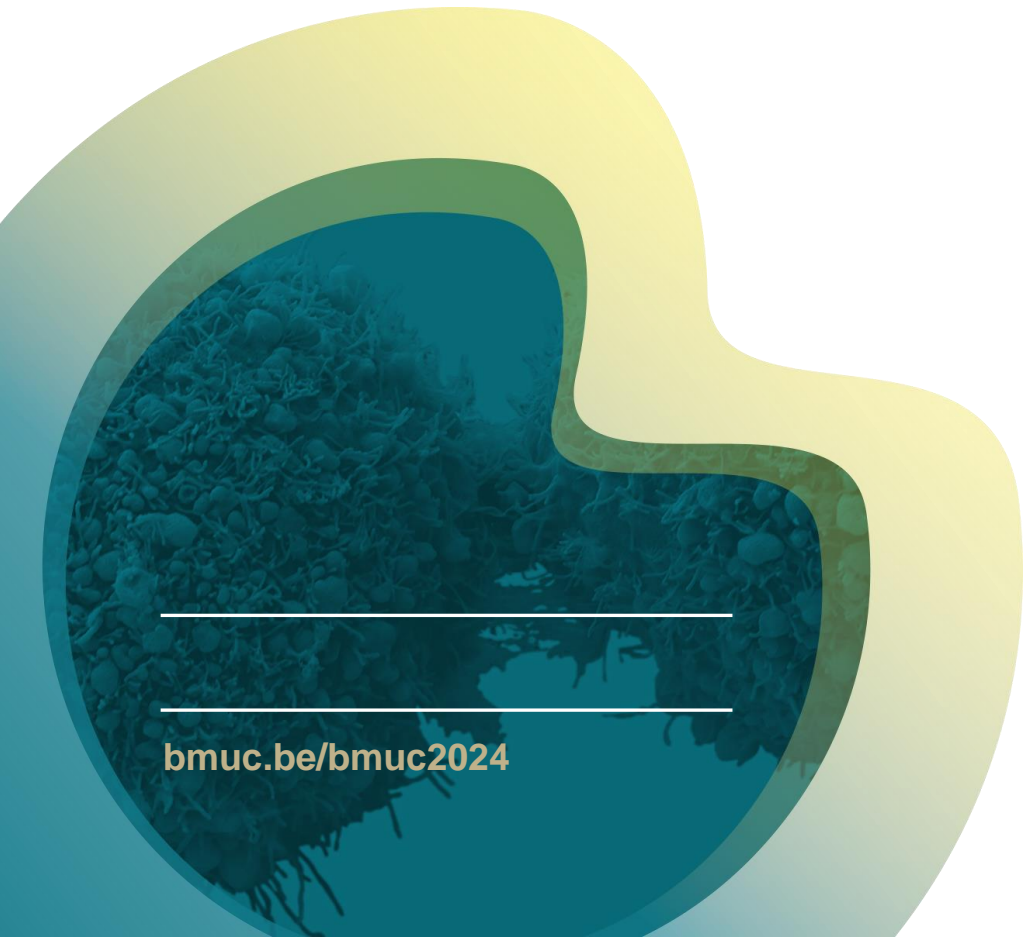


Do we still need chemo in 1st line metastatic bladder cancer ?

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ESMO – Madrid

- October 2023
- Excitement
- The first time in 30 y with a positive ph III trial in first line M+ disease
- EAU : Standing ovation for EV302
Not for the CheckMate 901



Standard of Care Management of Advanced/Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma (pre-ESMO 2023)

First-Line

Cisplatin-eligible

- Cisplatin + gemcitabine²
- Dose-dense methotrexate + vinblastine + doxorubicin + cisplatin (ddMVAC)³

Cisplatin-ineligible¹

- Carboplatin + gemcitabine⁴

Platinum-ineligible
Pembrolizumab

Maintenance

For patients who achieve a response (CR/PR/SD) to platinum-based chemotherapy

- Avelumab⁵
- Pembrolizumab⁶

or Second-Line

- Pembrolizumab⁷
- Nivolumab
- Avelumab

Beyond-Second-Line

- Enfortumab Vedotin⁸
- Erdafitinib⁹ (if tumor +FGFR 2/3 genetic alterations)
- Sacituzumab govitecan¹⁰
- Clinical trial
- Paclitaxel, docetaxel, or vinflunine



