

Bladder Cancer: An Update on Systemic Therapies and Precision Oncology

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Outline

1. **Non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC)**

- Systemic therapies & novel intravesical therapies

2. **Muscle-invasive bladder cancer (MIBC)**

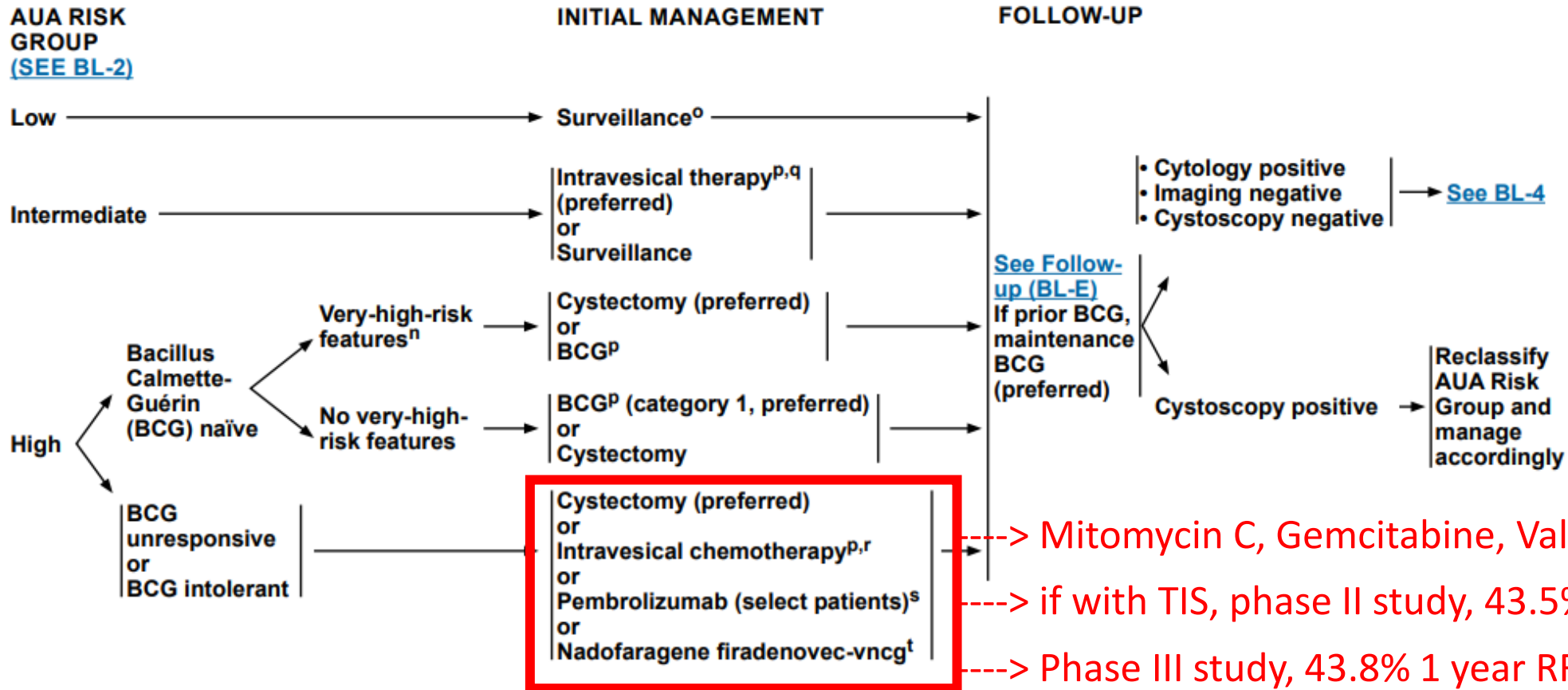
- Adjuvant immunotherapy
- Ongoing trials & role of ctDNA

3. **Metastatic urothelial carcinoma (mUC)**

- New practice changing 1L regimen
- 2L regimen options
- Role of precision oncology: FGFR, her-2

Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer (NMIBC)

MANAGEMENT PER NMIBC RISK GROUP



Recurrence-free survival in HR-papillary BCG unresponsive/recurrence

Agent	Pembrolizumab	Nadrofaragene Firadenovec	N-803 + BCG	GEM/DOCE	Radiofrequency hyperthermia
1yr RFS	43.5%	43.8%	57%	~70%	77.9%
2yr RFS	34.9%	N/A	48%	58%	57.5%
Setting	Phase 2 Single arm	Phase 3 Nonrandomized	Phase 2/3 Nonrandomized	Retrospective Heterogeneous	Retrospective Heterogeneous
N	132	35	77	34	134
REF	ASCO-GU 2023	Dinney 2021	ASCO 2022	Steinberg 2020	Brummelhuis 2021

KN-57: persistent or recurrent HR NMIBC ineligible or refusing cystectomy

- **IV pembrolizumab**
- IV pembrolizumab + vibostolimab (TIGIT) coformulation
- IV pembrolizumab + favezelimab (LAG-3) coformulation

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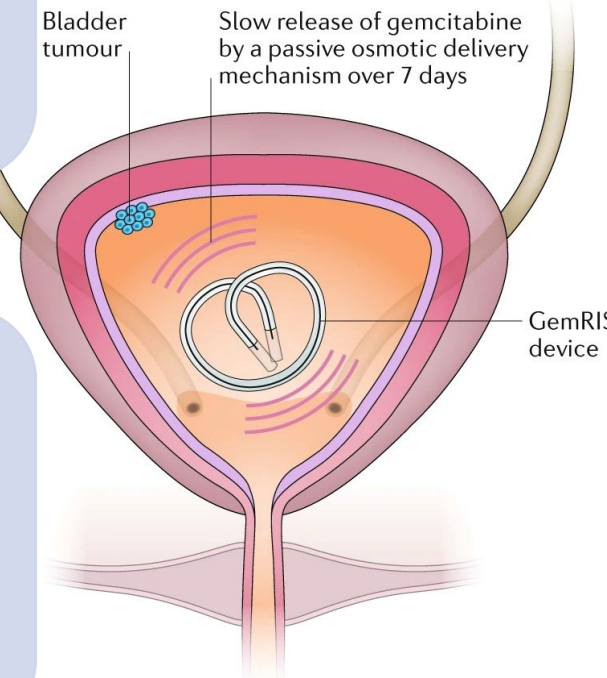
NMIBC – Ongoing Phase III Trials

KN-676: persistent or recurrent HR NMIBC after adequate BCG induction

- **IV pembrolizumab** (for 2 years) + **BCG** vs **BCG monotherapy**
- Similar trials for other IO agents – POTOMAC (Durvalumab), CM-7G8 (Nivolumab), ALBAN (Atezolizumab)

SunRISe-2: HR NMIBC CIS (with or without papillary disease) unresponsive to BCG

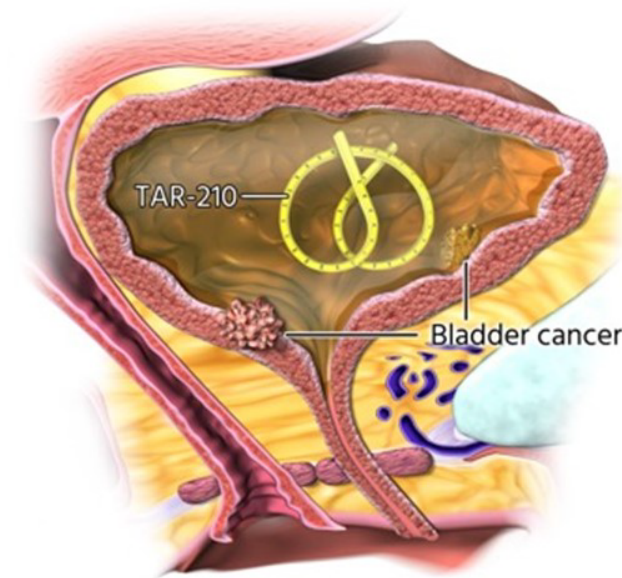
- **TAR-200 + cetrelimab** vs **TAR-200 alone** vs **cetrelimab alone** (to 78 weeks)
- **TAR-200** is a novel drug delivery system for the sustained local release of gemcitabine in the bladder, relying on an osmotic system



TAR-210 Is a Novel Drug Delivery System Designed to Provide Local Targeted Therapy for Patients With Bladder Cancer

- Treatment options are limited for patients with recurrent NMIBC
- **FGFR alterations** are prevalent in ~50 to 80% of NMIBC and may function as oncogenic drivers¹⁻³
- **Erdafitinib** is an oral selective pan-FGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor approved in the US and 18 other countries to treat *FGFR*-altered advanced or mUC after progression on platinum-containing chemotherapy⁴⁻⁸
- Oral erdafitinib has shown activity in HR NMIBC and IR NMIBC populations⁹⁻¹¹

TAR-210 is designed to provide local, sustained release of erdafitinib within the bladder for 3 months while limiting systemic toxicities

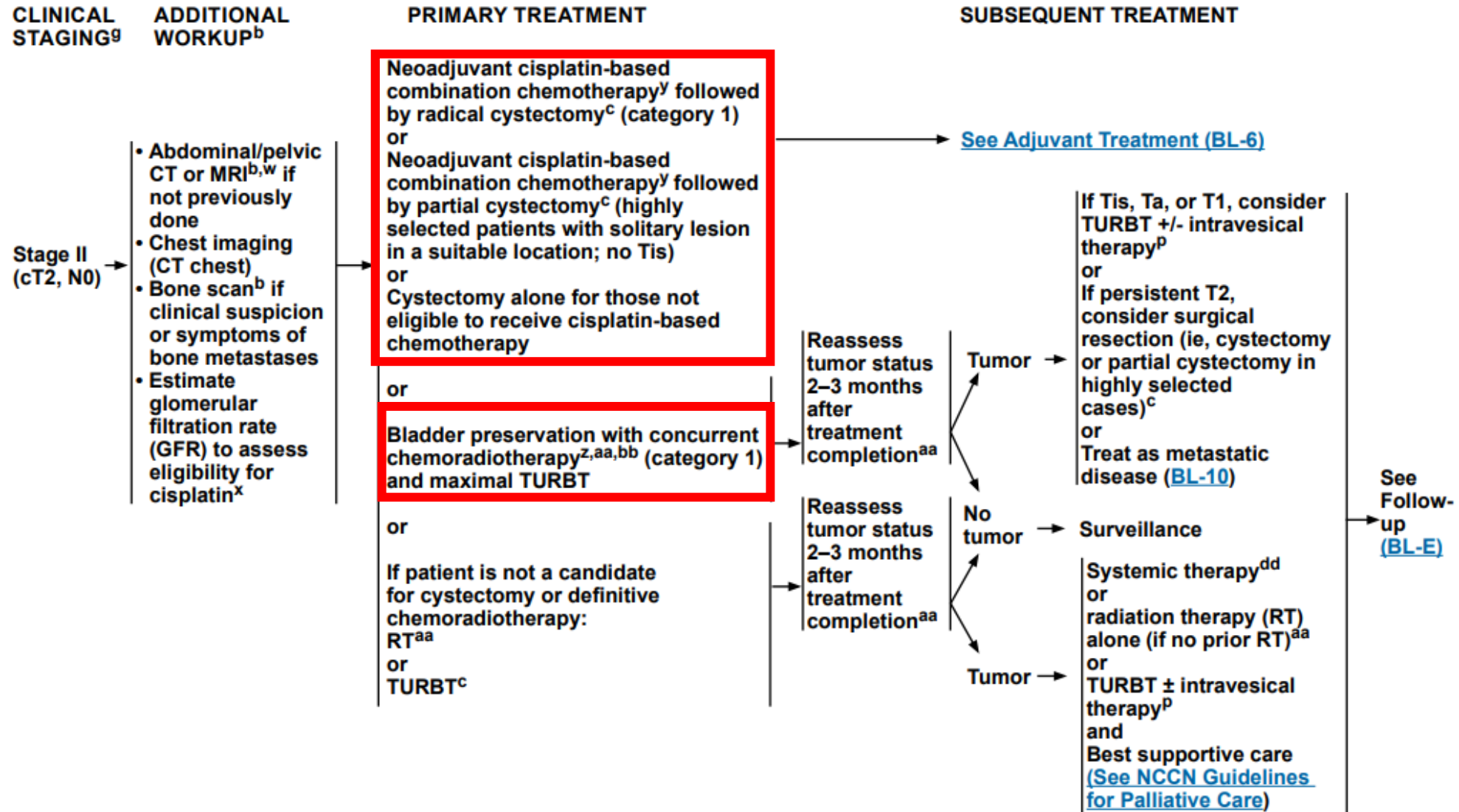


TAR-210 is inserted into the bladder through a dedicated urinary placement catheter and removed via cystoscopy.

FGFR, fibroblast growth factor receptor; HR, high risk; IR, intermediate risk; MIBC, muscle-invasive bladder cancer; mUC, metastatic urothelial carcinoma; NMIBC, non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer.

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Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer (MIBC)



MIBC

Post cystectomy, there are high rates of distant recurrence in up to 50% of patients (*Donat et al, World Journal of Urology, 2006*)

Meta-analyses shows an absolute 5-year OS improvement of 5% with NAC (*Vale et al, European urology, 2005*)



Approximately 50% of patients are “cisplatin-
ineligible”

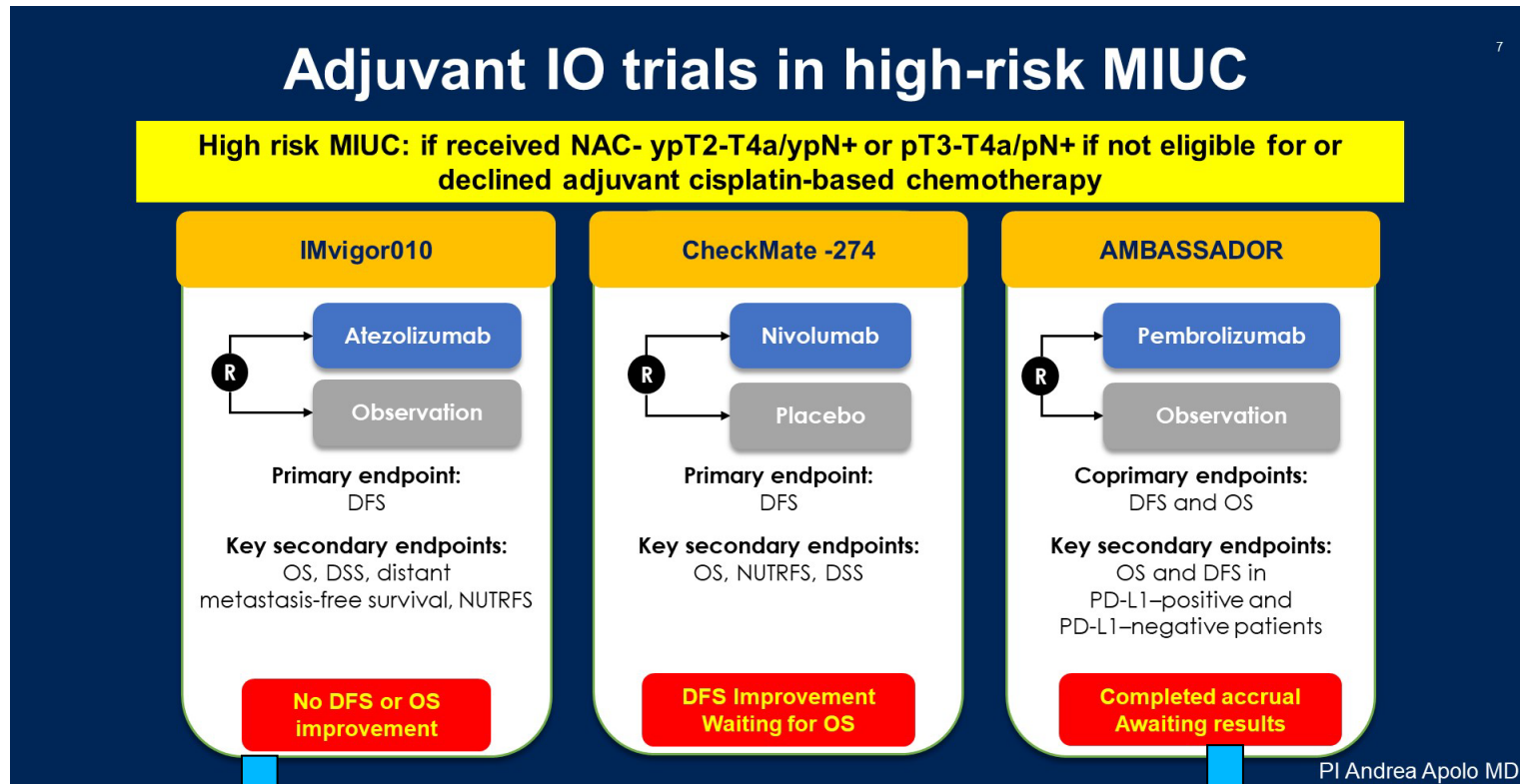
- ECOG PS = 2
- Creatinine clearance < 60 mL/min
- Grade \geq 2 hearing loss
- Grade \geq 2 neuropathy
- New York Heart Association Class III CHF

ECOG PS = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; CHF = chronic heart failure.
Galsky MD, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2011;12(3):211-4.



