# Selection of Rx for **RCC- Adjuvant** & **1**<sup>st</sup> **line Rx** in metastatic disease

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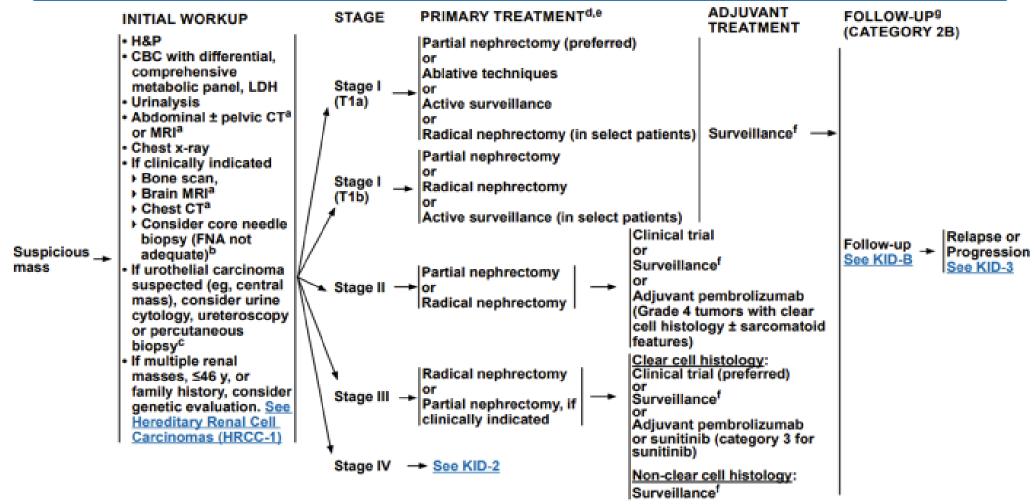
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### ADJUVANT Rx

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### TKI ADJUVANT TRIALS

Trial	Therapy	N	Histology	Stage	Starting	Minimum	Significant	ignificant Difference?	
IIIai	Петару		Histology	Dose		Dose	DFS	OS*	
ASSURE <sup>1</sup>	Sunitinib Sorafenib Placebo	1943	79% ccRCC ccRCC was Primary endpt	> pT1b, G3- 4, or N+	50 or 37.5 mg (Su)/ 400 mg (So)	25 mg (Su)/40 mg (So)	No	No	
S-TRAC <sup>2,3</sup>	Sunitinib Placebo	615	ccRCC	> pT3b or N+	50 mg	37.5 mg	Yes	No	
PROTECT <sup>4,5</sup>	Pazopanib Placebo	1538	ccRCC or mostly ccRCC	pT2 (G3-4), ≥ pT3, or N+	600 mg	400 mg	No	No	

<sup>\*</sup>Studies included OS as secondary endpoint and may not be powered to show an improvement.

# **EVEREST:** Everolimus vs Placebo for Patients With RCC After Nephrectomy or Partial Nephrectomy

 Multicenter, randomized phase III trial of everolimus vs placebo for patients with pathologically intermediate high-risk or very high-risk RCC after nephrectomy

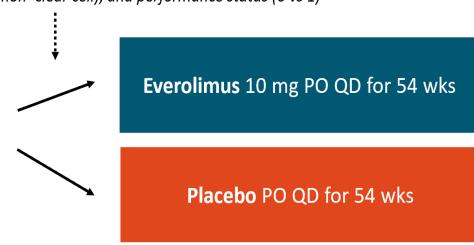
Stratified risk (intermediate high risk vs very high risk), histologic subtype (clear cell vs non-clear cell), and performance status (0 vs 1)

Patients with histologically confirmed RCC, clear cell or non-clear cell allowed, within 12 weeks of full surgical resection including any clinically positive nodes; NED (negative margins, no evidence of residual or metastatic RCC on CT scan after nephrectomy and within 28 days before enrolment); TNM stage pT1b G3-4, pT2 and G, or any N+; pathologically either intermediate high-risk or very high-risk disease

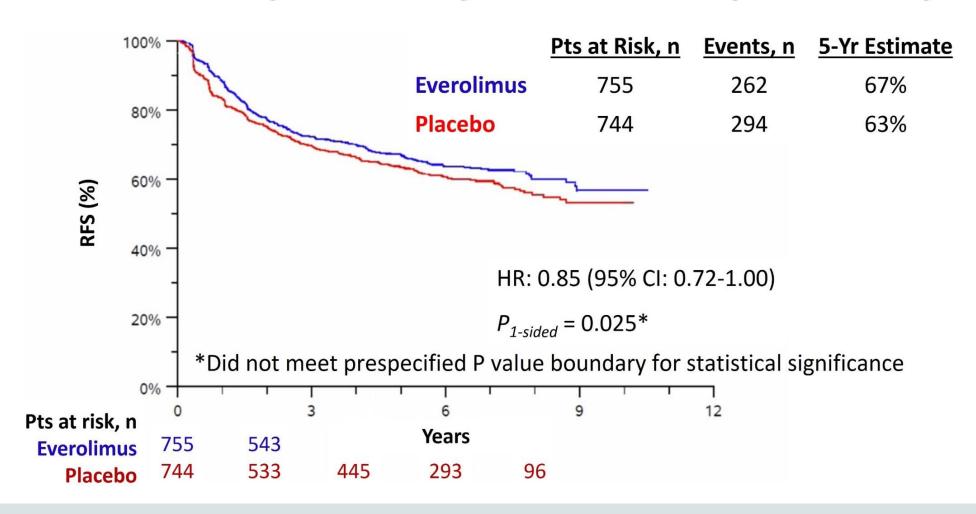
(N = 1545)

