



# Renal cell cancer: Old friends and new players



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- Epidemiology
- Adjuvant systemic therapy
- 1. line systemic therapies in advanced cancer, new agents selected new combinations
- 2. line and systemic therapies in advanced cancer
- Nephrectomy and/or metastasectomy in advanced renal cancer
- Conclusion

- 3% of all adult malignancies, 7th most common cancer
- Men > women
- Related with smoking, obesity and hypertension
- Median age of diagnosis 65
- 5 year survival rate has improved with new treatment agents

- Around %20 of patients present with metastatic disease, and fewer than %5 have a solitary metastasis
- Around %30 of patients undergoing curative therapy experience disease recurrence

- The principal treatment options are;
  - Surgery (only known curative treatment for localized disease, and it also used for palliation in metastatic disease)
  - Thermal ablation(as an alternative treatment for small lesions in carefully selected patients who are not candidates for surgery)
  - Active surveillance
  - Radiation therapy (metastatic disease)
  - Immunotherapy (metastatic disease)
  - Molecular-targeted therapy (metastatic disease)

## SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR ADVANCED RCC EMA AND FDA REGULATORY APPROVED DRUGS



Approval	Agent	EMA and FDA Indications
1992	Intereukin-2	Metastatic
2005	Sorafenib	Advanced
2006	Sunitinib	Advanced
2007	Temsirolimus	Advanced
2009	Bevacizumab (+ IFN- $\alpha$ )	Metastatic
2009	Everolimus	After failure of sunitinib or sorafenib
2009	Pazopanib	Advanced
2012	Axitinib	Failure of prior systemic therapy
2015	Nivolumab	Failure of prior systemic therapy
2016	Cabozantinib	Failure of prior systemic therapy
2016	Lenvatinib plus everolimus	Failure of prior systemic therapy



From ESMO guideline

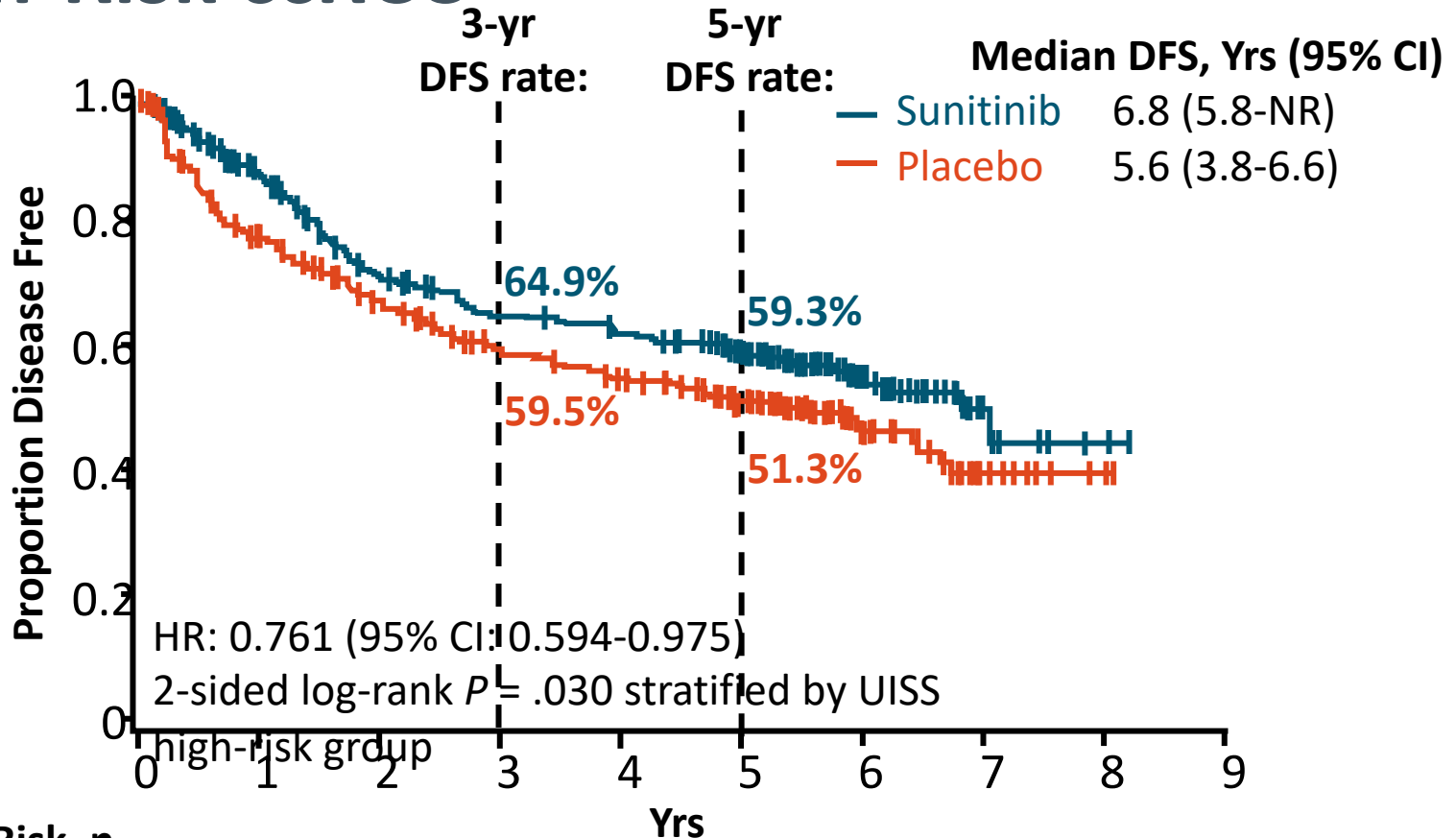
# **Adjuvant studies**

# Recent adjuvant studies

- ASSURE study sunitinib/sorafenib/placebo
- PROTECT pazopanib/placebo
- S-TRAC sunitinib/placebo
  - The results showed benefit of sunitinib over placebo for DFS ( $p=0.03$ ), but not for OS
  - Too much grade III-IV toxicities at sunitinib arm
- ATLAS study comparing axitinib/placebo did not meet its primary end point



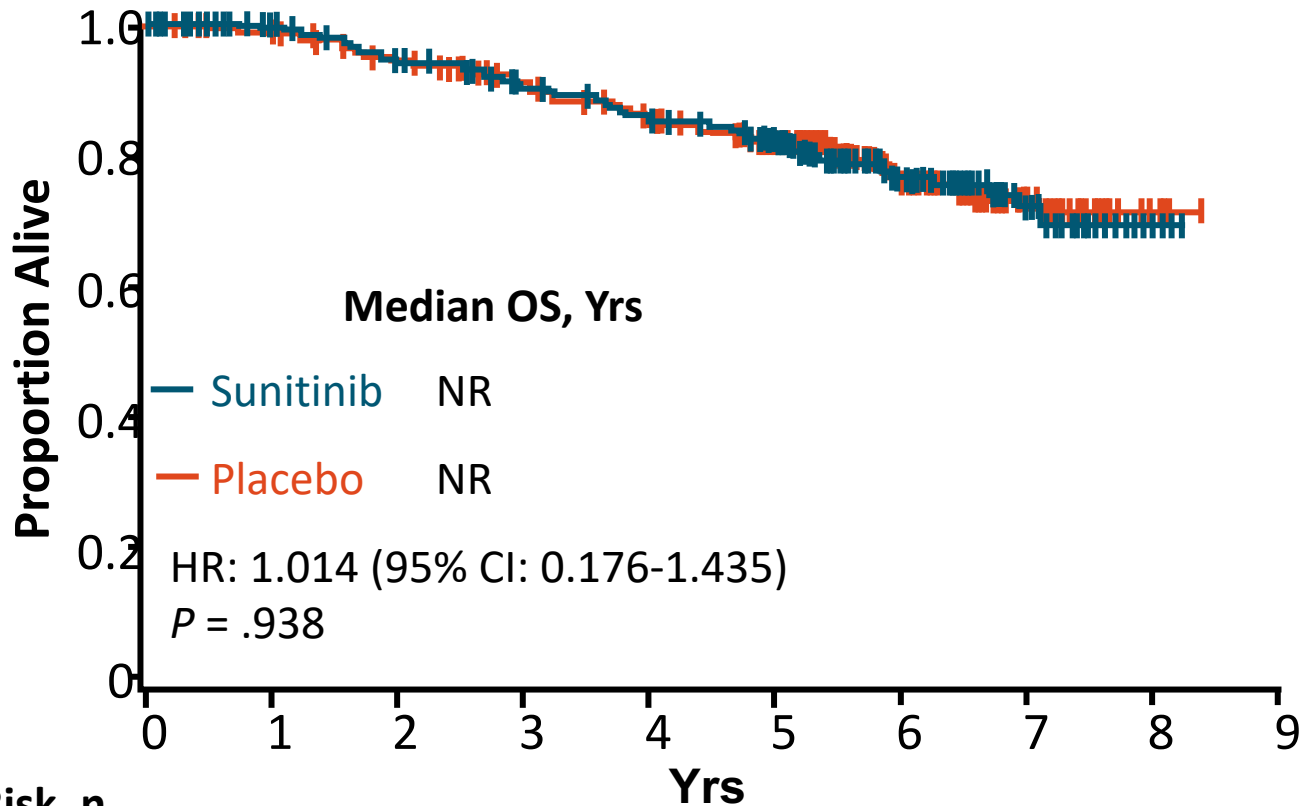
# S-TRAC Phase III Trial: DFS With Sunitinib vs Placebo in Patients With Locoregional, High-Risk ccRCC



Patients at Risk, n

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunitinib	309	225	173	153	144	119	53	10	3	0
Placebo	306	220	181	150	135	102	37	10	2	0

# S-TRAC Phase III Trial: OS With Sunitinib vs Placebo in Patients With Locoregional, High-Risk ccRCC



Patients at Risk, n

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunitinib	309	278	258	236	222	196	98	31	4	0
Placebo	306	289	269	250	231	197	96	40	4	0

