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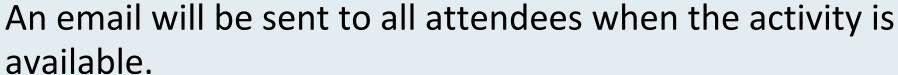


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# Cases from the Community: Investigators Discuss Available Research Guiding the Care of Patients with Urothelial Bladder Cancer

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## **Agenda**

Module 1: Available Data with and Ongoing Investigation of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in Nonmetastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC) — Prof Powles

**Module 2:** Evidence-Based Selection of First-Line Therapy for Metastatic RCC — Dr Choueiri

**Module 3:** Treatment Options for Relapsed/Refractory RCC — Dr Rini

**Module 4:** Management of RCC Among Special Patient Populations — Prof Albiges





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# MODULE 1: Available Data with and Ongoing Investigation of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in Nonmetastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC) — Prof Powles



# Case Presentation: 61-year-old woman s/p left nephrectomy (T3aN0M0 clear cell carcinoma)



Dr Swati Vishwanathan (Bridgeport, West Virginia)



### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**



Swati Vishwanathan, MD

In what settings do you recommend adjuvant pembrolizumab, and how do you explain conflicting trial data to patients?

What about Stage 4 NED?



# Case Presentation: 50-year-old man s/p 2 cycles of adjuvant pembrolizumab for RCC develops renal dysfunction



**Dr Justin Favaro (Charlotte, North Carolina)** 



Case Presentation: 67-year-old man with Stage III ccRCC discontinues adjuvant pembrolizumab due to severe musculoskeletal pain and joint swelling



Dr Priya Rudolph (Athens, Georgia)



### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**



Justin Peter Favaro, MD, PhD

What types of renal dysfunction have you seen with immunotherapy? How do you manage it, and do you restart the IO?



Priya Rudolph, MD, PhD

What about musculoskeletal disorders?

Is there a role for ctDNA assays in the localized disease setting?



## Adjuvant immune therapy in clear cell RCC

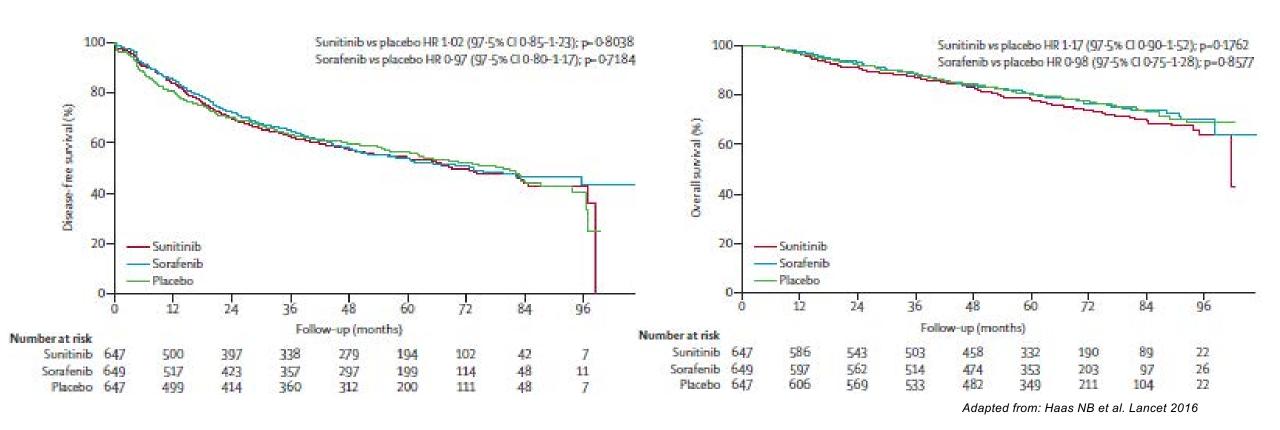
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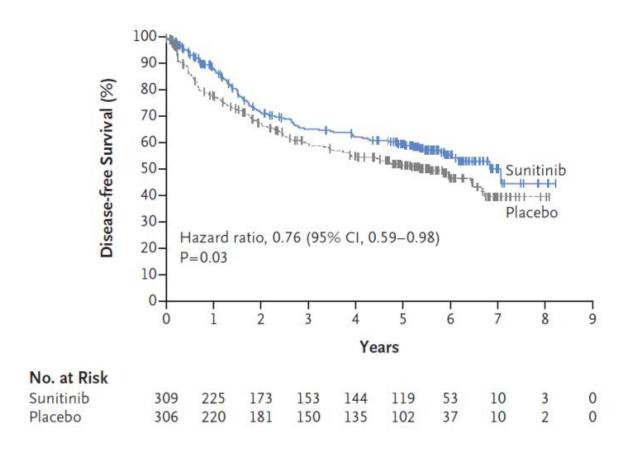
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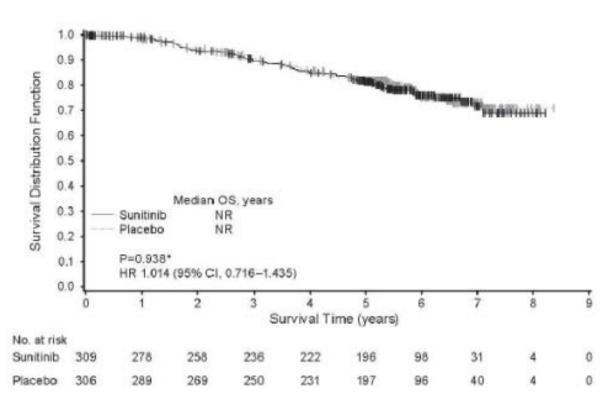


## ASSURE TRIAL: summarises the adjuvant VEGF TKI story.



# The STRAC trial was the exception DFS but again no OS benefit

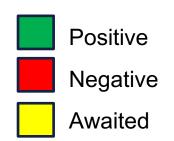




### Adjuvant and 1<sup>st</sup> line immune checkpoint inhibitor studies.

Advanced disease	ICI	P F	0 S
(1 <sup>st</sup> line vs sunitinib)		S	
Ipilimumab and nivolumab	PD1		
Axitinib and pembrolizumab	PD1		
Axitinib and avelumab	PDL1		
Bevacizumab and atezolizumab	PDL1		
Cabozantinib and nivolumab	PD1		
Lenvatinib and pembrolizumab	PD1		
Cabozantinib/ipi/nivolumab	combo		
PEG-IL2 and nivolumab*	PD1		

Perioperative disease	ICI	P F S	0 \$
Pembrolizumab	PD1		
Nivolumab (neoadjuvant)	PD1		
Atezolizumab	PDL1		
Ipilimumab and nivolumab*	combo		
Nivolumab adjuvant	PD1		







# Adjuvant ipilimumab and nivolumab in renal cell carcinoma: more questions than answers



Ursula Maria Vogl, David McDermott, \*Thomas Powles thomas.powles1@nhs.net

#### Questions:

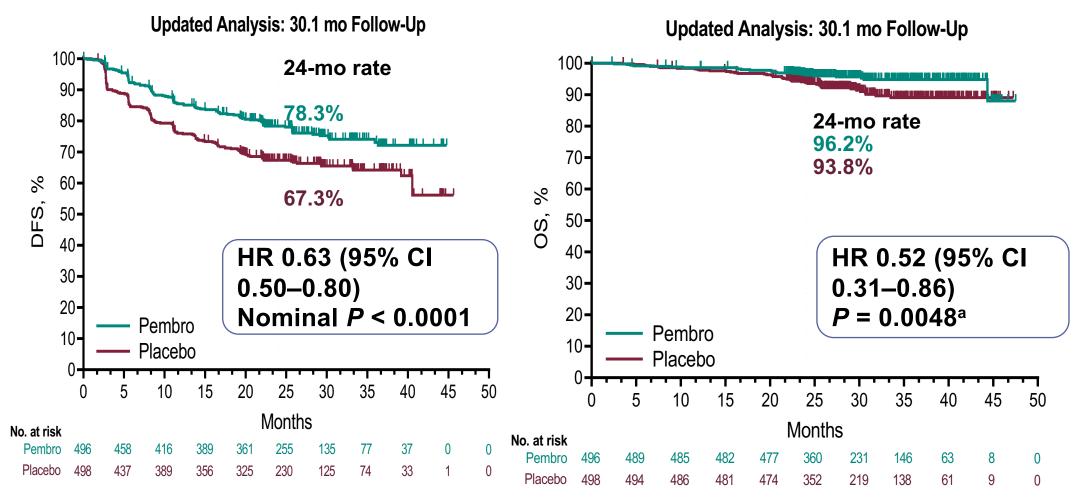
- Can trial design or imbalances explain the inconsistency?
- How much does ipilimumab add to PD-1 therapy in efficacy and toxicity?
- Does ipilimumab have to be given in a certain manner?
- Are all PD(L)1 therapies the same?
- Is there a future for neoadjuvant therapy?

# Comparison of trial design.

	Pembrolizumab (564)	Atezolizumab (010)	Nivolumab (neoadjuvant)	lpilimumab Nivolumab (914)
Stage	TNM M1 NED	By TNM M1 NED	Radiological definition	TNM
Pathology	Clear cell	Clear cell	80% clear cell 20% non-clear cell	Clear cell
Method	Double blind	Double blind	Open label	Double blind
Target and duration	PD-1 1 year	PD-L1 1 year	PD-1 1 year	PD-1+CTLA4 6 months
Assessment of DFS	Investigator assessed	Investigator assessed	Investigator assessed but it included surgery!	Central review
Median duration of follow up	30 months	44 months	16 months	37 months



### **KEYNOTE-564** Pembrolizumab vs placebo in intermediate and high risk renal cancer.

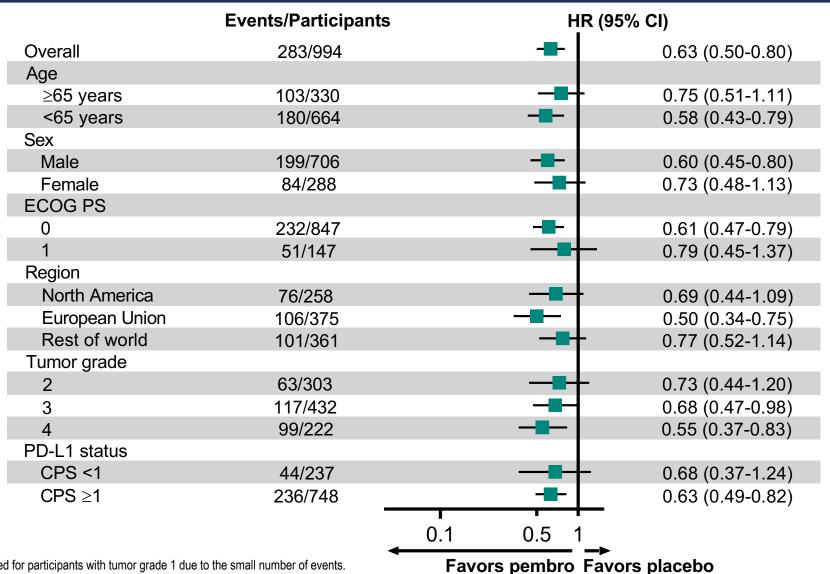


Early discontinuation: 20%

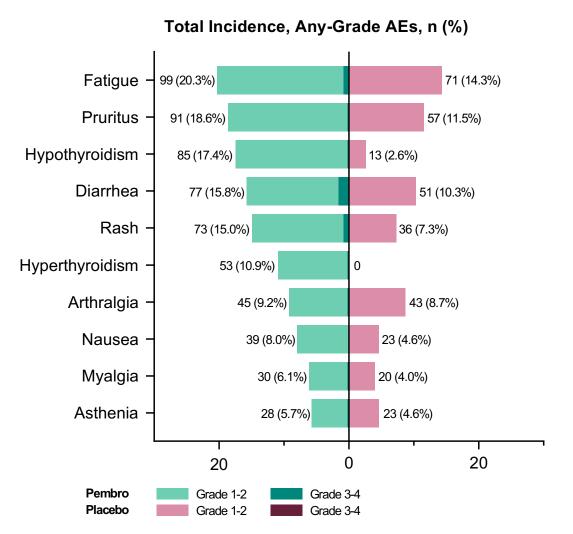
Steroid use: 10%

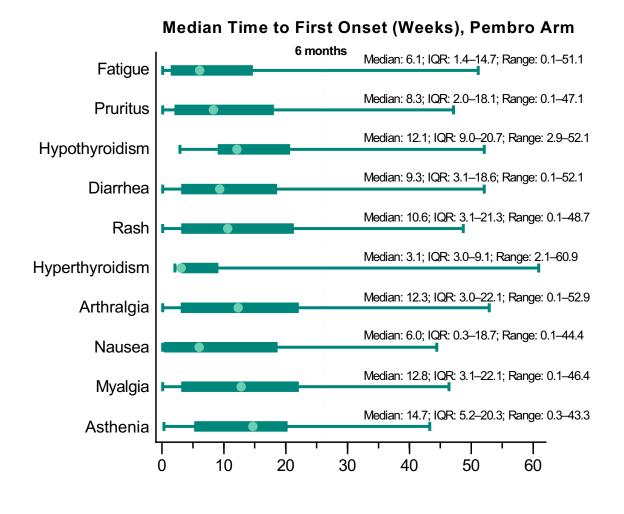
Powles T et al. Lancet Oncol 2022 Sep;23(9):1133-44. Choueiri TK et al. Genitourinary Cancers Symposium 2022;Abstract 290.

## DFS in Key Subgroups



# Treatment-Related AEs with Incidence ≥5%, As-Treated Population

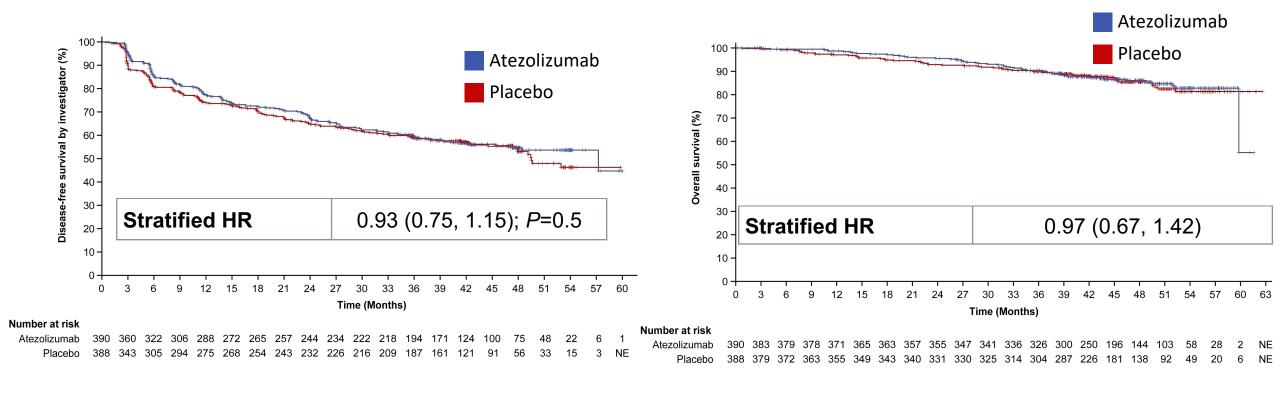




# IMmotion010: Atezolizumab vs placebo in intermediate and high risk renal cancer.



#### Overall survival

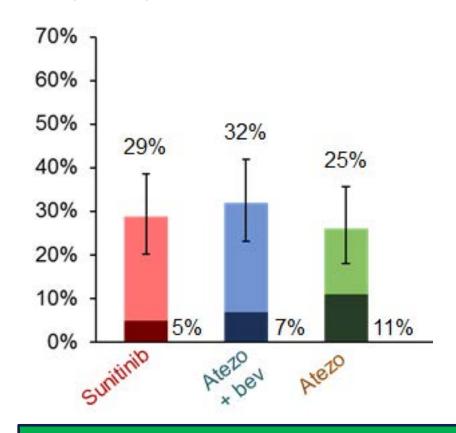


## Is PD-L1 inhibition less active in clear cell RCC?

### Subgroup analysis from the adjuvant studies

	Pembrolizumab	Atezo
Sarcomatoid	0.54 (0.29-1.00)	0.77 (0.44-1.36)
M1 NED	0.28 (0.12-0.66)	0.93 (0.48-0.49)

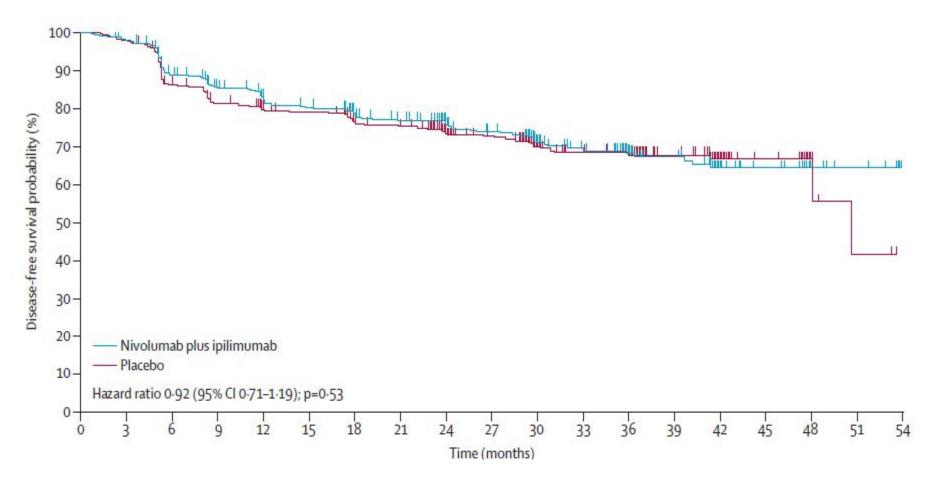
### Single agent atezo in advanced RCC



Response rate for pembrolizumab =36% (n=110)