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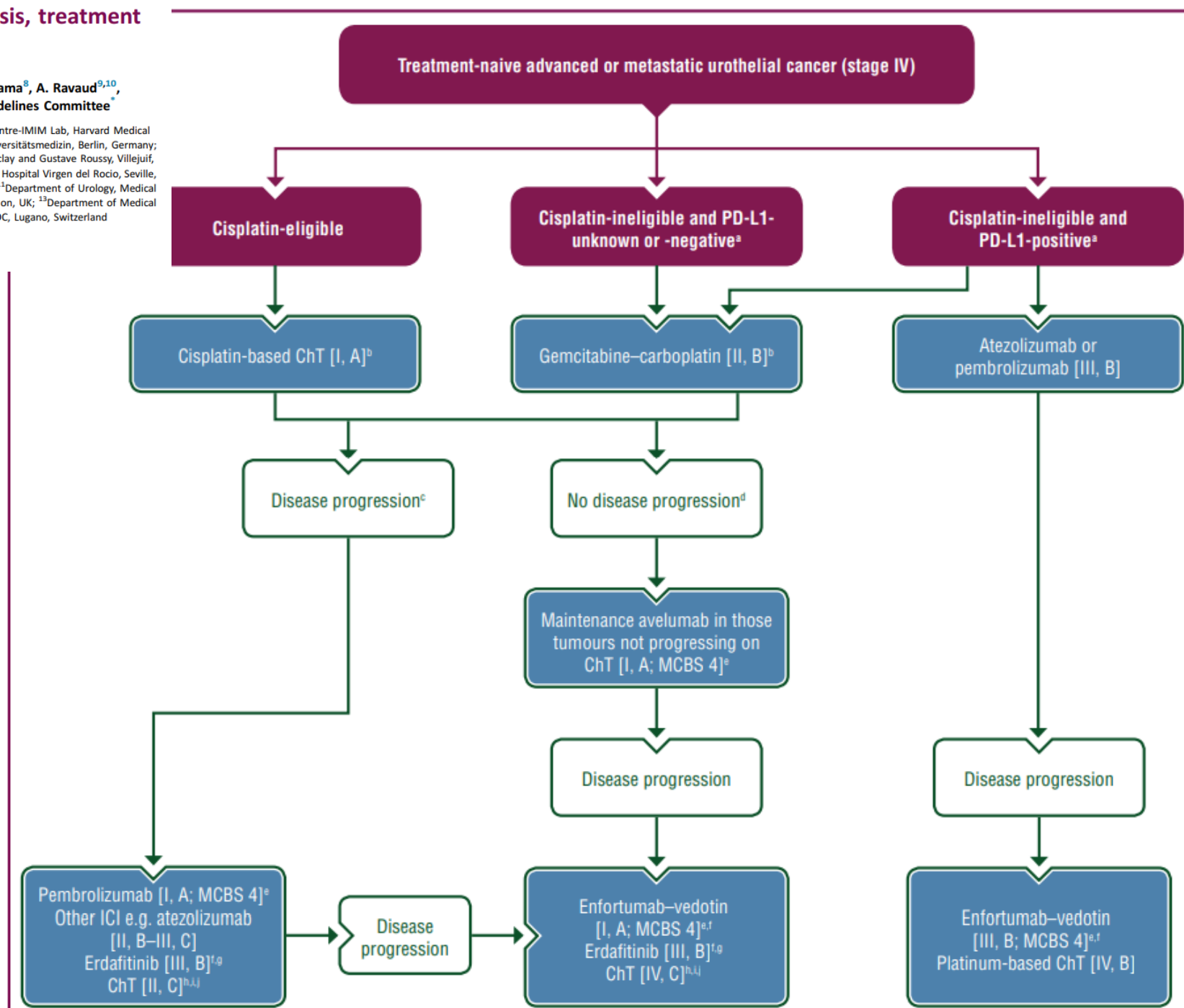
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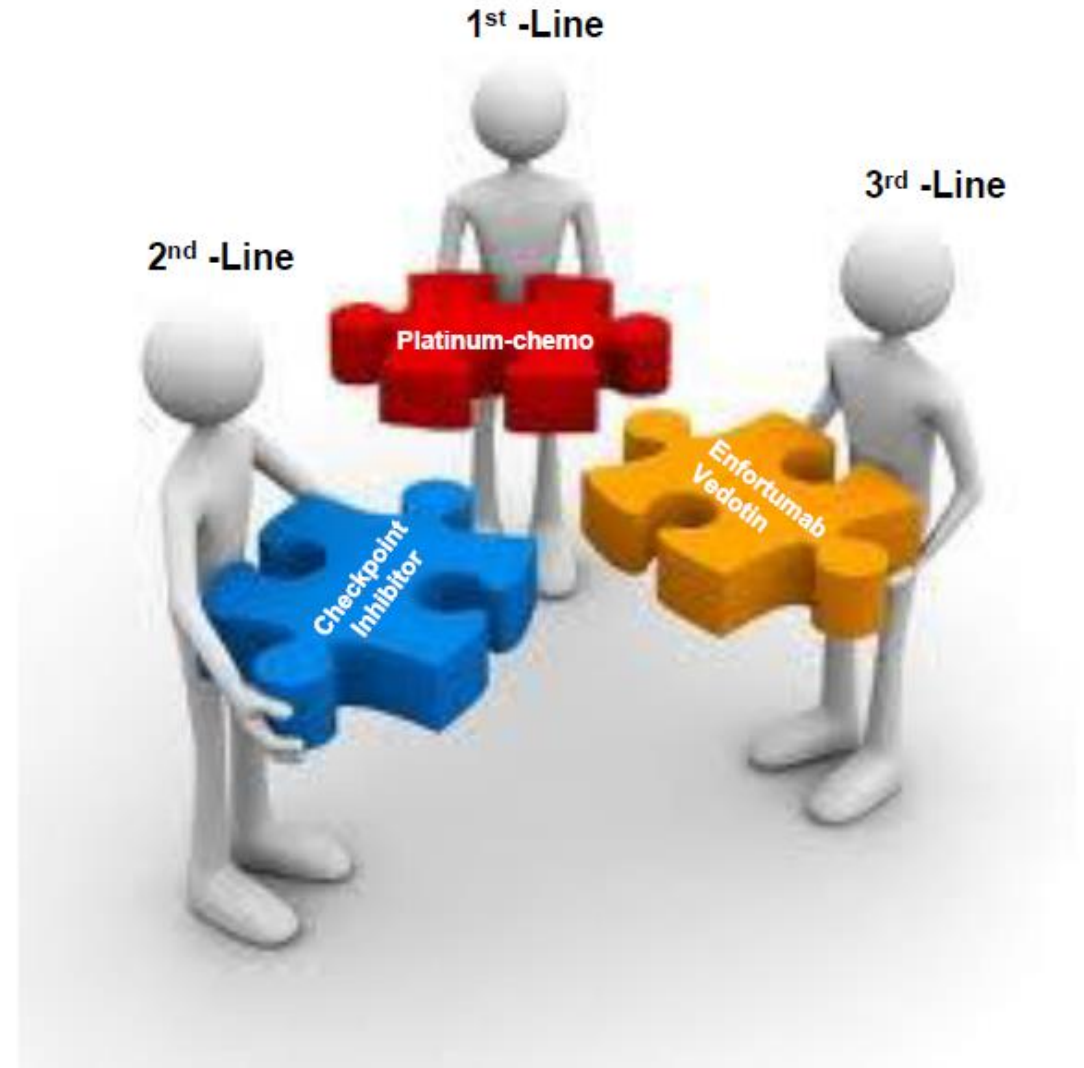
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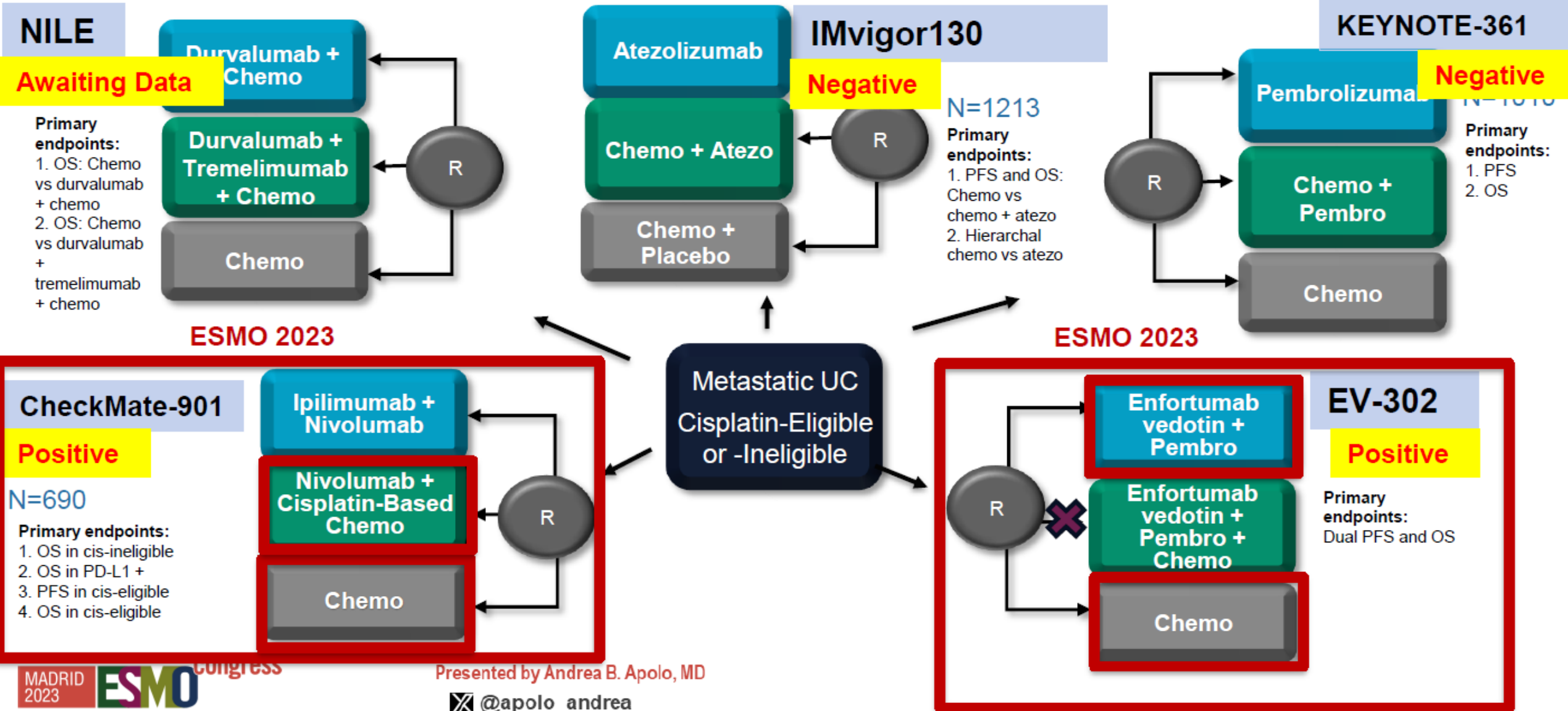


Goals of Treatment in the First-line Setting in Urothelial Carcinoma

- Early tumor shrinkage
- Durable responses
- Longer overall survival
- Minimal treatment toxicity



First-line Phase 3 Trials with Checkpoint-Inhibitor Combinations vs Platinum-based Chemo for Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma



Nivolumab plus gemcitabine-cisplatin versus gemcitabine-cisplatin alone for previously untreated unresectable or metastatic urothelial carcinoma: results from the phase 3 CheckMate 901 trial

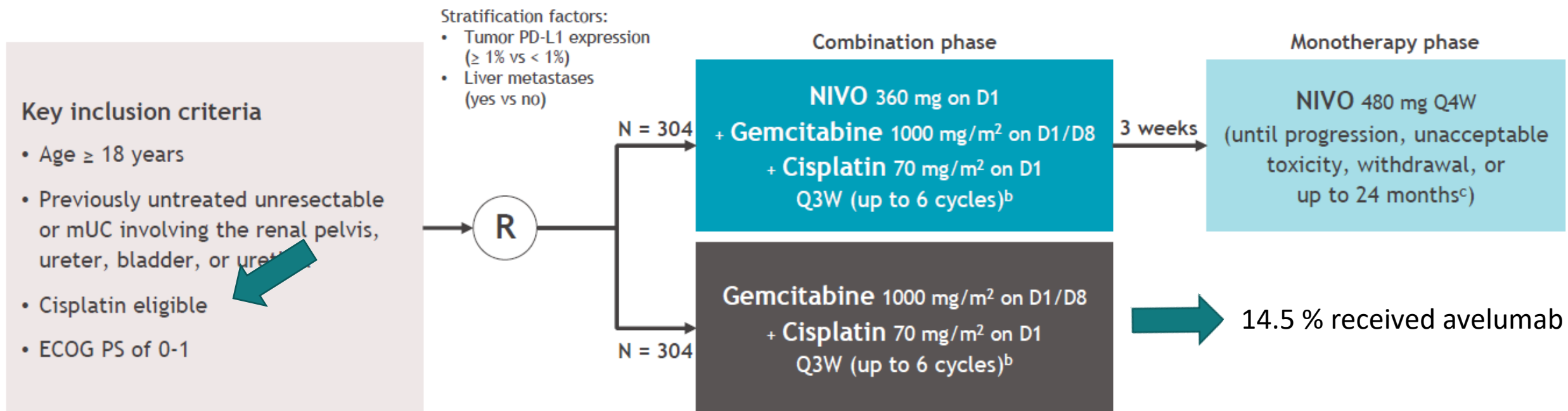
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Study design

- NIVO + gemcitabine-cisplatin vs gemcitabine-cisplatin in cisplatin-eligible patients^a



