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# Updates in the Management of Kidney and Bladder Cancer

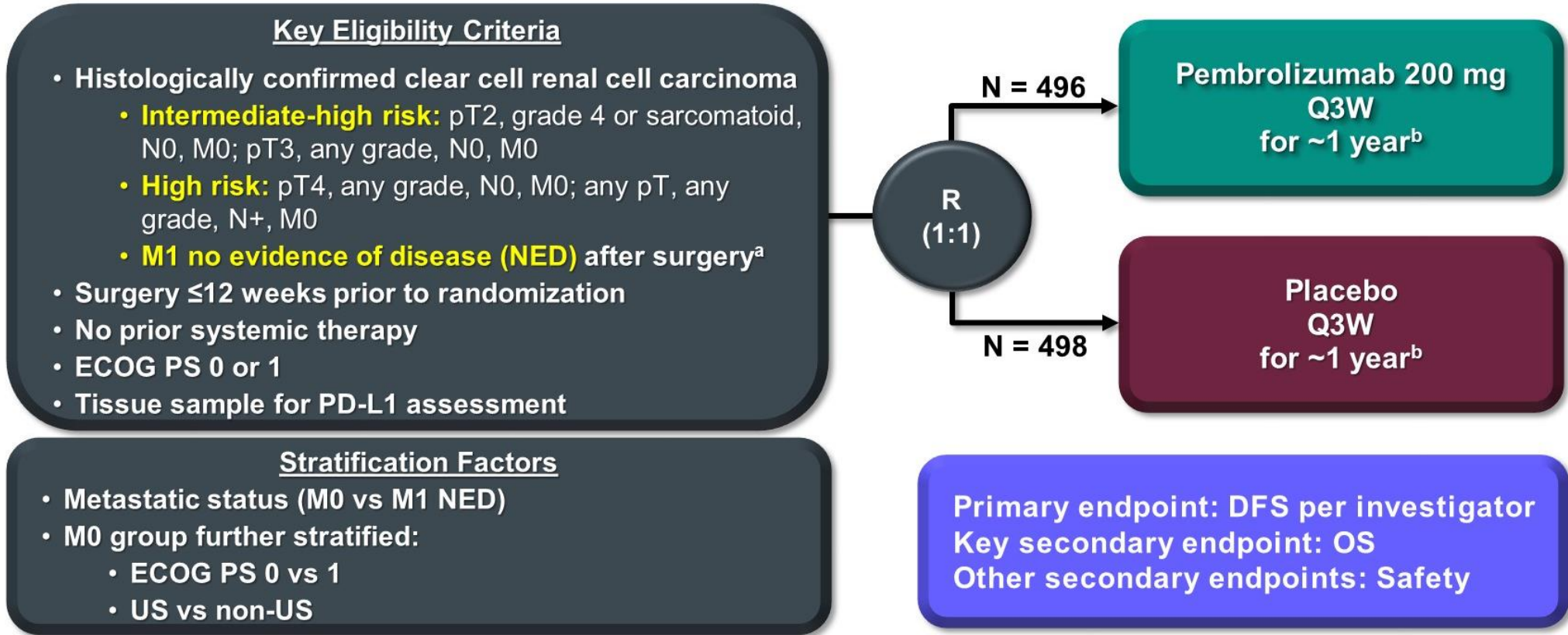
- Renal Cell Carcinoma

# Different Models Predict Risk of Recurrence

- ~50% of post-nephrectomy patients with high-risk features will eventually recur;
- Factors such as disease stage, size, nuclear grade, regional LN involvement are associated with disease recurrence and survival.

Model	RCC subtype	Factors
Kattan, Kattan M et al, J Urol 2001	Any	TNM, tumor size, histology, symptoms
SSIGN/Mayo, Frank I et al, J Urol 2002	Clear cell	TNM, tumor size, grade, tumor necrosis
Leibovich, Leibovich et al, Cancer 2003	Clear cell	TNM, N+, size, grade, tumor necrosis
UCLA/UISS, Patard JJ et al, JCO 2004	Any	TNM, grade, ECOG PS
MSKCC, Sorbellini et al, J Urol 2005	Clear cell	TNM, tumor size, grade, tumor necrosis, vascular invasion, symptoms
Karakiewicz, Karakiewicz et al, JCO 2007	Any	TNM, tumor size, grade, histology, age, symptoms
GRANT, Buti S et al, ESMO 2017	Any	Grade, age, Nodes, tumor size
VENUSS, Klatte T et al, BMC Med 2019	Papillary	TNM, Venous tumor thrombus, grade, size

# KEYNOTE-564 (NCT03142334) Study Design



- Median (range) time from randomization to cutoff: 30.1 (20.8–47.5) months

Q3W, every 3 weeks.

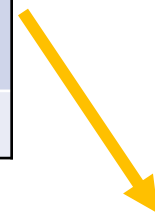
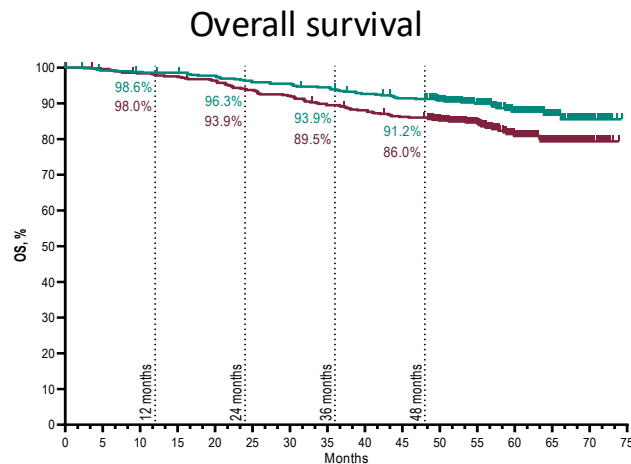
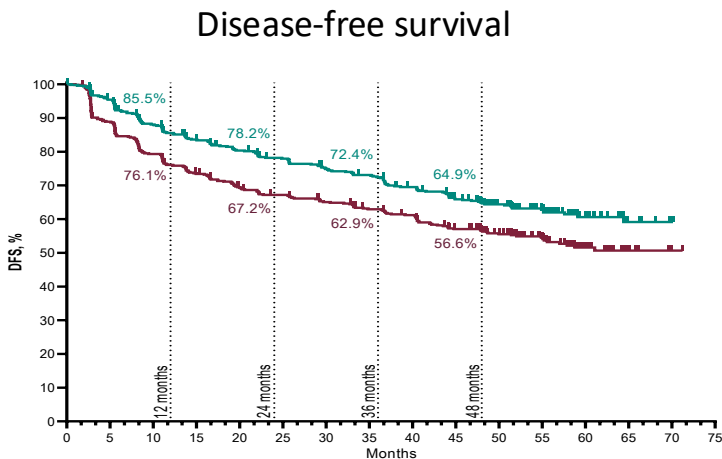
<sup>a</sup>M1 NED: no evidence of disease after primary tumor + soft tissue metastases completely resected ≤1 year from nephrectomy; <sup>b</sup>≤17 cycles of treatment were equivalent to ~1 year.

Data cutoff date: June 14, 2021.

# KEYNOTE-564 DFS & OS benefit Not By Chance!

	June 2021	Sep 2022	Jan 2024
Analysis	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Median follow up, months	24.1	30	57.2
Disease free survival (HR, CI 95%), p-value	0.68 <i>P=0.0010</i>	0.63 <i>P&lt;0.0001</i>	0.72 NE
DFS events	109 vs 151	114 vs 169	174 vs 224
Overall survival (HR, CI 95%)	0.54 <i>P=0.0164 (int)</i>	0.52 <i>P=0.0048 (int)</i>	0.62 <i>P=0.002*</i>
OS events	18 vs 33	23 vs 43	55 vs 86

• 1<sup>st</sup> ICI to improve DFS in RCC 1<sup>st</sup> ICI to improve OS in any GU tumor



Up to 0.2% chance of **Being Struck by Lightning** in a Lifetime in certain regions

Source: ChatGPT


# Adjuvant RCC ICI Phase 3 Trials



Small numbers,  
subgroup analysis

	PROSPER (Perioperative Nivo)	IMmotion010 (Atezo)	CheckMate 914 Part A (Ipi/Nivo)	CheckMate 914 Part B (Nivo)	KEYNOTE-564 (Pembro)
Median follow-up	16 months	45 months	37 months	27 months	57.2 months
ICI Sample Size	404	390	405	411	496
Histology					
Clear cell	78%	93%	100% pred. clear cell	100% pred. clear cell	100%
Non-Clear Cell	22%	7% <sup>+</sup>	0%	0%	0%
Stage - M1 NED	~3% (HR 0.85)	14% (HR 0.93)	0%	0%	6% (HR 0.40)
Sarcomatoid	8% (HR 0.85)	9% (HR 0.77)	5% (HR 0.29)	7% (HR 0.42)	11% (HR 0.63)
PDL1+ <sup>€</sup>	NA	59% (HR 0.83)	14% (HR 0.40)	11% (HR 0.53)	74% (HR 0.68)
DFS <sup>^</sup>	HR 0.97	HR 0.93	HR 0.92	HR 0.87	HR 0.72
OS	NR	HR 0.97	NM	NR	HR 0.62

\*includes pT2 (grade 4 tumor or sarcomatoid) or pT3 (any grade), N0, M0; \*\*includes pT4 or N+; ^From randomization to local, distant recurrence or death; + RCC with sarcomatoid features; Recurrence Free Survival: Patients who did not get surgery or were not disease-free post surgery were considered as an event at Day 1; €different assays; NM: not mature; NR: not reported

 @PBarataMD

Allaf et al, ESMO 2022; Pal et al, Lancet 2022; Motzer et al, Lancet 2023; Motzer et al, ASCO GU 2024; 2022 Choueiri et al, NEJM 2021

# My Approach For ICI-Eligible Patients

Free *online* calculators:

<https://www.mdcalc.com/calc/3009/ucca-integrated-staging-system-uiss-renal-cell-carcinoma-rcc>

<https://www.mskcc.org/cancer-care/types/kidney/prediction-tools>

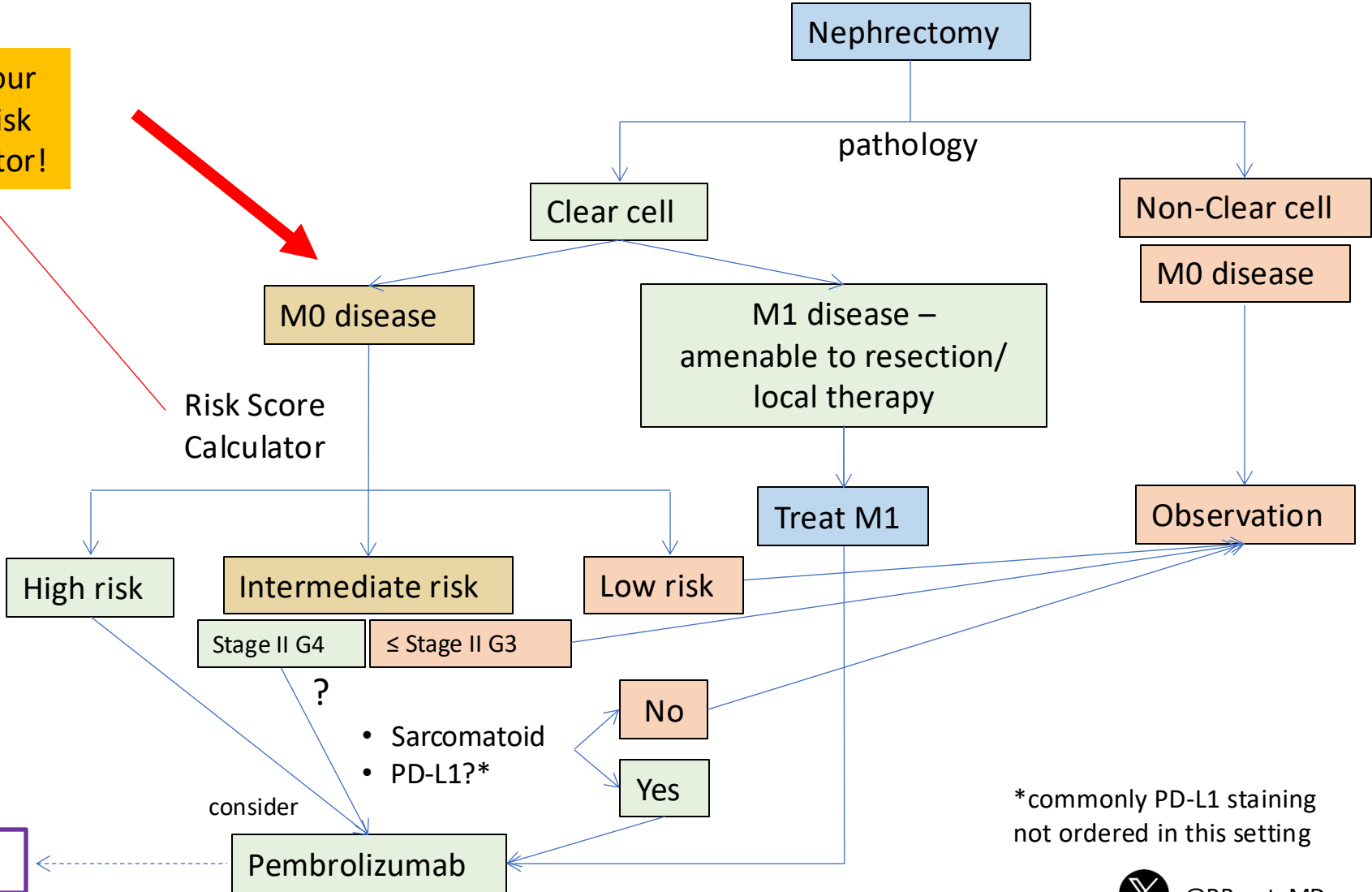
<https://canceronomograms.com/nomograms/492>

Pick your own risk calculator!