# Published Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor Adjuvant Trials

Trial	Therapy	N	Histology	Stage	Starting Dose	Minimum Dose	DFS	OS
<b>ASSURE</b> <sup>[1]</sup>	Sunitinib Sorafenib Placebo	1943	<b>79% ccRCC</b>	> pT1b, G3-4, or N+	50 or 37.5 mg (Su)/ 400 mg (So)	25 mg (Su)/40 mg (So)	No	No
<b>S-TRAC</b> <sup>[2]</sup>	Sunitinib Placebo	615	ccRCC	> pT3b or N+	<b>50 mg</b>	<b>37.5 mg</b>	Yes	No
<b>PROTECT</b> <sup>[3]</sup>	Pazopanib Placebo	1538	ccRCC or mostly ccRCC	pT2 (G3-4), ≥ pT3, or N+	600 mg	400 mg	No	No

1. Haas. Lancet. 2016;387:2008. 2. Ravaud. NEJM. 2016;375:2246. 3. Motzer. JCO. 2017;35:3916.

# Ongoing Phase III Adjuvant Trials: Immunotherapy vs Placebo

Parameter	IMmotion010 <sup>[1]</sup> (NCT03024996)	PROSPER <sup>[2]</sup> (NCT03055013)	KEYNOTE-564 <sup>[3]</sup> (NCT03142334)	CheckMate 914 <sup>[4]</sup> (NCT03138512)
Drug	Atezolizumab	Nivolumab	Pembrolizumab	Nivolumab + ipilimumab
Histology	Clear-cell ± sarcomatoid histology	RCC of any histology	Clear-cell ± sarcomatoid features	Clear-cell ± sarcomatoid features
Dose duration	1 yr	2 doses prior to surgery and adjuvant nivolumab for 9 mos	1 yr	6 mos
Risk classification	T2 grade 4, T3a grade 3/4, T3b/c any grade, T4 any grade, or TxN+ any grade	Clinical stage ≥ T2 or any N+	pT2, grade 4; pT3/4, any grade; N+ M0; M1 NED	pT2aN0, grade 3-4; pT2b-T4; N+
Primary endpoint	DFS	RFS at 5 yrs	DFS	DFS
BICR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Status	Active, recruiting	Active, recruiting	Active, recruiting	Active, recruiting

1. Uzzo. ASCO 2017. Abstr TPS4598. 2. Harshman. ASCO 2018. Abstr TPS4597.

3. Choueiri. ASCO 2018. Abstr TPS4599. 4. Bex. ESMO 2018. Abstr 927TiP.

# Conclusion

- There is currently a lack of proven benefit of adjuvant therapy with VEGFR-TKIs for patients with high risk RCC after nephrectomy, and due to its toxicities adjuvant sunitinib is not recommended now

# **First line systemic therapies**

# Systemic therapies for metastatic disease

- Until targeted therapies were introduced in 2006 the treatment was generally based on immunotherapies such as interferon  $\alpha$  (IFN- $\alpha$ ) and interleukin-2 (IL-2)
- Stabilisation of the disease and prolonged survival
- Sunitinib, sorafenib, pazopanib, axitinib, tivozanib, cabozantinib, everolimus, temsirolimus, bevacizumab+ IFN- $\alpha$

# What Does the Patient Want at Initial Presentation?

1. Cured of disease, preferably with limited toxicity during/after therapy and the ability to stop therapy
  
  2. To live longer
  
  - 3a. Disease control
  - 3b. Quality of life maintained
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# FIRST-LINE TREATMENT OF RCC: OVERVIEW OF PIVOTAL TRIALS LEADING TO APPROVAL

Study	n	Response vs. IFN- $\alpha$ , %	Median Progression-free Survival vs. IFN- $\alpha$ , mo	Median Overall Survival vs. IFN- $\alpha$ , mo
Sunitinib vs. IFN- $\alpha$ <sup>1</sup>	750	47 vs. 12	11 vs. 5 P <0.01	26.4 vs. 21.8 P = 0.051
Bevacizumab + IFN- $\alpha$ vs. IFN- $\alpha$ <sup>2</sup>	649	31 vs. 12	10.4 vs. 5.5 P <0.01	23.3 vs. 21.3 P = 0.1291
Pazopanib vs. placebo <sup>3</sup>	233	30 vs. 3	11.1 vs. 2.8 P <0.01	NA
Temsirolimus vs. IFN- $\alpha$ <sup>4</sup> (Poor Risk)	626	9 vs. 5	5.5 vs. 3.1 P <0.01	10.9 vs. 7.3 P < 0.01

1. Motzer RJ, et al. J Clin Oncol 2009;27:3584-3590; 2. Escudier B, et al. J Clin Oncol 2009;27:1280-1289;  
3. Sternberg CN, et al. J Clin Oncol 2010;28:1061-1068; 4. Hudes G, et al. N Engl J Med 2007;356:2271-2281

Relapse or Stage IV and surgically unresectable

NCCN 2017

Predominant clear cell histology

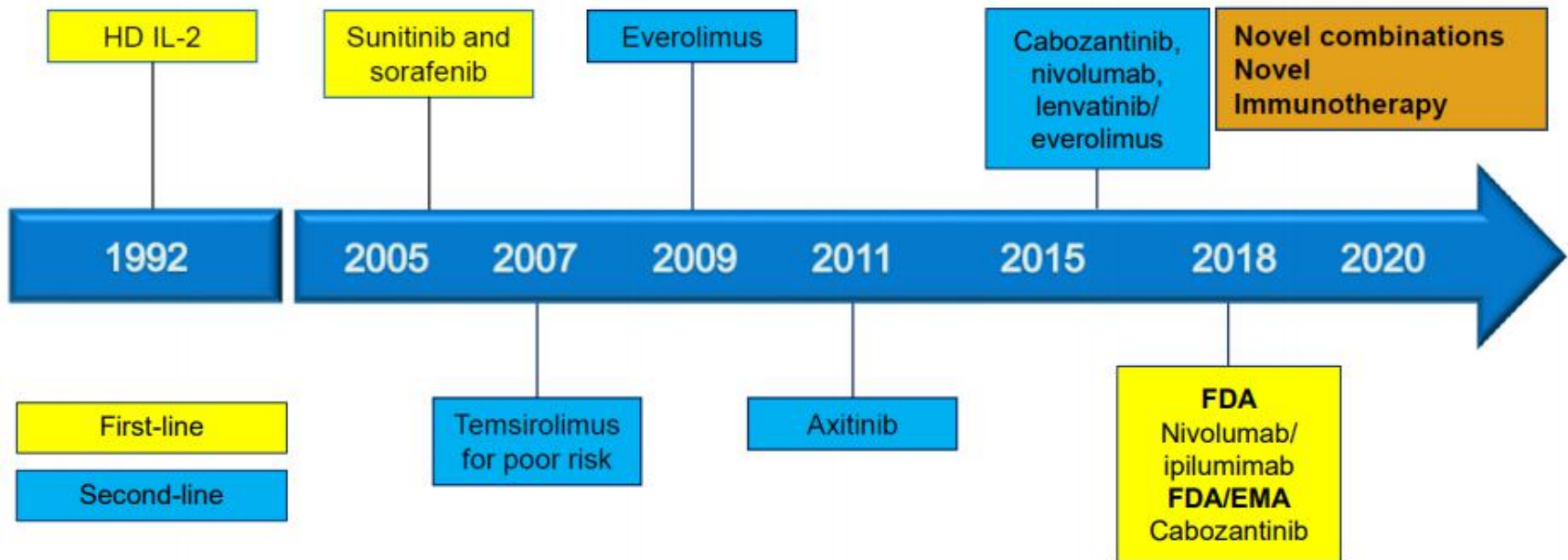
FIRST-LINE THERAPY (alphabetical by category and preference)

- Clinical trial
  - or
  - Pazopanib (category 1, preferred)
  - or
  - Sunitinib (category 1, preferred)
  - or
  - Bevacizumab + IFN (category 1)
  - or
  - Temsirolimus (category 1 for poor-prognosis patients,<sup>f</sup> category 2B for selected patients of other risk groups)<sup>g</sup>
  - or
  - Axitinib
  - or
  - High-dose IL-2 for selected patients<sup>9</sup>
  - or
  - Sorafenib for selected patients
- and  
Best supportive care.<sup>h</sup>  
See NCCN Guidelines for Palliative Care.

	N	Median PFS (95% CI)
<b>Pazopanib</b>	557	8.4 mo (8.3, 10.9)
<b>Sunitinib</b>	553	9.5 mo (8.3, 11.1)
HR (95% CI) = 1.047 (0.898, 1.220)		

The upper bound of 95% CI hazard ratio <1.25 indicates pazopanib is non-inferior compared to sunitinib

# Increasing Treatment Options in RCC



EMA, European Medicines Agency; FDA, [United States] Food & Drug Administration; HD IL-2, high-dose interleukin-2

Pal SK, et al. Presented at: 2018 Genitourinary Cancers Symposium; February 8-10, 2018: San Francisco, California, United States. Abstract 584.

# Randomized Phase III Study Designs for Combination Tx

## IMmotion151<sup>[1]</sup>

Treatment-naive advanced or metastatic RCC with clear-cell and/or sarcomatoid histology; KPS  $\geq$  70; tumor tissue available for PD-L1 staining  
(N = 915)

**Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV + Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg IV Q3W**

**Sunitinib 50 mg PO QD for 4 wks on, 2 wks off**

1° EP: PFS in PD-L1+ pts; OS in ITT pts

## JAVELIN Renal 101<sup>[2]</sup>

Treatment-naive advanced RCC with a clear-cell component; ECOG PS 0 or 1; tumor tissue for PD-L1 staining  
(N = 886)

**Avelumab 10 mg/kg IV Q2W + Axitinib 5 mg PO BID in 6-wk cycles**

**Sunitinib 50 mg PO QD for 4 wks on, 2 wks off**

1° EP: PFS and OS in PD-L1+ pts

## KEYNOTE-426<sup>[3]</sup>

Patients with treatment-naive advanced clear-cell RCC; KPS  $\geq$  70%; tumor tissue for PD-L1 staining  
(N = 861)