**Primary endpoint**: recurrence-free survival

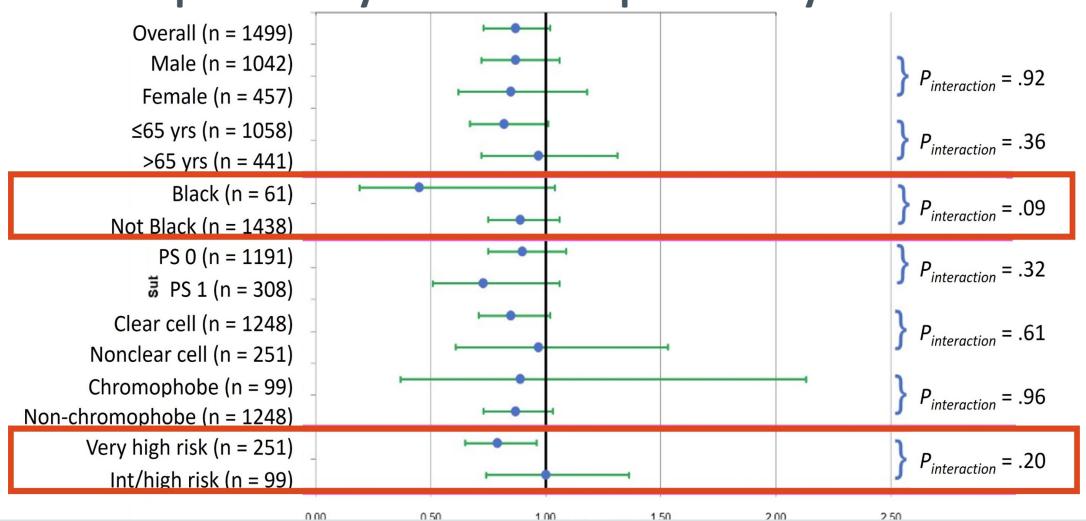
Secondary endpoints: OS, safety



# **EVEREST:** Recurrence-Free Survival with Everolimus vs Placebo After Nephrectomy or Partial Nephrectomy

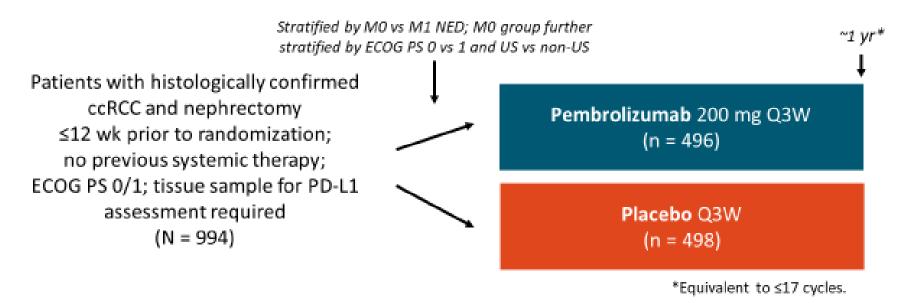


# **EVEREST:** Everolimus vs Placebo for Patients With RCC After Nephrectomy or Partial Nephrectomy



# KEYNOTE-564 30-Mo Follow-up: Adjuvant Pembrolizumab vs Placebo for ccRCC

Multicenter, randomized, double-blind phase III trial of adjuvant therapy



- Primary endpoint: DFS per investigator
  - Met in first interim analysis

- Secondary endpoints: OS, safety
  - P value boundary for OS significance: .0000095

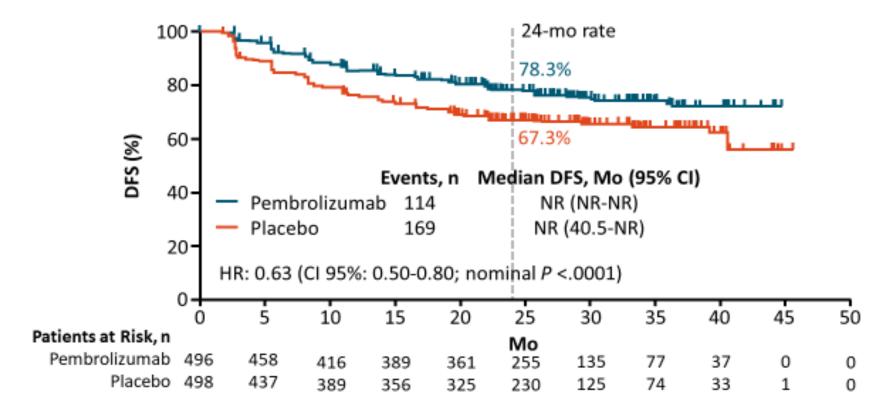
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#### **KEYNOTE-564: Eligibility Criteria**

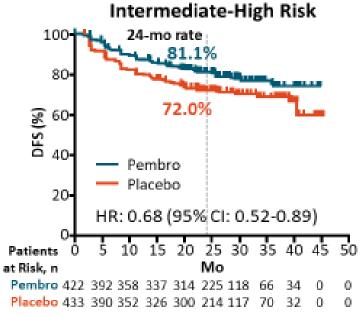
#### Histologically confirmed clear-cell RCC with:

- 1. Intermediate-risk to high-risk disease
  - pT2, grade 4 or sarcomatoid differentiation with N0, M0
  - pT3, any grade with N0, M0
- 2. High-risk disease
  - pT4, any grade with N0, M0
  - Any pT, any grade with N+, M0
- M1 no evidence of disease with M1 disease in addition to primary tumor at diagnosis, and complete resection at time of nephrectomy or within 1 yr after nephrectomy

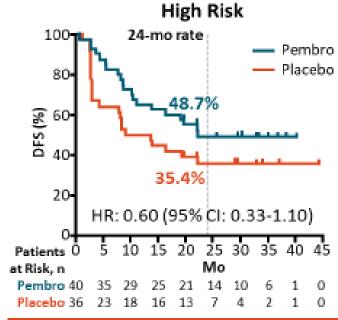
## KEYNOTE-564 30-Mo Follow-up: DFS in ITT Population (Primary Endpoint)



#### **KEYNOTE-564 30-Mo Follow-up: DFS by Recurrence Risk**



	Events	Median DFS, Mo (95% CI)
Pembro (n = 422)	87	NR (NR-NR)
Placebo (n = 433)	127	NR (40.5-NR)



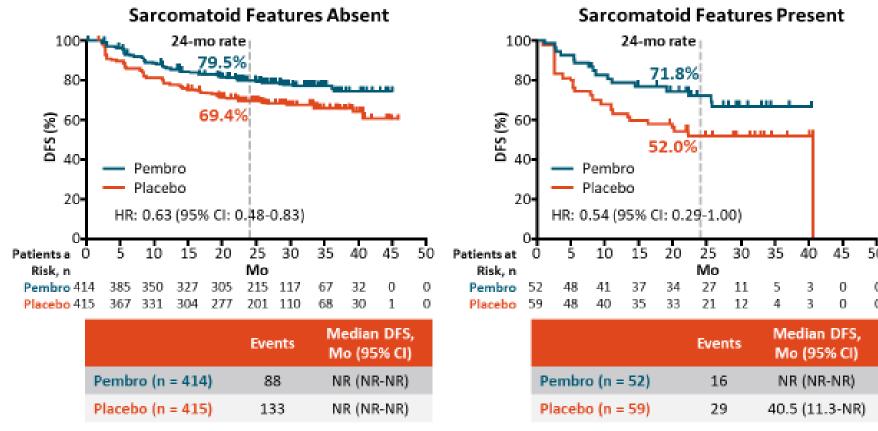
	Events	Median DFS, Mo (95% CI)
Pembro (n = 40)	20	22.4 (11.1-NR)
Placebo (n = 36)	23	11.4 (2.9-NR)

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Patients 0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
at Risk, n					Mo				
Pembro 29	27	25	13	22	14	6	4	2	0
Placebo 29	24	19	14	12	9	4	2	0	0

