

SYSTEMIC TREATMENT CHOICES IN RCC: WHO NEEDS WHAT ?

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BMS; Ipsen; GSK; MSD

GRANTS

**AstraZeneca; Pharmamar;
Roche**

BOARDS

**Astra Zeneca; BMS; Esai;
GSK; MSD; Pfizer**

CONSULTANCE

GSK; MSD; Deciphera

TRAVELS

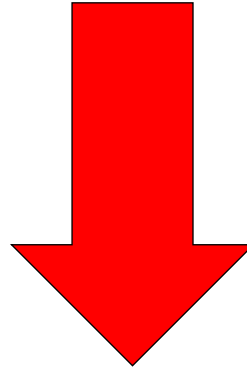
Ipsen; GSK; Pfizer; MSD; AstraZeneca



**FIRST-LINE
METASTATIC
DISEASE**

**SHOULD WE TREAT
« ALL » THE METASTATIC
PATIENTS ???**

LIMITED DISEASE BURDEN AND ASYMPTOMATIC



- **Close active surveillance !!!**
- **Initiation of systemic therapy at onset of new lesions, accelerated growth of existing lesions, or symptomatic disease**

IF “OLIGO-METASTATIC” DISEASE

Think about **LOCAL TREATMENTS !!!**

SURGERY

RADIOSURGERY

RADIOFREQUENCY

- Prolonging **survival**
- **Avoiding systemic** treatments if complete resection





**PHASE III-RANDOMIZED
CONTROLLED TRIALS-
RESULTS**

LANDSCAPE HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY

PHASE 3 RCTs

IO + IO

CHECKMATE 214

KEYNOTE-426

CHECKMATE 9R

IO + TKI

CLEAR

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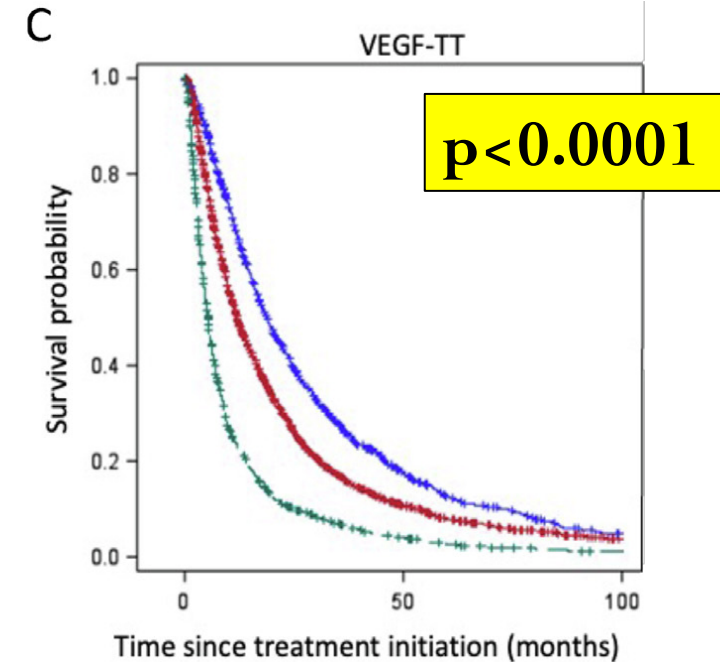
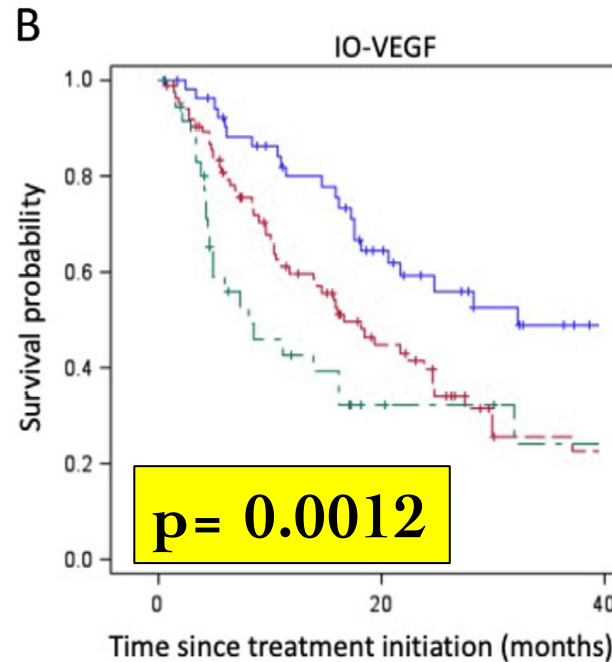
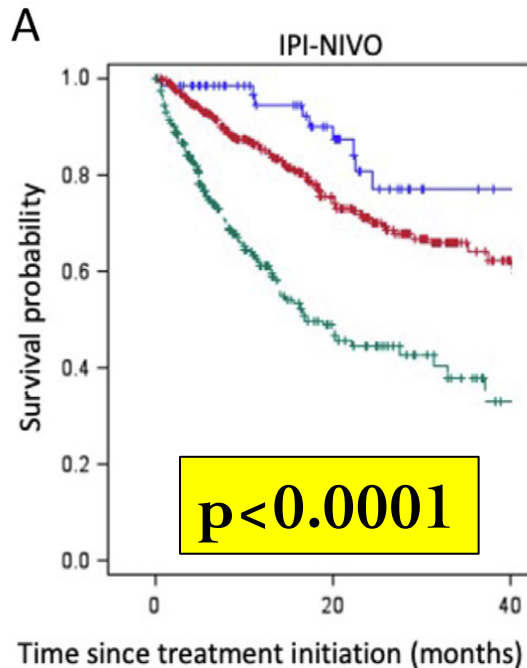
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- Benefit in PFS but not in OS
- Anti-PDL1 ?

Outcomes for International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium Prognostic Groups in Contemporary First-line Combination Therapies for Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma

European Urology 2023

Matthew S. Ernst^a, Vishal Navani^a, J. Connor Wells^a, Frede Donskov^b, Naveen Basappa^c, Chris Labaki^d, Sumanta K. Pal^e, Luis Meza^e, Lori A. Wood^f, D. Scott Ernst^g, Bernadett Szabados^h, Rana R. McKayⁱ, Francis Parnis^j, Cristina Suarez^k, Takeshi Yuasa^l, Aly-Khan Lalani^m, Ajjai Alvaⁿ, Georg A. Bjarnason^o, Toni K. Choueiri^d, Daniel Y.C. Heng^{a,*}



Number
IMDC fav
IMDC int
IMDC po

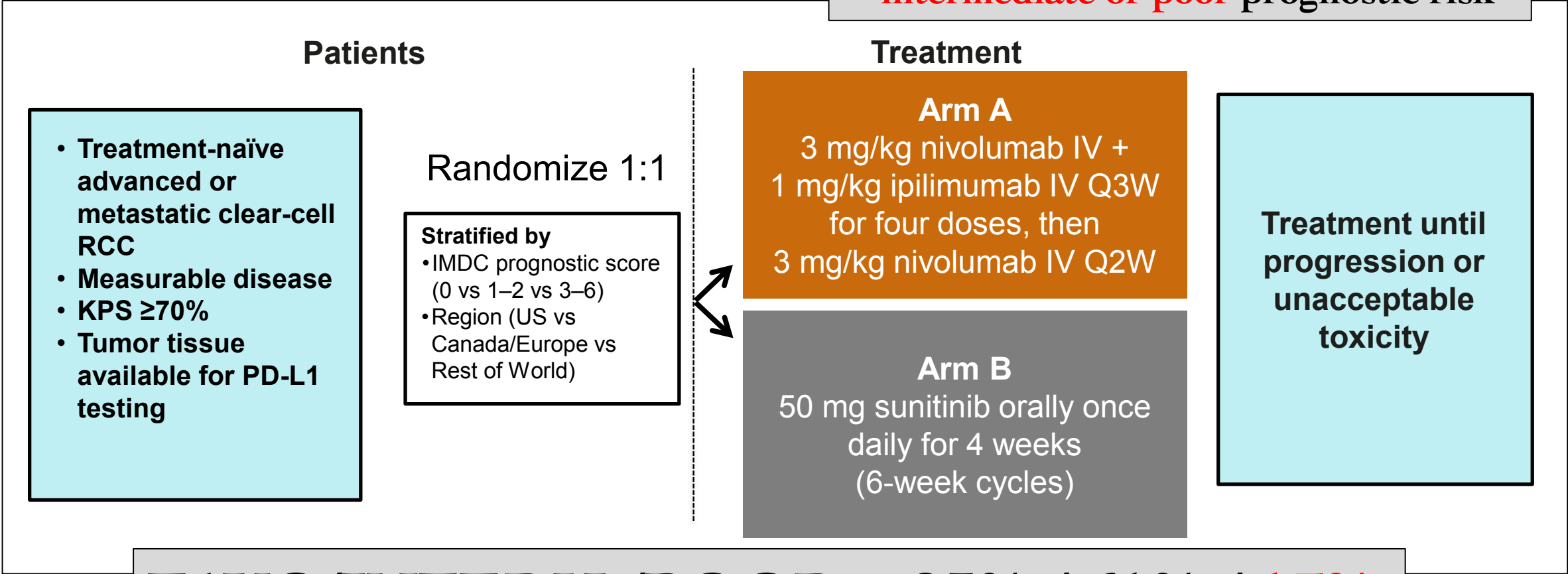
IMDC scores **continue to predict** clinical outcomes in the era of ICI-based combinations

CHECKMATE 214 TRIAL

1096pts

mFU = 99 mths

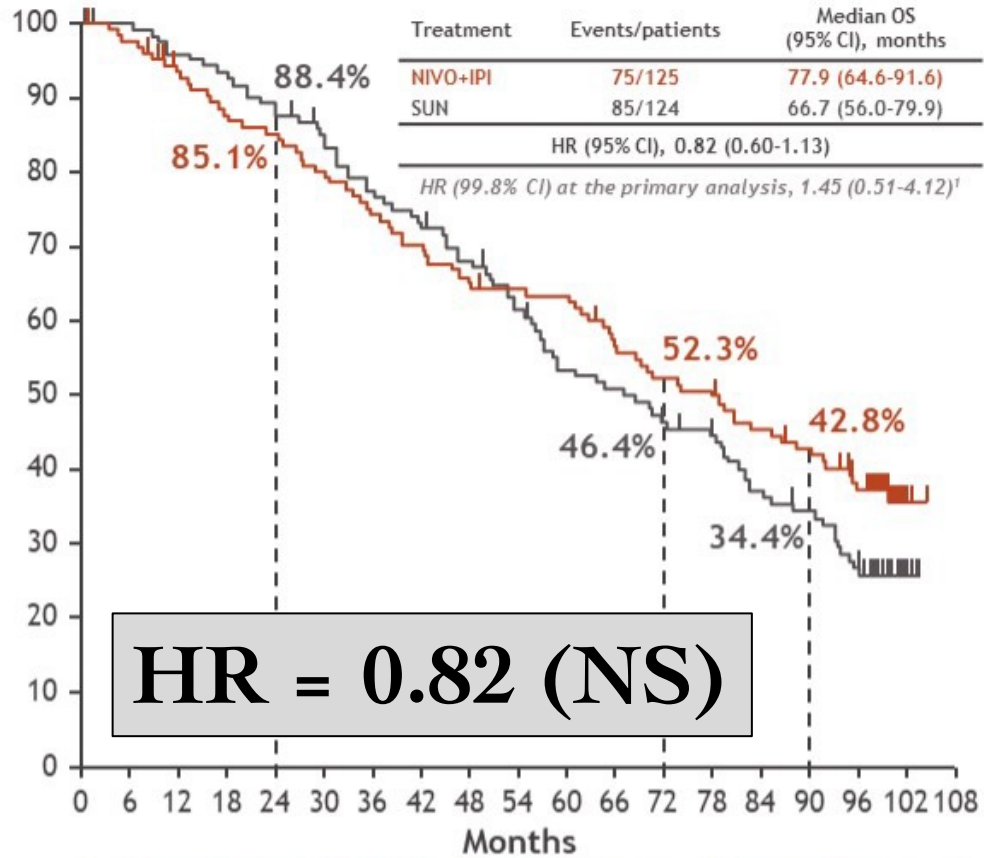
- Coprimary end points = **OS**, **ORR**, and **PFS** among patients with **intermediate or poor** prognostic risk



FAVO/INTERM./POOR = 23% / 61% / 17%

OVERALL SURVIVAL (OS)

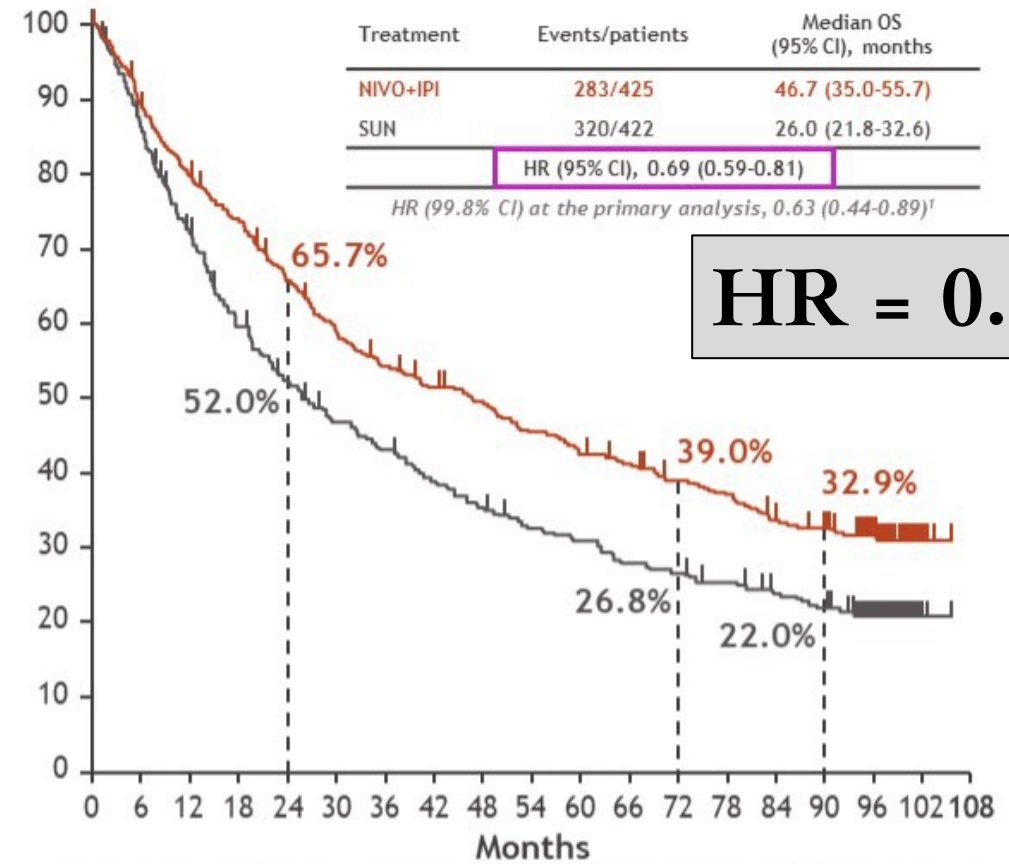
FAVORABLE



HR = 0.82 (NS)

125 121 112 105 102 96 89 84 78 76 75 66 61 58 52 48 39 4 0
 124 121 116 113 107 101 92 86 80 71 61 58 52 48 40 36 28 6 0

INTERMEDIATE/POOR



HR = 0.69

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 422 358 296 243 210 187 173 154 140 128 121 109 105 97 89 82 51 3 0

KEYNOTE-426 TRIAL

861 pts

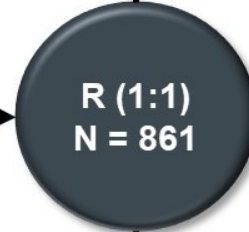
mFU = 67 mths

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Newly diagnosed or recurrent stage IV clear cell RCC
- No previous systemic treatment for advanced disease
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1

Stratification Factors

- IMDC risk group (favorable vs intermediate vs poor)
- Geographic region (North America vs Western Europe vs ROW)



Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W
for up to 35 cycles
(approximately 2 years)
+
Axitinib 5 mg orally twice daily^a

Sunitinib 50 mg orally once daily
for first 4 weeks of each 6-week cycle^b

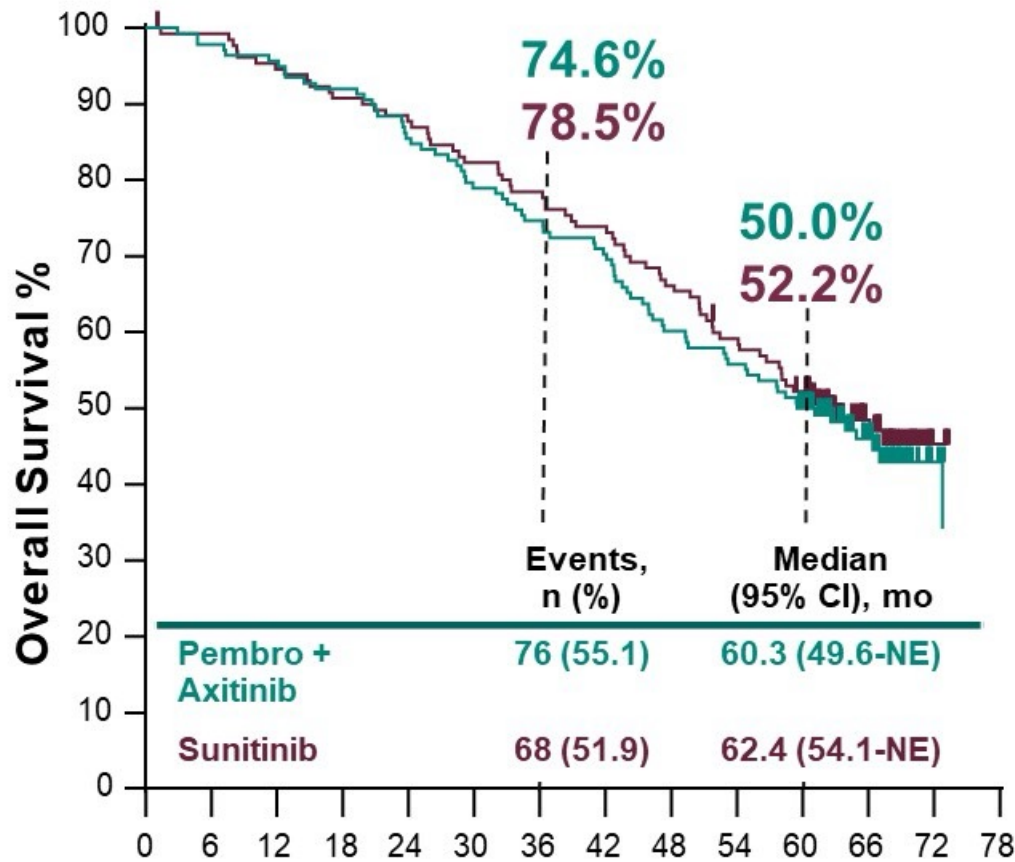
End Points

- **Dual primary:** PFS (RECIST v1.1, BICR) and OS in ITT
- **Key secondary:** ORR (RECIST v1.1, BICR) in ITT
- **Other secondary:** DOR (RECIST v1.1, BICR), safety

FAVO/INTERM./POOR = 32% / 55% / 13%

FAVORABLE

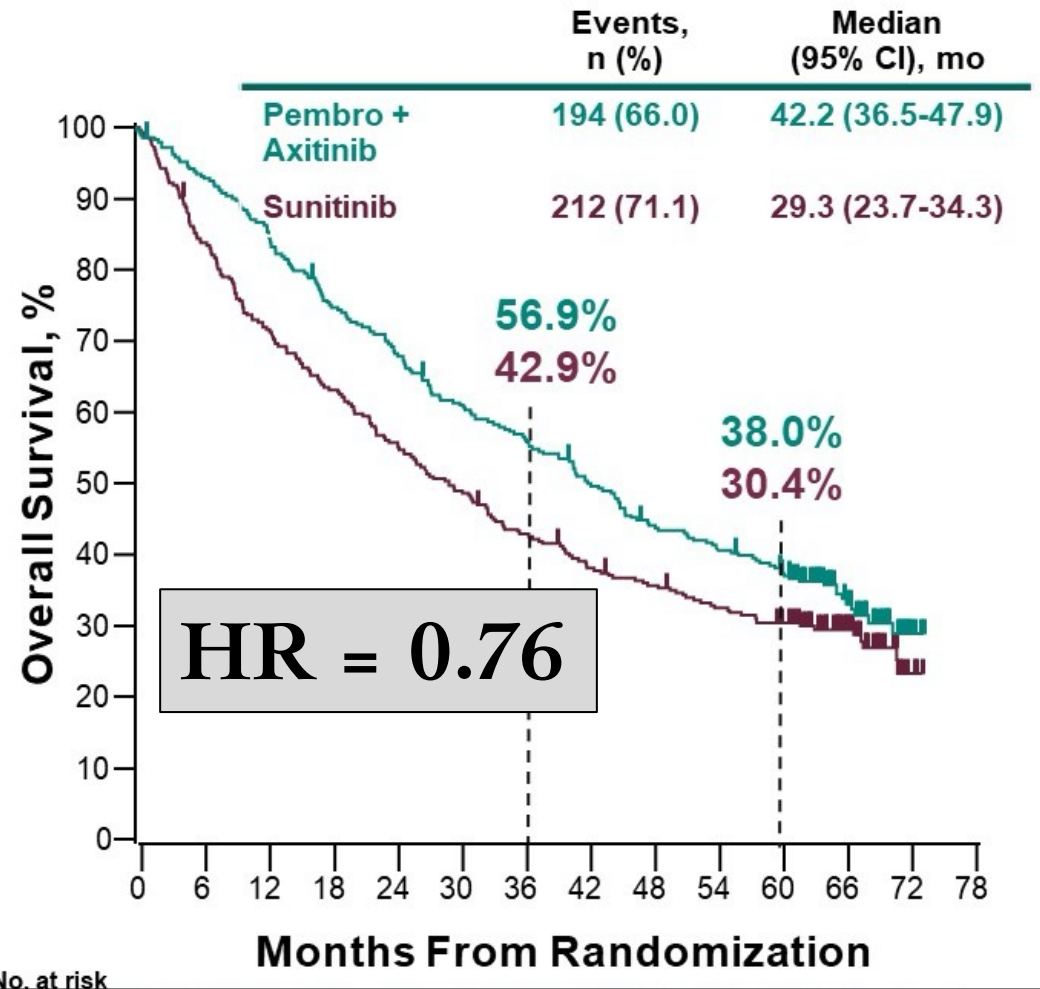
OS
HR, 1.10 (95% CI, 0.79-1.54)



