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KEYNOTE-522: Phase 3 Study of Neoadjuvant Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy versus Placebo + Chemotherapy, Followed by Adjuvant Pembrolizumab versus Placebo for Early-Stage Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

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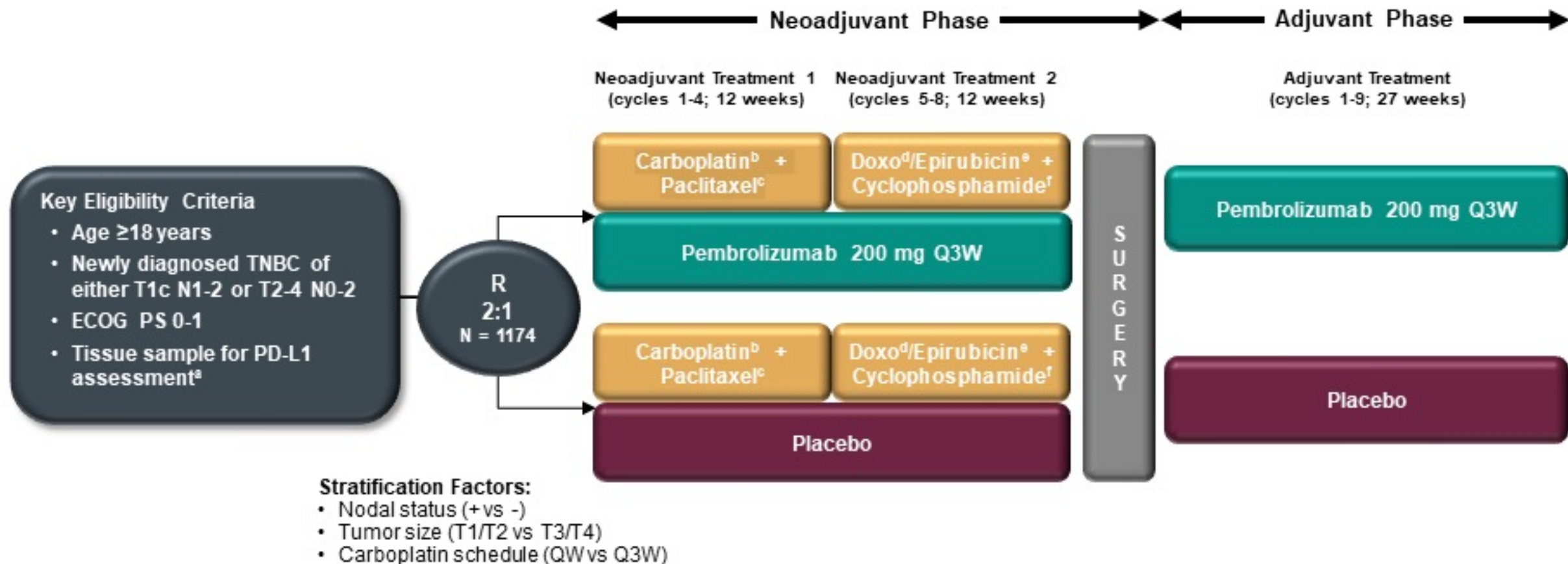
Triple-Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC)

- ◆ TNBC accounts for 15% to 20% of breast cancers^{1,2}
- ◆ At diagnosis
 - Majority of tumors (~70%) are histologically grade 3 and highly proliferative³
 - Majority diagnosed at stage II (43%) or stage III (19%)
- ◆ Associated with early recurrences
- ◆ Neoadjuvant chemotherapy is the current standard-of-care treatment approach for early-stage disease⁴⁻⁸
- ◆ Patients who experience pCR following neoadjuvant chemotherapy have longer EFS and OS; however, increased risk for disease recurrence and death remains⁹
- ◆ High unmet need for novel therapies that can augment effectiveness of chemotherapy
- ◆ Strong rationale for combination of immunotherapy and chemotherapy in TNBC¹⁰

Pembrolizumab in TNBC

- ◆ Pembrolizumab showed antitumor activity and manageable safety in metastatic TNBC, especially the first-line setting¹⁻³
- ◆ Neoadjuvant pembrolizumab + chemotherapy showed manageable safety and antitumor activity in early TNBC in KEYNOTE-173⁴ and I-SPY2⁵
 - Based on these results^{4,5}, pembrolizumab + chemotherapy was granted Breakthrough Therapy Designation by the US FDA for the neoadjuvant treatment of patients with high-risk, early-stage TNBC
- ◆ Prior analyses from KEYNOTE-522⁶ showed that the addition of pembrolizumab to platinum-containing neoadjuvant chemotherapy resulted in a statistically significant improvement in pCR and a favorable trend in EFS

KEYNOTE-522 Study Design (NCT03036488)



Neoadjuvant phase: starts from the first neoadjuvant treatment and ends after definitive surgery (post treatment included)

Adjuvant phase: starts from the first adjuvant treatment and includes radiation therapy as indicated (post treatment included)

^aMust consist of at least 2 separate tumor cores from the primary tumor.

^bCarboplatin dose was AUC 5 Q3W or AUC 1.5 QW.

^cPaclitaxel dose was 80 mg/m² QW.

^dDoxorubicin dose was 60 mg/m² Q3W.

^eEpirubicin dose was 90 mg/m² Q3W.

^fCyclophosphamide dose was 600 mg/m² Q3W.

Study Endpoints

- ◆ Primary Endpoints

- pCR (ypT0/Tis ypN0) assessed by local pathologist in ITT population^a
- Event-free survival (EFS) assessed by investigator in ITT population

- ◆ Secondary Endpoints

- pCR as per alternative definitions (ypT0 ypN0 and ypT0/Tis)^a
- Overall survival (OS)
- pCR^a, EFS and OS^b in the PD-L1–positive population^c
- Safety in all treated patients

