

Recent Advances in Chemo and Targeted therapy of NSCLC

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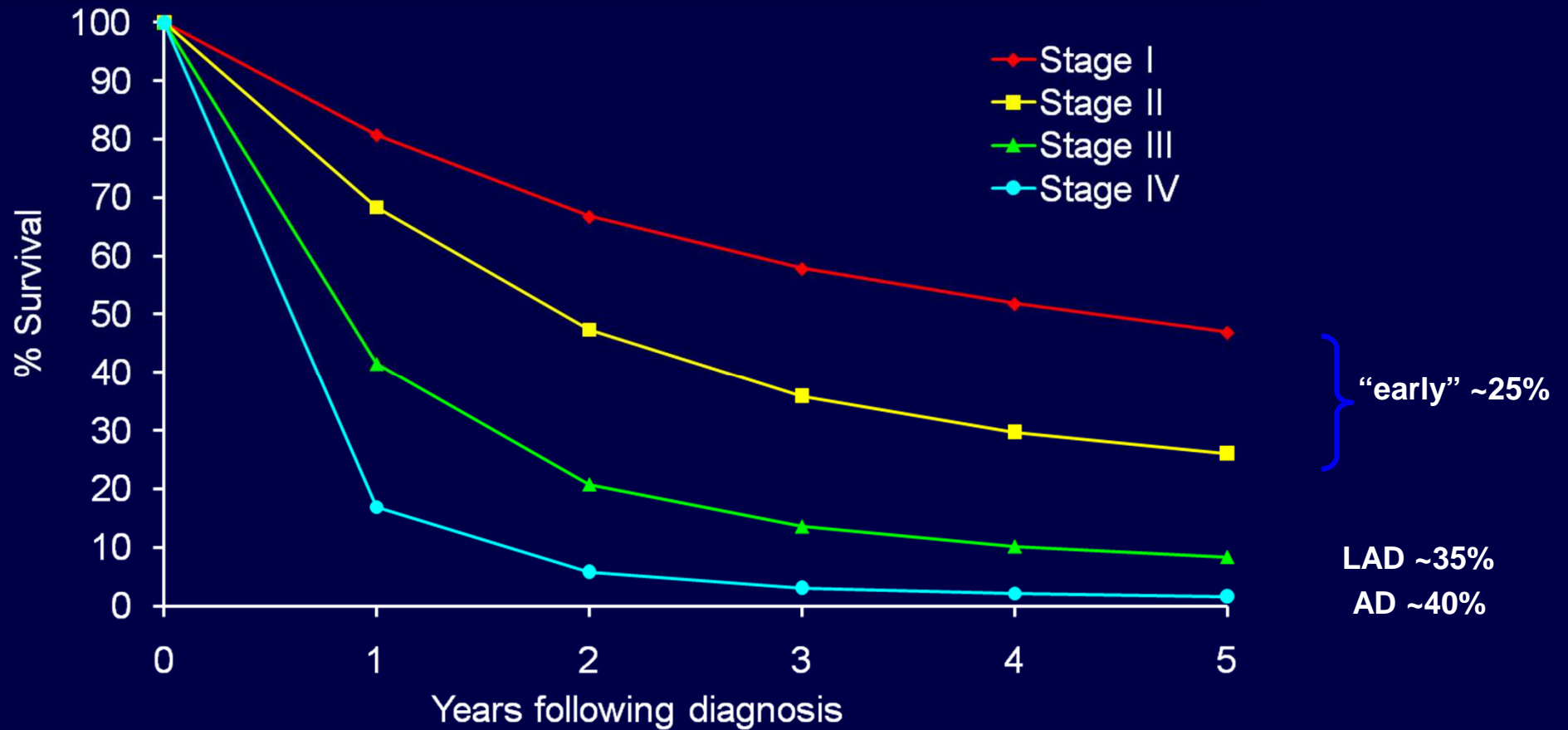
Worldwide incidence for lung cancer

- Lung cancer is the most common cancer in the world

Lung Cancer	Incidence
World	>1.3 million
Continent	% of World
Asia	49
Europe	28
North America	17
Central/South America	4
Africa	1

- Lung cancer is the most common cause of cancer deaths in the world

NSCLC: Survival by stage at diagnosis*



*Historical data; recent developments and increases in survival not reflected
Adapted from Greene FL, et al (eds). *AJCC Cancer Staging Manual*. 6th ed. 2002.

Why Are The Survival Rates So Low?

- **Majority present with late-stage disease**
 - **Effective and efficient screening tools needed**
- **Older patients with significant co-morbidities**
 - **80% are current or former smokers**
- **Chemotherapy (and radiation) only somewhat effective**
 - **Why? How are cells resistant?**
 - **Who should we target? What drugs should we use?**

Standard Therapy for NSCLC

- **“Early stage” – surgical resection**
 - **Benefit of adjuvant chemotherapy for appropriate patients**
- **“Locally advanced” – combined radiation and chemotherapy**
 - **Sometimes surgery**
- **“Advanced” or metastatic – palliative chemotherapy and/or radiation**
 - **Combinations of chemotherapy agents**
 - **Newer targeted drugs**

Systemic Treatments for advanced NSCLC patients

- Chemotherapy

Cisplatin, carboplatin, gemcitabine, paclitaxel, docetaxel, vinorelbine, pemetrexed, irinotecan, etoposide etc.

- Targeted therapy

Gefitinib, erlotinib, bevacizumab, cetuximab etc.

Selecting treatments for patients

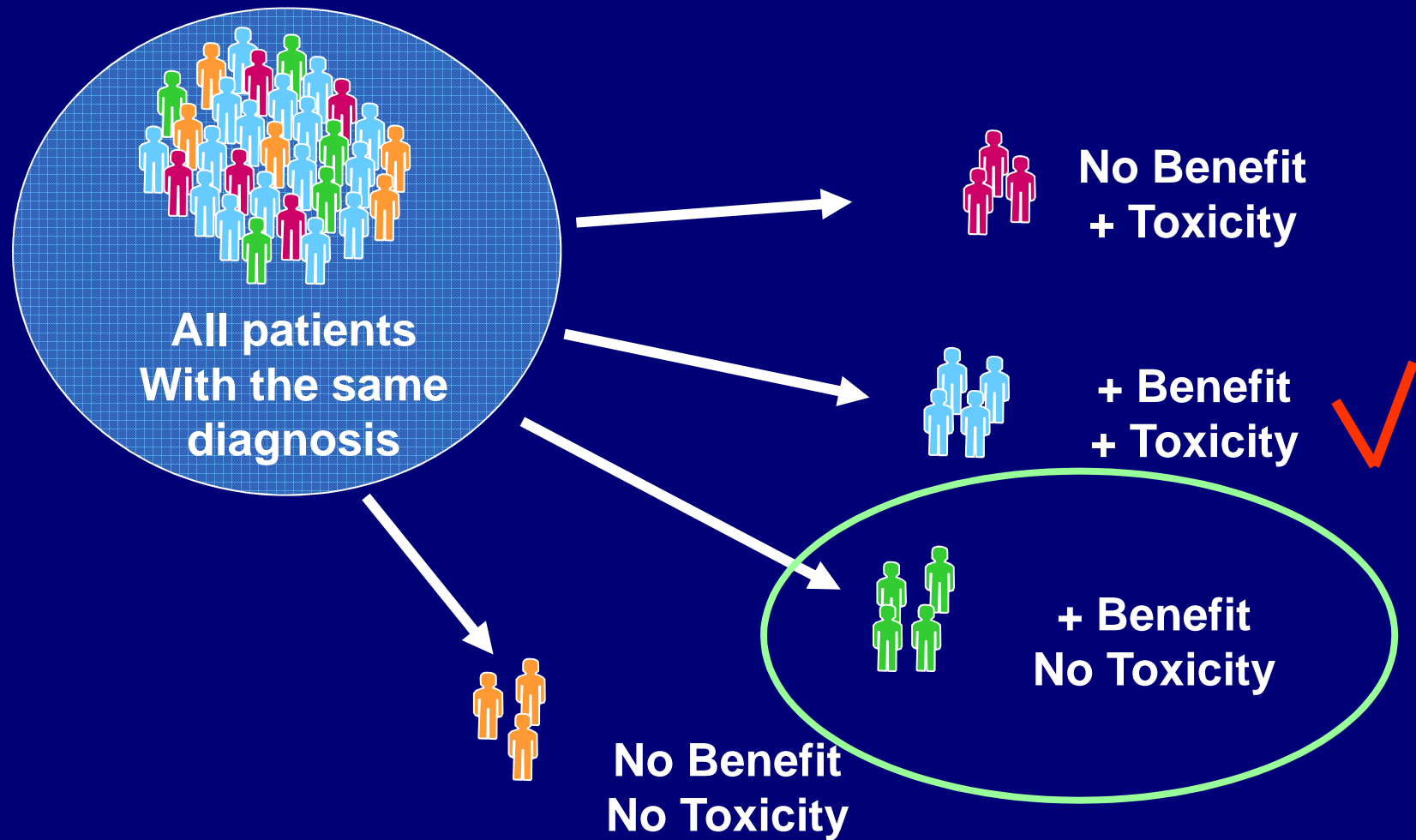
- Clinical selection

Stage, Performance Status, Age, Pathology, Gender, Smoking status, Ethnicity

- Molecular selection

EGFR mutation / FISH, k-ras mutation, Thymidylate synthase etc.

Individualized treatment for NSCLC



Definition of a “Biomarker”

“Indicator signaling an event or condition in a biological system or sample and giving a measure of exposure, effect, or susceptibility*.”

- Nordberg M, et al. *Pure Appl Chem* 2004;76:1033-1082.

- Blood, bodily fluids and/or tissue
- Reproducible
- Affordable
- Technically feasible
- Results in something clinically meaningful

* Note: Such an indicator may be a measurable chemical, biochemical, physiological, behavioral or other alteration within an organism.

Biomarkers

Predictive marker:

- Characteristic of a patient or a tumor that identifies a subgroup within which the effect of a treatment will be different from those who do not have this feature

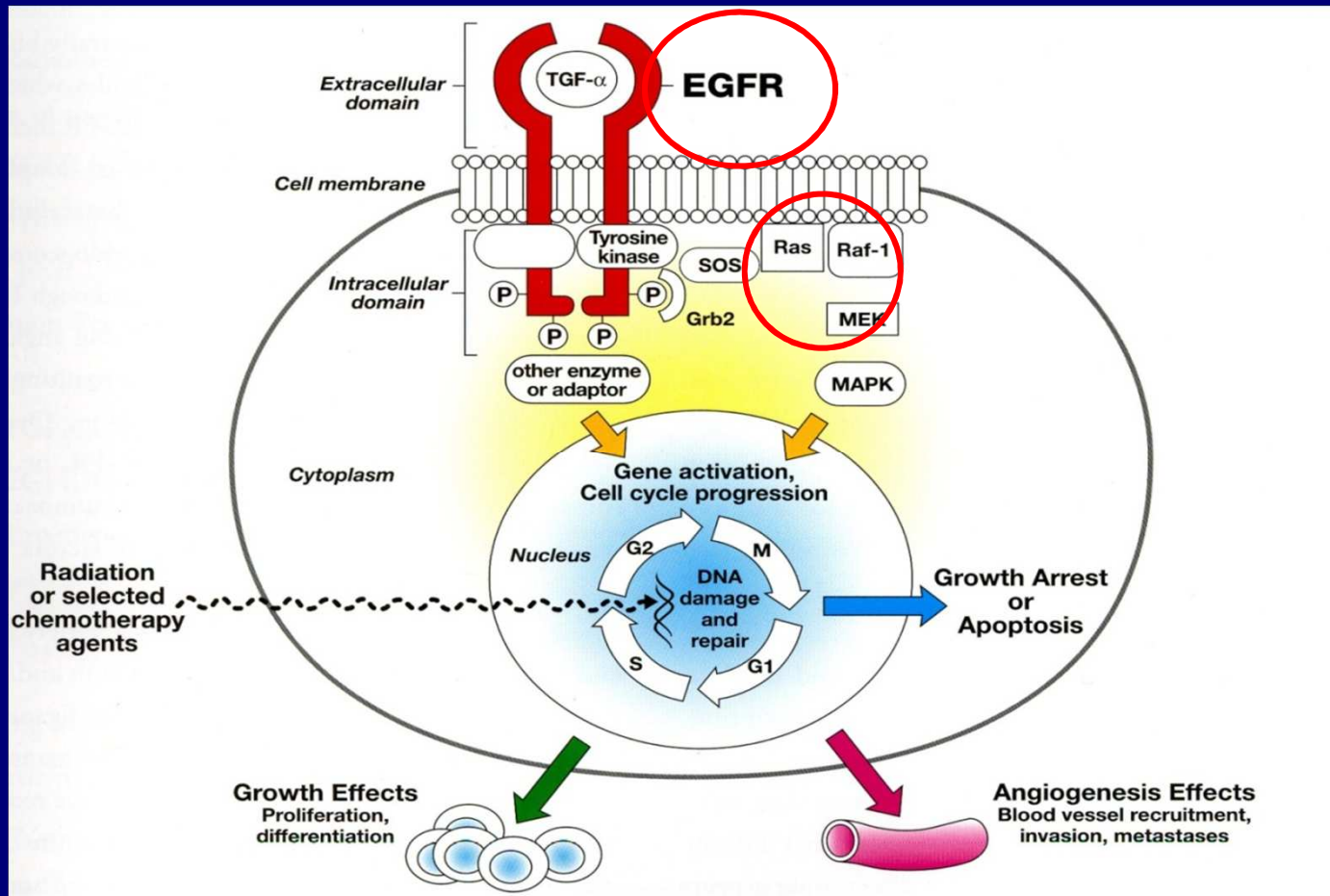
Prognostic marker:

- Characteristic that identifies a subgroup who will have a different outcome regardless of treatment effects

Biomarkers in NSCLC: Simple histology

- Within NSCLC are subcategories of squamous, adeno, BAC, and large cell:
 - Squamous (Sq) histology is associated with:
 - High level of thymidylate synthase (TS)
 - EGFR expression but not mutations
 - Rare K-ras mutations
 - Adenocarcinoma histology is associated with:
 - EGFR mutations
 - K-ras mutations
- Histology now plays an important role in treatment selection:
 - “not otherwise specified” is no longer an acceptable distinction

Biomarkers in NSCLC: EGFR pathway



Biomarkers in NSCLC: EGFR pathway

- **Quantification of EGFR**
 - IHC intensity of staining
 - FISH overexpression
- **Function of EGFR**
 - Activating mutations
 - Resistance mutations

Biomarkers in NSCLC: Downstream in the EGFR pathway

- **3 genes H-ras, K-ras, N-ras**
- **Ras mutations are detectable in ~20% of lung cancers, usually in smokers**
 - **90% of mutations are due to K-ras**
- **K-ras mutations appear to be important for:**
 - **EGFR TKI therapy as a negative predictor of response**
 - **Lack of responses to adjuvant cisplatin-vinorelbine chemotherapy**