Median (range) study follow-up, 33.6 (7.4-62.4) months

Primary endpoints: OS, PFS per BICR

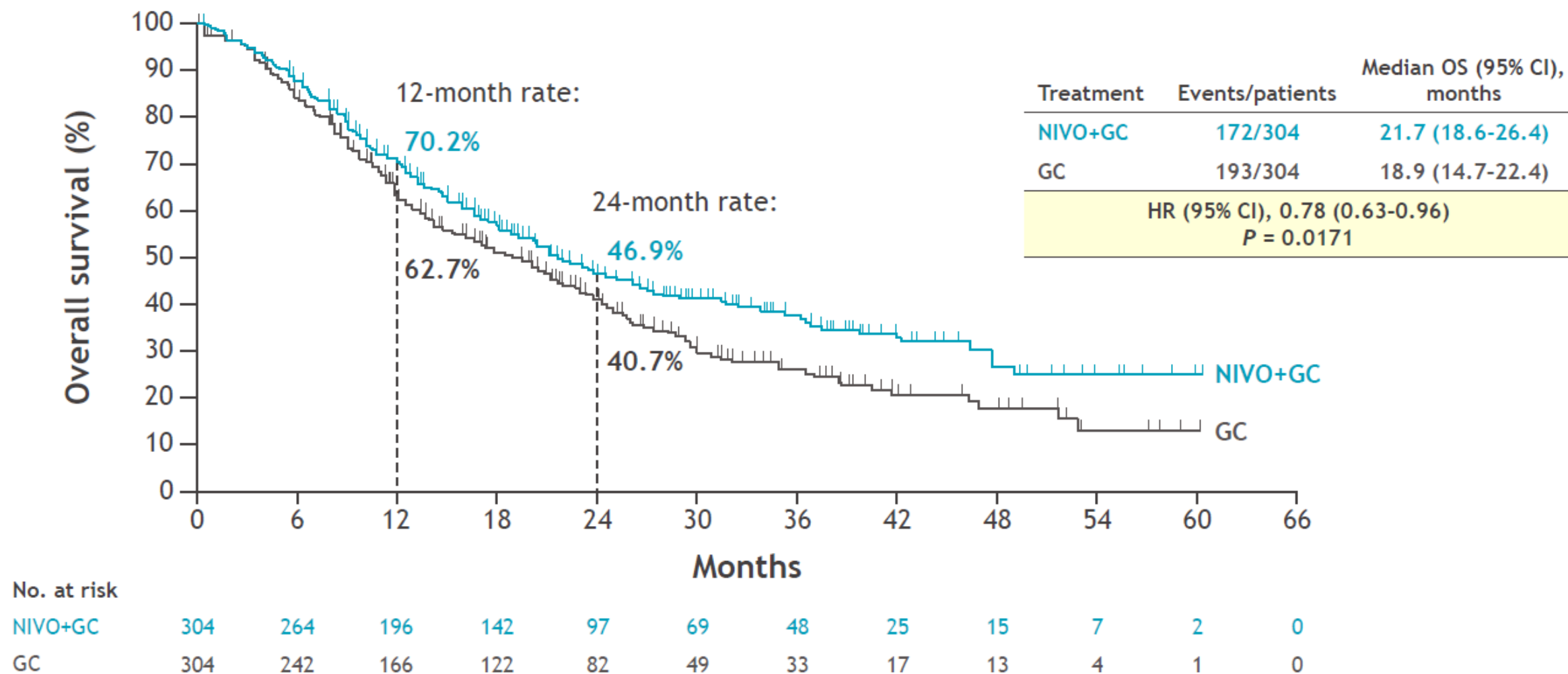
Key secondary endpoints: OS and PFS by PD-L1 \geq 1%,^d HRQoL

Key exploratory endpoints: ORR per BICR, safety

^aFurther CheckMate 901 trial design details are available at <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03036098>. ^bPatients who discontinued cisplatin could be switched to gemcitabine-carboplatin for the remainder of the platinum doublet cycles (up to 6 in total). ^cA maximum of 24 months from first dose of NIVO administered as part of the NIVO + gemcitabine-cisplatin combination. ^dPD-L1 status was defined by the percentage of positive tumor cell membrane staining in a minimum of 100 tumor cells that could be evaluated with the use of the PD-L1 IHC 28-8 pharmDx immunohistochemical assay (Dako, Santa Clara, CA, USA).

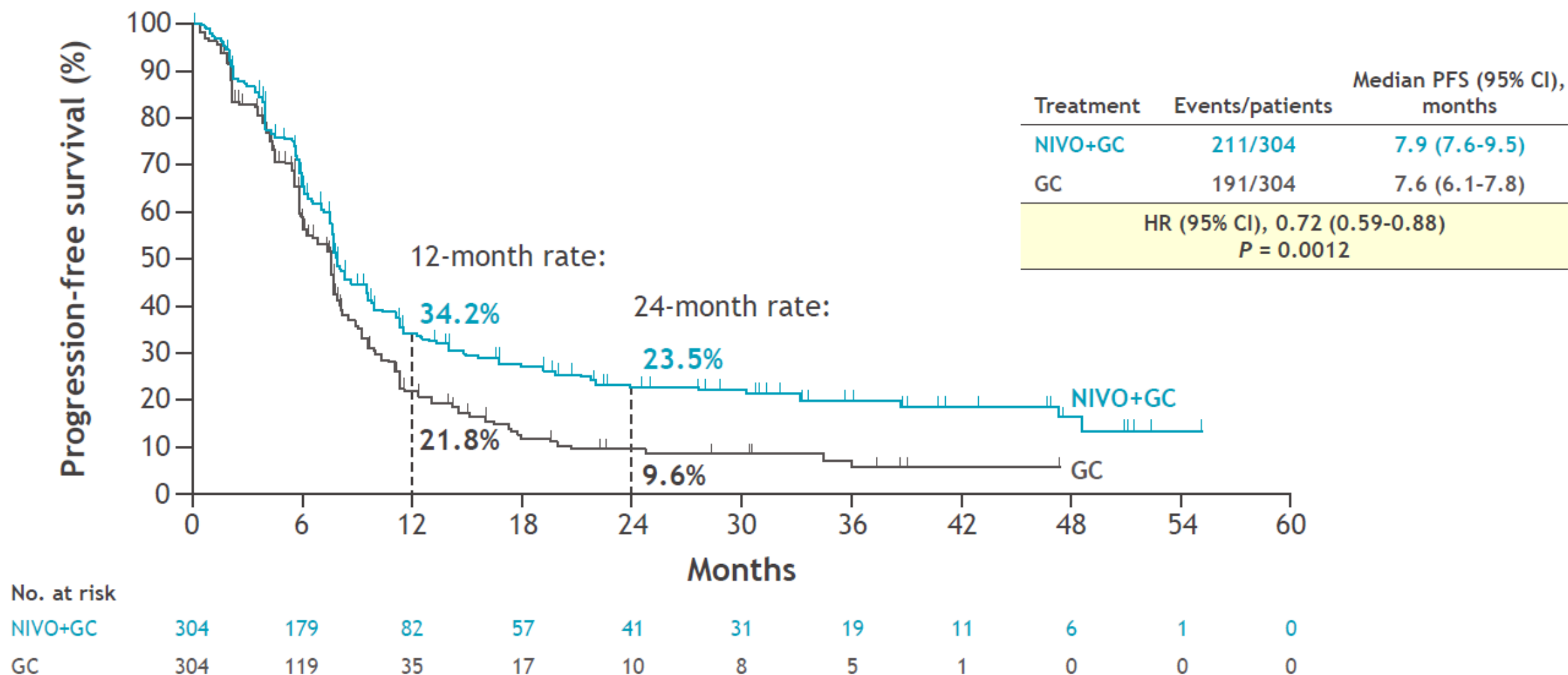
BICR, blinded independent central review; D, day; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; ORR, objective response rate; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1; PFS, progression-free survival; Q \times W, every \times weeks; R, randomization.

OS (primary endpoint)



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PFS per BICR (primary endpoint)



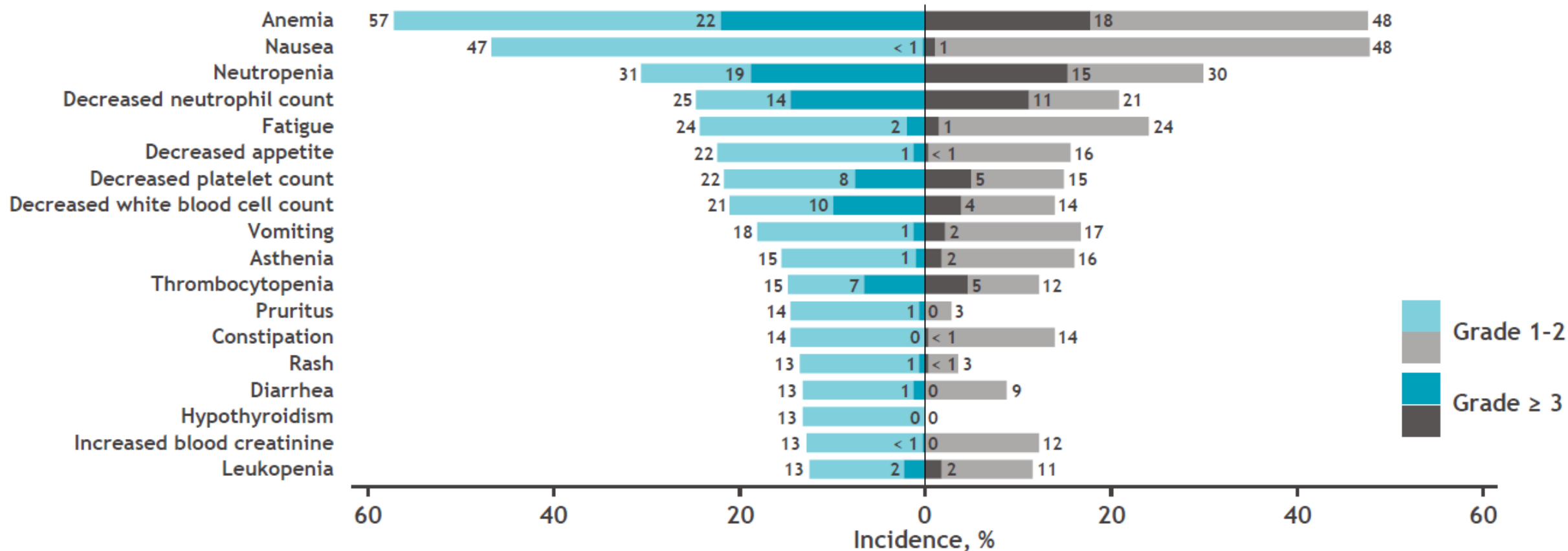
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Treatment-related AEs in all treated patients

NIVO+GC (n = 304)

GC (n = 288)

Treatment-related AE, % ^a	Any grade	Grade ≥ 3 ^b	Any grade	Grade ≥ 3 ^b
Any	97	62	93	52
Leading to discontinuation	21	11	17	8



^aIncludes events that occurred in treated patients between first dose and 30 days after last dose of study therapy. Tornado plot displays individual treatment-related AEs occurring at any grade in $\geq 10\%$ of treated patients in either arm. ^bOne grade 5 event occurred in each arm (sepsis in the NIVO+GC arm and acute kidney injury in the GC arm). AE, adverse event.

