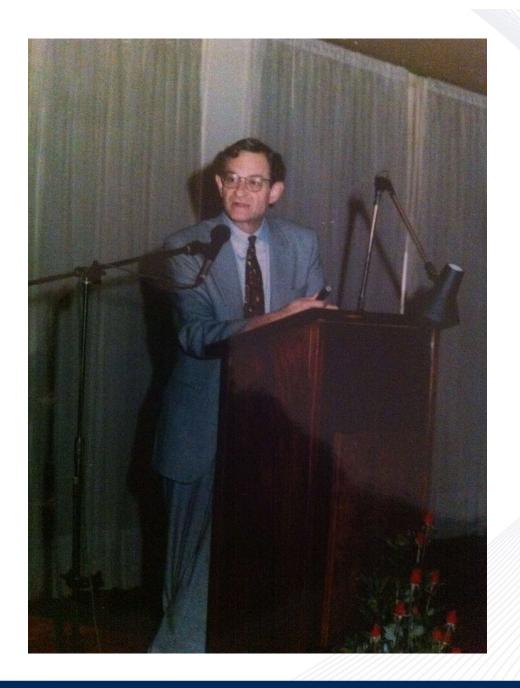
## Immunotherapy of Kidney and Bladder Cancer

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## M-VAC vs Cisplatin Phase III Long term survival

	<u>Cisplatin</u>	M-VAC
Evaluable	122	133
3 years	4	17
6 years*	2	9

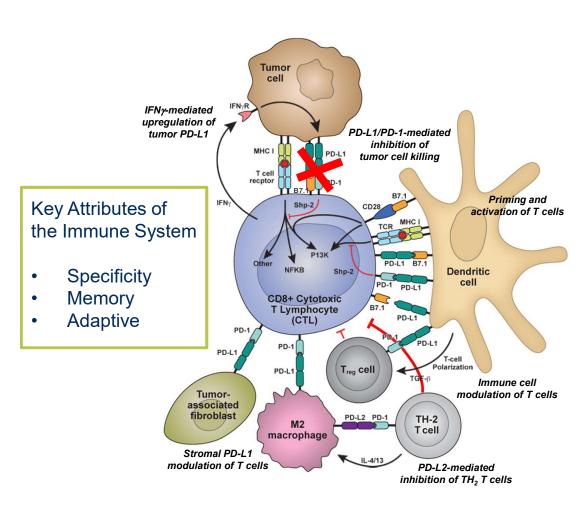
Saxman, JCO, 15:2564, 1997





<sup>\*6</sup> patients died of TCC, 1 2nd Ca, 2 other, 1 lost to F/U

## Mechanism of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors



- Cancer cells develop many mutations that can make them appear foreign to the immune system
- T cells can recognize, attack and kill these "foreign" cancer cells
- Cancer cells can evade immune attack by expressing PD-L1
- Adaptive tumor expression of PD-L1 turns the immune system OFF
- Clinically, we want to block PD-1 or PD-L1 to <u>reactivate</u> the immune system
- PD-L1 plays an important role in dampening the anti-tumor immune response

Herbst RS et al. *J Clin Oncol* . 2013;31(suppl; abstr 3000)





## Checkpoint Inhibitors Approved for Use in Urothelial Carcinoma

#### 7 US FDA Approvals May 2016-May 2017

Setting	Antibody	Approval Status
First-line	Atezolizumab	Accelerated approval granted in April 2017.
(cisplatin- ineligible)	Pembrolizumab	Accelerated approval granted in May 2017.
	Atezolizumab	<ul> <li>Accelerated approval granted in May 2016.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>In May 2017, the subsequent phase 3</li> </ul>
		IMvigor211 trial did not meet primary endpoint of
Platinum-		overall survival.
pretreated	Nivolumab	Accelerated approval granted in February 2017.
	Durvalumab	<ul> <li>Accelerated approval granted in May 2017.</li> </ul>
	Avelumab	<ul> <li>Accelerated approval granted in May 2017.</li> </ul>
	Pembrolizumab	Full approval granted in May 2017.



## Approvals: First-line, Cisplatin-Ineligible

Apr 2017 May 2017

Atezolizumab Pembrolizumab

Above agents are indicated in patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma not eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy.



## IMvigor210 (Cohort 1)

#### **IMvigor210**:

- Inoperable locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma
- Predominantly UC histology
- Tumor tissue evaluable for PD-L1 testing<sup>a</sup>

**Cohort 1** (N = 119): 1L cisplatin-ineligible

Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV q3w until RECIST v1.1 progression

**Cohort 2** (N = 310): Platinum-treated mUC

Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV q3w until loss of clinical benefit

#### Cohort 1-specific inclusion criteria

- •No prior treatment for mUC (>12 mo since perioperative chemo)
- •ECOG PS 0-2
- •Cisplatin ineligibility¹ based on ≥1 of the following:
  - Renal impairment: GFR <60 and >30 mL/min
  - Grade ≥2 hearing loss or peripheral neuropathy
  - ECOG PS 2

#### **Key primary endpoint:**

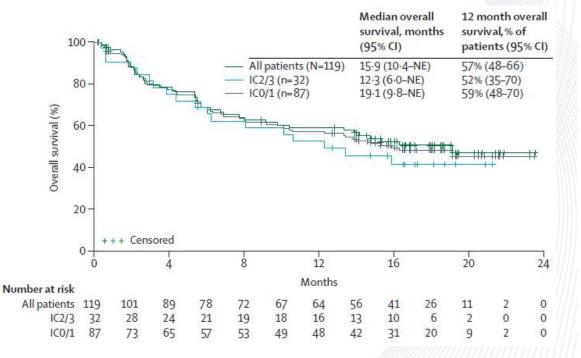
 Confirmed ORR: RECIST v1.1 (per central IRF)

#### Key secondary endpoints:

· DOR, PFS, OS, safety

## IMvigor210 (Cohort 1)

- N = 119
- ORR = 23% (9% CR)



# KEYNOTE-052: Pembrolizumab as 1st-Line Therapy for Cisplatin-Ineligible Advanced Urothelial Cancer

#### Patients (N = 350)

- Advanced urothelial cancer
- •No prior chemotherapy for metastatic disease
- •ECOG PS 0-2
- •Ineligible for cisplatin based on ≥1 of the following:
  - CrCl <60 mL/min
  - ECOG PS 2
  - Grade ≥2 neuropathy or hearing loss
  - NYHA class III CHF

Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W

#### **Primary Endpoints**

- ORR in all patients
- ORR in patients with PD-L1–positive tumors

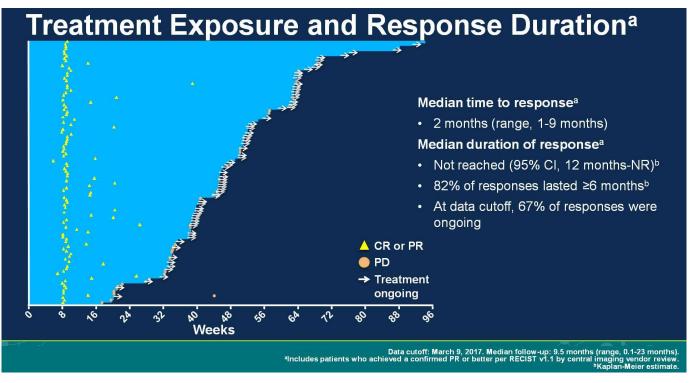
#### **Primary Endpoints:**

- Planned interim analysis in first 100 patients
  - Determine the PD-L1-high expression cutpoint
- ORR in all patients and PD-L1-positive population

**Secondary Endpoints:** DOR, PFS, OS, and ORR in all patients, PD-L1–positive and PD-L1–high-expressing patients; safety and tolerability



## **KEYNOTE-052 (ASCO17 Update)**



N = 370

ORR: 29%

CR: 7%

O'Donnell et al. ASCO 2017; Abstract 4502.





## First-Line Therapy for Cisplatin-Ineligible Metastatic UC PD-1/PD-L1 Inhibitor OR Gemcitabine-Carboplatin Based on Activity?

