



MSD's Science-led Approach to Oncology Research & Development: ESMO 2025

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- **MSD's oncology strategy and continued impact** | Dr. Marjorie Green
- **Exploring the future of the oncology pipeline** | Dr. Jane Healy
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MSD's oncology strategy

MSD's broad portfolio of oncology products*



>3.6 million

patients have been treated with commercially available medicines¹



60+

ongoing Phase 3 studies² in oncology across **16** assets



TKI with multiple approved indications

7 FDA approved indications

5 EU approved indications



Foundational cancer treatment in numerous cancers

42 FDA approved indications

31 EU approved indications

Subcutaneous pembrolizumab**

Subcutaneously administered immune checkpoint inhibitor

39 FDA approved indications



First-in-class HIF-2 α inhibitor

3 FDA approved indications

2 EU approved indications



Market-leading PARPi

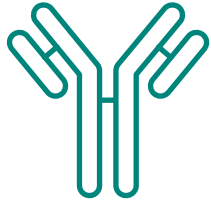
8 FDA approved indications

9 EU approved indications

* Approval count reflects original and supplemental marketing applications **Not approved for use in the EU; pending European Commission decision, to be marketed as KEYTRUDA SC™ approved for use in the U.S. as KEYTRUDA QLEX™ (pembrolizumab and berahyaluronidase alfa-pmhp)

1. Patients treated with commercially available products as of Q2 2025. 2. Registrational studies

Our strategy to maximize benefit to patients: unambiguous efficacy, informed combinations, biomarker enrichment, curative intent settings



Combinable agents

Best outcomes occur when non-cross resistant therapies are combined or given sequentially

Develop medicines with single agent activity which can be combined with other agents



Biomarkers

Predictive biomarkers enable stratification that can improve therapeutic index of medications

Improve the therapeutic index through precision medicine



Earlier-stage disease

Early treatment improves chance for better outcomes

Develop medicines in earlier stages of disease

Select examples

sacituzumab tirumotecan (sac-TMT), MK-2010, intismeran autogene, MK-1084

MK-1084, sac-TMT

KEYTRUDA, subcutaneous pembrolizumab*, intismeran autogene, sac-TMT

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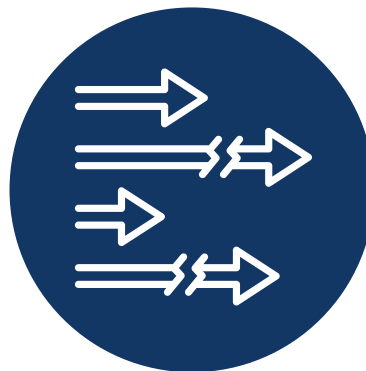
Our oncology portfolio can be described in three biological pillars

Immuno-oncology



Boost anti-tumor
immune responses

Precision molecular targeting



Impact pathways that can
drive cancer growth

Tissue targeting



Increase cancer cell
sensitivity with ADCs
and immune-engagers

MSD's diverse portfolio and pipeline, with mechanistic differentiators, is uniquely positioned to further cancer care



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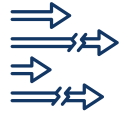
KEYTRUDA®
(pembrolizumab) Injection 100 mg

**quavonlimab/
pembrolizumab**
(MK-1308A)
anti-CTLA-4

**Subcutaneous
pembrolizumab***

intismeran autogene¹
(V940)
Individualized
neoantigen therapy

MK-2010
Anti-PD1 x VEGF
bispecific



Precision molecular targeting

Impact pathways that can drive cancer growth

Lynparza™²
olaparib

WELIREG™
(belzutifan) 40 mg tablets

nemtabrutinib
(MK-1026)
BTK inhibitor

bomedemstat
(MK-3543)
LSD1 inhibitor

LENVIMA³
(lenvatinib) capsules | 10 mg and 4 mg
RESULTS THAT MATTER

Opevesostat
(MK-5684)
CYP11A1 inhibitor

MK-1084⁴
KRAS G12C
inhibitor



Tissue targeting

Increase cancer cell sensitivity with ADCs and immune-engagers

sac-TMT⁵
(MK-2870)
TROP2 ADC

MK-3120⁵
Nectin-4 ADC

zilovertamab vedotin
(MK-2140)
ROR1 ADC

MK-2750⁵
ADC – undisclosed
target

MK-6837
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MK-6204⁵
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HER3-DXd⁷
(MK-1022)
HER3 ADC

I-DXd⁷
(MK-2400)
B7H3 ADC

R-DXd⁷
(MK-5909)
CDH6 ADC

gocatamig⁷
(MK-6070)
DLL3 TCE

MK-1045
CD3xCD19 TCE

**Undisclosed
preclinical ADCs^{5,6}**

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More than 10 novel candidates have advanced to late-phase development



Immuno-oncology

Boost anti-tumor immune responses

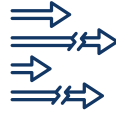
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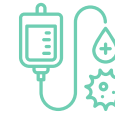
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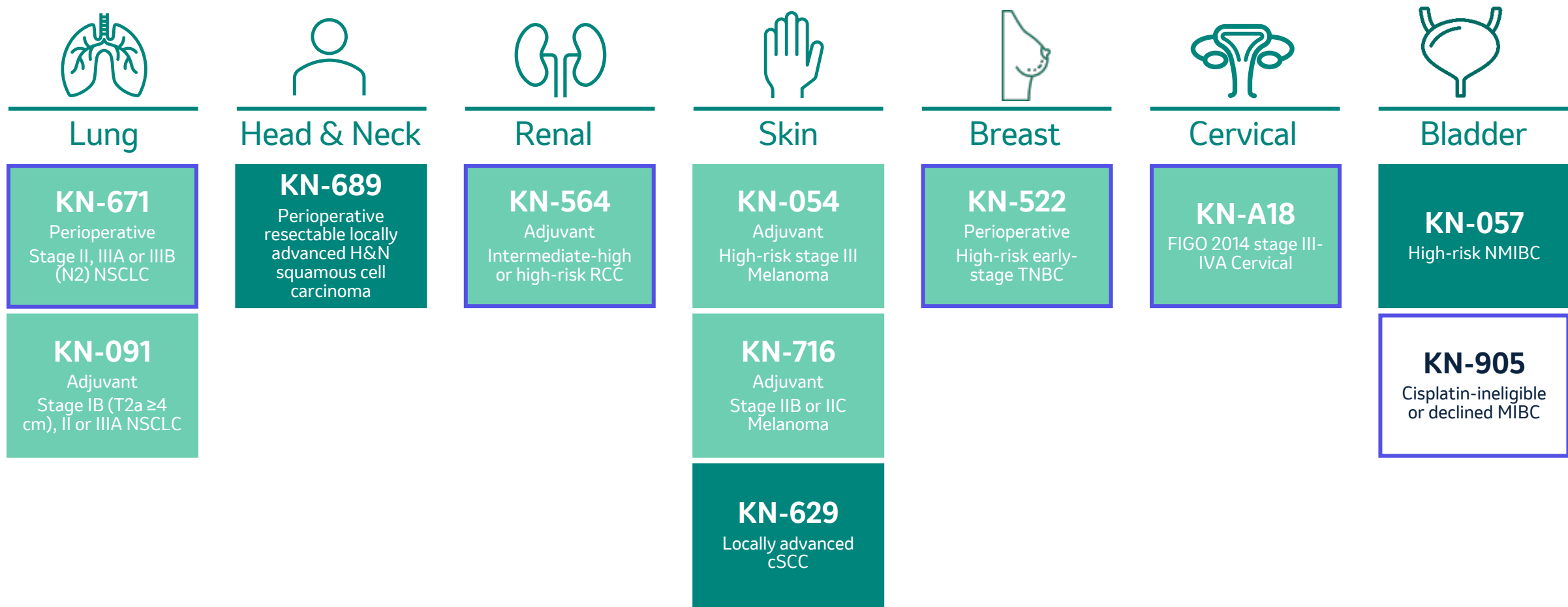
 Late-phase candidates with either an ongoing Phase 3 or Phase 2/3 study

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MSD's continued impact in immuno-oncology

In earlier stage disease, KEYTRUDA is the only IO to date to demonstrate significant OS benefit in 5 studies, and to receive 10 U.S. FDA approvals / 7 EU approvals



■ U.S. indication for certain patients with cancer type ■ U.S. and EU indication for certain patients with cancer type □ Achieved OS in cancer type

Extensive ongoing, late-phase clinical development program for earlier stages of cancer¹



