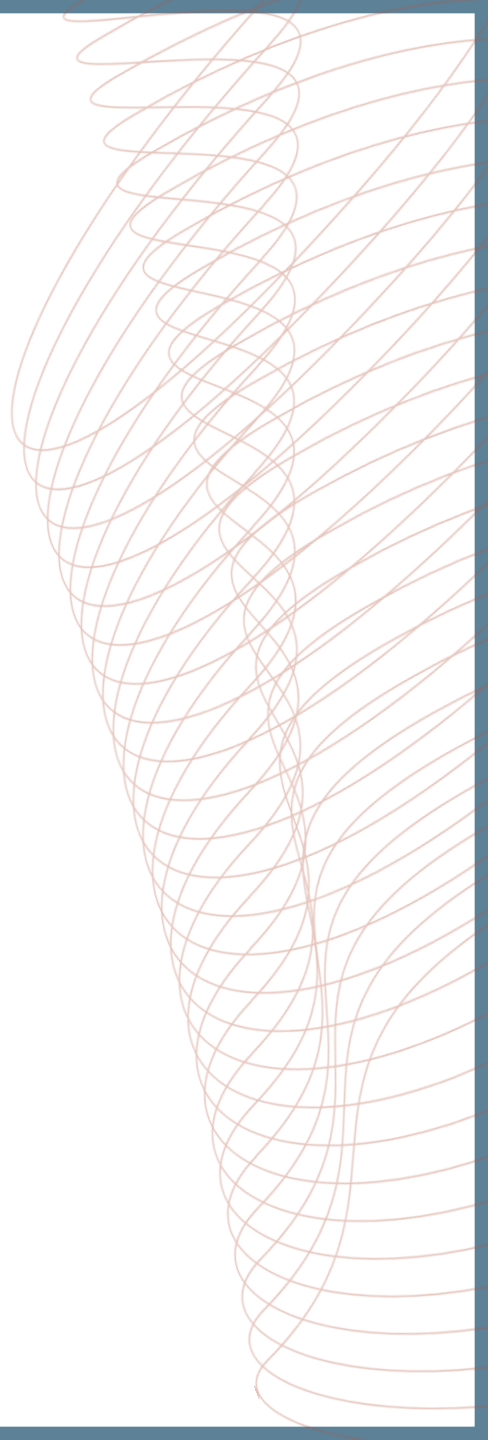




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**APPROPRIATE USE OF IMMUNOTHERAPY
IN THE PERI-OPERATIVE SETTING FOR
GASTRIC & GEJ CANCER**

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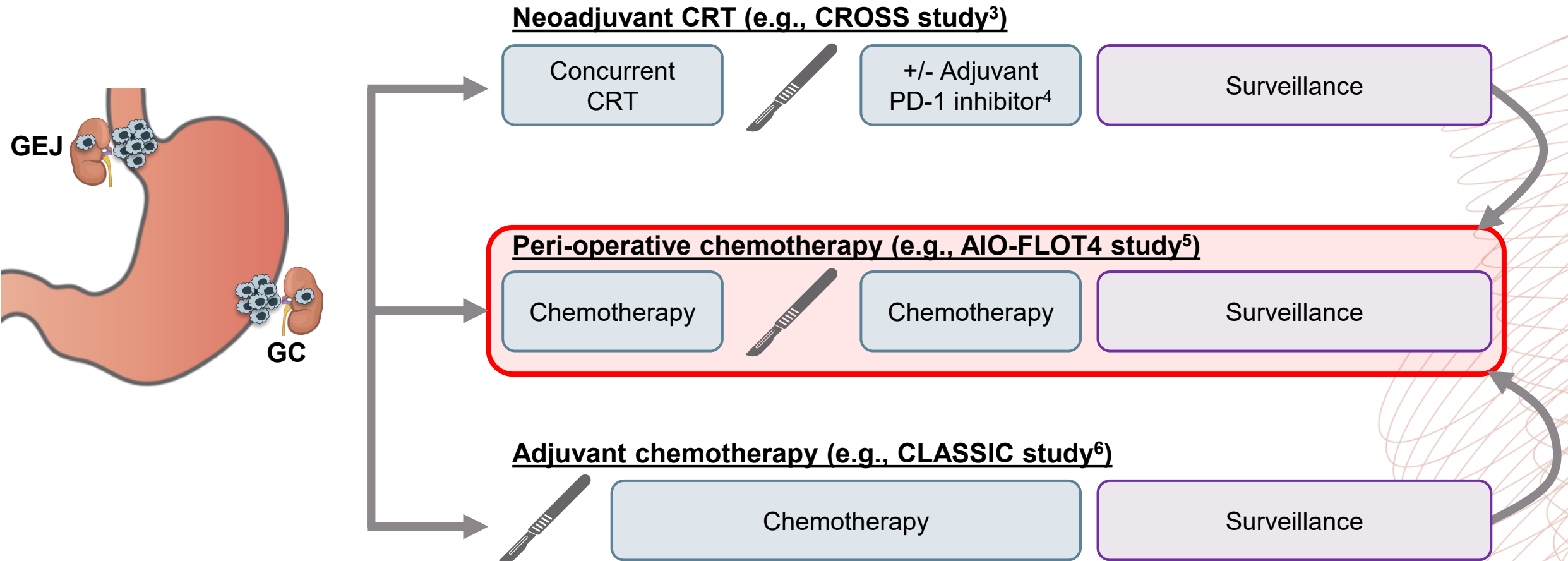
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Explore the latest clinical insights on the **addition of immunotherapy** to peri-operative FLOT, and the implications for clinical practice
2. Recognise **toxicities** and be able to manage them appropriately

CLINICAL TAKEAWAYS

- **FLOT remains the standard peri-operative regimen** for resectable gastric, GEJ, and esophageal cancers
- **MATTERHORN supports adding durvalumab to FLOT**, with clear improvements in event-free and overall survival, consistent across most subgroups and without added meaningful toxicity
- **Peri-operative feasibility remains high:** over 90% of MATTERHORN participants proceeded to surgery, underscoring that FLOT plus durvalumab is practical in real-world settings
- **Optimal delivery requires MDT coordination** to assess resectability, surgical fitness, and support dose adjustments that preserve neoadjuvant intensity
- **In practice**, most patients can complete neoadjuvant therapy and surgery, and **adding durvalumab is reasonable for the majority of FLOT-eligible patients**

