

Bringing Treatment Into Focus: Biomarker-Driven First-Line Therapy for Metastatic Gastric/GEJ Cancers

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Case 1

Case Presentation

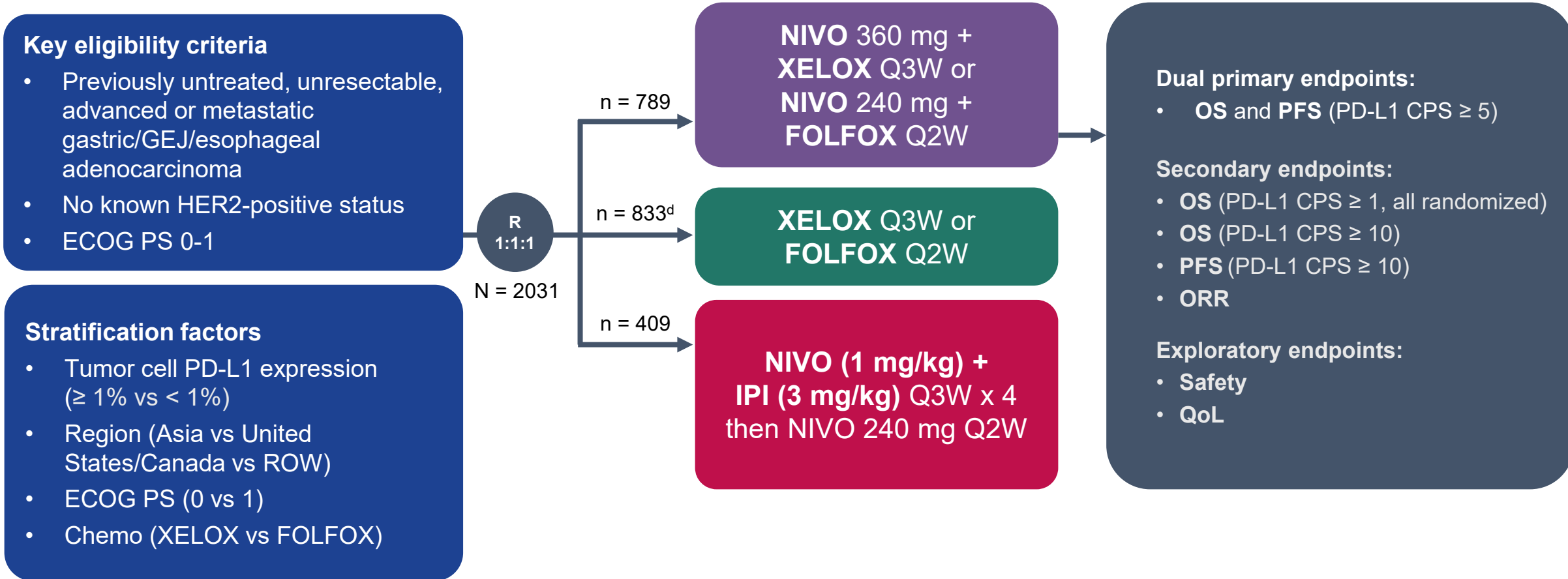
- 62-year-old man with dark stools and reflux symptoms
- Upper endoscopy shows a large infiltrative and ulcerated non-circumferential mass with stigmata of recent bleeding in the lesser curvature of stomach
- Pathology shows invasive adenocarcinoma with signet ring cell features
- CT chest/abdomen/pelvis shows concentric soft tissue density thickening of the gastric antrum

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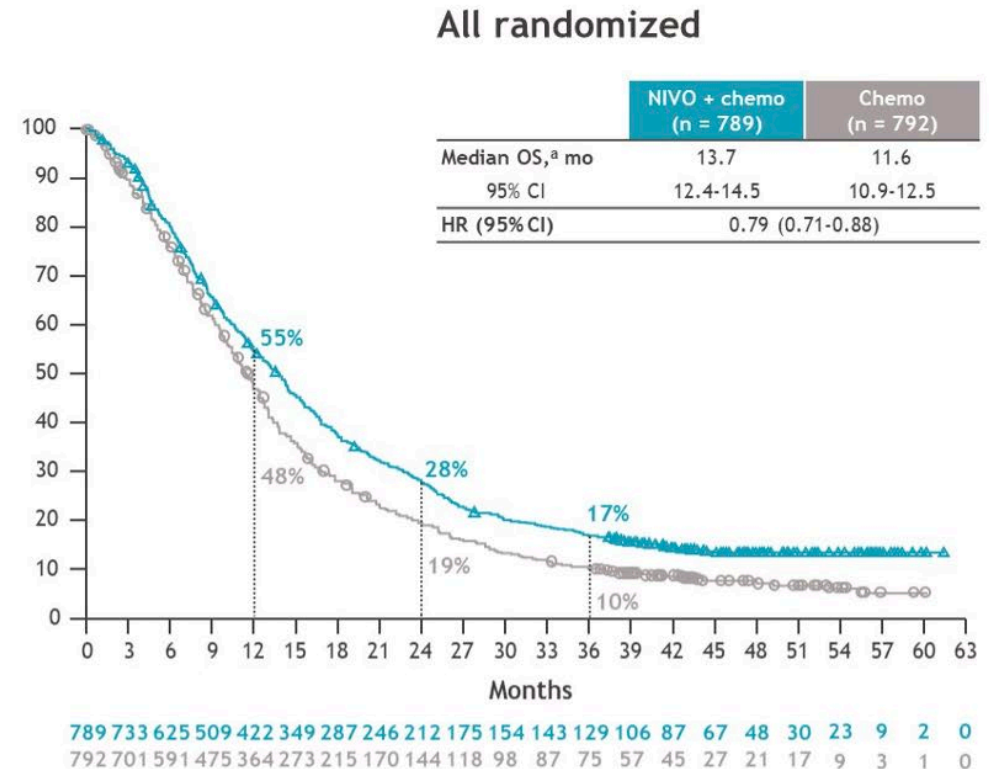
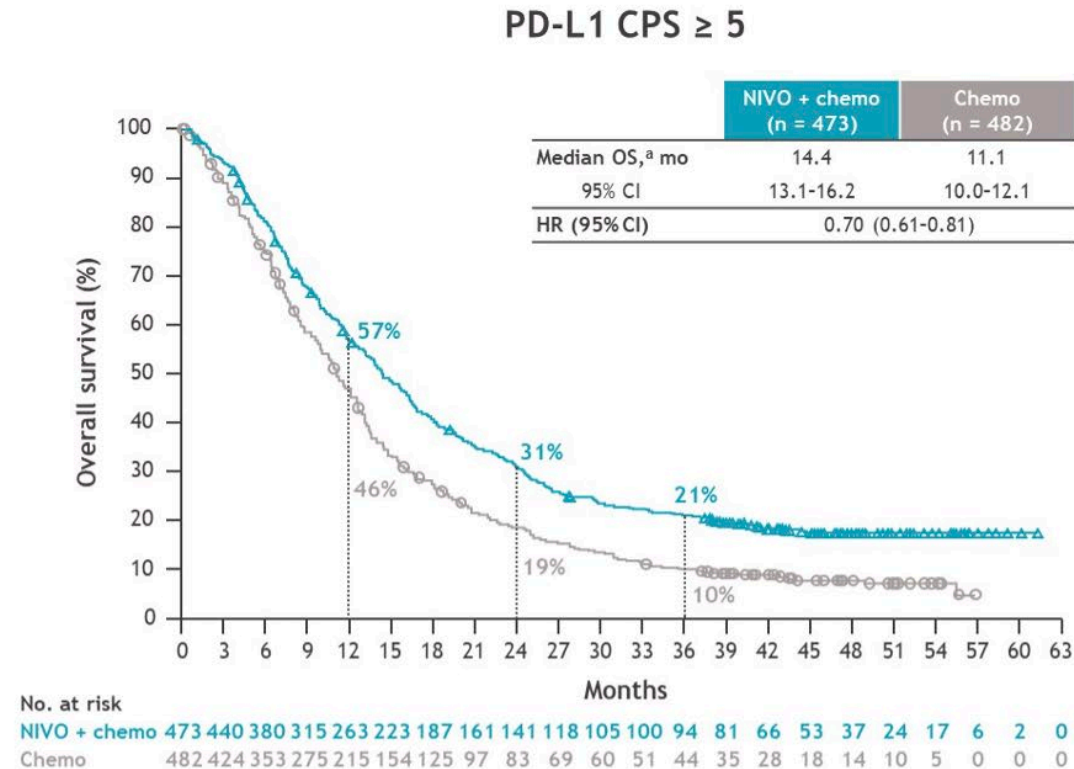
- Diagnostic laparoscopy shows peritoneal nodules
- Biopsy confirms signet ring adenocarcinoma
 - Consistent with history of gastric primary
- Biomarker testing performed
 - HER2 IHC: 0
 - **PD-L1 CPS: 6**
 - CLDN 18.2 IHC: 1+, 30%
- Started on FOLFOX + nivolumab
- Repeat CT chest/abdomen/pelvis showing stable disease for 9 months

CheckMate 649: Study Design

- CheckMate 649 is a randomized, open-label, global phase 3 study



CheckMate 649: Overall Survival

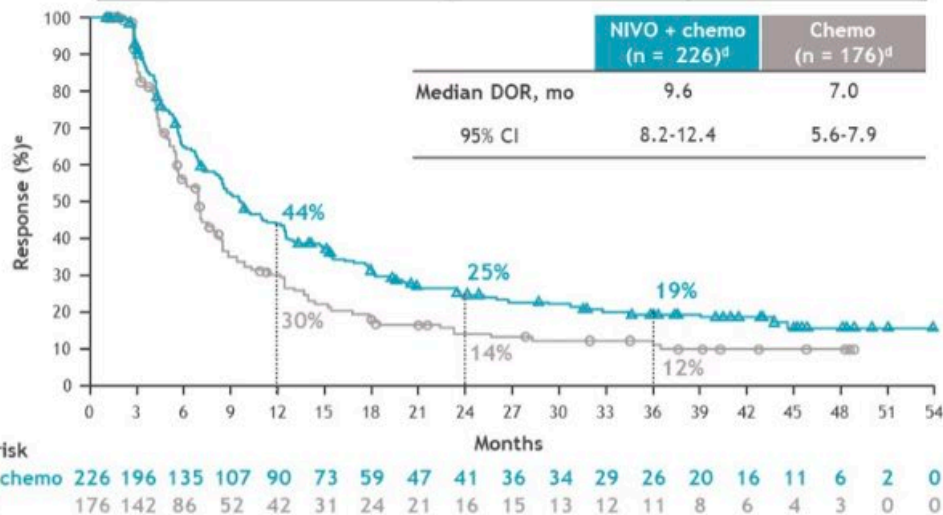


- Clinically meaningful improvement in OS with NIVO + chemo vs chemo was maintained with longer follow-up in PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5 and all randomized populations

CheckMate 649: Response and Duration of Response

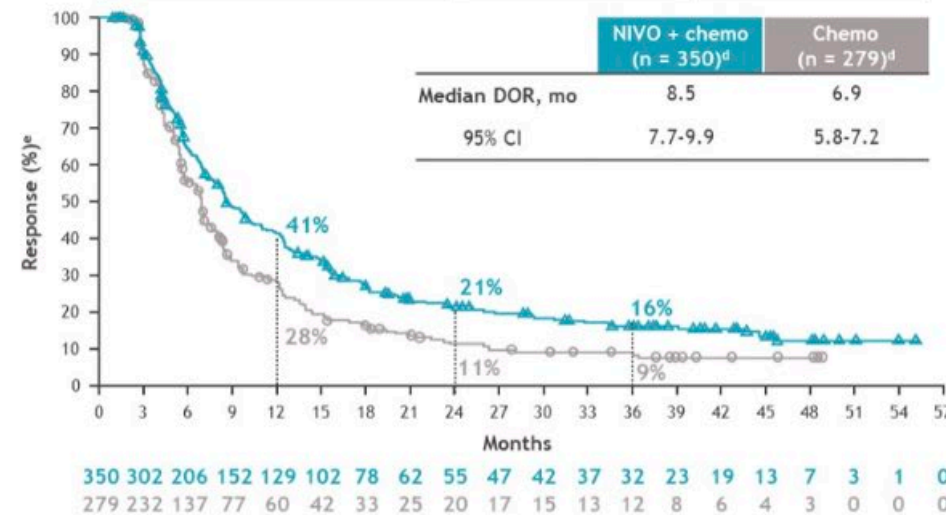
PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5

Response per BICR	NIVO + chemo (n = 378) ^a	Chemo (n = 390) ^a
ORR, ^b % (95% CI)	60 (55-65)	45 (40-50)
CR	13	7
PR	47	38
SD	28	34
PD	7	11



All randomized

Response per BICR	NIVO + chemo (n = 602) ^a	Chemo (n = 607) ^a
ORR, ^c % (95% CI)	58 (54-62)	46 (42-50)
CR	11	7
PR	47	39
SD	28	33
PD	7	10



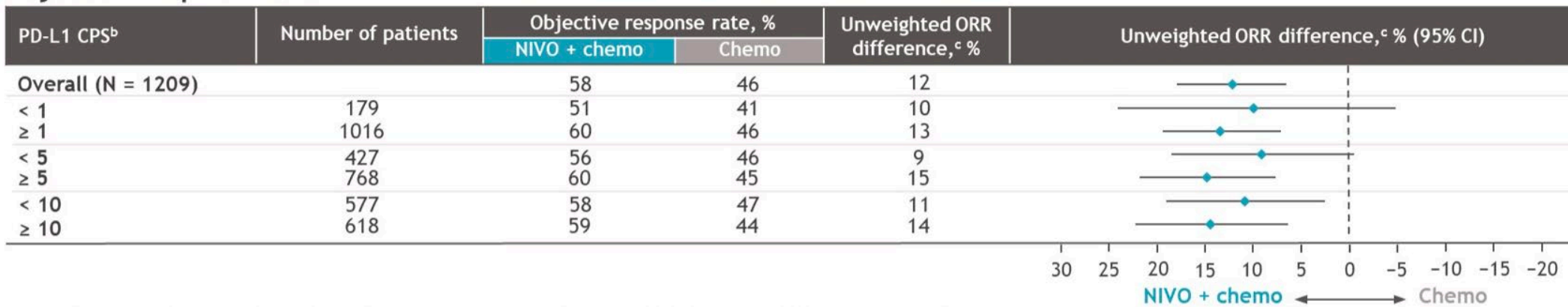
- Higher ORR was maintained, and responses remained more durable with NIVO + chemo vs chemo with longer follow-up

CheckMate 649: Subgroup Analysis

Overall survival



Objective response rate

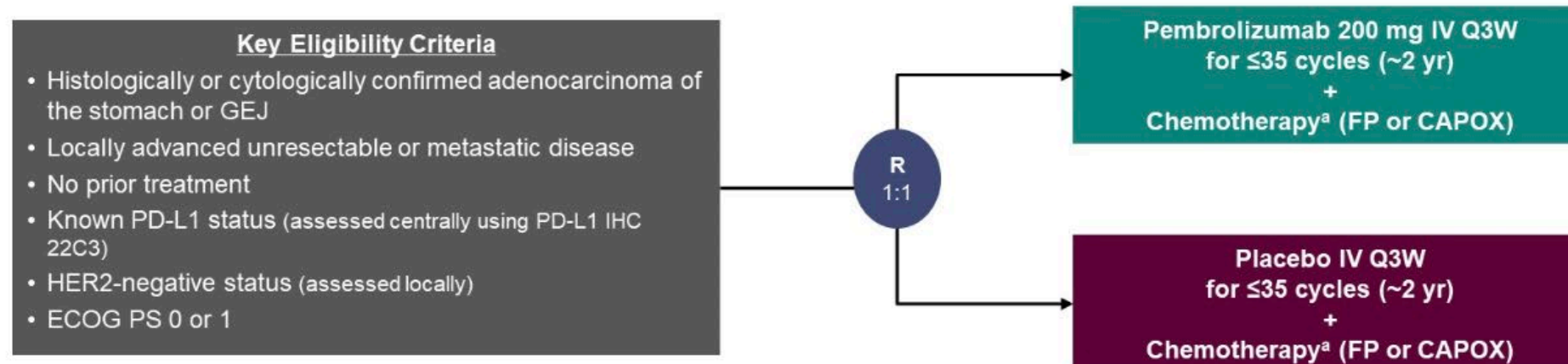


- OS benefit with NIVO + chemo was enriched at higher PD-L1 CPS cutoffs
- ORR was higher vs chemo across all PD-L1 CPS subgroups

^aPD-L1 CPS expression indeterminate/nonevaluable/not reported, n = 19; ^bRandomized patients who had target lesion measurements at baseline, per BICR. PD-L1 CPS expression indeterminate/nonevaluable/not reported, n = 14; ^cPercentages may not reflect an exact difference due to rounding.

