## **UPDATES IN BLADDER CANCER:**

# A REVIEW OF THE 2024 ASCO AND ESMO ANNUAL MEETINGS

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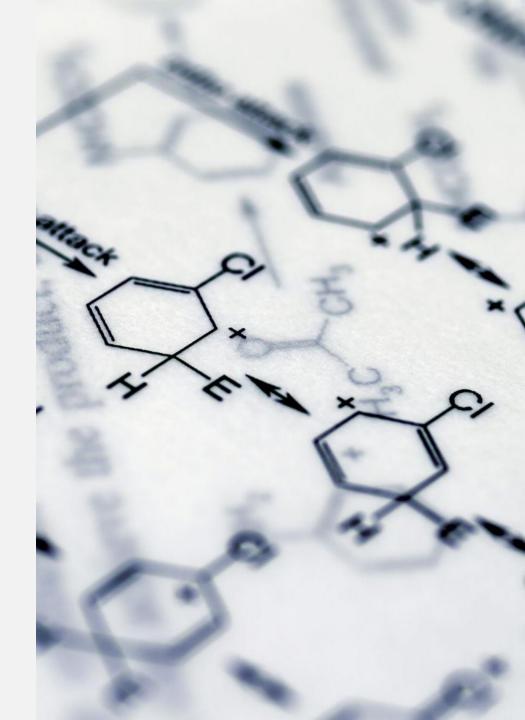
# ASCO ANNUAL MEETING

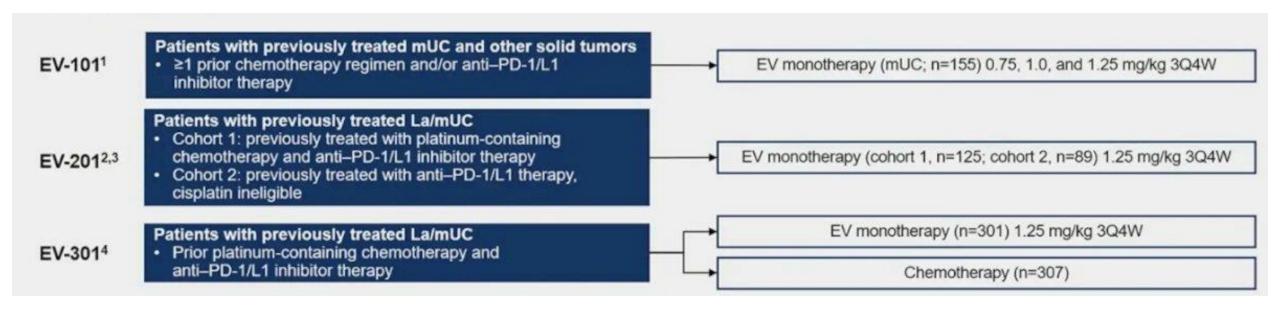
- I. Exposure and outcomes for enfortumab vedotin in locally advanced/metastatic urothelial carcinoma (UC)
- 2. ULTMA: FOLFIRINOX in the first-line setting for urachal cancer
- 3. DV-001: disitamab vedotin plus pembrolizumab for metastatic UC with HER2 expression



# ENFORTUMAB EXPOSURE AND OUTCOMES

- Enfortumab vedotin (EV) is currently approved in second-/third-line setting
- EV plus pembrolizumab is currently approved for use in the firstline setting for locally advanced/metastatic urothelial carcinoma based off EV-302
- EV dosing is 1.25 mg/kg, and can be modified per physician judgement (reduction or interruptions)
- Study sought to evaluate association between EV plasma exposure with safety and efficacy based off EV monotherapy trials