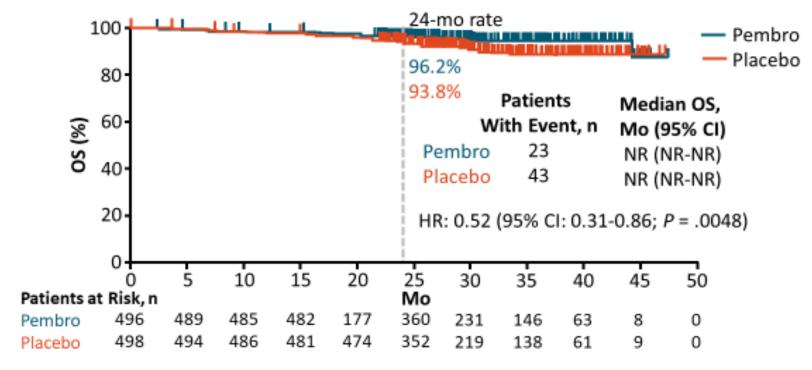
	Events	Median DFS, Mo (95% CI)
Pembro (n = 29)	7	NR (25.7-NR)
Placebo (n = 29)	19	11.6 (5.6-NR)



## KEYNOTE-564 30-Mo Follow-up: DFS by Sarcomatoid Status



#### KEYNOTE-564 30-Mo Follow-up: OS in ITT Population

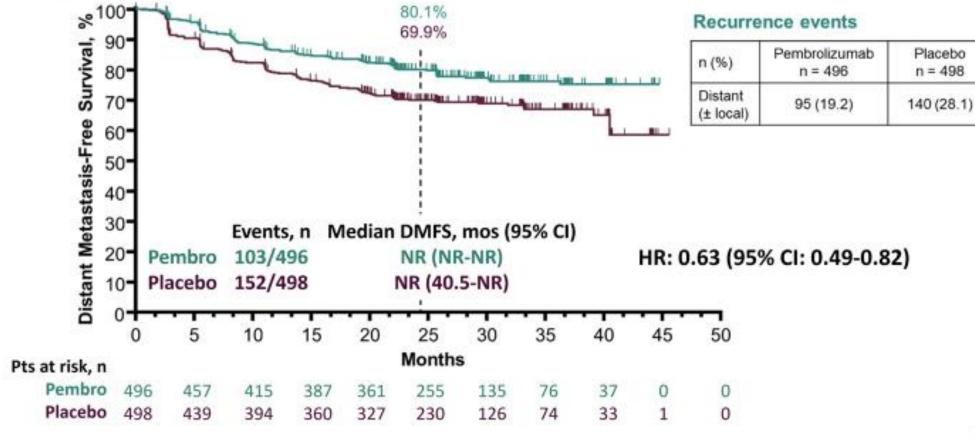


- Comparison did not meet criteria for statistical significance in this analysis
- Final OS analysis will be conducted after ~200 OS events have occurred

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## KEYNOTE-564 Expanded Efficacy Analysis: Distant Metastasis-Free Survival in ITT Population



Placebo

n = 498

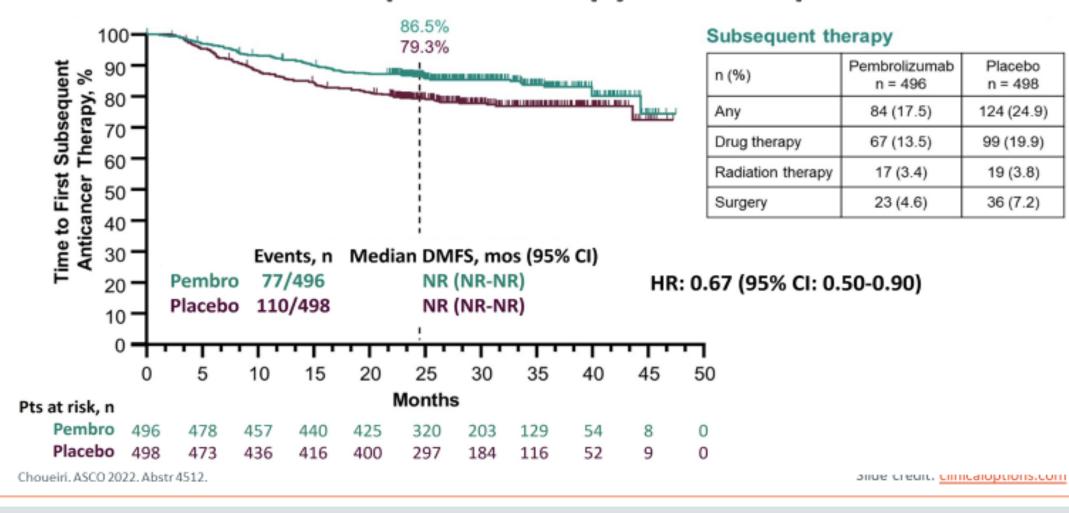
124 (24.9)

99 (19.9)

19 (3.8)

36 (7.2)

### **KEYNOTE-564 Expanded Efficacy Analysis:** Time to First Subsequent Therapy in ITT Population



Trial	Sample Size	Inclusion Criteria	Treatment	Duration	Primary Endpoint	Met Primary Endpoint?
KEYNOTE-564	994	pT2G4, pT3aG3-4, pT3b-T4Gx, pTxN1, pTxNxM1 (resected to NED within 1 year); clear cell	Pembrolizumab vs placebo	12 months	DFS	YES
IMmotion010	778	pT2G4, pT3aG3-4, pT3b-T4Gx, pTxN1, pTxNxM1 (resected to NED*); clear cell	Atezolizumab vs placebo	12 months	DFS	No
CheckMate-914	1,600	pT2aG3-4N0, pT2b-T4GxN0, pTxGxN1; clear cell	Nivolumab + ipilimumab vs nivolumab + placebo vs placebo	6 months	DFS	No (Part A) Part B pending
PROSPER	766	T2Nx, TxN1, TxNxM1 (resected to NED); any RCC histology	Nivolumab vs active monitoring	10 doses total (1 preop)	EFS	No
RAMPART	1,750	Leibovich score 3-11; any RCC histology	Durvalumab + tremelimumab vs durvalumab vs active monitoring	12 months	DFS, OS	Pending 7/2024
LITESPARK-022	1,600	pT2G4/sarcomatoid, pT3, pT4, pTxN1, pTxNxM1 (resected to NED) clear cell	Belzutifan + pembrolizumab vs pembrolizumab	12 months	DFS	Pending

<sup>\*</sup>Metachronous pulmonary, lymph node, or soft tissue recurrence >12 months from nephrectomy CPI = checkpoint inhibitors; EFS = event-free survival; NED = no evidence of disease; OS = overall survival.

