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# EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

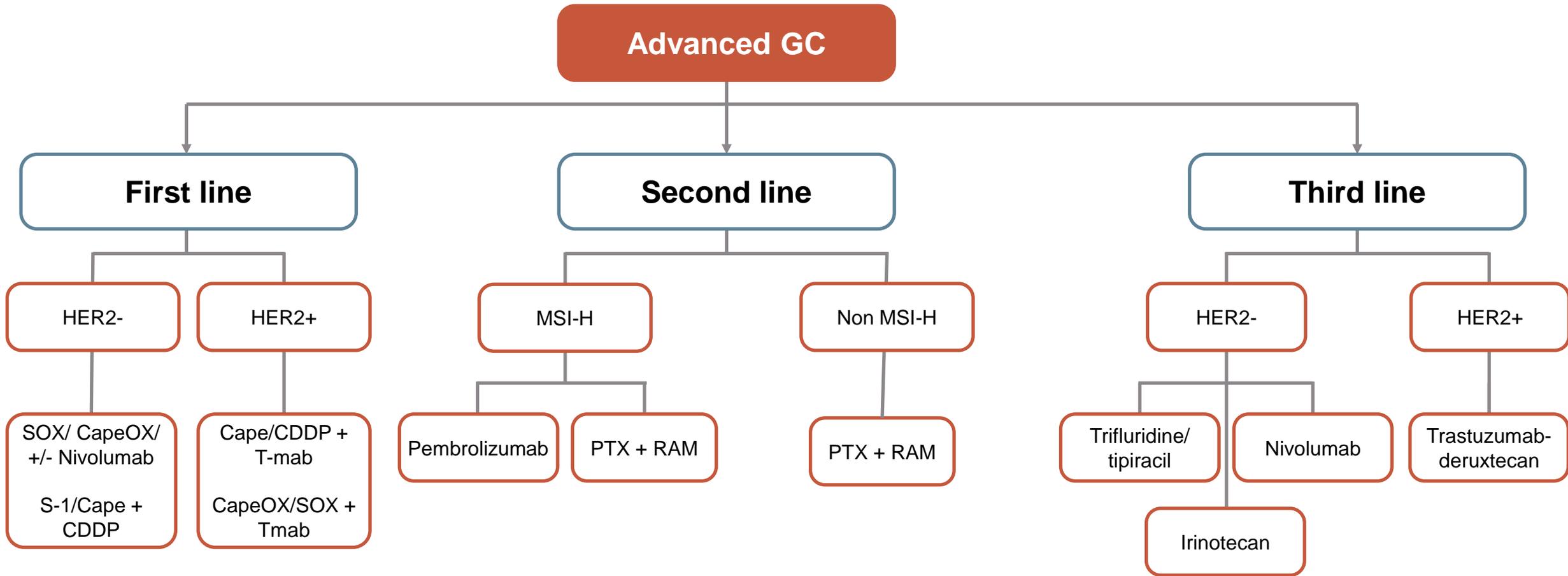
- To discuss the gastric and gastroesophageal treatment landscape and disease prevalence in Asia
- To understand the current treatment options for 2L and 3L gastric and gastroesophageal cancers plus treatment selection strategies
- To learn about the latest research and clinical trials in 2L and 3L treatments for gastric and gastroesophageal cancers

# CLINICAL TAKEAWAYS

- Overall survival in patients with advanced gastric and GE cancers has improved with more effective systemic therapy
- Current therapies in the second line and beyond setting may not be reflective of the changing landscape of first-line therapy in advanced disease but trials are ongoing.
- Factors to consider when evaluating a patient for the second line and beyond therapy include prior lines of therapy and residual toxicities, performance status and competing comorbidities
- PTX+RAM is the standard of care for second-line treatment, but there are multiple candidates for third-line treatment, which is not clearly defined
- For HER2-positive gastric cancer, T-DXd was shown to be effective after trastuzumab failure. Currently, the development of second-line therapy after trastuzumab failure is the focus of attention

