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Pembrolizumab vs Platinum-Based Chemotherapy as First-Line Therapy for Advanced/Metastatic NSCLC With a PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$: Open-Label, Phase 3 KEYNOTE-042 Study

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Pembrolizumab and PD-L1 for Metastatic NSCLC

- Monotherapy significantly improved OS vs docetaxel in metastatic NSCLC of PD-L1 tumor proportion score (TPS) $\geq 1\%$ that progressed on or after platinum-containing chemotherapy^{1a}
- Monotherapy significantly improved PFS and OS vs platinum-based chemotherapy in previously untreated metastatic NSCLC with PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$ ^{2b}
- Combination with platinum-based chemotherapy significantly improved OS over chemotherapy alone in untreated metastatic NSCLC, irrespective of PD-L1 expression^{3,4b}
- Companion diagnostic: PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay (Agilent Technologies)
 - Used to assesses PD-L1 expression in formalin-fixed tumor samples
 - Expression measure: TPS, defined as the percentage of tumor cells with membranous PD-L1 staining

^aPts with sensitizing *EGFR* or *ALK* alteration must have also progressed on an appropriate TKI. ^bPts with sensitizing *EGFR* or *ALK* alteration were excluded.

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First-Line Pembrolizumab Monotherapy

- KEYNOTE-024: pembrolizumab monotherapy vs platinum-based chemotherapy for metastatic NSCLC with PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$ and no sensitizing *EGFR* or *ALK* alterations¹
 - Pembrolizumab provided superior PFS (primary end point) and OS (key secondary end point)
 - Pembrolizumab had a better safety profile
- Unmet need: more effective and tolerable first-line therapy for metastatic NSCLC
- **Objective of KEYNOTE-042 (NCT02228094): investigate role of first-line pembrolizumab in patients with PD-L1 expression (TPS $\geq 1\%$)**

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KEYNOTE-042 Study Design

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Untreated locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC of any histology
- PD-L1 TPS $\geq 1\%$
- No sensitizing *EGFR* or *ALK* alterations
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- No untreated or unstable CNS metastases
- No history of pneumonitis that required systemic corticosteroids

Stratification Factors

- Region (east Asia vs rest of the world)
- ECOG PS (0 vs 1)
- Histology (squamous vs nonsquamous)
- PD-L1 TPS ($\geq 50\%$ vs 1-49%)

Randomize
1:1

N = 637

Pembrolizumab
200 mg Q3W
for up to 35 cycles

N = 637

Carboplatin AUC 5 or 6 Q3W +
Paclitaxel 200 mg/m² Q3W^a
OR
Carboplatin AUC 5 or 6 Q3W +
Pemetrexed 500 mg/m² Q3W^a
for up to 6 cycles

End points

- Primary: OS in PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$, $\geq 20\%$, and $\geq 1\%$
- Secondary: PFS and ORR in TPS $\geq 50\%$, $\geq 20\%$, and $\geq 1\%$; safety in TPS $\geq 1\%$

^aPemetrexed maintenance therapy was optional but strongly encouraged for patients with nonsquamous histology.

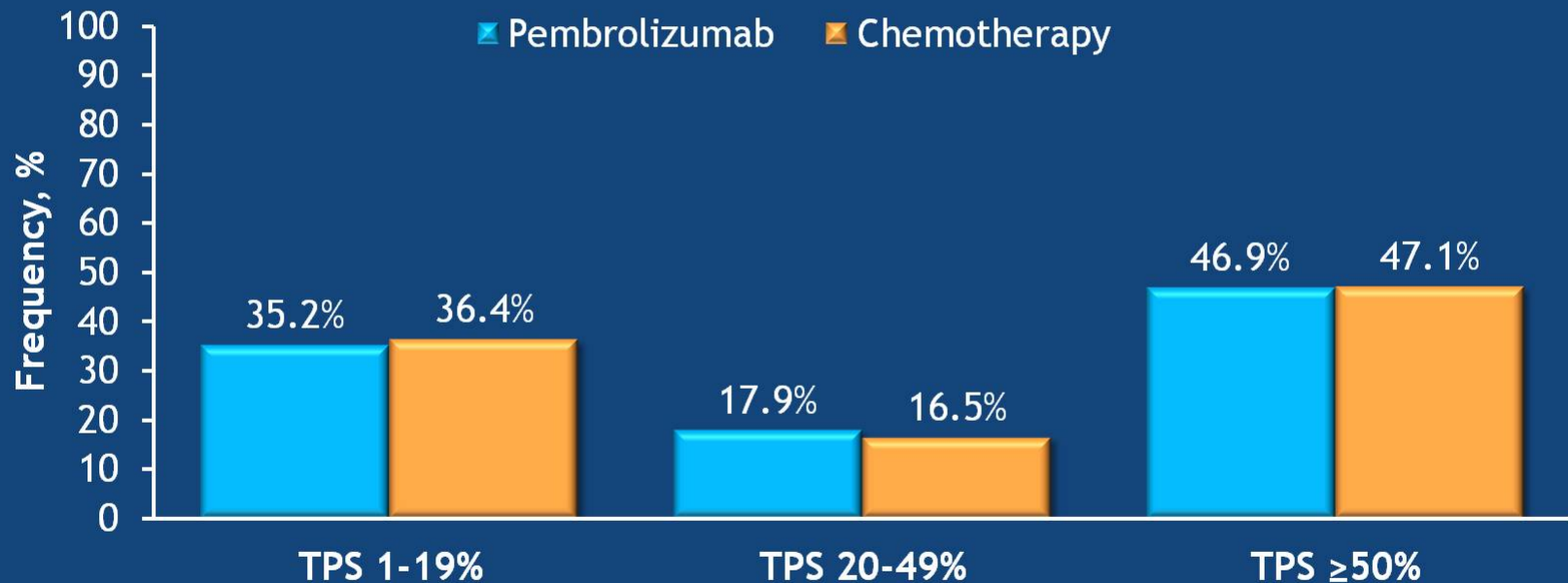
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Frequency of PD-L1 TPS Categories: TPS $\geq 1\%$ Population