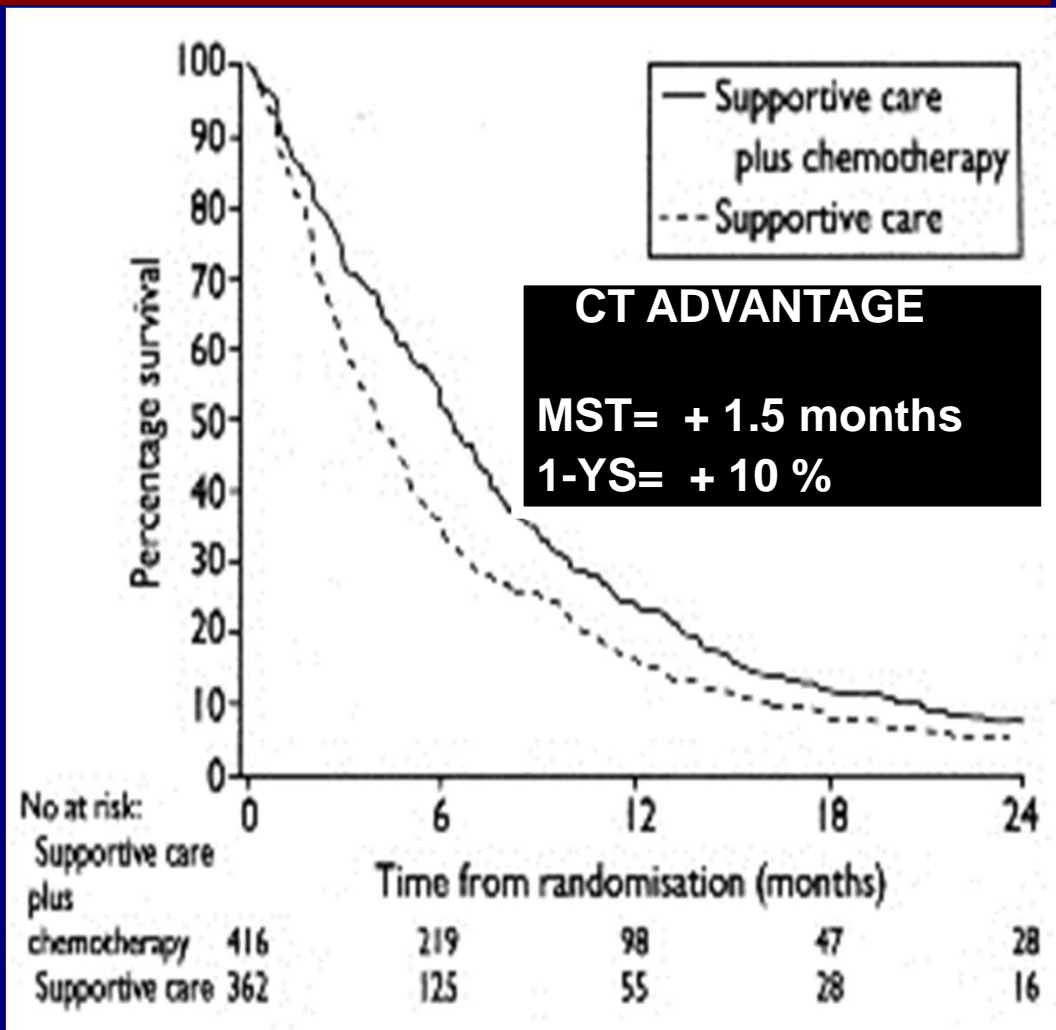
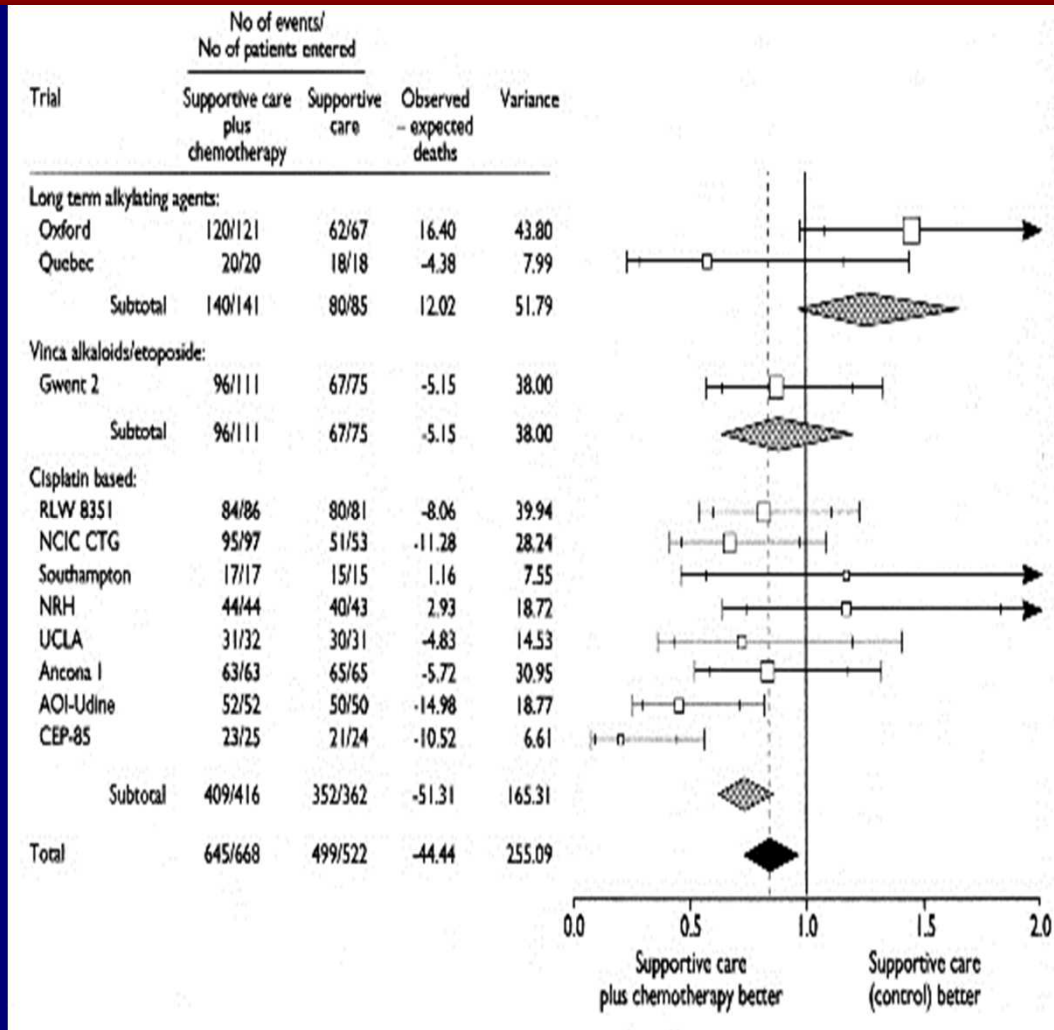
Biological Correlates: What goes in...

Quality of any biomarker study will depend on what goes into it:

- Characteristics of the disease
- Characteristics of the individual patient
- Characteristics of the actual sample:
 - How many patients participate?
 - Quality of the samples?
 - blocks vs. slides
 - Consistency and reproducibility of testing?

ADVANCED-NSCLC TREATMENT

“Old” CT Cis-based > BSC



Should chemotherapy combinations for advanced non-small cell lung cancer be platinum-based? A meta-analysis of phase III randomized trials

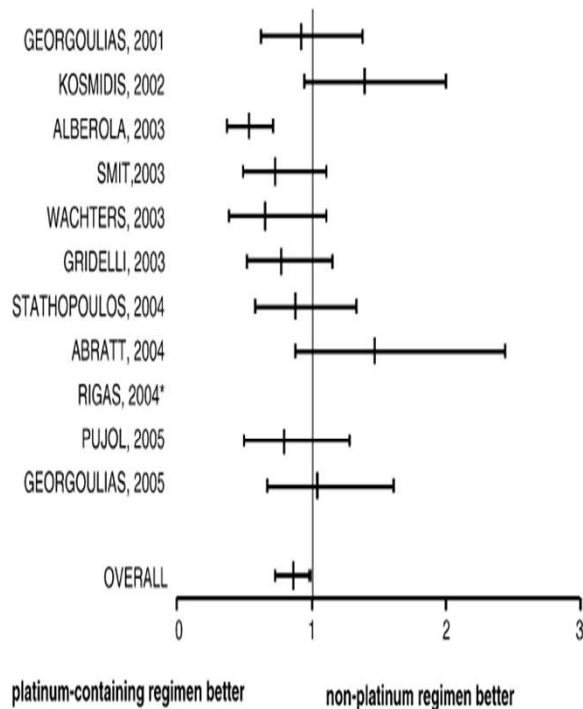
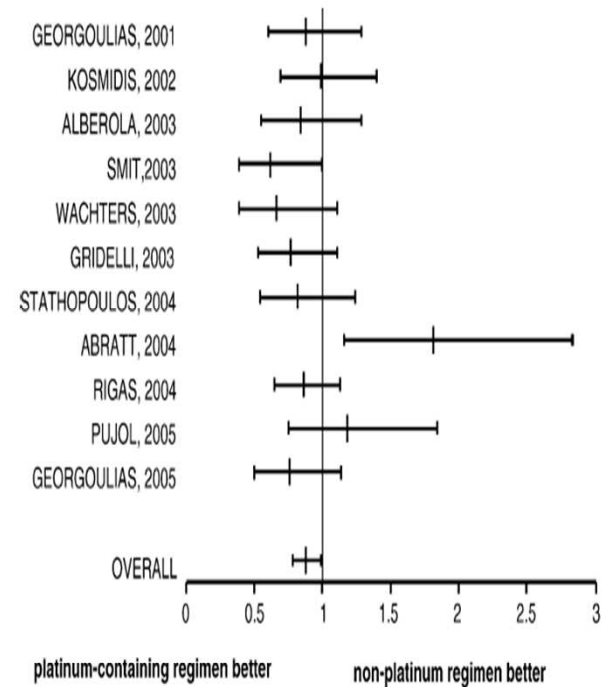


Fig. 3 Overall response rate with platinum-based vs. non-platinum chemotherapy regimens. The summary odds ratio for the risk of being non responder to chemotherapy was 0.87 (95% CI, 0.73–0.99, $p=0.049$) indicating a 2.5% benefit for response for patients treated with a platinum-based chemotherapy doublet (*, data non available).

chemotherapy without a perceptible increase in risk of toxic-death.



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ECOG 1594: Treatment Schema

Stage IIIB or IV
NSCLC patients

Stratified by:

- Extent of disease
- PS
- Weight loss
- Brain metastases

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Arm A*
q 3 wk

Paclitaxel: 135 mg/m², day 1
Cisplatin: 75 mg/m², day 2

Arm B
q 4 wk

Cisplatin: 100 mg/m², day 1
Gemcitabine: 1000 mg/m², days 1, 8, 15

Arm C
q 3 wk

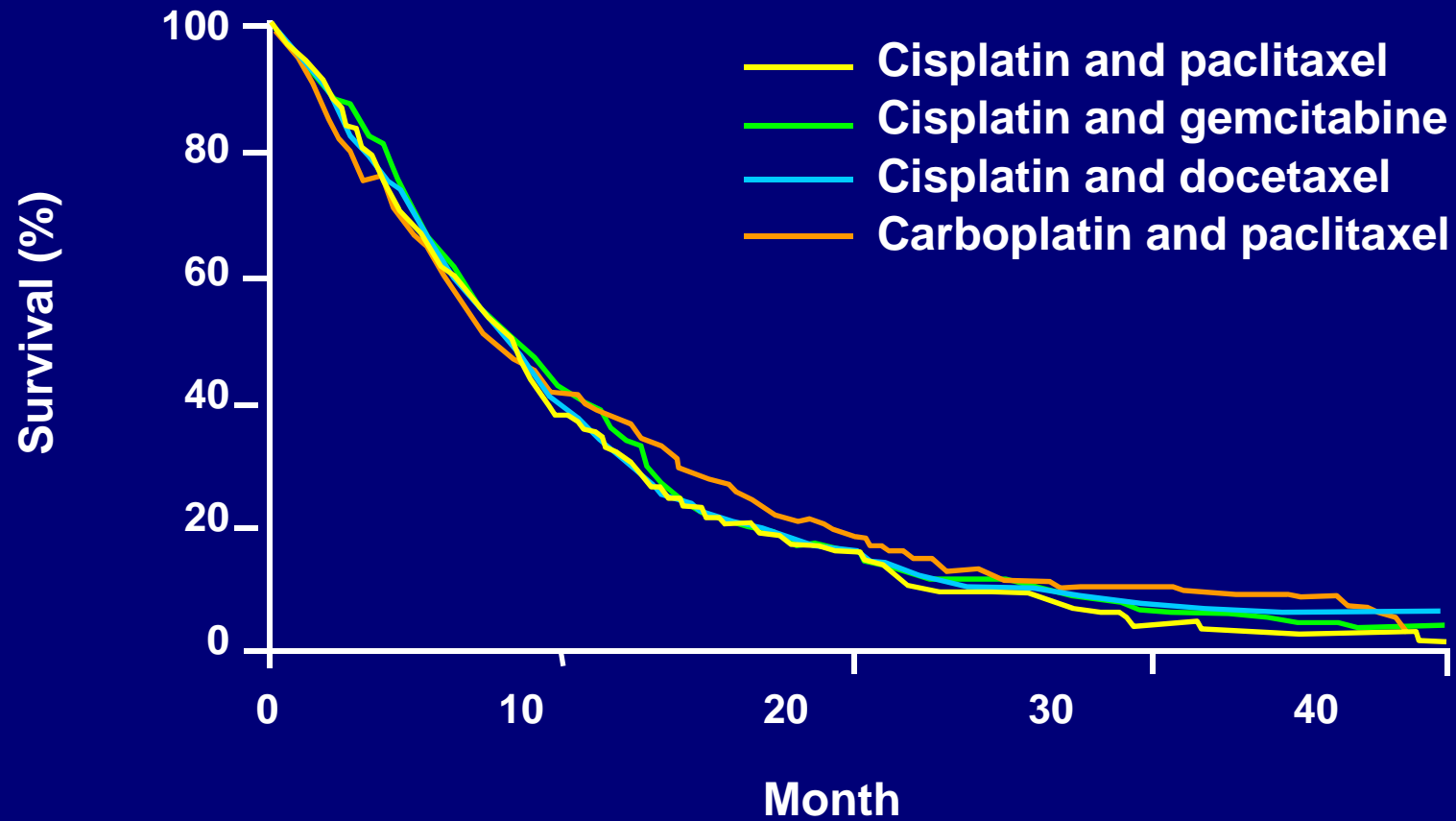
Docetaxel: 75 mg/m², day 1
Cisplatin: 75 mg/m², day 1

Arm D
q 3 wk

Paclitaxel: 225 mg/m², day 1
Carboplatin: AUC=6, day 1

*Control arm.

ECOG 1594: Kaplan-Meier Estimates of Overall Survival



Schiller et al. *N Eng J Med* 2002; 346:92-98

Challenge in 2000 : Which drug to choose?



Cisplatin /
Carboplatin

+ Gemcitabine Docetaxel Vinorelbine Paclitaxel

Treatment selection based on clinical parameters

Pathology

Gender

Smoking status

Performance status

Age

Response/reaction to therapy

Treatment of advanced non-small-cell lung cancer patients with ECOG performance status 2: results of an European Experts Panel

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Table 4. Consensus on treatment of patients with advanced NSCLC and ECOG PS2 in clinical practice

Preferred option

Single-agent chemotherapy with a third generation drug (e.g. gemcitabine, vinorelbine, taxanes)

Alternative options

Carboplatin-based doublets

Cisplatin-based doublets with attenuated doses of cisplatin

INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS EXPERTS PANEL

April 19th, 2004

“Treatment of advanced non small cell lung cancer in the elderly”

Istituto Piccole Ancelle di Cristo Re - Posillipo (Italy)

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SPECIAL ARTICLE

Treatment of Advanced Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer in the Elderly: Results of an International Expert Panel

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Table 5. Treatment Options for Elderly Patients With Advanced NSCLC in Clinical Practice

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- Single-agent chemotherapy with a third-generation drug (eg, vinorelbine, gemcitabine, taxanes) in PS 0-2 patients
 - Platinum-based (cisplatin or carboplatin) doublets in fit patients (PS 0-1) selected for adequate organ function
 - Best supportive care (in addition to chemotherapy or as exclusive therapeutic option for those patients unsuitable for active treatment)
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NSCLC: 2003 ASCO treatment recommendations for advanced disease

- Chemotherapy prolongs survival and is most appropriate for individuals with good performance status (PS 0 or 1, and possibly 2)
- Chemotherapy should be a platinum-based two-drug combination regimen
- Non-platinum containing regimens may be used as alternatives to platinum-based regimens. For elderly patients, or patients with PS 2, available data support the use of single-agent chemotherapy
- Chemotherapy should be stopped at 4 cycles in patients who are not responding to treatment, and should be administered for no more than six cycles
- If chemotherapy is to be given it should be initiated while the patient still has good PS

Treatment selection based on clinical parameters

Pathology

Gender

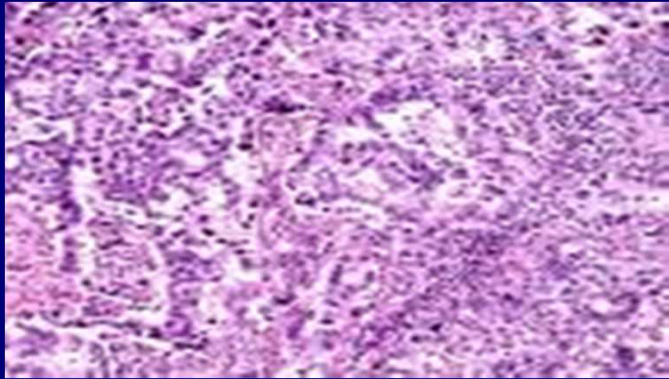
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Performance status