# **ADVANCED GASTRIC AND GASTROESOPHAGEAL CANCERS IN ASIA: BEYOND FIRST-LINE TREATMENT**

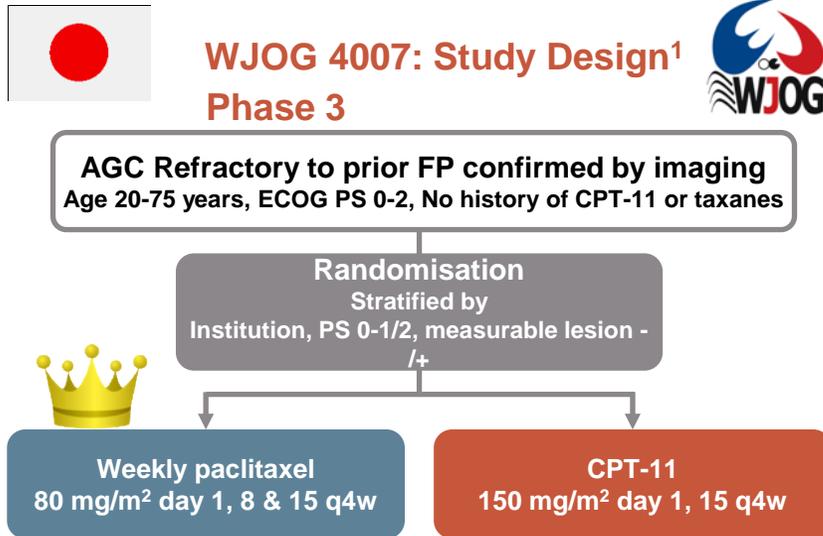
# GASTRIC CANCER JAPANESE RECOMMENDED TREATMENT GUIDELINES



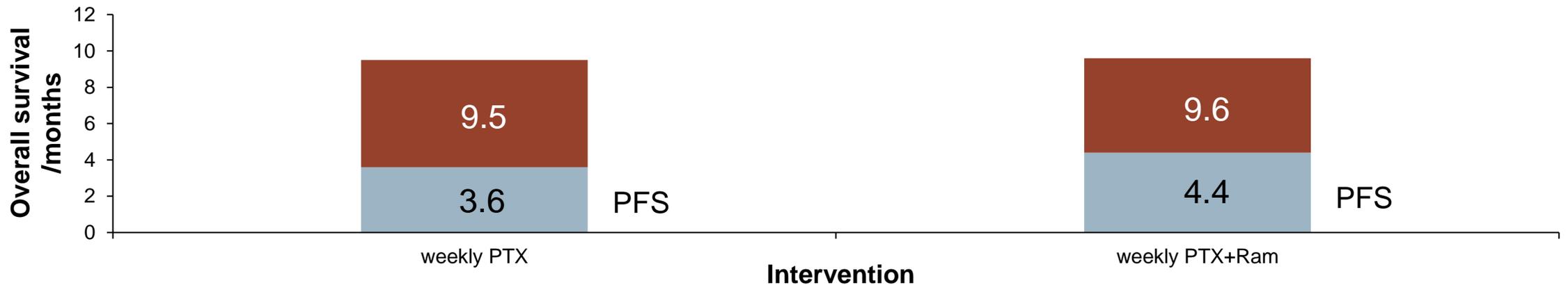
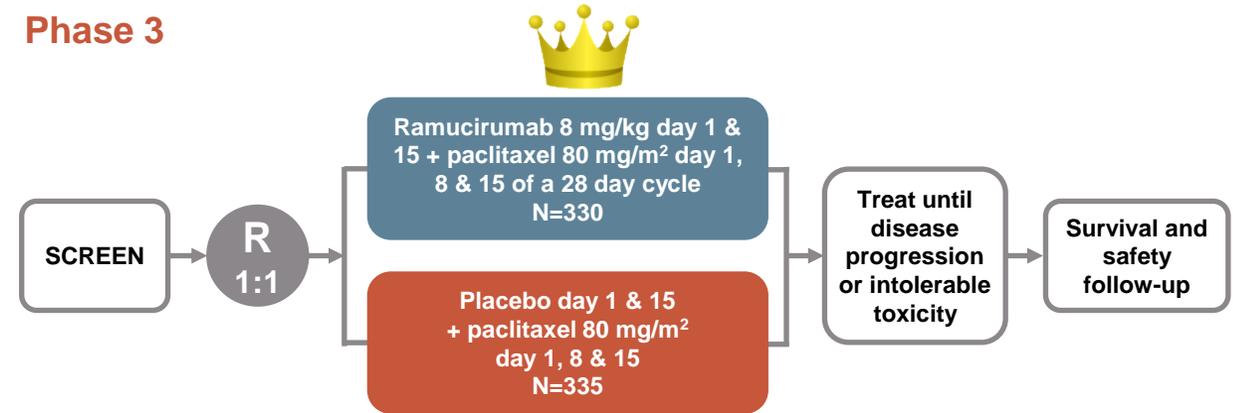
5-FU, fluorouracil; Cape, capecitabine; CapeOX, capecitabine and oxaliplatin; CDDP, Oxaliplatin; CPS, combined positive score; GC, gastric cancer; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; MSI-H, microsatellite instability High; PD-1, programmed cell death protein 1; PD-L1, programmed death-ligand 1; PTX, paclitaxel; RAM, ramucirumab; SOX, S-1 and oxaliplatin; T-mab, trastuzumab

