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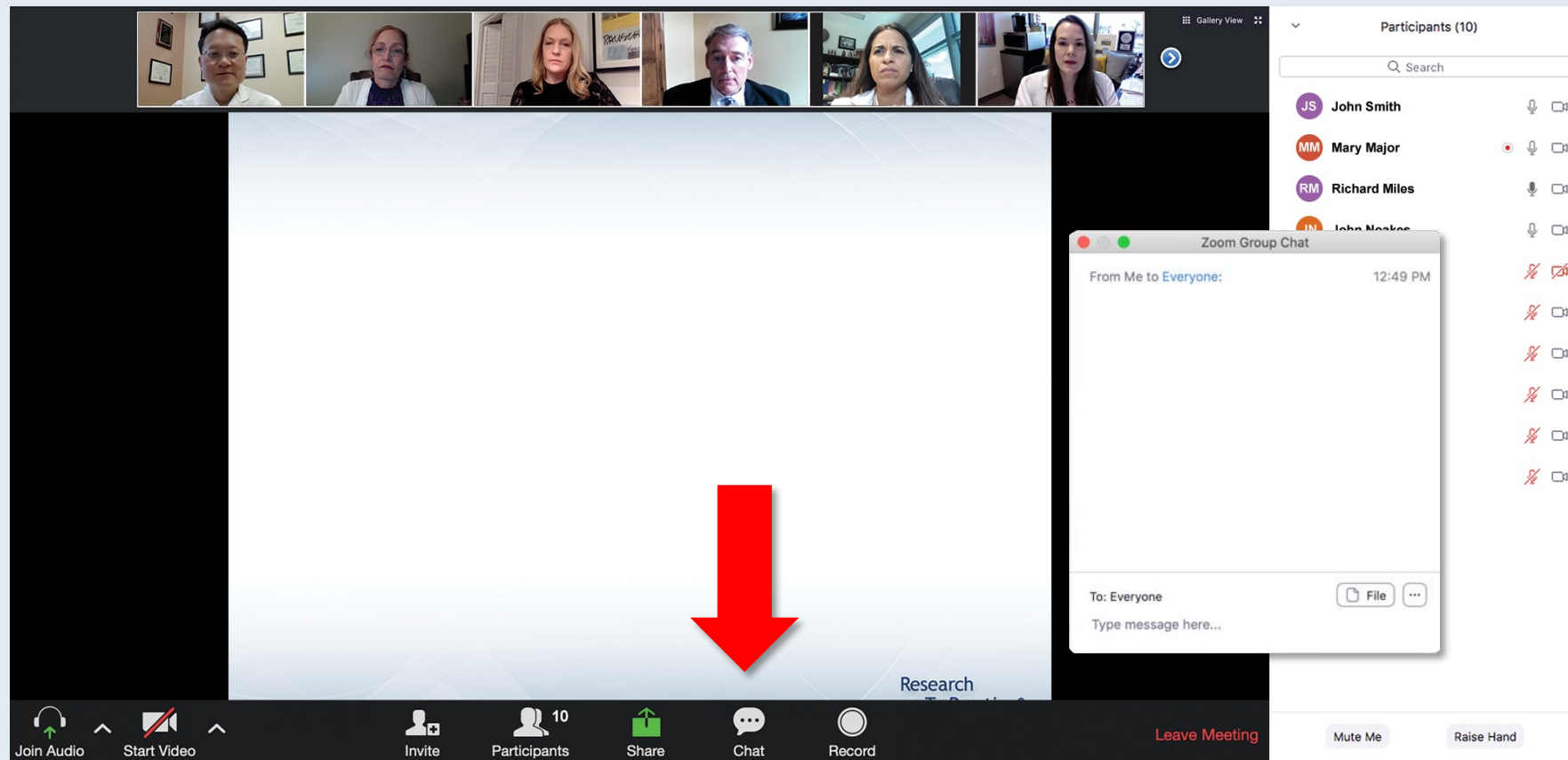
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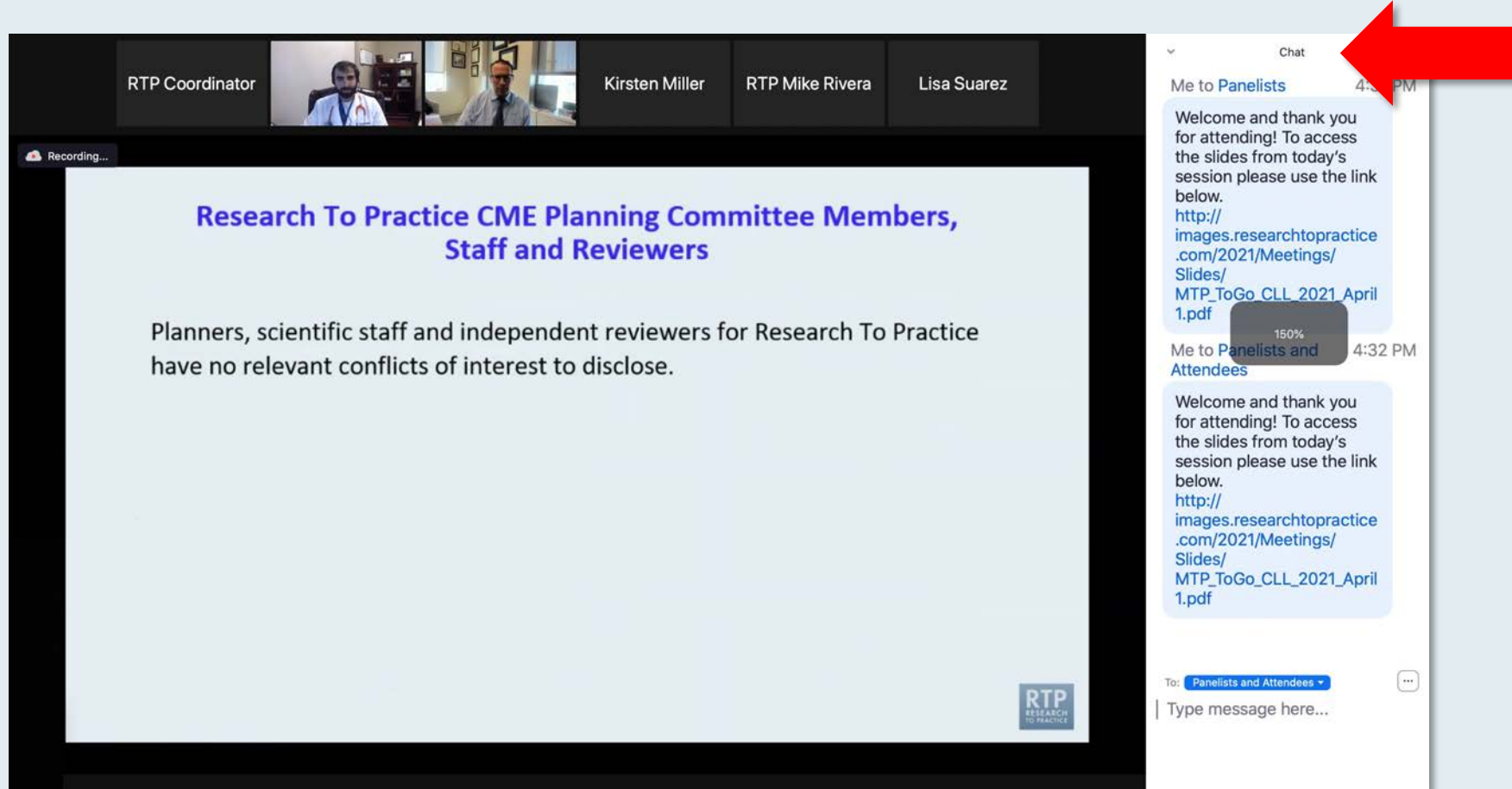
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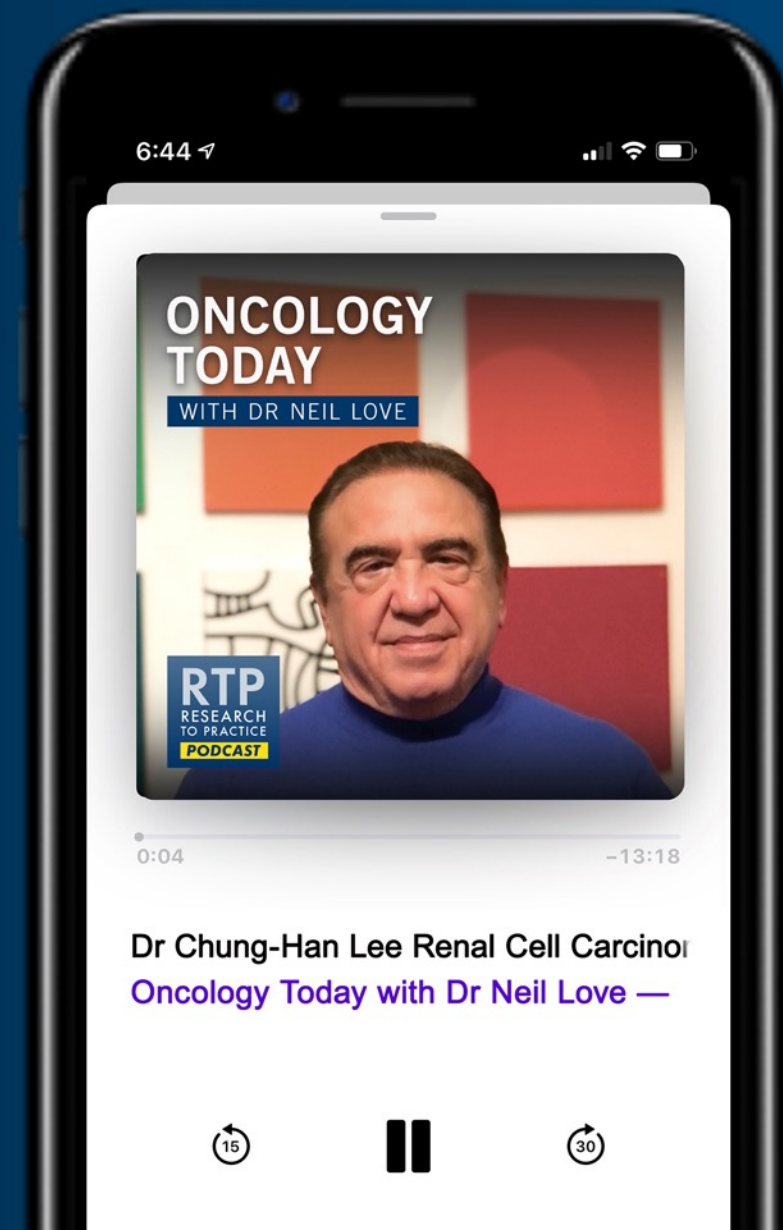
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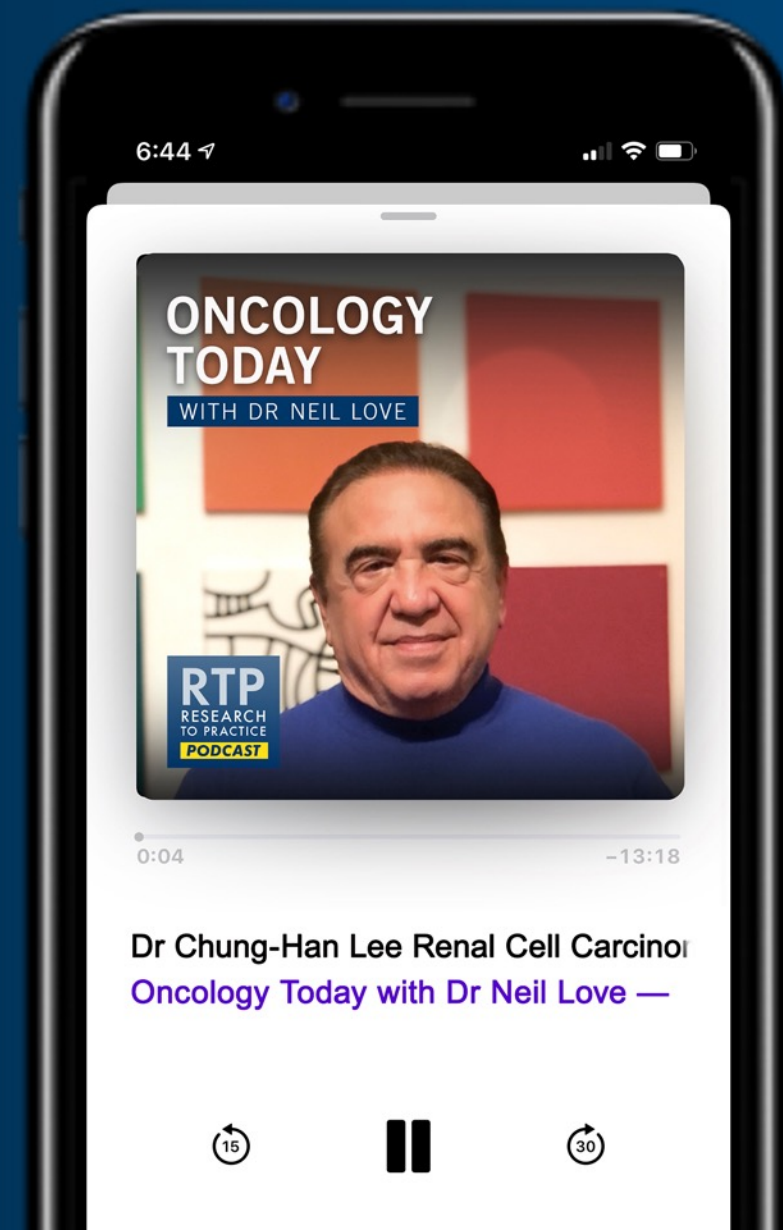
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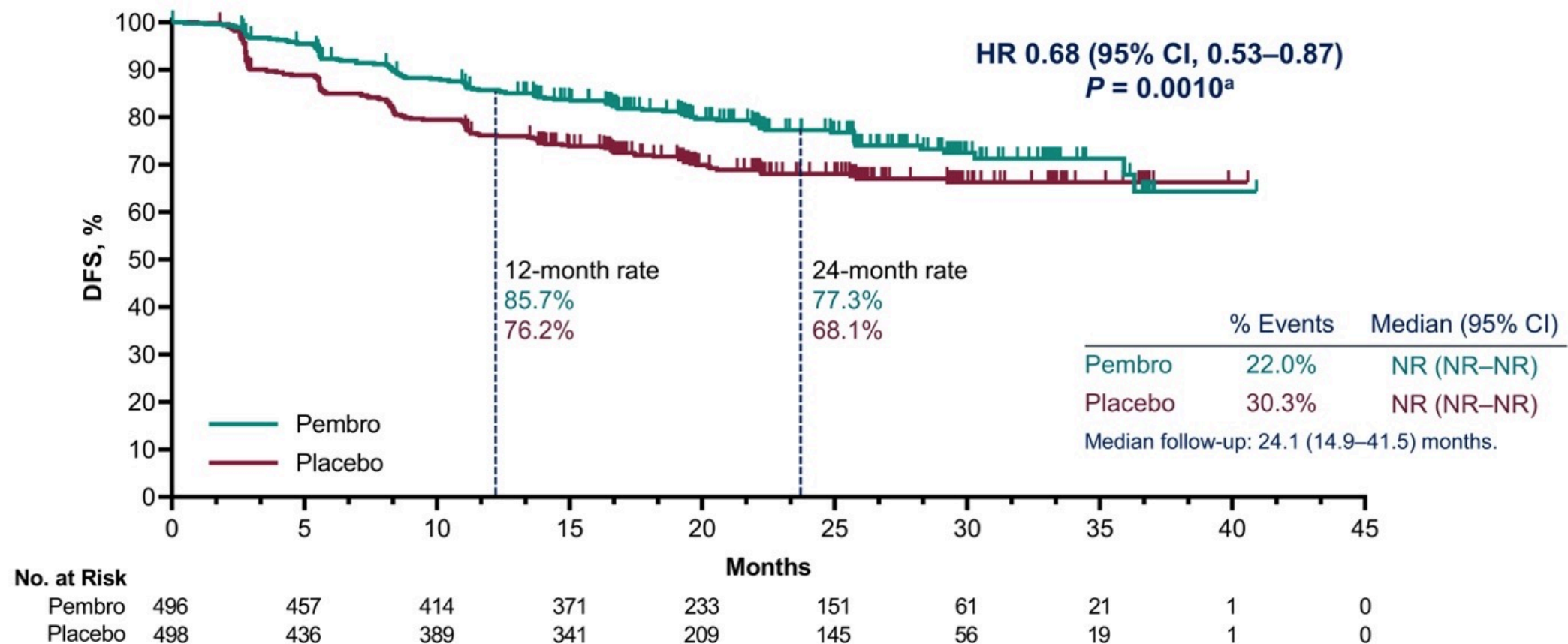
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Dr Ranju Gupta

- Diagnosed with poor-risk ccRCC with metastases to the bone and lungs
- ECOG PS 2-3, poor nutritional status, severe psychiatric issues
- Pembrolizumab/axitinib
 - Due to low body weight, initiated axitinib at 2 mg and then increased to 3 mg
- No autoimmune toxicities to date

Questions

- How do you select between an immunotherapy/TKI regimen and nivolumab/ipilimumab as first-line therapy for patients with ccRCC? How do you sequence these 2 regimens?