More than
30,000 patients²
in **>30 active**
Phase 3 trials³
in earlier stages
of disease across
10 tumor types

Esophageal

KN-975

Lung

*KN-091 INTerpath-002
*KN-671 INTerpath-009
TroFuse-019

Liver

LEAP-012

Renal

*KN-564 LITESPARK-022

Bladder

KN-057 KN-905 KN-866 KN-B15
KN-123 KN-992 KN-676

Head & Neck

KN-689

Breast

*KN-522 KN-242
*OLYMPIA TroFuse-012
KN-756 TroFuse-032

Skin

*KN-054 INTerpath-001
*KN-716
KN-629

Cervical

*KN-A18

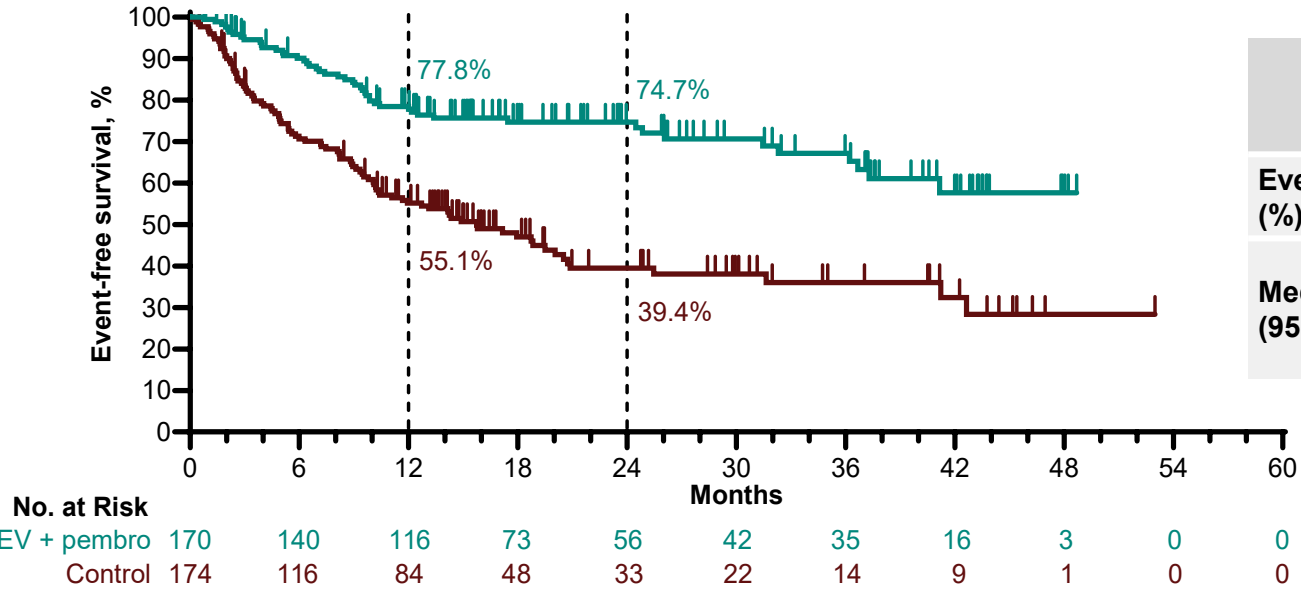
Approved Indication (U.S.)

*Denotes EU indication

Announced IA Results

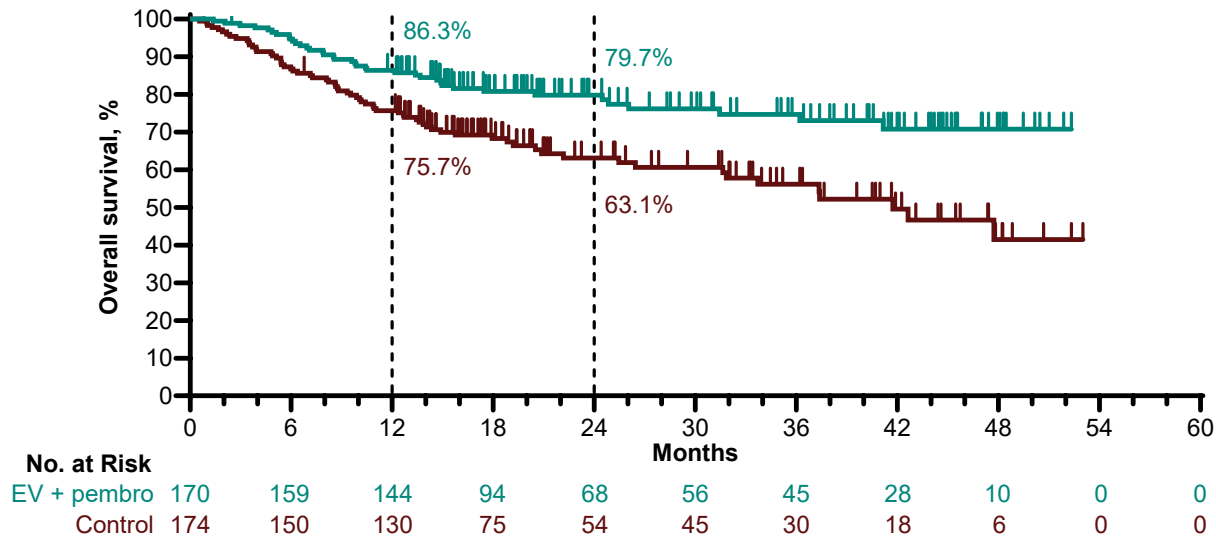
1. Operable and/or no/limited spread to other parts of the body. 2. Includes targeted number of enrolled patients based upon clinical trial design. 3. Reflects ongoing trials including approved studies.

Perioperative enfortumab vedotin (EV) plus pembrolizumab in participants with muscle-invasive bladder cancer (MIBC) who are cisplatin-ineligible: Phase 3 KEYNOTE-905 study



	EV + pembrolizumab (N = 170)	RC + PLND (control) (N = 174)
Events, n (%)	48 (28.2)	95 (54.6)
Median, mo (95% CI)	NR* (37.3–NR)	15.7 (10.3–20.5)

HR 0.40, 95% CI 0.28–0.57, one-sided $P < .0001^a$



	EV + pembrolizumab (N = 170)	RC + PLND (Control) (N = 174)
Events, n (%)	38 (22.4)	68 (39.1)
Median, mo (95% CI)	NR* (NR–NR)	41.7 (31.8–NR)

