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Efficacy and safety of serplulimab (an anti-PD-1 antibody) combined with albumin-bound paclitaxel in patients with advanced cervical cancer who have progressive disease or intolerable toxicity after first-line standard chemotherapy

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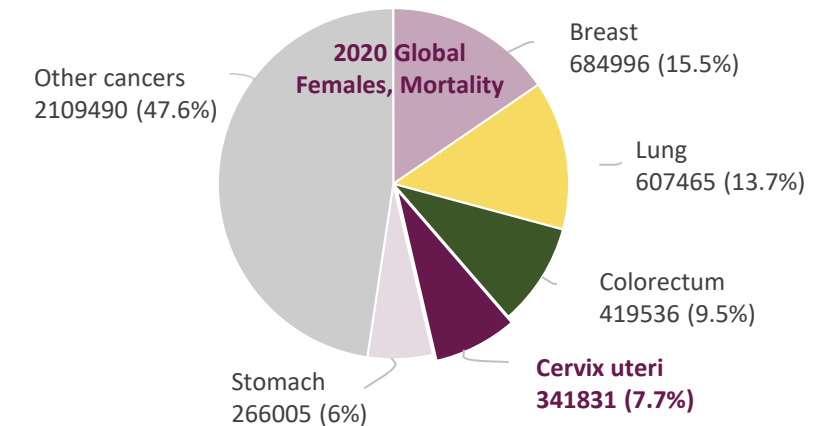
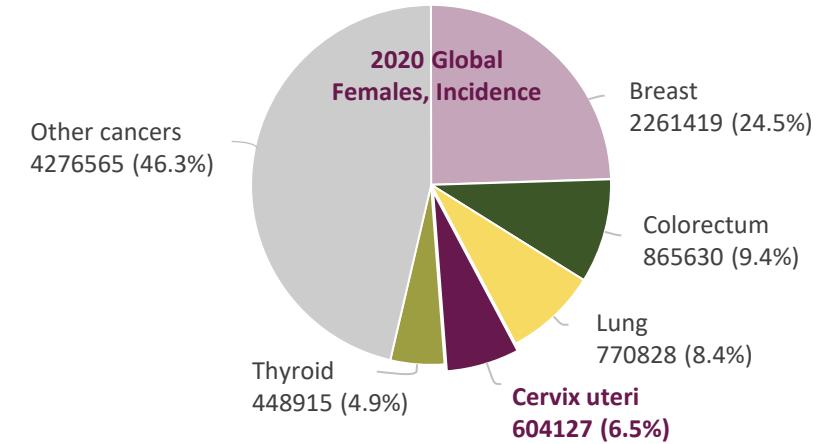
Cervical cancer is the **fourth** commonly diagnosed cancer and the **fourth** leading cause of cancer death in women, with approximately 604,000 new cases and 342,000 deaths worldwide in 2020¹.

However, **limited effective treatments are available** for advanced cervical cancer patients who have failed first-line chemotherapy. It was reported that the ORR of albumin-bound paclitaxel (nab-paclitaxel) in those patients was 28.6%².

Historical data indicate anti-PD-1 mAbs have significant anti-tumor activity in advanced cervical cancer patients. In 2018, pembrolizumab (PD-1) was approved by FDA as a monotherapy treatment for recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer (CPS ≥ 1) based on KEYNOTE-158, with an ORR of 14.3%³.

Serplulimab, a novel anti-PD-1 mAb, has been demonstrated with significant efficacy and manageable safety in various cancers⁴⁻⁵.

Here we report the updated results of serplulimab combined with nab-paclitaxel in patients with advanced cervical cancer who have progressive disease or intolerable toxicity after first-line standard chemotherapy (NCT04150575).



