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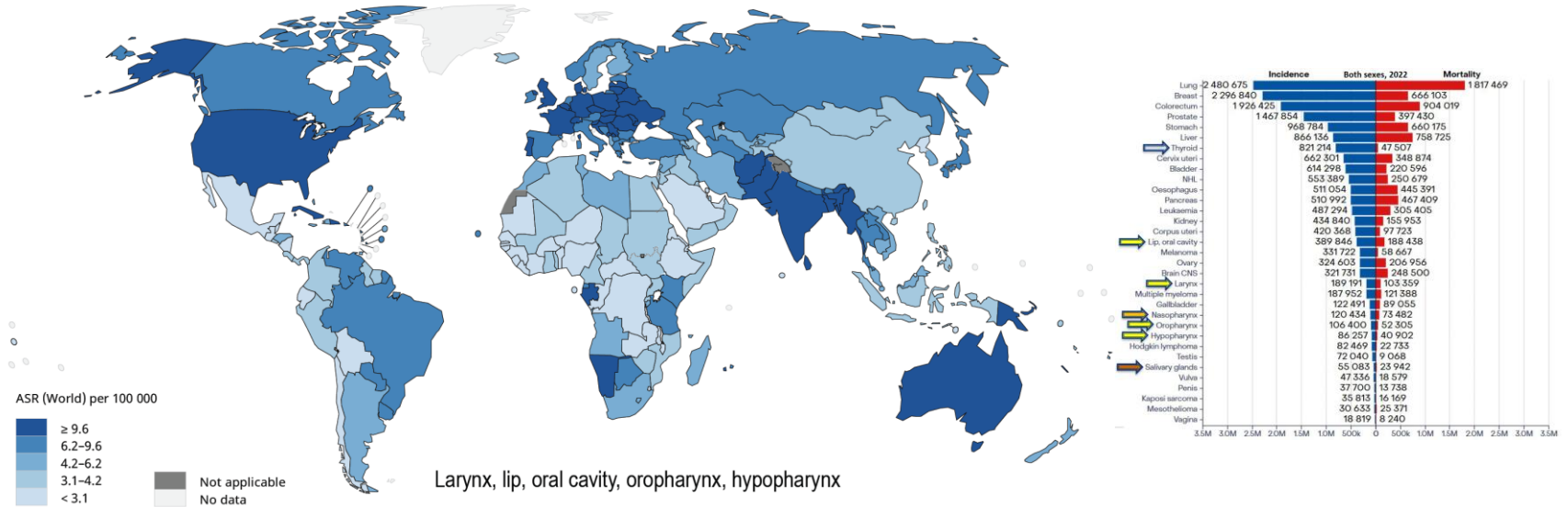
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Kopf-Hals-Tumore - Epidemiologie

Estimated age-standardized incidence rates (World) in 2018, both sexes, all ages

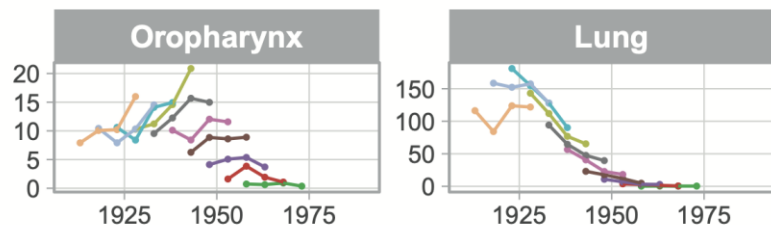


Larynx, lip, oral cavity, oropharynx, hypopharynx

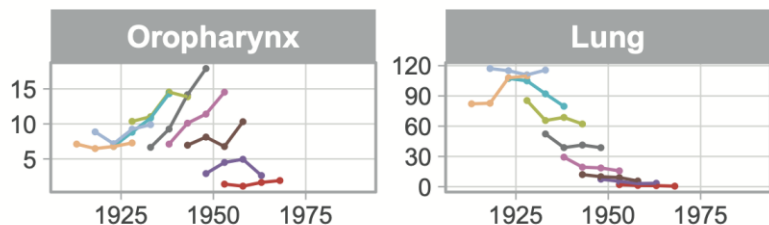
Sung H et al. Global Cancer Statistics 2020: GLOBOCAN Estimates of Incidence and Mortality Worldwide for 36 Cancers in 185 Countries. CA Cancer J Clin 2021.

Oropharynx-Karzinome – Zunahme der Inzidenz

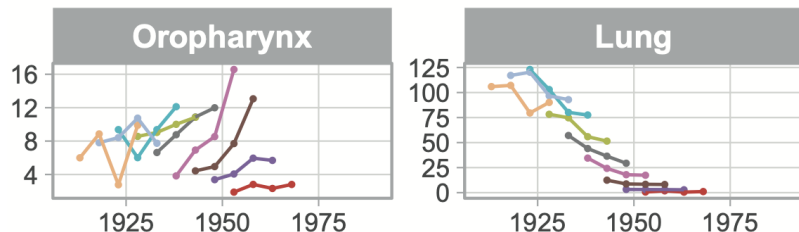
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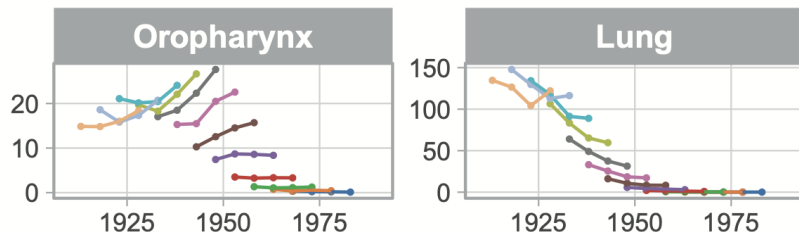
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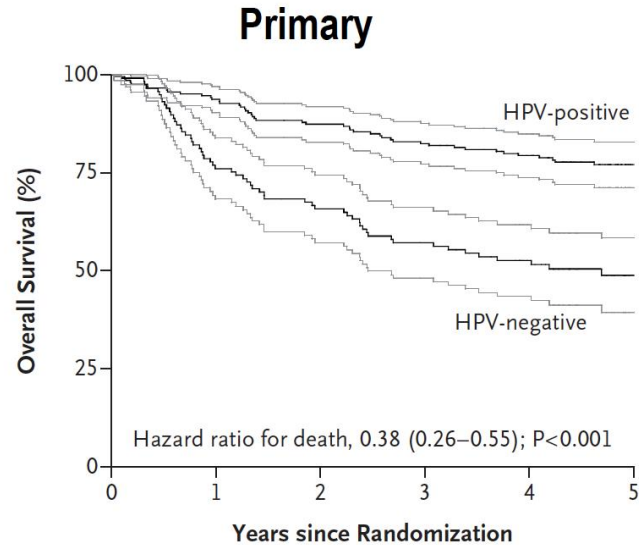
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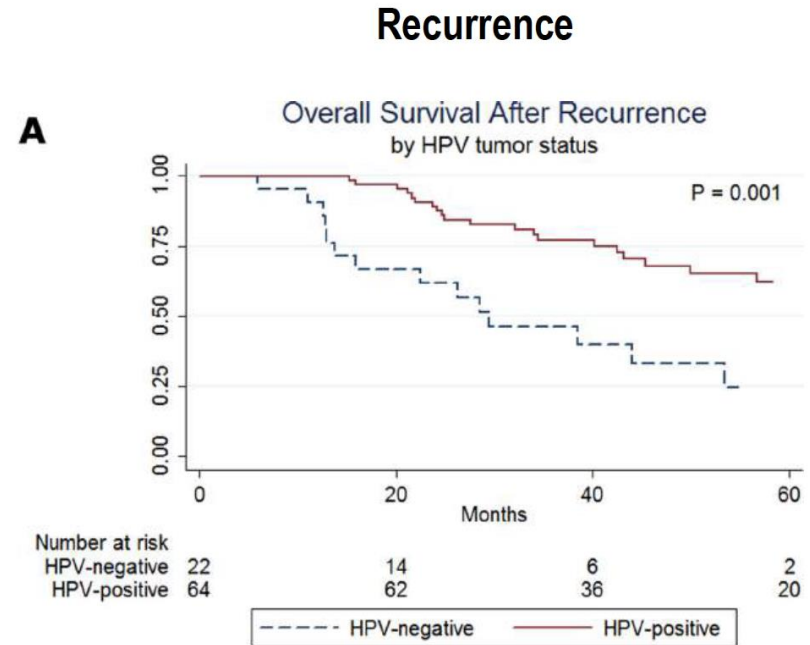
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HPV-assoziierte Kopf-Hals-Tumoren – Prognose

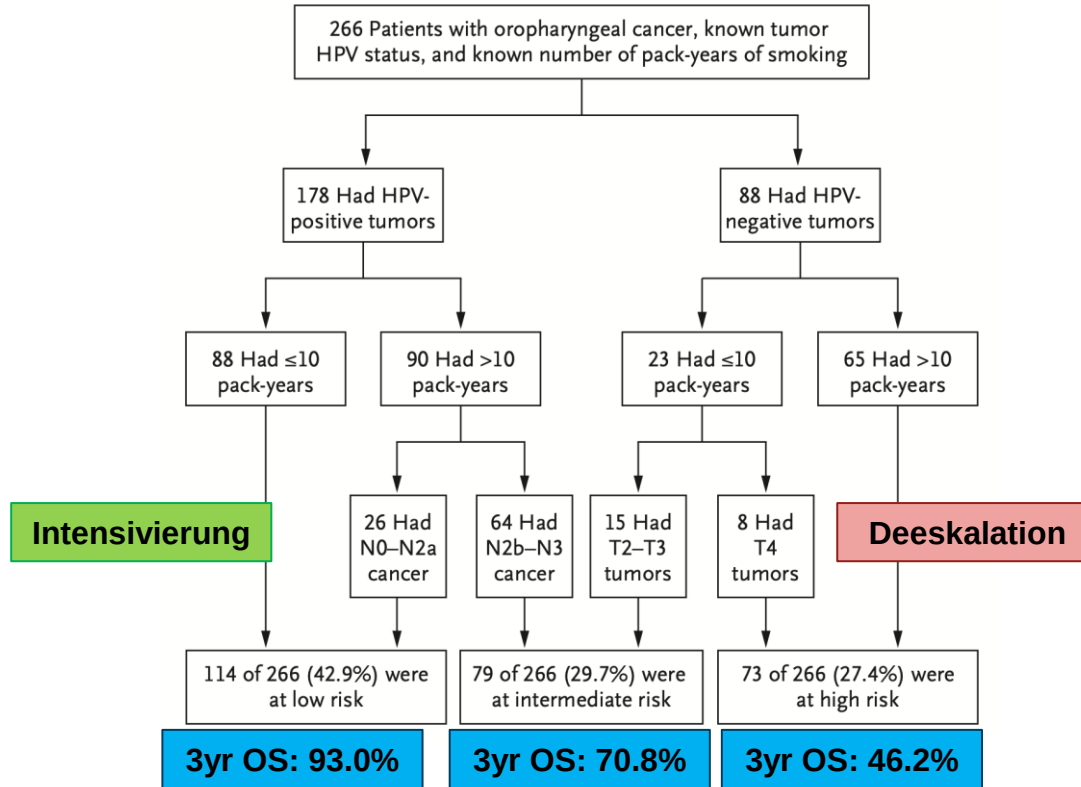


No. at Risk						
HPV-positive	206	193	179	165	151	73
HPV-negative	117	89	76	65	51	22