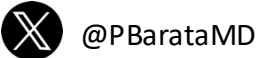
**ASCO Daily News**  
 Clinical News From the American Society of Clinical Oncology  
**Using Clinical Characteristics to Guide Treatment of Recurrent RCC After Adjuvant Pembrolizumab**



Recurrence



\* commonly PD-L1 staining not ordered in this setting



# The Latest Evidence-based Guidance for the Management of First-line Metastatic RCC



# Front Line Treatment Options in Metastatic RCC

## IO-IO

- Nivolumab + Ipilimumab

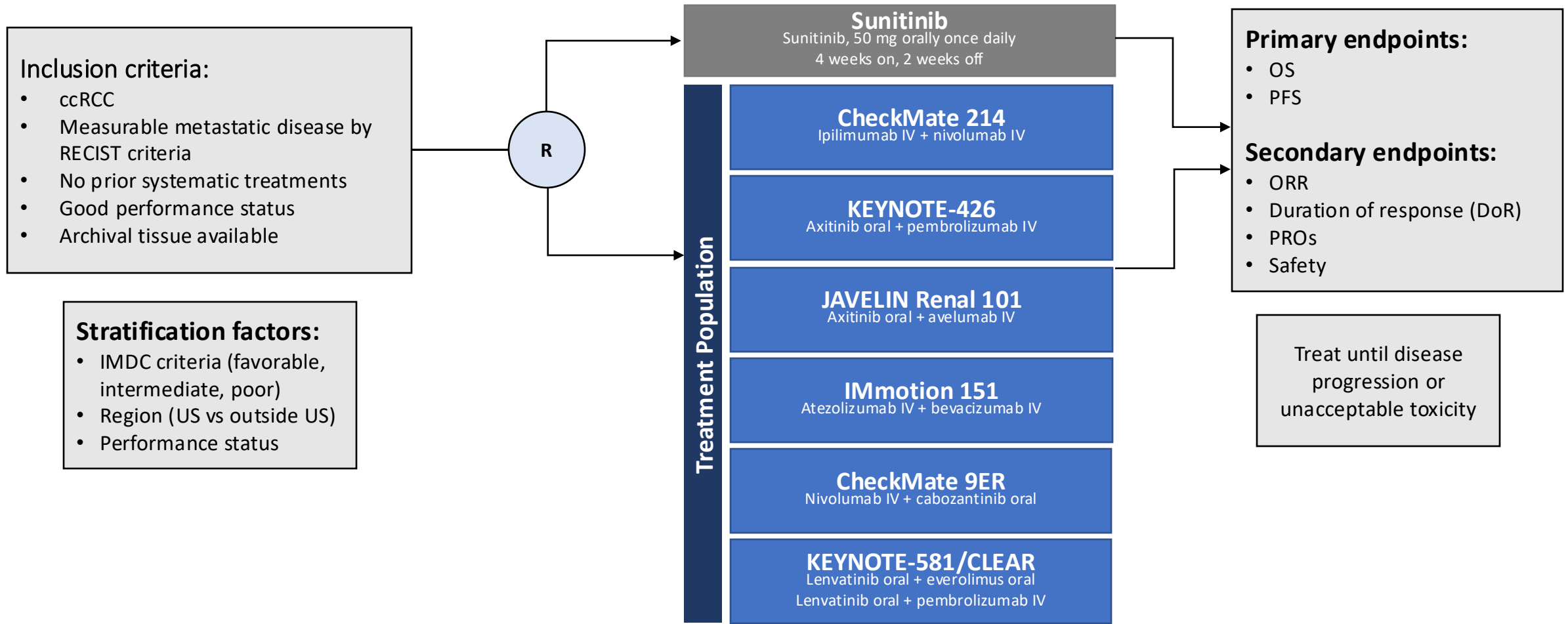
## IO-VEGF

- Pembrolizumab + Axitinib
- Avelumab + Axitinib
- Nivolumab + Cabozantinib
- Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib

## VEGF

- Cabozantinib
- Sunitinib
- Pazopanib

# Recent Clinical Trials In Frist Line RCC



# 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 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)	

Motzer RJ, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2018;378(14):1277-1290.

Rini BI, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2019;380(12):1116-1127.

Motzer RJ, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2019;380(12):1103-1115.

Motzer RJ, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2021;384(14):1289-1300.

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.

# Summary of Select Immunotherapy Combination Trials

	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab CheckMate-214 n=1096	Pembrolizumab + Axitinib Keynote 426 n=861	Nivolumab + Cabozantinib CheckMate-9ER n=651	Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib Clear n=1096
Follow-up, mo	67.7 (median)	42.8 (median)	32.9 (median)	33.7 (median)
Median PFS, mo	12.3	15.7	16.6	23.9
PFS HR	0.86	0.68	0.56	0.39
Median OS, mo	55.7	45.7	37.7	NR
<b>12-month OS, %</b>	83	90	86	90
<b>24-month OS, %</b>	71	74	70	79
OS HR	0.72	0.73	0.70	0.72
ORR, %	39	60	56	71
CR, %	12	10	12	16
PD, %	18	11	6	3

## Not Intended for Direct Comparison

Motzer RJ, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2018;378(14):1277-1290.

Rini BI, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2019;380(12):1116-1127.

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Mo=months; PFS=Progression-free survival; HR=Hazard ratio; ORR=Objective response rate; CR=Complete response rate; PD=Progressive disease rate; TTR=Time to response; DOR=Duration of response.

# What about Toxicity?

	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab CheckMate-214 n=1096 Minimum Follow-Up 48 mo	Pembrolizumab + Axitinib Keynote 426 n=861 Minimum Follow-Up 23 mo	Nivolumab + Cabozantinib CheckMate-9ER n=651 Median Follow-Up 23.5 mo	Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib Clear n=1096 Median Follow-Up 26.6 mo
TRAE Grade 3-5	48%	67%	62%	82%
TRAE leading to D/C (either/both drugs)	22.1%*	27.7%/6.5%#	23.4%/6.6%	29% pembrolizumab 26% lenvatinib 13% both
HD Corticosteroid	29%	27%	21%	Not reported
TR deaths, n (%)	8 (1.5%)	4 (0.9%)	1 (0.3%)	15 (4.2%)

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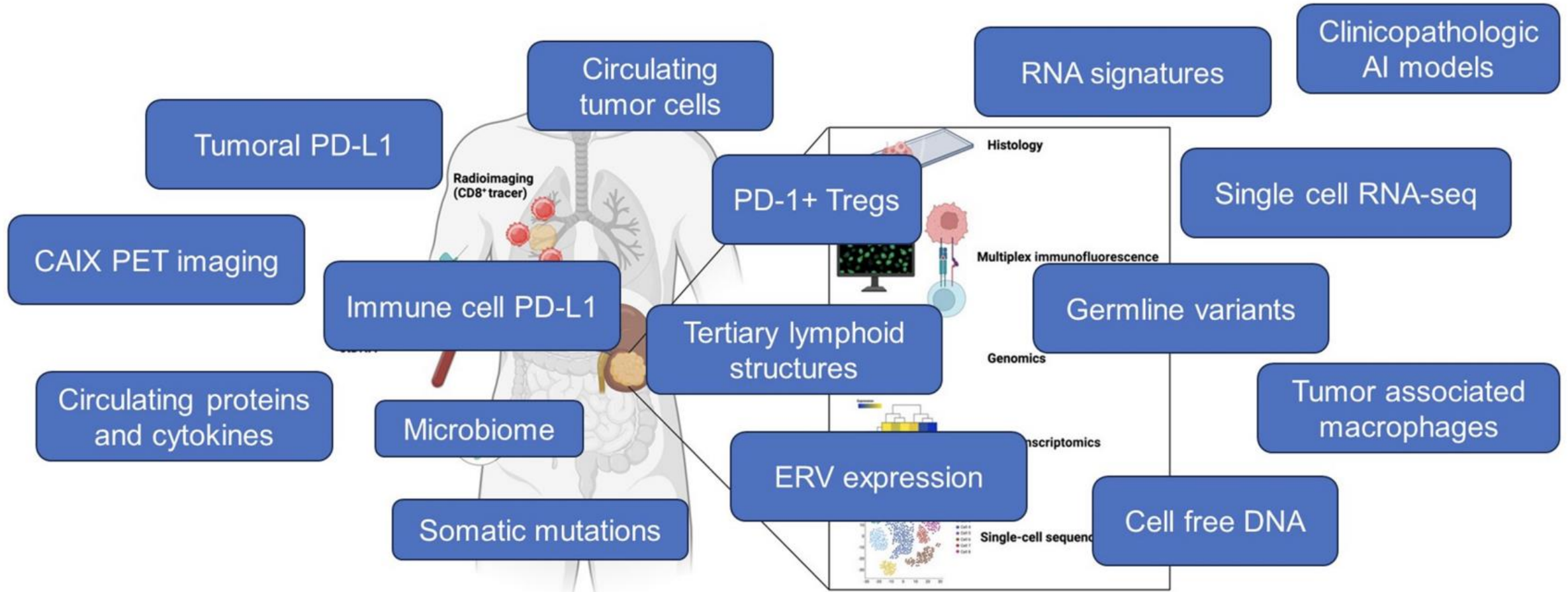
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\*From minimum 42 month follow-up. #From median 16.6 month follow-up.

Mo=Months; TRAE=Treatment-related adverse events; D/C=Discontinue; HD=high dose; TR=Treatment-related.

# Individualized Biomarker Therapy Remains Elusive In Clinical Practice



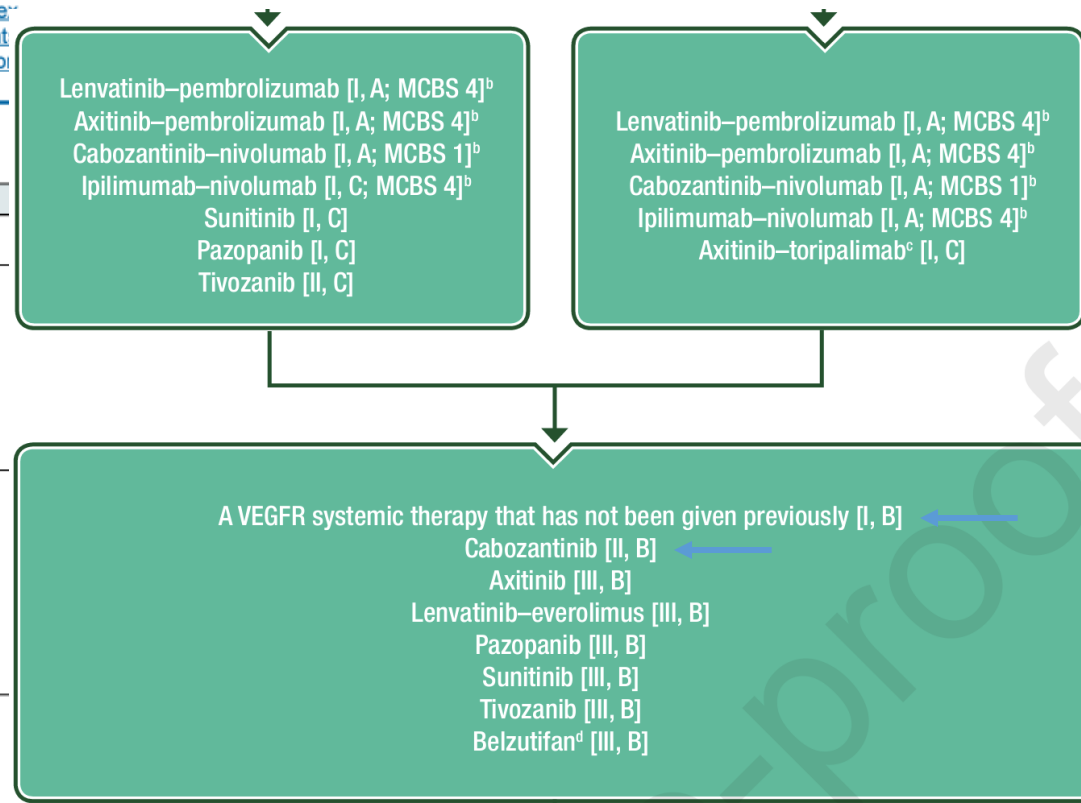
Saliby et al., *ASCO Educational Book* 2024; Meylan et al., *Immunity* 2022; Motzer et al., *Cancer Cell* 2020; Xu et al., *Clin Cancer Res* 2020; Smith et al., *J Clin Invest* 2018; Panda et al., *JCI Insight* 2018; Ficial et al., *Clin Cancer Res* 2021; Denize et al., *Clin Cancer Res* 2023; Rasmussen et al., *ASCO Educational Book* 2022; Nuzzo et al., *Nat Med* 2020; Shuch et al., *GU ASCO (LBA 602)* 2023; Rini et al., *Lancet Oncol* 2015; Brooks et al., *Eur Urol* 2014; Xu et al., *J Immunother Cancer* 2023; Morrissey et al., *JAMA Onc* 2015.

