

# What's new in RCC and implications for patients in Canada

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## Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, participants will:

- Review key scientific & clinical data from ESMO and implications for management of RCC in Canada
- Discuss new HC approvals and implications for management of advanced RCC
- Debate optimal RCC treatment sequence in light of new data and recent HC approvals



# Updates in mRCC & implications for patients in Canada

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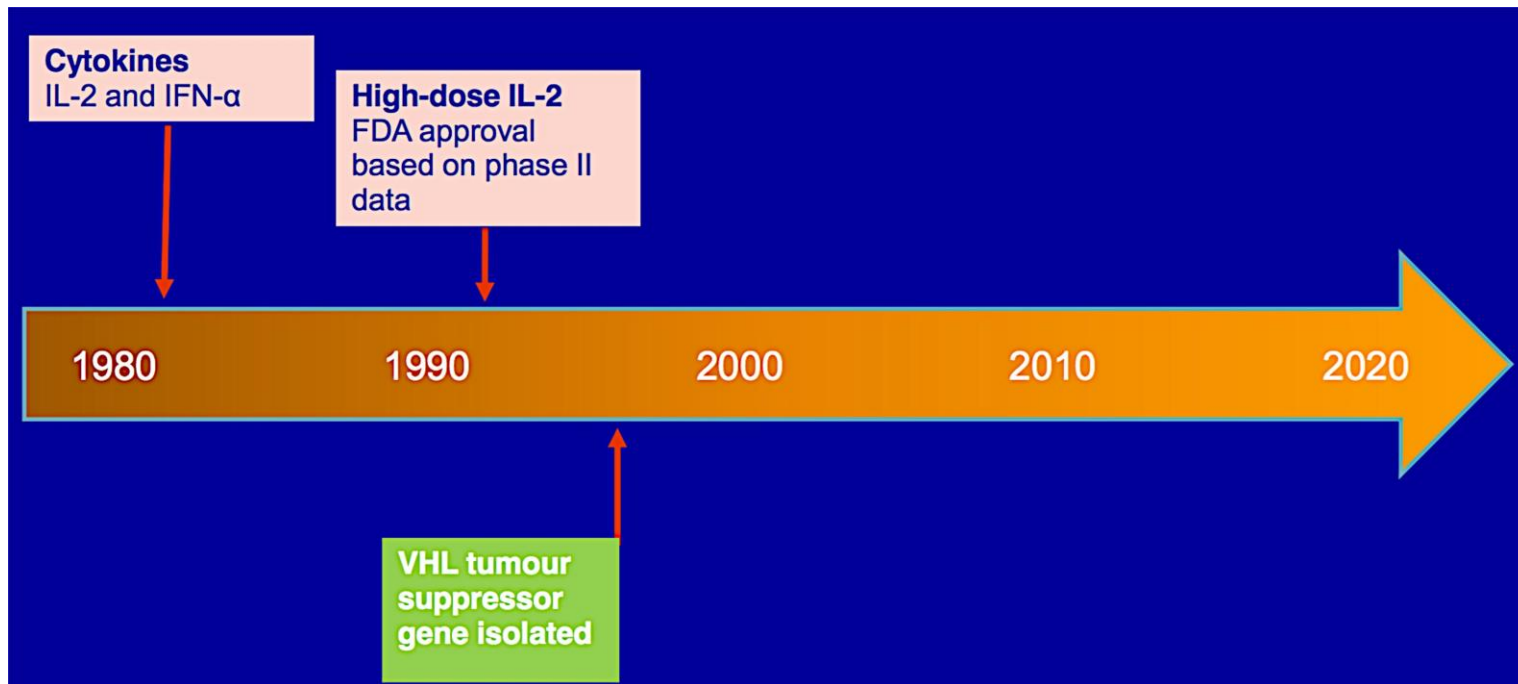
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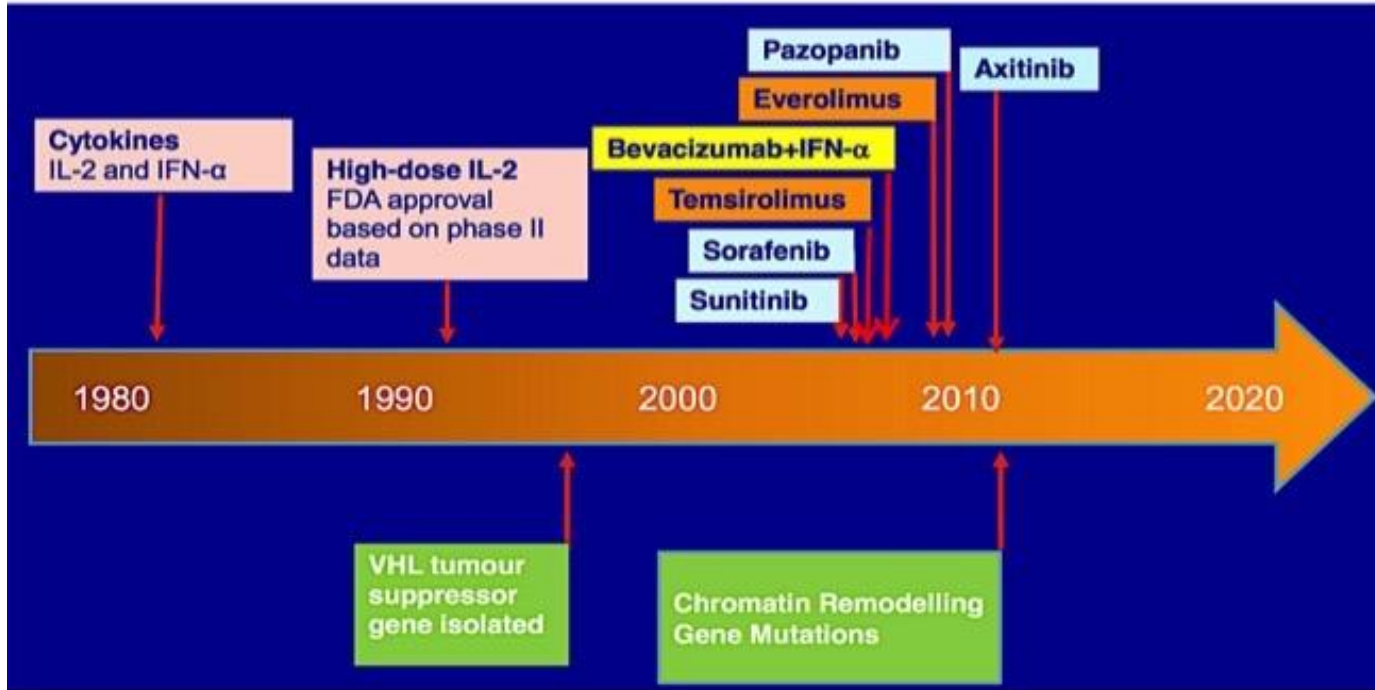
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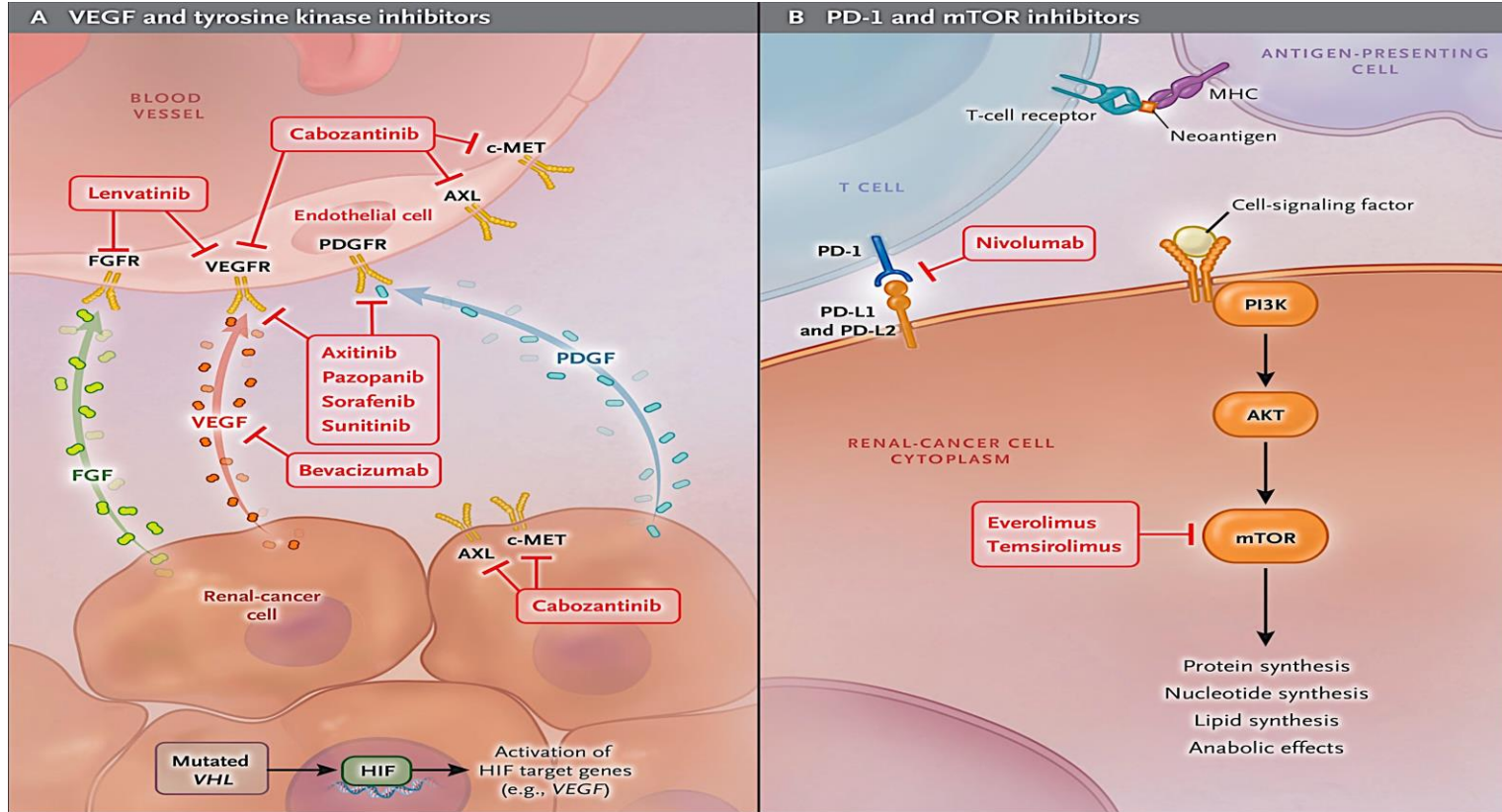
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# Molecular pathways and newer agents



