



ASCO 2024 Highlights - Sarkome

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SU2C-SARC032: A Randomized Trial of Neoadjuvant Radiotherapy and Surgery with or without Pembrolizumab for Soft Tissue Sarcoma

Mowery YM, Ballman K, Hong AM, Schuetze SM, Wagner AJ, Monga V, Heise RS, Attia S, Choy E, Burgess MA, Bae S, Pryor D, Van Tine BA, Tinoco G, Chmielowski B, Freeman C, van de Rijn M, Brigman BE, Riedel RF, Kirsch DG

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Standard Therapy for Extremity Soft Tissue Sarcoma (STS)



RT
→
Surgery



Local Control: 90%

O'Sullivan et al, *Lancet* 2002

Wang et al, *JCO* 2015

Risk of Developing Distant Metastases



~50% for large, high-grade disease

K. Winters, Personal Communication (RTOG 0630)

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Tawbi et al, *Lancet Oncology* 2017

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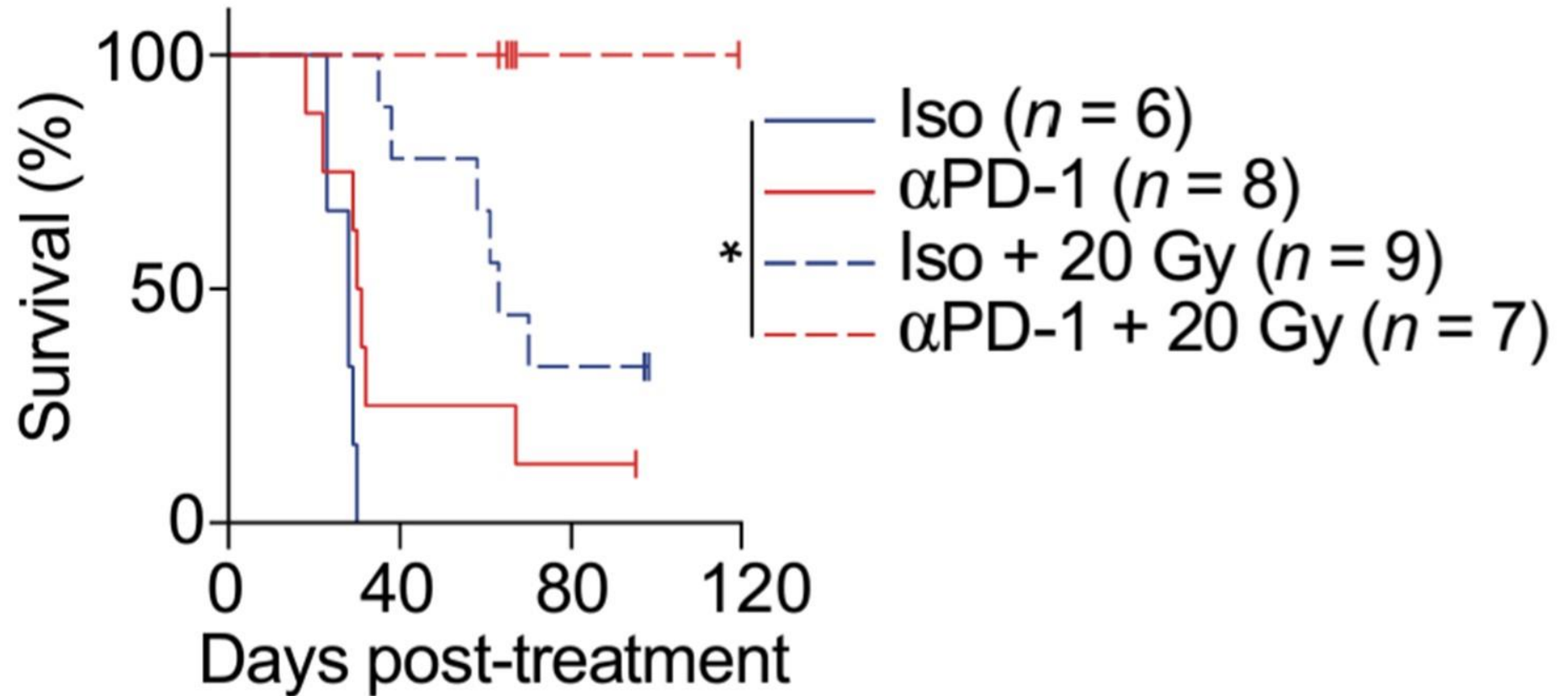
Geringe Wirksamkeit von Immuncheckpoint-Inhibitoren bei WTS

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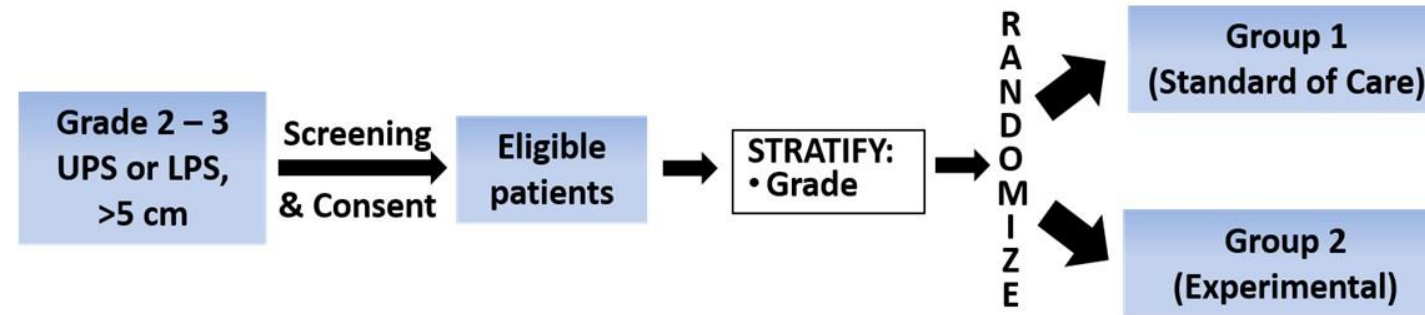
RT + Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors: Synergy in p53/MCA Mouse Sarcoma (UPS) Model



Wisdom et al, *Nature Communications* 2020



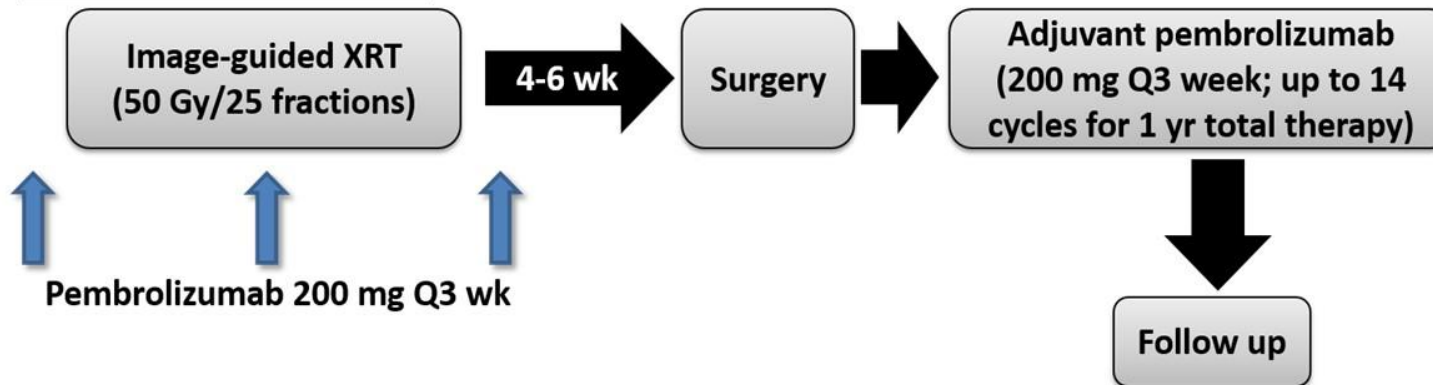
SU2C-SARC032 (NCT03092323)



