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Reshaping Our Approach in SCLC

Latest Therapeutic Options

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Where will BiTEs be used for ES-SCLC 5 years from now?

- As part of first-line therapy
- As maintenance therapy
- Second-line therapy
- Third-line therapy
- Only for biomarker selected patients

IMpower 133 & CASPIAN

Patients with (N = 403):

- Measurable ES-SCLC (RECIST v1.1)
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- No prior systemic treatment for ES-SCLC
- Patients with treated asymptomatic brain metastases were eligible

Stratification:

- Sex (male vs. female)
- ECOG PS (0 vs. 1)
- Brain metastases (yes vs. no)^a

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1:1

Induction (4 x 21-day cycles)

Atezolizumab (1200 mg IV, Day 1)
+ carboplatin
+ etoposide

Placebo
+ carboplatin
+ etoposide

Carboplatin: AUC 5 mg/mL/min IV, Day 1
Etoposide: 100 mg/m² IV, Days 1–3

Co-primary end points:

- Overall survival
- Investigator-assessed PFS

Maintenance

Atezolizumab

Placebo

Treat until
PD or loss
of clinical
benefit

PCI per local standard of care

Key secondary end points:

- Objective response rate
- Duration of response
- Safety

Survival follow-up

- Treatment-naïve ES-SCLC
- WHO PS 0 or 1
- Asymptomatic or treated and stable brain metastases permitted
- Life expectancy ≥12 weeks
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1
- N=805 (randomized)

1:1:1

Stratified by
planned
platinum
(carboplatin vs
cisplatin)

Durvalumab +
tremelimumab + EP*
q3w for 4 cycles

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EP*
q3w for up to 6 cycles[†]

Durvalumab[‡]
q4w until PD

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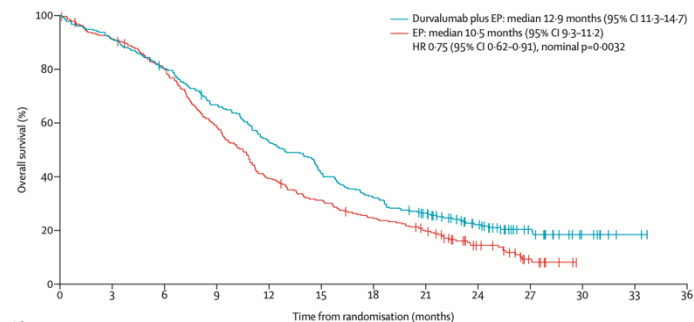
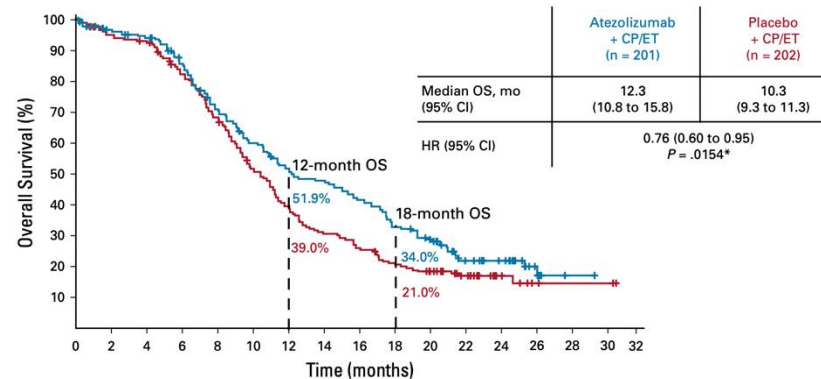
Optional PCI[†]