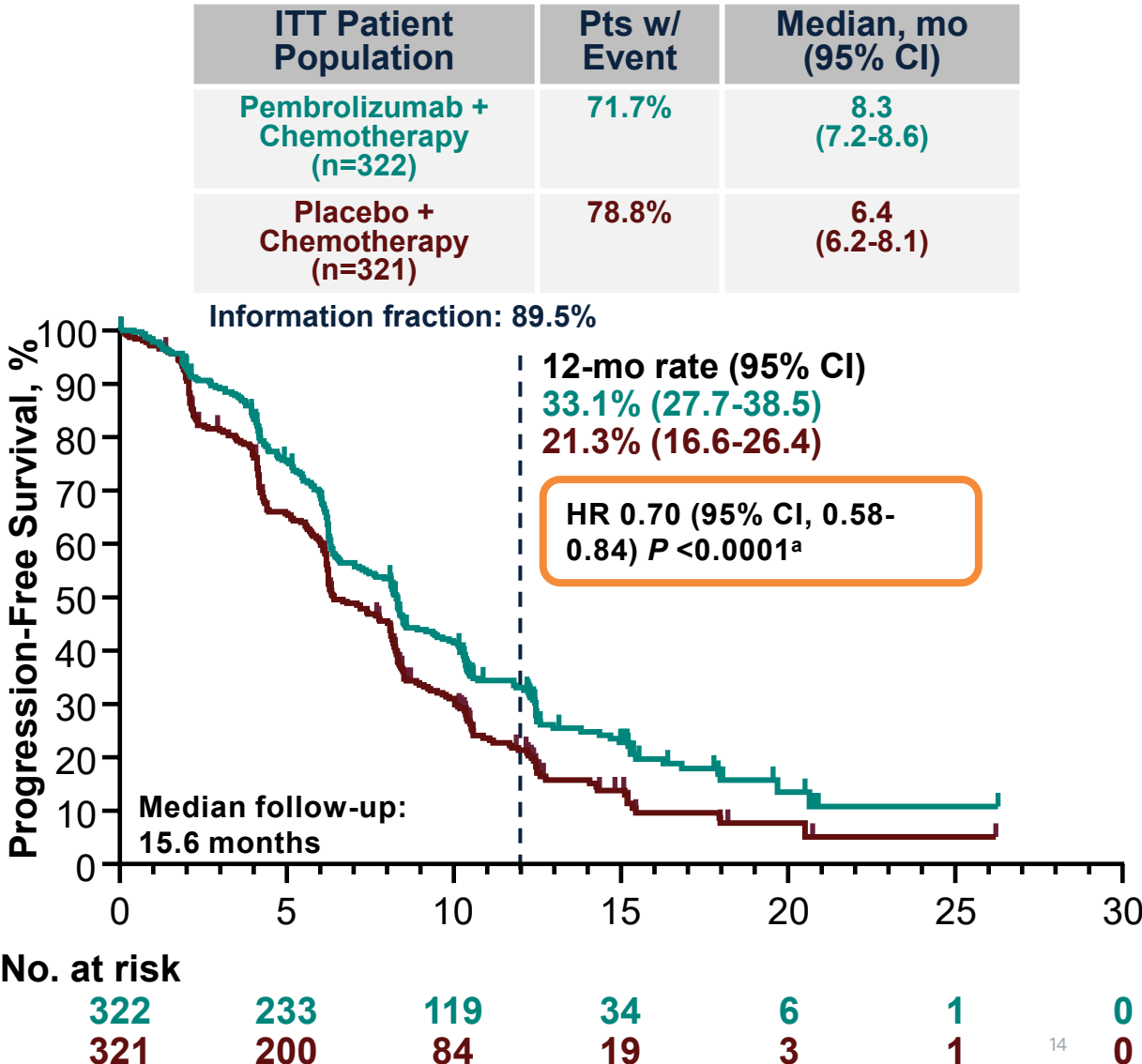
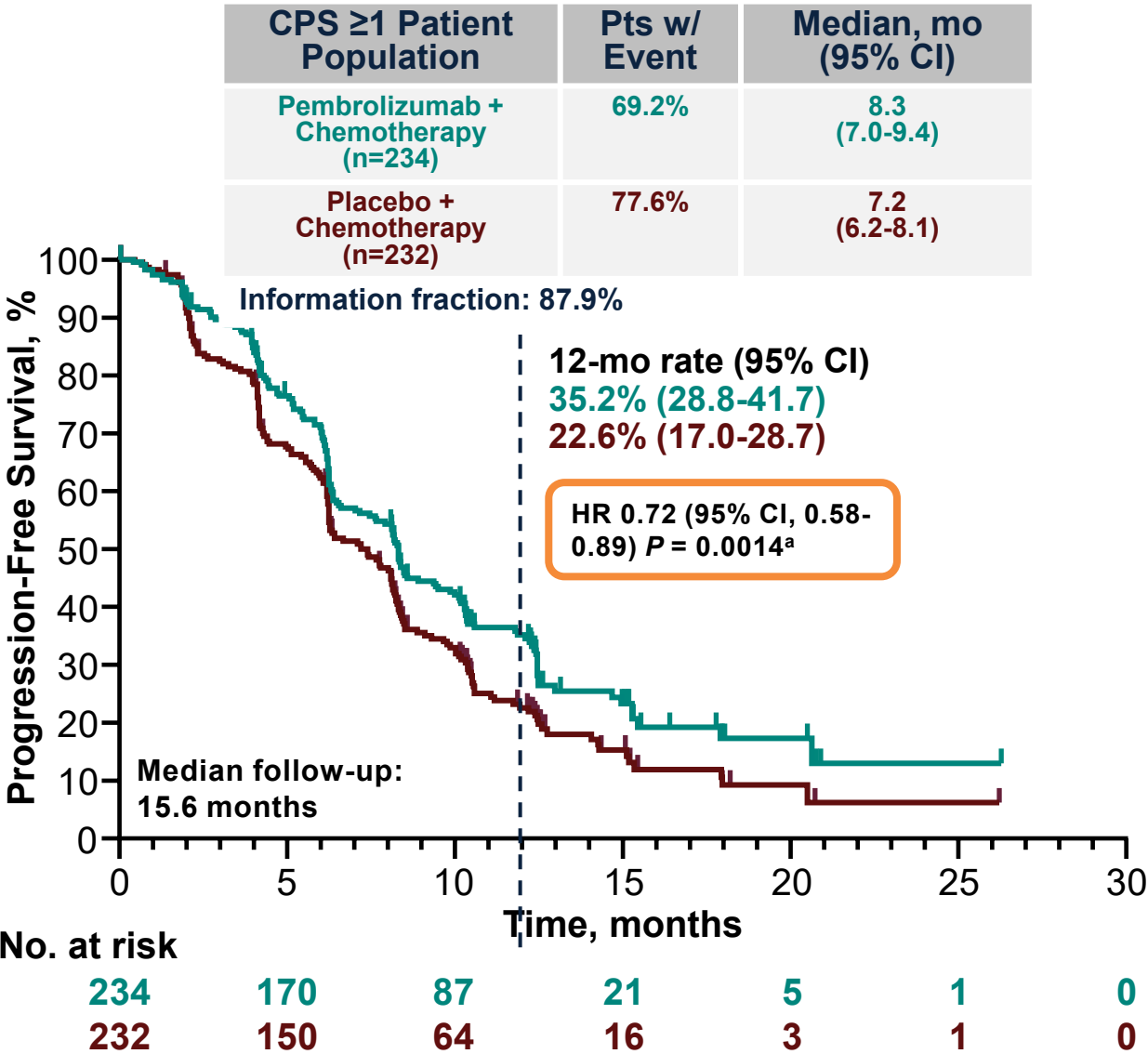
HR 0.50, 95% CI 0.33–0.74, one-sided $P = .0002^b$

Key findings

- ✓ Neoadjuvant EV + pembrolizumab, radical cystectomy with standard pelvic lymph node dissection (RC + PLND), and adjuvant EV + pembrolizumab significantly and meaningfully improved EFS and OS in patients with MIBC who are ineligible for or declined cisplatin-based chemotherapy

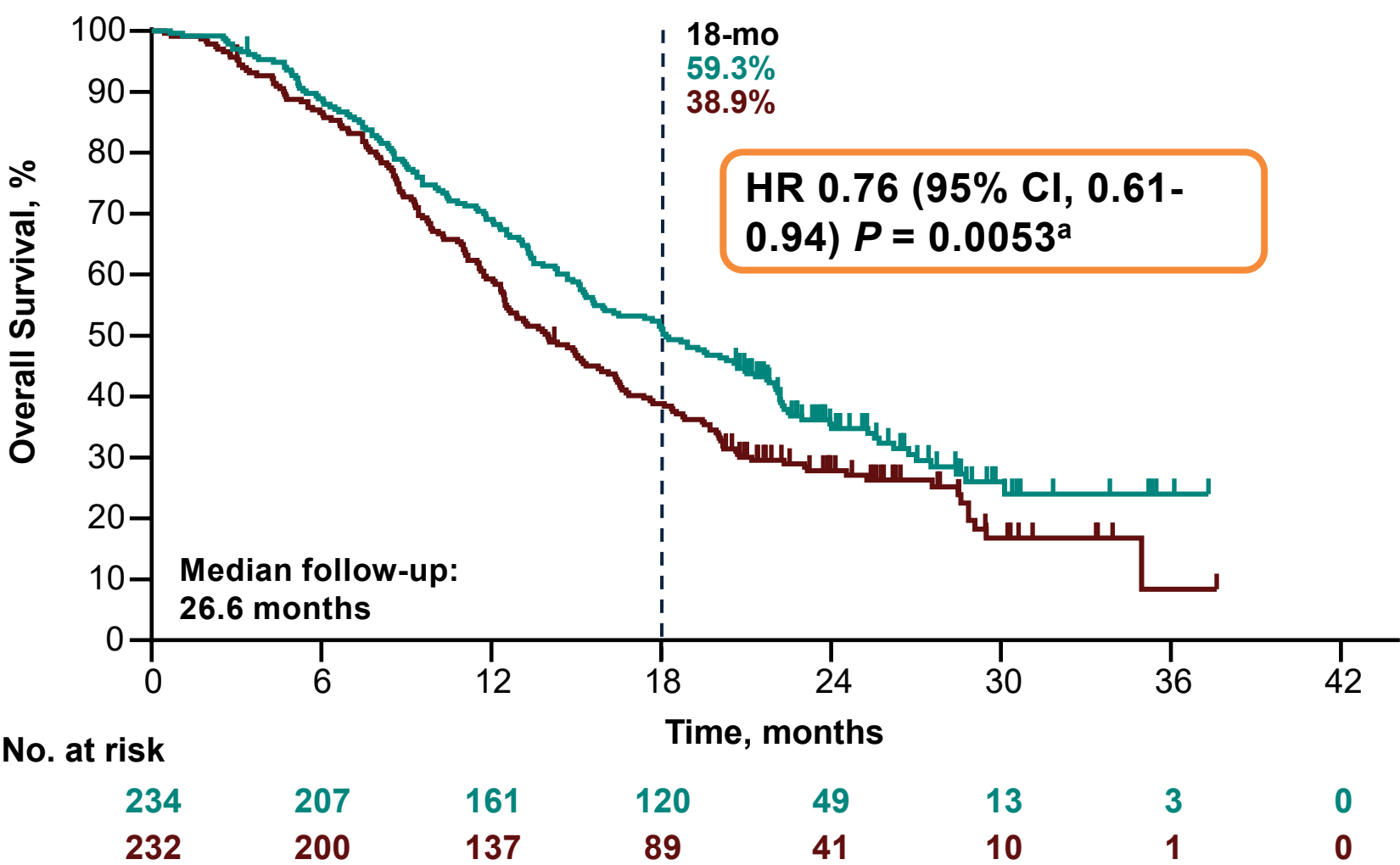
a. denotes statistical significance (one-sided boundary 0.0097), b. denotes statistical significance (one-sided boundary 0.00488)