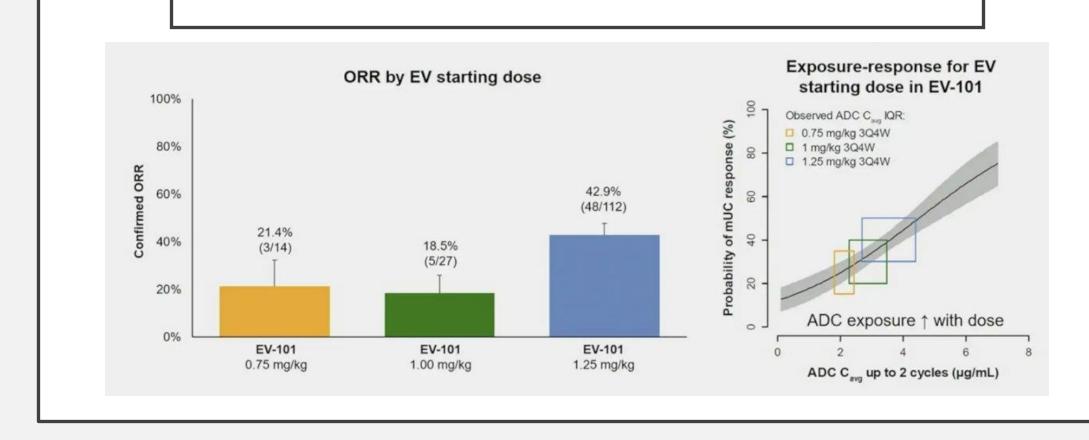


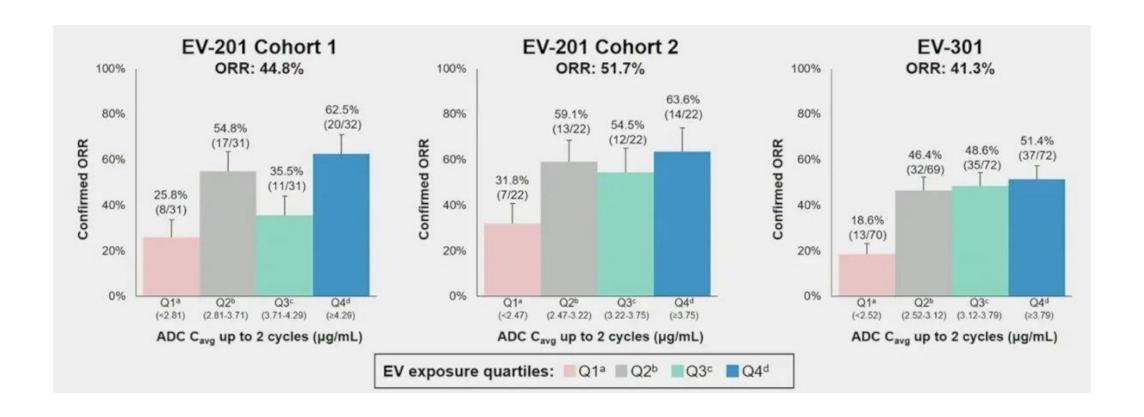


#### EV MONOTHERAPY TRIALS

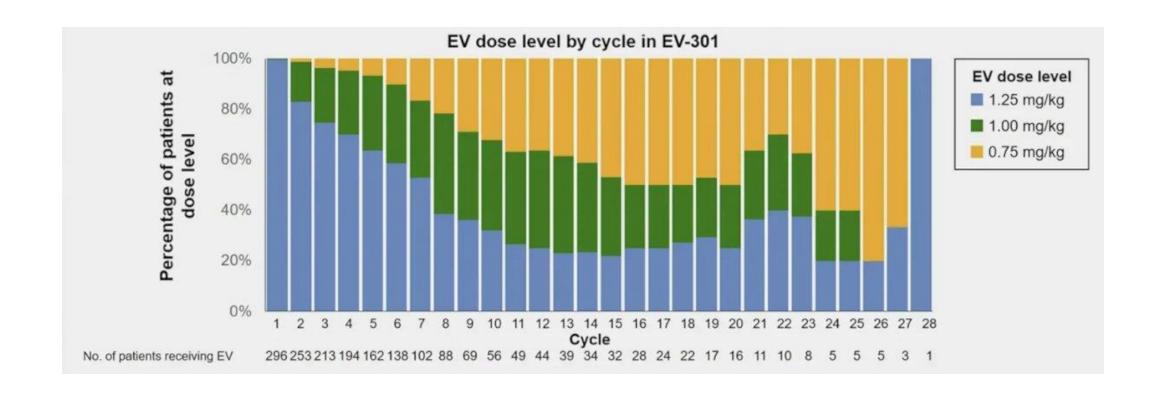
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# OBJECTIVE RESPONSE RATE IN EV-101

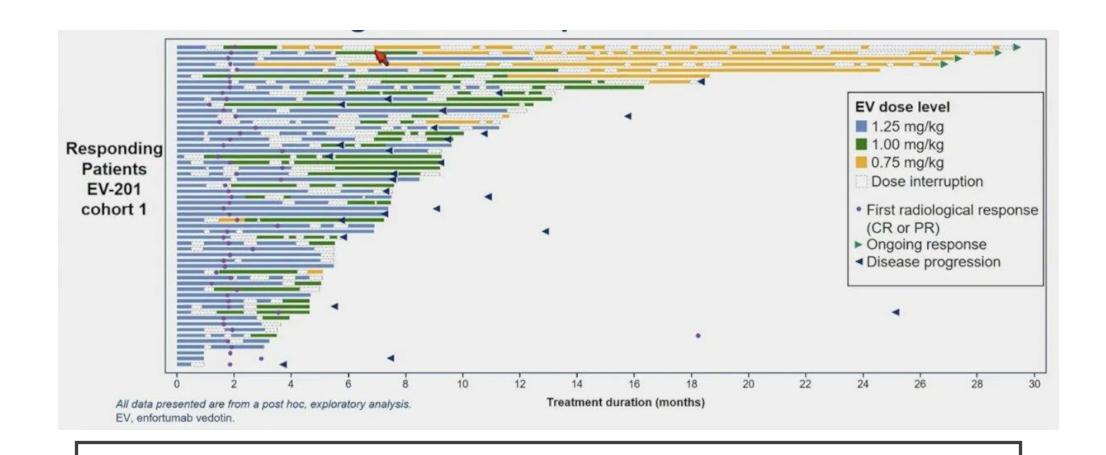




### EV EXPOSURE IN EV-201 AND EV-301



### EV DOSE LEVEL IN EV-301



# EV DOSE LEVEL IN EV-201

#### EV DOSING AND RESPONSE

- Higher EV dose intensity was associated with higher response to EV in prior monotherapy trials
- Responses seen regardless of dose adjustment or interruptions for EV in prior monotherapy trials
- Await data for EV plus pembrolizumab as studied in EV-302

# ULTMA: FOLFIRINOX IN URACHAL CANCER

- Urachal cancer is a rare malignancy that is historically associated with bladder cancer that presents at advanced stages<sup>1</sup>
- Prior studies employing next generation sequencing have suggested urachal cancer is more similar with colorectal cancer than bladder cancer<sup>2</sup>
- ULTMA was a single-arm, prospective trial evaluating FOLFIRINOX in the first-line setting conducted at five centers in South Korea, with 21 patients enrolled between April 2021 and November 2023

