

**In Favour of**

**Immunotherapy in maintenance  
treatment of all unresectable Stage 3  
NSCLC**

**NSCLC: Non Small Cell Lung Cancer**

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Session	The earthquake of immunotherapy in lung cancer
Topics	Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer, Metastatic Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy

**PACIFIC** A DOUBLE-BLIND, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED PHASE III STUDY OF DORVALUMAB AFTER CHEMORADIATION THERAPY IN PATIENTS WITH STAGE III, LOCALLY ADVANCED, UNRESECTABLE NSCLC



**A tsunami ...**



# Since It's a Debate

- Setting: unresectable stage III NSCLC
- PACIFIC: was overall design appropriate ?
- PACIFIC: what risk/benefit ratio did we see ?
- PACIFIC: open questions
- Conclusion: what kind of a tsunami is this ?

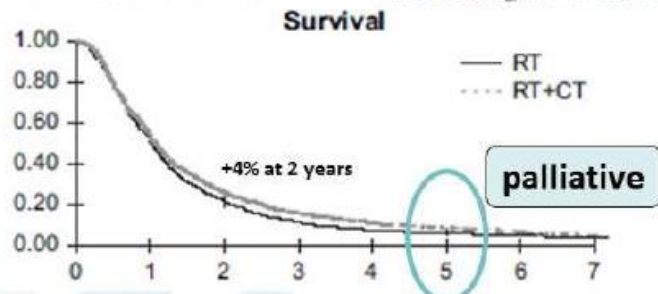


# unresectable stage III NSCLC

- 1980: radiotherapy alone: median OS 10 m
- 1990: chemotherapy added: median OS 14 m

## Concomitant radio-chemotherapy based on platinum compounds in patients with locally advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC): A meta-analysis of individual data from 1764 patients

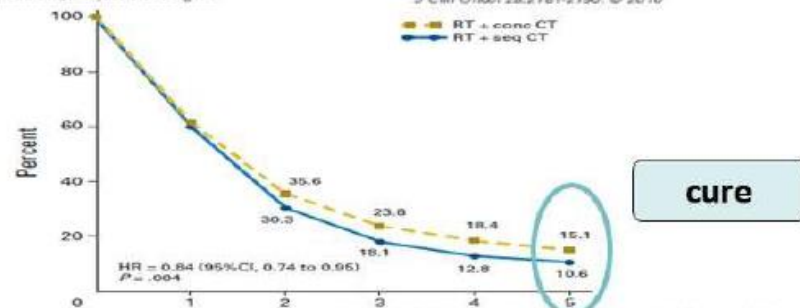
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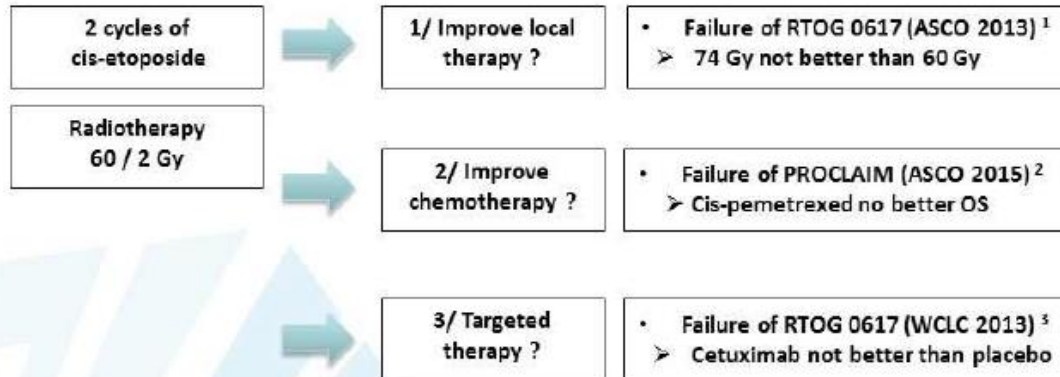
- 2000: concurrent chemoradiotherapy: median OS 18 m

## Meta-Analysis of Concomitant Versus Sequential Radiochemotherapy in Locally Advanced Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer

Anne Aupérin, Cecile Le Pécoux, Escele Rolland, Walter J. Curran, Kiyoyuki Furuse, Pierre Fournel, Jose Belderbos, Gerald Clamon, Hakki Cuneo, Ustin, Rebecca Paulus, Takaharu Yamanaka, Marie-Cécile Bozoma, Apollonia Uiterhoeve, Xiaofei Wang, Lesley Siewars, Rodrigo Arriagada, Sarah Burden, and Jean-Pierre Pignon  
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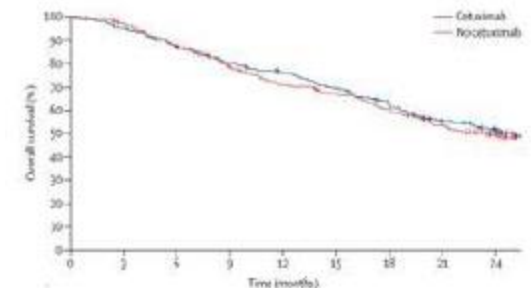
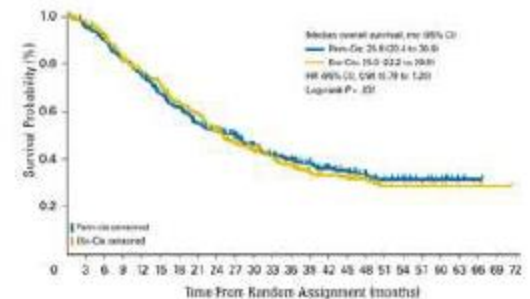
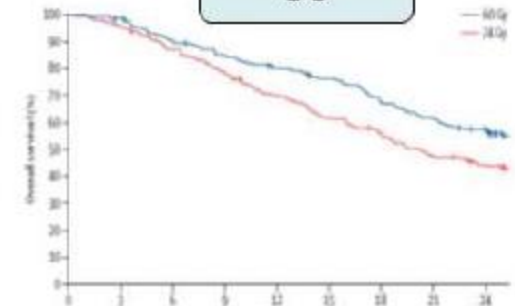


