Chemotherapy + Nivolumab a standard 1st line in CPS >5 (CM649)

Maintenance therapy is not working with immunotherapy (PLATFORM, Javelin Gastric 100)

Immunotherapy alone : no strong signal in Caucasians but works in Asians (ATTRACTION, ESCORT...)

- **Esophageal cancer (ESCC and AdK):**

Adjuvant Nivolumab the 1st adjuvant treatment for this disease regardless of CPS (CM577)

Chemo + pembrolizumab a new standard 1st line in advanced diseases CPS >10 (KN590)

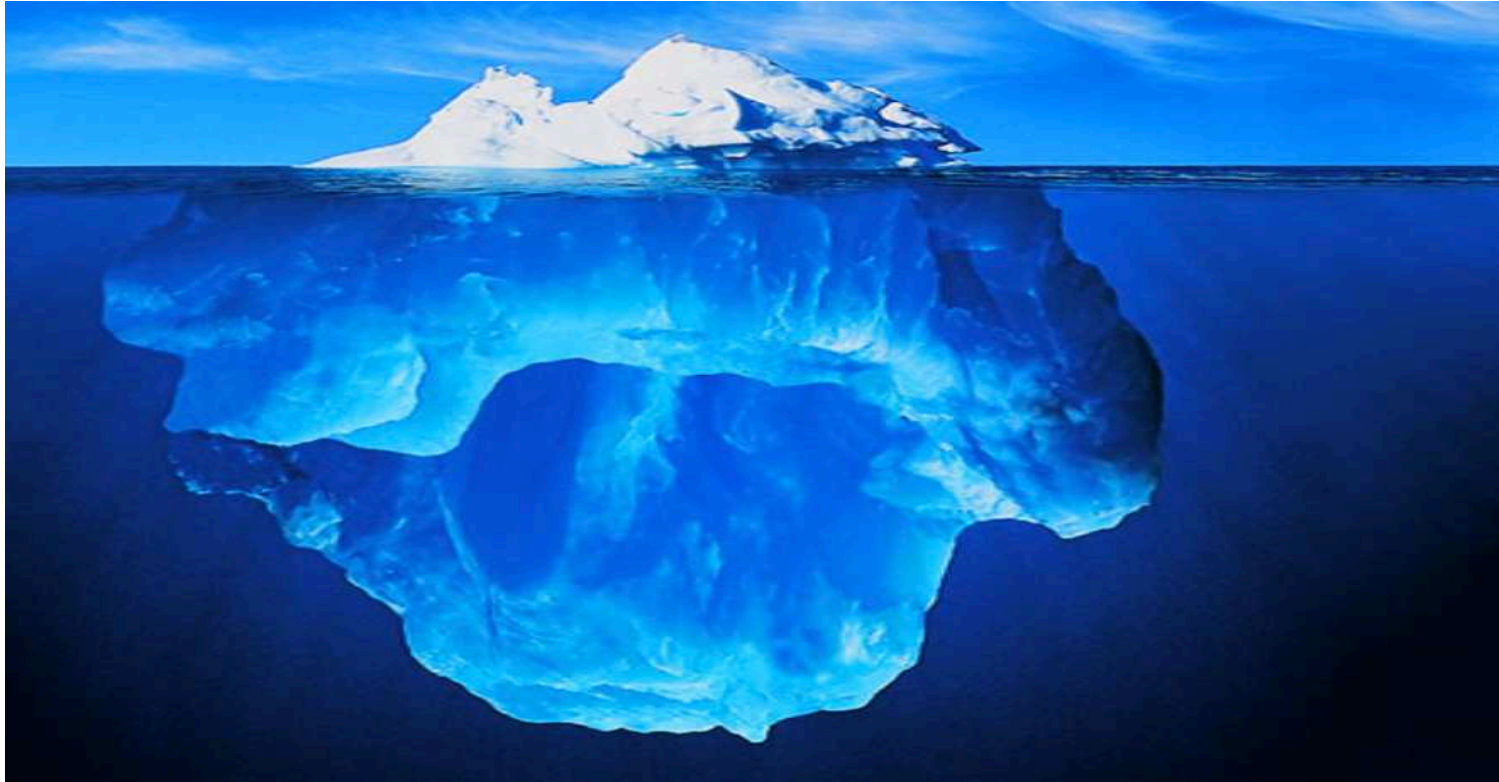
Chemo + Nivo a new standard for ESCC in PDL1 >1% (CM648)

Immunotherapy is efficient in second line also (KN181, ...)

Neoadjuvant has to be explored



# STILL A LOT OF WORK



# THANK YOU

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