HR = 1.10 (NS)

INTERMEDIATE/POOR

OS
HR, 0.76 (95% CI, 0.62-0.93)

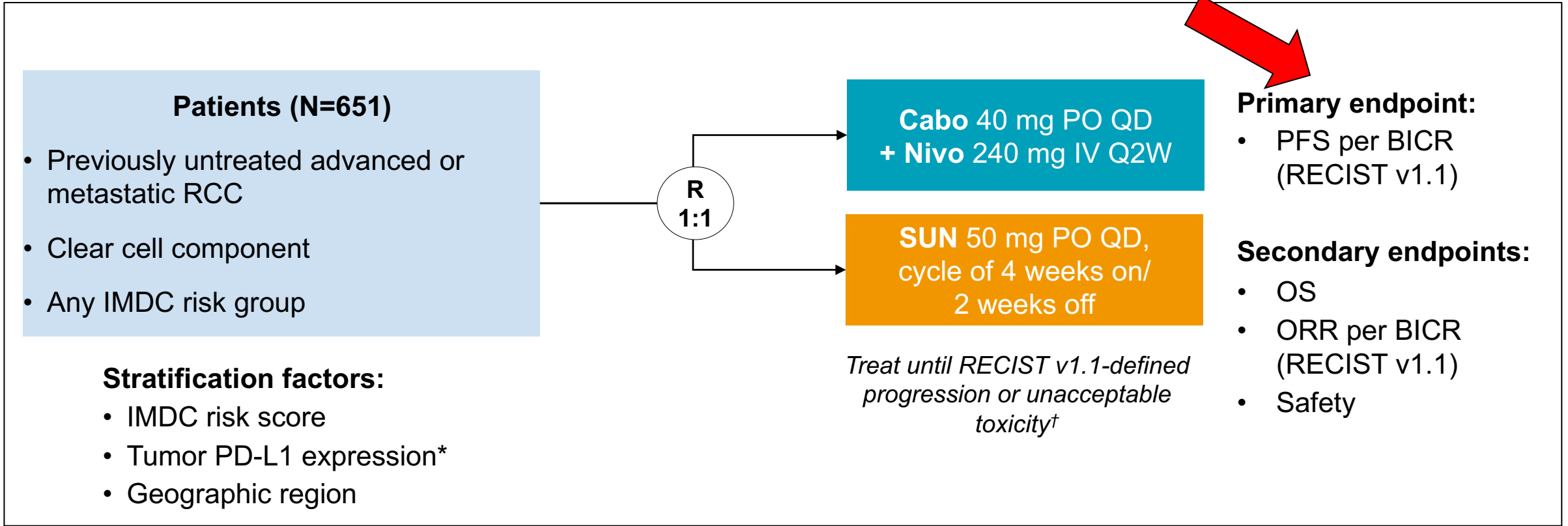


HR = 0.76

CHECKMATE-9ER TRIAL

651 pts

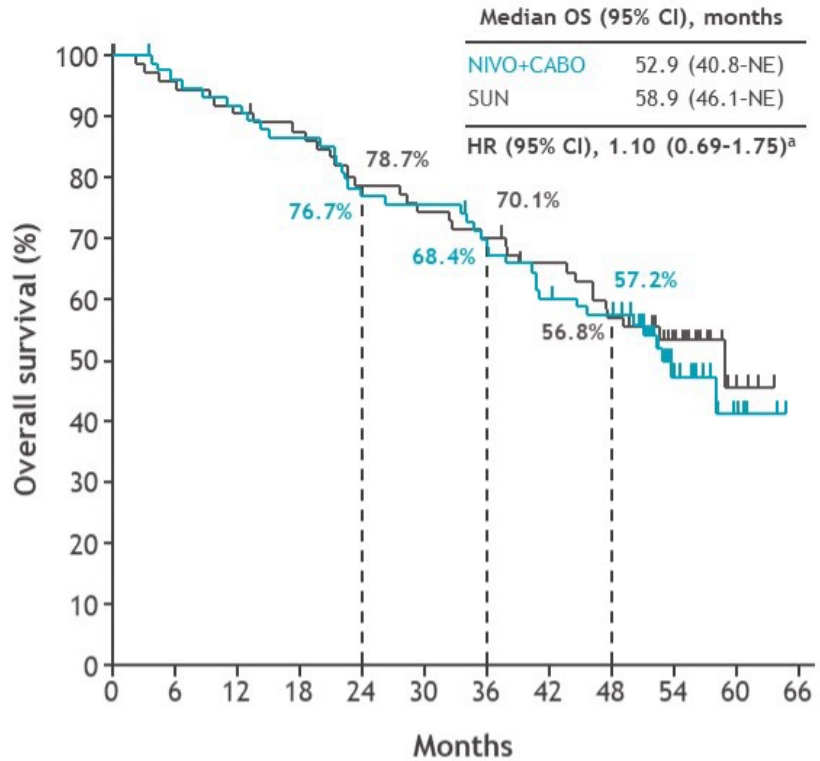
mFU= 55 mths



FAVO/INTERM./POOR = 23% / 58 % / 19%

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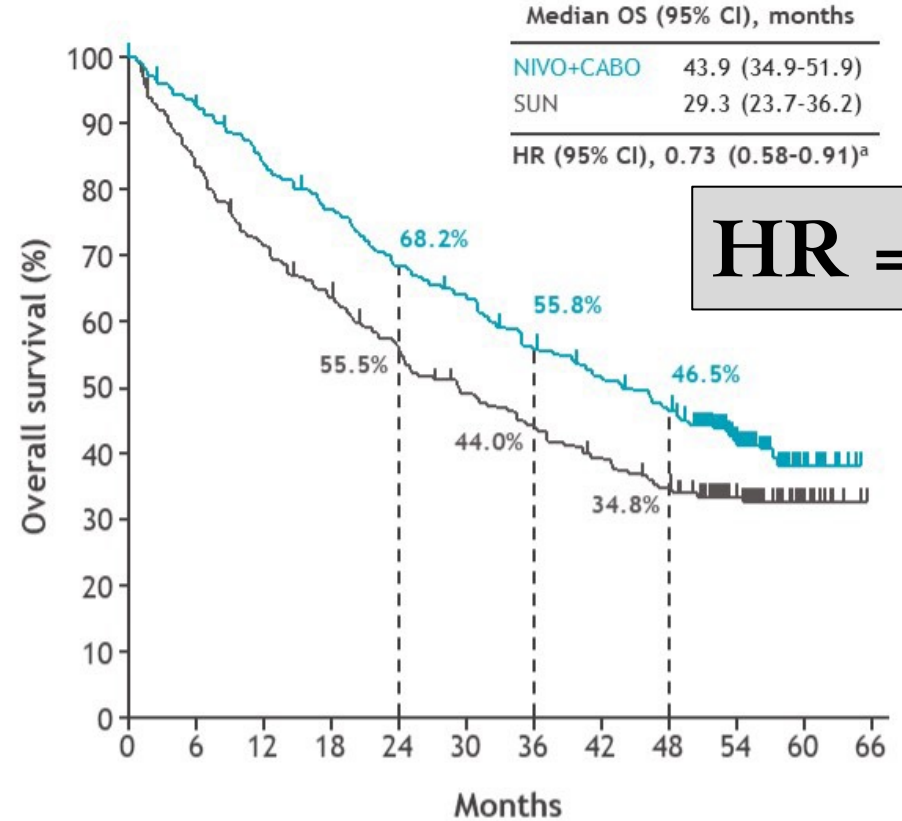
FAVORABLE



No. at risk											
NIVO+CABO	74	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	58	56	0
SUN	72	70	68	66	64	62	60	58	56	54	0

HR = 1.10 (NS)

INTERMEDIATE/POOR



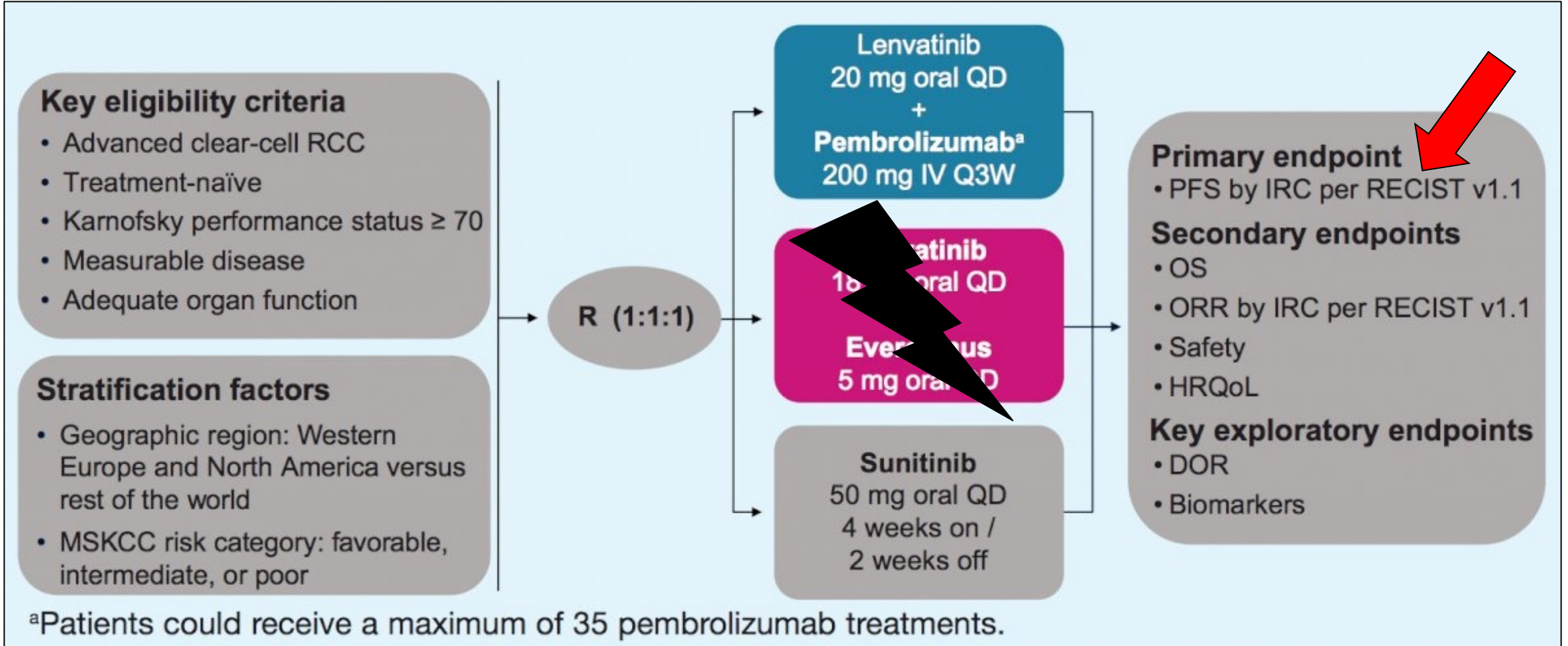
No. at risk												
NIVO+CABO	249	228	205	187	166	153	134	121	109	65	13	0
SUN	256	209	178	158	136	118	106	94	82	46	11	0

HR = 0.73

CLEAR TRIAL

712 pts

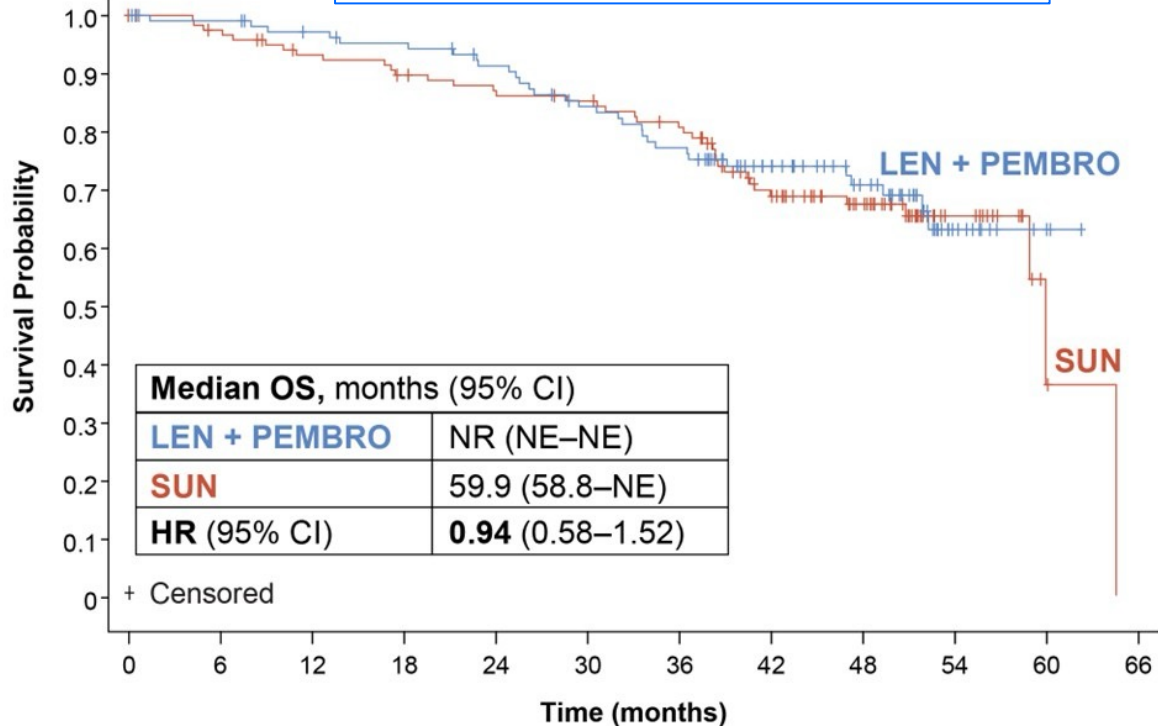
mFU = 49.8 mths



FAVO/INTERM./POOR = 32% / 59% / 9%

OVERALL SURVIVAL (OS)

FAVORABLE

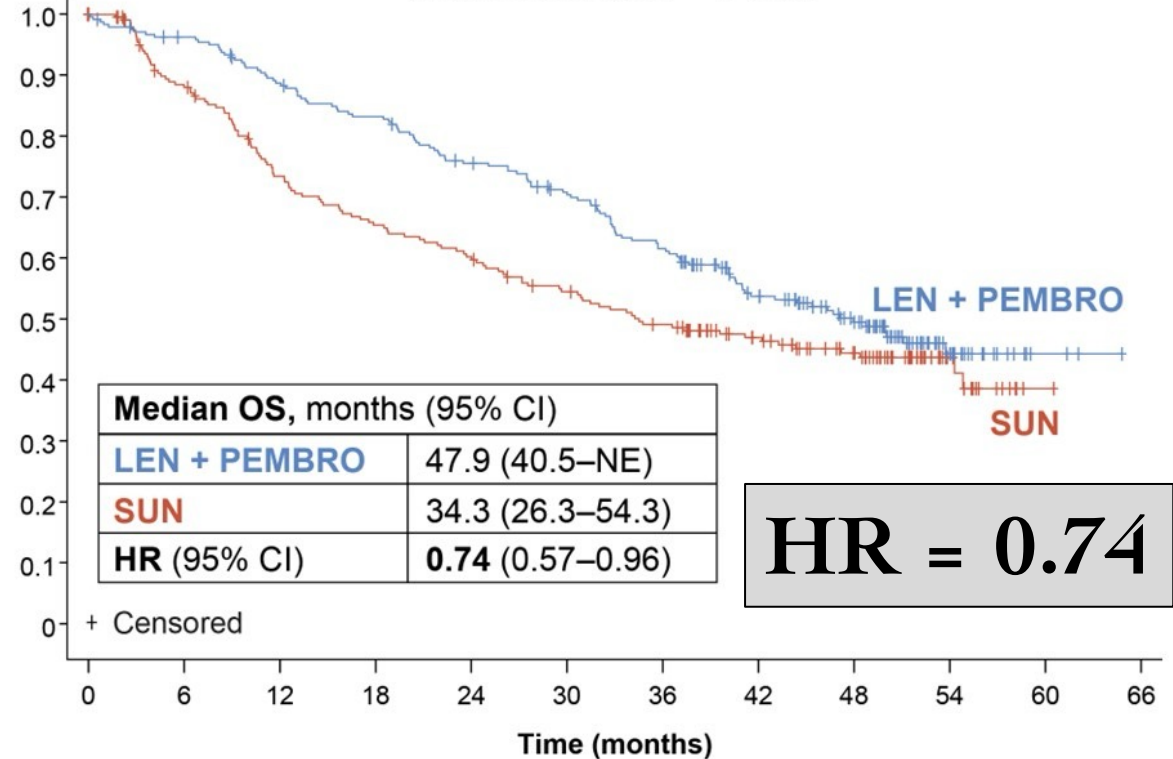


No. of patients at risk

110	106	101	2	0
124	115	107	2	0

HR = 0.94 (NS)

INTERMEDIATE/POOR

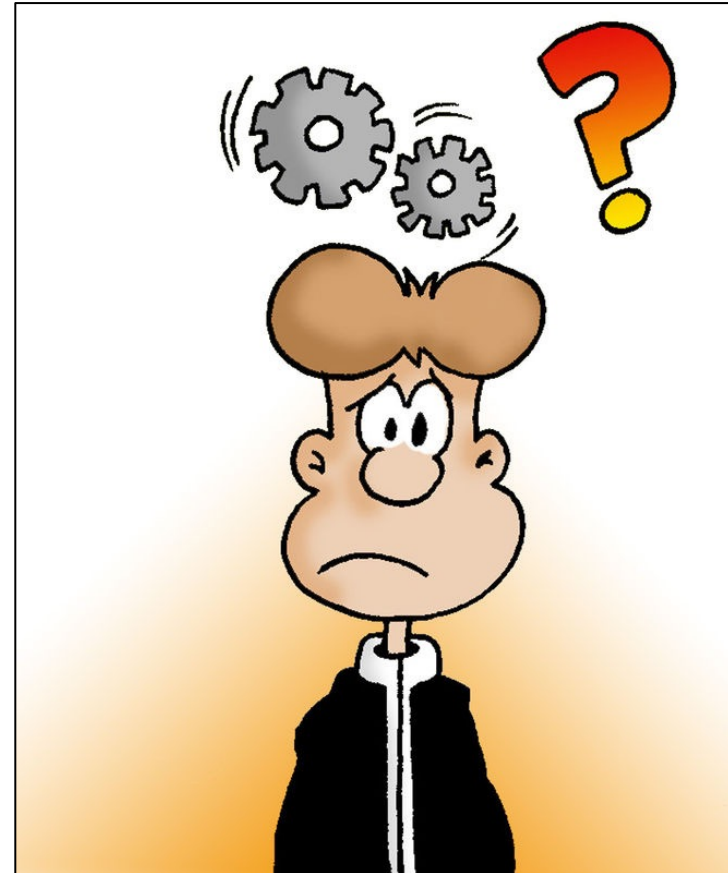


No. of patients at risk

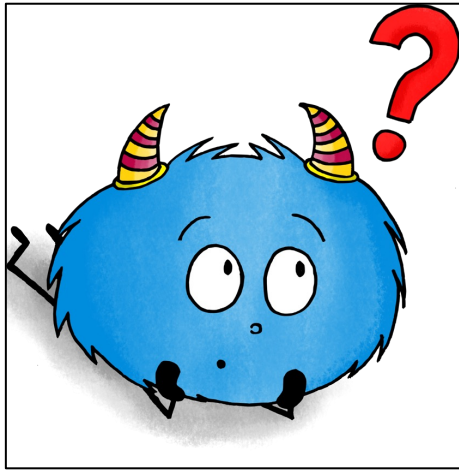
243	230	210	196	176	161	139	101	75	23	3	0
229	190	155	138	127	112	99	79	61	18	1	0

HR = 0.74

WHAT IS THE « BEST FIRST SHOT » ???