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2 Senan et al, ASCO 2015 *and* J Clin Oncol

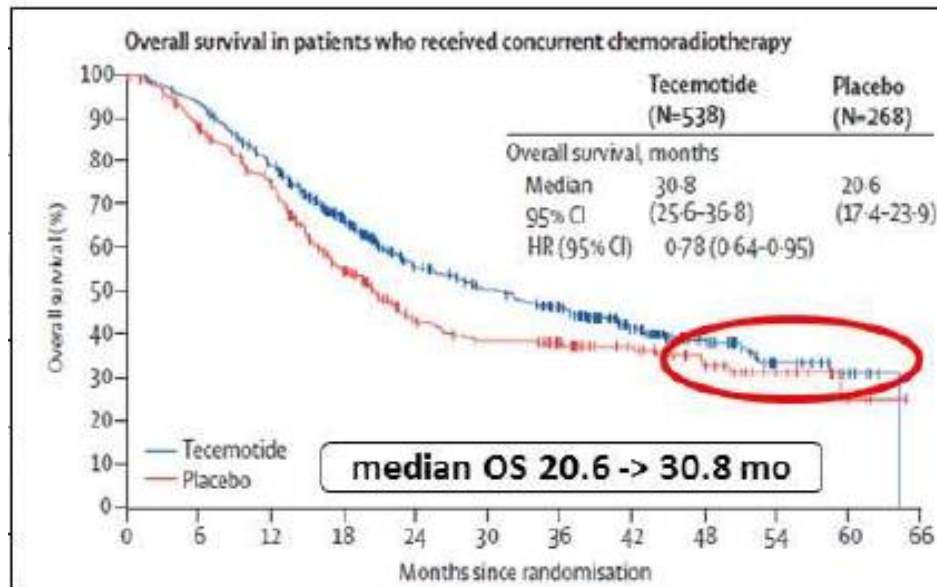
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OS





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4/ Immuno-  
therapy ?

- START: MUC1 immunotherapy <sup>4</sup>

➤ Development stopped

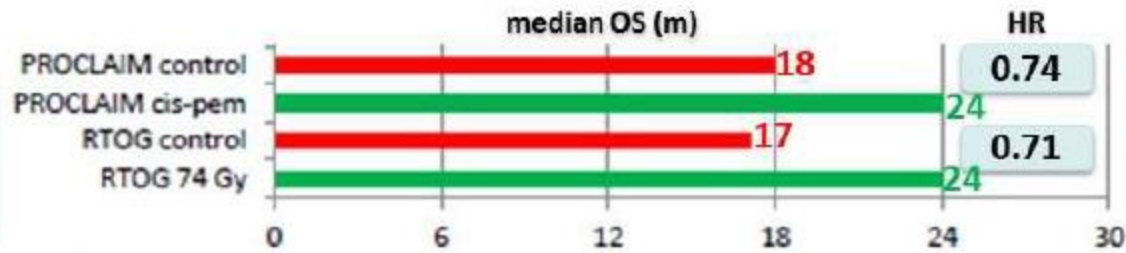
<sup>4</sup> Butts et al, ASCO 2013 and Lancet Oncol 15:59-68, 2014

# PACIFIC – overall design appropriate ?

- Unmet medical need ✓

- PACIFIC OS hypothesis in line with disease setting

- ≥85% power to detect an OS HR of 0.73 (median from 22 to 30 m)



