# What Clinicians Want to Know: Addressing Current Questions Related to the Management of Renal Cell Carcinoma

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## ASCO GU 2025 RCC

Immunotherapeutic Strategies for Localized and Metastatic Clear Cell RCC

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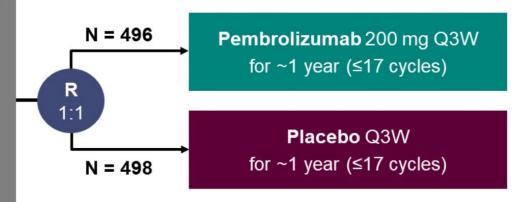


# Long Term Phase 3 KEYNOTE-564

#### KEYNOTE-564: Study Design

#### **Key Eligibility Criteria**

- Histologically confirmed clear cell RCC with no prior systemic therapy
- Surgery ≤12 weeks prior to randomization
- Postnephrectomy intermediate-high risk of recurrence (M0):
  - pT2, grade 4 or sarcomatoid, N0
  - pT3, any grade, N0
- Postnephrectomy high risk of recurrence (M0):
  - pT4, any grade, N0
  - Any pT, any grade, N+
- Postnephrectomy + complete resection of metastasis (M1 NED)
- ECOG PS 0 or 1



#### **Stratification Factors**

- M stage (M0 vs. M1 NED)
- M0 group further stratified:
  - ECOG PS 0 vs. 1
  - US vs. non-US

#### **Primary Endpoint**

Disease-free survival by investigator

#### **Key Secondary Endpoint**

Overall survival

#### **Other Secondary Endpoints**

Safety

#### **KEYNOTE-564: Overall Survival**

Months

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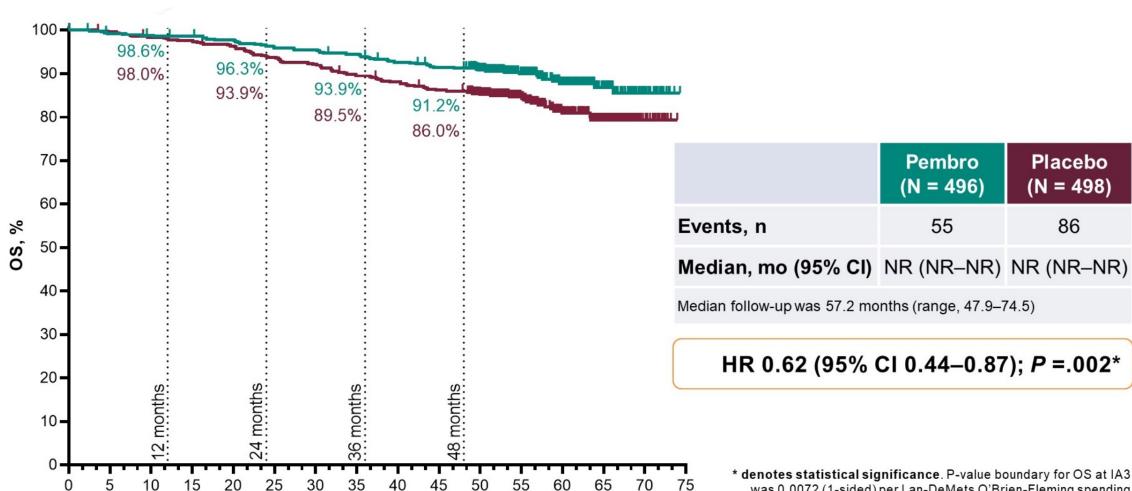
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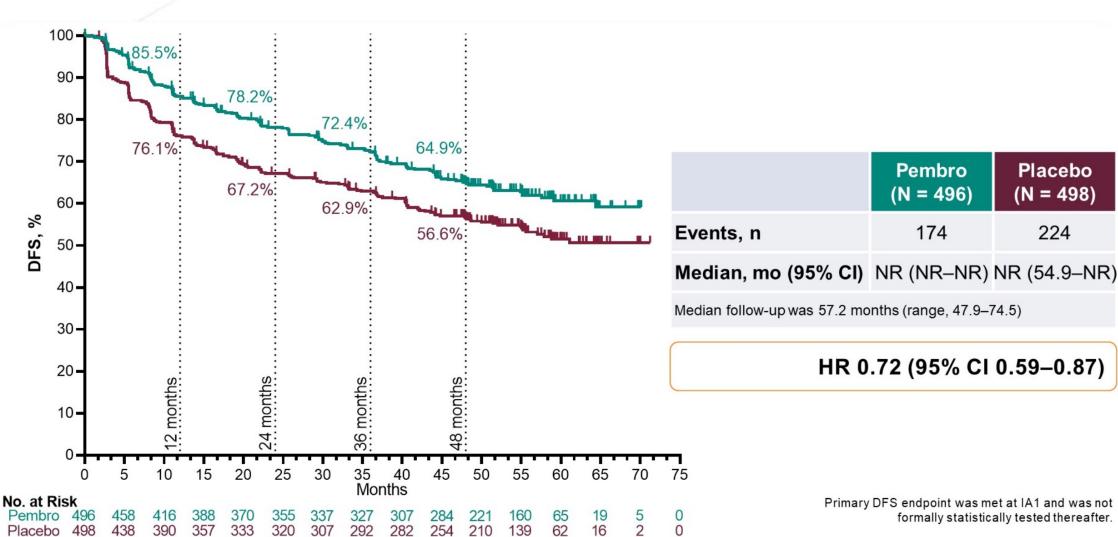
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<sup>\*</sup> denotes statistical significance. P-value boundary for OS at IA3 was 0.0072 (1-sided) per Lan-DeMets O'Brien-Fleming spending approximation α-spending function. As this key secondary endpoint was formally met, any future OS analyses will be descriptive only.

#### KEYNOTE-564: Updated Disease-Free Survival



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formally statistically tested thereafter.

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#### **KEYNOTE-564: Updated Safety**

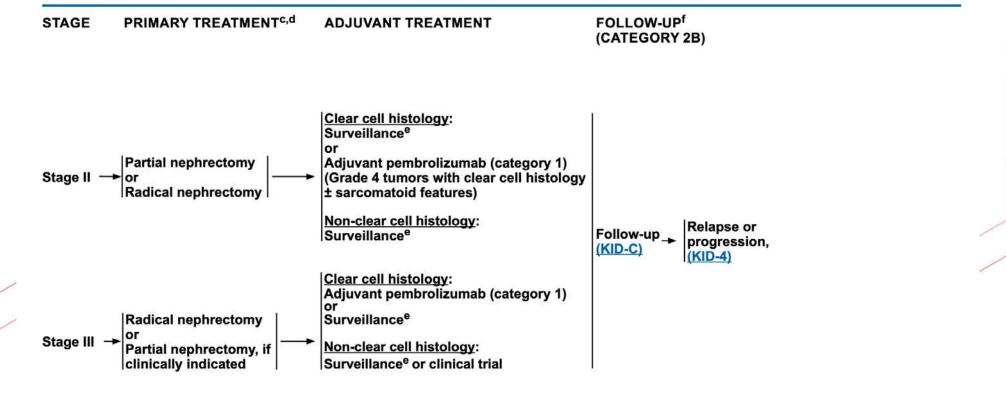
|  | Prior Analysis (30.1 mo follow-up) |                  | IA3 (57.2 mo follow-up) |                  |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|  | Pembrolizumab                      | Placebo          | Pembrolizumab           | Placebo          |
|  | (N = 488)                          | (N = 496)        | (N = 488)               | (N = 496)        |
| Duration of therapy, median (range), months  | 11.1 (0.03-14.3)                   | 11.1 (0.03-15.4) | 11.1 (0.03-14.3)        | 11.1 (0.03-15.4) |
| Any-cause AEsa Grade 3 to 5 Led to treatment discontinuation Led to death  | 470 (96.3%)                        | 453 (91.3%)      | 470 (96.3%)             | 453 (91.3%)      |
|  | 157 (32.2%)                        | 88 (17.7%)       | 156 (32.0%)             | 88 (17.7%)       |
|  | 103 (21.1%)                        | 11 (2.2%)        | 103 (21.1%)             | 11 (2.2%)        |
|  | 2 (0.4%)                           | 1 (0.2%)         | 2 (0.4%)                | 1 (0.2%)         |
| Serious AEsa   | 101 (20.7%)                        | 57 (11.5%)       | 101 (20.7%)             | 57 (11.5%)       |
| Led to treatment discontinuation   | 49 (10.0%)                         | 5 (1.0%)         | 49 (10.0%)              | 5 (1.0%)         |
| Treatment-related AEsa Grade 3 to 4 Led to treatment discontinuation Led to death  | 386 (79.1%)                        | 265 (53.4%)      | 386 (79.1%)             | 263 (53.0%)      |
|  | 91 (18.6%)                         | 6 (1.2%)         | 91 (18.6%)              | 6 (1.2%)         |
|  | 89 (18.2%)                         | 4 (0.8%)         | 89 (18.2%)              | 4 (0.8%)         |
|  | 0                                  | 0                | 0                       | 0                |
| Immune-mediated AEs and infusion reactions <sup>b</sup> Grade 3 to 4 Led to death Required high-dose (≥40 mg/day) systemic corticosteroids | 174 (35.7%)                        | 34 (6.9%)        | 178 (36.5%)             | 36 (7.3%)        |
|  | 45 (9.2%)                          | 3 (0.6%)         | 46 (9.4%)               | 3 (0.6%)         |
|  | 0                                  | 0                | 0                       | 0                |
|  | 37 (7.6%)                          | 3 (0.6%)         | 37 (7.6%)               | 3 (0.6%)         |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>AEs were graded per the NCI CTCAE v4.0 and reported from randomization to 30 days (90 days for serious AEs) after study therapy discontinuation. <sup>b</sup>Based on a list of preferred terms intended to capture known risks of pembro and were considered regardless of attribution to study treatment by the investigator.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> General Principles of Management for Renal Cell Carcinoma (KID-A).

d SBRT may be considered for non-optimal surgical candidates with stage I kidney cancer (category 2B) or with stage II/III kidney cancer (both category 3). See Principles of Radiation Therapy (KID-B).

e Follow-up (KID-C).

f No single follow-up plan is appropriate for all patients. Follow-up should be individualized based on patient requirements.

# Latest Data in Treatment of First-Line Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma

#### PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR STAGE IV (M1 OR UNRESECTABLE T4, M0) OR RELAPSED DISEASE

| FIRST-LINE TI                      | HERAPY FOR CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY  |   |   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Risk                               | Preferred Regimens   | Other Recommended Regimens  | Useful in Certain Circumstances   |
| Favorable <sup>a</sup>             | <ul> <li>Axitinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>Cabozantinib + nivolumab<sup>b,c</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>Ipilimumab + nivolumab<sup>b,d</sup></li> </ul>                                    | <ul> <li>Axitinib + avelumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>Cabozantinib (category 2B)</li> <li>Pazopanib</li> <li>Sunitinib</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Active surveillance<sup>1,2,3</sup></li> <li>Axitinib (category 2B)</li> </ul> |
| Poor/<br>intermediate <sup>a</sup> | <ul> <li>Axitinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>Cabozantinib + nivolumab<sup>b,c</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>Ipilimumab + nivolumab<sup>b,d</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>Cabozantinib</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Axitinib + avelumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>Pazopanib</li> <li>Sunitinib</li> </ul>                                     | Axitinib (category 2B)  |

| Risk factors**                           | Cut-off point used                          |
|--|---|
| Karnofsky performance status             | < 80%                                       |
| Time from diagnosis to treatment         | < 12 months                                 |
| Haemoglobin                              | < Lower limit of laboratory reference range |
| Corrected serum calcium                  | > 10.0 mg/dL (2.4 mmol/L)                   |
| Absolute neutrophil count (neutrophilia) | > upper limit of normal                     |
| Platelets (thrombocytosis)               | > upper limit of normal                     |

<sup>\*</sup>The MSKCC (Motzer) criteria are also widely used in this setting [225].

<sup>\*\*</sup>Favourable (low) risk, no risk factors; intermediate risk, one or two risk factors; poor (high) risk, three to six risk factors.



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#### PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR STAGE IV (M1 OR UNRESECTABLE T4, M0)<sup>h</sup> OR RELAPSED DISEASE

| SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR NON-CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY <sup>I</sup>   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Preferred Regimens   | Other Recommended Regimens   | Useful in Certain Circumstances  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Clinical trial</li> <li>Cabozantinib</li> <li>Cabozantinib + nivolumab<sup>b,c</sup></li> <li>Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup></li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Erlotinib + bevacizumab<sup>g</sup> + for selected patients with advanced papillary RCC including hereditary leiomyomatosis and renal cell cancer (HLRCC)-associated RCC (HERED-RCC-D)</li> <li>Everolimus + lenvatinib</li> <li>Nivolumab<sup>b,c</sup></li> <li>Pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>Sunitinib</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Axitinib</li> <li>Everolimus + bevacizumab<sup>g</sup></li> <li>Everolimus</li> <li>Ipilimumab<sup>b</sup> + nivolumab<sup>b,d</sup> (category 2B)</li> </ul> |  |  |



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Nivolumab and hyaluronidase-nvhy subcutaneous injection may be substituted for IV nivolumab. Nivolumab and hyaluronidase-nvhy has different dosing and administration instructions compared to IV nivolumab.

<sup>9</sup> An FDA-approved biosimilar is an appropriate substitute for bevacizumab.



d Nivolumab and hyaluronidase-nvhy is not approved for concurrent use with IV ipilimumab; however, for nivolumab monotherapy, nivolumab and hyaluronidase-nvhy subcutaneous injection may be substituted for IV nivolumab. Nivolumab and hyaluronidase-nvhy has different dosing and administration instructions compared to IV nivolumab.

h For first-line only.

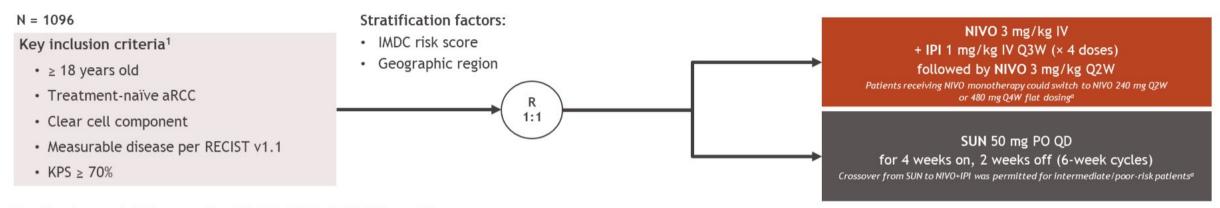
For collecting duct or medullary subtypes, partial responses have been observed with cytotoxic chemotherapy (carboplatin + gemcitabine, carboplatin + paclitaxel, or cisplatin + gemcitabine) and other platinum-based chemotherapies currently used for urothelial carcinomas. Gemcitabine + doxorubicin can also produce responses in renal medullary carcinoma (RMC) (Wilson NR, et al. Clin Genitourin Cancer 2021;19:e401-e408). Oral targeted therapies generally do not produce responses in patients with RMC; erlotinib + bevacizumab can produce responses even in heavily pretreated patients with RMC. Outside of clinical trials, platinum-based chemotherapy regimens should be the preferred first-line therapy for RMC.

# Nivolumab + Ipilimumab

CheckMate 214, Long-term Follow-up ASCO GU 2024

#### CheckMate 214: Trial Design

- NIVO+IPI is approved for first-line treatment of IMDC intermediate/poor-risk aRCC, based on superior OS and ORR over SUN in the randomized, phase 3 CheckMate 214 trial<sup>1-3</sup>
- NIVO+IPI has demonstrated durable survival and response benefits versus SUN across a broad range of patients, providing the opportunity to conduct long-term survival analyses<sup>4-6</sup>
- With a median follow-up of 8 years in the CheckMate 214 trial, we present updated efficacy and safety outcomes, and exploratory subgroup analyses in patients by organ sites of metastasis at baseline



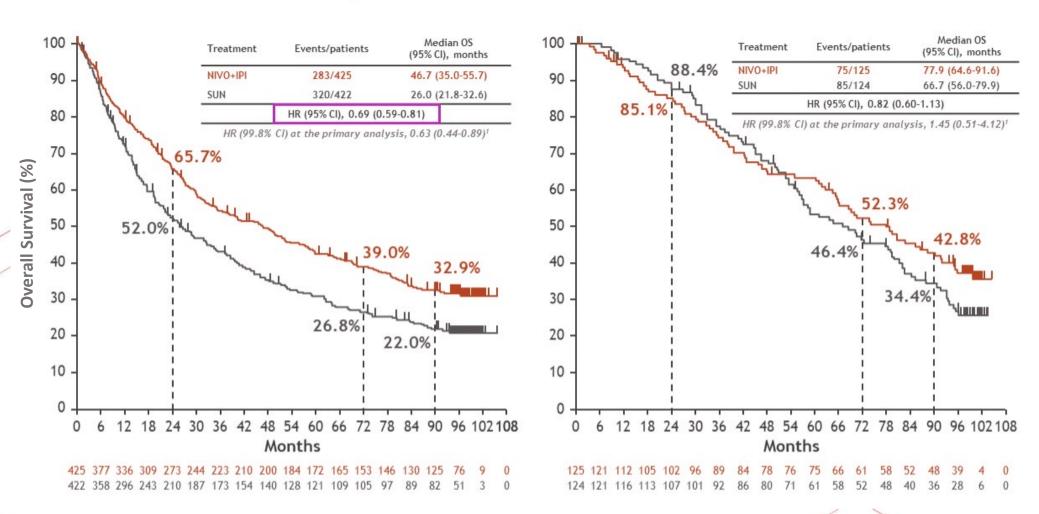
Median (range) follow-up for OS, 99.1 (91.0-107.3) months

Primary endpoints: OS, PFS and ORR (both per IRRC) in IMDC intermediate/poor-risk patients Secondary endpoints: OS, PFS and ORR (both per IRRC) in ITT patients; safety in all treated patients Exploratory endpoints: OS, PFS and ORR (both per IRRC) in IMDC favorable-risk patients