- ◆ Exploratory Analyses

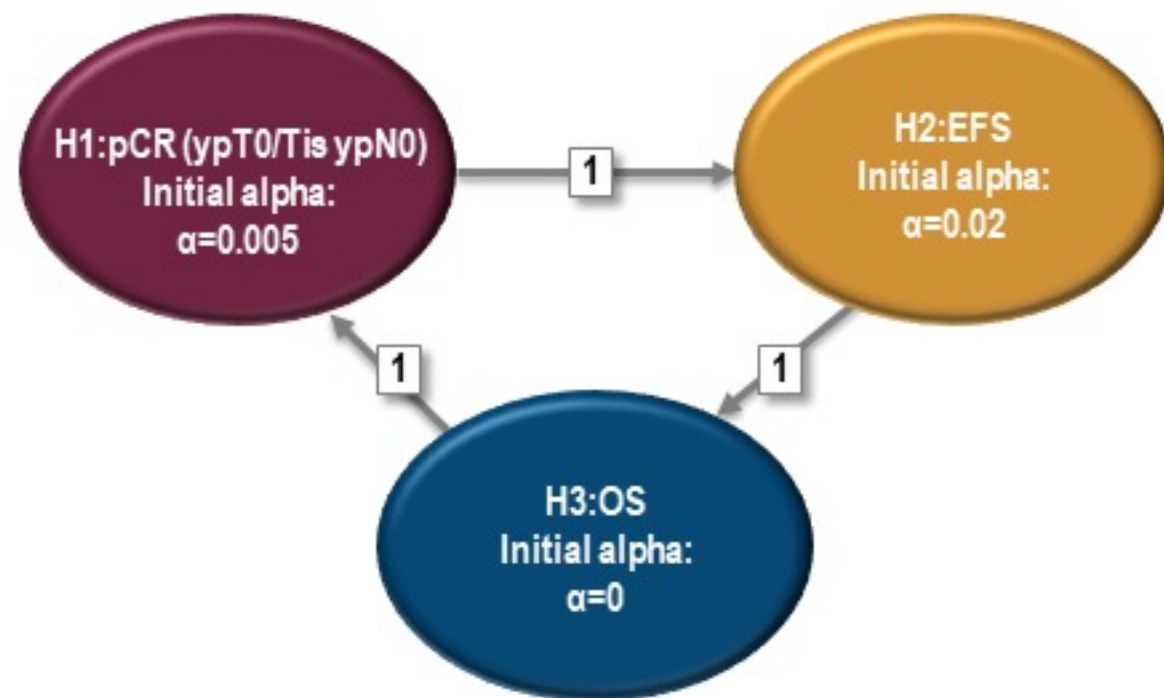
- EFS in patient subgroups
- EFS by pCR (ypT0/Tis ypN0)
- Distant Progression- or Distant Recurrence-Free Survival

^aSubjects without pCR data due to any reason or who received neoadjuvant chemotherapy not specified in the protocol were counted as non-pCR; definitive pCR analysis presented previously. ^bTo be presented later. ^cPD-L1 assessed at a central laboratory using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay and measured using the combined positive score (CPS; number of PD-L1–positive tumor cells, lymphocytes, and macrophages divided by total number of tumor cells x 100); PD-L1–positive = CPS ≥ 1.

Statistical Considerations

- ◆ Primary Hypotheses
 - H1: pCR (ypT0/Tis ypN0)
 - H2: EFS
- ◆ Secondary Hypothesis (only tested when EFS succeeds)
 - H3: overall survival (OS)

- ◆ Multiplicity:



Summary of Analysis Populations

1174 patients randomized 2:1 from Mar 2017 to Sep 2018

Pembrolizumab + Chemotherapy Arm

- 784 allocated
- 778 (99.2%) started Carboplatin/Paclitaxel
- 726 (92.6%) started AC or EC
- 768 (98.0%) had documented surgery^b
- 588 (75.0%) started adjuvant treatment

Analysis Populations

- ITT: N = 784
- Safety-evaluable: N = 783^c

Median (range) follow-up^d: 39.1 mo (30.0-48.0)

Placebo + Chemotherapy Arm

- 390 allocated
- 389 (99.7%) started Carboplatin/Paclitaxel
- 369 (94.6%) started AC or EC
- 381 (97.7%) had documented surgery^b
- 331 (84.9%) started adjuvant treatment

Analysis Populations

- ITT: N = 390
- Safety-evaluable: N = 389^c

Median (range) follow-up^d: 39.1 mo (30.1-47.6)

^aIncludes radiographic and clinical PD. ^bPatients did not have to complete all neoadjuvant therapy to undergo surgery. ^cIncludes all patients who received ≥ 1 dose of study treatment or underwent surgery.

^dDefined as the time from randomization to the data cutoff date of March 23, 2021.

Baseline Characteristics, ITT Population

Characteristic, n (%)	All Subjects, N = 1174	
	Pembro + Chemo N = 784	Pbo + Chemo N = 390
Age, median (range), yrs	49 (22-80)	48 (24-79)
ECOG PS 1	106 (13.5)	49 (12.6)
PD-L1–positive ^a	656 (83.7)	317 (81.3)
Carboplatin schedule		
QW	449 (57.3)	223 (57.2)
Q3W	335 (42.7)	167 (42.8)
Tumor size		
T1/T2	580 (74.0)	290 (74.4)
T3/T4	204 (26.0)	100 (25.6)
Nodal involvement		
Positive	405 (51.7)	200 (51.3)
Negative	379 (48.3)	190 (48.7)

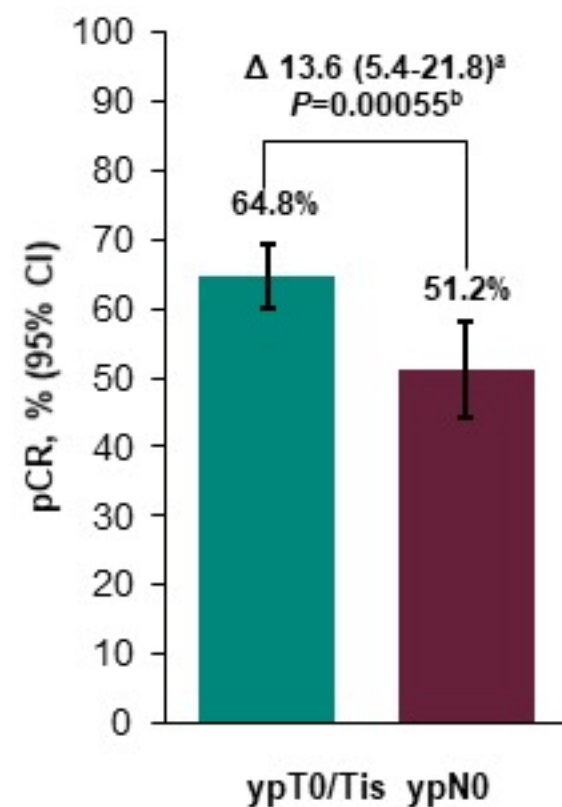
^aPD-L1 assessed at a central laboratory using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay and measured using the combined positive score (CPS; number of PD-L1–positive tumor cells, lymphocytes, and macrophages divided by total number of tumor cells x 100); PD-L1–positive = CPS ≥ 1. Data cutoff date: March 23, 2021.