	Gem-Carbo (Ph III) <sup>1</sup>	Atezolizumab (Ph II) <sup>2</sup>	Pembrolizumab (Ph II) <sup>3</sup>
Number of patients	119	119	370
% with PS 2	44.5%	20%	42%
% CrCl <60 mL/min	55.5%ª	70%	49%
% PS 2 + CrCl <60 mL/min	26.9%ª	7%	9%
ORR	41.2%	23%	24%
Median PFS	5.8 mo 🗸	2.7 mo	2 mo; 3 mo on therapy
Median OS	9.3 mo	15.9 mo	Not reported
Duration of response	Not reported	Not reached <b>✓</b> (median f/u 17.2 mo)	Not reached (78% ≥6 months)

<sup>a</sup>GFR 30-60 mL/min.

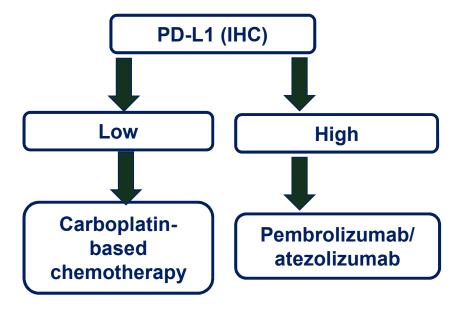
<sup>1.</sup> De Santis M, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2012;30(2):191-199; 2. Balar AV, et al. Lancet. 2017;389(10064):67-76; 3. Balar AV; et al. Lancet Oncol. 2017;18:1483-1492.

## Use PD-L1 expression to select therapy for cisplatin-ineligible patients?

#### 5/18/2018

#### **FDA Alert**

- •In two ongoing clinical trials (KEYNOTE-361 and IMVIGOR-130), the Data Monitoring Committees' (DMC) found patients in the monotherapy arms of both trials with PD-L1 low status had decreased survival compared to patients who received cisplatin- or carboplatin-based chemotherapy.
- •Both trials have stopped enrolling patients whose tumors have PD-L1 low status to the Keytruda or Tecentriq monotherapy arms.
- •The monotherapy arms remain open only to patients whose tumors have PD-L1 high status.



## First Line Chemotherapy +Checkpoint Therapy trials in Metastatic Urothelial Cancer

CT ID	Phase	Target	Experimental Arm(s)	Standard Arm
NCT02807636	Ш	PD-L1	Atezo	Placebo + Gem-Plat
IMvigor130			OR	
			Atezo + Gem-Plat	
NCT02853305	Ш	PD-1	Pembro	Gem-Plat
KEYNOTE-361			OR	
			Pembro + Gem-Plat	
NCT02516241	Ш	PD-L1 +/-	Durvalumab	Gem-Plat
DANUBE		CTLA-4	OR	
			Durva + Treme	
NCT03036098	Ш	PD-1 + CTLA	Nivo + Ipi*	Gem-Plat
CM-901				

## Approvals: Previously-treated Disease

May 2016 Feb 2017 May 2017

Atezolizumab Nivolumab Durvalumab Avelumab Pembrolizumab

Above agents are indicated in patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who have disease progression during or following platinum-containing chemotherapy or within 12 months of neoadjuvant or adjuvant treatment with (platinum-containing) chemotherapy.





## IMvigor210 (Cohort 2)

#### **IMvigor210:**

- Inoperable locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma
- Predominantly UC histology
- Tumor tissue evaluable for PD-L1 testing<sup>a</sup>

**Cohort 1** (N = 119): 1L cisplatin-ineligible

Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV q3w until RECIST v1.1 progression

**Cohort 2** (N = 310): Platinum-treated mUC

Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV q3w until loss of clinical benefit

#### **Cohort 2-Specific Inclusion Criteria**

- Progression during/following platinum (no restrictions on # prior lines of therapy)
- ECOG PS 0-1
- CrCl ≥ 30 mL/min

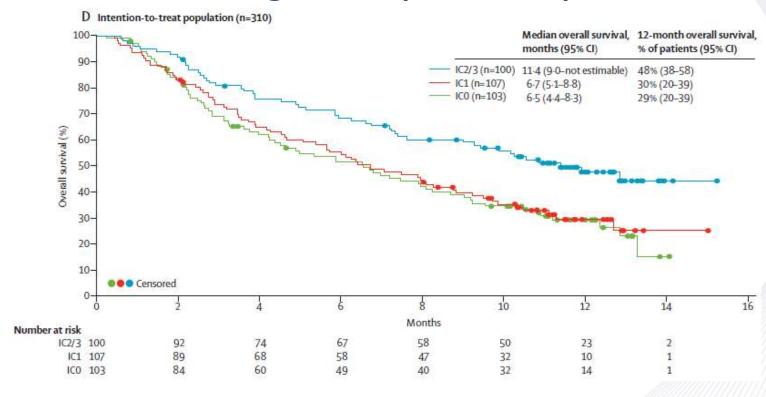
#### **Key primary endpoint:**

•Confirmed ORR: RECIST v1.1 (per central IRF)

#### **Key secondary endpoints:**

•DOR, PFS, OS, safety

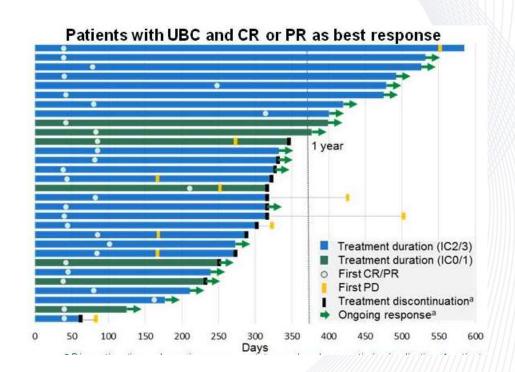
## IMvigor210 (Cohort 2)



#### Phase la Trial of Atezolizumab in Pretreated Bladder Cancer

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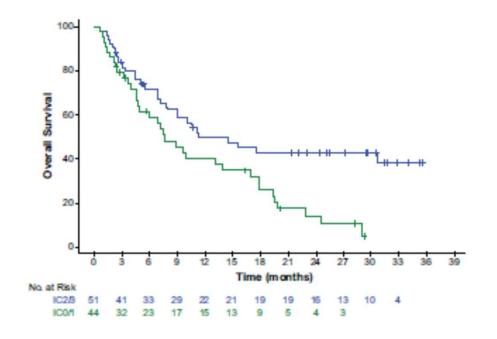
- 72% with ≥2 prior systemic therapies
- ORR 50% in PD-L1 high (IC2/3)
- ORR 17% in PD-L1 low (IC0/1)



Petrylak et al. ASCO 2015; Abstract

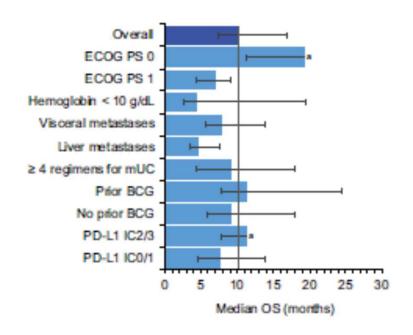


## **OS by PD-L1 Status**





## Median Survival by Baseline Characteristics





### **Patterns of AE Occurrence**

Time Following Initiation of	All Treatment- Related AEs		Serious Treatment- Related AEs	
Atezolizumab*	All Grade Grade 3-4		All Grade	Grade 3-4
Within year 1 (N = 95)	66%	7%	5%	0%
Beyond year 1 (n = 37)	35%	5%	0%	0%
Year 2 (n = 37)	32%	5%	0%	0%
Year 3 (n = 20)	10%	0%	0%	0%

Values in parentheses refer to the number of patients evaluable for safety at the beginning of each period.