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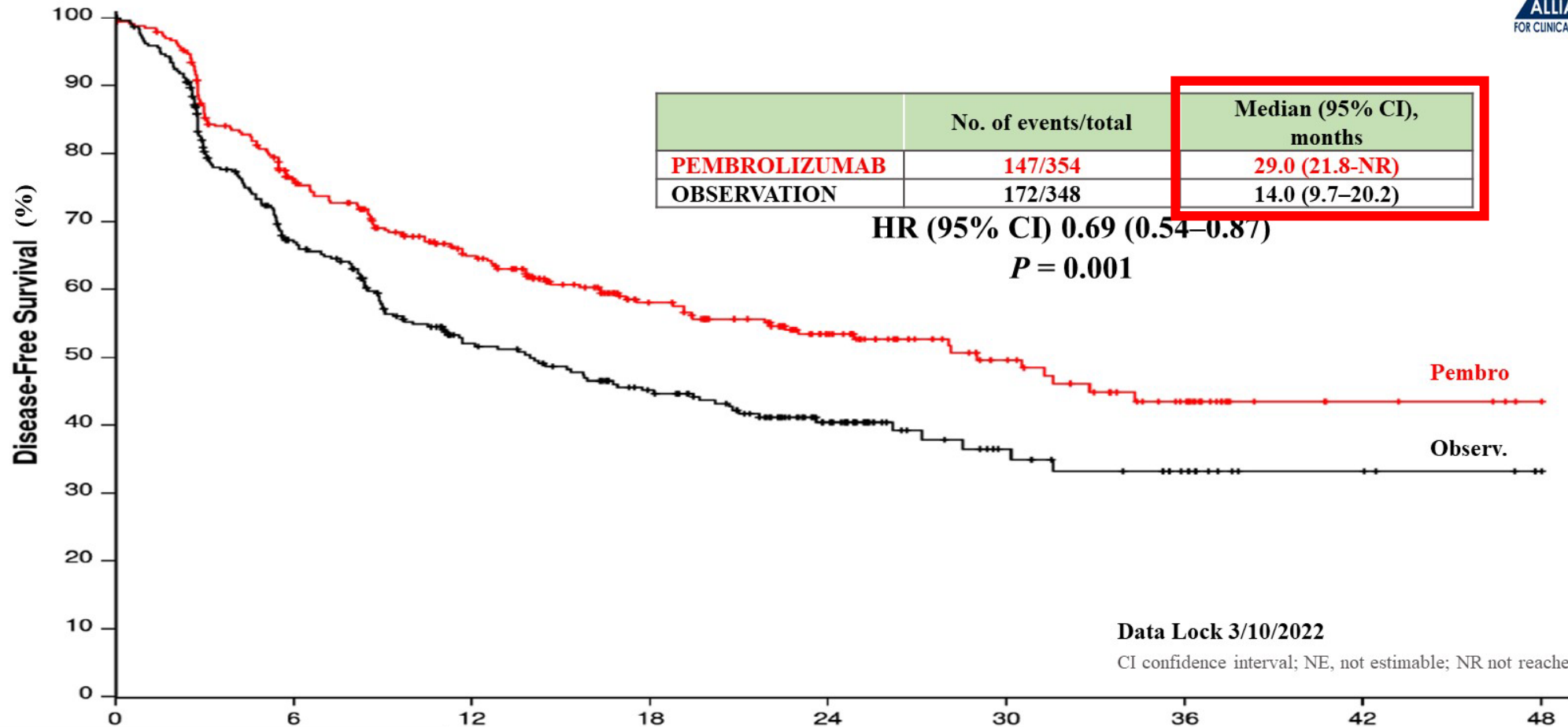
MIBC – Adjuvant Treatment



Difference
between PDL1 and
PD1?

AMBASSADOR (adjuvant
Pembrolizumab – resulted at ASCO GU
2024 – met DFS endpoint, regardless
of PDL1 status, but did not meet
interim OS endpoint)

A031501 AMBASSADOR: Disease-Free Survival (ITT)



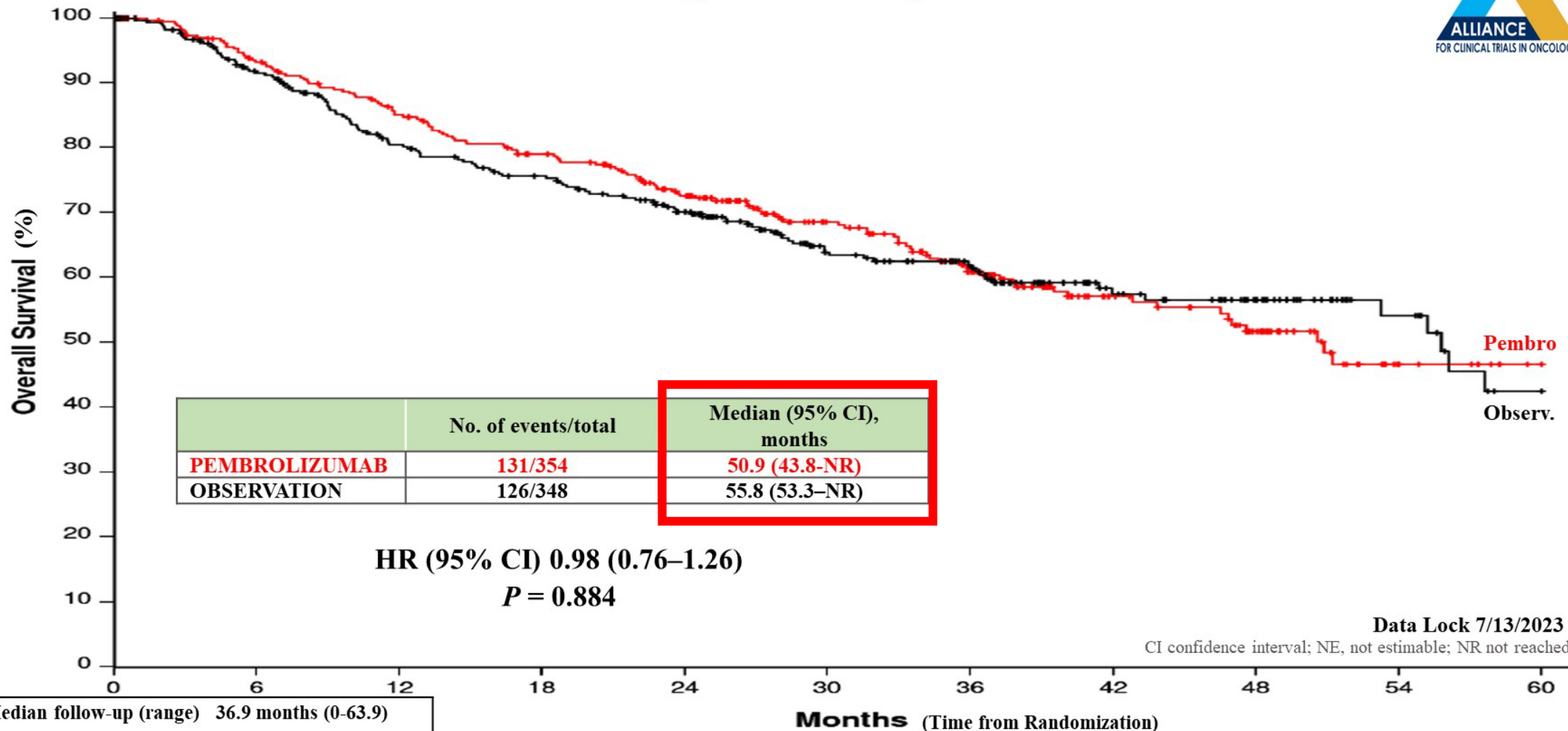
	No. of events/total	Median (95% CI), months
PEMBROLIZUMAB	147/354	29.0 (21.8-NR)
OBSERVATION	172/348	14.0 (9.7–20.2)

Median follow-up (range) 22.3 months (0.03-48.9)

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Pembro	354	238	178	123	80	45	26	6	2
Observ.	348	192	125	97	53	23	13	6	1

Data Lock 3/10/2022
CI confidence interval; NE, not estimable; NR not reached.

A031501 AMBASSADOR: (interim) Overall Survival

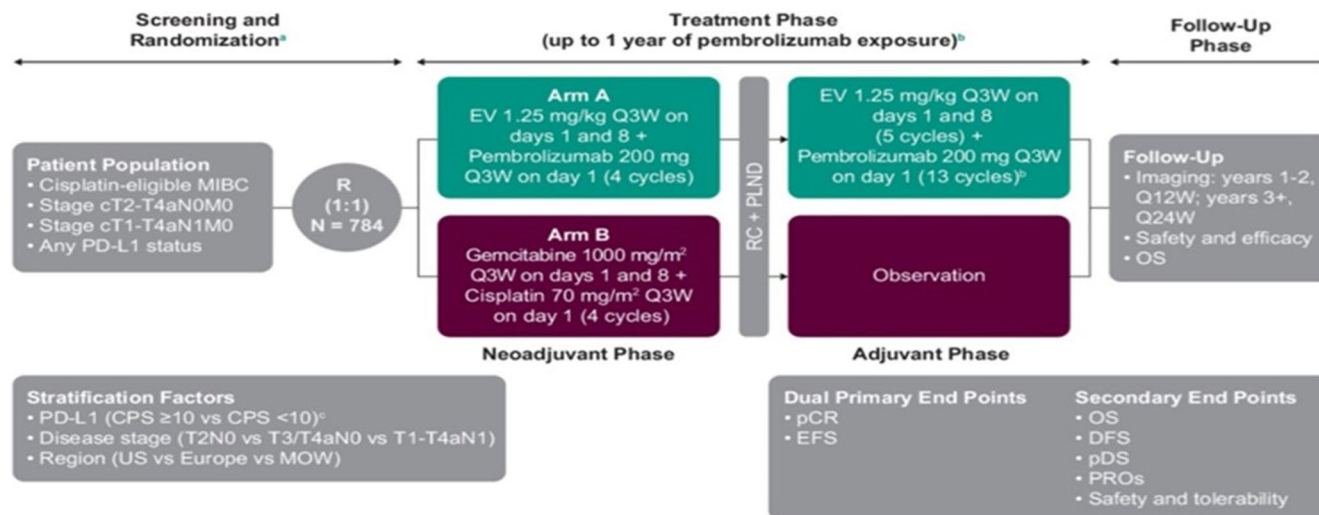


Median follow-up (range) 36.9 months (0-63.9)

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
Pembro	354	313	280	253	218	152	115	69	50	17	10
Observ.	348	296	249	227	195	139	117	65	45	23	12

KEYNOTE-B15/EV-304

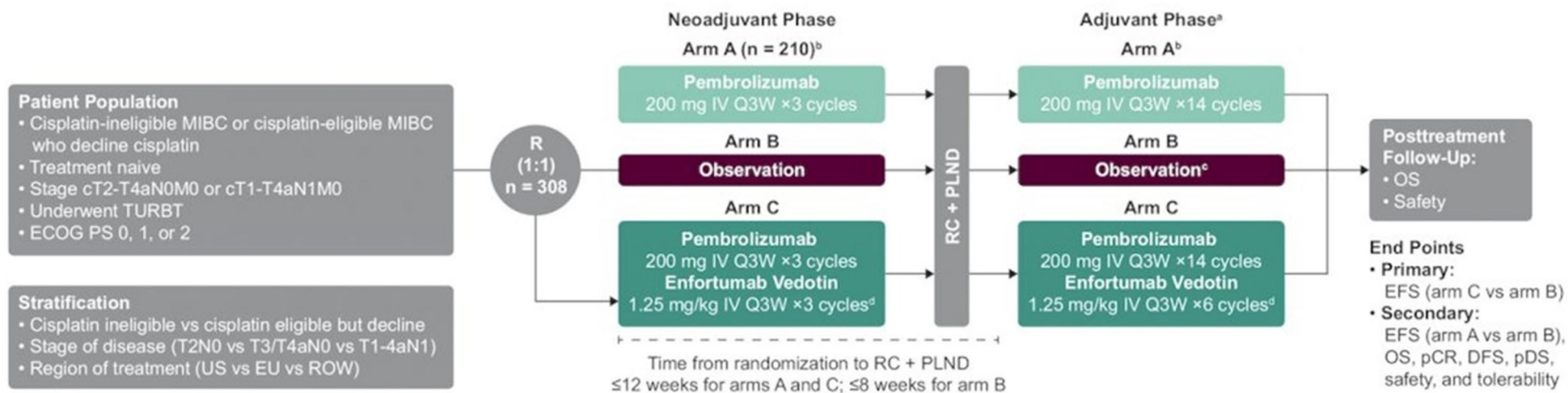
EV/P (w/ maintenance EV x 5cycles + pembro 13 cycles)
vs Gem/Cis for cisplatin-eligible x 4 cycles



Study design

KEYNOTE-905/EV-303

EV/P x 4 cycles (w/ maintenance) for cisplatin-ineligible (w/ maintenance pembro 14 cycles and EV x 6 cycles)



Presented by Necci, ASCO 2023 <https://www.urotoday.com/v>
Presented by Hoimes, ASCO 2021 <https://www.urotoday.com/>

TMT/chemo-RT - what is approved

- Two phase III trials are looking at IO + TMT given radiation may be immunostimulatory and have synergistic effects with IO:
 - CRT +/- Pembrolizumab (MK-3475/KN-992)
 - CRT +/- Atezolizumab (SWOG/MRG 1806)

PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY

Radiosensitizing Chemotherapy Regimensⁱ
<u>Preferred regimens</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cisplatin^h alone^{35,39}• Low-dose gemcitabine^{32,36,37}• 5-FU and mitomycin³⁴
<u>Other recommended regimen</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cisplatin and 5-FU^{31,32}• Cisplatin and paclitaxel^{31,33}
<u>Useful in certain circumstances (not generally used for curative-intent chemoradiotherapy for organ preservation)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taxane (docetaxel or paclitaxel) (category 2B)• 5-FU (category 2B)• Capecitabine (category 3)

One Future Cystectomy-Sparing Approach?

naturemedicine HCRN 16-257 trial

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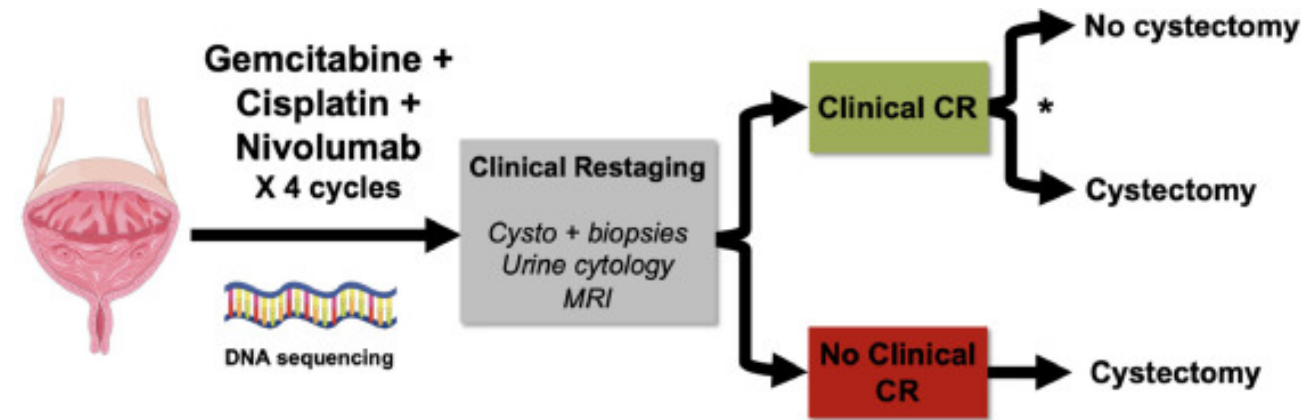
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Gemcitabine and cisplatin plus nivolumab as organ-sparing treatment for muscle-invasive bladder cancer: a phase 2 trial

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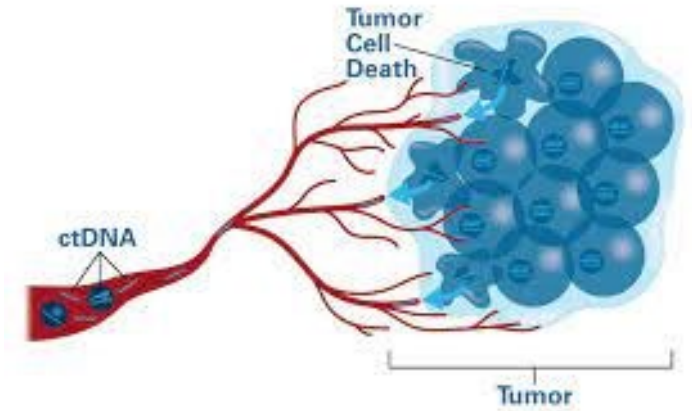
• Determine association between DDR panel and "benefit" in cCR patients

