

Renal Cancer

Clinical Breakthrough with Immunotherapy

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Changing Standards of Care for RCC

- Interferon & IL-2
- TKIs – sunitinib, pazopanib, cabozantinib, tivozanib, sorafenib, levantinib, (everolimus)
- Nivolumab (2nd line)
- Ipilimumab + Nivolumab (1st line) – Intermediate + poor risk
- IO – TKI
- Adjuvant

Limitations of TKIs

- Purely palliative
- Secondary resistance inevitable

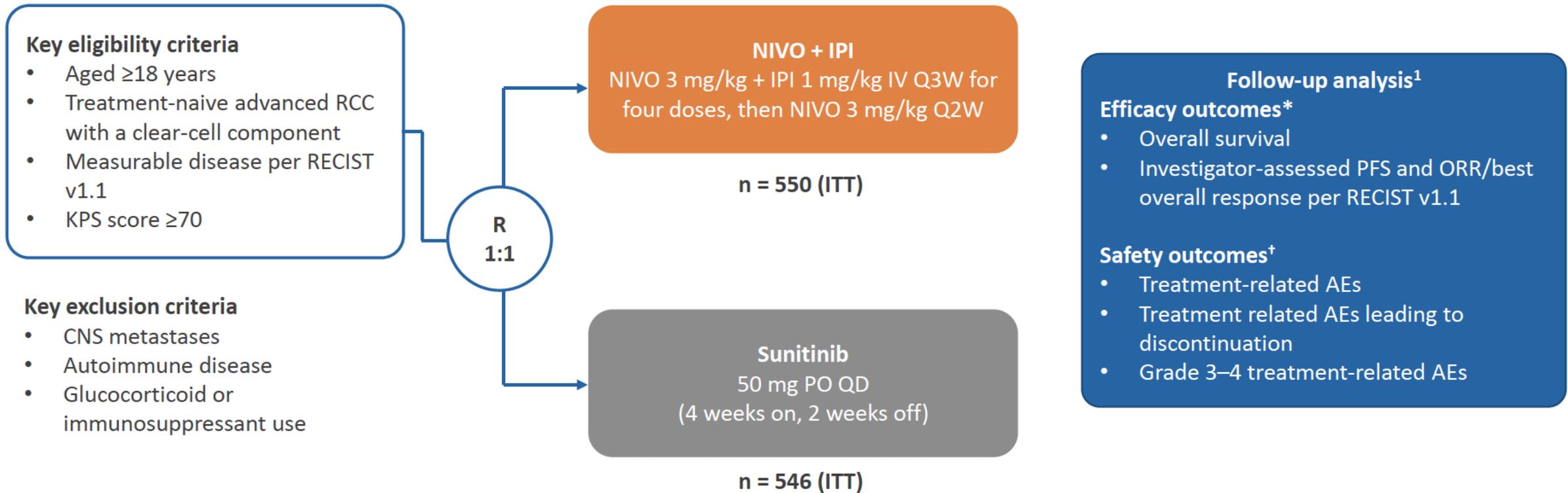
- Most patients have some benefit
- Early palliative benefit
- Sequential responses

Immunotherapy expectation

- Long term durable benefit
- What is the evidence?

CheckMate 214: study design

Phase III, open-label, randomised study comparing NIVO + IPI vs sunitinib monotherapy in patients with previously untreated aRCC with a clear-cell component^{1,2}



*Assessed in the ITT population, and in intermediate-/poor-risk and in favourable-risk patients (classified using International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium criteria).

†Assessed in all treated patients.

AE, adverse event; CNS, central nervous system; IPI, ipilimumab; ITT, intention-to-treat; IV, intravenous; KPS, Karnofsky performance status; NIVO, nivolumab; ORR, objective response rate; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, orally; QD, once daily; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q3W, every 3 weeks; R, randomisation; (a)RCC, (advanced) renal cell carcinoma; RECIST, response evaluation criteria in solid tumours.

1. Tannir et al. Presented at 2019 Genitourinary Cancers Symposium; February 14–16, 2019; San Francisco, CA, USA; Abstract 547. 2. Motzer et al. N Engl J Med 2018;378:1277–90.

30-Month Follow-Up of the Phase 3 CheckMate 214 Trial of First-Line Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab or Sunitinib in Patients With Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma

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Table 2. Baseline characteristics: ITT, intermediate/poor-risk, and favorable-risk patients⁵

Characteristic ^a	ITT population		Intermediate/poor risk		Favorable risk	
	NIVO+IPI (N = 550)	SUN (N = 546)	NIVO+IPI (N = 425)	SUN (N = 422)	NIVO+IPI (N = 125)	SUN (N = 124)
Median age, years (range)	62 (26–85)	62 (21–85)	62 (26–85)	61 (21–85)	62 (36–85)	63 (38–83)
Male, %	75	72	74	71	79	76
IMDC risk, %						
Favorable (0)	23	23	0	0	100	100
Intermediate (1–2)	61	61	79	79	0	0
Poor (3–6)	17	16	21	21	0	0
Region, %						
United States	28	28	26	26	34	34
Canada and Europe	37	36	35	35	42	43
Rest of the world	35	36	39	39	24	23
No. of sites with target/non-target lesions, %						
1	22	22	21	20	26	27
≥2	78	78	79	80	74	73
Common sites of target/non-target lesions, %^b						
Lung	69	68	69	70	70	62
Lymph	45	49	45	51	45	42
Bone ^c	20	22	22	23	14	18
Liver	18	20	21	21	9	15
Tumor PD-L1 expression (evaluable patients), %						
≥1%	N = 499 23	N = 503 25	N = 384 26	N = 392 29	N = 115 11	N = 111 12

^aInformation shown in the table is based on data collected with the use of an interactive voice-response system. Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding.

^bThe number of target or non-target lesions at baseline was not reported for 1 patient in the SUN group. Among favorable-risk patients, 21 (17%) patients in each arm had baseline pancreas lesions. ^cShown are patients who had bone metastases with or without a soft-tissue component.

Figure 2. Investigator-assessed progression-free survival per RECIST v1.1: ITT (A), intermediate/poor-risk (B), and favorable-risk (C) patients