- Appropriate endpoints

- PFS, in co-primary with OS



- Study flow

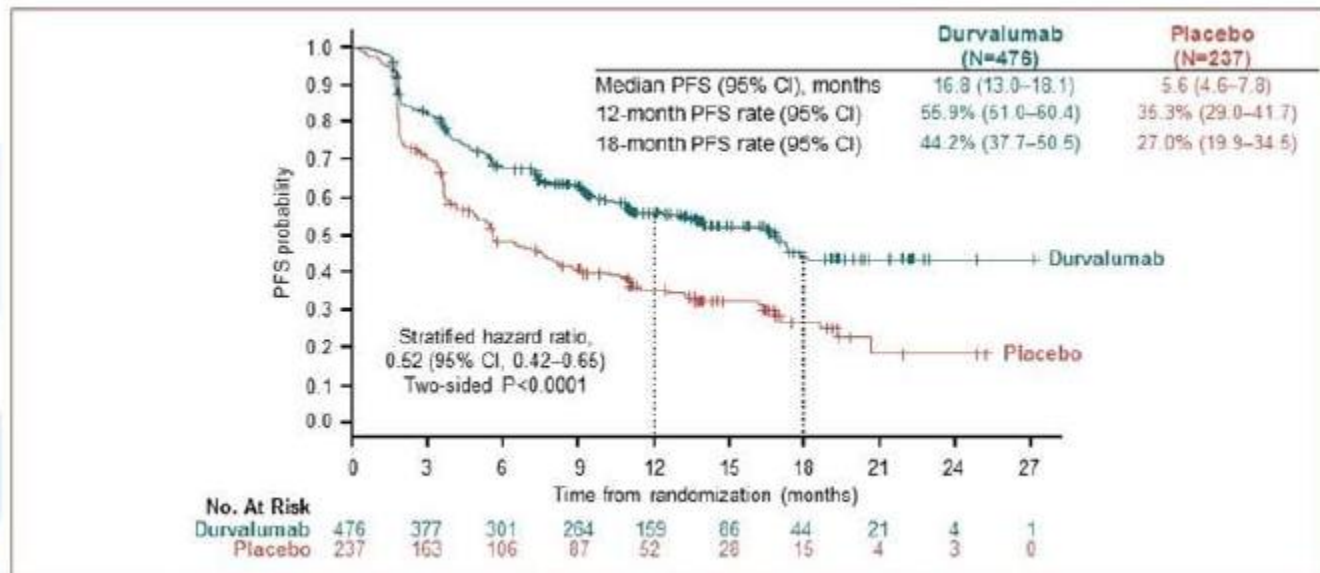
- 2:1 randomization

- Very well balanced patient groups



# PACIFIC –

## > benefit

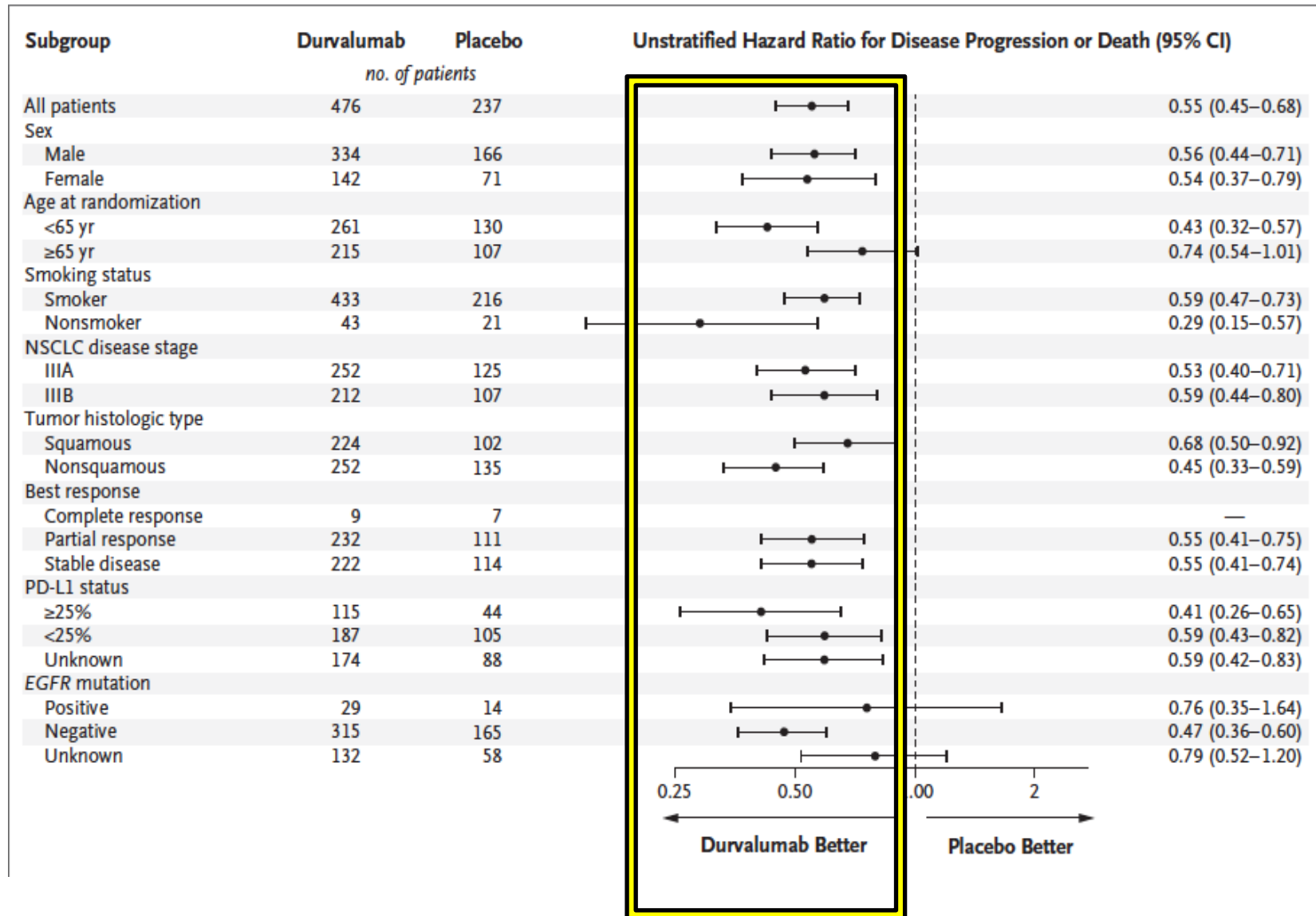


PFS by BICR (Primary Endpoint; ITT)