#### **ULTMA: INCLUSION CRITERIA**

- Histologically confirmed adenocarcinoma of bladder/urachal remnant that is clinically consistent with urachal cancer.
  - Origin in the anterior wall or dome of the bladder
  - Predominant invasion of muscularis or deeper tissues
  - No obvious origin from the overlying urothelium (relative normal-looking urothelial mucosa)
  - No primary adenocarcinoma elsewhere
- Patients with locally advanced, recurrent, or metastatic disease not amenable to surgery, radiotherapy, or combined modality therapy with curative intent
- Measurable disease according to RECIST v1.1
- ECOG performance status 0–1
- Adequate bone marrow, hepatic, and renal function

#### **ULTMA: FOLFIRINOX DOSING**

- Oxaliplatin 85 mg/m<sup>2</sup> over two hours, Irinotecan 150 mg/m<sup>2</sup> over 1.5 hours, Leucovorin 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> over two hours, and 5-FU 2,400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> over 46 hours
- Prophylactic pegteograstim 6 mg subcutaneously on day 3
- Prophylactic antibiotics mandatory for the first two cycles (levofloxacin 750 mg orally daily from days 4 to 7)
- Antiemetics per the investigator's discretion
- Repeated every two weeks up to 12 cycles (or until progression or unacceptable toxicities).
   Study drugs can be administered after 12 cycles to the subjects deriving a benefit from the study medication

### **ULTMA: STUDY POPULATION**

Male	15(71%)	Sites of metastases	17 11 11 11
Age, median	50 (28-68)	Lung	10 (48%)
ECOG 0/1	3 (14%)/18 (86%)	Lymph node	8 (38%)
Initially metastatic	13 (62%)	Peritoneum	7 (33%)
Recurrent	8 (38%)	Pelvic cavity	2 (10%)
Prior surgery	16 (76%)	Liver	1 (5%)
Prior adjuvant	2 (10%)	Bone	1 (5%)
chemotherapy	2 (10%)	Brain	1 (5%)

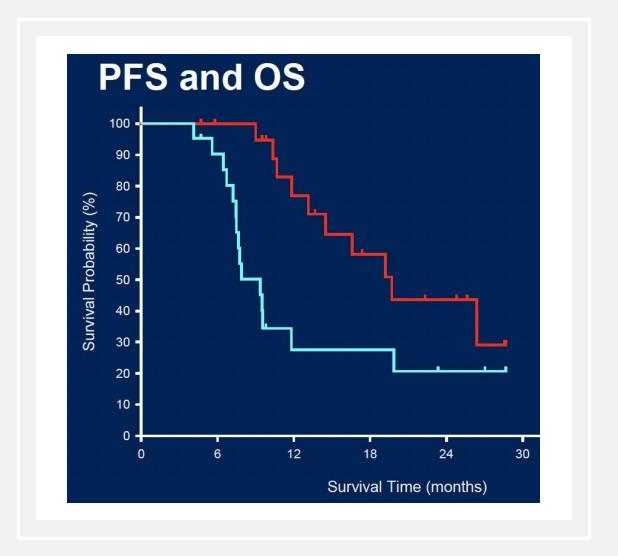
	No. of pts/percentage
Complete Response (CR)	2(9.5%)
Partial Response (PR)	11(52.4%)
Stable Disease (SD)	8(38.1%)
Progressive Disease (PD)	0

Overall response rate was 61.9% (95% CI, 41.1-82.7)

**ULTMA: CLINICAL RESPONSES** 

# ULTMA: SURVIVAL OUTCOMES

- Median progression-free survival (PFS) was
   9.3 months (95% CI, 6.7—11.9)
- Estimated median overall survival was 26.4 months (95% CI, 14.7—38.1)



### **ULTMA: ADVERSE EVENTS**

Adverse Events									
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4		Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
Leukopenia	0	0	0	0	Anorexia	4 (19.0%)	1 (4.8%)	0	0
Neutropenia	0	0	1 (4.8%)	0	Diarrhea	4 (19.0%)	1 (4.8%)	1 (4.8%)	0
Anemia	0	0	2 (9.5%)	0	Stomatitis	0	3 (14.3%)	0	0
Thrombocytopenia	0	3 (14.3%)	1 (4.8%)	0	Fatigue	2 (9.5%)	6 (28.6%)	0	0
ALT elevation	2 (9.5%)	3 (14.3%)	0	0	Peripheral neuropathy	11 (52.4%)	5 (23.8%)	0	0
AST elevation	2 (9.5%)	1 (4.8%)	0	0	Febrile neutropenia	0	0	0	0
ALP elevation	1 (4.8%)				Hiccups	4 (19.0%)	1 (4.8%)	0	0
Nausea	6 (28.6%)	8 (38.1%)	1 (4.8%)	0	Abdominal pain	2 (9.5%)	2 (9.5%)	1 (4.8%)	0
Vomiting	2 (9.5%)	2 (9.5%)	0	0	Laryngopharyngeal dysesthesia	1 (4.8%)	2 (9.5%)	0	0