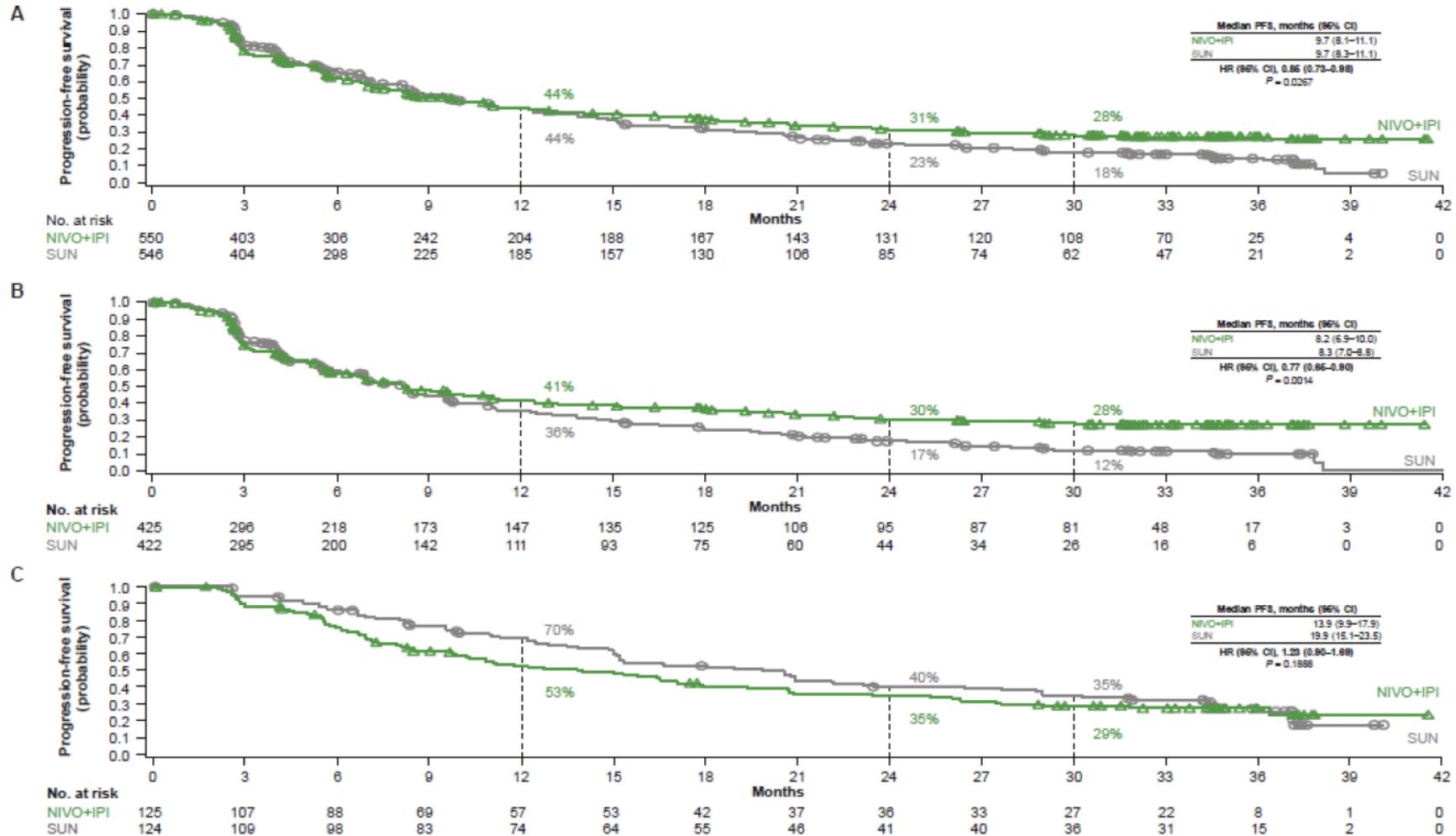
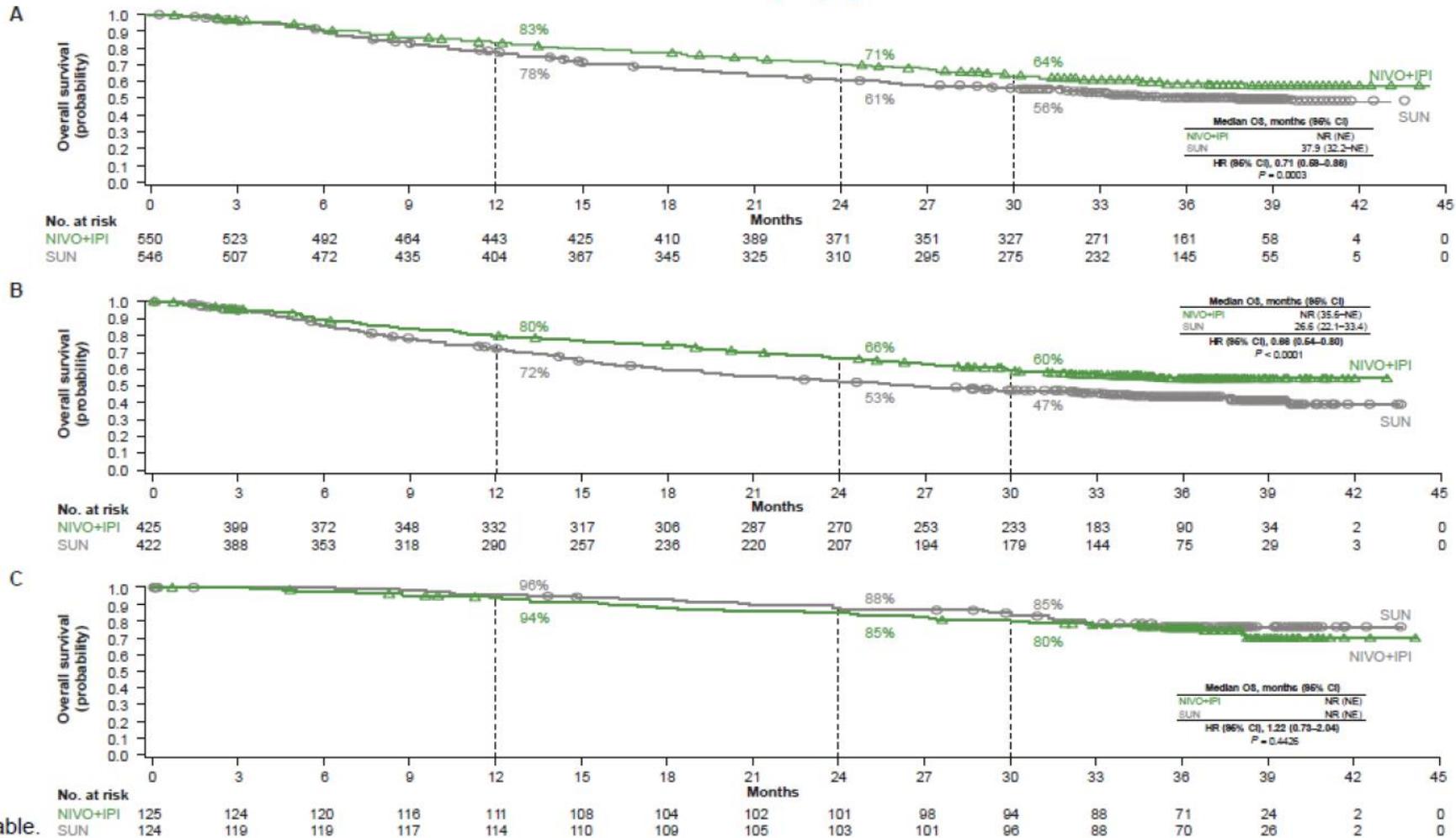
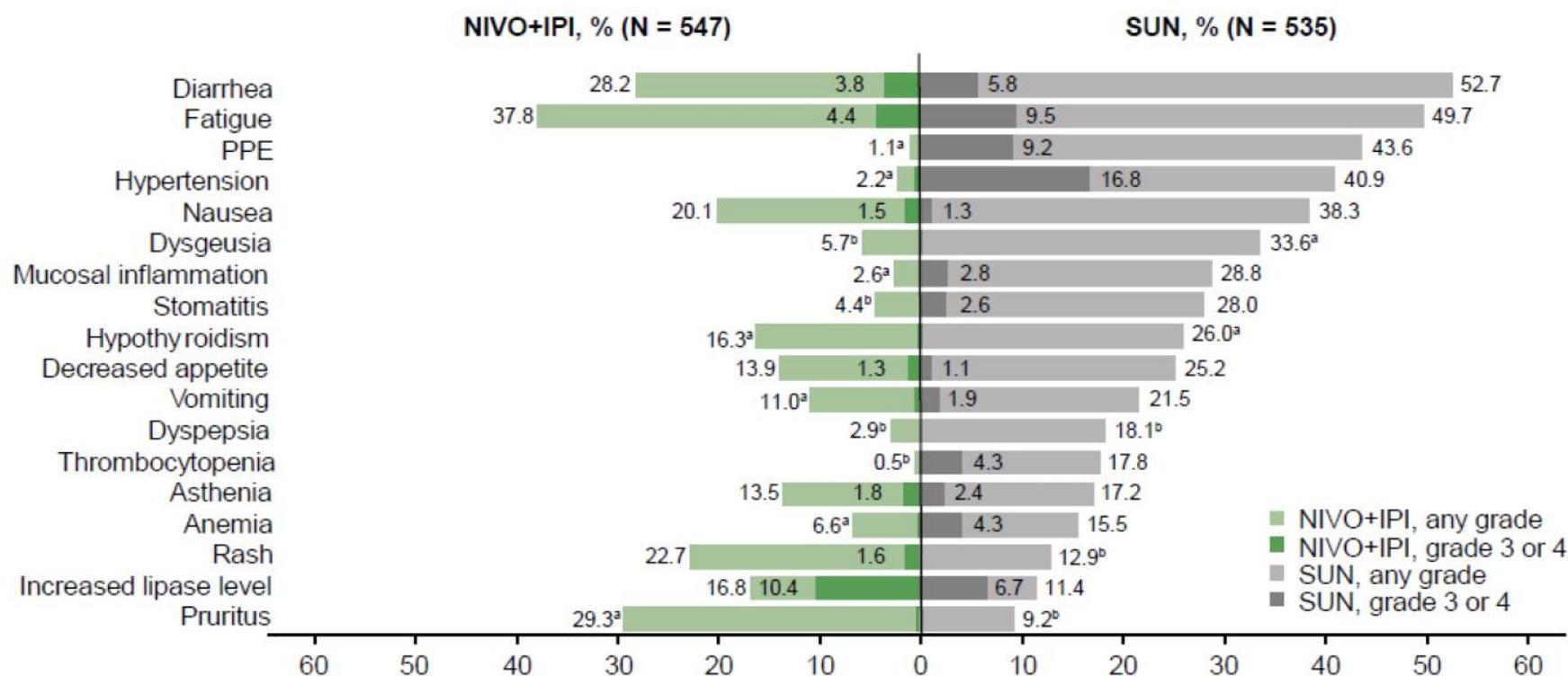


Figure 1. Overall survival: ITT (A), intermediate/poor-risk (B), and favorable-risk (C) patients



NE, not estimable.

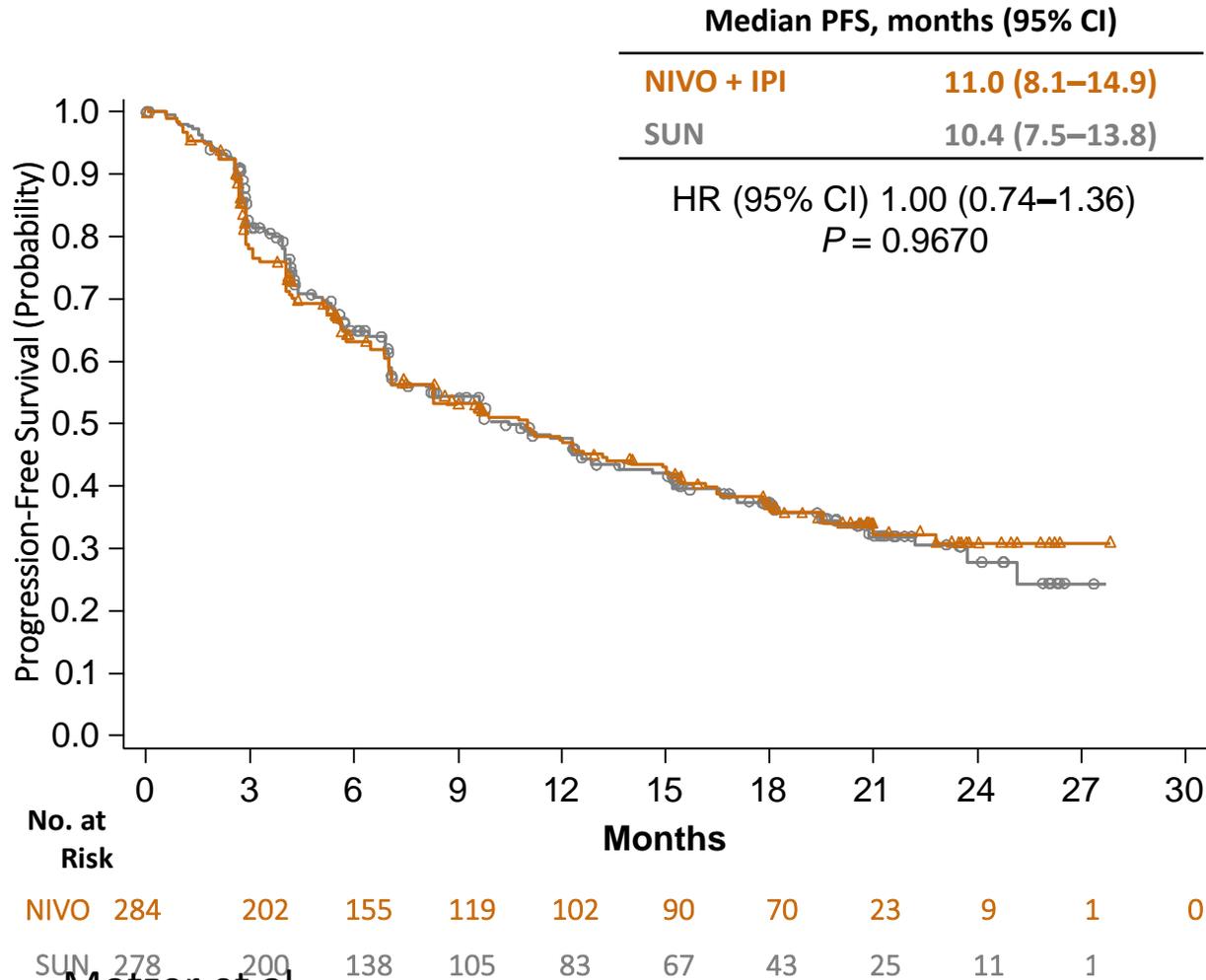
Figure 3. Any-grade treatment-related AEs occurring in >15% of patients in either arm: all treated patients