KEYNOTE-859: Study Design

Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Trial



Stratification Factors

- Geographic region (Europe/Israel/North America/Australia vs Asia vs rest of world)
- PD-L1 CPS (<1 vs ≥1)
- Choice of chemotherapy^a (FP vs CAPOX)

• **Primary End Point:** OS

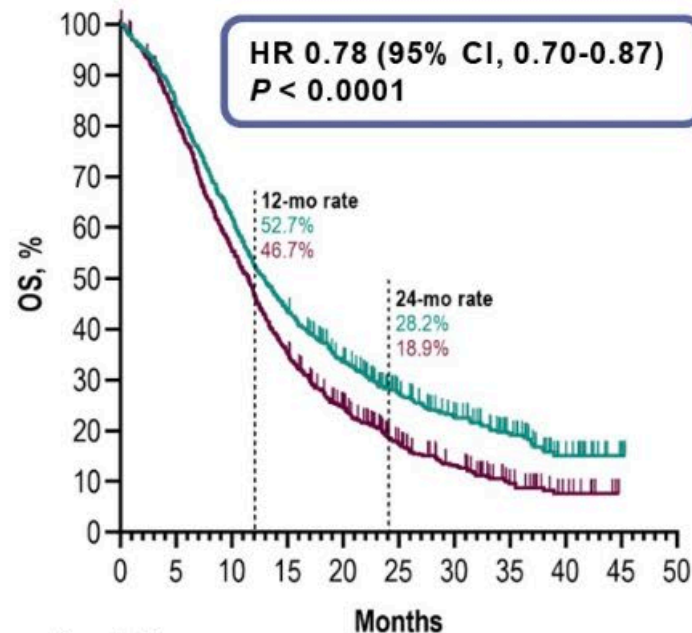
• **Secondary End Points:** PFS,^b ORR,^b DOR,^b and safety

• **Alpha-controlled analyses:** OS, PFS, and ORR in the overall, PD-L1 CPS ≥1, and PD-L1 CPS ≥10 populations

KEYNOTE-859: OS (Primary Endpoint)

Overall¹

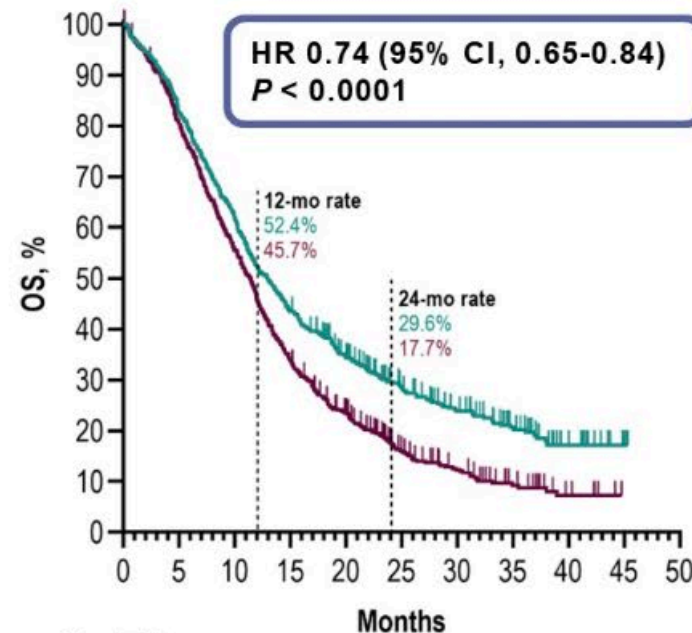
	Pts w/ Event	Median (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	76.3%	12.9 (11.9-14.0)
Placebo + chemo	84.4%	11.5 (10.6-12.1)



No. at risk										
0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
790	663	490	343	240	143	95	55	19	3	0
789	636	434	274	169	95	58	26	10	0	0

PD-L1 CPS ≥1

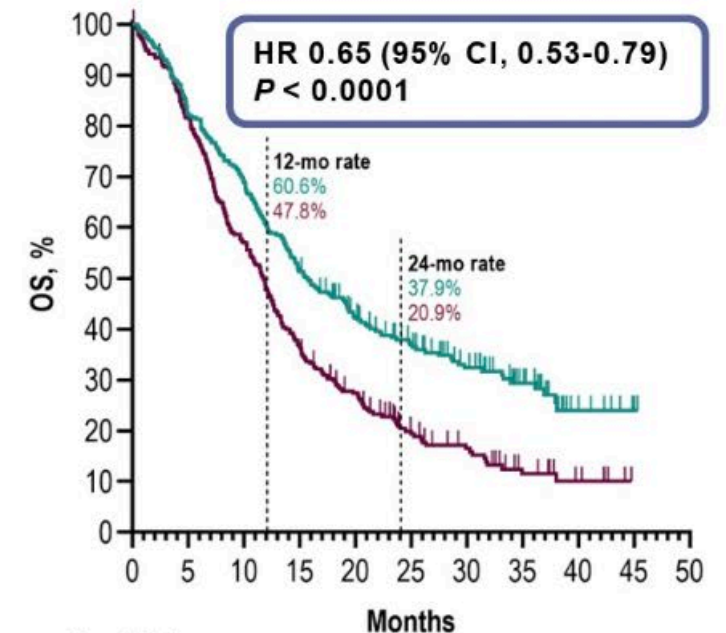
	Pts w/ Event	Median (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	75.1%	13.0 (11.6-14.2)
Placebo + chemo	85.3%	11.4 (10.5-12.0)



No. at risk										
0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
618	511	383	269	192	121	81	46	17	3	0
617	493	339	206	126	66	41	20	7	0	0

PD-L1 CPS ≥10

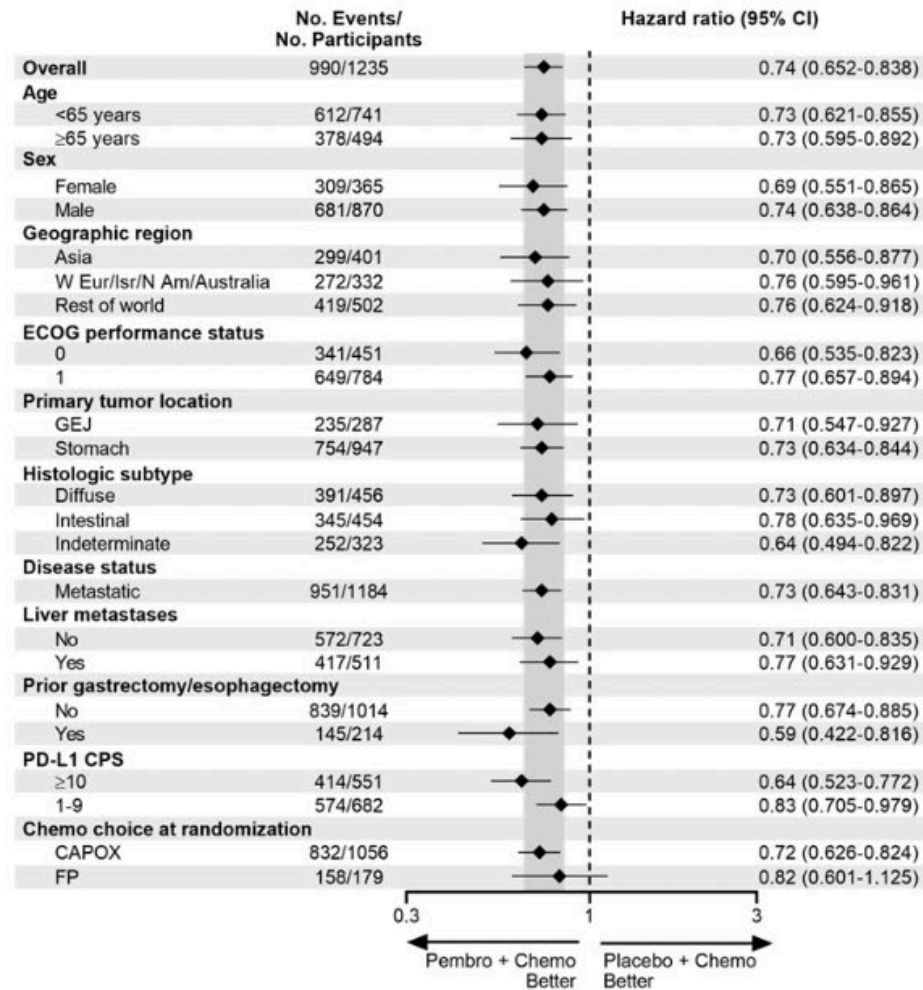
	Pts w/ Event	Median (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	67.4%	15.7 (13.8-19.3)
Placebo + chemo	83.1%	11.8 (10.3-12.7)



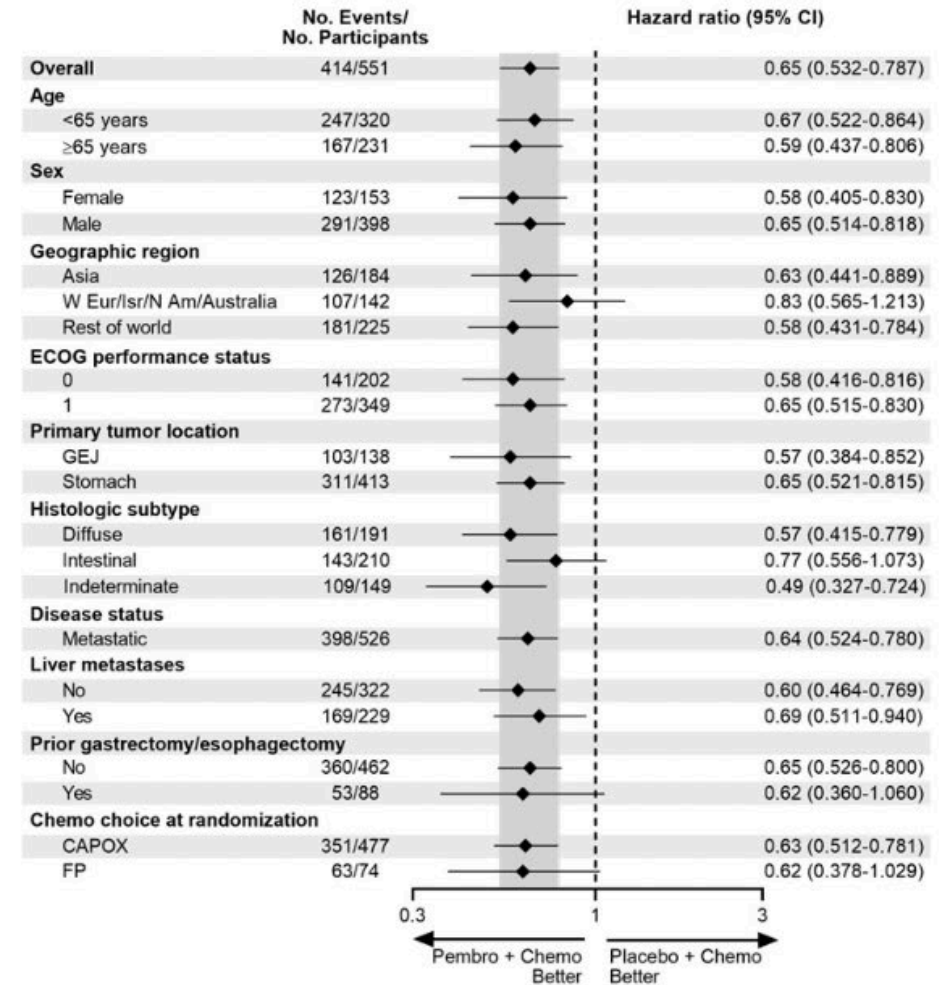
No. at risk										
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279	230	193	143	104	76	52	30	10	2	0
272	220	154	99	67	37	26	12	6	0	0

KEYNOTE-859: OS in Subgroups

PD-L1 CPS ≥1



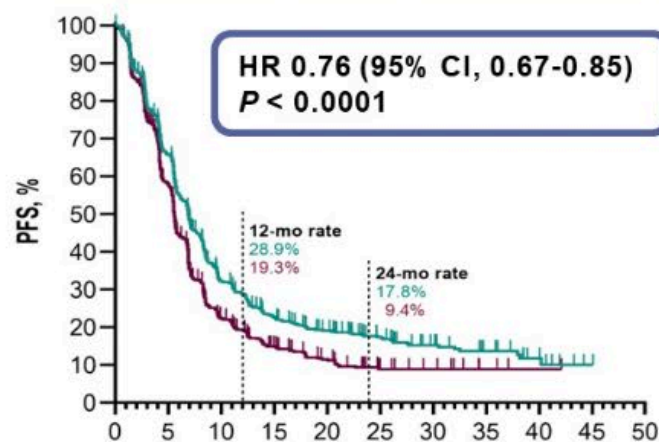
PD-L1 CPS ≥10



KEYNOTE-859: Secondary Endpoints

Overall¹

	Pts w/ Event	Median PFS (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	72.4%	6.9 (6.3-7.2)
Placebo + chemo	77.1%	5.6 (5.5-5.7)

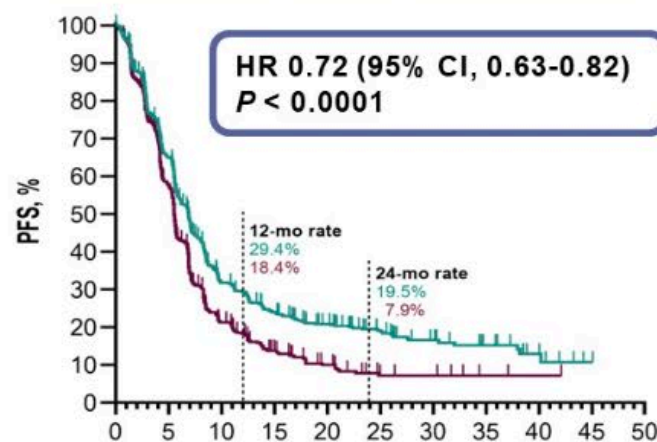


No. at risk		Months										
		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
Pembro + Chemo	790	461	199	131	94	63	36	22	9	1	0	0
Placebo + Chemo	789	407	130	71	41	19	11	3	1	0	0	0

	Pembro + Chemo	Placebo + Chemo
ORR, % (95% CI)	51.3% (47.7-54.8)	42.0% (38.5-45.5)
Δ (95% CI)	9.3 (4.4-14.1); P = 0.00009	
mDOR (range)	8.0 mo (1.2+ - 41.5+)	5.7 mo (1.3+ - 34.7+)

PD-L1 CPS ≥1

	Pts w/ Event	Median PFS (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	71.7%	6.9 (6.0-7.2)
Placebo + chemo	78.3%	5.6 (5.4-5.7)

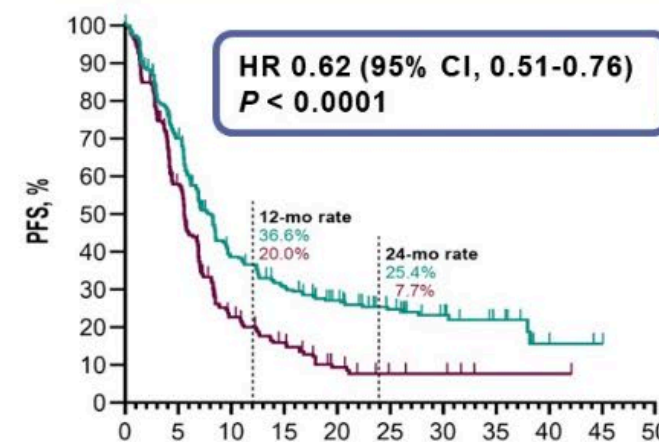


No. at risk		Months										
		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
Pembro + Chemo	618	356	156	112	82	57	33	21	8	1	0	0
Placebo + Chemo	617	317	97	51	26	11	8	2	1	0	0	0

	Pembro + Chemo	Placebo + Chemo
ORR, % (95% CI)	52.1% (48.1-56.1)	42.6% (38.7-46.6)
Δ (95% CI)	9.5 (3.9-15.0); P = 0.00041	
mDOR (range)	8.3 mo (1.2+ - 41.5+)	5.6 mo (1.3+ - 34.2+)

