

# Sugemalimab vs Placebo after cCRT or sCRT in patients with Unresectable Stage III NSCLC: Final PFS Analysis of a Phase 3 Study

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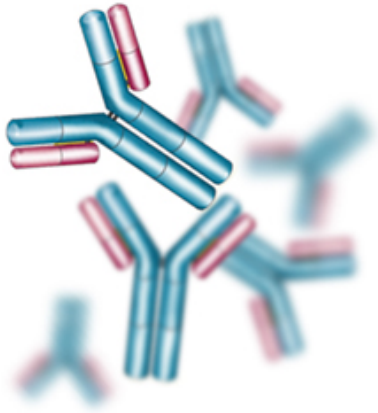
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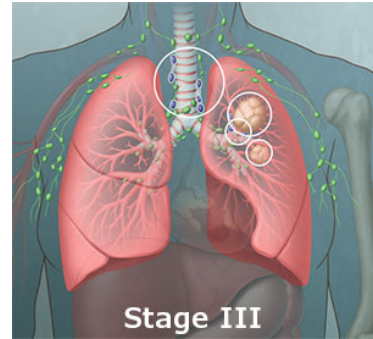
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# Today's Discussion



Sugemalimab



Standard of care in Stage III unresectable lung cancers



Gemstone 301 (The Trial)



Data in perspective..



Conclusion

# Sugemalimab - CStone Pharmaceuticals/EQRx



## Generation and Selection of Human Monoclonal Antibodies from the OmniRat™



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### Sugemalimab (Cejemly)

- Anti-PD-L1 mAb discovered using the OmniRat<sup>®</sup> transgenic animal platform, which can generate fully human antibodies
- As a fully human, full-length anti-PD-L1 mAb, Cejemly mirrors the natural G-type IgG4 human antibody, which may reduce the risk of immunogenicity and potential toxicities in patients
- Lacks ADCC and complement-dependent cytotoxicity (CDC)

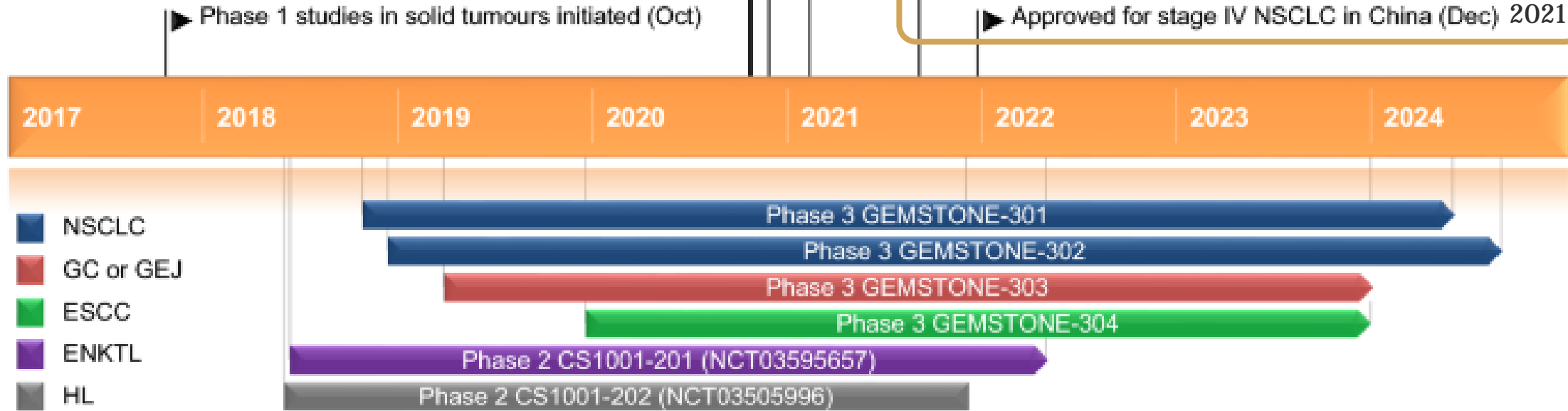
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**Alternative Names:** Cejemly; CS-1001; WBP-3155; ZEJIEMEI

*Latest Information Update: 10 Aug 2022*

<b>Marketed</b>	Non-small cell lung cancer
<b>Phase III</b>	Gastric cancer; Oesophageal cancer; T-cell lymphoma
<b>Phase II</b>	Hodgkin's disease
<b>Phase I/II</b>	Liver cancer; Solid tumours
<b>Phase I</b>	Small cell lung cancer

- ▶ Orphan Drug status for T cell lymphoma in the USA (Oct)
- ▶ Breakthrough Therapy Status for T cell lymphoma in the USA (Oct)
- ▶ Preregistration for stage IV NSCLC in China (Nov)
- ▶ Breakthrough Therapy Status for T cell lymphoma in China (Feb)
- ▶ Preregistration for stage III NSCLC in China (Sep) 2021
- ▶ Approved for stage IV NSCLC in China (Dec) 2021



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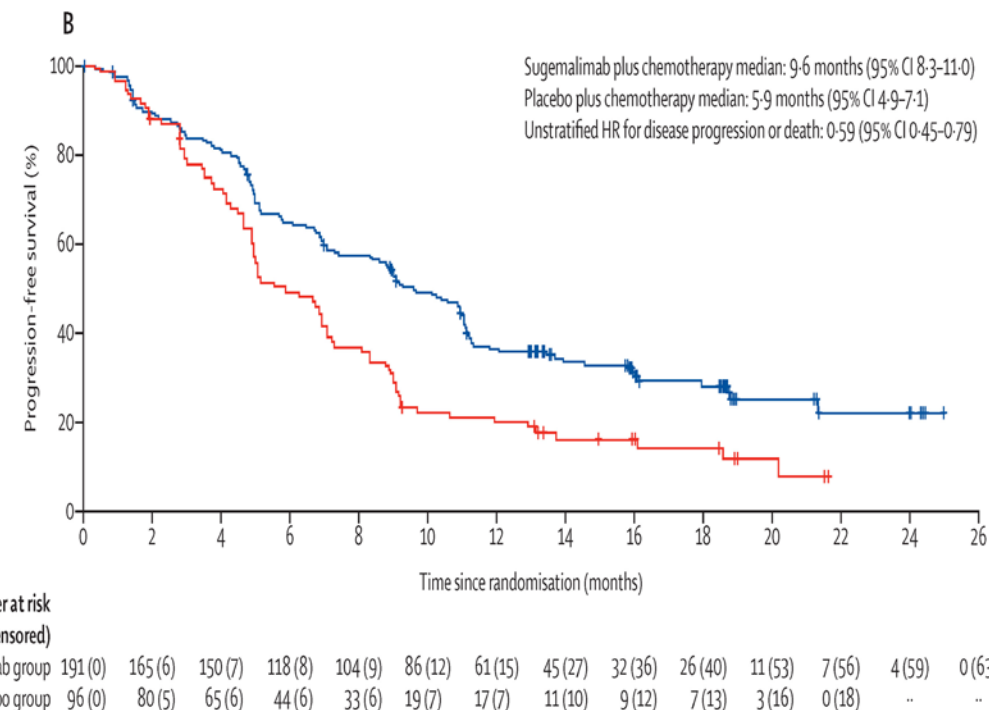
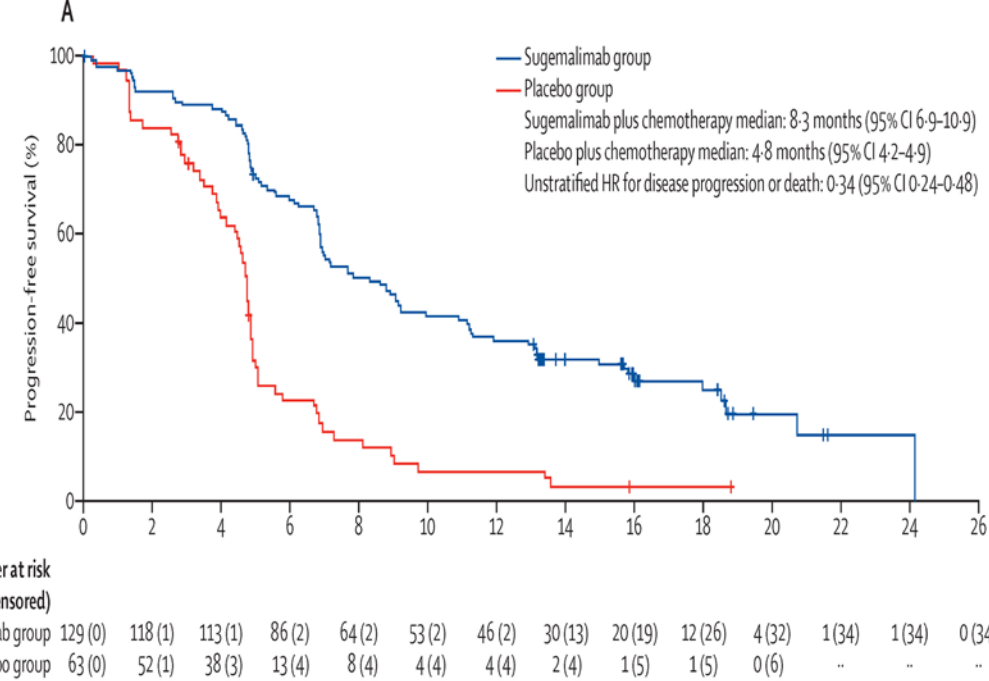
## Sugemalimab versus placebo, in combination with platinum-based chemotherapy, as first-line treatment of metastatic non-small-cell lung cancer (GEMSTONE-302): interim and final analyses of a double-blind, randomised, phase 3 clinical trial

