

# Clinical benefit of camrelizumab + rivoceranib in unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma patients with macrovascular invasion and extrahepatic spread, CARES-310

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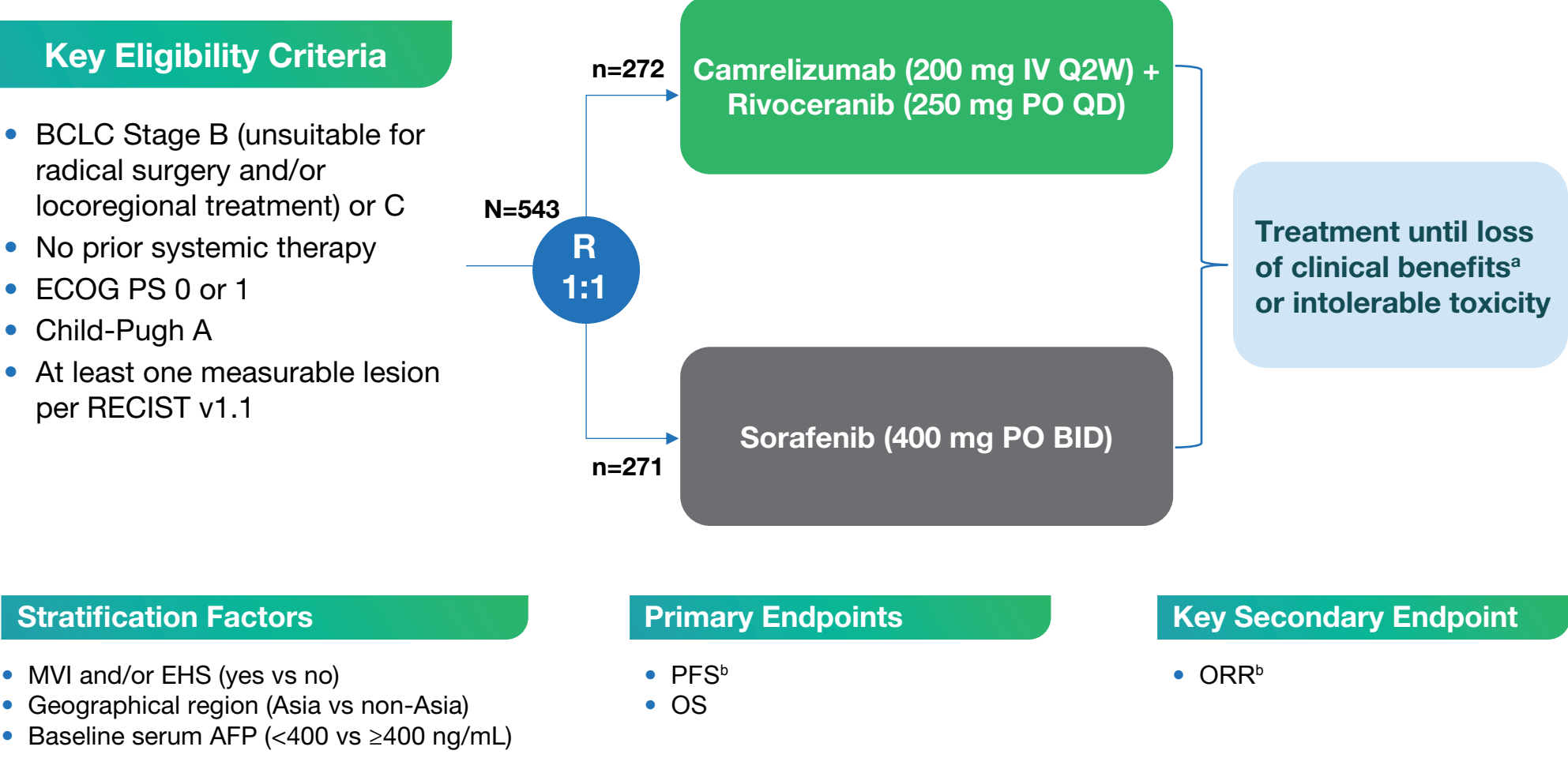
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## BACKGROUND

- CARES-310 (NCT03764293) compared the combination of the anti-programmed cell death protein-1 (PD-1) antibody camrelizumab plus the vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2 (VEGFR2)-targeted tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) rivoceranib versus sorafenib for the treatment of unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (uHCC).<sup>1</sup>
- In the CARES-310 final analysis, camrelizumab plus rivoceranib showed clinically relevant improvement in median overall survival (mOS) and median progression-free survival (mPFS) compared with sorafenib (mOS, 23.8 months vs 15.2 months; HR, 0.64 [95% CI, 0.52, 0.79]; mPFS, 5.6 months vs 3.7 months; HR, 0.54 [95% CI, 0.44, 0.67]).<sup>2</sup>
- The most common (≥5%) grade 3-4 treatment-related adverse events (TRAEs) for camrelizumab plus rivoceranib were hypertension (38%) and increased aspartate aminotransferase (AST; 17%) vs palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome (16%) for sorafenib.<sup>2</sup>
- Extrahepatic spread (EHS) is a marker of advanced HCC and is associated with poor prognosis.<sup>3</sup> Macrovascular invasion (MVI) predicts recurrence and correlates with reduced OS.<sup>4</sup>
- Therefore, we performed a post hoc exploratory analysis of the CARES-310 study evaluating the impact of the presence and absence of MVI and EHS on efficacy and safety outcomes.

## METHODS

### CARES-310 Study Design and Endpoints<sup>1</sup>



\*Treatment beyond progression allowed if there was evidence of clinical benefits per investigator. <sup>1</sup>By BIRC per RECIST v1.1. AFP, alpha-fetoprotein; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; BID, twice daily; BIRC, blinded independent review committee; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EHS, extrahepatic spread; IV, intravenous; MVI, macrovascular invasion; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, by mouth; Q2W, every 2 weeks; QD, once daily; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors version 1.1.