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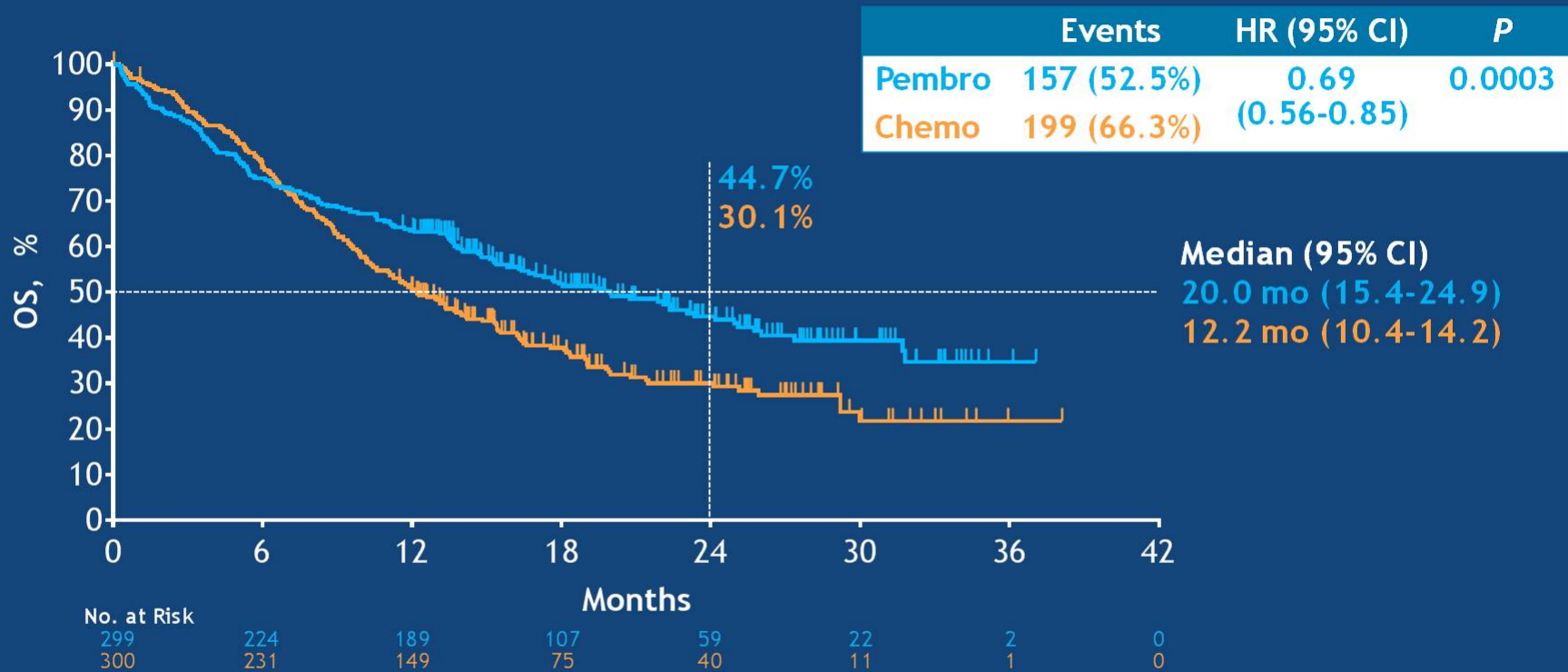
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Overall Survival: TPS $\geq 50\%$



