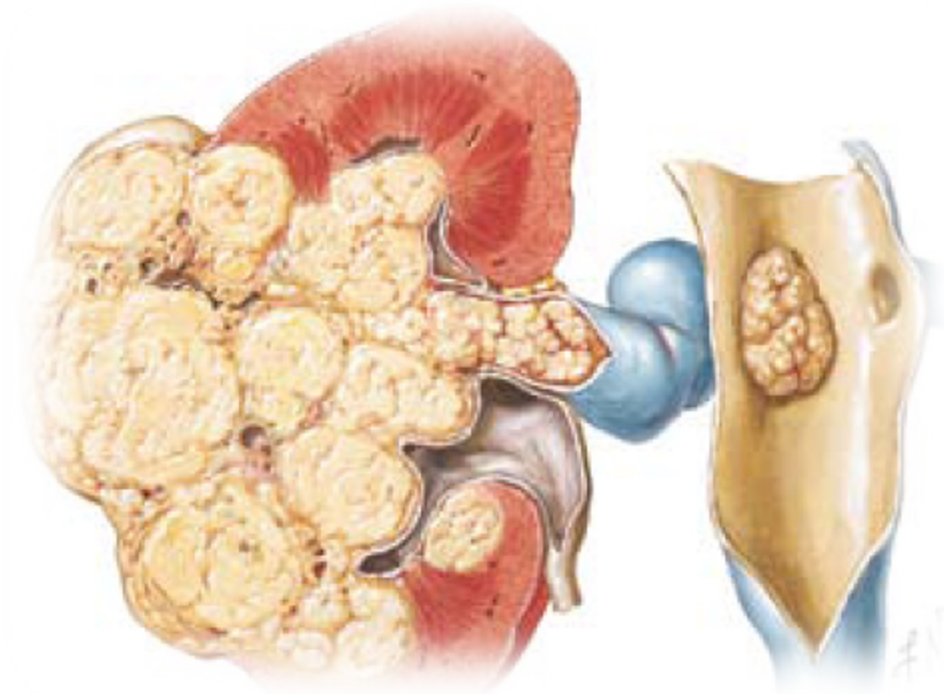


Systemisk behandling av avansert og metastatisk nyrecancer



Norsk onkologisk
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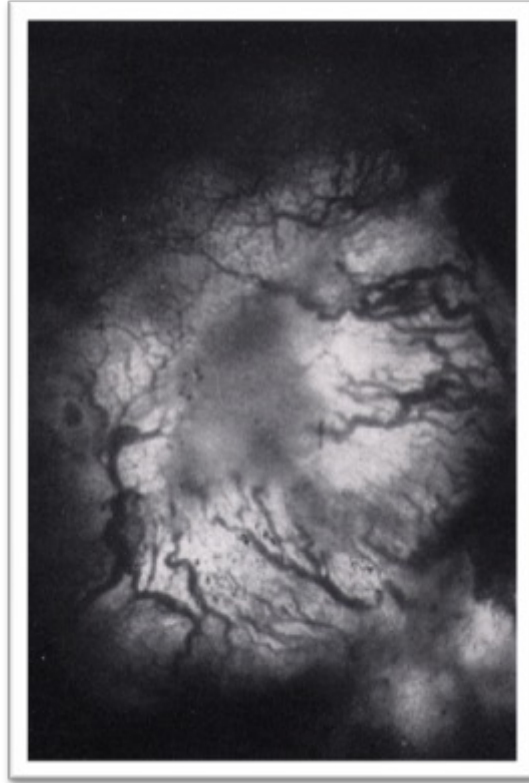
DEN NORSKE LEGEFORENING

Daniel Heinrich
Onkologisk avdeling
Sykehuset Innlandet

Potensielle interessekonflikter

- Deltakelse i AdBoard: Astellas, AstraZeneca, Bayer, Eisai, IPSEN, Janssen-Cilag, Organon, Roche
- Honorert foredragsholder: AAA, a Novartis company, Astellas, Bayer, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Dagens Medisin, EUSA Pharma, IPSEN, Janssen-Cilag, Novartis, PROFO, Statens Legemiddelverk
- Forskningsstøtte:
(sykehus, ikke personlig) AstraZeneca, Bayer, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Janssen-Cilag, Merck Sharp & Dohme, Pfizer, Roche

The advent of the angiogenesis hypothesis



'One is almost forced to the conclusion that there is, associated with the viable growing tumour, some blood vessel growth stimulating factor'

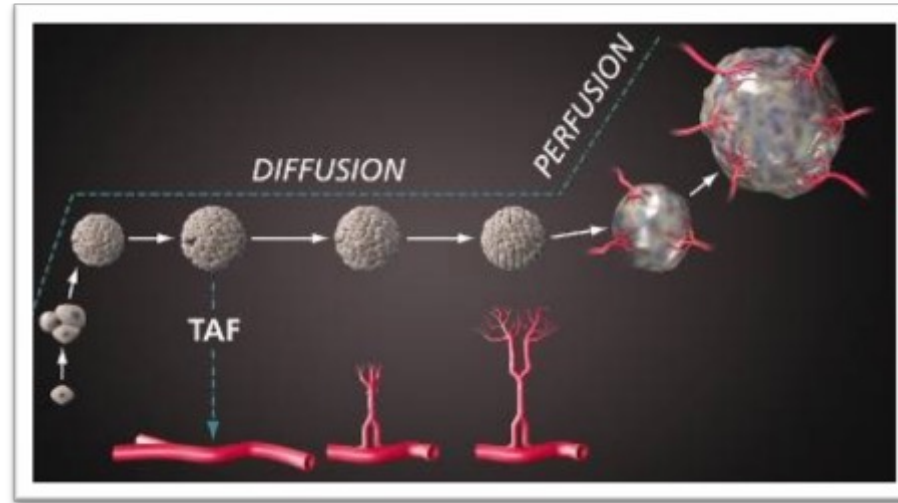
- Gordon Ide, 1939

↓ 1939



Ide, et al. Am J Roentgenol 1939

The anti-angiogenesis theory, a new way of thinking



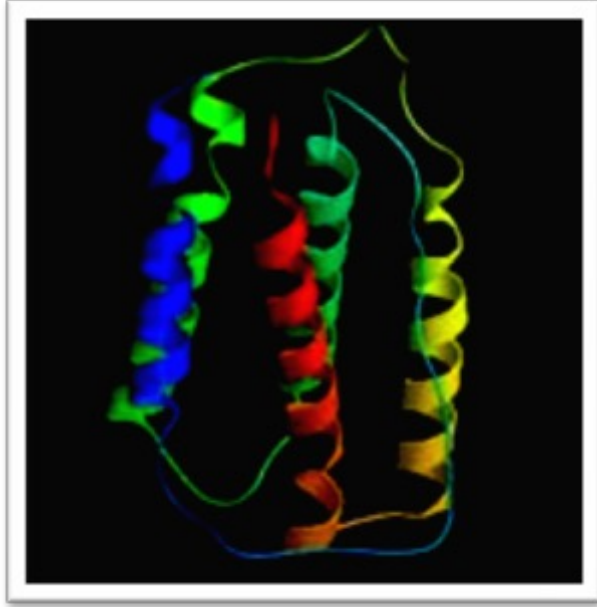
Judah Folkman

- Isolates '*a tumour factor responsible for angiogenesis*'¹
- Controversial hypothesis '*tumours are dependent on angiogenesis*'²



1. Folkman, J Exp Med 1971; 2. Folkman, NEJM 1971

The excitement of the cytokine era



1950s: IFN discovered

1980s: clinical trials using IFN

IFN in kidney cancer: proven efficacy, increased OS

Therapy of choice in Europe early 2000s



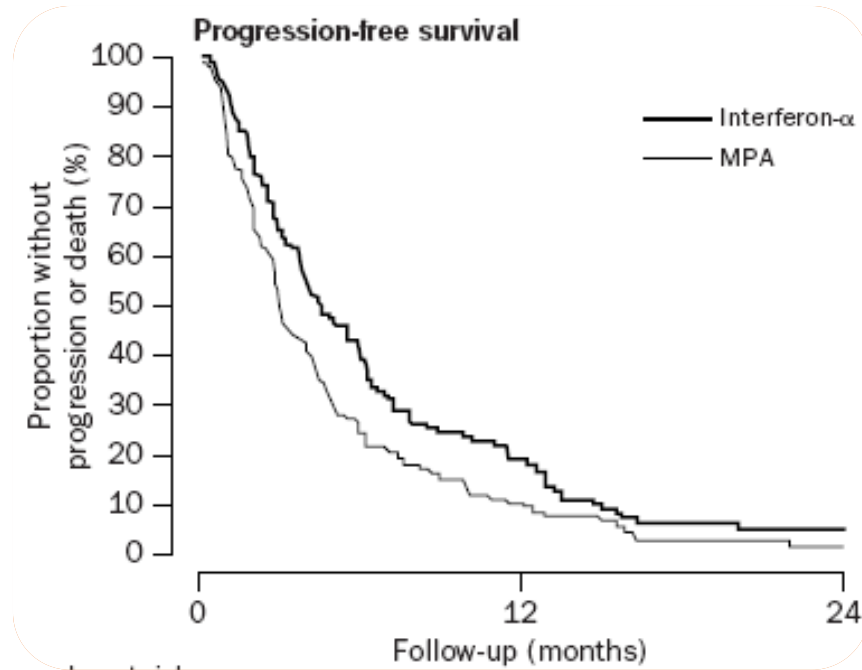
Haemangiomas

Some therapy resistant and life threatening

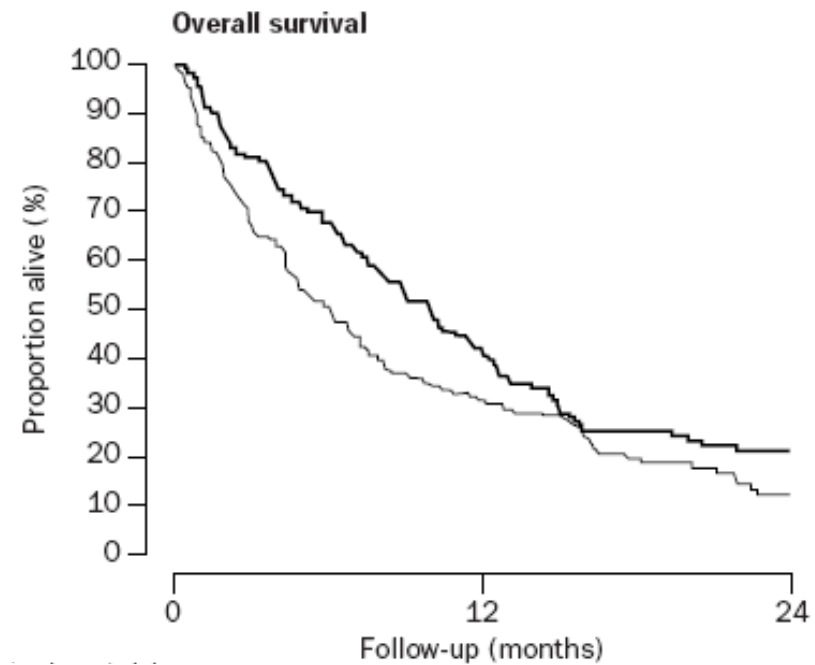


After 11 months of IFN treatment

Interferon

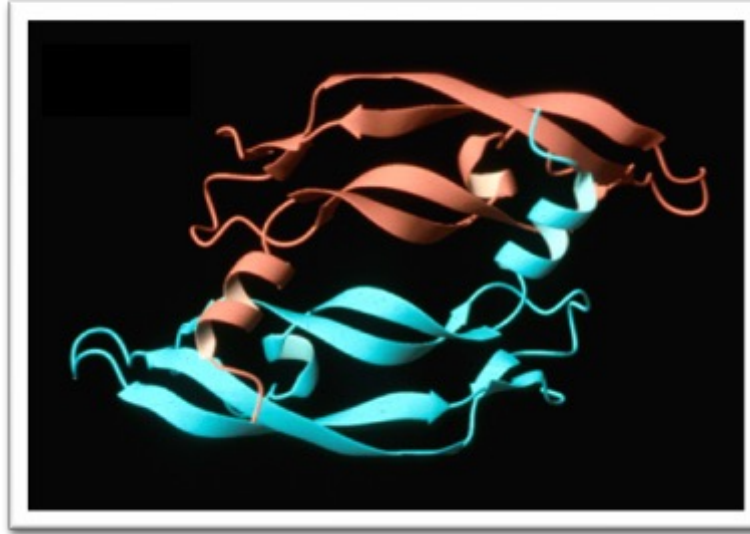


PFS 5,0 months
OS 11,4 months



MRCRCC, Lancet 1999

VEGF, the key mediator of angiogenesis



- Senger - vascular permeability factor (VPF) identified as important to tumour growth¹
- Ferrara - discovers vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)²
- VEGF and VPF shown to be identical

↓ 1980s



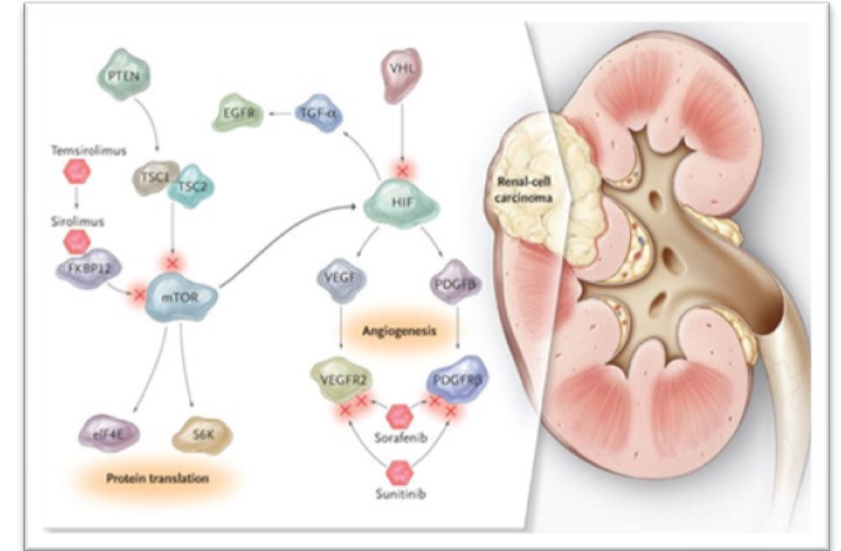
Identification of VHL



Eugen von Hippel:
"Ueber eine sehr
seltene Erkrankung
der Netzhaut" 1904



Arvid Lindau: "Studien über
Kleinhirncysten, Bau,
Pathenogenese und Beziehungen
zur Angiomatosis retinae., 1926