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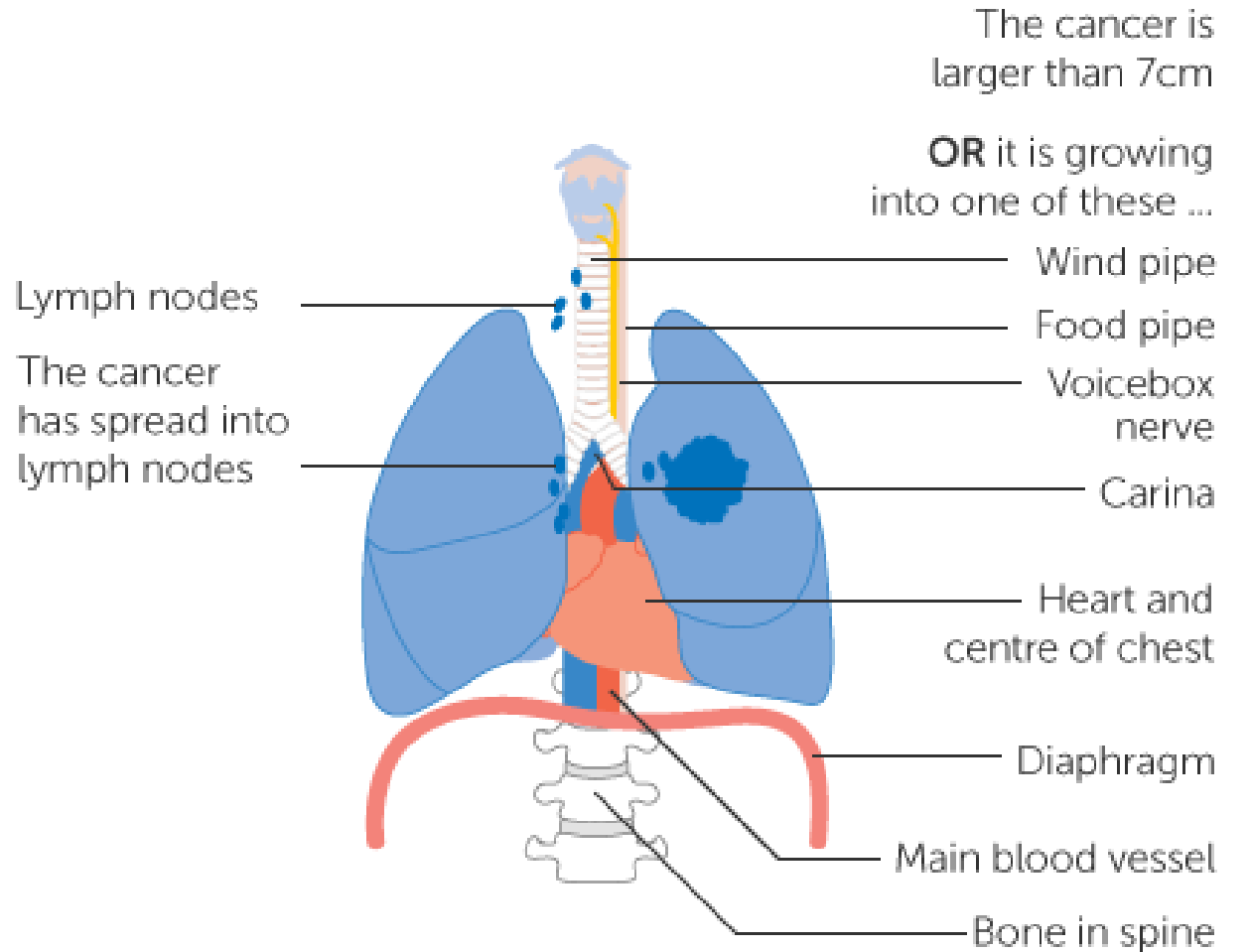
In the final analysis (March 15, 2021) with a median follow-up of 17·8 months (IQR 15·1–20·9), the improvement in progression-free survival was maintained

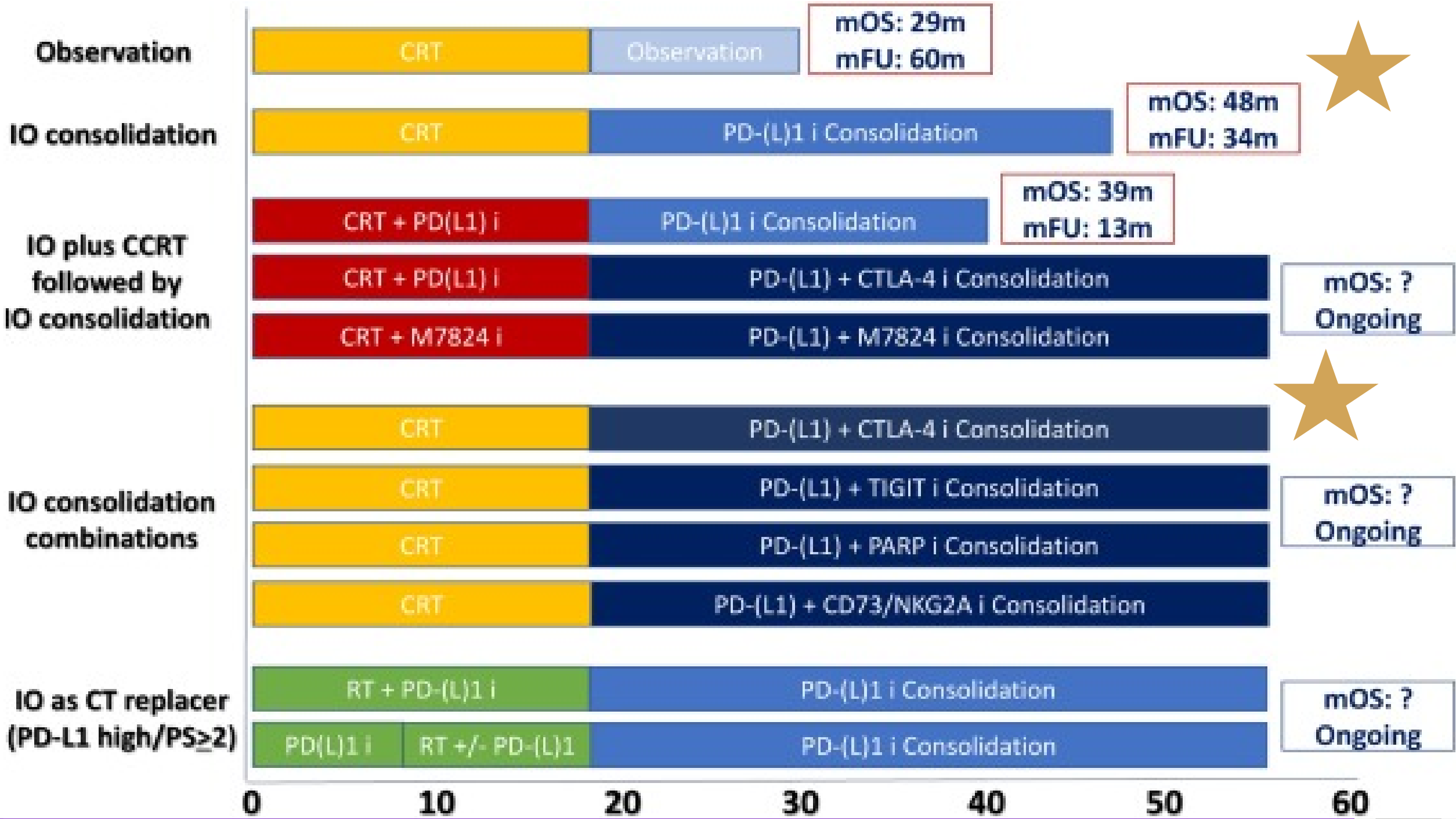
- median 9·0 months [95% CI 7·4–10·8] vs 4·9 months [4·8–5·1]
- stratified HR 0·48 [95% CI 0·39–0·60],  $p < 0·0001$ )