# SECOND LINE TREATMENT OPTIONS IN ASIA

# TRIALS OF SECOND LINE CHEMOTHERAPY FOR GASTRIC CANCER IN JAPAN



## RAINBOW: Study Design<sup>2</sup> Phase 3



AGC, advanced gastric cancer; CPT-11, irinotecan; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FP, fluoropyrimidine + platinum; q4w, every 4 weeks; R, randomisation; RAM, ramucirumab; WJOG, West Japan Oncology Group

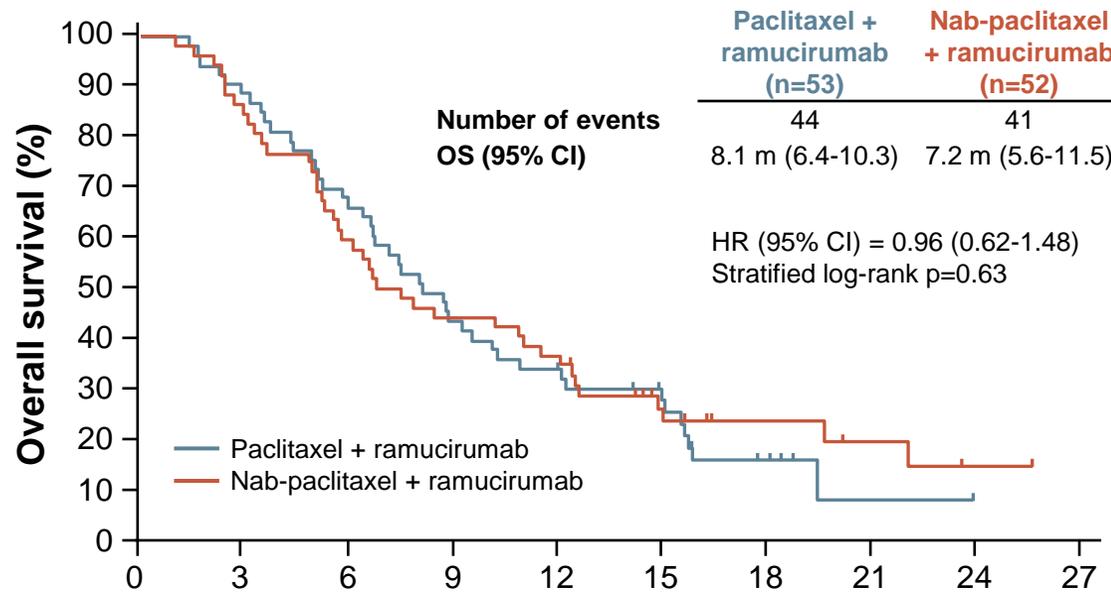
1.Hironaka S, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2013;31:4438-44; 2.Wilke H, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2014;15:1224-35

# SECOND-LINE CHEMOTHERAPY TRIALS' RESULT IN ASIA

## WJOG STUDY<sup>1</sup>

- No difference was demonstrated between nab-paclitaxel + ramucirumab and weekly paclitaxel + ramucirumab in 2L setting

### Overall survival



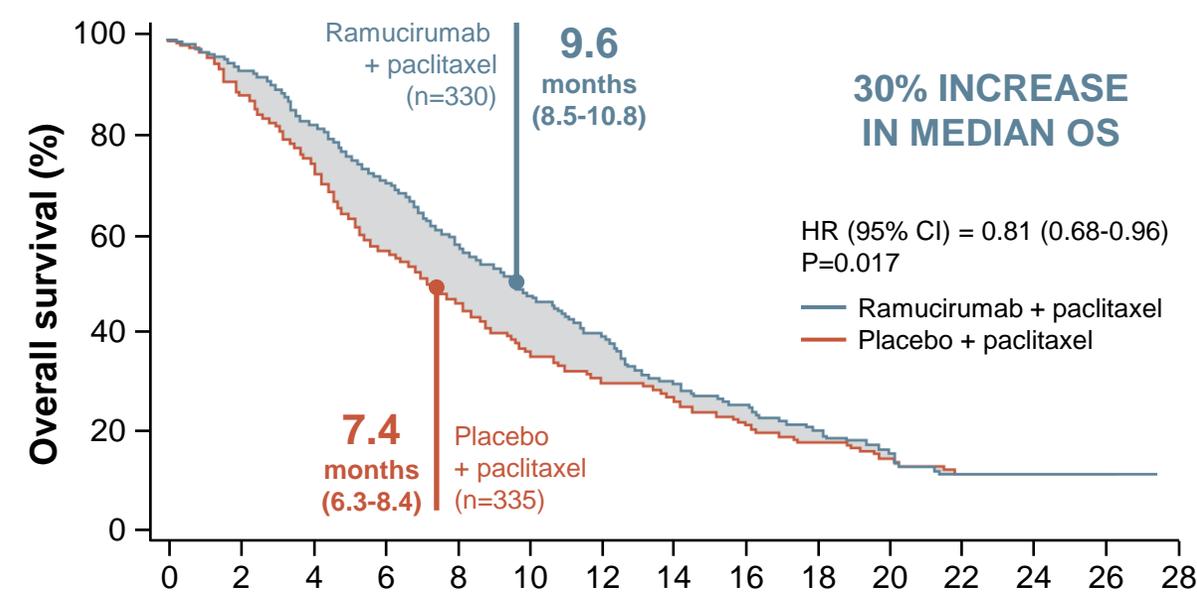
### Time from randomisation (months)