Case Presentation – Dr Matt-Amaral: A 49-year-old man with metastatic ccRCC with sarcomatoid features



Dr Laurie Matt-Amaral

- Presented to the ER with hematuria and pain, initial work-up revealed large 10-cm mass in the left kidney
- Nephrectomy → ccRCC with sarcomatoid features, grade 4, stage T3a
- Developed coughing and shortness of breath
- CT scan showed lung nodules

Case Presentation – Dr Matt-Amaral: A 49-year-old man with metastatic ccRCC with sarcomatoid features (continued)



Dr Laurie Matt-Amaral

- Presented to the ER with hematuria and pain, initial work-up revealed large mass in the left kidney
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- Developed coughing and shortness of breath – lung nodules detected
- ***Pembrolizumab/axitinib x 24 cycles***
 - ***Severe joint pain after first cycle that was relieved by steroids***
- ***Stable disease, but recently a small increase in chest lymphadenopathy has been detected***

Question

- ***Do you feel it would be reasonable to administer radiation therapy to target the lung nodules?***

Case Presentation – Dr Yap: A 60-year-old man with metastatic ccRCC



Dr Kelly Yap

- Presented with significant weight loss and some flank pain
- Diagnosed with Stage IV ccRCC with thoracic metastases
- Cytoreductive nephrectomy
- Ipilimumab/nivolumab x 4 cycles
 - Developed pneumonitis managed with high-dose steroids
 - Around this time, he experienced disease progression
- Lenvatinib/everolimus → PD → currently on axitinib

Questions

- What is the role of cytoreductive nephrectomy in the era of immunotherapy and VEGF TKIs?
- How would you approach this case if the patient had an absolute contraindication to immunotherapy?

Case Presentation – Dr Powles: A 72-year-old man and former heavy smoker with metastatic ccRCC



Dr Thomas Powles

- PMH: history of heavy smoking, osteoarthritis and well-controlled hypertension
- Diagnosed initially with Grade 2, Stage T2 ccRCC → nephrectomy
- New lung metastases detected in both lungs 18 months later
- Observed for 3 months → 2 mm increase in size of lesions
- Anxious to start therapy
- Pembrolizumab/axitinib x 1 year → CR
- Experienced Grade 2-3 diarrhea with axitinib 5 mg

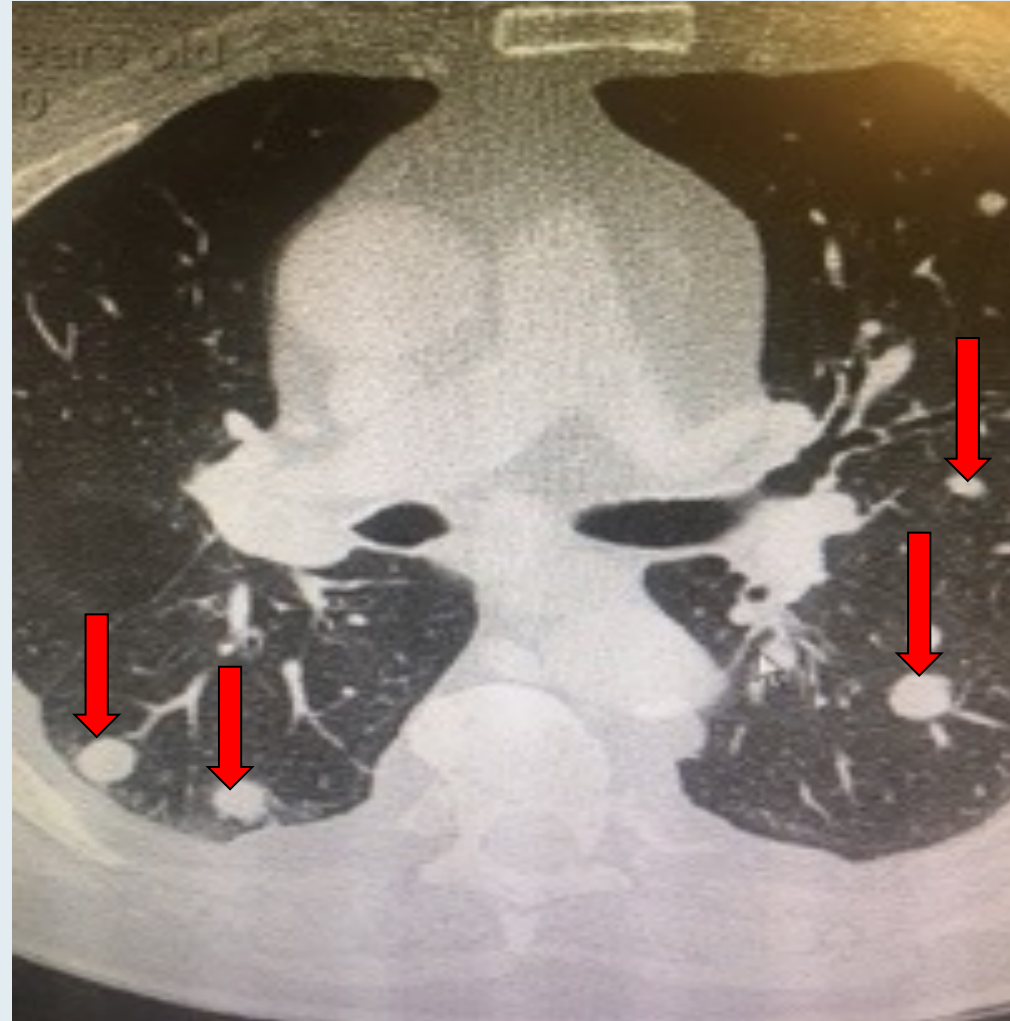
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- How long would you continue treatment with immunotherapy in a patient who has achieved a CR?

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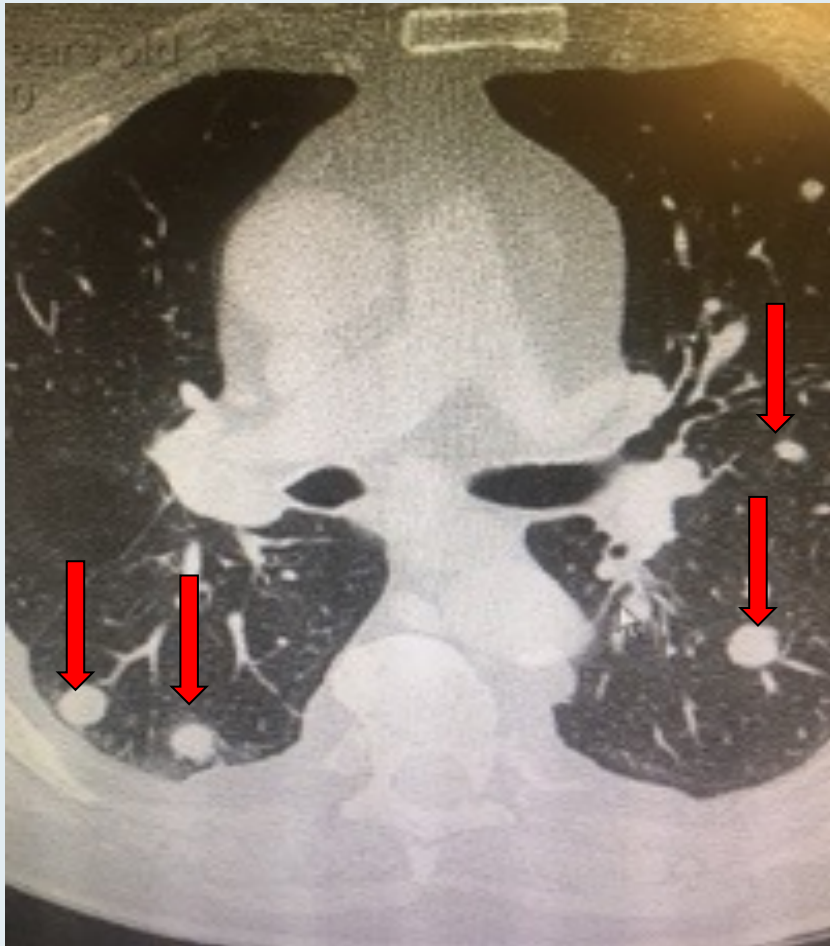
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- PMH: irritable bowel disease, mild psoriasis in the past
- Diagnosed with Grade 3, T2N0M1 ccRCC (biopsy proven), intermediate risk, with metastases to liver, bone and lungs
- Recently underwent childbirth – psoriasis worsened during pregnancy and controlled with medication

Questions

- What treatment would you recommend for this patient?
- How safe is it to administer immunotherapy to this patient with her history of psoriasis?
- How would you distinguish between irritable bowel disease and colitis?

Case Presentation – Dr Powles: A 32-year-old woman with metastatic intermediate-risk ccRCC (continued)



Dr Thomas Powles

- PMH: irritable bowel disease, mild psoriasis in the past
- Diagnosed with Grade 3, T2N0M1 ccRCC (biopsy proven), intermediate-risk, with metastases to liver, bone and lungs
- Recently had children – psoriasis worsened during pregnancy and controlled with medication
- ***Ipilimumab/nivolumab initiated***
- ***Grade 3 transaminitis, adrenal insufficiency and grade 2 rash at week 6 → steroids x 3 weeks***
- ***Resumed ipilimumab/nivolumab → Grade 2 transaminitis reoccurred → continued with nivolumab single agent***
- ***Stable disease with nivolumab for 6 months; disease progression in bone***
- ***Axitinib initiated***

Question

- ***Would you have re-challenged with ipilimumab/nivolumab or continued only the nivolumab as a single agent?***

Case Presentation – Dr Powles: A 66-year-old man with metastatic papillary RCC



Dr Thomas Powles

- Initially diagnosed with Stage T3 papillary RCC → nephrectomy
- Five months later, metastases to the lung and lymph nodes detected
- Patient is also anemic

Questions

- What is the optimal treatment for patients with papillary RCC?
- Should all these patients undergo genetic testing? Is the MET biomarker relevant?
- Is VEGF-targeted therapy recommended for these patients? If so, which agent?
- Would immune checkpoint inhibitors be appropriate therapy?

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Optimizing Front-Line Decision-Making for Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC)

Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, which first-line therapy would you recommend for a 65-year-old patient with a history of nephrectomy for clear cell renal cell carcinoma (RCC) who on routine follow-up 3 years later is found to have asymptomatic bone metastases (PS 0)?

1. Nivolumab/ipilimumab
2. Avelumab/axitinib
3. Pembrolizumab/axitinib
4. Pembrolizumab/lenvatinib
5. Nivolumab/cabozantinib
6. Tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) monotherapy
7. Anti-PD-1/PD-L1 monotherapy
8. Other

Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, which first-line therapy would you recommend for a 65-year-old patient with a history of nephrectomy for clear cell renal cell carcinoma (RCC) who on routine follow-up 3 years later is found to have asymptomatic bone metastases (PS = 0)?



Dr Choueiri

**Nivolumab/
cabozantinib**



Dr Motzer

**Nivolumab/
cabozantinib**



Dr Hutson

**Nivolumab/
cabozantinib**



Dr Plimack

**Pembrolizumab/
axitinib**



Dr Jonasch

**Nivolumab/
cabozantinib**



Prof Powles

**Pembrolizumab/
lenvatinib**



Dr McDermott

Nivolumab/ipilimumab



Dr Rini

**Pembrolizumab/
lenvatinib**

Regulatory and reimbursement issues aside, which first-line therapy would you recommend for a 65-year-old patient who presents with clear cell RCC with multiple painful bone metastases and hemoglobin (Hb) of 11.4 g/dL (PS 1)?

1. Nivolumab/ipilimumab
2. Avelumab/axitinib
3. Pembrolizumab/axitinib
4. Pembrolizumab/lenvatinib
5. Nivolumab/cabozantinib
6. TKI monotherapy
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8. Other

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Dr Choueiri

**Nivolumab/
cabozantinib**



Dr Motzer

Nivolumab/ipilimumab



Dr Hutson

**Nivolumab/
cabozantinib**



Dr Plimack

**Pembrolizumab/
lenvatinib**



Dr Jonasch

**Nivolumab/
cabozantinib**



Prof Powles

**Pembrolizumab/
axitinib**



Dr McDermott

**Pembrolizumab/
lenvatinib**



Dr Rini

**Pembrolizumab/
lenvatinib**

In general, which first-line therapy would you recommend for a 65-year-old patient who presents with metastatic clear cell RCC and for whom the use of immune checkpoint inhibitors is contraindicated?

1. Sunitinib
2. Pazopanib
3. Cabozantinib
4. Axitinib
5. Other

In general, which first-line therapy would you recommend for a 65-year-old patient who presents with metastatic clear cell RCC and for whom the use of immune checkpoint inhibitors is contraindicated?



Dr Choueiri

Cabozantinib



Dr Motzer

Cabozantinib



Dr Hutson

Cabozantinib



Dr Plimack

Pazopanib



Dr Jonasch

Sunitinib



Prof Powles

Pazopanib



Dr McDermott

Cabozantinib



Dr Rini

Cabozantinib

In general, how would you compare the efficacy of tivozanib to that of commercially available tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs; eg, axitinib, cabozantinib, lenvatinib) in patients with relapsed metastatic RCC?



Dr Choueiri

I don't know (likely same as axitinib)



Dr Motzer

I don't know



Dr Hutson

Efficacy is about the same



Dr Plimack

Efficacy is about the same



Dr Jonasch

Efficacy is about the same



Prof Powles

Efficacy is about the same



Dr McDermott

Efficacy is about the same



Dr Rini

Efficacy is about the same

In general, how would you compare the tolerability of tivozanib to that of commercially available TKIs (eg, axitinib, cabozantinib, lenvatinib) in patients with relapsed metastatic RCC?



Dr Choueiri

Tivozanib is more tolerable



Dr Motzer

Tivozanib is more tolerable



Dr Hutson

Tivozanib is more tolerable



Dr Plimack

Tivozanib is more tolerable



Dr Jonasch

Tivozanib is more tolerable



Prof Powles

Tolerability is about the same



Dr McDermott

Tivozanib is more tolerable



Dr Rini

Tivozanib is more tolerable

Sequencing of Therapy for Patients with Relapsed/Refractory (R/R) RCC; Novel Approaches under Investigation

In general, what would you recommend as second-line treatment for a 65-year-old patient (PS 0) with metastatic clear-cell RCC who receives first-line ipilimumab/nivolumab and experiences disease progression after 12 months?

1. Sunitinib
2. Pazopanib
3. Cabozantinib
4. Axitinib
5. Avelumab/axitinib
6. Pembrolizumab/axitinib
7. Nivolumab/cabozantinib
8. Other

In general, what would you recommend as second-line treatment for a 65-year-old patient (PS 0) with metastatic clear cell RCC who receives first-line ipilimumab/nivolumab and experiences disease progression after 12 months?



Dr Choueiri

Cabozantinib



Dr Motzer

Axitinib



Dr Hutson

Cabozantinib



Dr Plimack

**Pembrolizumab/
axitinib**



Dr Jonasch

Cabozantinib



Prof Powles

Cabozantinib



Dr McDermott

Cabozantinib



Dr Rini

Axitinib

In general, what would you recommend as second-line treatment for a 65-year-old patient (PS 0) with metastatic clear-cell RCC who receives first-line pembrolizumab/axitinib and experiences disease progression after 12 months?

1. Sunitinib
2. Pazopanib
3. Cabozantinib
4. Sorafenib
5. Lenvatinib/everolimus
6. Nivolumab/ipilimumab
7. Nivolumab/cabozantinib
8. Other

In general, what would you recommend as second-line treatment for a 65-year-old patient (PS 0) with metastatic clear cell RCC who receives first-line pembrolizumab/axitinib and experiences disease progression after 12 months?



