

# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Kidney and Bladder Cancer

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## Overview

Update of Recently Approved Therapies in First and Second Line Settings

Rationale for New Combination Therapies

Future Strategies

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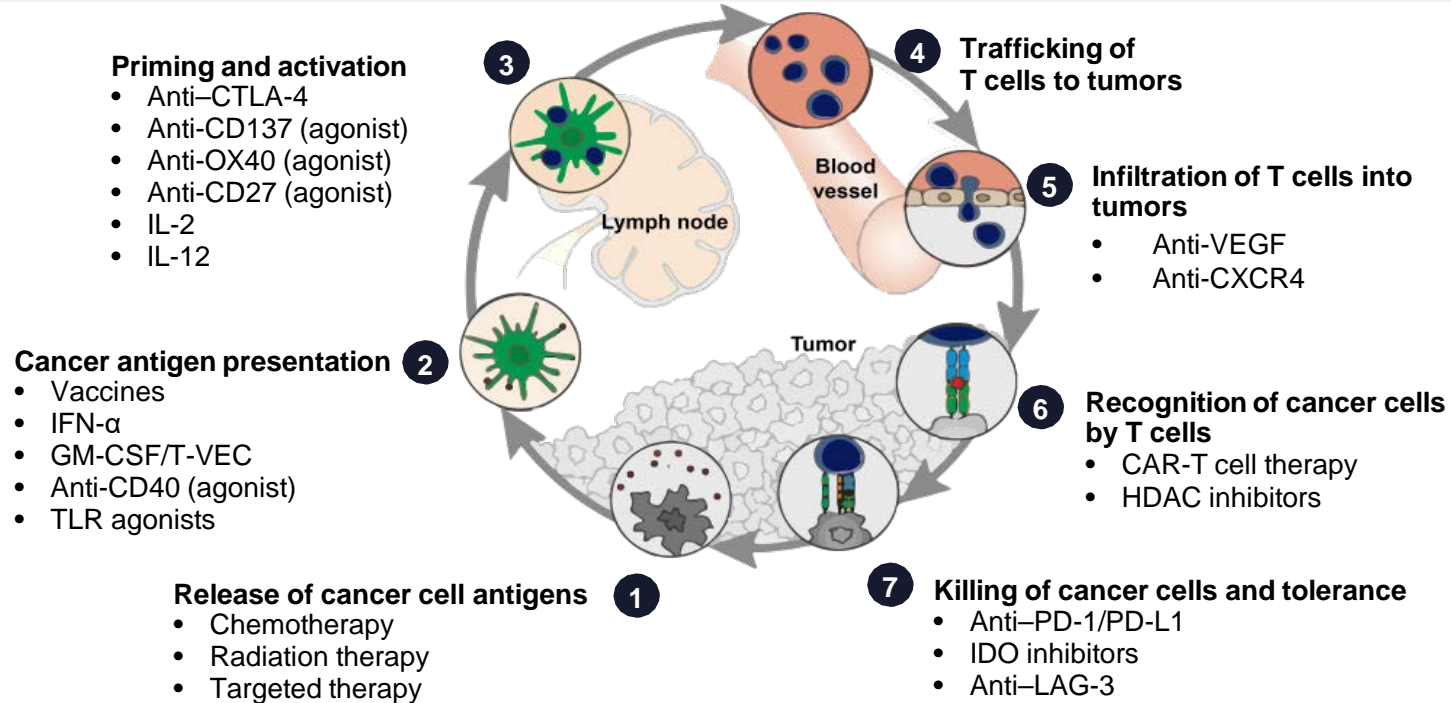
## Immunotherapy in Kidney & Bladder Cancers

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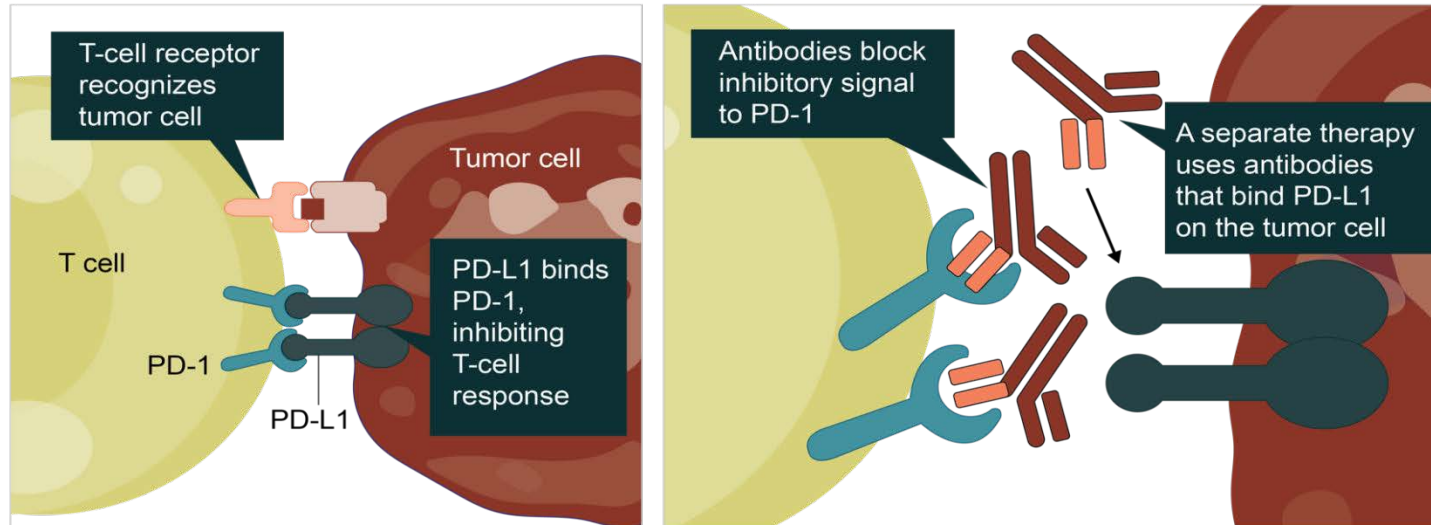
# Multiple Steps Required for Anticancer Activity<sup>1</sup>



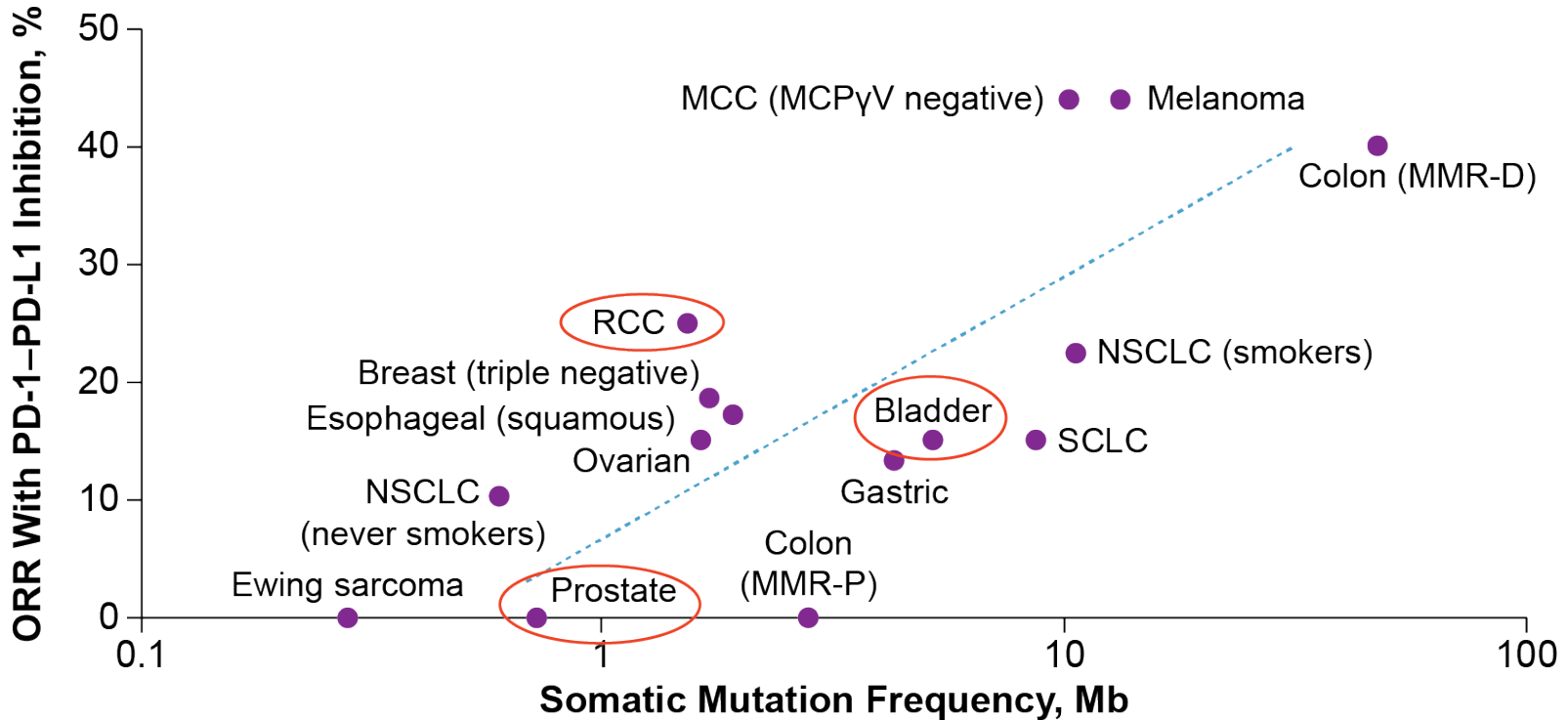
- Multiple processes are required to establish and maintain an effective immune response
- Determinants of sensitivity and resistance not clearly defined yet

# Immune Checkpoint Blockade in Cancer

**Tumor cells can inhibit the body's immune response by binding to proteins, such as PD-1, on the surface of T cells; antibody therapies that block this binding reactivate the immune response**



# Response Rate and Tumor Mutational Burden<sup>1</sup>



# Overcoming Immunotherapy Resistance

- Multiple strategies may be considered
- Tip balance away from tumor-protective mechanisms and towards antitumor immunity
- Rational combinations are required to move the field forward
- Some are leading to improved survival

## Some possible combinations with immune checkpoint inhibitors

Other immune  
checkpoint  
agents

Chemotherapy

Radiation

Antiangiogenic  
therapy

Targeted  
therapy

# Targeting the PD-1/PD-L1 Axis Has Activity in GU Cancers

**5 anti-PD-1/anti-PD-L1 drugs now approved for advanced urothelial carcinoma**

Atezolizumab, nivolumab, durvalumab, avelumab, pembrolizumab

**Nivolumab approved for kidney cancer**

Two positive phase 3 trials for combination therapy:

- Ipilimumab/nivolumab in first-line therapy
- Atezolizumab/bevacizumab as first-line therapy in PD-L1-positive tumors

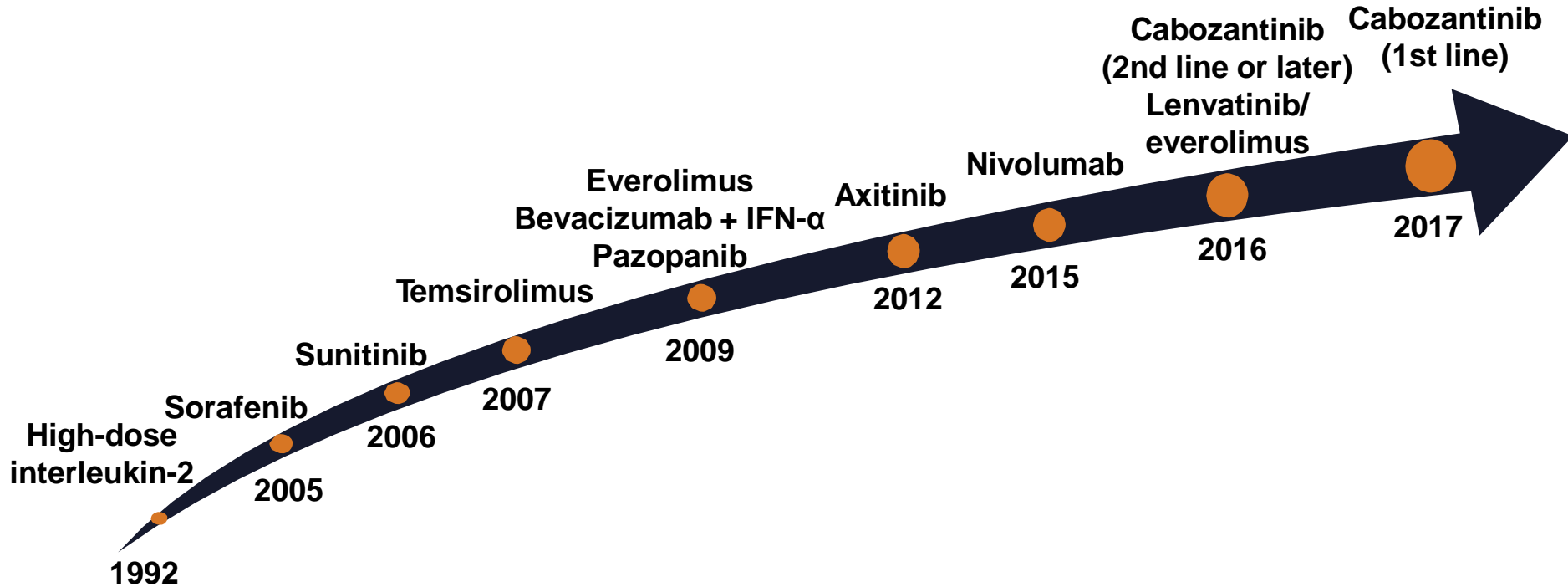
**Provocative data with enzalutamide-resistant cancers responding to pembrolizumab**

Multiple large trials ongoing



# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Renal Cell Carcinoma

# Approved Therapies for Renal Cell Carcinoma



1. <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/>. Accessed January 26, 2018.

