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

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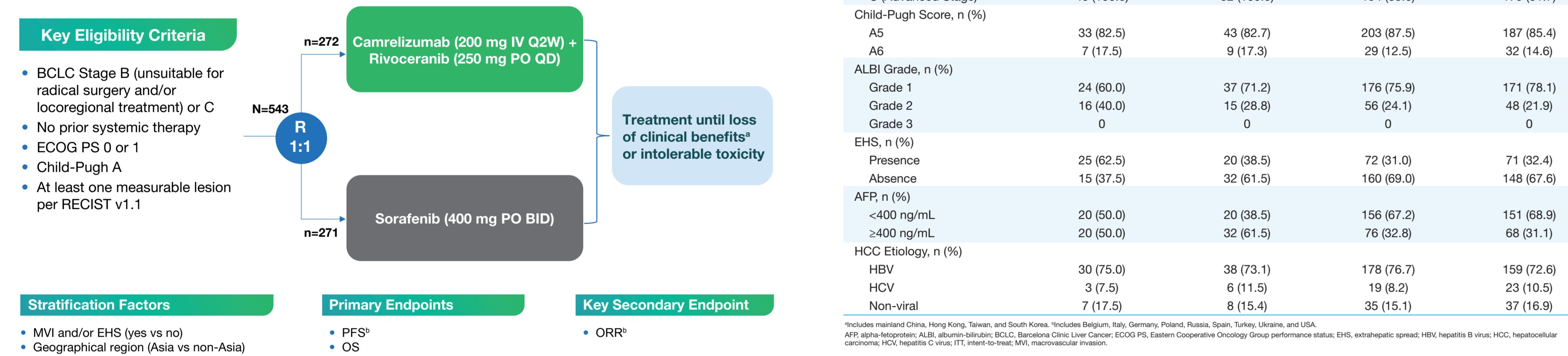
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## BACKGROUND

- 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 ( $\geq 5\%$ ) 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 benefit 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.

## RESULTS

- 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 ( $\geq 5\%$ ) grade 3-4 TRAE for camrelizumab + rivoceranib was increased AST and for sorafenib was palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome (Tables 5 and 6).

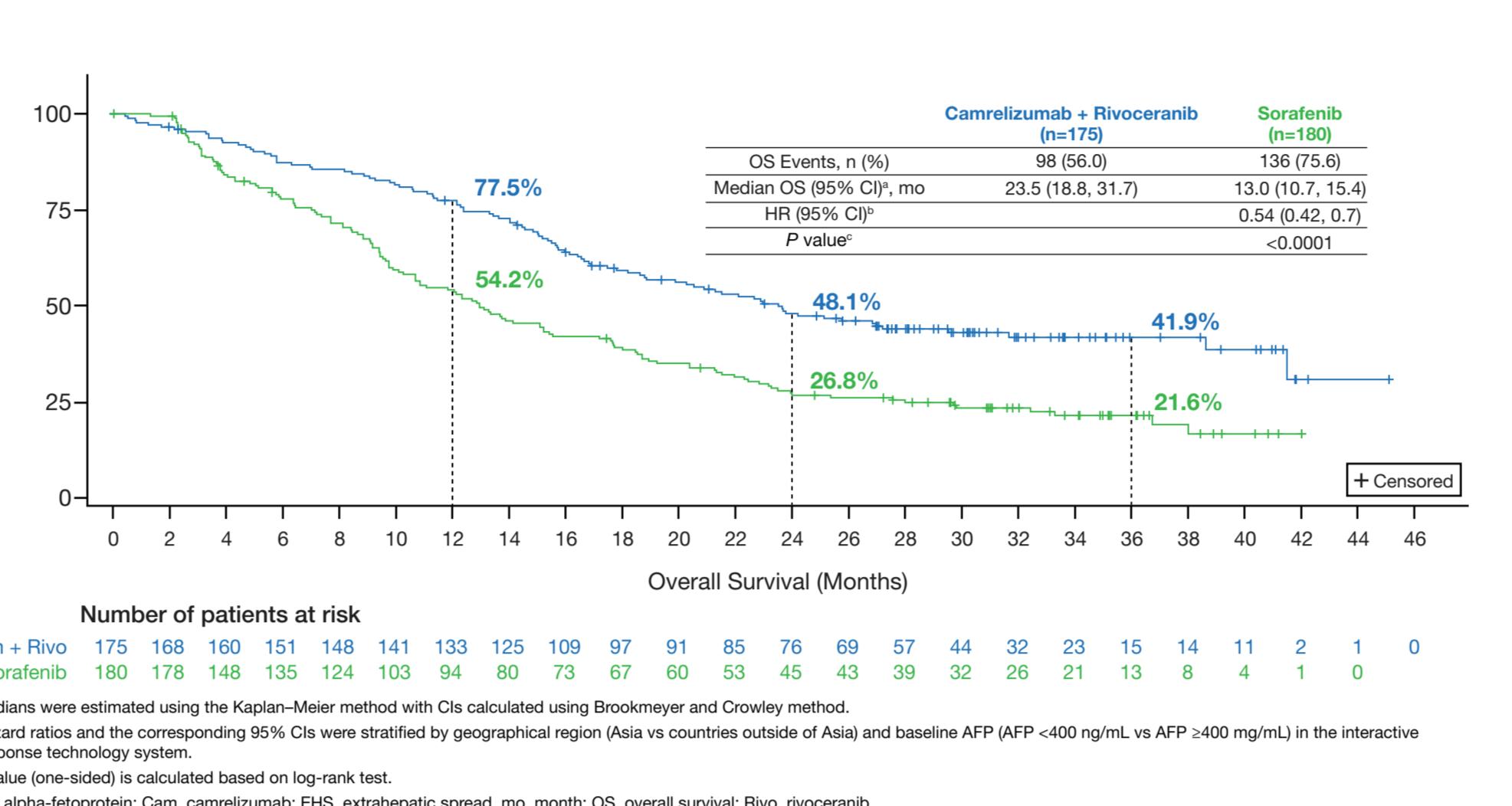
**Table 1: Baseline Characteristics by EHS Subgroup (ITT Population)**