Primary endpoint

- OS

Secondary endpoints

- PFS[§]
- ORR[§]
- Safety & tolerability
- PROs

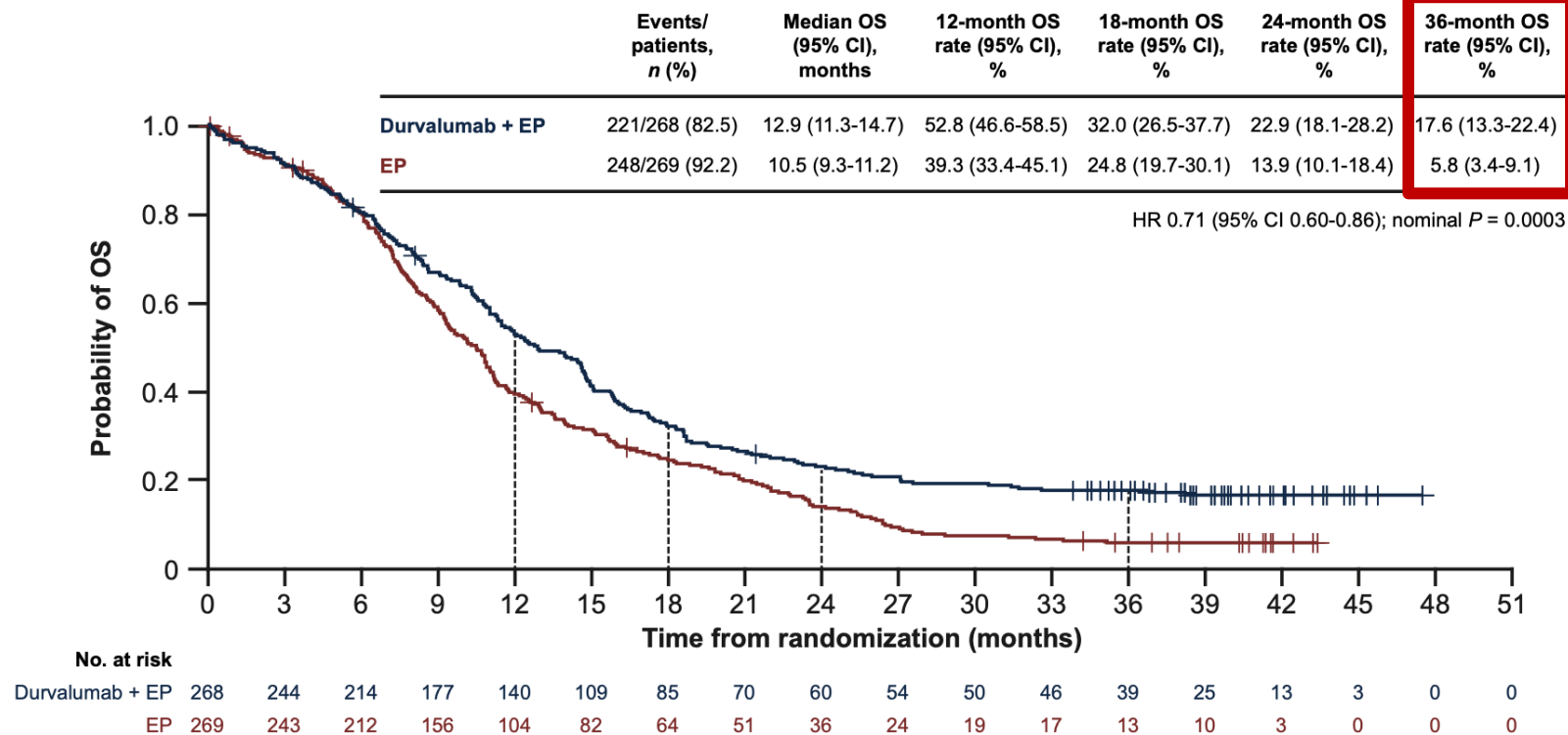


Liu, WCLC 2018; Liu, JTO 2021; Paz-Ares, ASCO 2020; Goldman, Lancet Oncol 2021

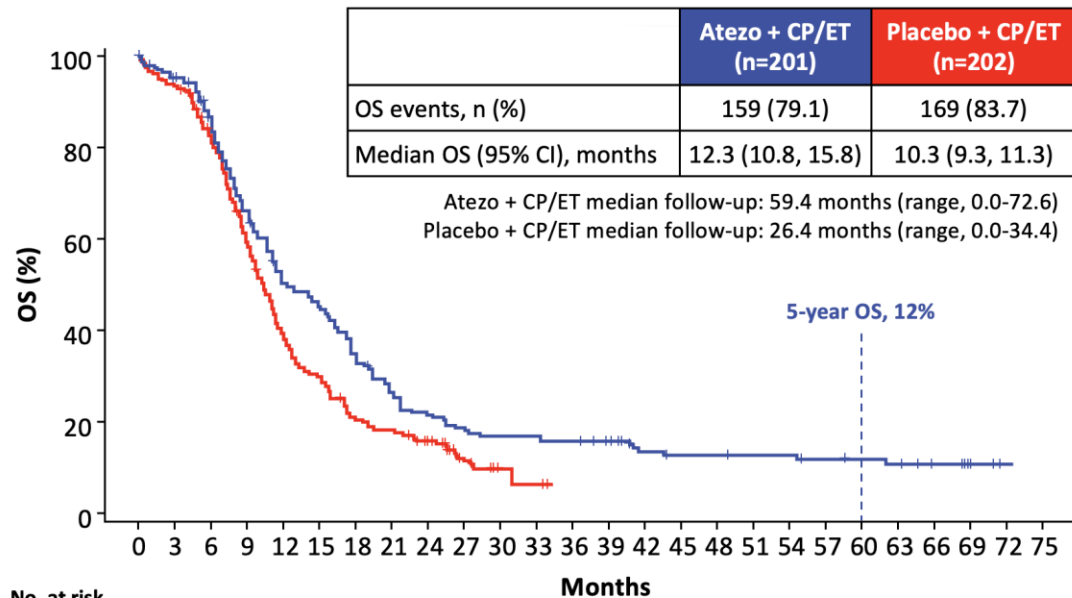
First-Line Treatment of ES-SCLC

Study	Agent	Sample Size	mPFS / HR	mOS / HR	1y OS Rate
IMpower 133 <i>Liu, JCO 2021</i>	Atezolizumab	403 pts	5.2m HR 0.77	12.3m HR 0.76	52%
CASPIAN <i>Paz-Ares, ESMO Open 2022</i>	Durvalumab	805 pts	5.1m HR 0.80	12.9m HR 0.71	53%
EA5161 (phase II) <i>Leal, ASCO 2020</i>	Nivolumab	160 pts	5.5m HR 0.68	11.3m HR 0.73	50%
KEYNOTE 604 <i>Rudin, WCLC 2022</i>	Pembrolizumab	453 pts	4.8m HR 0.70	10.8m HR 0.76	45%
ASTRUM 005 <i>Cheng, JAMA 2022</i>	Serplulimab	585 pts	5.7m HR 0.48	15.4m HR 0.63	61%
CAPSTONE-1 <i>Wang, Lancet Oncol 2022</i>	Adebrelimab	462 pts	5.8m HR 0.67	15.3m HR 0.72	63%
RATIONALE-312 <i>Cheng, JTO 2024</i>	Tislelizumab	457 pts	4.7m HR 0.64	15.5m HR 0.75	63%

CASPIAN: 3y Survival



IMbrellaA: 5y OS Atezolizumab in SCLC



	Atezo + CP/ET (n=201)	Placebo + CP/ET (n=202)
OS events, n (%)	159 (79.1)	169 (83.7)
Median OS (95% CI), months	12.3 (10.8, 15.8)	10.3 (9.3, 11.3)

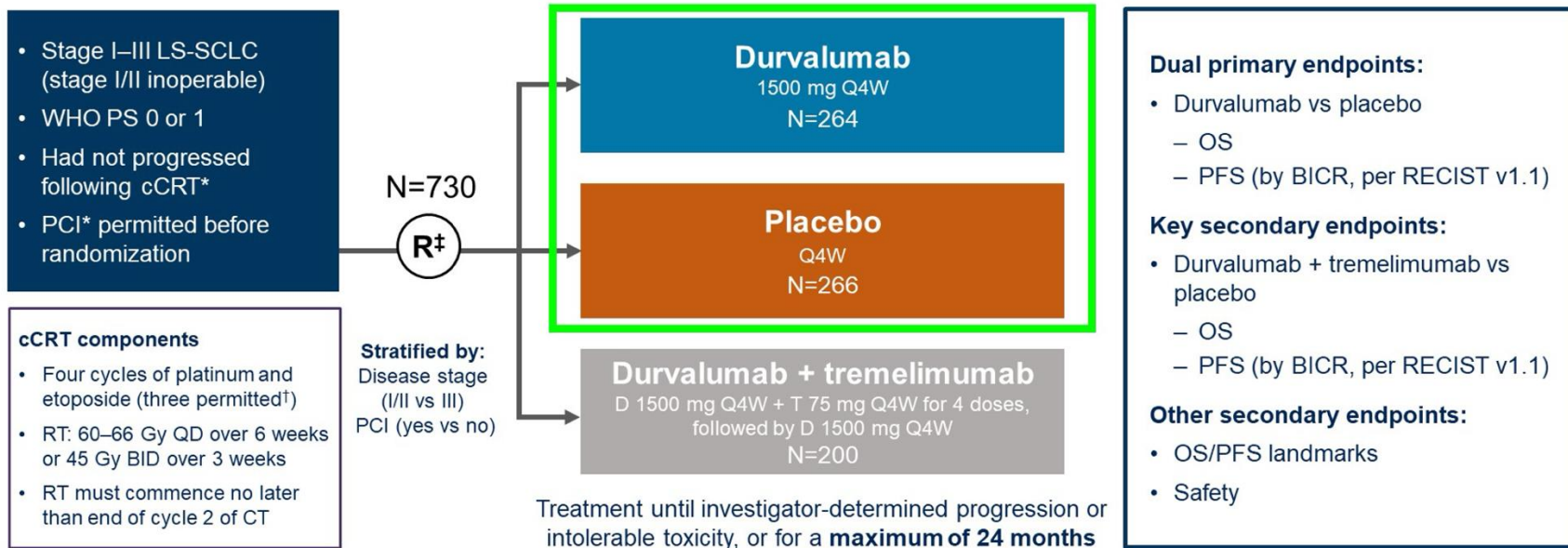
Atezo + CP/ET median follow-up: 59.4 months (range, 0.0-72.6)

Placebo + CP/ET median follow-up: 26.4 months (range, 0.0-34.4)

OS rate (95% CI), %	IMpower133 and IMbrella A Atezo + CP/ET (n=201)	IMpower133 only Placebo + CP/ET (n=202)
1-year	52% (45-59)	39% (32-46)
2-year	22% (16-28)	16% (11-21)
3-year	16% (11-21)	NE ^a
4-year	13% (8-18)	NE ^a
5-year	12% (7-17)	NE ^a

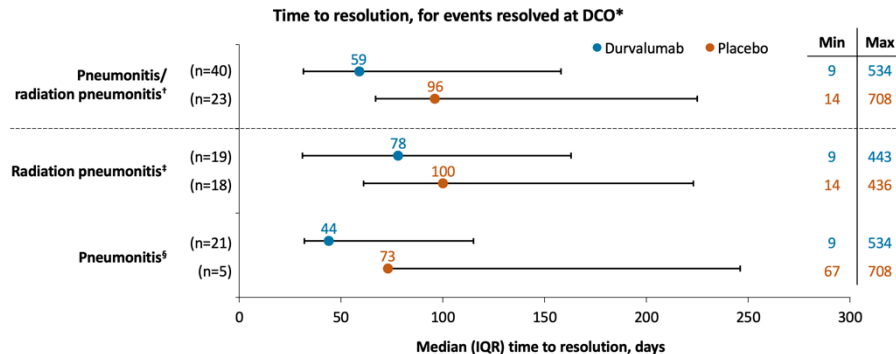
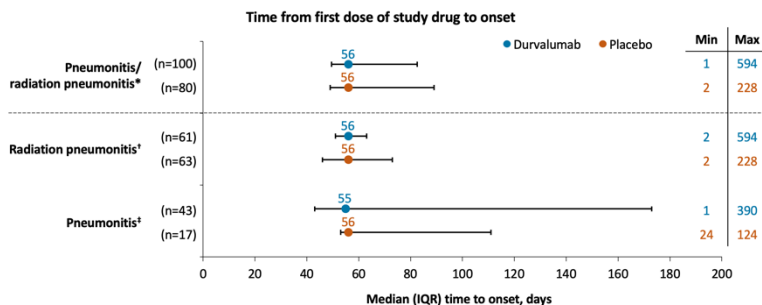
ADRIATIC