PD-L1 CPS ≥10

	Pts w/ Event	Median PFS (95% CI), mo
Pembro + chemo	68.1%	8.1 (6.8-8.5)
Placebo + chemo	77.2%	5.6 (5.4-6.7)



No. at risk		Months										
		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
Pembro + Chemo	279	176	90	69	52	37	23	14	3	1	0	0
Placebo + Chemo	272	138	44	27	12	6	5	1	1	0	0	0

	Pembro + Chemo	Placebo + Chemo
ORR, % (95% CI)	60.6% (54.6-66.3)	43.0% (37.1-49.1)
Δ (95% CI)	17.5 (9.3-23.5); P = 0.00002	
mDOR (range)	10.9 mo (1.2+ - 41.5+)	5.8 mo (1.4+ - 31.2+)

ASCO Guidelines Recommendations

Recommendation	Type	Evidence Quality	Strength
<p>1.1. For HER2-negative patients with gastric adenocarcinoma and PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5, first-line therapy with nivolumab in combination with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-based chemotherapy is recommended.</p> <p><i>Qualifying statements:</i></p> <p><i>For HER2-negative patients with gastric adenocarcinoma and PD-L1 CPS 1-5, first-line therapy with nivolumab in combination with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-based chemotherapy may be considered on a case-by-case basis.</i></p> <p><i>For HER2-negative patients with gastric adenocarcinoma and PD-L1 CPS 0, first-line therapy with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-based chemotherapy, without the addition of nivolumab, is recommended.</i></p>	EB	M	S
<p>1.2. For HER2-negative patients with esophageal or GEJ adenocarcinoma, first-line therapy with nivolumab for patients with PD-L1 CPS ≥ 5, or pembrolizumab for PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10, in combination with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-based chemotherapy is recommended.</p> <p><i>Qualifying statements:</i></p> <p><i>For HER2-negative patients with esophageal or GEJ adenocarcinoma, first-line therapy with nivolumab for patients with PD-L1 CPS 1-5, or pembrolizumab for patients with PD-L1 CPS 1-10, in combination with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-based chemotherapy, may be recommended on a case-by-case basis.</i></p> <p><i>For HER2-negative patients with gastric adenocarcinoma and PD-L1 CPS 0 or PD-L1 TPS 0%, first-line therapy with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-based chemotherapy, without the addition of PD-1 inhibitors, is recommended.</i></p>	EB	L	S

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Case 2

Gastric/GEJ Adenocarcinoma: HER2-/PD-L1-/CLDN 18.2+

- 60-year-old man with a history of *Helicobacter pylori*+ gastritis 5 years ago, treated and monitored for clearance
- Presents with anemia, epigastric pain with eating, and a 25-pound weight loss
- EGD: Fungating mass in the gastric antrum, biopsy shows poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma
- CT scan: 3-5 cm bilobar hepatic metastases, gastric wall mass, perigastric and retroperitoneal lymph node metastases
- PMH: HTN, elevated cholesterol
- ECOG 1, lab evaluation within normal limits

Gastric/GEJ Adenocarcinoma: HER2- / PD-L1- / CLDN 18.2+ (cont'd)

- Tumor testing is HER2- by IHC, MMRp, PD-L1 CPS < 1%, claudin 18.2 90%
- NGS: p53 mutation, MSS, HER2 non-amplified
- What is optimal chemotherapy and targeted agent?
 - FOLFOX + pembro or nivo
 - FOLFOX + zolbetuximab

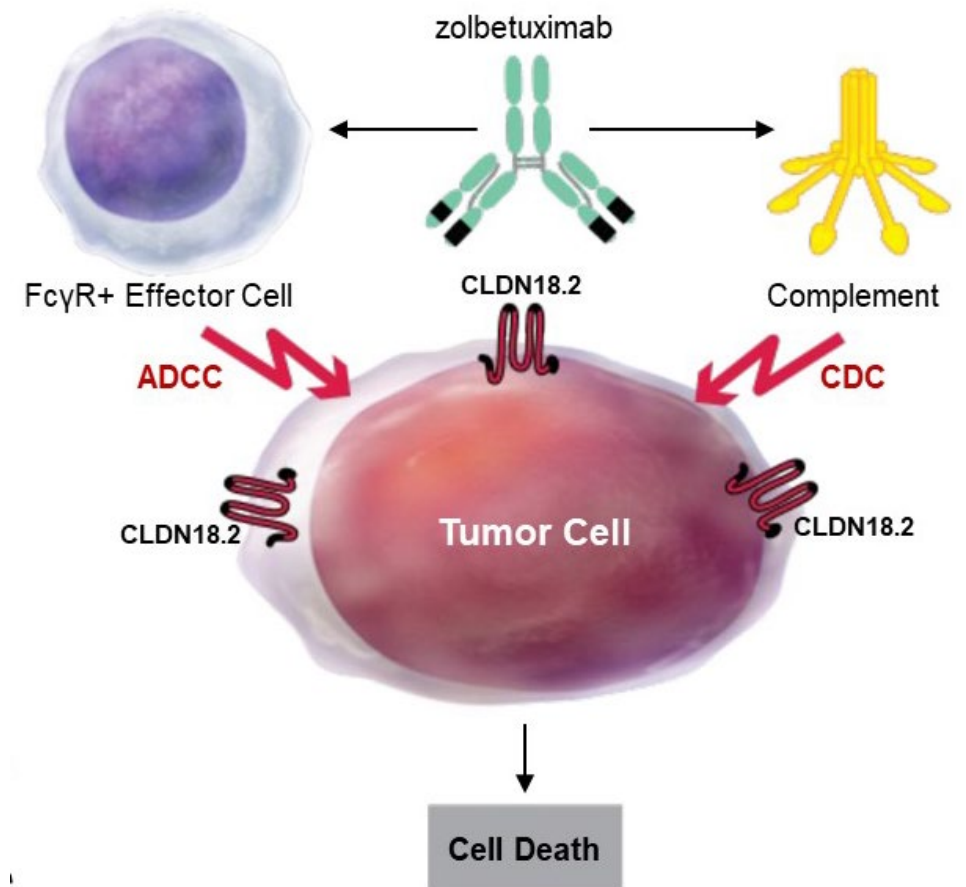
Minimum Biomarker Testing in a Newly Diagnosed M1 Esophagogastric Cancer

- 1) IHC for HER2
 - 2) IHC for DNA mismatch repair protein deficiency
 - Gastric cancer: 7%
 - Esophageal cancer: < 1%
 - 3) IHC for PD-L1, combined positive score
- IHC for claudin 18.2 will become standard, positive if 75% of cells +
 - NGS
 - Covers HER2 and other gene amplification
 - Validate MSI MSS
 - Tests for rare but targetable genes
 - NTRK gene fusion, BRAF V600E, RET gene fusion
 - Blood-based genomic testing if tissue unavailable

Zolbetuximab and Claudin 18.2

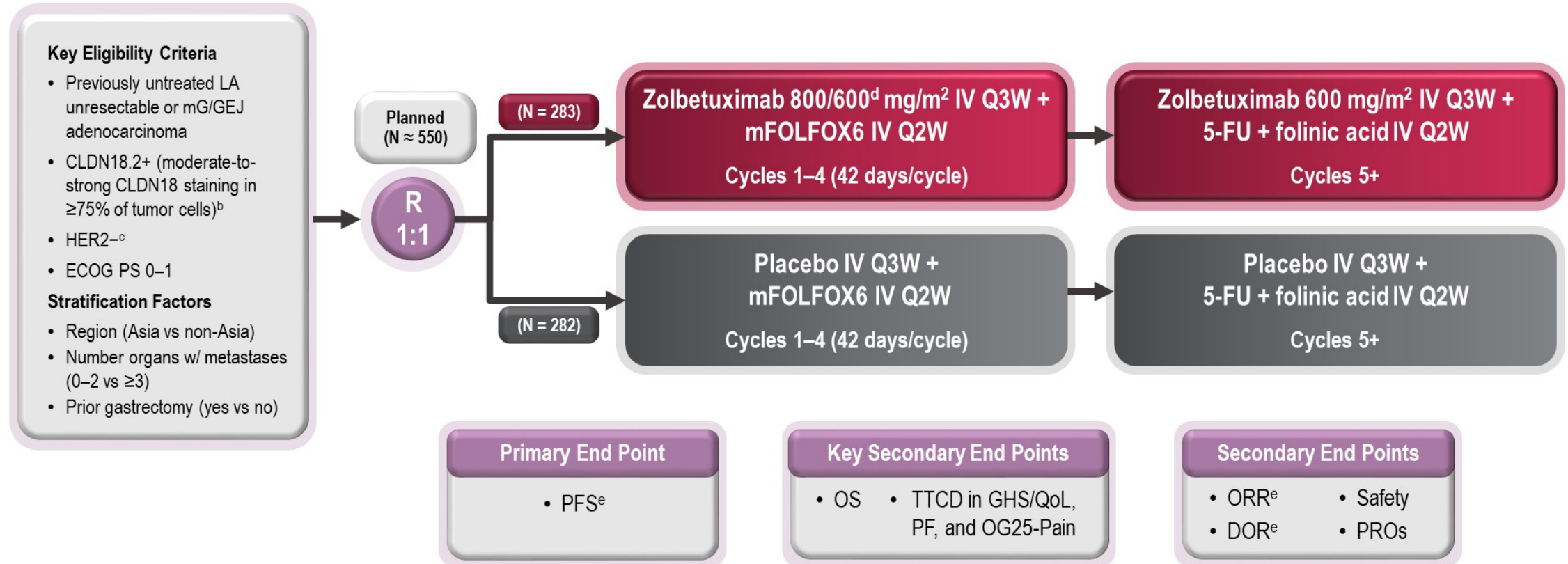
- CLDN 18.2 is a tight junction protein that is normally expressed in gastric cells and retained in gastric/GEJ adenocarcinoma
- CLDN 18.2 may become exposed on the surface of gastric/GEJ adenocarcinoma cells, making it a promising target
- Zolbetuximab is a first-in-class chimeric IgG1 monoclonal antibody targeting CLDN 18.2 and inducing ADCC/CDC

Mechanism of Action of Zolbetuximab



SPOTLIGHT: Study Design

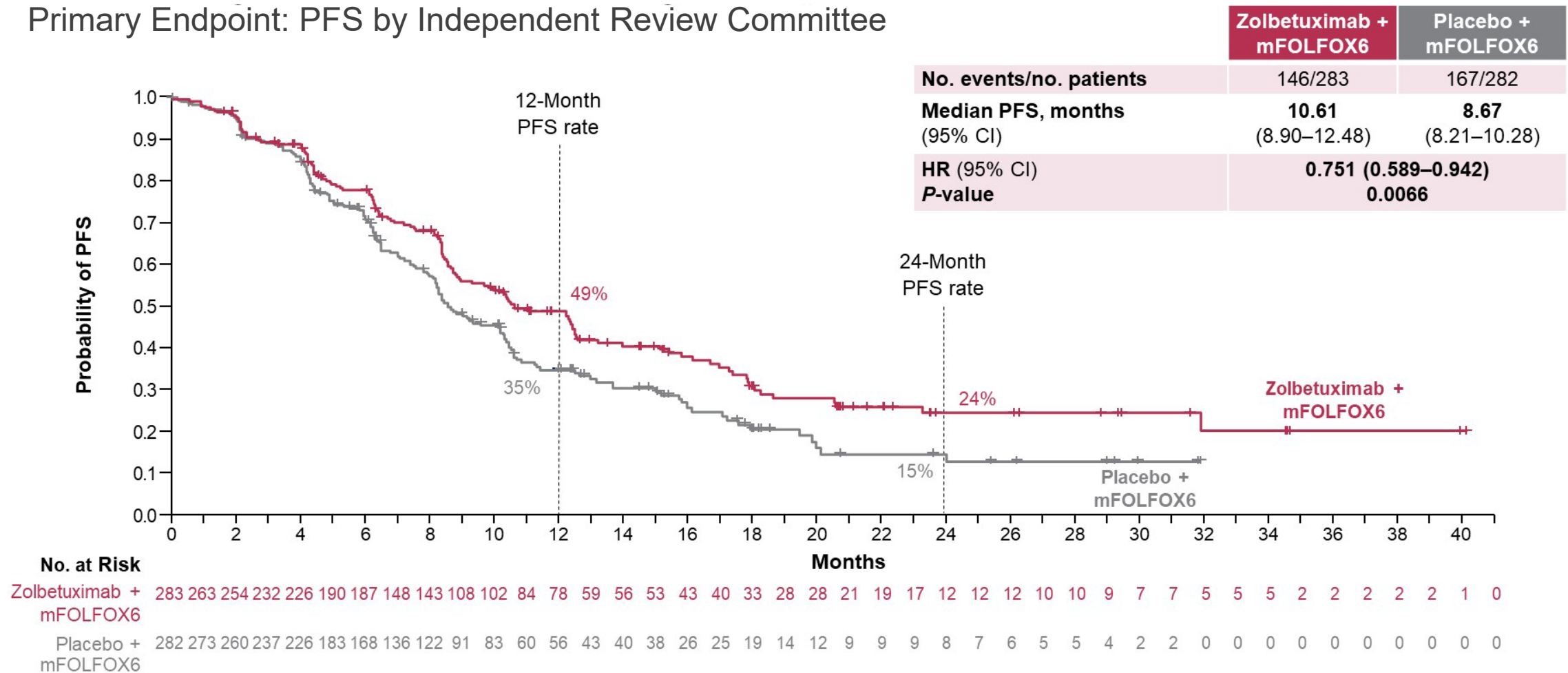
Global^a, randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial



^aStudy was conducted at 215 sites in 20 countries across Australia, Asia, Europe, N. America, and S. America; ^bBy central IHC using the analytically validated VENTANA CLDN18 (43-14A) RxDx Assay; ^cBy central or local HER2 testing; ^d800 mg/m² at cycle 1 day 1 followed by 600 mg/m² on cycle 1 day 22 and days 1 and 22 of subsequent cycles; ^ePer RECIST v1.1 by independent review committee.

SPOTLIGHT: PFS (Primary Endpoint)

Primary Endpoint: PFS by Independent Review Committee



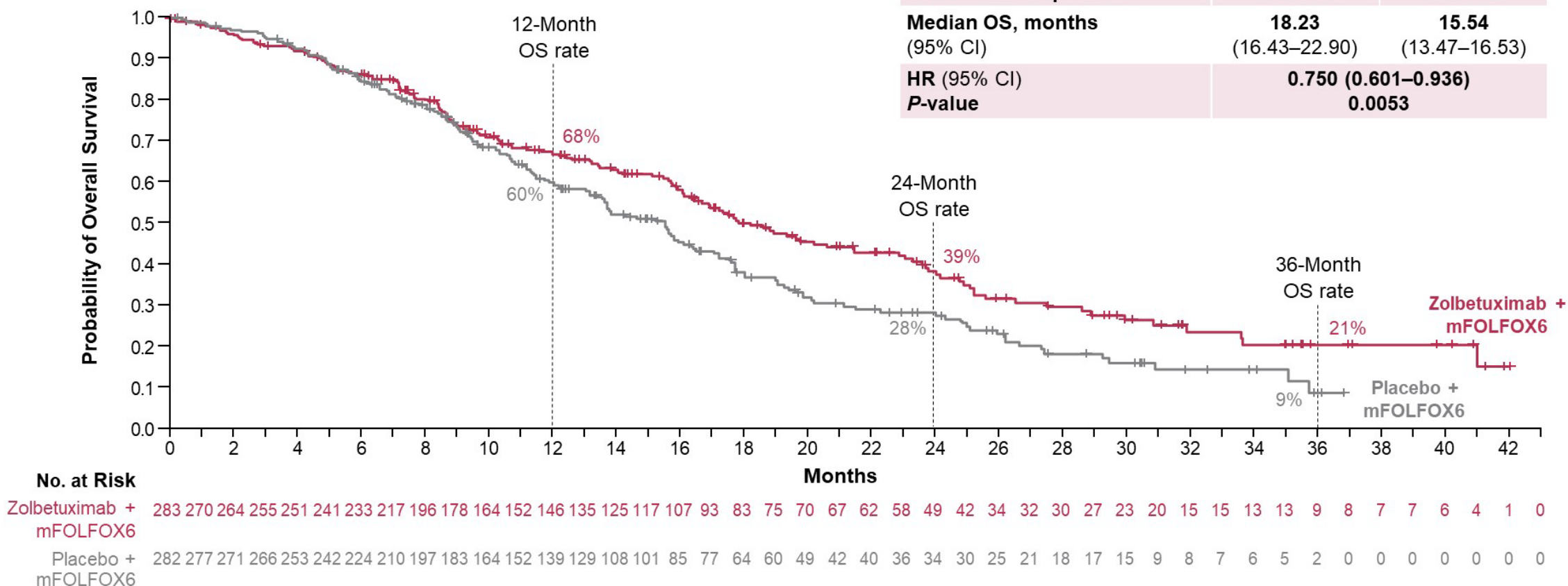
- PFS was significantly longer in patients treated with zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6 vs placebo + mFOLFOX6

Data cutoff: September 9, 2022; Median follow-up = 12.94 months (zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6) vs 12.65 months (placebo + mFOLFOX6).