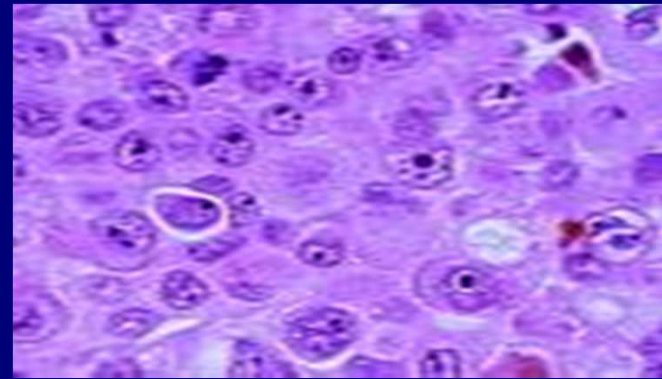
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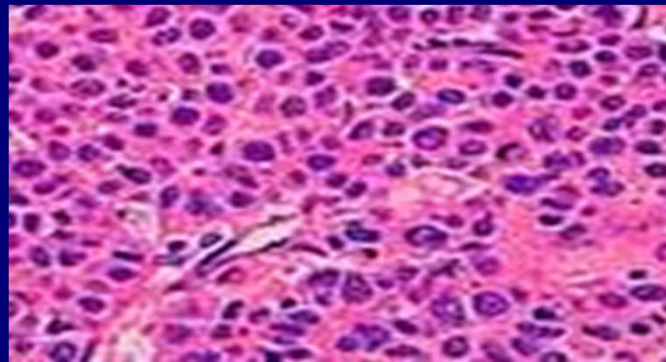
Lung Cancer - Histology



Adenocarcinoma



Squamous cell Carcinoma



Large cell Carcinoma

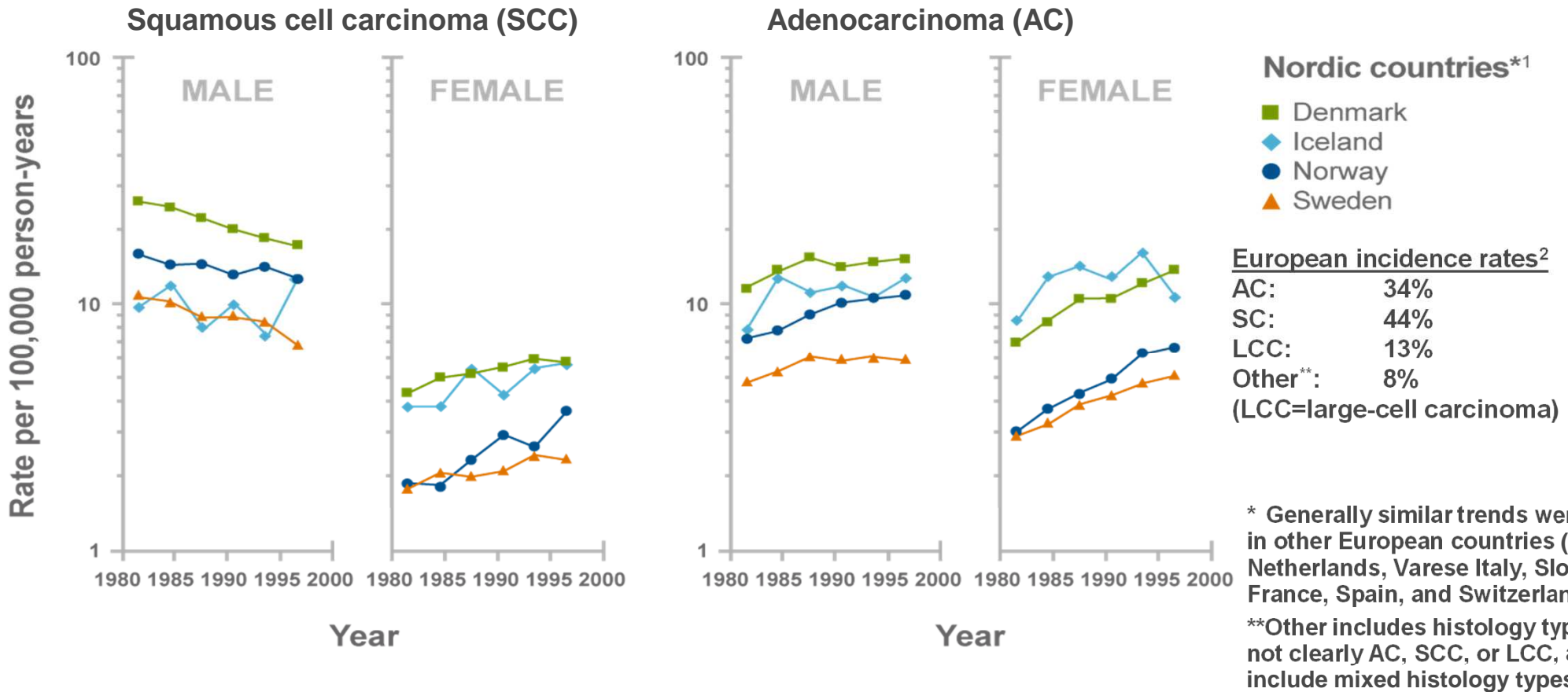
Adenocarcinoma

- Cancer arising out of glandular tissues
- Most frequent type diagnosed in lung cancer (30 – 40%)
- Common in smokers and non-smokers
- More common in women than in men
- Usually arise in the peripheral areas of lung and metastasize quickly
- Bronchoalveolar carcinoma (BAC) is a subtype of adenocarcinoma and is found more in women and is associated with scars of tuberculosis
- Early diagnosis is rare and prognosis is poor

Squamous cell carcinoma

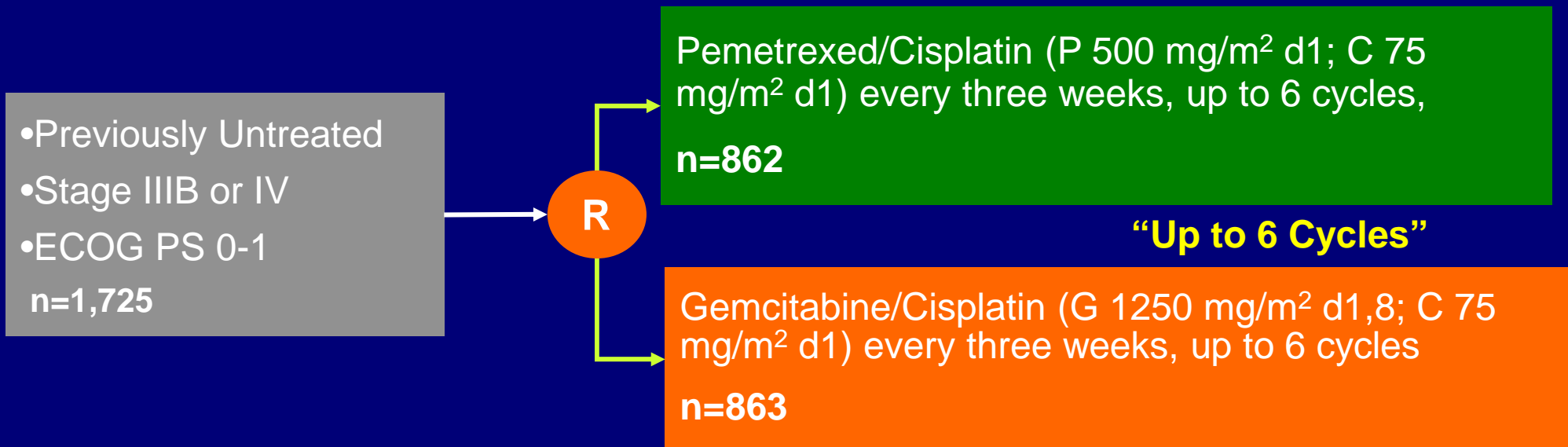
- Accounts for 30% of lung cancers
- Strongly associated with smoking
- Tend to be more centrally located
- Forms necrotic cavities, that can be seen on X-rays
- Cell doubling rate is slow and surgical resection leads to a 30% 5 year survival rate
- 5 year survival rate of all SCC is 5 – 7%

Trends in squamous cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma incidence rates in Europe¹



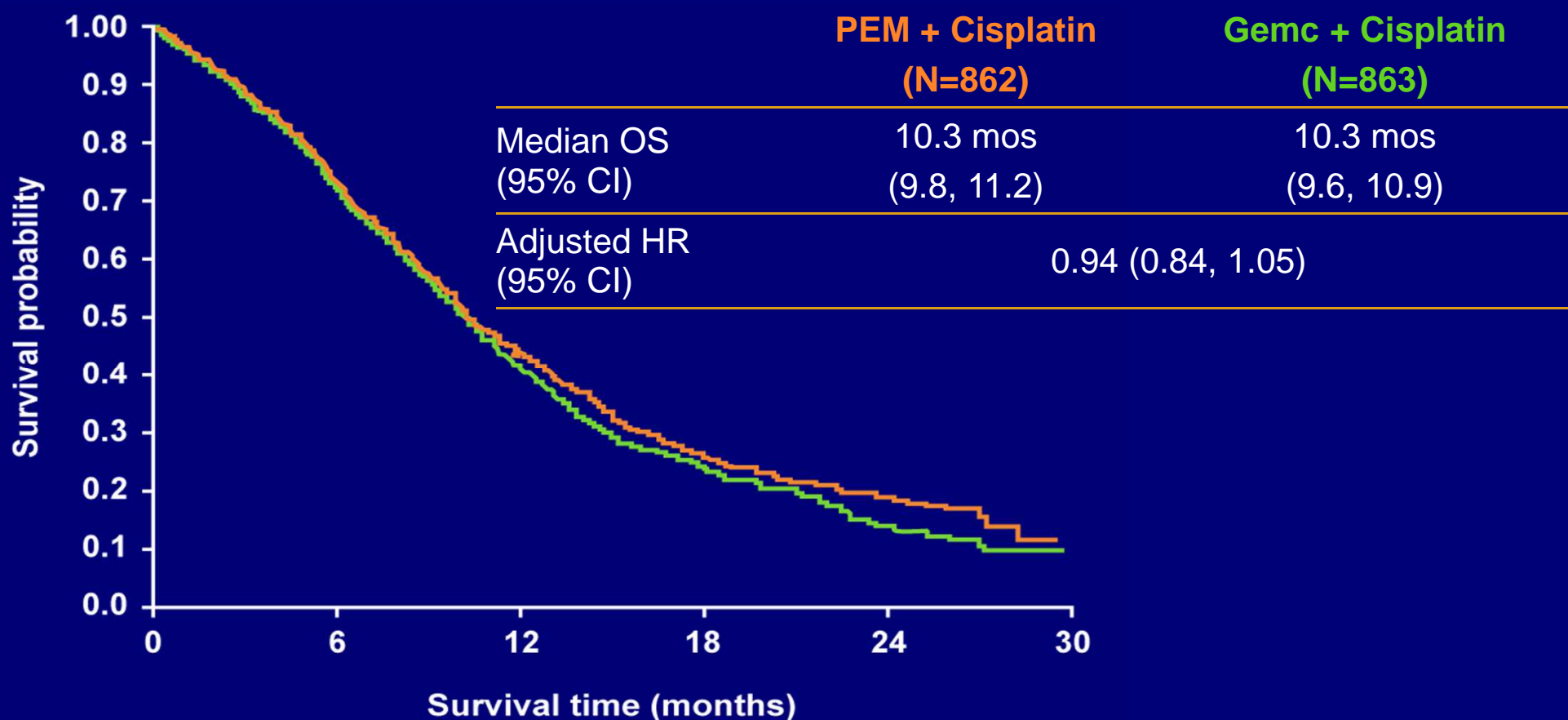
Histology may be used to determine treatment approach and may also be prognostic

H3E-MC-JMDB Schema



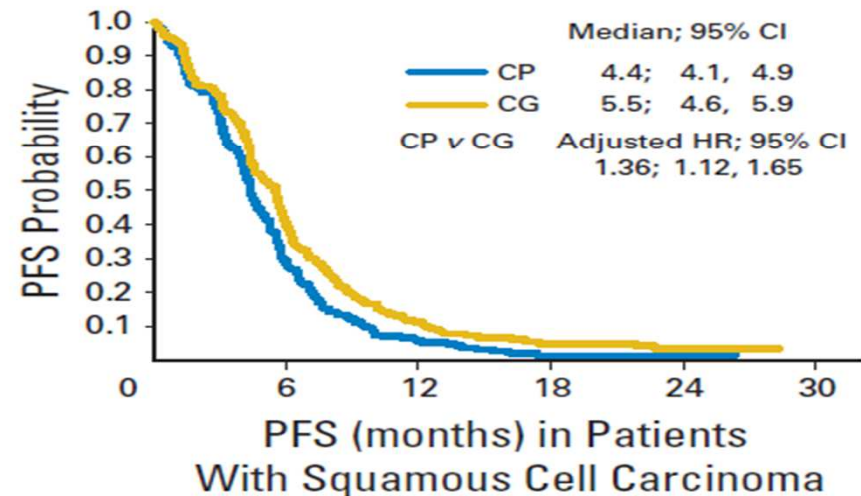
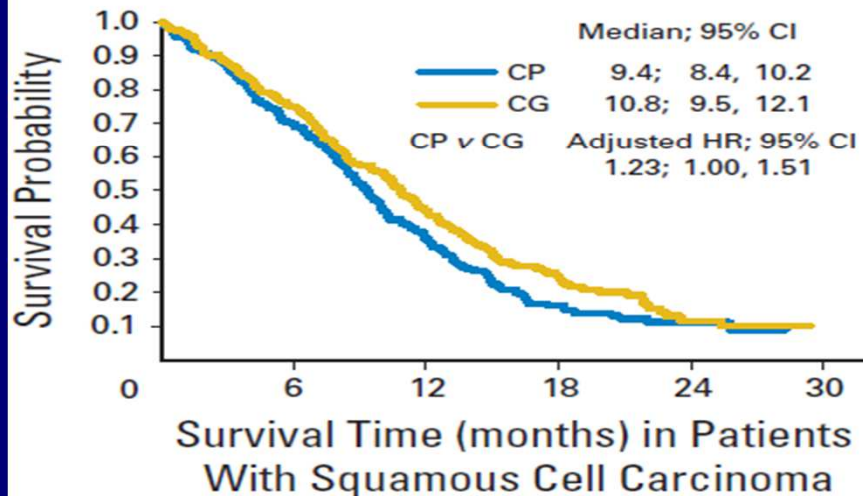
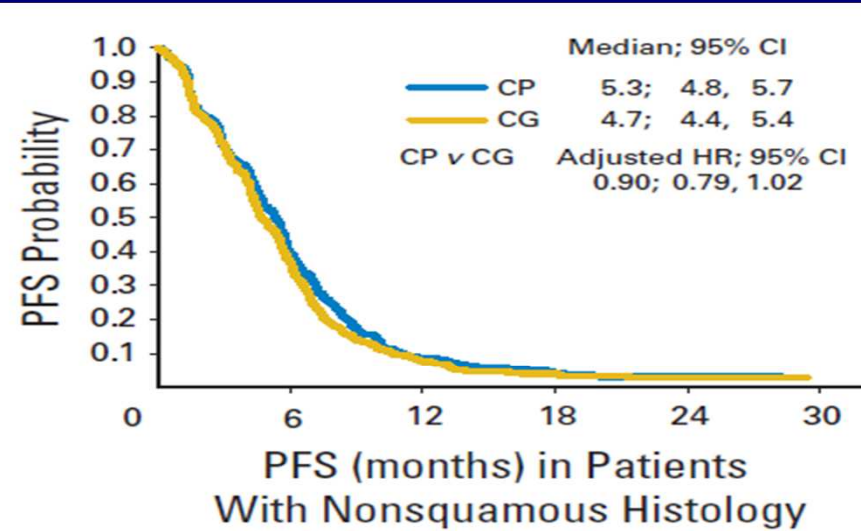
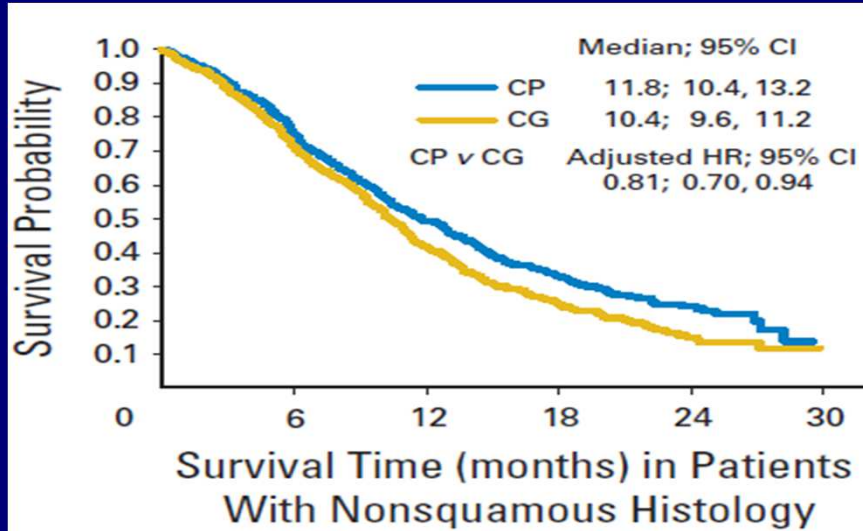
- The primary endpoint: **non-inferiority, overall survival.**
- The Largest trial ever reported in this setting with **1,725** patients from 177 sites in 26 countries*

Pem/cisplatin is similar to Gem/cisplatin: Overall survival (overall population)



Scagliotti GV et al, J Clin Oncol 2008 20;3543-51

Pem/Cis vs. Gem/Cis



Is the toxicity profile different among the histology groups examined in this study?