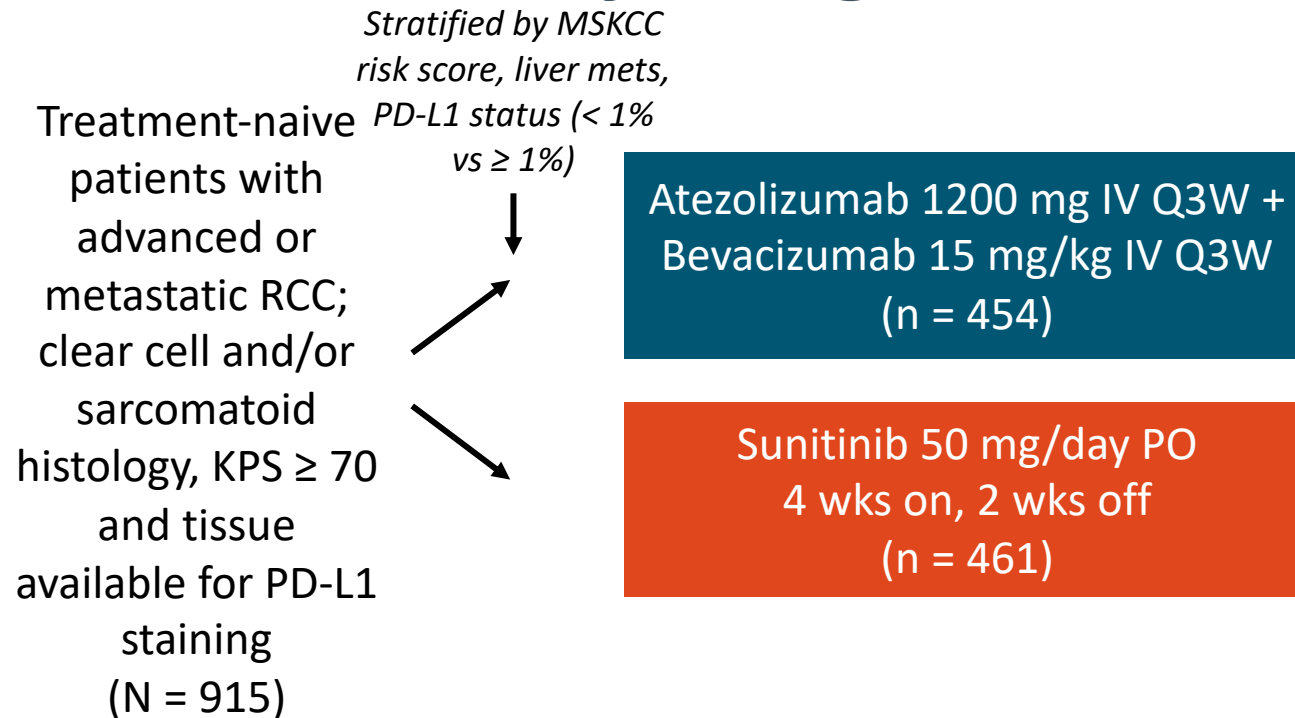
**Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W + Axitinib 5 mg PO BID**

**Sunitinib 50 mg PO QD for 4 wks on, 2 wks off**

1° EP: PFS and OS in ITT

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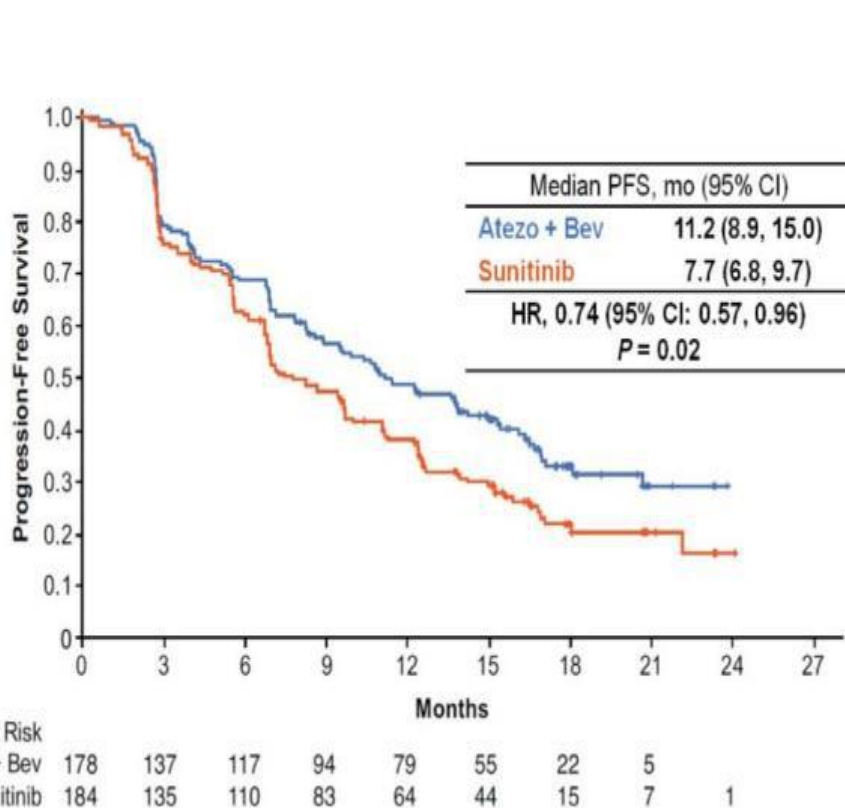
# IMmotion 151: Study Design



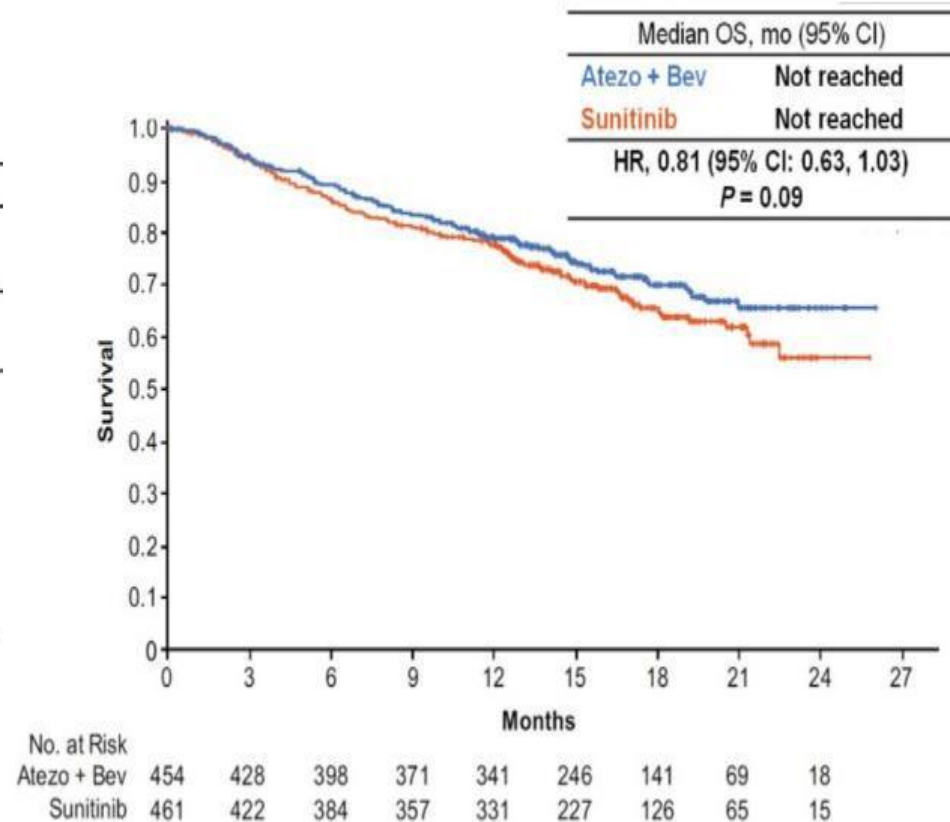
- Primary endpoints: PFS by PD-L1 status, OS in ITT
- Secondary endpoints: PFS in ITT, OS by PD-L1 status, ORR, patient-reported outcomes, safety