SPOTLIGHT: OS

Key Secondary Endpoint: OS

	Zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6	Placebo + mFOLFOX6
No. events/no. patients	149/283	177/282
Median OS, months (95% CI)	18.23 (16.43–22.90)	15.54 (13.47–16.53)
HR (95% CI)	0.750 (0.601–0.936)	
P-value	0.0053	



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Data cutoff: September 9, 2022; Median follow-up = 22.14 months (zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6) vs 20.93 months (placebo + mFOLFOX6).

SPOTLIGHT: Response

Secondary Endpoints

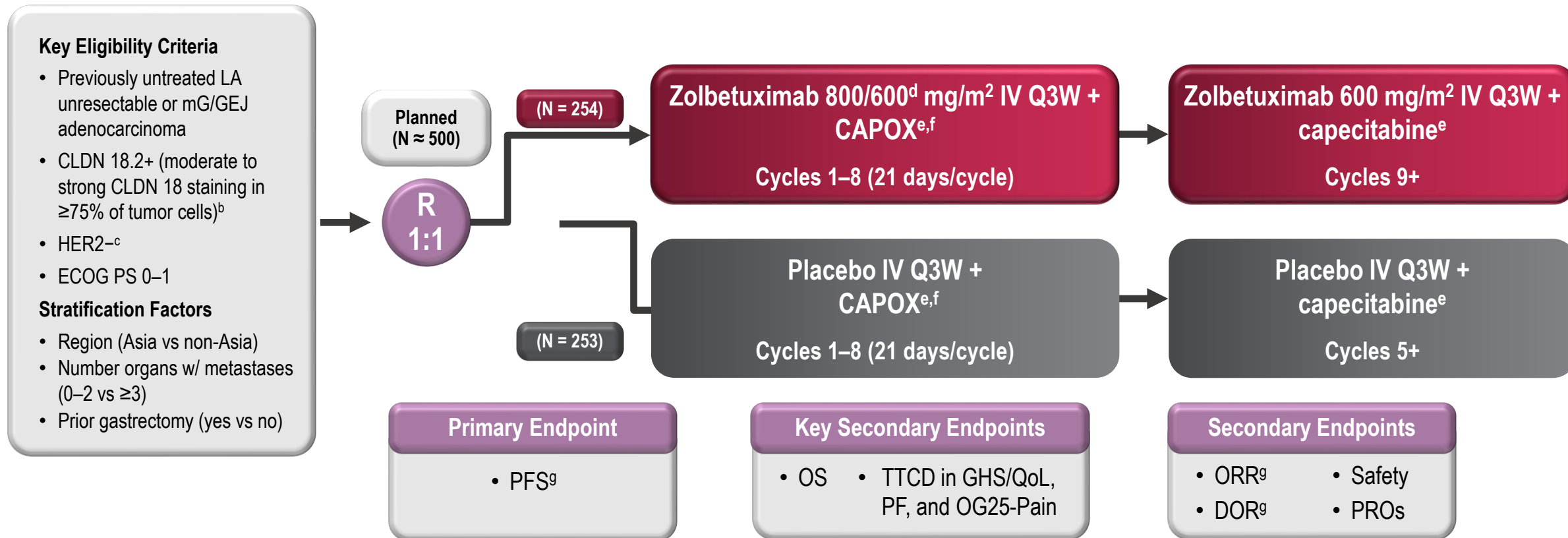
	Zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6 (N = 211)	Placebo + mFOLFOX6 (N = 211)
Patients^a, n	128	131
ORR^b, % (95% CI)	60.7 (53.72–67.30)	62.1 (55.17–68.66)
BOR^{c,d}, n (%)		
CR	12 (5.7)	7 (3.3)
PR	116 (55.0)	124 (58.8)
SD	45 (21.3)	52 (24.6)
PD	14 (6.6)	14 (6.6)
Median DOR^b, months, (95% CI)	8.51 (6.80–10.25)	8.11 (6.47–11.37)
3rd quartile, months (95% CI)	29.9 (10.41–NE)	15.5 (13.27–NE)

- Response rates were similar between treatment arms
- Formal analysis of PROs is pending
 - Initial descriptive analysis did not indicate differences between treatment arms

^aPatients with measurable disease. ^bPer RECIST version 1.1 by independent review committee; ^cPatients with non-CR/non-PD, no disease, missing data, or who could not be evaluated are not shown; ^dPatients with missing data had no post-baseline imaging assessment.

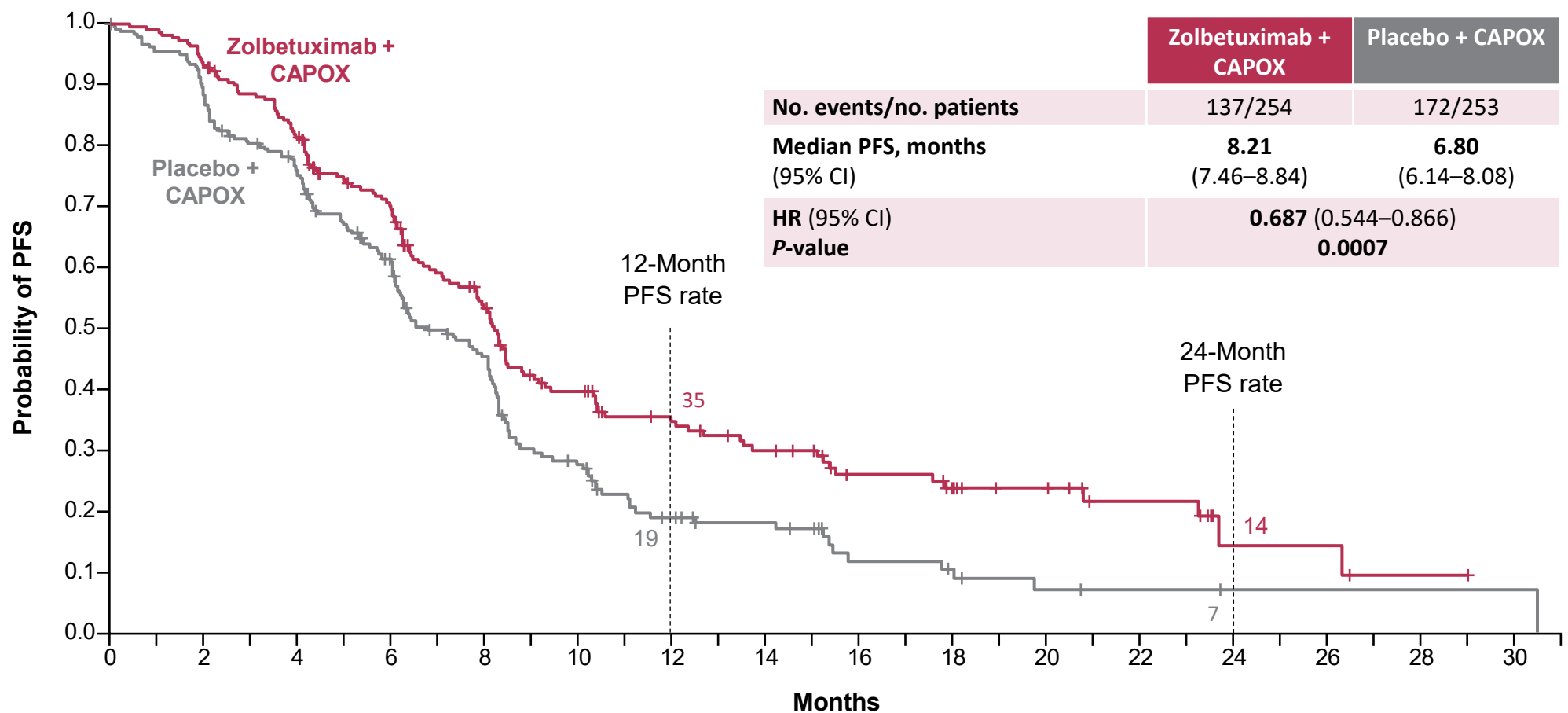
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GLOW: PFS by Independent Review Committee



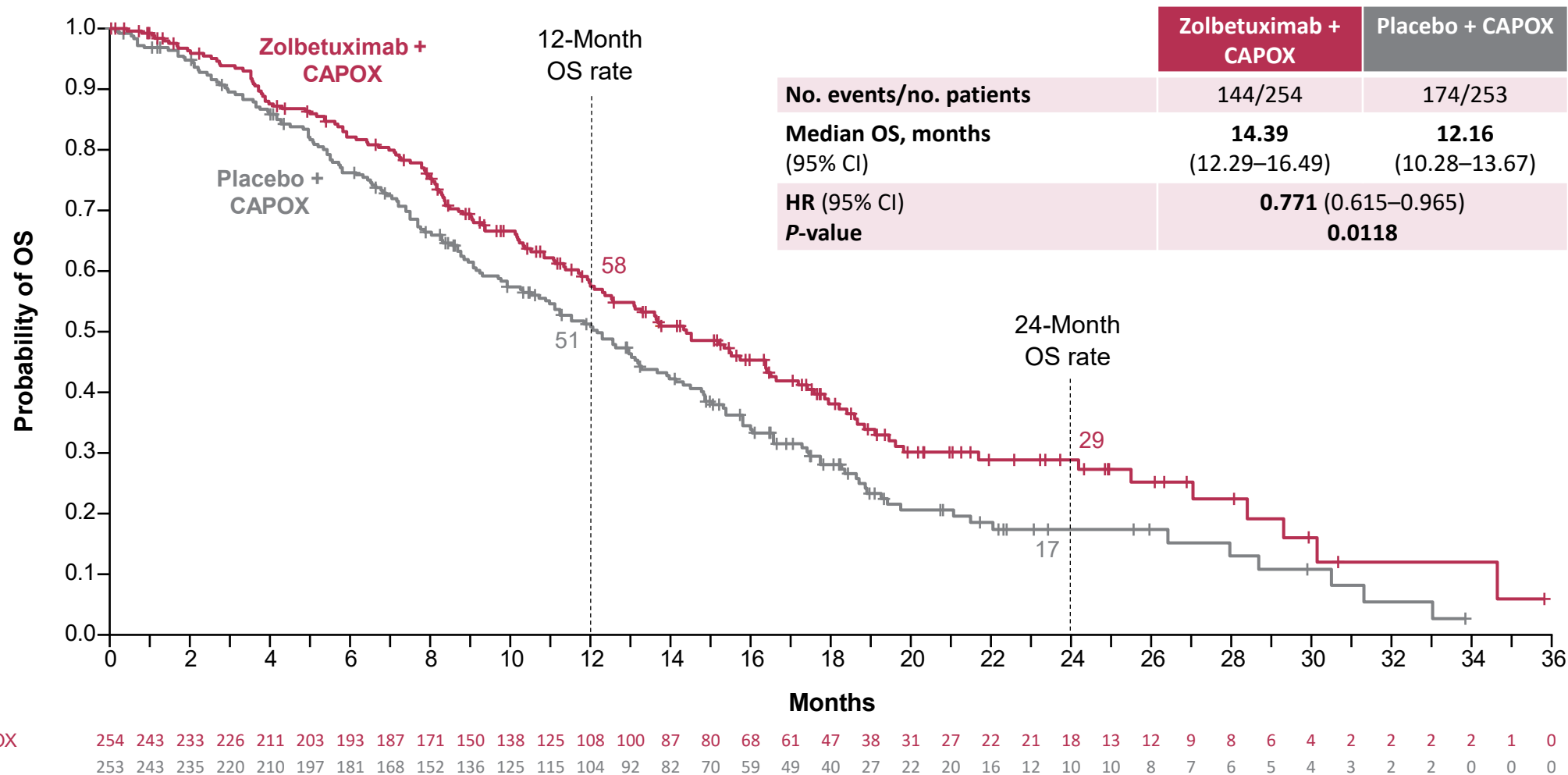
No. at Risk

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Zolbetuximab + CAPOX	254	223	205	187	171	141	132	104	91	66	61	47	45	35	35	24	24	19	14	14	9	9	9	3	3	3	1	1	1	0	0
Placebo + CAPOX	253	233	215	188	175	146	127	93	84	48	43	30	24	19	19	17	9	9	7	5	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

- PFS was significantly longer in patients treated with zolbetuximab + CAPOX vs placebo + CAPOX

Data cutoff: October 7, 2022; Median follow-up = 12.62 months (zolbetuximab + CAPOX) vs 12.09 months (placebo + CAPOX).
 Shah MA, et al. *Nat Med.* 2023;29(8):2133-2141.

GLOW: OS



- OS was significantly longer in patients treated with zolbetuximab + CAPOX vs placebo + CAPOX

Data cutoff: October 7, 2022; Median follow-up = 17.71 months (zolbetuximab + CAPOX) vs 18.43 months (placebo + CAPOX).
 Shah MA, et al. *Nat Med.* 2023;29(8):2133-2141.

GLOW: Response

	Zolbetuximab + CAPOX (N = 195)	Placebo + CAPOX (N = 205)
Patients^a, n	105	100
ORR^b, % (95% CI)	53.8 (46.58–60.99)	48.8 (41.76–55.84)
BOR^{c,d}, n (%)	163 (83.6)	188 (91.7)
CR	6 (3.1)	3 (1.5)
PR	99 (50.8)	97 (47.3)
SD	46 (23.6)	57 (27.8)
PD	10 (5.1)	25 (12.2)
Median DOR^b, months, (range)	6.28 (5.39-8.28)	6.18 (4.53-6.41)

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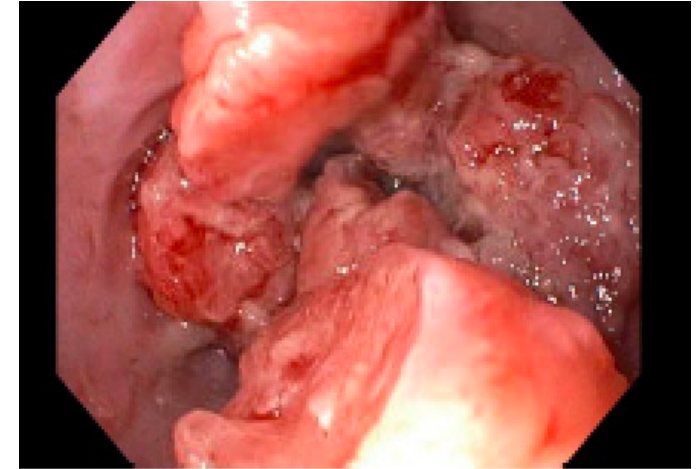
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Case 3

Case Presentation

- 71-year-old man with new dysphagia, found to have iron deficiency, Hb: 8.1
- **EGD:** large fungating mass with bleeding in the lower third of the esophagus at 35 cm
- **Pathology:** well-differentiated adenocarcinoma
- **CT chest/abdomen/pelvis** showing
 - GE junction lesion extending to the gastric fundus and body
 - Multiple enlarged mediastinal and upper abdominal lymphadenopathy
 - Hepatic metastases

