

Immunotherapy for Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma

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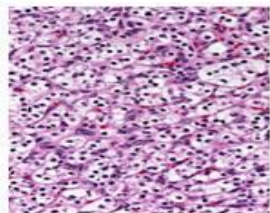
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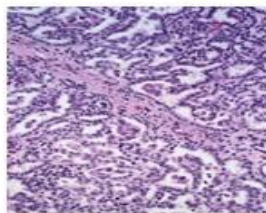
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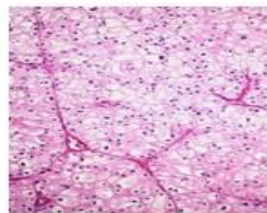
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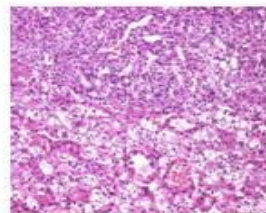
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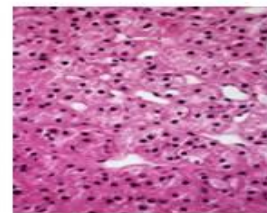
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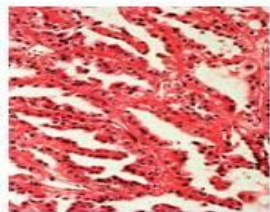


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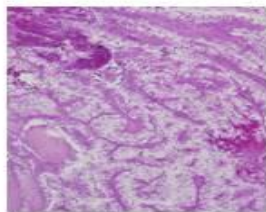


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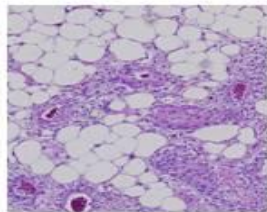
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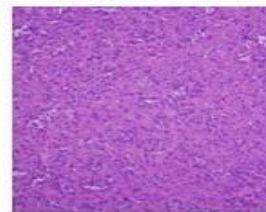
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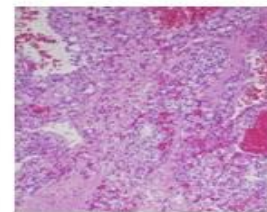
TFE3
TFE3, TFEB, MITF



Angiomyolipoma
TSC1, TSC2



Oncocytic
SDHB, SDHC, SDHD
succinate dehydrogenase



Clear/Chromophobe
PTEN

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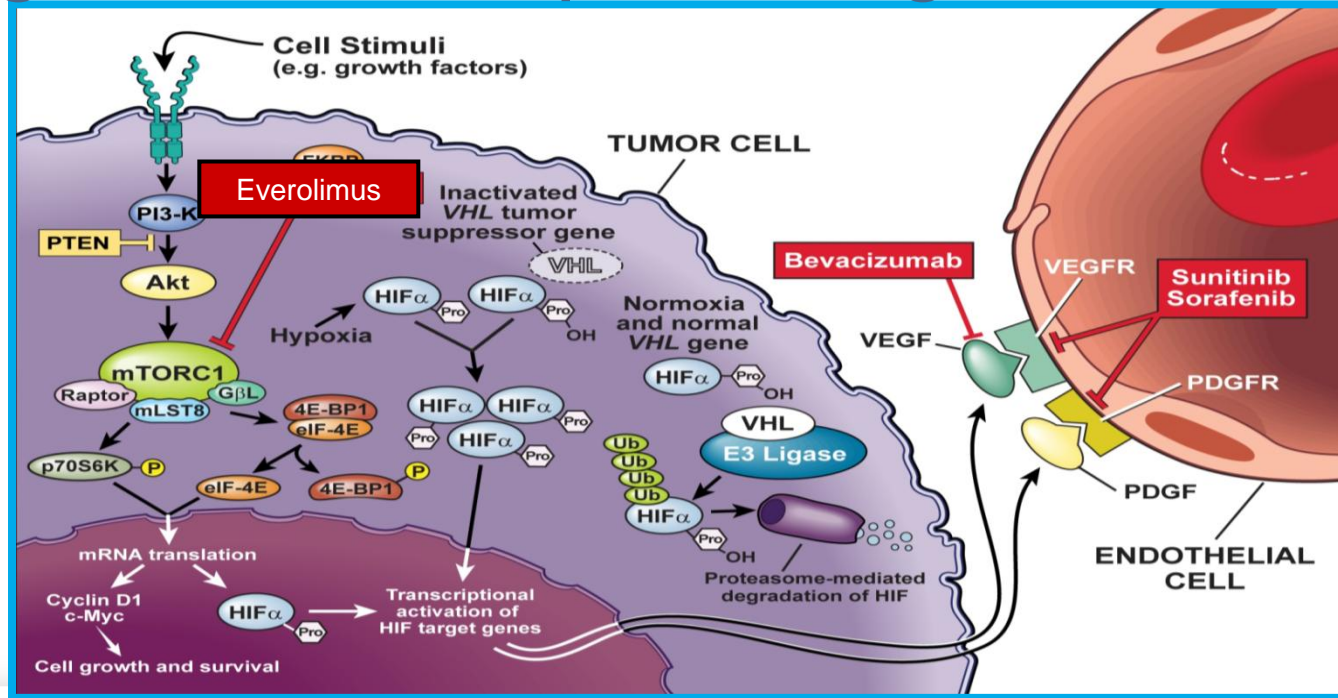
Case presentation

- **58 year old Caucasian female developed anemia in November 2011.**
- **Evaluation with CT revealed a 9.5 cm right renal mass**
- **Resection confirmed Fuhrman Grade 4 clear cell renal cell carcinoma staining positive for CA-IX**
- **No adjuvant therapy delivered**

Case Presentation (Continued)

- **She returned in Nov 2013 with 20 lb wt loss (unintentional and left sided chest discomfort)**
- **CT imaging was obtained revealing pleural involvement by extensive tumor and several pulmonary nodules**
- **Her PMHx was unremarkable except for the prior anemia and an asymptomatic pulmonary embolism during her nephrectomy**
- **Her Physical examination was remarkable for decreased breath sounds in the left lung/KPS was 80.**
- **Laboratories revealed a normal LDH and calcium**
- **Options for therapy-?**

Biological Pathways in RCC and Targets of Therapeutic Agents



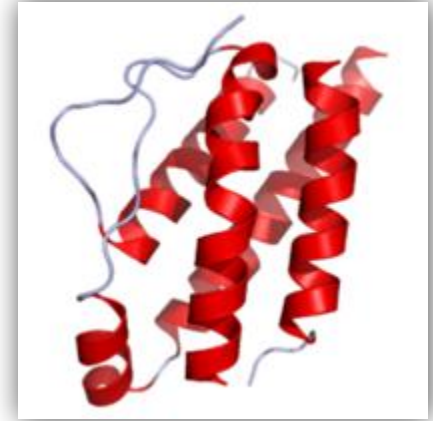
Metastatic RCC: Treatment Results Prior to the Targeted Therapy Era

Therapy	Trials (N)	Patients (N)	ORR (%)	Survival Median (Months)
Observation	7	1139	0.3	6
Hormonal	68	754	6-10	6
Chemotherapy	83	4093	5-10	< 9
INF*	1	123		8.1
INF + Nephrectomy		123		12.5
INF	1	42	12	7
INF + Nephrectomy		41	20	17

*Off label

Interleukin-2 : Background

- Discovered in 1976 and described as a protein that stimulates growth of T cells.¹
- Recombinant (r) IL-2 first cloned in 1983.¹
- First given to cancer patients in 1983.²
- First phase I studies of rIL-2 in malignant disease in 1984.⁴
- Jurkat cell line-derived IL-2 first used to treat cancer patients in 1985.³
- Phase II clinical trials began in 1985.¹
- FDA approval in 1992.



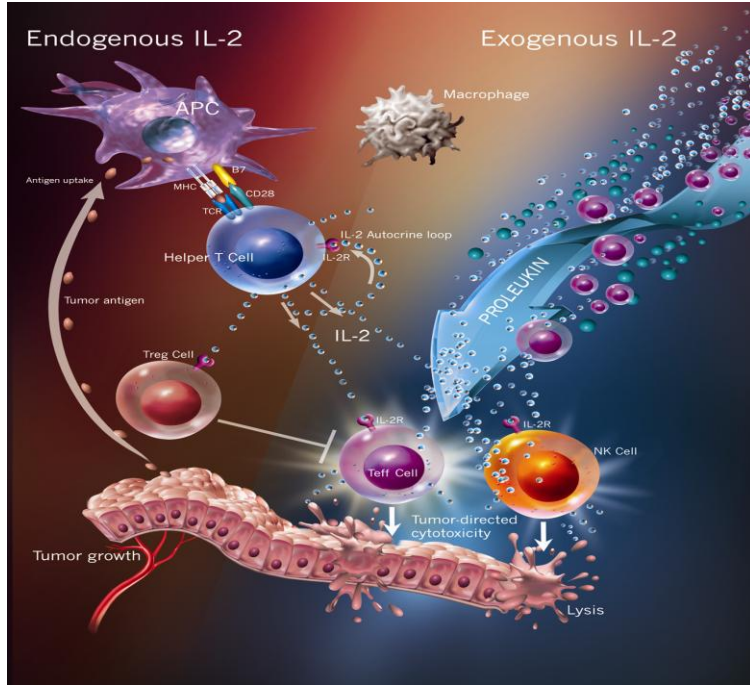
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2. Bindon C, et al. *Br J Cancer* 1983; 47:123-133.