# IMmotion151: Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab in Treatment-Naive Advanced RCC

## PFS in PD-L1+ Cohort



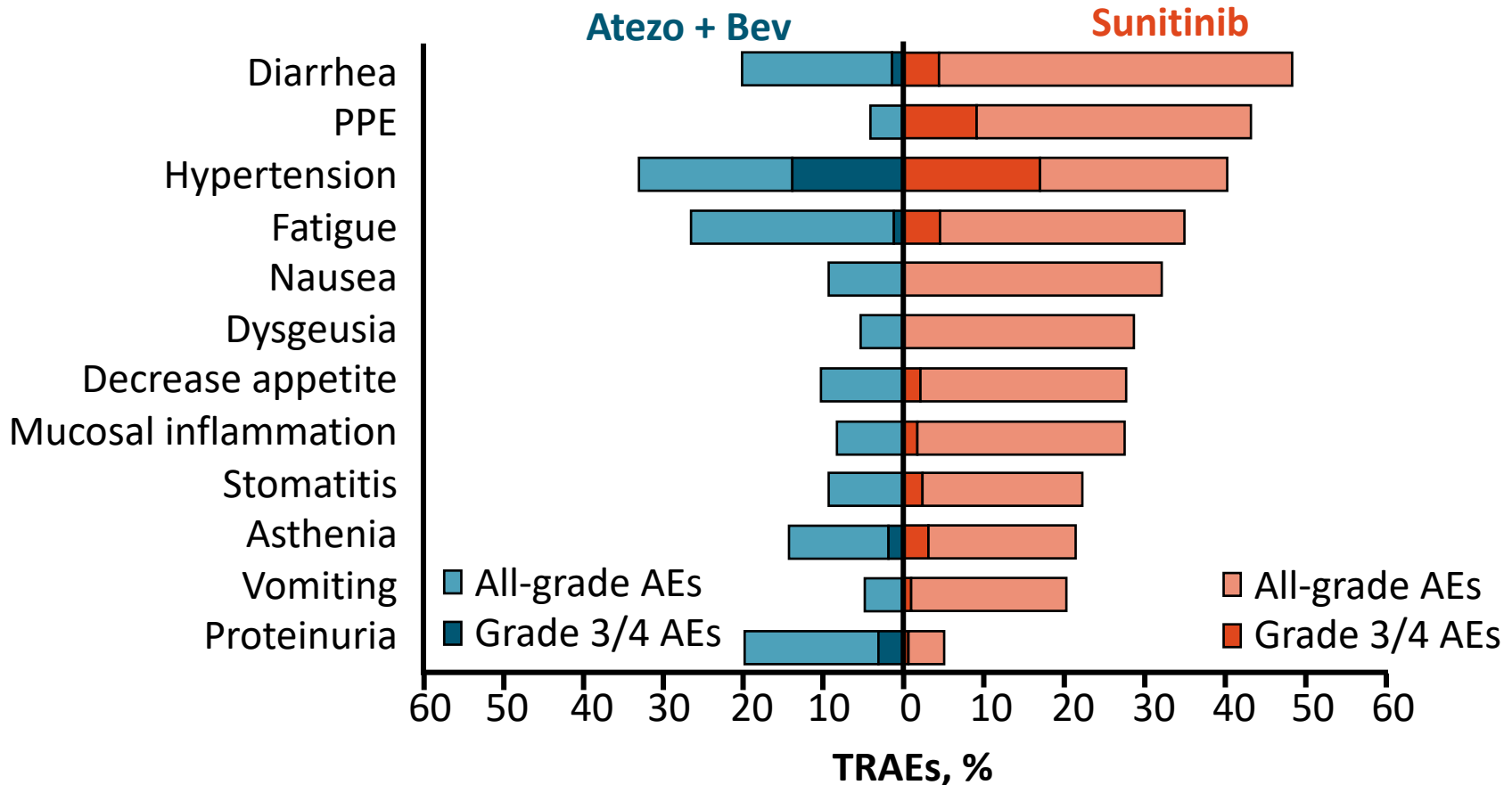
## OS in ITT Cohort





# IMmotion151: TRAEs With Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab

Treatment-Related AEs in  $\geq 20\%$  of Either Arm and  $> 5\%$  Difference Between Arms



# First-Line Checkpoint Inhibitor + TKI: Study Design

## JAVELIN Renal 101

### Key eligibility criteria:

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

### Stratification:

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

N = 886

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1:1

Avelumab 10 mg/kg IV q 2 w  
+  
Axitinib 5 mg PO bid  
(6-week cycle)

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

## PRESS RELEASE

### AVELUMAB PLUS AXITINIB SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL IN PREVIOUSLY UNTREATED PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED RENAL CELL CARCINOMA IN PHASE III STUDY

September 11, 2018

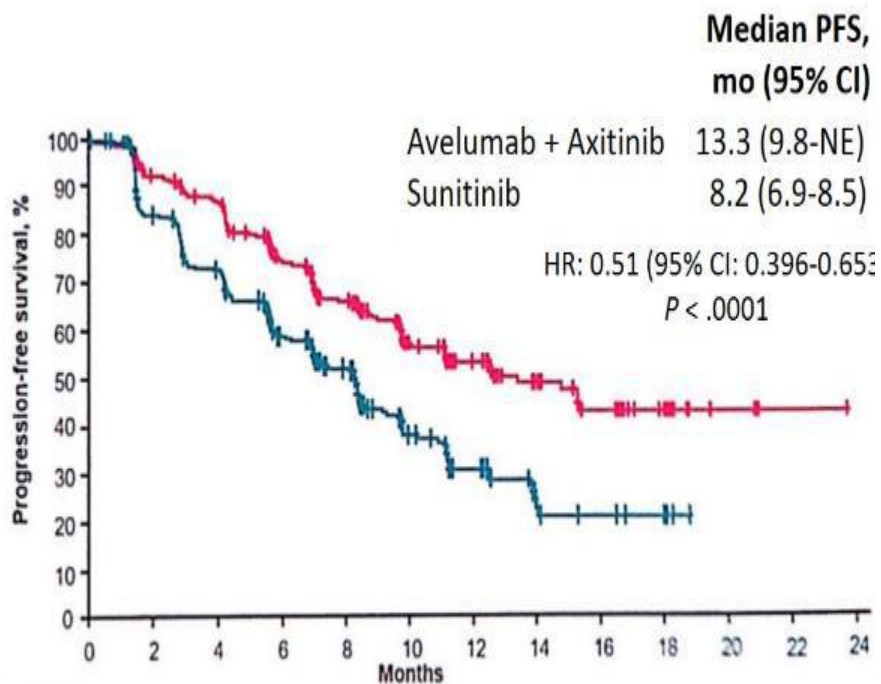
- First positive Phase III immunotherapy trial in combination with a tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) in any tumor type
- Results significant in both PDL1+ and all-comer populations
- Alliance plans to pursue a regulatory submission in the US and discussions with other health authorities based on interim results for progression-free survival
- Trial will continue for the other primary endpoint of overall survival; detailed results to be submitted for presentation at an upcoming medical congress

BID, twice per day; IV, intravenous; PO, orally; ROW, rest of the world  
Motzer RJ, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2018;29(Suppl 8): Abstract LBA6.

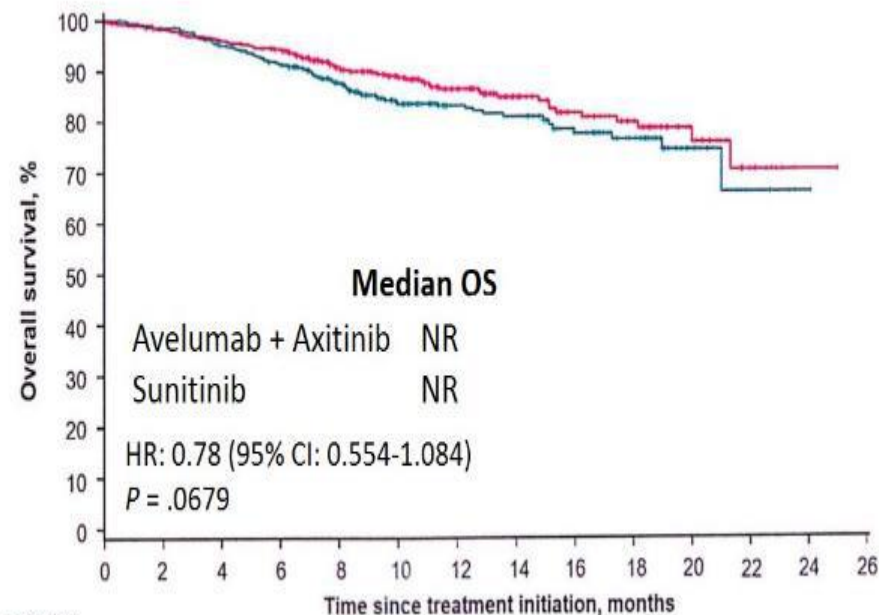


# JAVELIN Renal 101: Avelumab + Axitinib in Treatment-Naive Advanced RCC

## PFS in PD-L1+ Cohort



## OS in ITT Cohort (Data Immature)



Number at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Avel + Axit:	270	235	216	166	127	78	57	36	25	15	4	1	0
Sunitinib:	290	227	191	138	100	51	32	12	10	5	0		

Number at risk

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

# JAVELIN Renal 101: TRAEs for Avelumab + Axitinib

Event, %	Avelumab + Axitinib (n = 434)		Sunitinib (n = 439)	
	All Grades	Grade 3 / 4	All Grades	Grade 3 / 4
TRAEs of any grade in ≥ 20% of pts or grade 3-4 in ≥ 3% of pts	95	51 / 4	96	48 / 7
▪ Diarrhea	54	5 / 0	45	3 / 0
▪ Hypertension	48	24 / 0	32	15 / 0
▪ Fatigue	36	3 / 0	36	4 / 0
▪ Hand-foot syndrome	33	6 / 0	34	4 / 0
▪ Dysphonia	27	1 / 0	3	0 / 0
▪ Nausea	25	1 / 0	34	1 / 0
▪ Hypothyroidism	24	< 1 / 0	13	< 1 / 0
▪ Stomatitis	22	2 / 0	23	1 / 0
▪ Decreased appetite	20	2 / 0	26	1 / 0
▪ Dysgeusia	13	0 / 0	32	0 / 0
▪ Increased alanine aminotransferase	13	4 / 1	10	2 / 0
▪ Thrombocytopenia	3	< 1 / 0	18	5 / 1
▪ Anemia	2	< 1 / 0	17	5 / < 1
▪ Neutropenia	1	< 1 / 0	18	7 / 1
TRAEs leading to discontinuation*		4		8
TRAEs leading to death <sup>†</sup>		1		< 1

# KEYNOTE-426 Study Design

## Key Eligibility Criteria

- Newly diagnosed or recurrent stage IV clear-cell RCC
- No previous systemic treatment for advanced disease
- Karnofsky performance status  $\geq 70$
- Measurable disease per RECIST v1.1
- Provision of a tumor sample for biomarker assessment
- Adequate organ function

## Stratification Factors

- IMDC risk group (favorable vs intermediate vs poor)
- Geographic region (North America vs Western Europe vs ROW)

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(1:1)

N = 432

Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W  
for up to 35 cycles  
+  
Axitinib 5 mg orally twice daily<sup>a</sup>

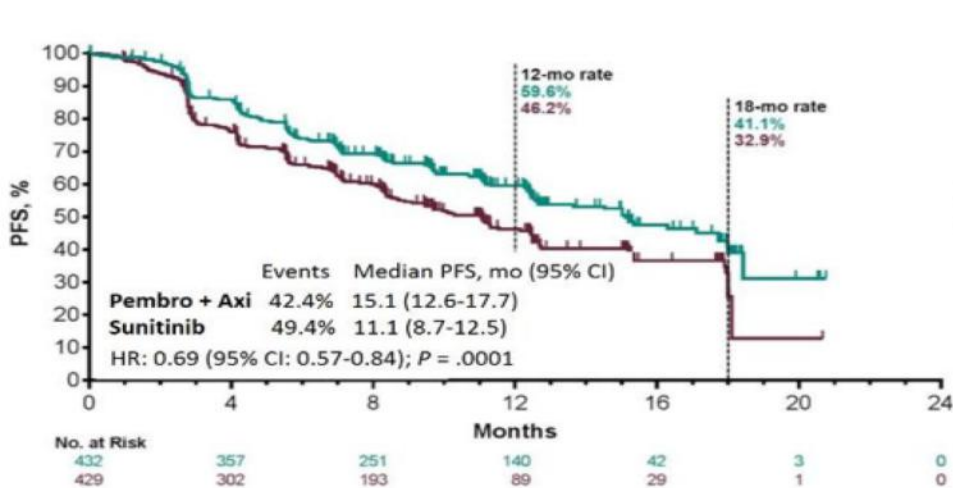
N = 429

Sunitinib 50 mg orally once daily  
for first 4 wks of each 6-wk cycle<sup>b</sup>

