

# Updates in RCC and Urothelial Cancer



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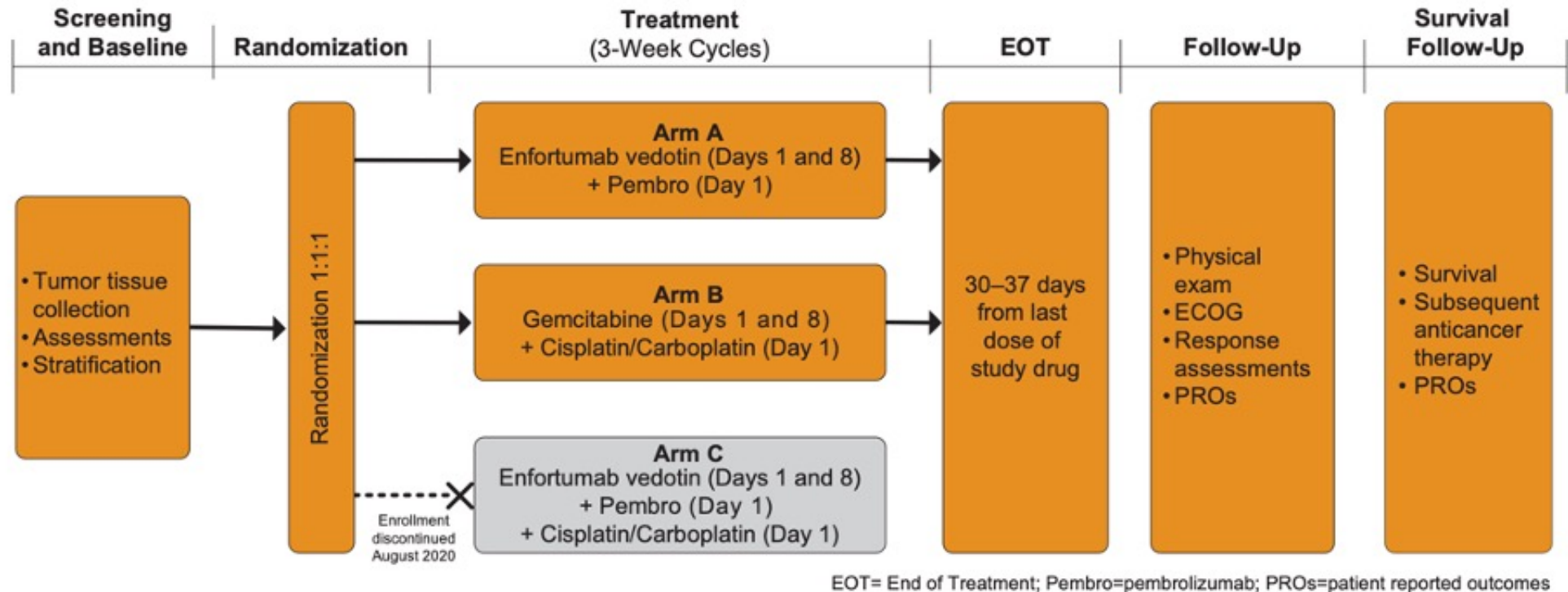
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# Urothelial Cancer: Remarkable Advances

**Enfortumab + pembro shows remarkable OS benefit**

**Checkmate 901: Cis + gem +/- nivo shows OS benefit**

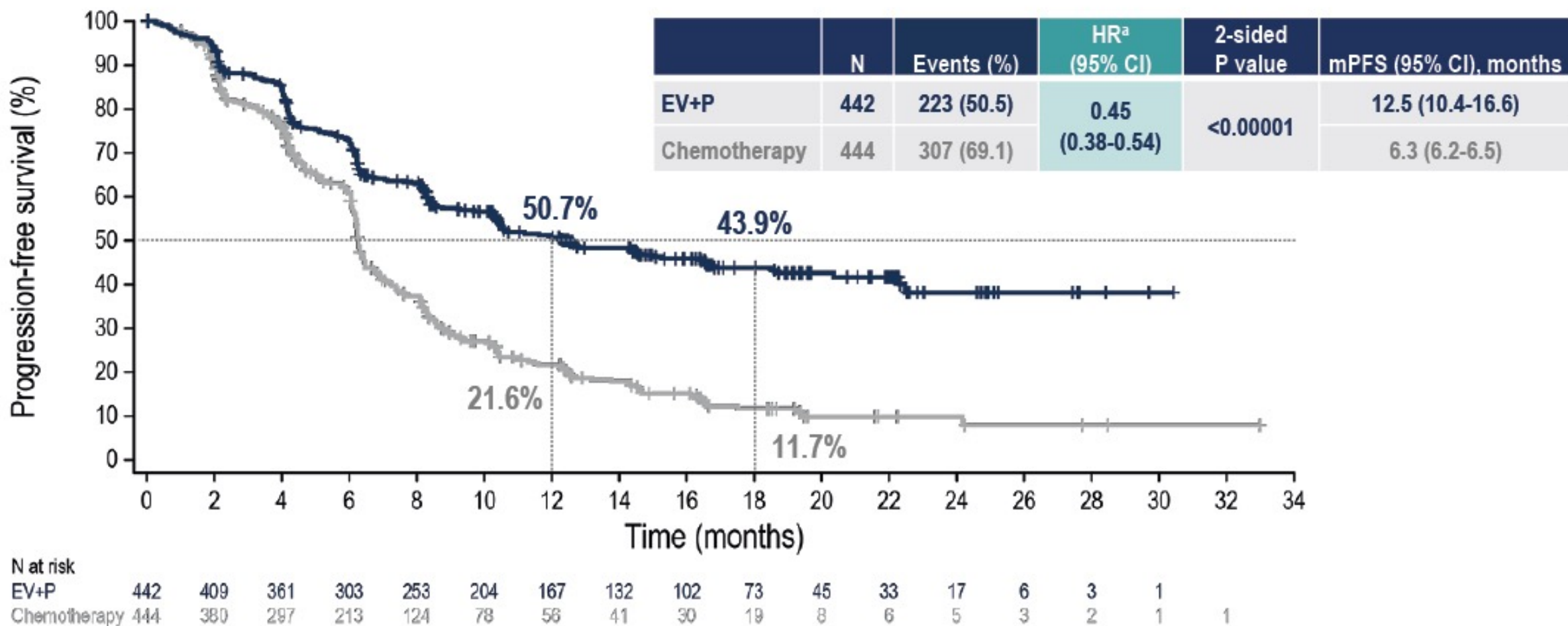
# EV-302 Enfortumab vs Platinum Based Chemo



- Stratification Factors for Randomization: cisplatin eligibility (eligible/ineligible), liver metastases (present/absent), PD-L1 expression (high/low)
- Follow-up until disease progression, death, consent withdrawal, or study closure

# Progression-Free Survival per BICR

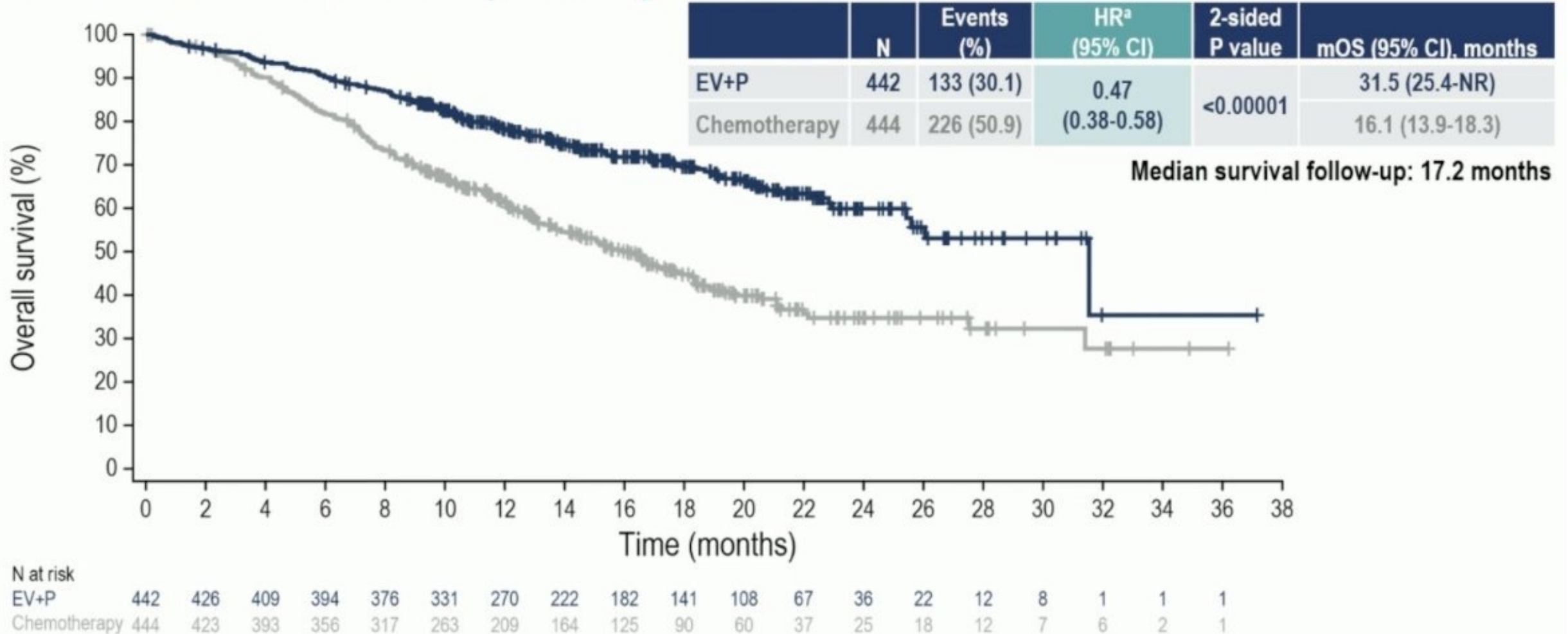
Risk of progression or death was reduced by 55% in patients who received EV+P



mPFS at 12 and 18 months as estimated using Kaplan-Meier method  
 HR, hazard ratio; mPFS, median progression-free survival  
<sup>a</sup>Calculated using stratified Cox proportional hazards model; a hazard ratio <1 favors the EV+P arm