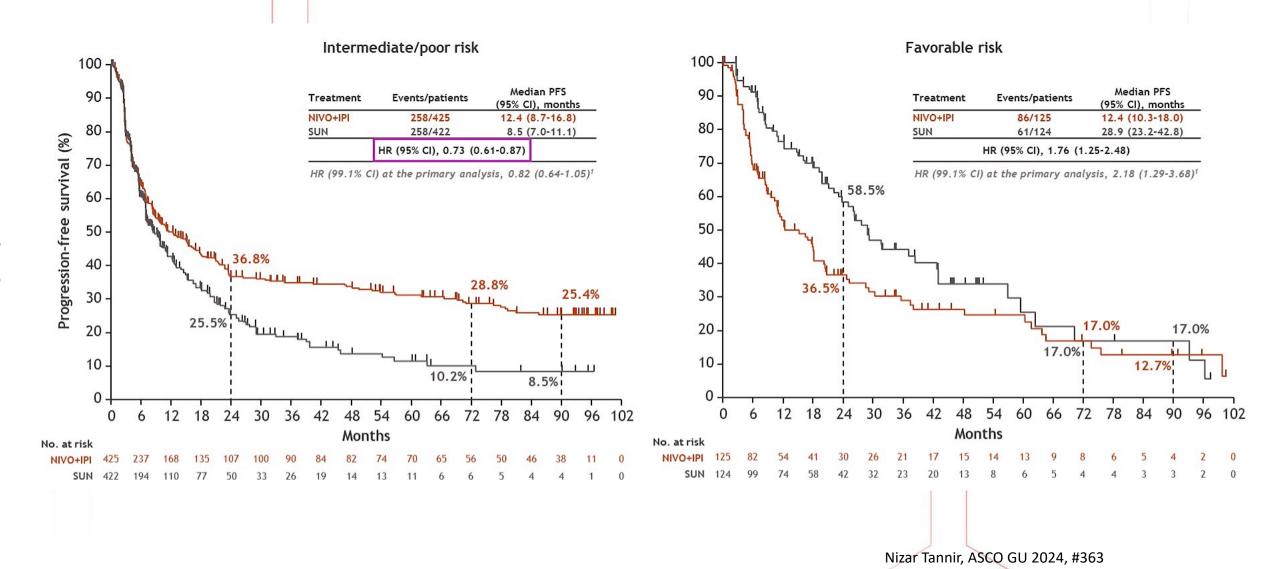
# CheckMate 214: Overall Survival by IMDC Risk Subgroup

#### Intermediate/poor risk

#### Favorable risk



# CheckMate 214: Progression Free Survival by IMDC Risk Subgroup



# Axitinib + Pembrolizumab

KEYNOTE-426, Long-term Follow-up ASCO 2023

#### KEYNOTE-426: Trial Design

#### **Key Eligibility Criteria**

- Newly diagnosed or recurrent stage IV clear cell RCC
- No previous systemic treatment for advanced disease
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1

# Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W for up to 35 cycles (approximately 2 years) + Axitinib 5 mg orally twice dailya

#### **Stratification Factors**

- IMDC risk group (favorable vs intermediate vs poor)
- Geographic region (North America vs Western Europe vs ROW)

#### **End Points**

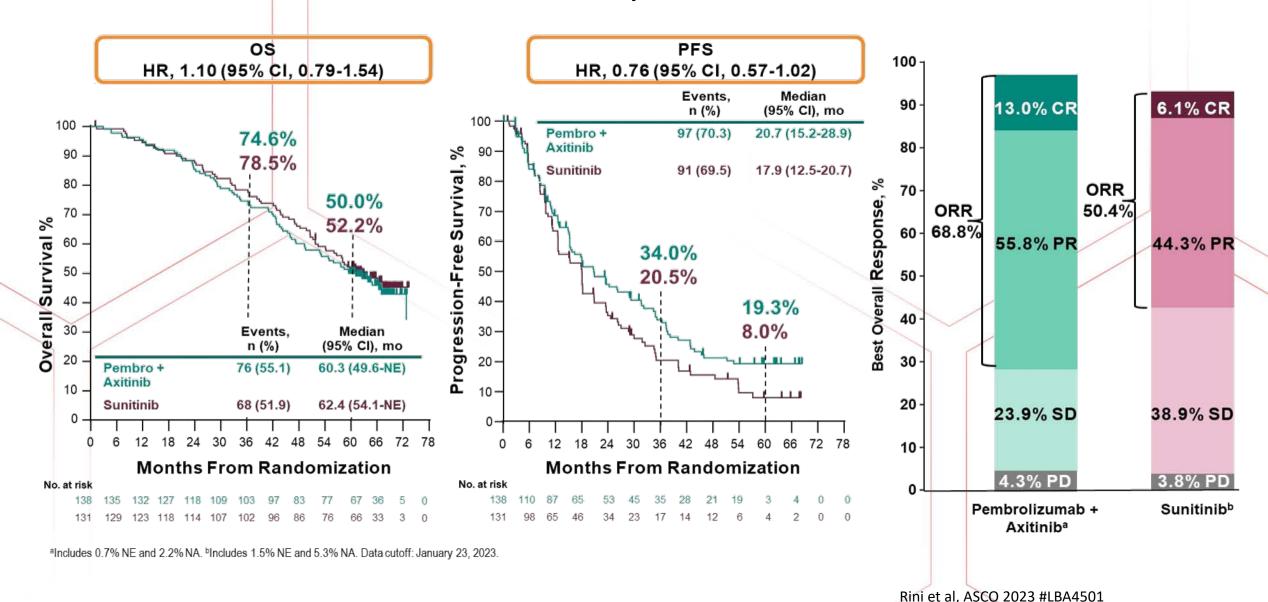
n = 429

- Dual primary: PFS (RECIST v1.1, BICR) and OS in ITT
- Key secondary: ORR (RECIST v1.1, BICR) in ITT
- Other secondary: DOR (RECIST v1.1, BICR), safety

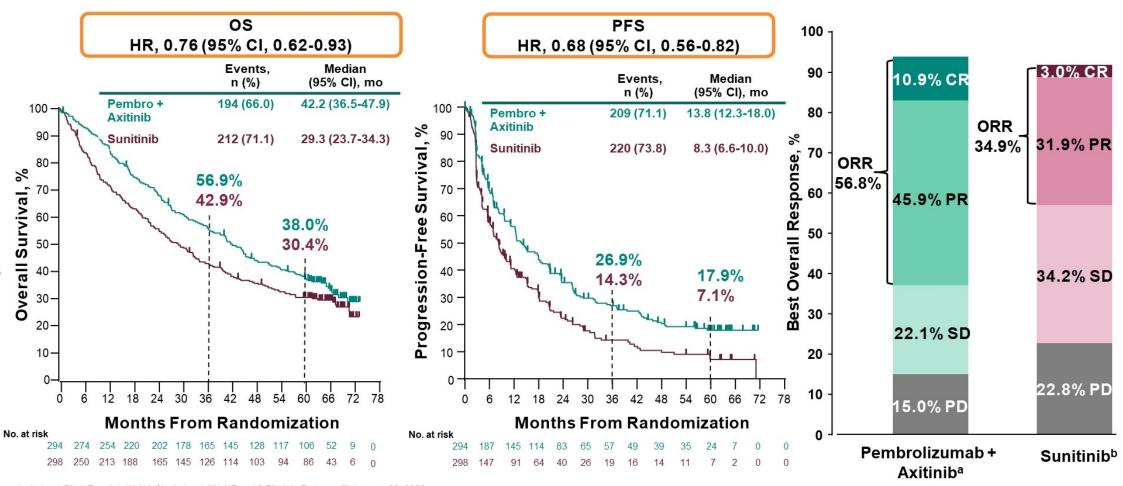
Sunitinib 50 mg orally once daily

for first 4 weeks of each 6-week cycleb

#### KEYNOTE-426: Efficacy in Favorable Risk RCC



#### KEYNOTE-426: Efficacy in Intermediate/Poor Risk RCC



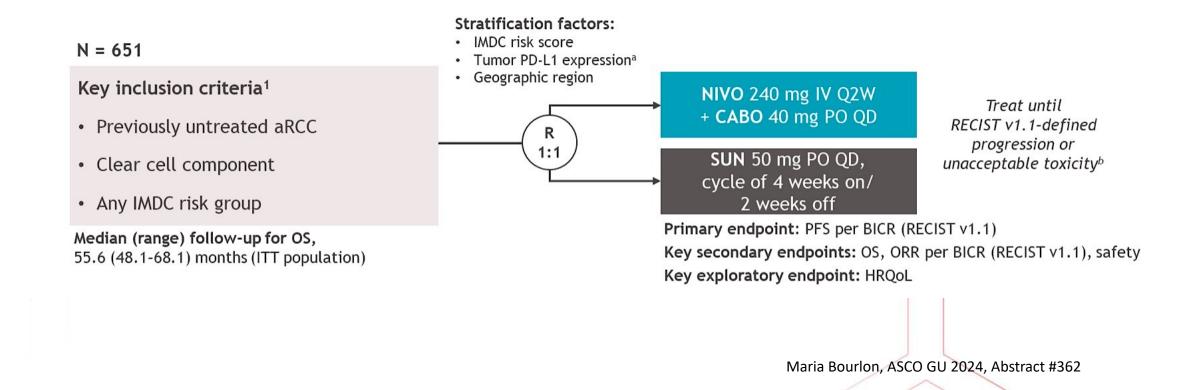
<sup>a</sup>Includes 1.7% NE and 4.4% NA. <sup>b</sup>Includes 1.3% NE and 6.7% NA. Data cutoff: January 23, 2023.

## Cabozantinib + Nivolumab

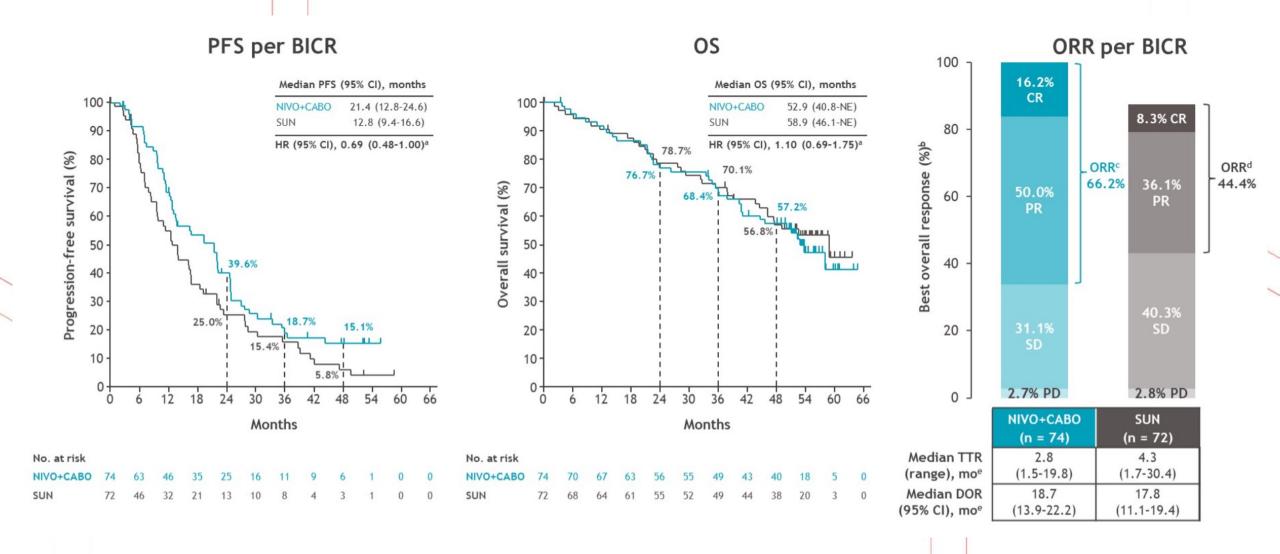
CheckMate 9ER, 55-month Follow-up ASCO GU 2024

#### CheckMate 9ER: Trial Design

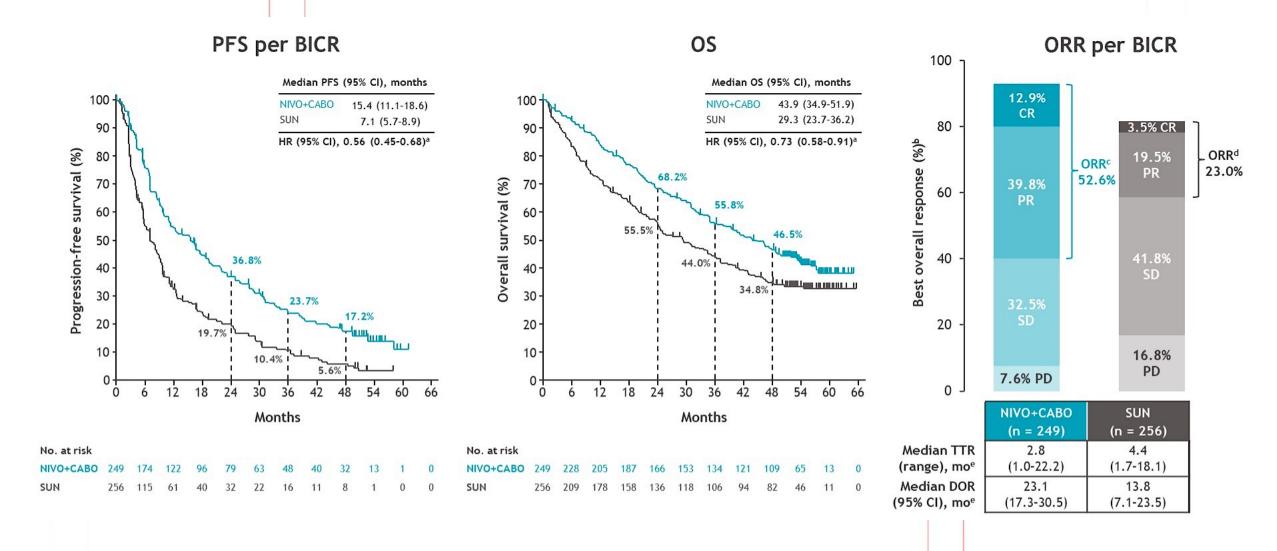
- NIVO+CABO demonstrated superior PFS, OS, and ORR and better HRQoL versus SUN in patients with previously untreated aRCC in the primary analysis (18.1 months median follow-up for OS) of the phase 3 CheckMate 9ER trial<sup>1</sup>
- With extended follow-up, NIVO+CABO maintained efficacy and HRQoL benefits versus SUN (44.0 months median follow-up for OS)<sup>2,3</sup>
- Here, we report updated efficacy in ITT patients with 55.6 months median follow-up for OS, by IMDC risk and organ sites of metastases, and HRQoL and safety



# CheckMate 9ER: Efficacy in Favorable Risk RCC



# CheckMate 9ER: Efficacy in Intermediate/Poor Risk RCC



# Nivolumab plus Cabozantinib (N+C) vs Sunitinib (S) for Previously Untreated Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma (aRCC): Final Follow-Up Results from the CheckMate 9ER Trial

Motzer RJ et al.

Genitourinary Cancers Symposium 2025; Abstract 439.

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#### **CheckMate 9ER: Follow-Up Efficacy Analysis**

|                                     | FAV<br>N+C; n = 74  | FAV<br>S; n = 72 | INT<br>N+C; n = 188 | INT<br>S; n = 188   | Poor<br>N+C; n = 61 | Poor<br>S; n = 68  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| PFS HR (95% CI)                     | 0.67<br>(0.46-0.97) | 187              | 0.63<br>(0.50-0.80) | 17                  | 0.36<br>(0.23-0.56) | 951                |
| mPFS (95% CI), mo                   | 21.4<br>(12.8-24.6) | 12.8 (9.4–16.6)  | 16.6<br>(11.3-21.7) | 8.5 (6.9-10.4)      | 9.9 (5.9–17.7)      | 4.2 (2.9-5.7)      |
| 60-mo PFS rate, %                   | 15.1                | 3.9              | 12.7                | 4.7                 | 15.7                | 0                  |
| OS HR (95% CI)                      | 1.08<br>(0.70-1.66) |                  | 0.86<br>(0.67-1.11) | *                   | 0.49<br>(0.33-0.74) | . <del>.</del>     |
| mOS (95% CI), mo                    | 53.7<br>(40.8-70.7) | 58.9 (46.1-NE)   | 47.4<br>(38.2-55.8) | 36.2<br>(25.7-46.3) | 34.8<br>(21.4-53.4) | 10.5<br>(6.8-20.7) |
| 60-mo OS rate, %<br>ORR (95% CI), % | 46.3<br>66.2        | 49.4<br>43.1     | 41.2<br>55.9        | 38.2<br>27.7        | 33.1<br>42.6        | 12.9<br>10.3       |
|                                     | (54.3 - 76.8)       | (31.4 - 55.3)    | (48.4 - 63.1)       | (21.4 - 34.6)       | (30.0 - 55.9)       | (4.2-20.1)         |
| CR, %                               | 16.2                | 6.9              | 15.4                | 4.8                 | 6.6                 | 1.5                |
| 60-mo DOR rate, %ª                  | 22.0                | NE               | 19.0                | 13.0                | 37.0                | 0                  |

FAV, IMDC favorable; INT, IMDC intermediate; NE, not estimable; poor, IMDC poor.

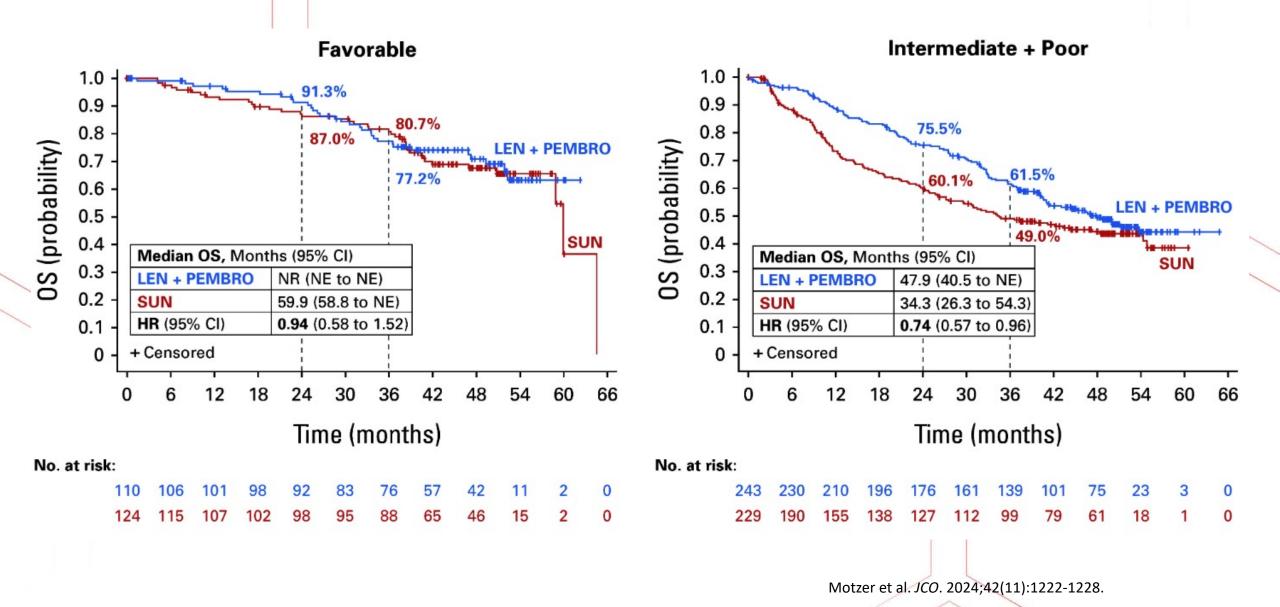


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Based on pts with objective response.

