







Modern Radiation Oncology: multidisciplinarity in the era of OMICS and Al guided oncology 32° RESIDENTIAL COURSE

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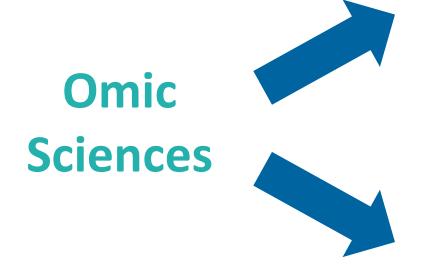


Immunotherapy approaches in the Omics Era: focus on Genitourinary cancer

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clarification ...

the scientific branches investigating every aspect of cell's biology, including structures, functions and dynamics pathways: genomics, epigenomics, proteomics, transcriptomics, metabolomics, radiomics ...



cover many issues that are not politically correct

Immunotherapy in GU cancer

Company sponsored trials



Checkpoint inhibitors approval

Is it really a patient-focused approach?

Immunotherapy in GU cancer

Trials that led to FDA/EMA approval

Trial	Agent(s)	Cancer Subtype and Disease Setting	Description	Original Food and Drug Administration Approval Date	Modification
NCT02625961 (KEYNOTE-057)	Pembrolizumab monotherapy	Non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer	BCG refractory	January 2020	
NCT02632409 (CheckMate 274)	Nivolumab monotherapy	Muscle-invasive bladder cancer	Adjuvant therapy after radical resection	August 2021	L., 2010
NCT02951767 (IMvigor210)	Atezolizumab monotherapy	Locally advanced or metastatic cisplatin-ineligible urothelial carcinoma	First-line metastatic	April 2017 (accelerated approval)	June 2018 (stricter guidelines including PD- expression)
NCT02335424 (KEYNOTE-052)	Pembrolizumab monotherapy	Locally advanced or metastatic cisplatin-ineligible urothelial carcinoma	First-line metastatic	August 2021	-
NCT03288545 (EV-103/KEYNOTE- 869)	Pembrolizumab and enfortumab vedotin	Locally advanced or metastatic cisplatin-ineligible urothelial carcinoma	First-line metastatic	February 2020 (breakthrough designation)	
NCT02603432 (JAVELIN Bladder 100)	Avelumab monotherapy	Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma	First-line maintenance after platinum-based chemotherapy	June 2020	
NCT02108652 (IMvigor210)	Atezolizumab monotherapy	Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma after platinum therapy	Second-line metastatic	May 2016 (accelerated approval)	Withdrawal i March 2021
NCT02387996 (CheckMate 275)	Nivolumab monotherapy	Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma after platinum therapy Locally advanced or	Second-line metastatic	February 2017 (accelerated approval)	
NCT02256436 (KEYNOTE-045)	Pembrolizumab monotherapy	metastatic urothelial carcinoma after platinum therapy	Second-line metastatic	May 2017	
NCT01772004 (JAVELIN Solid Tumor)	Avelumab monotherapy	Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma after platinum therapy	Second-line metastatic	May 2017 (accelerated approval)	
NCT01693562 (Study 1108)	Durvalumab monotherapy	Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma after platinum therapy	Second-line metastatic	May 2017 (accelerated approval)	Withdrawal i February 202
NCT02853331 (KEYNOTE-426)	Pembrolizumab and axitinib	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma	First-line metastatic	April 2019	
NCT02684006 (JAVELIN Renal 101) NCT0281186	Avelumab and axitinib Lenvatinib and	Metastatic renal cell carcinoma Metastatic renal cell	First-line metastatic First-line	May 2019	
(CLEAR) NCT03141177	pembrolizumab Nivolumab and	carcinoma Metastatic renal cell	metastatic First-line	August 2021	
(CheckMate 9ER) NCT02231749	cabozantinib Nivolumab and	carcinoma Metastatic renal cell	metastatic First-line	January 2021 April 2018	
(CheckMate 214) NCT01668784 (CheckMate 025)	ipilimumab Nivolumab	carcinoma Metastatic renal cell carcinoma previously treated with angiogenic inhibitor	metastatic Second-line metastatic	November 2015	
NCT01876511	Pembrolizumab	Tumors with high microsatellite instability or deficiency in mismatch repair refractory to other treatments	Progression on at least one prior systemic therapy	May 2017 (accelerated approval)	
NCT02628067 (KEYNOTE-158)	Pembrolizumab	Tumors with high mutational burden refractory to other treatments	Progression on at least one prior systemic therapy	June 2020 (accelerated approval)	

Renal cell carcinoma

Advanced disease

Second line after TKi: IO monotherapy

First line: IO-IO combination in intermediate/poor risk pts IO-TKI (anti -VEGF) combination Adjuvant setting

IO monotherapy effective in high risk resected ccRCC and in resected metastatic disease

IO-IO combination: benefit not proven

Urothelial carcinoma

Advanced disease

Second line after TKi: IO monotherapy

First line: patients unfit for cisplatin with CPS ≥10 **Perioperative setting**

Promising result with IO monotherapy and IO-chemo combination

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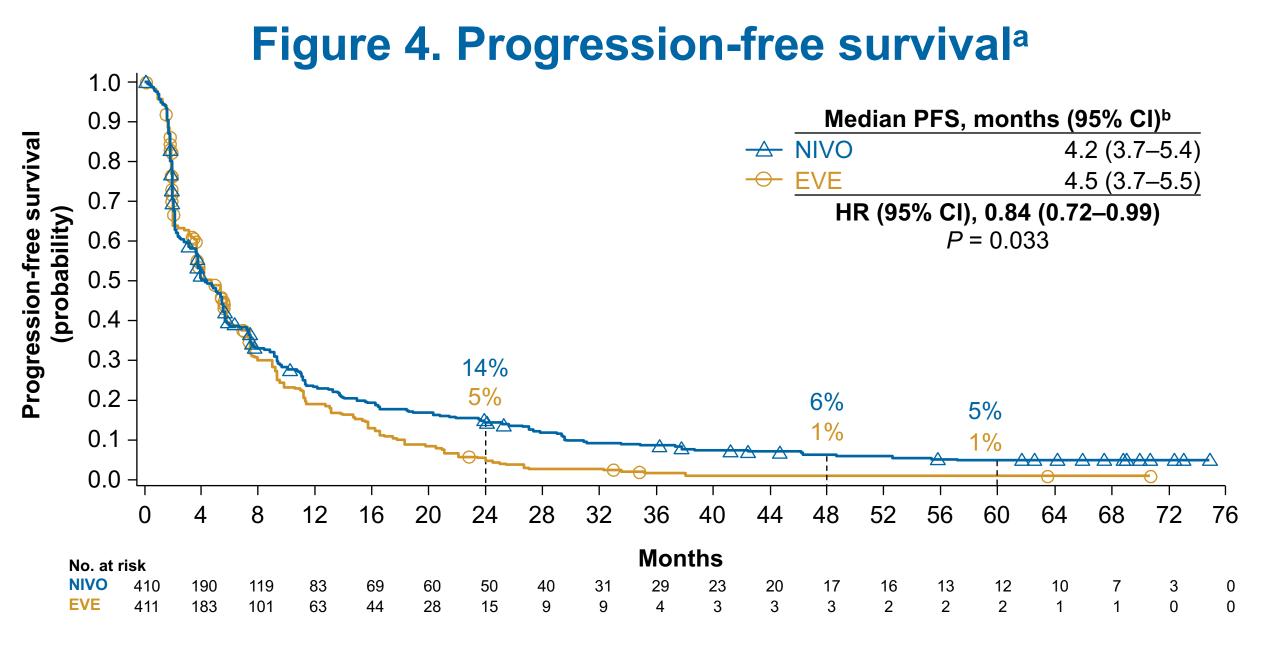
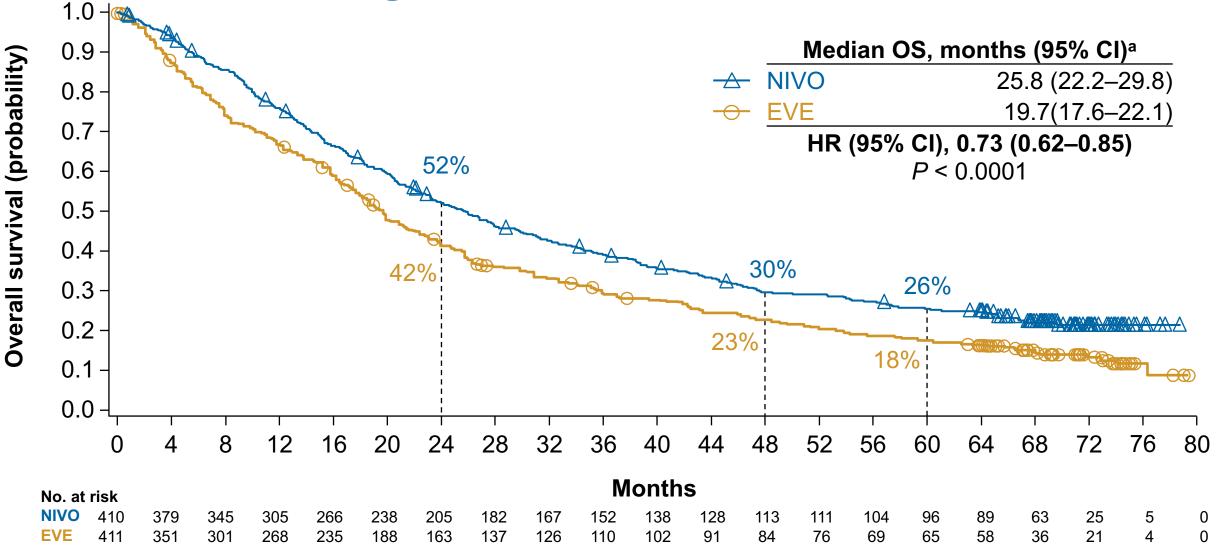