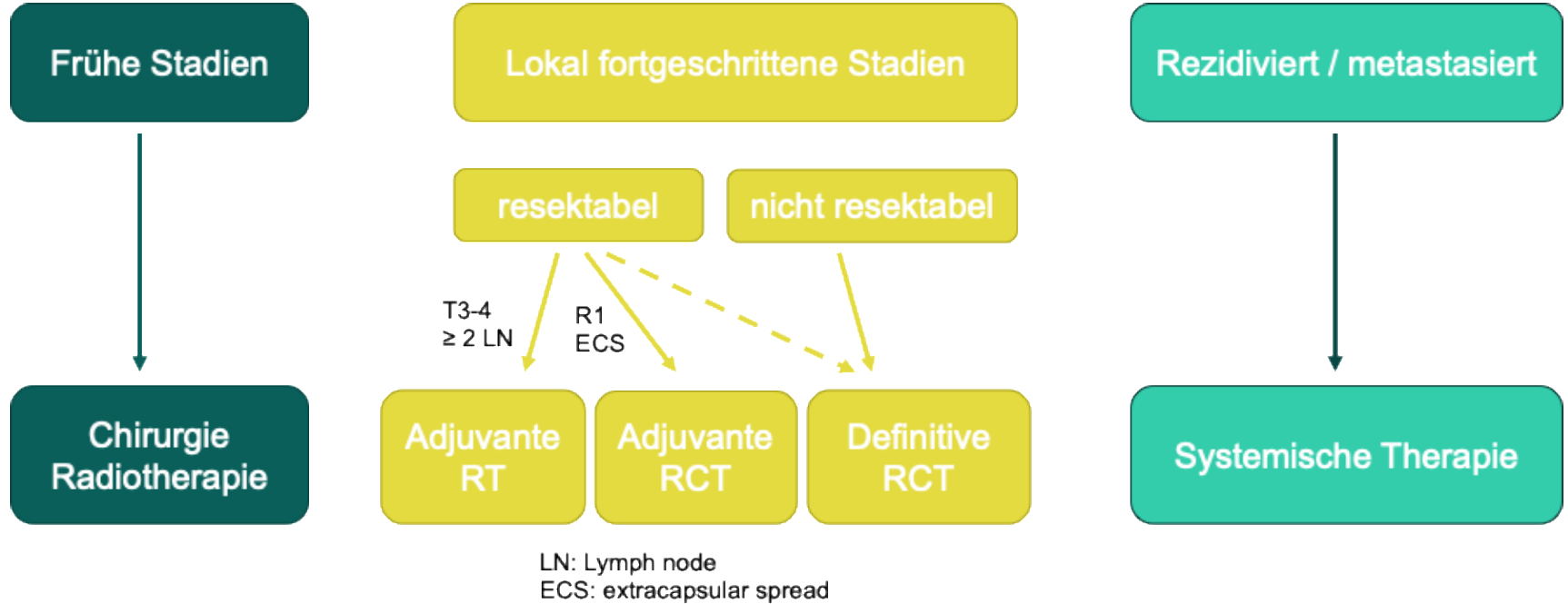


Ang K, et al. NEJM 2010;363:24-35; Josphe et al. Head & Neck 2016;28:E1501-9

Risikostratifizierung



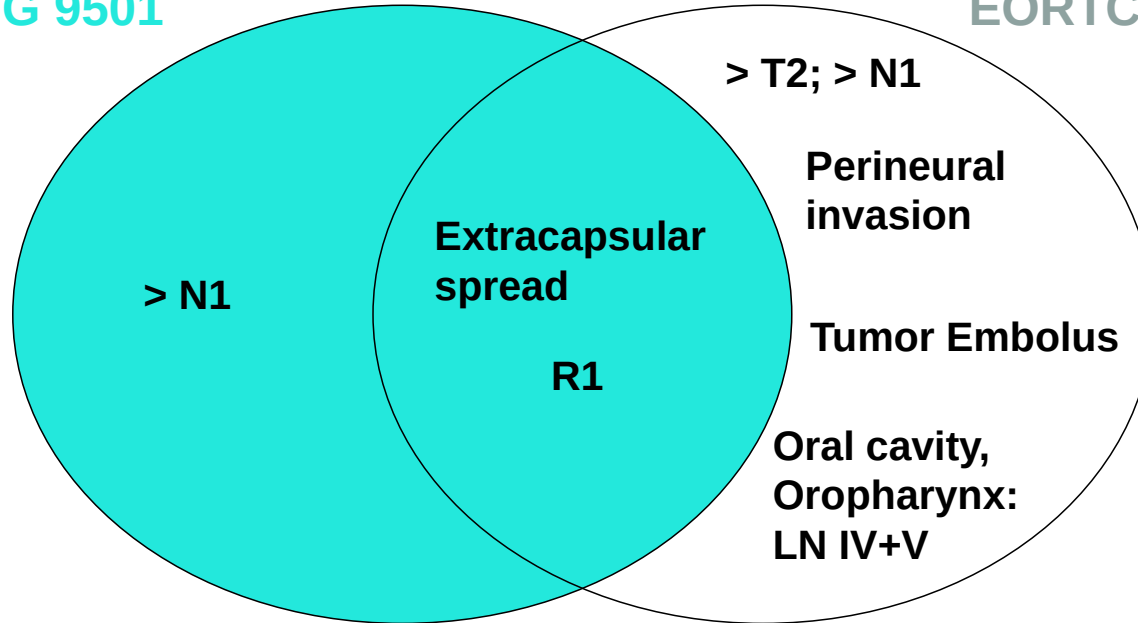
Behandlungskonzepte



Postoperative Radio-Chemotherapie

RTOG 9501

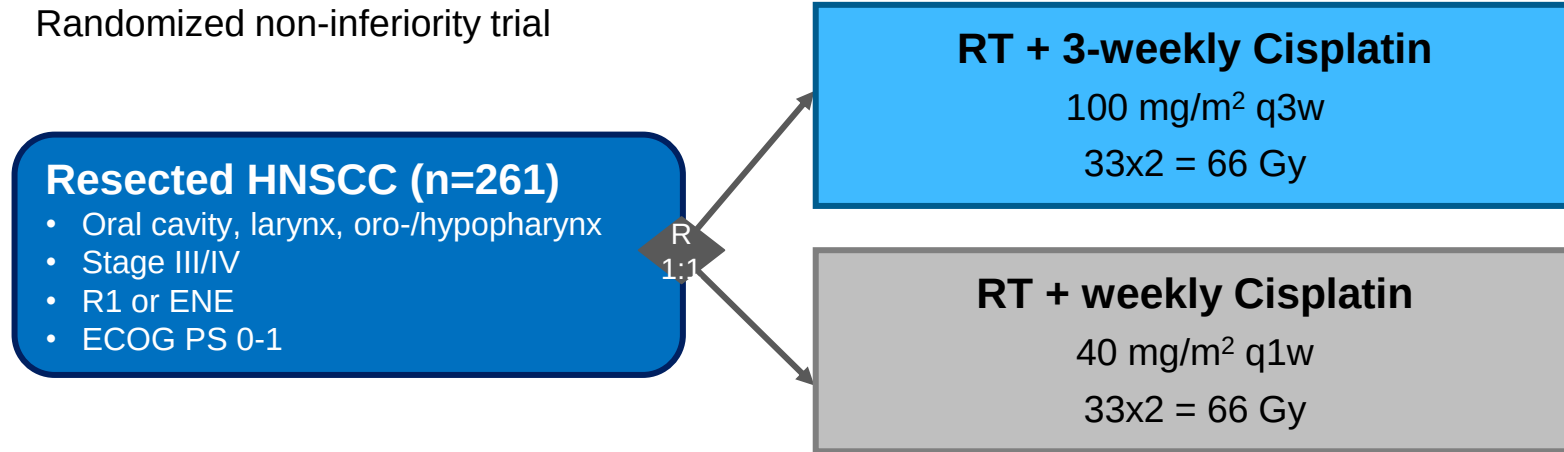
EORTC 22931



Cooper JS et al. NEJM 2004;350:1937-44; Bernier J et al. NEJM 2004;350:1945-52; Bernier J et al. Head Neck 2005;27:843-50

JCOG 1008 – Trial Design

Randomized non-inferiority trial



Primary endpoint:

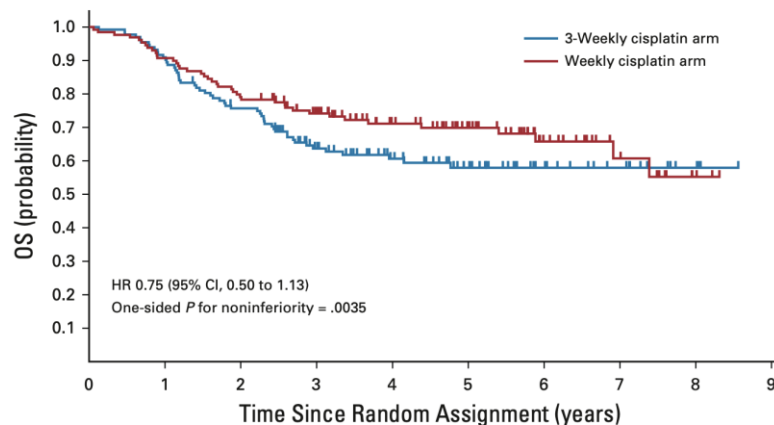
OS

Secondary endpoints:

RFS, local RFS, nutrition-support-free survival, non-hospitalized treatment period, AEs

JCOG 1008 – Weekly Cisplatin

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No. at risk:

3-Weekly cisplatin arm	132	120	98	70	52	36	19	12	4	0
Weekly cisplatin arm	129	117	102	84	60	46	25	12	3	0

Table 1. Treatment Safety and Compliance

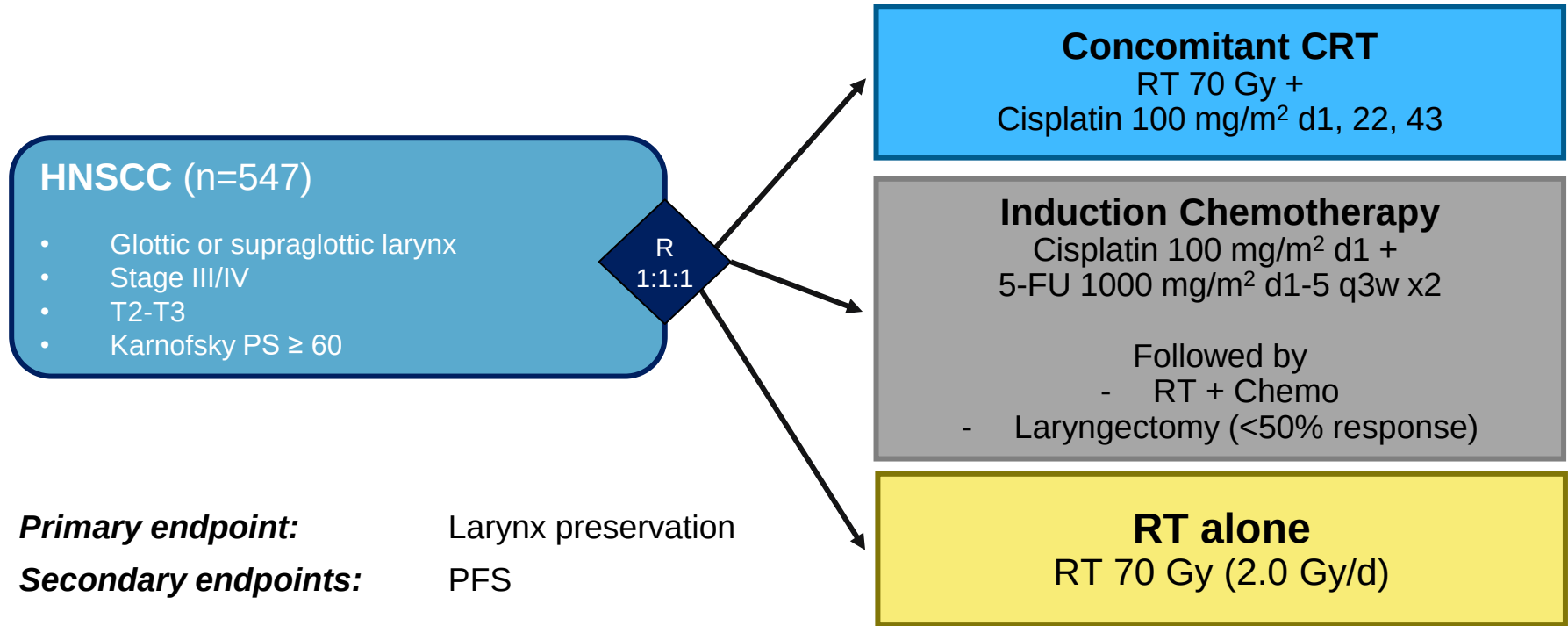
Parameter	3-Weekly Cisplatin (n = 132)	Weekly Cisplatin (n = 129)
Total RT dose (Gy), median (IQR)	66 (66-66)	66 (66-66)
Duration of RT (days), median (IQR)	49 (47-51)	49 (46-50)
Interval from surgery to RT initiation (days), median (IQR)	49 (42-56)	50 (43-56)
Cycles of cisplatin, median (IQR)	3 (3-3)	6 (5-7)
Cumulative dose of cisplatin (mg/m ²), median (IQR)	280 (250-299)	239 (199-277)
Proportion of actual to planned delivery of cisplatin (%), mean (SD)	88.9 (15.1)	84.1 (17.6)
Proportion of treatment completion (%), median (95% CI)	93.2 (87.5 to 96.8)	86.8 (79.7 to 92.1)

Kiyota N, et al. J Clin Oncol 2022;40(18):1980-1990

JCOG 1008 – Postoperative Radio-Chemotherapie

Non-hematological	Arm A: 3-Weekly CDDP+RT (N=129)		Arm B: Weekly CDDP+RT (N=122)	
	Any grade	Grade3-4(%)	Any grade	Grade3-4
Mucositis	118 (91.5%)	30 (23.3%)	113 (92.6%)	34 (27.9%)
Dysphagia	75 (58.1%)	24 (18.6%)	59 (48.4%)	14 (11.5%)
Dermatitis	118 (91.4%)	19 (14.7%)	112 (91.8%)	14 (11.5%)
Nausea	87 (67.4%)	17 (13.2%)	57 (46.7%)	6 (4.9%)
Infection	25 (19.4%)	15 (11.6%)	18 (14.8%)	8 (6.6%)
Hyponatremia	119 (92.2%)	13 (10.1%)	100 (82.0%)	13 (10.7%)
Renal impairment	51 (39.5%)	0 (0%)	36 (29.5%)	0 (0.0%)
Hearing impairment	22 (17.1%)	5 (3.9%)	9 (7.4%)	2 (1.6%)
Peripheral neuropathy	7 (5.4%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (1.6%)	0 (0.0%)

Kombinierte Radio-Chemotherapie (RTOG 91-11)



Primary endpoint:

Larynx preservation

Secondary endpoints:

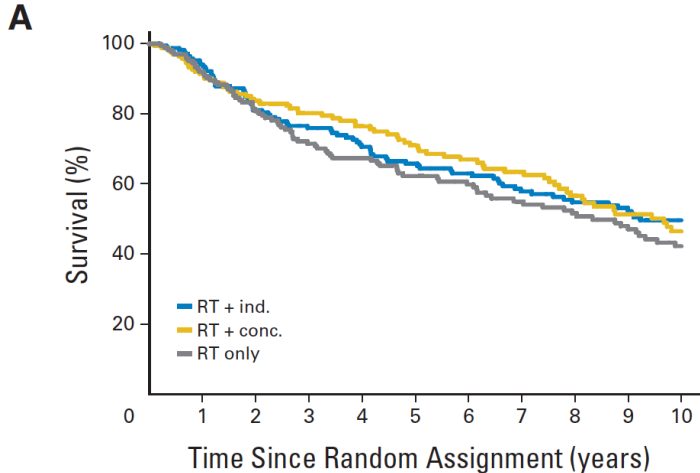
PFS

Stratification:

site of primary tumor, N stage, T stage

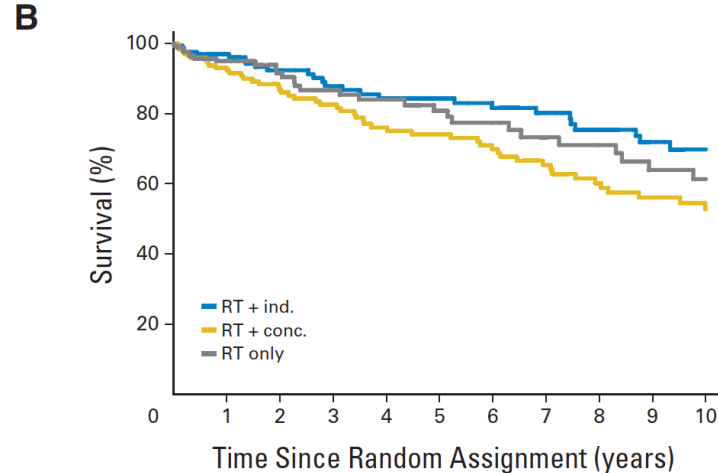
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Survival (death from study cancer)



No. at risk											
RT + ind.	174	157	128	116	104	96	88	76	69	61	52
RT + conc.	174	146	126	113	100	90	80	70	56	46	36
RT only	172	148	126	105	96	83	76	65	59	51	43

Survival (death not caused by study cancer)



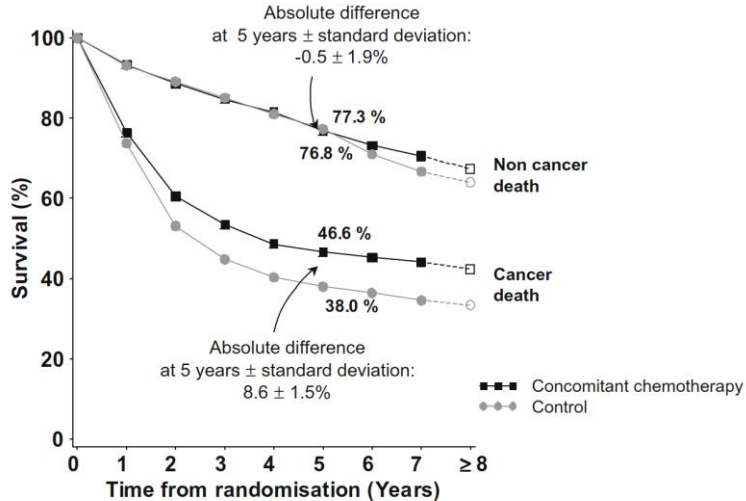
No. at risk											
RT + ind.	174	117	88	76	70	66	60	52	46	38	30
RT + conc.	174	124	107	91	79	73	64	54	45	38	30
RT only	172	102	78	66	59	49	42	34	31	26	24

5yr OS: 58% vs, 55% vs. 54%
10yr OS: 39% vs. 28% vs. 32%

Death unrelated to cancer or treatment:
20.8% vs. 30.8% vs. 16.9%

MACH Meta-Analyse

- 93 randomized studies
- >17'346 patients



	Survival		
	HR	5yr OS benefit	p-value
Chemotherapy	0.90	4.4%	<0.0001
Concomittant chemotherapy	0.81	8%	<0.0001