No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
RAM+ PTX	53	47	35	23	18	13	5	1	0	0
Nab-paclitaxel + ramucirumab	52	44	31	23	19	10	6	4	1	0

## RAINBOW<sup>2</sup>

- Demonstrated improved OS in ramucirumab + paclitaxel vs paclitaxel alone

### Overall survival

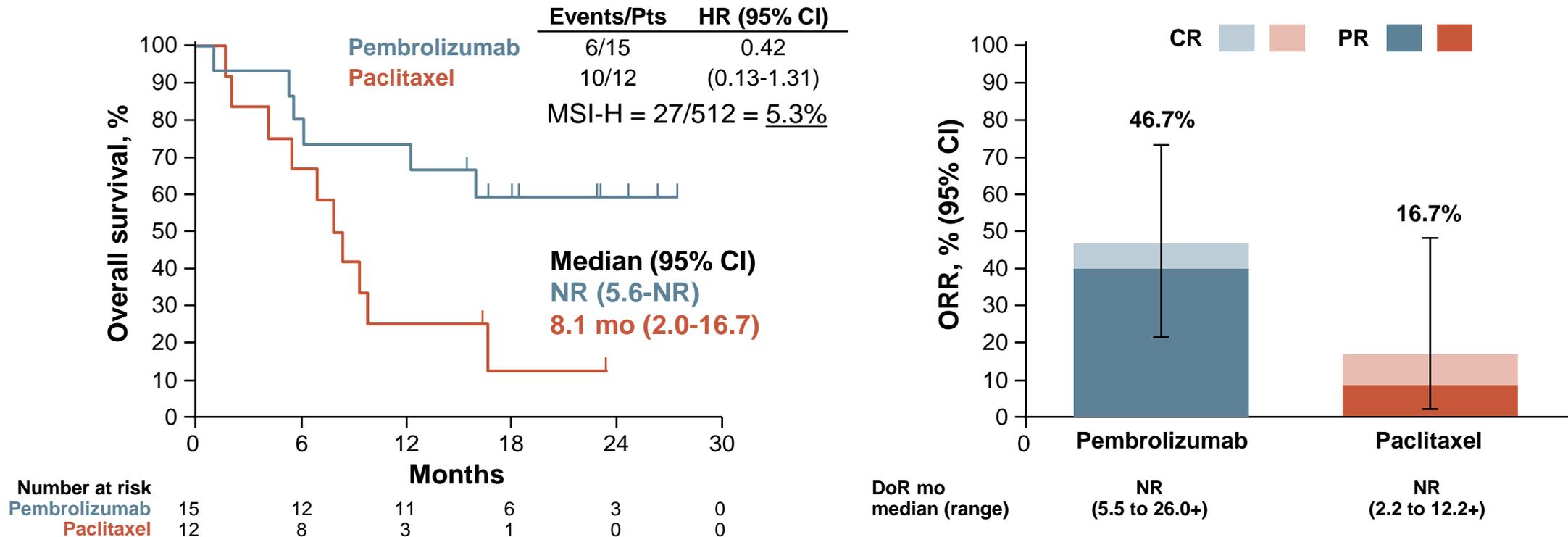


### Time from randomisation (months)

No. at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
RAM +PTX	330	308	267	228	185	148	116	78	60	41	24	13	6	1	0
Placebo + paclitaxel	335	294	241	180	143	109	81	64	47	30	22	13	5	2	0

# KEYNOTE-061: PEMBROLIZUMAB VS PACLITAXEL FOR PREVIOUSLY TREATED GASTRIC CANCER

## OS, ORR, AND DOR FOR MSI-H TUMOURS



**High efficacy of pembrolizumab in MSI-H gastric cancer was demonstrated. Paclitaxel efficacy was not different between MSI-H vs. MSS**

A post-hoc subgroup analysis. Data cut-off date: Oct 26, 2017

CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; DoR, duration of response; HR, hazard ratio; mo, months; MSI-H, microsatellite instability High; MSS, microsatellite stable; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PR, partial response; pt, patient