#### **Future Directions and Unanswered Questions**

- Duration needed for adjuvant therapy for resected or radiated oligometastatic disease is still unknown: Is 1 yr enough or too much?
- Intensity of adjuvant therapy for resected or radiated oligometastatic disease is still unknown: Is monotherapy enough?
- Risks are more toxicity and overtreating or undertreating patients
- Types of trials needed: Validation of ctDNA, methylated DNA immunoprecipitation, or angiogenic immune signature trials are ideal for this space
- Use the best technology to identify who will progress, who will respond

### 1st Line Rx in advanced RCC

#### Understanding the Role of Risk in the Treatment of Metastatic RCC

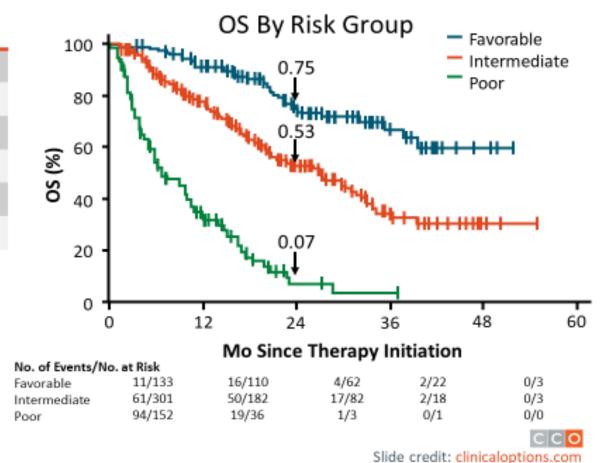
#### IMDC Criteria for Metastatic RCC

Karnofsky performance score <80%
Time from initial diagnosis to targeted Tx <1 yr
Hemoglobin <LLN
Calcium >10mg/dL
Platelet count >ULN
Neutrophil count >ULN

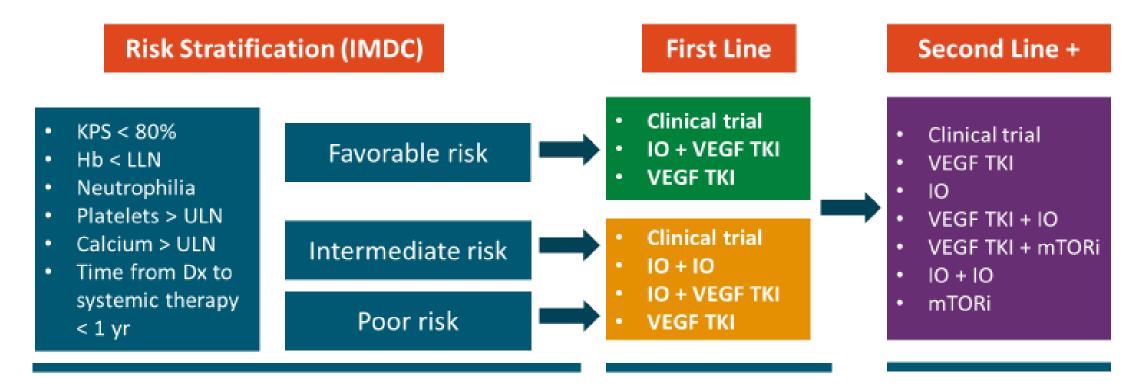
Favorable: 0 risk factors

Intermediate: 1-2 risk factors

Poor: 3+ risk factors



# Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma: Current Therapeutic Landscape



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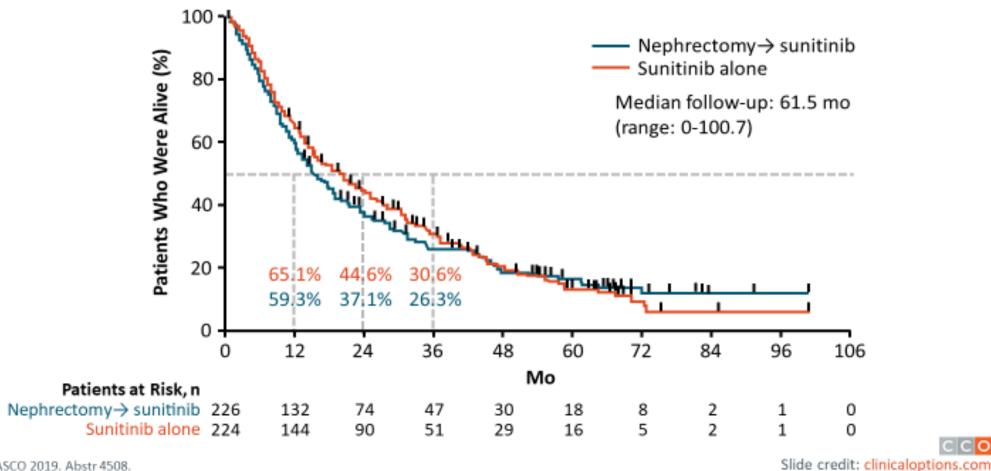
# CARMENA: Prospective, Multicenter, Open-Label, Randomized Phase III Noninferiority Study

Multicenter, randomized, open-label noninferiority phase III trial

Stratified by center, MSKCC risk group (intermediate vs high risk) Sunitinib 50 mg QD\* 3-6 wk Confirmed metastatic clear-cell RCC/biopsy; Nephrectomy 4 wk on/2 wk off ECOG PS 0/1; amenable to nephrectomy (n = 226)(n = 226)eligible for sunitinib; brain metastases Follow-up for absent/controlled by treatment; minimum of 2 yr Sunitinib 50 mg QD\* 4 wk on/2 wk off no prior systemic therapy for RCC (n = 224)(N = 450)\*Dose reductions/interruptions allowed for managing AEs.

- Primary endpoint: OS
- Secondary endpoints: PFS, ORR (RECIST v1.1), clinical benefit, safety

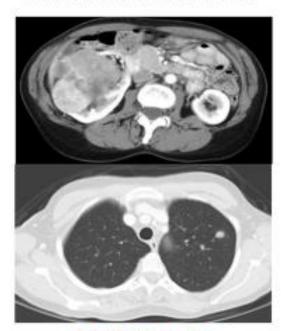
#### **CARMENA: Overall Survival (ITT)**



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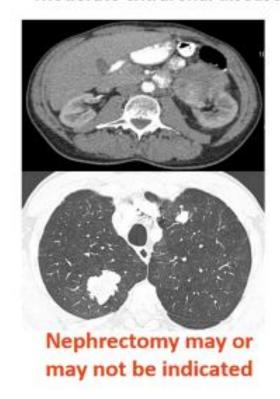
#### **Considerations for Nephrectomy**