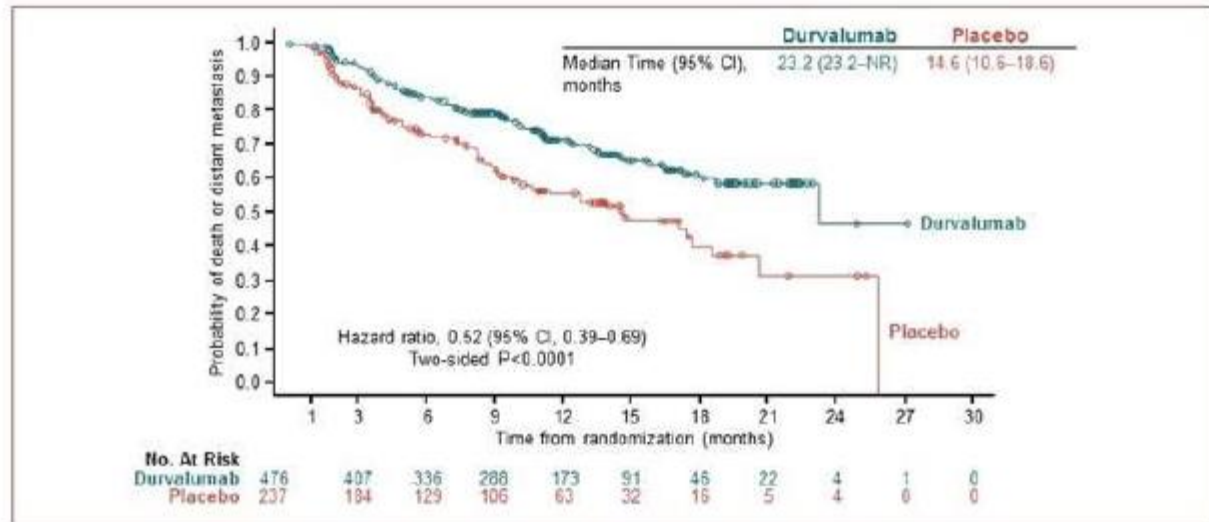
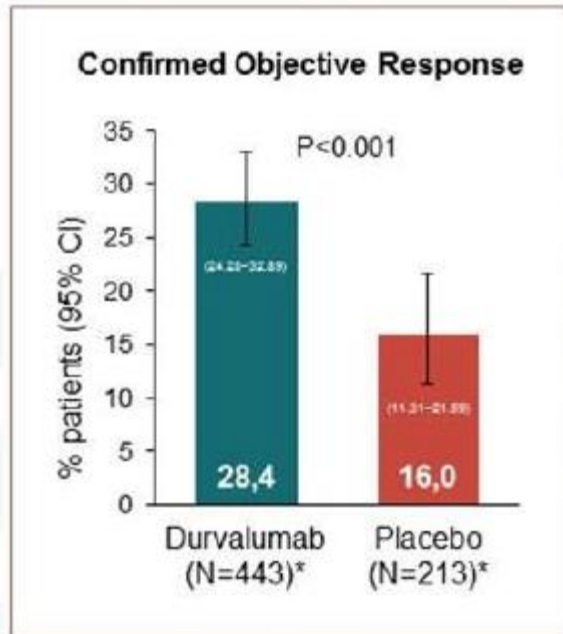
**Interim report at  
371 PFS events –  
median FU 14.5 m**



# PFS benefit was seen across all subgroups with Durvalumab



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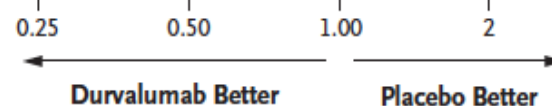


Time to Death or Distant Metastasis by BICR (ITT)

Subgroup	Durvalumab <i>no. of patients</i>	Placebo	Unstratified Hazard Ratio for Disease Progression or Death (95% CI)	
All patients	476	237		0.55 (0.45–0.68)
Sex				
Male	334	166		0.56 (0.44–0.71)
Female	142	71		0.54 (0.37–0.79)
Age at randomization				
<65 yr	261	130		0.43 (0.32–0.57)
≥65 yr	215	107		0.74 (0.54–1.01)

**Durvalumab benefits all comer population irrespective of PDL-1 expression**

Tumor histologic type				
Squamous	224	102		0.68 (0.50–0.92)
Nonsquamous	252	135		0.45 (0.33–0.59)
Best response				
Complete response	9	7	—	—
Partial response	232	111		0.55 (0.41–0.75)
Stable disease	222	114		0.55 (0.41–0.74)
PD-L1 status				
≥25%	115	44		0.41 (0.26–0.65)
<25%	187	105		0.59 (0.43–0.82)
Unknown	174	88		0.59 (0.42–0.83)
EGFR mutation				
Positive	29	14		0.76 (0.35–1.64)
Negative	315	165		0.47 (0.36–0.60)
Unknown	132	58		0.79 (0.52–1.20)



**Is PDL1 testing a must? No**

## PACIFIC – risk/benefit ratio

> risk

	Durvalumab (N=475)	Placebo (N=234)
<b>Any-grade all-causality AEs, n (%)</b>	460 (96.8)	222 (94.9)
Grade 3/4	142 (29.9)	61 (26.1)
Grade 5	21 (4.4)	13 (5.6)
Leading to discontinuation	73 (15.4)	23 (9.8)
<b>Any-grade treatment-related AEs, n (%)</b>	322 (67.8)	125 (53.4)
<b>Any-grade all-causality AESIs, n (%)</b>	311 (65.5)	114 (48.7)
Grade 3/4	39 (8.2)	9 (3.8)
Grade 5	4 (0.8)	4 (1.7)
Requiring concomitant treatment	200 (42.1)	40 (17.1)
<b>Any-grade immune-mediated AEs, n (%)</b>	115 (24.2)	19 (8.1)
Grade 3/4	16 (3.4)	6 (2.6)
Grade 5	4 (0.8)	3 (1.3)

