

Phase II Study of First-Line Punitamig (PD-L1 × VEGF-A bsAb) Plus Chemotherapy for Extensive-Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer (ES-SCLC): Updated Efficacy and Safety Results

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CONCLUSIONS

- Punitamig plus platinum-based chemotherapy as a 1L treatment for ES-SCLC showed encouraging durable efficacy in this long-term follow-up
- The safety profile was manageable, with a low rate of treatment discontinuation
- These phase 2 trial results support the ROSETTA Lung-01 global phase 3 trial (NCT06712355), underway in 1L ES-SCLC, as part of an extensive punitamig lung cancer clinical development program

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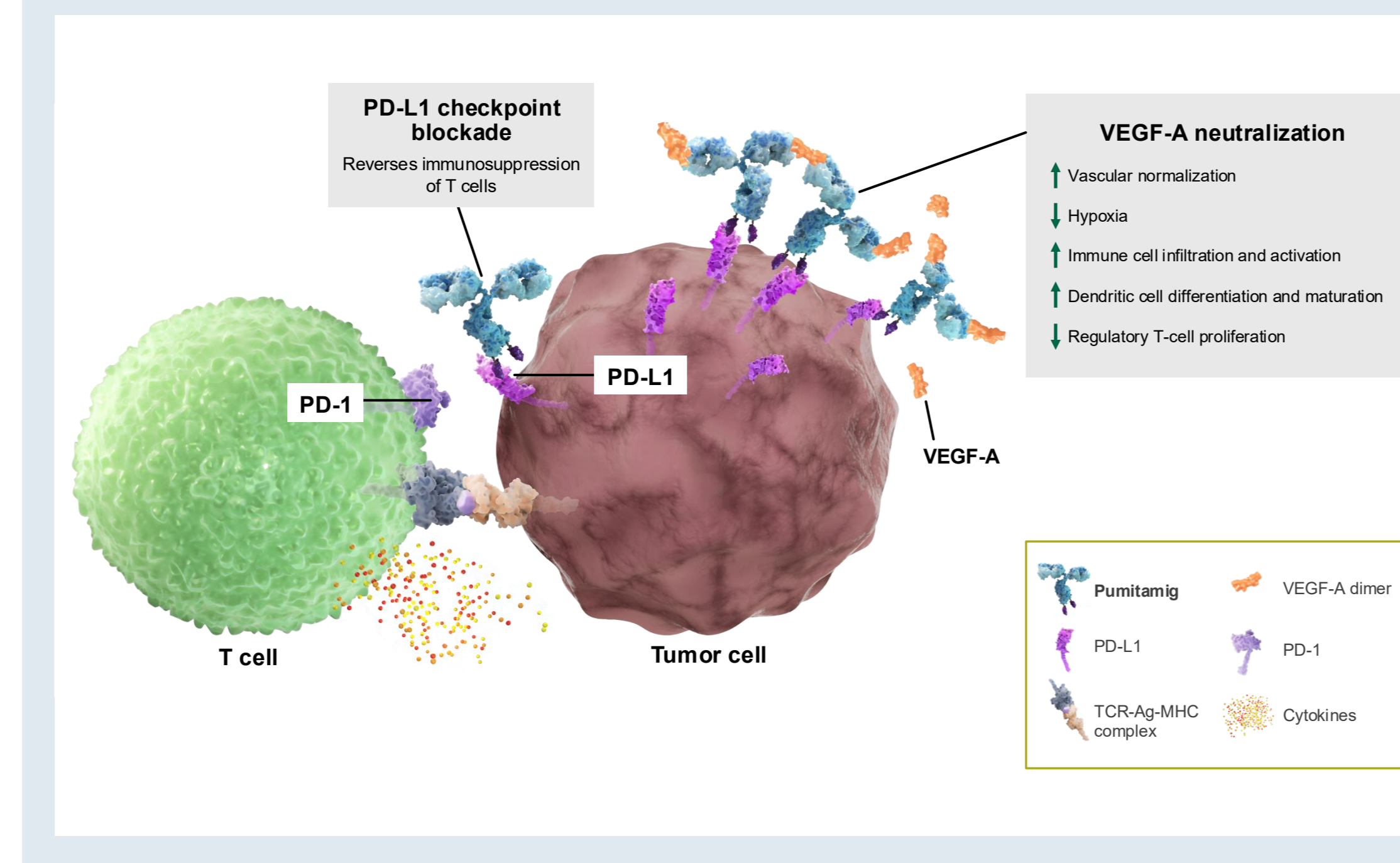
Abbreviations: 1L, first-line; 2L, second-line; 3L, third-line; ADC, antibody-drug conjugate; AE, adverse event; Ag, antigen; AGA, actionable genomic alteration; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; AUC, area under the curve; BOR, best overall response; bsAb, bispecific antibody; CI, confidence interval; DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; ES-SCLC, extensive-stage small cell lung cancer; GGT, gamma-glutamyl transferase; irAE, immune-related adverse event; IV, intravenous; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; MHC, major histocompatibility complex; NA, not available; NCI-CTCAE, National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; NR, not reached; NSCLC, non-small-cell lung cancer; NSQ, nonsquamous; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PD-1, programmed cell death protein 1; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; Q3W, every 3 weeks; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; SCLC, small cell lung cancer; SD, stable disease; SQ, squamous; TCR, T-cell receptor complex; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event; TROP2, trophoblast cell surface antigen 2; TSH, thyroid-stimulating hormone; TTR, time to response; VEGF-A, vascular endothelial growth factor A; VEGFR, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor; WBC, white blood cell.