3. Lotze MT, et al. *J Immunol* 1985; 134:157-166.

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Interleukin-2: Immunologic Background



Abbas AK and Lichtman AH. *Cellular and Molecular*

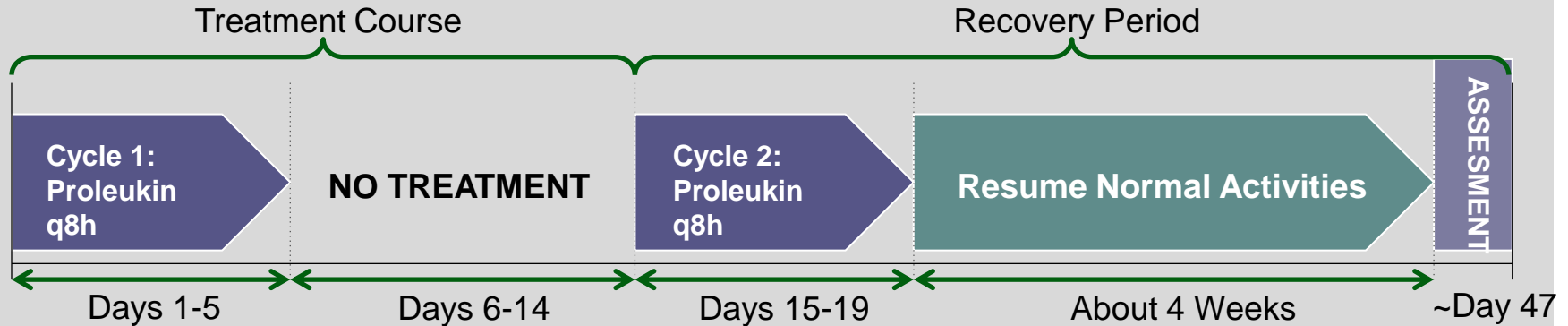
- **Natural biologic immunomodulatory agent**
- **Autocrine T-cell growth factor**
 - Produced exclusively by activated T cells
 - Predominantly CD-4+ (T-helper) lymphocytes
- **Immunomodulatory actions:**
 - Proliferation and activation of T cells
 - Immune response amplification
 - Enhanced antibody production by B cells
 - NK cell expansion and activation
- **Stimulates T-cell secretion**
 - Tumor necrosis factor (TNF)
 - Other cytokines (ie, IL-4, interferon-gamma)
- **Stimulates proliferation and activation of:**
 - All T cells, including cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTLs) but also Regulatory T cell (Tregs)
 - Natural killer and Lymphokine-activated Killer (LAK) cells

Schedule for HD-Interleukin-2 Therapy

High-dose IL-2 (HD IL-2) has the potential to induce durable complete responses in a small number of patients

- 600,000 IU/kg (0.037 mg/kg) delivered by 15-min bolus i.v. infusion q8h for 14 doses
- 720,000 IU/kg delivered by 15-min bolus i. v. infusion q8h for 12 doses

Typical Proleukin® Treatment Schedule



- Additional courses of treatment are given if there is some shrinkage following the last course.
- Each treatment course should be separated by a rest period of at least 7 weeks from the date of hospital discharge.

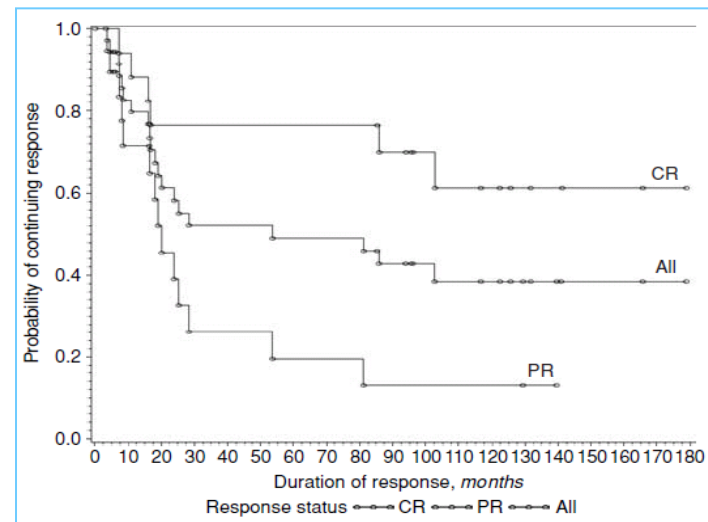
Interleukin-2: Treatment Results in Metastatic RCC

Therapy	Trials N	Patients N	ORR (CR), %	Survival Median, Months	Trial Phase
Observation	7	1139	0.3	6	
LD IL-2 + IFN	1	91	10 (3)	13	III
HD IL-2		95	23 (8)	17	
HD IL-2	7	255	14 (7)	16	II
HD IL-2	1	156	21 (7)	17	III
LD IL-2		150	13 (4)	18	
HD IL-2 IV	1	96	21 (7)	17	III
LD IL-2 IV		92	11 (1)	17	
LD IL-2 SC		93	10 (2)	17	

Yagoda, *Semin Oncol* 1993; McDermott, *J Clin Oncol* 2005;
Fisher, *Cancer J* 2000; Yang, *J Clin Oncol* 2003

Response in metastatic RCC to High Dose Interleukin-2

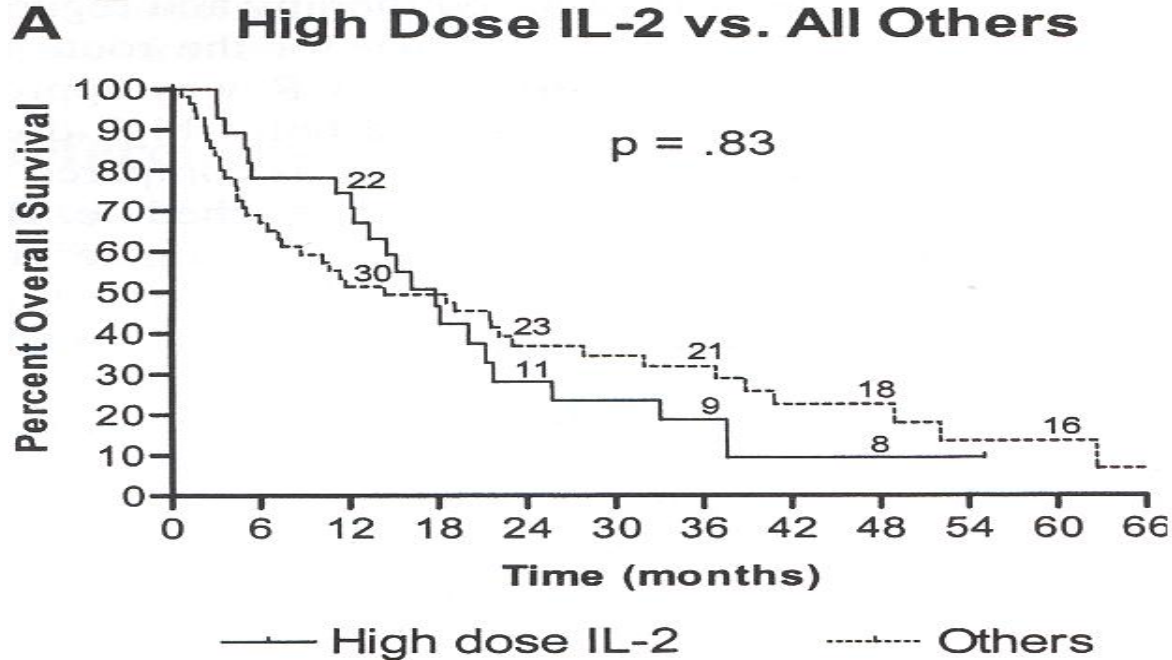
- 15% response rate (7% CR, 8% PR).¹
- Median duration of response was 54 months for all responders, 20 months for partial responders, and has not yet been reached for complete responders.¹
- 38% of responders began therapy with tumor burdens > 50 cm² on pretreatment scans.
- 60% of partial responders had > 90% regression of all measurable disease.¹
- 60% of complete responders remain in remission after 30 months.
- Residual disease from some partial responders could be resected.
 - Patients remain alive and disease-free at a minimum of 65+ months