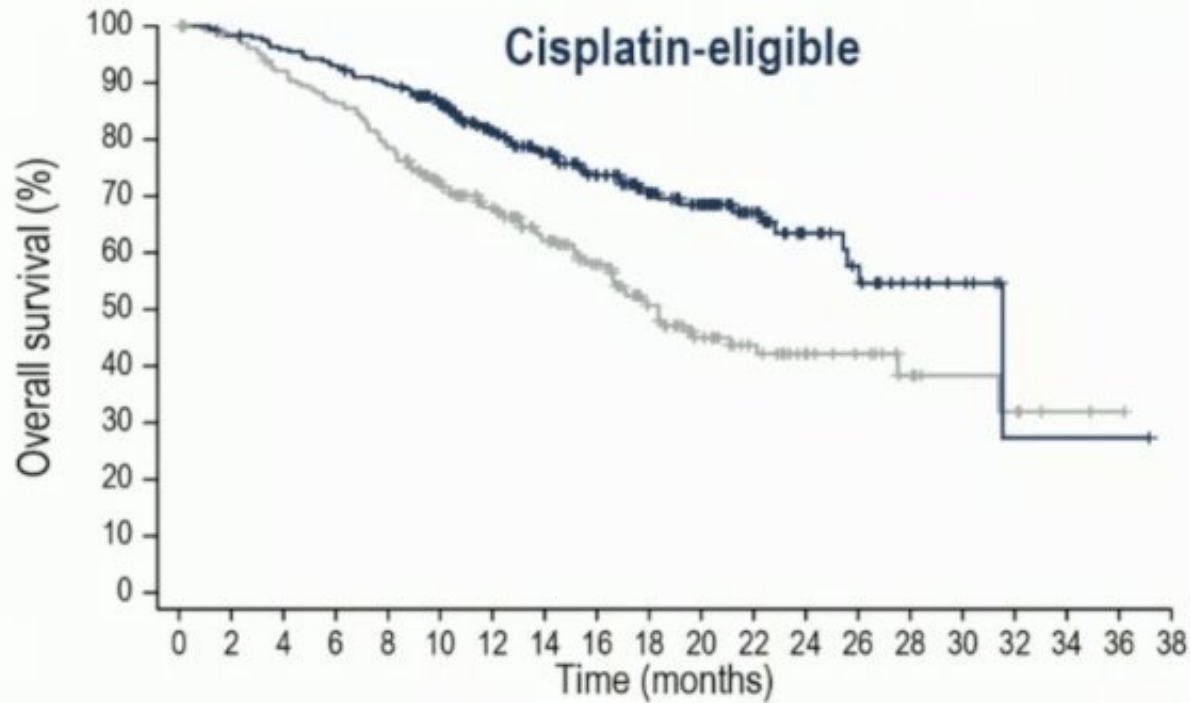
# Overall Survival

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



# OS Subgroup Analysis: Cisplatin Eligibility

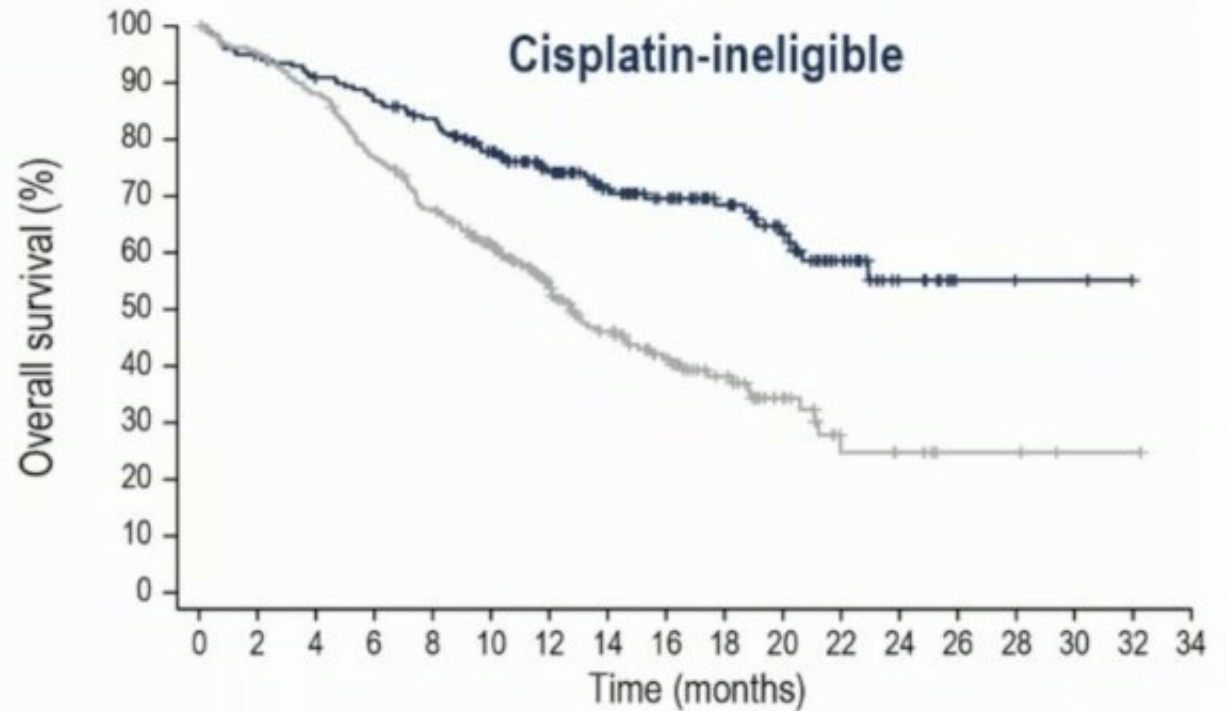
OS benefit was consistent with overall population regardless of cisplatin eligibility



**N at risk**

EV+P	244	239	232	225	216	193	155	131	105	80	64	42	25	19	10	6	1	1	1
Chemotherapy	234	224	209	196	178	147	123	101	79	57	40	29	19	15	9	6	5	2	1

	Events, n	HR (95% CI)	mOS (95% CI), months
EV+P	69	0.53 (0.39-0.72)	31.5 (25.4-NR)
Chemotherapy	106		18.4 (16.4-27.5)

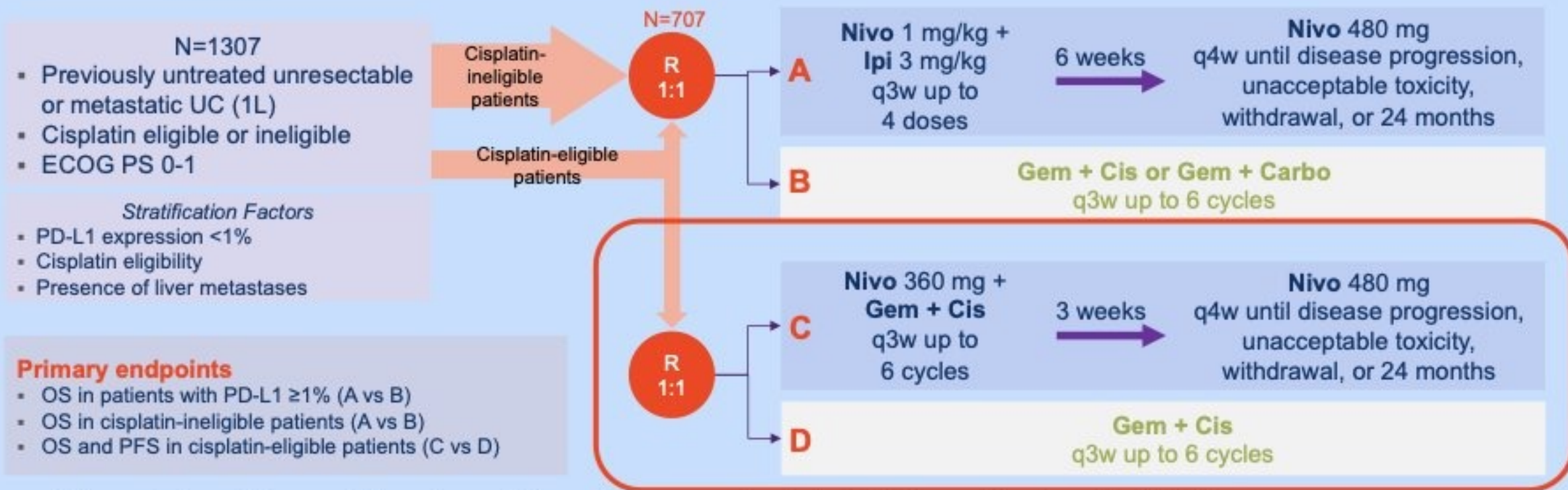


**N at risk**

EV+P	198	187	177	169	160	138	115	91	77	61	44	25	11	3	2	2	
Chemotherapy	210	199	184	160	139	116	86	63	46	33	20	8	6	3	3	1	1

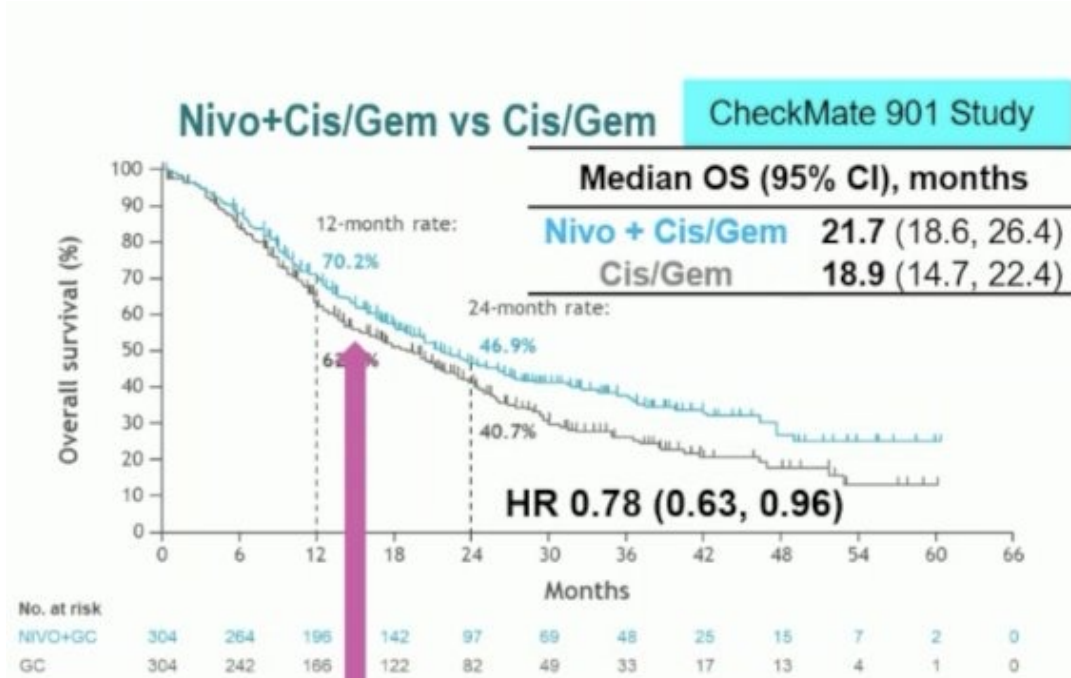
	Events, n	HR (95% CI)	mOS (95% CI), months
EV+P	64	0.43 (0.31-0.59)	NR (20.7-NR)
Chemotherapy	120		12.7 (11.4-15.5)

