

Where are we today?

Evidence Based Medicine and the evolving treatment paradigm in mRCC

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Outline

- Introduction
- Clear cell RCC
 - Adjuvant treatment
 - mRCC
 - 1st line
 - 2nd line
 - Further line

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Table 3.2 Ten leading sites of cancer in male.

Site	ICD-O	Number of cases	%
1. PROSTATE GLAND	C61	204	14.3
2. LIVER AND INTRAHEPATIC BILE DUCTS	C22	194	13.6
3. LUNG AND BRONCHUS	C34	132	9.2
4. COLON	C18	122	8.5
5. HEMATOPOIETIC AND RETICULOENDOTHELIAL SYSTEMS	C42	88	6.1
6. RECTUM	C20	77	5.4
7. LYMPH NODES	C77	61	4.3
8. URINARY BLADDER	C67	60	4.2
9. SKIN	C44	58	4.0
10. KIDNEY	C64	45	3.1
11. Other		390	27.3
Total		1,431	100.0

Figure 3.2 Ten leading sites of cancer in male.

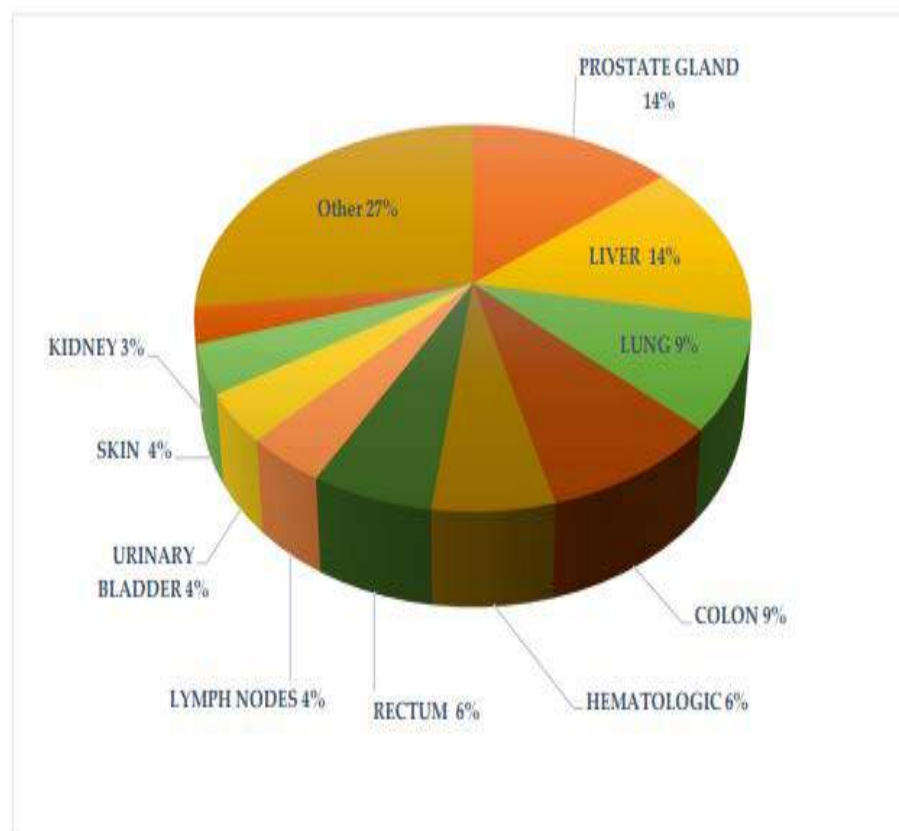


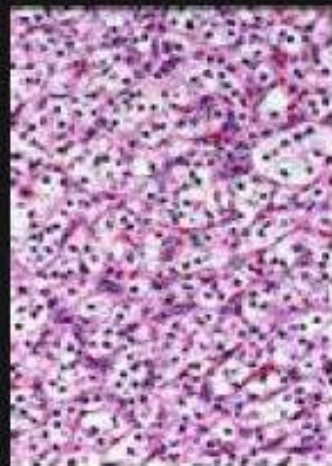
Table 4.1 Annual reports

Site	Male		Female		Total		ICD O
	N	(%)	N	(%)	N	(%)	
Bladder	60	4.2	21	1.1	81	2.4	C67
Kidney etc	51	3.6	26	1.4	77	2.3	C64-C66,C68
Penis	11	0.7	0	0.0	11	0.3	C60
Prostate	204	14.3	0	0.0	204	6.1	C61
Testis	8	0.5	0	0.0	8	0.2	C62
Thyroid	30	2.1	126	6.6	156	4.6	C73
Adrenal gland	4	0.3	1	0.1	5	0.2	C74
Other endocrine gland	4	0.3	2	0.1	6	0.2	C75
Other and ill-defined site	1	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1	C76
Lymphnodes	61	4.3	70	3.6	131	3.9	C77
Unknown primary site	7	0.5	6	0.3	13	0.4	C80
All sites	1431	100	1906	100	3337	100	ALL

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	Bladder	RCC	Prostate	testis	penis
Case/yr	81	77	204	8	11

Pathology and gene expression



**Clear
Cell**

75%



**VHL
BAP1
PBRM1**



**Papillary
Type 1**

5%



cMET

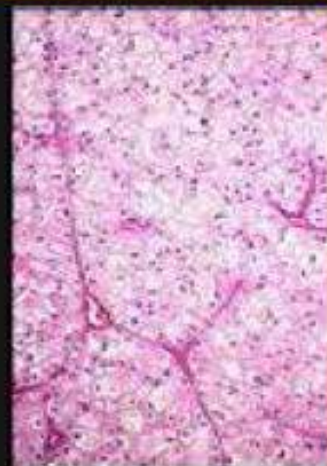


**Papillary
Type 2**

10%



**FH
cMYC**

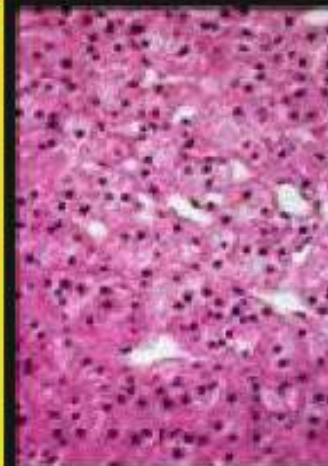


Chromophobe

5%



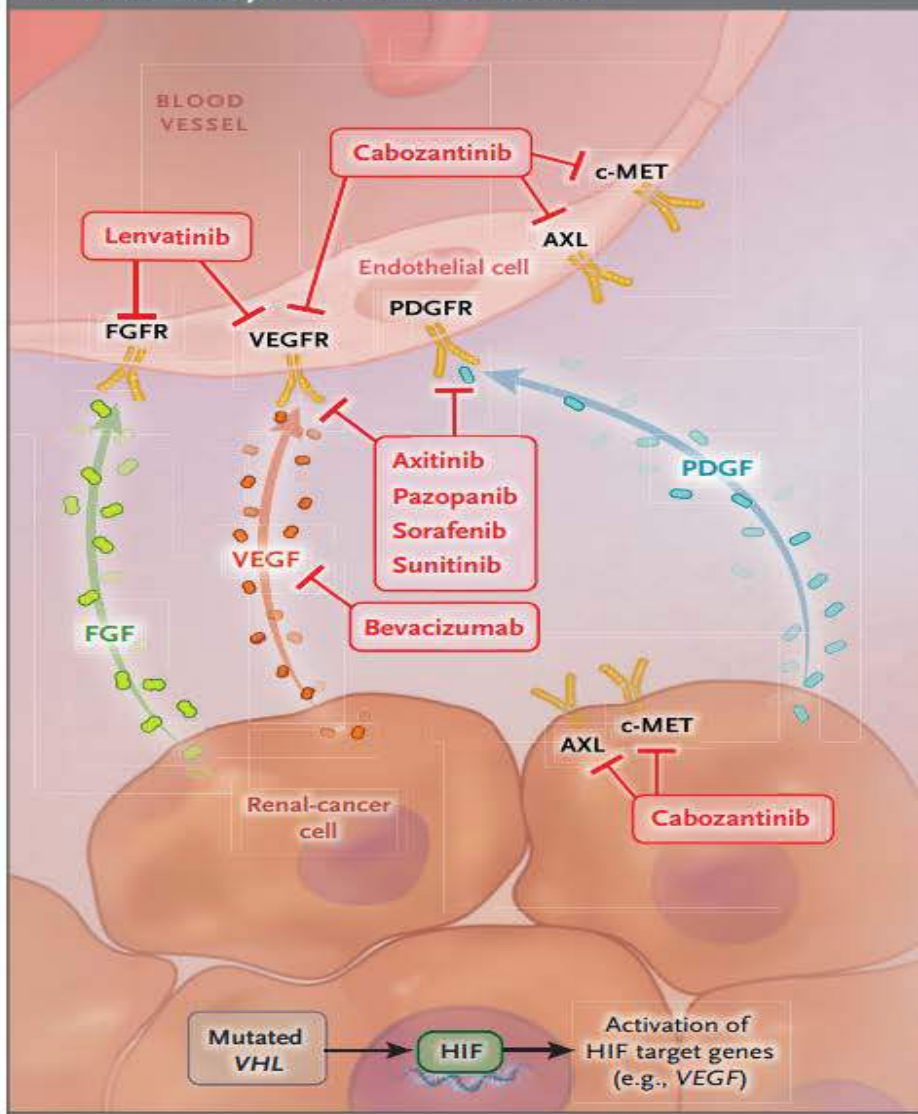
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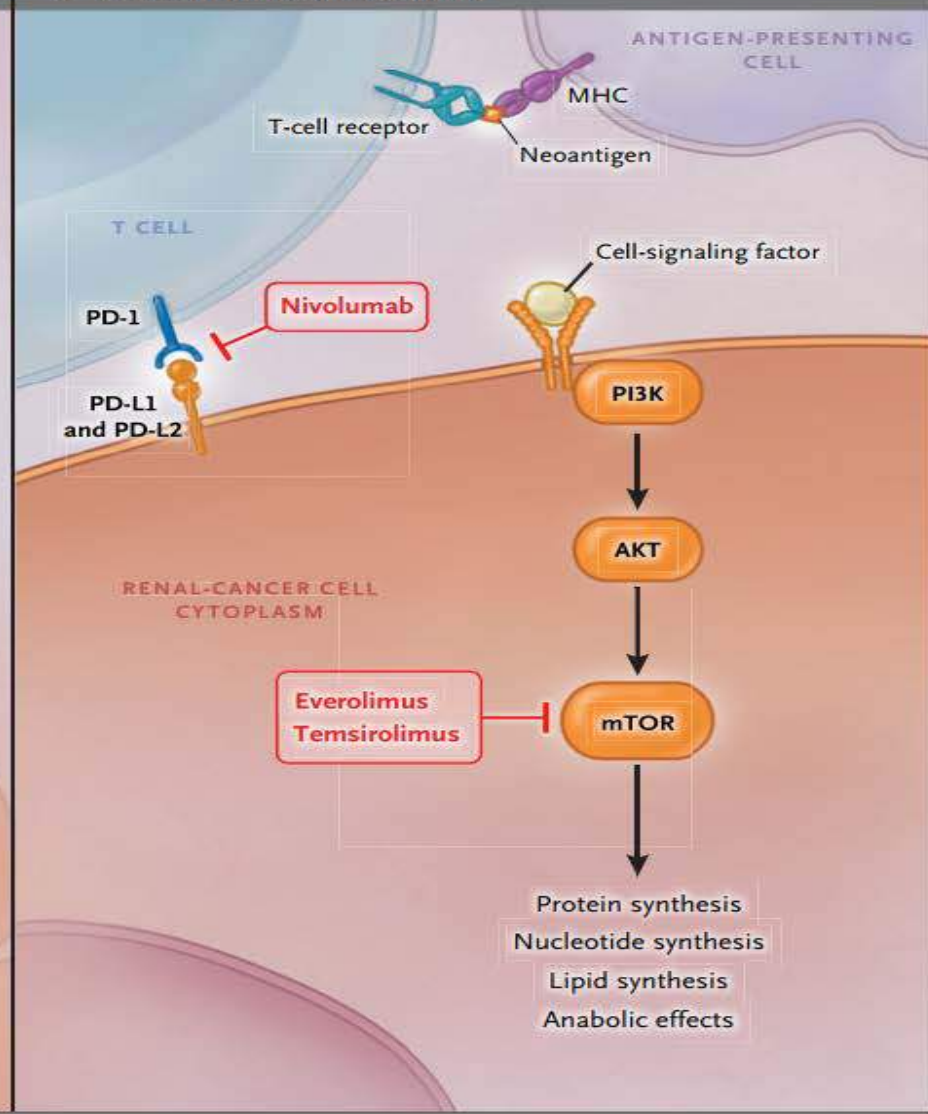
Oncocytoma

5%

A VEGF and tyrosine kinase inhibitors



B PD-1 and mTOR inhibitors



Pathway and current drugs in mRCC

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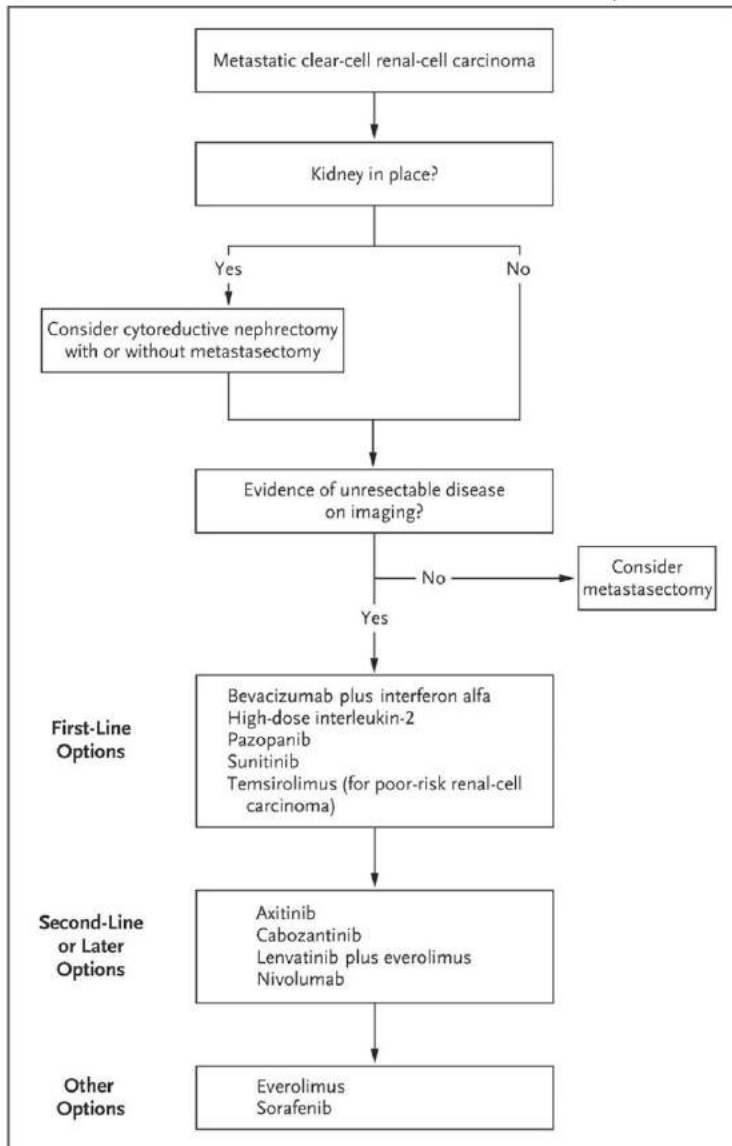
Dan L. Longo, M.D., *Editor*

Systemic Therapy for Metastatic Renal-Cell Carcinoma

Toni K. Choueiri, M.D., and Robert J. Motzer, M.D.

RCC Decision making

Chouieri T, Motzer R. New Engl J Med 2017



- Surgical resection if feasible
- Consider high dose IL-2 in the appropriate patient
- Common front line therapies are sunitinib and pazopanib

The Impact on Cytoreductive Nephrectomy on OS in the Era of TKI's

- No prospective data yet
- The majority of patients in the phase III trials had previously undergone nephrectomy
- CARMENA trial¹: nephrectomy followed by sunitinib vs sunitinib alone, primary EP: OS
- Retrospective data^{2,3} strongly show **benefits of surgery**

1.NCT00930033; PI: Arnaud Mejean; estimated completion date: May 2013

2.Choueiri T et al., J Urol 2011; 3. Abern et al. *Anticancer Res* 2014

Risk assessment: metastatic disease (Heng criteria)

- **Six risk factors:**
 - **Karnofsky performance status < 80%**
 - **Haemoglobin < lower limit of normal**
 - **Time from diagnosis to treatment < 1 year**
 - **Corrected calcium > upper limit of normal**
 - **Platelets > upper limit of normal**
 - **Neutrophils > upper limit of normal**



Frontline therapy in mRCC

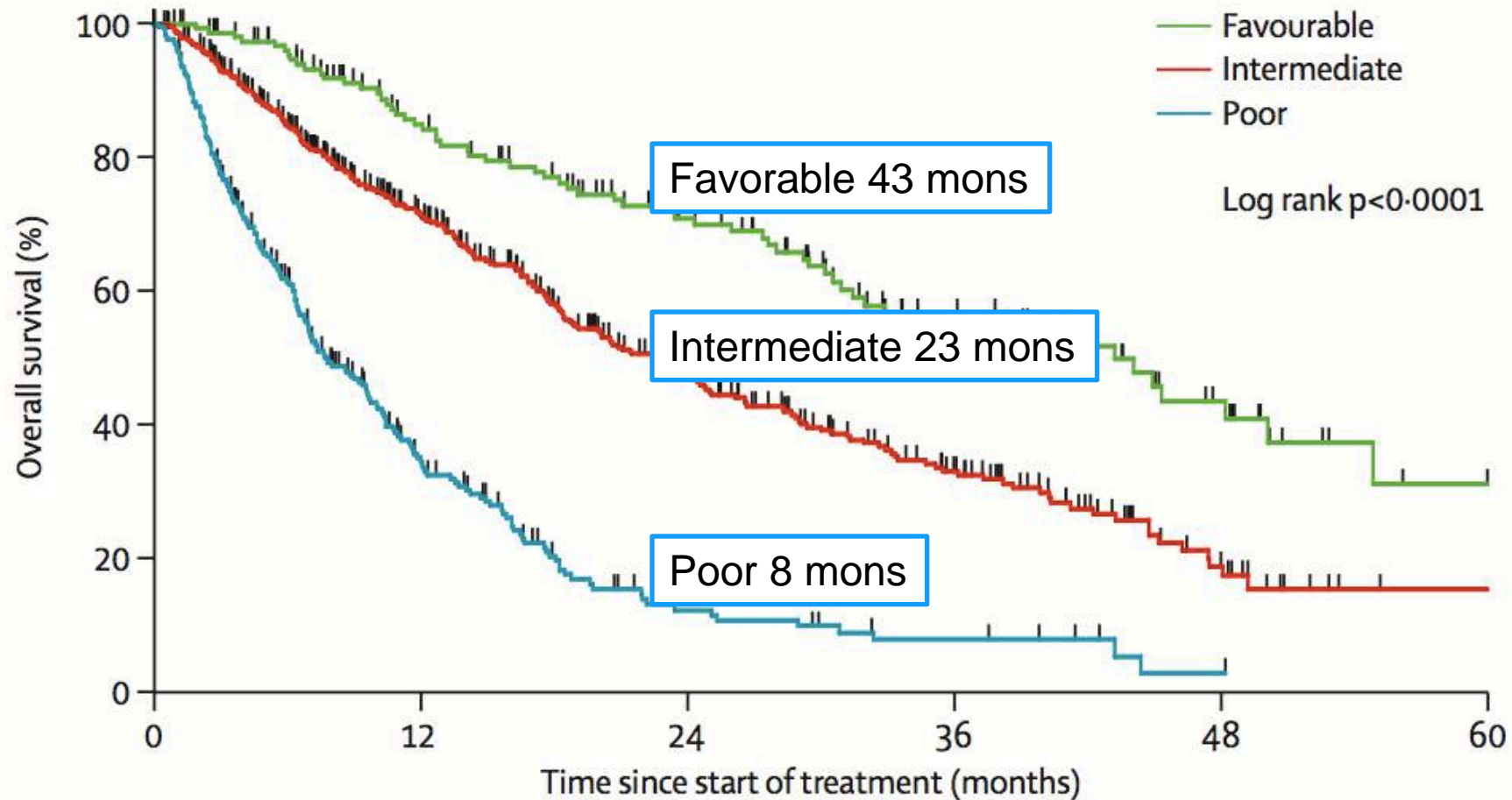
First-line treatment of good/intermediate mRCC:

Current options

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*Intent to treat analysis

IMDC Prognostic Factors



Number at risk

Favourable	157	109	74	40	17	3
Intermediate	440	247	122	59	15	1
Poor	252	65	15	7	1	0

Benchmarks from IMDC

Population (Data from IMDC)	PFS (mon) (95% CI)	OS (mon) (95% CI)
1st line therapy (all pts)	7.2 (6.7-7.7) n=2659	20.9 (19.6-22.5) n=2705
1st line therapy in intermediate/poor risk patients & diagnosis to treatment interval < 1 year (<i>similar to ADAPT (AGS003) pts</i>)	5.6 (5.3-6.1) n=1174	14.7 (13.3-16.5) n=1189
1st line therapy in patients with prior nephrectomy (<i>similar to TIVO-1 (Tivozanib) pt</i>)	8.2 (7.8-8.6) n=2080	24.8 (23.1-27.3) n=2117
2nd line therapy (<i>similar to INTORSECT patients</i>)	3.9 (3.6-4.3) n=1151	13.0 (12.2-14.7) n=1157
3rd line therapy (all pts)	4.0 (3.4-4.5) n=425	12.1 (10.7-13.9) n=455
3rd line therapy in patients with 1 prior VEGF and 1 prior mTOR inhibitor (<i>similar to GOLD (dovitinib) pts</i>)	4.4 (3.3-5.2) n=140	18.0 (11.8-24.0) n=147

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Bevacizumab and interferon-α

AVOREN

Eligibility Criteria

- Histologically confirmed mRCC
- Clear cell histology
- No prior systemic therapy
- Nephrectomy
- Karnofsky PS \geq 70
- MSK prognosis: All groups

N = 649

RANDOMIZATION

n = 327

IFN 9 MIU sc TIW
+ Placebo

n = 322

IFN 9 MIU TIW
+ Bevacizumab
10 mg/kg iv Q2W

Eligibility Criteria

- Histologically confirmed mRCC
- Component of clear cell histology
- No prior systemic therapy
- Nephrectomy not required
- Karnofsky PS \geq 70
- MSK prognosis: All groups

N = 732

RANDOMIZATION

n = 363

IFN 9 MIU sc TIW

n = 369

IFN 9 MIU TIW
+ Bevacizumab
10 mg/kg iv Q2W

CALGB
90206

Escudier B, Koralewski P, Puzanov A, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2007;25(suppl. 18):R10. doi:10.1200/JCO.2007.11.1801. Abstract 1801.

Pivotal phase 3 study of first-line sunitinib in mRCC

Eligibility Criteria

- mRCC
- Clear cell histology
- No prior systemic treatment
- Measurable disease by RECIST
- ECOG PS of 0 or 1
- Adequate organ function

(N=750)

RANDOMIZATION

(n=375)

Sunitinib
50 mg PO daily
Schedule 4/2

(n=375)

IFN-α
3 MU SC TIW first week,
6 MU SC TIW second week,
9 MU SC TIW third week
thereafter

Primary Endpoint: PFS
Secondary Endpoints: OS,
ORR, PROs, safety

ECOG PS = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; PO = by mouth; Schedule 4/2 = 4 weeks on treatment, 2 weeks off; SC = subcutaneously; TIW = three times weekly

Motzer RJ, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2007;356:115-124.