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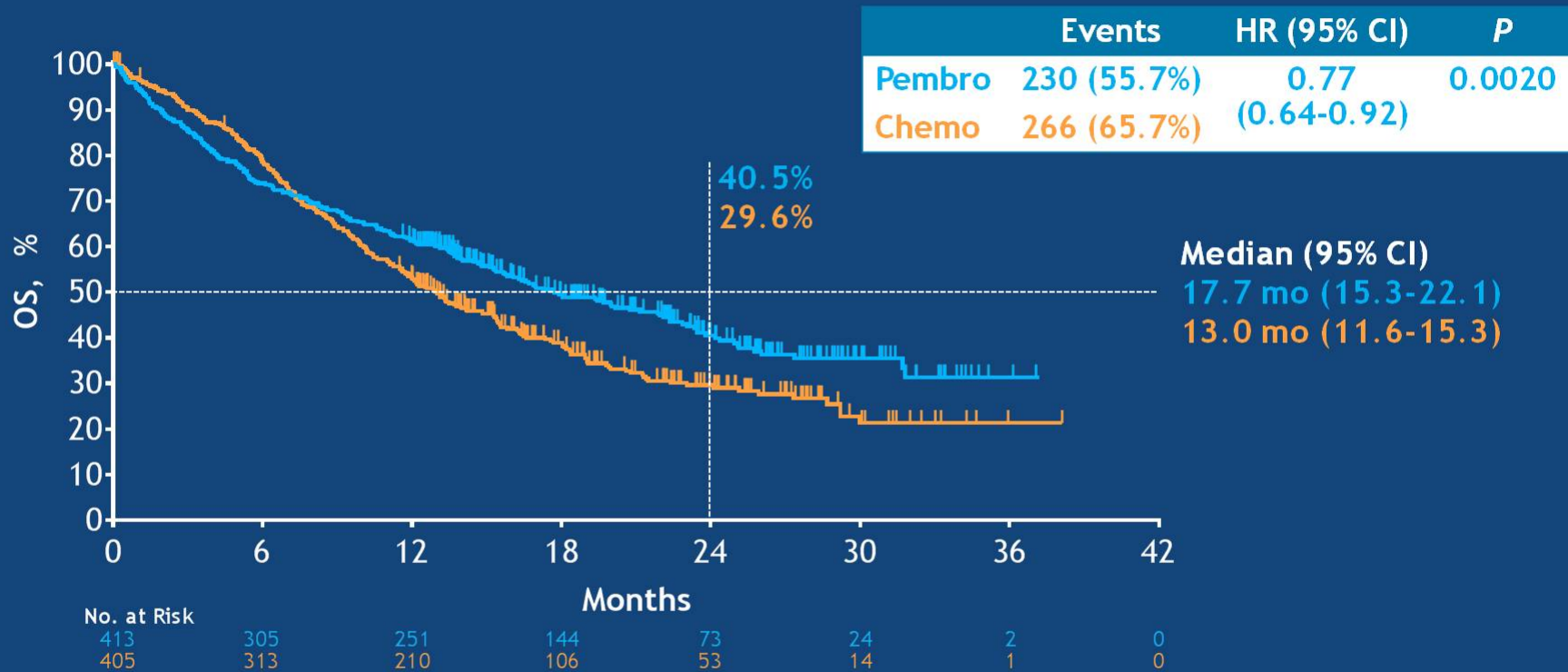
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Overall Survival: TPS $\geq 20\%$