# Standard of care in Stage III unresectable lung cancers

T/M	Subcategory	N0	N1	N2	N3
T1	T1a	IA1	IIB	IIIA	IIIB
	T1b	IA2	IIB	IIIA	IIIB
	T1c	IA3	IIB	IIIA	IIIB
T2	T2a	IB	IIB	IIIA	IIIB
	T2b	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB
T3	T3	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
T4	T4	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
M1	M1a	IVA	IVA	IVA	IVA
	M1b	IVA	IVA	IVA	IVA
	M1c	IVB	IVB	IVB	IVB





**Observation**



mOS: 29m  
mFU: 60m

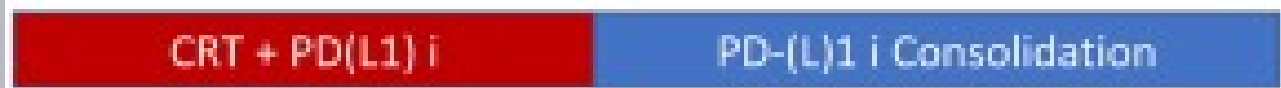


**IO consolidation**



mOS: 48m  
mFU: 34m

**IO plus CCRT followed by IO consolidation**



mOS: 39m  
mFU: 13m



mOS: ?  
Ongoing



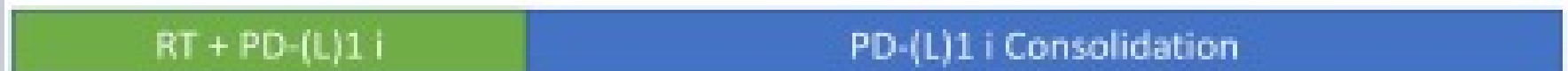
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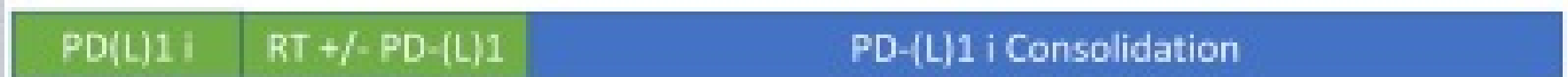
mOS: ?  
Ongoing



**IO as CT replacer (PD-L1 high/PS<sub>≥</sub>2)**



mOS: ?  
Ongoing



0 10 20 30 40 50 60

### Consolidation after cCTRT / sCTRT



- **PACIFIC (NCT02125461)\***
- **GEMSTONE 301 (NCT03728556)\***
- PACIFIC-5 (NCT03706690)\*



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- PACIFIC-5 (NCT03706690)\*
- PACIFIC 6 (NCT03693300), cohort 1

### ICI-consolidation intensification



- **COAST (NCT03822351)**
- PACIFIC-9 (NCT05221840)\*
- PACIFIC-8 (NCT05211895)\*
- SKYSCRAPER-03 (NCT04513925)\*
- BTCRC-LUN 16-081 (NCT03285321)
- CheckMate 73L (NCT04026412)\*

### Concurrent ICI + cCTRT



- **KEYNOTE-799 (NCT036311784)**
- **DETERRED (NCT02525757)**
- **NICOLAS (NCT02434081)**
- PACIFIC 2 (NCT03519971)\*
- EA5181 (NCT04092283)\*
- CheckMate 73L (NCT04026412)\*
- KEYLYNK-012 (NCT04380636)\*\*
- KEYVIBE-006 (NCT05298423)\*
- NCT05386888

### Induction (CT)- ICI



- APOLO trial (NCT04776447)
- (NCT04085250)
- DEDALUS (NCT05128630)
- BRIDGE (NCT04765709)
- PACIFIC-BRAZIL (NCT04230408)



- AFT-16 (NCT03102242)

### Patients with PS ≥2



- PACIFIC 6 (NCT03693300)



- SWOG 1933 (NCT04310020)
- DUART trial (NCT04249362)



- TRADE-Hypo (NCT04351256)
- DART (NCT03999710)
- AIRING (NCT04577638)

### Chemotherapy-free



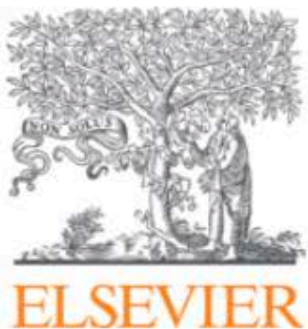
- SPRINT (NCT03523702)
- NRG-LU004 (NCT03801902)

### Consolidation with TKI



- LAURA (NCT03521154)\*
- BO42777 (NCT05170204)\*





# GEMSTONE 301 TRIAL

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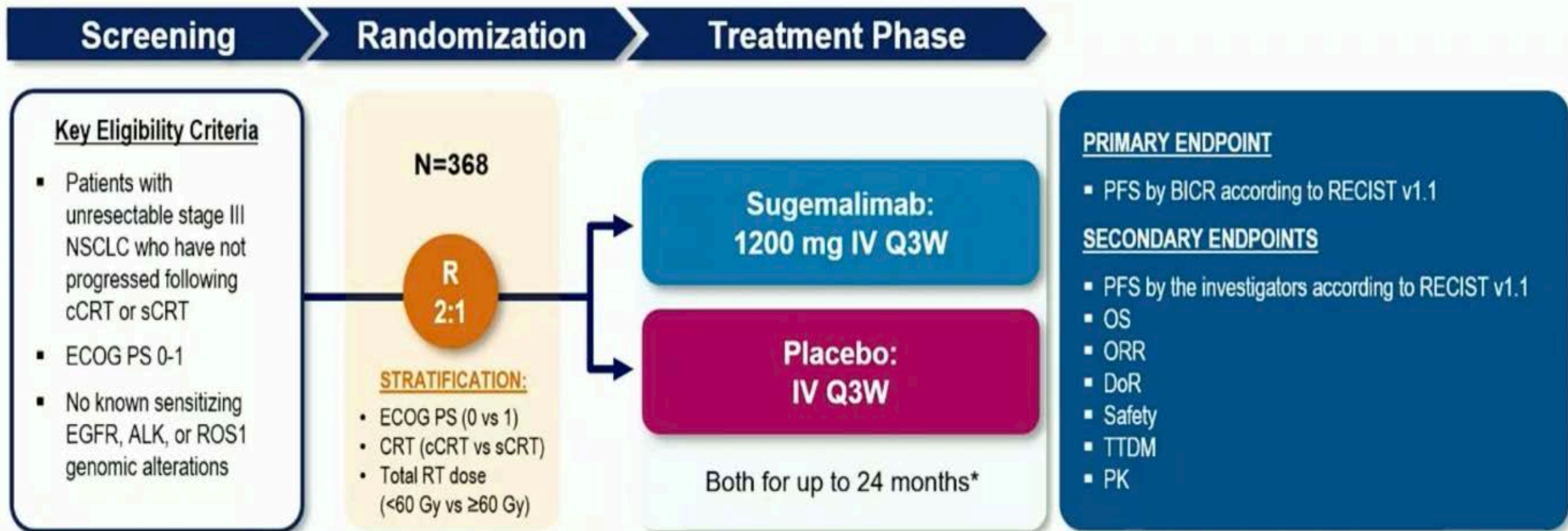
## OA02.05 Sugemalimab vs Placebo after cCRT or sCRT in pts with Unresectable Stage III NSCLC: Final PFS Analysis of a Phase 3 Study

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# Introduction

- Patients with stage III NSCLC represent a heterogeneous population. For those with unresectable disease, concurrent chemoradiotherapy (cCRT) followed by an immune checkpoint inhibitor is the standard of care<sup>1,2</sup>
- However, cCRT is associated with significant toxicity and treatment-related mortality<sup>3,4</sup>
  - Patient comorbidities and lack of access to cCRT in certain areas often limit its use in the real-world setting
  - Observational data indicate a 30-55% utilization rate for cCRT globally<sup>5-8</sup>
- Sequential CRT (sCRT) is a widely used alternative in a large subset of patients who cannot tolerate or access cCRT; thus, there remains a high unmet need to improve outcomes for patients without disease progression following sCRT
- Sugemalimab is a full-length, fully human immunoglobulin G4 (s228p) monoclonal antibody that targets PD-L1
  - Sugemalimab plus chemotherapy demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in progression-free survival (PFS) compared with chemotherapy in patients with metastatic NSCLC (GEMSTONE-302 study)
- GEMSTONE-301 (NCT03728556) is a randomized, phase 3 trial comparing sugemalimab with placebo as a consolidation treatment in patients with unresectable stage III NSCLC without progression after cCRT or sCRT
  - This is the first phase 3 trial evaluating an anti-PD-1/PD-L1 agent in both populations in this setting