	EHS Presence		EHS Absence	
	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=175)	Sorafenib (n=180)	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=97)	Sorafenib (n=91)
Mean age, years	55.4	55.3	59.9	56.4
Male sex, n (%)	145 (82.9)	149 (82.6)	82 (84.5)	81 (89.0)
Geographic region, n (%)	146 (83.4)	150 (83.3)	79 (81.4)	74 (81.3)
Asia <sup>a</sup>	29 (16.6)	30 (16.7)	18 (18.6)	17 (18.7)
ECOG PS, n (%)	0	73 (41.7)	74 (41.1)	47 (48.5)
1	102 (58.3)	106 (58.9)	50 (51.5)	49 (53.8)
BCLC Stage, n (%)	0	0	38 (39.2)	40 (44.0)
(B Middle Stage)	175 (100.0)	180 (100.0)	59 (60.8)	51 (56.0)
Child-Pugh Score, n (%)	A5	154 (88.0)	149 (82.2)	82 (90.1)
A6	21 (12.0)	32 (17.8)	15 (15.5)	9 (9.9)
ALB Grade, n (%)	Grade 1	135 (77.1)	136 (75.6)	65 (67.0)
Grade 2	40 (22.9)	44 (24.4)	32 (33.0)	19 (20.9)
Grade 3	23 (0)	0	0	0
MVI, n (%)	Presence	15 (8.6)	32 (17.8)	25 (25.8)
Absence	160 (91.4)	148 (82.2)	72 (74.2)	71 (75.0)
AFP (n%)	<400 ng/mL	116 (63.3)	115 (63.9)	60 (61.9)
>400 ng/mL	59 (33.7)	65 (36.1)	37 (38.1)	56 (61.5)
HCC histology, n (%)	HBV	131 (74.9)	129 (71.7)	77 (79.4)
HCV	14 (8.0)	18 (10.0)	8 (8.2)	11 (12.1)
Non-viral	33 (17.1)	33 (18.3)	12 (12.4)	12 (13.2)