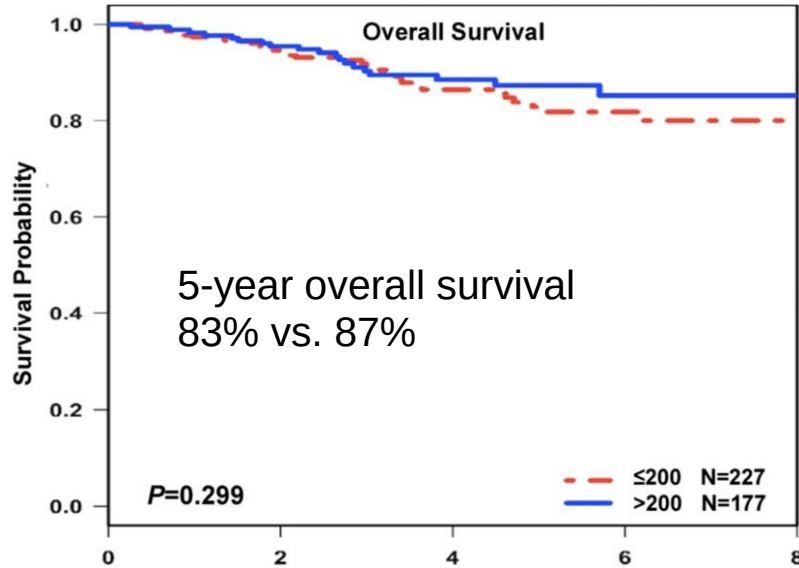
Type of chemotherapy	No. Deaths / No. Entered						
LRT+CT	LRT	O-E	Variance	Hazard Ratio	HR [95% CI]	p of interaction	
(a) Poly chemotherapy							
5-FU and Platin	602/940	695/931	-92.2	317.6	0.75 [0.67;0.84]	p = 0.41	
5-FU or Platin	495/743	543/795	-45.8	250.0	0.83 [0.74;0.94]		
Neither 5-FU nor Platin	62/115	85/129	-11.1	35.0	0.73 [0.52;1.01]		
Subtotal (a)	1159/1798	1323/1855	-149.0	602.6	0.78 [0.72;0.85]		
(b) Mono chemotherapy							
Mono Platin	703/1151	739/1059	-102.6	341.8	0.74 [0.67;0.82]	p = 0.006	
Mono Other	1309/1875	1327/1577	-74.8	643.3	0.89 [0.62;0.94]		
Subtotal (b)	2012/3026	2066/2936	-177.4	985.1	0.84 [0.78;0.89]		
Total (a ... b)	3171/4824	3389/4791	-326.4	1587.7	0.81 [0.78;0.86]		

Test for heterogeneity: $\chi^2_1 = 1.69$ p = 0.19

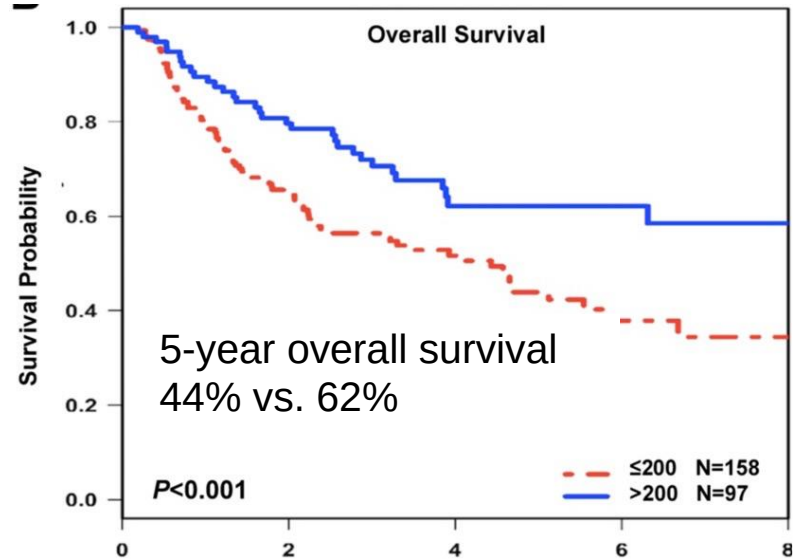
LRT+CT better | LRT better

Dosierung von Cisplatin

HPV positive



HPV negative

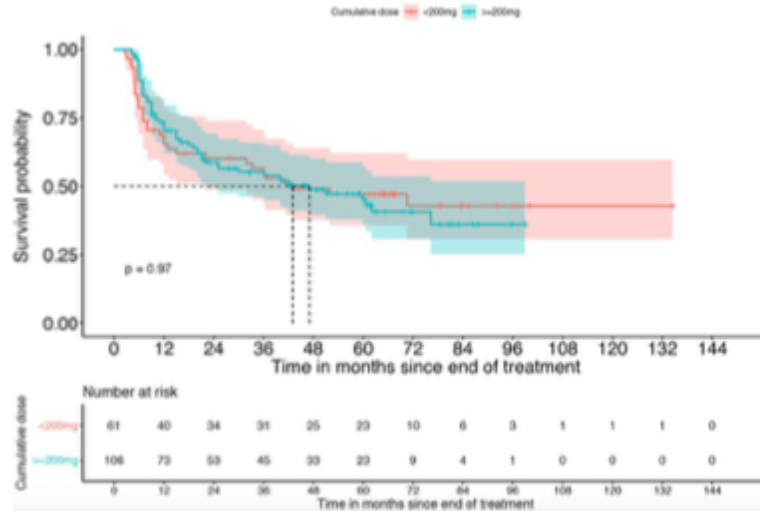


Results confirmed in multivariate analysis.

Cisplatin dose reduction ≤ 200 mg/m² has a detrimental impact on overall survival in HPV negative patients.

3-wöchentliches vs. wöchentliches Cisplatin

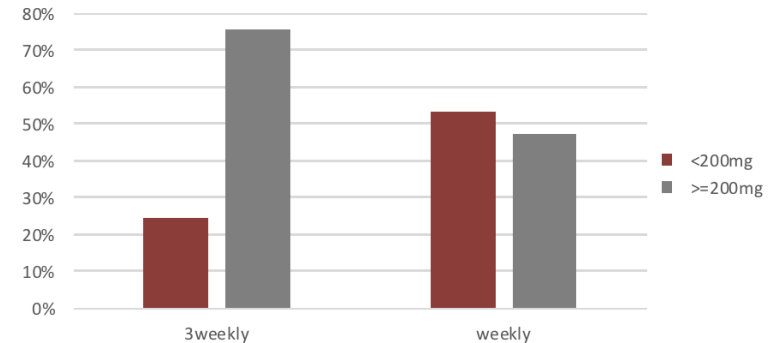
N=314 (127 pts. 3-weekly schedule; 187 pts. weekly schedule)



Cisplatin dose

- Median cumulative cisplatin dose was 200 mg/m² (IQR 150-300) for pts treated with a 3-weekly schedule and 160 mg/m² (120-240) for the weekly schedule
- More patients treated with a 3-weekly schedule reached a cumulative dose ≥ 200 mg/m² (75.6% vs. 47.1%, $p < 0.001$)
- This association was also observed in multivariable analysis adjusted for age and sex (OR 3.46, 95% confidence interval [CI], 2.1 - 5.7)

Fig. 1 – Cumulative cisplatin dose

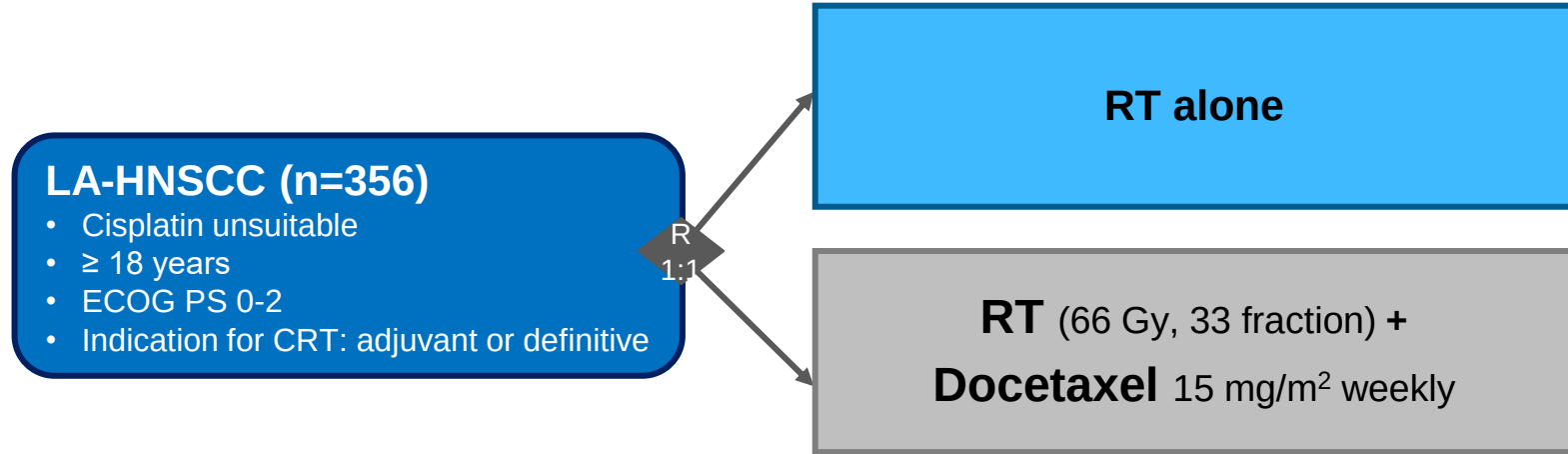


3-wöchentliches vs. wöchentliches Cisplatin

N=314 (127 pts. 3-weekly schedule; 187 pts. weekly schedule)

Toxicity	3-weekly (n=127)	Weekly (n=187)	Total (n=314)	p-value
Nephrotoxicity				0.022
- Yes	42 (33.1%)	39 (20.9%)	81 (25.8%)	
- No	85 (66.9%)	148 (79.1%)	233 (74.2%)	
Ototoxicity				0.711
- Yes	19 (15%)	24 (12.8%)	43 (13.7%)	
- No	108 (85%)	163 (87.2%)	271 (86.3%)	

Docetaxel as a radiosensitizer in Cisplatin-ineligible patients – Trial Design

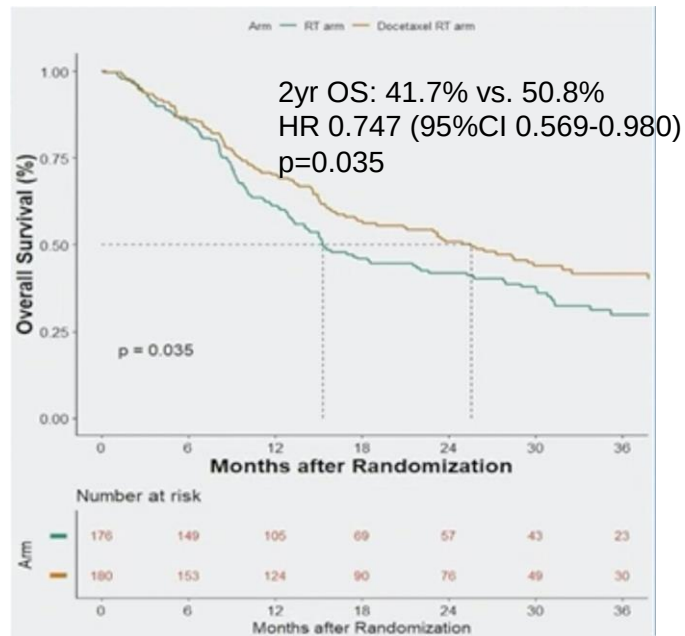
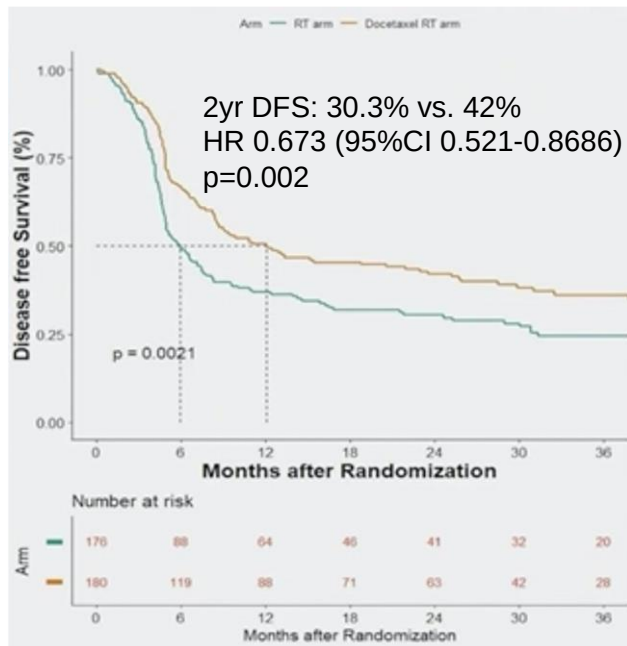


Primary endpoint: 2yr DFS

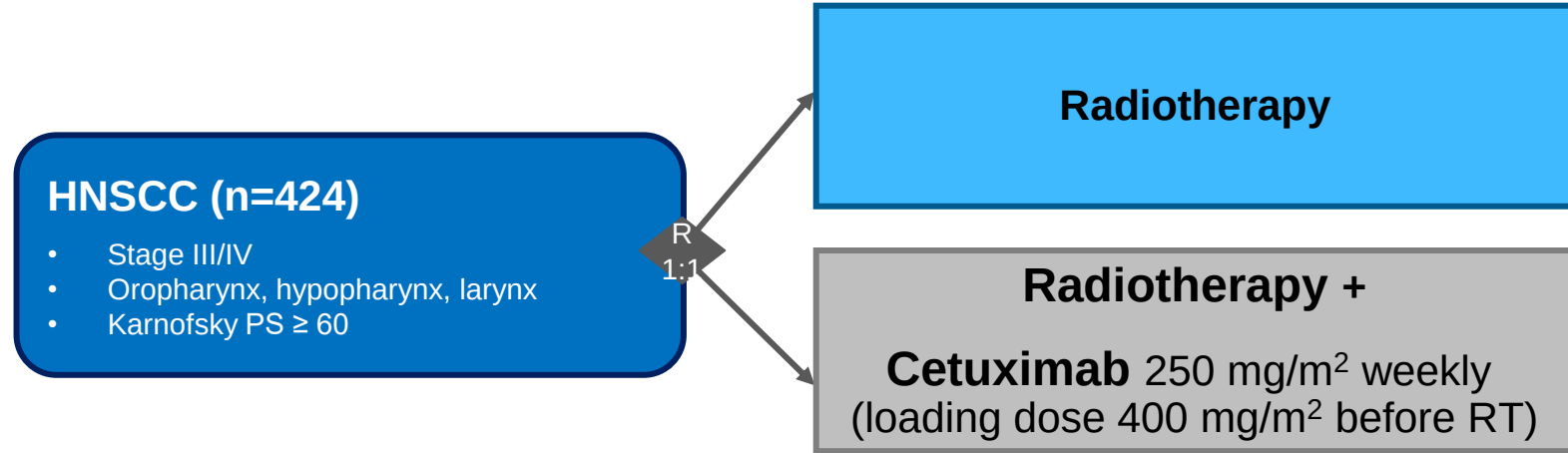
Secondary endpoints: 2yr OS, AEs, QoL

Stratification: Site of tumor; T-stage; N-stage; indication (adjuvant vs. definitive)