# New Options for Pretreated Patients

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**Nivolumab**

**Cabozantinib**

**Lenvatinib  
+  
Everolimus**

# **NCCN recommended parameters of risk stratification**

**Poor-Prognosis patients are defined as those with 3 or more predictors of short survival**

**Karnofsky performance score of 70 or less**

**Corrected Serum Calcium level > 10 mg/dl (2.5 mmol/liter)**

**Lactate dehydrogenous level > 1.5 times upper limit of normal**

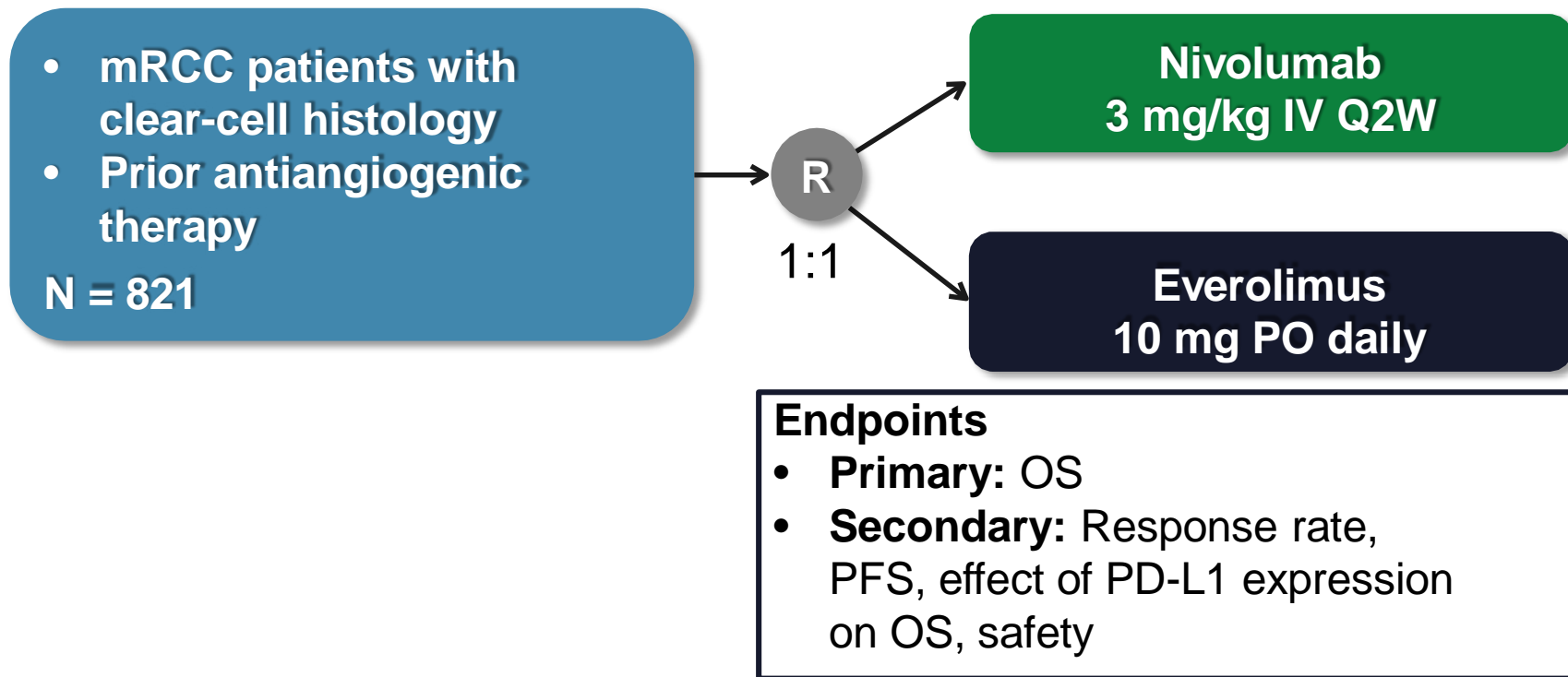
**Hemoglobin Level < lower Limit of normal**

**Interval less than a year from original diagnosis to start of systemic therapy**

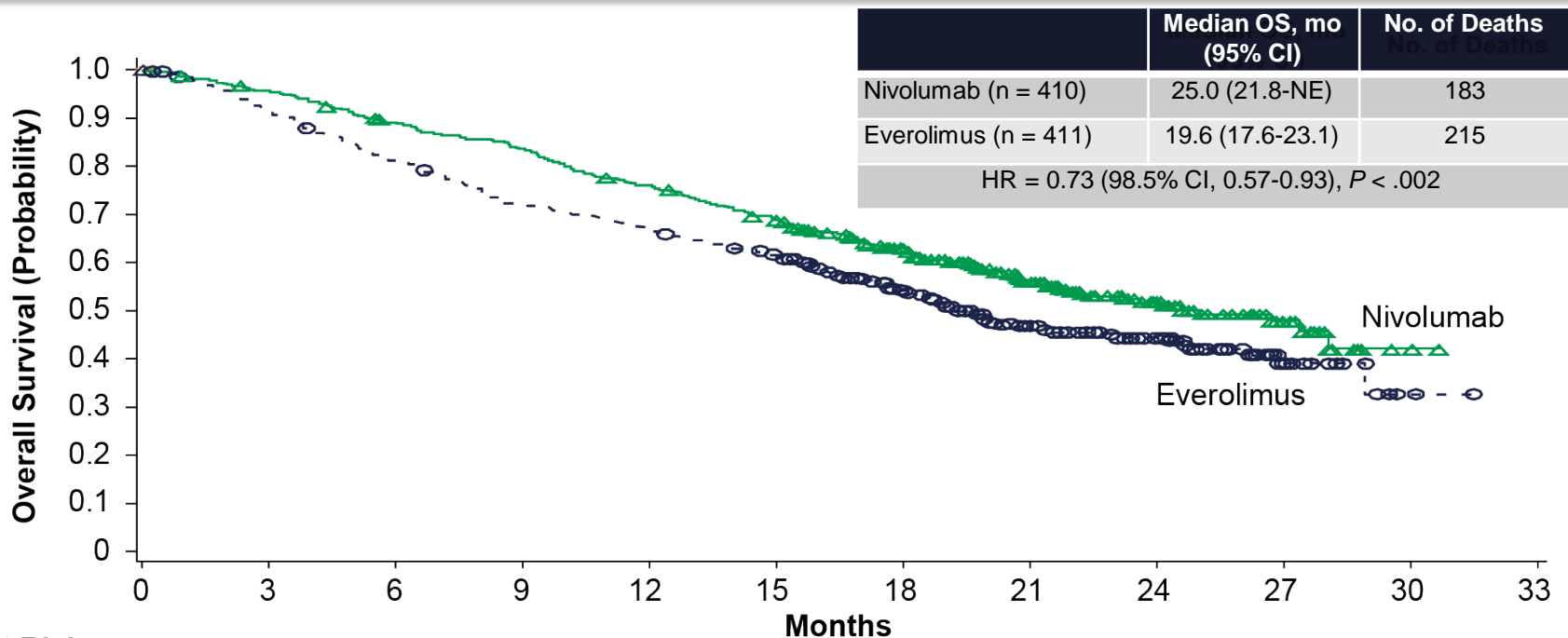
**2 or more sites of organ metastasis**

**\*NCCN Guidelines 2013 Kidney Cancer**

# CheckMate-025: Phase 3 Study of Nivolumab vs Everolimus<sup>1</sup>



# CheckMate-025: Overall Survival<sup>1</sup>

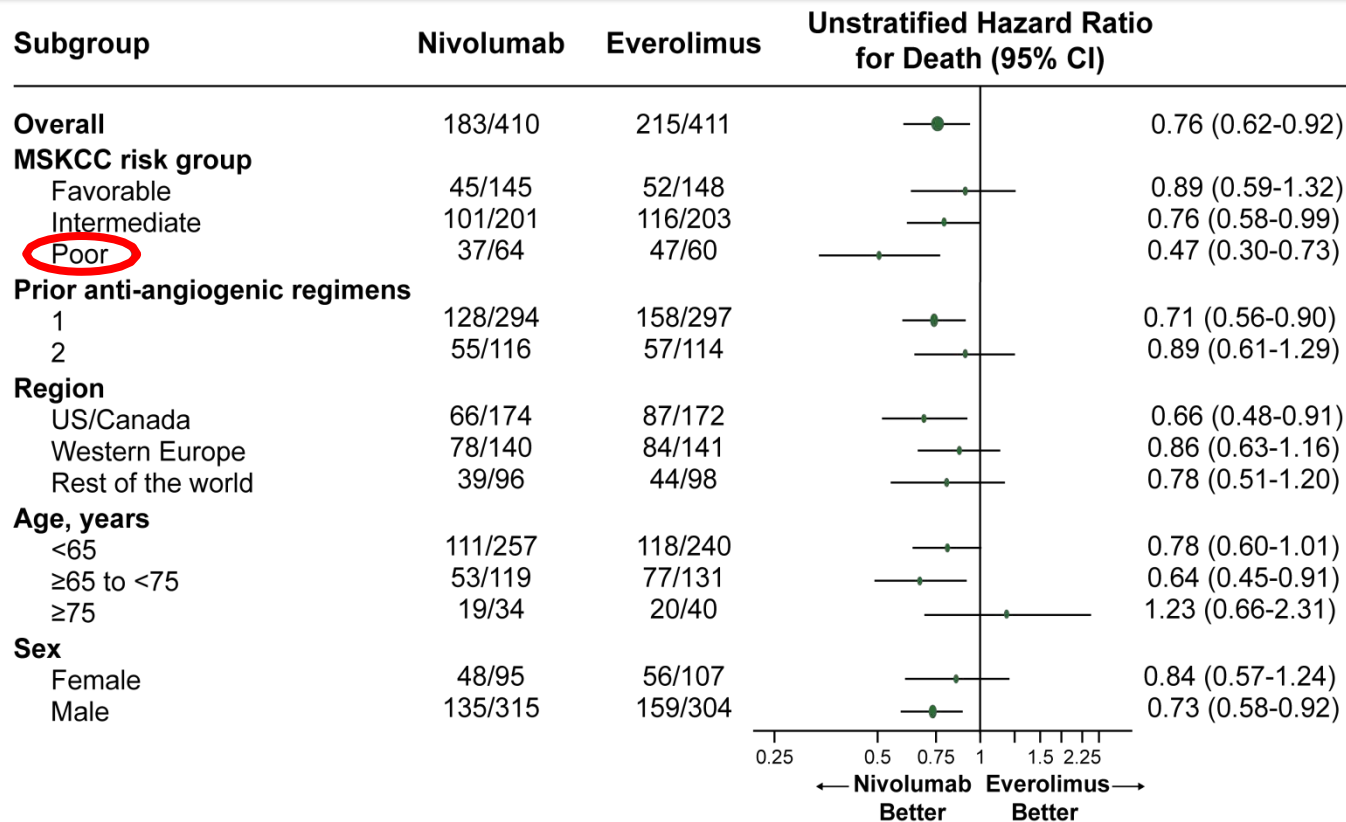


## No. at Risk

Nivolumab	410	389	359	337	305	275	213	139	73	29	3	0
Everolimus	411	366	324	287	265	241	187	115	61	20	2	0

1. Motzer RJ et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2015;373:1803-1813.

# CheckMate-025: Subgroup Analysis of OS<sup>1</sup>



1. Adapted from: Motzer RJ et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2015;373:1803-1813.

# ORR by Risk Level<sup>1</sup>

MSKCC Risk Group	Nivolumab, %	Everolimus, %
Favorable	24	8
Intermediate	25	5
Poor	27	3

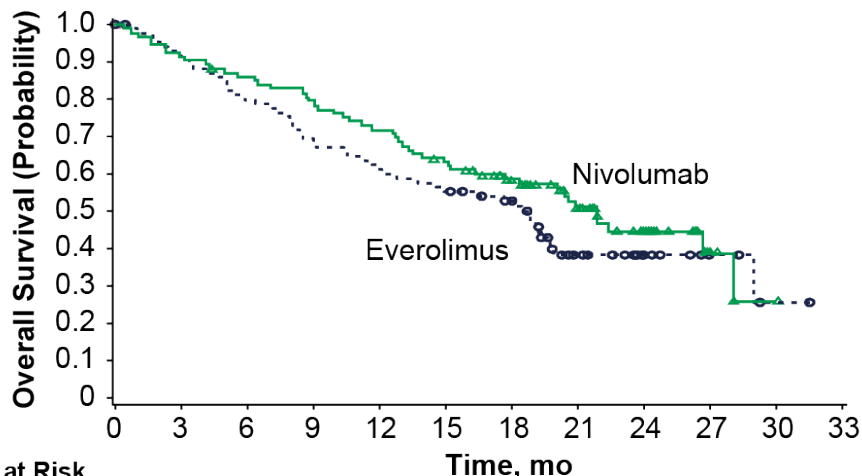
1. Escudier B et al. *Eur Urol.* 2017;72:962-971.



# Overall Survival by Tumoral PD-L1 Expression<sup>1</sup>

## Patients With $\geq 1\%$ PD-L1 Expression

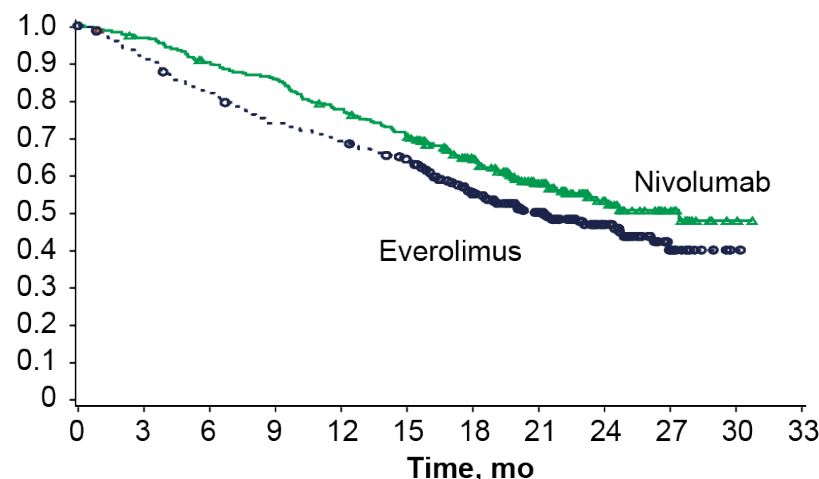
	Median OS, mo (95% CI)	No. of Deaths
Nivolumab (n = 94)	21.8 (16.5-28.1)	48
Everolimus (n = 87)	18.8 (11.0-19.9)	51



No. at Risk	Time, mo											
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Nivolumab	94	86	79	73	66	58	45	31	18	4	1	0
Everolimus	97	77	68	59	52	47	40	19	9	4	1	0

