

KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) in combination with chemotherapy with or without bevacizumab for the treatment of persistent, recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer in adults whose tumours express PD-L1 CPS ≥1

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Overview of KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy in persistent, recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer



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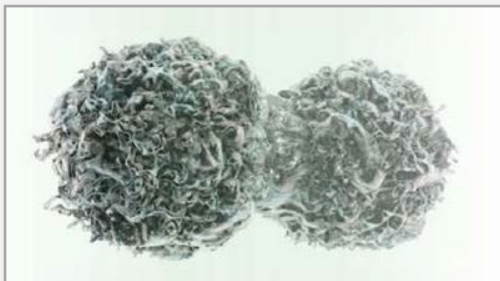




KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy in persistent, recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer: Dual mechanisms of action^{1–4}

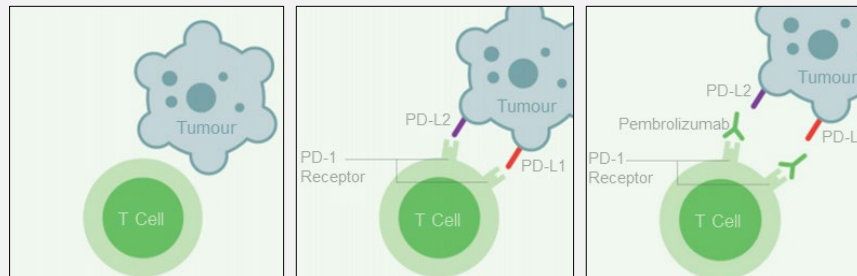
Chemotherapy targets proliferating cells^{1,2}

- Chemotherapy targets cells that are actively proliferating, by inhibiting cell division and promoting tumour cell killing through deregulation of DNA replication, cellular metabolism, or microtubule assembly¹



KEYTRUDA activates the anti-tumour immune response^{3,4}

- KEYTRUDA is a selective monoclonal antibody that blocks the PD-1 protein pathway, potentiating T-cell responses, including anti-tumour responses³
- Some tumours can evade the immune system through the PD-1 pathway. On the surface of tumour cells, the dual PD-1 ligands, PD-L1 and PD-L2, bind to the PD-1 receptors on T cells to inactivate them, allowing tumour cells to evade detection^{3,4}
- By inhibiting this process, KEYTRUDA reactivates tumour-specific cytotoxic T cells and anti-tumour immunity³



When combined with immunotherapies, such as KEYTRUDA, chemotherapy may increase tumour immunogenicity and activate immune response by increasing antigen shedding and presentation, and by stimulating T-cell infiltration¹

For more information on the mechanism of action of KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy, [click here](#)
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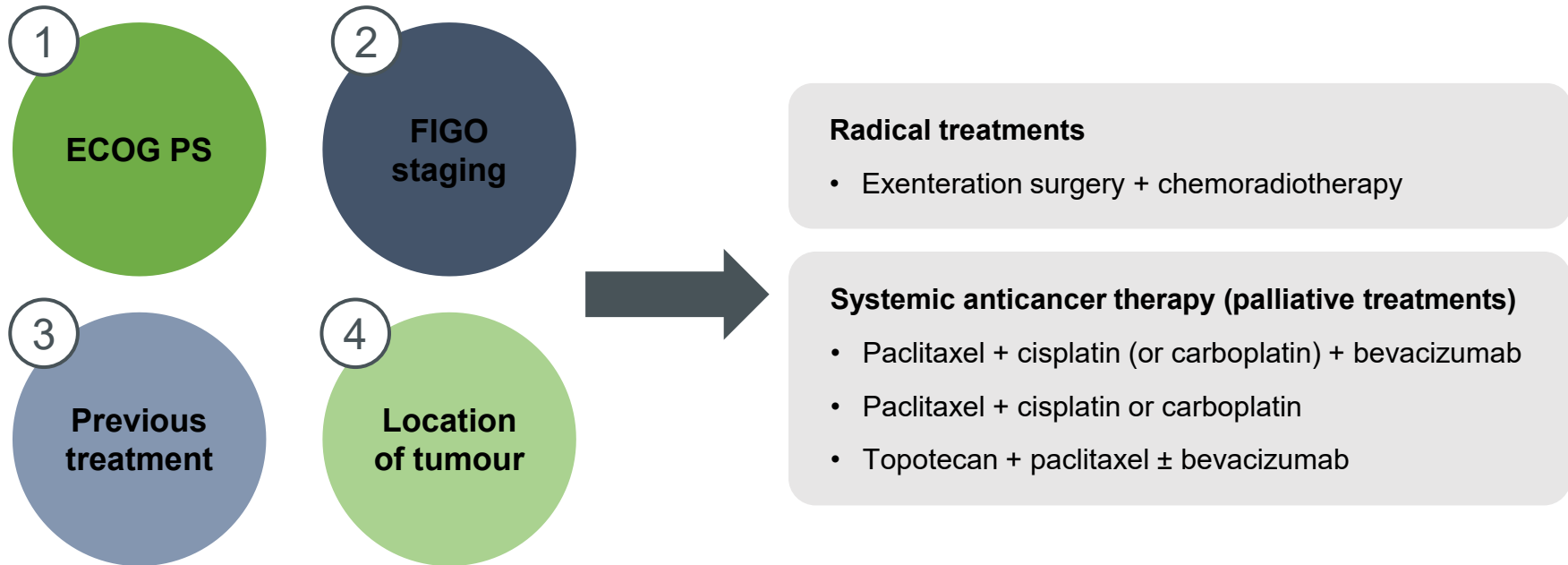
PD-1, programmed cell death receptor 1; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1; PD-L2, programmed death ligand-2.

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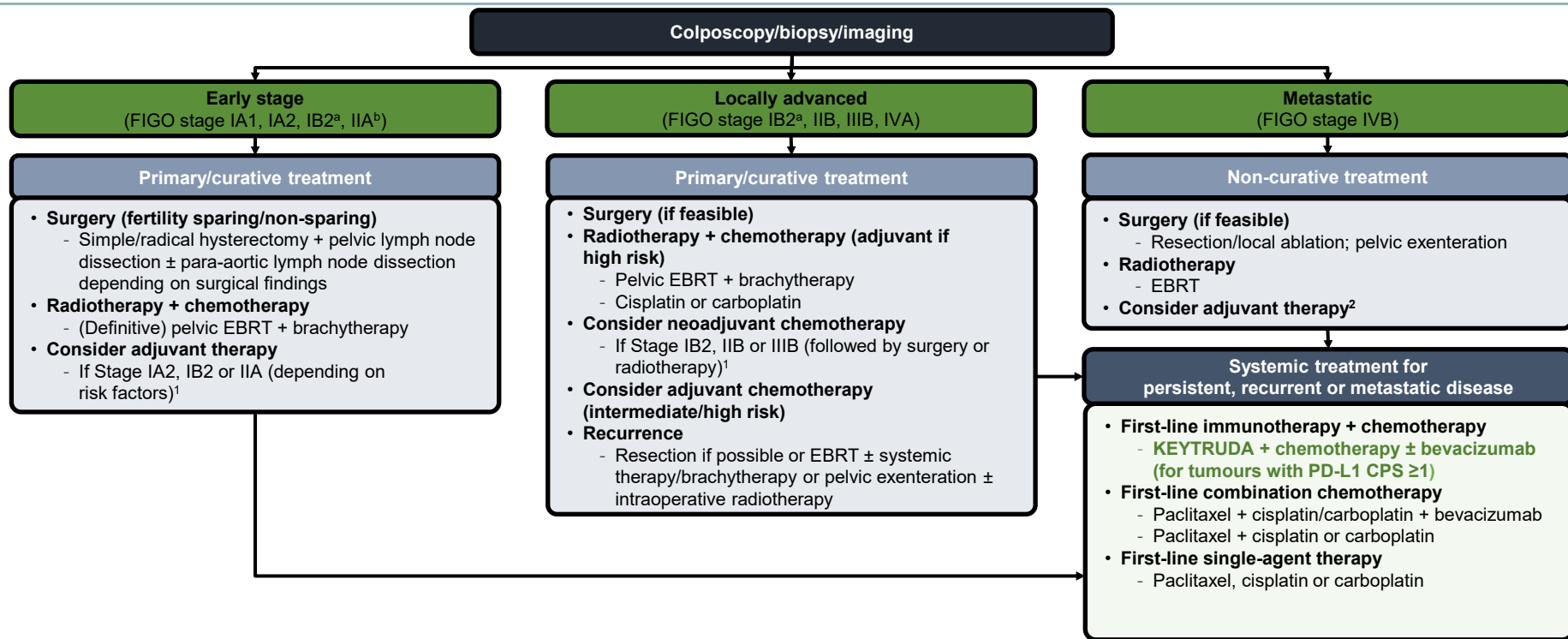


Key considerations for the treatment of persistent, recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer^{1,2}





Current treatment pathway by FIGO staging in cervical cancer¹⁻⁴



^aFIGO stage IB2 appears in both early-stage and locally advanced treatment arms in ESMO guidelines; ^bFor patients with FIGO stage IIA1 disease, NCCN does not recommend a fertility-sparing option.