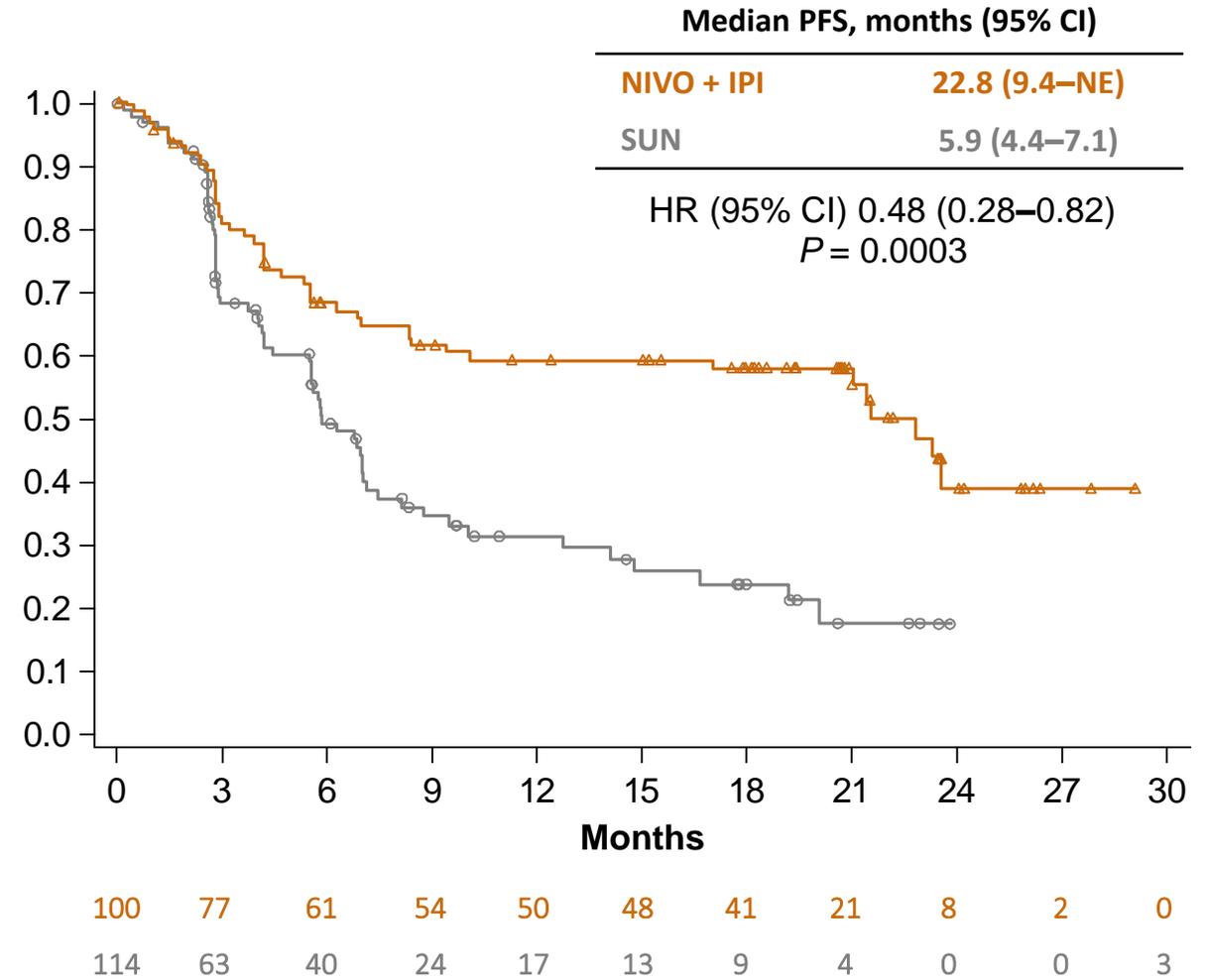
^a<1% reported grade 3-4 treatment-related AE; ^bNo patients reported a grade 3-4 treatment-related AE.
PPE, palmoplantar erythrodysesthesia.

PFS by PD-L1 expression: IMDC intermediate/poor risk

PD-L1 <1% (n = 562)



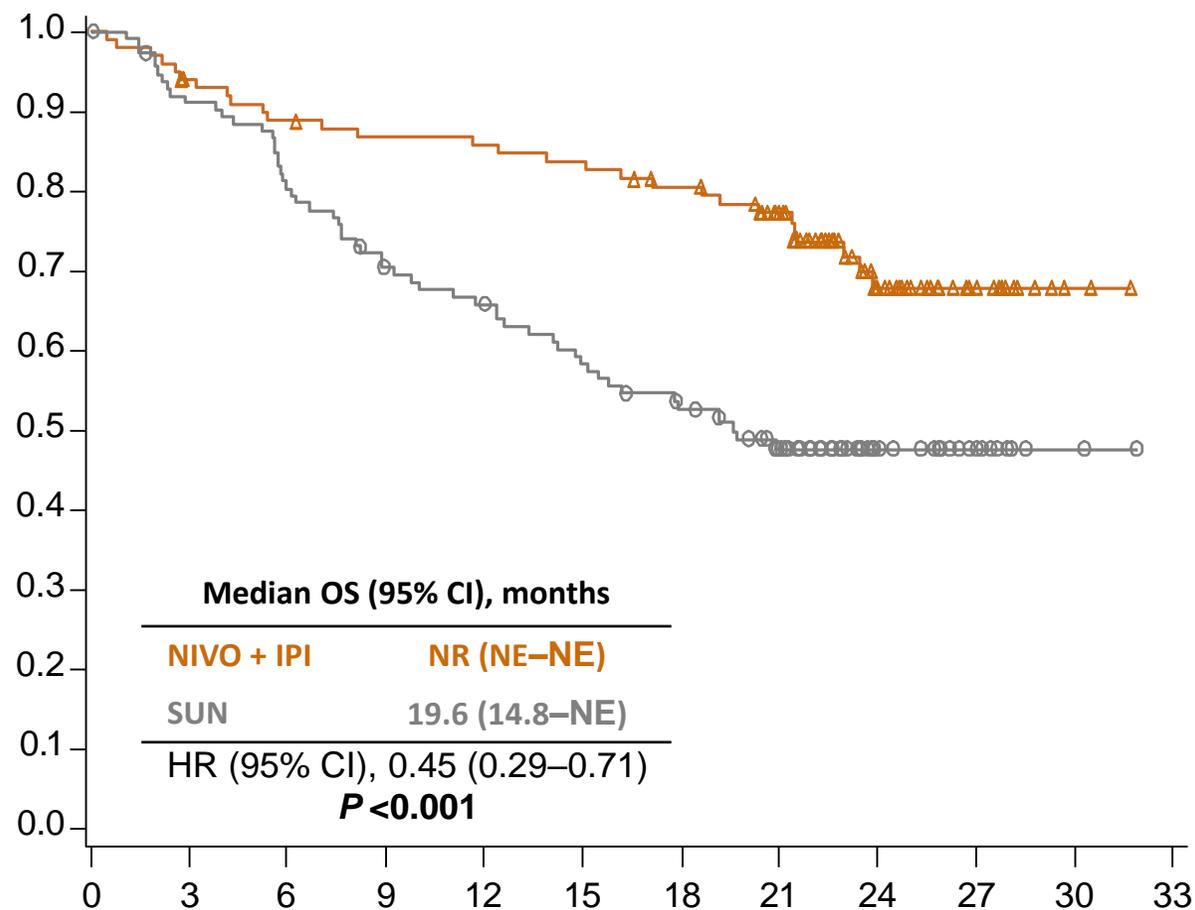
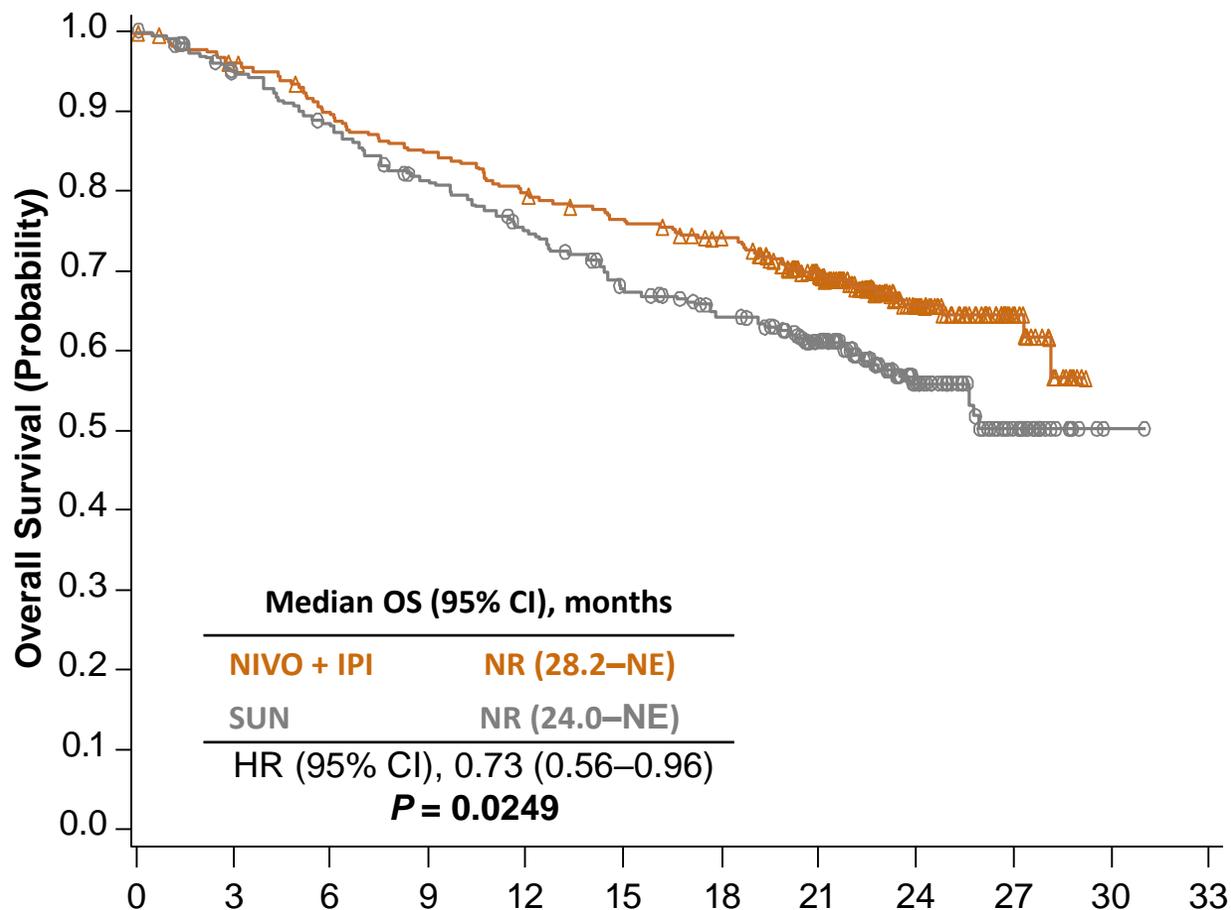
PD-L1 ≥1% (n = 214)