Figure 1. Overall survival



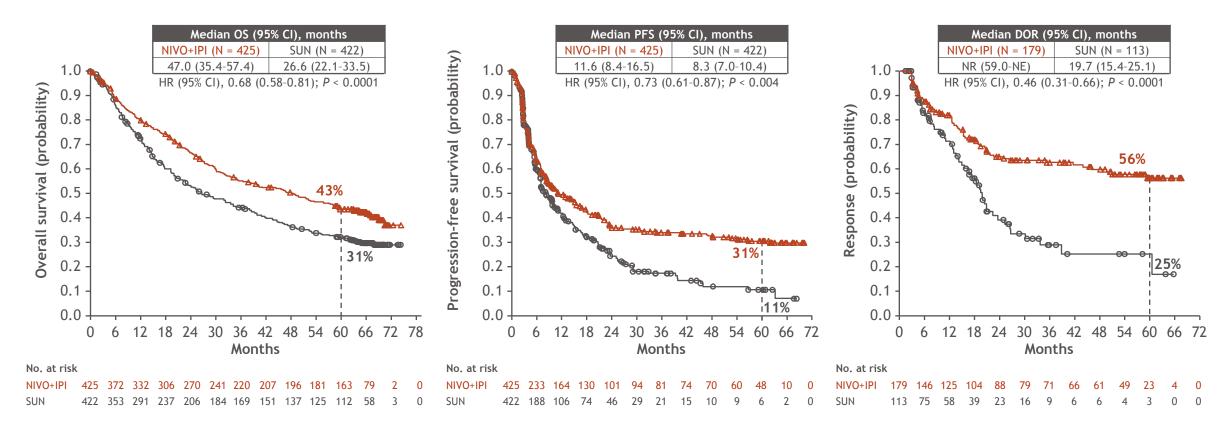
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OS, PFS, and DOR in IMDC intermediate/poor-risk patients

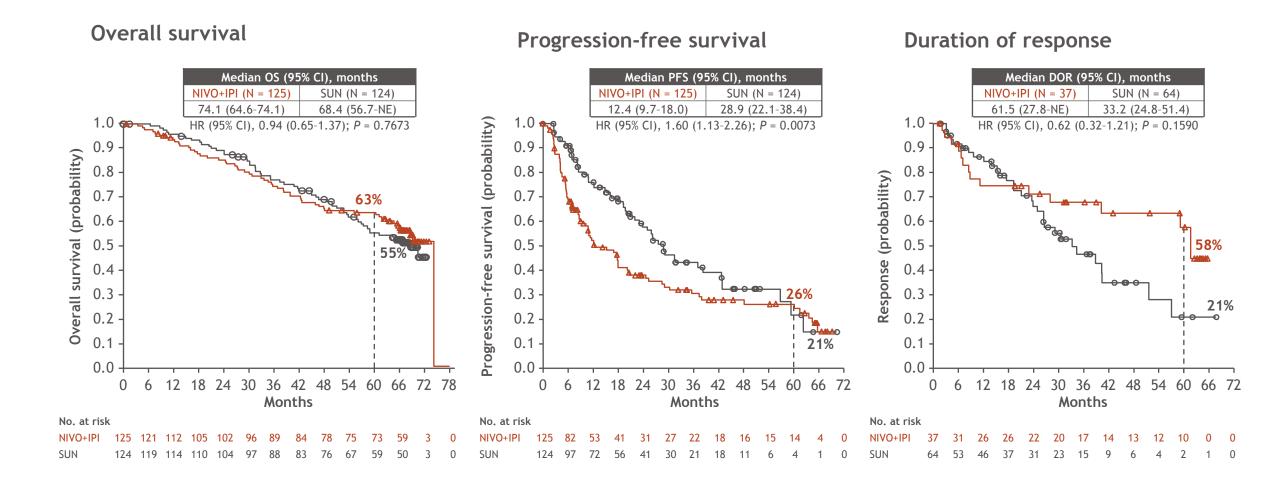
Overall survival

Progression-free survival

Duration of response



OS, PFS, and DOR in IMDC favorable-risk patients



Rationale for IO-TKI combinations

IO and anti-VEGF TKIs have complementary MoAs



Normalize vasculature¹

- Increase immune infiltration
- Improve delivery of anticancer therapies



Immune stimulation^{1,2}

- Promote tumor infiltration by T cells
- Induce DC maturation and thus T-cell activation
- Reduce Treg cells
- Upregulated PD-L1 expression on both endothelial cells and tumor cells

Activity of anti–PD-(L)1 antibodies



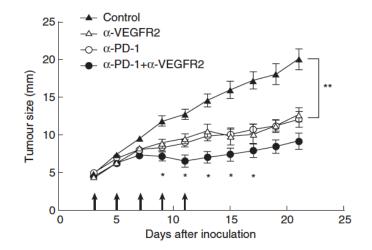
Reactivation of T cells³

 Reverse the PD-L1-mediated disabling of TILs by tumor cells, and enhance the 'effector' stage of the immune response

Preclinical model: anti-VEGF + immunotherapy

Murine colon cancer model⁴

Simultaneous blockade of PD-1 and VEGFR in a murine colon cancer model significantly inhibited tumor growth

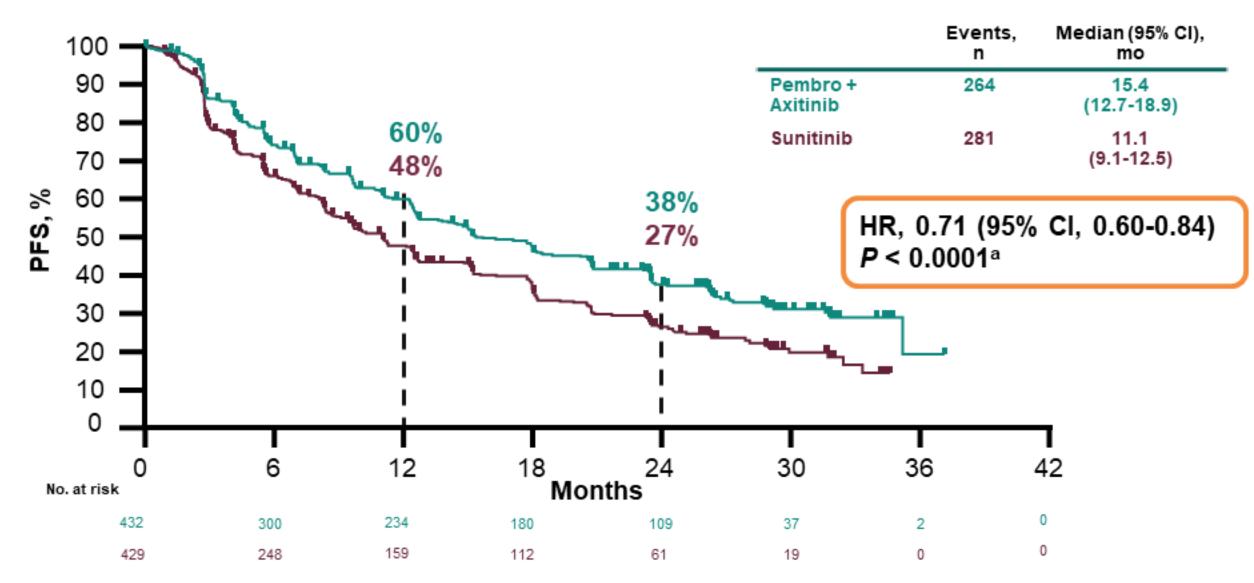


Simultaneous blockade of PD-1 and VEGFR2 in vivo⁴

1. Fukumura D, et al. Nat Rev Clin Oncol. 2018;15:325-40; 2. Einstein DJ, McDermott DF. Clin Adv Hematol Oncol. 2017;15:478-88; 3. Seidel JA, et al. Front Oncol. 2018;8:86; 4. Yasuda S, et al. Clin Exp Immunol. 2013;172:500-6.