Dr Choueiri

Cabozantinib



Dr Motzer

Cabozantinib



Dr Hutson

Cabozantinib



Dr Plimack

Cabozantinib



Dr Jonasch

Cabozantinib



Prof Powles

Cabozantinib



Dr McDermott

Cabozantinib



Dr Rini

Cabozantinib

In general, what would you recommend as second-line treatment for a 65-year-old patient (PS 0) with metastatic clear cell RCC who receives first-line nivolumab/cabozantinib and experiences disease progression after 12 months?



Dr Choueiri

**Lenvatinib +
everolimus**



Dr Motzer

**Lenvatinib +
everolimus**



Dr Hutson

**Lenvatinib +
everolimus**



Dr Plimack

**Lenvatinib +
everolimus**



Dr Jonasch

**Lenvatinib +
everolimus**



Prof Powles

Axitinib



Dr McDermott

Nivolumab/ipilimumab



Dr Rini

Axitinib

Meet The Professor with Dr McDermott

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Journal Club with Dr McDermott

- Safety and efficacy of immunotherapy rechallenge in RCC
- PROSPER RCC: Phase III study of perioperative nivolumab versus observation in patients with renal cell carcinoma (RCC) undergoing nephrectomy
- HCRN GU16-260 Cohort B: Phase II study of nivolumab and salvage nivolumab + ipilimumab in treatment-naïve patients with advanced non-clear cell RCC
- Integrative molecular characterization of sarcomatoid and rhabdoid RCC
- Salvage ipilimumab and nivolumab in metastatic RCC after prior immune checkpoint inhibitors
- Cabozantinib/nivolumab/ipilimumab for advanced RCC with variant histology
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Journal Club with Dr McDermott (continued)

- Oral HIF2 α inhibitor MK-6482 in advanced clear cell RCC
- Phase II study of MK-6482 in combination with cabozantinib in advanced clear cell RCC
- Inhibition of hypoxia-inducible factor 2 α in RCC with belzutifan
- TIVO-3: Temporal characteristics of treatment-emergent adverse events and dose modifications with tivozanib and sorafenib in relapsed or refractory mRCC
- Nivolumab plus ipilimumab versus sunitinib as first-line treatment in sarcomatoid RCC
- Progressive immune dysfunction with advancing disease stage in RCC



Research

JAMA Oncology | **Brief Report**

Evaluation of the Safety and Efficacy of Immunotherapy Rechallenge in Patients With Renal Cell Carcinoma

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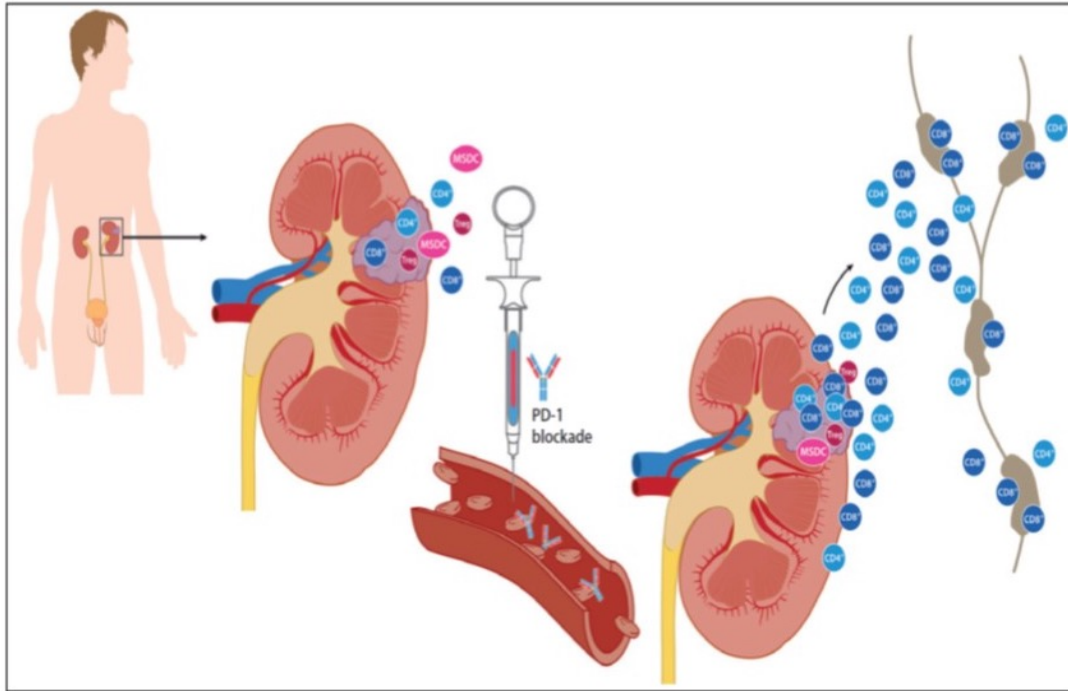


A Phase III Randomized Study Comparing Perioperative Nivolumab vs. Observation in Patients with Localized Renal Cell Carcinoma Undergoing Nephrectomy (PROSPER RCC)

Allaf M, Kim SE, Master V, McDermott DF, Drake CJ, Signoretti S, Cella D, Gupta RT, Cole S, Shuch BM, Lara P, Kapoor A, Heng DY, Leibovich BC, Michaelson M D, Choueiri TK, Jewett MA, Maskens DA, Harshman LC, Carducci MA, Haas NB On Behalf of the PROSPER RCC Investigators.



Rationale for Priming with PD-1 Blockade



Harshman...Allaf et al Kidney Cancer 2017

- There is an ongoing but unsuccessful anti-tumor T cell response in the primary tumor, tumor microenvironment, and tumor draining lymph nodes. **(Figure 1)**
- Post-PD-1 blockade, anti-tumor CD8 T cells may preferentially expand in these areas and traffic to distant sites and eradicate micrometastases. (Woo Cancer Res 2012)
- Nephrectomy removes the majority of these effector cells and cytokines, which could result in a less potent immune response.

PROSPER RCC: Revised Phase III Trial Schema

Current Key Eligibility Criteria:

- Clinical T2 or any node positive RCC
- M0 or oligometastatic disease that can be rendered NED
- Clear cell or non-clear cell histology including sarcomatoid
- Planned for nephrectomy
- No concurrent or prior systemic therapy for RCC

Stratify

- Clinical T stage: cT1 or 2 vs cT3 or 4
- Clinical N stage: cN0 vs cN+
- Clinical metastatic stage: cM0 vs cM1

Arm A

Histology confirmation
required

Nivolumab 480 mg
x 1 dose

Partial or radical
nephrectomy

Nivolumab 480 mg
q4 weeks x 9 doses

Arm B

Histology confirmation
not required

Partial or radical nephrectomy
followed by observation

Accrual goal = 805 patients
Cycle length = 28 days

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Phase II Study of Nivolumab and Salvage Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in Treatment-Naïve Patients with Advanced Non-Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma (ncc-RCC) (HCRN GU16-260-Cohort B)- Poster 4510

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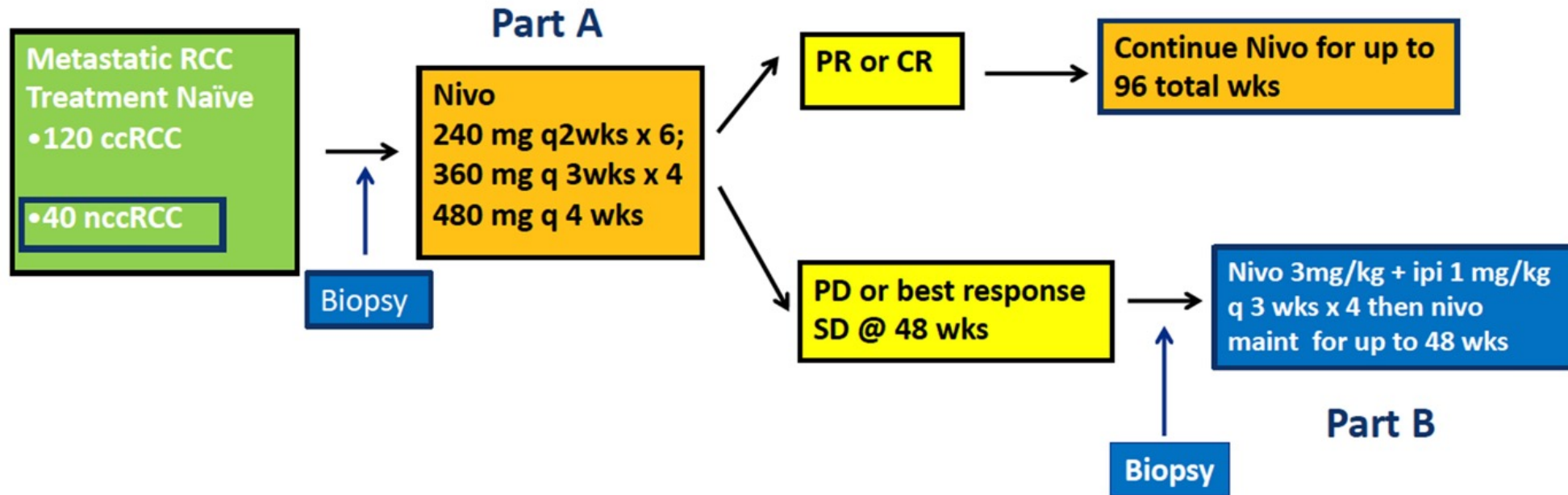
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HCRN GU16-260-Cohort B: Background

- Nivolumab monotherapy (nivo) is approved for VEGFR TKI resistant ccRCC based on the CM 025 Study.
- Combination nivolumab + ipilimumab (Nivo/ipi) is approved for treatment-naïve IMDC intermediate and poor risk ccRCC based on the CM 214 Study.
- HCRN GU16-260 Cohort A explored the efficacy and toxicity of Nivo monotherapy with Nivo/ipi boost in pts with ccRCC (Atkins at al JCO 2020.38.15_suppl.5006)
- Little information was available on the efficacy and toxicity of:
 - Nivo monotherapy in patients with treatment naïve nccRCC
 - Nivo/ipi salvage in patients with nccRCC without response to Nivo monotherapy

HCRN GU16-260-Cohort B: Trial Schema

IIT at 12 sites conducted through the HCRN GU Group
Support provided by BMS (CM209-669)



Extensive Biomarker studies in collaboration with the DFHCC
Kidney Cancer SPORE
DOD Translational Partnership Grant (Atkins, Wu)

Scans q12 weeks; Confirm response and PD;
Measurements by RECIST 1.1
Mandatory biopsies

HCRN GU16-260-Cohort B: Results Part B

Enrollment: 13/30 (43%) pts with PD/SD x 1 yr in Part A did not enroll due to irAE /SAE (3), symptomatic PD (6) and other (4)

Efficacy: ORR 1/17 (6%): 1 PR in pt with unclassified/non-sarcomatoid RCC, PD-L1 (1-5%); Median PFS 2.8 mos (2.7-NA)



















Toxicity: Grade \geq 3 Treatment Related AES: 7/17 = 41%
Skin (1) Hepatic (1), GI (1), Pulm (1), Endocrine (1), Thrombosis (1)
Sudden Death (1)

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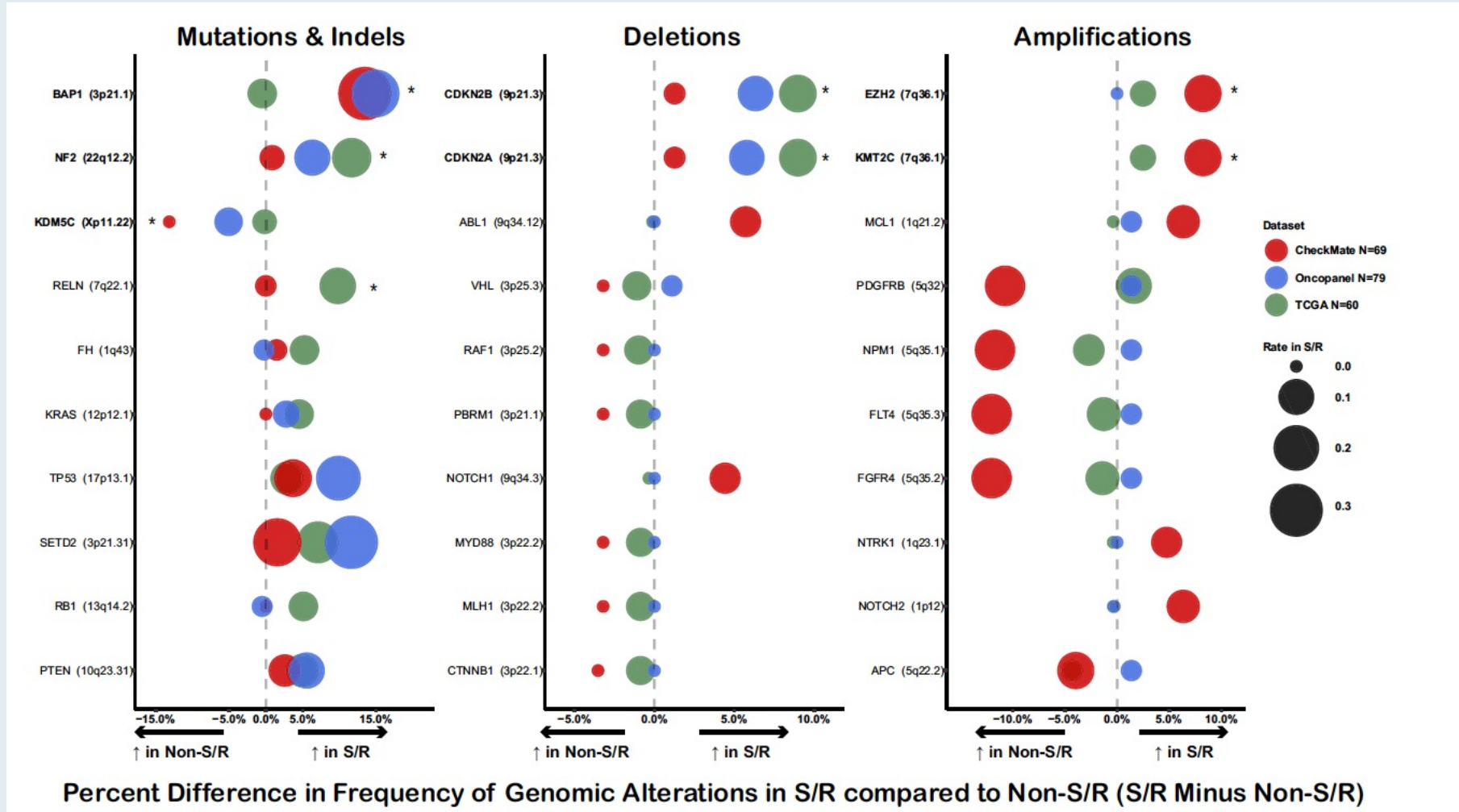
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Integrative molecular characterization of sarcomatoid and rhabdoid renal cell carcinoma

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Comparision of Mutation Frequencies in Sarcomatoid/Rhabdoid (S/R) RCC versus Non-S/R RCC



Salvage Ipilimumab and Nivolumab in Patients With Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma After Prior Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

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Cabozantinib (C) in Combination with Nivolumab (N) and Ipilimumab (I) (CaNI) for Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma with Variant Histology (aRCCVH)

McGregor BA et al.