Group 1: Standard of Care Arm



Group 2: Experimental Arm



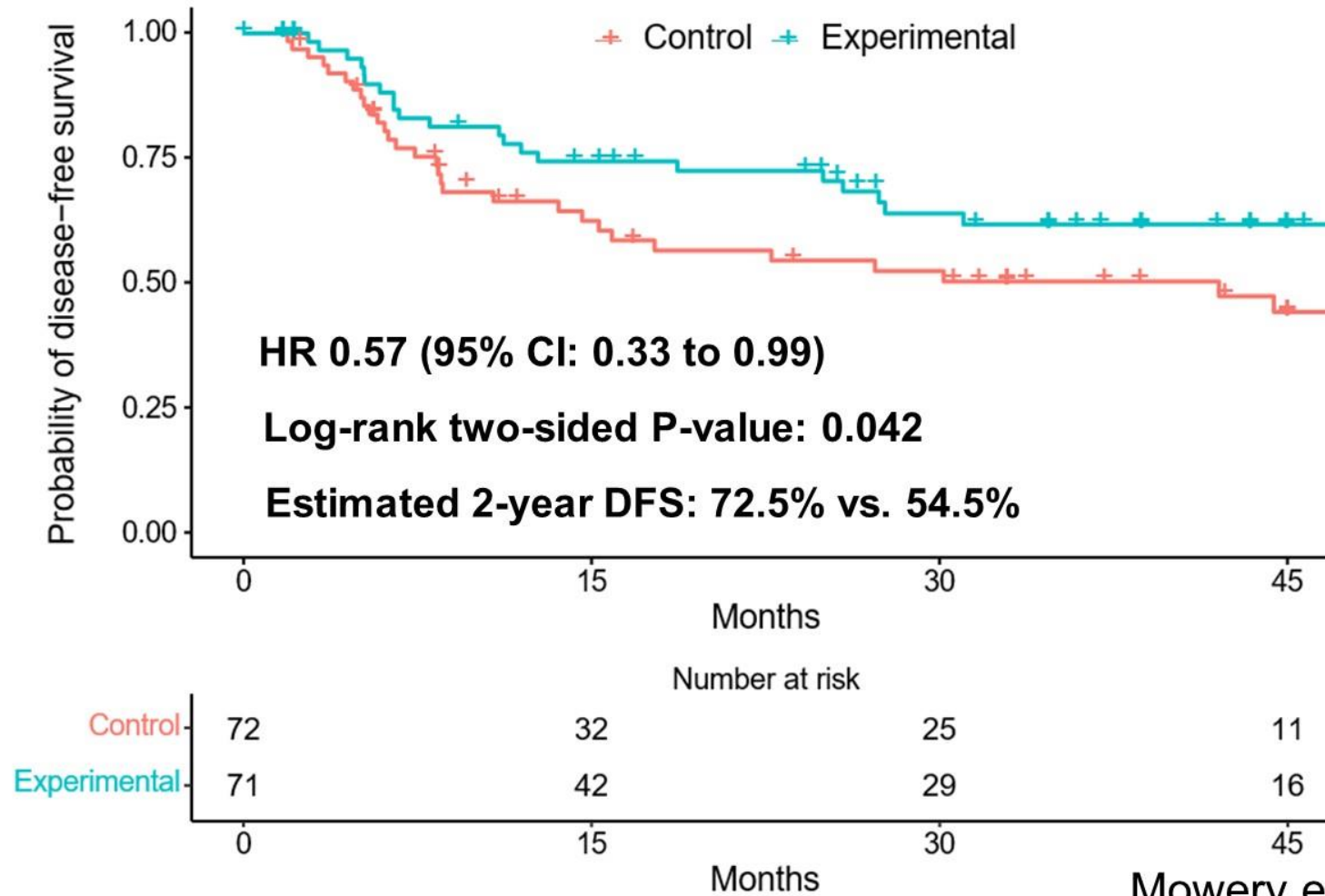
Patient Baseline Characteristics

	Control (N=72)	Experimental (N=71)
Sex	N (%)	N (%)
Female	26 (36%)	26 (37%)
Male	46 (64%)	45 (63%)
Grade		
2	25 (35%)	26 (37%)
3	47 (65%)	45 (63%)
Histology		
UPS	60 (83%)	63 (89%)
LPS	12 (15%)	8 (11%)

Mowery et al, *Under Review*

Adding Pembrolizumab to RT + Surgery Improves DFS

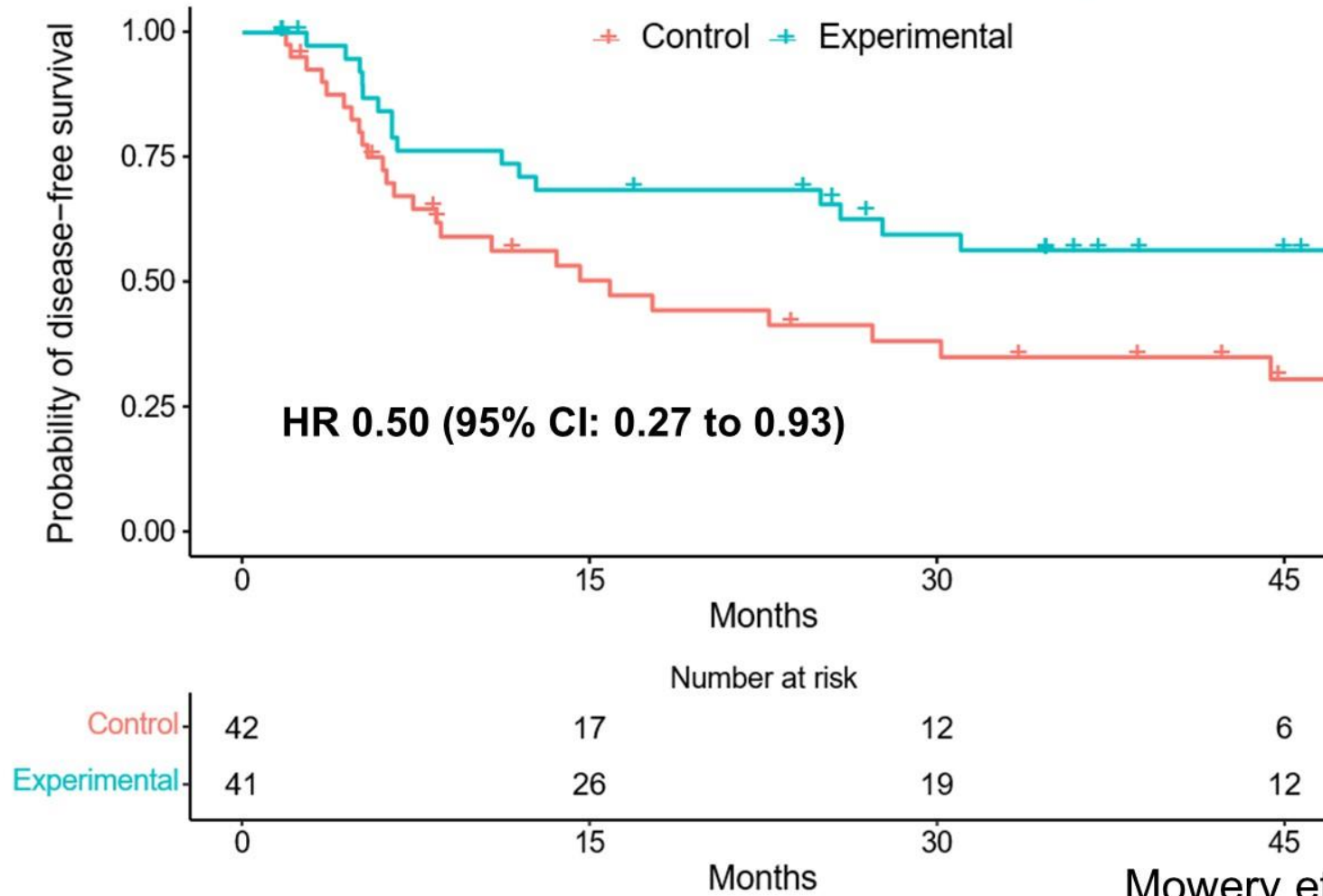
Intention to Treat Analysis



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Adding Pembrolizumab to RT + Surgery Improves DFS in Patients with **Grade 3 STS**