## Patients With $< 1\%$ PD-L1 Expression

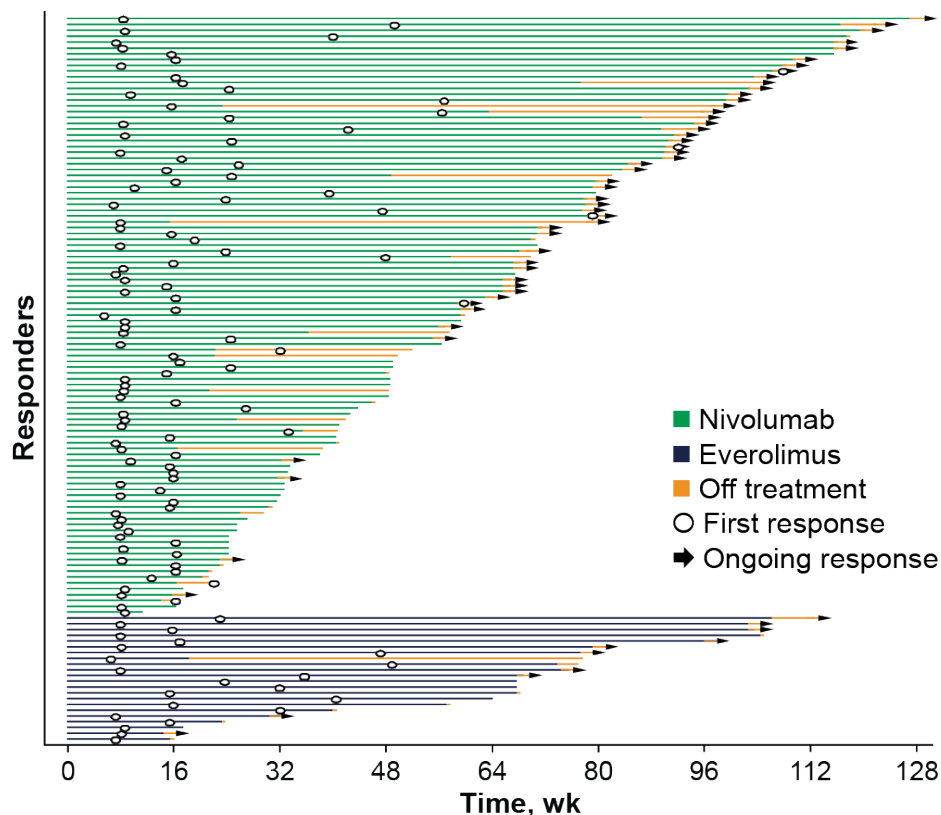
	Median OS, mo (95% CI)	No. of Deaths
Nivolumab (n = 276)	27.4 (21.4-NE)	118
Everolimus (n = 299)	21.2 (17.7-26.2)	150



No. at Risk	Time, mo											
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Nivolumab	276	265	245	233	210	189	145	94	48	22	2	0
Everolimus	299	267	238	214	200	182	137	92	51	16	1	0

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# CheckMate-025: Duration of Response<sup>1</sup>



## Response Rate

Nivolumab 21.5%  
Everolimus 3.9%

## DOR

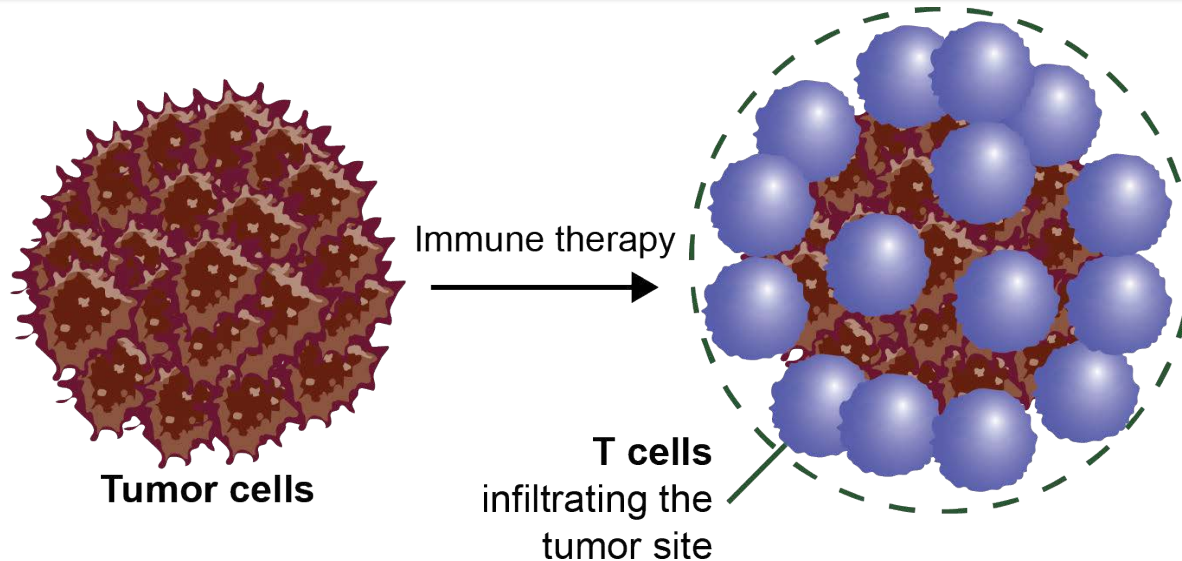
Nivolumab 23.0 months  
Everolimus 13.7 months

Number of patients with  
durable benefit off therapy

Optimal duration of  
therapy unknown

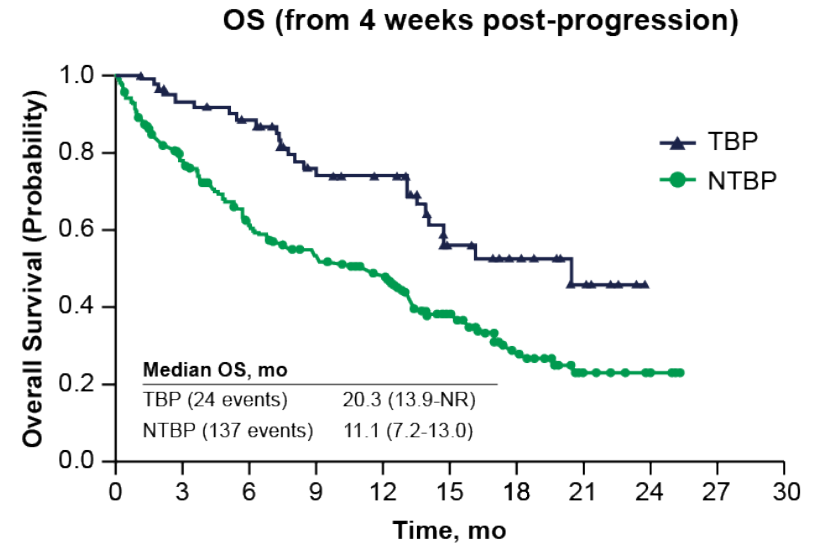
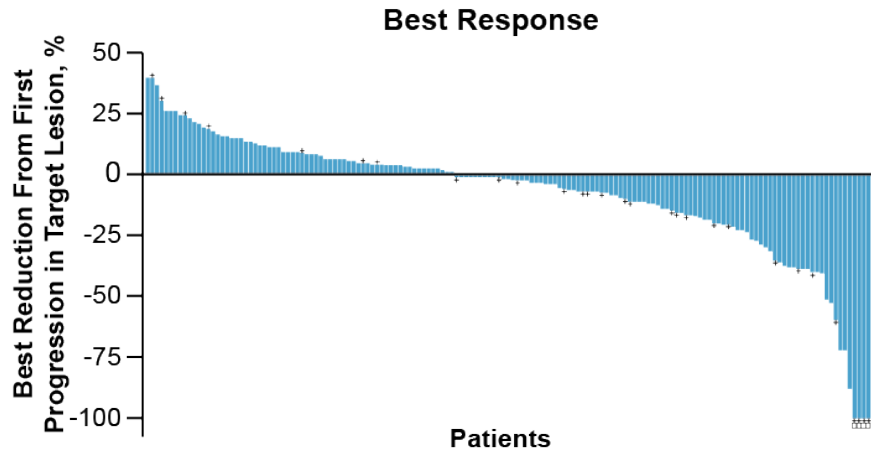
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# Tumor Flare With Immunotherapy<sup>1</sup>



- In patients on immunotherapy, tumor flare or the appearance of new lesions may precede antitumor effects
  - This phenomenon may be characterized as a RECIST-defined progression and may result in premature discontinuation of therapy

# CheckMate-025: Treatment Beyond Progression<sup>1</sup>



No. at Risk		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
TBP	65	58	53	38	35	18	12	6	0	0	0	0
NTBP	225	164	123	99	84	48	25	9	4	0	0	0

# METEOR: Phase 3 Study of Cabozantinib vs Everolimus<sup>1</sup>

## Eligibility criteria

- mRCC with clear-cell component
- At least one prior VEGFR TKI
- Progression on or after prior VEGFR TKI within 6 months of study enrollment
- Karnofsky PS  $\geq 70$

N = 658

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**Cabozantinib**  
60 mg orally QD

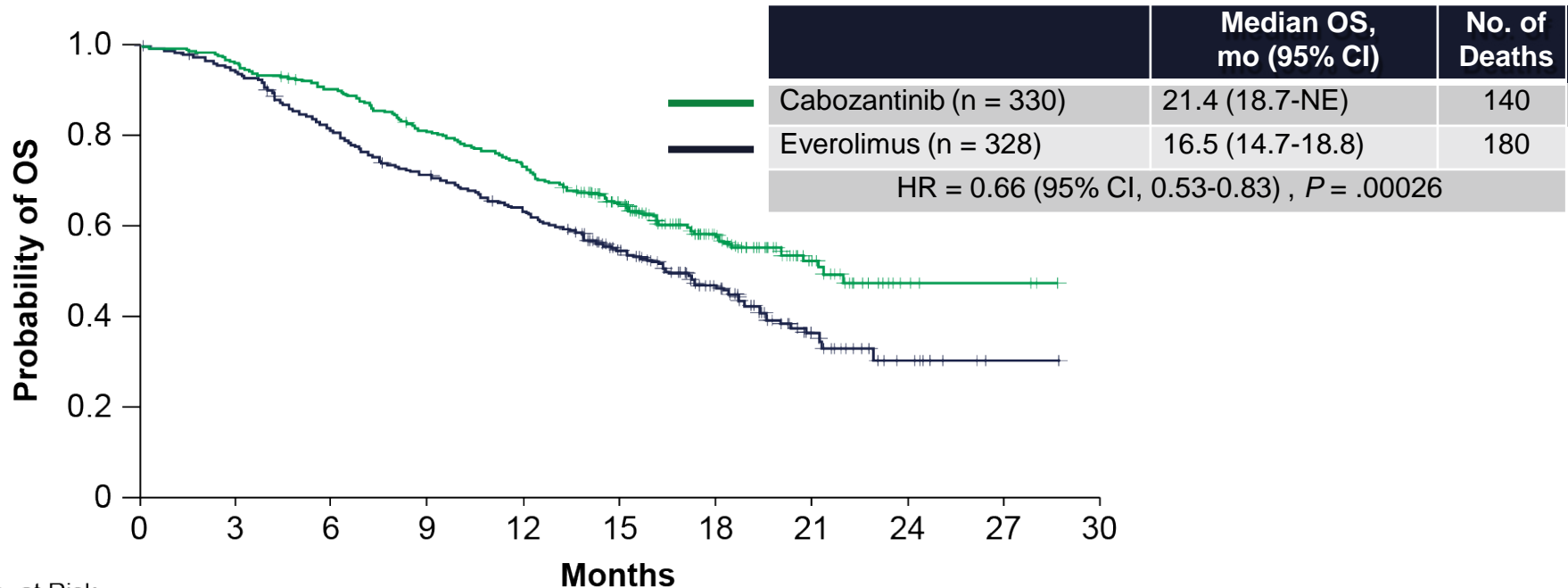
- Treatment until loss of clinical benefit or intolerable toxicity
- Treatment beyond progression was permitted, if drug was tolerable and clinical benefit was noted

**Everolimus**  
10 mg orally QD

**Stratification:** MSKCC risk criteria; number of prior VEGFR TKIs

- **Primary endpoint:** PFS
- **Secondary endpoints:** OS, ORR
- **Exploratory endpoints:** Safety, tolerability, tumour MET status, circulating tumour cells, serum bone markers and plasma biomarkers, skeletal-related events, and HRQOL

# METEOR: OS<sup>1,a</sup>

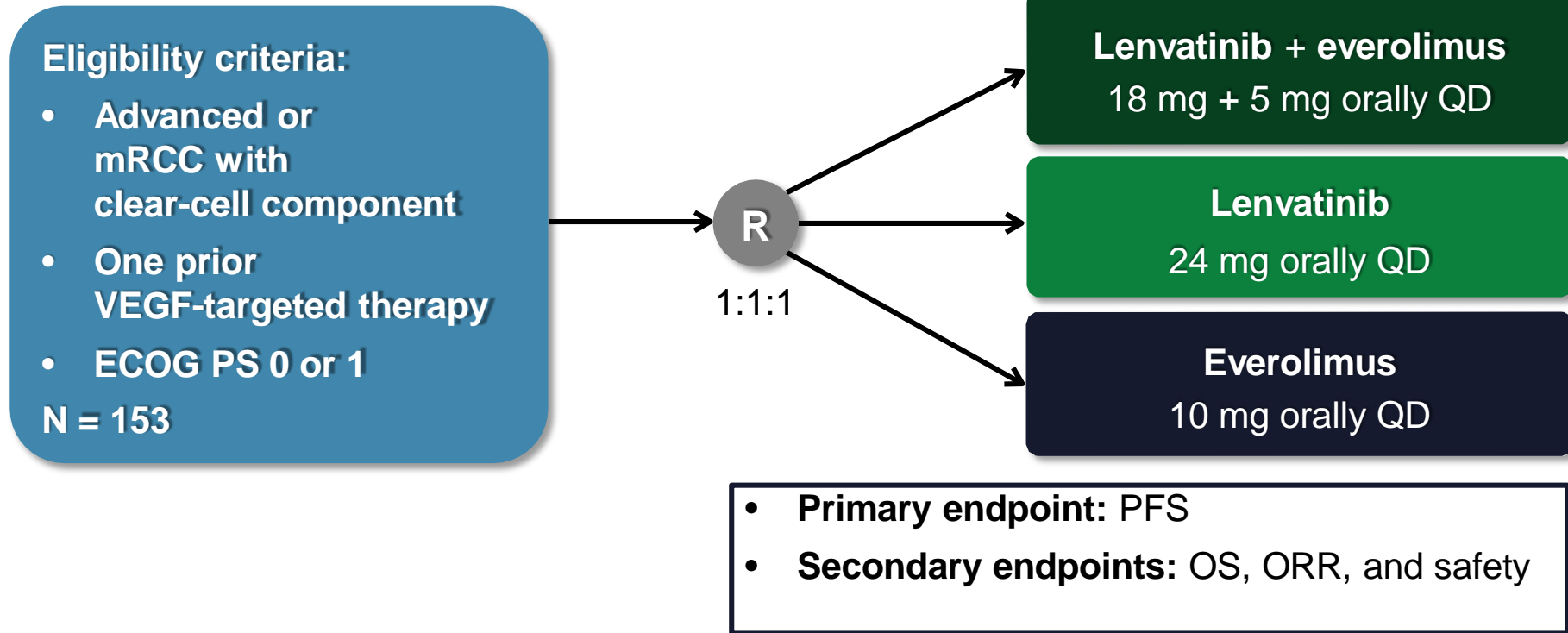


No. at Risk		Months										
		0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
Cabozantinib	330	318	296	264	239	178	105	41	6	3	0	
Everolimus	328	307	262	229	202	141	82	32	8	1	0	

<sup>a</sup> Cut-off: December 31, 2015.