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Optimized Management of Nivolumab and Ipilimumab in Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma: A Response-Based Phase II Study (OMNIVORE)

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The Oral HIF-2 α Inhibitor Belzutifan (MK-6482) in Patients With Advanced Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma: Updated Follow-up of a Phase 1/2 Study

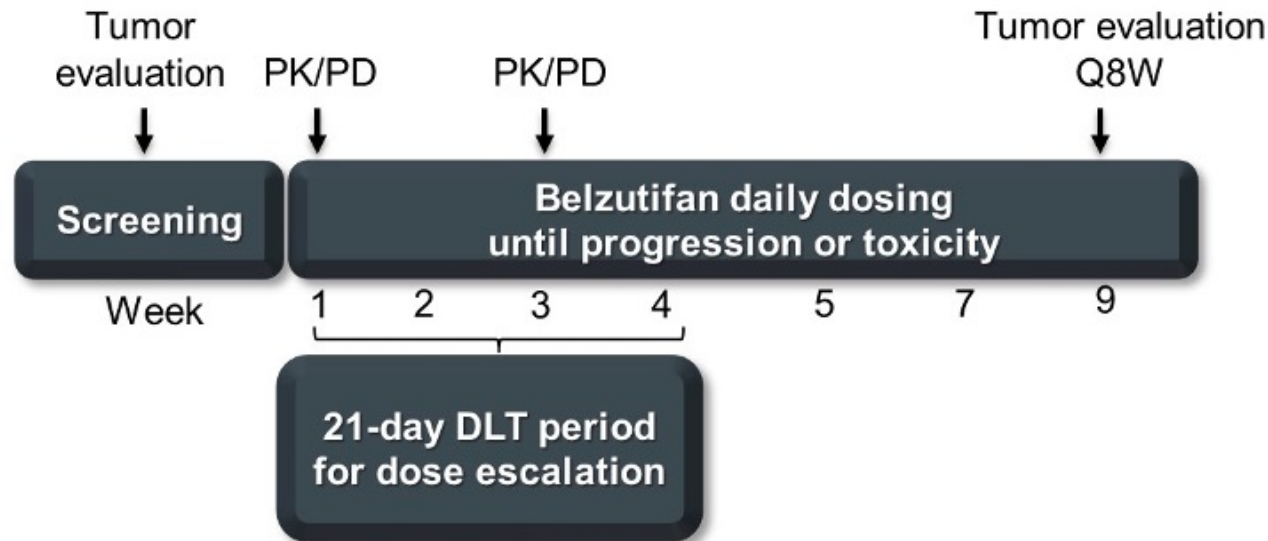
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Phase I/II Study Design



- Dose-escalation cohort for patients with advanced solid tumors
- Dose-expansion cohort for patients with advanced ccRCC who previously received ≥ 1 therapy
 - Key end points: Safety, objective response rate, duration of response

- Dose of 120 mg once daily selected for further clinical development from the dose-escalation cohort
- **55 patients with previously treated advanced ccRCC enrolled at 120 mg orally once daily in the dose-expansion cohort**
 - 44 (80%) discontinued
 - Most common reason was disease progression: 60%
 - 11 (20%) have treatment ongoing
- Median (range) follow-up:
 - 27.7 (24.8-34.3) months

Best Confirmed Objective Response by RECIST v1.1 per Investigator Assessment (Dose-Escalation Cohorts)

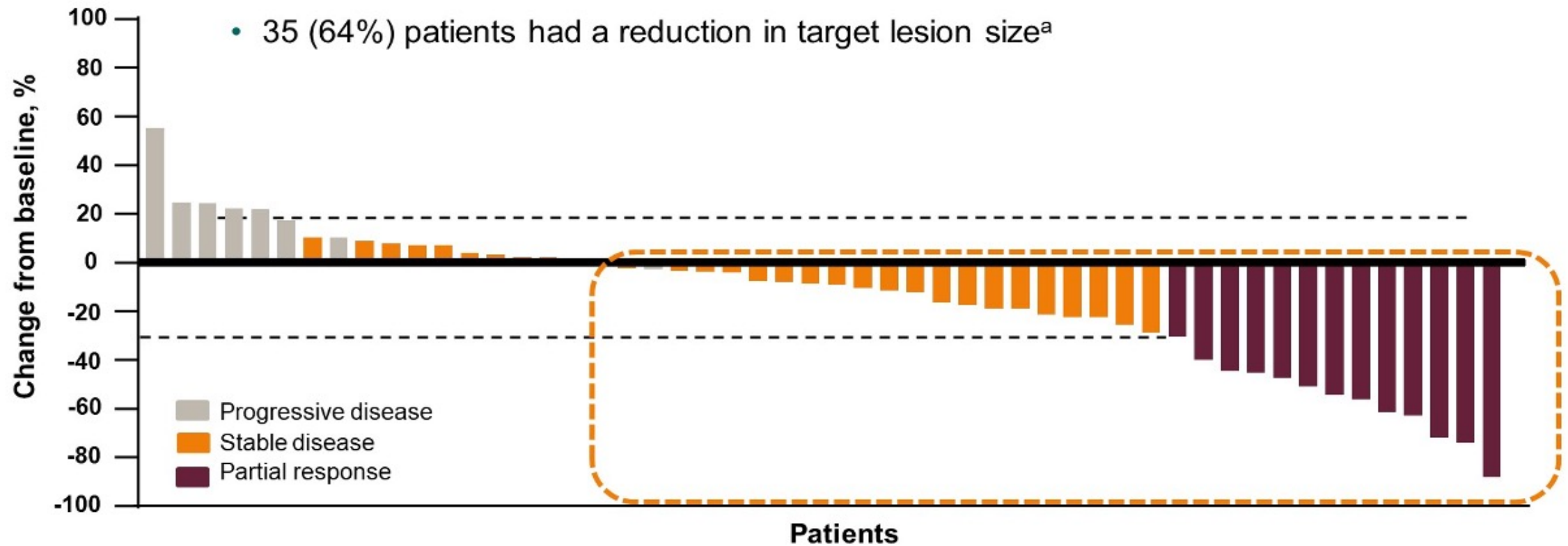
Efficacy Parameter, n (%) [95%CI]	20 mg QD N = 6	40 mg QD N = 6	80 mg QD N = 6	120 mg QD N = 6	160 mg QD N = 6	240 mg QD N = 7	120 mg BID N = 6
Objective Response Rate	0	0	0	1 (17) [0.4-64]	2 (33) [4-78]	2 (29) [4-71]	1 (17) [0.4-64]
Complete Response (CR)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Partial Response (PR)	0	0	0	1 (17) ^a	2 (33) ^b	2 (29) ^a	1 (17) ^a
Stable Disease (SD)	2 (33)	2 (33)	2 (33)	3 (50)	3 (50)	1 (14)	2 (33)
Disease Control Rate (CR + PR + SD)	2 (33) [4-78]	2 (33) [4-78]	2 (33) [4-78]	4 (67) [22-96]	5 (83) [36-100]	3 (43) [10-82]	3 (50) [12-88]
Progressive Disease	3 (50)	2 (33)	3 (50)	2 (33)	1 (17)	2 (29)	3 (50)
Not Evaluable	1 (17)	2 (33)	1 (17)	0	0	2 (29)	0

^aAll responses in ccRCC; ^bResponses observed in ccRCC (n = 1) and anaplastic ependymoma (n=1). Data cutoff: June 1, 2020.

Best Confirmed Objective Response by RECIST v1.1 per Investigator Assessment (ccRCC Cohort)

Efficacy Parameter, n (%) [95%CI]	All Patients N = 55	IMDC Favorable n = 13	IMDC Intermediate/Poor n = 42
Objective Response Rate	14 (25) [15-39]	4 (31) [9-61]	10 (24) [12-40]
Complete Response (CR)	0	0	0
Partial Response (PR)	14 (25)	4 (31)	10 (24)
Stable Disease (SD)	30 (54)	8 (62)	22 (52)
Disease Control Rate (CR + PR + SD)	44 (80) [67-90]	12 (92) [64-100]	32 (76) [61-88]
Progressive Disease	8 (15)	1 (8)	7 (17)
Not Evaluable	3 (5)	0	3 (7)

Best Tumor Change from Baseline (Investigator Assessment in the ccRCC Cohort)



Phase 2 Study of the Oral Hypoxia-Inducible Factor 2 α Inhibitor Belzutifan (MK-6482) in Combination With Cabozantinib in Patients With Advanced Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma

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Inhibition of hypoxia-inducible factor-2 α in renal cell carcinoma with belzutifan: a phase 1 trial and biomarker analysis

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Temporal Characteristics of Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events and Dose Modifications with Tivozanib and Sorafenib in the Phase 3 TIVO-3 Study of Relapsed or Refractory mRCC

Pal SK et al.

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Efficacy and Safety of Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab versus Sunitinib in First-line Treatment of Patients with Advanced Sarcomatoid Renal Cell Carcinoma

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Progressive immune dysfunction with advancing disease stage in renal cell carcinoma

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Meet The Professor with Dr McDermott

MODULE 1: Case Presentations

- Dr Gupta: A 70-year-old woman with metastatic clear cell RCC (ccRCC) and a severe psychiatric history
- Dr Matt-Amaral: A 49-year-old man with metastatic ccRCC with sarcomatoid features
- Dr Yap: A 60-year-old man with metastatic ccRCC
- Dr Powles: A 72-year-old man and former heavy smoker with metastatic ccRCC
- Dr Powles: A 32-year-old woman with metastatic intermediate-risk ccRCC
- Dr Powles: A 66-year-old man with metastatic papillary RCC


MODULE 2: Beyond the Guidelines

MODULE 3: Journal Club with Dr McDermott

MODULE 4: Key Data Sets



Nivolumab plus ipilimumab versus sunitinib for first-line treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma: extended 4-year follow-up of the phase III CheckMate 214 trial

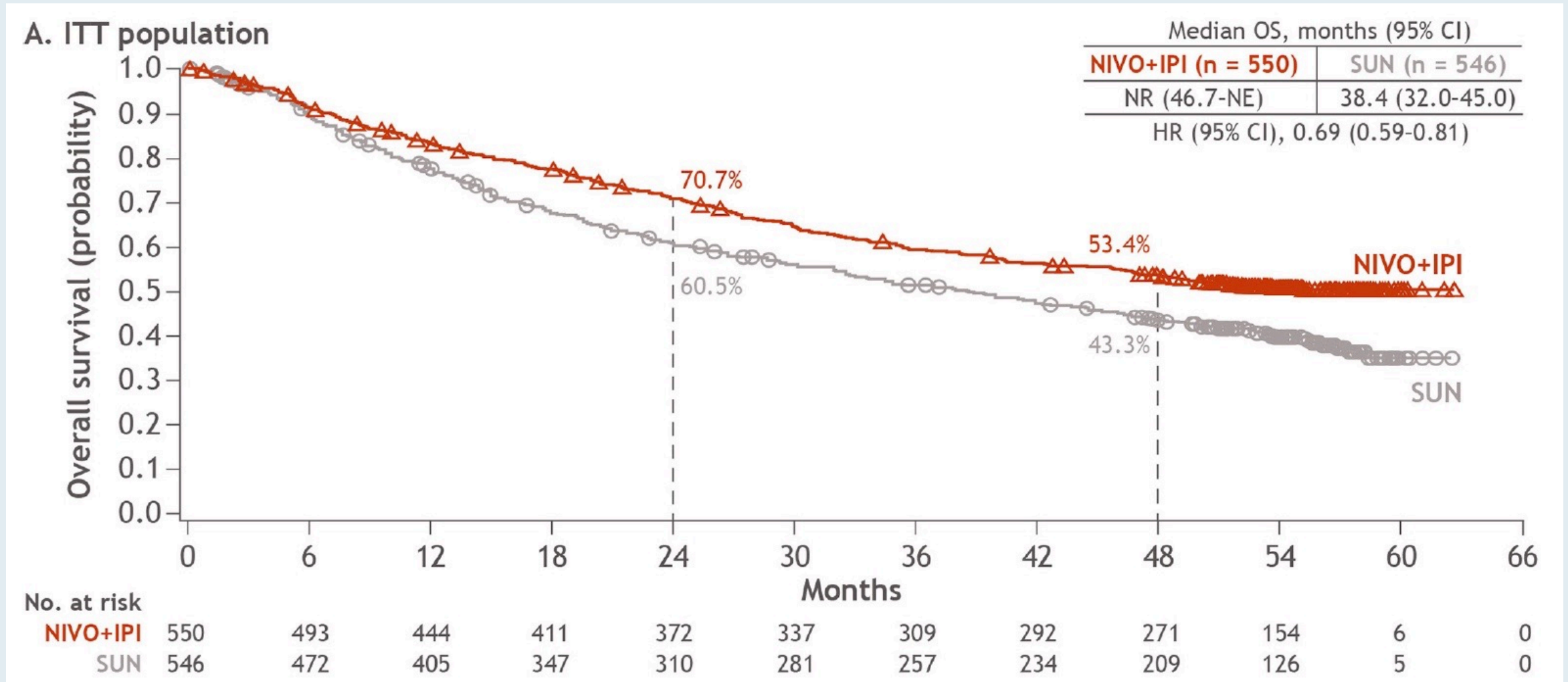
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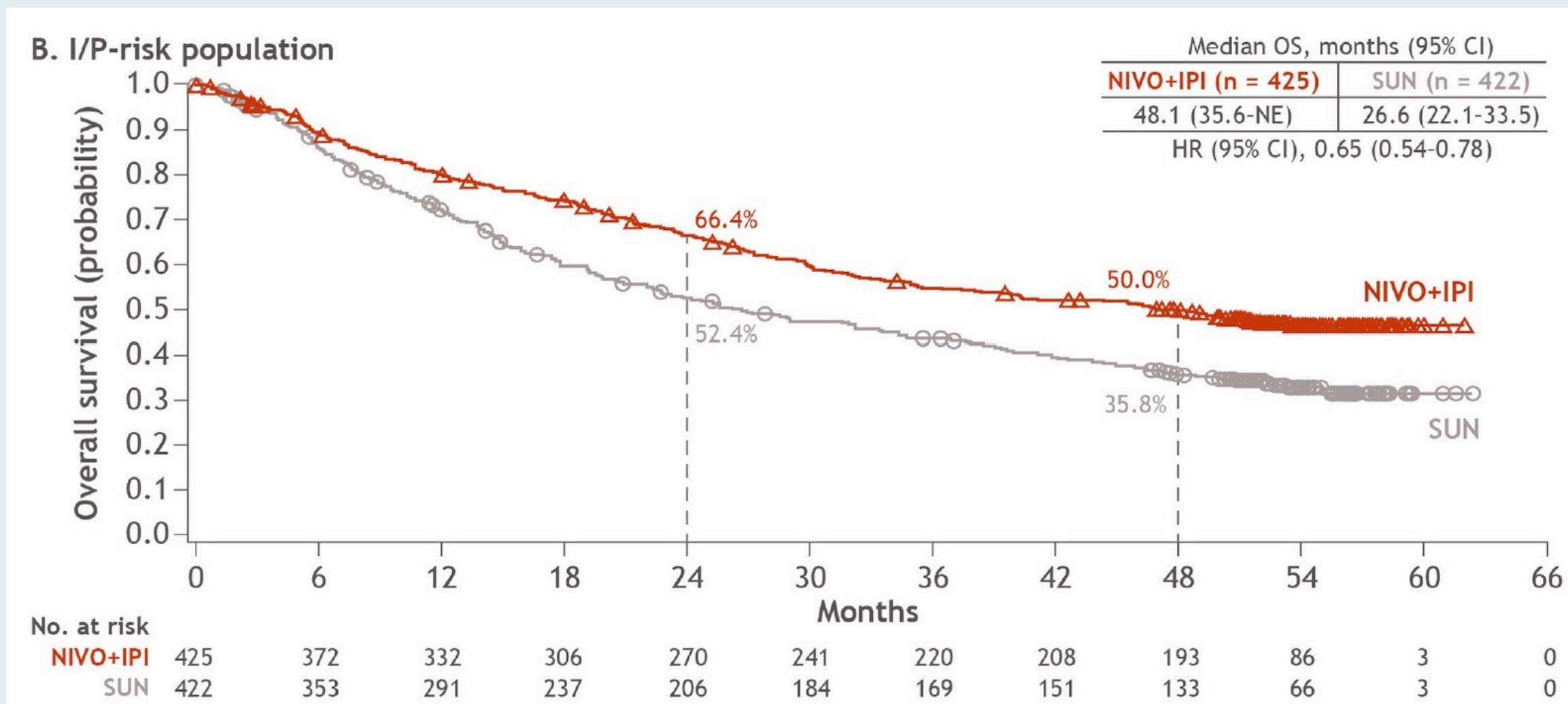
CheckMate 214: Overall Response and Best Response Rate per IRRC at 4 Years, Minimum Follow-Up in ITT

	Intent-to-Treat		Intermediate/Poor Risk		Favorable Risk	
	Nivo + Ipi (n = 550)	Sunitinib (n = 546)	Nivo + Ipi (n = 425)	Sunitinib (n = 422)	Nivo + Ipi (n = 125)	Sunitinib (n = 124)
Confirmed ORR	39.1%	32.4%	41.9%	26.8%	29.6%	51.6%
CR	10.7%	2.6%	10.4%	1.4%	12.0%	6.5%
PR	28.4%	29.9%	31.5%	25.4%	17.6%	45.2%
Stable disease	36.0%	42.1%	30.8%	44.3%	53.6%	34.7%
Progressive disease	17.6%	14.1%	19.3%	16.8%	12.0%	4.8%
Ongoing response	65.1%	52.0%	65.2%	49.6%	64.9%	56.3%

