

# Debate: are we evolving towards a platinum-free future?

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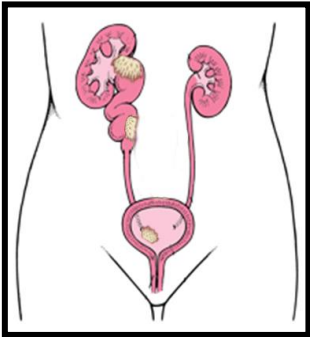
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Patinum free future?

What else?



# Thinking outside the box

If you do things the same way you've always done them, you'll get the same outcomes you've always gotten. In order to change your outcomes, you've got to do things differently.

Mark Victor Hansen

quote fancy



# What is the aim?

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→ Platinum-free, NOT chemo-free!

Why?

Better and deeper responses → improved long term outcome

How?

1. Immunecheckpoint inhibitors
2. Novel agents

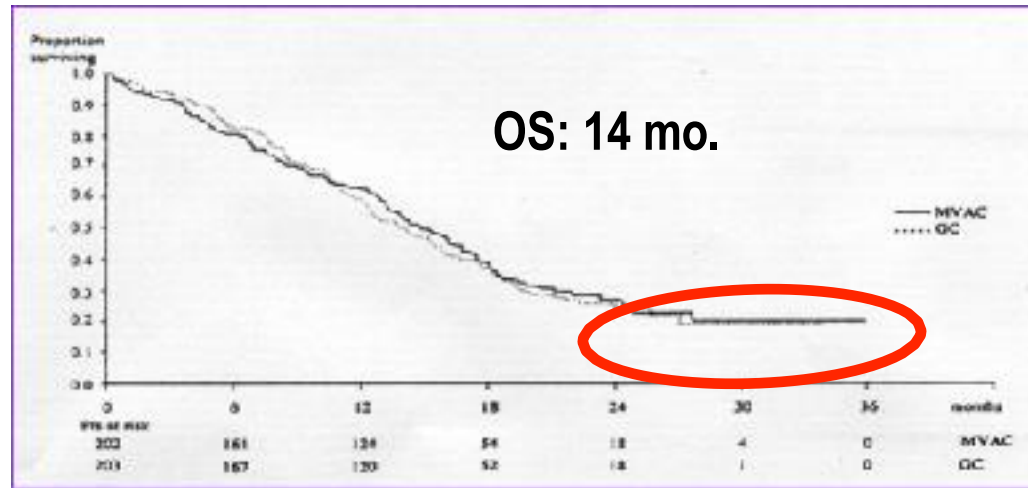


# Until now - platinum based chemotherapy for mUC

**But: long-term survivors are rare**  
(depending on risk factors: ECOG 0 and N+)

Platin-ineligible

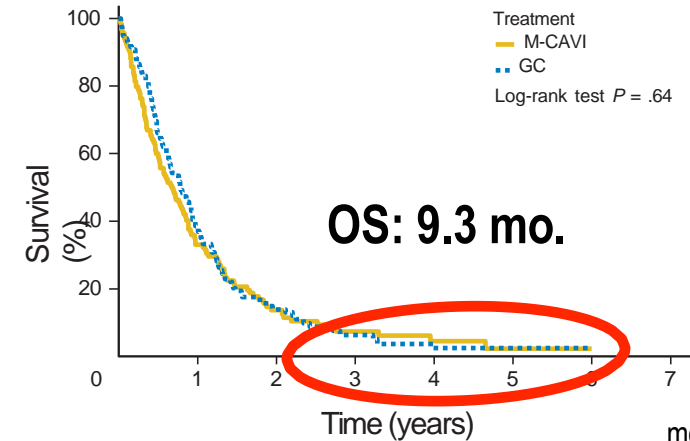
fit pts., eligible for Cisplatin



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Long-term survival with cisplatin: 9-15%

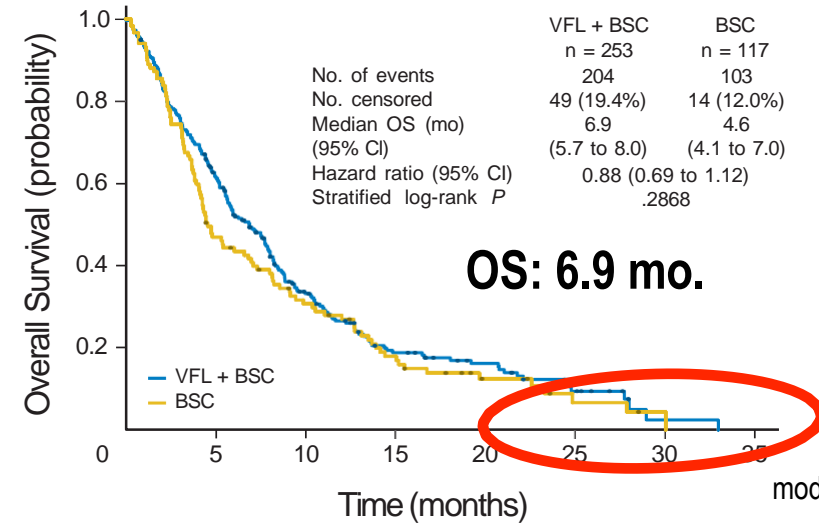
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modified from 2.

Treatment	O	N	No. at risk					
M-CAVI	108	119	37	13	7	3	1	1
GC	110	119	44	15	5	2	2	1

