# Novel Therapies in Metastatic Kidney Cancer



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# **Metastatic RCC: Treatment Principles**

• The best treatment is one that results in <u>cure</u>

- In the absence of cure, goals are palliative
  - Disease control and prolongation of life are achievable

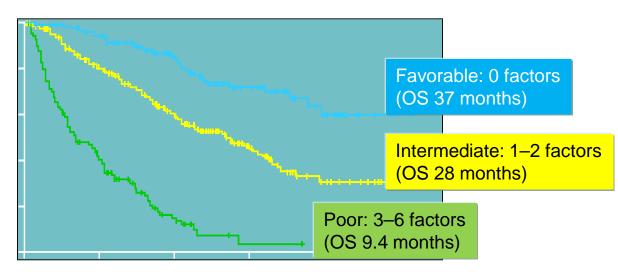
 Angiogenesis is active throughout natural history of mRCC

## **Metastatic RCC: Treatment Principles**

- Current standard of care:
  - Risk stratification
  - Frontline use of immunotherapy-based therapy or angiogenesis inhibitors, dependent on risk group
  - New systemic treatment initiated at time of progression or unacceptable toxicity
  - Whenever possible, clinical trials remain the optimal choice

#### Risk Stratification in mRCC

- N = 645 patients with mRCC treated with VEGF-targeted therapy
  - Sunitinib (61%); Sorafenib (31%); Bevacizumab (8%)
- Predictors for OS:
  - Time from diagnosis to treatment\*
  - Hemoglobin\*
  - Calcium\*
  - Performance status\*
  - Neutrophil count
  - Platelet count



Risk Group	Number of Risk Factors	Median Survival Time
Favorable Risk (n=133)	0	37 months
Intermediate Risk (n=292)	1-2	28.5 months
Poor Risk (n=139)	>2	9.4 months

<sup>\*</sup> Components of MSKCC prognostic criteria

# **Efficacy Scorecard: Frontline RCC**

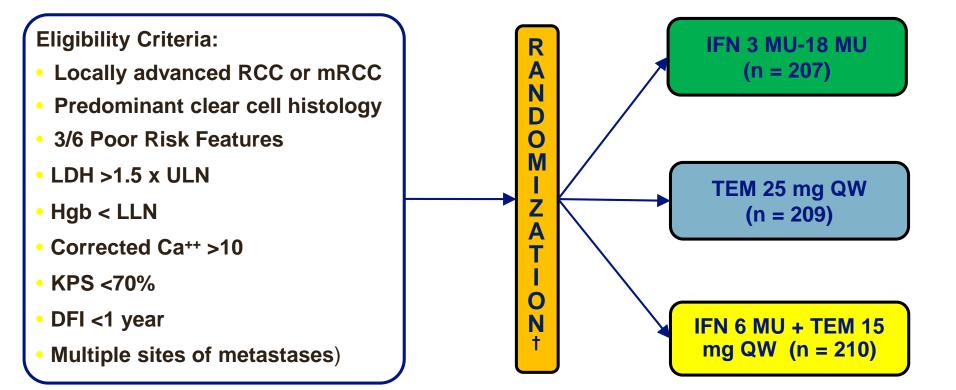
Pivotal Trial	N	Response Rate (%)	Median PFS (months)	Median OS (months)
Sunitinib vs. IFN-α	750	47 vs. 12	11 vs. 5	26.4 vs. 21.8
Bevacizumab + IFN-α vs. IFN-α	649	31 vs. 12	10.4 vs. 5.5	23.3 vs. 21.3
bevacizumab + irin-u vs. irin-u	732	25.5 vs. 13.1	8.4 vs. 4.9	18.3 vs. 17.4
Pazopanib vs. placebo	233	30 vs. 3	11.1 vs. 2.8	22.9 vs. 20.5
Pazopanib vs. Sunitinib	1,110	31 vs. 25	8.4 vs. 9.5	28.4 vs. 29.3
Cabozantinib vs. Sunitinib (poor and intermediate risk)*	157	46 vs. 18	8.2 vs. 5.6	30 vs. 21.8
Temsirolimus vs. IFN-α (poor risk)	626	8.6 vs. 4.8	5.5 vs. 3.1	10.9 vs. 7.3
Nivo/Ipi vs. Sunitinib (poor and intermediate risk)	1,070	41.6 vs. 26.5	11.5 vs. 8.4	NR vs 26
Atezo/Bev vs Sunitinib (PDL1+ group)	915 (ITT); 362 (PDL1+)	43 vs 35	11.2 vs. 7.7 (Inv Review) 8.9 vs 7.2 (Ind Review)	NR vs 23.3

Established role of angiogenesis inhibitors

Established role of mTOR inhibition

Established role of IO-based therapy

#### Temsirolimus Phase 3 Trial in Poor-risk RCC\*

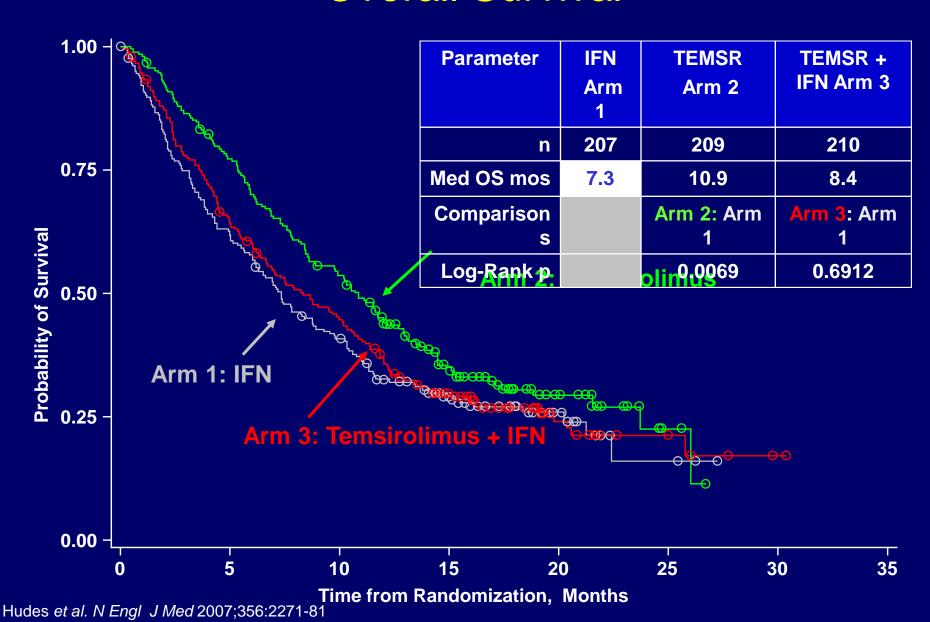


**Primary Endpoint: PFS** 

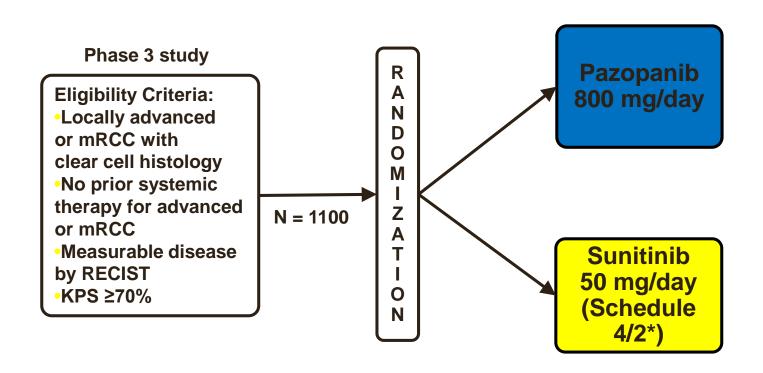
Hudes G et al. N Engl J Med. 2007;356:2271-2281.

<sup>\*</sup>Modified MSKCC poor risk; †Stratification by country and nephrectomy status. DFI = disease-free interval.

### Temsirolimus vs IFN-α: Overall Survival



# Pazopanib vs. Sunitinib for First-line Treatment of Clear Cell mRCC (COMPARZ)



Primary Endpoint: PFS (non-inferiority – upper bound of 95% CI for HR < 1.25)</li>

<sup>\*</sup>Schedule 4/2 = 4 weeks on treatment/ 2 weeks off. Available at: http://www.clinicaltrials.gov. NCT00720941.