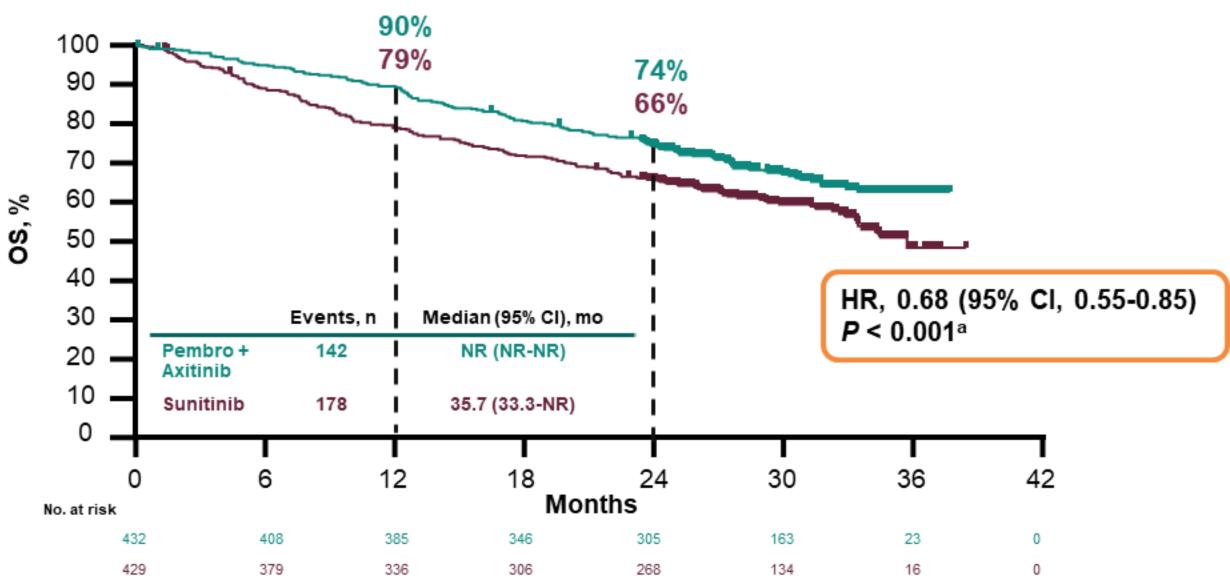
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PFS in the ITT Population



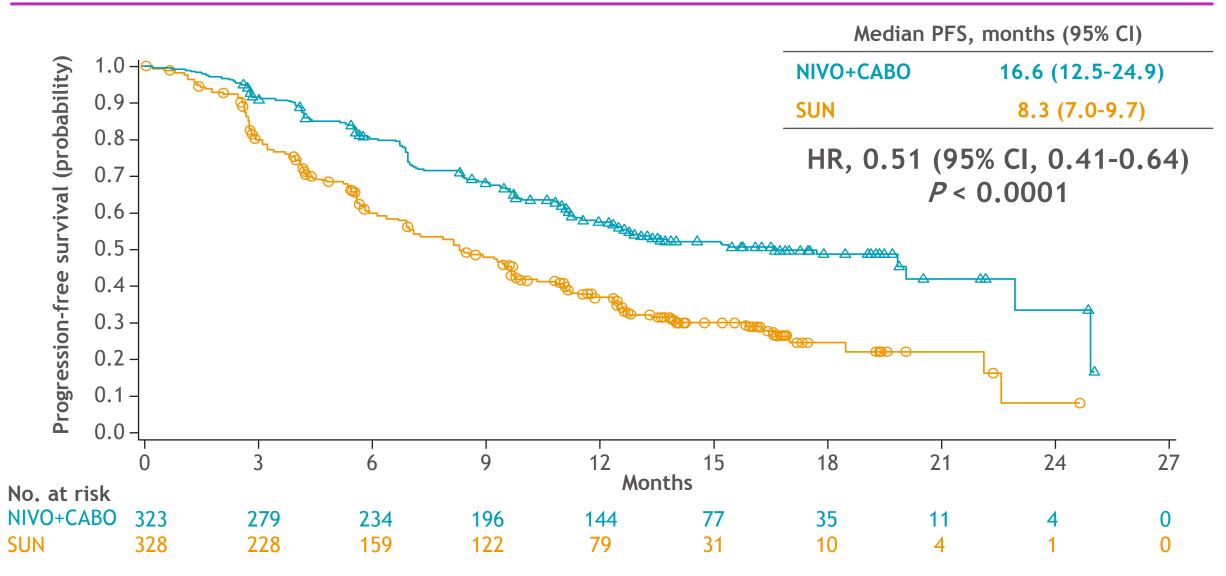
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OS in the ITT Population



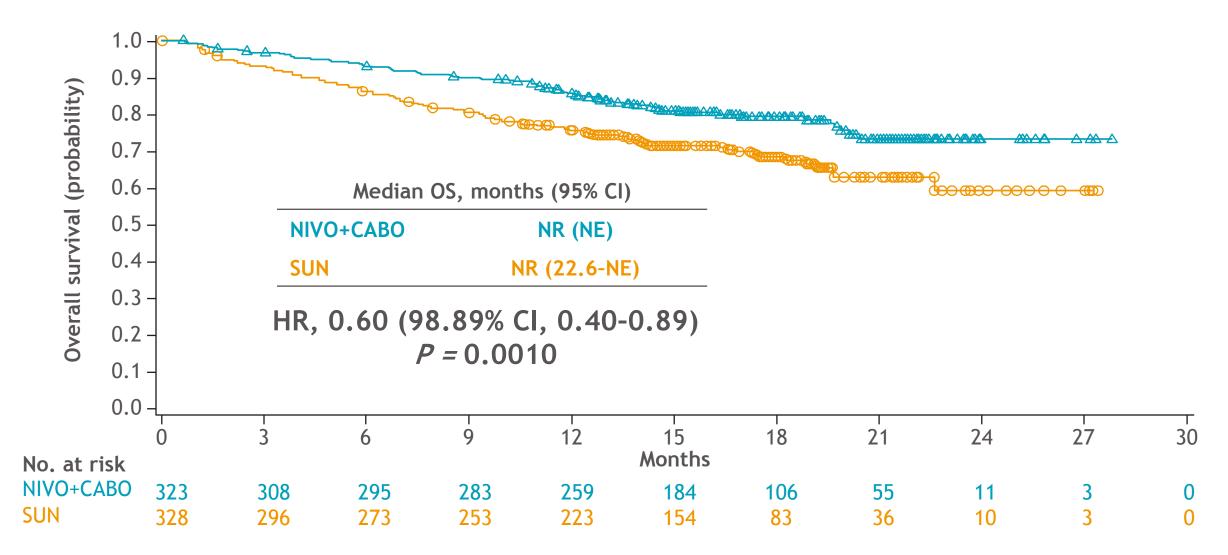
nivolumab + cabozantinib vs sunitinib

Progression-free survival per BICR



nivolumab + cabozantinib vs sunitinib

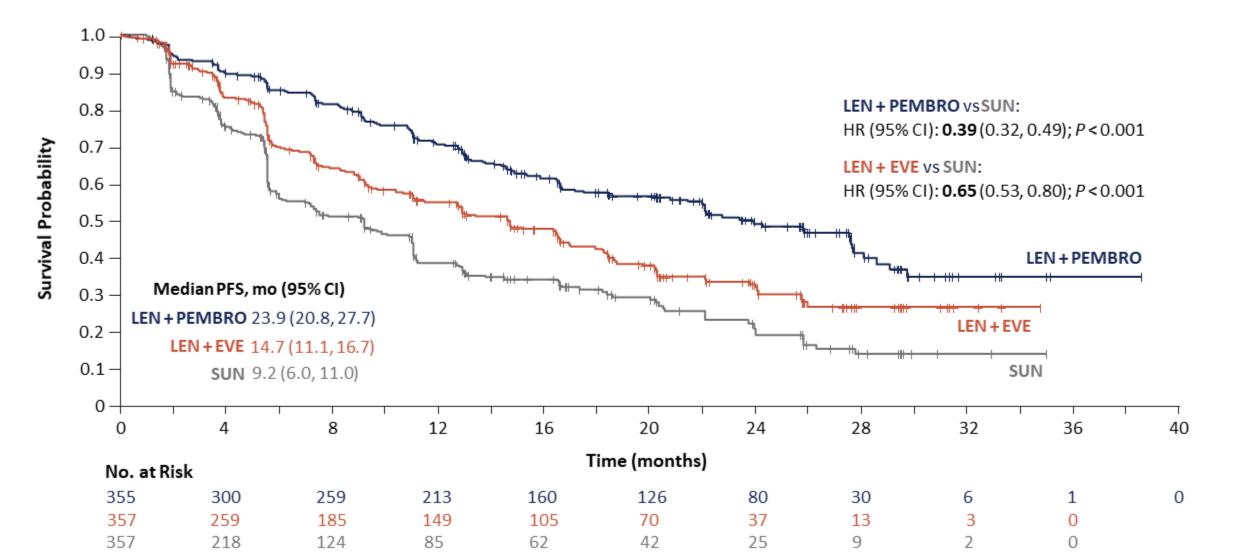
Overall survival



Minimum study follow-up, 10.6 months. NE, not estimable; NR, not reached.