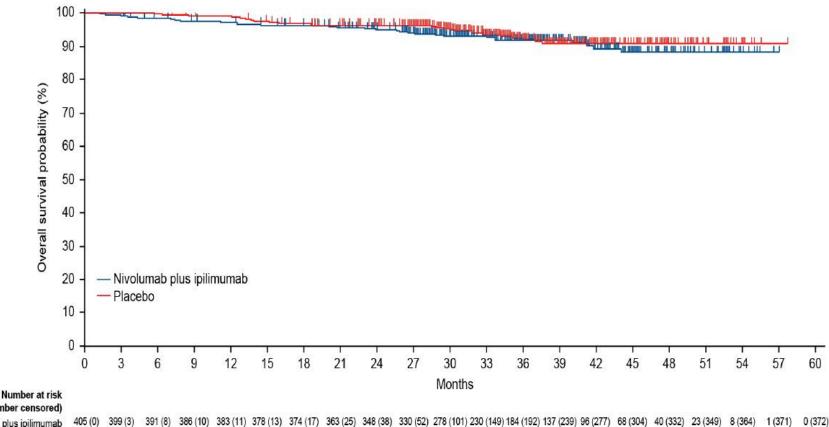
# Adjuvant nivolumab plus ipilimumab versus placebo for localised renal cell carcinoma after nephrectomy (CheckMate 914): a double-blind, randomised, phase 3 trial

Primary endpoint DFS



## Adjuvant nivolumab plus ipilimumab versus placebo for localised renal cell carcinoma after nephrectomy (CheckMate 914): a double-blind, randomised, phase 3 trial

Overall survival



(number censored)

400 (10) 396 (12) 395 (13) 386 (15) 381 (18) 372 (25) 361 (36) 343 (53) 292 (101) 237 (151) 184 (201) 138 (245) 98 (285) 66 (317) 36 (347) 22 (361)

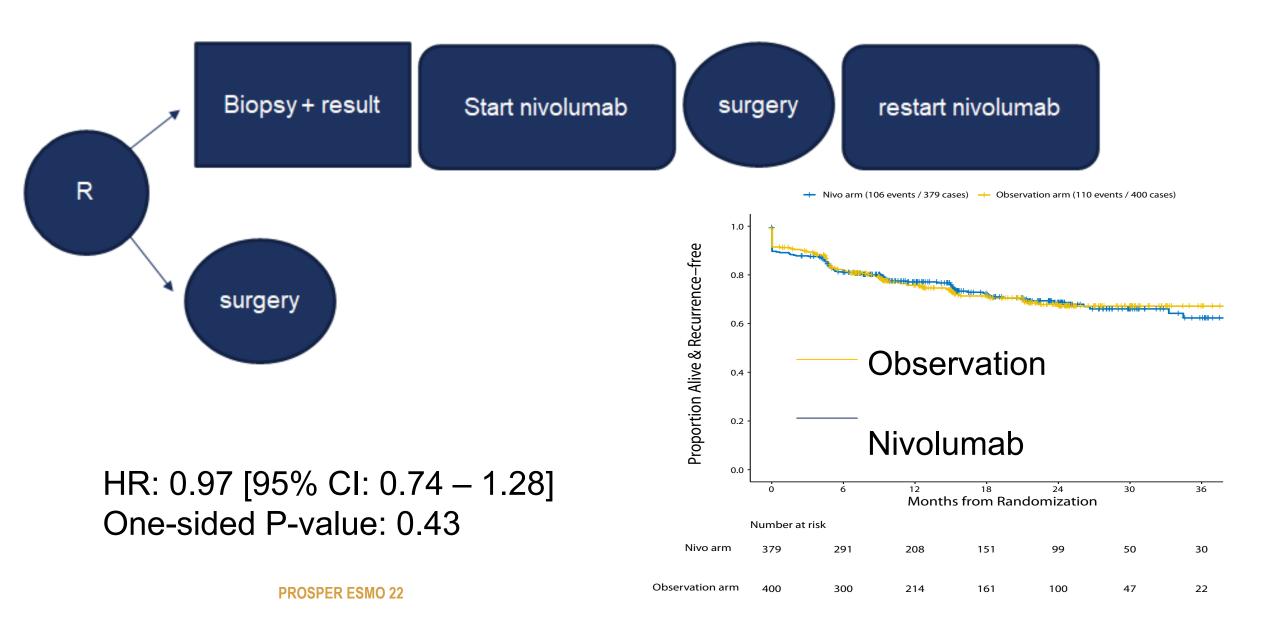
## **Drug exposure and safety**

	NIVO+IPI (n = 404)	Placebo (n = 407)
Median duration of therapy (range), months Q1, Q3	<b>5.1 (&lt; 0.1-8.3)</b> 2.8, 5.3	<b>5.1 (&lt; 0.1-8.1)</b> 5.1, 5.3
Median number of doses received (range)	NIVO, 12 (1-12) IPI, 4 (1-4)	12 (1-12) <sup>a</sup> 4 (1-4) <sup>b</sup>
Completed all 12/4 doses of NIVO/IPI, n (%)	231 (57)	361 (89)
Discontinued treatment, n (%) <sup>c</sup> Discontinued due to study drug toxicity, n (%)	<b>173 (43)</b> 132 (33)	<b>46 (11)</b> 5 (1)
All-cause AEs, n (%) <sup>d</sup> Grade ≥ 3 Led to treatment discontinuation	<b>392 (97)</b> 155 (38) 129 (32)	<b>361 (89)</b> 42 (10) 9 (2)
Treatment-related AEs, n (%) <sup>d</sup> Grade ≥ 3 Led to treatment discontinuation <sup>e</sup>	<b>359 (89)</b> 115 (28) 117 (29)	<b>231 (57)</b> 8 (2) 4 (1)
Deaths due to study drug toxicity, n (%)	4 (1) <sup>f</sup>	0

#### How much does ipilimumab add? Front-line Nivo and Ipi/Nivo in mRCC: IMDC Int/Poor risk

	HCRN (Nivo)¹ (n=88)	TITAN (Nivo)² (n=105)	CheckMate 214 (lpi/Nivo) <sup>3</sup> (n=425 vs n=422)	PRISM (lpi/Nivo)⁴ (n=67) Standard	PRISM (lpi/Nivo)⁴ (n=70) Q12 lpi	COSMIC control (Ipi/Nivo) <sup>5</sup> N=274
mPFS, mos	5.4	5.5	11.6	8.6	10.5	11.3
Landmark PFS	<b>30%</b> at 12 months	<b>35%</b> at 12 months	<b>50</b> % at 12 months <b>31%</b> at <u>5 years</u>	48% at 12 months (est.)	48% at 12 months (est.)	<b>49</b> % at 12 months
ORR	25%	29%	42%	41%	47%	36%
CR	5%	2%	11%	2%	7%	3%
Primary PD	41%	12%	19%	21%	27%	20%
Med f/u, mos	26.9	8.4	67.7	31	32	20.2

# Phase III Randomized Study Comparing Perioperative Nivolumab versus Observation in Patients with Renal Cell Carcinoma Undergoing Nephrectomy





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The #UromigosLive Poll Q4: #IMotion010 evaluated adjuvant #atezolizumab. It was the 1st study to open & the 1st to finish accrual - results just crossed the finish line & also soundly neg. Why?

@MichaelStaehler @neerajaiims @montypal @ShuchiGulati @AbhiTrip87 @koshkin85 (5/6)

#### aPD-L1 < aPD-1

66%

Smaller study

7%

**Different M1 population** 

27%

142 votes · Final results

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The #UromigosLive Poll Q2: Some found it quite surprising that #CM914 (adj nivo/ipi) was negative; after all, #nivolumab/#ipilimumab RR in metastatic #kidneycancer quite high. Why did it fail? @motzermd @KidneyCancerDoc @MosheOrnsteinMD @AmandaNizamMD (3/6)

Adj ipi not active

20%

**Excess toxicity** 

**59%** 

Needs time to mature

21%

128 votes · Final results











The #UromigosLive Poll Q3: #PROSPER was a Herculean effort from @allaf\_mo @LaurenCHarshman @NaomiHaas5 et al in @eaonc comparing periop nivo to observation but was soundly neg. Why is that? @ALLIANCE\_org @BradMcGO4 @DrChoueiri @AlbigesL @Silke\_Gillessen @RCCadvocate (4/6)

Neoadj don't work in RCC 20%

Low risk pts included 69%

Observation ctrl 11%

127 votes · Final results

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### **Summary**

The pembrolizumab trial is strongly positive for DFS. The OS signal is supportive but not mature.

While PD-L1 therapy has activity it has performed less well in clear cell RCC. This may in part explain the results of adjuvant atezolizumab.

The neoadjuvant nivolumab trial has a number of design and methodology issues. It is not possible to judge the comparative activity of nivolumab based on this study.

Adjuvant ipilimumab/nivolumab data showed more toxicity without activity. This is more difficult to explain. Was the ipi tox holding back nivolumab, how much is ipilimumab adding?

The nivolumab alone arm of 914 is important for nivolumab The ipilimumab/nivolumab arm of 8Y8 study is important for ipilimumab.

The contradictory findings of these 3 adjuvant trials won't be down to luck alone.

This is not an exact replication of the VEGF TKI adjuvant trial story.

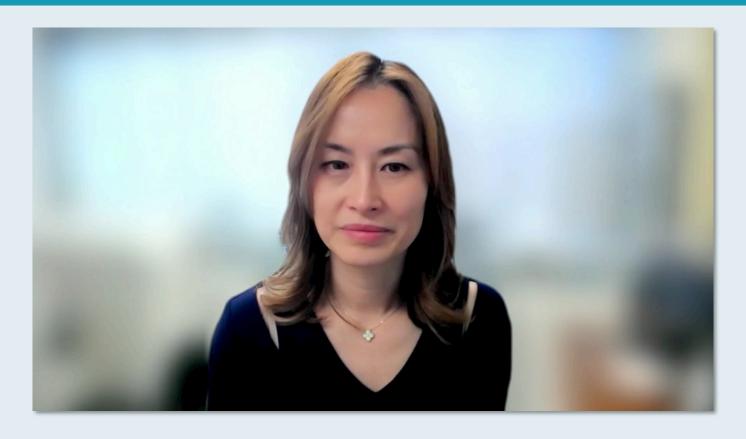
We really need to start selecting patients for therapy.

Patients should be aware that pembrolizumab delays DFS with a chance of life changing toxicity. It may improve OS in the future. They should also be aware that other ICIs have not been able to replicate the pembrolizumab data creating new uncertainty in renal cancer.

# **MODULE 2: Evidence-Based Selection of First-Line Therapy for Metastatic RCC — Dr Choueiri**



# Case Presentation: 71-year-old man with metastatic RCC enrolls on the PDIGREE trial and receives nivolumab/ipilimumab without response followed by cabozantinib



Dr Helen Moon (Riverside, California)



#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**



Helen H Moon, MD

In general, how do you decide to use ipilimumab/nivolumab vs IO/TKI in metastatic RCC, and how do you select the IO/TKI combination?

This patient had no tolerability issues with ipilimumab/nivolumab but also no response: Is there a correlation?

What is the rationale for the PDIGREE study in metastatic RCC?

In what situations, if any, would you prefer a triplet approach to first-line treatment of metastatic RCC as in COSMIC-313?



# Case Presentation: 70-year-old man receives ipilimumab/nivolumab for widely metastatic RCC and develops autoimmune hepatitis



Dr Victoria Giffi (Hagerstown, Maryland)



Case Presentation: 63-year-old man with metastatic ccRCC receives ipilimumab/nivolumab → nivolumab with response but develops hypothyroidism and hypoadrenalism



**Dr Philip Brooks (Brewer, Maine)** 



#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**



Victoria Giffi, MD

How do you approach first-line treatment of metastatic disease in patients on chronic hemodialysis?

In patients with significant autoimmune toxicity on ipilimumab/nivolumab, in what situations, if any, do you restart nivolumab alone? What about adding a TKI?



Philip L Brooks, MD

At what point, if any, do you discontinue immunotherapy in a patient with metastatic disease?

How often and for how long do you screen for thyroid abnormalities in patients on IOs? Do you continue screening after treatment is discontinued? What will lead you to check for hypoadrenalism?



# Evidence-Based Selection of First-Line Therapy for Metastatic RCC

Toni K Choueiri, MD

# CheckMate 214: Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab in Newly Diagnosed Advanced Clear-Cell RCC

N = 1,096

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#### Key eligibility criteria

- Treatment naïve, inoperable, locally advanced, or metastatic RCC
- Clear-cell histology<sup>a</sup>
- KPS ≥70%

#### **Stratification**

- IMDC prognostic score (0 vs 1-2 vs 3-6)
- Region
   (United States vs
   Canada/Europe vs
   rest of the world)

Nivolumab 3 mg/kg IV every 3 wk + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg IV every 3 wk x 4 doses, then nivolumab 3 mg/kg every 2 wk

Sunitinib 50 mg orally daily (4 wk on, 2 wk off)

#### **Endpoints**

- **Coprimary:** PFS, OS, ORR (intermediate/poor risk)
- Secondary: PFS, OS, ORR (ITT)
- Exploratory: PFS, OS, ORR (favorable risk)

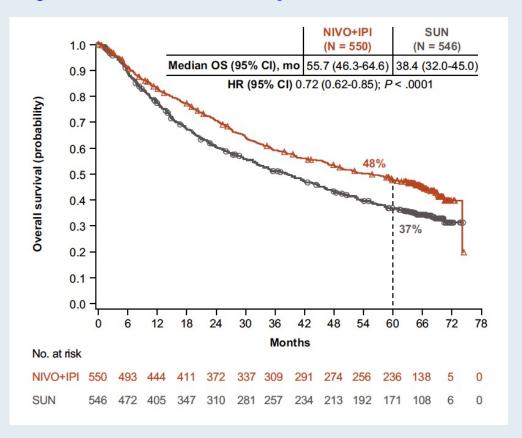
#### CheckMate 214: Intermediate-/Poor-Risk Patients



Minimum	Median OS, n	no (95% CI)	Median PFS, m	no (95% CI)	
Follow-Up, mo	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (n = 425)	Sunitinib (n = 422)	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (n = 425)	Sunitinib (n = 422)	
	NR (28.2-NE)	26.0 (22.1-NE)	11.6 (8.7-15.5)	8.4 (7.0-10.8)	
17.5 <sup>1</sup>	HR (99.8 <mark>0.63</mark> (0.44-0.8	•	HR (99.19 <b>0.82</b> (0.64-1.09	•	
	NR (35.6-NE)	26.6 (22.1-33.4)	8.2 (6.9-10.0)	8.3 (7.0-8.8)	
30 <sup>2</sup>	·	R (95% CI) 4-0.80); <i>P</i> <.0001	HR (95% CI) <b>0.77</b> (0.65-0.90); <i>P</i> = .0014		
	47.0 (35.6-NE)	26.6 (22.1-33.5)	11.6 (8.4-15.5)	8.3 (7.0-10.8)	
42 <sup>3</sup>	HR (95% <b>0.66</b> (0.55-0.80		HR (95% <b>0.75</b> (0.62-0.90)	•	
	48.1 (35.6-NE)	26.6 (22.1-33.5)	11.2 (8.4-16.1)	8.3 (7.0-10.8)	
48 <sup>4</sup>	HR (95% <b>0.65</b> (0.54-0.78		HR (95% <b>0.74</b> (0.62-0.88)	•	
	47.0 (35.4-57.4)	26.6 (22.1-33.5)	11.6 (8.4-16.5)	8.3 (7.0-10.4)	
60 <sup>5</sup>	HR (95% <b>0.68</b> (0.58-0.83		HR (95% <b>0.73</b> (0.61-0.87)		

<sup>1.</sup> Motzer RJ et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2018. PMID: 29562145. 2. Motzer RJ et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2019. PMID: 31427204. 3. Motzer RJ et al. *J Immunother Cancer*. 2020. PMID: 32661118. 4. Albiges L. et al., *ESMO Open*, 2021. PMID: 33246931. 5. Motzer R.J. et al., ESMO Annual Congress, 2021.