CPS, combined positive score; EBRT, external beam radiation therapy; ESMO, European Society for Medical Oncology; FIGO, International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics; NCCN, National

Comprehensive Cancer Network; NICE, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1.

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KEYNOTE-826: Overview and study design



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Study design

**Key characteristics
of patients treated
with KEYTRUDA +
chemo ± bev**

**Baseline
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Patient eligibility



RECIST v1.1

- Measurable disease according to RECIST v1.1

PD-L1 status

- Provided a newly obtained biopsy (preferred) or archival tumour tissue sample collected from a nonirradiated lesion for determination of PD-L1 status



Female ≥ 18 years old

Diagnosis

- Persistent, recurrent or metastatic adenocarcinoma, adenosquamous carcinoma, or squamous cell carcinoma of the cervix

Previous treatment

- No previous treatment with systemic chemotherapy and not amenable to curative treatment
- Previous radiotherapy, including chemoradiotherapy, was permitted if it was completed at least 2 weeks before randomisation and all associated toxic effects had resolved with a 1-week washout period

Organ function

- Adequate organ function as indicated by set laboratory values within 14 days prior to randomisation

ECOG PS

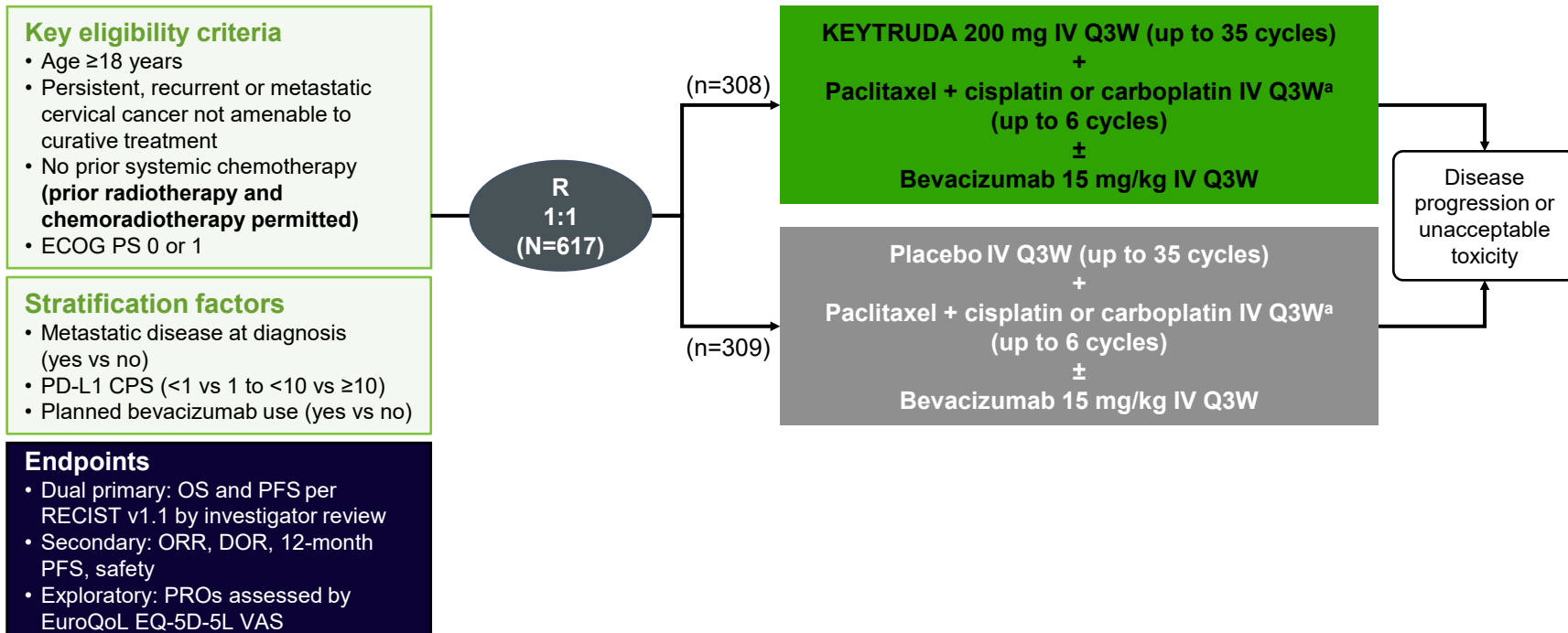
- ECOG PS of 0 or 1





KEYNOTE-826: Study design

Randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 3 study — published in the New England journal of medicine



^aPaclitaxel: 175 mg/m²; cisplatin: 50 mg/m²; carboplatin: AUC 5 mg/mL/min. The 6-cycle limit was introduced by protocol amendment 2, although participants with ongoing clinical benefit who were tolerating chemotherapy could continue beyond 6 cycles after sponsor consultation.

AUC, area under the curve; CPS, combined positive score; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; IV, intravenous; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1; PFS, progression-free survival; PRO, patient reported outcome; R, randomisation; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; Q3W, every 3 weeks; VAS, visual analogue scale.

Colombo N et al. *N Engl J Med* 2021;385:1856–1867 (plus supplementary materials).





KEYNOTE-826: Key characteristics of patients treated with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab



Total population: 617 patients (KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab [n=308] and placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab [n=309])

Median age

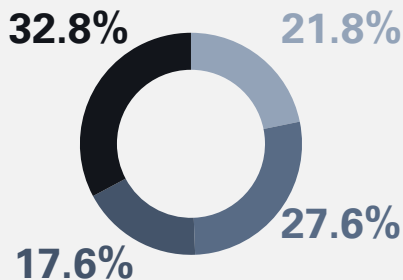
Range

25–82

years

Median **51** years

Stage



I II III IV

PD-L1 CPS

<1

11.4%

1 to <10

37.3%

≥ 10

51.3%





KEYNOTE-826: Baseline characteristics in the ITT population (1)

Characteristic ^a	KEYTRUDA + chemo ± bev (n=308) ^b	Placebo + chemo ± bev (n=309) ^b
Age		
Range (median), years	25–82 (51)	22–79 (50)
≥65 years, n (%)	48 (15.6)	52 (16.8)
Race, no. (%) ^c		
White	170 (55.2)	190 (61.5)
Non-white	138 (44.8)	119 (38.5)
ECOG PS, n (%)		
0	178 (57.8)	170 (55.0)
1	128 (41.6)	139 (45.0)

Characteristic ^a	KEYTRUDA + chemo ± bev (n=308) ^b	Placebo + chemo ± bev (n=309) ^b
Stage at initial diagnosis (FIGO 2009/NCCN 2017 criteria), n (%)		
I	67 (21.8)	58 (18.8)
II	85 (27.6)	93 (30.1)
III	5 (1.6)	8 (2.6)
IIIA	4 (1.3)	8 (2.6)
IIIB	46 (14.9)	42 (13.6)
IVA	7 (2.3)	4 (1.3)
IVB	94 (30.5)	9 (31.1)

^aThe ITT population included all patients who underwent randomisation. Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding; ^bThe assigned regimen in both groups also included paclitaxel, the investigator's choice of cisplatin or carboplatin, and per investigator discretion, bevacizumab; ^cRace was reported by the patient or the investigator according to local practice and where permitted by law; ^dIn the KEYTRUDA group, one patient (0.3%) had an ECOG PS score of 2, and one patient (0.3%) had an unknown score. Bev, bevacizumab; Chemo, chemotherapy; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FIGO, International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology; ITT, intention to treat; NCCN, National Comprehensive Cancer Network; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1. Colombo N et al. *N Engl J Med* 2021;385:1856–1867 (plus supplementary materials).