# ULTMA: FOLFIRINOX IN URACHAL CANCER

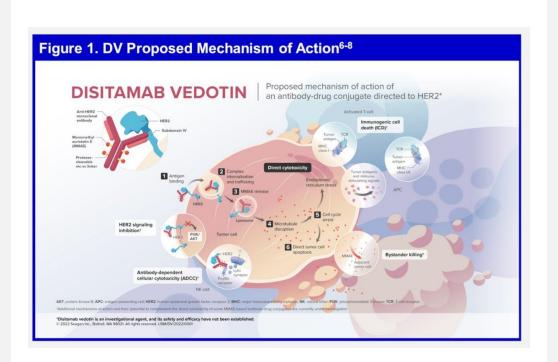
• First prospective trial evaluating systemic therapy for urachal cancer

 Modified FOLFIRINOX demonstrated efficacy as well as safety and tolerability

Possible first-line treatment option in advanced urachal cancer

# DV-001: DISITAMAB VEDOTIN PLUS PEMBROLIZUMAB

- HER2 expression found in urothelial carcinoma
- Disitamab vedotin is an antibody drug conjugate conjugated to MMAE (monomethyl auristatin E)
- DV-001 is an open-label, randomized phase III trial evaluating DV plus pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy in untreated HER2-expressing locally advanced/metastatic urothelial carcinoma

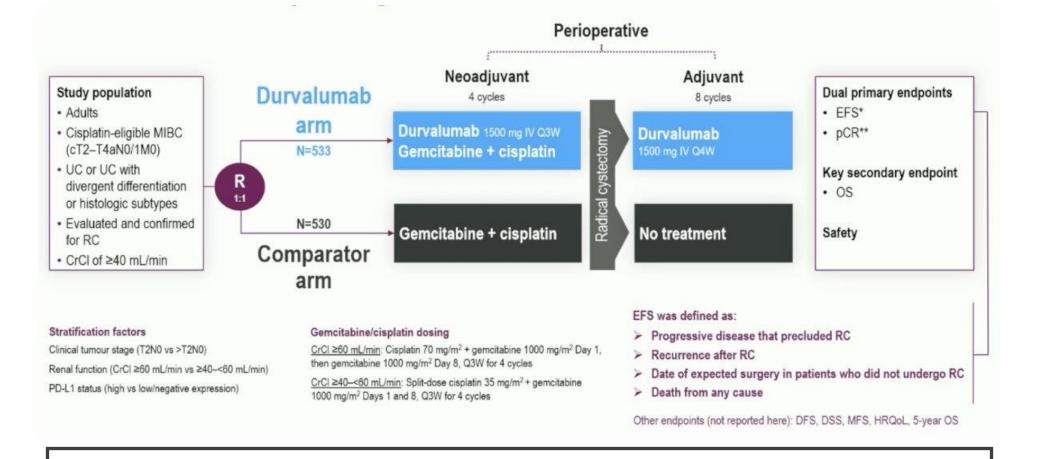


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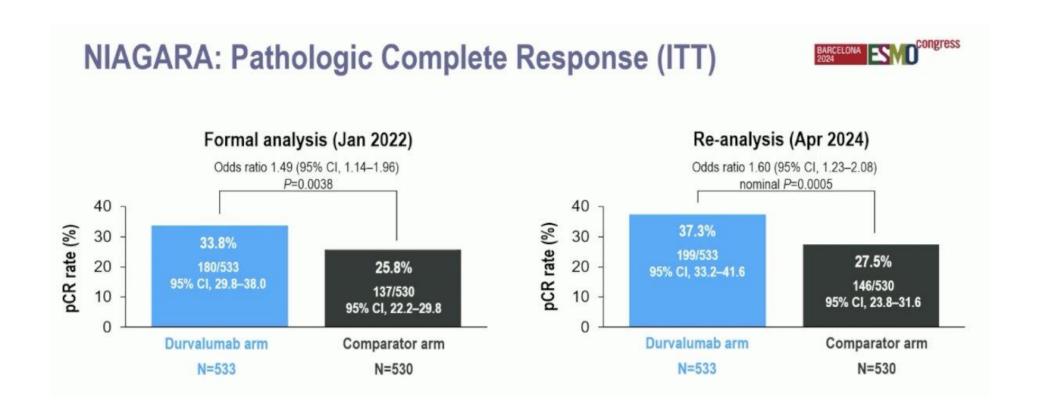
- I. NIAGARA: peri-operative chemotherapy and durvalumab for MIBC
- 2. AMBASSADOR: adjuvant pembrolizumab following surgery
- 3.TOMBOLA: monitoring with circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA) following cystectomy