* Treatment based on patient choice

Abbreviation: DDR= DNA damage repair, CR= complete response, cCR= clinical complete response, MRI= magnetic resonance imaging

- 76 patients were enrolled; of these, 33 achieved a cCR (43%, 95% CI: 32%-55%), and 32 of 33 who achieved a cCR opted to forgo immediate cystectomy
 - Somatic alterations in pre-specified genes (*ATM*, *RB1*, *FANCC* and *ERCC2*) or increased tumor mutational burden did not improve the positive predictive value of cCR

Role of ctDNA in MIBC



- *Lindskrog et al, Clinical Cancer Research, 2023:*
 - ctDNA status is prognostic in both NAC-treated & naïve patients and outperforms pathological downstaging in predicting treatment efficacy
- *Powles et al, European Urology, 2023:*
 - Updated OS from the **IMvigor 010** trial, showing those patients who were ctDNA positive post-surgery benefited from adjuvant atezolizumab with improved DFS and OS.
 - **IMvigor 011** should result next year, which is a randomized phase III study assessing the efficacy of atezolizumab vs placebo in patients with high-risk muscle-invasive bladder cancer who are ctDNA positive post-cystectomy



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Platinum Priority – Urothelial Cancer – Editor's Choice

Editorial by Natacha Naoun, Yohann Loriot on pp. 123–124 of this issue

Updated Overall Survival by Circulating Tumor DNA Status from the Phase 3 IMvigor010 Trial: Adjuvant Atezolizumab Versus Observation in Muscle-invasive Urothelial Carcinoma

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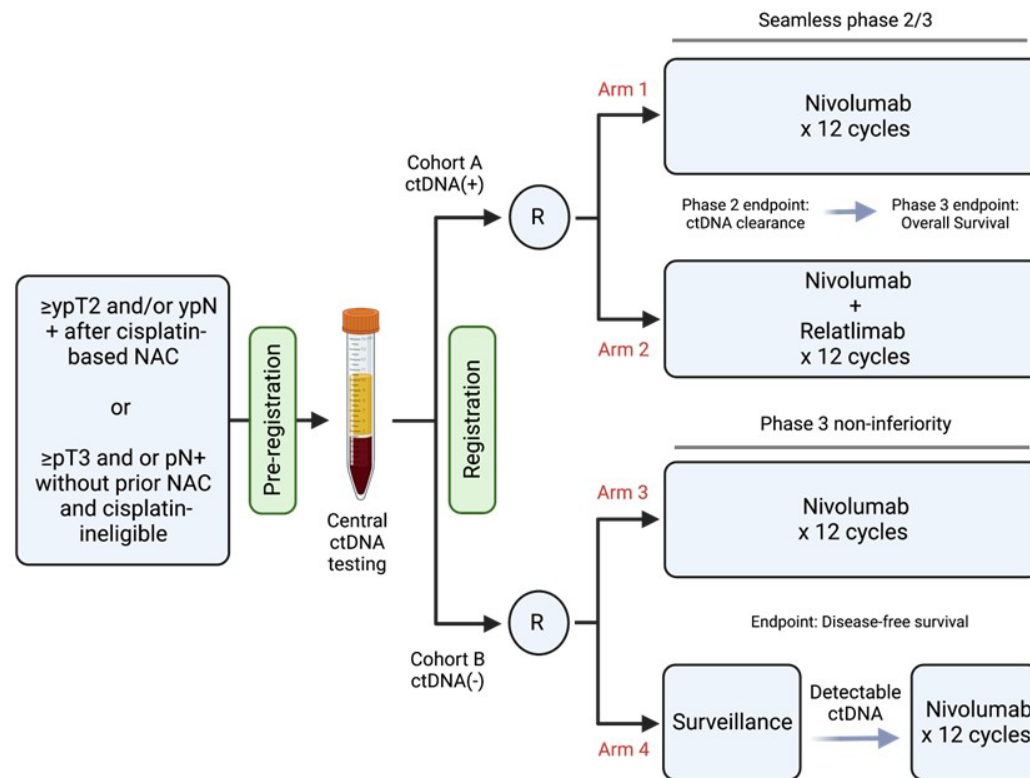
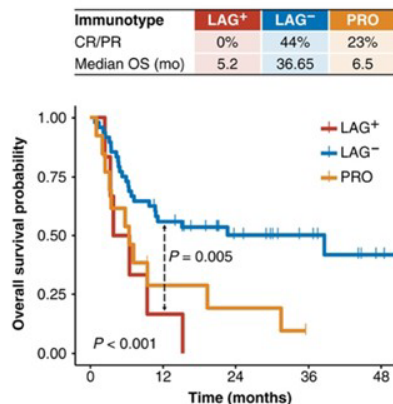
- “In melanoma we have consistently shown that adding checkpoints improves the outcomes for pts, including overall survival. We saw this synergistic effect with PD1+ CTLA4, and now PD1+LAG3.”



A032103 (MODERN) PI: Matthew Galsky

Study Rationale:

- Translational data suggesting inferior outcomes in mUC with LAG3+ phenotype
- A subset of CD8 T-cells in the bladder cancer microenvironment co-express PD-1 & LAG3



MIBC Unanswered Questions

- More bladder preservation options – role of systemic therapy alone option?
- Do all patients with high-risk features need adjuvant therapy? Need biomarkers.
 - Omit for ctDNA (-) post cystectomy?
 - Intensify for ctDNA (+)?
 - Role of adjuvant therapy in variant histologies? E.g. squamous
- Is 1 year of pembrolizumab (18 cycles) or nivolumab (24 cycles) necessary for all patients?
- Will EV/P continue to change the standard for MIBC as well?

Advanced Bladder Cancer Approvals

Clinical trials

TROPHY-U-01

JAVELIN

EV-201

BCLC2001

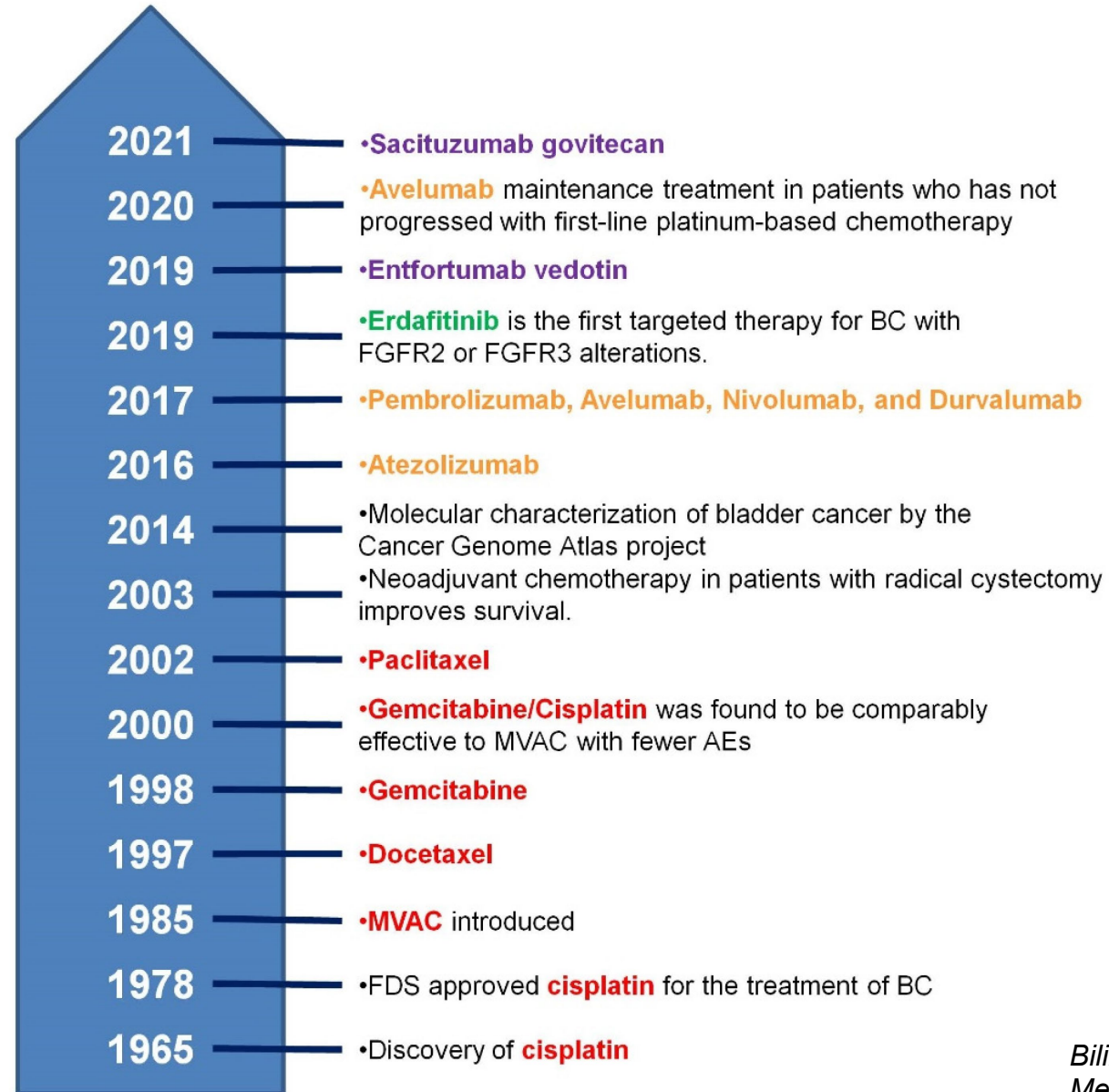
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ImVigor 210

Cytotoxic chemotherapy

Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor

Targeted Therapy Agent

Antibody-Drug conjugate



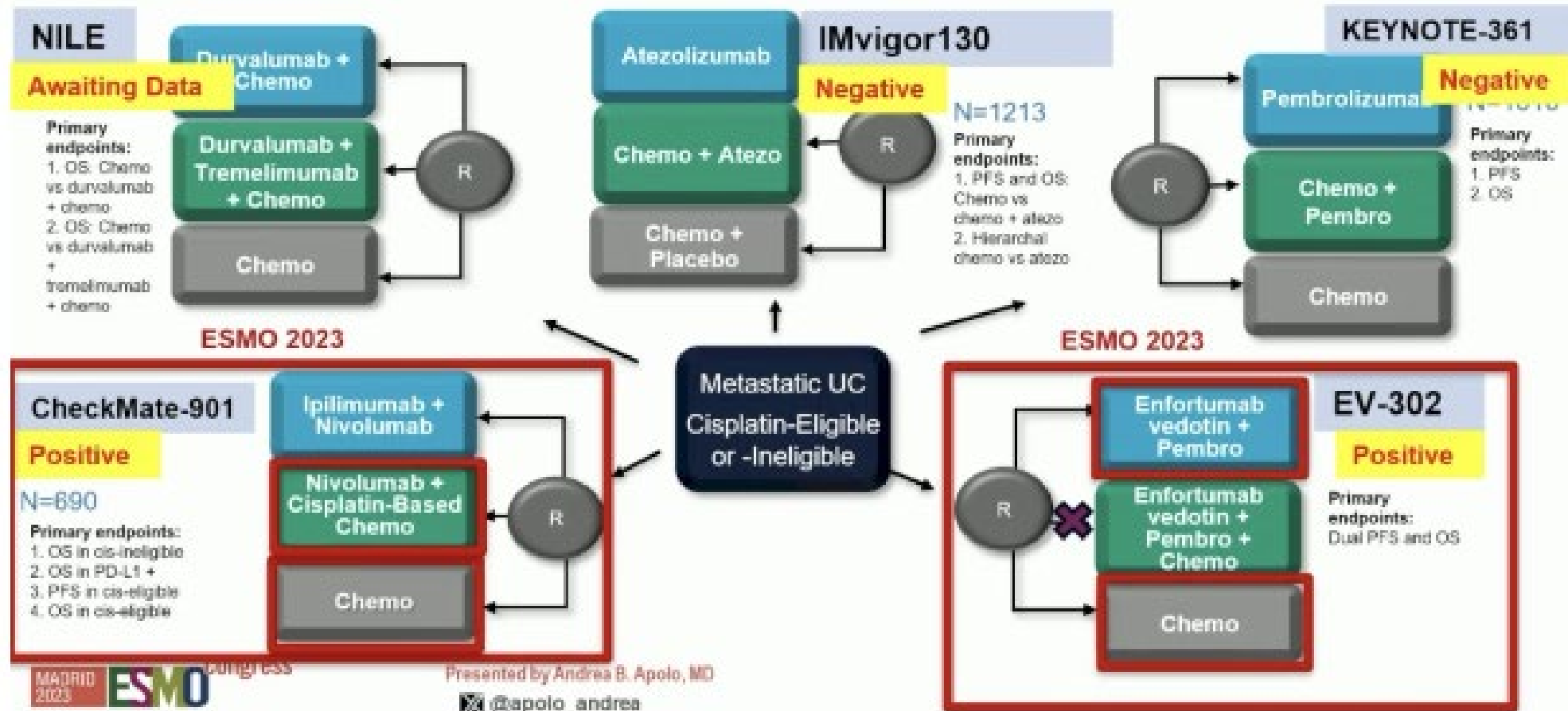
The era of precision oncology in bladder cancer is here!

1L Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma pre-ESMO 2023

PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY

First-Line Systemic Therapy for Locally Advanced or Metastatic Disease (Stage IV)	
Cisplatin eligible	<p>Preferred regimens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gemcitabine and cisplatin⁴ (category 1) followed by avelumab maintenance therapy (category 1)^{a,11} • DDMVAC with growth factor support (category 1)^{2,8} followed by avelumab maintenance therapy (category 1)^{a,11}
Cisplatin ineligible	<p>Preferred regimens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gemcitabine and carboplatin¹² followed by avelumab maintenance therapy (category 1)^{a,11} • Pembrolizumab¹⁴ (for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma who are not eligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy) ★ Pembrolizumab and enfortumab vedotin-ejfv¹⁷ --> accelerated FDA approval in April 2023 based on Cohort K of EV-103 <p>Other recommended regimens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gemcitabine¹⁵ • Gemcitabine and paclitaxel¹⁶ • Atezolizumab¹³ (only for patients whose tumors express PD-L1^b) (category 2B) <p>Useful under certain circumstances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ifosfamide, doxorubicin, and gemcitabine¹⁸ (for patients with good kidney function and good performance status) • Atezolizumab¹³ (only for patients who are not eligible for any platinum-containing chemotherapy regardless of PD-L1 expression) (category 3)

First-line Phase 3 Trials with Checkpoint-Inhibitor Combinations vs Platinum-based Chemo for Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma



1L Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma post-ESMO 2023



NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2024 Bladder Cancer

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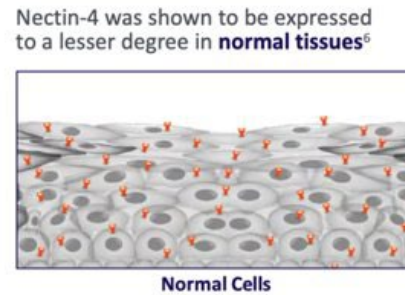
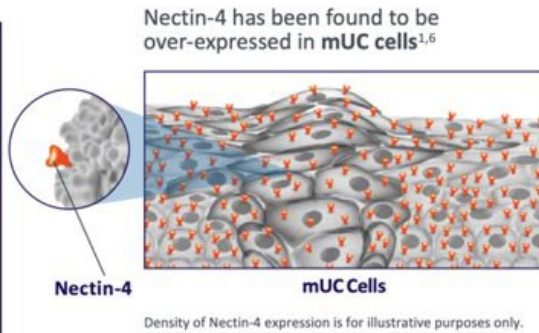
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Enfortumab vedotin (EV)