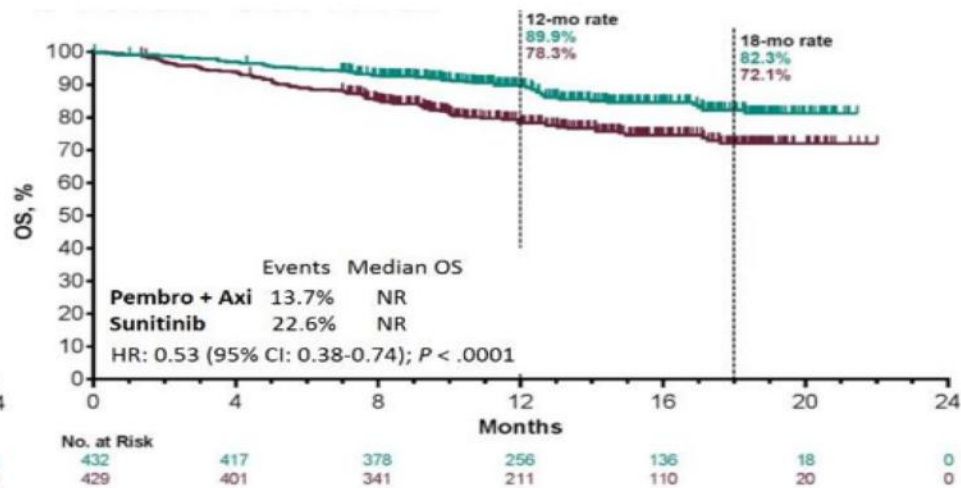
## End Points

- Dual primary: OS and PFS (RECIST v1.1, BICR) in ITT
- Key secondary: ORR (RECIST v1.1, BICR) in ITT
- Other secondary: DOR (RECIST v1.1), PROs, safety

## PFS in ITT Population



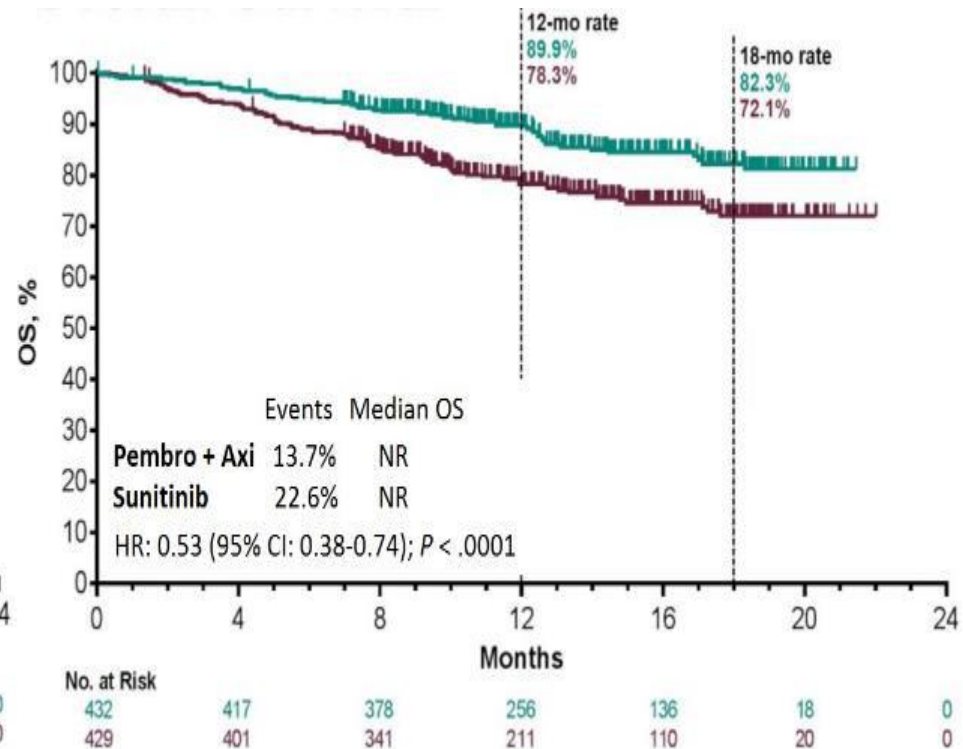
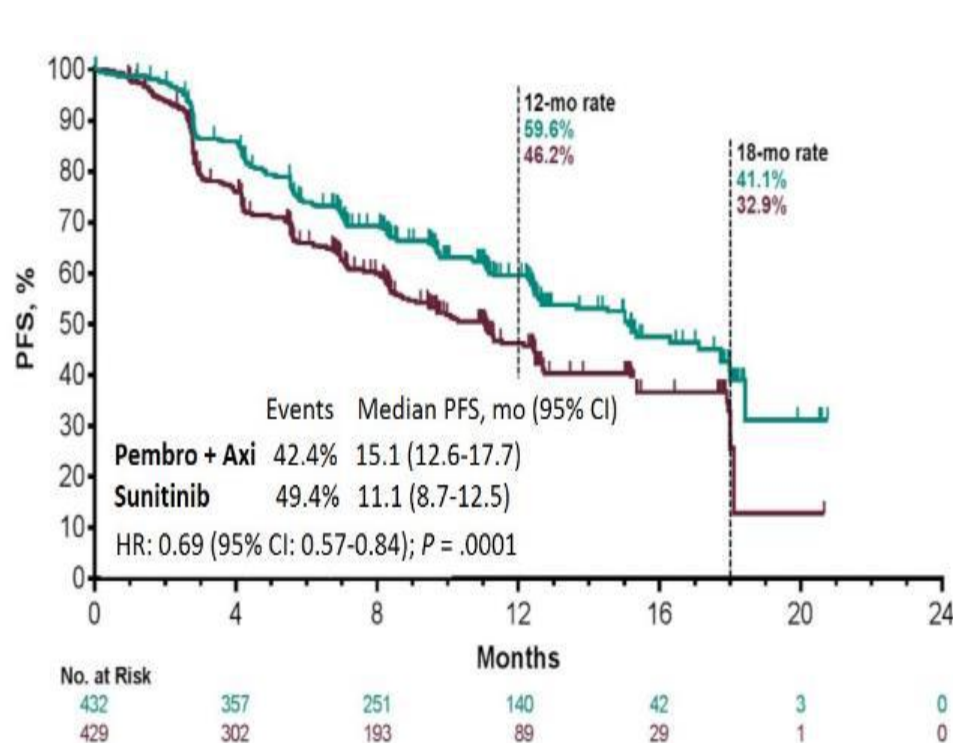
## OS in ITT Population



# KEYNOTE-426: Pembrolizumab + Axitinib in Treatment-Naive Advanced RCC

## PFS in ITT Population

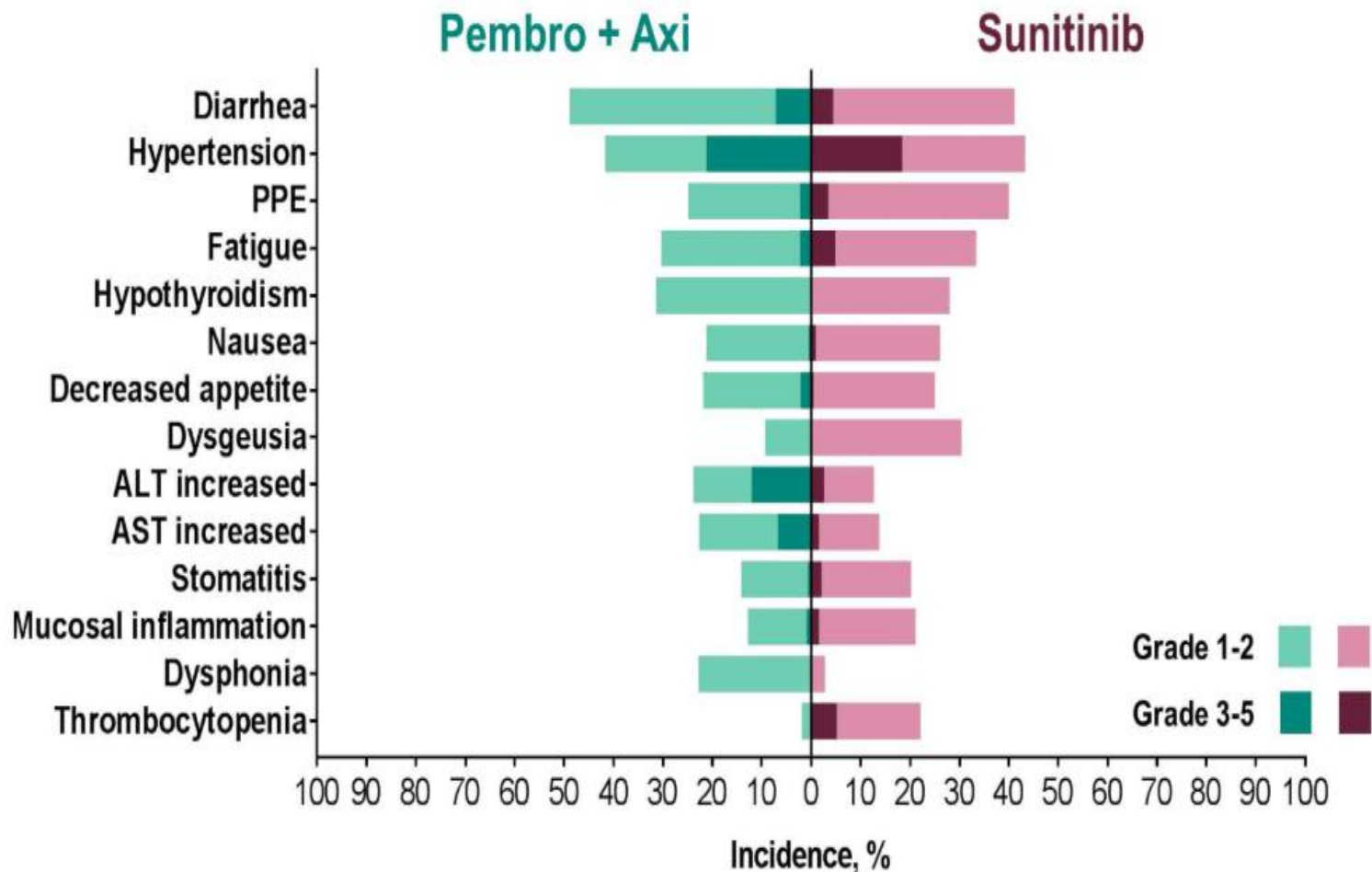
## OS in ITT Population



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# KEYNOTE-426: TRAEs With Pembro + Axi