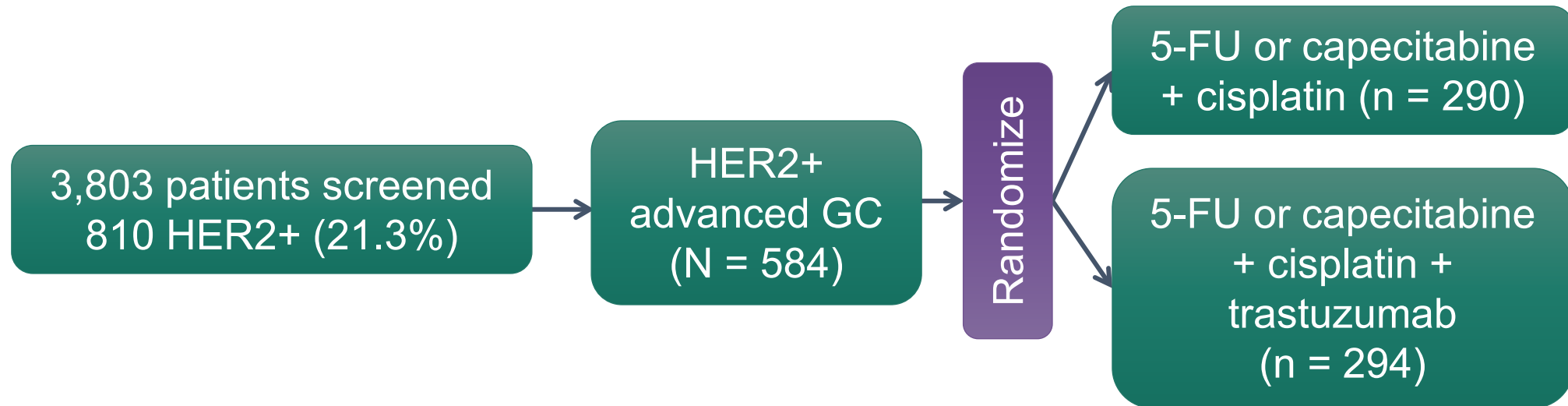


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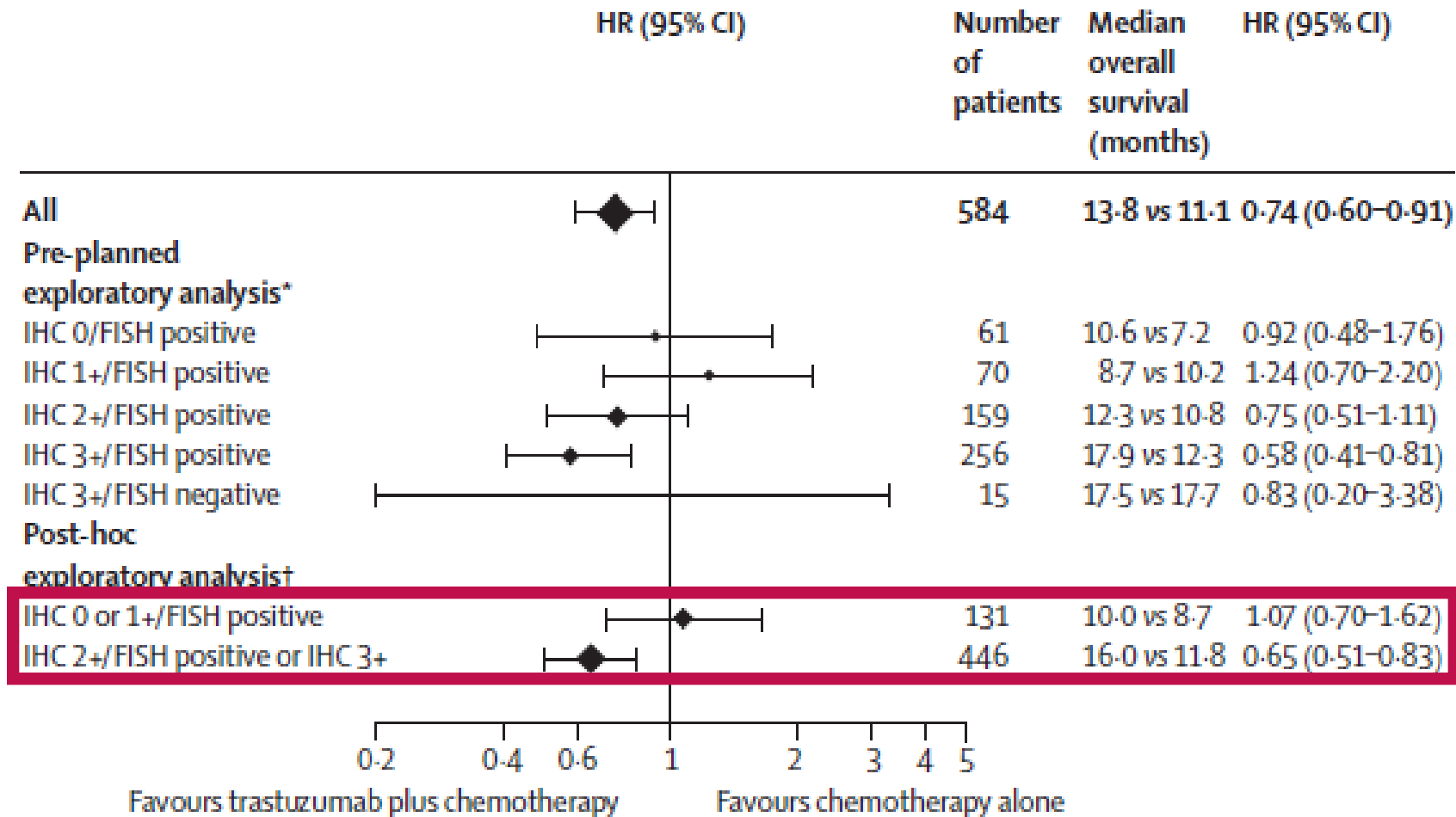
- **Biomarker testing**
 - HER2 IHC: 3+
 - PD-L1 CPS: 2
- Started FOLFOX + trastuzumab + pembrolizumab
- Improvement in dysphagia after first cycle
- CT chest/abdomen/pelvis after 3 months showed a partial response with decrease in size of hepatic mets

ToGA study: Targeting HER2 With Trastuzumab

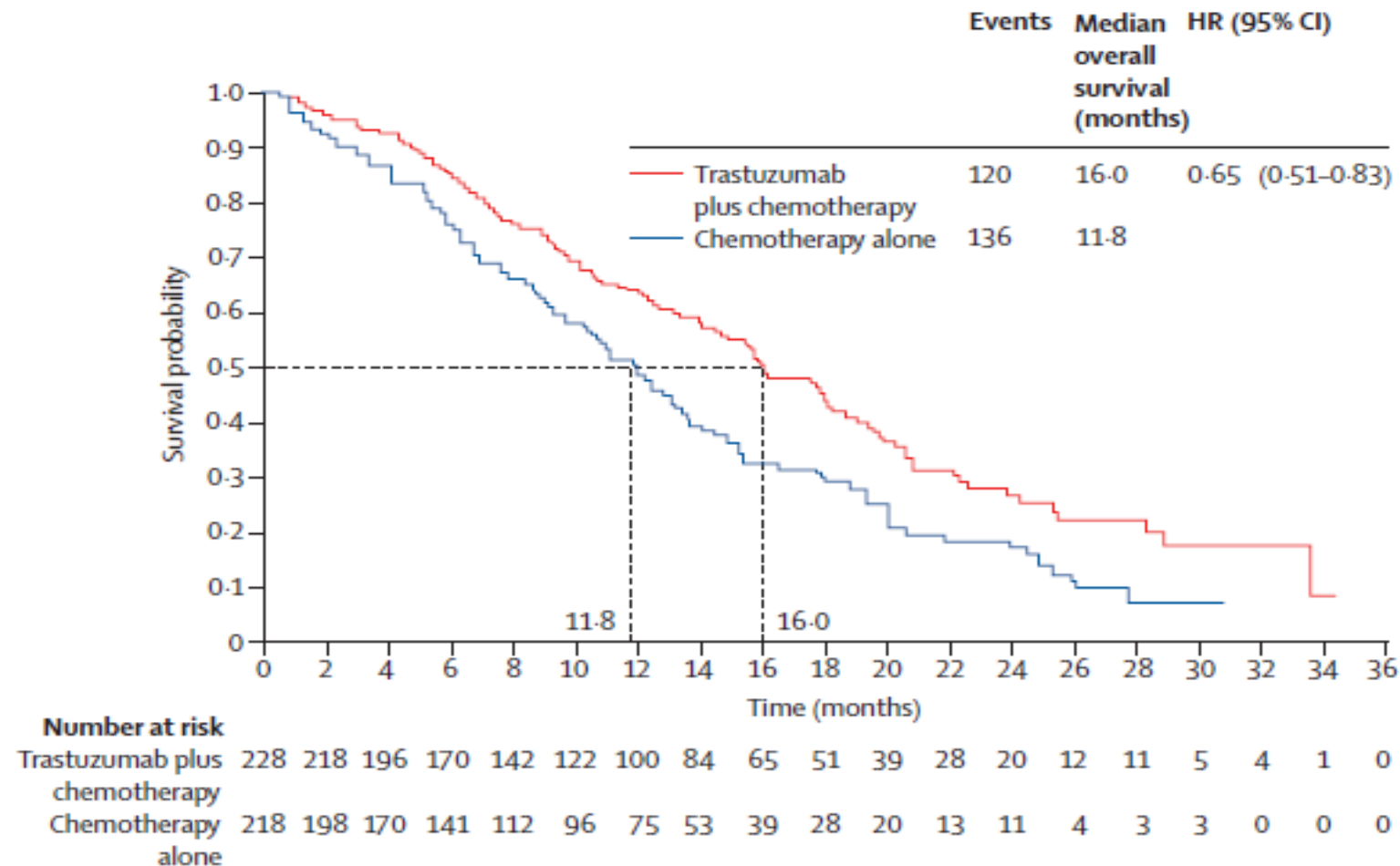
Phase 3, randomized, open-label, international, multicenter study



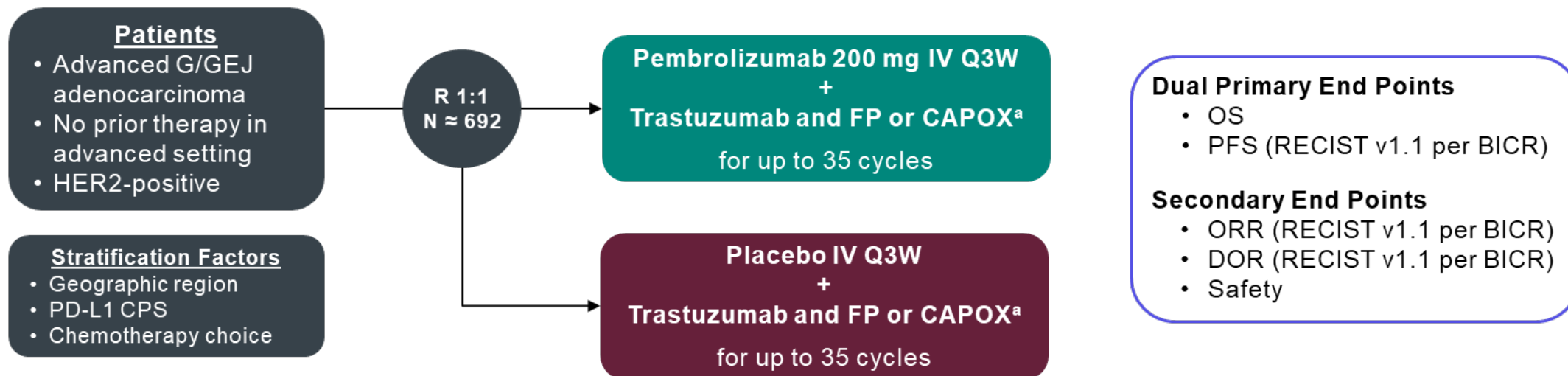
OS Was Improved in Patients With High HER2 Expression



Improved OS With High HER2 Expression



KEYNOTE-811: Study Design



^aTrastuzumab dose: 6 mg/kg IV Q3W following an 8 mg/kg loading dose. FP dose: 5-fluorouracil 800 mg/m² IV on D1-5 Q3W + cisplatin 80 mg/m² IV Q3W. CAPOX dose: capecitabine 1000 mg/m² BID on D1-14 Q3W + oxaliplatin 130 mg/m² IV Q3W.

BICR, blinded independent central review; CPS, combined positive score (number of PD-L1-staining cells [tumor cells, lymphocytes, macrophages] divided by the total number of viable tumor cells, multiplied by 100).

KEYNOTE-811: First Interim Results

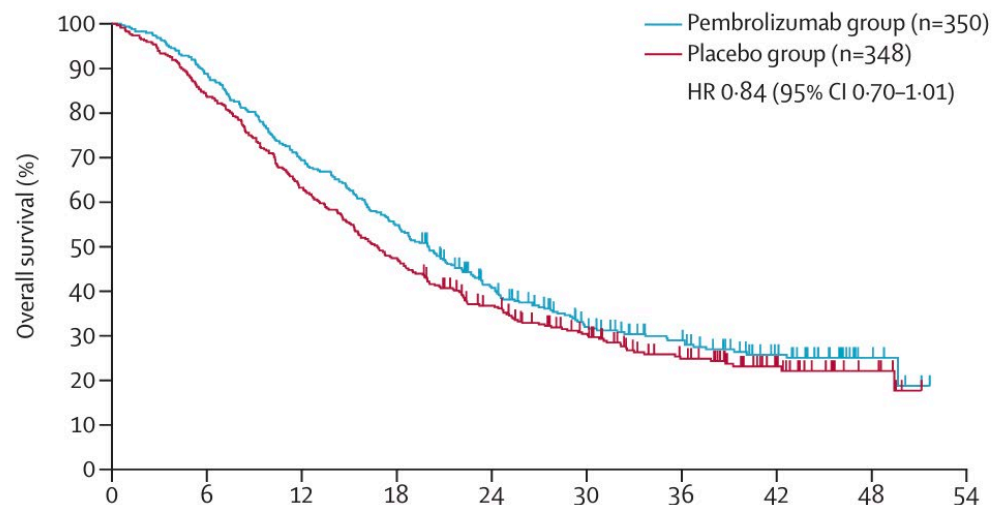
Variable	Pembrolizumab group (n = 133)	Placebo group (n = 131)
Objective response (% (95% confidence interval)) ^a	74.4 (66.2–81.6)	51.9 (43.0–60.7)
Disease control (% (95% confidence interval)) ^b	96.2 (91.4–98.8)	89.3 (82.7–94.0)
Best overall response (number (%))		
Complete response	15 (11.3)	4 (3.1)
Partial response	84 (63.2)	64 (48.9)
Stable disease	29 (21.8)	49 (37.4)
Progressive disease	5 (3.8)	7 (5.3)
Not evaluable ^c	0 (0.0)	2 (1.5)
Not assessed ^c	0 (0.0)	5 (3.8)

KEYNOTE-811: PFS in Subgroups

	Events/patients, n/N		HR (95% CI)
	Pembrolizumab group	Placebo group	
Age, years			
<65	152/205	153/192	0.67 (0.54-0.85)
≥65	101/145	108/156	0.84 (0.64-1.10)
Sex			
Female	42/66	55/68	0.49 (0.32-0.74)
Male	211/284	206/280	0.83 (0.69-1.01)
Race			
Asian	76/119	80/121	0.85 (0.62-1.16)
Non-Asian	177/231	179/225	0.69 (0.56-0.84)
Geographical region			
Europe, North America, and Australia	84/113	88/111	0.73 (0.54-0.99)
Asia	75/118	78/119	0.84 (0.61-1.16)
Rest of world	94/119	95/118	0.65 (0.49-0.87)
PD-L1 status			
CPS≥1	217/298	225/296	0.71 (0.59-0.86)
CPS<1	36/52	36/52	1.03 (0.65-1.64)

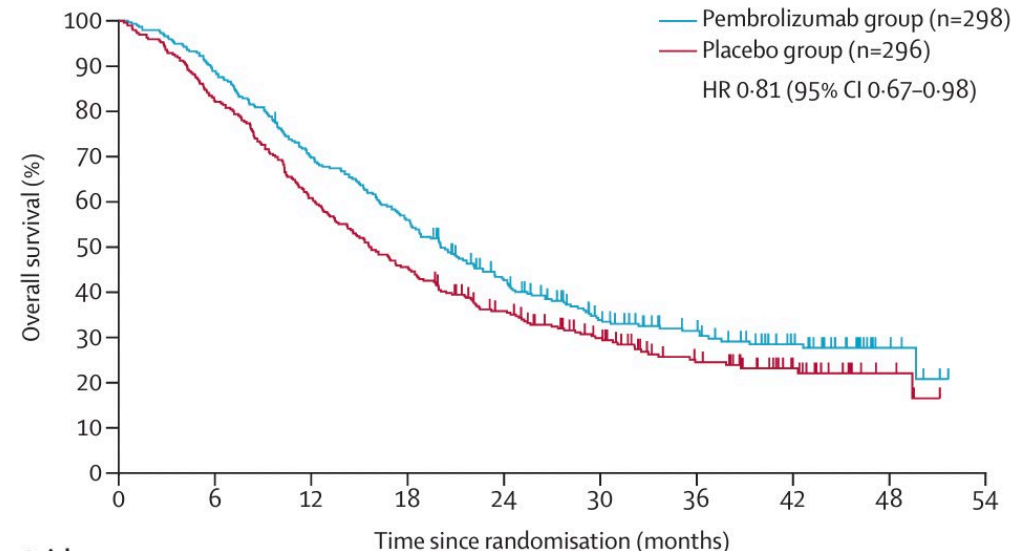


KEYNOTE-811: Third Interim Results



	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
Number at risk	350	311	243	192	126	84	61	37	7	0
(number censored)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(19)	(36)	(52)	(70)	(99)	(105)
Pembrolizumab group	350	311	243	192	126	84	61	37	7	0
Placebo group	348	292	220	165	116	83	51	25	8	0
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(13)	(27)	(46)	(69)	(85)	(92)

All patients



	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
Number at risk	298	265	207	166	115	78	58	37	7	0
(number censored)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(13)	(28)	(43)	(59)	(88)	(94)
Pembrolizumab group	298	265	207	166	115	78	58	37	7	0
Placebo group	296	244	180	135	96	67	41	21	5	0
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(11)	(25)	(41)	(59)	(74)	(78)

PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1

On May 1, 2024, Merck announced that KEYNOTE-811 met the dual primary endpoint of overall survival.