Nectin-4 Is an Adhesion Protein Located On The Surface of Cells¹

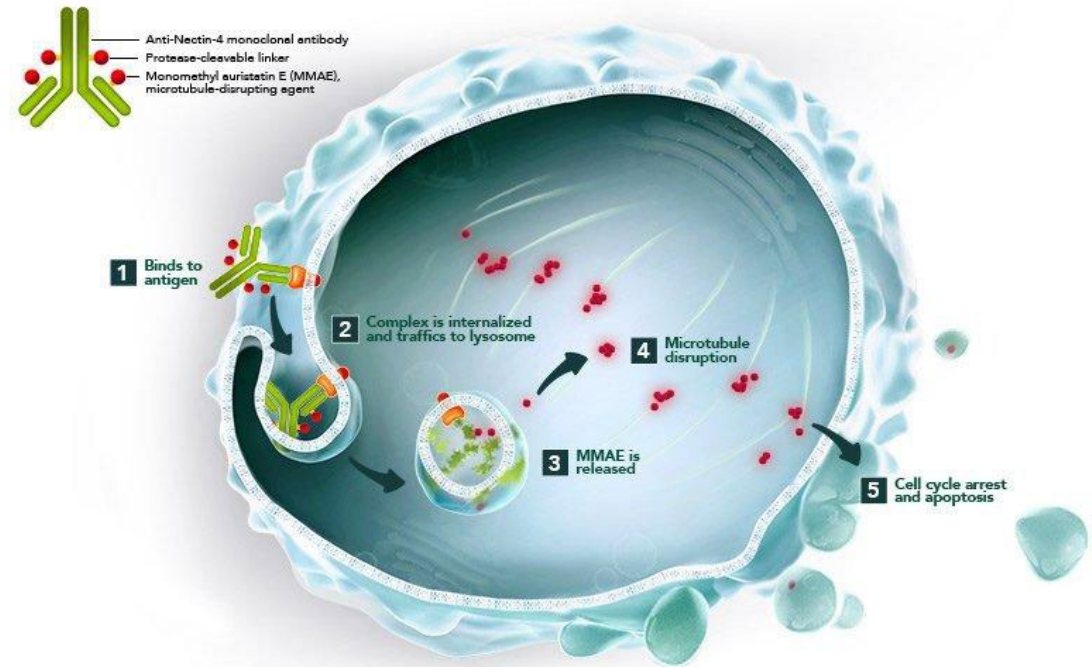
Nectin-4 is a cell adhesion molecule involved in multiple cellular processes known to be associated with oncogenesis, including²⁻⁶

- Cell adhesion
- Migration
- Proliferation
- Differentiation
- Survival

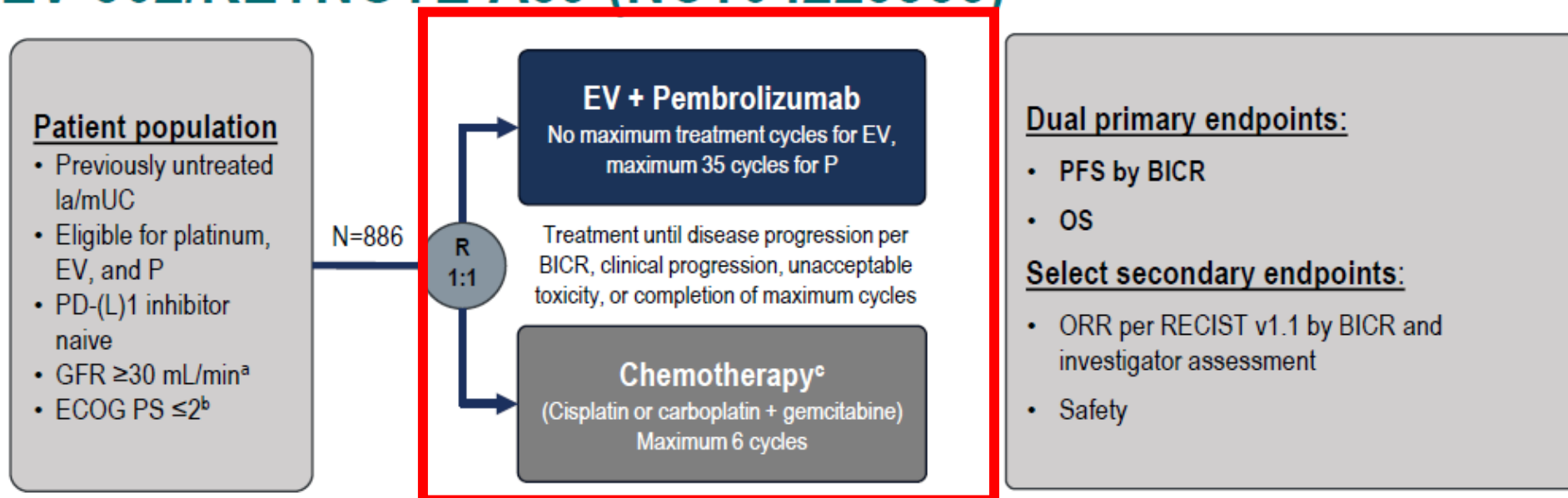


Normal tissues include, but are not limited to⁶

- Epithelium of the bladder
- Skin
- Salivary gland ducts
- Gastrointestinal tract
- Breast ducts



EV-302/KEYNOTE-A39 (NCT04223856)



Stratification factors: cisplatin eligibility (eligible/ineligible), PD-L1 expression (high/low), liver metastases (present/absent)

Cisplatin eligibility and assignment/dosing of cisplatin vs carboplatin were protocol-defined; patients received 3-week cycles of EV (1.25 mg/kg; IV) on Days 1 and 8 and P (200 mg; IV) on Day 1

Statistical plan for analysis: the first planned analysis was performed after approximately 526 PFS (final) and 356 OS events (interim); if OS was positive at interim, the OS interim analysis was considered final

BICR, blinded independent central review; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; ORR, overall response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; R, randomization; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors

^aMeasured by the Cockcroft-Gault formula, Modification of Diet in Renal Disease, or 24-hour urine

^bPatients with ECOG PS of 2 were required to also meet the additional criteria: hemoglobin ≥ 10 g/dL, GFR ≥ 50 mL/min, may not have NYHA class III heart failure

^cMaintenance therapy could be used following completion and/or discontinuation of platinum-containing therapy

Data cutoff: 08 Aug 2023; FPI: 7 Apr 2020, LPI: 09 Nov 2022

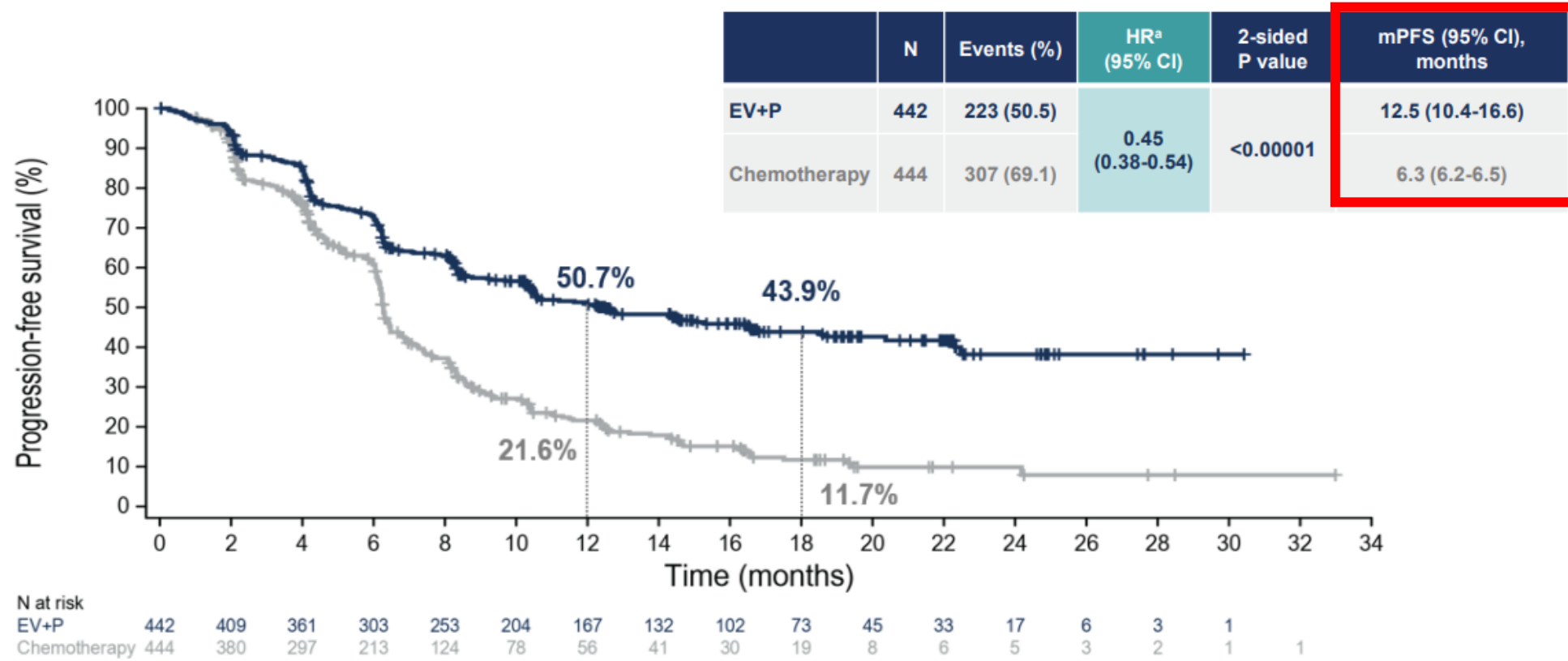


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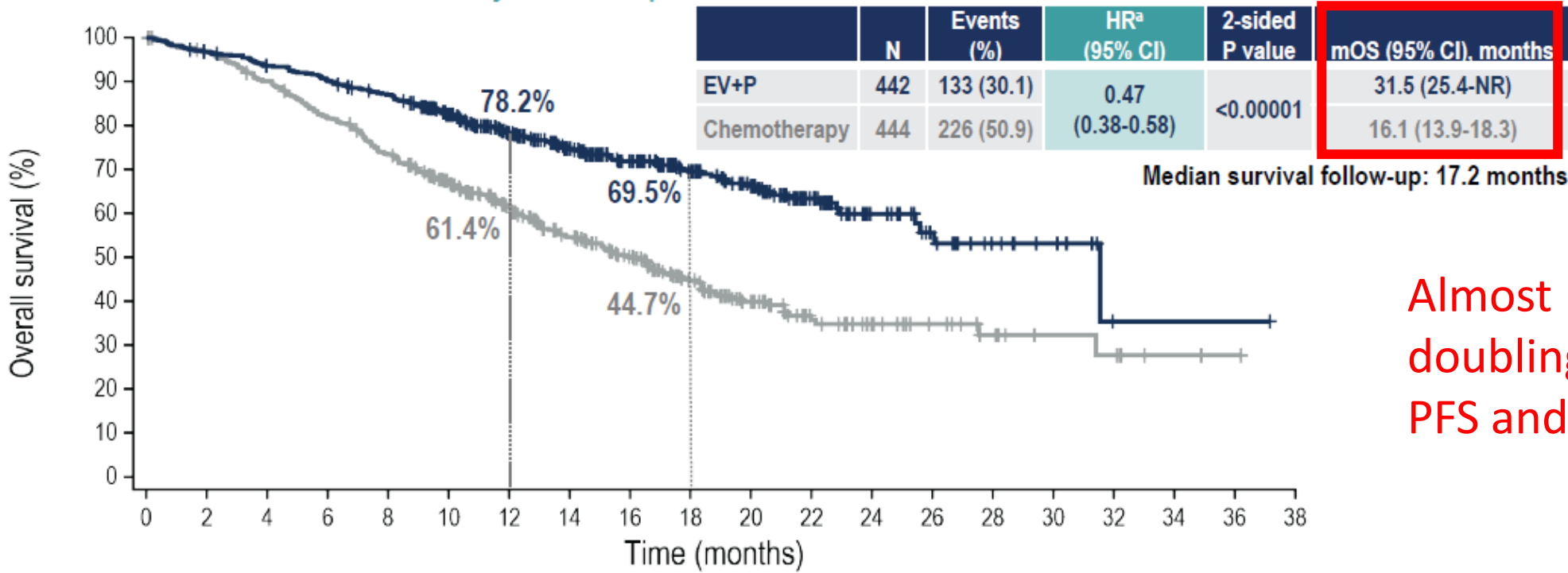
Progression-Free Survival per BICR

Risk of progression or death was reduced by 55% in patients who received EV+P



Overall Survival

Risk of death was reduced by 53% in patients who received EV+P

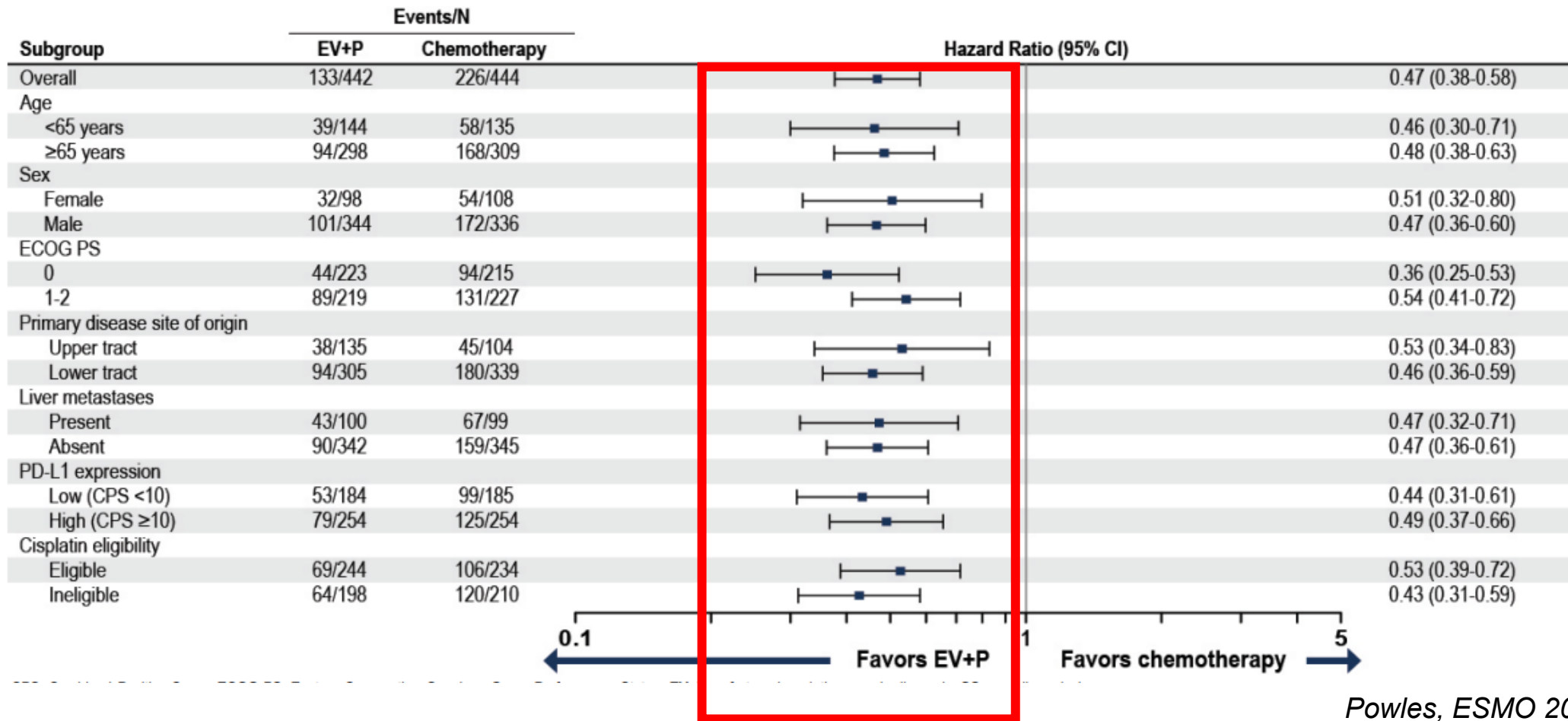


Almost doubling of PFS and OS!

