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ASTRAZENECA (NEUTRAL, FV 6220p) | CASPIAN is possibly a second big win for Imfinzi

- At a planned interim analysis conducted by the IDMC, it was concluded that the CASPIAN phase III trial has already met its primary endpoint, providing a meaningful improvement in overall survival (OS). The study was assessing Imfinzi or tremelimumab in combination with CT vs CT alone in treatment-naïve patients with SCLC. The Imfinzi arm achieved the primary endpoint and data will be presented at an upcoming meeting, probably ESMO in September.
- Actually the design was very close to IMpower133's from Roche where Tecentriq in combination with etoposide and carboplatin showed a benefit in patients with extensive-stage SCLC last year. HR was 0.70 and median OS was increased from 10.3 to 12.3 months, which is clinically relevant although not highly meaningful. During our OncoDay last week, Pr Girard raised doubts about the likelihood of approval in France considering the limited benefit. That said, with no other available option, he was also reporting a strong start in response to an ATU with about 120 patients on treatment in about 3 weeks.
- So of course CASPIAN data will be compared to IMpower133's (note that the first was open-label and the second double-blinded). Pembrolizumab is also expected to report results in SCLC by year-end. We have no sales in this indication for Imfinzi. Tecentriq was approved by the FDA in March 2019.

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