NO HEAD TO HEAD (PROSPECTIVE) DATA EXIST



1

Which **combination** is the best ?
IO + IO or IO + TKI

2

If an IO + TKI combination is the choice,
which **TKI** is the best?

HEAD-TO-HEAD COMPARISONS

PROSPECTIVE DATA

NOTHING

RETROSPECTIVE DATA

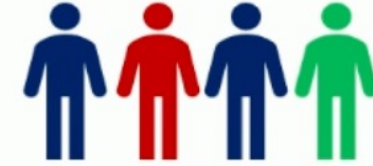
Zarrabi et al., ASCO 2021, Abstract 4535

Chun Loo Gan et al., ASCO GU 2021, Abstract 276

Wick-Gennigens et al., BSMO 2024 Abstract

**NO STATISTICALLY
DIFFERENCE**

2L THERAPY



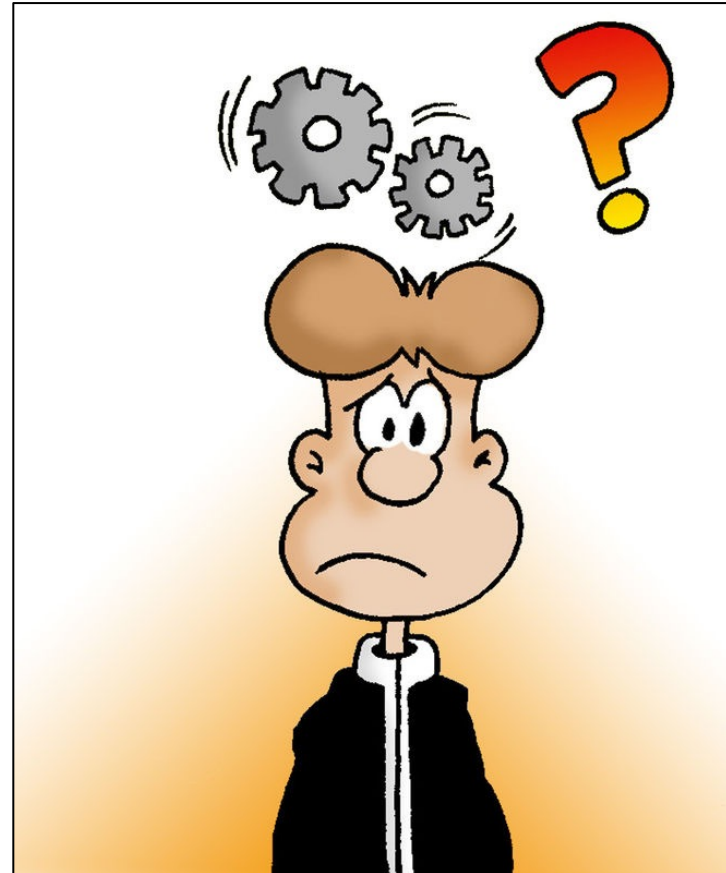
35-58%

1L therapy	Centre type	Sample size	Patients receiving 2L therapy
AxiPem, IpiNivo or TKI monotherapy ¹	Community	1,538	35%
IpiNivo or AxiPem ²	Specialist	99	37-53%
IpiNivo ³	Specialist	704	58%

Not all patients **(35-58%)** will receive 2L therapy, highlighting the importance of **choosing the best treatment first**

Daniel Heng, Ipsen satellite symposium, ESMO 2023

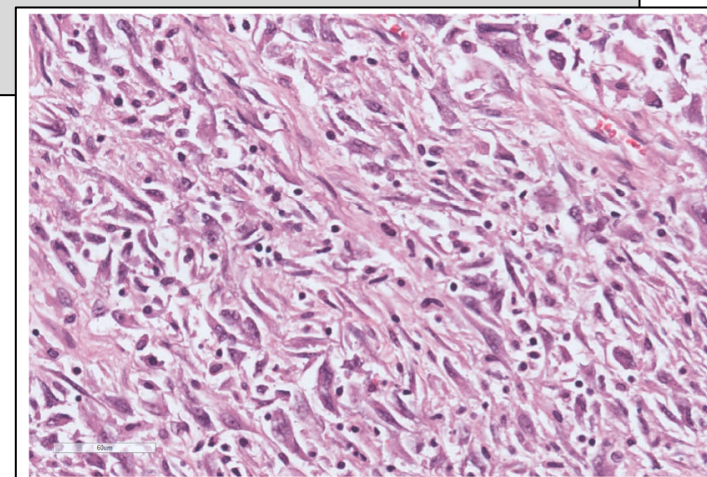
WHAT IS THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR **IO+IO** ???





1

Particularly relevant with **sarcomatoid** component...



MOLECULAR SUBTYPE CHARACTERISTICS

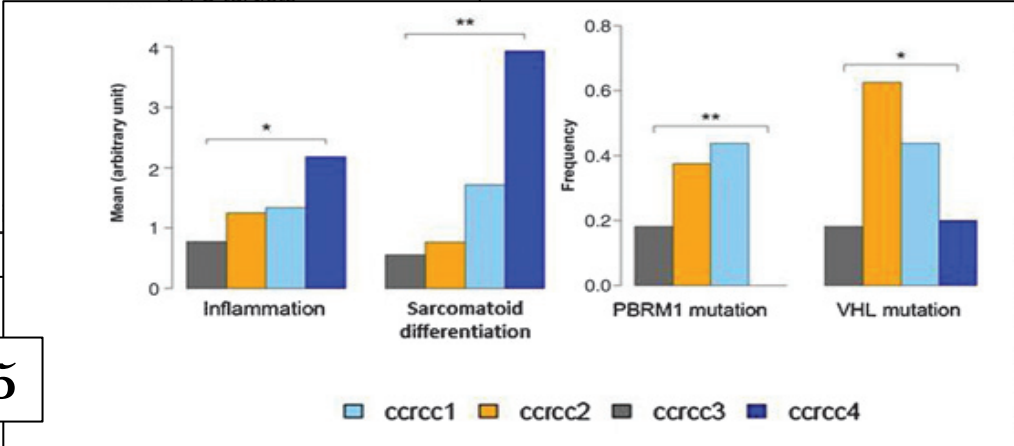
Subgroup (frequency)	ccrcc1 (33%)	ccrcc2 (41%)	ccrcc3 (11%)	ccrcc4 (15%)
Outcome under sunitinib				
Early PD	22.22%	2.78%	0.00%	26.67%
PR	40.74%	52.78%	70.00%	20.00%
Median OS (month)	24	35	50	14
Median PFS (month)	13	19		8
Clinical characteristics				
IMDC				
Good prognosis	6%	21%	18%	7%
Intermediate prognosis	69%	60%	64%	60%
Poor prognosis	25%	18%	18%	33%
MSKCC				
Good prognosis	10%	24%	27%	0%
Intermediate prognosis	58%	50%	63%	93%
Poor prognosis	32%	26%	9%	7%
Molecular characteristics				
Pathology characteristics				
Mean inflammation intensity (scale 0-3)	1.3	1.2	0.8	2.2
Mean sarcomatoid differentiation (%)	7.5	3.7	1.7	24.6
Mutations				
VHL	46.67%	62.50%	20.00%	20.00%
PBRM1	46.67%	37.50%	20.00%	0.00%
Upregulated pathways	MYC targets Glycolysis Hypoxia	Glycolysis Hypoxia		Immunity Apoptosis Chemotaxis MYC targets
MYC expression level	++	+	-	
Methylation status	Hypermethylated	+	-	
Polycomb stem-cell phenotype	++		-	
Copy number amplification				
Proposal for names	MYC.UP	Classical	Normal	

NORMAL-LIKE

IMMUNE-HIGH

IMMUNE-LOW

ANGIO-HIGH



Beuselinck et al., 2015

EFFICACY OUTCOMES / SARCOMATOID DEDIFFERENTIATION

	CM 214 ⁴⁷		KN-426 ⁶⁵		JAVELIN Renal 101 ⁶⁶		CM 9ER ⁶⁷		CLEAR ⁶⁸	
Therapies	Nivo/Ipi	Sun	Pembro/Axi	Sun	Avelumab/Axi	Sun	Nivo/Cabo	Sun	Len/Pem	Sun
Median OS (m)	NR	14.2	-	-	-	-	NR	19.7	NR	NR
OS HR	0.45		0.58		0.78		0.36		0.91	
(95% CI)	(0.30-0.70)		(0.21-1.59)		(0.36-1.72)		(0.16-0.82)		(0.32-2.58)	
Median PFS (m)	26.5	5.1	NR	8.4	7.0	4.0	10.9	4.2	11.1	5.5
PFS HR	0.54		0.54		0.57		0.39		0.39	
(95% CI)	(0.33-0.86)		(0.29-1.00)		(0.32-1.00)		(0.22-0.70)		(0.18-0.84)	
ORR (%)	61	23	59	32	47	21	56	22	61	24
CR	19	3	12	0	4	0	9	2	-	-
PR	42	20	-	-	43	21	47	20	-	-
PD	20	23	-	-	15	36	12	34	-	-

CM 214 = CheckMate 214, KN-426 = KEYNOTE-426, CM 9ER = CheckMate 9ER, nivo = nivolumab, ipi = ipilimumab, sun = sunitinib, axi = axitinib, cabo = cabozantinib, len = lenvatinib, pem = pembrolizumab, OS = overall survival, *m* = months, NR = not reached, HR = hazard ratio, CI = confidence interval, ORR = objective response rate, CR = complete response, PR = partial response, PD = progressive disease.

Hahn et al., 2022



2

Cardiac contra-indication



HTA ANY GRADE / GRADE 3+

IPI + NIVO

2% / < 1%

AXI + PEMBRO

44% / **22%**

CABO + NIVO

30% / **11%**

LENVA + PEMBRO

56% / **29%**



3

- **Without rapid** progression
- When the primary goal is **CURE**
- Only chance to **use IPILIMUMAB**



DURABLE » LATE » ENDPOINTS = OS

IPI + NIVO

mFU = 25 / 99 months

HR = 0.68 / 0.72

AXI +
PEMBRO

mFU = 12 / 42 months

HR = 0.53 / 0.84

CABO +
NIVO

mFU = 18 / 55 months

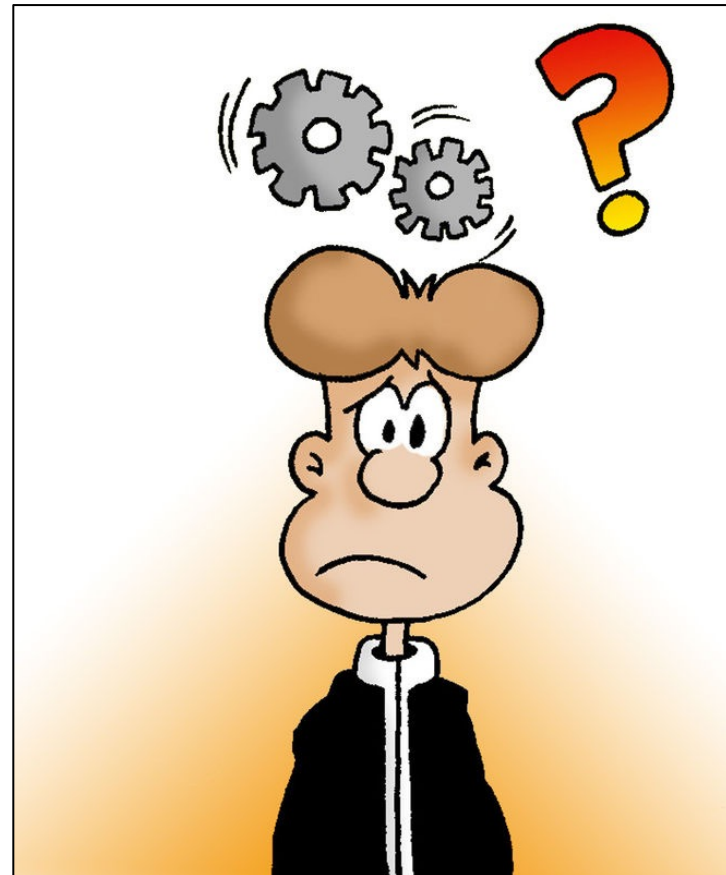
HR = 0.60 / 0.70

LENVA +
PEMBRO

mFU = 27 / 49 months

HR = 0.72 / 0.79

WHAT IS THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR **IO+TKI** ???





1

Particularly relevant in **anatomical** sites where tumor growth may lead to **adverse consequences** (spinal canal; mediastinum;...)



2

- Particularly relevant in patients with
- aggressive disease
- **high tumor burden** and symptomatic patients
- with need **rapid tumor shrinkage**

PRIMARY PROGRESSIVE DISEASE (PD)

	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab CheckMate-214 n=1096	Pembrolizumab + Axitinib Keynote 426 n=861	Nivolumab + Cabozantinib CheckMate-9ER n=651	Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib Clear n=1096
Follow-up, mo	48 (minimum)	42 (median)	18.1 (median)	26.6 (median)
Median PFS, mo	12.2	15.7	16.6	23.9
PFS HR	0.89	0.68	0.51	0.39
Median OS, mo	NR	45.7	NR	NR
OS HR	0.69	0.73	0.60	0.66
ORR, %	39.1	60.4	55.7	71.0
CR, %	10.7	10.0	8.0	16.1
PD, %	17.6	11.3	5.6	5.4
Median TTR, mo	--	2.8	2.8	1.9
Median DOR, mo	NR	23.6	20.2	25.8

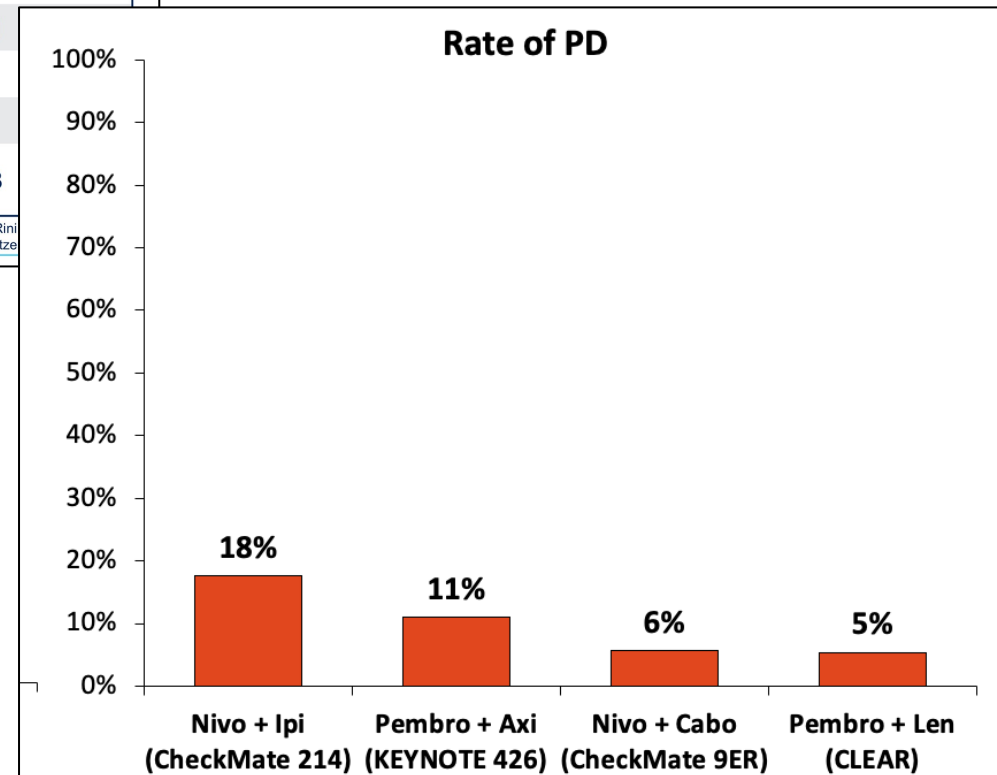
Mo=months; PFS=Progression-free survival; HR=Hazard ratio; ORR=Objective response rate; CR=Complete response rate; PD=Progressive disease rate; TTR=Time to response; DOR=Duration of response

Albiges et al, ESMO Virtual Meeting, 2020; Rini et al, ASCO Meeting, 2021; Choueiri et al, NEJM, 2020; Motzer et al, ASCO Meeting, 2021

High rate of early PD does not systematically reflect primary resistance (IO+IO)...

IO-IO = 18%

IO-TKI = 5-11%



OVERALL RESPONSE RATE (ORR)

	Intention-to-Treat Population						IMDC Risk Group							
	mOS [HR (95% CI)]	mPFS [HR (95% CI)]	ORR (%)	Median DOR (Months)	CR (%)	Median TTR (Months)	Favorable		Intermediate/Poor					
							mOS [HR (95% CI)]	mPFS [HR (95% CI)]	ORR (%)	mOS [HR (95% CI)]	mPFS [HR (95% CI)]	ORR (%)		
Checkmate 214 # Ipi/Nivo vs. Sunitinib	56.0 vs. 38.0 [0.72 (0.62–0.85)]	12.0 vs. 12.0 [0.86 (0.73–1.01)]	39.12 vs. 32.3	NR vs. 25.0	10.7 vs. 2.6 *	2.8 vs. 4.0 *	74.0 vs. 68.0 [0.65–	12.4 vs. 28.9	30.1	47.0 vs.	12.0 [0.73–0.87]	42.1 vs. 27.2		
KEYNOTE 426 ## Pembro/Axi vs. Sunitinib	45.7 vs. 40.1 [0.73 (0.60–0.88)]	15.7 vs. 11.1 [0.68 (0.58–0.80)]	60.4 vs. 39.6	23.6 vs. 15.3	10.0 vs. 3.5	2.8 vs. 3.0	NR [0.76–				8.2 [0.81]	56.5 vs. 34.9		
CheckMate 9ER Nivo/Cabo vs. Sunitinib	NR vs. 29.5 [0.66 (0.50–0.87)]	17.0 vs. 8.3 [0.52 (0.43–0.64)]	54.8 vs. 28.4	20.2 vs. 11.5	9.3 vs. 4.3	2.8 vs. 4.5	NR vs. NR [0.94 (0.46–1.92)]	24.7 vs. 12.8 [0.58 (0.36–0.93)]	66.2 vs. 44.4	[0.74 (0.50–1.08)]	[0.58 (0.45–0.76)]	Int 55.9 vs. 28.7		
CLEAR Pembro/ Lenvatinib vs. Sunitinib	NR vs. NR [0.66 (0.49–0.88)]	23.9 vs. 9.2 [0.39 (0.32–0.49)]	71.0 vs. 36.1	25.8 vs. 14.6	16.1 vs. 4.2	1.94 vs. 1.94	NR vs. NR [1.15 (0.55–2.40)]	28.1 vs. 12.9 [0.41 (0.28–0.62)]	68.2 vs. 50.8	NR vs. NR [0.58 (0.42–0.80)]	22.1 vs. 5.9 [0.36 (0.28–0.47)]	Poor NR vs. 11.2 [0.45 (0.27–0.76)]	Poor 9.9 vs. 4.2 [0.36 (0.23–0.56)]	Poor 37.7 vs. 10.3

IO-IO = 39%

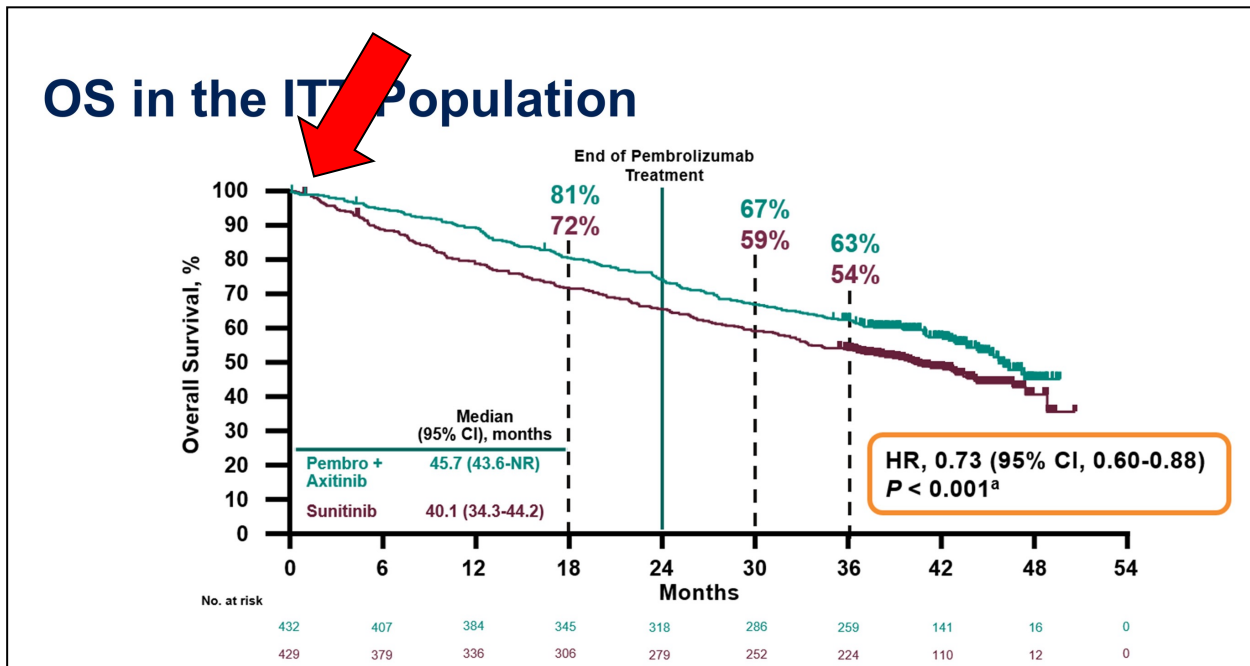
IO-TKI = 55-71%

DOR, duration of response; TTR, Time to response; Ipi, Ipilimumab; Nivo, Nivolumab; Pembro, Pembrolizumab; Axi, Axitinib; Cabo, Cabozantinib; ORR, objective response rate; mPFS, median progression-free survival; HR, hazard ratio; NR, not reached; mOS, median overall survival. # Extended 5-year follow-up data, * Extended 4-year follow-up date, ## Extended 3.5-year follow-up date.