# Second Line and Beyond

## PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR RELAPSE OR STAGE IV DISEASE

SUBSEQUENT THERAPY FOR CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY CATEGORY)			
Immuno-oncology (IO) Therapy History Status	Preferred Regimens	Other Recommended Regimens	Useful in Certain Circumstances
IO Therapy Naïve	• None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Cabozantinib</li> <li>• Cabozantinib + nivolumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Ipilimumab + nivolumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Lenvatinib + everolimus</li> <li>• Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Nivolumab<sup>b</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib</li> <li>• Everolimus</li> <li>• Pazopanib</li> <li>• Sunitinib</li> <li>• Tivozanib<sup>g</sup></li> <li>• Belzutifan (category 2B)</li> <li>• Bevacizumab<sup>h</sup> (category 2B)</li> <li>• High-dose IL-2 for selected patients<sup>d</sup> (category 2B)</li> <li>• Temezirolimus<sup>a</sup> (category 2B)</li> <li>• Axitinib + avelumab<sup>b</sup> (category 3)</li> </ul>
Prior IO Therapy	• None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib</li> <li>• Belzutifan<sup>f</sup></li> <li>• Cabozantinib</li> <li>• Lenvatinib + everolimus</li> <li>• Tivozanib<sup>g</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Cabozantinib + nivolumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Everolimus</li> <li>• Ipilimumab + nivolumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Pazopanib</li> <li>• Sunitinib</li> <li>• Bevacizumab<sup>h</sup> (category 2B)</li> <li>• High-dose IL-2 for selected patients<sup>d</sup> (category 2B)</li> <li>• Temezirolimus<sup>a</sup> (category 2B)</li> <li>• Axitinib + avelumab<sup>b</sup> (category 3)</li> </ul>

No salvage IO



ESMO RCC Guidelines, 2024

<sup>b</sup> [NCCN Guidelines for Management of Immunotherapy-Related Toxicities.](#)

<sup>d</sup> Patients with excellent performance status and normal organ function.

<sup>e</sup> The poor risk model used in the global ARCC trial to direct treatment with temsirolimus included at least 3 of the following 6 predictors of short survival: <1 year from the time of diagnosis to start of systemic therapy, Karnofsky performance status score 60–70, hemoglobin <LLN, corrected calcium >10 mg/dL, LDH >1.5 times the ULN, and metastasis in multiple organs. Hudes G, et al. N Engl J Med 2007;356:2271-2281.

<sup>f</sup> This regimen is for patients that have received a programmed death receptor-1 (PD-1) or programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) inhibitor and a vascular endothelial growth factor tyrosine kinase inhibitor (VEGF TKI).

<sup>g</sup> For patients who received ≥2 prior systemic therapies.

<sup>h</sup> An FDA-approved biosimilar is an appropriate substitute for bevacizumab.

\* Belzutifan is only FDA-approved only for the treatment of VHL-associated RCC, CNS hemangioblastomas, or pNET not requiring immediate surgery.



# Is IO active after prior IO?

The role of NIVO + IPI (salvage/rescue)

	HCRN GU16-260 ASCO 2020	OMNIVORE ASCO 2020	FRACTION ASCO 2020	TITAN RCC ESMO 2019	Salvage Ipi/Nivo (JCO 2020)
<b>N</b>	123	83	46	207	45
<b>Prior TKI</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Timing</b>	Nivo→Ipi	Nivo→Ipi	Nivo+Ipi	Nivo→Ipi	I/N after prior IO
<b>Ipi doses</b>	4	2	4	4	4
<b>ORR</b>	13%	4%	15%	12%	20%
<b>CR</b>	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%

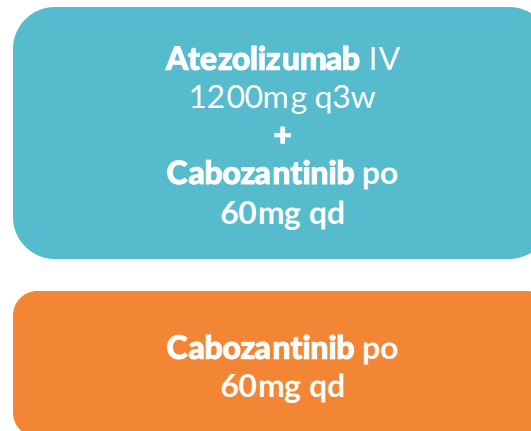
Nivo+ipi combo untreated ccRCC ORR 42%, CR 11% (Checkmate 214)

# Salvage PD-L1 Inhibitor is not superior to TKI alone

## CONTACT-03

- Histologically confirmed advanced, metastatic ccRCC or nccRCC
- Radiographic progression during or following ICI treatment

R  
1:1  
N = 500



*No crossover allowed*

Negative Trial

### Treatment until progression

- Primary endpoint: PFS, OS
- Secondary endpoint: PFS, ORR, DoR, Safety and Tolerability

## TINIVO-2

- Histologically/cytologically confirmed recurrent/ metastatic RCC
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Progressed following immediate prior immunotherapy treatment in first or second line
- Stratified by IMDC and prior TKI

R  
1:1



Negative Trial: ESMO 2024

### Treatment until progression

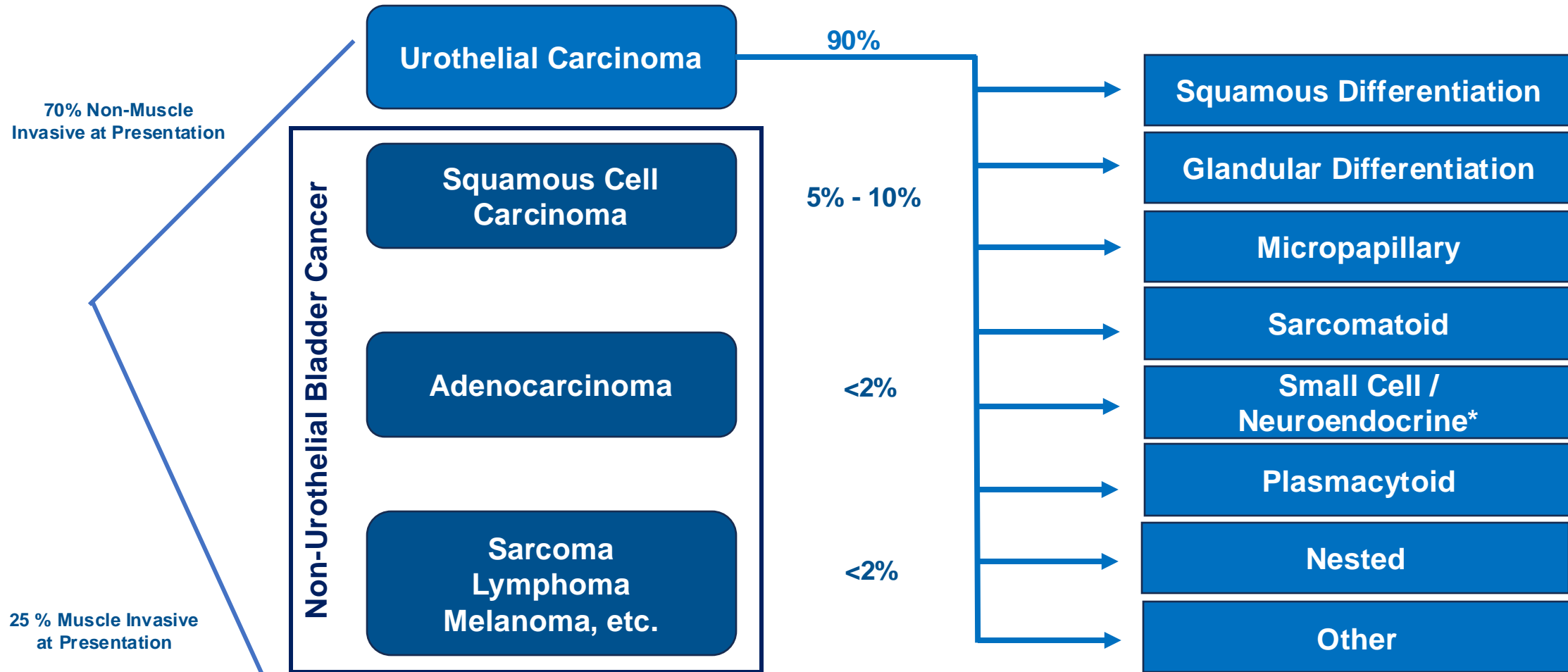
- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Secondary endpoint: OS, ORR, DoR, Safety and Tolerability

# Summary Points

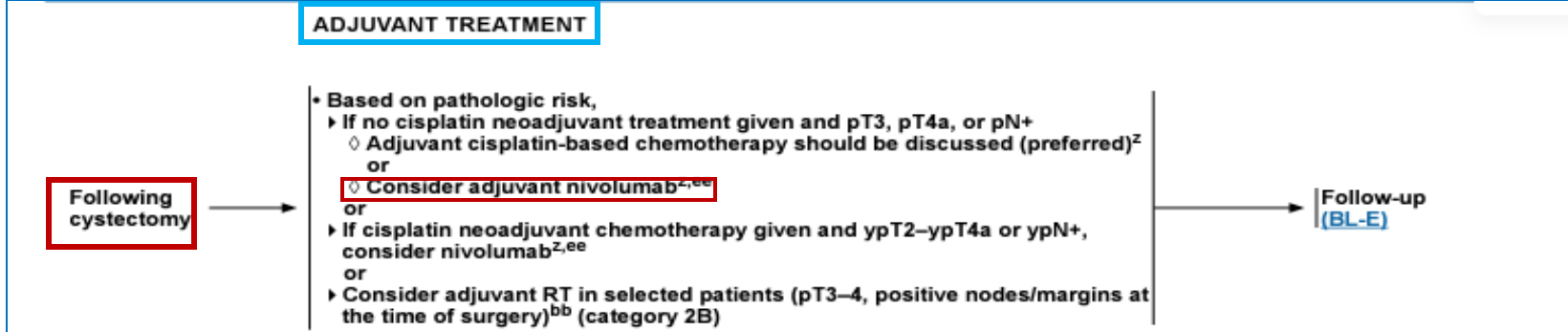
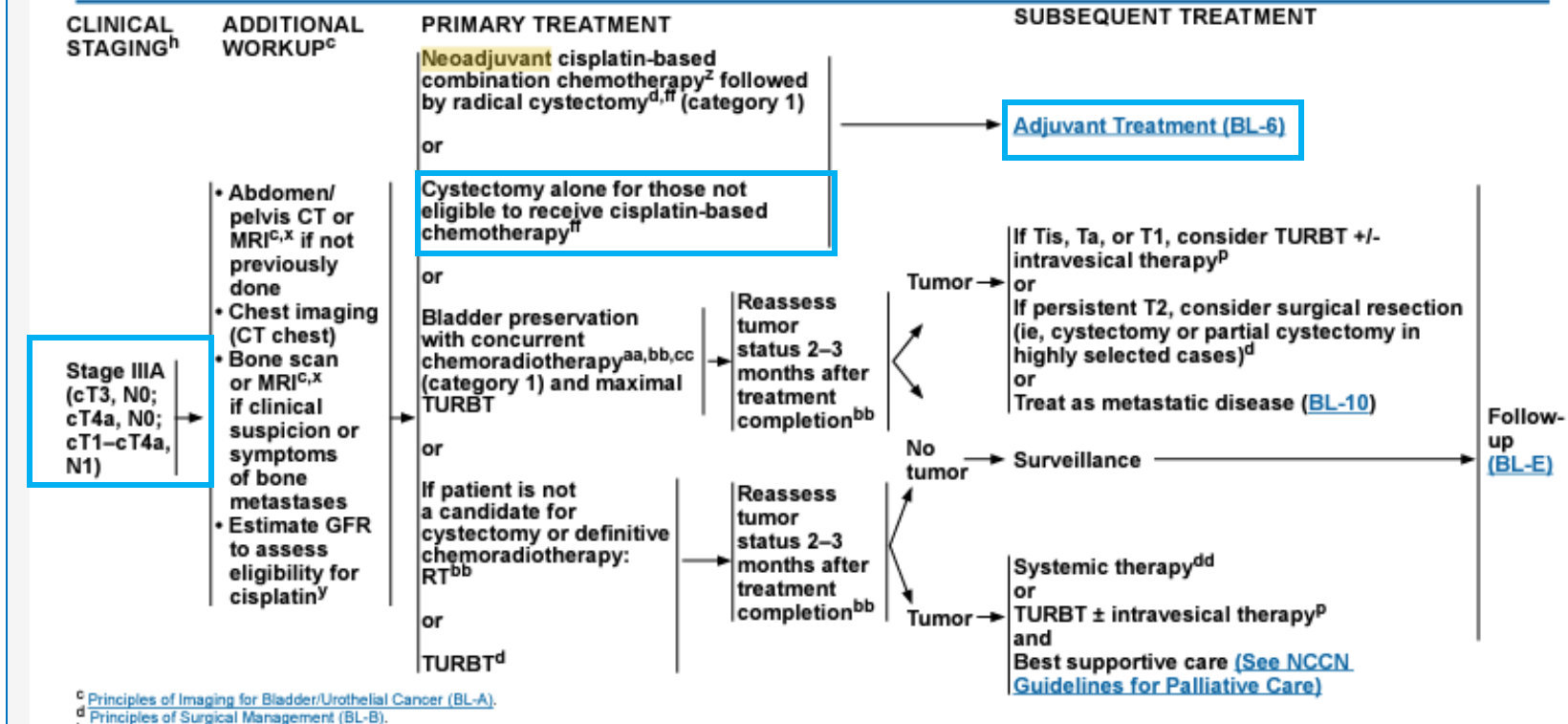
- The gold-standard for mRCC is an IO-based combination (TKI monotherapy is the exception, not the rule!)
- Primary renal tumors respond to systemic therapy with IO-based therapy (but less than metastatic sites)
- TKI is the current SOC (includes novel agents, ie tivozanib). IO rechallenge should NOT be offered to most patients (CONTACT-03 / TINIVO-2)
- The benefit of adjuvant IO seems associated with the higher risk of recurrence/progression