KEYNOTE-826: Baseline characteristics in the ITT population (2)

Characteristic ^a	KEYTRUDA + chemo ± bev (n=308) ^b	Placebo + chemo ± bev (n=309) ^b
Disease status at study entry, n (%)		
Metastatic ^c	58 (18.8)	64 (20.7)
Persistent or recurrent with distant metastases	199 (64.6)	179 (57.9)
Persistent or recurrent without distant metastases	51 (16.6)	66 (21.4)
Histologic type, n (%) ^d		
Adenocarcinoma	56 (18.2)	84 (27.2)
Adenosquamous carcinoma	15 (4.9)	14 (4.5)
Squamous cell carcinoma	235 (76.3)	211 (68.3)
PD-L1 CPS, n (%) ^e		
<1	35 (11.4)	34 (11.0)
≥ 1	273 (88.6)	275 (89)

Characteristic ^a	KEYTRUDA + chemo ± bev (n=308) ^b	Placebo + chemo ± bev (n=309) ^b
Prior therapy, n (%)		
Chemoradiation or radiation with surgery	71 (23.0)	79 (25.5)
Chemoradiation or radiation only	156 (50.7)	142 (46.0)
Surgery only	23 (7.5)	24 (7.8)
None	58 (18.8)	64 (20.7)
Bevacizumab use during the trial, n (%)		
Yes	196 (63.6)	193 (62.5)
No	112 (36.4)	116 (37.5)

^aThe ITT population included all patients who underwent randomisation. Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding; ^bThe assigned regimen in both groups also included paclitaxel, the investigator's choice of cisplatin or carboplatin, and per investigator discretion, bevacizumab; ^cIncludes patients with para-aortic lymph node involvement. These patients were diagnosed with Stage IVB disease and entered the study with no prior treatment for cervical cancer; ^dIn the KEYTRUDA group, histologic type was recorded as epidermoid carcinoma for one patient (0.3%) and undifferentiated carcinoma for one patient (0.3%); ^eThe PD-L1 CPS was defined as the number of PD-L1-staining cells (tumour cells, lymphocytes, and macrophages) divided by the total number of viable tumour cells, multiplied by 100. Bev, bevacizumab; Chemo, chemotherapy; CPS, combined positive score; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FIGO, International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology; ITT, intention to treat; NCCN, National Comprehensive Cancer Network; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1. Colombo N et al. *N Engl J Med* 2021;385:1856–1867 (plus supplementary materials).



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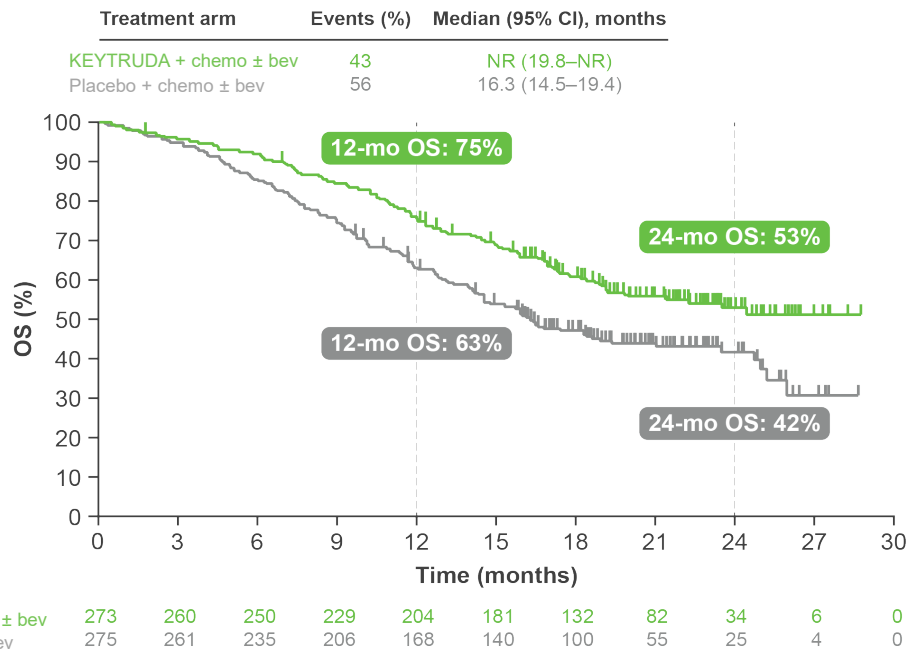
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AE, adverse event; CPS, combined positive score; ITT, intention to treat; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1; PFS, progression-free survival.





KEYNOTE-826: KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab presented superior OS vs placebo + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab in patients whose tumours express PD-L1 CPS ≥1 (interim analysis 1)^{1,2}



A 36% reduction in the risk of death was presented with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab vs placebo + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab in the PD-L1 CPS ≥1 population

HR: 0.64; 95% CI: 0.50–0.81; p<0.001

The forest plot for OS in key subgroups is shown in the appendix. Click [here](#) to view.

Analysis cut-off date: 3 May 2021.

Figure adapted from Colombo N et al. *N Engl J Med* 2021 and Colombo N et al. ESMO 2021.

Bev, bevacizumab; Chemo, chemotherapy; CI, confidence interval; CPS, combined positive score; ESMO, European Society of Medical Oncology; HR, hazard ratio; mo, month; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1.

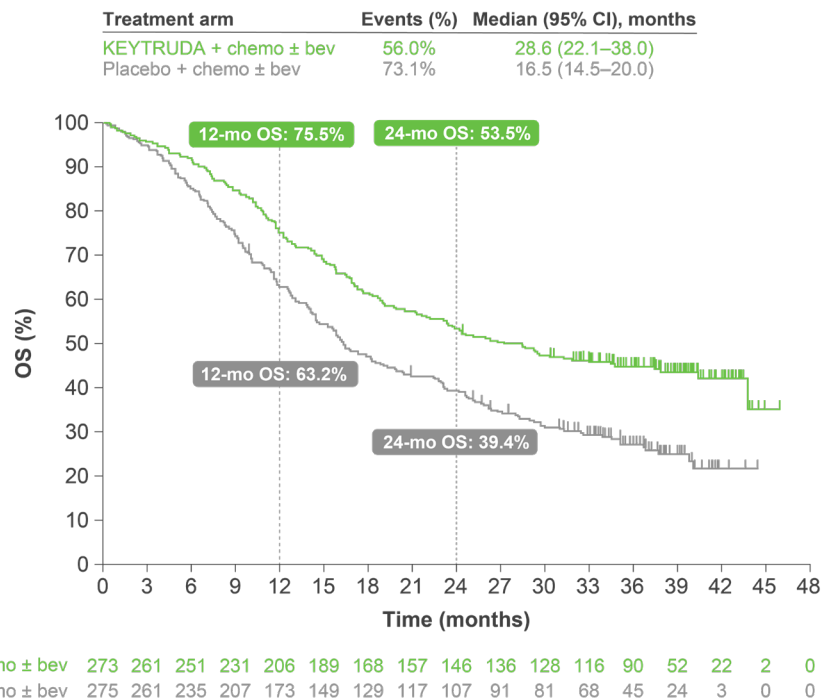
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2. Colombo N et al. Presented at the ESMO Virtual Congress 2021, 16–21 September 2021.





KEYNOTE-826: OS – PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 population (final analysis)



A 40% reduction in the risk of death was presented with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab vs placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab in the PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 population

HR: 0.60; 95% CI: 0.49–0.74; nominal $p < 0.0001$

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Analysis cut-off date: 3 October 2022.