Shitara K, et al. Lancet. 2018;392:123-33

# SECOND LINE ONGOING TRIALS

# SECOND LINE FOR HER2+ METASTATIC GASTRIC CANCER

## DESTINY-GC04

- Failure to
- Tmab
  - Fluoropyrimidine
  - Platinum

Biopsy →

HER2 + per  
IHC/ISH  
required

n=490

R  
1:1

T-DXd

Paclitaxel + RAM

Primary endpoint, Overall survival

## MOUNTAINEER-02

Failure to

- Tmab
- Fluoropyrimidine
- Platinum

Multi-cohort, Open-label Phase 2

HER2+ by  
NGS of ctDNA or  
IHC/ISH of tissue

Paclitaxel Dose Optimisation  
N=6-12  
Pac 60 or 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> +  
TUC + Tras + Ram

Pac RD  
identified

HER2+ by ctDNA

Cohort 2A

N=24-30  
TUC + Tras + Ram + Pac

HER2- by ctDNA  
HER2+ by tissue

Cohort 2A (Exploratory)

N=24-30  
TUC + Tras + Ram + Pac

Double blind, placebo-controlled Phase 3

HER2+ by ctDNA

R  
8:8:1

Arm 3A (Test, N=235)  
TUC + Tmab + RAM + PAC

Arm 3B (Control, N=235)  
TUC placebo + Tmab placebo + RAM + PAC

Arm 3C (Control, N=30)  
TUC + Tmab placebo + RAM + PAC

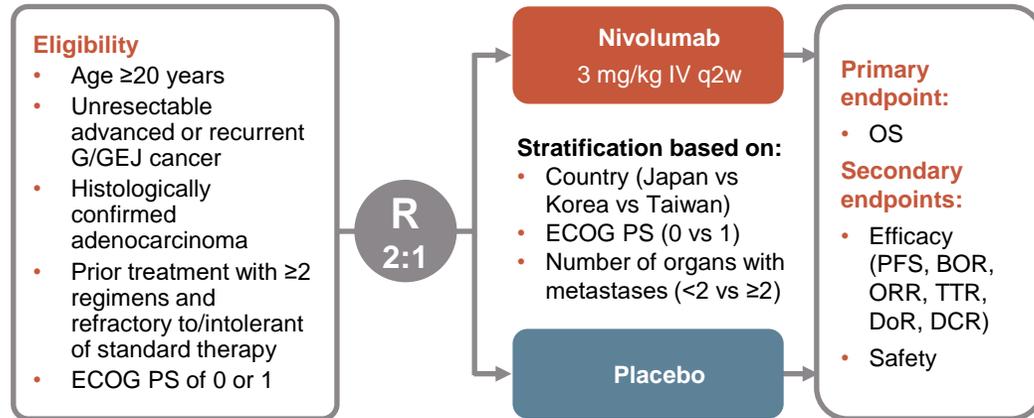
Formal statistical comparisons to be made  
between Arms 3A and 3B

Randomisation stratified by Asia vs Rest of  
World, time to progression, prior gastrectomy

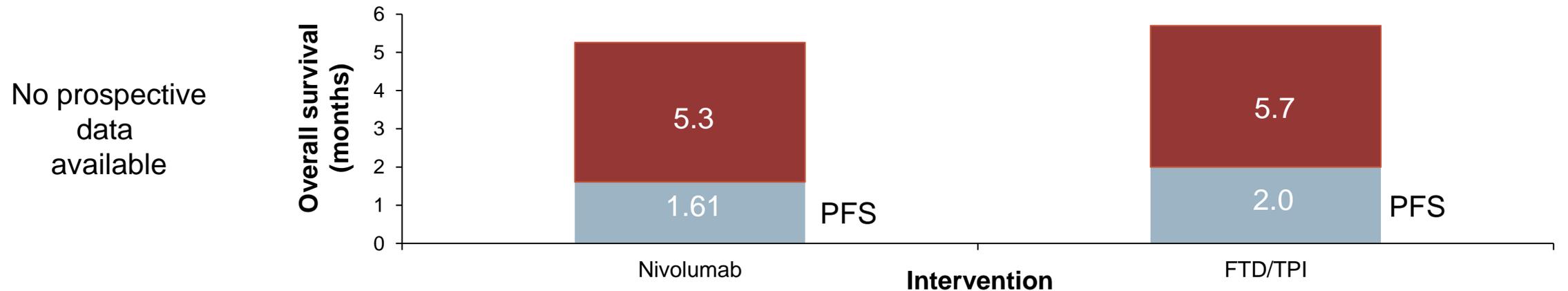
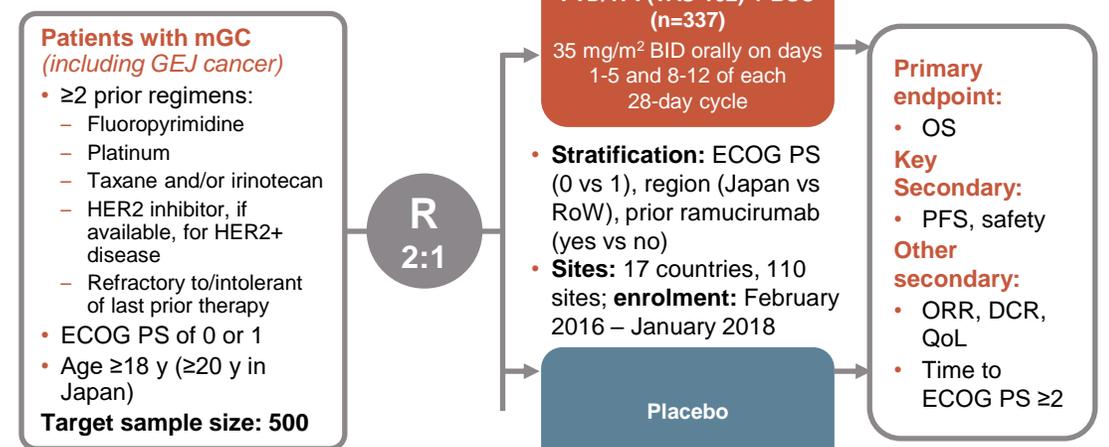
# THIRD LINE TREATMENTS IN JAPAN