Docetaxel as a radiosensitizer in Cisplatin-ineligible patients – Study Design



Radiotherapie + Cetuximab

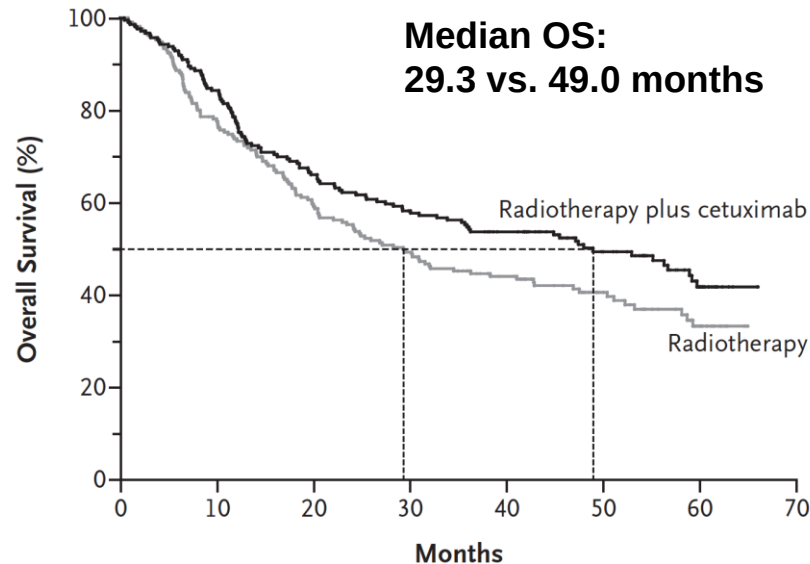


Primary endpoint: Locoregional control

Secondary endpoints: OS, PFS, ORR, Safety

Stratification: Karnofsky PS, nodal involvement, tumor stage, RT regimen

Radiotherapie + Cetuximab



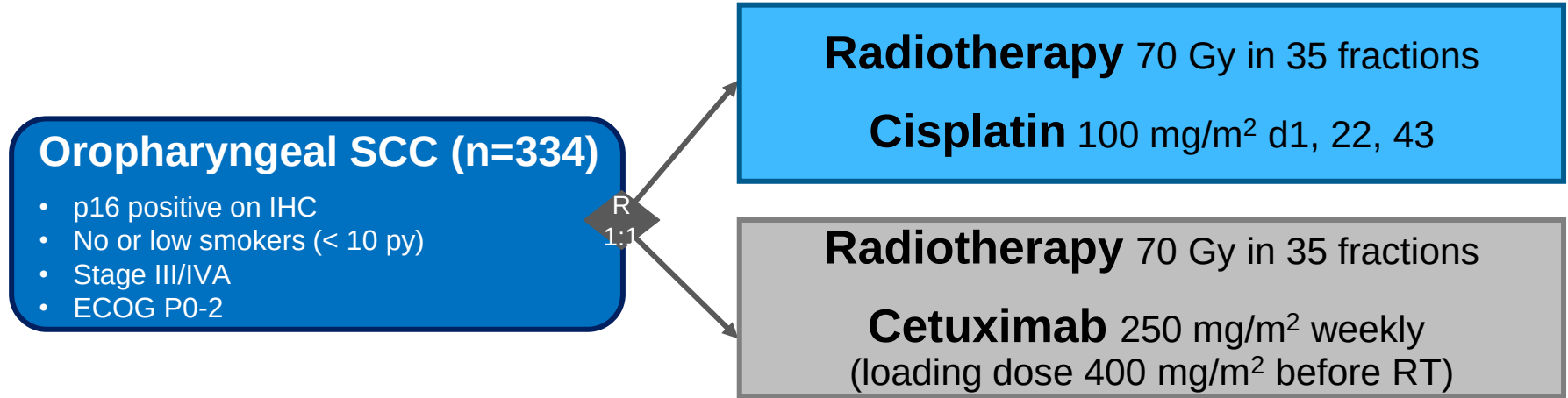
No. at Risk

Radiotherapy	213	162	122	97	73	47	22
Radiotherapy plus cetuximab	211	177	136	116	98	61	24

- Similar severe toxicity to RT alone, except skin rash and infusion reactions¹
- Improved OS 12% over RT alone¹
- HR for death: 0.74, p=0.03
- HPV+ OPSCC: highest improvement in survival²
 - HR for death: 0.38, p=0.03
- Meta-analysis suggests cetuximab better tumor control than cisplatin in HPV+ disease³

¹Bonner JA, et al. NEJM 2006;354:567-78; ²Rosenthal DI, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2016;34(12):1300-8; ³Huang J, et al. BMC Cancer 2016;16:689

De-ESCALaTE HPV – Trial Design

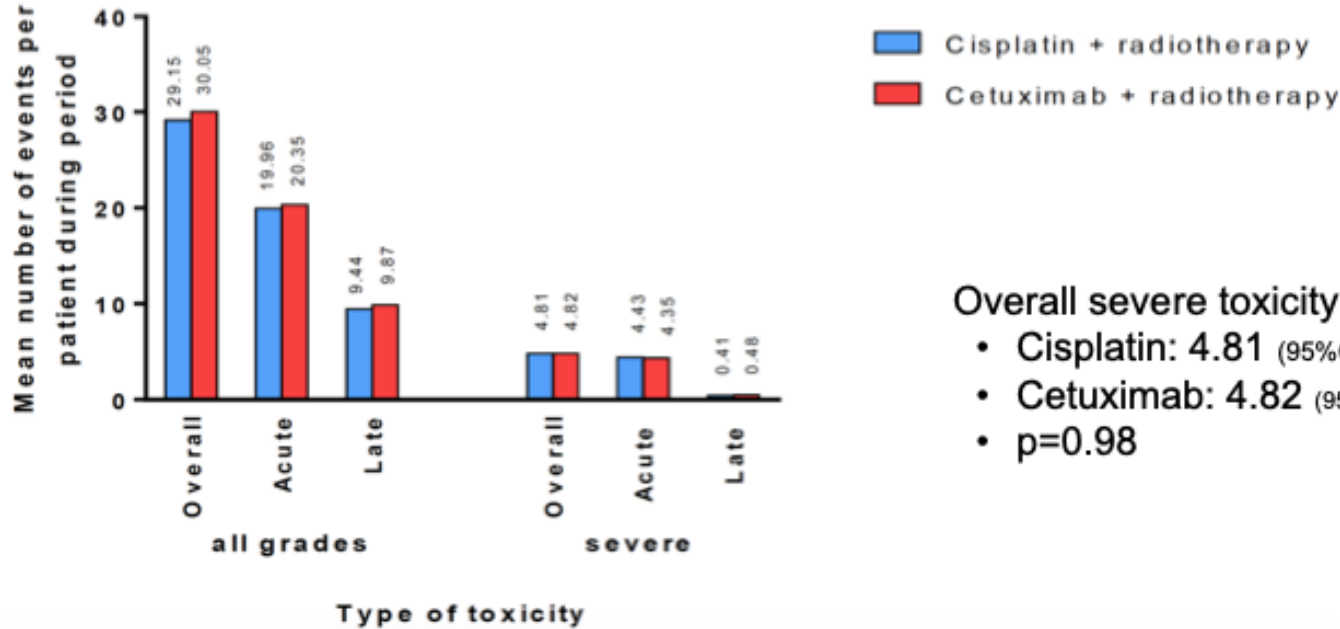


Primary endpoint: Overall severe (grade 3-5) toxicity at 24 months

Secondary endpoints: QoL, swallowing, OS, recurrence, cost effectiveness

Stratification: Centre, T stage, N stage, RT laterality, planned PEG use

De-ESCALaTE HPV – Toxicity

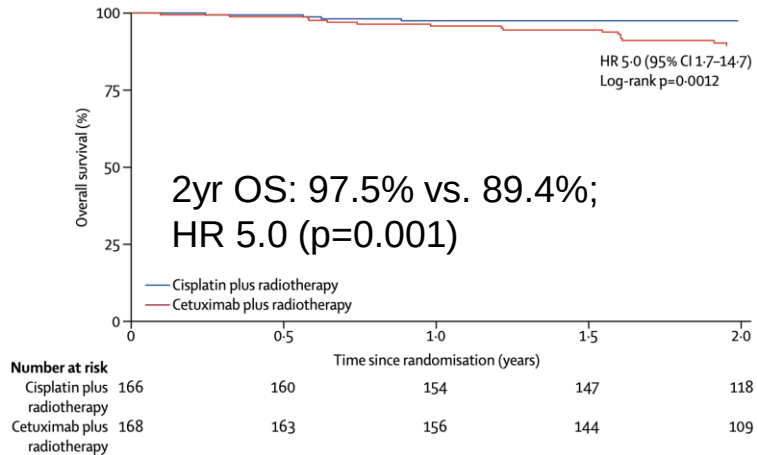


Overall severe toxicity events per patient:

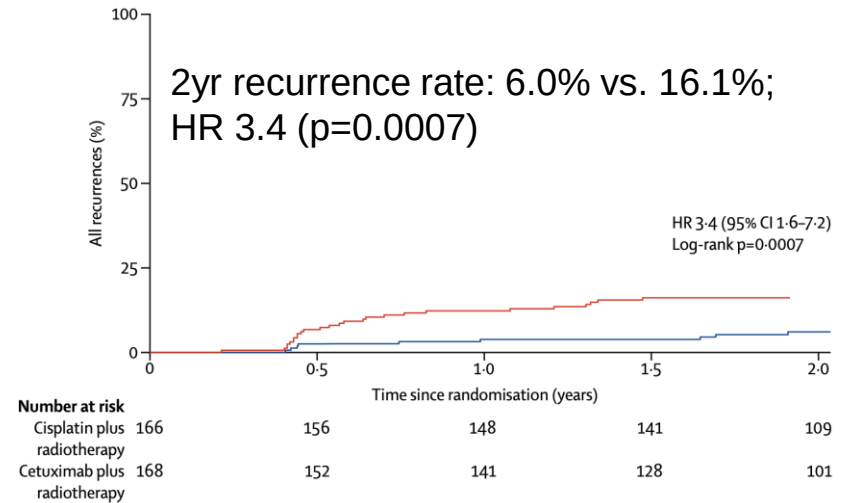
- Cisplatin: 4.81 (95%CI 4.23-5.40)
- Cetuximab: 4.82 (95%CI 4.22-5.43)
- $p=0.98$

De-ESCALaTE HPV – Outcome

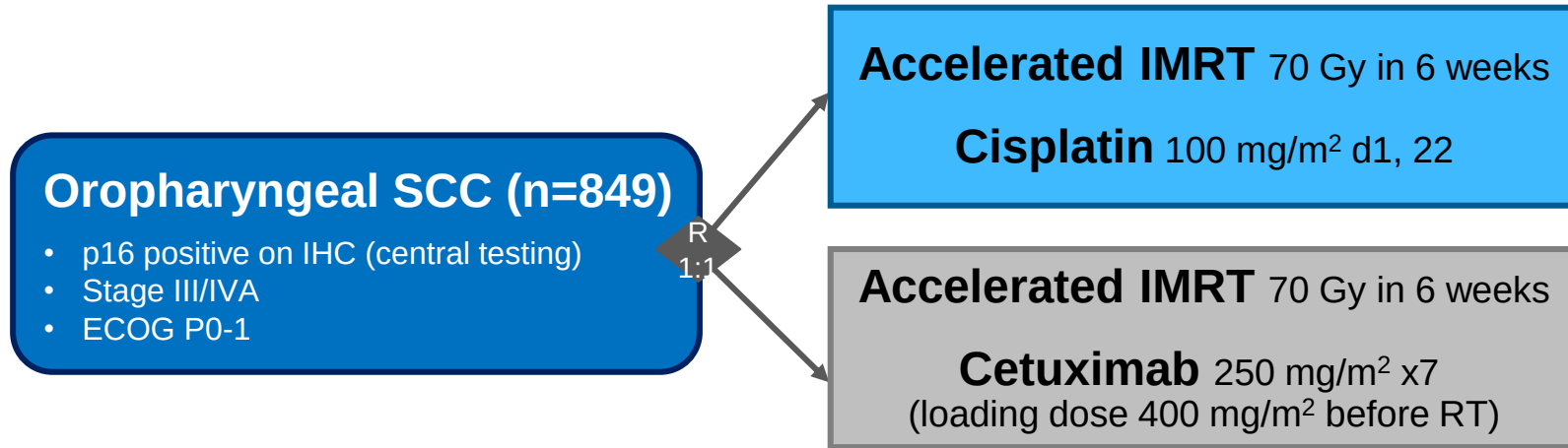
Overall Survival



Recurrences



RTOG 1016 – Randomized non-inferiority trial



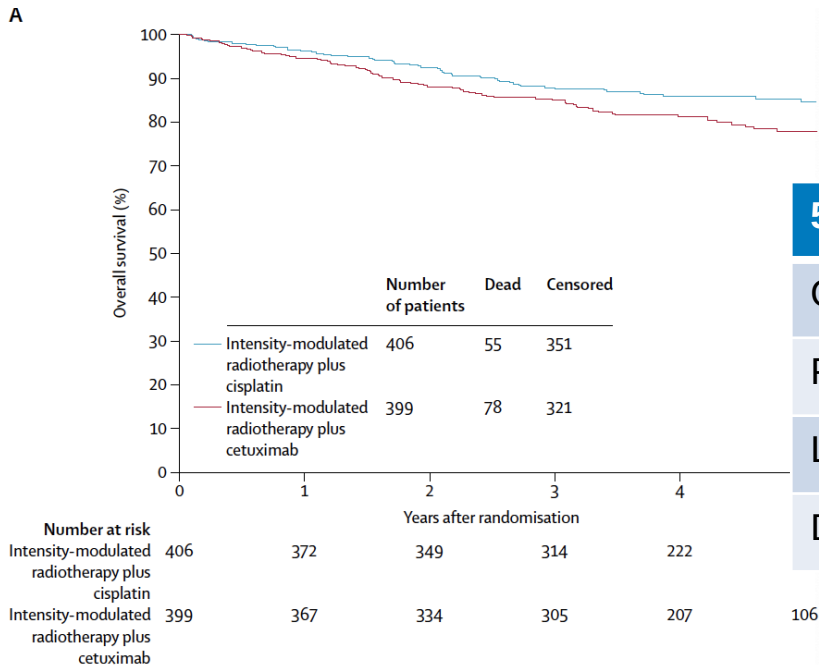
Primary endpoint: OS

Secondary endpoints: PFS, locoregional failure, distant metastases, Aes, feeding tube placement, dental health, QoL

Stratification: T stage; N stage; ECOG PS; smoking history

RTOG 1016 – Outcomes

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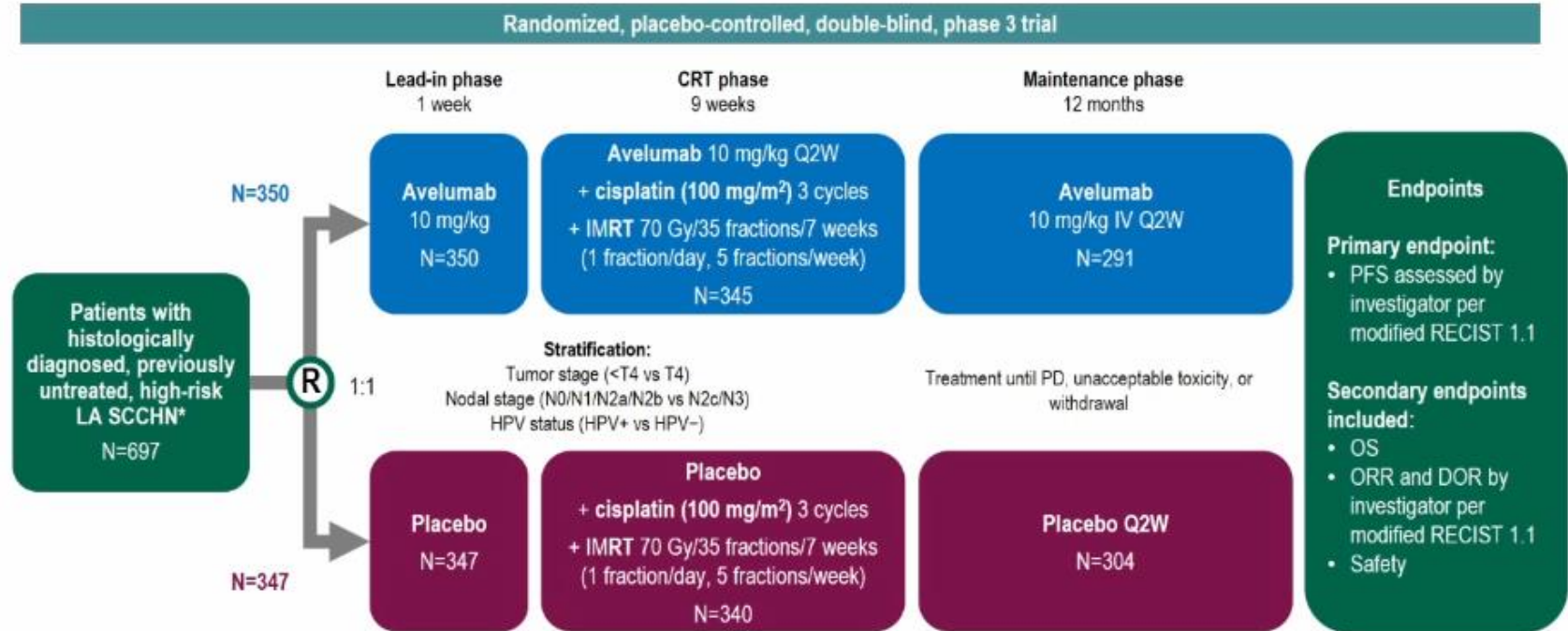