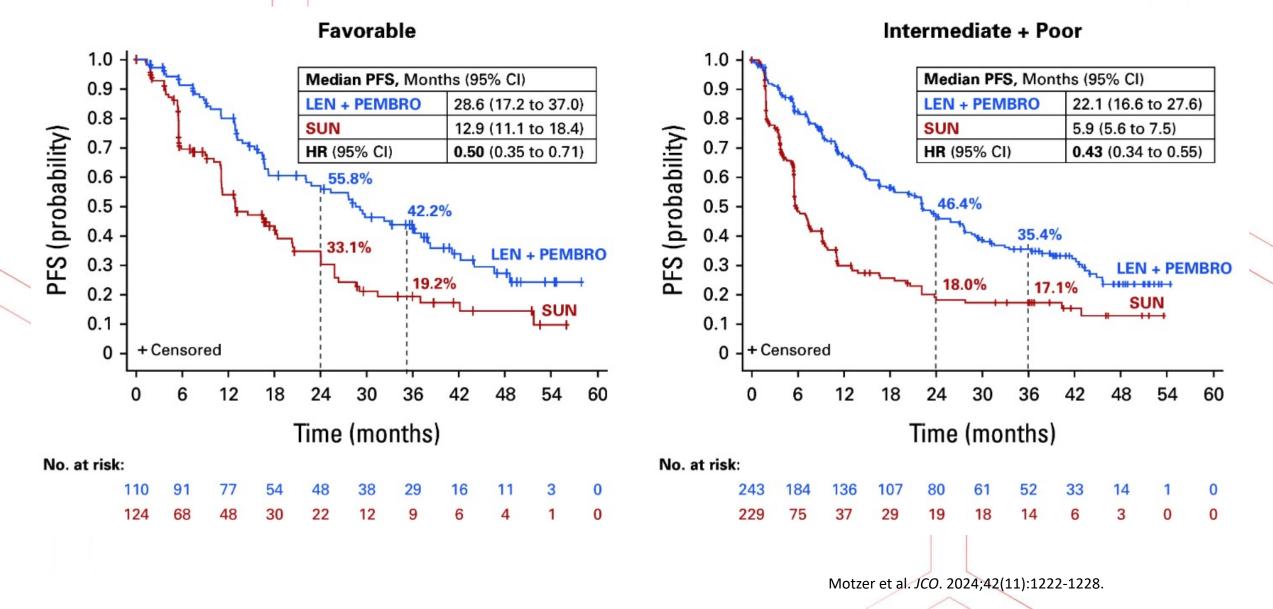
# Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab

CLEAR, Final OS JCO 2024, Patterns of Progression ASCO 2024

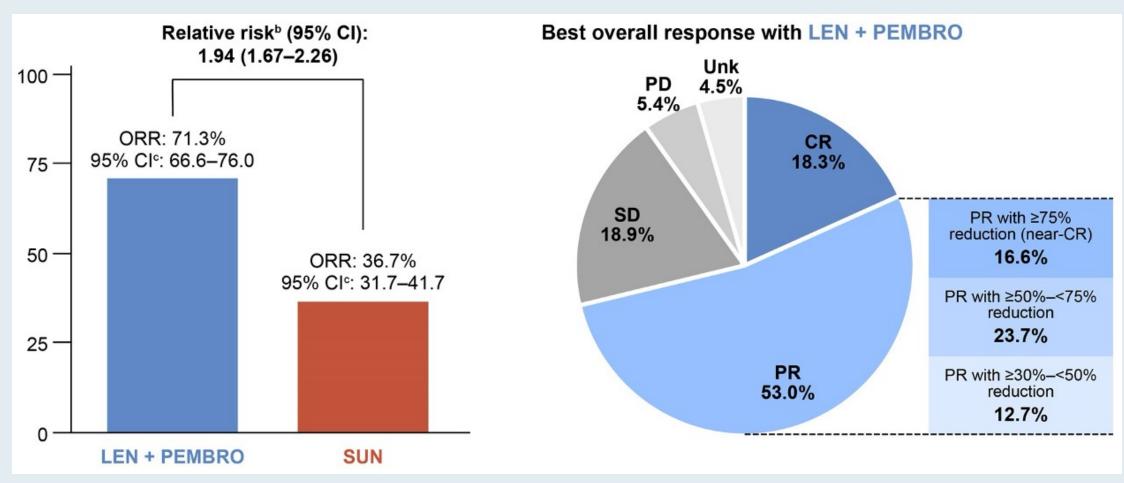
## CLEAR: Overall Survival by IMDC Subgroup



## CLEAR: Progression Free Survival by IMDC Subgroup



#### **CLEAR: Objective Response Rate (ORR) per Independent Review**



LEN = lenvatinib; PEMBRO = pembrolizumab; SUN = sunitinib; SD = stable disease; PD = progressive disease; Unk - unknown; CR = complete response; PR = partial response



Analyses on Impact of Tumor Burden at Progression and Changes in IMDC from Baseline in Patients (pts) with Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma (aRCC) Treated with Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab (L+P) in the Phase 3 CLEAR Trial

Grünwald V et al.

Genitourinary Cancers Symposium 2025; Abstract 531.

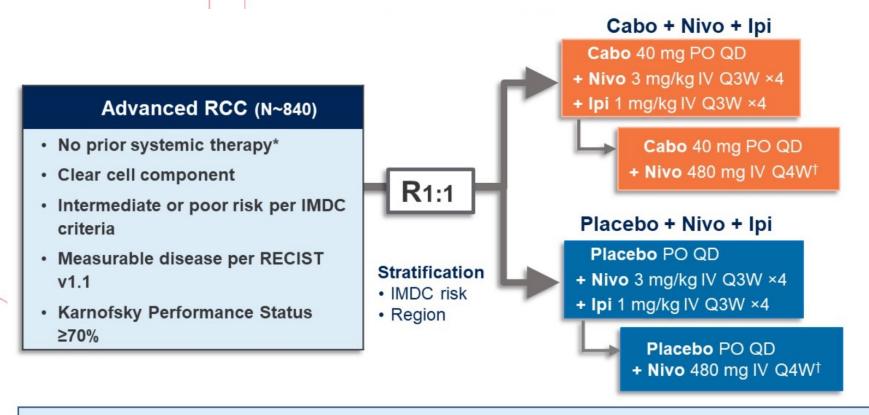
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# Phase III COSMIC-313 Trial

# Phase III COSMIC-313 study



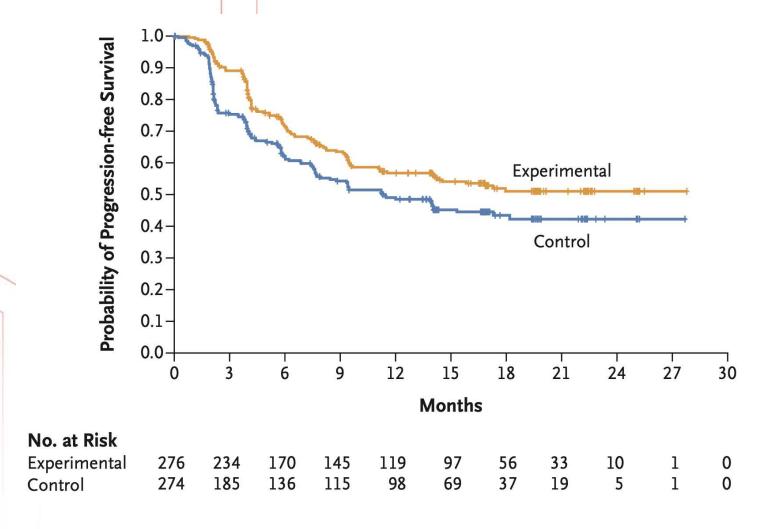
Tumor assessment every 8 weeks per RECIST v1.1‡

Treatment until loss of clinical benefit or intolerable toxicity§

No crossover allowed

**Primary endpoint:** PFS per RECIST v1.1 by BIRC after the 249<sup>th</sup> event in the first 550 randomized patients (PITT population) **Secondary endpoint (ongoing):** OS after 433 events in all randomized patients (ITT patients) **Additional endpoints:** ORR, DOR, and safety

# Phase III COSMIC-313: Final PFS Analysis

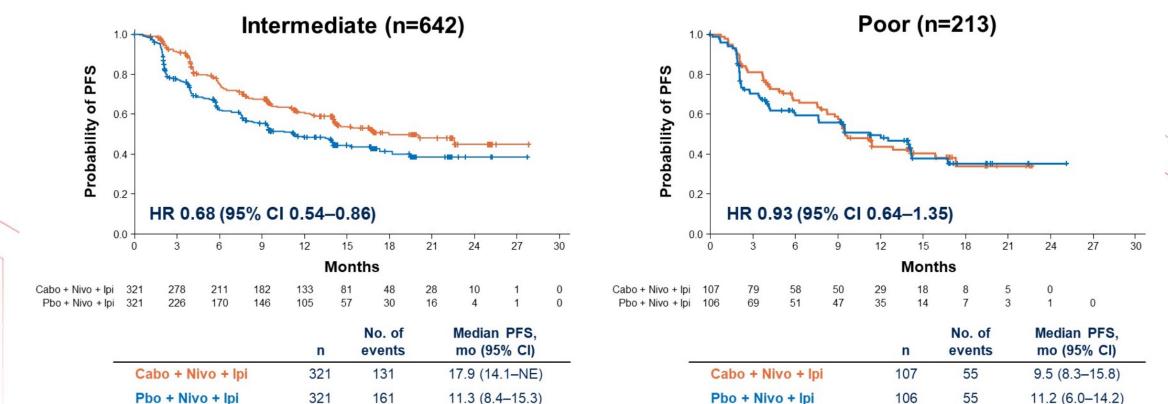


|              |     |     | Median<br>Progression-<br>free Survival |  |  |
|--------------|-----|-----|---|--|--|
| Experimental | 276 | 116 | <i>mo</i><br>NR (14.0–NE)               |  |  |
| Control      | 274 | 133 | 11.3 (7.7–18.2)                         |  |  |

Hazard ratio for disease progression or death, 0.73 (95% CI, 0.57–0.94) P=0.01

# Phase III COSMIC-313: PFS by IMDC Subgroup

A 32% reduction in the risk of progression or death was observed with the triplet regimen compared with the control in the intermediate risk



Median follow-up of 17.7 mo; total of 855 patients and 402 PFS events per RECIST 1.1 by BIRC at data cutoff of January 31, 2022.

# Cabozantinib (C) in Combination with Nivolumab (N) and Ipilimumab (I) in Previously Untreated Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma (aRCC): Final Results of COSMIC-313

Albiges A et al.

Genitourinary Cancers Symposium 2025; Abstract 438.

February 15, 2025

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#### **COSMIC-313: Final Efficacy Outcomes**

|                         | C+N+I<br>(n=428) | P+N+I<br>(n=427) |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Median OS (95% CI), mo  | 41.9 (34.8-47.9) | 42.0 (34.9-53.1) |
| HR (95% CI); P-value    |                  | 1.23); P=0.84    |
| Median PFS (95% CI), mo | 16.6 (14.0-22.6) | 11.2 (9.3-14.0)  |
| HR (95% CI)             |                  | 69-0.98)         |
| ORR (95% CI), %         | 46 (41-51)       | 37 (32-41)       |
| Complete response, %    | 4                | 3                |
| Partial response, %     | 42               | 33               |
| Stable disease, %       | 40               | 36               |
| Progressive disease, %  | 8                | 20               |



# Phase 3 CheckMate 67T

# CheckMate 67T: Subcutaneous nivolumab (NIVO SC) vs intravenous nivolumab (NIVO IV) in advanced/metastatic ccRCC

#### Key eligibility criteria

- Advanced or metastatic ccRCC that progressed during or after receiving 1-2 prior systemic regimens
- No prior immuno-oncology therapy
- Karnofsky PS ≥ 70

# NIVO SC 1200 mg + rHuPH20 Q4W (n = 248) NIVO IV 3 mg/kg Q2W (n = 247)

Treat until disease progression, unacceptable toxicity, withdrawal of consent, completion of 2 years' treatment, or death

#### Key stratification factors

- IMDC risk group
- Baseline weight

- Patients were enrolled across 73 sites in 17 countries<sup>a</sup>
- Minimum follow-up was 8 months

#### Co-primary PK endpoints for noninferiority testing:

C<sub>avgd28</sub> and C<sub>minss</sub>

Key powered secondary endpoint for noninferiority testing:

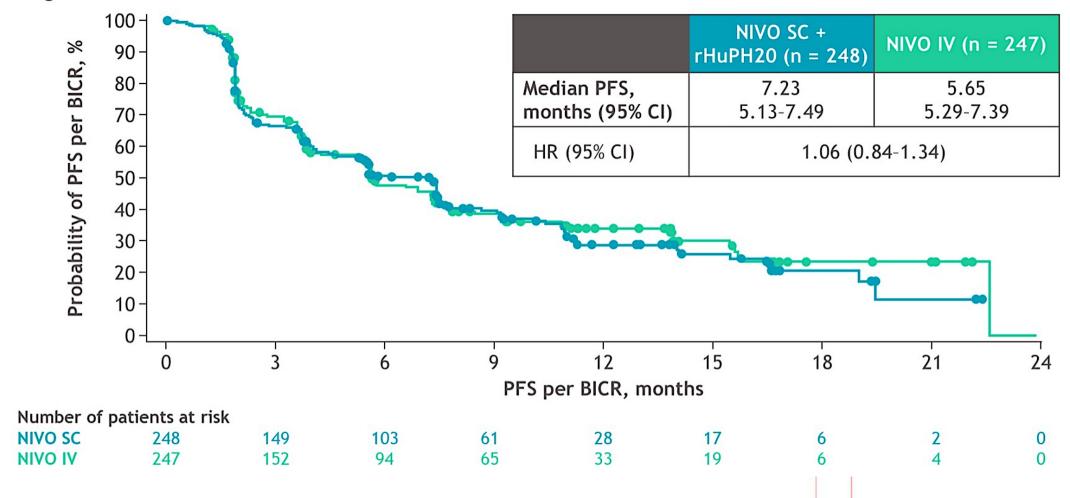
· ORR by BICR

#### Other secondary endpoints:

- Other efficacy, safety, and PK measures
- Incidence of anti-NIVO antibodies and neutralizing antibodies

#### CheckMate 67T: PFS by BICR

Progression-free survival was similar between the NIVO SC and NIVO IV arms



- Man in his mid-60s with metastatic clear cell RCC with sarcomatoid features, otherwise healthy. What would you recommend as first-line treatment? Do you always prefer IO/IO for sarcomatoid?
- What is the optimal first-line treatment for patients with clear cell RCC who progress within 12 months of adjuvant pembrolizumab? Would you recommend ipilimumab/nivolumab, a combination of IO + TKI or a TKI alone? If so, which combination or TKI?
- Is COSMIC-313 practice-changing, and should triplet therapy be used in routine practice? If so, which patients should receive this regimen?



- In general, which first-line therapy would you use for a patient with treatment-naïve advanced clear cell RCC with multiple painful bone metastases? What about symptomatic liver metastases? What about bilateral lung metastases? Are there clinical characteristics beyond disease burden that help guide treatment selection?
- When initiating lenvatinib/pembrolizumab for a patient with advanced RCC, what starting dose of lenvatinib do you use?
- My relatively basic understanding of the data is that len/pem seems somewhat better than the other IO + TKI combinations, but it doesn't seem that experts are that bullish on the regimen. Why?



- With the availability of subQ nivo, are the faculty more commonly favoring cabo/nivo to make things easier for their patients?
- Which patients with RCC should receive adjuvant pembrolizumab?
   What about the use adjuvant therapy in patients with intermediate-risk disease? What about patients who are immunocompromised or who have undergone renal transplant?
- Should adjuvant pembrolizumab be continued for 12 months or is a shorter duration (eg, 6 months) effective?
- Would ctDNA testing help guide the decision to use adjuvant pembrolizumab?



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#### Research To Practice\*

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO ONCOLOGY EDUCATION

# Optimal management of patients with relapsed/refractory renal cell carcinoma

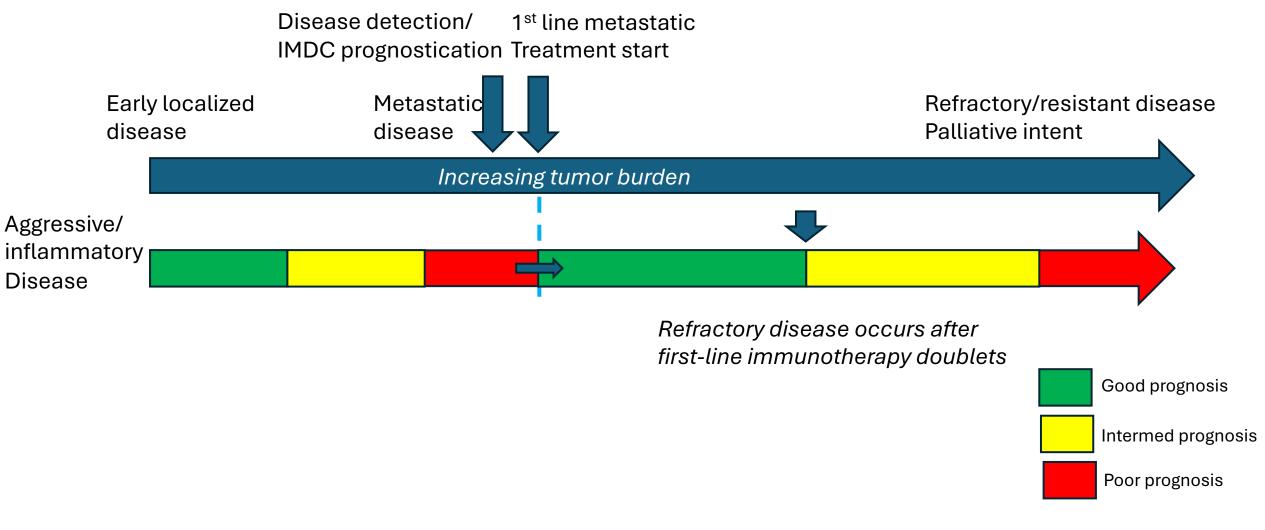
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Research To Practice

What Clinicians want to know: Addressing current questions related to management of GU Cancers February 14, 2025

# Modifying disease biology after treatment



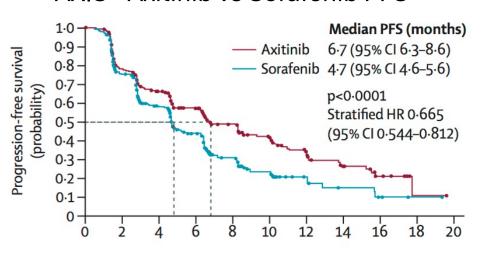
# Successful registrational trials in refractory setting

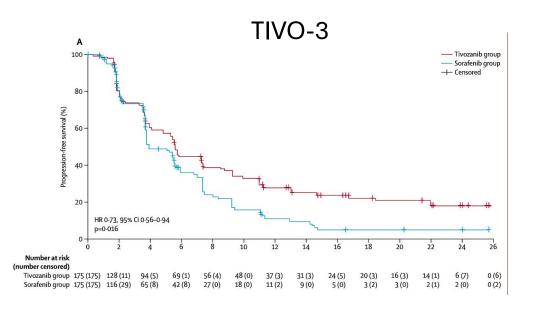
|                          | AXIS                        | METEOR  | CheckMate 025                          | Study 205   | TIVO-3                                | LITESPARK<br>-005                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Treatment<br>Sample size | Axitinib vs Sorafenib N=723 | <b>Cabozantinib</b> vs<br>Everolimus<br>N=658 | Nivolumab<br>vs<br>Everolimus<br>N=821 | Lenvatinib-<br>everolimus vs<br>Everolimus<br>N=153 | Tivozanib<br>vs<br>Sorafenib<br>N=350 | Belzutifan<br>vs<br>Everolimus<br>N=746 |
| mPFS<br>(months)         | 6.7                         | 7.4   | 4.6                                    | 14.6  | 5.6                                   | 5.6                                     |
| HR<br>(95% CI)           | 0.66<br>(0.544-<br>0.812)   | 0.51<br>(0.42-0.62)                           | 0.88<br>(0.75-1.03)                    | 0.40<br>(0.24-0.68)                                 | 0.73<br>(0.56-0.94)                   | 0.74*<br>(0.63-0.88)                    |
| ORR (%)                  | 19%                         | 17%   | 25%                                    | 43%   | 12.3%                                 | 22%                                     |
| mOS HR<br>(95% CI)       | 0.97<br>(0.80-1.17)         | 0.66<br>(0.53-0.83)                           | 0.72<br>(0.57-0.93)                    | 0.51<br>(0.30-0.88)                                 | 0.89<br>(0.70-1.14)                   | 0.88*<br>(0.73-1.07)                    |