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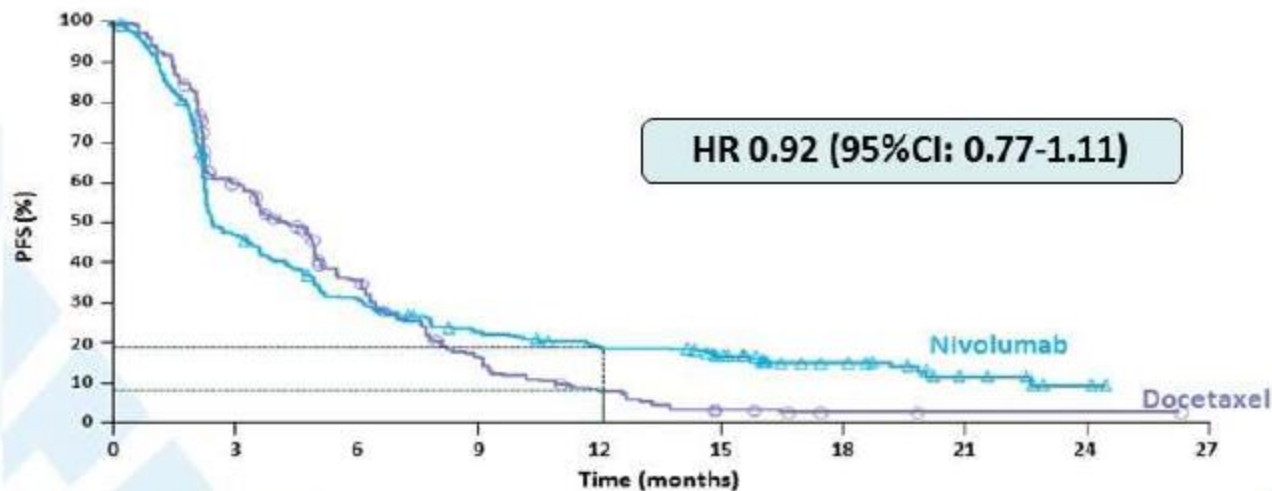
Event	Durvalumab (N=475)		Placebo (N=234)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4
Any event, n (%)	460 (96.8)	142 (29.9)	222 (94.9)	61 (26.1)
Cough	168 (35.4)	2 (0.4)	59 (25.2)	1 (0.4)
Pneumonitis/radiation pneumonitis†	161 (33.9)	16 (3.4)	58 (24.8)	6 (2.6)
Fatigue	113 (23.8)	1 (0.2)	48 (20.5)	3 (1.3)
Dyspnea	106 (22.3)	7 (1.5)	56 (23.9)	6 (2.6)
Diarrhea	87 (18.3)	3 (0.6)	44 (18.8)	3 (1.3)
Pyrexia	70 (14.7)	1 (0.2)	21 (9.0)	0
Decreased appetite	68 (14.3)	1 (0.2)	30 (12.8)	2 (0.9)
Nausea	66 (13.9)	0	31 (13.2)	0
Pneumonia	62 (13.1)	21 (4.4)	18 (7.7)	9 (3.8)
Arthralgia	59 (12.4)	0	26 (11.1)	0
Pruritus	58 (12.2)	0	11 (4.7)	0
Rash	58 (12.2)	1 (0.2)	17 (7.3)	0
Upper respiratory tract infection	58 (12.2)	1 (0.2)	23 (9.8)	0
Constipation	56 (11.8)	1 (0.2)	20 (8.5)	0
Hypothyroidism	55 (11.6)	1 (0.2)	4 (1.7)	0
Asthenia	51 (10.7)	3 (0.6)	31 (13.2)	1 (0.4)
Back pain	50 (10.5)	1 (0.2)	27 (11.5)	1 (0.4)