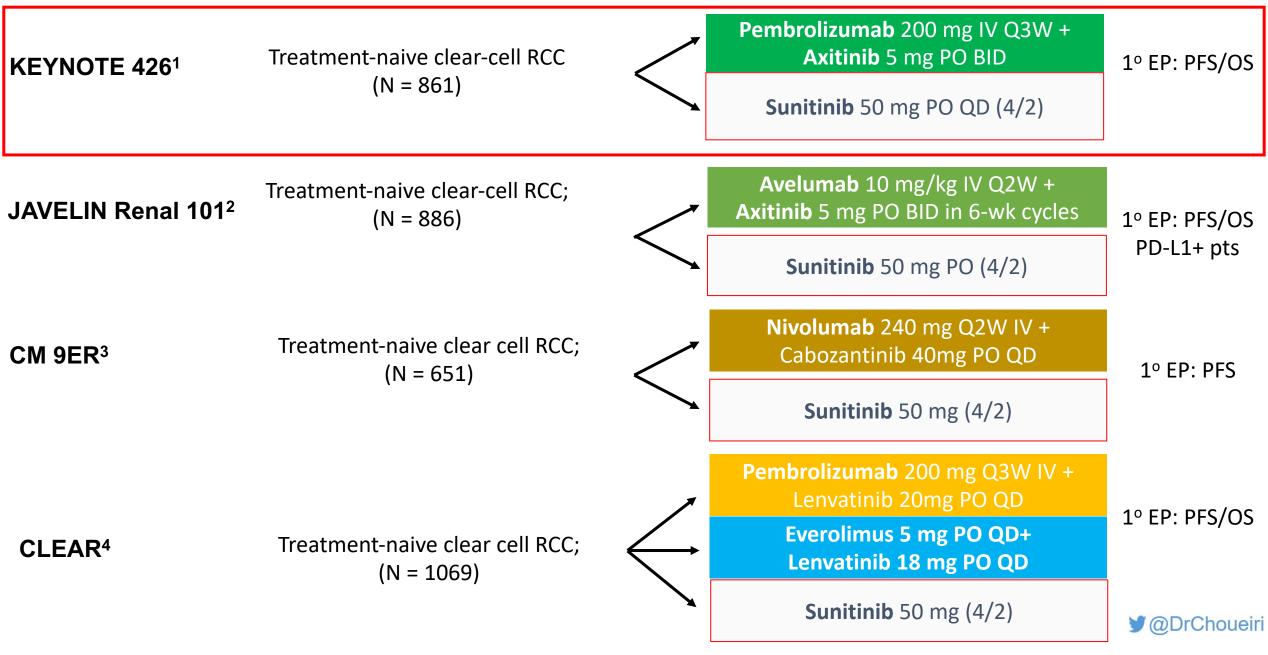
# CheckMate 214: Efficacy Summary in Intent-to-Treat Population (Median Follow-Up 67.7 Months)



PFS (median, 12.3 vs 12.3 months; hazard ratio, 0.86), and objective response (39.3% vs 32.4%)
 benefits were maintained with NIVO+IPI versus SUN, respectively, in intent-to-treat patients







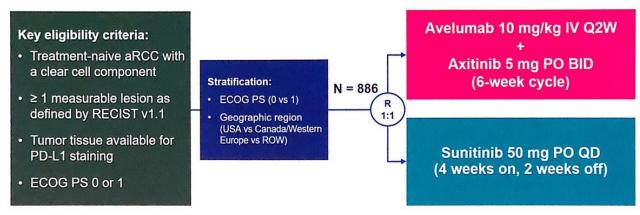
### **KEYNOTE-426** Highlights

Median follow-up (months)	12.8	30.6	42.8
OS, months	NR	NR	45.7
HR (95% CI)	0.53 (0.38-0.74)	0.68 (0.55-0.85)	0.73 (0.6-0.88)
PFS, months	15.1	15.4	15.7
HR (95% CI)	0.69 (0.57-0.84)	0.71 (0.6-0.84)	0.68 (0.58-0.8)
ORR(%)/CR(%)	59/6	60/9	60/10



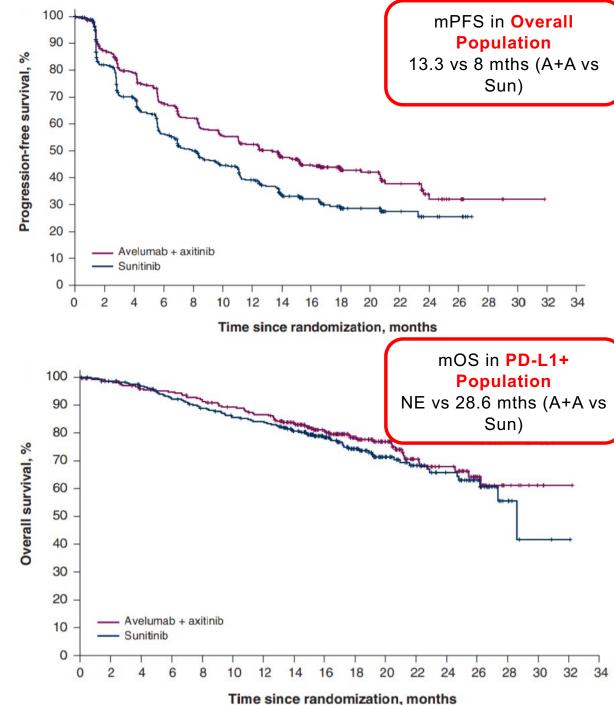
Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W + Treatment-naive clear-cell RCC Axitinib 5 mg PO BID 1º EP: PFS/OS KEYNOTE 426<sup>1</sup> (N = 861)Sunitinib 50 mg PO QD (4/2) Avelumab 10 mg/kg IV Q2W + Treatment-naive clear-cell RCC; 1º EP: PFS/OS JAVELIN Renal 101<sup>2</sup> **Axitinib** 5 mg PO BID in 6-wk cycles (N = 886)PD-L1+ pts Sunitinib 50 mg PO (4/2)Nivolumab 240 mg Q2W IV + Treatment-naive clear cell RCC; CM 9ER<sup>3</sup> Cabozantinib 40mg PO QD 1° EP: PFS (N = 651)Sunitinib 50 mg (4/2)Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W IV + Lenvatinib 20mg PO QD 1° EP: PFS/OS **Everolimus 5 mg PO QD+** Treatment-naive clear cell RCC; CLEAR4 **Lenvatinib 18 mg PO QD** (N = 1069)Sunitinib 50 mg (4/2)

### **JAVELIN Renal 101- Highlights**

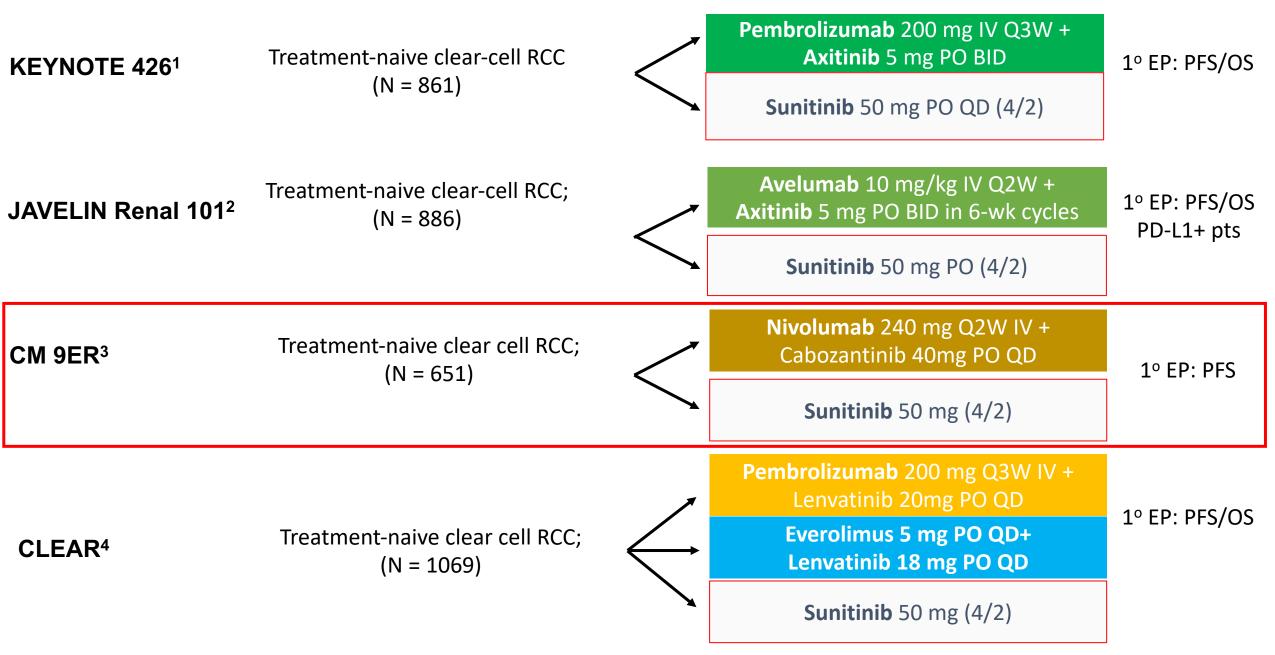


Primary Endpoint: PFS or OS in patients with PD-L1+ tumors

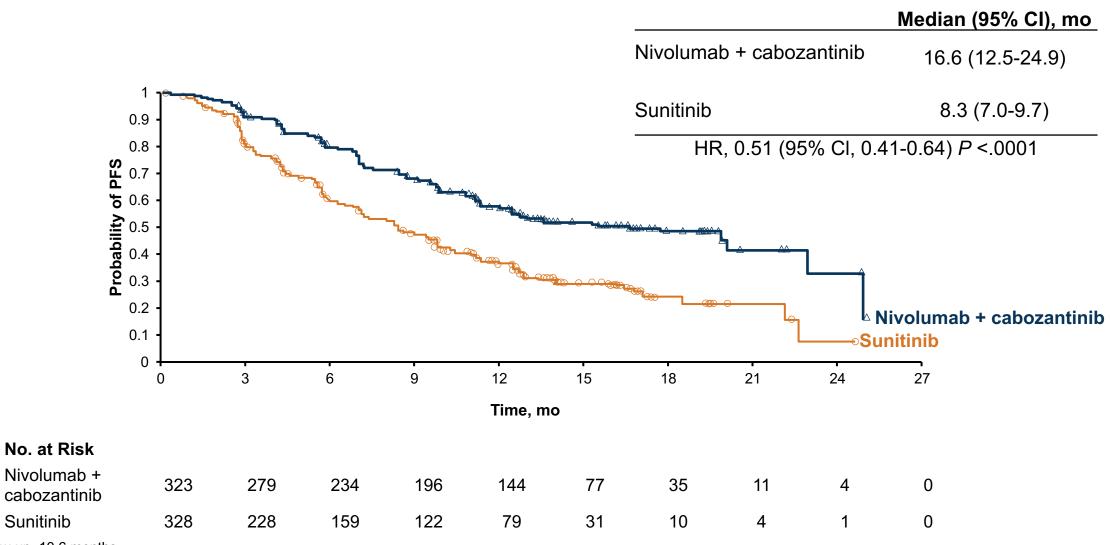
OS: Not Significant HR: 0.828 (95% CI 0.596-1.151); one-sided P = 0.13







#### CheckMate 9ER: PFS<sup>1,2</sup>



Minimum study follow-up, 10.6 months.

Sunitinib

### **CheckMate 9ER Highlights**

Median follow- up (months)	18 <sup>1</sup>	23.5 <sup>2</sup>	32.9 <sup>3</sup>
OS, months	NR	NR	37.7
HR (95% CI)	0.60 (0.40-0.89)	0.66 (0.50-0.87)	0.70 (0·55-0·90)
PFS, months	16.6	17.0	16.6
HR (95% CI)	0.51 (0.41-0.64)	0.52 (0.43-0.64)	0.56 (0.46-0.68)
ORR(%)/CR(%)	55.7/8.0	56.5/8.5	55.7/12.4

# First-Line Nivolumab with Cabozantinib Shows Durable Survival with More Than 3 Years of Follow-Up in the CheckMate 9ER Trial for Advanced RCC

Press Release: February 13, 2023

"[It was announced that the] three-year (36.5 months minimum; 44.0 months median) follow-up results from the Phase 3 CheckMate 9ER trial demonstrated sustained survival and response rate benefits with the combination of nivolumab and cabozantinib versus sunitinib in the first-line treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma.

Additionally, a biomarker analysis showed that improvements in median progression-free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS) were sustained with the combination of nivolumab and cabozantinib regardless of PD-L1 status. These updated results will be featured in one oral and one poster presentation at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) 2023 Genitourinary Cancers Symposium from February 16-18, 2023."



# Nivolumab plus Cabozantinib vs Sunitinib for First-Line Treatment of Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma (aRCC): 3-Year Follow-Up from the Phase 3 CheckMate 9ER Trial

Burotto M et al.

Abstract 603.

**Oral Abstract Session C: Renal and Rare Tumors** 

February 18, 2023

2:00 PM PT (5:00 PM ET)



### Biomarker Analysis from the Phase 3 CheckMate 9ER Trial of Nivolumab + Cabozantinib v Sunitinib for Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma (aRCC)

Choueiri TK et al.

Abstract 608.

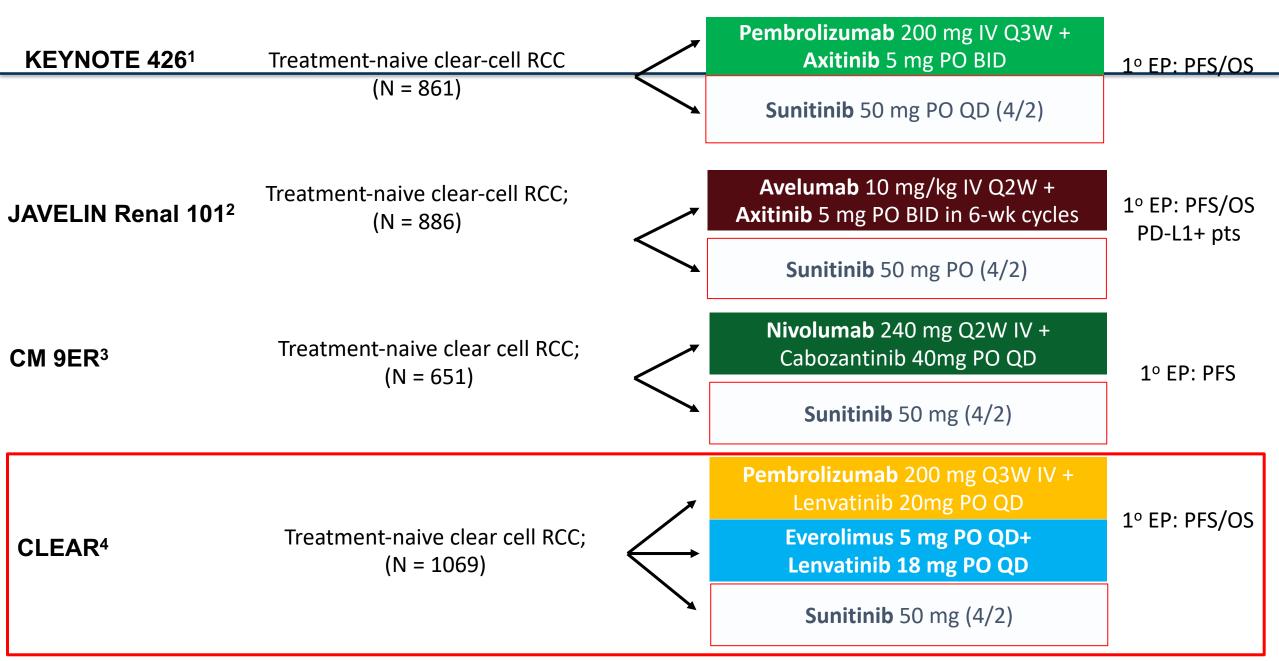
Rapid Abstract Session: Biomarkers of Response and Risk Stratification in Genitourinary Cancers

February 18, 2023

7:00 AM PT (10:00 AM ET)









## **CLEAR Highlights**

Median follow-up (months)	26.6 <sup>1</sup>	33.7 <sup>2-3</sup>	
OS, months	NR	NR	
HR (95% CI)	0.66 (0.49–0.88)	0.72 (0.55-0.93)	
PFS, months	23.9	23.3	
HR (95% CI)	0.39 (0.32-0.49)	0.42 (0.34-0.52)	
ORR(%)/CR(%)	71/16.1	71/17.2	

#### **Treatment-related AEs on Phase III**

(The case of CheckMate 9ER as an example)

# Treatment-Related Adverse Events in ≥ 15% of Patients in Any Treatment Group

	Cabo + Nivo N = 320		Suni N =	
	Any Grade, %	Grade 3-4, %	Any Grade, %	Grade 3-4, %
Diarrhea	56.9	5.6	42.5	4.4
PPE	38.1	7.5	40.3	7.5
Hypothyroidism	33.4	0.3	28.1	0.3
Hypertension	30.3	10.9	33.4	12.2
Fatigue	26.9	2.5	30.3	3.8
ALT increased	25.0	4.7	6.3	0.6
AST increased	23.4	3.1	8.8	0.6
Dysgeusia	21.6	0	20.3	0
Nausea	21.3	0.6	25.3	0
Decreased appetite	20.3	1.3	16.6	0.6
Rash	19.4	1.6	6.9	0
Mucosal inflammation	19.1	0.9	25.0	2.5
Asthenia	17.8	3.1	15.0	2.2
Pruritus	16.3	0.3	4.1	0
Stomatitis	15.6	2.2	23.1	2.2
Lipase increased	15.0	5.3	10.9	4.7
Vomiting	11.3	1.3	16.3	0.3
Anemia	10.0	0.9	19.1	2.5
Thrombocytopenia	5.9	0.3	19.1	4.4
Platelet count decreased	5.3	0	18.4	4.4

# Prospective Cardiovascular Surveillance of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Based **Combination Therapy in Patients With Advanced** Renal Cell Cancer: Data From the Phase III JAVELIN Renal 101 Trial