5yr outcomes	Cisplatin	Cetuximab	p-value
OS	85%	78%	0.02
PFS	78%	67%	<0.001
Locoregional failure	10%	17%	<0.001
Distant metastasis	9%	12%	0.09

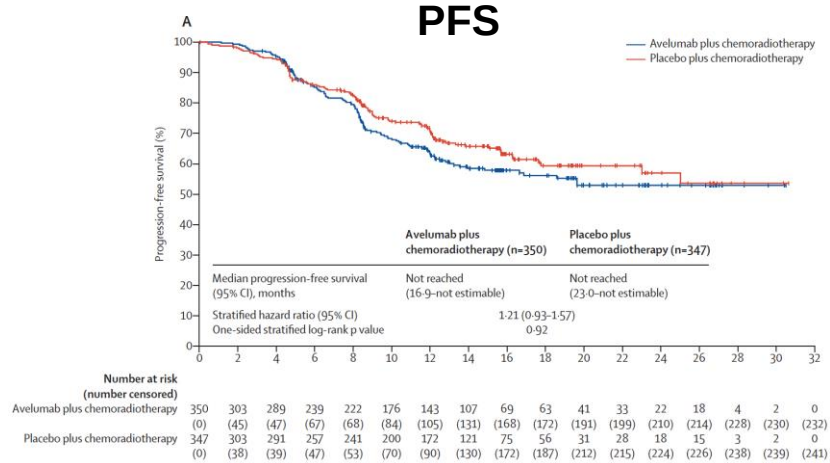
Radio-Chemotherapie + Immuncheckpoint-Inhibitoren

Study	Phase	Population	Arms	Adjuvant
CA-209-9TM (NCT03349710)	III	N=1046 Intermediate or high risk	CRT + CDDP +/- Nivo CRT + Nivo vs. Cetuximab	Nivo vs. Placebo Nivo vs. Placebo
KEYNOTE-412 (NCT03040999)	III	N=780 Intermediate or high risk	CRT + CDDP + Pembro CRT + CDDP + Placebo	Pembro Placebo
REACH (NCT02999087)	III	N=688 Stage III/IVA	CRT + Avelumab + Cetuximab CRT + CDDP + Cetuximab	Avelumab
JAVELIN HN100 (NCT02952586)	III	N=640 Intermediate or high risk	CRT + Avelumab + CDDP CRT + CDDP + Placebo	Avelumab Placebo
NRG-HN004 (NCT03258554)	II/III	N=533 CDDP unfit, intermediate / high risk	CRT + Durvalumab CRT + Cetuximab	Durvalumab
PembroRad (NCT02707588)	II	N=133 Stage III/IV, CDDP unfit	CRT + Pembro CRT + Cetuximab	
KEYCHAIN (NCT03383094)	II	N=122 p16+, high or intermediate risk	CRT + Pembro CRT + CDDP	Pembro
UPC 15-132 (NCT02777385)	II	N=44 Intermediate or high risk	CRT + CDDP CRT + CDDP + Pembro	Pembro Pembro

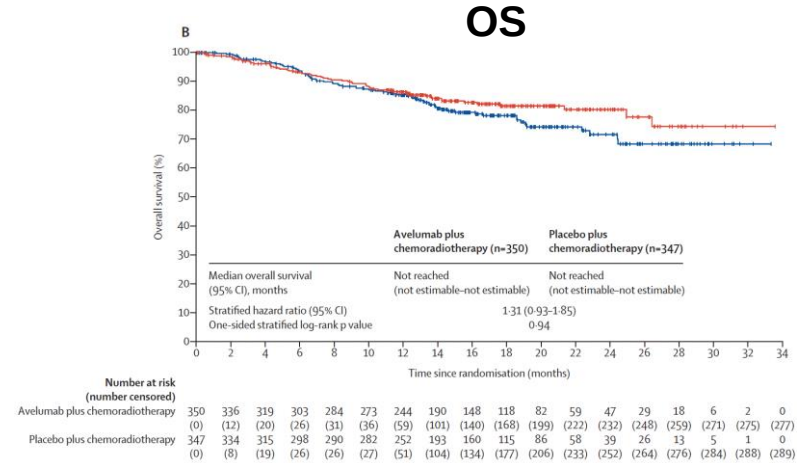
JAVELIN 100 – Trial Design



JAVELIN 100 – Outcome

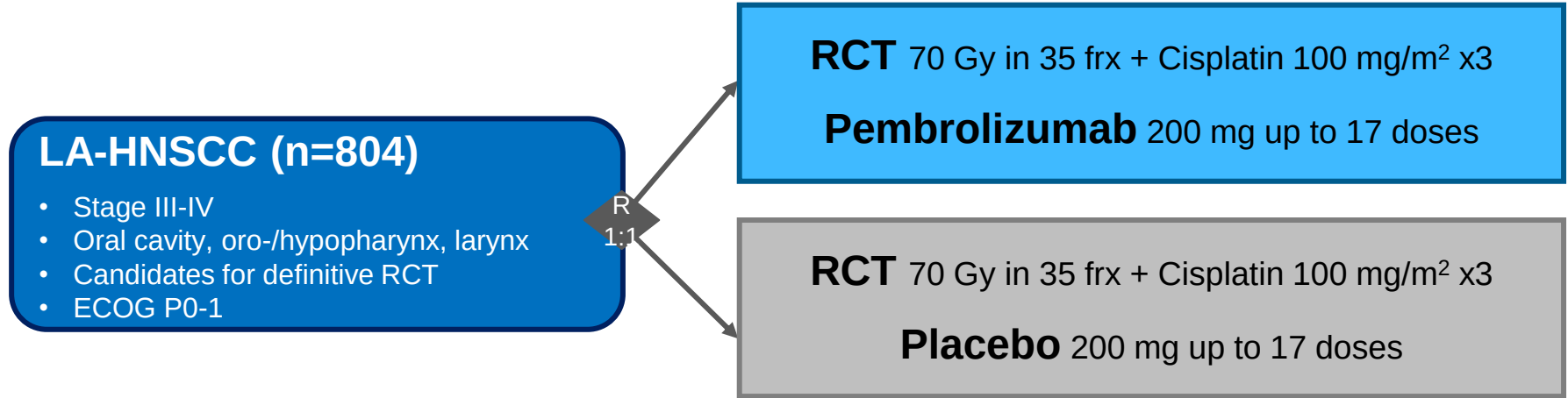


HR 1.21 (95%CI 0.93-1.57), p=0.92



HR 1.31 (95%CI 0.93-1.85), p=0.94

KEYNOTE-412- Trial Design

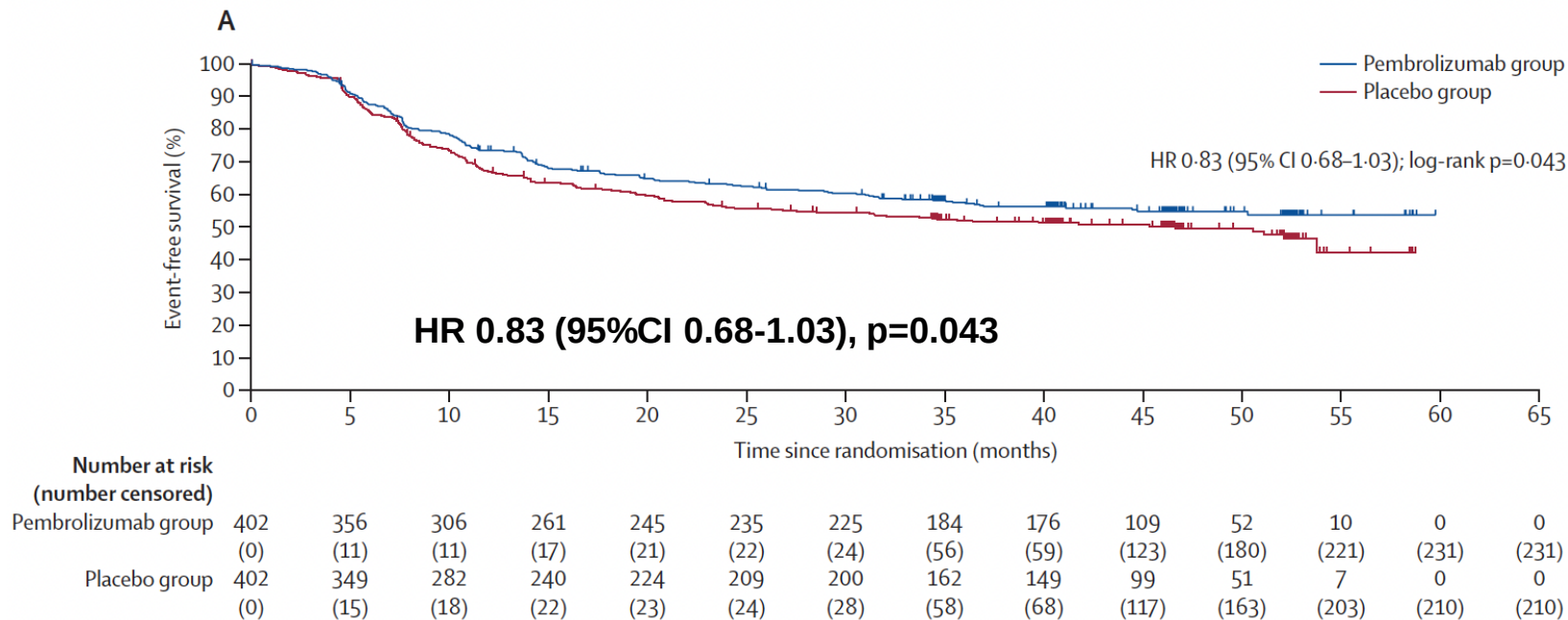


Primary endpoint: EFS

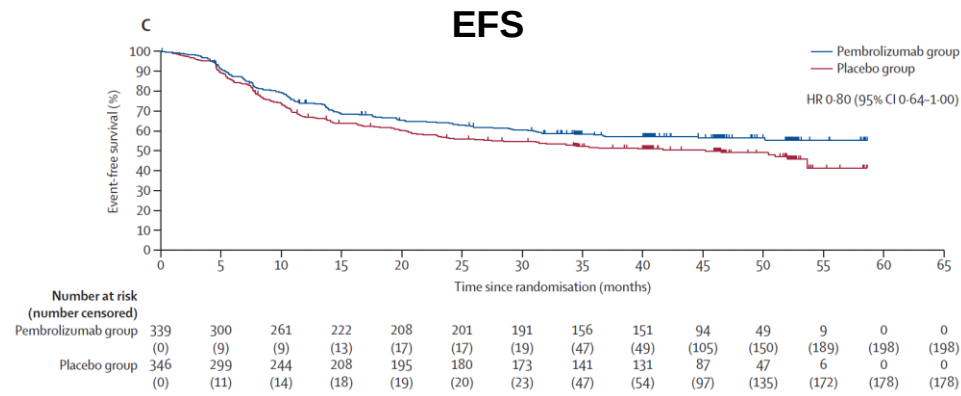
Secondary endpoints: OS, safety, QoL, PROM

Stratification: RT regimen (accelerated vs. standard), tumor site, p16 status, stage

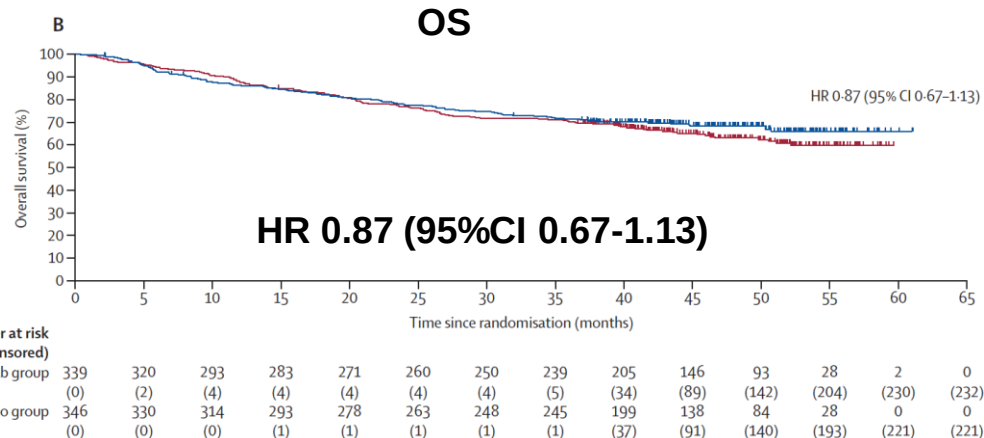
KEYNOTE-412 – Event-Free Survival



KEYNOTE-412 – EFS / OS PD-L1 CPS $\geq$ 1

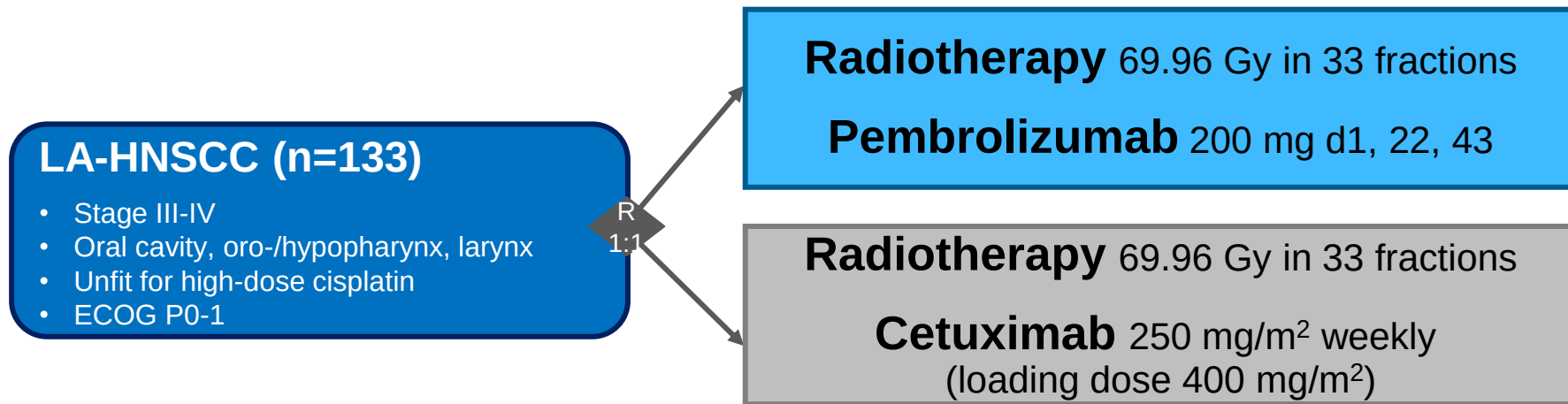


HR 0.80 (95%CI 0.64-1.00)



HR 0.87 (95%CI 0.67-1.13)

PembroRad / GORTEC 2015 – Trial Design



Primary endpoint:

Loco-regional control (LRC) at 15 months

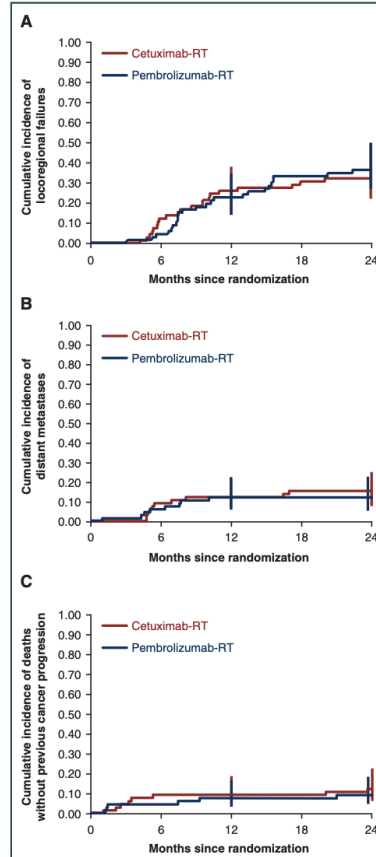
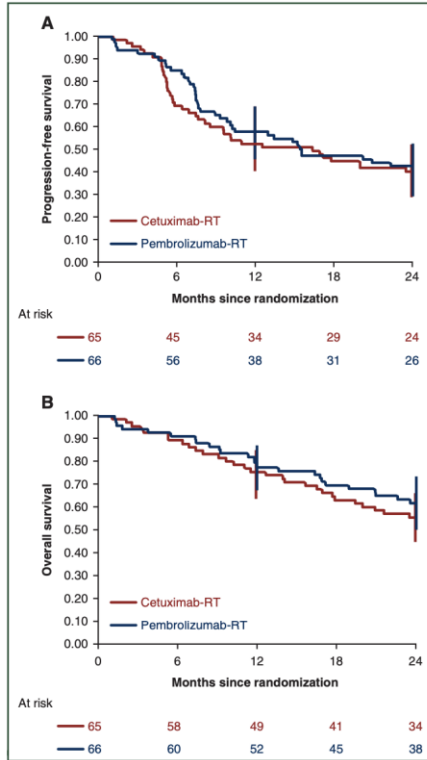
Secondary endpoints:

PFS, locoregional progression, distant metastases, OS, compliance, AEs

Stratification:

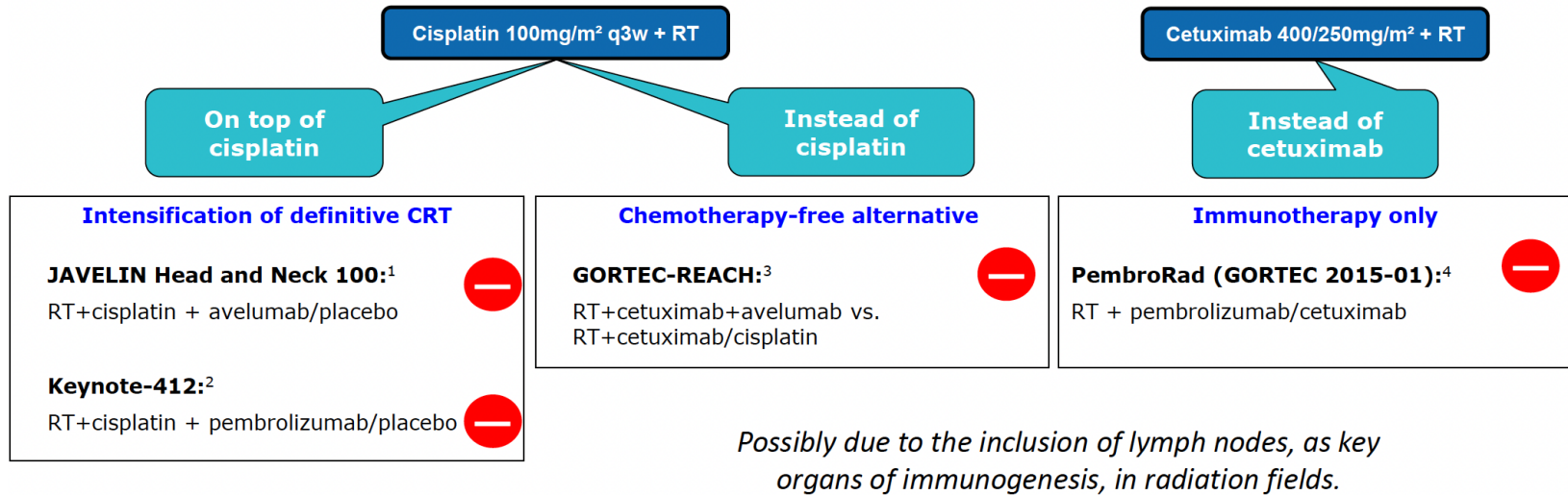
N-stage (N0-1 vs. N2-3), p16 expression

PembroRad / GORTEC 2015 – Outcome



- 15-months LRC: 60% vs. 59% (p=0.91)
- HR PFS: 0.85 (95%CI 0.55-1.32), p=0.47
- HR OS: 0.83 (95%CI 0.49-1.40), p=0.49
- $\geq$ G3 AEs: 74% vs. 92% (p=0.006)

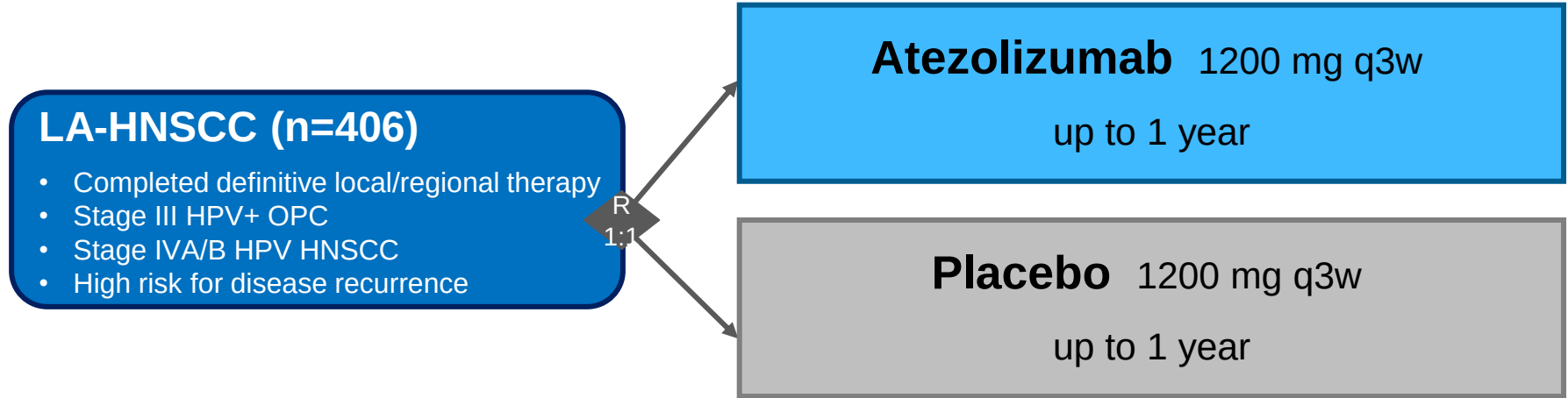
Immuntherapie beim LA-HNSCC – Negative Studien!



¹Lee NY et al. Lancet Oncol 2021;22:450-462. ²Machiels JP et al. Lancet Oncol 2024;25:572-587. ³Bourhis J et al. Ann Oncol 2021;32:S1310 (abstract LBA 35).

⁴Tao Y et al. Ann Oncol 2023;34:101-110.

IMVOKE010 – Trial Design



Primary endpoint:

EFS (BIRC) and OS

Secondary endpoints:

EFS (investigator-assessed), safety, PRO

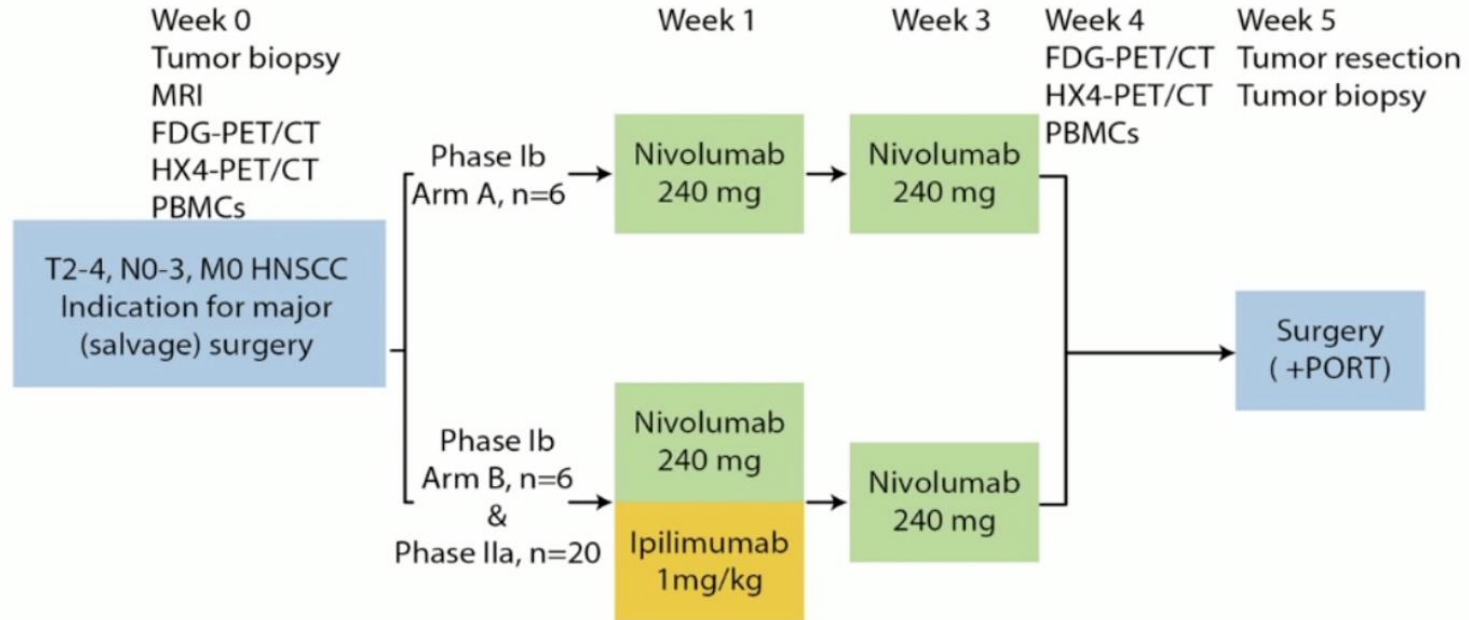
Stratification:

HPV-status, response to definitive local therapy, surgery

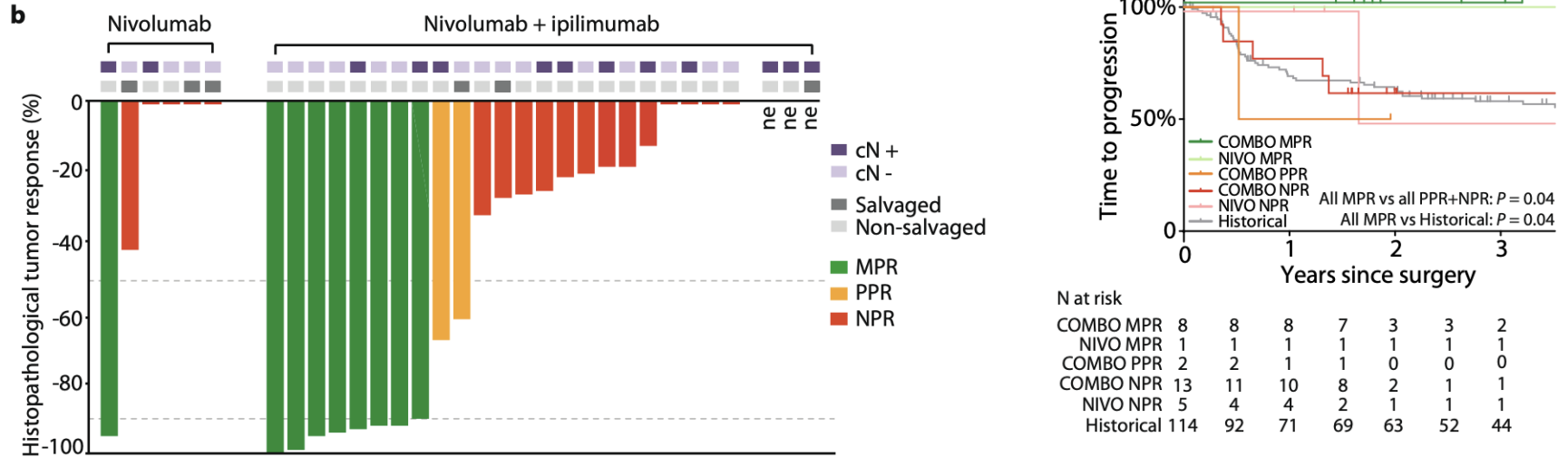
IMVOKE010 – Negative Studie!

Efficacy	Atezo (n=203)*	Placebo (n=203)
Median INV-EFS, mos	59.5	52.7
HR (95% CI)	0.94 (0.70-1.26)	
P-value	0.6804 [†]	
Median OS, mos	NE	NE
HR (95% CI)	0.96 (0.68-1.36)	
Safety, n (%)		
Grade 3-4 AEs	55 (27.2)	43 (21.2)
TRAEs Grade 3-4	20 (9.9)	12 (5.9)
Grade 5 AEs	3 (1.5)	5 (2.5)
SAEs	32 (15.8)	32 (15.8)
AEs leading to tx discontinuation	18 (8.9)	9 (4.4)

IMCISION – Neoadjuvante Immuntherapie



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- Surgery is not delayed or suspended for any patient in phase Ib, meeting the primary endpoint
- MPR: Nivo mono: 17%, Nivo/Ipi: 35%
- None of the MPR patients develop recurrent HSNCC during 24.0 months median postsurgical follow-up

KEYNOTE-689 – Perioperative Pem

Treatment 1:
Neoadjuvant treatment

Perioperative Pembrolizumab Better Survival in Stage III/IV Head and Neck Cancer

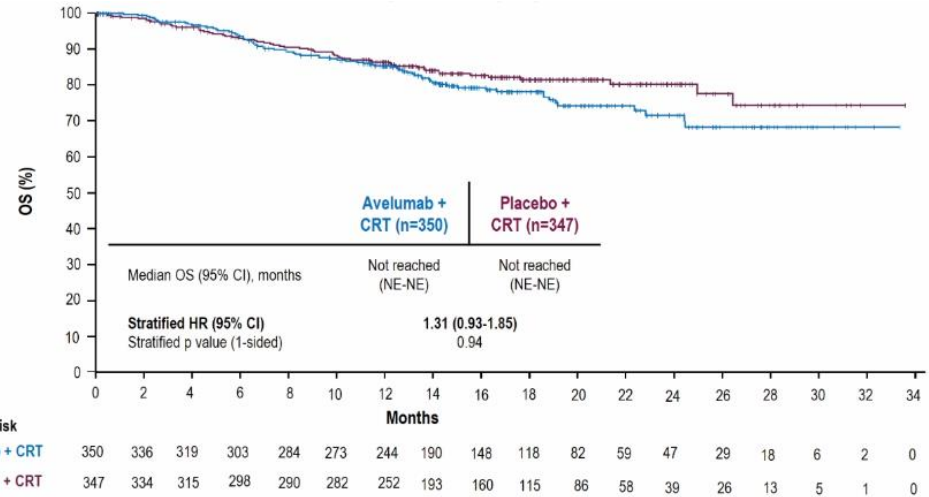
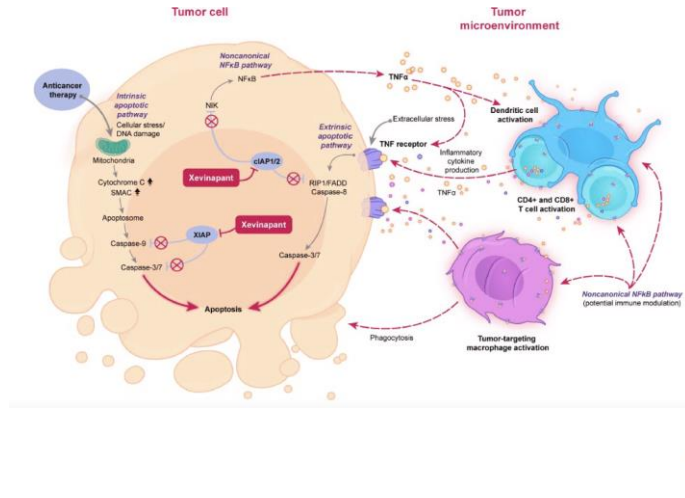
October 8, 2024

Perioperative pembrolizumab (Keytruda) led to improved event-free survival (EFS) in patients with stage III or IVA, resected head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC), meeting the primary end point of the phase 3 KEYNOTE-689 study (NCT03765918).¹

- N=61
- Primary
- Secondary

OS, pCR, safety

Xevinapant – Randomized Phase II Trial



Ferris RL, et al. Cancer Treat Rev 2023;113:102492; Tao Y, et al. Eur J Cancer 2023;183:24-37

TRILYNX Trial - Xevinapant

LA-HNS

- Stage III-I
- Hypophary
- Oropharynx
- ECOG P0-1

Primary endpoint

Secondary endpoint

Merck, press release, 24 JUN 2024:
Trial **discontinued** due to a pre-planned **interim** analysis performed by the study's Independent Data Monitoring Committee, which found that the trial would be **unlikely** to meet its primary objective of prolonging event-free survival.