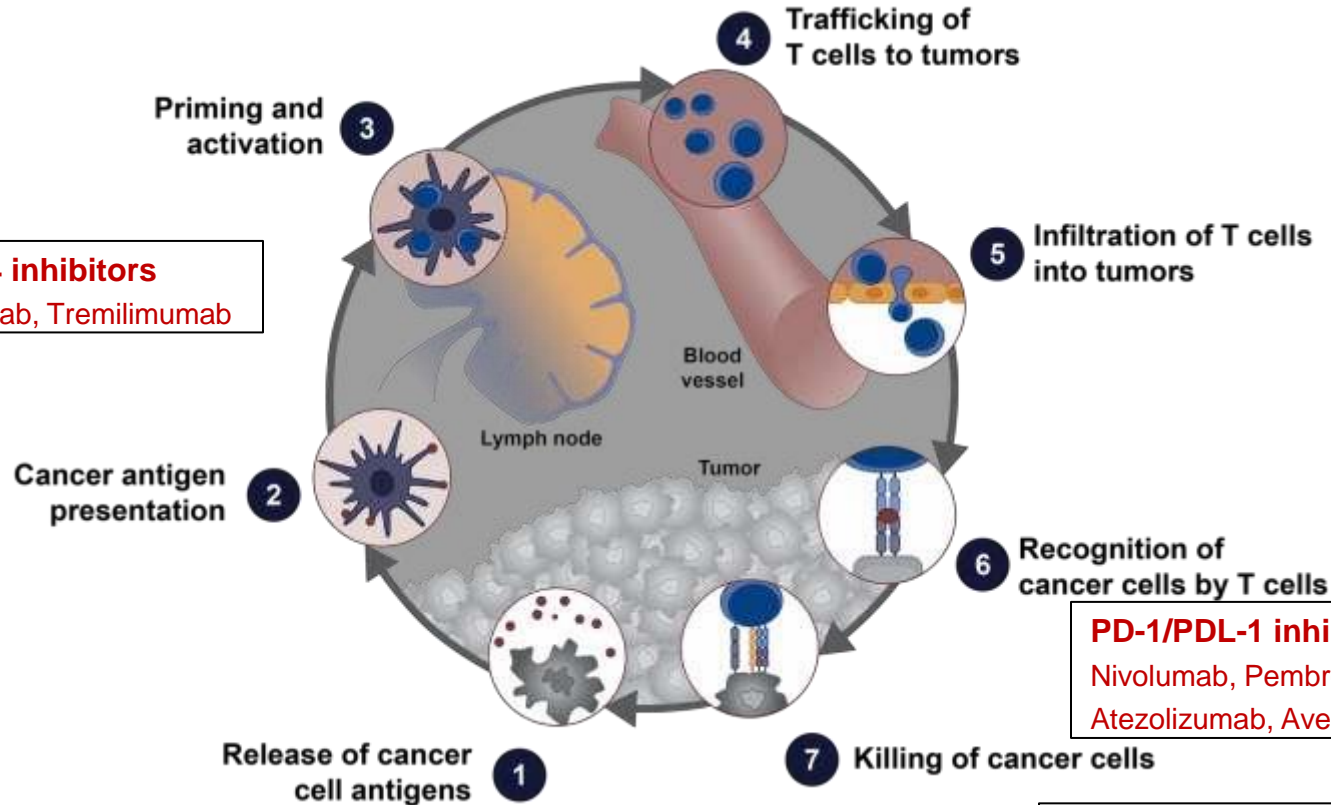


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# RECENT DATA ON 1L TREATMENT OF METASTATIC RENAL CELL CARCINOMA

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# Synergistic strategies with immunotherapy



# CheckMate 214: Study design

## Patients

- Untreated advanced or metastatic clear-cell RCC
- Measurable disease
- KPS  $\geq 70\%$
- Tumor tissue available for PD-L1 testing
- Excluded CNS mets, autoimmune disease

Randomize 1:1

### Stratified by

- IMDC prognostic score (0 vs 1–2 vs 3–6)
- Region (US vs Canada/Europe vs Rest of World)

## Treatment

### Arm A

3 mg/kg nivolumab IV +  
1 mg/kg ipilimumab IV Q3W  
x 4 doses, then  
3 mg/kg nivolumab IV Q2W

### Arm B

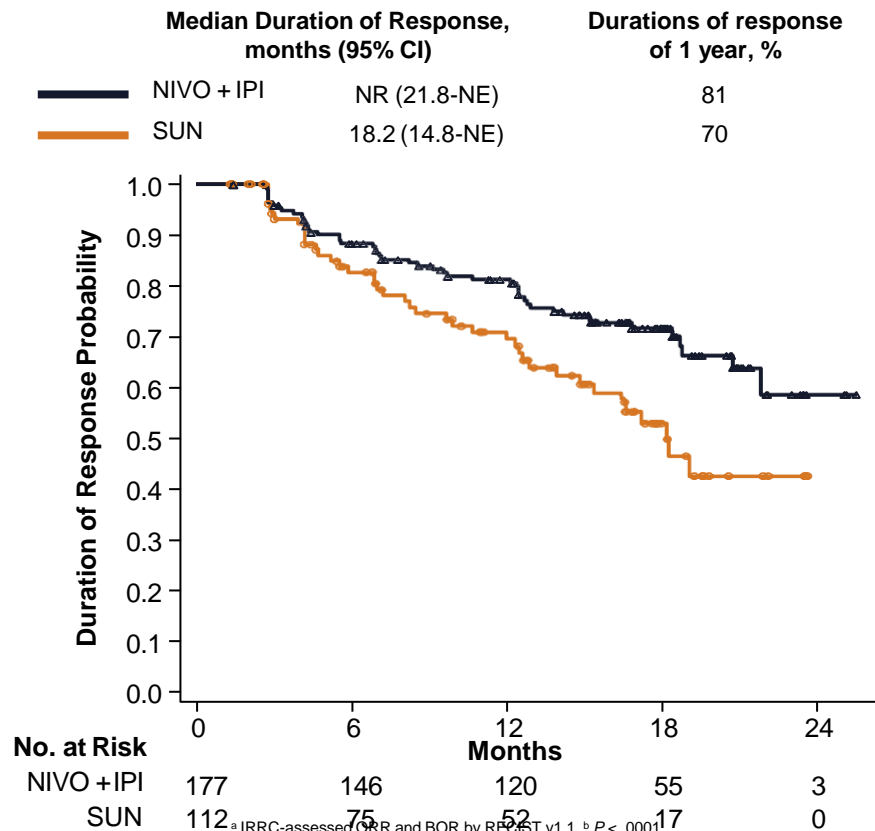
50 mg sunitinib orally once  
daily for 4 weeks  
(6-week cycles)

Treatment until  
progression or  
unacceptable  
toxicity

# CheckMate 214: ORR per IRRC

## IMDC Intermediate-/Poor-Risk Patients<sup>1</sup>

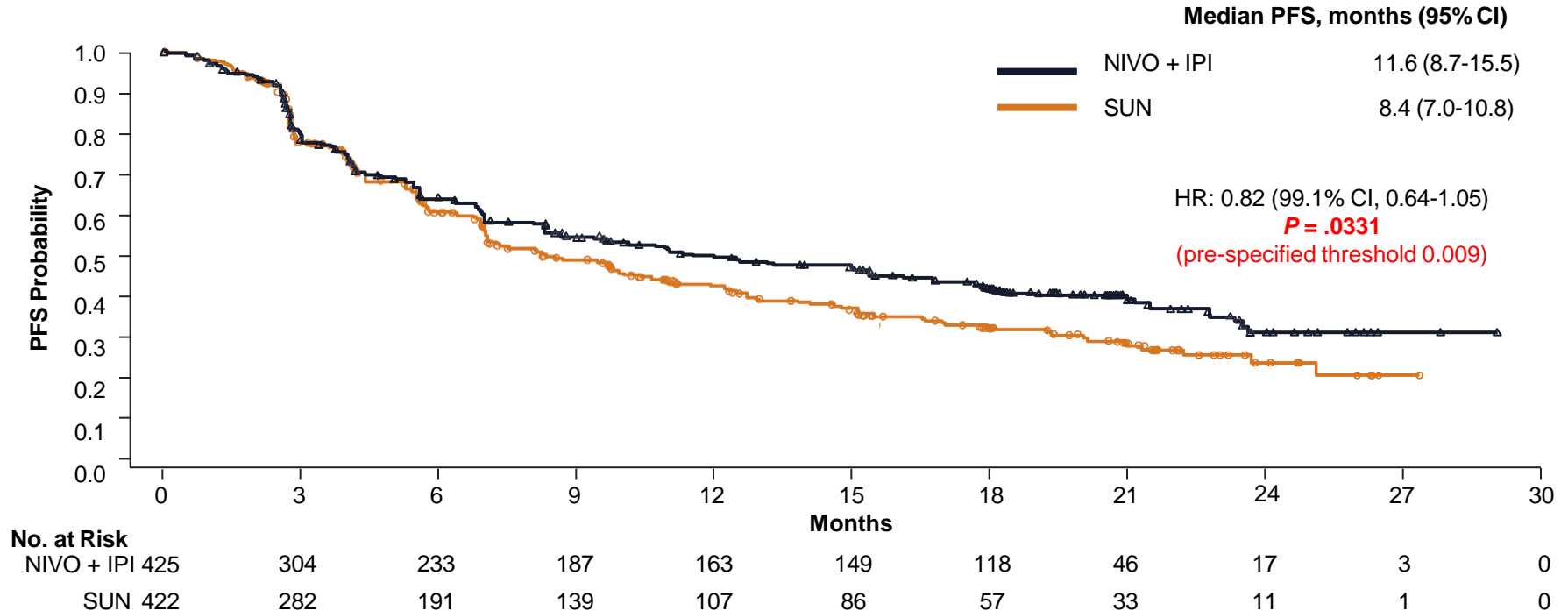
Outcome	NIVO + IPI N = 425	SUN N = 422
Confirmed ORR, <sup>a</sup> % (95% CI)	42 (37-47)	27 (22-31)
	$P < .0001$	
Confirmed BOR, <sup>a</sup> %		
Complete response	9 <sup>b</sup>	1 <sup>b</sup>
Partial response	32	25
Stable disease	31	45
Progressive disease	20	17
Unable to determine/ not reported	8	12



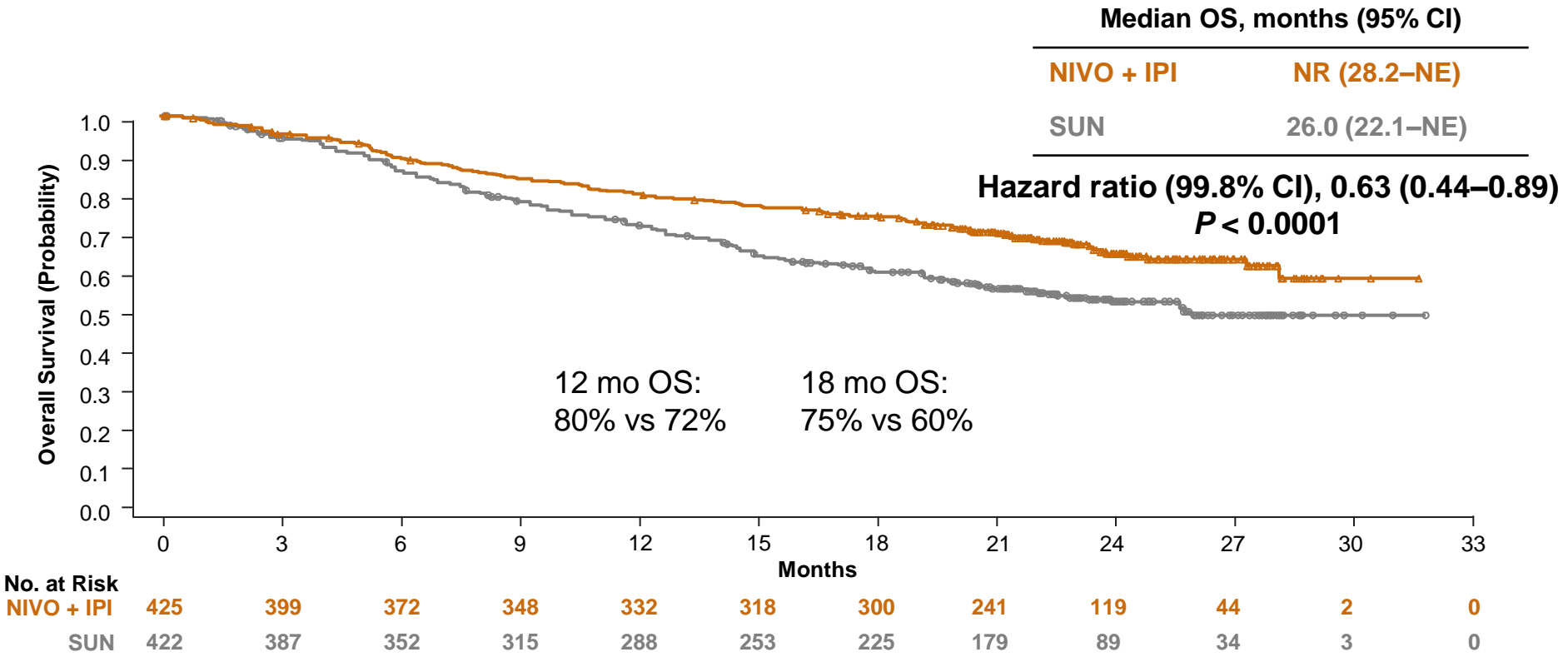
<sup>a</sup> IRRC-assessed ORR and BOR by RECIST v1.1. <sup>b</sup>  $P < .0001$ .  
1. Escudier B et al. ESMO 2017. Abstract LBA5.