# PACIFIC – open questions

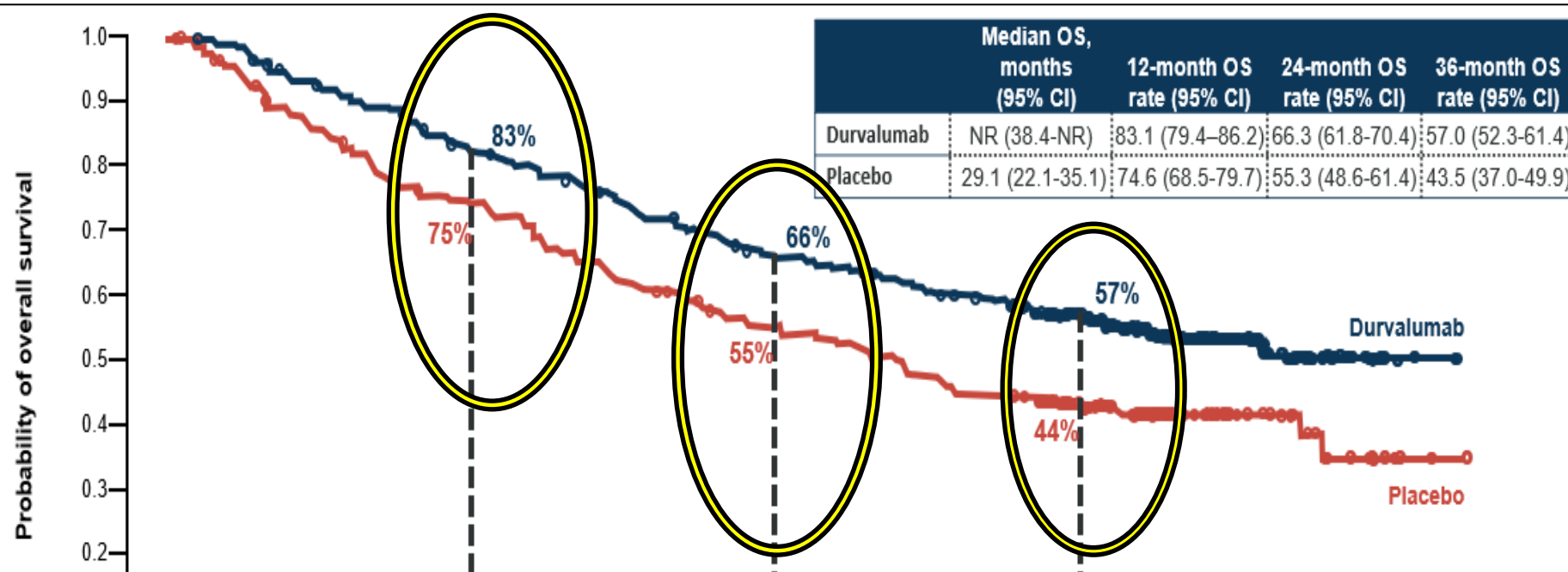
## (1) PFS vs. OS

- PFS often has been a poor read-out for CPI immunotherapy



**Checkmate 057**  
**PFS**

# Finally, Success In Locally Advanced Disease in Consolidation setting!



**mOS with Durvalumab =NR**  
**cCRT alone= 29.1 months**

**mOS with**

**HR: 0.69 (95% CI, 0.55-0.86)**

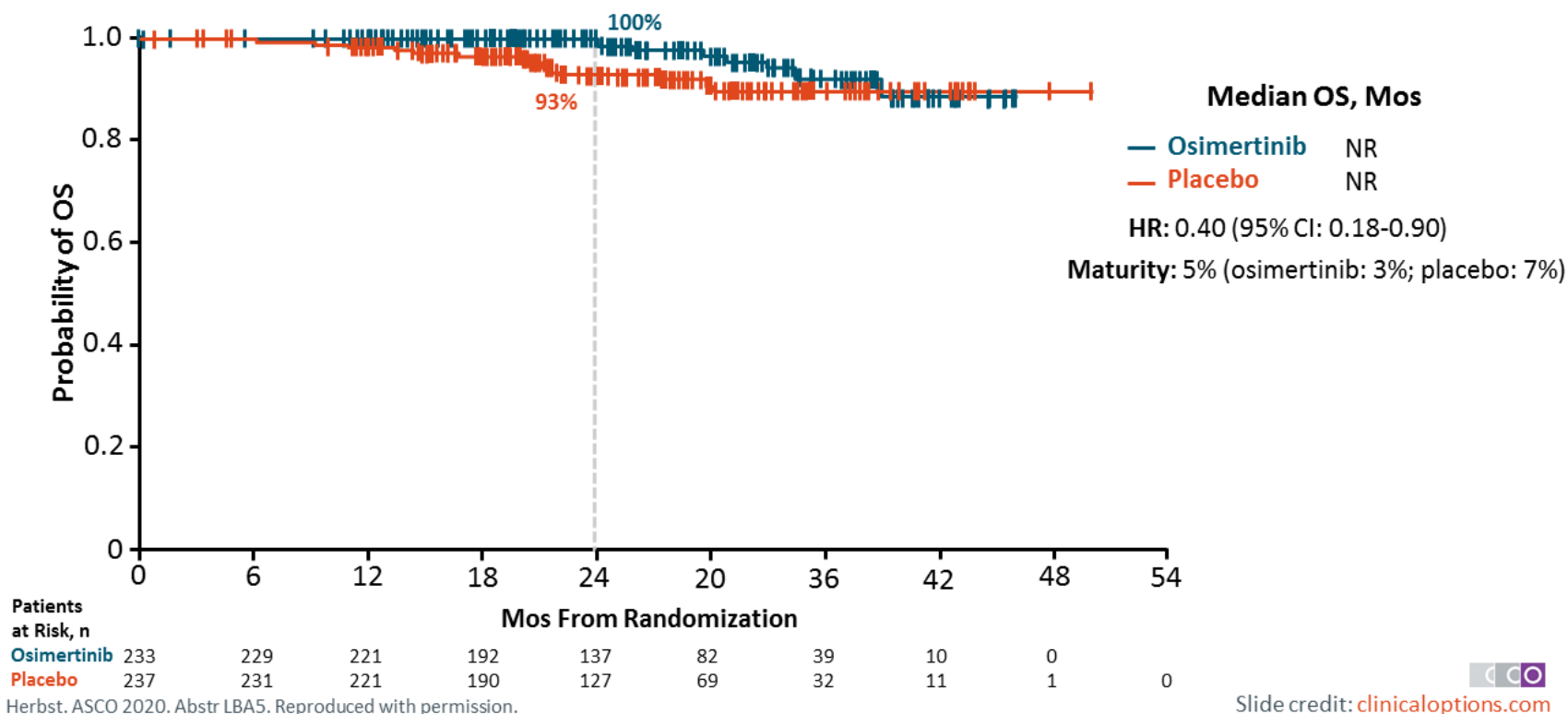
**31% reduction in the risk of death in Durvalumab arm  
compared to cCRT alone arm**

**Table 1.** Updated Incidence of New Lesions, as Assessed by Blinded Independent Central Review, in the Intention-to-treat Population.\*

New Lesion Site	Durvalumab Group (N= 476)	Placebo Group (N= 237)
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>	
Any site	107 (22.5)	80 (33.8)
Lung	60 (12.6)	44 (18.6)
Lymph nodes	31 (6.5)	27 (11.4)
Brain	30 (6.3)	28 (11.8)
Liver	9 (1.9)	8 (3.4)
Bone	8 (1.7)	7 (3.0)
Adrenal gland	3 (0.6)	5 (2.1)