Summary

- NIVO+GC demonstrated statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in OS and PFS versus GC alone as first-line treatment for unresectable or mUC
- ORR and CR rates were notably higher with NIVO+GC and the concurrent ICI and chemotherapy combination was associated with deep and durable responses
 - The CR rate was nearly doubled (21.7% vs 11.8%) and the DoCR almost 3 times longer (37.1 vs 13.2 months) with NIVO+GC, despite a maximum of 2 years of NIVO treatment
- The combination of NIVO+GC resulted in no new toxicity signals, and the safety profile was consistent with the established safety of these agents in prior UC trials
- HRQoL was maintained with addition of NIVO to GC
- NIVO+GC is the first frontline concurrent ICI plus chemotherapy combination to improve OS in this setting, with results supporting NIVO plus cisplatin-based chemotherapy as a new SOC for patients with unresectable or mUC

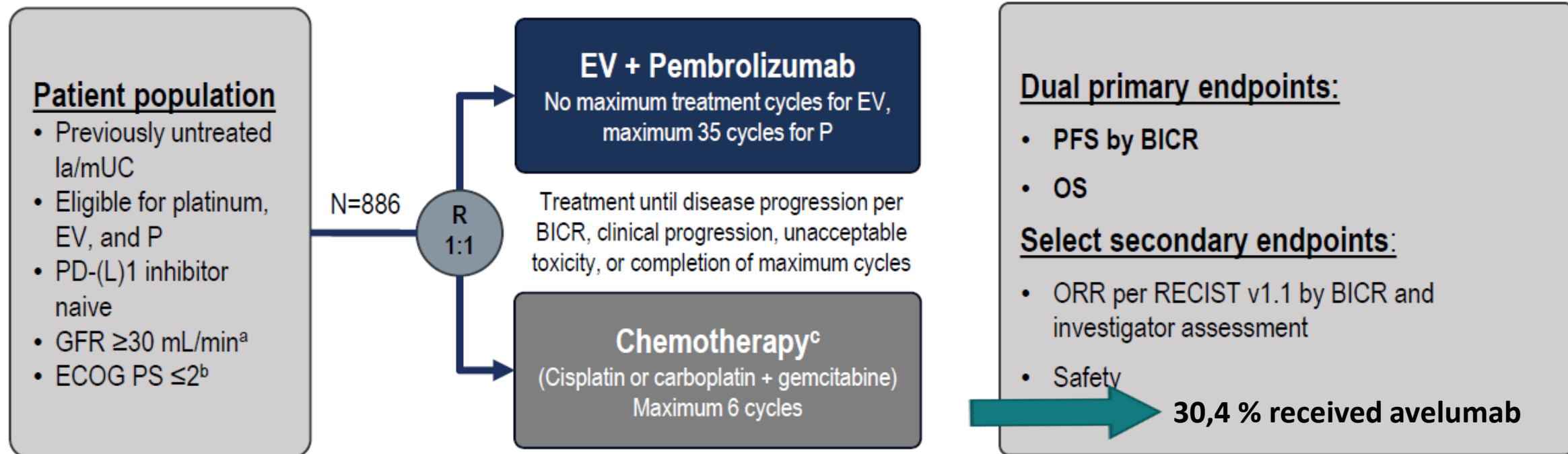
EV-302/KEYNOTE-A39: Open-Label, Randomized Phase 3 Study of Enfortumab Vedotin in Combination with Pembrolizumab vs Chemotherapy in Previously Untreated Locally Advanced or Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma

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EV-302/KEYNOTE-A39 (NCT04223856)



Stratification factors: cisplatin eligibility (eligible/ineligible), PD-L1 expression (high/low), liver metastases (present/absent)

Cisplatin eligibility and assignment/dosing of cisplatin vs carboplatin were protocol-defined; patients received 3-week cycles of EV (1.25 mg/kg; IV) on Days 1 and 8 and P (200 mg; IV) on Day 1

Statistical plan for analysis: the first planned analysis was performed after approximately 526 PFS (final) and 356 OS events (interim); if OS was positive at interim, the OS interim analysis was considered final

BICR, blinded independent central review; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; ORR, overall response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; R, randomization; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors

^aMeasured by the Cockcroft-Gault formula, Modification of Diet in Renal Disease, or 24-hour urine

^bPatients with ECOG PS of 2 were required to also meet the additional criteria: hemoglobin ≥ 10 g/dL, GFR ≥ 50 mL/min, may not have NYHA class III heart failure

^cMaintenance therapy could be used following completion and/or discontinuation of platinum-containing therapy

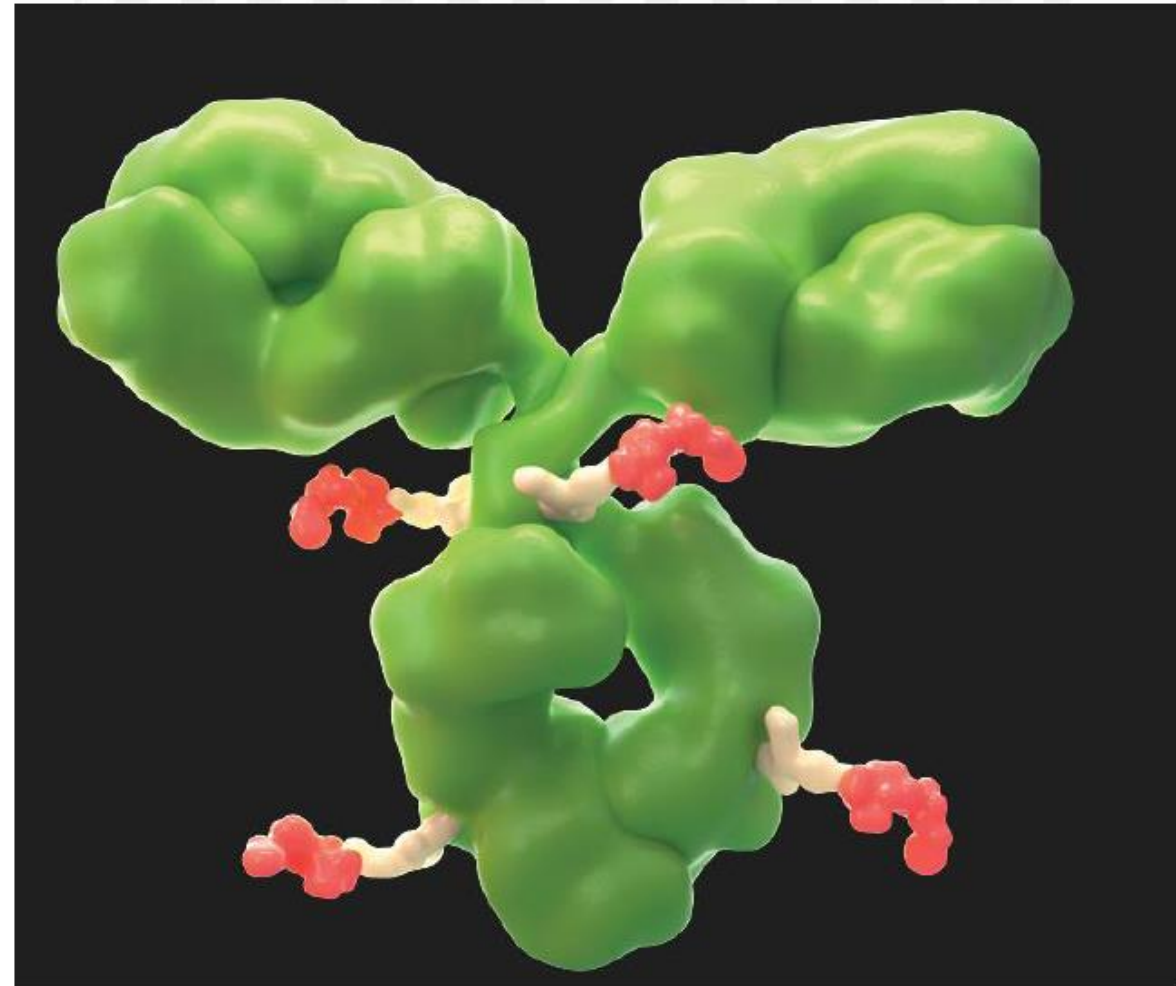
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Enfortumab Vedotin (EV), an Antibody-Drug Conjugate Targeting Nectin-4

Is it a chemo-free regimen ???