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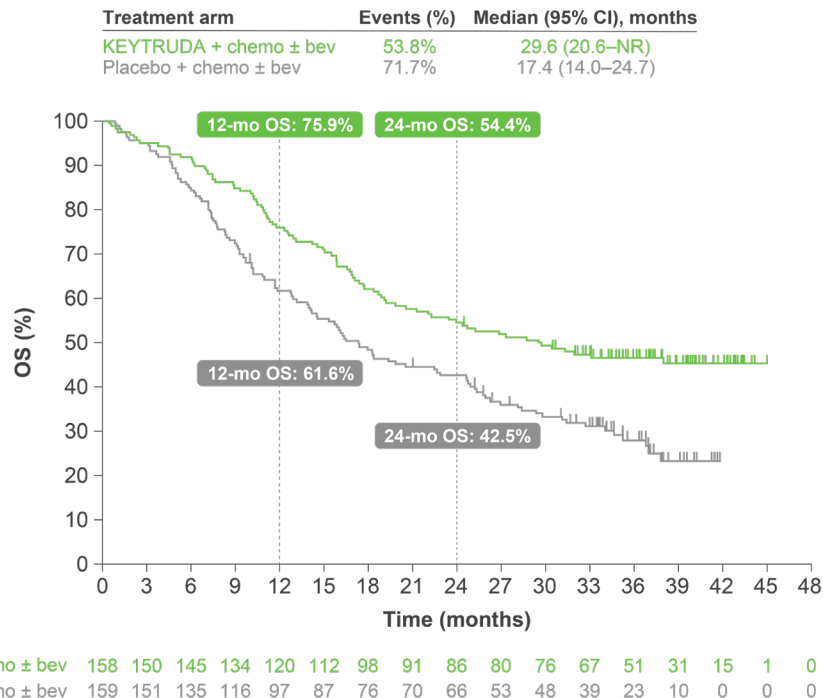
ASCO, American Society of Clinical Oncology; Bev, bevacizumab; Chemo, chemotherapy; CI, confidence interval; CPS, combined positive score; HR, hazard ratio; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1.

Monk BJ et al. Presented at the ASCO Annual Meeting 2023, 2–6 June 2023, Chicago, USA.





KEYNOTE-826: OS – PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10 population (final analysis)



A 42% reduction in the risk of death was presented with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab vs placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab in the PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10 population

HR: 0.58; 95% CI: 0.44–0.78; nominal $p < 0.0001$

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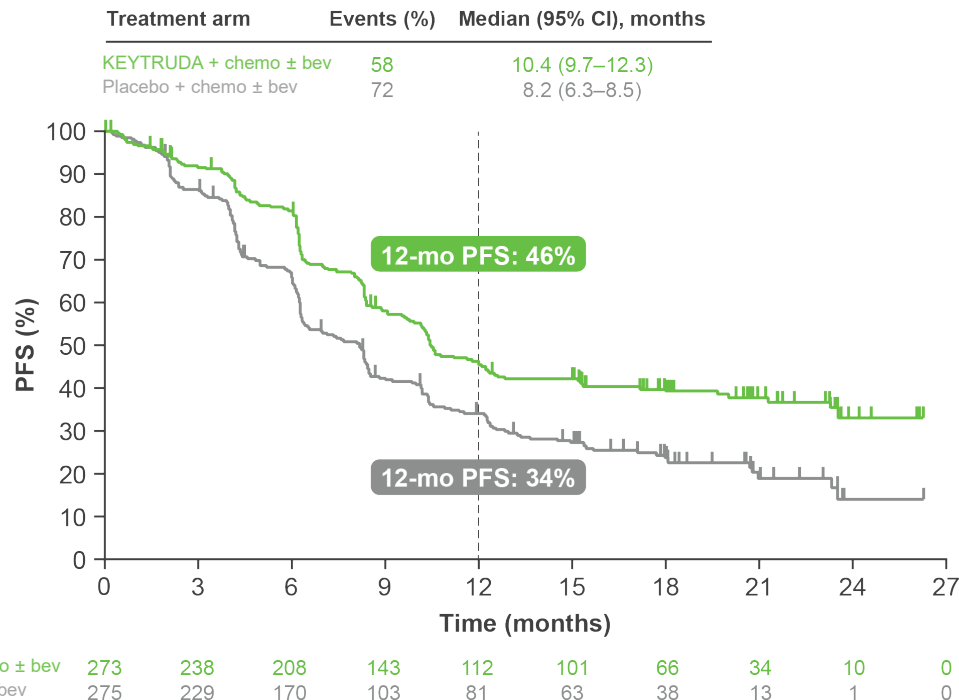
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KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab presented superior PFS vs placebo + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab in patients whose tumours express PD-L1 CPS ≥1 (interim analysis 1)^{a,1,2}



A 38% reduction in the risk of disease progression or death was presented with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab vs placebo + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab in the PD-L1 CPS ≥1 population

HR: 0.62; 95% CI: 0.50–0.77; p<0.001

The forest plot for PFS in key subgroups is shown in the appendix. Click [here](#) to view.

Analysis cut-off date: 3 May 2021.

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^aPer RECIST v1.1 and investigator review. Bev, bevacizumab; Chemo, chemotherapy; CI, confidence interval; CPS, combined positive score; ESMO, European Society of Medical Oncology; HR, hazard ratio; mo, month; PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; PFS, progression-free survival; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.

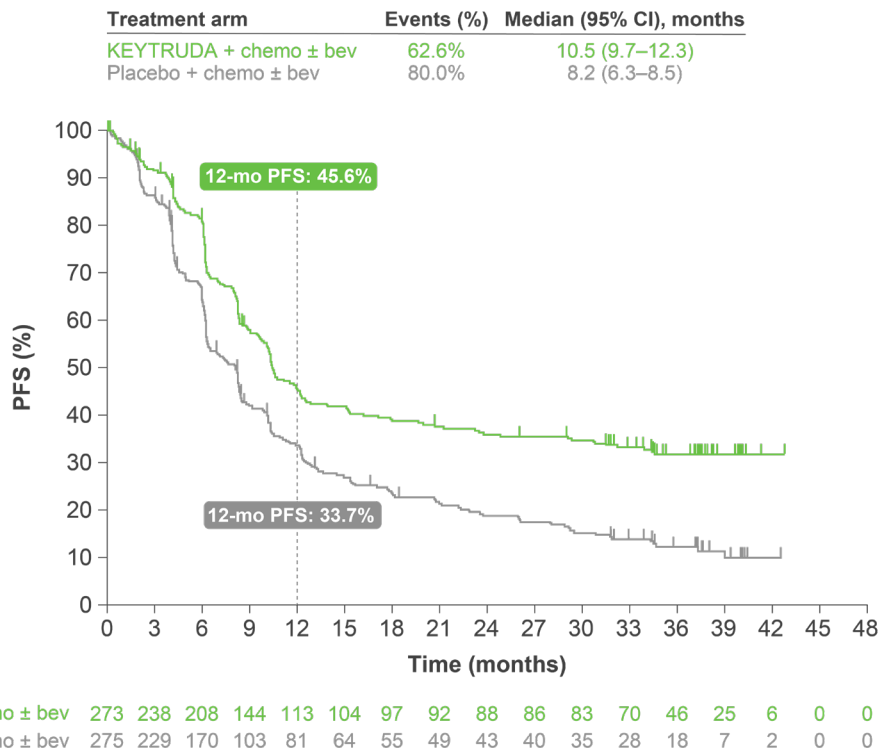
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KEYNOTE-826: PFS – PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 population (final analysis)



A 42% reduction in the risk of disease progression or death was presented with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab vs placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab in the PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 population