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#### **Summary of MACE During the On-Treatment Period (safety analysis set)**

-	Avelumab Plus Axitinib (n = 434)	Sunitinib (n = 439)	Avelumab Plus	Axitinib v Sunitinib
MACE	No. (%)	No. (%)	Risk Difference	95% CI
MACE, total	31 (7.1)	17 (3.9)	0.033	-0.034 to 0.099
Cardiac deaths	6 (1.4)	1 (0.2)	0.012	-0.055 to 0.078
Cardiopulmonary failure	0 (0)	1 (0.2)	_	_
Death	4 (0.9)	0 (0)	_	_
Myocarditis	1 (0.2)	0 (0)	_	_
Sudden death	1 (0.2)	0 (0)	_	_
Fatal stroke	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	0.000	-0.066 to 0.066
Cerebrovascular accident	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	_	_
Nonfatal arrhythmia	4 (0.9)	1 (0.2)	0.007	-0.060 to 0.073
Atrial fibrillation	4 (0.9)	0 (0)	_	_
Electrocardiogram QT prolonged	0 (0)	1 (0.2)	_	_
Nonfatal congestive heart failure	7 (1.6)	3 (0.7)	0.009	-0.057 to 0.076
Cardiac failure	1 (0.2)	0 (0)	_	_
Ejection fraction decreased	6 (1.4)	3 (0.7)	_	_
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	9 (2.1)	3 (0.7)	0.014	-0.053 to 0.080
Acute coronary syndrome	2 (0.5)	0 (0)	_	_
Acute myocardial infarction	3 (0.7)	0 (0)	_	_
Angina pectoris	0 (0)	2 (0.5)	_	_
Coronary artery disease	0 (0)	1 (0.2)	_	_
Coronary artery occlusion	1 (0.2)	0 (0)	_	_
Myocardial ischemia	0 (0)	1 (0.2)	_	_
Troponin I increased	1 (0.2)	0 (0)	_	_
Troponin T increased	1 (0.2)	0 (0)	_	_
Nonfatal myocarditis	1 (0.2)	0 (0)	0.002	-0.064 to 0.069
Myocarditis	1 (0.2)	0 (0)	_	_
Nonfatal stroke	3 (0.7)	8 (1.8)	-0.011	-0.078 to 0.055
Brain hypoxia	0 (0)	1 (0.2)	_	_
Cerebellar hemorrhage	0 (0)	1 (0.2)	_	_
Cerebrovascular accident	2 (0.5)	2 (0.5)	_	_

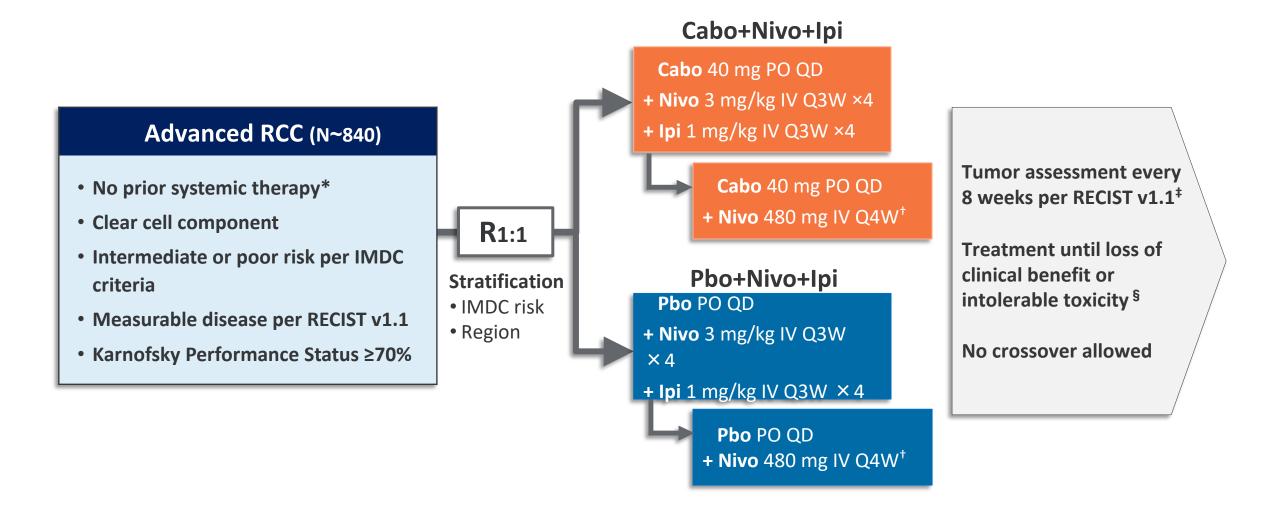
## Summary of Patients With LVEF% Decrease of at Least 10 Points From Baseline to a Postbaseline Value Below the LLN During On-Treatment Period— Safety Analysis Set

Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction Characteristic	Avelumab Plus Axitinib (n = 434)	Sunitinib (n = 439)	
Patients with LVEF% ≥ 10-point decrease from baseline to a postbaseline value < LLN, No. (%) <sup>a</sup>	37 (8.5)	7 (1.6)	
Time to onset of LVEF% ≥ 10-point decrease from baseline to postbaseline value < LLN, median, weeks <sup>b</sup>	18.1	7.6	
Recovery			
Time to LVEF recovery, median, weeks	12.1	12.2	
Recovered, No. (%) <sup>c</sup>	22 (59.5)	4 (57.1)	
Ongoing, No. (%)d	15 (40.5)	3 (42.9)	

#### Relative Risk of MACE by Serum Cardiac Biomarker Levels at Baseline

	Avelumab Plus Axitinib (n = 434)			Sunitinib (n = 439)		
Cardiac Serum Biomarker	MACE, No.	No MACE, No.	Relative Risk of MACE (95% CI)	MACE, No.	No MACE, No.	Relative Risk of MACE (95% CI)
Troponin T						
High	6	29	3.31 (1.19 to 9.22)	2	39	0.89 (0.2 to 3.98)
Not high	7	128	•	9	156	

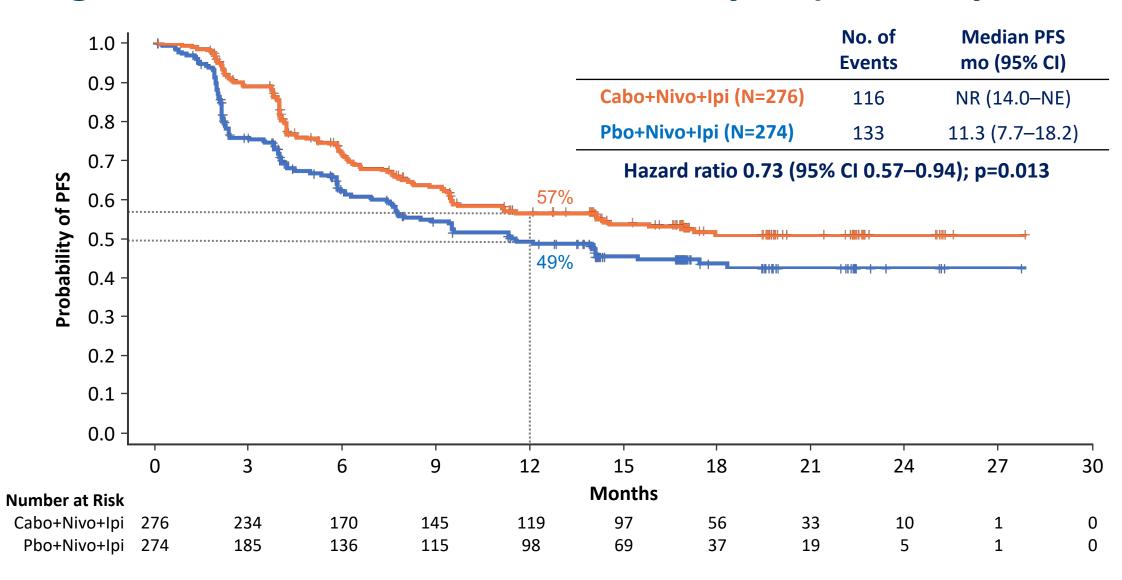
#### **COSMIC-313 Study Design**



<sup>\*</sup>One prior systemic adjuvant therapy allowed for completely resected RCC and if recurrence occurred ≥6 months after the last dose of adjuvant therapy; adjuvant PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor in combination with a CTLA-4 inhibitor not permitted. †Nivolumab given for a maximum of 2 years. ‡Tumor assessment (RECIST v1.1) at week 10, then every 8 weeks through week 50, then every 12 weeks thereafter. §Discontinuation of one agent did not mandate discontinuation of all agents.

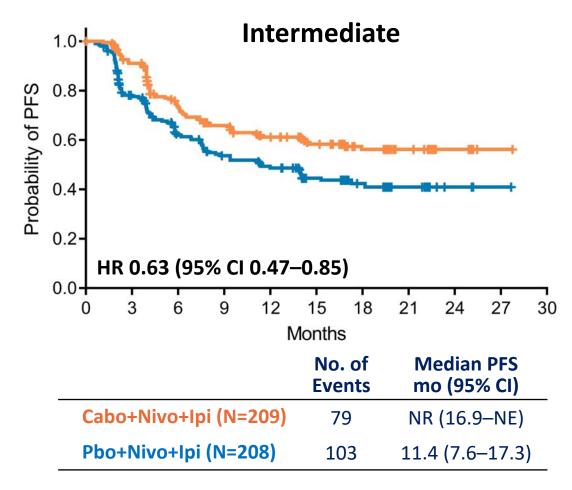


#### **Progression-Free Survival: Final Analysis (PITT Population)**

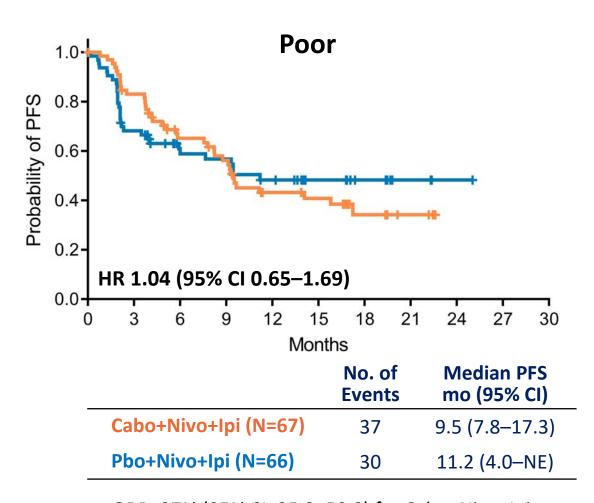


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### PFS and ORR by IMDC Risk Group (PITT Population)



ORR: 45% (95% CI, 38.1–52.0) for Cabo+Nivo+Ipi vs 35% (95% CI, 28.6–42.0) for Pbo+Nivo+Ipi



ORR: 37% (95% CI, 25.8–50.0) for Cabo+Nivo+lpi vs 38% (95% CI, 26.2–50.7) for Pbo+Nivo+lpi

Date of the 249<sup>th</sup> PFS event: Aug 23, 2021 Data cut-off for ORR: Jan 31, 2022

PFS and ORR per RECIST v1.1 by BIRC. IMDC risk group is per lxRS.

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### **Summary of Adverse Events (Safety Population)**

	Cabo+Nivo+Ipi (N=426)			Nivo+lpi l=424)		
	Any Grade	Grade 3–4	Any Grade	Grade 3–4		
Treatment-related adverse events						
Any event,* %	99	73	91	41		
Alanine aminotransferase increased	46	26	17	6		
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	44	20	16	5		
Diarrhea	41	4	18	3		
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia	28	3	4	0		
Hypothyroidism	24	<1	15	0		
Hypertension	23	8	5	2		
Fatigue	22	2	21	1		
Lipase increased	22	9	13	6		
Amylase increased	20	5	12	2		
Rash	20	2	20	1		
Pruritus	20	0	26	<1		

- Grade 5 TRAEs occurred in 3 patients (1%) with Cabo+Nivo+Ipi (gastrointestinal hemorrhage, hepatic failure, and respiratory failure) and 3 patients (1%) with Pbo+Nivo+Ipi (renal failure, myocarditis, and sudden death) ≤30 days after last dose; through 100 days after last dose, two additional patients had grade 5 TRAEs with Cabo+Nivo+Ipi (immune-mediated hepatitis and acute hepatic failure) and one additional patient with Pbo+Nivo+Ipi (perforated ulcer)
- Use of high-dose corticosteroids (≥40 mg of prednisone or equivalent) for AEs was 58% with Cabo+Nivo+Ipi and 35% with Pbo+Nivo+Ipi



# **MODULE 3: Treatment Options for Relapsed/Refractory RCC — Dr Rini**



# Case Presentation: 63-year-old woman with metastatic ccRCC receives lenvatinib/pembrolizumab but develops difficult-to-manage hypertension



Dr Eric Lee (Fountain Valley, California)



#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**



Eric H Lee, MD, PhD

How do you screen for and manage hypertension in patients on TKIs? How do you approach dosing of lenvatinib (plus pembrolizumab)?

How do you approach patients who are resistant to dose reducing a TKI because of concerns that it will decrease the antitumor benefit?

In which situations, if any, do you use tivozanib? Can it be combined with IO?

In which situations, if any, do you use everolimus, and how do you use it?



Case Presentation: 64-year-old woman with metastatic ccRCC and somatic VHL gene mutation receives ipilimumab/nivolumab and develops a solitary brain metastasis



Dr Sunil Gandhi (Lecanto, Florida)



#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**



Sunil Gandhi, MD

How often are metastases to the spleen observed in RCC, and what is the clinical significance?

How would you manage a patient who developed a new symptomatic brain met on ipilimumab/nivolumab with systemic disease who was responding to treatment?

Is there any clinical significance to NGS findings of somatic VHL alterations? Is there a role for belzutifan in patients with sporadic RCC?



## **Treatment Options for Relapsed/Refractory RCC**

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#### The vast majority of RCC patients will receive IO-based therapy front-line

	CheckMate 214 (lpi/Nivo)¹ (n=550 vs n=546)	KEYNOTE-426 (Axi/Pembro) <sup>2</sup> (n=432 vs n=429)	CheckMate 9ER (Cabo/Nivo)³ (n=323 vs n=328)	CLEAR (Len/Pembro) <sup>4</sup> (N=355 vs n=357)
HR mOS, months	<b>0.72</b> 55.7 vs 38.4	<b>0.73</b> 45.7 vs 40.1	<b>0.70</b> 37.7 vs 34.3	<b>0.72</b> NR vs NR
Landmark OS 12 mo Landmark OS 24 mo	<b>83%</b> vs. 78% <b>71%</b> vs. 61%	<b>90%</b> vs. 79% <b>74%</b> vs. 66%	<b>86%</b> vs. 76% <b>70%</b> vs 60%	<b>90%</b> vs 79% (est.) <b>79%</b> vs. 70%
HR mPFS, months	<b>0.86</b> <b>12.3</b> vs 12.3	<b>0.68</b> <b>15.7</b> vs 11.1	<b>0.56</b> <b>16.6</b> vs 8.3	<b>0.39</b> <b>23.9</b> vs 9.2
ORR, %	<b>39</b> vs 32	<b>60</b> vs 40	<b>56</b> vs 28	<b>71</b> vs 36
CR, %	<b>12</b> vs 3	<b>10</b> vs 4	<b>12</b> vs 5	<b>16</b> vs 4
Med f/u, months	67.7	42.8	32.9	33.7
Primary PD, %	18	11	6	5
Landmark PFS	30% (5 years)	29% (3 years)	39% (2 years)	

<sup>1.</sup> Motzer et al. ESMO 2021

<sup>3.</sup> Motzer et al. ASCO GU 2022; Lancet Oncol 2022.

<sup>2.</sup> Rini et al. ASCO 2021

<sup>4.</sup> Motzer et al. ASCO GU 2021; Porta C et. Al, ESMO 2022.