### Post Hoc Analysis

- This post hoc analysis of the CARES-310 final data set evaluated efficacy (intention-to-treat population) and safety (safety population) in subgroups with presence and absence of MVI and EHS. mOS, PFS, duration of response, and time to progression were estimated with the Kaplan-Meier method, and confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated with the Brookmeyer and Crowley method.
- In patients with EHS, treatment with camrelizumab plus rivoceranib significantly improved mOS (HR, 0.54; 95% CI, 0.42, 0.70;  $P<0.0001$ ) and mPFS (HR, 0.47; 95% CI, 0.37, 0.61;  $P<0.0001$ ) compared with sorafenib (**Figures 1 and 5**). Among patients without EHS, treatment with camrelizumab plus rivoceranib significantly improved mPFS versus sorafenib (HR, 0.69; 95% CI, 0.48, 0.98;  $P=0.0197$ ) (**Figure 6**).
- For patients with MVI, treatment with camrelizumab plus rivoceranib significantly improved mPFS compared with sorafenib (HR, 0.56; 95% CI, 0.34, 0.94;  $P=0.0133$ ) (**Figure 7**). In those without MVI, treatment with camrelizumab plus rivoceranib significantly improved both mOS (HR, 0.67; 95% CI, 0.53, 0.85;  $P=0.0004$ ) and mPFS (HR, 0.54; 95% CI, 0.43, 0.67;  $P<0.0001$ ) versus sorafenib (**Figures 4 and 8**).
- TRAEs were similar across EHS and MVI subgroups. The most common (≥5%) grade 3-4 TRAE for camrelizumab + rivoceranib was increased AST and for sorafenib was palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome (**Tables 5 and 6**).

## RESULTS

**Table 1: Baseline Characteristics by EHS Subgroup (ITT Population)**

	EHS Presence (n=175)		EHS Absence (n=91)	
	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=175)	Sorafenib (n=180)	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=91)	Sorafenib (n=91)
Mean age, years	55.4	55.3	55.4	56.4
Male sex, n (%)	145 (82.9)	149 (82.6)	82 (84.5)	81 (89.0)
Geographic region, n (%)				
Asia <sup>a</sup>	146 (83.4)	150 (83.3)	79 (81.4)	74 (81.3)
Non-Asia <sup>b</sup>	29 (16.6)	30 (16.7)	12 (18.6)	17 (18.7)
ECOG PS, n (%)				
0	73 (41.7)	74 (41.1)	47 (48.5)	42 (46.2)
1	102 (58.3)	106 (58.9)	50 (51.5)	49 (53.8)
BCLC Stage, n (%)				
B (Middle Stage)	0	0	38 (39.2)	40 (44.0)
C (Advanced Stage)	175 (100.0)	180 (100.0)	59 (60.8)	51 (56.0)
Child-Pugh Score, n (%)				
A5	154 (88.0)	148 (82.2)	82 (84.5)	82 (90.1)
A6	21 (12.0)	32 (17.8)	15 (15.5)	9 (9.9)
ALBI Grade, n (%)				
Grade 1	135 (77.1)	136 (75.6)	65 (67.0)	72 (79.1)
Grade 2	40 (22.9)	44 (24.4)	32 (33.0)	19 (20.9)
Grade 3	0	0	0	0
MVI, n (%)				
Presence	15 (8.6)	32 (17.8)	25 (25.8)	20 (22.0)
Absence	160 (91.4)	148 (82.2)	72 (74.2)	71 (78.0)
AFP, n (%)				
<400 ng/mL	116 (66.3)	115 (65.0)	60 (61.9)	56 (61.5)
≥400 ng/mL	59 (33.7)	65 (36.1)	37 (38.1)	35 (38.5)
HCC Etiology, n (%)				
HBV	131 (74.9)	129 (71.7)	77 (79.4)	68 (74.7)
HCV	14 (8.0)	18 (10.0)	8 (8.3)	11 (12.1)
Non-viral	30 (17.1)	33 (18.3)	12 (12.4)	12 (13.2)

<sup>a</sup>Includes mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea. <sup>b</sup>Includes Belgium, Italy, Germany, Poland, Russia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, and USA.

**Table 2: Baseline Characteristics by MVI Subgroup (ITT Population)**

	MVI Presence (n=52)		MVI Absence (n=232)	
	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=52)	Sorafenib (n=52)	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=232)	Sorafenib (n=219)
Mean age, years	55.4	55.4	55.4	56.4
Male sex, n (%)	35 (67.5)	43 (82.7)	192 (82.8)	187 (85.4)
Geographic region, n (%)				
Asia <sup>a</sup>	34 (65.0)	45 (86.5)	191 (82.3)	179 (81.7)
Non-Asia <sup>b</sup>	6 (11.5)	7 (13.5)	41 (17.7)	40 (18.3)
ECOG PS, n (%)				
0	14 (25.0)	17 (32.7)	106 (45.7)	99 (45.2)
1	26 (50.0)	35 (67.3)	126 (54.3)	120 (54.8)
BCLC Stage, n (%)				
B (Middle Stage)	0	0	38 (16.4)	40 (18.3)
C (Advanced Stage)	40 (100.0)	52 (100.0)	194 (83.6)	179 (81.7)
Child-Pugh Score, n (%)				
A5	33 (63.5)	43 (82.7)	203 (87.5)	187 (85.4)
A6	7 (13.5)	9 (17.3)	29 (12.5)	32 (14.6)
ALBI Grade, n (%)				
Grade 1	24 (46.0)	37 (71.2)	176 (75.9)	171 (78.1)
Grade 2	16 (40.0)	15 (28.8)	56 (24.1)	48 (21.9)
Grade 3	0	0	0	0
EHS, n (%)				
Presence	25 (48.1)	20 (38.5)	72 (31.0)	71 (32.4)
Absence	15 (27.5)	32 (61.5)	160 (69.0)	148 (67.6)
AFP, n (%)				
<400 ng/mL	20 (50.0)	20 (38.5)	156 (67.2)	151 (69.9)
≥400 ng/mL	20 (50.0)	32 (61.5)	76 (32.8)	68 (31.1)
HCC Etiology, n (%)				
HBV	30 (75.0)	38 (73.1)	178 (76.7)	159 (72.6)
HCV	2 (5.0)	6 (11.5)	9 (3.9)	12 (5.5)
Non-viral	7 (13.5)	8 (15.4)	35 (15.1)	37 (16.9)

<sup>a</sup>Includes mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea. <sup>b</sup>Includes Belgium, Italy, Germany, Poland, Russia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, and USA.