CheckMate 214: Overall Survival (ITT)



CheckMate 214: Overall Survival (Intermediate/Poor Risk)



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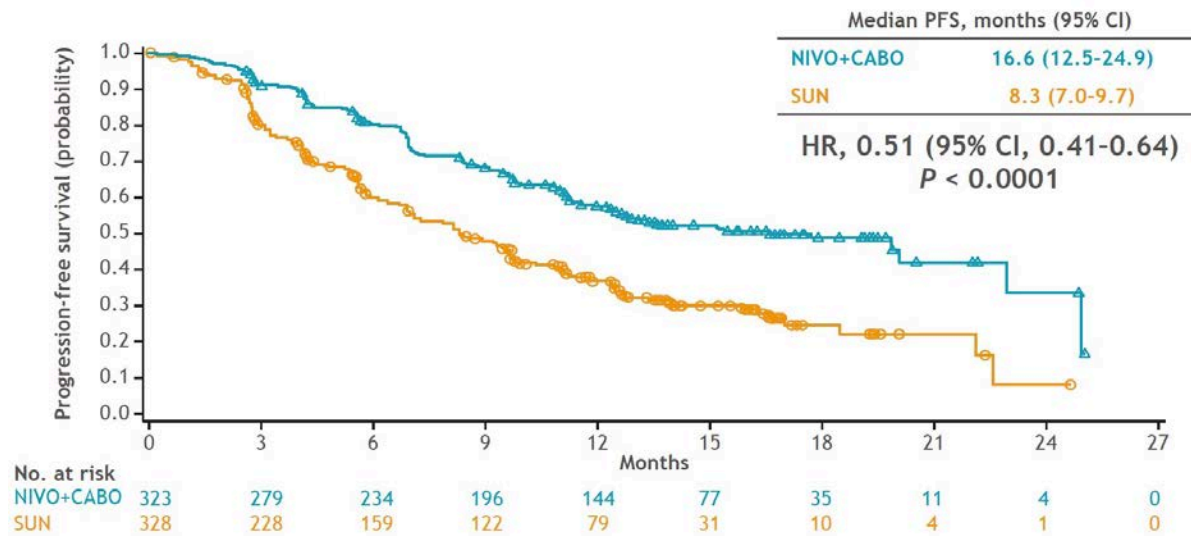
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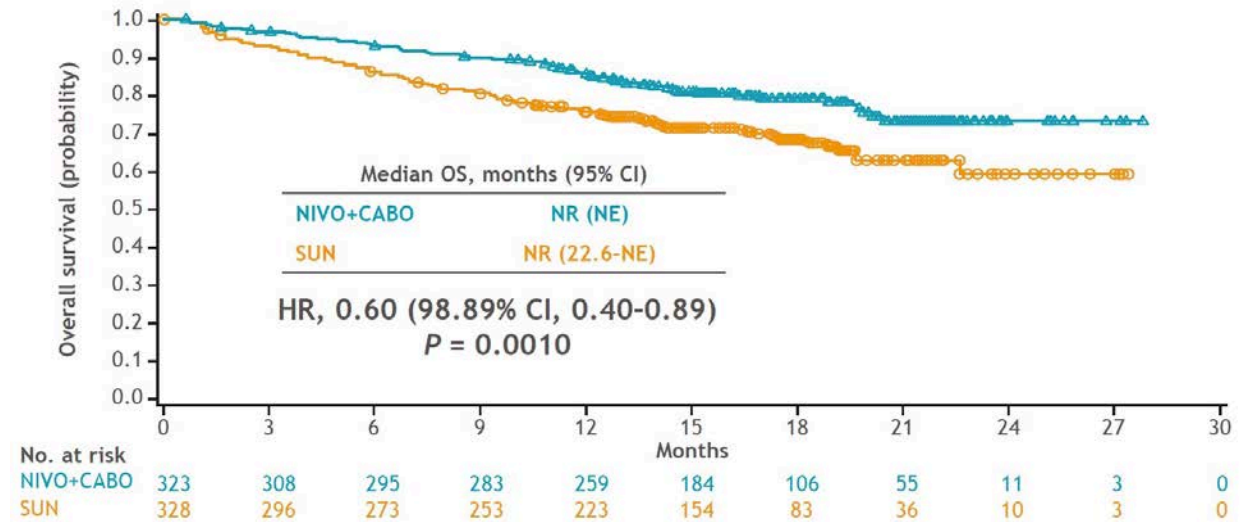
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CheckMate 9ER Survival Analyses: Nivolumab/Cabozantinib for Previously Untreated Advanced RCC

Progression-free survival per BICR



Overall survival



ABSTRACT 4509: NIVOLUMAB PLUS CABOZANTINIB IN PATIENTS WITH NON-CLEAR CELL RENAL CELL CARCINOMA: RESULTS OF A PHASE 2 TRIAL



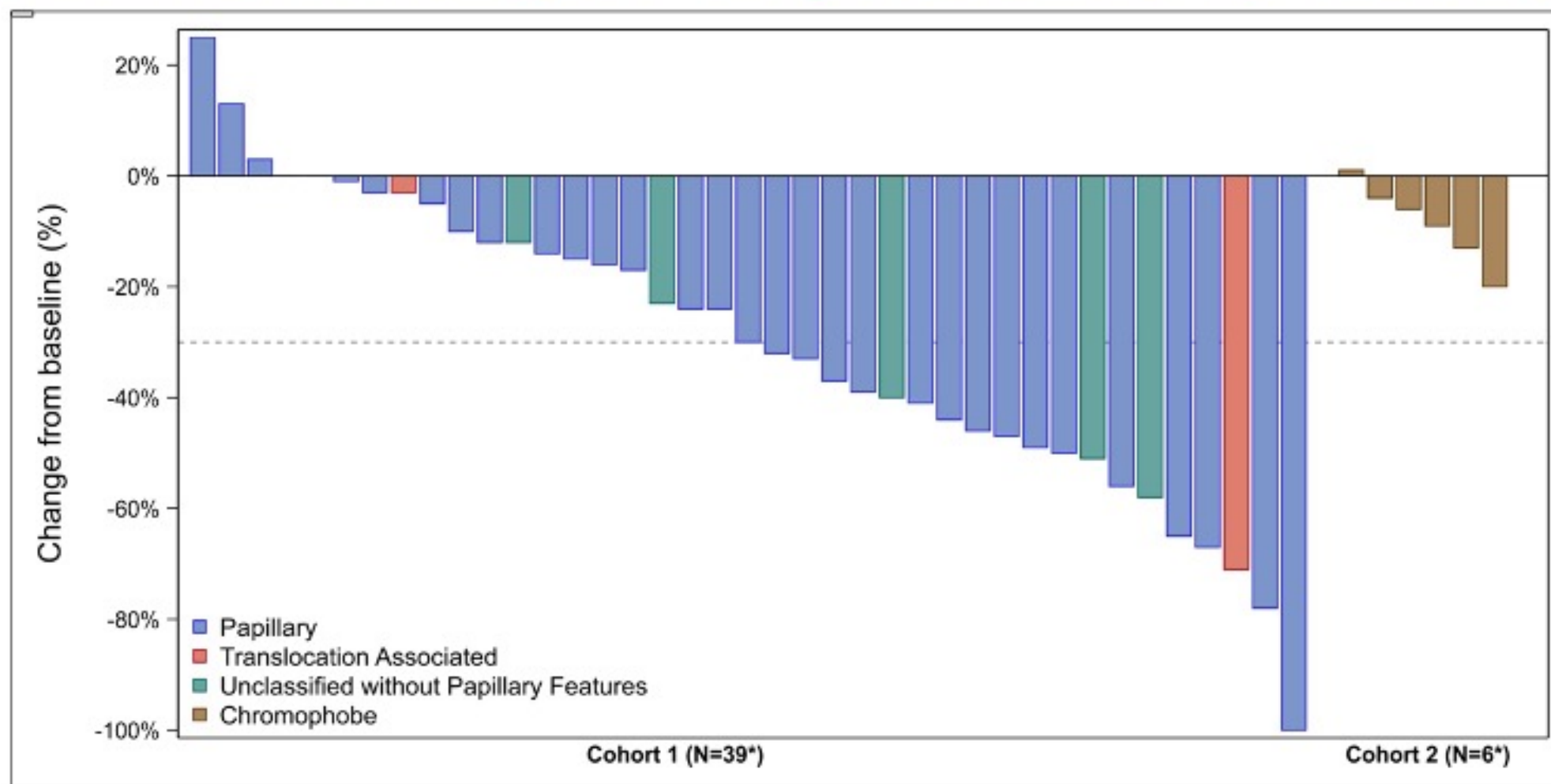
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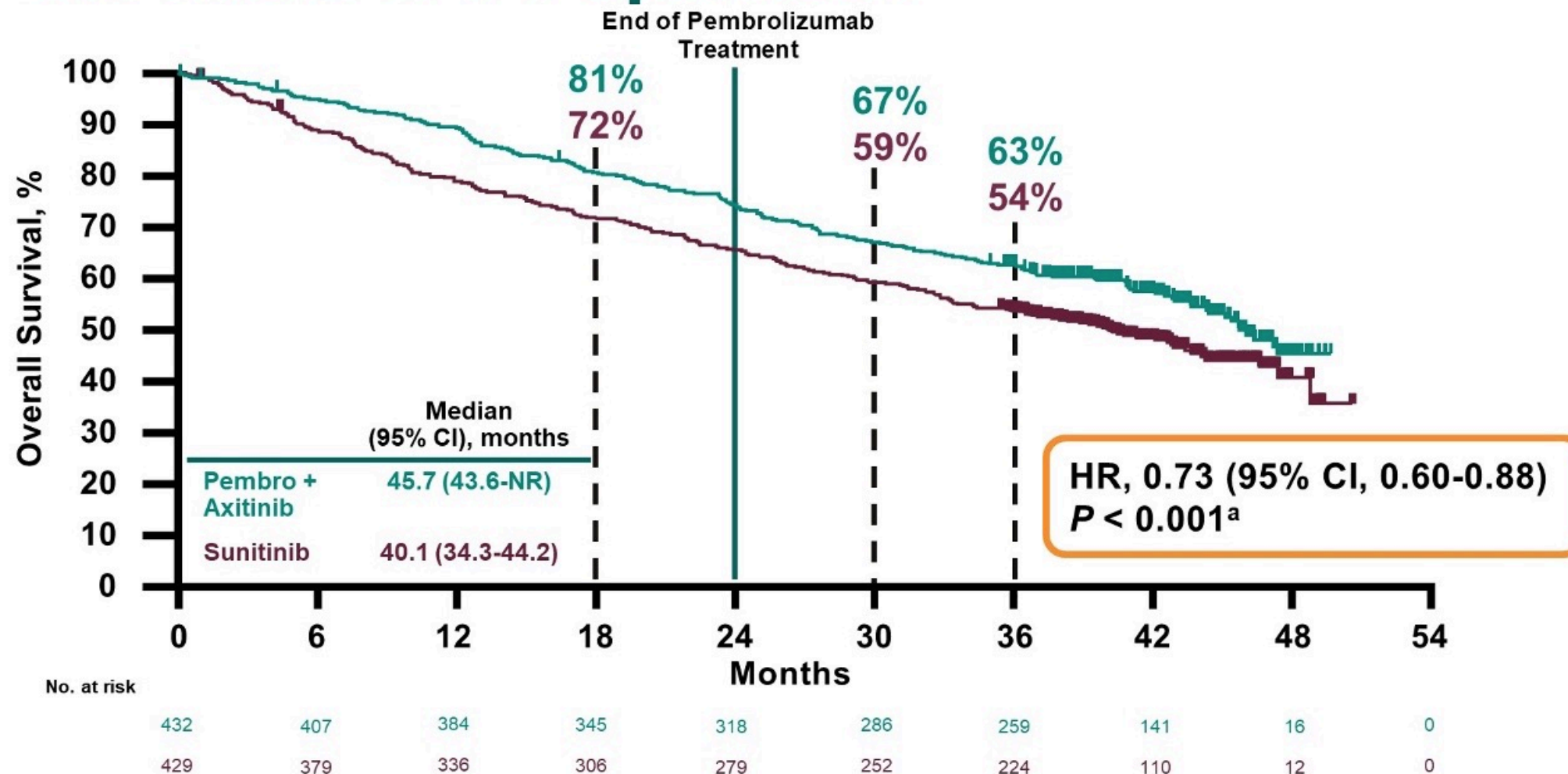


Pembrolizumab Plus Axitinib Versus Sunitinib as First-Line Therapy for Advanced Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma: Results From 42-Month Follow-Up of KEYNOTE-426

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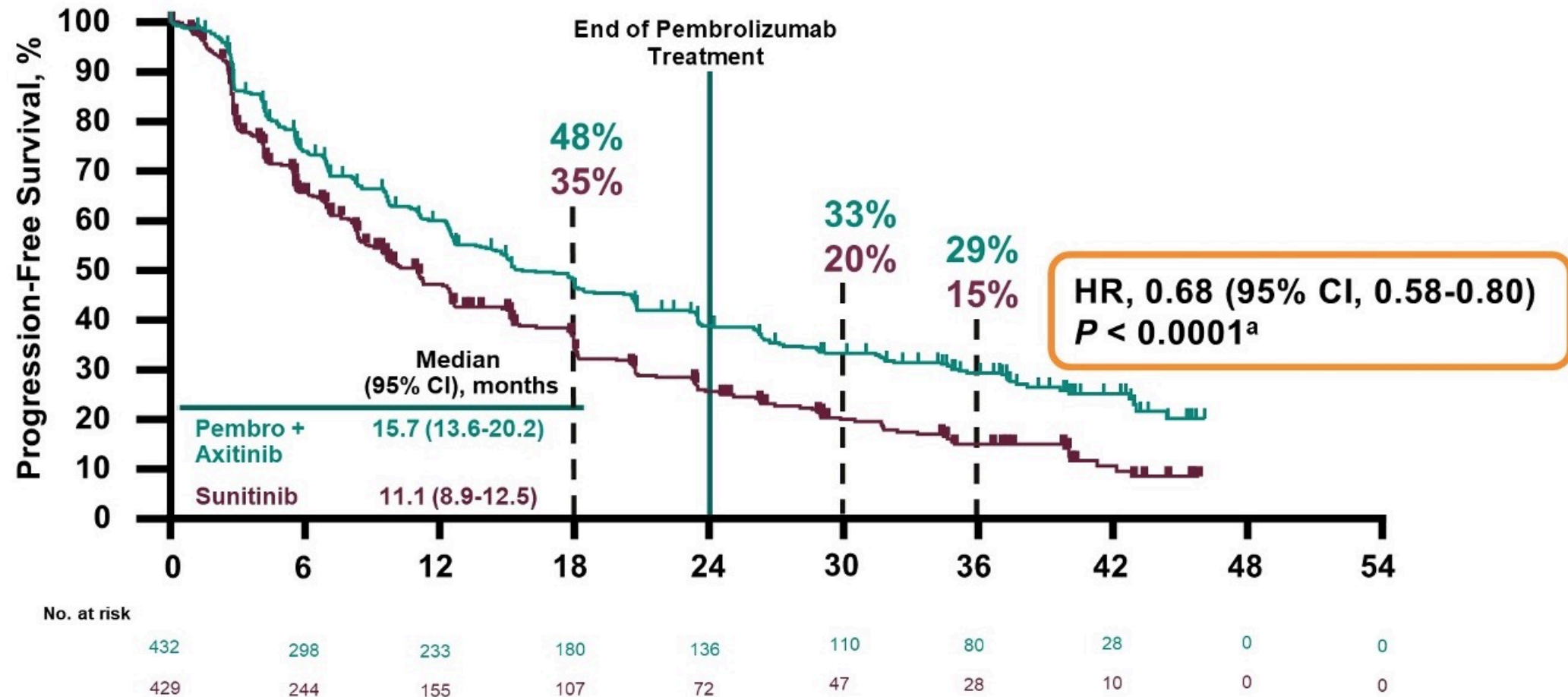
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OS in the ITT Population



^aBecause superiority of pembrolizumab + axitinib was shown at the first interim analysis, no alpha was allocated to OS; only nominal *P* values are reported. Data cutoff: January 11, 2021.