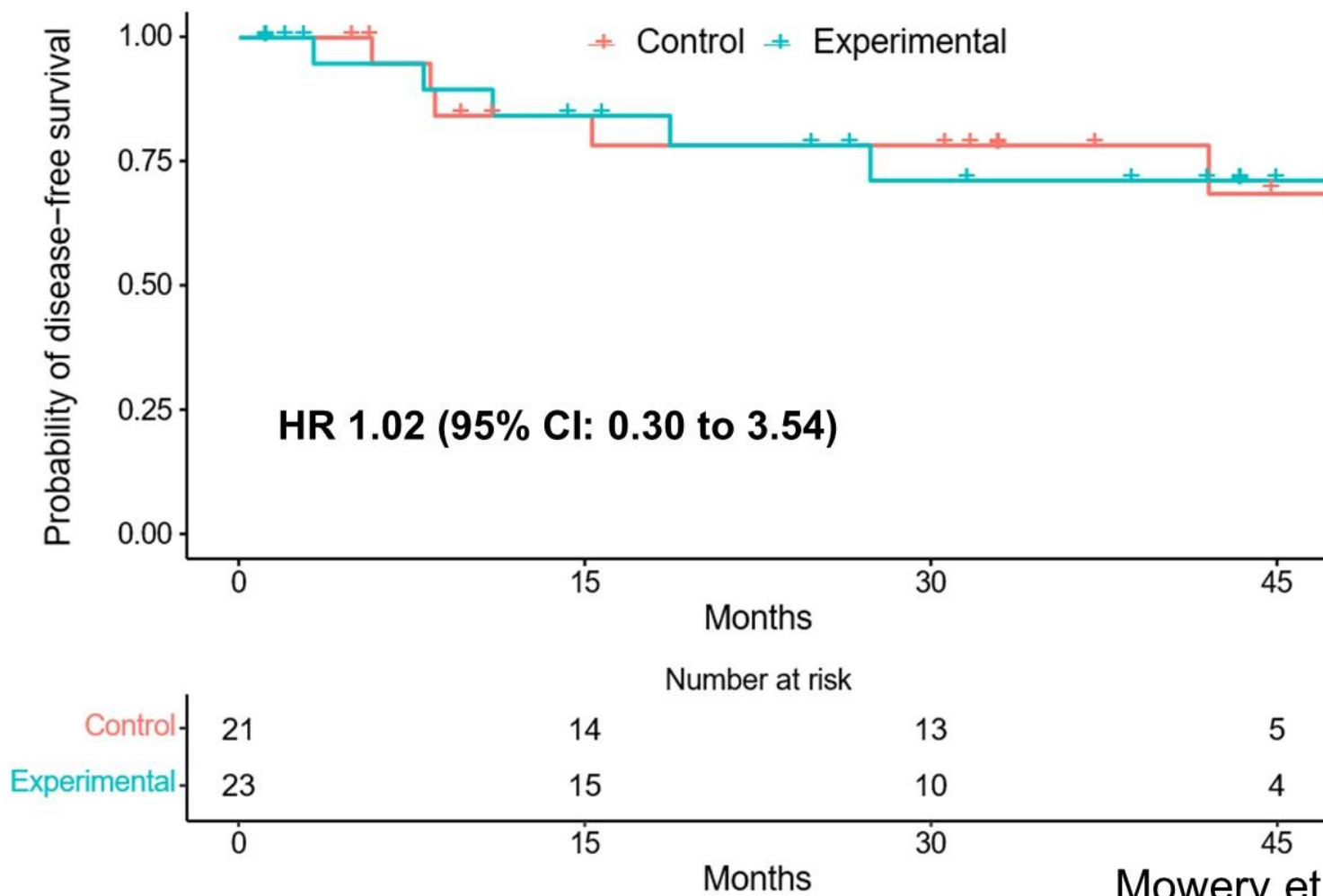
Evaluable Patients



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No Observed Benefit from Pembrolizumab in Patients with **Grade 2 STS**

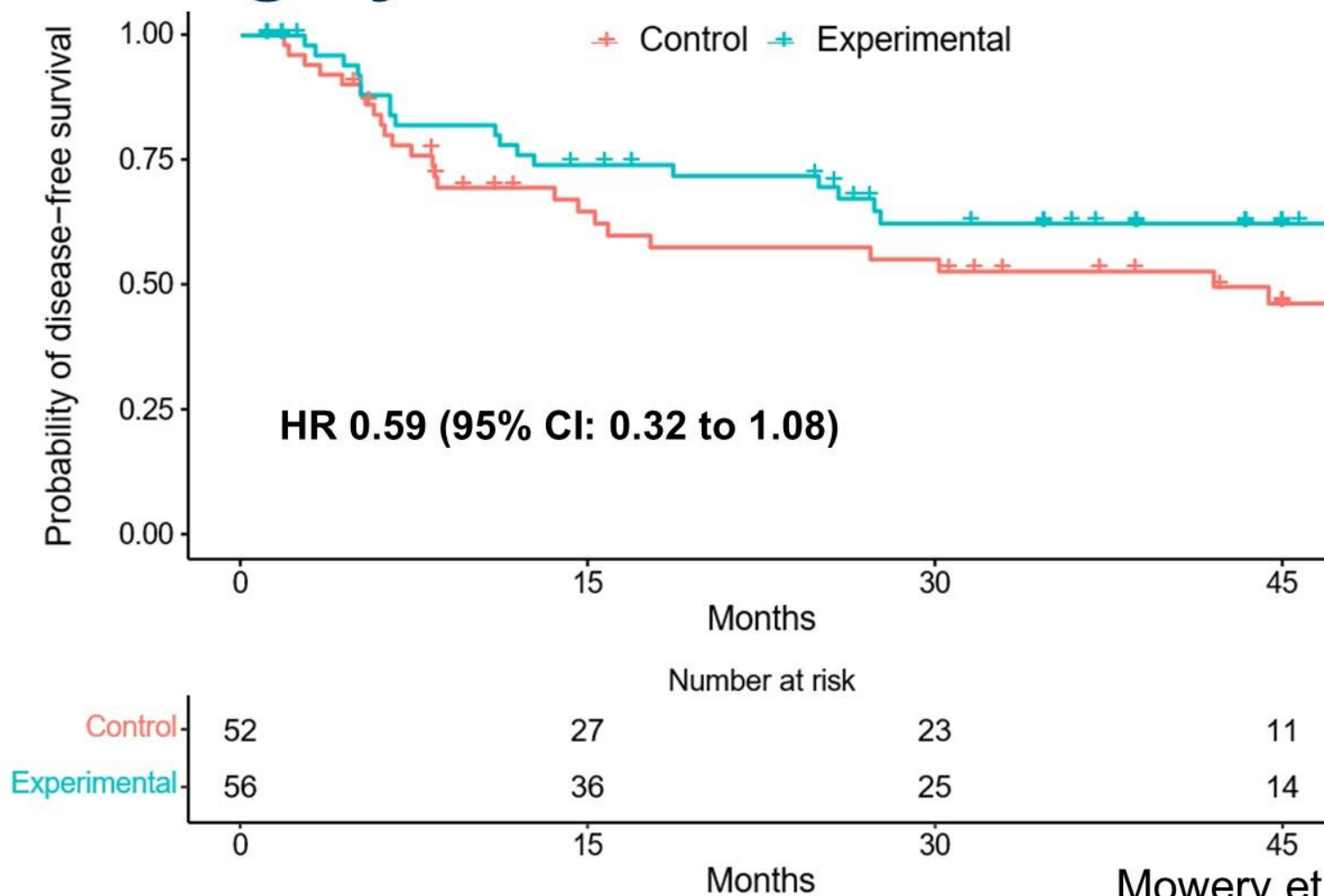
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DFS Benefit from Adding Pembrolizumab to RT + Surgery in Patients with UPS