**Table 3: Summary of Response Rate by BIRC Assessment by EHS Subgroup (RECIST v1.1) (ITT Population)**

	EHS Presence (n=175)		EHS Absence (n=91)	
	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=175)	Sorafenib (n=180)	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=91)	Sorafenib (n=91)
Best overall response, n (%)				
Complete response	3 (1.7)	1 (0.6)	2 (2.1)	1 (1.1)
Partial response	48 (27.4)	12 (6.7)	20 (20.6)	2 (2.2)
Stable disease	84 (48.0)	80 (44.4)	55 (56.7)	49 (53.8)
Progressive disease	28 (16.0)	67 (37.2)	17 (17.5)	33 (36.3)
Not evaluable	12 (6.9)	20 (11.1)	3 (3.1)	6 (6.6)
Objective response rate, n (%)	51 (29.1) [22.5, 36.5]	13 (7.2) [3.9, 12.0]	22 (22.7) [14.8, 32.3]	3 (3.3) [0.7, 9.3]
Difference [95% CI] in ORR (vs sorafenib)		21.9 [14.2, 28.5]		19.4 [10.3, 28.5]
$P$ value <sup>a</sup>		<0.0001		<0.0001
Disease control rate <sup>b</sup> , n (%) [95% CI]	135 (77.1) [70.2, 83.1]	93 (51.7) [44.1, 59.2]	77 (79.4) [70.0, 86.9]	52 (57.1) [46.3, 67.5]
Difference [95% CI] in DCR (vs sorafenib)		25.5 [15.9, 35.1]		22.2 [9.3, 35.2]
$P$ value <sup>a</sup>		<0.0001		0.0003
Median duration of response, months [95% CI]	NR [14.8, NR]	8.3 [3.7, 14.8]	8.4 [5.6, 21.5]	NR
Median time to response, months [95% CI]	1.9	2.7	2.0	3.8
Median time to progression, months [95% CI]	6.3 [5.5, 9.2]	3.7 [2.8, 3.7]	7.2 [5.6, 9.2]	3.7 [1.9, 5.5]

<sup>a</sup>95% CI is calculated using Clopper-Pearson method. <sup>b</sup>95% CI is calculated using normal approximation to binomial proportion. <sup>c</sup> $P$  value (one-sided) is calculated using Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test stratified by progression probability factor. Disease control rate is defined as the percentage of patients with complete response, partial response, or stable disease. <sup>d</sup>95% CI is calculated using Brookmeyer and Crowley method.

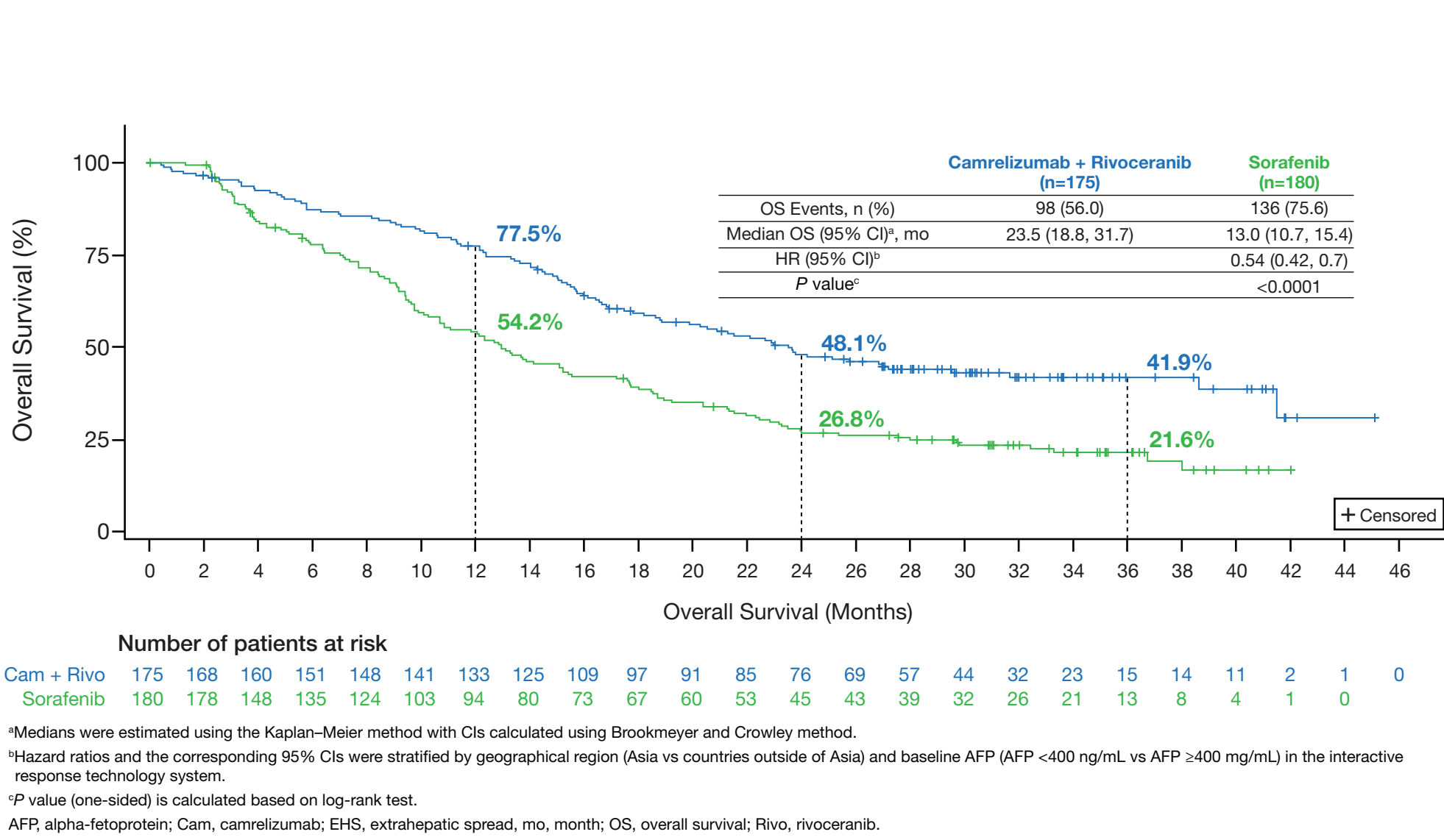
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	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=52)	Sorafenib (n=52)	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=232)	Sorafenib (n=219)
Best overall response, n (%)				
Complete response	0	0	5 (2.2)	2 (0.9)
Partial response	9 (22.5)	58 (25.4)	59 (25.4)	13 (5.9)
Stable disease	29 (55.8)	24 (46.2)	105 (45.3)	105 (47.9)
Progressive disease	8 (20.0)	21 (40.4)	37 (15.9)	79 (36.1)
Not evaluable	4 (10.0)	6 (11.5)	11 (4.7)	20 (9.1)
Objective response rate, n (%)	9 (22.5) [10.8, 38.5]	1 (1.9) [0.0, 10.3]	64 (27.6) [21.9, 33.8]	15 (6.8) [3.9, 11.0]
Difference [95% CI] in ORR (vs sorafenib)		20.6 [7.1, 34.0]		20.7 [14.1, 27.4]
$P$ value <sup>a</sup>		0.0013		<0.0001
Disease control rate <sup>b</sup> , n (%) [95% CI]	28 (70.0) [53.5, 83.4]	25 (48.1) [34.0, 62.4]	184 (79.3) [73.5, 84.3]	120 (54.8) [47.9, 61.5]
Difference [95% CI] in DCR (vs sorafenib)		21.9 [2.3, 41.6]		24.5 [16.1, 32.9]
$P$ value <sup>a</sup>		0.0518		<0.0001
Median duration of response, months [95% CI]	8.4 [3.4, NR]	9.2 [NR, NR]	17.5 [10.1, NR]	9.2 [3.5, NR]
Median time to response, months [95% CI]	1.9	1.8	2.0	3.7
Median time to progression, months [95% CI]	6.2 [3.8, 9.2]	3.7 [1.9, 4.8]	7.3 [5.6, 9.1]	3.7 [3.8, 3.8]