1. Choueiri TK et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2016;17:917-927.

# Lenvatinib Alone or Plus Everolimus vs Everolimus Randomized Phase 2 Trial<sup>1</sup>



# Phase 2 Lenvatinib Plus Everolimus: Efficacy

Primary Analysis	Lenvatinib + Everolimus (n = 51)	Lenvatinib (n = 52)	Everolimus (n = 50)
Median PFS, mo (95% CI) <sup>1,a</sup>	12.8 (7.4-17.5)	9.0 (5.6-10.2)	5.6 (3.6-9.3)
Median OS, mo (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	25.5 (20.8-25.5)	18.4 (13.3-NE)	17.5 (11.8-NE)
ORR, n (%) <sup>1,a</sup>	18 (35)	20 (39)	0 (0)
Median duration of response, mo (95% CI) <sup>2</sup>	13.1 (3.8-NE)	7.5 (3.8-NE)	8.5 (7.5-9.4)
Median number of cycles (range) <sup>2</sup>	9.0 (1-25)	8.5 (1-25)	5.0 (1-22)

<sup>a</sup> As assessed by an independent radiologic review.

1. Motzer RJ et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2016;17:e4-e5. 2. Motzer RJ et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2015;6:1473-1482.



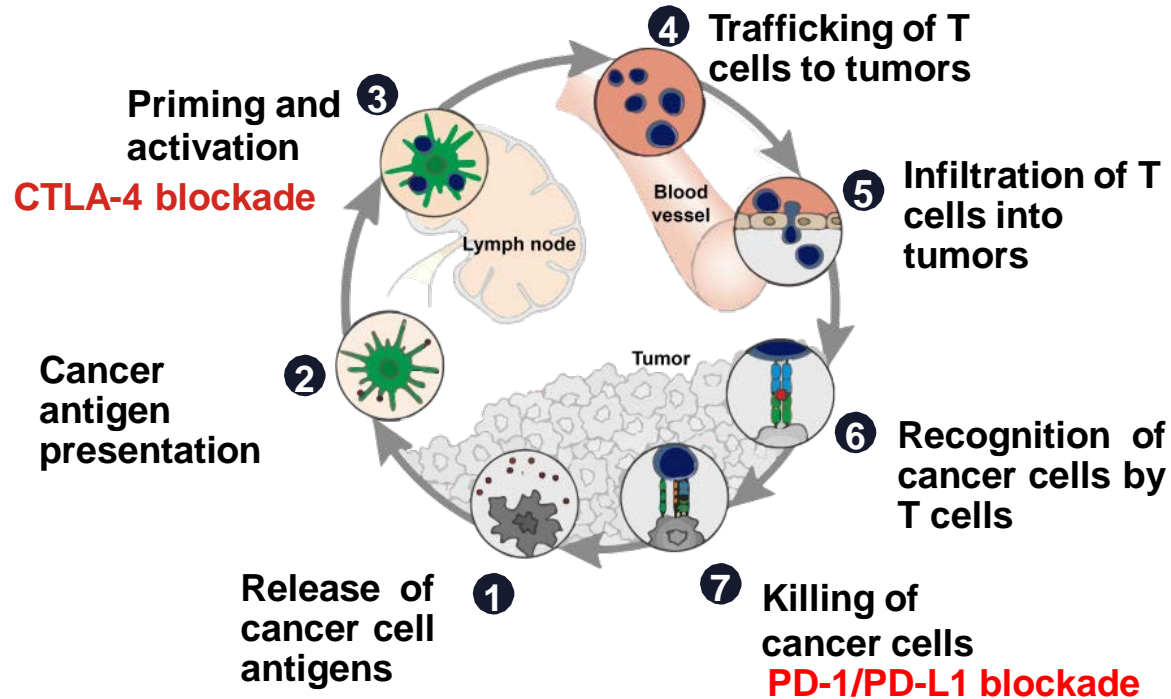
# Key Points: Second-Line Therapy

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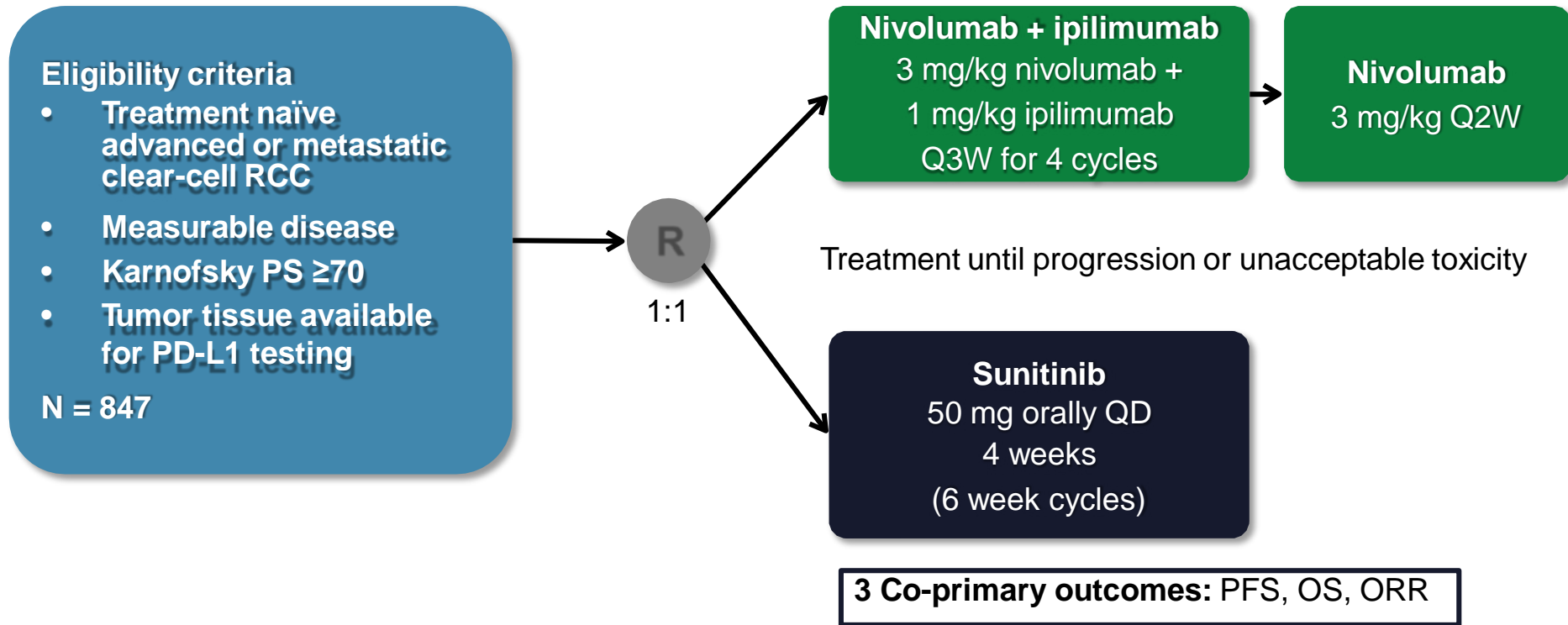
- Level 1 data supports use of nivolumab OR cabozantinib
- Toxicities vary between VEGF pathway– versus PD-1 pathway–directed therapy
- No clear evidence for clinical choice
- No definitive biomarkers
- Role of additional combinations being tested
- Phase 3 confirmatory trial of lenvatinib + everolimus pending

What About Front-Line Therapy?

# Is CTLA-4 Blockade Synergistic With Anti-PD-1?¹



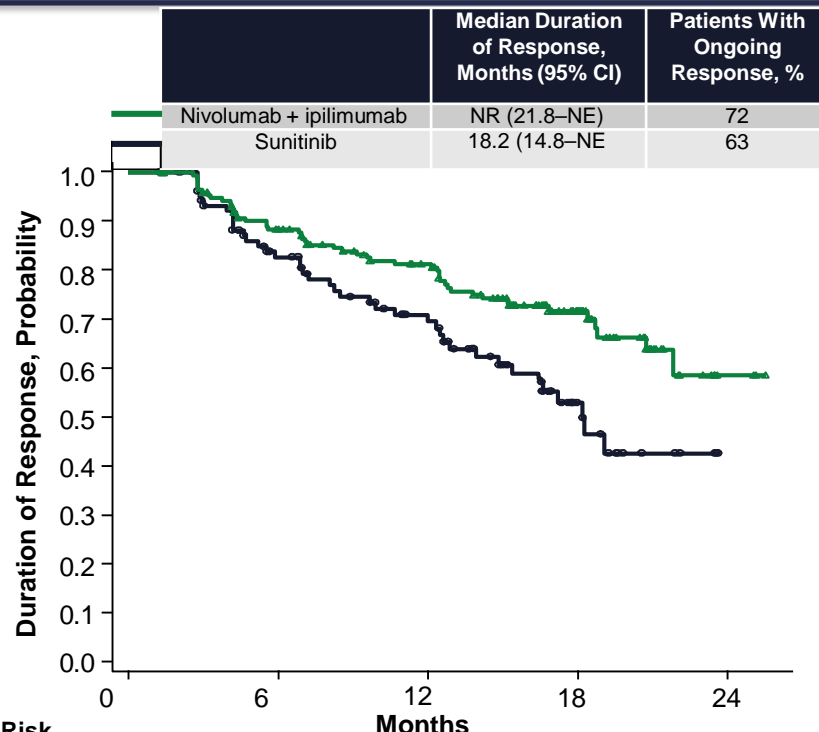
# CheckMate-214: Phase 3 Trial<sup>1</sup>



# CheckMate-214: ORR per IRCC

## IMDC Intermediate-Risk/Poor-Risk Patients<sup>1</sup>

Outcome (N = 847)	Nivolumab + ipilimumab (n = 425)	Sunitinib (n = 422)
Confirmed ORR, <sup>a</sup> % (95% CI)	42 (37–47)	27 (22–31)
	<i>P</i> < .0001	
Confirmed BOR, <sup>a</sup> %		
Complete response	9 <sup>b</sup>	1 <sup>b</sup>
Partial response	32	25
Stable disease	31	45
Progressive disease	20	17
Unable to determine/not reported	8	12



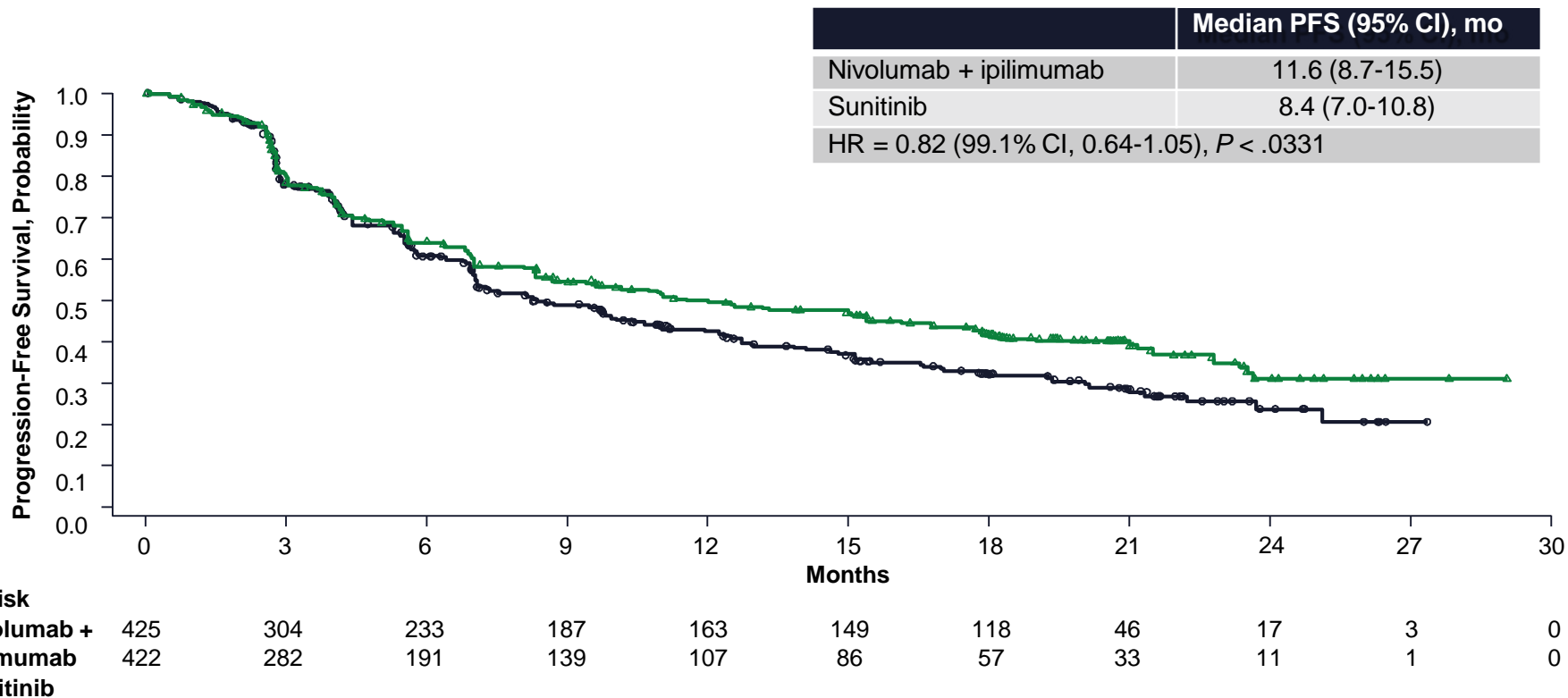
	No. at Risk				
	0	6	12	18	24
Nivolumab + Ipilimumab	177	146	120	55	3
Sunitinib	112	75	52	17	0

<sup>a</sup> IRRC-assessed ORR and BOR by RECIST v1.1. <sup>b</sup> *P* < 0.0001.