Response Duration for Patients receiving HD IL-2²

Renal Cell Cancer

Northwestern Experience with Various Regimens



Pamar S, et al. Medical Oncology 22:399, 2005

Response by Baseline Characteristics-Select Study Mcdermott D, et al

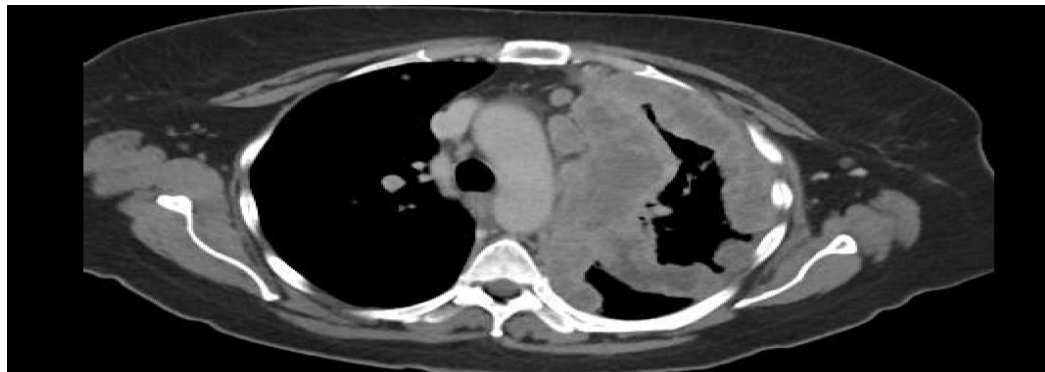
Baseline Characteristics	RR (95% CI)	P Value*
All Patients (n = 120)	28% (20%-37%)	0.0016
Tumor Type		
Clear Cell (n = 115)	30% (21%-39%)	0.31
Non-Clear Cell (n = 5)	0% (0%-52%)	
MSKCC Risk Group		
Favorable (n = 31)	32% (17%-51%)	0.08
Intermediate (n = 83)	24% (15%-35%)	
Poor (n = 6)	67% (22%-96%)	
UCLA Risk Group		
Low (n = 10)	30% (7%-65%)	0.22
Intermediate (n = 101)	30% (21%-40%)	
High (n = 8)	0% (0%-37%)	

Case Presentation (Con't)

- **She was treated with standard Sunitinib x 4 cycles thru May 2014, then due to progression, was changed to Everolimus from May 2014-October 2014**
- **In October her CT showed soft tissue stability, but several new bone lesions c/w mets. Therefore she was changed to Axitinib thru May 2015 when further progression was noted**
- **Her examination remained stable, and her Performance Status was judged ECOG 1.**

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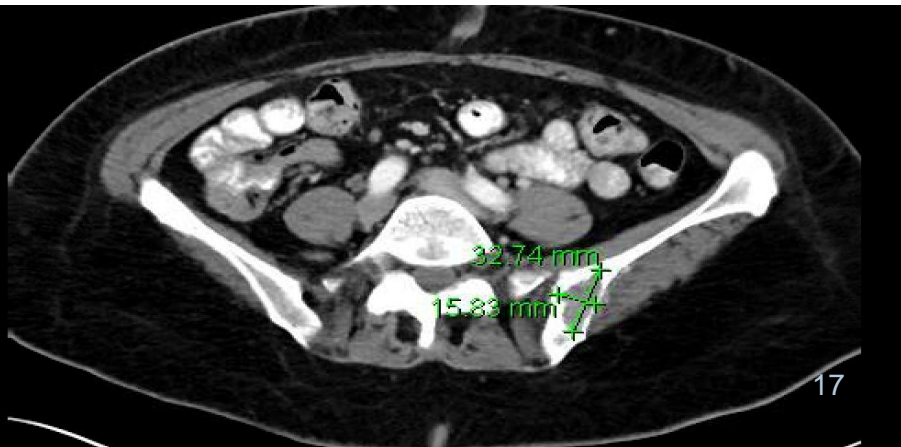
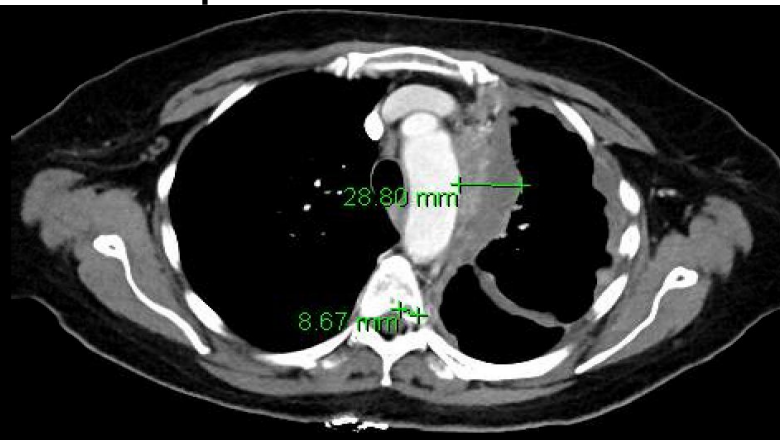
Imaging



Oct 2014 after
Sunitinib

May 2015 stable chest dz on
Axitinib from prior Everolimus

May 2015 new bone lesion



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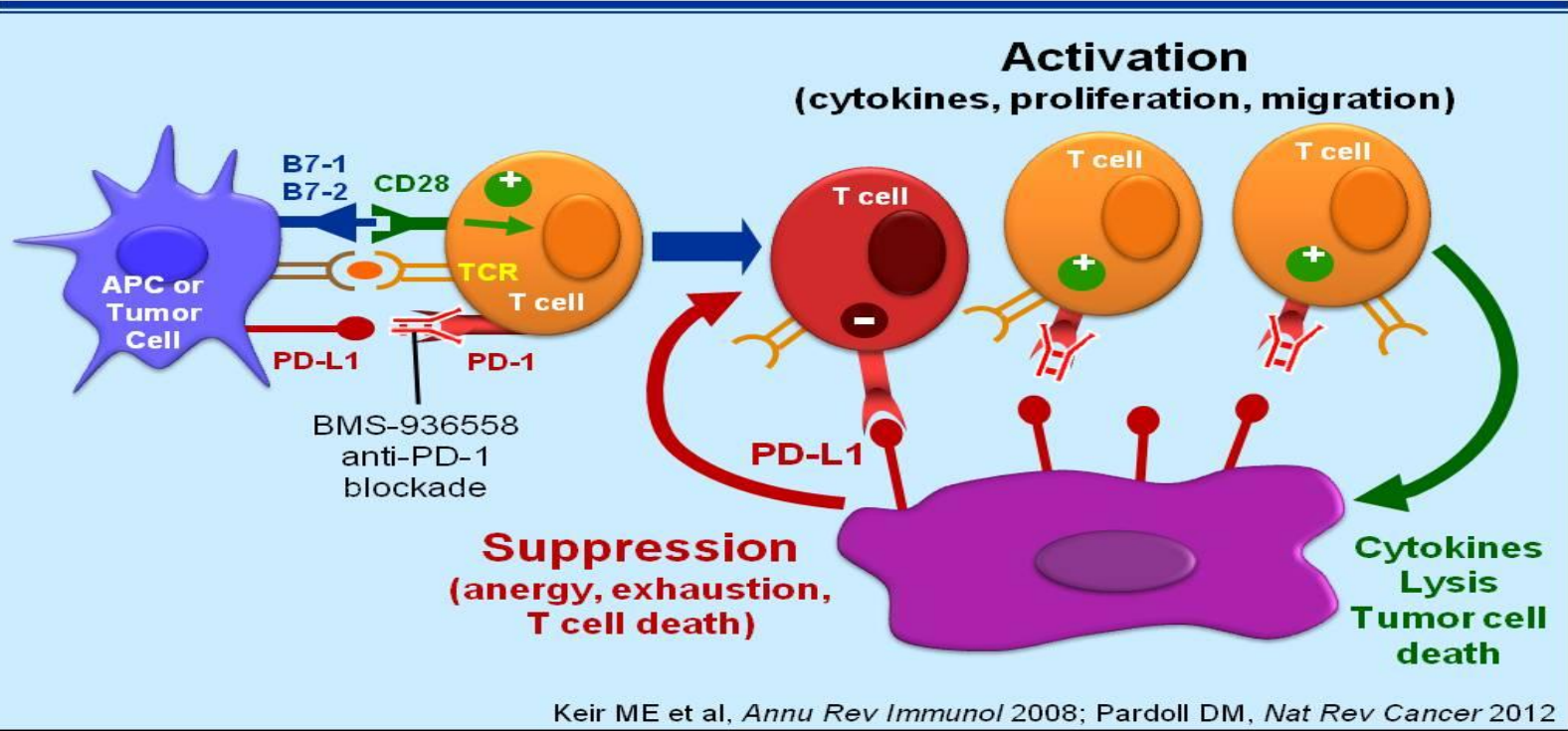
- **What therapy would you offer next?**
 - **Alternative TKI**
 - **Temsirolimus**
 - **Anti CTLA-4 antibody Ipilimumab**
 - **Anti PD-1 Antibody Nivolumab**