## 2<sup>nd</sup>-Line Agents: Post VEGF-TKI

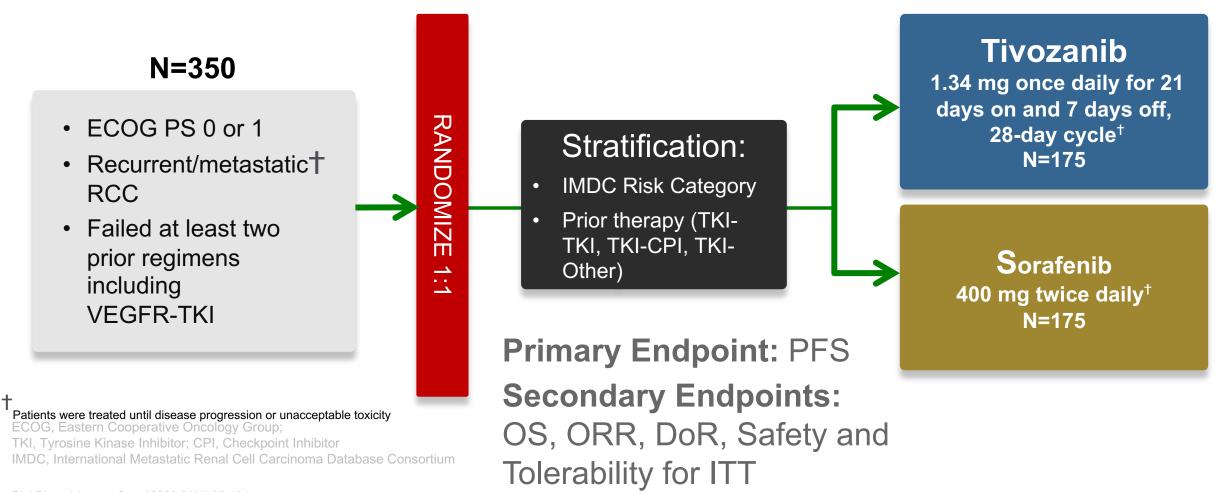
	Axitinib <sup>[1,2]</sup>	Nivolumab <sup>[3]</sup>	Cabozantinib <sup>[4]</sup>	Lenvatinib/Eve (RP2) <sup>[5,6]</sup>
Patient Population	2 <sup>nd</sup> Line	TKI-refractory (72% 1 prior)	TKI-refractory (71% 1 prior)	TKI-refractory (100% 1 prior)
MSKCC risk: good/int/poor	28/37/33	35/49/16	45/42/12	24/37/39
Comparator	Sorafenib	Everolimus	Everolimus	Everolimus
ORR, % PD, %	19% 22%	22% 35%	17% 12%	35% 4%
PFS, months	4.8	4.6	7.4	12.8
OS, months	20.1	25.0	21.4	25.5
Dose reductions	31% (37% Increase)	n/a	62%	71%
D/C due to AE	4%	8%	12%	24%
Toxicity	Grade 3: 50% Grade 4: 6%	Grade 3 or 4: 19%	Grade 3: 63%* Grade 4: 8%	Grade 3: 57% Grade 4: 14%

<sup>\*</sup> All AEs regardless of attribution to the drugs

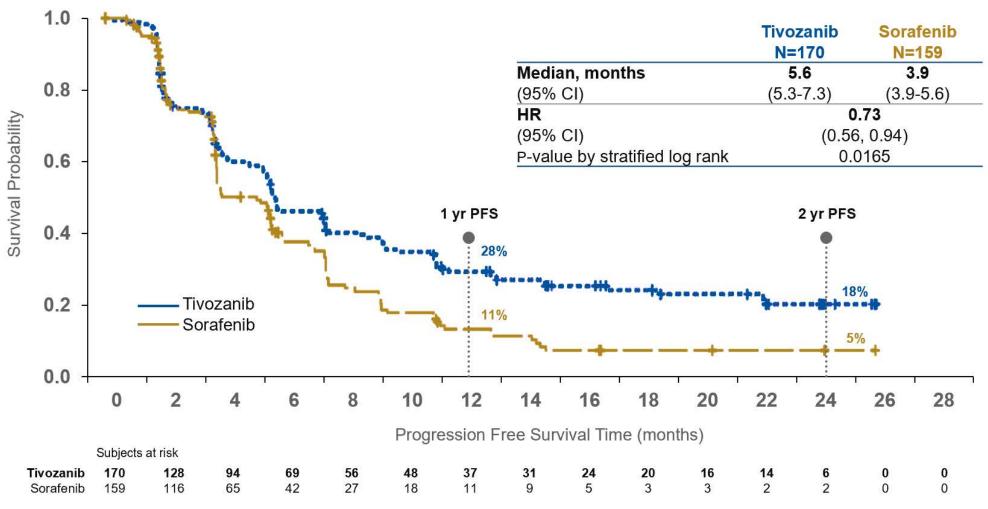
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#### **TIVO-3: Study Schema**

#### Randomized Phase 3 Trial in Relapsed or Refractory Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma

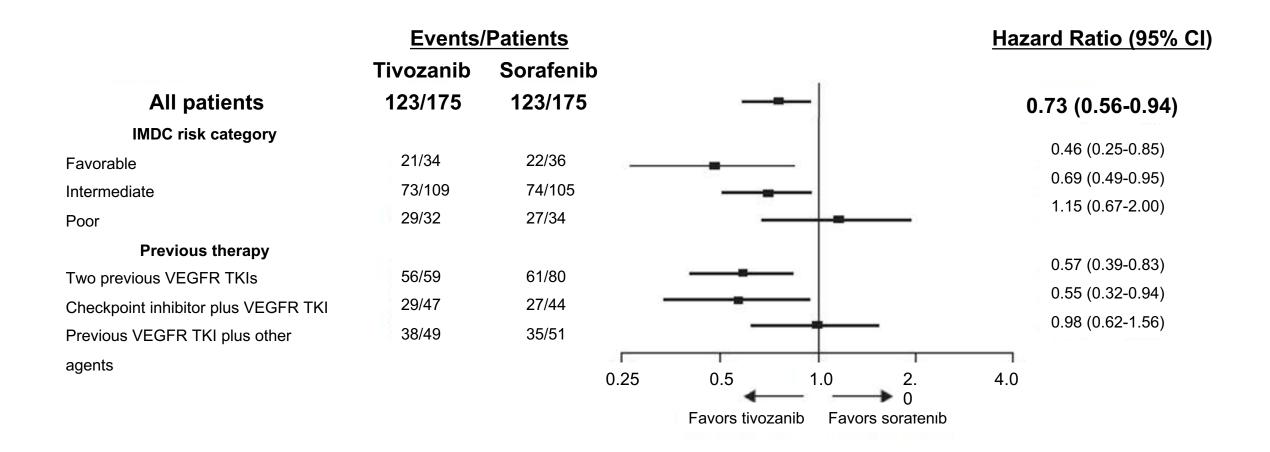


#### **Primary Endpoint: PFS**

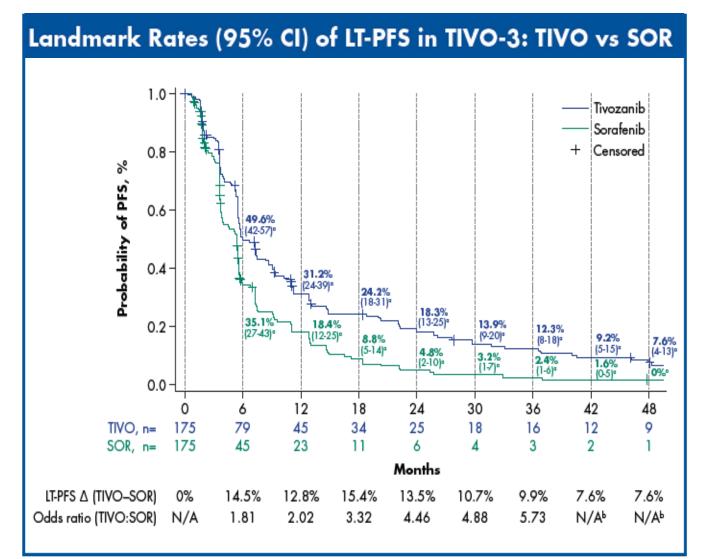


Primary PFS endpoint final analyses, Oct 4, 2018

#### **PFS in Stratified Subgroups**



#### Long-Term Progression Free Survival (LT-PFS) Analysis

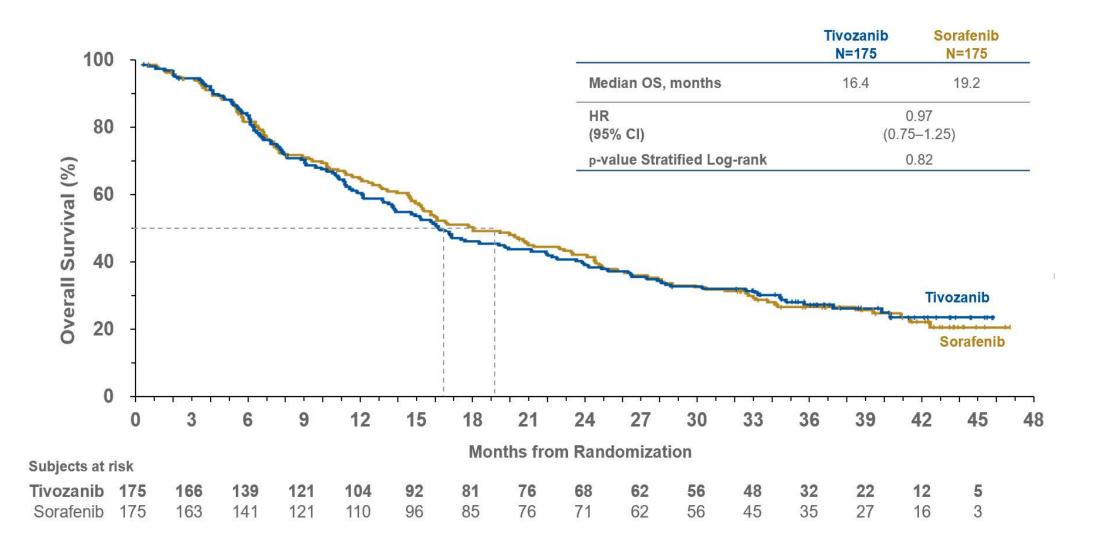


<sup>% [95%</sup> CI]. OR not calculated at months 42 and 48 due to insufficient number at risk.

\*primary IRC PFS HR (0.672; 95% CI, 0.52-0.87)

- LT-PFS is based on investigator-assessed (INV)
   PFS HR with extended follow-up (data cutoff May 2021)
- INV PFS HR (0.624; 95% CI, 0.49-0.79), which was comparable to the primary IRC PFS HR reported at the original October 2018 data cutoff (HR, 0.672; 95% CI, 0.52-0.87)
- The safety profile of tivozanib with extended analysis was consistent with the full Prescribing Information
- Higher LT-PFS rates with TIVO vs SOR were observed across subgroups, with clinically meaningful effects in the TIVO group (defined as ≥15% INV LT-PFS at 36 months) patients with:
  - favorable risk status evaluated by IMDC
  - female sex
  - ECOG PS of 0
  - age ≥65 years
  - treatment received in North America

#### **Overall Survival**



**TABLE 2.** BOR to Prior ICI and to Salvage Ipilimumab and Nivolumab

BOR to Prior	No. (%)	BOR to Salvage Ipilimumab and Nivolumab	No. (%)
PR	24 (53)	PR	4 (17)
		SD	2 (8)
		PD	17 (71)
		NE	1 (4)
SD	12 (27)	PR	3 (25)
		SD	5 (42)
		PD	4 (33)
PD	9 (20)	PR	2 (22)
		PD	7 (78)

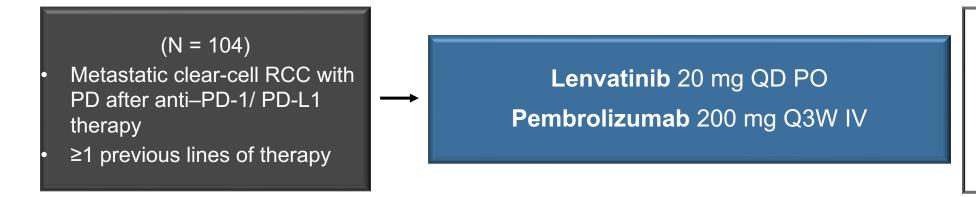
Abbreviations: BOR, best objective response; ICI, immune checkpoint inhibitor; NE, not evaluable; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

### The role of NIVO + IPI (salvage/rescue)

	HCRN ASCO GU 2022	OMNIVORE ASCO 2020	FRACTION J Immunother Cancer 2022	TITAN RCC ESMO 2022	Salvage Ipi/Nivo (JCO 2020)
N	35	83	46	207	45
Prior TKI	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Timing	Nivo→Ipi	Nivo→Ipi	Nivo+Ipi	Nivo→Ipi	Nivo+lpi after prior IO
Ipi doses	4	2	4	4	4
ORR	11%	4%	17%	32%	20%
CR	3%	0%	0%	6%	0%

Nivo+ipi combo untreated ccRCC ORR 39%, CR 12% (CheckMate 214)<sup>1</sup>

## Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab After Progression on Prior IO Therapy Phase II KEYNOTE-146/Study 111



Primary Endpoint:
ORR at 24 wks
Key Secondary
Endpoints:
ORR, PFS, DoR, Safety
and tolerability

Baseline Characteristic	Patients (N = 104)
1/≥ 2 prior anticancer regimens, %	39/62
Prior ICI regimen, % <sup>a</sup>	
Anti–PD-L1/anti–PD-1 in combination or as monotherapy	100
Anti–PD-L1/anti–PD-1 and anti-VEGF in combination or sequentially	65
Ipilimumab/nivolumab	37
Median duration of prior ICI therapy, mos (IQR)	7 (3-13)

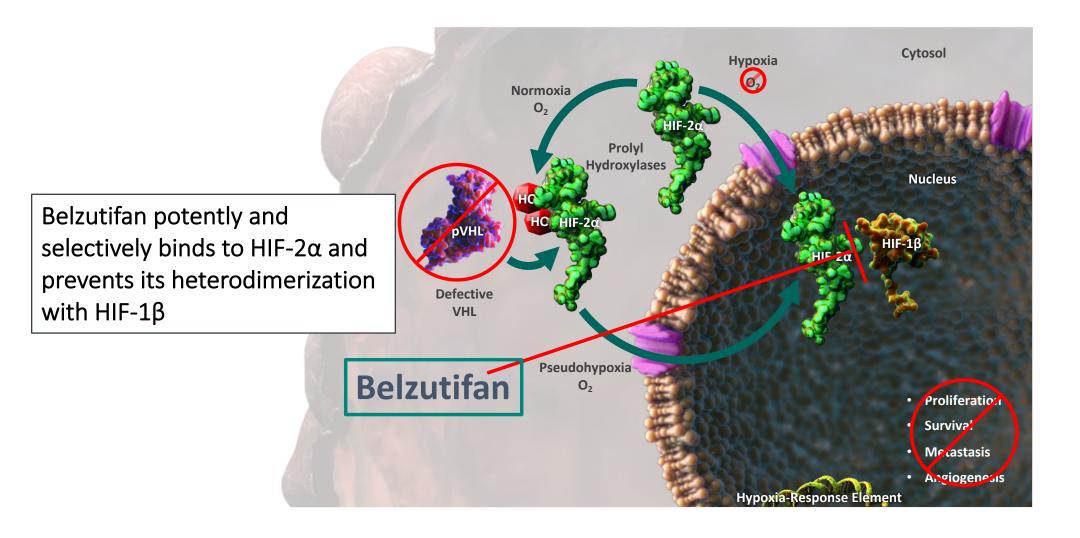
### Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab After Progression On Prior IO Therapy Phase II KEYNOTE-146/Study 111: Responses by Previous Therapy

Event	Anti–PD-1/PD-L1 (n = 104)	Anti–PD-1/PD-L1 and Anti-VEGF (n = 68)	Nivo + Ipi (n = 38)
ORR, % (95% CI)	<b>55</b> (45-65)	59 (46-71)	47 (31-64)
<ul><li>Best objective response, %</li><li>PR</li><li>SD</li><li>PD</li><li>NE</li></ul>	55 36 5 5	59 31 6 4	47 42 8 3
Median DoR, mos (95% CI)	12 (9-18)	9 (7-17)	NR (7-NR)

## **Ongoing Phase III Trials in the Post-IO Setting**

Title	Inclusion	Treatment Arms
CONTACT-03: Phase III Trial of Atezo + Cabo vs Cabo in Advanced RCC After PD-1/PD-L1 Therapy (n = 500) <sup>2</sup>	<ul> <li>Clear-cell RCC or non—clear-cell RCC (papillary or unclassified)</li> <li>Prior first- or second-line therapy with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor as immediate preceding therapy</li> <li>No more than 1 previous PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor</li> </ul>	Atezolizumab + cabozantinib vs Cabozantinib
TiNivo-2: Phase III Trial of Tivozanib + Nivolumab vs Tivozanib in Advanced RCC After IO Therapy (n = 326) <sup>3</sup>	<ul> <li>Clear-cell RCC</li> <li>PD during or following ≥6 wk of treatment with an IO therapy</li> <li>≤2 previous lines of therapy</li> </ul>	Nivolumab + tivozanib vs Tivozanib

#### Belzutifan: HIF-2α Inhibitor



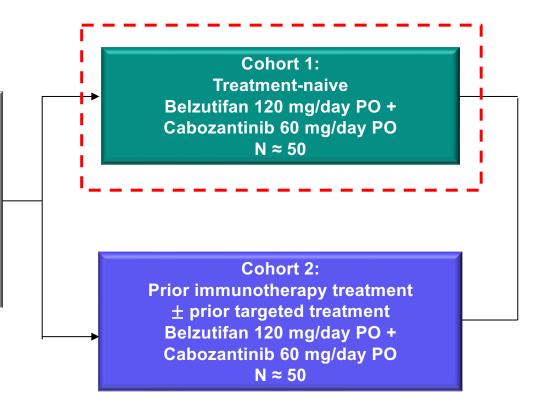
# Best Confirmed Objective Response by RECIST v1.1 per Investigator Assessment (ccRCC cohort)

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)

## Study Design of LITESPARK-003 (NCT03634540)

#### **Key Eligibility Criteria**

- Locally advanced or metastatic ccRCC
- Either treatment naive or has received prior immunotherapy and ≤2 regimens for locally advanced or metastatic RCC
- ECOG PS 0 or 1



#### **Tumor Assessments**

 Week 9, then Q8W through month 12 and Q12W thereafter

#### **End Points**

- Primary: ORR per RECIST v1.1 by investigator
- Secondary: PFS, DOR, and TTR per RECIST v1.1 by investigator, OS, safety/tolerability