2. line

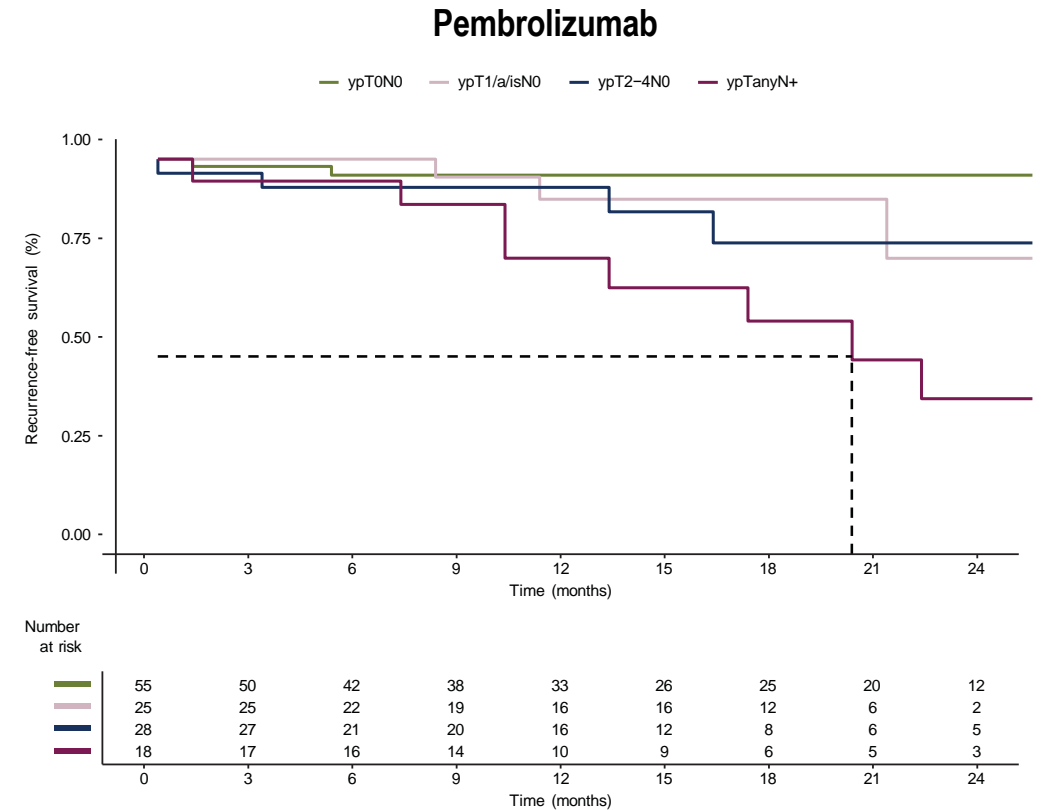
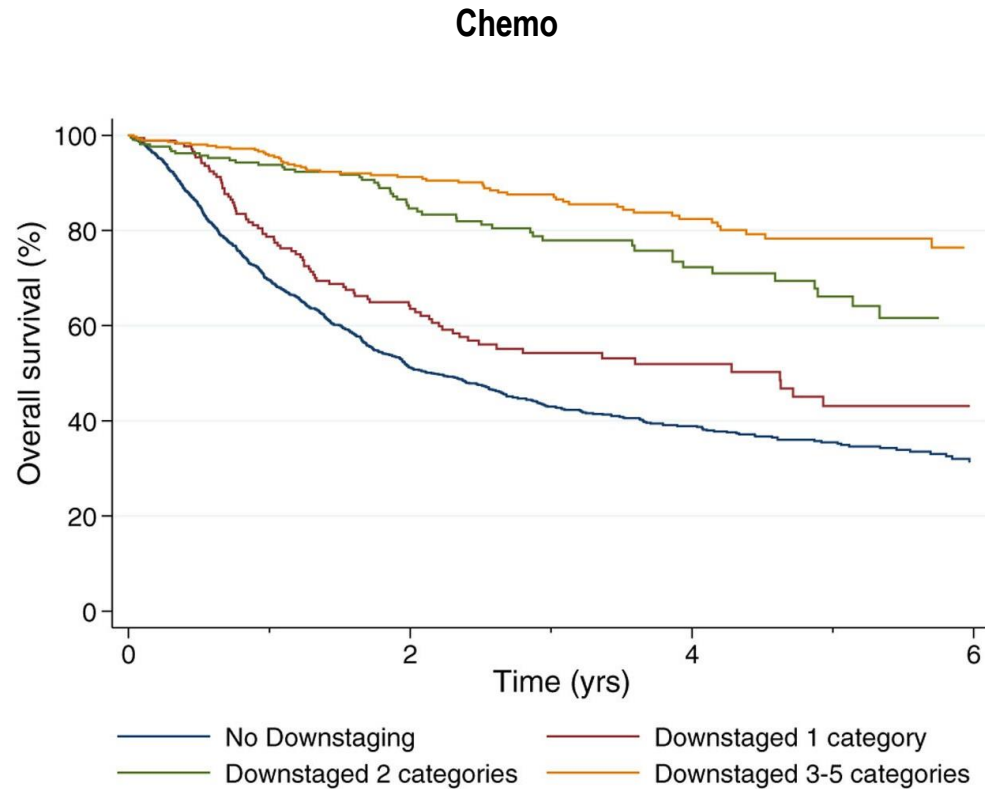


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# Pathological complete responses are important for MIBC

ypT0 is prognostic in high-risk MIBC

Downstaging and ypT0 are important in localized disease



Martini et al. Cancer. 2019 September 15; 125(18): 3155–3163. doi:10.1002/cncr.32169.

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What about depth of response in metastatic disease?

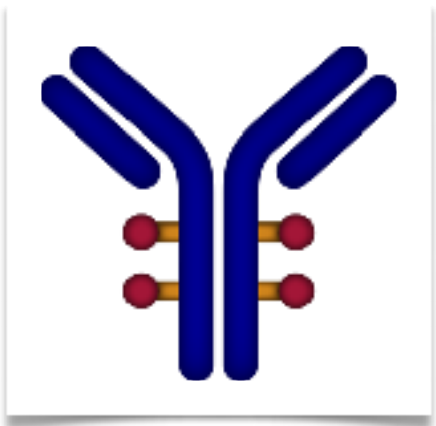
# Post hoc pooled analysis of first-line (1L) pembrolizumab (pembro) for advanced urothelial carcinoma (UC): Outcomes by **response** at week nine in KEYNOTE-052 and KEYNOTE-361.

Pooled outcomes by response at week nine.			
Primary Analysis	CR/PR n = 160	SD n = 154	PD n = 234
Median OS from wk 9, mo (95% CI)	<b>51.4 (36.9-NR)</b>	<b>17.5 (14.5-24.7)</b>	<b>5.9 (5.0-7.2)</b>
36-month OS rate from wk 9, % (95% CI)	62.5 (54.0-69.9)	28.5 (21.1-36.3)	4.8 (2.4-8.4)
Duration of CR/PR/SD, median (range), mo	25.9 (0.0-60.7+)	4.2 (0.0-51.5+)	NA
Sensitivity Analysis	n = 122	n = 125	n = 188
Median OS from wk 9, mo (95% CI)	50.7 (36.2-NR)	17.5 (13.3-24.7)	5.3 (4.0-6.5)
36-month OS rate from wk 9, % (95% CI)	60.7 (51.1-68.9)	29.2 (21.1-37.8)	4.9 (2.3-8.8)
Duration of CR/PR/SD, median (range), mo	26.2 (0.0-60.7+)	4.2 (0.0-51.5+)	NA

# How to move forward with platinum free treatment for UC?

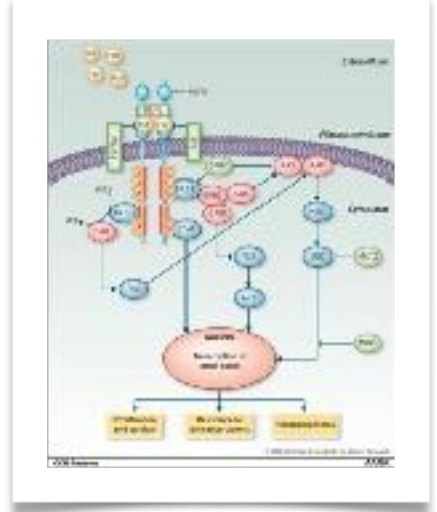
→ Novel agents and combinations

Anti-body-drug  
conjugates



NECTIN4  
TROP2  
HER2  
...