Prior Analyses of KEYNOTE-522

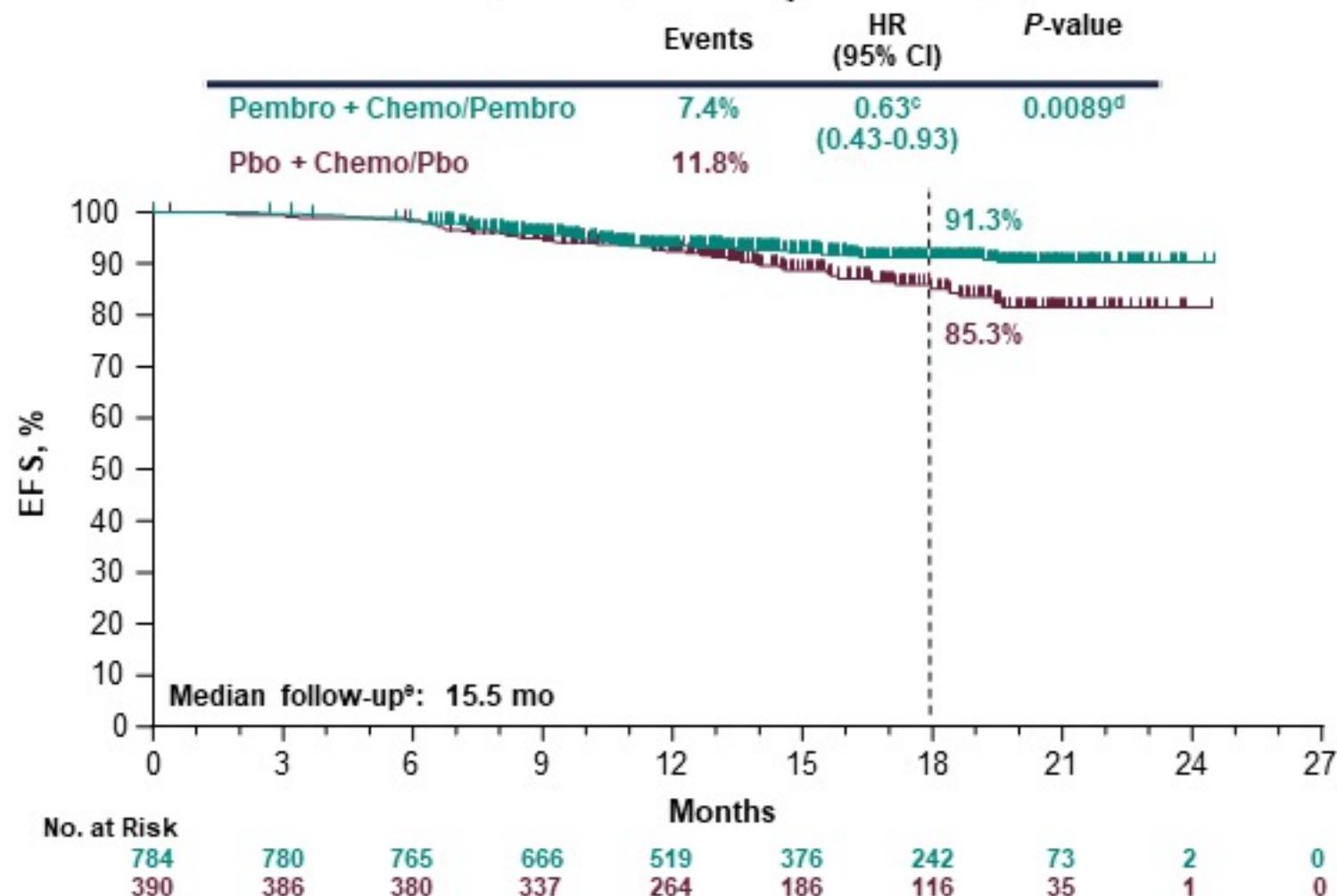
Primary pCR Endpoint at IA1¹

Pembro + Chemo (N = 401)

Pbo + Chemo (N = 201)



First EFS Analysis at IA2¹

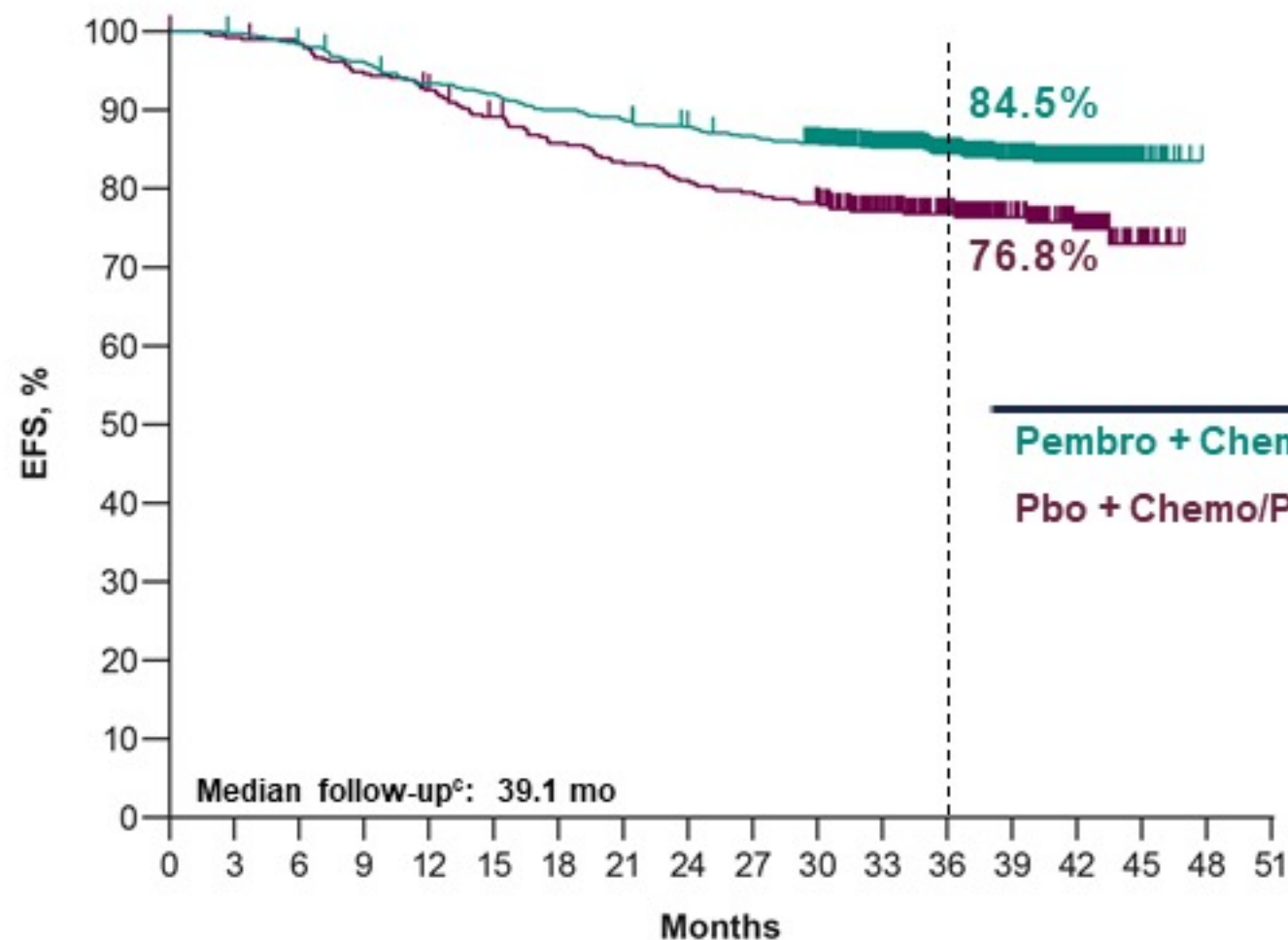


^aEstimated treatment difference based on Miettinen & Nurminen method stratified by randomization stratification factors. ^bPrespecified P-value boundary for significance of 0.003 was crossed; data cutoff date: September 24, 2018.

^cHazard ratio (CI) analyzed based on a Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by the randomization stratification factors. ^dPrespecified P-value boundary for significance of 0.000051 not reached at this analysis.