1. Escudier B et al. ESMO 2017. Abstract LBA5.

# CheckMate-214: PFS per IRRC

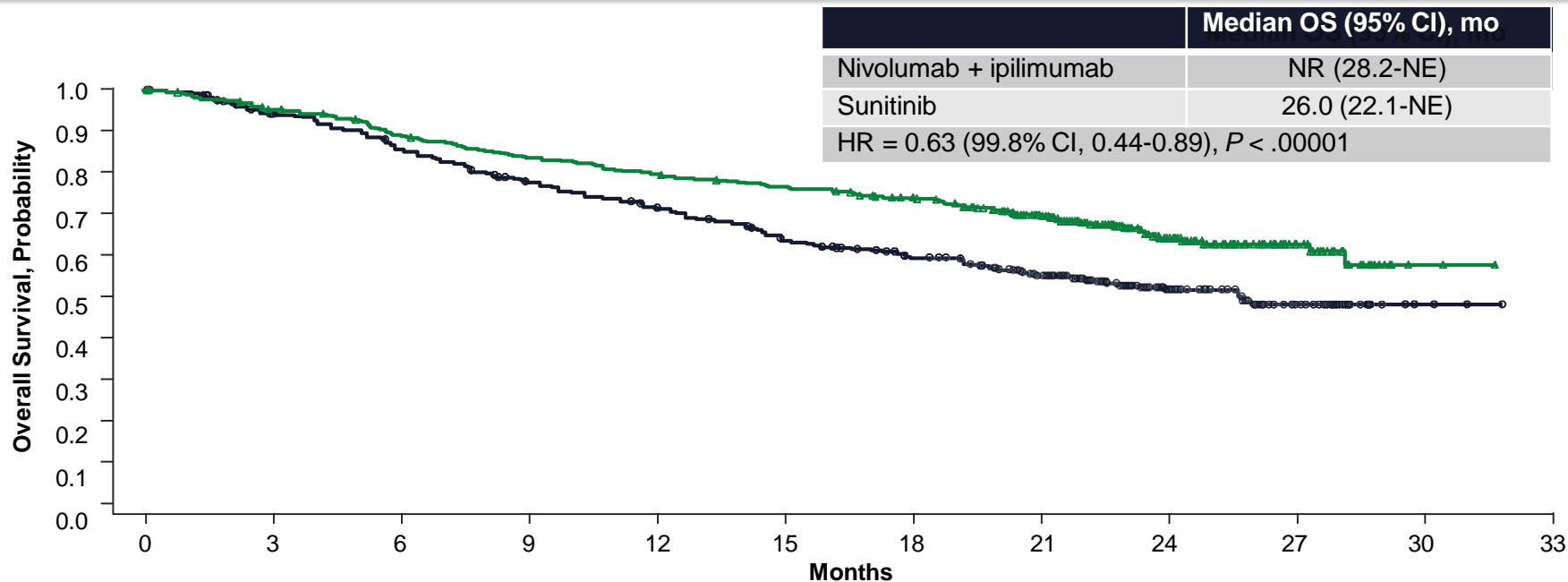
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1. Escudier B et al. ESMO 2017. Abstract LBA5.

# CheckMate-214: OS

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### No. at Risk

Nivolumab + ipilimumab	425	399	372	348	332	318	300	241	119	44	2	0
Sunitinib	422	387	352	315	288	253	225	179	89	34	3	0

1. Escudier B et al. ESMO 2017. Abstract LBA5.

# CheckMate 214: ORR and PFS per IRRC

## IMDC Favorable Risk<sup>1</sup>

Outcome, N = 249 <sup>a</sup>	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (n = 125)	Sunitinib (n = 124)
Confirmed ORR, <sup>b</sup> % (95% CI)	29 (21–38)	52 (43–61)
	<i>P</i> = .0002	
PFS, <sup>c</sup> median (95% CI), months	15.3 (9.7–20.3)	25.1 (20.9–NE)
	HR (99.1% CI) 2.18 (1.29–3.68) <i>P</i> < .0001	

<sup>a</sup> 11% of patients in both arms had tumor PD-L1 expression  $\geq 1\%$ . <sup>b</sup> IRRC assessed by RECIST v1.1. <sup>c</sup> IRRC assessed.

1. Escudier B et al. ESMO 2017. Abstract LBA5.



# CheckMate-214: Treatment-Related Adverse Events<sup>1</sup>

Event, %	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (n = 547)		Sunitinib (n = 535)	
	Any Grade	Grade 3–5	Any Grade	Grade 3–5 <sup>a</sup>
Treatment-related adverse events in ≥25% of patients	93	46	97	63
Fatigue	37	4	49	9
Pruritus	28	<1	9	0
Diarrhea	27	4	52	5
Nausea	20	2	38	1
Hypothyroidism	16	<1	25	<1
Decreased appetite	14	1	25	1
Dysgeusia	6	0	33	<1
Stomatitis	4	0	28	3
Hypertension	2	<1	40	16
Mucosal inflammation	2	0	28	3
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	1	0	43	9
Treatment-related AEs leading to discontinuation, %	22	15	12	7
Treatment-related deaths	n = 7 <sup>b</sup>		n = 4 <sup>c</sup>	

<sup>a</sup> Two patients had grade 5 cardiac arrest. <sup>b</sup> Pneumonitis, immune-mediated bronchitis, lower GI hemorrhage, hemophagocytic syndrome, sudden death, liver toxicity, lung infection. <sup>c</sup> Cardiac arrest (n = 2), heart failure, multiple organ failure.

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**60% of patients treated with nivolumab + ipilimumab required systemic corticosteroids,**

**45% high dose steroids for an adverse event**

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# CABOSUN: Randomized Phase 2 Assessment of Front-Line Cabozantinib<sup>1</sup>

Multicenter, randomized, phase 2 study

- Clear-cell RCC
  - Intermediate or poor risk
  - No prior systemic therapy
- N = 157

## Stratified by:

- International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium risk group (intermediate vs poor)
- Bone metastasis (yes/no)

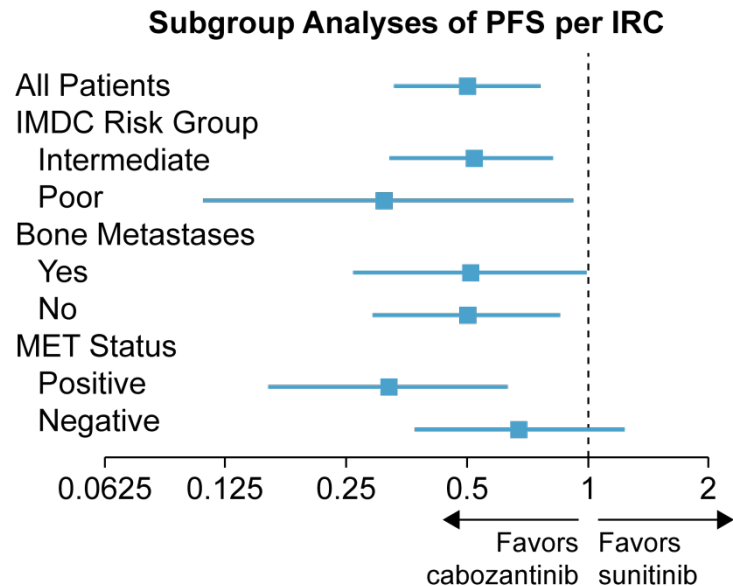
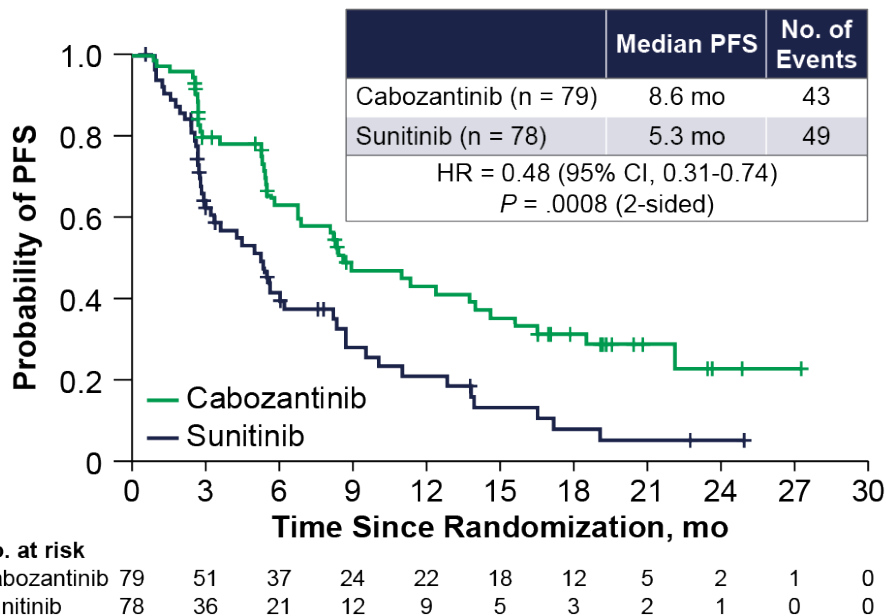
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Cabozantinib 60 mg/d  
(Continuous dosing)  
(n = 79)

Sunitinib 50 mg/d  
(4/2 dosing)  
(n = 78)

Primary endpoint: PFS

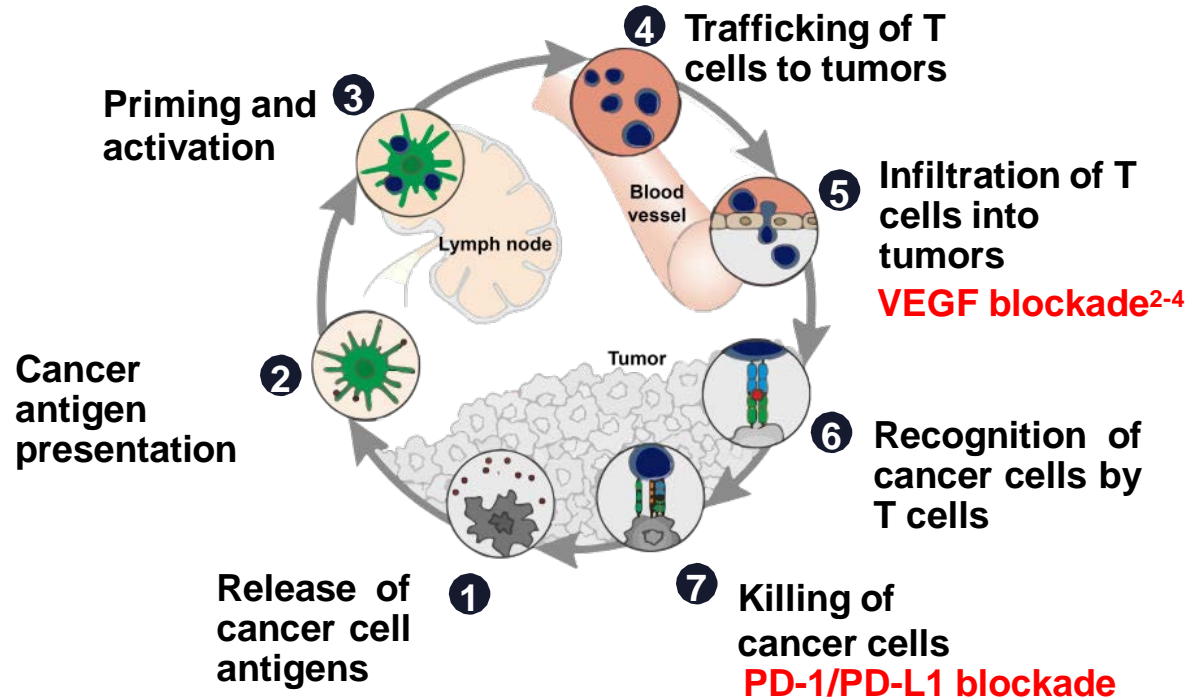
# CABOSUN: PFS per IRC and OS<sup>1,a</sup>



**OS**  
 HR = 0.80 (95% CI, 0.53-1.21)  
 P = .29 (2-sided)  
 Median OS: cabozantinib, 26.6 mo; sunitinib, 21.2 mo

<sup>a</sup> Data cutoff: PFS, September 15, 2016; OS, July 1, 2017.  
 1. Choueiri TK et al. ESMO 2017. Abstract LBA38.

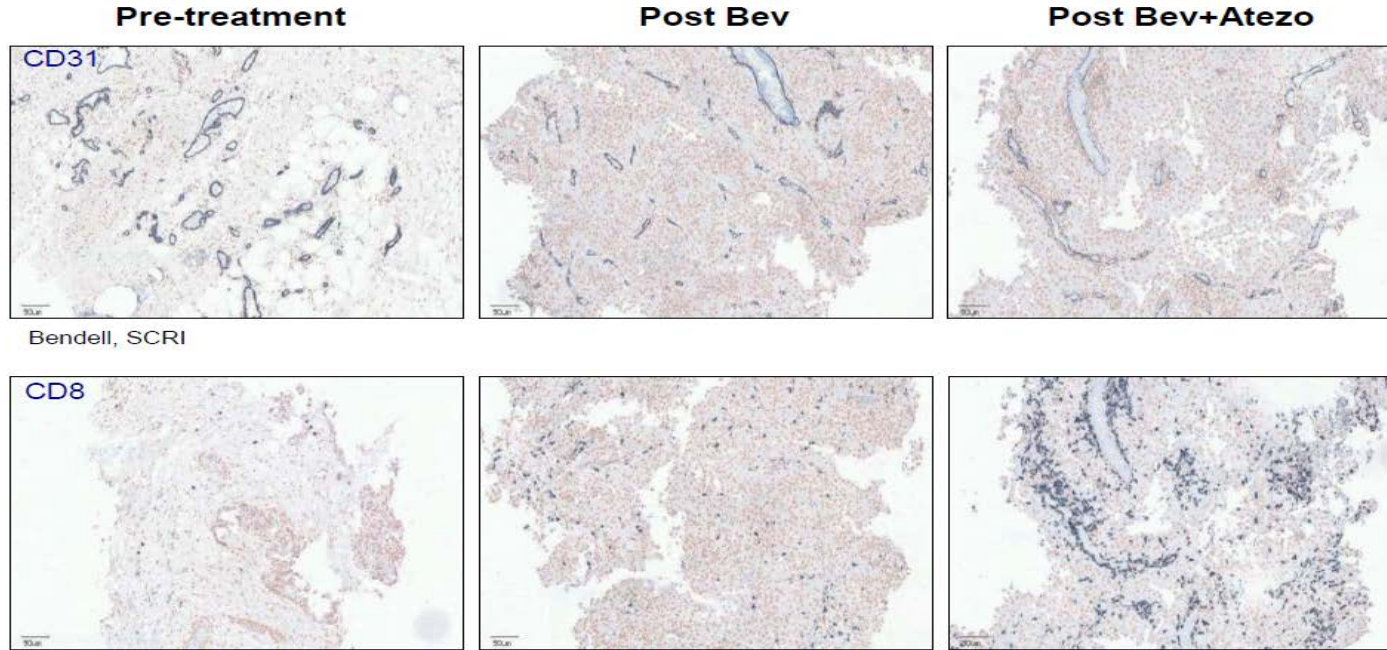
# Is VEGF Inhibition Synergistic With Anti-PD-1?¹



1. Chen DS, Mellman I. *Immunity*. 2013;39:1-10. 2. Shrimali RK et al. *Can Res*. 2010;70:6171-6180. 3. Manning EA et al. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2007;13:3951-3959. 4. Motz GT et al. *Nat Med*. 2014;20:607-615.