## **COMPARZ: Summary of Results**

Efficacy	Pazopanib (n=557)	Sunitinib (n=553)	HR (95% CI); P Value
Median PFS, mos (95% CI) Independent Review	8.4 (8.3, 10.9)	9.5 (8.3, 11.1)	1.047 (0.898, 1.220)
Interim OS, mos (95% CI)	28.4 (26.2, 35.6)	29.3 (25.3, 32.5)	0.908 (0.762, 1.082) P=0.275
Objective Response Rate (CR+ PR), %	31 (26.9, 34.5)	25 (21.2, 28.4)	P=0.032

Dose modifications	Pazopanib (n=554)	Sunitinib (n=548)
Dose interruptions, %*	60	63
Dose reductions, %	44	51
Discontinuations due to AE, %	24	19

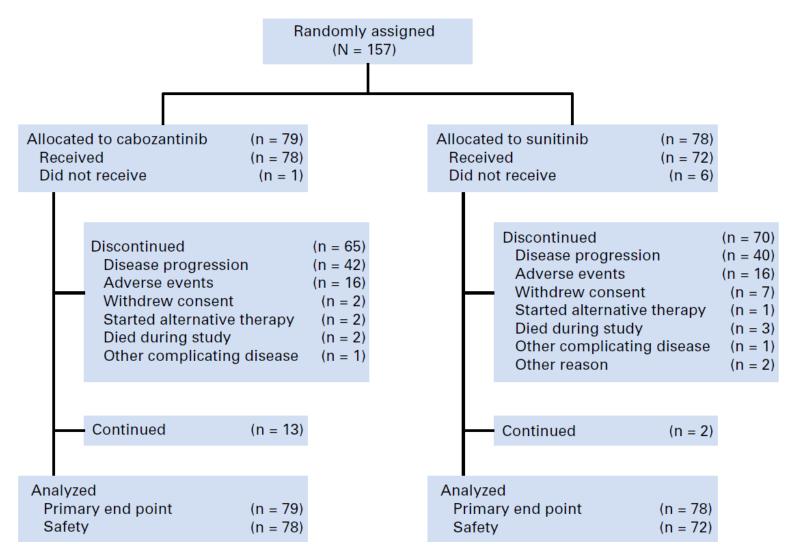
# COMPARZ: Most Common Adverse Events (Treatment-emergent)

	Pazopanib	Pazopanib (n = 554) %		n = 548) %
Adverse Event <sup>a</sup>	All Grs	Gr 3/4	All Grs	Gr 3/4
Any event <sup>b</sup>	>99	59/15	>99	57/17
Diarrhea	63	9/0	57	7/<1
Fatigue	55	10/<1	63	17/<1
Hypertension	46	15/<1	41	15/<1
Nausea	45	2/0	46	2/0
Decreased appetite	37	1/0	37	3/0
ALT increased	31	10/2	18	2/<1
Hair color changes	30	0/0	10	<1/0
Hand-foot syndrome	29	6/0	50	11/<1
Taste Alteration	26	<1/0	36	0/0
Thrombocytopenia	10	2/<1	34	12/4

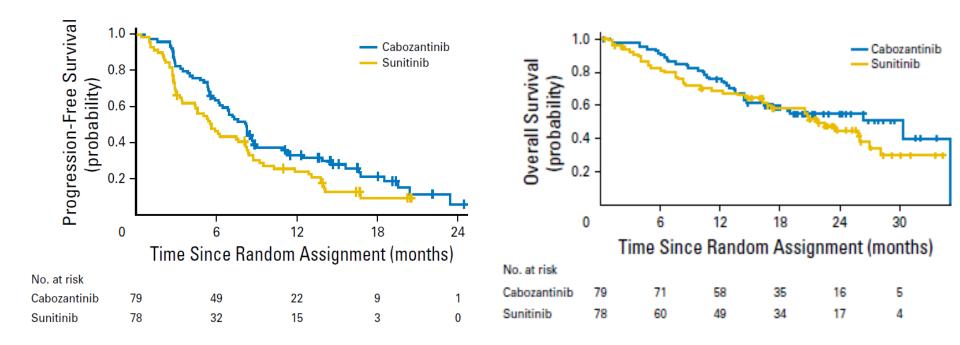
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> AE ≥30% in either arm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> 2% of patients in pazopanib arm and 3% of patients in sunitinib arm had grade 5 adverse events.

## Phase II CABOSUN trial

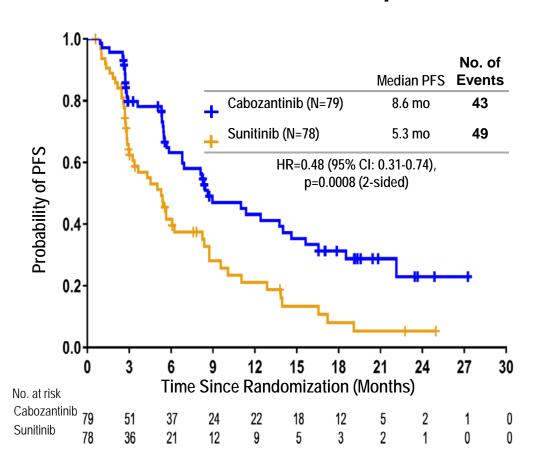


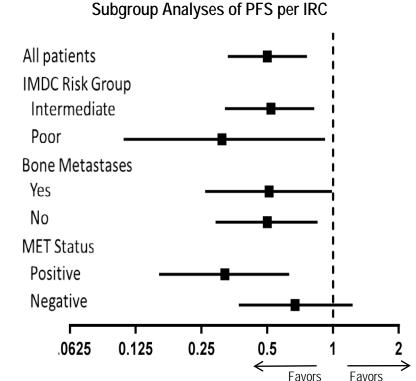
## Phase II CABOSUN trial



Response	Cabozantinib (n = 79), No. (%)	Sunitinib (n = 78), No. (%)
ORR, % (95% CI)*	46 (34 to 57)	18 (10 to 28)
Best overall response, No. (%)		
Confirmed CR	1 (1.3)	1 (1.3)
Confirmed PR	35 (44.3)	13 (16.7)
Stable disease	26 (32.9)	28 (35.9)
Progressive disease	14 (17.7)	20 (25.6)
Not evaluable or missing†	3 (3.8)	16 (20.5)

#### CABOSUN: PFS per IRC and Overall Survival





Data cutoff: PFS, Sep 15, 2016; OS, July 1, 2017; IRC, Independent Review Committee; IMDC, International Metastatic RCC Database Consortium.

Overall Survival (OS)

HR=0.80 (95% CI: 0.53-1.21); p=0.29 (2-sided) Median OS: Cabozantinib **26.6 mo**, Sunitinib **21.2 mo** 

cabozantinib

sunitinib

#### Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mRCC: CheckMate 214

#### **Patients**

- Treatment-naïve advanced or metastatic clear-cell RCC
- Measurable disease
- KPS ≥70%
- Tumor tissue available for PD-L1 testing

#### Randomize 1:1

#### Stratified by

- •IMDC prognostic score (0 vs 1–2 vs 3–6)
- •Region (US vs Canada/Europe vs Rest of World)

#### **Treatment**

#### Arm A

3 mg/kg nivolumab IV +
1 mg/kg ipilimumab IV Q3W
for four doses, then
3 mg/kg nivolumab IV Q2W

#### Arm B

50 mg sunitinib orally once daily for 4 weeks (6-week cycles) Treatment until progression or unacceptable toxicity