- Most treatment-related AEs occurred within the first year following initiation of treatment, with the AE incidence in year 2 approximately half that in year 1
- No serious treatment-related AEs occurred beyond year 1



# IMvigor211 Phase III Trial in Previously-treated Urothelial Cancer

Patients with previously treated relapsed UBC (n = 767 [230 PD-L1+])

Vinflunine, paclitaxel, or docetaxel IV q3w until progression

Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV q3w

• Primary endpoint: OS in IHC 2/3→1/2/3→ITT

Secondary endpoints: PFS, ORR, DOR

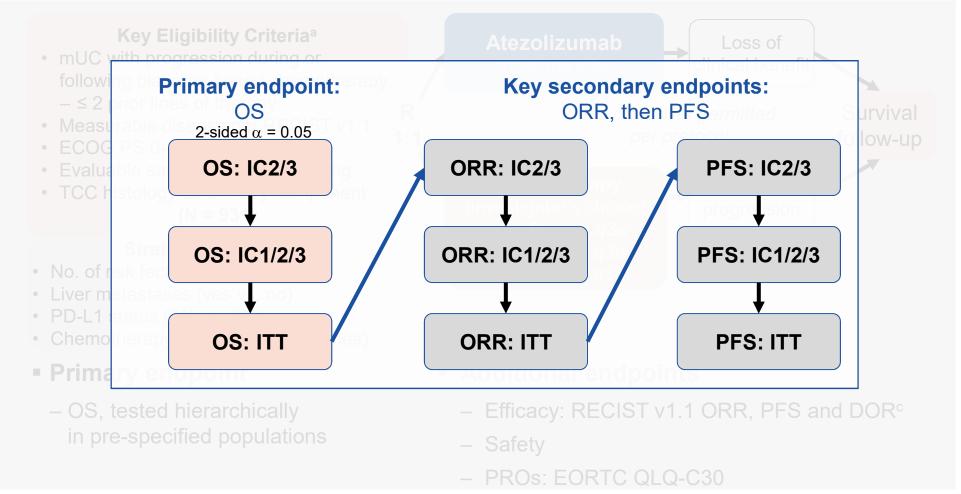
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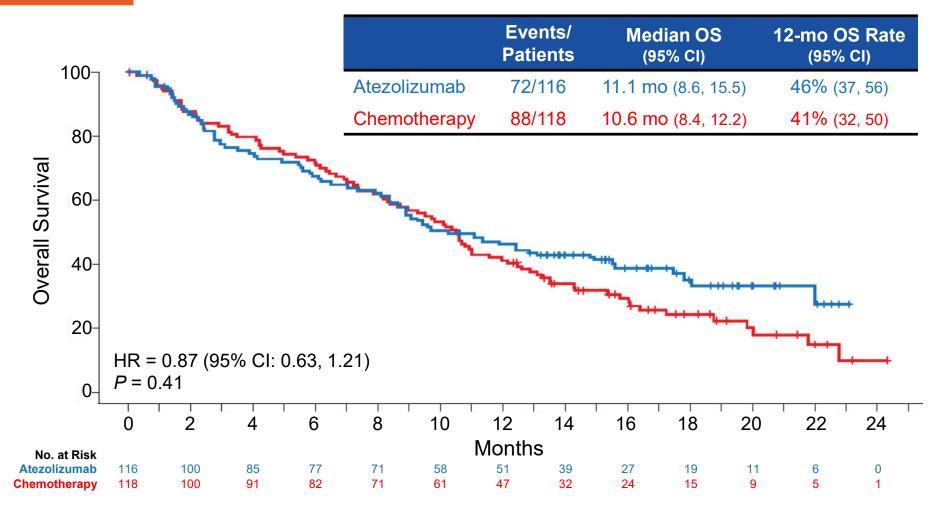
## IMvigor211 Study Design



DOR, duration of response; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; EORTC, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer; PRO, patient-reported outcome; q3w, every three weeks; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors; TCC, transitional cell carcinoma. <sup>a</sup> ClinicalTrials.gov, NCT02302807. <sup>b</sup> Defined by time from prior chemotherapy < 3 mo, ECOG performance status > 0 and hemoglobin < 10 g/dL. <sup>c</sup> Confirmed response was not required for secondary efficacy endpoints. This analysis reports exploratory confirmed responses.

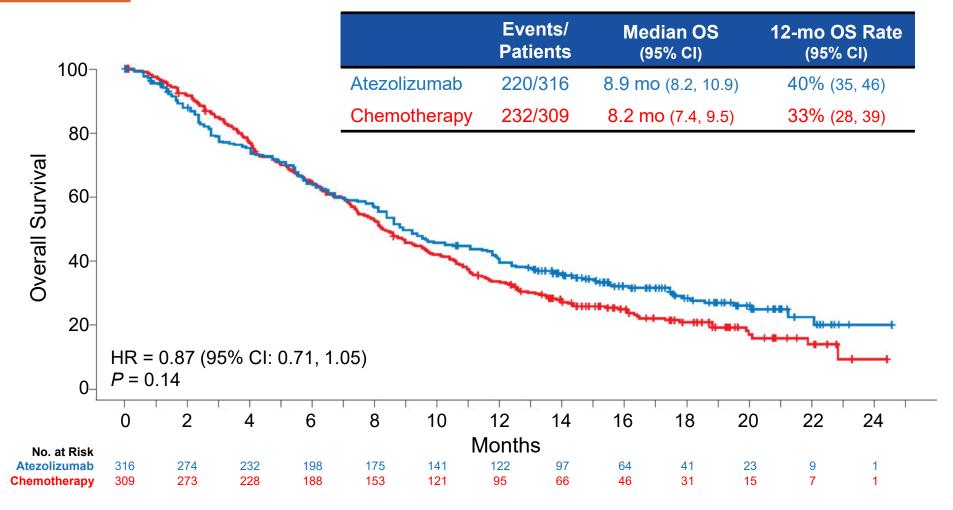


## OS Analysis: IC2/3 Population



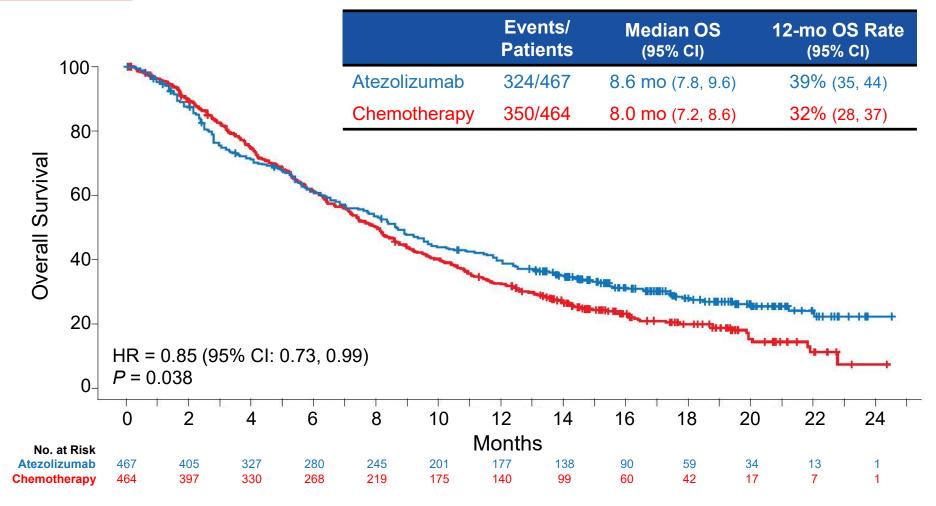


## OS Analysis: IC1/2/3 Population





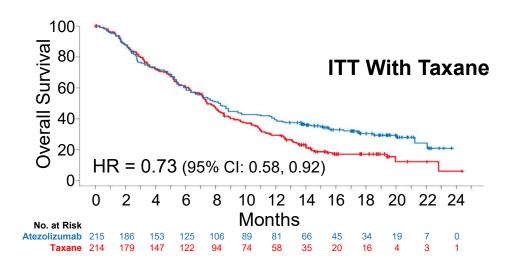
## OS Analysis: ITT Population



■ Median follow-up duration in ITT population: 17.3 mo (range, 0 to 24.5 mo)



## OS by Chemotherapy Type



- OS was also examined in subgroups based on chemotherapy type at randomization
  - Improved OS was observed with atezolizumab vs. taxanes

Subgroup	Median OS (95% CI)
Atezolizumab	8.3 mo (6.6, 9.8)
Taxane	7.5 mo (6.7, 8.6)

## Phase Ib JAVELIN Solid Tumor Trial of Avelumab: Trial Schema

Open-label, multicenter phase lb study in pts with confirmed solid tumors

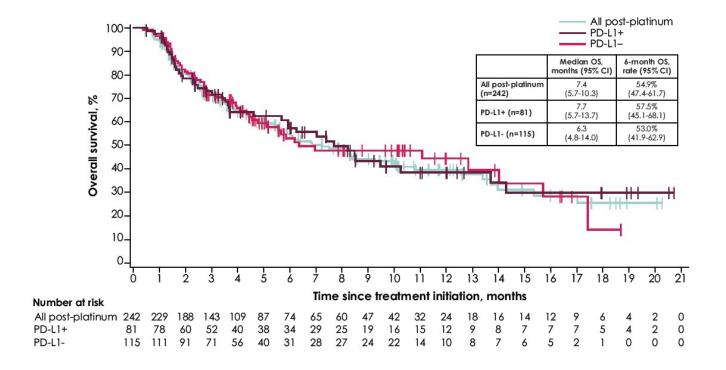
histology or cytology confirmed metastatic UC after progression on or ineligible for platinum-based chemotherapy for metastatic disease; ECOG PS 0-1 (N = 241)