Rini Bl et al, *Lancet*, 2011 Choueiri TK et al, *NEJM*, 2015 Motzer RJ et al, *NEJM*, 2015 Motzer RJ et al, *Lancet Onc*, 2015 Rini Bl et al, *Lancet Onc*, 2020 Choueiri TK et al, *NEJM*, 2024

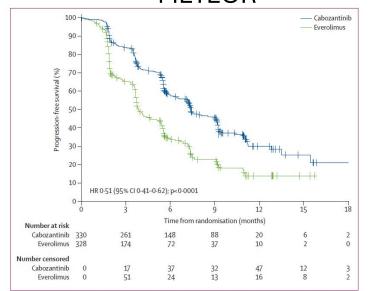
# Progression free survival across trials



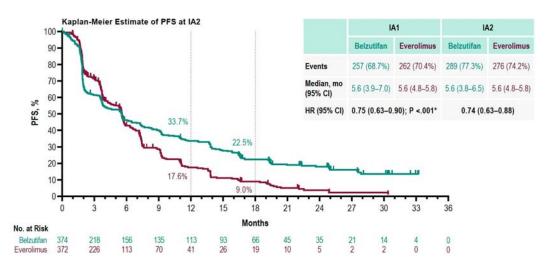




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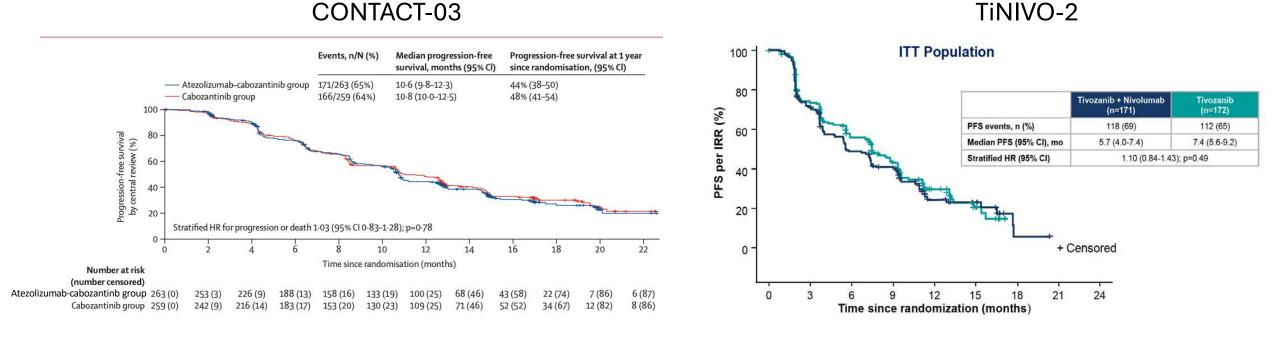
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### What not to do: Less successful trials in refractory disease

|                          | CONTACT-03  | TiNIVO-2  | CANTATA  |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| Treatment<br>Sample size | Cabozantinib-<br>atezolizumab<br>vs cabozantinib<br>N=522 | <b>Tivozanib-nivolumab</b> vs<br>tivozanib<br>N=343 | Cabozantinib + Telaglenastat vs Cabozantinib N=444 |
| mPFS (months)            | 10.6 vs. 10.8   | 5.7 vs 7.4  | 9.2 vs 9.3   |
| HR<br>(95% CI)           | 1.03<br>(0.83-1.28)                                       | 1.10<br>(0.84-1.43)                                 | 0.94<br>(0.74-1.21)                                |
| ORR (%)                  | 41% vs 40%  | 19% vs 20%  | 31%  |
| mOS HR<br>(95% CI)       | 0.94<br>(0.70-1.27)                                       | 1.00<br>(0.68-1.46)                                 | **   |

Pal SK et al, Lancet, 2023 Choueiri TK et al, ESMO Annual Congress, 2024 Tannir NM et al, r RJ et al, Lancet Onc, 2015 Rini BI et al, Lancet Onc, 2020 Choueiri TK et al, NEJM, 2024

### Lesson learned from CONTACT-03 and TiNivo-2



PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibition after prior progression on immunotherapy does not improve PFS outcomes

# Novel sequencing and therapy approaches

- PDIGREE (adaptive ipi-nivo → cabo-nivo)
- Lenvatinib-belzutifan (KEYMAKER-U03 Albiges et al GU ASCO)
- Zanzalintinib (STELLAR-001)
- Evolocumab-nivolumab (BOOST-RCC)
- CA-IX targeted girentuximab (STARLITE 1)

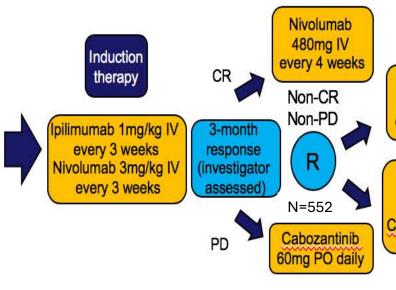
#### A031704 PDIGREE - Study design



#### Metastatic renal cell carcinoma

- Clear cell component
- No prior systemic therapy (HD IL-2 and adjuvant sunitinib allowed)
- IMDC intermediate or poor risk
- Archival tissue available or fresh biopsy

N=1111



Nivolumab 480mg IV every 4 weeks

Nivolumab 480mg IV every 4 weeks + Cabozantinib 40mg PO daily Discontinue:
Progression of disease
Unacceptable toxicity
Complete response at 1 year

1º endpoint: 3-year OS o vs 70% pivo-cabo, HR 0

(60% nivo vs 70% nivo-cabo, HR 0.70 85% power, 2-sided α=0.05) Key 2° endpoints:

- -- 1-year CR rate
- -- ORR by RECIST
- -- Toxicity of nivo-cabo





Study chairs: Zhang & Choueiri

PDIGREE: Alliance trial A031704 Clinicaltrials.gov: NCT03793166

Study activated in NCTN May 2019 – almost 5 years!

#### **BOOST-RCC:**



#### Phase 2 trial of PCSK9 inhibition with nivolumab in metastatic renal cell carcinoma

Metastatic renal cell carcinoma

- Progression on or after prior PD-1 inhibitor (>6 months)
- Progression on prior VEGF inhibitor (could be in combination with PD-1 inhibitor)
- Radiographically evident disease
- Adequate organ function

PCSK9 inhibitor
Evolocumab
Q4 weeks
+

Nivolumab 480mg

q4 weeks

Expand if >=1
responses
Stage 1: Stage 2:

N = 19

#### Stage 1:

 Safety lead-in for combination treatment in first 5 patients

N = 10

Paired biopsies for up to 10 patients

Discontinue treatment: Disease progression or

Intolerable adverse event

Primary endpoint:
Objective response rate

Secondary endpoints:
Safety of combination
Progression free survival
Overall survival

#### Exploratory endpoints:

To evaluate effect of T-cell infiltration and MHC-1 expression on baseline and on-treatment biopsies

NCT06284564 UTSW and MD Anderson CPRIT supported trial

#### Sample size:

H0: ORR 5%, HA: ORR 20%

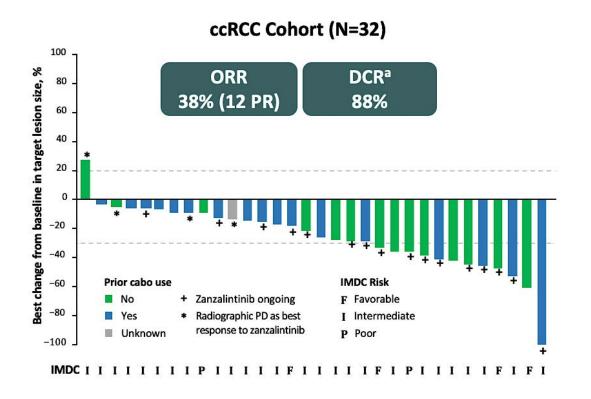
Stage 1: 10 patients - if 1 or more responses, proceed to stage 2

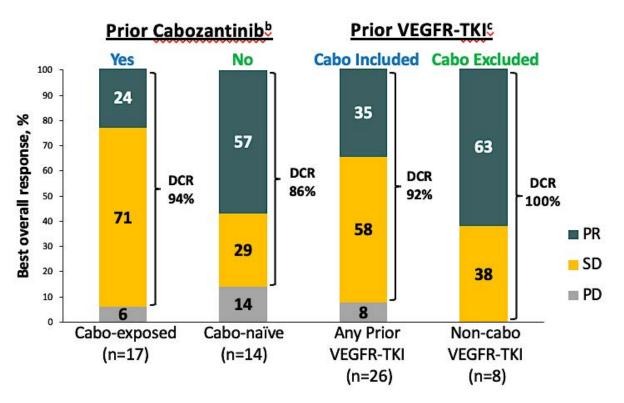
Stage 2: 19 patients (29 total)

Reject H0 if 4 or more responses are observed in 29 patients.

Assumes one-sided alpha of 0.05 and a power of 80%.

# Zanzalintinib (XL-092)

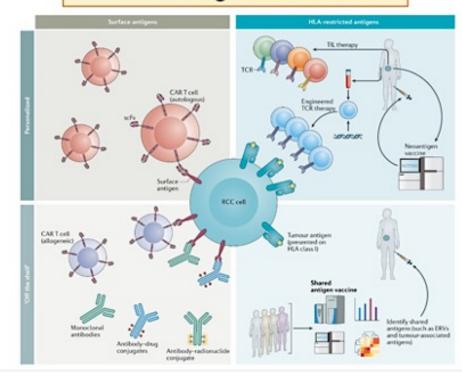




#### Challenge for future of refractory RCC: Tackle mechanisms of immune checkpoint resistance

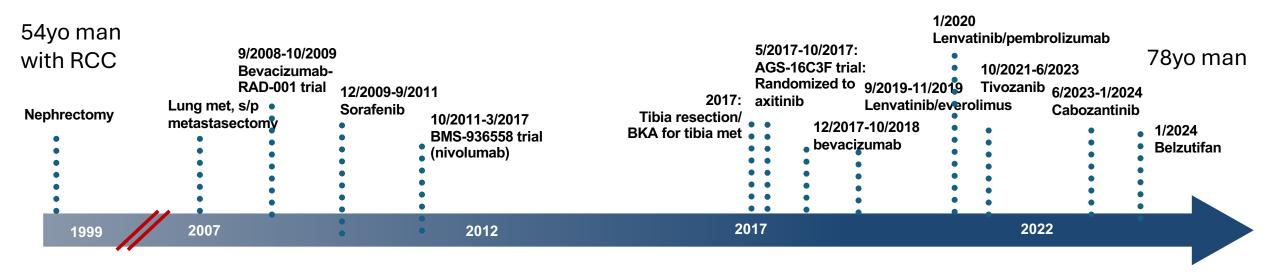


# Antigen-specific approaches as a next generation IO



Zhu S, Zhang T, et al, *J Hematol Oncol*, 2021; 14: 156 Braun D, *Nat Rev Clin Oncol*, 2021

# Ultimately our patients win



- Lived with metastatic RCC for 17 years
- 10 lines of treatment for metastatic disease
- 3 interventional trials
- 3 oncologists: Harshman, Srinivas, Zhang

Sequencing life-extending treatments in RCC

Challenge everyone to continue rational drug discovery for him and many others like him in our clinics

# Outline/Takeaways

- Resistance to first-line immunotherapies occurs in many patients
- PD-1 therapy has no role for post-IO treated patients
- We should change treatment mechanism for patients with IOrefractory disease – tivozanib, belzutifan, and Lenvatinibeverolimus, cabozantinib are all approved

- I have a patient with advanced clear cell RCC who is doing well on a first-line IO/TKI regimen but has slight increases in the sizes of some nodules in the lung. How should I approach treatment? In your opinion, is slow progression enough to change treatment, or do you wait for the development of symptoms or other changes in clinical status before switching?
- Is there any data to support immunotherapy rechallenge after failure on first-line IO/TKI?
- What would the faculty recommend as next therapy for a patient who progresses on the COSMIC-313 regimen (ipi/nivo/cabo)?



- What is the panel's current go-to second-line regimen for patients who progress on ipi/nivo? For a patient who progresses after just 5 months of up-front ipi/nivo, would they continue the ipi/nivo and add cabo? Continue the nivo only and add cabo? Switch to cabo alone or to a different regimen altogether?
- How do you sequence TKIs in patients who are progressing on first-line IO + TKI? Is there any difference in your approach if they have received first-line IO/IO?
- How does the panel decide between cabozantinib and tivozanib as second-line treatment? Is one better tolerated than the other?



- Should sequence of therapy differ for specific patient populations, such as those with bone-only metastases? Does it matter if disease progression is asymptomatic or symptomatic? Do any of the available TKIs have better activity in the brain?
- When using lenvatinib in the relapsed setting, is it always partnered with everolimus? Where are you typically sequencing that regimen? Do you ever use either of those agents alone?
- Are there any novel agents or strategies in development that look promising and interesting? What trials would you consider for a patient who is running out of options?



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# Role of HIF-2α Inhibitors in Sporadic and von Hippel-Lindau (VHL)-Associated RCC

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# **Objectives**

- Biologic rationale for targeting HIF-2α in patients with advanced RCC
- Review current efficacy and safety data of belzutifan monotherapy in RCC
- Review current efficacy and safety data of belzutifan in combination with other systemic therapies (eg, VEGFR TKIs, immune checkpoint inhibitors) for patients with RCC
- Highlight ongoing phase III trials evaluating belzutifan combinations in the adjuvant and advanced disease settings
- Review characteristics of VHL-associated RCC and activity of belzutifan in this population
- Alternate HIF-2α targeting agents

# VHL Mutations Drive Pathogenesis in RCC



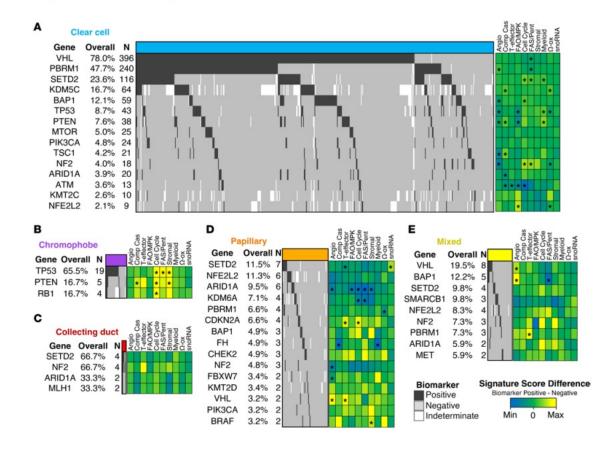
#### Identification of the von Hippel–Lindau Disease Tumor Suppressor Gene

Farida Latif, Kalman Tory, James Gnarra, Masahiro Yao, Fuh-Mei Duh, Mary Lou Orcutt, Thomas Stackhouse, Igor Kuzmin, William Modi, Laura Geil, Laura Schmidt, Fangwei Zhou, Hua Li, Ming Hui Wei, Fan Chen, Gladys Glenn, Peter Choyke, McClellan M. Walther, Yongkai Weng, Dah-Shuhn R. Duan, Michael Dean, Damjan Glavač, Frances M. Richards, Paul A. Crossey, Malcolm A. Ferguson-Smith, Denis Le Paslier, Ilya Chumakov, Daniel Cohen, A. Craig Chinault, Eamonn R. Maher,\* W. Marston Linehan,\* Berton Zbar,\* Michael I. Lerman\*

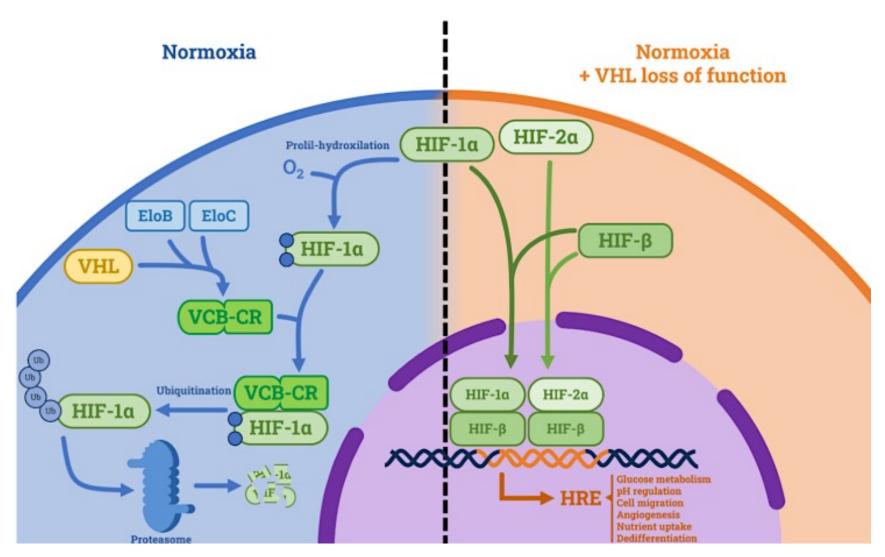
A gene discovered by positional cloning has been identified as the von Hippel–Lindau (VHL) disease tumor suppressor gene. A restriction fragment encompassing the gene showed rearrangements in 28 of 221 VHL kindreds. Eighteen of these rearrangements were due to deletions in the candidate gene, including three large nonoverlapping deletions. Intragenic mutations were detected in cell lines derived from VHL patients and from sporadic renal cell carcinomas. The VHL gene is evolutionarily conserved and encodes two widely expressed transcripts of approximately 6 and 6.5 kilobases. The partial sequence of the inferred gene product shows no homology to other proteins, except for an acidic repeat domain found in the procyclic surface membrane glycoprotein of *Trypanosoma brucel*.

