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Ovarian cancer : therapeutic news

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First-line therapy

- Lymphadenectomy
- Intraperitoneal chemotherapy
- HIPEC
- **PARP inhibitor as maintenance therapy in BRCAm OVCA**

Lymphadenectomy in ovarian neoplasms

LION

Design: LION

Pre-operative
In/exclusion
criteria

Registration at
least one day
prior to surgery

Intra-operative randomisation if:

- Epithelial ovarian cancer
- FIGO IIB-IV
- Macroscopic complete resection
- No contra-indication to LNE
- Absence of „bulky“ nodes

Randomization
(n=640)

Systematic pelvic
and para-aortic
lymphadenectomy

No
lymphadenectomy

Strata:

- Center
- Age
- PS ECOG

Lymphadenectomy in ovarian neoplasms

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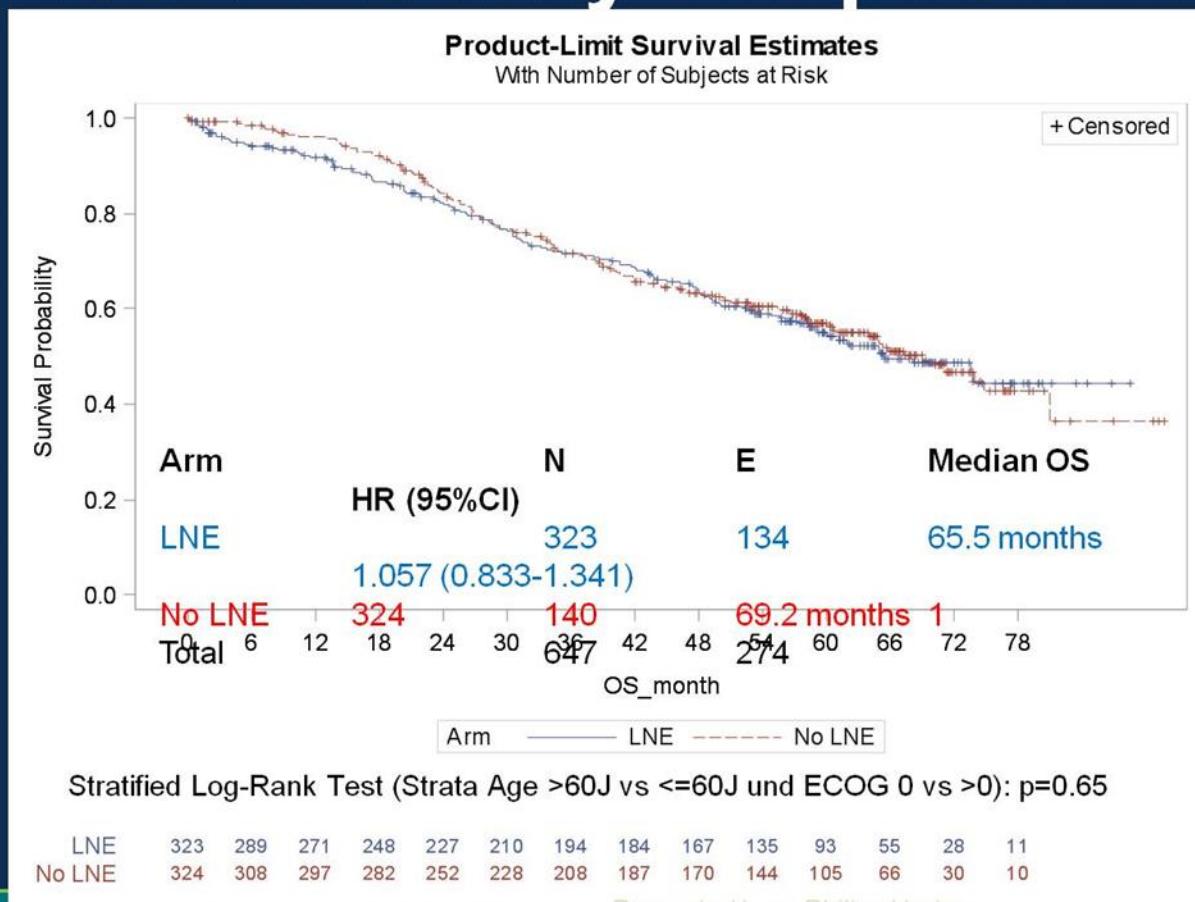
	+ LNE	- LNE	p
N pts	323	324	
complete resection	99,4%	99,4%	0,99
LN metastases	55,7%		
Infections	25,8%	18,6%	0,03
aΣ lymph cysts	4,4%	0,3%	< 0,001
Σ lymph cysts	3,1%	0%	< 0,001
60-day mortality	3,1%	0,9%	0,049

- ↑ duration of surgery
- ↑ blood loss
- ↑ transfusions
- ↑ intermediate/intensive care unit

Lymphadenectomy in ovarian neoplasms

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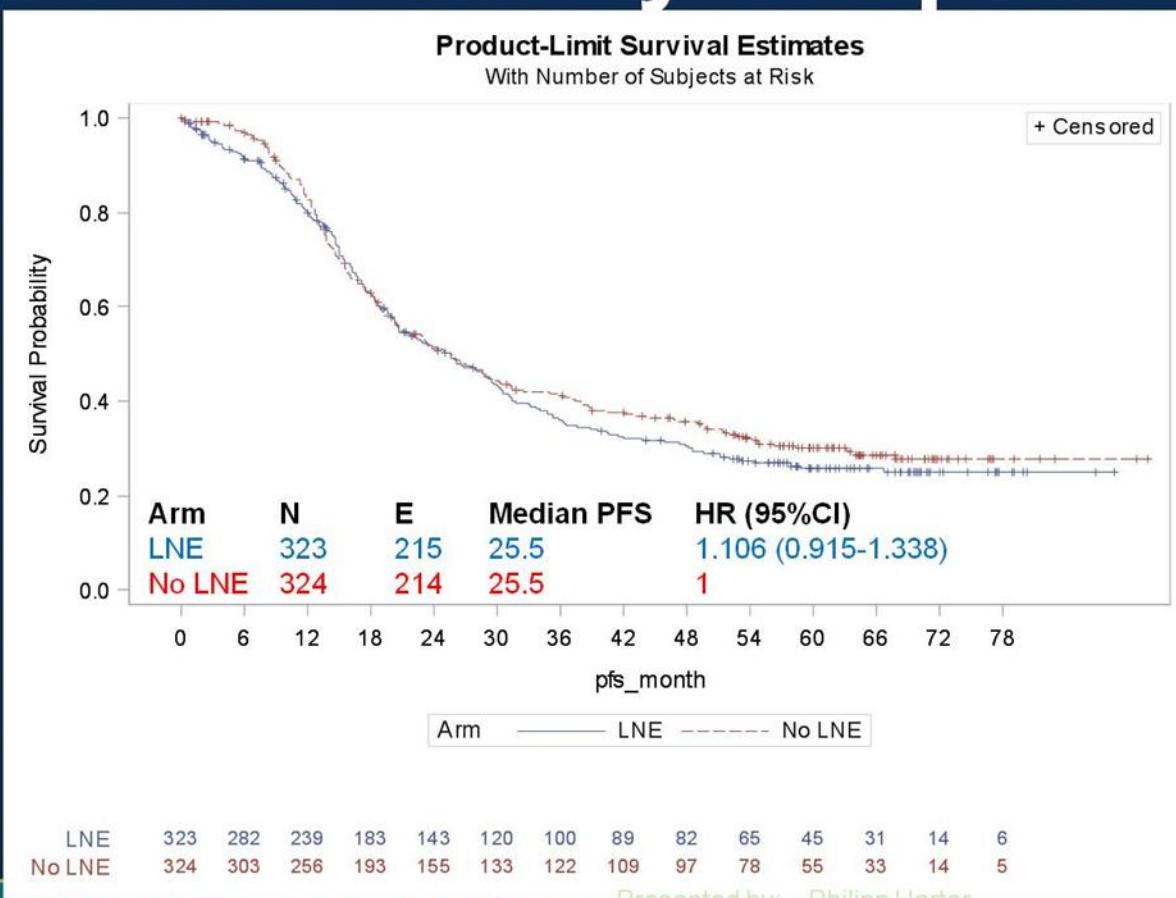
LION: Primary endpoint OS



Lymphadenectomy in ovarian neoplasms

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LION: Secondary endpoint PFS



IV/IP chemotherapy in ovarian cancer – Study comparisons for PFS

Table 1. IV/IP chemotherapy in ovarian cancer - study comparisons for PFS.

Arm study	Median PFS (months)		Median PFS (months)	
	N	No visible disease stage III	N	≤ 1 cm visible disease
GOG114&172 IV cisplatin	117	33.4		
GOG114&172 IP cisplatin	125	43.2		
GOG172 IV cisplatin	75	43.2		18.3
GOG172 IP cisplatin	78	60.4		23.8
GOG252 IV carboplatin	297	31.3	461	26.8 (10% st. II)
GOG252 IP carboplatin	297	31.8	464	28.7 (10% st. II)
GOG252 IP cisplatin	304	33.8	456	27.8 (10% st. II)

HIPEC in first-line ovarian cancer: hope or hype?