# CheckMate 901: Phase 3 Trial of Nivolumab in Combination

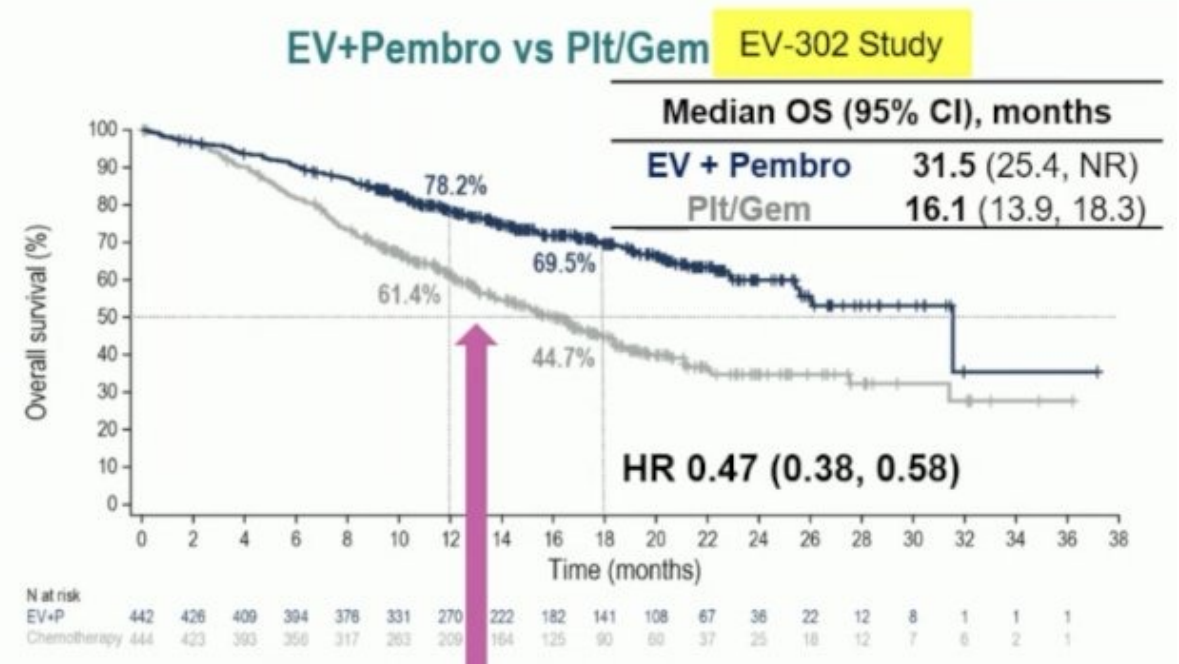


- Nivo + Ipi vs Chemo did not meet the primary endpoint of OS in patients with PD-L1 ≥1%
- Ongoing assessment of Nivo + Ipi vs Carbo + Gem in cisplatin-ineligible patients
- Ongoing substudy of Nivo + Cis + Gem vs Cis + Gem

# EV302 and Checkmate 901



**CONTROL ARM**  
 20% received maintenance CPI (before PD)  
 40% received any subsequent CPI

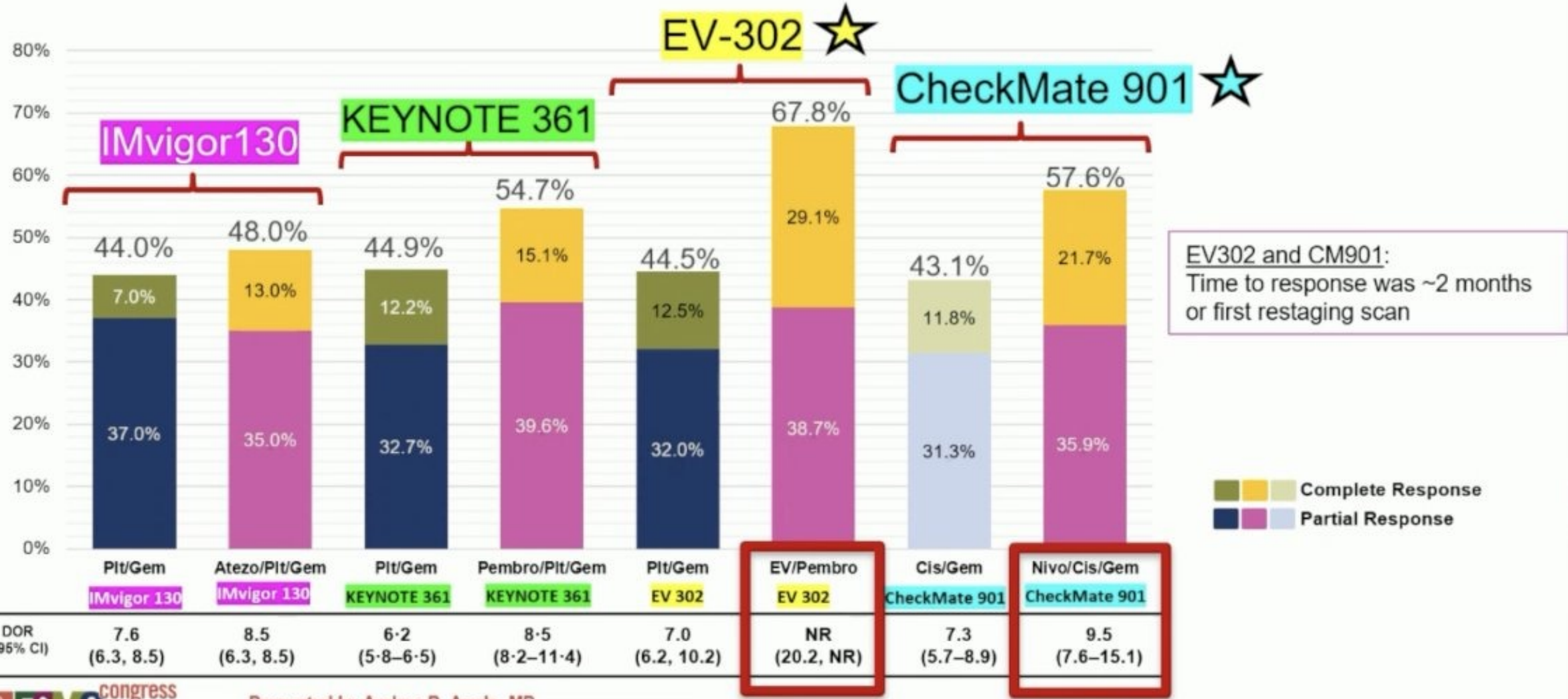


**CONTROL ARM**  
 32% received maintenance CPI (before PD)  
 59% received any subsequent CPI



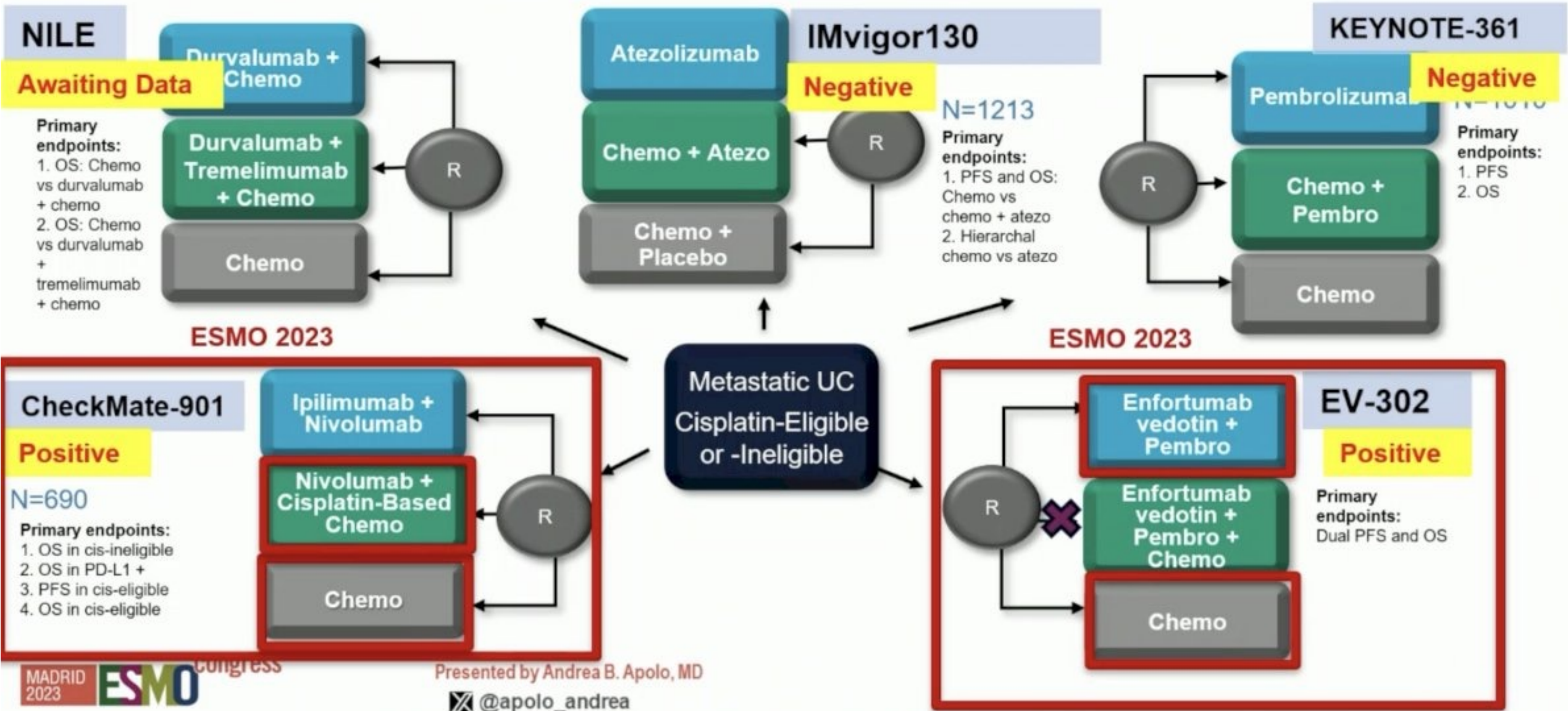


# EV + Pembro's Duration of Response is longer



Median DOR Months, (95% CI)	7.6 (6.3, 8.5)	8.5 (6.3, 8.5)	6.2 (5.8-6.5)	8.5 (8.2-11.4)	7.0 (6.2, 10.2)	NR (20.2, NR)	7.3 (5.7-8.9)	9.5 (7.6-15.1)
	Pit/Gem	Atezo/Pit/Gem	Pit/Gem	Pembro/Pit/Gem	Pit/Gem	EV/Pembro	Cis/Gem	Nivo/Cis/Gem
	IMvigor 130	IMvigor 130	KEYNOTE 361	KEYNOTE 361	EV 302	EV 302	CheckMate 901	CheckMate 901

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



# New Paradigm of Bladder Cancer Therapy

## Front Line Therapy Options:

Enfortumab +  
Pembro

OR

Cisplatin +  
Gemcitabine +  
Nivolumab

Second Line:  
Enfortumab  
Sacituzumab?  
Platinum + Gem?

**Clinical trial: S1937**  
**Eribulin + gem vs**  
**physicians choice**

FGFR3 mutation:  
Erdafitinib

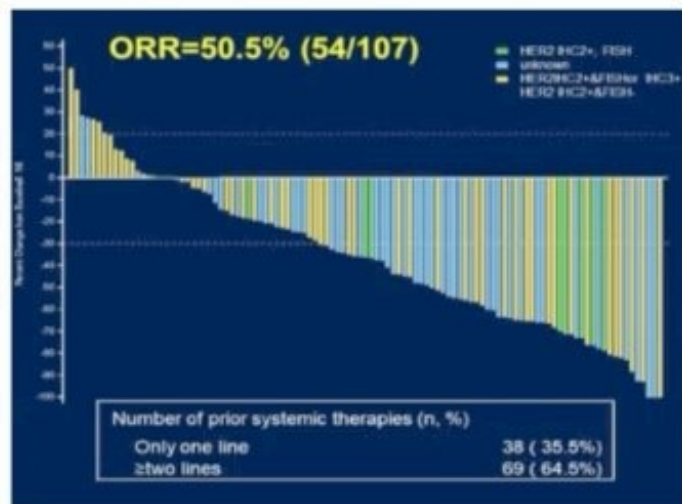
Third Line:  
  
Clinical Trial  
  
Her-2 ADC?  
  