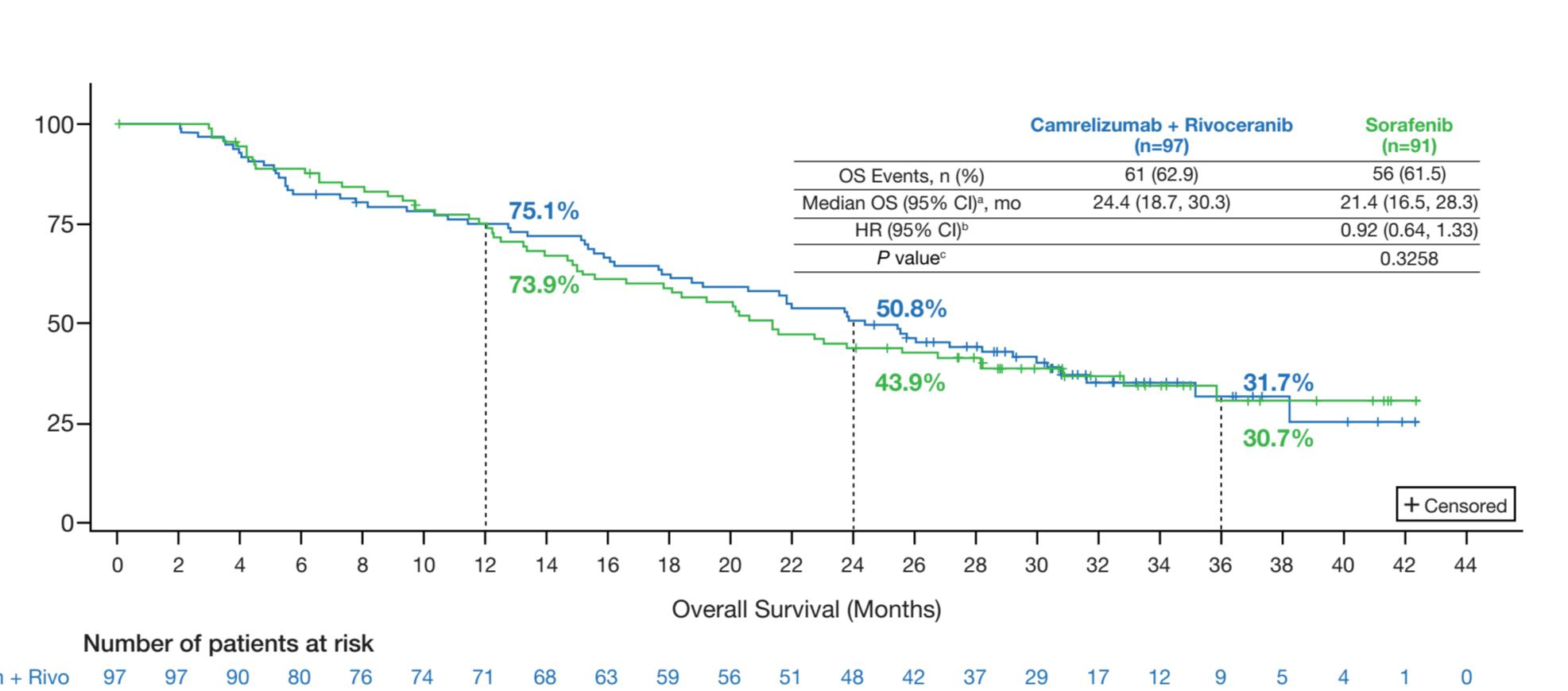
<sup>a</sup>Includes mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea. <sup>b</sup>Includes Belgium, France, Germany, Poland, Russia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, and USA.

AFP, alpha-fetoprotein; BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; EHS, extrahepatic spread; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; HCV, hepatitis C virus; ITT, intent-to-treat; MVI, macrovascular invasion.