Randomised, open-label phase III trial

- 245 patients with stage III (FIGO) ovarian carcinoma
- Carboplatin-Paclitaxel (CP) x 3 → IDS +/- HIPEC – CP x3
- Median follow-up 4,7 years

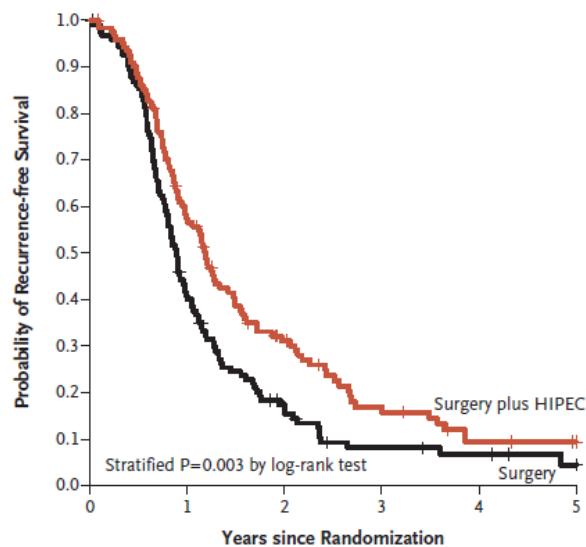
	+ HIPEC*	- HIPEC	p value
N pts	122	123	
Recurrence	81%	89%	
m RFS	14,2 mos	10,7 mos	0,003
Deaths	50%	61%	
mOS	45,7 mos	33,9 mos	0,02
63-4 toxicity	27%	25%	0,76

* Cisplatin + sodium thiosulfate

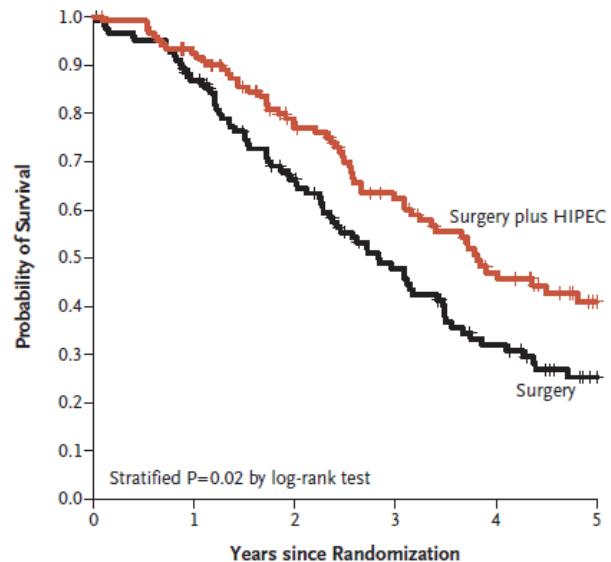
WJ Van Driel, NEJM 2018, 328, 230-240

HIPEC in first-line ovarian cancer

A Recurrence-free Survival



B Overall Survival



No. at Risk						
Surgery	123	48	18	7	5	2
Surgery plus HIPEC	122	67	31	15	7	5

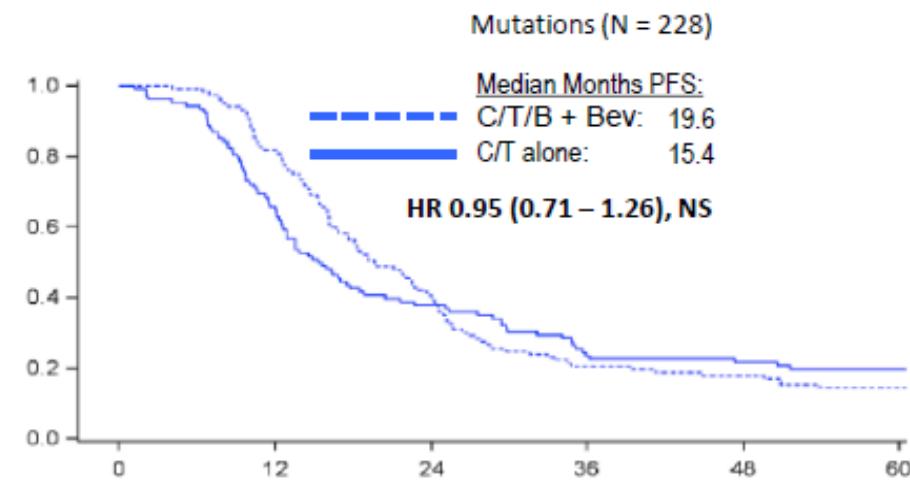
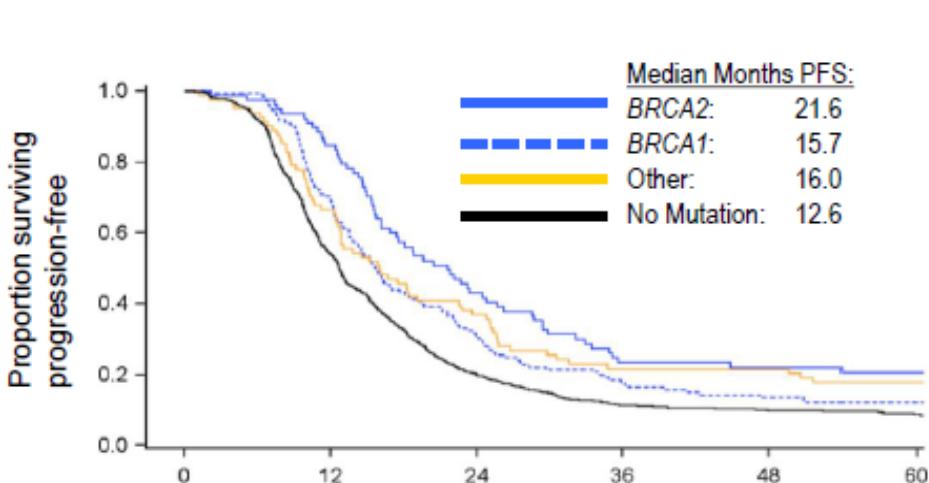
No. at Risk						
Surgery	123	103	70	44	27	12
Surgery plus HIPEC	122	108	79	56	37	20

The addition of HIPEC to interval cytoreductive surgery resulted in:

- longer recurrence-free survival
- longer overall survival
- did not result in higher rate of side effects

This trial is a first step, but should not drive changes in practice yet

GOG-218: Carboplatin-Paclitaxel vs Carboplatin-Paclitaxel-Bevacizumab + Bevacizumab maintenance



BRCA1/2 mutation:

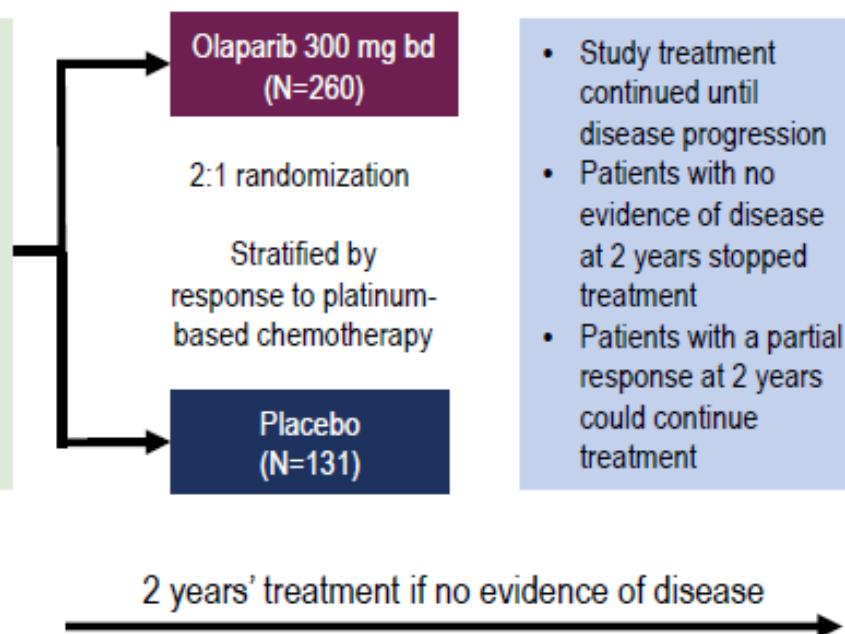
better prognosis (outcome)

no benefit for Bevacizumab

SOLO-1 phase III trial: maintenance olaparib in 1st line advanced ovarian cancer responding to platinum and a BRCA mutation

Study design

- Newly diagnosed, FIGO stage III–IV, high-grade serous or endometrioid ovarian, primary peritoneal or fallopian tube cancer
- Germline or somatic *BRCAm*
- ECOG performance status 0–1
- Cytoreductive surgery*
- In clinical complete response or partial response after platinum-based chemotherapy