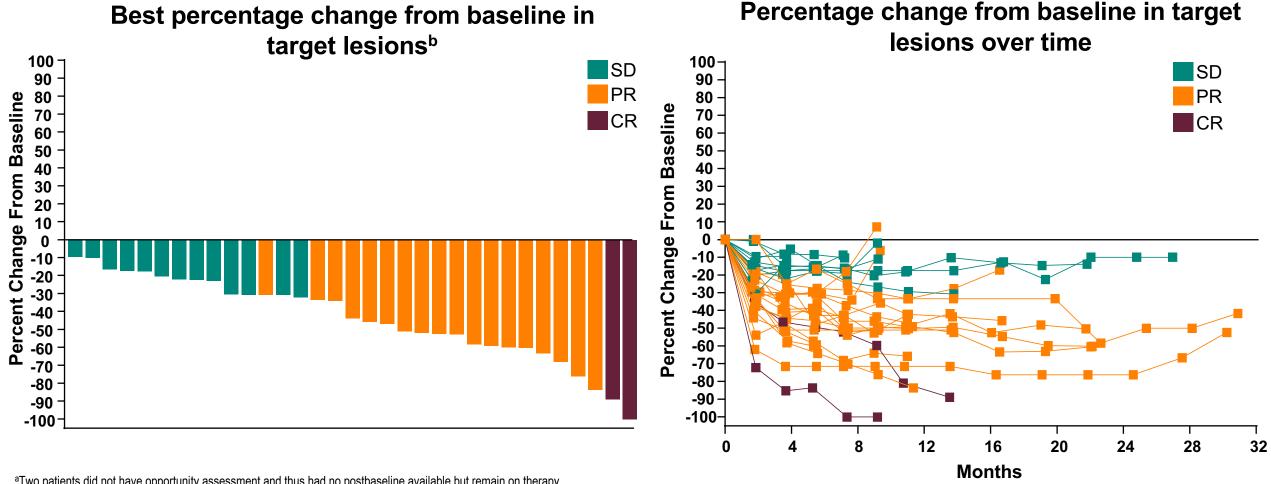
### Primary End Point: Objective Response Rate by Investigator

		IMDC risk category		IMDC risk cat	category
n (%)	Overall N = 35	Favorable n = 21	Intermediate/poor n = 14		
ORR (CR + PR)	20 (57)	13 (62)	7 (50)		
DCR (CR + PR + SD)	33 (94)	19 (90)	14 (100)		
Best response					
CR	2 (6)	2 (10)	0 (0)		
PR	18 (51)	11 (52)	7 (50)		
SD	13 (37)	6 (29)	7 (50)		
PD	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)		
Not available <sup>a</sup>	2 (6)	2 (10)	0 (0)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Two patients did not have opportunity assessment and thus had no postbaseline available but remain on therapy. Data cutoff date: February 1, 2022.

### Change From Baseline in Target Lesions by Investigator

33 of 35 patients (94%) experienced a reduction in target lesion size<sup>a</sup>



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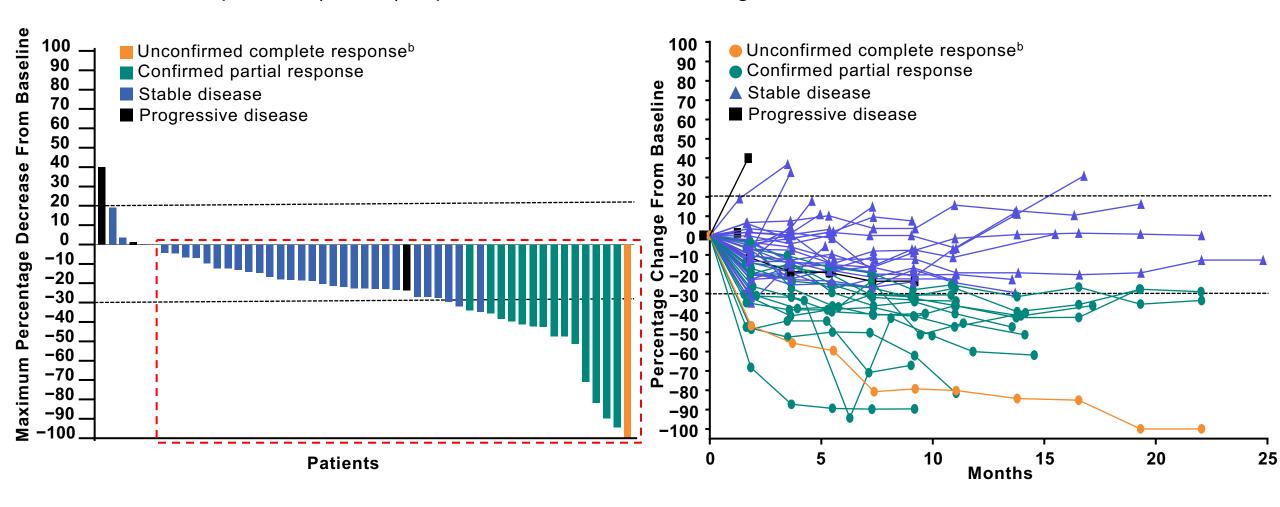
Done patient with a CR and 88% reduction had both nodal and non-nodal lesions. The non-nodal lesion had a 100% reduction in size and the lymph node reduced to <10 mm in diameter, which satisfied RECIST v1.1 criteria for CR. Data cutoff date: February 1, 2022. Choueiri et al. ESMO 2022

## **Cohort 2: Objective Response Rate**

	ORR (CR + PR)		DCR (C	R + PR + SD)
Population	n/N	% (95% CI)	n/N	% (95% CI)
All patients	15/52	28.8 (17.1-43.1)	48/52	92.3 (81.5-97.9)
IMDC risk category				
Favorable	3/11	27.3 (6.0-61.0)	11/11	100 (71.5-100)
Intermediate/poor	12/41	29.3 (16.1-45.5)	37/41	90.2 (76.9-97.3)
Prior anticancer therapy				
IO only	8/28	28.6 (13.2-48.7)	26/28	92.9 (76.5-99.1)
IO/VEGF	7/24	29.2 (12.6-51.1)	22/24	91.7 (73.0-99.0)

## **Cohort 2: Best Tumor Change From Baseline**

45 of 52 patients (86.5%) experienced a reduction in target lesion size<sup>a</sup>

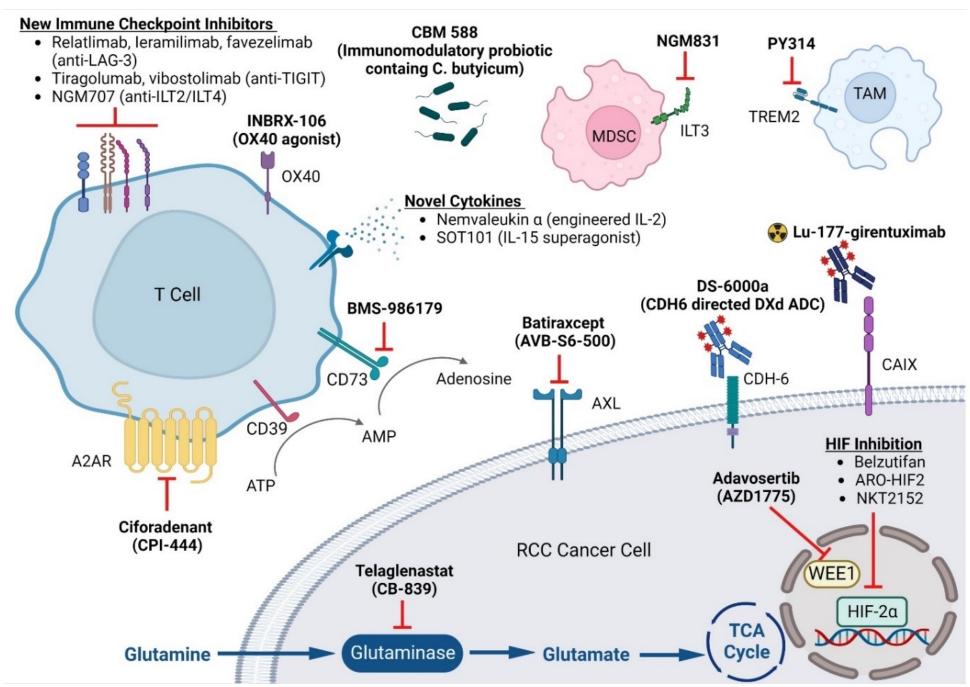


al patient had a response of "not available" and was recorded as having no change from baseline value. Documented at a single time point before the data cutoff date; to be confirmed at a subsequent time point. Data cutoff: May 3, 2021.

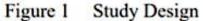
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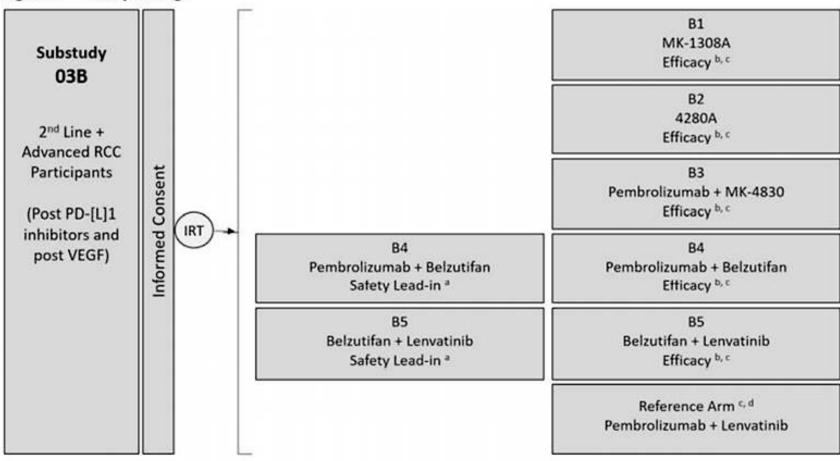
## **Ongoing Phase III Trials in the Post-IO Setting**

Title	Inclusion	Treatment Arms
MK-6482-005: Phase III Trial of Belzutifan vs Everolimus in Advanced RCC After PD-1/PD- L1 and TKI Therapy (n = 736) <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Clear-cell RCC</li> <li>Prior therapy with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor and VEGF TKI, as monotherapy or in combination</li> <li>≤3 prior therapies</li> </ul>	Belzutifan vs Everolimus
A Study of Belzutifan in Combination With Lenvatinib Versus Cabozantinib for Treatment of Renal Cell Carcinoma (MK- 6482-011)	<ul> <li>Clear-cell RCC</li> <li>Prior therapy with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor in adjuvant or 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>-line with PD within 6 months</li> <li>≤2 prior therapies</li> </ul>	Belzutifan + Lenvatinib vs Cabozantinib



## Umbrella study in post-IO setting





<sup>\*</sup>Safety Lead-in: N ≥ 10 per arm. Exact N will depend on number of doses assessed. Lead-in participants are not randomized but are allocated by IRT.

IRT=interactive response technology; PD-[L]1=programmed cell death/ programmed cell death ligand 1; RCC=renal cell carcinoma; VEGF=vascular endothelial growth factor.

b Efficacy Phase: N = 50 per experimental arm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Randomization Ratio: 1:1 randomization ratio. For 1 participant enrolled in efficacy arm(s), 1 is enrolled concurrently into reference arm.

d Reference Arm: N ≥ 50. Exact N will depend on enrollment period for the experimental efficacy arms.

## Clinical Activity of Batiraxcept (Axl Inhibitor) + Cabozantinib

Efficacy Evaluable	All P1b Patients (N=26)	P1b 15 mg/kg (n=16)	P1b 20 mg/kg (n=10)
<b>Best Response</b>			
<b>Confirmed Partial Response</b>	11 <b>(42%)</b>	8 (50%)	3 (30%)
Confirmed Stable Disease	11 (42%)	6 (38%)	5 (50%)
Progressive Disease <sup>2</sup>	4 (15%)	2 (12%)	2 (20%)

	Best Response		
	All P1b Patients (n=26) 1	P1b 15 mg/kg (n=16)	P1b 20 mg/kg (n=10) <sup>1</sup>
PR for Patients with low sAXL/GAS6	0/5 <b>(0%)</b>	0/4 (0%)	0/1 (0%)
Confirmed PR for Patients with high sAXL/GAS6	12/20 (60%)	8/12 (67%) <sup>2</sup>	4/8 (50%)

## Conclusions

- Single-agent VEGF is the (unexciting) SOC for now in refractory RCC
- IO-based combinations appear to have activity, but randomized trial data is needed for clinical adoption
- HIF inhibition, alone and in combination has activity in refractory RCC
- Several novel drugs / mechanisms are under investigation.

## **MODULE 4: Management of RCC Among Special Patient Populations — Prof Albiges**



Case Presentation: 69-year-old man with Waldenström macroglobulinemia and metastatic papillary RCC receives first-line ipilimumab/nivolumab → nivolumab but develops disease progression, including brain metastases



Dr Nikesh Jasani (Houston, Texas)



#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**



Nikesh Jasani, MD

How do you manage patients with non-clear cell RCC, including papillary carcinoma, and how does this differ based on subtype and stage?

What's your likely second-line therapy in this patient with progression on ipilimumab/nivolumab? Is the approach different due to the brain metastases?

What is the current role of cytoreductive nephrectomy?



# Case Presentation: 71-year-old woman with a history of psoriatic arthritis develops metastatic ccRCC, receives pembrolizumab/axitinib and develops elevated LFTs



Dr Georges Azzi (Fort Lauderdale, Florida)



#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE FACULTY**



Georges Azzi, MD

This patient had a history of psoriatic arthritis. How do you approach the use of IOs in patients with a history of an autoimmune disorder?

How do you approach dosing and dose reduction of axitinib?



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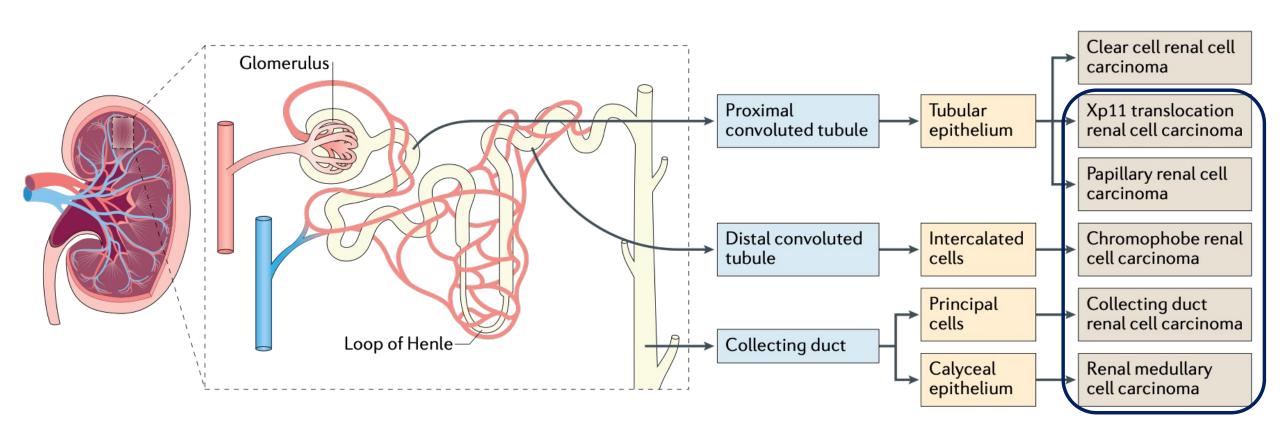
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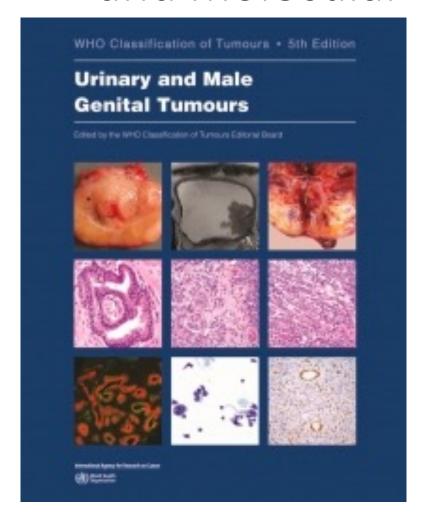
## Non-clear cell RCC subtypes emerge from distinct part/cells of the kidney

