



Management of Renal Cell Carcinoma

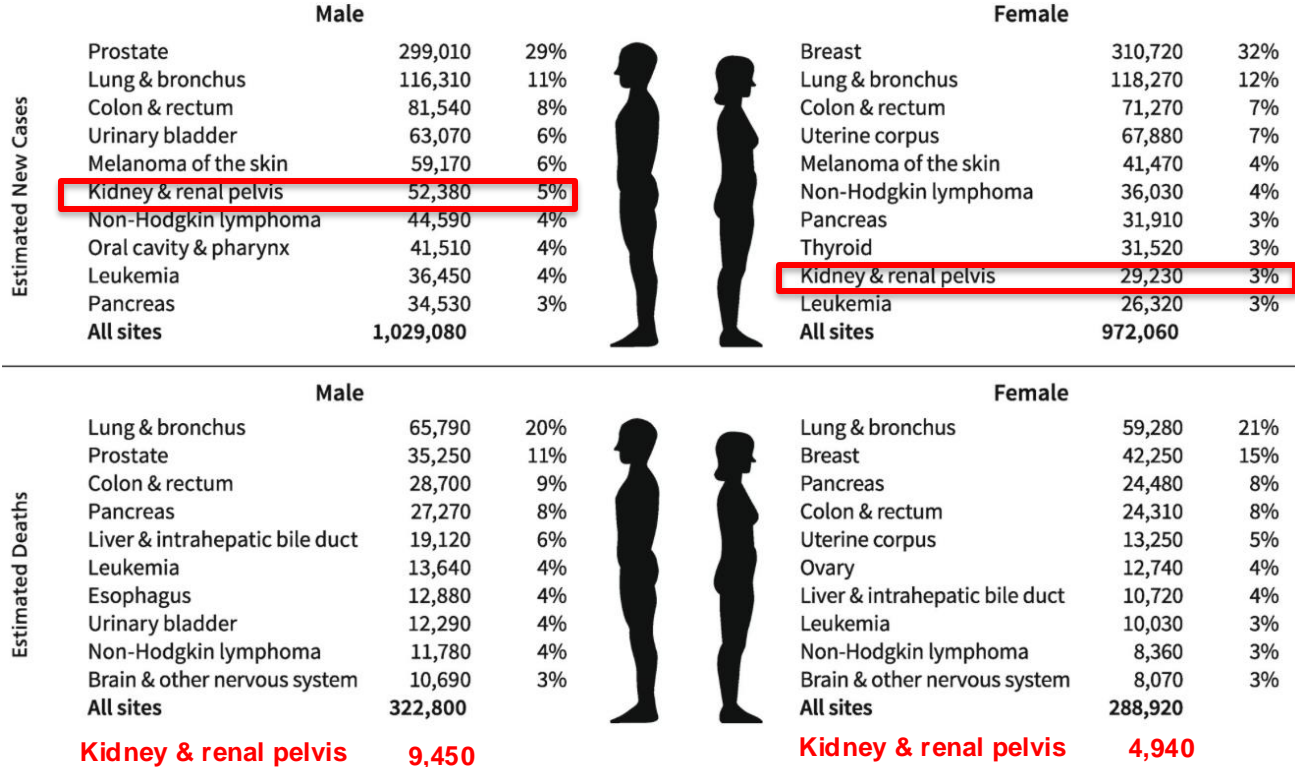
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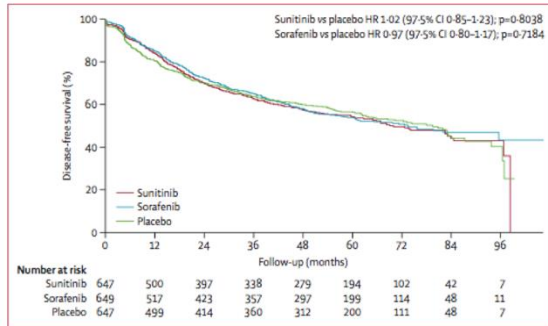
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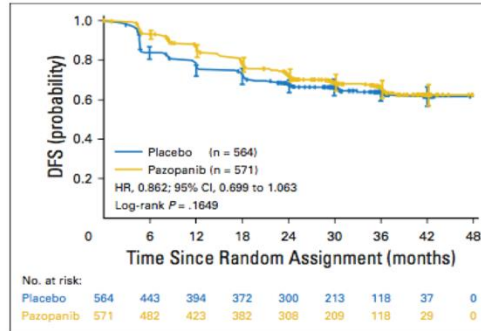
RCC Disease Burden and Mortality



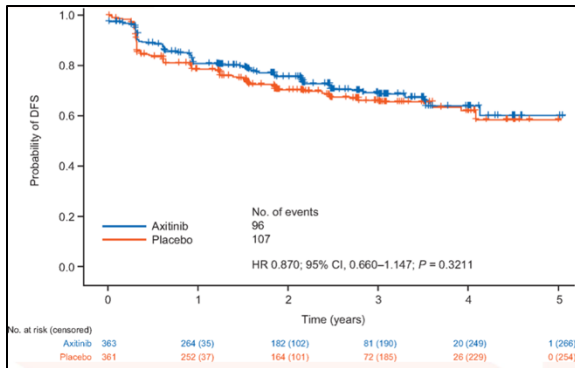
ASSURE DFS



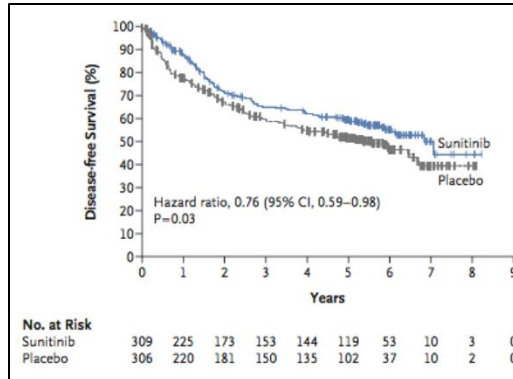
PROTECT DFS



ATLAS DFS



S-TRAC DFS



- Heterogeneity
- ASSURE- lower T stage, clear and non clear
- PROTECT/ S-TRAC- pT3, higher grade and higher risk tumors
- S-TRAC the only positive trial for DFS (HR 0.76)
- Sunitinib approved by the FDA but not the EMA
- OS benefit not seen in any

mTOR inhibitor (EVEREST TRIAL)



Key Eligibility Criteria

- Fully-resected RCC within 12 weeks
- Radical or partial nephrectomy
- TNM stage
 - pT1b G3-4
 - pT2-4 any G
 - any N+
- Clear or non-clear cell
- No metastatic disease
- PS 0-1