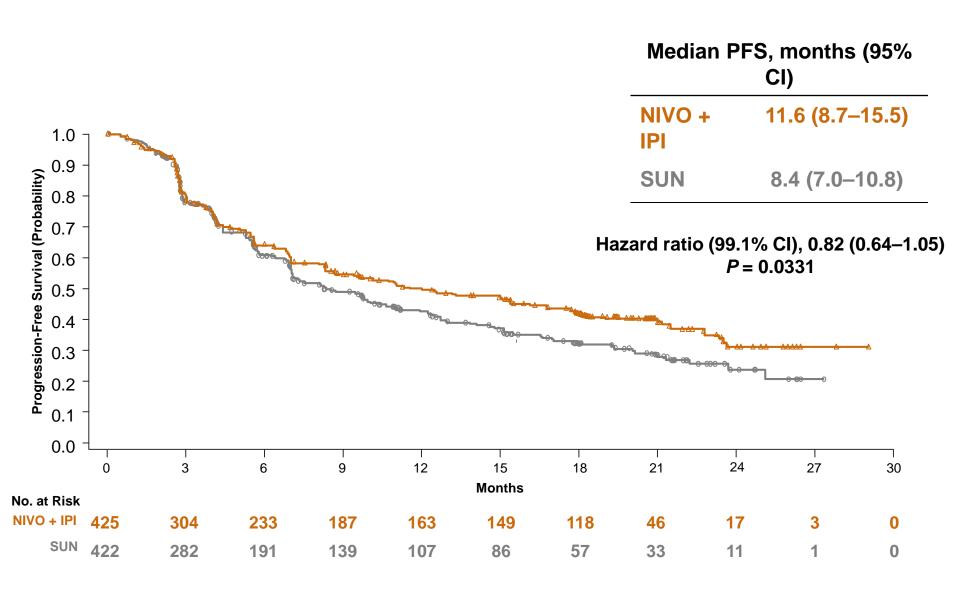
Escudier, ESMO 2017; Motzer NEJM 2018

#### **ORR and DOR: IMDC intermediate/poor risk**

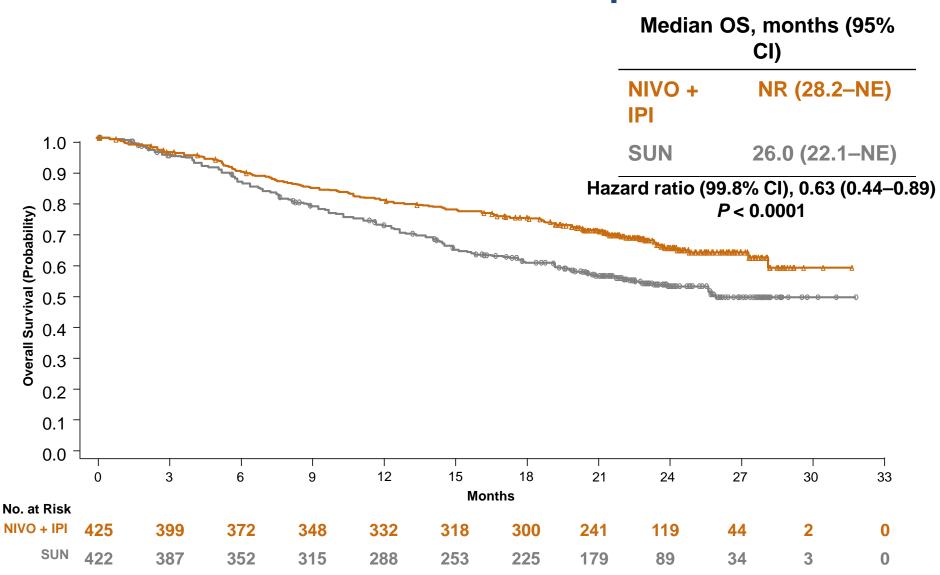
	N =	847
Outcome	NIVO + IPI N = 425	SUN N = 422
Confirmed ORR, <sup>a</sup> % (95% CI)	42 (37– 47)	27 (22– 31)
	<i>P</i> < 0.0001	
Confirmed BOR, <sup>a</sup> %		
Complete response	<b>9</b> b	1 <sup>b</sup>
Partial response Stable disease	32	25
Progressive disease	31	45
Unable to determine/not	20	17
reported	8	12

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#### PFS per IRRC: IMDC intermediate/poor risk



#### **OS: IMDC intermediate/poor risk**



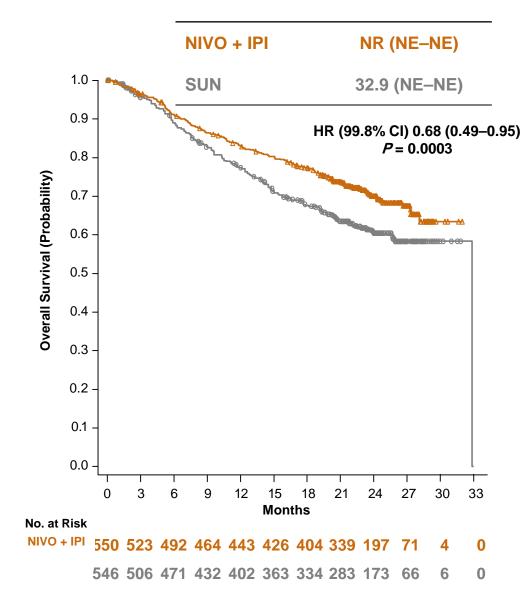
#### **ORR, PFS, and OS: Intention to treat**

Median OS, months (95% CI)

	N = 1	,096 <sup>a</sup>	
Outcome	NIVO + IPI N = 550	SUN N = 546	
Confirmed ORR,b % (95% CI)	39 (35– 43)	32 (28– 36)	
	<i>P</i> = 0.0191		
PFS, <sup>c</sup> median (95% CI), months	12.4 (9.9– 16.5)	12.3 (9.8– 15.2)	
(30% Oi), months	HR (99.1% CI) (0.79–1.23 P = 0.8498		