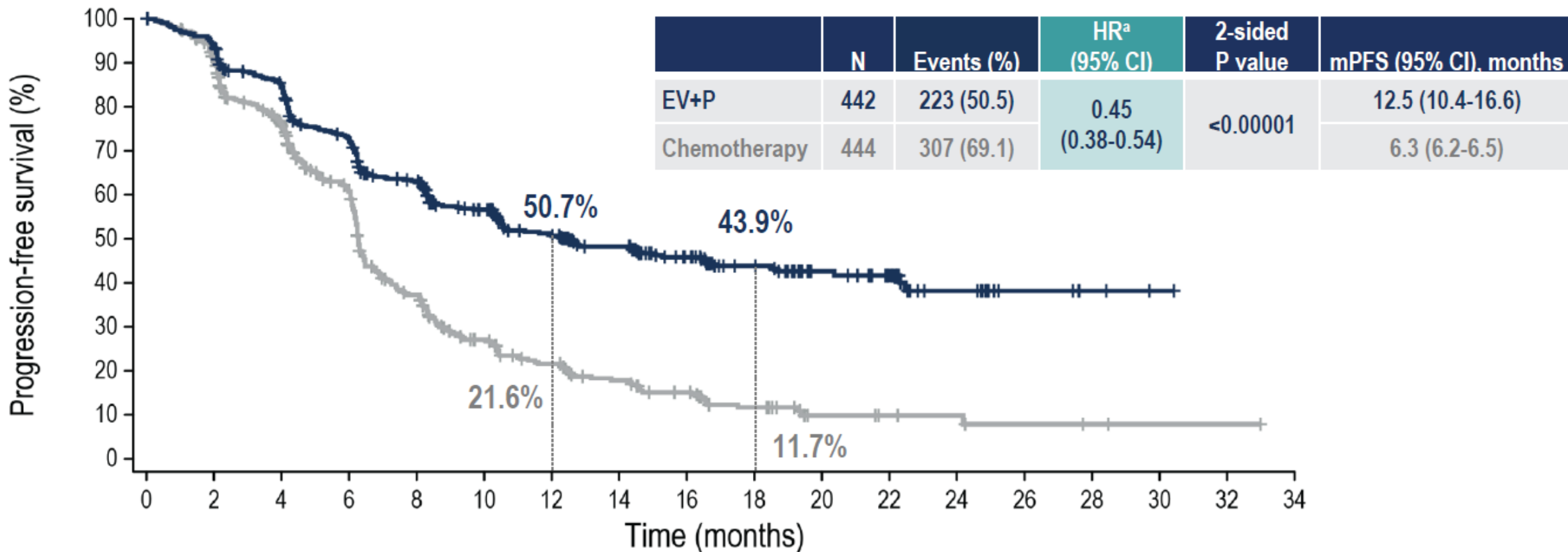
- Antibody-drug conjugates are made up of 3 parts:
 - The antibody: Anti-nectin-4
 - The payload: MMAE
 - The linker (stable in circulation, but releases the cytotoxic agent in the target cell)
- Nectin-4 is highly expressed in metastatic urothelial cancer patients not necessitating tumor screening
- The payload MMAE (plus linker) is vedotin, a microtubule-disrupting agent (200x more potent than vinblastine)
- December 2019, FDA granted accelerated approval of EV for 2 indications 1]Platinum and PD-1/PD-L1 refractory metastatic urothelial carcinoma; 2] cisplatin-ineligible and have previously received PD-1/PD-L1 therapy

Rosenberg, J et al., J Clin Oncol. 2019 10;37(29):2592-2600



Progression-Free Survival per BICR

Risk of progression or death was reduced by 55% in patients who received EV+P



N at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
EV+P	442	409	361	303	253	204	167	132	102	73	45	33	17	6	3	1		
Chemotherapy	444	380	297	213	124	78	56	41	30	19	8	6	5	3	2	1	1	

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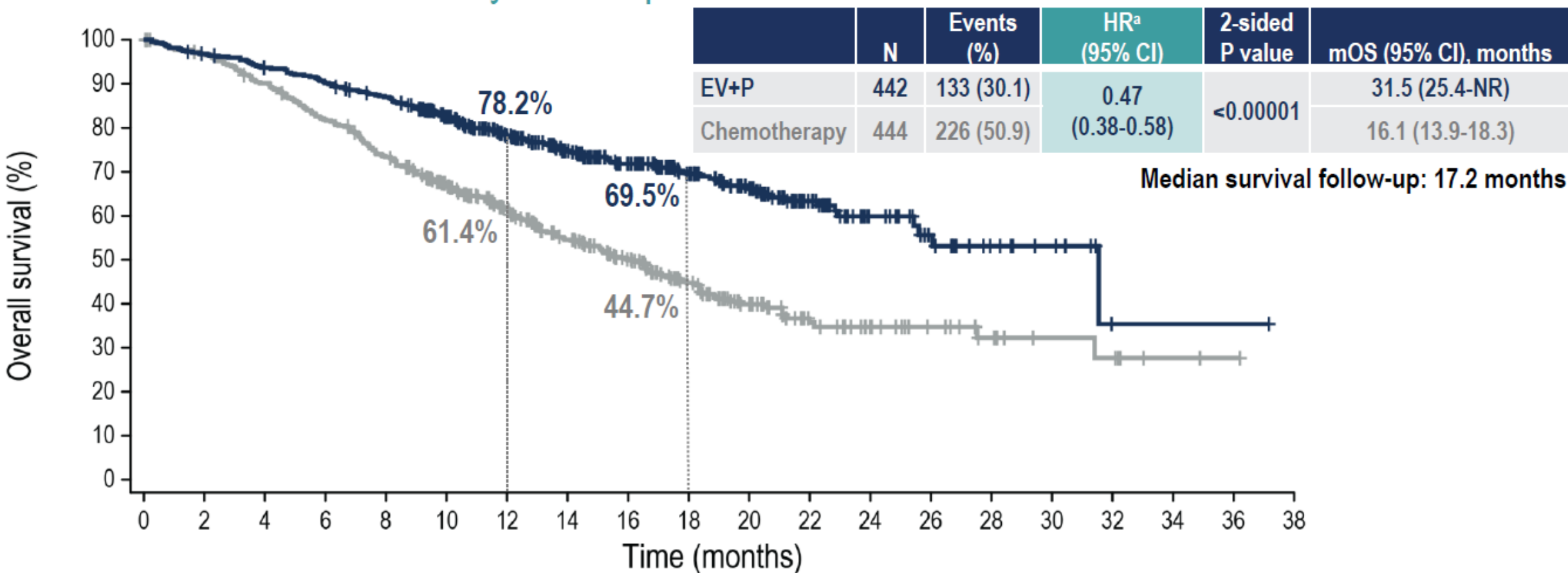
PFS at 12 and 18 months as estimated using Kaplan-Meier method

HR, hazard ratio; mPFS, median progression-free survival

^aCalculated using stratified Cox proportional hazards model; a hazard ratio <1 favors the EV+P arm

Overall Survival

Risk of death was reduced by 53% in patients who received EV+P



N at risk

EV+P	442	426	409	394	376	331	270	222	182	141	108	67	36	22	12	8	1	1	1
Chemotherapy	444	423	393	356	317	263	209	164	125	90	60	37	25	18	12	7	6	2	1

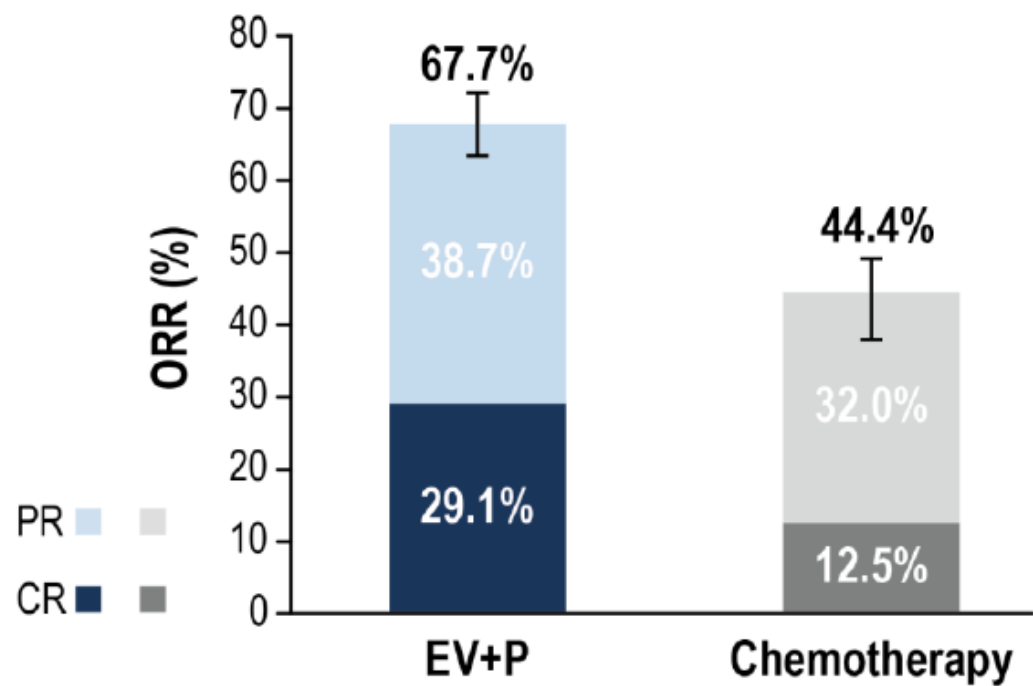
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OS at 12 and 18 months was estimated using Kaplan-Meier method
mOS, median overall survival; NR, not reached