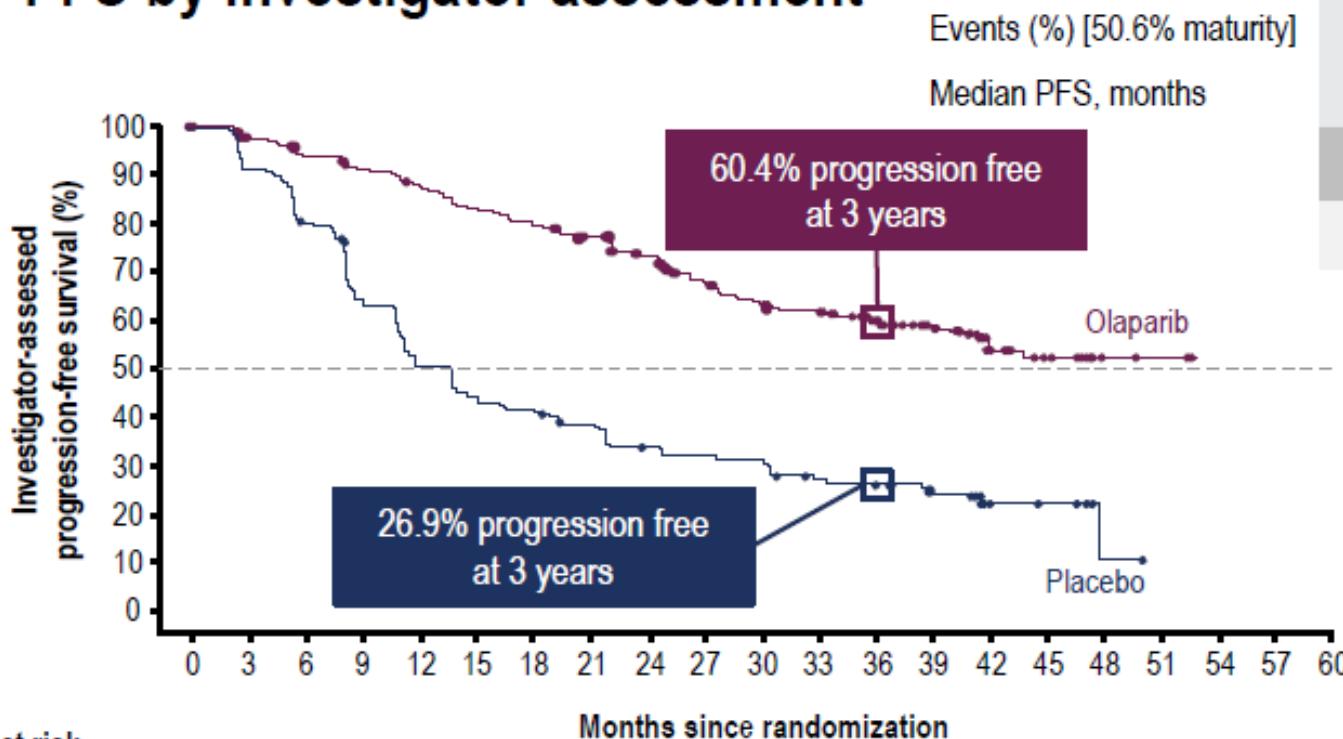


Primary endpoint
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigator-assessed PFS (modified RECIST 1.1)
Secondary endpoints
<ul style="list-style-type: none">PFS using BICRPFS2Overall survivalTime from randomization to first subsequent therapy or deathTime from randomization to second subsequent therapy or deathHRQoL (FACT-O TOI score)

*Upfront or interval attempt at optimal cytoreductive surgery for stage III disease and either biopsy and/or upfront or interval cytoreductive surgery for stage IV disease.
BICR, blinded independent central review; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; FACT-O, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy – Ovarian Cancer; FIGO, International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; PFS, progression-free survival; PFS2, time to second progression or death; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours; TOI, Trial Outcome Index

SOLO-1 phase III trial : maintenance olaparib in advanced ovarian cancer and a BRCA mutation

PFS by investigator assessment



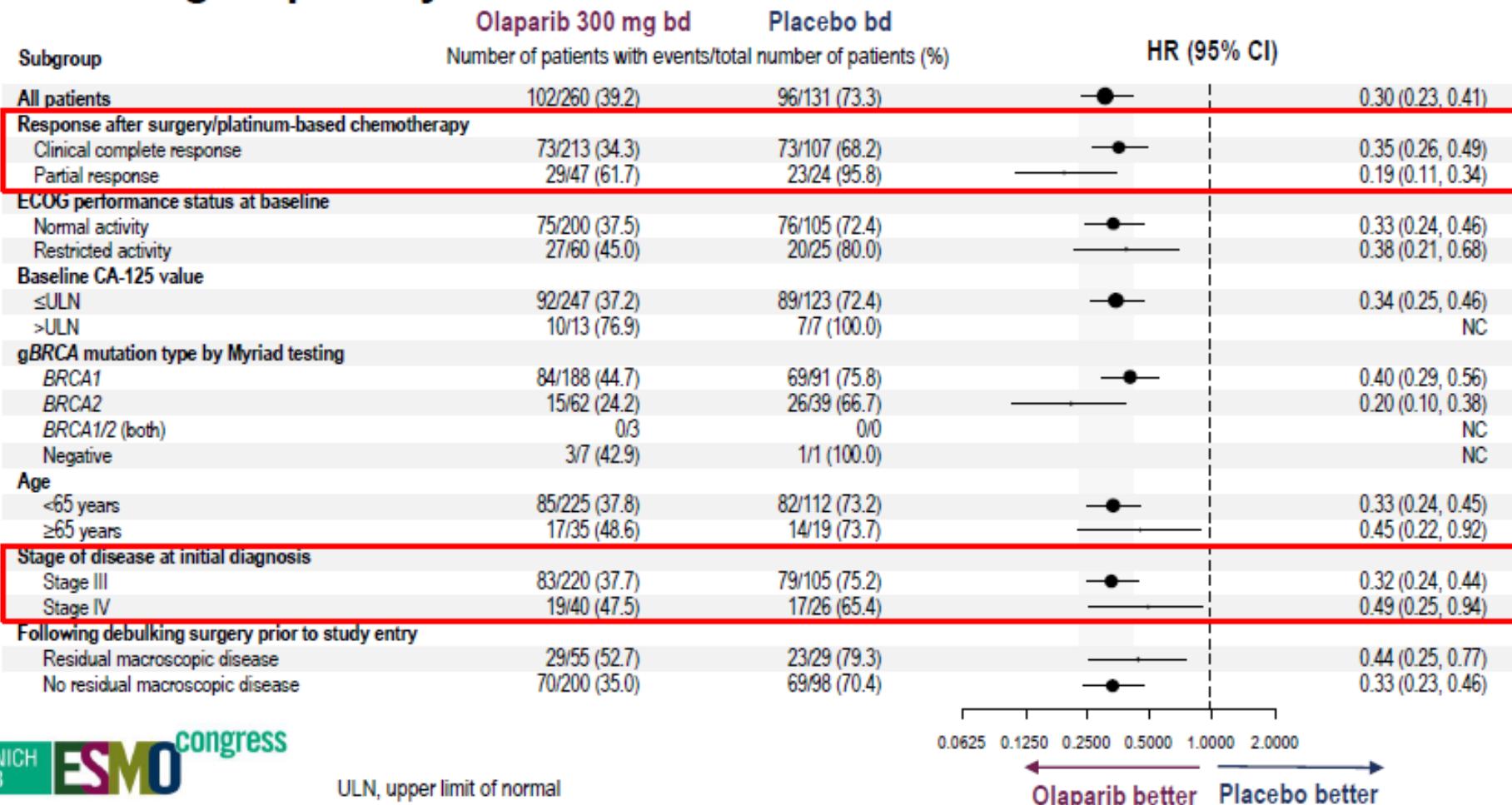
Olaparib (N=260)	Placebo (N=131)
102 (39.2)	96 (73.3)
NR	13.8
HR 0.30	
95% CI 0.23, 0.41; P<0.0001	

No. at risk	Months since randomization														
Olaparib	260	240	229	221	212	201	194	184	172	149	138	133	111	88	45
Placebo	131	118	103	82	65	56	53	47	41	39	38	31	28	22	6