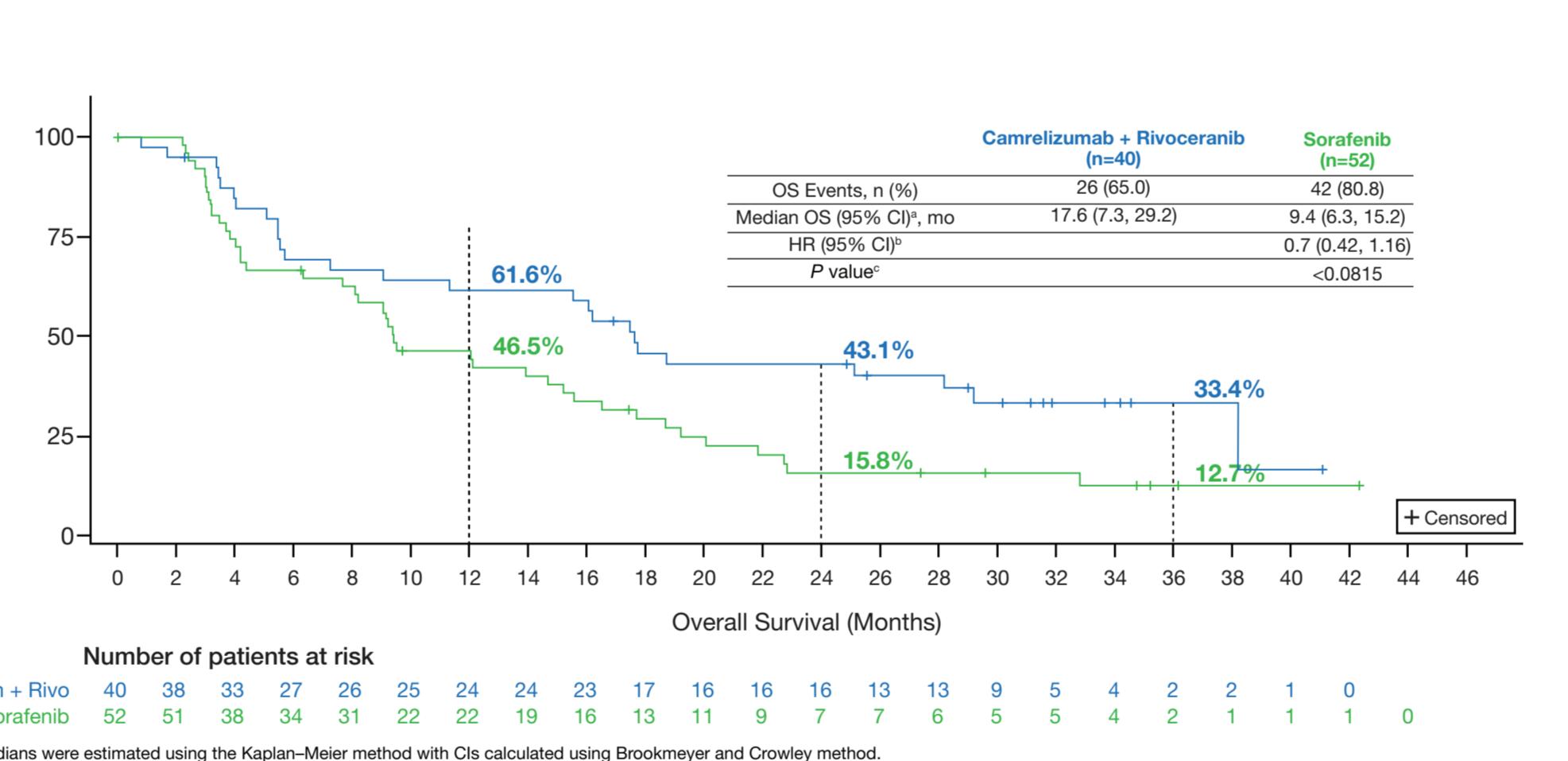
**Figure 1: Overall Survival for Patients With EHS**