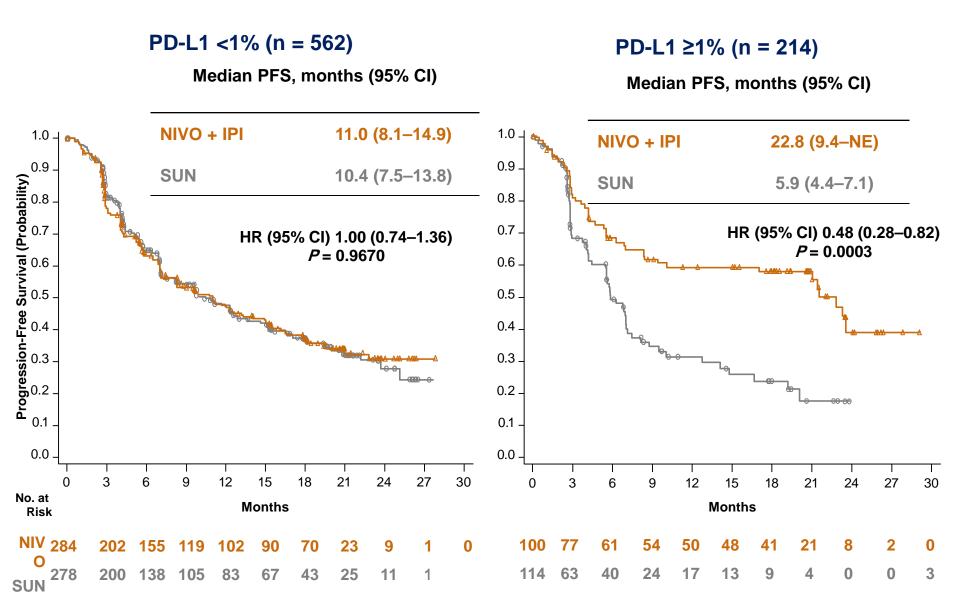
bIRRC-assessed by RECIST v1.1

<sup>c</sup>IRRC-assessed

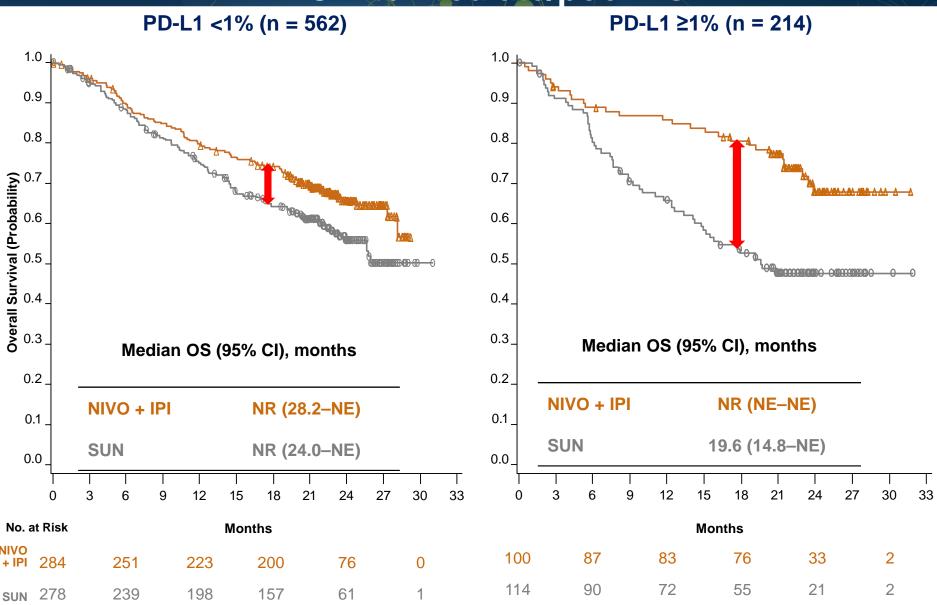




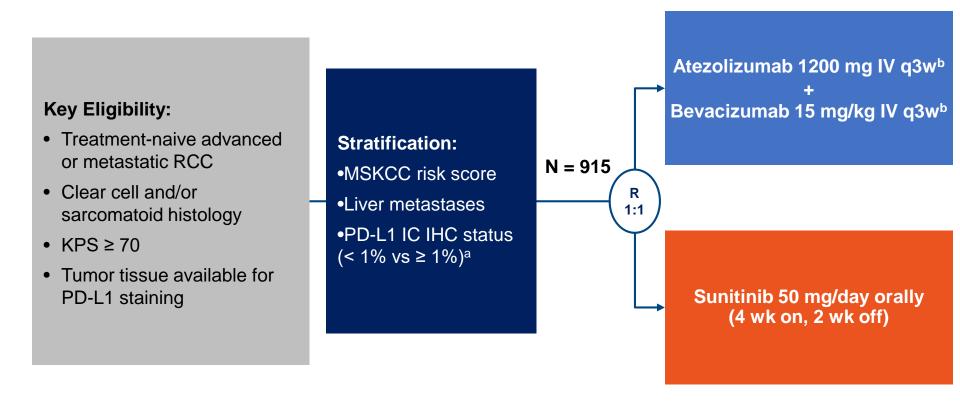
#### PFS by PD-L1 expression: IMDC intermediate/poor risk



# OS by tumor PD-L1 expression: IMDC intermediate/poor risk



#### **IMMotion 151 Study Design**



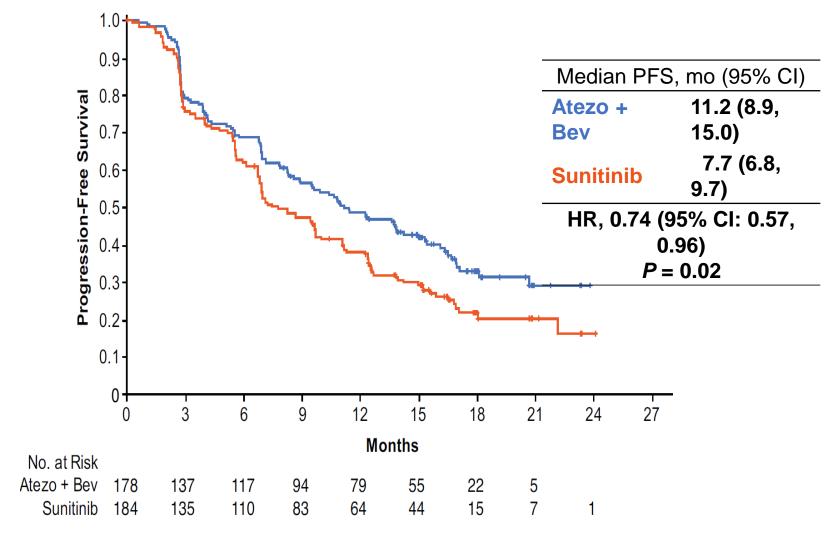


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> ≥ 1% IC: 40% prevalence using SP142 IHC assay; <sup>b</sup> No dose reduction for atezolizumab or bevacizumab.

#### **Statistical Design and Conduct**

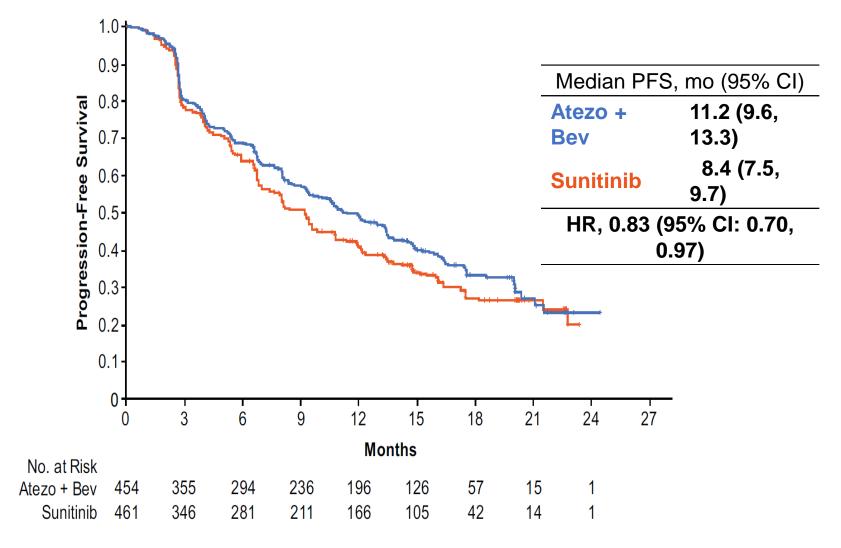
- IMmotion151 enrolled 915 randomized patients, 362 (40%) of whom had PD-L1 IC IHC status ≥ 1% (PD-L1+)
- Primary analysis of PFS in the PD-L1+ subgroup was triggered by 236 PFS events (65% event-to-patient ratio) at the data cutoff date of September 29, 2017
- First OS interim analysis was also conducted with the same cutoff date
- Stratified HR and log-rank test were used for primary analyses
- 5% alpha was split: 4% for PFS in PD-L1+ and 1% for OS in ITT populations
  - The P value boundary at the first OS interim analysis was alpha = 0.0009

#### **Progression-Free Survival in PD-L1+**



PFS assessed by investigators. Minimum follow-up, 12 mo. Median follow-up, 15 mo. The PFS analysis passed the pre-specified P value boundary of alpha = 0.04.

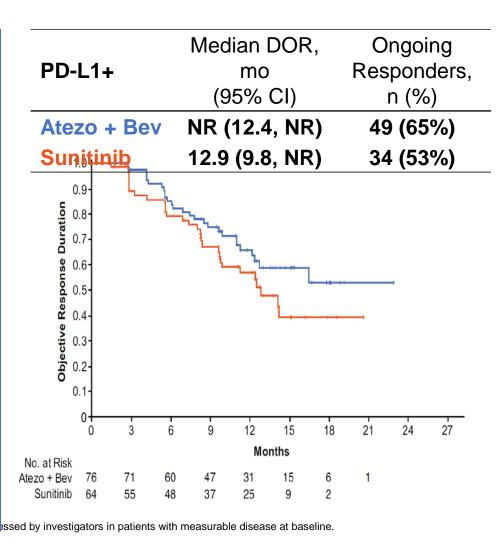
#### **Progression-Free Survival in ITT**



PFS assessed by investigators. Minimum follow-up, 12 mo. Median follow-up, 15 mo.

#### **Objective Response Rate**

	PD-L1+		
	Atezo + Bev n = 178	Sunitinib n = 184	
Confirmed ORR, % 95% CI	43% (35, 50)	35% (28, 42)	
Complete response	9%	4%	
Partial response	34%	30%	
Stable disease	32%	35%	
Progressive disease	19%	21%	
Not evaluable <sup>a</sup>	7%	10%	



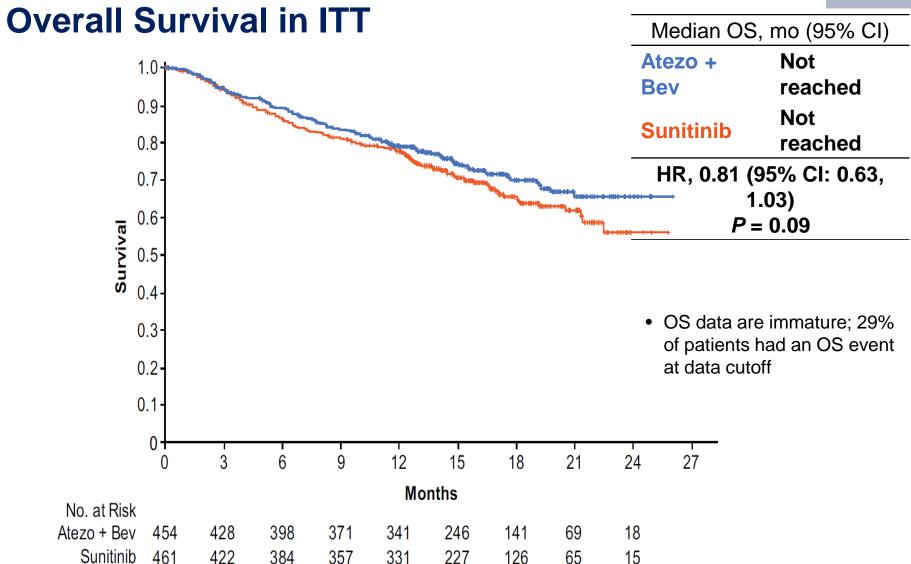
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#### PFS and ORR by IRC