# CheckMate 214: PFS per IRRC

## IMDC Intermediate-/Poor-Risk Patients<sup>1</sup>



# OS: IMDC intermediate/poor risk



# Quality of Life in Patients With Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma in the Randomized, Open-Label CheckMate 214 Trial

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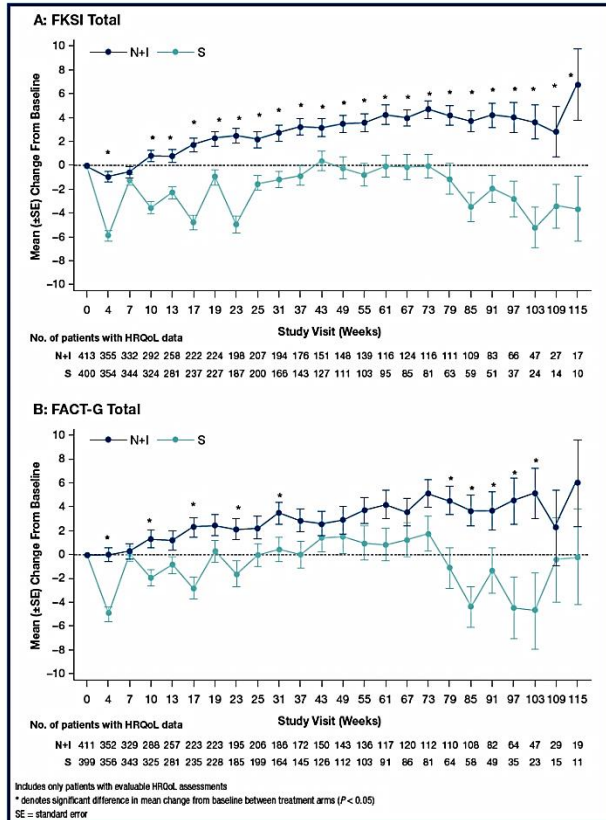
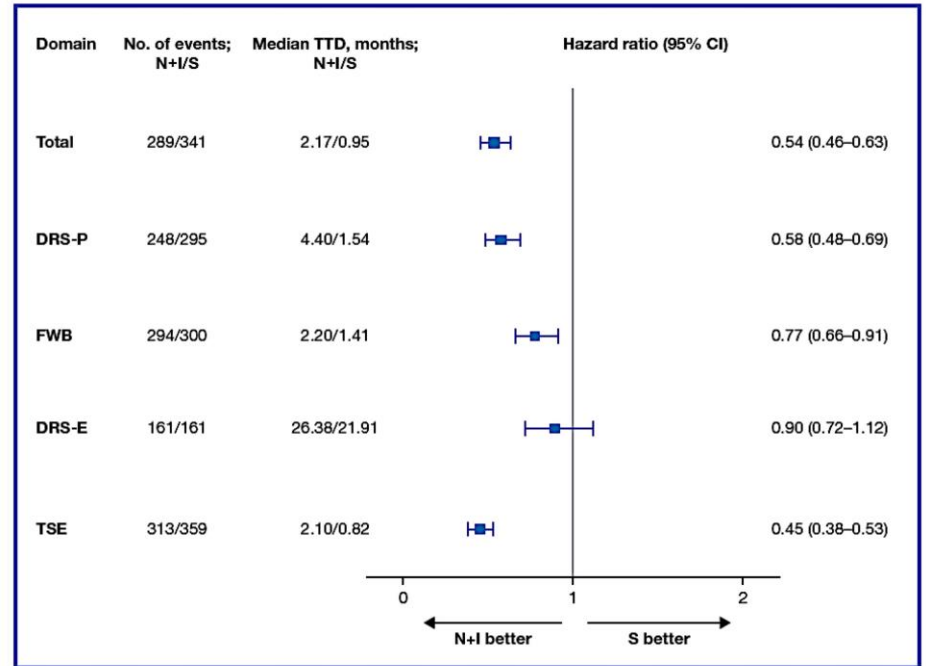


Figure 2. TTD in FKSI-19 scores



# CheckMate 214: Treatment-Related Adverse Events

Event, %	NIVO + IPI N = 547		SUN N = 535	
	Any Grade	Grades 3-5	Any Grade	Grades 3-5 <sup>a</sup>
TRAEs in ≥25% of patients	93	46	97	63
Fatigue	37	4	49	9
Pruritus	28	<1	9	0
Diarrhea	27	4	52	5
Nausea	20	2	38	1
Hypothyroidism	16	<1	25	<1
Decreased appetite	14	1	25	1
Dysgeusia	6	0	33	<1
Stomatitis	4	0	28	3
Hypertension	2	<1	40	16
Mucosal inflammation	2	0	28	3
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	1	0	43	9
<b>TRAEs leading to discontinuation, %</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Treatment-related deaths</b>	<b>n = 8<sup>b</sup></b>		<b>n = 4<sup>c</sup></b>	

**60% of patients treated with NIVO + IPI required systemic corticosteroids for an adverse event**

<sup>a</sup> Two patients had grade 5 cardiac arrest. <sup>b</sup> Pneumonitis, immune-mediated bronchitis, lower GI hemorrhage, hemophagocytic syndrome, sudden death, liver toxicity, and lung infection. <sup>c</sup> Cardiac arrest (n = 2), heart failure and multiple organ failure.

1. Escudier B et al. ESMO 2017. Abstract LBA5.

NEJM: "Of 436 with TRAE (select, immune-mediated), 152 required steroids (35%)"



# ORR and PFS: IMDC favorable risk

	N = 249 <sup>a</sup>	
	NIVO + IPI N = 125	SUN N = 124
-89% PD-L1 < 1% (vs 71-74% in Int/Poor risk)		
Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)	29 (21–38)	52 (43–61)
- CR rate 11% N/I vs 6% SU	P = 0.0002	
PFS, median (95% CI), months	15.3 (9.7–20.3)	25.1 (20.9–NE)
	HR (99.1% CI) 2.18 (1.29–3.68)	
	P < 0.0001	

OS (only 37 deaths total): 12 month 94 vs 96%, 18 month 88% vs 93%, HR 1.45, p=0.27

# IMmotion 151 Phase III study

## Key Eligibility:

- Treatment-naïve advanced or metastatic RCC
- Clear cell and/or sarcomatoid histology
- KPS  $\geq$  70
- Tumor tissue available for PD-L1 staining

## Stratification:

- MSKCC risk score
- Liver metastases
- PD-L1 IC IHC status (< 1% vs  $\geq$  1%)<sup>a</sup>

N = 915

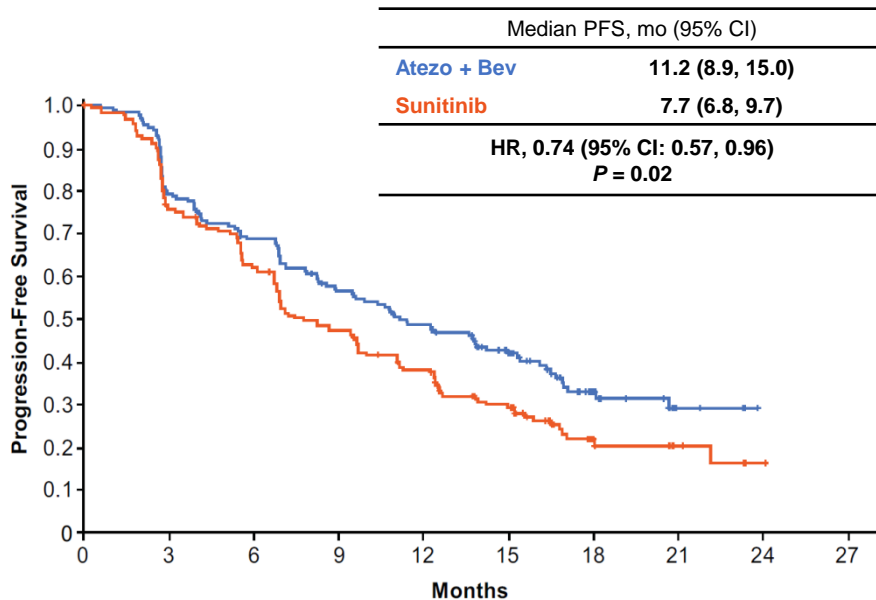
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Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV q3w<sup>b</sup>  
+  
Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg IV q3w<sup>b</sup>

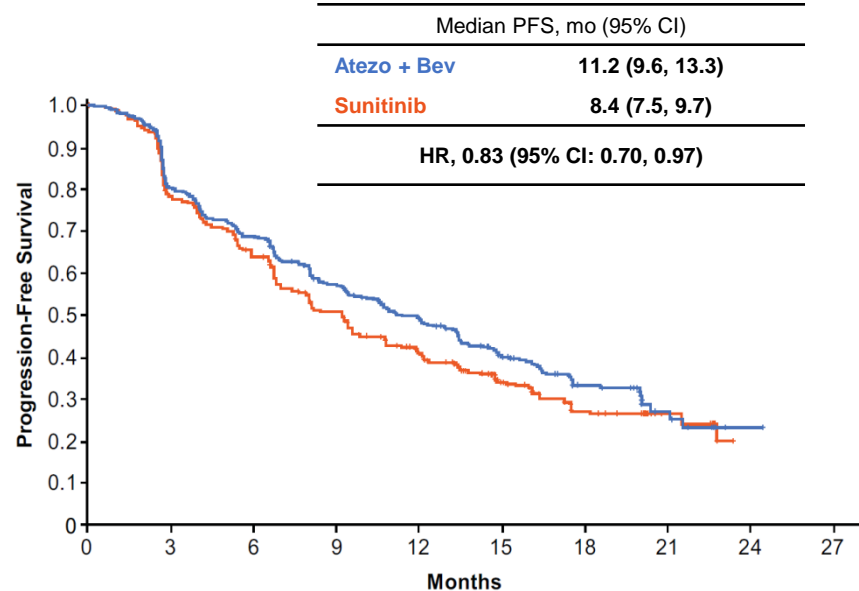
Sunitinib 50 mg/day orally  
(4 wk on, 2 wk off)

<sup>a</sup>  $\geq$  1% IC: 40% prevalence using SP142 IHC assay; <sup>b</sup> No dose reduction for atezolizumab or bevacizumab.

# PFS IN PD-L1+



# PFS IN ITT



No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Atezo + Bev	178	137	117	94	79	55	22	5	
Sunitinib	184	135	110	83	64	44	15	7	1

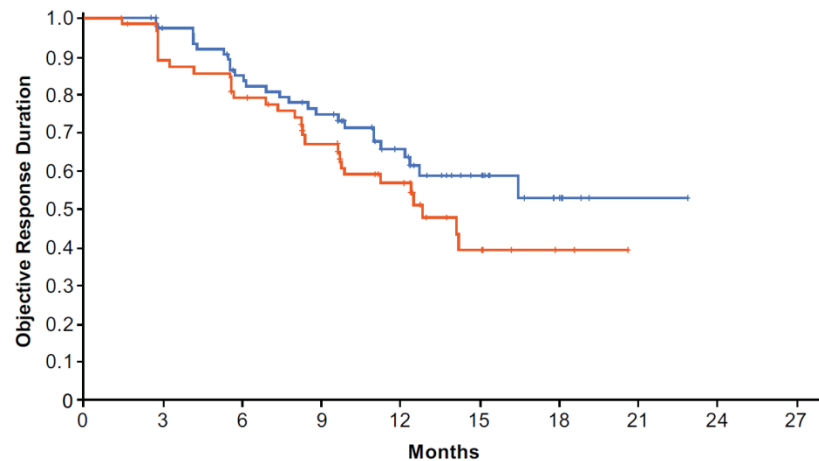
No. at Risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
Atezo + Bev	454	355	294	236	196	126	57	15	1
Sunitinib	461	346	281	211	166	105	42	14	1

PFS assessed by investigators. Minimum follow-up, 12 mo. Median follow-up, 15 mo.