^aCalculated using stratified Cox proportional hazards model. A hazard ratio <1 favors the EV+P arm

Confirmed Overall Response per BICR

Significant improvement in objective response rate was observed with EV+P



	EV+P (N=437)	Chemotherapy (N=441)
Confirmed ORR, n (%) (95% CI)	296 (67.7) (63.1-72.1)	196 (44.4) (39.7-49.2)
2-sided P value	<0.00001	
Best overall response ^a , n (%)		
Complete response	127 (29.1)	55 (12.5)
Partial response	169 (38.7)	141 (32.0)
Stable disease	82 (18.8)	149 (33.8)
Progressive disease	38 (8.7)	60 (13.6)
Not evaluable/No assessment ^b	21 (4.8)	36 (8.2)

Median DOR (95% CI)

NR (20.2, NR)

7.0 (6.2, 10.2)

CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; PR, partial response

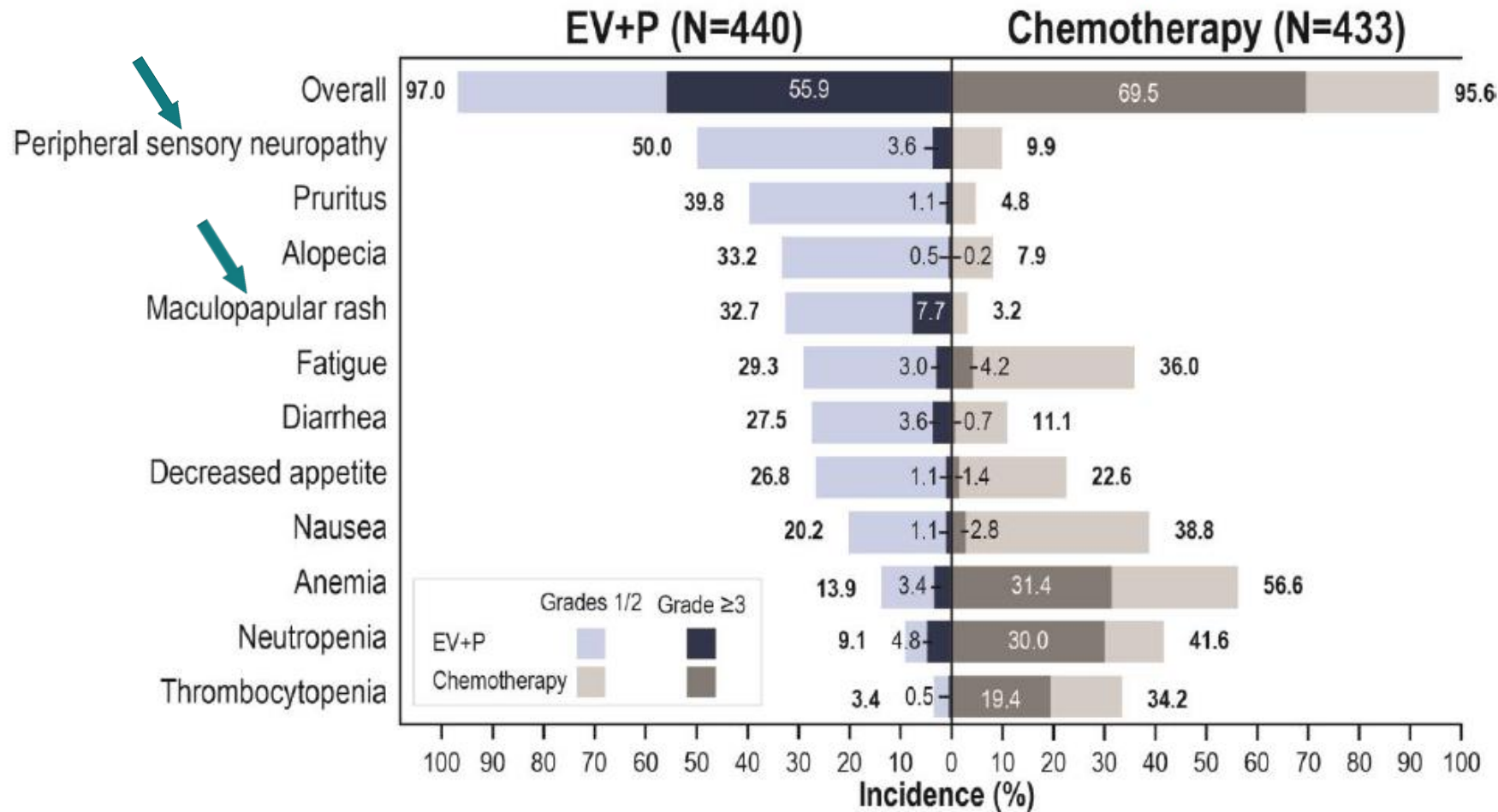
^aBest overall response according to RECIST v1.1 per BICR. CR or PR was confirmed with repeat scans ≥ 28 days after initial response

^bPatients had either post-baseline assessment and the best overall response was determined to be not evaluable per RECIST v1.1 or no response assessment post-baseline

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Treatment-Related Adverse Events

Grade ≥ 3 events were 56% in EV+P and 70% in chemotherapy



Serious TRAEs:

- 122 (27.7%) EV+P
- 85 (19.6%) chemotherapy

TRAEs leading to death (per investigator):

EV+P: 4 (0.9%)

- Asthenia
- Diarrhea
- Immune-mediated lung disease
- Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome

Chemotherapy: 4 (0.9%)

- Febrile neutropenia
- Myocardial infarction
- Neutropenic sepsis
- Sepsis

Median number of cycles (range): 12.0 (1,46) for EV+P; 6.0 (1,6) for chemotherapy

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EV Treatment-Related Adverse Events of Special Interest*

Majority of treatment-related AEsIs were low grade

	EV+P (N=440) n (%)		Chemotherapy (N=433) n (%)	
	Any grade	Grade ≥3	Any grade	Grade ≥3
Skin reactions	294 (66.8)	68 (15.5)	60 (13.9)	1 (0.2)
Peripheral neuropathy	278 (63.2)	30 (6.8)	53 (12.2)	0 (0.0)
Sensory events	260 (59.1)	19 (4.3)	51 (11.8)	0 (0.0)
Motor events	44 (10.0)	12 (2.7)	5 (1.2)	0 (0.0)
Ocular disorders	94 (21.4)	0 (0.0)	12 (2.8)	0 (0.0)
Dry eye	82 (18.6)	0 (0.0)	8 (1.8)	0 (0.0)
Hyperglycemia	57 (13.0)	27 (6.1)	3 (0.7)	0 (0.0)
Infusion-related reactions	9 (2.0)	0 (0.0)	9 (2.1)	0 (0.0)

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*There are differences in the rates of skin reactions reported for EV treatment-related AEsIs and P TEAEs of special interest because these adverse events were reported via different methodologies developed for EV and P monotherapies, respectively
AEsI, adverse event of special interest

Summary & Conclusions

- EV-302/KEYNOTE-A39 is the first time that platinum-based chemotherapy has been surpassed in OS in patients with previously untreated 1a/mUC
- EV+P showed statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvement in efficacy over chemotherapy
 - PFS HR: 0.45; OS HR: 0.47
 - mPFS and mOS were nearly doubled in the EV+P arm compared with chemotherapy
 - Benefit in prespecified subgroups and stratification factors was consistent with the overall population
- The safety profile of EV+P was generally manageable, with no new safety signals observed
- These results support EV+P as a potential new standard of care for 1L 1a/mUC

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Highlights (online only):

- This ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline eUpdate addresses developments in first-line therapy in advanced urothelial carcinoma.
- EV+P is the new standard of care in first-line advanced urothelial carcinoma.
- Nivolumab–cisplatin–gemcitabine or platinum-based ChT and maintenance avelumab are alternatives if EV+P is not possible.

Recommendations

- EV+P is recommended as the preferred first-line therapy for advanced or metastatic UC, irrespective of platinum eligibility [I, A; FDA approved; not EMA approved].
- After progression on EV+P, standard platinum-based ChT without maintenance avelumab in unselected patients or erdafitinib in selected *FGFR*-altered tumours can be recommended [IV, B].
- Rechallenge with a single-agent ICI is not encouraged without further evidence [V, D].

- Patients not able to receive EV+P should be treated with nivolumab plus up to six cycles of gemcitabine–cisplatin (if cisplatin-eligible only) [I, A] (awaiting FDA and EMA decision) or up to six cycles of platinum-based ChT (gemcitabine plus cisplatin or carboplatin) [I, A], followed by maintenance avelumab (for non-progressing tumours) [I, A; ESMO-Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale (ESMO-MCBS) v1.1 score: 4].
- Single-agent ICIs have a limited role in first-line advanced disease and should not be given

- There are two changes for treatment after first-line platinum-based ChT and an ICI (given concurrently, sequentially or as second-line therapy):



- Erdafitinib is recommended in patients with selected *FGFR* DNA fusions and mutations who have previously been treated with ChT and an ICI [I, A; ESMO-MCBS v1.1 score: 4; Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved, not European Medicines Agency (EMA) approved].