Summary

- ToGA established doublet chemotherapy and trastuzumab as standard first-line therapy for HER2+ gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma
- KEYNOTE-811 showed a PFS and OS benefit with the addition of pembrolizumab with doublet chemotherapy and trastuzumab for PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 disease

Case 4

Gastric/GEJ Adenocarcinoma: HER2-/PD-L1+/CLDN 18.2+, Prior Peri-Op CPI

- 55-year-old man presents with fatigue, anemia, epigastric pain, and weight loss
- History of AODM, HTN, elevated cholesterol
- Endoscopy: proximal gastric mass, biopsy adenocarcinoma, MMRp, HER2-, PD-L1+
- CT scan: gastric mass with no metastases
- EUS: T3 N1
- Laparoscopy: no metastases
- Enrolled on KEYNOTE-585: perioperative 5-FU/cisplatin + placebo or pembrolizumab, 3 pre/3 post-op cycles + 11 cycles placebo/pembro
 - Complicated by a skin rash, hypothyroidism
- Resection: T2N0 disease

Gastric/GEJ Adenocarcinoma: HER2-/PD-L1+/CLDN 18.2+ (cont'd)

- 7 months after treatment, abdominal pain, weight loss
- CT scan: bilobar hepatic metastases, ascites
- Liver biopsy: recurrent adenocarcinoma, HER2-, PD-L1+ CPS 5%, MMRp, claudin 18.2+ at 80%
- Exam is normal, ECOG 1, lab values within normal limits
- NGS: p53 mutation, MSS, HER2 non-amplified
- What is optimal chemotherapy and targeted agent?
 - FOLFOX + pembro or nivo
 - FOLFOX + zolbetuximab

KEYNOTE-585: Study Design (Main Cohort)

KEYNOTE-585 Study Design

Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Trial of Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Pembrolizumab Plus Chemotherapy Versus Placebo Plus Chemotherapy in G/GEJ Adenocarcinoma (Main Cohort)

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Localized G/GEJ adenocarcinoma defined by T3 or greater primary lesion or presence of N+ nodes
- No prior therapy
- Able to undergo surgery
- Provision of tumor sample for PD-L1 testing^a
- ECOG PS 0-1

R 1:1
N = 804^{b,c}

Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W
+
Cisplatin and Capecitabine/XP
or
Cisplatin and 5-FU/FP
for up to 3 cycles

Surgery

Pembrolizumab IV Q3W
+
Chemotherapy
for up to 3 cycles

Pembrolizumab IV
Q3W
for up to 11 cycles

Placebo IV Q3W
+
Cisplatin and Capecitabine/XP
or
Cisplatin and 5-FU/FP
for up to 3 cycles

Surgery

Placebo IV Q3W
+
Chemotherapy
for up to 3 cycles

Placebo IV Q3W
for up to 11 cycles

Stratification factors

- Geographic region (Asia versus non-Asia)
- Tumor staging (II vs III vs IVa)
- Chemotherapy backbone (XP/FP vs FLOT)

Endpoints:

- Primary: pathCR rate per BICR, EFS per investigator, OS (main cohort), safety (FLOT)
- Key secondary: safety (main cohort), safety, OS, EFS (main plus FLOT cohort)

^aPD-L1 status was centrally assessed; ^bMain cohort. ^cAn additional 203 patients were randomized 1:1 to a separate FLOT cohort evaluating pembrolizumab + FLOT vs placebo + FLOT (5-FU 2600 mg/m², leucovorin 200 mg/m², oxaliplatin 85 mg/m², docetaxel 50 mg/m²) Q2W for up to 4 cycles in the neoadjuvant and adjuvant phases. XP: cisplatin 80 mg/m² IV on d1 and capecitabine 1000 mg/m² orally BID from d1 – d14. FP: cisplatin 80 mg/m² IV on d1 and 5-FU 800 mg/m² IV from d1 – d5 up to 4000 mg/m².

KEYNOTE-585: Study Design (FLOT Cohort)

KEYNOTE-585 Study Design

Randomized, Double-Blind, Phase 3 Trial of Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Pembrolizumab Plus Chemotherapy Versus Placebo Plus Chemotherapy in G/GEJ Adenocarcinoma (FLOT Cohort)

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Localized G/GEJ adenocarcinoma defined by T3 or greater primary lesion or presence of N+ nodes
- No prior therapy
- Able to undergo surgery
- Provision of tumor sample for PD-L1 testing^a
- ECOG PS 0-1

R 1:1
N = 203^b

Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W
for up to 3 cycles
+
FLOT Q2W
for up to 4 cycles

Surgery

Pembrolizumab
+
FLOT

Pembrolizumab IV
Q3W
for up to 11 cycles

Placebo IV Q3W
for up to 3 cycles
+
FLOT Q2W
for up to 4 cycles

Surgery

Placebo
+
FLOT

Placebo IV Q3W
for up to 11 cycles

Stratification factors

- Geographic region (Asia versus non-Asia)
- Tumor staging (II vs III vs IVa)
- Chemotherapy backbone (XP/FP vs FLOT)

Endpoints:

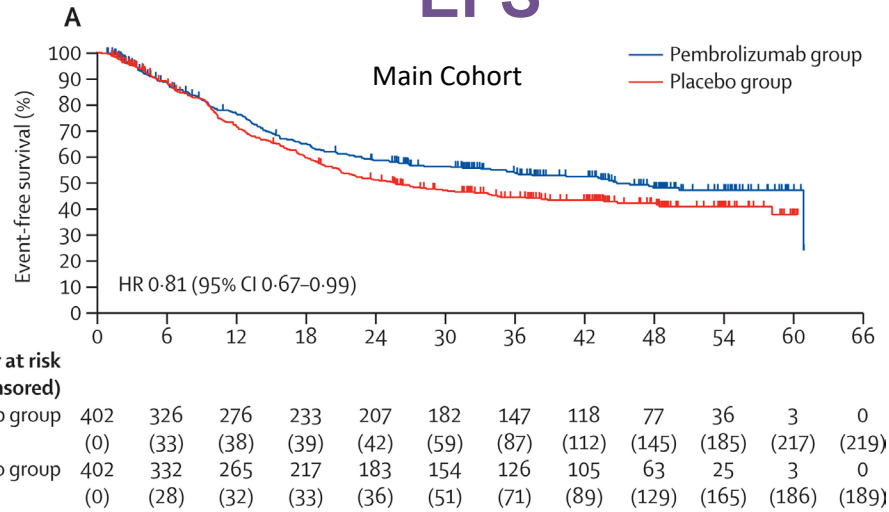
- Primary: safety
- Key secondary: pathCR rate per BICR, EFS per investigator, OS

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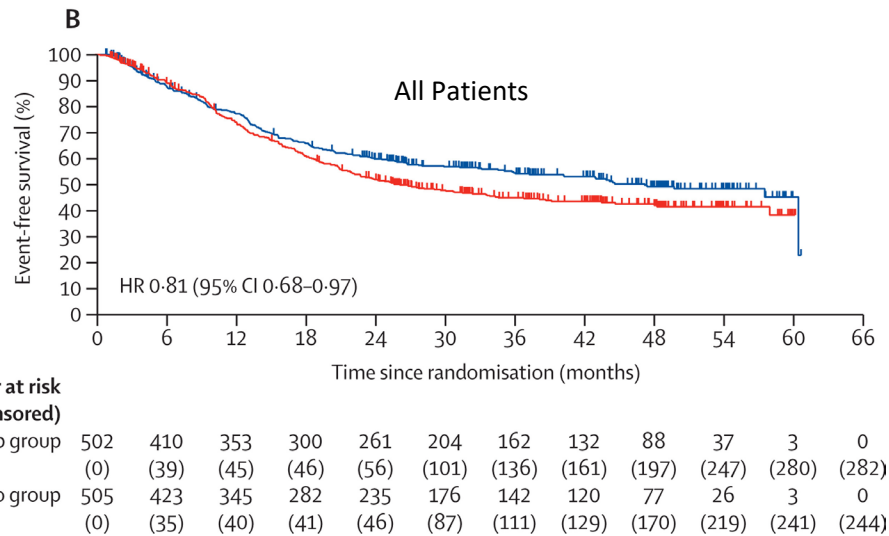
KEYNOTE-585: EFS and OS

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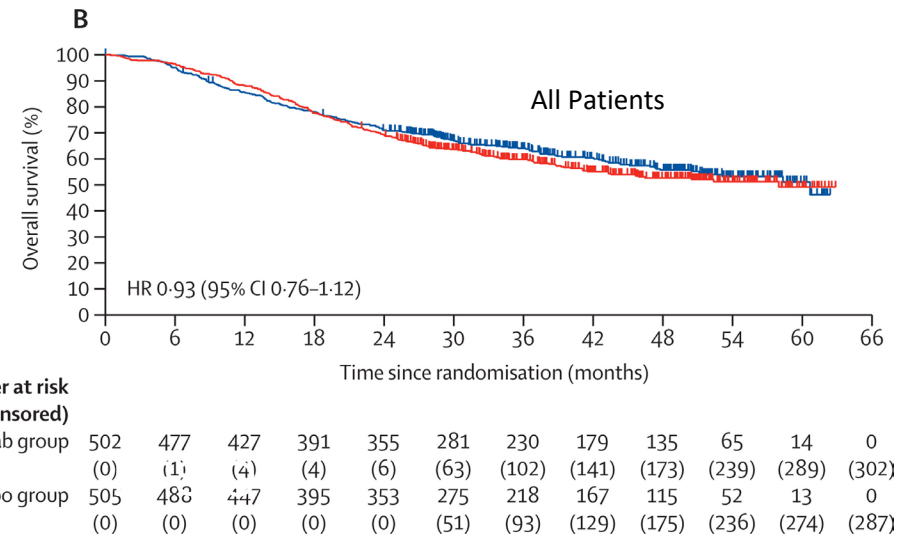
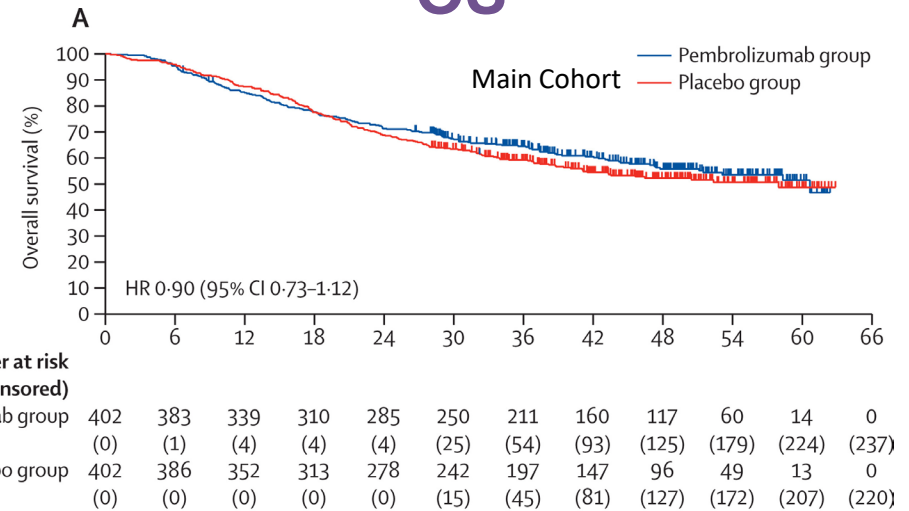
EFS