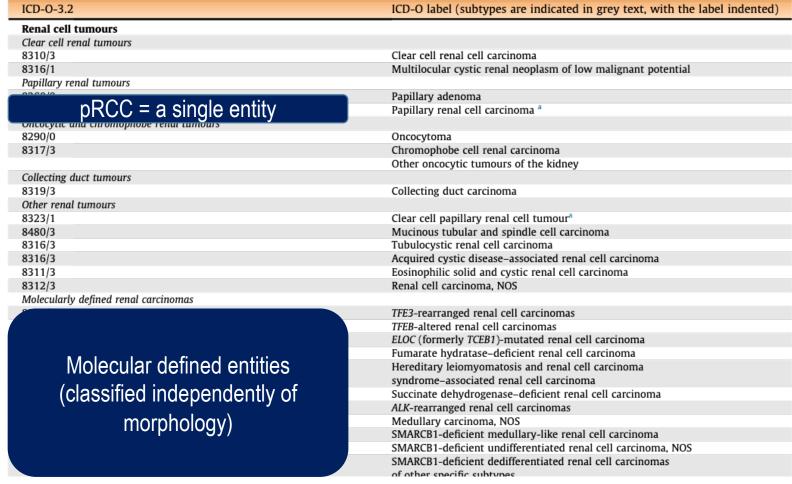


### Non-clear cell RCC subtypes are distinct entities

Pap	oillary	Chromophobe	Translocation	Collecting Duct	Medullary	Sarcomatoid
	Type 1 Type 2					
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Type 1	Type 2	Del Chr. 1, 2, 6, 10, 13, 17	Transloc. Xp11.2 [TFE3] Transloc. (6;11) [TFEB]	Del Chr. 8p, 16p, 1p, 9p Gain Chr. 13q	Del. 22q	-
Gain Chr. 7, 17	Del Chr. 9p					
	<u> </u>		Molecular Alte	rations		
Type 1  - MET  - TERT  - CDKN2A/B  - EGFR	Type 2  - SETD2  - CDKN2A/B  - NF2  - FH  - TERT	- TP53 - PTEN - TERT fusion - MTOR, TSC1/2 - MT-ND5	- TFE3 fusion - TFEB fusion	- NF2 - SETD2 - SMARCB1 - CDKN2A	- SMARCB1 rearrangements	- TP53 - CDKN2A - NF2 - RELN - BAP1 - ARID1A
		•	Pathway Dereg	ulations		
Activation - Cell cycle - MAP kinases	Activation - cell cycle - Hippo - NRF2-ARE	Activation - MTOR - APOBEC	Activation - TNF - TGFβ - MTOR	Activation - Immune response - Cell cycle	-	Activation - Cell cycle - TGFβ
Deregulation - chromatin remodeling	Deregulation - Chromatin remodeling - Metabolism - Methylation	Deregulation - Metabolism	Downregulation - HIF/VEGF  Deregulation - Chromatin remodeling	Deregulation - Metabolism		Deregulation - Chromatin remodeling

# Non-clear cell RCC subtypes: WHO New classification separates morphological and molecular-defined entities



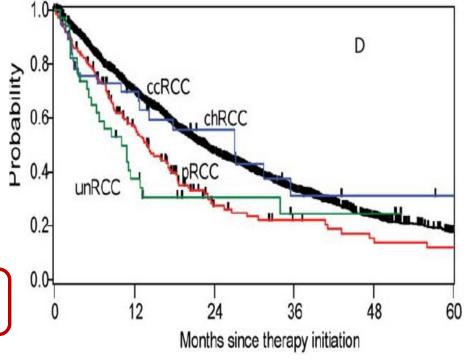


## Non-clear cell RCC displays a dismal prognosis compared to ccRCC

The IMDC experience in the VEGFR TKI era

TABLE 3. Best Response Rates and Overall Survival (OS) Between ccRCC and nccRCC

	General Comparison		nccRCC Subtypes Compared With ccRCC			
	ccRCC	nccRCC	pRCC	chRCC	unRCC	Other/Unknown
BR first-line CR/PR/SD/PD (%) BR second-line CR/PR/SD/PD (%)	17/428/803/350 (1.1/26.8/50.2/21.9) 3/76/334/261 (0.4/11.3/49.6/38.7)	2/30/101/69 (1.0/14.9/50.0/34.2) 0/7/37/38 (0/8.5/45.1/46.3)	0/17/63 /41 (0/14.0/52.1/33.9) 0/2/22/20 (0/4.5/50.0/45.5)	1/6/16/9 (3.1/18.8/50.0/28.1) 0/2/5/7 (0/14.3/35.7/50.0)	1/6/9/9 (4.0/24.0/36.0/36.0) 0/1/4/5 (0/10/40/50)	0/1/13/10 (0/4.2/54.2/41.7) 0/2/6/6 (0/14.3/42.9/42.9)
OS analyses, n No. of deaths Median (95% CI) Unadjusted HR (95% CI) Unadjusted P	1963 1240 22.3 (20.7-23.5) Reference	252 177 12.8 (11.0-16.1) 1.44 (1.23-1.69) < .0001	151 105 14.0 (10.9-17.1) 1.48 (1.21-1.81) .0001	37 21 27.1 (12.6-75.3) 0.98 (0.64-1.51) .923	34 24 10.1 (5.1-13.2) 1.71 (1.14-2.56) .010	30 27 11.3 (9.6-19.4) 1.67 (1.14-2.45) .008



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### Understanding papillary RCC (pRCC)

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

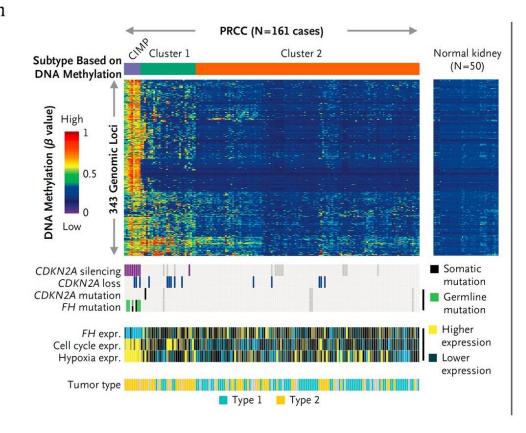
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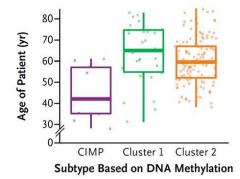
#### Comprehensive Molecular Characterization of Papillary Renal-Cell Carcinoma

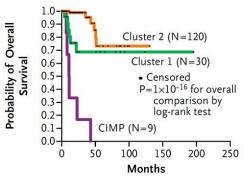
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#### 5 Subtypes

- Type I: MET alteration
- Type II includes several subtypes (3)
- CIMP subtype = FH altered RCC



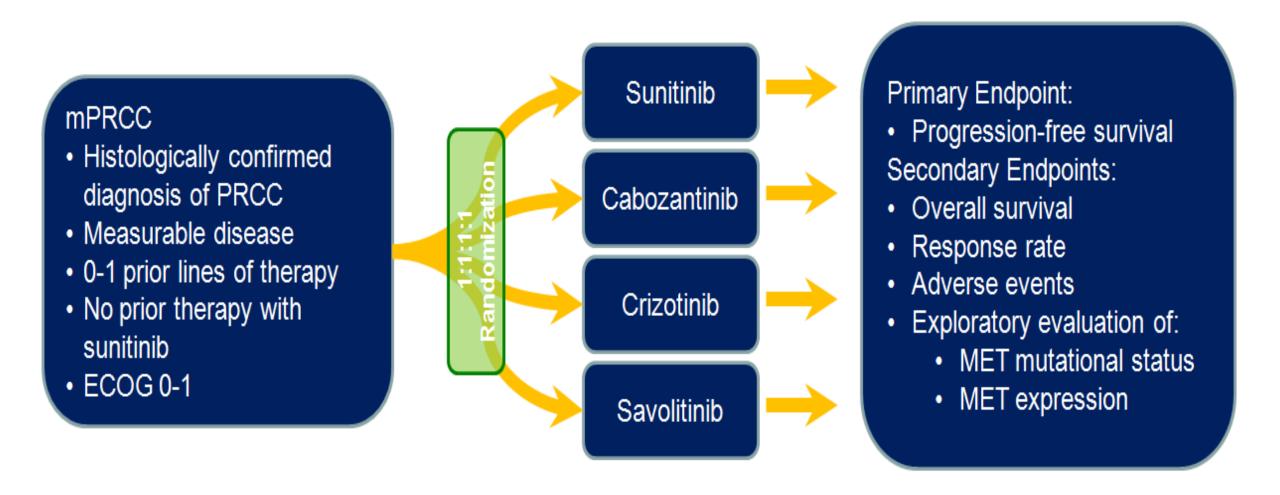




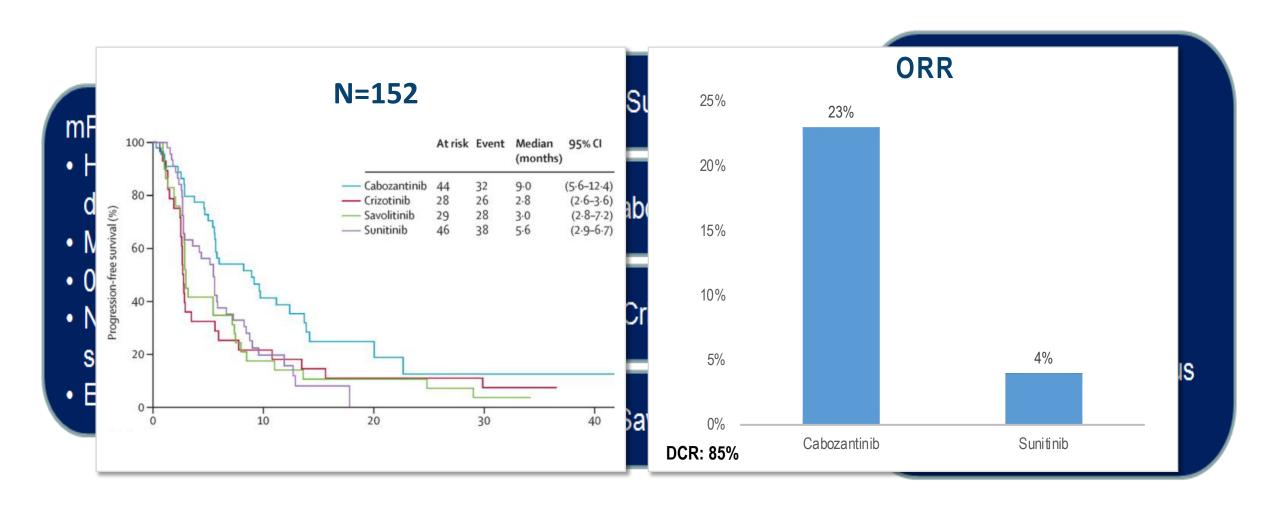
## Papillary RCC paved the way toward tumor-specific trials

	Ravaud <sup>1</sup> (SUPAP)	Escudier² (RAPTOR)	Negrier <sup>3</sup> (AXIPAP)
N	60	92	44
Histology	Papillary	Papillary	Papillary
Agent	sunitinib	everolimus	axitinib
Primary endpoint	ORR	PFS	PFS
Previously treated	No	No	No
ORR (RECIST)	12%	NA	28.6%
PFS (months)	5.6	7.3 3.7 (central)	6.6
OS (months)	12.5	21 -28 (type I) -20.3 (type II)	18.9

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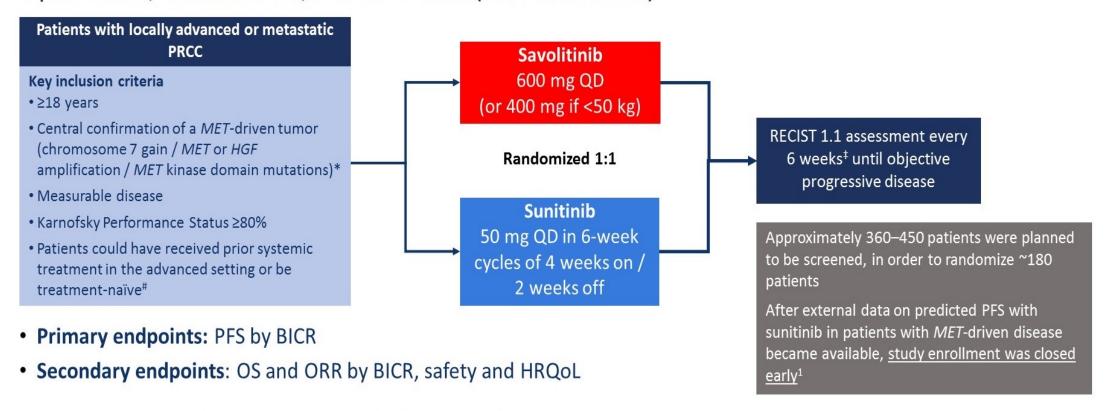


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## Randomized phase III in a biomarker selected population: SAVOIR Study

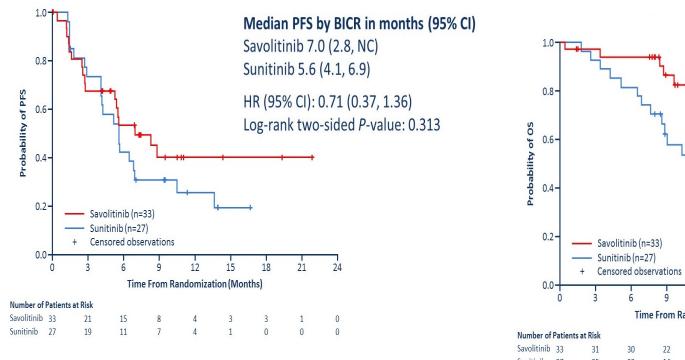
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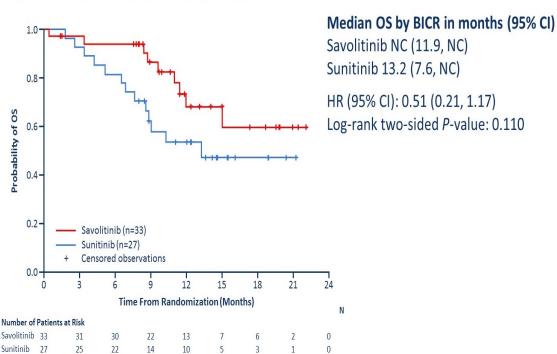


<sup>1.</sup> Albiges et al. ASCO; May 29-31, 2020; presented here: abstract e19321; 2. Frigault et al. AACR 2018;78:4541-4541.

<sup>\*</sup>In the absence of co-occurring FH or VHL mutations.<sup>2</sup> #Patients were excluded if they had previously received sunitinib or a MET inhibitor. <sup>‡</sup>Follow-up every 12 weeks after first year. BICR, blinded independent central review; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PRCC, papillary renal cell carcinoma; QD, once daily; RCC, renal cell carcinoma; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors

## Randomized phase III in a biomarker selected population: SAVOIR Study





Endpoint, n (%) [95% CI]	Savolitinib (N=33)	Sunitinib (N=27)
ORR by BICR,* All partial responses	9 (27) [13.3, 45.5]	2 (7) [0.9, 24.3]
Disease control rate by BICR,# At 6 months At 12 months	16 (48) [30.8, 66.5] 10 (30) [15.6, 48.7]	10 (37) [19.4, 57.6] 6 (22) [8.6, 42.3]

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## Is there a role for CPI in non-clear cell RCC? Overview of CPI-only prospective studies

#### Single agent CPI

Study	KEYNOTE-427 (cohort B) <sup>1</sup>	HCRN GU16-260 (cohort B)*2
Design	Phase II, non randomized	Phase II, non randomized
N	165	35
Agent	Pembrolizumab	Nivolumab
ORR	26.7%	14.3%
mPFS	4.5 months	4 months
DCR	43%	NR

#### **Dual CPI-CPI**

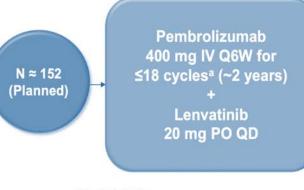
Study	CheckMate 920 <sup>3</sup>
Design	Phase IIIb/IV, non randomized
N	52
Agent	Ipilimumab + Nivolumab
ORR	19.6%
mPFS	3.7 months
DCR	NR

**SUNNIFORECAST**: Randomized Phase-II Study of Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab vs. Standard of Care in Untreated and Advanced Non-clear Cell RCC (NCT03075423)

#### Study Design of KEYNOTE-B61 NCT04704219

#### **Key Eligibility Criteria**

- Histologically confirmed diagnosis of nccRCC (per investigator)
- Locally advanced/metastatic disease
- · No prior systemic therapy
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1
- Tumor tissue sample available
- KPS ≥70%



#### **Tumor Assessments**

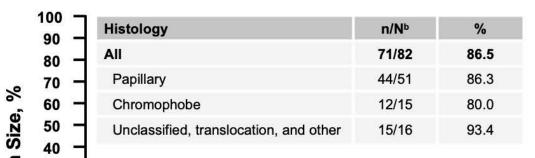
 12 weeks allocation then Q6W for 54 weeks then Q12W thereafter

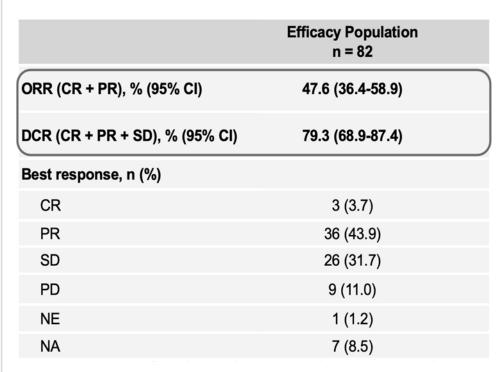
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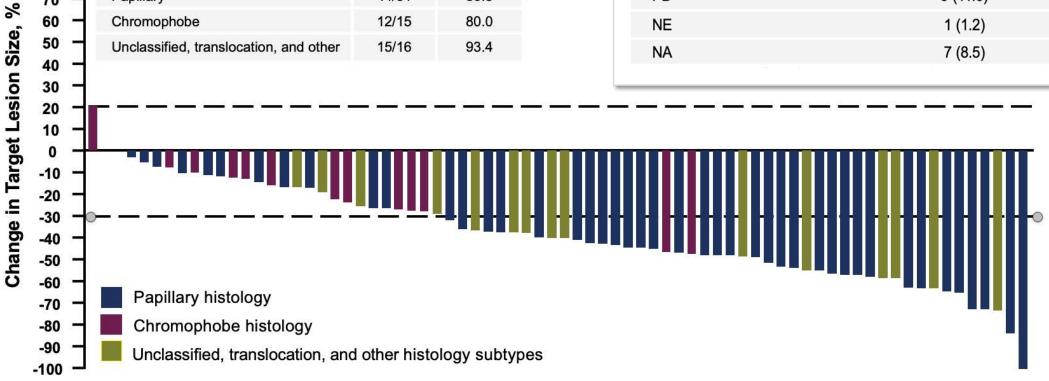
- Primary: ORR per RECIST v1.1 by BICR
- Secondary: CBR, DCR, DOR, and PFS per RECIST v1.1 by BICR; OS, safety and tolerability