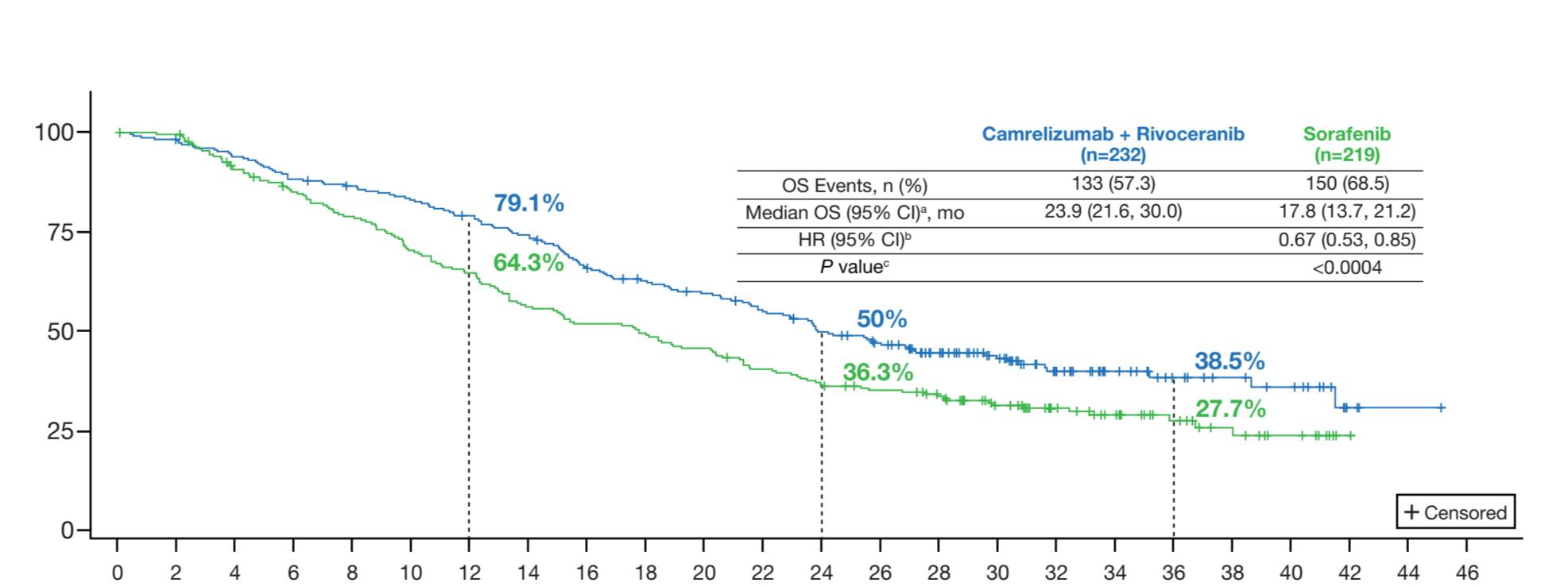
**Figure 2: Overall Survival for Patients Without EHS**