- Durvalumab for LS-SCLC after chemoradiation



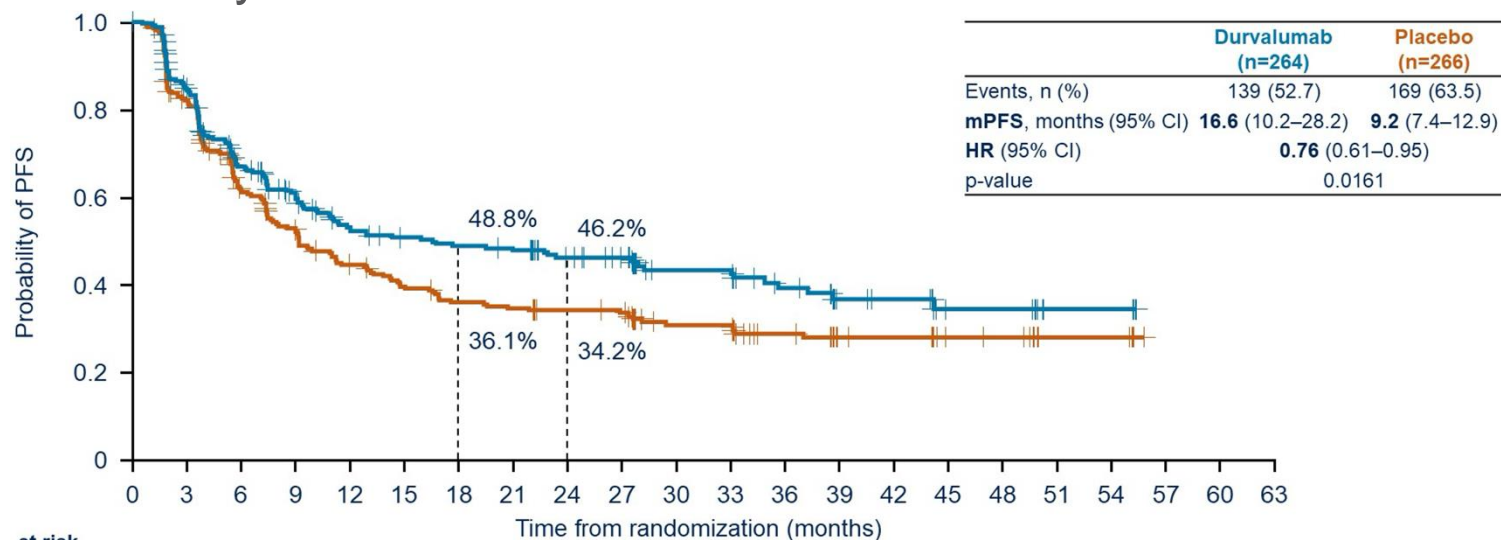
ADRIATIC: Pneumonitis

- Durvalumab increased pneumonitis over placebo
 - Grouped terms: 38.2% vs 30.2%



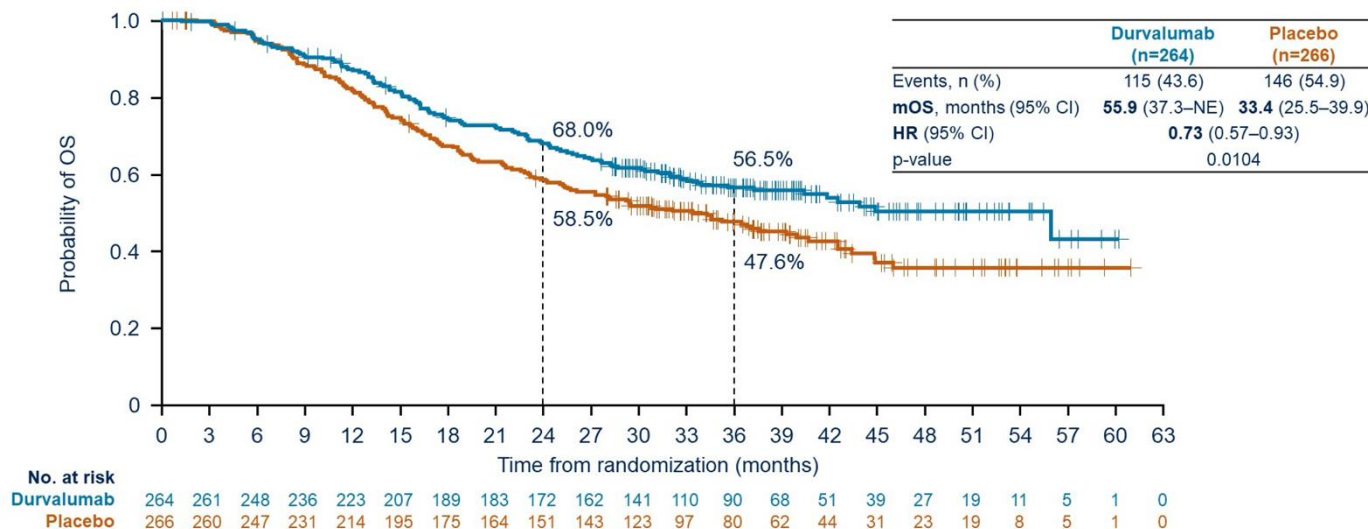
ADRIATIC

- Durvalumab significantly improved PFS
 - Median PFS 16.6m vs 9.2m (HR 0.76)
 - 2y PFS rate 46.2% vs 34.2%



ADRIATIC: Survival

- Durvalumab significantly improved overall survival
 - Median OS 55.9m vs 33.4m (+22.5m), OS HR 0.73

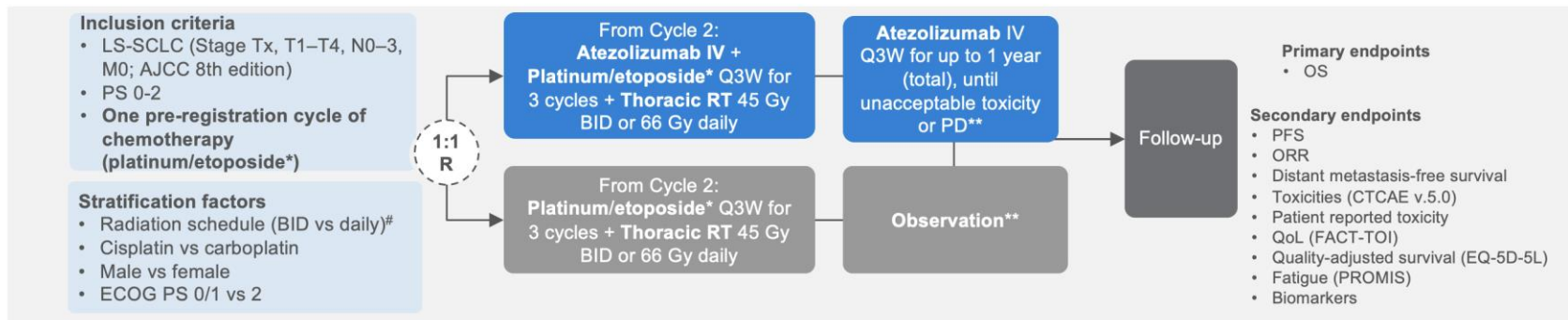


NRG LU005: Concurrent Atezolizumab

- Atezolizumab with and after concurrent chemoradiation for limited-stage SCLC

Phase III (N = 544; US & Japanese sites)

NCT03811002



NRG LU005: Safety

	CRT Only (n = 254)	CRT + Atezo (n = 267)
Any grade AEs	251 (99)	266 (99.6)
Grade 3/4 AEs	235 (92.5)	231 (86.5)
AEs leading to death	4 (1.6)	24 (9)*
Treatment-related AEs leading to death	2 (1)	9 (3)
Grade 3/4 Immune related AEs	16 (6.2)	42 (15.7)
Grade 5 Immune related AEs	0 (0)	4 (1.5)

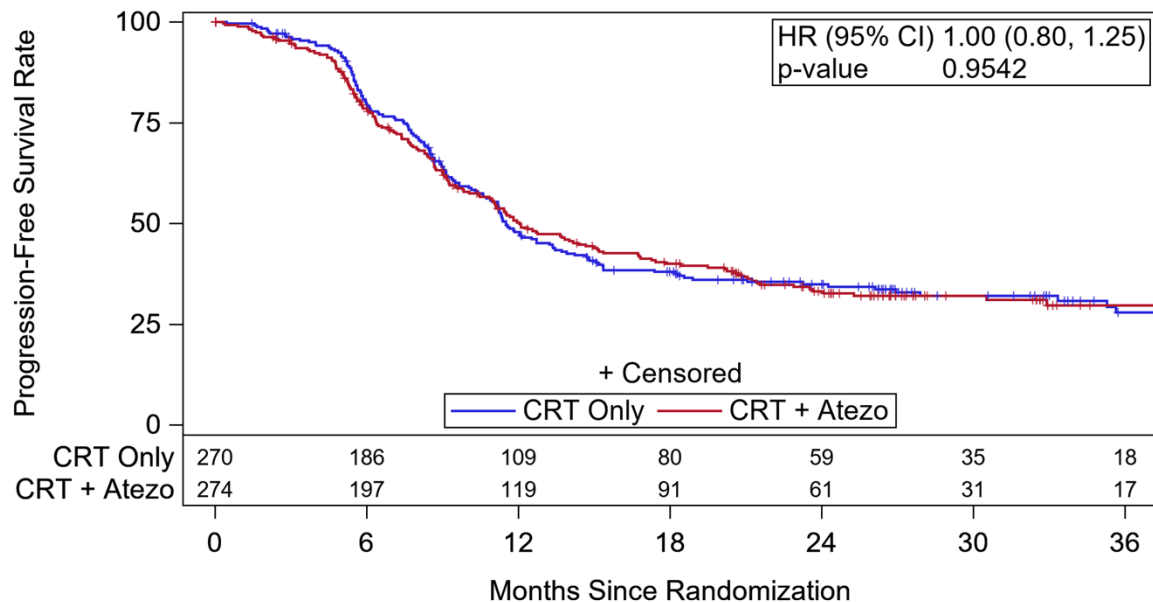
*Reporting window of 30 days post CRT for control arm and 90 days post end of atezo for experimental arm (11 weeks vs. 15 months)

Pneumonitis

	CRT Only (n = 254)	CRT + Atezo (n = 267)
Any grade	30 (11.8)	70 (26.2)
Grade 3/4	8 (3.2)	13 (4.9)
Grade 5	0 (0)	2 (0.7)

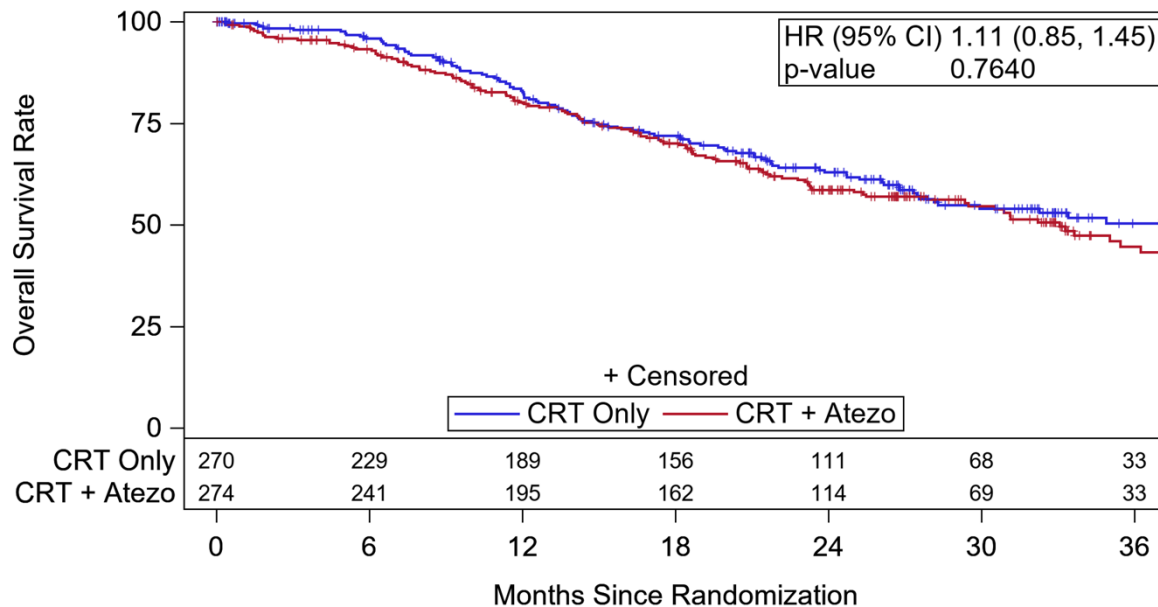
NRG LU005: Concurrent Atezolizumab

- Atezolizumab with and after concurrent chemoradiation for LS-SCLC did not improve PFS