PS 0 Minimal extrarenal disease



Nephrectomy makes sense

PS 0/1
Intermediate risk
Moderate extrarenal disease



Poor PS, poor risk Large primary Extensive extrarenal disease





Nephrectomy does not make sense

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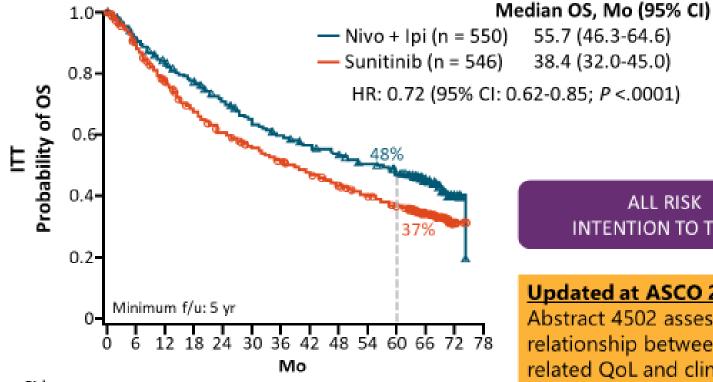
#### PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY FOR RELAPSE OR STAGE IV DISEASE

FIRST-LINE T	HERAPY FOR CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY		
Risk	Preferred Regimens	Other Recommended Regimens	Useful in Certain Circumstances
Favorable <sup>a</sup>	Axitinib + pembrolizumab <sup>b</sup> (category 1)     Cabozantinib + nivolumab <sup>b</sup> (category 1)     Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab <sup>b</sup> (category 1)	Axitinib + avelumab <sup>b</sup> Cabozantinib (category 2B)     Ipilimumab + nivolumab <sup>b</sup> Pazopanib     Sunitinib	Active surveillance <sup>c</sup> Axitinib (category 2B)     High-dose IL-2 <sup>d</sup> (category 2B)
Poor/ intermediate <sup>a</sup>	Axitinib + pembrolizumab <sup>b</sup> (category 1)     Cabozantinib + nivolumab <sup>b</sup> (category 1)     Ipilimumab + nivolumab <sup>b</sup> (category 1)     Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab <sup>b</sup> (category 1)     Cabozantinib	Axitinib + avelumab <sup>b</sup> Pazopanib     Sunitinib	<ul> <li>Axitinib (category 2B)</li> <li>High-dose IL-2<sup>d</sup> (category 3)</li> <li>Temsirolimus<sup>e</sup> (category 3)</li> </ul>

SUBSEQUENT THERAPY FOR	SUBSEQUENT THERAPY FOR CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY						
Preferred Regimens	Other Recommended Regimens	Useful in Certain Circumstances					
Cabozantinib (category 1)     Lenvatinib + everolimus (category 1)     Nivolumab <sup>b</sup> (category 1)	<ul> <li>Axitinib (category 1)</li> <li>Axitinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>Cabozantinib + nivolumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>Ipilimumab + nivolumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>Pazopanib</li> <li>Sunitinib</li> <li>Tivozanib<sup>g</sup></li> <li>Axitinib + avelumab<sup>b</sup> (category 3)</li> </ul>	Everolimus     Bevacizumab <sup>f</sup> (category 2B)     High-dose IL-2 for selected patients <sup>d</sup> (category 2B)     Sorafenib (category 3)     Temsirolimus <sup>e</sup> (category 2B)					
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### CheckMate 214: Nivolumab + Ipilimumab vs **Sunitinib for Untreated Advanced RCC**



ALL RISK

INTENTION TO TREAT

#### Updated at ASCO 2022:

38.4 (32.0-45.0)

Abstract 4502 assessing relationship between healthrelated QoL and clinical outcomes

Patients at Risk, n

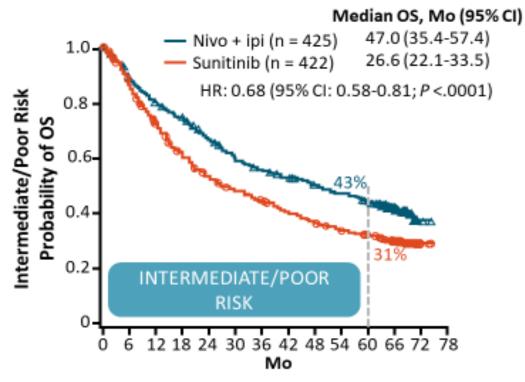
Nivo + Ipi Sunitinib.

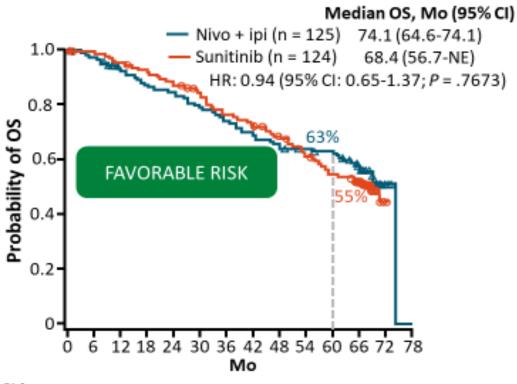
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#### Patients at Risk, n

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Minimum f/u: 5 yr

Motzer. ESMO 2021. Abstr 661P.



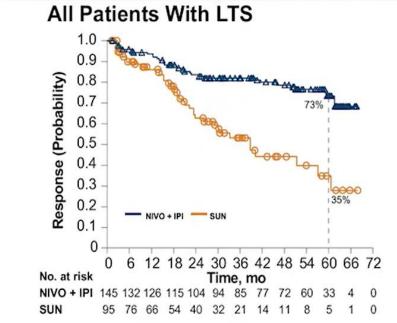
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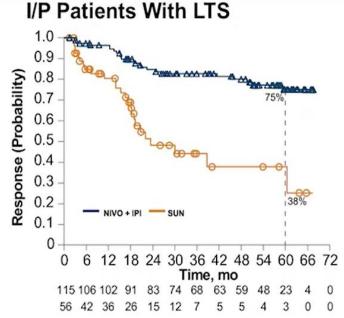
### Responses at 5-Year Follow-Up<sup>a,1</sup>

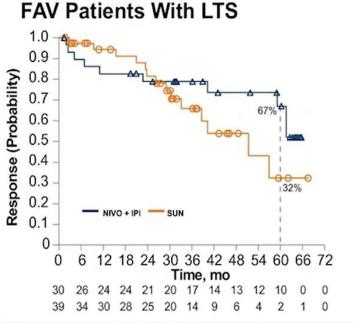
	ITT		Intermo Poor		Favorable Risk	
	NIVO + IPI (n = 550)	SUN (n = 546)	NIVO + IPI (n = 425)	SUN (n = 422)	NIVO + IPI (n = 125)	SUN (n = 124)
Confirmed ORR, %	39	32	42	27	30	52
CR, %	12	3	11	2	13	6
mDOR, mo	NR	24.8	NR	19.7	61.5	33.2
Ongoing response, %	63	50	64	50	59	52