#### The Journal of Clinical Investigation

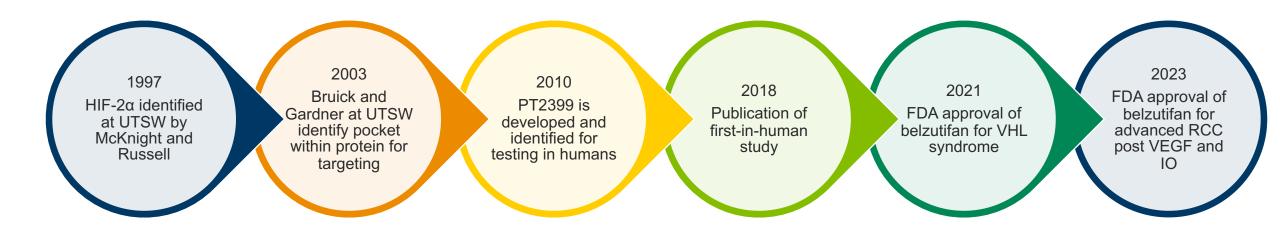
#### RESEARCH ARTICLE



# HIF-VHL Pathway in RCC for Pathogenesis



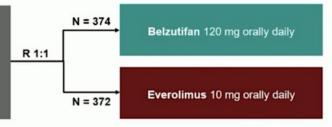
# Targeting HIF-2α and Belzutifan Drug Discovery



# LITESPARK-005 – Study Design and Patients

#### Key Eligibility Criteria

- Unresectable, locally advanced or metastatic clear cell RCC
- Disease progression after 1-3 prior systemic regimens, including ≥1 anti-PD-(L)1 mAb and ≥1 VEGFR-TKI
- Karnofsky Performance Status score ≥70%



#### **Stratification Factors**

- IMDC prognostic scorea: 0 vs 1-2 vs 3-6
- Prior VEGFR-targeted therapies: 1 vs 2-3

#### **Dual Primary Endpoints:**

- PFS per RECIST 1.1 by BICR
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- The study was considered positive if either of the dual primary endpoints was met

#### **Key Secondary Endpoint:**

ORR per RECIST 1.1 by BICR

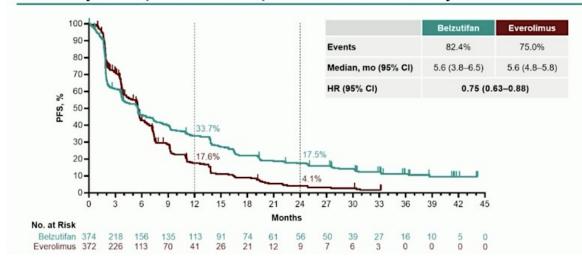
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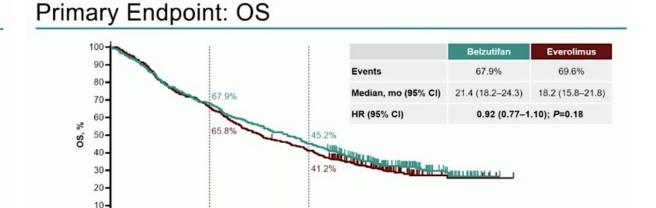
- DOR per RECIST 1.1 by BICR
- Safety

|  | l I                     | т                       | Ongoing Treatment      |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Characteristic   | Belzutifan<br>(N = 374) | Everolimus<br>(N = 372) | Belzutifan<br>(n = 54) |
| Age, median (range), yrs                                   | 62 (22-90)              | 63 (33–87)              | 64 (44–79)             |
| Male, %  | 79.4                    | 76.3                    | 81.5                   |
| KPS score <sup>a</sup> , %<br>90/100<br>70/80              | 63.6<br>36.1            | 64.5<br>35.2            | 81.5<br>18.5           |
| IMDC risk categories, % Favorable Intermediate Poor        | 21.7<br>66.3<br>12.0    | 22.6<br>65.1<br>12.4    | 31.5<br>59.3<br>9.3    |
| Sarcomatoid features present, %                            | 11.2                    | 8.3                     | 11.1                   |
| Prior nephrectomy, %                                       | 69.8                    | 69.6                    | 83.3                   |
| No. prior VEGFR-TKIs, %<br>1<br>2-3                        | 49.7<br>50.3            | 51.1<br>48.9            | 46.3<br>53.7           |
| No. prior lines of therapy <sup>b</sup> , %<br>1<br>2<br>3 | 12.0<br>42.2<br>45.2    | 14.0<br>44.6<br>40.3    | 16.7<br>44.4<br>38.9   |

# LITESPARK-005 – PFS, OS, ORR

#### Primary Endpoint: PFS per RECIST 1.1 by BICR





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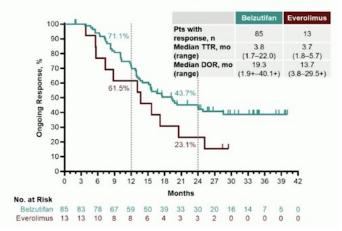
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# ORR (Key Secondary) and DOR (Secondary Endpoint) by BICR per RECIST 1.1

|                                       | Belzutifan<br>(N = 374) | Everolimus<br>(N = 372) |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ORR, %<br>(95% CI)                    | 22.7%<br>(18.6–27.3)    | 3.5%<br>(1.9–5.9)       |
| Estimated difference<br>in % (95% CI) | 19.2 (14                | 1.8–24.1)               |
| Confirmed best objecti                | ve response, %          |                         |
| CR                                    | 3.5%                    | 0                       |
| PR                                    | 19.3%                   | 3.5%                    |
| SD                                    | 38.2%                   | 65.9%                   |
| PD                                    | 34.0%                   | 21.5%                   |
| Not evaluable <sup>a</sup>            | 1.3%                    | 2.4%                    |
| No assessment <sup>b</sup>            | 3.7%                    | 6.7%                    |



No. at Risk

# Efficacy Outcomes with Belzutifan versus Everolimus by Baseline Disease Characteristics and Burden Subgroups in the Phase 3 LITESPARK-005 Study

de Velasco G et al.

Genitourinary Cancers Symposium 2025; Abstract 538.

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**Poster Session** 



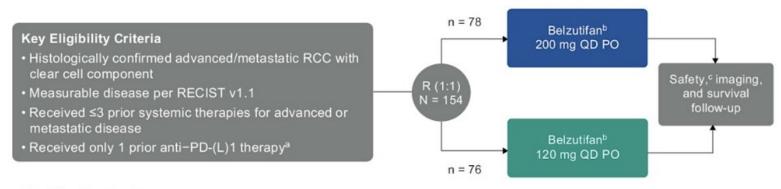
# LITESPARK-005: Efficacy by Baseline Disease Characteristics and Tumor Burden

|                 | Bo<br>mets |        |       | one<br>s, no |        | ver<br>s, yes |         | ver<br>s, no | les<br>diam | target<br>ion<br>eters,<br>edian | les<br>diam | target<br>ion<br>eters,<br>edian |
|-----------------|------------|--------|-------|--------------|--------|---------------|---------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
|                 | Bel        | Eve    | Bel   | Eve          | Bel    | Eve           | Bel     | Eve          | Bel         | Eve                              | Bel         | Eve                              |
| N               | 187        | 181    | 187   | 191          | 89     | 103           | 285     | 269          | 174         | 193                              | 198         | 171                              |
| PFS, median, mo | 3.7        | 4.3    | 7.0   | 6.3          | 4.6    | 3.7           | 5.6     | 5.8          | 7.3         | 5.7                              | 4.2         | 4.8                              |
| PFS HR          | 0.0        | 38     | 0.    | 65           | 0.     | 55            | 0.      | 84           | 0.          | 67                               | 0.8         | 80                               |
| (95% CI)        | (0.69 -    | -1.11) | (0.51 | -0.82)       | (0.39) | -0.77)        | (0.69 - | -1.02)       | (0.52)      | -0.86)                           | (0.63-      | -1.01)                           |
| OS, median, mo  | 15.0       | 15.1   | 26.5  | 23.7         | 19.1   | 12.9          | 21.7    | 21.8         | 26.4        | 26.5                             | 17.3        | 12.3                             |
| OS HR           | 0.9        | 95     | 0.    | 89           | 0.     | 63            | 1.      | 06           | 0.          | 95                               | 0.          | 76                               |
| (95% CI)        | (0.75-     | -1.20) | (0.69 | -1.15)       | (0.45  | -0.88)        | (0.86-  | -1.30)       | (0.73       | -1.24)                           | (0.61-      | -0.96)                           |
| ORR, %          | 17.6       | 2.8    | 27.8  | 4.2          | 24.7   | 3.9           | 22.1    | 3.3          | 28.7        | 4.1                              | 17.7        | 2.9                              |

Bel=belzutifan; eve=everolimus; mets=metastasis.



# LITESPARK-013 – Study Schema and Results



#### Stratification Factors

- IMDC prognostic scores (0 vs 1 or 2 vs 3-6)
- Number of prior TKI regimens for advanced RCC (0 vs 1 vs 2 or 3)

|  | Belzutifan 200 mg $(n = 78)$                   | Belzutifan 120 mg $(n = 76)$ |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| ORR (CR + PR) Estimated difference, % (95% CI) | 18 (23.1)<br>-0.5 (-14.0 to 12.9<br>P = 0.5312 | 18 (23.7)<br>9); one-sided   |
| Best response                                  |  |                              |
| CR   | 4 (5.1)  | 0 (0)                        |
| PR   | 14 (17.9)                                      | 18 (23.7)                    |
| Stable disease                                 | 43 (55.1)                                      | 39 (51.3)                    |
| Stable disease ≥6 months                       | 32 (41.0)                                      | 36 (47.4)                    |
| Progressive disease                            | 12 (15.4)                                      | 15 (19.7)                    |
| No assessment                                  | 5 (6.4)  | 4 (5.3)                      |

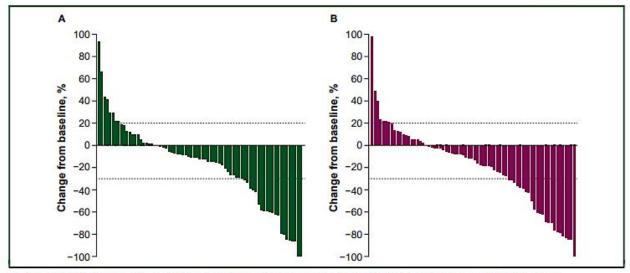
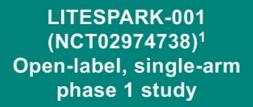


Figure 2. Best percentage change from baseline as assessed by blinded independent central review in the (A) 200 mg and (B) 120 mg groups.

# **Belzutifan Safety**



- Age ≥18 years
- Dose escalation: advanced solid tumors
- Dose expansion: previously treated advanced clear cell RCC

LITESPARK-004 (NCT03401788)<sup>2</sup> Open-label, single-arm phase 2 study

- · Age ≥18 years
- · VHL disease diagnosis
- ≥1 measurable nonmetastatic RCC tumor
- No renal tumor >3 cm or other VHL neoplasm requiring immediate surgery
- No prior systemic treatment

LITESPARK-005 (NCT04195750)<sup>3</sup> Randomized controlled phase 3 study

- Age ≥18 years
- · Advanced clear cell RCC
- 1-3 prior systemic regimens, including anti–PD-(L)1 and VEGF-TKI
- Disease progression during or after an anti-PD-(L)1 therapy

n = 381

(66.1%<sup>b</sup>)

LITESPARK-013 (NCT04489771)<sup>4</sup> Randomized two-dose phase 2 study

- Age ≥18 years
- Advanced clear cell RCC
- 1-3 prior systemic regimens, including 1 anti–PD-(L)1 therapy
- Disease progression during or after an anti-PD-(L)1 therapy

n = 58<sup>a</sup> (10.1%<sup>b</sup>)

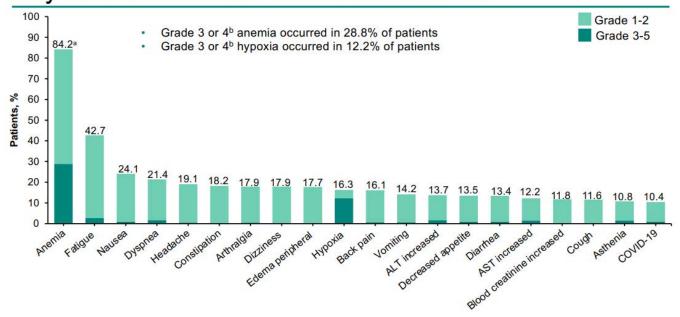
n = 61 (10.6%<sup>b</sup>)

Pooled population, N = 576

n = 76 (13.2%<sup>b</sup>)

# Belzutifan Adverse Events

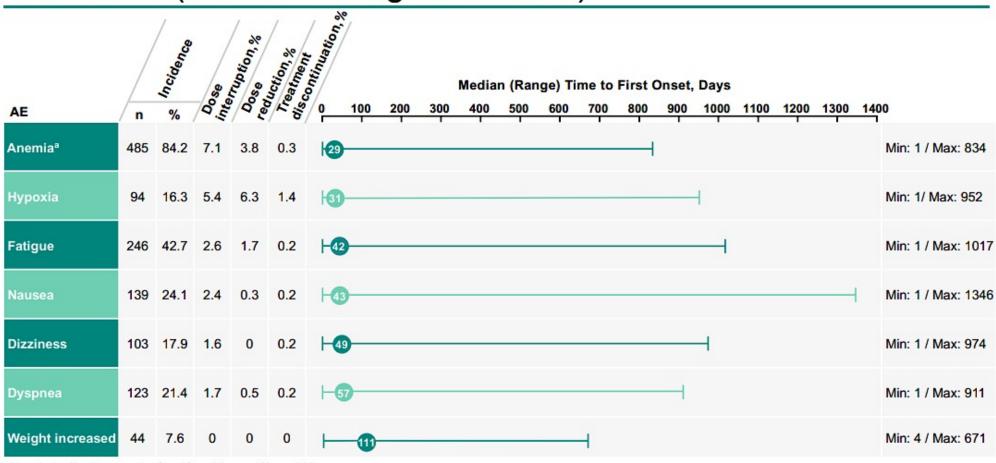
#### Any-Cause AEs With Incidence of ≥10%



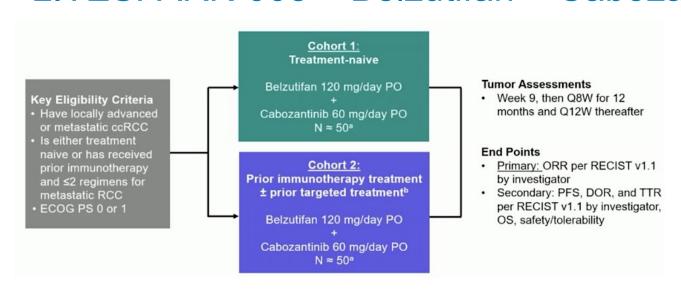
- Any cause grade 3-5 AEs 61.6%
- Treatment related grade 3-5 AEs 37.7%
- Treatment discontinuation 6.4%
- Anemia management
  - ESA only 22.9%
  - Blood transfusions 17.5%
  - ESA and blood transfusions 12.8%

# Belzutifan Adverse Events Time of Onset

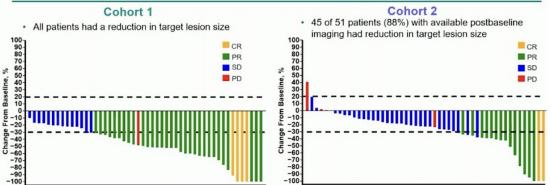
Time to First Onset of Common Any-Grade AEs Attributed to Belzutifan (Adverse Drug Reactions)



## LITESPARK-003 – Belzutifan + Cabozantinib



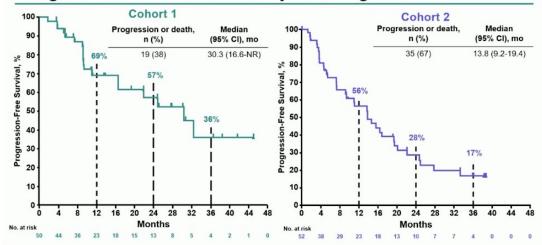
#### Best Percentage Change From Baseline in Target Lesions by Investigator



#### ORR by Investigator in All Patients and by IMDC Risk

|                            | Cohort 1          |                     |                                 |                   | Cohort 2            |                                 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
|                            |                   | IMDC risk category  |                                 |                   | IMDC ris            | k category                      |
|                            | Overall<br>N = 50 | Favorable<br>n = 28 | Intermediate/<br>poor<br>n = 22 | Overall<br>N = 52 | Favorable<br>n = 11 | Intermediate/<br>poor<br>n = 41 |
| ORR (CR + PR)              | 35 (70)           | 22 (79)             | 13 (59)                         | 16 (31)           | 3 (27)              | 13 (32)                         |
| DCR (CR + PR + SD)         | 49 (98)           | 28 (100)            | 21 (96)                         | 48 (92)           | 11 (100)            | 37 (90)                         |
| Best response              |                   |                     |                                 |                   |                     |                                 |
| CR                         | 4 (8)             | 3 (11)              | 1 (5)                           | 2 (4)             | 0                   | 2 (5)                           |
| PR                         | 31 (62)           | 19 (68)             | 12 (55)                         | 14 (27)           | 3 (27)              | 11 (27)                         |
| SD                         | 14 (28)           | 6 (21)              | 8 (36)                          | 32 (62)           | 8 (73)              | 24 (59)                         |
| PD                         | 1 (2)             | 0 (0)               | 1 (5)                           | 3 (6)             | 0 (0)               | 3 (7)                           |
| Not available <sup>a</sup> | 0 (0)             | 0 (0)               | 0 (0)                           | 1 (2)             | 0 (0)               | 1 (2)                           |

#### Progression-Free Survival by Investigator Cohort 1



Choueiri et al, ESMO, 2023. Choueiri et al, Lancet Oncol 2025;26(1):64-73.

# Updated Results from the Phase 2 LITESPARK-003 Study of Belzutifan plus Cabozantinib in Patients with Advanced Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma (ccRCC)

Choueiri TK et al.

Genitourinary Cancers Symposium 2025; Abstract 549.

February 15, 2025

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# **LITESPARK-003: Updated Efficacy Analysis**

| 2  | Cohort 1                  | Cohort 2                  |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| IMDC risk category   |                           |                           |
| Favorable  | n = 33                    | n = 9                     |
|  | ORR, 73% (95% CI, 54-87); | ORR, 67% (95% CI, 30-93); |
|  | 5 CRs, 19 PRs             | 1 CR, 5 PRs               |
| Intermediate or poor   | n = 17                    | n = 43                    |
| The state of the s | ORR, 65% (95% CI, 38-86); | ORR, 23% (95% Cl, 12-39); |
|  | 1 CR, 10 PRs              | 1 CR, 9 PRs               |
| Baseline tumor burden <sup>a</sup>   |                           |                           |
| Low (< median)   | n = 25                    | n = 26                    |
|  | ORR, 80% (95% CI, 59-93); | ORR, 27% (95% CI, 12-48); |
|  | 3 CRs, 17 PRs             | 2 CRs, 5 PRs              |
| High (≥ median)  | n = 25                    | n = 26                    |
| ,  | ORR, 60% (95% CI, 39-79); | ORR, 35% (95% CI, 17-56); |
|  | 3 CRs, 12 PRs             | 0 CRs, 9 PRs              |

RTP RESEARCH TO PRACTICE

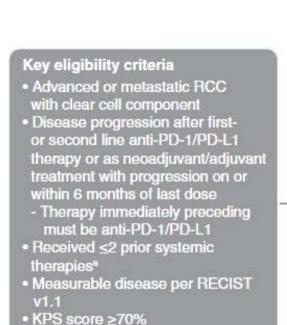
# KEYMAKER-U03 Substudy 03B: Pembrolizumab (pembro) and targeted therapy combinations for advanced clear cell renal cell carcinoma (ccRCC).