molecular  
agents

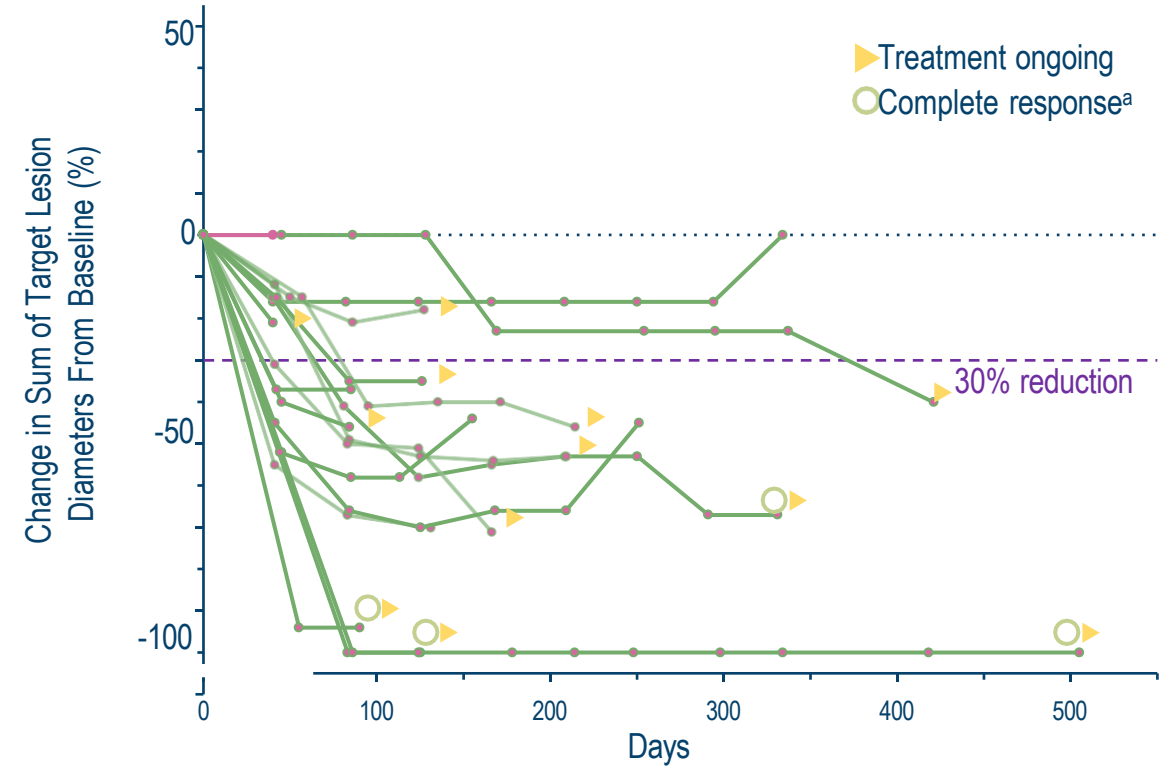
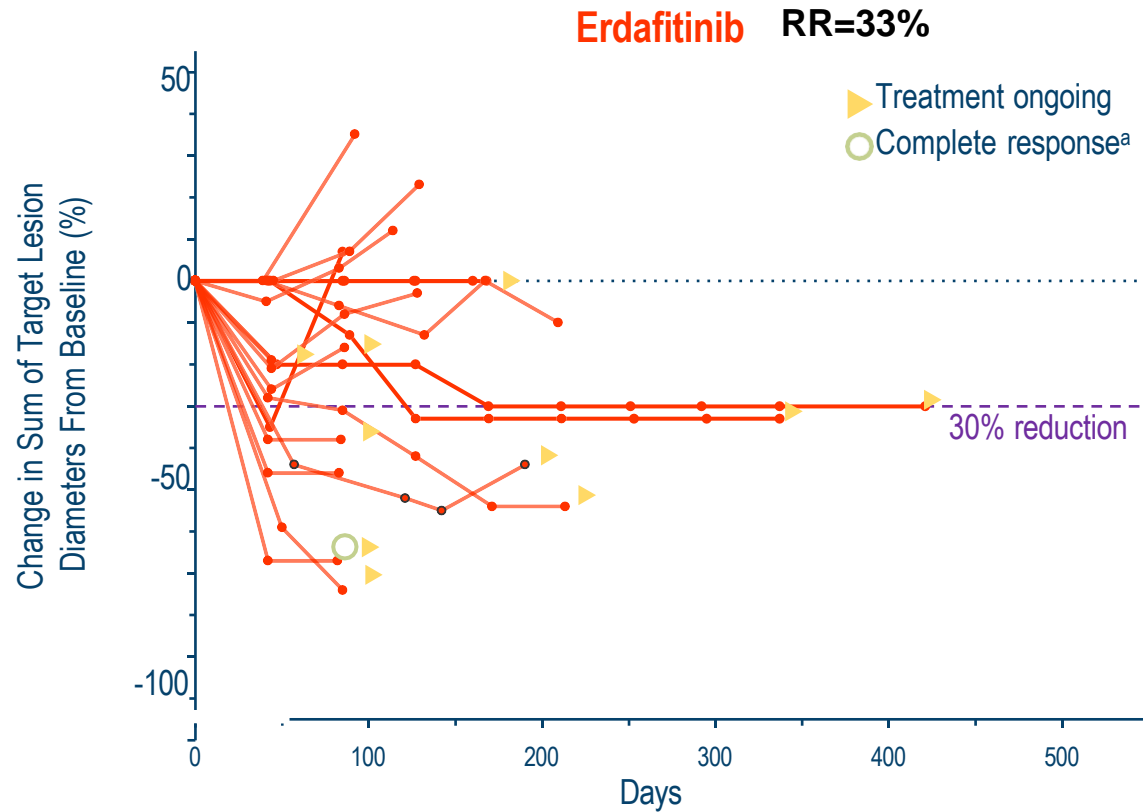


FGFR

# FGFR inhibitors

## NORSE: Antitumor Activity Over Time

Erdafitinib + Cetrelimab RR=68%

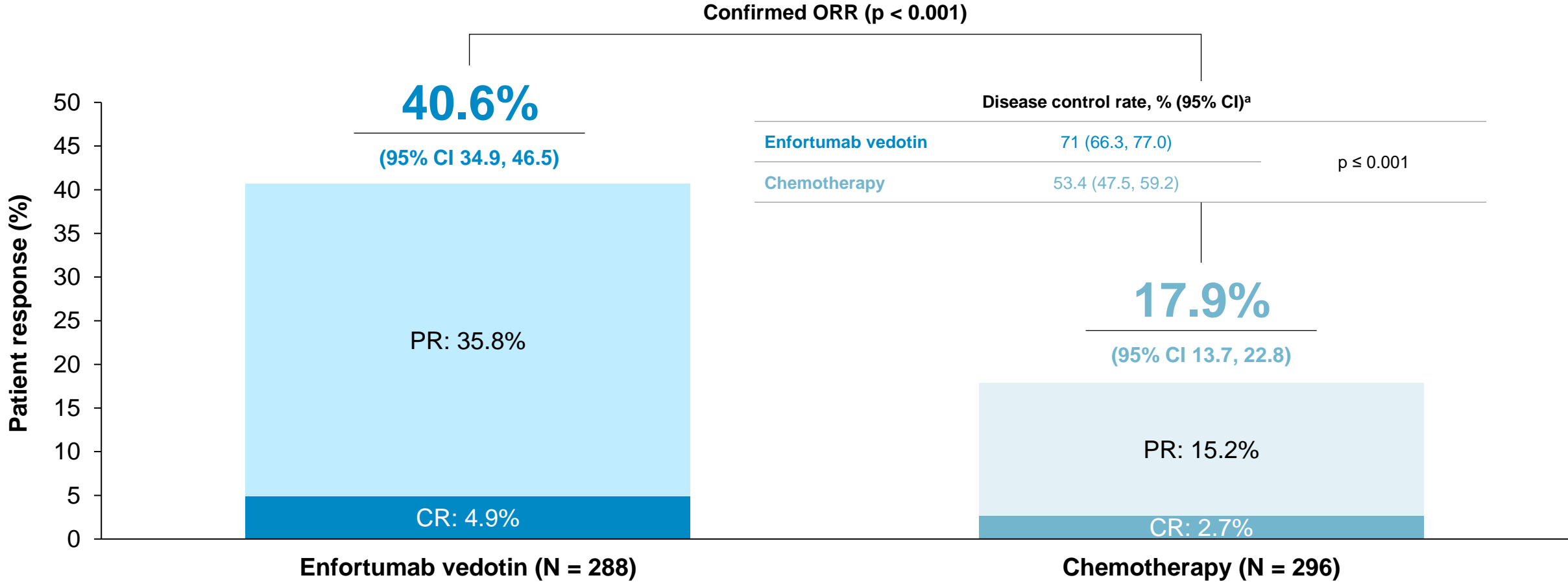


- Patients in both treatment arms had a durable reduction in the sum of target lesion diameters over time
- Median of the maximum reduction in the sum of target lesion diameters was 28% in the erdafitinib arm and 51% in the erdafitinib + cetrelimab arm

<sup>a</sup>Complete responses include patients who had sum of target lesions > 0 mm; in patients with lymph node target lesions, a diameter < 10 mm is required for complete response per RECIST 1.1.