- Urothelial Carcinoma

# Subtype Histologies of Bladder Cancer



Black A, Black P. *Transl Cancer Res* 2020;9(10):6565-6575.



National Comprehensive Cancer Network. NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines. Bladder Cancer. (Version 4. 2024). <https://www.nccn.org/guidelines/guidelines-detail?category=1&id=1417>

# Phase III CheckMate 274 Clinical Trial: Study Design

## Inclusion Criteria

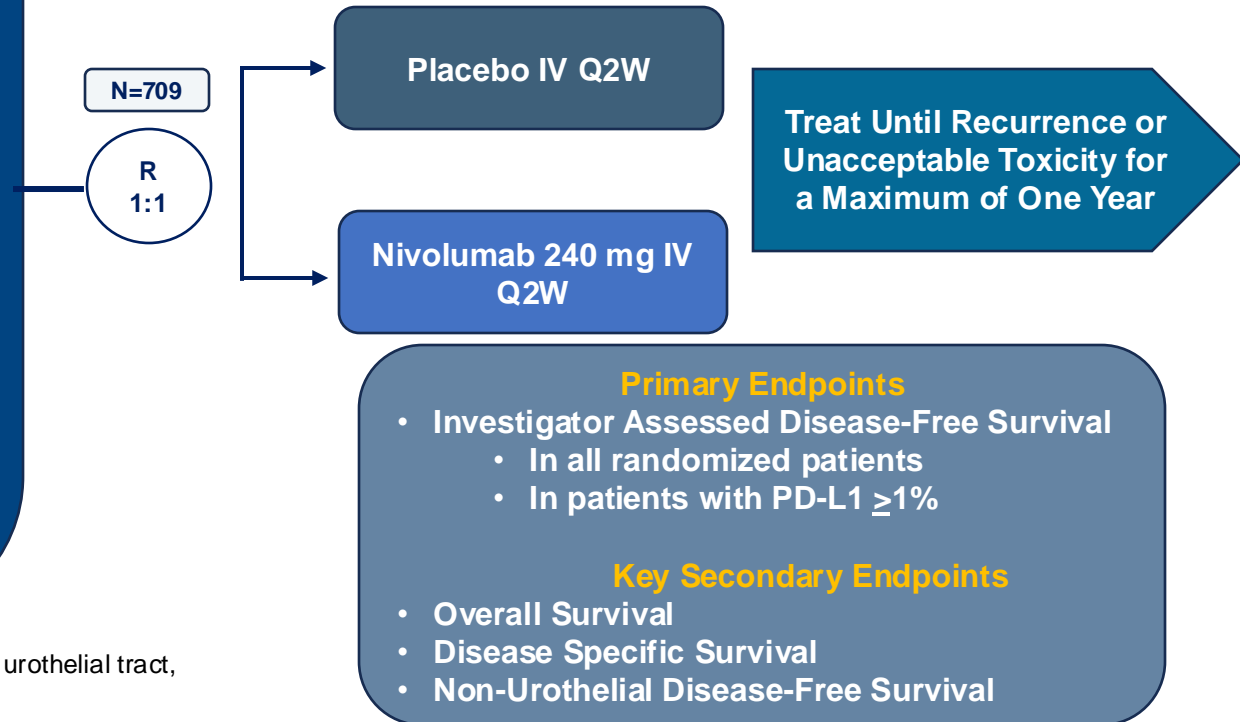
- Patients with urothelial carcinoma at high risk of recurrence after radical resection:
- ypT2-ypT4a<sup>†</sup> or ypN+<sup>†</sup> with prior neoadjuvant cisplatin-based chemotherapy
- pT3-pT4a<sup>†</sup> or pN+<sup>†</sup> without prior neoadjuvant cisplatin-based chemotherapy and not eligible for or refused adjuvant cisplatin-based chemotherapy
- Radical resection within the last 120 days
- Disease-free status within 4 weeks prior to randomization
- ECOG PS 0-1
  - ECOG PS 2 if no neoadjuvant cisplatin-based chemotherapy and ineligible for adjuvant cisplatin-based chemotherapy
- No condition, which requires systemic immunosuppressant therapy, i.e., glucocorticoids, within two (2) weeks of treatment

Disease free-survival (DFS) was defined as the time to first recurrence, i.e., local urothelial tract, local non-urothelial tract, or distant metastasis, or death.

- Minimum follow-up time in all randomized patients was 5.9 months.
- Median follow-up time in all randomized patients was 20.9 months for nivolumab and 19.5 months for placebo.

## Stratification Factors

- PD-L1 status<sup>‡</sup> [ ≥1% vs <1% or Indeterminate]
- Prior neoadjuvant cisplatin-based chemotherapy [Yes or No]
- Nodal status
  - N+ vs N0 or Nx with <10 nodes removed vs
  - N0 with ≥10 nodes removed



# CheckMate 274 Clinical Trial: Baseline Characteristics of Interest

Characteristic	Nivolumab (n=355)	Placebo (n=356)
<b>Mean Age, Years (range), n (%)</b>	65.3 (30-92)	65.9 (42-88)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;65 Years</li> <li>≥65 Years</li> </ul>	155 (43.9) 198 (56.1)	136 (38.2) 220 (61.8)
<b>Sex, n (%)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Male</li> <li>Female</li> </ul>	265 (75.1) 88 (24.9)	225 (77.2) 81 (22.8)
<b>ECOG PS Score, n (%)‡</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0</li> <li>1</li> <li>2</li> <li>Not Reported</li> </ul>	224 (63.5) 122 (34.6) 7 (2.0) 0	121 (62.1) 125 (35.1) 9 (2.5) 1 (0.3)
<b>Tumor Origin at Initial Diagnosis, n (%)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urinary Bladder</li> <li>Renal Pelvis</li> <li>Ureter</li> </ul>	279 (79.0) 44 (12.5) 30 (8.5)	281 (78.9) 52 (14.6) 23 (6.5)
<b>Time From Initial Diagnosis to Randomization, n (%)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;1 Year</li> <li>≥1 Year</li> </ul>	325 (92.1) 28 (7.9)	324 (91.0) 32 (9.0)
<b>PD-L1 Expression Level &gt;1% by IVRS, n (%)</b>	140 (39.7)	142 (39.9)
<b>Previous Neoadjuvant Cisplatin Therapy, n (%)</b>	153 (43.3)	155 (43.5)

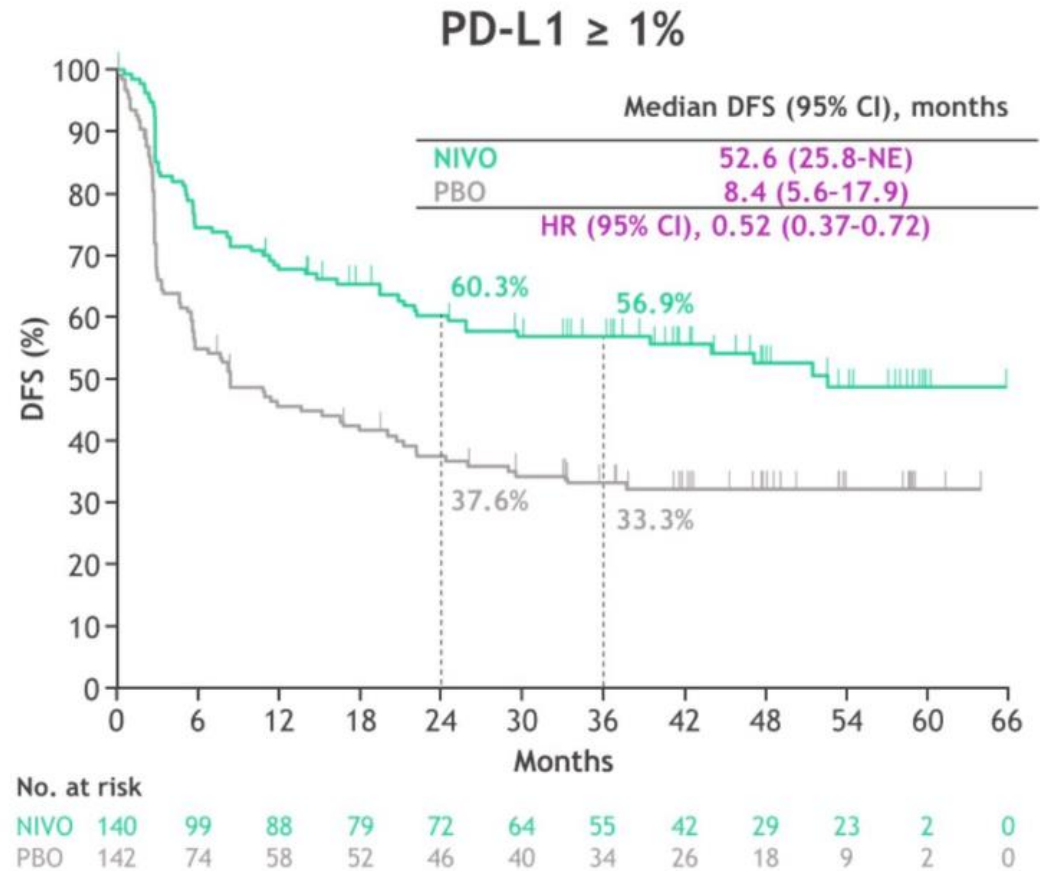
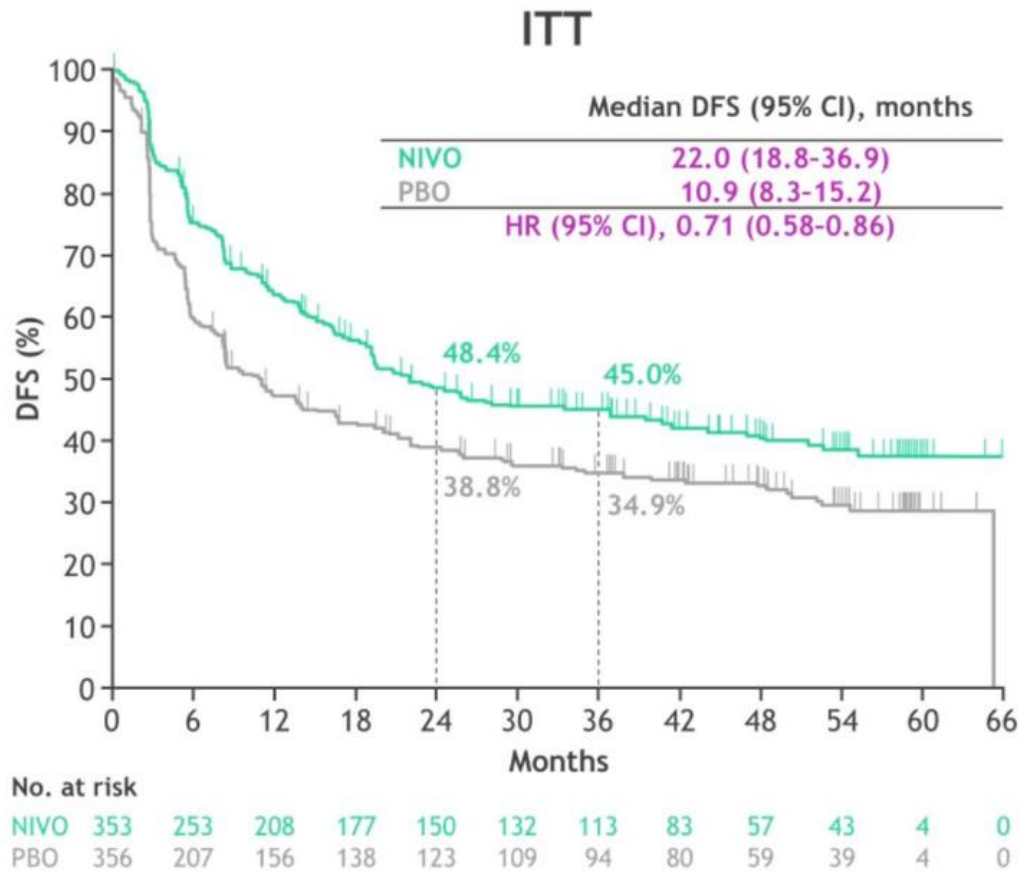
Characteristic	Nivolumab (n=355)	Placebo (n=356)
<b>Pathological Tumor Stage and Nodal Status at Resection, n (%)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pT2N-</li> <li>pT3, 4N-</li> <li>pT0-4N1</li> <li>pT0-4N2,3</li> <li>pTisN-</li> <li>Not Reported</li> </ul>	25 (7.1) 158 (44.8) 71 (20.1) 96 (27.2) 1 (0.3) 2 (0.6)	29 (8.1) 159 (44.7) 72 (20.2) 96 (27.0) 0 0
<b>Pathological Tumor Stage at Resection, n (%)¶</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pTx</li> <li>pT0</li> <li>pTis</li> <li>pT1</li> <li>pT2</li> <li>pT3</li> <li>pT4a</li> <li>Not Reported</li> </ul>	5 (1.4) 5 (1.4) 4 (1.1) 13 (3.7) 62 (17.6) 206 (58.4) 57 (16.1) 1 (0.3)	0 7 (2.0) 3 (0.8) 14 (3.9) 65 (18.3) 204 (57.3) 62 (17.4) 1 (0.3)
<b>Nodal Status at Resection, n (%)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N0 or NX with &lt;10 Nodes Removed</li> <li>N0 with ≥10 Nodes Removed</li> <li>N1</li> <li>N2</li> <li>N3</li> <li>Not Reported</li> </ul>	94 (26.6) 91 (25.8) 71 (20.1) 84 (23.8) 12 (3.4) 1 (0.3)	99 (27.8) 88 (24.7) 72 (20.2) 76 (21.3) 20 (5.6) 1 (0.3)