CPS, combined positive score; **FDA**, Food and Drug Administration; **mAb**, monoclonal antibody; **ORR**, overall response rate;

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Study design

Main inclusion criteria

- Histologically/cytologically diagnosed with cervical cancer
- Progressive disease after first-line chemotherapy or intolerant to first-line chemotherapy
- PD-L1 positive (CPS ≥ 1)
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

N=20
Serplulimab 4.5 mg/kg +
Nab-paclitaxel 260 mg/m²
IV, Q3W

- ✓ 3 weeks/cycle
- ✓ Nab-paclitaxel: up to 6 cycles
- ✓ Serplulimab: up to 2 years

Primary Endpoints

- Safety, ORR (assessed by IRRC per RECIST v1.1)

Secondary Endpoints

- ORR (assessed by investigator per RECIST v1.1)
- PFS, OS, DOR

Screening Period

≤28 days

Treatment Period

until disease progression, starting new anti-tumor therapy, death, intolerable toxicity, withdrawal of informed consent or other reasons specified in the protocol

Safety follow-up

Day 30, Day 90 after the final treatment

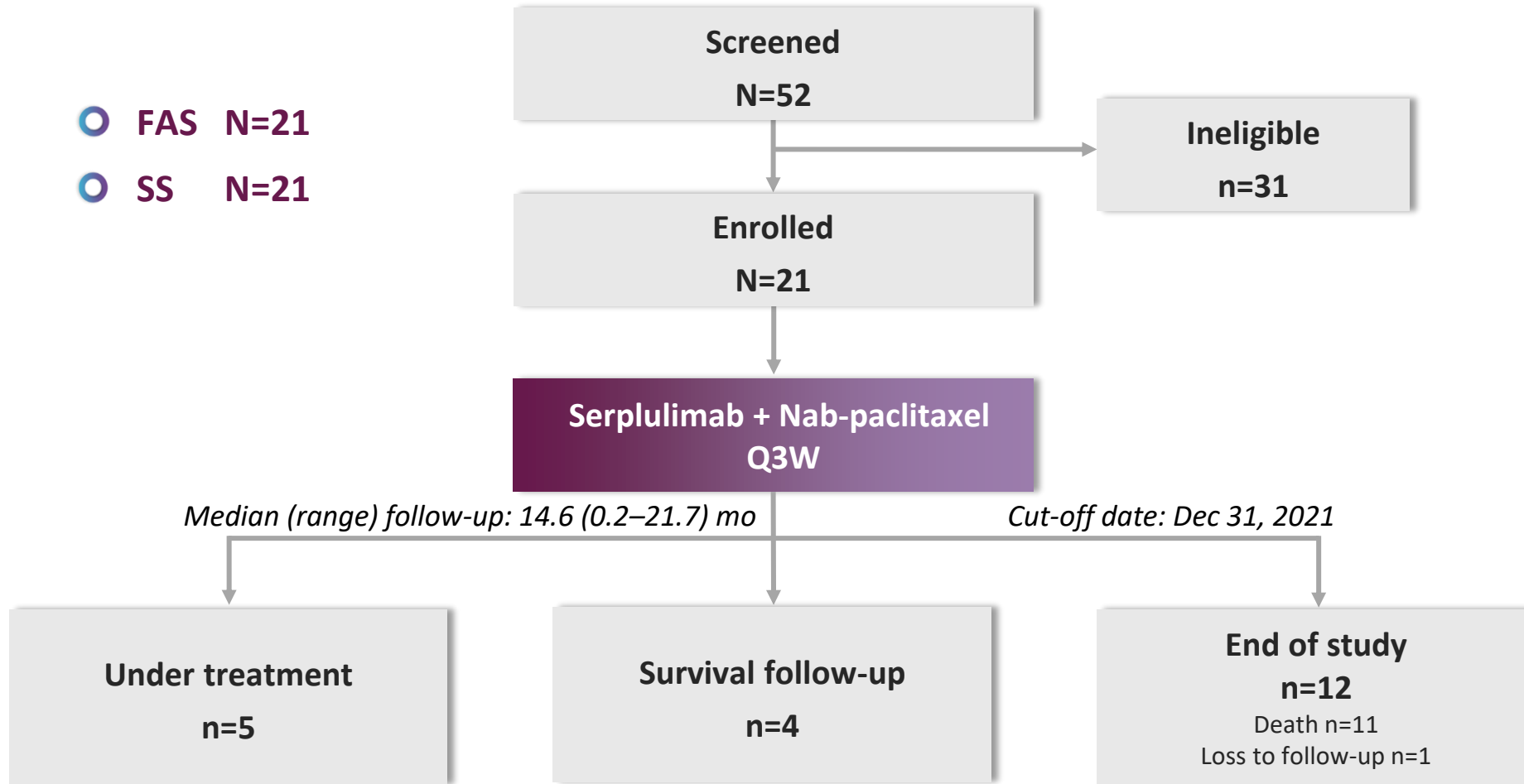
Survival follow-up

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Patient distribution

○ FAS N=21

○ SS N=21



FAS, full analysis set; SS, safety set;

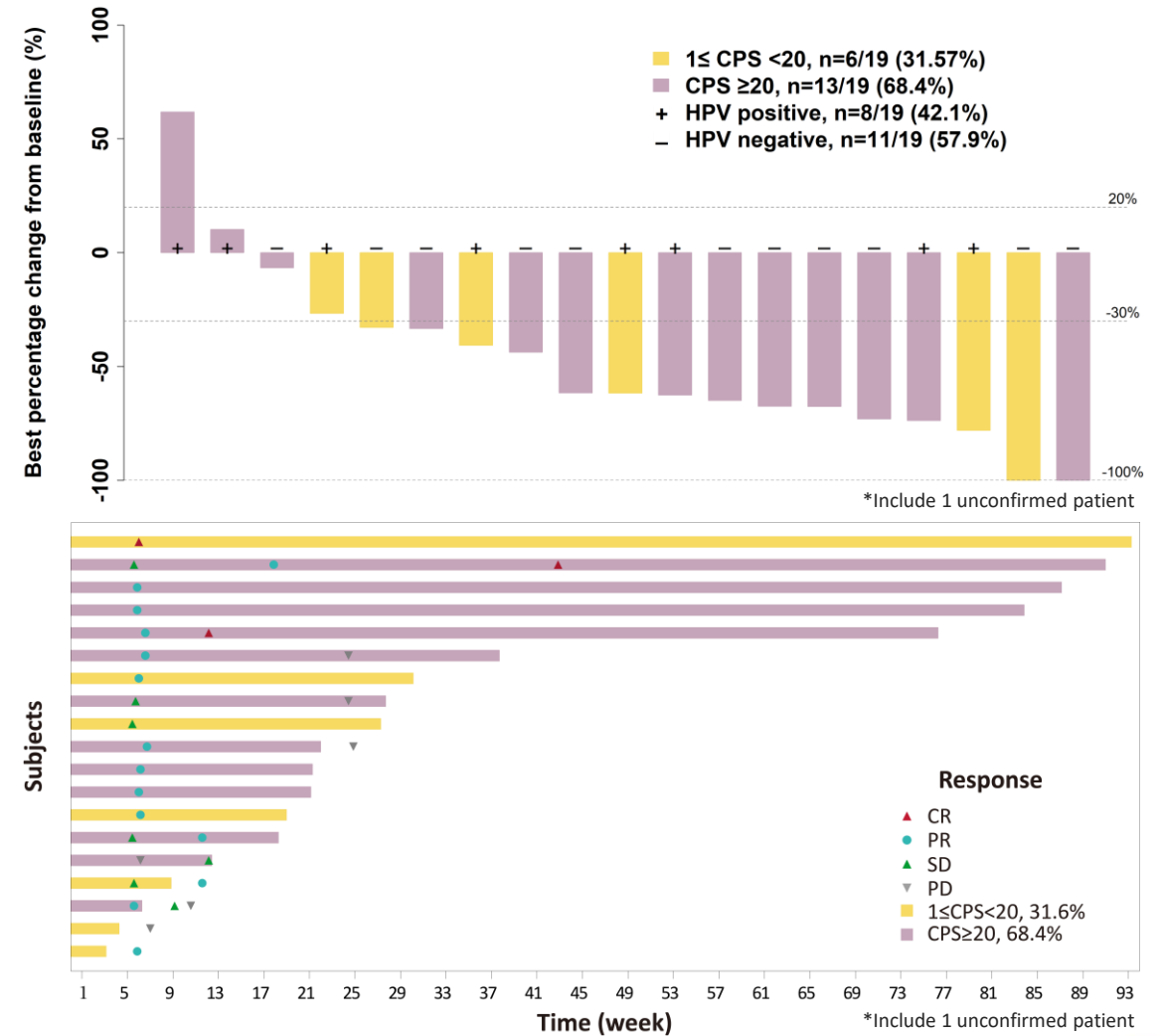
Patient demographic and baseline characteristics