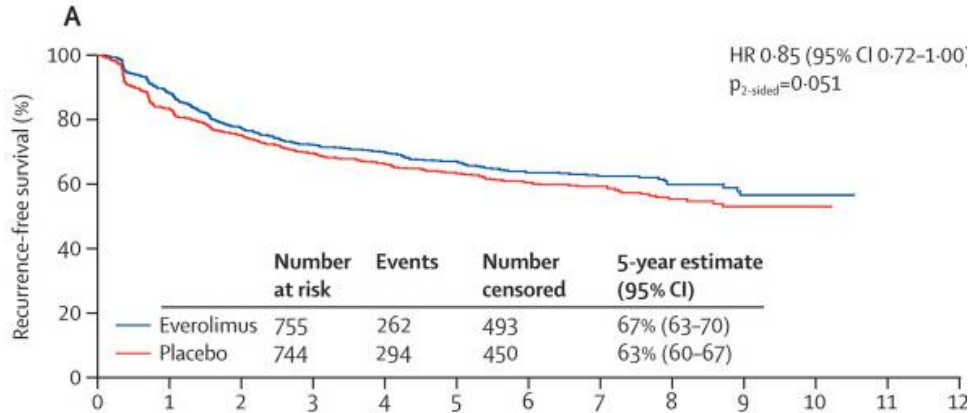
Randomize
1:1

Everolimus 10 mg
p.o. daily x 54
weeks

Placebo
p.o. daily x 54
weeks

Stratification Factors:
Risk Group (Intermediate-High vs. Very High)
Histology (Clear cell vs. non-Clear Cell)
Performance Status (0 vs. 1)

EVEREST TRIAL

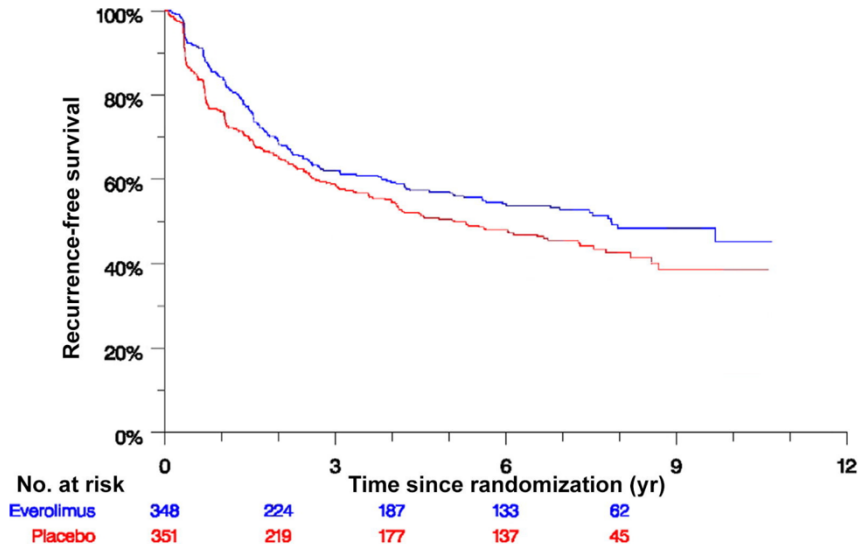


Number at risk

Everolimus	755	543	466	288	102
Placebo	744	533	445	293	98

- ***p-value did not cross the prespecified boundary for statistical significance ($p=0.044$)**
- **DID NOT reach its primary RFS endpoint**

EVEREST TRIAL: Subgroup analyses in very-high risk patients

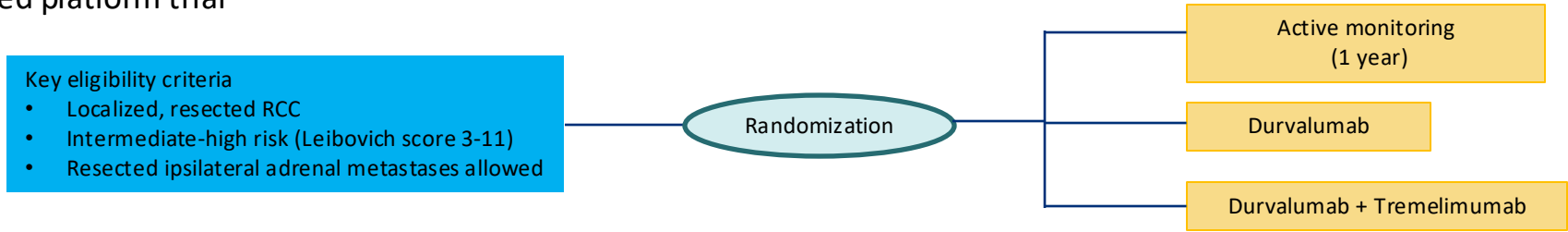


- In the very-high-risk population:
 - Significant improvement in RFS (HR 0.80, 95% CI 0.65–0.99; $p = 0.041$)
 - There was no statistically significant difference in OS

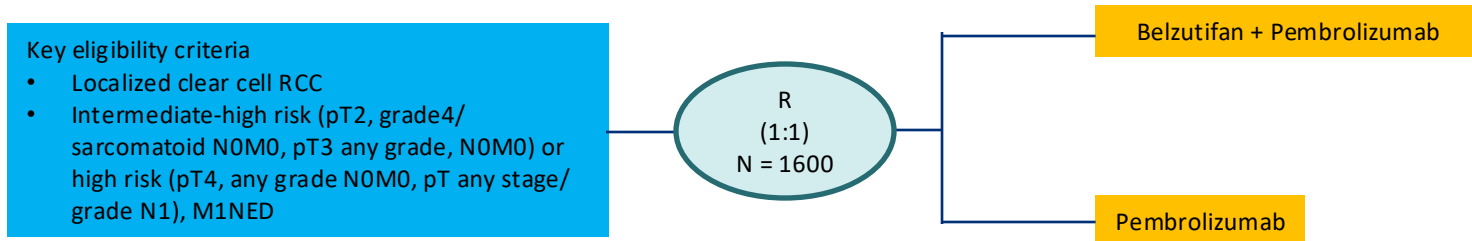
	KEYNOTE - 564 PEMBROLIZUMAB	PROSPER (EA8143) NIVOLUMAB	IMMotion 010 ATEZOLIZUMAB	CHECKMATE-914 NIVO/ IPI
RANDOMIZATION	Adjuvant Pembrolizumab Vs. Placebo	Neoadjuvant and adjuvant Nivolumab vs. surgical SOC	Adjuvant Atezolizumab Vs. Placebo	Adj Nivolumab + Ipilimumab vs Placebo (nivolumab alone added)
HISTOLOGY	cRCC with a component of clear cell histology w or w/out sarcomatoid histology	Clear and nonclear cell	Component of either ccRCC histology or sarcomatoid histology	ccRCC predominant with or without sarcomatoid histology
SACRCOMATOID?	YES	YES	YES	YES
T/N	pT2, grade 4 and higher Any N	cT2 and higher Any N	pT2, grade 4 and higher Any N	pT2 grade3-4 and higher Any N
OLIGOMETTS	M1 resected within 12 months of primary tumor	Oligometts ablated or resected within 12 weeks of primary	Lung or soft tissue oligometts >12 months	NO
PFS HR P-value	0.63 p<0.0001	0.97 p= 0.43	0.93 p= 0.49	0.92 P= 0.53
OS HR P-value	0.62; (95% CI, 0.44 to 0.87) P=0.005	NS	NS	NS

Perioperative Management “Trials on Horizon”

1. RAMPART (Renal Adjuvant MultiPle Arm Randomized Trial): A Phase III multi-arm multi-stage randomized controlled platform trial