MANAGEMENT OF OPERABLE GASTRIC/GEJ ADENOCARCINOMAS^{1,2}



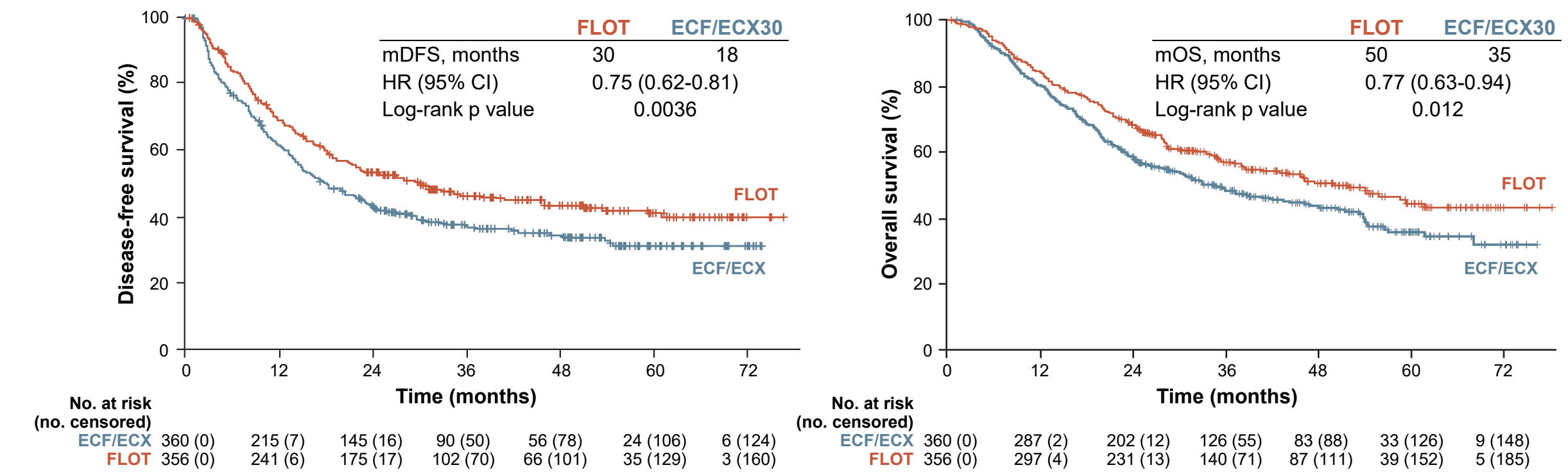
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CRT, chemoradiotherapy; GC, gastric cancer; GEJ, gastroesophageal junction

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PERI-OPERATIVE THERAPY IS A GLOBAL OPTION

FLOT4 trial¹



Guideline	Neoadjuvant/Peri-operative population	Preferred Regimens	Key Trials
NCCN ²	High risk cT2N0,cT1b-T2, N+, cT3-cT4a, any N	FLOT; FLOT + durvalumab	AIO-FLOT4, ¹ ESOPEC ⁵ , MATTERHORN ⁶
ESMO ³	cT2-T4 or cN1-3 M0	FLOT	
Pan-Asian ESMO ⁴	Stage >1B resectable/ cT4N+, Bulky lymph nodes	Doublet [fluoropyrimidine/oxaliplatin/cisplatin] or triplet [FLOT, DOS]	AIO-FLOT4, ¹ PRODIGY, ⁷ RESOLVE, ⁸ JCOG0501 ⁹

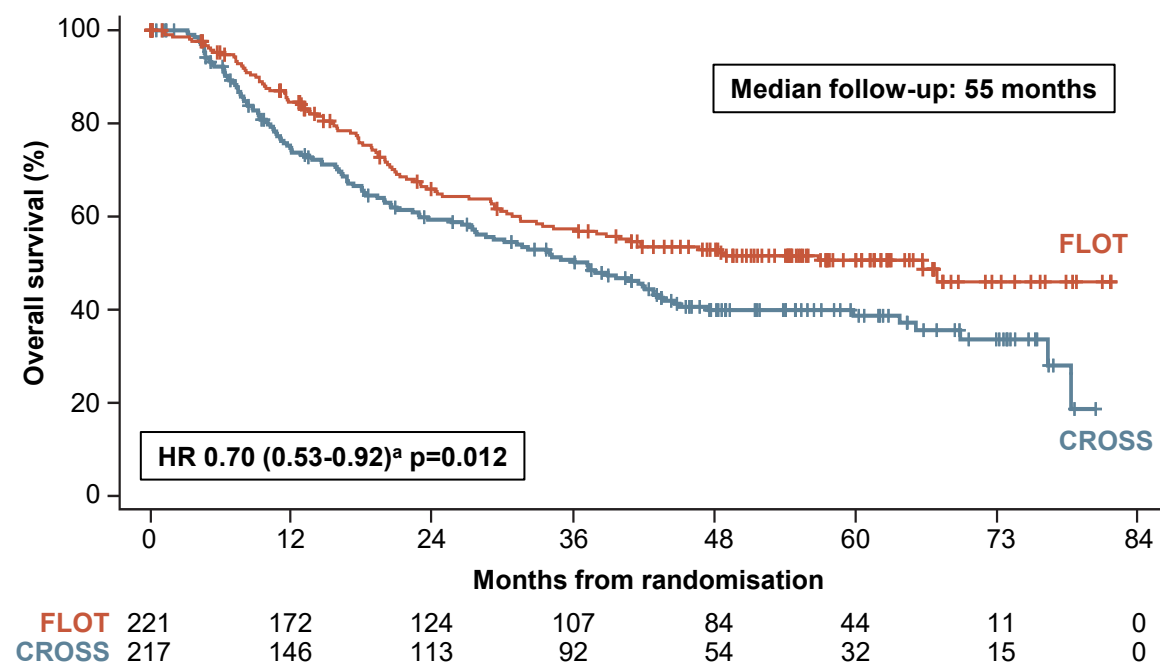
5-FU, fluorouracil; CI, confidence interval; (c)TN, (clinical) Tumour, Nodal (staging); (m)DFS, (median) disease-free survival; DOS, docetaxel, oxaliplatin and S-1; ECF/ECX, epirubicin+cisplatin+5-FU/capecitabine; ESMO, European Society for Medical Oncology; FLOT, fluorouracil plus leucovorin, oxaliplatin and docetaxel; HR, hazard ratio; mOS, (median) overall survival; NCCN, National Comprehensive Cancer Network

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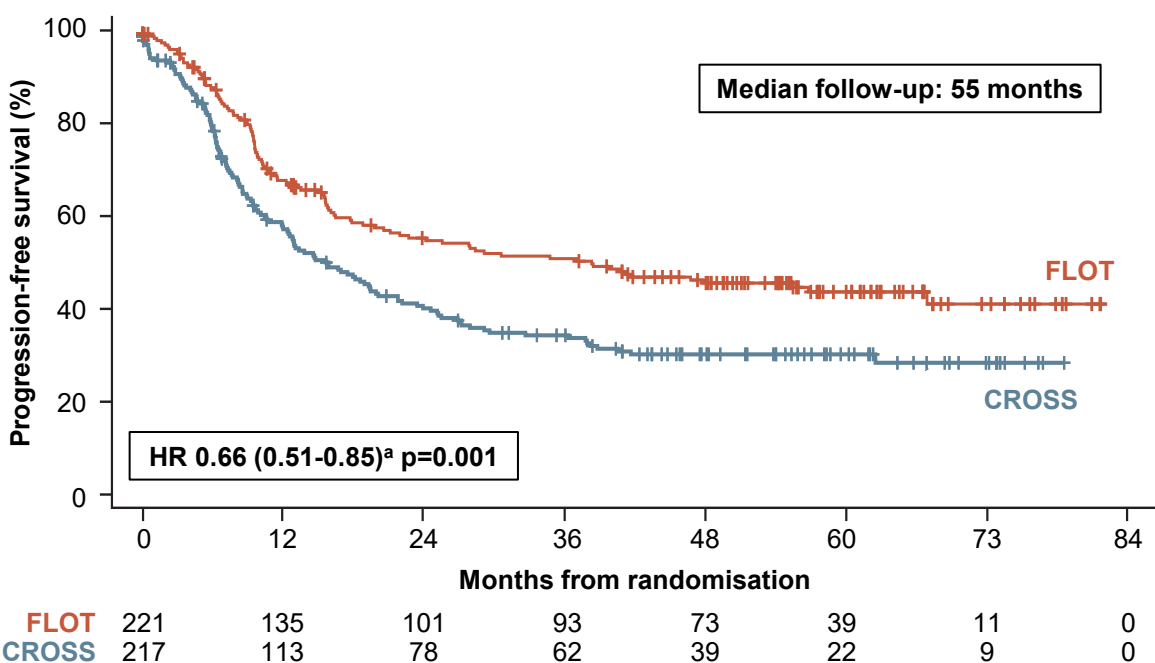
ESOPEC: EFFICACY (ITT POPULATION)