NRG LU005: Concurrent Atezolizumab

- Atezolizumab with and after concurrent chemoradiation for LS-SCLC did not improve OS



ADRIATIC vs LU005

- Why did ADRIATIC have such a profound impact on outcomes and LU005 did not?
 - Durvalumab vs atezolizumab?
 - Unlikely – very similar performance in ES-SCLC
 - Different patient population
 - LU005 included patients who would not have qualified for ADRIATIC after chemoradiation – but control arm did very well
 - Concurrent vs consolidation
 - Does giving PD(L)1 therapy with large field, definitive chemoradiation prevent an immune response?

Immunotherapy and Radiation

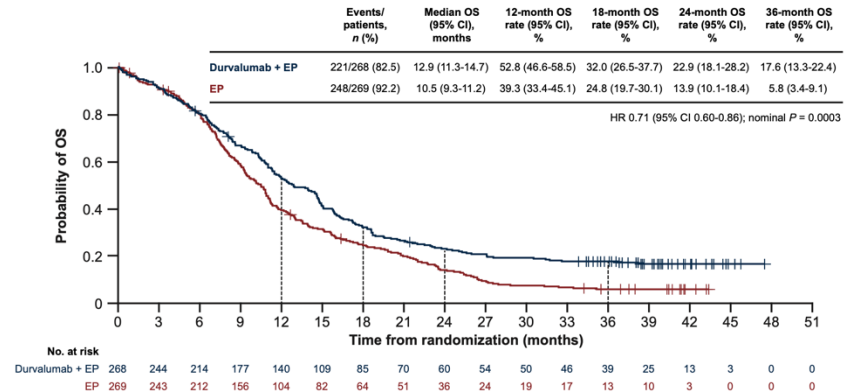
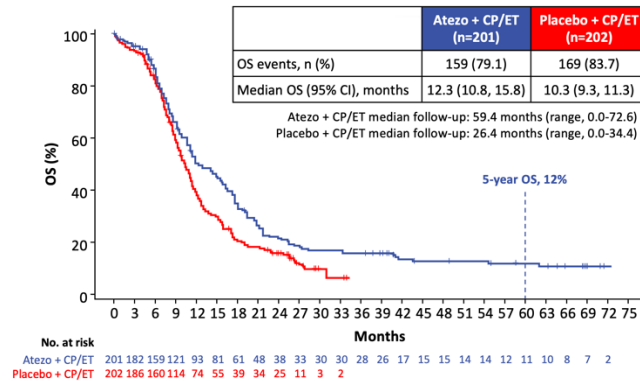
- Radiation increases PD-L1 expression in vitro
 - Appealing to partner these modalities
- Positive sequential trials
 - PACIFIC, ADRIATIC
- Positive SBRT trials
- Negative concurrent trials
 - Radiation field (lymph nodes, blood pool)
 - Fractionation and cumulative dose
 - Lymphopenic therapy (radiation and chemotherapy)

Table. Clinical Trials of Concurrent Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors and Conventionally Fractionated CRT With Negative Outcomes

Clinical trial	Phase	Cancer type	Treatment arm
PACIFIC 2	3	NSCLC	Concurrent durvalumab + CRT vs SOC CRT
NRG-HN005	2/3	HNSCC	Concurrent reduced-dose RT + nivolumab vs reduced-dose RT + cisplatin vs SOC CRT
JAVELIN-HNSCC 100	3	HNSCC	Concurrent avelumab + CRT vs SOC CRT
GORTEC-2017-01 (REACH)	3	HNSCC	Concurrent avelumab + cetuximab + RT vs SOC (cisplatin-cetuximab + RT)
KEYNOTE 412	3	HNSCC	Concurrent pembro + CRT vs SOC CRT
CALLA	3	Cervical SCC	Concurrent durvalumab + CRT → adjuvant durvalumab vs SOC CRT
NRG-GI002	2	Rectal cancer	FOLFOX → CRT + pembro preop vs FOLFOX → CRT preop

Immunotherapy is Our Standard

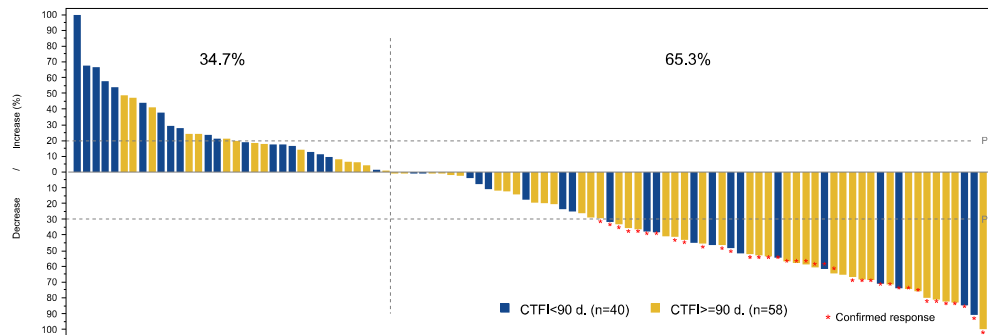
- Adding PD(L)1 inhibitor to 1L chemotherapy improves survival without significant increase in toxicity



- How do we extend long-term benefit to more patients?

Lurbinectedin

- Marine derived transcription inhibitor
- Single-arm phase II monotherapy study
 - Response rate 35.2%
 - Sensitive RR 45%, resistant RR 22%
 - FDA accelerated approval June 15, 2020



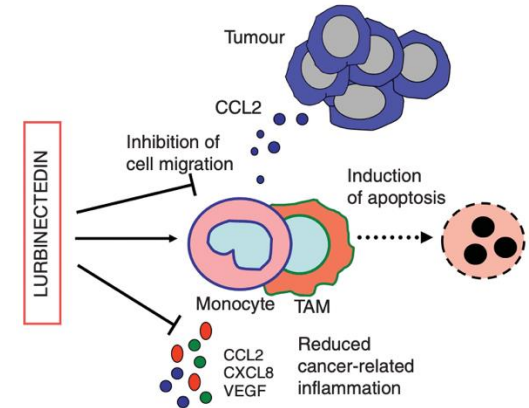
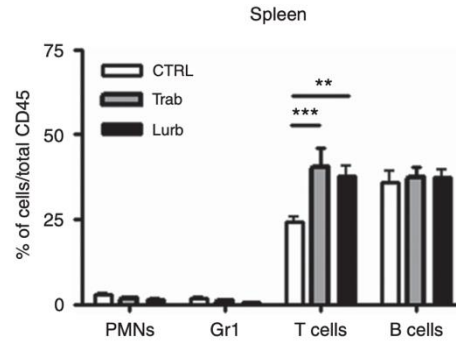
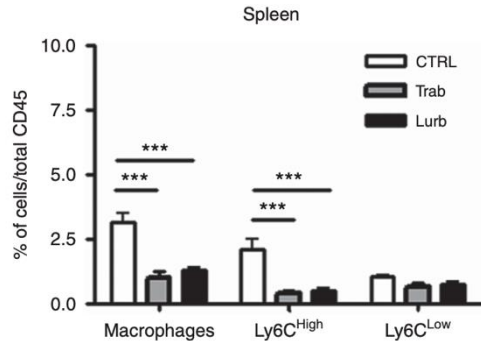
	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Haematological abnormalities (regardless of relation to study drug)*			
Anaemia	91 (87%)	9 (9%)	0
Leucopenia	53 (50%)	20 (19%)	10 (10%)
Neutropenia	27 (26%)	22 (21%)	26 (25%)
Thrombocytopenia	39 (37%)	3 (3%)	4 (4%)
Biochemical abnormalities (regardless of relation to study drug)*			
Creatinine†	86/104 (83%)	0	0
Alanine aminotransferase	69/103 (67%)	5/103 (5%)	0
γ-glutamyl transferase	52/103 (50%)	13/103 (13%)	2/103 (2%)
Aspartate aminotransferase	44/103 (43%)	2/103 (2%)	0
Alkaline phosphatase	31/103 (30%)	3/103 (3%)	0
Treatment-related adverse events			
Fatigue	54 (51%)	7 (7%)	0
Nausea	34 (32%)	0	0
Decreased appetite	22 (21%)	0	0
Vomiting	19 (18%)	0	0
Diarrhoea	13 (14%)	1 (1%)	0
Febrile neutropenia	0	2 (2%)	3 (3%)
Pneumonia	0	2 (2%)	0
Skin ulcer	0	1 (1%)	0