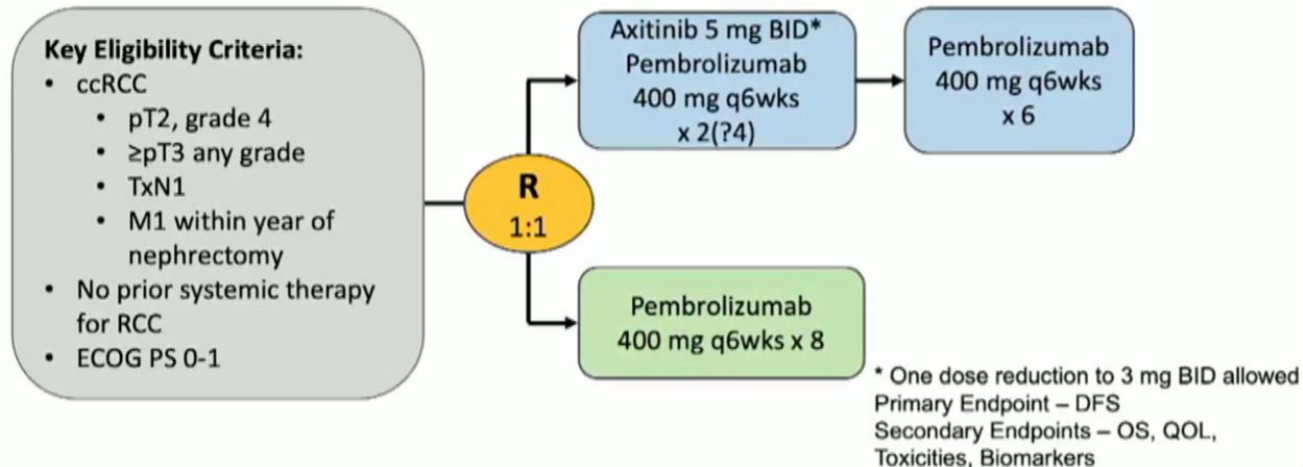


2. LITESPARK-022 (Phase-III trial comparing pembrolizumab+ belzutifan vs. pembrolizumab)

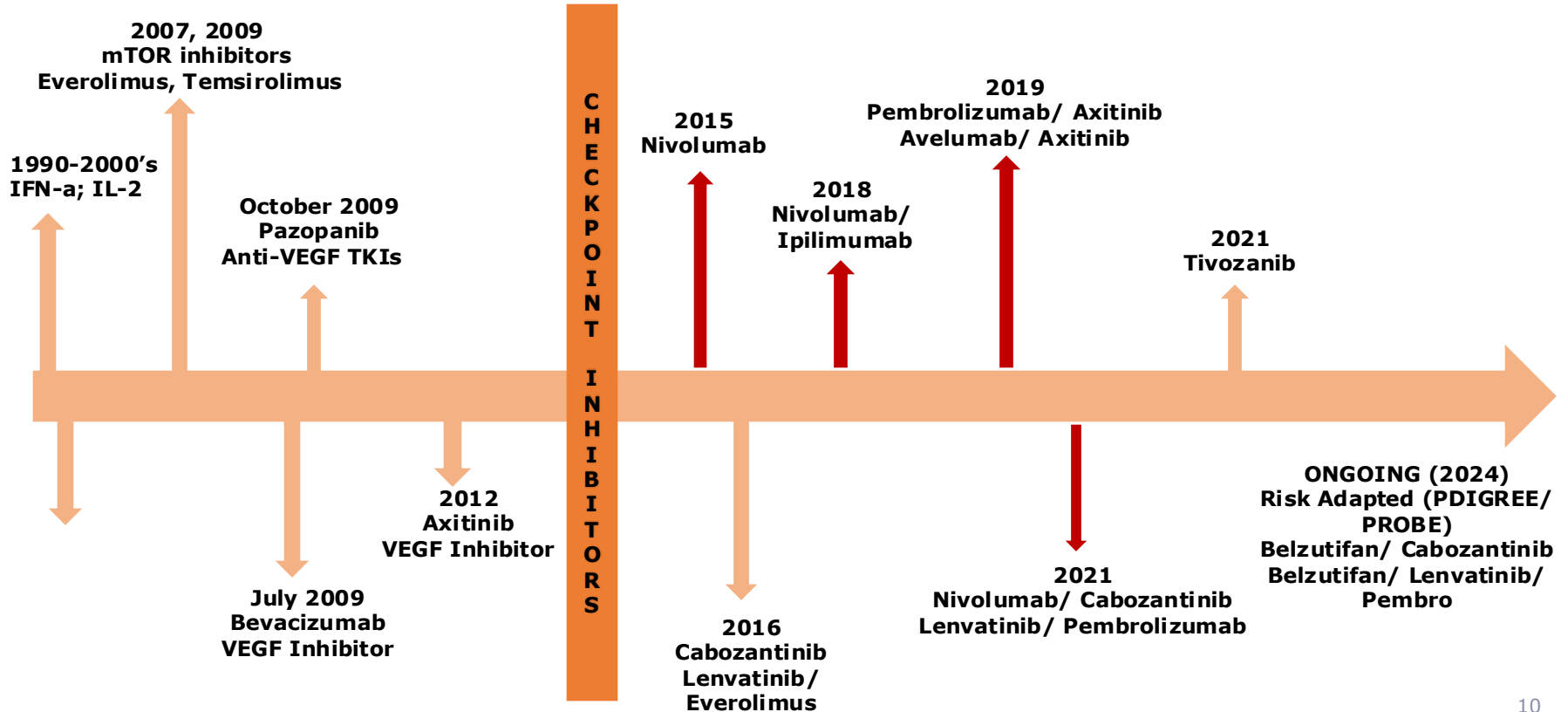


Perioperative Management “Trials on Horizon”

3. STRIKE (Phase-III trial comparing a combination of pembrolizumab+ axitinib vs. pembrolizumab)



Systemic Therapies for Advanced/ Metastatic RCC in 2023



Approved Front-Line Systemic Therapies from Phase-3 Trials (ITT)

	CHECKMATE- 214 ¹	KEYNOTE-426 ²	CLEAR ³	CHECKMATE- 9ER ⁴
DRUGS	Nivolumab + ipilimumab (N = 1096)	Pembrolizumab + Axitinib (N = 861)	Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib (N = 1069)	Nivolumab + Cabozantinib (N = 651)
Median follow-up (months)	99 months	67 months	49 months	44 months
mPFS (months)	12.2 vs. 12.3	15.7 vs. 11.1	23.9 vs. 9.2 months	16.6 vs. 8.4
HR (95% CI)	0.88 (0.75-1.03)	0.69 (0.59-0.81)	0.47 (0.38 to 0.57)	0.59 (0.49-0.71)
Landmark PFS	23% at 7.5 years	18% at 5 years	37% at 3 years	17% at 4 years
Median OS (months)	52.7 vs. 37.8	47.2 vs. 40.8	53.7 vs. 54.3	46.5 vs. 36
HR (95% CI)	0.72 (0.62-0.83)	0.84 (0.71-0.99)	0.79 (0.63-0.99)	0.75 (0.56-1.00)
Landmark OS	35% at 7.5 years	63% at 3 years 42% at 5 years	66% at 3 years	49% at 4 years
ORR	39 vs. 33%	61% vs. 40%	71% vs. 37%	56% vs. 28%
CR	12% vs. 3%	12% vs. 4%	18% vs. 5%	13% vs. 5%
Primary PD	18%	12%	7%	11.5

1. Tannir *et al.* Annals of Oncology. 2024
2. Rini *et al.* LBA4501. Presented at ASCO 2023
3. Motzer *et al.* JCO. 2024
4. Powels *et al.* Annals of Oncology. 2024