Zarrabi et al., Cancers 2022

SEPARATING SURVIVAL CURVE

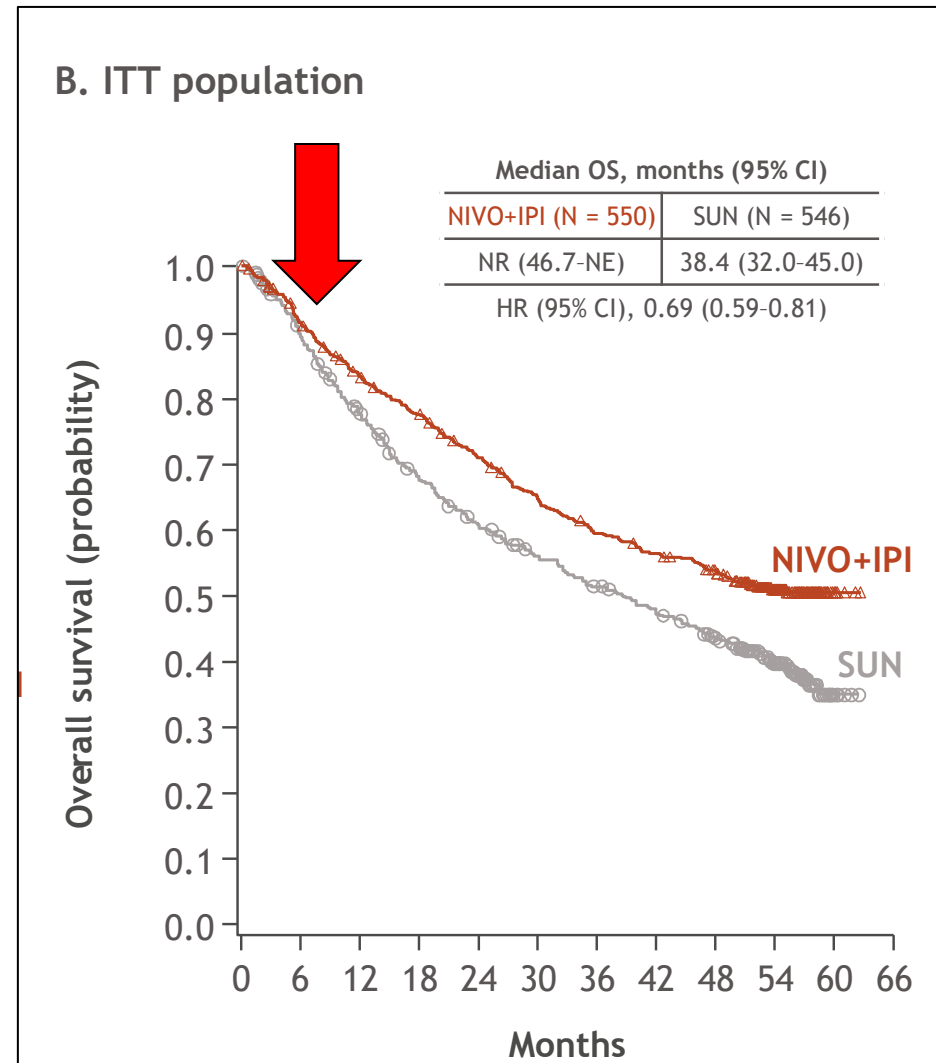
OS in the ITT Population



IO-IO = +/- 6 months

IO-TKI = < 3 months

B. ITT population





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Contra-indication to **corticosteroids**
(allergy; not-well controlled diabetes)

**PATIENTS RECEIVED HIGH- DOSE CORTICOSTEROIDS
TO MANAGE ANY-GRADE irAEs**

IPI + NIVO

35 %

IO + TKI

AXI + PEMBRO

14%

CABO + NIVO

19%

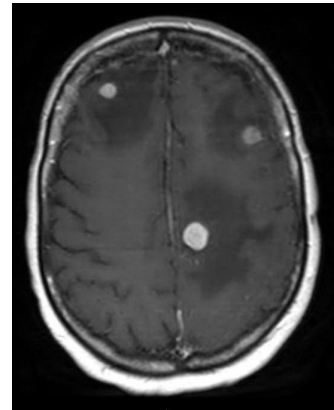
LENVA + PEMBRO

15%



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Brain metastases
(especially with CABOZANTINIB)



EPIDEMIOLOGY / INCIDENCE RCC

- Majority of clinical trials limit (or strictly exclude) patients with BM
- Most data = retrospective- observational designs

STUDY	SOURCE	NO. OF PATIENTS AT RISK	YEARS	HISTOLOGY	TIME OF EVALUATION	INCIDENCE OF BM, %
Schouten 2002 ¹⁵	MCR	114	1986-1995	NR	NR	
Bianchi 2012 ¹⁶	NIS	11,157	1998-2007	NR	NR	
Wylter 2014 ¹⁷	Institutional	246	1967-1995	ccRCC	Autopsy	
Chandrasekar 2017 ¹⁸	SEER	6610	2010-2013	Mixed (42% ccRCC, 48% unknown)	Diagnosis of meta-static disease	9.80
Cagney 2017 ¹⁹	SEER	7463	2010-2013	NR	Diagnosis of meta-static disease	10.80
De Giorgi 2019 ²⁰	EAP	389	2015-2016	Mixed (92% ccRCC)		
Flippot 2019 ¹⁰	Phase 2 trial	729	2016-2017	ccRCC		
Suarez-Sarmiento 2019 ²¹	Institutional	473	2011-2014	Mixed (81% ccRCC)		
Sun 2019 ²²	SEER	NR	2010-2013	Mixed (78% ccRCC)	Diagnosis of meta-static disease	12.00
Bowman 2019 ²³	Institutional	268	2006-2015	Mixed (94% ccRCC)	Prior to or during 1L therapy	28.4
Dudani 2021 ²	IMDC	9252	2002-2019	ccRCC	Start of 1L therapy	8.0
					Start of 1L therapy	3.0
					Start	

BM AT DIAGNOSIS

1.5%

BM AT DIAGNOSIS OF M+

15-30%

• Use of routine baseline brain imaging highly variable

Hasanov et al., 2022

SUNITINIB

PAZOPANIB

AXITINIB

STUDY	TYPE OF STUDY	TARGETED AGENTS	NO. OF PATIENTS	MEDIAN OS, MO	LOCAL RESPONSE	TOXICITY
Without concomitant local therapy						
Chevreau 2014 ⁹⁶	Phase 2	Sunitinib	16	6.3	ORR: 0%	19% G3-G4 AEs; no neurologic AEs
With or without concomitant local therapy						
Peverelli 2010 ⁹⁷						100% G3-G4 AEs; no major neurologic side effects
Hirsch 2010 ⁹⁸						100% G3-G4 AEs; no neurologic AEs
With local therapy						
Cochran 2012 ⁹⁹	Retrospective	TKI, mTORi, bevacizumab	24 ^a	16.6	Local control rate at 12 mo, 93%	12.5% radiation-induced edema or necrosis
Verma 2013 ⁹²	Retrospective	Sorafenib, sunitinib	40 ^a	6.7	Local control rate at 12 mo, 69%	5% radiation necrosis
Seastone 2014 ¹⁰⁰						
Bates 2017 ¹⁰¹		axitinib, pazopanib, temsirolimus				
Johnson 2015 ¹⁰²	Retrospective	TKI, mTORi, bevacizumab	24 ^a	21	NA	NA
Juloori 2019 ⁷⁶	Retrospective	TKI, mTORi, cytokine	376 ^b	9.7	Incidence of local failure, 15%	12-mo cumulative incidence of radiation necrosis: 8%
Klausner 2019 ¹⁰³	Retrospective	TKI, mTORi, immunotherapy, chemotherapy	120 ^b	13.5	Local control rate at 12 mo, 92%	14% G3-G4 AEs; 7% radiation necrosis

Penetration through BBB limited
No efficacy demonstrated

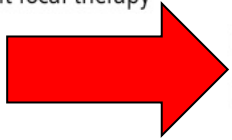
Bleeding or Thrombotic complications !!!

Abbreviations: AEs, adverse events; G3-G4, grade 3 or 4; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; mTORi, mTOR inhibitor; NA, not applicable; ORR, objective response rate.
^aThis cohort was treated with targeted agents.
^bThese included all patients treated with or without targeted therapy.

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STUDY	TYPE OF STUDY	TARGETED AGENTS	NO. OF PATIENTS	MEDIAN OS, MO	LOCAL RESPONSE	TOXICITY
Without concomitant local therapy						
Chevreau 2014 ⁹⁶	Phase 2	Sunitinib	16	6.3	ORR: 0%	19% G3-G4 AEs; no neurologic AEs
With or without concomitant local therapy						
Peverelli 2019 ⁹⁷	Retrospective	Cabozantinib	12	8.8	ORR: 50%	36% G3-G4 AEs; no major neurologic side effects
Hirsch 2021 ⁹⁸	Retrospective	Cabozantinib	Cohort 1: 33 Cohort 2: 55	15 16	ORR: 55% ORR: 47%	17% G3-G4 AEs; no neurologic AEs
With local therapy						
Cochran 2012 ⁹⁹			24 ^a	16.6		
Verma 2013 ⁹²			40 ^a	6.7		
Seastone 2014 ¹⁰⁰			166 ^b	NA		
Bates 2017 ¹⁰¹	Retrospective	Sorafenib, sunitinib, pazopanib, temsirolimus	25 ^a	6.7	Local control rate, 76%	NA
Johnson 2015 ¹⁰²	Retrospective	TKI, mTORi, bevacizumab	24 ^a	21	NA	NA
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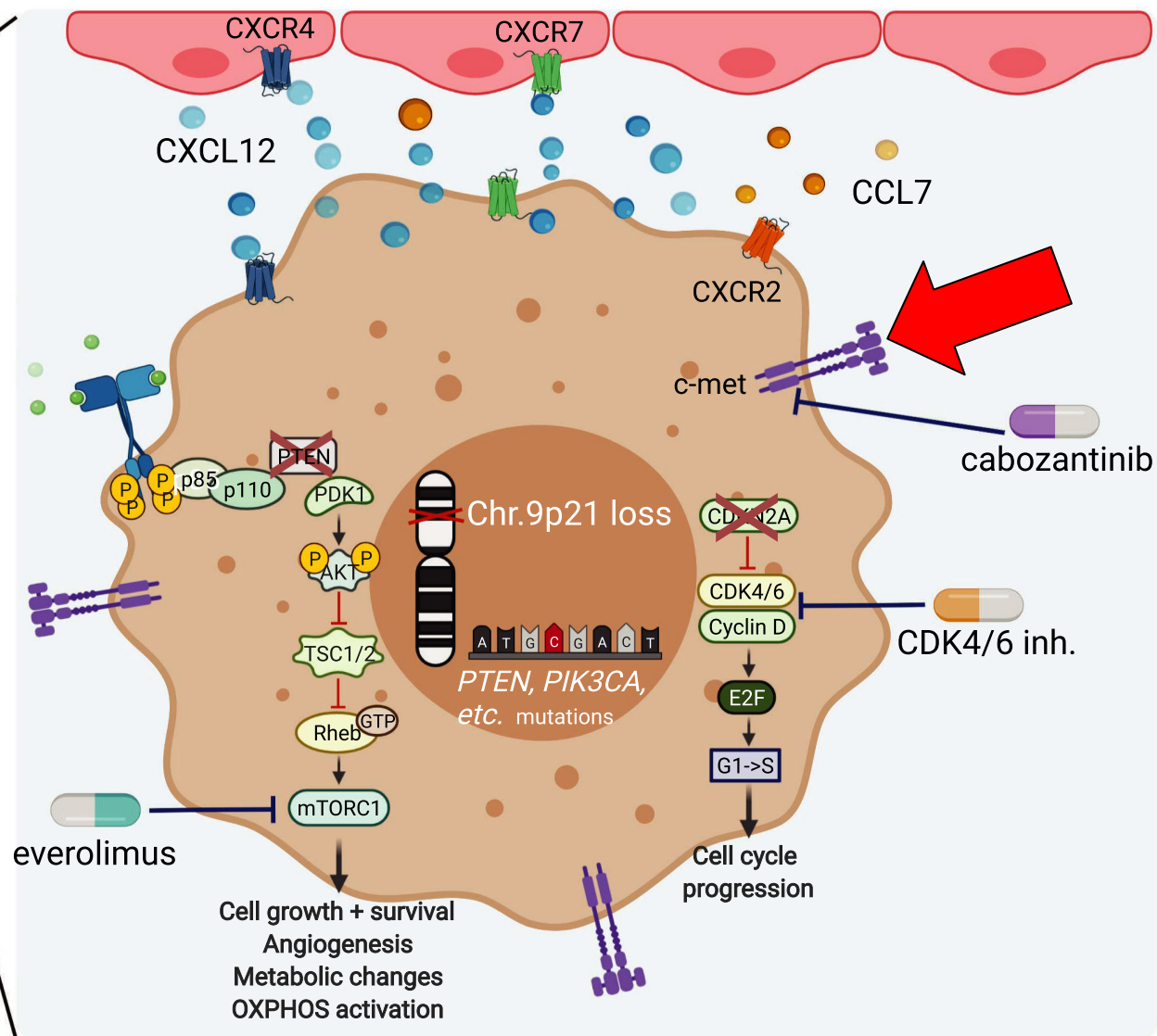
12pts
ORR = 50%

33 / 55pts
ORR = 55 / 47%

Abbreviations: AEs, adverse events; G3-G4, grade 3 or 4; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; mTORi, mTOR inhibitor; NA, not applicable; ORR, objective response rate.
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HETEROGENEITY BETWEEN THE SITES OF DISEASE



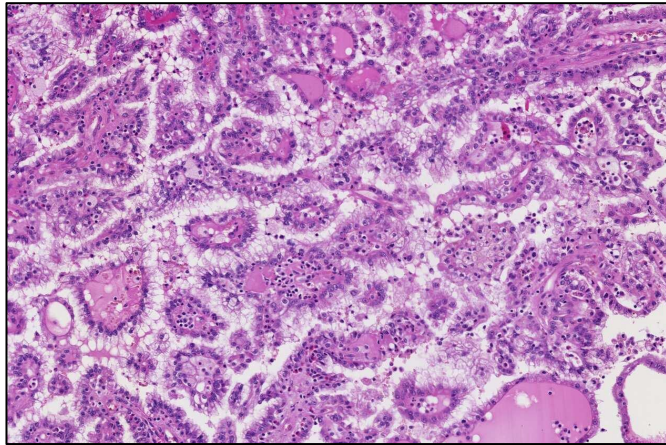
- **c-MET overexpressed** in BMs compared with primary tumors or pancreatic metastases

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Papillary histology



CABOZANTINIB + NIVOLUMAB

PHASE II

47 pts

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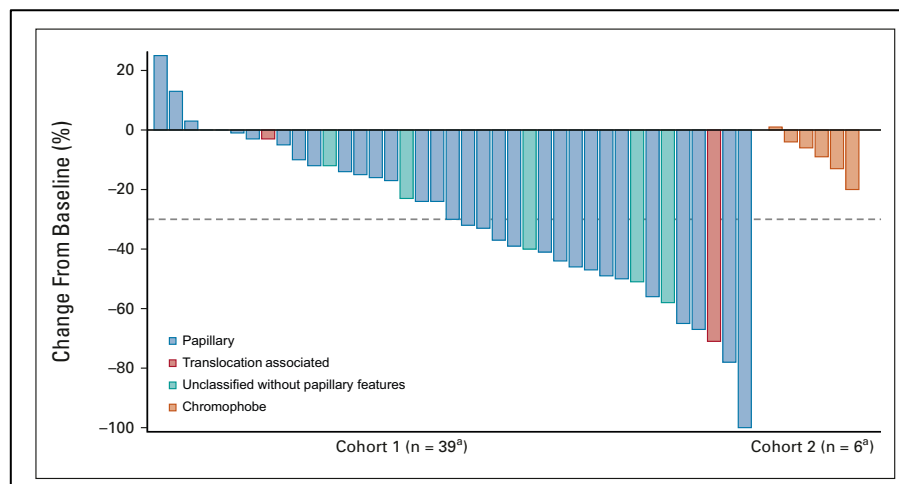
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Phase II Trial of Cabozantinib Plus Nivolumab in Patients With Non–Clear-Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma and Genomic Correlates

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- 0-1 prior therapies
- Cohort 1 (40pts) = **papillary (32pts)**, unclassified or translocation
- Cohort 2 (7pts) = chromophobe
- 1st endpoint = ORR

- Cohort 1 = ORR **47.5%**; mOS = 28 mths
- Cohort 2 = ORR 0%; 1pt with SD >1 year



KEYNOTE B61 TRIAL

LENVATINIB + PEMBROLIZUMAB

PHASE II

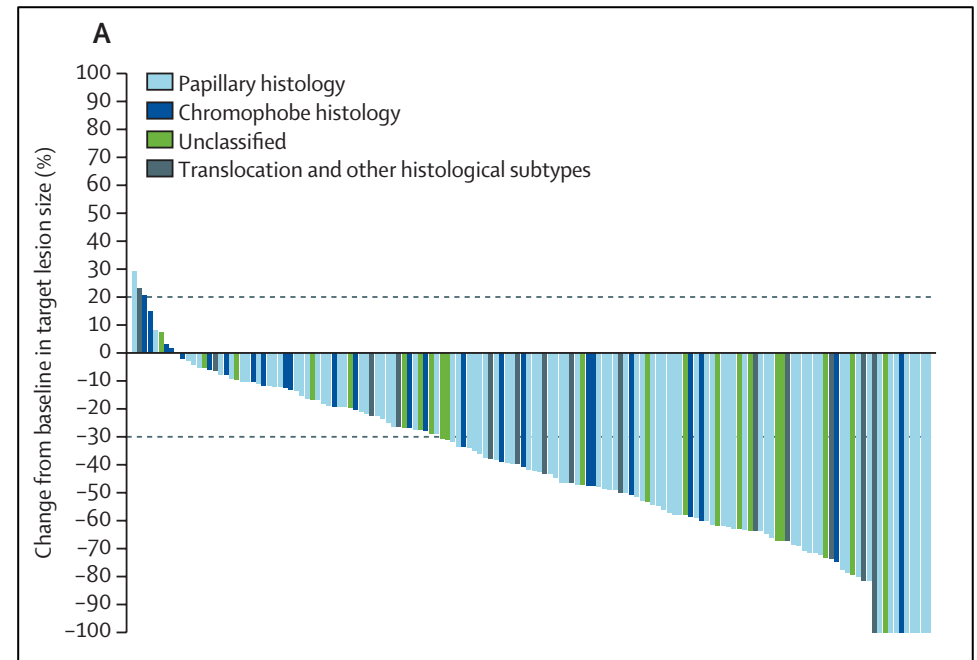
215 pts

Pembrolizumab plus lenvatinib as first-line therapy for advanced non-clear-cell renal cell carcinoma (KEYNOTE-B61): a single-arm, multicentre, phase 2 trial

Lancet Oncol 2023; 24: 881-91

Laurence Albiges, Howard Gurney, Vagif Atduev, Cristina Suarez, Miguel A Climent, David Pook, Piotr Tomczak, Philippe Barthelemy, Jae Lyun Lee, Viktor Stus, Thomas Ferguson, Pawel Wiechno, Erhan Gokmen, Louis Lacombe, Craig Gedye, Rodolfo F Perini, Manish Sharma, Xiang Peng, Chung-Han Lee**

- Untreated
- **Papillary (59%)**; chromophobe (18%); unclassified (13%)...
- mFU = 14.9 mths
- 1st endpoint = ORR
- **ORR = 44%**









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Patients with **glandular** (pancreas, adrenal, thyroid,...) metastases



Molecular underpinnings of glandular tropism in metastatic clear cell renal cell carcinoma: therapeutic implications

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ABSTRACT

Background: Glandular metastases (GM) have been associated with improved survival in metastatic clear cell renal cell carcinoma (m-ccRCC). We aimed to molecularly characterize m-ccRCC with GM.

Material and methods: We performed a retrospective cohort study on all m-ccRCC patients with available tissue at our institution, diagnosed with metastatic disease from 2000 to 2019. We determined previously described angiogenesis- and immune-related gene expression signatures (GES) and ccrc molecular subtypes through whole transcriptome RNA sequencing of primary tumors and metastases. We tested differences in GES and molecular subtypes across groups and studied overall (OS) and progression-free survival (PFS) using Kaplan–Meier survival analysis and Cox regression models.