Bajorin DF, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2021;384(22):2102-2114.



# CheckMate 274: Updated DFS

## Median follow-up: 36.1 Months

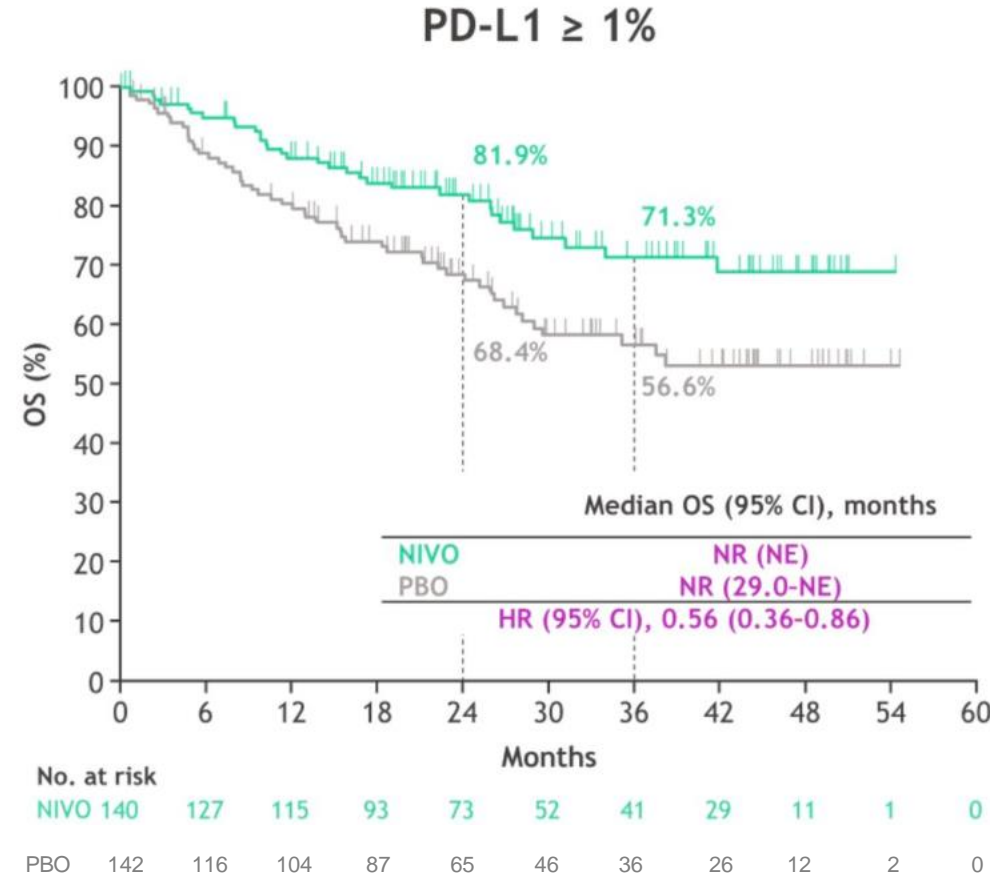
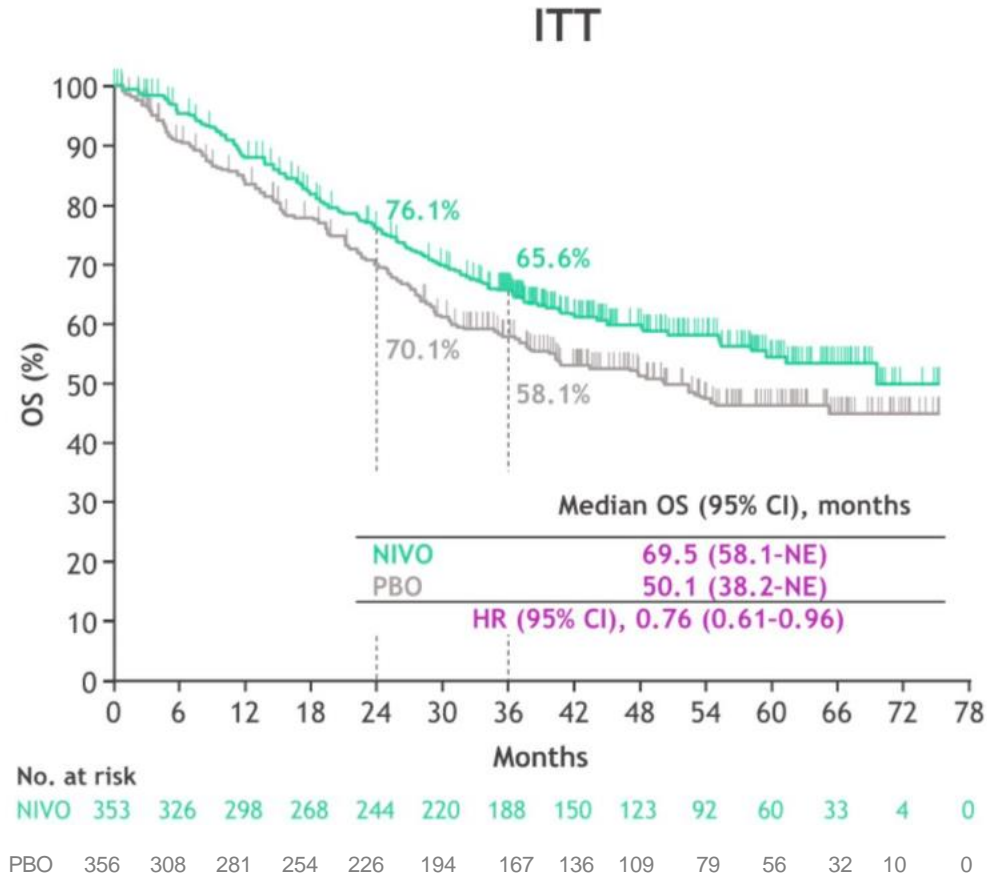


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DFS, disease-free survival

# CheckMate 274: Interim OS

## Median follow-up: 36.1 Months



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# Phase III AMBASSADOR (A031501) Clinical Trial: Study Design

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- *Muscle-invasive* urothelial carcinoma bladder, urethra, renal pelvis, ureter
- *Post-radical surgery*: cystectomy, nephrectomy, nephroureterectomy, or ureterectomy,  $\geq 4$  but  $\leq 16$  weeks
- *Post-neoadjuvant* chemotherapy and  $>pT2$  and/or  $N+$ /or + margins OR
- *Cisplatin-ineligible or refusing* and  $>pT3$  or  $pN+$ /or + margins

## Stratification Factors

- PD-L1 status\*
- Neoadjuvant chemotherapy [Yes or No]
- Pathologic stage:
  - pT2/3/4aN0
  - pT4a N0
  - pT4bNx or pT4b N1 - 3
- Positive surgical margins

N = 702

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Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W  
x 1 Year (18 Cycles)

Observation

## Dual Primary Endpoints

- Disease-Free Survival
- Overall Survival

## Key Secondary Endpoints

- DFS/OS PD-L1 + or PD-L1-
- Safety

## Correlative Endpoints

- DFS/OS ctDNA +/-
- DFS/OS Immune Gene Signatures
- DFS/OS Tumor Molecular Subtype
- DFS/OS TCR Clonality
- Quality of Life

Planned Enrollment: N = 734  
*Trial Closed Early Due to FDA Approval of  
Adjuvant Nivolumab for Muscle Invasive  
Urothelial Carcinoma (MIUC)*

\*PD-L1 status was tested centrally and defined using the combined positive score: percentage of PD-L1-positive tumor cells and infiltrating immune cells relative to the total number of tumor cells.  
PD-L1 positive = CPS  $\geq 10\%$ , Dako Pd-L1 immunohistochemistry 22C3 pharmDx assay.  
DFS, disease-free survival, defined as new muscular-invasive urothelial carcinoma (MIUC), metastatic disease, or death without recurrence; OS, overall survival

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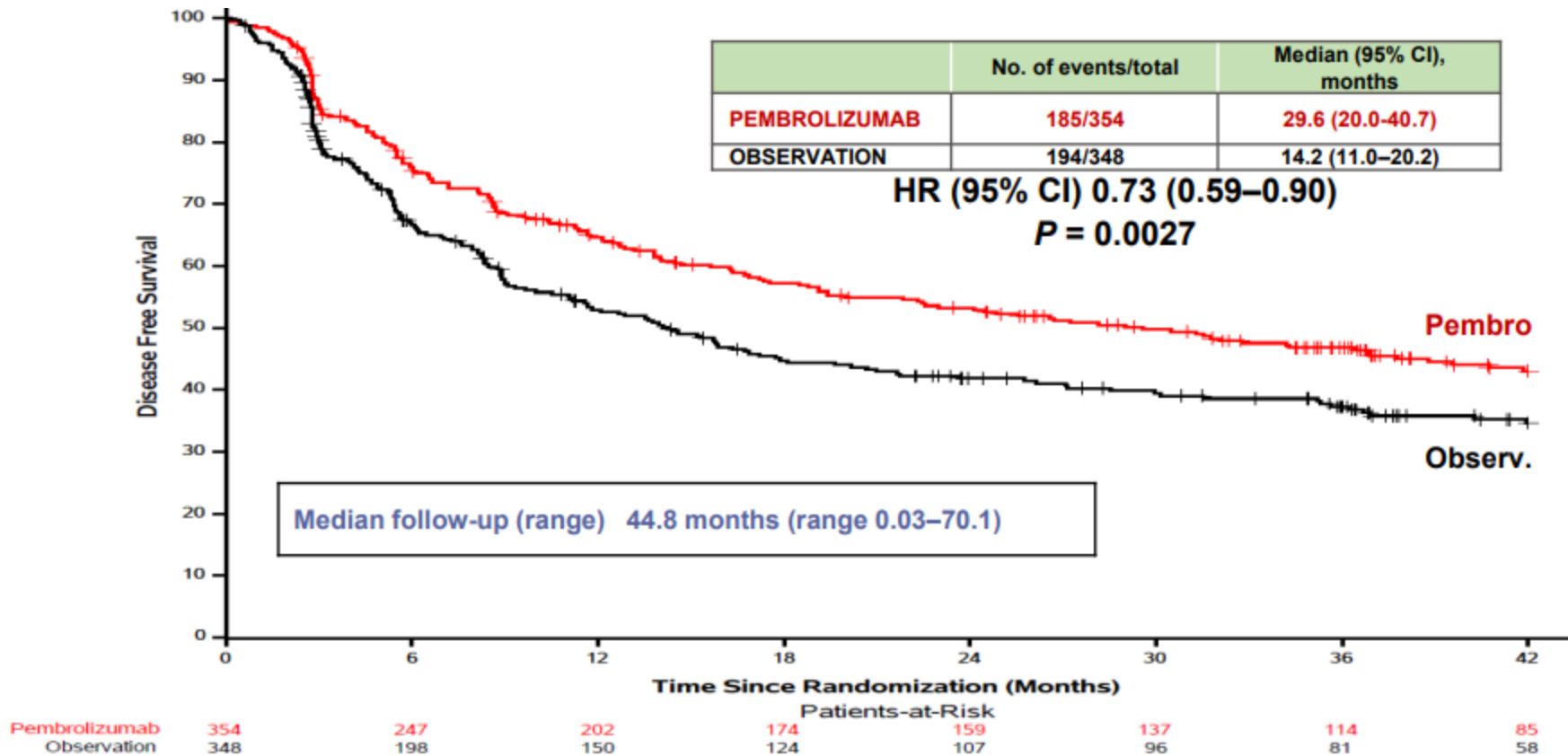
# AMBASSADOR (A031501) Clinical Trial: Baseline Characteristics of Interest