# THIRD LINE SYSTEMIC THERAPY TRIALS FOR GASTRIC CANCER IN JAPAN

## ATTRACTION-2<sup>1</sup>



## TAGS<sup>2</sup>



BID, twice a day; BOR, best overall response; BSC, best supportive care; DCR, disease control rate; DoR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FTD/TPI, trifluridine/tipiracil; G/GEJ, gastric or gastroesophageal junction; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; IV, intravenous; mGC, metastatic gastric cancer; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; q2w, every 2 weeks; QoL, quality of life; R, randomisation; RoW, rest of world; TTR, time to response; y, years

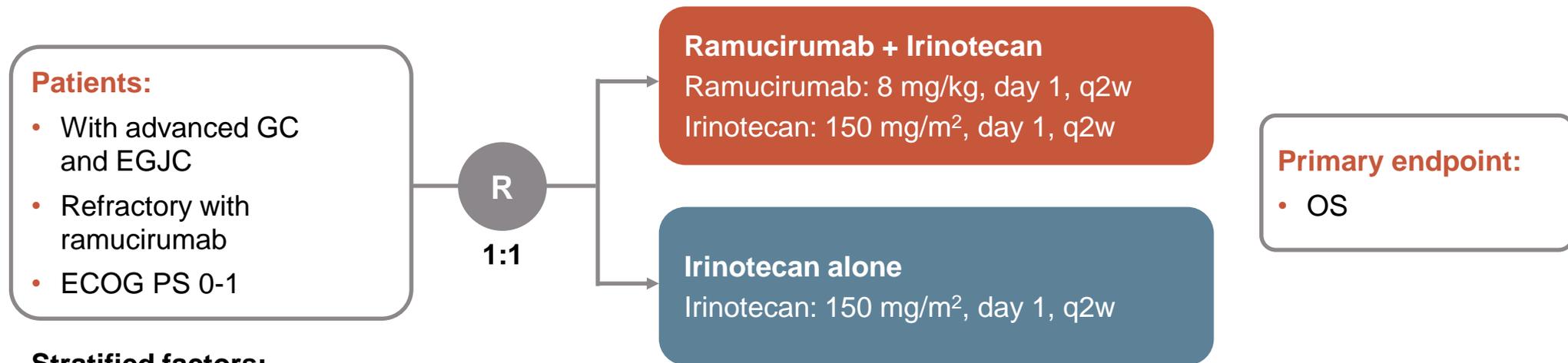
1. Kang Y-K, et al. Lancet. 2017;390:2461-71; 2. Shitara K, et al. Lancet Oncol. 2018;19:1437-48

# THIRD LINE ONGOING TRIALS

# THIRD LINE AND BEYOND: RINDBeRG STUDY IN JAPAN

- **Phase 3 study:** ramucirumab + irinotecan vs irinotecan alone

## STUDY SCHEMA N=400



### Stratified factors:

- PS: 0 vs 1
- Duration of prior chemotherapy containing ramucirumab
- Peritoneal metastasis