Characteristics		FAS (N=21)
Age, years	Mean (range)	50.8 (31–64)
BMI, kg/m ²	Median (range)	26.5 (16.0–28.9)
ECOG PS, n (%)	0	6 (28.6)
	1	15 (71.4)
Tumor diagnosis status, n (%)	Local recurrence	7 (33.3)
	Distant metastasis	9 (42.9)
	Local recurrence and distant metastasis	5 (23.8)
Site of metastasis, n (%)	Lung metastasis	9 (42.9)
	Distant lymph node metastasis	6 (28.6)
Histologic types, n (%)	Squamous cell carcinoma	20 (95.2)
	Adenosquamous carcinoma	1 (4.8)
CPS	1 ≤ CPS < 20, n (%)	7 (33.3)
	CPS ≥ 20, n (%)	14 (66.7)
SCC	Mean, ng/mL	42.6
	Abnormal, n (%)	18 (85.7)
Surgery history, n (%)	Yes	12 (57.1)
Radiotherapy history, n (%)	Yes	18 (85.7)
Prior anti-tumor therapy, n (%)	≥ second line	6 (28.6)

BMI, body mass index; CPS, combined positive score; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status;
FAS, full analysis set; SCC, squamous cell carcinoma antigen;

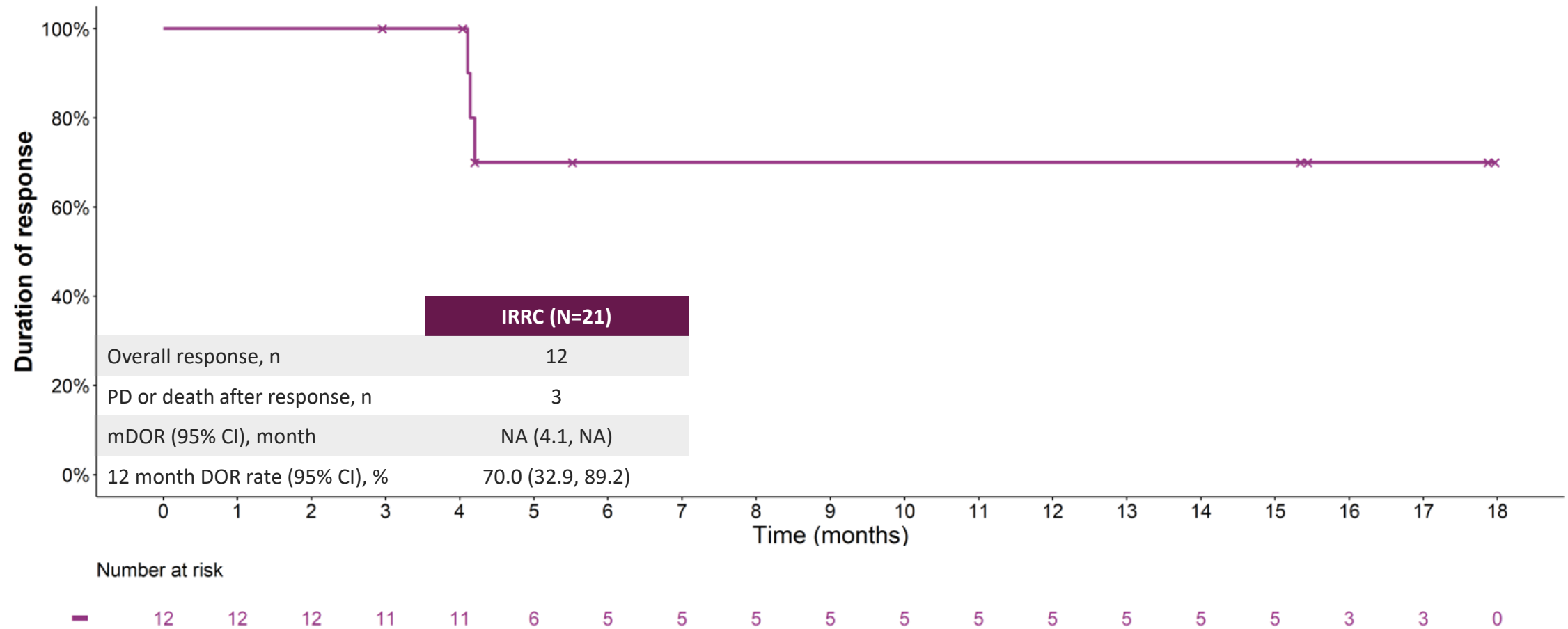
Objective response rate (ORR)

	IRRC (N=21)
ORR, n (%) [95% CI]	12 (57.1) [34.0, 78.2]
DCR, n (%) [95% CI]	16 (76.2) [52.8, 91.8]
CR, n (%)	3 (14.3)
PR, n (%)	9 (42.9)
SD, n (%)	4 (19.0)
PD, n (%)	2 (9.5)
NE, n (%)	3 (14.3)



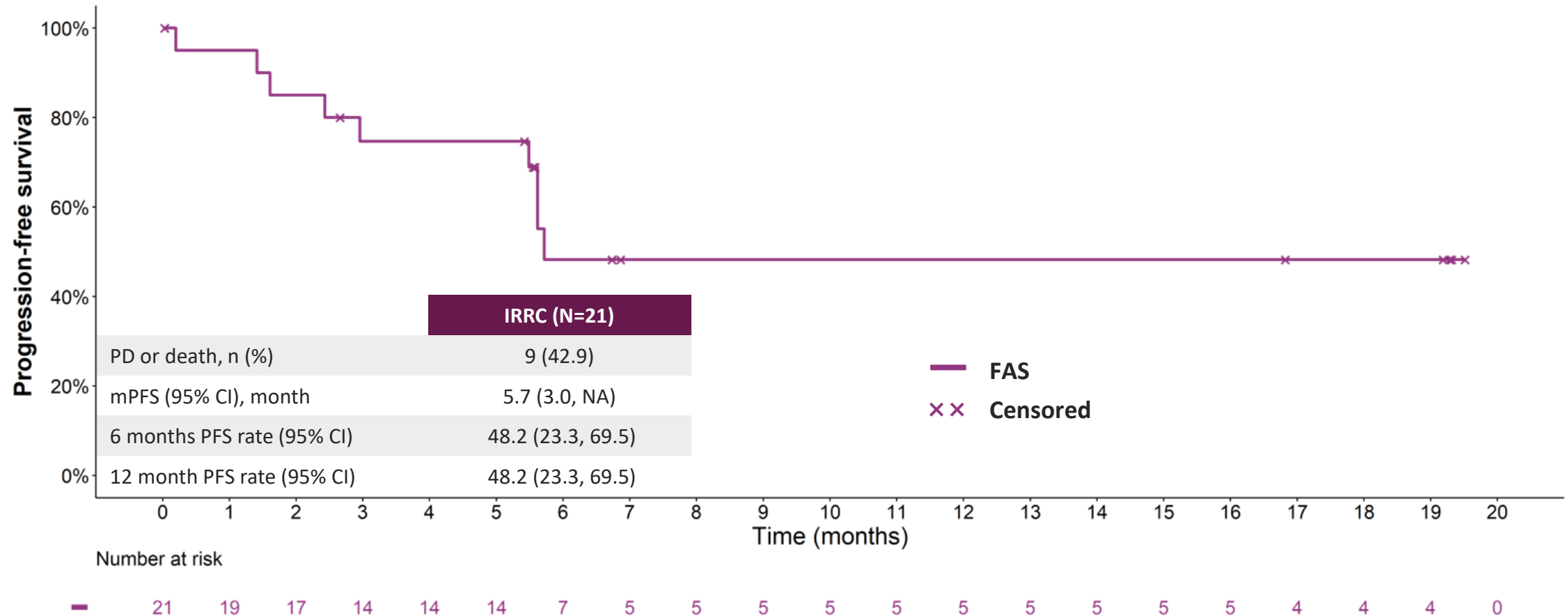
CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; DCR, disease control rate; FAS, full analysis set; IRRC, independent radiological review committee;
NE, not evaluable; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease

Duration of response (DOR)

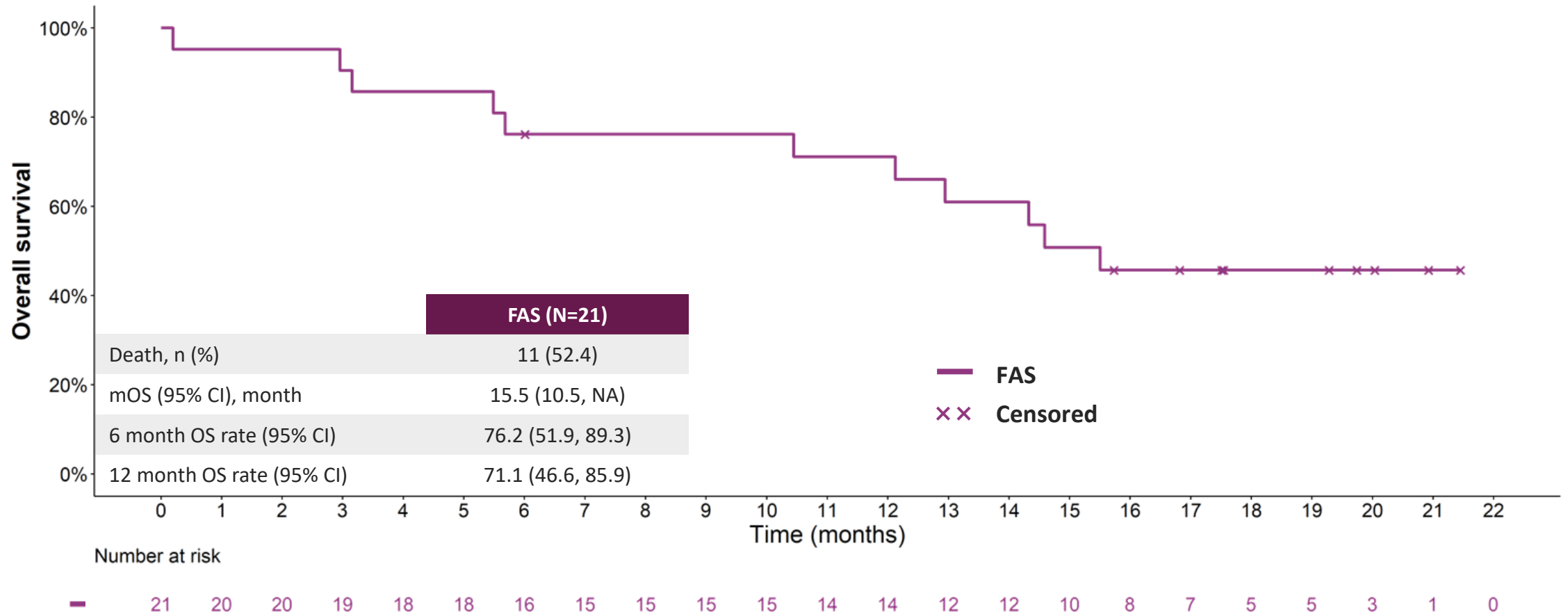


CI, confidence interval; **mDOR**, median duration of response; **FAS**, full analysis set; **IRRC**, independent radiological review committee; **NA**, not available; **PD**, progressive disease;

Progression-free survival (PFS)



Overall survival (OS)



CI, confidence interval; **FAS**, full analysis set; **IRRC**, independent radiological review committee; **NA**, not available; **mOS**, median overall survival;

Adverse events summary

	SS (N=21)
TEAE, n (%)	21 (100)
CTCAE grade ≥ 3 TEAE	17 (81.0)
ADR	19 (90.5)
CTCAE grade ≥ 3 ADR	7 (33.3)
SAE	8 (38.1)
TEAE leading to serplulimab discontinuation	0
AESI	12 (57.1)
IRR	0
irAE	12 (57.1)
CTCAE grade ≥ 3 irAE	2 (9.5)

ADR, adverse drug reaction; **AESI**, adverse event of special interest; **CTCAE**, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; **irAE**, immune-related adverse event; **IRR**, infusion related reaction; **SAE**, serious adverse event; **TEAE**, treatment-emergent adverse event; **SS**, safety set;

Most common TEAEs and irAEs

Preferred Term (PT)	SS (N=21)	
TEAE, n (%)	Incidence >20%	CTCAE grade ≥3
Anaemia	16 (76.2)	5 (23.8)
White blood cell count decreased	15 (71.4)	6 (28.6)
Neutrophil count decreased	14 (66.7)	7 (33.3)
Constipation	11 (52.4)	0