Treatment-Related AEs in  $\geq 20\%$  of Either Arm

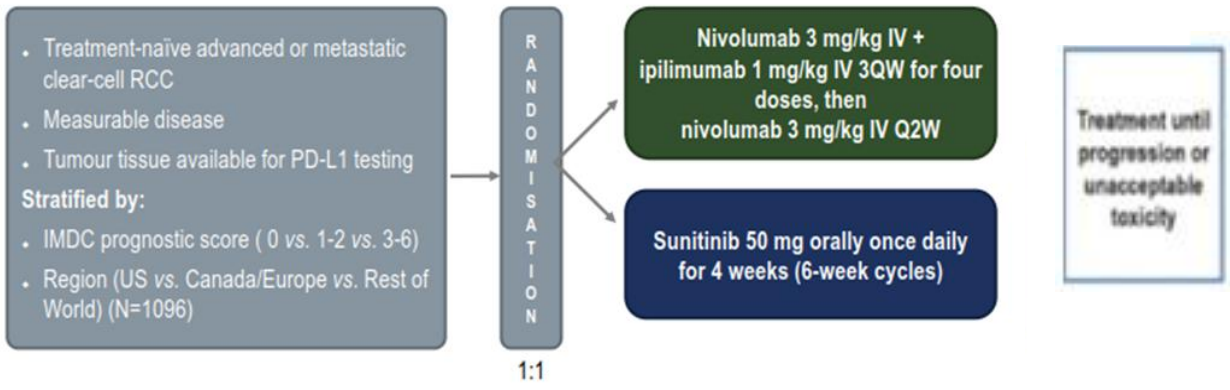


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# CHECKMATE 214

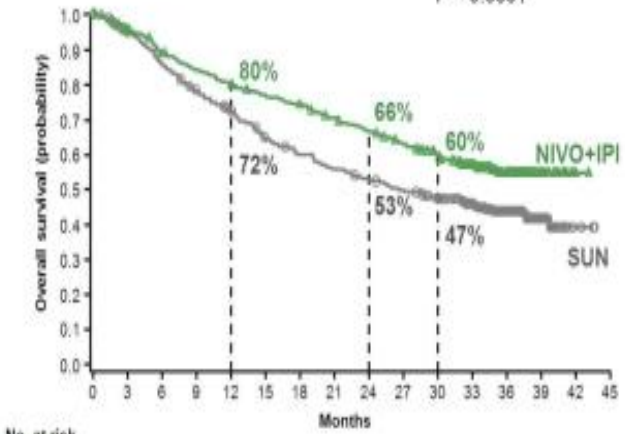
## Nivolumab + ipilimumab *versus* sunitinib for first-line treatment in metastatic RCC



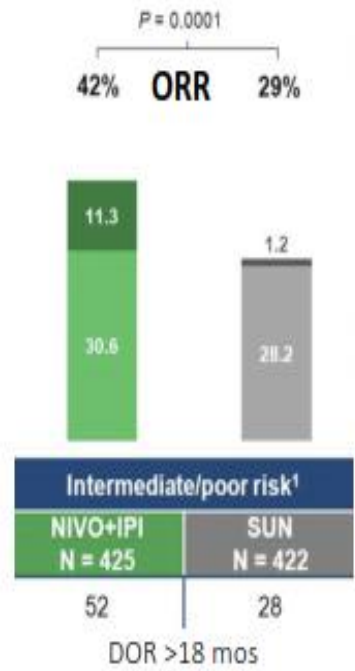
**Intermediate- and poor-risk**

Median OS, months (95% CI)	
NIVO+IPI	NR (35.6–NE)
SUN	26.6 (22.1–33.4)

HR (95% CI), 0.66 (0.54–0.80)  
P < 0.0001



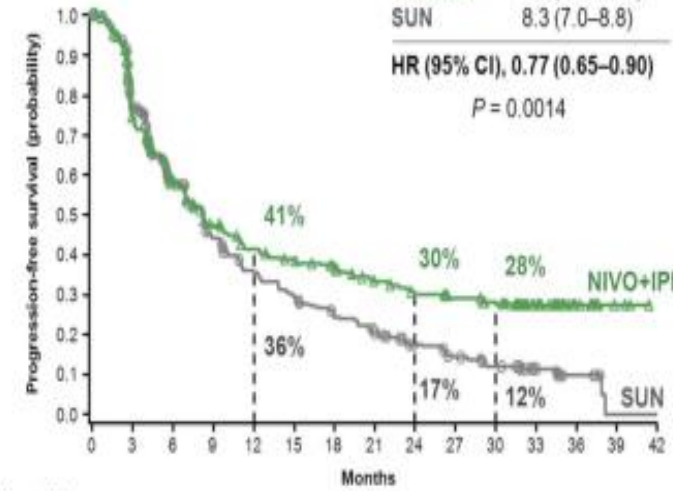
No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45
NIVO+IPI	425	399	372	348	332	317	306	287	270	253	233	183	90	34	2	0
SUN	422	388	353	318	290	257	238	220	207	194	179	144	75	29	3	0



**Intermediate- and poor-risk**

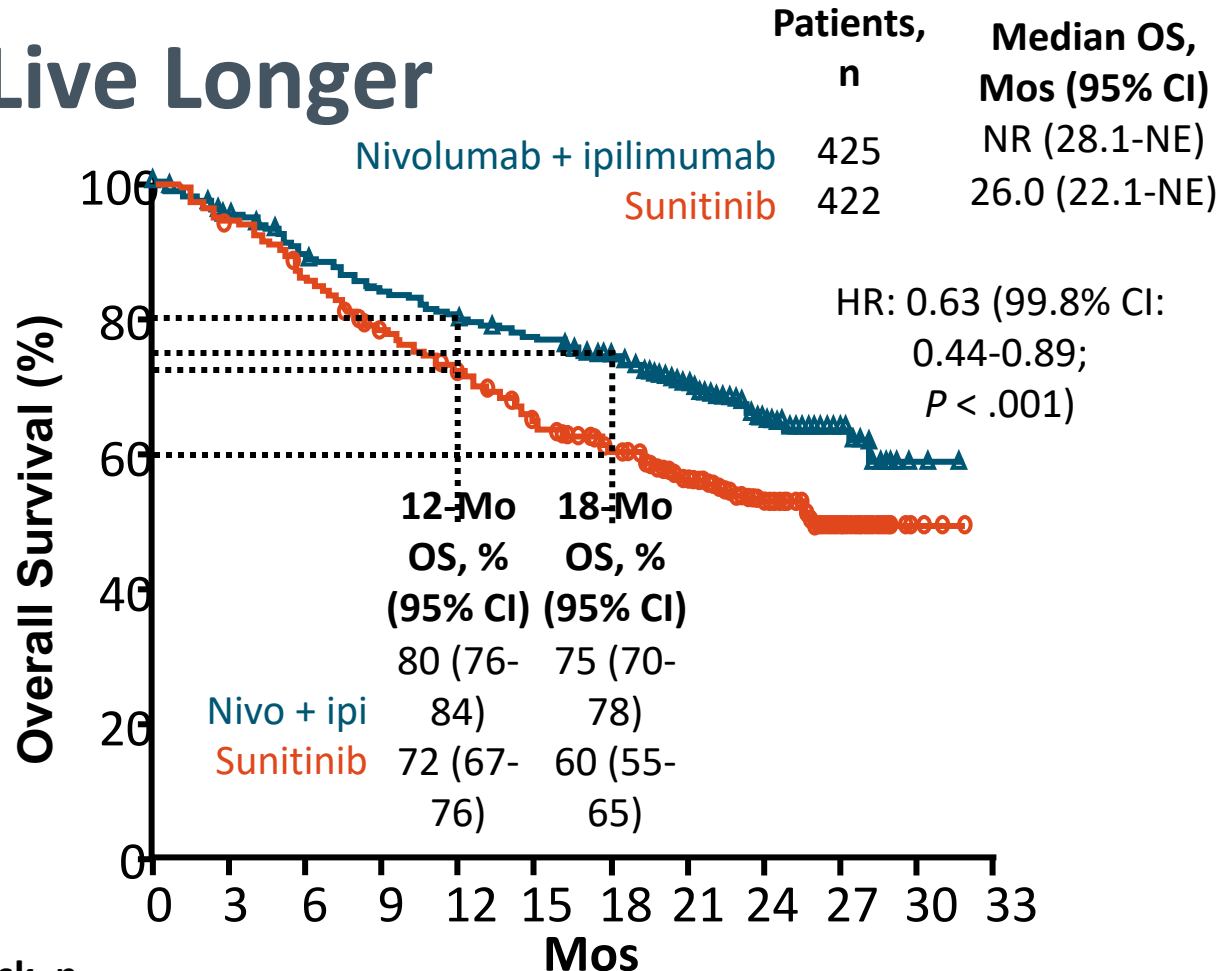
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	
NIVO+IPI	8.2 (6.9–10.0)
SUN	8.3 (7.0–8.8)

HR (95% CI), 0.77 (0.65–0.90)  
P = 0.0014



No. at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42
NIVO+IPI	425	296	218	173	147	135	125	106	95	87	81	48	17	3	0
SUN	422	295	200	142	111	93	75	60	44	34	26	16	6	0	0

# CheckMate 214: IMDC Intermediate- /Poor-Risk Patients Live Longer



Patients, n	Median OS, Mos (95% CI)
Nivolumab + ipilimumab 425	NR (28.1-NE)
Sunitinib 422	26.0 (22.1-NE)

Patients at Risk, n	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	425	399	372	348	332	318	300	241	119	44	2	0
Sunitinib	422	387	352	315	288	253	225	179	89	34	3	0