OS by PD-L1 expression: IMDC intermediate/poor risk

PD-L1 <1% (n = 562)

PD-L1 ≥1% (n = 214)



No. at Risk	Months					
	0	3	6	9	12	15
NIVO + IPI	284	251	223	200	76	0
SUN	278	239	198	157	61	1

No. at Risk	Months					
	0	3	6	9	12	15
NIVO + IPI	100	87	83	76	33	2
SUN	114	90	72	55	21	2

CheckMate 214, Motzer et al.

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 ≥ 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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N = 432

Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W
for up to 35 cycles
+
Axitinib 5 mg orally twice daily^a

N = 429

Sunitinib 50 mg orally once daily
for first 4 wks of each 6-wk cycle^b

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

^aAxitinib dose could be increased to 7 mg, then 10 mg, twice daily if safety criteria were met; dose could be reduced to 3 mg, then 2 mg, twice daily to manage toxicity.

^bSunitinib dose could be decreased to 37.5 mg, then 25 mg, once daily for the first 4 wks of each 6-wk cycle to manage toxicity.

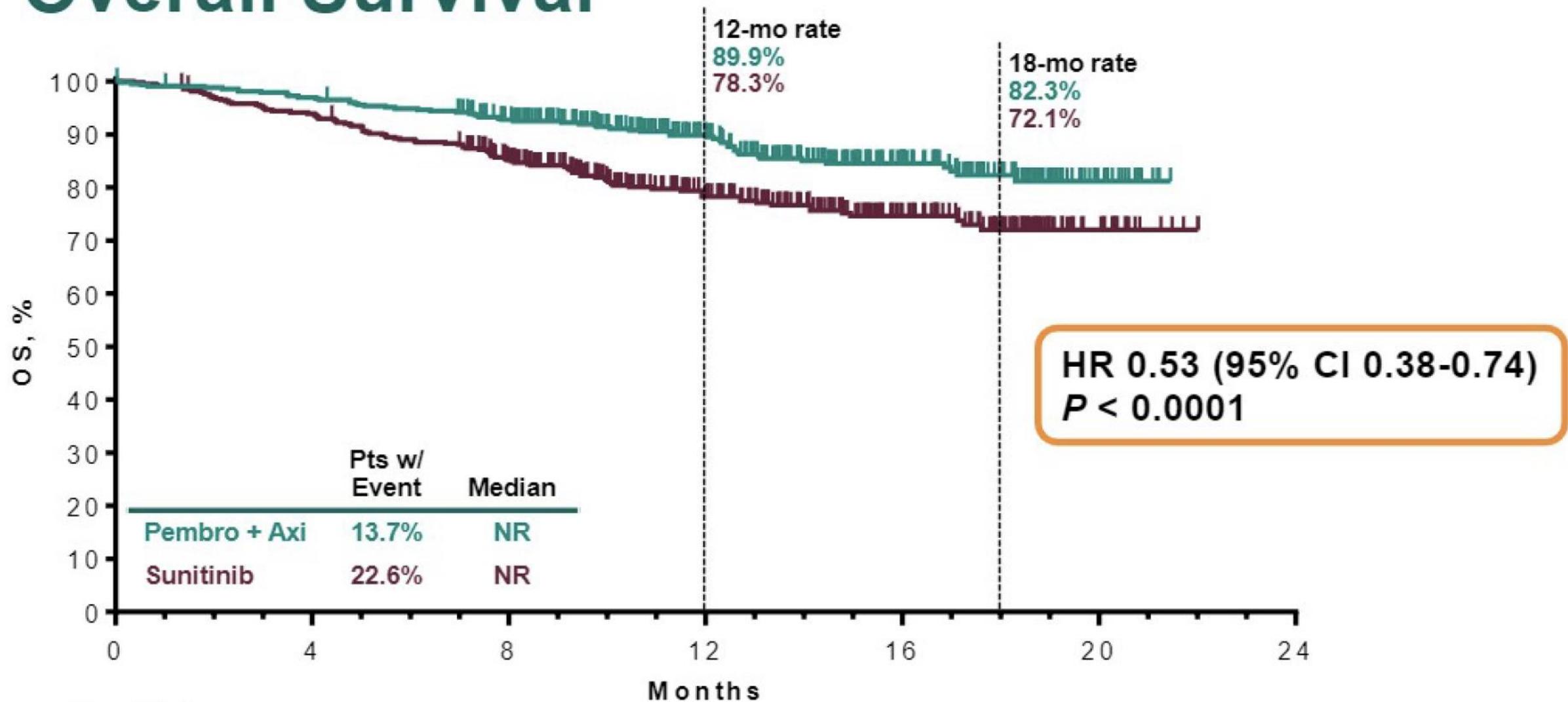
BICR, blinded independent central radiologic review; DOR, duration of response; PROs, patient-reported outcomes; ROW, rest of world.

KEYNOTE-426 is a randomized, open-label, phase 3 study (ClinicalTrials.gov identifier NCT02853331)

Subsequent Anticancer Therapy Among Patients Who Discontinued Study Therapy

	Pembro + Axi n = 176	Sunitinib n = 242
Any subsequent therapy	88 (50.0%)	147 (60.7%)
Any PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor	8 (4.5%)	91 (37.6%)
Any VEGF or VEGFR inhibitor	78 (44.3%)	86 (35.5%)
Any other therapy	21 (11.9%)	26 (10.7%)