PFS in the ITT Population



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Updated efficacy results from the JAVELIN Renal 101 trial: first-line avelumab plus axitinib versus sunitinib in patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma

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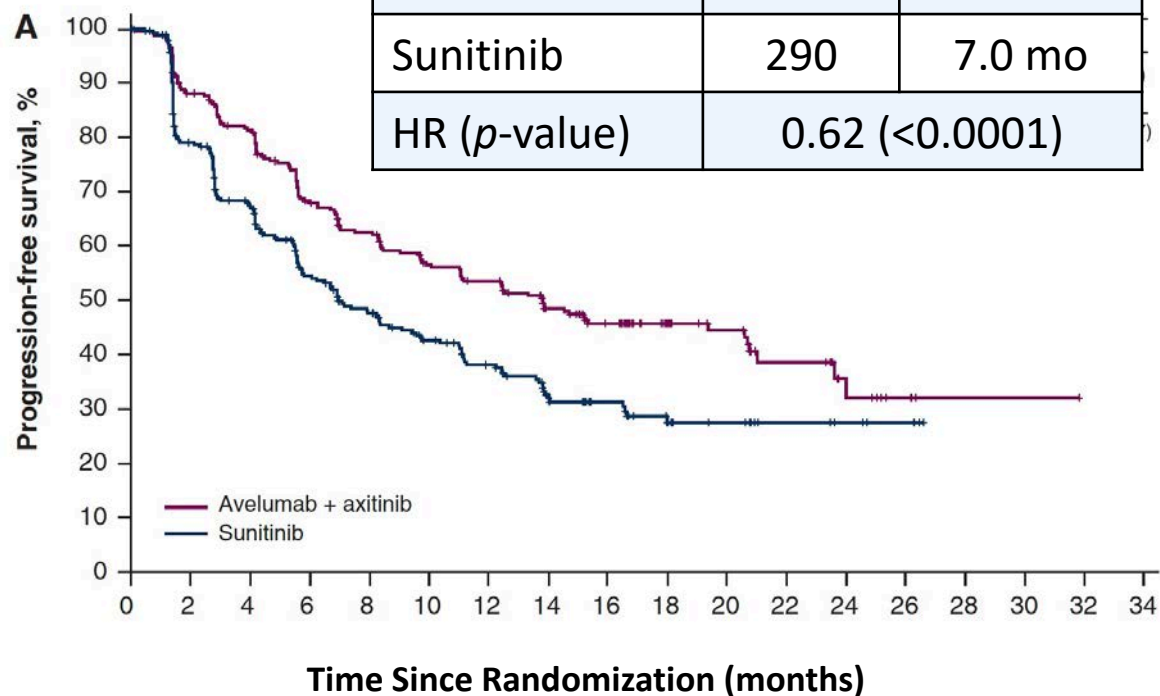
JAVELIN Renal 101: Overall Response and Best Response Rate in the PD-L1-Positive and Overall Populations

	PD-L1-positive		Overall	
	Avelumab + axitinib (n = 270)	Sunitinib (n = 290)	Avelumab + axitinib (n = 442)	Sunitinib (n = 444)
Confirmed ORR	55.9%	27.2%	52.5%	27.3%
CR	5.6%	2.4%	3.8%	2.0%
PR	50.4%	24.8%	48.6%	25.2%
Stable disease	27.0%	41.4%	28.3%	43.7%
Progressive disease	11.5%	22.4%	12.4%	19.4%
Ongoing response	55.6%	53.2%	54.3%	50.4%

JAVELIN Renal 101: PFS in the PD-L1-Positive and Overall Populations

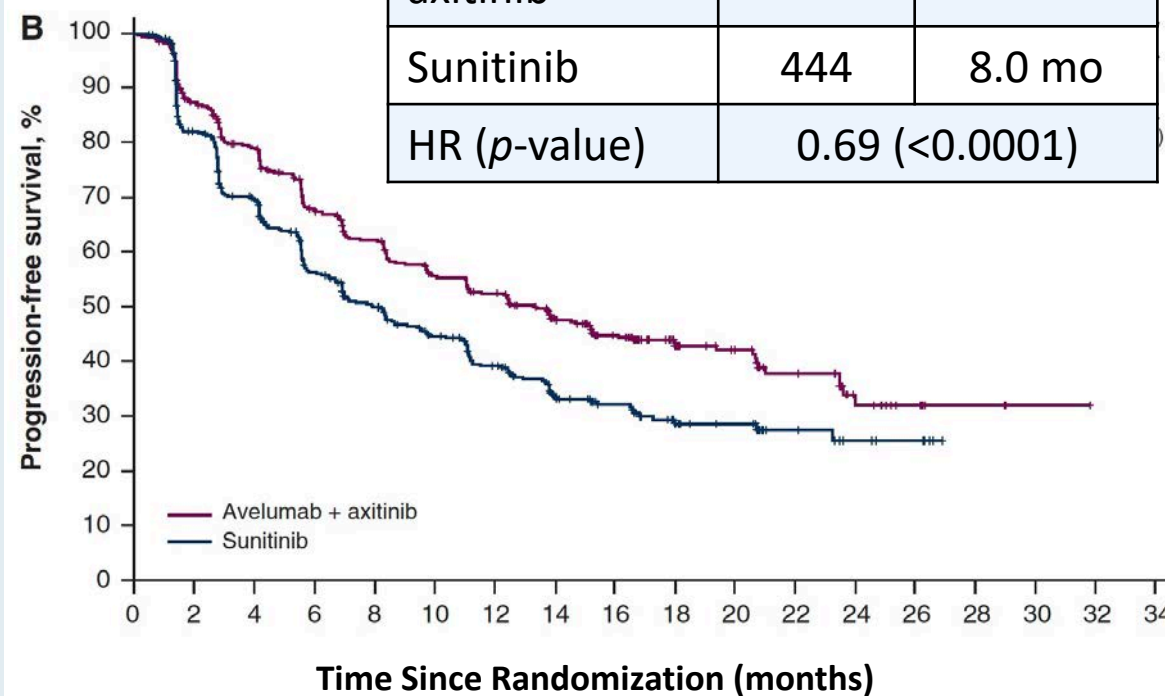
PD-L1 $\geq 1\%$ Population

	N	mPFS
Avelumab + axitinib	270	13.8 mo
Sunitinib	290	7.0 mo
HR (<i>p</i> -value)	0.62 (<0.0001)	



Overall Population

	N	mPFS
Avelumab + axitinib	442	13.3 mo
Sunitinib	444	8.0 mo
HR (<i>p</i> -value)	0.69 (<0.0001)	



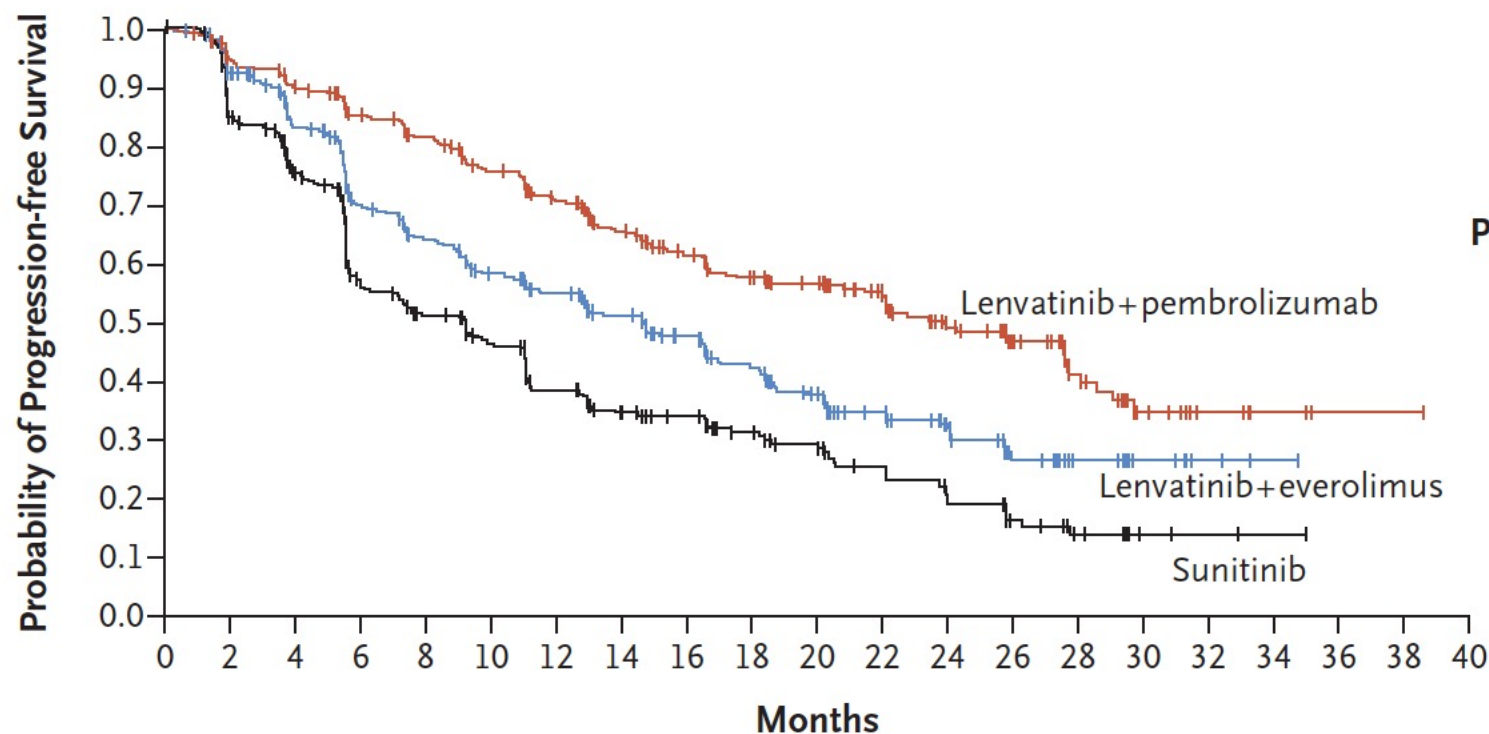
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Lenvatinib plus Pembrolizumab or Everolimus for Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma

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CLEAR: Progression-Free Survival



No. at Risk

Lenvatinib+pembrolizumab	355	321	300	276	259	235	213	186	160	136	126	106	80	56	30	14	6	3	1	1	0
Lenvatinib+everolimus	357	305	259	207	185	163	149	125	105	85	70	53	37	20	13	7	3	1	0		
Sunitinib	357	262	218	145	124	107	85	69	62	49	42	32	25	16	9	3	2	1	0		

Median Progression-free Survival (95% CI)

mo

Lenvatinib+ Pembrolizumab 23.9 (20.8–27.7)

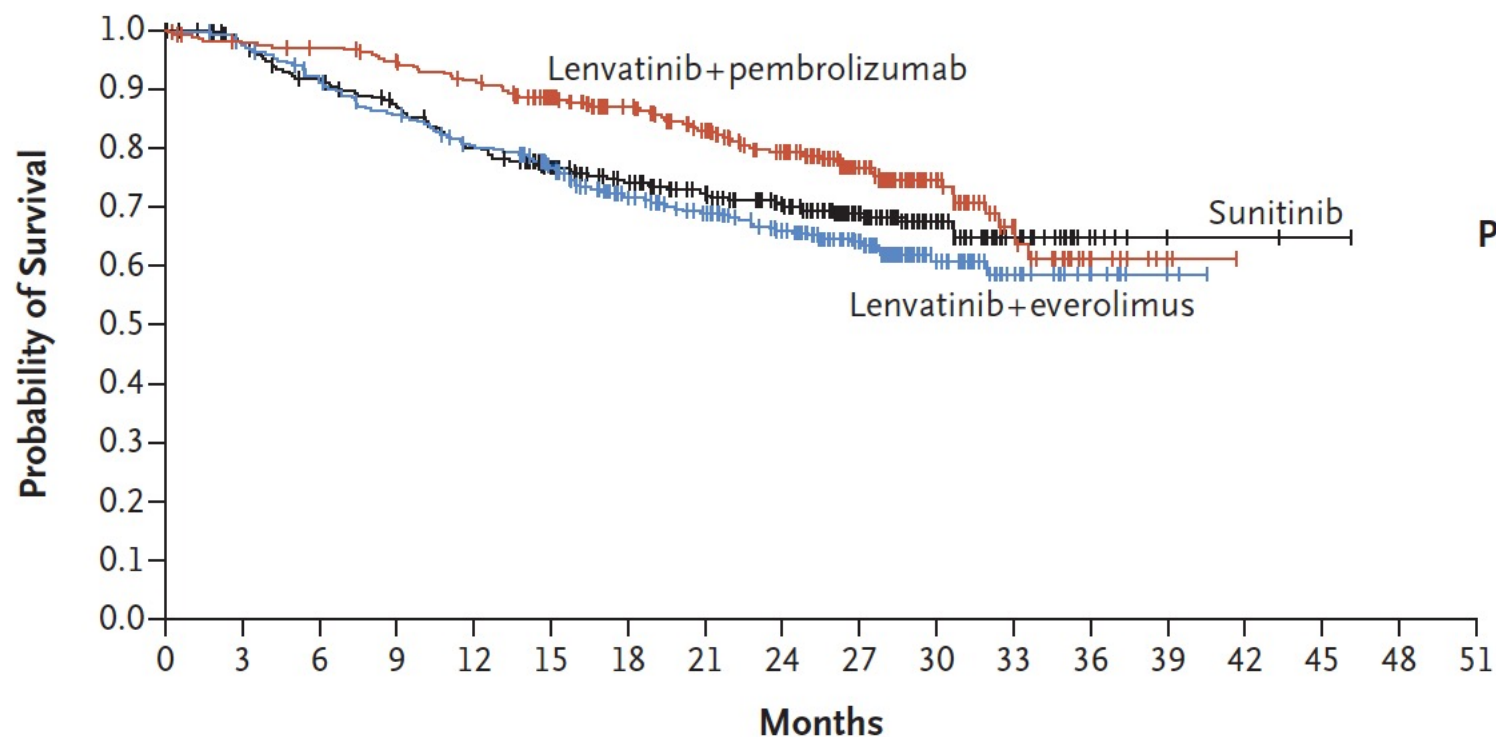
Lenvatinib+ Everolimus 14.7 (11.1–16.7)

Sunitinib 9.2 (6.0–11.0)

Hazard ratio for disease progression or death (lenvatinib+ pembrolizumab vs. sunitinib), 0.39 (95% CI, 0.32–0.49); $P < 0.001$

Hazard ratio for disease progression or death (lenvatinib+ everolimus vs. sunitinib), 0.65 (95% CI, 0.53–0.80); $P < 0.001$

CLEAR: Overall Survival



	Median Overall Survival (95% CI) mo
Lenvatinib+ Pembrolizumab	NR (33.6–NE)
Lenvatinib+ Everolimus	NR (NE–NE)
Sunitinib	NR (NE–NE)

Hazard ratio for death (lenvatinib+ pembrolizumab vs. sunitinib),
0.66 (95% CI, 0.49–0.88);
P=0.005

Hazard ratio for death (lenvatinib+ everolimus vs. sunitinib),
1.15 (95% CI, 0.88–1.50);
P=0.30

No. at Risk

Lenvatinib+pembrolizumab	355	342	338	327	313	280	253	222	188	129	66	26	10	2	0		
Lenvatinib+everolimus	357	346	321	299	277	246	205	183	154	109	46	22	8	2	0		
Sunitinib	357	332	307	289	264	236	207	186	160	112	60	25	7	2	2	1	0