^eDefined as the time from randomization to the date of death or data cutoff date of April 24, 2019, if the patient was alive. 1. Schmid P, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2020;382:810-21.

Statistically Significant and Clinically Meaningful EFS at IA4



	Events	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	15.7%	0.63 ^a (0.48-0.82)	0.00031 ^b
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	23.8%		

No. at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	784	781	769	751	728	718	702	692	681	671	652	551	433	303	165	28	0	0
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	390	386	382	368	358	342	328	319	310	304	297	250	195	140	83	17	0	0

^aHazard ratio (CI) analyzed based on a Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by the randomization stratification factors. ^bPrespecified P-value boundary of 0.00517 reached at this analysis.

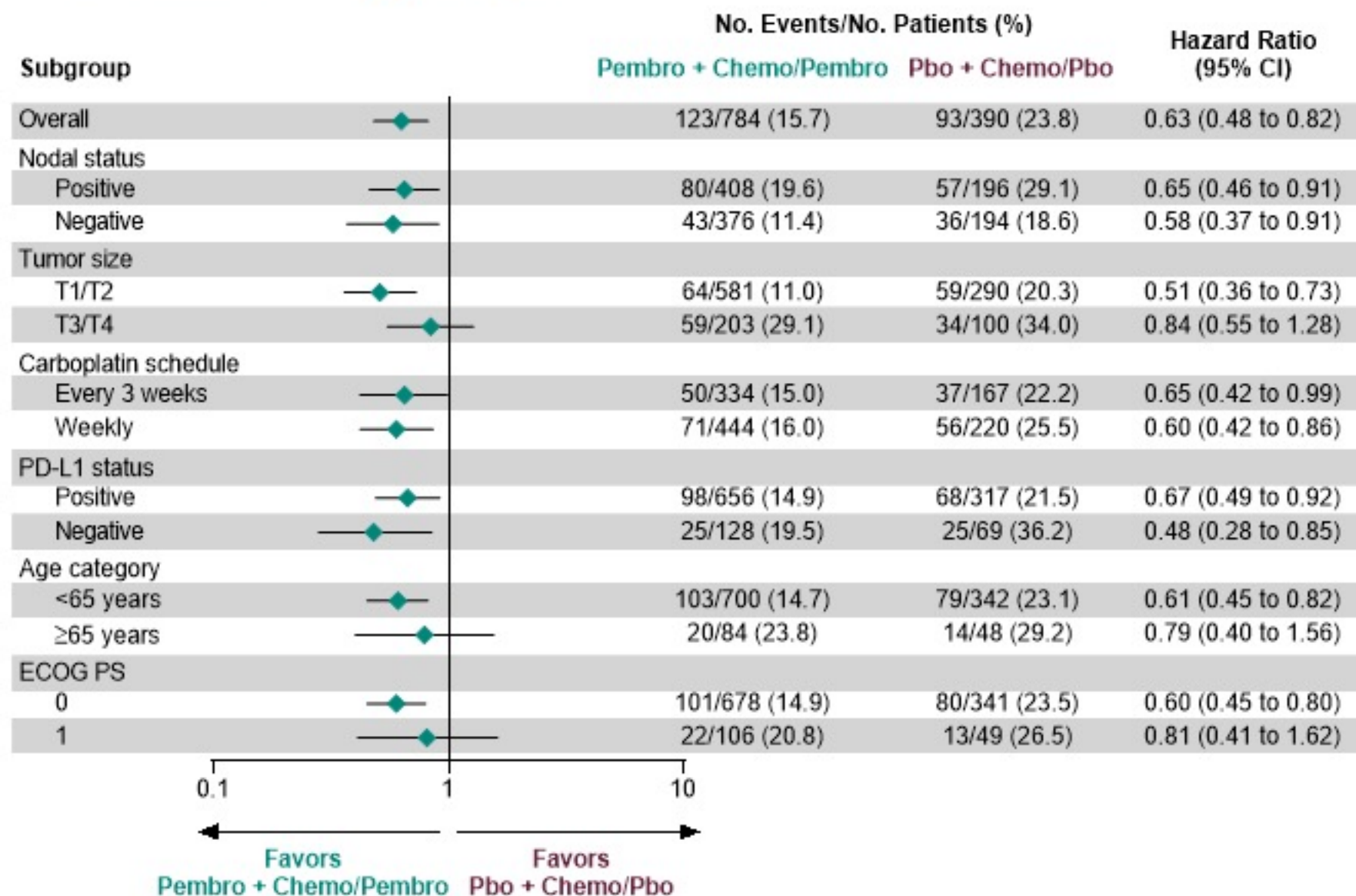
^cDefined as the time from randomization to the data cutoff date of March 23, 2021.

Summary of First EFS Events by Category

Event	All Subjects, N = 1174	
	Pembro + Chemo/Pembro N = 784	Pbo + Chemo/Pbo N = 390
Any EFS event	123 (15.7%)	93 (23.8%)
Progression of disease that precludes definitive surgery	14 (1.8%)	15 (3.8%)
Local recurrence ^a	28 (3.6%)	17 (4.4%)
Distant recurrence	60 (7.7%)	51 (13.1%)
Secondary primary malignancy ^b	6 (0.8%)	4 (1.0%)
Death	15 (1.9%)	6 (1.5%)