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Background

- Punitamig (BNT327/BMS986545) is an investigational anti-PD-L1 × VEGF-A bispecific antibody designed to restore effector T-cell function and localize VEGF-A neutralization by targeting PD-L1 and VEGF-A in the tumor and tumor microenvironment (Figure 1)
 - This dual mechanism is intended to enhance antitumor immunity and inhibit angiogenesis
- SCLC accounts for ~15% of lung cancer cases, with around 250,000 new cases worldwide each year.¹ Despite recent advances, prognosis remains poor, and there is a high unmet need for therapies that provide durable clinical benefit²⁻⁵
- Two phase 2 trials (1 Chinese; 1 global) of punitamig plus chemotherapy in patients with 1L ES-SCLC have reported encouraging efficacy and manageable safety^{6,7}
- Here, we report updated efficacy results, including mature OS, from the Chinese Phase 2 trial of punitamig combined with chemotherapy in 1L ES-SCLC

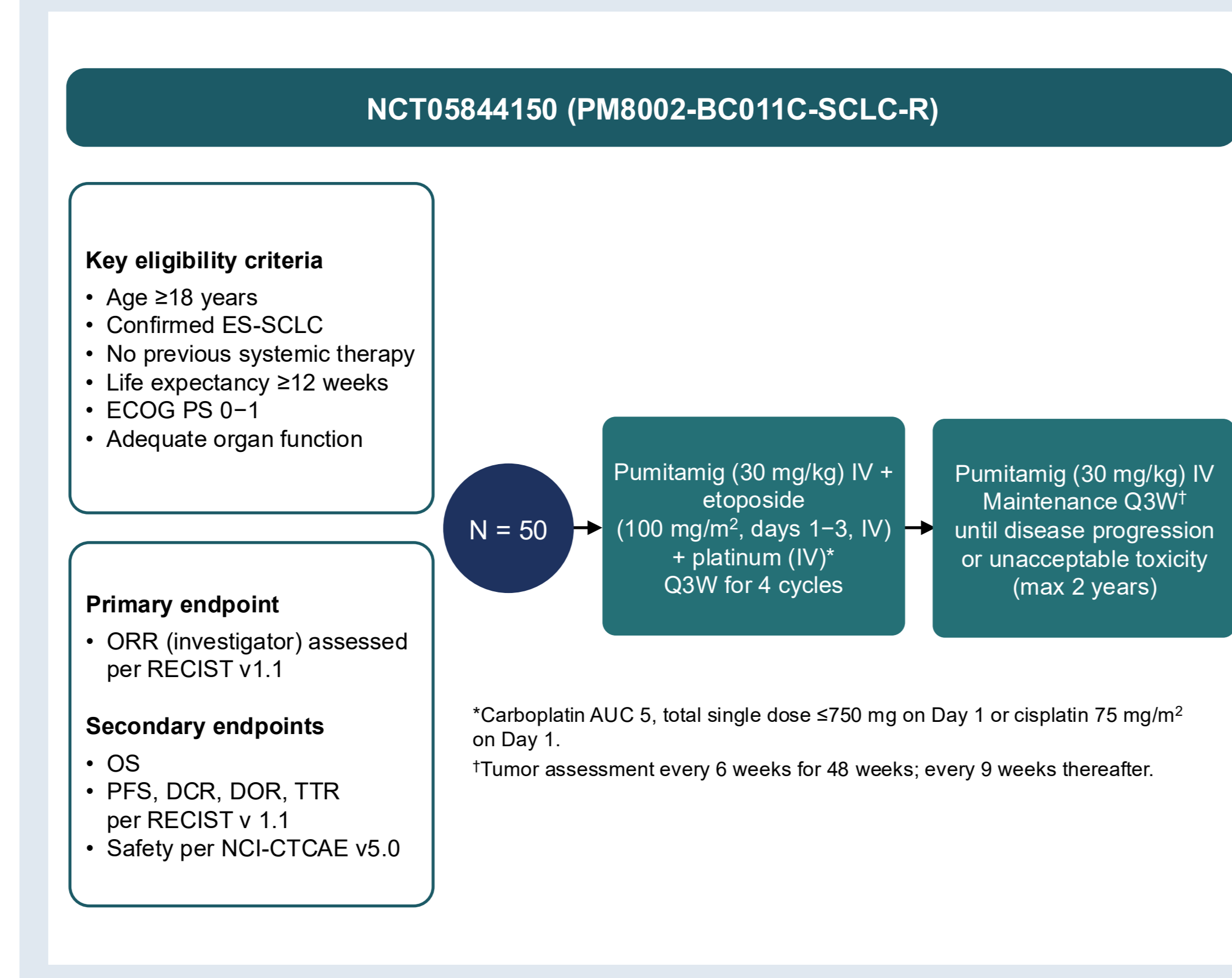
Figure 1. Proposed mechanism of action of punitamig, an anti-PD-L1 × VEGF-A bispecific antibody