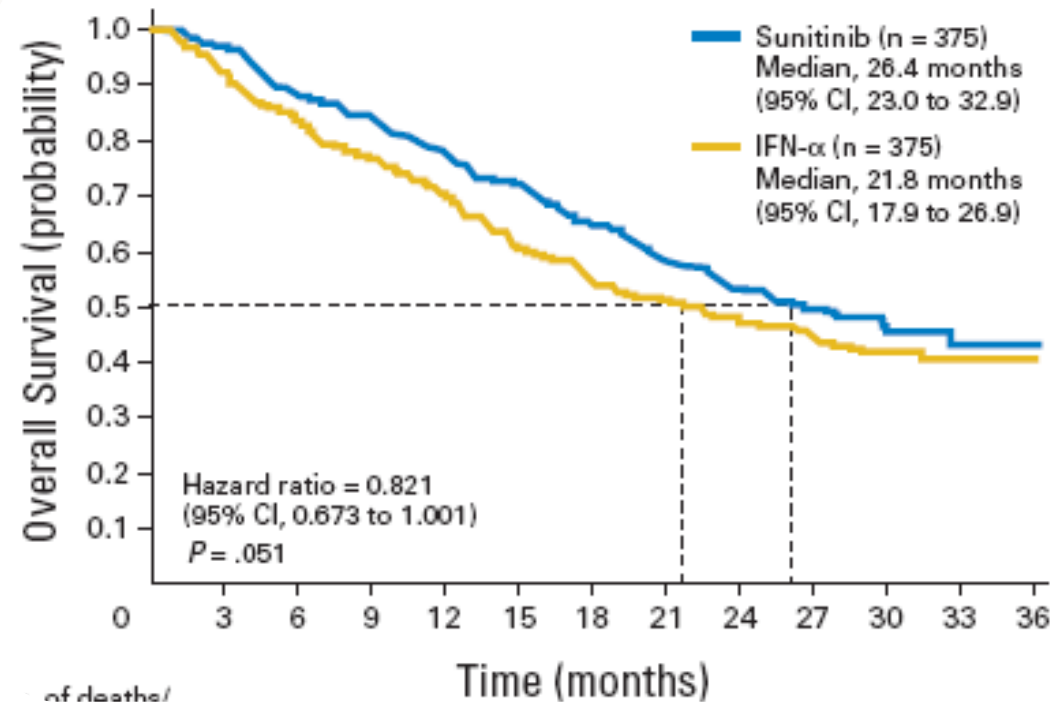
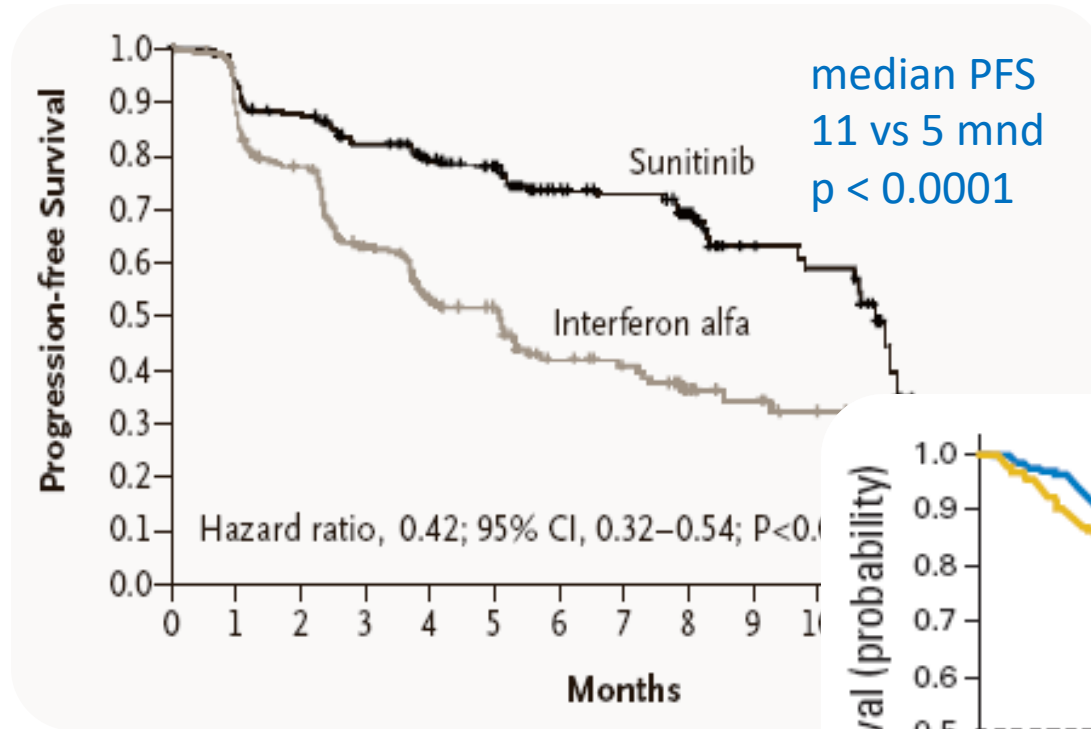


Latif et al (1993) identify VHL gene
mutation and link to clear-cell RCC

1993



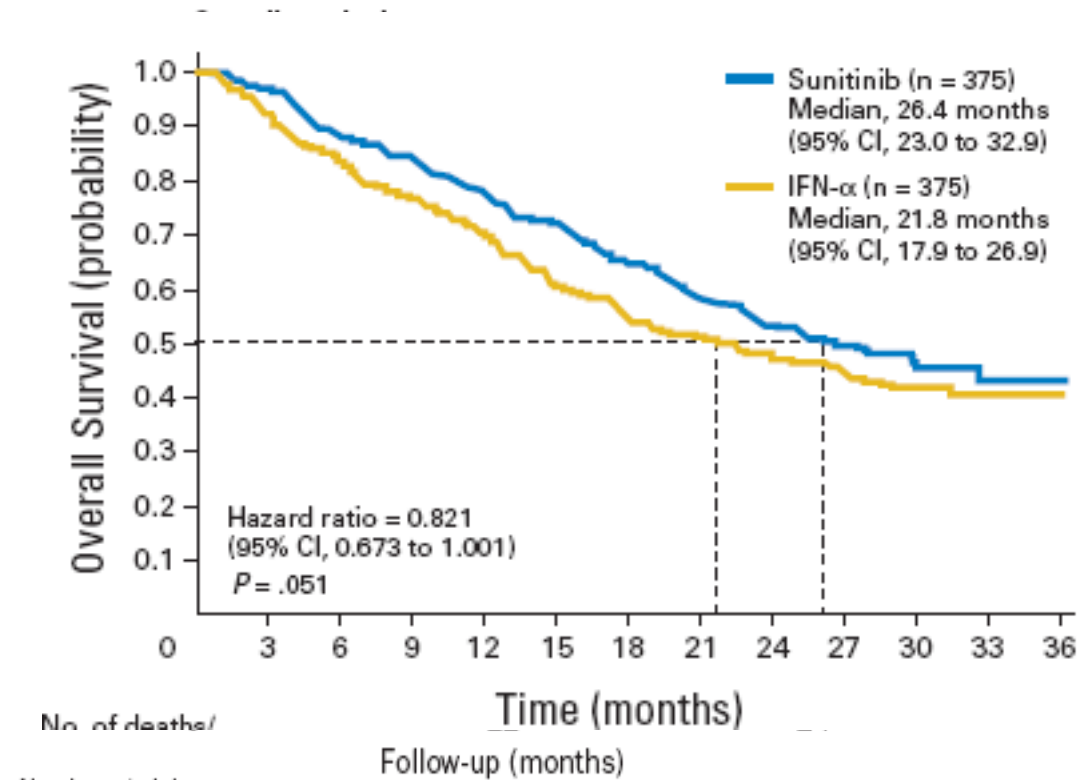
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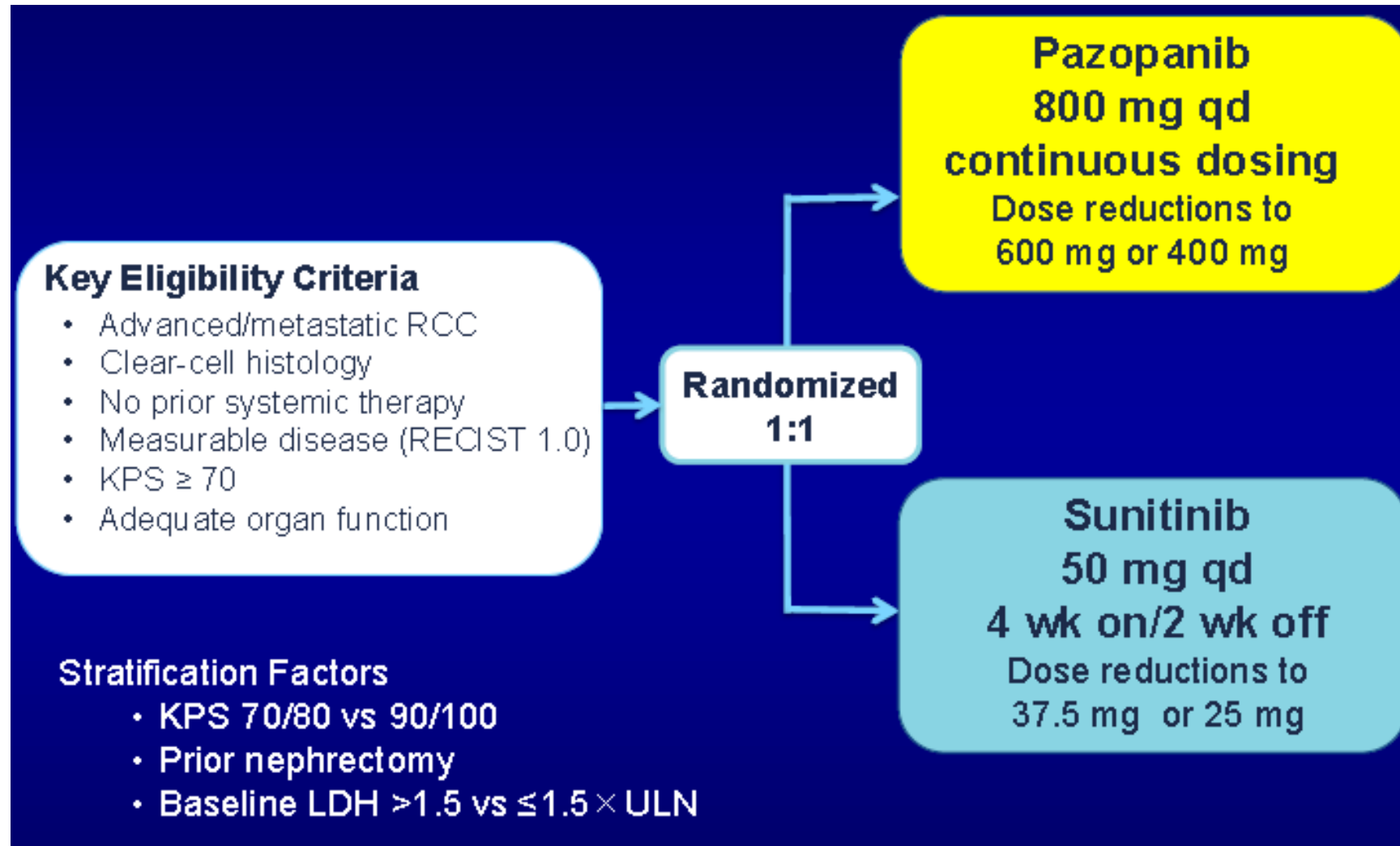
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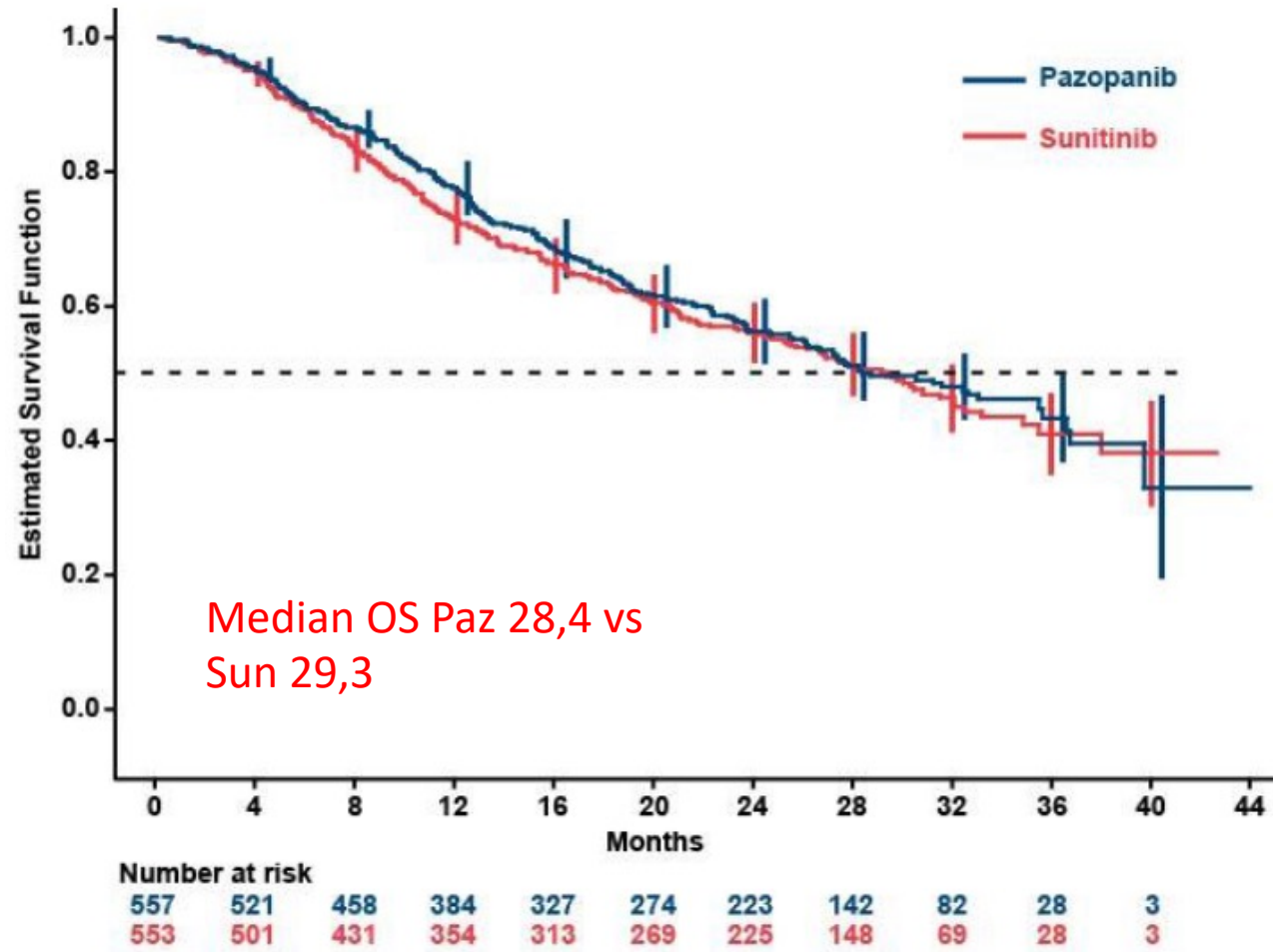
Improvement?