Newer Immunotherapy Approaches in Development



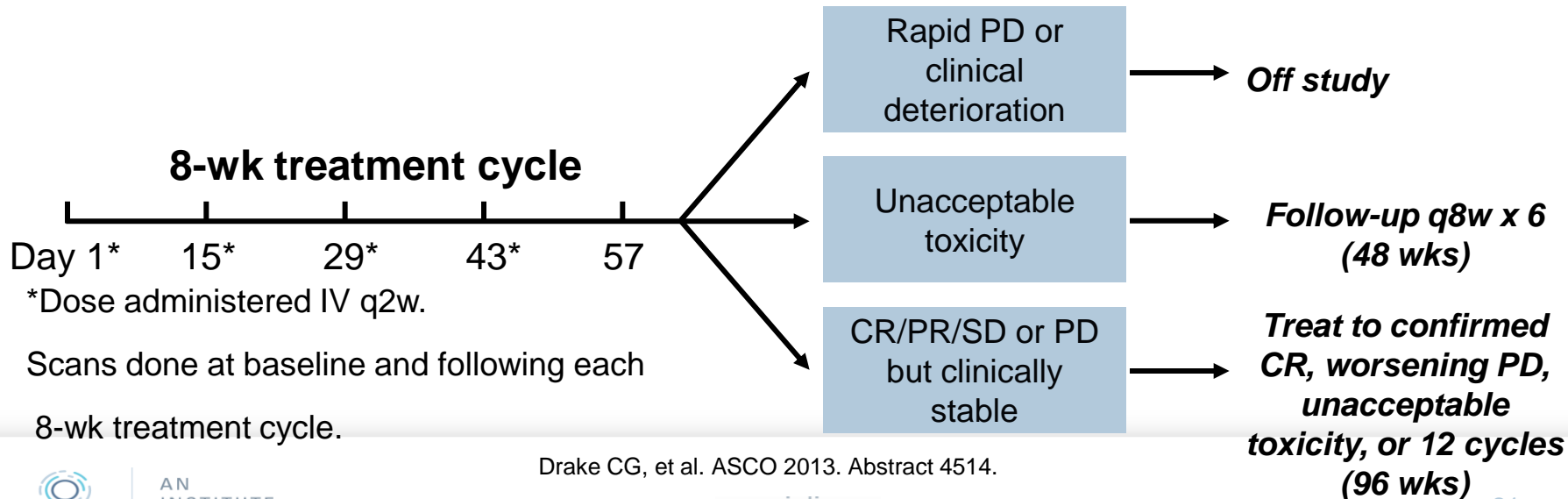
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Anti-PD-1: Blocking T cell Suppression



Phase I Nivolumab Multidose Regimen

- Eligibility: advanced melanoma, NSCLC, RCC, CRC, or CRPC with PD after 1-5 systemic therapies**



Drake CG, et al. ASCO 2013. Abstract 4514.

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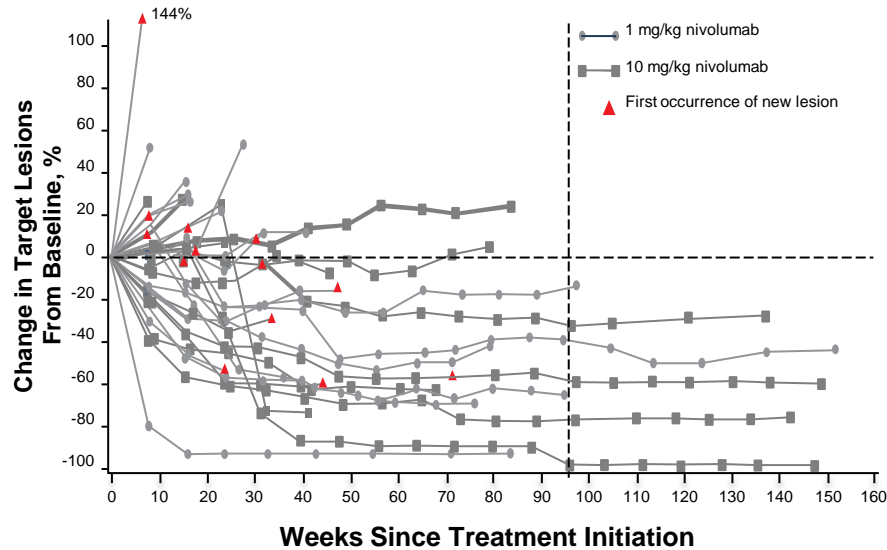
Nivolumab: Outcomes in Patients With Metastatic RCC

Dose, mg/kg	Objective Response Rate, % (n/N)	Median DoR, Wks (Range)	SD Rate, % (n/N)	
			≥ 24 Wks	≥ 48 Wks
All doses	29.4 (10/34)	56.1 (36.6-126.7+)	26.5 (9/34)	5.9 (2/34)
1	27.8 (5/18)	56.1 (40.1-76.1+)	22.2 (4/18)	5.6 (1/18)
10	31.3 (5/16)	56.1 (36.6-126.7+)	31.3 (5/16)	6.3 (1/16)

Drake CG, et al. ASCO 2013. Abstract 4514.

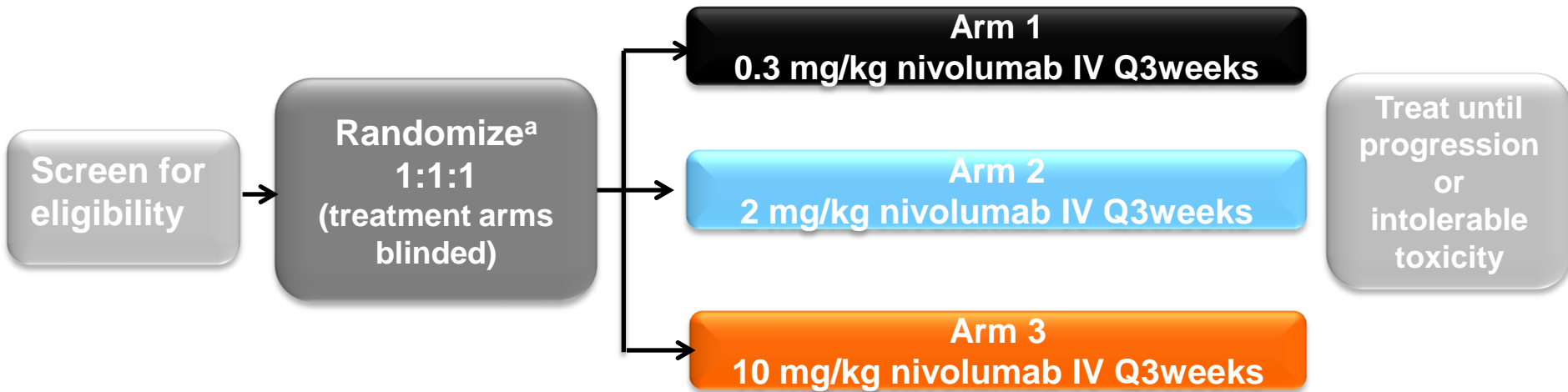
Change in Target Lesions From Baseline After Nivolumab Therapy

Patients with mRCC treated with nivolumab 1 or 10 mg/kg



Hodi FS, et al. 12th International Congress on Targeted Anticancer Therapies. Abstract O2.3.

Phase II study design



ClinTrials.gov NCT01354431

^aStratified by MSKCC prognostic score (0 vs 1 vs 2/3) and number of prior lines of therapy in the metastatic setting (1 vs >1).