Methods

- Open-label, single-arm, multicenter, phase 2 trial (NCT05844150) to investigate the efficacy and safety of punitamig plus platinum-etoposide (4 cycles), followed by punitamig maintenance, in previously untreated patients with ES-SCLC. Mature OS is reported (Figure 2)

Figure 2. Trial design



Results

Baseline characteristics

- 50 patients were enrolled (median age 59 years, range 55–65; 80% ECOG PS 1; 20% current and 46% former smokers) (Table 1)
- At data cutoff (October 18, 2025), median follow-up time was 16.8 months (95% CI: 11.3–20.8) and median treatment duration was 26.5 weeks (95% CI: 18.1–37.1), with 2 patients still on treatment

Table 1. Baseline patient and disease characteristics

	N = 50
Median age, years (range)	59.0 (55.0–65.0)
Age >65 years, n (%)	11 (22.0)
Female, n (%)	16 (32.0)
ECOG PS, n (%)	
0	10 (20.0)
1	40 (80.0)
Smoker, n (%)	
Never	17 (34.0)
Former	23 (46.0)
Current	10 (20.0)

Efficacy

Tumor response

- DOR was 5.52 months (Table 2)

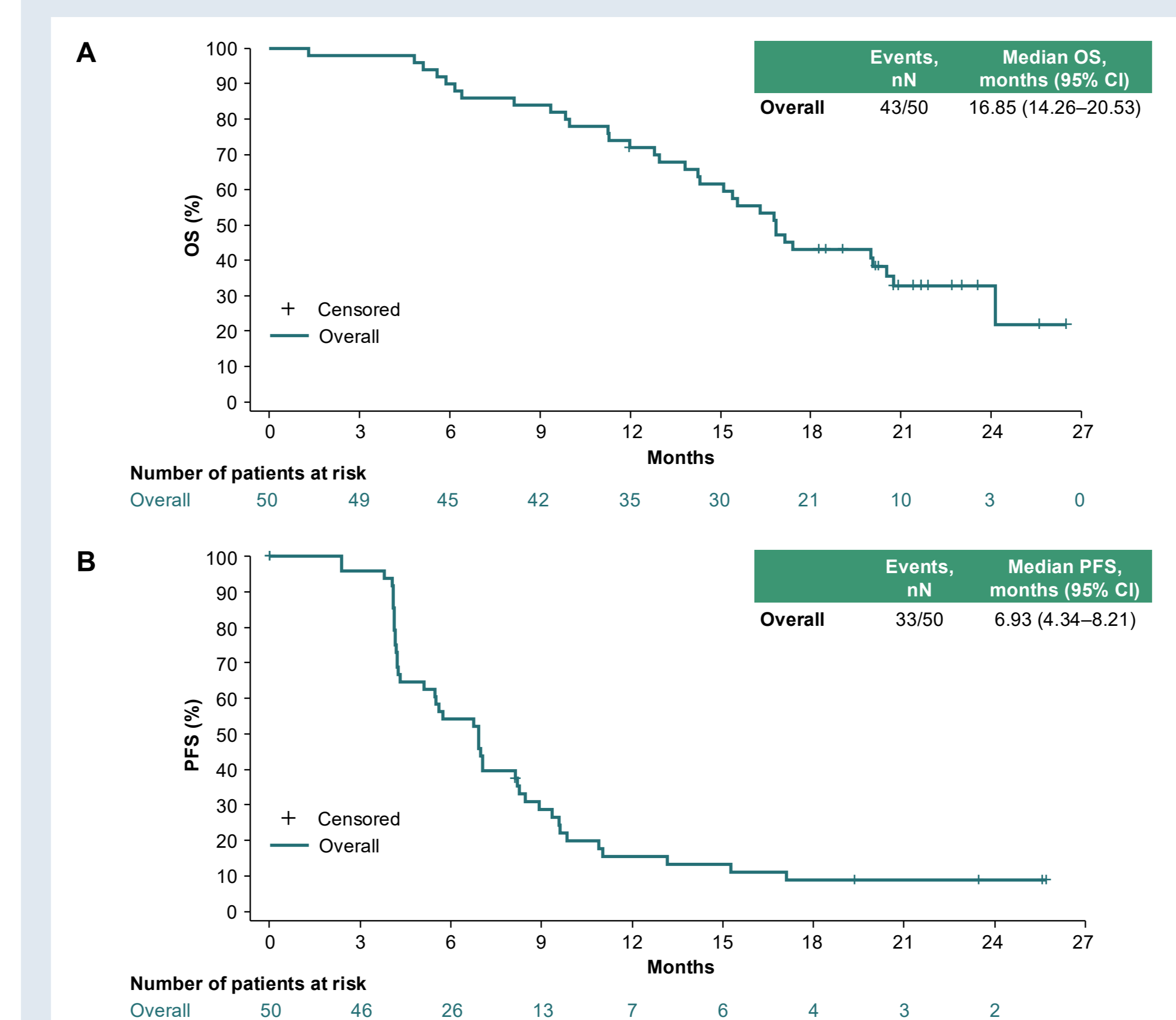
Table 2. Tumor responses, PFS, and OS

	Overall (N = 50)
BOR, n (%)	
PR	41 (82.0)
SD	6 (12.0)
PD	1 (2.0)
No postbaseline assessment	2 (4.0)
Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)	82.0 (68.6–91.4)
DCR, % (95% CI)	94.0 (83.5–98.7)
DOR, median, months (95% CI)	5.52 (3.75–6.93)
TTR, median, months (95% CI)	1.38 (1.35–1.41)
OS, median, months (95% CI)	16.85 (14.26–20.53)
12-month OS rate, %	72.0
PFS, median, months (95% CI)	6.93 (4.34–8.21)
12-month PFS rate, %	15.4

Survival

- 12-month OS rate was 72.0% and median OS was 16.9 months (95% CI: 14.3–20.5) (Figure 3)
- 12-month PFS rate was 15.4% and median PFS was 6.9 months (95% CI: 4.3–8.2) (Figure 3)