Other trials, incl. X-Ray Vision, RAVINA, discontinued as well.

100 mg/m² q3w x3

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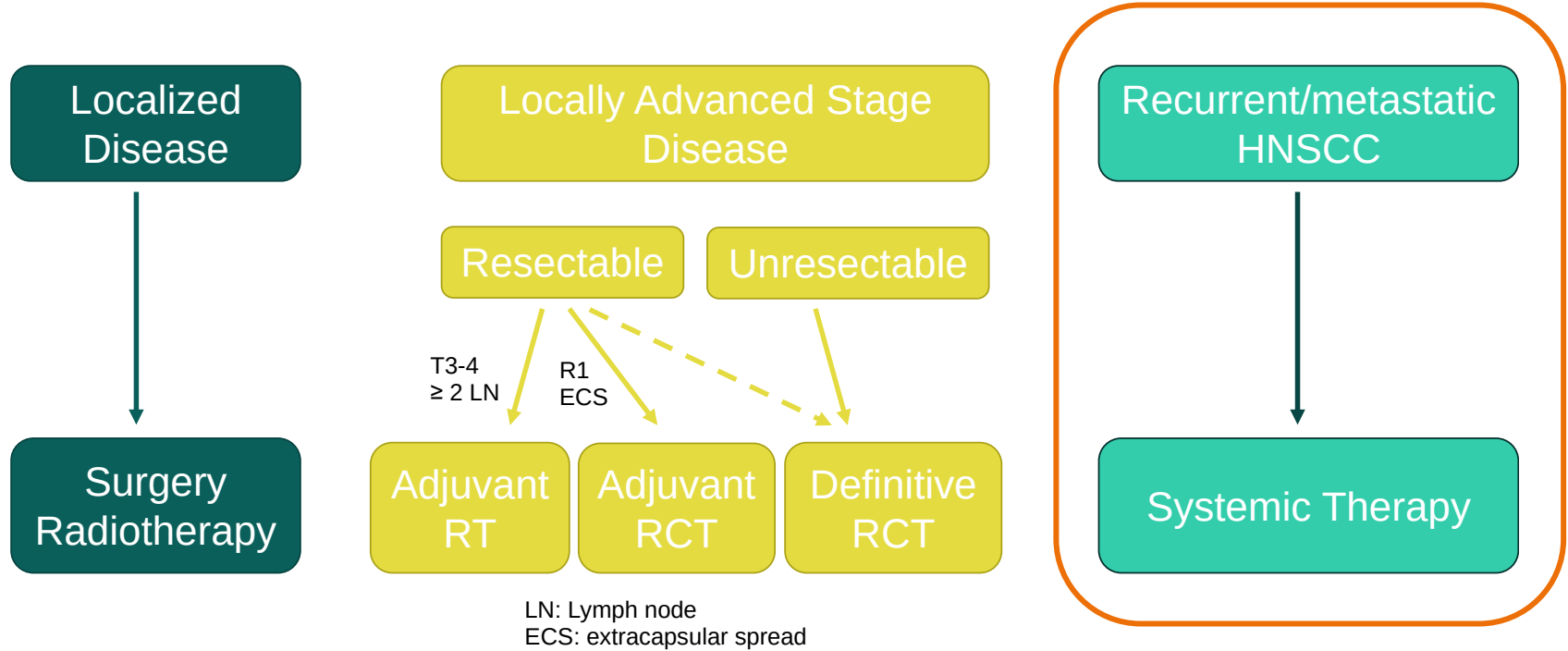
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Zusammenfassung – Lokal fortgeschrittene Stadien

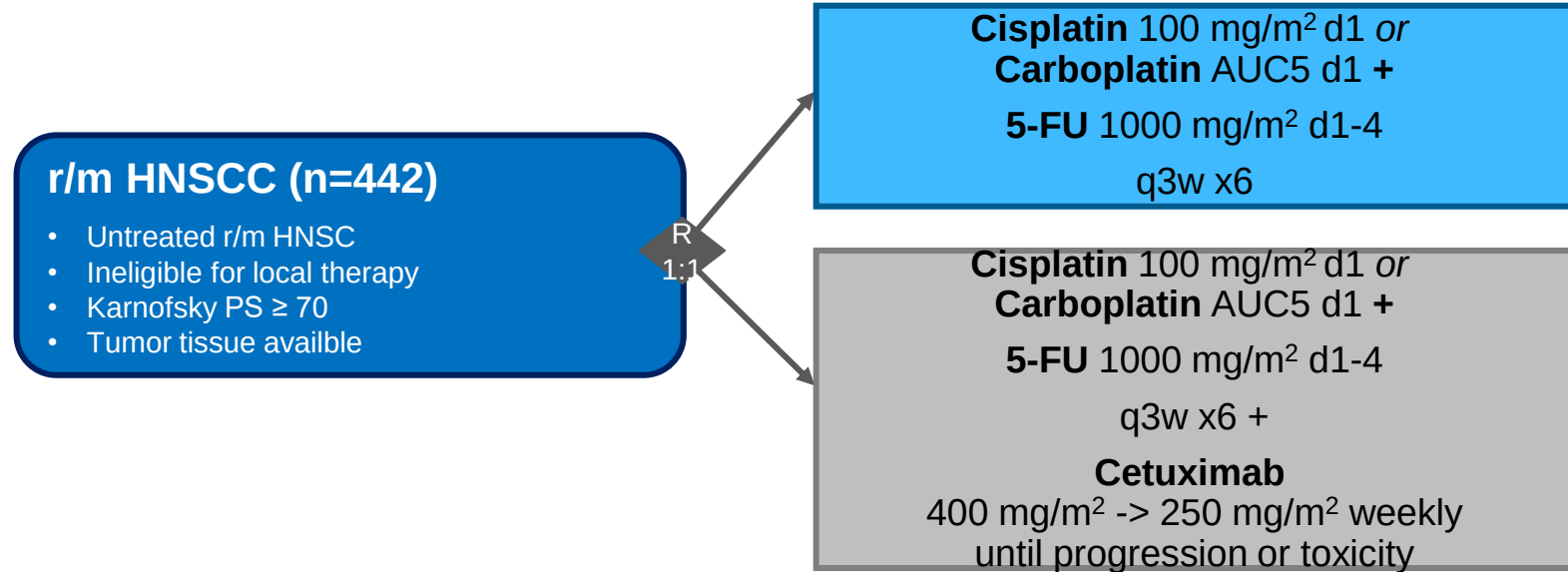
- Kombinierte Radio-Chemotherapie mit Cisplatin ist der Standard
- Überlebensvorteil: 8% nach 5 Jahren¹
- Cisplatin Dosierung $\geq 200 \text{ mg/m}^2$ sollte erreicht werden²
- HPV positive Oropharynxkarzinome: RT + Cisplatin ist / bleibt Standard^{3,4}

¹Pignon JP et al. Lancet 2000;355:949-55; ²Spreafico Eur J Cancer. 2016;67:174-182; ³Mehanna H, et al. ESMO 2018; Abstract LBA9; ⁴Trotti A, et al. ASTRO 2018

Behandlungskonzepte



EXTREME – Trial Design

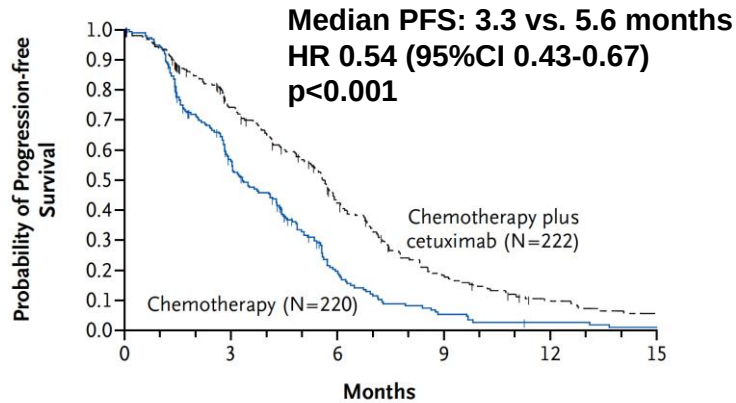


Primary endpoint: OS

Secondary endpoints: PFS, ORR, time to treatment failure, duration of response, safety

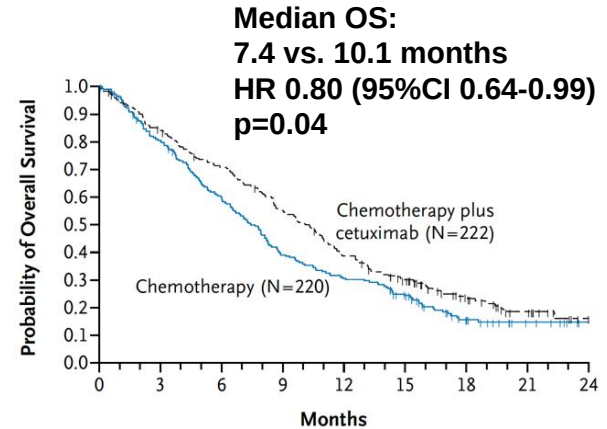
EXTREME-Studie

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No. at Risk

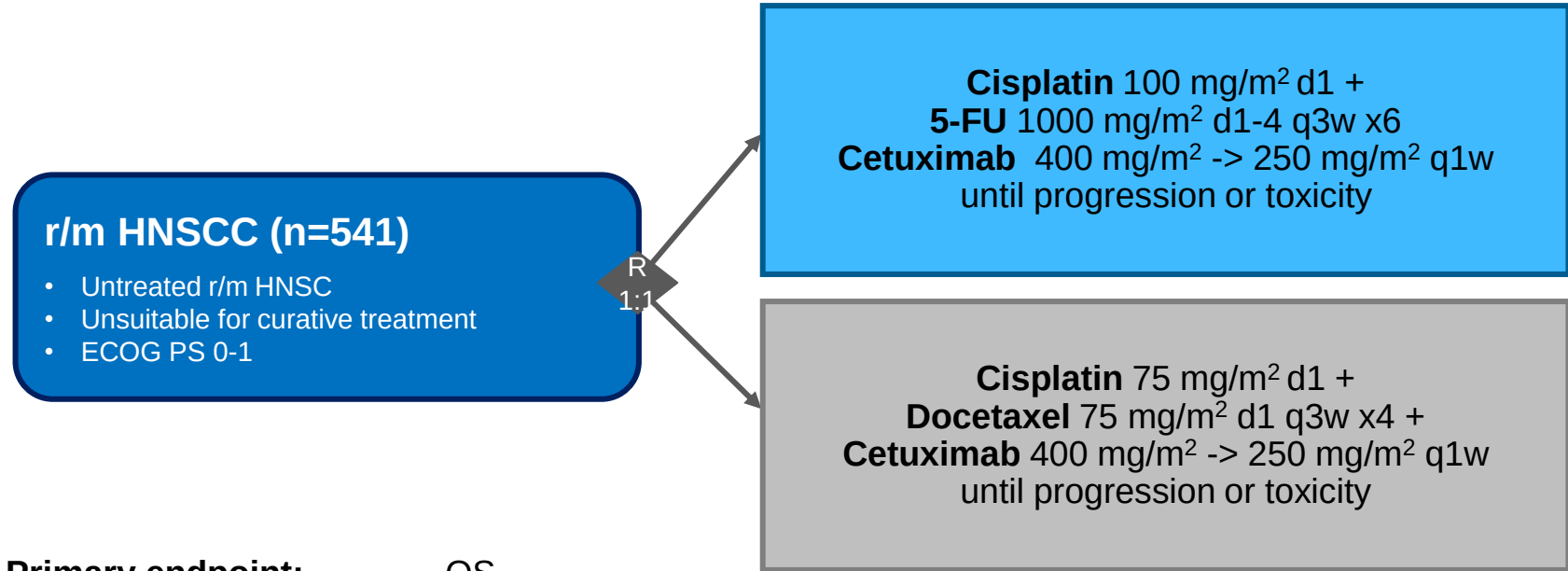
Chemotherapy	220	103	29	8	3	1
Chemotherapy plus cetuximab	222	138	72	29	12	7



No. at Risk

Chemotherapy	220	173	127	83	65	47	19	8	1
Chemotherapy plus cetuximab	222	184	153	118	82	57	30	15	3