Pazopanib vs. placebo for first- and second-line mRCC treatment

Eligibility Criteria

- Locally advanced RCC or mRCC
- Predominant clear cell histology
- Measurable disease (\geq 1 lesion)
- 0 or 1 prior systemic treatment (cytokine based) for locally advanced or mRCC

N=435

2:1

RANDOMIZATION

Pazopanib
800 mg/day
(n=290)

Placebo
(n=145)

Primary Endpoint: PFS
Final OS data pending

Pazopanib vs Sunitinib in 1st line mRCC (COMPARZ)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Metastatic RCC or mRCC
- clear-cell histology
- No prior systemic therapy
- Measurable disease

N=1110

RANDOMIZATION

Pazopanib
800 mg/day

Sunitinib
50 mg/day
(Schedule 4/2)

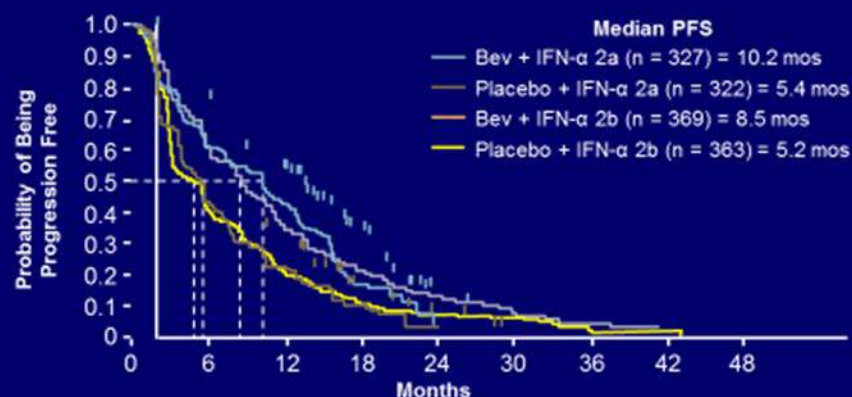
Primary Endpoint: PFS (non-inferiority – HR<1.25)
Secondary Endpoints: OS, ORR, safety, QoL

Motzer R, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2013; 369: 722-731

Stemmer C, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2010

Presented By Ulka Vaishampayan at 2017 Genitourinary Cancers Symposium

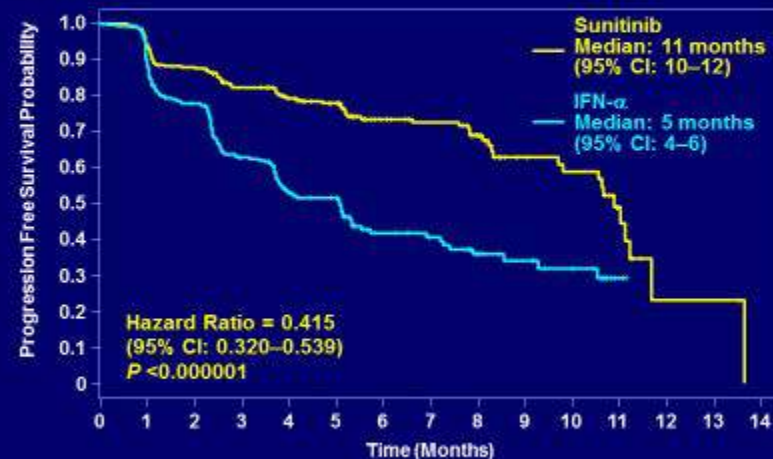
AVOREN^[1] and CALGB 90206^[2]: PFS* in evaluable patients



*AVOREN: primary endpoint, OS: Bev + IFN = NR; IFN + placebo = 19.8 mos (HR: 0.75; $P < .0267$) at interim analysis.^[1] CALGB 90206: primary endpoint, OS: NR.^[2]

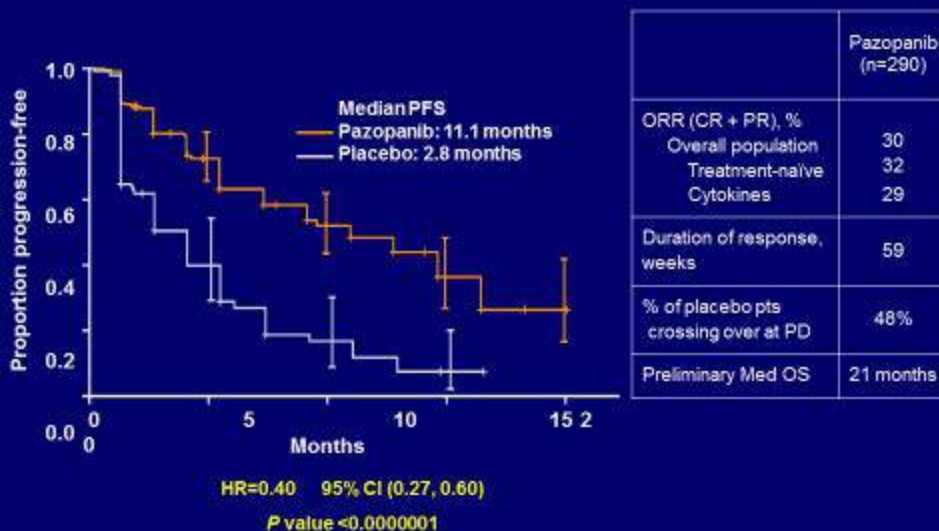
1. Escudier B, et al. Lancet. 2007;370:2103-2111.
2. Rini BI, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2008;26:5422-5428.
3. Escudier B, et al. ASCO 2008. Abstract 5025.

Phase 3 study of first-line sunitinib in mRCC Progression-free survival



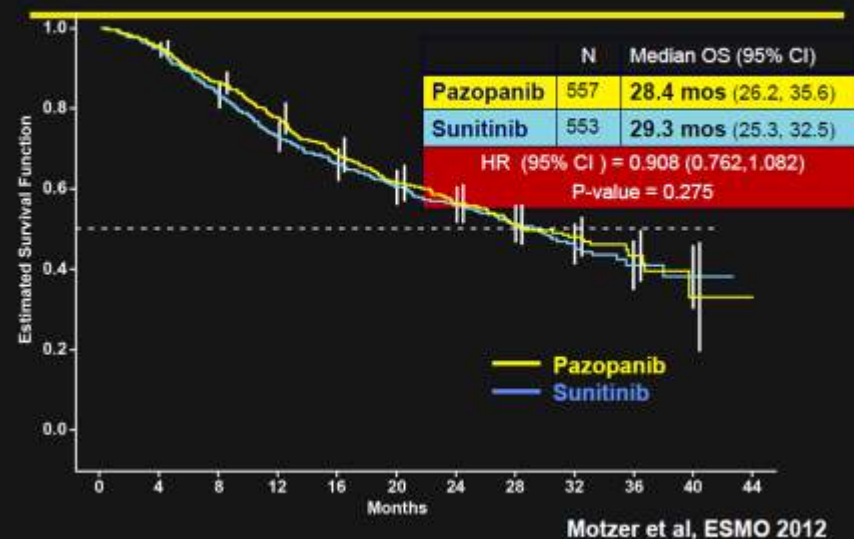
Motzer NEJM 2007
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Motzer JCO 2009

PFS / RR in treatment-naïve subpopulation



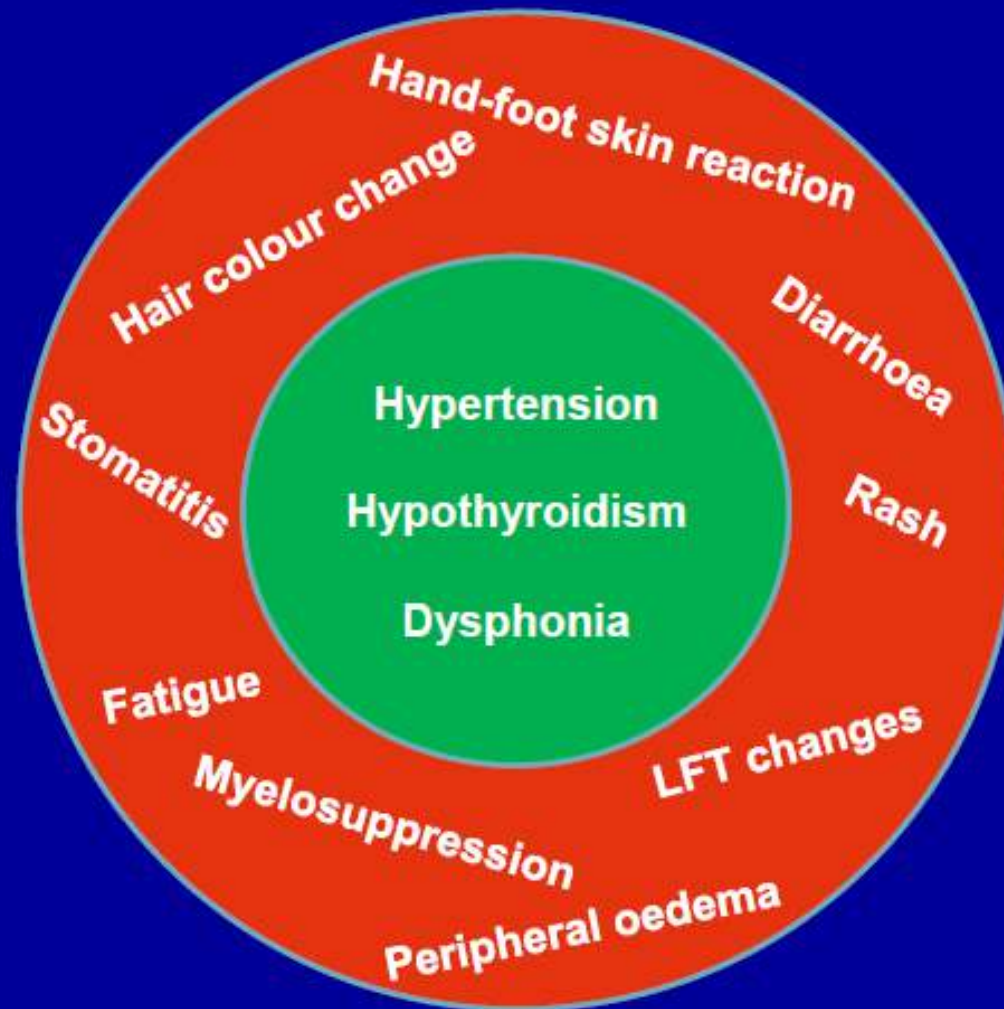
Sternberg CN, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2009;27(Suppl 15s):5021 (Abstract).

Overall survival



Motzer et al, ESMO 2012

On-Target V Off-Target Side Effects



Hand-Foot Skin Reaction



Common Adverse Events

	Pazopanib (n = 554), %	Sunitinib (n = 548), %
Chemistry labs ($\geq 35\%$)	All Grades	All Grades
ALT	60	43
Hypoalbuminemia	33	42
Bilirubin	36	27
Creatinine	32	46
Hypophosphatemia	36	52
Leukopenia	43	78
Neutropenia	37	68
Thrombocytopenia	41	78
Lymphopenia	38	55
Anemia	31	60

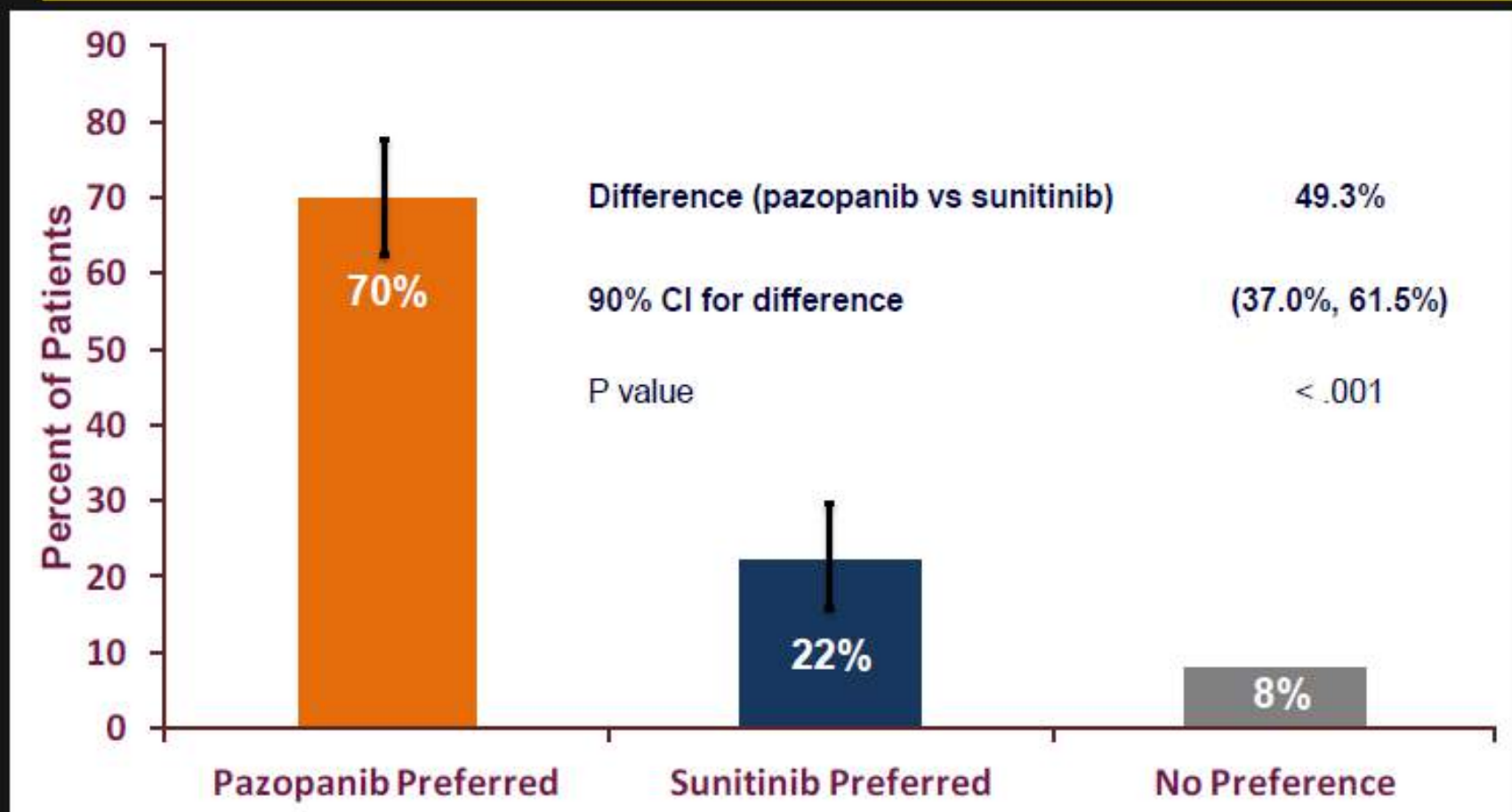
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Table 1. Adverse Events and Laboratory Abnormalities during Treatment for Which the Relative Risk Differed Significantly between Groups.*

Event	Pazopanib (N = 554)			Sunitinib (N = 548)		
	All Grades	Grade 3	Grade 4	All Grades	Grade 3	Grade 4
Adverse events						
Increased risk with sunitinib — no. of patients (%)†						
Fatigue‡	302 (55)	58 (10)	1 (<1)	344 (63)	92 (17)	2 (<1)
Hand-foot syndrome‡	163 (29)	32 (6)	0	275 (50)	62 (11)	2 (<1)
Dysgeusia	143 (26)	1 (<1)	0	198 (36)	0	0
Rash	97 (18)	4 (1)	0	125 (23)	4 (1)	0
Constipation	94 (17)	4 (1)	0	130 (24)	5 (1)	0
Dyspepsia	78 (14)	0	0	133 (24)	3 (1)	0
Stomatitis	77 (14)	4 (1)	0	150 (27)	8 (1)	0
Hypothyroidism	67 (12)	0	0	133 (24)	2 (<1)	0
Pain in a limb	67 (12)	2 (<1)	0	91 (17)	6 (1)	0
Mucosal inflammation‡	61 (11)	3 (1)	0	141 (26)	16 (3)	0
Peripheral edema	59 (11)	1 (<1)	0	91 (17)	2 (<1)	0
Epistaxis	48 (9)	1 (<1)	0	97 (18)	6 (1)	0
Pyrexia	48 (9)	2 (<1)	0	88 (16)	6 (1)	0
Increased blood LDH	39 (7)	2 (<1)	0	58 (11)	3 (1)	0
Increased blood thyrotropin	31 (6)	0	0	66 (12)	0	0
Gastroesophageal reflux disease	19 (3)	1 (<1)	0	56 (10)	2 (<1)	0
Yellow skin	4 (1)	0	0	83 (15)	0	0
Increased risk with pazopanib — no. of patients (%)§						
Changes in hair color	168 (30)	0	0	53 (10)	1 (<1)	0
Weight loss	84 (15)	5 (1)	0	33 (6)	1 (<1)	0
Alopecia	75 (14)	0	0	45 (8)	0	0
Hematologic and other laboratory abnormalities						
Increased risk with sunitinib — no. of patients/total no. (%)¶						
Leukopenia‡	237/548 (43)	8/548 (1)	0/548	423/542 (78)	34/542 (6)	0/542
Thrombocytopenia‡	227/548 (41)	17/548 (3)	3/548 (1)	421/542 (78)	95/542 (18)	22/542 (4)
Lymphocytopenia‡	208/548 (38)	29/548 (5)	0/548	300/542 (55)	76/542 (14)	1/542 (<1)
Neutropenia‡	203/548 (37)	20/548 (4)	5/548 (1)	370/542 (68)	103/542 (19)	6/542 (1)
Anemia‡	171/548 (31)	7/548 (1)	5/548 (1)	326/542 (60)	34/542 (6)	6/542 (1)
Hypophosphatemia‡	193/539 (36)	24/539 (4)	0/539	279/533 (52)	44/533 (8)	5/533 (1)
Hypoalbuminemia	179/544 (33)	4/544 (1)	0/544	225/539 (42)	9/539 (2)	0/539
Increased creatinine	177/548 (32)	4/548 (1)	0/548	250/542 (46)	5/542 (1)	3/542 (1)
Hypomagnesemia‡	125/539 (23)	1/539 (<1)	0/539	128/535 (24)	6/535 (1)	1/535 (<1)
†† Hypomagnesemia‡	62/539 (12)	13/539 (2)	0/539	97/535 (18)	25/535 (5)	0/535
Increased risk with pazopanib — no. of patients/total no. (%)						
Increased AST	333/547 (61)	62/547 (11)	7/547 (1)	323/541 (60)	15/541 (3)	0/541
Increased ALT§	326/547 (60)	84/547 (15)	12/547 (2)	234/540 (43)	19/540 (4)	2/540 (<1)
Increased total bilirubin§	199/546 (36)	16/546 (3)	2/546 (<1)	144/541 (27)	11/541 (2)	2/541 (<1)
Increased alkaline phosphatase	154/547 (28)	17/547 (3)	0/547	131/540 (24)	5/540 (1)	0/540
Hypoglycemia§	83/548 (15)	2/548 (<1)	0/548	57/541 (11)	3/541 (1)	0/541

Primary Endpoint: Patient Preference

Primary Analysis Population



Higher Exposure to Sunitinib Is Associated with Longer Time to Progression and OS

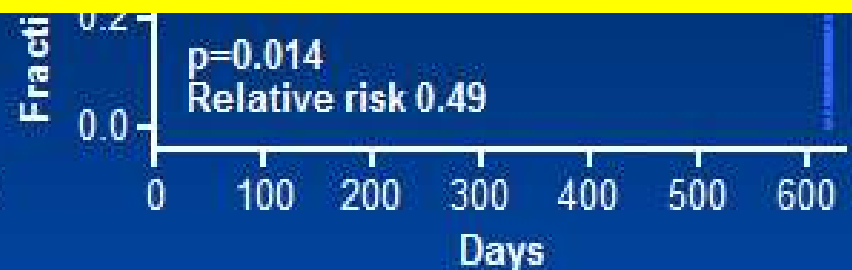
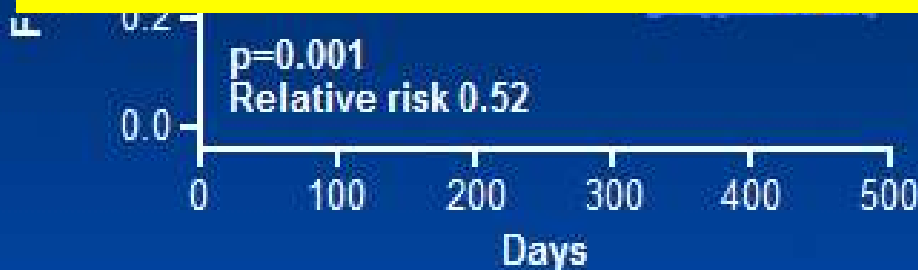
Time to Tumour Progression



OS



Need dose adjustment to improve tolerability



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Trials leading to FDA Approval for agents in mRCC

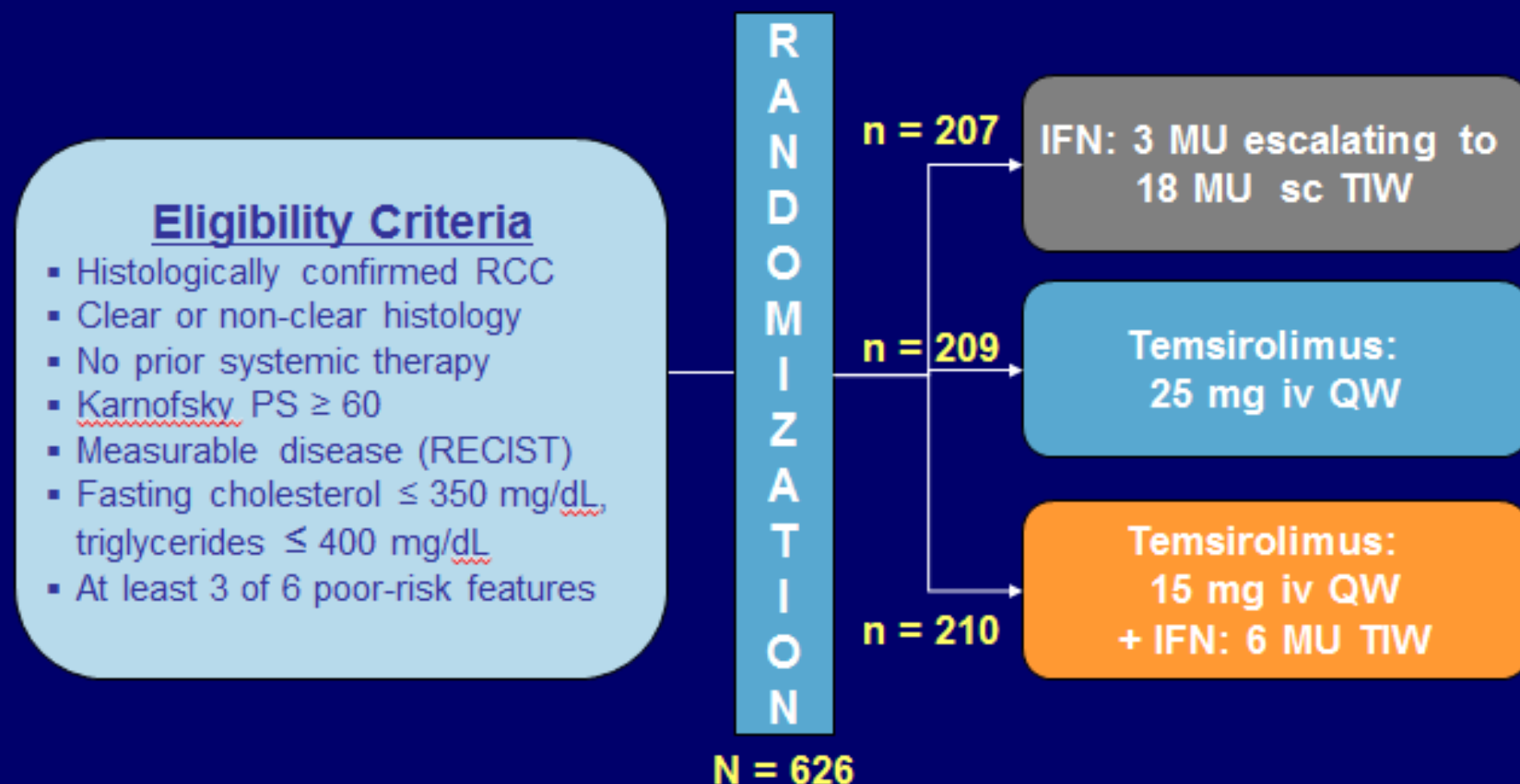
Drug	Line of therapy	FDA Approval	Patients	Control Arm	PFS (months) vs. control	OS (months) vs. control
Interleukin-2¹	First	1992	255	None	15% ORR	
Temsirolimus¹⁴	First [#]	2007	626	Interferon	5.5 vs. 3.1	10.9 vs 7.3*
Sunitinib^{9,56}	First	2006	750	Interferon	11.0 vs. 5.0	26.4 vs 21.8
Bevacizumab + interferon^{10,57}	First	2009	649	Interferon	10.2 vs. 5.4	23.3 vs 21.3 [^]
Pazopanib¹¹	First/Second ^C	2009	435	Placebo	9.2 vs. 4.2	22.9 vs. 20.5 [^]
Sorafenib⁶	Second ^C	2005	903	Placebo	5.5 vs. 2.8	19.3 vs. 15.9 [^]
Everolimus^{23,58}	Second ^{TKI}	2009	410	Placebo	4.9 vs. 1.9	14.8 vs. 14.4 [^]
Axitinib^{24,25}	Second ^S	2012	723	Sorafenib	6.7 vs. 4.7	20.1 vs. 19.2 [^]
Nivolumab²⁷	Second ^{AA}	2015	821	Everolimus	4.6 vs. 4.4 [^]	25.0 vs. 19.6*
Cabozantinib^{28,59}	Second ^{AA}	2016	658	Everolimus	7.4 vs 3.8	21.4 vs. 16.5
Lenvatinib + Everolimus^{29,60}	Second ^{AA}	2016	153	Everolimus	14.6 vs. 5.5	25.5 vs. 15.4