COSMIC-313: TRIPLET Therapy in mRCC

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Cabozantinib plus Nivolumab and Ipilimumab in Renal-Cell Carcinoma

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FIRST trial to compare a triplet to a doublet
FIRST trial with ipilimumab/ nivolumab as the comparator

COSMIC 313 vs. previously published doublet trials

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Median follow-up (months)	68 months	67 months	48 months	44 months	14.9 months
mPFS (mo)	12.2 vs. 12.3	15.7 vs. 11.1	23.9 vs. 9.2	16.6 vs. 8.4	15.3 vs. 11.3
HR (95% CI)	0.86 (0.73-1.01) (0.73 for Int/Poor)	0.69 (0.59-0.81)	0.47 (0.38-0.57)	0.59 (0.49-0.71)	0.74 (0.61-0.90)
Median OS (mo)	55.7 vs. 38.4	47.2 vs. 40.8	53.7 vs. 54.3	49.5 vs. 35.5	Not reported
HR (95% CI)	0.72 (0.62-0.85) (0.68 for Int/Poor)	0.84 (0.71-0.99)	0.79 (0.63-0.99) (0.74 for Int/Poor)	0.70 (0.56-0.87)	
ORR	39 vs. 32%	61% vs. 40%	71% vs. 37%	56% vs. 28%	43% vs. 36%
CR	12% vs. 3%	12% vs. 3%	18% vs. 5%	13% vs. 5%	3% vs. 3%
Sarcomatoid features (%)	16	12	8	11.5	
% pts discontinuation of both drugs	22% vs. 12%	7% vs. 12%	37% vs. 14%	20% vs. 17%	45% vs. 24%
QOL (vs. Sunitinib)	Improved	Similar	Similar to improved	Improved	

COSMIC-313: Adverse Event Data

Treatment Exposure and Discontinuation (**Safety Population**)

	Cabo+Nivo+Ipi (N=426)	Pbo+Nivo+Ipi (N=424)
Median duration of exposure of study treatment (range), mo	10.9 (0.2–28.5)	10.3 (0.1–28.1)
Median average daily dose (range) of Cabo or Pbo, mg	23.2 (3.6–40.0)	36.1 (0.8–40.0)
Median Nivo infusions (range) received, no	10 (1–27)	9 (1–27)
Doses of Ipi received, %		
4	58	73
3	13	14
2	22	7
1	7	6
Any dose hold due to an AE, %	90	70
Any dose reduction of Cabo or Pbo due to an AE, %	54	20
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation, %		
Any study treatment	45	24
Cabo or Pbo	28	14
Nivo	26	18
Ipi	30	12
All treatment components (due to the same AE)	12	5

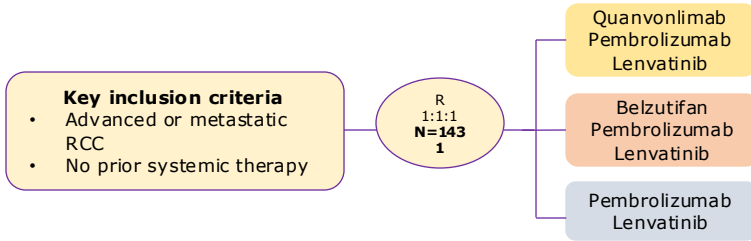
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COSMIC 313: CONCLUSIONS

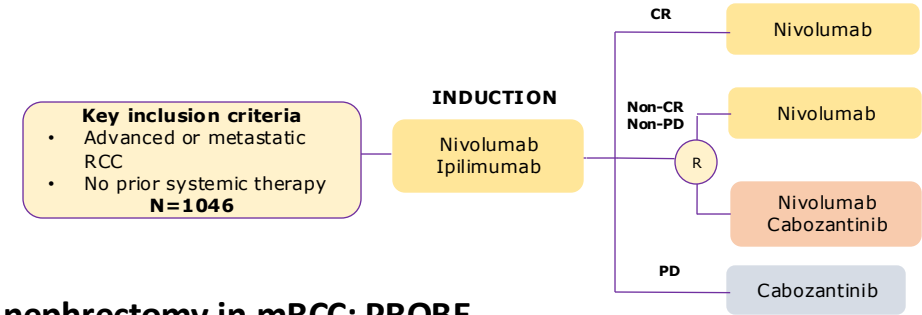
- Positive trial for PFS (HR 0.74) to support the triplet regimen
- However, looking at the HR in the FORREST PLOT: poor risk patients DO NOT benefit
- Low response rates and equal complete response rate
- Use of high dose corticosteroids ($\geq 40\text{mg/day}$) in experimental arm 58% vs. 35%
- High rate of discontinuation due to AEs (45% vs. 24%)

Front-line mRCC Trials on the “Horizon”