N at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38
EV+P	442	426	409	394	376	331	270	222	182	141	108	67	36	22	12	8	1	1	1	
Chemotherapy	444	423	393	356	317	263	209	164	125	90	60	37	25	18	12	7	6	2	1	

Subgroup Analysis of OS

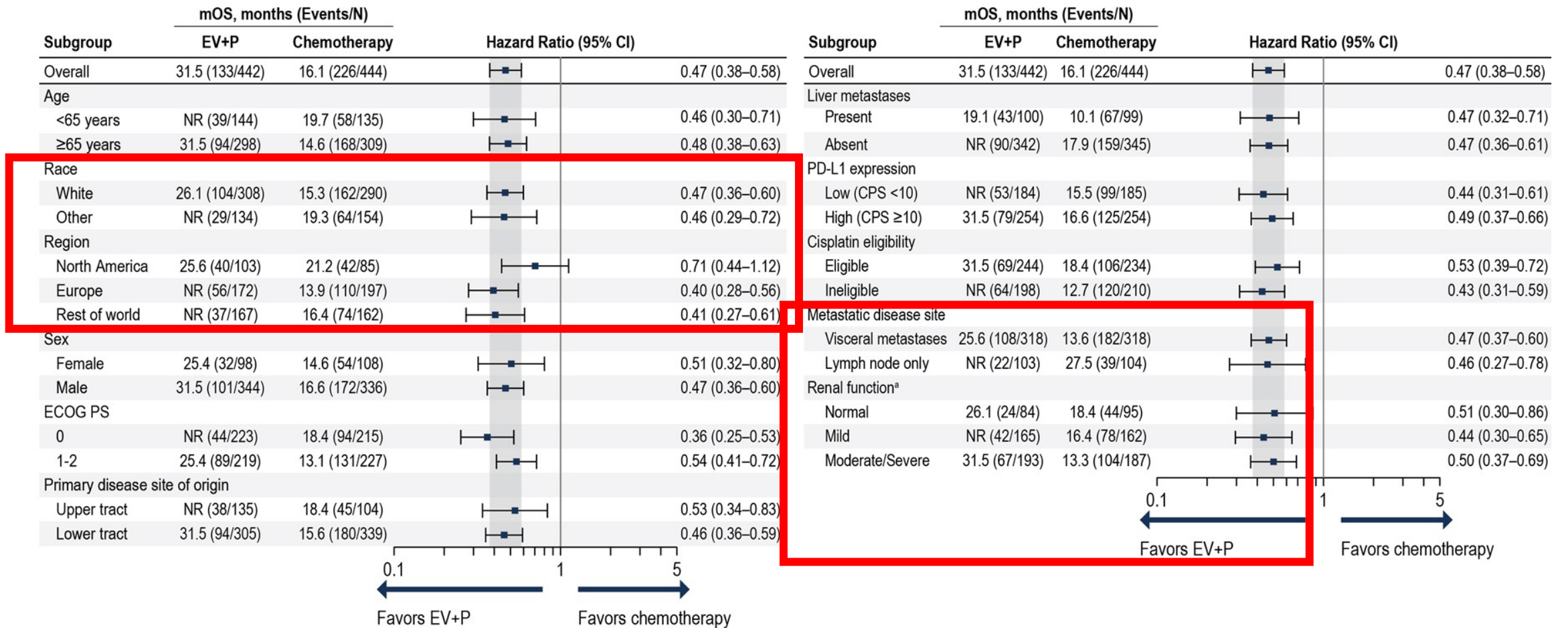
OS benefit in select pre-specified subgroups was consistent with results in overall population



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Subgroup Analysis of OS

OS benefit in all pre-specified subgroups was consistent with results in overall population



Data cutoff: 08 August 2023

*Renal function categories defined as: Normal (≥90 mL/min), Mild (≥60 to <90 mL/min), Moderate/Severe (≥15 to <60 mL/min)

Summary of Subsequent Systemic Therapy

59% of patients in chemotherapy arm received subsequent PD-1/L1 inhibitors

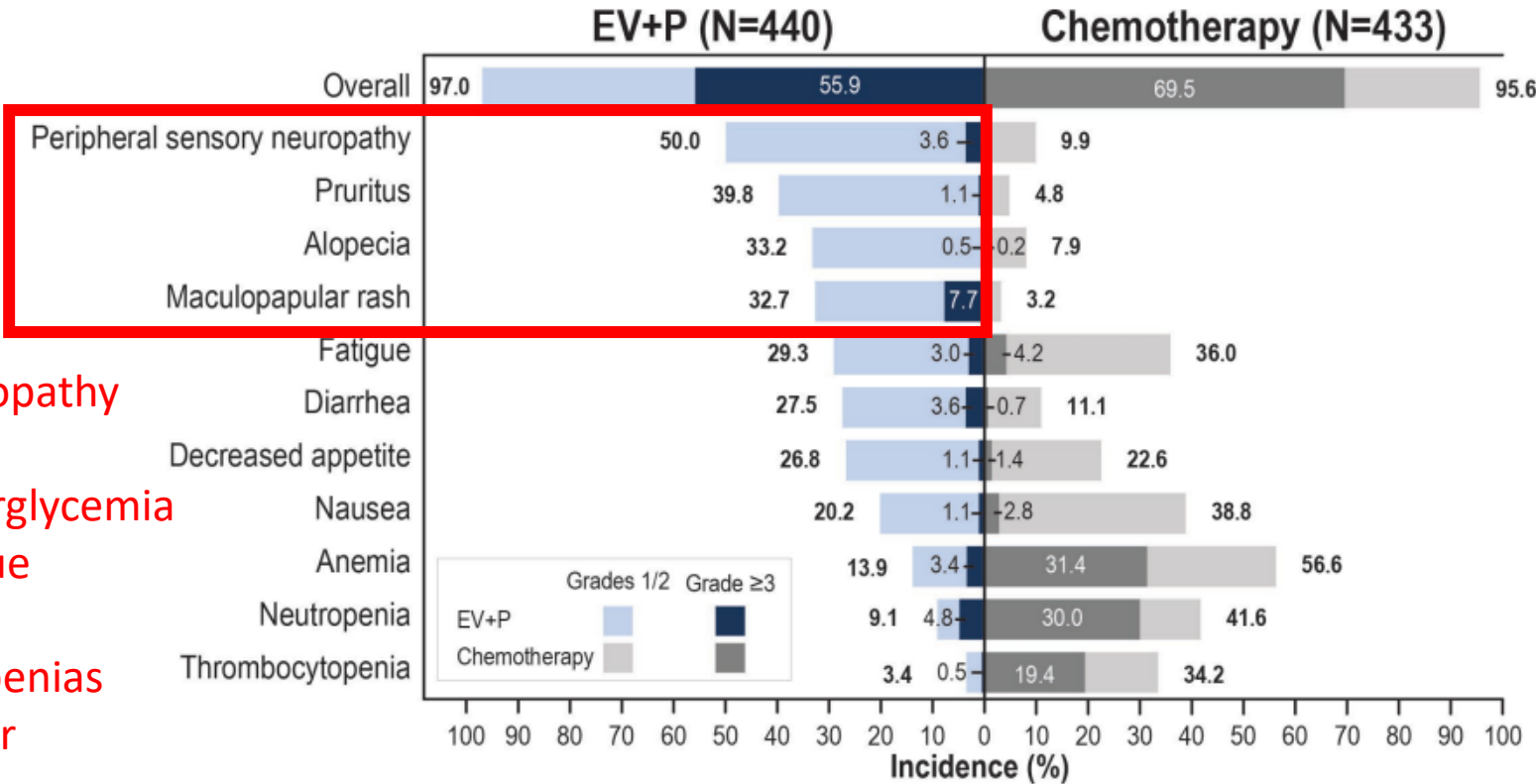
	EV+P (N=442) n (%)	Chemotherapy (N=444) n (%)
First subsequent systemic therapy^a	128 (28.9)	294 (66.2)
Platinum-based therapy	110 (24.9)	17 (3.8)
PD-1/L1 inhibitor-containing therapy	7 (1.6)	260 (58.6)
Maintenance therapy	0	143 (32.2)
Avelumab maintenance	0	135 (30.4)
PD-1/L1 inhibitor-containing therapy following progression	7 (1.6)	117 (26.4)
Other	11 (2.5)	17 (3.8)

30% of patients received maintenance avelumab

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Treatment-Related Adverse Events

Grade ≥3 events were 56% in EV+P and 70% in chemotherapy



Neuropathy
Derm
Hyperglycemia
Fatigue
GI
Cytopenias
Ocular

Serious TRAEs:

- 122 (27.7%) EV+P
- 85 (19.6%) chemotherapy

TRAEs leading to death (per investigator):

EV+P: 4 (0.9%)

- Asthenia
- Diarrhea
- Immune-mediated lung disease
- Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome

Chemotherapy: 4 (0.9%)

- Febrile neutropenia
- Myocardial infarction
- Neutropenic sepsis
- Sepsis

Median number of cycles (range): 12.0 (1,46) for EV+P; 6.0 (1,6) for chemotherapy

New learning curve for toxicity management and early intervention

EV Treatment related Adverse Events of Special Interest

Adverse events - N (%)	EV+P (N= 440)		Chemotherapy (N= 433)	
	Any grade	Grade ≥3	Any grade	Grade ≥3
Skin reactions	294 (66.8) ←	68 (15.5)	60 (13.9)	1 (0.2)
Peripheral neuropathy	278 (63.2) ←	30 (6.8)	53 (12.2)	0 (0.0)
Sensory events	260 (59.1)	19 (4.3)	51 (11.8)	0 (0.0)
Motor events	44 (10.0)	12 (2.7)	5 (1.2)	0 (0.0)
Ocular disorders	94 (21.4) ←	0 (0.0)	12 (2.8)	0 (0.0)
Dry eyes	82 (18.6)	0 (0.0)	8 (1.8)	0 (0.0)
Hyperglycemia	57 (13.0) ←	27 (6.1)	3 (0.7)	0 (0.0)
Infusion-related reactions	9 (2.0)	0 (0.0)	9 (2.1)	0 (0.0)

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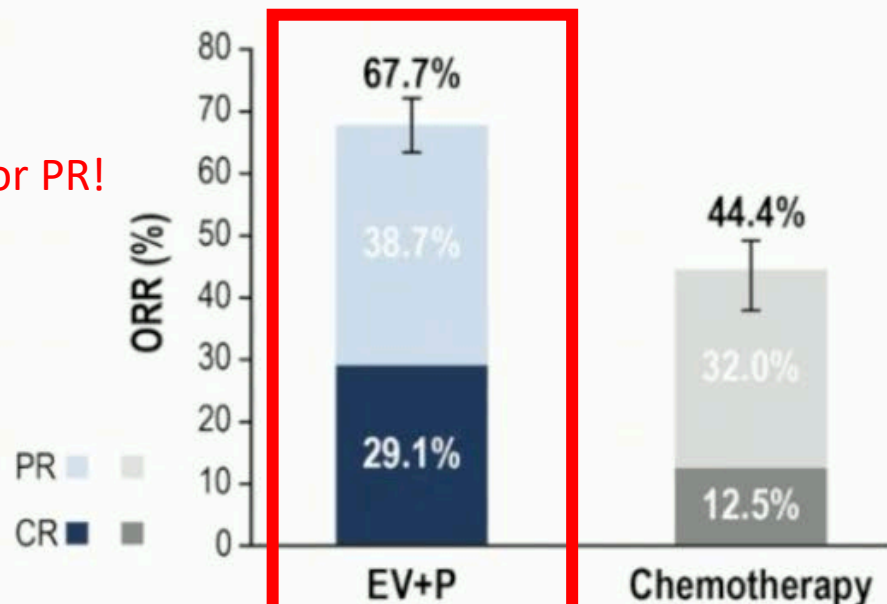
Toxicity management - Pearls

- Early dose reduction of EV for neuropathy – 1mg/kg or 0.75mg/kg
- Growth factor support for cytopenia
- Topical steroids and dose reduction for skin rash – use lotion not ointment
- Strict diabetes management
- Ocular toxicity
- And treatment interruptions in exceptional responders – need to be investigated

ORR for EV/P

Confirmed Overall Response per BICR

Significant improvement in objective response rate was observed with EV+P



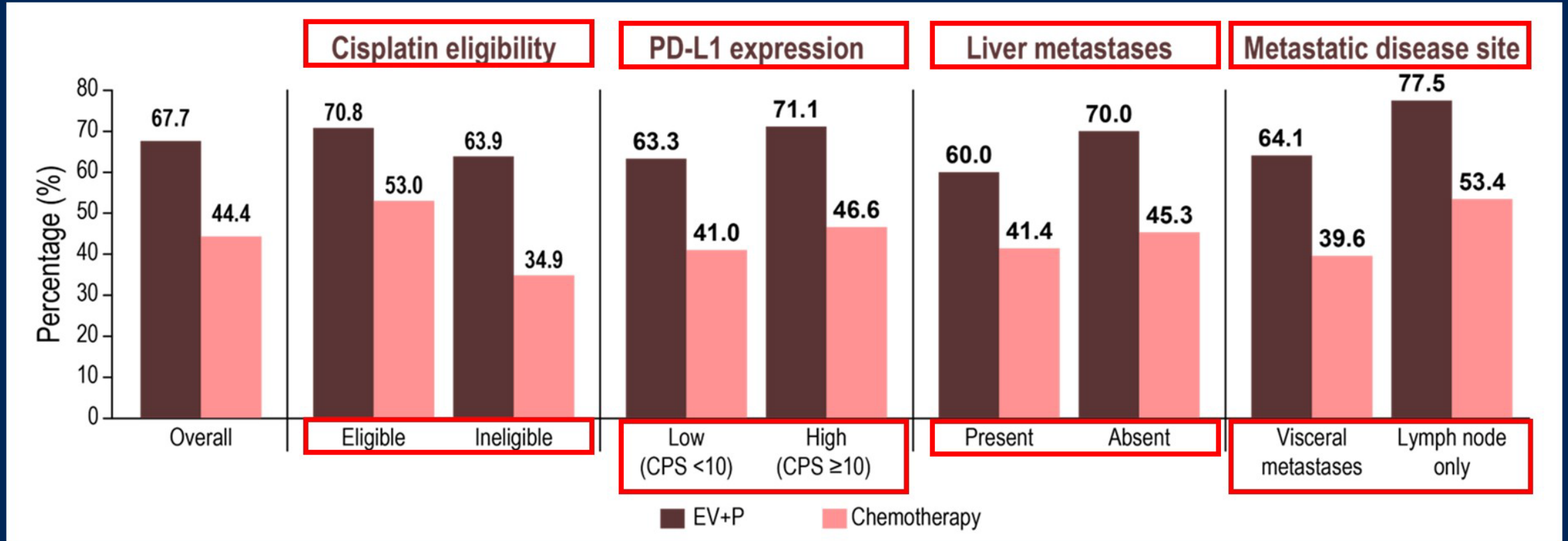
Almost 70% CR or PR!

	EV+P (N=437)	Chemotherapy (N=441)
Confirmed ORR, n (%) (95% CI)	296 (67.7) (63.1-72.1)	196 (44.4) (39.7-49.2)
2-sided P value	<0.00001	
Best overall response ^a , n (%)		
Complete response	127 (29.1)	55 (12.5)
Partial response	169 (38.7)	141 (32.0)
Stable disease	82 (18.8)	149 (33.8)
Progressive disease	38 (8.7)	60 (13.6)
Not evaluable/No assessment ^b	21 (4.8)	36 (8.2)

Median DOR (95% CI)	EV+P	Chemotherapy
	NR (20.2, NR)	7.0 (6.2, 10.2)

Select subgroups of objective response rate by BICR

Objective response rates were $\geq 60\%$ for EV+P across select subgroups



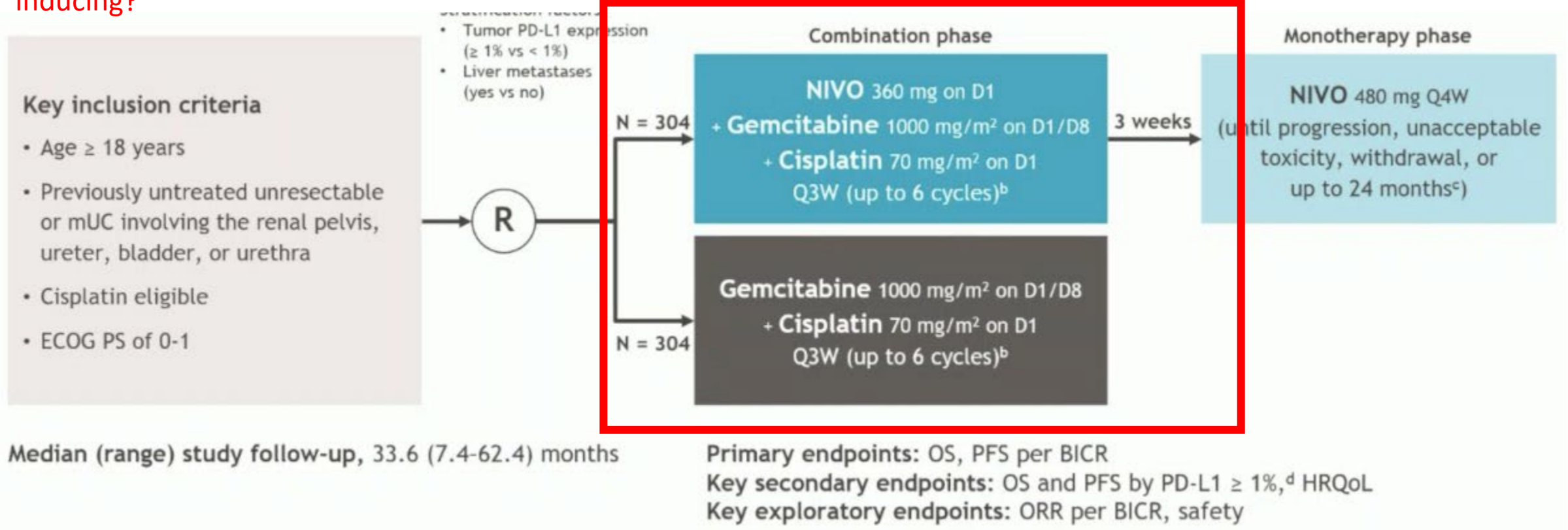
Data cutoff: 08 August 2023

van der Heijden MS. ASCO GU 2024

Checkmate 901

Many prior negative chemo-IO trials in 1L mUC

Cisplatin more immune inducing?