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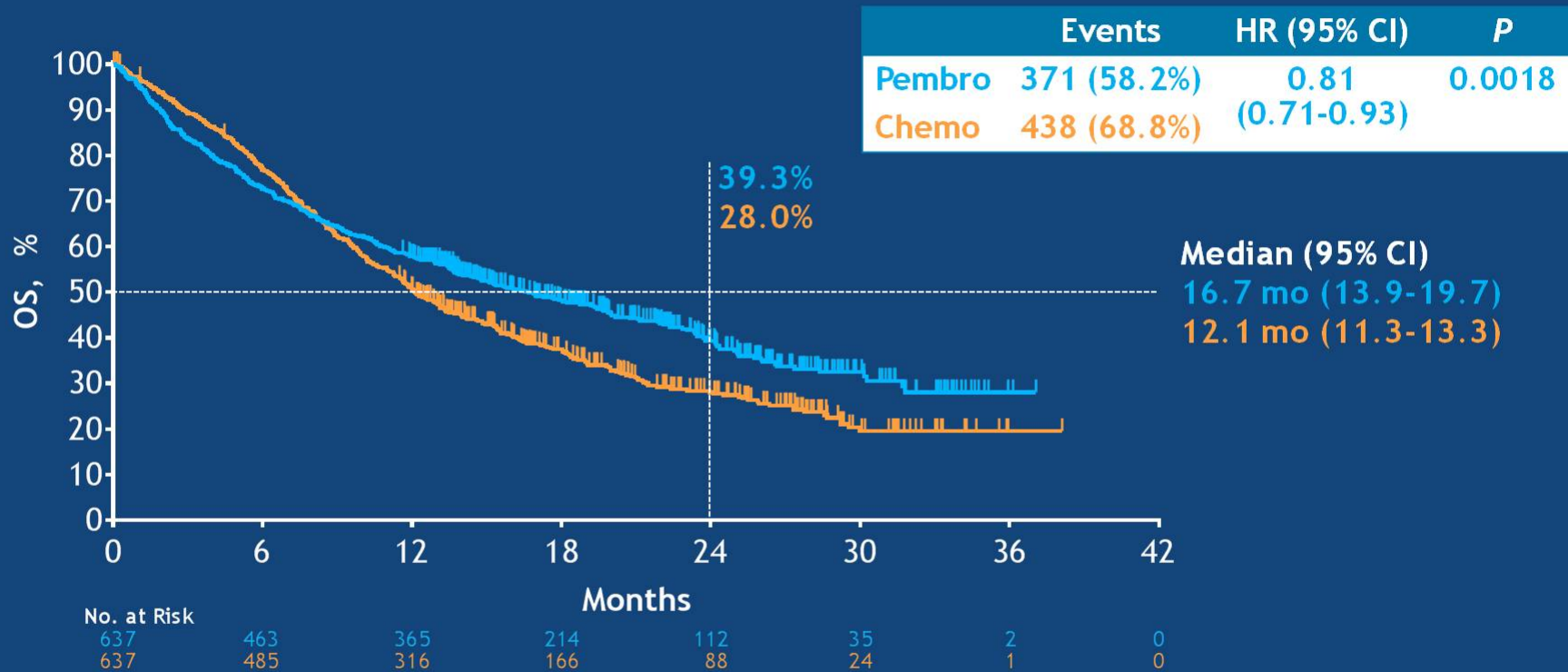
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Overall Survival: TPS $\geq 1\%$



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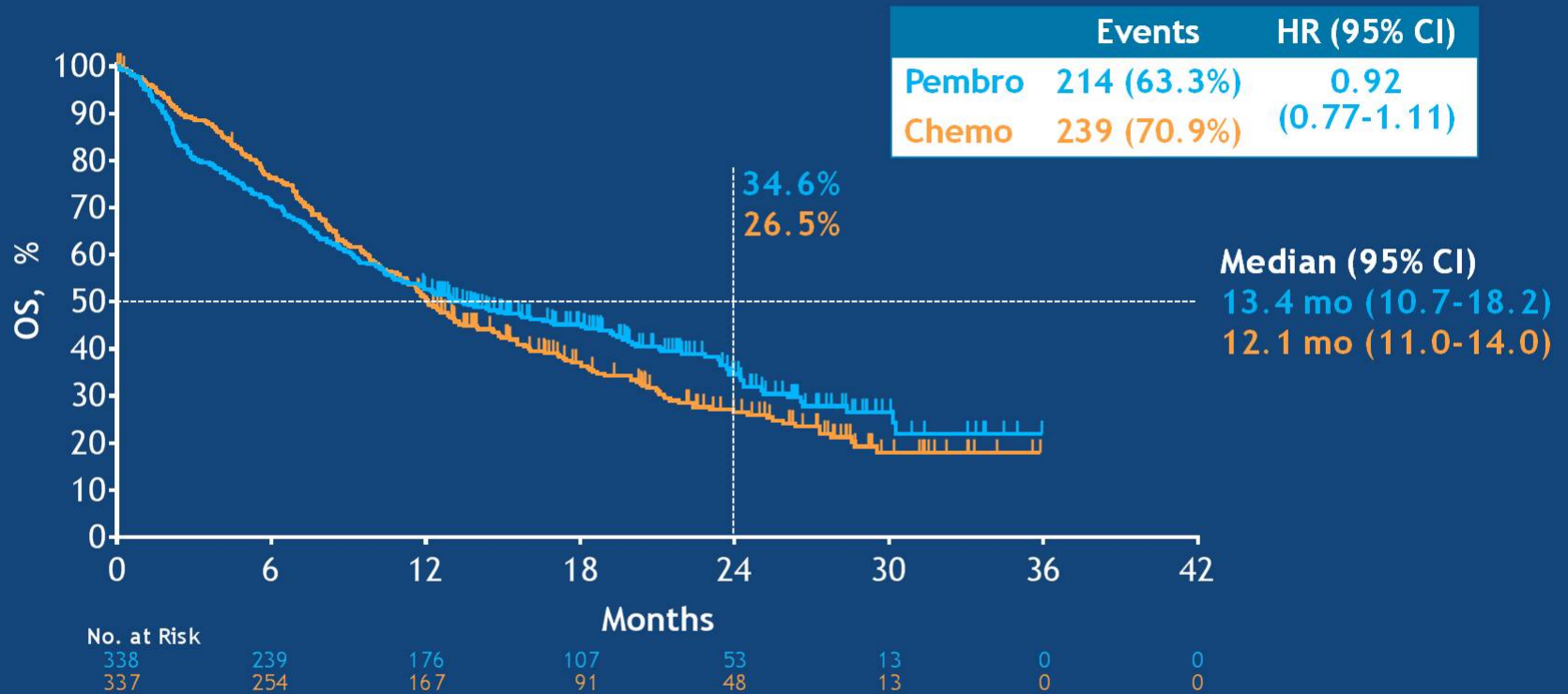
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Overall Survival: TPS ≥ 1 -49% (Exploratory Analysis^a)