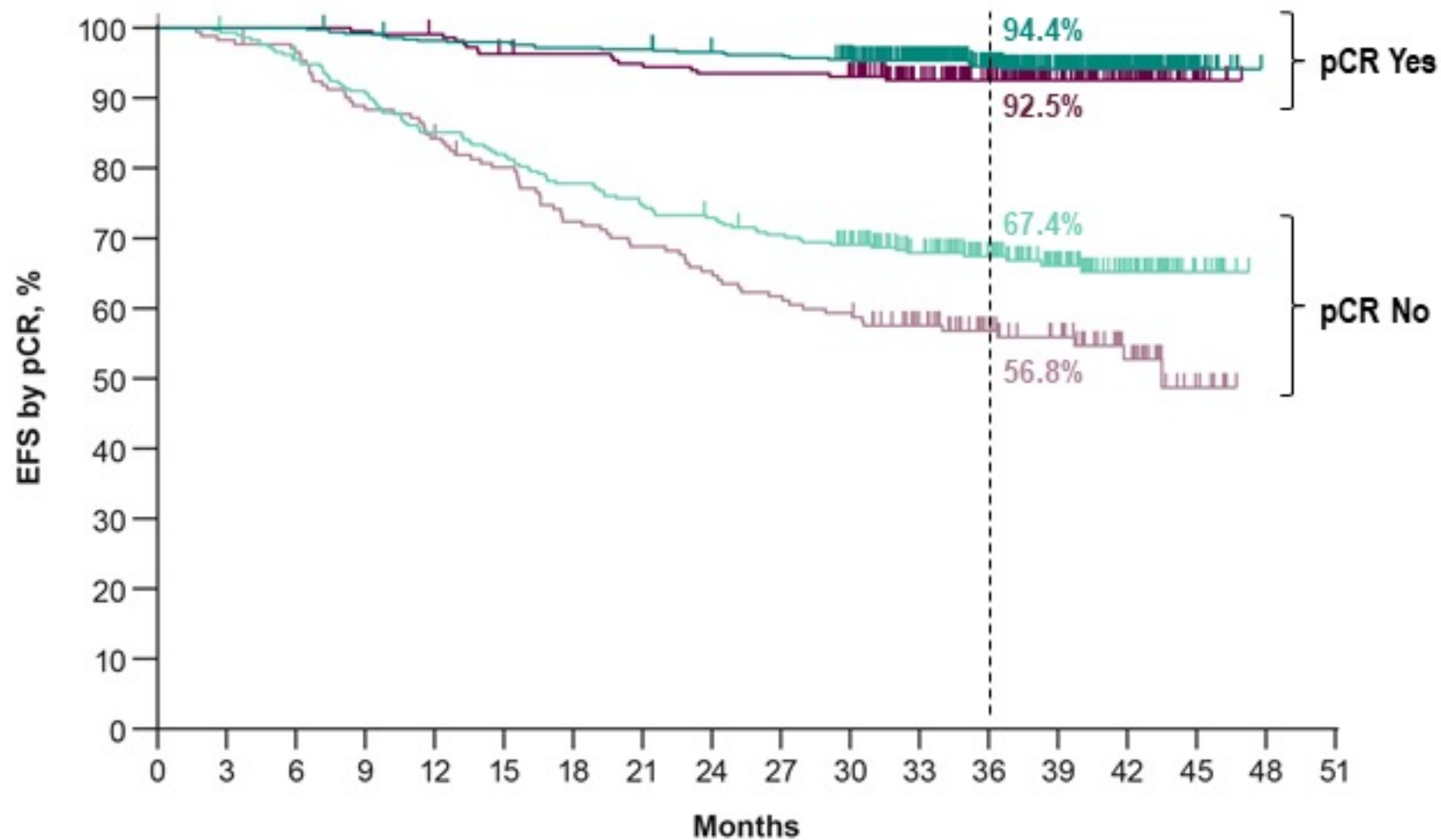
^a13 patients in the pembro group and 9 patients in the pbo group had subsequent distant recurrence. ^bSites include blood, bone marrow, chest wall, colon, endometrium, ovaries, stomach, and tongue.
Data cutoff date: March 23, 2021.

EFS in Patient Subgroups



For overall population and PD-L1 subgroups, analyses based on Cox regression model with Efron's method of tie handling with treatment as a covariate and stratified by nodal status (positive vs negative), tumor size (T1/T2 vs T3/T4), and frequency of carboplatin (once weekly vs once every 3 weeks); for other subgroups, analysis based on unstratified Cox model. Data cutoff date: March 23, 2021.

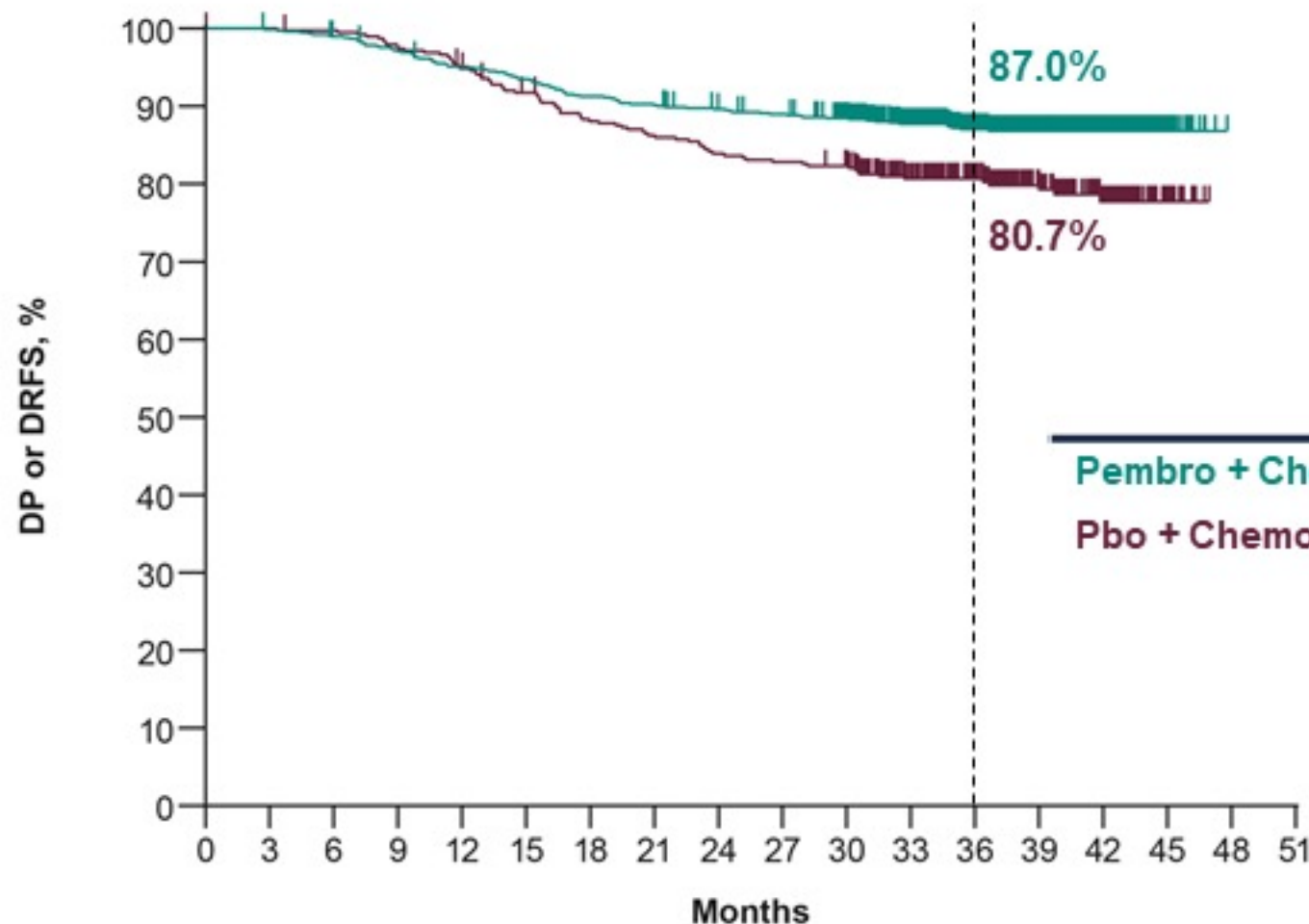
EFS by pCR (ypT0/Tis ypN0)



No. at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro Responder	494	494	494	489	483	482	478	477	472	470	460	387	307	220	122	18	0	0
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo Responder	217	217	217	216	214	207	206	203	200	200	197	165	130	87	56	9	0	0
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro Non-Responder	290	287	275	262	245	236	224	215	209	201	192	164	126	83	43	10	0	0
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo Non-Responder	173	169	165	152	144	135	122	116	110	104	100	85	65	53	27	8	0	0