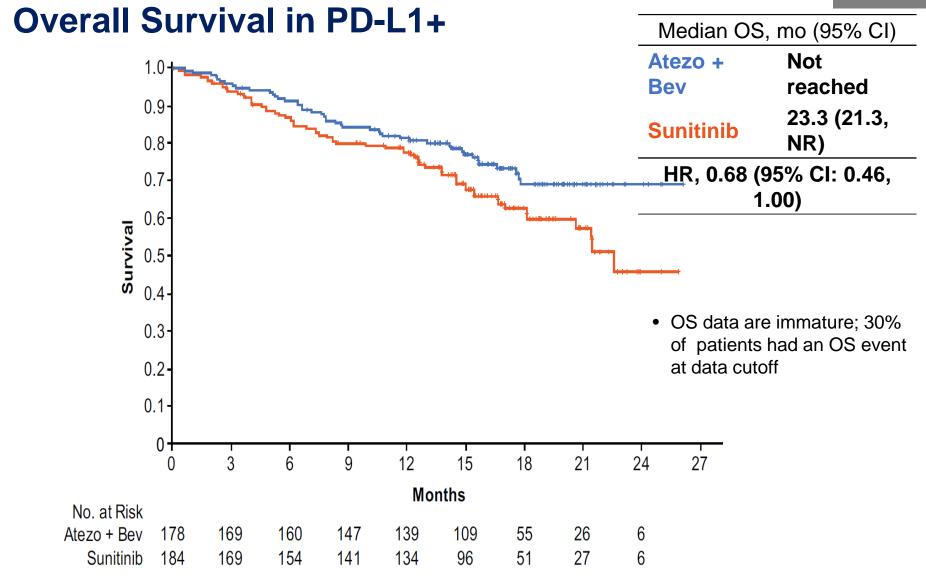
	PD-L1+		PD-	PD-L1- <sup>a</sup>		ITT	
	Atezo + Bev n = 178	Sunitinib n = 184	Atezo + Bev n = 276	Sunitinib n = 277 <sup>b</sup>	Atezo + Bev n = 454	Sunitinib n = 461	
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	8.9 (6.9, 12.5)	7.2 (6.1, 11.1)	11.0 (8.3, 13.3)	8.4 (7.4, 10.1)	9.6 (8.3, 11.5)	8.3 (7.0, 9.7)	
Stratified HR (95% CI)	0.93 (0.72, 1.21)		0.84 (0.67, 1.04)		0.88 (0.74, 1.04)		
Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)	36% (29, 44)	33% (26, 40)	32% (26, 37)	30% (25, 36)	33% (29, 38)	31% (27, 36)	
CR rate	15%	8%	8%	6%	11%	7%	

- IRC and INV assessment of PFS benefit was generally consistent in the ITT population;
   however, results differed from INV assessment in patients with PD-L1+ disease
- Investigators, IRC reviewers and the sponsor were blinded to PD-L1 status

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> PD-L1 negative tumors had a PD-L1 IC IHC expression < 1%. <sup>b</sup> n = 276 for ORR.



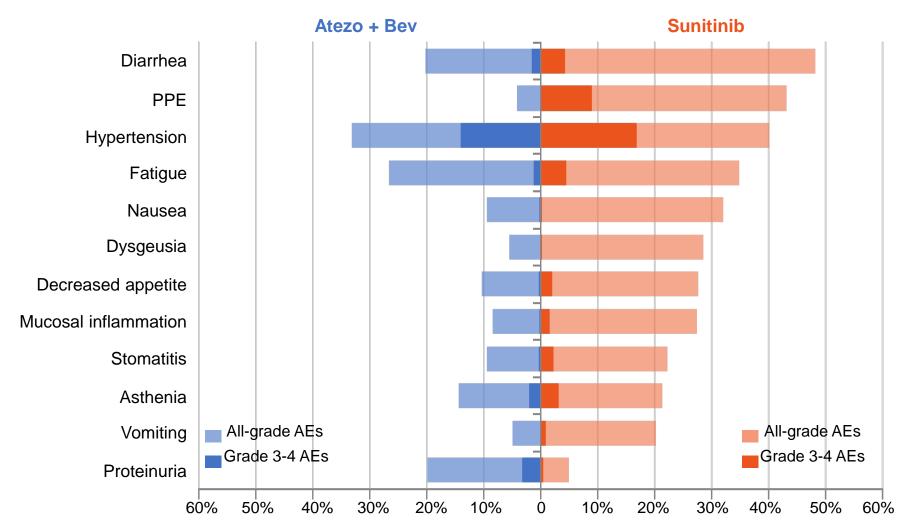
Minimum follow-up, 12 mo. Median of follow-up, 15 mo. Event/patient ratio: 27% for atezo + bev, 31% for sunitinib. The OS analysis did not pass the P value boundary of alpha = 0.0009 at the first interim analysis.



NR, not reached. Minimum follow-up, 12 mo. Median follow-up, 15 mo. Event/patient ratio: 25% for atezo + bev, 35% for sunitinib.

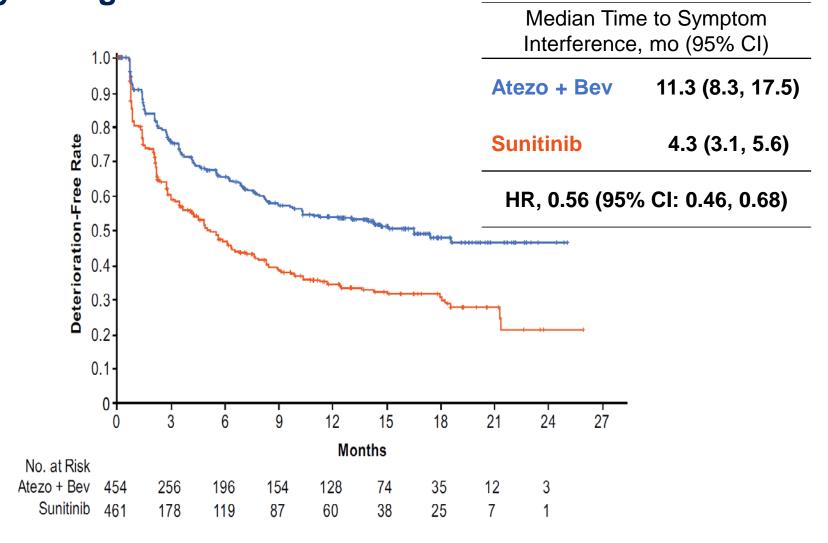
#### **Treatment-related AEs**

#### > 5% difference between arms and ≥ 20% frequency in either arm



PPE, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia.

Time to Symptom Interference With Activities of Daily Living in ITT



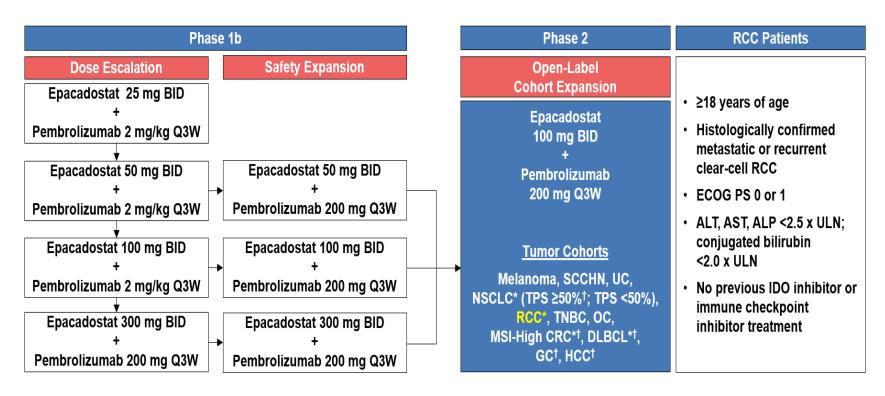
Per the MD Anderson Symptom Interference Scale, event defined as a ≥ 2-point score increase (on a 10-point scale) from baseline.