^aNo alpha allocated to this comparison.

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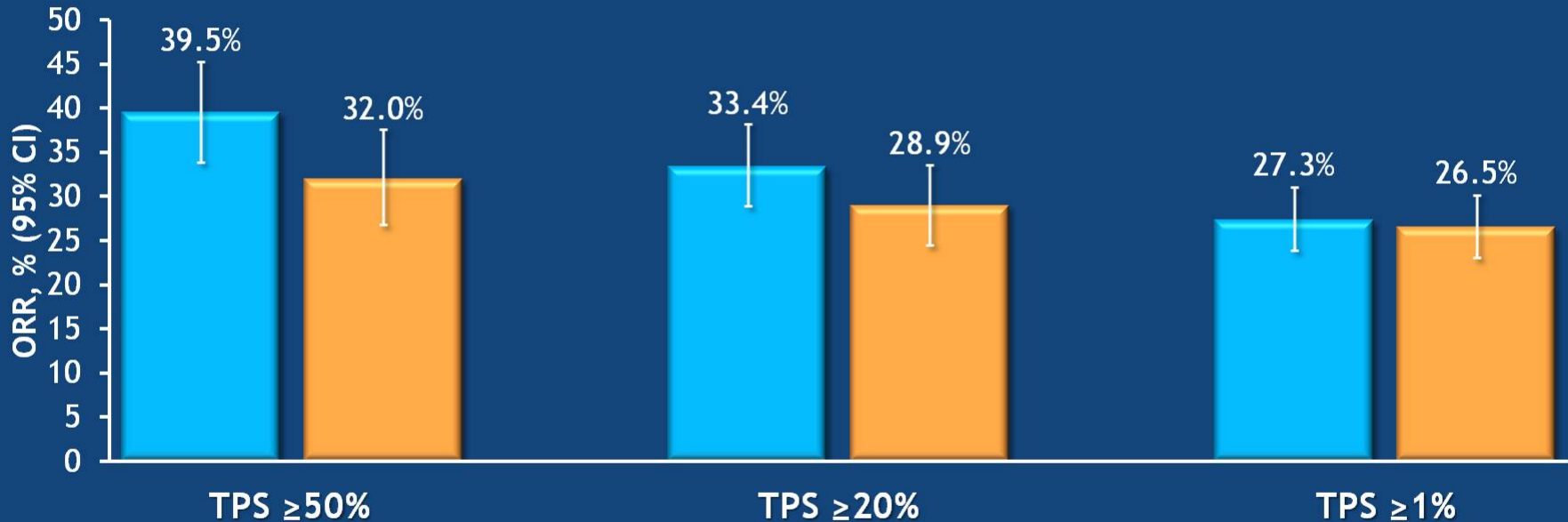
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Response Rate by TPS

(RECIST v1.1, BICR)

Pembrolizumab 
Chemotherapy 



ORR for TPS 1-49%: 16.6% (95% CI 12.8-21.0) for pembro vs 21.7% (95% CI 17.4-26.4).

CR in pembro arm: 0 with TPS ≥ 50%, 2 with TPS ≥ 20%, 3 with TPS ≥ 1%; CR in chemo arm: 0 with TPS ≥ 50%, 1 with TPS ≥ 20%, 3 with TPS ≥ 1%.