Characteristic	Pembrolizumab (n=354)	Observation (n=348)
<b>Median Age, Years (range)</b>	69.0 (22.0 - 92.0)	68.0 (34.0 - 90.0)
<b>Gender</b>		
• Female	83 (23.4%)	95 (27.3%)
• Male	271 (76.6%)	253 (72.7%)
<b>Neoadjuvant Therapy</b>		
• Yes	231 (65.3%)	218 (62.6%)
<b>Pathologic Stage</b>		
+ Surgical Margins	9 (2.5%)	8 (2.3%)
• pT-any, N+ (any)	180 (50.9%)	170 (48.8%)
• pT2/3, N0 or NX	146 (41.2%)	150 (43.1%)
• pT4, N0 or NX	19 (5.4%)	20 (5.8%)
<b>PD-L1 Status</b>		
Positive (Central Testing, Dako22C3)		
• CPS <sub>≥</sub> 10%	207 (57.1%)	201 (57.8%)
<b>Primary Tumor Site</b>		
• Bladder	267 (75.4%)	264 (75.9%)
• Urethra	6 (1.7%)	12 (3.4%)
• Upper Tract: Renal Pelvis and Ureter	8 (22.9%)	72 (20.7%)
<b>Histology</b>		
• <b>Variants:</b> Mixed Urothelial Histology Excluding Any Neuroendocrine Carcinoma	60 (16.9%)	51 (14.7%)

CI, confidence interval; DFS, disease-free survival; HR, hazard ratio; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached.

# AMBASSADOR (A031501) Clinical Trial: DFS (ITT)

## Median follow up: 45 Months



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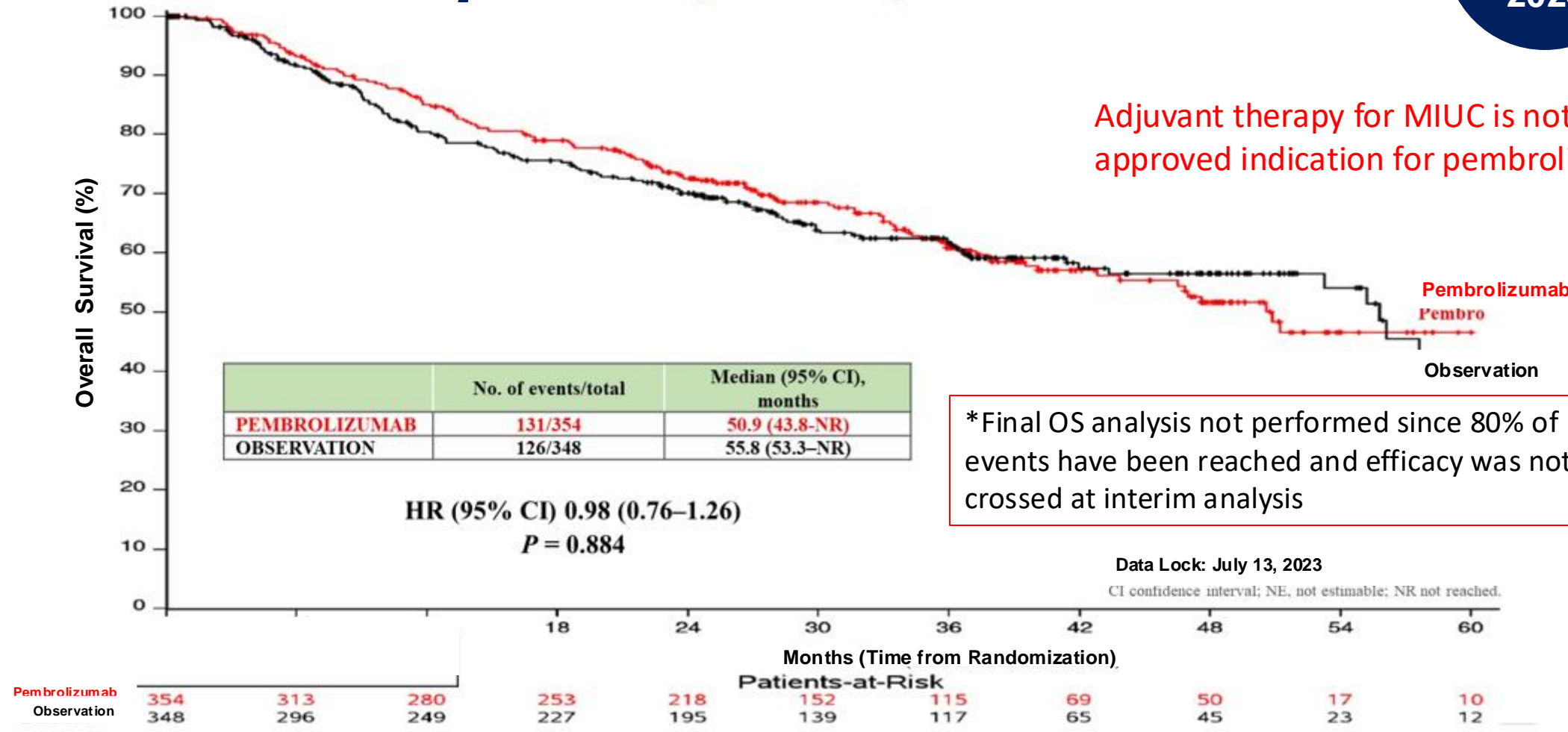
Adjuvant therapy for MIUC is not an FDA-approved indication for pembrolizumab

# AMBASSADOR: Interim OS\*

## Median Follow-Up: 39.4 Months



Adjuvant therapy for MIUC is not an FDA-approved indication for pembrolizumab



\*Final OS analysis not performed since 80% of events have been reached and efficacy was not crossed at interim analysis

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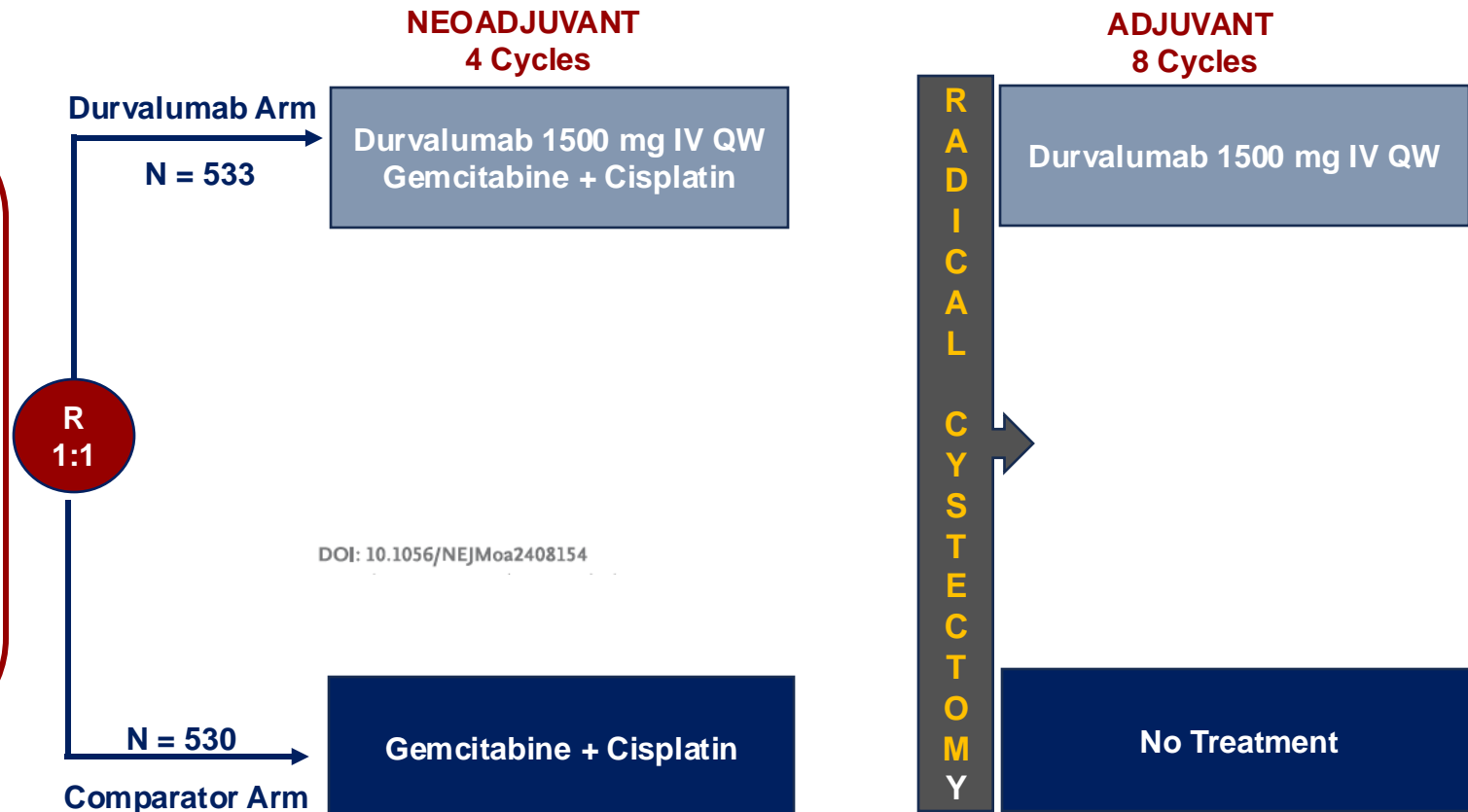
# NIAGARA Phase III Clinical Trial: Study Design

## Eligibility Criteria

- $\leq 18$  years of age
- Cisplatin-eligible muscle-invasive bladder cancer
- Clinical stage T2-T4aN0/N1/M0
- Urothelial cancer (UC) or UC with divergent differentiation or histologic subtypes
- Evaluated and confirmed for radical cystectomy
- Creatinine clearance of  $\geq 40$  mL/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup> per BSA
- Tumor biopsy specimen obtained at screening to assess tumor PD-L1 expression

## Stratification Factors:

- Clinical Tumor Stage (T2N0 vs  $\geq T2N0$ )
- Renal Function (CrCl  $\geq 60$  mL/min vs  $\geq 40$ - $<60$  mL/min)
- PD-L1 Status (High vs Low or Negative)



## Gemcitabine and Cisplatin Dosing

**CrCl  $\geq 60$  mL/min:** Cisplatin 70 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Day 1, then gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Day 8, Q3W x 4 Cycles

**CrCl  $\geq 40$ - $<60$  mL/min:** Split-dose cisplatin 35 mg/m<sup>2</sup> + gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Days 1 and 8, Q3W X 4 Cycles

## EFS Was Defined As:

- Progressive disease that precluded RC
- Recurrence after RC
- Date of expected surgery in patients who did not undergo RC
- Death from any cause
- Other: DFS, DSS, MFS, HRQoL, 5-Year OS

# NIAGARA Clinical Trial: Baseline Characteristics of Interest

Characteristic	Durvalumab (n=533)	Comparison (n=530)
Median Age in Years (range) • >75 Year, n (%)	65 (34 - 84) 58 (10.9%)	66 (32 - 83) 63 (11.9%)
Sex, n (%) • Male • Female	437 (82.0%) 96 (18.0%)	433 (81.7%) 97 (18.3%)
ECOG PS, n (%) • 0 • 1	418 (78.4%) 115 (21.6%)	415 (78.3%) 115 (21.7%)
Smoking Status, n (%) • Current • Former • Never • Missing Data	122 (22.9%) 255 (47.8%) 144 (27.0%) 12 (2.3%)	130 (24.5%) 269 (50.8%) 120 (22.6%) 11 (2.1%)

Characteristic	Durvalumab (n=533)	Comparison (n=530)
Histologic Type, n (%) • Invasive Urothelial Carcinoma, NOS • Urothelial Carcinoma with Glandular Differentiation • Urothelial Carcinoma with Other Histologic Subtype	457 (85.7%) 38 (7.1%) 10 (1.9%) 28 (5.3%)	441 (83.2%) 49 (9.2%) 15 (2.8%) 25 (4.7%)
Tumor Stage, n (%) • T2N0 • Higher than T2N0	215 (40.3%) 318 (59.7%)	213 (40.2%) 317 (59.8%)
Regional Lymph-Node Stage, n (%) • N0 • N1	505 (94.7%) 28 (5.3%)	500 (94.3%) 30 (5.7%)
Tumor PD-L1 Expression Level, n (%) • High • Low or None	389 (73.0%) 144 (27.0%)	388 (73.2%) 142 (26.8%)

Shown are data for the intention-to-treat population, which included all the patients who were randomly assigned to receive neoadjuvant chemotherapy plus durvalumab, followed by adjuvant durvalumab after cystectomy (durvalumab group), or neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by cystectomy alone (comparison group). Percentages may not sum to 100 because of rounding. Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance-status scores range from 0 to 5, with higher scores indicating greater disability.