HR: 0.58; 95% CI: 0.47–0.71; nominal $p < 0.0001$

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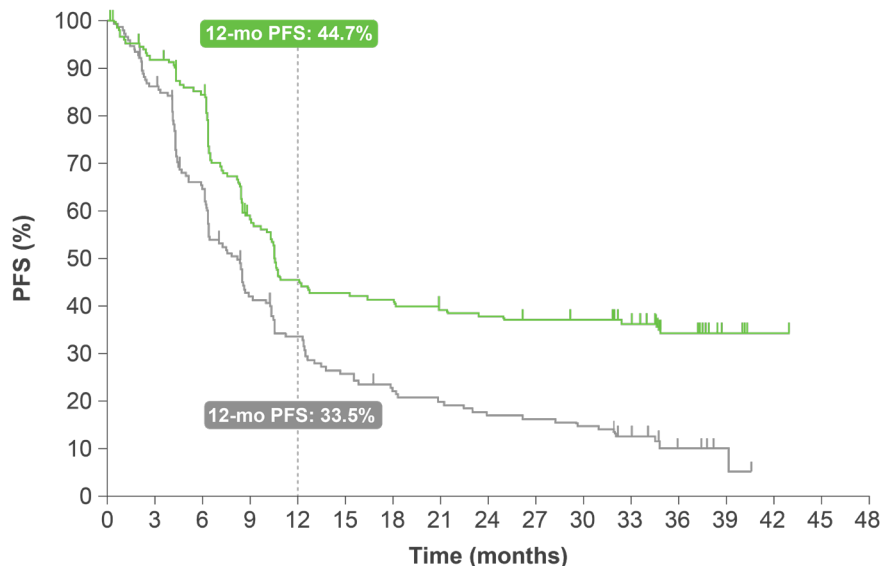
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KEYNOTE-826: PFS – PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10 population (final analysis)



Treatment arm	Events (%)	Median (95% CI), months
KEYTRUDA + chemo \pm bev	59.5%	10.4 (8.9–15.1)
Placebo + chemo \pm bev	81.8%	8.1 (6.2–8.8)



No. at risk

KEYTRUDA + chemo \pm bev	158	138	124	81	63	60	57	54	52	50	49	42	26	14	5	0	0
Placebo + chemo \pm bev	159	131	95	60	47	36	30	27	23	22	20	13	6	1	0	0	0

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PFS, progression-free survival.

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A 48% reduction in the risk of disease progression or death was presented with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab vs placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab in the PD-L1 CPS ≥ 10 population

HR: 0.52; 95% CI: 0.40–0.68; nominal $p < 0.0001$

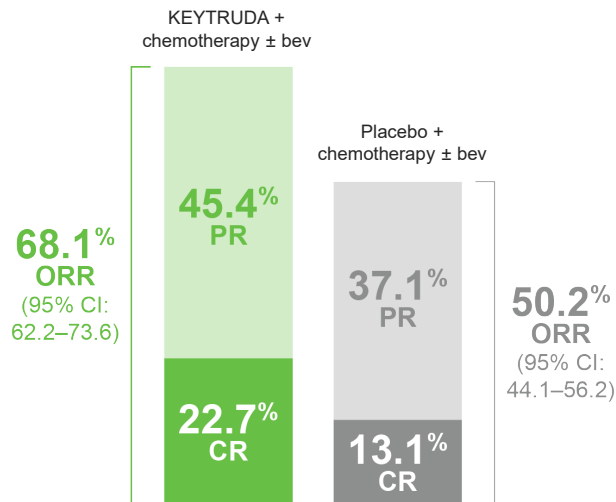
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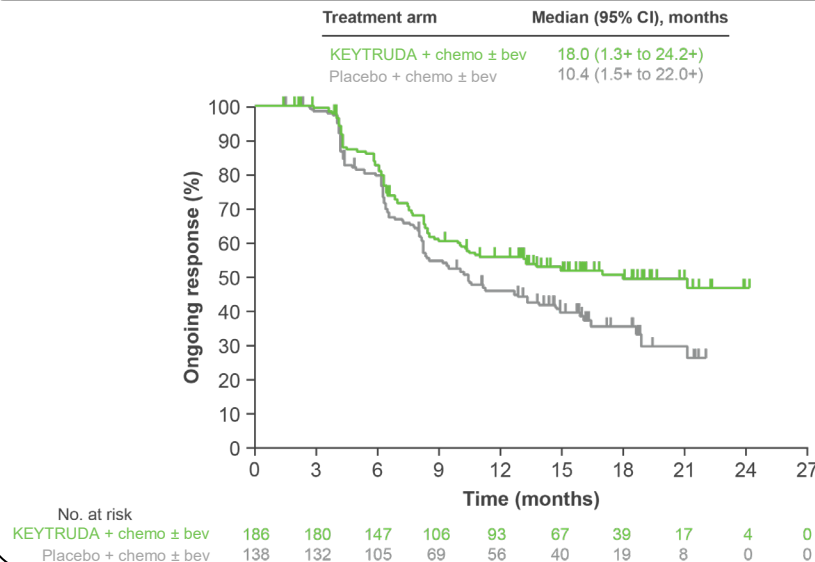
KEYNOTE-826: ORR and DOR in the PD-L1 CPS \geq 1 population (interim analysis 1)



68% of patients whose tumours expressed PD-L1 CPS \geq 1 achieved an objective response with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab vs 50% of patients receiving placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab



Median DOR was 18.0 months (95% CI: 1.3+ to 24.2+) with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab vs 10.4 months (95% CI: 1.5+ to 22.0+) with placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab



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Bev, bevacizumab; Chemo, chemotherapy; CI, confidence interval; CPS, combined positive score; CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; ORR, objective response rate;

PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1; PR, partial response.

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KEYNOTE-826: Summary of AEs in the ITT population (interim analysis 1)



AE, n (%)	All-cause AEs		TRAES ^a		Immune-mediated AEs ^b	
	KEYTRUDA + chemo ± bev (n=307)	Placebo + chemo ± bev (n=309)	KEYTRUDA + chemo ± bev (n=307)	Placebo + chemo ± bev (n=309)	KEYTRUDA + chemo ± bev (n=307)	Placebo + chemo ± bev (n=309)
Any grade	305 (99.3)	307 (99.4)	298 (97.1)	300 (97.1)	104 (33.9)	47 (15.2)
Grade ≥3	251 (81.8)	232 (75.1)	210 (68.4)	198 (64.1)	35 (11.4)	9 (2.9)
Serious	153 (49.8)	131 (42.4)	93 (30.3)	71 (23.0)	22 (7.2)	7 (2.3)
Led to death	14 (4.6)	14 (4.5)	2 (0.7) ^c	4 (1.3) ^c	1 (0.3) ^c	0
Led to discontinuation						
Any treatment	115 (37.5)	82 (26.5)	96 (31.3)	69 (22.3)	16 (5.2)	1 (0.3)
All treatment	18 (5.9)	15 (4.9)	10 (3.3)	6 (1.9)	3 (1.0)	0

These data comprise the full ITT population. Please note that the licensed indication for KEYTRUDA is in combination with chemotherapy with or without bevacizumab for the treatment of persistent, recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer in adults whose tumours express **PD-L1 CPS ≥1**.

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Further information on the safety of KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy combinations can be found in the UK SmPC [here](#).