Sacituzumab

# Does CPI combine best with ADCs with MMAE payloads?

Disitamab vedotin in HER2 2/3+ Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma

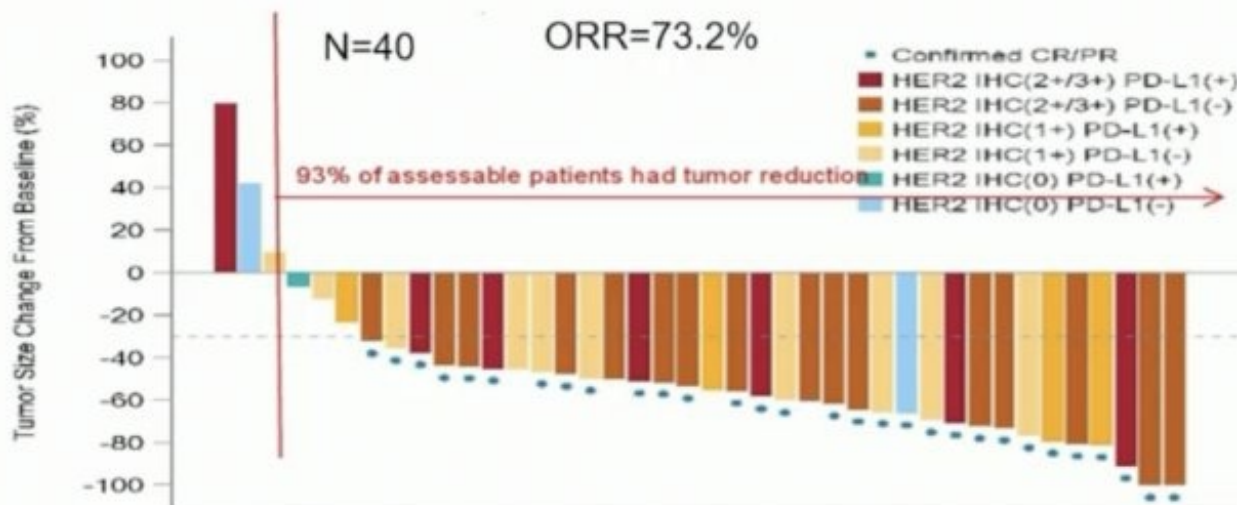
## Disitamab vedotin

N=107 In the Second or Third-line setting



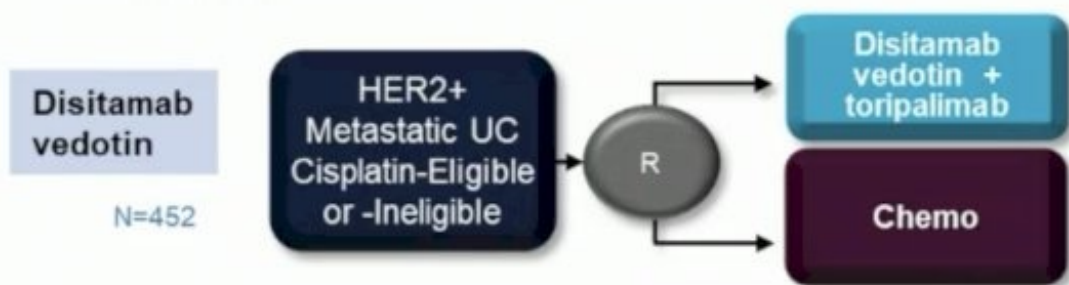
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## Disitamab vedotin + toripalimab

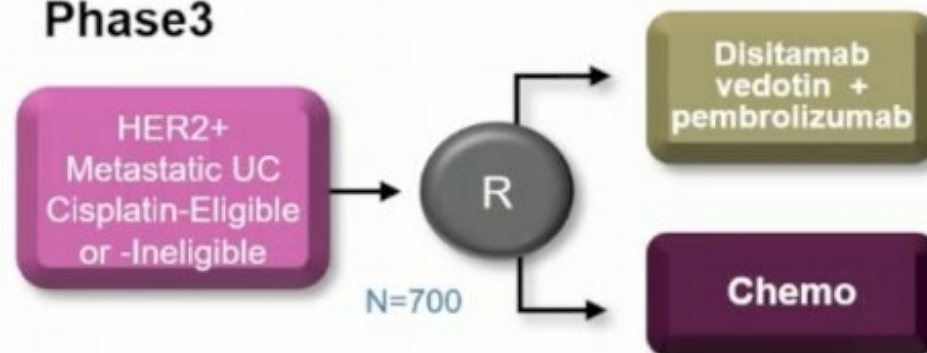


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## Phase 3



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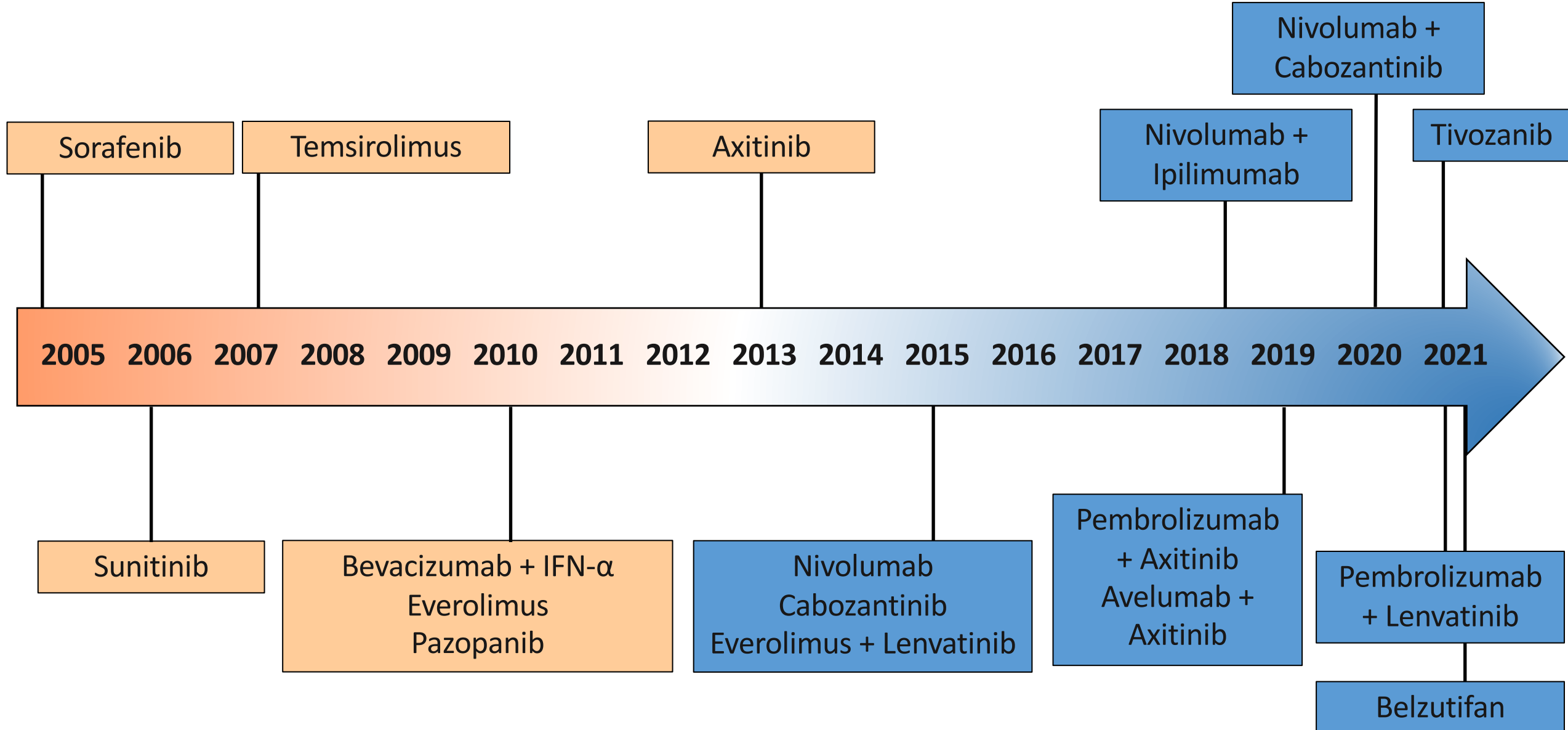
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# Therapy in RCC



- Updates on nivo + ipi in met RCC
  - Updates on Checkmate 9ER
- RFS and OS benefit with adjuvant pembrolizumab

# Treatment Landscape of Metastatic RCC



# Key Studies in Front Line Metastatic RCC

Motzer et al. NEJM 2021 Lenvatinib + Pembro vs Sunitinib: (CLEAR)

Choueiri T, et al. NEJM 2021 Cabo + Nivo vs Sunitinib: (Checkmate 9ER)

Motzer et al. NEJM 2019 Nivolumab/Ipilimumab vs Sunitinib (CheckMate 214)

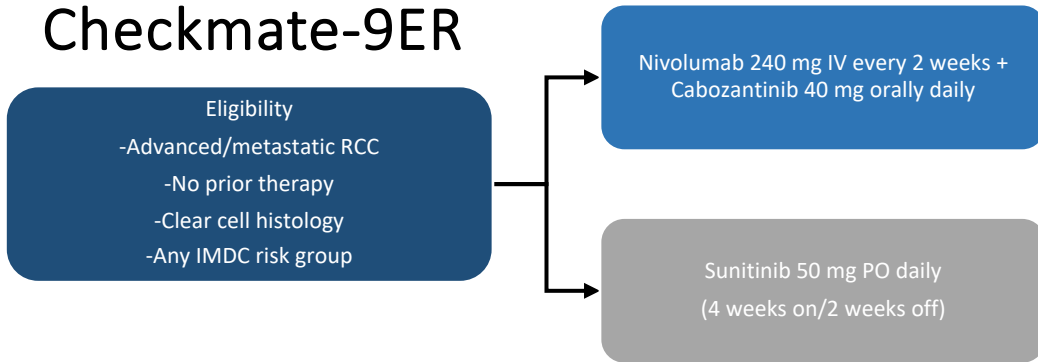
Choueiri et al. NEJM 2019 Axitinib/Avelumab vs Sunitinib (JAVELIN 101)

Rini B et al. NEJM 2019 Axitinib/Pembrolizumab vs Sunitinib (KEYNOTE 426)

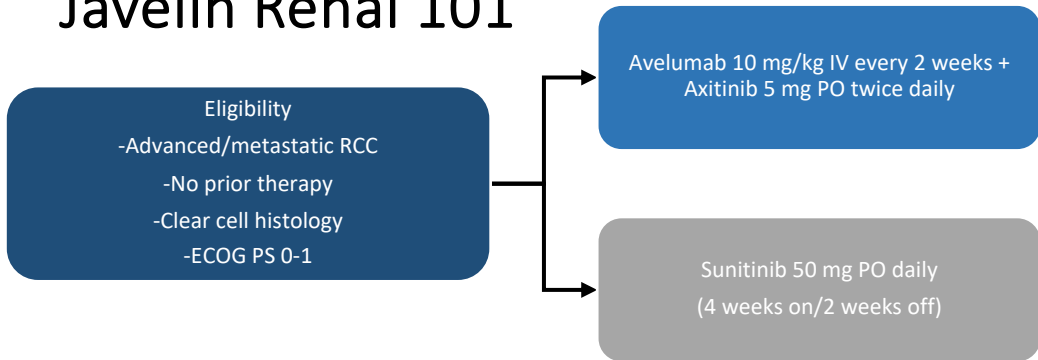
Choueiri T, et al. J Clin Oncol 2017 CABOSUN trial: Cabozantinib vs Sunitinib