Results: Primary tumors of patients who developed GM ($n=55$) had higher IMmotion Angio ($p<0.001$) and JAVELIN Angio ($p=0.003$) GES as well as a higher proportion of angiogenic ccrc2 molecular subtypes ($p=0.008$) than primary tumors of patients with non-GM ($n=128$). Metastatic lesions in glandular organs ($n=32$) also had higher IMmotion Angio ($p=0.008$) and JAVELIN Angio ($p=0.02$) GES and were more frequently of the ccrc2 molecular subtype ($p=0.03$), compared to metastatic lesions in non-glandular organs in patients who did not develop any GM ($n=231$), but not compared to metastatic lesions in non-glandular organs in patients who also developed GM ($n=18$). Patients with GM had better OS (HR 0.49, $p<0.001$) and PFS on first-line vascular endothelial growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors (VEGFR-TKIs) (HR 0.64, $p=0.045$) than patients with non-GM. PFS on first- or any-line immuno-oncology (IO) was not different. IMmotion Angio, JAVELIN Angio GES, and ccrc2 molecular subtype were associated with better OS and PFS on first-line VEGFR-TKIs, but not PFS on first or any-line IO.

Conclusions: Patients with m-ccRCC who develop GM are molecularly characterized by heightened angiogenesis, translating into better prognosis and better outcomes on VEGFR-TKIs, but not IO. Based on these findings, VEGFR-TKIs should be included in the first-line treatment of m-ccRCC patients with GM.

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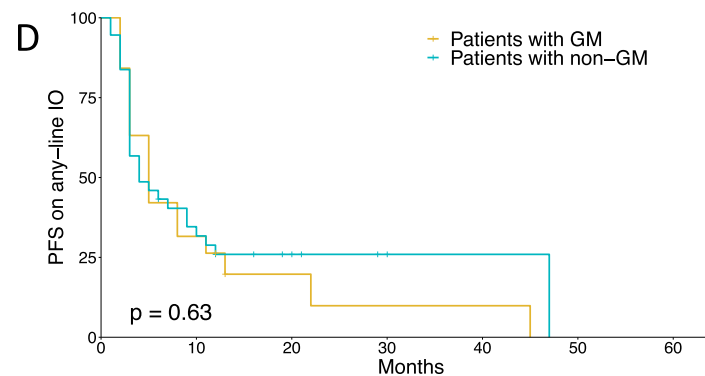
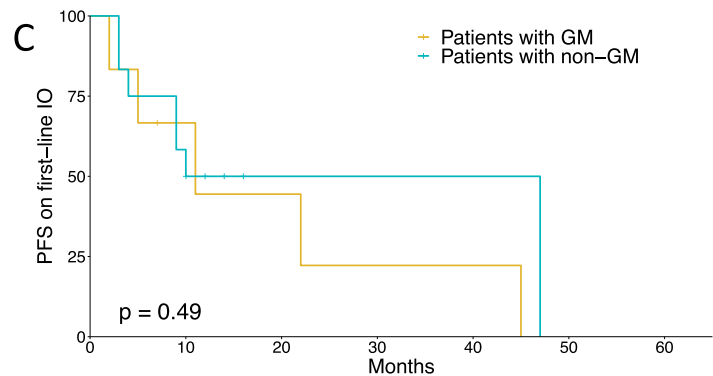
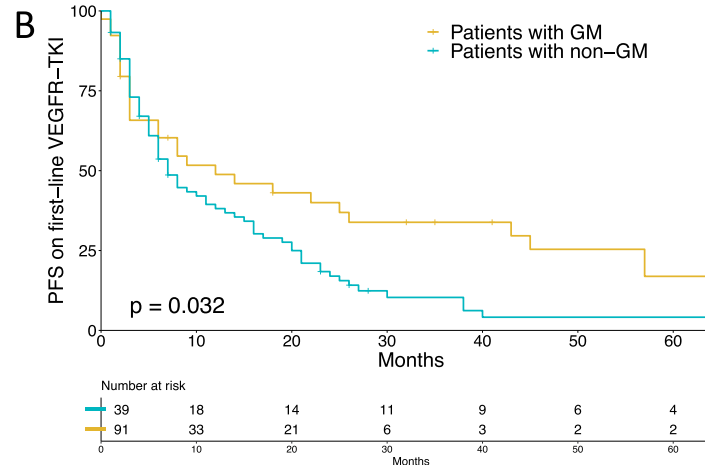
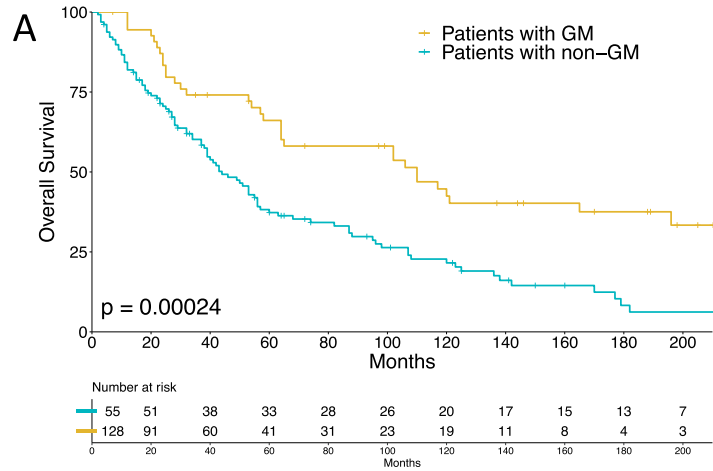
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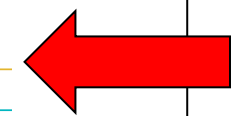
- Retrospective
- 2000-2019
- Angiogenesis- and immune-signatures

- PRIMARY
GM = 55
Non-GM = 128
- METASTATIC
GM = 32
Non-GM = 231

KM SURVIVAL CURVES STRATIFIED FOR PRESENCE OF GLANDULAR METASTASES



VEGFR-TKI



FIRST-LINE IO

ANY-LINE IO

- Better **prognosis**
- **Angiogenic** molecular profile
- Better outcomes on **VEGFR-TKIs** but not IO

Metastatic renal cell carcinoma to the pancreas and other sites —a multicenter retrospective study

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- Cohort 1 (91pts) = oligoM+ to pancreas
- Cohort 2 (229pts) = multipleM+ including pancreas

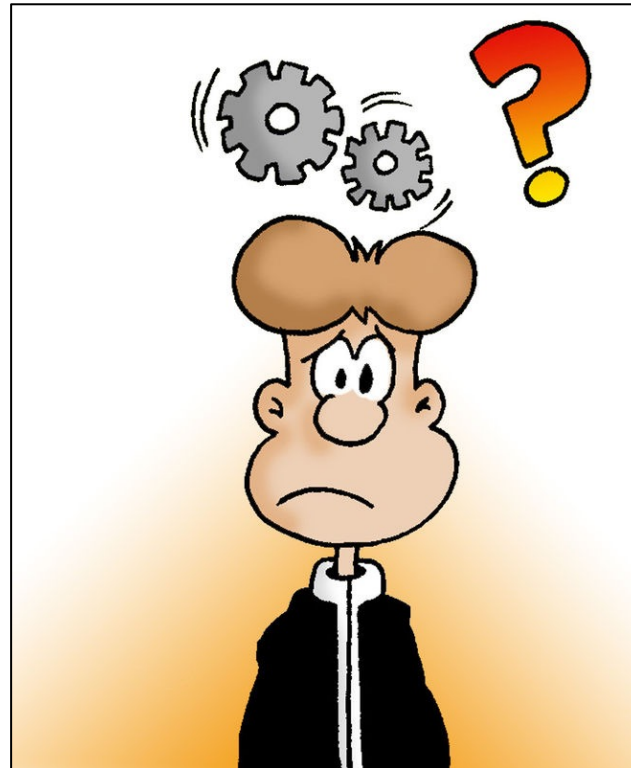
Population	Median OS (months) 95% CI
Total Cohort 1 population	121 (93, NR)
Surgery	100 (93, NR)
Systemic therapy	NR (56, NR)
Total Cohort 2 population	90.77 (74.9, 114)
Cohort A—VEGFR	90.77 (66, 114)
Cohort B—IO	92 (78, NR)
HD-IL2 Therapy	89 (78, NR)
ICI Therapy	NR (NR, NR)
Cohort C—VEGFR/IO	74.9 (33, NR)

Outcome		VEGFR subgroup	Immunotherapy subgroup	Combination VEGFR/IO subgroup
Best radiographic response Frequency (N (%))	CR	2 (1.6)	5 (13.9)	0 (0.0)
	PR	58 (45.0)	8 (22.2)	8 (50.0)
	SD	60 (46.5)	15 (41.7)	8 (50.0)
	PD	9 (7.0)	8 (22.2)	0 (0.0)
Median time on treatment (months, IQR)		11.6 (4.0, 28.1)	6.5 (3.0, 10.0)	15.0 (5.7, 21.3)

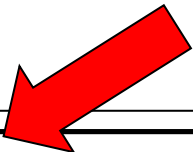
- Heightened angiogenesis
- Better outcomes (higher mOS)
- Higher PR with VEGFR

+/- 50mths in all comers

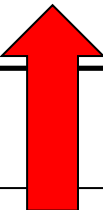
WHAT IS THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR **BONE** **METASTASES** ???



BONE METASTASES INCIDENCE IN RCC FIRST-LINE STUDIES



Trial	% of patients with BM	HR (95%CI) vs. sunitinib (PFS)	HR (95%CI) vs. sunitinib (OS)
Checkmate-214 ^[9]	20.0%	NR	0.71 (0.47-1.08)
Javelin Renal 101 ^[10]	NR	NR	NR
KEYNOTE-426 ^[11]	23.8%	NR	NR
CHECKMATE-9ER ^[12]	24.1%	0.34 (0.22-0.55)	0.54 (0.32-0.92)
CLEAR ^[13]	23.9%	NR	NR



20-24%

BM: Bone metastases; HR: hazard ratio; NR: not reported; OS: overall survival; PFS: progression-free survival.

BONE METASTASES OUTCOMES

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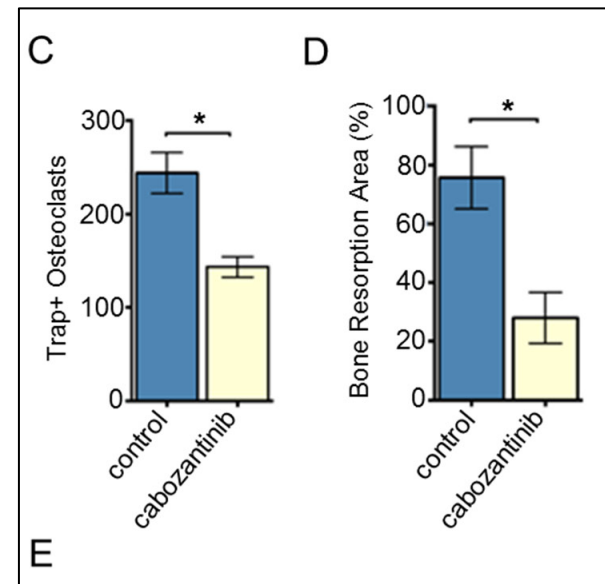
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- Inhibits osteoclast differentiation and bone resorption activity
- Down-modulates expression of osteoclast marker genes, TRAP-CATHEPSIN-RANK
- Increases osteoprotegerin
- **Inhibits osteoclast functions** « directly » and « indirectly » reducing RANKL/osteoprotegerin ratio in osteoblasts
- **Increased osteoblast**


OSTEONECROSIS OF THE JAW (ONJ)



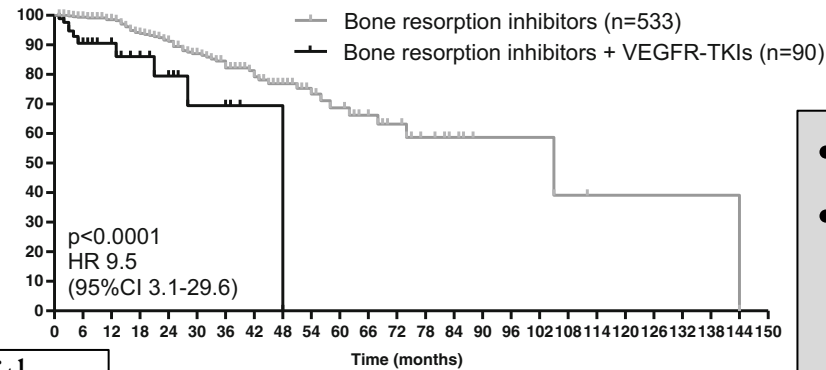
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Incidence of medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw in patients treated with both bone resorption inhibitors and vascular endothelial growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors

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Time-to-MRONJ (%)



90 pts

- Incidence = **11.1%**
- During the 1st year of BRI-exposure, 1.1 % vs 6.7% (p=0.0035; OR= 5.9)
- Time to-ONJ incidence **shorter** in pts with AA+BRI (4.5 vs 25mths)

Denosumab Toxicity When Combined With Anti-angiogenic Therapies on Patients With Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma: A GETUG Study

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Abstract

The aim of this multicenter retrospective study is to analyze the toxicity profile (mainly osteonecrosis of the jaw) of patients with metastatic renal cell carcinoma treated with denosumab and anti-angiogenic combination. Of 41 patients enrolled in this study, 7 patients developed osteonecrosis of the jaw. This toxicity signal should warn physicians about this combination in the population with metastatic renal cell carcinoma.

Background: About one-third of patients with renal cell carcinoma (RCC) have detectable metastases at diagnosis. Among them, bone is the second most frequent metastatic site. Treatment of metastatic RCC mostly relies on anti-angiogenic (AA) therapies and, more recently, immunotherapy. Skeletal-related events (SREs) can be prevented with bone-targeted therapies such as denosumab (Dmab), which has demonstrated superiority when compared with zoledronic acid in solid tumors. However, there is limited available data on Dmab toxicity in combination with AA therapies in patients with kidney cancer. The objective of this study was to retrospectively analyze the toxicity profile (mainly osteonecrosis of the jaw [ONJ] and hypocalcemia) in patients with metastatic renal cell carcinoma (mRCC) treated with Dmab and AA therapy combination. **Patients and Methods:** We conducted a multicenter retrospective study among centers from the French Groupe d'Etudes des Tumeurs Uro Genitales (GETUG). Patients with bone metastases who received concurrently or sequentially AA therapy and Dmab were included in this study. **Results:** A total of 41 patients with mRCC were enrolled. Although no patient presented with severe hypocalcemia, ONJ occurred in 7 (17%) of 41 patients. Interestingly, all patients with ONJ received the Dmab and AA combination in the first line of treatment; among these patients, 3 patients had no risk factor other than the Dmab and AA combination. **Conclusion:** The incidence of ONJ was high in this real-life population of patients with mRCC treated with AA therapies combined with Dmab. This toxicity signal should warn physicians about this combination in the mRCC population.

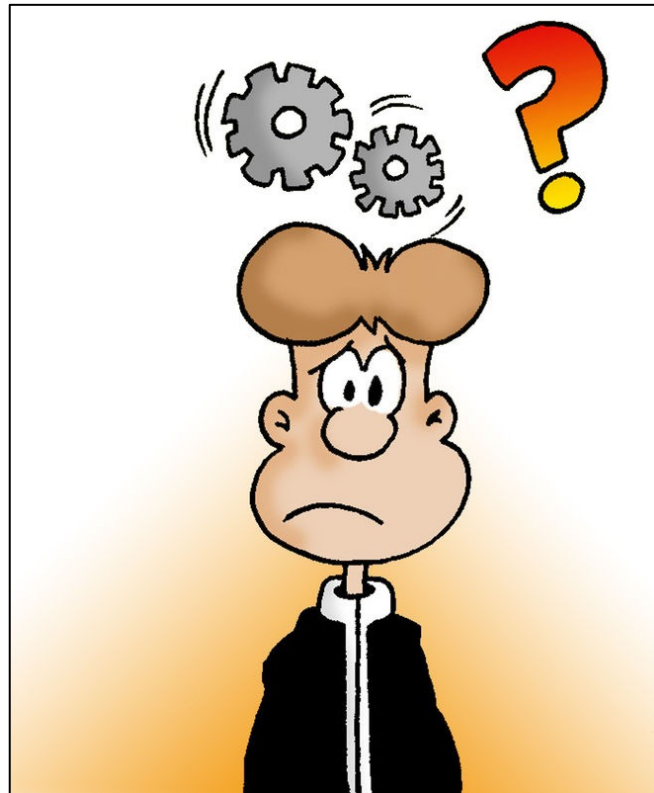
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Keywords: Anti-angiogenic therapies, Bone metastasis, Denosumab, Metastatic renal cell carcinoma, Osteonecrosis of the jaw

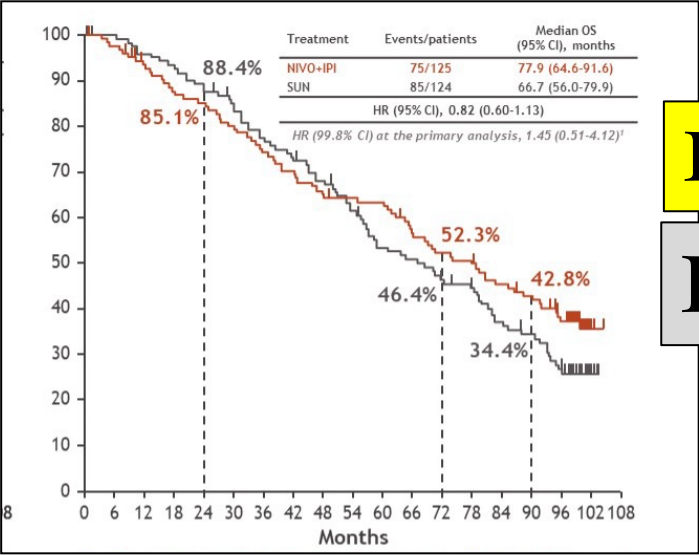
41 pts

- ONJ = **17%**
- All pts with ONJ received **DENO + AA**

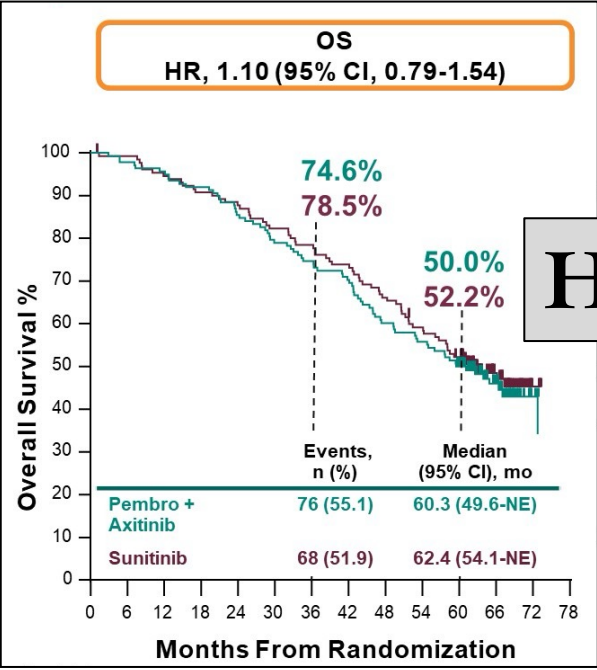
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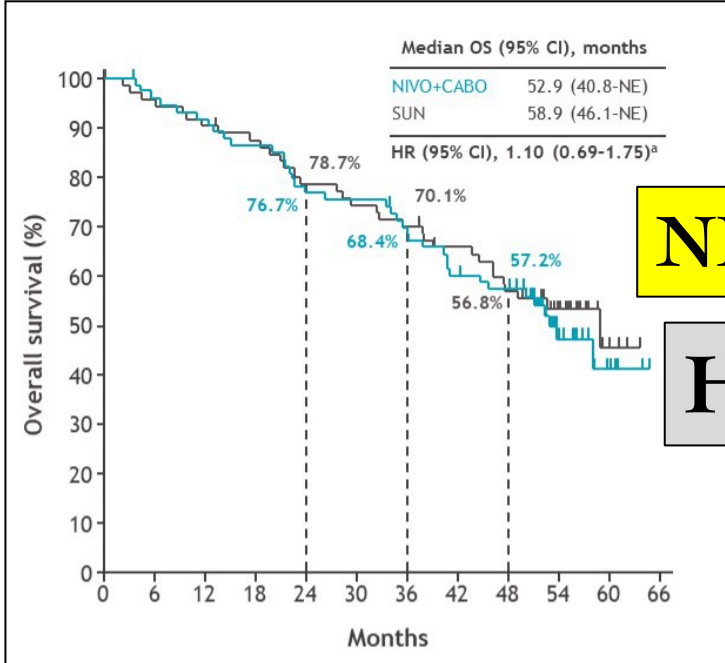
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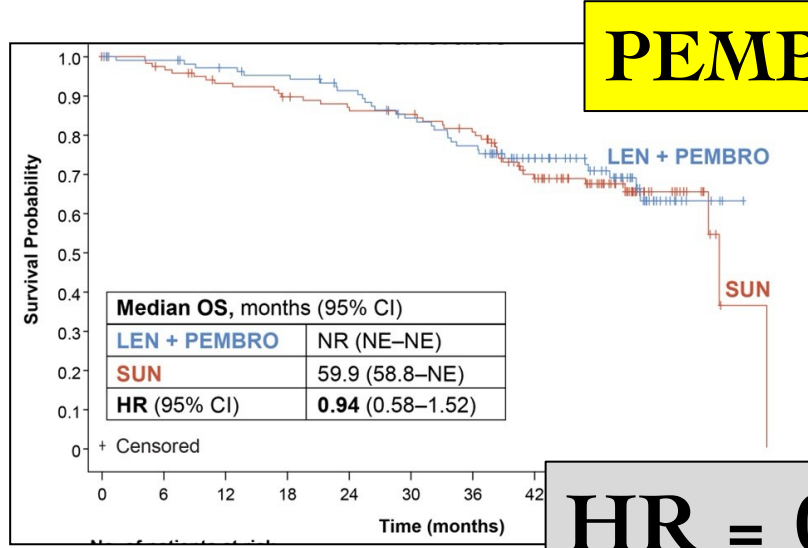
IPI + NIVO
HR = 0.82 (NS)



