

differences across treatment classes in the association between tumor regrowth and OS.

**Conclusions** Our results suggest that not all reductions in tumor size are equal. A patient with a certain degree of tumor shrinkage on the PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor will have lower mortality risk than a patient with a similar degree of shrinkage on the other regimens evaluated. More research is needed to determine whether the result is unique to this particular PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor, to determine what mechanisms of action mediate these treatment-specific effects, and to develop improved surrogate measures of treatment efficacy.

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### COMBINED NEOADJUVANT CHEMO-IMMUNOTHERAPY THERAPY ACHIEVES SUPERIOR DOWNSTAGING OF RESECTABLE NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER AS COMPARED TO CHEMOTHERAPY, MONO OR DUAL IMMUNOTHERAPY

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**Background** Tumor and nodal downstaging following neoadjuvant therapy in resectable non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) are important markers of therapeutic response associated with favorable prognosis. We studied the impact of four different systemic neoadjuvant therapies on tumor, nodal and overall pathological downstaging of surgically resectable I-IIIa NSCLC (AJCC 7th edition).

**Methods** Our study cohorts consisted of NSCLC patients treated with three cycles of neoadjuvant platinum doublet chemotherapy from 2001–2012 (N=302, 84%), and patients treated on the NEOSTAR study (NCT03158129) who received neoadjuvant nivolumab (N=21,6%), nivolumab plus ipilimumab (N=16, 4%), or platinum doublet chemotherapy plus nivolumab (N=22, 6%). Clinical and pathological (yp) T and N staging were evaluated for downstaging and upstaging; differences were assessed using Fisher's exact test.

**Results** Following neoadjuvant platinum doublet chemotherapy, nivolumab, nivolumab plus ipilimumab and platinum doublet chemotherapy plus nivolumab, the rates of clinical-to-pathological ypT downstaging were 26% (N=79), 29% (N=6), 38% (N=6) and 59% (N=13), respectively, p =0.012 (table 1).

The rates of clinical-to-pathological ypN downstaging in patients with clinical N1 or N2 disease with each therapy were 55% (N=96), 50% (N=3), 50% (N=2), and 42% (N=5) respectively, p =0.862. Overall clinical-to-pathological (ypT and/or ypN) downstaging rates were 38% (N=114), 38% (N=8), 38% (N=6), and 68% (N=15) respectively, p=0.048. The proportions of patients being overall upstaged following each therapy were 28% (N=85), 38% (N=8), 38% (N=6) and 14% (N=3), respectively, p=0.251. These results suggest superior downstaging effect and clinically meaningful lower upstaging probability of combined platinum doublet chemotherapy plus nivolumab as compared to other neoadjuvant regimens.

### Abstract 277 Table 1 Response to Chemotherapy, Immunotherapy, and Combination Therapy

	Chemotherapy N=302	Single-agent ICI N=21	Dual-agent ICI N=16	Chemotherapy+ ICI N=22	p
ypT downstaged vs. stable/upstaged	26% (79)	29% (6)	38% (6)	59% (13)	0.012
ypN downstaged vs. stable/upstaged	55% (96)	50% (3)	50% (2)	42% (5)	0.862
Overall yp downstaged vs. stable/upstaged	38% (114)	38% (8)	38% (6)	68% (15)	0.048

<sup>a</sup>Among those with cN1 disease  
ICI: immune checkpoint inhibitor

**Conclusions** The combination of neoadjuvant platinum doublet chemotherapy with nivolumab achieves the most robust tumor and overall pathological downstaging and decreases the probability of upstaging at surgery. Whether the overall downstaging effect results in improved survival will be determined with longer follow-up, in conjunction with results from ongoing phase III neoadjuvant chemo-immunotherapy trials.

**Trial Registration** NCT03158129

**Ethics Approval** This study was approved by the University of Texas MD Anderson Institutional Review Board with a waiver of informed consent, protocol 2020-0337.

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### PHASE I CLINICAL TRIAL EVALUATING THE SAFETY OF ADP-A2M10 SPEAR T-CELLS IN PATIENTS WITH MAGE-A10<sup>+</sup> ADVANCED NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER

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**Background** ADP-A2M10 SPEAR T-cells are genetically engineered autologous T-cells that express a high affinity MAGE-A10-specific T-cell receptor targeting MAGE-A10<sup>+</sup> tumors in the context of HLA-A\*02. This trial is now complete (NCT02592577).

**Methods** This first-in-human dose escalation trial utilized a modified 3+3 design to evaluate safety and antitumor activity. Eligible patients (pts) were HLA-A\*02<sup>+</sup> with advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) expressing MAGE-A10. Pts underwent apheresis; T-cells were isolated, transduced with a lentiviral vector containing the TCR targeting MAGE-A10, and expanded. Pts underwent lymphodepletion (LD) with varying doses/schedules of fludarabine (Flu) and cyclophosphamide (Cy) prior to receiving ADP-A2M10. ADP-A2M10 was