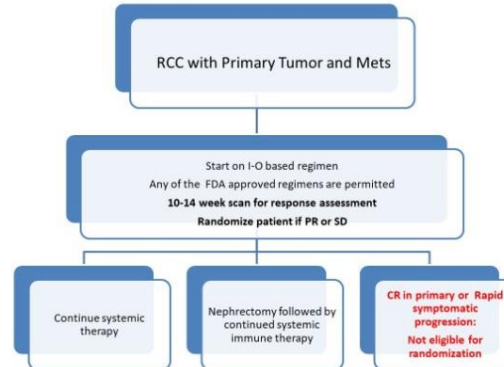
1. Trials evaluating other Triplets



2. Adaptive designs: PDIGREE (Alliance A031704)

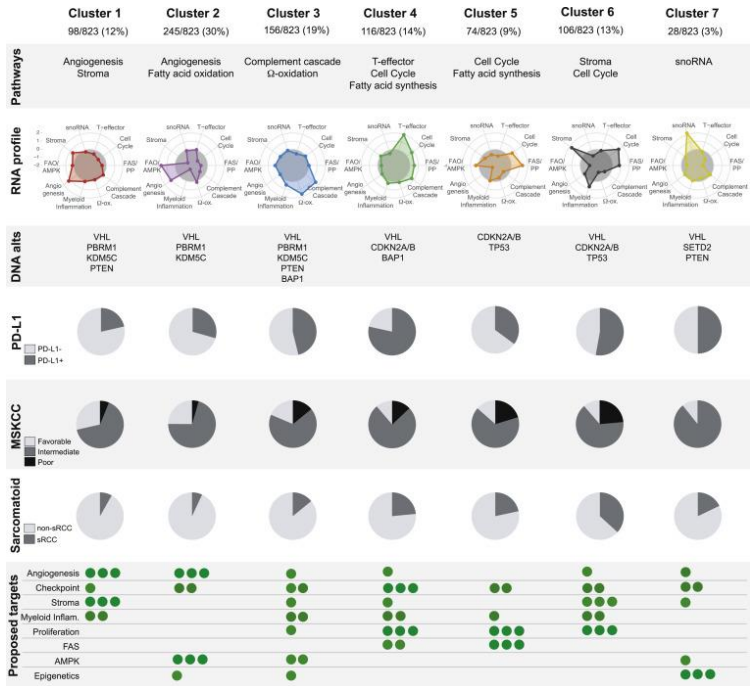


3. Trials evaluating the role of nephrectomy in mRCC: PROBE



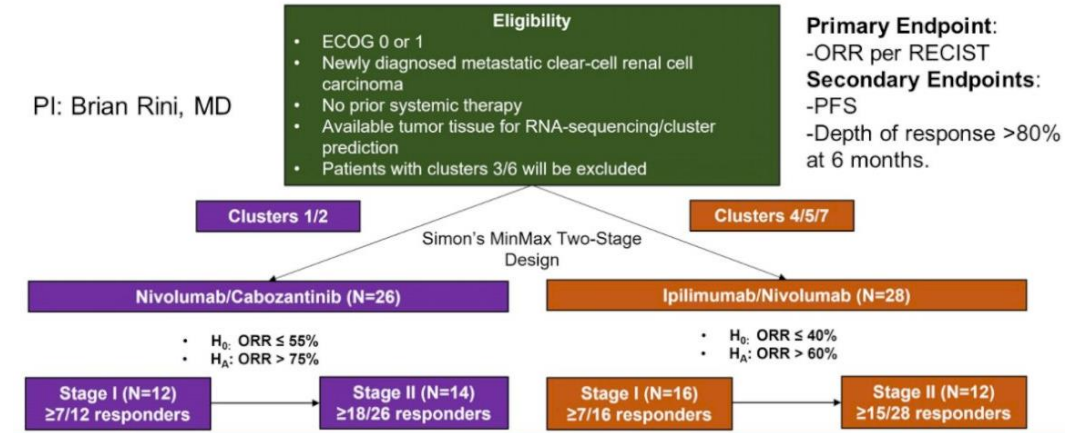
Front-line mRCC Trials on the “Horizon”

4. Trials Utilizing Biomarkers: OPTIC Trial



Phase II, open-label, parallel single-arm study using tumor RNAseq cluster to assign protocol treatment

PI: Brian Rini, MD



Front-Line Preferred/Recommended Systemic Therapy for mccRCC

Favorable Risk

Preferred regimens:

- Axitinib + pembrolizumab
- Cabozantinib + nivolumab
- Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab
- Ipilimumab+ nivolumab

Other recommended regimens:

- Axitinib + avelumab
- Cabozantinib (category 2B)
- Pazopanib
- Sunitinib

Useful in certain circumstances

- **Active surveillance**
- Axitinib

Intermediate/ poor risk

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- Cabozantinib + nivolumab
- Ipilimumab + nivolumab
- Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab
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- Pazopanib
- Sunitinib

Useful in certain circumstances

- Axitinib

Relapsed/ Metastatic ccRCC: Subsequent Lines Systemic Therapy

Immunotherapy Naïve

Preferred regimen: None

Other recommended regimens:

- Axitinib + pembrolizumab
- Cabozantinib
- Cabozantinib + nivolumab
- Everolimus + lenvatinib
- Ipilimumab + nivolumab
- Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab
- Nivolumab

Useful in certain circumstances

- Axitinib
- Everolimus
- Pazopanib
- Sunitinib
- Tivozanib
- Belzutifan (category 2B)
- Bevacizumab (category 2B)
- Axitinib + avelumab (category 3)

Relapsed/ Metastatic ccRCC: Subsequent Lines Systemic Therapy

Previously Treated with Immunotherapy

Preferred regimen: None

Other recommended regimens:

- Axitinib
- Belzutifan
- Cabozantinib
- Lenvatinib + everolimus
- Tivozanib

Useful in certain circumstances

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- Cabozantinib + nivolumab
- Everolimus
- Ipilimumab + nivolumab
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- Sunitinib
- Bevacizumab
- Axitinib + avelumab

Subsequent Lines of Therapy for mccRCC

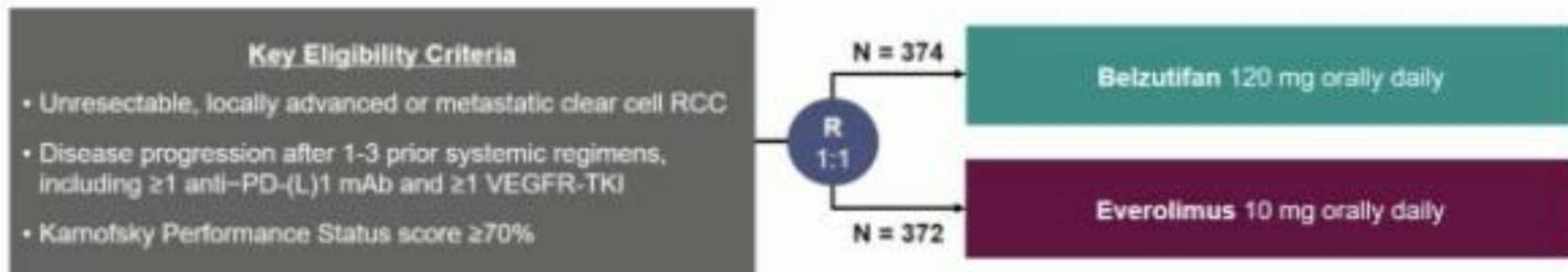
Study	Treatment evaluated	Prior treatment	Number of patients	PFS (months)	ORR (%)
METEOR (post-hoc)⁶	Cabozantinib (vs. everolimus)	Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 subgroup	32	Not reached vs. 4.1 mos (HR 0.22)	22% vs. 0%
Phase II study³	Axitinib	IO alone: 71% IO-TKI or IO/IO: 31%	40	8.8 months	38%
BREAKPOINT (Phase II)¹	Cabozantinib	74%: IO/IO 17%: IO-TKI 9%: adjuvant IO	48	9.3 months	43%
IMMUNOSUN-SOGUG (Phase II)²	Sunitinib	IO combinations and monotherapy	21	5.6 months	19%
CANTATA (Phase III)⁴	Cabozantinib vs. Cabozantinib+ Telaglenastat	IO alone or IO combinations	91	9.2 months vs. 9.3 months	31% vs. 28%
TIVO-3 (Phase III)⁵	Tivozanib vs. Sorafenib	≥3 rd line, IO in 27%	350	7.3 months vs. 5.1 months	NR
Phase II⁸	Cabozantinib+ Belzutifan	65%: IO/IO 35%: IO-TKI 14%: IO after TKI or vice versa	52	1 year PFS: 65%	22%

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Stratification Factors

- IMDC prognostic score^a: 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

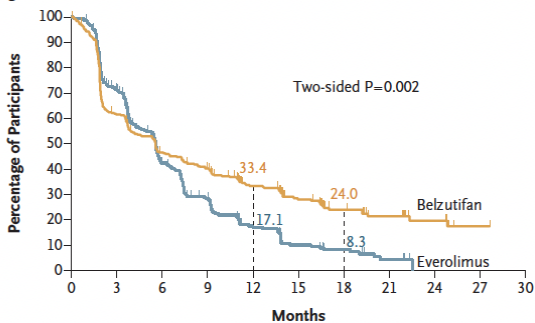
Key Secondary Endpoint:

- 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

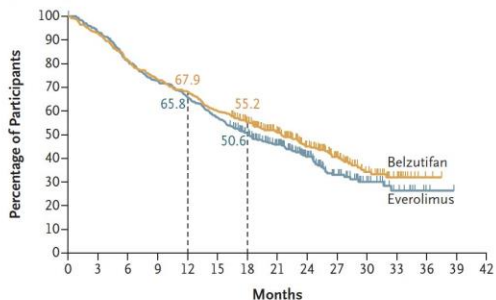
A Progression-free Survival



No. at Risk

	374	218	157	134	85	55	32	20	11	1	0
Belzutifan	374	218	157	134	85	55	32	20	11	1	0
Everolimus	372	226	113	68	31	17	10	4	0	0	0