PEMB + AXI
HR = 1.10 (NS)



NIVO + CABO
HR = 1.10 (NS)



PEMB + LENVA
HR = 0.94 (NS)

REIMBURSEMENT CRITERIA



NIVO + CABO

PEMB + AXI

VERY FAVORABLE RISK GROUP

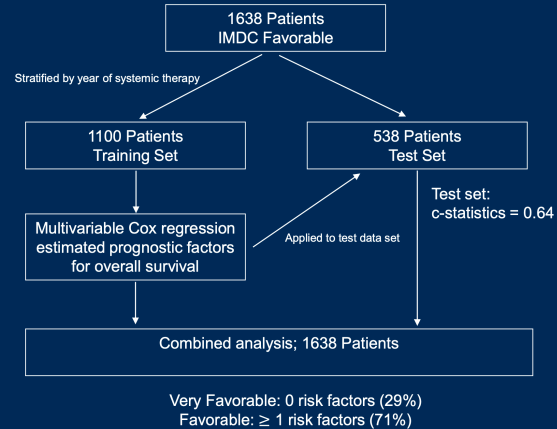
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1638 pts

Study Design

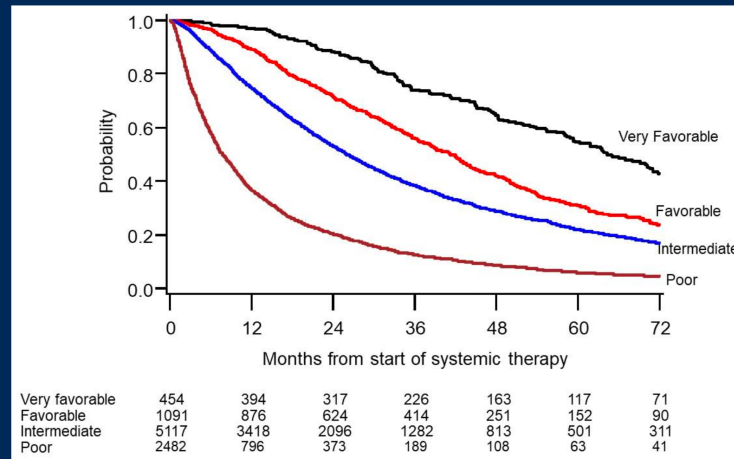
Training set:
3 risk factors for OS
HR: 1.4~1.5; p-values<0.05

Risk Factor	1	0
Primary diagnosis to systemic therapy	< 3 yr	≥ 3 yr
Karnofsky Performance Status	80%	> 80%
Presence of brain, liver or bone metastasis	Yes	No
0 risk factors = very favorable risk ≥1 risk factor = favorable risk		



Correlation to underlying biology !!!

Overall Survival

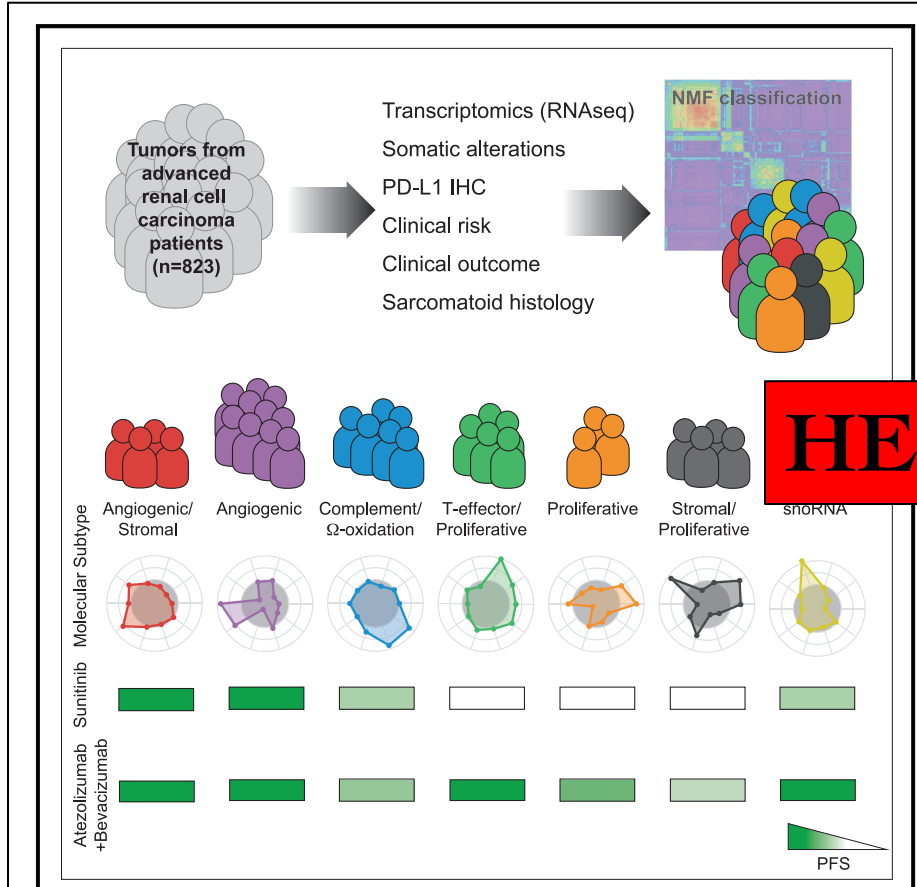


	Very Favorable (n=454)	Favorable (n=1091)	Hazard ratio (95% CI) p-value
Median OS, months (95% CI)	64.8 (58.8 - 70.8)	45.6 (42.0 - 50.4)	1.84 (1.56 - 2.20) <0.001
Median time to treatment failure, months (95% CI)	16.3 (14.8 - 18.2)	12.0 (11.2 - 12.9)	1.31 (1.16 - 1.48) <0.001

Molecular Subsets in Renal Cancer Determine Outcome to Checkpoint and Angiogenesis Blockade

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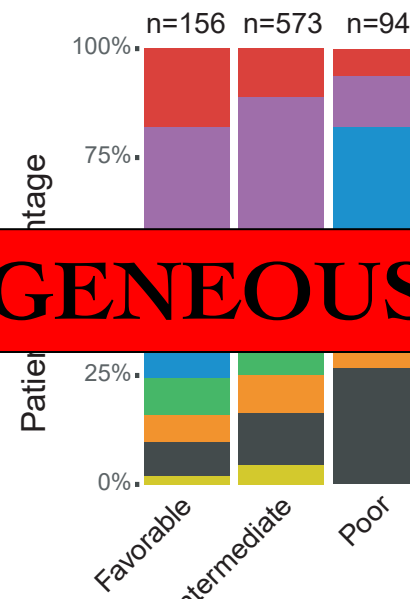
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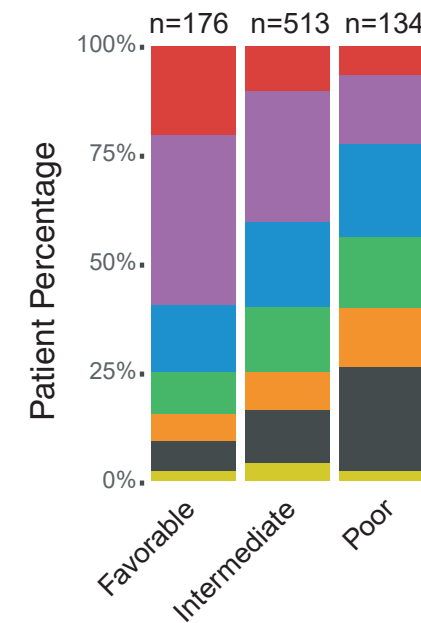
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IMDC clinical risk
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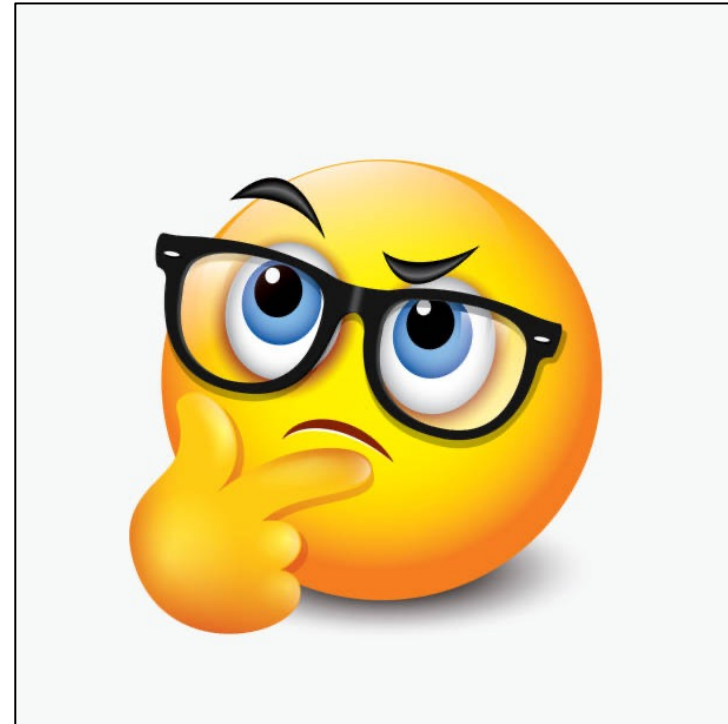


Legend for molecular subsets:

- 1 - Angio/Stromal
- 2 - Angiogenic
- 3 - Complement/ Ω -ox.
- 4 - T-eff/Proliferative
- 5 - Proliferative
- 6 - Stromal/Proliferative
- 7 - snoRNA

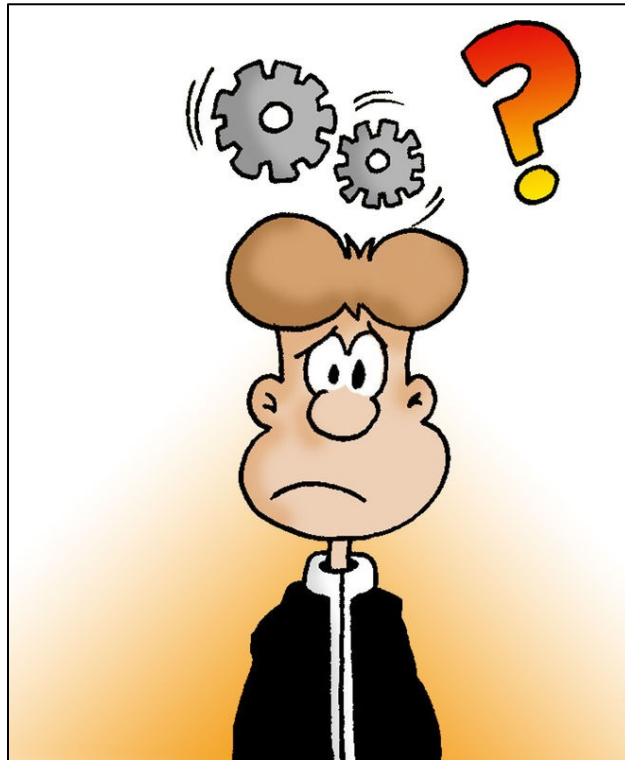
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THE OPTIMAL TREATMENT OF IMDC GOOD-FAVORABLE RISK RCC PATIENTS ?



BENEFITS OF INTENSIFICATION WITH

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CHECKMATE 9ER- TRIPLET ARM

50 pts

mFU = 39.1 mths

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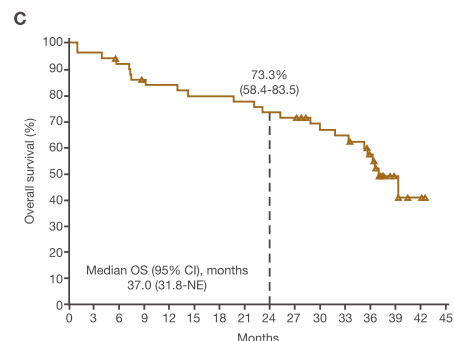
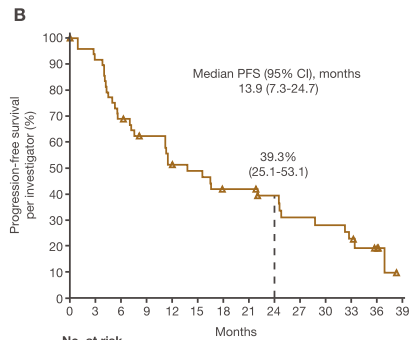


Original Research

Nivolumab plus ipilimumab plus cabozantinib triplet combination for patients with previously untreated advanced renal cell carcinoma: Results from a discontinued arm of the phase III CheckMate 9ER trial



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- Exploratory analysis of pts randomised to the triplet arm (IPI+NIVO+CABO) before enrolment discontinuation

- ORR = 44%; CR = 8%
- mPFS = 13.9 mths
- mOS = 37 mths
- **Grade 3-4 TRAEs = 84% !!!**
- ASAT, ALAT, hepatotoxicity
- 46% of treatment discontinuation of at least one study drug due to AEs

COSMIC-313 TRIAL

PHASE III

855 pts

mFU = 20 mths

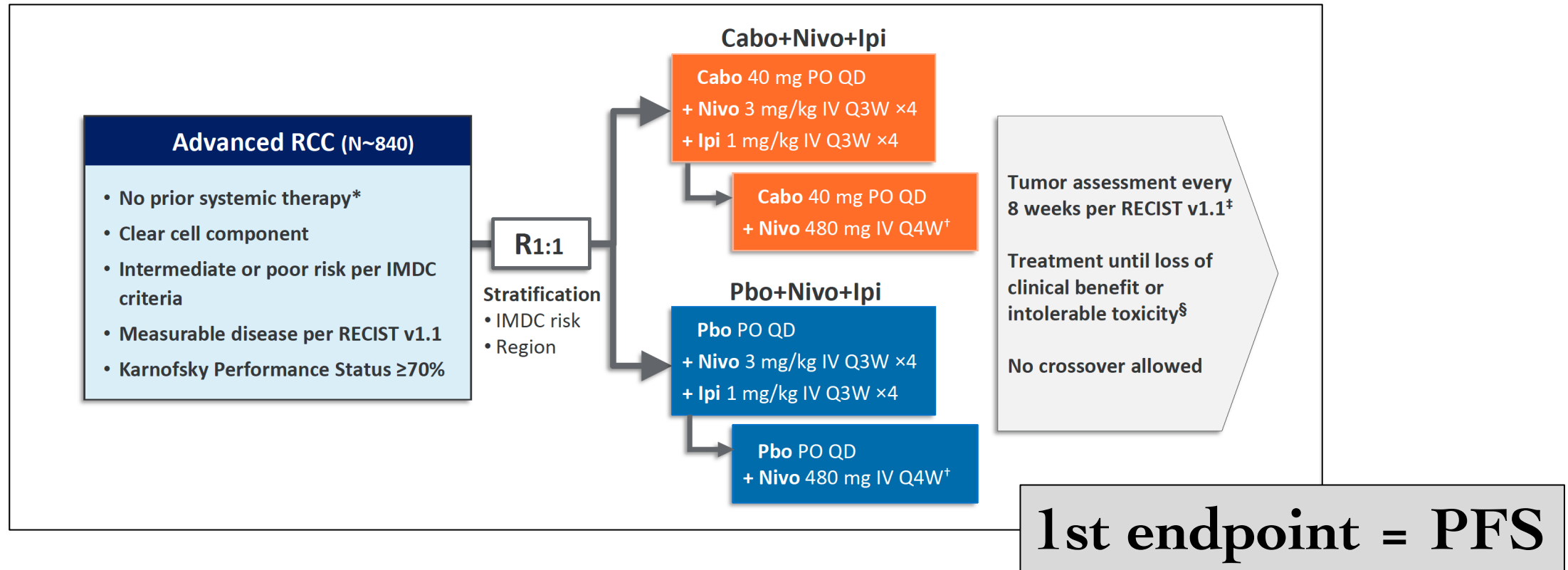
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Cabozantinib plus Nivolumab and Ipilimumab in Renal-Cell Carcinoma

May 2023

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ADVERSE EVENTS (SAFETY POPULATION)

	Cabo+Nivo+Ipi (N=426)		Pbo+Nivo+Ipi (N=424)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4
Treatment-related adverse events				
Any event,* %	99	73	91	41
Alanine aminotransferase increased	46	26	17	6
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	44	20	16	5
Diarrhea	41	4	18	3
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia	28	3	4	0
Hypothyroidism	24	<1	15	0
Hypertension	23	8	5	2
Fatigue	22	2	21	1
Lipase increased	22	9	13	6
Amylase increased	20	5	12	2
Rash	20	2	20	1
Pruritus	20	0	26	<1

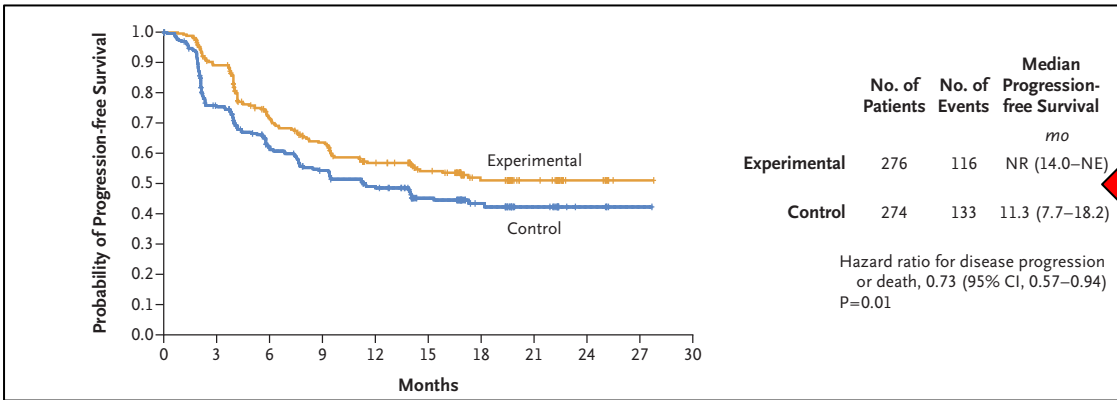
Grade 3-4 = **73%** vs 41%

	Cabo+Nivo+Ipi (N=426)	Pbo+Nivo+Ipi (N=424)
Median duration of exposure of study treatment (range), mo	10.9 (0.2-28.5)	10.3 (0.1-28.1)
Median average daily dose (range) of Cabo or Pbo, mg	23.2 (3.6-40.0)	36.1 (0.8-40.0)
Median Nivo infusions (range) received, no	10 (1-27)	9 (1-27)
Doses of Ipi received, %		
4	58	73
3	13	14
2	22	7
1	7	6
Any dose hold due to an AE, %	90	70
Any dose reduction of Cabo or Pbo due to an AE, %	54	20
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation, %		
Any study treatment	45	24
Cabo or Pbo	28	14
Nivo	26	18
Ipi	30	12
All treatment components (due to the same AE)	12	5

TRAEs leading to discontinuation (any treatment) = **45%** vs 24%

Use of High-dose corticosteroids = **58%** / 35%

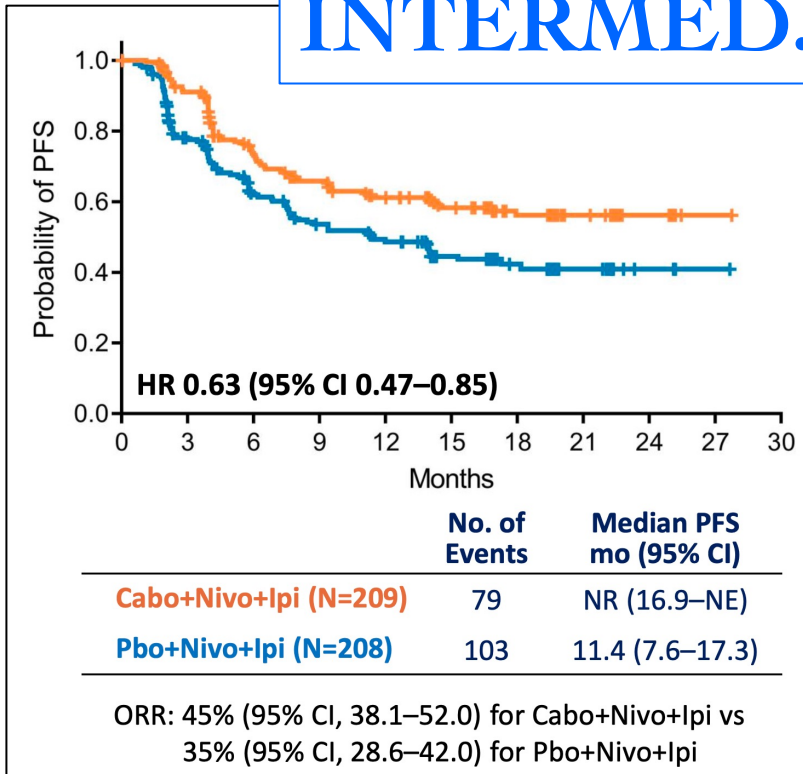
PFS / FINAL ANALYSIS / ALL



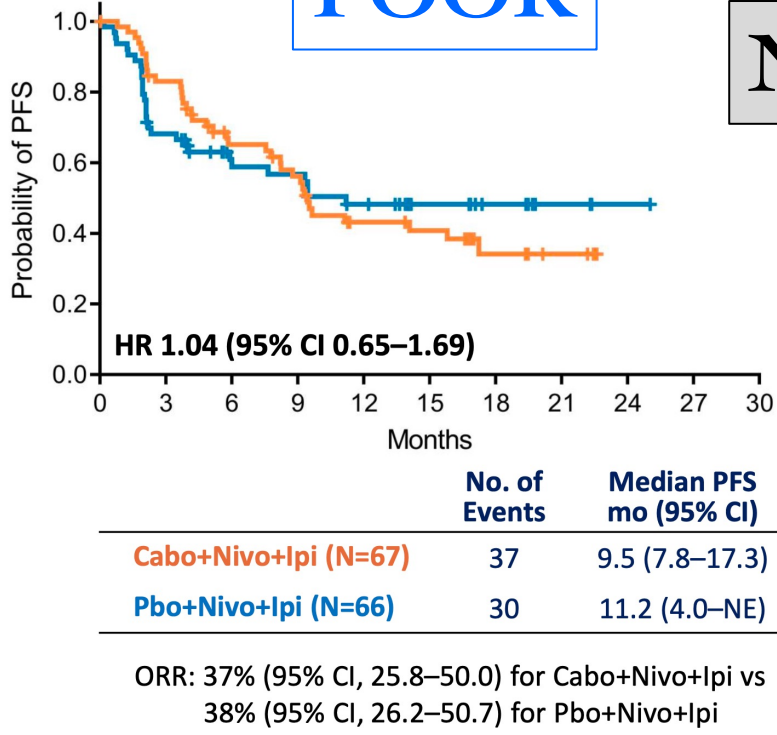
Variable	Experimental (N=276)	Control (N=274)
Objective response (95% CI) — %	43 (37-49)	36 (30-42)
Best overall response — no. (%)		
Complete response		
Partial response		
Stable disease		
Progressive disease		
Could not be evaluated		
Disease control — no. (%)†	238 (86)	198 (72)
Median time to response (range) — mo	2.4 (1.5-17.1)	2.3 (1.9-16.8)
Median duration of response (95% CI) — mo	NR (20.2-NR)	NR (NE-NE)

Excess toxicity seen in the triplet arm
→ no adequate treatment exposure → limiting the benefit ?