Trigo, Lancet Oncol 2020

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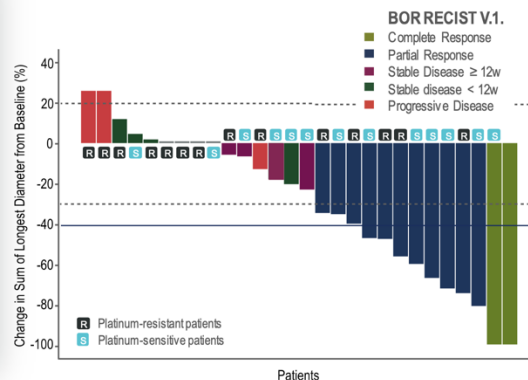
- Lurbinectedin has an effect on the immune TME
- Reduction in tumor associated macrophages



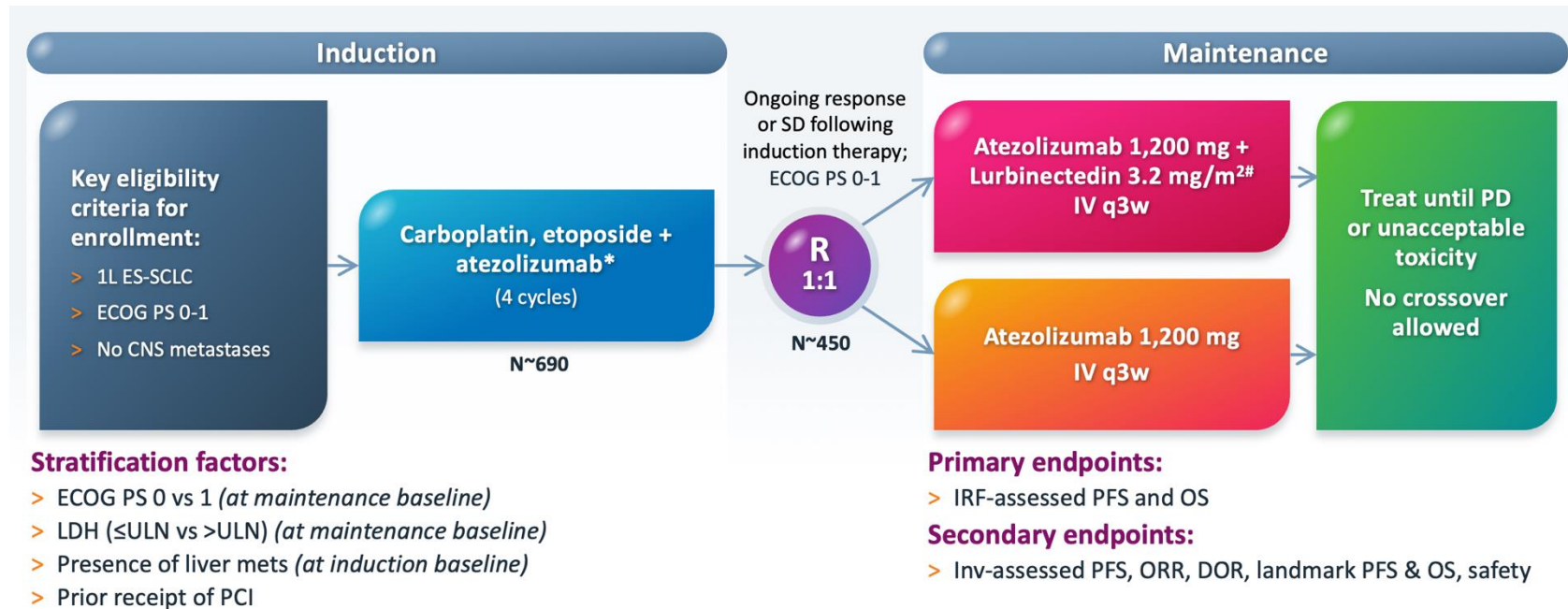
Lurbinectedin

- Phase I/II LUPER trial
 - Impact of lurbinectedin on microenvironment
 - Potential synergy with immunotherapy
 - Lurbinectedin + pembrolizumab (in IO naïve SCLC)
 - RR 46.4%, mPFS 5.3m; in platinum sensitive, RR 53.9%, mPFS 10m

Tumor response, n (%)	Platinum-free interval <90 days (n = 14)	Platinum-free interval ≥90 days (n = 13)	Overall (N = 28)
Best Overall Response			
CR*	0 (0%)	1 (7.7%)	2 (7.1%)
PR	5 (35.7%)	6 (46.2%)	11 (39.3%)
SD ≥ 12w	1 (7.1%)	3 (23.1%)	4 (14.3%)
SD < 12w	2 (14.3%)	2 (15.4%)	4 (14.3%)
PD	3 (21.4%)	0 (0%)	3 (10.7%)
NE	3 (21.4%)	1 (7.7%)	4 (14.3%)
Objective Response Rate			
Yes*	5 (35.7%)	7 (53.9%)	13 (46.4%)
No	9 (64.3%)	6 (46.1%)	15 (53.6%)
Clinical Benefit Rate			
Yes*	6 (42.9%)	10 (76.9%)	17 (60.7%)
No	8 (57.1%)	3 (23.1%)	11 (39.3%)

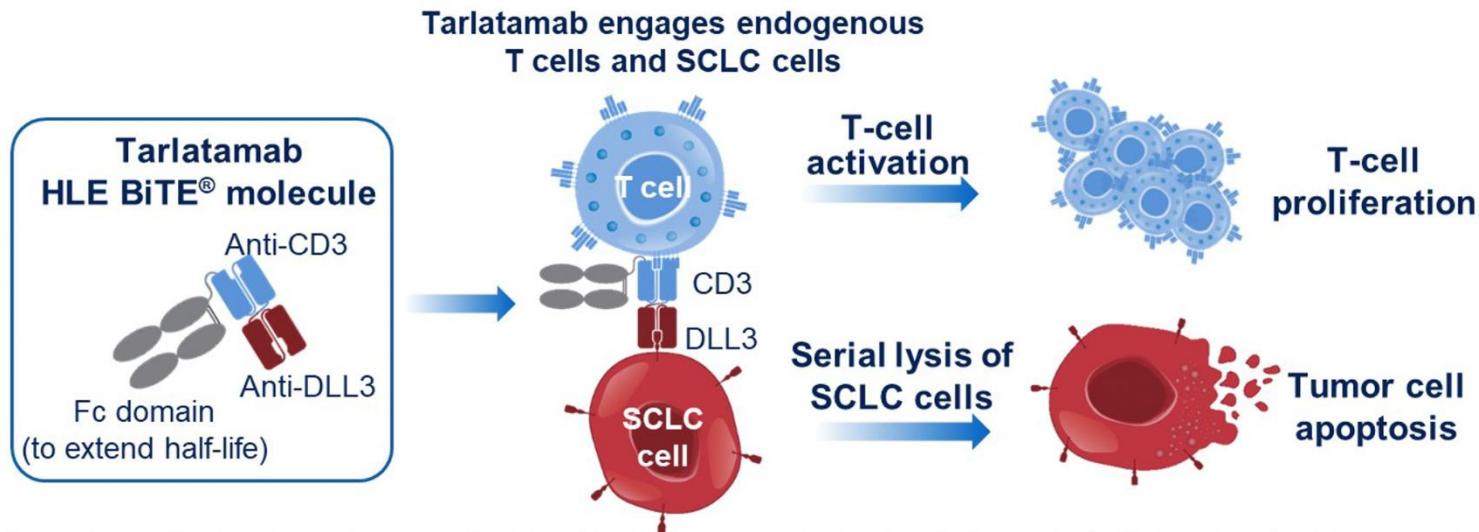


Lurbinectedin



Tarlatamab (AMG 757)

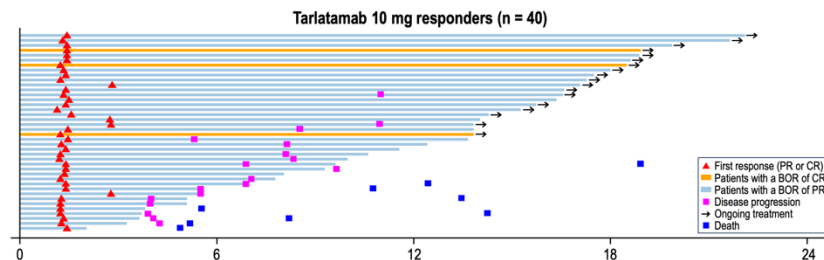
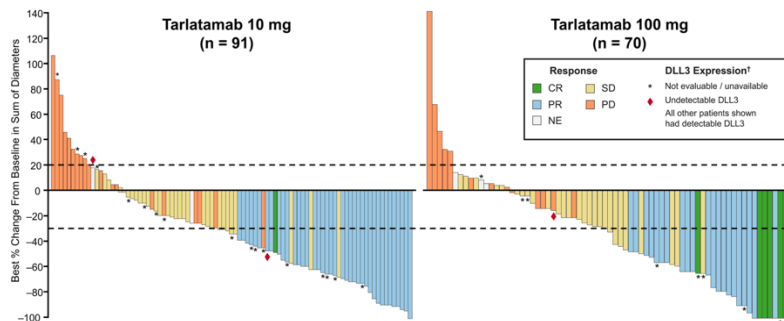
- Bispecific T-cell Engager (BiTE) targeting DLL3 + CD3



CD, cluster of differentiation; DLL3, delta-like ligand 3; Fc, fragment crystallizable domain; HLE BiTE, half-life extended bispecific T-cell engager; SCLC, small cell lung cancer.