# OBJECTIVE RESPONSE RATE

	PD-L1+	
	Atezo + Bev n = 178	Sunitinib n = 184
<b>Confirmed ORR, % 95% CI</b>	<b>43% (35, 50)</b>	<b>35% (28, 42)</b>
<b>Complete response</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Partial response</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Stable disease</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Progressive disease</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Not evaluable<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>10%</b>

PD-L1+	Median DOR, mo (95% CI)	Ongoing Responders, n (%)
<b>Atezo + Bev</b>	<b>NR (12.4, NR)</b>	<b>49 (65%)</b>
<b>Sunitinib</b>	<b>12.9 (9.8, NR)</b>	<b>34 (53%)</b>



No. at Risk	Months							
Atezo + Bev	76	71	60	47	31	15	6	1
Sunitinib	64	55	48	37	25	9	2	

NR, not reached. <sup>a</sup> Including patients with no post-baseline tumor assessment. ORR assessed by investigators in patients with measurable disease at baseline. Minimum follow-up, 12 mo. Median follow-up, 15 mo.

# PFS AND ORR BY INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC)

	PD-L1+		PD-L1 <sup>-a</sup>		ITT	
	Atezo + Bev n = 178	Sunitinib n = 184	Atezo + Bev n = 276	Sunitinib n = 277 <sup>b</sup>	Atezo + Bev n = 454	Sunitinib n = 461
<b>Median PFS, mo (95% CI)</b>	8.9 (6.9, 12.5)	7.2 (6.1, 11.1)	11.0 (8.3, 13.3)	8.4 (7.4, 10.1)	9.6 (8.3, 11.5)	8.3 (7.0, 9.7)
<b>Stratified HR (95% CI)</b>	0.93 (0.72, 1.21)		0.84 (0.67, 1.04)		0.88 (0.74, 1.04)	
<b>Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)</b>	36% (29, 44)	33% (26, 40)	32% (26, 37)	30% (25, 36)	33% (29, 38)	31% (27, 36)
<b>CR rate</b>	15%	8%	8%	6%	11%	7%

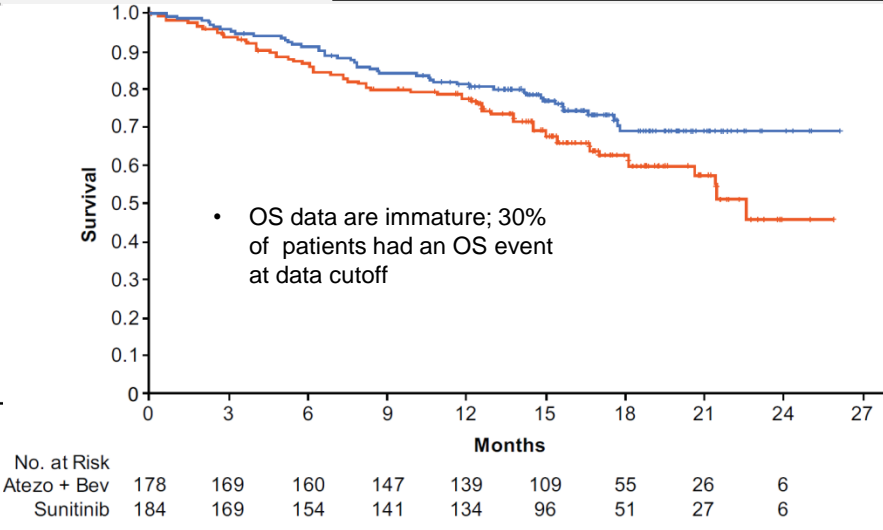
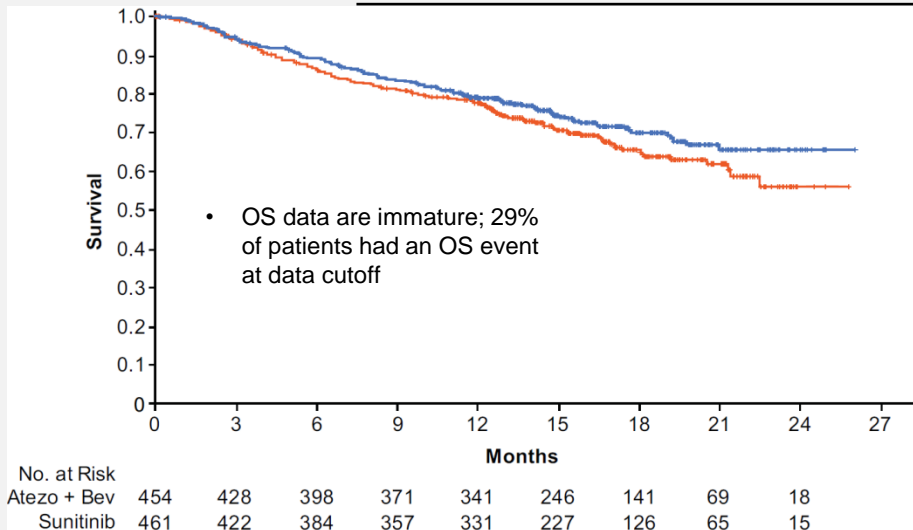
- Investigators and IRC reviewers and the sponsor were blinded to PD-L1 status
- No difference in % of therapies received after progression or % of treatment beyond progression on both arms

<sup>a</sup> PD-L1 negative tumors had a PD-L1 IC IHC expression < 1%. <sup>b</sup> n = 276 for ORR.

# OVERALL SURVIVAL IN ITT & PD-L1+ (IMMATURE)

ITT Median OS, mo (95% CI)	
Atezo + Bev	Not reached
Sunitinib	Not reached
HR, 0.81 (95% CI: 0.63, 1.03)	
P = 0.09	

PD-L1+ Median OS, mo (95% CI)	
Atezo + Bev	Not reached
Sunitinib	23.3 (21.3, NR)
HR, 0.68 (95% CI: 0.46, 1.00)	



Minimum follow-up, 12 mo. Median of follow-up, 15 mo. Event/patient ratio: 27% for atezo + bev, 31% for sunitinib. The OS analysis did not pass the P value boundary of alpha = 0.0009 at the first interim analysis.

# JAVELIN Renal 101: Randomized Phase 3 Trial of Avelumab + Axitinib vs Sunitinib as First-Line Treatment of Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma

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# JAVELIN Renal 101: study design

## Key eligibility criteria:

- Treatment-naïve aRCC with a clear cell component
- $\geq 1$  measurable lesion as defined by RECIST v1.1
- Tumor tissue available for PD-L1 staining
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

## Stratification:

- ECOG PS (0 vs 1)
- Geographic region (USA vs Canada/Western Europe vs ROW)

N = 886

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**Avelumab 10 mg/kg IV Q2W  
+  
Axitinib 5 mg PO BID  
(6-week cycle)**

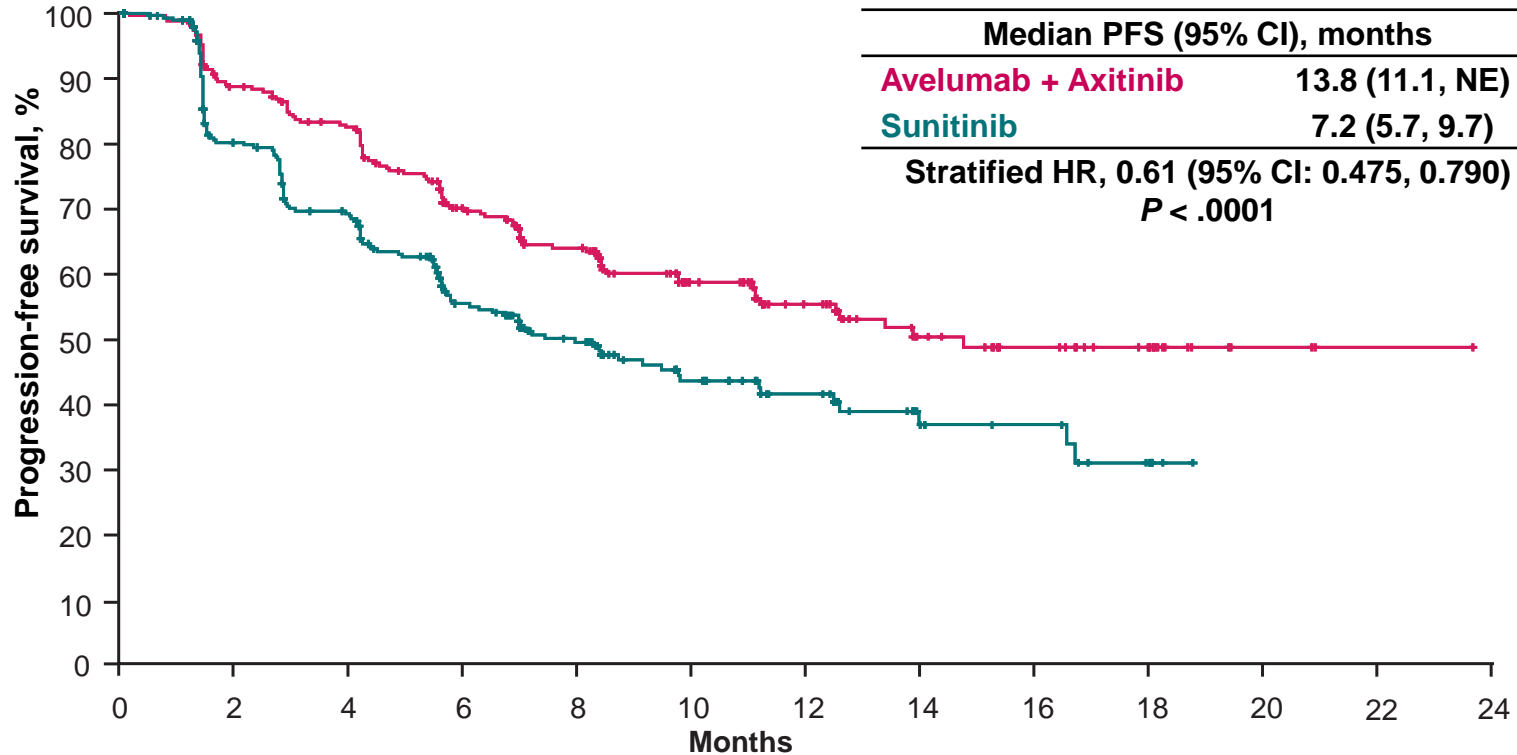
**Sunitinib 50 mg PO QD  
(4 weeks on, 2 weeks off)**

## • Primary endpoints

- PFS by RECIST v1.1 per independent review committee (IRC) in patients with PD-L1+ tumors (PD-L1+ group)\*
- OS in the PD-L1+ group