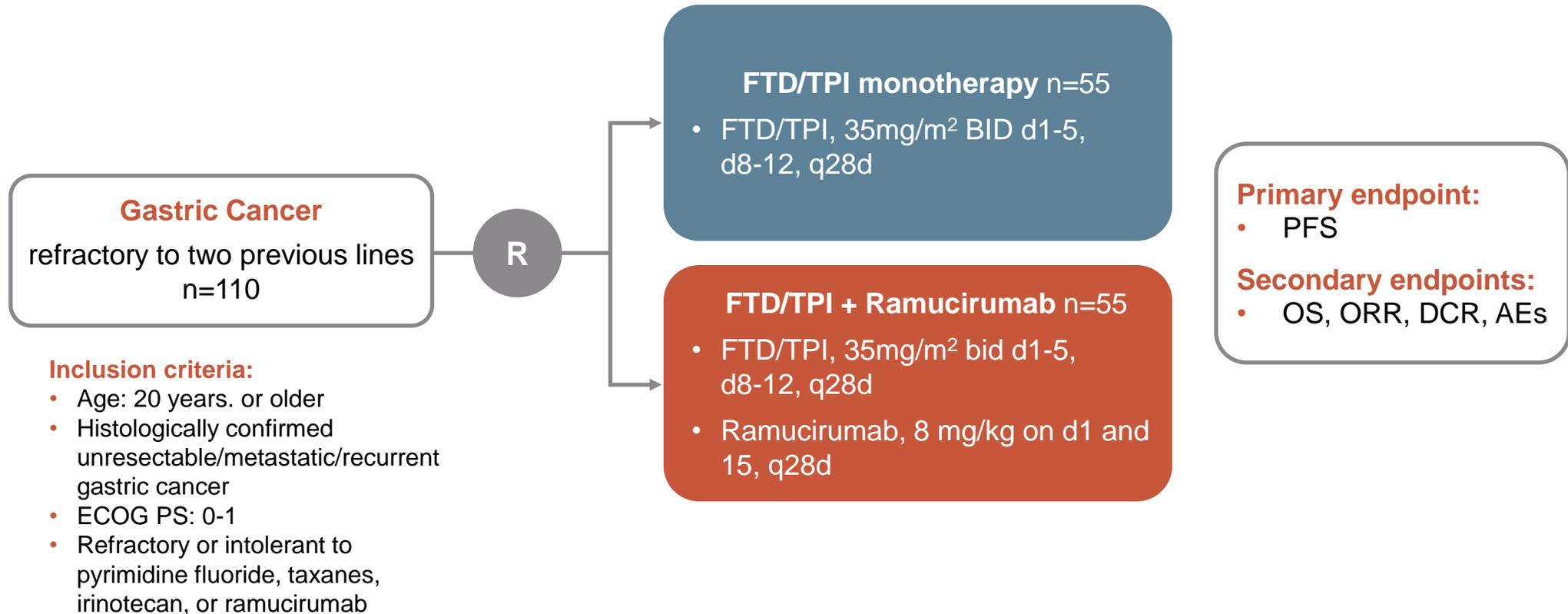


**The results will be presented at ESMO 2023!!**

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology performance status; EGJC, esophagogastric Junction Cancer; ESMO, European Society for Medical Oncology; GC, gastric cancer; OS, overall survival; q2w, every 2 weeks

Daisuke S, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2018. DOI: 10.1200/JCO.2018.36.15\_suppl.TPS4138

# BEYOND RAM WITH FTD/TPI IN THE THIRD OR LATER LINE PHASE 2 STUDY (WJOG15822G)



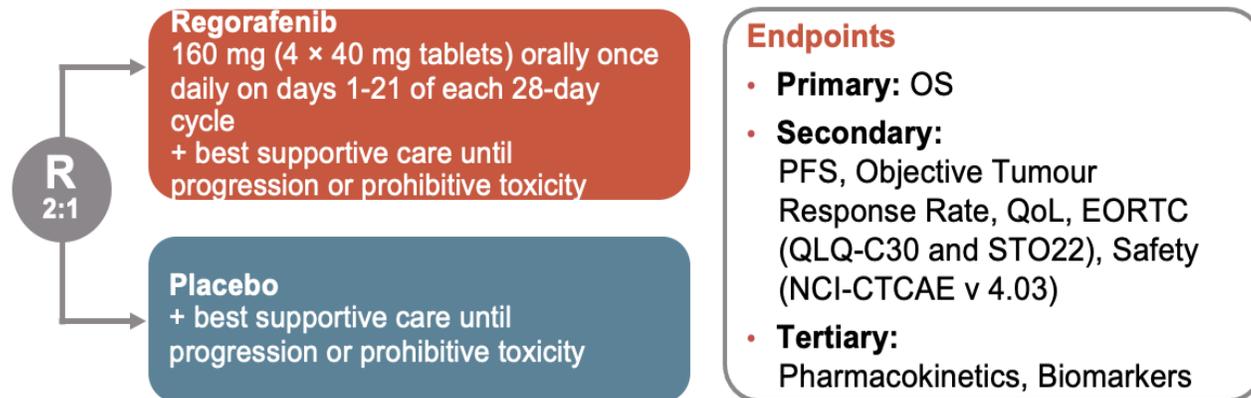
AE, adverse event; BID, twice a day; d, day; DCR, disease control rate; ECOG PS, Eastern Oncology Cooperative Group performance status; FTD/TPI, trifluridine/tipiracil; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; q28d, every 28 days; RAM, ramucirumab; WJOG, West Japan Oncology Group