# Phase III IO-Based Combinations in RCC

Control	Comparator(s)	PFS (HR)	OS (HR)	
Sunitinib	Nivolumab/ipilimumab <sup>[1]</sup>	No* (0.98)	Yes (0.68)	CM214
Sunitinib	Bevacizumab + atezolizumab <sup>[2]</sup>	Yes (0.83)	No (0.81)	IMmotion
Sunitinib	Axitinib + avelumab <sup>[3]</sup>	Yes (0.69)	No (0.78)	Javelin
Sunitinib	Axitinib + pembrolizumab <sup>[4]</sup>	Yes (0.69)	Yes (0.53)	KN 426
Sunitinib	Lenvatinib + everolimus vs lenvatinib/pembro	Pending	Pending	
Sunitinib	Cabozantinib/nivolumab	Pending	Pending	

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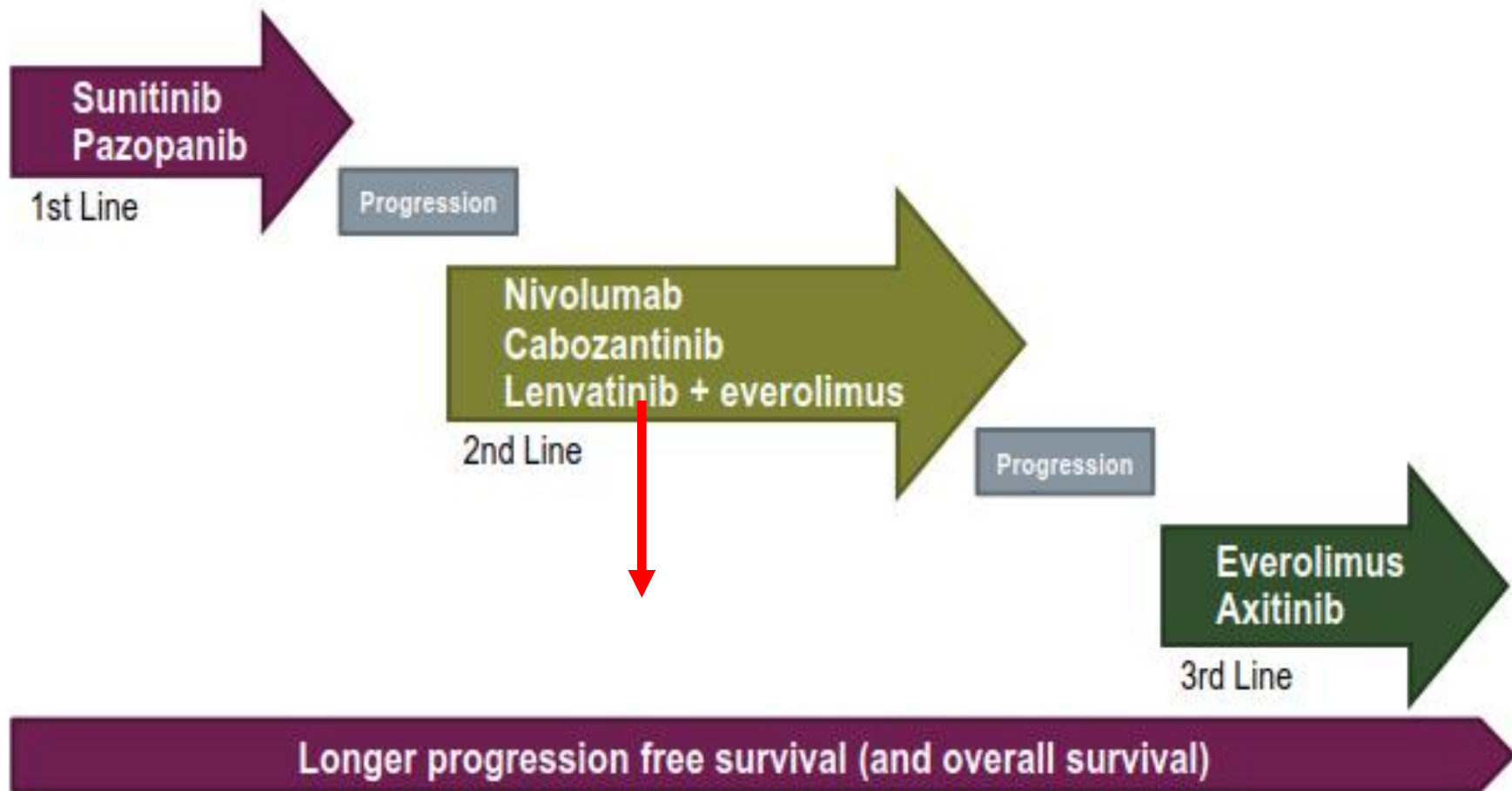
# Control Disease Rates for Major Regimens in mRCC

Regimen	Study	Median PFS, Mos	Primary PD Rate, %
Nivolumab + ipilimumab	CheckMate 214 (intermediate/poor risk) <sup>[1]</sup>	11.6	20
Atezolizumab + bevacizumab	IMmotion151 (ITT) <sup>[2]</sup>	11.2	18
Axitinib + avelumab	JAVELIN Renal 101 (ITT) <sup>[3]</sup>	13.8	12
Axitinib + pembrolizumab	KEYNOTE-426 (ITT) <sup>[4]</sup>	15.1	pending
Pembrolizumab monotherapy	KEYNOTE-427 <sup>[5]</sup>	8.7	28.2
TKIs		9-12	20

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# Conclusions

- The goal of a patient with newly metastatic RCC is cure; therefore, regimens with the highest chance of cure/durable response, balanced against acceptable toxicity/time off of treatment, should be individualized
- Immunotherapy-based regimens offer the best chance of achieving patient goals
- VEGF inhibitors have immunomodulatory effects with a potential to enhance the anti tumor activity of ICI



## PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR RELAPSE OR STAGE IV DISEASE

FIRST-LINE THERAPY FOR CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY			
Risk	Preferred regimens	Other recommended regimens	Useful under certain circumstances
Favorable <sup>a</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib + pembrolizumab</li> <li>• Pazopanib</li> <li>• Sunitinib</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ipilimumab + nivolumab</li> <li>• Cabozantinib (category 2B)</li> <li>• Axitinib + avelumab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active surveillance<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Axitinib (category 2B)</li> <li>• High-dose IL-2<sup>c</sup></li> </ul>
Poor/ intermediate <sup>a</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ipilimumab + nivolumab (category 1)</li> <li>• Axitinib + pembrolizumab (category 1)</li> <li>• Cabozantinib</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pazopanib</li> <li>• Sunitinib</li> <li>• Axitinib + avelumab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib (category 2B)</li> <li>• High-dose IL-2<sup>c</sup></li> <li>• Temsirolimus<sup>d</sup></li> </ul>

↓ 2<sup>nd</sup> line



# **2nd line therapies**



### PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR RELAPSE OR STAGE IV DISEASE

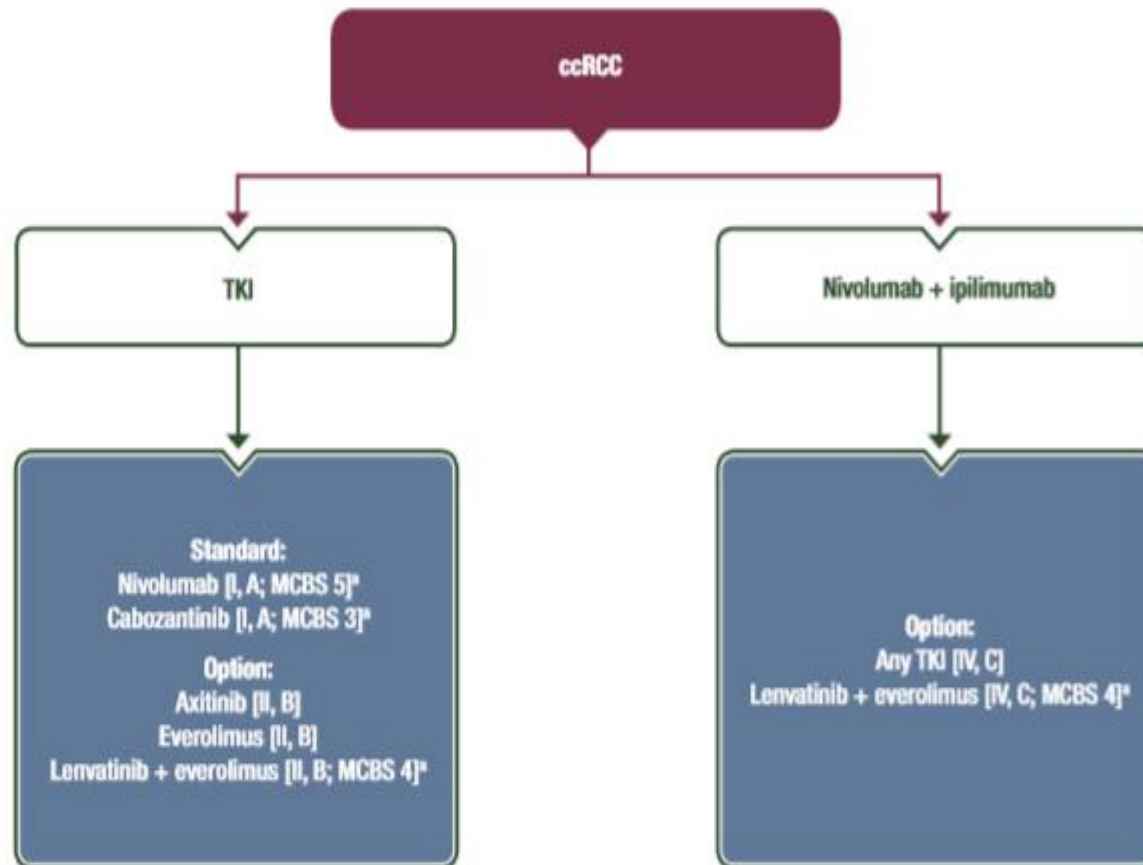
FIRST-LINE THERAPY FOR CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY			
Risk	Preferred regimens	Other recommended regimens	Useful under certain circumstances
Favorable <sup>a</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib + pembrolizumab</li> <li>• Pazopanib</li> <li>• Sunitinib</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ipilimumab + nivolumab</li> <li>• Cabozantinib (category 2B)</li> <li>• Axitinib + avelumab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active surveillance<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Axitinib (category 2B)</li> <li>• High-dose IL-2<sup>c</sup></li> </ul>
Poor/ intermediate <sup>a</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ipilimumab + nivolumab (category 1)</li> <li>• Axitinib + pembrolizumab (category 1)</li> <li>• Cabozantinib</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pazopanib</li> <li>• Sunitinib</li> <li>• Axitinib + avelumab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib (category 2B)</li> <li>• High-dose IL-2<sup>c</sup></li> <li>• Temsirolimus<sup>d</sup></li> </ul>

SUBSEQUENT THERAPY FOR CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY		
Preferred regimens	Other recommended regimens	Useful under certain circumstances
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabozantinib (category 1)</li> <li>• Nivolumab (category 1)</li> <li>• Ipilimumab + nivolumab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib (category 1)</li> <li>• Lenvatinib + everolimus (category 1)</li> <li>• Axitinib + pembrolizumab</li> <li>• Everolimus</li> <li>• Pazopanib</li> <li>• Sunitinib</li> <li>• Axitinib + avelumab (category 3)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bevacizumab or biosimilar<sup>e</sup> (category 2B)</li> <li>• Sorafenib (category 2B)</li> <li>• High-dose IL-2 for selected patients<sup>c</sup> (category 2B)</li> <li>• Temsirolimus<sup>d</sup> (category 2B)</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup> See [Risk Models to Direct Treatment \(IMDC criteria\) \(KID-D\)](#).