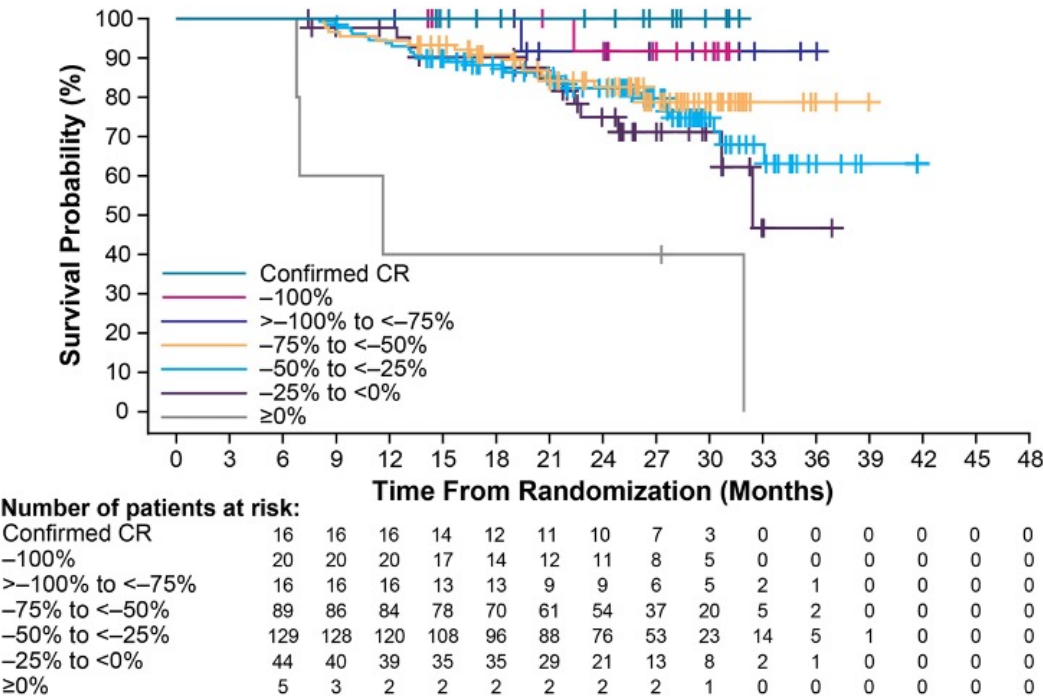
ANALYSIS OF THE CLEAR STUDY IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED RENAL CELL CARCINOMA: DEPTH OF RESPONSE AND EFFICACY FOR SELECTED SUBGROUPS IN THE LENVATINIB-PLUS-PEMBROLIZUMAB AND SUNITINIB TREATMENT ARMS

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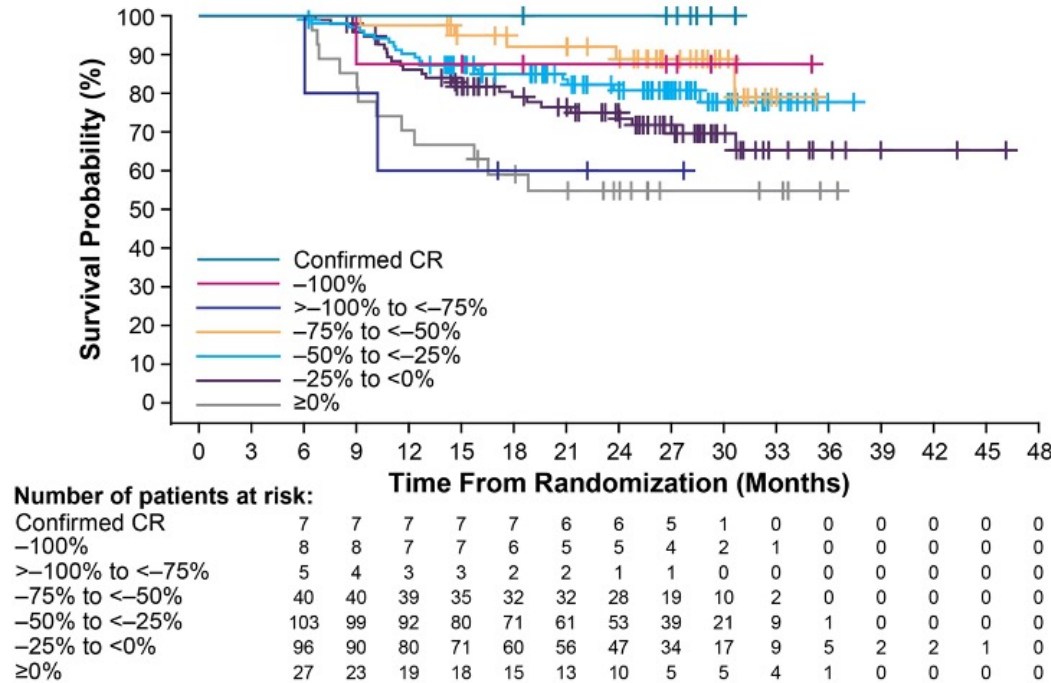
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CLEAR: 6-Month OS Analysis by Depth of Response

Lenvatinib plus Pembrolizumab



Sunitinib



Among patients treated with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab, all those who had a complete response were alive at 2 years; survival rates were similar for patients who had more than 75% reduction in target lesions.

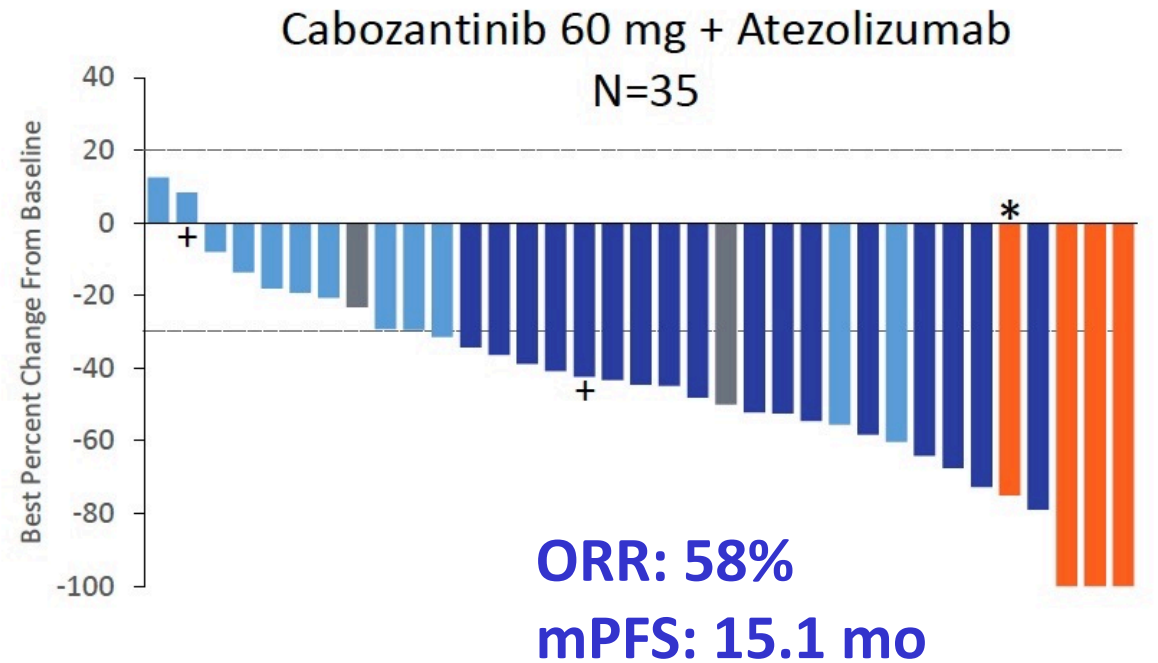
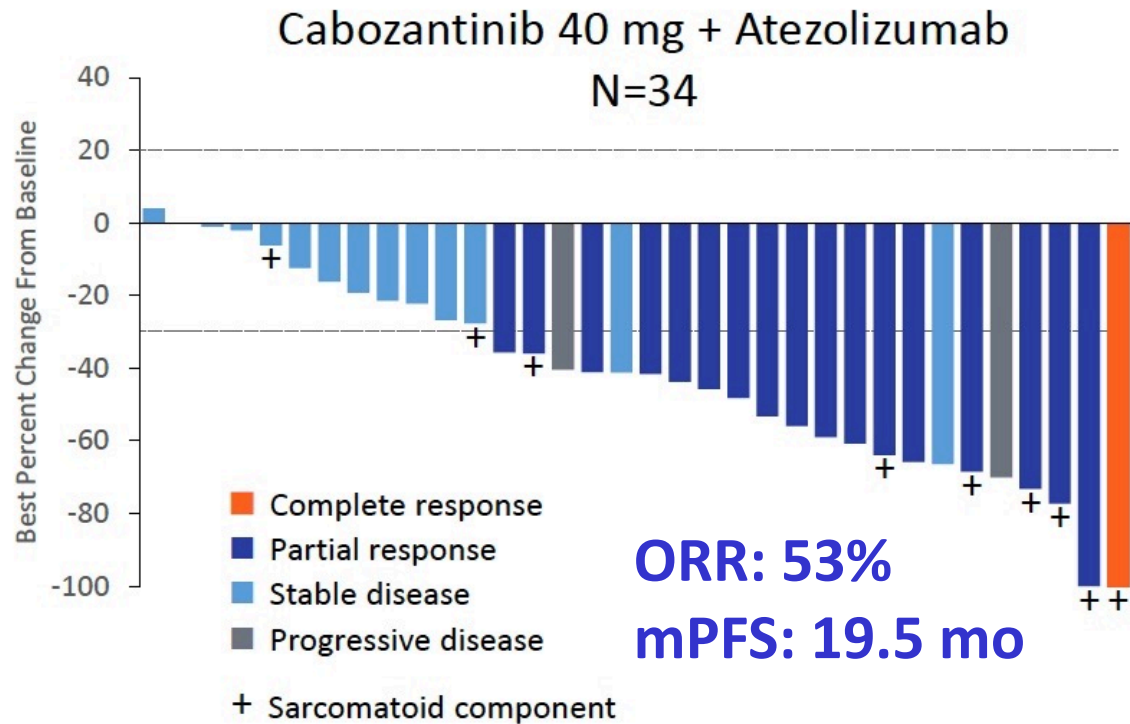
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Cabozantinib (C) in Combination with Atezolizumab (A) as First-Line Therapy for Advanced Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma (ccRCC): Results from the COSMIC-021 Study

Pal S et al.

ESMO 2020;Abstract 7020.

COSMIC-021: Cabozantinib/Atezolizumab in Previously Untreated Advanced ccRCC



Select Ongoing Phase III Clinical Trials in Previously Untreated, Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma

Study acronym	Target accrual	Randomization	Primary endpoint(s)	Estimated primary completion
COSMIC-313	840	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabozantinib + nivolumab + ipilimumab (4 doses) → cabozantinib + nivolumab Placebo + nivolumab + ipilimumab (4 doses) → placebo + nivolumab 	PFS	Nov 2021
PDIGREE	1,046	After induction nivolumab/ipilimumab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pts with CR → Nivolumab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pts with non-CR or non-PD, <u>randomized</u> → Nivolumab → Nivolumab + cabozantinib Pts with PD → Cabozantinib 	OS	Sept 2021

Sequencing of Therapy for Patients with Relapsed/Refractory (R/R) RCC; Novel Approaches under Investigation

FDA Approves Tivozanib for Relapsed or Refractory Advanced RCC

Press Release: March 10, 2021

“On March 10, 2021, the Food and Drug Administration approved tivozanib, a kinase inhibitor, for adult patients with relapsed or refractory advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) following two or more prior systemic therapies.

Efficacy was evaluated in TIVO-3 (NCT02627963), a randomized (1:1), open-label, multicenter trial of tivozanib versus sorafenib in patients with relapsed or refractory advanced RCC who received two or three prior systemic treatments, including at least one VEGFR kinase inhibitor other than sorafenib or tivozanib.

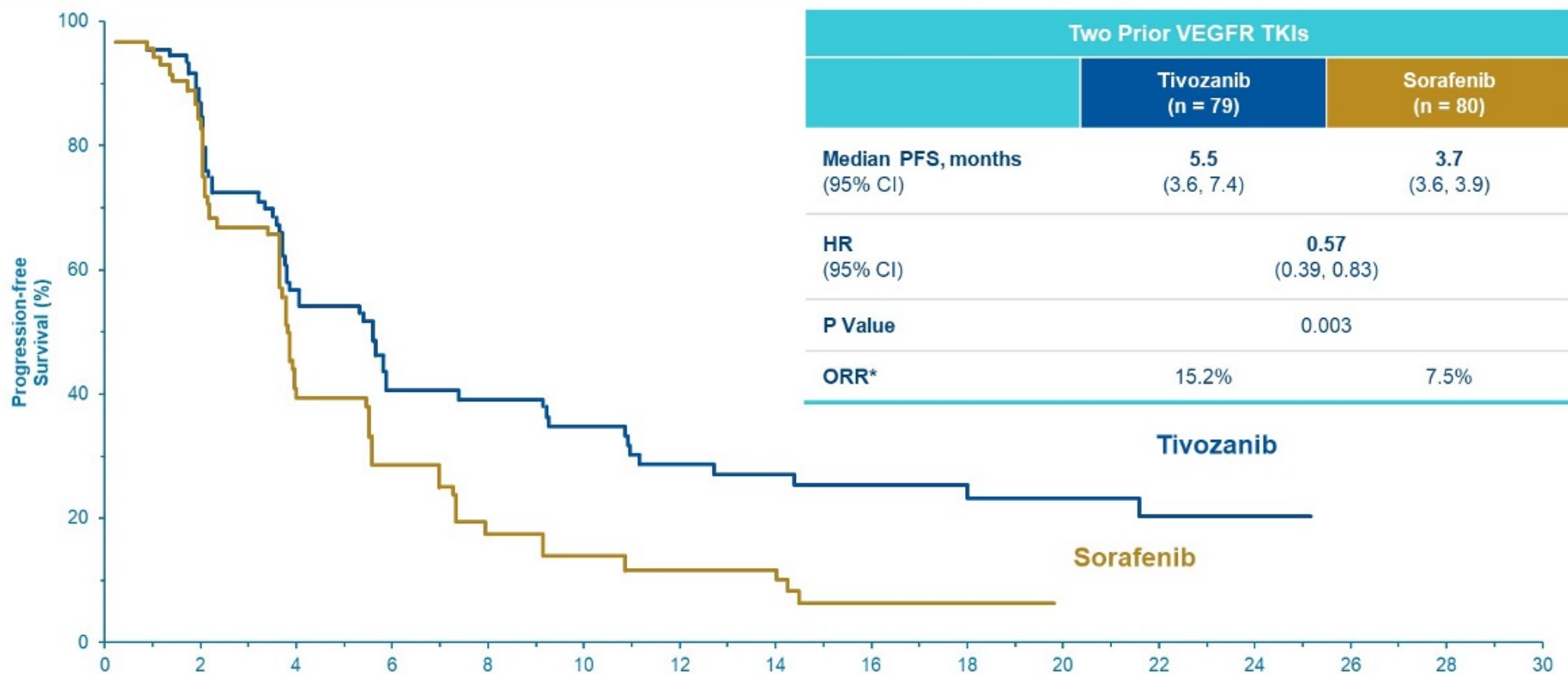
The recommended tivozanib dose is 1.34 mg once daily (with or without food) for 21 consecutive days every 28 days until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.”

Tivozanib in Patients with Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma (aRCC) Who Have Progressed After Prior Treatment of Axitinib: Results from TIVO-3

Rini BI et al.

Genitourinary Cancers Symposium 2021;Abstract 278.

TIVO-3: Progression-Free Survival and ORR in 2 Prior TKIs Patient Subgroup



TIVO-3: Tivozanib After Axitinib

RCC Population	N (subjects)		mPFS (months)		HR	ORR	
	<u>Tivo</u>	<u>Sor</u>	<u>Tivo</u>	<u>Sor</u>		<u>Tivo</u>	<u>Sor</u>
ITT	175	175	5.6	3.9	0.73	18%	8%
3 rd Line Any Prior Axitinib	47	46	5.5	3.9	0.71	16%	6%
4 th Line Any Prior Axitinib	36	43	5.5	3.6	0.64	11%	10%
3 rd and 4 th Line Any Prior Axitinib	83	89	5.5	3.7	0.68	13%	8%

TIVO-3: Durability of Response and Updated Overall Survival of Tivozanib versus Sorafenib in Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma (mRCC)

Verzoni et al.

ASCO 2021;Abstract 4546.

“Tivozanib demonstrated clinically meaningful and statistically significant improvement in ORR and DoR with similar OS to sorafenib in patients with highly relapsed or refractory mRCC”

- *Median DoR was 20.3 months with tivozanib, twice that observed with sorafenib*

FDA Grants Priority Review to Belzutifan for von Hippel-Lindau Disease-Associated RCC

Press Release – March 16, 2021

“The FDA accepted a new drug application for belzutifan to treat von Hippel-Lindau disease-associated renal cell carcinoma and granted it priority review based on response rate results from a phase 2 trial.

A new drug application for belzutifan was accepted by the FDA and granted priority review for the treatment of patients with von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) disease-associated renal cell carcinoma (RCC), not requiring immediate surgery...