# Summary of mRCC Treatment Strategy: April 2018

- Risk stratification by IMDC criteria (Favorable, Intermediate, Poor); Consider PDL1-testing
- Favorable risk
  - Angiogenesis inhibitor (TKI): Sunitinib, Pazopanib, or Cabozantinib
- Intermediate/Poor risk
  - Immunotherapy: Nivolumab/Ipilumumab
  - Angiogenesis inhibitor (TKI): Cabozantinib
- Poor risk
  - Consider Temsirolimus in selected patients not suitable for above options
- PDL-1 positive
  - Consider Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab

# **ECHO 201/Keynote 037** (Lara, et al. ASCO 2017)

- ECHO-202/KEYNOTE-037 (NCT02178722) is an ongoing phase 1/2 study evaluating the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of epacadostat plus pembrolizumab across multiple tumor types
- This analysis provided preliminary phase 1/2 efficacy, safety, and tolerability of epacadostat plus pembrolizumab in patients with advanced RCC (data cutoff, February 27, 2017)



ALP, alkaline phosphatase; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; BID, twice daily; CRC, colorectal cancer; DLBCL, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; GC, gastric cancer; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; IDO, indoleamine 2,3 dioxygenase; MSI, microsatellite instability; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; OC, ovarian cancer; Q3W, every 3 weeks; RCC, renal cell carcinoma; SCCHN, squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck; TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer; TPS, tumor proportion score; UC, urothelial carcinoma; ULN, upper limit of normal.

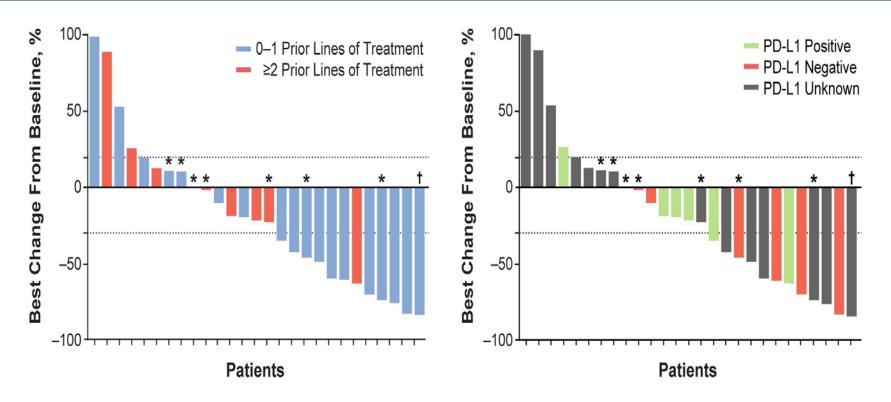
**Note:** GC and HCC cohorts were not yet open for patient enrollment at data cutoff (February 27, 2017).

<sup>\*</sup> Ongoing patient enrollment at data cutoff (February 27, 2017). † Ongoing patient enrollment at time of ASCO presentation (June 4, 2017).

### **Best Percentage Change in Target Lesions**

Epacadostat Plus Pembrolizumab Phase 1/2 Advanced RCC

Efficacy-Evaluable Patients: ORR=10/30 (33%); DCR=15/30 (50%) by RECIST v1.1 0–1 Prior Lines of Treatment: ORR=9/19 (47%); DCR=11/19 (58%) by RECIST v1.1



AE, adverse event; CR, complete response; DCR, disease control rate; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1; RCC, renal cell carcinoma; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.

Horizontal dotted lines indicate the thresholds for progressive disease and response according to RECIST v1.1 criteria.

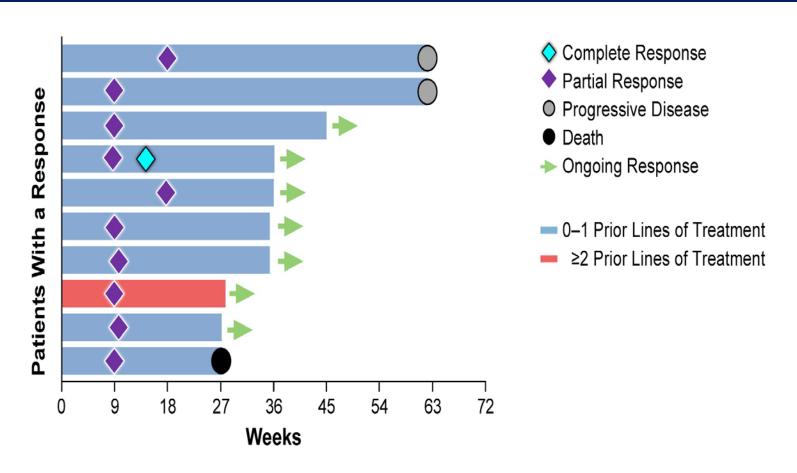
Of 30 efficacy-evaluable patients, data are shown for the 27 patients with postbaseline scans that included assessment of target lesions. Three patients are not shown in this figure: 1 patient discontinued treatment for clinical progression (target lesions not assessed); 1 patient discontinued treatment for an AE (autoimmune hepatitis) prior to the first postbaseline scan; and 1 patient died prior to the first postbaseline scan.

<sup>\*</sup> Objective response is PD per new lesions. † Objective response is CR (sum of reduction from baseline in both lymph node target lesions met RECIST v1.1 definition of CR).

#### Time to and Duration of Response (RECIST v1.1)

Epacadostat Plus Pembrolizumab Phase 1/2 Advanced RCC

# 7/10 responses were ongoing Median (range) duration of response, 26.8+ (18.1+ to 53.1) weeks



RCC, renal cell carcinoma; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors. Data cutoff: February 27, 2017.

#### **Safety Results**

Epacadostat Plus Pembrolizumab Phase 1/2 Advanced RCC

#### Treatment-Related AEs ≥10% (N=46)

AE, n (%)	All Grade	Grade 3/4*
Total	37 (80)	8 (17)
Fatigue	17 (37)	0
Rash <sup>†</sup>	14 (30)	1 (2)
Diarrhea	6 (13)	0
Decreased	5 (11)	0
appetite	,	
Nausea	5 (11)	1 (2)
Pruritus	5 (11)	0
Pyrexia	5 (11)	0

AE, adverse event; MedDRA, Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities.

#### AEs of Special Interest\* (N=46)

AE, n (%)	All Grade	Grade 3/4
Total	6 (13)	2 (4)
Hypothyroidism	4 (9)	0
Hepatitis <sup>†</sup>	1 (2)	1 (2)
Severe skin reaction <sup>‡</sup>	1 (2)	1 (2)

AE, adverse event; RCC, renal cell carcinoma.

- Treatment-related AEs led to dose interruptions in 8 patients (17%), and dose reductions in 4 patients (9%)
- Treatment-related AEs led to treatment discontinuation in 2 patients (4%); all AEs resolved with standard supportive care
- There were no treatment-related deaths

<sup>\*</sup> Other grade 3/4 treatment-related AEs not included in the table: lipase increased (n=3); amylase increased, aseptic meningitis, autoimmune hepatitis, headache, hyperglycemia, musculoskeletal pain, and vomiting (n=1 each).

<sup>†</sup> Rash includes the following MedDRA preferred terms: rash, rash erythematous, rash generalized, rash maculopapular, and rash pruritic.

<sup>\*</sup> AEs of special interest include AEs with an immune-related cause, regardless of attribution to study treatment by the investigator.

<sup>†</sup> Includes autoimmune hepatitis.

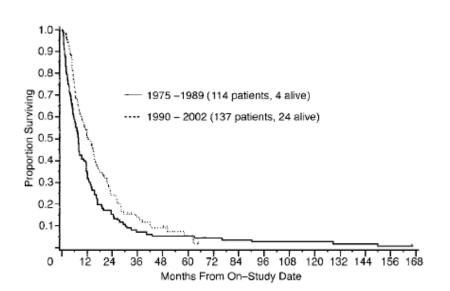
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup> The severe skin reaction the patient with RCC in this study was grade ≥3 rash maculopapular.