Sunitinib vs Pazopanib - COMPARZ

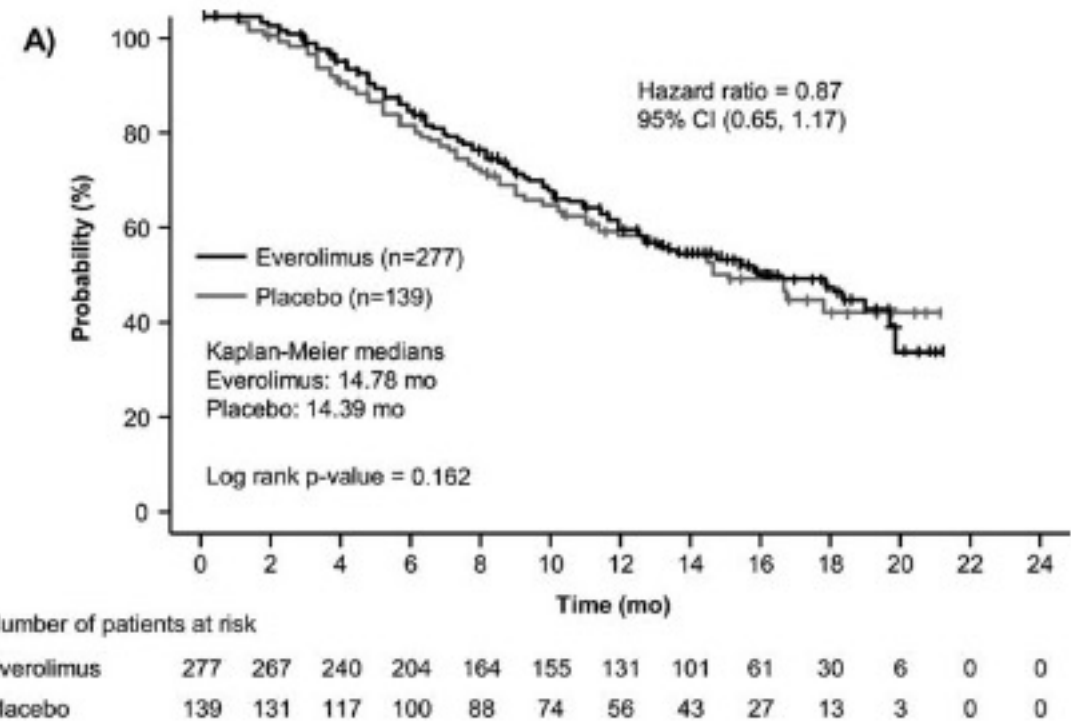
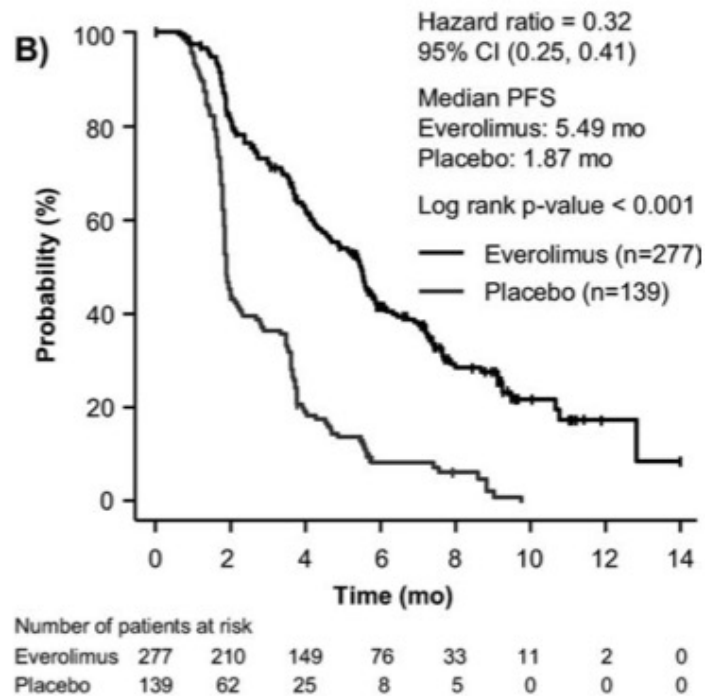


1. line - Pazopanib vs Sunitinib

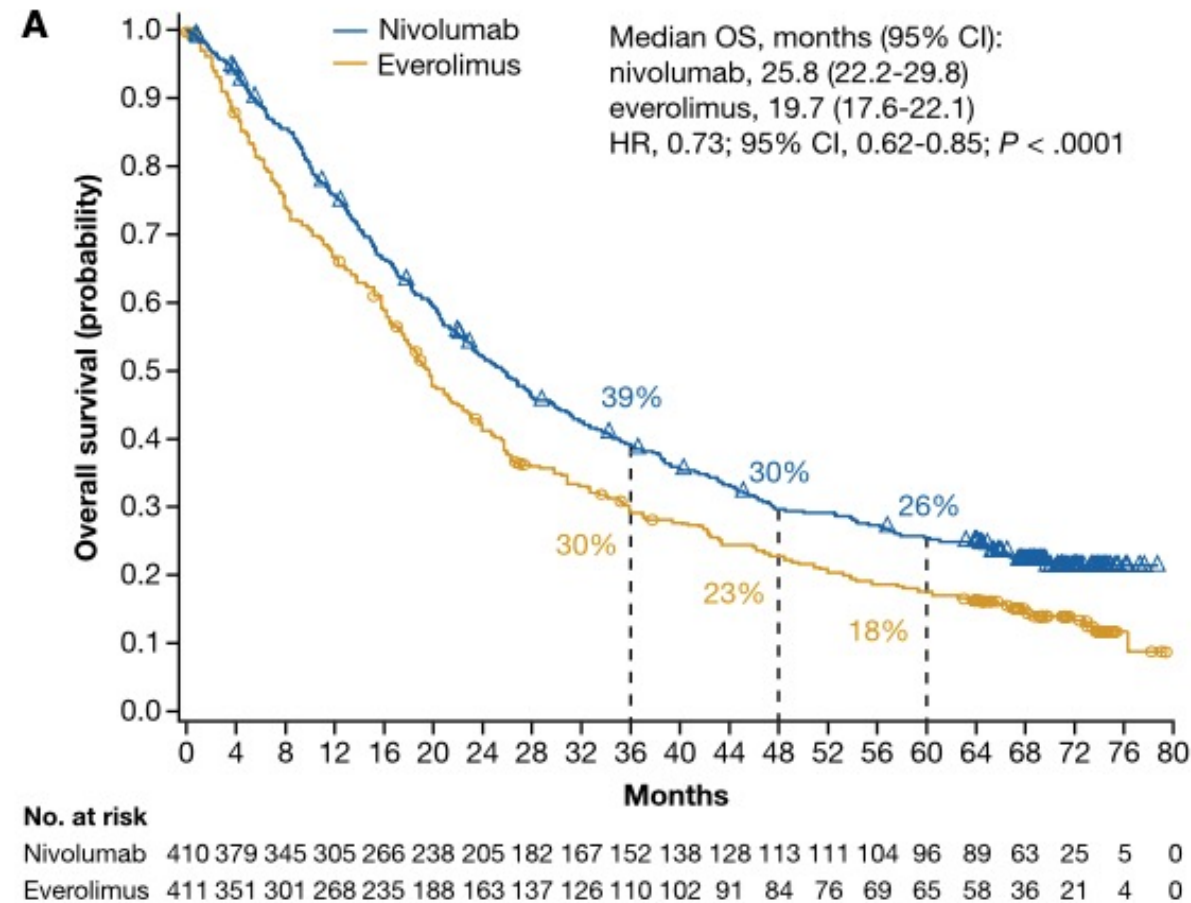


2. line therapy after 1. line TKI

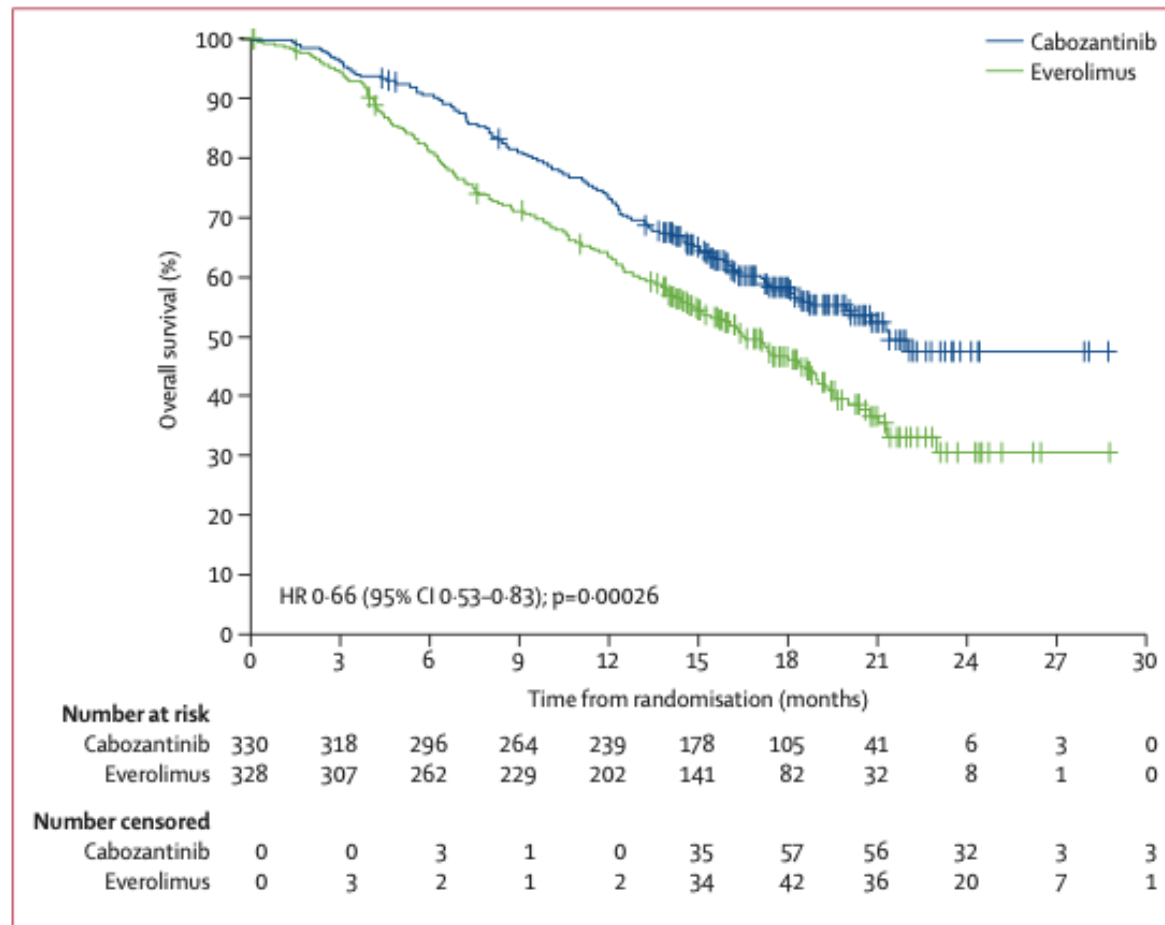
- Everolimus established 2008



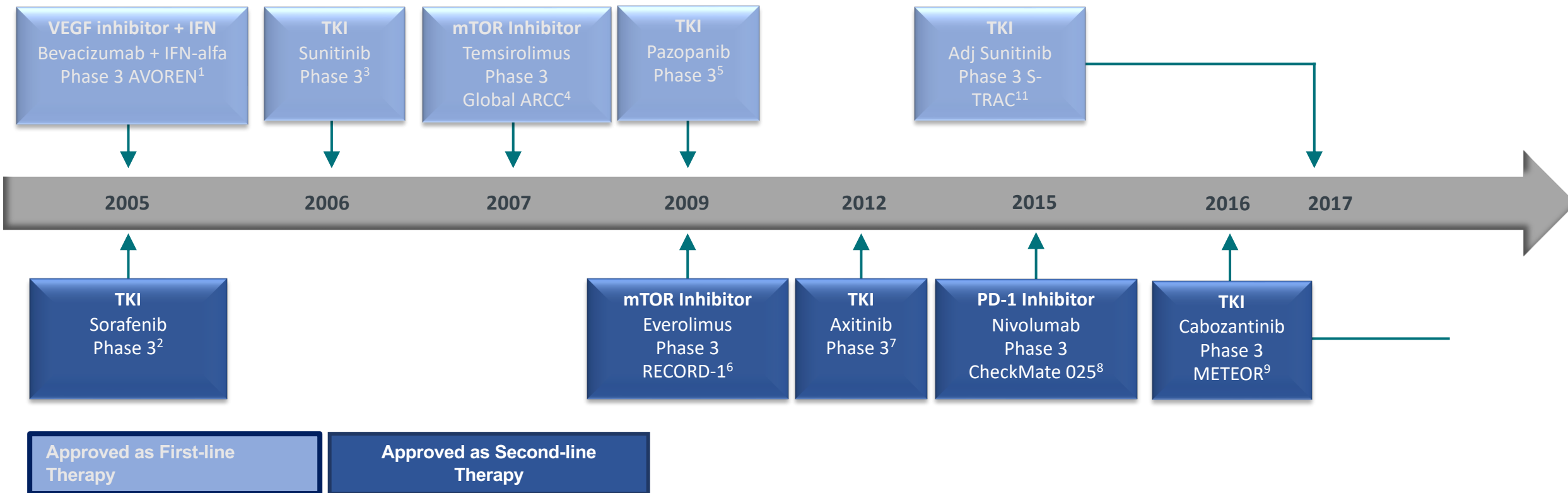
Nivolumab vs Everolimus (CheckMate 025)



Cabozantinib vs Everolimus (METEOR)



(R)Evolution of treatment opportunities for mRCC 2005–2017



What has happened since then?

CTLA-4 Inhibitor

**Ipilimumab +
nivolumab**
(intermediate/
poor risk)
CheckMate -214

**PD-1 and PD-L1
Inhibitors**

**Pembrolizumab +
axitinib**
(all risk groups)
KEYNOTE-426

**Avelumab +
axitinib**
(all risk groups)
JAVELIN
Renal 101

**Nivolumab +
cabozantinib**
(all risk groups)
Checkmate-9ER

**Pembrolizumab +
Lenvatinib**
(all risk groups)
CLEAR

TKIs

CheckMate 214

Key eligibility criteria

- Treatment naïve, inoperable, locally advanced, or metastatic RCC
- Clear-cell histology^a
- KPS ≥70%

Stratification

- IMDC prognostic score (0 vs 1-2 vs 3-6)
- Region (United States vs Canada/Europe vs rest of the world)

N = 1,096

R

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Nivolumab 3 mg/kg IV every 3 wk + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg IV every 3 wk x 4 doses, then nivolumab 3 mg/kg every 2 wk

Sunitinib 50 mg orally daily (4 wk on, 2 wk off)

Endpoints

- **Coprimary:** PFS, OS, ORR (intermediate/poor risk)
- **Secondary:** PFS, OS, ORR (ITT)
- **Exploratory:** PFS, OS, ORR (favorable risk)

Overall and Progression Free Survival

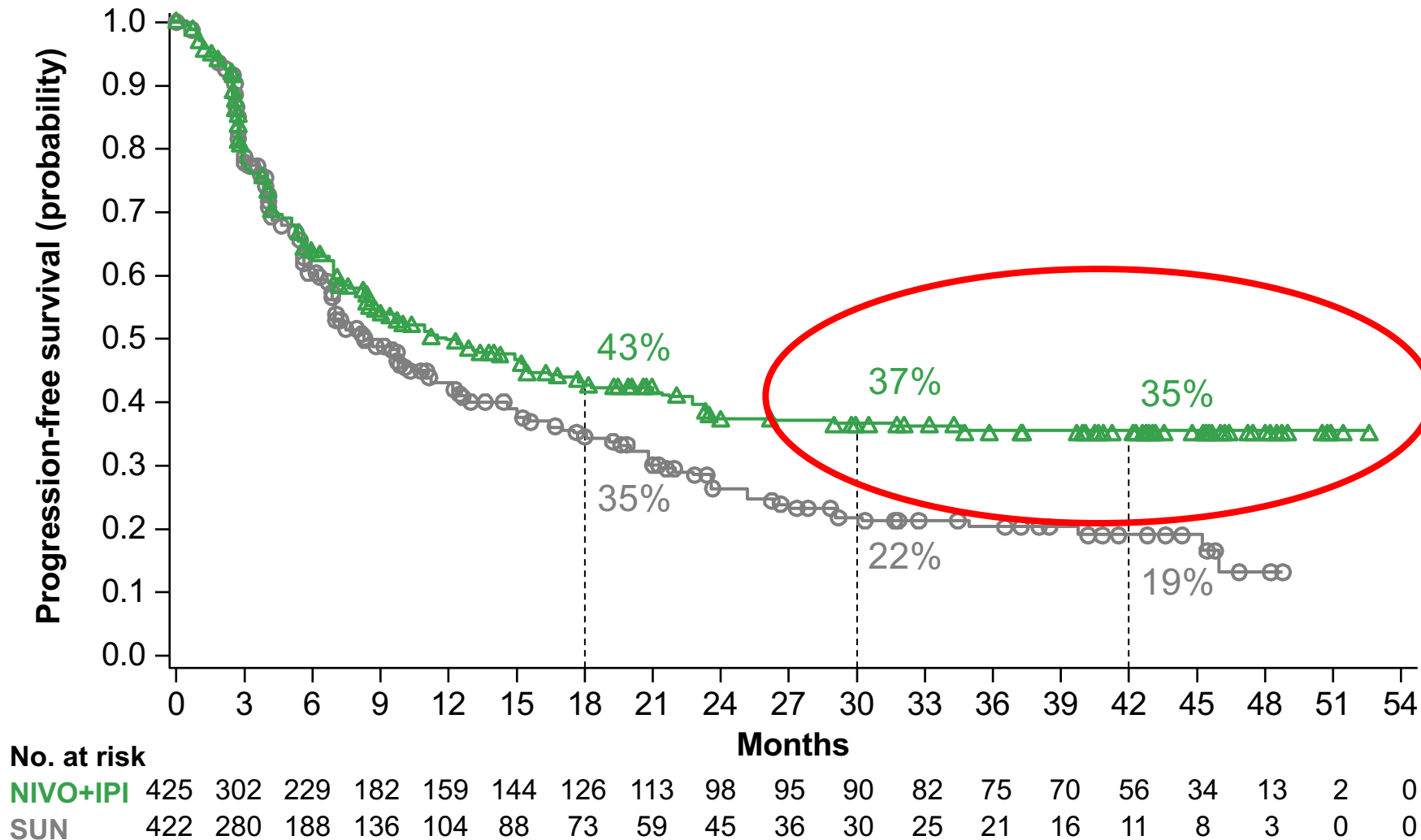
Primary efficacy population: Intermediate/poor-risk patients