Overall Survival



No. at Risk

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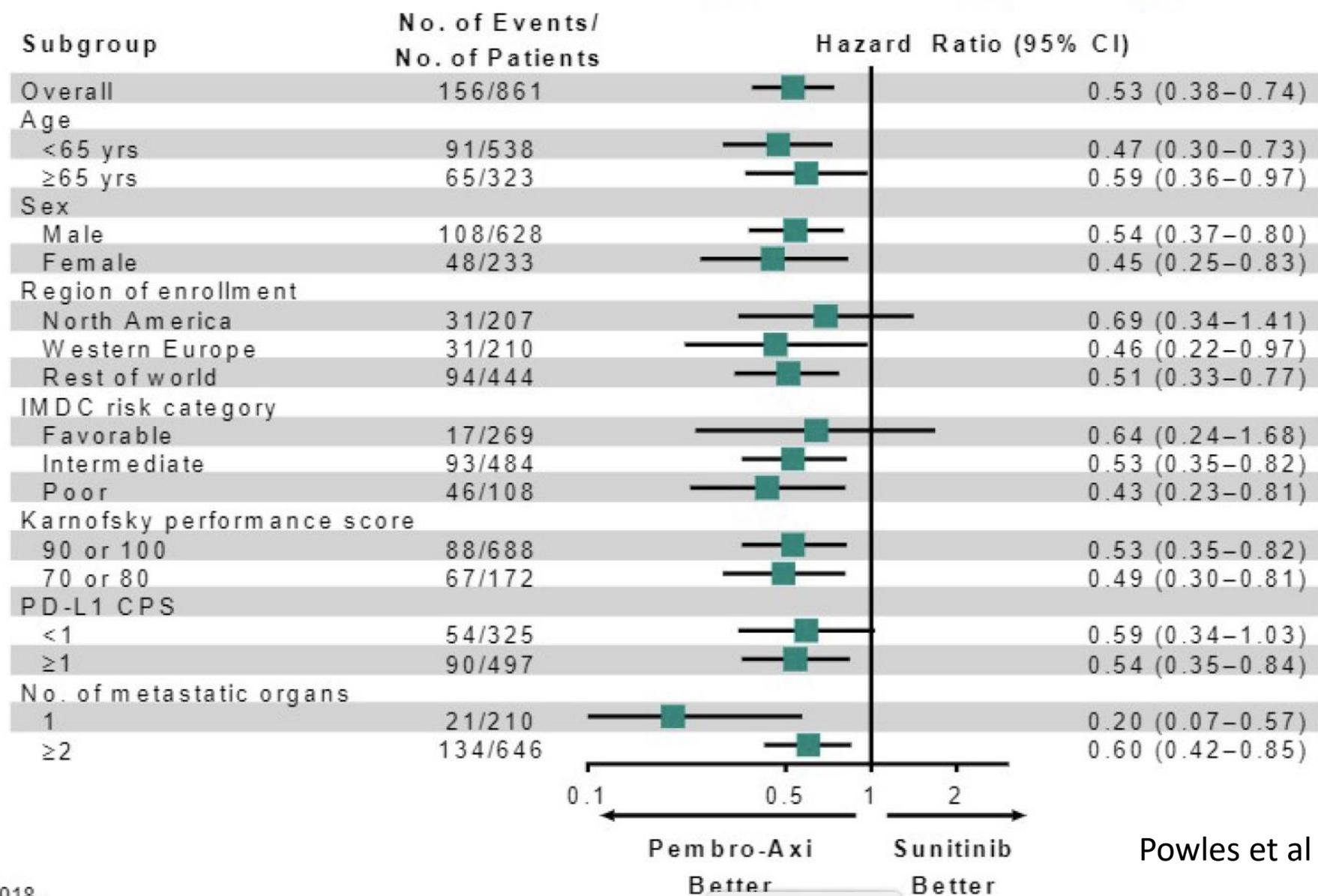
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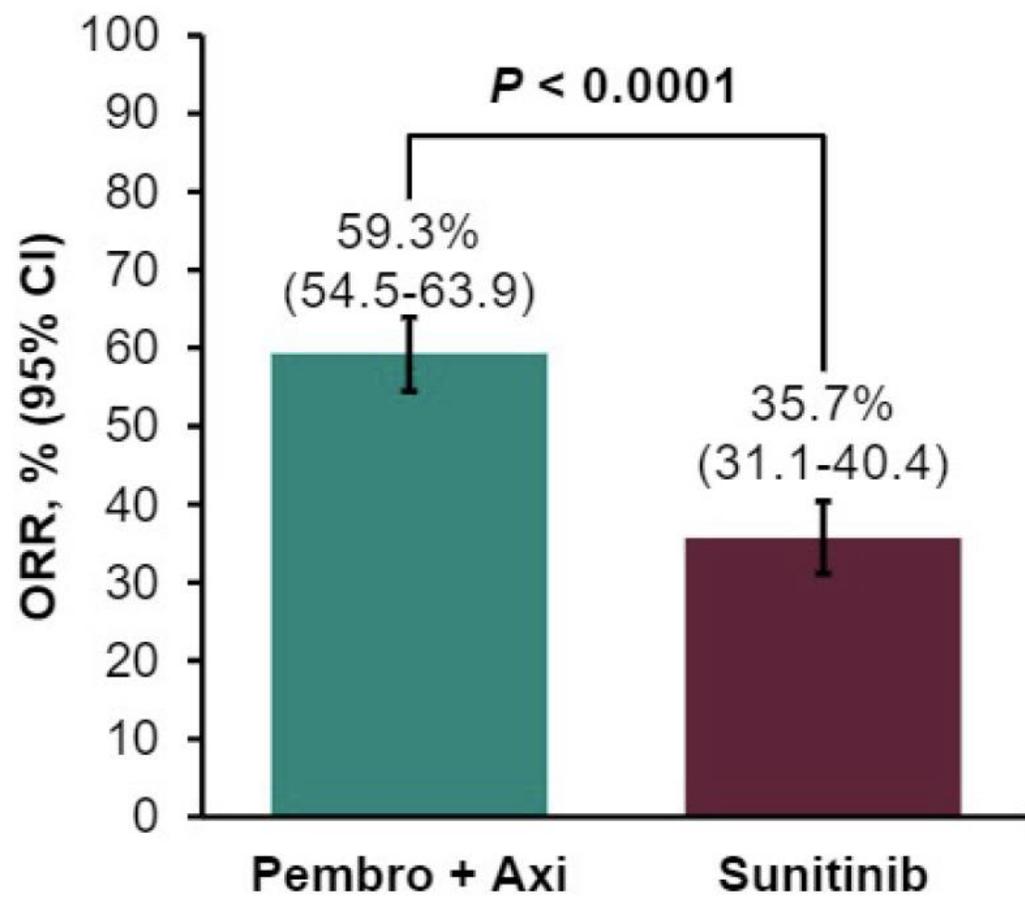
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Overall Survival in Key Subgroups



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Confirmed Objective Response Rate



	Pembro + Axi N = 432	Sunitinib N = 429
Best Response		
CR	25 (5.8%)	8 (1.9%)
PR	231 (53.5%)	145 (33.8%)
SD	106 (24.5%)	169 (39.4%)
PD	47 (10.9%)	73 (17.0%)
NE ^a	8 (1.9%)	6 (1.4%)
NA ^b	15 (3.5%)	28 (6.5%)
Response Duration	N = 256	N = 153
Median (range), mo	NR (1.4+ to 18.2+)	15.2 (1.1+ to 15.4+)

Powles et al, ASCO GU 2019

Summary of Adverse Events

	All Cause		Treatment Related	
	Pembro + Axi N = 429	Sunitinib N = 425	Pembro + Axi N = 429	Sunitinib N = 425
Any	98.4%	99.5%	96.3%	97.6%
Grade 3-5	75.8%	70.6%	62.9%	58.1%
Led to death	2.6%	3.5%	0.9% ^a	1.6% ^b
Led to discontinuation of any treatment	30.5%	13.9%	25.9%	10.1%
Led to discontinuation of both pembro and axi	10.7%	—	8.2%	—
Led to axi or sunitinib dose reduction	20.3%	30.1%	20.0%	28.5%
Led to interruption of any treatment	69.9%	49.9%	62.2%	40.2%

^aOne patient each from myasthenia gravis, myocarditis, necrotizing fasciitis, and pneumonitis.

^bOne patient each from acute myocardial infarction, cardiac arrest, fulminant hepatitis, gastrointestinal hemorrhage, intracranial hemorrhage, malignant neoplasm progression, and pneumonia.

Data cutoff date: Aug 24, 2018.

JAVELIN Renal 101: Randomized Phase 3 Trial of Avelumab + Axitinib vs Sunitinib as First-Line Treatment of Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma

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JAVELIN Renal 101: study design

Key eligibility criteria:

- Treatment-naive 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)**

Study objectives

- **Primary endpoints**
 - PFS by RECIST v1.1 per independent review committee (IRC) in patients with PD-L1+ tumors (PD-L1+ group)*
 - OS in the PD-L1+ group
- **Key secondary endpoints**
 - PFS per IRC in the overall population
 - OS in the overall population
- **Other secondary endpoints**
 - PFS per investigator assessment in the PD-L1+ group and in the overall population
 - Objective response per IRC and investigator assessment in the PD-L1+ group and in the overall population
 - Safety in all treated patients

* Defined as $\geq 1\%$ expression on tumor-infiltrating immune cells using the Ventana PD-L1 (SP263) immunohistochemistry assay.

OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival.