CF + FLOT

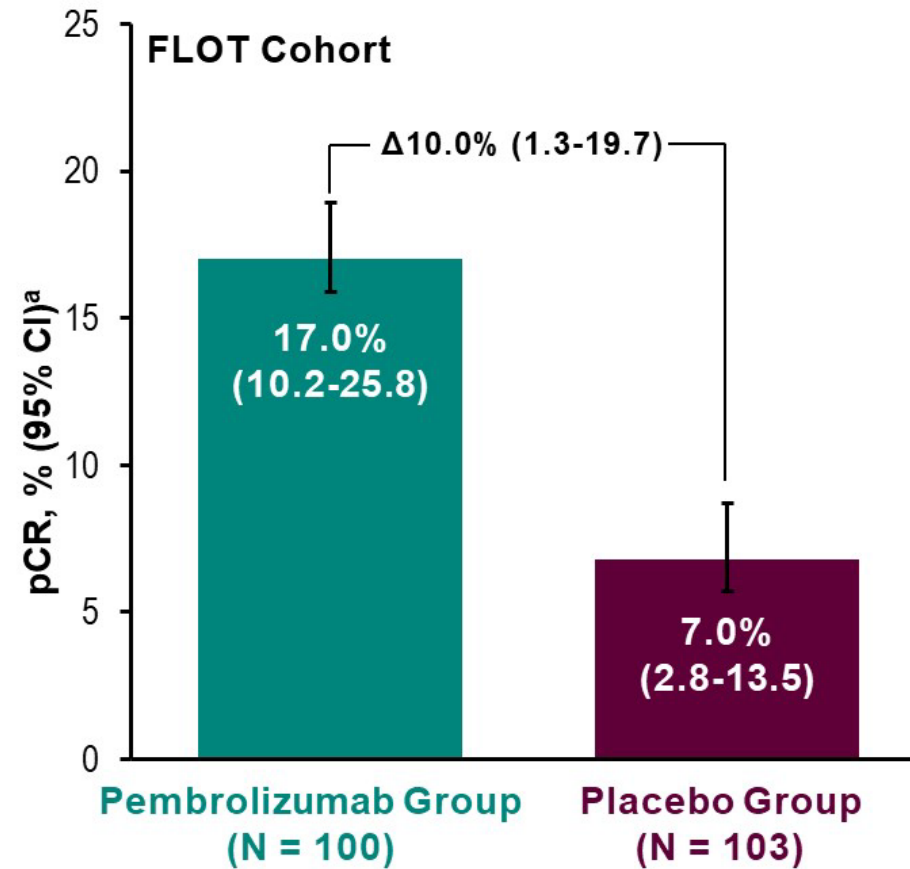


OS



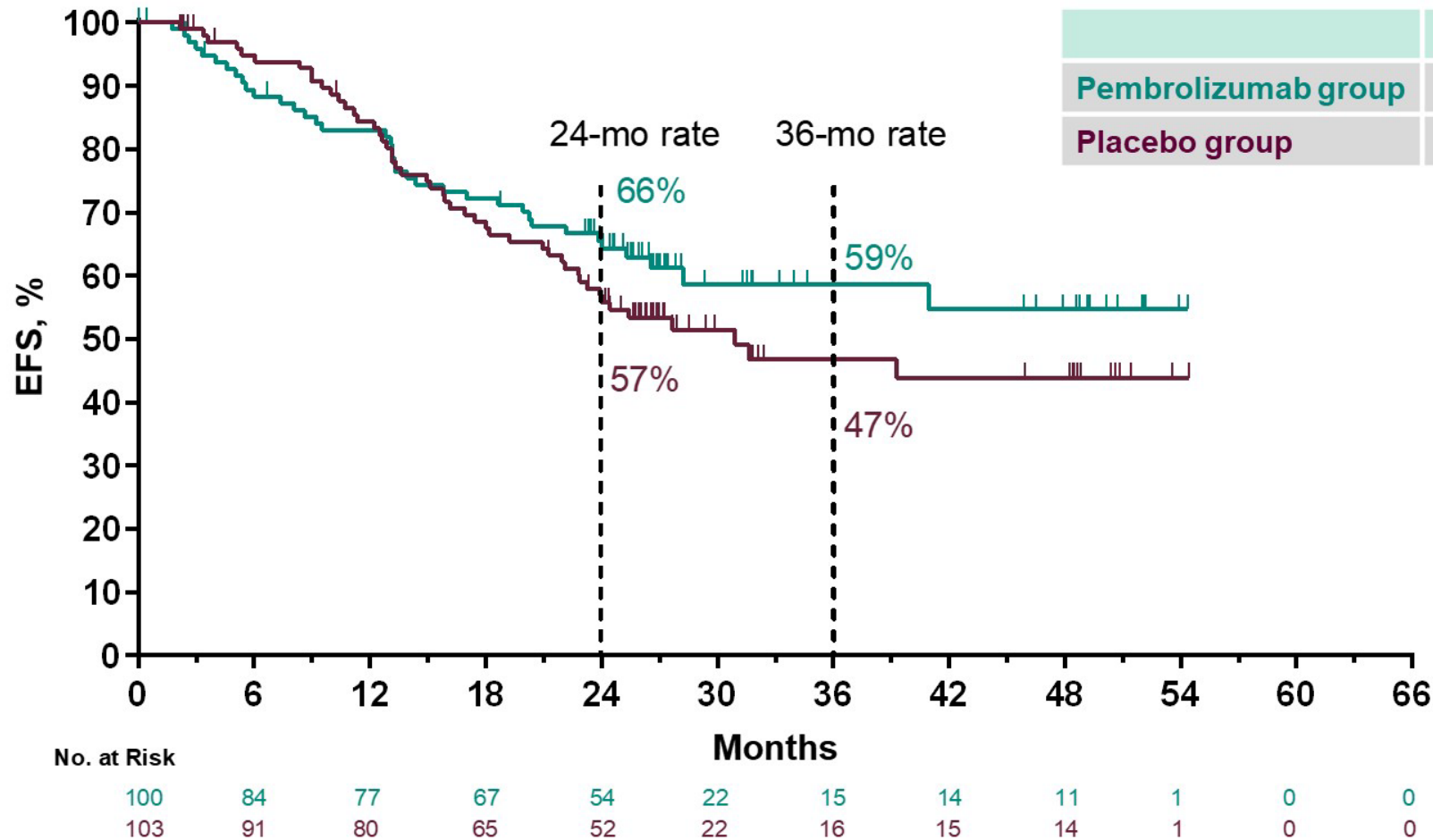
KEYNOTE-585: pCR (FLOT Cohort)

Pathological Complete Responses
Assessed by Blinded, Independent Central Review



KEYNOTE-585: EFS (FLOT Cohort)

Event-Free Survival: FLOT Cohort

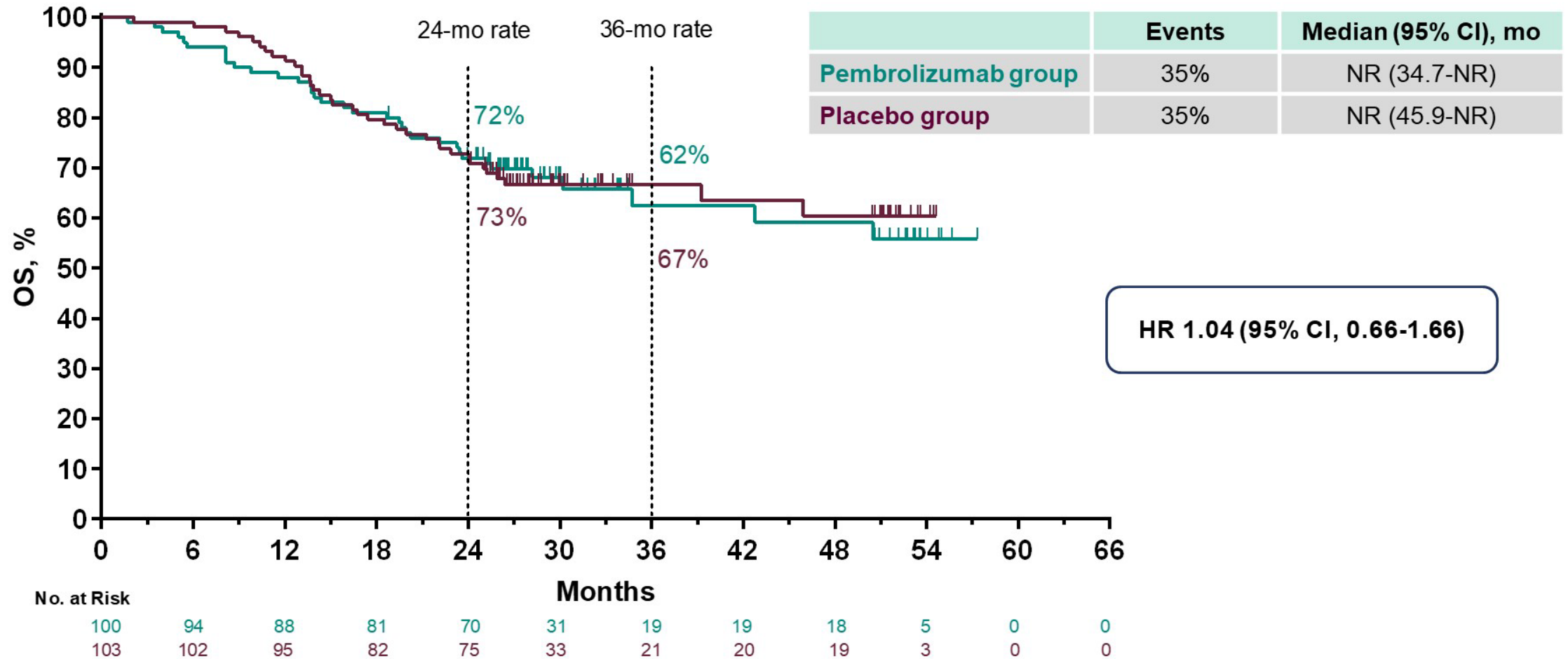


	Events	Median (95% CI), mo
Pembrolizumab group	37%	NR (28.2-NR)
Placebo group	47%	30.9 (22.8-NR)

HR 0.79 (95% CI, 0.52-1.22)

KEYNOTE-585: OS (FLOT Cohort)

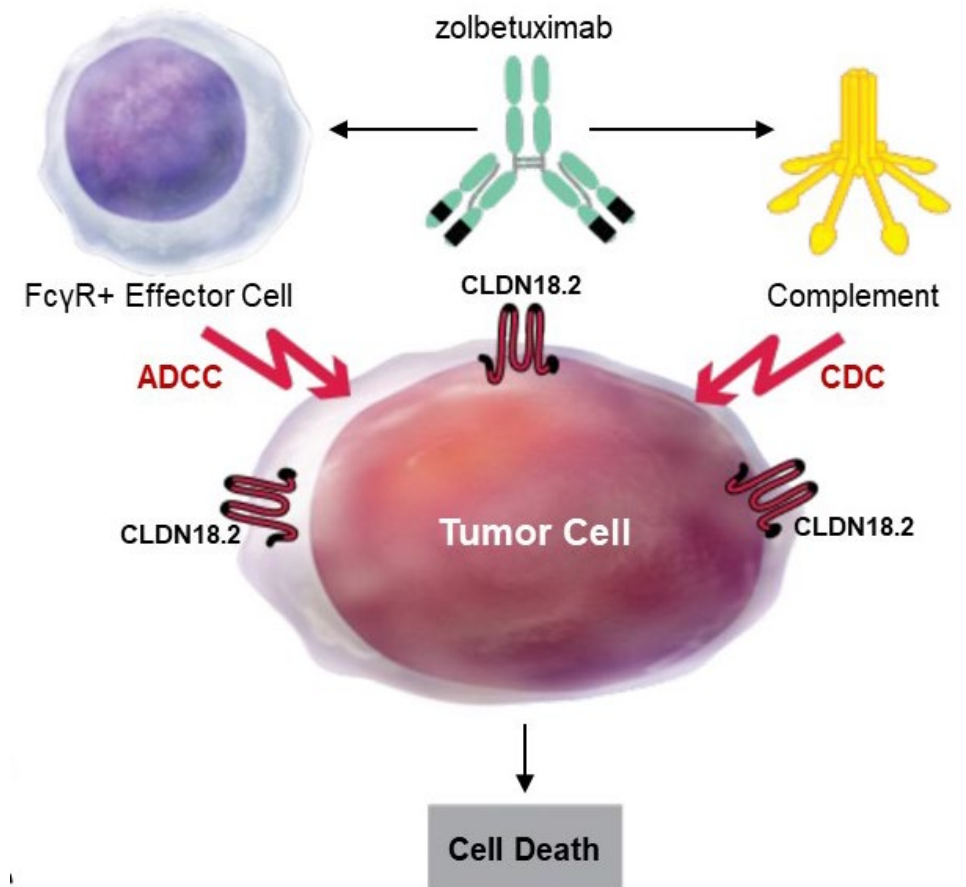
Overall Survival: FLOT Cohort



Zolbetuximab and Claudin 18.2

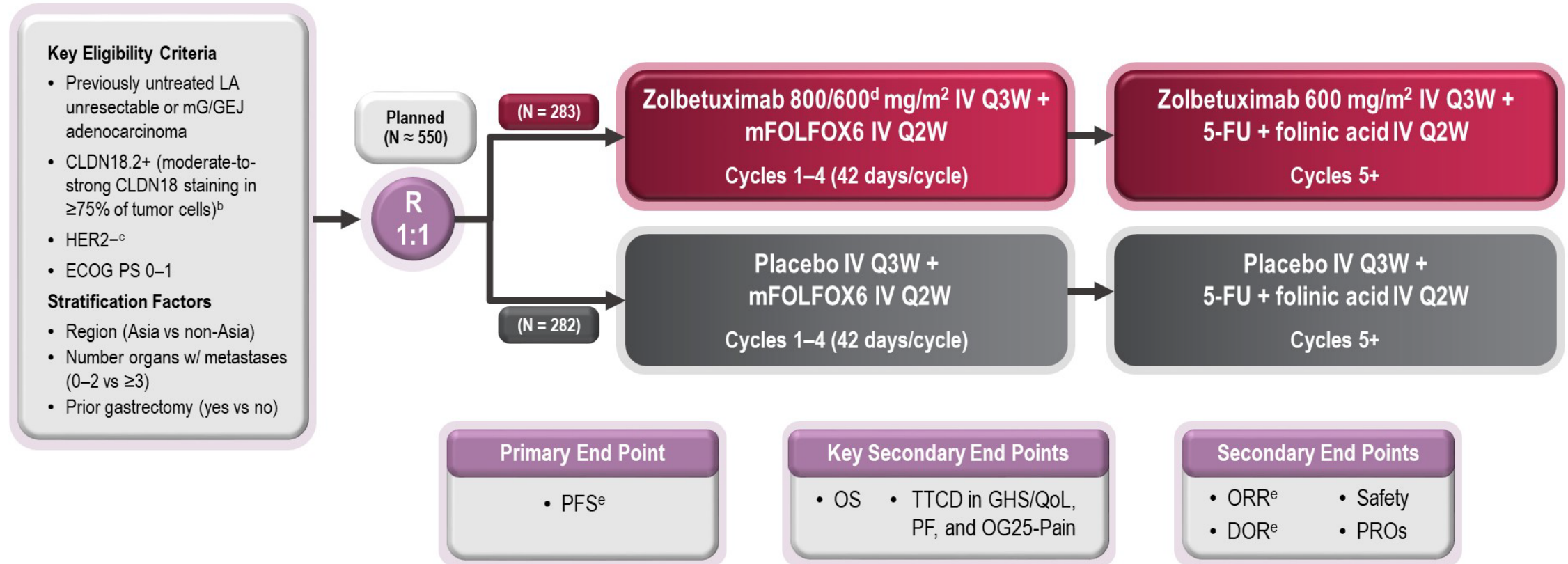
- CLDN 18.2 is a tight junction protein that is normally expressed in gastric cells and retained in gastric/GEJ adenocarcinoma
- CLDN 18.2 may become exposed on the surface of gastric/GEJ adenocarcinoma cells, making it a promising target
- Zolbetuximab is a first-in-class chimeric IgG1 monoclonal antibody targeting CLDN 18.2 and inducing ADCC/CDC

Mechanism of Action of Zolbetuximab



SPOTLIGHT: Study Design

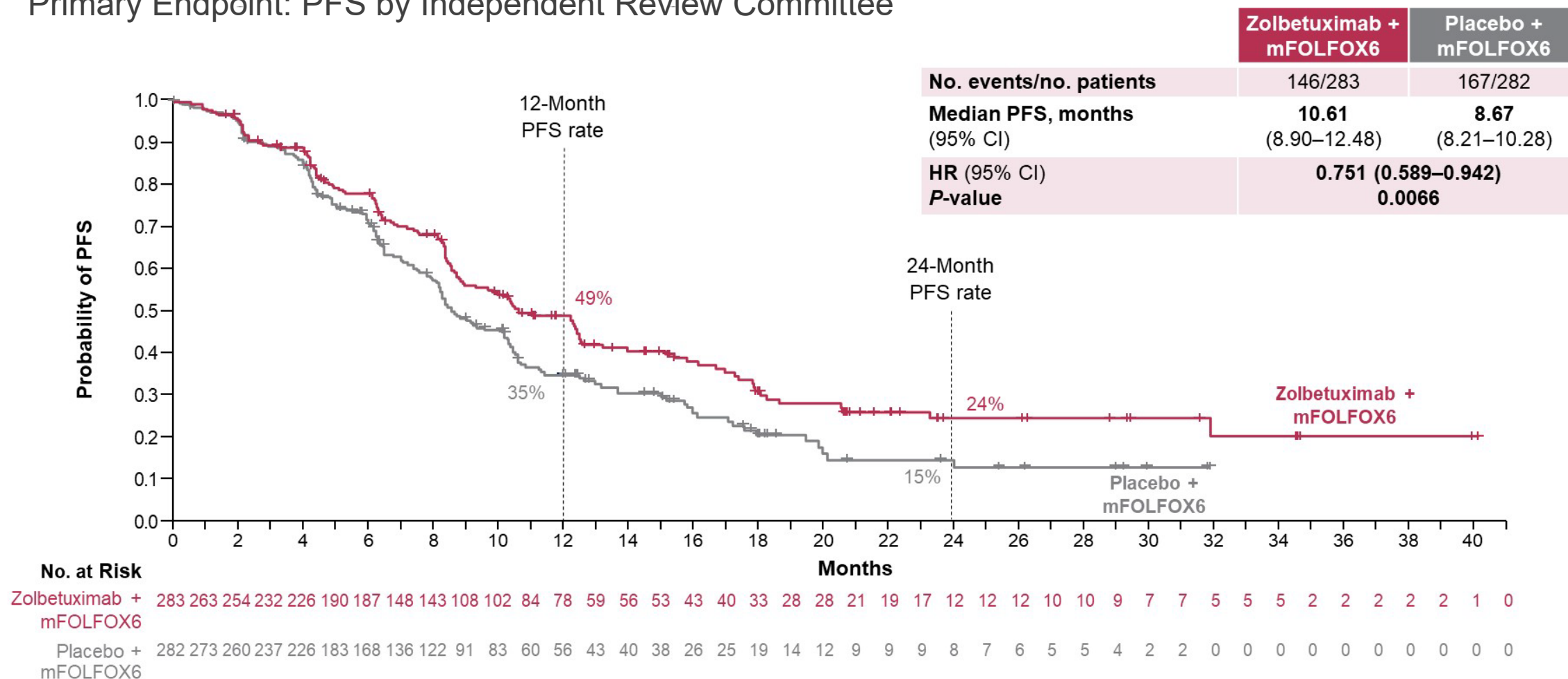
Global^a, randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial



^aStudy was conducted at 215 sites in 20 countries across Australia, Asia, Europe, N. America, and S. America; ^bBy central IHC using the analytically validated VENTANA CLDN18 (43-14A) RxDx Assay; ^cBy central or local HER2 testing; ^d800 mg/m² at cycle 1 day 1 followed by 600 mg/m² on cycle 1 day 22 and days 1 and 22 of subsequent cycles; ^ePer RECIST v1.1 by independent review committee.