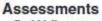
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|                          | Arm B4<br>Pembro + belzutifan<br>n = 62 | Arm B5<br>Lenvatinib + belzutifan<br>n = 64 | Ref arm<br>Pembro + lenvatinib<br>n = 73 |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|
| ORR (95% CI), %          | 19 (10-31)                              | 47 (34-60)                                  | 40 (29-52)                               |
| CR, n (%)                | 2 (3)                                   | 1 (2)                                       | 0 (0)                                    |
| PR, n (%)                | 10 (16)                                 | 29 (45)                                     | 29 (40)                                  |
| CBR (95% CI), %          | 32 (2Ì-4́5)                             | 59 (46-72)                                  | 58 (4 <del>`</del> 5-69)                 |
| DOR, median (range), mo  | Not reached<br>(1.4+-33.0+)             | 22.1 (1.4+-32.8+)                           | 8.3 (2.6+-25.6+)                         |
| PFS, median (95% CI), mo | 5.4 (2.8-6.9)                           | 12.5 (5.9-26.3)                             | 9.4 (6.9-11.2)                           |
| 6-mo PFS rate, %         | `42                                     | `63   | `67                                      |
| OS, median (95% CI), mo  | 27.4                                    | 32.3  | Not reached                              |
|                          | (12.6-not reached)                      | (22.4-not reached)                          | (21.8-not reached)                       |
| 12-mo OS rate, %         | 68                                      | 80  | 82                                       |

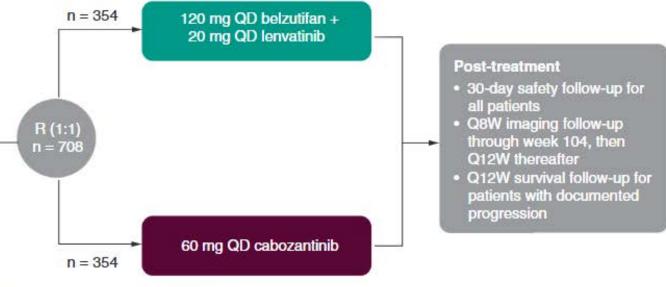


## LITESPARK-011 – Belzutifan + Lenvatinib





Q8W first 104 weeks and then Q12W thereafter



#### Stratification

- IMDC prognostic scores (0 vs 1–2 vs 3–6)
- Line of treatment in which anti-PD-1/PD-L1 therapy was given (1 [adjuvant, neoadjuvant/adjuvant, or first-line] vs 2 [second-line])
- Geographic region (North America vs Western Europe vs ROW)

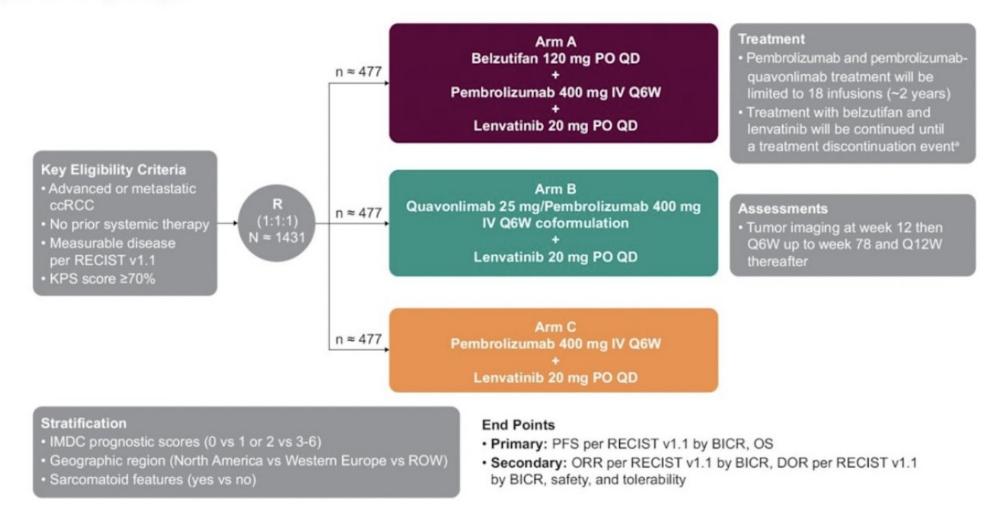
#### **End points**

- Primary: PFS, OS
- · Secondary: ORR, DOR, safety and tolerability

Motzer RJ et al. *Future Oncol* 2023;19(2):113-121.

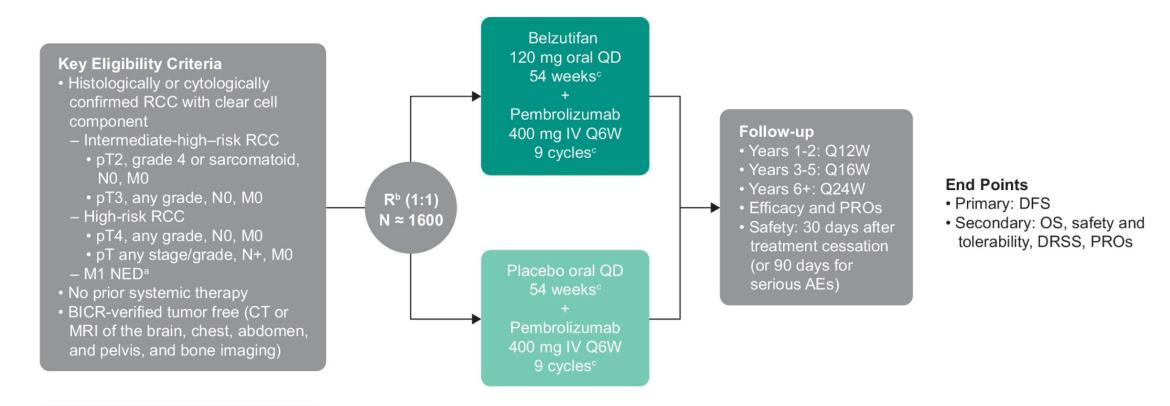
### LITESPARK-012 – Belzutifan in Frontline RCC

Figure 1. Study design



Choueiri TK et al. Future Oncol 2023;19(40):2631-2640.

# LITESPARK-022 – Adjuvant Therapy with Belzutifan + Pembrolizumab



#### **Stratification**

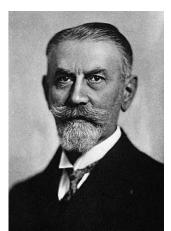
- Intermediate-high risk vs high risk vs M1 NED
- Tumor grade 1 or 2 vs tumor grade 3 or 4

Choueiri TK et al. Genitourinary Cancers Symposium 2023; Abstract TPS748.

# Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome

1927 1904 1936 Lindau first Term Vonvon Hippel first describes describes Hippel-Lindau angiomas in angiomas in disease first the cerebellum the eye use and spine

#### **Eugene von Hippel**



(Aus der Universitäts-Augenklinik zu Heidelberg.)

Über eine sehr seltene Erkrankung der Netzhaut. Klinische Beobachtungen.

Von
Prof. Eugen v. Hippel
in Heidelberg.
Mit Tafel HI.—VI, Fig. 1—6.

Im Jahre 1693 seellis ich in der Demonstrationsitung der Heidelberger Kongresses einen Patienten mit einer sehr ungewühnlichen Ekrizakung der Netthaut vor, in der Höfmang eine Belahrung darüber zu erhalten, wie der Fall zu deutes sei. Von den zuhlreichen Unterstehen sichen miemad einen anslogen gesohen zu laben, eine Ansicht über dass Wesen der Sache werde ner von v. Michel gesiessent, des nich zusetzt für da. Annahme eines Temoes, dann für Unberkalces aussprach. Der Fall wurde von mir verfolgt, his das Auftreden von Katarakt eine wettere ophthalmosopische Benöbertung unmöglich machte. Am 15. VIII. 1896 sah ich einen zweiten vollkommen analogen Fall; ich konnte damals nur ein paar kurze Notizen machen, da der Patient, den ich zum Zeichnen des Befundes bestellt halte, ausbelbe und erst fün Jahre später wieder erschrien.

Die beiden Beobaschungen betreffen ein offenbar sehr seltenes Krankheitsbild, ich faud munkleit in der Literatur zur einen analogen Fall. Als ich beim vogikhrigen Heidelberger Kongress meine Abbidungen neiget und kurz erläuterte, wurde ich noch auf der Veröffentlichungen i) aufmerksam gemacht, in welchen ikheliche Brobuschtungen mitgestalt wurden, aussendern führten Sattlert, Wagenmann und Herrong je einen derartigen Fall as, den sie zu untersuchen und behauschle örlegenheite hatten.

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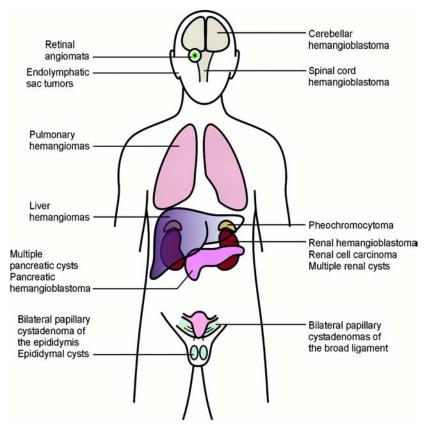
**German Ophthalmologist** 

#### **Arvid Lindau**





**Swedish Pathologist** 

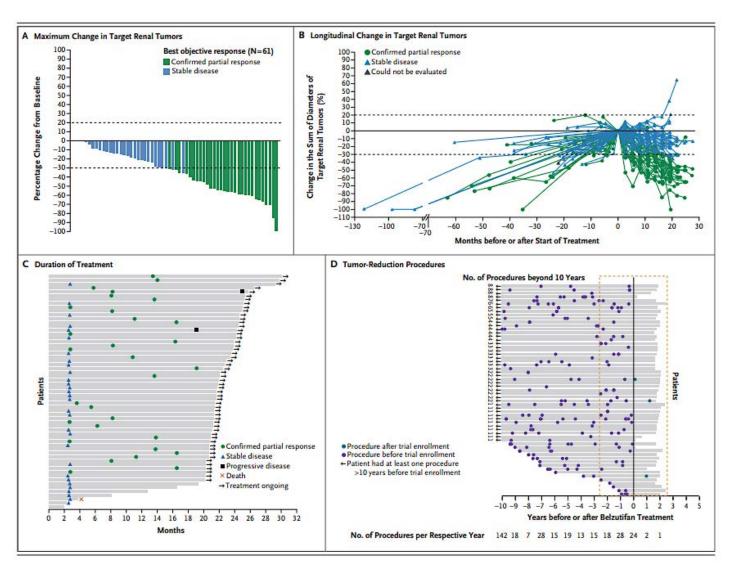


- Autosomal dominant
  - 80% have an affected parent
  - 20% are de novo
  - Nearly all patients will express syndrome by age 65
- Incidence of 1 in 36,000
- 2/3 will have RCC

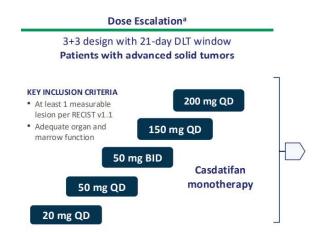
# Belzutifan for RCC Associated with VHL Disease

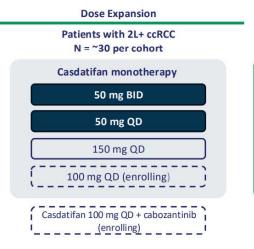
| Variable                                  | Efficacy Population (N=61) |
|---|----------------------------|
| Objective response — no. (% [95% CI])     | 30 (49 [36 to 62])         |
| Best response — no. (%)                   |                            |
| Complete response                         | 0                          |
| Partial response                          | 30 (49)                    |
| Stable disease                            | 30 (49)                    |
| Disease progression                       | 0                          |
| Unable to be evaluated†                   | 1 (2)                      |
| Median time to response (range) — mo      | 8.2 (2.7 to 19.1)          |
| Median duration of response (range) — mo‡ | NR (2.8+ to 22.3+)         |

Pancreatic lesions – 77% CNS hemangioblastomas – 30% Retinal hemangioblastomas – 100%



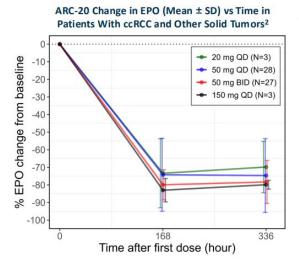
# Casdatifan Development





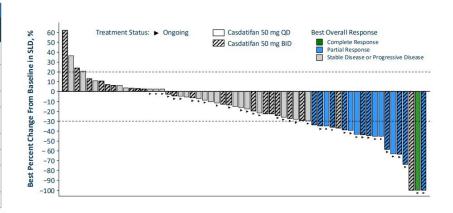
| Primary  |
|----------|
| Outcomes |
| AEs      |
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| Secondar |
| Outcomes |
| ORRb     |
| PK/PD    |

|   | Dose Escalation<br>Advanced Solid Tumors <sup>a</sup> | Dose Expansion 2L+ ccRCC            |                                      |  |  |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Characteristic  | 20 mg – 200 mg<br>(n = 22)                            | 50 mg BID<br>(n = 33)               | 50 mg QD<br>(n = 31)                 |  |  |
| Age, years, median (range)                                      | 66 (49–78)  | 62 (41–79)                          | 65 (43-82)                           |  |  |
| Sex, female/male, n (%)   | 12 (55) / 10 (45)                                     | 8 (24) / 25 (76)                    | 10 (32) / 21 (68)                    |  |  |
| ECOG PS 0/1, n (%)  | 5 (23) / 17 (77)                                      | 16 (48) / 17 (52)                   | 18 (58) / 13 (42)                    |  |  |
| IMDC risk score, n (%) Favorable Intermediate Poor Unknown      | NA  | 9 (27)<br>20 (61)<br>2 (6)<br>2 (6) | 8 (26)<br>16 (52)<br>5 (16)<br>2 (6) |  |  |
| Number of regimens, all settings, n (%)<br>1/2/3/4 or more      | 4 (18) / 2 (9) / 6 (27) / 10 (45)                     | 2 (6) / 14 (42) / 8 (24) / 9 (27)   | 5 (16) / 9 (29) / 8 (26) / 9 (29)    |  |  |
| Patients with both VEGFR-TKI and PD-1/PD-L1 inh, n (%)          | 12 (55)   | 33 (100)                            | 31 (100)                             |  |  |
| Number of regimens with any VEGFR-TKI, n (%)<br>1/2/3/4 or more | 3 (14) / 5 (23) / 3 (14) / 2 (9)                      | 13 (39) / 12 (36) / 3 (9) / 5 (15)  | 15 (48) / 8 (26) / 5 (16) / 3 (10)   |  |  |
| Number of patients with prior mTOR treatment, n (%)             | NA  | 5 (15)                              | 7 (23)                               |  |  |



|  | Dose Ex                    | pansion                  |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Efficacy Evaluable Population              | 50 mg BID<br>(n = 32)      | 50 mg QD<br>(n = 28)     |
| Median follow-up [ongoing], months (range) | 11 (3–15+)                 | 8 (4–10+)                |
| ORR, %, n (90% CI)                         | 31.3%, 10°<br>(16.1, 50.0) | 25.0%, 7<br>(10.7, 44.9) |
| Responses pending confirmation, n          | 1                          | 1                        |
| Confirmed ORR, %, n (90% CI)               | 25.0%, 8<br>(11.5, 43.4)   | 21.4%, 6<br>(8.3, 41.0)  |
| Time to response, months, median (range)   | 2.8 (1.2-5.5)              | 4 (1.3-4.1)              |
| Patients with progressive disease, %, n    | 18.8%, 6                   | 14.3%, 4                 |
| Disease control rate (90% CI)              | 81.3%<br>(63.6, 92.8)      | 85.7%<br>(67.3, 96.0)    |
| Median progression-free survival           | Not reached                | Not reached              |





# Casdatifan (Cas) monotherapy in patients (pts) with previously treated clear cell renal cell carcinoma (ccRCC): Safety, efficacy and subgroup analysis across multiple doses from ARC-20, a phase 1 open-label study.

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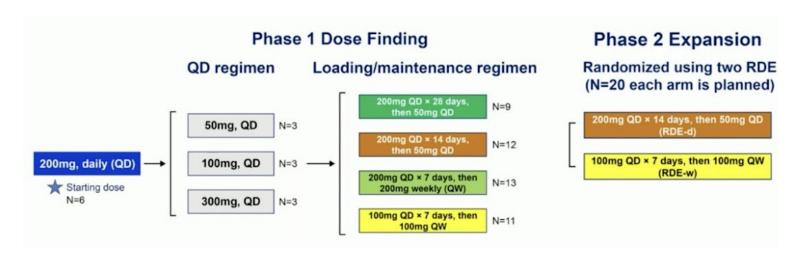
|   | Cas<br>50 mg BID<br>(n = 32 <sup>a</sup> ) | Cas<br>50 mg QD<br>(n = 28 <sup>a</sup> ) | IDMC<br>Favorable<br>(n=15)           | IMDC<br>intermediate/<br>poor/un-<br>known<br>(n=45) | Without prior<br>mTOR inhibitor<br>treatment<br>(n=51) | With prior<br>mTOR inhibitor<br>treatment<br>(n=9) |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Unconfirmed<br>ORR, % (n)<br>(95% CI)                                   | 34 (11 <sup>b</sup> )<br>(19, 53)          | 25 (7)<br>(11, 45)                        | 40 (6)<br>(16, 68)                    | 27 (12)<br>(15, 42)                                  | 31 (16)<br>(19, 46)                                    | 22 (2)<br>(3, 60)                                  |
| Confirmed ORR, % (n)<br>(95% CI)<br>Disease control rate, %<br>(95% CI) | 25 (8)<br>(11, 43)<br>81<br>(64, 93)       | 21 (6)<br>(8, 41)<br>86<br>(67, 96)       | 33 (5)<br>(12, 62)<br>93<br>(68, 100) | 20 (9)<br>(10, 35)<br>80<br>(65, 90)                 | 26 (13)<br>(14, 40)<br>82<br>(69, 92)                  | 1 (11)<br>(<1, 48)<br>89<br>(52, 100)              |

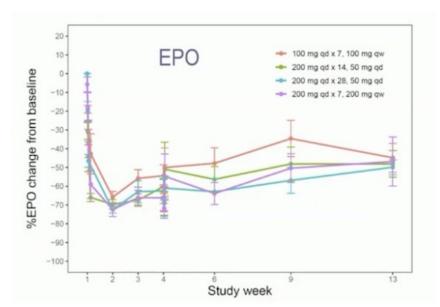
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Efficacy-evaluable pts: all pts who had measurable disease at BL, received  $\geq 1$  dose and had  $\geq 1$  post-BL efficacy assessment, or who discontinued study treatment due to progression or death. Disease control rate: ORR+SD.