	Efficacy population n = 82
Presence of sarcomatoid features <sup>c</sup>	
Yes	10 (12.2)
No	52 (63.4)
RCC histology	
Papillary	51 (62.2)
Chromophobe	15 (18.3)
Unclassified	7 (8.5)
Translocation	5 (6.1)
Other	4 (4.9)
Liver metastases	14 (17.1)
Bone metastases	24 (29.3)

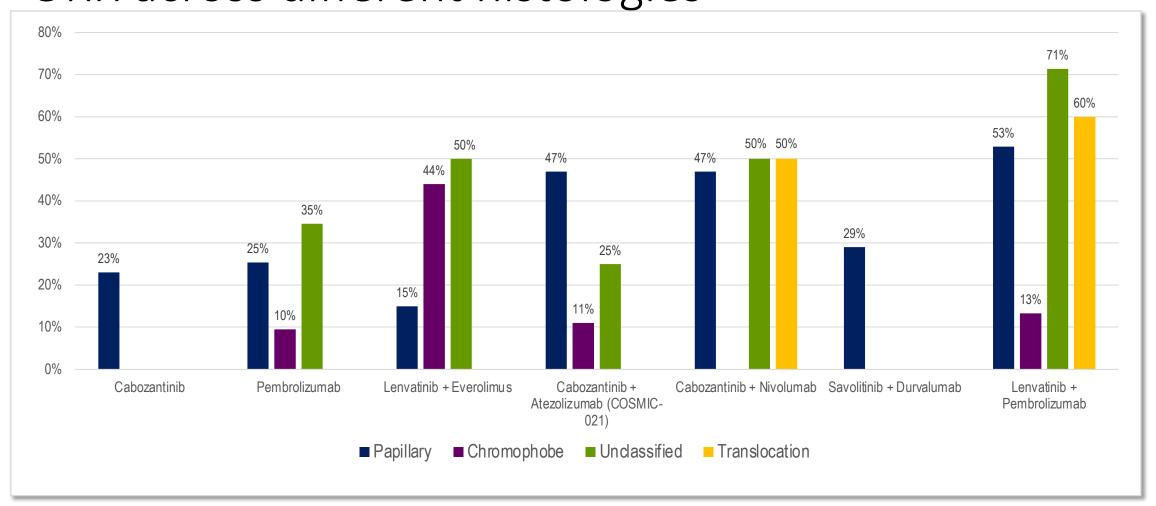
### KEYNOTE-B61 Key results







### Non-clear cell: contemporary cohorts ORR across different histologies



### Pivotal Phase III STELLAR-304 Trial Initiated to Evaluate Zanzalintinib for Advanced Non-Clear Cell RCC

Press Release: December 22, 2022

"Today [the initiation was announced] of STELLAR-304, a phase 3 pivotal trial evaluating zanzalintinib in combination with nivolumab versus sunitinib in patients with advanced non-clear cell renal cell carcinoma (nccRCC). Zanzalintinib, which was adopted as the generic name for XL092, is a next-generation tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) in development for multiple advanced tumor types.

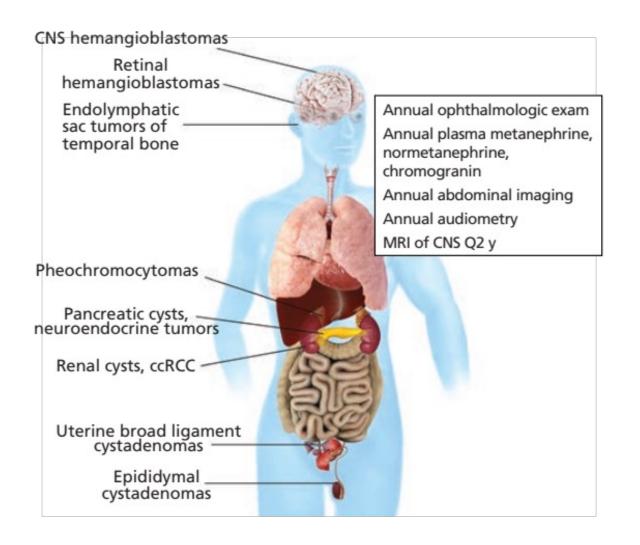
'In September at ESMO 2022, we presented zanzalintinib phase 1 data which demonstrated promising clinical activity across a range of tumors with a manageable safety profile. We were particularly encouraged by the activity of zanzalintinib in advanced kidney cancer patients, including patients with non-clear cell subtypes. Based on this zanzalintinib data and given that nivolumab has shown activity in non-clear cell kidney cancer, we are excited to evaluate this combination regimen in this population in STELLAR-304,' said [the company's] Chief Medical Officer. 'STELLAR-304 is the first and only randomized controlled phase 3 study to focus specifically across non-clear cell renal cell carcinoma subtypes, a patient population with limited clinical data and poorer treatment outcomes. We look forward to continuing our legacy of working towards improving care for all kidney cancer patients.'"

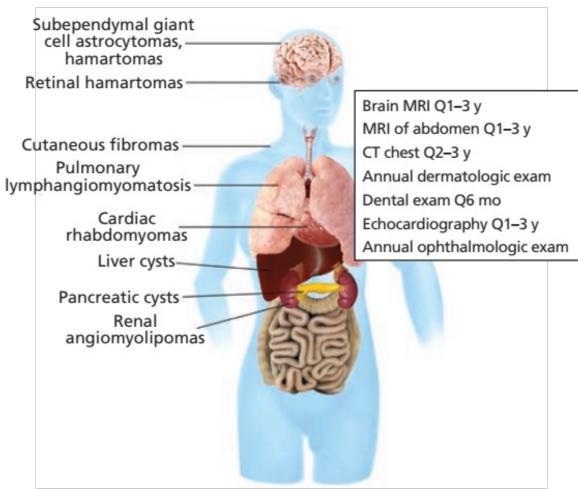


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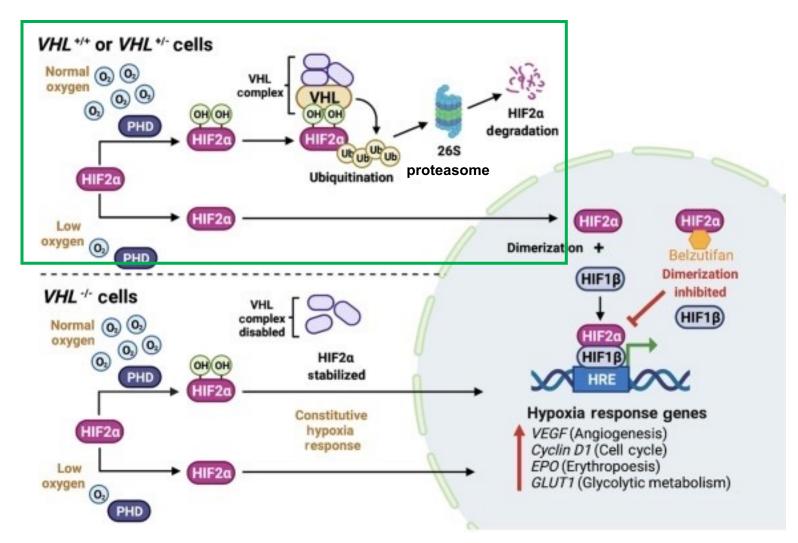
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### Von Hippel-Lindau (VHL)-associated RCC

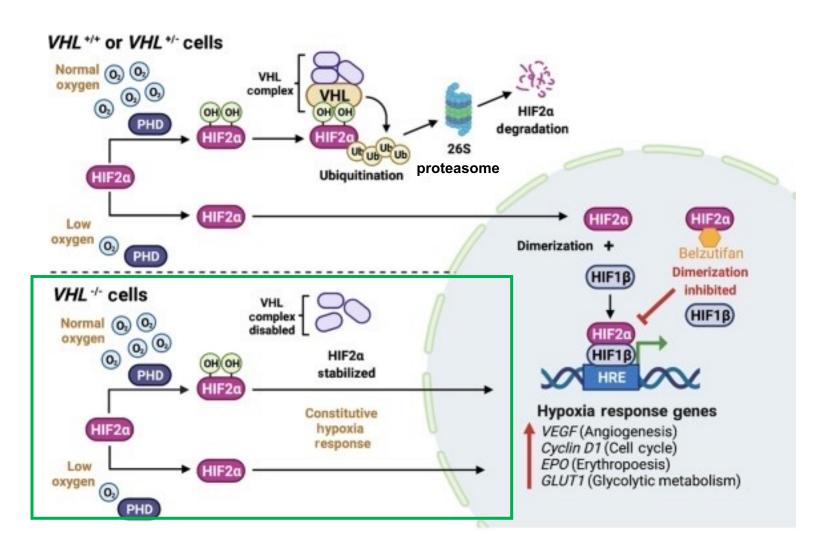




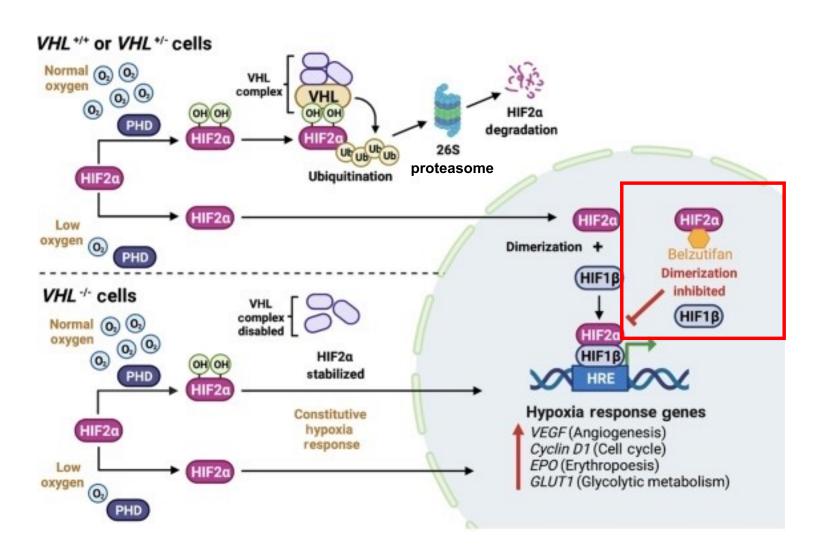
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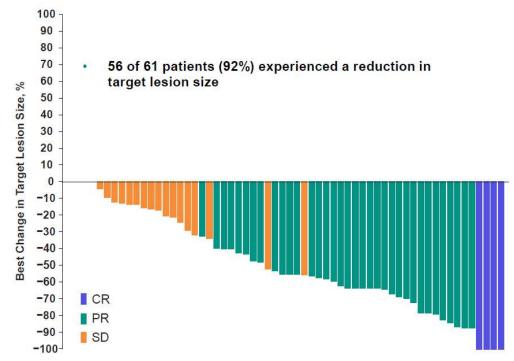
# HIF inhibition in VHL disease-associated RCC a proof of concept model

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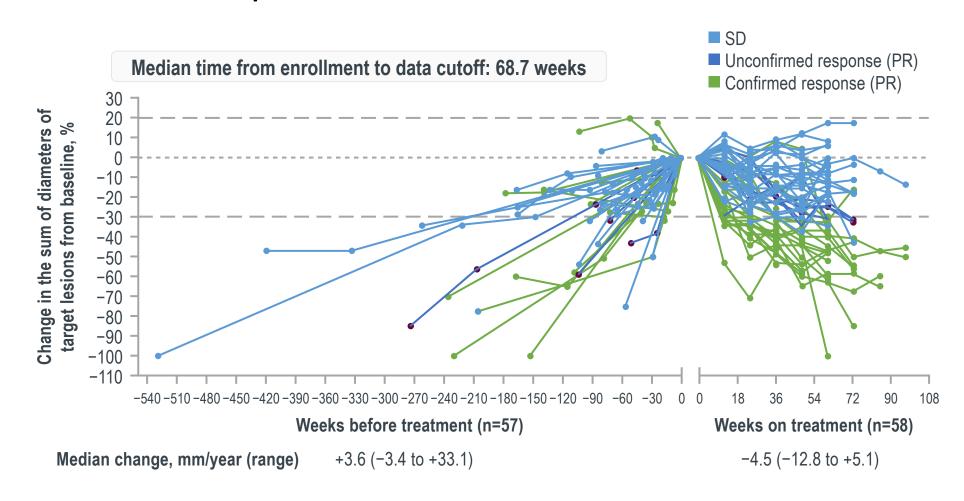
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### Best Objective Response per RECIST v1.1 by IRC in VHL Disease–Associated RCC

	RCC N = 61
ORR, % (95% CI)	64 (50.6-75.8)
Best response n (%)	
CR	4 (7)
PR	35 (57)
SD	21 (34)
PD	0
NEª	1 (2)

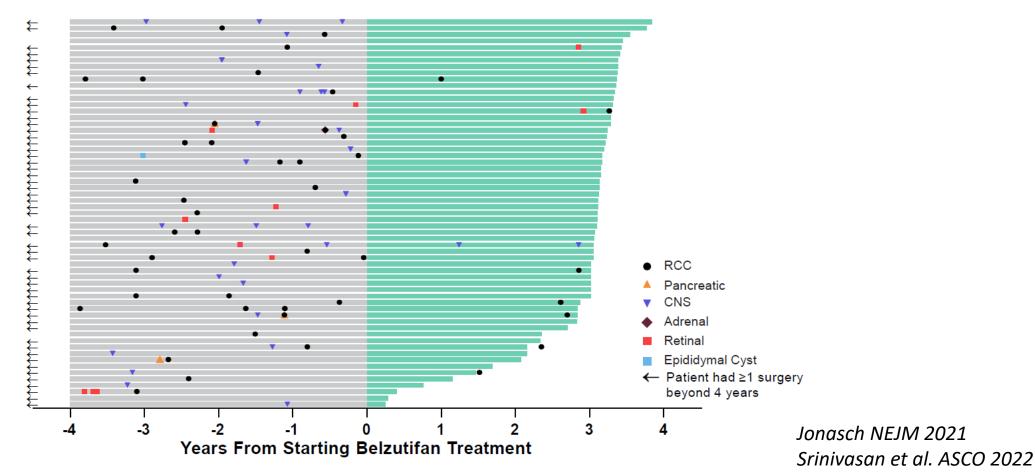


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#### Distribution of VHL Disease–Related Surgeries



## Belzutifan safety in VHL disease

- No grade 4
- Mostly G1/2 anemia

Event	Any Grade	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3*		
	number (percent)					
Anemia	55 (90)	24 (39)	26 (43)	5 (8)		
Fatigue	40 (66)	29 (48)	8 (13)	3 (5)		
Headache	25 (41)	20 (33)	5 (8)	0		
Dizziness	24 (39)	20 (33)	4 (7)	0		
Nausea	21 (34)	15 (25)	6 (10)	0		
Dyspnea	14 (23)	13 (21)	0	1 (2)		
Arthralgia	12 (20)	10 (16)	2 (3)	0		
Constipation	12 (20)	10 (16)	2 (3)	0		
Myalgia	12 (20)	9 (15)	2 (3)	1 (2)		
Upper respiratory tract infection	11 (18)	4 (7)	7 (11)	0		
Alanine aminotransferase level in- crease	10 (16)	10 (16)	0	0		
Hypertension	10 (16)	3 (5)	2 (3)	5 (8)		
Vision blurred	10 (16)	6 (10)	4 (7)	0		
Abdominal pain	9 (15)	5 (8)	4 (7)	0		
Diarrhea	8 (13)	7 (11)	0	1 (2)		
Weight increase	8 (13)	5 (8)	2 (3)	1 (2)		
Peripheral edema	7 (11)	6 (10)	1 (2)	0		
Aspartate aminotransferase level increase	7 (11)	7 (11)	0	0		
Urinary tract infection	7 (11)	1 (2)	5 (8)	1 (2)		
Muscle spasms	7 (11)	5 (8)	2 (3)	0		

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### Take Home Messages

- Non-clear cell subtypes: not all the same!
- Papillary RCC: a tailored approach with MET targeting dedicated trials

- A role for combination of VEGFR TKI-CPI in non-clear cell subtypes stay tuned for more follow up!
- VHL disease-associated RCC: a specific entity where HIF inhibition is the new SOC

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Wednesday, February 15, 2023 7:15 PM – 8:45 PM PT

**Faculty** 

Prof Laurence Albiges, MD, PhD Thomas Powles, MBBS, MRCP, MD Toni K Choueiri, MD

**Moderator Brian Rini, MD** 



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Thursday, February 16, 2023 7:15 PM – 9:15 PM PT

**Faculty** 

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