[#]At least 3 poor prognostic factors
^{*}OS primary outcome
[^]Did not reach statistical significance

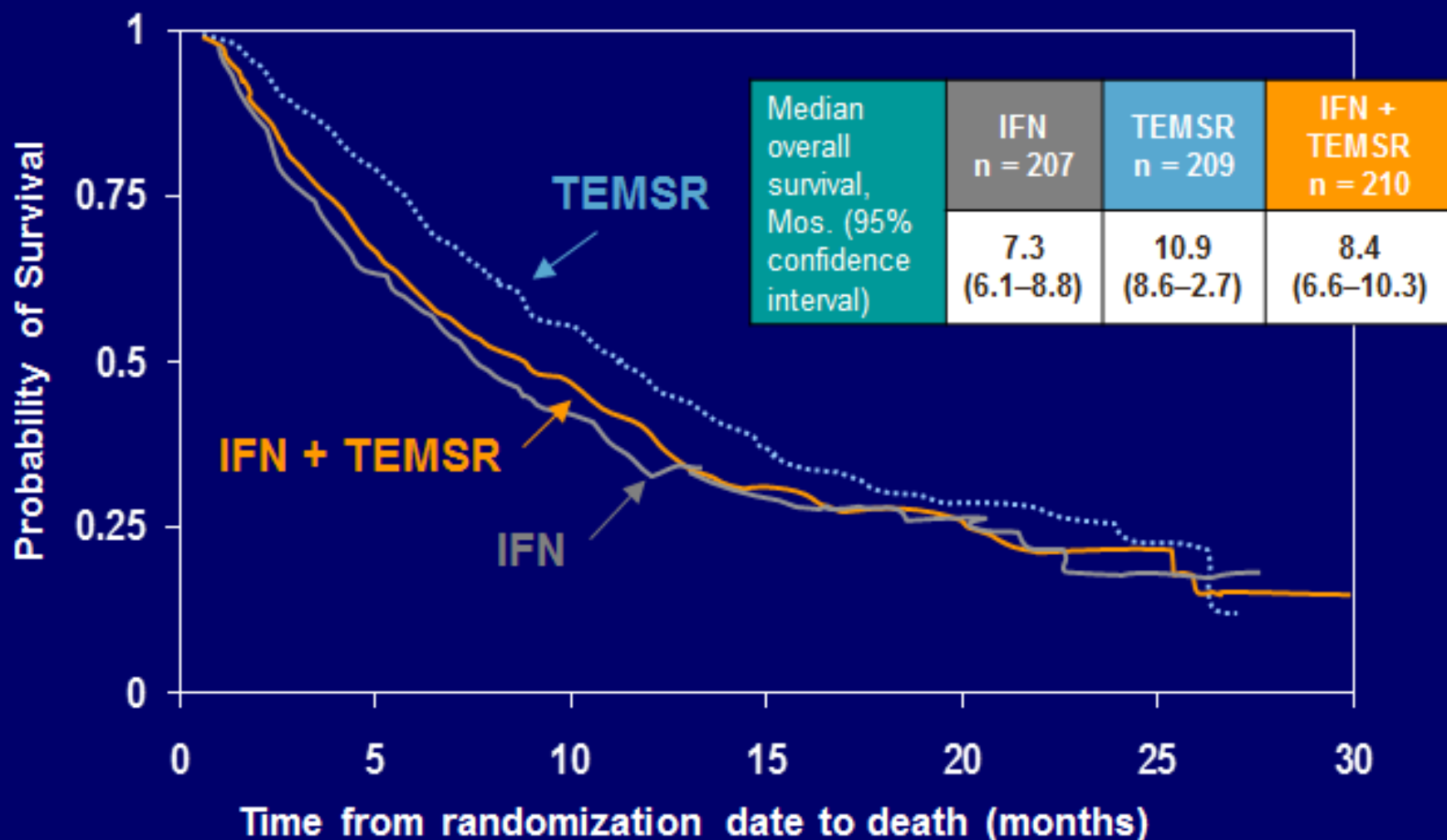
Previous Treatment: C=cytokines, TKI = sorafenib or sunitinib, S = systemic, AA = anti-angiogenic
 PFS = progression free survival, OS = overall survival, ORR = overall response rate

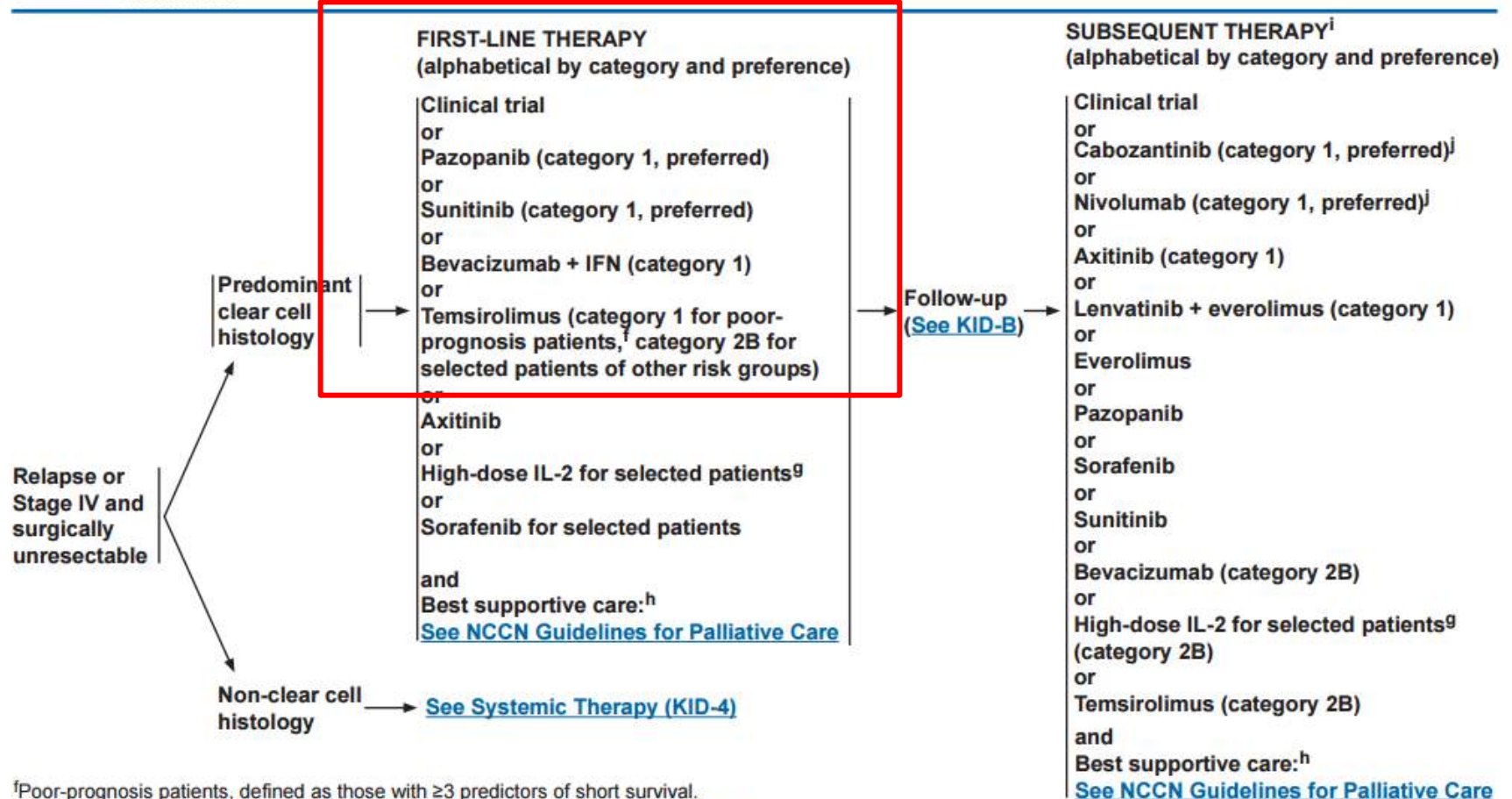
Poor risk group mRCC

Phase 3 study of temsirolimus and IFN in advanced RCC (ARCC trial)



Overall survival was superior with temsirolimus versus interferon





^fPoor-prognosis patients, defined as those with ≥ 3 predictors of short survival.

[See Predictors of Short Survival Used to Select Patients for Temsirolimus \(KID-C\).](#)

^gPatients with excellent performance status and normal organ function.

^hBest supportive care can include palliative RT, metastasectomy, bisphosphonates, or RANK ligand inhibitors for bony metastases.

ⁱIn clear cell and non-clear cell RCC with predominant sarcomatoid features, gemcitabine + doxorubicin (category 2B) and gemcitabine + sunitinib (category 2B) have shown benefit.

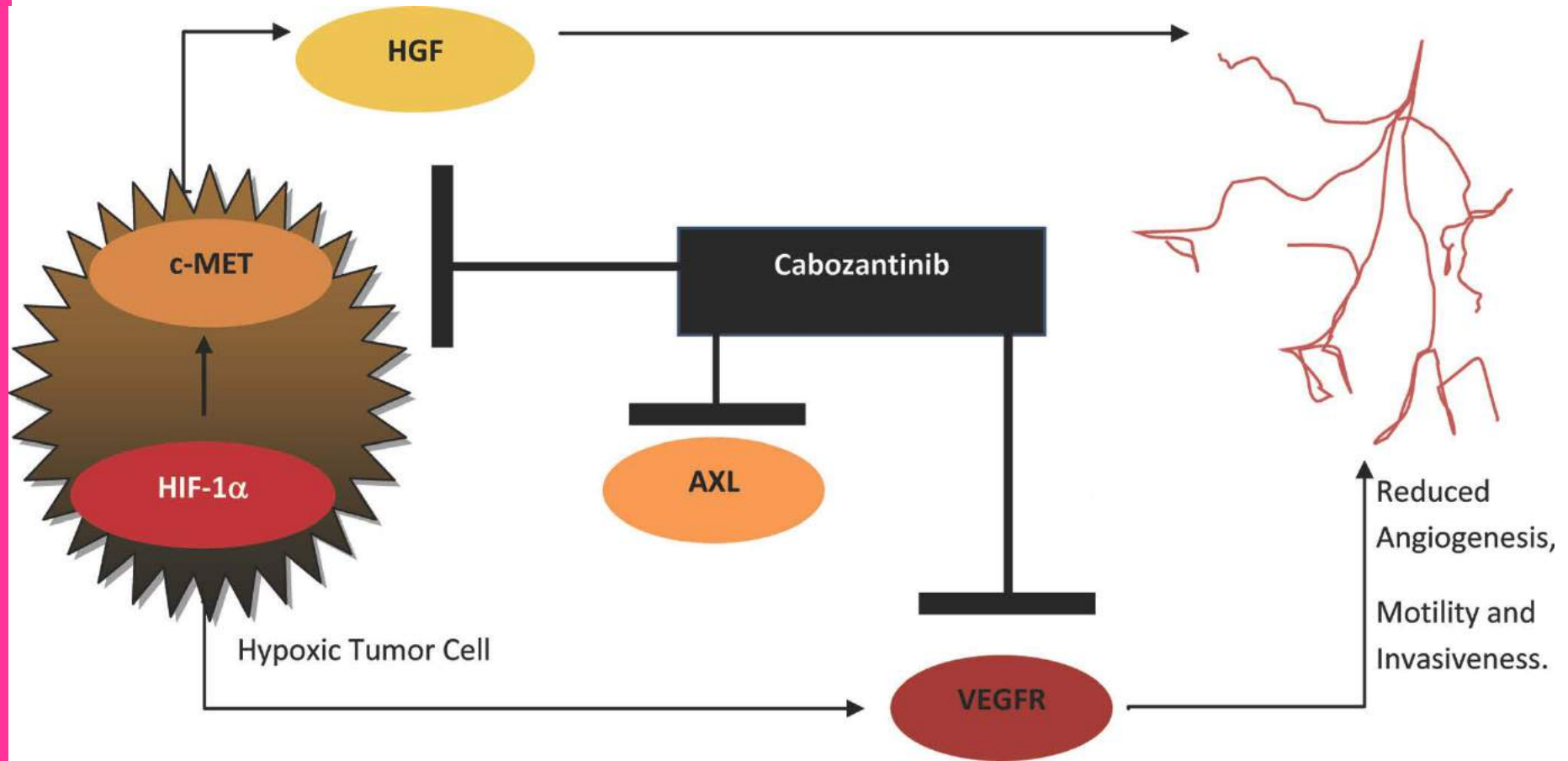
^jBased on the results of phase III trials, eligible patients should preferentially receive this agent over everolimus. [See Discussion.](#)

Note: All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.

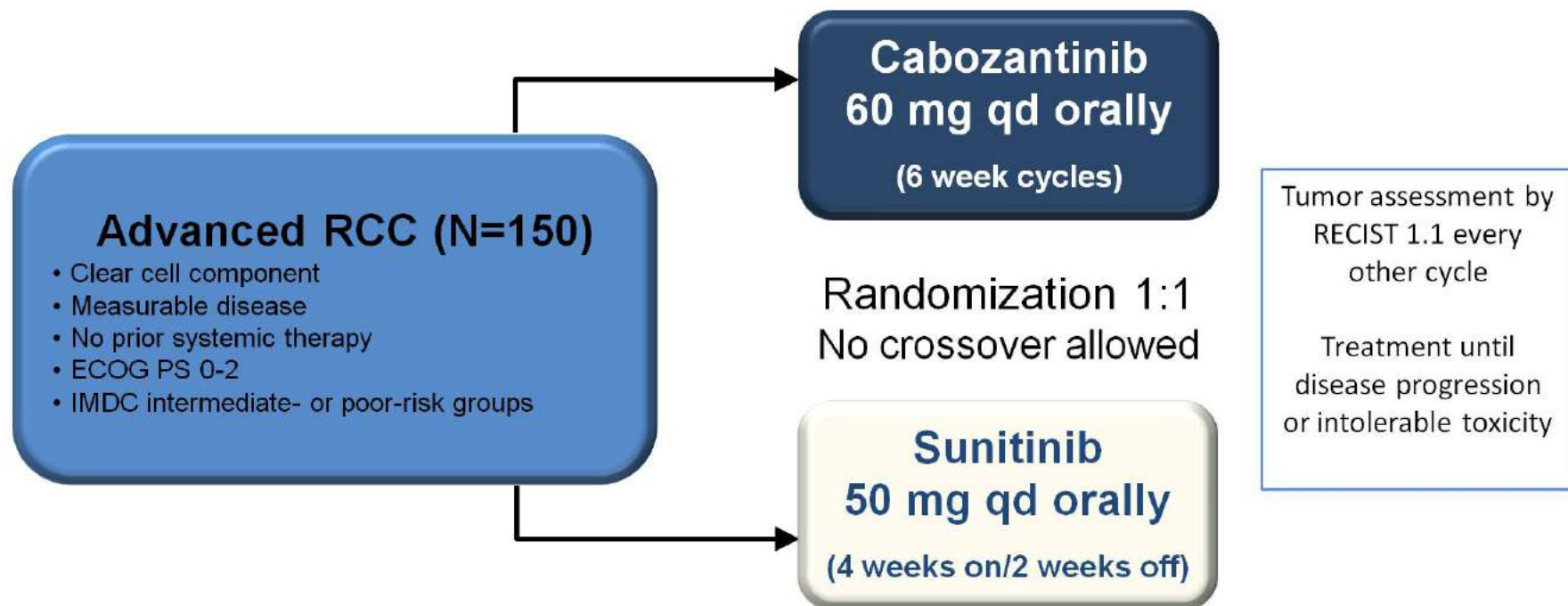
Clinical Trials: NCCN believes that the best management of any patient with cancer is in a clinical trial. Participation in clinical trials is especially encouraged.

New treatment in First line MRCC

Cabozantinib



CABOSUN: Study Design



Primary endpoint

- PFS by investigator assessment

Secondary endpoints

- OS, ORR, safety

Stratification

- IMDC risk group²: intermediate, poor
- Bone metastases: yes, no

1. Choueiri TK, et al. Presented at: ESMO. 2016 (abstr LBA30). 2. Heng DY, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2009;27:5794-9.

CABOSUN: Baseline Characteristics

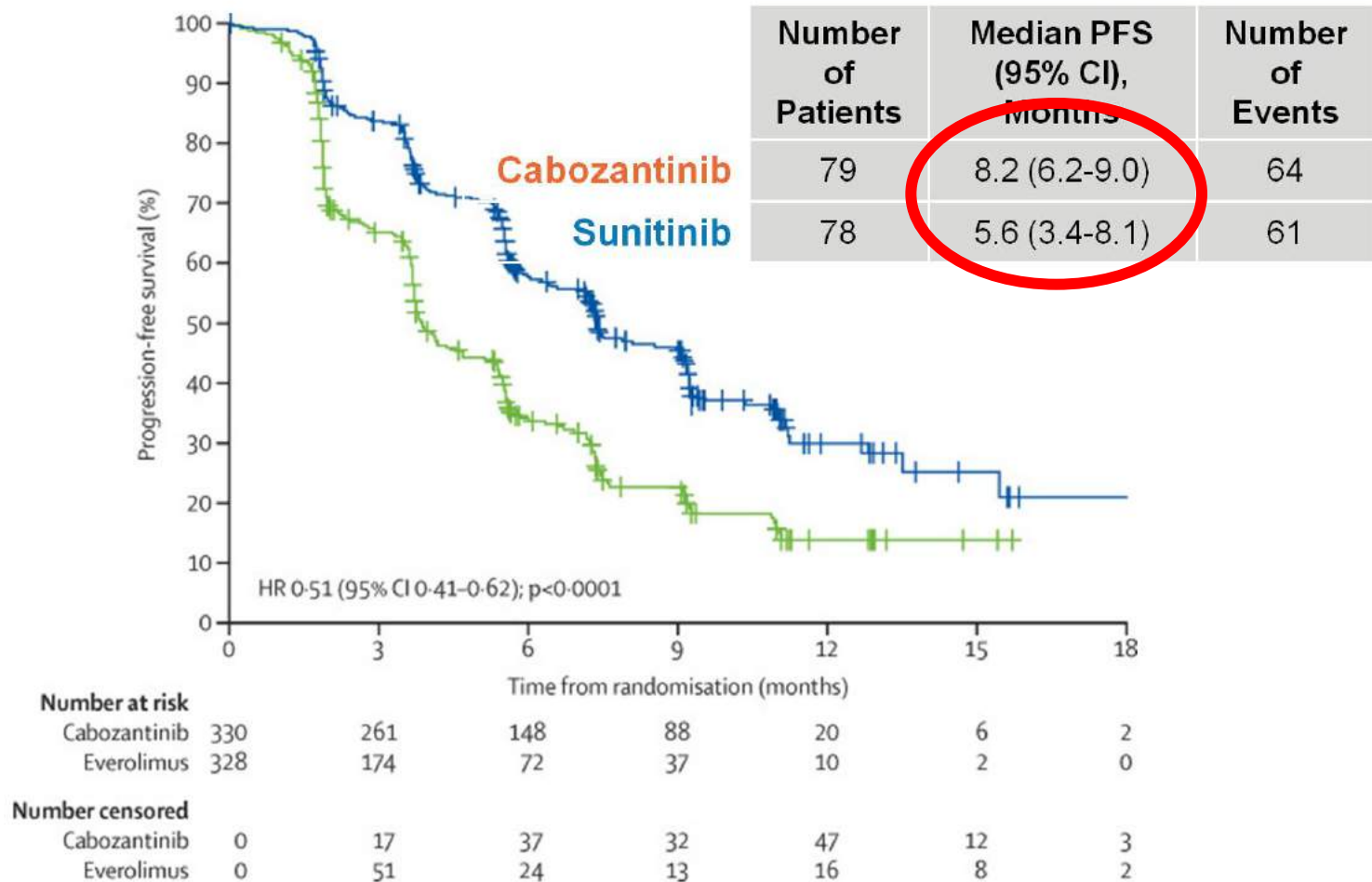
Characteristic	CABOSUN (N=157)	
	Cabozantinib (n=79)	Sunitinib (n=78)
Median age (range), years	63 (40-82)	64 (31-87)
Male, %	84	73
ECOG performance status, %		
0	46	46
1	42	41
2	13	13
IMDC risk group ^{2,*} , %		
Intermediate	81	81
Poor	19	19
Prior nephrectomy, %	72	77
Bone metastases, %	37	36

*Adverse risk factors: Hemoglobin <LLN, corrected serum calcium >ULN, Karnofsky performance score <80%, neutrophils >ULN, time from diagnosis to therapy <1 year, platelets >ULN. Intermediate-risk group: 1-2 risk factors. Poor-risk group: 3 or more risk factors.

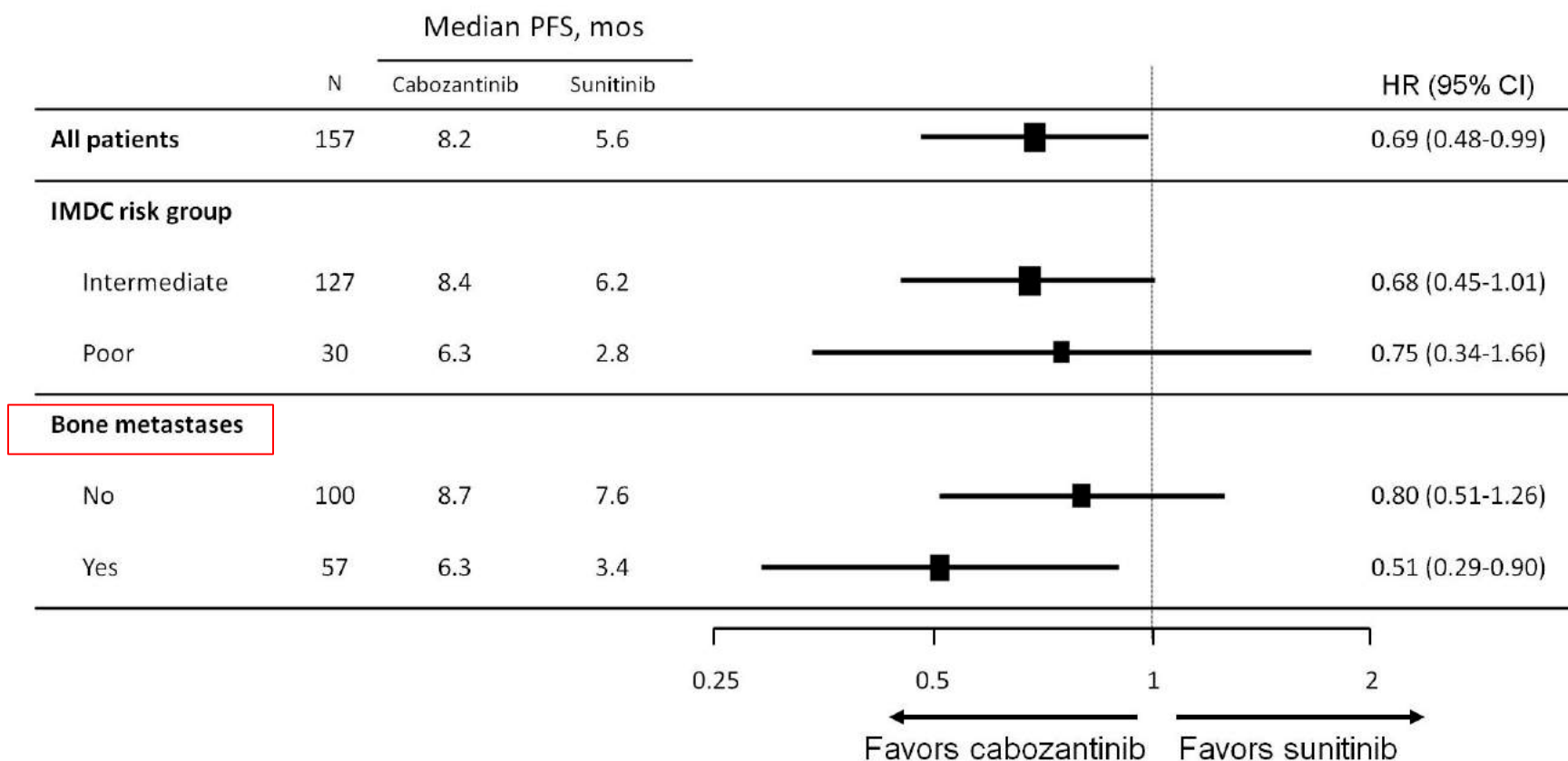
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CABOSUN : Progression Free Survival

Choueiri T et al. Lancet Oncol 2016



CABOSUN: PFS Subgroup Analysis*



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CABOSUN: Tumor Response – Investigator Assessment*

	Cabozantinib (n=79)	Sunitinib (n=78)
Objective response rate (95% CI), %	46% (34-57)	18% (10-28)
Best overall response, n		
Complete response	1	1
Partial response	35	13
Stable disease	26	28
Progressive disease	14	20
Not evaluable or missing [†]	3	16

[†]No post-baseline imaging performed for the following reasons:

Cabozantinib: clinical progression (1), withdrew consent (1), initiation of alternative therapy (1).