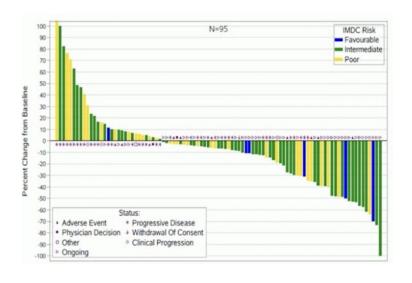


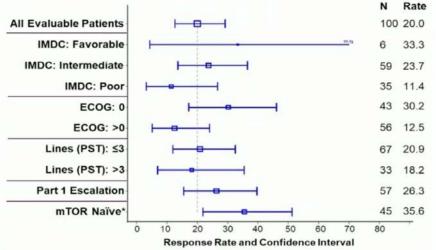
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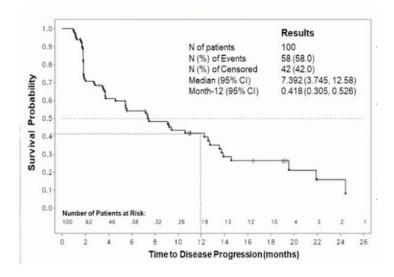
# **NKT2152 Development**











# Pharmacological and Efficacy Characteristics of HIF-2α Inhibitors

| Agent                   | t1/2    | Dosing   | Maximum EPO Suppression    | Phase | N   | ORR (%) | PD (%)        | Median PFS<br>(months) | Dose for<br>Expansion |
|-------------------------|---------|--|----------------------------|-------|-----|---------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Belzutifan<br>(MK-6482) | 14 h    | 120 mg QD  | ~60% at 120 mg<br>QD       | 3     | 746 | 22.7%   | 34%           | 5.6                    | 120 mg QD             |
| Casdatifan<br>(AB521)   | 18-24 h | 50 mg BID  | ~80% at 20 mg<br>QD        | 1     | 33  | 34.4%   | 18.8%         | Not reached            | 100 mg QD             |
| NKT2152                 | 38 d    | Loading: 100-200 mg QD (7-28 days) Maintenan ce: 50 mg QD or 100-200 mg weekly | ~72% at higher dose levels | 1     | 100 | 20%     | 28%           | 7.4                    | Not specified         |
| DFF332                  | ~85 d   | Not<br>established   | Variable*                  | 1     | 40  | 5%      | Not specified | Not specified          | Discontinued          |

Rini et al, ESMO, 2024; Choueiri et al, EOORTC-NCI-AACR Symposium, 2024; Jonasch et al, ESMO, 2024

## Conclusions

- VHL is mutated in nearly 80% of patients with clear cell RCC and drives RCC pathogenesis
- HIF-2α is a therapeutic target in RCC
- Belzutifan is FDA approved for the treatment of refractory RCC
- On pathway toxicity to belzutifan includes anemia and hypoxia
- Belzutifan is being evaluated in combination with immunotherapy and TKIs in RCC
- Other HIF-2α inhibitors are under development in RCC

- Do you recommend routine screening of VHL alterations in all patients with RCC? Which test do you generally order in your own practice germline-only testing or comprehensive genome testing using NGS?
- What is the best line of therapy for HIF-2α inhibitors (1L, 2L or 3L) for VHL-associated RCC? Should HIF-2α inhibitors be used before or after VEGF inhibitors or immunotherapy?
- What is your experience with the use of belzutifan for patients with advanced RCC without VHL alterations? How would you compare the efficacy of belzutifan to that of single-agent TKIs in advanced RCC?



- Would you prefer belzutifan over the established single-agent TKIs (eg, cabozantinib, sunitinib, axitinib) in any circumstances for sporadic RCC?
- How do the experts decide between belzutifan and tivozanib for patients with multiply relapsed RCC and no VHL alterations?
- What is the clinical data supporting the use of HIF-2α inhibitors in combination regimens?
- What are the most common side effects associated with HIF-2α inhibitors?



- How should hypoxia associated with HIF-2α inhibitors be managed? Does hypoxia reverse quickly after stopping the drug?
- Is pulmonary function testing necessary before starting HIF-2α inhibitors?
- How should anemia be managed in patients receiving HIF-2α inhibitors? How often do the experts monitor blood counts with belzutifan?



# **Agenda**

**Module 1:** Immunotherapeutic Strategies for Localized and Metastatic Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC) — Dr Hutson

**Module 2: Optimal Management of Relapsed/Refractory RCC — Dr Zhang** 

Module 3: Role of HIF-2α Inhibitors in the Treatment of Sporadic and von Hippel-Lindau-Associated RCC — Dr McKay

Module 4: Current and Future Care of Patients with Non-Clear Cell RCC

— Dr Pal



# Current & Future Care of Patients with Non-Clear Cell RCC

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# Key Takeaways

# For variant histologies of renal cell carcinoma (RCC):

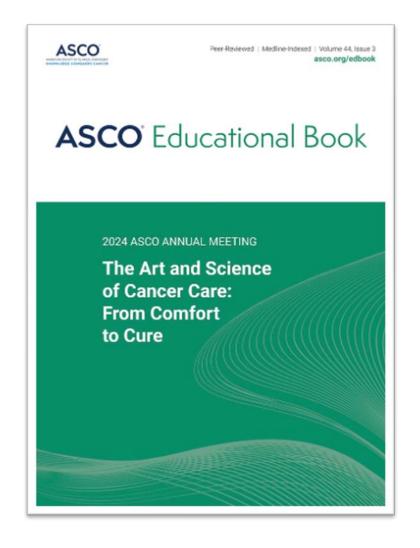
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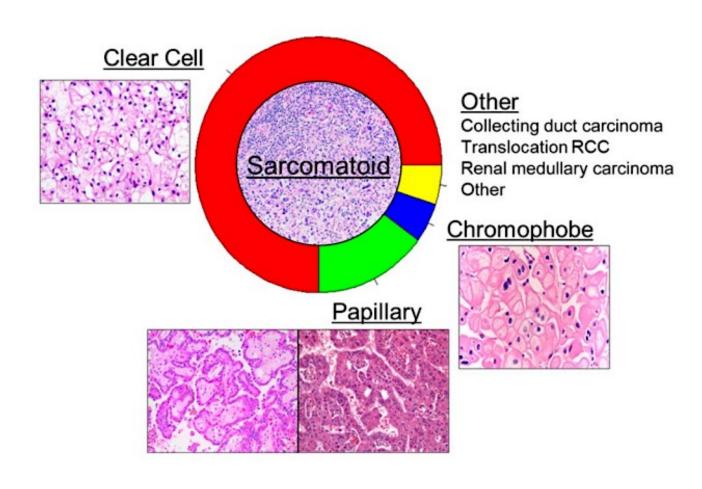
# Variant Histologies of RCC











# RCC: Hereditary Forms

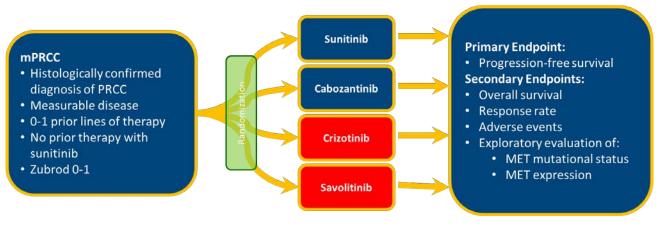




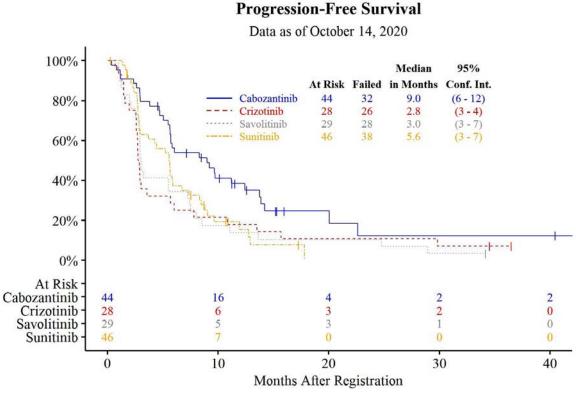
| Hereditary syndrome   | Gene involved             | Common histologies   | Inheritance pattern | Major clinical manifestations   |
|---|---------------------------|--|---------------------|---|
| von Hippel-Lindau (VHL)   | VHL                       | Clear cell   | Autosomal dominant  | Hemangioblastomas of the brain, spinal cord, retina, renal cysts, pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma, pancreatic cysts, epidydimal and broad ligament cysts |
| Birt-Hogg-Dubé (BHD)  | FLCN                      | Chromophobe, papillary, clear cell, hybrid oncocytic tumors, angiomyolipomas   | Autosomal dominant  | Cutaneous fibrofolliculoma or trichodiscoma, pulmonary cysts, spontaneous pneumothorax  |
| Formerly, hereditary<br>leiomyomatosis and renal cell<br>cancer (HLRCC) | FH                        | FH-deficient RCC   | Autosomal dominant  | Leiomyomas of the skin and uterus, PET-positive adrenal adenomas, aggressive RCC tumors   |
| Hereditary paraganglioma pheochromocytoma (PGL/PCC) syndrome            | SDHA, SDHB, SDHC,<br>SDHD | SDH-deficient RCC  | Autosomal dominant  | Paraganglioma of head and neck, adrenal or extra-adrenal pheochromocytoma, gastrointestinal stromal tumors  |
| Tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC)  | TSC1, TSC2                | Clear cell, papillary,<br>chromophobe unclassified,<br>benign renal oncocytoma | Autosomal dominant  | Angiomyolipoma, simple and complex renal cysts, oncocytoma, eosinophilic solid and cystic RCC, RCC of fibromyomatous stroma                                 |
| Hereditary papillary renal carcinoma (HPRC)                             | MET                       | Papillary  | Autosomal dominant  | Bilateral, multifocal renal cell tumors   |
| BAP1 tumor predisposition syndrome (TPDS)                               | BAP1                      | Clear cell   | Autosomal dominant  | Kidney cancer, mesothelioma, melanoma of skin or uvea   |

# Papillary RCC: Randomized Data

#### **SWOG 1500: PAPMET**

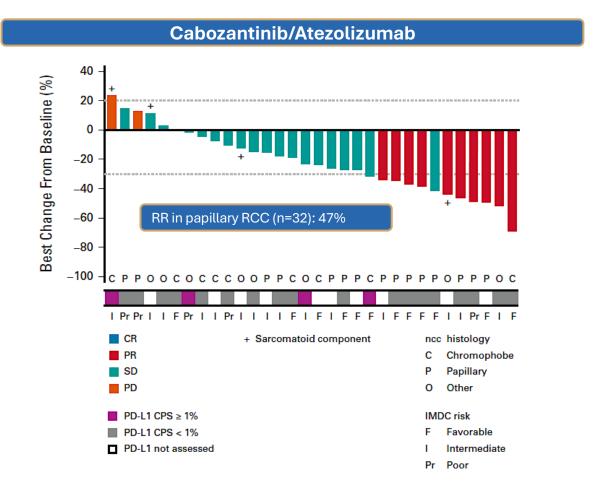


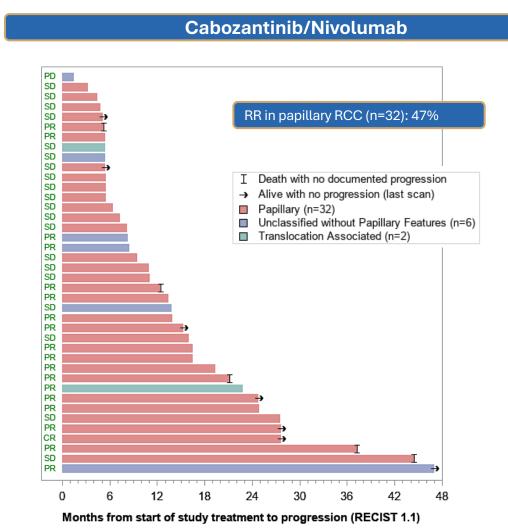
- Study showed PFS advantage with cabozantinib over sunitinib (9.0 v 5.6 mos; 1-sided P=0.019)
- No overall survival advantage
- Is cabozantinib the standard of care?



# Papillary RCC: Single-Arm Studies





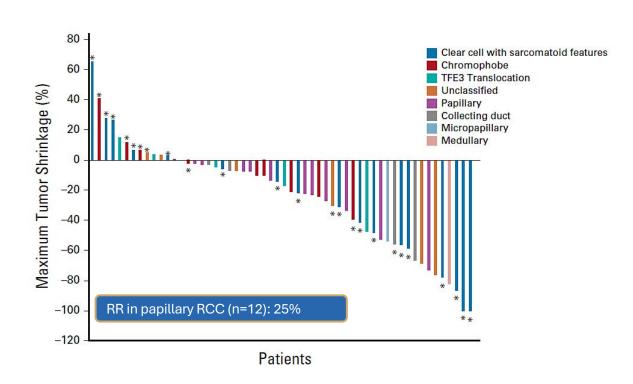


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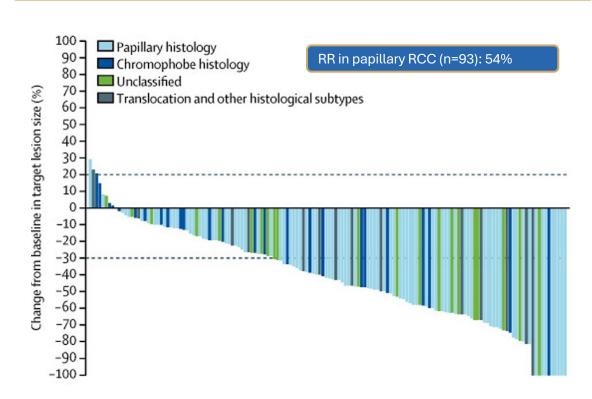




#### Bevacizumab/Atezolizumab



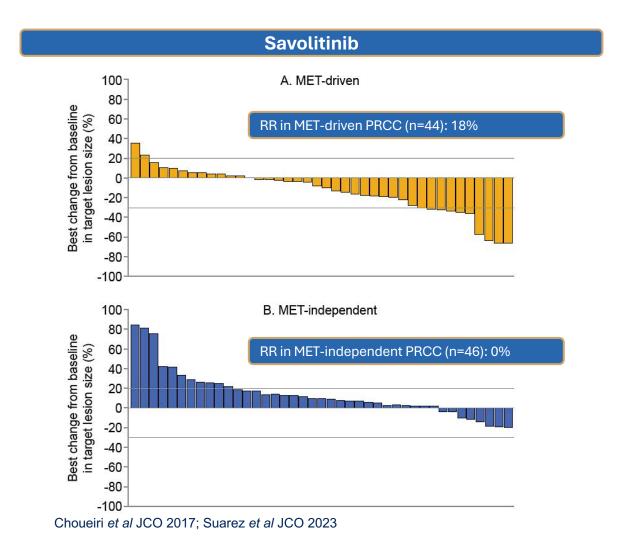
#### Lenvatinib/Pembrolizumab

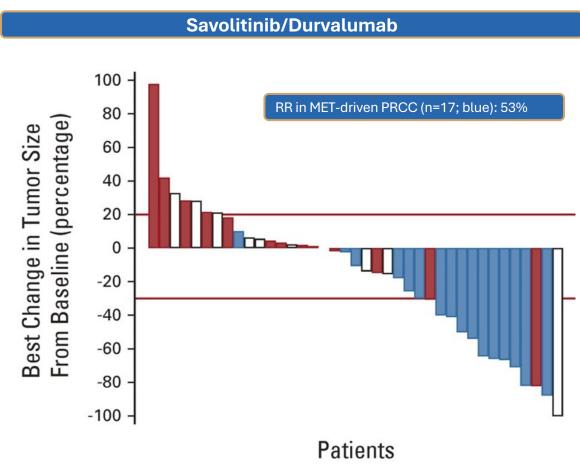


# Papillary RCC: Single-Arm Studies









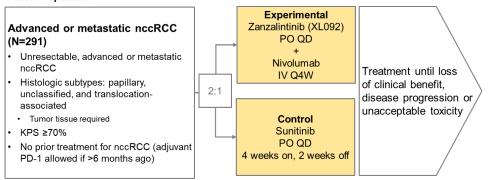
# Papillary RCC: Ongoing Studies

#### S2200/PAPMET2 (NCT05411081; PIs: Maughan/Pal)



#### STELLAR-304 (NCT05678673; PIs: Pal/Suarez)

#### **Patient Population**



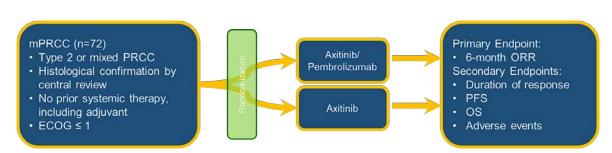
#### Stratification

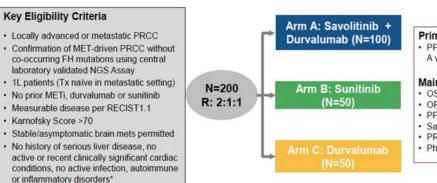
- Histologic subtype
- IMDC Risk Group

#### Study Endpoints

- Primary: PFS and ORR by BIRC
- Secondary: OS

#### PAXIPEM (NCT05096390; PI: Negrier)





#### Primary Endpoint

 PFS by BICR per RECIST 1.1 (Arm. A vs. B)

#### Main Secondary Endpoints

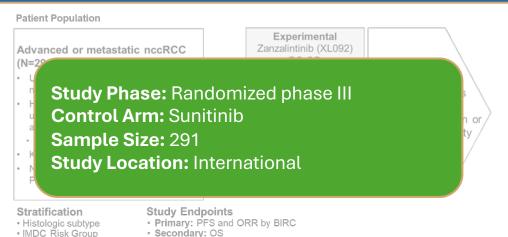
- ORR. DoR. DCR by BICR
- PFS2
- Safety
- PRO/HRQoL
- Pharmacokinetics

#### SAMETA (NCT05043090; PIs: Choueiri/Powles)

# Papillary RCC: Ongoing Studies

# S2200/PAPMET2 (NCT05411081; PIs: Maughan/Pal) MPRCC • Histologically diagnosis of expression of the No prior IO expression o

#### STELLAR-304 (NCT05678673; PIs: Pal/Suarez)



# mPRCC (n=72 • Type 2 or mi • Histological central reviet • No prior syst including adj • ECOG ≤ 1 mPRCC (n=72 • Type 2 or mi • Histological central reviet • No prior syst including adj • ECOG ≤ 1 mt: R control Arm: Axitinib Sample Size: 72 Study Location: France

#### SAMETA (NCT05043090; PIs: Choueiri/Powles)



## Zanzalintinib

#### Single-Agent Dose Escalation Cohorts (n=49)

 Inoperable, locally advanced, metastatic, or recurrent solid tumor treated with zanzalintinib 10–140 mg QD

> Recommended Dose: Zanzalintinib 100 mg QD<sup>1,a</sup>

#### ccRCC Expansion Cohort (N=32)

- Advanced, metastatic, or recurrent RCC with a clear cell histology (sarcomatoid features permitted)
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Received 1–3 prior systemic anticancer therapies

Zanzalintinib is an oral TKI targeting VEGFR, MET, and TAM kinases

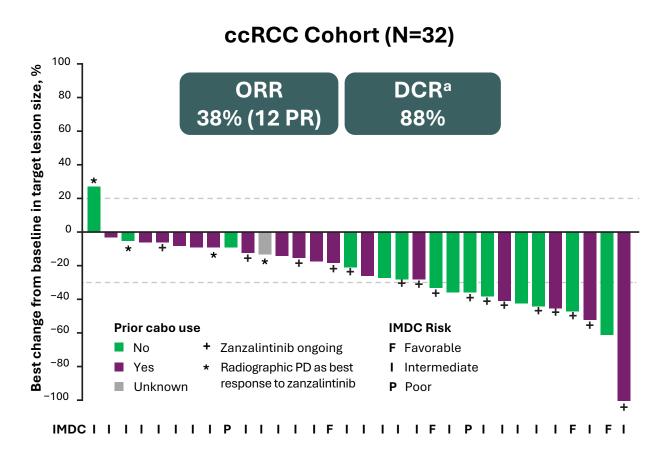
- Primary Endpoints: ORR and PFS rate at 6 months per RECIST v1.1 by investigator
- Secondary Endpoint: Safety

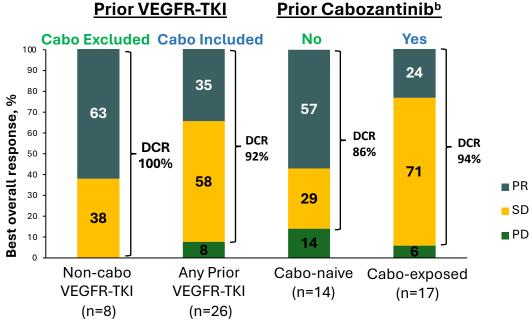
Safety

 Exploratory Endpoints: PFS and DOR per RECIST v1.1 by investigator; OS

1. Sharma M, et al. Ann Oncol. 2022;33(7\_suppl):Abstract 481P. \*Treatment until lack of clinical benefit or unacceptable toxicity; treatment post-progression allowed if there was clinical benefit per the investigator.