- Peri-operative chemotherapy (FLOT) plus surgery improves overall survival compared to neoadjuvant chemoradiation (CROSS) plus surgery for patients with cT1cN+ and cT2-4a,cN-/± resectable esophageal adenocarcinoma¹

OVERALL SURVIVAL (ITT)²



PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL (ITT)²



^a Two-sided 95% confidence interval; Cox regression adjusted for N stage and age, stratified for trial site

CROSS, preoperative radiotherapy plus carboplatin and paclitaxel (as used in CROSS study); (c)N, (clinical) Node stage; cT, clinical Tumour stage; FLOT, fluorouracil plus leucovorin, oxaliplatin and docetaxel; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intention-to-treat

1. Hoepfner J, et al. J Clin Oncol 2024;42(No. 17_Suppl). Abstract LBA1; 2. Hoepfner J, et al. N Engl J Med 2025;392:323-35

THE PERI-OPERATIVE CHEMOTHERAPY-ICI LANDSCAPE

MATTERHORN¹

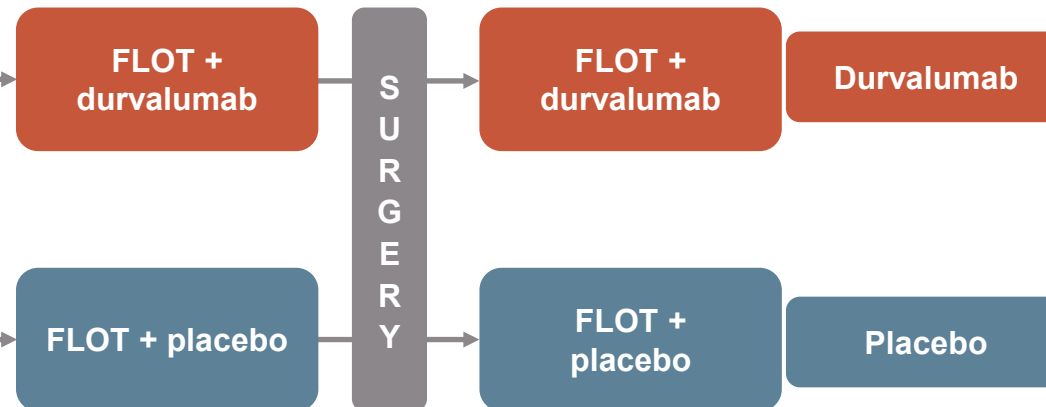
Study population:

- G/GEJ adenocarcinoma
- Stage II–IVA
- ECOG 0-1
- No prior therapy

Stratification factors:

- Geographic region
- Clinical N status
- PD-L1 status

R
1:1
(N=948)



Primary = **EFS**
Secondary = pCR, OS

KEYNOTE-585^{2,3}

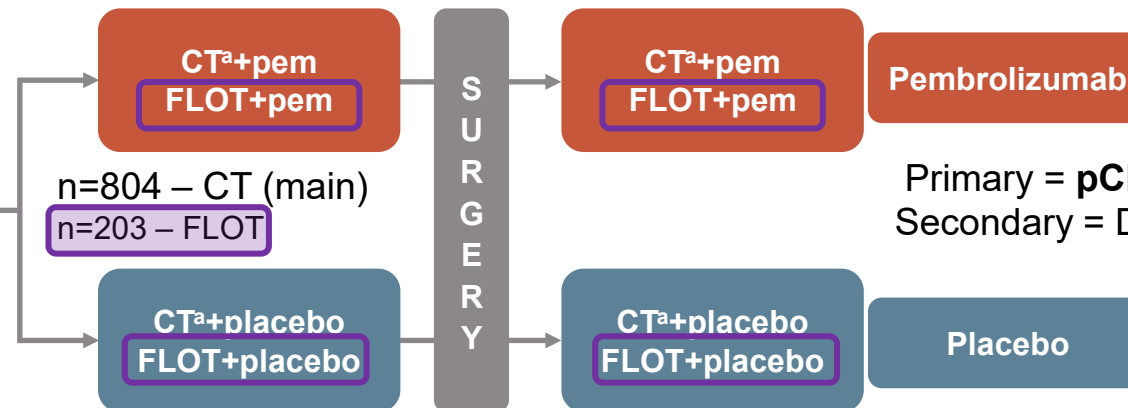
Study population:

- ≥T3 and/or N+
- ECOG PS 0-1
- No prior therapy

Stratification factors:

- Asia vs non-Asia
- Stage II vs III vs IVA
- CT vs FLOT

R
1:1
(N=1007)



Primary = **pCR,^b EFS,^b OS^b; safety^c**
Secondary = DFS,^b OS,^d EFS,^d safety^d

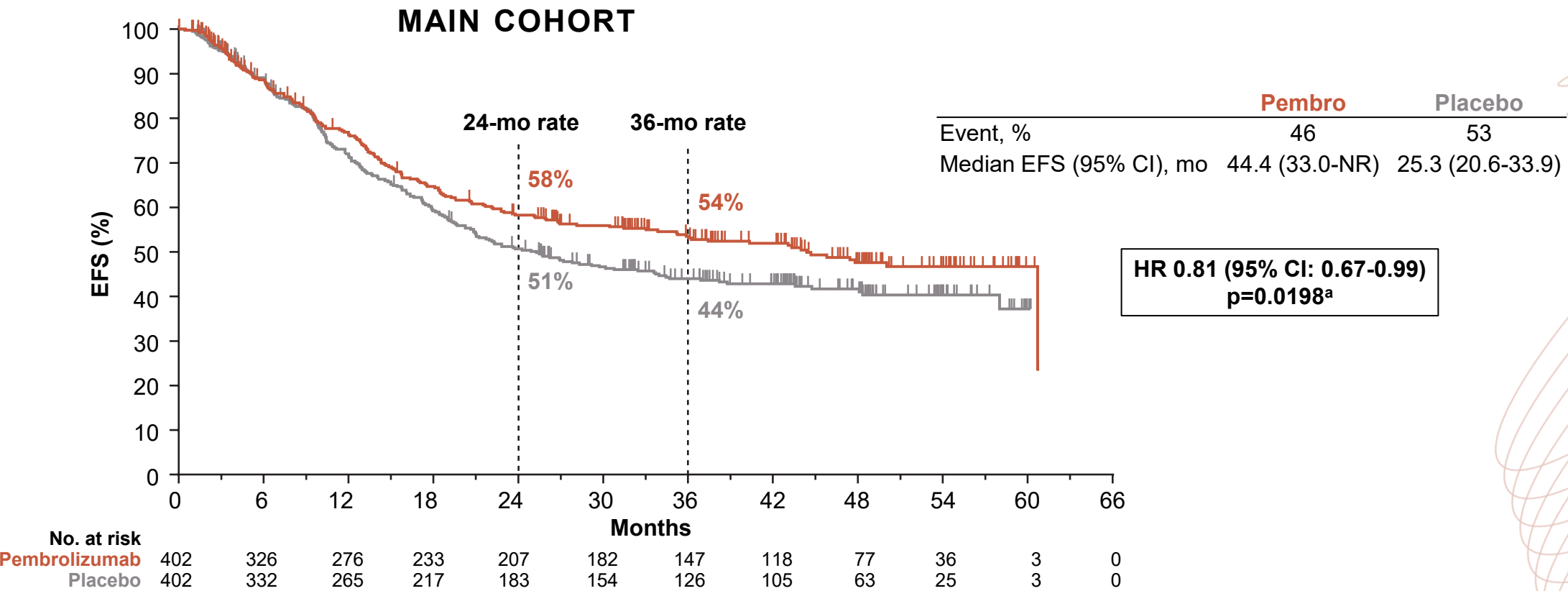
^a CT: intravenous cisplatin plus oral capecitabine or fluorouracil; ^b Main cohort; ^c FLOT cohort; ^d FLOT+main cohorts (combined)