**Figure 3: Overall Survival for Patients With MVI**



**Figure 4: Overall Survival for Patients Without MVI**

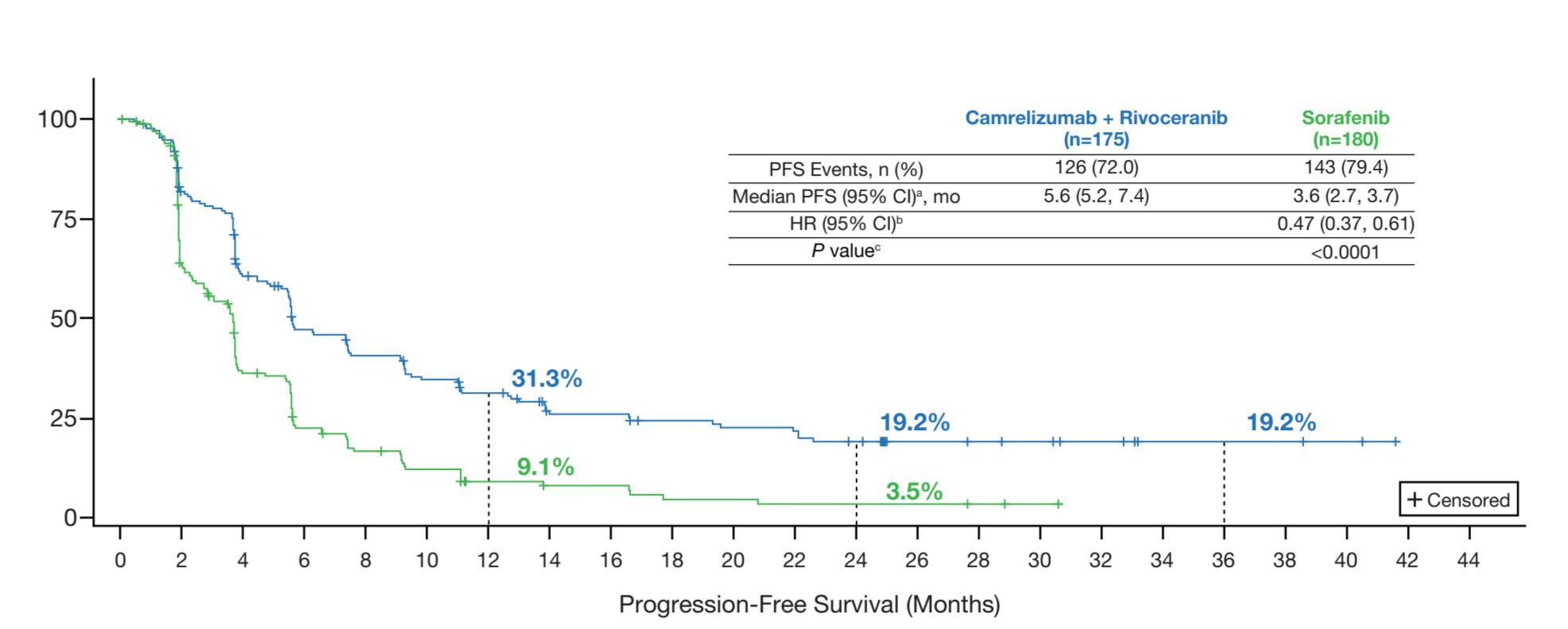


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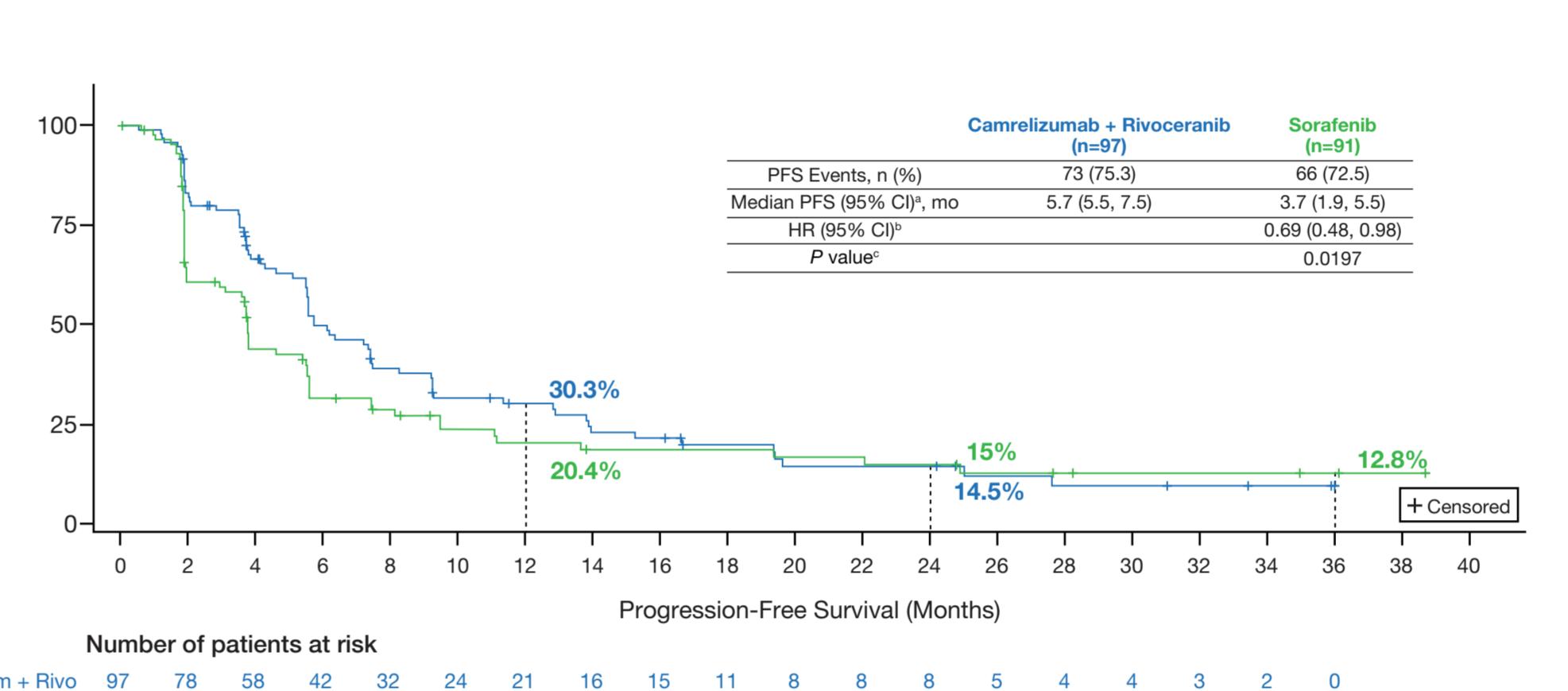
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## RESULTS