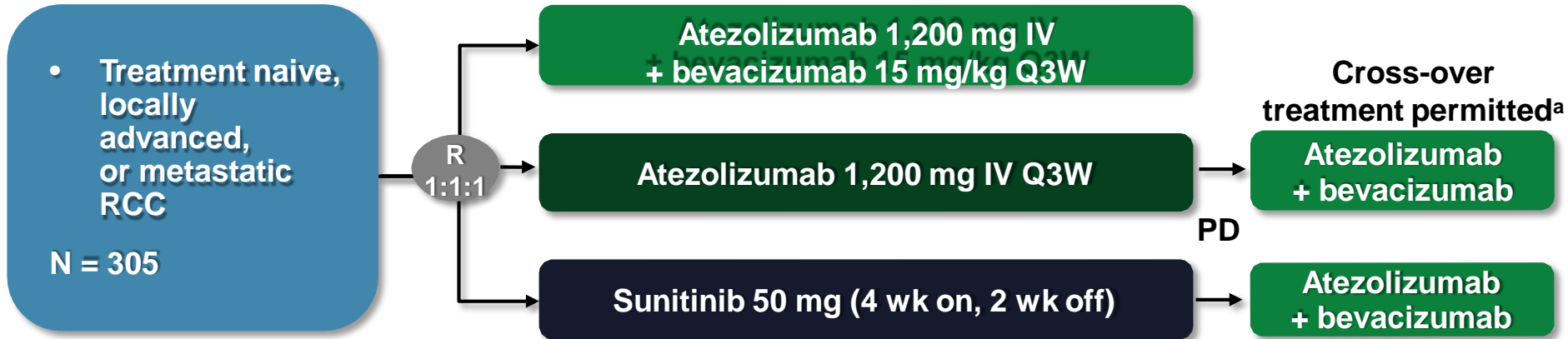
# Increases in CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells are observed with treatments

Patient 3, Female, 62 years old



- **83%** (5/6) of **bev + atezo** RCC patients had increases in tumor CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells
- **11%** (1/9) of RCC patients had increased tumor CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells following **monotherapy atezo** (PCD4989g)

# Phase 2 IMmotion150 Trial Design<sup>1,2</sup>



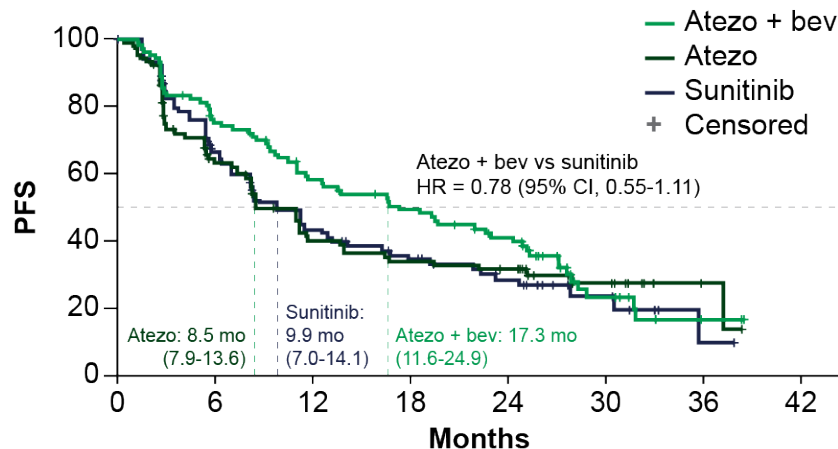
- IMmotion150 was designed to be hypothesis generating and inform the phase 3 study IMmotion151
- Co-primary endpoints were PFS (RECIST v1.1 by IRF) in ITT patients and patients with  $\geq 1\%$  of IC expressing PD-L1
- Exploratory endpoints included interrogation of the association between outcome and TME gene signatures<sup>3</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Crossover from atezolizumab monotherapy not allowed in Europe.

1. McDermott DF et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2016;34:833-842. 2. McDermott DF et al. American Society for Clinical Oncology 2017 Genitourinary Symposium (ASCO GU 2017). Abstract 431. 3. McDermott D et al. American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting 2017 (AACR 2017). Abstract CT081.

# Bevacizumab + Atezolizumab – Phase 2 Efficacy<sup>1</sup>

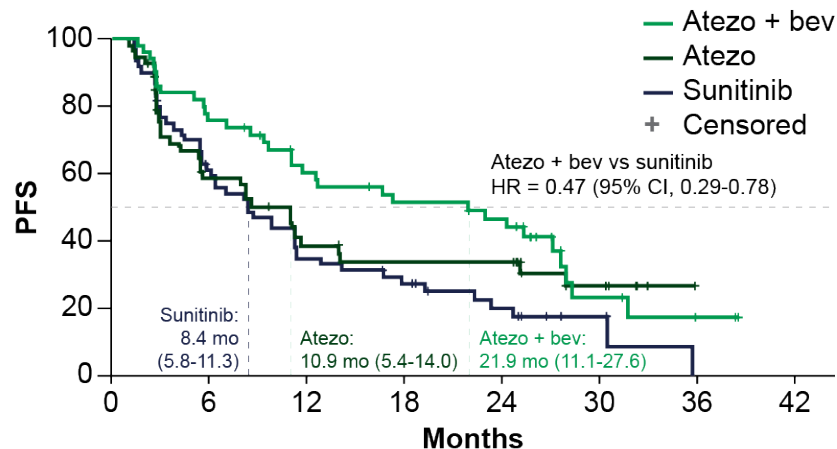
INV PFS ITT imRECIST



No. at risk

Atezo + bev	101	73	54	44	33	10	2
Atezo	103	56	34	28	25	11	2
Sunitinib	101	59	37	26	18	7	1

INV PFS PD-L1+ imRECIST



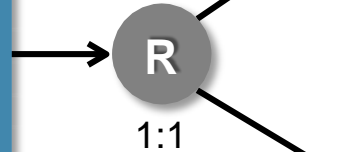
No. at risk

Atezo + bev	50	37	27	22	19	5	2
Atezo	54	28	17	14	14	6	—
Sunitinib	60	35	20	14	8	3	—



# IMmotion151: Phase 3 Assessment of Bevacizumab/Atezolizumab<sup>1</sup>

- Treatment-naïve advanced or metastatic RCC
  - Clear-cell and/or sarcomatoid histology
  - KPS  $\geq$  70
  - Tumor tissue available for PD-L1 staining
- N = 915



Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV  
+  
Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg Q3W

Sunitinib 50 mg  
(4 wk on, 2 wk off)

## Stratification:

- MSKCC risk score
- Liver metastases
- PD-L1 IC IHC status (< 1% vs  $\geq$  1%)

**Co-primary endpoints:** Investigator-assessed PFS in patients with PD-L1 expression  $\geq$  1%; OS in ITT population

1. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT02420821>. Accessed February 6, 2018.

# IMmotion151: Efficacy and Safety<sup>1</sup>

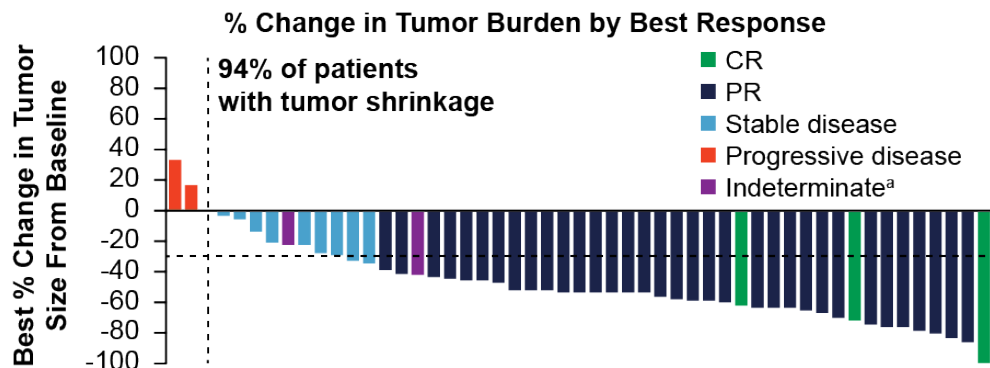
	PD-L1+, (n = 362) <sup>a</sup>		ITT (N = 915)	
	Sunitinib (n = 184)	Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab (n = 178)	Sunitinib (n = 461)	Atezolizumab + bevacizumab (n = 454)
mPFS (95% CI)	7.7 (6.8-9.7)	11.2 (8.9-15.0)	8.4 (7.5-9.7)	11.2 (9.6-13.3)
HR (95% CI), <i>P</i>	0.74 (0.57-0.96), 0.0217		0.83 (0.70-0.97), 0.219 <sup>b</sup>	
ORR, %	35 (28-42)	43 (35-50)	33 (29-38)	37 (32-41)
DOR, months (95% CI)	1.29 (9.8-NE)	NE (12.4-NE)	14.2 (11.3-NE)	16.6 (15.4-NE)

Treatment-related grade 3-4 AEs: 40% atezolizumab/bevacizumab; 54% sunitinib  
 Treatment-related any grade AE leading to discontinuation: 12% atezolizumab/bevacizumab; 8% sunitinib

<sup>a</sup> PD-L1 expression on ≥1% on tumor infiltrating immune cells, SP142 IHC assay. <sup>b</sup> Descriptive purposes only.

1. Motzer RJ et al. ASCO GU. 2018. Abstract 578.

# VEGFR-TKI + Anti-PD-1: Axitinib + Pembrolizumab—Efficacy<sup>1</sup>



- Median PFS was 15.1 mo (11.4+NR) in overall population
- **UPDATED PFS: 20.9 months<sup>2</sup>**
- Of 11 pts enrolled in the dose-finding phase, median PFS not yet reached
- 9 of 48 (18.8%) evaluable tumor specimens were PD-L1-positive

N = 52	Axitinib + Pembrolizumab
Pts with baseline assessment	52 (100)
Pts with measurable disease at BL	52 (100)
Best overall response, n (%)	
CR	3 (5.8)
PR	34 (65.4)
Stable disease	10 (19.2)
Progressive disease	2 (3.8)
Indeterminate <sup>b</sup>	3 (5.8)
ORR (CR + PR)	<b>37 (71.2)</b>
95% exact CI	56.9-82.9
<b>UPDATED ORR<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>73.1%</b>

<sup>a</sup> Stable disease or PR not confirmed. <sup>b</sup> 2 patients indeterminate and 1 patient with no follow-up assessment.

1. Atkins MB et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2016;27:266-295. 2. Atkins MB et al. ASCO GU 2018. Abstract 579.

# VEGFR-TKI + Anti-PD-1: Axitinib + Pembrolizumab—Safety<sup>1</sup>

Dosage <sup>a</sup> (N = 52)	Pembrolizumab Average Dose per Cycle, mg/kg	Axitinib Average Daily Dose, mg	Days on Treatment
Mean (SD)	1.9 (0.1)	8.5 (1.7)	318.5 (124.7)
Median	2.0	8.9	316.0
Range	1.6-2.1	4.7-13.8	22.0-656.0

	AEs in ≥20% of Pts, n (%)	Immune-Related AEs, n (%) <sup>b</sup>
Any AE	34 (65.4)	10 (19.2)
Diarrhea	5 (9.6)	4 (7.7)
Fatigue	3 (5.8)	2 (3.8)
Decreased appetite	1 (1.9)	0
Hypertension	9 (17.3)	0
Increased ALT	3 (5.8)	2 (3.8)
Hypothyroidism	0	2 (3.8)
Nausea	1 (1.9)	0
PPE syndrome	2 (3.8)	0
Increased AST	2 (3.8)	2 (3.8)
Headache	4 (7.7)	0
Dizziness	1 (1.9)	0
Dyspnea	2 (3.8)	0
Weight loss	3 (5.8)	1 (1.9)
Vomiting	1 (1.9)	0
Oral pain	1 (1.9)	0
Proteinuria	1 (1.9)	0
Hyperthyroidism	1 (1.9)	0
Colitis	2 (3.8)	2 (3.8)

## Update<sup>2</sup>

- Most common grade ≥ 3 AEs
  - Hypertension (23%), diarrhea (10%)  
fatigue (10%)
- Immune-related AEs
  - Diarrhea (29%), increased ALT 17%,  
increased AST(13%),  
hypothyroidism (13%), fatigue (12%)

<sup>a</sup> Dosage: 2 mg/kg IV pembrolizumab every 3 weeks + 5 mg axitinib twice daily. <sup>b</sup> No immune-related grade ≥4 AEs reported.

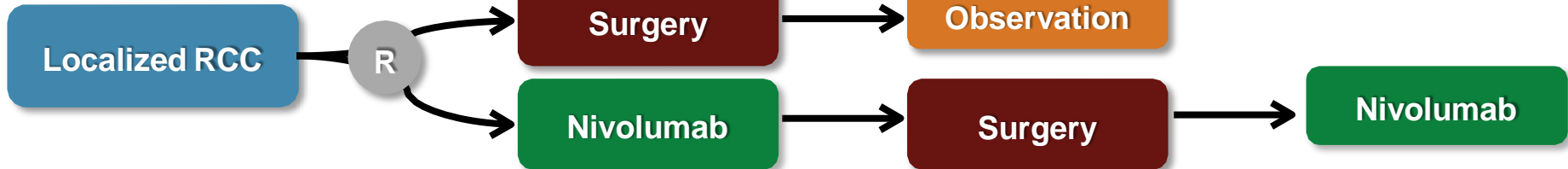
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# First-Line Phase 3 Trials in Advanced RCC<sup>1</sup>

Experimental Arm	Primary Endpoint	Estimated N	Trial	ClinicalTrials.gov ID
Axitinib + avelumab	PFS	583	JAVELIN Renal 101	NCT02684006
Axitinib + pembrolizumab	PFS, OS	840	KEYNOTE-426	NCT02853331
Bevacizumab + atezolizumab	PFS, OS in PD-L1–detectable tumors	900	IMmotion151	NCT02420821
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	PFS, OS	1,070	CheckMate 214	NCT02231749
Nivolumab + cabozantinib or nivolumab + ipilimumab + cabozantinib	PFS in intermediate-risk/poor-risk patients	1,014	CheckMate 9ER	NCT03141177
Lenvatinib/pembrolizumab or lenvatinib/everolimus	PFS	735	CLEAR	NCT02811861
Sunitinib + AGS-003	OS	450	ADAPT	NCT01582672

1. [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov). Accessed February 6, 2018.