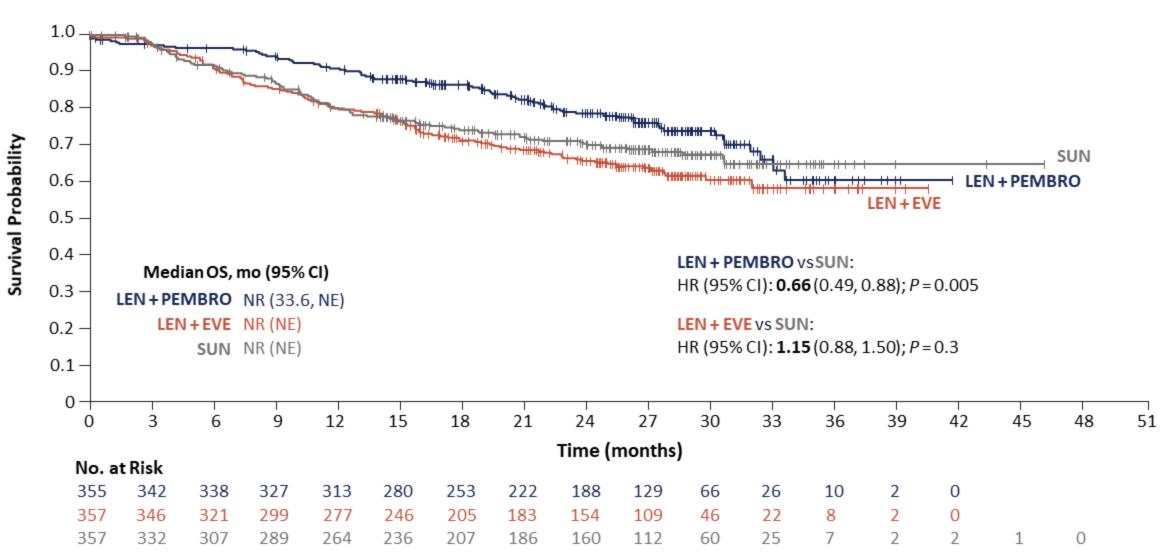
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Progression-free Survival



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Overall Survival

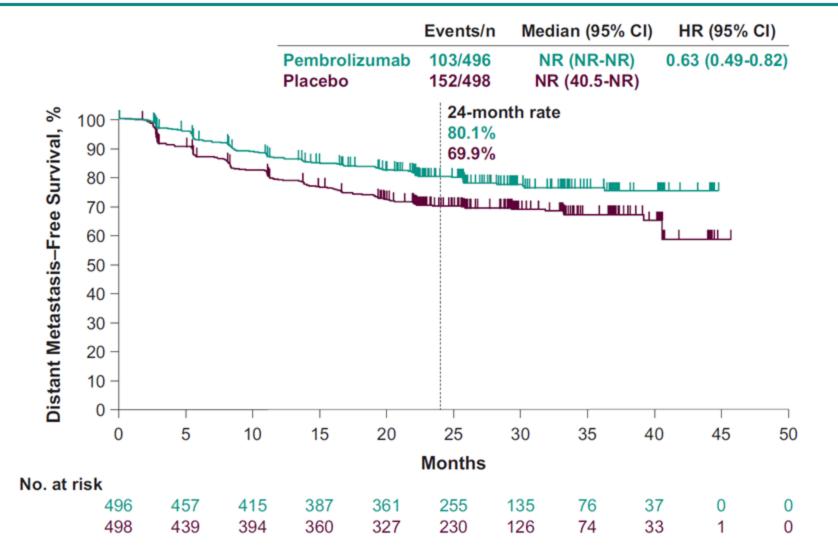


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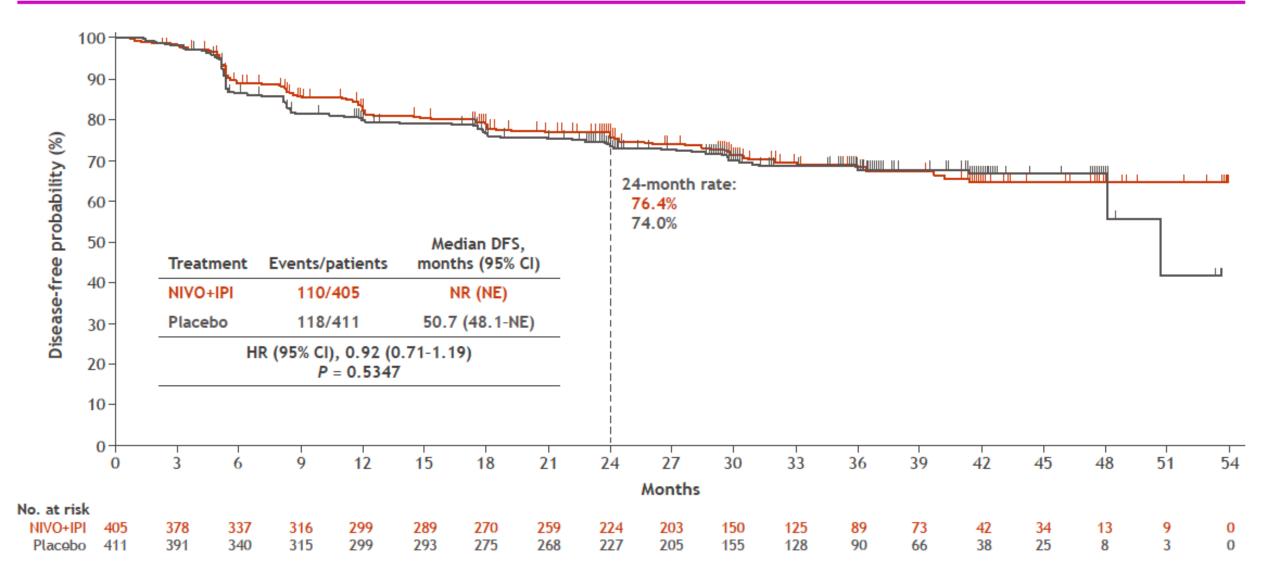
Renal cell carcinoma

adjuvant setting

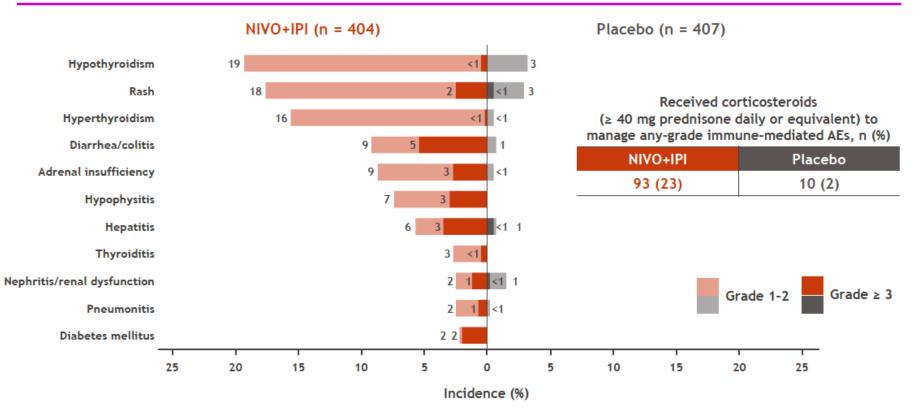
Distant Metastasis–free Survival in the Intention-to-treat Population