CI, confidence interval; NR, not reached

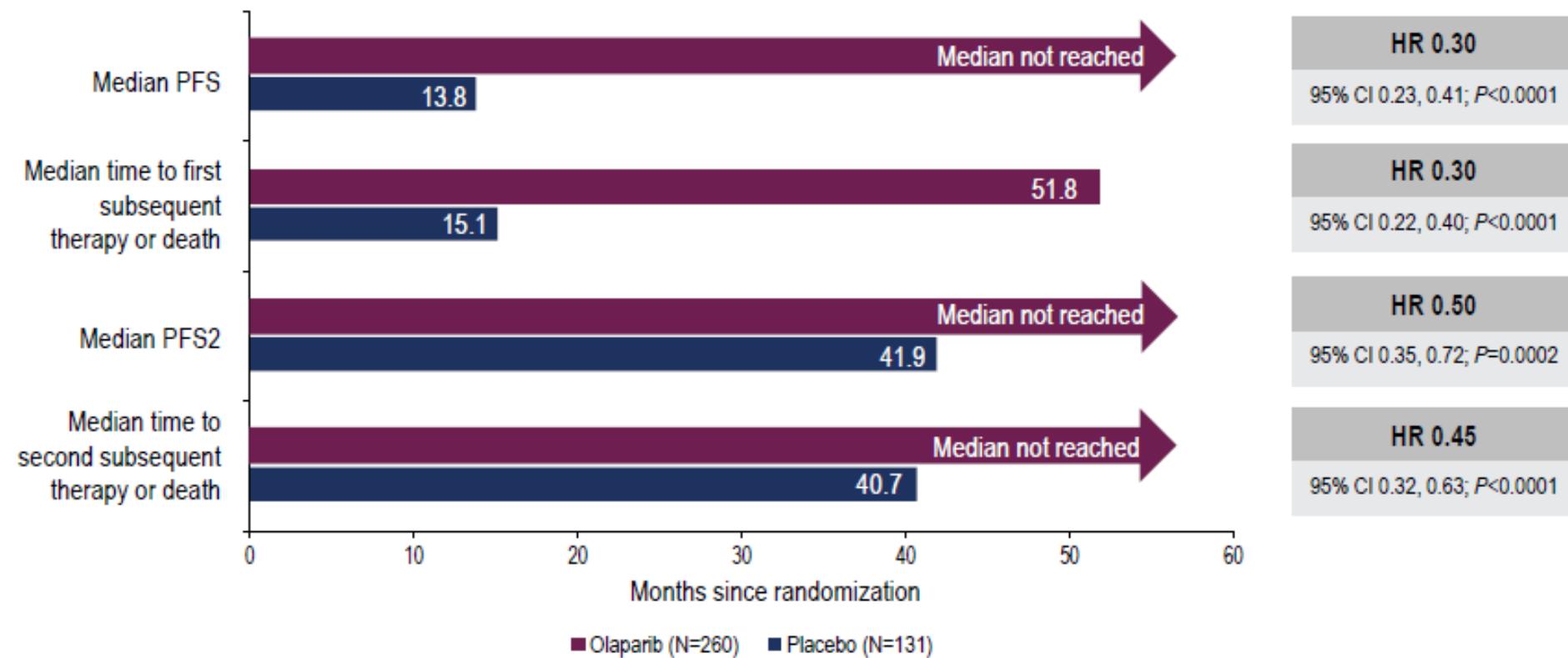
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PFS subgroup analysis

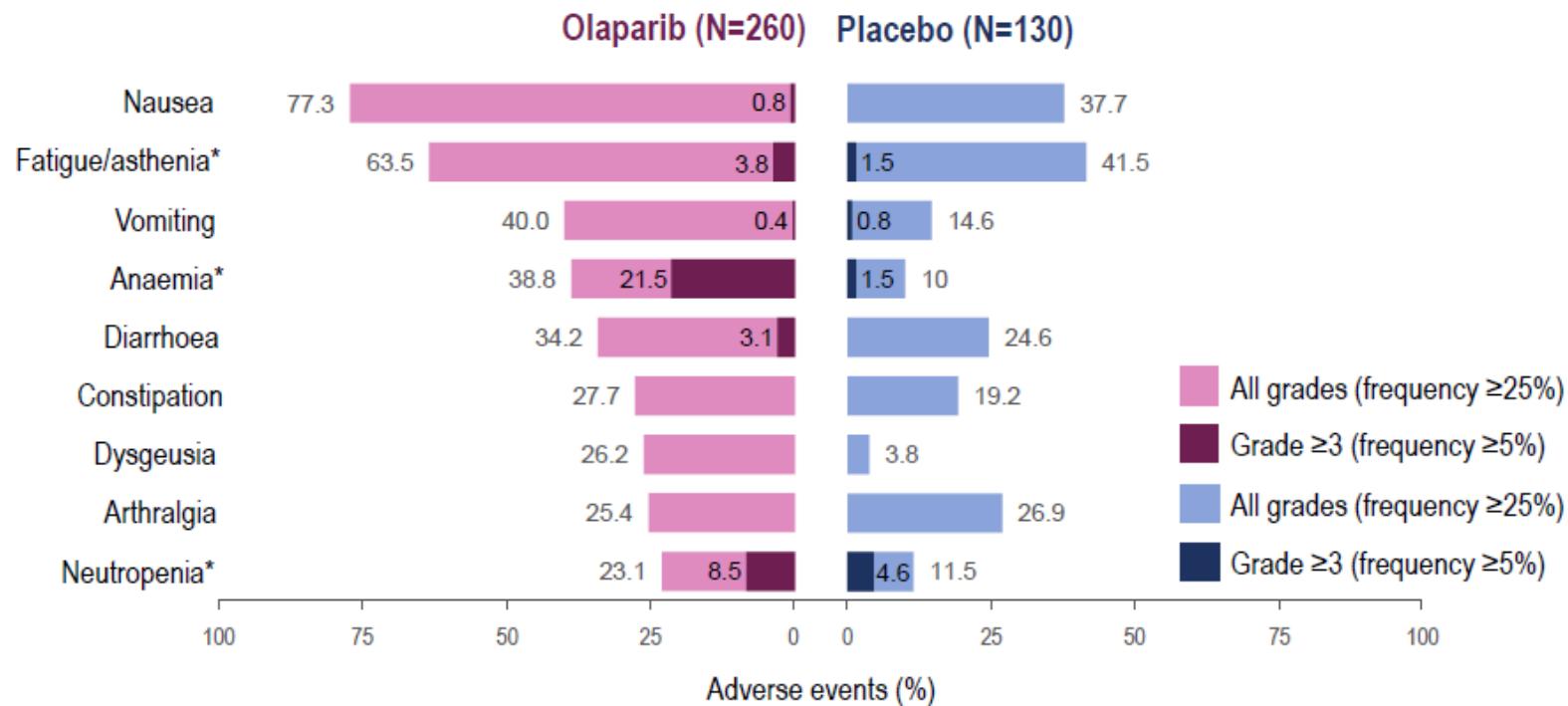


SOLO-1 phase III trial : maintenance olaparib in advanced ovarian cancer and a BRCA mutation

Summary of efficacy endpoints



Most common treatment-emergent adverse events



	Olaparib (N=260)	Placebo (N=130)
All-grade TEAEs, n (%)	256 (98.5)	120 (92.3)
Grade ≥3 TEAEs, n (%)	102 (39.2)	24 (18.5)
Serious TEAEs, n (%)	54 (20.8)	16 (12.3)
TEAEs leading to dose interruption, n (%)	135 (51.9)	22 (16.9)
TEAEs leading to dose reduction, n (%)	74 (28.5)	4 (3.1)
TEAEs leading to discontinuation, n (%)	30 (11.5)	3 (2.3)
Median (range) duration of treatment, months	24.6 (0–52.0)	13.9 (0.2–45.6)

SOLO-1 phase III trial:

maintenance olaparib
in 1st line advanced ovarian cancer
responding to platinum and a BRCA mutation

Conclusions

- Maintenance olaparib led to a substantial, unprecedented improvement in PFS in patients with newly diagnosed, advanced ovarian cancer and a *BRCA* mutation, with a difference in median PFS for olaparib versus placebo of approximately 3 years
 - There was no obvious change in Kaplan-Meier curves after 2 years in the olaparib group, indicating an apparent enduring treatment benefit after stopping treatment
- There was a statistically significant improvement in PFS2, suggesting that olaparib did not diminish patients' ability to benefit from subsequent therapy
- Olaparib was generally well tolerated, with a safety profile consistent with that observed in the relapsed disease setting
- Maintenance olaparib should be considered standard treatment following platinum-based chemotherapy for women with newly diagnosed, advanced ovarian cancer and a *BRCA* mutation

Second and further therapy lines

- Role of secondary cytoreductive surgery
- PARP inhibitors
- Immunotherapy
- Combinations

Impact of secondary cytoreductive surgery [AGO DESKTOP III, (GOG-213)]

- in platinum-sensitive recurrence in ovarian cancer
- Predictive AGO score:

