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# Immunotherapy for Genitourinary Cancers

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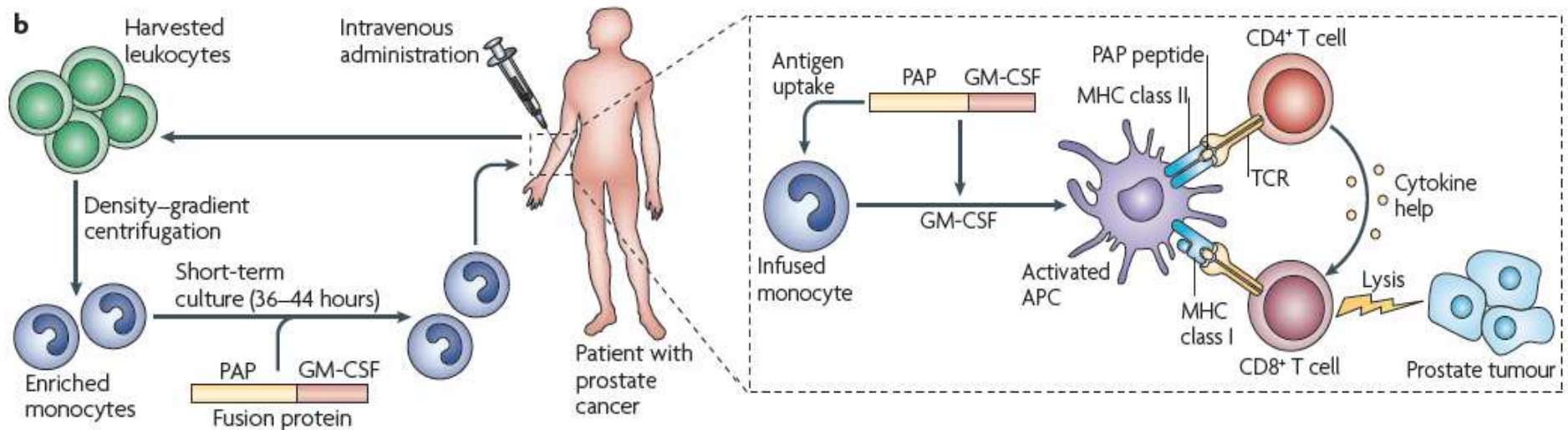