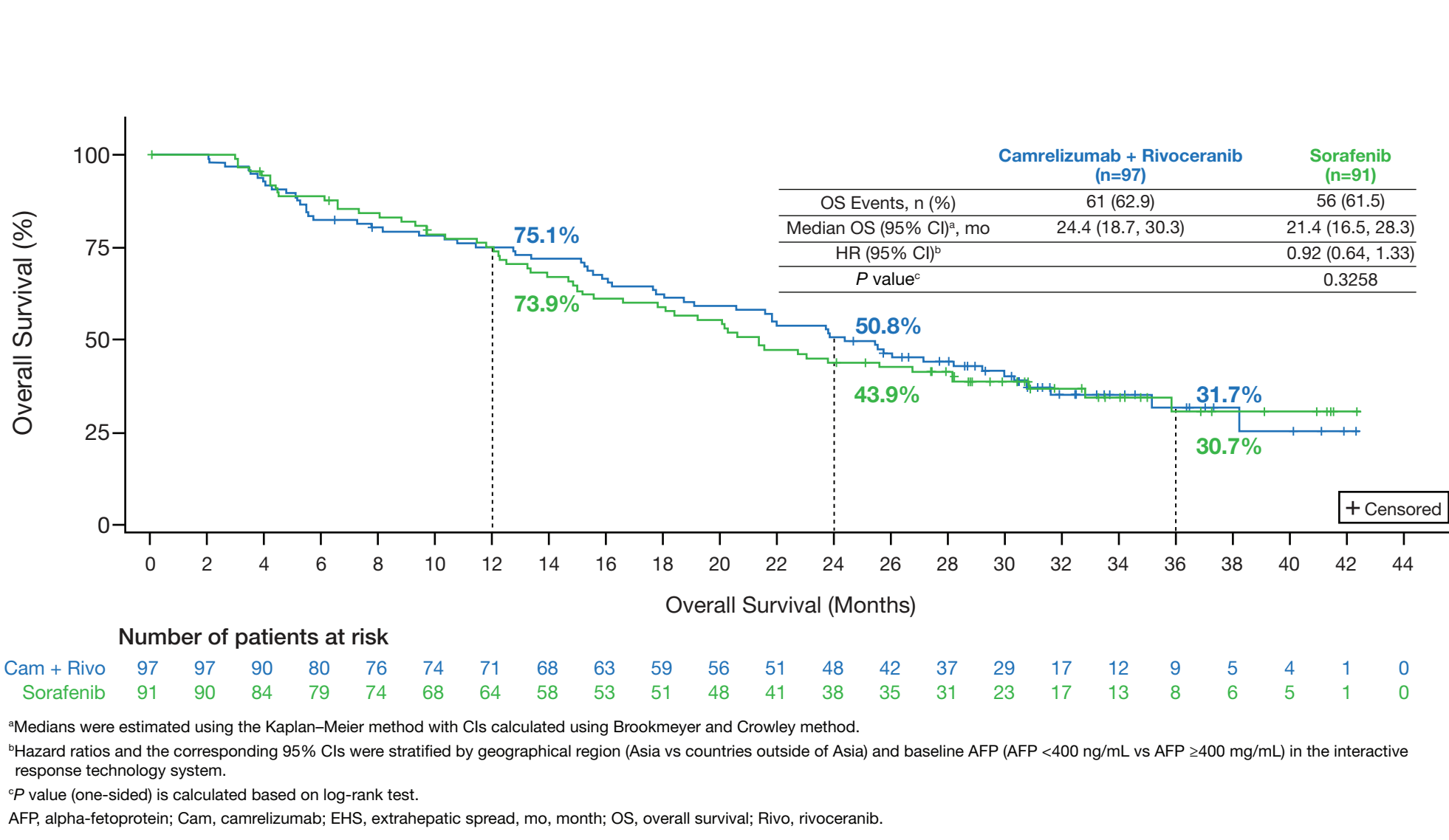
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## RESULTS