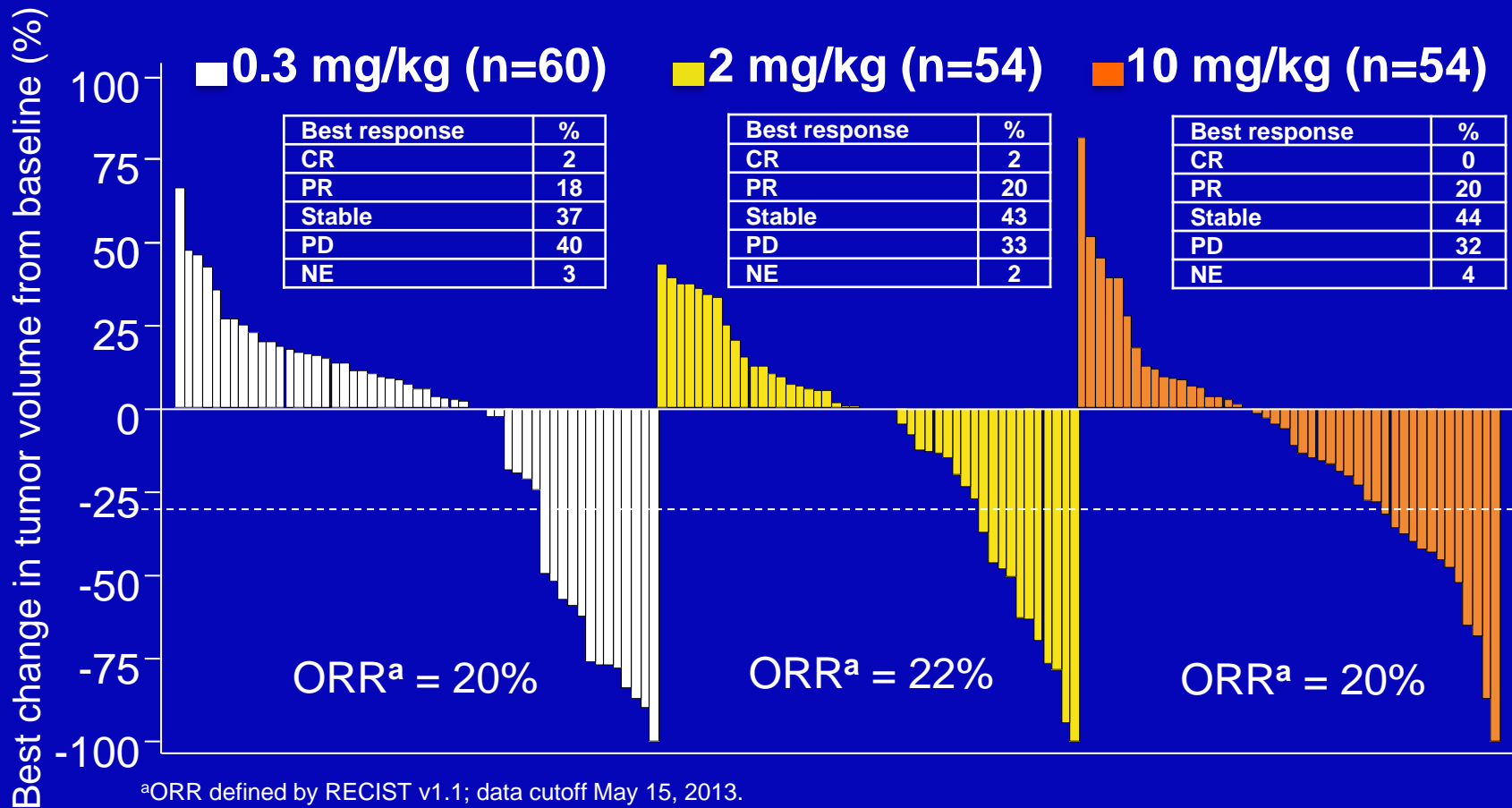
Patient demographics

	Nivolumab, mg/kg			
	0.3 (n=60)	2.0 (n=54)	10 (n=54)	Total (N=168)
MSKCC risk factors, % ^a				
0	33	33	33	33
1	43	41	41	42
2-3	23	26	26	25
Number of metastatic sites, %				
1	22	9	22	18
≥2	78	91	78	82
Prior antiangiogenic regimens, % ^a				
1	57	65	65	62
2	37	30	33	33
3	7	6	2	5

Prior treatment in metastatic setting

	Nivolumab, mg/kg			
	0.3 (n=60)	2.0 (n=54)	10 (n=54)	Total (N=168)
Prior lines of therapy, %				
1	27	30	33	30
2	33	35	43	37
3	40 ^a	35	24	33
Common prior agents ^b , %				
Sunitinib	77	78	69	74
Everolimus	35	33	33	34
Pazopanib	25	33	24	27
Interleukin-2	25	20	22	23

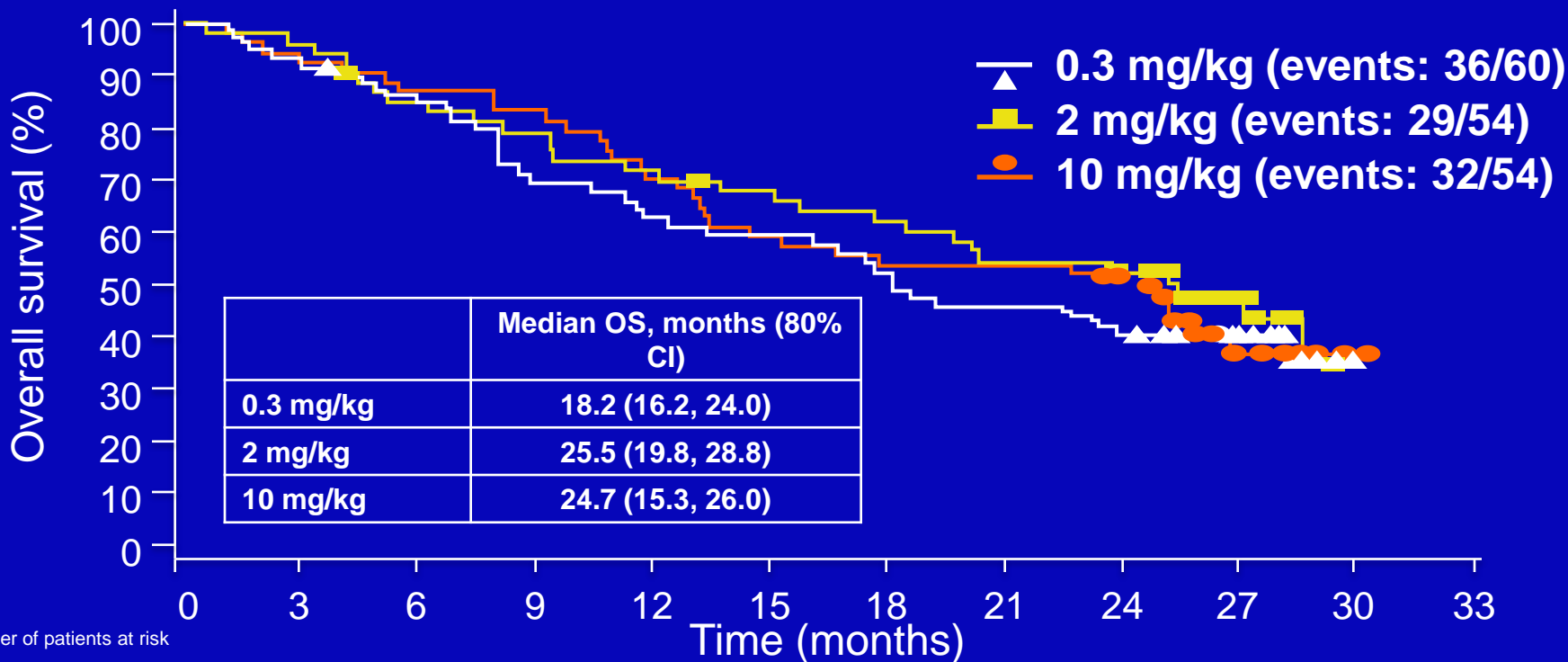
Objective responses



Treatment-related adverse events ($\geq 10\%$ of patients in any arm)

Patients with event, %	Nivolumab, mg/kg					
	0.3 (n=59)		2.0 (n=54)		10 (n=54)	
	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4
Any event	75	5	67	17	78	13
Fatigue	24	0	22	0	35	0
Nausea	10	2	13	2	13	0
Pruritus	10	0	9	2	11	0
Rash	9	0	7	0	13	0
Diarrhea	3	0	11	0	15	0
Appetite decreased	3	0	13	0	4	0
Dry mouth	3	0	6	0	11	0
Dry skin	2	0	6	0	13	0
Hypersensitivity	2	0	2	0	17	0
Arthralgia	2	0	7	0	15	2

Overall survival



Based on data cutoff of March 5, 2014; Symbols represent censored observations.