DFS, disease-free survival; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EFS, event-free survival; FLOT, 5-fluorouracil, leucovorin, oxaliplatin and docetaxel; N, Nodal (staging); OS, overall survival; pCR, pathological complete response; pem, pembrolizumab; R, randomisation; T, Tumour (staging)

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KEYNOTE-585: PERI-OPERATIVE CHEMO/FLOT ± PEMBRO

EVENT-FREE SURVIVAL DID NOT MEET STATISTICAL SIGNIFICANCE PER THE PRE-SPECIFIED STATISTICAL ANALYSIS PLAN



^a Threshold for significance was one-sided p=0.0178

Data cut-off date: 9 Feb 2023.

EFS defined as time from randomisation to first occurrence of radiographic disease progression per RECIST v1.1, local or distant recurrence assessed by CT scan or biopsy if indicated, clinical progression, or death due to any cause per investigator assessment

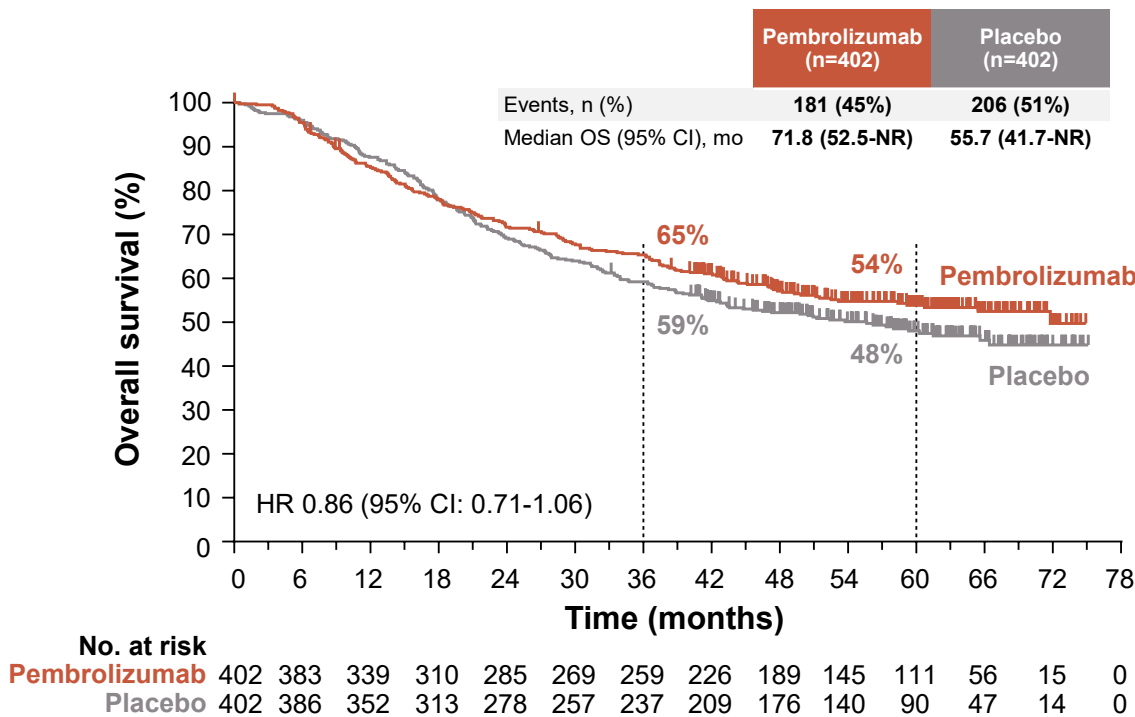
Chemo, chemotherapy; CI, confidence interval; CT, computed tomography; EFS, event-free survival; FLOT, fluorouracil plus leucovorin, oxaliplatin and docetaxel; HR, hazard ratio; mo, months; NR, not reached; pembro, pembrolizumab; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours

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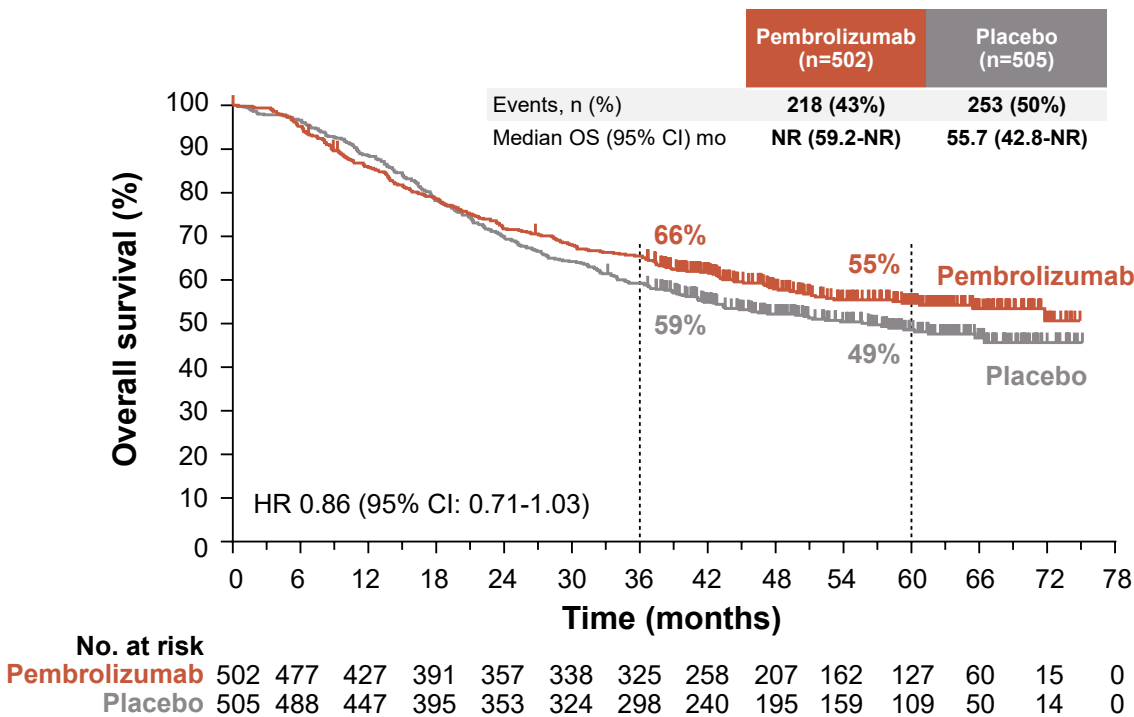
KEYNOTE-585: FINAL OVERALL SURVIVAL