Alopecia	10 (47.6)	0
Asthenia	9 (42.9)	0
Decreased appetite	7 (33.3)	0
Gamma-glutamyltransferase increased	6 (28.6)	3 (14.3)
Weight decreased	6 (28.6)	0
Vomiting	6 (28.6)	0
Hypothyroidism	6 (28.6)	0
Nausea	5 (23.8)	0
Pyrexia	5 (23.8)	0
Hypercholesterolaemia	5 (23.8)	1 (4.8)
Urinary tract infection	5 (23.8)	0
irAE, n (%)	Incidence >10%	CTCAE grade ≥3
Hypothyroidism	6 (28.6)	0
Hyperthyroidism	3 (14.3)	0
Pruritus	3 (14.3)	0

CTCAE, Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events; irAE, immune-related adverse event; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; SS, safety set;

Conclusions

- ❖ Serplulimab and nab-paclitaxel combination therapy showed **more excellent anti-tumor activity** in patients with advanced cervical cancer who failed first-line standard chemotherapy than PD-1 or nab-paclitaxel monotherapy;
 - ✓ ORR assessed by IRRC was 57.1%
 - ✓ mDOR was not reached, 12 month DOR rate assessed by IRRC was 70.0%
 - ✓ mPFS assessed by IRRC was 5.7 (95% CI: 3.0, NA) months
 - ✓ mOS was 15.5 (95% CI: 10.5, NA) months, 12 month OS rate was 71.1%
- ❖ Meanwhile, Serplulimab in combination with nab-paclitaxel showed a **manageable safety profile**.
 - ✓ No grade 4–5 irAE occurred, and the incidence of grade 3 irAE was 9.5%

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