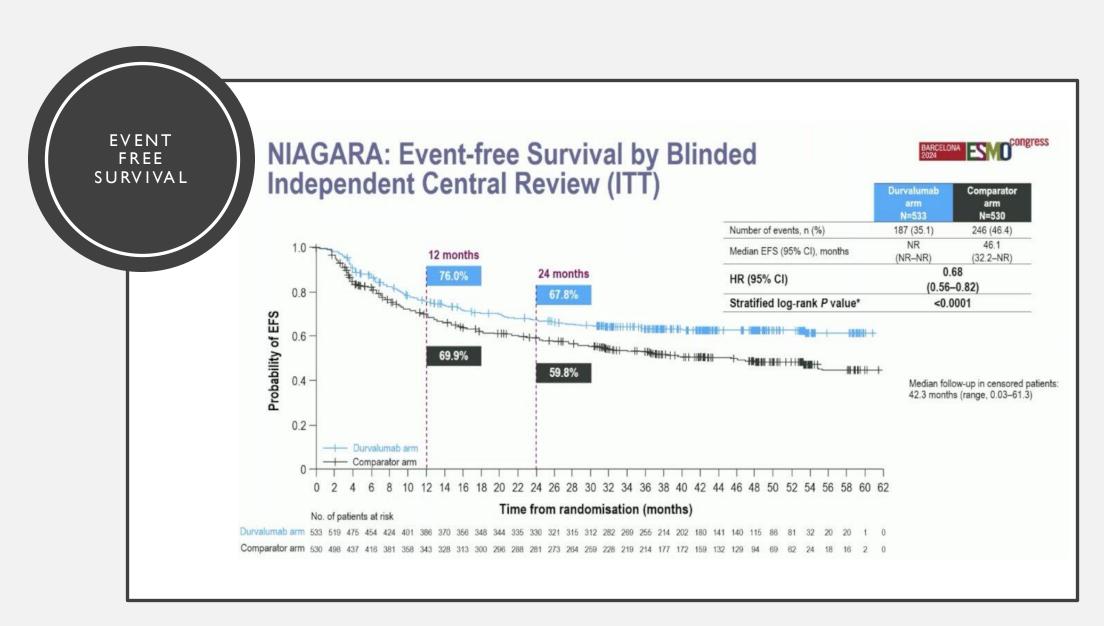


# NIAGARA: PLATINUM CHEMOTHERAPY PLUS DURVALUMAB

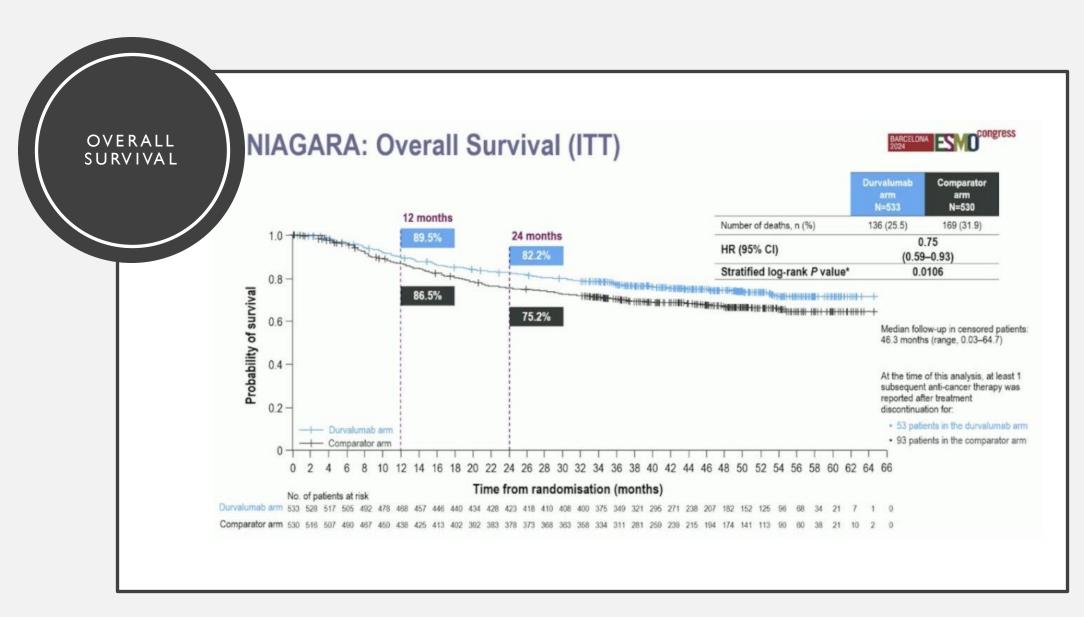
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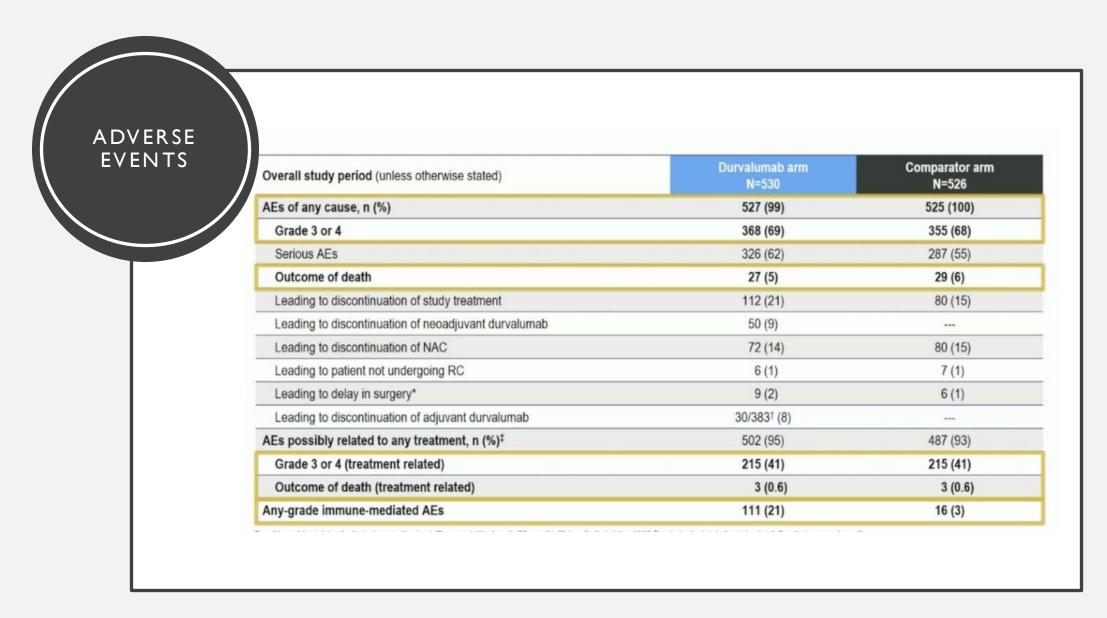
### PATHOLOGIC COMPLETE RESPONSE