B Overall Survival



No. at Risk

	374	347	305	274	254	224	190	143	95	62	36	16	2	0	0
Belzutifan	374	347	305	274	254	224	190	143	95	62	36	16	2	0	0
Everolimus	372	347	301	270	244	212	170	124	83	43	23	11	2	0	0

Table 2. Best Response in the Intention-to-Treat Population.^a

Response	First Interim Analysis			Second Interim Analysis		
	Belzutifan (N=374)	Everolimus (N=372)	Estimated Difference	Belzutifan (N=374)	Everolimus (N=372)	Estimated Difference
Objective response — % (95% CI)	21.9 (17.8–26.5)	3.5 (1.9–5.9)	18.4 (14.0–23.2)†	22.7 (18.6–27.3)	3.5 (1.9–5.9)	19.2 (14.8–24.0)
Confirmed best overall response — no. (%)						
Complete response	10 (2.7)	0		13 (3.5)	0	
Partial response	72 (19.3)	13 (3.5)		72 (19.3)	13 (3.5)	
Stable disease‡	147 (39.3)	245 (65.9)		143 (38.2)	245 (65.9)	
Progressive disease	126 (33.7)	80 (21.5)		127 (34.0)	80 (21.5)	
Not evaluable§	5 (1.3)	8 (2.2)		5 (1.3)	8 (2.2)	
No assessment¶	14 (3.7)	26 (7.0)		14 (3.7)	26 (7.0)	

ADVERSE EVENTS:

- Grade 3+ adverse events were ~62% in both treatment arms
- Most common AEs with belzutifan were anemia and hypoxia
- AEs led to discontinuation of treatment in 5.9% and 14.7% of pts on BEL and EVE, respectively

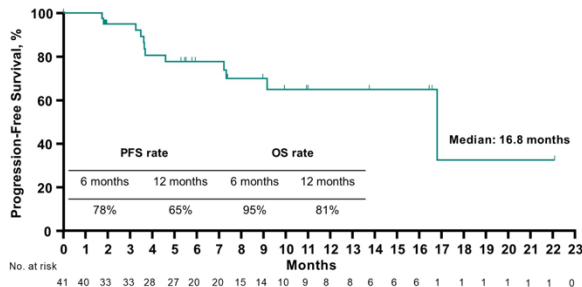
Other trials on the “horizon” using BELZUTIFAN

1. Phase-II trial combining Belzutifan + Cabozantinib

Key eligibility criteria

- Advanced/metastatic cc-RCC
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

COHORT 2: TREATED WITH PRIOR IO (n = 52)



Outcome, n (%)	Patients Evaluated for Efficacy (n = 41)
ORR	9 (22)
DCR	37 (90)

2. Phase-III trial comparing Belzutifan + Lenvatinib vs. Cabozantinib (LITESPARK-011)

Key eligibility criteria

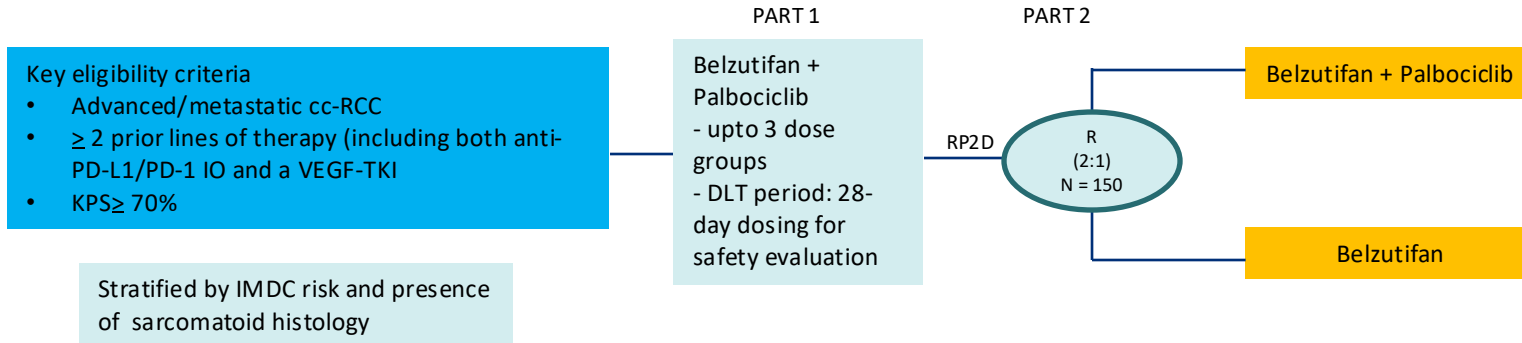
- Advanced/metastatic cc-RCC
- Disease progression after 1st/ 2nd line of anti-PD-1 or anti-PD-L1 therapy (including perioperative)
- ≤ 2 prior lines of therapy
- KPS ≥ 70%

Stratified by IMDC risk, line of treatment and geographic location



Other trials on the “horizon” using BELZUTIFAN

3. Randomized phase-1/2 trial evaluating Belzutifan+ CDK4/6 inhibitor palbociclib (LITESPARK-024)

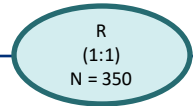


Key eligibility criteria

- Metastatic clear cell RCC
- Received at least 2 lines of prior systemic therapy (including 1 VEGFRi/ TKI)
- Measurable disease per RECIST
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

Stratification Factors

- IMDC Risk
- Previous therapy



Tivozanib 1.34 mg PO daily
21 days on and 7 days off

Sorafenib 400mg PO BID
(1 cycle = 28 days)

Primary endpoint: PFS
Secondary endpoint: OS, ORR,
duration of response and safety