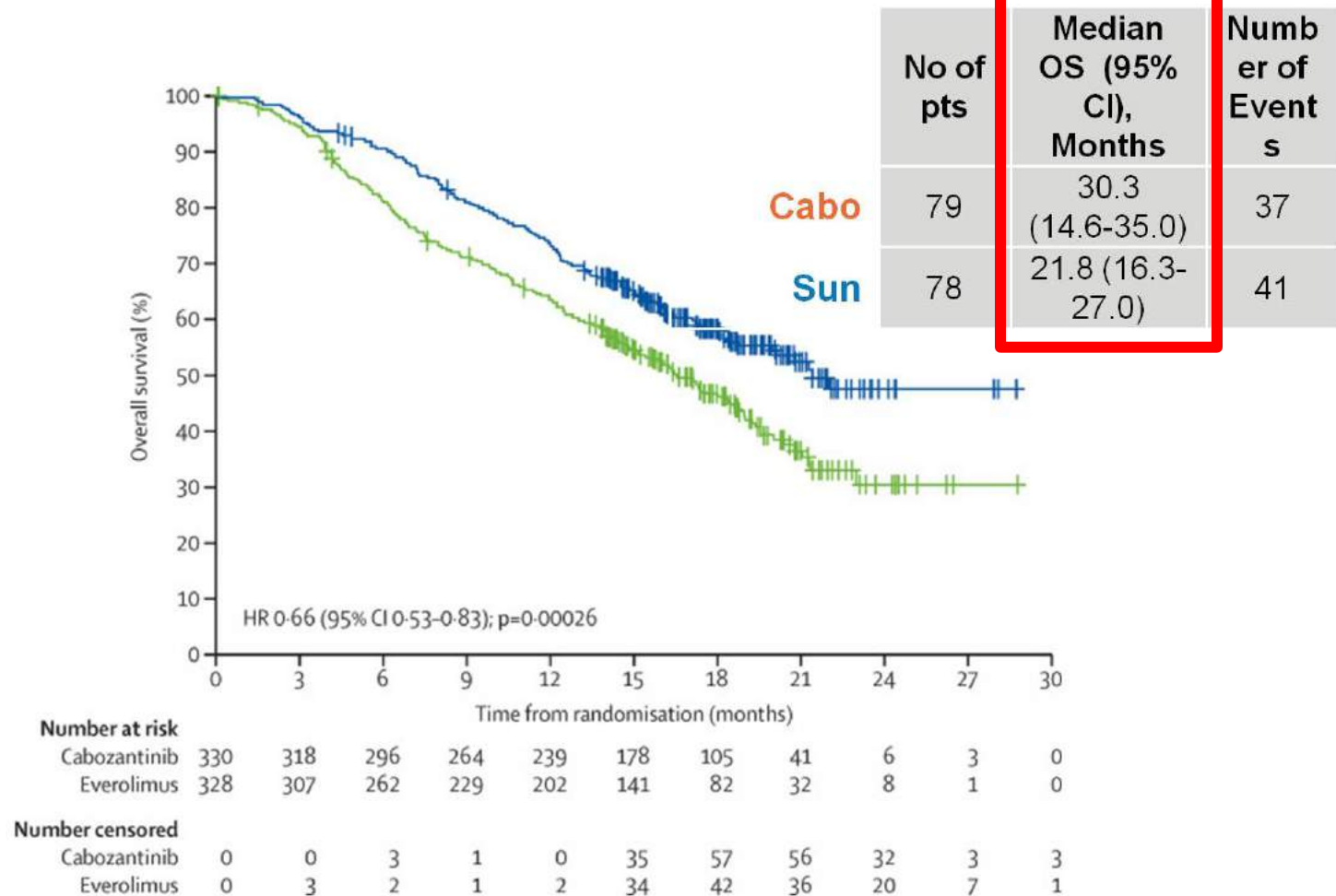
Sunitinib: clinical progression (2), withdrew consent (7), adverse event (4), death (2), initiation of alternative therapy (1).

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CABOSUN: Overall Survival

Choueiri T et al. Lancet Oncol 2016



CABOSUN: All-Causality High-Grade Adverse Events*

Grade	Cabozantinib (n=78)	Sunitinib (n=72)
Grade 3, %	58	60
Grade 4, %	8	8
Grade 5, % Possibly, probably, or definitely related, n	5% [†] 3 [§]	4% [‡] 2

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[†]Cause of death not specified; [‡]Respiratory failure; [§]Acute kidney injury, sepsis, jejunal perforation;

^{||}Sepsis, vascular disorders.

CABOSUN Results Review

- First time an agent (Cabo) demonstrated consistently superior efficacy in RR, PFS and OS as compared to sunitinib, in the front line setting.
- The study was conducted only in intermediate and high risk RCC patients
- Small sample size, phase II randomized trial, however lenvatinib+everolimus was approved by FDA based on an even smaller sample size.
- Results of independent review for response and progression are awaited.
- If sunitinib is used in adjuvant setting based on S-TRAC results, then the metastatic disease therapy paradigm will change.



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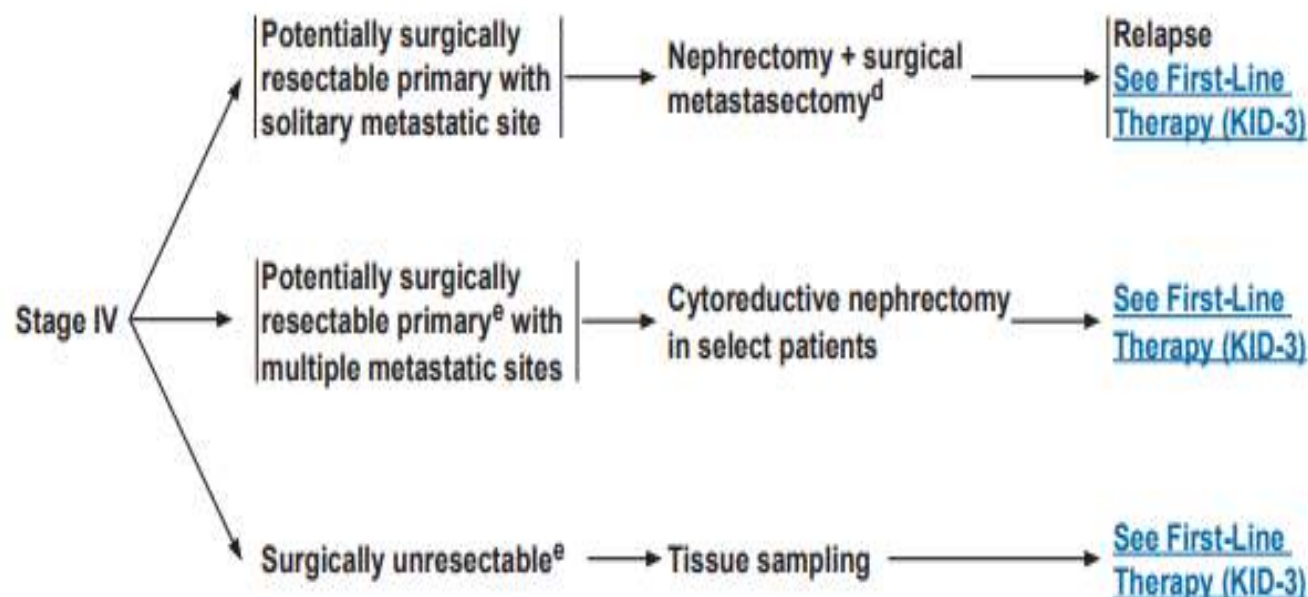
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STAGE

PRIMARY TREATMENT^c



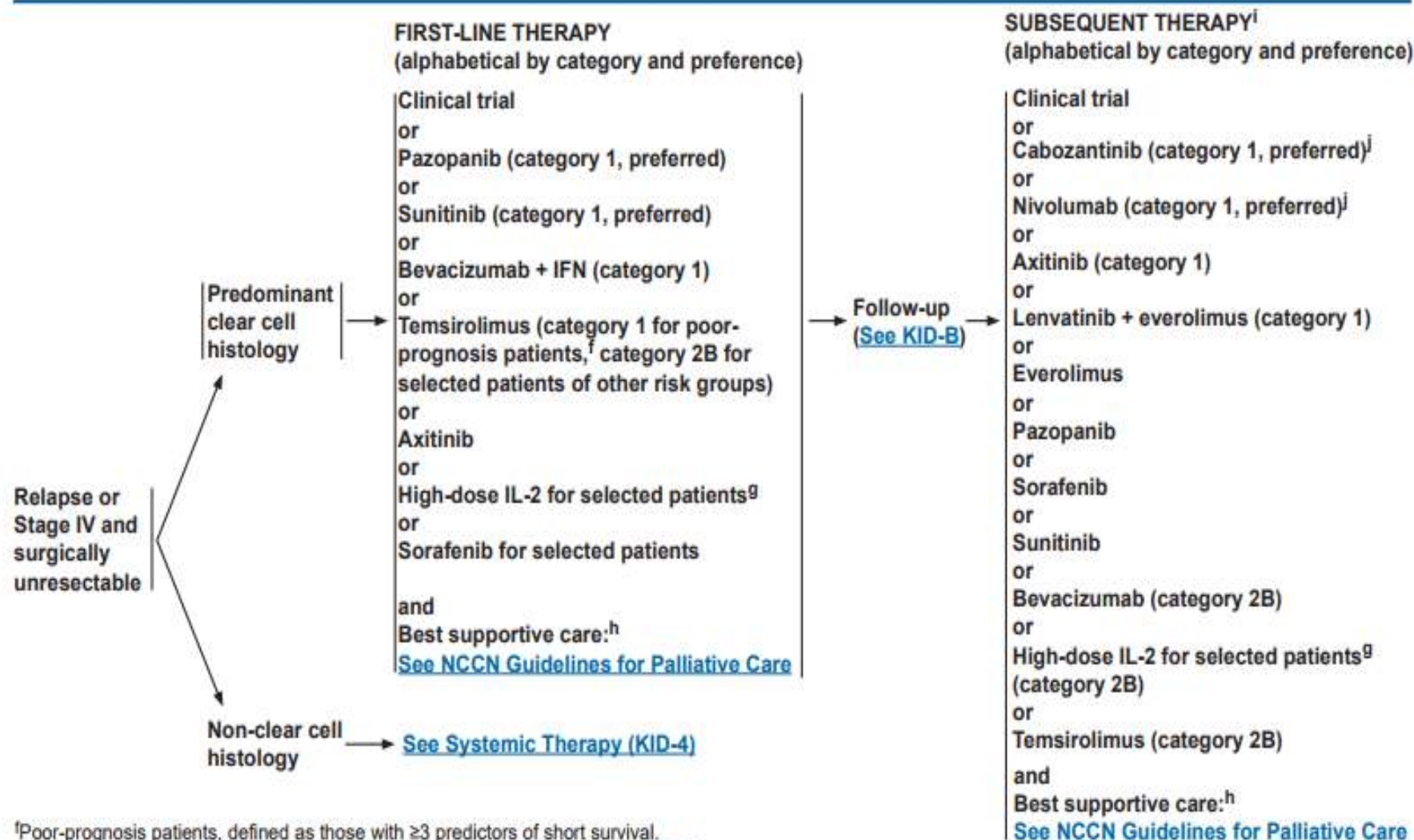


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^fPoor-prognosis patients, defined as those with ≥3 predictors of short survival.

[See Predictors of Short Survival Used to Select Patients for Temsirolimus \(KID-C\).](#)

^gPatients with excellent performance status and normal organ function.

^hBest supportive care can include palliative RT, metastasectomy, bisphosphonates, or RANK ligand inhibitors for bony metastases.

NCCN EVIDENCE BLOCKS CATEGORIES AND DEFINITIONS

5					
4					
3					
2					
1					
	E	S	Q	C	A

E = Efficacy of Regimen/Agent
S = Safety of Regimen/Agent
Q = Quality of Evidence
C = Consistency of Evidence
A = Affordability of Regimen/Agent

Example Evidence Block

5					
4					
3					
2					
1					
	E	S	Q	C	A

E = 4
S = 4
Q = 3
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A = 3

Efficacy of Regimen/Agent

5	Highly effective: Often provides long-term survival advantage or has curative potential
4	Very effective: Sometimes provides long-term survival advantage or has curative potential
3	Moderately effective: Modest, no, or unknown impact on survival but often provides control of disease
2	Minimally effective: Modest, no, or unknown impact on survival and sometimes provides control of disease
1	Palliative: Provides symptomatic benefit only

Safety of Regimen/Agent

5	Usually no meaningful toxicity: Uncommon or minimal side effects. No interference with activities of daily living (ADLs)
4	Occasionally toxic: Rare significant toxicities or low-grade toxicities only. Little interference with ADLs
3	Mildly toxic: Mild toxicity that interferes with ADLs is common
2	Moderately toxic: Significant toxicities often occur; life threatening/fatal toxicity is uncommon. Interference with ADLs is usual
1	Highly toxic: Usually severe, significant toxicities or life threatening/fatal toxicity often observed. Interference with ADLs is usual and/or severe

Note: For significant chronic or long-term toxicities, score decreased by 1

Quality of Evidence

5	High quality: Multiple well-designed randomized trials and/or meta-analyses
4	Good quality: Several well-designed randomized trials
3	Average quality: Low quality randomized trials or well-designed non-randomized trials
2	Low quality: Case reports or clinical experience only
1	Poor quality: Little or no evidence

Consistency of Evidence

5	Highly consistent: Multiple trials with similar outcomes
4	Mainly consistent: Multiple trials with some variability in outcome
3	May be consistent: Few trials or only trials with few patients; lower quality trials whether randomized or not
2	Inconsistent: Meaningful differences in direction of outcome between quality trials
1	Anecdotal evidence only: Evidence in humans based upon anecdotal experience

Affordability of Regimen/Agent (includes drug cost, supportive care, infusions, toxicity monitoring, management of toxicity)

5	Very inexpensive
4	Inexpensive
3	Moderately expensive
2	Expensive
1	Very expensive

First-line Therapy for Clear Cell Carcinoma

Pazopanib	
Sunitinib	
Bevacizumab + IFN	
Temsirolimus for poor risk group	

5						E = Efficacy of Regimen/Agent
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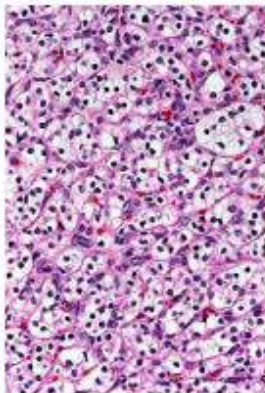


RCC: key biological features

Increased tumor cell survival and resistance to apoptosis

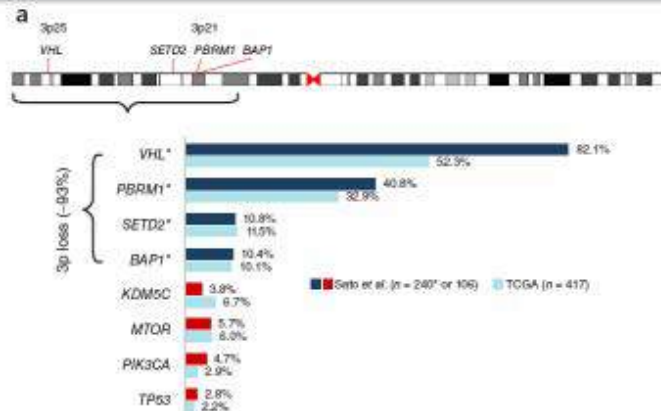
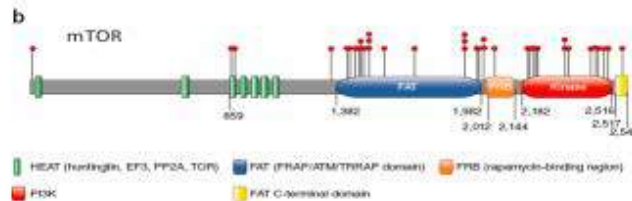
mutated

mTOR



**clear cell
RCC
(75-85%)**

VHL



mutated, deleted or hyper-methylated



Immunogenicity

Hyperproduction of VEGF and other pro-angiogenic cytokines

Exasperated angiogenesis

A Biopsy Sites



Heterogeneity
Only targeted therapy may be the
final answer

B Regional Distribution of Mutations



Cell

EGFR
inhibitors

Cyclin-dependent
kinase inhibitors

Leading Edge
Review

Hallmarks of Cancer: The Next Generation

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RAF
inhibitors

Inducing
angiogenesis

Activating
invasion &
metastasis

Selective anti-
inflammatory drugs

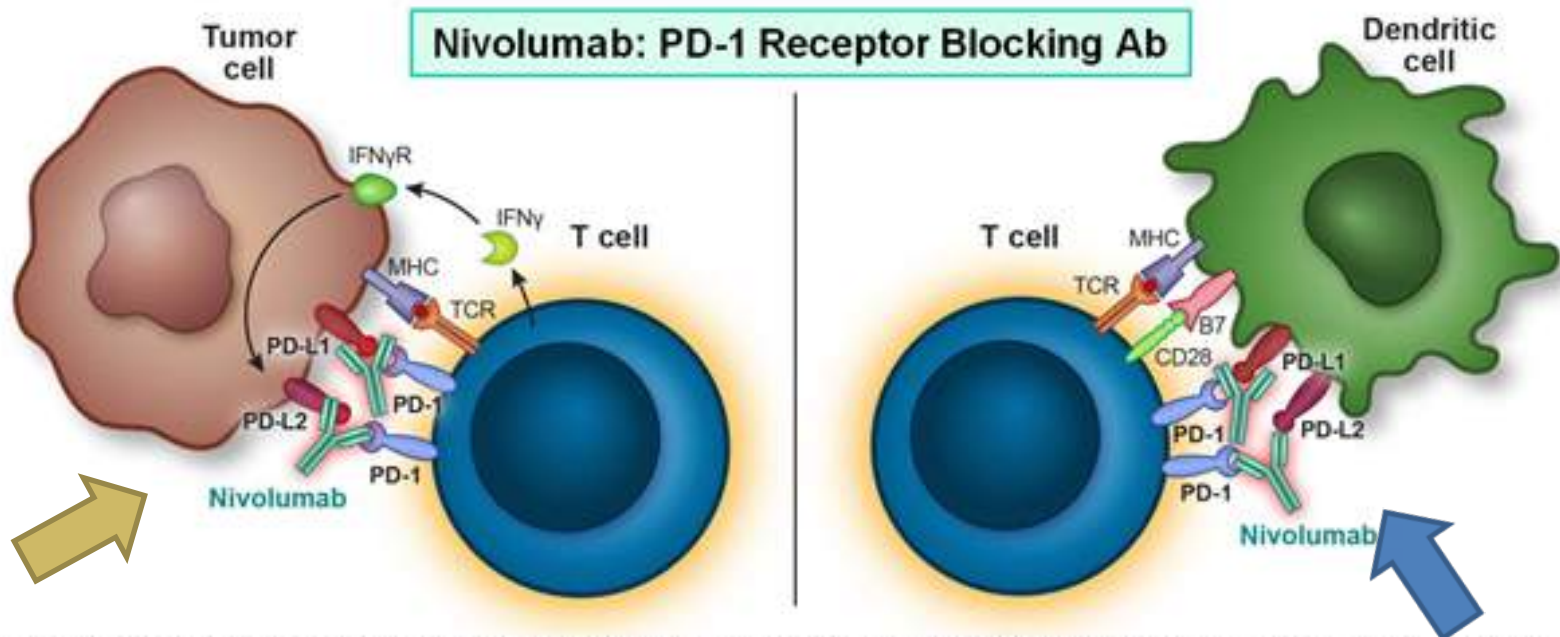
Inhibitors of
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Inhibitors of
HGF/c-Met

Nivolumab

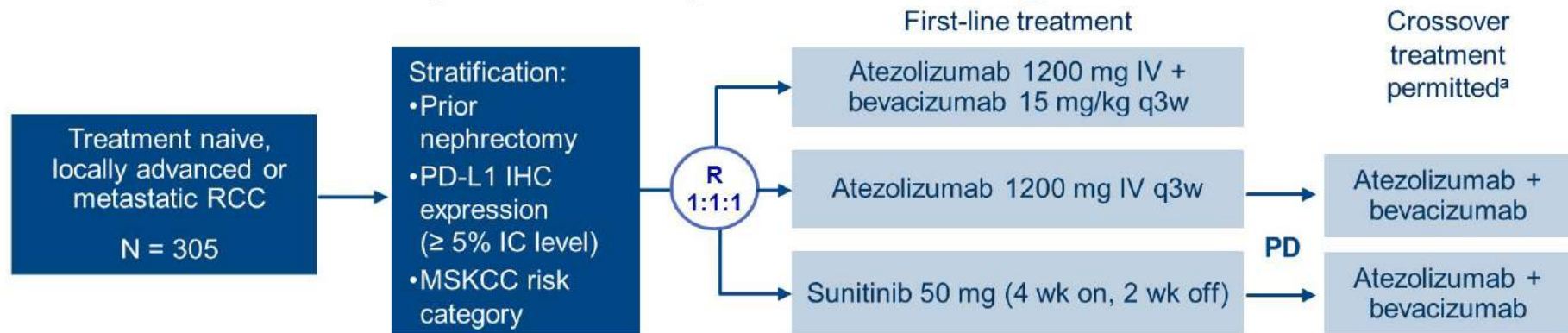
Mechanism of Action

- Binding of PD-1 to its ligands PD-L1 and PD-L2 leads to downregulation of the antitumor immune response^a
- Nivolumab is a fully human IgG4 PD-1 immune checkpoint inhibitor
- Nivolumab selectively blocks the PD-1 and PD-L1/PD-L2 interaction, restoring antitumor T-cell function^{a-d}



a. Hamid O, Carvajal RD. *Exp Opin Biol Ther*. 2013;13:847-861^[34]; b. Brahmer JR, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2010;28:3167-3175^[41]; c. Nurieva RI, et al. *Immunol Rev*. 2011;241:133-144^[42]; d. Hamanishi J, et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*. 2007;104:3360-3365.^[43]

IMmotion150 (Phase II) Trial Design



- The coprimary endpoints are PFS (RECIST v1.1 by IRF) in ITT and PD-L1+ patients
- IMmotion150 was designed to be hypothesis generating and inform the trial design of the Phase III study IMmotion151
- Amendments included:
 - Based on Phase 1a data, the definition of PD-L1 positivity was revised from $\geq 5\%$ to $\geq 1\%$ of IC expressing PD-L1¹
 - In addition to ITT patients, PD-L1+ patients were included in the coprimary endpoint of IRF-assessed PFS, after interim analyses

IC, tumor-infiltrating immune cells; IRF, independent review facility. 1. McDermott JCO 2016. ^aCrossover from atezolizumab monotherapy not allowed in Europe.