INTERMED.



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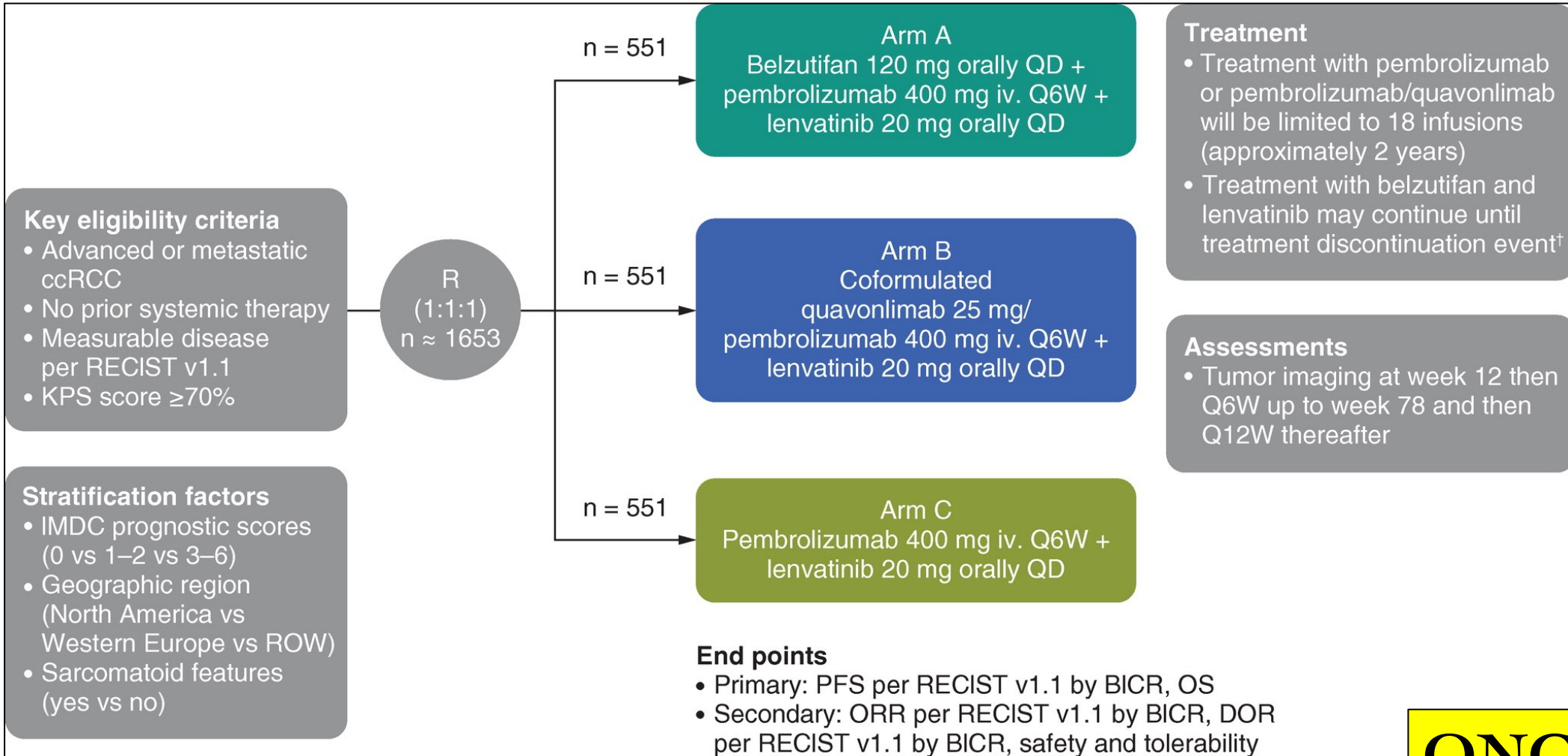


NS

- Highest rates of IMDC **poor risk patients (25%)**
- More patients without nephrectomy
- No IMDC favorable risk patients (0%)

LITESPARK-012 TRIAL

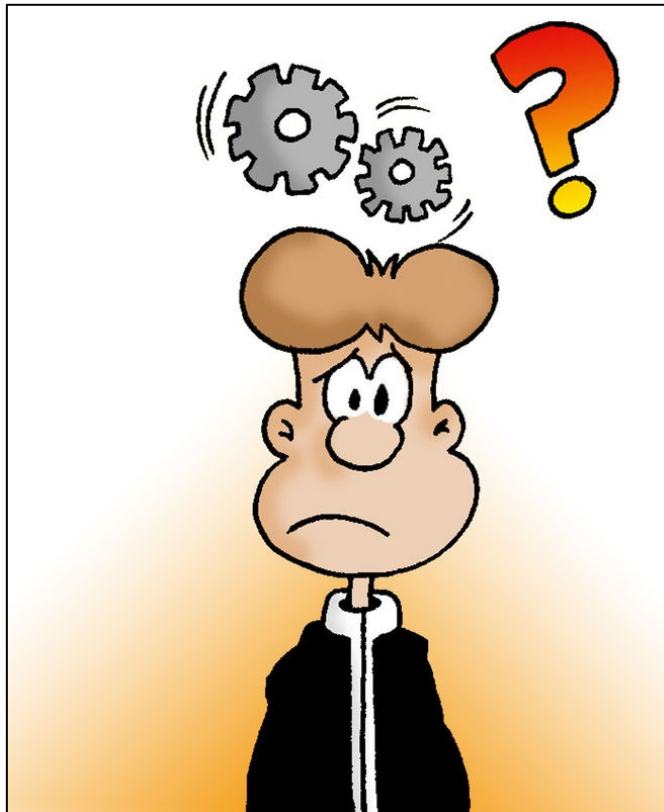
PHASE III



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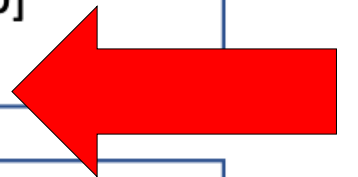
BELZUTIFAN = Manageable safety profile

STILL PLACE FOR TKI MONOTHERAPY ???



INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES (EAU)

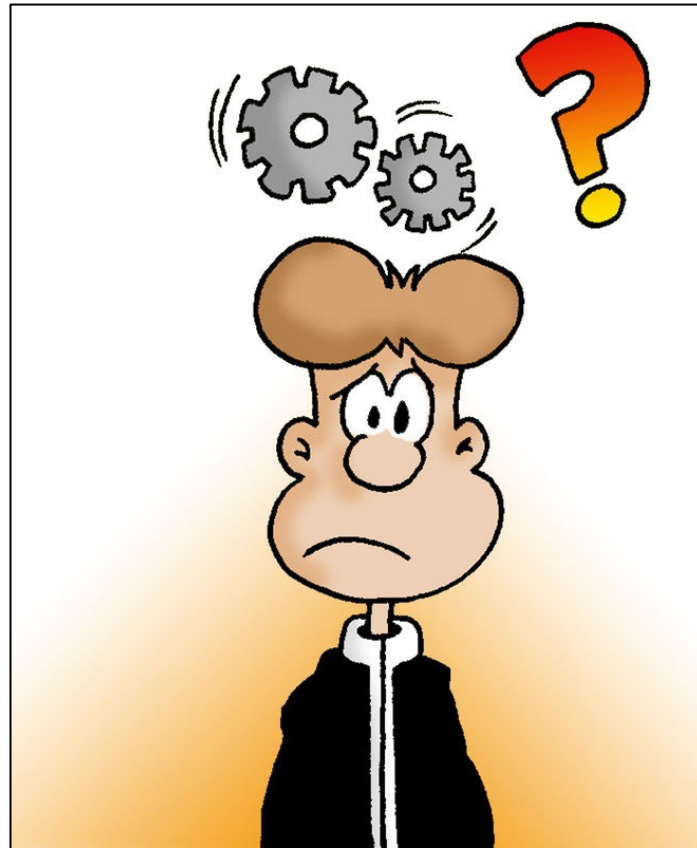
	Standard of Care	Alternative in patients who can not receive or tolerate immune checkpoint inhibitors
IMDC favourable risk	nivolumab/cabozantinib [1b] pembrolizumab/axitinib [1b] pembrolizumab/lenvatinib [1b]	sunitinib* [1b] pazopanib* [1b]
IMDC intermediate and poor risk	nivolumab/cabozantinib [1b] pembrolizumab/axitinib [1b] pembrolizumab/lenvatinib [1b] nivolumab/ipilimumab [1b]	cabozantinib* [2a] sunitinib* [1b] pazopanib* [1b]



PATIENTS FOR MONOTHERAPY ?

- significant comorbidities = immunosuppressed **transplant** recipients; **severe autoimmune** diseases
- unable to tolerate the added toxicity associated with combination (**elderly and unfit**)
- Clearly defined **angiogenic** profile (but need of biomarkers)
- **Very favorable** risk group ? (but also need of biomarkers)

WHAT ABOUT **TAILORED** APPROACH ??



OMNIVORE TRIAL

PHASE II

83 / 42 pts (L1)

original reports

Optimized Management of Nivolumab and Ipilimumab in Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma: A Response-Based Phase II Study (OMNIVORE)

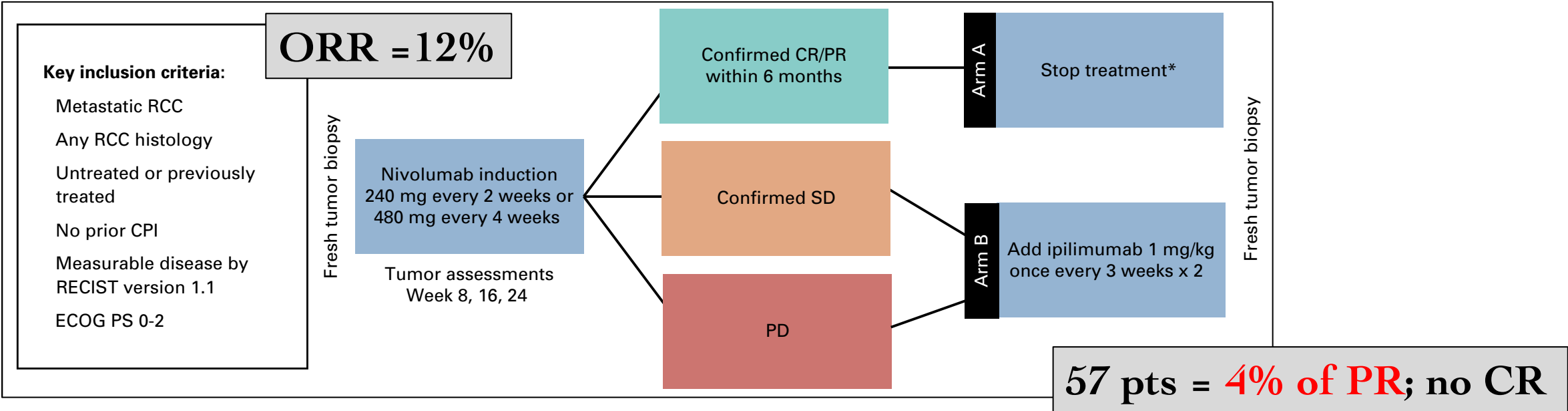
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JCO 2020

mFU = 19.5 mths

1st endpoint = ORR

12pts = 42% remained off NIVO at > 1 year



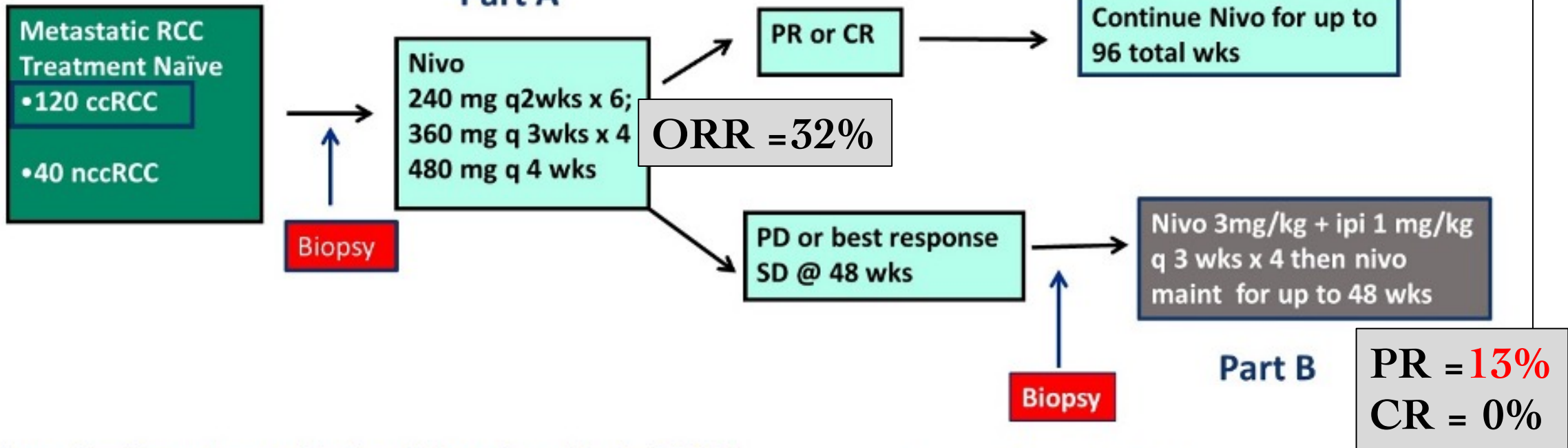
HCRN GU16-260 TRIAL

PHASE II

123 pts L1

mFU = 26.9 mths

IIT at 12 sites conducted through the HCRN GU Group
Support provided by BMS (CM209-669)



Extensive Biomarker studies in collaboration with the DFHCC
Kidney Cancer SPORE
DOD Translational Partnership Grant (Atkins, Wu)

Scans q12 weeks; Confirm response and PD;
Measurements by RECIST 1.1
Mandatory biopsies

Tailored ImmunoTherapy Approach with Nivolumab in RCC (TITAN-RCC)

n=200

EudraCT number: 2016-002307-26

- Key Inclusion Criteria**
- Metastatic/locally advanced RCC, histologically confirmed
 - Clear cell component
 - Intermediate/high risk by IMDC
 - Untreated or pretreated with 1 prior TKI (⇒ 1st or 2nd line*)
 - Measurable disease as per RECIST v1.1
 - KPS ≥ 70
 - Evaluable tumor sample for PD-L1 expression (Dako PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx antibody, central lab)

* Independent cohorts

ORR = 29%

Tumor Assessments week 8, week 16

Nivolumab Induction
N_{alone} (240 mg Q2W x 8)

Tumor Assessments after 6 weeks, every 12 weeks thereafter

Nivolumab Maintenance
N_{alone} (240 mg Q2W)

Nivolumab+Ipilimumab "Boost" 1+2
N_{3mg/kg} + I_{1mg/kg} (Q3W x 2)

Nivolumab+Ipilimumab "Boost" 3+4
N_{3mg/kg} + I_{1mg/kg} (Q3W x 2)

Immunotherapy resistance

PR = 12%
CR = 2.7%

Primary endpoint: Overall Response Rate (ORR)
Secondary endpoints: PFS, OS, RR after Nivo+Ipi "Boost"
Safety (TRAE), QoL (FKSI-19)

PEDIGREE TRIAL

PHASE III

1044 pts

Nivolumab + Ipilimumab Followed by Nivolumab or Nivolumab + Cabozantinib

Key eligibility criteria

- Metastatic clear-cell RCC
- IMDC intermediate or poor risk
- Archival tissue available (biopsy not required)

N = 1,044

Stratification

- Bone metastases
- IMDC intermediate/poor risk

Nivolumab
480 mg IV every 28 d

Induction ~10% CR

Nivolumab
3 mg/kg IV
+ **ipilimumab**
1 mg/kg IV every
21 d x 4 cycles

R

Cabozantinib
60 mg orally daily

~20% PD

Non-PD

Non-CR

Nivolumab
480 mg IV every 28 d
+ cabozantinib
40 mg orally daily

*Until PD,
unacceptable toxicity,
or CR at 1 y*

Nivolumab
480 mg IV every 28 d

Endpoints

- Primary: OS

1st endpoint = OS

Secondary CR rate, ORR by RECIST, toxicity, and correlatives

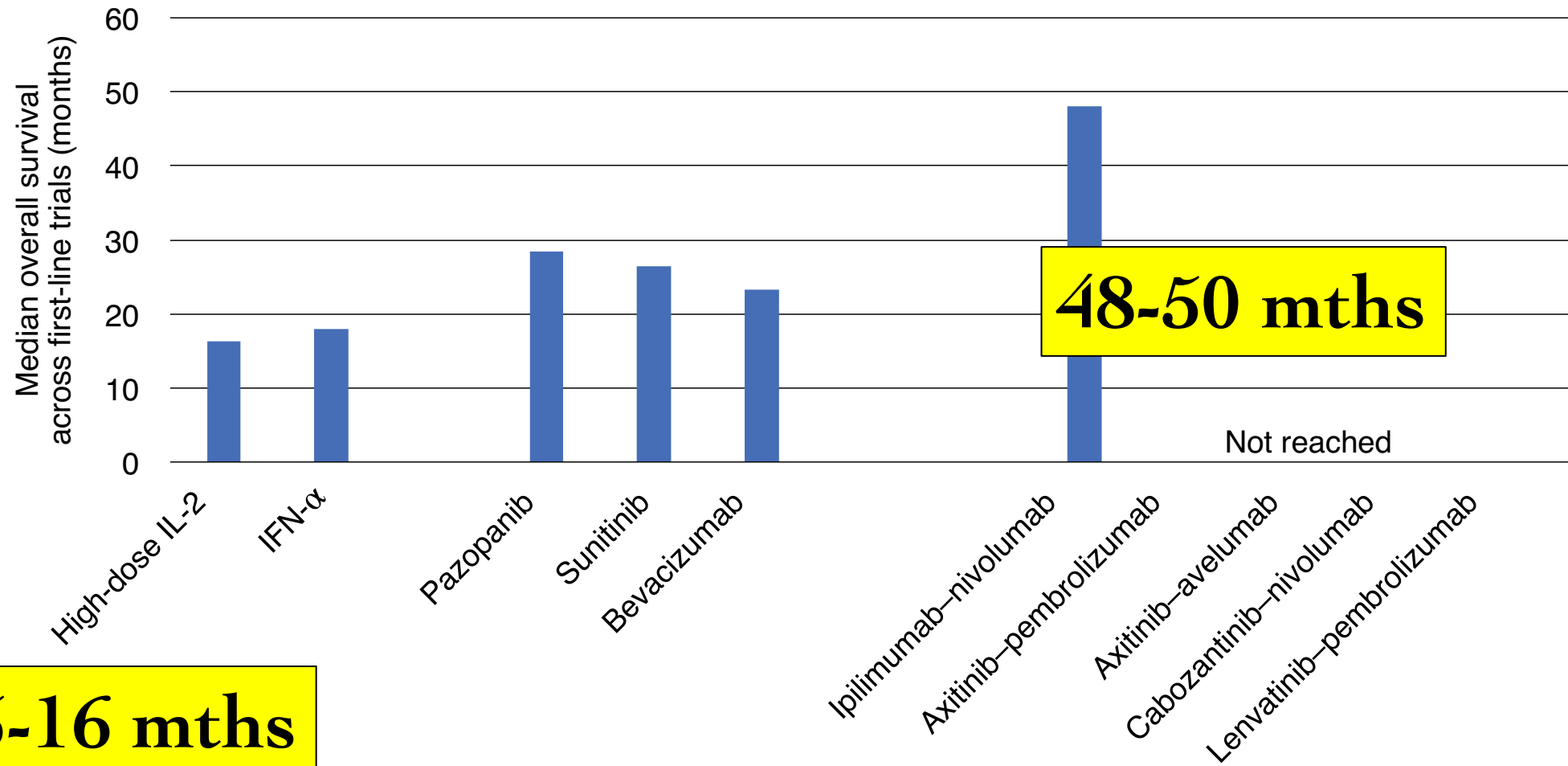
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CONCLUSIONS



SPECTACULAR IMPROVEMENTS IN OS !!!