# Bird's-eye view of practice-changing trials

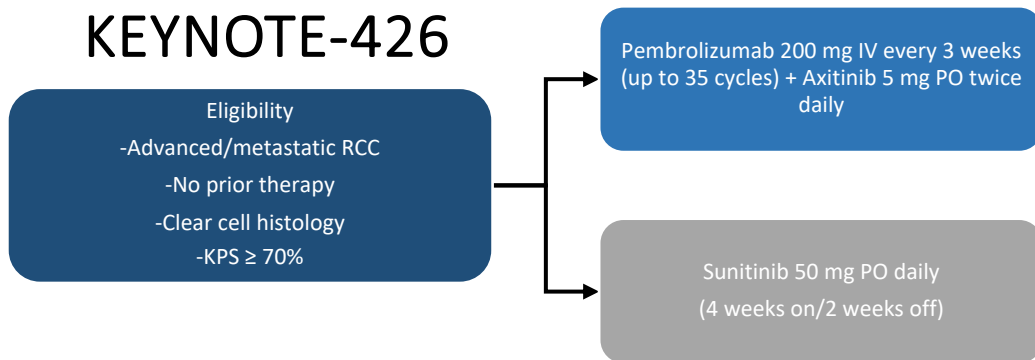
## Checkmate-9ER



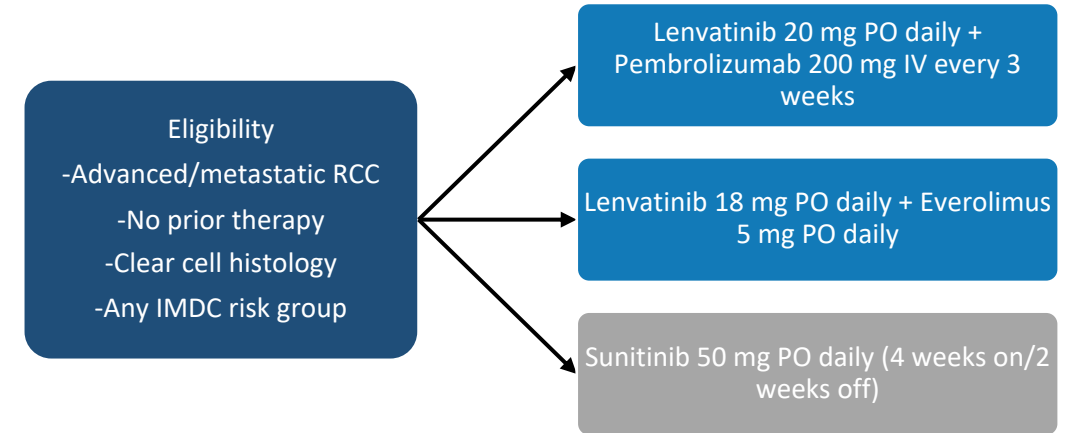
## Javelin Renal 101



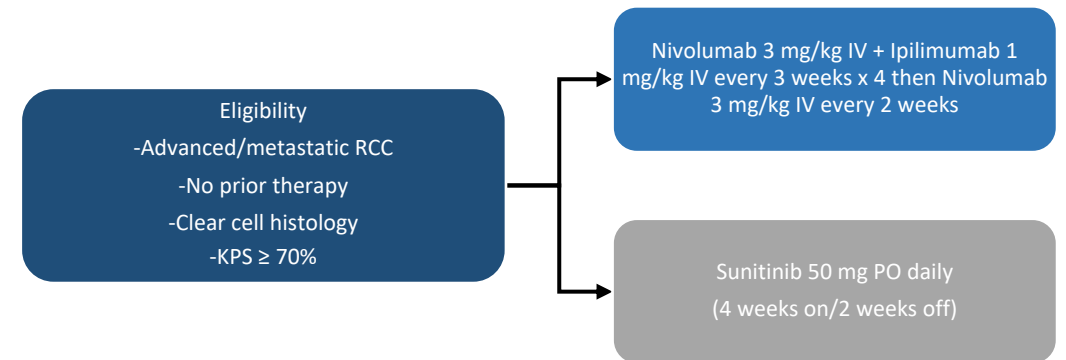
## KEYNOTE-426



## Phase 3 Clear Trial



## CheckMate - 214





# Frontline Immunotherapy Combination Studies

## Baseline Characteristics

Variable		Nivolumab + Ipilimumab CheckMate-214 n=1096	Pembrolizumab + Axitinib Keynote 426 n=861	Avelumab + Axitinib Javelin 101 n=886	Nivolumab + Cabozantinib CheckMate-9ER n=651	Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib Clear n=1096
IMDC Risk Group	Favorable	23%	33%	21%	23%	32%
	Intermediate	61%	56%	62%	58%	54%
	Poor	17%	13%	16%	19%	10%
Previous Nephrectomy		81%	83%	80%	69%	73%
PD-L1 Expression $\geq 1\%$		24% (Dako PD-L1 28-8; Tumor)	60% (Agilent Tech PD-L1 22C3; CPS)	63% (Ventana PD-L1 SP263; Immune)	25% (Dako PD-L1 28-8; Tumor)	31% (Agilent Tech PD-L1 22C3; CPS)
Primary Endpoint		ORR, PFS, OS in Int/Poor (IRC)	OS, PFS (IRC)	OS, PFS in PD-L1+ (IRC)	PFS (IRC)	PFS (IRC)

IMDC=International Metastatic RCC Database Consortium; PD-L1=Programmed Death Ligand 1; CPS=Combined positive score (TC+IC positive/TC all); ORR=Objective response rate; PFS=Progression-free survival; OS=Overall survival; Int=Intermediate; IRC=Independent review committee.

Motzer et al, NEJM, 2018; Rini et al, NEJM, 2019; Motzer et al, NEJM, 2019; Choueiri et al, NEJM, 2021; Motzer et al, NEJM, 2021.

# First-line IO Combination Trials in mRCC

	CheckMate 214 <sup>1</sup> Ipi/Nivo vs Sun (n = 550 vs n = 546)	KEYNOTE-426 <sup>2</sup> Axi/Pembro vs Sun (n = 432 vs n = 429)	CheckMate 9ER <sup>3</sup> Cabo/Nivo vs Sun (n = 323 vs n = 328)	CLEAR <sup>4</sup> Len/Pembro vs Sun (n = 355 vs n = 357)
mOS, mo HR (CI)	55.7 vs 38.4 <b>0.72</b> (0.62-0.85)	45.7 vs 40.1 <b>0.73</b> (0.60-0.88)	NR vs 29.5 <b>0.66</b> (0.50-0.87)	NR vs NR <b>0.72</b> (0.55-0.93)
Landmark OS 12 mo Landmark OS 24 mo	<b>83%</b> vs 78% <b>71%</b> vs 61%	<b>90%</b> vs 79% <b>74%</b> vs 66%	<b>86%</b> vs 76% <b>72%</b> vs 60% (est)	<b>90%</b> vs 79% (est.) <b>79%</b> vs 70%
mPFS, mo HR (CI)	<b>12.2</b> vs 12.3 0.86 (0.73-1.01)	<b>15.7</b> vs 11.1 0.68 (0.58-0.80)	<b>17.0</b> vs 8.3 0.52 (0.43-0.64)	<b>23.9</b> vs 9.2 0.39 (0.32-0.49)
ORR, %	<b>39</b> vs 32	<b>60</b> vs 40	<b>55</b> vs 27	<b>71</b> vs 36
CR, %	<b>12</b> vs 3	<b>10</b> vs 4	<b>9</b> vs 4	<b>16</b> vs 4
Median f/u, mo	<b>67.7</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>33.7</b>
Primary PD, %	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
Prognostic risk, %				
▪ Favorable	23	32	23	31
▪ Intermediate	61	55	58	59
▪ Poor	17	13	19	9
Prior nephrectomy	82%	83%	69%	74%
Subsequent systemic Tx for Sun arm, %	Overall (68%) IO (42%)	Overall (69%) IO (48%)	Overall (40%) IO (29%)	Overall (71%) IO (53%)

1. Motzer. ESMO 2021. Abstr 661P. 2. Rini. ASCO 2021. Abstr 4500.

3. Motzer. ASCO GU 2021. Abstr 308. 4. Motzer. ASCO GU 2021. Abstr 269.

# Subgroups: Synchronous Mets had 50% the Median OS as compared to entire group!

McDermott D, et al. IKCS 2018, Albiges L et al ESMO 2020 abstr 711P

Patient population	Ipi + Nivo	Sunitinib
Intermediate/Poor Risk	ORR 41.9%/ CR 10.2% Median OS 48 months	ORR 29.4%/ CR 1.3% Median OS 26 months
Sarcomatoid RCC	ORR 56.7%/ CR 18.3 % Median OS 31.2 months 30 month OS 53%	ORR 19.2%/ CR 0% Median OS 13.6 months 30 month OS 29%
<b>Synchronous mRCC with primary</b>	<b>Primary ORR 34%</b> <b>DOR 20.5 months</b> <b>Med OS 26 months</b>	<b>Primary ORR 14.5%</b> <b>DOR 14.5 months</b> <b>Med OS 14 months</b>
Treatment Free Survival	31% free of therapy Median TFS 7.8 months	12% free of therapy Median TFS 3.3 months

## Synchronous Primary Tumor and Metastases

- Contemporary randomized cytoreductive nephrectomy trials reveal that resection of primary tumor did not improve survival outcomes {CARMENA and SURTIME}
- Sequential trial shows that initial systemic therapy followed by nephrectomy has better survival outcomes than upfront nephrectomy
- In setting of I-O based regimens the role of nephrectomy has not been evaluated
- SWOG 1931 (PROBE) trial is addressing this question.

**Phase III Trial of Immunotherapy-based  
Combination Therapy with or without  
Cytoreductive Nephrectomy for Metastatic  
Renal Cell Carcinoma  
(SWOG 1931/PROBE Trial)**

**Lead investigators:**

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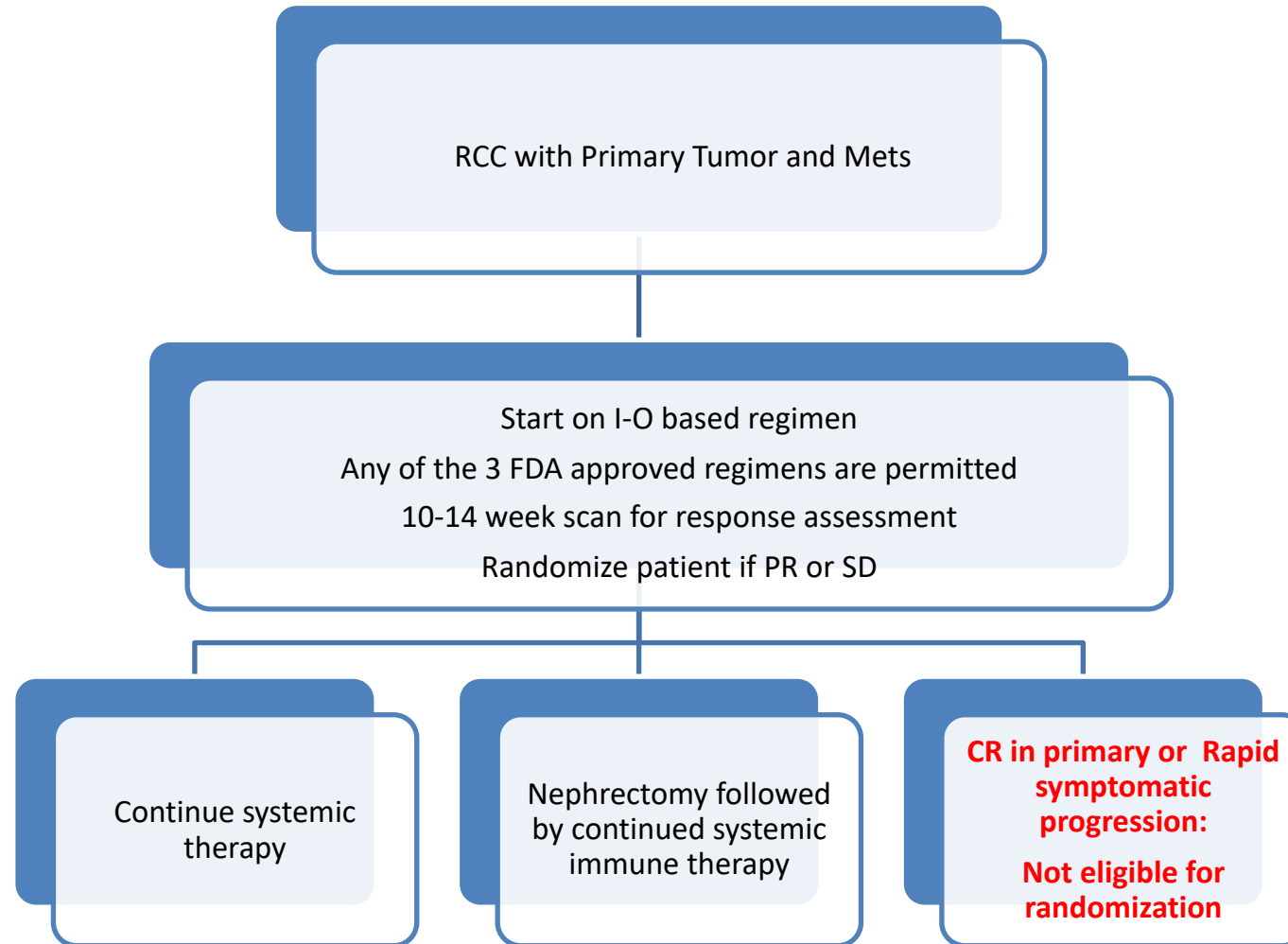
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**Biostatisticians:** Cathy Tangen and Eddie Mayerson