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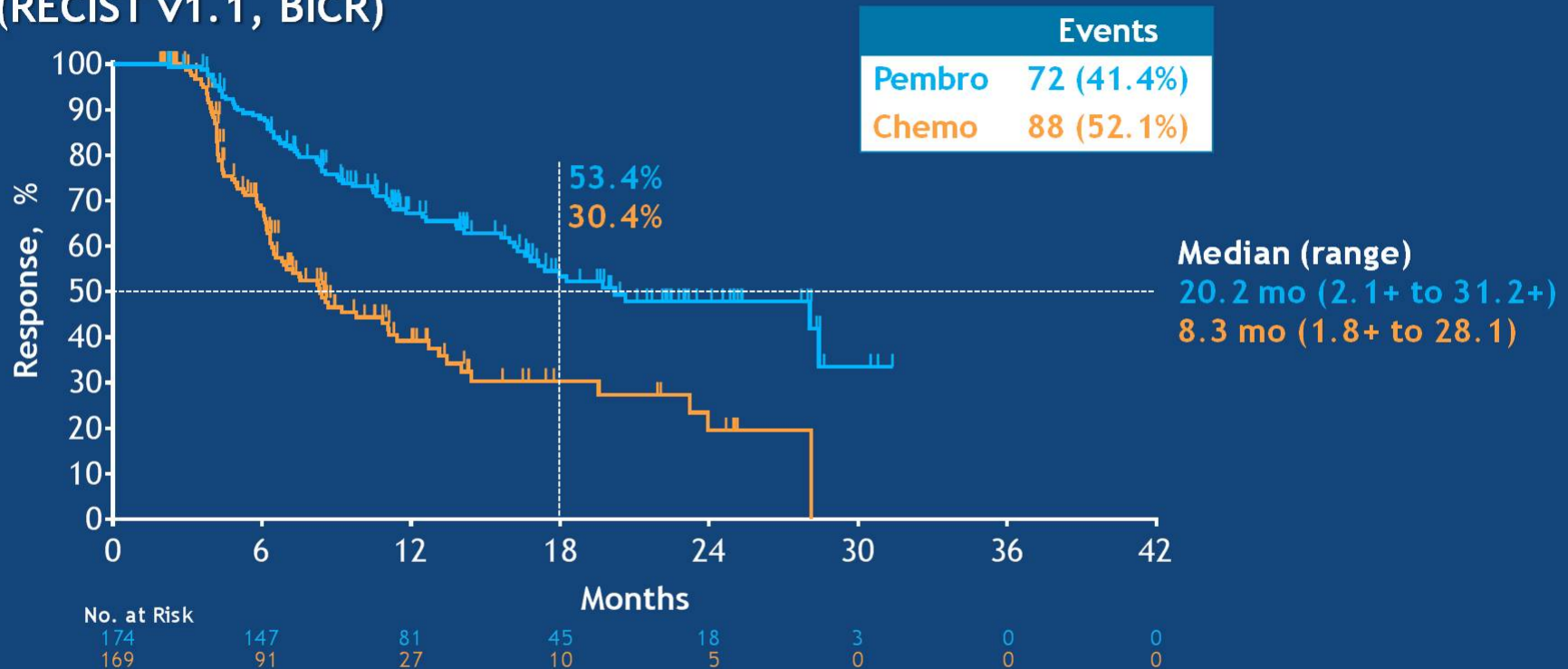
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Duration of Response: TPS $\geq 1\%$ (RECIST v1.1, BICR)



Median DOR for pembro vs chemo: 20.2 mo vs 10.8 mo for TPS $\geq 50\%$, 20.2 mo vs 8.3 mo for TPS $\geq 20\%$, and 17.4 mo vs 8.2 mo for TPS 1-49%.

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Summary of Exposure and Adverse Events: All Treated Patients

	Pembrolizumab (N = 636)	Chemotherapy (N = 615)
No. of doses, median (range)	9 (1-36)	6 (1-42)
Treatment-related AEs	399 (62.7%)	553 (89.9%)
Grade 3-5	113 (17.8%)	252 (41.0%)
Led to death	13 (2.0%)	14 (2.3%)
Led to discontinuation	57 (9.0%)	58 (9.4%)
Immune mediated AEs and infusion reactions ^a	177 (27.8%)	44 (7.2%)
Grade 3-5	51 (8.0%)	9 (1.5%)
Led to death	1 (0.2%) ^b	0

^aBased on a list of terms specified by the sponsor and considered regardless of attribution to treatment or immune relatedness by the investigator.

^bPneumonitis.