## Phase III Trials of Checkpoint Inhibitor-Based Combinations in RCC

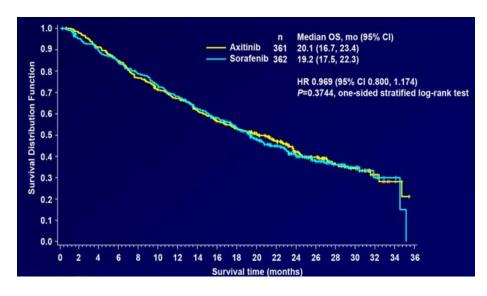
Control Arm	Experimental Arm(s)
Sunitinib	Nivolumab/Ipilimumab*
Sunitinib	Bevacizumab + Atezolizumab*
Sunitinib	Axitinib + Pembrolizumab
Sunitinib	Lenvatinib + Everolimus Lenvatinib/Pembrolizumab
Sunitinib	Axitinib + Avelumab
Sunitinib	Cabozantinib/Nivolumab Cabozantinib/Ipi/Nivo
Sunitinib or Pazopanib	Pembrolizumab + Epacadostat

### Why second-line treatment in mRCC?

"Pre-targeted therapy era"



"Post-targeted therapy era"



Median OS: <u>10.2 months</u> (using several investigational agents) N=251 pts Median OS: <u>20.1 months</u> (axitinib after SU or IFN-α) N=361 pts

#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### Nivolumab versus Everolimus in Advanced Renal-Cell Carcinoma

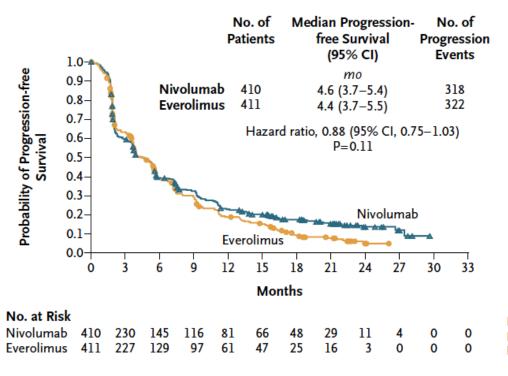
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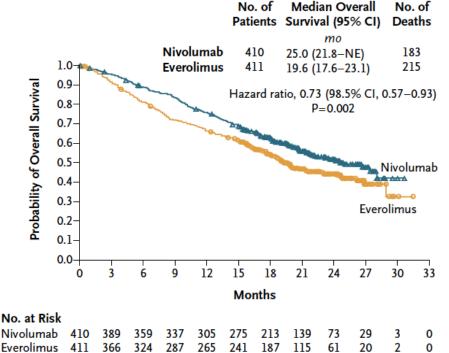
#### **Response Rate:**

Nivolumab: 25%

Everolimus: 5%

Odds ratio 5.98; P<0.001</li>





**PFS** 

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### **AXIS: Study Design**

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Treatment-refractory metastatic RCC

Randomization stratified by ECOG PS and type of prior treatment

<sup>†</sup>Starting dose 5 mg BID with option for dose titration to 10 mg BID

Axitinib 5 mg BID<sup>†</sup>

Primary objective: Progression free survival

Sorafenib 400 mg BID

1:1 Eligibility criteria:

- •mRCC, clear-cell histology
- Measurable disease
- •RECIST defined PD after 1 prior sunitinib-, bev + IFN-α-, temsirolimus-, or cytokine-based regimen
- •ECOG 0 or 1
- Adequate lab studies

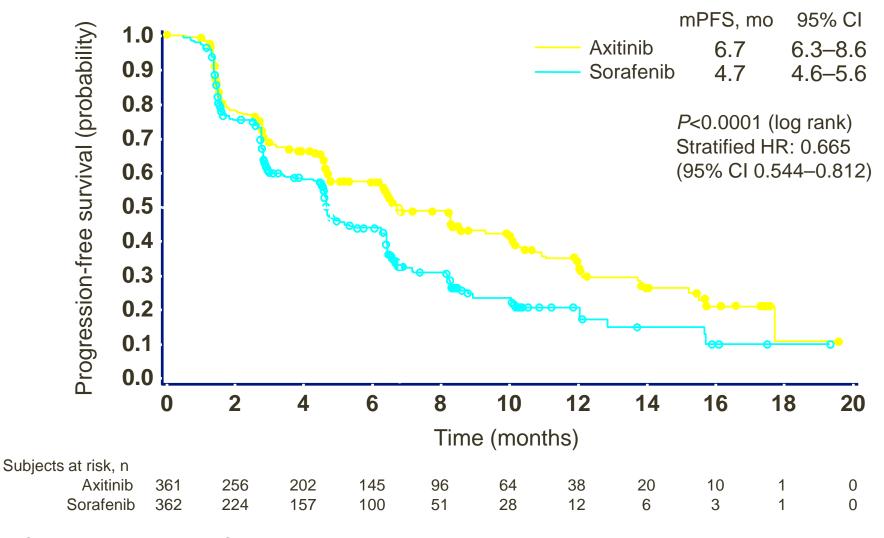
Rini B, et al. Lancet 2011

# Best Response by RECIST (IRC Assessment)

Best Response (%)	Axitinib	Sorafenib
Partial response*	19.4	9.4
Stable disease	49.9	54.4
Progressive disease	21.6	21.0
Indeterminate	6.1	11.6
Risk ratio (95% CI)	2.1 (1.	.4–3.0)

<sup>\*</sup>Axitinib vs. sorafenib: P=0.0001

# Progression-free Survival (IRC Assessment)



# Cabozantinib in mRCC: METEOR Study Design

Cabozantinib 60 mg qd PO Advanced RCC (N=658) **Stratification**  Clear cell component •MSKCC<sup>1</sup> risk groups: favorable, • Progression within 6 months of prior intermediate, poor **VEGFR TKI** 1:1 •Prior VEGFR TKIs: 1 or ≥2 • No limit to the number of prior therapies • PD-1 checkpoint inhibitors allowed Treated brain metastases allowed **Everolimus** 10 mg qd PO

Tumor assessment every 8 weeks (RECIST v1.1)

Treatment until loss of clinical benefit or intolerable toxicity

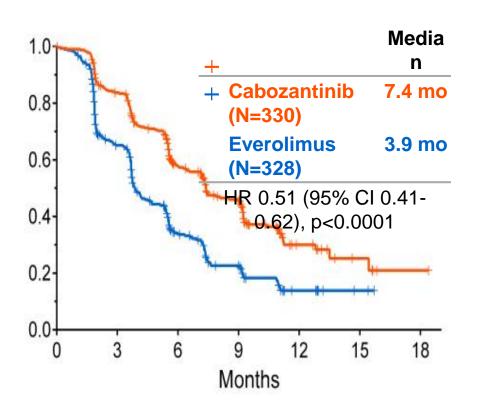
No crossover allowed

<sup>1</sup> Motzer R et al, J Clin Oncol, 2004

### PFS and Response in All 658 Patients

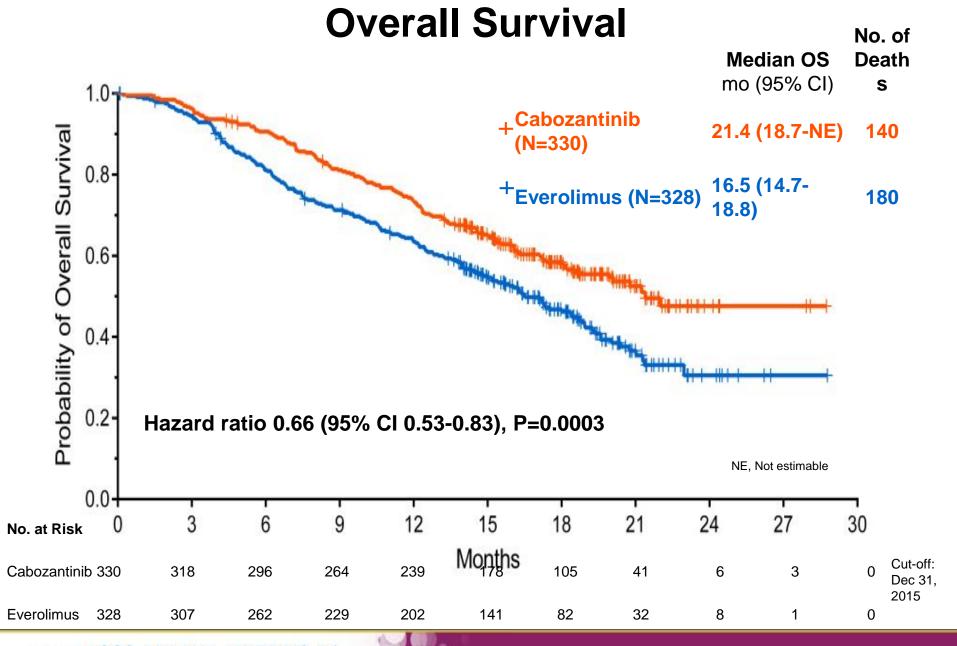
#### **Progression-Free Survival per IRC**<sup>1</sup>

#### **Objective Response Rate**<sup>1,2</sup>



	Cabozanti nib (N=330), %	Everolimu s (N=328), %				
ORR per IRC (95% CI)	17 (13, 22)	3 (2, 6)				
Stable disease	65	62				
Progressive disease	12	27				
Unable to determine	5	8				
ORR per Investigator (95% CI)	24 (19, 29)	4 (2, 7)				
Stable disease	63	63				
Progressive disease	9	27				
Unable to determine Cut-off for P4S and ORR: May 72, 2015						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Escudier B et al, J Clin Oncol, 2016; 34(suppl 2S): Abstr 499, <sup>2</sup> Confirmed responses per RECIST version 1.1. All responses were partial responses.