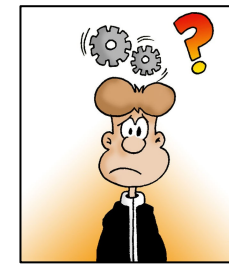


15-16 mths

48-50 mths

Not reached

WHAT IS THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR **IO+IO** ???

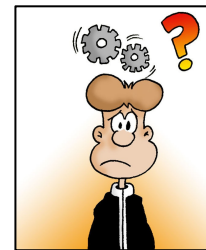


1 Particularly relevant with **sarcomatoid** component...

2 **Cardiac** contra-indication

- 3**
- **Without rapid** progression
 - When the primary goal is **CURE**
 - Only chance to **use IPILIMUMAB**

WHAT IS THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR IO+TKI ???



1

Particularly relevant in **anatomical** sites where tumor growth may lead to **adverse consequences** (spinal canal; mediastinum;...)

2

- Particularly relevant in patients with
- aggressive disease
- **high tumor burden** and symptomatic patients
- with need **rapid tumor shrinkage**

3

Contra-indication to **corticosteroids**
(allergy; not-well controlled diabetes)

4

Brain metastases
(especially with CABOZANTINIB)

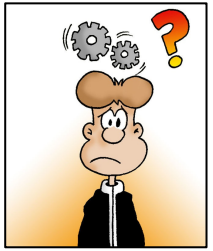
5

Papillary histology

6

Patients with **glandular** (pancreas, adrenal,
thyroid,...) metastases

WHAT IS THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR **BONE METASTASES** ???



INCIDENCE

20-24%

OUTCOMES

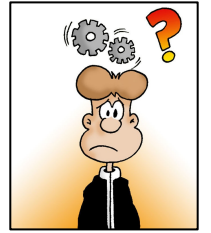
CABO + NIVO ?

ONJ : DENO + TKI

11-17%



BENEFITS OF INTENSIFICATION WITH « **TRIPLET** » ???



CHECKMATE 9ER TRIAL

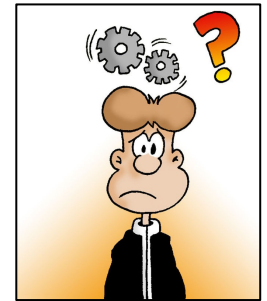
Grade 3-4 = **73-84% !!!**

COSMIC TRIAL

- 1st endpoint met : PFS = HR 0.73
- Intermediate : PFS = HR 0.63
- Poor : PFS = NS → ???
- ORR = 42% vs 36% → not so impressive (excess of toxicity?
No adequate exposure ?)
- OS = not yet mature

NOT a SoC !!!

WHAT IS THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR FAVORABLE IMDC RISK GROUP ???

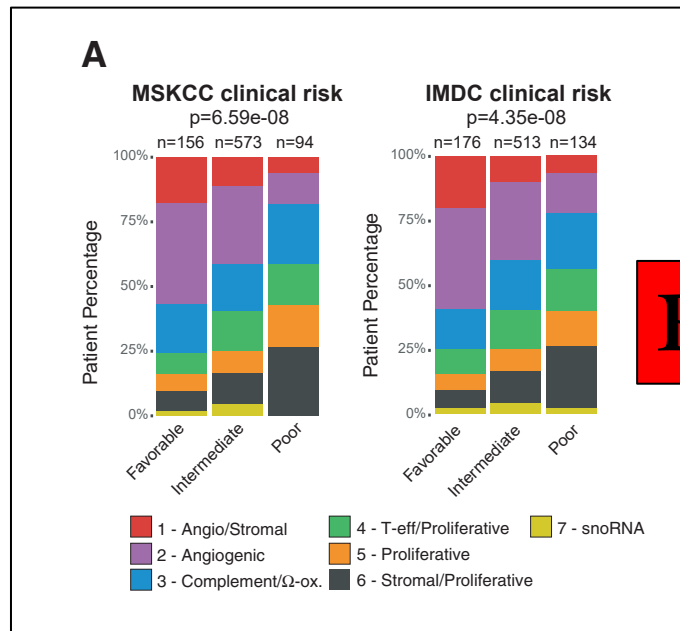


OS / 4 PHASE III RCTs

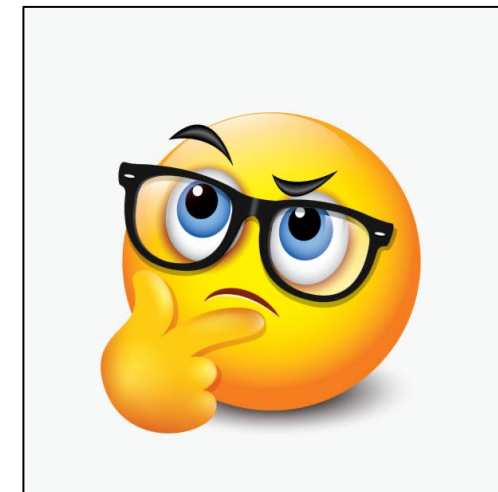
HR = NS

BELGIUM REIMBURSEMENT

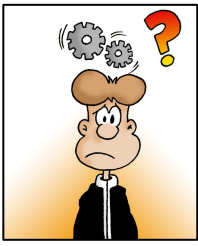
PEMB + AXI
NIVO + CABO



BIOMARKERS !!!



STILL PLACE FOR TKI **MONOTHERAPY** ???

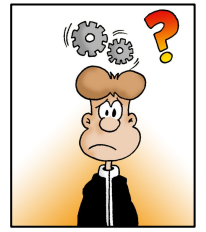


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OMNIVORE TRIAL

HCRN GU16-260 TRIAL

TITAN TRIAL

Very low PR (4-12%)

Very rare CR (0-2.7%)

After « boost » by IPILUMIMAB

NOT a SoC !!!

PEDIGREE TRIAL

Ongoing !!!

TREATMENT SELECTION = complex and involves factors beyond IMDC score

DISEASE FACTORS

IMDC score

Tumor/symptom burden

Metastases`speed of response needed

PATIENT FACTORS

Age and lifestyle

Performance status

Comorbidities

Concomitant medications

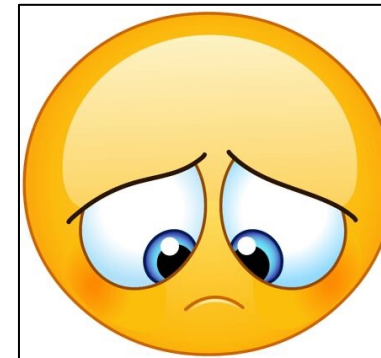
Treatment preferences

TREATMENT FACTORS

Treatment access

Receipt of prior therapy

Efficacy/ safety/ HRQoL data



BIOMARKERS

There are currently

No biomarkers

BIONIKK TRIAL

PHASE II

202 pts

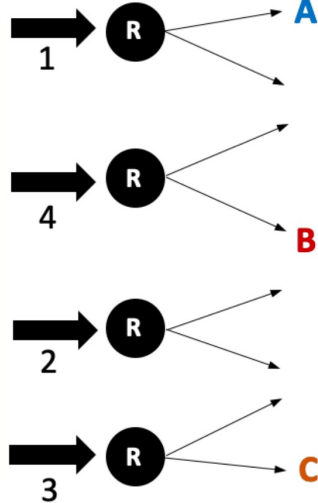
mFU= 18 mths

BIONIKK (NCT02960906)

Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma

- Clear cell histology (translocation carcinoma allowed)
- Previously untreated in metastatic setting
- ECOG-PS≤2
- Available frozen tumor tissue

Determination of molecular group (RT-qPCR)
ccrcc1-4
(35-gene signature)
<15days



Nivolumab 240mg
IV every 2 weeks

Nivolumab IV 3 mg/kg +
Ipilimumab IV 1 mg/kg
every 3 weeks for 4 doses
followed by
Nivolumab IV
240 mg
every 2 weeks

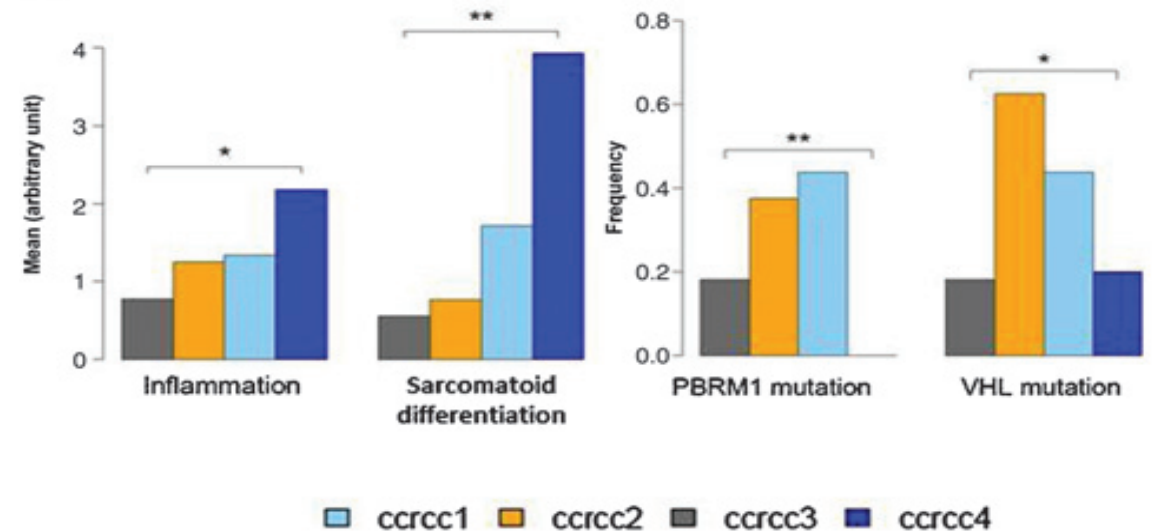
TKI
(sunitinib or pazopanib)

Treat until
RECIST 1.1-
defined
progression,
death,
unacceptable
toxicity or end
of study
(18months)

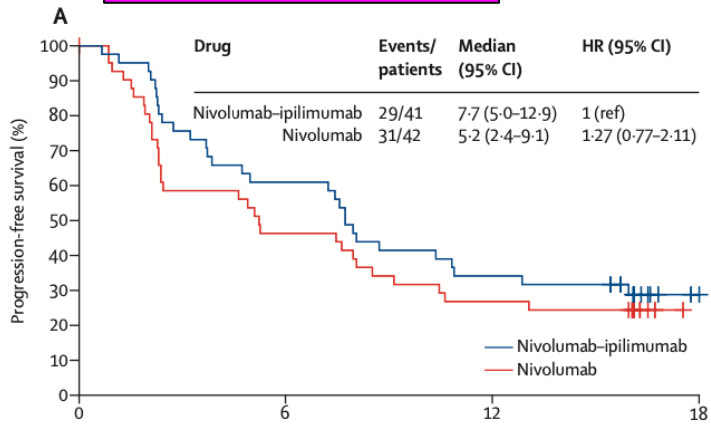
First step in **tailoring**
treatment on the basis
of tumour **molecular**
phenotype !!!

Non-comparative, per molecular-group randomized phase II trial

CCRCC1 = 42% (immune-low)
CCRCC2 = 37% (angio-high)
CCRCC3 = 5% (normal-like)
CCRCC4 = 17% (immunoe-high)

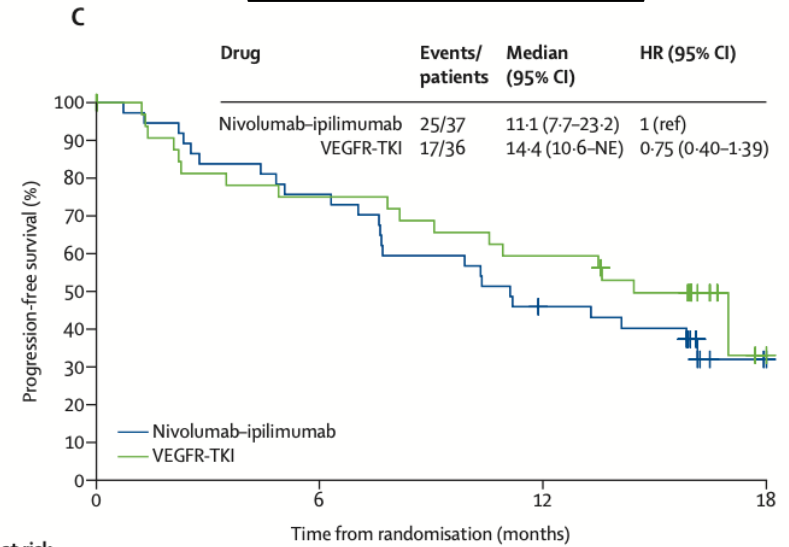


CCRCC1



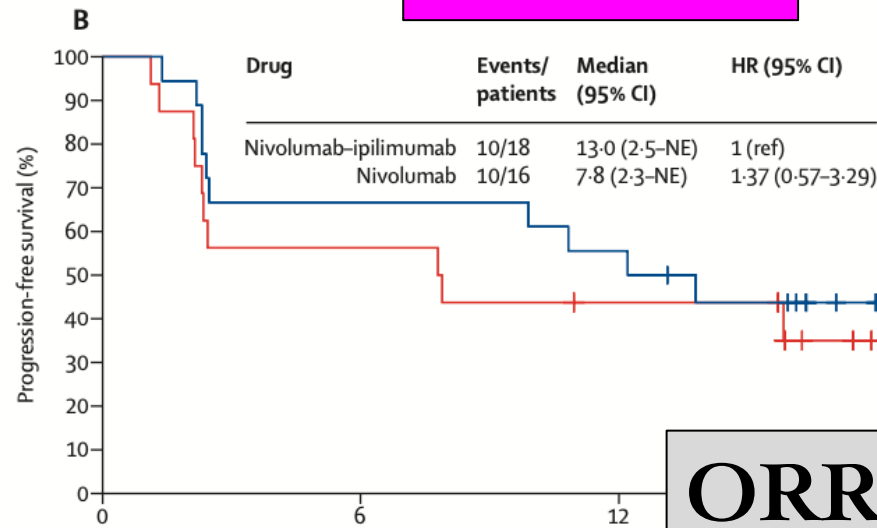
ORR = 39/29%

CCRCC2



ORR = 51/50%

CCRCC4



ORR = 50/44%

Number at risk (number censored)				
Nivolumab-ipilimumab	18 (0)	12 (0)	10 (0)	1 (7)
Nivolumab	16 (0)	9 (0)	6 (1)	0 (6)

Number at risk (number censored)	
Nivolumab-ipilimumab	37 (0)
VEGFR-TKI	36 (4)

2 (11)
1 (18)

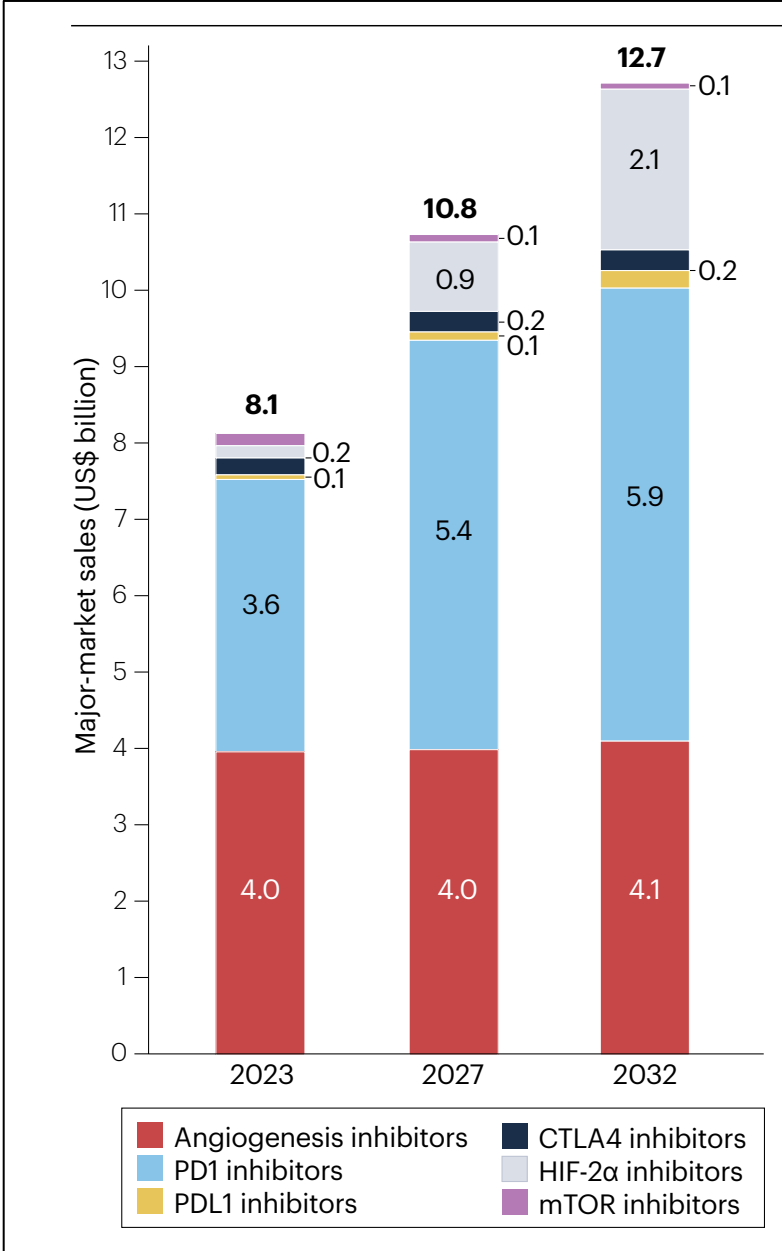
PIPELINE FOR RCC

Drug	Company	Mechanism of action	Highest phase
MK-1308A	Merck & Co.	PD1 and CTLA4 inhibitor	Phase III
Toripalimab (Tuoyi)	Shanghai Junshi Biosciences	PD1 inhibitor	Phase III
Durvalumab (Imfinzi)	AstraZeneca	PDL1 inhibitor	Phase III
Tremelimumab (Imjudo)	AstraZeneca	CTLA4 inhibitor	Phase III
Savolitinib (Orpathys)	AstraZeneca	MET inhibitor	Phase III
Zanzalintinib	Exelixis	Multitarget TKI	Phase III
Abexinostat	Xynomic Pharmaceuticals	HDAC inhibitor	Phase III
Batiraxcept	Aravive	GAS6-AXL pathway inhibitor	Phase II
NKT2152	NiKang Therapeutics	HIF2 α inhibitor	Phase II
DFF332	Novartis	HIF2 α inhibitor	Phase I
AB521	Arcus Biosciences	HIF2 α inhibitor	Phase I
ALLO-316	Allogene Therapeutics	Anti-CD70 allogeneic CAR-T cell therapy	Phase I
CTX-131	CRISPR Therapeutics	Anti-CD70 allogeneic CAR-T cell therapy	Phase I
Ciforadenant	Corvus Pharmaceuticals	Adenosine A2A receptor antagonist	Phase II
XmAb819	Xencor	ENPP3 \times CD3 bispecific antibody	Phase I

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CD, cluster of differentiation; CTLA4, cytotoxic T-lymphocyte associated protein 4; ENPP3, ectonucleotide pyrophosphatase/phosphodiesterase family member 3; GAS6, growth arrest-specific protein 6; HDAC, histone deacetylase; HIF2 α , hypoxia-inducible factor 2 α ; MET, mesenchymal-epithelial transition factor; PD1, programmed cell death protein 1; PDL1, programmed death ligand 1; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

RCC DRUG MARKET

MAJOR-MARKET SALES



Tur et al., Nature Reviews
drug discovery 2024