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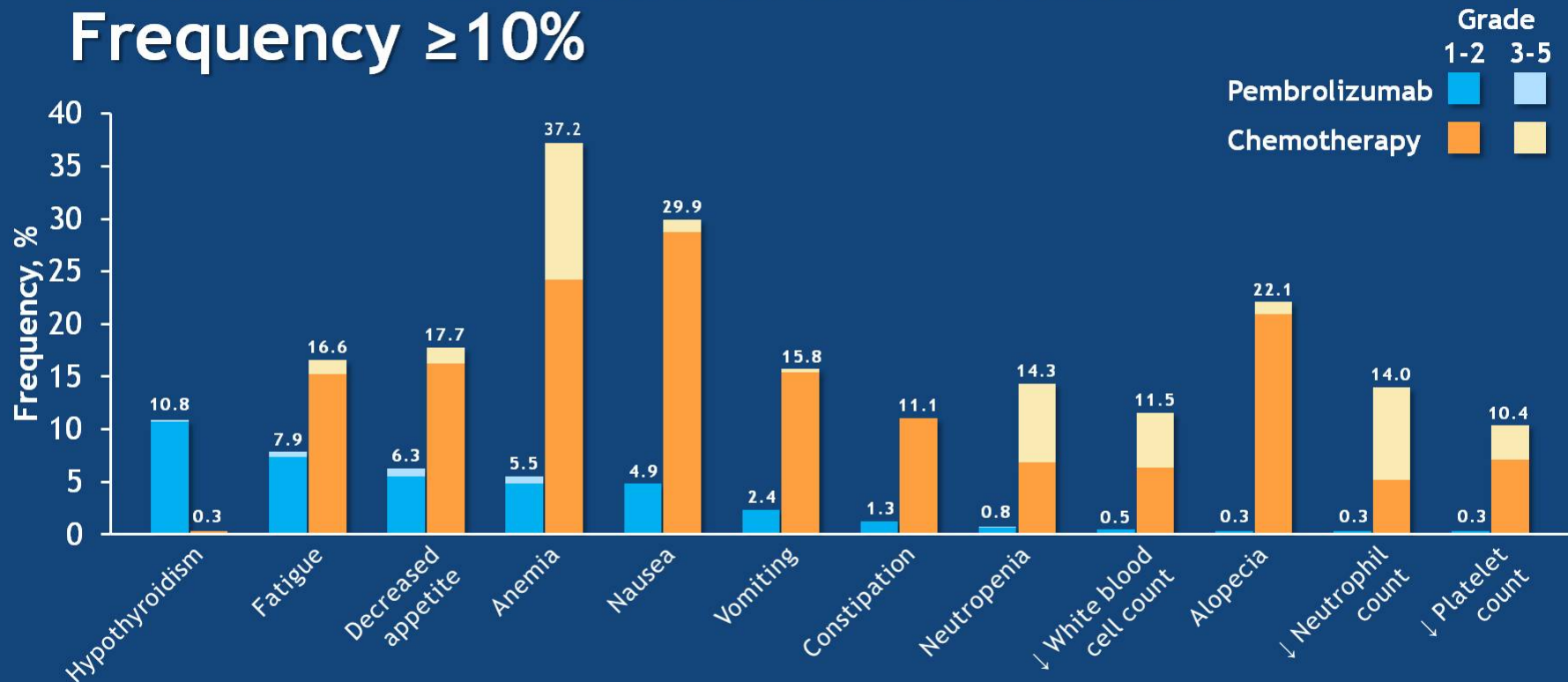
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Treatment-Related Adverse Events: Frequency $\geq 10\%$