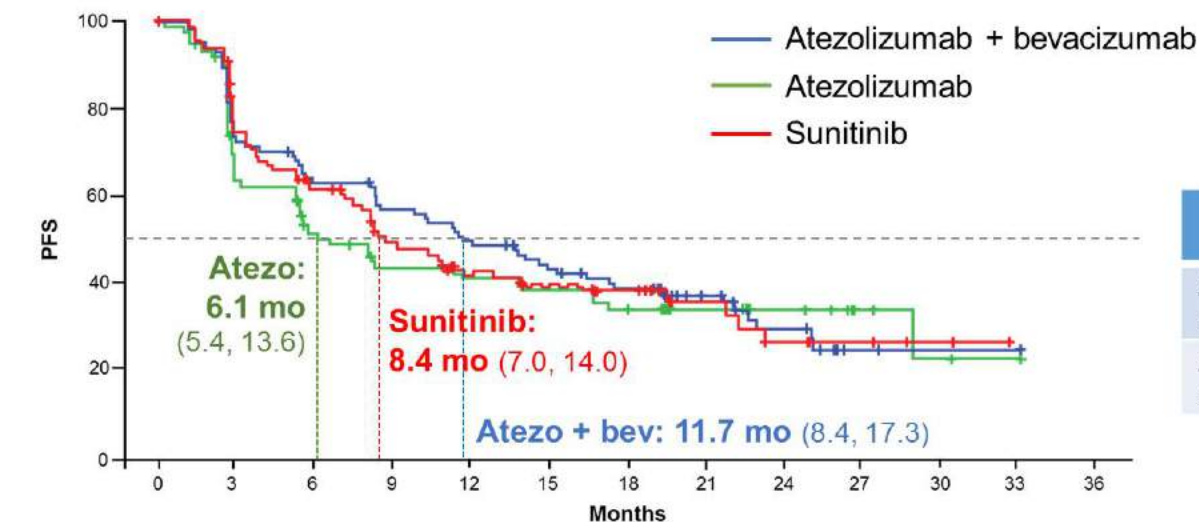
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IRF-Assessed PFS

ITT



	Stratified HR (95% CI)	P Value ^a
Atezo + bev vs sunitinib	1.00 (0.69, 1.45)	0.982
Atezo vs sunitinib	1.19 (0.82, 1.71)	0.358

No. at Risk												
Atezo + Bev	101	73	62	55	48	40	34	21	13	5	1	1
Atezo	103	59	43	35	31	29	24	14	10	4	2	1
Sunitinib	101	69	53	37	30	26	22	11	7	4	2	

^a P values are for descriptive purposes only and not adjusted for multiple comparisons.

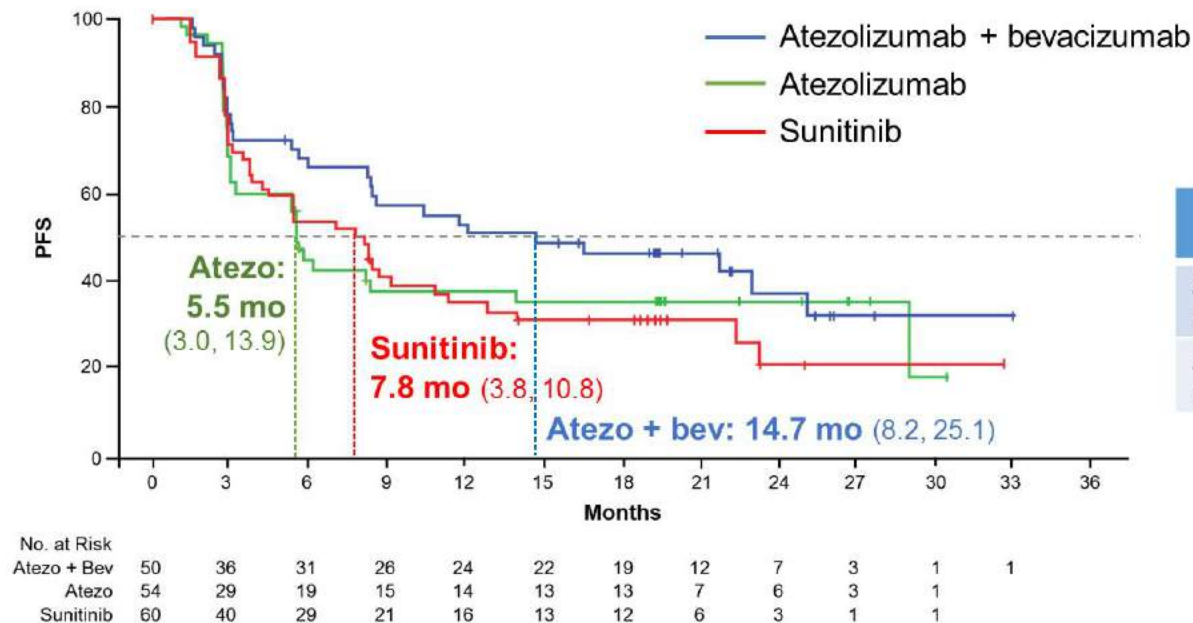
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IRF-Assessed PFS

≥ 1% of IC Expressing PD-L1



	Stratified HR (95% CI)	P Value ^a
Atezo + bev vs sunitinib	0.64 (0.38, 1.08)	0.095
Atezo vs sunitinib	1.03 (0.63, 1.67)	0.917

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Combination studies of PD-1 and PD-L1 inhibitors in RCC: phase I trials

Line	Treatment	n	ORR (%)	PFS	OS	Adverse events (all grades)
1L	Atezolizumab + bevacizumab (15 mg/kg Q3W) ¹	10	40	NA	NA	Fatigue (70%) Arthralgia, hypertension, productive cough, Pyrexia, nausea decreased appetite (40%)
1L	Pembrolizumab + axitinib ²	52	67	NA	NA	Six pts discontinued secondary to AEs
IL	Avelumab + axitinib	6	100	NA	NA	1 pt with grade 3 proteinuria

1. Sznoł et al. ASCO GU 2015;

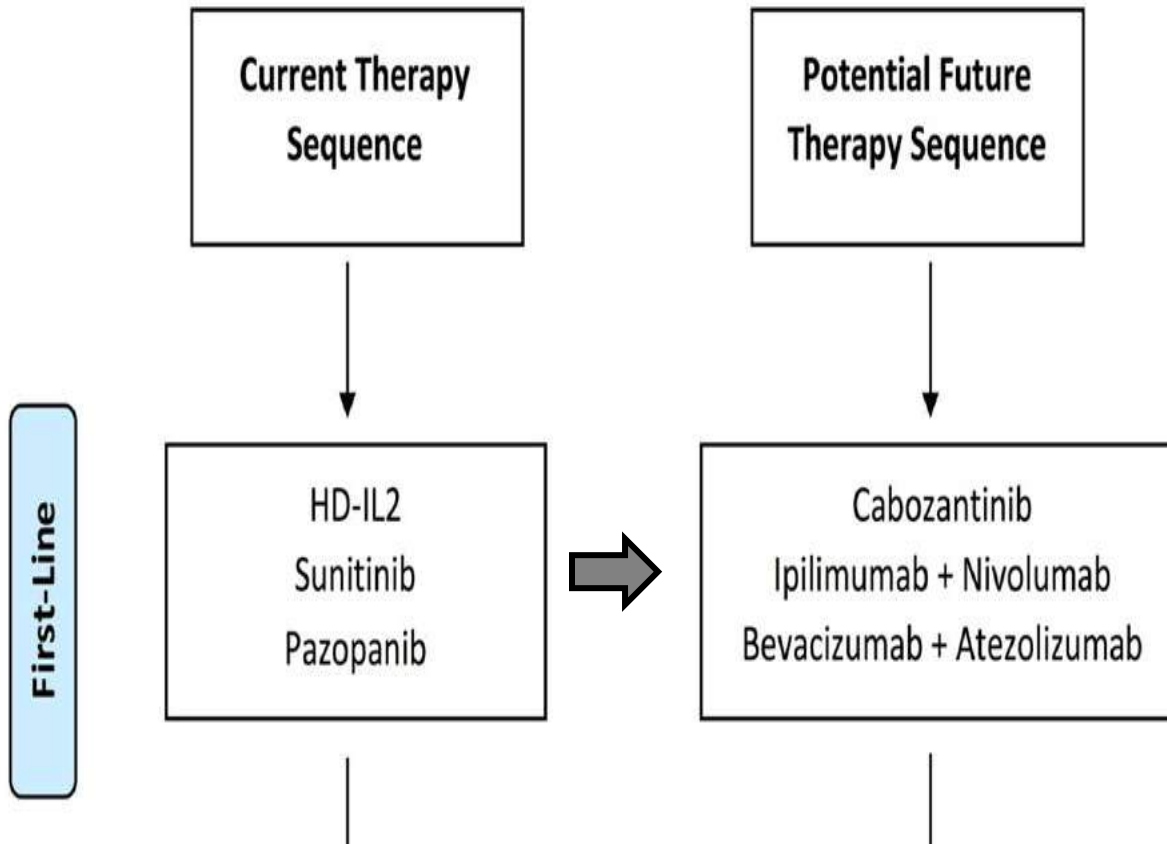
2. Atkins et al ESMO 2016

3. Larkin et al ESMO 2016

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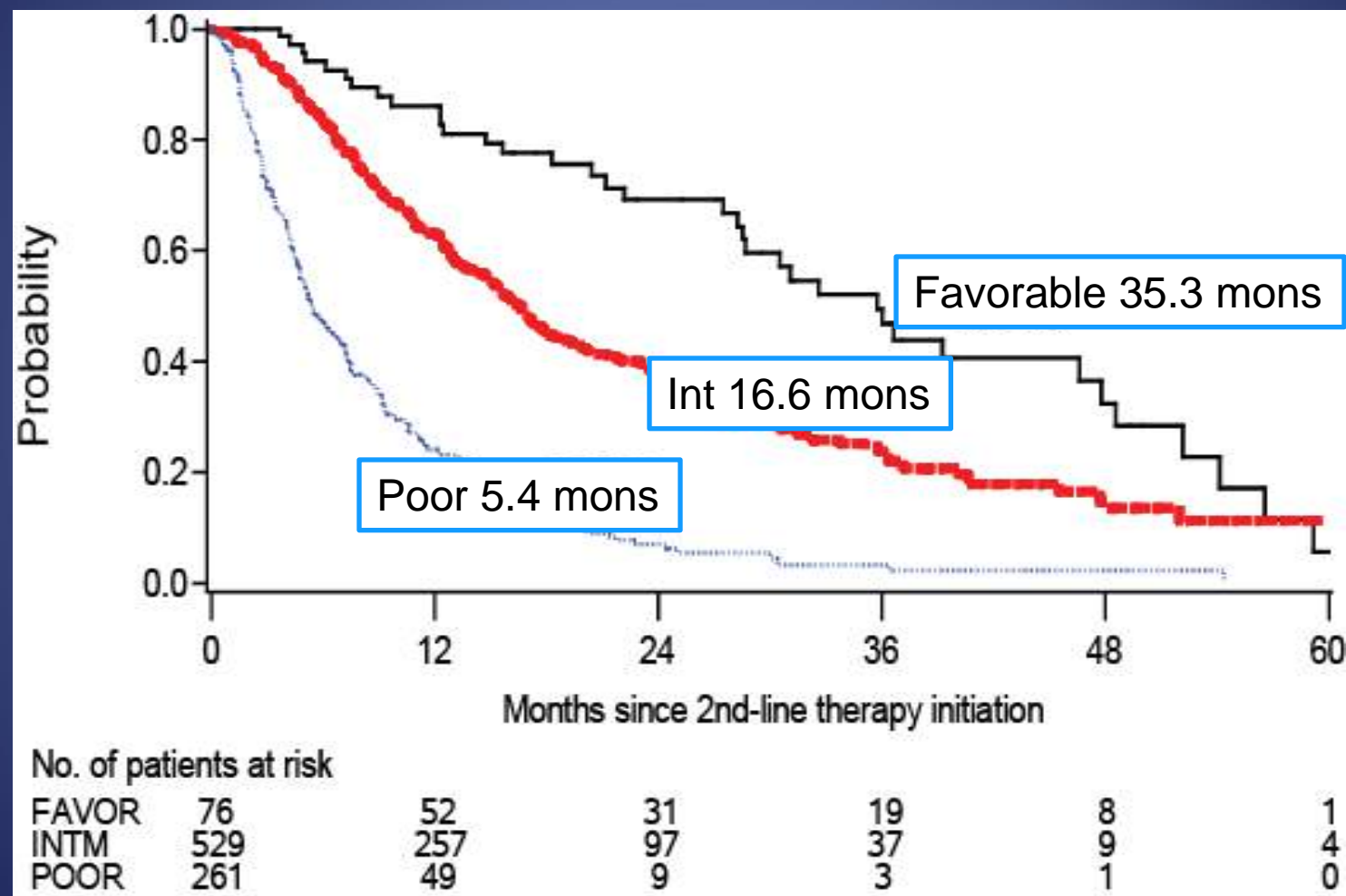
Figure 3 – Sequencing paradigm of mRCC



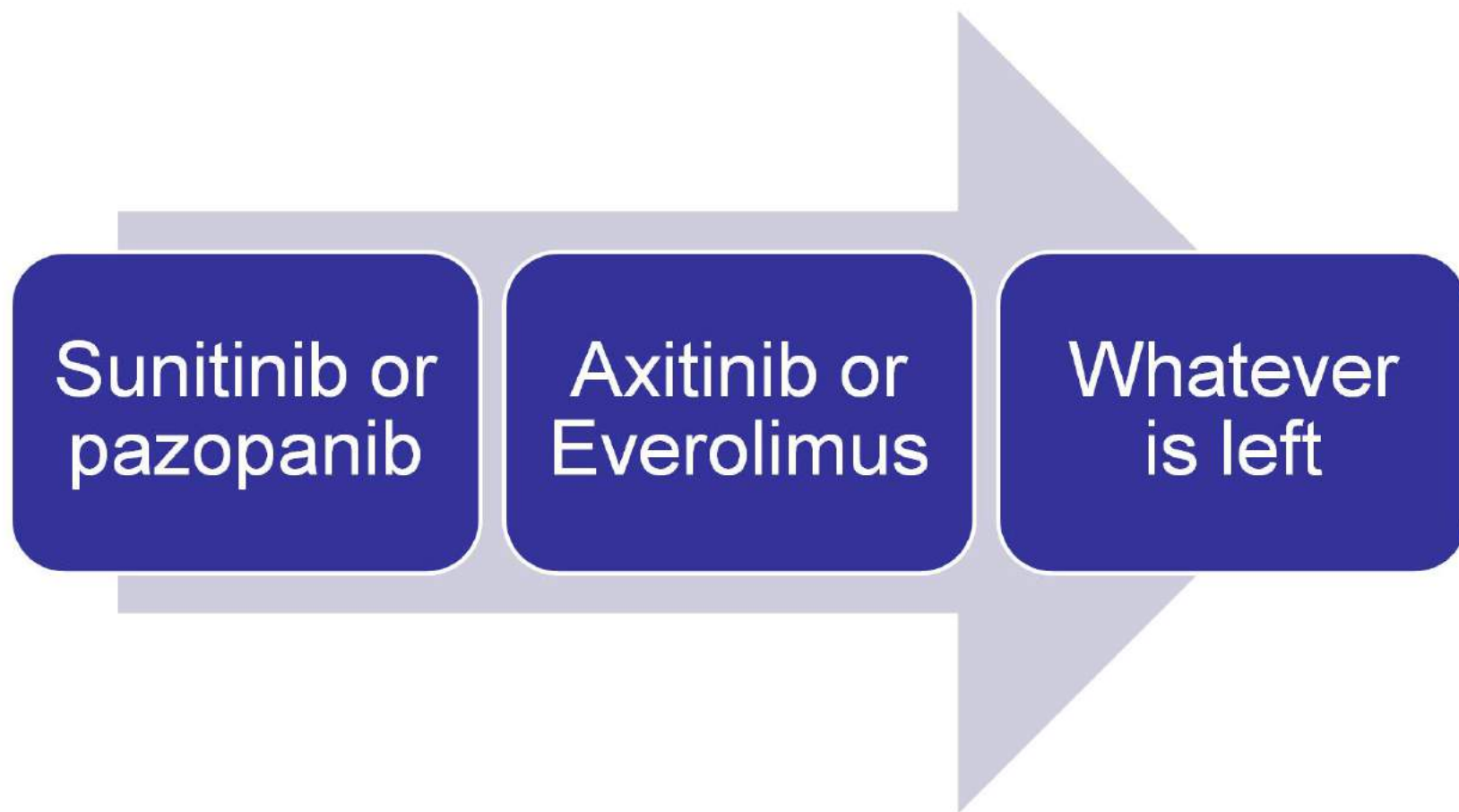
Second line options

No direct comparison

IMDC in 2nd-line targeted therapy



The landscape



The current paradigm of therapy in mRCC is an empiric
sequence of monotherapies

Everolimus in RCC: RECORD 1

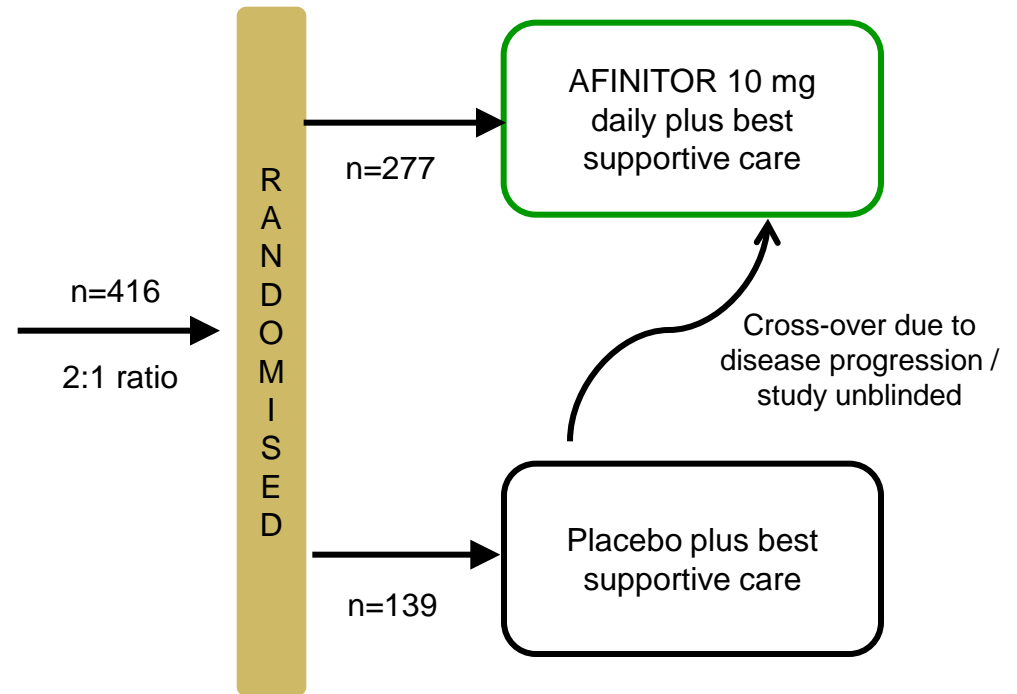
Eligibility criteria

- Metastatic RCC with clear-cell component
- RCC had progressed on or within 6 months of stopping therapy with sunitinib, sorafenib or both
- Presence of measurable disease (RECIST)
- Karnofsky performance score $\geq 70\%$
- Adequate bone marrow, renal and hepatic function
- No prior mTOR inhibitor therapy

Prior therapy with bevacizumab and interferon- α was permitted

Stratification

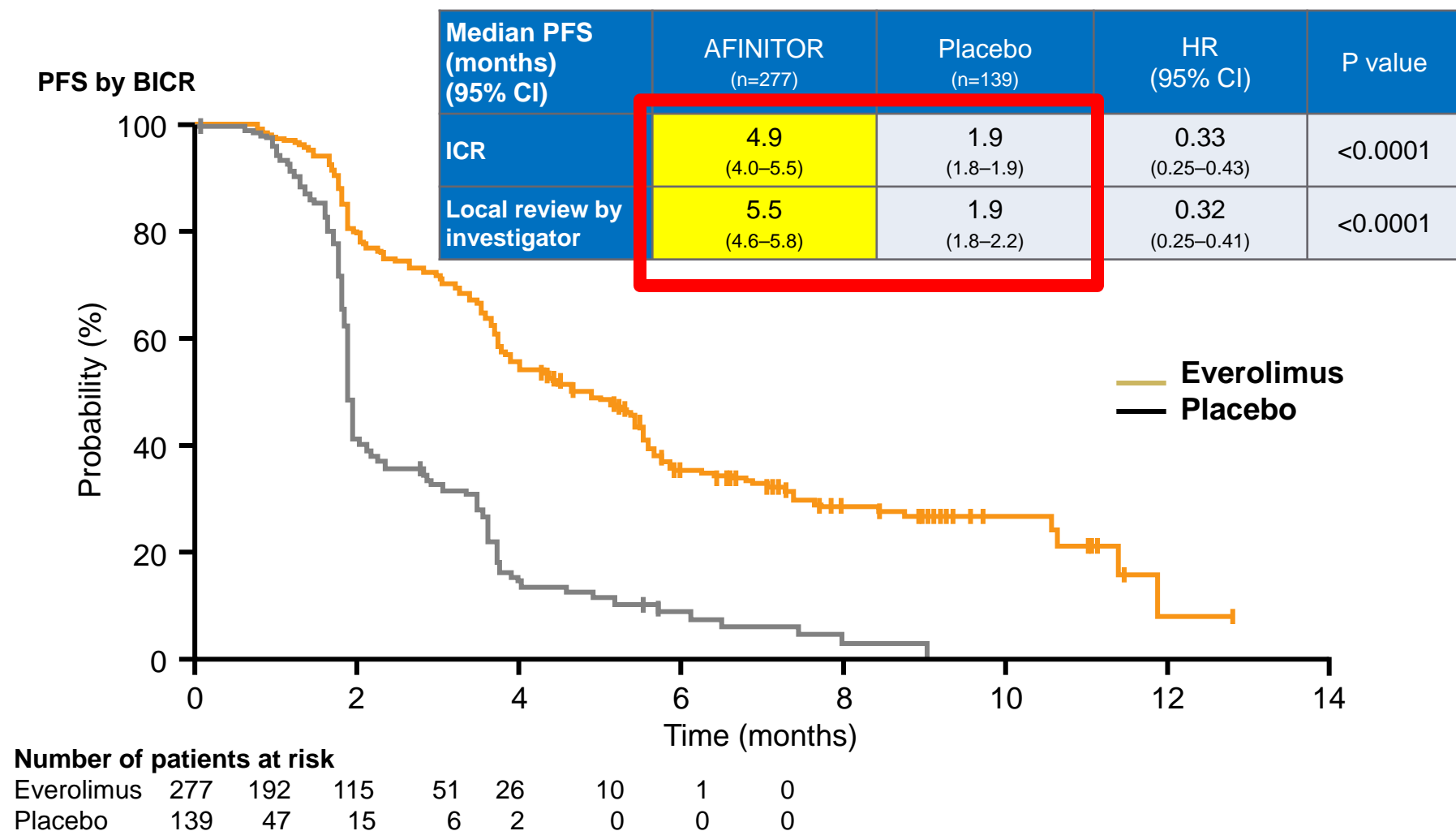
- MSKCC prognostic score
- Previous anticancer therapy : 1 previous VEGFR TKI / 2 previous VEGFR TKIs



- **Primary endpoint: PFS**
Secondary endpoints: Safety, ORR, OS, disease-related symptoms, quality of life