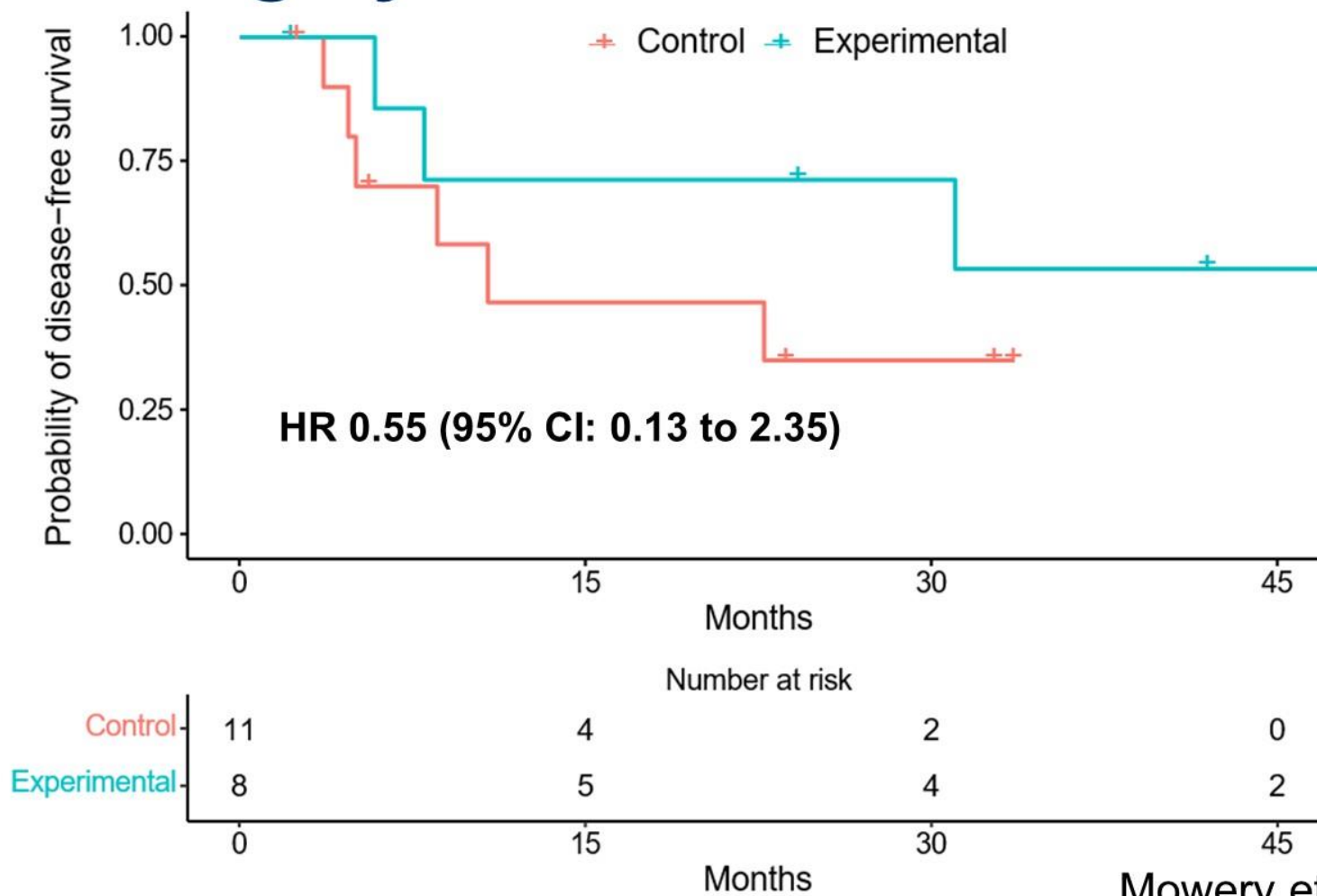
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DFS Benefit from Adding Pembrolizumab to RT + Surgery in Patients with LPS

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Safety

- Patients treated with pembrolizumab had more grade 3 or 4 adverse events (**no grade 5 AEs**)
 - Experimental: 37 of 70 patients (53%; 95% CI, 41% to 64%)
 - 52% had at least one AEs (any grade) related to pembrolizumab on central review
 - Control: 20 of 67 patients (30%; 95% CI, 20% to 42%)
- No difference in major surgical complications: 15 patients in Experimental group (21.4%) and 13 patients in Control group (19.4%)
 - Major surgical complications: \geq G3 wound complications, hematoma, wound dehiscence/infection

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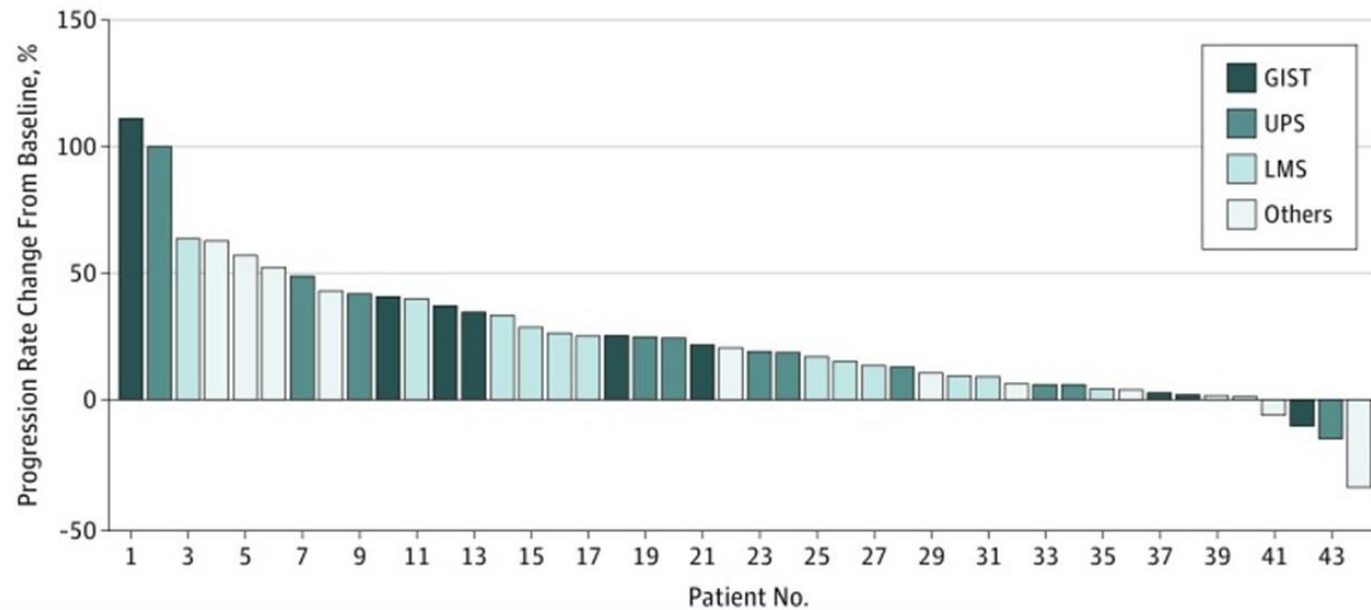
Conclusions

- In SU2C-SARC032, addition of anti-PD-1 therapy pembrolizumab to preoperative RT + surgery increases disease-free survival
- Highest benefit appears to be in grade 3, but the study is not powered for subset analysis
- Pembrolizumab increases grade 3-4 adverse events
- Correlative analyses of tumor and blood samples ongoing
- SU2C-SARC032 establishes addition of pembrolizumab to preoperative RT + surgery as a new treatment option for Stage 3 UPS and LPS of the extremity

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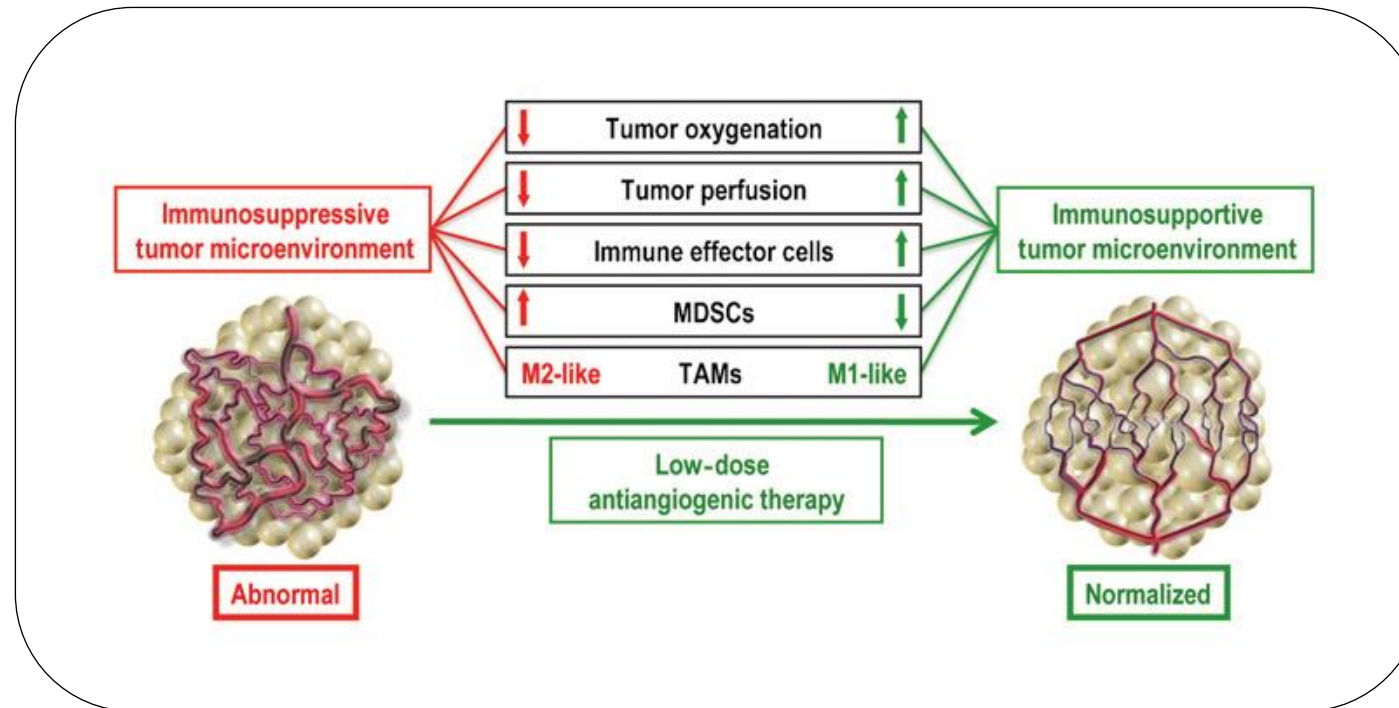
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Limitierte Wirksamkeit von anti-PD-1 Immuncheckpointblockade bei Patienten mit rezidivierten metastasierten Weichteilsarkomen



Ansätze zur Verbesserung der Ansprechraten einer
Immuncheckpoint Therapie durch Kombinationstherapien?