# Immunotherapy in Prostate Cancer

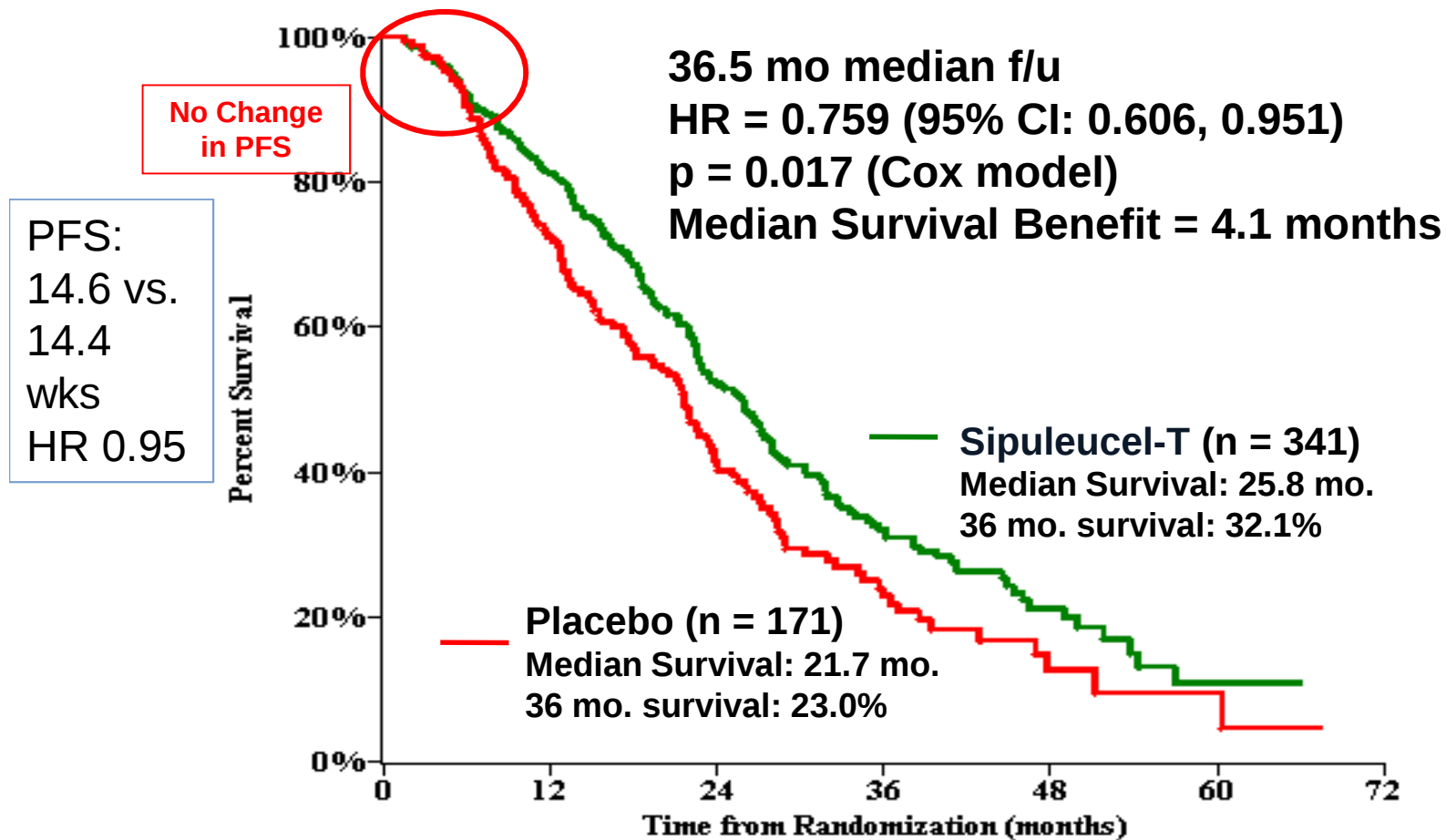
- Increase antigen delivery (e.g. Vaccines)
  - Expose and prime native immune system against specific proteins that are unique to cancer
    - **PSA-TRICOM (ProstVac)**
  - Take out APC's from body and prime *ex vivo*
    - **Sipuleucel-T**
- Repress the native regulation of immunity
  - **Ipilimumab**
- Antibody-dependent cytotoxicity with PC specific antibody
  - **J591**