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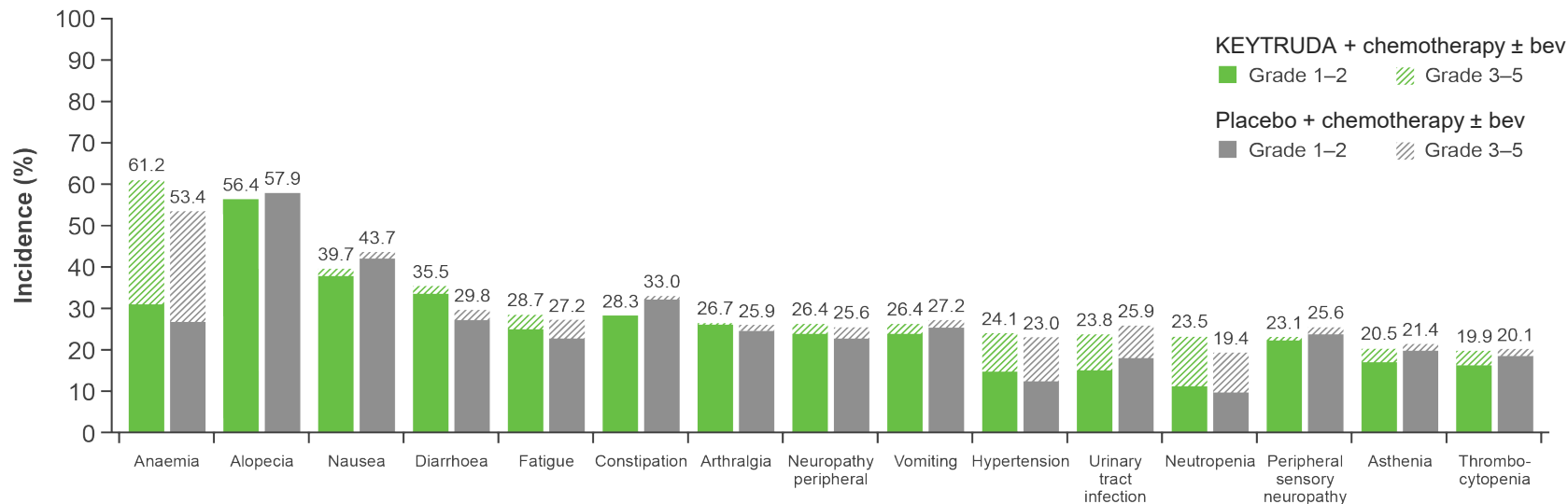
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KEYNOTE-826: AEs with $\geq 20\%$ incidence in either arm (interim analysis 1)



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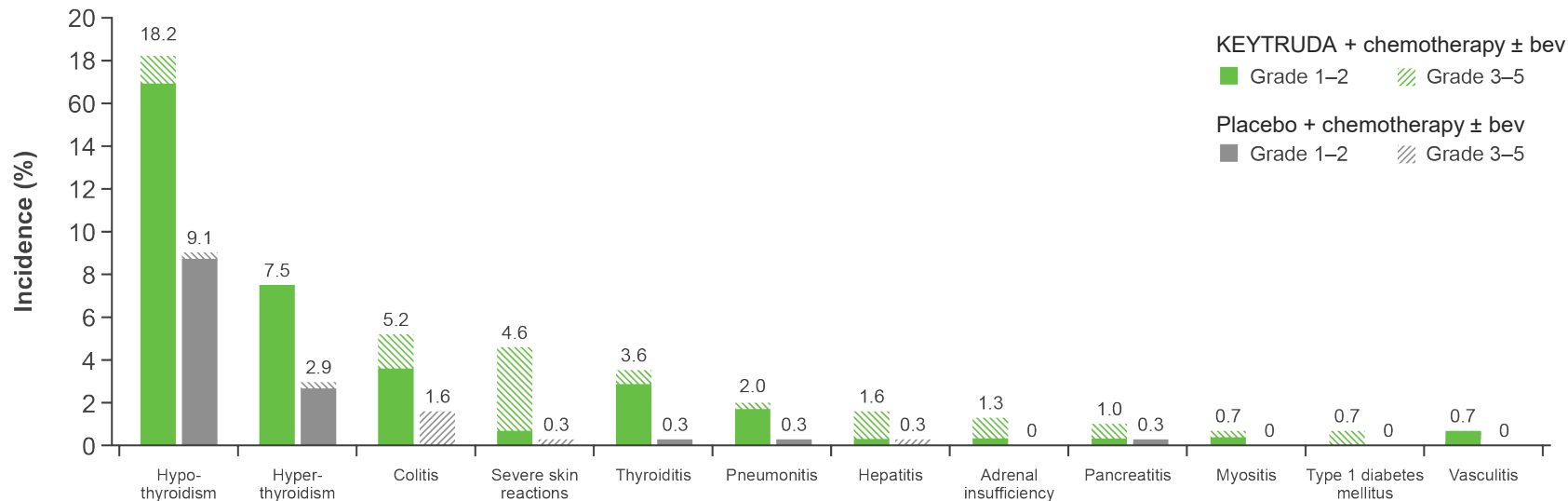
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KEYNOTE-826: Immune-mediated AEs with $\geq 1\%$ incidence in either arm (interim analysis 1)^a



These data comprise the full ITT population. Please note that the licensed indication for KEYTRUDA is in combination with chemotherapy with or without bevacizumab for the treatment of persistent, recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer in adults whose tumours express **PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1** .

[Click here](#) to access the irAE slide deck for adverse event management of KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy combinations.
Further information on the safety of KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy combinations can be found in the UK SmPC [here](#).

Analysis cut-off date: 3 May 2021.

Figure adapted from Colombo N et al. *N Engl J Med* 2021 (and supplementary appendix).

^aEvents were considered regardless of attribution to treatment by the investigator. Related terms were included in addition to the specific terms listed.

AE, adverse event; Bev, bevacizumab; CPS, combined positive score; Chemo, chemotherapy; irAE, immune-related AE; ITT, intention to treat; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1;

SmPC, Summary of Product Characteristics.

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KEYNOTE-826: Implementing KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy +/- bevacizumab for the treatment of persistent, recurrent or metastatic cervical



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KEYTRUDA dosing

**PD-L1 testing in
metastatic cervical
cancer**





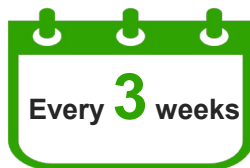
KEYTRUDA dosing



Administered as
an IV infusion



Over **30** minutes



Adults: 200 mg



Adults: 400 mg

- Patients should be treated with KEYTRUDA until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity
- Atypical responses (i.e. an initial transient increase in tumour size or small new lesions within the first few months followed by tumour shrinkage) have been observed. It is recommended to continue treatment for clinically stable patients with initial evidence of disease progression until disease progression is confirmed
- No dose reductions of KEYTRUDA are recommended. KEYTRUDA should be withheld or discontinued to manage AEs as described within the SmPC
- When administering KEYTRUDA in combination with intravenous chemotherapy, KEYTRUDA should be administered first

For further information on KEYTRUDA dosing, please refer to the SmPC: [United Kingdom](#)





KEYTRUDA license requires CPS ≥ 1 ^{1,2}

CPS: A snapshot of the tumour microenvironment

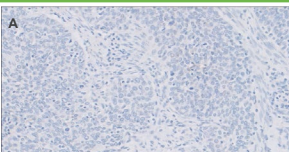
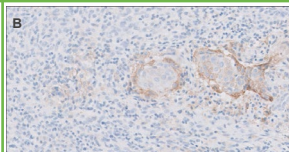
- CPS is used to evaluate PD-L1 expression in tumour cells and certain immune cells in cervical cancer¹
- This helps to identify the most appropriate treatment for patients¹
- In KEYNOTE-826, PD-L1 expression was assessed by CPS using the PD-L1 22C3 IHC pharmDx assay²
- The PD-L1 22C3 IHC pharmDx assay, scored using the CPS algorithm, is used to define eligibility for treatment with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab with the eligibility for KEYTRUDA use being CPS ≥ 1

Calculating CPS¹

$$\text{CPS} = \frac{\text{\#PD-L1 staining cells (tumour cells, lymphocytes, macrophages)}}{\text{Total \#viable tumour cells}} \times 100$$

Although the result of the calculation can exceed 100, the maximum score is defined as CPS 100

CPS for cervical cancer¹

PD-L1 expression level	CPS <1	CPS ≥ 1
Stained with PD-L1 22C3 pharmDx primary antibody ($\times 20$)		

Cervical cancer specimen stained with PD-L1 22C3 pharmDx primary antibody exhibiting CPS <1 (A) and CPS ≥ 1 (B). Both images were taken at $\times 20$ magnification.