„Reshaping“ eines immun-*kalten* in ein immun-*heisses* Tumormikromilieu durch anti-angiogene Therapie



A Phase II Study of Anlotinib and an Anti-PDL1 Antibody in Patients with Alveolar Soft Part Sarcoma: Results of Expansion Cohorts.

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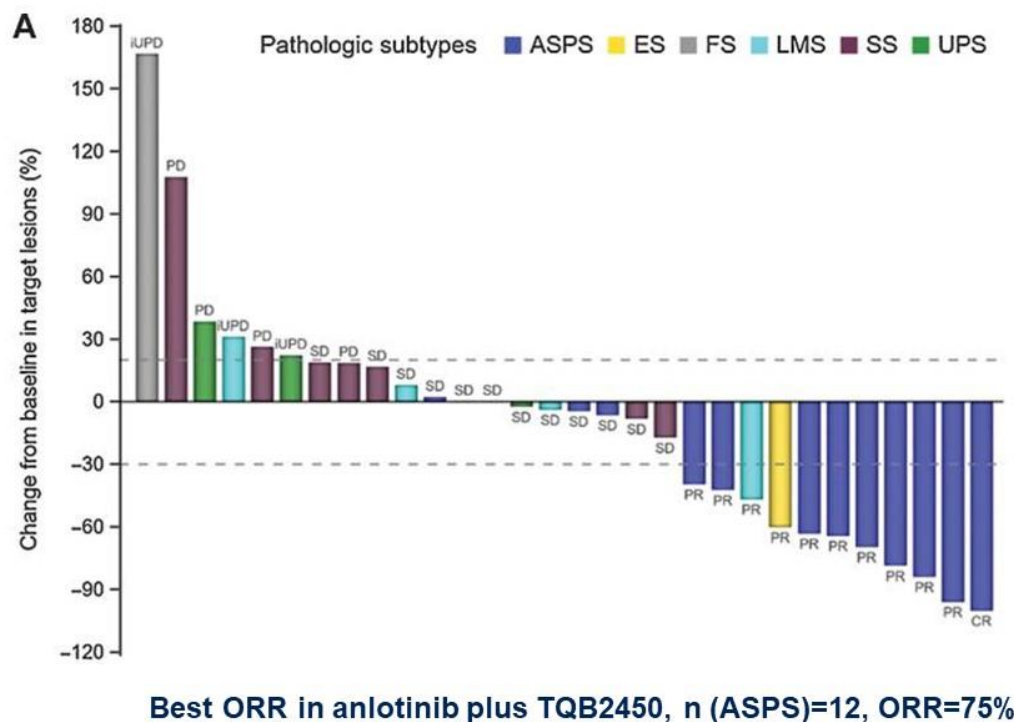
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Background

- Alveolar soft part sarcoma (ASPS) shows sensitivity to tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs) and immune check point inhibitors (ICIs).
- The overall response rates (ORR) of anlotinib (TKI)¹ and atezolizumab (PD-L1)² monotherapy was 46% and 37%, respectively.
- Anlotinib and TQB2450 (a PD-L1 inhibitor) demonstrated promising efficacy in ASPS cohorts in a pan-sarcoma phase-II trial³.



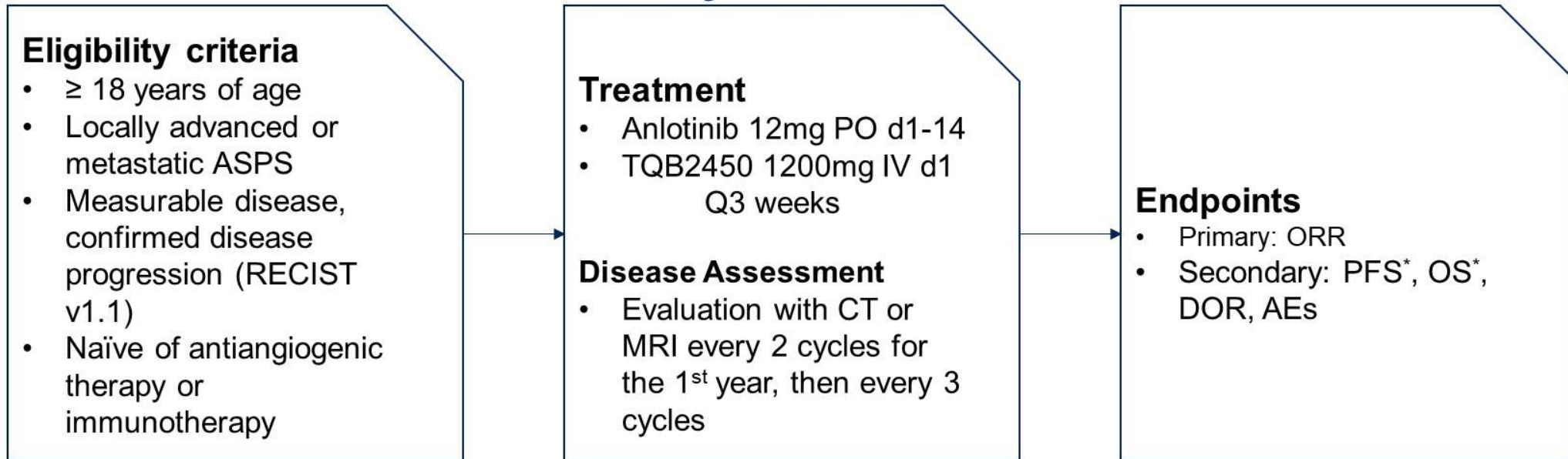
1. Chi Y, Fang Z, Hong X, et al. Safety and Efficacy of Anlotinib, a Multikinase Angiogenesis Inhibitor, in Patients with Refractory Metastatic Soft-Tissue Sarcoma. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2018;24(21):5233-5238. doi:10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-17-3766
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 3. Liu J, Gao T, Tan Z, et al. Phase II Study of TQB2450, a Novel PD-L1 Antibody, in Combination with Anlotinib in Patients with Locally Advanced or Metastatic Soft Tissue Sarcoma. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2022;28(16):3473-3479. doi:10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-22-0871

Methods

Hypothesis

- To prove that the addition of PD-L1 inhibitor would exert better effect than anlotinib monotherapy, we assumed the true incidence of response would reach 70% to reject a null hypothesis of an incidence of response of 40%
- The enrollment of 25 evaluable patients would provide 90% power with one-sided 5% significance level.

Study schema

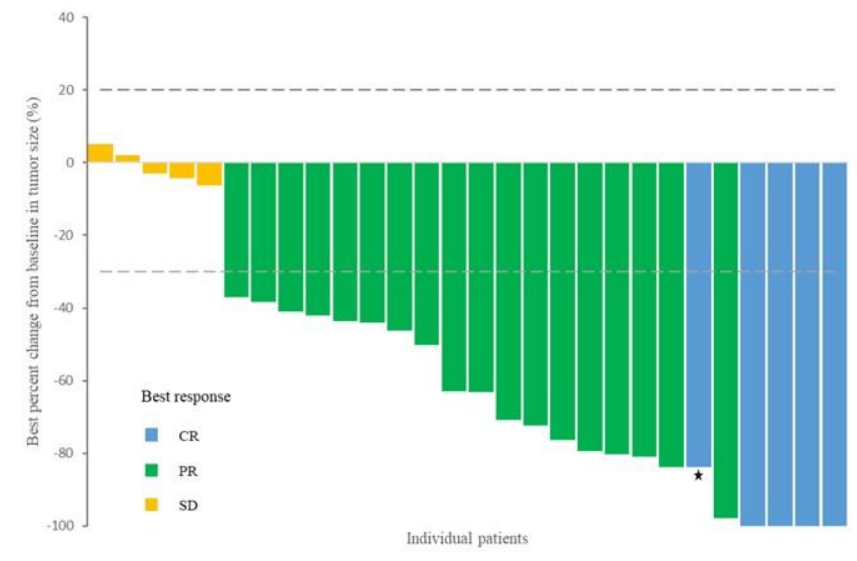


* PFS was defined as the time from the first date of drug administration to the time of disease progression according to RECIST 1.1 or death due to any cause, whichever occurred first. OS was measured from the first date of drug administration to the date of death from any cause.