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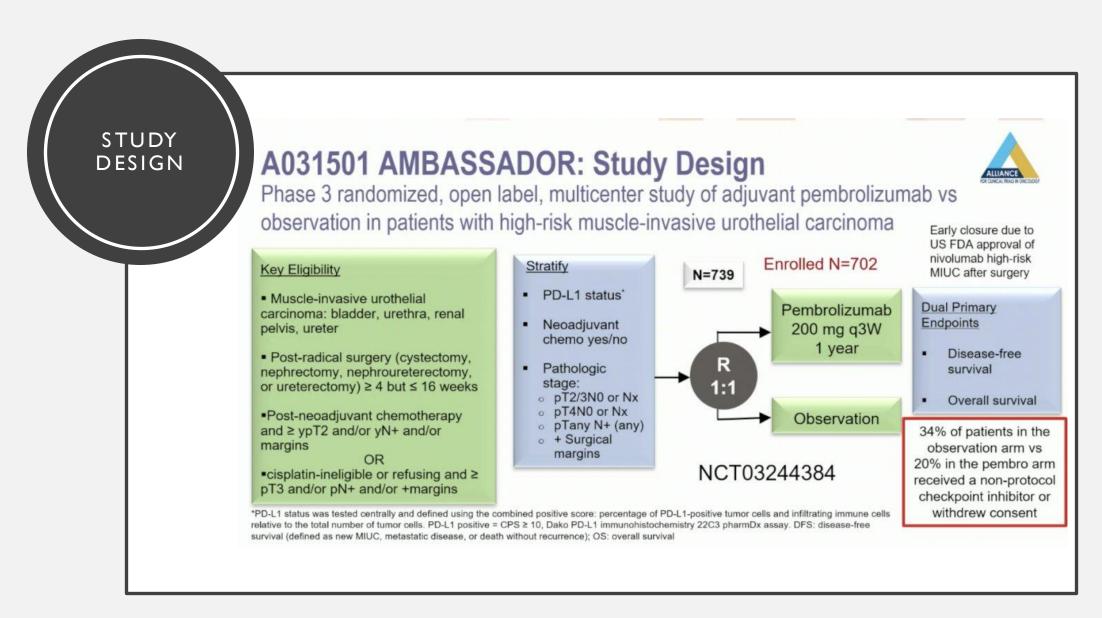
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- First peri-operative phase III trial to demonstrate benefits in event-free survival and overall survival with addition of immune checkpoint inhibitor to chemotherapy
- Inclusion of patients with CrCl between 40-60 mL/min who received split-dose cisplatin, and for those with CrCl > 60 mL/min, full dose cisplatin

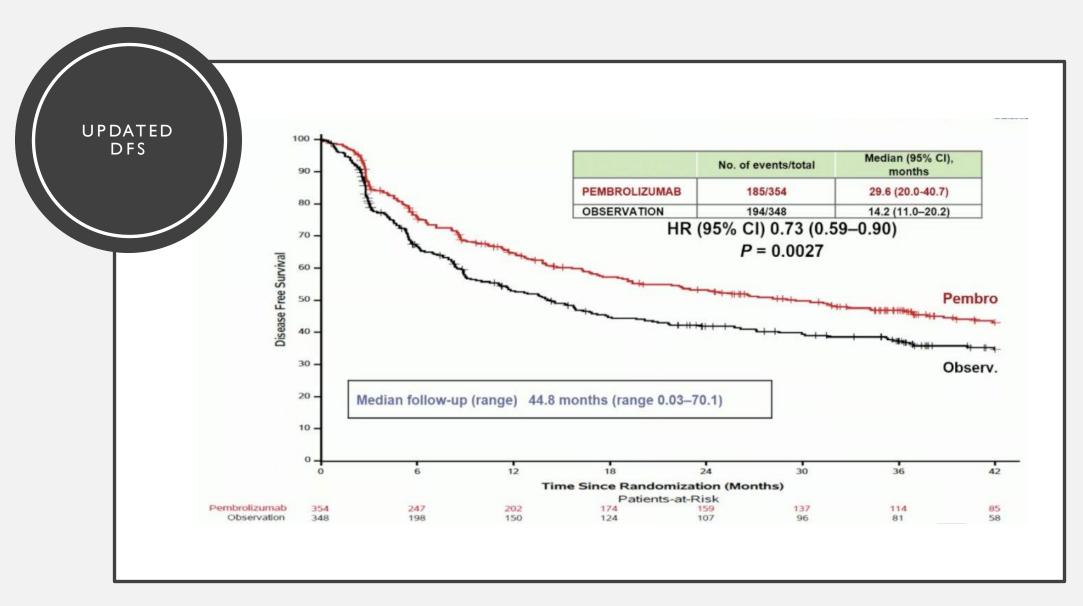
# AMBASSADOR: ADJUVANT PEMBROLIZUMAB

- Phase III randomized trial evaluating pembrolizumab versus observation in muscle-invasive and locally advanced urothelial carcinoma following surgery
- Results initially presented in January 2024 at ASCO Genitourinary
   Cancers Symposium demonstrated statistically significant improvement
   in disease-free survival (DFS) but interim analysis showed no benefit in
   overall survival<sup>1</sup>
- Updated DFS results presented at ESMO Congress 2024