Overall survival in phase III trials and nivolumab phase II study

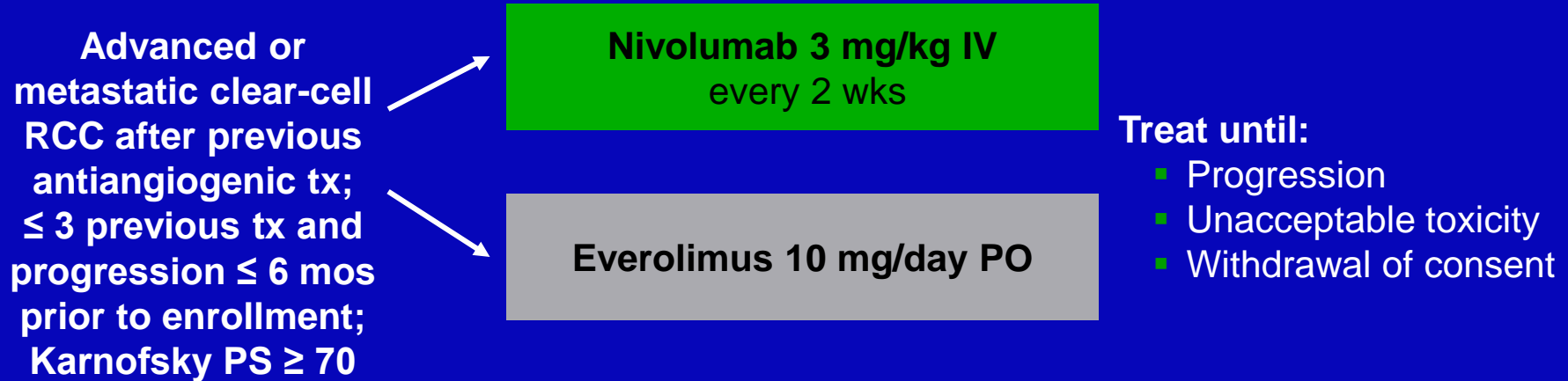
	AXIS ^{1,a}	INTORSECT ²	RECORD-1 ³	GOLD ⁴	Nivolumab study
Drug	Axitinib; sorafenib	Temsirolimus; sorafenib	Everolimus; placebo	Dovitinib; sorafenib	Nivolumab; 0.3; 2; 10 mg/kg
Patients, n	389	512	416	570	168
Risk group, % ^b					
Favorable	Not stated	19	29	20	33
Intermediate		69	56	58	42
Poor		12	14	22	25
Prior therapy	Sunitinib	Sunitinib	VEGF	VEGF + mTOR	VEGF ± mTOR
Line of therapy	2nd	2nd	2nd or higher	3rd or higher	2nd to 4th
Median OS, months	15.2; 16.5	12.3; 16.6	14.8; 14.4	11.1; 11.0	18.2; 25.5; 24.7
CI	12.8, 18.3 ^c 13.7, 19.2 ^c	10.1, 14.8 ^c 13.6, 18.7 ^c	Not stated	9.5, 13.4 ^c 8.6, 13.5 ^c	16.2, 24.0 ^d 19.8, 28.8 ^d 15.3, 26.0 ^d

^aPost TKI subset; ^bTotal ≠100% due to rounding; ^c95% CI; ^d80% CI.

1. Motzer R, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2013;14:552-62; 2. Hutson TE, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2014;32:760-7; 3. Motzer R, et al. *Cancer.* 2010;116:4256-65; 4. Motzer R, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2014;15:286-96.

Phase III Study of Nivolumab vs Everolimus in Pts With mRCC

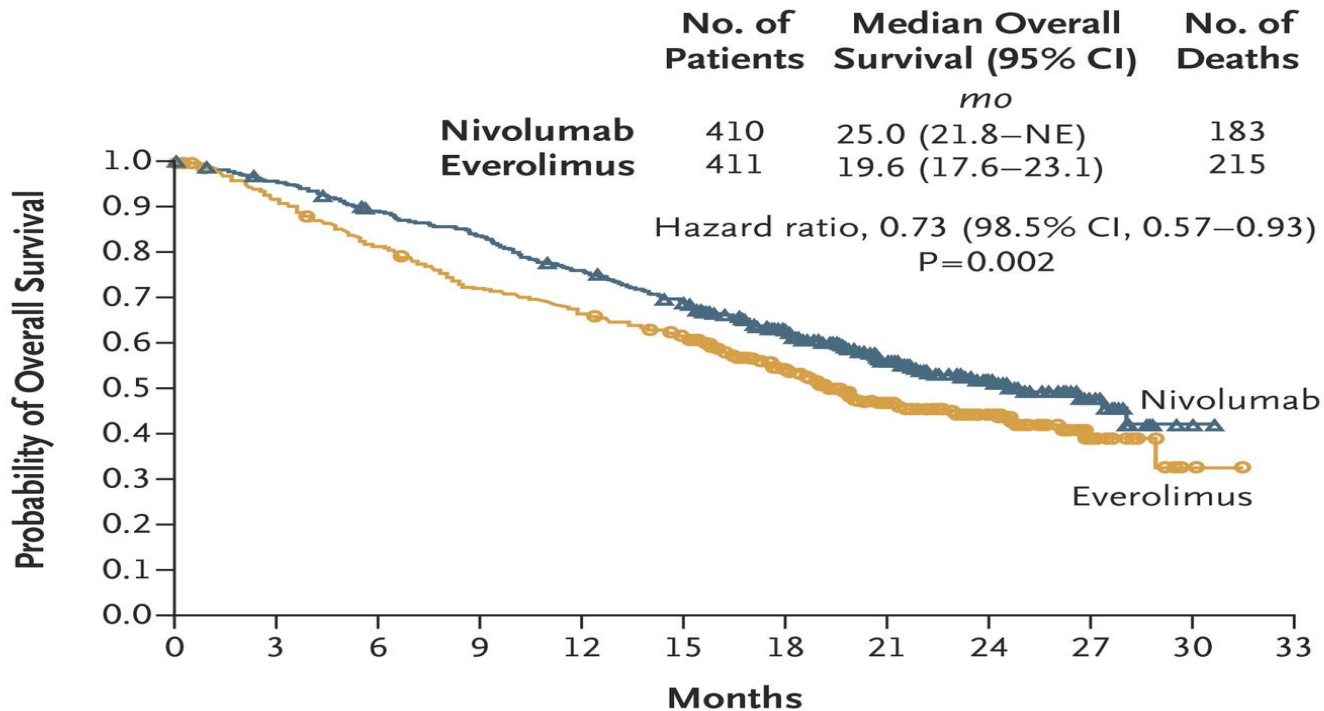
- A randomized, open-label phase III trial



ClinicalTrials.gov NCT01668784.

- Primary endpoint: OS
- Secondary endpoints: PFS, ORR, DoR, OS in PD-L1 subgroup, safety

Kaplan–Meier Curve for Overall Survival



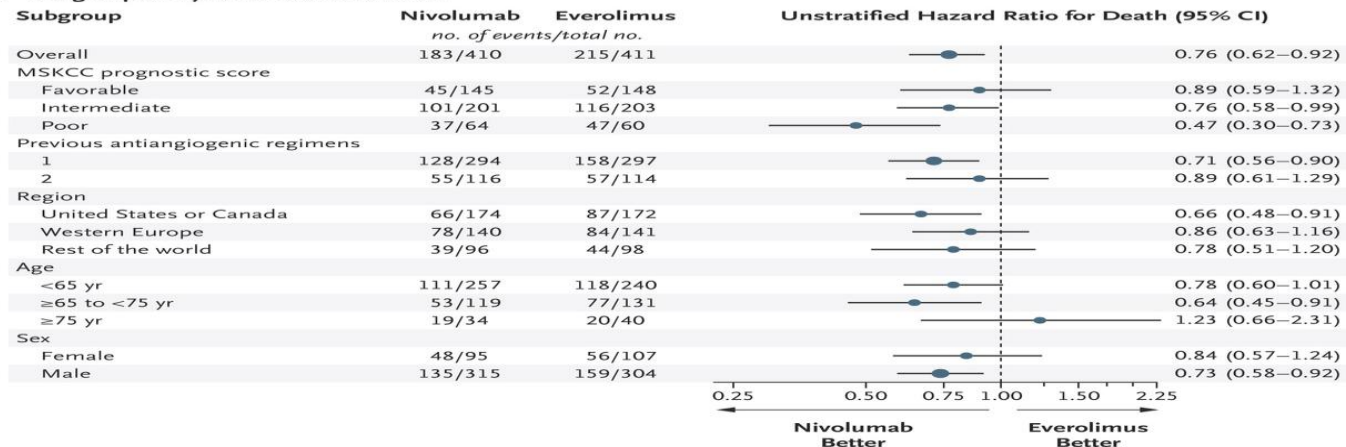
No. at Risk

Nivolumab	410	389	359	337	305	275	213	139	73	29	3	0
Everolimus	411	366	324	287	265	241	187	115	61	20	2	0

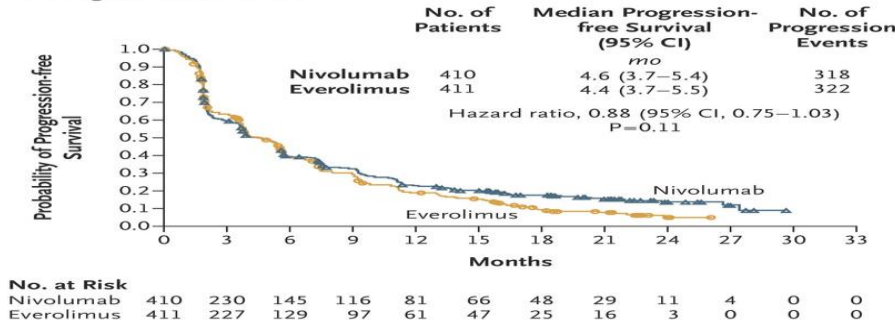
Overall Survival in Subgroup Analyses and Kaplan–Meier Curve for Progression-free Survival.