## Zanzalintinib





Three of the four cabo-exposed patients who responded to zanzalintinib had discontinued prior cabozantinib due to disease progression

Data cutoff: June 10, 2023.

<sup>a</sup>DCR is defined as proportion of patients with a best overall response of confirmed CR/PR or any single best response of SD. <sup>b</sup>Cabo exposure was unknown for 1 patient.

# Zanzalintinib: STELLAR-304

#### **Patient Population**

# Advanced or metastatic nccRCC (N=291)

- Unresectable, advanced or metastatic nccRCC
- Histologic subtypes: papillary, unclassified, and translocationassociated
  - · Tumor tissue required
- KPS ≥70%
- No prior treatment for nccRCC (adjuvant PD-1 allowed if >6 months ago)

# Experimental Zanzalintinib (XL092) PO QD + Nivolumab IV Q4W 2:1 Control Sunitinib

Treatment until loss of clinical benefit, disease progression or unacceptable toxicity

PO QD 4 weeks on, 2 weeks off

#### Stratification

- Histologic subtype
- IMDC Risk Group

#### **Study Endpoints**

- Primary: PFS and ORR by BIRC
- Secondary: OS

# Papillary RCC: Current Standard?

01/04/2023

Dear Sumanta Pal,

The request for 40 MG TABLET has been denied.

Per NCCN guideline, Cabozantinib and Sunitinib is mentioned as preferred regimens. Please try treatment with Sunitinib prior to Cabometyx. Sunitnib is a preferred medication in plan.

Please send a confirmation and/or begin the PA process for the recommended medication regimen before prescribing the medication(s) to your patient.

If your patient has already tried/failed, had an inadequate response, and/or has contraindications to the medication(s) listed above, please provide all pertinent records.

If you would like to appeal this determination, please write a letter of medical necessity, and submit medical records substantiating the need for the requested drug explicitly, including but not limited to failure of all recommended formulary alternatives, clinical rationale to skip step therapy, contraindications, and/or other reasons the patient cannot tolerate alternative treatment options.

Approval will not be considered without sufficient documentation.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



| Recommendations  | Strength rating |
|--|-----------------|
| Offer cabozantinib to patients with papillary RCC (pRCC) based on a positive randomised controlled trial.                  | Weak            |
| Offer lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab or nivolumab plus cabozantinib to patients with pRCC based on small single-arm trials. | Weak            |



| ı | Recommendations  | Strength rating |
|---|--|-----------------|
|   | Offer sunitinib to patients with other non-clear cell renal cell carcinoma (cc-RCC) subtypes than papillary RCC. | Weak            |
| ı | Offer lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab to patients with non-ccRCC subtypes.   | Weak            |
|   | Offer cabozantinib and nivolumab to patients with non-ccRCC subtypes other than chromophobe RCC.                 | weak            |



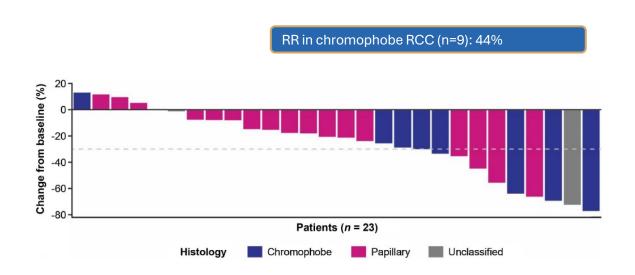
Weak recommendations typically indicate availability of lower quality evidence, and/or equivocal balance between benefit and harm, and uncertainty or variability of patient preference

# Chromophobe RCC

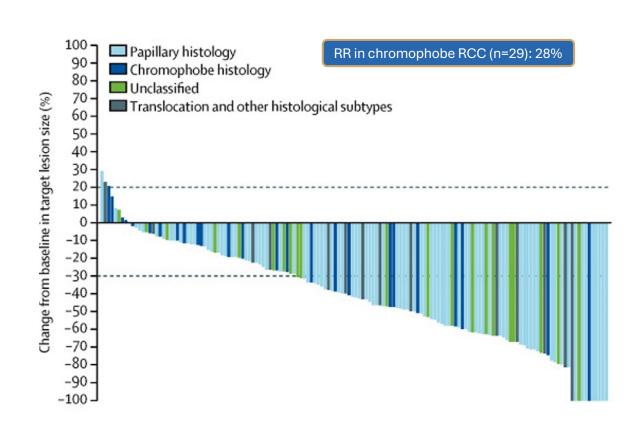




#### Lenvatinib/Everolimus



#### Lenvatinib/Pembrolizumab

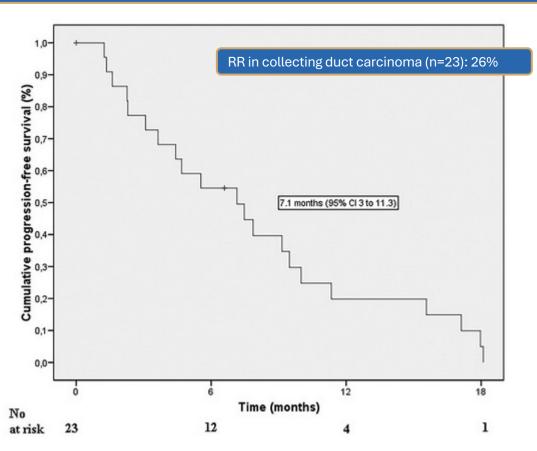


# Collecting Duct Carcinoma

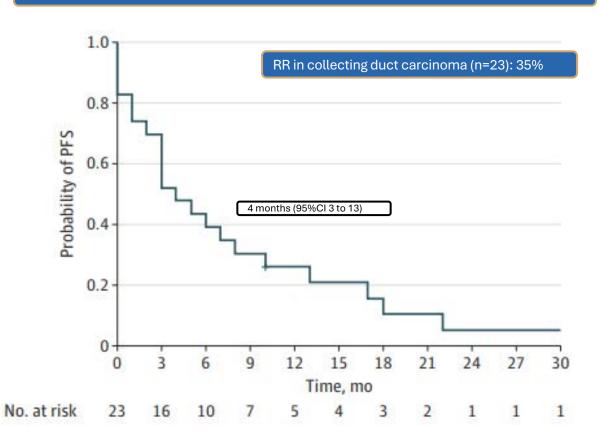




#### **Cisplatin or Carboplatin with Gemcitabine**



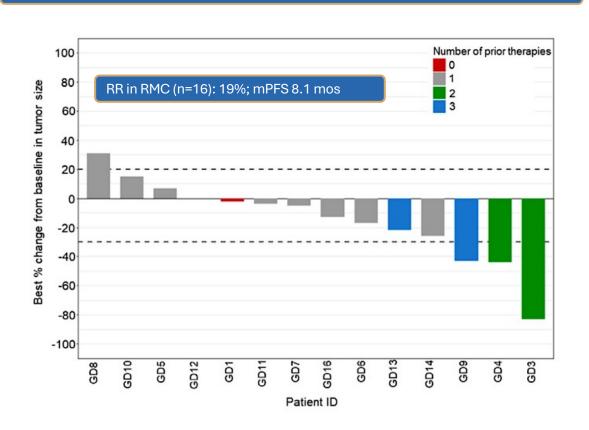
#### Cabozantinib



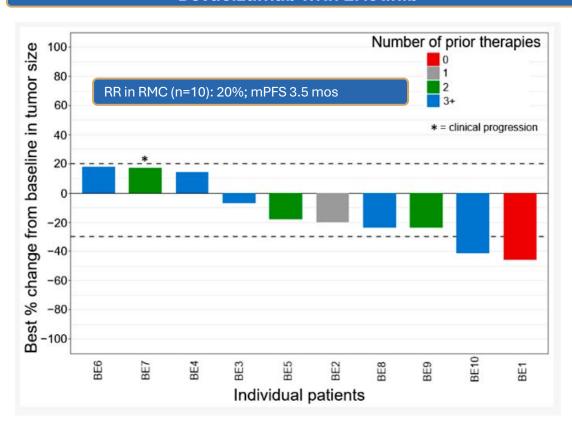
# Renal Medullary Carcinoma



#### **Doxorubicin with Gemcitabine**



#### **Bevacizumab with Erlotinib**



# Renal Medullary Carcinoma



**Treatment Algorithm (Courtesy of Pavlos Msaouel, MD)** 

#### 1<sup>st</sup> line therapy:

Platinum-based chemotherapy (ORR 29%; durable CR in up to 5% of patients)

Msaouel et al GGU 2019

#### 2nd line therapy:

Gemcitabine + doxorubicin

Wilson et al CGU 2021

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> line therapy:

EGFR targeting regimens

Wiele et al Cancers 2021

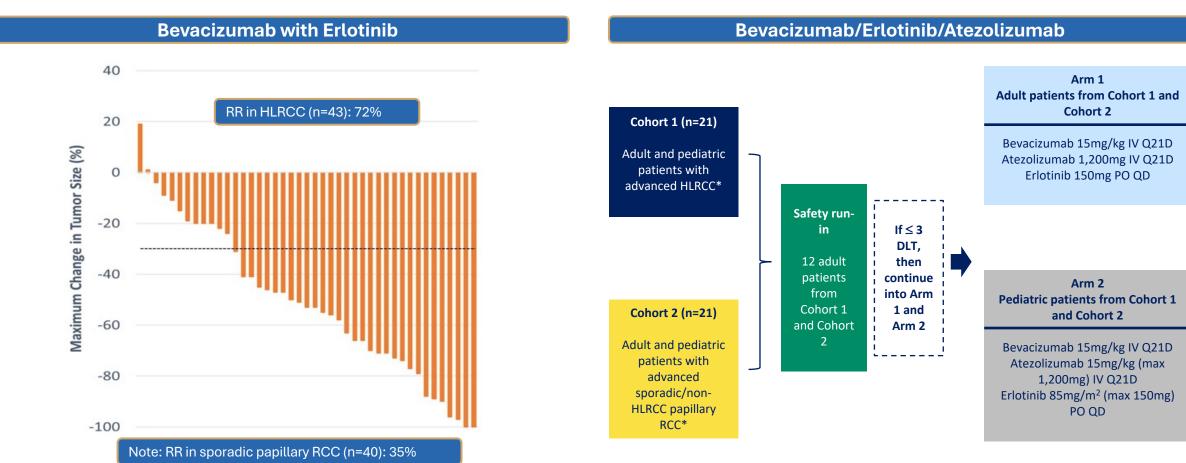
#### **Definitive chemoradiation:**

A potentially curative option in selected patients with oligoprogressive or oligometastatic RMC

Mbilinyi et al CGU 2024

# Hereditary Leiomyomatosis & RCC (HLRCC)





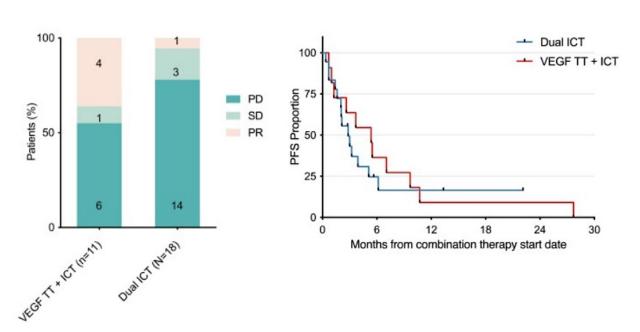
### Translocation RCC

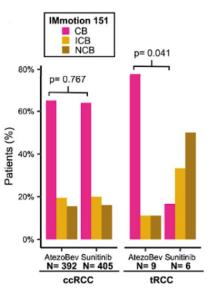


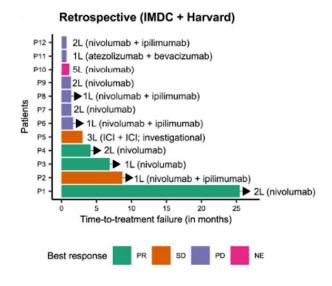


#### **Retrospective data from 11 centers**

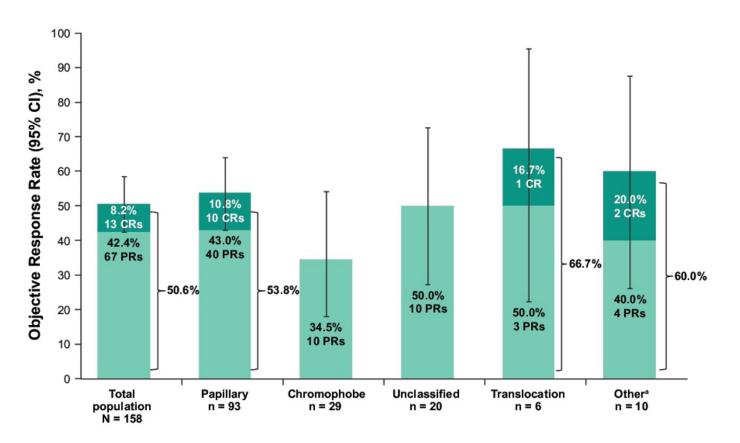
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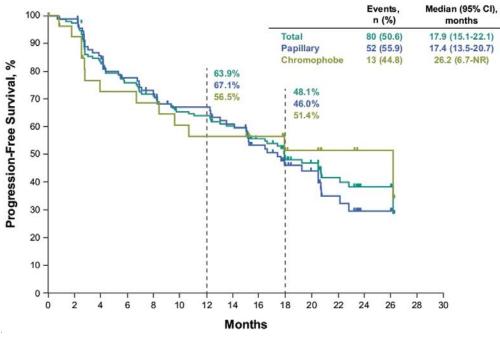


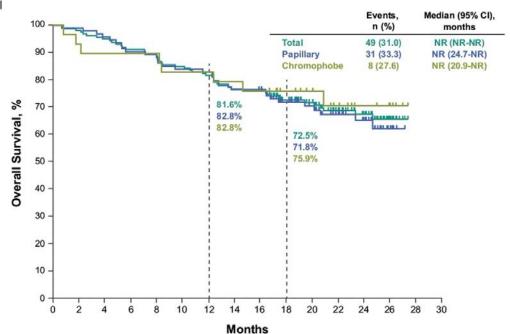




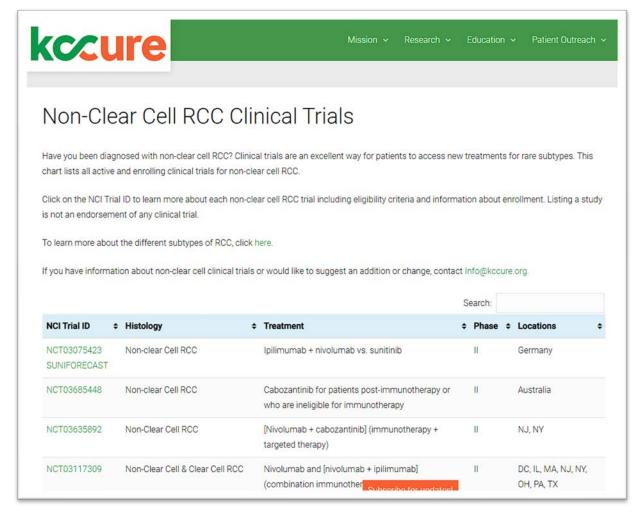
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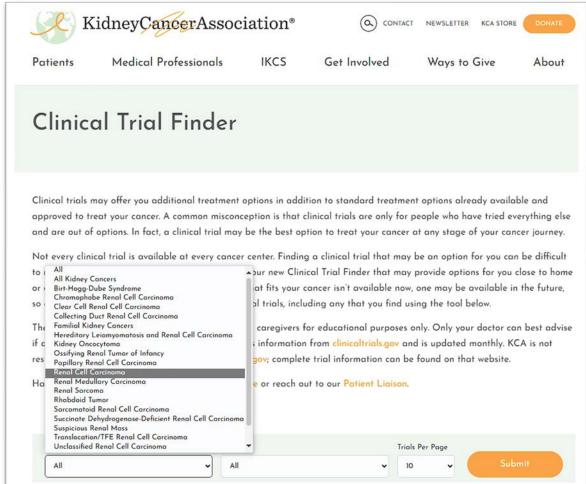






## How to find trials?





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#### **Questions from General Medical Oncologists**

- I would appreciate a general overview of preferred treatment approaches for non-clear cell RCC. This is such a diverse group of RCC. How does one determine optimal treatment in the metastatic setting? What other factors are key in the decision-making process other than histology, TMB/MSI, etc?
- I tend to follow guidelines for ccRCC in treating nccRCC. Is this reasonable? How does your approach to nccRCC differ from your approach to ccRCC?
- Which initial therapy would you recommend for a 64 y/o patient with metastatic papillary RCC?



#### **Questions from General Medical Oncologists**

- What treatment should we start with for some of the uncommon pathologies, like chromophobe RCC, renal medullary carcinoma or collecting duct carcinoma?
- Are IO-TKI combos just as effective in non-clear cell RCC as they are in clear cell disease? Do any of these combinations stand out?
- The lenvatinib/pembro data appear impressive. Is it the regimen investigators consider as first-line therapy in the management of metastatic non-clear cell RCC? If so, what is the best second-line therapy after lenvatinib/pembro?



#### **Questions from General Medical Oncologists**

- Where does TKI monotherapy fit into nccRCC management? How do the data with cabozantinib in papillary disease indirectly compare to the various IO combinations? Who is the ideal candidate for this approach?
- We need more trials for this group. I would love to have an overview of new drugs in the pipeline that will improve patient care.
- Does adjuvant pembrolizumab benefit patients with other types of RCC (eg, papillary, translocation-associated)?



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