Distant Progression- or Distant Recurrence-Free Survival



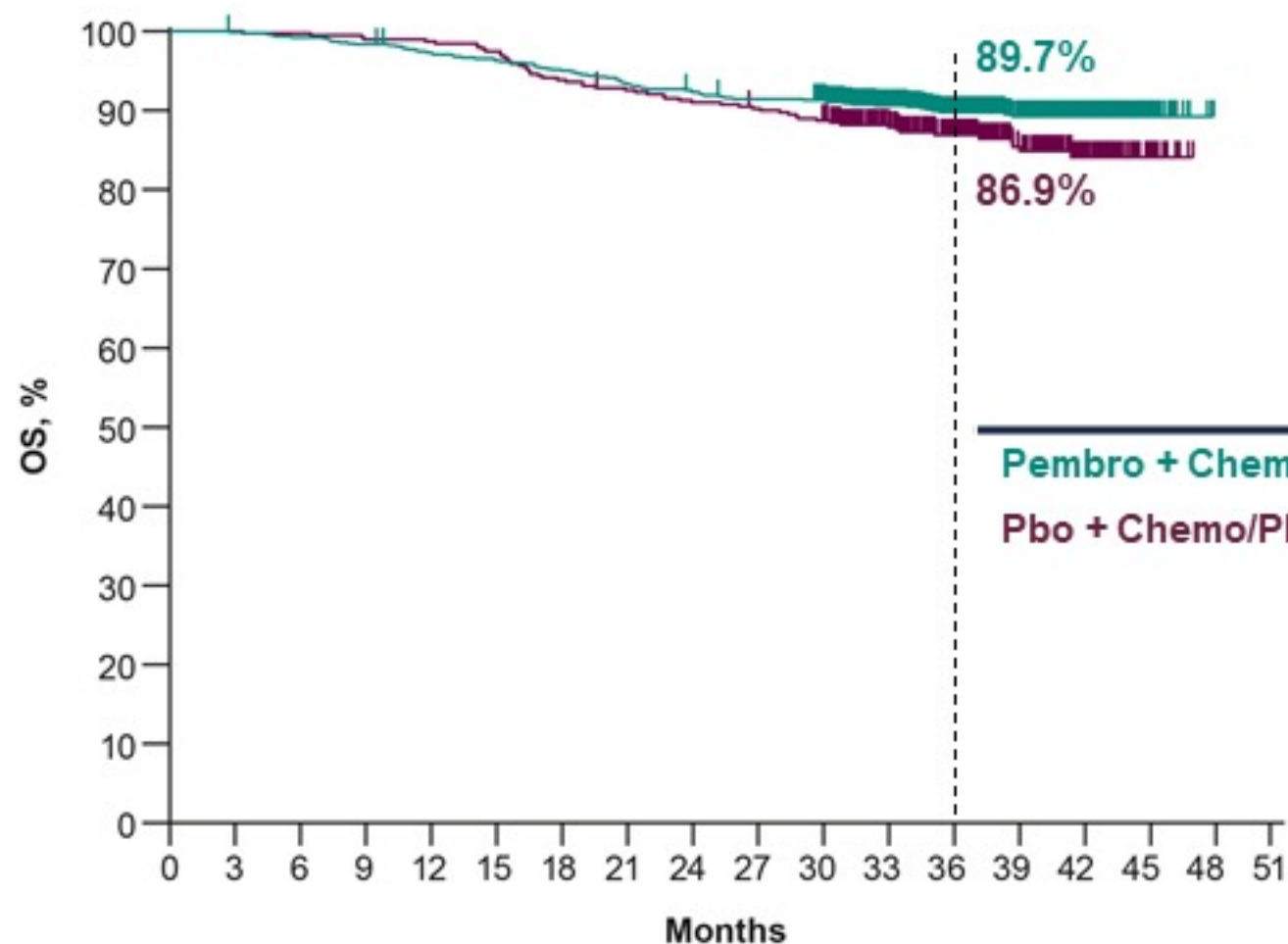
	Events	HR (95% CI)
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	12.8%	0.61 ^a (0.46-0.82)
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	20.3%	

No. at Risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	784	782	773	758	741	728	711	702	692	685	663	561	439	308	167	29	0	0
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	390	389	387	379	367	352	337	330	321	317	312	259	202	143	84	17	0	0

^aHazard ratio (CI) analyzed based on a Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by the randomization stratification factors. Data cutoff date: March 23, 2021.

Overall Survival



No. at Risk

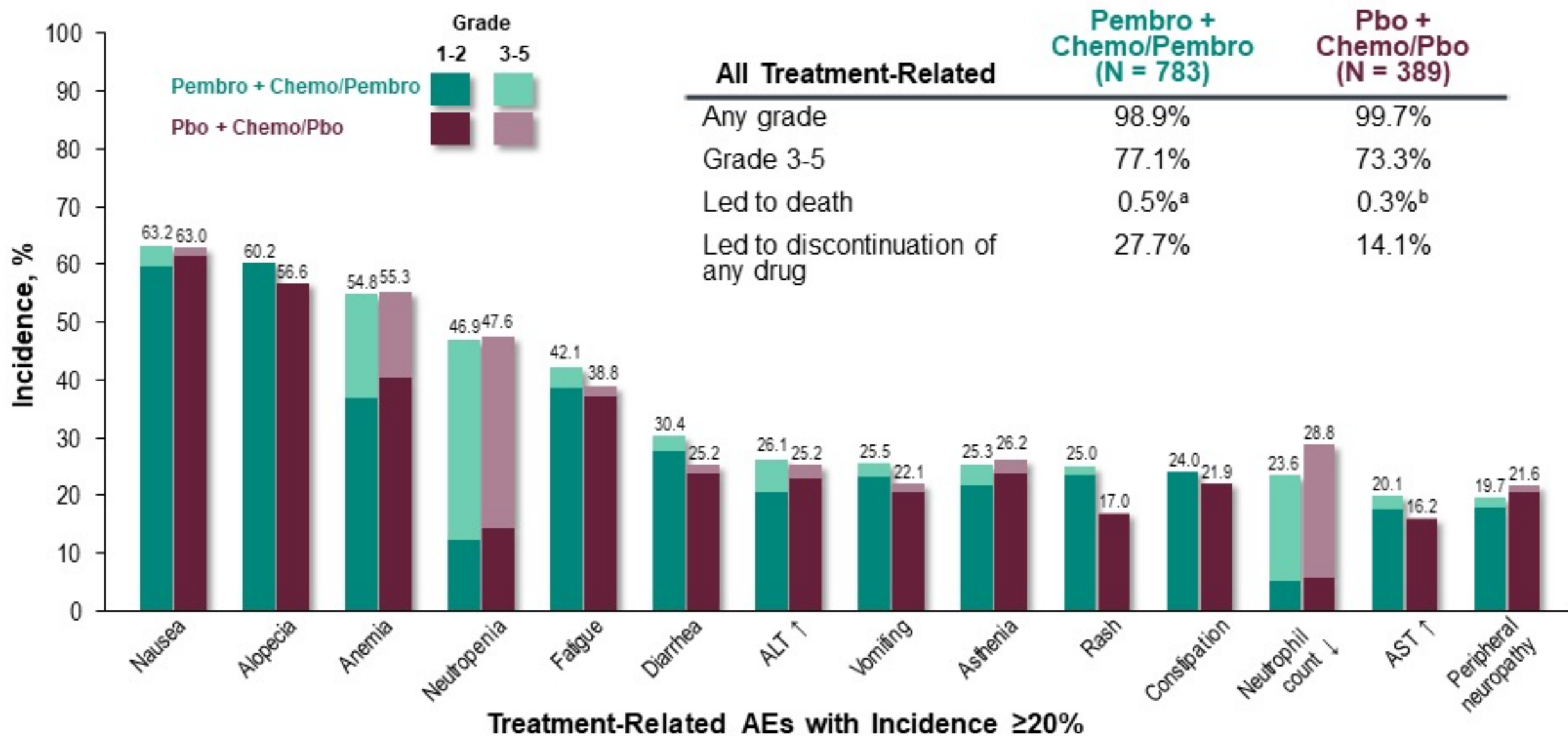
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	784	782	777	770	759	752	742	729	720	712	701	586	461	323	178	30	0	0
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	390	390	389	386	385	380	366	360	354	350	343	286	223	157	89	17	0	0