**PROSPER (NCT03055013)**



**CheckMate-914 (NCT03138512)**



**IMmotion 010 (NCT03024996)**



**KEYNOTE-564 (NCT03142334)**



# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Bladder Cancer

# Immune Checkpoint Blockade Has Revolutionized the Treatment of Advanced Urothelial Carcinoma<sup>1</sup>

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- Before 2016, cytotoxic chemotherapy was the only option for patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma
- Cisplatin-based combination chemotherapy remains the standard of care for eligible patients
- Outcomes with carboplatin-based chemotherapy are poor, with median survival about 9 months in phase 3 trials
- After failure of platinum-based chemotherapy, survival was short, and available treatments (taxanes, pemetrexed, vinflunine [EU]) were toxic



# Proposed Criteria for Definition of Cis-Platinum Ineligible Patients for CDDP-Based Regimens

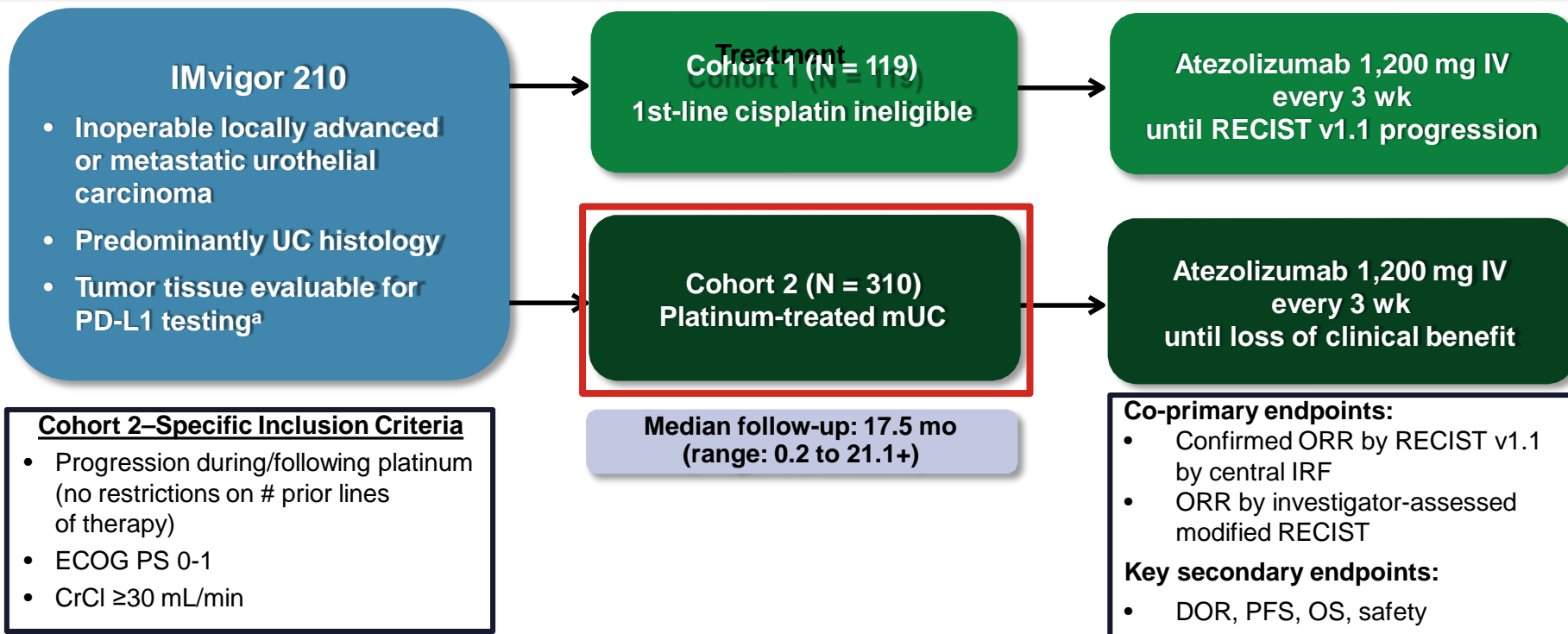
1. Poor Performance Status (ECOG 2 or higher)
2. CrCl <60 ml/min
3. Hearing Loss or Neuropathy (Grade 2 or Worse)
4. NYHA Class III Heart Failure

# Rapid Development of Immunotherapy in Bladder Cancer

## 5 drugs approved in 13 months

Agent	Mechanism	Schedule	Post Platinum	Frontline Cis Ineligible
Atezolizumab	Anti-PD-L1	Q3W	Accelerated approval	Accelerated approval
Nivolumab	Anti-PD-1	Q2W	Accelerated approval	-
Durvalumab	Anti-PD-L1	Q2W	Accelerated approval	-
Avelumab	Anti-PD-L1	Q2W	Accelerated approval	-
Pembrolizumab	Anti-PD-1	Q3W	Full approval	Accelerated approval

# IMvigor210 Cohort 2 Study Design: Basis for Accelerated Approval<sup>1,2</sup>

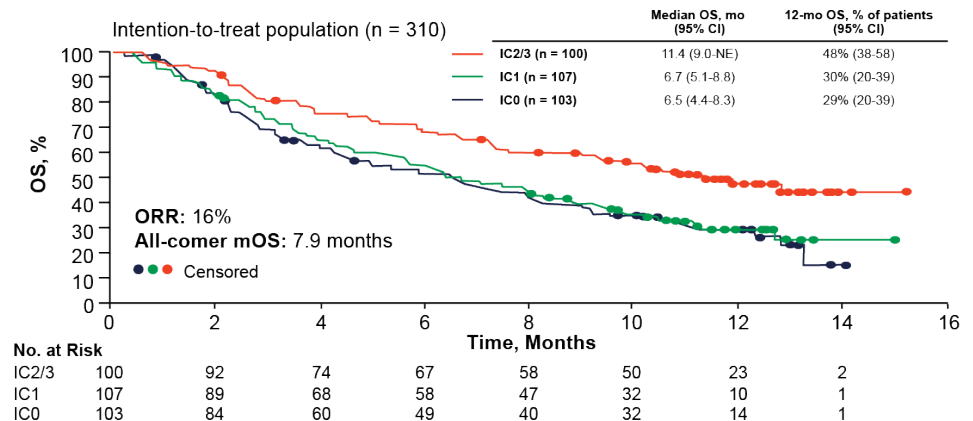
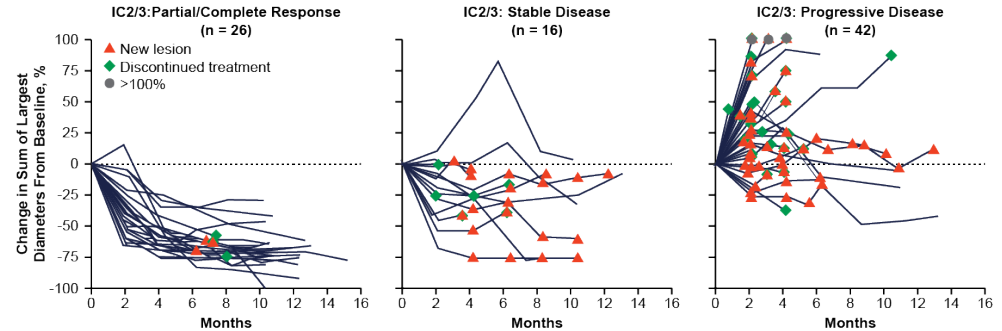


<sup>a</sup> PD-L1 prospectively assessed by a central laboratory, with patients and investigators blinded.

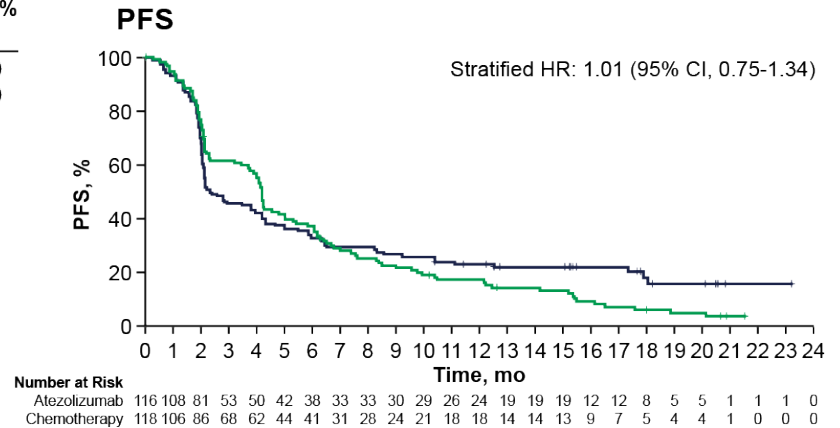
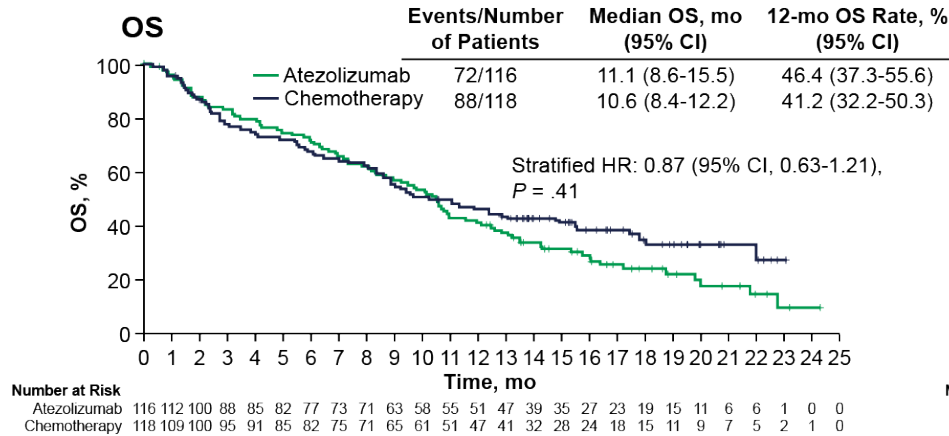
1. Dreicer R et al. ASCO 2016. Abstract 4515. 2. Rosenberg JE et al. *Lancet*. 2016;387:1909-1920.

# IMvigor210: Atezolizumab Approved for Prior Platinum-Treated Patients<sup>1</sup>

- 40% had 2 or more prior regimens
- ORR: 14.8%
- Median OS: 7.9 mo
- Modest toxicity
- Higher levels of PD-L1 staining on immune cells are associated with higher response rate and longer survival (SP142 assay)

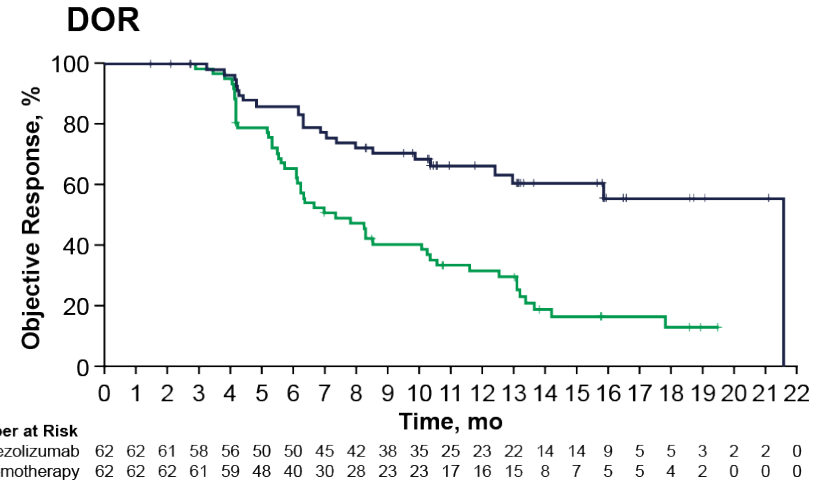
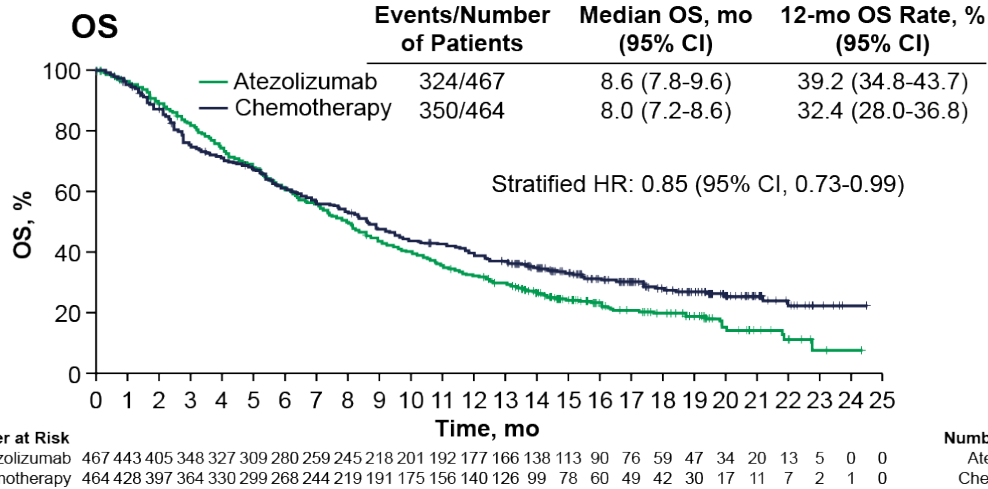


# Atezolizumab Did Not Improve OS in the PD-L1–Positive Population<sup>1</sup>



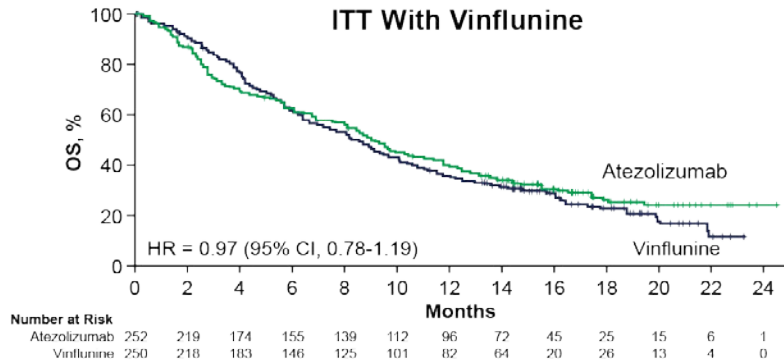
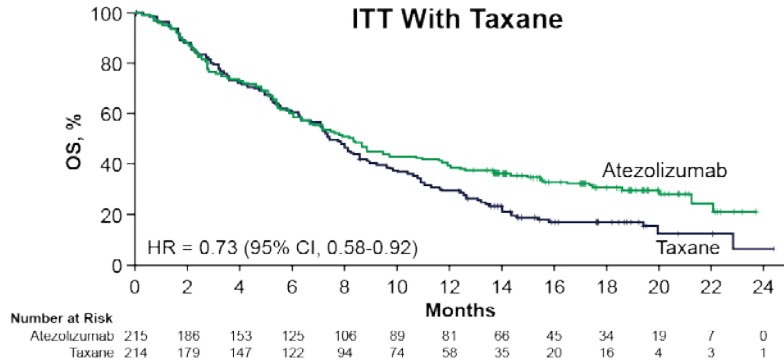
**PD-L1 staining enriched for response and survival for both chemotherapy and atezolizumab**

# IMvigor211: Outcomes in the ITT Population<sup>1</sup>



- Study design did not allow formal assessment of OS in the entire study population
  - HR and long-term survival favored atezolizumab
- DOR was dramatically longer in patients treated with atezolizumab

# IMvigor211: Subgroup Analysis by Chemotherapy Type<sup>1</sup>



OS was also examined in subgroups based on chemotherapy type at randomization

- Improved OS was observed with atezolizumab vs taxanes

Subgroup	Median OS, mo (95% CI)
Atezolizumab	8.3 mo (6.6-9.8)
Taxane	7.5 mo (6.7-8.8)

Subgroup	Median OS, mo (95% CI)
Atezolizumab	9.2 mo (7.9-10.4)
Vinflunine	8.3 mo (6.9-9.6)

1. Adapted from Powles T et al. European Association for Cancer Research, American Association for Cancer Research, and Italian Cancer Society (EACR-AACR-SIC) 2017 Special Conference. Abstract 606.