# PFS per IRC in the PD-L1+ group



**Number at risk**

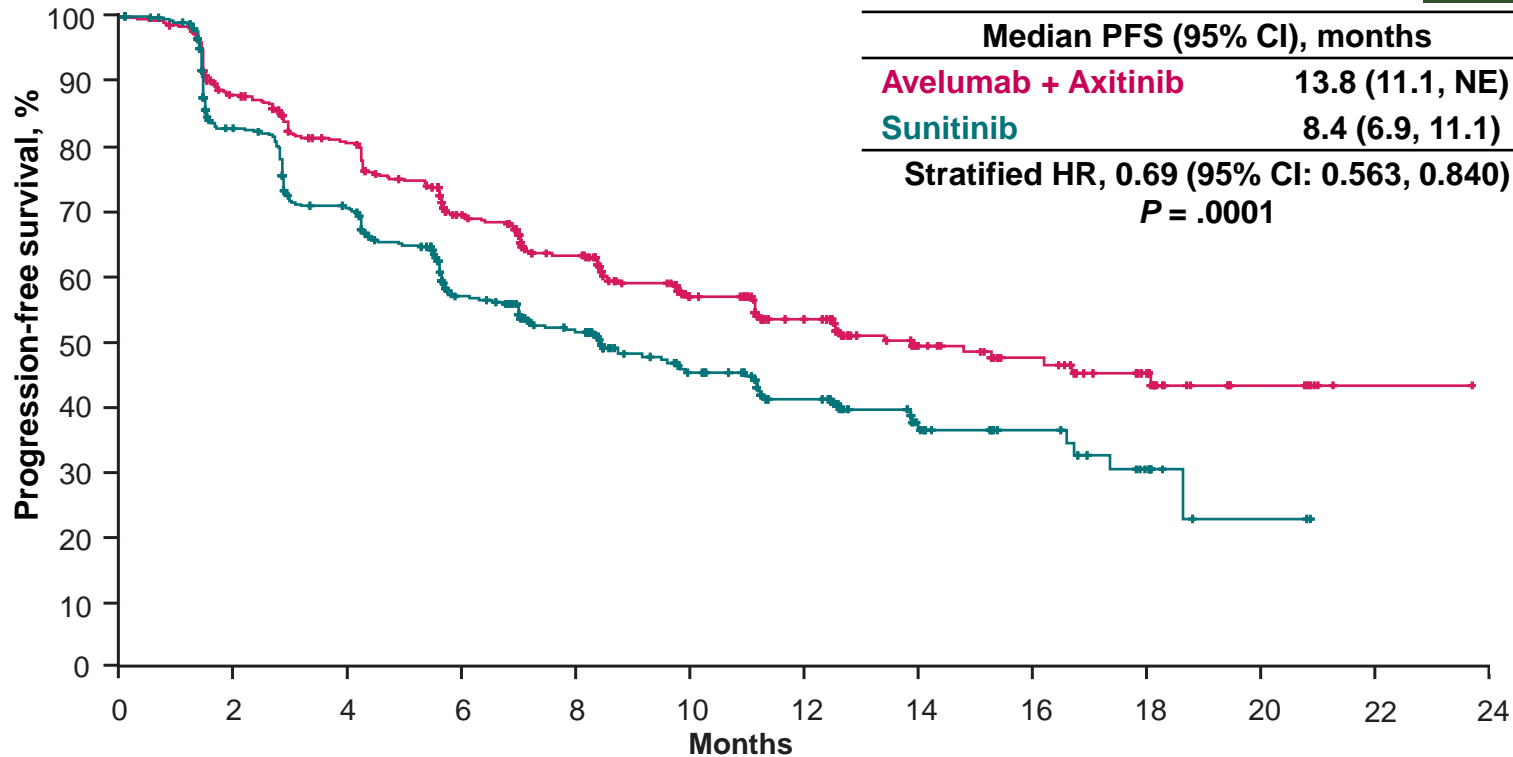
<b>Avel + Axit:</b>	270	227	205	154	120	76	53	32	23	13	3	1	0
<b>Sunitinib:</b>	290	210	174	119	85	49	35	16	13	5	0		

Minimum follow-up, 6 months. Median follow-up, 9.9 months (avelumab + axitinib) and 8.4 months (sunitinib).

The PFS analysis crossed the prespecified efficacy boundary based on the alpha-spending function (*P* = .001).

# PFS per IRC in the overall population

Key secondary endpoint

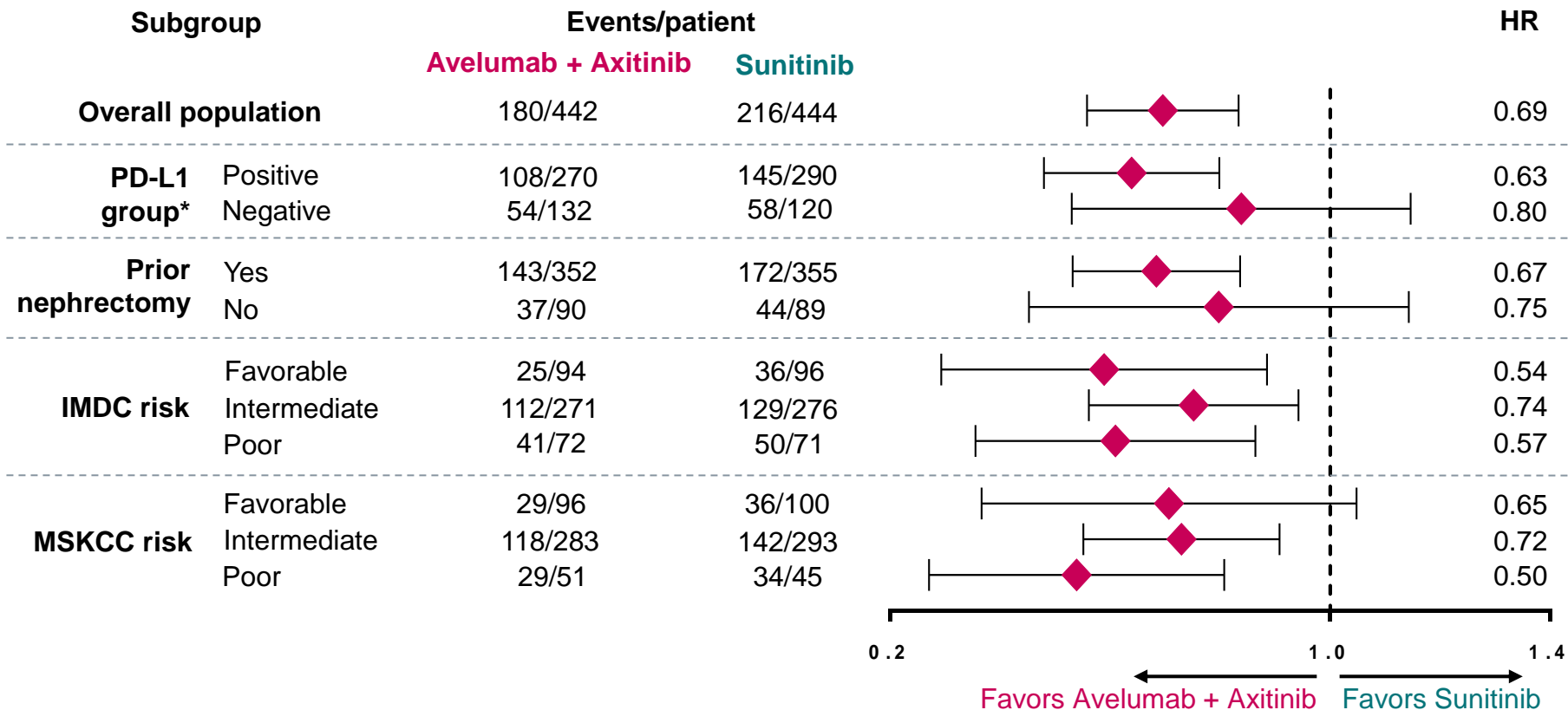


**Number at risk**

<b>Avel + Axit:</b>	442	364	321	250	193	127	94	57	42	24	8	1	0
<b>Sunitinib:</b>	444	329	271	192	144	90	64	29	20	8	2	0	

Minimum follow-up, 6 months. Median follow-up, 10.8 months (avelumab + axitinib) and 8.6 months (sunitinib). The PFS analysis crossed the prespecified efficacy boundary based on the alpha-spending function ( $P = .001$ ).

# PFS per IRC in key subgroups



\* Among patients not evaluable for PD-L1 expression, PFS events occurred in 18/40 patients (avelumab + axitinib) vs 13/34 patients (sunitinib); HR, 0.83; 95% CI: 0.403, 1.699.

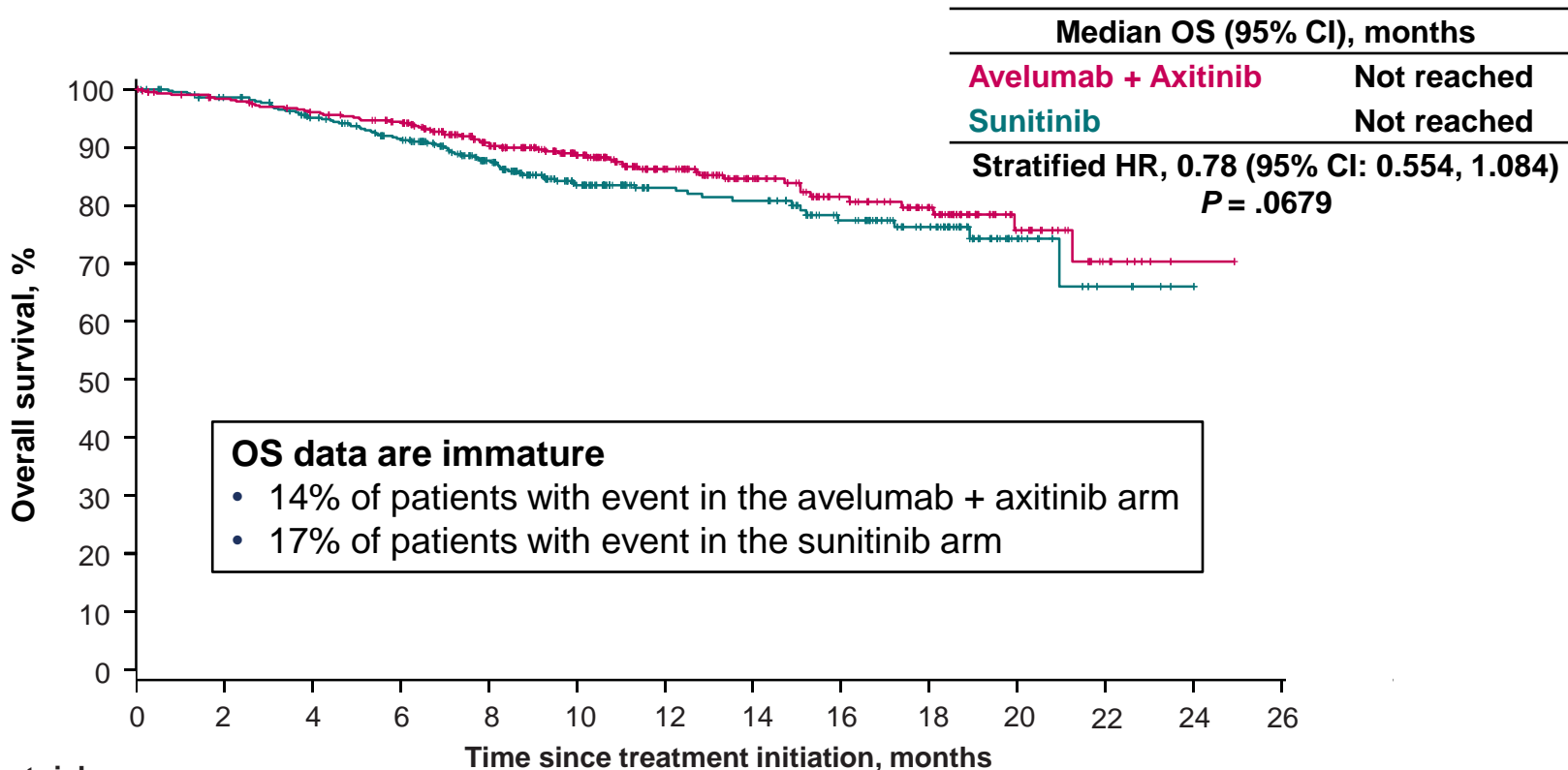
# Confirmed objective response

Per IRC	PD-L1+ group (N = 560)		Overall population (N = 886)	
	Avelumab + Axitinib (N = 270)	Sunitinib (N = 290)	Avelumab + Axitinib (N = 442)	Sunitinib (N = 444)
<b>Objective response rate (95% CI), %</b>	<b>55 (49.0, 61.2)</b>	<b>26 (20.6, 30.9)</b>	<b>51 (46.6, 56.1)</b>	<b>26 (21.7, 30.0)</b>
<b>Best overall response, %*</b>				
Complete response	4	2	3	2
Partial response	51	23	48	24
Stable disease	27	43	30	46
Progressive disease	11	22	12	19
Not evaluable <sup>†</sup>	4	7	6	8
<b>Patients with ongoing response, %‡</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Per investigator assessment</b>				
<b>Objective response rate (95% CI), %</b>	<b>62 (55.8, 67.7)</b>	<b>30 (24.5, 35.3)</b>	<b>56 (51.1, 60.6)</b>	<b>30 (25.9, 34.7)</b>
<b>Best overall response, %</b>				
Complete response	4	3	3	2
Partial response	58	27	53	28

Median duration of response was not yet reached in either treatment arm in either population.

\* Patients without target lesions at baseline per IRC who achieved non-complete response/non-progressive disease: 3% (avelumab + axitinib) and 2% (sunitinib) in the PD-L1+ group; 2% (avelumab + axitinib) and 2% (sunitinib) in the overall population. † Including patients with no postbaseline assessments. ‡ In patients with confirmed complete or partial response.