# Enfortumab Vedotin

## EV-301: investigator-assessed overall response



<sup>a</sup> Indicates the proportion of patients who had a best overall response of confirmed CR, PR, or SD (at least 7 weeks); enfortumab vedotin vs chemotherapy. Evaluated in the response-evaluable population; response is as assessed by the investigator per RECIST v1.1. Data cut off: July 15 2020.

# First-line - metastatic urothelial cancer, unfit for cisplatin

	Gemcitabine + Carboplatin (n = 119)	Pembro-lizumab (n= 370)	Erdafitinib (n = 18)	Erdafitinib + Cetrelimab (n = 19)	Rogaratinib + Atezolizumab (n = 25)	Enfortumab Vedotin + Pembrolizumab (n= 45)
ORR n (%)	49 (41)	106 (29)	6 (33)	13 (68)	11 (44)	33 (73)
Complete response n (%)	4 (3.4)	33 (9)	1 (6)	4 (21)	4 (16)	7 (16)
Partial response n (%)	45 (38)	73 (20)	5 (28)	9 (47)	7 (28)	26 (58)

Durability of responses low with gem/carbo

ASCO2022 update: median **DOR 25.6** months and a DCR 93%

# EV-103 Cohort K: Overall Response Rate and DOR by BICR

EV+P: 64.5% confirmed ORR with median DOR not yet reached

	EV+P (N=76)	EV Mono (N=73)
<b>Confirmed ORR, n (%) (95% CI)</b>	<b>49 (64.5)</b> (52.7, 75.1)	<b>33 (45.2)</b> (33.5, 57.3)
<b>Best overall response, n (%)</b>		
Complete Response	8 (10.5)	3 (4.1)
Partial Response	41 (53.9)	30 (41.1)
Stable Disease	17 (22.4)	25 (34.2)
Progressive Disease	6 (7.9)	7 (9.6)
Not Evaluable	3 (3.9)	5 (6.8)
No Assessment	1 (1.3)	3 (4.1)
<b>Duration of response, median (95% CI)</b>	<b>NR (10.25, -)</b>	<b>13.2 (6.14, 15.97)</b>

## EV+P

- ORR per investigator assessment was consistent with BICR (86.7% concordance)
- cORRs were consistent across all pre-specified subgroups
  - 53.8% cORR observed in patients with liver metastases

## EV monotherapy

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Data cutoff: 10 JUN 2022

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Complete Response	3 (3.9)	3 (4.1)
Partial Response	30 (39.6)	30 (41.1)
Stable Disease	17 (22.4)	25 (34.2)
Progressive Disease	6 (7.9)	7 (9.6)
Death	3 (3.9)	5 (6.8)
Assessment	1 (1.3)	3 (4.1)
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**Phase III EV-302 first line in cisplatin fit and unfit patients ongoing EV+pembro vs platinum/gem (→ avelumab maintenance)**

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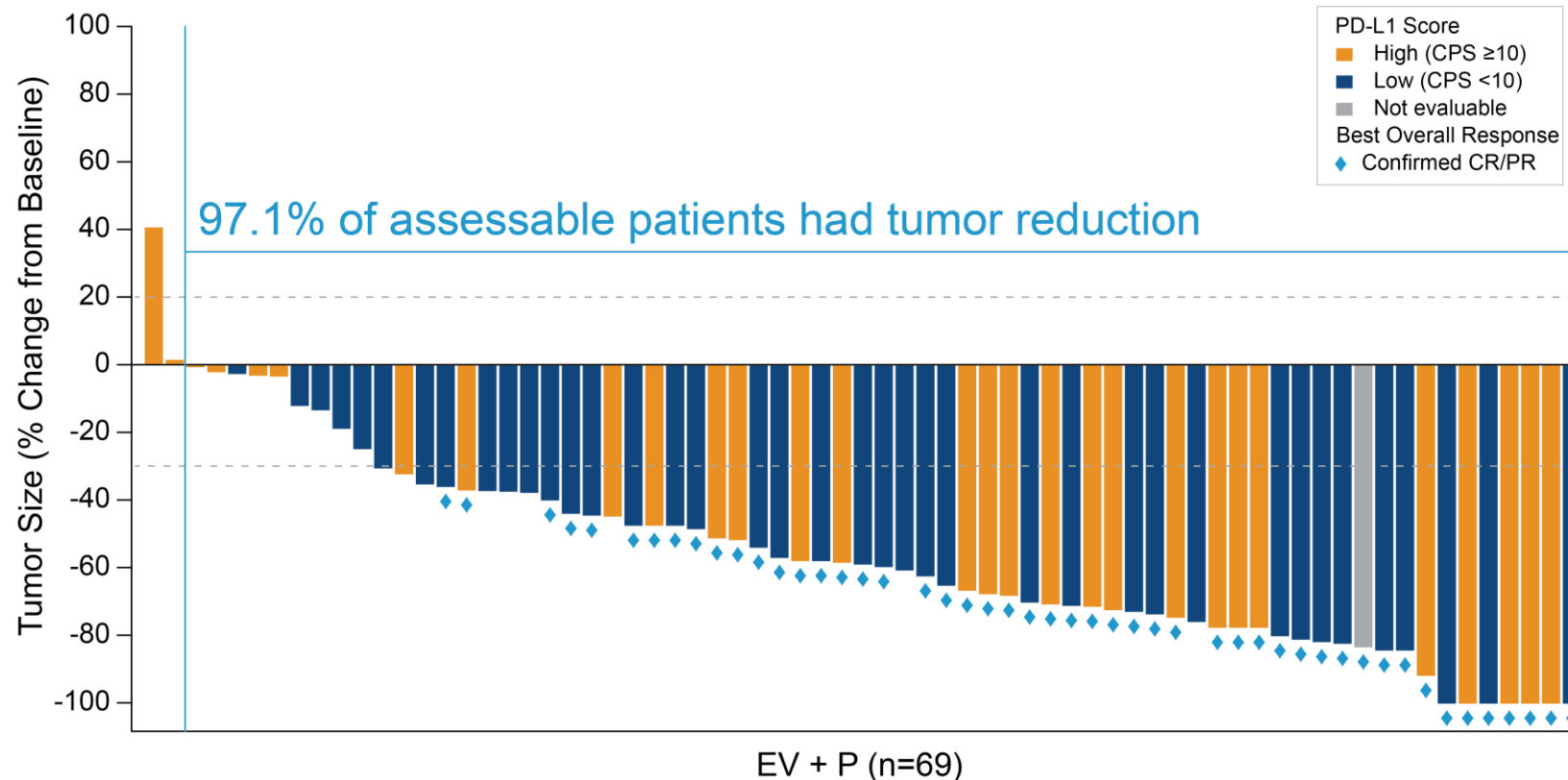
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# EV+P: Maximum Percent Reduction from Baseline of Target Lesion by BICR