Minimum Follow-Up, mo	Median OS, mo (95% CI)		Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	
	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (n = 425)	Sunitinib (n = 422)	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (n = 425)	Sunitinib (n = 422)
17.5 ¹	NR (28.2-NE)	26.0 (22.1-NE)	11.6 (8.7-15.5)	8.4 (7.0-10.8)
	HR (99.8% CI) 0.63 (0.44-0.89); <i>P</i> < .001		HR (99.1% CI) 0.82 (0.64-1.05); <i>P</i> = .03	
30 ²	NR (35.6-NE)	26.6 (22.1-33.4)	8.2 (6.9-10.0)	8.3 (7.0-8.8)
	HR (95% CI) 0.66 (0.54-0.80); <i>P</i> < .0001		HR (95% CI) 0.77 (0.65-0.90); <i>P</i> = .0014	
42 ³	47.0 (35.6-NE)	26.6 (22.1-33.5)	11.6 (8.4-15.5)	8.3 (7.0-10.8)
	HR (95% CI) 0.66 (0.55-0.80); <i>P</i> < .0001		HR (95% CI) 0.75 (0.62-0.90); <i>P</i> = .0015	
48 ⁴	48.1 (35.6-NE)	26.6 (22.1-33.5)	11.2 (8.4-16.1)	8.3 (7.0-10.8)
	HR (95% CI) 0.65 (0.54-0.78); <i>P</i> < .0001		HR (95% CI) 0.74 (0.62-0.88); <i>P</i> = .0015	
60 ⁵	47.0 (35.4-57.4)	26.6 (22.1-33.5)	11.6 (8.4-16.5)	8.3 (7.0-10.4)
	HR (95% CI) 0.68 (0.58-0.81); <i>P</i> < .0001		HR (95% CI) 0.73 (0.61-0.87); <i>P</i> = .0004	

1. Motzer RJ et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2018. PMID: 29562145. 2. Motzer RJ et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2019. PMID: 31427204. 3. Motzer RJ et al. *J Immunother Cancer*. 2020. PMID: 32661118. 4. Albiges L. et al., *ESMO Open*, 2021. PMID: 33246931. 5. Motzer R.J. et al., *ESMO Annual Congress*, 2021.

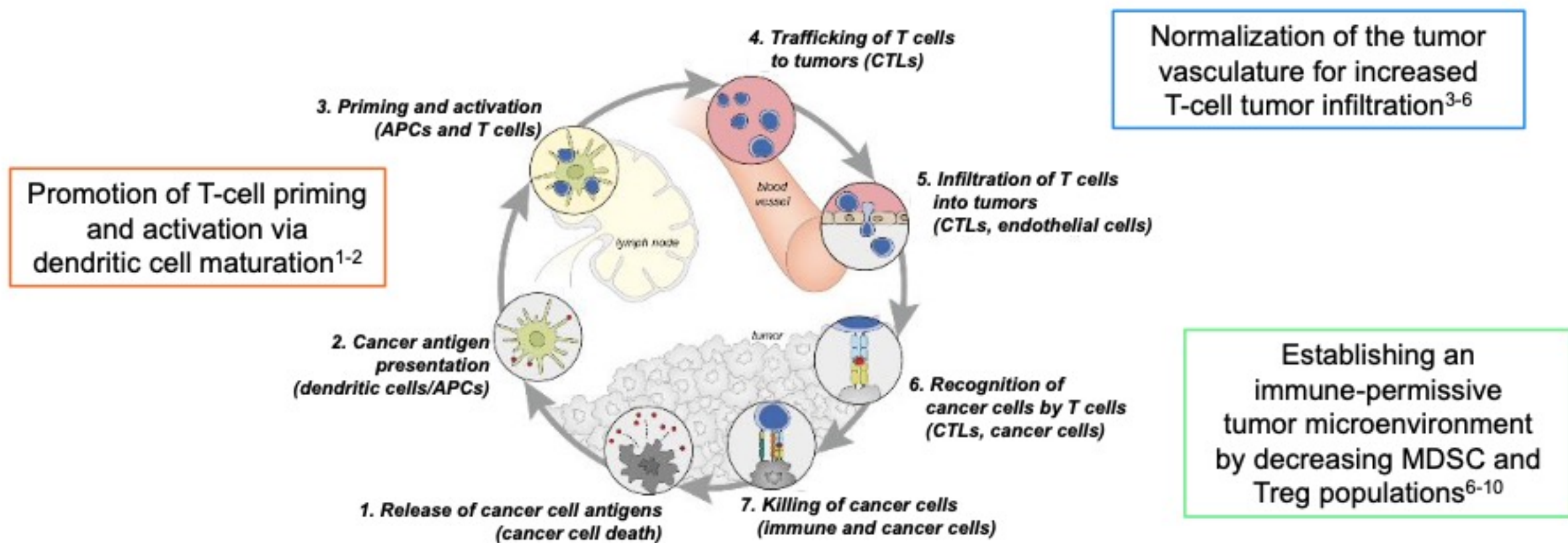
PFS per IRRC

Primary efficacy population: Intermediate/poor-risk patients



Minimum follow-up	PFS	NIVO+IPI N = 425	SUN N = 422
17.5 mo ¹	Median, mo (95% CI)	11.6 (8.7–15.5)	8.4 (7.0–10.8)
	HR (99.1% CI) <i>P</i> = 0.03	0.82 (0.64–1.05)	
42 mo	Median, mo (95% CI)	12.0 (8.7–15.5)	8.3 (7.0–11.1)
	HR (95% CI) <i>P</i> < 0.01	0.76 (0.63–0.91)	

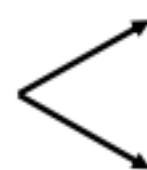
Rationale for Combining Immunotherapy with VEGF-targeted Therapy



➔ T-cell mediated cancer cell killing may be enhanced through reversal of VEGF-mediated immunosuppression

KEYNOTE 426¹

Treatment-naïve clear-cell RCC
(N = 861)



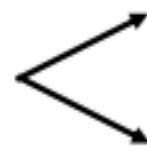
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Axitinib 5 mg PO BID**

Sunitinib 50 mg PO QD (4/2)

1° EP: PFS/OS

JAVELIN Renal 101²

Treatment-naïve clear-cell RCC;
(N = 886)



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

Sunitinib 50 mg PO (4/2)

1° EP: PFS/OS
PD-L1+ pts

CM 9ER³

Treatment-naïve clear cell RCC;
(N = 651)



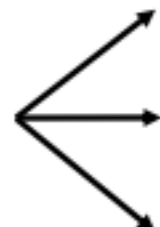
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Sunitinib 50 mg (4/2)

1° EP: PFS

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Treatment-naïve clear cell RCC;
(N = 1069)

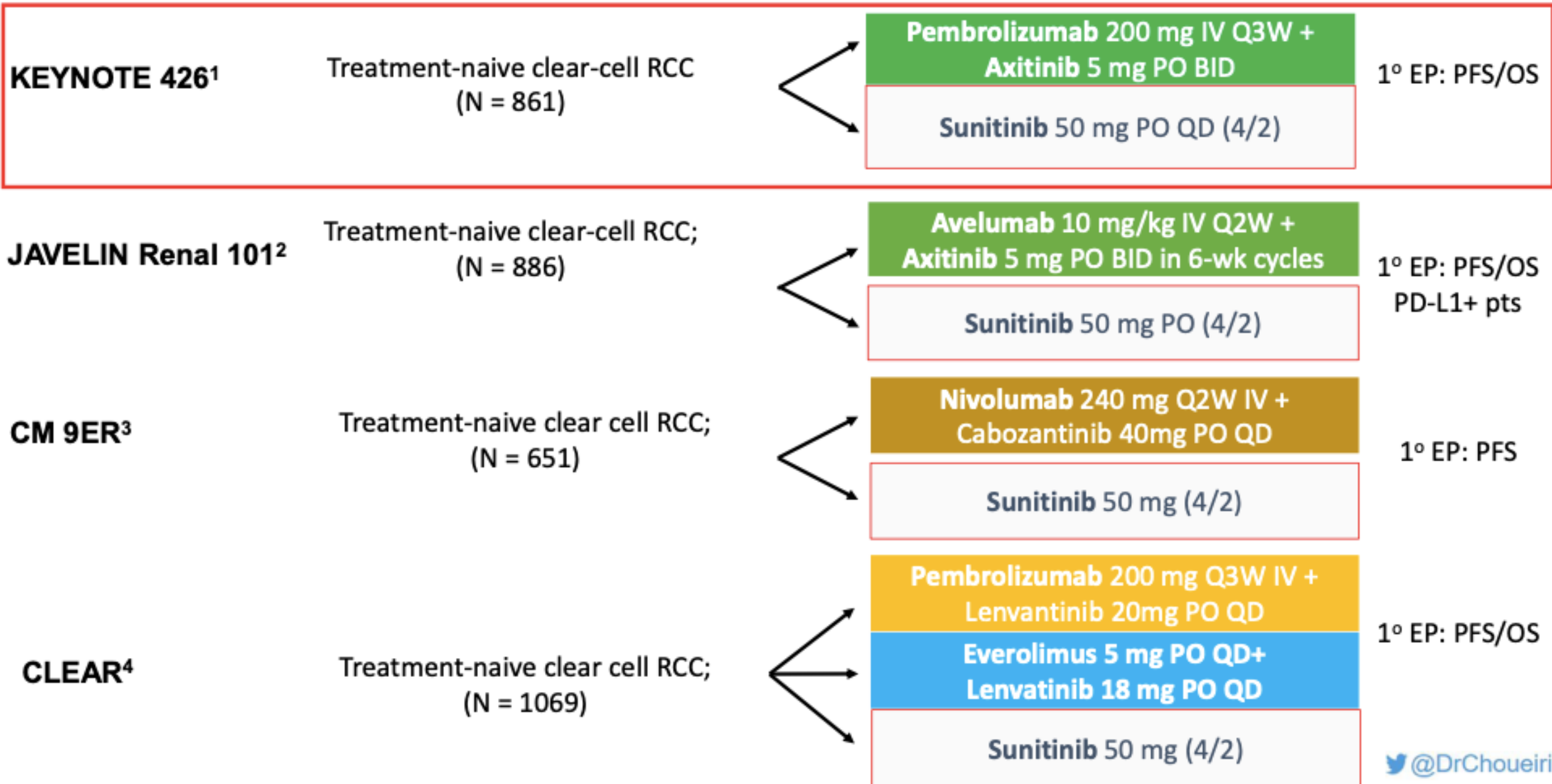


**Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W IV +
Lenvatinib 20mg PO QD**

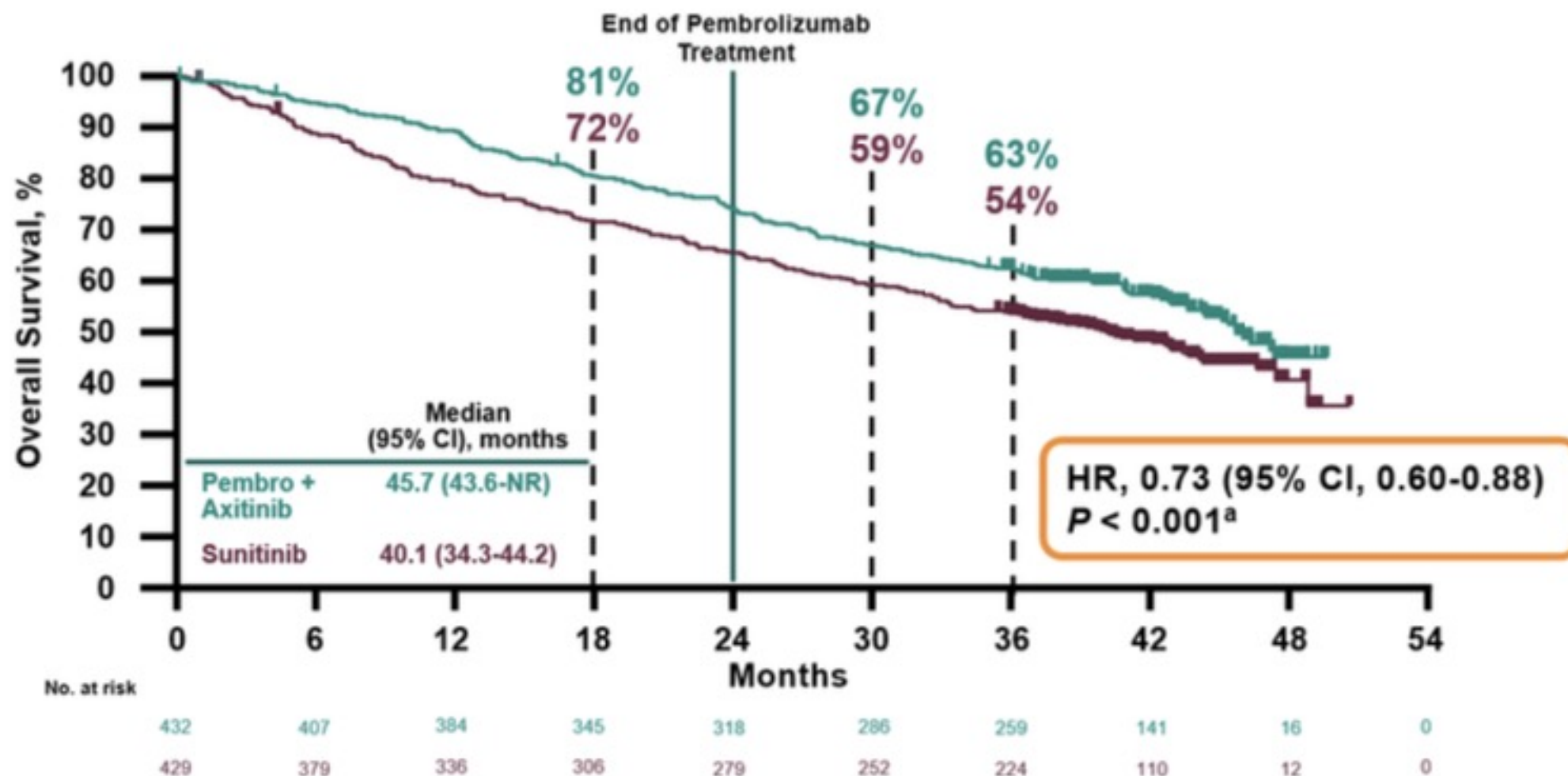
**Everolimus 5 mg PO QD+
Lenvatinib 18 mg PO QD**