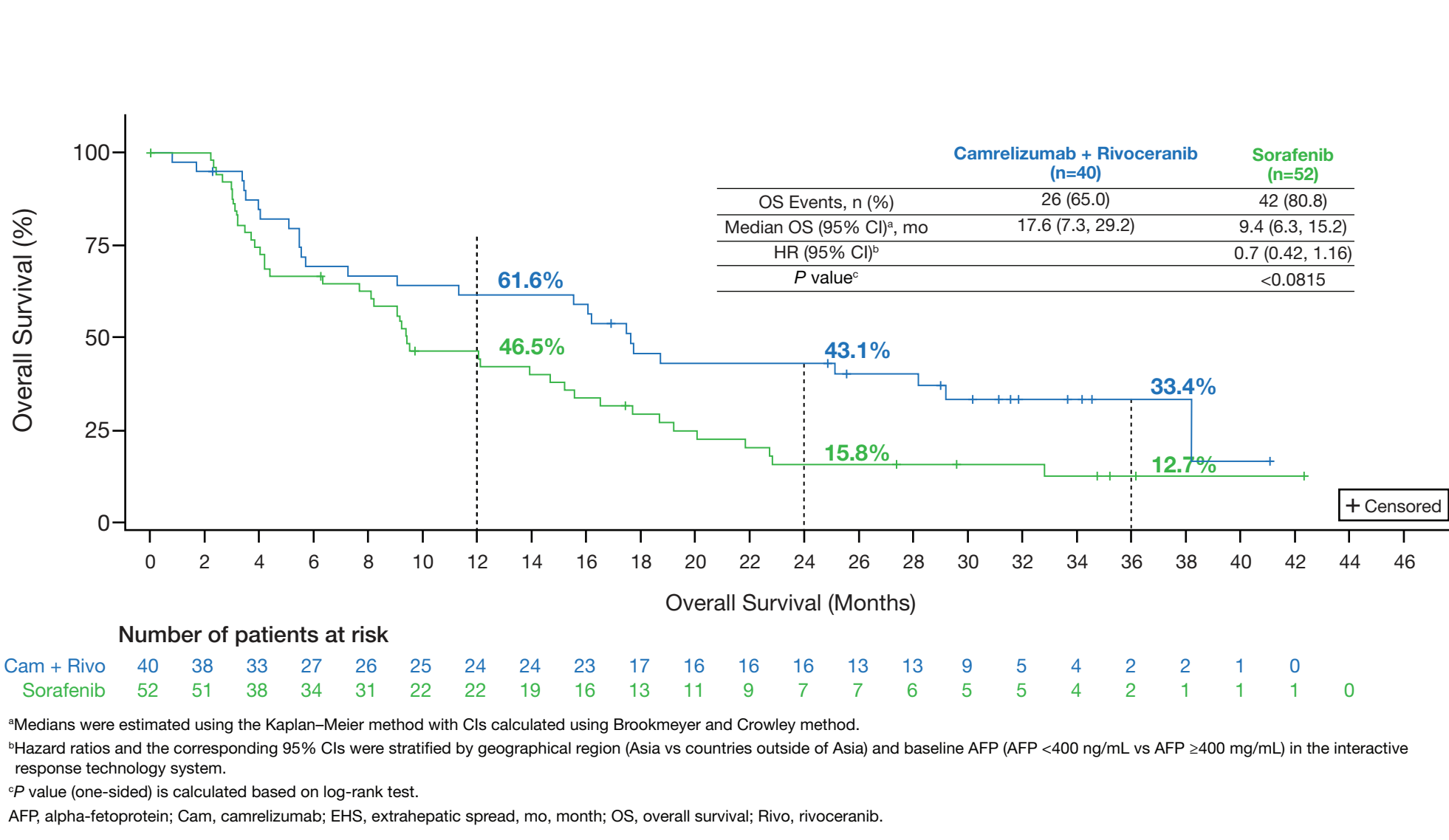
**Figure 1: Overall Survival for Patients With EHS**



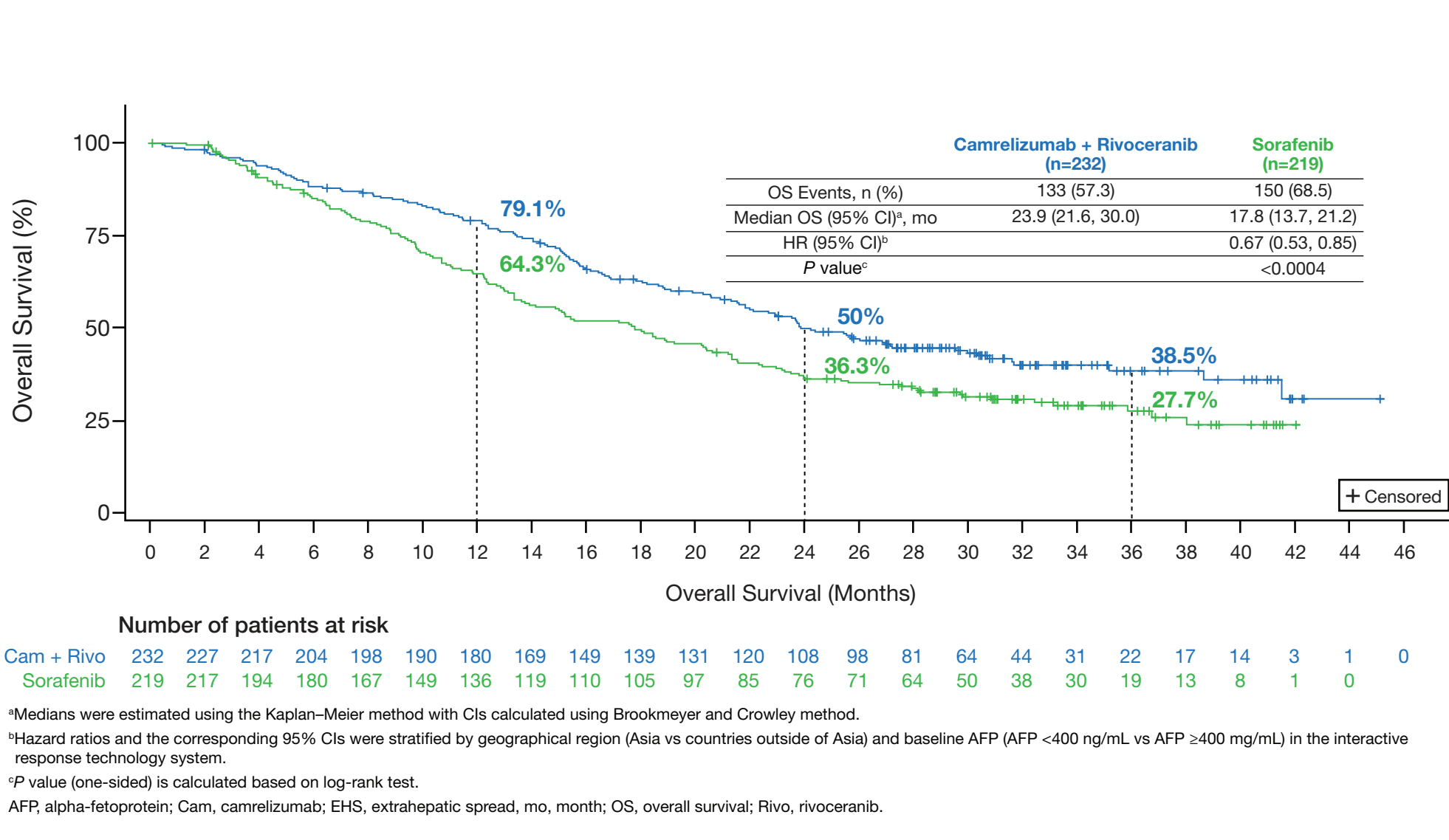
**Figure 2: Overall Survival for Patients Without EHS**