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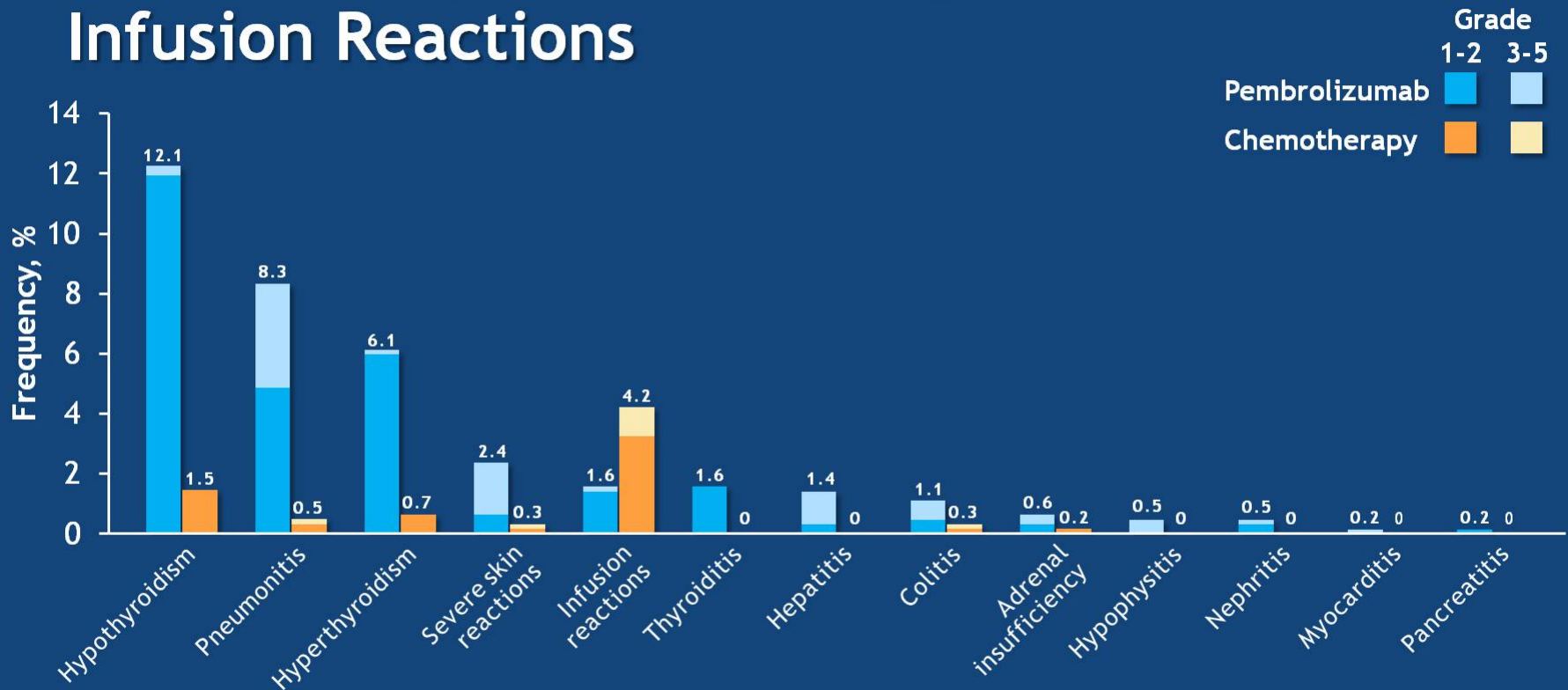
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Immune-Mediated Adverse Events and Infusion Reactions



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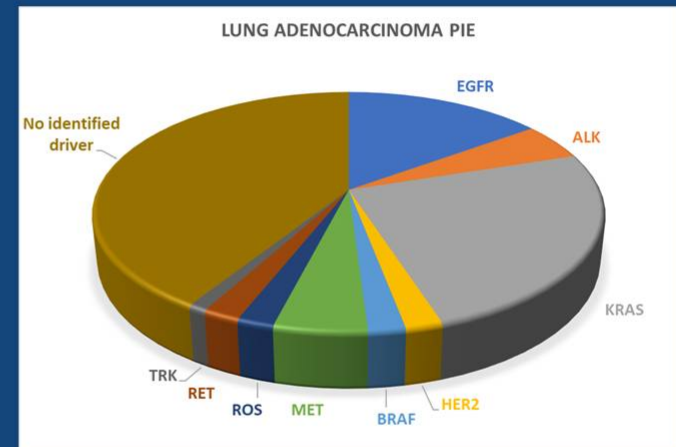
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Summary and Conclusions

- Pembrolizumab significantly improved OS over platinum-based chemotherapy as first-line therapy for advanced/metastatic NSCLC with PD-L1 TPS $\geq 50\%$, $\geq 20\%$, and $\geq 1\%$
 - HR (95% CI) of 0.69 (0.56-0.85), 0.77 (0.64-0.92), and 0.81 (0.71-0.93), respectively
 - Greater magnitude of benefit for pembrolizumab at higher levels of PD-L1 expression is consistent with previous studies of pembrolizumab monotherapy in metastatic NSCLC
 - In an exploratory analysis of TPS 1-49% population, HR (95% CI) was 0.92 (0.77-1.11)
- No significant PFS benefit for pembrolizumab at this analysis
 - Based on recommendation of external data monitoring committee, study is continuing to evaluate PFS based on additional follow-up
- Duration of response longer in patients treated with pembrolizumab than chemotherapy at all levels of PD-L1 expression

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer is a lump term—but targeted therapy has taught us that all all cannot be lumped together



“individualized slices of pie”

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- 2001 NSCLC vs SCLC
 - Platinum/Cyclo vs EP vs CAV
- 2018
 - Biomarkers: PDL1%, EGFR, ALK, Tumor mutational burden%
 - Middelen: platinum, docetaxel, pembroluzimab, nivolumab, ipilumimab, pemetrexed, atezolizumab, alectinib, erlotinib, gefitinib, bevacizumab,