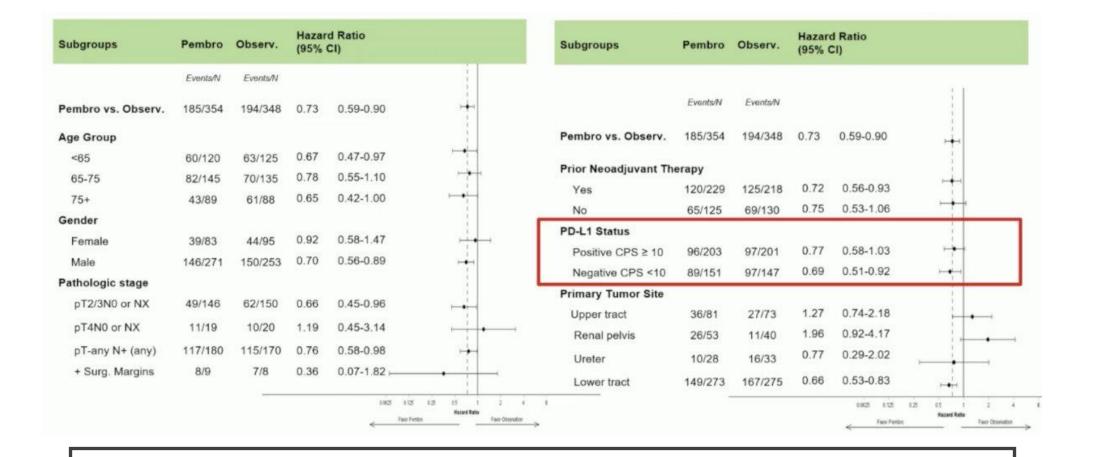


	Pembrolizumab	Observation	Total	
	(N=354)	(N=348)	(N=702)	
Median age, years (range)	69.0 (22.0-92.0)	68.0 (34.0-90.0)	68.0 (22.0, 92.0)	
Race		*		
White	323 (91.2%)	310 (89.1%)	633 (90.2%)	
Black or African American	14 (4.0%)	11 (3.2%)	25 (3.6%)	
Asian	5 (1.4%)	10 (2.9%)	15 (2.1%)	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2 (0.6%)	2 (0.6%)	4 (0.6%)	
Not reported/Unknown	10 (2.8%)	15 (4.3%)	25 (3.6%)	
Gender			HATCHEO MARCHAN I DOMOCO A DV	
Female	83 (23.4%)	95 (27.3%)	178 (25.4%)	
Male	271 (76.6%)	253 (72.7%)	524 (74.6%)	
Neoadjuvant therapy				
Yes	229 (64.7%)	218 (62.6%)	447 (63.7%)	
Pathologic stage	anno uman	201 2014 TACOPEC 1	F34~~504504 (947.04450) (1	
+ Surgical margins	9 (2.5%)	8 (2.3%)	17 (2.4%)	
pTany N+ (any)	180 (50.9%)	170 (48.8%)	350 (49.9%)	
pT2/3N0 or NX	146 (41.2%)	150 (43.1%)	296 (42.2%)	
pT4N0 or NX	19 (5.4%)	20 (5.8%)	39 (5.6%)	
PD-L1 status				
Positive (Dako 22C3, CPS ≥ 10)	203 (57.3%)	201 (57.8%)	404 (57.5%)	
Primary tumor site				
Bladder	267 (75.4%)	263 (75.6%)	530 (75.5%)	
Urethra	6 (1.7%)	12 (3.4%)	18 (2.6%)	
Upper tract (renal pelvis and ureter)	81 (22.9%)	73 (21.0%)	154 (21.9%)	
Histology		***************************************	A	
Variant (mixed urothelial histology)	38 (10.7%)	32 (9.2%)	70 (10.0%)	

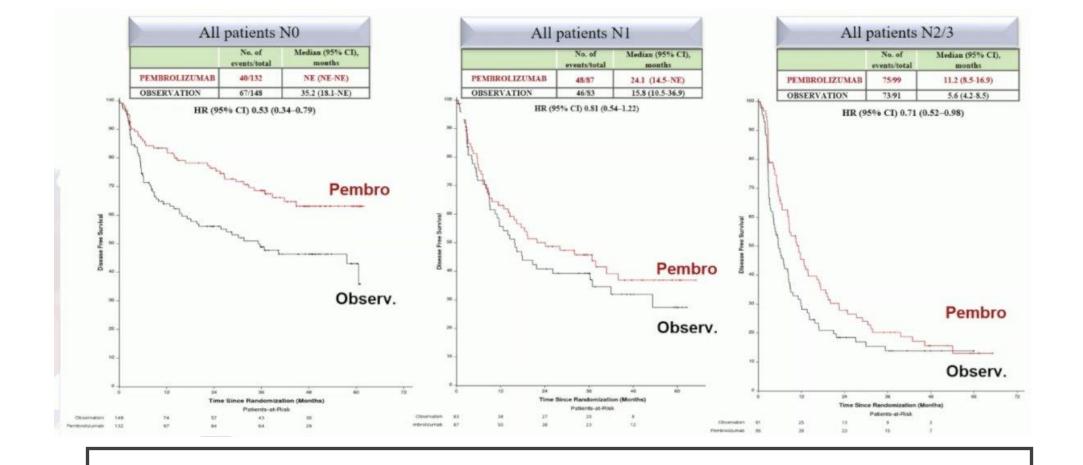
# AMBASSADOR: PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS



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### **AMBASSADOR: PD-LI STATUS**



### **AMBASSADOR: NODAL STATUS**

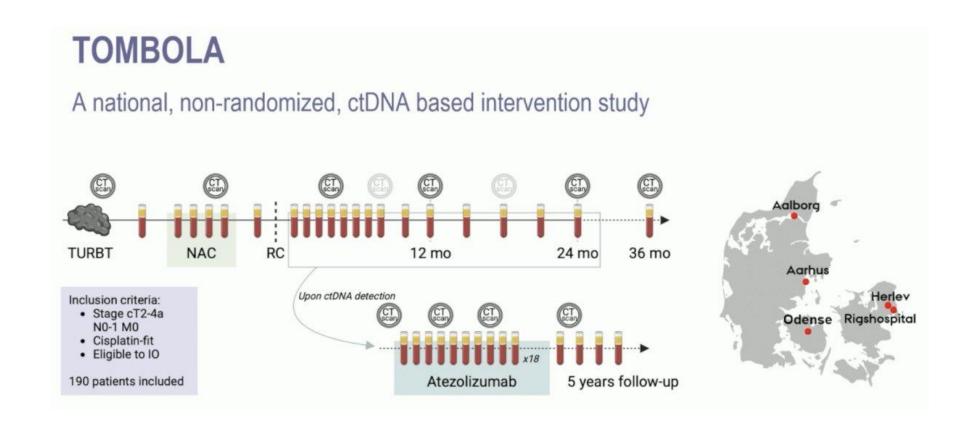
#### AMBASSADOR: CONCLUSION

 Adjuvant pembrolizumab demonstrated improvement in disease-free survival compared to placebo in muscleinvasive and locally advanced bladder cancer following surgery

Benefit seen regardless of PD-L1 status or nodal status

#### TOMBOLA: CIRCULATING TUMOR DNA

- Prior analysis from the phase III trial of adjuvant atezolizumab versus observation in operative urothelial carcinoma demonstrating patients with positive ctDNA had improved DFS and OS with atezolizumab compared to observation (DFS hazard ratio = 0.58, 95% CI 0.43-0.79, p = 0.0024; OS hazard ratio 0.59, 95% CI 0.41-0.86) $^{\rm I}$
- TOMBOLA was a non-randomized ctDNA-based interventional study conducted at five centers in Denmark for patients who underwent neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by cystectomy



### TOMBOLA: STUDY DESIGN

# **Patient characteristics**

		ctDNA sta		
Variable	Patients, N = 179	Positive, N = 93	Negative, N = 73	p-value
Age, Median (IQR)	65 (60, 71)	66 (61, 72)	63 (60, 70)	0.4
Sex, n (%)				0.2
Female	37 (21%)	16 (47%)	18 (53%)	
Male	142 (79%)	77 (58%)	55 (42%)	
T stage at RC, n (%)				0.003
TO	75 (42%)	33 (45%)	40 (55%)	
Ta-T1	27 (15%)	15 (56%)	12 (44%)	
T2	29 (16%)	15 (52%)	14 (48%)	
T3-T4a	37 (21%)	30 (81%)	7 (19%)	
Tx*	11 (6.1%)	0 (NA%)	0 (NA%)	
N stage at RC, n (%)				0.12
NO	144 (80%)	75 (53%)	66 (47%)	
N1-N2	23 (13%)	17 (74%)	6 (26%)	
Nx*	12 (6.7%)	1 (50%)	1 (50%)	
Clinical high risk, n (%)				0.044
Yes	69 (39%)	45 (65%)	24 (35%)	
No**	110 (61%)	48 (49%)	49 (51%)	

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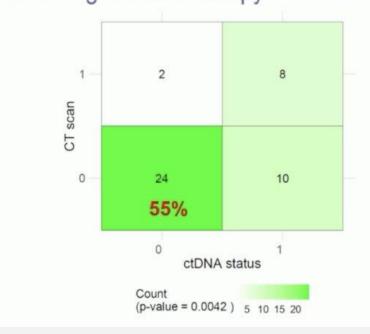
#### RELAPSE AFTER CYSTECTOMY

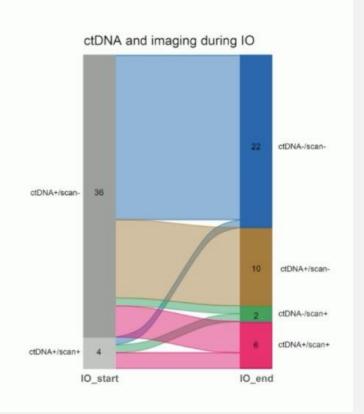
- 56% of patients were ctDNA positive after radical cystectomy
- Among patients who were ctDNA negative, only 2 (3%) developed metastases on CT imaging during follow-up
- 55% of the 44 patients with positive ctDNA status converted to negative ctDNA status after starting immunotherapy with no evidence of disease on CT imaging

#### TOMBOLA: CONTINUED

# **Primary endpoint**

NED (No evidense of disease) (CT and ctDNA-) following immunotherapy





#### TOMBOLA: CONCLUSION

- Additional evidence for role of ctDNA in monitoring for recurrence post-cystectomy in MIBC, and to guide use of adjuvant immunotherapy
- Await results of prospective trial (IMvigor-011) utilizing ctDNA for use of adjuvant immune checkpoint inhibitor post-cystectomy in MIBC



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