Results: characteristics

- Twenty-nine patients were enrolled in the phase II trial.
- The median age was 29 years (range: 19-46), with female 48.3%.
- Twenty-eight patients were evaluable for efficacy (one withdrew*).
- The ORR for evaluable patients reached 79.3%, characterized by 3 complete responses and 20 partial responses.

Demographics	Study population (n=29)
Age, median (range)	29.0 (19-46)
Gender, no. (%)	
male	15 (51.7)
female	14 (48.3)
Previous chemotherapy, no. (%)	
yes	6 (20.7)
no	23 (79.3)
Disease stage	
locally advanced	0 (0)
metastatic	29 (100)
Metastatic site	
lung	29 (100)
Brain	1 (3.4)
liver	2 (6.8)
bone	3 (10.3)



* One patient withdrew from the study due to acute pancreatitis

Results: survival

- The median follow-up time was 23.9 months (95%CI: 19.6-30.1).
- The median PFS (months) was not reached (95%CI: 20.7, not-reached).
- The median DOR (months) for responders was not reached (95%CI: 18.0, not-reached).
- No mortalities occurred during the follow-up.

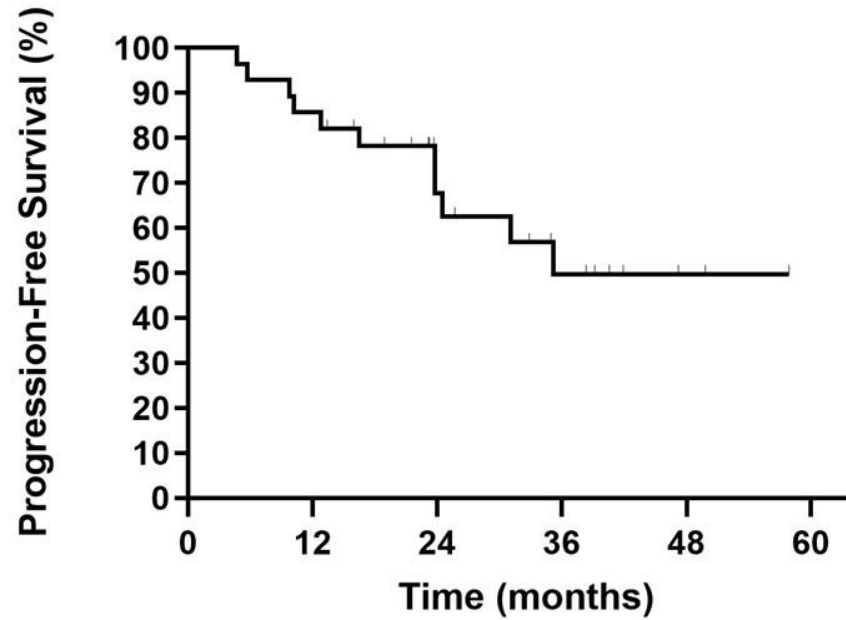


Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Plot of Progression-free Survival

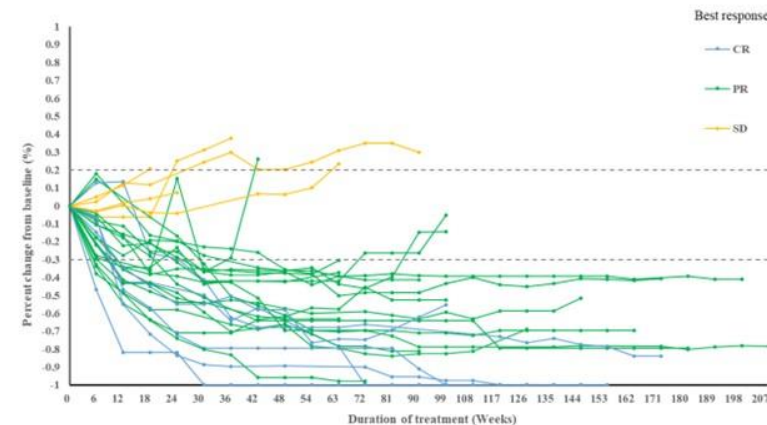


Figure 3. Spider Plot of Tumor Responses

Results: AEs

- AEs were predominantly grade 1 and 2.
- Grade ≥ 3 AEs: 13 (44.83%)
 - hypertriglyceridemia (13.79%)
 - lipase elevation (6.90%)
 - amylase elevation (3.45%)
 - hypertension (3.45%)
- Dose reduction of anlotinib: 3 (consecutive grade 2-3 proteinuria).
- TRAEs led to treatment termination of TQB2450: 1 (immune-related acute pancreatitis)

Lay Summary



- Alveolar soft part sarcoma is a very rare but highly malignant tumor



- Single agent of target or immune drugs: response <50%



- Combination of anlotinib plus TQB2450: response 79.3%



- Patients achieved long survival without impairment of life quality

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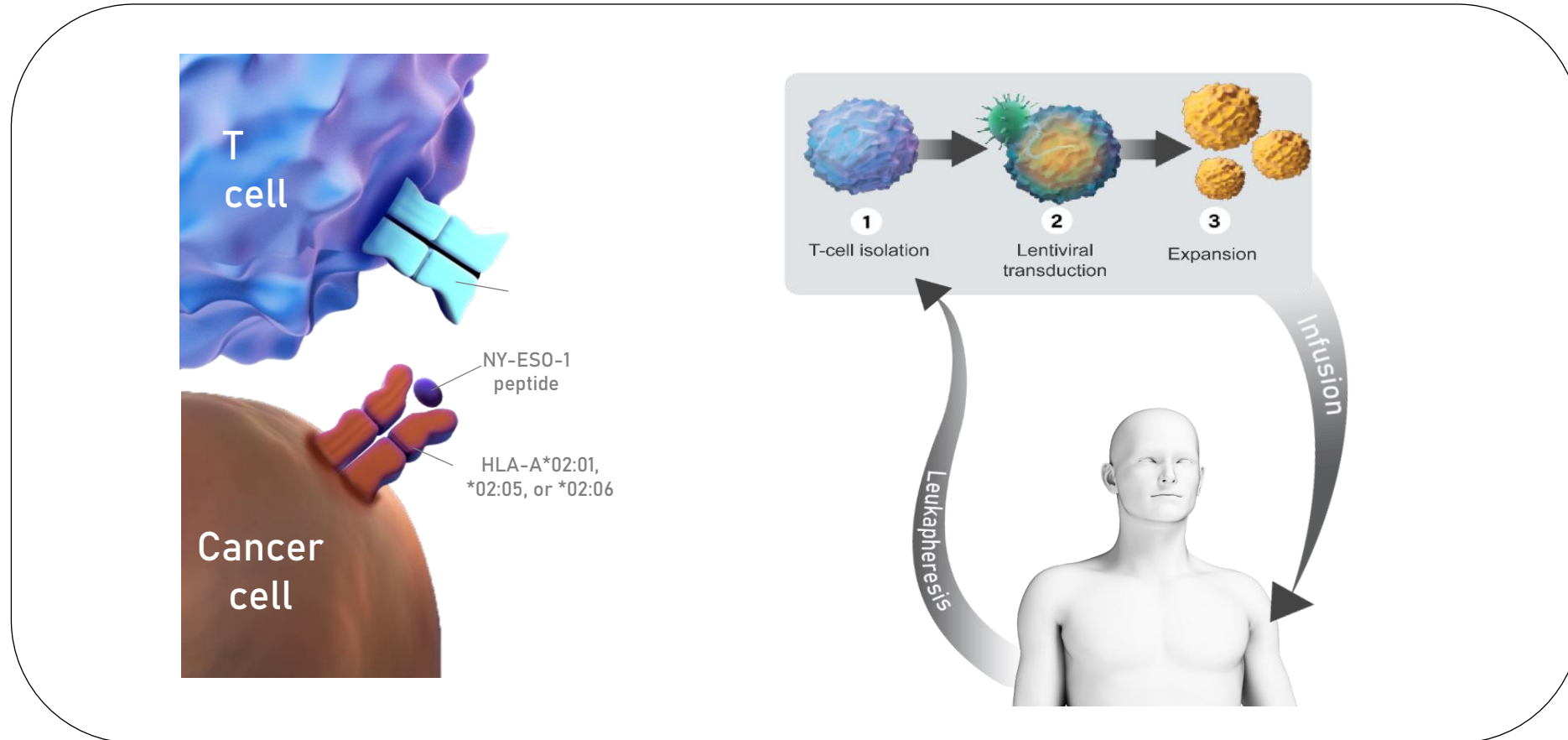
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Lete-cel in Patients With Synovial Sarcoma or Myxoid/Round Cell Liposarcoma: Planned Interim Analysis of the Pivotal IGNYTE-ESO Trial