Nivolumab plus Gemcitabine–Cisplatin in Advanced Urothelial Carcinoma

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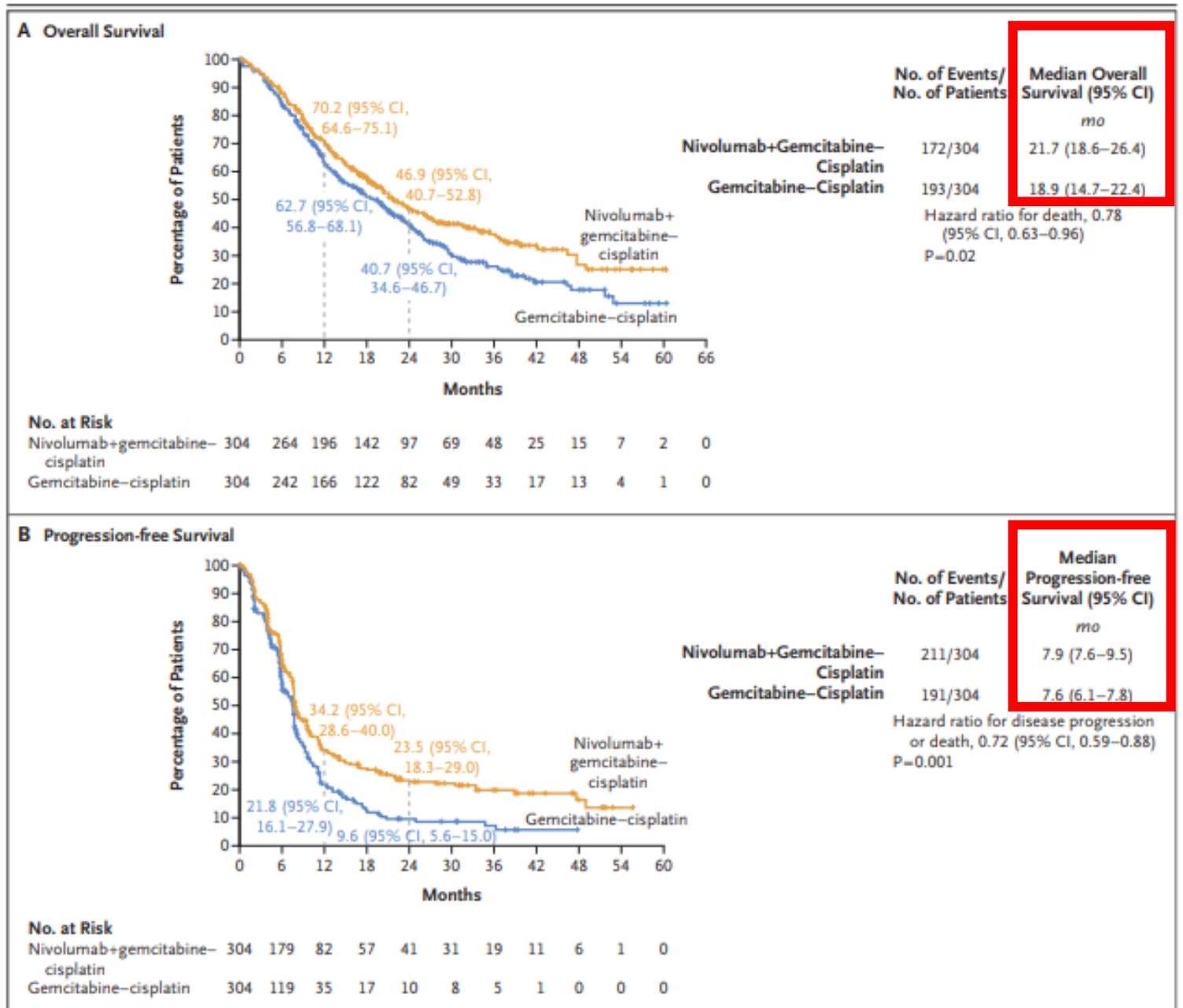
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CM-901

25% of patients in control arm received maintenance avelumab



Immunomodulatory effects of cisplatin >>> carboplatin



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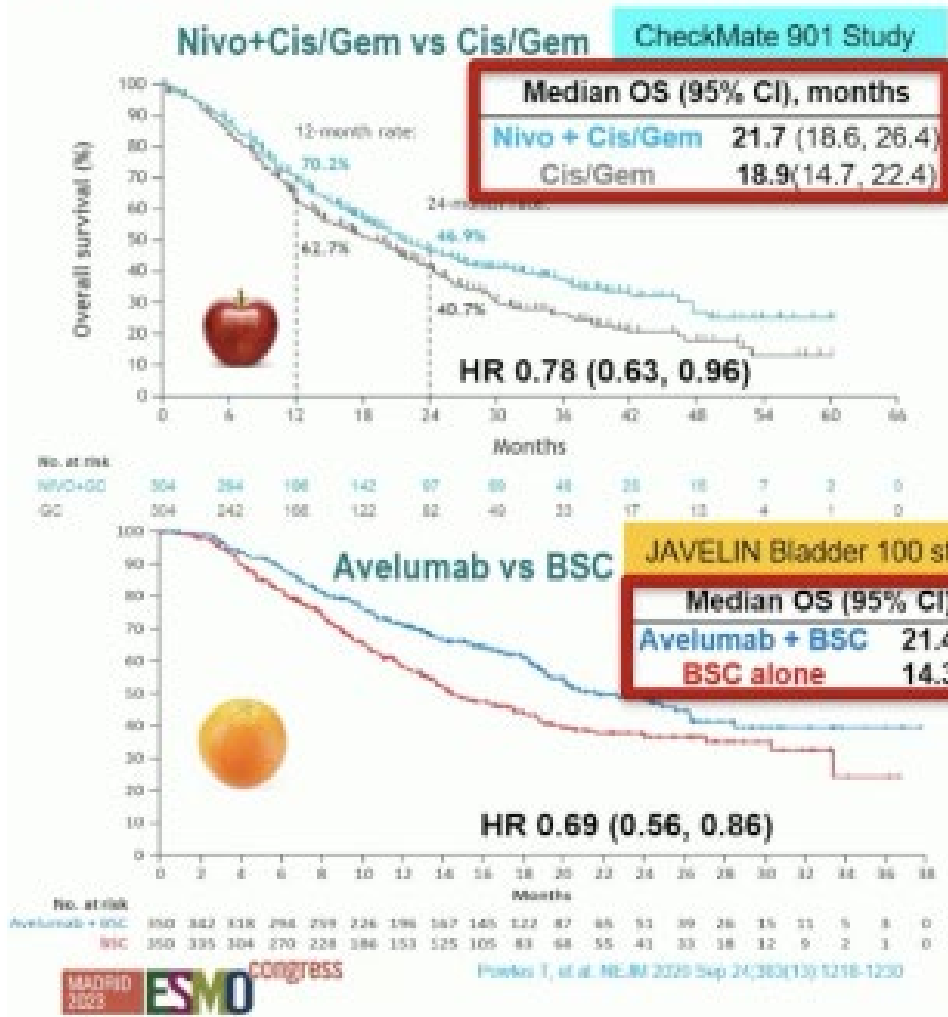
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Immunomodulatory effects and improved outcomes with cisplatin- versus carboplatin-based chemotherapy plus atezolizumab in urothelial cancer

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- GemCis versus GemCarbo ± atezolizumab:
 - Induces transcriptional changes in circulating immune cells, including upregulation of antigen presentation and T cell activation programs
 - Direct immunomodulatory effects on cancer cells, promoting dendritic cell activation and antigen-specific T cell killing
- Importance of specific chemotherapy backbones in immunotherapy combination regimens

Both sequential and combination chemo and CPI have efficacy



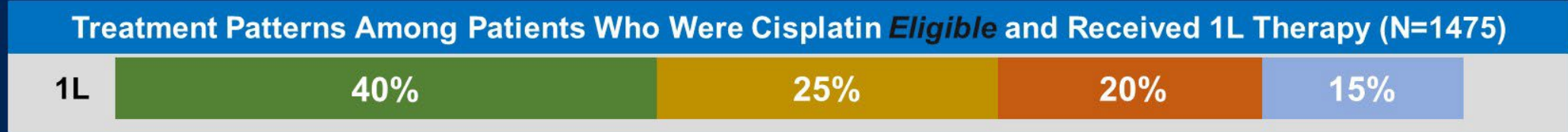
- We cannot directly compare these studies
- Different patient populations
- Avelumab maintenance study included only responders to 1L chemo
- Length of maintenance CPI therapy was similar: ~6 months for both

74% completed induction regimen in CM-901 vs 55% of induction phase in JAVELIN-100

Upfront IO allows more pts to get to maintenance phase?

First line and second line therapy in UC patients in real world – Flatiron database

~One-Quarter of Patients Did Not Receive 1L Therapy (989/4300; 23%)
 ~Half of Patients Did Not Receive 2L Therapy



- Gem Cis or MVAC
- PD-1/L1 monotherapy
- Gem Carbo
- Other therapies*

This is likely to change dramatically with vast majority of patients in both categories getting EV + Pembro

- Patients aged ≥18 years diagnosed with Ia/mUC from May 2016 to October 2020 in the Flatiron Health database.
- Patients were followed until death or end of data availability in June 2021.
- *Other therapies included PD-1/L1 combination therapy, monochemotherapy (taxanes, gemcitabine, cisplatin monotherapy, carboplatin monotherapy), and other off-label treatments.

Sonpavde GP, ASCO 2022

1L mUC Takeaways

- EV + Pembro is **practice changing** for cisplatin eligible & ineligible patients
 - Up to ECOG 2
 - Good response in those with even visceral metastases
 - No need for PDL-1 stratification
 - No need for NGS results to determine eligibility
- Understand new toxicities of ADCs & establishing guidelines & dose adjustments is important
 - Pts who can't qualify? Pre-existing neuropathy, uncontrolled DM, cirrhosis, autoimmune disease
- Think of access: cost **\$39k** per 1 cycle of EV + P!!

Unanswered Questions

- Role of cystectomy in those with CR on EV/P?
- De-escalation of therapy for responders?
- Role in those who progress on adjuvant IO or maintenance IO
- Role of CM-901 data for those who may be predicted to have CR, like LN+ only metastatic disease?
- 2L regimen?
- Role if EV/P moved to NAC setting?
- Optimal treatment for variant histologies? AdenoCA, squamous predominant, plasmacytoid...

What would be the best 2nd line therapy?



First-Line

- Enfortumab vedotin + Pembrolizumab

Second-Line?

Cisplatin-eligible

- Cisplatin + gemcitabine
- Dose-dense methotrexate + vinblastine + doxorubicin + cisplatin (ddMVAC)

Cisplatin-ineligible

- Carboplatin + gemcitabine

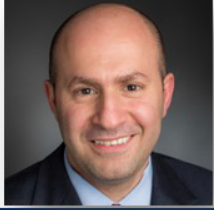
Beyond-Second -Line

- Erdafitinib (if tumor + FGFR 2/3 genetic alterations)
- Sacituzumab govitecan
- Clinical trial
- Paclitaxel, docetaxel, or vinflunine

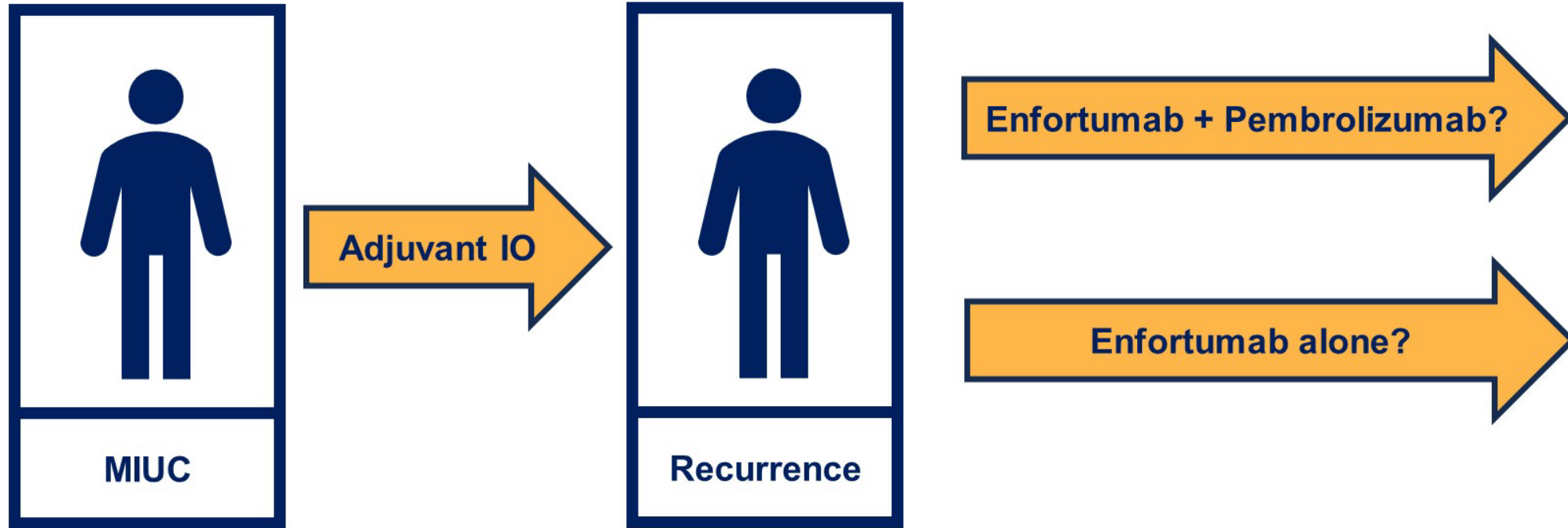
Disitamab vedotin for her-2+?

Can we use radiation to control oligo-progression?

A. Apolo, ESMO, Oct 2023

**Toni Choueiri, MD, FASCO**

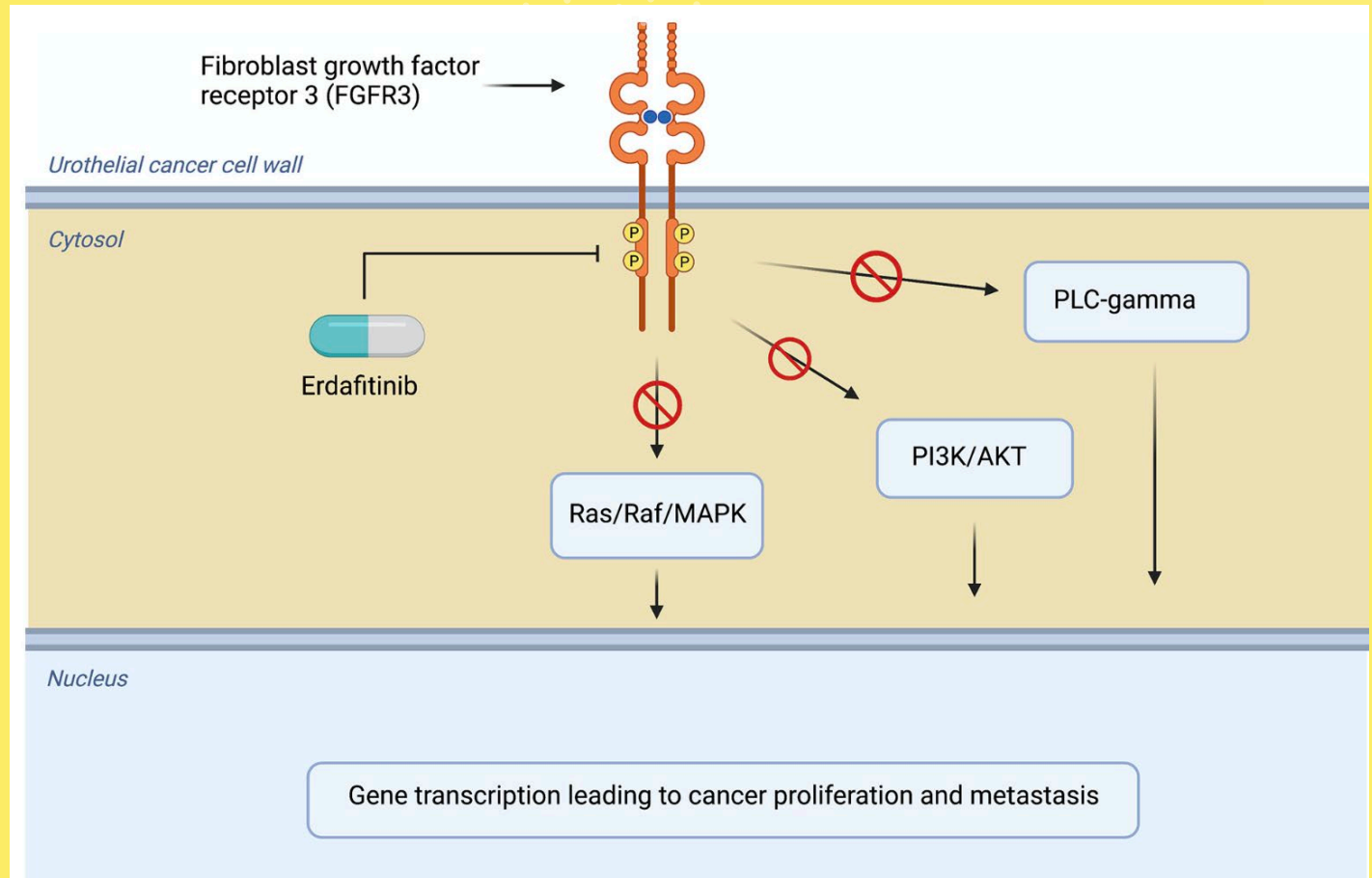
- “CONTACT-03 highlights the importance of randomized, prospective assessment of rechallenge with checkpoint inhibitors in renal cell carcinoma and potentially in other tumor types.”