Pembrolizumab vs placebo plus weekly paclitaxel with or without bevacizumab for platinum-resistant recurrent ovarian cancer: Results from the randomized, double-blind Phase 3 ENGOT-ov65/KEYNOTE-B96 study: Progression-free survival in the CPS ≥1 and ITT populations at IA1



^aThe observed p-value crossed the prespecified nominal boundary of 0.0023 at this planned first interim analysis; since the success criterion of the PFS hypothesis was met, no formal testing of PFS will be performed at later analyses. Data cutoff date: April 3, 2024.

Pembrolizumab vs placebo plus weekly paclitaxel with or without bevacizumab for platinum-resistant recurrent ovarian cancer: Results from the randomized, double-blind Phase 3 ENGOT-ov65/KEYNOTE-B96 study: Secondary endpoint OS in the CPS ≥1 population at IA2



CPS ≥1 Patient Population	Pts w/ Event	Median, mo (95% CI)
Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy (n=234)	67.1%	18.2 (15.3-21.0)
Placebo + Chemotherapy (n=232)	75.4%	14.0 (12.5-16.1)

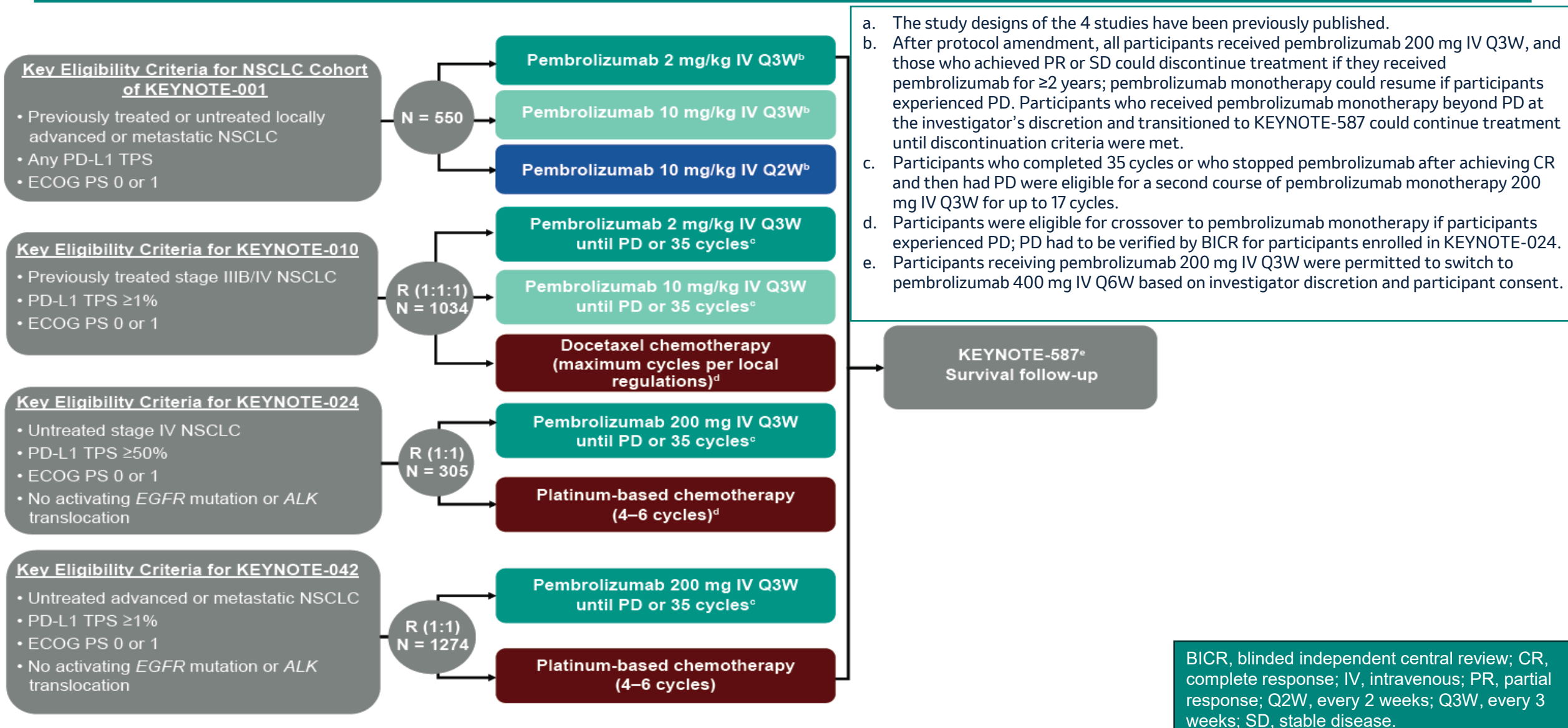
Information fraction: 90.0%

Key findings

- Pembrolizumab, in combination with weekly paclitaxel, with or without bevacizumab, demonstrated statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in PFS regardless of PD-L1 status and in OS in PD-L1-expressing tumors in participants with PRROC
- The observed OS showed a clinically meaningful benefit of this regimen relative to the most active standard-of-care control arm, weekly paclitaxel with bevacizumab for bevacizumab-eligible patients

^aThe observed p-value crossed the prespecified nominal boundary of 0.0083 at this planned second interim analysis. Data cutoff date: March 5, 2025.

Long-term outcomes from select clinical trials of pembrolizumab monotherapy for certain patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer



OS results from KEYNOTE-001, 010, 024 and 042*

Pembrolizumab		Chemotherapy
KEYNOTE-024 ^a		
TPS ≥50%	n/N = 36/154	n/N = 14/151
8y OS rate	24.3% (17.6%–31.5%)	12.8% (7.6%–19.3%)
HR (95% CI)	0.65 (0.50–0.83)	
Median OS (95% CI), months	26.3 (18.3–40.4)	13.4 (9.4–18.3)
KEYNOTE-042 ^a		
TPS ≥1%	n/N = 66/637	n/N = 27/637
8y OS rate	12.0% (9.5%–14.8%)	4.7% (3.1%–6.9%)
HR (95% CI)	0.78 (0.69–0.88)	
Median OS (95% CI), months	16.4 (14.0–19.6)	12.1 (11.3–13.3)
TPS ≥50%	n/N = 41/299	n/N = 13/300
8y OS rate	16.6% (12.5%–21.1%)	6.8% (4.1%–10.5)%
HR (95% CI)	0.70 (0.59–0.83)	
Median OS (95% CI) months	20.0 (15.9–24.2)	12.2 (10.4–14.6)

Pembrolizumab		Chemotherapy
KEYNOTE-001 ^{a,b}		
Any TPS	n/N = 54/550	N/A
10y OS rate (95% CI)	11.3% (8.5%–14.5%)	N/A
Median OS (95% CI) months	13.2 (10.5–15.3)	N/A
TPS ≥50%	n/N = 25/165	N/A
10y OS rate	19.3% (13.1%–26.5%)	N/A
Median OS (95% CI) months	17.3 (13.7–24.8)	N/A
KEYNOTE-010 ^b		
TPS ≥1%	n/N = 53/690	n/N = 9/343
10y OS rate	9.3% (7.0%–12.1%)	1.9% (0.7%–4.6%)
HR (95% CI)	0.66 (0.58–0.76)	
Median OS (95% CI) months	11.8 (10.3–13.0)	8.3 (7.5–9.5)
TPS ≥50%	n/N = 35/290	n/N = 6/152
10y OS rate	15.5% (11.1%–20.5%)	2.7% (0.7%–7.4%)
HR (95% CI)	0.55 (0.44–0.68)	
Median OS (95% CI) months	16.6 (12.1–21.2)	8.2 (6.4–9.8)



In this 8- or 10-year exploratory follow-up analysis, pembrolizumab monotherapy continued to provide long-term survival benefits vs chemotherapy in certain patients with advanced or metastatic NSCLC, supporting its use as a standard of care in this setting

n/N, number of pts in KN-587/number of pts in parent study.