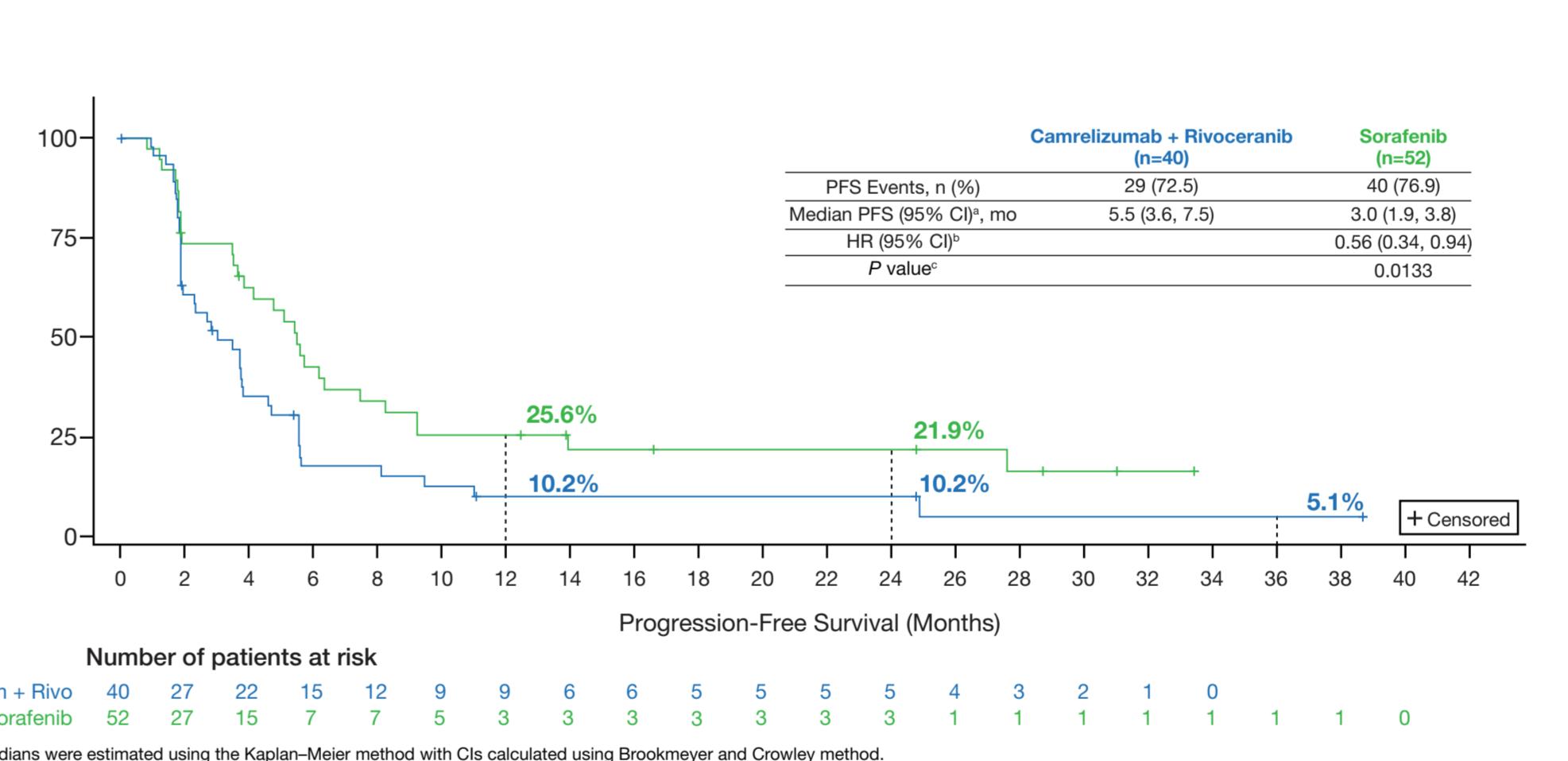
**Figure 5: Progression-Free Survival for Patients With EHS**