- A higher proportion of patients achieved CR with NIVO + IPI vs SUN regardless of risk
- More patients achieved CR and their disease did not subsequently progress with NIVO + IPI
- Median DOR was notably longer with NIVO + IPI in all three populations

# Response Outcomes in Patients With Long-Term Survival of ≥ 5 years

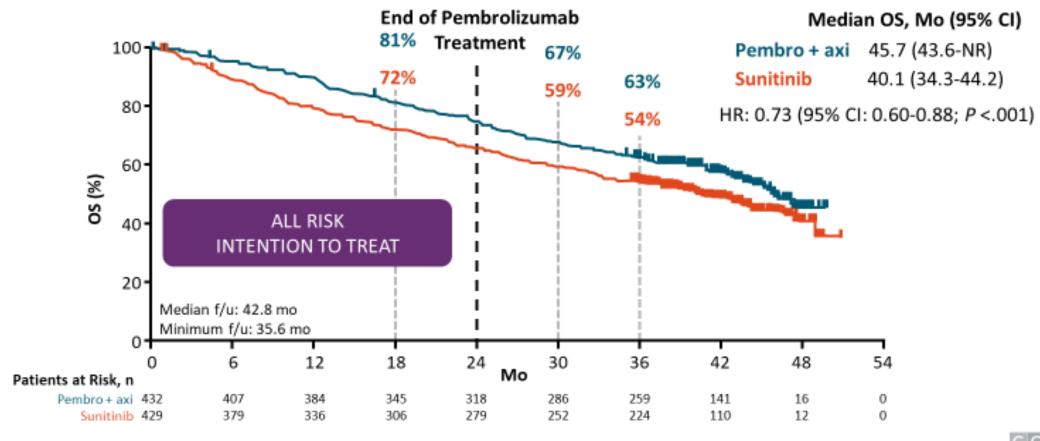






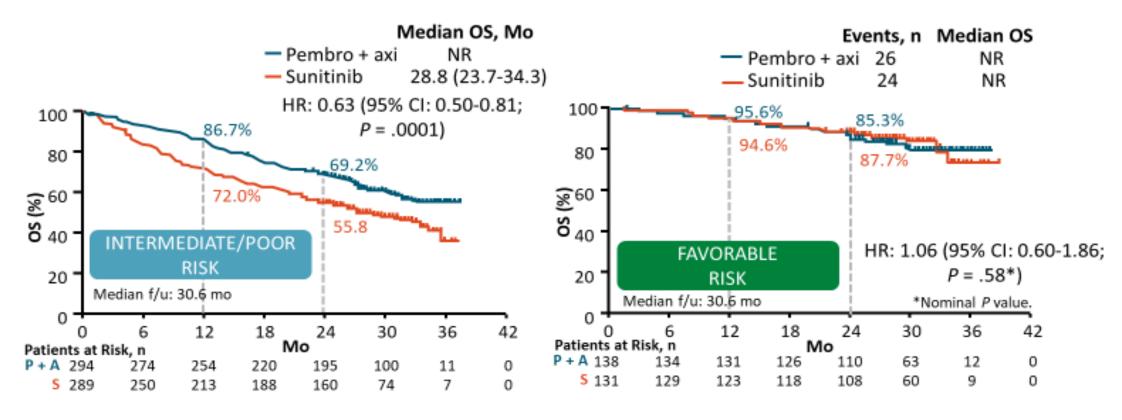
	All Patients	All Patients With LTS		I/P Patients With LTS		With LTS
	NIVO + IPI (n = 236)	SUN (n = 171)	NIVO + IPI (n = 163)	SUN (n = 112)	NIVO + IPI (n = 73)	SUN (n = 59)
Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)	61 (55-68)	56 (48-63)	71 (63-77)	50 (40-60)	41 (30-53)	66 (53-78)
CR	56 (24)	15 (9)	40 (25)	7 (6)	16 (22)	8 (14)
	NIVO + IPI (n = 145)	SUN (n = 95)	NIVO + IPI (n = 115)	SUN (n = 56)	NIVO + IPI (n = 30)	SUN (n = 39)
Ongoing response, n (%)	112 (77)	56 (59)	92 (80)	31 (55)	20 (67)	25 (64)
Median DOR (95% CI), mo	NR (NE)	38.7 (26.3-60.4)	NR (NE)	23.5 (18.2-60.4)	NR (59.0-NE)	51.4 (33.2-NE)