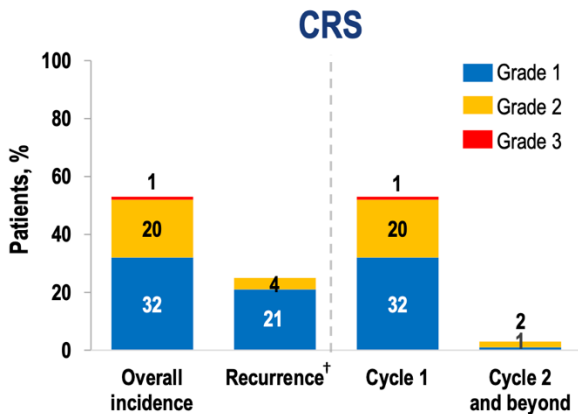
Tarlatamab (AMG 757)

- Phase II DeLLphi-300 Study
 - 10mg dose comparable to 100mg in efficacy, better safety
 - RR 40% at 10mg, 32% at 100mg, 58-61% lasting ≥ 6 m

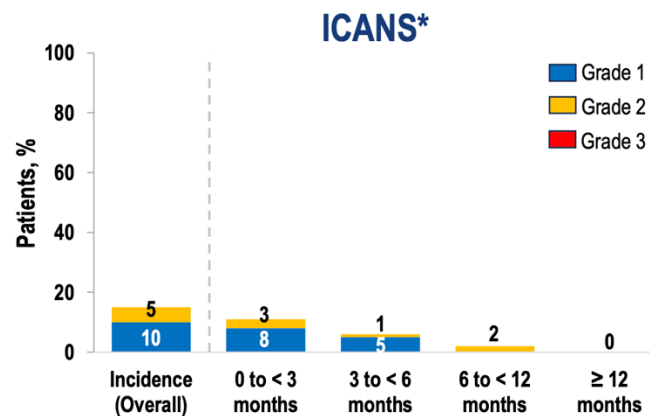


Tarlatamab (AMG 757)

- Phase II DeLLphi-300 Study (pooled 10mg doses)
 - CRS was typically with cycles 1 or 2
 - ICANS was uncommon, early onset, and grade 1 or 2



Median time to resolution[‡]: 3 days (95% CI, 3–4)



Median time to resolution[‡]: 33 days[§] (95% CI, 7–120)

Tarlatamab (AMG 757)

- Phase Ib DeLLphi-303 Study

1L Chemo-IO

**Platinum-etoposide +
PD-L1 inhibitor**

(4-6 cycles)

Enrollment

Key Inclusion Criteria

- No disease progression following 4-6 cycles of platinum-etoposide + PD-L1 inhibitor
- Eligible if no access to 1L PD-L1 inhibitor
- Prior treatment for LS-SCLC permitted
- ECOG PS 0-1
- Treated and asymptomatic brain metastases allowed
- DLL3 positivity not required

Non-
randomized

Switching to
different PD-L1
inhibitor
permitted

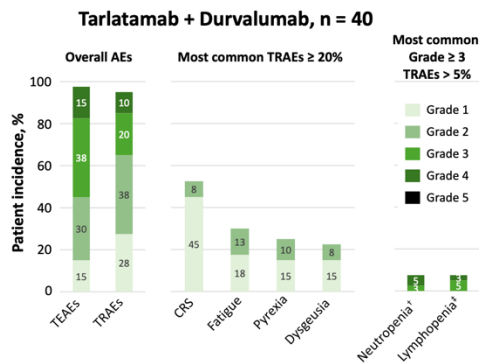
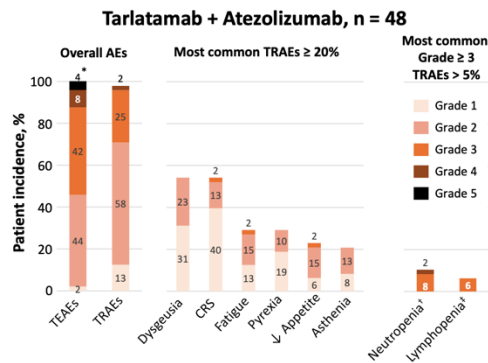
1L Maintenance

**Tarlatamab (10 mg IV Q2W)* +
Atezolizumab (1680 mg IV Q4W)**

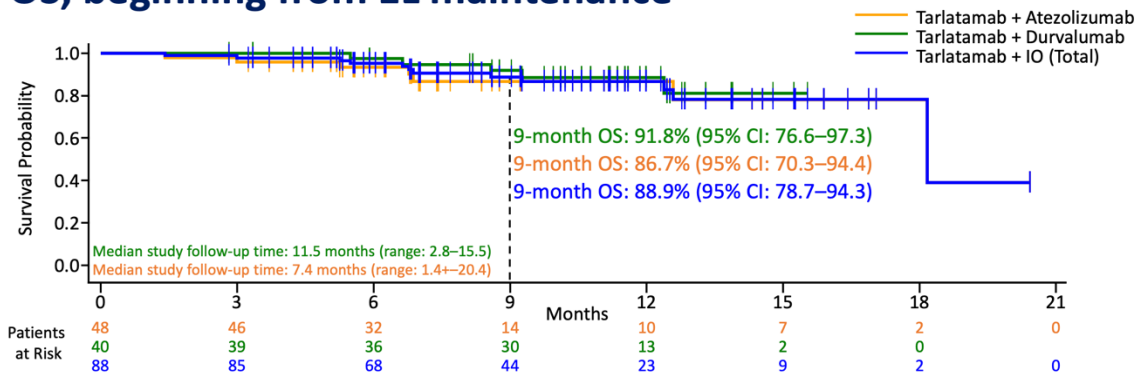
**Tarlatamab (10 mg IV Q2W)* +
Durvalumab (1500 mg IV Q4W)**

- RR 62.5% in both arms

Tarlatamab (AMG 757)



OS, beginning from 1L maintenance



Tarlatamab (AMG 757)

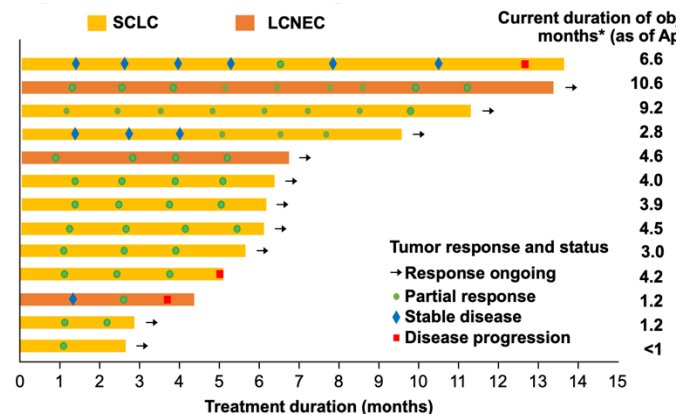
- Close observation required

Table 1. Recommended Dosage and Schedule of IMDELLTRA

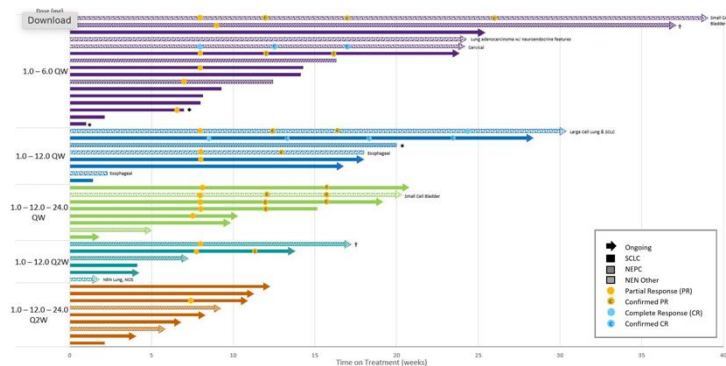
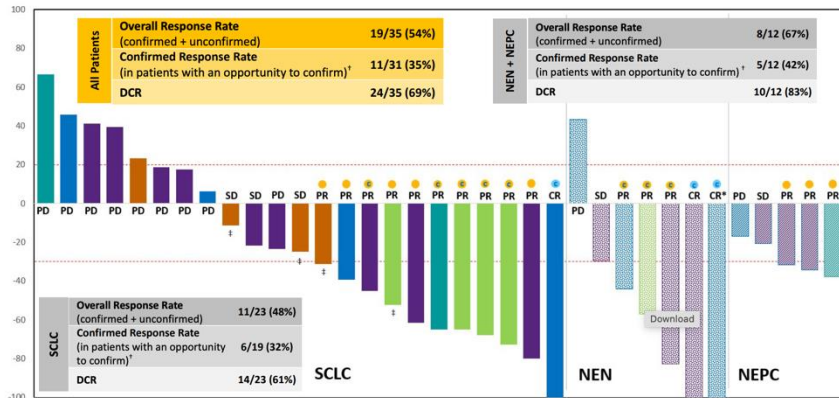
Dosing Schedule	Day	Dose of IMDELLTRA	Administration Instructions	Recommended Monitoring
Step-up Dosing Schedule Cycle 1	Day 1 ^a	Step-up dose ^a 1 mg	Administer IMDELLTRA as a 1-hour intravenous infusion in an appropriate healthcare setting.	Monitor patients from the start of the IMDELLTRA infusion for 22 to 24 hours on Cycle 1 Day 1 and Cycle 1 Day 8 in an appropriate healthcare setting.
	Day 8 ^a	10 mg ^a		Recommend that patients remain within 1-hour of an appropriate healthcare setting for a total of 48 hours from start of the infusion with IMDELLTRA, accompanied by a caregiver.
	Day 15	10 mg		Observe patients for 6-8 hours post IMDELLTRA infusion ^b .