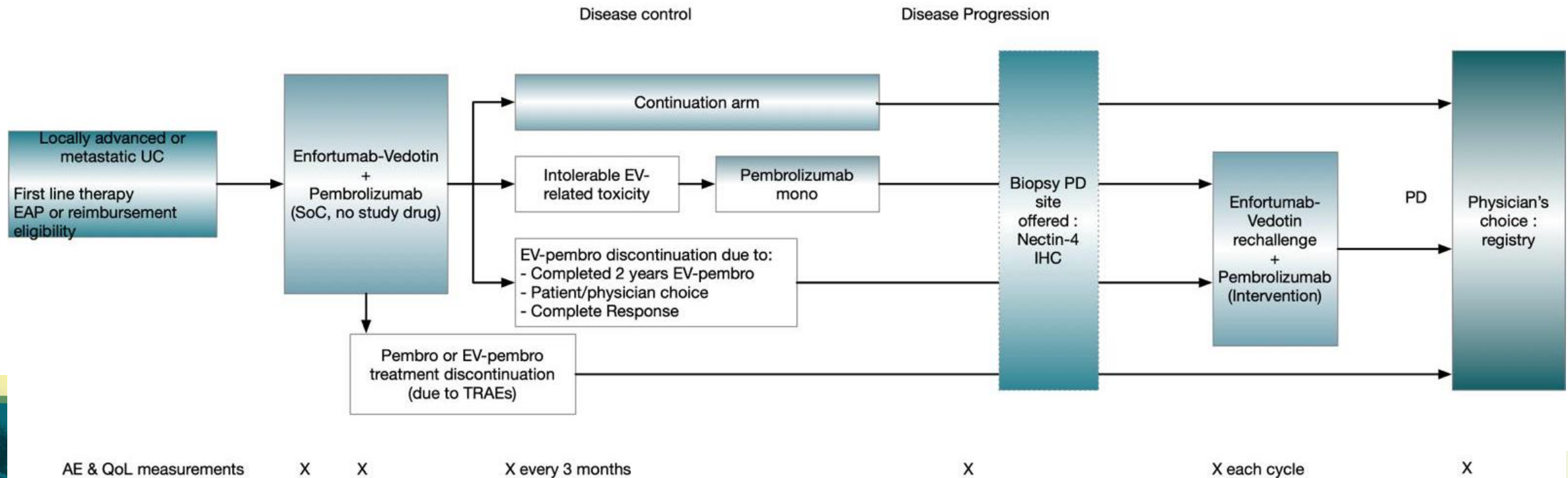


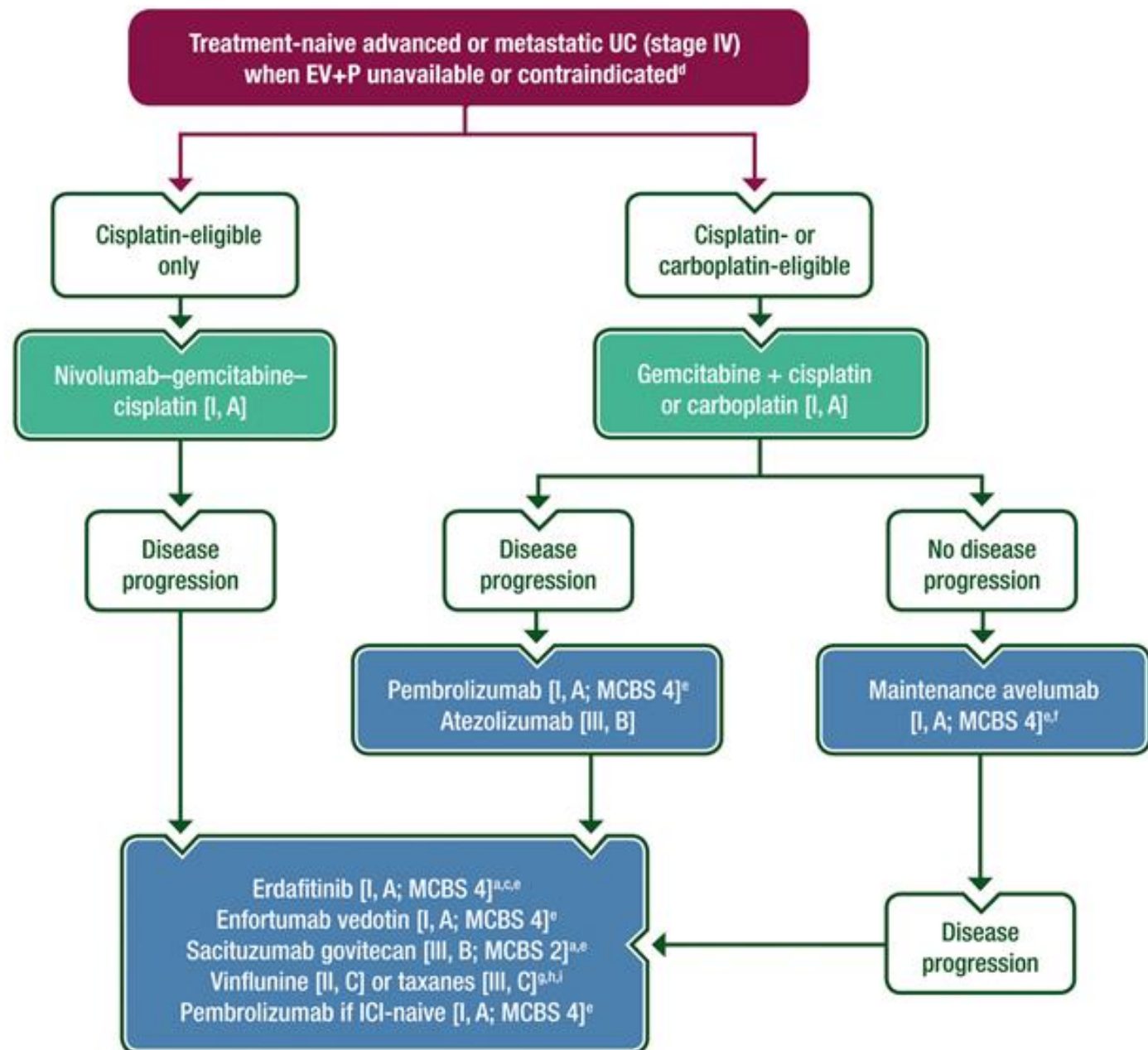
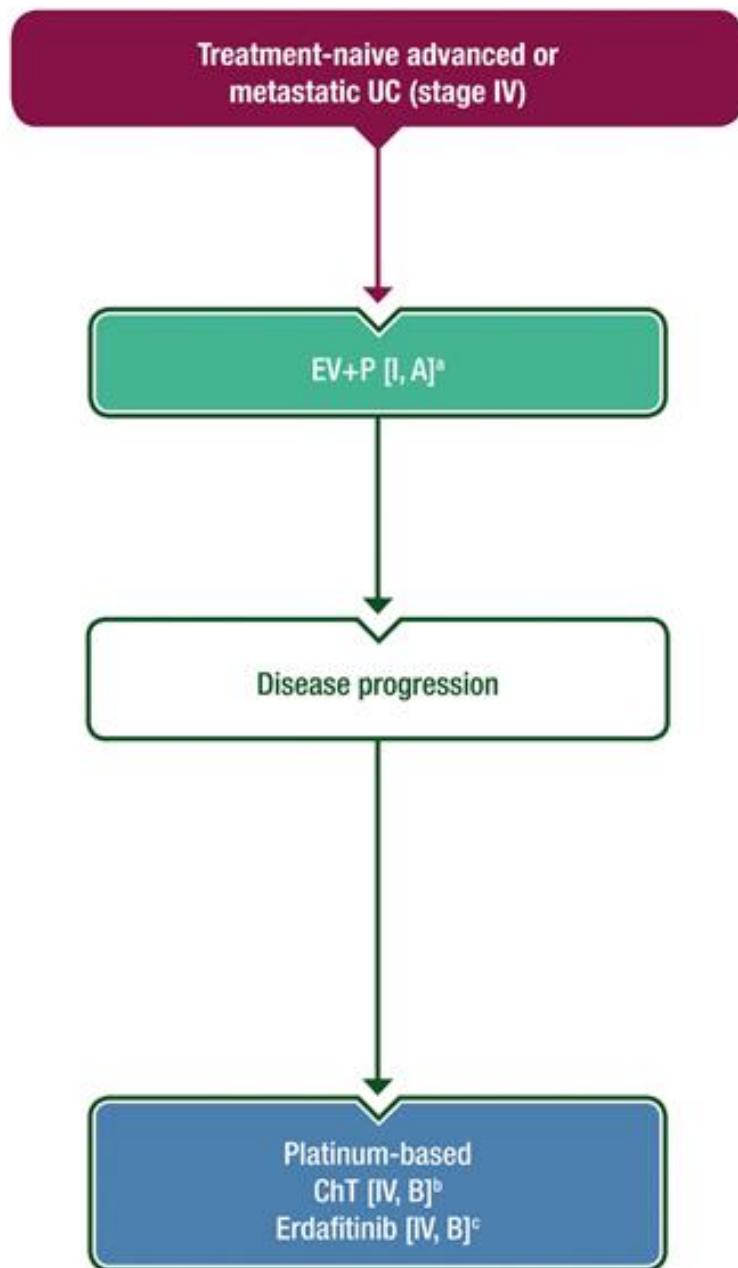
- Sacituzumab govitecan can be recommended in patients previously treated with ChT and an ICI [III, B; ESMO-MCBS v1.1 score: 2; FDA approved, not EMA approved].