Histologic type, tumor stage, and regional lymph-node stage were assessed by the investigator on the basis of a pathological tumor assessment of a sample obtained during transurethral resection of the bladder tumor, an examination of the patient under anesthesia after the transurethral resection of the bladder tumor, and findings on computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging.

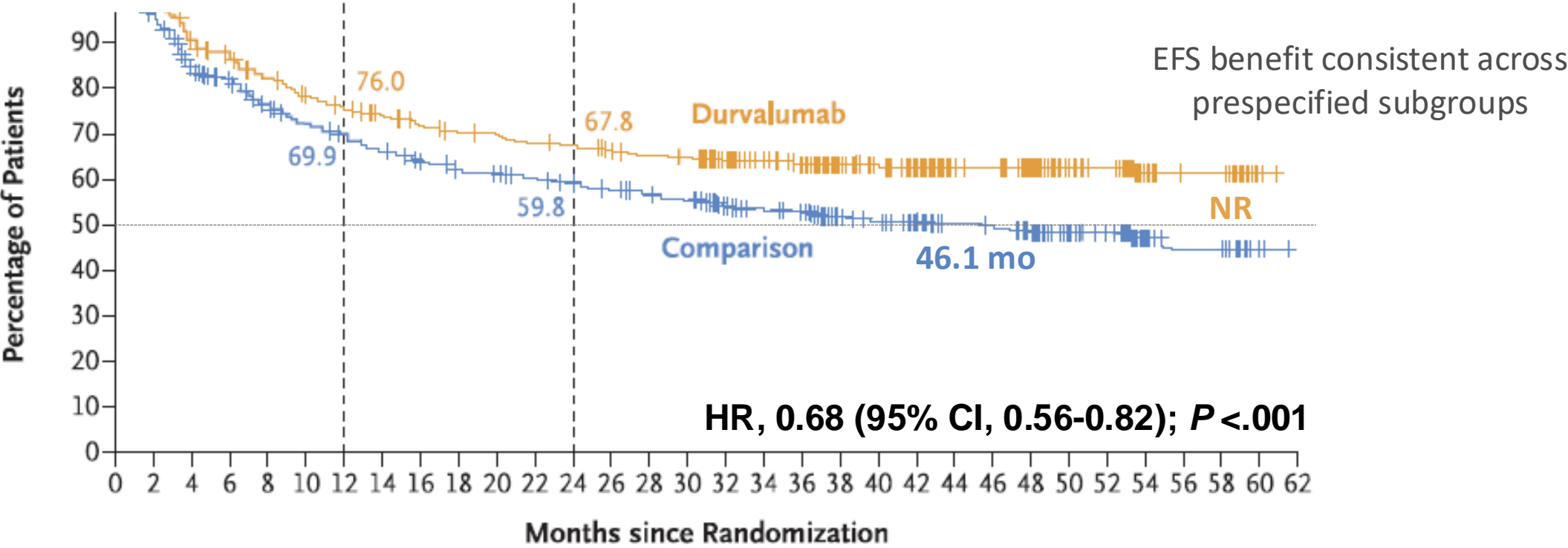
Tumor staging was performed according to the eighth edition of the American Joint Committee on Cancer *AJCC Cancer Staging Manual*.

Baseline samples were assessed with the Ventana PD-L1 (SP263) assay (Ventana Medical Systems) according to the TC/IC25% algorithm, in which a high expression level was defined as PD-L1 expression on  $\geq 25\%$  of tumor cells,  $\geq 25\%$  of immune cells if immune cells were present in  $>1\%$  of the tumor area, or 100% of immune cells if immune cells were present in 1% of the tumor area.



# NIAGARA Clinical Trial: Event-Free Survival

## Median Follow Up: **42.3 Months**

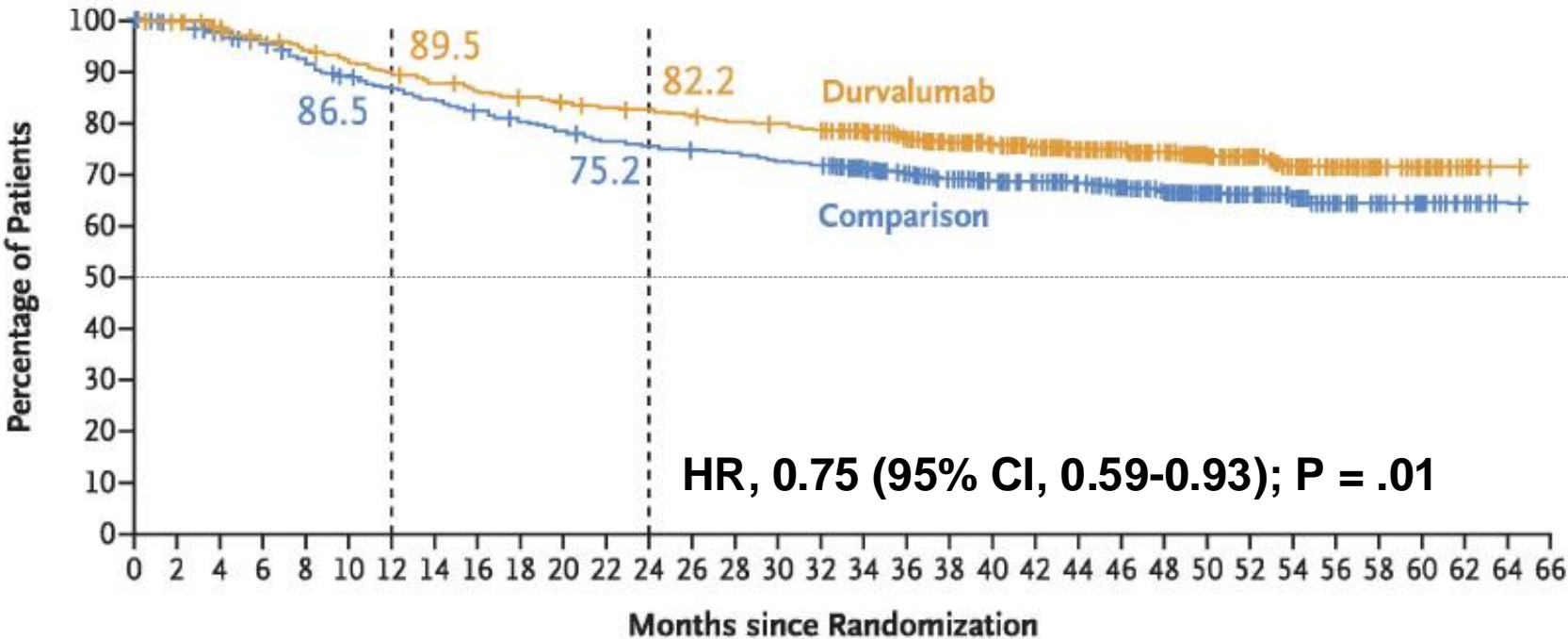


**No. at Risk**

Durvalumab	533	475	424	386	356	344	330	315	282	255	202	141	115	86	81	32	20	20	1	0
Comparison	530	437	381	343	313	296	281	264	228	214	172	132	94	69	62	24	18	16	2	0

Powles TB, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2024. Sep 15, 2024.  
DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2408154.

# NIAGARA Clinical Trial: Overall Survival (ITT)



No. at Risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58	60	62	64	66
Durvalumab	533	517	492	468	446	434	423	410	400	349	295	238	182	125	96	68	34	21	7	1	0													
Comparison	530	507	467	438	413	392	378	368	358	311	259	215	174	113	90	60	38	21	10	2	0													

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# NIAGARA Clinical Trial: Safety Profile

Adverse Event , n (%)	Durvalumab (n=530)	Comparison (n=526)
Adverse Event of Any Grade	527 (99.4%)	525 (99.8%)
Adverse Event of Grade 3 or 4	368 (69.4%)	355 (67.5%)
Serious Adverse Event	326 (61.5%)	287 (54.6%)
Adverse Event Leading to Death	27 (5.1%)	29 (5.5%)
Adverse Event Leading to Discontinuation of Trial Treatment	112 (21.1%)	80 (15.2%)
Adverse Event Leading to Discontinuation of Durvalumab	86 (16.2%)	-----
Adverse Event Leading to Discontinuation of Chemotherapy	72 (13.6%)	80 (15.2%)
Adverse Event Leading to Cancellation of Surgery	6 (1.1%)	7 (1.3%)

Adverse Event , n (%)	Durvalumab (n=530)	Comparison (n=526)
Adverse Event Leading to Delay in Surgery	9 (1.7%)	6 (1.1%)
Treatment-Related Adverse Event of Any Grade	502 (94.7%)	487 (92.6%)
Treatment-Related Adverse Event of Grade 3 or 4	215 (40.6%)	215 (40.9%)
Serious Treatment-Related Adverse Event	86 (16.2%)	63 (12.0%)
Treatment-Related Adverse Event Leading to Death	3 (0.6%)	3 (0.6%)
Durvalumab-Related Adverse Event Leading to Discontinuation	42 (7.9%)	-----
Chemotherapy-Related Adverse Event Leading to Discontinuation	55 (10.4%)	64 (12.2%)

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PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY

First-Line Systemic Therapy for Locally Advanced or Metastatic Disease (Stage IV)	
Cisplatin eligible	<p><b>Preferred regimens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pembrolizumab and enfortumab vedotin-ejfv<sup>15</sup> (category 1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Other recommended regimens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gemcitabine and cisplatin<sup>4</sup> (category 1) followed by avelumab maintenance therapy (category 1)<sup>a,13</sup></li> <li>• Nivolumab, gemcitabine, and cisplatin (category 1) followed by nivolumab maintenance therapy<sup>14</sup> (category 1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Useful under certain circumstances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DDMVAC with growth factor support (category 1)<sup>2,8</sup> followed by avelumab maintenance therapy (category 1)<sup>a,13</sup></li> </ul>
Cisplatin ineligible	<p><b>Preferred regimens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pembrolizumab and enfortumab vedotin-ejfv<sup>15,17</sup> (category 1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Other recommended regimens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gemcitabine and carboplatin<sup>16</sup> followed by avelumab maintenance therapy (category 1)<sup>a,13</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>Useful under certain circumstances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gemcitabine<sup>18</sup></li> <li>• Gemcitabine and paclitaxel<sup>19</sup></li> <li>• Ifosfamide, doxorubicin, and gemcitabine<sup>21</sup> (for patients with good kidney function and good performance status)</li> <li>• Pembrolizumab<sup>22</sup> (for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who are not eligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy)</li> <li>• Atezolizumab<sup>20</sup> (only for patients whose tumors express PD-L1<sup>b</sup> or who are not eligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy regardless of PD-L1 expression) (category 2B)</li> </ul>

- The presence of both non-nodal metastases and ECOG performance score  $\geq 2$  strongly predict poor outcome with chemotherapy. Patients without these adverse prognostic factors have the greatest benefit from chemotherapy. The impact of these factors in relation to immune checkpoint inhibition is not fully defined, but they remain poor prognostic indicators in general.
- For most patients, the risks of adding paclitaxel to gemcitabine and cisplatin outweigh the limited benefit seen in the randomized trial.<sup>23</sup>
- A substantial proportion of patients cannot receive cisplatin-based chemotherapy due to renal impairment or other comorbidities.
  - ▶ Participation in clinical trials of new or more tolerable therapy is recommended.

<sup>a</sup>Maintenance therapy with avelumab only if there is no progression on first-line platinum-containing chemotherapy.  
<sup>b</sup>Atezolizumab: SP142 assay, PD-L1–stained tumor-infiltrating immune cells covering  $\geq 5\%$  of the tumor area.

**Note:** All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.  
**Clinical Trials:** NCCN believes that the best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.