OVERALL SURVIVAL DID NOT MEET STATISTICAL SIGNIFICANCE PER THE PRE-SPECIFIED STATISTICAL ANALYSIS PLAN

Main cohort



Main plus FLOT cohorts



MATTERHORN: STUDY DESIGN^{1,2}

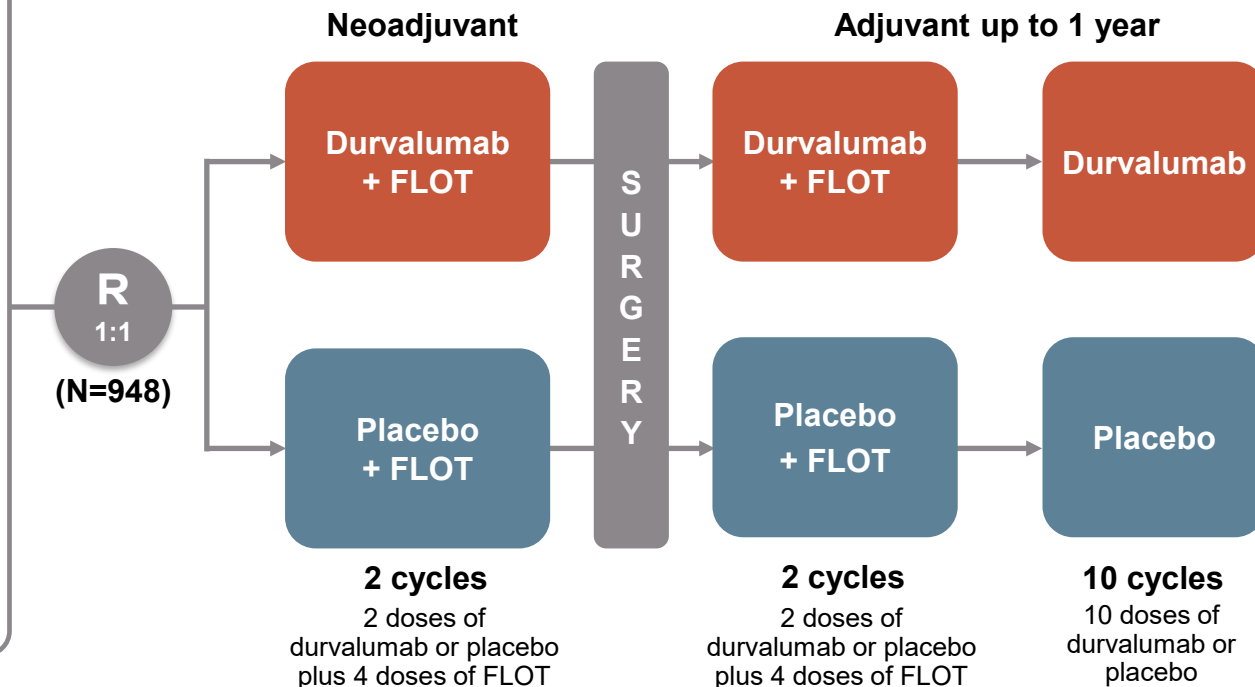
MATTERHORN IS A GLOBAL, PHASE 3, RANDOMISED, DOUBLE-BLIND, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED STUDY

Study population:

- G/GEJ adenocarcinoma
- Stage II–IVA per American Joint Committee on Cancer 8th edition
- No evidence of metastasis
- No prior therapy
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Global enrolment from Asia, Europe, North America and South America

Stratification factors:

- Geographical region: Asia versus non-Asia
- Clinical lymph node status: positive versus negative
- PD-L1 expression: TAP <1% versus TAP ≥1%*



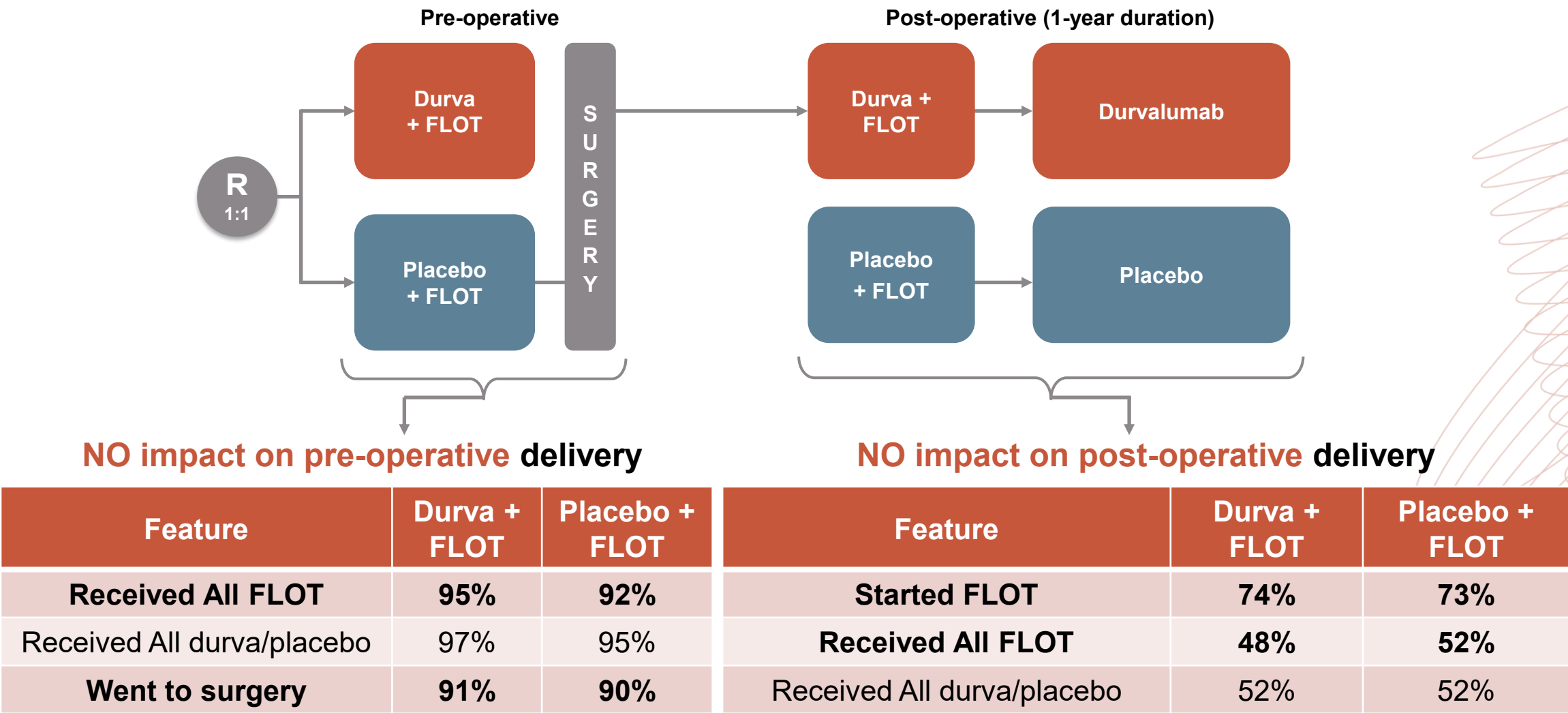
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FLOT: 5-fluorouracil 2600 mg/m², leucovorin 200 mg/m², oxaliplatin 85 mg/m², docetaxel 50 mg/m², on Days 1 and 15 Q4W, 4 doses (2 cycles) pre- and post-operative; durvalumab: 1500 mg on Day 1 Q4W, 2 doses (2 cycles) of durvalumab or placebo pre- and post-operative, followed by 10 doses of post-operative durvalumab or placebo monotherapy. Participants underwent surgery 4-8 weeks after last dose of neoadjuvant therapy. Adjuvant therapy began 4-12 weeks post-surgery. Durvalumab or placebo monotherapy may be continued if post-operative FLOT is discontinued due to toxicity