Primary endpoint: disease-free survival per BICR



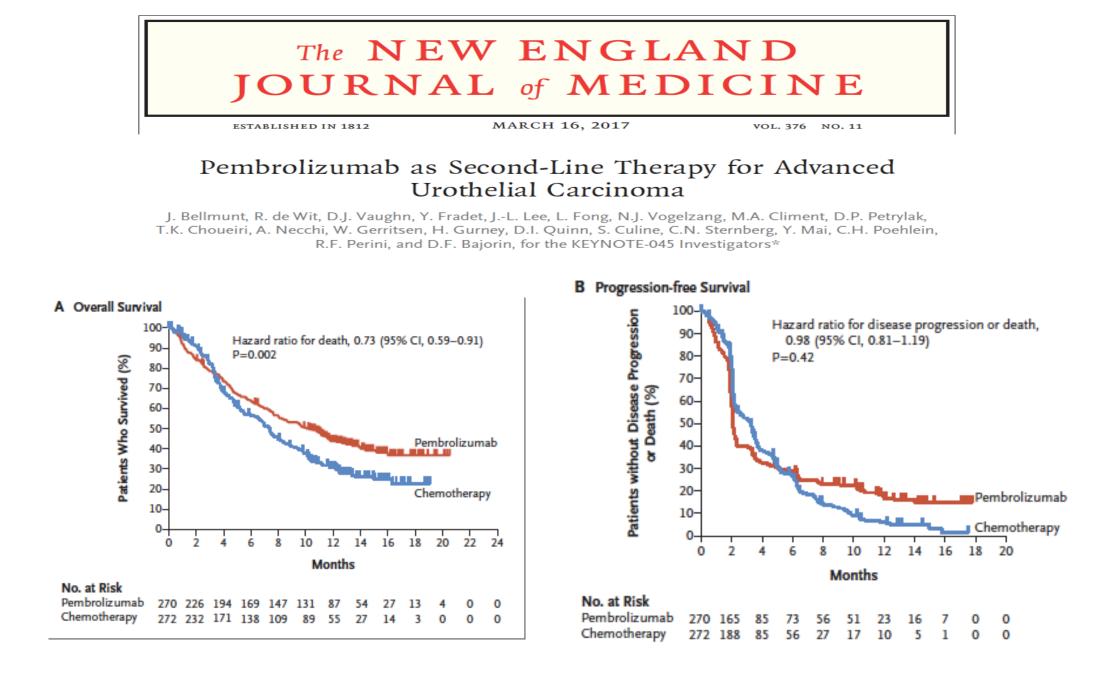
Immune-mediated AEs in all treated patients^a



- Safety of NIVO+IPI in this population was consistent with the known profile for this combination in advanced RCC
- The rate of discontinuation due to treatment-related AEs was considerable with NIVO+IPI in the adjuvant setting
- Further analyses are underway to understand the outcome of CheckMate 914 Part A, and Part B investigating adjuvant nivolumab monotherapy is ongoing

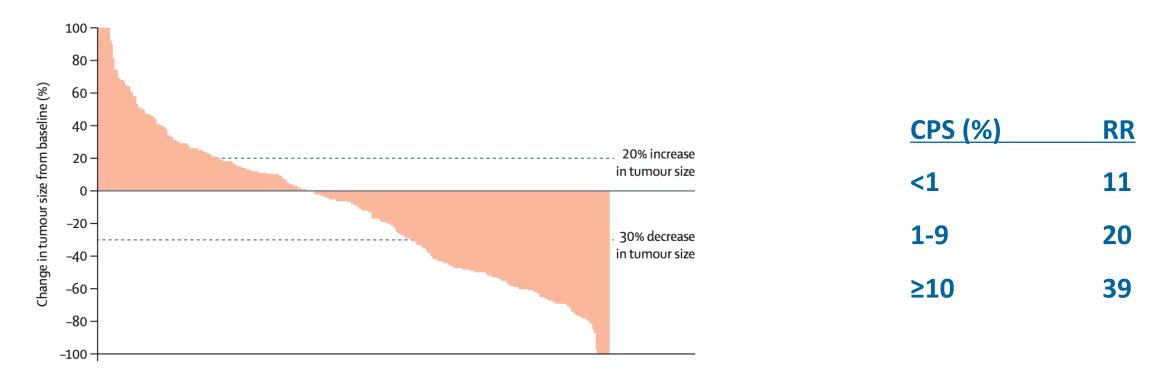
Urothelial carcinoma

advanced disease



First-line pembrolizumab in cisplatin-ineligible patients with locally advanced and unresectable or metastatic urothelial cancer (KEYNOTE-052): a multicentre, single-arm, phase 2 study

Arjun V Balar, Daniel Castellano, Peter H O'Donnell, Petros Grivas, Jacqueline Vuky, Thomas Powles, Elizabeth R Plimack, Noah M Hahn, Ronald de Wit, Lei Pang, Mary J Savage, Rodolfo F Perini, Stephen M Keefe, Dean Bajorin, Joaquim Bellmunt



Lancet Oncol 2017; 18: 1483–92

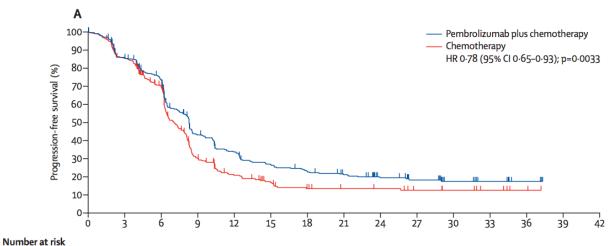


Pembrolizumab alone or combined with chemotherapy versus chemotherapy as first-line therapy for advanced urothelial carcinoma (KEYNOTE-361): a randomised, open-label, phase 3 trial

Thomas Powles, Tibor Csőszi, Mustafa Özgüroğlu, Nobuaki Matsubara, Lajos Géczi, Susanna Y-S Cheng, Yves Fradet, Stephane Oudard, Christof Vulsteke, Rafael Morales Barrera, Aude Fléchon, Seyda Gunduz, Yohann Loriot, Alejo Rodriguez-Vida, Ronac Mamtani, Evan Y Yu, Kijoeng Nam, Kentaro Imai, Blanca Homet Moreno, Ajjai Alva, for the KEYNOTE-361 Investigators*

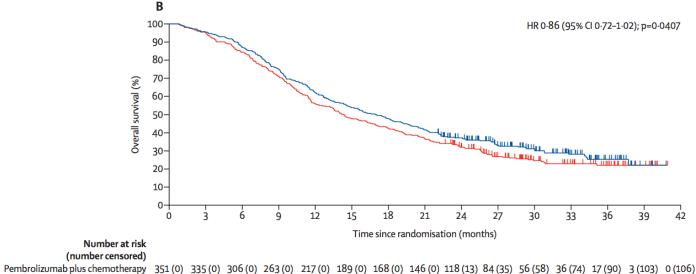
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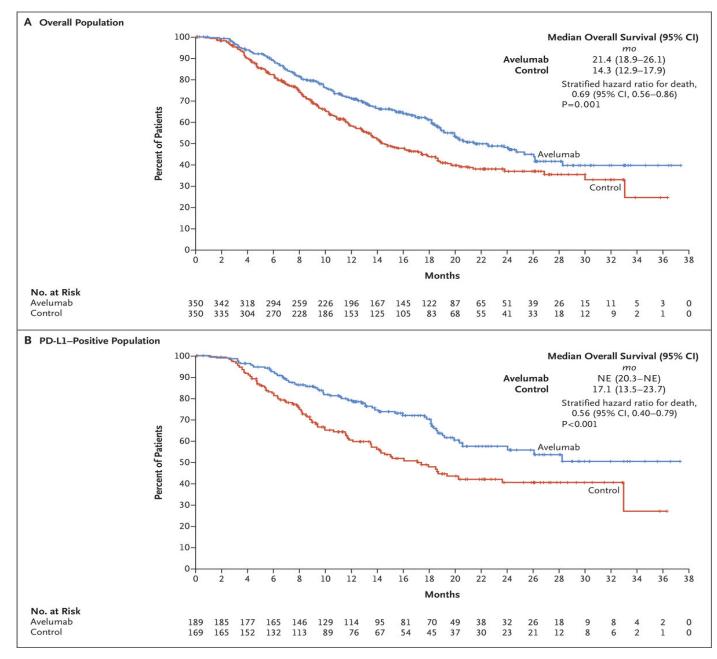
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Pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy 351 (0) 288 (13) 243 (19) 135 (29) 102 (33) 79 (35) 67 (36) 55 (43) 36 (58) 27 (65) 18 (73) 9 (82) 3 (88) 0 (91) 0 (91) Chemotherapy 352 (0) 274 (30) 191 (67) 75 (81) 44 (90) 31 (95) 22 (98) 17 (103) 15 (105) 11 (108) 8 (111) 5 (114) 2 (117) 0 (119) 0 (119)



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Maintenance therapy with a immune checkpoint inhibitor



Powles T, 2020

Urothelial carcinoma

perioperative setting

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Pembrolizumab as Neoadjuvant Therapy Before Radical Cystectomy in Patients With Muscle-Invasive Urothelial Bladder Carcinoma (PURE-01): An Open-Label, Single-Arm, Phase II Study