Figure 3. Kaplan-Meier curves of (A) OS and (B) PFS



Results

Safety

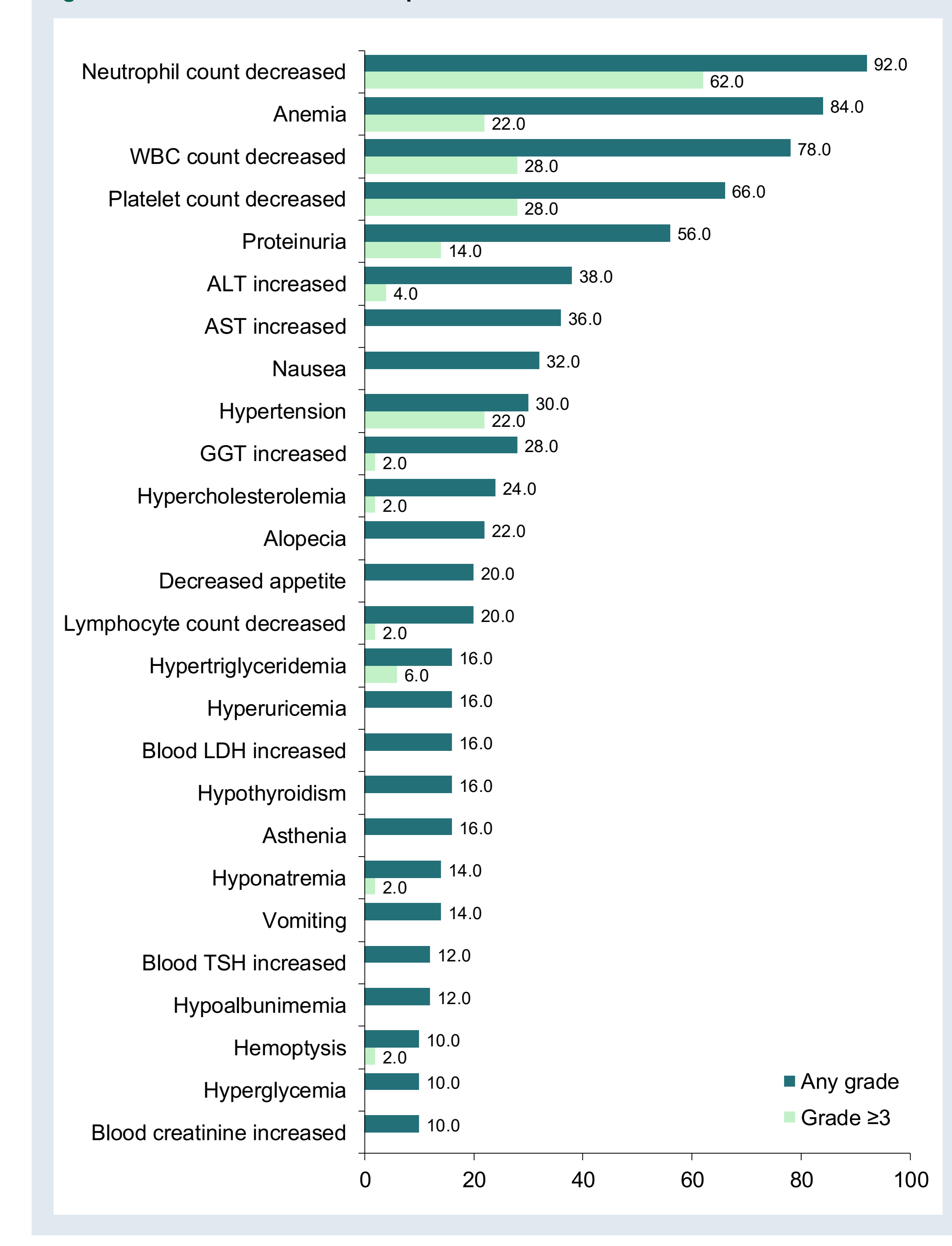
- All patients experienced at least 1 TRAE related to punitamig and/or chemotherapy
 - Treatment-related discontinuation rate was low (n = 4, 8%) and related to myocarditis (n = 1), gastric hemorrhage (n = 1), autoimmune encephalitis (n = 1), and proteinuria (n = 1)
 - There were no TRAEs deaths (Table 3)
- The most commonly observed TRAE was neutrophil count decreased (Figure 4)

Table 3. Safety summary (October 18, 2025 data cutoff)

	Overall (N = 50)
Any TEAE, n (%)	50 (100.0)
Grade ≥3	45 (90.0)
Any TRAE,* n (%)	50 (100.0)
Grade ≥3	43 (86.0)
Any TRAE leading to dose interruption,* n (%)	29 (58.0)
Any TRAE leading to discontinuation,* n (%)	4 (8.0)
Any TRAE leading to death,* n (%)	0 (0.0)
Any irAE grade ≥3, n (%)	4 (8.0)
Any hemorrhage/bleeding of grade ≥3,† n (%)	3 (6.0)

*AEs related to punitamig and/or chemotherapy. †Any hemorrhage/bleeding of grade ≥3 included gastric hemorrhage, hemoptysis, and hemorrhage intracranial.

Figure 4. TRAEs* in at least 10% of patients



*AEs related to punitamig and/or chemotherapy.