Grade 3 or 4 Toxicity: Pemetrexed + Cisplatin

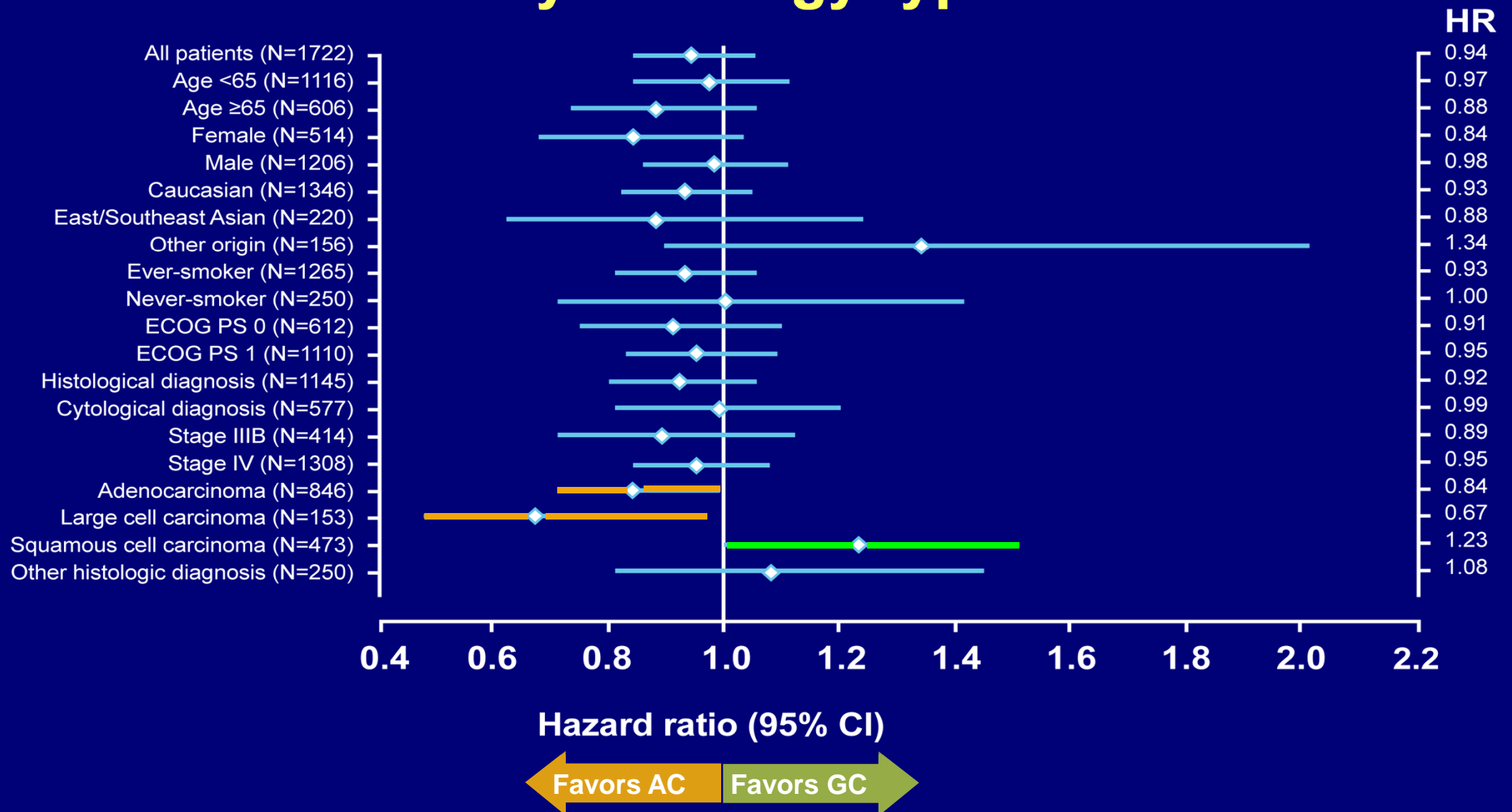
G 3/4 Toxicity	Adenocarcinoma (n=425)	Large Cell Carcinoma (n=76)	Other Histology (n=103)	Squamous Carcinoma (n=235)
Neutropenia	15.5%	14.5%	12.6%	15.7%
Anemia	4.0%	3.9%	9.7%	7.2%
Thrombocytopenia	3.1%	2.6%	6.8%	5.1%
Leukopenia	4.0%	3.9%	4.9%	6.4%
Febrile neutropenia	1.4%	0.0%	1.9%	1.3%
Alopecia (all grades)	14.1%	11.8%	4.9%	11.1%
Nausea	7.3%	11.8%	7.8%	5.1%
Vomiting	5.4%	6.6%	9.7%	5.5%
Dehydration (all grades)	4.0%	3.9%	4.9%	2.1%
Fatigue	6.4%	7.9%	6.8%	6.8%

- **No clinically relevant differences were observed for the safety profile of pemetrexed + cisplatin within the histology subgroups²**

1. Data on file. Eli Lilly and Company

2. ALIMTA [Summary of Product Characteristics]. Eli Lilly and Co; Approved 08 April 2008.

Significant treatment-related differences observed by histology type



Gender, Smoking, PS, ethnics are prognostic factors

Characteristic	No. of Patients	Survival (months)				Adjusted Hazard Ratio
		Cisplatin/Pemetrexed		Cisplatin/Gemcitabine		
		Median	95% CI	Median	95% CI	
Age						
< 65 years	1,118	10.3	9.6 to 11.3	10.3	9.6 to 11.3	0.97
≥ 65 years	607	10.1	9.2 to 12.0	10.2	8.5 to 11.2	0.88
Sex						
Males	1,210	9.6	8.8 to 10.2	9.9	9.1 to 10.6	0.98
Females	515	13.3	12.3 to 15.0	11.4	10.2 to 12.7	0.84
Race						
White	1,349	10.0	9.3 to 10.8	10.1	9.3 to 10.8	0.93
East/South East Asian	220	13.8	10.2 to 17.1	11.9	9.0 to 14.7	0.88
All other	156	9.9	8.6 to 12.8	11.5	9.6 to 14.1	1.34
Smoking status*						
Former/current smoker	1,266	10.0	9.4 to 11.1	10.3	9.5 to 10.9	0.93
Never-smoker	250	15.9	13.8 to 20.2	15.3	12.1 to 22.9	1.00
Disease stage						
IIIB	415	11.9	10.0 to 14.2	11.3	9.6 to 13.1	0.89
IV	1,310	10.0	9.3 to 10.8	10.1	9.3 to 10.8	0.95
Performance status†						
0	612	13.4	11.9 to 14.9	12.2	11.3 to 13.4	0.91
1	1,110	9.1	8.1 to 9.9	9.0	8.3 to 9.8	0.95

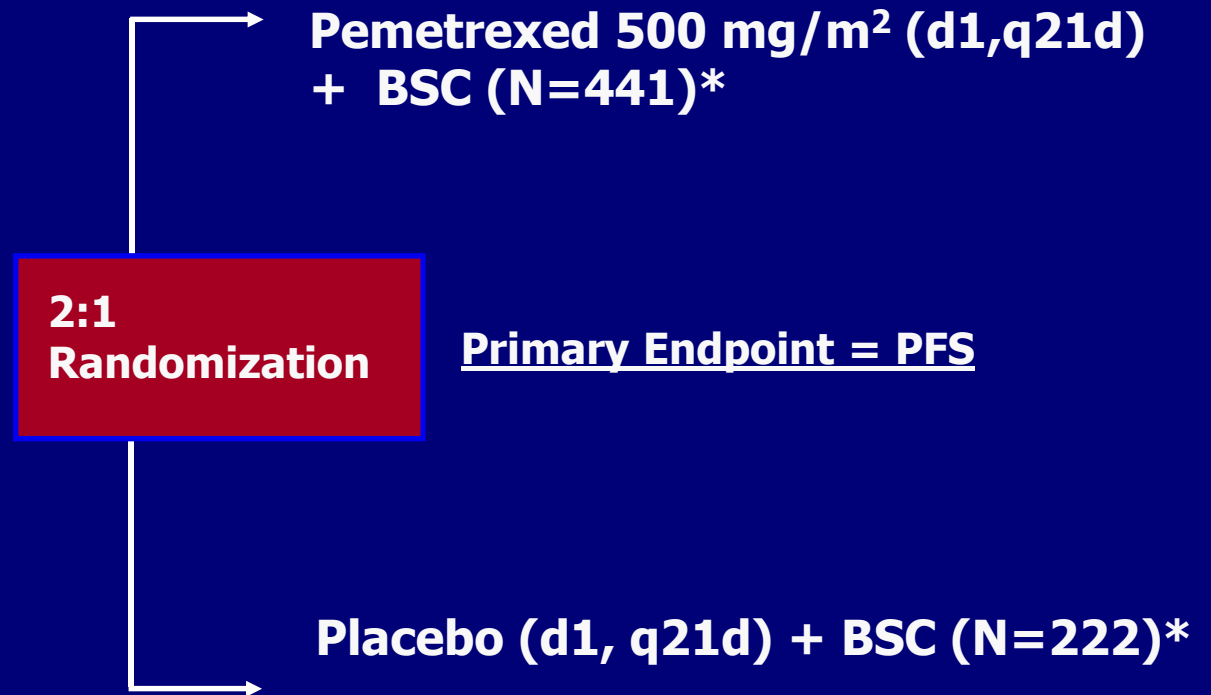
Phase III Trial of Maintenance Pemetrexed in Advanced NSCLC

Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter, Phase III Trial

- Stage IIIB/IV NSCLC
- PS 0-1
- 4 prior cycles of gem, doc, or tax + cis or carb, with CR, PR, or SD

Randomization factors:

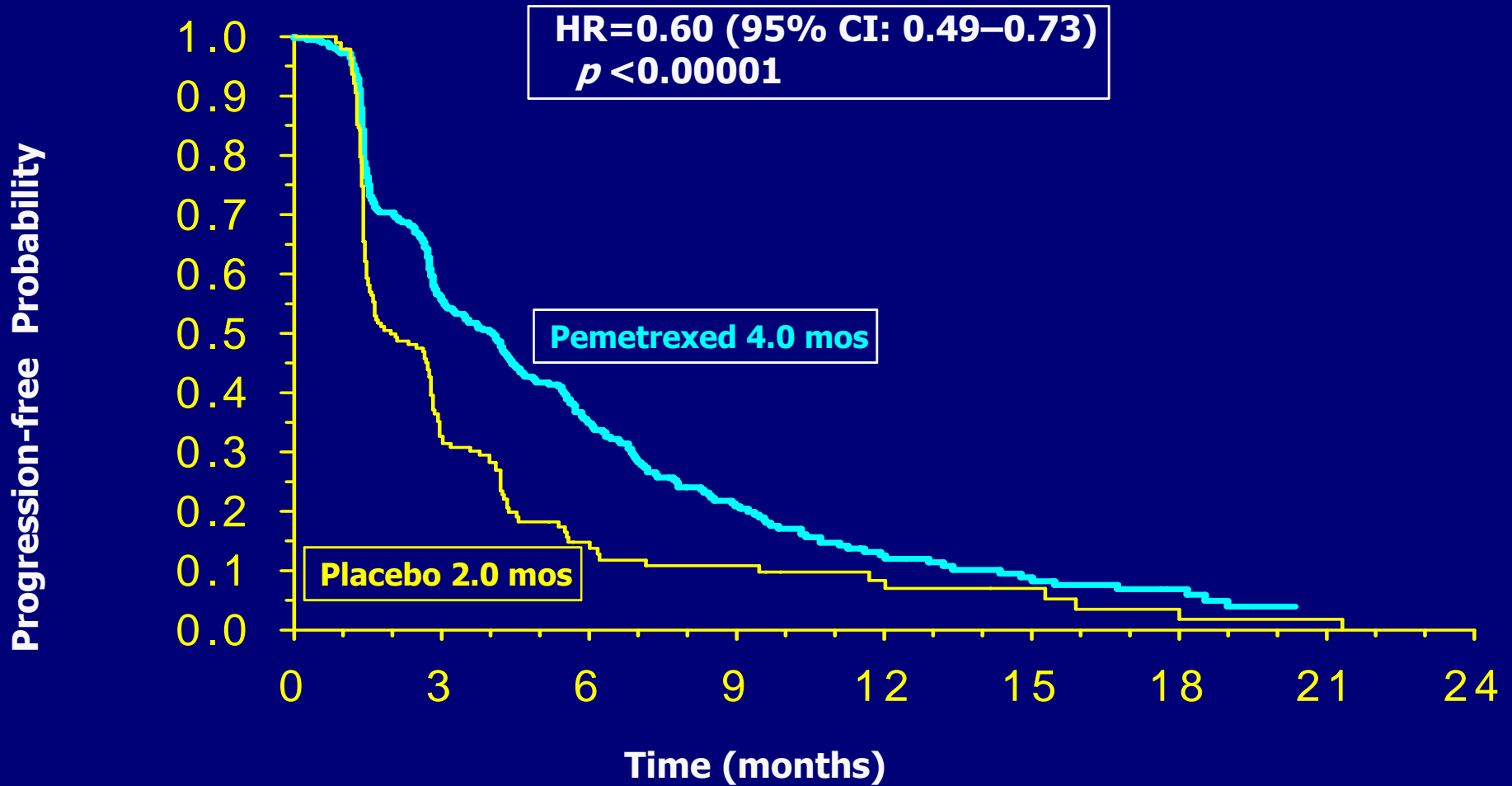
- gender
- PS
- stage
- best tumor response to induction
- non-platinum induction drug
- brain mets