Avelumab 10 mg/kg IV Q2W Treated until PD, unacceptable AE, or investigator decision

- Primary endpoint: ORR, safety
- Secondary endpoints: PFS, OS, and association of PD-L1 expression on tumor cells with clinical activity of avelumab



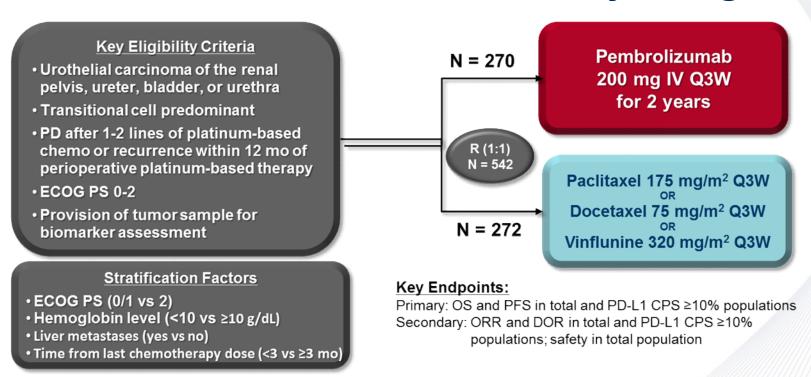
#### Phase Ib JAVELIN Solid Tumor Trial of Avelumab (ASCO17 Update)



	N = 242
mOS	7.4 mo
mPFS	1.5 mo (6.6 wk)

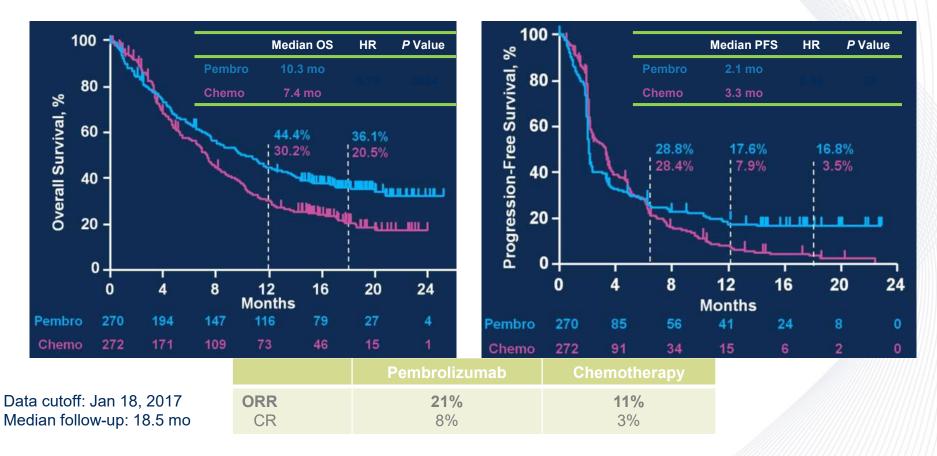


### **KEYNOTE-045: Phase III Study Design**



CPS, combined positive score; PD, progressive disease.





Bajorin et al. ASCO 2017, Abstract 4501.



### **Future Directions**

Non Muscle Invasive Disease
Combinations
Adjuvant therapy
Biomarkers

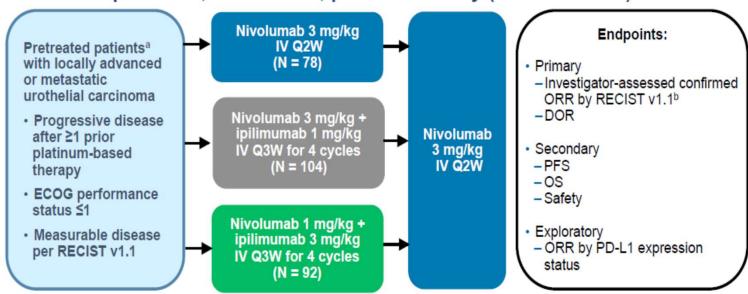




### **Checkmate 032**

### **Study Design**

Open-label, multicenter, phase 1/2 study (NCT01928394)



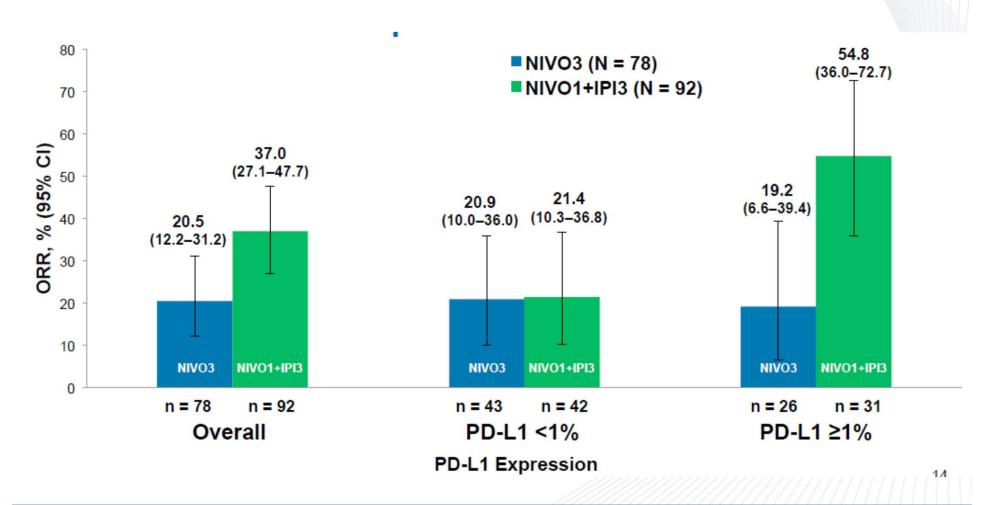
 Tumor measurements: CT or MRI every 6 weeks (±1 week) from first dose for the first 24 weeks, then every 12 weeks (±1 week)

# Checkmate 032 Ipilimumab(Ipi) +Nivolumab(N)

	ORR	PFS	OS
N 3 mg/kg	26%	2.8	9.9
N+ Ipi 3 mg/kg	27%	2.6	7.4
N+ Ipi 1 mg/kg	38%	4.9	15.3



## PDL-1 Expression and ORR



# Adjuvant PD-1/PD-L1 Inhibitor Phase III Trials

PI	Population	Control Arm	Experimental Arm	Primary Endpoint
Industry	All-comers MIUC Prior NAC- ≥pT2 No AC ≥pT3	No therapy	Atezolizumab	PFS
Industry	All-comers MIUC Prior NAC- ≥pT2 No AC ≥pT3	Placebo	Nivolumab	PFS
Intergroup <sup>a</sup>	All-comers MIUC Prior NAC- ≥pT2 No AC ≥pT3	No therapy	Pembrolizumab	PFS/OS

<sup>a</sup>PI: Apolo; SWOG PI: Sonpavde; ECOG PI: Srinivas.