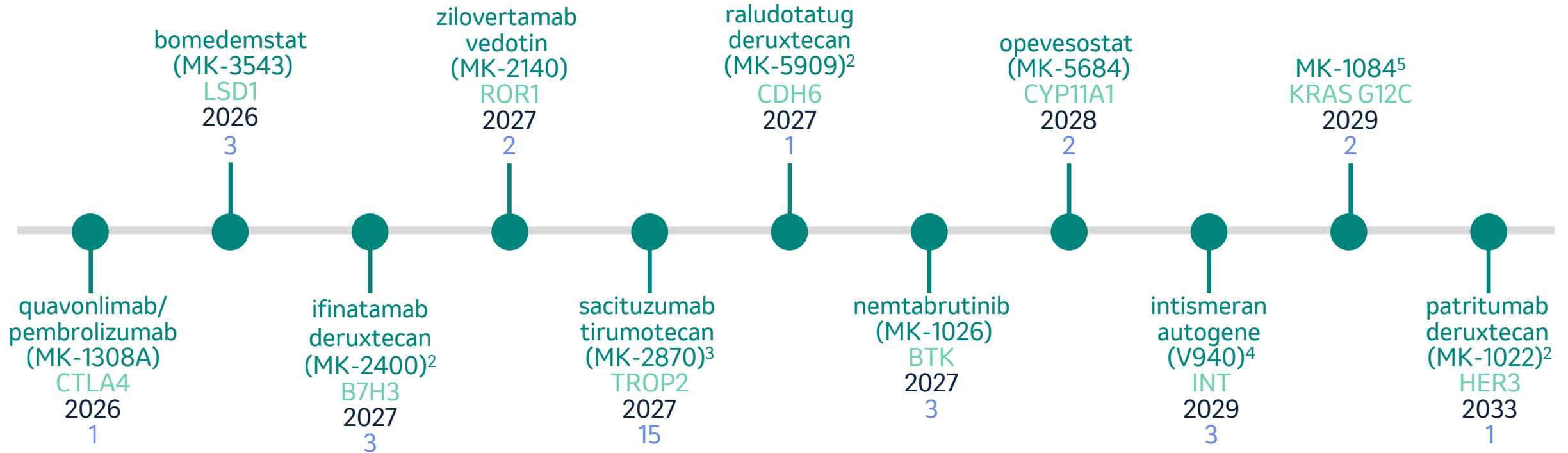
^a1L therapy

^b2L+ therapy

*KEYNOTE-042 not approved in the EU

Exploring the future of the oncology pipeline

>30 ongoing late-phase¹ oncology read-outs expected across pipeline candidates with additional studies being planned



[Asset]

[Target]

[Earliest estimated primary completion date on ClinicalTrials.gov]

[# of late-phase studies]

1. Candidates with ongoing Phase 3 or Phase 2/3 study. 2. Collaboration with Daiichi Sankyo. 3. Collaboration with Kelun-Biotech. 4. Collaboration with Moderna. 5. Collaboration with Taiho and Astex.

Advancing one of the industry's broadest ADC programs

	MK-2870	MK-2400	MK-5909	MK-1022	MK-2140	MK-3120	MK-2750	MK-6204	MK-6837
Generic Name	sacituzumab tirumotecan (sac-TMT)	ifinatumab deruxtecan (I-DXd)	raludotatug deruxtecan (R-DXd)	patritumab deruxtecan (HER3-DXd)	zilovertamab vedotin	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	Undisclosed
Target	TROP2	B7H3	CDH6	HER3	ROR1	Nectin-4	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	Undisclosed
Partner	Kelun-Biotech	Daiichi Sankyo	Daiichi Sankyo	Daiichi Sankyo	N/A	Kelun-Biotech	Kelun-Biotech	Kelun-Biotech	N/A
Status	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 2/3	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 1	Phase 1	Phase 1	Phase 1
Current Tumor Types	Breast, Cervical, Endometrial, Gastric, NSCLC, Ovarian	ESCC, SCLC, Prostate	Ovarian	Breast	DLBCL	Advanced Solid Tumors	Advanced Solid Tumors	Advanced Solid Tumors	Advanced Solid Tumors

R-DXd monotherapy demonstrated promising antitumor activity in patients with platinum-resistant OC: Phase 2 (dose optimization) part of the Phase 2/3 REJOICE-Ovarian01 trial

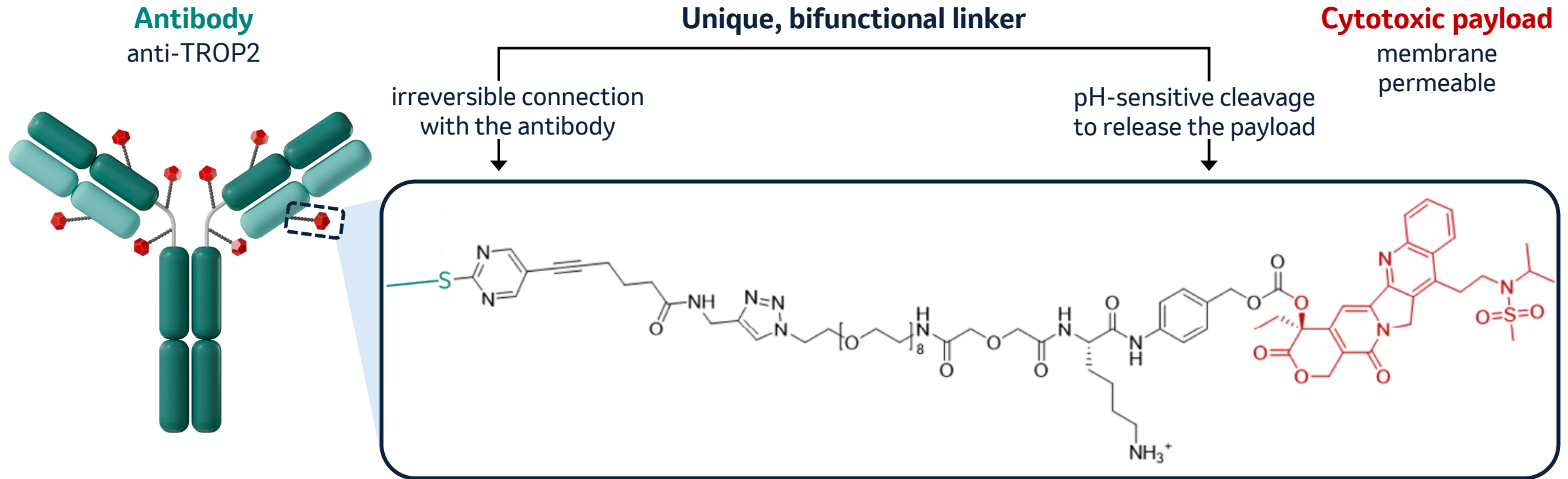
Confirmed response by BICR ^a	R-DXd 4.8 mg/kg n=36	R-DXd 5.6 mg/kg n=36	R-DXd 6.4 mg/kg n=35	R-DXd 4.8-6.4 mg/kg N=107
ORR, % (95% CI)	44.4 (27.9–61.9)	50.0 (32.9–67.1)	57.1 (39.4–73.7)	50.5 (40.6–60.3)
BOR,^b n (%)				
CR	1 (2.8)	2 (5.6)	0	3 (2.8)
PR	15 (41.7)	16 (44.4)	20 (57.1)	51 (47.7)
SD	17 (47.2)	15 (41.7)	10 (28.6)	42 (39.3)
PD	2 (5.6)	2 (5.6)	4 (11.4)	8 (7.5)
Not evaluable	1 (2.8) ^c	1 (2.8) ^d	1 (2.9) ^c	3 (2.8)
DCR,^e % (95% CI)	75.0 (57.8–87.9)	80.6 (64.0–91.8)	77.1 (59.9–89.6)	77.6 (68.5–85.1)
TTR, median (range), weeks	7.1 (5.4–18.7)	6.6 (5.1–18.3)	7.2 (5.3–19.1)	7.1 (5.1–19.1)