Key baseline characteristics

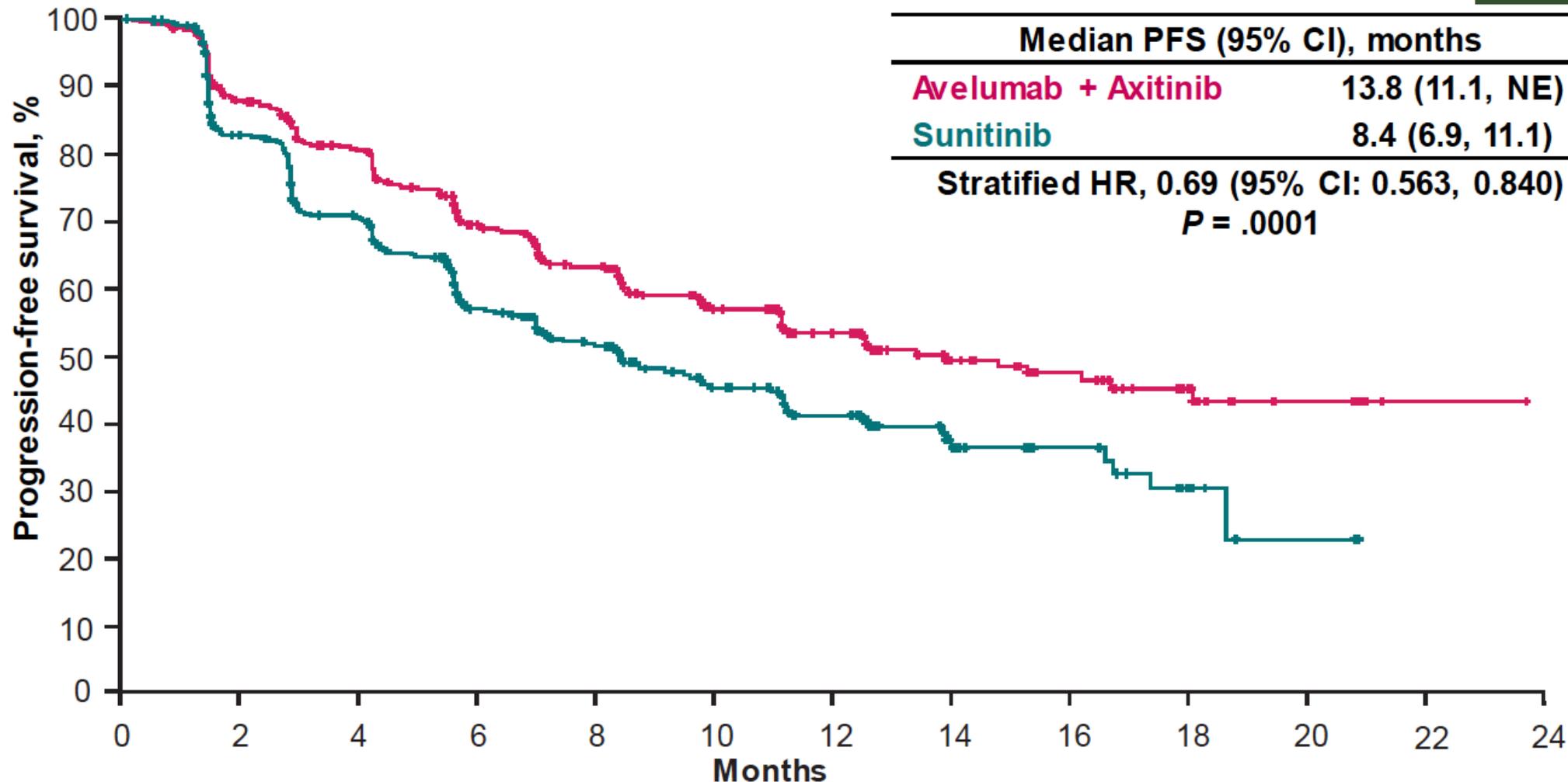
Characteristic	PD-L1+ group (N = 560)		Overall population (N = 886)	
	Avelumab + Axitinib (N = 270)	Sunitinib (N = 290)	Avelumab + Axitinib (N = 442)	Sunitinib (N = 444)
Median age, years	62	61	62	61
Male, %	75	77	72	78
Prior nephrectomy, %	86	87	80	80
ECOG performance status, %				
0/1	62/38	67/33	63/37	63/37
IMDC prognostic risk, %*				
Favorable	19	20	21	22
Intermediate/poor	64/16	66/13	61/16	62/16
MSKCC prognostic risk, %†				
Favorable	19	21	22	23
Intermediate/poor	67/12	69/8	64/12	66/10
Geographic region, %				
United States	28	28	29	30
Canada/Western Europe	30	28	29	29
Rest of the World	43	44	42	42

Values may not sum to 100% due to rounding. * Not reported in < 1% of patients. † Not reported in < 3% of patients.

IMDC, International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium; MSKCC, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

PFS per IRC in the overall population

Key secondary endpoint



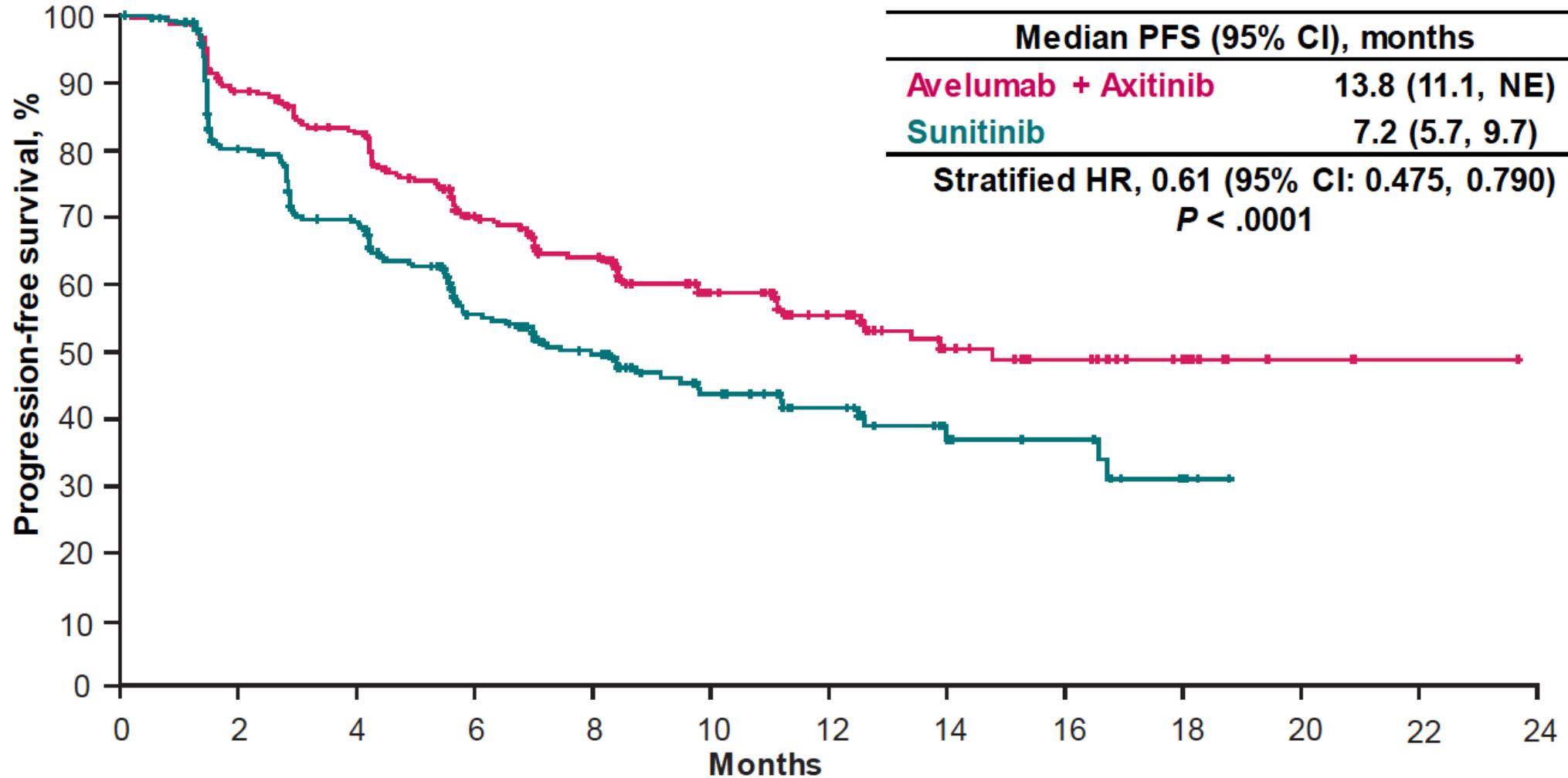
Number at risk

Avel + Axit:	442	364	321	250	193	127	94	57	42	24	8	1	0
Sunitinib:	444	329	271	192	144	90	64	29	20	8	2	0	

Minimum follow-up, 6 months. Median follow-up, 10.8 months (avelumab + axitinib) and 8.6 months (sunitinib). Motzer et al, ESMO 2018

The PFS analysis crossed the prespecified efficacy boundary based on the alpha-spending function (P = .001).