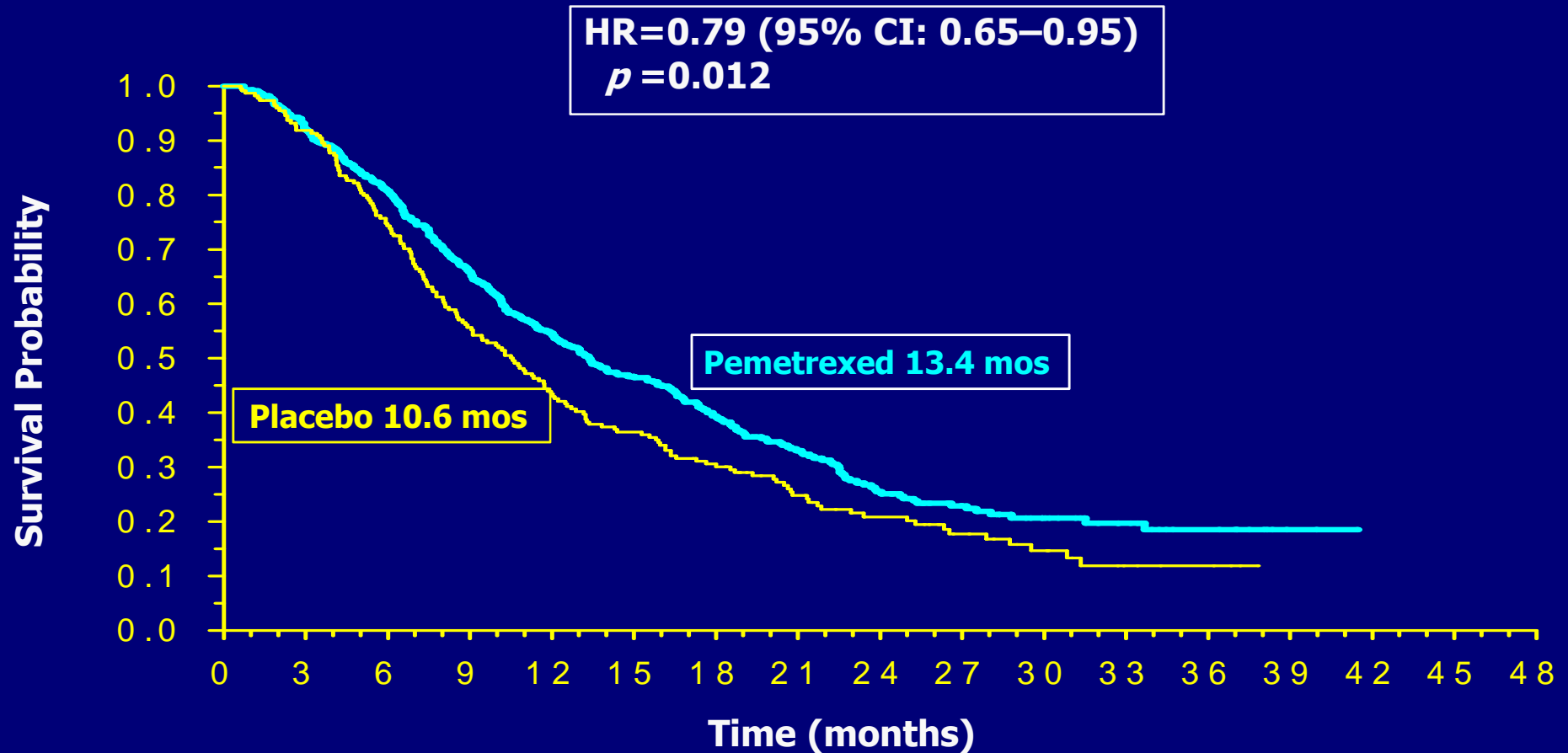
*B₁₂, folate, and dexamethasone given in both arms

Ciuleanu. *ASCO*. 2008 (abstr 8011)

Progression-free Survival



Overall Survival (Intent-to-treat Population)

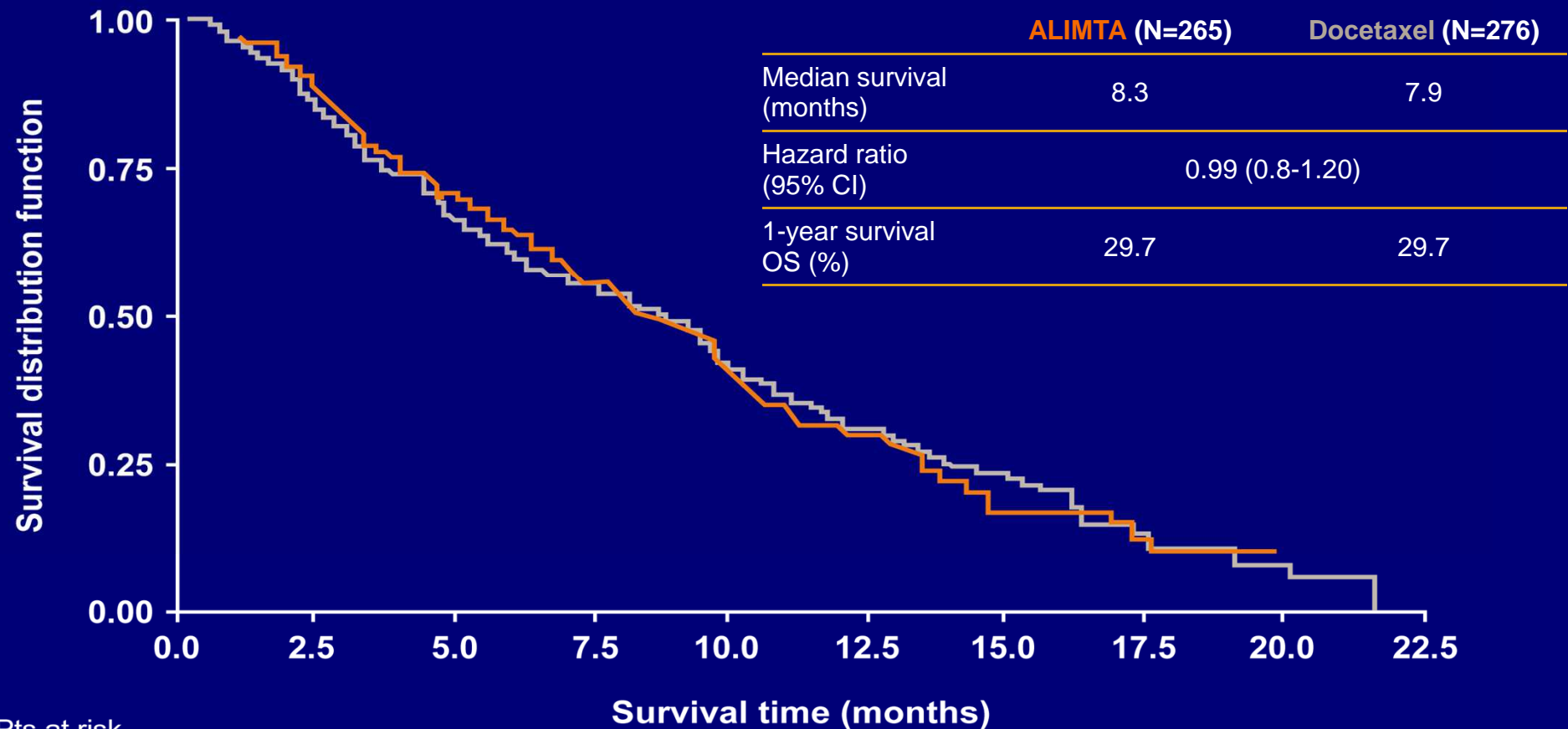


Efficacy by Histologic Groups

Histology Groups	Median OS, mos			Median PFS, mos		
	Pem	Plac	P-value (HR)	Pem	Plac	P-value (HR)
Non-squamous (n=481)	15.5	10.3	0.002 (0.70)	4.4	1.8	<0.00001 (0.47)
Adeno (n=329)	16.8	11.5	0.026 (0.73)	4.6	2.7	<0.00001 (0.51)
Large cell (n=20)	8.4	7.9	0.964 (0.98)	4.5	1.5	0.104 (0.40)
Other (n=133)	11.3	7.7	0.025 (0.61)	4.1	1.6	0.0002 (0.44)
Squamous (n=182)	9.9	10.8	0.678 (1.07)	2.4	2.5	0.896 (1.03)

There was a statistically significant treatment-by-histology interaction with both PFS ($P=0.036$) and OS ($P=0.033$).

Survival with ALIMTA is comparable to docetaxel for second-line treatment of advanced NSCLC

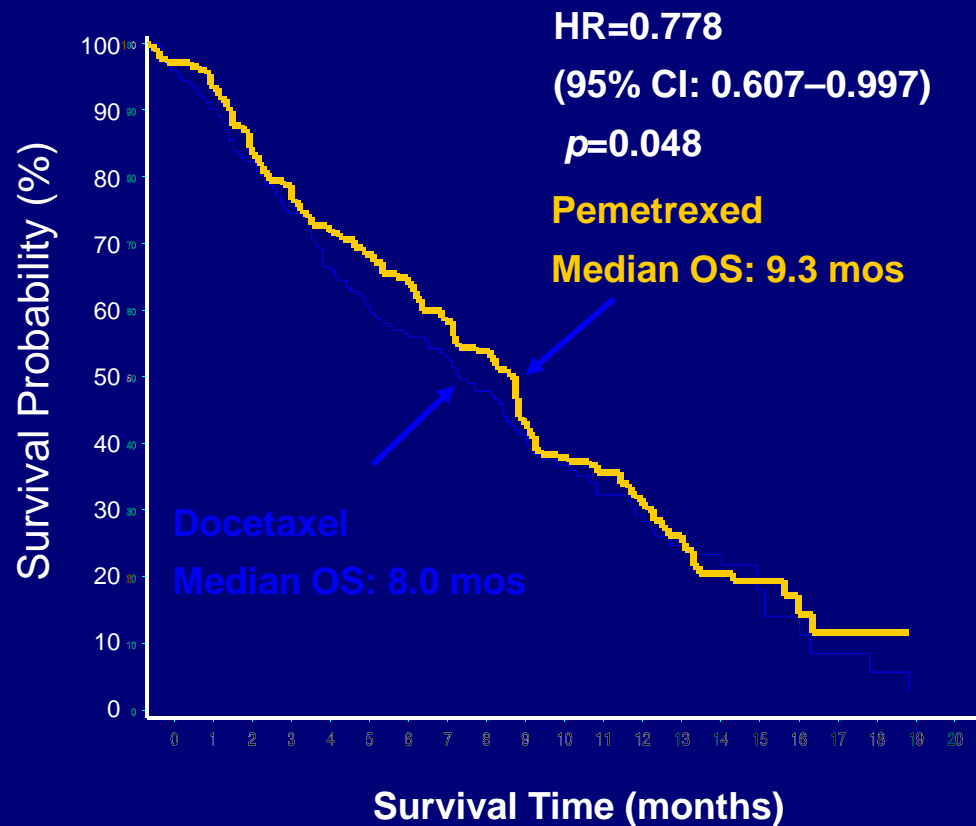


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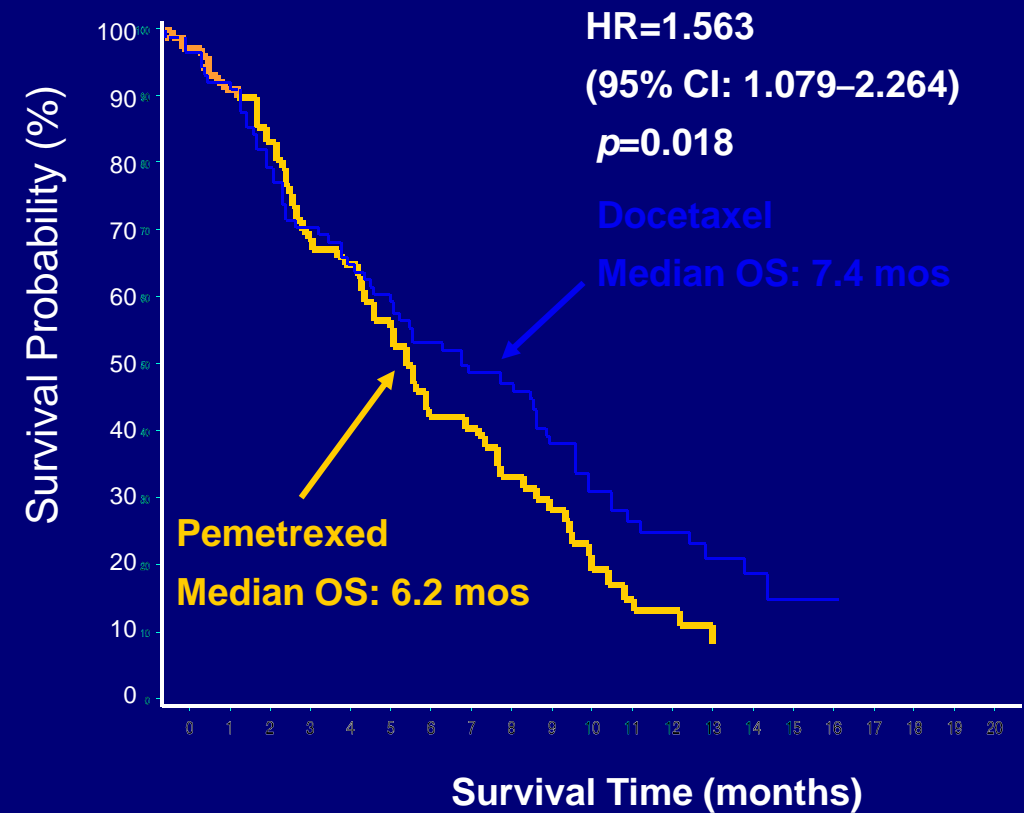
ALIMTA	283	189	78	16	0
Docetaxel	288	177	78	19	1

JMEI: Retrospective Analysis of Histology and Survival

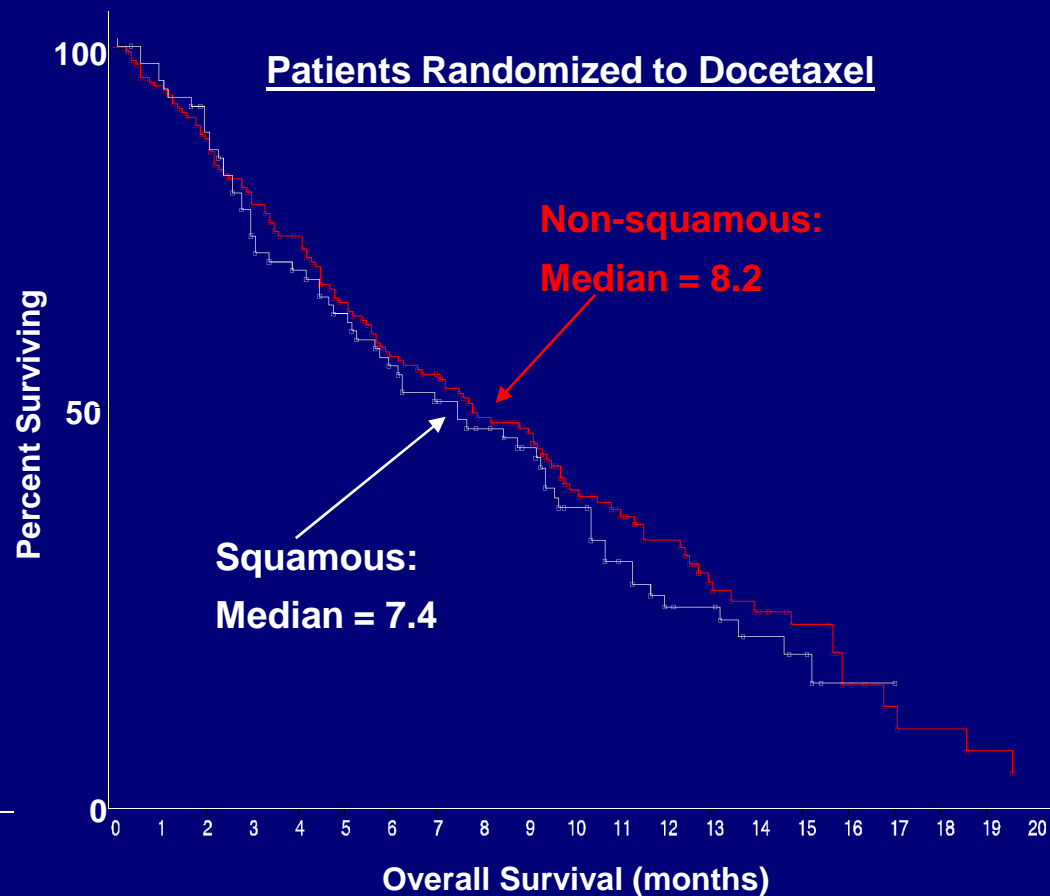
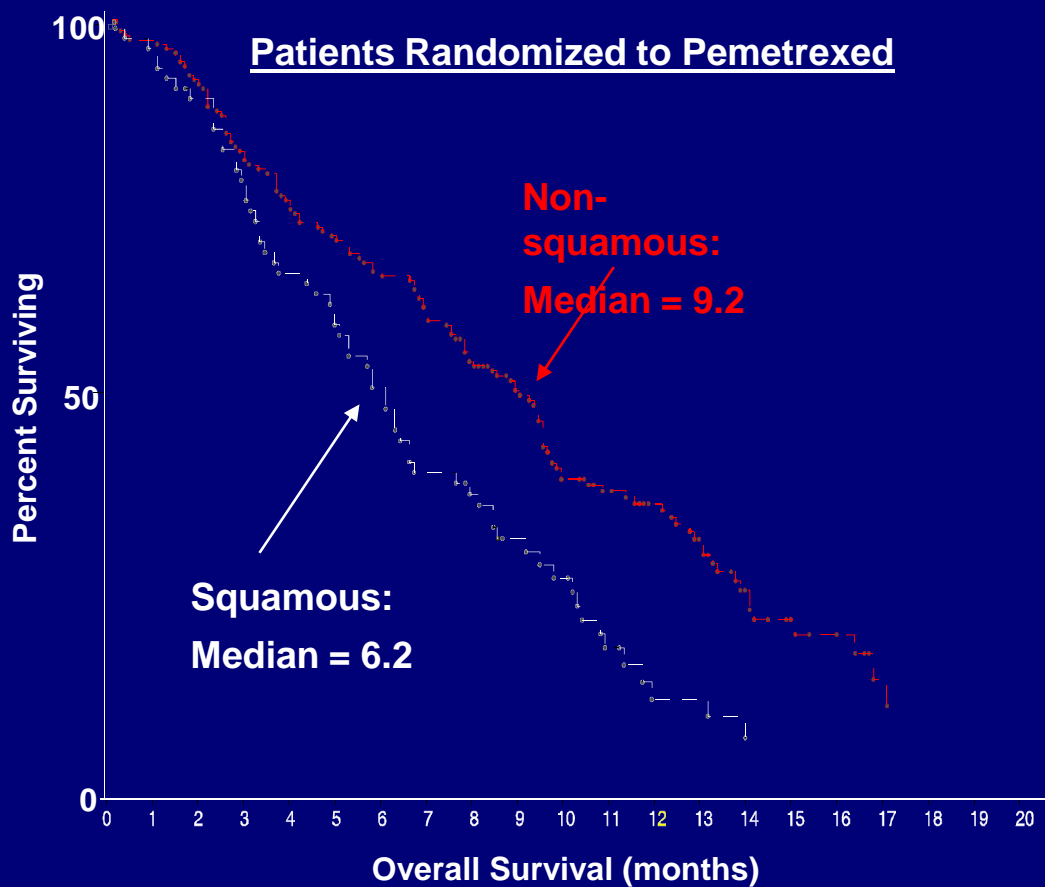
Nonsquamous* (n=399)