### Neoadjuvant Therapy With IO Agents Selected Phase I-II Trials

	Trial ID	Phase	Regimen	Primary Endpoint
	NCT03294304	II	GC-Nivolumab	pCR
Chemo-IO	NCT02690558	II	GC-Pembrolizumab	pCR
NCT0236	NCT02365766	I/II	G/GC-Pembrolizumab	Feasibility, pCR
10	NCT02451423	Ш	Atezolizumab	pCR, immune response
	NCT02736266	II	Pembrolizumab	pCR
	NCT02812420	II	Durvalumab + Tremelimumab	Feasibility
10-10	NCT02845323	II	Nivolumab +/- Urelumab	Immune response
	Pending	1	Durvalumab +/- CD73i	Feasibility, Immune response



# Planned Phase III Trial by NRG, SWOG ChemoRT +/- Concurrent → Adjuvant Atezolizumab

#### ATEZOLIZUMAB x 1 year

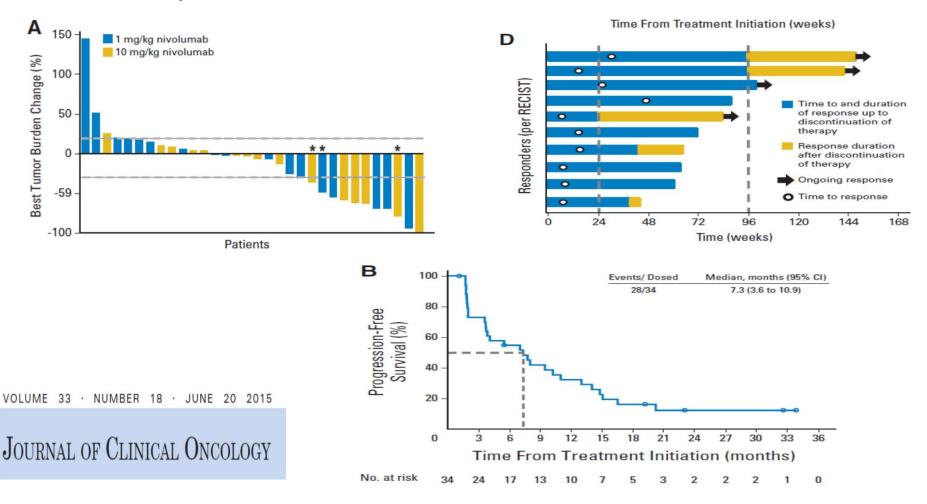
RT +
Chemotherapy
(5-FU-MMC,
Cisplatin +/- 5-FU)

Survival PFS

**OBSERVE** 



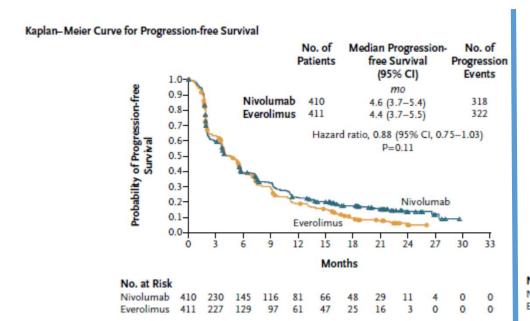
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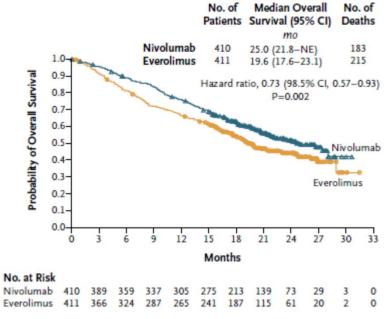


# Nivolumab versus Everolimus in Advanced Renal-Cell Carcinoma

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R.J. Motzer, B. Escudier, D.F. McDermott, S. George, H.J. Hammers, S. Srinivas, S.S. Tykodi, J.A. Sosman, G. Procopio, E.R. Plimack, D. Castellano, T.K. Choueiri, H. Gurney, F. Donskov, P. Bono, J. Wagstaff, T.C. Gauler, T. Ueda, Y. Tomita, F.A. Schutz, C. Kollmannsberger, J. Larkin, A. Ravaud, J.S. Simon, L.-A. Xu, I.M. Waxman, and P. Sharma, for the CheckMate 025 Investigators\*





# Tumor PD-L1 is not Predictive

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Nivolumab

Everolimus

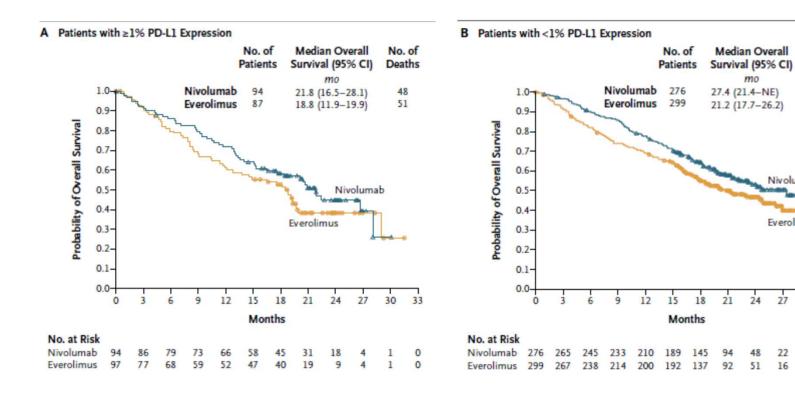
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No. of

Deaths

118

150



# Survival by MSKCC Score

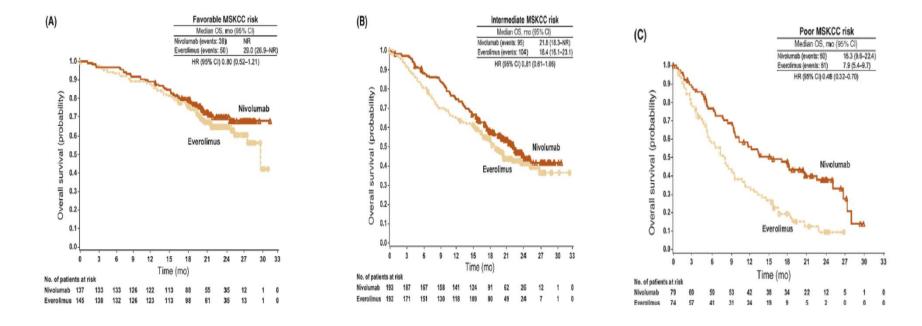
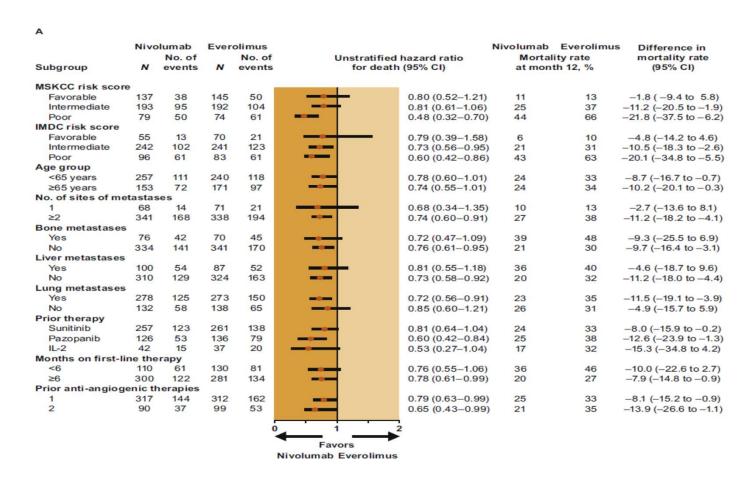
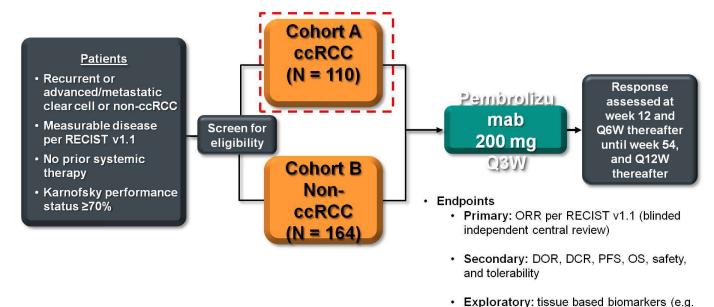


Fig. 2 – Kaplan-Meier curves for overall survival by (A) favorable, (B) intermediate, and (C) poor MSKCC risk group. CI = confidence interval; HR = hazard ratio; MSKCC = Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; NR = not reached; OS = overall survival.