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EFS, event-free survival; FLOT, 5-fluorouracil, leucovorin, oxaliplatin and docetaxel; G / GEJ, gastric / gastroesophageal junction; OS, overall survival; pCR, pathological complete response; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; Q4W, every 4 weeks; R, randomisation; TAP, tumour area positivity

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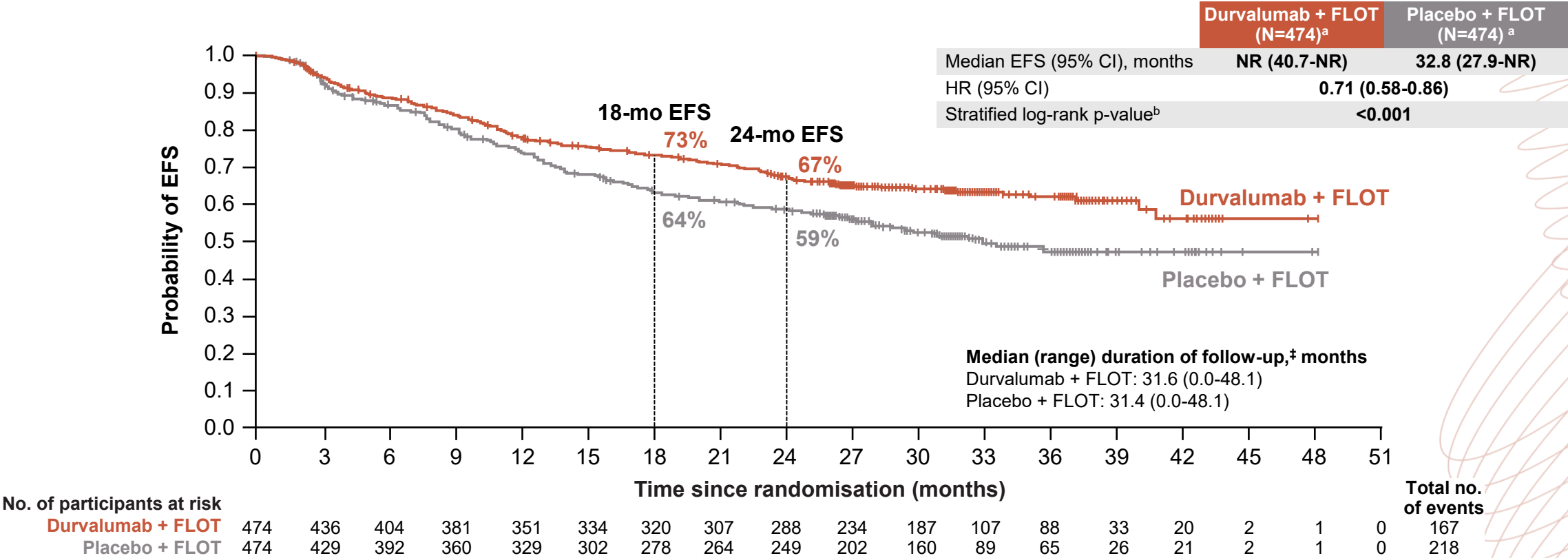
DURVALUMAB DOES NOT IMPACT FLOT DELIVERY



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MATTERHORN: PRIMARY ENDPOINT OF EFS^{1,2}

A STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN EFS WAS OBSERVED WITH DURVALUMAB + FLOT VERSUS PLACEBO + FLOT

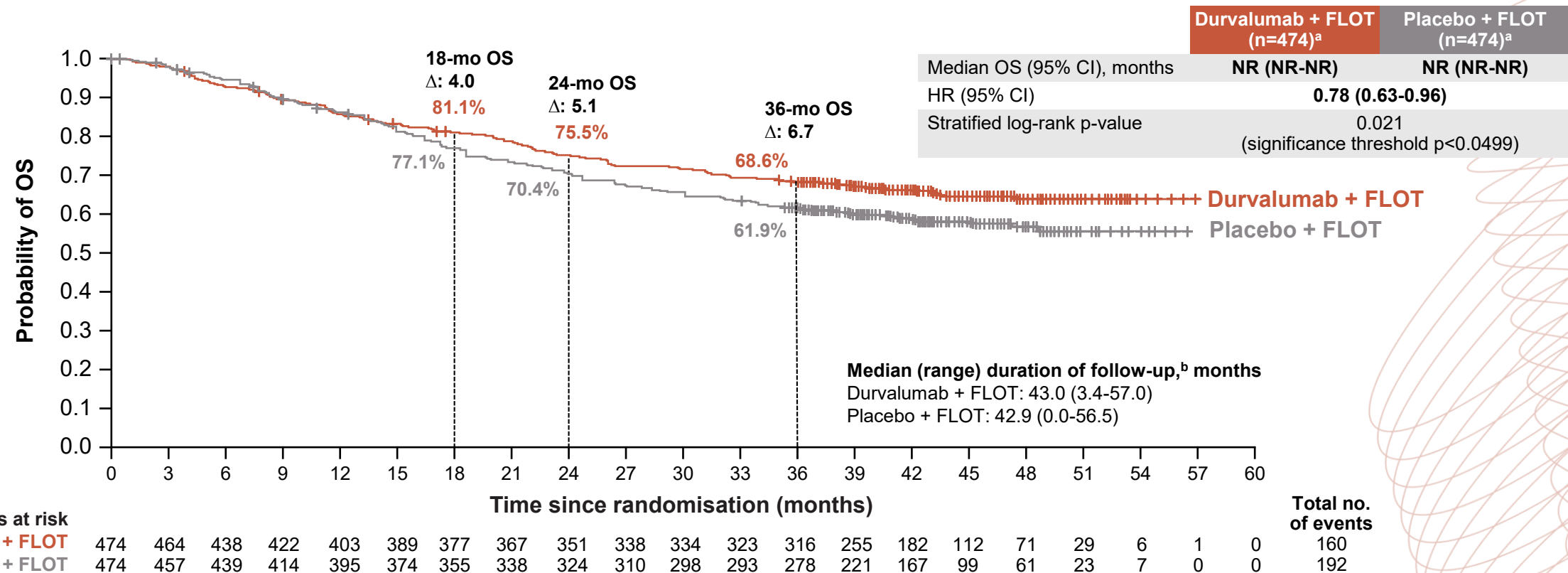


^a Full analysis set (all randomised participants, regardless of treatment received); ^b The threshold of significance for this analysis was 0.0239; [‡] In censored participants
Events were defined as the earliest of RECIST v1.1 events, non-RECIST v1.1 events or deaths due to any cause. Analysis was based on BICR assessments and / or locally by pathology testing if clinically required. The HR and its CI were estimated from a Cox proportional hazards model, adjusted for geographical region, clinical lymph node status and PD-L1 expression. The CI for the HR was calculated using a profile likelihood approach. The 2-sided p-value was calculated using a stratified log-rank test adjusted for geographical region, clinical lymph node status and PD-L1 expression
BICR, blinded independent central review; CI, confidence interval; EFS, event-free survival; FLOT, 5-fluorouracil, leucovorin, oxaliplatin and docetaxel; HR, hazard ratio; mo, month; NR, not reached; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours, version 1.1

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MATTERHORN: FINAL OS

A STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT AND CLINICALLY MEANINGFUL IMPROVEMENT IN OS WAS OBSERVED WITH DURVALUMAB + FLOT VERSUS PLACEBO + FLOT IN THE INTENTION-TO-TREAT POPULATION



^a Intention-to-treat analysis set (all randomised participants, regardless of treatment received). ^b In censored participants

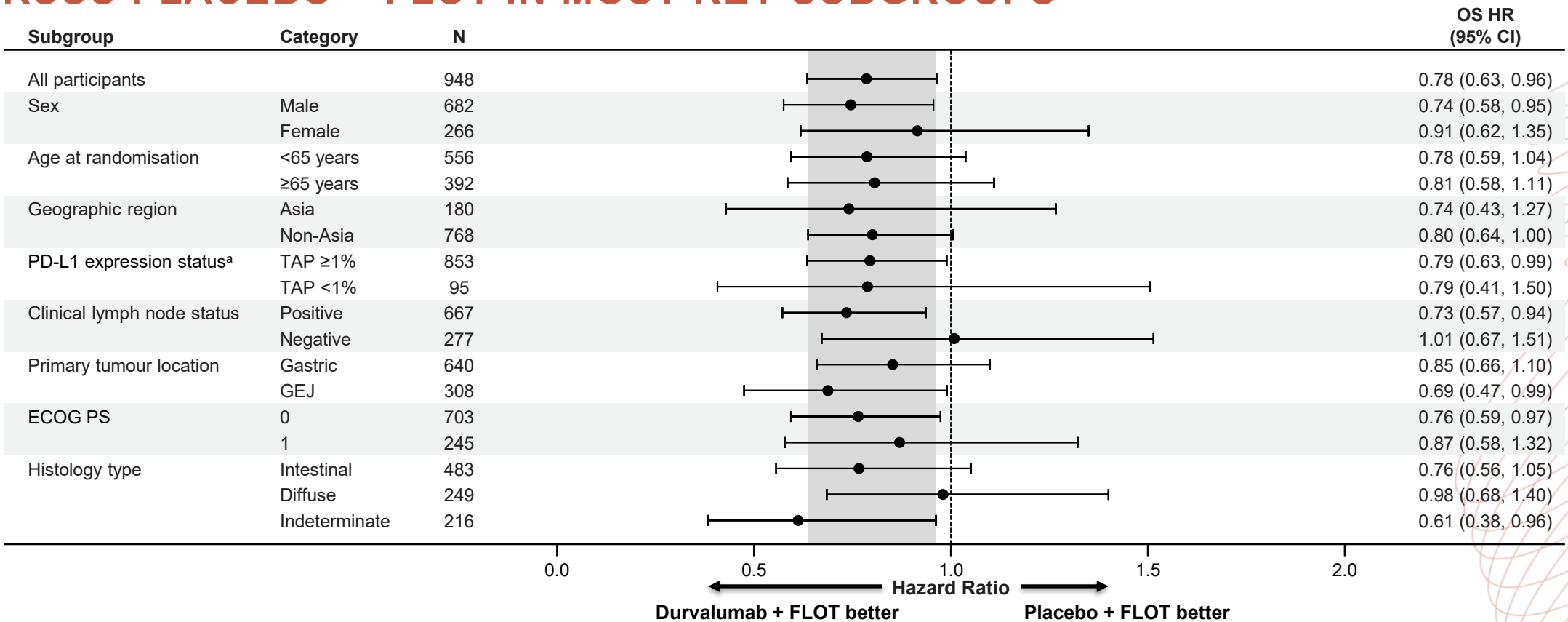
Data cut-off: 01 September 2025. OS maturity: 37.1%. Events were defined as time from randomisation until the date of death due to any cause. The HR and its CI were estimated from a Cox proportional hazards model, adjusted for geographic region, clinical lymph node status, and PD-L1 expression status. The CI for the HR was calculated using a profile likelihood approach. An HR <1 favours durvalumab + FLOT. The two-sided p-value was calculated using a stratified log-rank test adjusting for geographic region, clinical lymph node status, and PD-L1 expression status.

CI, confidence interval; FLOT, 5-fluorouracil, leucovorin, oxaliplatin, and docetaxel; HR, hazard ratio; mo, month; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival

Tabernero J, et al. Ann Oncol. 2025;36(suppl_2):S1-S60. 10.1016/annonc/annonc1965. Presented at ESMO 2025 (Abstract LBA81)