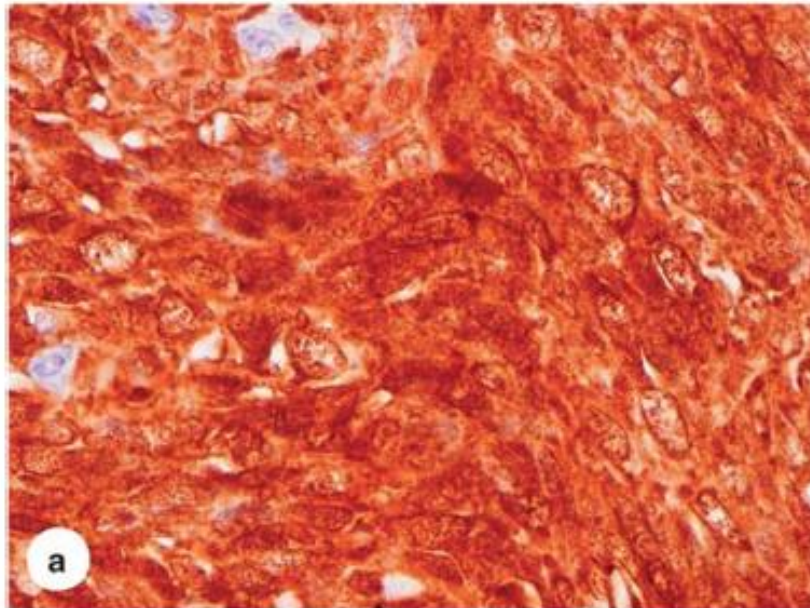
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IGNYTE-ESO TRIAL: Personalisierte T-Cell Therapie gegen NY-ESO-1:HLA

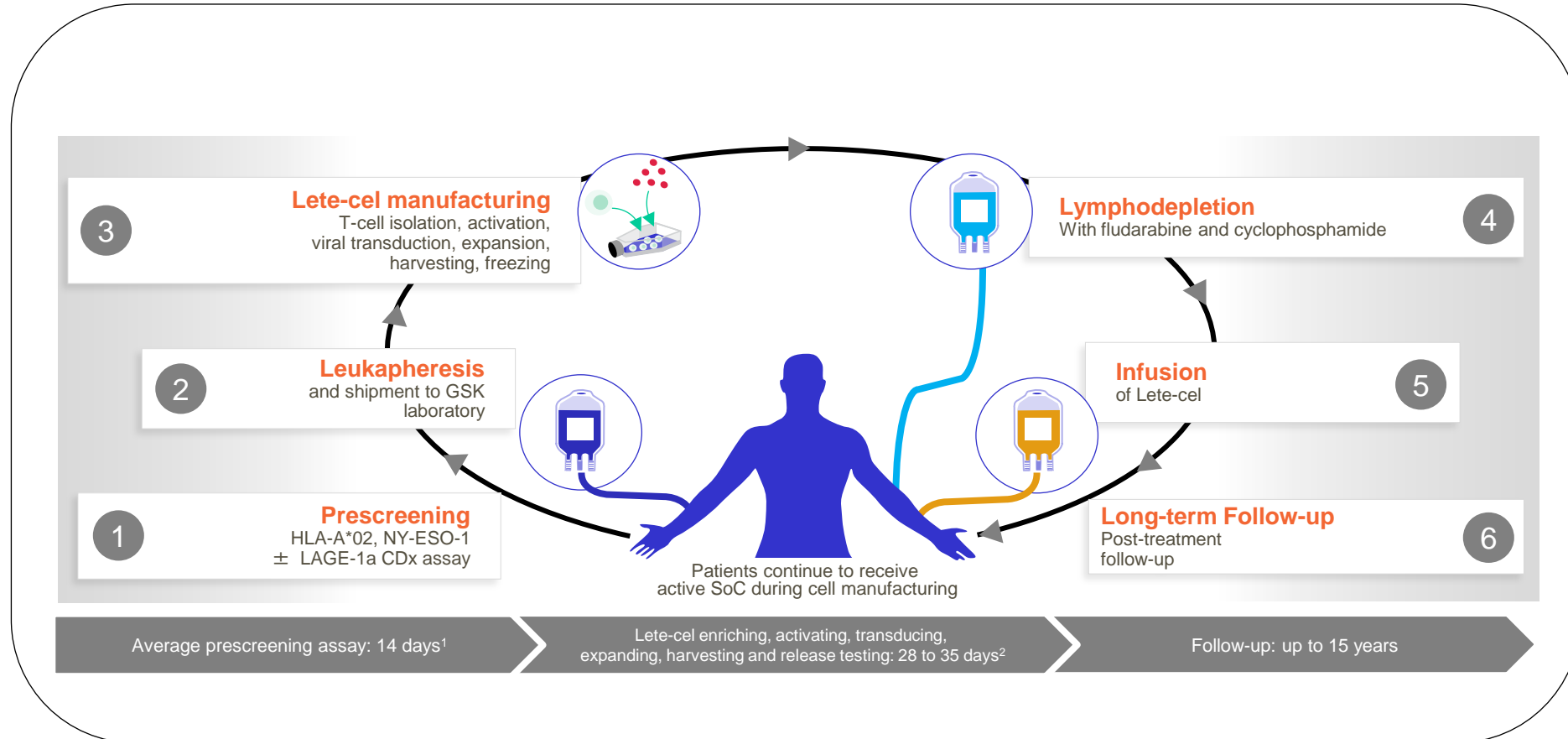


Hohe NY-ESO-1 Expression bei mehr als 80% der Patienten mit Synovialsarkomen



	N	NY-ESO positive	NY-ESO negative	
Synovial sarcoma	50	41 (82%)	9	
GISTs	155	2 (1%)	153	$P < 0.0001$
Leiomyosarcoma	24	0 (0%)	24	$P < 0.0001$
MPNST	34	1 (3%)	33	$P < 0.0001$
SFT	40	0 (0%)	40	$P < 0.0001$
Cellular schwannoma	17	0 (0%)	17	$P < 0.0001$
DFSP	20	2 (10%)	18	$P < 0.0001$
Angiosarcoma	20	2 (10%)	18	$P < 0.0001$
Ewing sarcoma	18	0 (0%)	18	$P < 0.0001$
Malignant mesothelioma	27	0 (0%)	27	$P < 0.0001$
Other sarcomas ^a	12	3	9	$P = 0.0003$

IGNYTE-ESO TRIAL bei Patienten mit NY-ESO-1:HLA positiven SS und MRCLS



- 1. D'Angelo SP, et al. Poster presented at SITC 2019; Poster P453 (Image adapted). 2. D'Angelo SP, et al. *Cancer Discov.* 2018;8:944-957.

IGNYTE-ESO TRIAL

Baseline Characteristics

March 2, 2023, interim analysis

Characteristic	N=45
SyS, n (%)	23 (51)
MRCLS, n (%)	22 (49)
Male, n (%)	25 (56)
Female, n (%)	20 (44)
Race, n (%)	
White	43 (96)
American Indian or Alaska Native	1 (2)
Asian	1 (2)
Age, years, median (min, max)	46 (18, 68)
Extent of disease at screening, ^a n (%)	
Local unresectable	3 (7)
Metastatic	41 (91)

Characteristic	N=45
Systemic therapy regimens before leukapheresis, ^b n (%)	
0	1 (2)
1	10 (22)
2	14 (31)
≥3	20 (44)
Received ifosfamide before leukapheresis, n (%)	34 (76)
Received any anthracycline before leukapheresis, n (%)	44 (98) ^b
Transduced cell dose, median (min, max)	6.4x10 ⁹ (2.1, 11.3)
Continuation of supportive therapy between leukapheresis and lymphodepletion, n (%)	18 (40)
Received a new standard of care between leukapheresis and lymphodepletion, n (%)	5 (11)