# Survival by Patient Characteristics – Checkmate 025

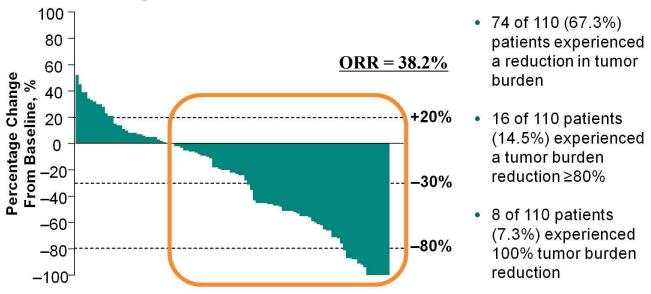


# **KEYNOTE-427: (NCT02853344)**



IHC, RNA sequencing)

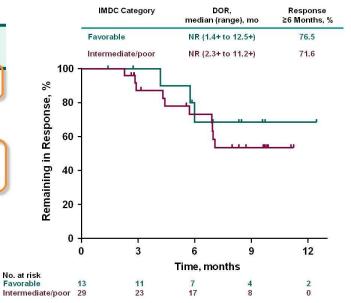
# Maximum Change From Baseline in Target Lesions by Central Review



Includes patients who received ≥1 dose of pembrolizumab, had a baseline scan with measurable disease per RECIST v1.1, and had a postbaseline assessment (n = 108). Database cutoff: March 12, 2018.

# ORR and Response Duration: IMDC Categories

	Favorable n = 41	Intermediate/Poor n = 69
Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)	31.7 (18.1-48.1)	42.0 (30.2-54.5)
DCR, % (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	65.9 (49.4-79.9)	55.1 (42.6-67.1)
Confirmed BOR, %		
CR	2.4	2.9
PR	29.3	39.1
SD	51.2	20.3
PD	17.1	34.8
NA	0	2.9



BOR, best overall response; IMDC, International Metastatic RCC Database Consortium.  $^9$ DCR = CR + PR + SD  $\geq$ 6 months.

Database cutoff: March 12, 2018.

# **ORR by PD-L1 Expression**

	CPS ≥1 n = 46	CPS <1 n =53	Missing n = 11
Confirmed ORR, % (95%CI)	50.0 (34.9-65.1)	26.4 (15.3-40.3)	45.5 (16.7-76.6)
DCR, % (95%CI) <sup>a</sup>	67.4 (52.0-80.5)	49.1 (35.1-63.2)	72.7 (39.0-94.0)
Confirmed BOR, %			
CR	6.5	0	0
PR	43.5	26.4	45.5
SD	26.1	35.8	36.4
PD	23.9	34.0	18.2
NA	0	3.8	0

<sup>a</sup>DCR = CR + PR + SD ≥6 months. Database cutoff: March 12, 2018.

# Ipilimumab + Nivolumab in mRCC

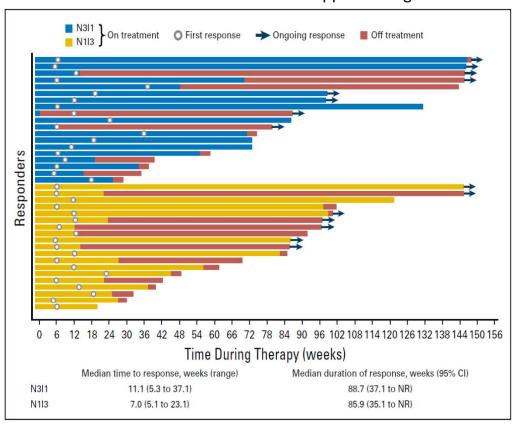
Approx 50% no prior Rx Approx 50% good risk

	Treatment Arm, No. (%)		
Response	N3I1 $(n = 47)$	N113 (n = 47)	
Confirmed ORR	19 (40.4)	19 (40.4)	
95% CI	26.4 to 55.7	26.4 to 55.7	
BOR			
Complete response	5 (10.6)	0 (0.0)	
Partial response	14 (29.8)	19 (40.4)	
Stable disease	19 (40.4)	17 (36.2)	
Disease progression	8 (17.0)	8 (17.0)	
Unable to determine	1 (2.1)	3 (6.4)	

Abbreviations: BOR, best overall response; N1I3, nivolumab 1 mg/kg plus ipilimumab 3 mg/kg; N3I1, nivolumab 3 mg/kg plus ipilimumab 1 mg/kg; ORR, objective response rate.

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### Less toxicity for Nivolumab 3 mg/kg + Ipilimumab 1 mg/kg

3 (6.4)

Pulmonary

	142		Treatment Arm, No. (%)				
	N3I1 (	n = 47)	N1I3	(n = 47)	N3I3	(n = 6)	
Treatment-Related AE	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4	
Preferred term*							
Total patients with an event	43 (91.5)	18 (38.3)	45 (95.7)	29 (61.7)	6 (100.0)	5 (83.3)	
Select AE, organ class†							
Skin	23 (48.9)	0	28 (59.6)	1 (2.1)	3 (50.0)	0	
Endocrine	13 (27.7)	2 (4.3)	19 (40.4)	0	6 (100.0)	0	
GI	12 (25.5)	2 (4.3)	21 (44.7)	11 (23.4)	3 (50.0)	2 (33.3)	
Hepatic	9 (19.1)	3 (6.4)	13 (27.7)	8 (17.0)	3 (50.0)	1 (16.7)	
Renal	9 (19.1)	2 (4.3)	6 (12.8)	1 (2.1)	2 (33.3)	0	

5 (10.6)

CheckMate 214

#### CheckMate 214: Study Design

#### **Patients Treatment** Arm A Randomize 1:1 NIVO 3 mg/kg + IPI 1 mg/kg every Stratified by Treatment-naïve 3 weeks for 4 doses clear-cell aRCC · IMDC prognostic score then NIVO 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks Treatment until -0 (favorable risk) progression or Measurable Patients receiving NIVO monotherapy could to switch - 1 or 2 (intermediate risk) unacceptable to NIVO 240mg flat dosing<sup>a</sup> disease -3 to 6 (poor risk) toxicity Region • KPS ≥70% - US Arm B Canada/Europe SUN 50 mg once daily for Patients could discontinue Tumor tissue after 2 years of study - Rest of world 4 weeks on, 2 weeks off available for treatment<sup>a</sup> PD-L1 testing (6-week cycles) Crossover from SUN to NIVO+IPI was permitteda

As of a November 2017 protocol amendment. IMDC, International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium, KPS, Karnofsky performance status; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1.

N Engl J Med. 2018 Apr 5;378(14):1277-1290. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1712126. Epub 2018 Mar 21.

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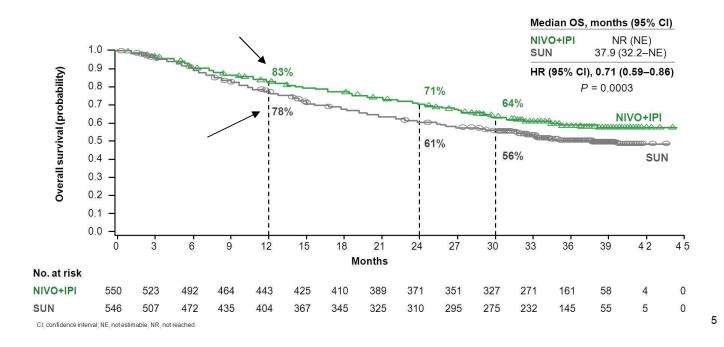
#### **Baseline Characteristics**

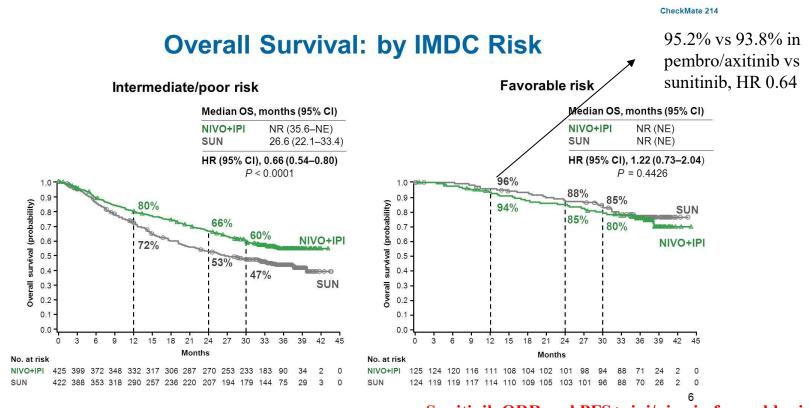
	ITT population		Intermediate/poor risk		Favorable risk	
	NIVO+IPI	SUN	NIVO+IPI	SUN	NIVO+IPI	SUN
	N = 550	N = 546	N = 425	N = 422	N = 125	N = 124
IMDC prognostic score, % Favorable (0) Intermediate (1–2) Poor (3–6)	23	23	0	0	100	100
	61	61	79	79	0	0
	17	16	21	21	0	0
Region, % USA Canada/Europe Rest of the world	28	28	26	26	34	34
	37	36	35	35	42	43
	35	36	39	39	24	23

Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding. Information shown in the table is based on data collected with the use of an interactive voice-response system. ITT, intention to treat.