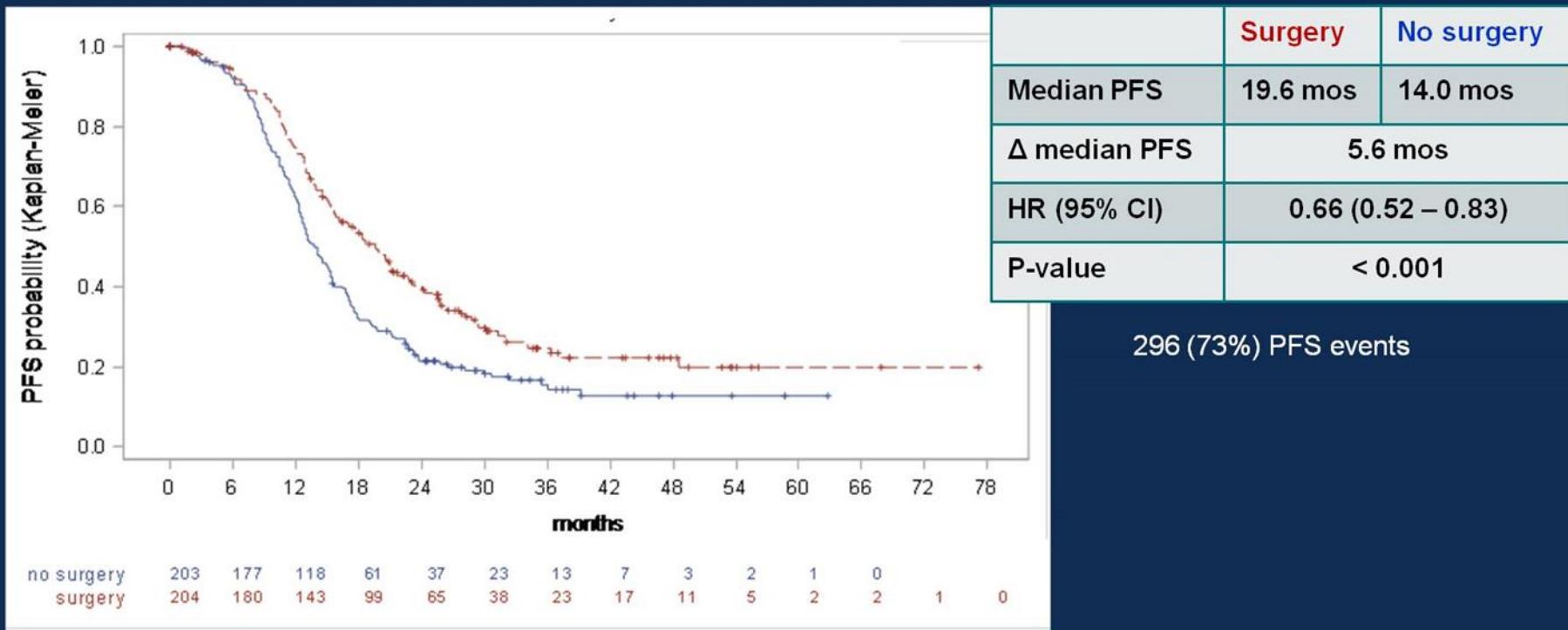
PFI > 12 months, good PS (0-1), complete resection in 1st line, ascites < 500 mL

	No surgery	Surgery	HR	p
N pts.	203	204		
G 2/3 serous	77,3%	83,8%		
Prior Pt + Pacl	89,7%	93,6%		
PFI > 12 months	74,9%	76,0%		
median PFI	18,7 months	21,1 months		
Compl. resection		72,5%		
median PFS	14,0 months	19,6 months	0,66 (0,52-0,85)	< 0,001
TFST	13,9 months	21,0 months	0,61 (0,48-0,77)	< 0,001

- No major postoperative complications
- Adverse events not significantly different
- Benefit only in case of complete resection
- Awaiting overall survival data

Impact of secondary cytoreductive surgery (AGO DESKTOP III, GOG-213)

AGO DESKTOP III: Outcome 2 (PFS, ITT population)
(AGO–OVAR OP.4; EN GOT-ov20; NCT01166737)



Phase III experience with PARP inhibitors as maintenance after induction chemotherapy

	SOLO-2 ¹	NOVA ²	ARIEL-3 ³
Population	gBRCA ^{mut}	I: gBRCA ^{mut} II: Non-gBRCA HGSOC	HGSOC or endometrioid
Design	Phase III	Phase III	Phase III
Regimen	Olaparib vs placebo	Niraparib vs placebo	Rucaparib vs placebo
Primary endpoint	PFS	PFS	PFS
N (randomization)	295 (2:1)	469 (2:1)	540 (2:1)

Pujade-Lauraine E et al. Lancet Oncol 2017; 18(9): 1382-1392

Mirza MR et al. N Engl J Med 2016; 375: 2154-2164

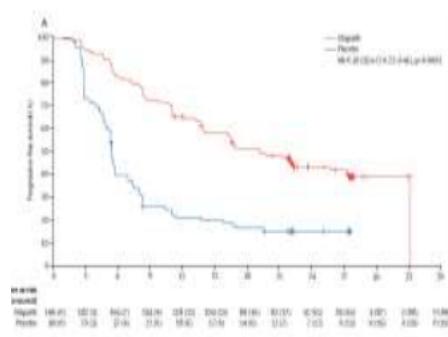
Coleman LR et al. Lancet 2017

PARPi are highly effective in BRCAmut patients

Olaparib

gBRCA mut

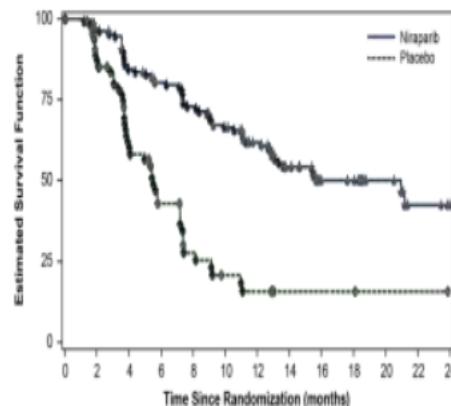
19.3 vs 5.5 months (HR 0.27)



Niraparib *

gBRCA mut

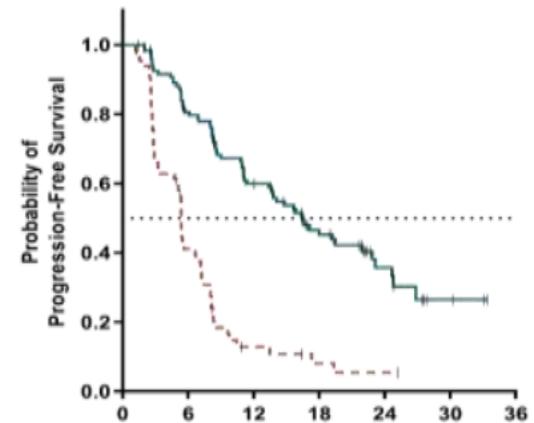
21 vs 5.5 months (HR 0.27)



Rucaparib

gBRCA mut

16.6 vs 5.4 months (HR 0.27)



From Pignata S., Biological implications for Clinical practice in ovarian cancer. ESMO discussion

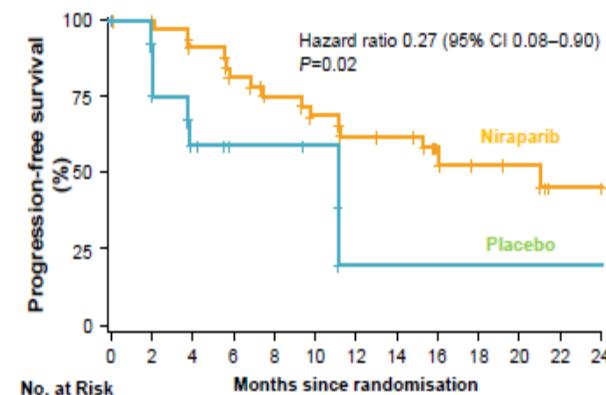
NOVA (Niraparib) exploratory analysis

PFS in BRCA^{wild-type} subgroups

HRD positive

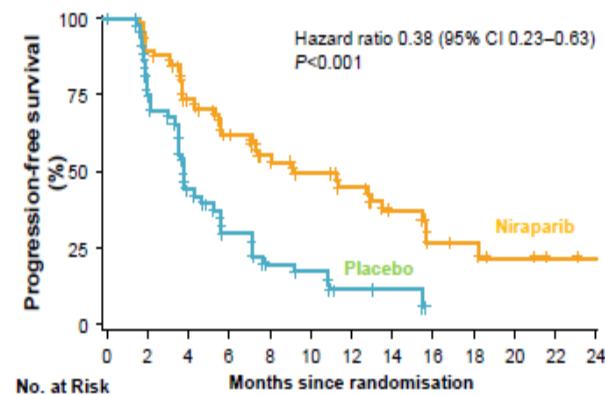
sBRCA mut (n=47)

	Niraparib (n=35)	Placebo (n=12)
PFS median (95% CI) (Months)	20.9 (9.7–NR)	11.0 (2.0–NR)
Hazard ratio (95% CI); P value	0.27 (0.081–0.903); P=0.0248	
% of patients without progression or death at 12 mo	62%	19%
% of patients without progression or death at 18 mo	52%	19%



BRCA wt (n=115)

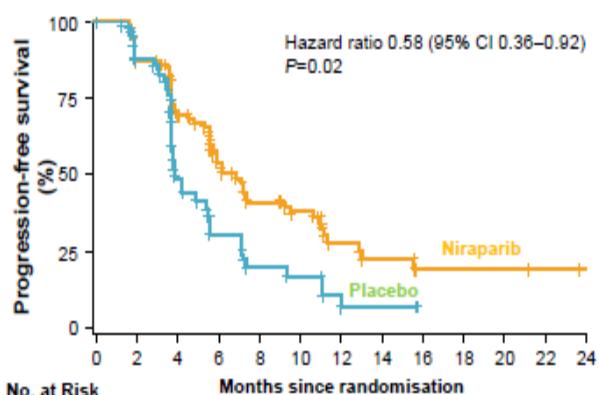
	Niraparib (n=71)	Placebo (n=44)
PFS median (95% CI) (Months)	9.3 (5.8–15.4)	3.7 (3.3–5.6)
Hazard ratio (95% CI); P value	0.38 (0.231–0.628); P=0.0001	
% of patients without progression or death at 12 mo	45%	11%
% of patients without progression or death at 18 mo	27%	8%