97.1% of assessable patients had tumor reduction or control



- Activity occurred regardless of baseline PD-L1 status

BICR: Blinded Independent Central Review; CPS: Combined Positive Score; CR: Complete Response; PD-L1: Programmed Death-Ligand 1 PR: Partial Response

# Future Outlook?



**No platinum  
needed!**

Look into the right  
direction:

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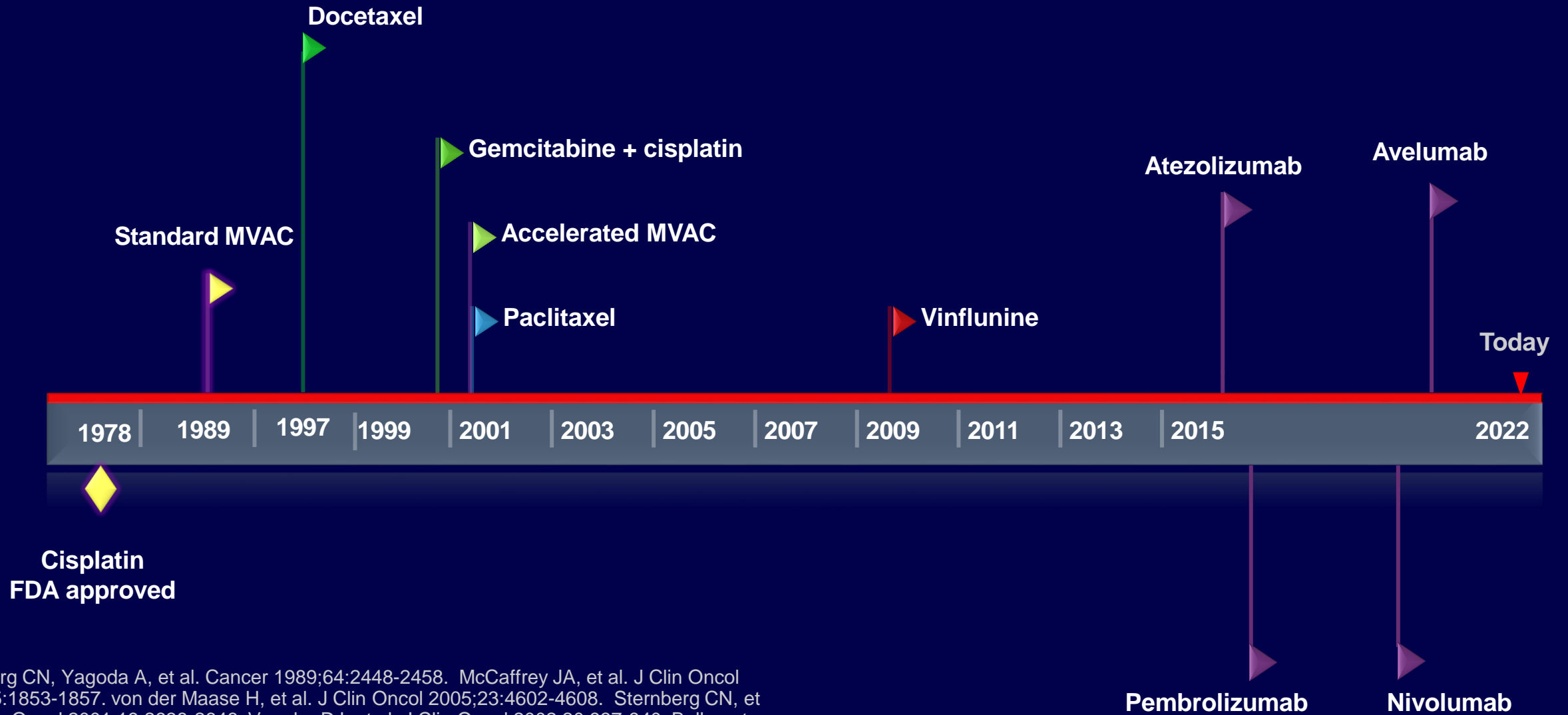