- For patients with progression after EV+P, treatments not previously given may be considered for third- and fourth-line therapy [V, C].

EAU in press – concerns

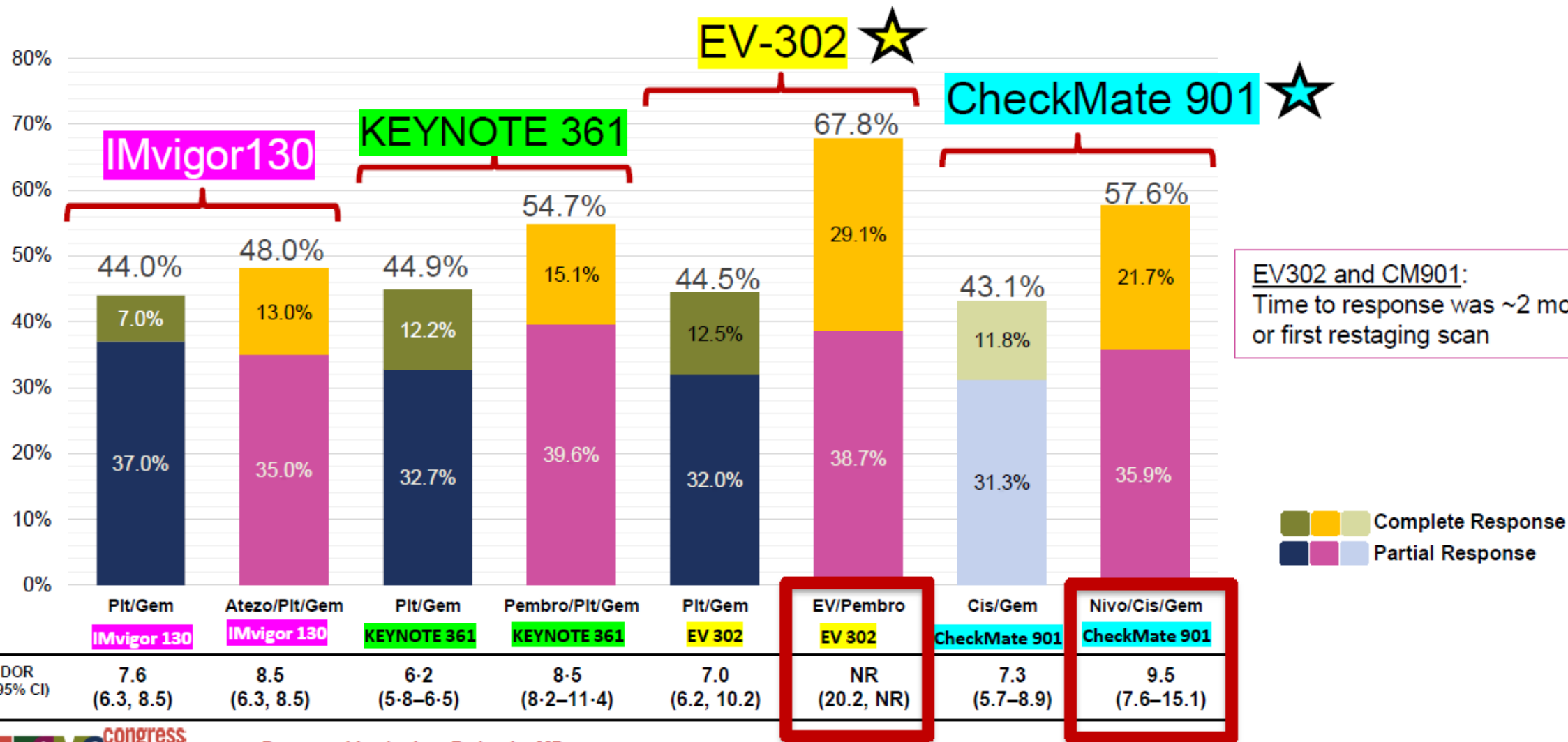
- Post – protocol therapies ?
- Extending duration of therapy - 2 years of EV needed?
- Toxicity – skin reactions, diabetes, neuropathy ... **No QOL data**
- Cost : 127 individuals 1 cycle of chemo VERSUS 1 individual EV + Pem







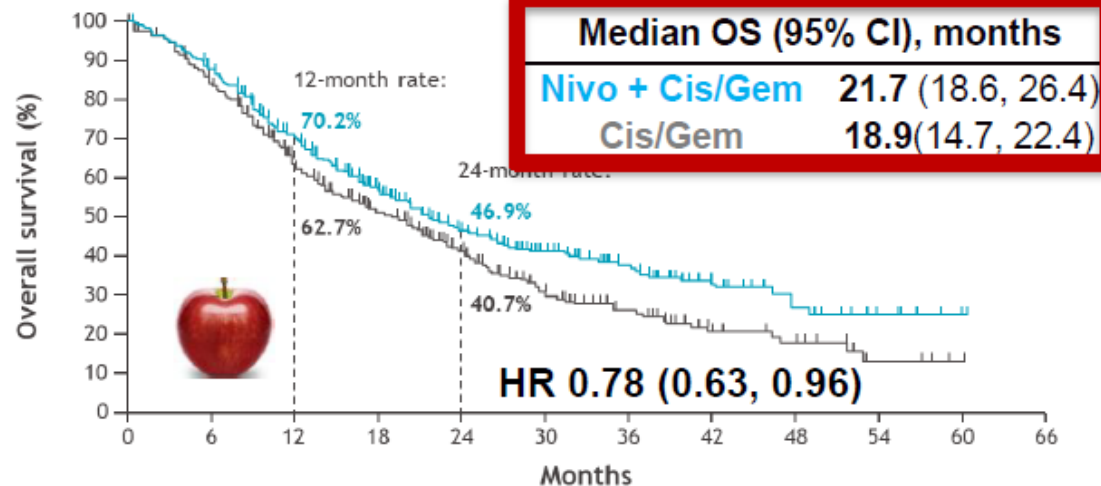
EV + Pembro's Duration of Response is longer



EV302 and CM901:
Time to response was ~2 months or first restaging scan

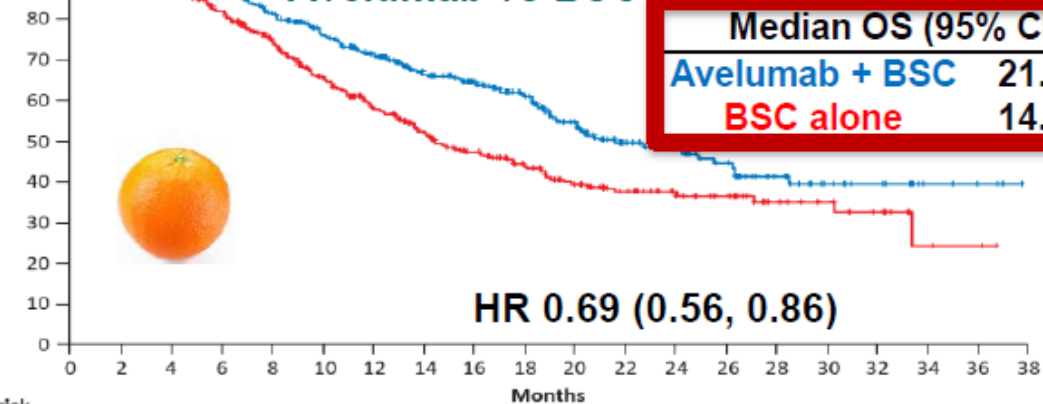
Both sequential and combination chemo and CPI have efficacy

Nivo+Cis/Gem vs Cis/Gem CheckMate 901 Study

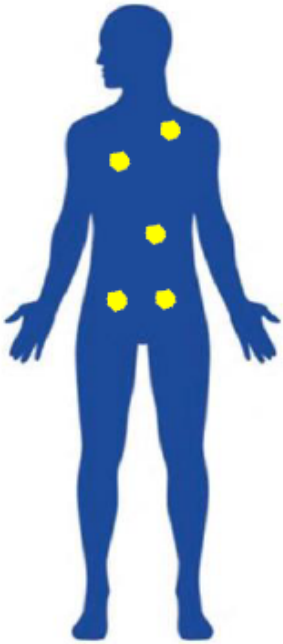


- We cannot directly compare these studies
- Different patient populations
- Avelumab maintenance study included only responders to 1L chemo
- Length of maintenance CPI therapy was similar: ~6 months for both

Avelumab vs BSC JAVELIN Bladder 100 study



What would be the best 2nd line therapy?



First-Line

- Enfortumab vedotin + Pembrolizumab

Second-Line?

Cisplatin-eligible

- Cisplatin + gemcitabine
- Dose-dense methotrexate + vinblastine + doxorubicin + cisplatin (ddMVAC)

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- Erdafitinib (if tumor + FGFR 2/3 genetic alterations)
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- Clinical trial
- Paclitaxel, docetaxel, or vinflunine

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