HRD negative

(n=134)

	Niraparib (n=92)	Placebo (n=42)
PFS median (95% CI) (Months)	6.9 (5.6–9.6)	3.8 (3.7–5.6)
Hazard ratio (95% CI); P value	0.58 (0.361–0.922); P=0.0226	
% of patients without progression or death at 12 mo	27%	7%
% of patients without progression or death at 18 mo	19%	7%

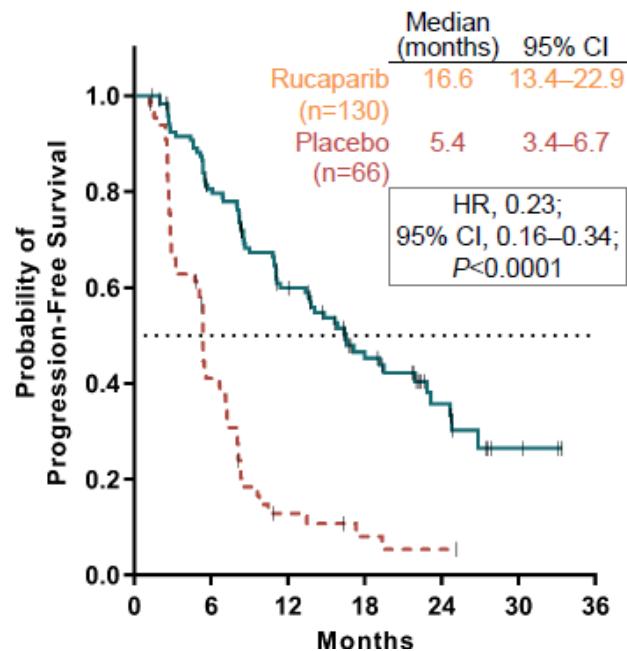


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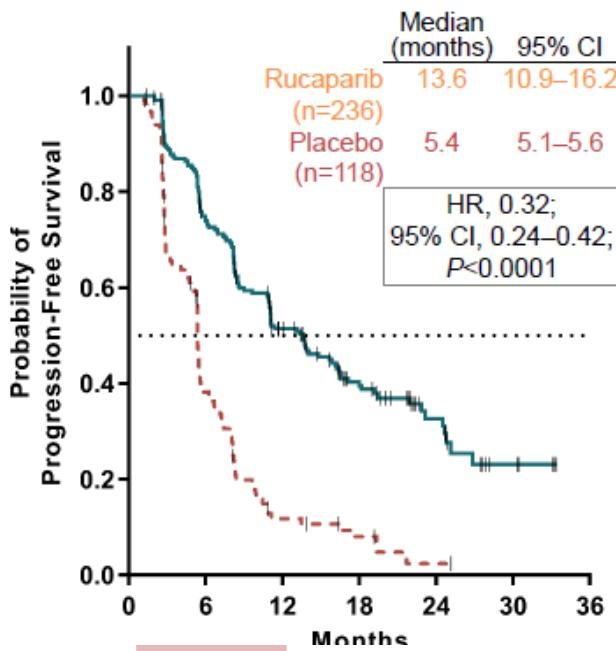
Mirza MR et al. Ann Oncol 2016; 27(suppl 6): abstr. LBA3_PR

ARIEL-3 (Rucaparib): PFS

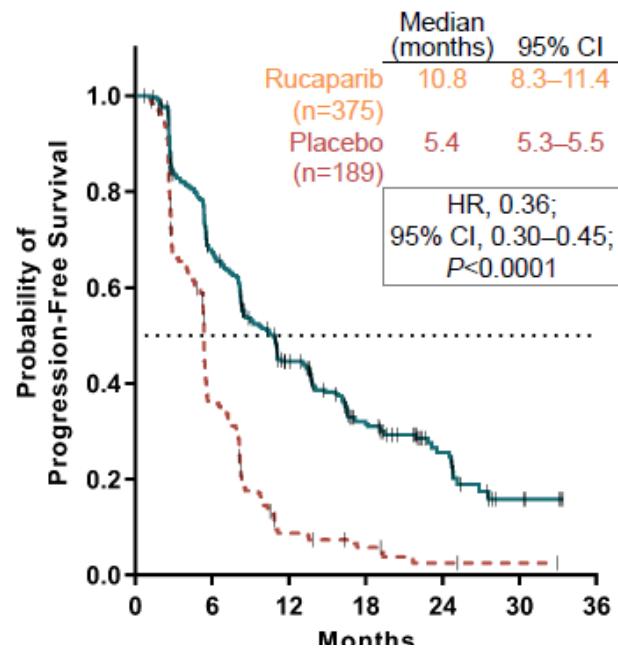
BRCA mutant



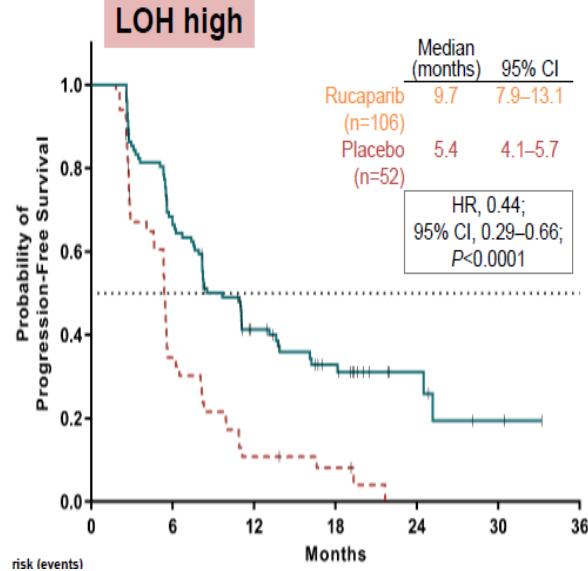
HRD



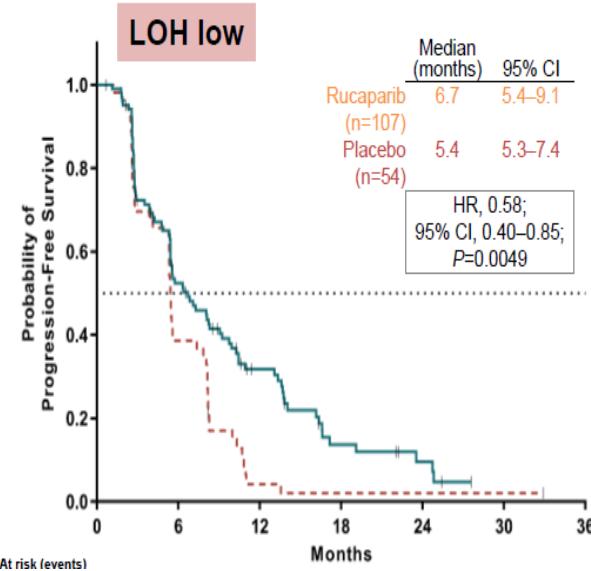
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LOH high



LOH low



Treatment-emergent AE: grades 3/4

Adverse events	Olaparib	Niraparib	Rucaparib	Specific PARPi
overall	36 %	74 %	56 %	Olaparib (low)
nausea	3 %	3 %	4 %	
vomiting	3 %	2 %	4 %	
fatigue	4 %	8 %	7 %	
HTA	-	8 %	-	Niraparib (↑)
ALT/AST ↑	-	-	10 %	Rucaparib (↑)
anemia	19 %	25 %	19 %	
thrombocytopenia	1 %	34 %	5 %	Niraparib (↑)
neutropenia	5 %	20 %	7 %	Niraparib (↑)

Dose modifications

	Olaparib ¹	Niraparib ²	Rucaparib ³
Interruption rate	45 %	69 %	64 %
Dose reduction rate	25 %	66 %	55 %
Discontinuation rate	11 %	15 %	13 %
Anemia		1,4 %	
Thrombocytopenia		1,9 %	
Neutropenia		3,3 %	

Olaparib and MDS/AML

- Overall, MDS/AML were reported in 22 of 2,618 (<1%) patients who received olaparib
- The majority of MDS/AML cases (17 of 22) were fatal

The duration of therapy with olaparib in patients who developed secondary MDS/cancer therapy-related AML varied from <6 months to >2 years