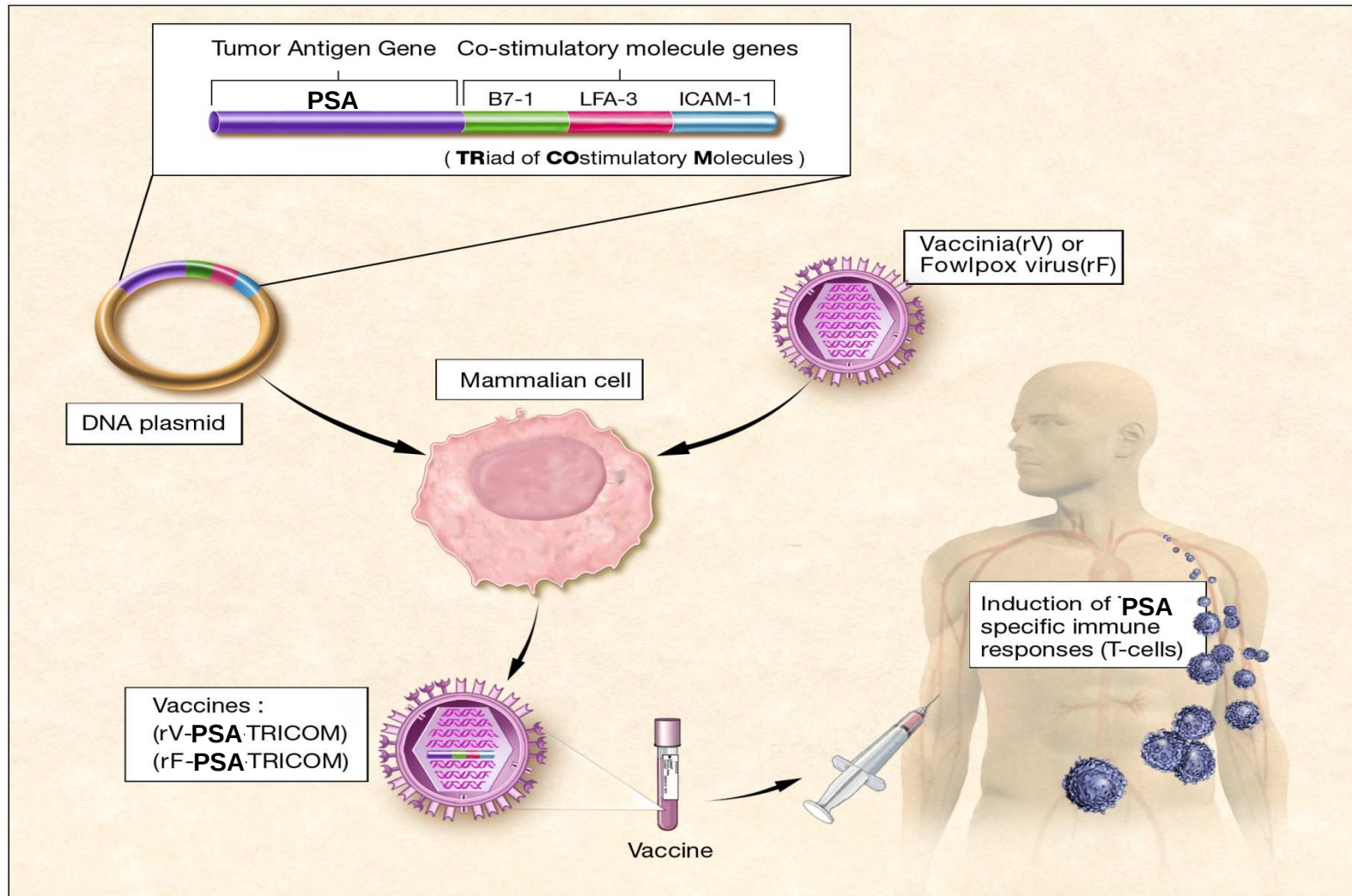
# Vaccination With Fresh (Functional) APCs: Generate ex vivo and Reinfuse