Sunitinib 50 mg (4/2)

1° EP: PFS/OS

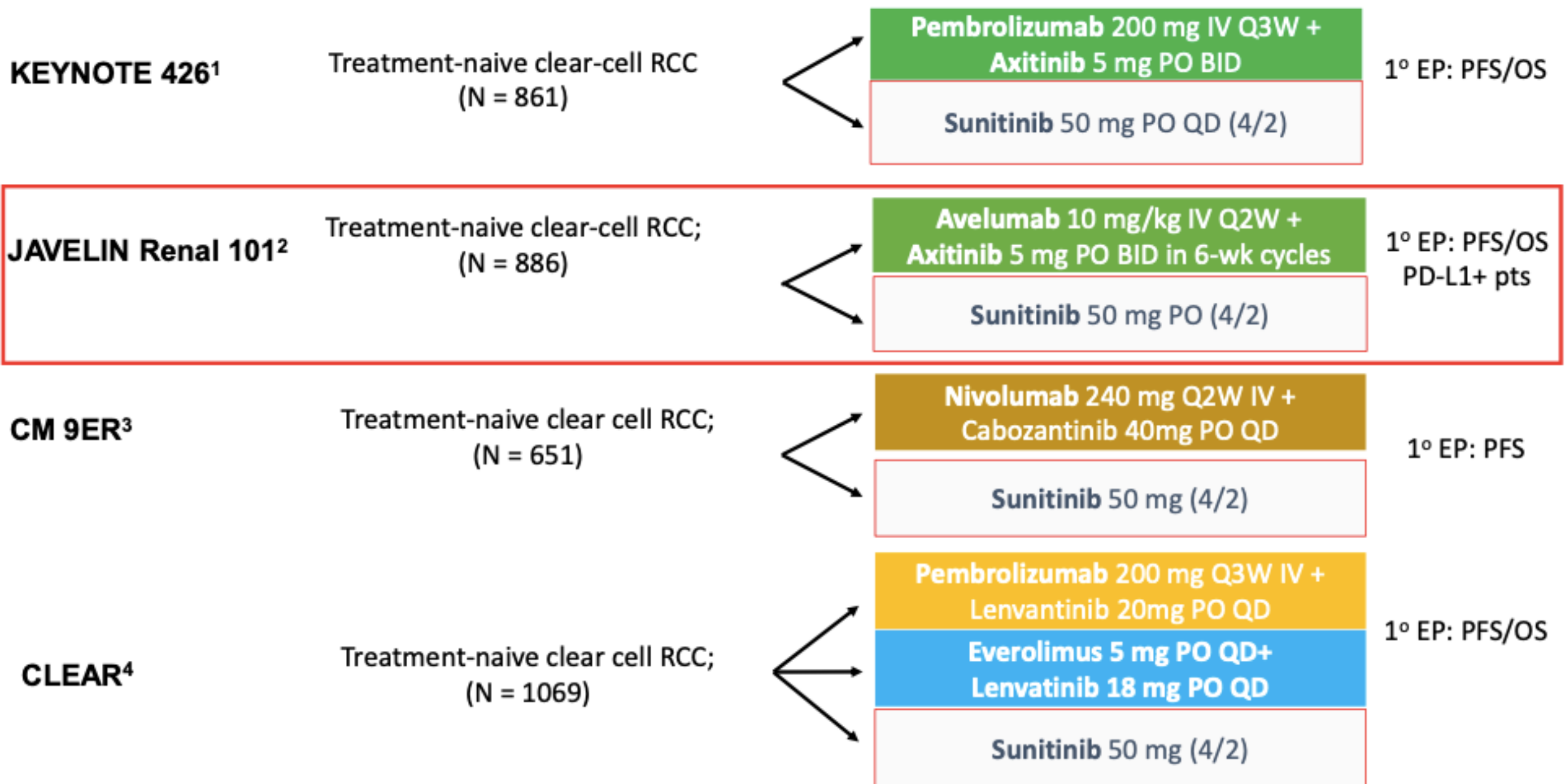


OS in the ITT Population (co-primary endpoint)



KEYNOTE-426 Highlights

Median follow-up (months)	12.8	30.6	42.8
OS, months	NR	NR	45.7
HR (95% CI)	0.53 (0.38-0.74)	0.68 (0.55-0.85)	0.73 (0.6-0.88)
PFS, months	15.1	15.4	15.7
HR (95% CI)	0.69 (0.57-0.84)	0.71 (0.6-0.84)	0.68 (0.58-0.8)
ORR(%) / CR(%)	59/6	60/9	60/10



Javelin Renal 101- Highlights

Key eligibility criteria:

- Treatment-naïve aRCC with a clear cell component
- ≥ 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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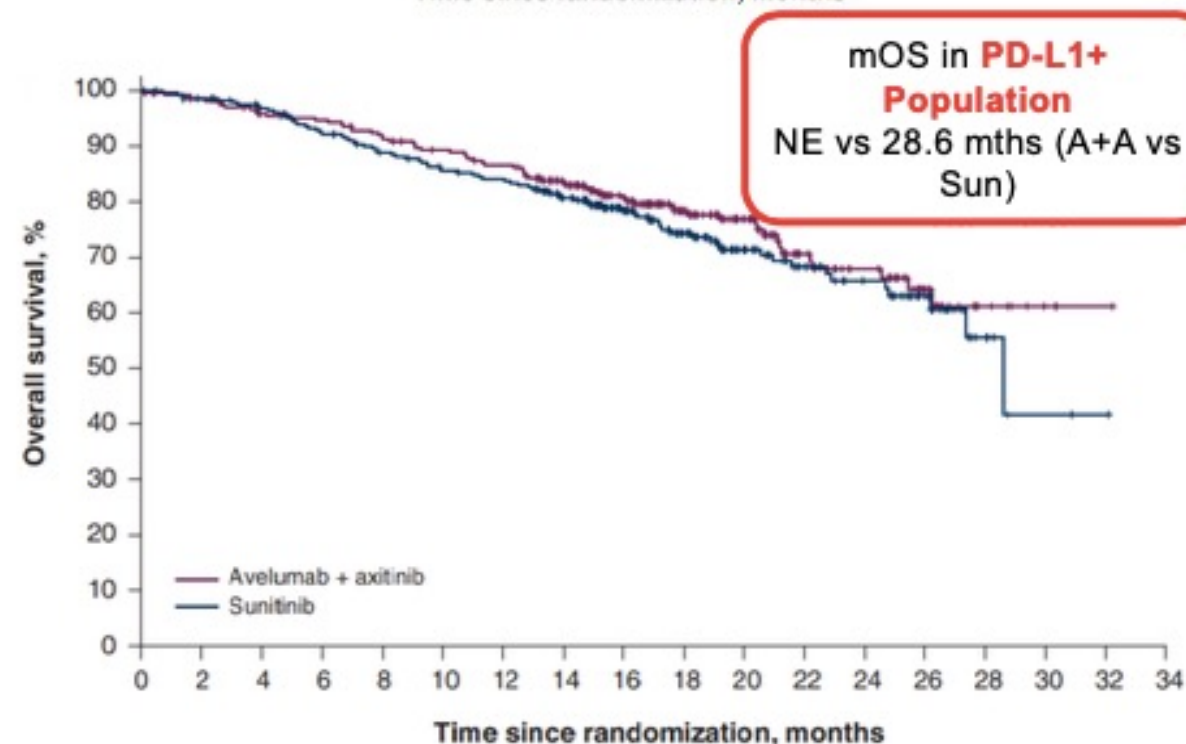
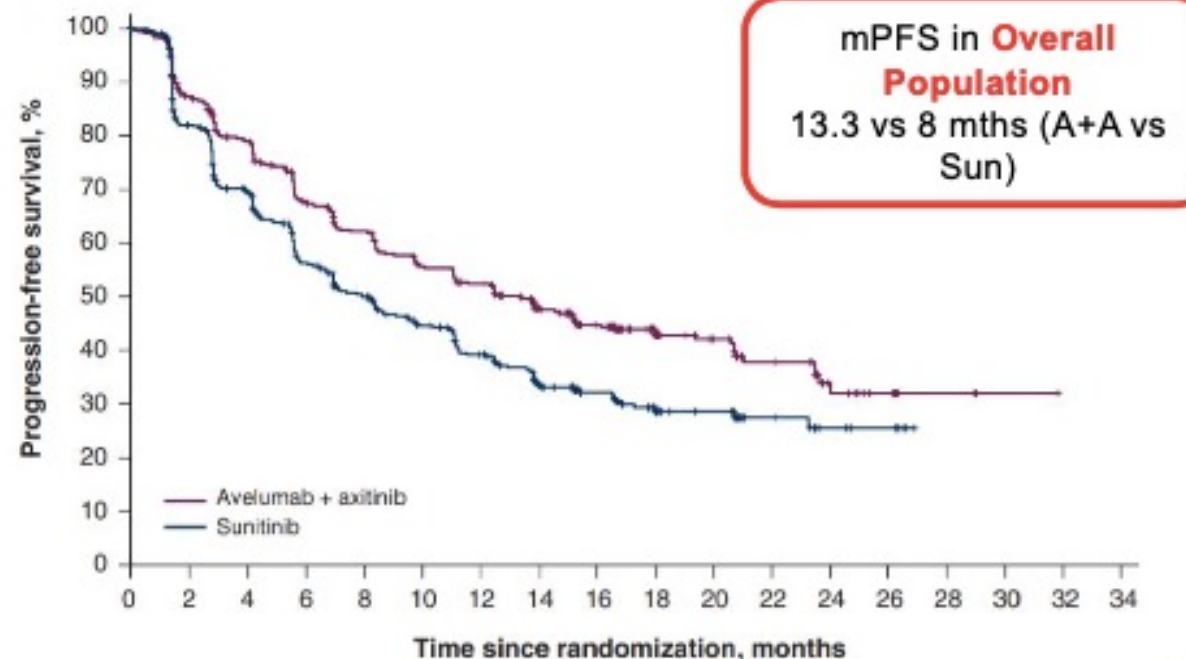
Avelumab 10 mg/kg IV Q2W
+
Axitinib 5 mg PO BID
(6-week cycle)

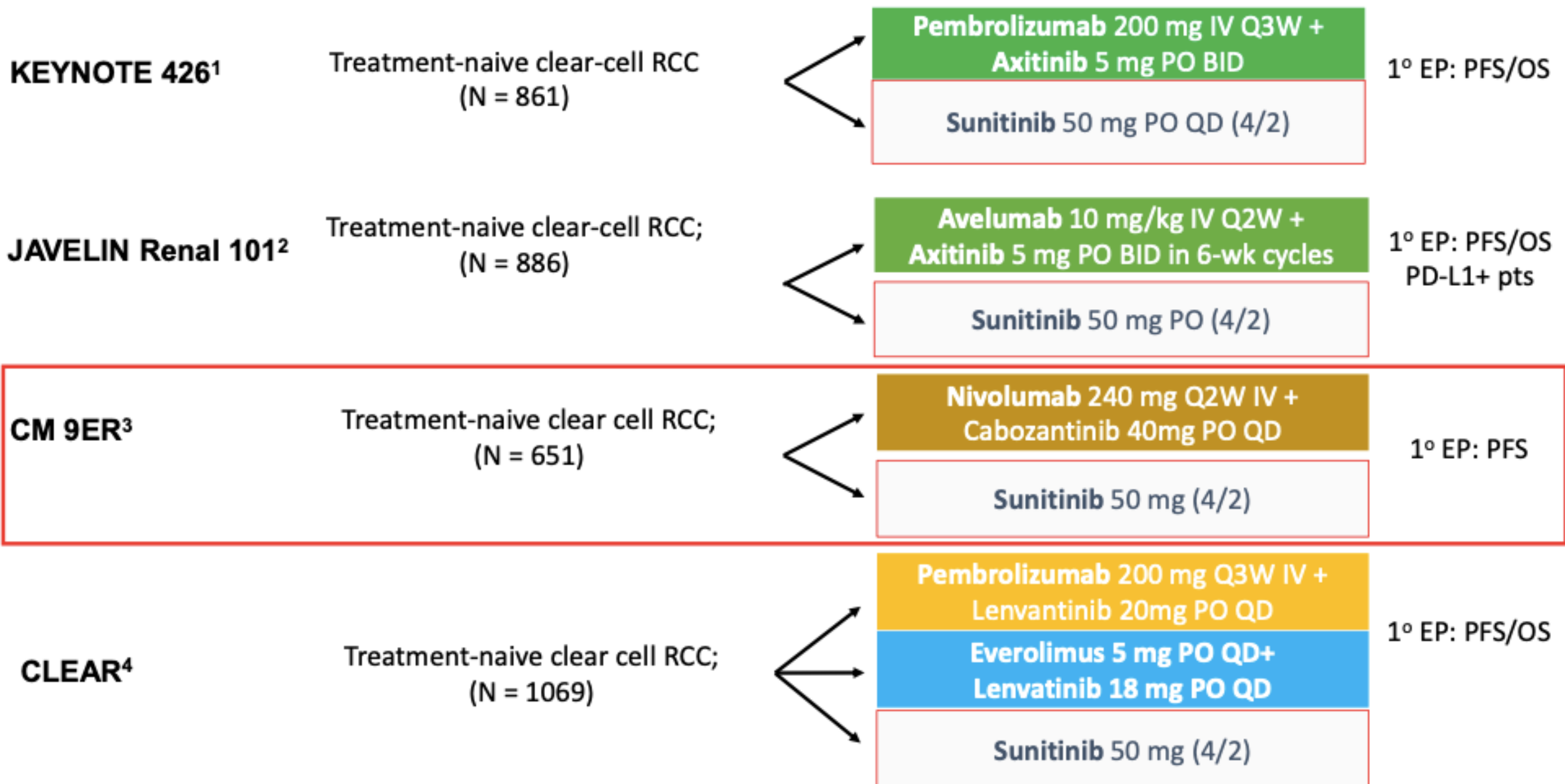
Sunitinib 50 mg PO QD
(4 weeks on, 2 weeks off)