Dosing Schedule	Day	Dose of IMDELLTRA	Administration Instructions	Recommended Monitoring
Cycle 2	Day 1 and 15	10 mg		Observe patients for 6-8 hours post IMDELLTRA infusion ^b .
Cycles 3 and 4	Day 1 and 15	10 mg		Observe patients for 3-4 hours post IMDELLTRA infusion ^b .
Cycle 5 and subsequent infusions	Day 1 and 15	10 mg		Observe patients for 2 hours post IMDELLTRA infusion ^b .

- Tarlatamab – FDA accelerated approval 5/16/24
- BI 764532 (obrixtamig)
 - SCLC at doses $\geq 90\text{mcg/kg}$

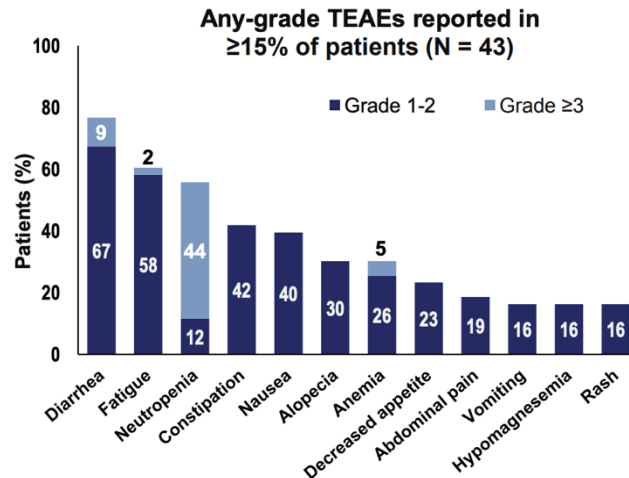
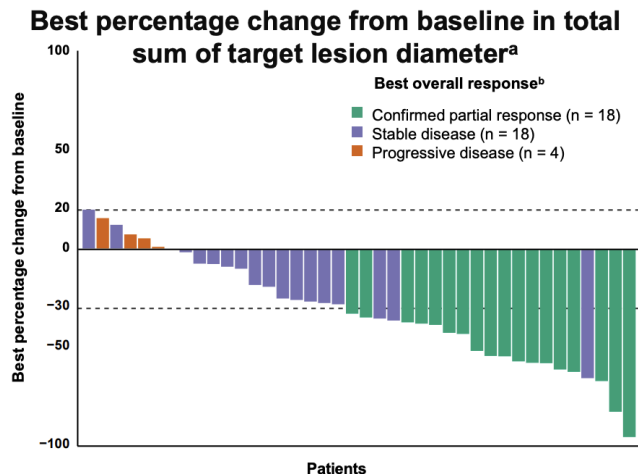


- Tarlatamab – FDA accelerated approval 5/16/24
- BI 764532 (obixtamig)
- MK-6070 (HPN328)



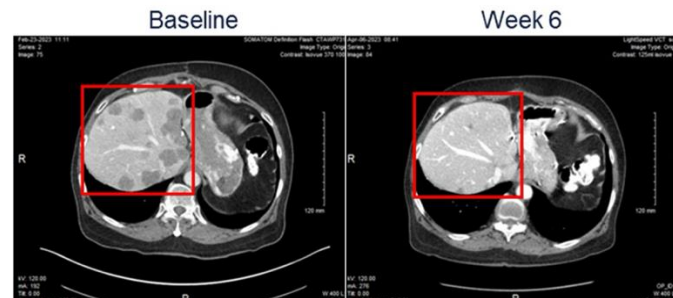
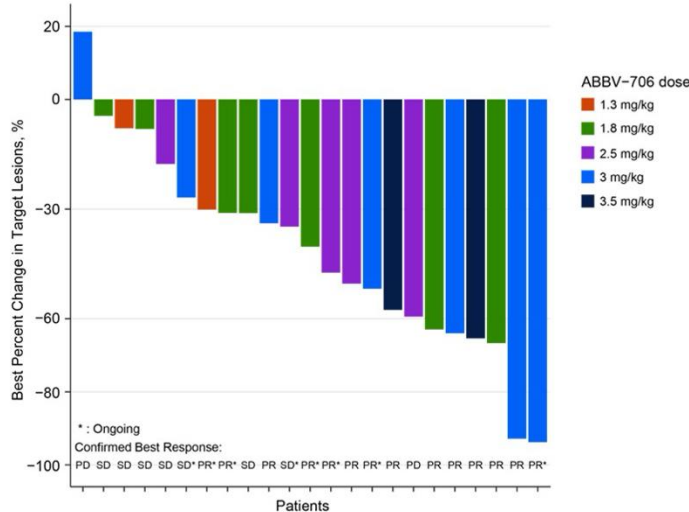
Antibody Drug Conjugates

- Sacituzumab govitecan (TROP2-ADC)
 - Phase II TROPiCS-03 Basket Trial
 - RR 41.9%, mDOR 4.7m, PFS 4.4m, OS 13.6m



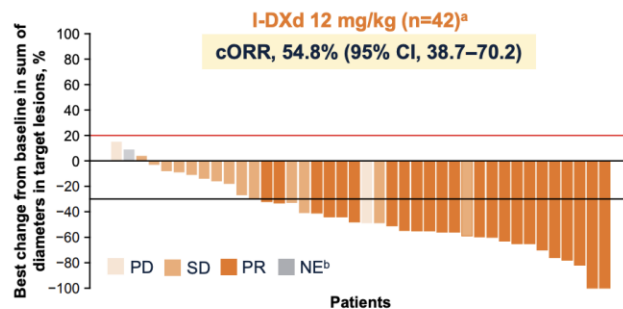
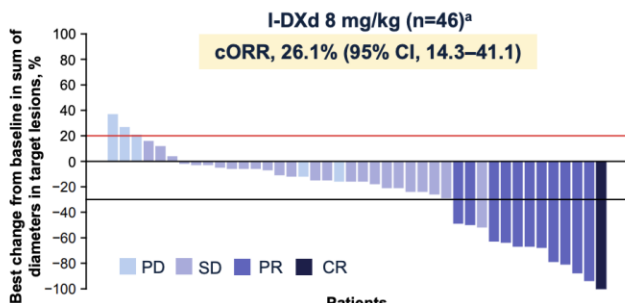
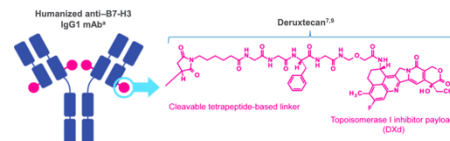
Antibody Drug Conjugates

- ABBV-706 (SEZ6 ADC)
 - First-in-human study
 - RR 60.9%, PFS/OS immature



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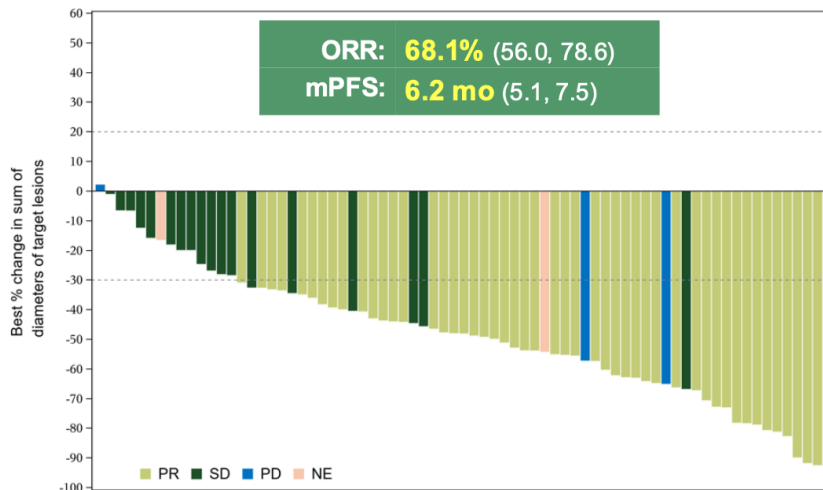
- Ifinatumab deruxtecan (I-DXd, DS-7300)
 - B7-H3 ADC with topoisomerase I payload
 - IDEate-Lung01 study of two doses



Confirmed response by BICR ^c	I-DXd 8 mg/kg n=46	I-DXd 12 mg/kg n=42
ORR, % (95% CI)	26.1 (14.3–41.1)	54.8 (38.7–70.2)
CR, n (%)	1 (2.2)	0
PR, n (%)	11 (23.9)	23 (54.8)
DCR, % (95% CI)	80.4 (66.1–90.6)	90.5 (77.4–97.3)

Antibody Drug Conjugates

- YL201
 - B7-H3 ADC, cleavable linker, potent Topo1 inhibitor
 - In previously treated SCLC, RR 68.1%, mPFS 6.2m