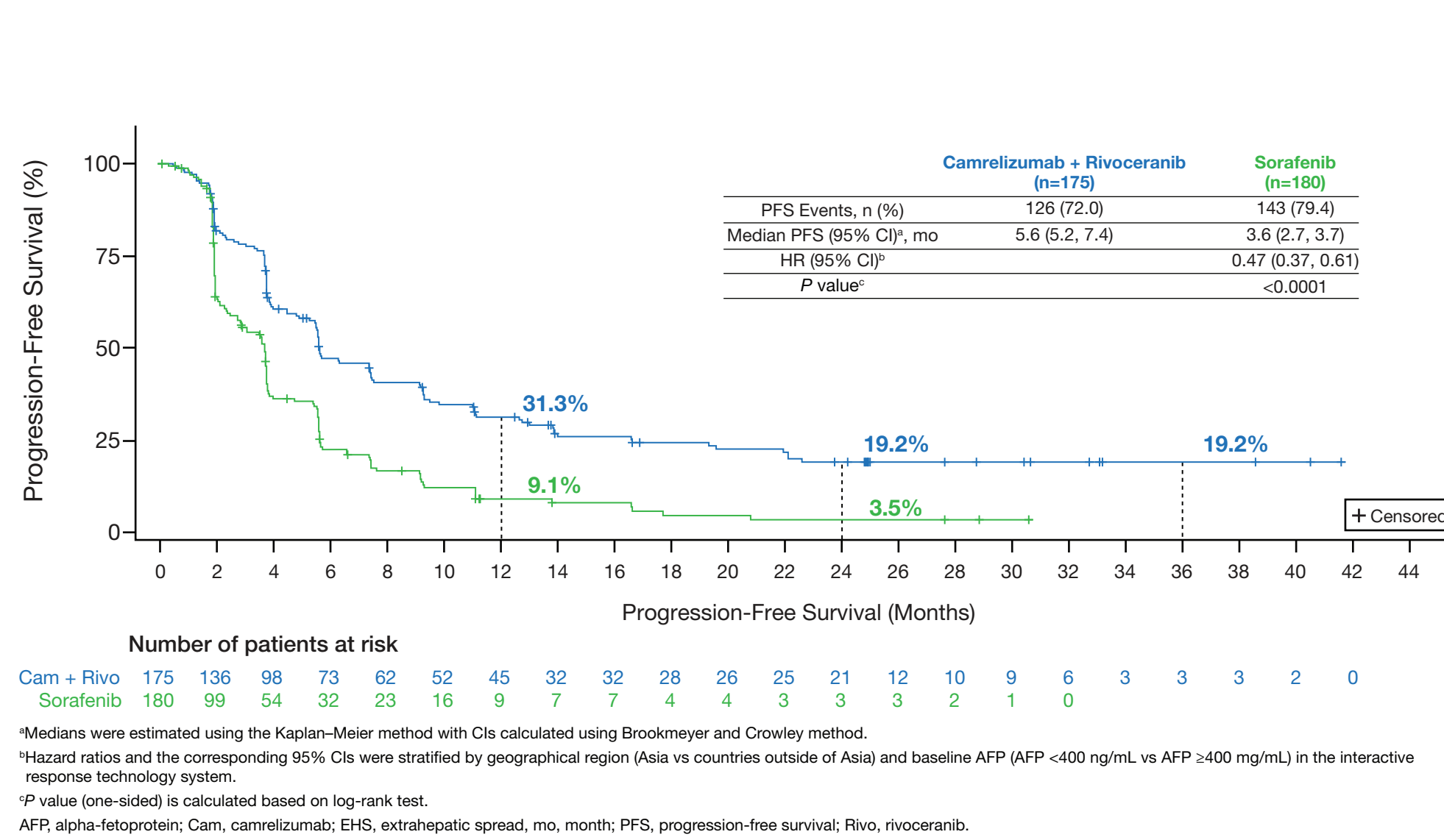
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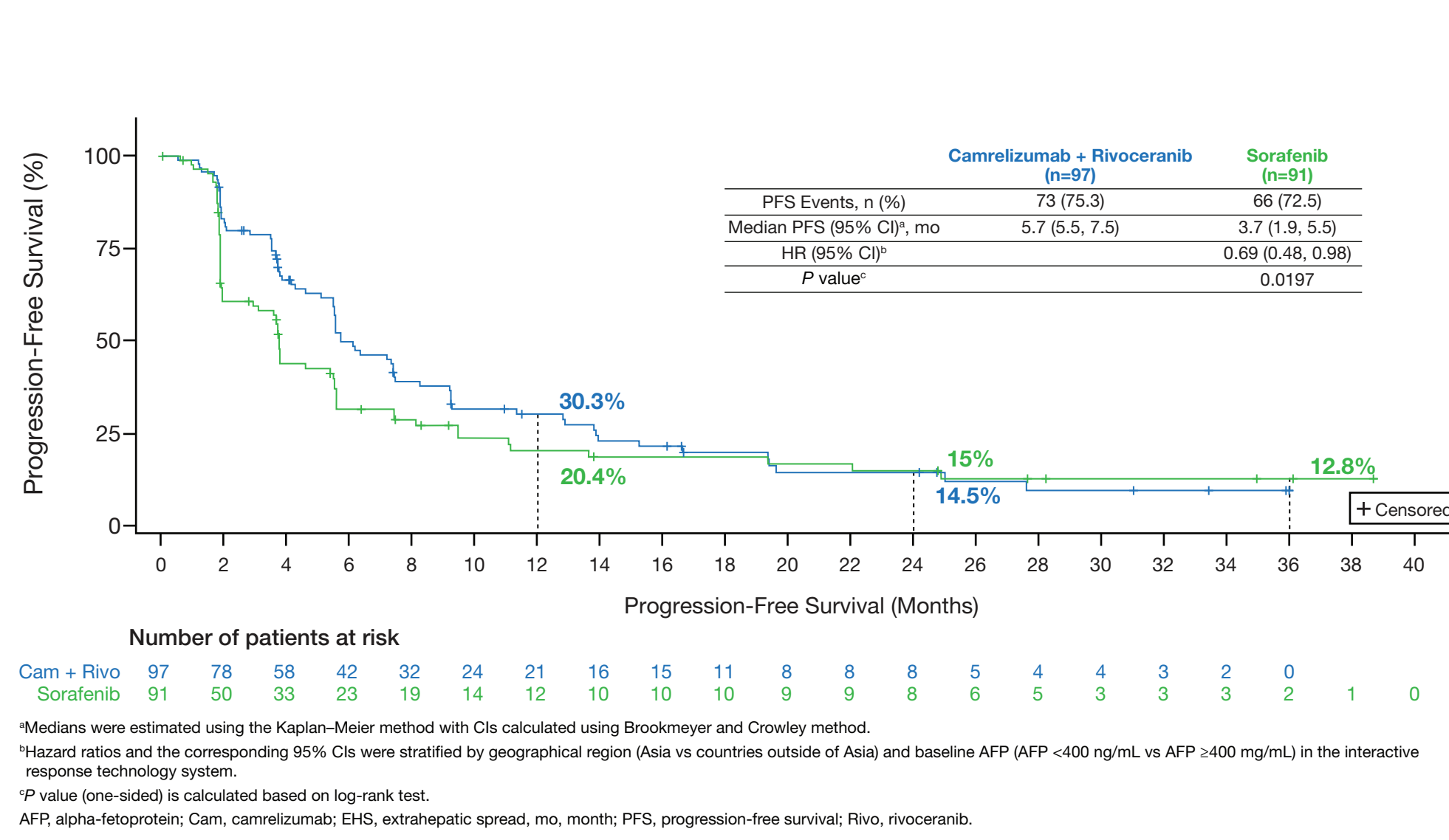
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