For further information on CPS testing, [click here](#)



KEYNOTE-826: Summary





KEYNOTE-826: Summary of efficacy and safety outcomes in the PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 population^{1,2}



KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab showed statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in OS and PFS vs placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab in patients with persistent, recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer with PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 ^{1,2}

89% of patients with persistent, recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer had a PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 in KEYNOTE-826



KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab presented superior OS vs placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab in patients with PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 (HR: 0.60; 95% CI: 0.49–0.74; nominal $p < 0.0001$)²

Statistical significance was met for the primary endpoints in interim analysis 1 (2021)

KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab presented superior PFS vs placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab in patients with PD-L1 CPS ≥ 1 (HR: 0.58; 95% CI: 0.47–0.71; nominal $p < 0.0001$)²

Statistical significance was met for the primary endpoints in interim analysis 1 (2021)



Grade ≥ 3 AEs occurred in 81.8% of patients in the KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab arm and 75.1% of patients in the placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab arm¹

Of those treated, patients in the KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab arm had a higher proportion of discontinuations of any trial agent (37.5%) compared with the placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab arm (26.5%)

Immune-mediated AEs occurred more frequently in patients who received KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab (33.9%) compared with those receiving placebo + chemotherapy \pm bevacizumab (15.2%)



KEYNOTE-826: Appendix



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**OS in the ITT
population**

**OS in the PD-L1
CPS ≥ 10 population**

**OS in key
subgroups of the ITT
population**

**PFS in the ITT
population**

**PFS in the PD-L1
CPS ≥ 10 population**

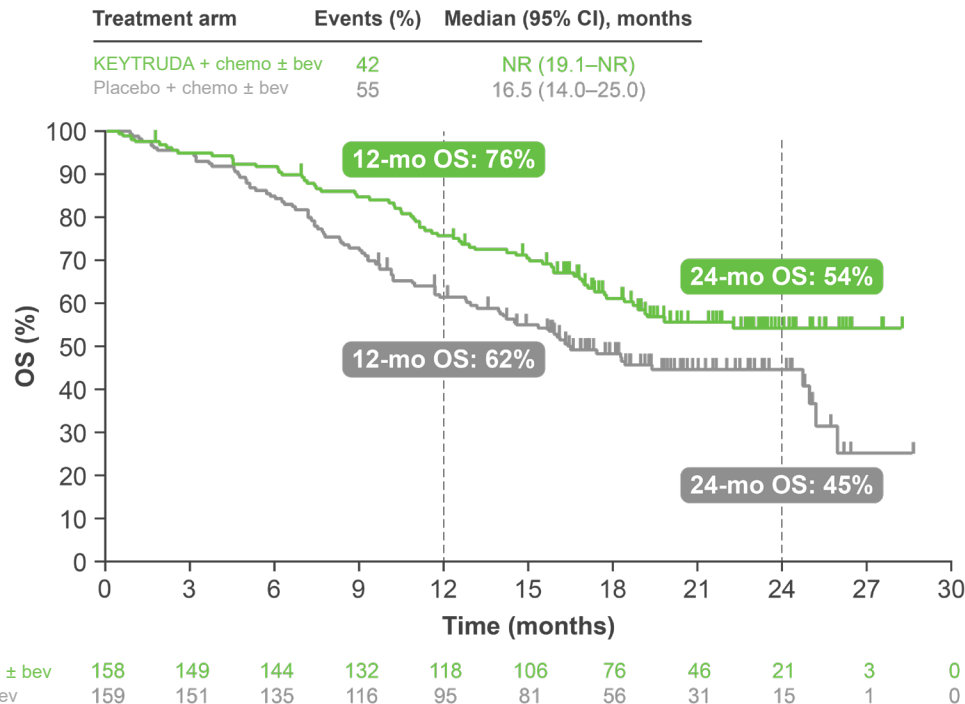
**PFS in key
subgroups of the ITT
population**

CPS, combined positive score; ITT, intention to treat; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1;
PFS, progression-free survival.





KEYNOTE-826: KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab demonstrated superior OS vs placebo + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab in patients whose tumours express PD-L1 CPS ≥10 (interim analysis 1)^{1,2}



A 39% reduction in the risk of death was observed with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab vs placebo + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab in the PD-L1 CPS ≥10 population

HR: 0.61; 95% CI: 0.44–0.84; p=0.001

Analysis cut-off date: 3 May 2021.

Figure adapted from Colombo N et al. *N Engl J Med* 2021 and Colombo N et al. ESMO 2021.

Bev, bevacizumab; Chemo, chemotherapy; CI, confidence interval; CPS, combined positive score; ESMO, European Society of Medical Oncology; HR, hazard ratio; mo, month; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1.

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2. Colombo N et al. Presented at the ESMO Virtual Congress 2021, 16–21 September 2021.

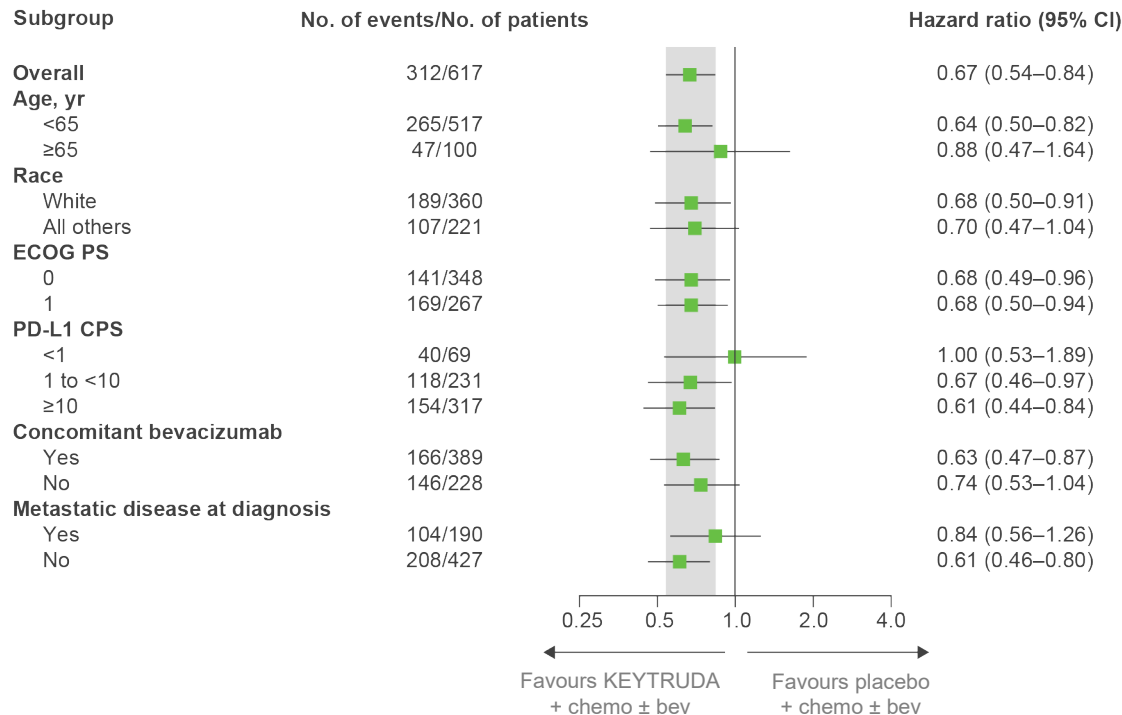




KEYNOTE-826: OS in key subgroups (interim analysis 1)



No formal statistical analysis was performed for the subgroup analyses and no clinical conclusions can be drawn