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Table 3. Pathologic Response to Pembrolizumab						
Response	All Treated Patients (N = 50)	PD-L1 CPS \geq 10% (n = 35)				
Primary end point						
Pathologic complete response, No. (%)	21 (42)	19 (54.3)	2 (13.3)			
95% CI	28.2 to 56.8					
Secondary end point Pathologic downstaging to pT<2, No. (%)	27 (54)	23 (65.7)	4 (26.7)			
95% CI*	39.3 to 68.2					

A Study to Compare Chemotherapy Alone Versus Chemotherapy Plus Nivolumab or Nivolumab and BMS-986205, Followed by Continued Therapy After Surgery With Nivolumab or Nivolumab and BMS-986205 in Participants With Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03661320

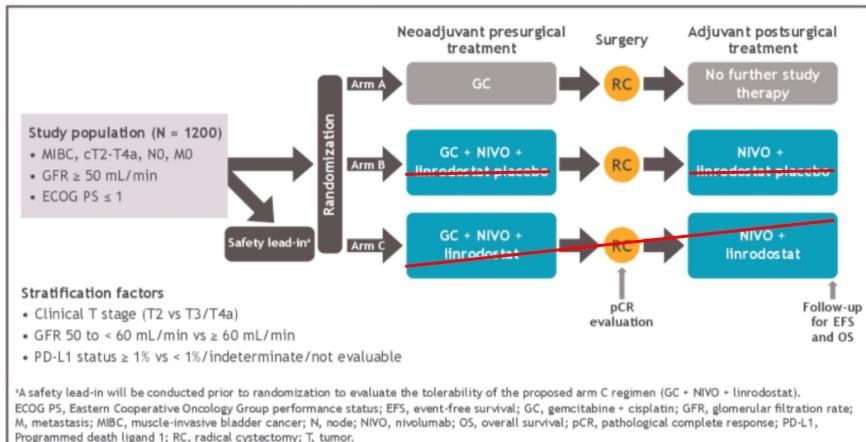


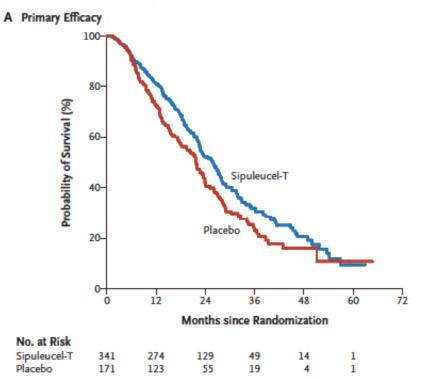
Figure 2. CA017-078 study design

Prostate adenocarcinoma

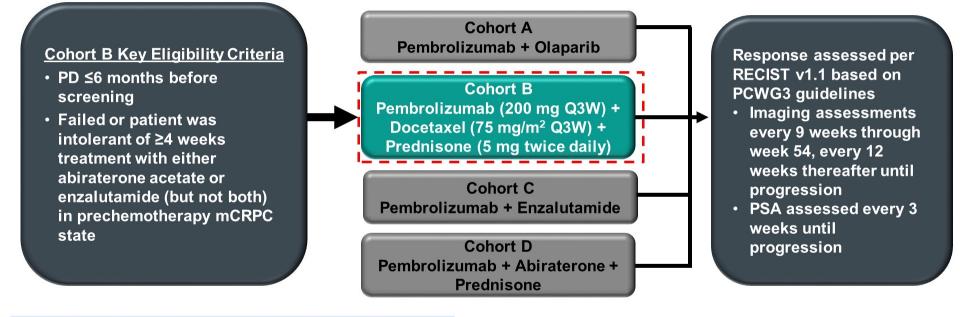


Sipuleucel-T Immunotherapy for Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

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KEYNOTE-365 Study Design



Median Time From Enrollment to Data Cutoff in Cohort B

• All patients: 32.4 months (range, 13.9-40.3)

Primary End Points

- Safety
- PSA response rate
- ORR by RECIST v1.1 (BICR)

Secondary End Points

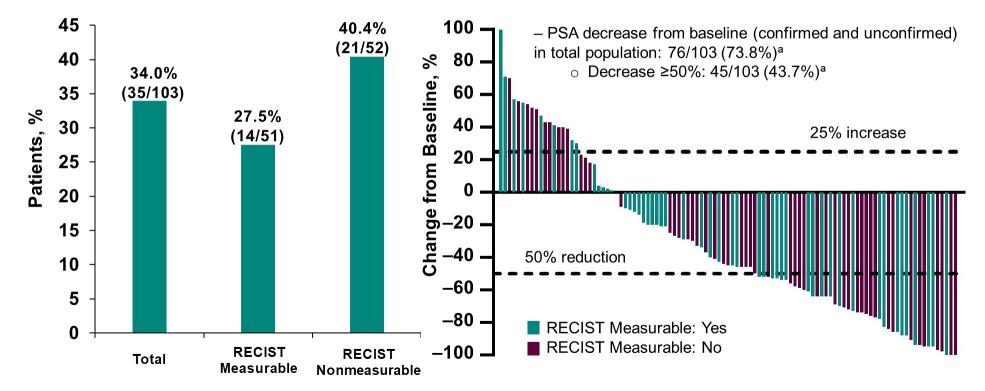
• DCR

• OS

• rPFS by PCWG-modified RECIST v1.1

Data cutoff: July 9, 2020.

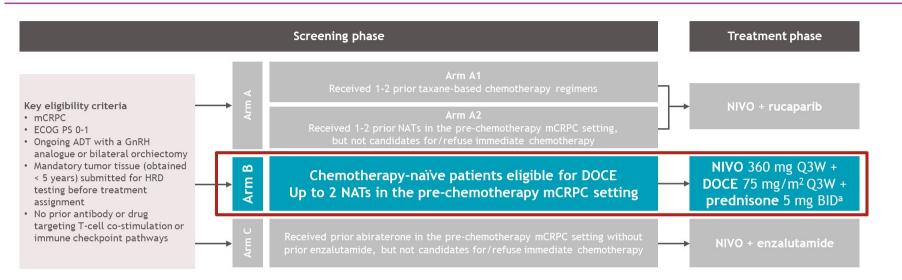
Confirmed PSA Response Rate (≥50% Reduction)^a and Percentage Change From Baseline^b



^aCalculation is based on patients who had nonmissing PSA measurements at baseline; ≥50% PSA decline confirmed by subsequent value ≥3 weeks later. ^bPlot is based on patients who had a PSA measurement at baseline and ≥1 postbaseline PSA measurement (n = 103). Data cutoff: July 9, 2020.

Presented By Leonard Appleman at 2021 Genitourinary Cancers Symposium

CheckMate 9KD: study design



Co-primary endpoints: ORR per investigator,^b PSA response rate (response: ≥ 50% decrease from baseline PSA)^c

Secondary endpoints: rPFS,^d OS, time to and duration of response,^d time to PSA progression,^d and safety

^aDOCE was given up to a maximum of 10 cycles; NIVO was administered as monotherapy (480 mg Q4W) after cycle 10 for up to 2 years. ^bAssessed using PCWG3 criteria in treated patients with measurable disease at baseline. ^cRepresents the proportion of treated patients with a \geq 50% decrease in PSA from baseline to the lowest post-baseline PSA result; a second consecutive value obtained \geq 3 weeks later was required for confirmation of PSA response. ^dAssessed using PCWG3 criteria in relevant populations.

ADT, androgen deprivation therapy; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; GnRH, gonadotropin-releasing hormone; HRD, homologous recombination deficiency; NAT, novel antiandrogen therapy (eg, abiraterone, enzalutamide, etc.); ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PCWG3, Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Working Group 3; PSA, prostatespecific antigen; rPFS, radiographic progression-free survival.