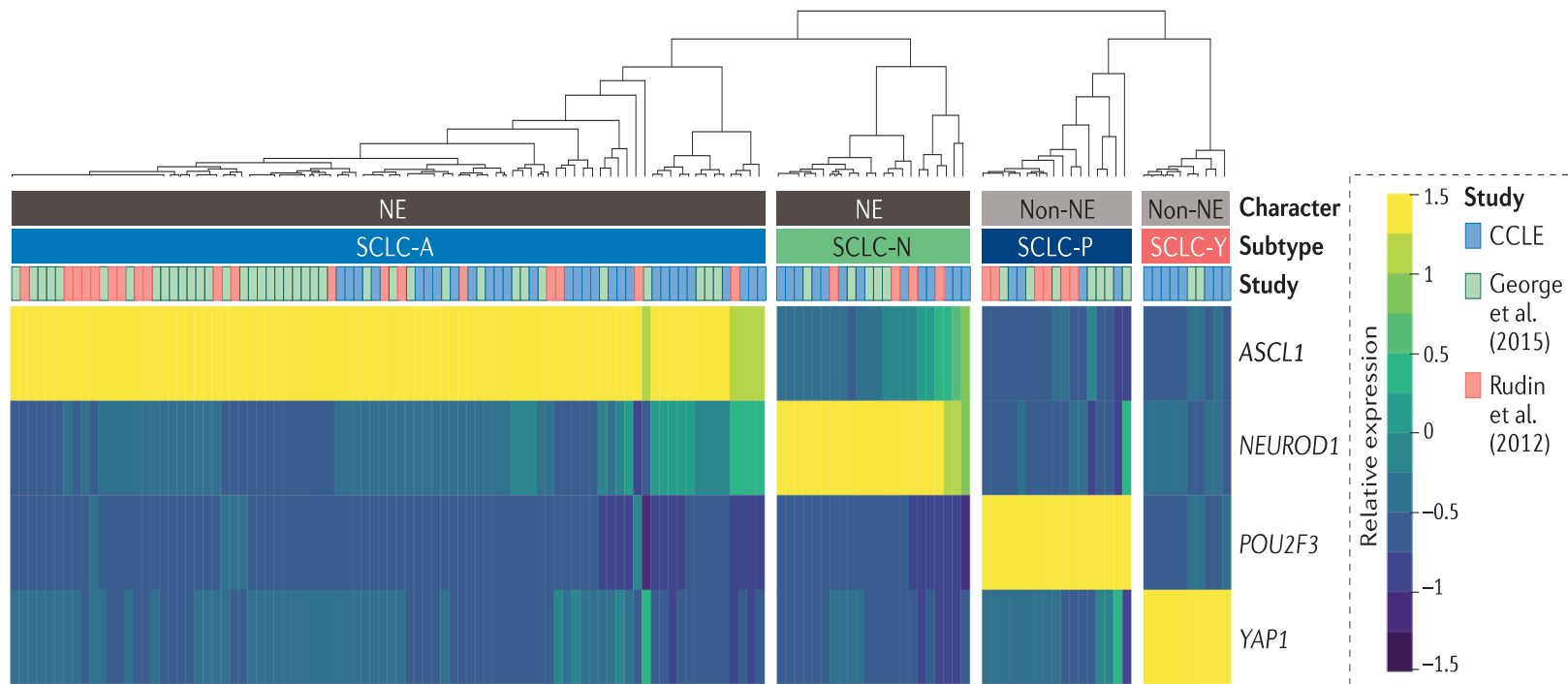


TRAE in ≥10% patients	Total * (N=312)	
	All grades	Grade ≥3
Hematological, n (%)		
Leukopenia	63%	29%
Anemia	63%	22%
Neutropenia	60%	30%
Lymphopenia	35%	19%
Thrombocytopenia	31%	13%
Non-hematological, n (%)		
Decreased appetite	34%	1%
Nausea	24%	1%
Hypoalbuminemia	20%	0%
Alanine aminotransferase increased	17%	0.6%
Alopecia	17%	0%
Hyponatremia	17%	1%
Fatigue	17%	0.6%
Diarrhea	17%	0.6%
Vomiting	17%	1%

Novel Agents for SCLC

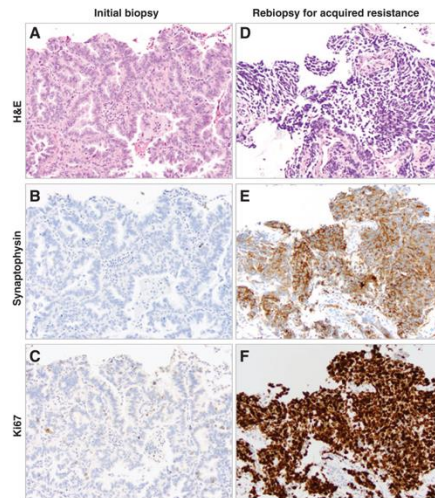
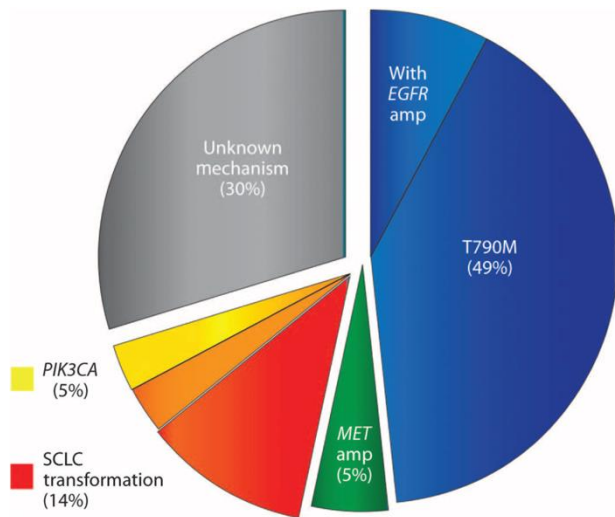
- High response rates and durable responses are very encouraging in previously treated SCLC
 - Very often do not translate to improvements in earlier lines
- Different populations being explored
 - Later line patients have a unique biology that seems to be enriched in highly selective phase I studies and underrepresented in pragmatic phase III studies
- Key to transformative change will be understanding *why* a certain drug works, not just noting that it does

Predictive Biomarkers for Chemo-IO



SCLC Transformation

- Lineage plasticity is an increasingly seen mechanism of resistance to targeted therapy
 - Underdiagnosed – only seen with tissue biopsy

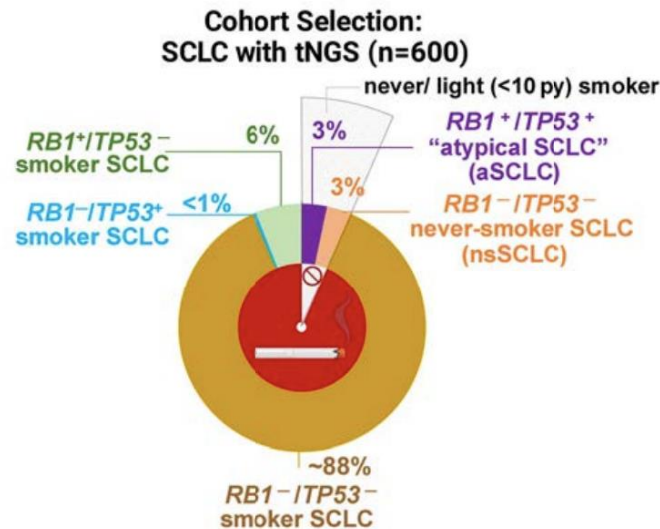


SCLC Transformation

- In EGFR mutant NSCLC transformed to SCLC
 - Median time to transformation 17.8m
 - Median OS from transformation 10.9m
 - TP53, Rb1, PIK3CA commonly co-mutated
 - EGFR mutation retained, protein expression decreases
 - Highly responsive to chemotherapy but not immunotherapy
- Baseline TP53 + Rb1 increased risk of transformation
 - Initial chemotherapy does not prevent transformation

SCLC without Smoking History

- Analysis of *de novo* SCLC in light/never smokers
 - Two distinct populations observed
 - “Typical” TP53/Rb1 loss
 - Mirrors transformed SCLC
 - “Atypical” TP53/Rb1 intact
 - Chromothripsis of ch11/12
 - Extrachromosomal amplification
 - CCND1
 - CCND2/CDK4/MDM2



SCLC without Smoking History

Study	Agent	Sample Size
IMpower 133 <i>Horn, NEJM 2018</i>	Atezolizumab	403 pts
CASPIAN <i>Paz-Ares, Lancet 2019</i>	Durvalumab	805 pts
KEYNOTE 604 <i>Rudin, JCO 2020</i>	Pembrolizumab	453 pts
ASTRUM 005 <i>Cheng, JAMA 2022</i>	Serplulimab	585 pts
CAPSTONE-1 <i>Wang, Lancet Oncol 2022</i>	Adebrelimab	462 pts
RATIONALE-312 <i>Cheng, JTO 2024</i>	Tislelizumab	457 pts

SCLC: Room for Hope

- New standard now established for ES and LS SCLC
 - Incorporation of atezolizumab or durvalumab improves survival and gives the potential for long-term survival
 - Long-term benefit only delivered to a subset of patients
- Next steps to advance the care of SCLC
 - Identify who derives long-term benefit and who does not
 - Biomarkers that reflect the heterogeneity in biology and response
 - Develop new agents to control relapsed disease
 - Novel strategies to get long-term benefit for more patients
 - Early detection, risk modification, and prevention when possible

Thank You International Lung Cancer Summit!