MATTERHORN: OS IN KEY SUBGROUPS

A CONSISTENT BENEFIT IN OS WAS OBSERVED WITH DURVALUMAB + FLOT VERSUS PLACEBO + FLOT IN MOST KEY SUBGROUPS



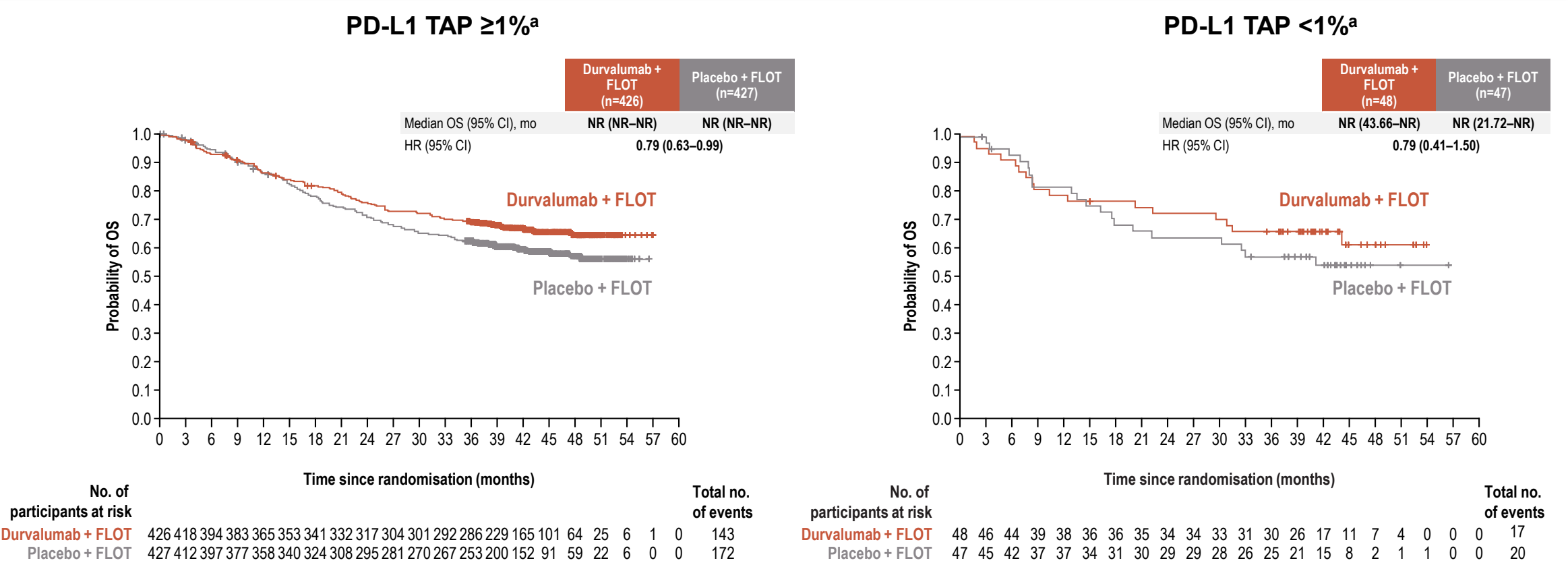
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Data cut-off: 01 September 2025. The analysis was performed using a Cox proportional hazards model with treatment as the only covariate. An HR <1 favours durvalumab + FLOT. The CI was calculated using a profile likelihood approach. The grey band represents the 95% CI for the intention-to-treat HR

CI, confidence interval; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FLOT, 5-fluorouracil, leucovorin, oxaliplatin and docetaxel; GEJ, gastroesophageal junction; HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival; TAP, Tumour Area Positivity

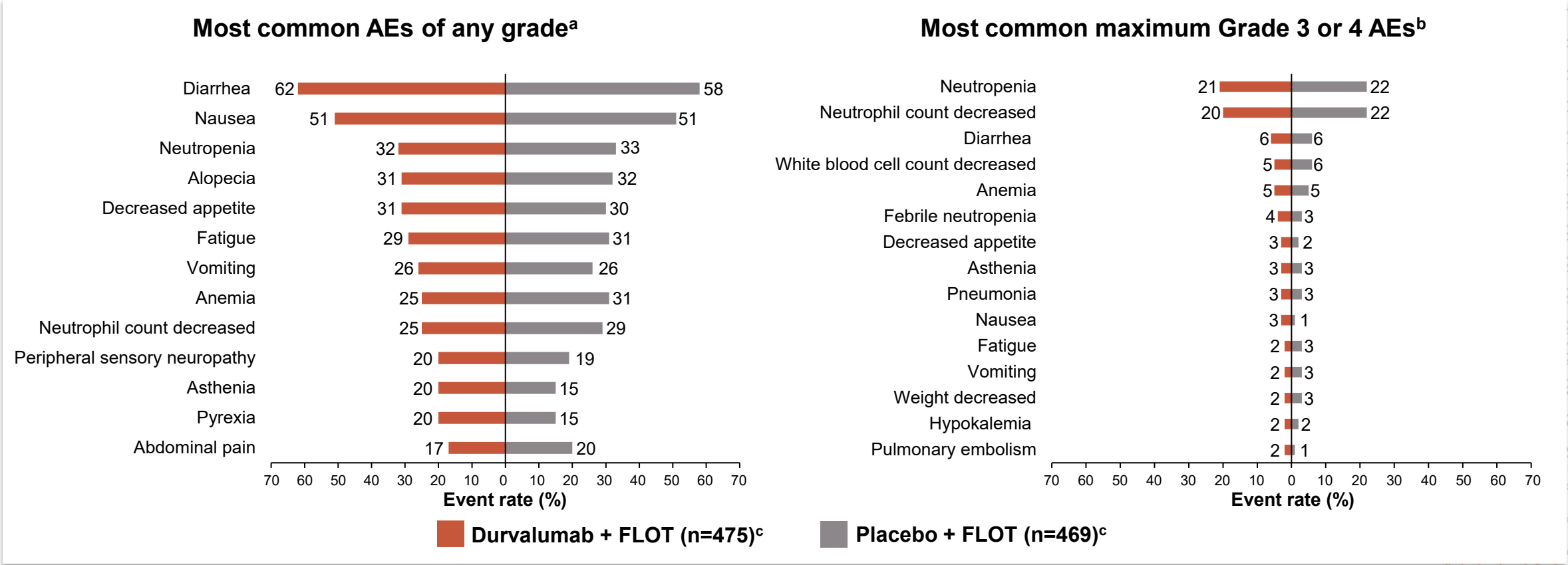
MATTERHORN: OS BY PD-L1 STATUS

OS WAS IMPROVED WITH DURVALUMAB + FLOT VERSUS PLACEBO + FLOT REGARDLESS OF PD-L1 STATUS



AE RATES SIMILAR BETWEEN DURVALUMAB AND FLOT ARMS

MATTERHORN STUDY



^a AEs occurring in $\geq 20\%$ of participants in any treatment group; ^b AEs occurring in $\geq 2\%$ of participants in any treatment group; ^c Safety analysis set (participants who received at least one dose of study treatment); one participant in the placebo + FLOT group received a single dose of durvalumab and is, therefore, included in the durvalumab + FLOT group for the safety analysis

AE, adverse event; FLOT, 5-fluorouracil, leucovorin, oxaliplatin and docetaxel

Janjigian YY, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2025;43(suppl 17). Presented at ASCO Congress 2025 (Abstract LBA5)

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MATTERHORN: CONCLUSIONS

- Durvalumab + FLOT demonstrated a statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in OS versus FLOT alone in the intention-to-treat population
- OS improved with durvalumab + FLOT versus placebo + FLOT, regardless of PD-L1 status

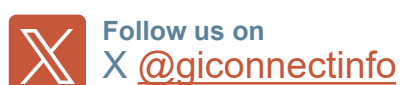
- MATTERHORN represents the first successful perioperative IO trial in gastric/GEJ cancer to meet both its primary endpoint (EFS) and its key secondary endpoint (OS), establishing durvalumab as a new global standard of care for these patients
- The FDA have approved durvalumab + FLOT (regardless of PD-L1 status) as neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment, followed by single agent durvalumab, for adults with resectable gastric/GEJ adenocarcinoma based on the MATTERHORN trial

IMPLEMENTING FLOT IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

- Early surgical involvement for discussions of candidacy and surgical planning
- Dose reductions can be quite effective, limited concern with reductions in oxaliplatin and docetaxel
- Neoadjuvant component quite important, and we do not yet have data to clearly de-escalate adjuvant component unless needed to manage toxicities



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