# OS in the overall population



**Number at risk**

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
<b>Avel + Axit:</b>	442	426	412	396	319	252	187	121	93	70	27	8	1	0
<b>Sunitinib:</b>	444	426	401	373	295	224	175	113	84	59	17	5	1	0

Median follow-up, 12.0 months (avelumab + axitinib) and 11.5 months (sunitinib).

# JAVELIN Renal 101: efficacy summary

	PD-L1+ group (N = 560)		Overall population (N = 886)	
	Avelumab + Axitinib (N = 270)	Sunitinib (N = 290)	Avelumab + Axitinib (N = 442)	Sunitinib (N = 444)
<b>PFS per IRC*</b>				
Median, months	13.8	7.2	13.8	8.4
95% CI	11.1, NE	5.7, 9.7	11.1, NE	6.9, 11.1
Benefit vs sunitinib (HR; <i>P</i> value)	0.61; <i>P</i> < .0001	-	0.69; <i>P</i> = .0001	-
<b>Objective response rate per IRC, %</b>				
	55	26	51	26
95% CI	49.0, 61.2	20.6, 30.9	46.6, 56.1	21.7, 30.0
<b>PFS per investigator assessment</b>				
Median, months	13.3	8.2	12.5	8.4
95% CI	9.8, NE	6.9, 8.5	11.1, 15.2	8.2, 9.7
Benefit vs sunitinib (HR; <i>P</i> value)	0.51; <i>P</i> < .0001	-	0.64; <i>P</i> < .0001	-
<b>Objective response rate per investigator assessment, %</b>				
	62	30	56	30
95% CI	55.8, 67.7	24.5, 35.3	51.1, 60.6	25.9, 34.7

\* PFS benefit per IRC was observed in patients regardless of PD-L1 status and in all prognostic risk groups.

# Conclusions

- JAVELIN Renal 101 demonstrated longer PFS and higher ORR for avelumab + axitinib compared with sunitinib for treatment-naïve mRCC patients
- Benefit was observed in patients regardless of PD-L1 status and in all prognostic risk groups
- Combination demonstrated a favorable safety profile
- **\*\*Continued follow-up for overall survival\*\***

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**WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

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# Combination strategies with IO backbone

	I-O + TKI		I-O + I-O	I-O + VEGF TKI	I-O + VEGF mAb	PD-1/PD-L1 monotherapy		TKI monotherapy
TRIAL	Pembrolizumab + Axitinib <sup>1</sup>	Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib <sup>2</sup>	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab <sup>4,5</sup>	Avelumab + Axitinib <sup>3</sup>	Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab <sup>6</sup>	<i>Pembrolizumab</i> <sup>7</sup>	<i>Atezolizumab</i> <sup>8</sup>	<i>Sunitinib</i> <sup>6</sup>
Phase	IB	IB/II	III	III	III	II	II	III
N	52	30	425 (Int/Poor risk)	442 (overall)	454	110	103	461
Prior therapy?	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
ORR	<b>73%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>33%</b>

<sup>1</sup>NCT02133742, Atkins et al. Lancet Oncol 2018; <sup>2</sup>NCT02501096, Lee et al. ESMO 2017; <sup>3</sup>NCT02493751, Motzer et al. ESMO 2018; <sup>4,5</sup>NCT02231749 Escudier et al. ESMO 2017, Motzer et al. SITC 2017; <sup>6</sup>NCT01984242 Motzer et al. ASCO GU 2018; <sup>7</sup> NCT02853344 McDermott et al, ASCO 2018; <sup>8</sup>NCT01984242 Atkins et al, ASCO 2017.

# KEYNOTE-426 PRESS RELEASE

## **Merck's KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab) in Combination with Pfizer's Inlyta® (axitinib) Significantly Improved Overall Survival (OS) and Progression-free Survival (PFS) as First-Line Therapy for Advanced or Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma**

**KEYTRUDA is First Anti-PD-1 Therapy in Combination to Improve Both OS and PFS in Advanced or Metastatic RCC, the Most Common Type of Kidney Cancer**

**Pivotal Phase 3 KEYNOTE-426 Trial Met Both Primary Endpoints; Data to be Filed with Global Regulatory Authorities**

October 18, 2018 06:57 AM Eastern Daylight Time

KENILWORTH, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Merck (NYSE: MRK), known as MSD outside the United States and Canada, announced today that the pivotal Phase 3 KEYNOTE-426 trial investigating KEYTRUDA® (pembrolizumab), Merck's anti-PD-1 therapy, in combination with Inlyta® (axitinib), Pfizer's tyrosine kinase inhibitor, met both primary endpoints of overall survival (OS) and progression-free survival (PFS) in the first-line treatment of advanced or metastatic renal cell carcinoma (RCC), the most common type of kidney cancer. Based on the first interim analysis by the independent Data Monitoring Committee (DMC), the KEYTRUDA plus Inlyta combination resulted in statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in OS and PFS, compared to sunitinib monotherapy. The study also met the key secondary endpoint of objective response rate (ORR), with significant improvements for the KEYTRUDA and Inlyta combination compared with sunitinib monotherapy. Results for OS, PFS and ORR were consistent regardless of PD-L1 expression and across all risk groups. The safety profile of



# **Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma**

## **Case Study on Sequencing Favorable Risk Disease**

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**Hamilton, Ontario**

# Clinical Case

- 69 year old male
- Presented with hematuria
- Ex-smoker
- CBC normal; Calcium normal
- CT Scan - 6 cm right renal mass, no metastases  
(tiny pulmonary nodules)

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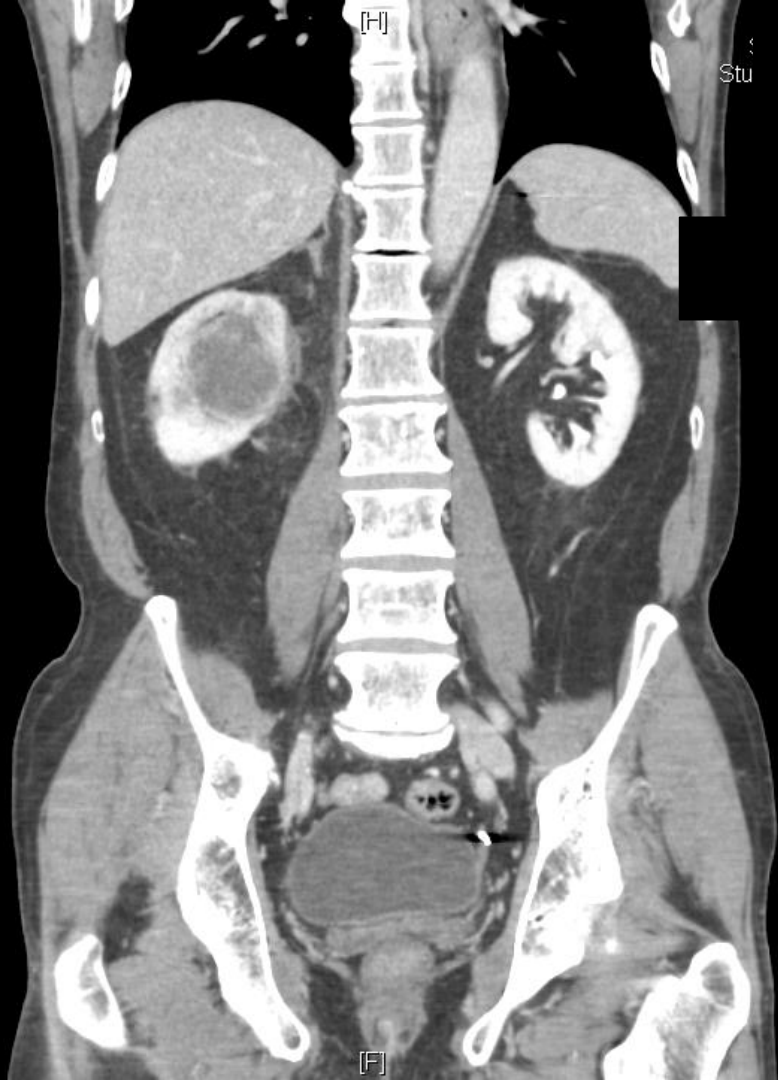
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- Biopsy necessary ?
- Underwent Laparoscopic Right Radical Nephrectomy; no surgical issues
- Pathology – ccRCC, T3A, N0, M0; grade  $\frac{3}{4}$
- Considered “High Risk for Recurrence”

- Adjuvant Therapy ?
  - IO Clinical Trial
  - TKI – sunitinib

Patient chose surveillance, deferred clinical trial

- Imaging follow – up as per CUA guidelines:
  - Negative until 2 years
  - Back pain – prompts CT
  - Spine metastases; Iliac bone metastases and multiple lung metastases
  - Bloodwork – normal CBC, Calcium, LDH
  - Good performance status
  - IMDC criteria – 0 – Favorable Risk



# Met RCC –mets to spine



# Met RCC –mets to iliac




# First-line Options in Canada 2018

- Clinical trial
- Immunotherapy
  - Ipilimumab/Nivolumab
- VEGF targeted therapy
  - Sunitinib
  - Pazopanib

# EAU 2018 Guidelines

	First-line therapy	Second-line therapy	Third-line therapy
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	cabozantinib, sunitinib or pazopanib*	VEGF targeted therapy or nivolumab	An alternative targeted therapy or nivolumab

 Boxed categories represent strong recommendations

IMDC=The International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium;  
VEGF=vascular endothelial growth factor.

\*pazopanib for intermediate risk only.

# First-line Treatment

- Started on Pazopanib 800 mg daily
- Minimal toxicity
- SBRT to spine
- Stable disease for 12 months
- Progression of lung nodules

# Second-line Options

- Nivolumab
- Cabozantinib
- Axitinib
- (Lenvatinib/Everolimus)
- Clinical Trial
- (Everolimus)

# CHECKMATE 025: PHASE 3 TRIAL OF NIVOLUMAB VERSUS EVEROLIMUS IN PRETREATED METASTATIC RCC

N=821

## Key Inclusion Criteria

- Advanced/metastatic clear-cell RCC
- 1 or 2 prior anti-angiogenic therapy regimens in advanced/metastatic setting
- No prior therapy with mTOR inhibitor
- Karnofsky PS  $\geq$ 70%
- No CNS metastases

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**Nivolumab**  
3 mg/kg q2w

**Everolimus**  
10 mg qd

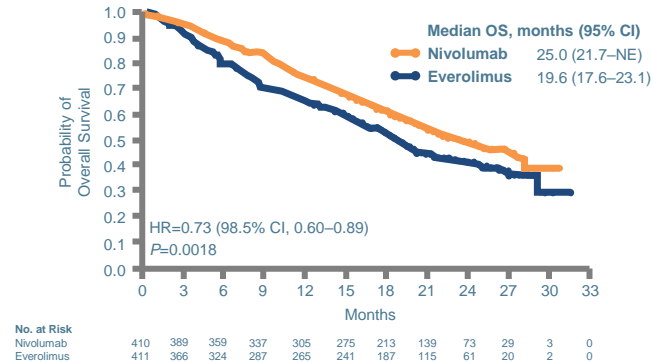
*Until progression,\*  
unacceptable toxicity,  
withdrawal of consent,  
or end of trial*

**Primary Outcome Measure:** OS

**Secondary Outcome Measures:** PFS, ORR, duration of objective response, association between OS and PD-L1 status, safety, disease-related symptom progression rate, HRQoL<sup>2</sup>

\*Treatment beyond progression (RECIST 1.1) was allowed if investigator-assessed clinical benefit was achieved and treatment was well tolerated.  
1. Motzer RJ et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015. 2. Cella DF et al. Poster presentation at ASCO 2016. 4549.