Objective and PSA response outcomes

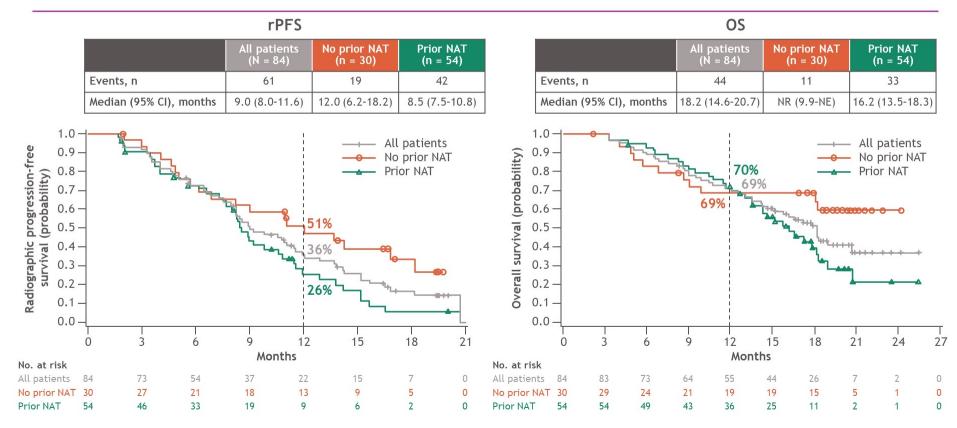
Objective response ^a	All patients	No prior NAT	Prior NAT	
	(N = 45)	(n = 14)	(n = 31)	
ORR, %	40.0	42.9	38.7	
(95% Cl)	(25.7-55.7)	(17.7-71.1)	(21.8-57.8)	
Best overall response, n (%) Complete response Partial response Stable disease Progressive disease	1 (2.2) 17 (37.8) 24 (53.3) 3 (6.7)	0 6 (42.9) 7 (50.0) 1 (7.1)	1 (3.2) 11 (35.5) 17 (54.8) 2 (6.5)	
PSA response ^b	All patients	No prior NAT	Prior NAT	
	(N = 81)	(n = 28)	(n = 53)	
Confirmed PSA response rate, %	46.9	60.7	39.6	
(95% CI)	(35.7-58.3)	(40.6-78.5)	(26.5-54.0)	

• For the 18 objective responders

- Median time to response (range) was 2.0 (1.6-7.3) months
- Median duration of response (95% CI) was 7.0 (6.4-12.4) months
- Among 81 PSA-evaluable patients, median time to PSA progression (95% CI) was 8.7 (7.3-10.4) months

^aRepresents confirmed complete or partial response per PCWG3 in patients with measurable disease at baseline. ^bRepresents the proportion of treated patients with a \geq 50% decrease in PSA from baseline to the lowest postbaseline PSA result; a second consecutive value obtained \geq 3 weeks later was required for confirmation of PSA response.

Survival outcomes



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Renal cell carcinoma

Advanced disease

Second line after TKi: IO monotherapy

First line: IO-IO combination in intermediate/poor risk pts IO-TKI (anti -VEGF) combination

Adjuvant setting

IO monotherapy effective in high risk resected ccRCC under investigation in resected metastatic disease

IO-IO combination: benefit not proven

Some critical issues not addressed in trials for FDA/EMA approval

- primary refractory patients
- patients at risk for serious adverse events
- patient who may benefit from a TKi monotherapy or IO monotherapy

Urothelial carcinoma

Advanced disease

Second line after TKi: IO monotherapy

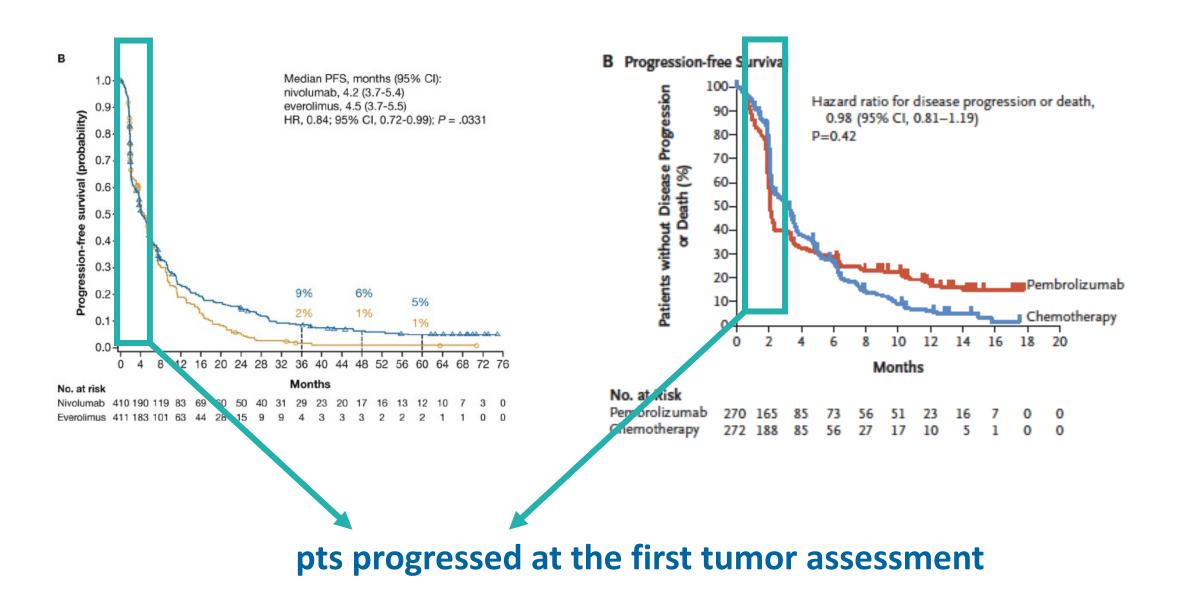
First line: patients unfit for cisplatin with CPS ≥10

Perioperative setting

Promising result with IO monotherapy and IO-chemo combination

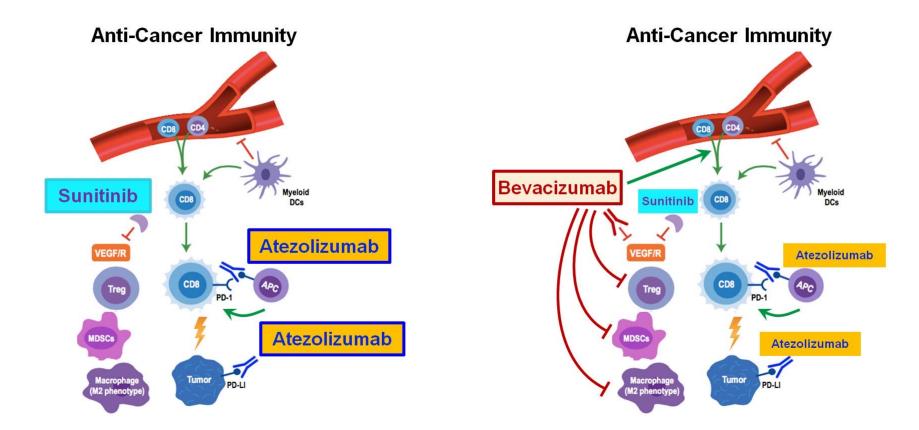
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- predictive factors for efficacy (IO effectiveness despite PD-L1 status)
- predictive factors for toxicity

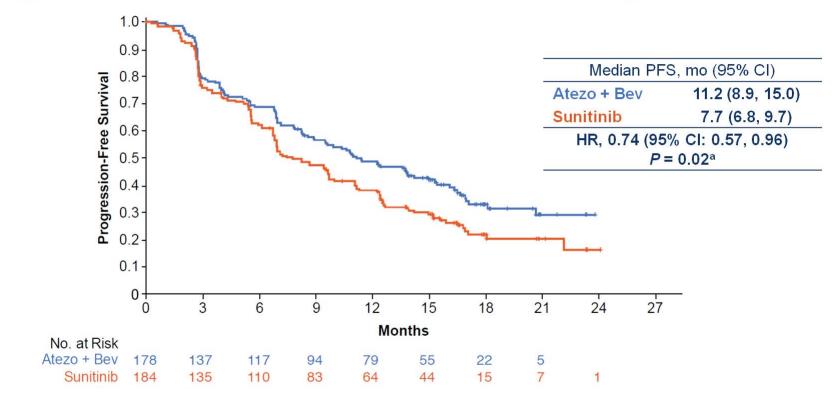


Can the omic sciences help answer some clinically relevant issues?