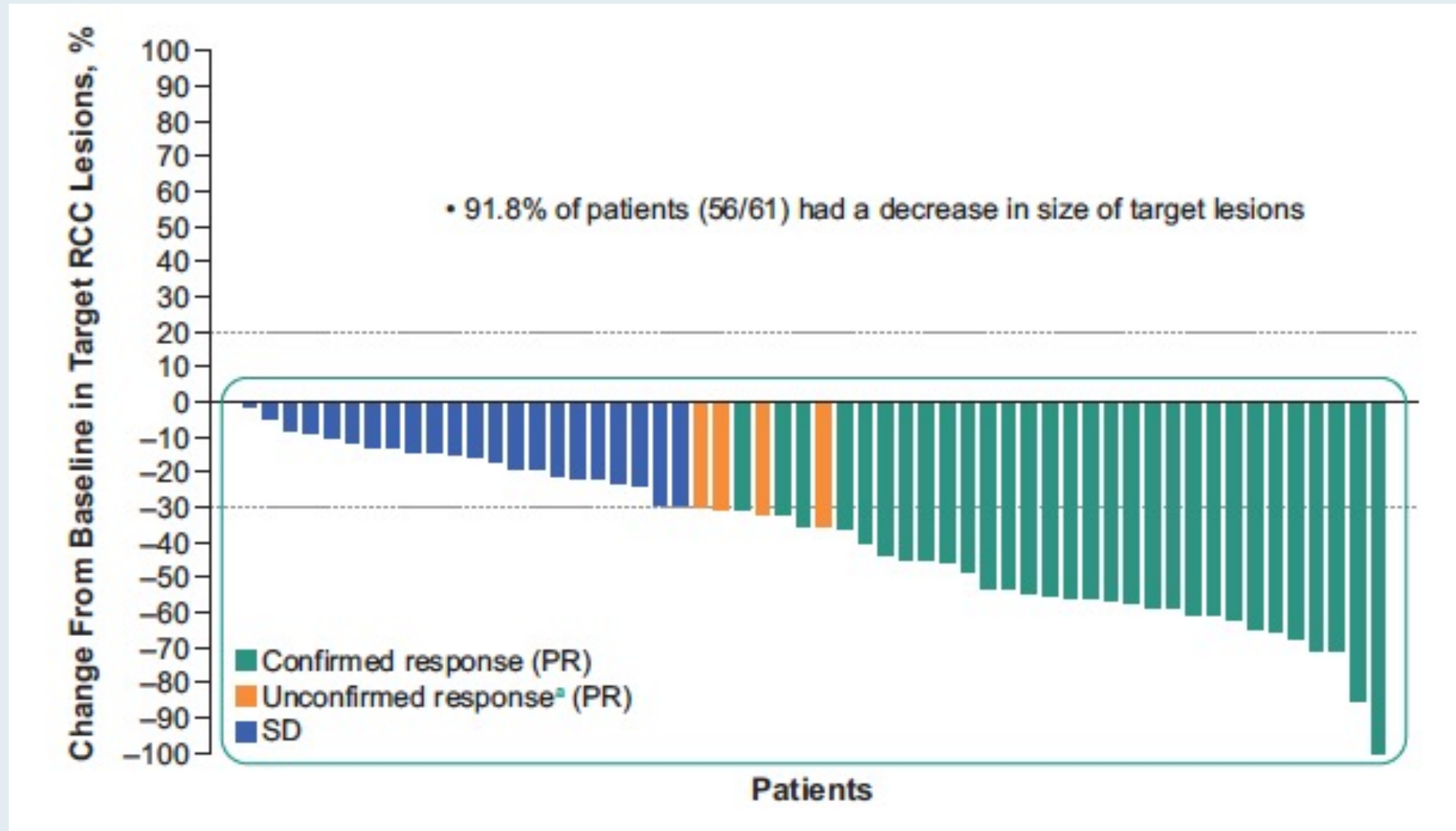
The application is based on results of a phase 2 trial, Study-004 (NCT03401788), of belzutifan in the treatment of VHL disease-associated RCC, with a primary end point of objective response rate and secondary measures of disease control rate, duration of response, time to response, progression-free survival, time to surgery, and safety. Patients treated on the trial must have had at least 1 measurable solid tumor localized to the kidneys and were not in need of immediate surgical intervention.”

Phase 2 Study of Belzutifan (MK-6482), an Oral Hypoxia-Inducible Factor 2 α (HIF-2 α) Inhibitor, for Von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) Disease-Associated Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma (ccRCC)

Srinivasan R et al.

ASCO 2021;Abstract 4555.

Maximum Change from Baseline in Sum of Target RCC Lesions



Genitourinary Cancers Symposium 2021;Abstract 272.

Phase 2 Study of the Oral Hypoxia-Inducible Factor 2 α Inhibitor Belzutifan (MK-6482) in Combination With Cabozantinib in Patients With Advanced Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma

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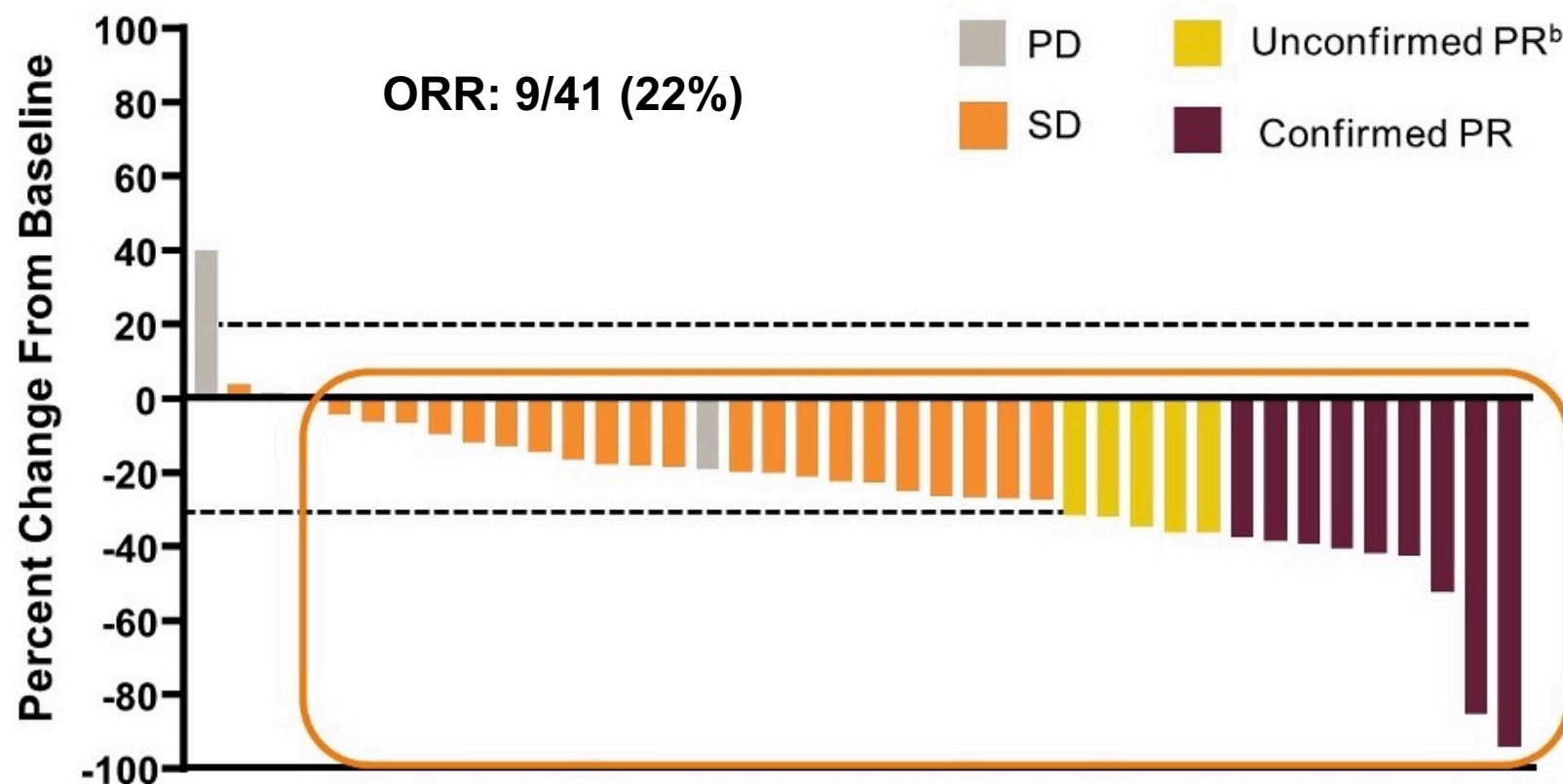
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Best Tumor Change from Baseline

- 36 of 41 patients (88%) experienced a reduction in target lesion size^a



Summary of Adverse Events

n (%)	N = 52
Any grade treatment-emergent AE	52 (100)
Any grade treatment-related AE	51 (98)
Related to belzutifan	51 (98)
Related to cabozantinib	51 (98)
Grade 3-5 treatment-emergent AEs	35 (67)
Grade 3 ^b treatment-related AEs	31 (60)
Related to belzutifan	17 (33)
Related to cabozantinib	28 (54)
Serious treatment-emergent AEs	16 (31)
Serious treatment-related AEs	7 (13)
Related to belzutifan	4 (8)
Related to cabozantinib	4 (8)

n (%)	N = 52
Deaths due to a treatment-emergent AE	1 (2) ^c
Deaths due to a treatment-related AE	0 (0)
Belzutifan dose reduced ^d	10 (19)
Cabozantinib dose reduced ^e	25 (48)
Discontinued any drug due to a treatment-emergent AE	8 (15)
Discontinued belzutifan ^f	6 (12)
Discontinued cabozantinib ^g	8 (15)

Treatment-Related Adverse Events

Treatment-Related AEs in ≥15% of Patients	Safety Analysis Set N = 52			
	Any Grade		Grade 3	
	Event, n	n (%)	Event, n	n (%)
Any	742	51 (98)	60	31 (60)
Anemia	92	40 (77)	8	6 (12)
Fatigue	67	35 (67)	10	6 (12)
Hand-foot syndrome	56	28 (54)	1	1 (2)
Diarrhea	49	23 (44)	2	2 (4)
Hypertension	52	23 (44)	15	12 (23)
Nausea	24	18 (35)	1	1 (2)
ALT increased	48	17 (33)	7	3 (6)
AST increased	34	17 (33)	2	2 (4)
Decreased appetite	22	15 (29)	1	1 (2)
Dysgeusia	19	12 (23)	1	1 (2)
Headache	12	10 (19)	0	0 (0)
Hypophosphatemia	18	9 (17)	2	2 (4)
Stomatitis	10	8 (15)	0	0 (0)

^aAll patients who received ≥1 dose of treatment. Data cutoff: October 15, 2020.

- There were no grade 4/5 treatment-related AEs
- Of all 742 AEs, 92% were grade 1 or 2 in severity
- Treatment-related hypoxia, considered an on-target AE for belzutifan, occurred in 2 patients (4%) (both were grade 3 AEs)

A Conversation with the Investigators: Endometrial and Cervical Cancers

**Monday, July 26, 2021
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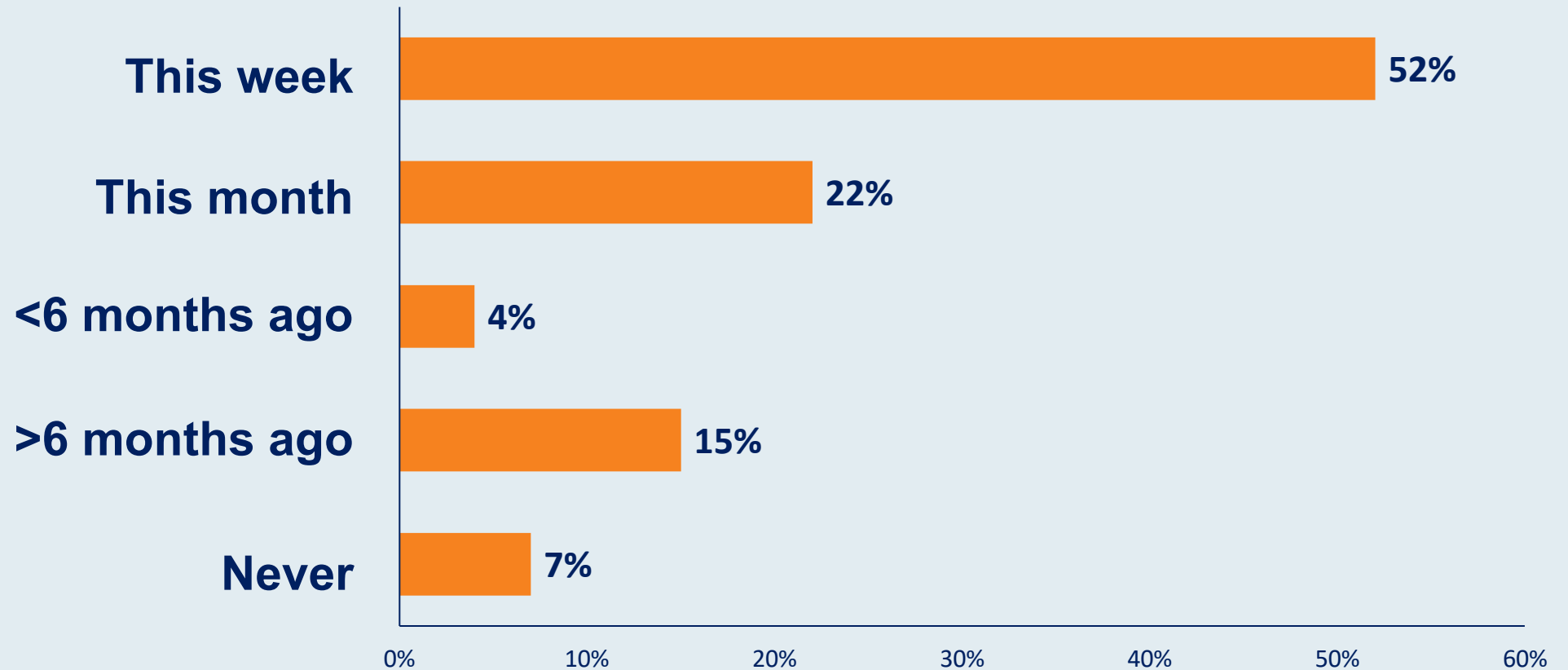
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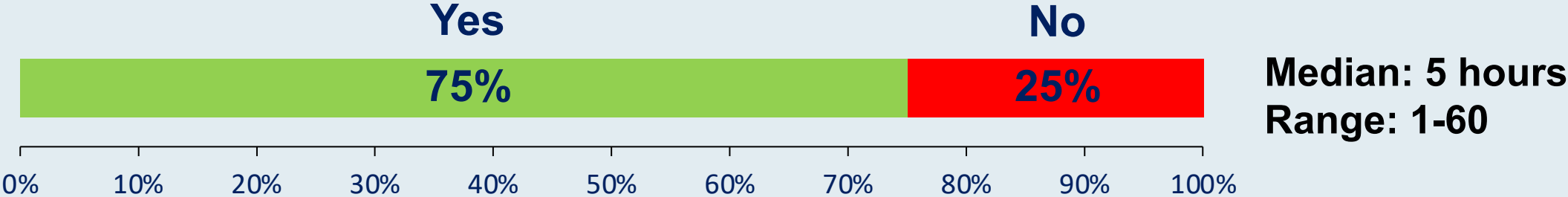
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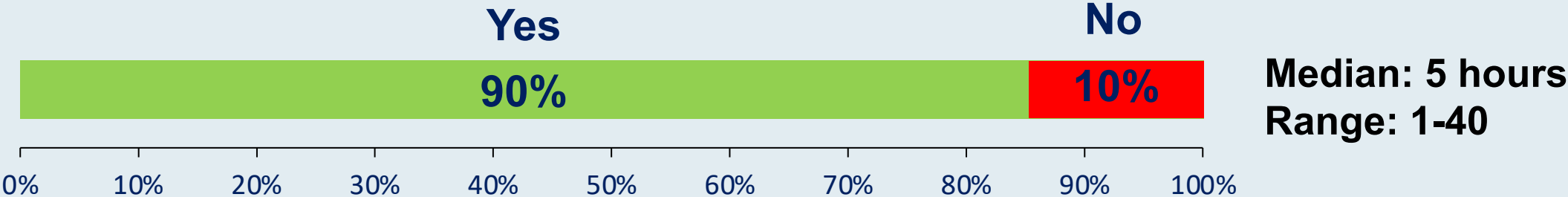
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