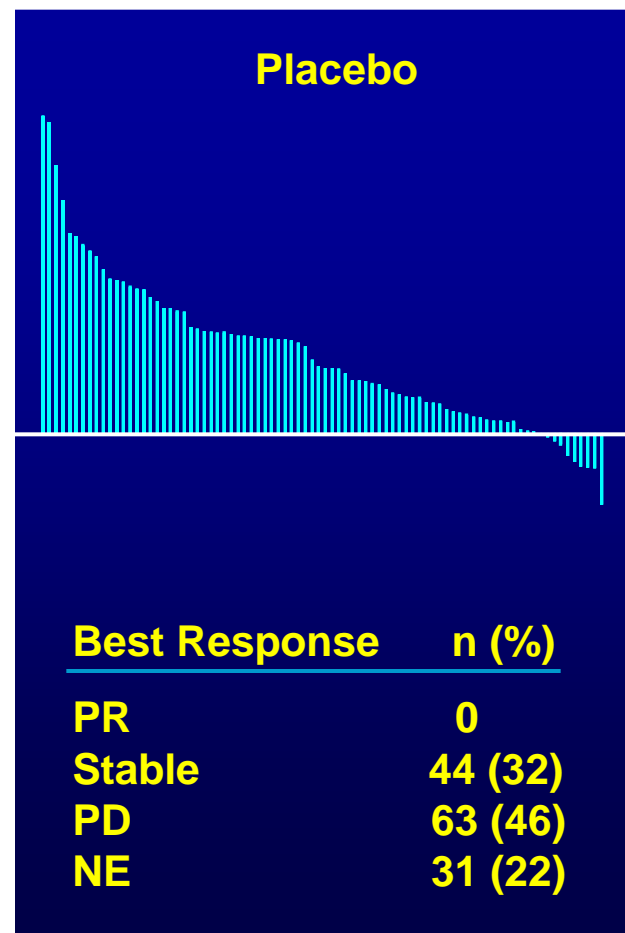
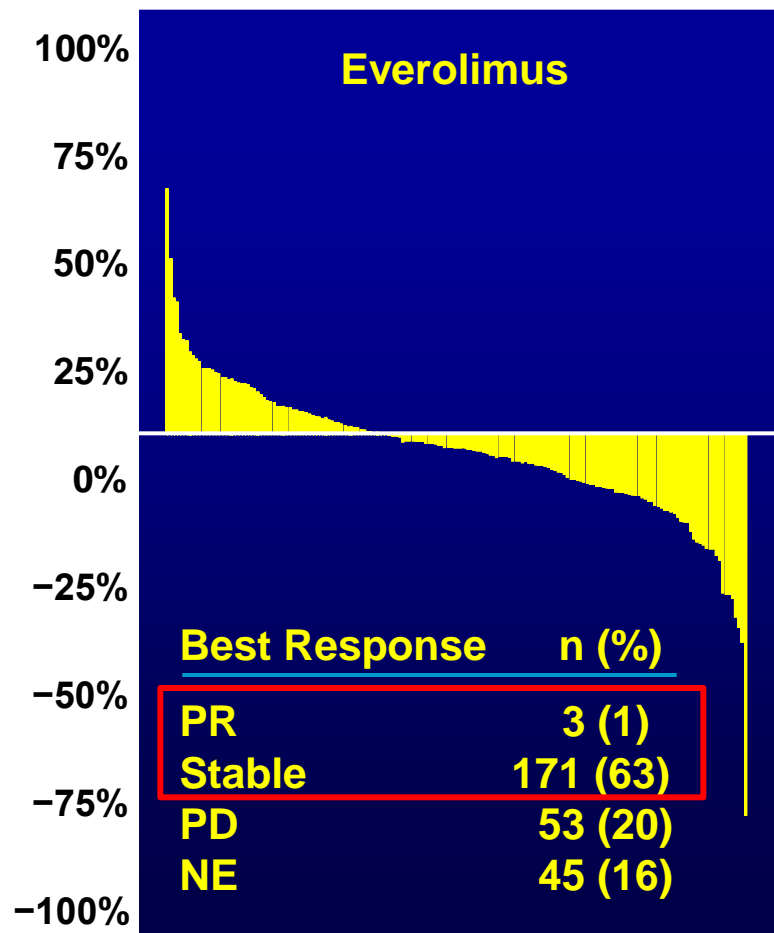
MSKCC = Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; ORR = objective response rate; OS = overall survival; PFS = progression-free survival
RECIST = Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours; VEGF TKI = vascular endothelial growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor

RECORD-1 Primary Endpoint: PFS Longer with Everolimus than with Placebo



CI = confidence interval ; BICR = Blinded independent central review

Maximum % of Change in Tumor load



NE = not evaluable

Axitinib is a highly selective and more potent VEGFR-TKI than other approved agents

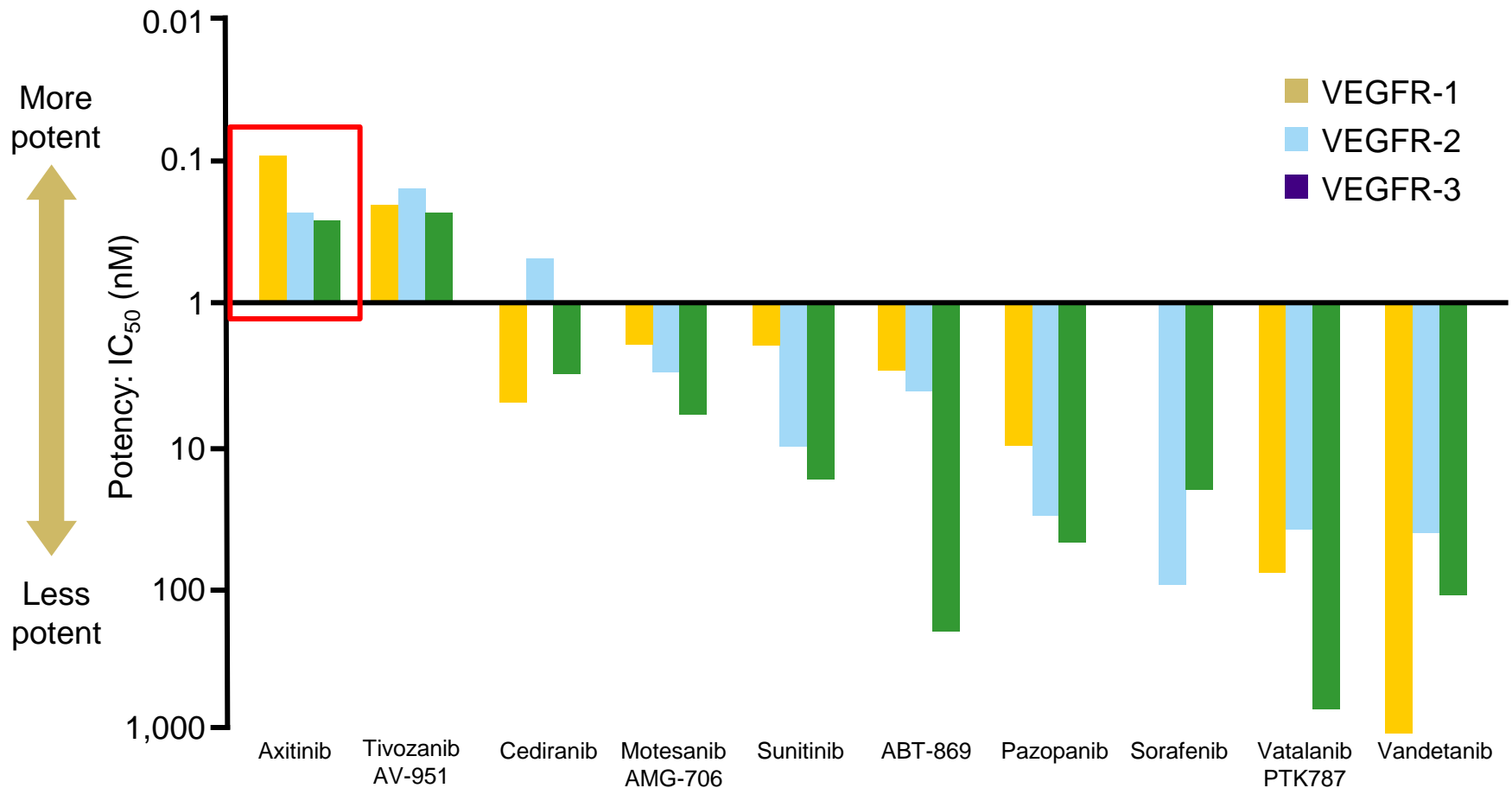
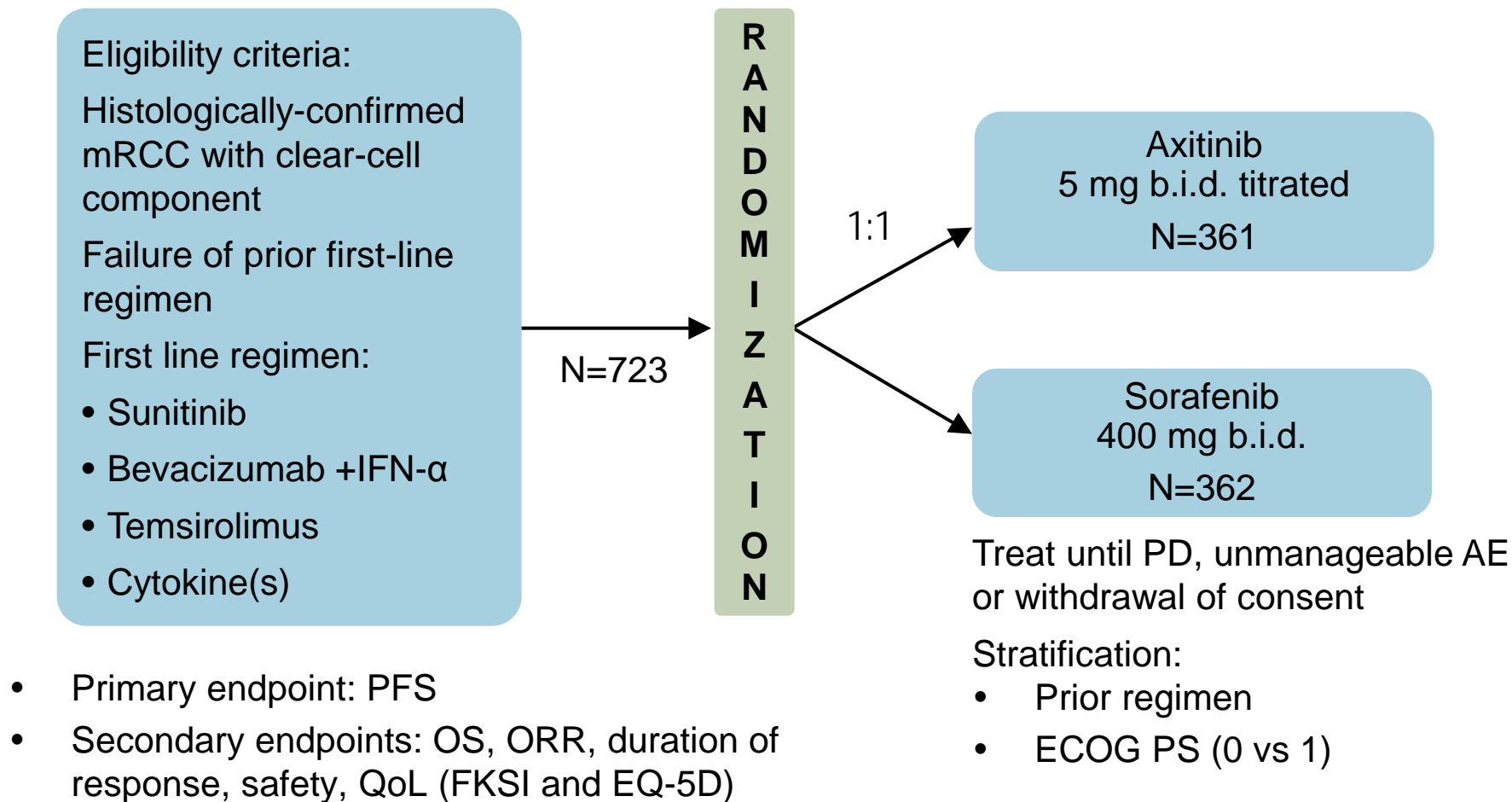


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Phase III Study of Axitinib vs Sorafenib as Second-line Therapy for mRCC (AXIS)



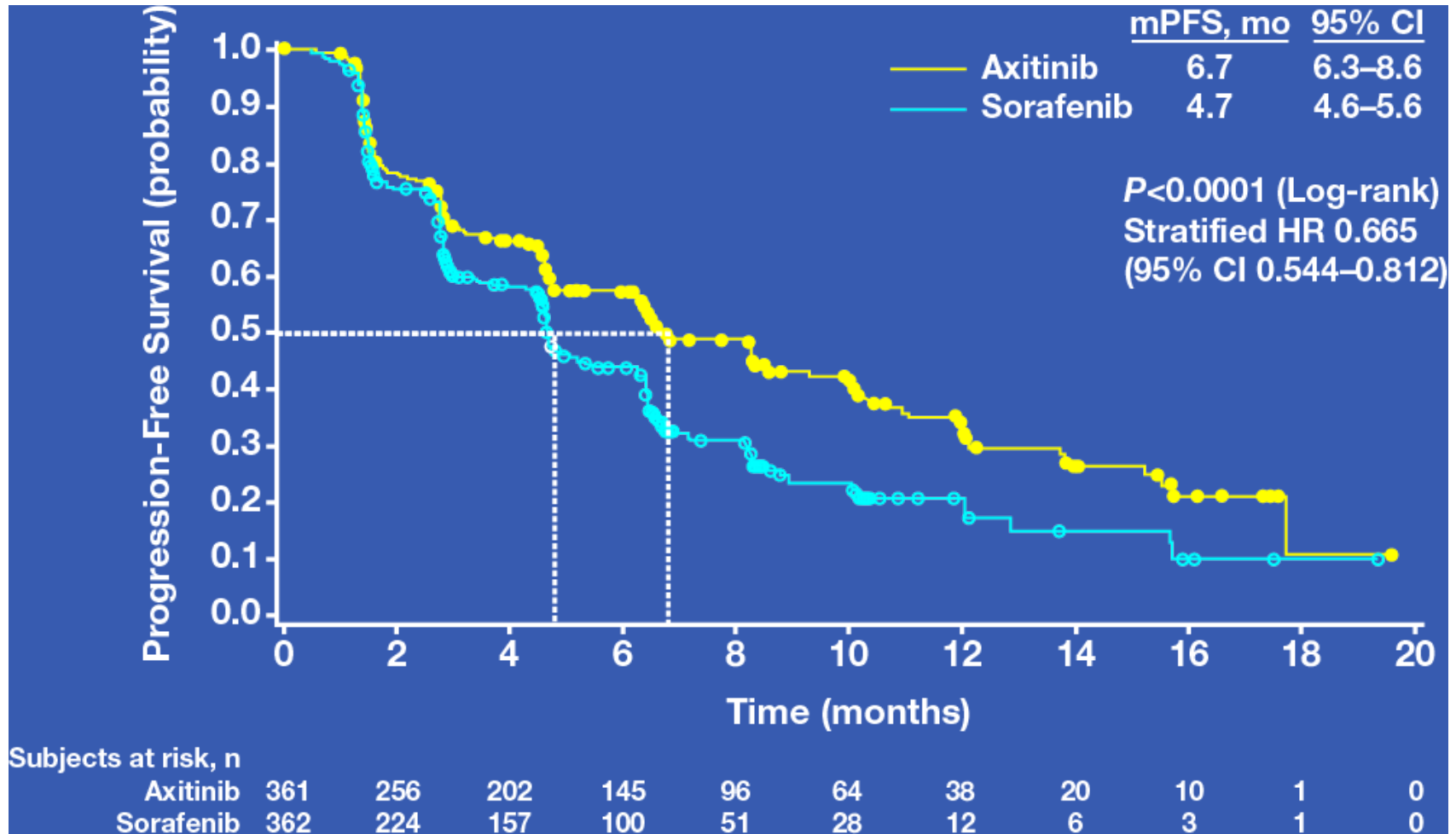
Best Response by RECIST (IRC Assessment)

Best overall response, %	Axitinib	Sorafenib
Complete response	0	0
Partial response	19.4	9.4
Stable disease	49.9	54.4
Progressive disease	21.6	21.0
Indeterminate	6.1	11.6
Objective Response Rate	19%	9%
95% CI	15.4-23.9	6.6-12.9
P value	0.0001	

Median duration of response was 11 months (95% CI 7.4—not estimable) for axitinib and 10.6 months (8.8–11.5) for sorafenib

Progression-Free Survival (IRC Assessment)

43% improvement in median PFS



PFS by Prior Regimen

Prior treatment regimen	Axitinib (n=361)	Sorafenib (n=362)	HR	P value*
Cytokines (n=251)				
IRC	12.1	6.5	0.464	<0.0001
Investigator	12.0	8.3	0.636	0.005
Sunitinib (n=389)				
IRC	4.8	3.4	0.741	0.011
Investigator	6.5	4.5	0.636	0.0002
Temsirolimus (n=24)				
IRC	10.1	5.3	0.511	0.142
Investigator	2.6	5.7	1.210	0.634
Bevacizumab (n=59)				
IRC	4.2	4.7	1.147	0.637
Investigator	6.5	4.5	0.753	0.213

*One-sided log-rank test stratified by ECOG PS.

Table 2. Selected Toxic Effects from Approved Systemic Therapies in Advanced Renal-Cell Carcinoma.

Class and Drug*	Toxic Effects
VEGF ligand antibody: bevacizumab	Hypertension, proteinuria, impaired wound healing, gastrointestinal perforation
Tyrosine kinase inhibitor: axitinib, cabozantinib, lenvatinib, pazopanib, sorafenib, sunitinib	Fatigue, hypertension, oral and gastrointestinal side effects (mucositis, dysphonia, nausea, vomiting, stomatitis, dysgeusia, diarrhea), skin problems (rash, hand-foot skin reactions), hair loss and changes in hair color, weight loss, cytopenias, hypothyroidism, elevated liver-function values
Mechanistic target of rapamycin inhibitor: everolimus, temsirolimus	Fatigue, nausea, rash, pulmonary side effects (cough, dyspnea, pneumonitis), diarrhea, infections, peripheral edema, anemia, hyperlipidemia, hyperglycemia
Programmed death-1 inhibitor: nivolumab	Fatigue, nausea, diarrhea,† skin problems (pruritus, rash),† hypothyroidism,† pulmonary side effects (cough, dyspnea, pneumonitis),† elevated liver-function values,† other uncommon immune-related events

Suggestions for Switching Therapy to a

Mixed response to therapy (eg, SD in 1 lesion and PD in another)

Also consider the possibility of treatments that target isolated progressing lesions (for example, surgery, radiosurgery, radiotherapy) while continuing ongoing systemic treatment (any targeted therapy)

Discovery of new disease site

Switch immediately to another targeted agent if lesion is significant and a newly confirmed lesion, rather than being previously undetected

Unacceptable toxicity

Any treatment strategy should aim to reduce as much as possible the number of patients with unacceptable toxicity. Toxicity is often higher with the second-line tyrosine kinase inhibitor compared with first-line therapy, and since many adverse events (for example, hypertension, diarrhea, stomatitis) can be managed effectively, there is no reason to switch immediately

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Axitinib or
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Sunitinib or
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Single agent
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(nivolumab)

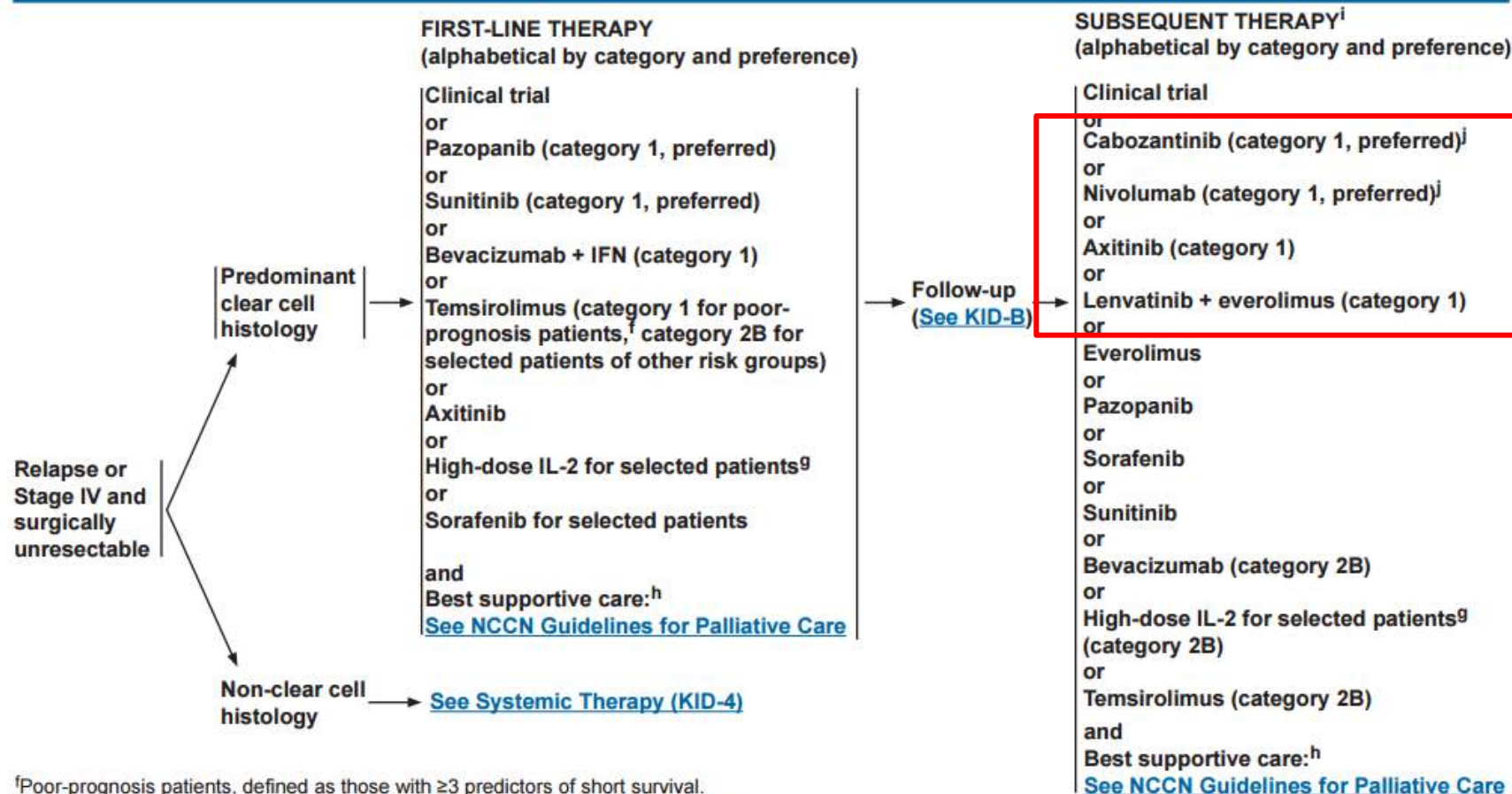
VEGF + other
targets TKI
(cabozantinib)

Whatever
is left

VEGF + mTOR
(lenvatinib +
everolimus)

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ⁱIn clear cell and non-clear cell RCC with predominant sarcomatoid features, gemcitabine + doxorubicin (category 2B) and gemcitabine + sunitinib (category 2B) have shown benefit.

^jBased on the results of phase III trials, eligible patients should preferentially receive this agent over everolimus. [See Discussion.](#)

Note: All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise indicated.