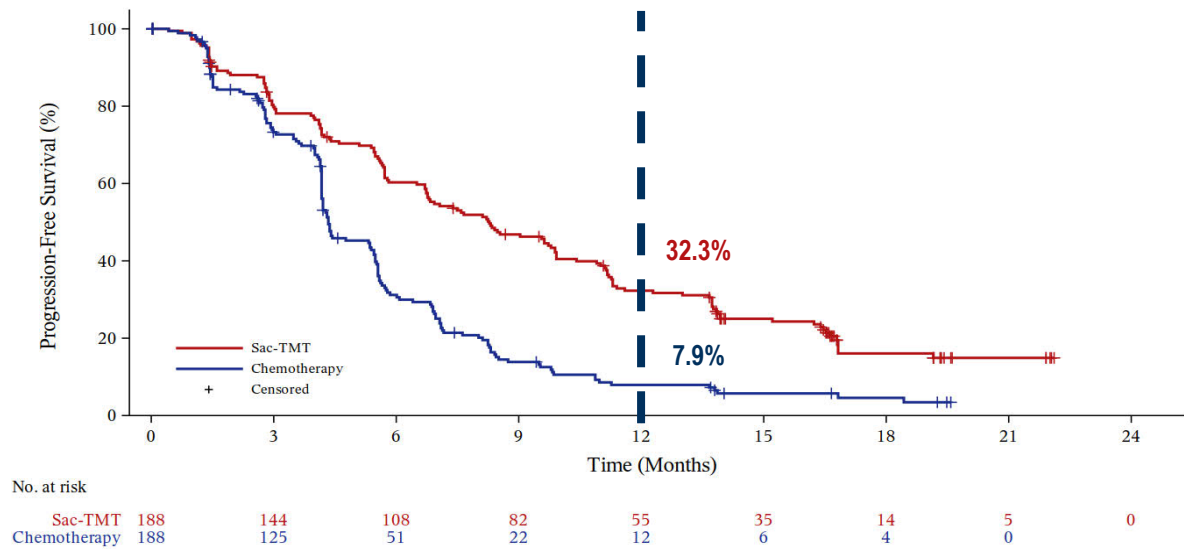
Key findings

- Confirmed ORR was 50.5%, including three CRs and 51 PRs for patients (n=107) treated across three R-DXd doses 4.8 mg/kg, 5.6 mg/kg and 6.4 mg/kg
- The Phase 3 part of the REJOICE-Ovarian01 study will evaluate R-DXd 5.6 mg/kg versus TPC (gemcitabine, PLD, topotecan, or paclitaxel) in patients with platinum-resistant OC

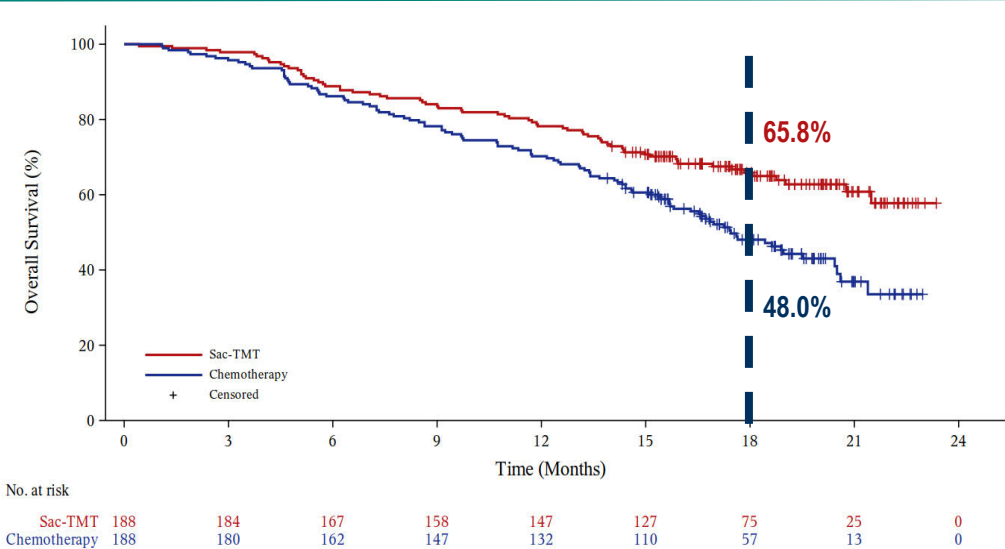
sac-TMT is a TROP2-directed ADC with a unique, bifunctional linker designed to reliably maximize payload delivery to the tumor cells



Sacituzumab tirumotecan (sac-TMT) vs platinum-based chemotherapy in EGFR-mutated (EGFRm) non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) following progression on EGFR-TKIs: Results from the randomized, multi-center Phase 3 OptiTROP-Lung04 study in China



	HR 0.49 (95% CI: 0.39 - 0.62)	
	P < 0.0001	
	Sac-TMT 5 mg/kg (n = 188)	Chemotherapy (n = 188)
PFS events, n (%)	144 (76.6)	159 (84.6)
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	8.3 (6.7 - 9.9)	4.3 (4.2 - 5.5)
12-mo PFS rate, % (95% CI)	32.3 (25.5 - 39.2)	7.9 (4.4 - 12.8)



	HR 0.60 (95% CI: 0.44 - 0.82)	
	Two-sided P = 0.001 *	
	Sac-TMT 5 mg/kg (n = 188)	Chemotherapy (n = 188)
OS events, n (%)	67 (35.6)	101 (53.7)
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	NR** (21.5 - NE***)	17.4 (15.7 - 20.4)
18-mo OS rate, % (95% CI)	65.8 (58.3 - 72.3)	48.0 (40.2 - 55.4)

Key findings

- Results from multiple studies being presented by Kelun-Biotech showed that sac-TMT continued to demonstrate promising antitumor efficacy with a manageable safety profile across patient populations and tumor types.
- sac-TMT 5 mg/kg demonstrated statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in PFS and OS compared to chemotherapy in patients with EGFR-mutated NSCLC following progression on EGFR-TKIs, as part of Opti-TROPLung04 study

* Based on pre-specified OS IA, two-sided P value was less than the pre-specified efficacy boundary to achieve statistically significant improvement **Not Reached; ***Not Evaluable; Sponsored by Kelun-Biotech

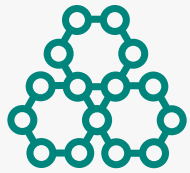
Comprehensive development strategy for sac-TMT



Registrational Study	Tumor Type	Patient Population	Combo/ Novel Approach	Biomarker Approach
TroFuse-004	NSCLC	3L EGFRm NSCLC		
TroFuse-005	Endometrial	Post platinum & post I/O endometrial cancer		
TroFuse-007	NSCLC	PD-L1 TPS ≥ 50%		
TroFuse-009	NSCLC	2L non-squamous EGFRm NSCLC		
TroFuse-010	Breast	HR+/HER2- unresectable LA or mBC	✓	
TroFuse-011	Breast	LA or mTNBC PD-L1 at CPS <10	✓	
TroFuse-012	Breast	TNBC did not achieve pCR at surgery		
TroFuse-015	Gastric	3L+ advanced/metastatic gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma		
TroFuse-019	NSCLC	Adjuvant NSCLC (no pCR post surgery)	✓	
TroFuse-020	Cervical	2L metastatic cervical cancer		✓
TroFuse-022	Ovarian	Platinum sensitive recurrent OC		✓
TroFuse-023	NSCLC	mNSCLC maintenance treatment (post KEYTRUDA + chemo)	✓	
TroFuse-032	Breast	Neoadjuvant TNBC or HR-low/HER2- breast cancer	✓	
TroFuse-033	Endometrial	pMMR endometrial cancer	✓	✓
TroFuse-036	Cervical	P/R/1L maintenance cervical cancer	✓	

Patient centrality in cancer care

Pembrolizumab has changed the treatment paradigm of numerous malignancies, with 42 U.S. FDA-approved indications in 18+ tumor types¹