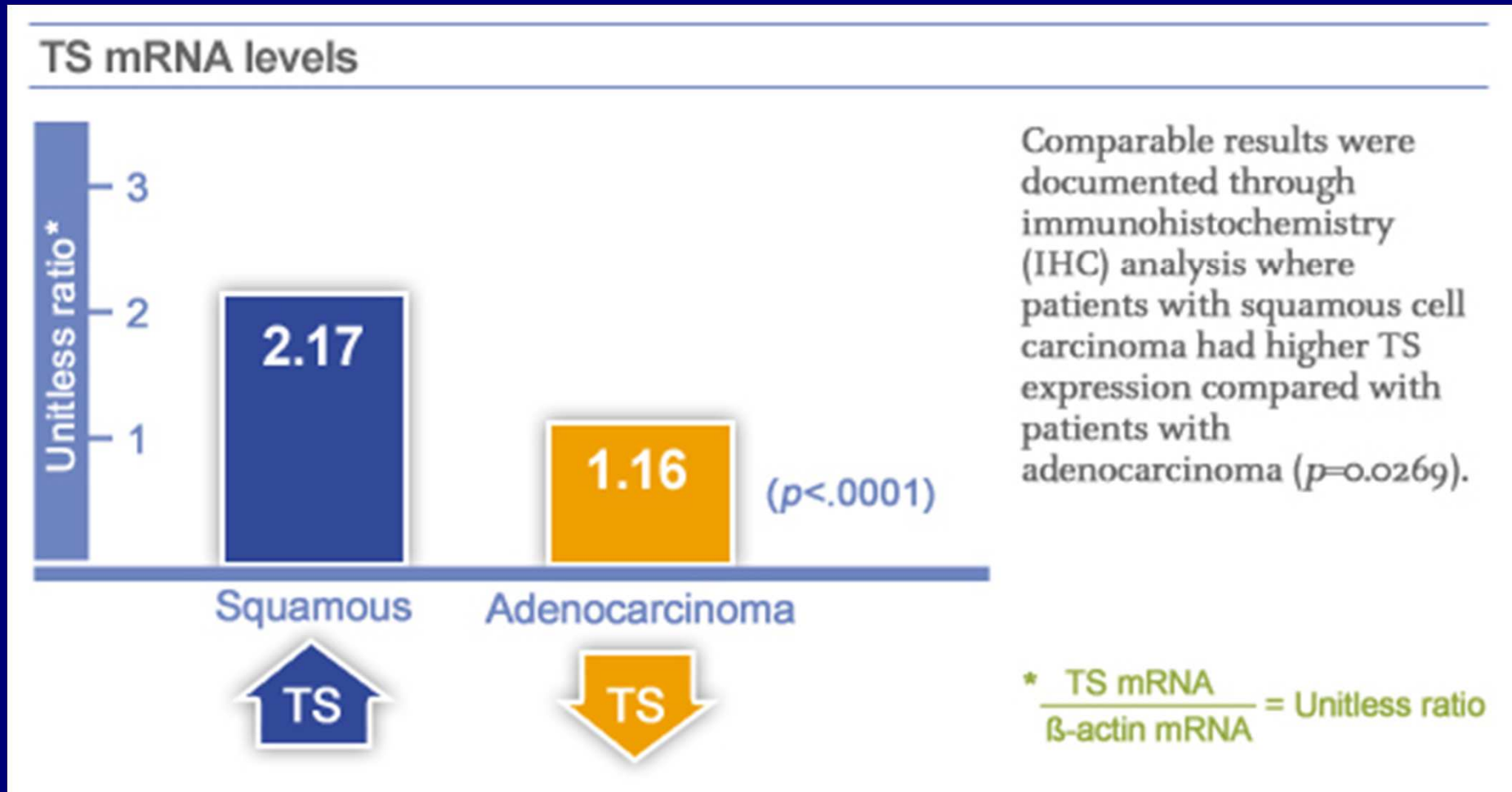
Squamous (n=172)



NSCLC: Pemetrexed is more effective in patients with non-squamous tumors



TS gene expression level is higher in Squamous NSCLC



TS: Thymidylate Synthase

Ceppi P et al. *Cancer* .2006;107:1589-1596.

Treatment selection based on clinical parameters

Pathology

Gender

Smoking status

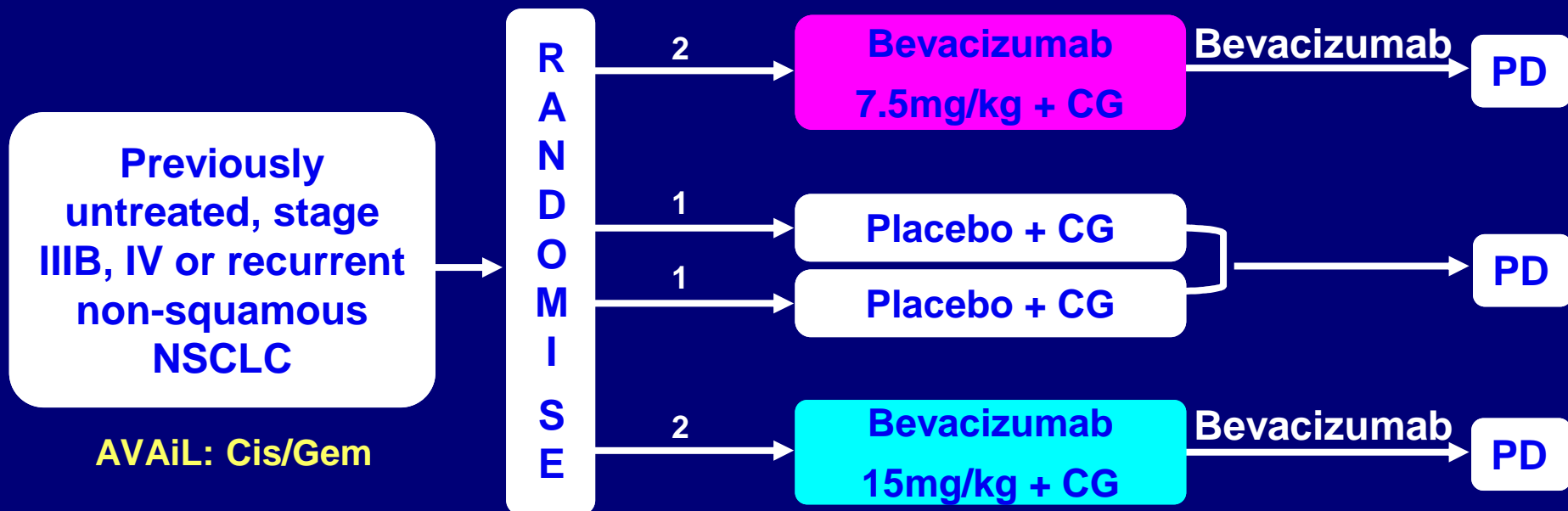
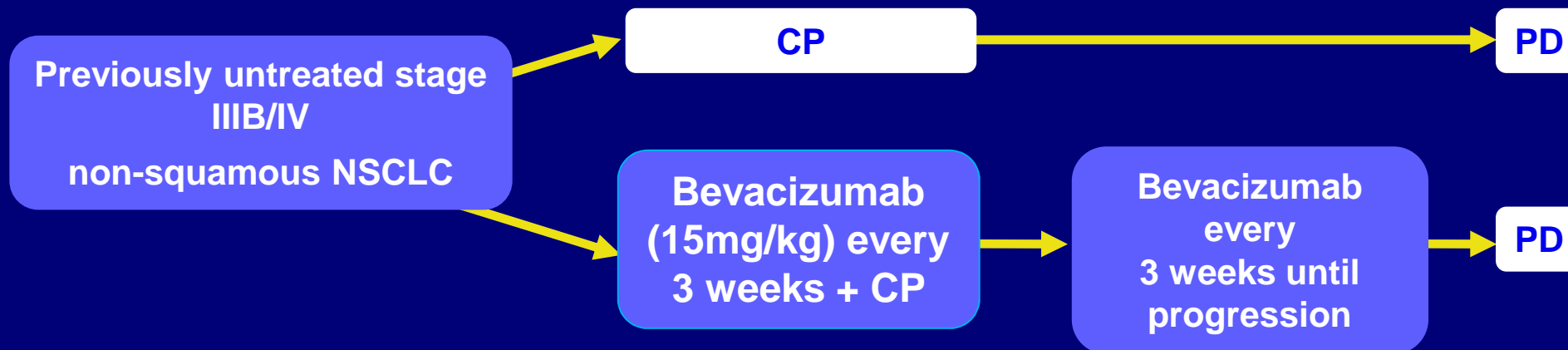
Performance status

Age

Response/reaction to therapy

NSCLC: Bevacizumab following Standard Triplet CT

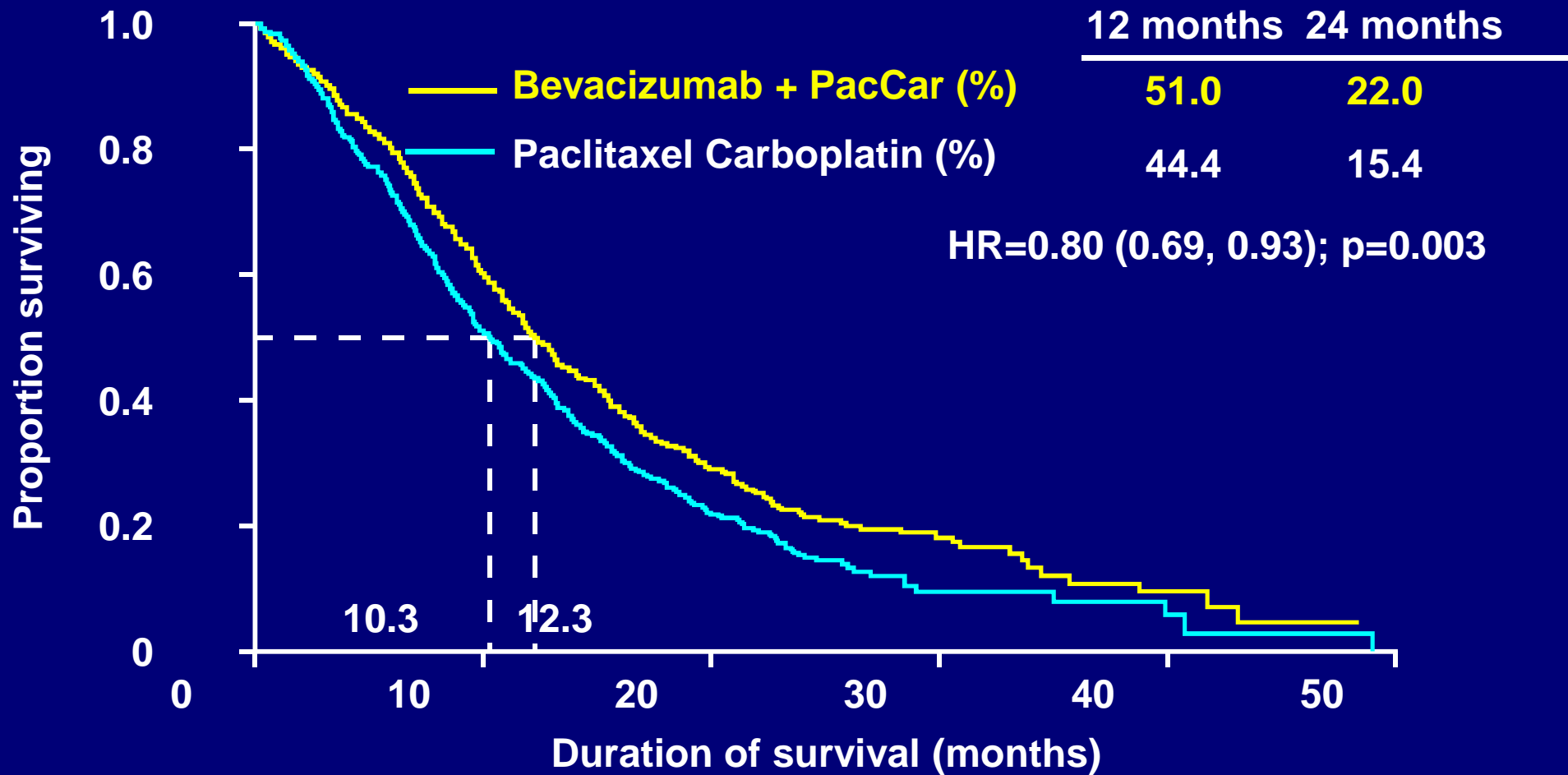
ECOG 4599: Carbo/Paclitaxel



Histology as a predictive factor – VEGF

- Histology may also be useful in defining patient population based on safety
- Phase-2 trial of an anti-VEGF agent in 67 patients
 - Similar efficacy in squamous and adeno groups
 - Life threatening pulmonary haemorrhages in 6 patients
 - 4/13 patients (31%) had squamous carcinoma
 - 2/54 patients (4%) had adenocarcinomas
- Squamous cell tumours
 - more frequently centrally located
 - have a greater tendency to cavitate as compared to adenocarcinoma

Present Standard at USA: ECOG 4599 for Non-Squamous Cell Carcinoma



HR = hazard ratio

Sandler NEJM 2006

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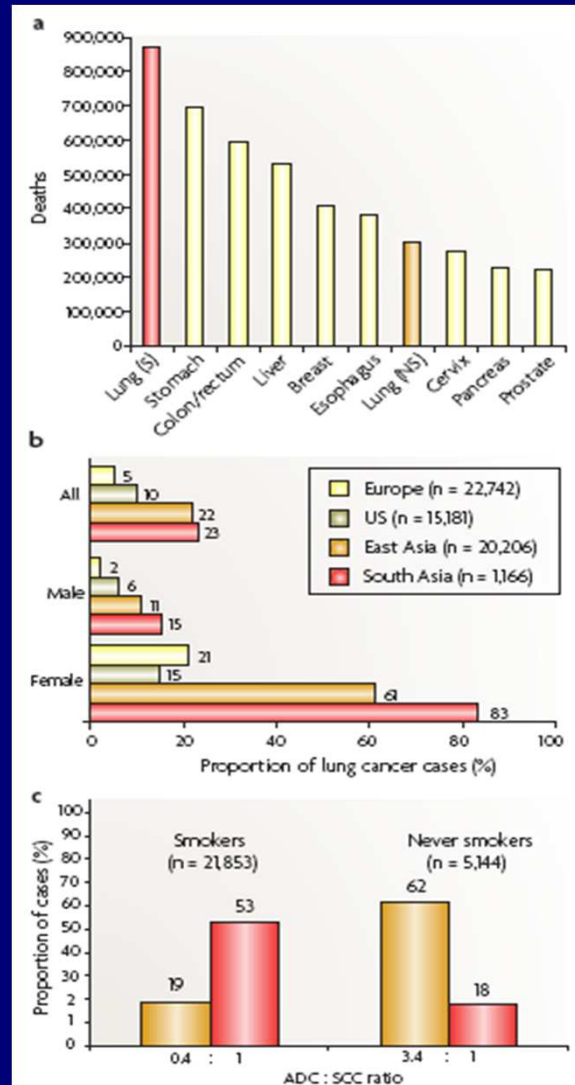
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Lung Cancer in Never Smokers