PFS per IRC in the PD-L1+ group



Number at risk

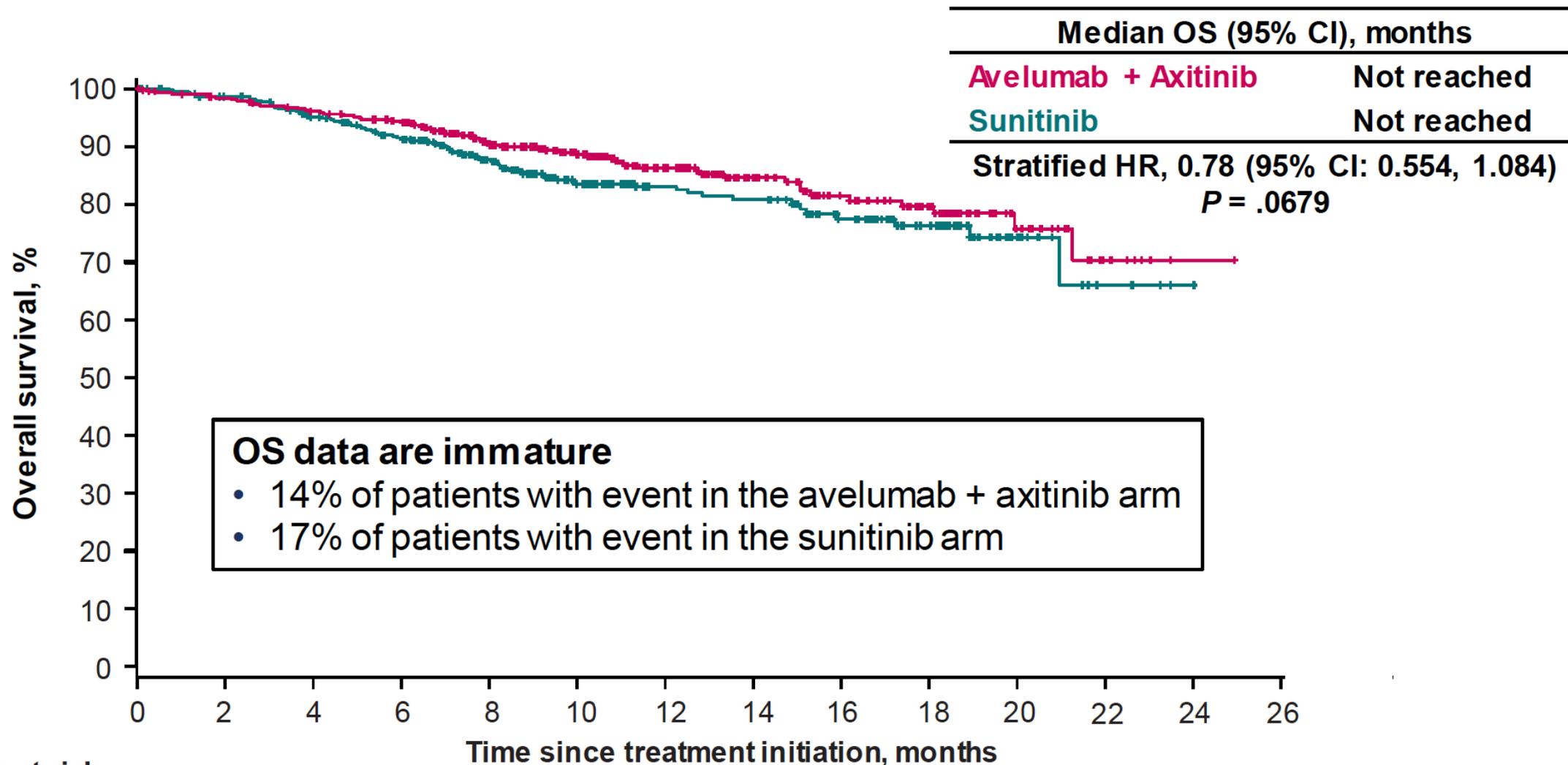
Avel + Axit:	270	227	205	154	120	76	53	32	23	13	3	1	0
Sunitinib:	290	210	174	119	85	49	35	16	13	5	0		

Motzer et al, ESMO 2018

Minimum follow-up, 6 months. Median follow-up, 9.9 months (avelumab + axitinib) and 8.4 months (sunitinib).

The PFS analysis crossed the prespecified efficacy boundary based on the alpha-spending function (P = .001).

OS in the overall population



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

Median follow-up, 12.0 months (avelumab + axitinib) and 11.5 months (sunitinib).

Confirmed objective response

Per IRC	PD-L1+ group (N = 560)		Overall population (N = 886)	
	Avelumab + Axitinib (N = 270)	Sunitinib (N = 290)	Avelumab + Axitinib (N = 442)	Sunitinib (N = 444)
Objective response rate (95% CI), %	55 (49.0, 61.2)	26 (20.6, 30.9)	51 (46.6, 56.1)	26 (21.7, 30.0)
Best overall response, %*				
Complete response	4	2	3	2
Partial response	51	23	48	24
Stable disease	27	43	30	46
Progressive disease	11	22	12	19
Not evaluable [†]	4	7	6	8
Patients with ongoing response, %‡	73	65	70	71
Per investigator assessment				
Objective response rate (95% CI), %	62 (55.8, 67.7)	30 (24.5, 35.3)	56 (51.1, 60.6)	30 (25.9, 34.7)
Best overall response, %				
Complete response	4	3	3	2
Partial response	58	27	53	28

Median duration of response was not yet reached in either treatment arm in either population.

Motzer et al, ESMO 2018

* Patients without target lesions at baseline per IRC who achieved non-complete response/non-progressive disease: 3% (avelumab + axitinib) and 2% (sunitinib) in the PD-L1+ group; 2% (avelumab + axitinib) and 2% (sunitinib) in the overall population. [†] Including patients with no postbaseline assessments. [‡] In patients with confirmed complete or partial response.

TRAEs in all treated patients (N = 873)

	Avelumab + Axitinib (N = 434)		Sunitinib (N = 439)	
	All grades	Grade 3 (4)	All grades	Grade 3 (4)
All TRAEs, %	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 of all study drugs, %*		4		8
TRAEs leading to death, %†		1		< 1

Motzer et al, ESMO 2019

Treatment-related adverse events (TRAEs) of any grade occurring in $\geq 20\%$ of patients or grade 3-4 in $\geq 3\%$ of patients are shown. * No events occurred in $\geq 1\%$ of patients. † Grade 5 events occurred in 3 patients in the avelumab + axitinib arm (myocarditis, necrotizing pancreatitis, sudden death; n = 1 each); in 1 patient in the sunitinib arm (intestinal perforation).

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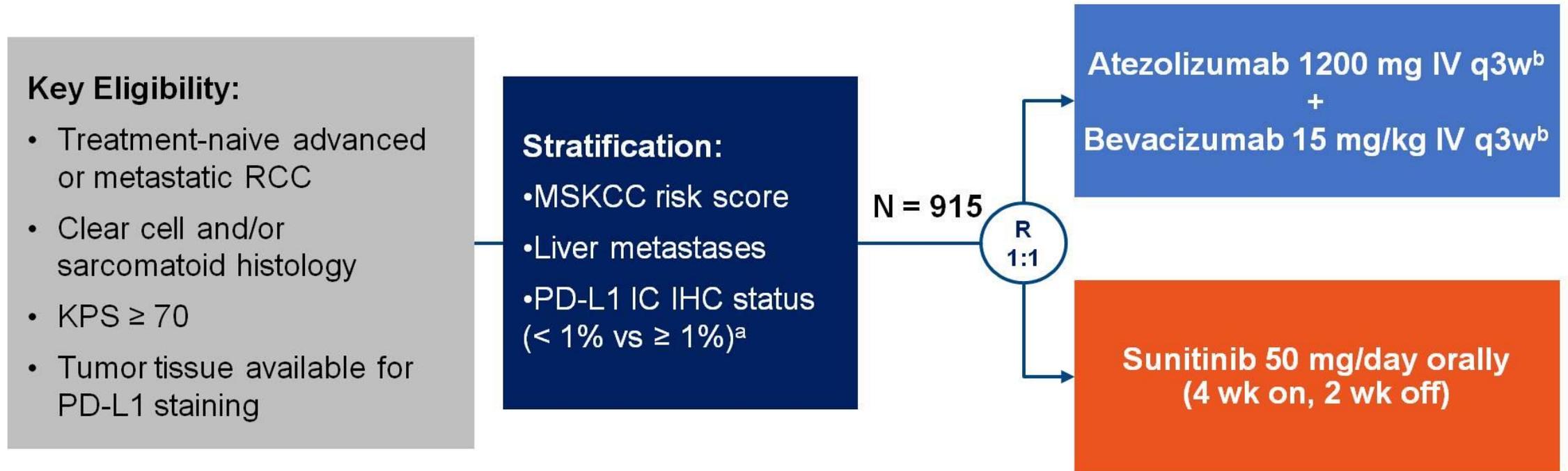
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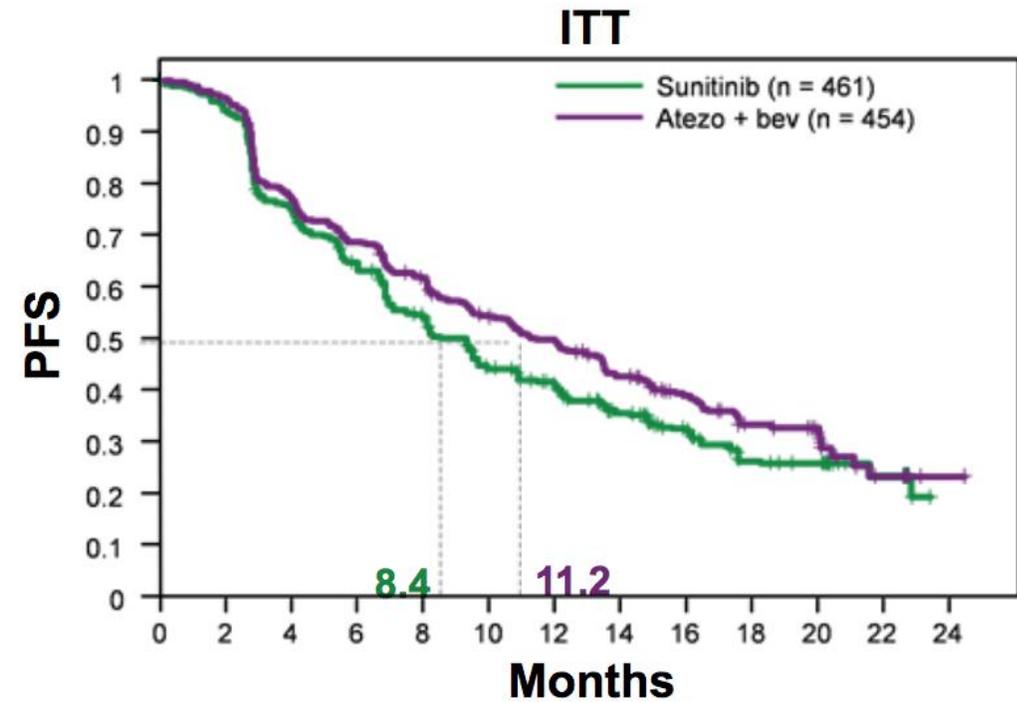
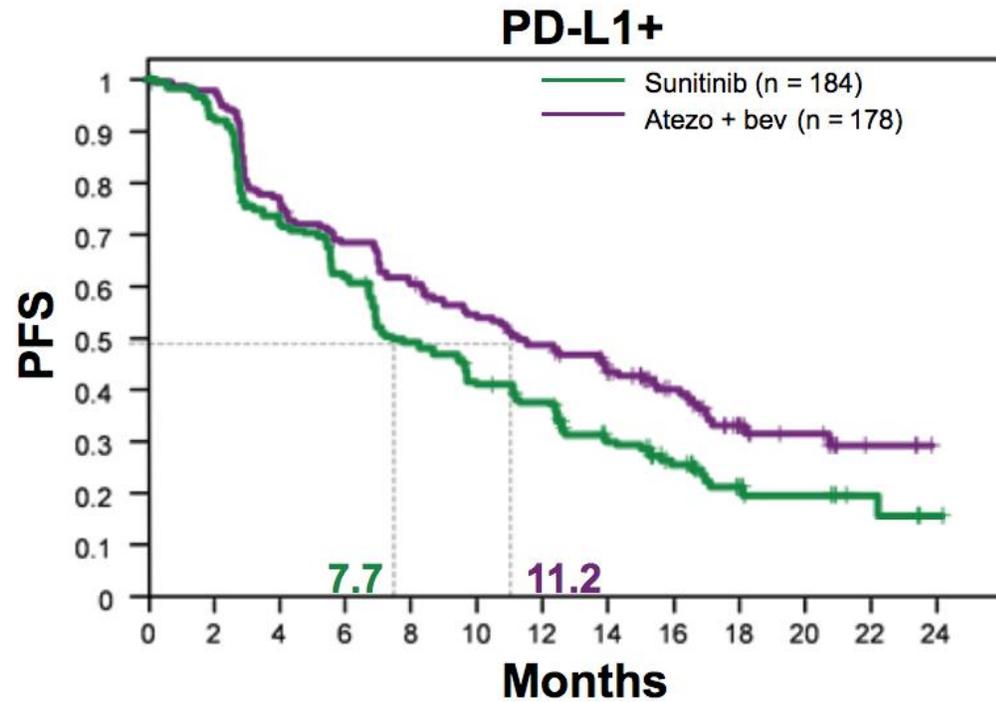