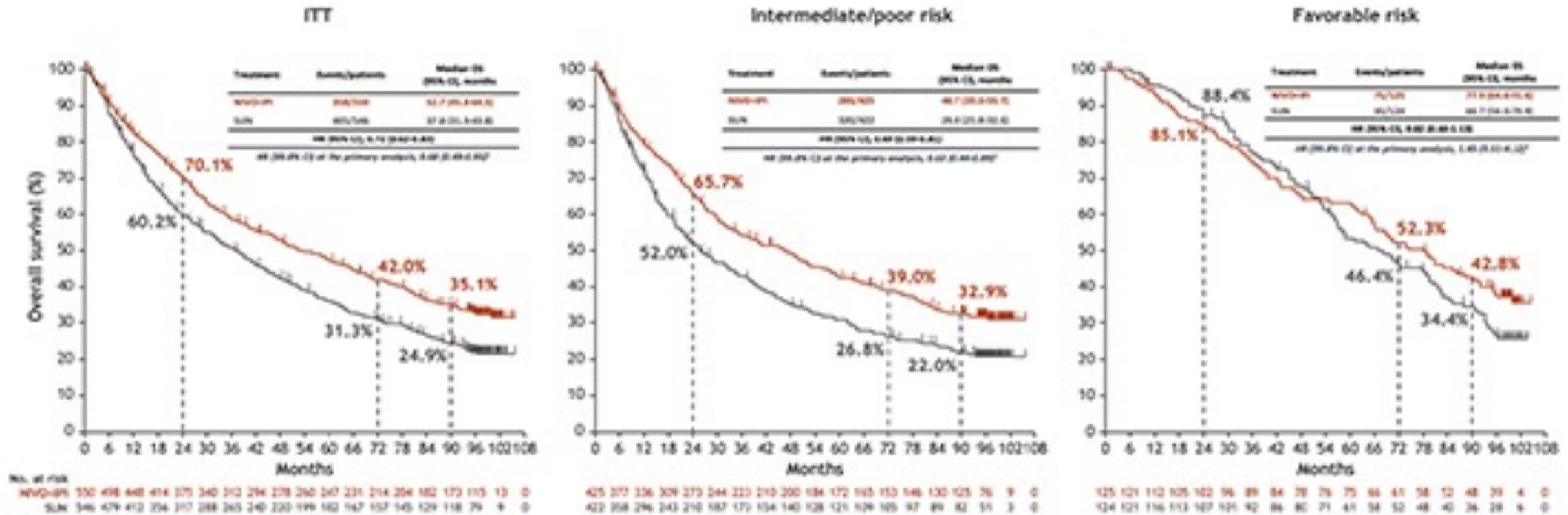
**Patient Advocate:** Peggy Zuckerman

# SWOG 1931/PROBE Trial

## Primary Endpoint: Overall Survival

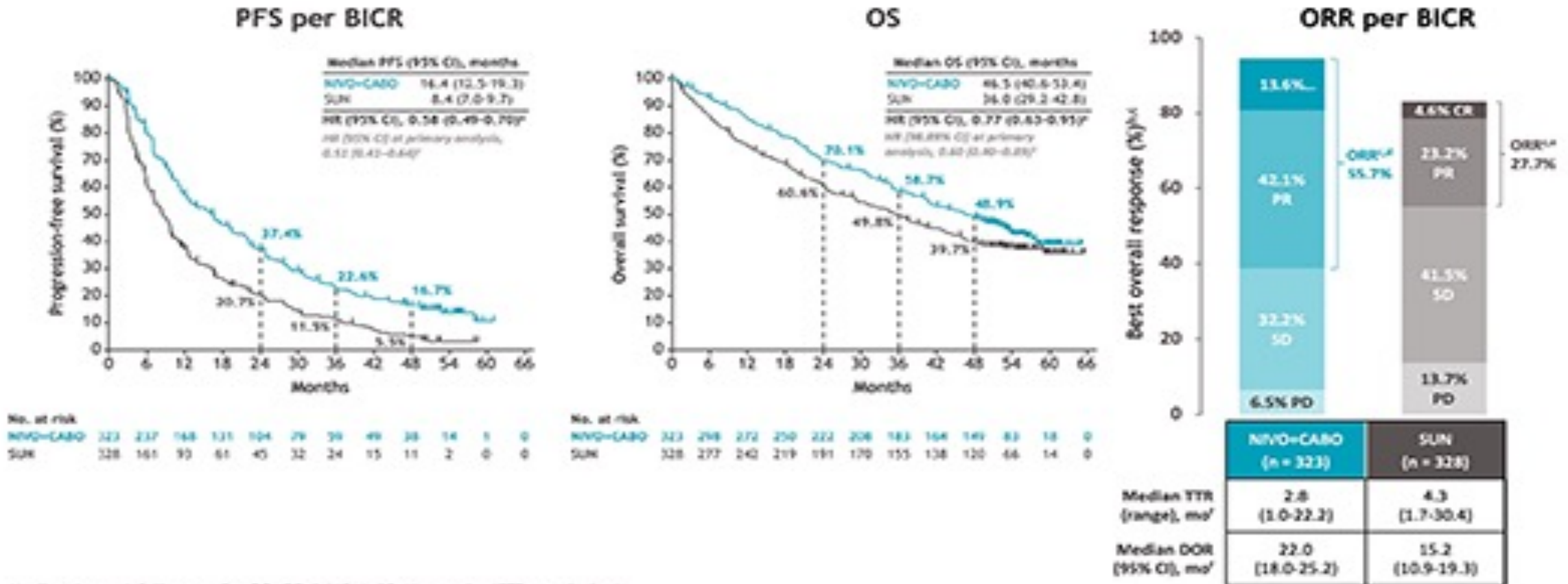


# Long term OS with Ipi +Nivo CM-214



Stratified Cox proportional hazards model.  
1. Motzer RJ, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2018;378:1277-1290.

# Checkmate 9ER Update



Median (range) follow-up for OS, 55.6 (48.1-68.1) months (ITT population).

<sup>a</sup>Stratified Cox proportional hazards model used for HR. <sup>b</sup>Unable to determine/not reported; 5.6% for NIVO-CABO; 17.1% for SUN. <sup>1</sup>No. of patients with ORR and BOR in NIVO-CABO arm:

ORR, n = 180; CR, n = 44; PR, n = 136; SD, n = 104; PD, n = 21. No. of patients with ORR and BOR in SUN arm: ORR, n = 91; CR, n = 15; PR, n = 76; SD, n = 136; PD, n = 45. <sup>2</sup>95% CI, 50.1-61.2.

<sup>3</sup>95% CI, 23.0-32.9. <sup>4</sup>TTR and DOR were calculated only for patients who had a CR or PR.

1. Choueiri TK, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2021;384:829-841.



# Systemic Therapy of RCC: Second line and Beyond



Cabozantinib

Nivolumab

Lenvatinib + Everolimus

Tivozanib

Belzutifan

# Type of Progression: Oligoprogression/ Diffuse Progression

- Oligo progression
  - Consider size/location
  - Symptomatic vs asymptomatic
  - Amenable to local therapy
  - Consider SBRT/ resection and continue systemic therapy
  - Consider time to progression on current therapy
  - Tolerability of current therapy
- Diffuse Progression
  - Prior therapy MOA
  - Location: symptomatic vs asymptomatic
  - Location of metastases: adrenal/pancreas mets consider local therapy
  - Bone mets: consider systemic and local therapy
  - Prior therapy depth and duration of response

# Key Studies in Pretreated Metastatic RCC

Chouieri T. et al. NEJM 2015 Cabozantinib vs Everolimus: (METEOR)

Motzer R, et al. NEJM 2015 Nivo vs Everolimus: (Checkmate 025 )

Rini B, et al. Lancet 2011 Axitinib vs Sorafenib (AXIS)

Rini B. et al. Lancet Oncol 2020 TIVO-3 Tivozanib vs Sorafenib (TIVO-3)

Motzer R, et al. Lancet Oncol 2015 Lenvatinib + Everolimus vs Everolimus

HCRN GU-16-260 trial, Fraction trial and Omnivore trial, McKay R, et al.