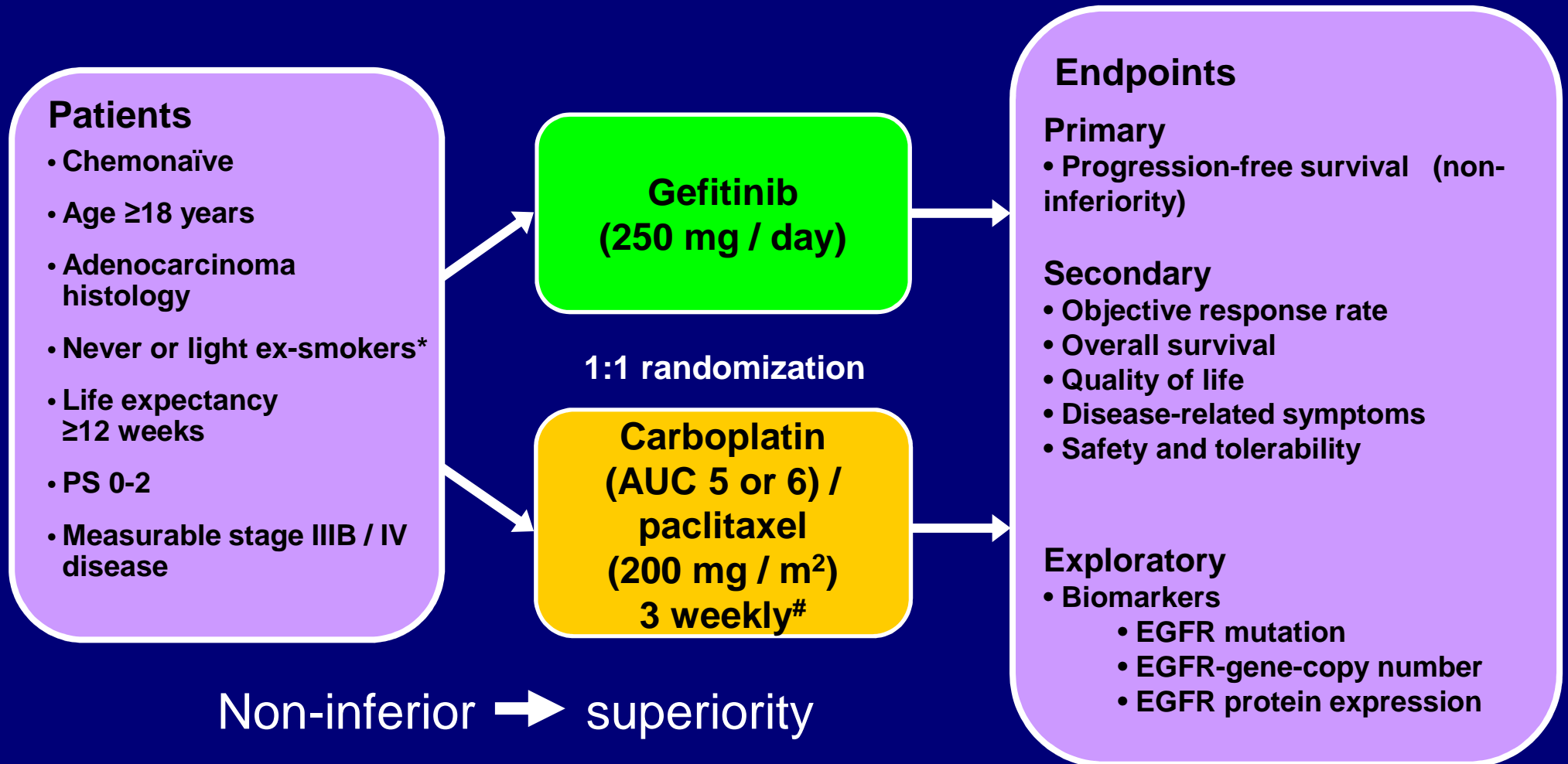
At a glance

- About 25% of lung cancer cases worldwide are not attributable to tobacco smoking. Thus, lung cancer in never smokers is the seventh leading cause of cancer deaths in the world, killing more people every year than pancreatic or prostate cancers.
- Globally, lung cancer in never smokers demonstrates a marked gender bias, occurring more frequently among women. In particular, there is a high proportion of never smokers in Asian women diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Although smoking-related carcinogens act on both proximal and distal airways inducing all the major forms of lung cancer, cancers arising in never smokers target the distal airways and favour adenocarcinoma histology.
- Environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is a relatively weak carcinogen and can only account for a minority of lung cancers arising in never smokers.
- Although multiple risk factors, including environmental, hormonal, genetic and viral factors, have been implicated in the pathogenesis of lung cancer in never smokers, no clear-cut dominant factor has emerged that can explain the relatively high incidence of lung cancer in never smokers and the marked geographic differences in gender proportions.
- Molecular epidemiology studies, in particular of the *TP53*, *KRAS* and epidermal growth factor receptor (*EGFR*) genes, demonstrate strikingly different mutation patterns and frequencies between lung cancers in never smokers and smokers.
- There are major clinical differences between lung cancers arising in never smokers and smokers and their response to targeted therapies. Indeed, non-smoking status is the strongest clinical predictor of benefit from the EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitors.
- The above-mentioned facts strongly suggest that lung cancer arising in never smokers is a disease distinct from the more common tobacco-associated forms of lung cancer.
- Further efforts are needed to identify the major cause or causes of lung cancers arising in never smokers before successful strategies for prevention, early diagnosis and novel therapies can be implemented.

Lung Cancer in Never Smokers



iPASS - Study design



*Never smokers, <100 cigarettes in lifetime; light ex-smokers, stopped ≥ 15 years ago and smoked ≤ 10 pack years; [#]limited to a maximum of 6 cycles

Carboplatin / paclitaxel was offered to gefitinib patients upon progression

PS, performance status; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor

IPASS: Demography (ITT population)

	Gefitinib, % (N=609)	Carboplatin / paclitaxel, % (N=608)
Age <65 years	73	74
Median age (range), years	57 (24-84)	57 (25-84)
Female ^a	79	79
WHO PS 0 / 1 / 2 ^a	26 / 64 / 10	26 / 63 / 11
Never smoker ^a	94	94
Light ex-smoker ^a	6	6
Mean smoking duration, years	11.5 (N=38)	14.5 (N=39)
Mean time since cessation, years	24.6 (N=38)	23.4 (N=39)
Metastatic disease	75	76
Time since diagnosis: <6 months	96	94
Chinese ethnicity ^b	52	50
Japanese ethnicity ^b	19	20

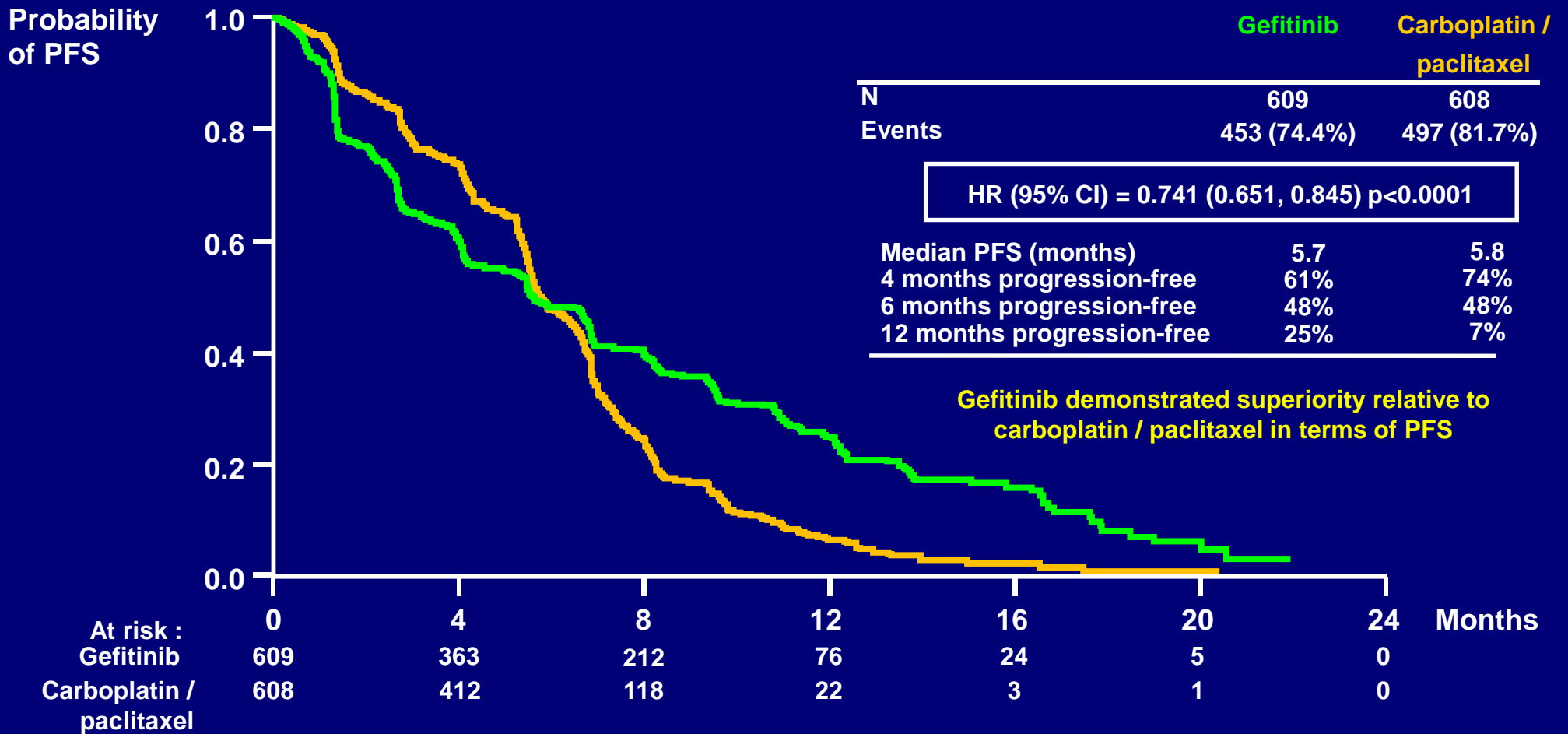
WHO, World Health Organization

^a1 of the 3 stratification factors

^bnot the same as country of residence

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Progression-free survival in ITT population



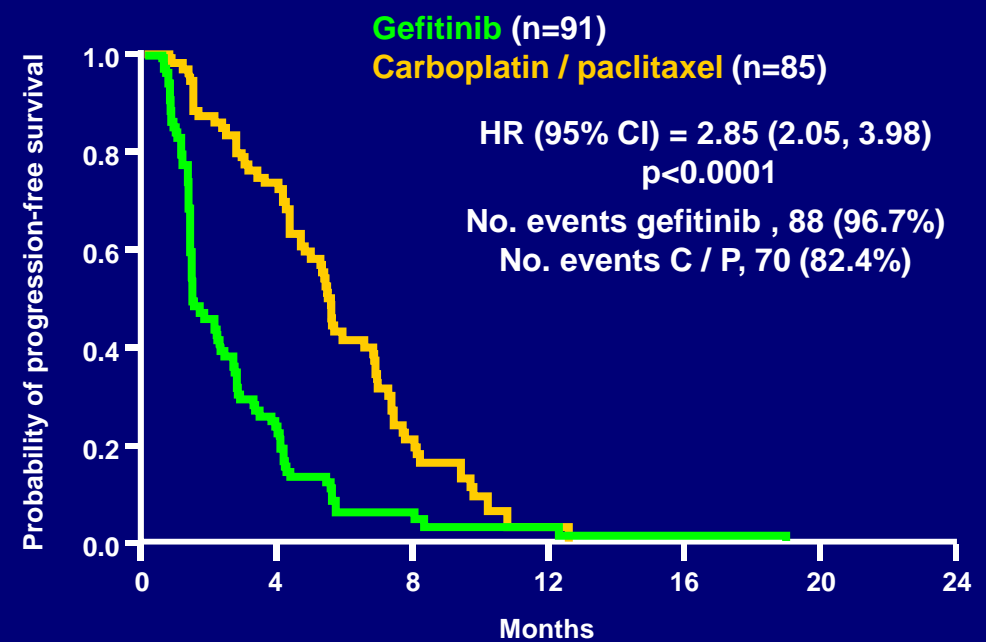
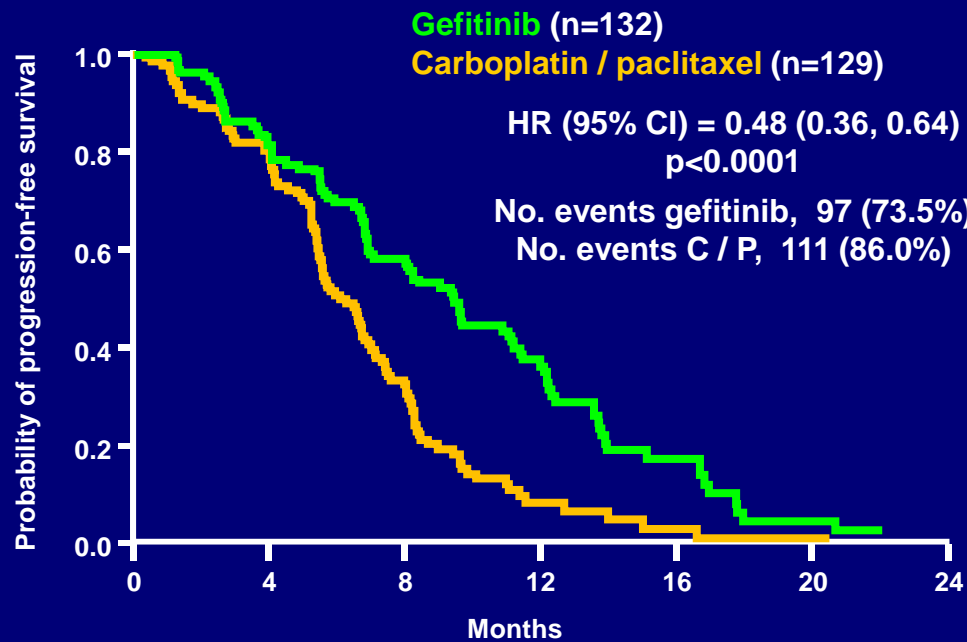
Primary Cox analysis with covariates
 HR <1 implies a lower risk of progression on gefitinib

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Progression-free survival in EGFR mutation positive and negative patients

EGFR mutation positive

EGFR mutation negative



At risk :