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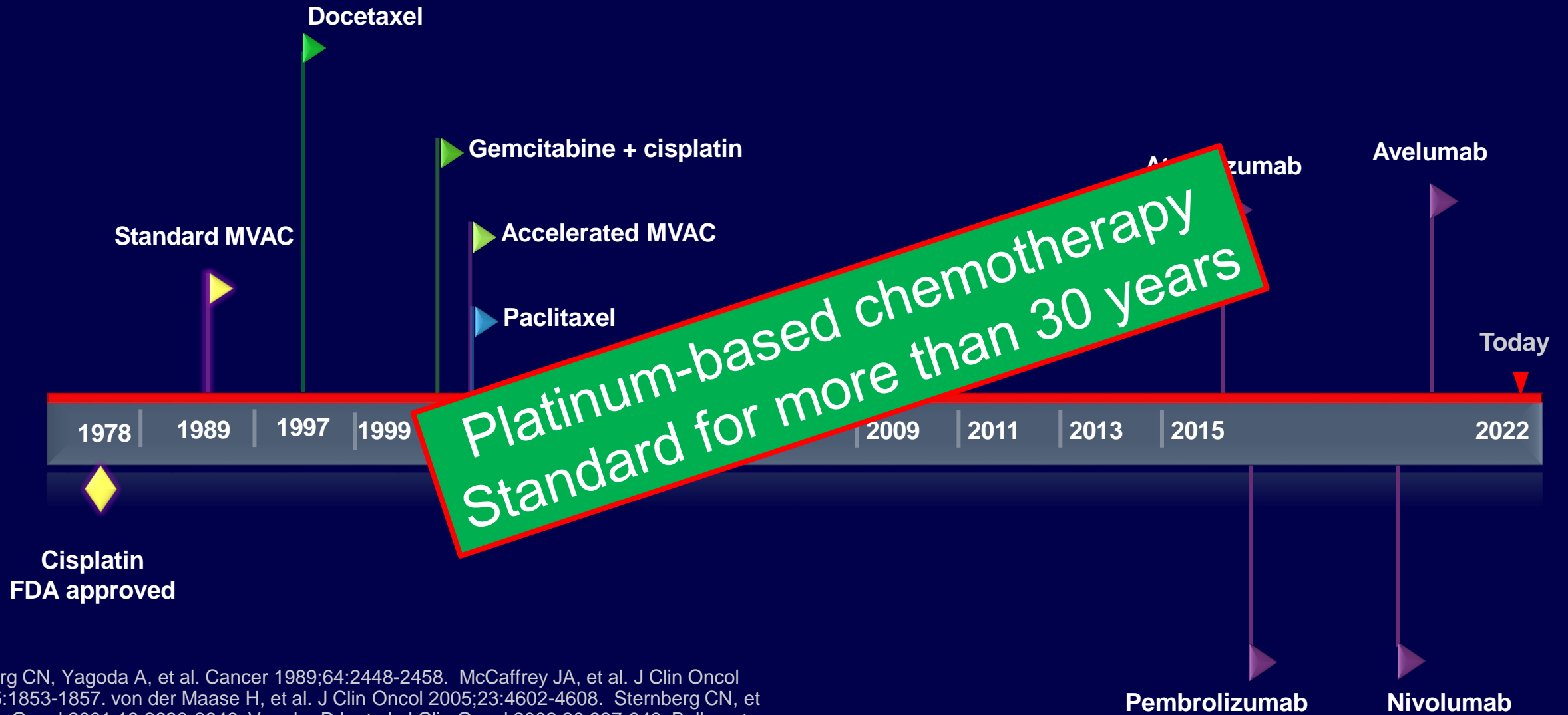
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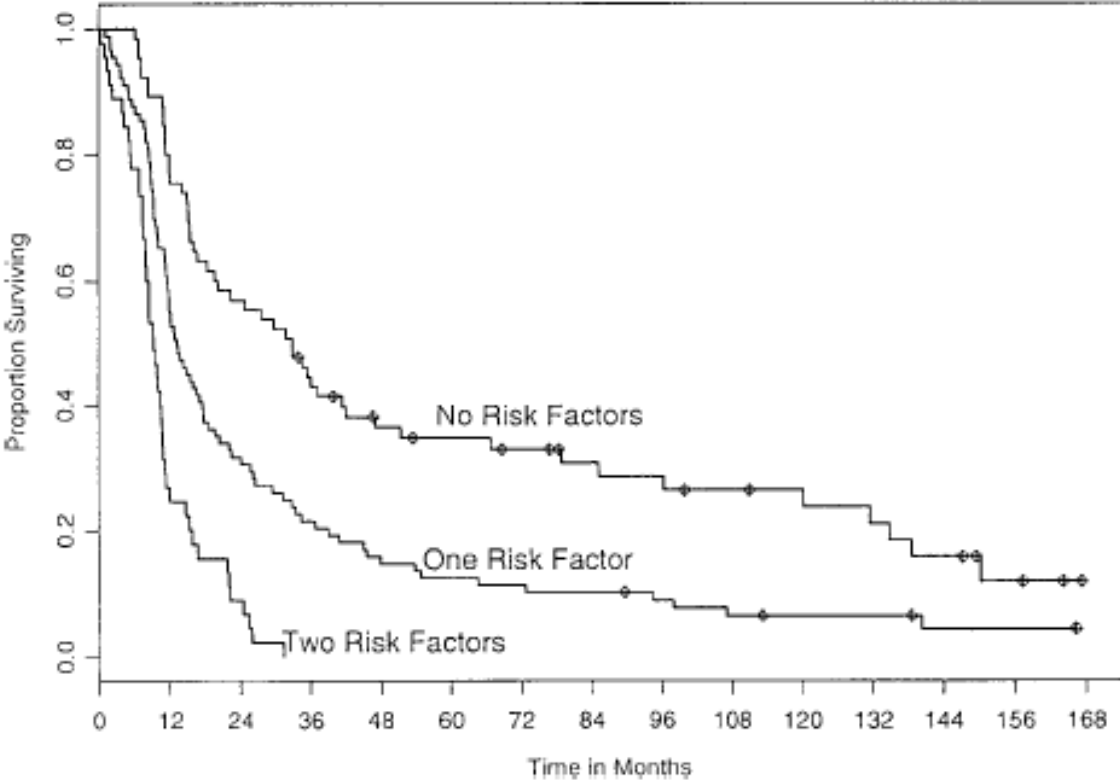
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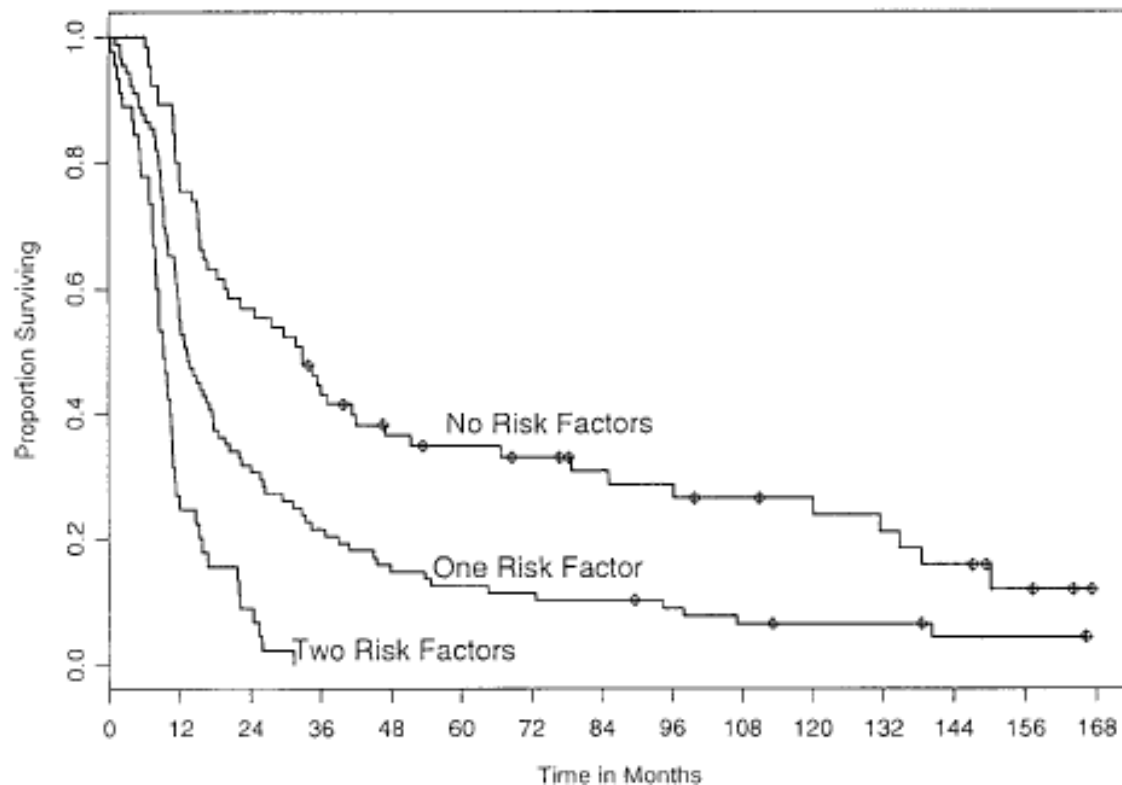
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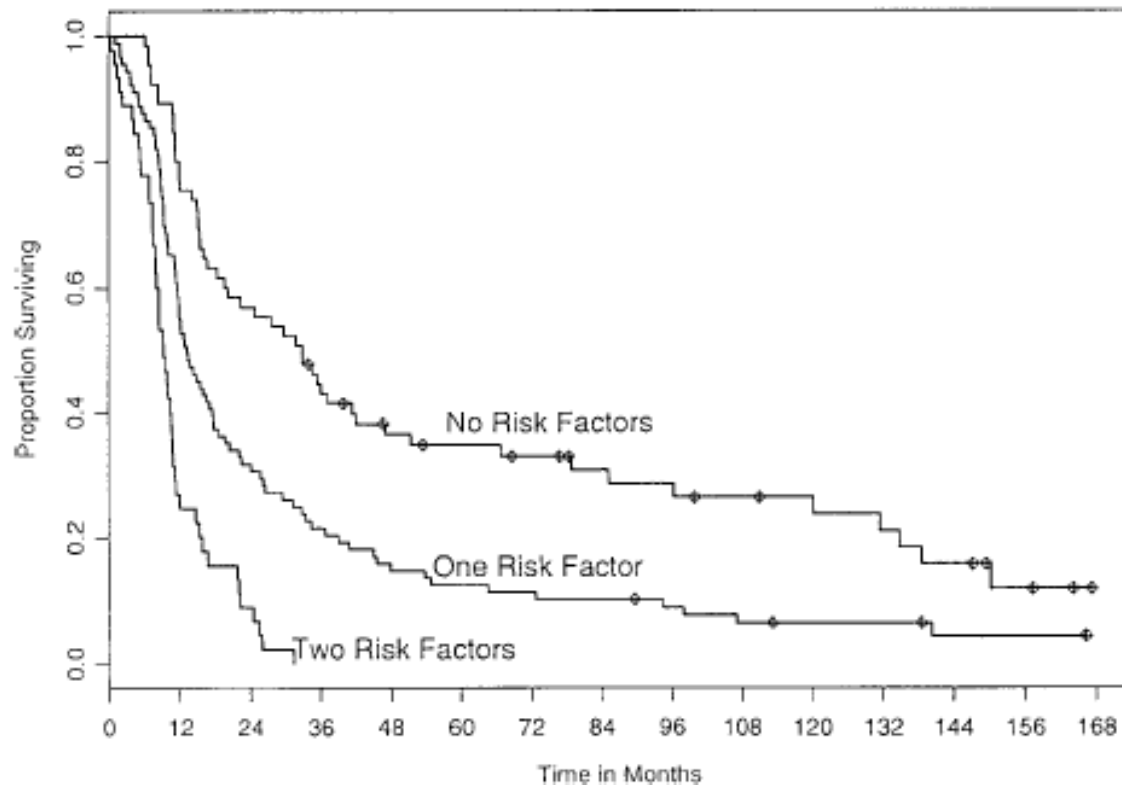