<sup>b</sup> Rini BI, Dorff TB, Elson P, et al. Active surveillance in metastatic renal-cell carcinoma: a prospective, phase 2 trial. *Lancet Oncol* 2016;17:1317-1324.

<sup>c</sup> Patients with excellent performance status and normal organ function.



**Figure 2.** Second-line treatment of ccRCC.

<sup>a</sup>ESMO-MCBS scores for new therapies/indications approved by the EMA since 1 January 2016. The scores have been calculated by the ESMO-MCBS Working Group and validated by the ESMO Guidelines Committee.

ccRCC, clear cell renal cell carcinoma; EMA, European Medicines Agency; ESMO-MCBS, ESMO-Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale; MCBS, Magnitude of Clinical Benefit Scale; TKI, tyrosine kinase inhibitor.

# Therapies after first line

- Cabozantinib, oral TKI
  - **METEOR III** trial showed that cabozantinib has an improved DFS as compared with everolimus as 2.nd line therapy (7.4 mo V 3.8 mo)
  - OS was found superior at cabo arm (21.4 mo V16.5 mo)
  - Subgroup analysis showed that bone metastatic patients has better DFS rates
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# Therapies after first line

- **AXIS**; previously failed from TKI or targeted therapy
  - Axitinib has compared with sorafenib
  - Axitinib has PFS advantage against sorafenib
  - 6.7 mo V 4.7 mo for PFS
  - Well tolerated drug

# Therapies after first line

- **Lenvatinib+everolimus** was compared with everolimus or lenvatinib alone in phase II, randomized multicentered trial
- Median DFS was found superior at combination arm (14.6 mo V 5.5 mo)
- Lenvatinib alone arm was found superior to everolimus alone arm at DFS

# Conclusion

- We don't know the exact drug after ICI or IO now but we will see after new studies for second line or subsequent therapies
  - We still have nivo, cabo, everol+lenvatinib, or other TKIs
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# **Cytoreductive nephrectomy**

# What about cytoreductive nephrectomy?

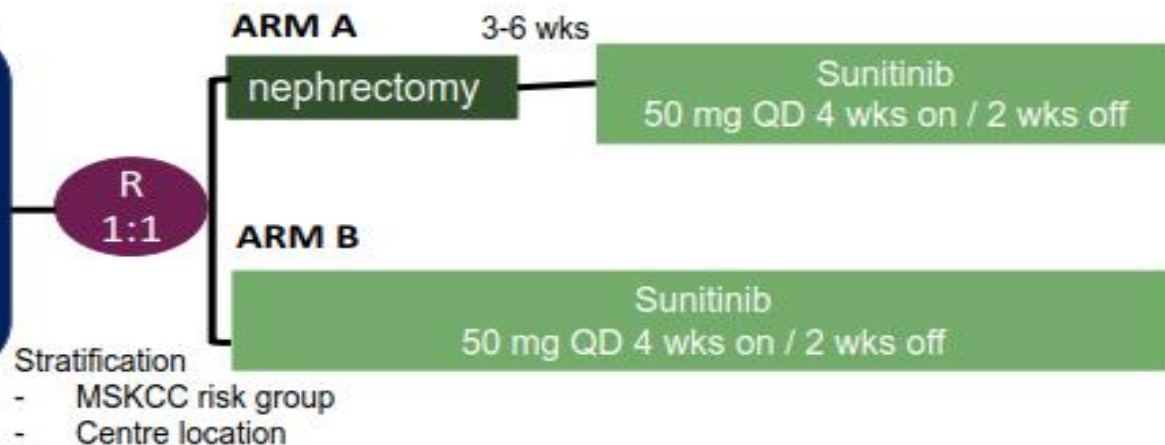
- Cytoreductive nephrectomy
- CARMENA trial
- Treatments during CARMENA

# SUNITINIB ALONE OR AFTER NEPHRECTOMY in mRCC

## CARMENA: PROSPECTIVE, MULTICENTRE, OPEN-LABEL, RANDOMISED, PHASE III NON-INFERIORITY STUDY

### Study design and conduct

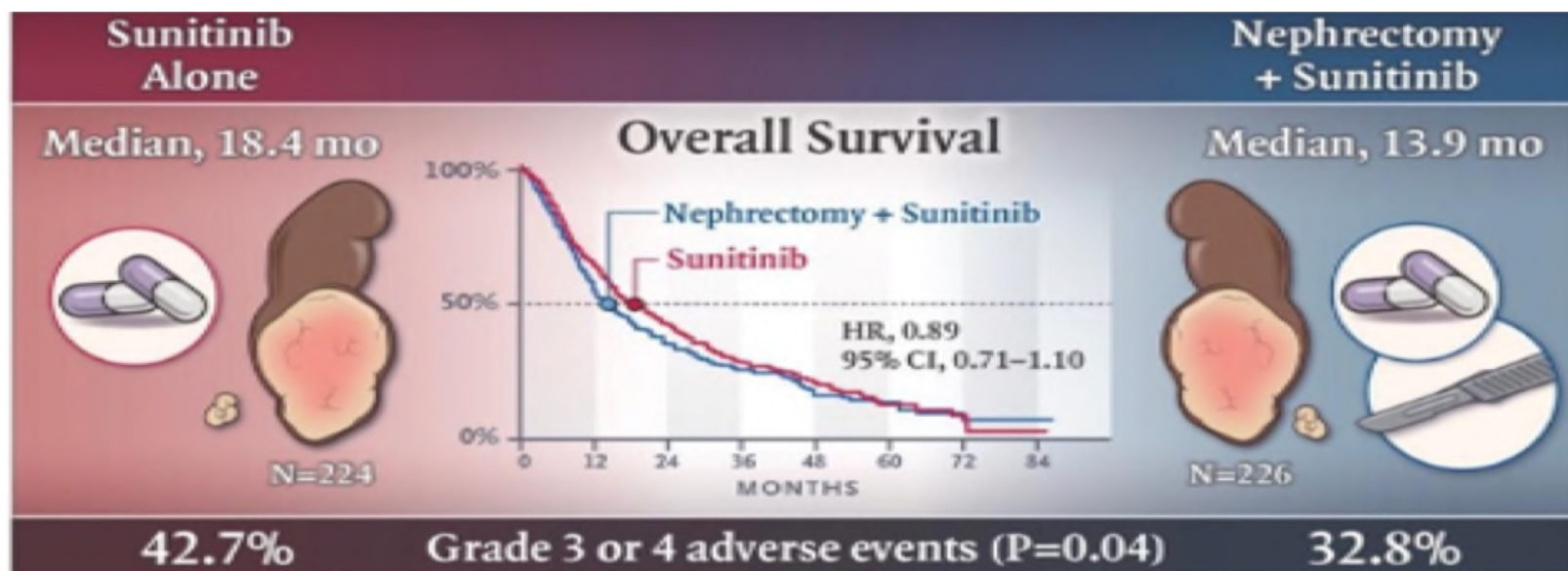
- Confirmed metastatic clear cell RCC/Biopsy
- Amenable to nephrectomy
- Eligible for sunitinib
- Brain metastases absent or controlled by treatment
- No prior systemic therapy for RCC



Primary endpoint:  
Overall Survival

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Progression-free survival, objective response rate, clinical benefit, safety

MSKCC: Memorial Sloan Kettering Center; QD: once daily; R: randomisation; RCC: renal cell carcinoma



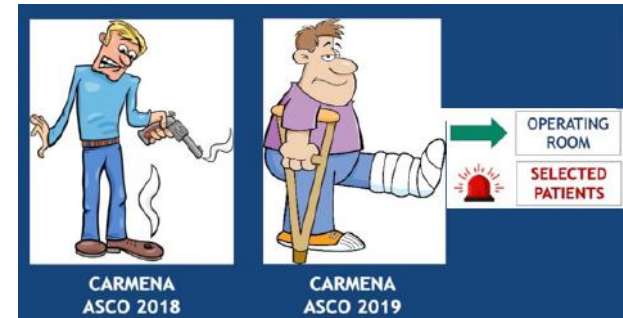
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Median OS, months (95% CI)	Arm A: Nephrectomy + Sunitinib (n=226)	Arm B: Sunitinib Alone (n=224)	HR (95% CI)
Overall	13.9 (11.8-18.3)	18.4 (14.7-23.0)	0.89 (0.71-1.10)
MSKCC intermediate risk	19.0 (12.0-28.0)	23.4 (17.0-32.0)	0.92 (0.6-1.24)
MSKCC poor risk	10.2 (9.0-14.0)	13.3 (9.0-17.0)	0.86 (0.62-1.17)

Non-inferiority study  $\leq 1.20$

# SUMMARY



- Using either the IMDC or MSKCC criteria, CN is not the standard of care.
- In the poor risk group, patients receiving sunitinib alone had better overall survival compared with patients receiving CN.
- The number of metastatic sites did not correlate with overall survival outcomes.
- Patients with delayed nephrectomy had longer OS .





*Thank you for your attention!*