# Nivolumab Phase 3 Study (CheckMate 025): OS and ORR



Investigator ORR: 25% vs 5%; odds ratio 5.98; 95% CI, 3.68-9.72; P<0.001



# METEOR: PHASE 3 TRIAL OF CABOZANTINIB VERSUS EVEROLIMUS IN ADVANCED RCC

**N=658**

## Inclusion Criteria

- Advanced RCC with clear-cell component
- Progression within 6 months of prior VEGFR TKI
- **No limit to the number of prior therapies**
- PD-1 checkpoint inhibitors allowed
- Treated brain metastases allowed

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1:1

**Cabozantinib**  
60 mg qd

## Stratification

- MSKCC risk groups: favorable, intermediate, poor
- Prior VEGFR TKIs: 1 or  $\geq 2$

**Everolimus**  
10 mg qd

*Treatment until loss of clinical benefit or intolerable toxicity*

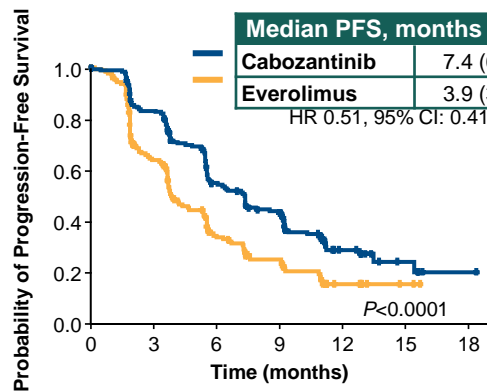
**No crossover allowed**

**Primary Outcome Measure:** PFS

**Secondary Outcome Measures:** OS, ORR

# METEOR: ORR, PFS, AND OS BENEFIT

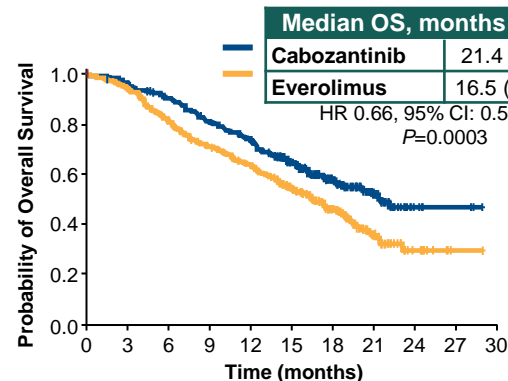
	Cabozantinib n=330		Everolimus n=328	
	IRC	Investigator	IRC	Investigator
ORR (95% CI)*	17 (13–22) <sup>†</sup>	24 (19–29) <sup>†</sup>	3 (2–6)	4 (2–7)



Number of patients at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18
Cabozantinib	330	261	148	88	20	6	2
Everolimus	328	174	72	37	10	2	0

Adapted from Choueiri et al. 2016.

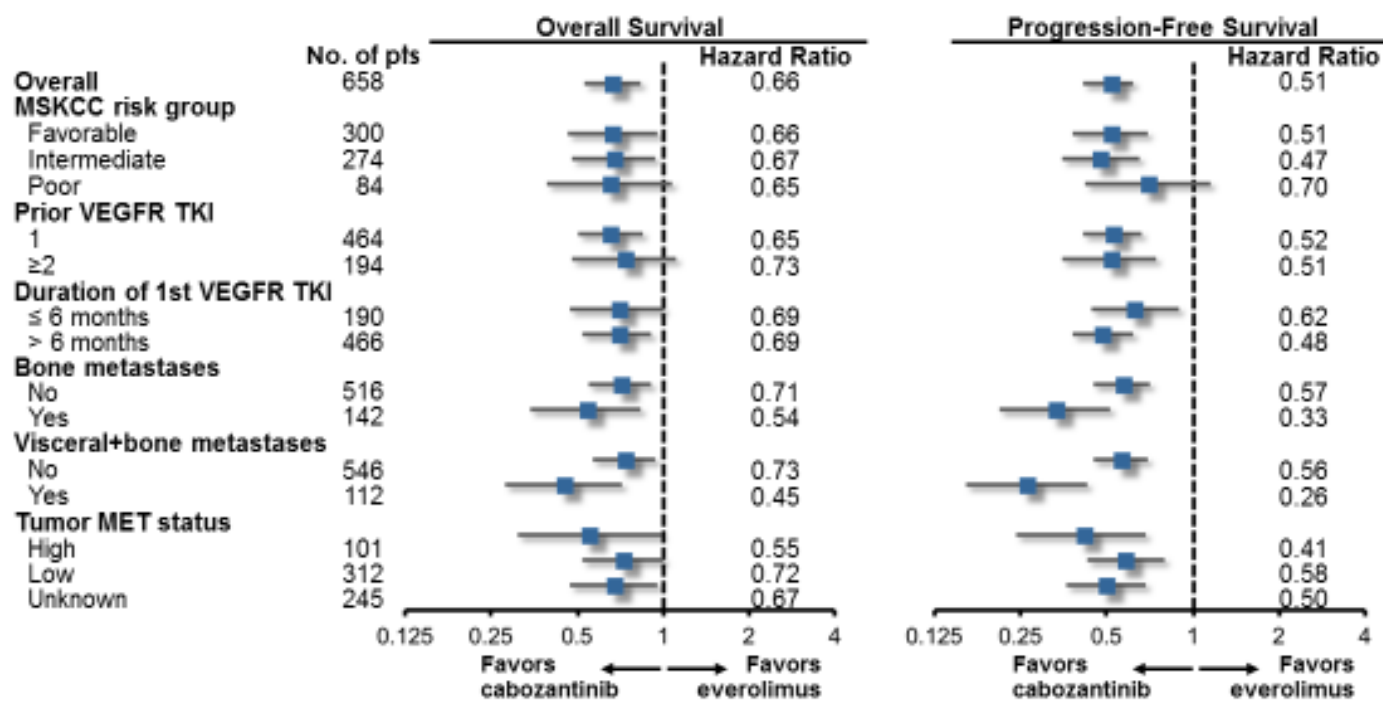


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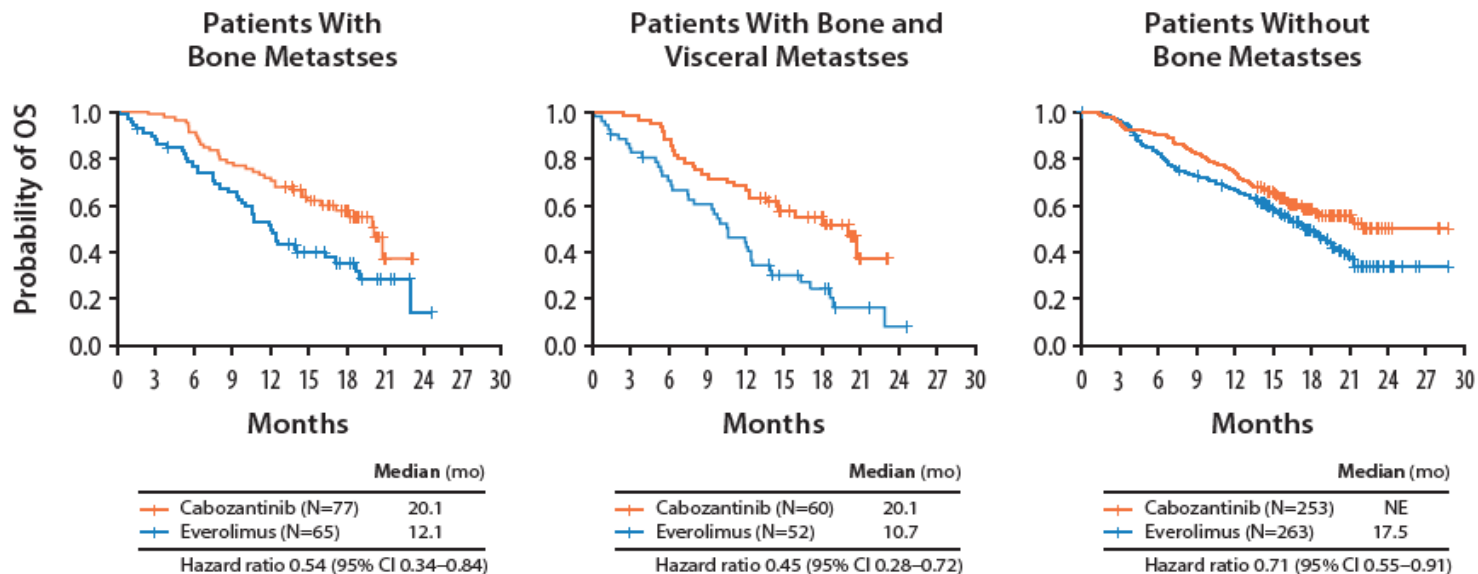
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
Cabozantinib	330	318	296	264	239	178	105	41	6	3	0
Everolimus	328	307	262	229	202	141	82	32	8	1	0

Adapted from Choueiri et al. 2016.

# OVERALL SURVIVAL AND PFS IN SUBGROUPS



# OVERALL SURVIVAL BY BONE METASTASES



Bone metastases status was based on the presence of bone metastases by CT or MRI per IRC at baseline.  
NE, not estimable

# STUDY 205: PHASE 2 TRIAL OF LENVATINIB ± EVEROLIMUS VS. EVEROLIMUS IN PREVIOUSLY TREATED METASTATIC RCC

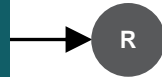
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## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Advanced or metastatic clear-cell RCC via RECIST 1.1
- Measurable disease
- Progression on/after 1 prior VEGF-targeted therapy
- ECOG PS ≤1

## Stratification Factors

- Hemoglobin (normal vs low)
- Corrected serum calcium (≥ vs ≤10 mg/dL)



**Lenvatinib**  
18 mg qd  
+  
**Everolimus**  
5 mg qd

**Lenvatinib**  
24 mg qd

**Everolimus**  
10 mg qd

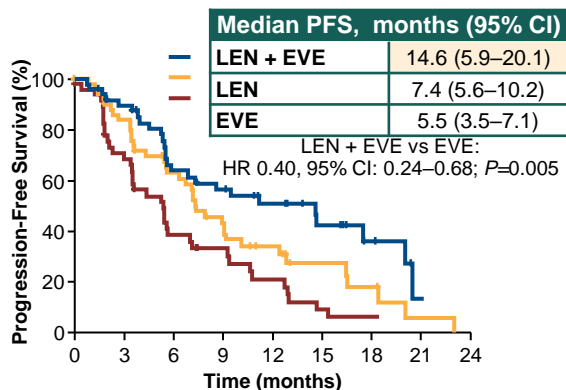
*Patients were treated until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity*

**Primary Outcome Measure:** PFS

**Secondary Outcome Measures:** Safety and tolerability, PK, OS, ORR

# STUDY 205: RESPONSE, PFS, AND OS BENEFIT

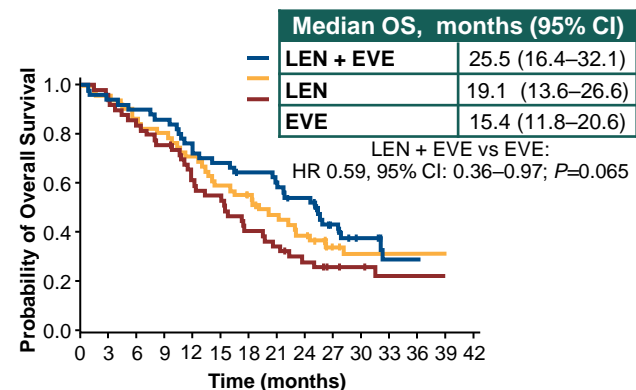
ORR*	LEN + EVE	LEN	EVE
Events	22 (43%)	14 (27%)	3 (6%)
95% CI	29–58	16–41	1–17
CR	1 (2%)	0	0



Number of patients at risk

Adapted from Hutson et al. 2016.