1. Choueiri *et al* ASCO 2023
2. Pal *et al* Lancet 2023

FGFR Pathway in mUC

- All patients should be tested for FGFR 2/3 alterations - **seen in 20% of all mUC and 30% of UTUC:**
 - NGS testing of DNA and RNA
 - FGFR3 mutations (R248C, S249C, G370C, or Y373C)
 - Fusions (translocations): FGFR2–BICC1, FGFR2–CASP7, FGFR3–TACC3_V1, FGFR3–TACC3_V3, or FGFR3–BAIAP2L1



Phase 3 THOR Study: Erdafitinib Versus Chemotherapy of Choice in Patients With Advanced Urothelial Cancer and Selected FGFR Aberrations

Cohort 1

Key eligibility criteria

- Age ≥ 18 years
- Metastatic or unresectable UC
- Confirmed disease progression
- Prior tx with anti-PD-(L)1
- 1-2 lines of systemic tx
- Select *FGFR3/2alt* (mutation/fusion)^a
- ECOG PS 0-2

1:1
N=266^b

R

Erdafitinib (n=136)

Once-daily erdafitinib 8 mg with pharmacodynamically guided uptitration to 9 mg

Chemotherapy of Choice (n=130)

docetaxel or vinflunine once every 3 weeks

Stratification factors: region (North America vs European Union vs rest of world), ECOG PS (0 or 1 vs 2), and disease distribution (presence vs absence of visceral [lung, liver, or bone] metastases)

Primary end point:

- OS

Key secondary end points:

- PFS
- ORR
- Safety

NCT03390504

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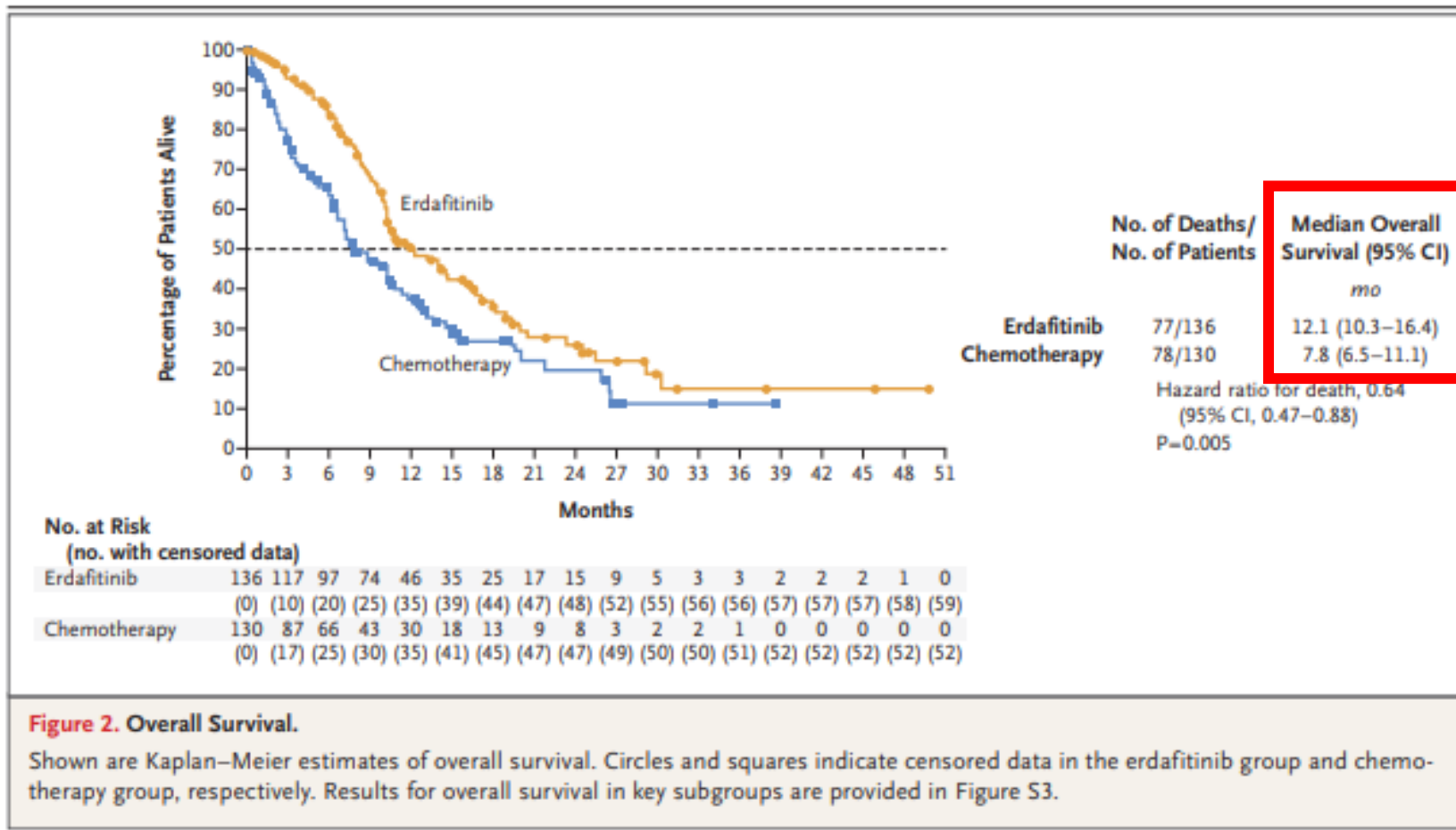
- Demonstrated superior OS, PFS and ORR of Erdafitinib compared to single agent chemotherapy in patients with FGFR 3/2 alterations

^aMolecular eligibility can be confirmed using either central or local historical *FGFR* test results (Qiagen assay). If a patient was enrolled based on local historical testing, a tissue sample must still be submitted at the time of enrollment for retrospective confirmation (by central lab) of *FGFR* status. Tumors must have ≥ 1 of the following translocations: *FGFR2-BICC1*, *FGFR2-CASP7*, *FGFR3-TACC3_V1*, *FGFR3-TACC3_V3*, *FGFR3-BAIAP2L1*; or 1 of the following *FGFR3* gene mutations: R248C, S249C, G370C, Y373C.

^bNumber of patients randomized at the time of the interim analysis (data cutoff January 15, 2023).

ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; FGFR, fibroblast growth factor receptor; *FGFR3/2alt*, *FGFR3/2* alterations; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PD-1, programmed cell death protein 1; PD-L1, programmed death-ligand 1; Q3W, every 3 weeks; tx, treatment; UC, urothelial cancer.



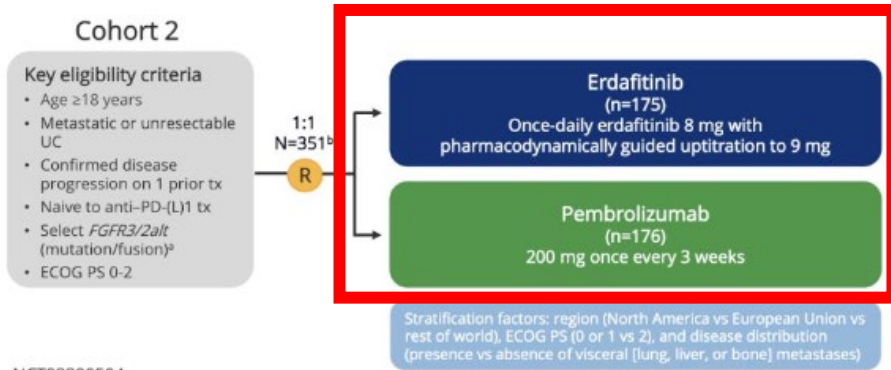


2L or 3L post IO and for many post chemo

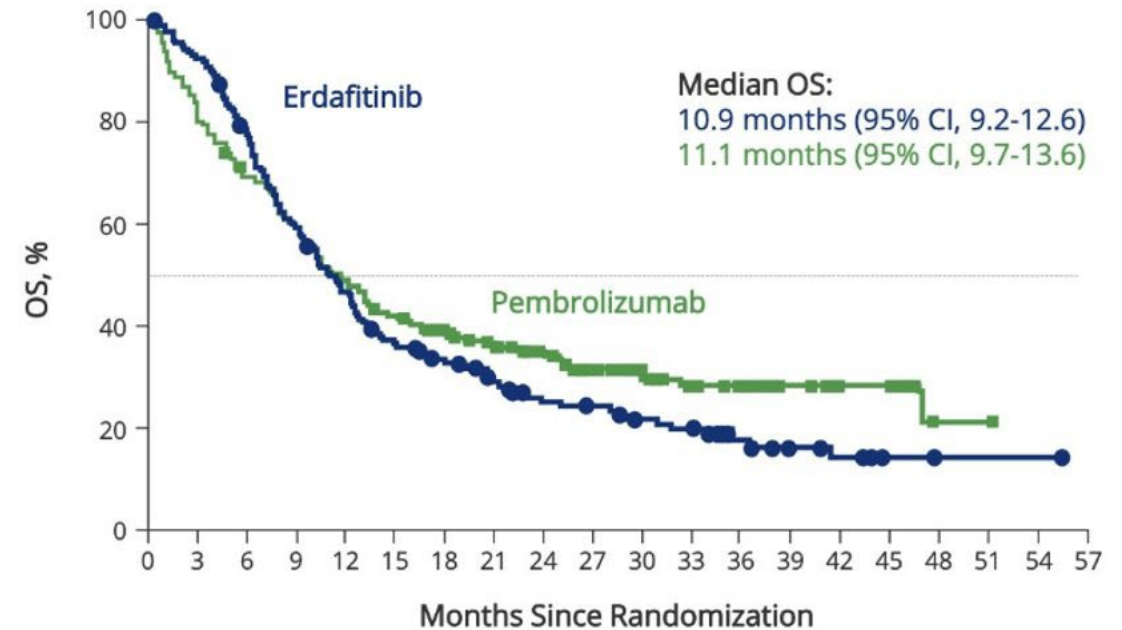
- **OS:** 12.1 mo vs 7.8 mo
- **PFS:** 5.6 vs 2.7 mo
- **ORR:** 45.6% vs 11.5%

THOR Cohort 2 – 2L Erdafitinib vs IO

No difference in OS



- Primary end point**
- OS
- Secondary end points**
- PFS
 - ORR
 - Safety



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57
Erdafitinib	175	160	131	100	78	60	52	41	30	28	23	21	13	9	7	2	1	1	1	0
Pembrolizumab	176	148	119	103	84	72	60	52	43	34	29	23	19	11	8	8	1	1	0	0

NORSE Trial –

NORSE
FGFR3 mut/fusions

- Erdafitinib
- Erdafitinib + Cetrelimab

1L erdafitinib vs
erdafitinib + IO in
cisplatin ineligible

Conclusions: Combination ERDA+CET demonstrated clinically meaningful activity and was well tolerated. These results, in 1L cis-ineligible pts, support previously described activity of ERDA monotherapy in FGFRa mUC. The safety profile was consistent with the known profile for ERDA and CET with no additive toxicity for the combination. Clinical trial information: [NCT03473743](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT03473743).

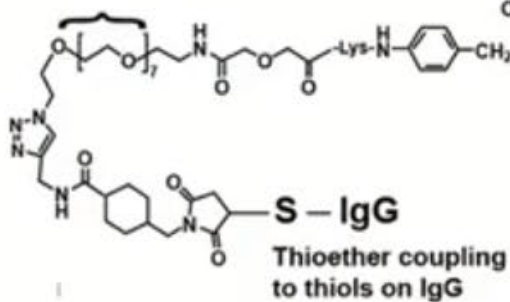
	ERDA+CET (n=44)	ERDA (n=43)
ORR, % (95% CI)	54.5 (38.8, 69.6)	44.2 (29.1, 60.1)
Confirmed CR, n (%)	6 (13.6)	1 (2.3)
DCR, % (95% CI)	79.5 (64.7, 90.2)	88.4 (74.9, 96.1)
Median DOR (95% CI), mo	11.10 (8.77, NE)	9.72 (4.60, NE)
Median PFS (95% CI), mo	10.97 (5.45, 13.63)	5.62 (4.34, 7.36)

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Sacituzumab govitecan

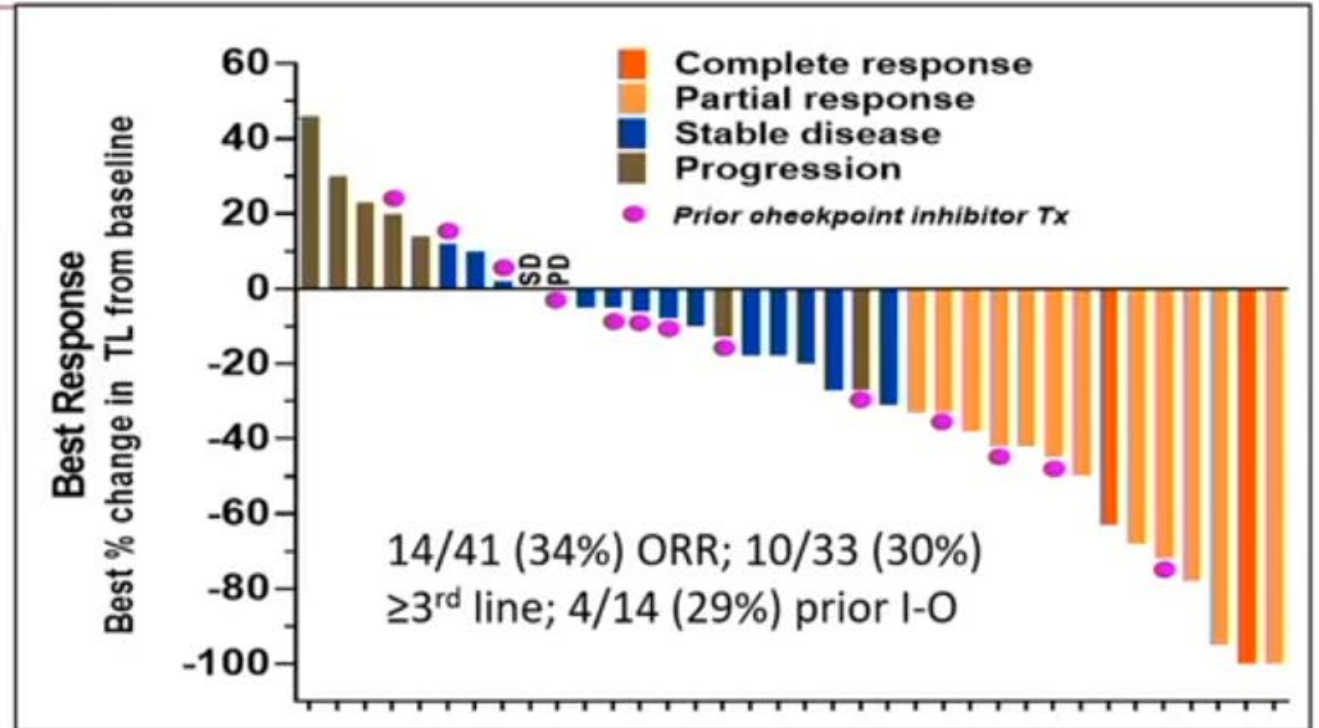
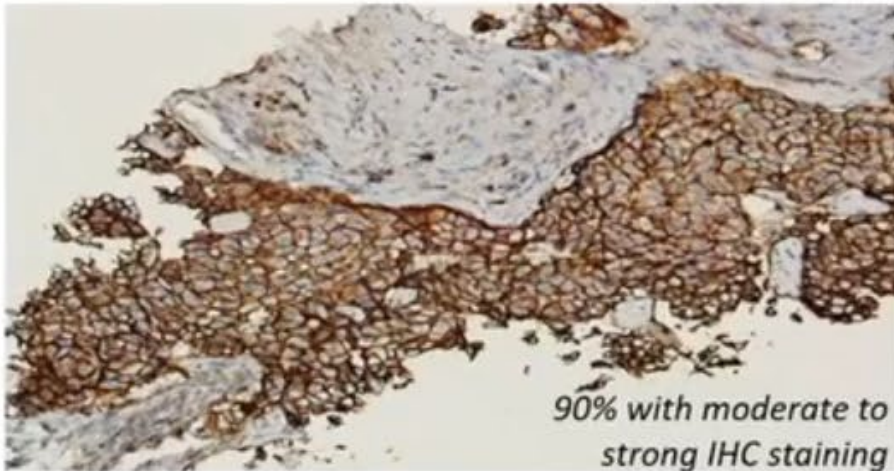
CL2A linker