KEYTRUDA®: Foundational Therapy

- First PD-1 therapy approved for melanoma in U.S. and China
- 1st broad Global approval of a PD-1 inhibitor
- 2 tumor-agnostic approvals
- Q6W dosing schedule approved globally

• Head and Neck Squamous Cell Cancer

• Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
• Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma

• Gastric Cancer
• Hepatocellular Carcinoma
• MSI-H* Colorectal Cancer
• Esophageal Cancer
• Biliary Tract Cancer

• Urothelial Cancer
• Cervical Cancer
• Endometrial Carcinoma
• Renal Cell Carcinoma

• Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

• Melanoma
• Merkel Cell Carcinoma
• Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Other

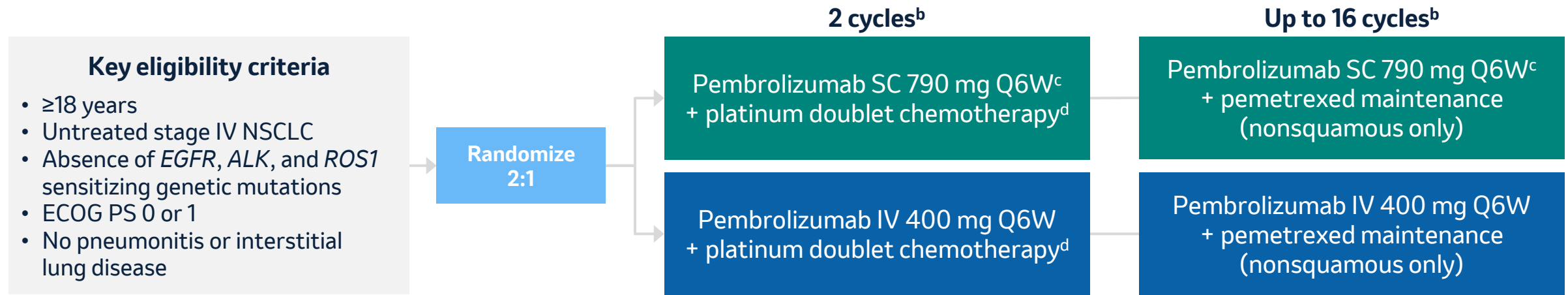
• TMB-High** Cancer
• MSI-High* Cancer
• Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma
• Primary Mediastinal Large B-Cell Lymphoma

Current FDA Approved Indications (10/2025)

1. In the EU, pembrolizumab is approved for 31 indications in 14+ tumor types*

*MSI-H: Microsatellite instability-high cancer **TMB-H: Tumor mutational burden-high cancer (accelerated approval)

A Phase 3, randomized, open-label study of pembrolizumab SC* (pembrolizumab with berahyaluronidase alfa) vs pembrolizumab IV, in combination with platinum-doublet chemotherapy^a (MK-3475A-D77)



Stratification factors

- ECOG performance status (0 vs 1)
- Histology (squamous vs nonsquamous)
- PD-L1 TPS (<50% vs ≥50%)
- Geographic region (East Asia vs N America / W Europe / Australia / New Zealand vs rest of the world)

Dual primary endpoints: Cycle 1 AUC_{0-6 wks} and steady-state (Cycle 3) C_{trough}

Secondary endpoints: Immunogenicity, ORR, PFS, and DOR by BICR; OS; safety and tolerability; and QOL measures

^a Clinical trial ID: NCT05722015. ^b Each cycle = 6 weeks. ^c Pembrolizumab SC 790 mg at 165 mg/mL (injection volume 4.8 mL). ^d Pemetrexed with investigator's choice of cisplatin or carboplatin followed by pemetrexed maintenance (nonsquamous) or carboplatin with investigator's choice of paclitaxel or nab-paclitaxel (squamous).

AUC_{0-6 wks}, area under the curve from week 0 to week 6; BICR, blinded independent central review; C_{trough}, trough concentration.

*Not approved for use in the EU; pending European Commission decision, to be marketed as KEYTRUDA SC™

Pembrolizumab SC* was shown to be noninferior to pembrolizumab IV with respect to cycle 1 overall exposure and steady state trough concentration

Prespecified noninferiority margin for $AUC_{0-6\text{ wks}}$ (overall exposure) and C_{trough} (steady state) geometric mean ratios: 0.8

	Pembrolizumab SC + chemotherapy	Pembrolizumab IV + chemotherapy
Cycle 1 $AUC_{0-6\text{ wks}}$ ($\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{day/mL}$)	N=245	N=126
Geometric mean (95% CI)	1633.24 (1555.23-1715.15)	1437.58 (1373.68-1504.46)
Geometric %CV	40.4	26.2
Geometric mean ratio (96% CI)	1.14 (1.06-1.22); $p<0.0001$	
Steady state (Cycle 3) C_{trough} ($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	N=202	N=101
Geometric mean (95% CI)	39.23 (37.04-41.55)	23.49 (21.61-25.54)
Geometric %CV	43.3	44.2
Geometric mean ratio (94% CI)	1.67 (1.52-1.84); $p<0.0001$	

The observed incidence of treatment-emergent anti-pembrolizumab antibodies was comparable between the pembrolizumab SC and pembrolizumab IV arms (1.4% and 0.9%, respectively).

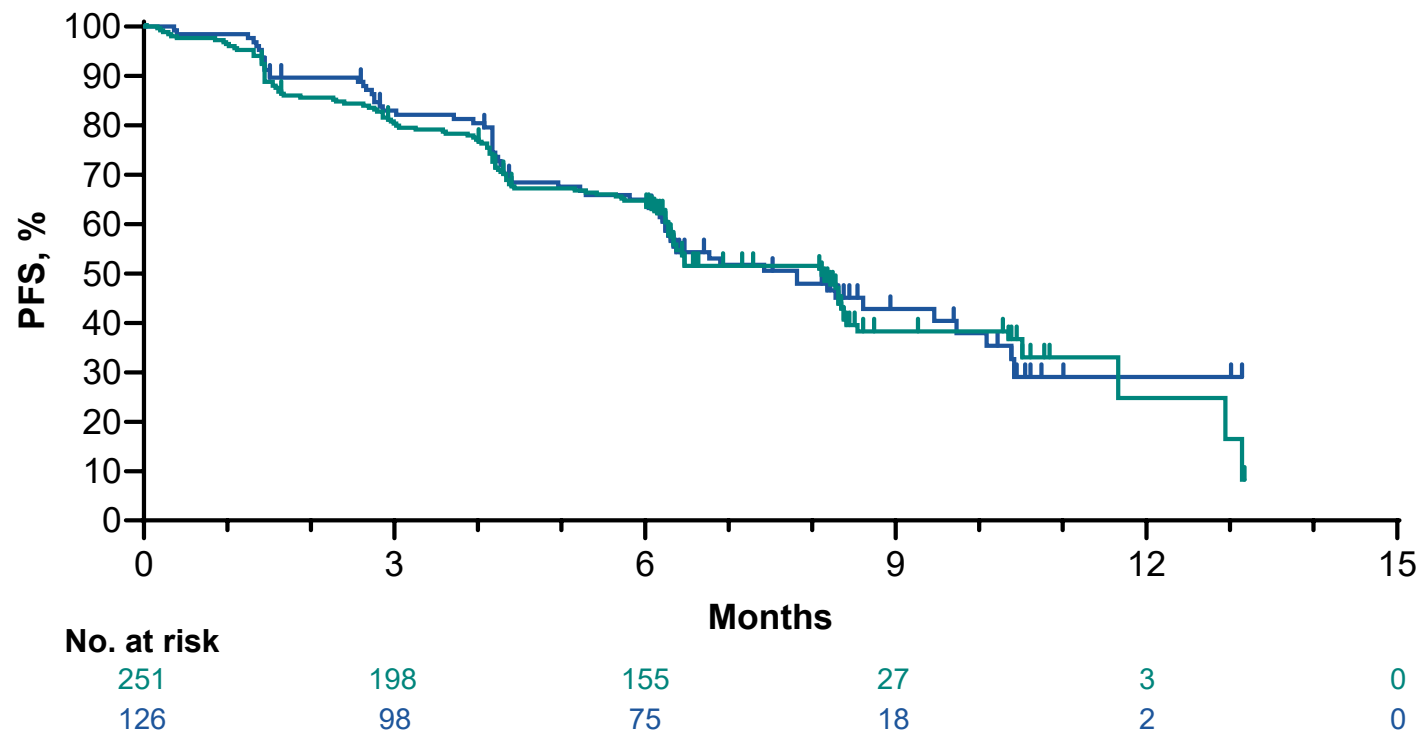
Date of data cutoff 12 JUL 2024; median study follow-up: 9.6 months (range 6.2-16.4).