# What Does This Mean?

**Atezolizumab is an active drug**

Phase 3 trial showed that vinflunine is a more active agent than previously thought

Atezolizumab activity recapitulated earlier data

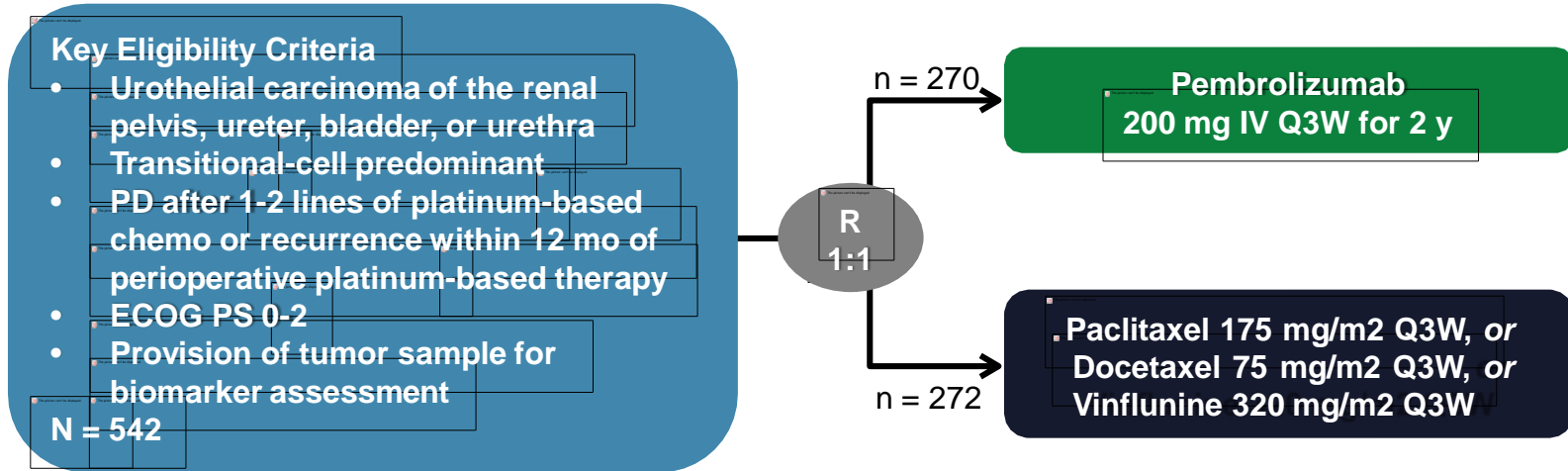
**SP142 PD-L1 biomarker did not perform as predicted**

IC2/3 predicted both chemotherapy and immunotherapy response

**Level 1 evidence (randomized phase 3 trial) supports pembrolizumab as second-line therapy**



# KEYNOTE-045 Phase 3 Trial (NCT02256436)<sup>1</sup>



## Stratification Factors

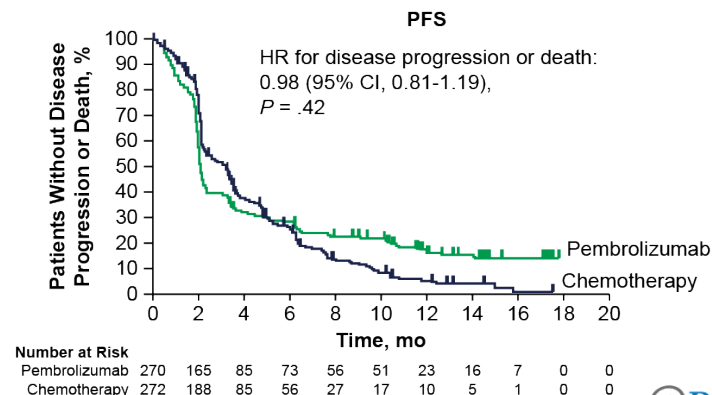
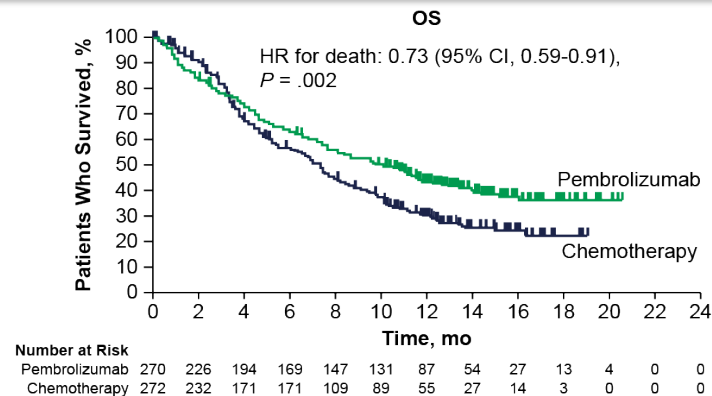
- ECOG PS (0/1 vs 2)
- Hemoglobin level (<10 vs ≥10 g/dL)
- Liver metastases (yes vs no)
- Time from last chemotherapy dose (<3 vs ≥3 mo)

## Key Endpoints

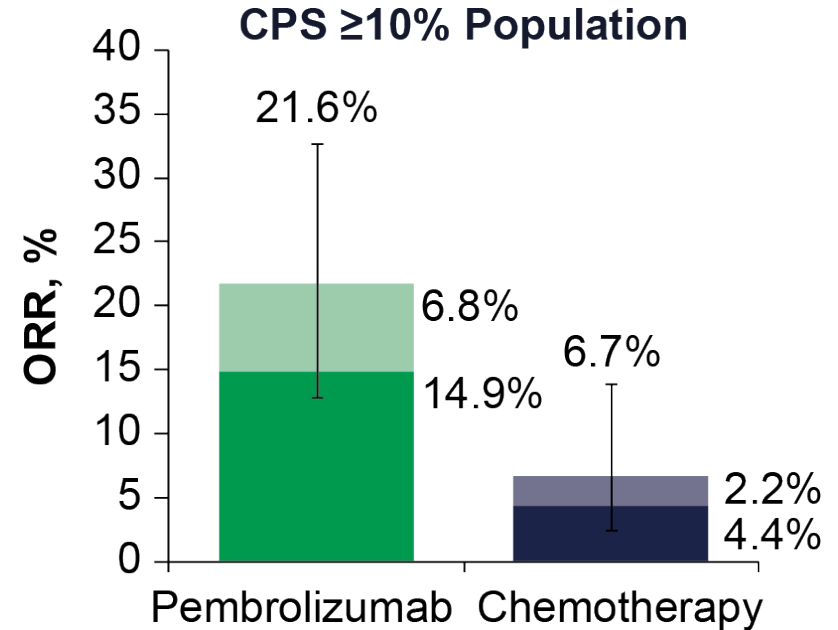
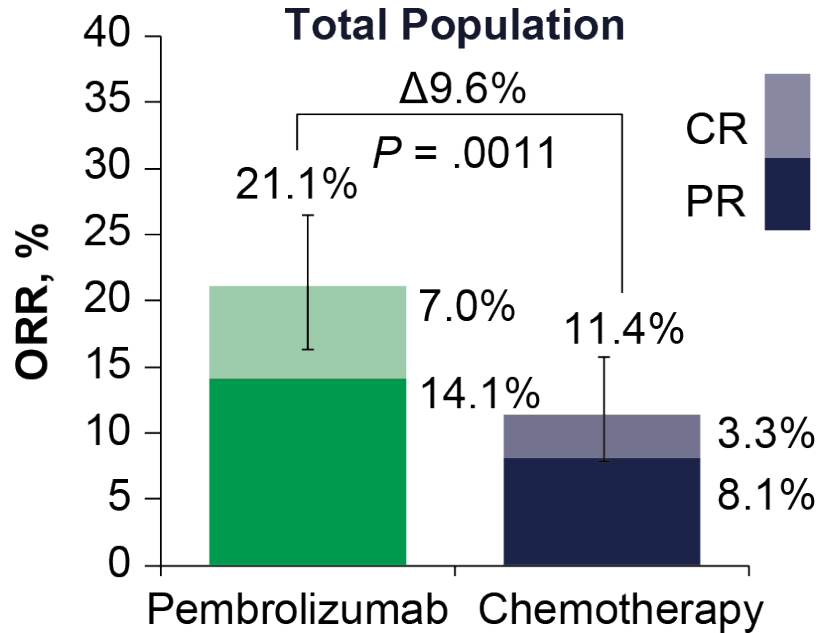
- **Primary:** OS and PFS in total and in PD-L1 combined positive score ≥10% populations
- **Secondary:** ORR and DOR in total and in PD-L1 combined positive score ≥10% populations; safety in total population

# KEYNOTE-045: Pembrolizumab Improves OS vs Chemotherapy in the Second or Third Line<sup>1</sup>

- Median OS 10.3 months for pembrolizumab vs 7.4 for chemo (HR = 0.73)
- **Updated: 10.3 mo vs 7.3 mo (HR = 0.70)<sup>2</sup>**
- PFS short, and not different between the two arms
- PD-L1 expression with this assay was a poor prognostic biomarker and does not help with patient selection



# KEYNOTE-045: Confirmed Objective Response Rate<sup>1</sup>



1. Bellmunt J et al. *J Immunother Cancer*. 2016;4(suppl. 2):O2.

# Anti-CTLA-4 and Anti-PD-1: CheckMate-032: Study Design<sup>1,2</sup>

Open-label, multicenter, phase 1/2 study

Pretreated patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma<sup>a</sup>

Nivolumab  
3 mg/kg IV every 2 wk  
(n = 78)<sup>1</sup>

Nivolumab 1 mg/kg +  
ipilimumab 3 mg/kg  
(NIVO 1 + IPI 3)  
IV every 3 wk for 4 cycles  
(n = 26)

Nivolumab 3 mg/kg +  
ipilimumab 1 mg/kg  
(NIVO 3 + IPI 1)  
IV every 3 wk for 4 cycles  
(n = 104)

Nivolumab 3 mg/kg IV every 2 wk

- Treatment beyond progression was permitted if treatment was tolerated and prespecified clinical benefit was noted
- Tumor measurements: CT or MRI every 6 wk ( $\pm 1$  wk) from first dose for the first 24 wk, then every 12 wk ( $\pm 1$  wk)

# Anti-CTLA-4 and Anti-PD-1: CheckMate-032: Antitumor Activity<sup>1</sup>

Outcome, %	Nivolumab 1 + Ipilimumab 3 (n = 26)	Nivolumab 3 + Ipilimumab 1 (n = 104)	Nivolumab Monotherapy (n = 78)
<b>Confirmed ORR, %</b>	38.5	26.0	24.4
95% CI	20.2-59.4	17.9-35.5	15.3-35.4
<b>Best overall response, %</b>			
Complete response	3.8	2.9	6.4
Partial response	34.6	23.1	17.9
Stable disease	19.2	25.0	28.2
Progressive disease	26.9	41.3	38.5

1. Sharma P et al. 31st Annual Meeting & Associated Programs of the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC 2016). Abstract O3.

# Immune–Immune Combinations Hold Significant Promise

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- CTLA-4, PD-1 pathway combinations have significant toxicity
- Identification of agents with less toxicity in combination is warranted
  - Advanced bladder cancer patients tend to be older and sicker
- Multiple different classes of agents are being tested

# Approved Checkpoint Inhibitors for Platinum-Refractory mUC

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	<i><b>Atezolizumab</b></i>	<i><b>Nivolumab</b></i>	<i><b>Pembrolizumab</b></i>	<i><b>Avelumab</b></i>	<i><b>Durvalumab</b></i>
<b>Phase (no. of pts)</b>	<b>Phase II (310)</b>	<b>Phase II (265)</b>	<b>Phase III (270)</b>	<b>Phase 1b (241)</b>	<b>I/II (191)</b>
<b>Dosing</b>	<b>1200 mg Q 3wk</b>	<b>240 mg Q 2wk</b>	<b>200 mg Q 3wk</b>	<b>10mg/kg Q 2wk</b>	<b>10 mg/kg Q 2w</b>
<b>ORR</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>mPFS/OS (months)</b>	<b>2.1/7.9</b>	<b>2.0/8.7</b>	<b>2.1/10.3</b>	<b>1.8/13.7</b>	<b>1.5/18.2</b>
<b><i>Grade 3/4 Rx-Related AEs</i></b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Most Common Rx-related AEs</b>	<b>Fatigue (30%) Nausea (14%) Pruritis (10%)</b>	<b>Fatigue (17%) Pruritis (9%) Diarrhea (9%)</b>	<b>Pruritis (19.5%) Fatigue (13.9%) Nausea (10.9%)</b>	<b>Infusion-related reaction (22.8%) Fatigue (12%)</b>	<b>Fatigue (19.4%) Decrease appetite (9%) Diarrhea 8.4%</b>
<b>FDA Approval</b>	<b>May18,2016 (accelerated)</b>	<b>February 2, 2017 (accelerated)</b>	<b>May 18, 2017 (regular approval)</b>	<b>May 9, 2017 (accelerated)</b>	<b>May 1, 2017 (accelerated)</b>

# Future Strategies



# Indoleamine 2,3-Dioxygenase 1 (IDO1)<sup>1</sup>

Resistance to PD-1 pathway inhibition may be mediated in part by IDO1 activity

IDO1:

- Depletes tryptophan and increases kynurenine levels
- Leads to an immunosuppressive tumor microenvironment

This leads to:

- Decreased effector T-cell function
- Differentiation of regulatory T cells

Inhibitors of this pathway are being tested in mUC

# Epacadostat and Pembrolizumab<sup>1</sup>

40 patients treated in expansion cohort at 100 mg PO BID

ORR is 35%

Tolerability appears similar to PD-1 therapy alone

80% had 1 or fewer prior regimens in metastatic setting

- Relatively lightly pretreated cohort compared with IMvigor210 (59%), but similar to KEYNOTE-045 (80%) and Checkmate-275 (71%)

Promising ORR worthy of further investigation in a planned large randomized trial

# Nivolumab and BMS986205<sup>1</sup>

25 bladder cancer patients treated in a multicohort phase 1/2a dose-escalation and expansion study (CA017-003)

ORR was 32%

Kynurenine levels were decreased in pre- and on-treatment tumor biopsies

Toxicity seemed similar to single agent therapy