Primary Endpoint: PFS or OS in patients with PD-L1+ tumors

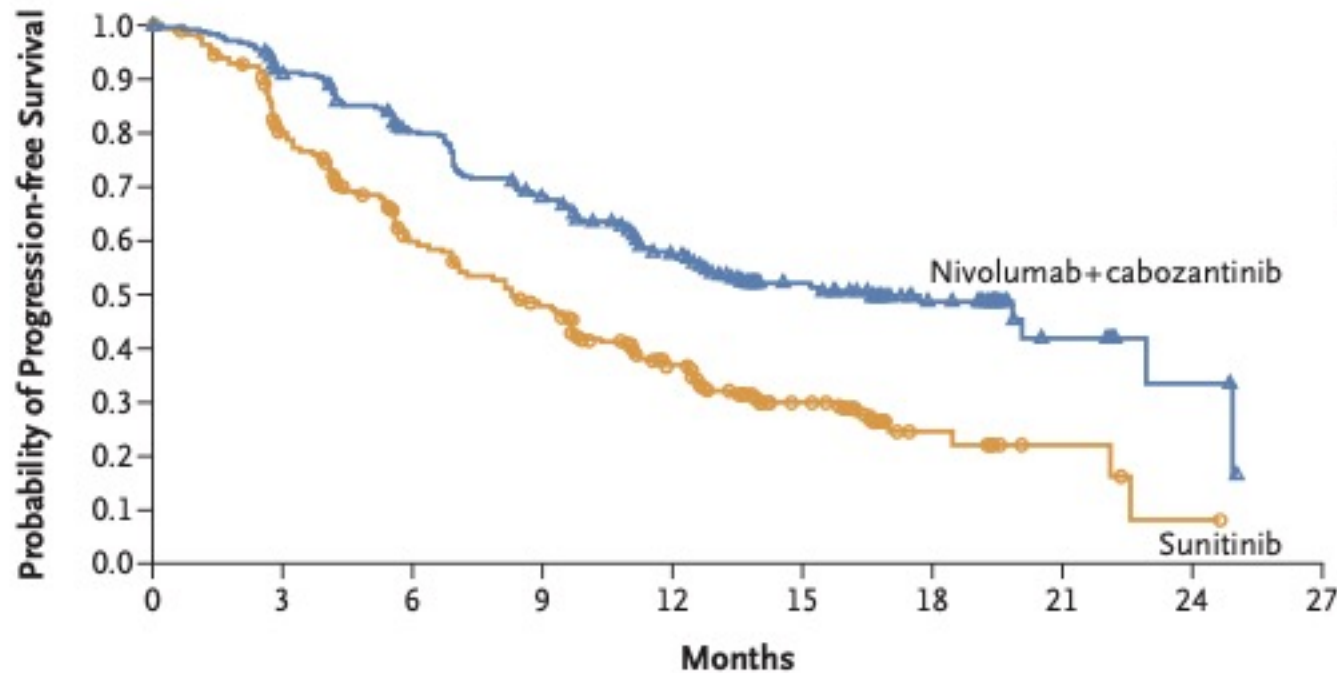
OS: Not Significant

HR: 0.828 (95% CI 0.596-1.151); one-sided P = 0.13





Progression free survival



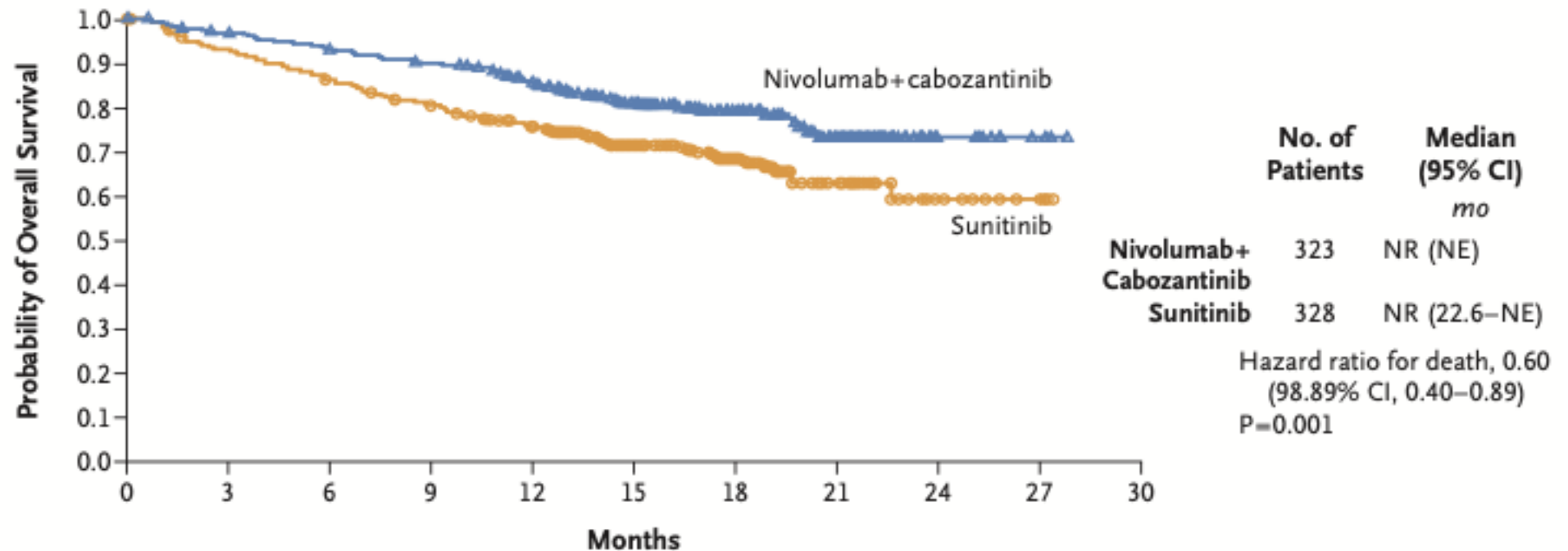
	No. of Patients	Median (95% CI) mo
Nivolumab+ Cabozantinib	323	16.6 (12.5–24.9)
Sunitinib	328	8.3 (7.0–9.7)

Hazard ratio for disease progression or death, 0.51 (95% CI, 0.41–0.64)
P<0.001

No. at Risk

Nivolumab+cabozantinib	323	279	234	196	144	77	35	11	4	0
Sunitinib	328	228	159	122	79	31	10	4	1	0

Overall survival



No. at Risk

Nivolumab+cabozantinib	323	308	295	283	259	184	106	55	11	3	0
Sunitinib	328	296	273	253	223	154	83	36	10	3	0

Checkmate-9ER Highlights

Median follow-up (months)	18 ¹	23.5 ²
OS, months	NR	NR
HR (95% CI)	0.60 (0.40-0.89)	0.66 (0.50-0.87)
PFS, months	16.6	17.0
HR (95% CI)	0.51 (0.41-0.64)	0.52 (0.43-0.64)
ORR(%)/CR(%)	55.7/8.0	56.5/8.5

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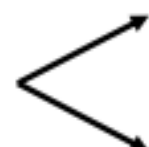
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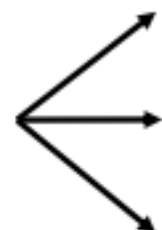
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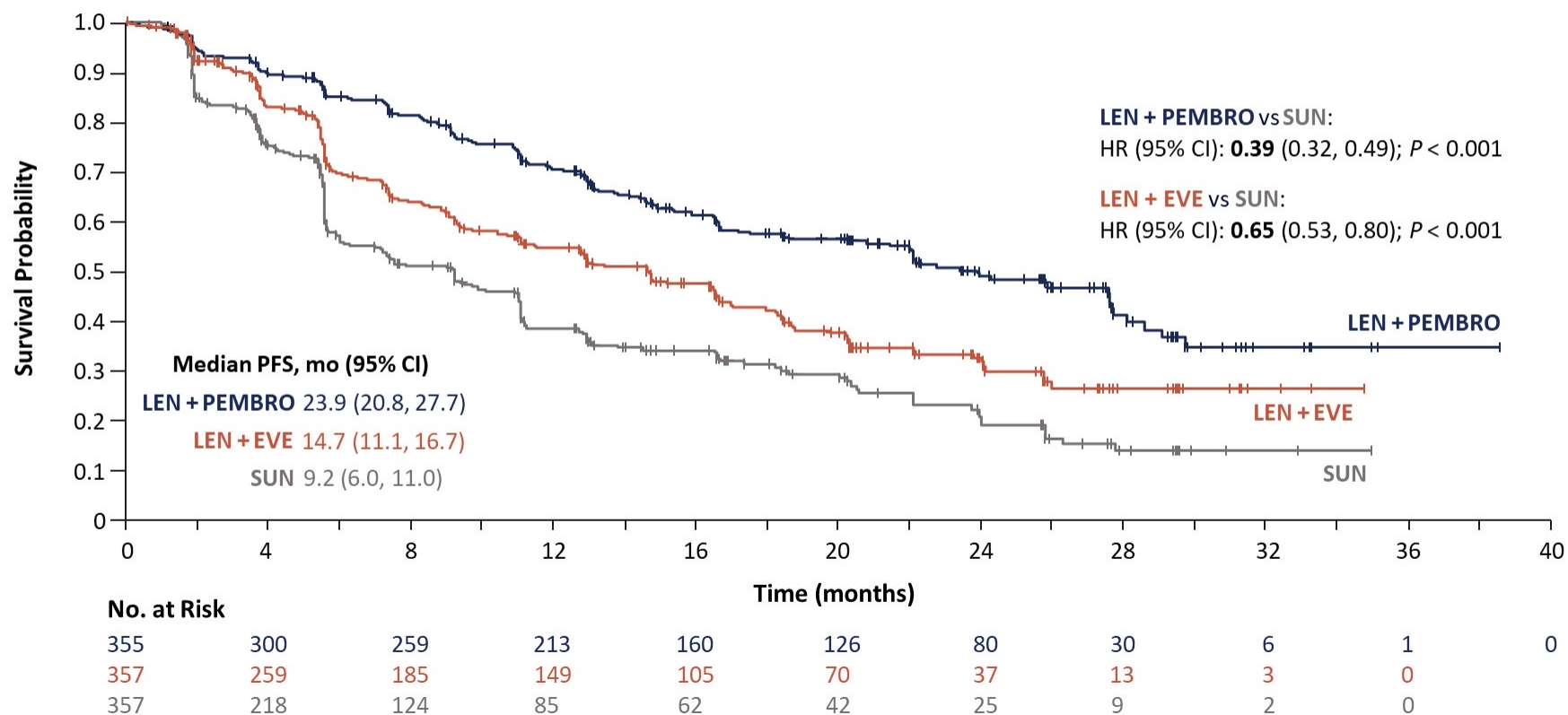
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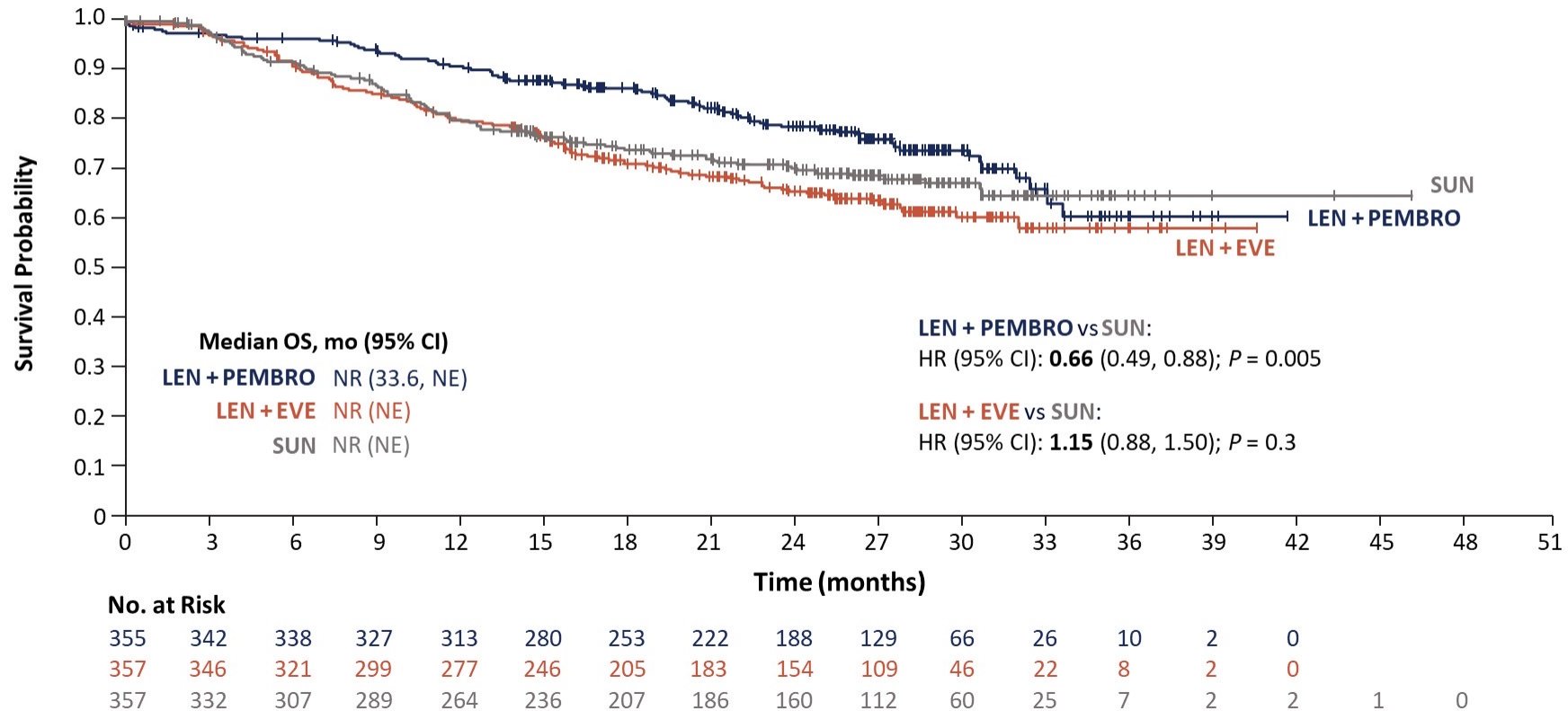
1° EP: PFS/OS

Progression-free Survival*



*By Independent Review Committee per RECIST v1.1.

Overall Survival



NE, not estimable; NR, not reached.

CLEAR Study Highlights

	LEN + PEMBRO ----- n = 355	LEN + EVE ----- n = 357	SUN ----- n = 357
Median PFS, mo (95% CI)	23.9 (20.8–27.7)	14.7 (11.1–16.7)	9.2 (6.0–11.0)
Stratified HR (95% CI) vs SUN	0.39 (0.32–0.49)	0.65 (0.53–0.80)	--
<i>P</i> -value	< 0.001	< 0.001	--
Median OS, mo (95% CI)	NR (33.6–NE)	NR (NE)	NR (NE)
Stratified HR (95% CI) vs SUN	0.66 (0.49–0.88)	1.15 (0.88–1.50)	--
<i>P</i> -value	0.005	0.3	--
Objective response rate, %	71.0	53.5	36.1
Complete response, %	16.1	9.8	4.2

How to choose?

IO+IO

IO+TKI

PROS

- Improved OS
- Mature follow-up data
- Durable responses
- Potential to stop therapy

- Improved OS
- High ORR
- Longer PFS
- Lower irAE rate

CONS

- Higher irAE rate
- Lower PFS/response rate

- Unclear AE attribution
- Less mature follow-up
- Chronic TKI toxicity

	KEYNOTE-426 ¹	CheckMate 9ER ³	CLEAR ⁴
	Axi + Pembro N=432	Cabo + Nivo N=323	Len + Pembro N=355
IMDC Risk Group, %			
Favorable	32	23	31
Intermediate	55	58	59
Poor	13	19	9
Sarcomatoid features, %	18	11	8
Prior Nephrectomy, %	83	69	74
≥ 2 organs with metastasis, %	73	80	72
Liver Metastasis, %	15	23	17
Bone Metastasis, %	24	24	24

1. Rini et al. *NEJM*, 2019. PMID: 30779529. 2. Motzer et al. *NEJM*, 2019. PMID: 30779531. 3. Choueiri T.K. et al. *NEJM*, 2021. PMID: 33657295. 4. Motzer R.J. et al. *NEJM*, 2021. PMID: 33616314.

Summary of Immunotherapy Combination Trials with OS benefit

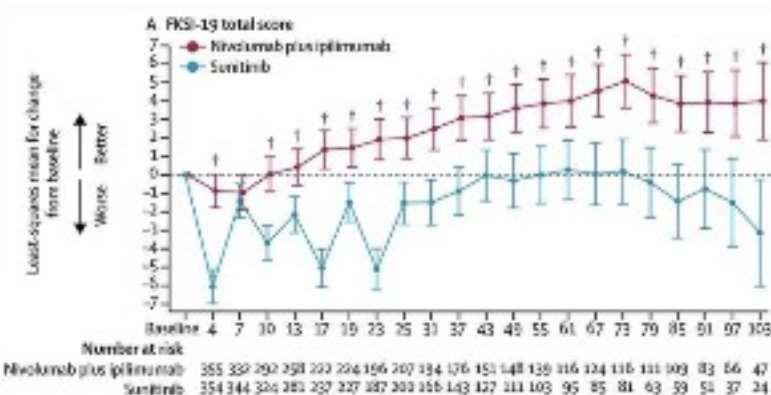
	Nivolumab + Ipilimumab CheckMate-214 n=1096 ¹	Pembrolizumab + Axitinib Keynote 426 n=861 ²	Nivolumab + Cabozantinib CheckMate-9ER n=651 ³	Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib CLEAR n=1096 ⁴
Follow-up, mo	60 (minimum)	42 (median)	23.5 (median)	26.6 (median)
Median PFS, mo	12.3	15.7	17	23.9
PFS HR	0.86	0.68	0.52	0.39
Median OS, mo	55.7	45.7	NR	NR
OS HR	0.72	0.73	0.66	0.66
ORR, %	39	60.4	54.8	71.0
CR, %	12	10.0	9.3	16.1
PD, %	17.6	11.3	6.2	5.4
QOL vs sunitinib	Improved	Similar	Improved	Similar to Improved

Mo=months; PFS=Progression-free survival; HR=Hazard ratio; ORR=Objective response rate; CR=Complete response rate; PD=Progressive disease rate; TTR=Time to response; DOR=Duration of response; NR=Not reached. QOL=Quality of Life

1. Motzer R. et al., ESMO 2021. PMID: 33246931. 2. Choueiri et al., Ann Oncol., 2020. PMID: 32339648. 3. Choueiri et al. NEJM, 2021. PMID: 33657295. 4. Motzer et al, NEJM, 2021. PMID: 33616314.