Takahashi N, et al. 2023. DOI: 10.21203/rs.3.rs-2796191/v1 (pre-print)

# THIRD LINE AND BEYOND: INTEGRATE STUDIES

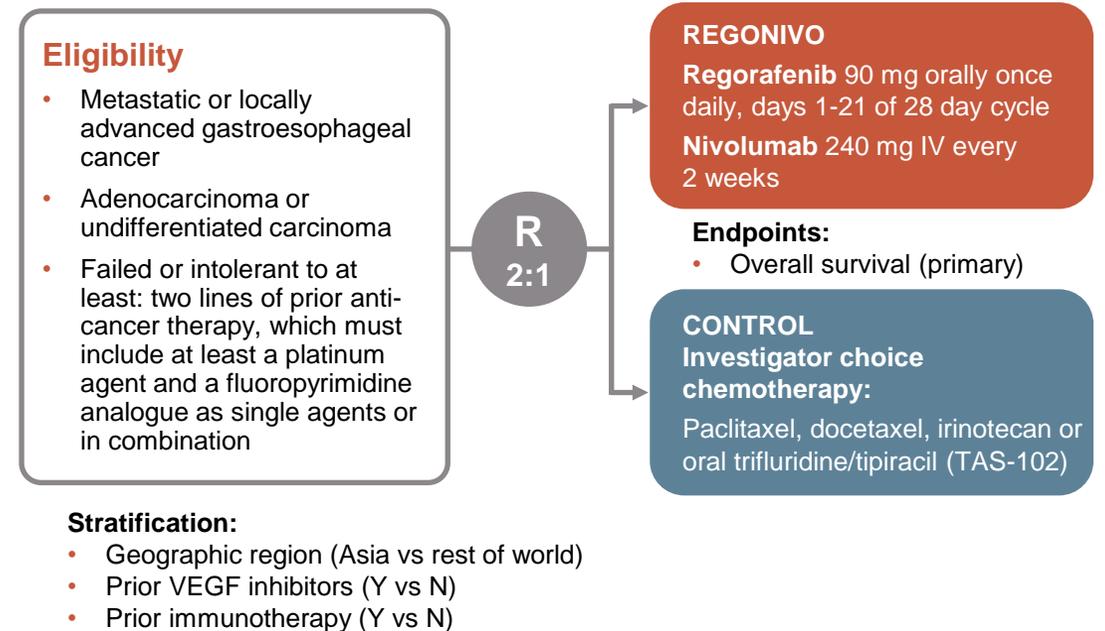
## INTEGRATE IIa: regorafenib vs best supportive care

- Regorafenib improved OS:
  - After 238 events in INTEGRATE IIa, OS HR 0.68 with 12-month survival of 19% vs 6%
  - No statistically significant regional difference (Asia vs non-Asia), with benefit seen in all pre-specified sub-groups
- Regorafenib improved PFS: HR=0.53; 95% CI: 0.40-0.70; p<0.0001)
- Regorafenib toxicity profile was similar to that seen in previous reports



## INTEGRATE IIb: regorafenib + nivolumab vs investigator's choice chemotherapy

- INTEGRATE IIb is an ongoing international Phase 3 study in pre-treated patients with advanced gastric or gastroesophageal junction cancer comparing regorafenib + nivolumab to standard chemotherapy (NCT04879368)



CI, confidence interval; EORTC, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer; HR, hazard ratio; IV, intravenous; NCI-CTCAE, National Cancer Institute Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; QoL, quality of life; QLQ-C30, EORTC core quality of life questionnaire; QLQ-STO22, EORTC-QLQ-stomach module; R, randomisation; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor; TAS-102, trifluridine/tipiracil

Pavlakakis N, et al. J Clin Oncol. 41, no. 4\_suppl:LBA294-LBA294. ASCO GI Cancers Symposium presentation. Abstract #LBA294; <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02773524>; <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04879368>

# SUMMARY

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- Improved overall survival: Patients with advanced gastric and GE cancers now have better survival rates due to more effective systemic therapy
- Evolving landscape of first-line therapy: Current second-line and beyond therapies may not reflect the advancements in first-line treatment for advanced disease. Ongoing trials are addressing this issue
- Factors for considering second-line and beyond therapy: Prior lines of therapy, residual toxicities, performance status, and comorbidities should be considered when evaluating patients
- Standard second-line treatment and targeted therapy: PTX+RAM is the established standard of care for second-line treatment in advanced gastric and GEJ cancers. Additionally, T-DXd has shown effectiveness as a targeted therapy after trastuzumab failure in HER2-positive populations
- Multiple options for third-line treatment: Third-line treatment for gastric and GEJ cancers lacks a clearly defined standard, with several candidates being explored



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