### Safety/Toxicity

Table 2. Adverse Events.*						
Event	Cabozantir	iib (N=331)	Everolimus (N=322)			
	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4	Any Grade	Grade 3 or 4		
	number of patients with an event (percent)					
Any adverse event	331 (100)	226 (68)	321 (>99)	187 (58)		
Diarrhea	245 (74)	38 (11)	88 (27)	7 (2)		
Fatigue	186 (56)	30 (9)	148 (46)	22 (7)		
Nausea	165 (50)	13 (4)	90 (28)	1 (<1)		
Decreased appetite	152 (46)	8 (2)	108 (34)	3 (<1)		
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	139 (42)	28 (8)	19 (6)	3 (<1)		
Hypertension	122 (37)	49 (15)	23 (7)	10 (3)		
Vomiting	106 (32)	7 (2)	45 (14)	3 (<1)		
Weight decreased	102 (31)	6 (2)	40 (12)	0		
Constipation	83 (25)	1 (<1)	60 (19)	1 (<1)		
Dysgeusia	78 (24)	0	30 (9)	0		

Choueiri, NEJM 2015

## Lenvatinib, everolimus, and the combination in patients with metastatic renal cell carcinoma: a randomised, phase 2, open-label, multicentre trial





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**Lenvatinib**: an oral multitargeted TKI against VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, and FGF receptors (FGFR1, FGFR2, FGFR3, and FGFR4), PDGFRα, RET, and KIT.



- Metastatic RCC
- Progression < 9 months after 1 prior VEGF targeted therapy

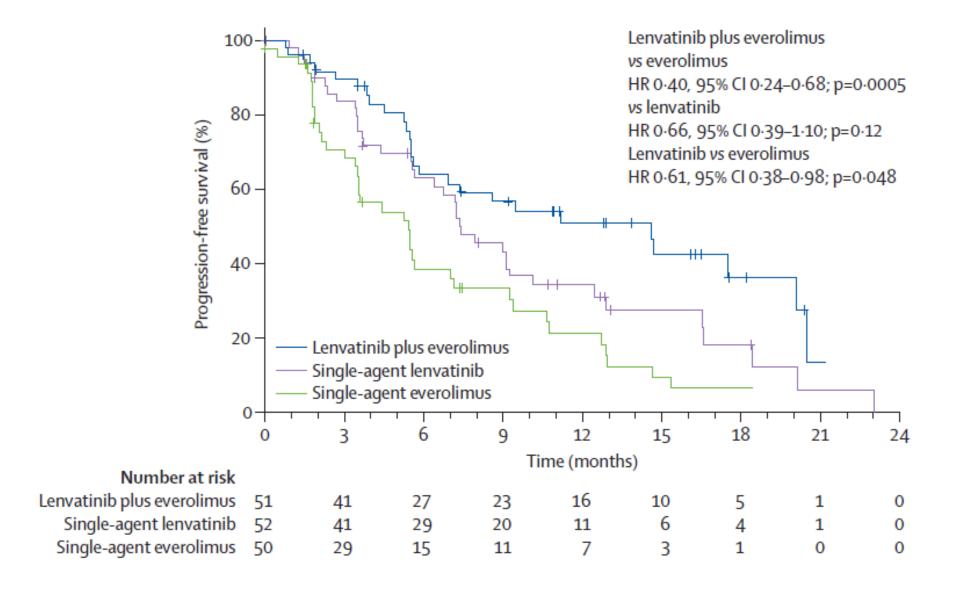
Primary endpoint: PFS with Len +/- Eve vs. Eve alone

Lenvantinib 18 mg QD + Everolimus 5 mg QD (n=51)

Lenvantinib 24 mg QD (n=52)

Everolimus 10 mg QD (n=50)

#### Phase II trial of Lenvantinib vs Everolimus vs Both



## **Efficacy**

	Lenvatinib plus	Single-agent	Single-agent
	everolimus (n=51)	lenvatinib (n=52)	everolimus (n=50)
Progression-free survival			
Events	26 (51%)	38 (73%)	37 (74%)
Median (95% CI) progression-free survival (months)	14-6 (5-9–20-1)	7-4 (5-6–10-2)	5·5 (3·5-7·1)
Progression-free survival (95% CI)			
At 6 months	64% (48–76)	63% (48–75)	39% (24-53)
At 12 months	51% (35–65)	34% (21-48)	21% (10–36)
Objective response			
Events	22 (43%)	14 (27%)	3 (6%)
95% CI	29–58	16-41	1–17
Best overall response			
Complete response	1 (2%)	0	0
Partial response	21 (41%)	14 (27%)	3 (6%)
Stable disease	21 (41%)	27 (52%)	31 (62%)
Progressive disease	2 (4%)	3 (6%)	12 (24%)
Not assessed	6 (12%)	8 (15%)	4 (8%)
Overall survival (at June 13, 2014)			
Events	19 (37%)	26 (50%)	26 (52%)
Median (95% CI) overall survival (months)	25.5 (20.8–25.5)	18-4 (13-3-NE)	17·5 (11·8–NE)
Overall survival (95% CI)			
At 12 months	74% (60–84)	71% (57–82)	62% (47-74)
At 18 months	67% (51–78)	54% (39-67)	47% (31-62)

## Safety/Toxicity

	Lenvatinib plus everolimus (n=51)			Lenvatinib (n=52)			Everolimus (n=50)		
	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 1-2	Grade 3	Grade 4
AnyTEAE	14 (28%)	29 (57%)	7 (14%)	8 (15%)	38 (73%)	3 (6%)	23 (46%)	21 (42%)	4 (8%)
Diarrhoea	33 (65%)	10 (20%)	0	31 (60%)	6 (12%)	0	16 (32%)	1 (2%)	0
Decreased appetite	23 (45%)	3 (6%)	0	28 (54%)	2 (4%)	0	9 (18%)	0	0
Fatigue or asthenia	23 (45%)	7 (14%)	0	22 (42%)	4 (8%)	0	18 (36%)	0	1 (2%)
Vomiting	19 (37%)	3 (8%)	0	18 (35%)	2 (4%)	0	5 (10%)	0	0
Nausea	18 (35%)	3 (6%)	0	28 (54%)	4 (8%)	0	8 (16%)	0	0
Cough	19 (37%)	0	0	8 (15%)	1 (2%)	0	15 (30%)	0	0
Hypercholesterolaemia	16 (31%)	1(2%)	0	5 (10%)	0	1 (2%)	8 (16%)	0	0
Decreased weight	15 (29%)	1(2%)	0	22 (42%)	3 (6%)	0	4 (8%)	0	0
Stomatitis	15 (29%)	0	0	12 (23%)	1 (2%)	0	20 (40%)	1 (2%)	0
Hypertriglyceridaemia	14 (27%)	4(8%)	0	5 (10%)	2 (4%)	0	8 (16%)	4 (8%)	0

## Pilot trial of ibrutinib plus nivolumab in patients with metastatic renal cell cancer (mRCC): results from a dose-finding cohort

- Myeloid derived suppressor cells (MDSC) express BTK
- Ibrutinib inhibits MDSCs and can potentiate checkpoint inhibitor immunotherapy
- A pilot trial of ibrutinib+nivolumab was initiated
- 12 mRCC patients were enrolled in the dose finding phase
- Ibrutinib at a dose of 420 mg orally once daily in combination with nivolumab 240 mg IV q 2 weeks appears feasible and tolerable in mRCC patients.
- No unique immune-related AEs seen
- Anti-tumor activity was confirmed in 2 patients previously exposed to PD1targeted therapy.
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### **Conclusions**

- New agents (e.g., immune checkpoint inhibitors) have changed the disease course of mRCC
  - Nivolumab/Ipilumumab: a new standard frontline therapy (intermediate/poor risk)
  - Atezolizumab/bevacizumab: an option for PDL1+ mRCC
- Presently, empiric sequencing is considered standard of care in advanced RCC
  - Biomarker enrichment is not yet in place
- Many options for 2<sup>nd</sup> line (and beyond) therapy
  - VEGFR-targeted (TKI) and checkpoint inhibitor therapy are reasonable options