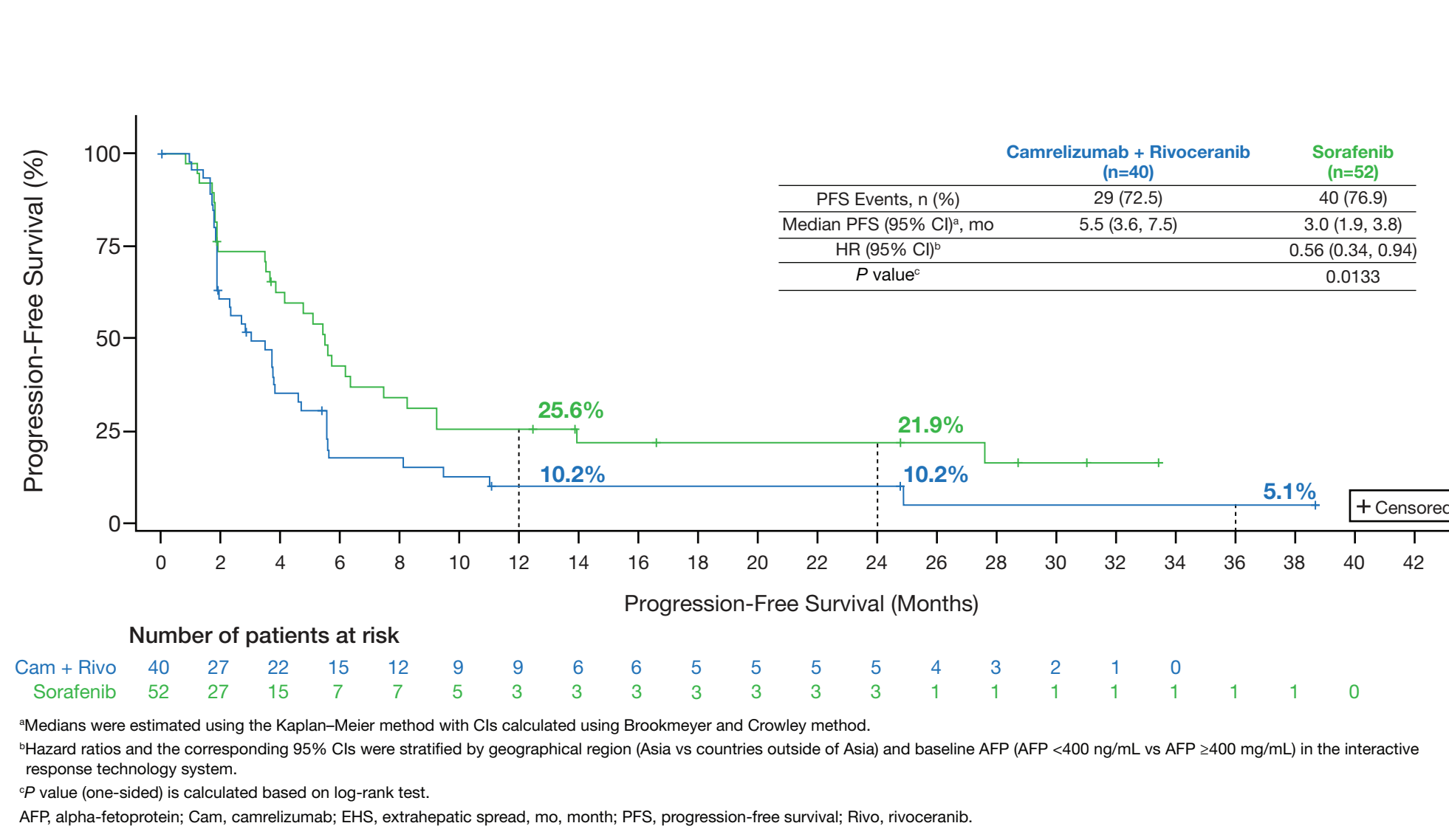
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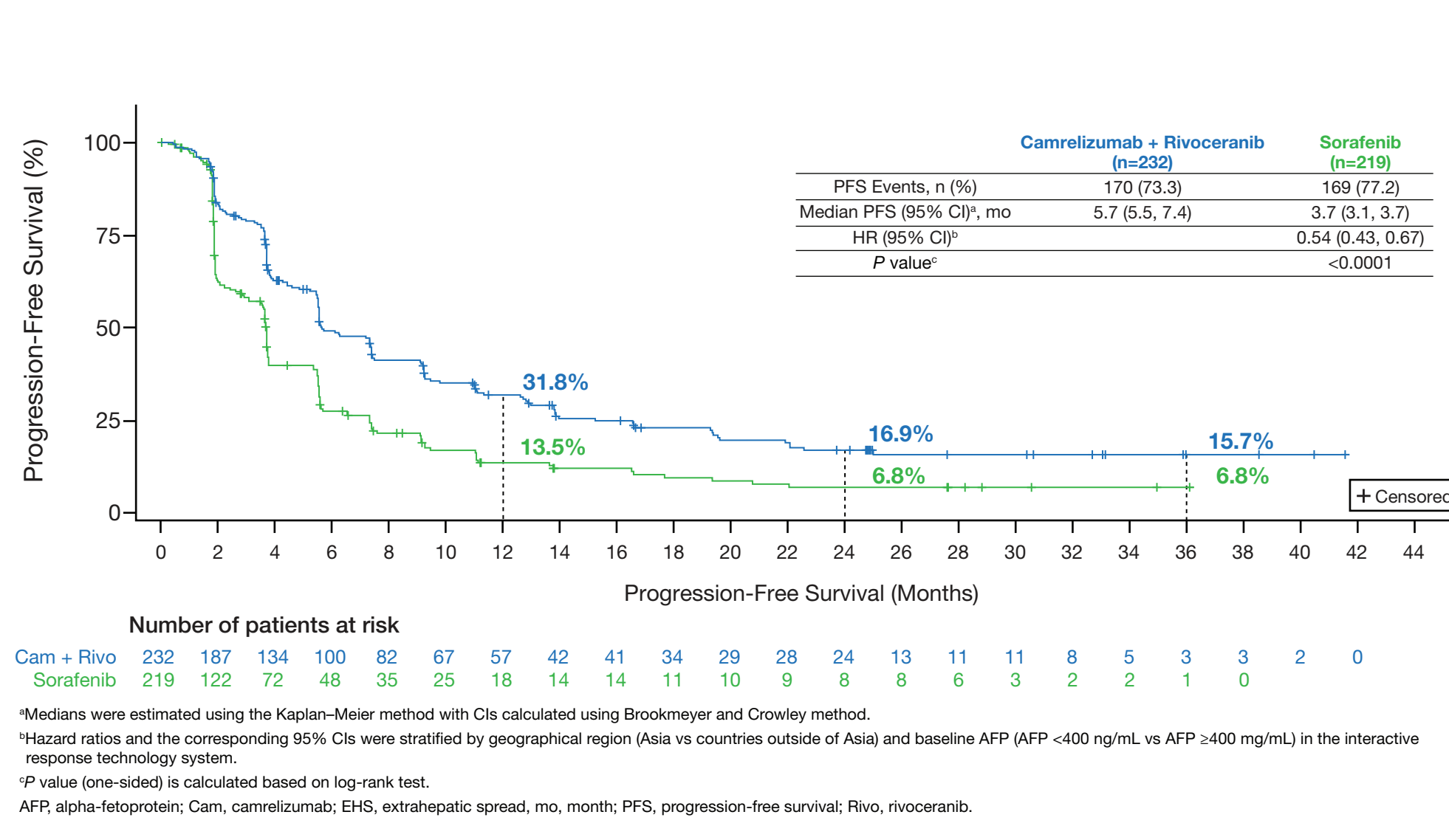
**Figure 6: Progression-Free Survival for Patients Without EHS**