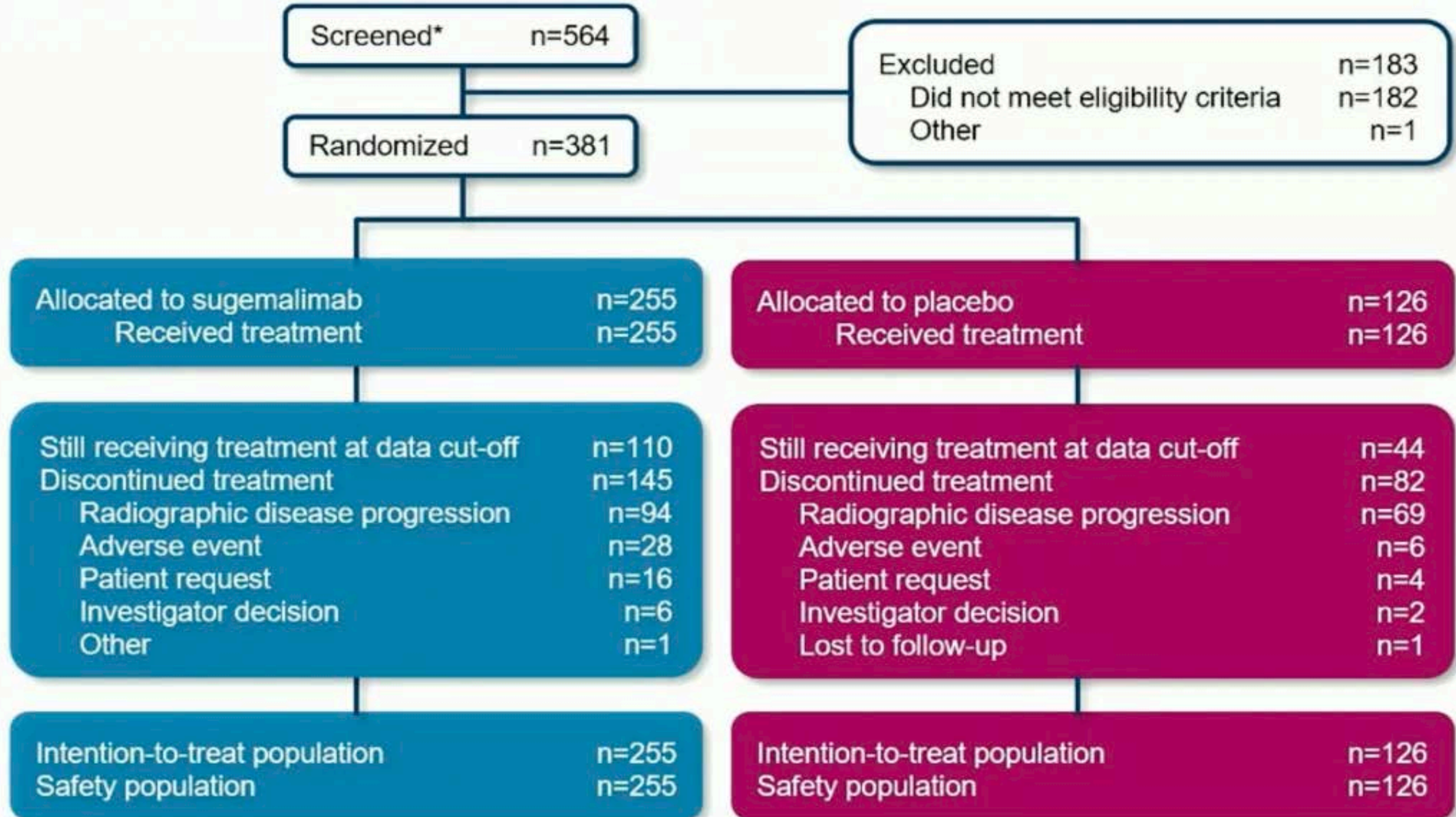
# GEMSTONE-301 Study Design



## Statistical Considerations

- PFS is tested first at a two-sided alpha of 0.05; if PFS is significant, then OS would be tested at a two-sided alpha of 0.05
- Interim and final PFS analysis were planned when approximately 194 and 262 PFS events occurred, respectively. O'Brien-Fleming method was used to control the type I error
- Interim and final OS analysis were planned when approximately 175 and 260 OS events occurred, respectively.

# Patient Disposition



# Baseline Characteristics

	Sugemalimab (N=255)	Placebo (N=126)
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	93%	91%
Female	7%	9%
Age, years – median (range)	61 (46–78)	60 (42–73)
Age ≥65 years	29%	25%
<b>Smoking history</b>		
Never	16%	13%
Former or current	84%	87%
<b>ECOG performance status</b>		
0	31%	30%
1	69%	70%
<b>Radiotherapy dose</b>		
<60 Gy	17%	16%
≥60 Gy	83%	84%

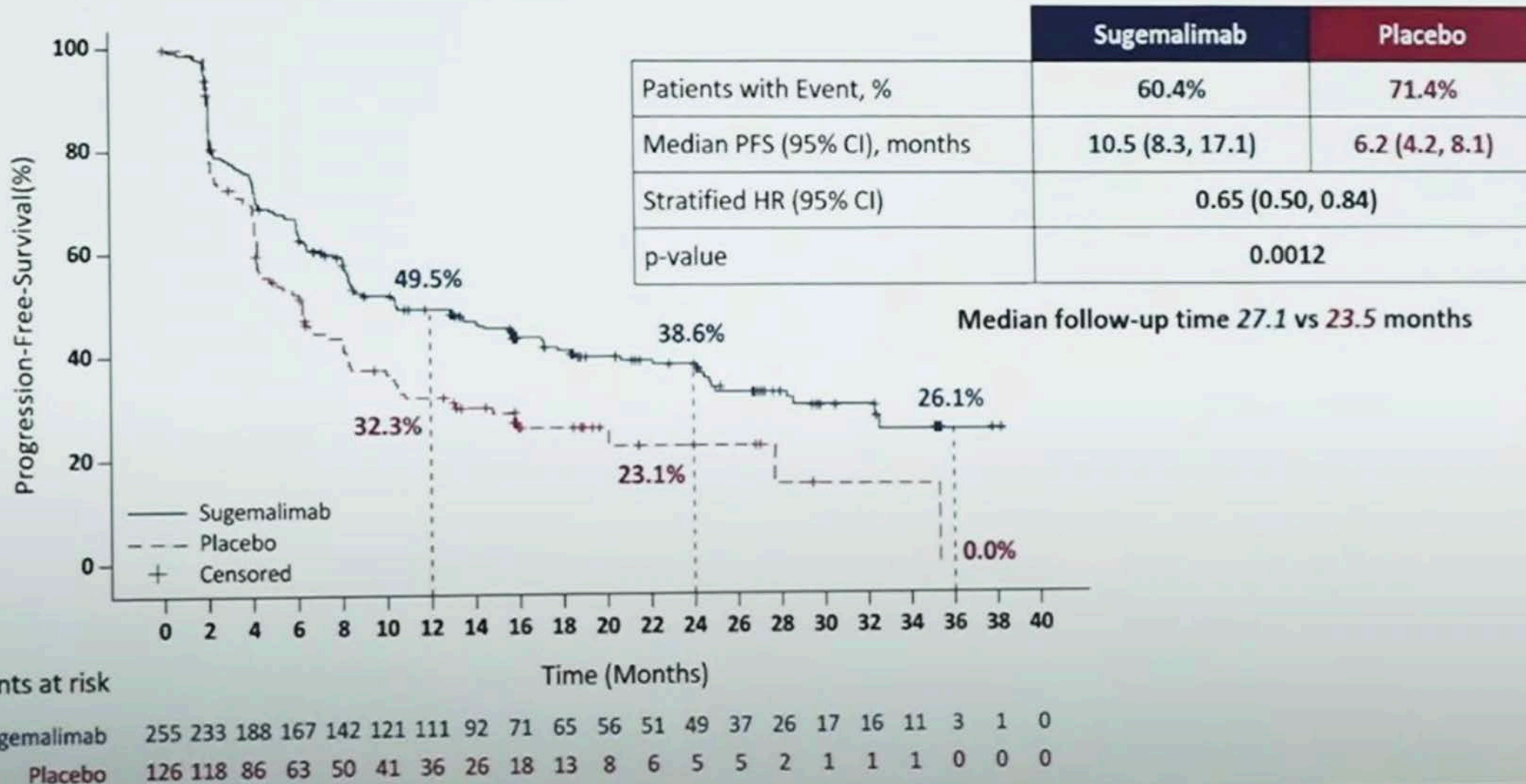
	Sugemalimab (N=255)	Placebo (N=126)
<b>Pathologic type*</b>		
Squamous cell carcinoma	69%	68%
Nonsquamous cell carcinoma	30%	32%
<b>CRT type</b>		
Sequential	34%	33%
Concurrent	66%	67%
<b>Disease stage#</b>		
IIIA	29%	25%
IIIB	57%	52%
IIIC	13%	22%
<b>Best response to CRT</b>		
Complete response	2%	2%
Partial response	67%	61%
Stable disease	31%	37%