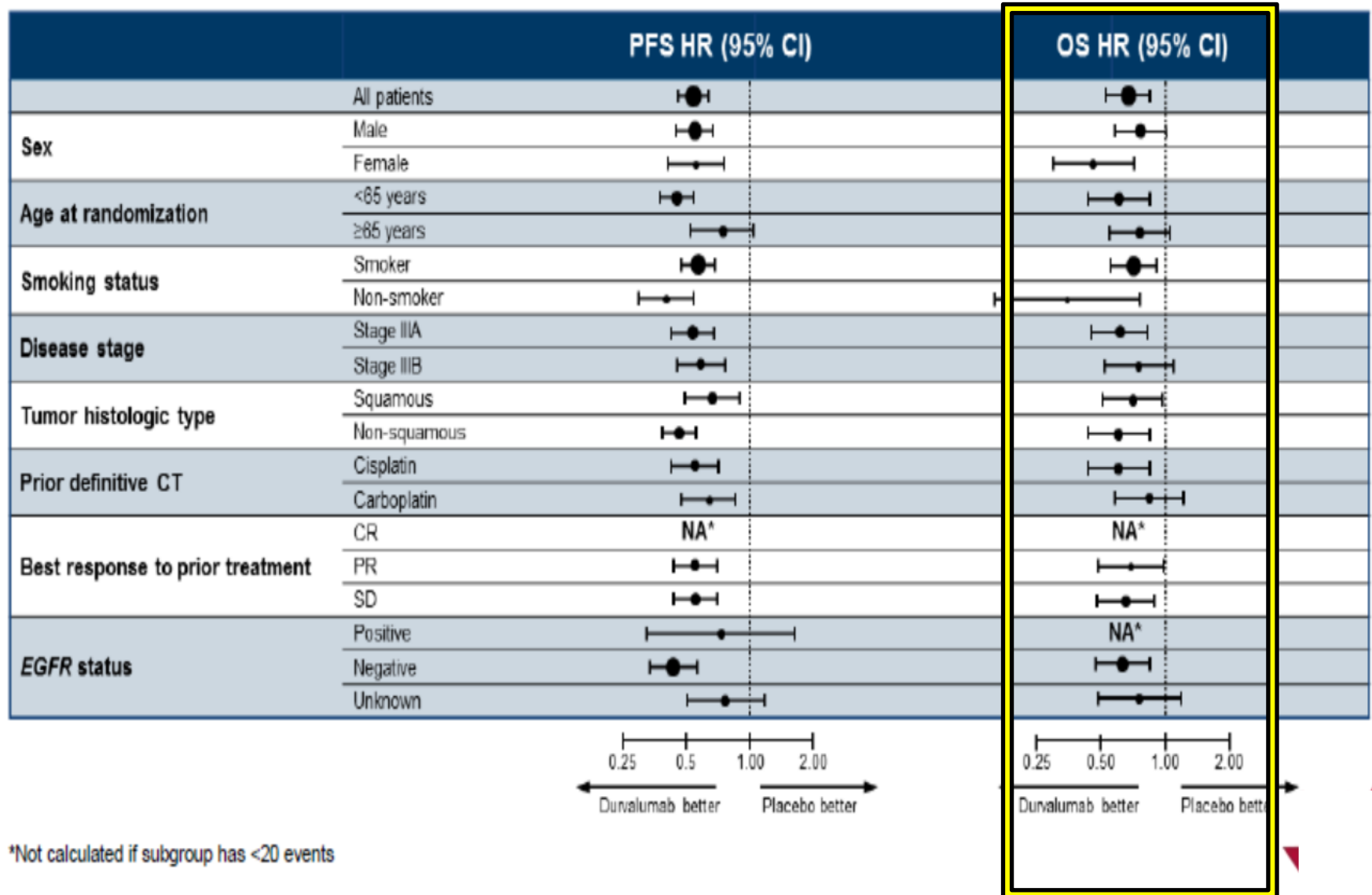
**In Pacific Study- Onset of new lesions reduced by ~50% in Durvalumab arm compared to control group**

# ADAURA: Early OS in Patients With Stage II/IIIA NSCLC



➤ **Benefits in stage IV are NOT translated in stage III**

# Survival benefit was seen across all subgroups With Durvalumab



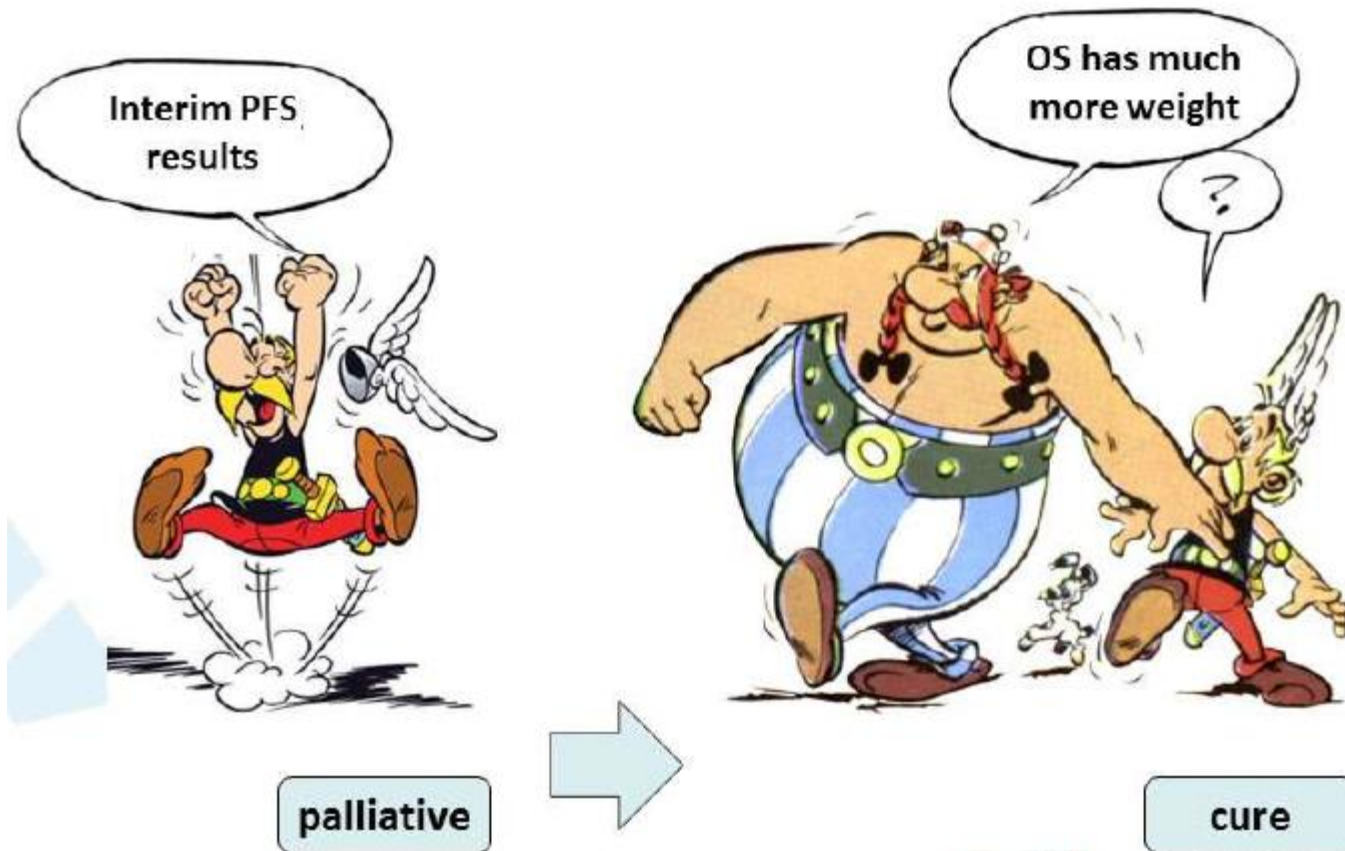
Note: PFS data based on data cutoff of Feb 13, 2017, and OS data based on data cutoff of March 22, 2018, NA, not available