**Figure 7: Progression-Free Survival for Patients With MVI**



**Figure 8: Progression-Free Survival for Patients Without MVI**



**Table 5: Most Common (≥20%) Any Grade or (≥5%) Grade 3-4 TRAEs in Either Treatment Arm by EHS Subgroup (Safety Population)**

TRAE, n (%)	EHS Presence				EHS Absence			
	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4
AST increased	75 (42.9)	22 (12.6)	65 (36.3)	7 (3.9)	37 (38.1)	14 (14.4)	36 (40.0)	7 (7.8)
ALT increased	64 (36.6)	20 (11.4)	49 (27.4)	4 (2.2)	29 (29.9)	8 (8.2)	32 (35.6)	4 (4.4)
Platelet count decreased	50 (28.6)	10 (5.7)	58 (32.4)	3 (1.7)	34 (35.1)	15 (15.5)	32 (35.6)	1 (1.1)
Blood bilirubin increased	49 (28.0)	6 (3.4)	47 (26.3)	3 (1.7)	34 (35.1)	9 (9.3)	28 (31.1)	1 (1.1)
Proteinuria	41 (23.4)	4 (2.3)	47 (26.3)	3 (1.7)	18 (18.5)	2 (2.1)	26 (28.9)	2 (2.2)
Neutrophil count decreased	32 (18.3)	8 (4.6)	18 (10.1)	2 (1.1)	18 (18.6)	5 (5.2)	10 (11.1)	1 (1.1)
WBC decreased	32 (18.3)	3 (1.7)	23 (12.8)	4 (2.2)	20 (20.6)	2 (2.1)	15 (16.7)	0
OGT increased	27 (15.4)	10 (5.7)	31 (17.3)	11 (6.1)	21 (21.6)	11 (11.3)	18 (20.0)	8 (8.9)
Diarrhea	23 (13.2)	1 (0.6)	60 (33.9)	7 (3.9)	17 (17.5)	0	46 (51.1)	7 (7.8)
Bilirubin conjugated increased	22 (12.6)	4 (2.3)	23 (12.8)	6 (3.4)	17 (17.5)	6 (6.2)	13 (14.4)	2 (2.2)
Hypertension	16 (9.1)	6 (3.4)	74 (41.3)	28 (15.6)	8 (8.2)	3 (3.1)	43 (47.8)	12 (13.3)
Hypophosphatemia	10 (5.7)	2 (1.1)	28 (14.5)	9 (5.0)	6 (6.2)	0	14 (15.6)	3 (3.3)
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	5 (2.9)	1 (0.6)	104 (58.1)	29 (16.2)	4 (4.1)	2 (2.1)	60 (66.7)	13 (14.4)
Apoptosis	0	NR	38 (20.1)	NR	1 (1.0)	NR	16 (17.8)	NR

ALT, aspartate aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; EHS, extrahepatic spread; OGT, gamma-glutamyl transferase; NR, not reported; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event; WBC, white blood cell.

**Table 6: Most Common (≥20%) Any Grade or (≥5%) Grade 3-4 TRAEs in Either Treatment Arm by**