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## BICR-assessed PFS





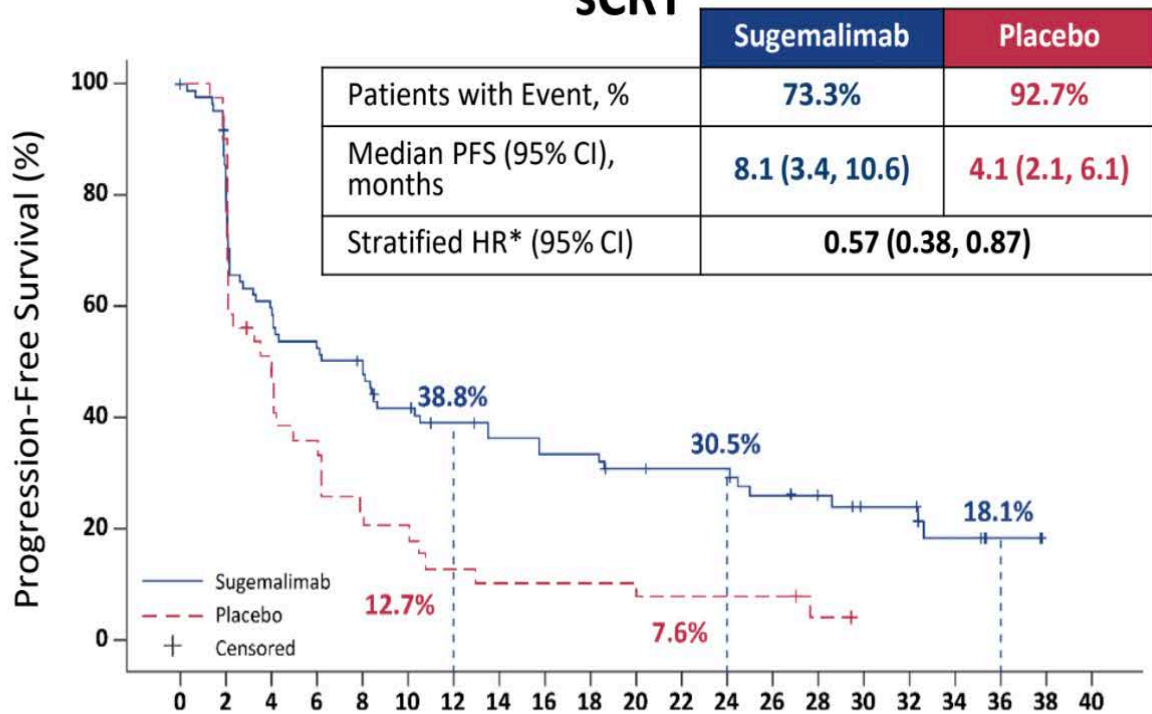
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## BICR-assessed PFS by CRT Type



### sCRT

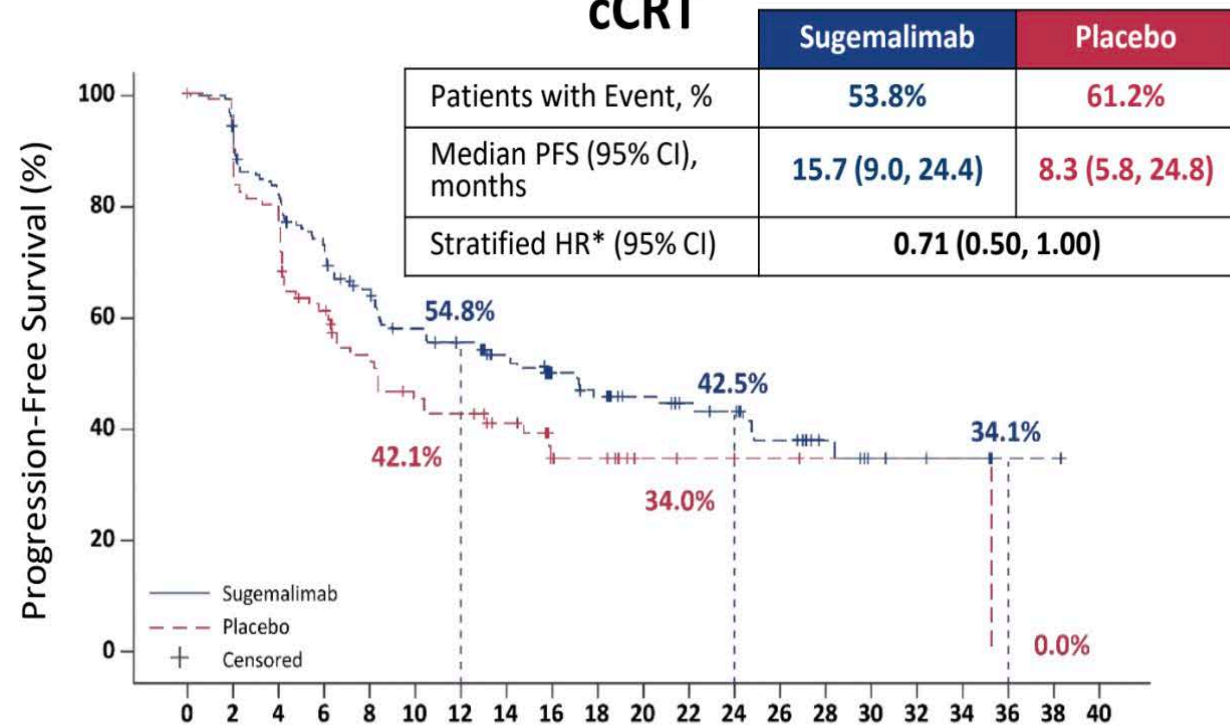


Patients at risk

Sugemalimab	86	73	50	45	41	33	29	26	24	24	21	20	20	16	14	10	10	6	2	0	0
Placebo	41	37	20	14	10	8	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

- Median follow-up: **30.6** vs **27.8** months
- Median time from start date of CRT to randomization: **156.5** vs **168.0** days

### cCRT



Patients at risk

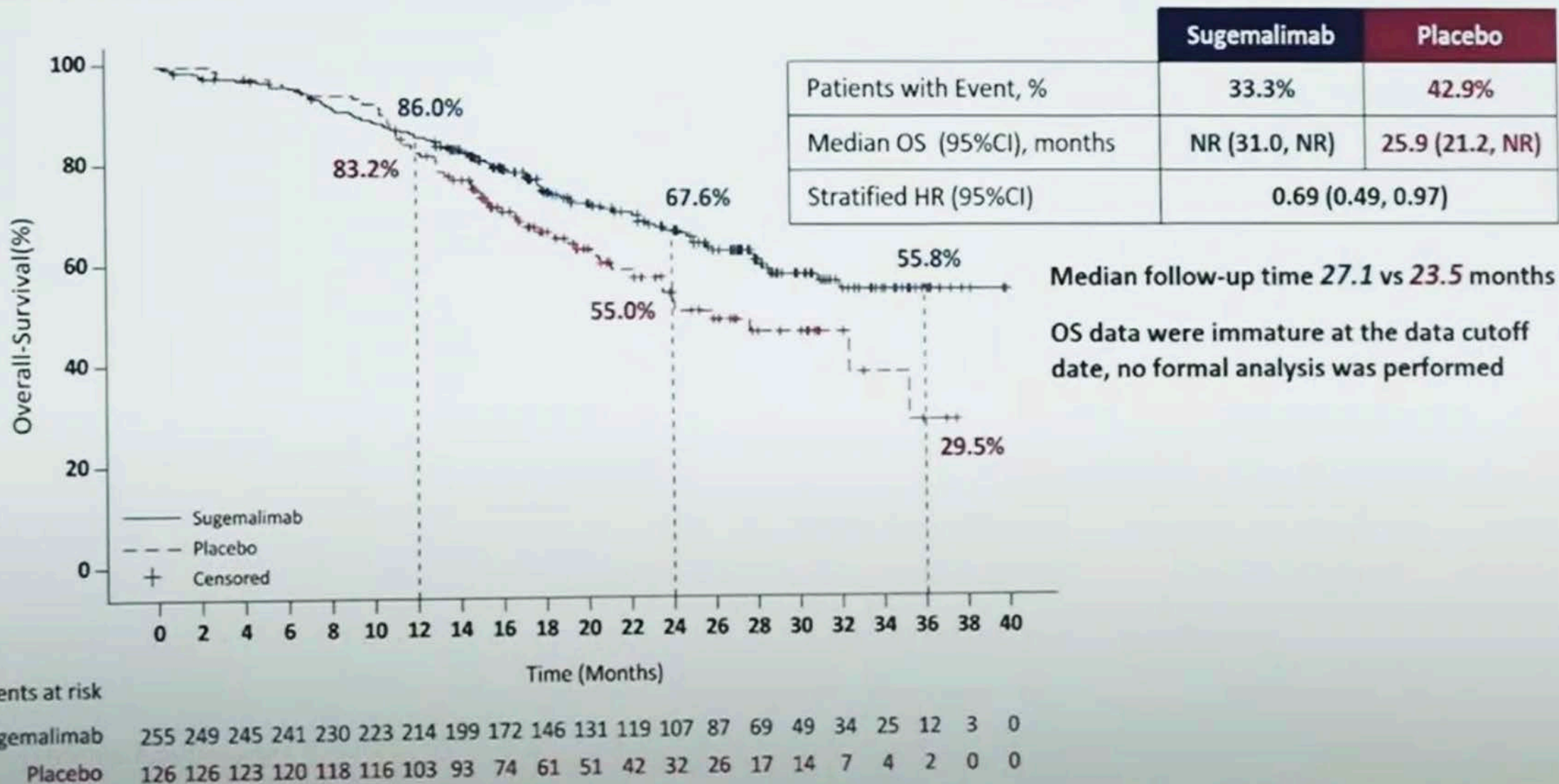
Sugemalimab	169	160	138	122	101	88	82	66	47	41	35	31	29	21	12	7	6	5	1	1	0
Placebo	85	81	66	49	40	33	31	22	14	9	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0