SPOTLIGHT: PFS (Primary Endpoint)

Primary Endpoint: PFS by Independent Review Committee



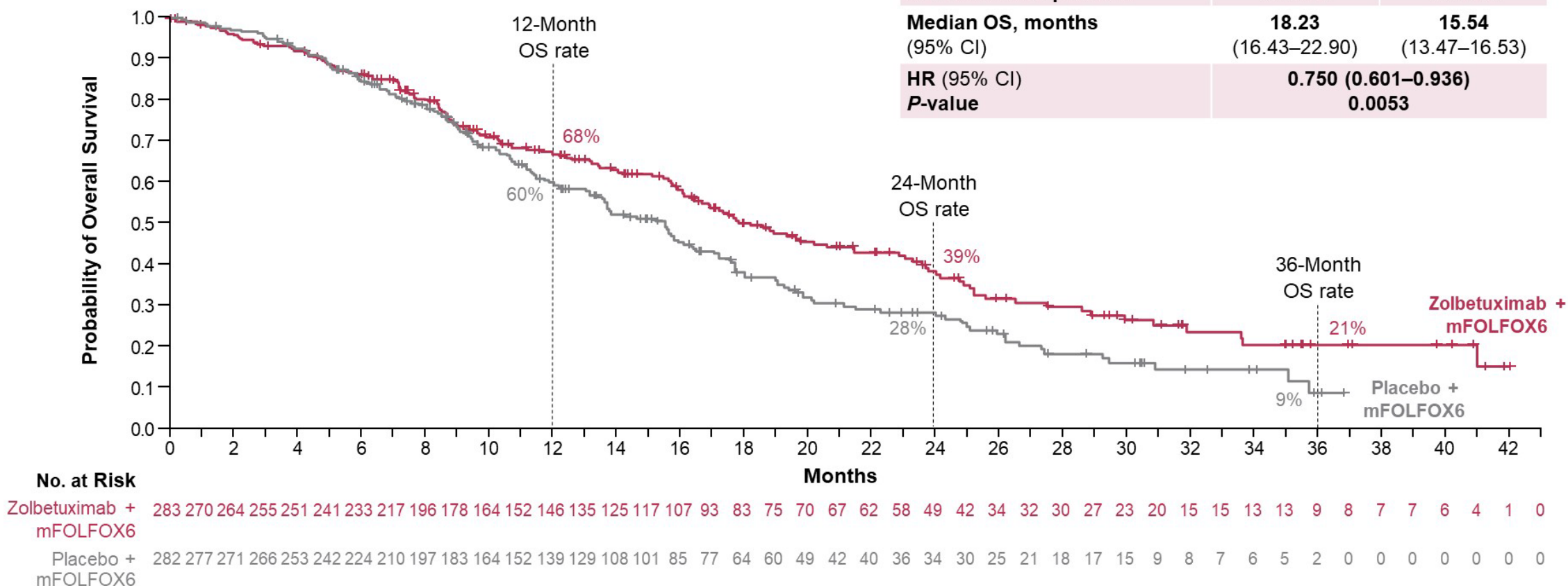
- PFS was significantly longer in patients treated with zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6 vs placebo + mFOLFOX6

Data cutoff: September 9, 2022; Median follow-up = 12.94 months (zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6) vs 12.65 months (placebo + mFOLFOX6).

SPOTLIGHT: OS

Key Secondary Endpoint: OS

	Zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6	Placebo + mFOLFOX6
No. events/no. patients	149/283	177/282
Median OS, months (95% CI)	18.23 (16.43–22.90)	15.54 (13.47–16.53)
HR (95% CI)	0.750 (0.601–0.936)	
P-value	0.0053	



- OS was significantly longer in patients treated with zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6 vs placebo + mFOLFOX6

Data cutoff: September 9, 2022; Median follow-up = 22.14 months (zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6) vs 20.93 months (placebo + mFOLFOX6).

SPOTLIGHT: Response

Secondary Endpoints

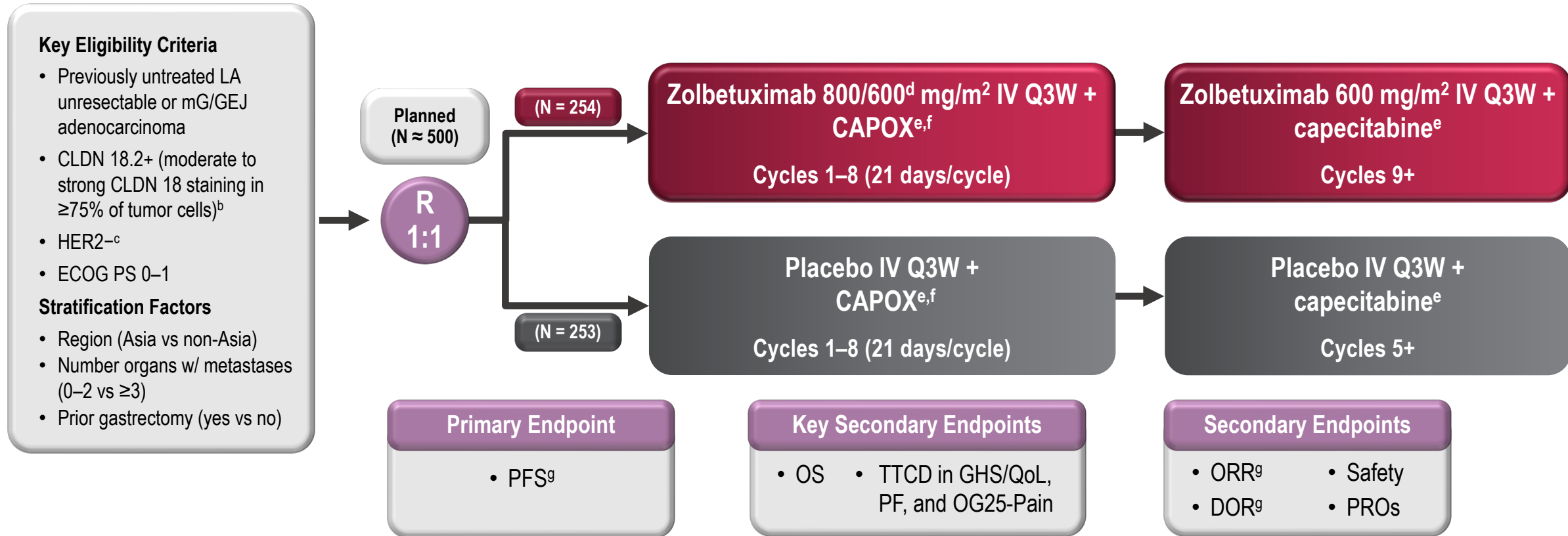
	Zolbetuximab + mFOLFOX6 (N = 211)	Placebo + mFOLFOX6 (N = 211)
Patients^a, n	128	131
ORR^b, % (95% CI)	60.7 (53.72–67.30)	62.1 (55.17–68.66)
BOR^{c,d}, n (%)		
CR	12 (5.7)	7 (3.3)
PR	116 (55.0)	124 (58.8)
SD	45 (21.3)	52 (24.6)
PD	14 (6.6)	14 (6.6)
Median DOR^b, months, (95% CI)	8.51 (6.80–10.25)	8.11 (6.47–11.37)
3rd quartile, months (95% CI)	29.9 (10.41–NE)	15.5 (13.27–NE)

- Response rates were similar between treatment arms
- Formal analysis of PROs is pending
 - Initial descriptive analysis did not indicate differences between treatment arms

^aPatients with measurable disease. ^bPer RECIST version 1.1 by independent review committee; ^cPatients with non-CR/non-PD, no disease, missing data, or who could not be evaluated are not shown; ^dPatients with missing data had no post-baseline imaging assessment.

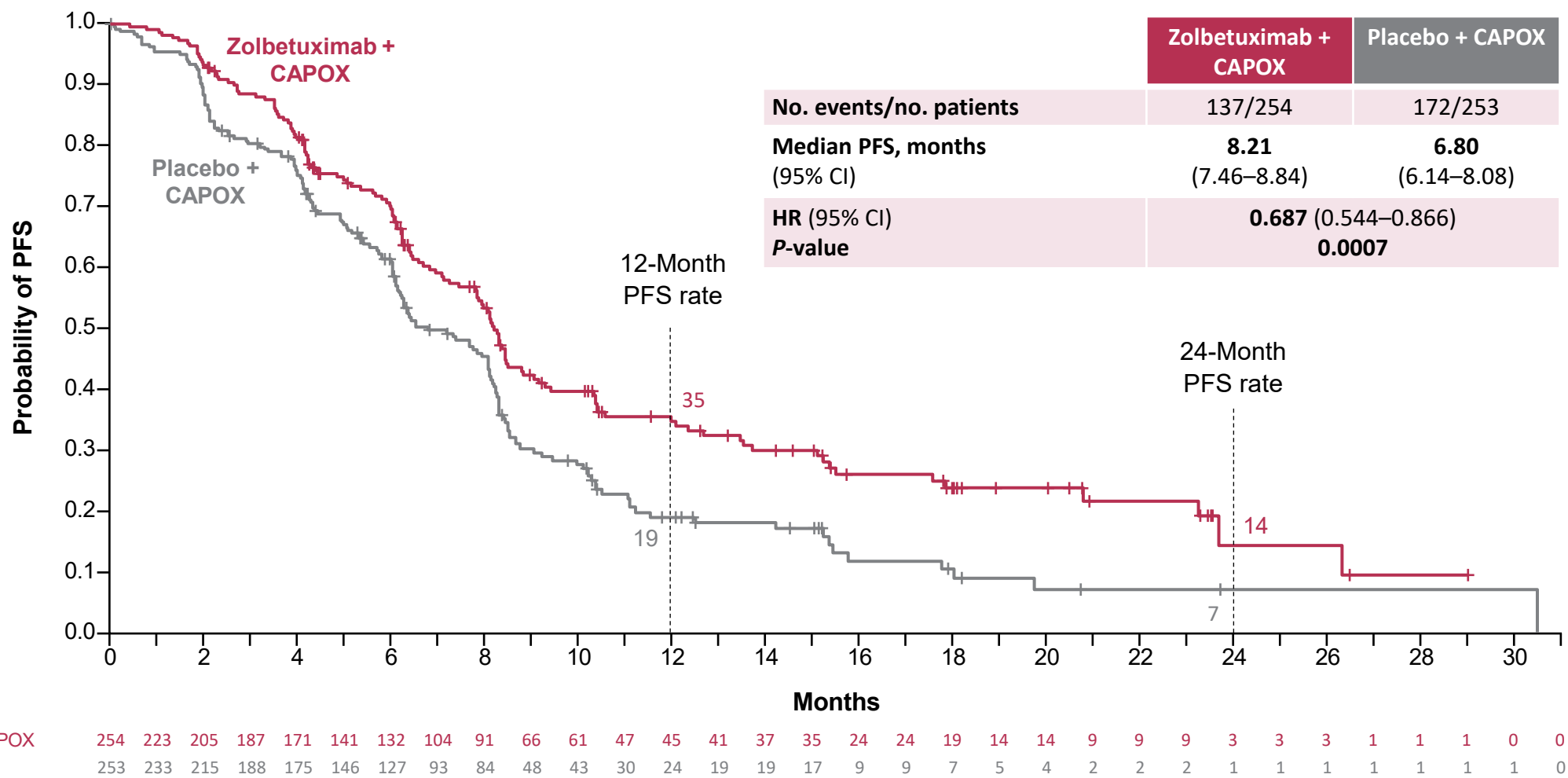
GLOW: Study Design

Global^a, randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial



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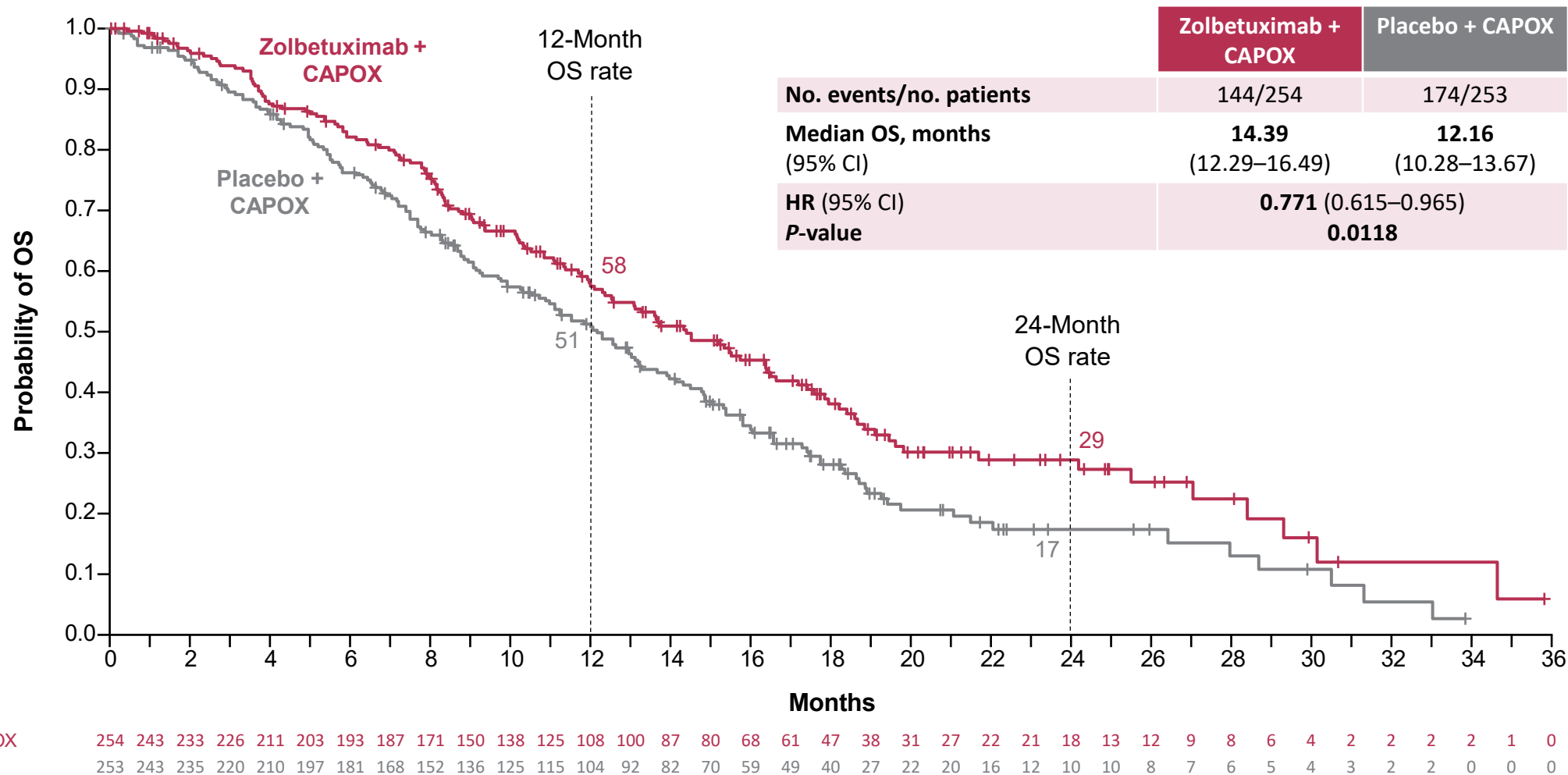
GLOW: PFS by Independent Review Committee



- PFS was significantly longer in patients treated with zolbetuximab + CAPOX vs placebo + CAPOX

Data cutoff: October 7, 2022; Median follow-up = 12.62 months (zolbetuximab + CAPOX) vs 12.09 months (placebo + CAPOX).
 Shah MA, et al. *Nat Med.* 2023;29(8):2133-2141.

GLOW: OS



- OS was significantly longer in patients treated with zolbetuximab + CAPOX vs placebo + CAPOX

Data cutoff: October 7, 2022; Median follow-up = 17.71 months (zolbetuximab + CAPOX) vs 18.43 months (placebo + CAPOX).
 Shah MA, et al. *Nat Med.* 2023;29(8):2133-2141.

GLOW: Response

	Zolbetuximab + CAPOX (N = 195)	Placebo + CAPOX (N = 205)
Patients^a, n	105	100
ORR^b, % (95% CI)	53.8 (46.58–60.99)	48.8 (41.76–55.84)
BOR^{c,d}, n (%)	163 (83.6)	188 (91.7)
CR	6 (3.1)	3 (1.5)
PR	99 (50.8)	97 (47.3)
SD	46 (23.6)	57 (27.8)
PD	10 (5.1)	25 (12.2)
Median DOR^b, months, (range)	6.28 (5.39-8.28)	6.18 (4.53-6.41)

- Response rates were similar between treatment arms
- Formal analysis of PROs is pending
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