TIVO-3: Baseline Patient Characteristics

Number of previous systemic therapies

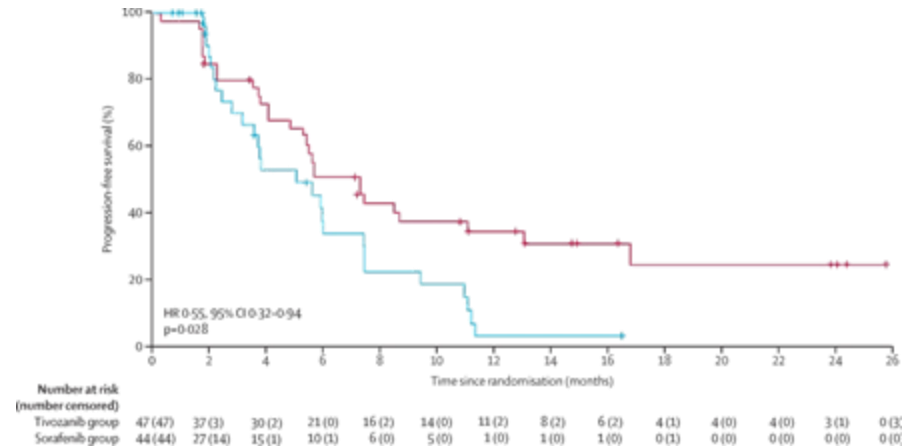
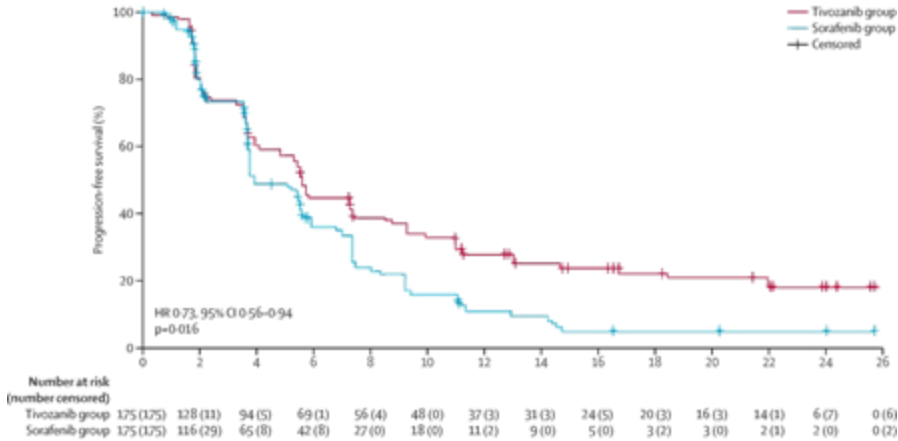
Two	108 (62%)	104 (59%)
Three	67 (38%)	71 (41%)

Previous therapies

Two VEGFR TKIs	79 (45%)	80 (46%)
Checkpoint inhibitor plus VEGFR TKI	47 (27%)	44 (25%)
VEGFR TKI plus other systemic agent†	49 (28%)	51 (29%)

	Tivozanib group (n=175)	Sorafenib group (n=175)
Age (years)	62 (34–88)	63 (30–90)
Sex		
Male	126 (72%)	128 (73%)
Female	49 (28%)	47 (27%)
Race		
White	165 (94%)	167 (95%)
Non-white	10 (6%)	8 (5%)
Pathological diagnosis		
Clear cell	165 (94%)	160 (91%)
Clear cell component	9 (5%)	9 (5%)
Other*	1 (1%)	5 (3%)
IMDC risk category		
Favourable	34 (19%)	36 (21%)
Intermediate	109 (62%)	105 (60%)
Poor	32 (18%)	34 (19%)
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Time from initial diagnosis (months)	50 (10–347)	50 (9–224)
Time from most recent relapse (months)	1 (<1–121)	1 (<1–87)

TIVO-3: Results



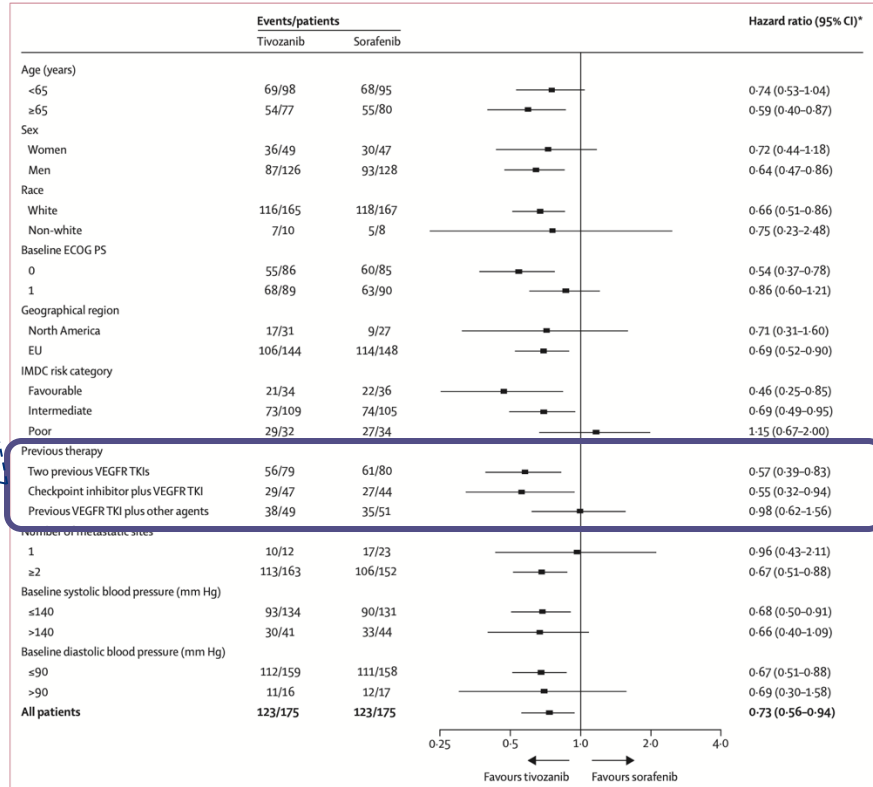
PFS in ITT population:
 mPFS 5.6 months with tivozanib vs. 3.9 months

PFS after an ICI and TKI combination:
 mPFS 7.3 months for tivozanib vs. 5.1 months