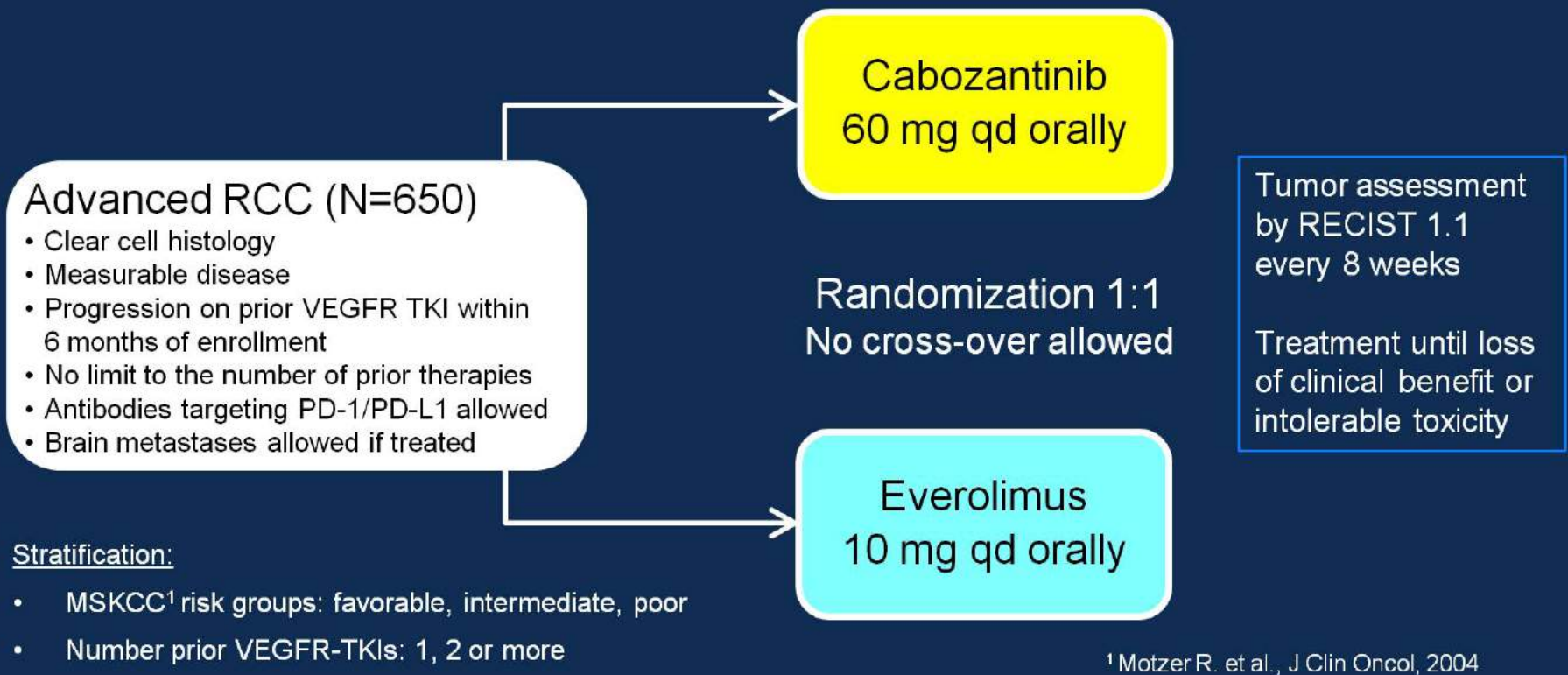
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METEOR Study Design



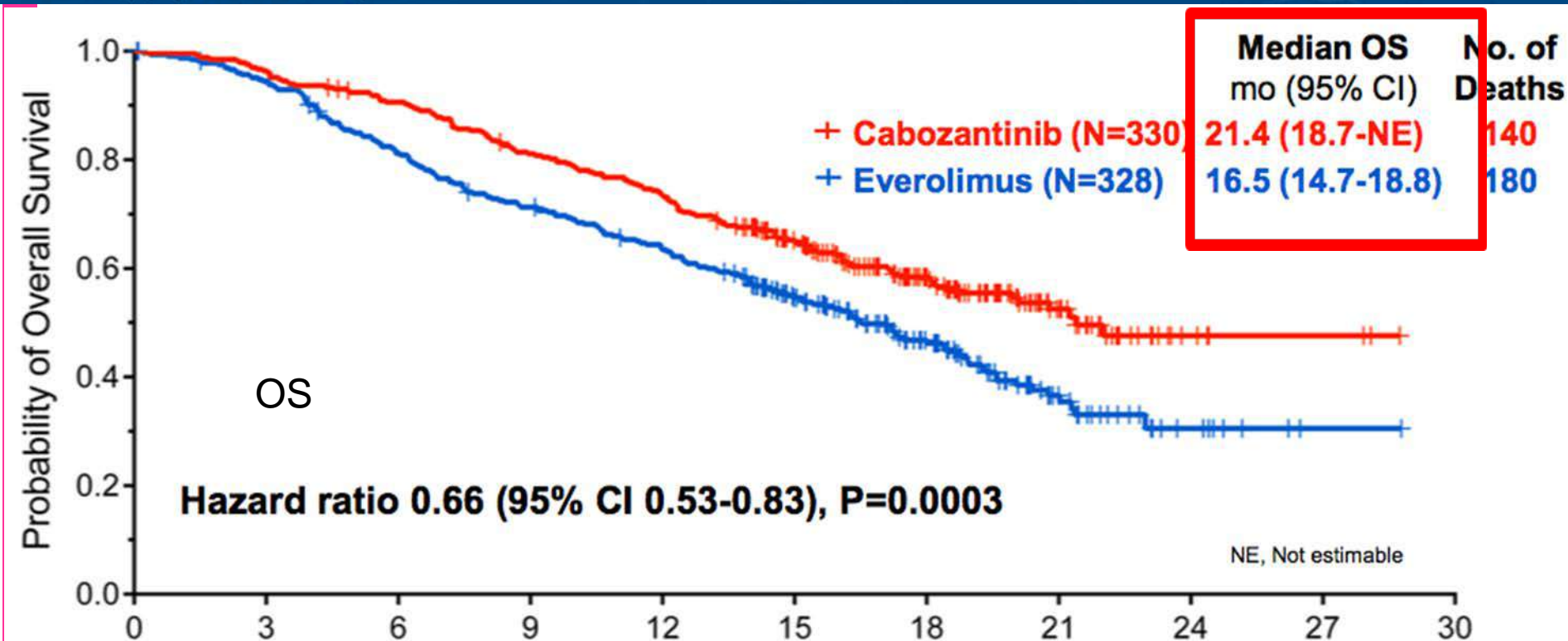
PFS by IRC: All 658 Enrolled Patients



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Lenvatinib

- **Lenvatinib (Eisai) is an oral molecular targeted agent that selectively inhibits the kinase activities of**
 - **vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) receptors (VEGFR1 (FLT1), VEGFR2 (KDR) and VEGFR3, (FLT4))**
 - **pro-angiogenic and oncogenic pathway-related RTKs including**
 - **fibroblast growth factor (FGF) receptors FGFR1, 2, 3 and 4**
 - **the platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) receptor PDGFR α**
 - **KIT**
 - **RET**

Lenvatinib+Everolimus rPII Study Design

Key eligibility criteria:

- Advanced or metastatic RCC
- Measurable disease
- Progression on/after 1 prior VEGF-targeted therapy**
- Progression within 9 mos of stopping prior treatment
- ECOG PS ≤ 1

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Lenvatinib
18 mg PO qd
+
Everolimus
5 mg PO qd

Lenvatinib
24 mg PO qd

Everolimus
10 mg PO qd

Phase 2: Lenvatinib vs Lenvatinib + Everolimus vs Everolimus - Efficacy

	Lenvatinib/Everolimus (n = 51)	Lenvatinib (n = 52)	Everolimus (n = 50)
PFS			
<i>Median, months</i>	14.6	7.4	5.5
<i>95% CI</i>	5.9-20.1	5.6-10.2	3.5-7.1
<i>Benefit vs everolimus</i>	$P < 0.001$	$P = 0.048$	NA
ORR, %			
	43	27	6
<i>95% CI</i>	29-58	16-41	1-17
<i>Benefit vs everolimus</i>	$P < 0.001$	$P = 0.007$	NA
OS (updated)			
<i>Median, months</i>	25.5	19.1	15.4
<i>95% CI</i>	16.4-NE	13.6-26.2	11.8-19.6
<i>Benefit vs everolimus</i>	$P = 0.024$	$P = 0.118$	NA

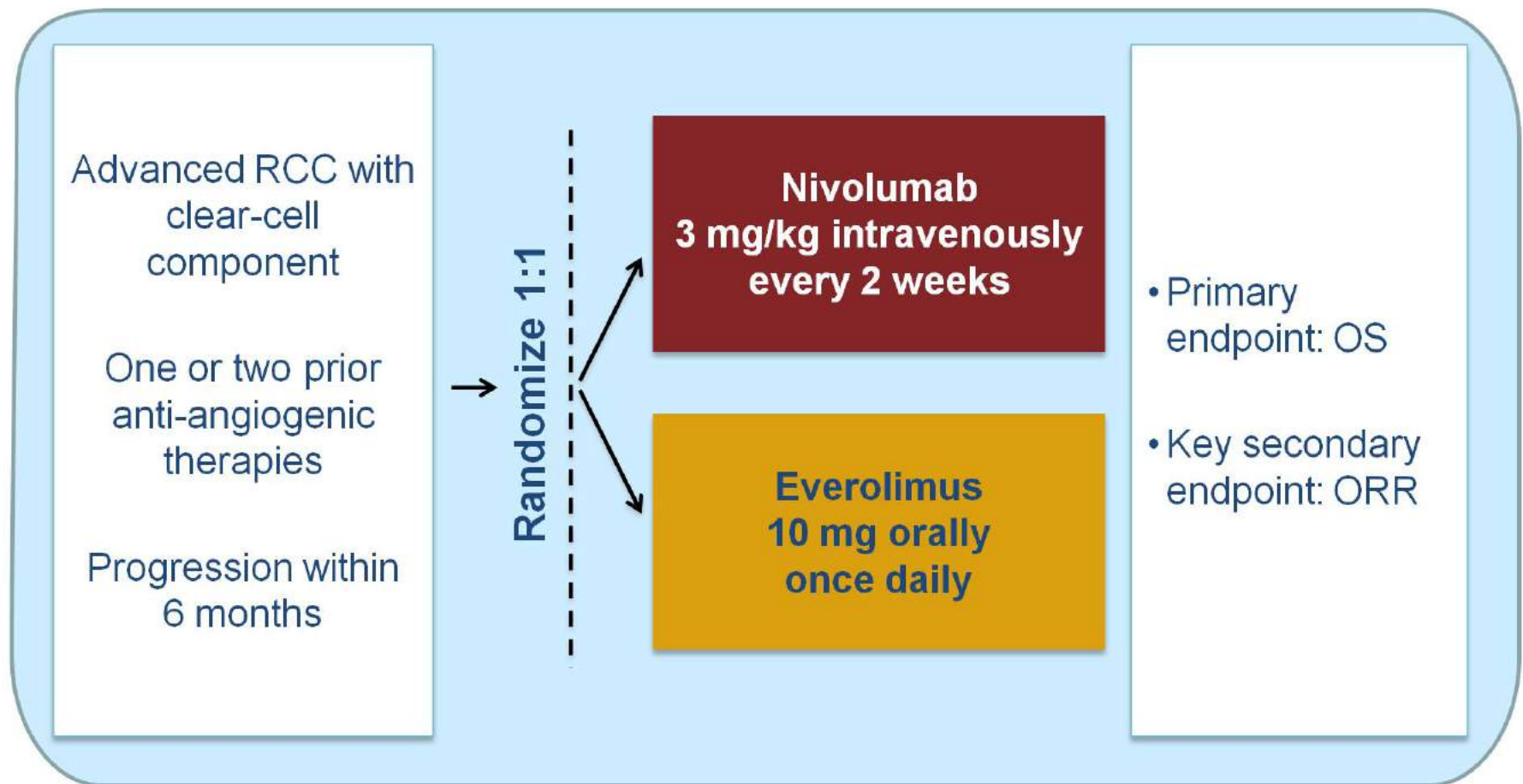
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Nivolumab versus Everolimus in Advanced Renal-Cell Carcinoma

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**CheckMate 025:
A randomized, open-
label, phase III study of
nivolumab versus
everolimus in advanced
renal cell carcinoma**

Phase III Study Design



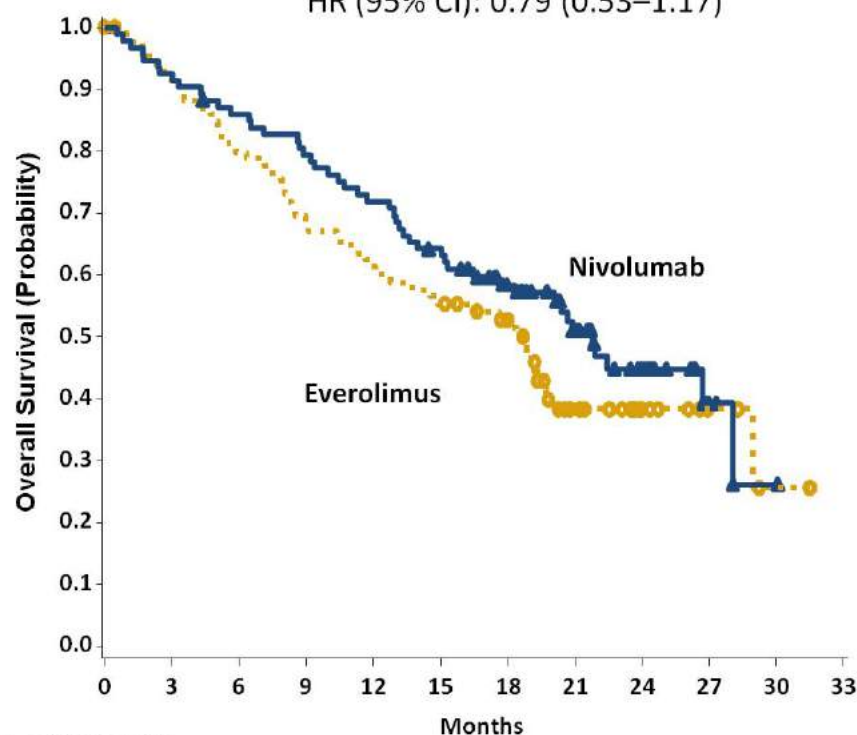
- 821 patients randomized from October 2012 through March 2014
- Study halted July 2015 at preplanned interim analysis of OS

Overall survival by PD-L1 expression

PD-L1 $\geq 1\%$ (n = 24%)

	Median OS, months (95% CI)
Nivolumab	21.8 (16.5–28.1)
Everolimus	18.8 (11.9–19.9)

HR (95% CI): 0.79 (0.53–1.17)



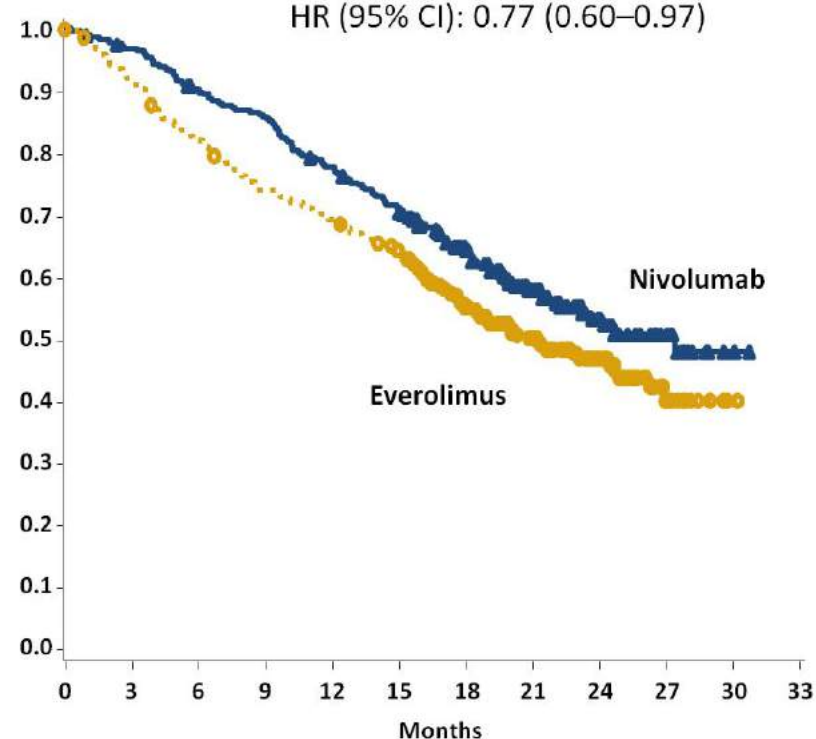
No. of patients at risk

Nivolumab	94	86	79	73	66	58	45	31	18	4	1	0
Everolimus	87	77	68	59	52	47	40	19	9	4	1	0

PD-L1 <1% (n = 76%)

	Median OS, months (95% CI)
Nivolumab	27.4 (21.4–NE)
Everolimus	21.2 (17.7–26.2)

HR (95% CI): 0.77 (0.60–0.97)



276	265	245	233	210	189	145	94	48	22	2	0
299	267	238	214	200	182	137	92	51	16	1	0

Antitumor activity*

	Nivolumab N = 410	Everolimus N = 411
Objective response rate, %	21.5	3.9
<i>P</i> value	<0.0001	
Best overall response, %		
CR/PR	21.5	3.9
Stable disease	34	55
Progressive disease	35	28
Not evaluated	6	12
Median time to response, months (range)	3.0 (1.4–13.0)	3.7 (1.5–11.2)
Median duration of response, months (range)*	23.0 (12-NE)	13.7 (8.3–21.9)

* Information from PI

Survival by subgroups in phase III CheckMate 025 study

	Median overall survival, months (95% CI)	
	Nivolumab N = 410	Everolimus N = 411
Overall median OS, months (95%CI) ¹	25.0 (21.8–NE)	19.6 (17.6–23.1)
Median OS by MSKCC risk group, months (95%CI) ¹		
Favorable	NR	29.0 (26.9–NE)
Intermediate	21.8 (18.3–NE)	18.4 (16.1–23.1)
Poor	15.3 (9.6–22.4)	7.9 (5.4–9.7)
Median OS by KPS, months (95%CI) ¹		
90 or 100	NR (26.7–NE)	29.0 (24.3–NE)
≤70 ^a or 80	18.1 (14.3–22.2)	10.1 (7.9–12.8)
Median OS by response, months (95%CI) ^{2,b}		
CR/PR	NR (24.1–NE)	NR (12.4–NE)
SD	NR (22.7–NE)	25.0 (22.9–NE)
PD	14.0 (11.3–16.9)	9.8 (6.1–12.2)

^aAll patients had a KPS of 70 at time of study entry but this may have decreased at randomization.

^bAll treated patients evaluable for best overall response by 4 months.

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• Minimum follow-up was 14.0 months

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Safety Summary

	Nivolumab N = 406		Everolimus N = 397	
	Any Grade	Grade 3-4	Any Grade	Grade 3-4
Treatment-related AEs, %	79	19	88	37
Treatment-related AEs leading to discontinuation, %	8	5	13	7
Treatment-related deaths, n	0		2 ^a	

- 44% of patients in the nivolumab arm and 46% of patients in the everolimus arm were treated beyond progression

^a Septic shock (1), bowel ischemia (1).

Long-term overall survival (OS) with nivolumab in previously treated patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma (aRCC) from phase I and phase II studies

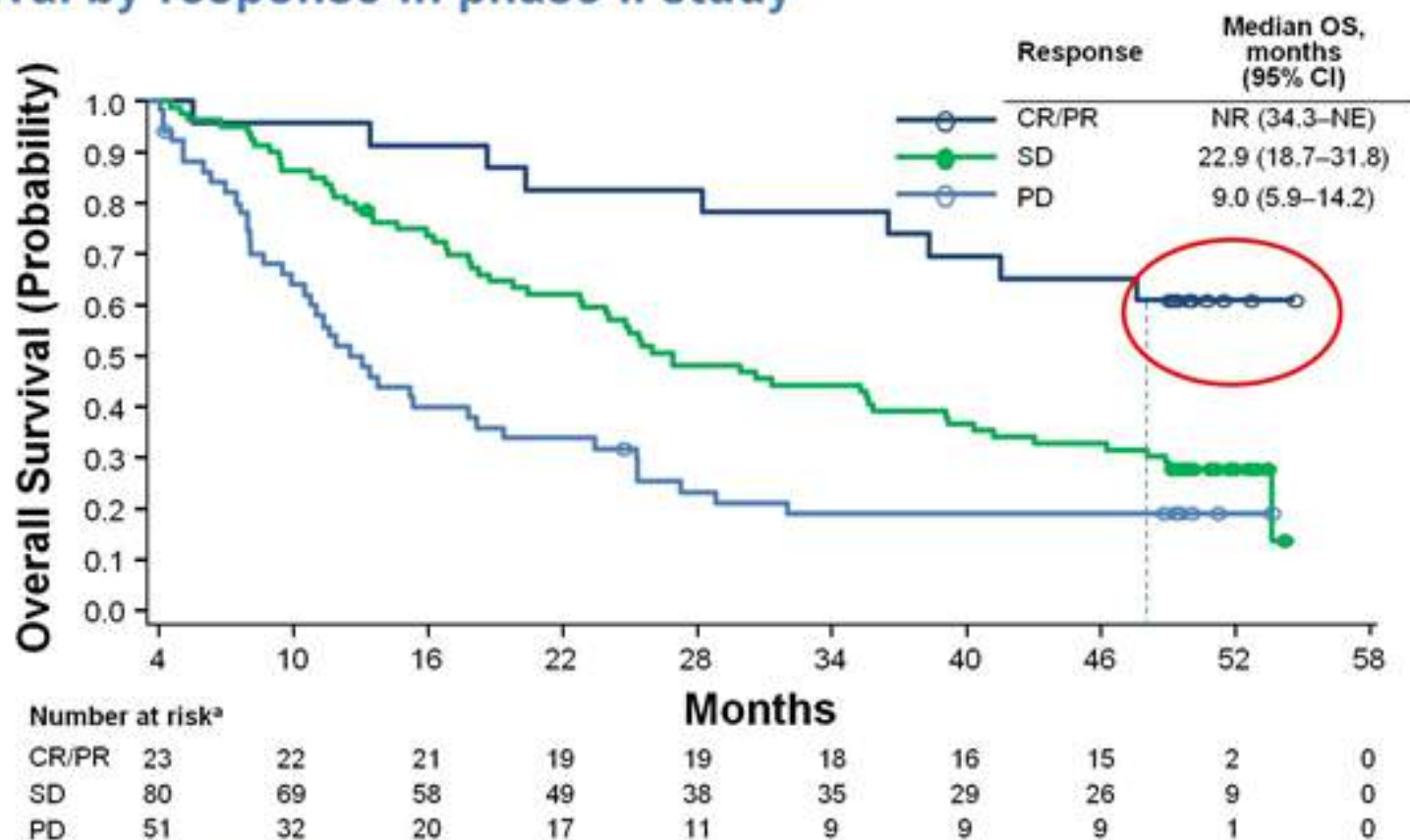
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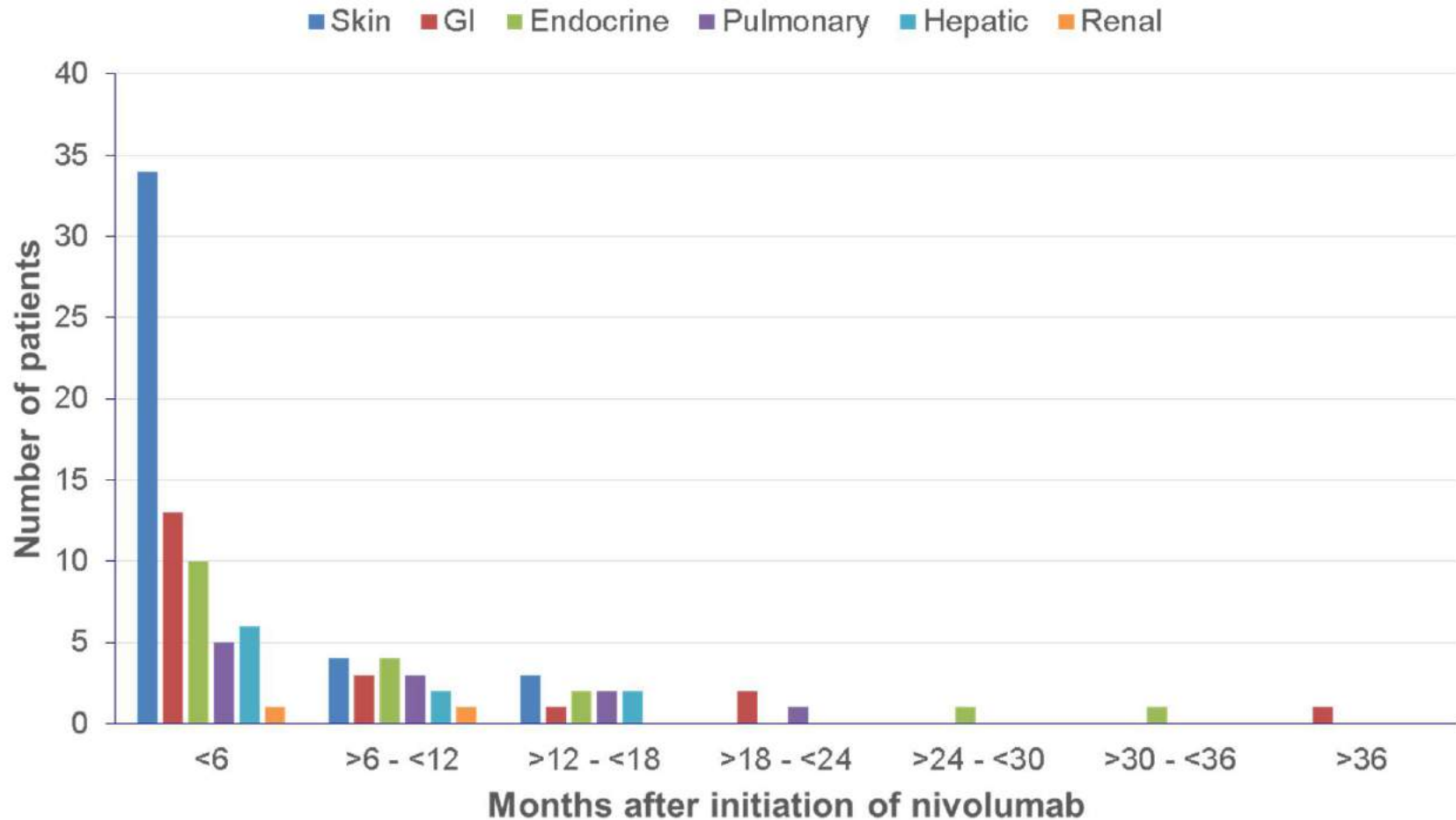
Survival by response in phase II study



* All treated patients evaluable for best overall response by 4 months.