short PEG
for solubility



High DAR (7.6:1)¹
Hydrolyzable linker hydrolysis²

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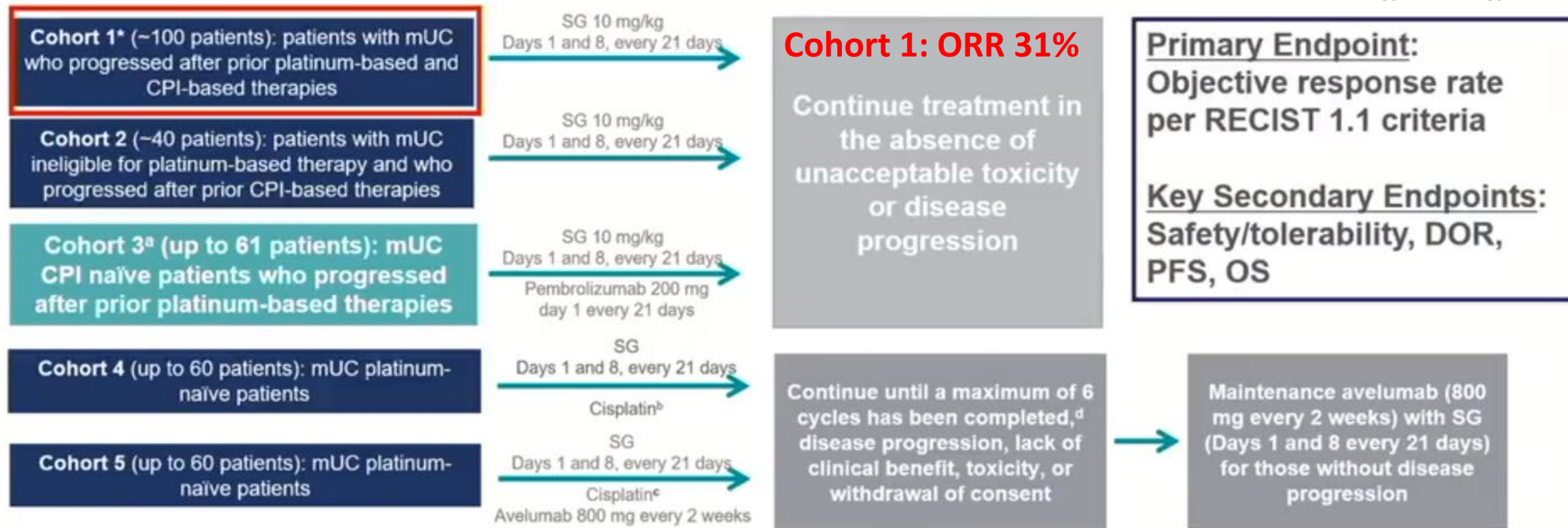
- Final 14/45 (31%) ORR
- Median PFS 7.3 months
- Median OS 18.9 months

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TROPHY-U-01 Is a Registrational, Open-Label, Multicohort Phase 2 Trial in Patients With mUC

Grivas, Scripps Clinical Hematology Oncology 2024



Key Inclusion Criteria: Age ≥18 years, ECOG of 0/1, creatinine clearance (CrCl) ≥30 mL/min,^{b,c} adequate hepatic function

Key Exclusion Criteria: Immunodeficiency, active Hepatitis B or C, active secondary malignancy, or active brain metastases

*Accelerated FDA approval for treatment of patients with locally advanced or mUC who previously received platinum-containing chemotherapy and PD-1/L1 inhibitor¹

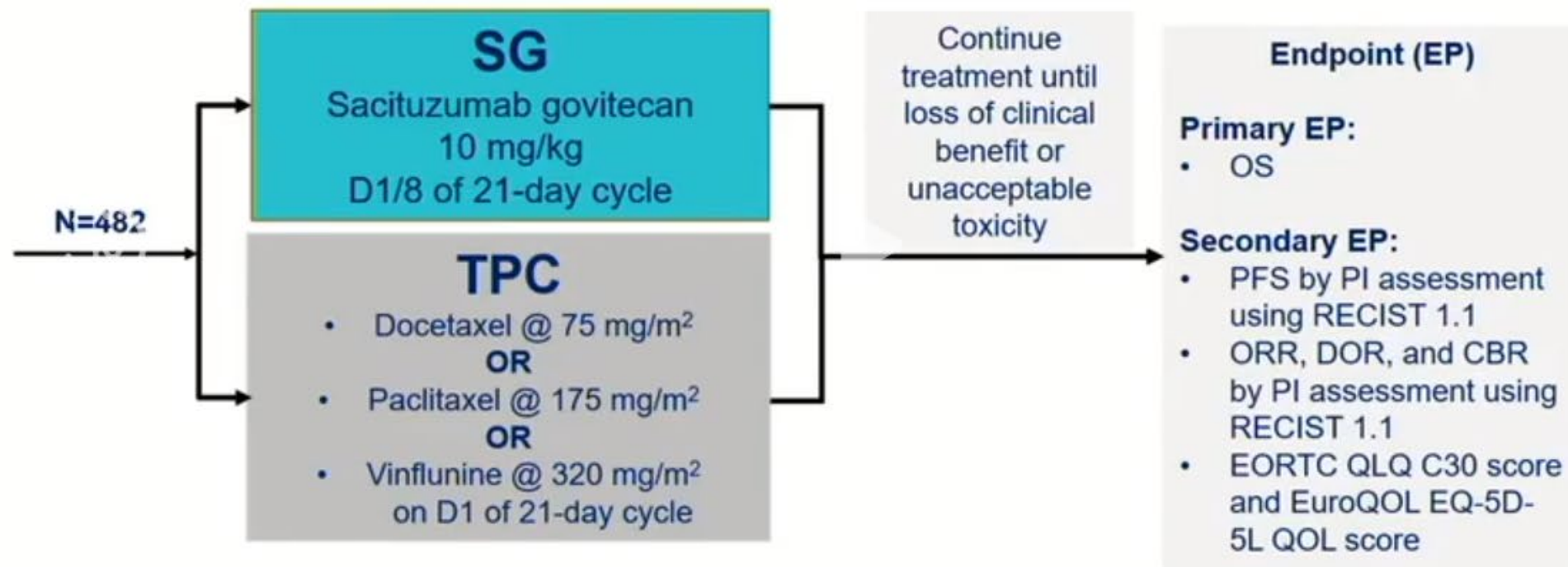
^aExclusions for Cohort 3 only: active autoimmune disease or history of interstitial lung disease. ^bIn patients with CrCl ≥60 mL/min; ^cIn patients with creatinine clearance 50–60 mL/min. ^dFor patients who have not progressed, maintenance therapy will begin with infusions of avelumab (800 mg every 2 weeks beginning cycle 1, day 1 and every 2 weeks thereafter) followed by SG on days 1 and 8 every 21 days. CBR, clinical benefit rate; CPI, checkpoint inhibitor; CrCl, creatinine clearance; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; mUC, metastatic urothelial cancer; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors; SG, sacituzumab govitecan. 1. TRODELVY™ (sacituzumab govitecan-hziy). Prescribing Information. Immunomedics, Inc.; April 2021; EudraCT Number: 2018-001167-23; ClinicalTrials.gov Number: NCT03547973. IMMU-132-06 study.

TROPiCS-04 Design

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Study Population

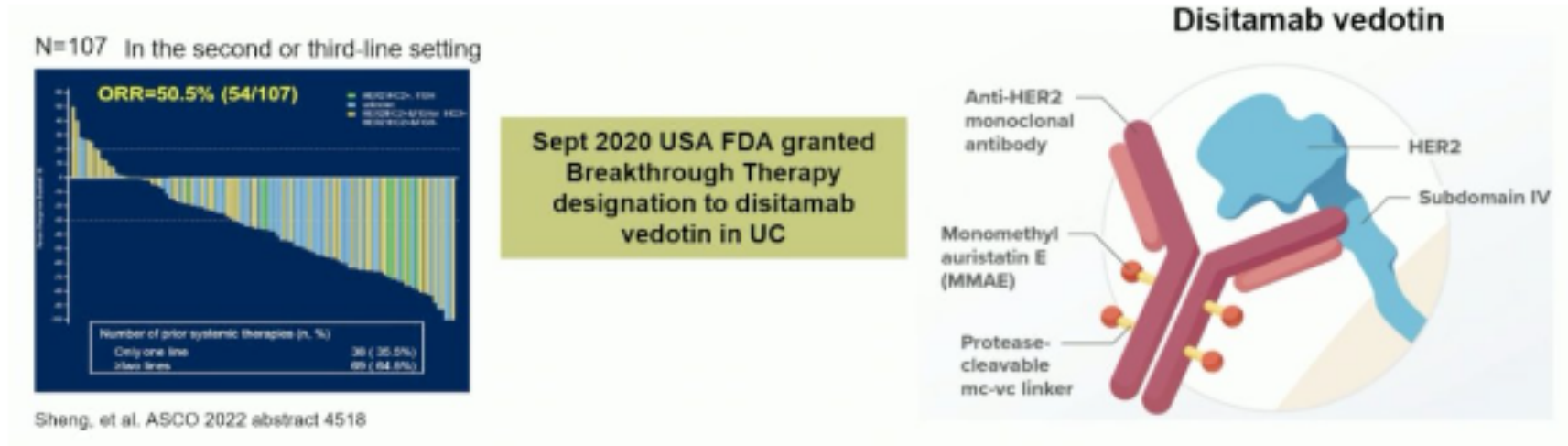
- Locally advanced unresectable or mUC
- Upper/lower tract tumors
- Mixed histologic types are allowed if urothelial is predominant
- Progression after platinum-based **and** anti-PD-1/PD-L1 therapy
- **OR**
- Platinum in neo/adj setting if progression within 12 months and subsequent CPI



Her-2 in mUC

- Expression level of HER2 in UC : 48% with overexpression and approximately 20% with low expression (*Fleischmann et al., 2011; Yorozu et al., 2020*)

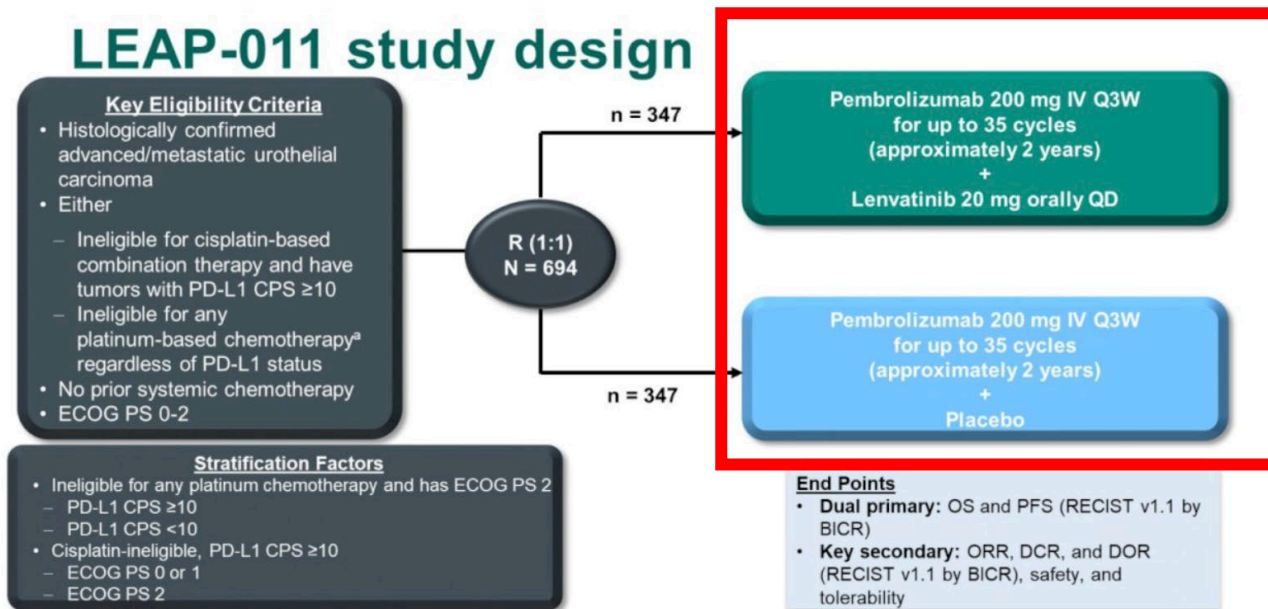
Another antibody drug conjugate with an MMAE payload is disitamab vedotin, which targets HER2. In September 2020, this drug was granted US FDA breakthrough therapy designation for urothelial carcinoma in the 2nd or 3rd line settings.



Similar to EV + pembrolizumab, it appears that the combination of disitamab vedotin + toripalimab (anti-PD-1) is associated with promising efficacy outcomes in HER2+ metastatic urothelial carcinoma patients.

Phase III study (NCT04264936) ongoing

TKI in mUC – ASCO GU 2024

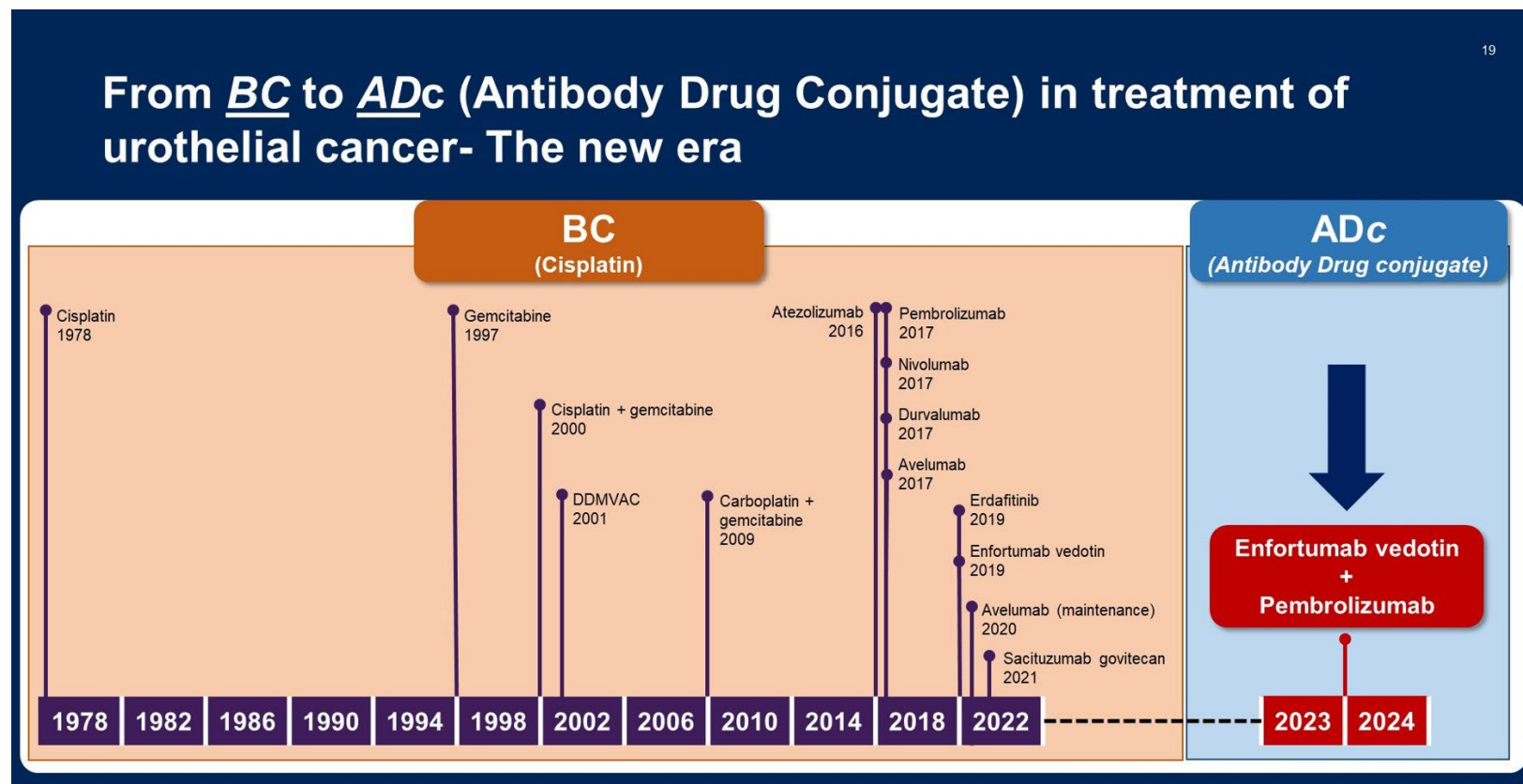


- Some encouraging efficacy (ORR 45%) but did not improve outcomes
- Modest responses of other TKI trials in mUC
- Future directions:
 - Zanzalitinib (XL-092) - similar to cabozantinib with better tolerability/therapeutic index
 - IO/TKI to re-invigorate IO response?
 - TKI as salvage monotherapy if can find right biomarker?
 - Add to pembro for EV/pembro responders and drop EV to prevent cumulative neuropathy?

Conclusions

- The new era of precision oncology & novel treatments in bladder cancer is here!

- NGS testing important in metastatic setting
- Landscape will continue to change in years to come
- Role of ctDNA evolving



Thank You.

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