TIVO-3: Cox Proportional Hazards Analysis

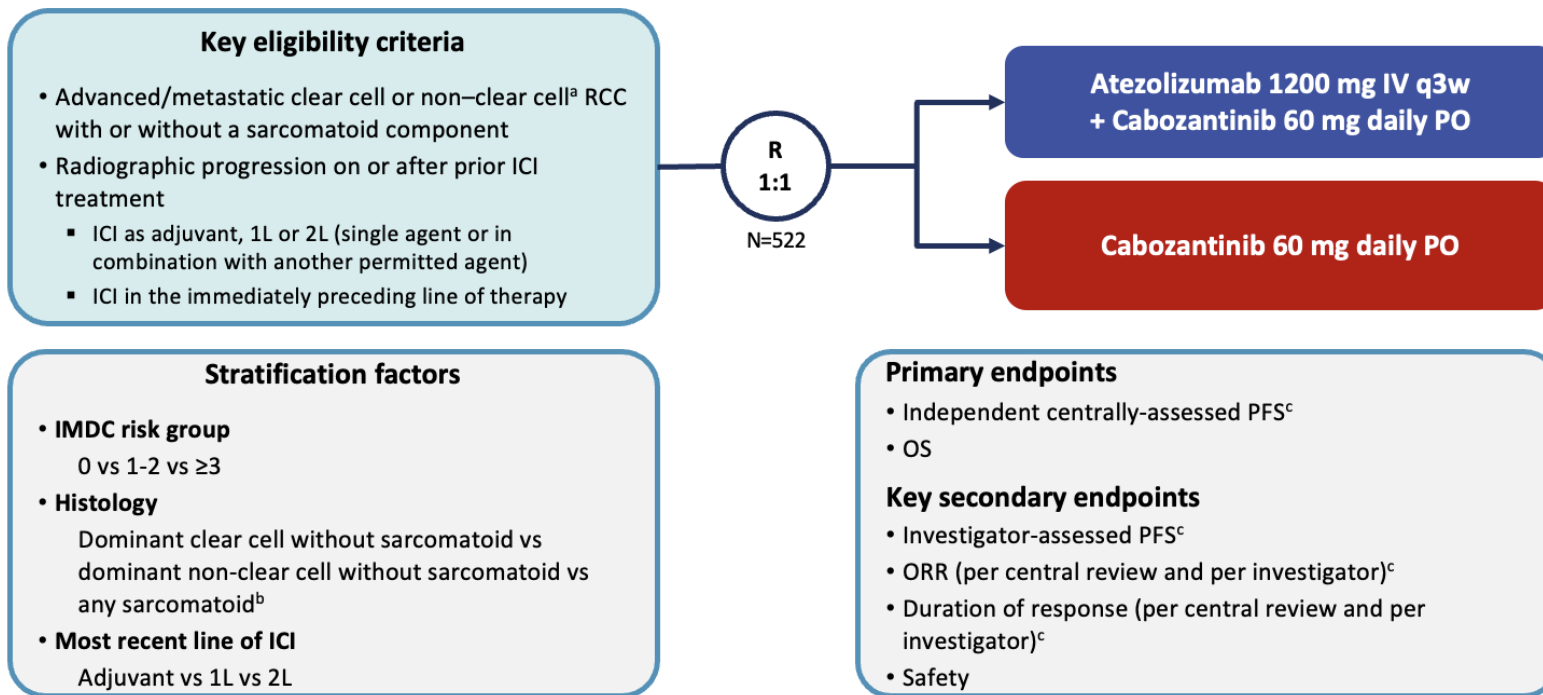
Previous therapy

Two previous VEGFR TKIs	56/79	61/80		0.57 (0.39-0.83)
Checkpoint inhibitor plus VEGFR TKI	29/47	27/44		0.55 (0.32-0.94)
Previous VEGFR TKI plus other agents	38/49	35/51		0.98 (0.62-1.56)

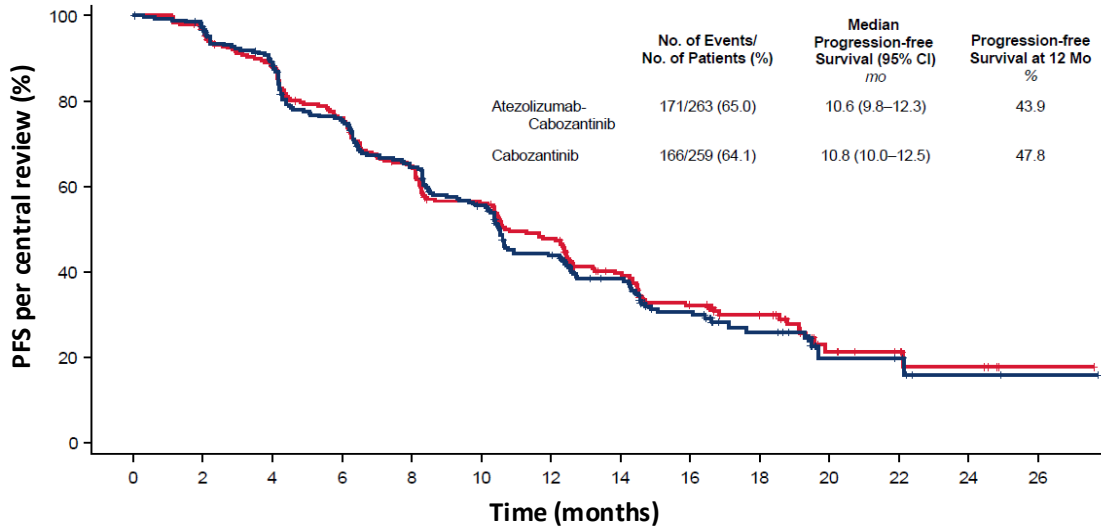


Subsequent Lines of Therapy for mccRCC: Role of “Salvage” with an ICI?

Study	Treatment evaluated	Number of patients	PFS (months)	ORR (%)
TITAN-RCC (Phase 2)¹	Adaptive design to add ipi “boost”	1 st line: 109 2 nd line: 98	1 st Line: 6.0 mos 2 nd line: 3.7 mos	1 st line: 28% N alone vs. 36% with I/N 2 nd line: 18% N alone vs. 32% with I/N
OMNIVORE (Phase 2)²	Salvage Ipilimumab	83 (all IO naïve)	4.7	4%
HCRN GU16-260 (Phase 2)³	Salvage Nivolumab/ Ipilimumab	123 (35 pts went on ipi/nivo)	8.3	34% (6.5% CRs) ORR to nivo/ipi salvage 11.4% (1CR)
FRACTION-RCC (Phase 2)⁴	SalvageNivo/ Ipi in pts progressed on PD-1/PDL1	Track 2 (prior IO treated; no CTLA4i); N=46	3.7	17%



CONTACT-03: Primary analysis of centrally reviewed PFS (primary endpoint)



CONTACT-03: Safety Summary

Adverse event, n (%)	Atezo + Cabo (n=262)	Cabo (n=256)
Any-cause AE	262 (100)	254 (99.2)
Any-cause treatment-related AE	252 (96.2)	249 (97.3)
Grade 3 or 4 AE	177 (67.6)	158 (61.7)
Grade 3 or 4 treatment-related AE	145 (55.3)	121 (47.3)
Death due to AE	17 (6.5)	9 (3.5)
Death due to treatment-related AE	3 (1.1) ^a	0
Serious AE	126 (48.1)	84 (32.8)
Serious treatment-related AE	63 (24.0)	30 (11.7)
AE leading to withdrawal from a trial drug	41 (15.6)	10 (3.9)
AE leading to withdrawal from atezo	29 (11.1)	–
AE leading to withdrawal from cabo	25 (9.5)	10 (3.9)
AE leading to interruption or reduction of a trial drug	240 (91.6)	223 (87.1)
AE leading to interruption of atezo ^b	159 (60.7)	–
AE leading to interruption or reduction of cabo	234 (89.3)	223 (87.1)

CONTACT-03: Conclusion

- CONTACT-03 was the first randomized, Phase III trial to examine the efficacy and safety of a PD-L1 inhibitor following progression on or after prior treatment with PD-L1/PD-1 therapy
- The addition of atezolizumab to cabozantinib **did not result in improved clinical outcomes**
- Increased toxicity was observed with the combination, although no specific safety signal was identified

TINIVO-2 (PHASE III)

Elegibility

- Advanced/metastatic RCC
- Clear cell
- Progression post 1st or 2nd line anti-PD-1/anti-PLD1
- Immediately preceding therapy must be anti-PD-1/anti-PLD1

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1:1

Nivolumab 480 mg IV e/4w
+
Tivozanib 1.34 mg PO daily
3w on/1w off

Tivozanib 1.34 mg PO daily
3w on/1w off

Primary Endpoint: Progression-free survival (BICR)

N = 326

NCT04987203

- “TiNivo-2 Phase 3 clinical trial in patients with advanced metastatic renal cell carcinoma whose tumors had progressed following prior immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) treatment did not meet the primary endpoint of increasing progression free survival (PFS) when nivolumab was added to low dose (0.89 mg) tivozanib.”

Management of RCC in 2024: CONCLUSIONS

- Perioperative treatment of RCC has evolved to adjuvant pembrolizumab with OS benefit reported
- Doublet regimens remain standard of care in the front-line setting (no triplets)
- We do not have biomarkers to select for specific regimens
- CONTACT3 and TiNivo-2 data DO NOT support re-challenge with an ICI after progression (and there is no data to address the same question after adjuvant pembrolizumab)