### KEYNOTE-426: First-line Pembrolizumab + Axitinib vs Sunitinib in Advanced or Metastatic RCC

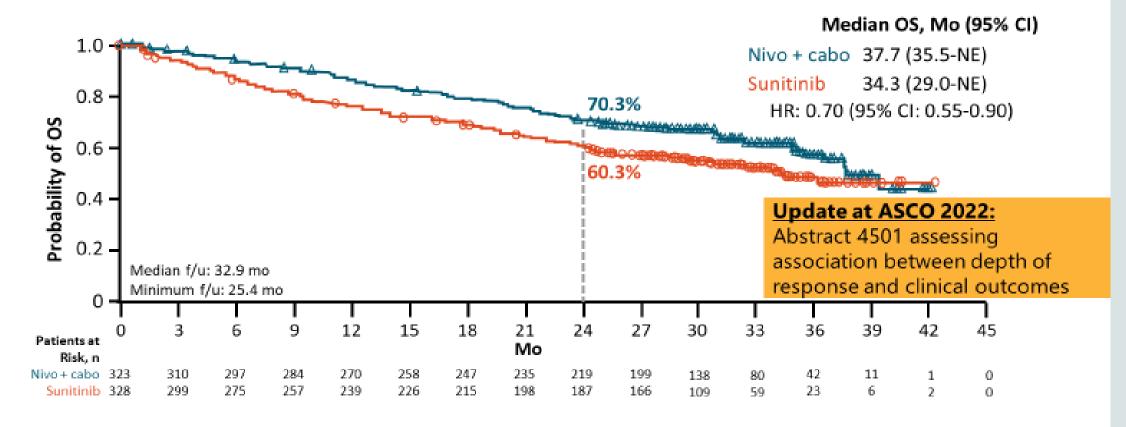


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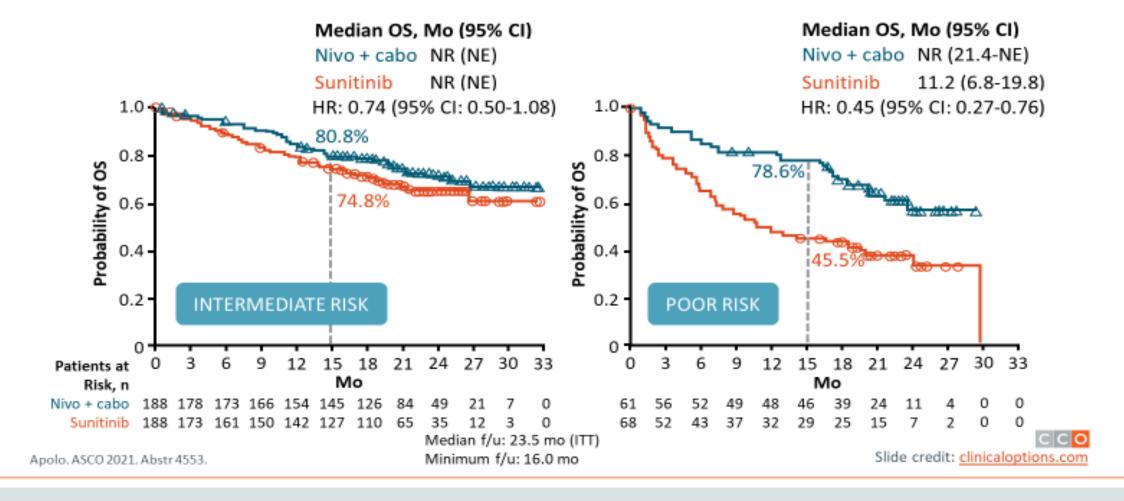
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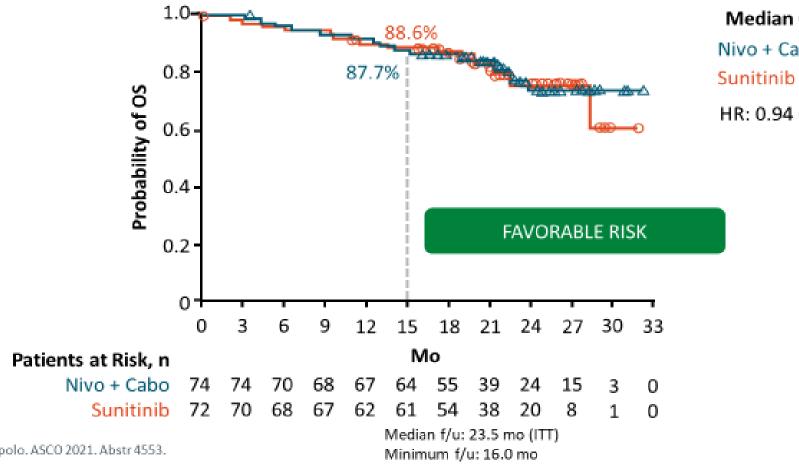
### CheckMate 9ER: First-line Nivolumab + Cabozantinib vs Sunitinib in Advanced or Metastatic RCC



#### CheckMate 9ER: First-line Nivolumab + Cabozantinib vs Sunitinib in Advanced or Metastatic RCC



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Median OS, Mo (95% CI)

Nivo + Cabo NR (NE)

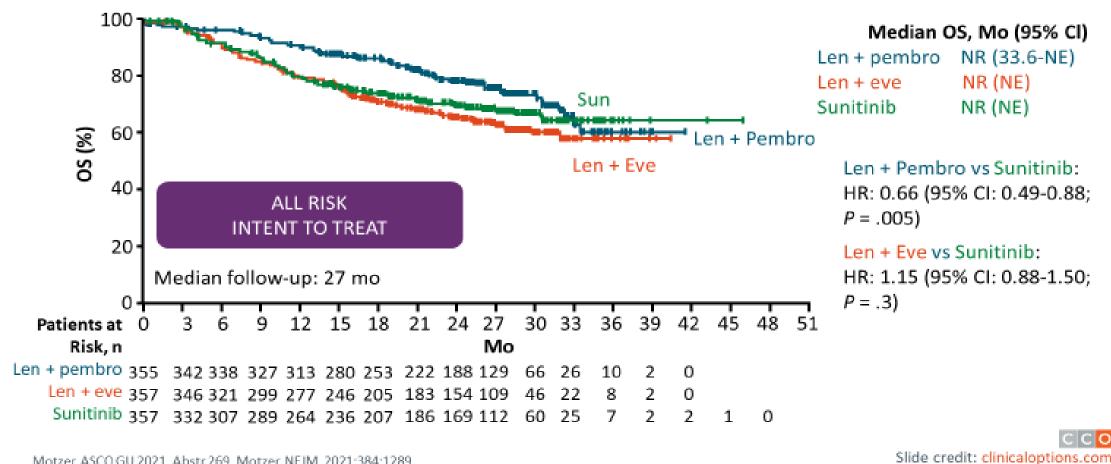
NR (28.4-NE)

HR: 0.94 (95% CI: 0.46-1.92)

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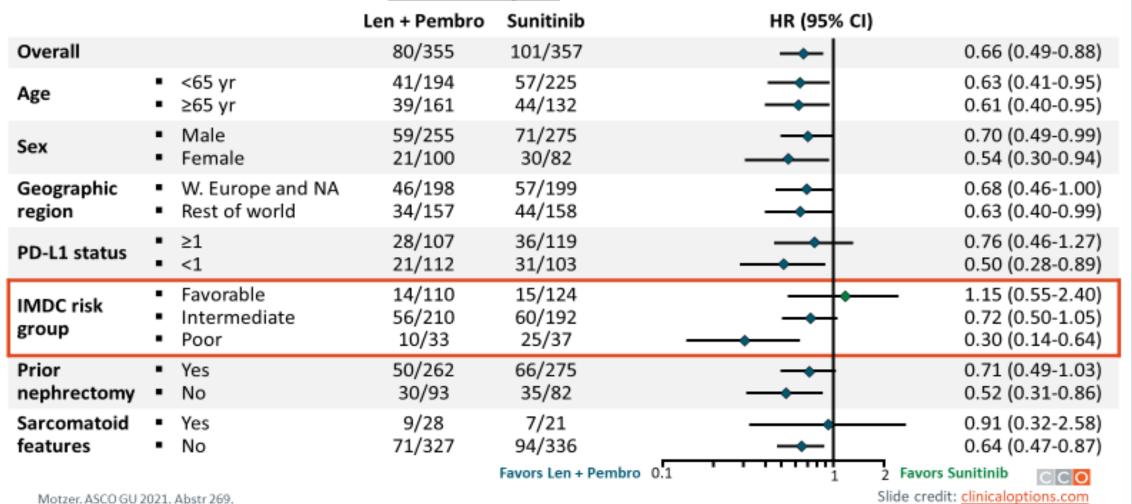
### CLEAR: First-line Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab or **Everolimus vs Sunitinib in Advanced RCC**



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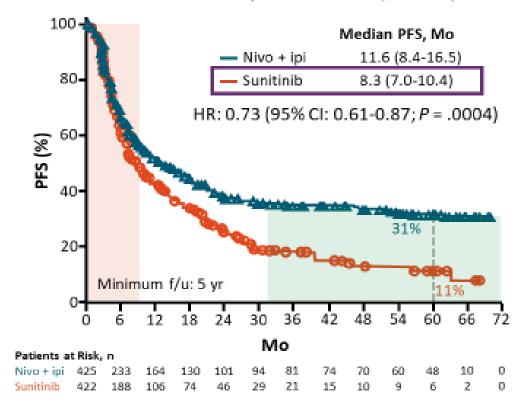
#### **CLEAR: OS in Patient Subgroups**