LEN + EVE	51	41	27	23	16	10	5	1	0
LEN	52	41	29	20	11	6	4	1	0
EVE	50	29	15	11	7	3	1	0	0



Number of patients at risk

LEN + EVE	51	48	46	44	37	35	32	30	26	17	11	7	2	0	0
LEN	52	50	45	42	37	31	28	23	19	12	7	3	2	1	0
EVE	50	46	42	38	30	27	20	17	13	10	9	5	1	0	0

# Second-line Options in 2018

- Nivolumab
- Cabozantinib
- Axitinib
- Clinical Trial

# Second-line Treatment

Started on Cabozantinib 60 mg daily

Side-effects:

- mild fatigue
- hypertension

Imaging:

- Stable bone metastases
- Regression of lung mets



# Summary

## “Favorable Risk” metastatic Clear-cell RCC Post TKI Options

- Nivolumab, cabozantinib and levantinib + everolimus are therapies that confer a significant OS benefit in pretreated ( VEGF/R ) patients
- Current options post first line TKI include cabozantinib, nivolumab and axitinib



# **Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma**

## **Case Study on Sequencing Intermediate/Poor Risk Disease**

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**Associate Professor of Oncology, McMaster University**  
**Hamilton, Ontario**

- **65 year old male**
- **Presented with hematuria**
- **Non smoker but severe kyphoscoliosis with COPD**
- **Hemoglobin 100; Calcium normal; KPS 70-80**
- **CT Scan - 13 cm renal mass into IVC; adrenal and lung mets – largest RUL 5.2cm**

Int'l mRCC Database Consortium  
Prognostic Factors

**KPS < 80%**  
**Dx to Tx Interval <1yr**  
**Anemia**  
**Hypercalcemia**  
**Neutrophilia**  
**Thrombocytosis**

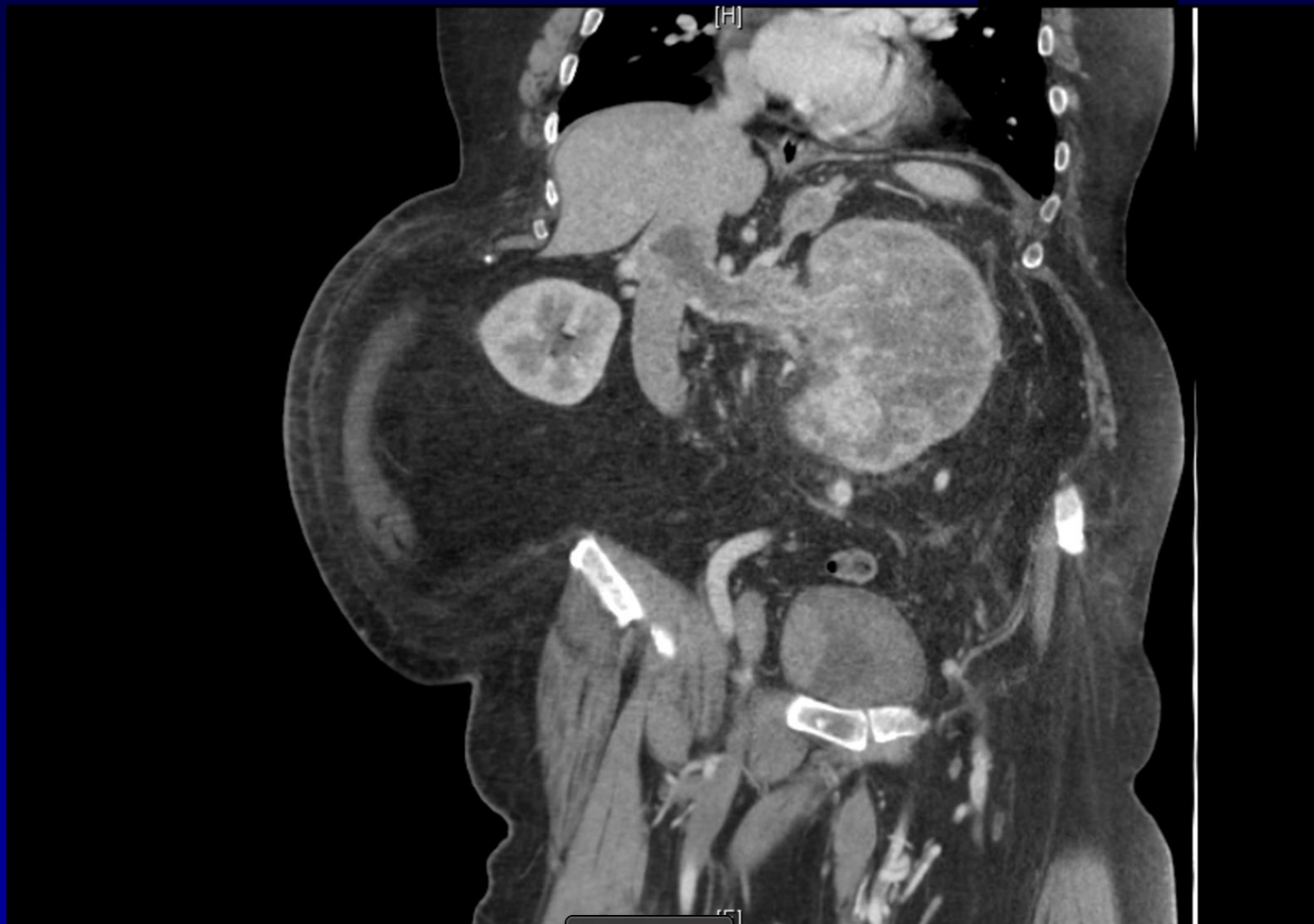
# Prognostic Factors

**If patient has 0 factors:  
Favorable Prognosis**

**If patient has 1-2 factors:  
Intermediate Prognosis**

**If patient has 3-6 factors:  
Poor Prognosis**





- **Biopsy necessary ?**
  - **Lung biopsy: clear cell RCC, high grade**
- **Not a good surgical candidate**
  - **CARMENA – no role for CN, especially in intermediate/poor risk patients**

## First-line Options in Canada 2018

- Clinical trial
- Immunotherapy
  - Ipilimumab/Nivolumab
- VEGF targeted therapy
  - Sunitinib
  - Pazopanib



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## First-line

- Started on ipilimumab/nivolumab
  - Completed 4 cycles
    - Infusion reactions to nivolumab first 3 infusions
    - Otherwise minimal toxicity
- CT after 4 cycles, before start of maintenance nivolumab
  - New, necrotic mediastinal nodes
  - Largest lung mass stable, a few new ones
  - Primary slightly larger
  - ? New small, necrotic liver metastasis

## Second-line Options in 2018

- Nivolumab maintenance
  - Sunitinib/pazopanib
    - Cabozantinib
      - Axitinib
  - Clinical Trial

## Second-line Options in 2018

- Nivolumab maintenance
  - Feels well
  - Tolerated well
  - Keen to continue
  - Comorbidities might make TKI difficult
- Sunitinib/pazopanib
- Cabozantinib
- Axitinib
- Clinical Trial

## Clinical Outcome of Patients With Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma (mRCC) Progressing on Front-Line Immune-Oncology Based Combination (IO-COMBO) Regimens

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**Table 1: Baseline Patient and Disease Characteristics**

Characteristics	N=33
IMDC Risk Group	Favorable: 9 (27) Intermediate: 17 (52) Poor: 7 (21)
Location of Metastases	Lung: 25 (76) Lymph Nodes: 17 (52) Bone: 10 (30) Liver: 7 (21) Locoregional: 7 (21)
Prior Nephrectomy	21 (64)
Number of Prior Systemic Therapies	0: 32 (97) 1: 1 (3)
IO-COMBO regimen	Atezolizumab/bevacizumab: 21 (64) Ipilimumab/nivolumab: 11 (33) Axitinib/avelumab: 1 (3)
Number of Subsequent Systemic Therapies	1: 100% 2: 36% 3+: 15%
First Subsequent Systemic Therapy (n=33)	Axitinib: 16 (48) Cabozantinib: 4 (12) Pazopanib: 9 (27) Sunitinib: 4 (12)
Second Subsequent Systemic Therapy (n=12)	Axitinib: 3 (25) Cabozantinib: 1 (8) HIF inhibitor: 1 (8) Lenvatinib/everolimus: 1 (8) mTOR inhibitor: 1 (8) Nivolumab: 1 (8) Sorafenib: 1 (8) Sunitinib: 1 (8) Tivozanib: 2 (17)

**Table 2: Best Response to first subsequent treatment**

Best Response (N=28)	N (%)
<b>Objective Response Rate (ORR)</b>	<b>8 (29)</b>
Complete Response (CR)	0 (0)
Partial Response (PR)	8 (29)
Stable Disease (SD)	15 (54)
Progressive Disease (PD)	5 (18)

**Table 3: First Subsequent Treatment PFS**

Treatment Characteristics and Outcomes (N = 33)		
Median PFS (n=33)	6.4 months (4.4-8.4)	
Median PFS – prior VEGF+IO (n=22)	6.2 months (5.2-7.2)	p=0.3
Median PFS – prior IO+IO (n=11)	7.6 months (3.6-11.6)	

## Results – Patient Characteristics

<b>Male</b>	29 (73%)
<b>Age</b>	64 (29 - 81)
<b>KPS ≥80</b>	36 (90%)
<b>IMDC</b>	
Favorable	4 (10%)
Intermediate	29 (73%)
Poor	7 (18%)
<b>Number prior therapies</b>	
1	11 (28%)
2	17 (43%)
3	11 (28%)
4	1 (3%)
<b>Most recent therapy<sup>1</sup></b>	
Nivolumab	26 (65%)
Ipilimumab/Nivolumab	6 (15%)
Nivolumab/HIF inhibitor	3 (8%)
Atezolizumab	2 (5%)

<sup>1</sup>n=1 for Durvalumab/Tremelimumab, Durvalumab, Bevacizumab/Atezolizumab

## Results – Clinical outcomes

<b>Median PFS</b>	<b>9.2 months</b>
<b>ORR<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>39.5%</b>
<b>PR</b>	15 (39.5%)
<b>SD</b>	18 (43%)
<b>PD</b>	5 (13%)
<b>6-month event-free survival rate</b>	65%
<b>1-year event-free survival rate</b>	31%

<sup>1</sup> 38 patients evaluable for response

## Activity of cabozantinib (cabo) after PD-1/PD-L1 immune checkpoint blockade (ICB) in metastatic clear cell renal cell carcinoma (mccRCC)

		Best Response to Cabo			
	N	PR	SD	PD	Unevaluable
All patients	69	23(33%)	32(46%)	12(17%)	2(3%)
By prior ICB type					
ICB alone	37	16(43%)	15(41%)	5(14%)	1(3%)
ICB+VEGF	24	6(25%)	12(50%)	5(21%)	1(4%)
ICB+Other	8	1(13%)	5(63%)	2(25%)	
By prior ICB duration					
<6mos	42	12(29%)	22(52%)	8(19%)	
>6mos	27	11(41%)	10(37%)	4(15%)	2(7%)

## SUMMARY

### “INTERMEDIATE/POOR RISK “ METASTATIC CLEAR-CELL RCC POST IPI/NIVO OPTIONS

- No level 1 evidence of most appropriate next line of therapy
  - Will be difficult to generate as field moves on
- Biologically, no rationale for why any “first line” TKI would not work just as well
  - Small prospective studies and retrospective series suggest this is the case
- No data on efficacy of IO re-challenge later in disease progression



# Considerations of subsequent line therapy

- Patient level:
  - clinical status, comorbidities
  - disease characteristics, burden
  - experience on previous lines of therapy, A/E (irAE)
- Access to agents with unique mechanisms of action
  - efficacy (OS endpoint robust)
  - level of evidence, real world data
  - tolerability
  - cost, convenience

# SOME ONGOING CLINICAL QUESTIONS:

1. Ideal sequence and optimization of agents with unique MOA?
2. Ongoing clinical trials to optimize/sequence treatment?
3. Can we stop an IO drug?
4. Re-defining appropriate clinical endpoints, response assessment, treatment beyond progression?

# OPTIMAL SEQUENCE PD/PD-L1, CTLA-4 AND VEGF-TKI IN MRCC?

- Combinations IO/IO and VEGF inhibitors have higher ORR and higher toxicity than single agent IO...
- Can a sequential single agent approach lead to more optimization?
  - Less toxicity.
  - Same cumulative PFS (PFS1+PFS2), OS or potentially better (tumor priming?)
- Activity of agents after IO/IO or IO/VEGF?
  - Cabozantinib (n=86) = ORR 36%, TTF 6.5 mos (*McGregor, Lalani et al. ESMO 2018*)
  - Axitinib (dose-individualized, n=38) = ORR 39.5%, PFS 9.2 mos (*Ornstein et al. ASCO 2018*)



# Summary

- Combination therapies with IO backbone are shaping our next wave of mRCC treatment options
- Treatment considerations in subsequent-line setting include disease characteristics, patient clinical status / experience on previous agents, access to lines of therapy with unique MOA
- Ultimately, we seek to maintain the remarkable recent progress in bringing more options to our RCC patients

# Thank You!

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