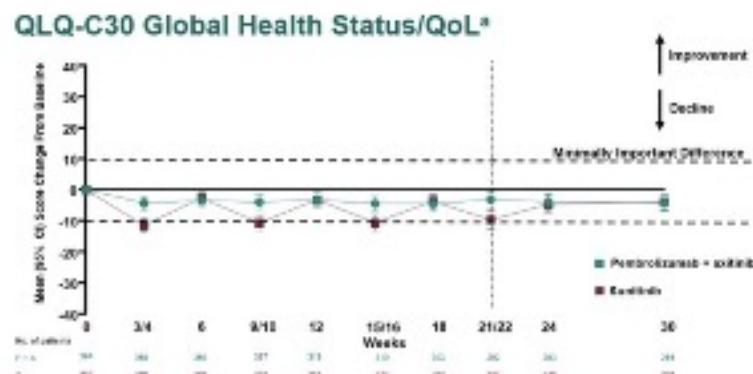
Quality of Life Data from Phase 3 Studies (vs. Sunitinib)

CheckMate-214 Nivolumab + Ipilimumab



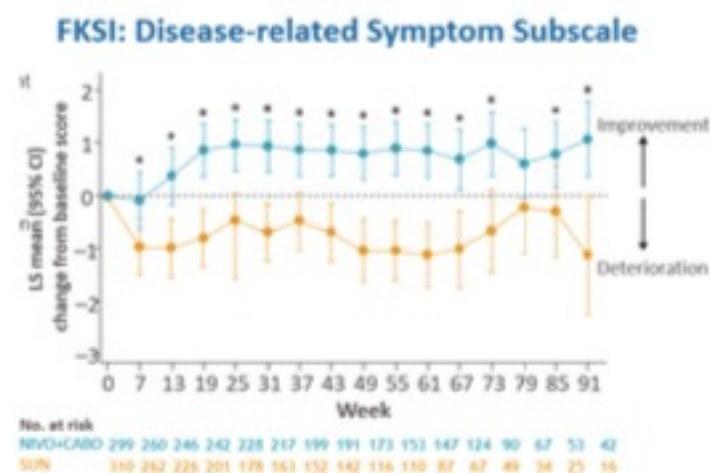
Improved QOL* (FKSI-19)

Keynote-426 Pembrolizumab + Axitinib



Similar QOL* (QLQ-C30)

CheckMate-9ER Nivolumab + Cabozantinib



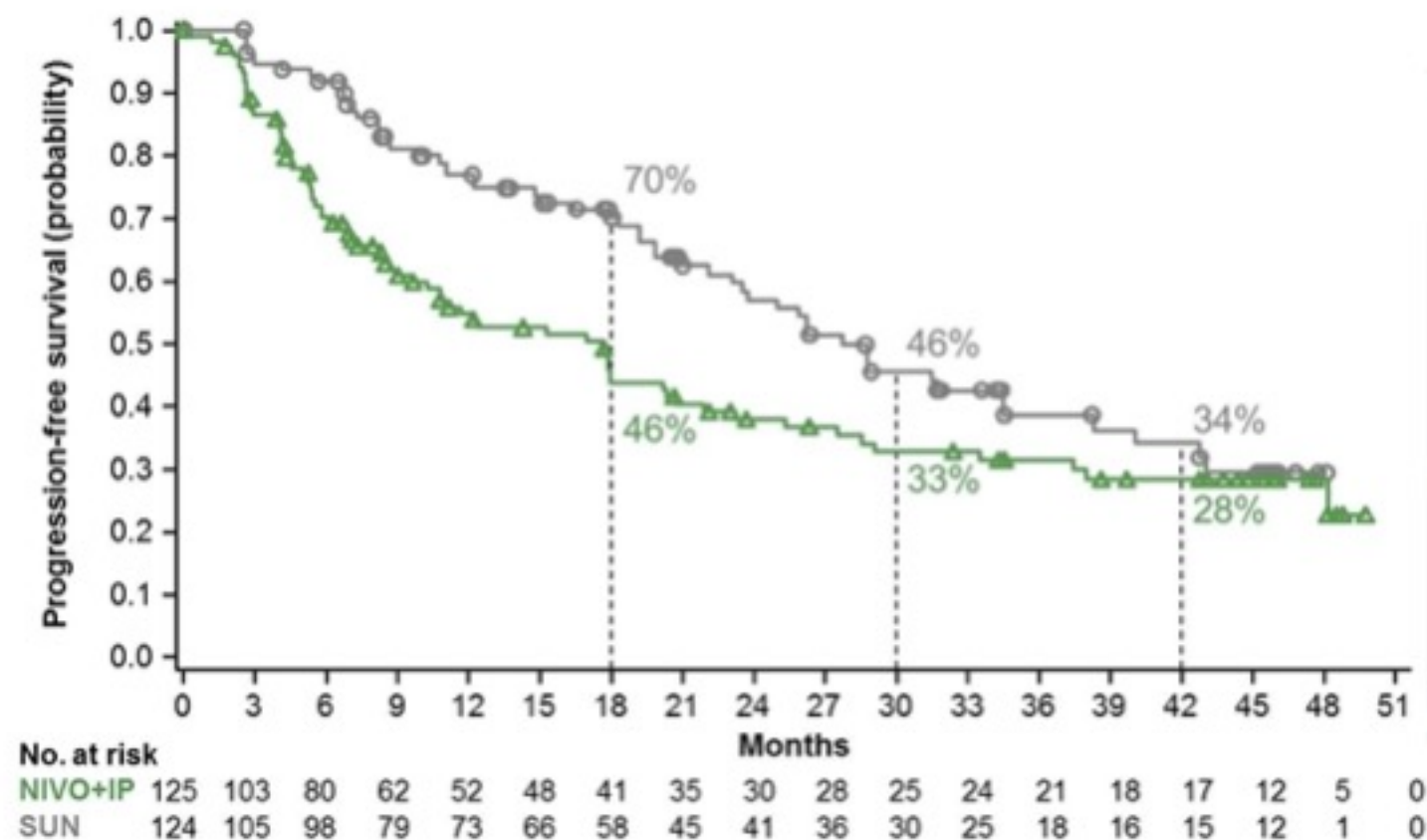
Improved QOL* (FKSI-19/DRSS)

Caveats

- Different instruments across studies
 - Different time points
 - Compliance rate varies
- ==> Comparisons between studies challenging

CheckMate214: Favorable risk patients

Exploratory efficacy population: Favorable-risk patients



Minimum follow-up	PFS	NIVO+IPI N = 125	SUN N = 124
17.5 mo ¹	Median, mo (95% CI)	15.3 (9.7–20.3)	25.1 (20.9–NE)
	HR (99.1% CI)	2.18 (1.29–3.68) P < 0.0001	
42 mo	Median, mo (95% CI)	17.8 (10.3–20.7)	27.7 (23.2–34.5)
	HR (95% CI)	1.62 (1.14–2.32) P < 0.01	

BUT: 60 months OS HR: 0.94³

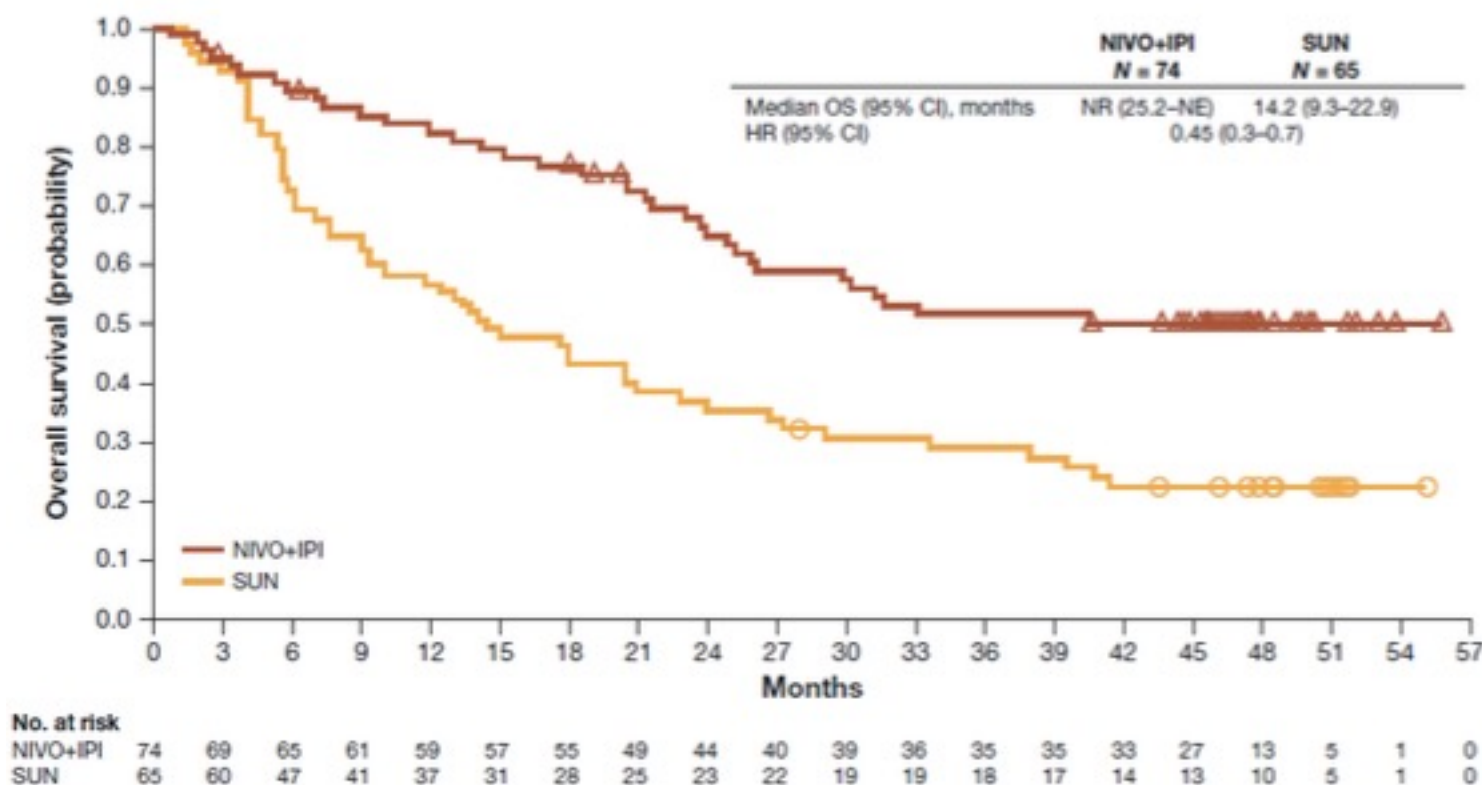
Favorable risk-patients in IO+TKI combinations: PFS benefit, no OS benefit

Favorable Risk	Checkmate-9ER ¹	Keynote-426 ²	CLEAR ³
PFS HR (95% CI)	0.62 (0.38-1.01)	0.81 (0.53-1.24)	0.41 (0.28-0.62)
OS HR (95% CI)	0.84 (0.35-1.97)	0.64 (0.24-1.68)	1.15 (0.55-2.40)

OS benefit in Favorable risk patients may be elusive:

- Limited Nb. of patients
- Limited Nb. of events
- Indolent disease with available 2nd line options

IO + IO in mRCC with Sarcomatoid Features (CheckMate-214)



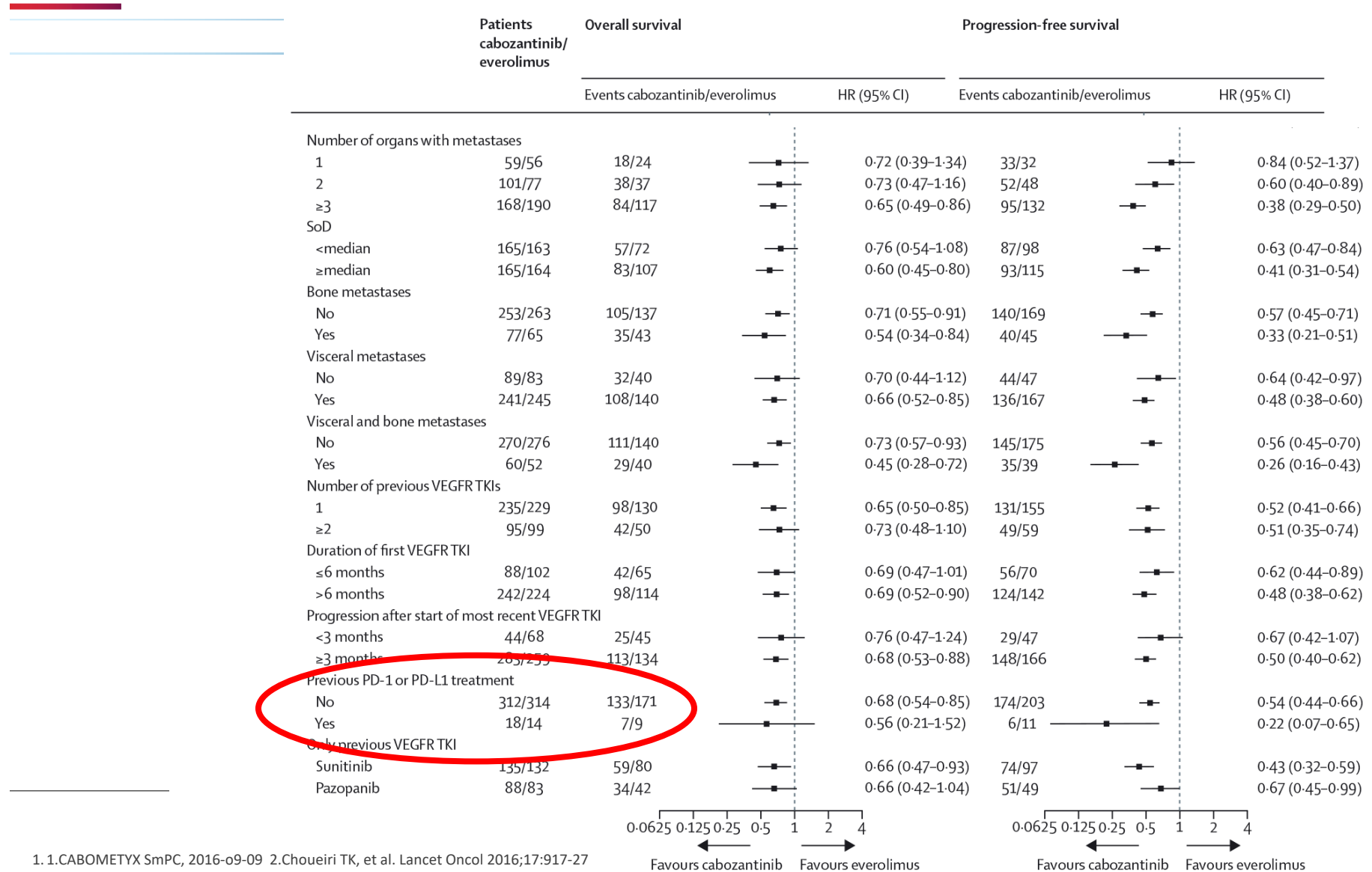
I/P mRCC	Nivo/Ipi (n=74)	Sunitinib (N=65)	HR
mOS (mo)	NR	14.2	0.45
mPFS (mo)	26.5	5.1	0.56
CR (%)	19	3	