# Therapies for Relapsed or Refractory Stage IV RCC

- Second-line treatments for advanced or metastatic RCC may include targeted therapies and immunotherapy combinations

## Immunotherapy-Based Regimens

- **Nivolumab**
- **Nivolumab + ipilimumab**
- Axitinib + pembrolizumab
- Axitinib + avelumab
- Cabozantinib + nivolumab
- Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab

## Targeted Therapies

- **Cabozantinib**
- **Lenvatinib + everolimus**
- Axitinib
- Everolimus
- Pazopanib
- Sunitinib
- Tivozanib
- Belzutifan

## Other Targeted Treatments for Select Circumstances

- Belzutifan (for VHL-associated RCC)
- Bevacizumab
- Sorafenib
- High-dose IL-2
- Temsirolimus

# HIF 2 alpha inhibitor belzutifan

ORRs with belzutifan for von Hippel-Lindau disease-associated cancers



**49%**

for patients  
with renal  
cell carcinoma



**63%**

for patients  
with CNS  
hemangioblastomas



**83%**

for patients  
with pancreatic  
neuroendocrine  
tumors

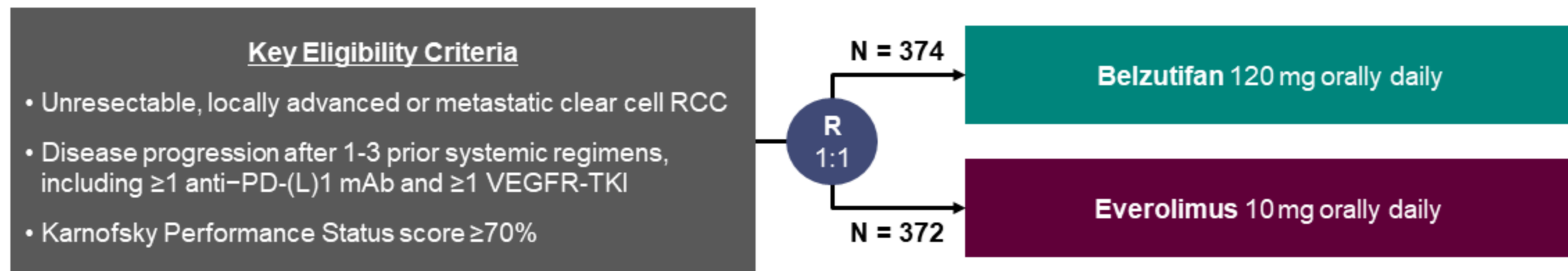
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# Belzutifan Versus Everolimus in Patients With Previously Treated Advanced Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma: Randomized Open-Label Phase 3 LITESPARK-005 Study

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# LITESPARK-005 Study (NCT04195750)



## Stratification Factors

- IMDC prognostic score<sup>a</sup>: 0 vs 1-2 vs 3-6
- Prior VEGF/VEGFR-targeted therapies: 1 vs 2-3

## Dual Primary Endpoints:

- PFS per RECIST 1.1 by BICR
- OS

## Key Secondary Endpoint:

- ORR per RECIST 1.1 by BICR

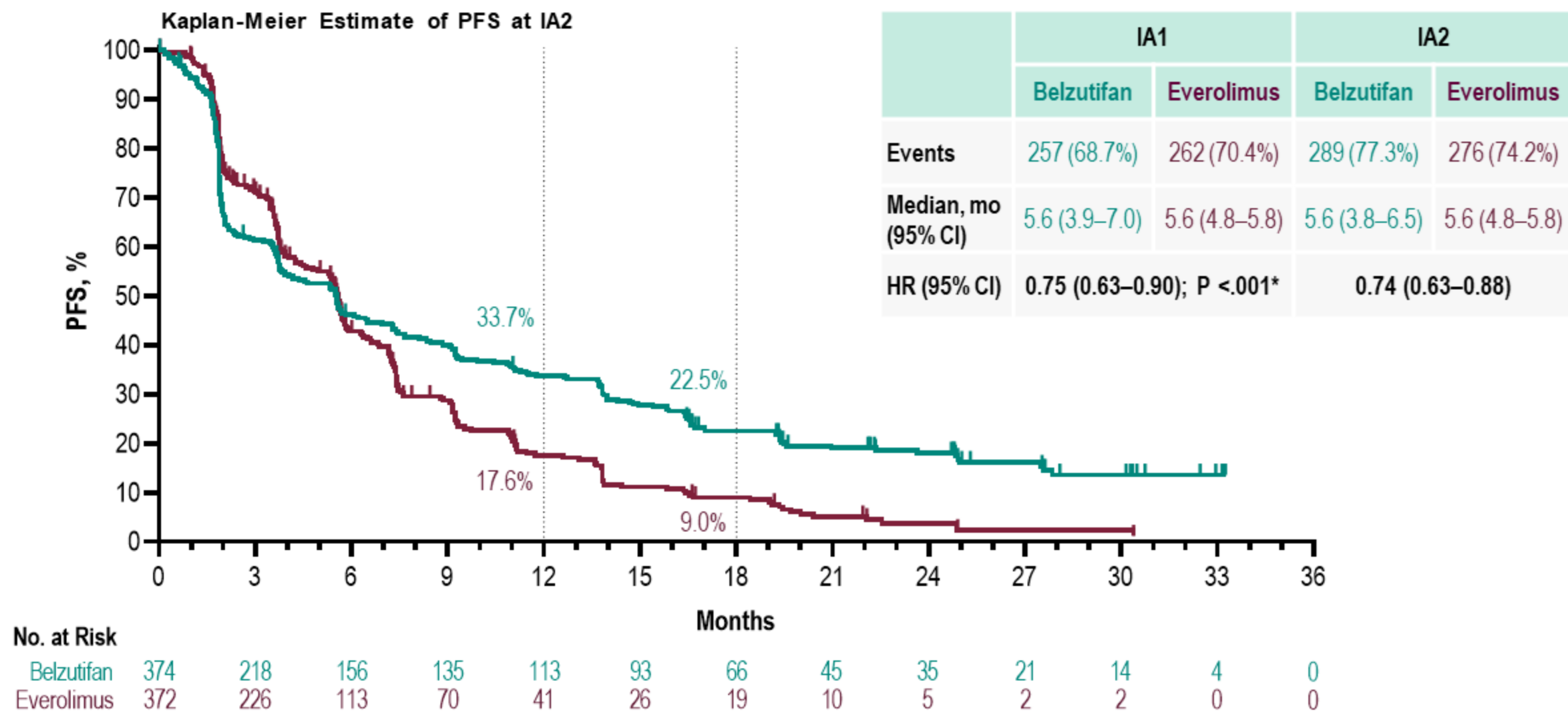
## Other Secondary Endpoints Include:

- DOR per RECIST 1.1 by BICR
- Safety
- Time to deterioration in FKSI-DRS and EORTC QLQ-C30 GHS/QoL

<sup>a</sup>Based on the number of present risk factors according to the International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium (IMDC).

BICR, blinded independent central review; DOR, duration of response; EORTC QLQ-C30, European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality-of-Life Questionnaire; FKSI-DRS, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy Kidney Symptom Index – Disease-Related Symptoms; GHS, global health status; mAb, monoclonal antibody; QoL, quality of life.

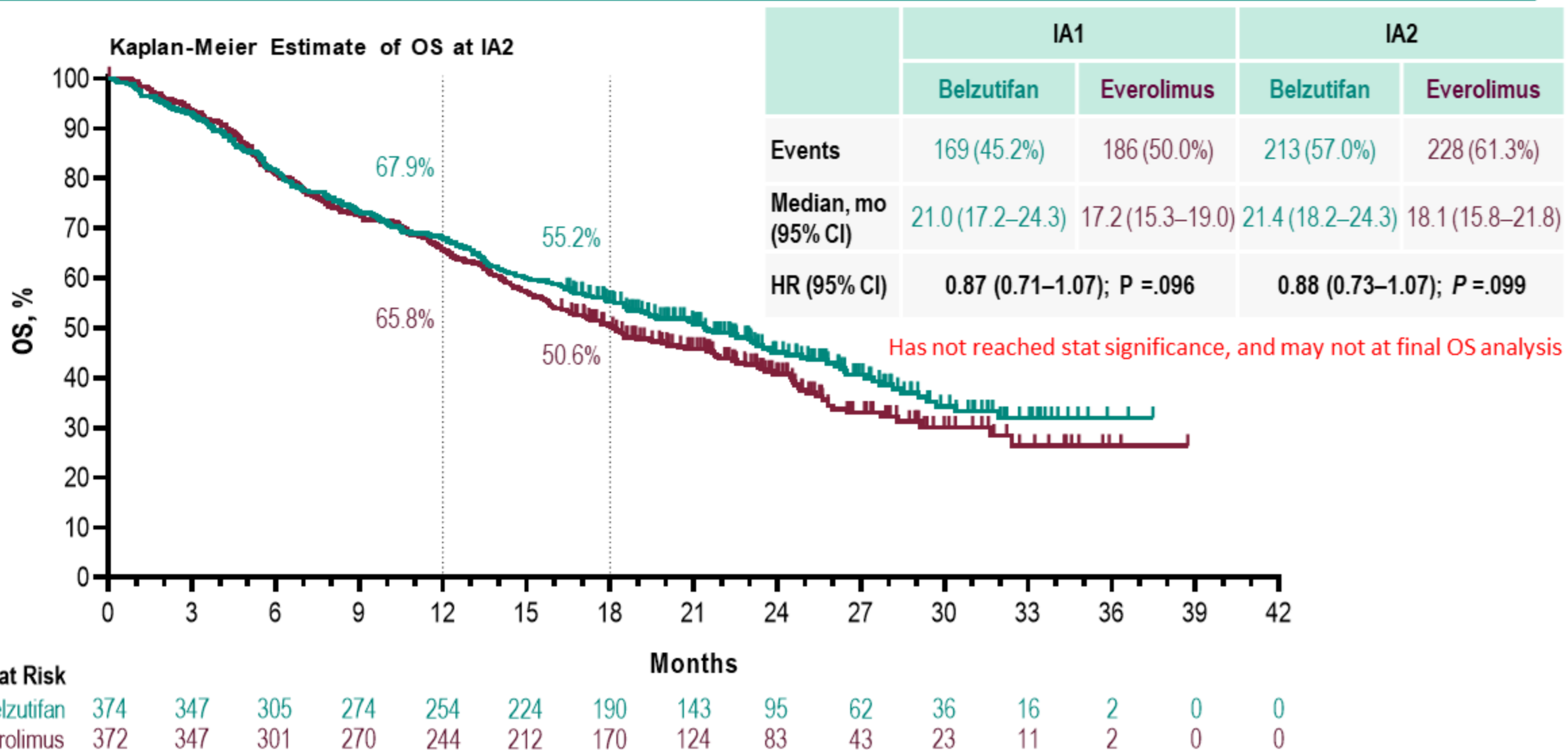
# Primary Endpoint: PFS per RECIST 1.1 by BICR



\* denotes statistical significance. Primary PFS endpoint was met at IA1 and was not formally statistically tested at IA2. Data cutoff date for IA1: November 1, 2022. Data cutoff date for IA2: June 13, 2023.



# Primary Endpoint: OS



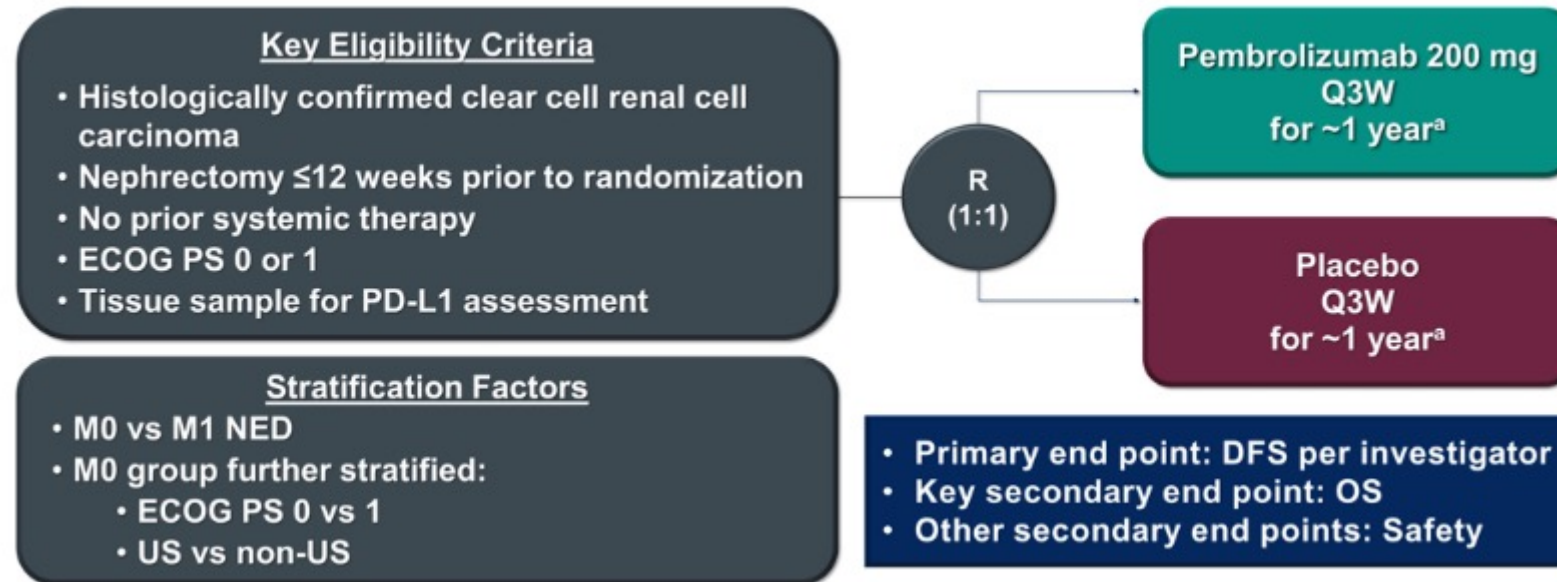
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# Adjuvant Therapy in RCC