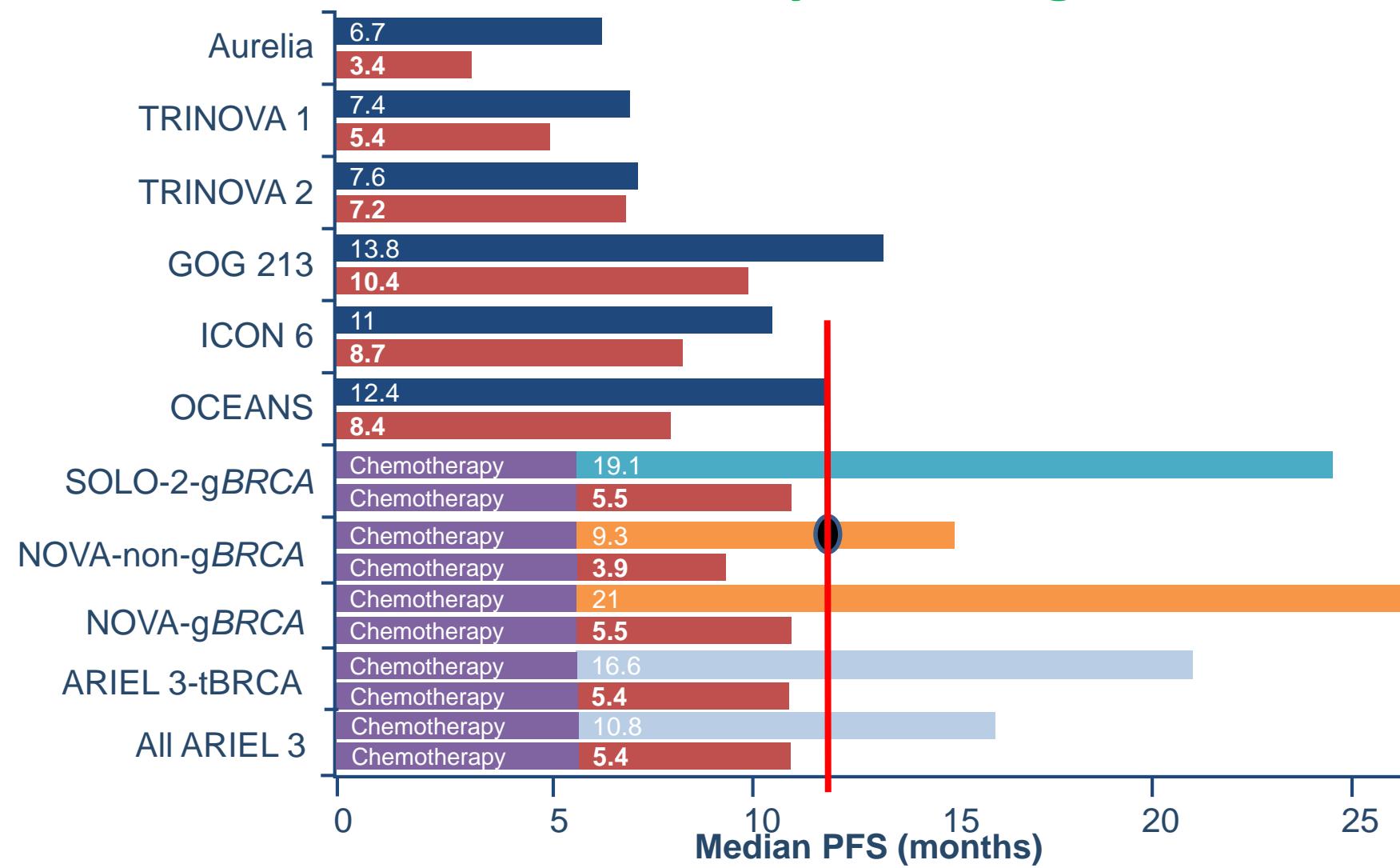
- All patients had received previous chemotherapy with platinum agents and/or other DNA-damaging agents

1. Pujade-Lauraine E et al. : Lancet Oncol 2017; 18(9): 1274-1284

2. Mirza MR et al.: New Engl J Med 2015; 375(12): 2154-2164

3. Coleman RL et al.: Lancet 2017 Sep 12

What is statistically significant is also clinically meaningful?



Aghajanian C et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2012;30:2039–45; Coleman RL et al. *Gynecologic Oncol.* 2015;137:386–91; Ledermann J et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2014;15:852–61; Ledermann JA et al. *Lancet.* 2016;387:1066–74; Marth C et al. *Eur J Cancer.* 2017;70:111–21; Monk BJ et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2014;15:799–808; Pujade-Lauraine E et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2014;32:1302–8; Mirza MR et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375:2154–64; Coleman RL et al. *Lancet.* 2017;doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(17)32440-6..

Maintenance therapy with PARPi in ovarian cancer: where are we now ...

- **Increase in progression-free survival across all groups of patients with high grade ovarian cancer responding to platinum**
 - Greatest benefit in germline or somatic BRCA^{mut}
 - Significant but lesser benefit in BRCA^{wt}
 - Benefit present irrespective of HRD status
 - Better HRD tests are needed to separate responders from non-responders.
 - Until then (beyond BRCA) platinum-sensitivity remains the best “biomarker” for response to PARPi
- **Secondary endpoints – prolongation of**
 - Time to first subsequent treatment (TFST)
 - Time to second subsequent treatment (TSST)
- **Long-term (5yr) benefit in about 11 %**

Front-line for stage III/IV with PARPi / IO / Bev in *non-mutated BRCA wild-type* ovarian carcinoma

Trial	Setting	Patient Selection	Arms
AGO/DUO-O ENGOT Ov46	Front-line	tBRCA non-mut* PDS or IDS any residual LGSOC excluded	CP-bev-placebo-placebo CP-bev-durvalumab-placebo CP-bev-durvalumab-olaparib
BGOG/ENGOT Ov43	Front-line	tBRCA non-mut, any histotype PDS or IDS any residual Bev optional	CP-placebo-placebo CP-pembro-placebo CP-pembro-olaparib
GINECO/FIRST ENGOT Ov44	Front-line	PDS (high-risk) or IDS Bev optional Mucinous excluded	CP-placebo-placebo CP-placebo-niraparib CP-TSR042-niraparib
ATHENA GOG3020/ENGOT Ov45	Maintenance after front-line	Stage III-IV and high grade PDS or IDS Response to platinum	Rucaparib-nivolumab Rucaparib-placebo Nivolumab-placebo Placebo-placebo

Immune checkpoint inhibitors in recurrent ovarian carcinoma

	Nivolumab ¹	Pembrolizumab ² Keynote-028	Avelumab ³ Phase Ib	Atezolizumab ⁴
Population (N)	20 PROC 55% ≥ 4L	26 Phase Ib 65% ≥ 3L	124 PROC 65% ≥ 3L	12 Phase Ib 58% > 6L
Global ORR	15% (10% CR)	11,5% (4%CR)	5,7% (0%CR)	25%
Cut off PD-L1 ORR PD-L1- ORR PD-L1+	IHC2/3+ (80%) 1/4 (25%) 2/16 (12,5%)	≥ 1% (100%) - 3/26 (11,5%)	≥ 1% (77%) 1/23 (5,9%) 7/77 (12,3%)	IHC2/3+ (83%) - -

¹ Hamanaslu et al. J Clin Oncol 2015

² Varga et al. J Clin Oncol 2015; 33 (suppl): abstr. 5510

³ Disis et al. J Clin Oncol 2016; 34 (suppl): abstr. 5533

⁴ Insomtile et al. Ann Oncol 2016; 27 (suppl. 6): abstr. 871 p

Optimizing immune checkpoint inhibitors in AOC

- **Better selection:**

more efficient biomarkers

- CPS [total nb. PD-L1+ cells (T, Ly, MΦ)] / (total nb. of cells) x 100
CPS ≥ 10 (Pembrolizumab)
- T-cell inflamed gene expression profil (GEP)
- HRD analyses (WES) using HRD-LOH genomic scar score
- not HRD or BRCA status
- TMB ?
- OVCA mainly TMB low, GEP low

- **Combination**

- Chemotherapy
- VEGF inhibition
Phase II Nivolumab + Bevacizumab
ORR: 28,9% (PS 8/20 + PR 3/18)
mPFS: 8,1 months
- PARP inhibitors

Phase II trials of checkpoint inhibitor + PARP inhibitor in recurrent ovarian cancer

Author	N	Population	ORR (Y.)	DCR (Y.)
MEDIOLA Durva + Olaparib Drew, SGOZOK	32	gBRCA PSROC	63% (19y CR / 44% PR)	81%
TOPACIO Pembro + niraparib Konstantinopoulos, ASCO 2018	60	+/- BRCA mut. 77% +/- BRCA mut. 19% PRROC 50% P refractory 29%	25% (5% CR / 20 Y – PR) 23% 24%	67%
Lee et al. Durva + Olaparib ESMO 2018	35	PRROC 83%	14%	37%