Sarcomatoid RCC tumors are characterized by an *immune-inflamed phenotype*²:

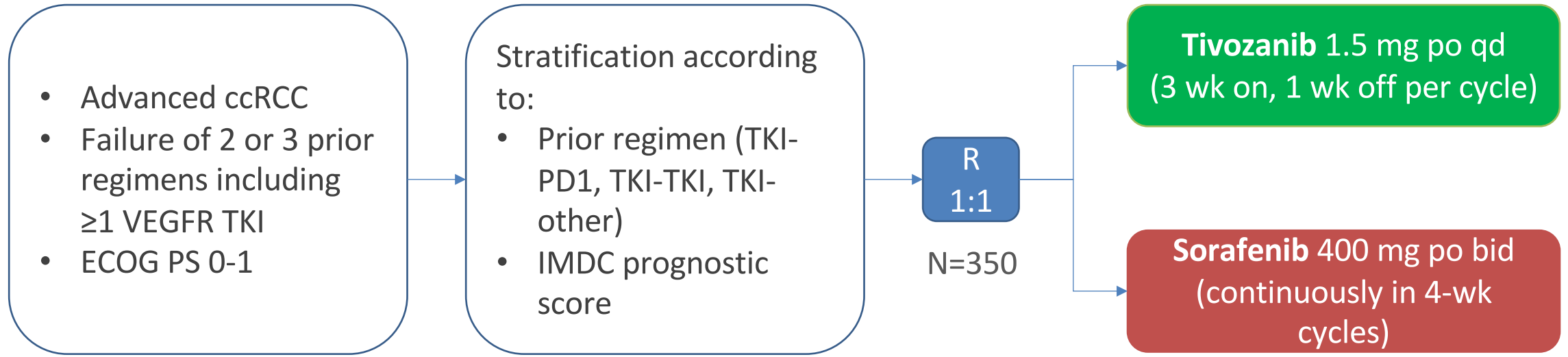
- 1) Activation of immune pathways
- 2) Increased expression of APM genes
- 3) Increased cytotoxic immune infiltration
- 4) High PD-L1 on tumor cells

What to choose in 2. and later lines?

Cabozantinib post IO?



TIVO-3: a multi-centre, open-label, phase III study

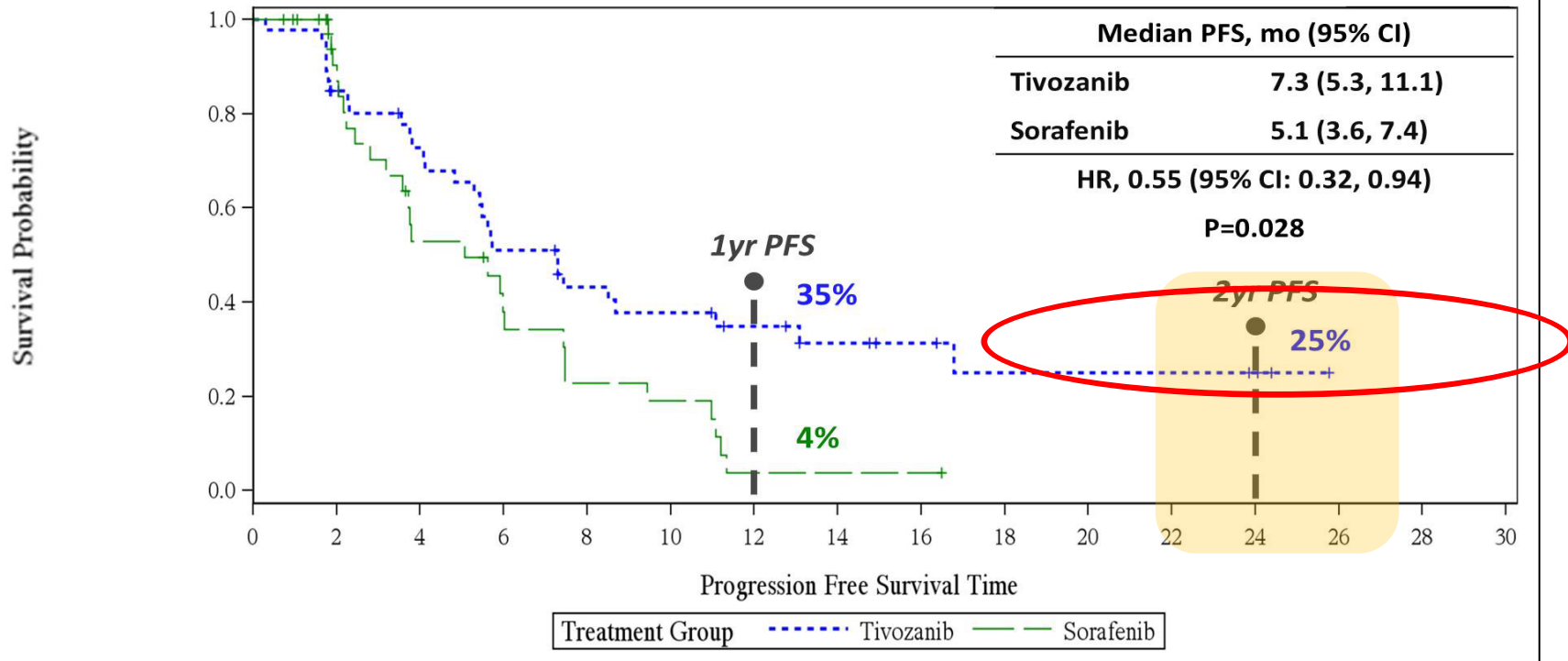


Tx until progression or unacceptable toxicity

Primary endpoint: PFS by IRC (90% power to detect PFS improvement of 4 vs 6 mo)

TIVO-3: a multi-centre, open-label, phase III study

Progression-Free Survival per IRC (Prior IO Subgroup)



Axitinib post IO

- Median PFS 8.8 months
- ORR 45 %

Participants, n=40	
Number of previous therapies*	
1	11 (28%)
2	19 (48%)
3	9 (23%)
4	1 (3%)
Most recent therapy	
Nivolumab	25 (63%)
Ipilimumab plus nivolumab	6 (15%)
Nivolumab plus hypoxia-inducible factor inhibitor	3 (8%)
Atezolizumab	2 (5%)
Bevacizumab plus atezolizumab	2 (5%)
Durvalumab plus tremelimumab	1 (3%)
Durvalumab	1 (3%)
Best response to checkpoint inhibitor therapy†	
Partial response	8 (20%)
Stable disease	21 (53%)
Progressive disease	10 (25%)
Duration on previous checkpoint inhibitor	
<6 months	25 (63%)
≥6 months	15 (38%)
Median duration, months	4.8 (2.0–8.7)
Reason for checkpoint inhibitor discontinuation	
Disease progression	37 (93%)
Toxicity‡	3 (8%)
Time from checkpoint inhibitor discontinuation to axitinib initiation, months	
	1.1 (0.7–1.7)
Values are n (%) or median (IQR). *The majority of patients (28 [70%]) received previous VEGF-directed therapy. †Unknown for one patient. ‡One patient each: fatigue, pneumonitis, and colitis.	
Table 2: Previous therapies and response to immune checkpoint inhibitor	

Study Design for the Phase 2 RCC Cohort

Key Inclusion Criteria

- Metastatic clear cell RCC
- Measurable disease per irRECIST¹
- Disease progression after PD-1/PD-L1 treatment:
 - ≥ 2 doses of anti-PD-1/PD-L1
 - Defined by RECIST v1.1; confirmed ≥ 4 weeks

Study Treatment

Lenvatinib^a
20 mg/day PO
+
Pembrolizumab^b
200 mg/3 weeks IV

Primary End Point^c

- Objective response rate at week 24

Secondary End Points

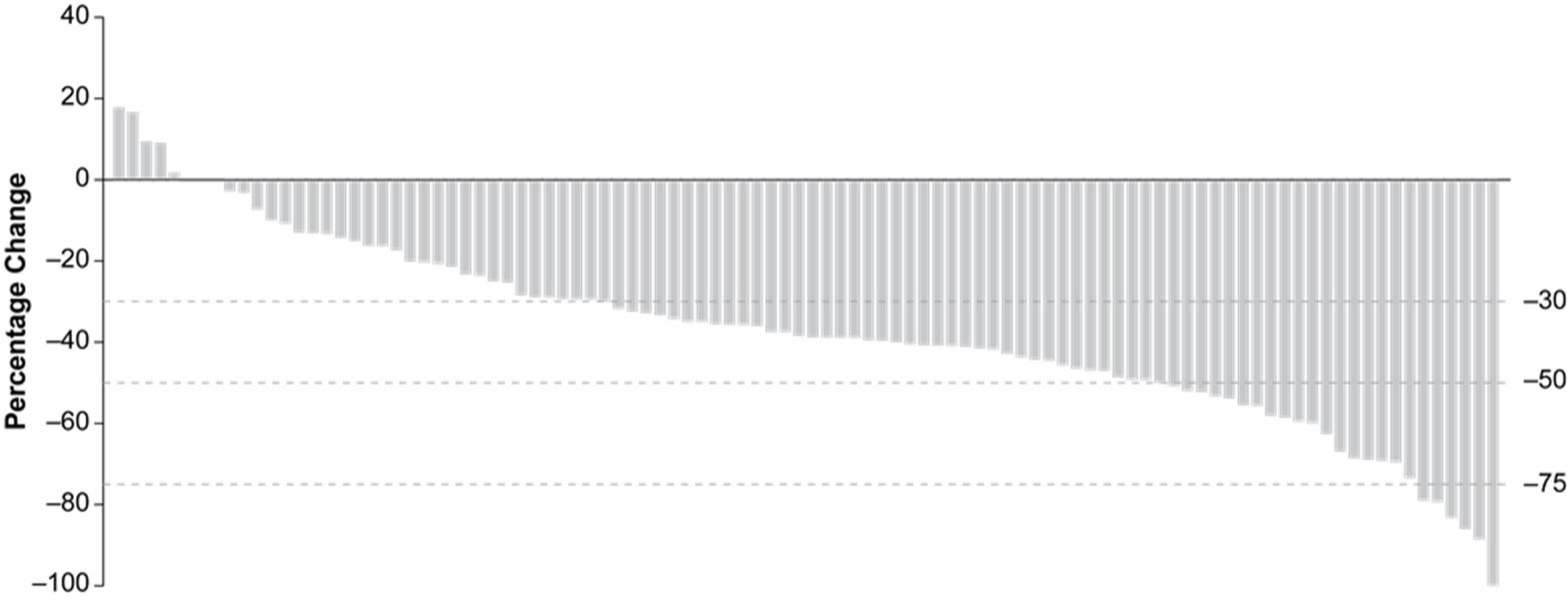
- Objective response rate^c
- Progression-free survival^c
- Overall survival
- Safety and tolerability

^aDose reductions to lenvatinib 14 mg/day, 10 mg/day, 8 mg/day and 4 mg/day were allowed to manage toxicities; dose reductions below 4 mg/day were discussed with the sponsor; ^b maximum of 35 treatments (approximately 2 years); ^c per irRECIST, by investigator assessment.

1. Perrone A. Immuno-Oncology 360° conference. New York, NY. 2016.

IV, intravenously; PO, by mouth; RECIST v1.1, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors version 1.1.

Percentage Change in Sum of Diameters of Target Lesions From Baseline to Nadir^a

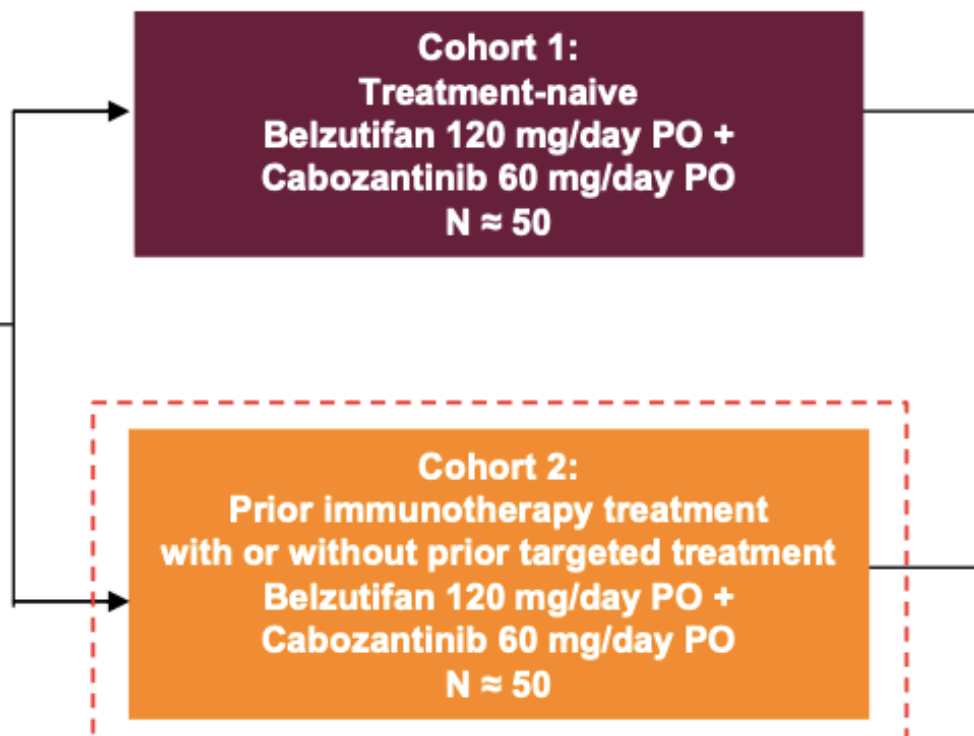


Note: Each bar represents 1 patient.
^a By irRECIST per investigator assessment.

Study Design (NCT03634540)

Key Eligibility Criteria

- Advanced or metastatic ccRCC
- Being treatment naive or having previously received immunotherapy and ≤ 2 regimens for locally advanced or metastatic RCC
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- All IMDC risk categories (favorable/intermediate/poor) allowed



Tumor Assessments

- Q8W after week 9 for 12 months and then Q12W thereafter

End Points

- Primary: ORR
- Secondary: PFS, TTR, DOR, OS, safety/tolerability, PK/PD

Median follow-up^a

- 15.4 months (range, 8.7-30.6)

Safety and tolerability were evaluated in the first 6 participants enrolled, irrespective of cohort

- If tolerability was established, enrollment continued
- If tolerability was not established, dose was reviewed

Objective Response Rate and Disease Control Rate

Population	ORR (CR + PR)		DCR (CR + PR + SD)	
	n/N	% (95% CI)	n/N	% (95% CI)
All patients	15/52	28.8 (17.1-43.1)	48/52	92.3 (81.5-97.9)
IMDC risk category				
Favorable	3/11	27.3 (6.0-61.0)	11/11	100 (71.5-100)
Intermediate/poor	12/41	29.3 (16.1-45.5)	37/41	90.2 (76.9-97.3)
Prior anticancer therapy				
IO only	8/28	28.6 (13.2-48.7)	26/28	92.9 (76.5-99.1)
IO/VEGF	7/24	29.2 (12.6-51.1)	22/24	91.7 (73.0-99.0)

Personal preference?

- Therapy management (dose reduction, supportive measures) is easiest for the drug you know best

Takk for oppmerksomheten!