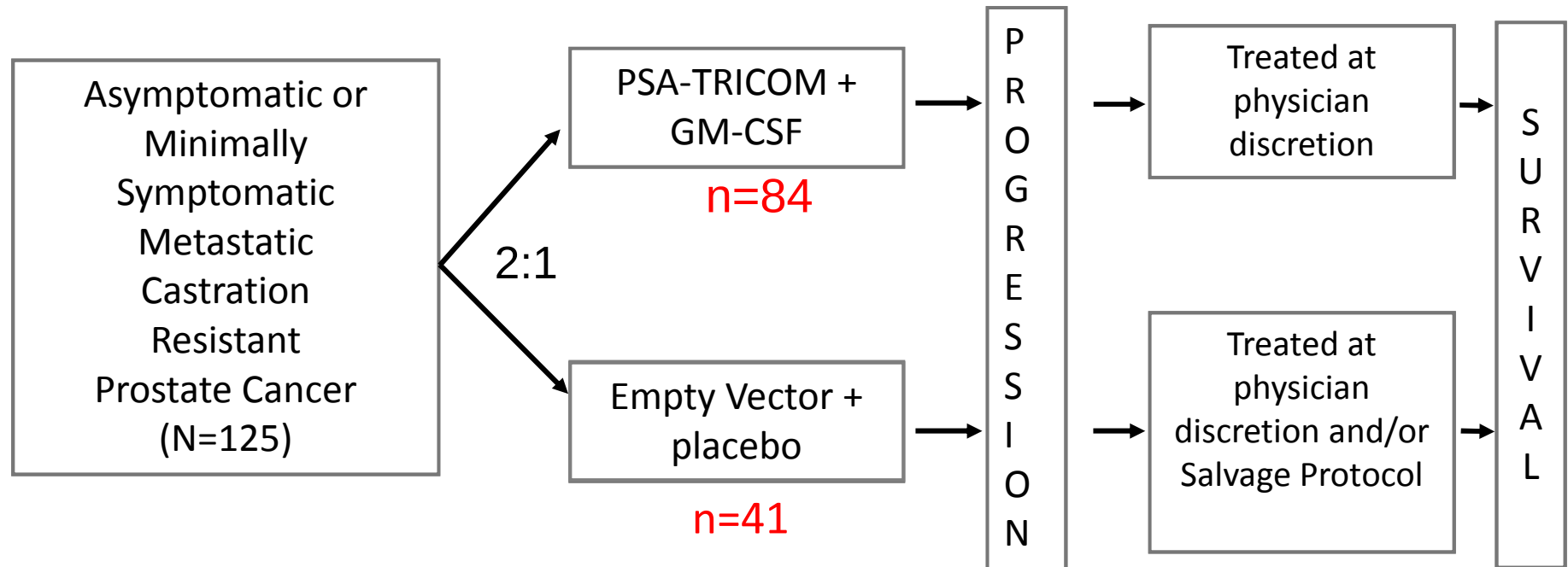
# Sipuleucel T: IMPACT Overall Survival



# ProstVac: Mechanism



# ProstVac: Randomized Controlled Double Blind Phase II Study



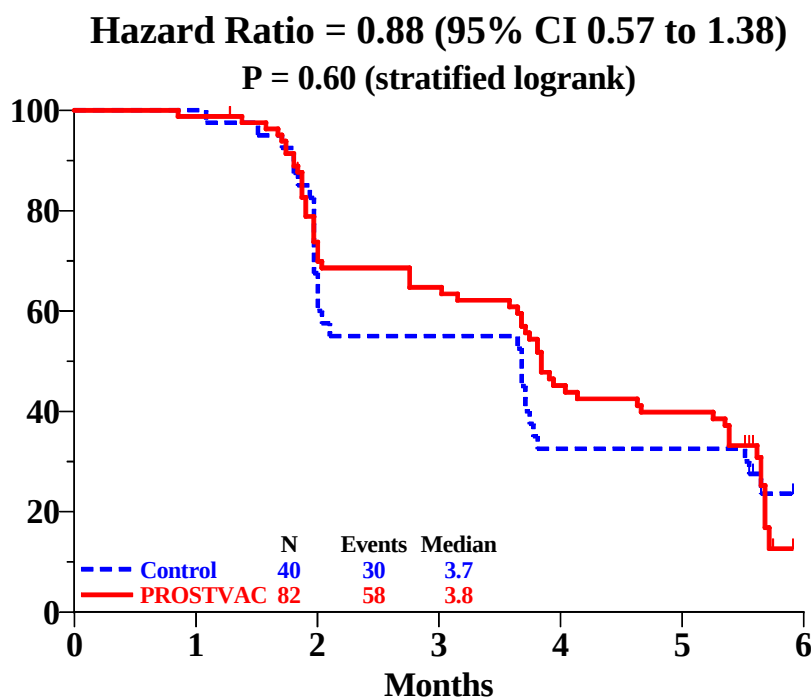
Primary endpoint: Progression Free Survival