TPExtreme – Trial Design

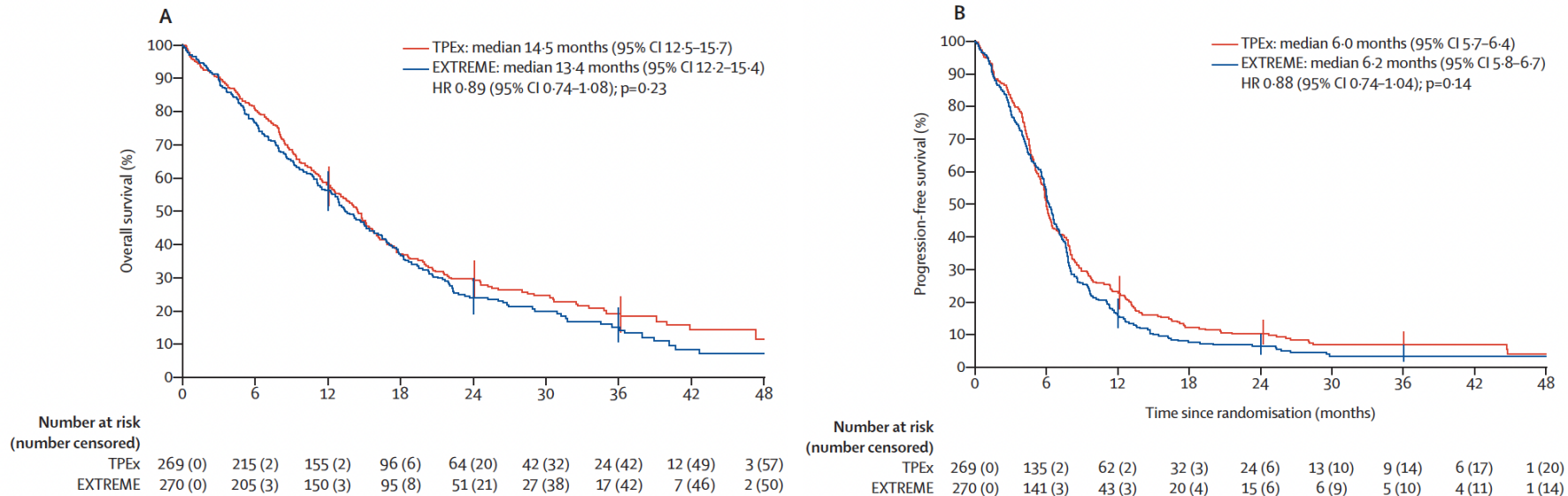


Primary endpoint: OS

Secondary endpoints: PFS, TTP, ORR, QoL

Stratification: ECOG PS, type of disease evolution, previous cetuximab therapy

TPExtreme – Outcome

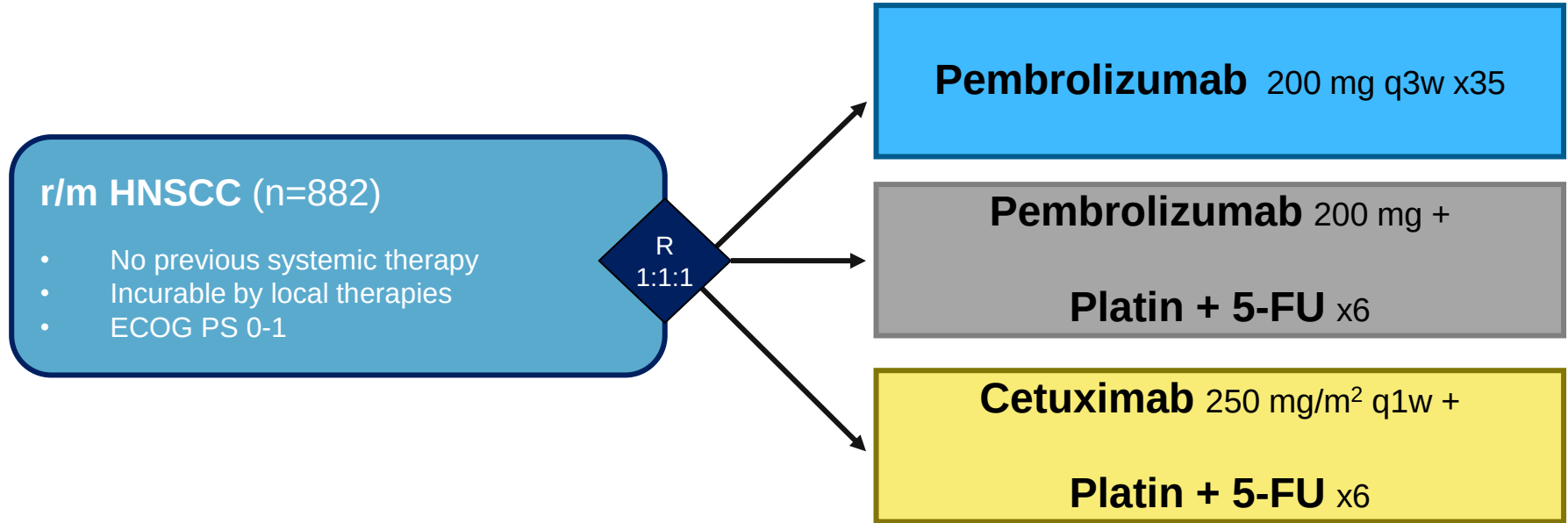


TPExtreme – Outcome

	TPEx regimen group (n=269)	EXTREME regimen group (n=270)
Number of chemotherapy cycles received		
0	8 (3%)	6 (2%)
1	23 (9%)	32 (12%)
2	27 (10%)	29 (11%)
3	16 (6%)	25 (9%)
4	194 (72%)	32 (12%)
5	1 (<1%)	27 (10%)
6	0 (<1%)	119 (44%)
Median	4 (3-4)	5 (3-6)
Reason for chemotherapy discontinuation*†		
End of chemotherapy period	191 (73%)	117 (44%)
Adverse event	31 (12%)	57 (22%)
Tumour progression	13 (5%)	35 (13%)
Death	10 (4%)	21 (8%)
Patient refusal or lost to follow-up	7 (3%)	19 (7%)
Other reason	8 (3%)	14 (5%)
Maintenance therapy with cetuximab‡		
No	72 (28%)	126 (48%)
Yes	189 (72%)	138 (52%)
Best tumour response during treatment		
Complete response	25 (9%)	15 (6%)
Partial response	130 (48%)	139 (51%)
Stable disease	69 (26%)	62 (23%)
Progressive disease	21 (8%)	29 (11%)
Not evaluable or not evaluated	24 (9%)	25 (9%)

- SAEs: 54% vs. 45%
- G5 AE: 21 pts vs. 16 pts.

KEYNOTE-048 – Trial Design



Primary endpoint:

OS, PFS (CPS $\geq 20\%$, CPS $\geq 1\%$, total population)

Secondary endpoints:

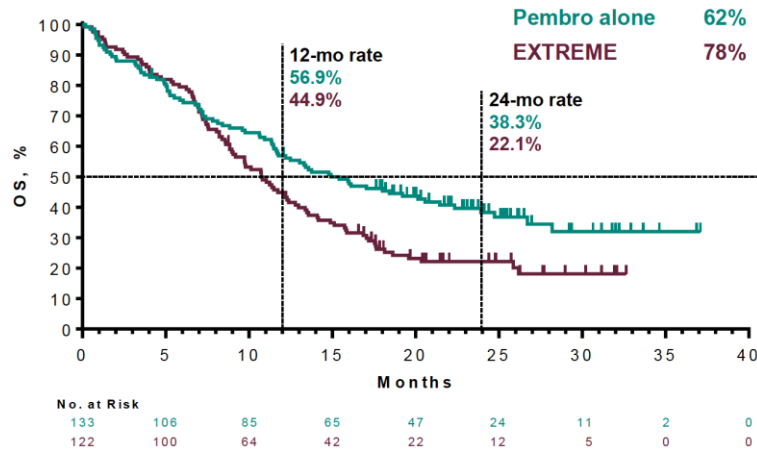
PFS at 6 and 12 months, ORR, QoL, safety

Stratification:

PD-L1 (TPS $\geq 50\%$ vs. $< 50\%$), HPV status, ECOG PS

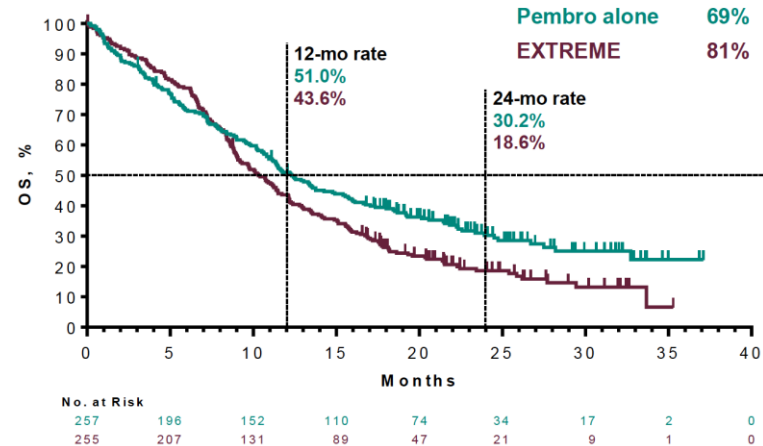
KEYNOTE-048 – Pembrolizumab vs. EXTREME

CPS ≥20% Population



Median OS: 14.9 vs. 10.7 months
HR 0.61 (95%CI 0.45-0.83)
p=0.0007

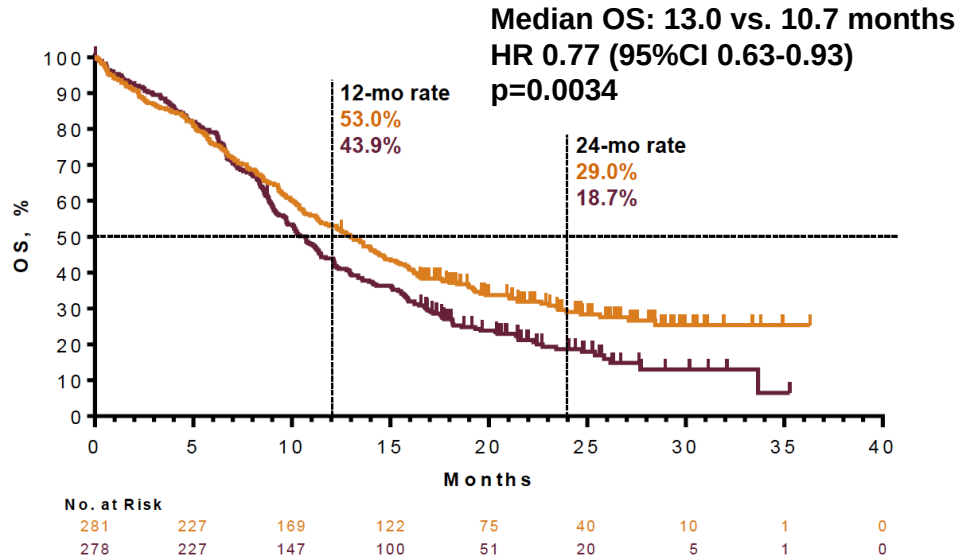
CPS ≥1% Population



Median OS: 12.3 vs. 10.3 months
HR 0.78 (95%CI 0.64-0.96)
p=0.0086

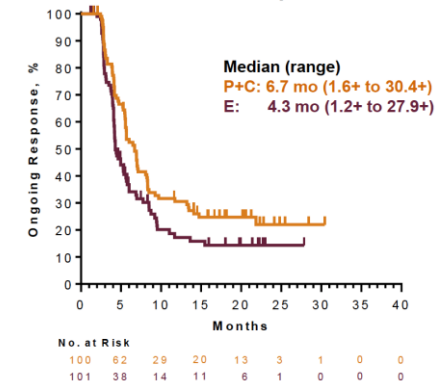
KEYNOTE-048 – Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy vs. EXTREME

Total Population

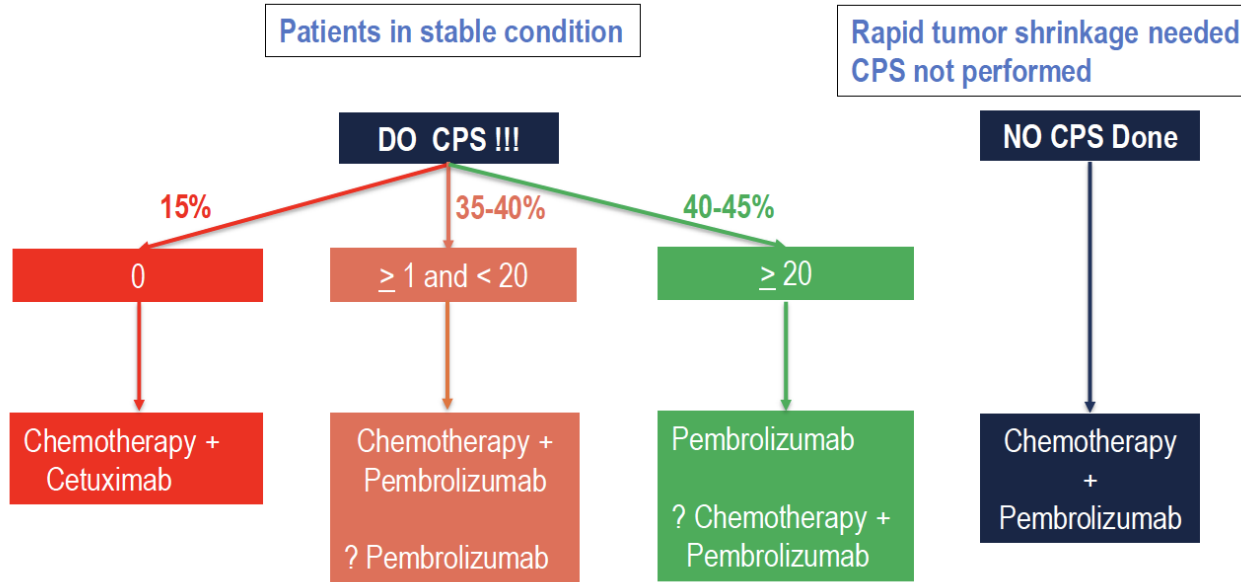


Response	Pembro + Chemo (n=281)	EXTREME (n=278)
ORR	35.6%	36.3%

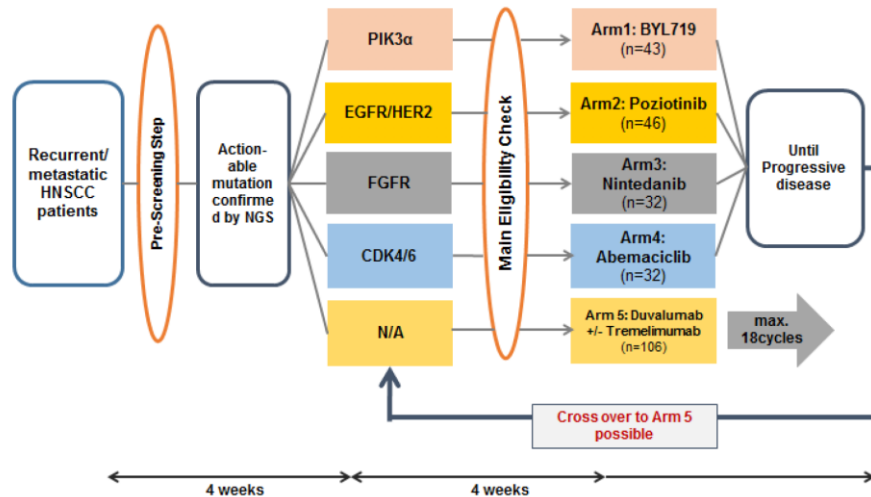
Duration of Response



Neuer Standard in der Erstlinientherapie



TRIUMPH: TRanslational biomarker-driven UMbrella Project



Primary endpoint: DCR arm 1 and ORR arm 2-5

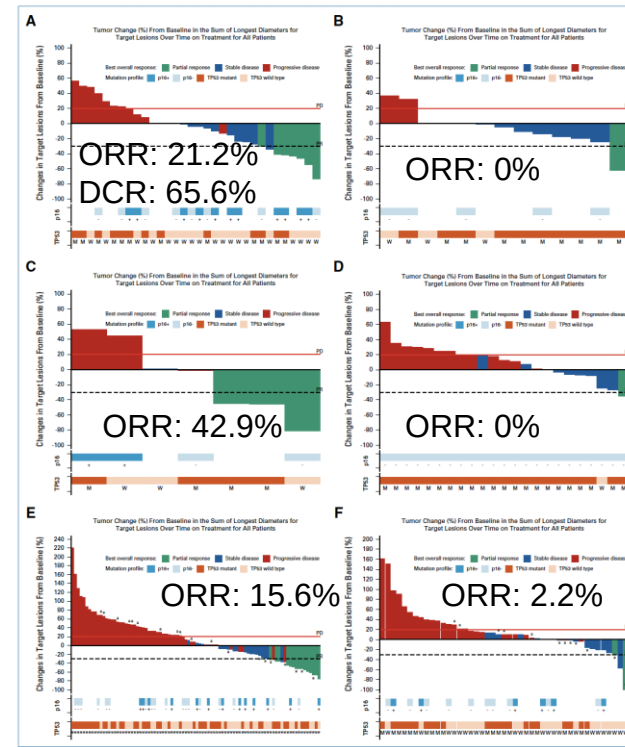


FIG 2. Waterfall plot of the maximum percent change in tumor size from baseline in each treatment arm (A) Arm 1: Alpelisib, (B) Arm 2: Pozotinib, (C) Arm 3: Nintedanib, (D) Arm 4: Abemaciclib, (E) Arm 5: Duvolumab, (F) Arm 5-1: Duvolumab + tremelimumab. *Represent crossover to arm 5; otherwise direct allocation to arm 5. PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response.

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