Bevacizumab + Atezolizumab

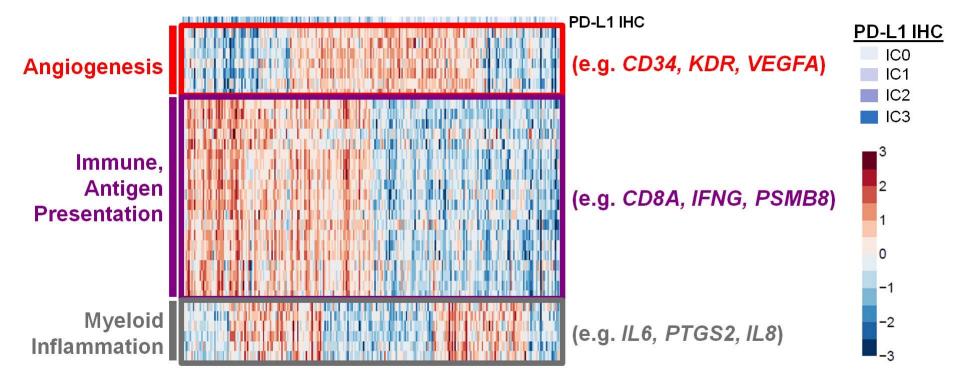


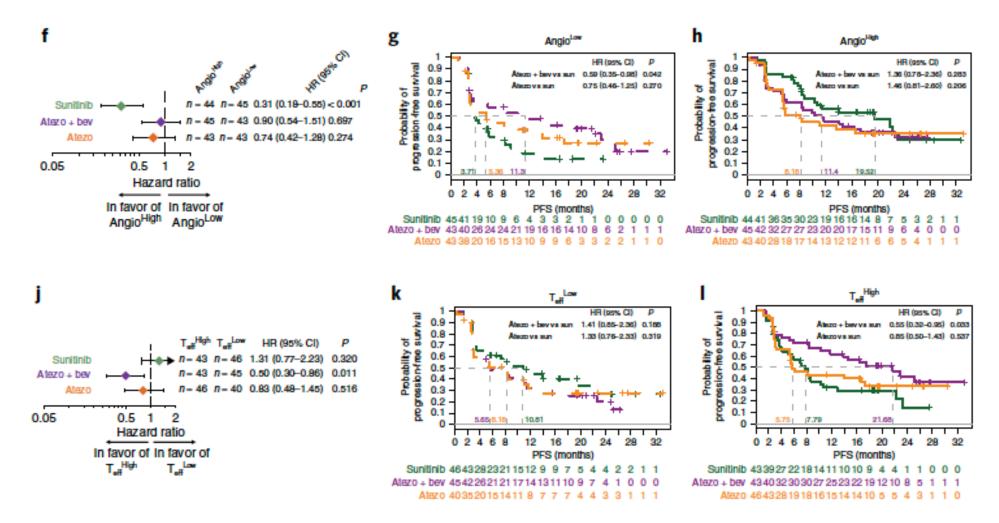
Progression-Free Survival in the PD-L1+ Population



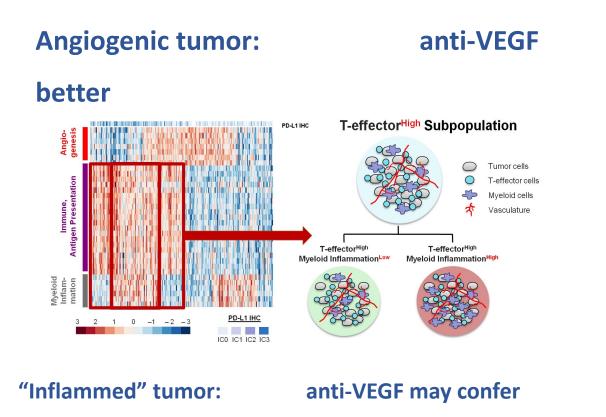
Setting:	First line	
Study:	Phase II	
Patients:	305	
Primary objectives:	PFS in ITT	
	PFS in PD-L1+	

Transcriptome Map of Angiogenesis and Immune-Associated Genes in RCC Tumors





McDermott DF, 2018

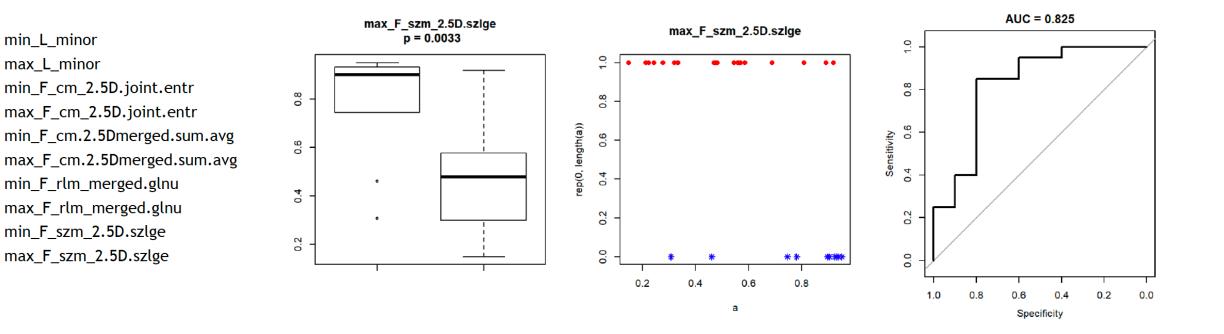


sensitivity to checkpoint inhibitors

Pembrolizumab as 2nd/3rd line for advanced ccRCC: a radiomic approach

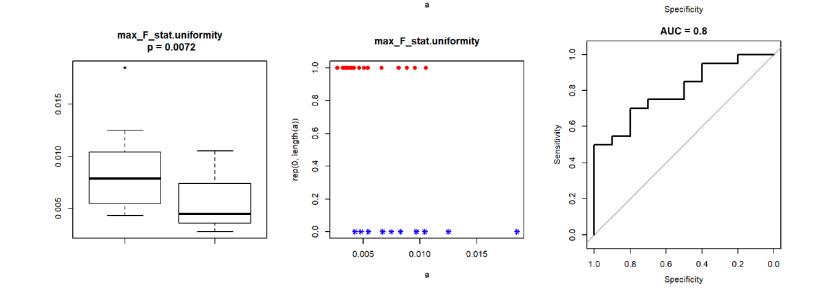
pts:	60
RR:	28%
pts on treatment >12 m:	35%

Pembrolizumab as 2nd/3rd line for advanced ccRCC: a radiomic approach



Pembrolizumab as 2nd/3rd line for advanced ccRCC: a radiomic approach

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"Immunomics": the study of immune system regulation and response to pathogens

Practical application in immuno-oncology (IO)

study of circulating immune factor: cytokines and soluble immune checkpoints

Multiple lymph-nodes metastasis from bladder urothelial carcinoma resistant to cisplatin-gemcitabine chemotherapy



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Multiple lymph-nodes metastasis from bladder urothelial carcinoma resistant to cisplatin-gemcitabine chemotherapy

CPS 30%	pt #22 complete response to pembro	Soluble IC	pt #9 primary refractory to pembro	CPS 35%
	stable	BTLA	stable	
	lower	CD137	higher	
	lower	GITR	higher	
	higher	HVEM	lower	
	higher	IDO	lower	
	higher	TIM3	lower	

Microbiomic



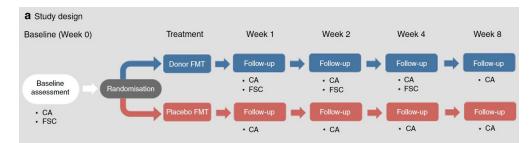
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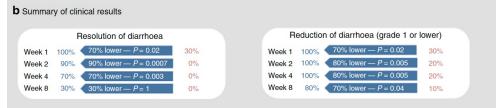
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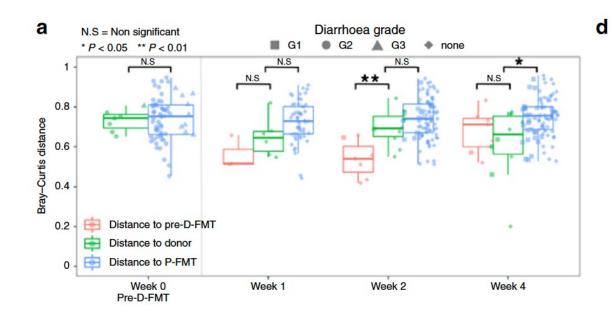
Faecal microbiota transplantation for the treatment of diarrhoea induced by tyrosine-kinase inhibitors in patients with metastatic renal cell carcinoma

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CA = Clinical assessment; FMT = faecal microbiota transplantation; FSC = faecal samples collection





Immunotherapy approaches in the Omics Era: focus on Genitourinary cancer

Immunotherapy improved clinical outcome for GU cancer patients Other benefit are expected in the next years

Immunotherapy approaches in the Omics Era: focus on Genitourinary cancer

Many factors can influence the results with immunotherapy:

concomitant drugs (antibiotics), infections (viral), diet, comorbidities, gender...

ImmunoTherapy of CancerPneumonitis from immune checkpoint
inhibitors and COVID-19: current
concern in cancer treatment

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Omic sciences can enrich the knowledge of factors influencing immunotherapy efficacy

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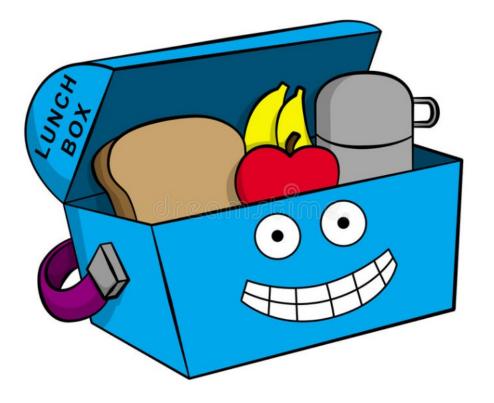
Many factors can influence the results obtaining with immunotherapy

Criteria for patient selection are needed to achieve a really patient – focused approach ("personalized oncology")

Omic sciences can allow patient selection

Patient selection should be feasible in clinical practice

I hope you enjoyed the lunch



Thank you for your attention!