Gefitinib	132	108	71	31	11	3	0
C / P	129	103	37	7	2	1	0

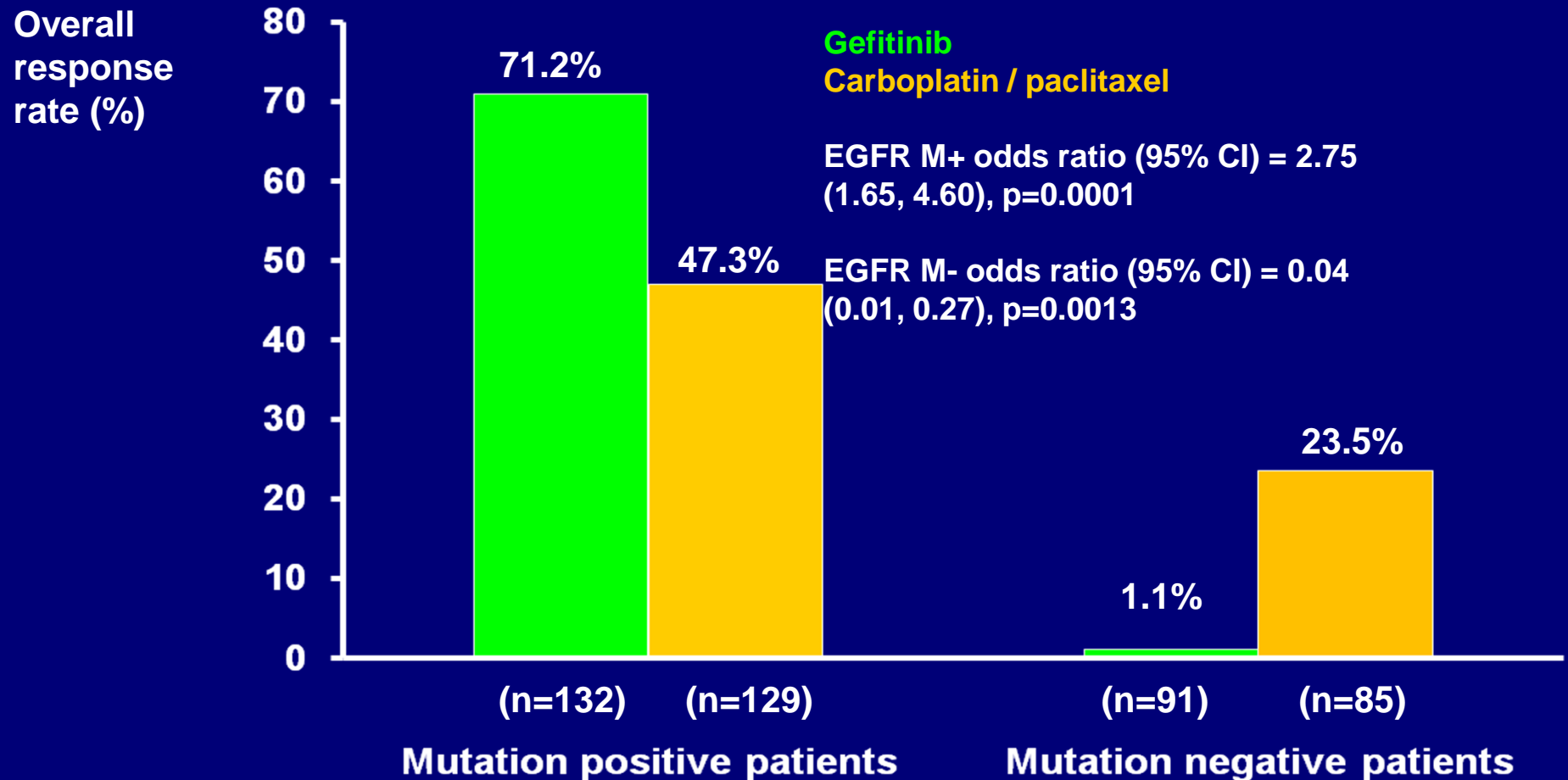
91	21	4	2	1	0	0
85	58	14	1	0	0	0

Treatment by subgroup interaction test, p < 0.0001

ITT population
 Cox analysis with covariates

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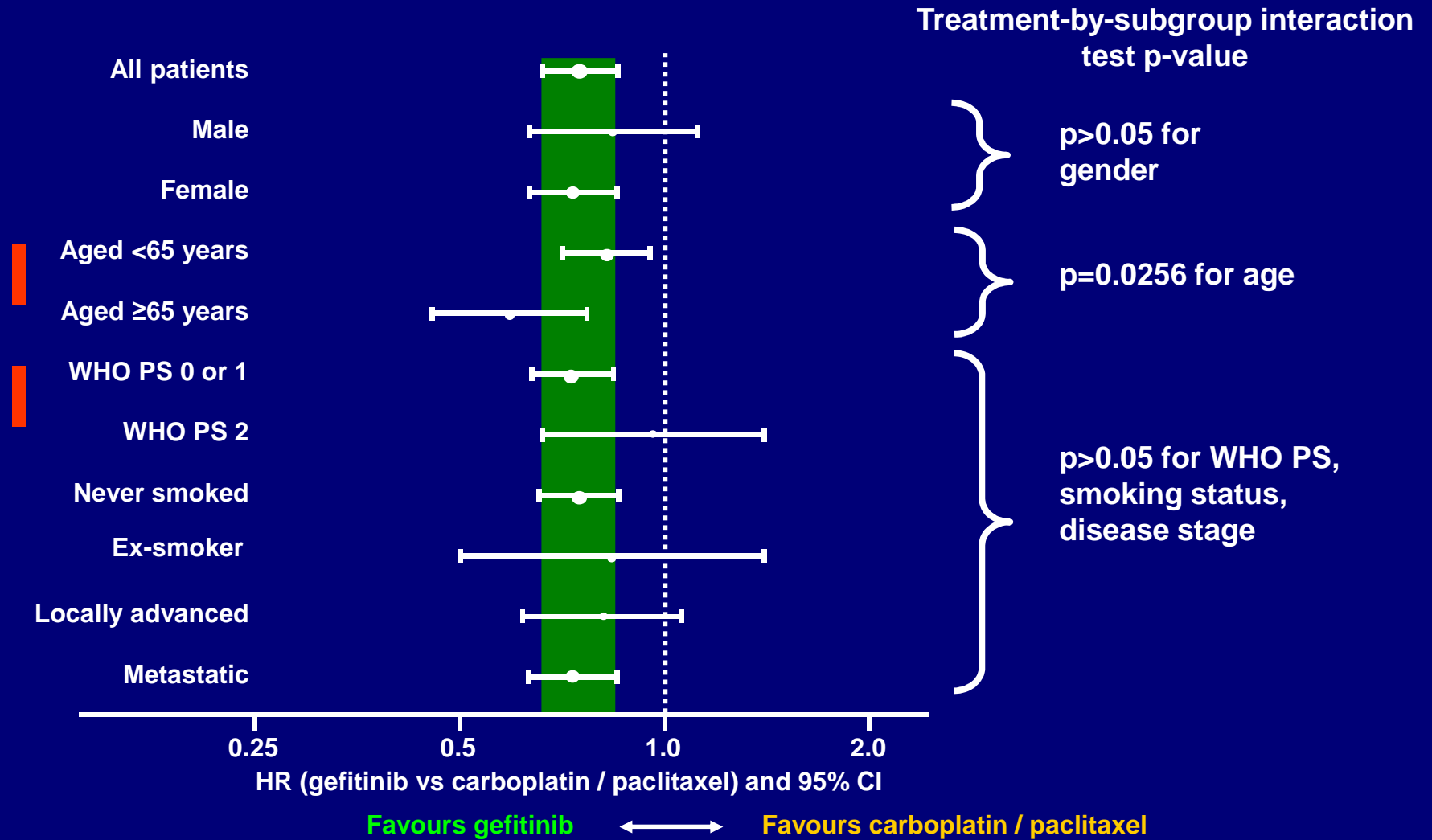
Objective response rate in EGFR mutation positive and negative patients



Odds ratio >1 implies greater chance of response on gefitinib

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PFS: Gefitinib vs. Paclitaxel/carbo in iPASS



Cox analysis with covariates

Green band is the 95% CI for the HR for "all patients"

Treatment selection based on clinical parameters

Pathology

Gender

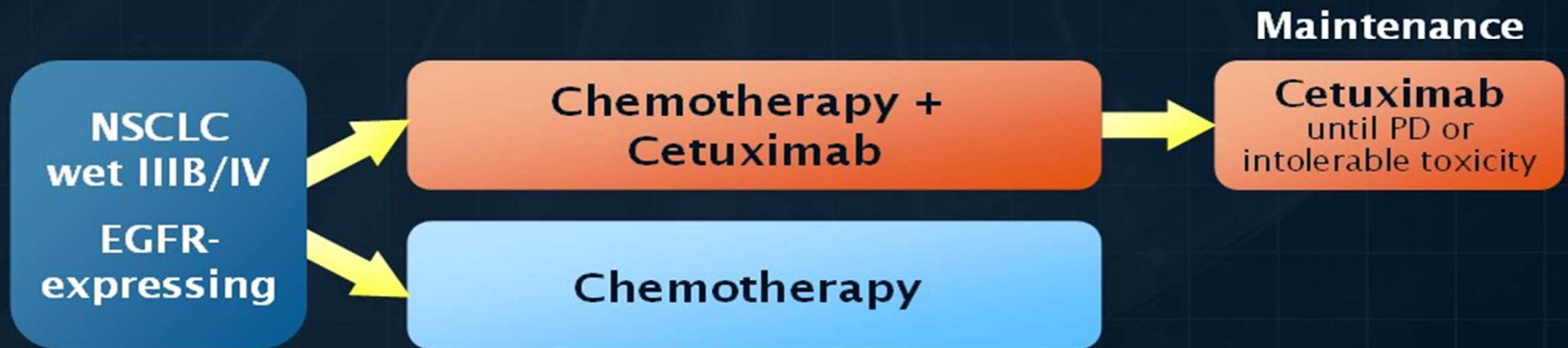
Smoking status

Performance status

Age

Response/reaction to therapy

FLEX Study design



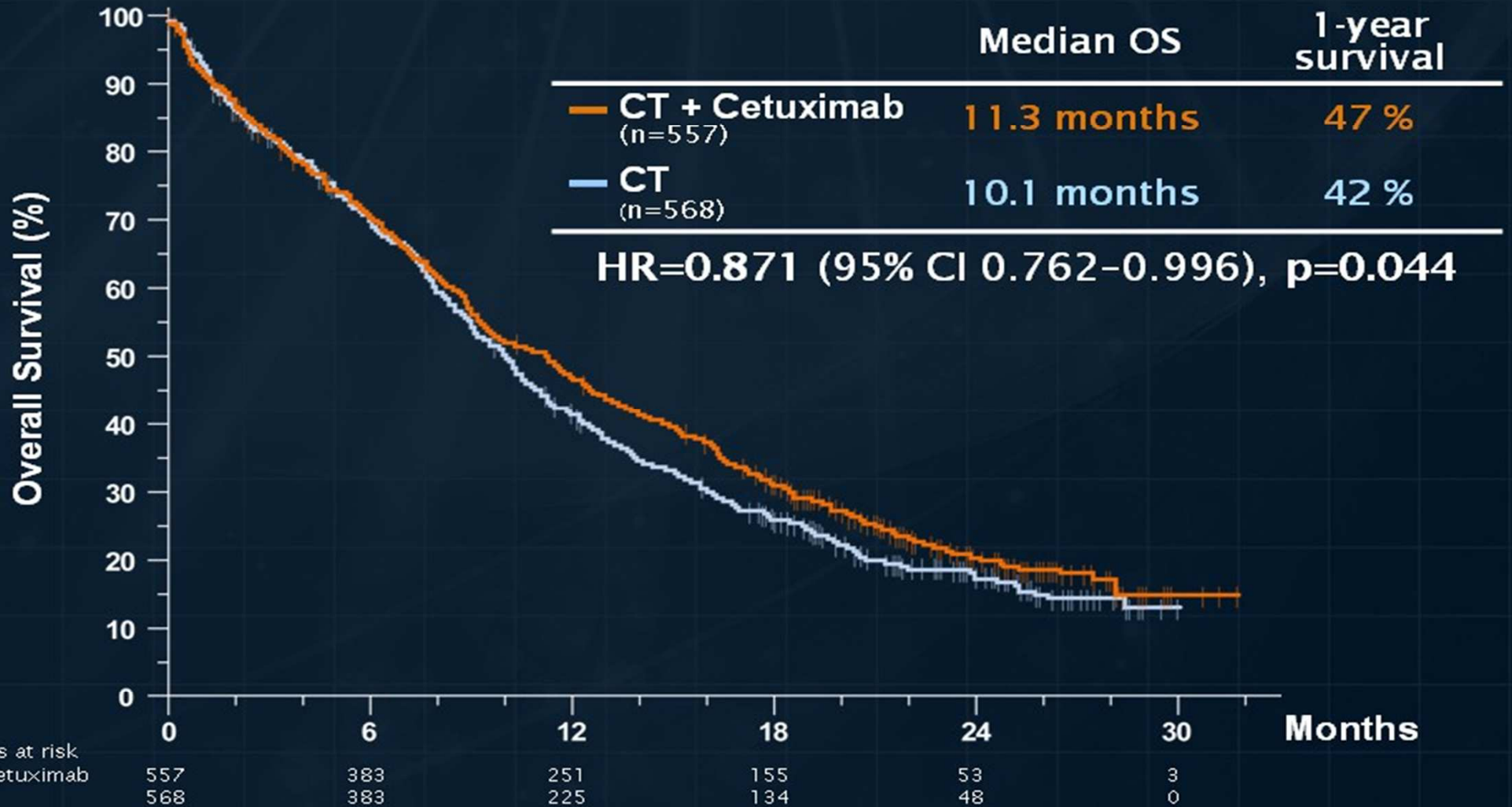
Chemotherapy (CT)

Cisplatin 80 mg/m² day 1
Vinorelbine 25 (30) mg/m² days 1, 8
Every 3 weeks, up to 6 cycles

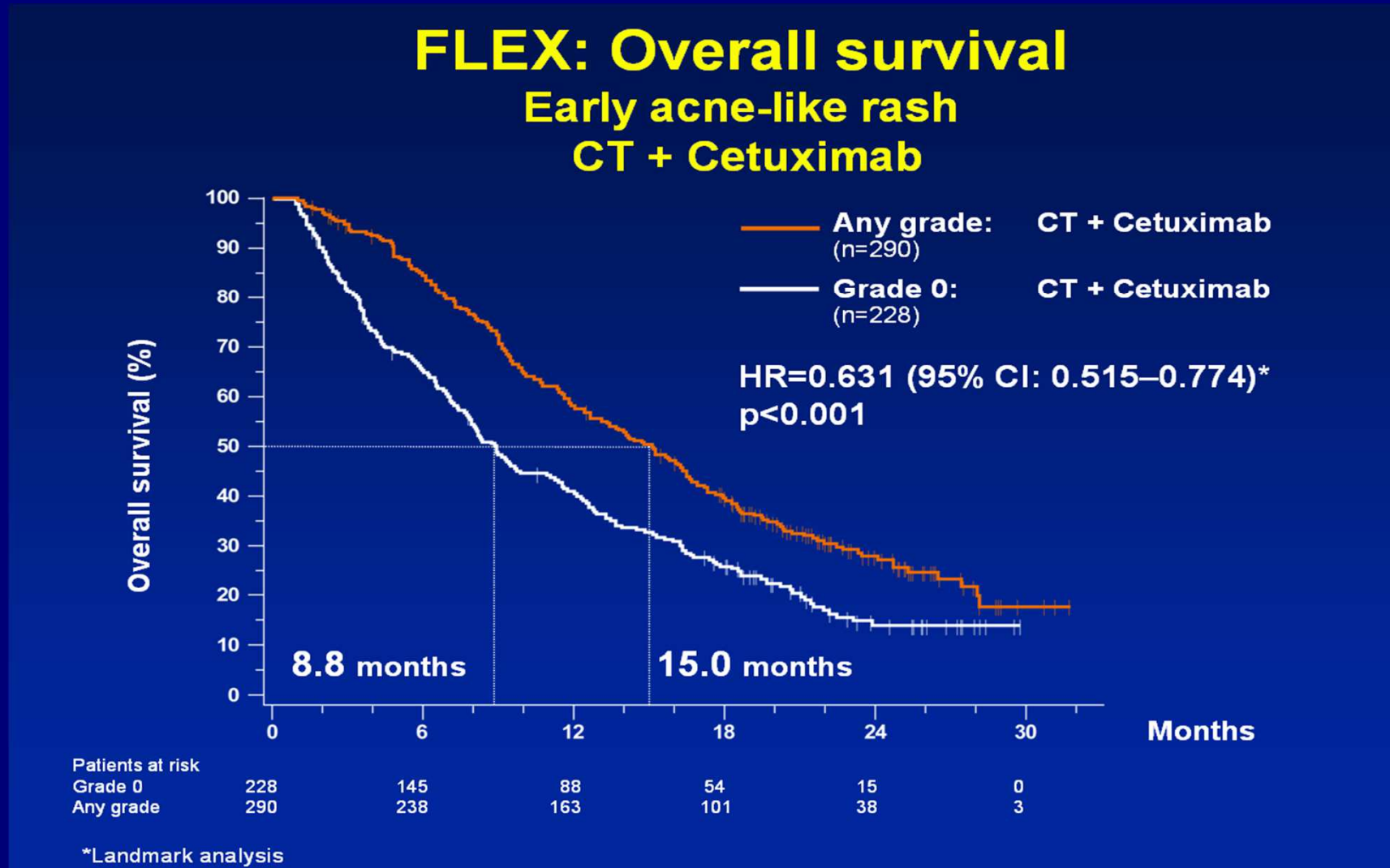
Cetuximab

initial dose 400 mg/m²
then 250 mg/m² weekly

FLEX Overall survival



FLEX: Overall survival and early acne-like rash



Conclusions

- Need to individualize treatment for patients based on clinical characteristics and biomarkers
- Clinical parameters may be surrogate markers for target biomarkers
- Clinical parameters are still useful in most part of the world when biomarker analysis are not available
- The clinical applications of biomarkers need to be proven in well-designed trials