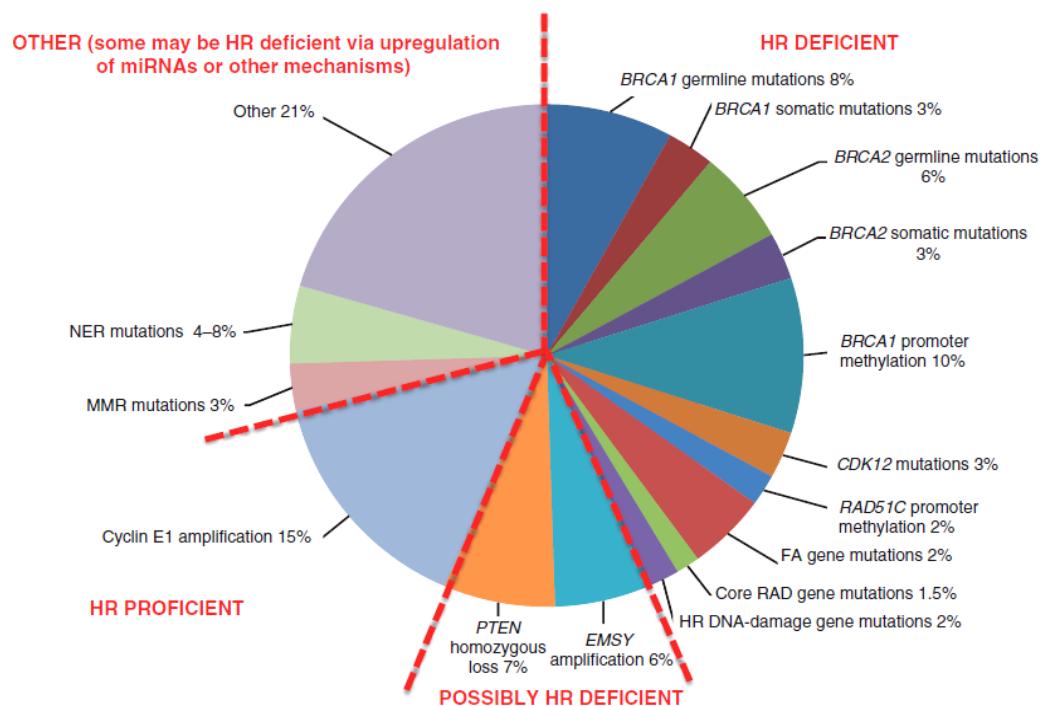
Do HGSOC BRCA / HRD + patients respond better to immune therapy?

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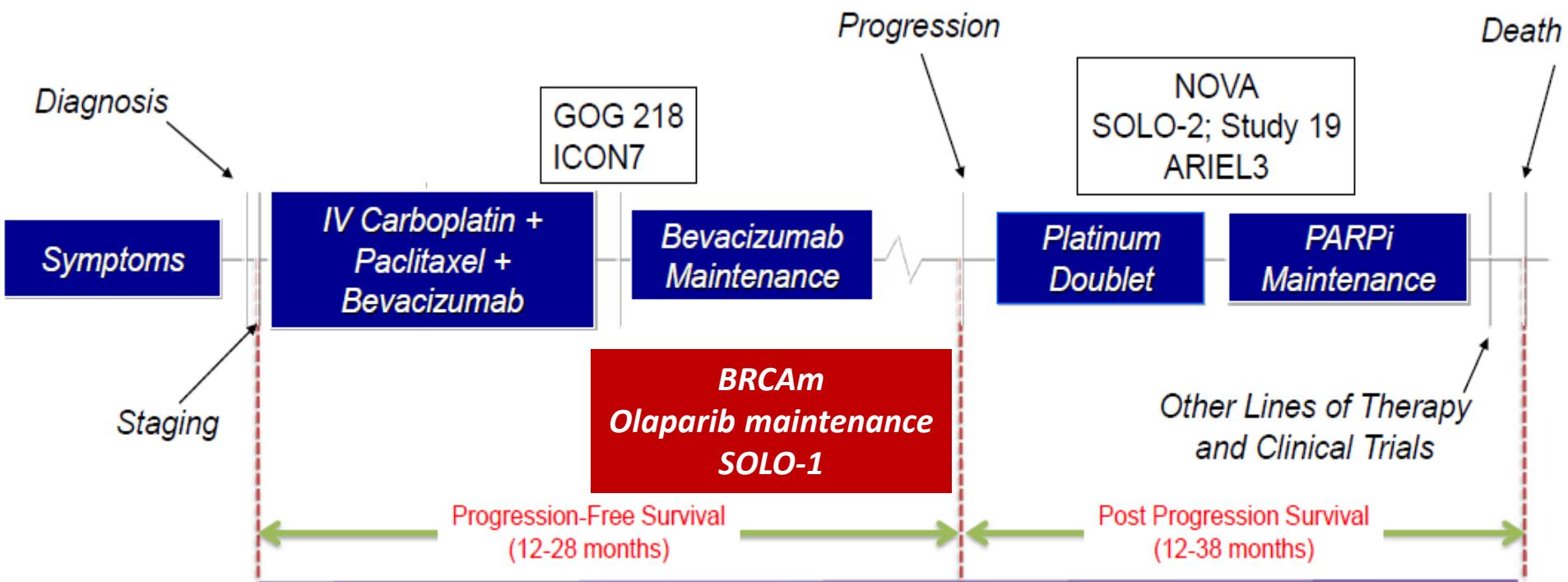
- 50% of HGSOC have HRD
- 20% are BRCA mutated (germline + somatic)

Hypothesis:

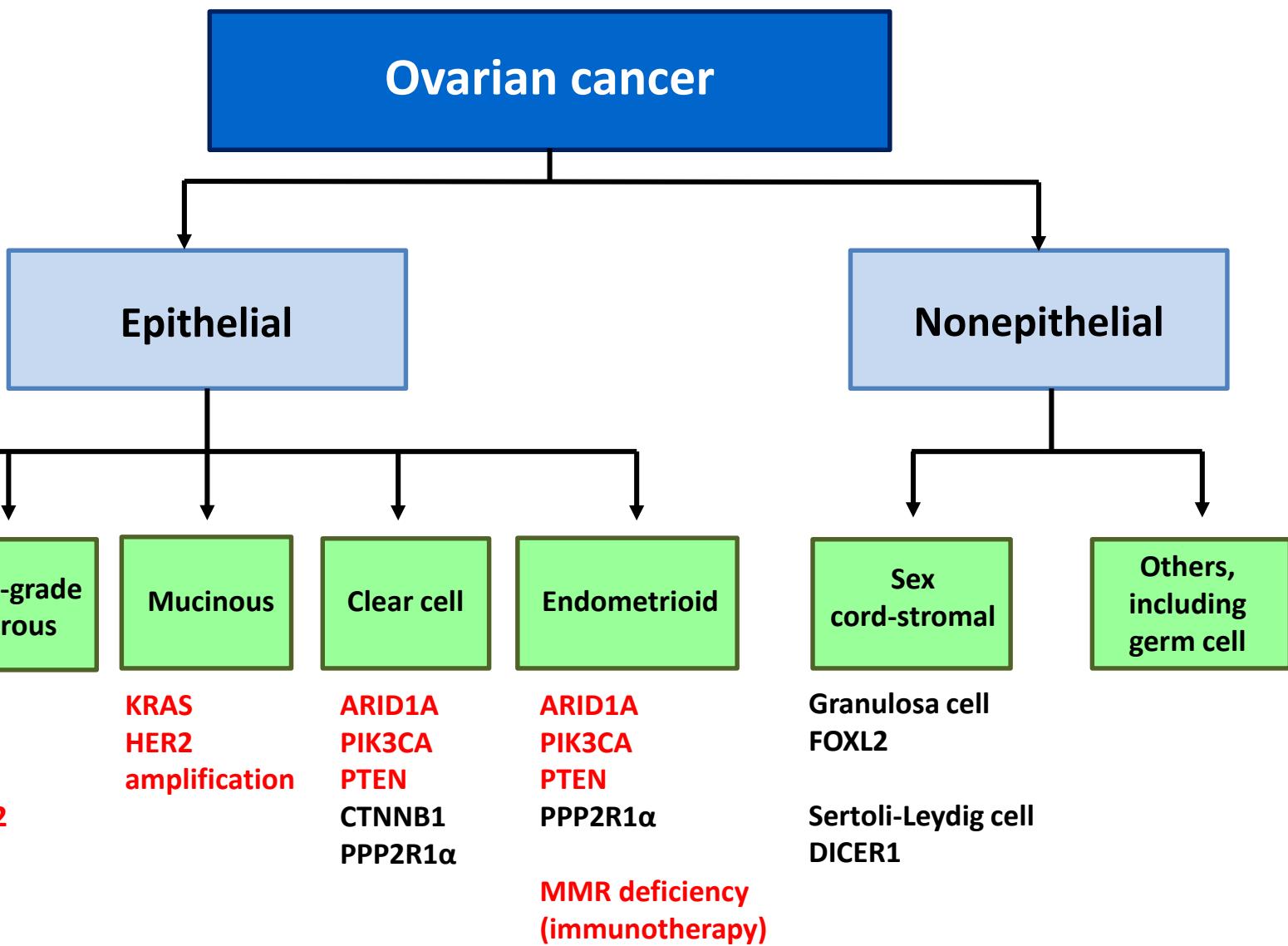
- Higher mutational burden
- More tumor specific neoantigens
- Higher TIL infiltration
- Upregulation of PD-1/PD-L1



The new treatment landscape in advanced ovarian cancer



Ovarian cancer



Pathway alterations:

PI3K/RAS/NOTCH/FOXM1

Banerjee S and Kaye S B Clin Cancer Res 2013; 19:961-968



Medicine asks you to make perfect decisions
with imperfect information

S. Mukherjee, The laws of medicine