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# Phase III CheckMate 901: Study Design

## Key Inclusion Criteria

- Age  $\geq 18$  years
- Previously untreated, unresectable, or metastatic urothelial carcinoma involving the renal pelvis, ureter, bladder, or urethra
- *Cisplatin eligible*
- ECOG PS Score of 0 - 1

## Stratified by

- Tumor PD-L1 expression ( $\geq 1\%$  vs  $<1\%$ )
- Liver metastases (Yes vs No)

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n=304

n=304

## Combination Phase

Nivolumab 360 mg on Day 1 +  
Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Days 1 and 8 +  
Cisplatin 70 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Day 1  
• Q3W up to 6 Cycles

3 Weeks

## Monotherapy Phase

Nivolumab 480 mg Q4W  
until PD, unacceptable  
toxicity, withdrawal or  
up to 24 months

Gemcitabine 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Days 1 and 8 +  
Cisplatin 70 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Day 1  
• Q3W up to 6 Cycles

Baseline Disease State Characteristics, n (%)	Nivolumab + Gemcitabine + Cisplatin Arm (n = 304)	Gemcitabine + Cisplatin Arm (n=304)
• Metastatic	261 (85.9%)	269 (88.5%)
• Locally Unresectable	41 (13.5%)	33 (10.9%)

## Primary Endpoints:

- Overall Survival per BICR
- Progression-Free Survival per BICR

## Key Secondary Endpoints:

- Overall Survival and Progression by PD-L1  $\geq 1\%$
- Health-Related Quality of Life

## Key Exploratory Endpoints:

- Objective Response Rate per BICR
- Safety

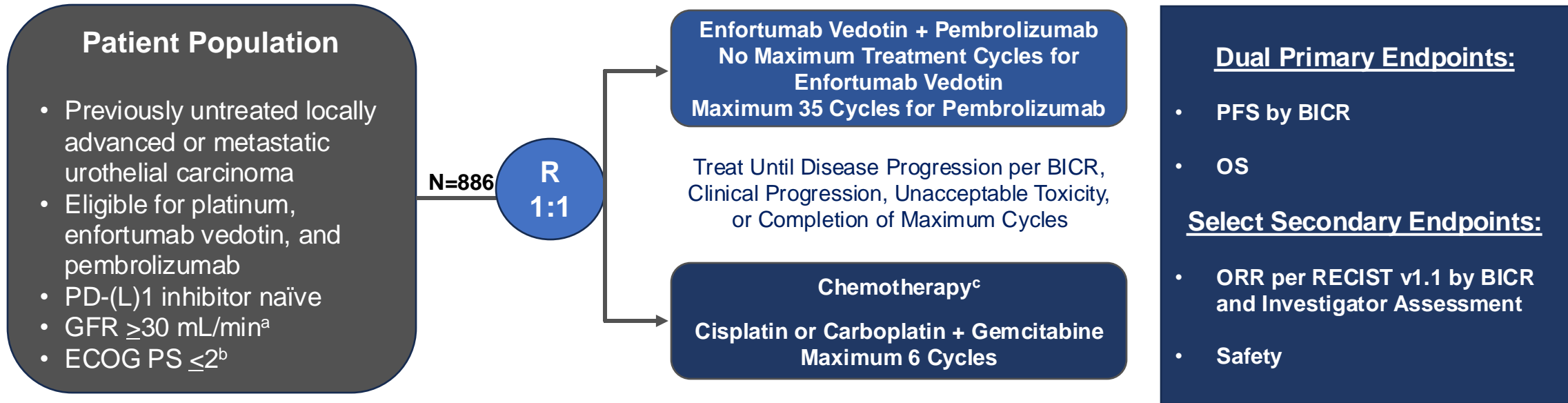
Median Study Follow-Up: 33.6 Months (7.4 - 62.4)

# CheckMate 901 Clinical Trial: Improvements in PFS and OS

	Nivolumab + Gemcitabine-Cisplatin (n=304)	Gemcitabine + Cisplatin Alone (n=304)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
<b>Median OS, months (95% CI)</b>	21.7 (18.6 - 26.4)	18.9 (14.7 - 22.4)	0.78 (0.63 - 0.96) <b>P = 0.0171</b>
<b>12-Month OS Probability, (%)</b>	70.2%	62.7%	-----
<b>24-Months OS Probability, (%)</b>	46.9%	40.7%	-----
<b>Median PFS, months (95% CI)</b>	7.9 (7.6 - 9.5)	7.6 (6.1 - 7.8)	0.72 (0.59 - 0.88) <b>P = 0.0012</b>
<b>12-Month PFS Probability, (%)</b>	34.2%	21.8%	-----
<b>24-Month PFS Probability, (%)</b>	23.5%	9.6%	-----

van der Heijden M. *Ann Oncol.* 2023;34(suppl\_2):S1254-S1335

# Phase III EV-302 Clinical Trial: Study Design



**Stratification Factors**

- Cisplatin eligibility (eligible or ineligible)
- PD-L1 expression (high or low)
- Liver metastases (present or absent)

Cisplatin eligibility and assignment or dosing of cisplatin vs carboplatin were protocol-defined

- Patients received 3-week cycles of enfortumab vedotin at 1.25 mg/kg IV on Days 1 and 8 and pembrolizumab, 200 mg IV on Day 1

**Statistical Plan**

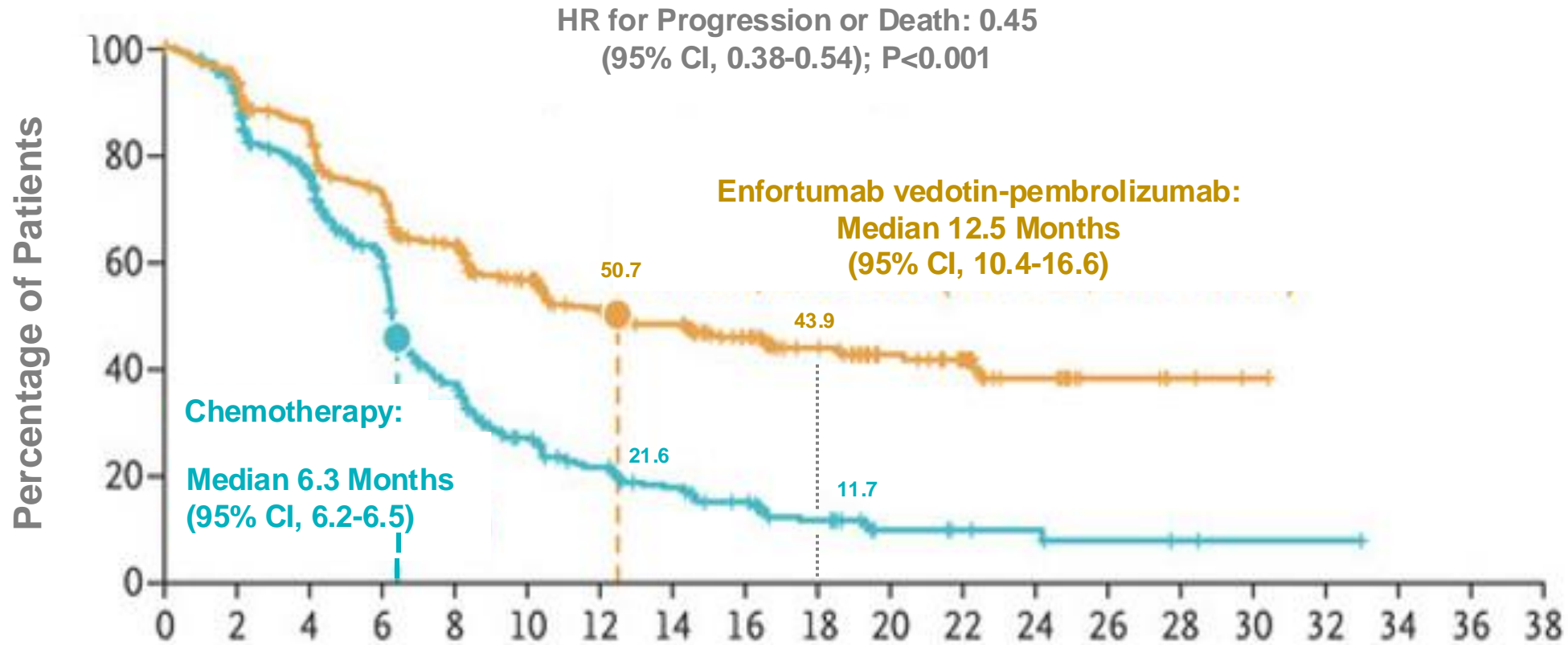
The first planned analysis was performed after approximately 526 PFS (final) and 356 OS (interim) events.

- If OS was positive at interim, the OS interim analysis was considered final

BICR, blinded independent central review  
 ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status  
 GFR, glomerular filtration rate  
 ORR, objective response rate  
 OS, overall survival  
 PD-L1, programmed cell death ligand-1  
 PFS, progression-free survival  
 RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors

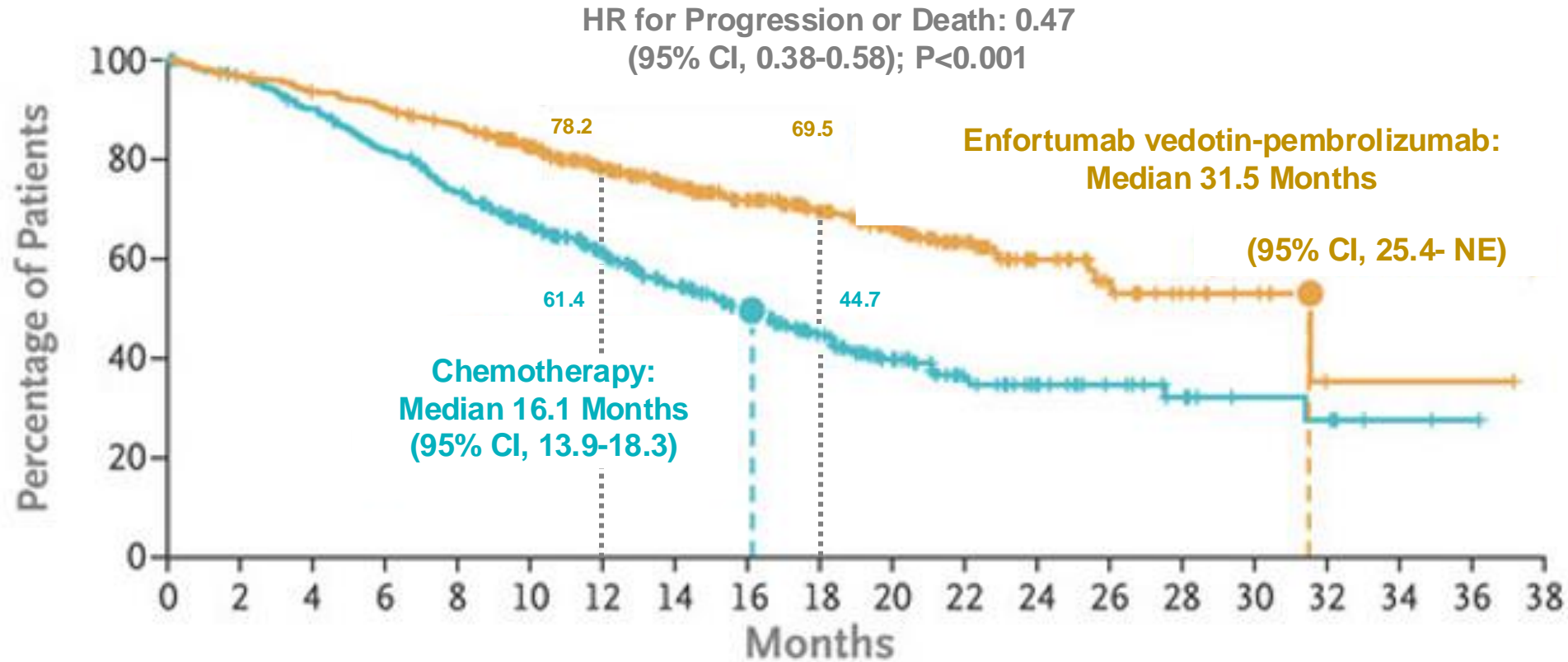
Stage of Disease	EV + Pembrolizumab (n=442)	Platinum-Based + Gemcitabine (n=444)
Metastatic	421 (95.2%)	420 (94.6%)

# Phase III EV-302 Clinical Trial: PFS





# Phase III EV-302 Clinical Trial: OS



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## FDA Approves Sacituzumab Govitecan for Advanced Urothelial Cancer

Author(s): [Kristi Rosa](#)

*The FDA has granted an accelerated approval to sacituzumab govitecan for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer who previously received a platinum-containing chemotherapy and either a PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor.*



FDA

The FDA has granted an accelerated approval to sacituzumab govitecan for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer who previously received a platinum-containing chemotherapy and either a PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor.<sup>1</sup>

**Foster City, Calif., October 18, 2024** – Plans were announced today to voluntarily withdraw the U.S. accelerated approval for sacituzumab govitecan-hziy; SG for the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer who have previously received a platinum-containing chemotherapy and either programmed death receptor-1 (PD-1) or programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) inhibitor. This decision was made in consultation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).


# Summary Points

- The gold-standard for localized MIBC is peri-operative IO + chemo. Unclear if superior to chemo → surgery → IO (adj)
- Adjuvant IO is SOC; efforts to optimize to needs it are ongoing
- EV+Pembro changed front line Ia/mUC.. Maybe it will change peri-operative setting also
- What to do for patients who progress is unclear but likely does NOT involve IO

Thank You!

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