- Median follow-up: **22.4** vs **20.0** months
- Median time from start date of CRT to randomization: **72.0** vs **69.0** days



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## Overall Survival



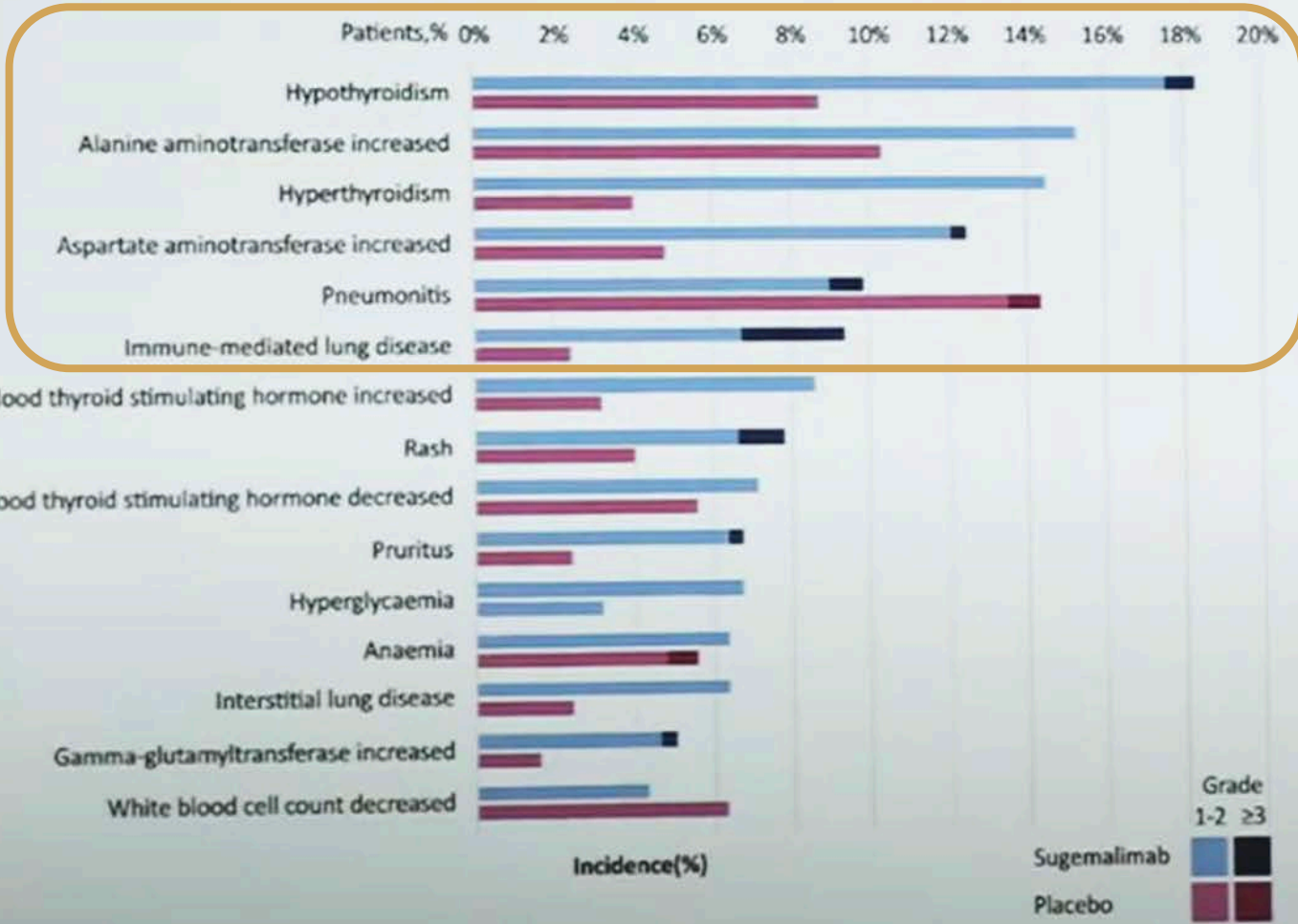




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## Summary of Adverse Events



	Total	
	Sugemalimab (n=255)	Placebo (n=126)
Treatment Emergent Adverse Event (TEAE)	248 (97.3%)	121 (96.0%)
Treatment-related TEAE	200 (78.4%)	81 (64.3%)
Serious TEAE	88 (34.5%)	35 (27.8%)
Treatment-related serious TEAE	44 (17.3%)	11 (8.7%)
Grade 3-5 TEAE	79 (31.0%)	36 (28.6%)
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## Conclusion

- PFS final analysis showed sustained improvement in PFS with sugemalimab versus placebo for patients with unresectable stage III NSCLC who had not progressed following cCRT or sCRT
  - BICR-assessed mPFS: 10.5 vs 6.2 months, HR= 0.65
    - sCRT mPFS: 8.1 vs 4.1 months, HR=0.57
    - cCRT mPFS: 15.7 vs 8.3 months, HR=0.71
- Preliminary overall survival data showed a trend for benefit favoring sugemalimab
  - mOS: not reached vs 25.9 months, HR= 0.69
- No new safety signals were found in PFS final analysis

# Let us put the data in perspective..

The challenger..

Our choice..

## GEMSTONE-301 VS PACIFIC

	GEMSTONE-301	PACIFIC <sup>1</sup>
Patient area	China	Non-China
Prior CRT	cCRT or sCRT	cCRT only
Treatment period	24 months*	12 months
EGFR/ALK/ROS1	Exclude EGFR/ALK/ROS1+	Not exclude EGFR/ALK/ROS1+
Disease Stage	IIIA: 29%	IIIA: 53%
Histology	SCC:69%	SCC:46%

# The challenger..

## ORR and DoR

	Sugemalimab (n=204)*	Placebo (n=103)*
<b>ORR (CR+PR)*, n(%) (95%CI)</b>	<b>50 (24.5) (18.8, 31.0)</b>	<b>26 (25.2) (17.2, 34.8)</b>
Complete response, n(%)	<b>0</b>	<b>1 (1.0)</b>
Partial response, n(%)	<b>50 (24.5)</b>	<b>25 (24.3)</b>
Stable disease, n(%)	<b>104 (51.0)</b>	<b>48 (46.6)</b>
Progression of disease, n(%)	<b>43 (21.1)</b>	<b>27 (26.2)</b>
Not applicable <sup>a</sup>	<b>7 (3.4)</b>	<b>2 (1.9)</b>