#### **Events/Participants**

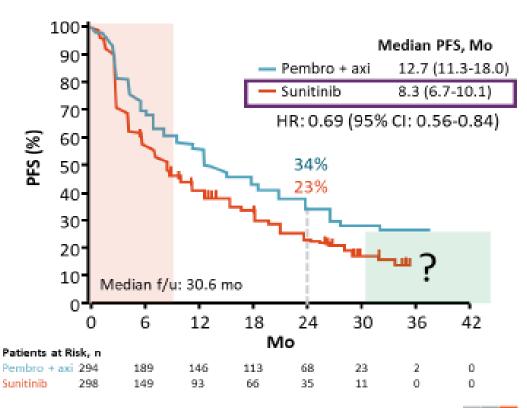


#### PFS for IMDC Intermediate-/Poor-Risk Disease

CheckMate 214: Nivo + Ipi vs Sunitinib (n = 847)1

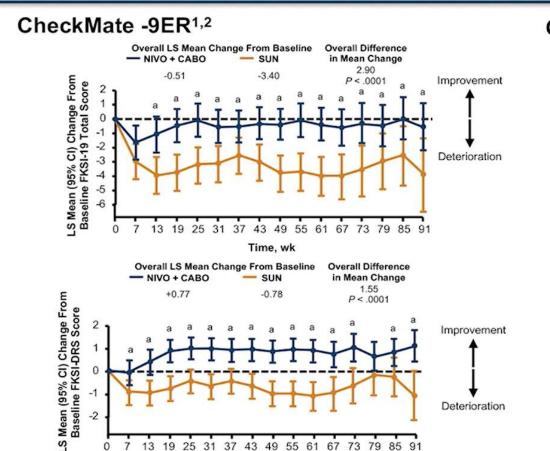


KEYNOTE-426: Axitinib + Pembro vs Sunitinib (n = 592)<sup>2</sup>

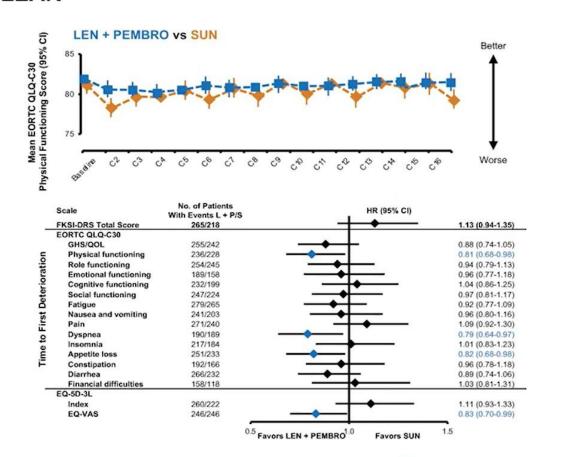




## Patient Perspectives: Patient-Reported Outcomes



#### CLEAR3

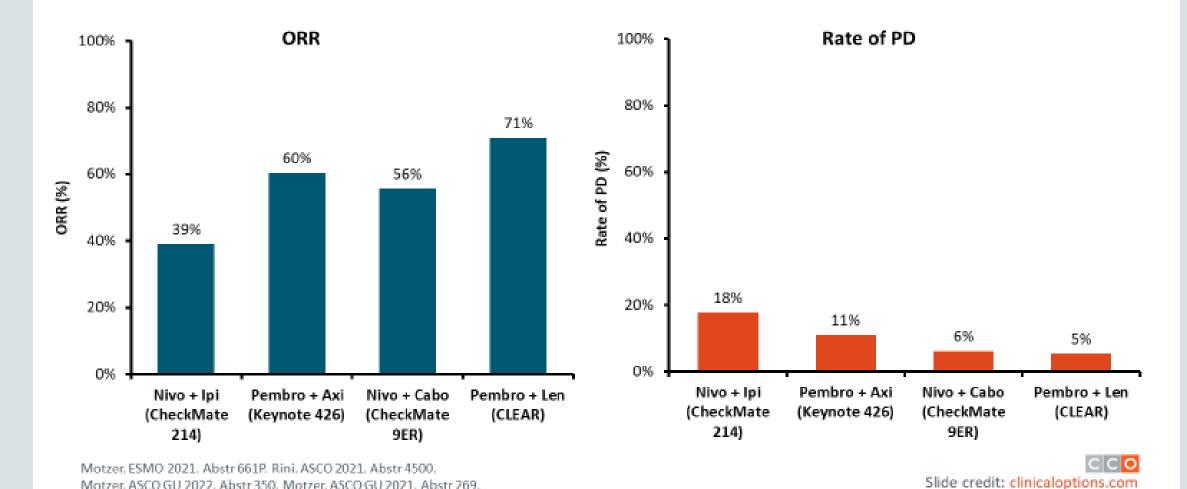


Time, wk

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm a}$  Between-arm difference was statistically significant at this time point (P < .05).

<sup>1.</sup> Cella D et al. ASCO GU 2021. Abstract 285. 2. Cella D et al. ASCO 2021. Abstract 6567. 3. Motzer RJ et al. ASCO 2021. Abstract 4502.

#### **Cross-Trial Comparison of Response in ITT Population**



#### First-Line IO Combination Trials in mRCC

	CheckMate -214 (NIVO + IPI vs SUN) <sup>1</sup> (n = 550 vs n = 546)	KEYNOTE-426 (PEMBRO + AXI vs SUN) <sup>2</sup> (n = 432 vs n = 429)	CheckMate -9ER (NIVO + CABO vs SUN) <sup>3</sup> (n = 323 vs n = 328)	CLEAR (LEN + PEMBRO vs SUN) <sup>4</sup> (n = 355 vs n = 357)
mOS, mo HR (CI)	55.7 vs 38.4 0.72 (0.62-0.85)	45.7 vs 40.1 0.73 (0.60-0.88)	NR vs 29.5 0.66 (0.50-0.87)	NR vs NR 0.66 (0.49-0.88) <sup>a,5</sup>
mPFS, mo HR (CI)	12.3 vs 12.3 0.86 (0.73-1.01)	15.7 vs 11.1 0.68 (0.58-0.80)	17.0 vs 8.3 0.52 (0.43-0.64)	23.9 vs 9.2 0.39 (0.32-0.49)
ORR, %	39 vs 32	60 vs 40	55 vs 27	71 vs 36
CR, %	12 vs 3	10 vs 4	9 vs 4	16 vs 4
Med f/u, mo	67.7	42.8	23.5	27
FDA Approved	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>