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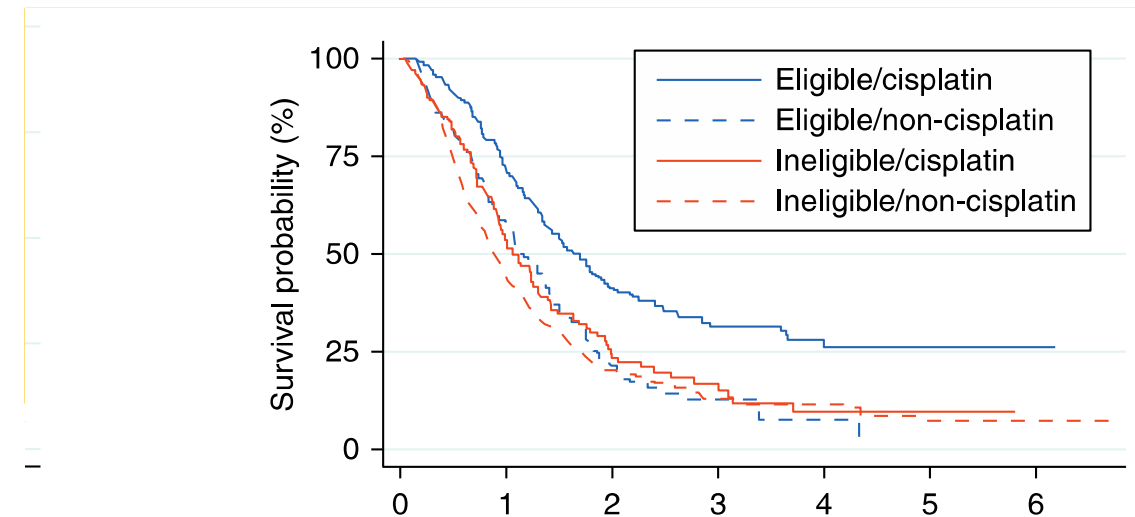
- CrCl (calculated C & G formula)  $\geq 60$  ml/min
- PS 0-1
- No Cardiac failure (NYHAA III, IV)
- No hearing loss  $\geq$  Gr 2
- No peripheral neuropathy  $\geq$  Gr 2

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Number at risk							
Eligible/non-cisplatin	124	63	16	6	2	0	0
ineligible/non-cisplatin	354	121	44	22	14	5	3
eligible/cisplatin	275	167	77	37	14	9	4
Ineligible/cisplatin	176	73	20	10	5	2	0

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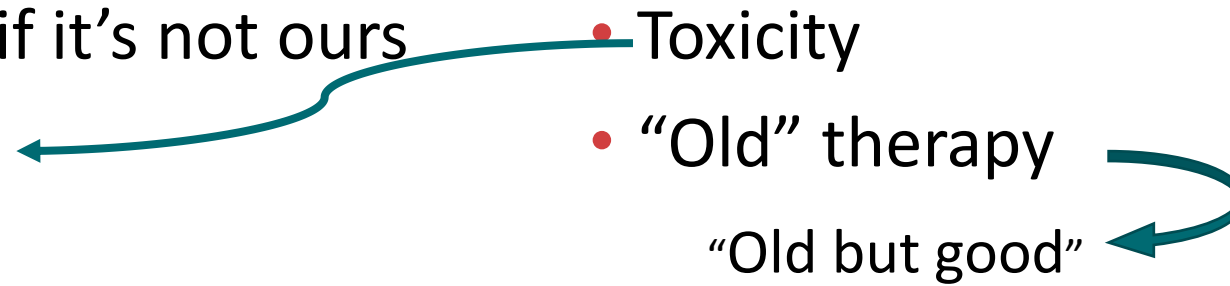
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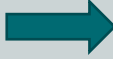




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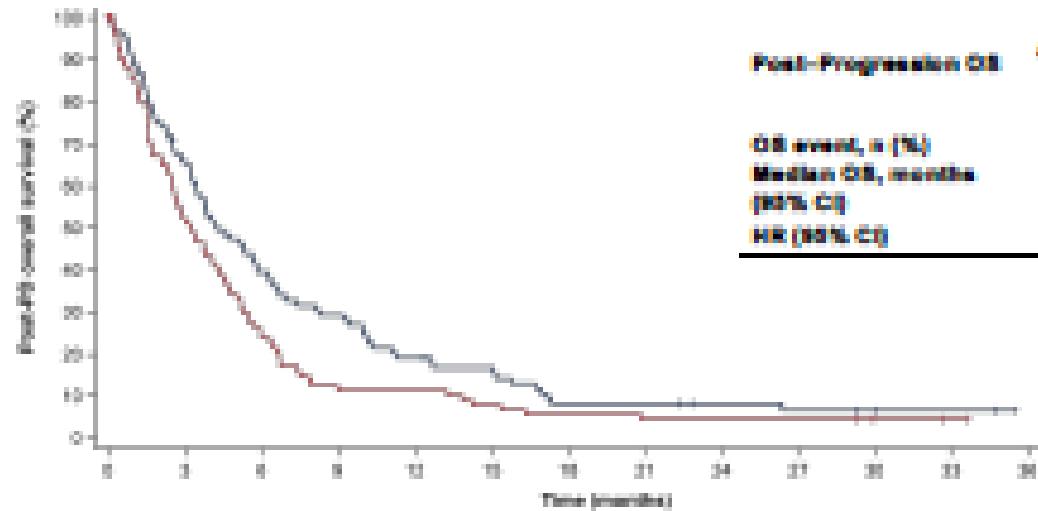
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**Figure 2. Post-progression OS in patients with PD during induction**