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Descriptive efficacy endpoints, such as ORR, PFS and OS were consistent between pembrolizumab SC* and pembrolizumab IV¹

Pembrolizumab SC + chemotherapy vs Pembrolizumab IV + chemotherapy:

- ORR (95% CI): 45.4% (39.1-51.8) vs 42.1% (33.3-51.2); ORR ratio 1.08 (95% CI 0.85-1.37)
- Median DOR (95% CI): 9.1 months (6.9-NR) vs 8.0 months (7.4-NR)
- PFS 8.1 months (95% CI, 6.3-8.3) vs 7.8 months (95% CI, 6.2-9.7) (HR=1.05 [95% CI, 0.78-1.43])
- OS: median NR in both arm; HR 0.81 (95% CI 0.53-1.22)



¹MK-3475A-D77 was not designed as a noninferiority study with respect to the secondary efficacy endpoints.

A Phase 2 study of participant-reported preference for pembrolizumab SC* versus pembrolizumab IV

Primary Endpoint: Participant preference for route of administration, pembrolizumab SC or pembrolizumab IV, as assessed by the Patient Preference Questionnaire® (PPQ) question 1

Crossover Period:

Arm A: 3 cycles of pembrolizumab SC 395 mg Q3W followed by 3 cycles of pembrolizumab IV 200 mg Q3W

Arm B: 3 cycles of pembrolizumab IV 200 mg Q3W followed by 3 cycles of pembrolizumab SC 395 mg Q3W

Continuation Period:

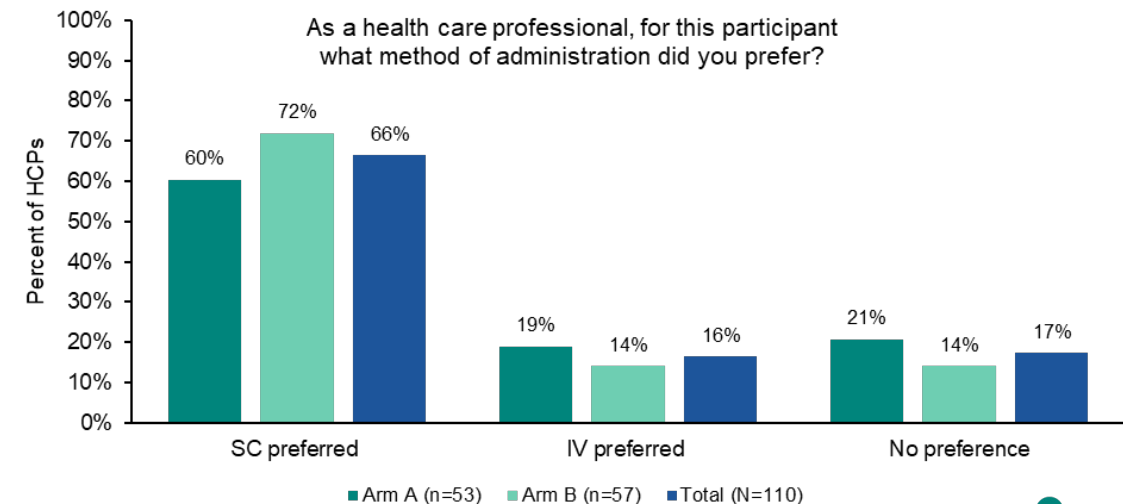
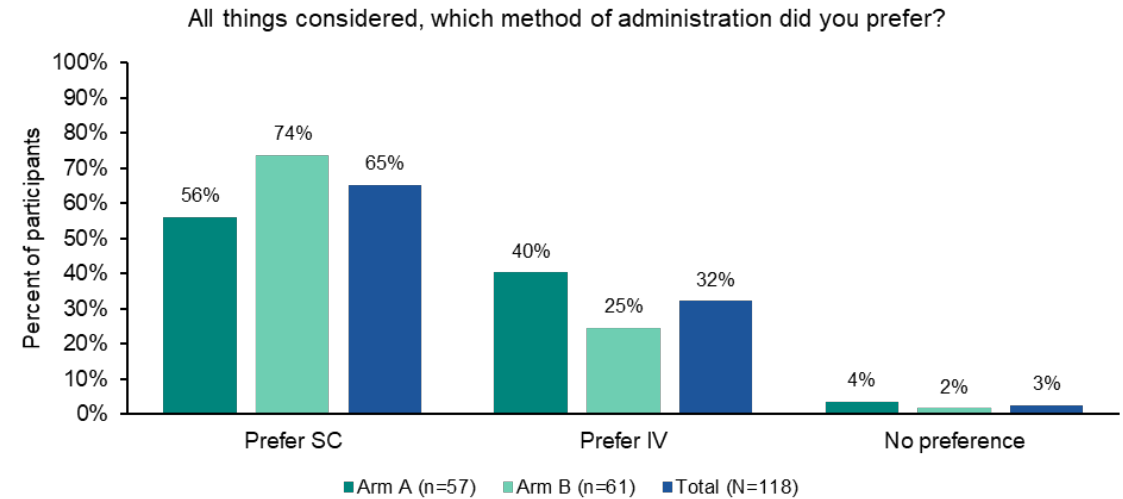
Participant's Choice: pembrolizumab IV 200mg Q3W OR pembrolizumab SC 395 mg Q3W



Results showed that both participants and HCPs prefer pembrolizumab SC injections over pembrolizumab IV infusions

The participant preference rate for pembrolizumab SC was 65% (95% CI 56%-74%) and for HCPs, was 66% (95% CI 60%-72%)

Participant Preference





Q&A

Marjorie Green, M.D.

Senior Vice President
Head of Oncology Clinical Development



Dr. Marjorie Green is senior vice president and head of late-stage oncology at MSD Research Laboratories. She leads all late-stage clinical development programs for oncology.

Marjorie joined MSD from Seagen, where she was senior vice president and head of late-stage oncology, leading clinical development of a diverse portfolio of oncology candidates including multiple antibody drug conjugates. She previously held positions of increasing responsibility at Genentech culminating in her tenure as vice president, Global Product Development, head of breast and gynecologic tumor franchise. Previously, she was assistant professor and medical director of the Nellie B. Connally Breast Center and vice-chair of the Institutional Review Board at the MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. During her tenure at MD Anderson, Marjorie established herself as a nationally recognized clinical expert in the management of breast cancer and the treatment and prevention of associated bone metastases and has authored multiple manuscripts and book chapters on preoperative chemotherapy.

Marjorie received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame and her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch. She conducted an internal medicine residency at University of Virginia School of Medicine and completed fellowships in medical oncology and hematology at the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Jane Healy, M.D.

Vice President,
Head of Early Oncology Development



Dr. Jane Healy is vice president and head of early oncology development at MSD Research Laboratories. In this role, Dr. Healy is responsible for overseeing the early clinical development of numerous candidates in early-phase clinical trials, or those expected to soon enter the clinic. She also oversees clinical pharmacology and translational studies for oncology.

Dr. Healy joined MSD Research Labs in 2016 and rapidly assumed leadership roles of increasing responsibility. She led early clinical development of key pipeline candidates, as well as led the integration team for intismeran autogene – the individualized neoantigen therapy (INT) being developed in collaboration with Moderna. Here, she played a crucial role in asset strategy and transition of intismeran autogene to Phase 3 trials. Prior to MSD, Dr. Healy specialized in the treatment of hematologic malignancies.

Dr. Healy is a medical oncologist by training and a physician scientist with a passion for innovative drug development aimed at improving outcomes for patients. Dr. Healy completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and subsequently conducted a fellowship in hematology/oncology at Duke University.

M. Catherine Pietanza, M.D.

Vice President,
Head of Early Oncology Development



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Dr. Pietanza joined MSD Research Labs in 2016 and rapidly assumed leadership roles of increasing responsibility. Prior to her current role, Dr. Pietanza led MSD's thoracic malignancies development team where she was responsible for overseeing the strategic design and execution of studies for MSD assets in the thoracic disease area. Dr. Pietanza has extensive development experience, having led multiple phase 3 studies as well as US and global marketing authorizations.

Dr. Pietanza received her medical degree from The State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn/Downstate in Brooklyn, New York and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. She then went on to complete her fellowship in Medical Oncology and Hematology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, where she was also a chief fellow.