	Events	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Pembro + Chemo/Pembro	10.2%	0.72 ^a (0.51-1.02)	0.03214 ^b
Pbo + Chemo/Pbo	14.1%		

^aHazard ratio (CI) analyzed based on a Cox regression model with treatment as a covariate stratified by the randomization stratification factors. ^bPrespecified P-value boundary of 0.00086 not reached at this analysis.

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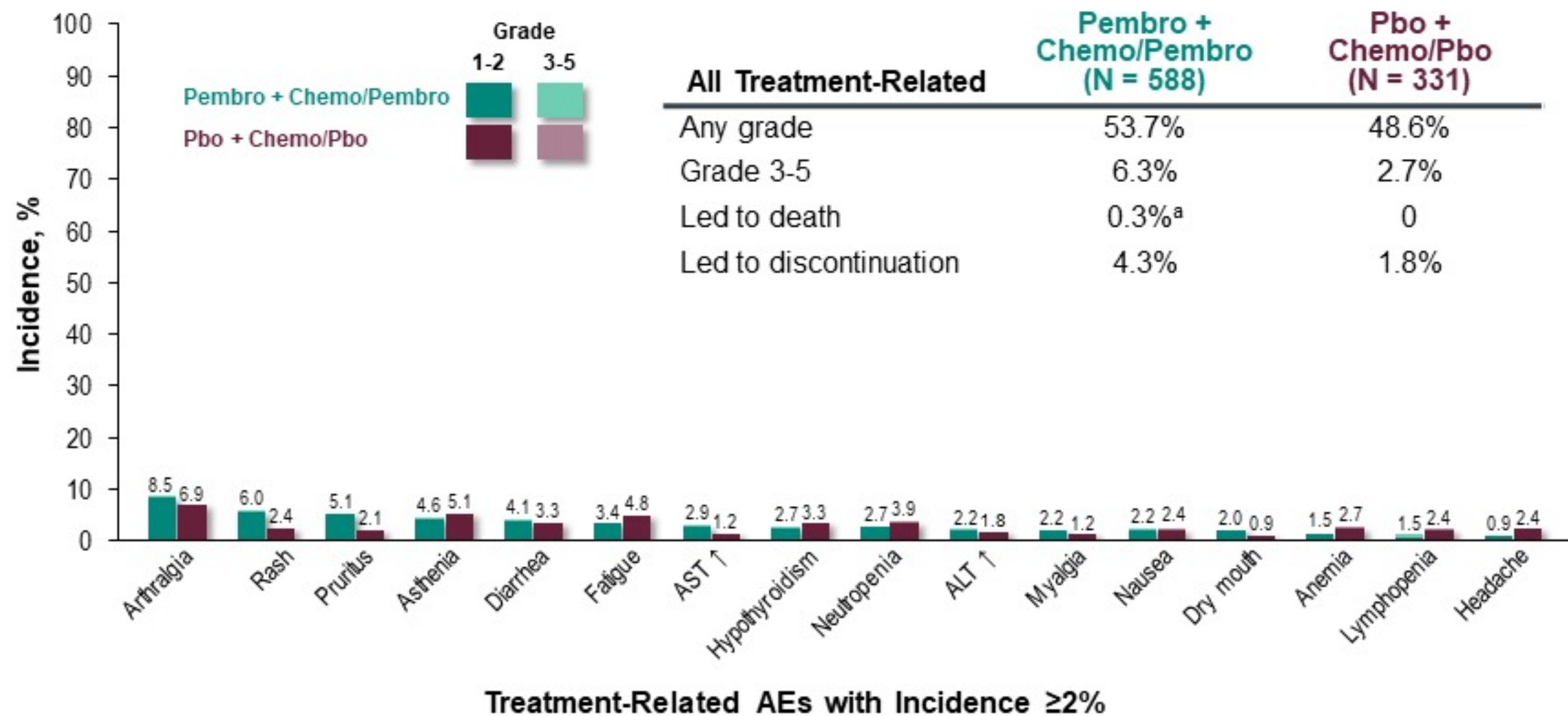
Treatment-Related AEs in Combined Phases



^a1 patient from sepsis and multiple organ dysfunction syndrome; 1 patient from pneumonitis; 1 patient from pulmonary embolism; 1 patient from autoimmune encephalitis. ^b1 patient from septic shock.