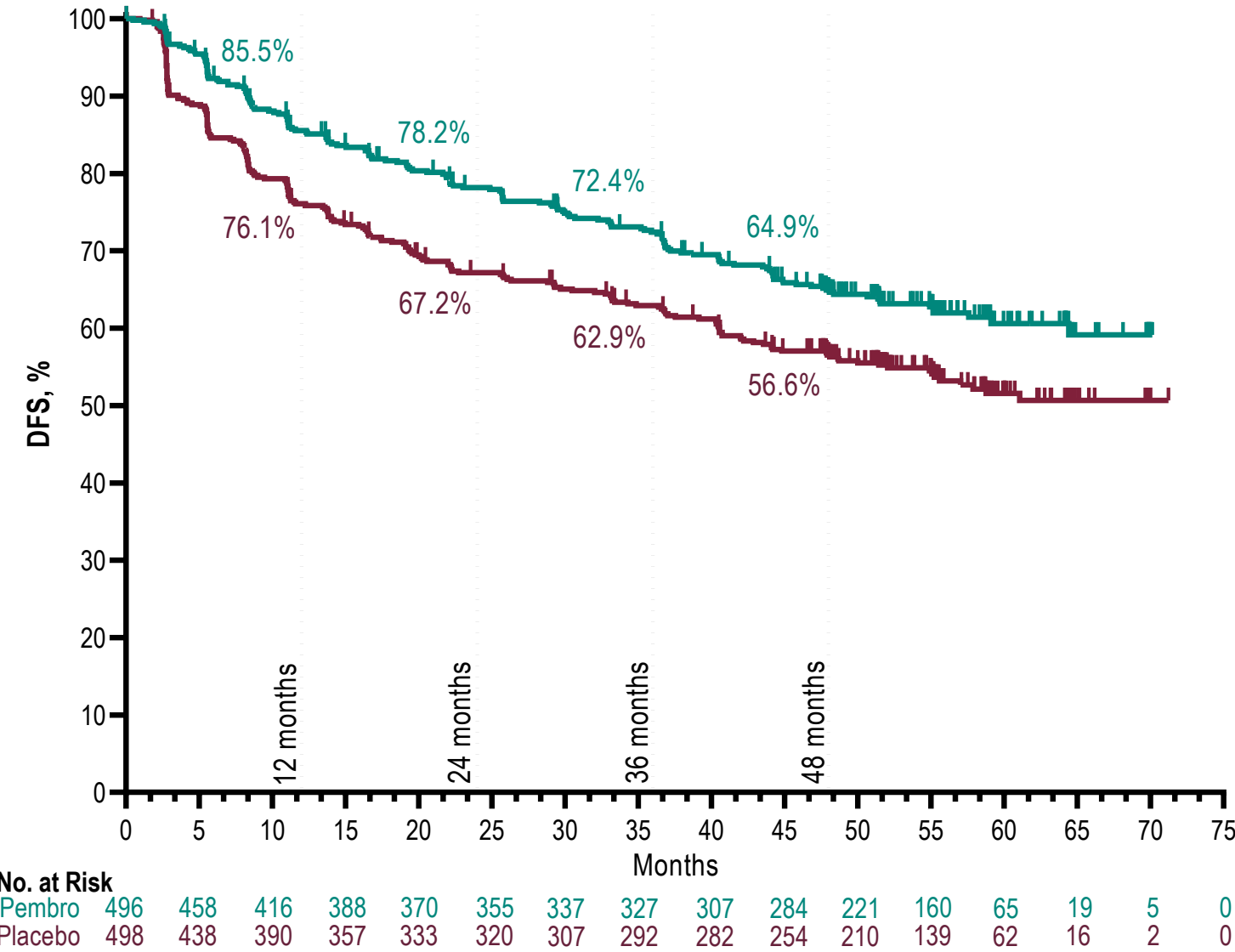


RFS and OS benefit with pembrolizumab

# Adjuvant Pembro trial:Keynote 564 Pembro Vs Placebo Trial: Choueiri T, et al ASCO 2021



# Updated Disease-Free Survival by Investigator, Intention-to-Treat Population



	Pembro (N = 496)	Placebo (N = 498)
Events, n	174	224
Median, mo (95% CI)	NR (NR–NR)	NR (54.9–NR)

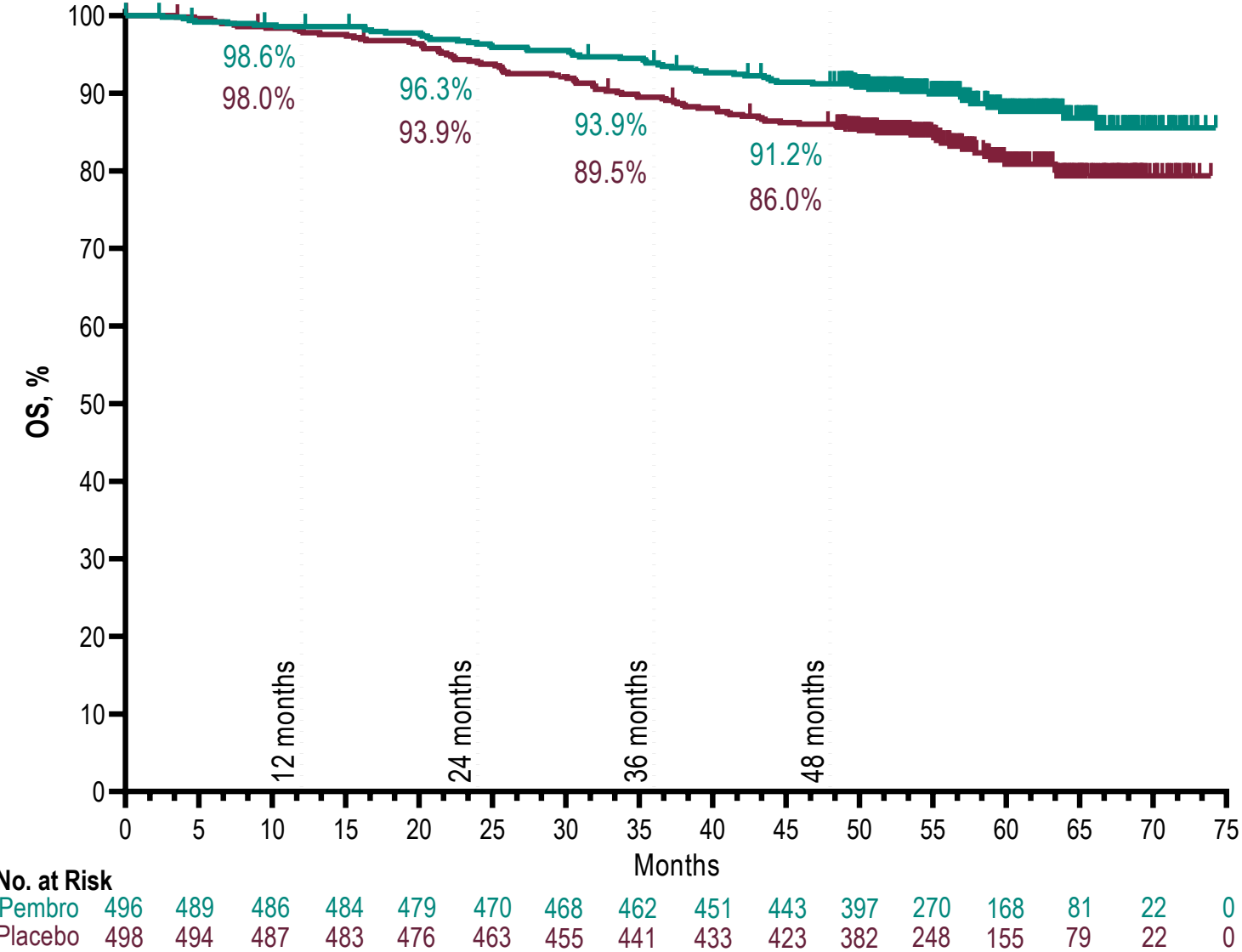
Median follow-up was 57.2 months (range, 47.9–74.5)

**HR 0.72 (95% CI 0.59–0.87)**

Primary DFS endpoint was met at IA1 and was not formally statistically tested thereafter.

Data cutoff date: September 15, 2023.

# Overall Survival, Intention-to-Treat Population



	Pembro (N = 496)	Placebo (N = 498)
Events, n	55	86
Median, mo (95% CI)	NR (NR–NR)	NR (NR–NR)
Median follow-up was 57.2 months (range, 47.9–74.5)		

**HR 0.62 (95% CI 0.44–0.87); P = .002\***

\* denotes statistical significance. P-value boundary for OS at IA3 was 0.0072 (1-sided) per Lan-DeMets O’Brien-Fleming spending approximation  $\alpha$ -spending function. As this key secondary endpoint was formally met, any future OS analyses will be descriptive only.

# ADJUVANT THERAPY in RCC

- Sunitinib showed benefit in one trial (S-TRAC) and no benefit in the ASSURE trial
- Pazopanib, Axitinib and Sorafenib- no benefit in adjuvant setting
- **Pembro: 11% DFS benefit, and OS benefit noted in one trial**
- **Adjuvant atezolizumab: no benefit**
- **Adjuvant nivolumab : No benefit**
- **Nivo + ipi adjuvant 6 months : no benefit**
- **S0931 Everolimus: benefit only in very high risk subset, Overall no benefit.**
- Majority of adjuvant trials in RCC are negative

# CONCLUSIONS/TAKE AWAY: RCC

- PD-1 inhibition is now considered the backbone of frontline combination regimens in RCC. About 30% of met RCC patients are in long term remission  
CM-214 trial 99 months update.
- The subset of patients presenting with primary tumor and metastases are still showing attenuated survival [median OS 27 mths vs 46 mths with ipi+nivo]
- S1931/PROBE trial is evaluating the impact of adding nephrectomy after 10-14 weeks of I-O based combination systemic therapy.
- VEGF-TKI is the backbone of second line therapy.
- Addition of ipilimumab in later lines gives minimal benefit
- Hif-2 alpha inhibitor is a new target, Belzutifan was FDA approved in RCC third line setting

# How do you decide on Therapy Choice?

- Toxicity/efficacy balance
- Histology
- Sites of mets
- IMDC risk
- Oligometastatic disease
- QOL
- Cost/access





# New Directions

- Live biotherapeutics to enhance IO in RCC
- Novel HIF-2 alpha inhibitors
- CD70 Antibody Drug Conjugates
- Immune therapy in combination with TGF beta inhibitors
- Novel cytokines

**IT'S A MARATHON,  
NOT A SPRINT**



**RCC and Urothelial Cancer Therapy is now a MARATHON!**