**A. ITT population**



	Arm A Macrolumab + pifgem (n=81)	Arm C Placebo + pifgem (n=82)
OS event, n (%)	62 (76.1)	64 (78.3)
Median OS, months (95% CI)	4.3 (2.5, 5.8)	3.3 (2.5, 4.4)
HR (95% CI)	0.74 (0.53, 1.03)	

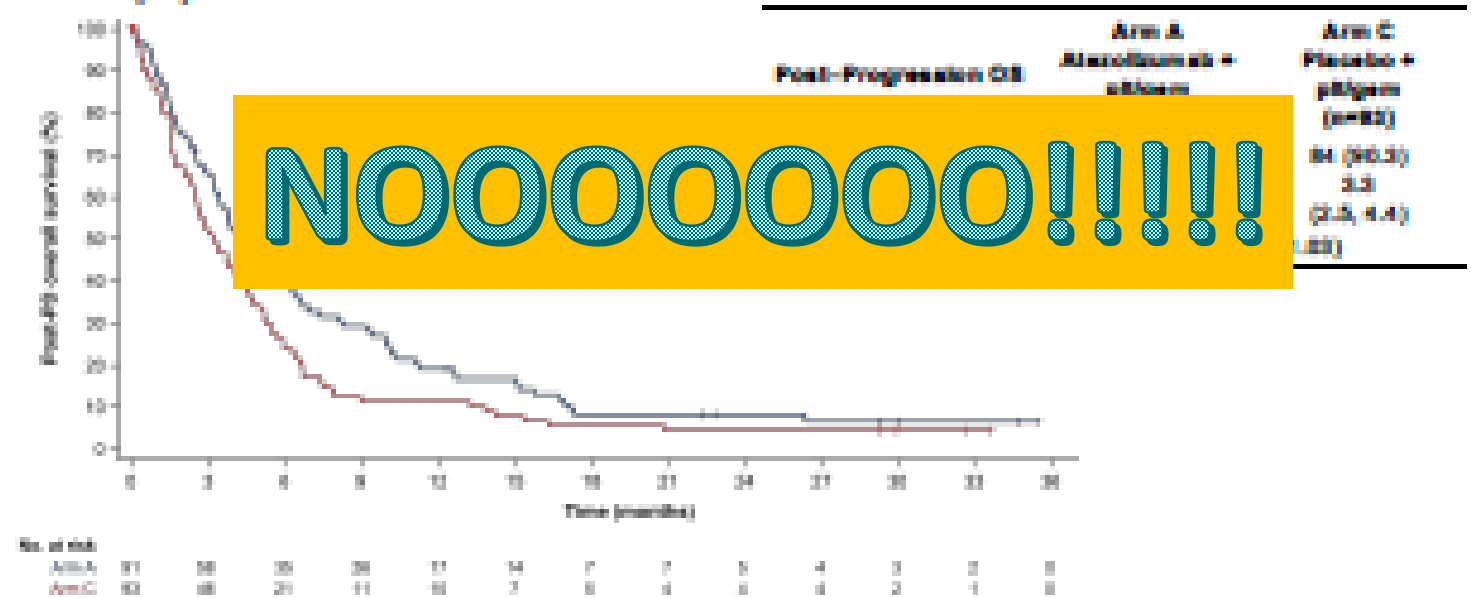
No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
Arm A	81	58	38	28	17	14	7	7	5	4	3	2	0
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# What about PD-L1 positive populations?

Which high PD-L1 expression?

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Ventana SP 263  $\geq$  25% IC or TC pos

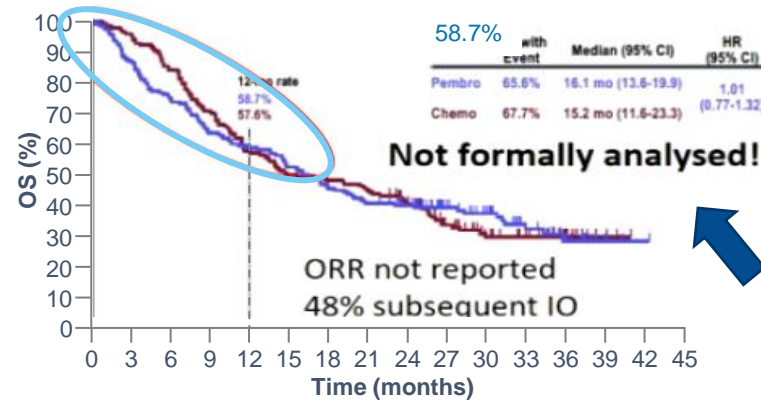
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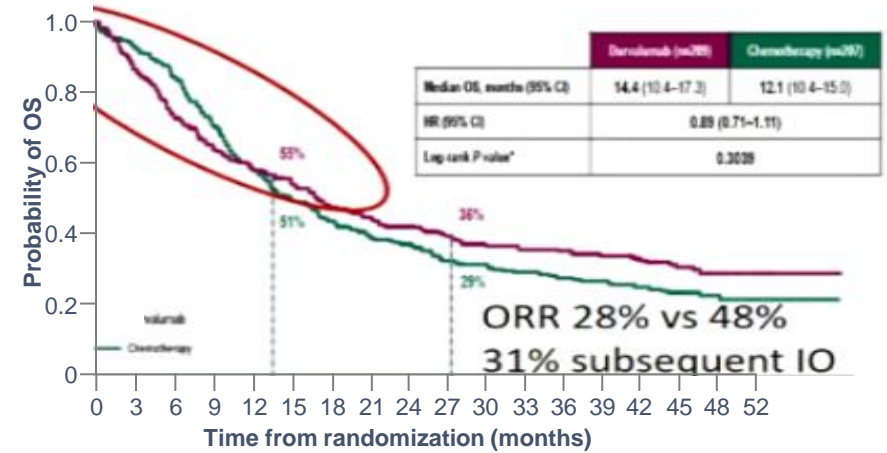
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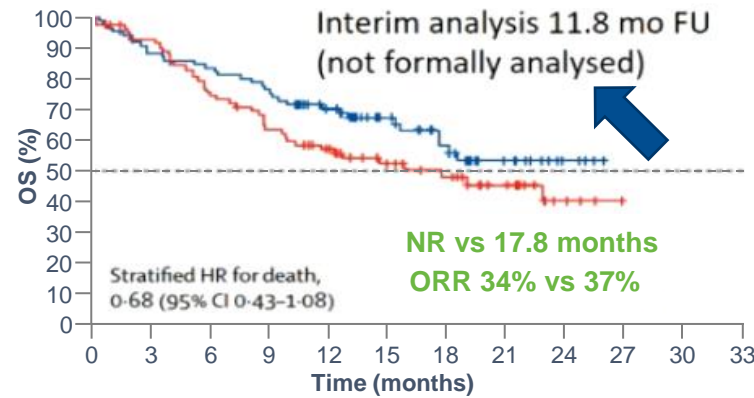
### Keynote 361- IO vs chemo



### DANUBE- IO vs chemo (1°EP)



### IMvigor130- IO vs chemo



# CONCLUSIONS

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- For more than 30 years platinum-based chemotherapy has been the standard 1<sup>st</sup>-line therapy for mUC because it is very effective, well tolerated and widely used in everyday practice.
- In spite of the amazing progress in systemic therapy of mUC, success of platinum-based chemotherapy in 1<sup>st</sup>-line is driving practice and outcome.
- There is no data suggesting that novel agents can replace chemotherapy in 1<sup>st</sup>-line in the foreseeable future (not in my lifetime anyway)
- Therefore, in 2025, chemotherapy will still be the 1<sup>st</sup>-line standard in mUC