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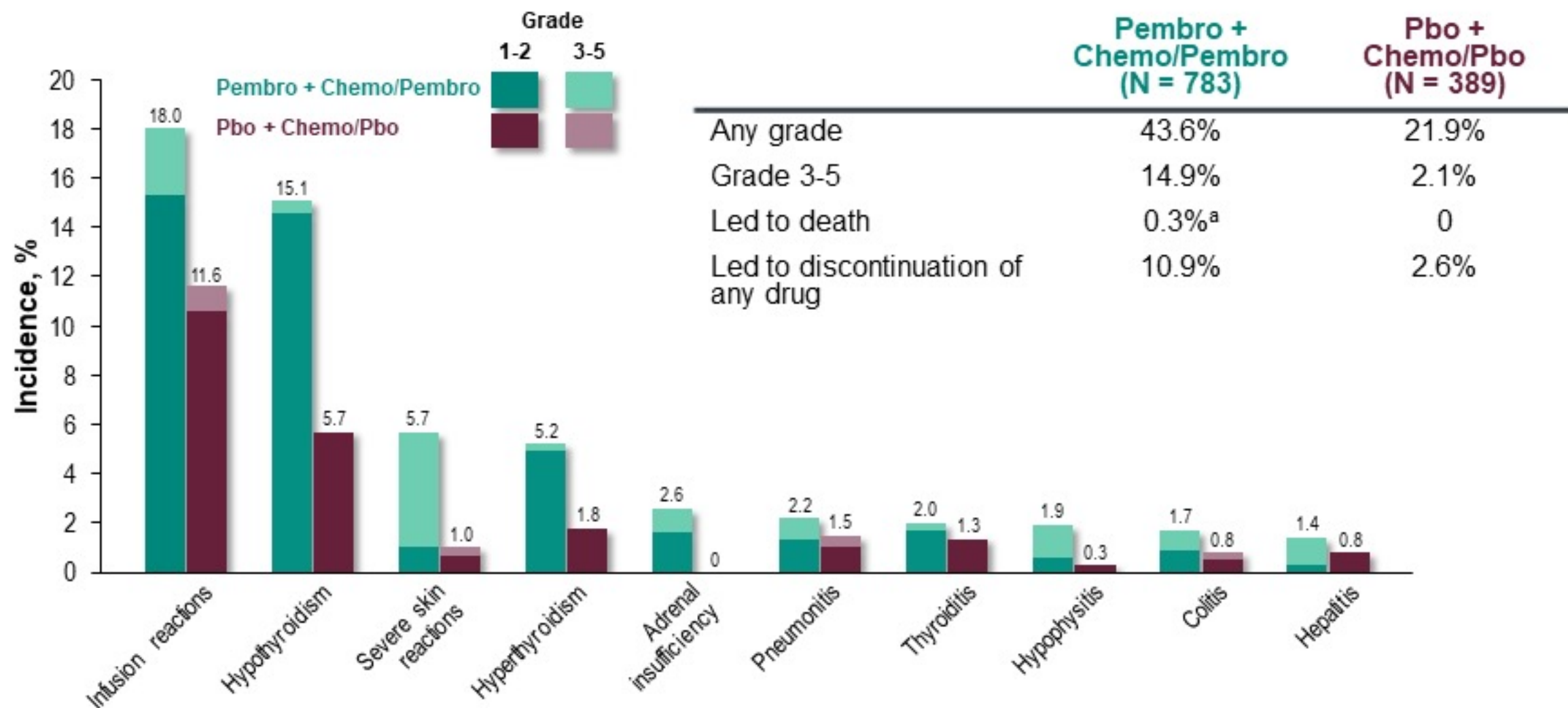
Treatment-Related AEs in Adjuvant Phase



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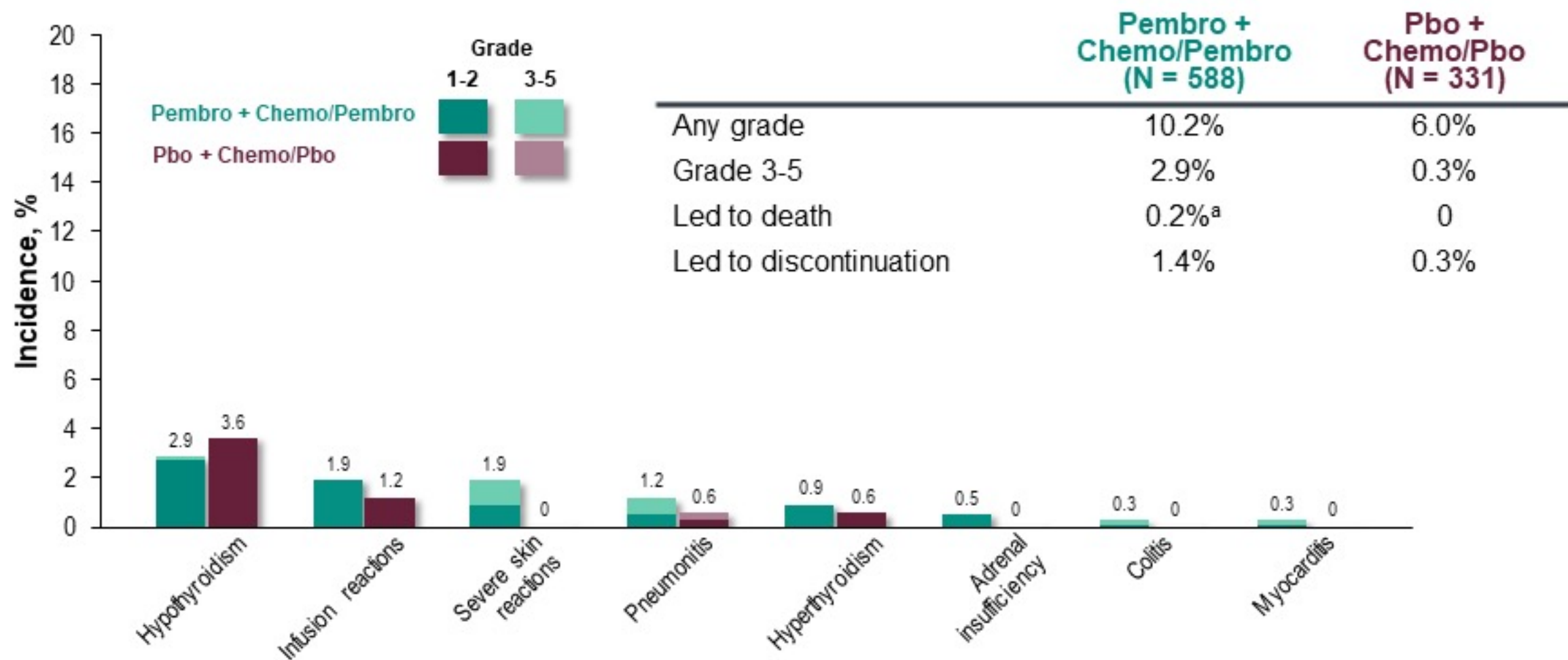
Immune-Mediated AEs and Infusion Reactions in Combined Phases



Immune-Mediated AEs and Infusion Reactions with Incidence ≥ 10 Patients

^a1 patient from pneumonitis and 1 patient from autoimmune encephalitis. Considered regardless of attribution to treatment or immune relatedness by the investigator. Related terms included in addition to preferred terms listed. Data cutoff date: March 23, 2021.

Immune-Mediated AEs and Infusion Reactions in Adjuvant Phase



Immune-Mediated AEs and Infusion Reactions with Incidence ≥ 2 Patients

^a1 patient from autoimmune encephalitis. Considered regardless of attribution to treatment or immune relatedness by the investigator. Related terms included in addition to preferred terms listed.

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Summary and Conclusions

- ◆ KEYNOTE-522 is the first prospective randomized placebo-controlled phase 3 trial of pembrolizumab in early TNBC in the neoadjuvant and adjuvant settings
- ◆ KEYNOTE-522 met its dual primary endpoints:
 - Neoadjuvant pembrolizumab + chemotherapy resulted in a statistically significant and clinically meaningful increase in pCR (ypT0/Tis ypN0) ($P = 0.00055$)
 - Neoadjuvant pembrolizumab + chemotherapy followed by adjuvant pembrolizumab showed a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in EFS ($P = 0.00031$)
- ◆ At this early timepoint, there was a favorable trend for OS in the pembrolizumab group; follow-up is ongoing
- ◆ Safety was consistent with the known profiles of each regimen, with no new safety concerns
- ◆ Most immune-mediated AEs occurred in the neoadjuvant phase, were low-grade and manageable with treatment interruption, steroid administration, and/or hormone replacement
- ◆ These results support pembrolizumab plus platinum-containing neoadjuvant chemotherapy, followed by adjuvant pembrolizumab after surgery, as a new standard-of-care treatment regimen for patients with high-risk, early-stage TNBC

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