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Adverse Events

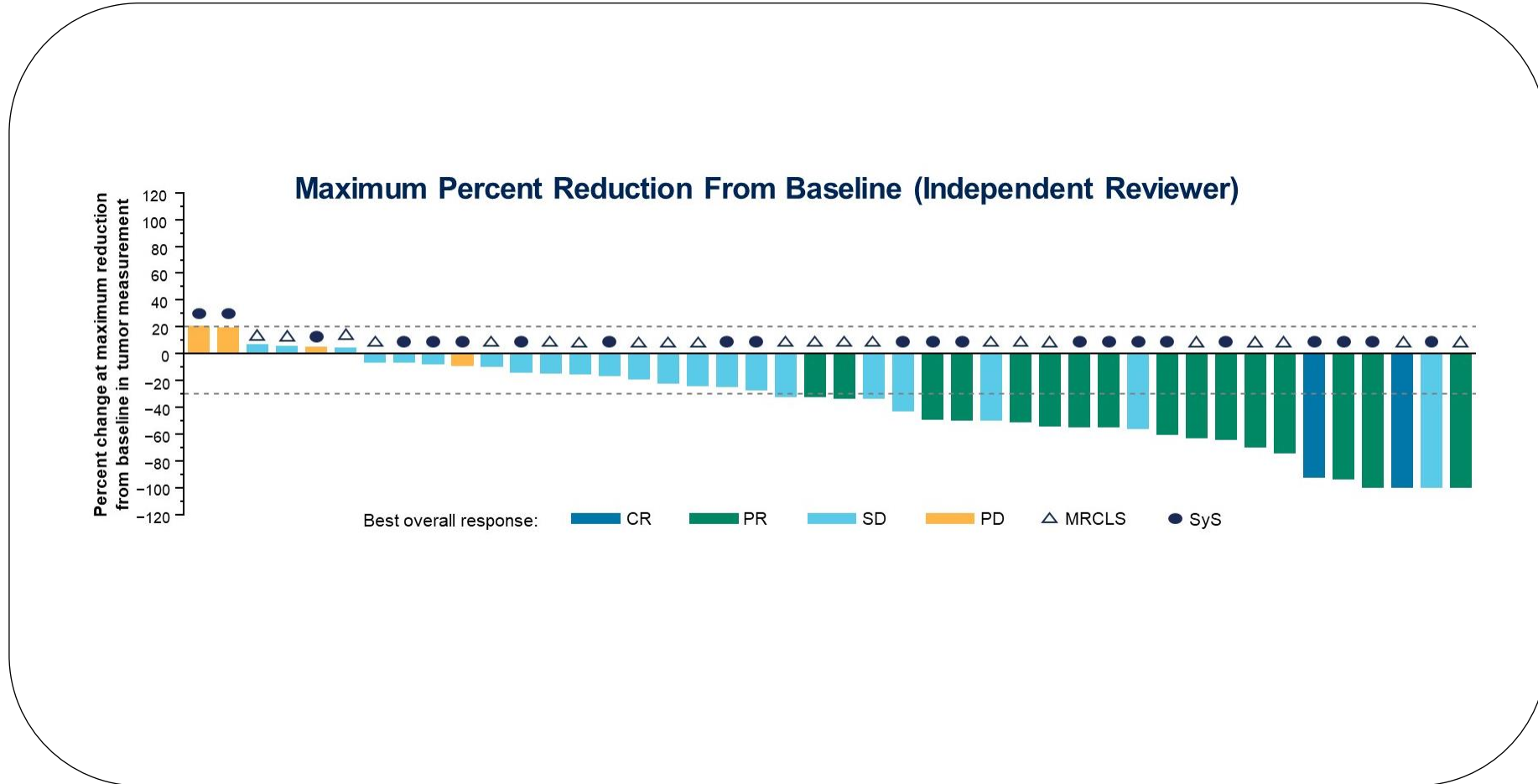
Treatment-emergent lymphodepletion-related AEs of special interest or of any grade in $\geq 15\%$ of participants (N=73)

Event	Any grade	Grade ≥ 3
Any event, n (%)	68 (93)	60 (82)
Neutropenia	47 (64)	46 (63)
Thrombocytopenia	40 (55)	31 (42)
Anemia	34 (47)	23 (32)
Leukopenia	33 (45)	32 (44)
Febrile neutropenia	19 (26)	18 (25)
Alopecia	15 (21)	–
Decreased appetite	15 (21)	2 (3)
Fatigue	14 (19)	2 (3)
Diarrhea	11 (15)	–
Hypokalemia	11 (15)	2 (3)
Rash/rash maculopapular	8 (11)	2 (3)
Lymphopenia	6 (8)	4 (5)

- Safety was assessed in the 73 participants who had received lete-cel
- All patients experienced an AE; 68 (93%) experienced a Grade ≥ 3 event
 - Grade ≥ 3 cytopenias occurred in 63 (86%) patients
- Two (3%) patients experienced Grade 5 events related to lymphodepletion:
 - Neutropenia was in the setting of pancytopenia, and led to a terminal pulmonary infection
 - Pulmonary alveolar hemorrhage was in the setting of pancytopenia, and a platelet count of 0 despite HLA-matched platelets and platelet-stimulating agents

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Overall Response



IGNYTE-ESO TRIAL

Response

- ORR: 18 of 45 (40%) patients by independent central review (multiplicity-adjusted 99.6% CI: 20.3–62.3%)

Best response, n (%)	Independent central review		
	Overall (N=45)	SyS (n=23)	MRCLS (n=22)
CR	2 (4)	1 (4)	1 (5)
PR	16 (36)	8 (35)	8 (36)
SD	22 (49)	9 (39)	13 (59)
PD	4 (9)	4 (17)	0
NE	1 (2)	1 (4)	0
ORR [95% CI]	18 (40) [25.7–55.7]	9 (39) [19.7–61.5]	9 (41) [20.7–63.6]

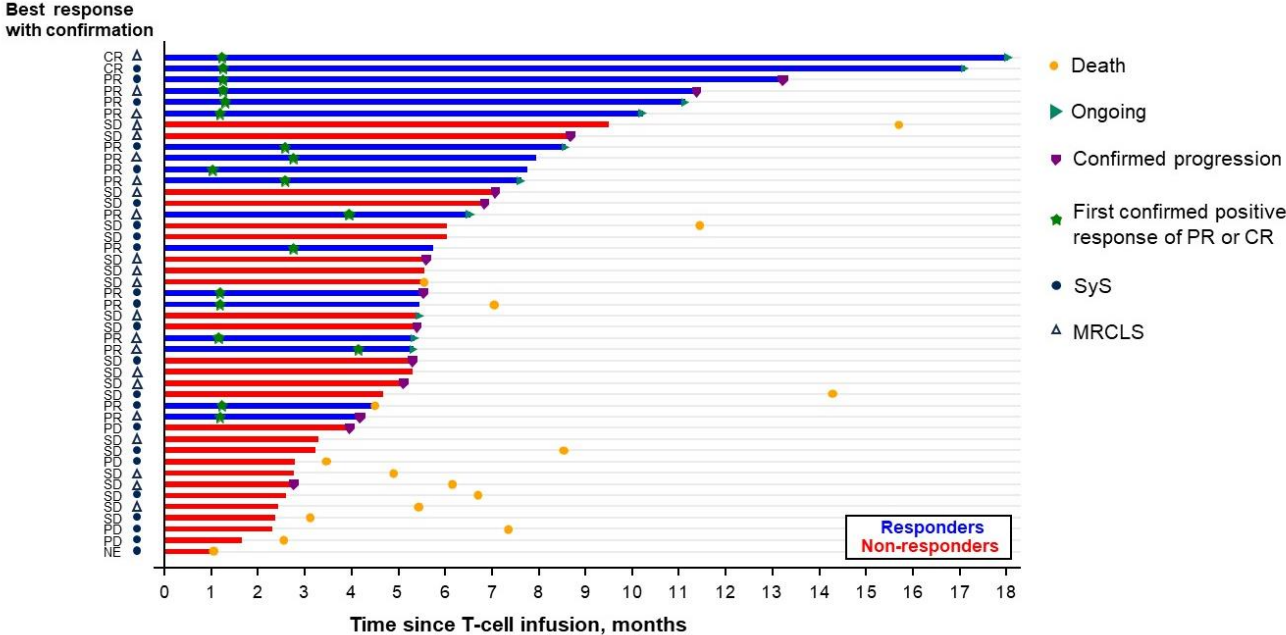
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IGNYTE-ESO TRIAL

Duration of Response

At the data cut
(18/45 responses):

- 9 responses were ongoing
- Median duration of response: 10.6 months (95% CI: 3.3–NE)



Fazit: Dauerhafte Ansprechraten unter NYESO-gerichteter adoptiver T Zelltherapie

Zusammenfassung

- Perioperative Pembrolizumab + RT bei lokalen „high risk“ WTS wirksam
- Hohe Wirksamkeit von Immuncheckpoint-Blockade mit anti-angiogener TKIs in der metastasierten Situation bei ausgewählten Entitäten
- Dauerhafte Ansprechraten unter NYESO-gerichteter adoptiver T Zelltherapie

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