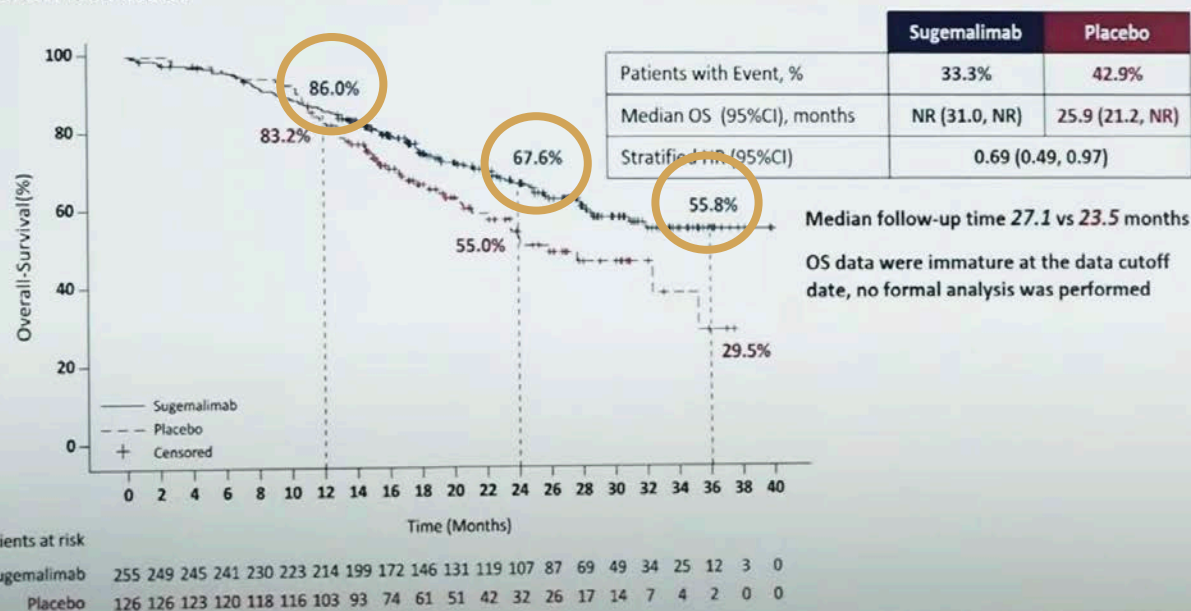
# Our choice..

Table S3. Updated Antitumor Activity by Blinded Independent Central Review (ITT Population).

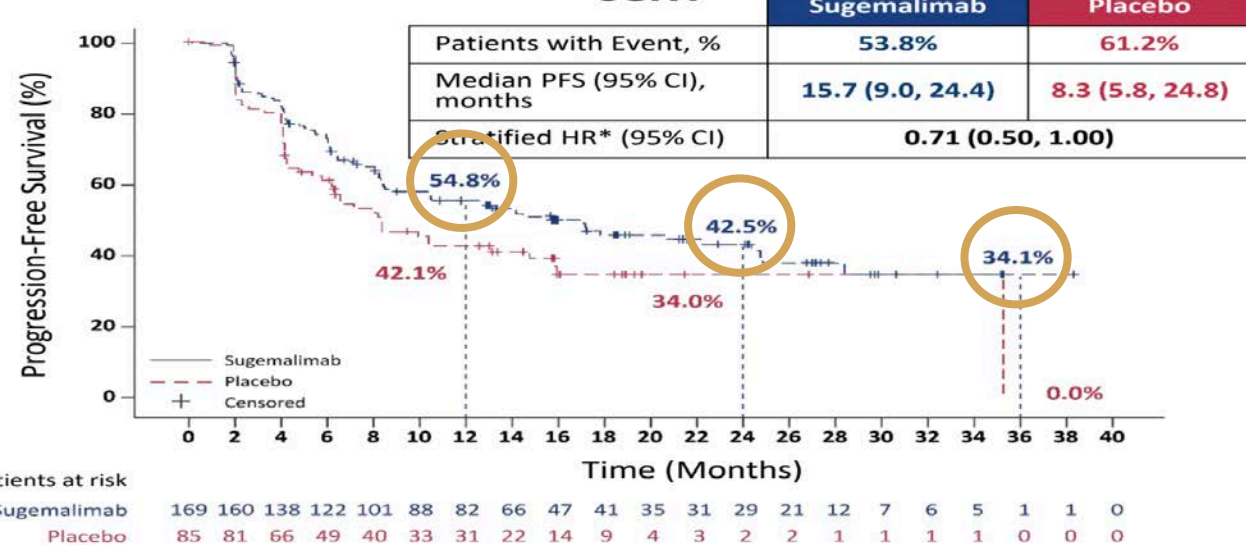
	Durvalumab (N=443)*	Placebo (N=213)*	
Objective response			
No. of patients	133	38	
% of patients (95% CI)	30.0 (25.79–34.53)	17.8 (12.95–23.65)	
P value	<0.001		
Best overall response – no. (%)			
Complete response	8 (1.8)	1 (0.5)	
Partial response	125 (28.2)	37 (17.4)	
Stable disease	227 (51.2)	115 (54.0)	
Progressive disease	73 (16.5)	59 (27.7)	
Non-evaluable	10 (2.3)	1 (0.5)	
Duration of response, months			
Median (95% CI)	Not reached (27.4–not reached)	18.4 (6.7–24.5)	
Best response to previous CRT – no. (%)			
Complete response	9 (1.9)	7 (3.0)	16 (2.2)
Partial response	237 (49.8)	112 (47.3)	349 (48.9)
Stable disease	223 (46.8)	115 (48.5)	338 (47.4)
Progression	2 (0.4)	0	2 (0.3)
Non-evaluable	5 (1.1)	2 (0.8)	7 (1.0)

# The challenger..

## Overall Survival



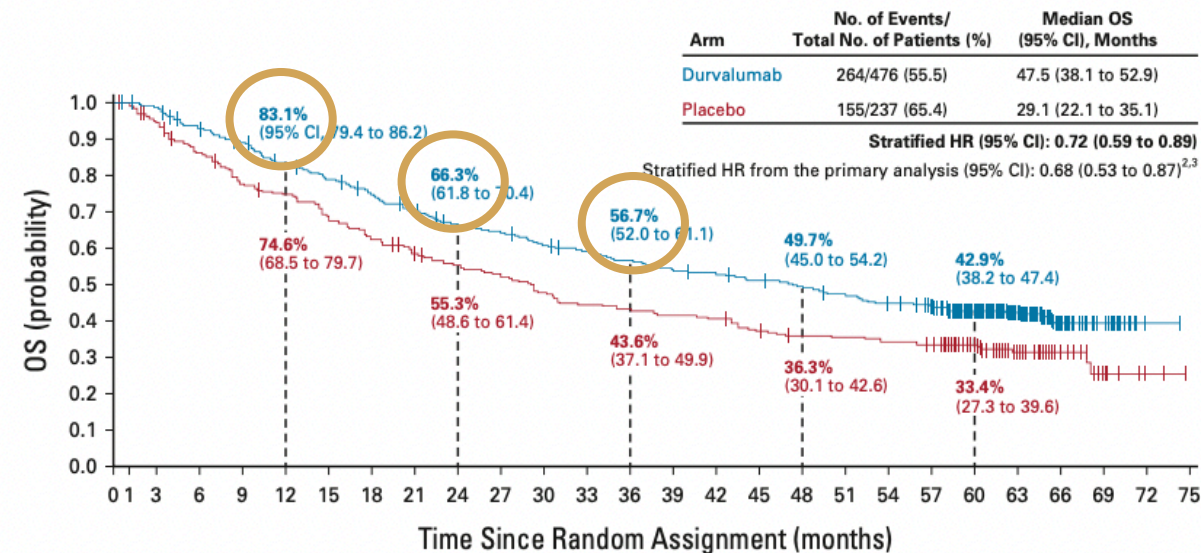
## cCRT



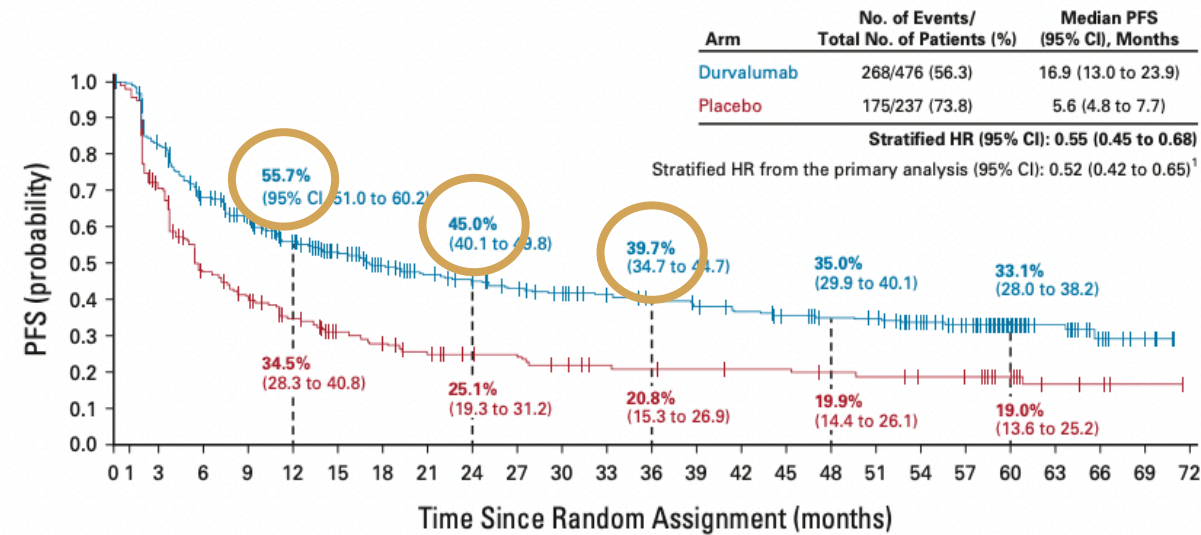
- Median follow-up: **22.4 vs 20.0** months
- Median time from start date of CRT to randomization: **72.0 vs 69.0** days