Emerging select TRAEs over time in Phase II studies

Treatment related Adverse events



TRAEs, treatment-related adverse events

Optimal therapy selection for metastatic RCC

Agent specific factors

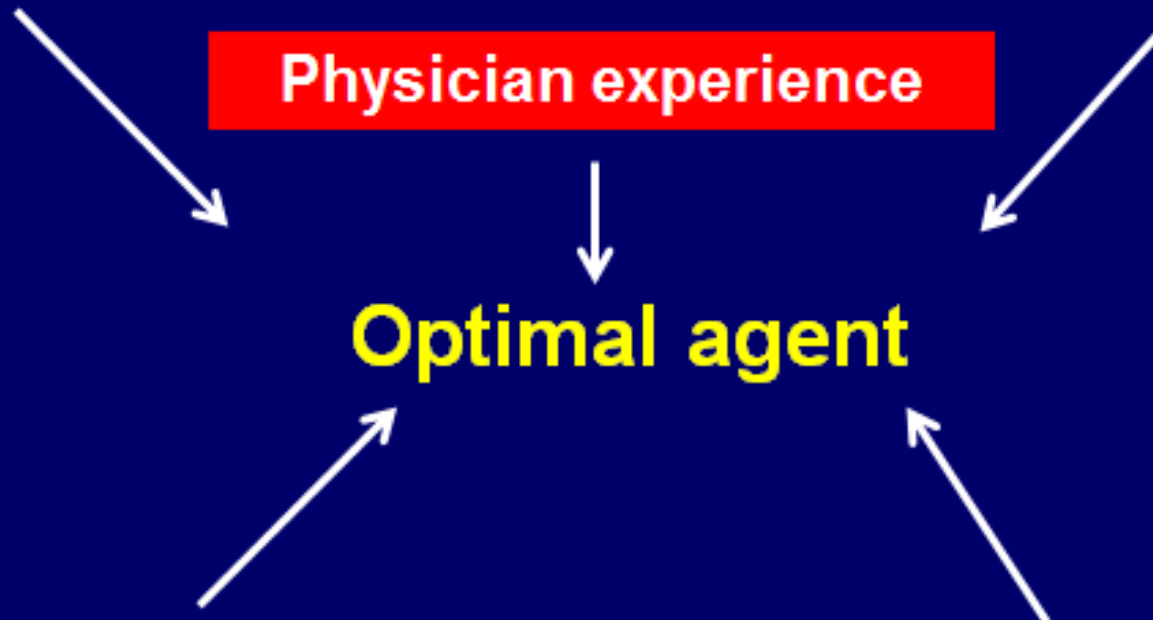
Patient specific factors

Physician experience

Optimal agent

Optimal efficacy
(Available data)

Disease specific factors




Second-Line Systemic Therapy for Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma

	Axitinib ¹	Nivolumab ²	Cabozantinib ³	Lenvatinib/eve (RP2) ⁴
Patient Population	2 nd Line	TKI refractory (72% 1 prior)	TKI refractory (71% 1 prior)	TKI refractory (100% 1 prior)
MSKCC risk good/int/poor risk groups	2 nd	2 nd -3 rd	Any line + Post check point inh	2 nd
Comparator	Post cytokine	Post anti angiogenic		Everolimus
ORR, %	Post VEGF INH	4.6	17%	Post VEGF inh
PFS, months			12% of cases experienced PD as best response with cabozantinib as compared with 35% with nivolumab.	25.5
OS, months		BENEFIT IN ALL RISK GROUP		
Dose reductions				
D/C due to AE	Axitinib			
Toxicity	PR 0 19.4 49.9 21.6 6.1	1% G4 (tx-related) + QoL		Best response, % ▪ CR 2 ▪ PR 41 ▪ SD 41 ▪ PD 4 ▪ Not evaluated 12

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MSKCC risk good/int/poor risk groups	28 / 37 / 33	35 / 49 / 16	45 / 42 / 12	24 / 37 / 39
Comparator	Sorafenib	Everolimus	Everolimus	Everolimus
ORR, %	19%	22%	17%	35%
PFS, months				12.8
OS, months				25.5
Dose reductions				71%
D/C due to AE				29%
Toxicity				57% G3
				14% G4







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Subsequent Therapy for Clear Cell Carcinoma

Cabozantinib	
Nivolumab	
Axitinib	
Lenvitinib + everolimus	
Everolimus	
Pazopanib	

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4					
3					
2					
1					
	E	S	Q	C	A

E = Efficacy of Regimen/Agent

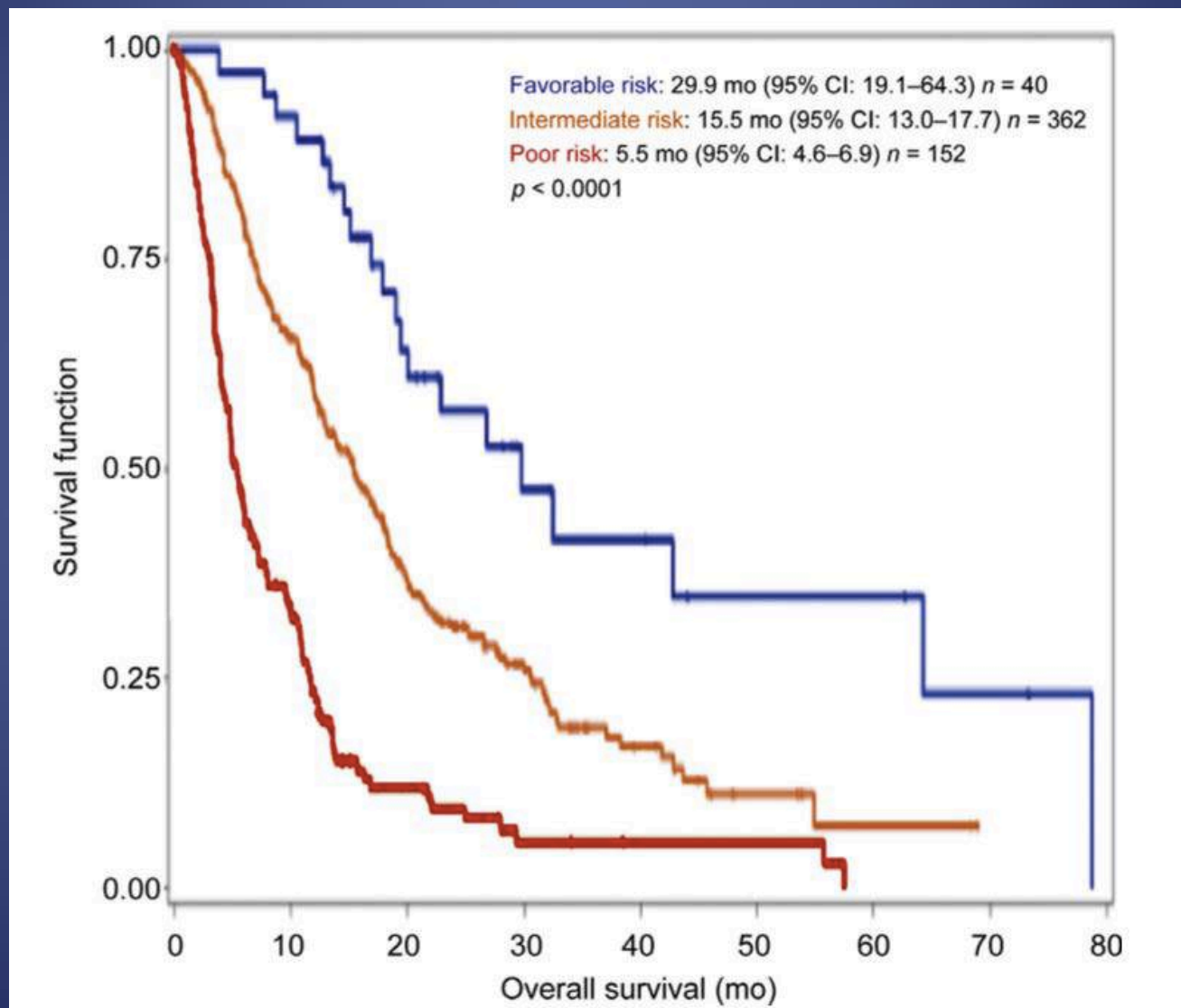
S = Safety of Regimen/Agent

Q = Quality of Evidence

C = Consistency of Evidence

A = Affordability of Regimen/Agent

IMDC in 3rd-line targeted therapy



Patients eligible for third line

- IGR experience: 18.7%
 - Italian experience (Iacovelli et al, EJC 2013): 281/2065 (13%)
 - US experience (Pal S et al, ASCO GU 2013): 812/6937 (11.7%)
 - IMDC (Heng et al, ASCO 2013): 460/2703 (17%)
- Overall, Around 50% receive a second line**
- less than 20% of patients do receive third line treatment.....

Changes in Third-Line Recommendation

ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines 2016

T H I R D L I N E	Post 2 TKIs	Post TKI and mTOR	Post TKI and Nivo	Post TKI and Cabo
	Standard: Nivolumab [II, A] Cabozantinib [II, A]	Sorafenib [I, B] Nivolumab [V, A] Cabozantinib [V, A]	Standard: Cabozantinib [V, A]	Standard: Nivolumab [V, A]
	Option: Everolimus [II, B]	Option: Other TKI [IV, B] Rechallenge [IV, B]	Option: Axitinib [IV, C] Everolimus [IV, C]	Option: Everolimus [V, B] Axitinib [V, B]

Following years of negative trials, it comes the era of targeted agents ...

Adjuvant trials of Targeted Agents

SORCE (MRC/EORTC) Sorafenib 1 year (+ 2 years placebo) vs. Sorafenib 3 years vs. placebo 3 years	1656	Enrolling patients with a Leibovich score of 3 to 8. Primary end-point: DFS	Data not mature yet
ASSURE (ECOG) Sunitinib 1 year vs. Sorafenib 1 year vs. placebo 1 year	1923	Enrollment completed (patients with T3b-4 N0, T1-4 N+, or T1-4 with positive margins or vascular invasion) Primary end-point: DFS	Data published
S-TRAC (Pfizer) Sunitinib 1 year vs. placebo 1 year	856	Enrolling patients with high risk according to UISS. Primary end-point: DFS	Data published
EVEREST (SWOG) Everolimus vs. placebo (days 1-42; treatment repeats every 6 weeks for 9 courses)	1218	Enrolling patients considered pathologically either intermediate high-risk or very high-risk. Primary end-point: DFS	Data not mature yet
VEG113387 PROTECT study (GSK) Pazopanib 1 year vs. placebo 1 year	1500	Enrolling patients with intermediate and high risk. Primary end-point: DFS	Data presented

ADJUVANT PHASE III TRIALS WITH VEGFR-TKI OR MTOR INHIBITORS

Trial	N	Patient Characteristics	Treatment Arms	Treatment Duration	Primary End Point
S-TRAC: Sunitinib Trial in Adjuvant Renal Cancer Treatment	615	High-risk patients according to UISS	Sunitinib Placebo	1 year	DFS HR 0.76
ASSURE: Adjuvant Sorafenib or Sunitinib for Unfavorable RCC	1,943	Non-metastatic RCC; disease stage II–IV selected by UISS	Sunitinib Sorafenib Placebo	1 year	DFS HR 1.02
SORCE: Sorafenib in Patients with Resected Primary RCC at High/Intermediate Risk of Relapse	1,656	Patients with Leibovich high- and intermediate-risk resected RCC	Sorafenib Sorafenib/ Placebo Placebo	1 year 3 years	DFS
EVEREST: Everolimus for Renal Cancer Ensuing Surgical Therapy	1,537	Pathological stage intermediate or very high-risk patients with full or partial nephrectomy	Everolimus Placebo	9 treatment cycles	RFS
PROTECT: Pazopanib as an Adjuvant Treatment for Localized RCC	1,540	Patients with moderately high or high risk after nephrectomy of localized or locally advanced RCC by AJCC TNM v.2010	Pazopanib Placebo	1 year	DFS
ATLAS: Adjuvant Axitinib Therapy of Renal Cell Cancer in High Risk Patients	700	High-risk, non-metastatic RCC with nephrectomy by AJCC TNM v.2010	Axitinib Placebo	3 years	DFS

Randomized phase III trial of adjuvant pazopanib versus placebo after nephrectomy in patients with locally advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) (PROTECT)

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PROTECT, Pazopanib as adjuvant therapy in localized/locally advanced RCC after nephrectomy (VEG113387).

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Study Design

Key eligibility criteria

- Resected non-metastatic clear-cell RCC histology and pathologic staging*
 - pT2, G3 or G4, N0
 - pT3, G_{any}, N0
 - pT4, G_{any}, N0
 - pT_{any}, G_{any}, N1
- Baseline imaging assessment by independent radiologist review that excluded metastasis
- Adequate PS and organ function

**Randomized
1:1**

**Pazopanib
daily for 52
weeks****

**Placebo
daily for 52 weeks**

Stratification: partial vs radical nephrectomy; pathologic staging

****Starting dose 600 mg assessed for safety at 8-12 weeks and could be escalated to 800 mg or maintained at 600 mg based on patient's tolerability**

*Staging based on TNM classification per the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) 2010 version and Fuhrman nuclear grades

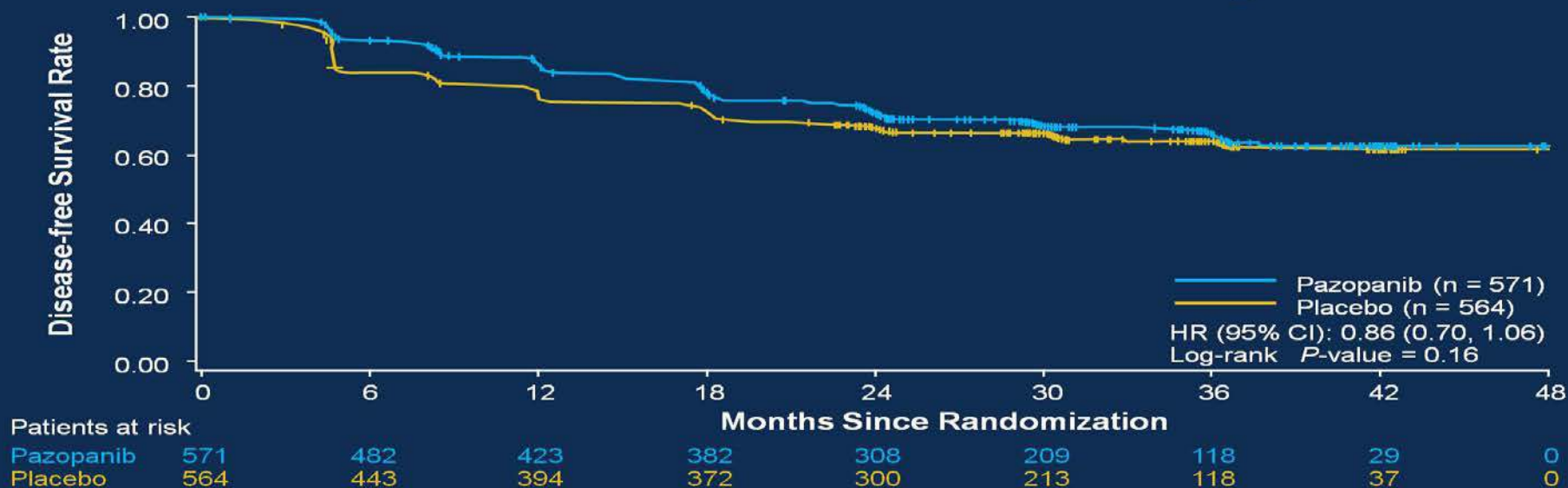
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Primary Analysis of DFS in ITT_{600mg}



The median duration of follow up was 30.4 months and 30.7 months for the pazopanib and placebo arms, respectively.

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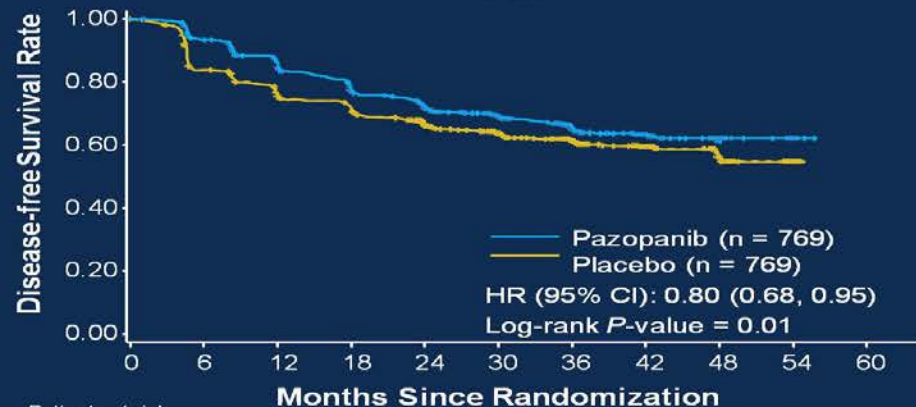
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Secondary Analyses of DFS

ITT_{800mg}



ITT_{All}



The median duration of follow up for both treatment arms in the ITT_{800mg} group was 47.9 months, the median duration of follow up for the pazopanib and placebo arms was 35.5 and 35.9 months, respectively.

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Quality-of-Life Assessment by FKSI-19 for ITT_{600mg} vs Placebo



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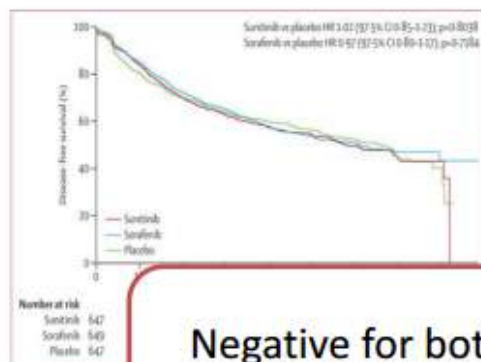
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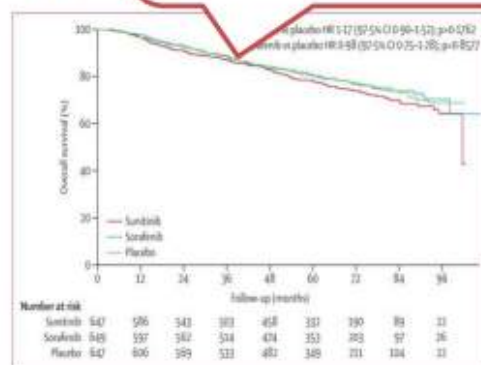
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DFS



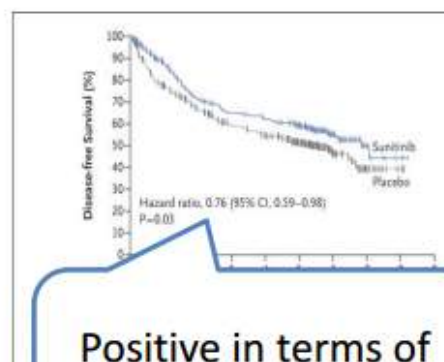
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DFS as well as OS

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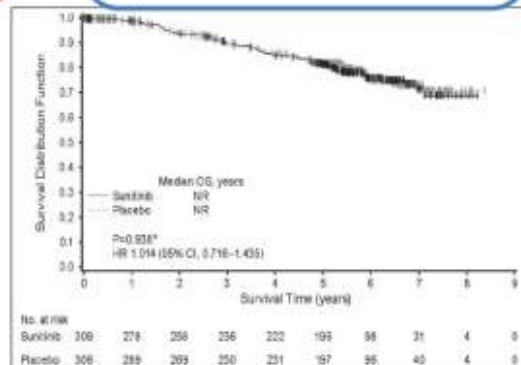
S-TRAC trial²

DFS



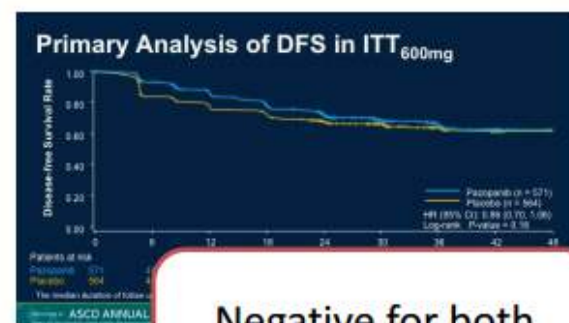
Positive in terms of
DFS, but not of OS

OS



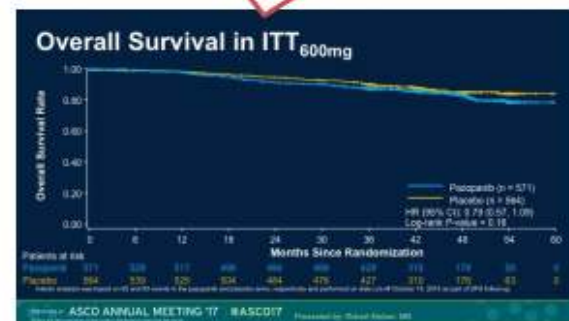
PROTECT trial³

DFS

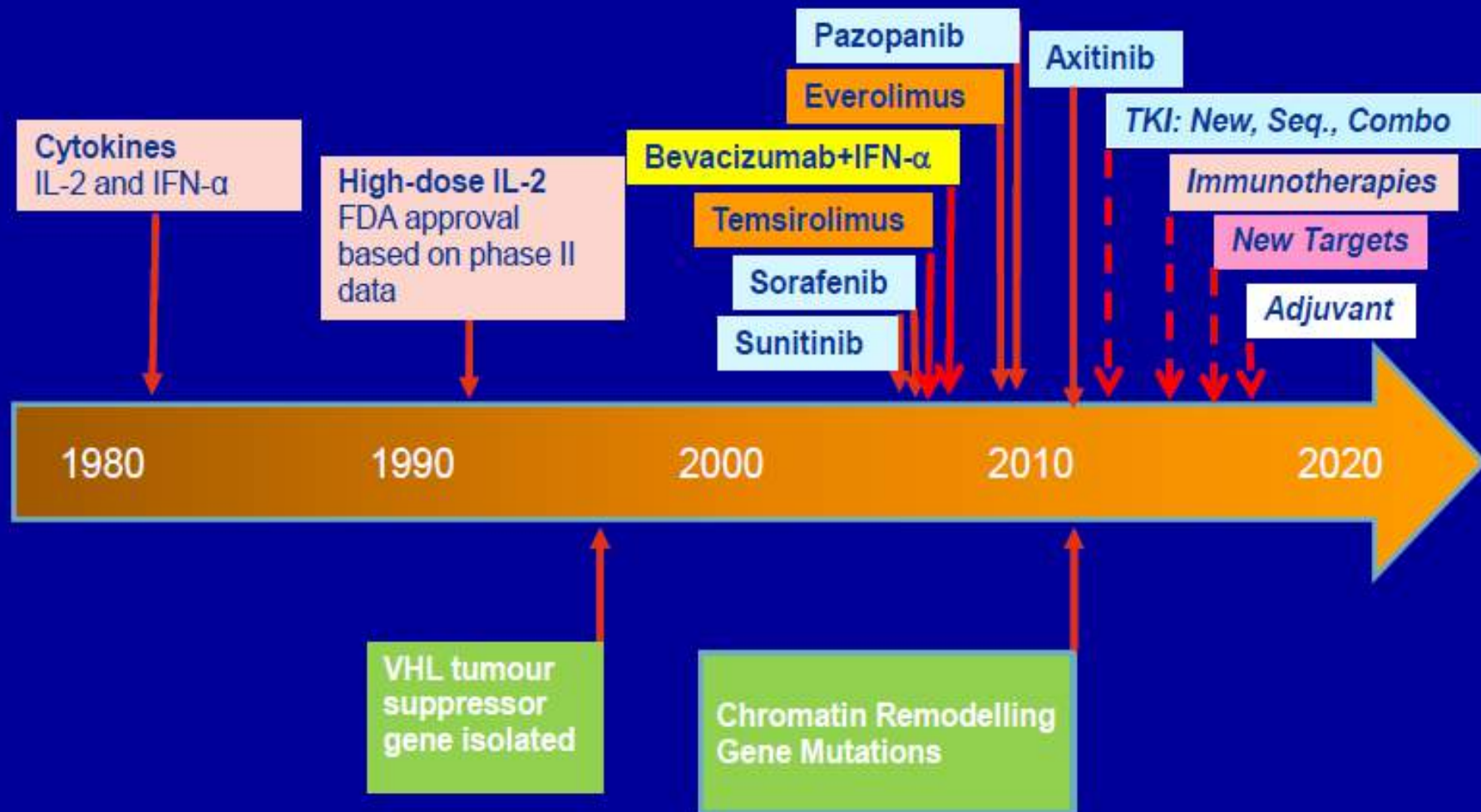


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OS



40 Years of Developing mRCC Treatments



Conclusion

- **Current first-line treatment landscape allows choices**
- **First-line therapy should always be a TKI
(Exception: Poor PS poor-risk patients)**
- **In the absence of predictive factors, efficacy as well as patient and agent/patient-specific factors are the drivers of treatment selection**
- **Multiple new agents are currently in clinical development and immunotherapy has arrived in the treatment of RCC and those agents may change the landscape yet again in the near future.**



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