^a \geq 1% IC: 40% prevalence using SP142 IHC assay; ^b No dose reduction for atezolizumab or bevacizumab.

Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	PD-L1+ (n = 362)		ITT (N = 915)	
	Atezo + Bev n = 178	Sunitinib n = 184	Atezo + Bev n = 454	Sunitinib n = 461
Age, median (range)	62 y (33-84)	59 y (23-80)	62 y (24-88)	60 y (18-84)
Male	67%	79%	70%	76%
KPS ≥ 80	95%	95%	91%	92%
Liver metastasis	17%	18%	17%	18%
Prior nephrectomy	84%	83%	74%	72%
Predominant clear cell histology	92%	87%	93%	92%
Sarcomatoid component	20%	27%	15%	16%
≥ 1% of IC expressing PD-L1 (PD-L1+)	-	-	39%	40%
MSKCC risk category				
Favorable (0)	17%	18%	20%	20%
Intermediate (1 or 2)	74%	73%	71%	70%
Poor (≥ 3)	8%	9%	10%	10%

IMmotion151: PFS Summary



	HR (95% CI)	
	PD-L1+	ITT
Atezo + bev vs sunitinib	0.74 (0.57, 0.96); $P = 0.02^a$	0.83 (0.70, 0.97)

PFS assessed by investigators. Minimum follow-up, 12 months. Median follow-up, 16 months (PD-L1+) and 15 months (ITT).

^a The PFS analysis passed the pre-specified P value boundary of $\alpha = 0.04$.

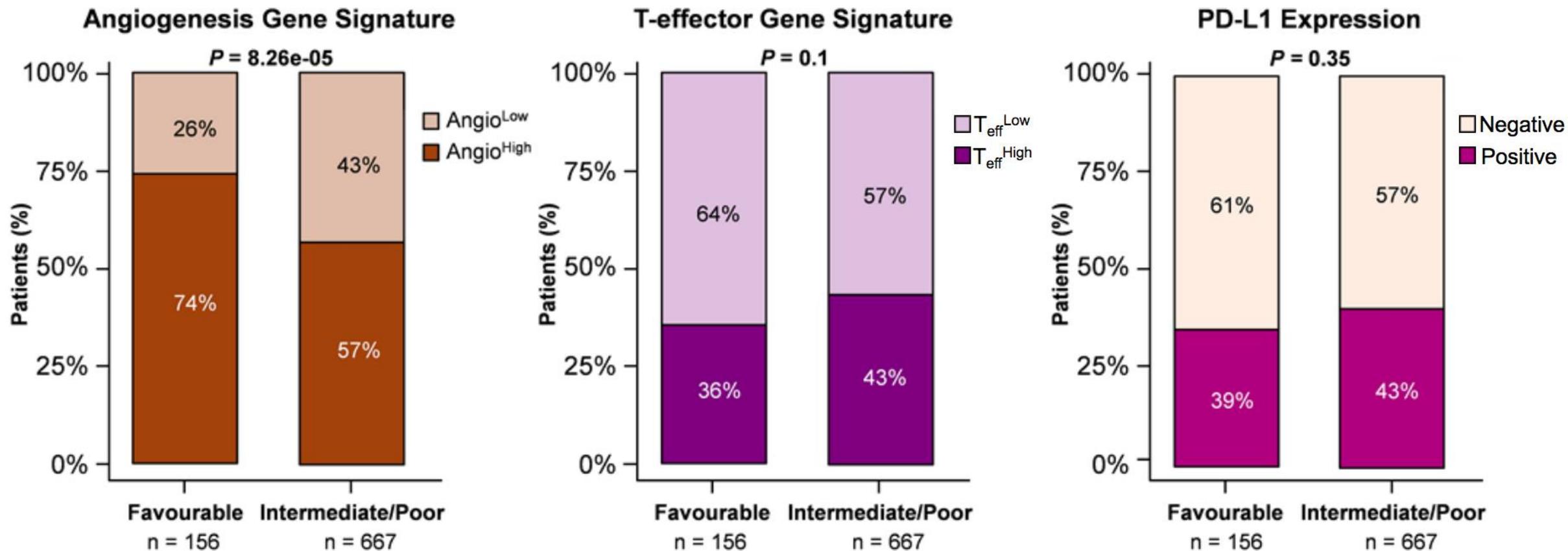
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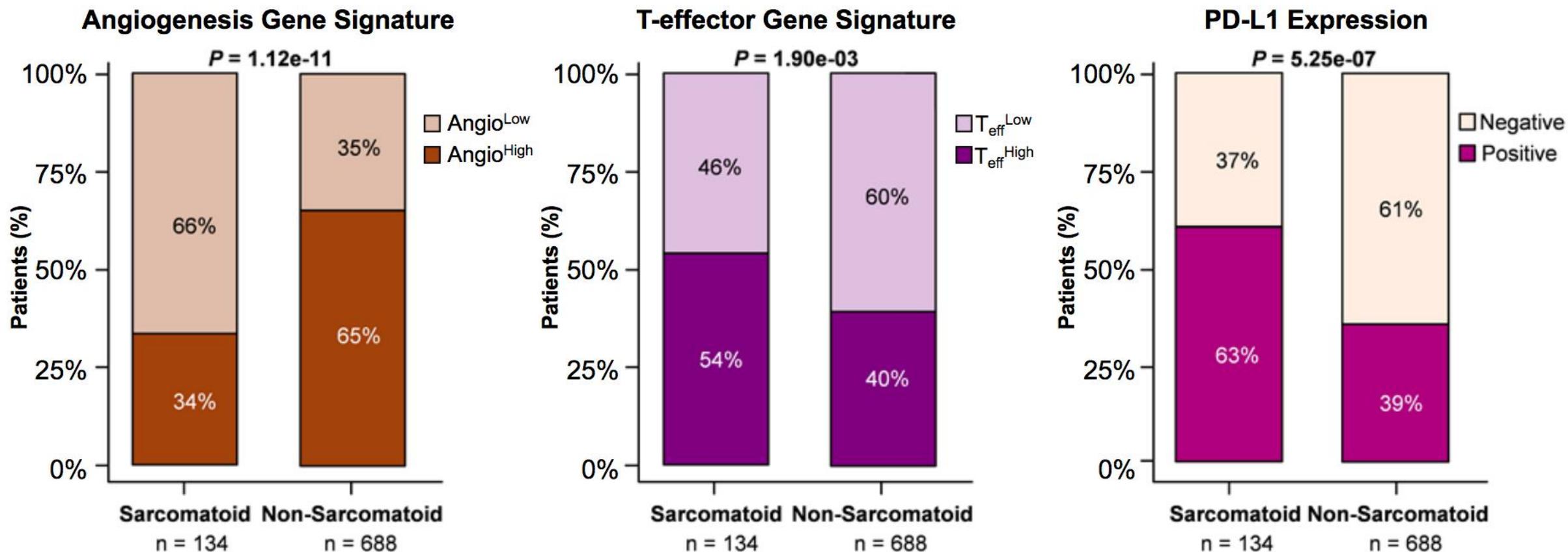
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Angiogenesis Gene Expression Is Higher in Favourable MSKCC Risk Group



Angiogenesis Gene Expression Is Lower and PD-L1 Expression Is Higher in Sarcomatoid Tumours



Summary

- IO-IO (Ipi – Nivo) Standard of Care for Intermediate & Poor Risk
- Good risk patients – currently TKI
 - IO-TKI combo likely efficacy
 - Ipi-Nivo may demonstrate durability of response with longer follow up vs TKI
- PDL-1 not an adequate predictive biomarker for patient selection

Moving Forward

- Adjuvant IO , IO + IO studies ongoing
 - RAMPART, BMS 914
- Heterogeneity particularly marked in RCC
 - TMB modest, no correlation with activity of atezoluzimab + bev (McDermott Nature Med)
 - High Indel frequency (Turajlic et al)
 - Identification of truncal neo-antigens (Turajlic et al) may provide a target for cellular therapies