RR favored Nivo
25% vs 5%

A Subgroup Analyses of Overall Survival

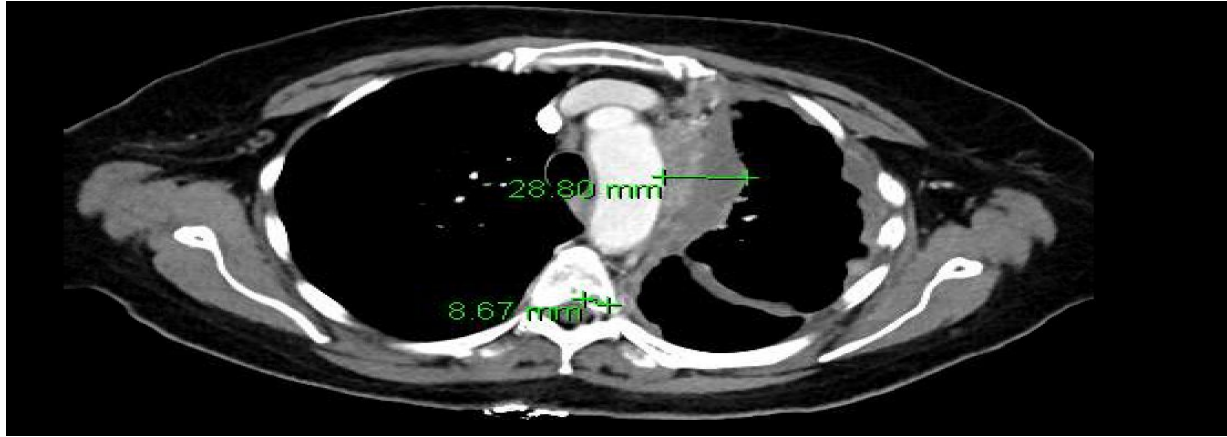


B Kaplan–Meier Curve for Progression-free Survival



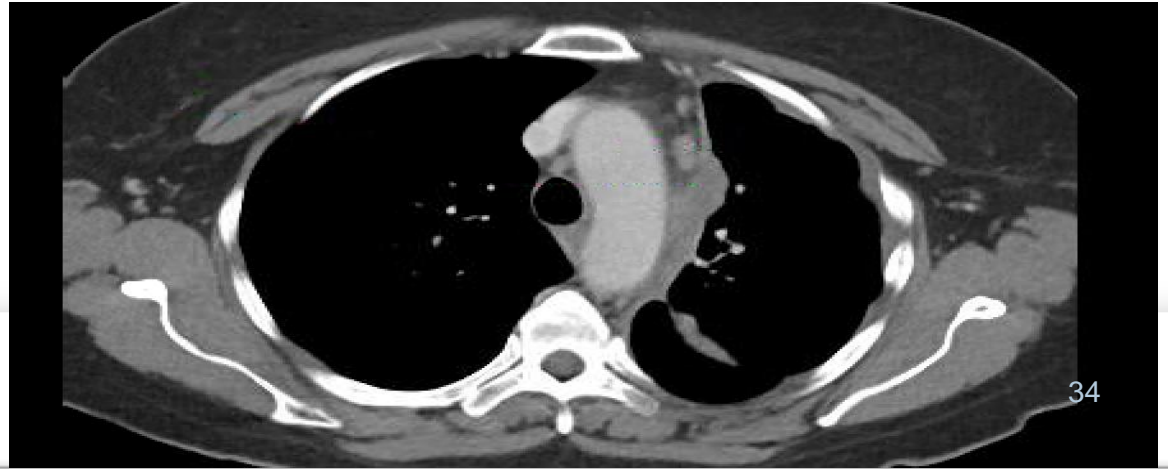
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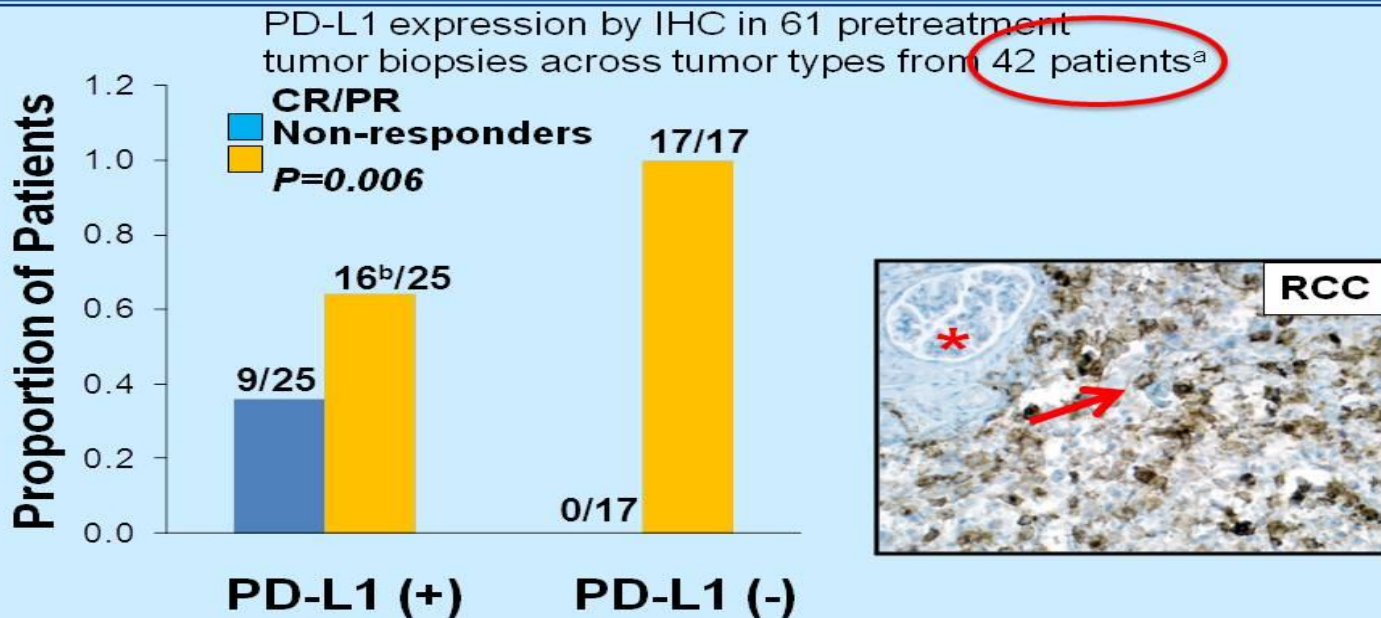


May 2015-pre Nivo

Dec 2015 s/p 5
months of nivolumab



Correlation of PD-L1 expression in pre-treatment tumor biopsies with clinical outcomes



Patient samples: 18 MEL, 10 NSCLC, 7 CRC, 5 RCC, 2 CRPC

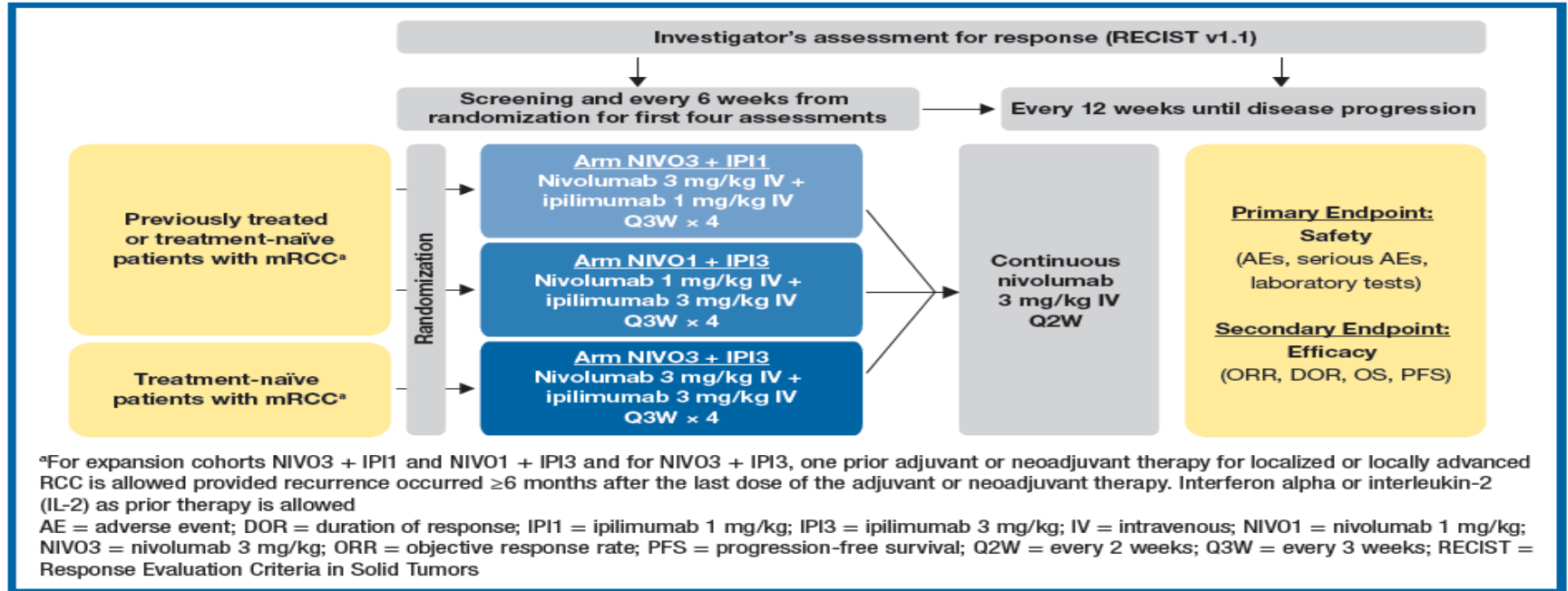
^aAnalysis was not pre-planned and based on a subset of patients