# Our choice..

A



B



No. at risk:

Time (months)	0	1	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60	63	66	69	72
Durvalumab	476	377	301	267	215	190	165	147	137	128	119	110	103	97	92	85	81	78	67	57	34	22	11	5	0	
Placebo	237	164	105	87	68	56	48	41	37	36	30	27	26	25	24	24	22	21	19	19	14	6	4	1	0	

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Event	Durvalumab (N=475)		Placebo (N=234)	
	Any Grade*	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade*	Grade 3 or 4
	<i>number of patients with event (percent)</i>			
Any event	460 (96.8)	145 (30.5)	222 (94.9)	61 (26.1)
Cough	167 (35.2)	2 (0.4)	59 (25.2)	1 (0.4)
Fatigue	114 (24.0)	1 (0.2)	48 (20.5)	3 (1.3)
Dyspnea	106 (22.3)	7 (1.5)	56 (23.9)	6 (2.6)
Radiation pneumonitis <sup>†</sup>	96 (20.2)	7 (1.5)	37 (15.8)	1 (0.4)
Diarrhea	88 (18.5)	3 (0.6)	46 (19.7)	3 (1.3)
Pyrexia	72 (15.2)	1 (0.2)	22 (9.4)	0
Nausea	68 (14.3)	0	31 (13.2)	0
Decreased appetite	68 (14.3)	1 (0.2)	30 (12.8)	2 (0.9)
Pneumonia	63 (13.3)	21 (4.4)	18 (7.7)	9 (3.8)
Pneumonitis <sup>†</sup>	60 (12.6)	9 (1.9)	18 (7.7)	4 (1.7)
Arthralgia	59 (12.4)	0	26 (11.1)	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	59 (12.4)	1 (0.2)	24 (10.3)	0
Pruritus	59 (12.4)	0	12 (5.1)	0
Rash	58 (12.2)	1 (0.2)	18 (7.7)	0
Constipation	56 (11.8)	1 (0.2)	20 (8.5)	0
Hypothyroidism	55 (11.6)	1 (0.2)	4 (1.7)	0
Headache	52 (10.9)	1 (0.2)	21 (9.0)	2 (0.9)
Asthenia	51 (10.7)	3 (0.6)	31 (13.2)	1 (0.4)
Back pain	50 (10.5)	1 (0.2)	27 (11.5)	1 (0.4)
Musculoskeletal pain	39 (8.2)	3 (0.6)	24 (10.3)	1 (0.4)
Anemia	36 (7.6)	14 (2.9)	26 (11.1)	8 (3.4)

## IO Consolidation combinations / Intensification

Consolidation nivolumab plus ipilimumab or nivolumab alone following concurrent chemoradiation for patients with unresectable stage III non-small cell lung cancer: BTCRC LUN 16-081.

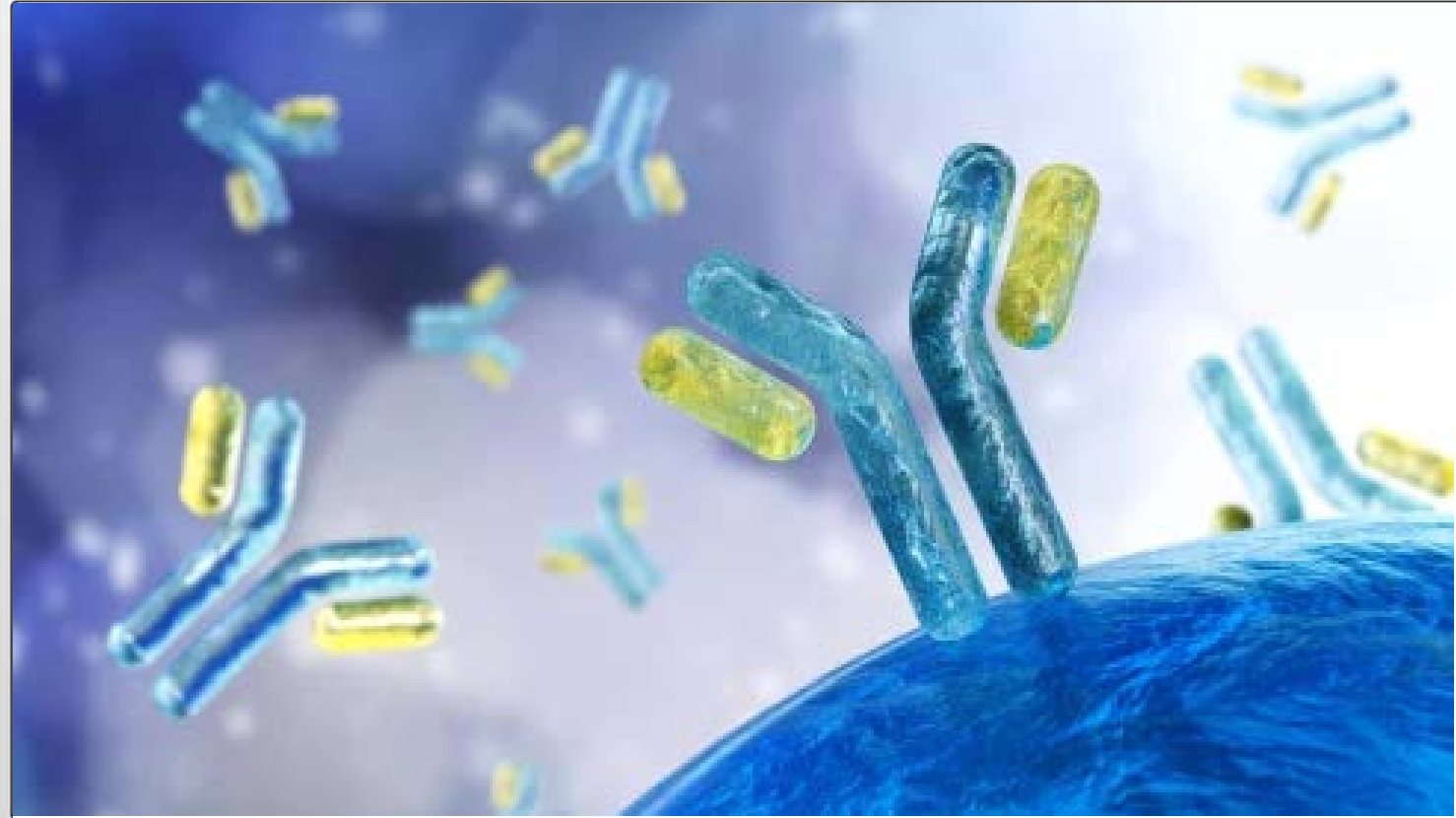
- **The optimal duration of consolidation IO therapy in this setting is undefined**
  - 6 months: BTCRC Lun Trial
  - 12 months: PACIFIC Trial
  - 24 months: GEMSTONE 301 Trial
- Post CRT, patients were randomised to Nivo 480mg IV q4wks (Arm A) or N 3mg/kg IV q2 wks + IPI 1mg/kg IV q6 wks (Arm B) for up to 24 weeks
- The percentage of patients completing the full treatment was 70.4% with Nivo and 56.9% with Nivo+IPI
- Median PFS was 25 months in both arms
- trAE on arm A/B were 72.2%/80.4%, and grade  $\geq 3$  trAEs on arm A/B were 38.9%/52.9%

# Summary

## Sugemalimab vs Durvalumab (Primarily)

### Subject to availability and pricing, Sugemalimab:

- Can be used post cCTRT or sCTRT, in those with at least a stable disease post CTRT
- Has shown comparable efficacy to durvalumab, with a PFS benefit and trend towards OS benefit
- No new red flag signs, but a longer follow up and real world data will be necessary





# Thank you

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