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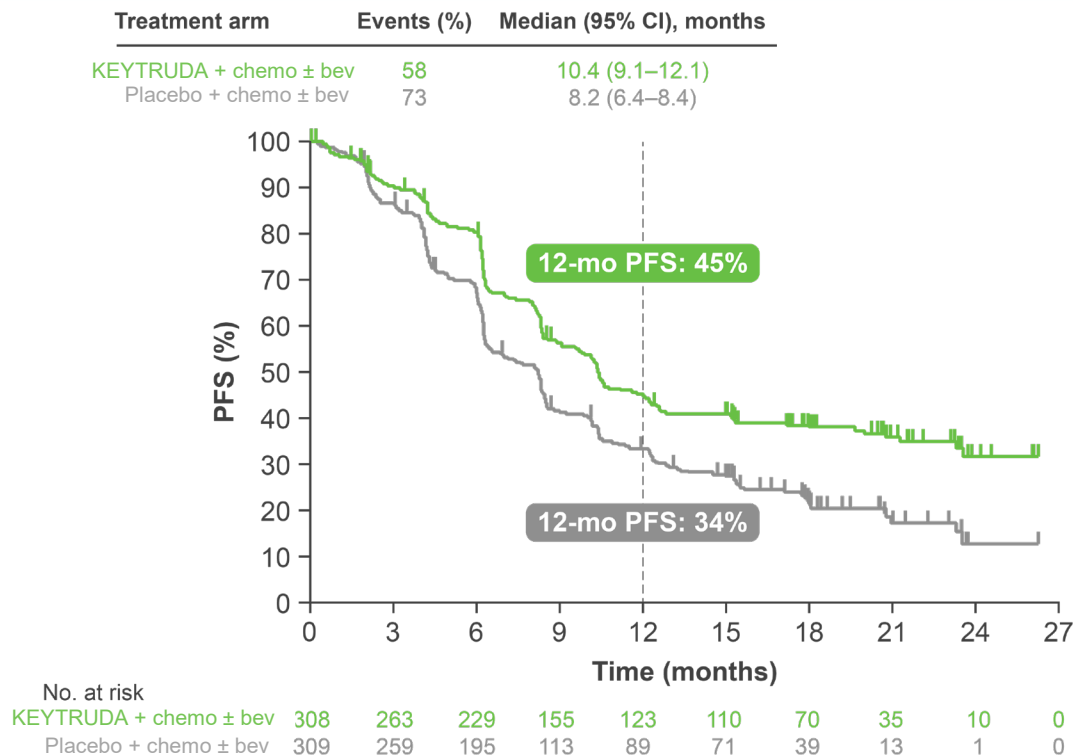
Bev, bevacizumab; Chemo, chemotherapy; CI, confidence interval; CPS, combined positive score; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; ITT, intention to treat; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1; yr, years.

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KEYNOTE-826: KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab demonstrated superior PFS vs placebo + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab (interim analysis 1)^{1,2}



A 35% reduction in the risk of disease progression or death was observed with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab vs placebo + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab

HR: 0.65; 95% CI: 0.53–0.79; $p < 0.001$

Analysis cut-off date: 3 May 2021.

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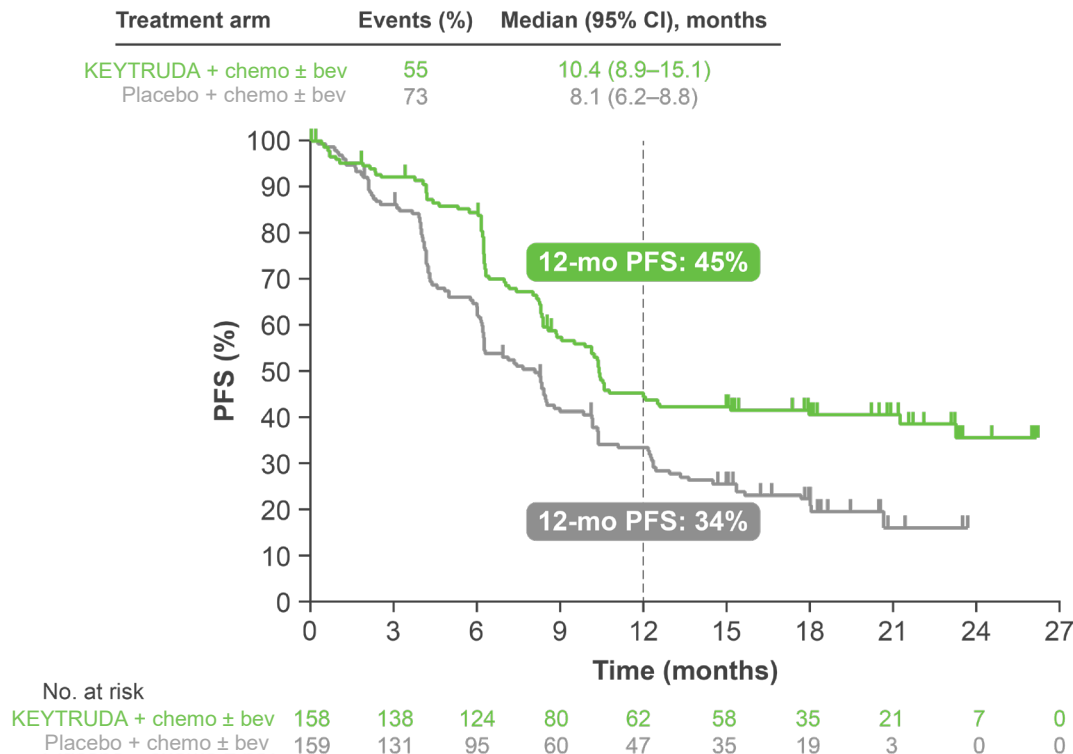
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KEYNOTE-826: KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab demonstrated superior PFS vs placebo + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab in patients whose tumours express PD-L1 CPS ≥10 (interim analysis 1)^{1,2}



A 42% reduction in the risk of disease progression or death was observed with KEYTRUDA + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab vs placebo + chemotherapy ± bevacizumab in the PD-L1 CPS ≥10 population

HR: 0.58; 95% CI: 0.44–0.77; p<0.001

Analysis cut-off date: 3 May 2021.

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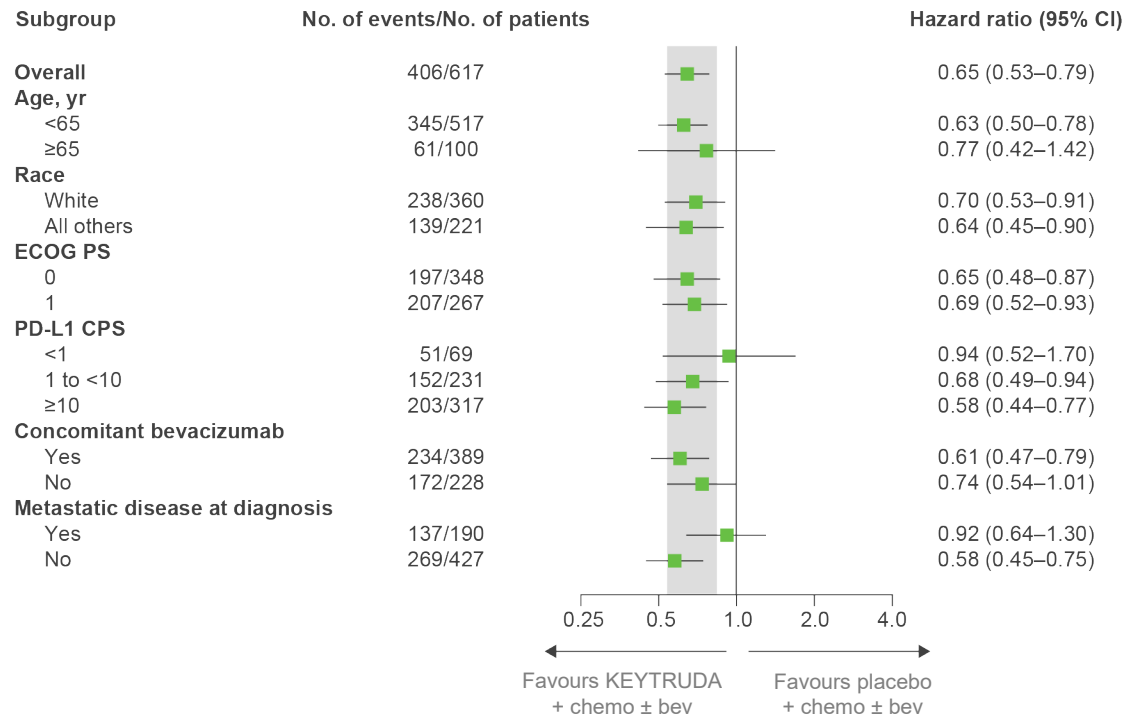




KEYNOTE-826: PFS in key subgroups (interim analysis 1)



No formal statistical analysis was performed for the subgroup analyses and no clinical conclusions can be drawn



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