## PACIFIC – open questions

- Part of the overall earthquake “CPI immunotherapy in NSCLC”: stage IV benefits now translated in stage III
- Radiotherapy and CPI immunotherapy can be excellent partners
  - RT has a priming effect by immunogenic cell death
  - RT promotes release of danger signals/chemokines that inflame the tumor microenvironment
  - RT promotes release of neo-antigens (*irradiated cancer as an in-situ vaccine*)
  - RT upregulates PD-1 and PD-L1
  - RT has been shown to have abscopal effects (rare)

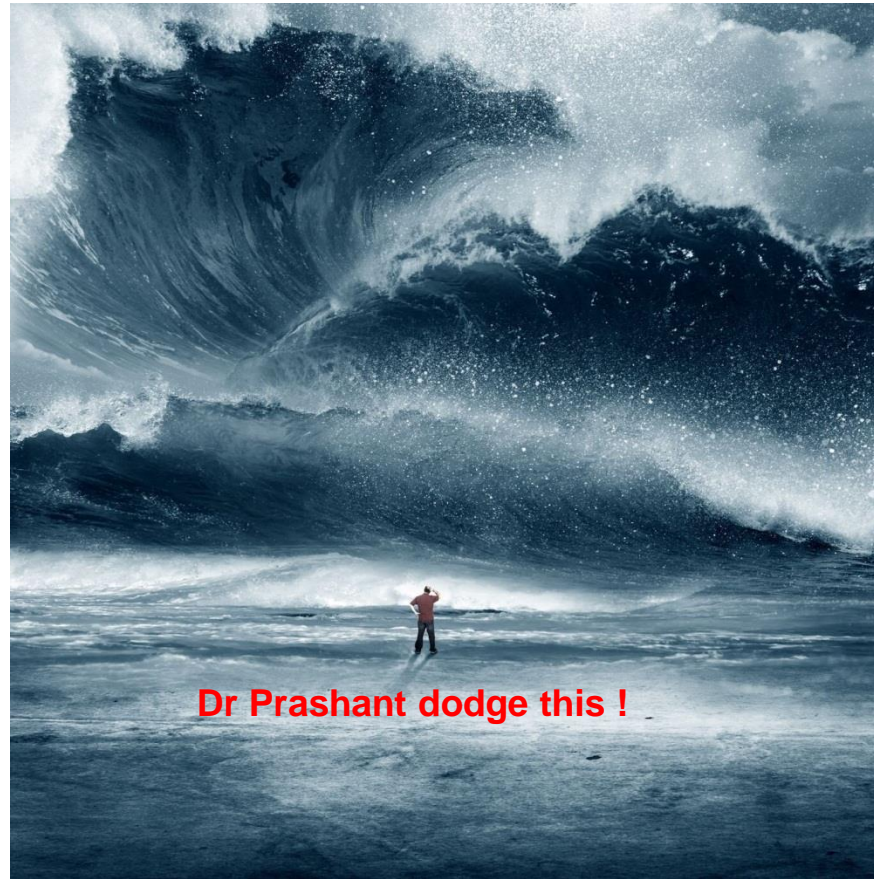
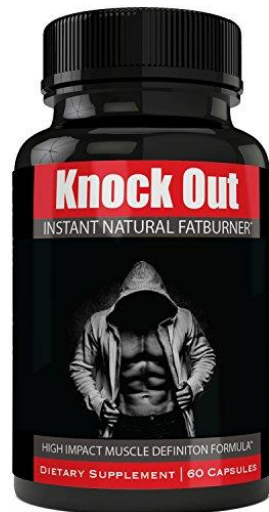
## PACIFIC – what kind of a tsunami is this ?



after the previous tsunami of negative results ?

# It's a clear Knock Out Tsunami!!

**Rx**



**Dr Prashant dodge this !**