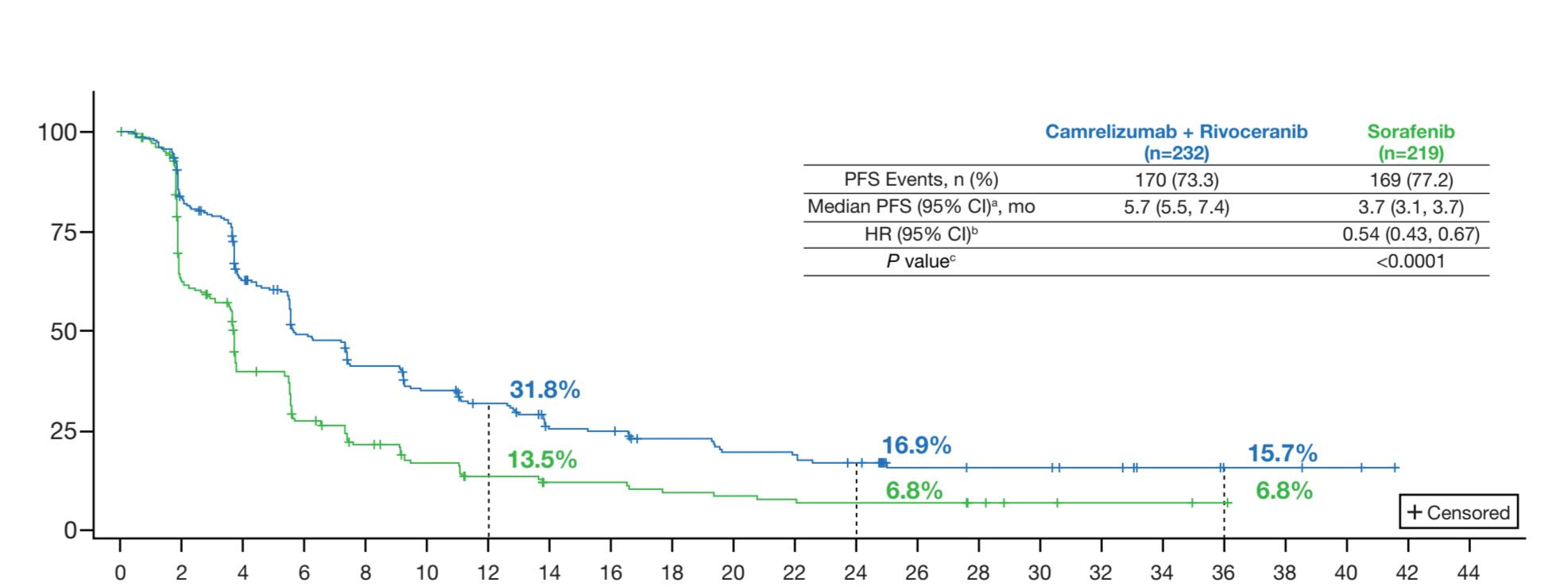
**Figure 6: Progression-Free Survival for Patients Without EHS**



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



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



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

	EHS Presence		EHS Absence	
	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=175)	Sorafenib (n=180)	Camrelizumab + Rivoceranib (n=97)	Sorafenib (n=91)
TRAE, n (%)				
Any Grade	AST increased	75 (42.9)	22 (12.6)	65 (56.8)
Grade 3-4	ALT increased	64 (36.6)	20 (11.4)	49 (27.4)
Platelet count decreased	59 (28.6)	10 (5.6)	58 (32.4)	3 (1.7)
Blood bilirubin increased	49 (28.0)	6 (3.4)	47 (26.3)	3 (1.1)
Proteinuria	41 (23.4)	4 (2.3)	47 (26.3)	3 (1.1)
Neutrophil count decreased	32 (18.3)	8 (4.4)	18 (10.1)	2 (1.1)
WBC decreased	32 (18.3)	3 (1.7)	23 (12.8)	4 (2.2)
GGT increased	27 (15.4)	10 (5.6)	31 (17.3)	11 (6.1)
Diabetes	29 (15.1)	1 (0.6)	60 (33.5)	7 (3.9)
Bilirubin conjugated increased	22 (12.6)	4 (2.3)	23 (12.8)	6 (3.4)
Hypertension	16 (9.1)	6 (3.4)	74 (41.3)	28 (15.6)
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	10 (5.7)	2 (1.1)	26 (14.5)	9 (5.0)
Alopecia	0	0	36 (20.1)	NR

ALT, alanine aminot