1. Motzer RJ, et al. N Engl J Med 2018;378:1277–1290.

#### **Overall Survival: ITT Patients**

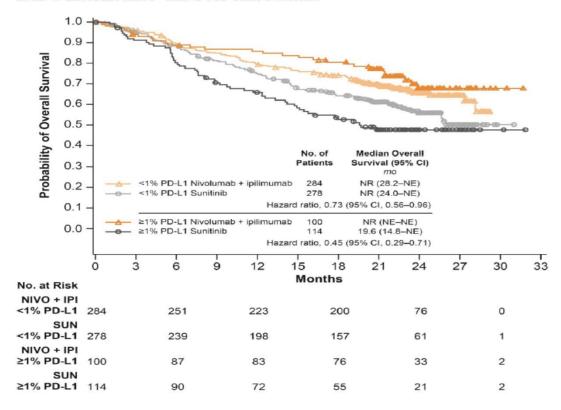




- Sunitinib ORR and PFS > ipi/nivo in favorable risk
  - 89% of favorable risk had PD-L1<1%</li>

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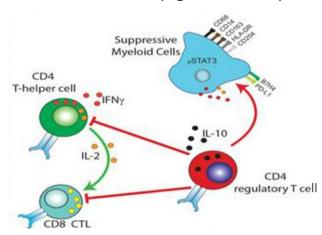
Figure S4. Kaplan-Meier Curves for Overall Survival According to PD-L1 Expression Level in IMDC Intermediate- and Poor-risk Patients



Supplement to: Motzer RJ, Tannir NM, McDermott DF, et al. Nivolumab plus ipilimumab versus sunitinib in advanced renal-cell carcinoma. N Engl J Med 2018;378:1277-90. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1712126

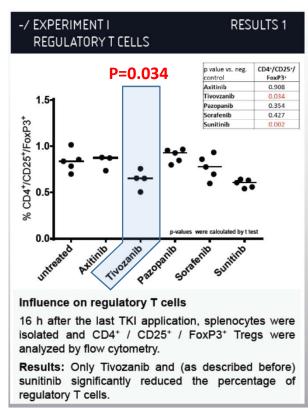
#### VEGFRi produce immunomodulatory effects; but may differ depending on the individual agent

Regulatory T cells suppress or downregulate induction and proliferation of effector T cells (e.g. CD4 and CD8)



#### **Other Immune effects:**

- -Changes in MDSC populations
- -Induce T-cell attracting chemokines within tumor
- -Block inhibitory effects of VEGF on dendritic cells



Pawlowski N et al. AACR 2013. Poster 3971.



#### Phase 1b of Avelumab + Axitinib in mRCC

Axitinib + Pembrolizumab – ORR-> 73%, 2018 ASCO GU, Atkins et al

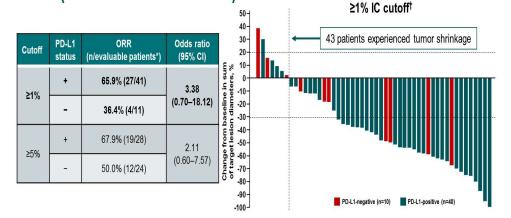
#### **Best overall response**

- 32 patients had a confirmed objective response
  - Confirmed ORR was 58.2% (95% CI, 44.1–71.3)
  - An additional patient with ongoing therapy had an unconfirmed response
- Disease control was achieved in 78.2% of patients

Confirmed best OR*, n (%)	Overall population (N=55)	
Complete response	3 (5.5)	
Partial response	29 (52.7)	
Stable disease	11 (20.0)	
Progressive disease	10 (18.2)	
Nonevaluable <sup>†</sup>	2 (3.6)	
ORR, % (95% CI)	58.2 (44.1–71.3)	

<sup>\*</sup> According to RECIST v1.1 per investigator assessment.

ORR and percent change from baseline in sum of target lesion diameters according to PD-L1 IHC expression on ICs (n=52 PD-L1 evaluable)\*



<sup>\*</sup> Expression of PD-L1 on ICs within the tumor microenvironment was assessed via IHC using the Ventana SP263 assay.

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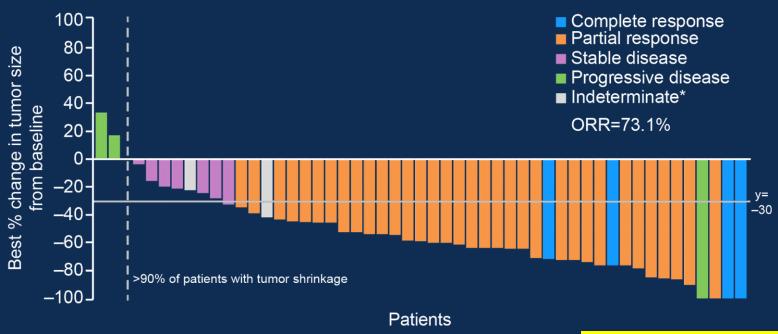
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<sup>† 1</sup> patient died due to myocarditis prior to the first oncologic assessment, and 1 patient had a first oncologic assessment prior to the protocol-specified time window and then died due to disease progression.

<sup>† 1</sup> patient in the ≥1% cutoff with a BOR of SD was excluded due to start of a new anticancer therapy on the day of tumor assessment.

IC, immune cell; IHC, immunohistochemistry.

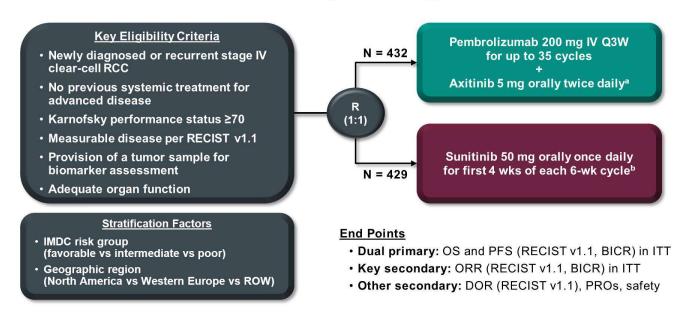
# Phase 2 - pembrolizumab + axitinib Tumor Response



<sup>\*</sup> Stable disease or partial response not confirmed, or no follow-up scans available. ORR=objective response rate

Median PFS 20.9 months, approx. 90% survival at 18 months

### **KEYNOTE-426 Study Design**



<sup>8</sup>Axitinib dose could be increased to 7 mg, then 10 mg, twice daily if safety criteria were met; dose could be reduced to 3 mg, then 2 mg, twice daily to manage toxicity. <sup>8</sup>Sunitinib dose could be decreased to 37.5 mg, then 25 mg, once daily for the first 4 wks of each 6-wk cycle to manage toxicity.

BICR, blinded independent central radiologic review; DOR, duration of response; PROs, patient-reported outcomes; ROW, rest of world.