^b2 patients still under evaluation

Topalian et al NEJM, 2012

RCC Immunotherapy Trial

Figure 1. Study design



- At induction visits, patients received two infusions. The first infusion was always nivolumab (1 or 3 mg/kg), and the second was always ipilimumab, which was started ≥ 30 minutes after completion of the nivolumab infusion (Figure 2)

Ipilimumab/Nivolumab in RCC Efficacy

Efficacy

- ORR and best overall response are shown in Table 6

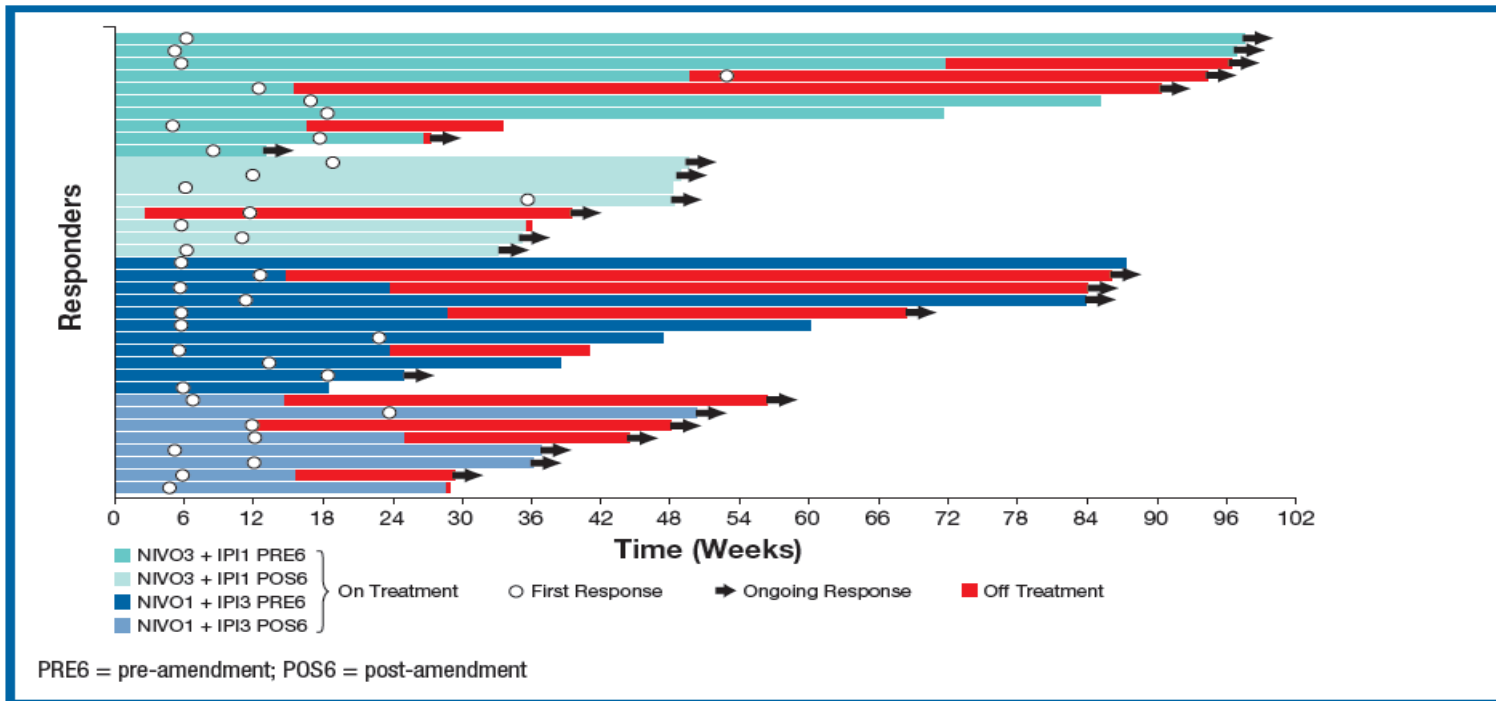
Table 6. Antitumor activity

	NIVO3 + IPI1	NIVO1 + IPI3	NIVO3 + IPI3
	N = 47	N = 47	N = 6
Confirmed ORR ^a , n (%)	18 (38.3)	19 (40.4)	0
95% CI	24.5–53.6	26.4–55.7	
Best overall response ^b , n (%)			
Complete response	4 (8.5)	1 (2.1)	0
Partial response	14 (29.8)	18 (38.3)	0
Stable disease	17 (36.2)	17 (36.2)	5 (83.3)
Progressive disease	10 (21.3)	7 (14.9)	1 (16.7)

^aConfirmed response only; ^bNo unconfirmed complete responses were reported in either arm; unconfirmed partial responses were reported in one patient (2.1%) in the NIVO3 + IPI1 arm and in two patients (4.3%) in the NIVO1 + IPI3 arm. Best overall response was not determinable in one patient (2.1%) in the NIVO3 + IPI1 arm and in two patients (4.3%) in the NIVO1 + IPI3 arm

- The median DOR is shown in Figure 3
- Of those who responded to treatment, 72.2% (13/18) of patients in the nivolumab 3 + ipilimumab 1 arm and 63.2% (12/19) of patients in the nivolumab 1 + ipilimumab 3 arm had ongoing responses
- Median DOR was 67.7 weeks (range 4.1+ to 91.1+) in the nivolumab 3 + ipilimumab 1 arm and 81.1 weeks (range 6.1+ to 81.1+) in the nivolumab 1 + ipilimumab 3 arm
 - DOR was defined as the time between date of first response and date of disease progression or death (whichever occurred first)

Duration of Responses



- The PFS rate (95% CI) at 24 weeks was 54% (39–68) in the nivolumab 3 + ipilimumab 1 arm (N = 47) and 68% (52–79) in the nivolumab 1 + ipilimumab 3 arm (N = 47) (Figure 4)

Toxicity of Ipi/Nivo Rx in RCC

Table 5. Treatment-related select AEs^{a,b}

Category, n (%)	NIVO3 + IPI1		NIVO1 + IPI3		NIVO3 + IPI3	
	N = 47		N = 47		N = 6	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Skin disorder	18 (38.3)	0	24 (51.1)	1 (2.1)	3 (50.0)	0
GI disorder	11 (23.4)	1 (2.1)	21 (44.7)	11 (23.4)	3 (50.0)	2 (33.3)
Endocrinopathy	11 (23.4)	1 (2.1)	20 (42.6)	0	5 (83.3)	0
Hepatic	7 (14.9)	2 (4.3)	15 (31.9)	10 (21.3)	3 (50.0)	0
Renal disorder	5 (10.6)	1 (2.1)	7 (14.9)	1 (2.1)	2 (33.3)	0
Infusion reaction	4 (8.5)	0	3 (6.4)	0	1 (16.7)	0
Pulmonary	2 (4.3)	0	3 (6.4)	0	0	0

^aSelect AEs were defined as AEs with potential immune-mediated etiology that may require special monitoring and specific unique interventions

^bTreatment-related select AEs are ordered by decreasing frequency in the NIVO3 + IPI1 arm

Conclusions of Immunotherapy Approaches to mRCC

- **High Dose Interleukin-2 offers for pts with clear cell mRCC high objective response rates and opportunities for durable remissions**
- **Single agent anti PD-1 therapy shows activity in relapsed setting with improved median OS compared to historical controls- randomized trial completed and reported positive in press release**
- **Combination CTLA-4 inhibition and anti PD-1 inhibition associated with impressive response rates, with significant 60% ongoing responses**
- **Toxicity appears consistent with prior reports of these combinations**
- **Phase III trial of combination vs sunitinib underway**



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