KEYNOTE-426 is a randomized, open-label, phase 3 study (Clinical Trials, gov identifier NCT02853331). N Engl J Med. 2019 Feb 16. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1816714. [Epub ahead of print]

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#### **Baseline Characteristics**

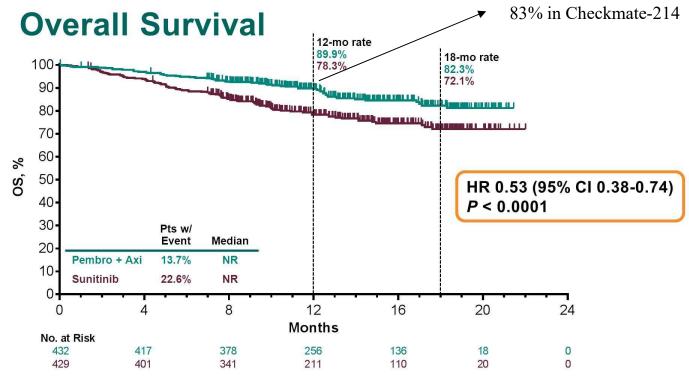
	Pembrolizumab + Axitinib N = 432	Sunitinib N = 429	
Age, median (range)	62 yrs (30-89)	61 yrs (26-90)	
Male	308 (71.3%)	320 (74.6%)	
Region of enrollment			
North America	104 (24.1%)	103 (24.0%)	
Western Europe	106 (24.5%)	104 (24.2%)	More favorable
Rest of world	222 (51.4%)	222 (51.7%)	
IMDC risk category			risk than
Favorable	138 (31.9%)	131 (30.5%)	ipi/nivo
Intermediate	238 (55.1%)	246 (57.3%)	checkmate-214
Poor	56 (13.0%)	52 (12.1%)	trial
Sarcomatoid features	51/285 (17.9%)	54/293 (18.4%)	
PD-L1 CPS ≥1ª	243/410 (59.3%)	254/412 (61.7%)	Approx 33% in
≥2 metastatic organs	315 (72.9%)	331 (77.2%)	ipi/nivo
Previous nephrectomy	357 (82.6%)	358 (83.4%)	checkmate-214

\*Assessed at a central laboratory using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay. CPS = combined positive score = number of PD-L1-positive cells (tumor cells, lymphocytes, macrophages) divided by total number of tumor cells × 100.

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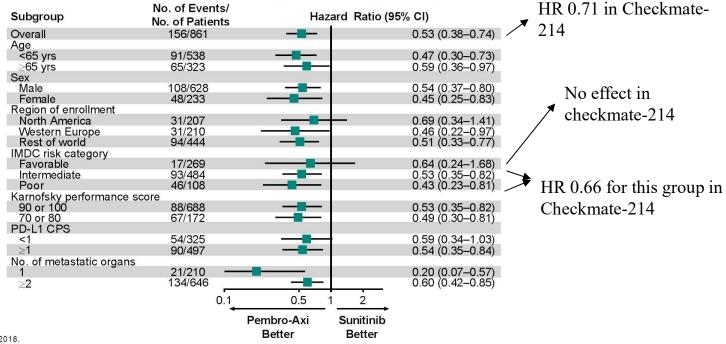


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## Overall Survival in Key Subgroups

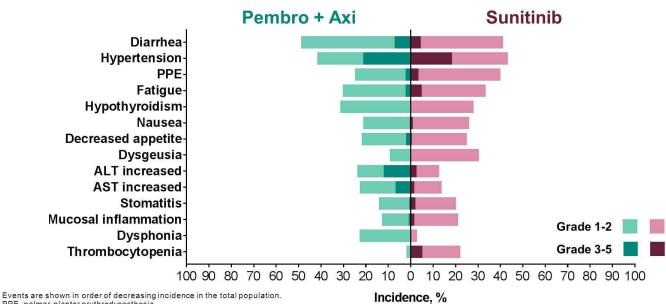


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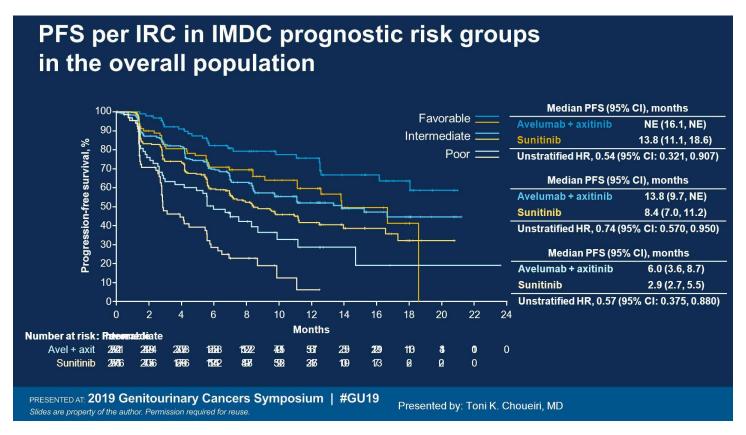
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#### **Treatment-Related Adverse Events: Incidence ≥20%**



PPE, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia. Data cutoff date: Aug 24, 2018.

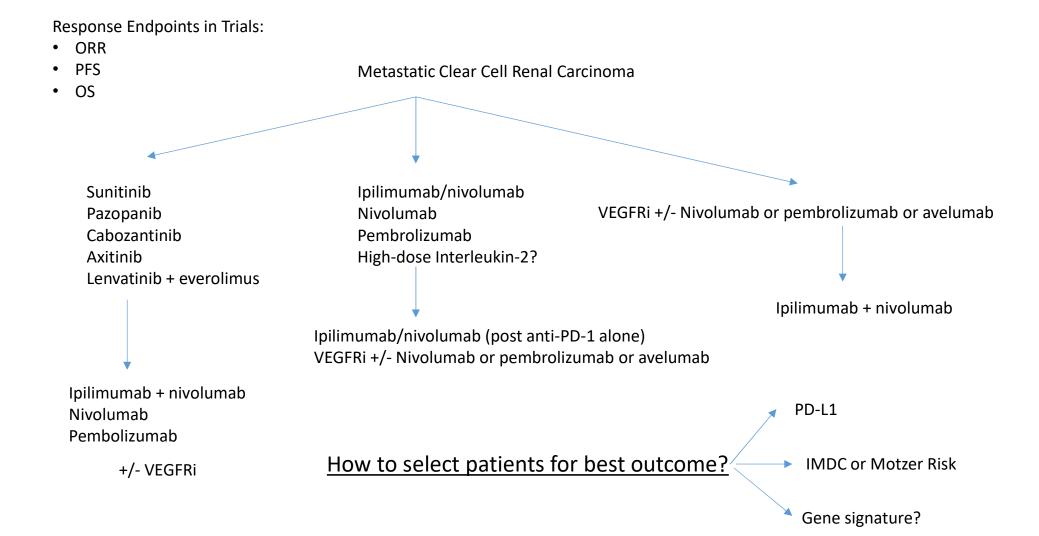
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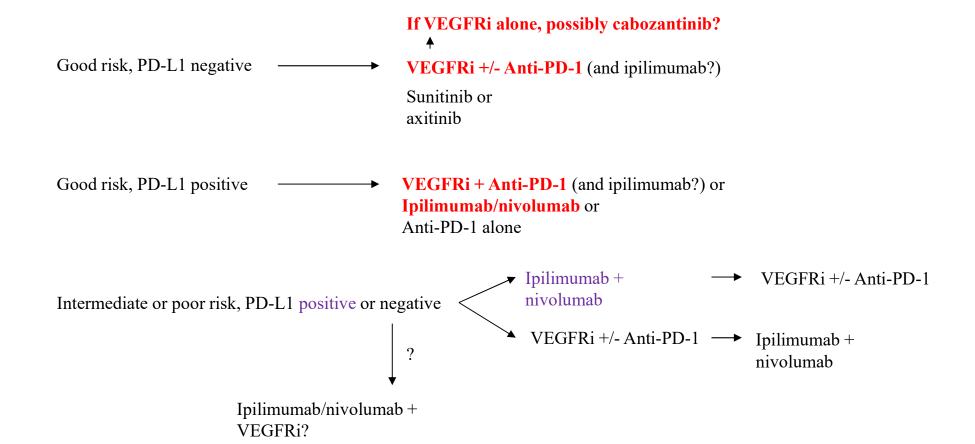


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# **Conclusions**

- Checkpoint inhibition therapy demonstrates significant antitumor activity in advanced urothelial carcinoma:
  - As initial therapy in cisplatin-ineligible patients.
  - In patients with cisplatin-pretreated disease.
- Trials are ongoing to explore immunotherapy-based combinations and the use of immunotherapy in earlier stages of disease.
- A thorough understanding of the markers of resistance and response will help to designing future trials in earlier disease.



# **Conclusions**

- Anti-PD-1 demonstrates clinically meaningful activity in previously untreated and previously treated patients with mRCC
  - A subset (perhaps 30%) of responders can achieve long-term objective responses
  - Effects on overall survival may be greater in IMDC (or Motzer) intermediate and poor risk groups
- Ipilimumab + nivolumab improves survival compared to sunitinib in IMDC intermediate/poor risk groups regardless of PD-L1 expression
  - Greater survival effect in PD-L1+ group
  - Amount of anti-tumor activity contributed by Ipilimumab is not conclusively determined
- In good risk groups, ORR and PFS for anti-angiogenesis agents may be greater than for immune checkpoint inhibitors