Secondary endpoint: Overall Survival

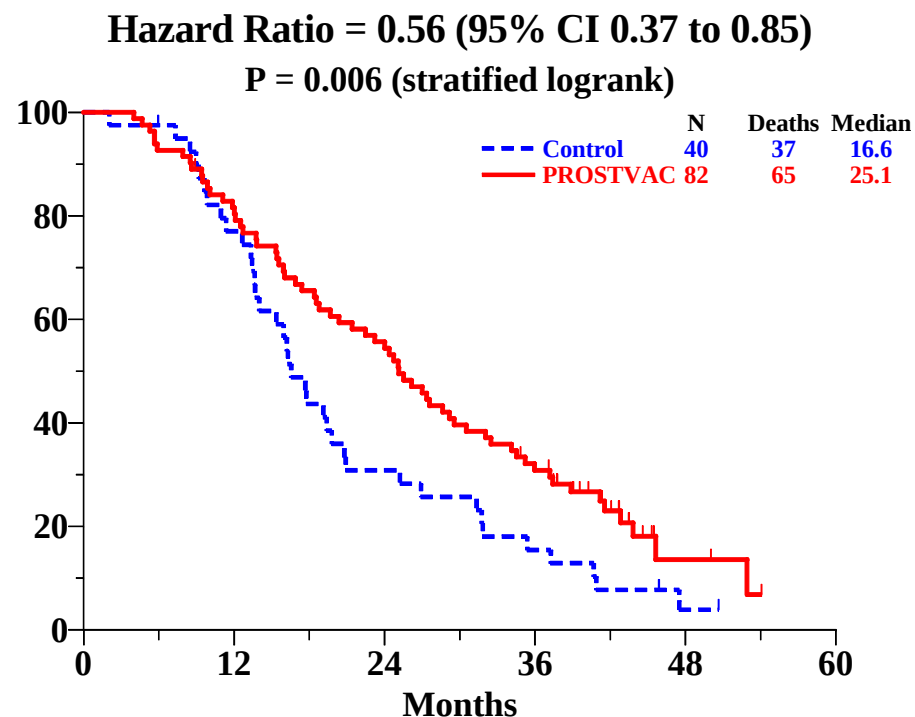


# ProstVac Outcome

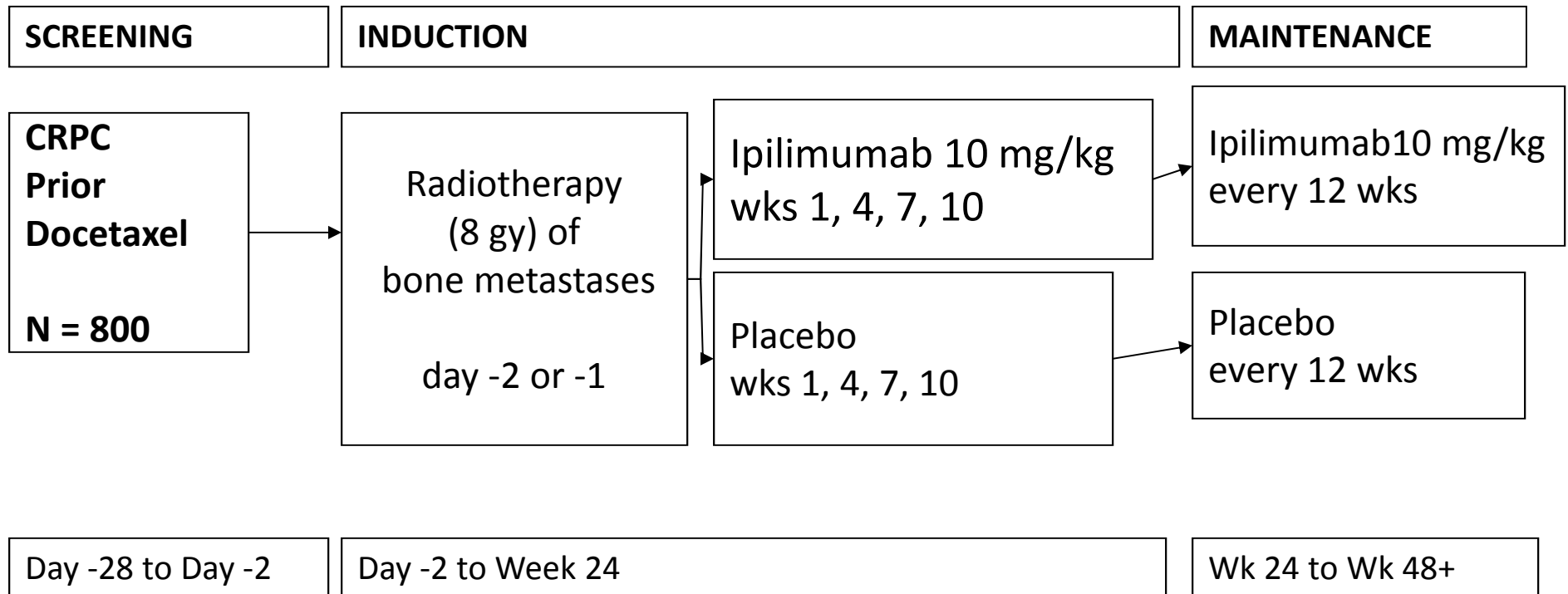
## Progression Free Survival



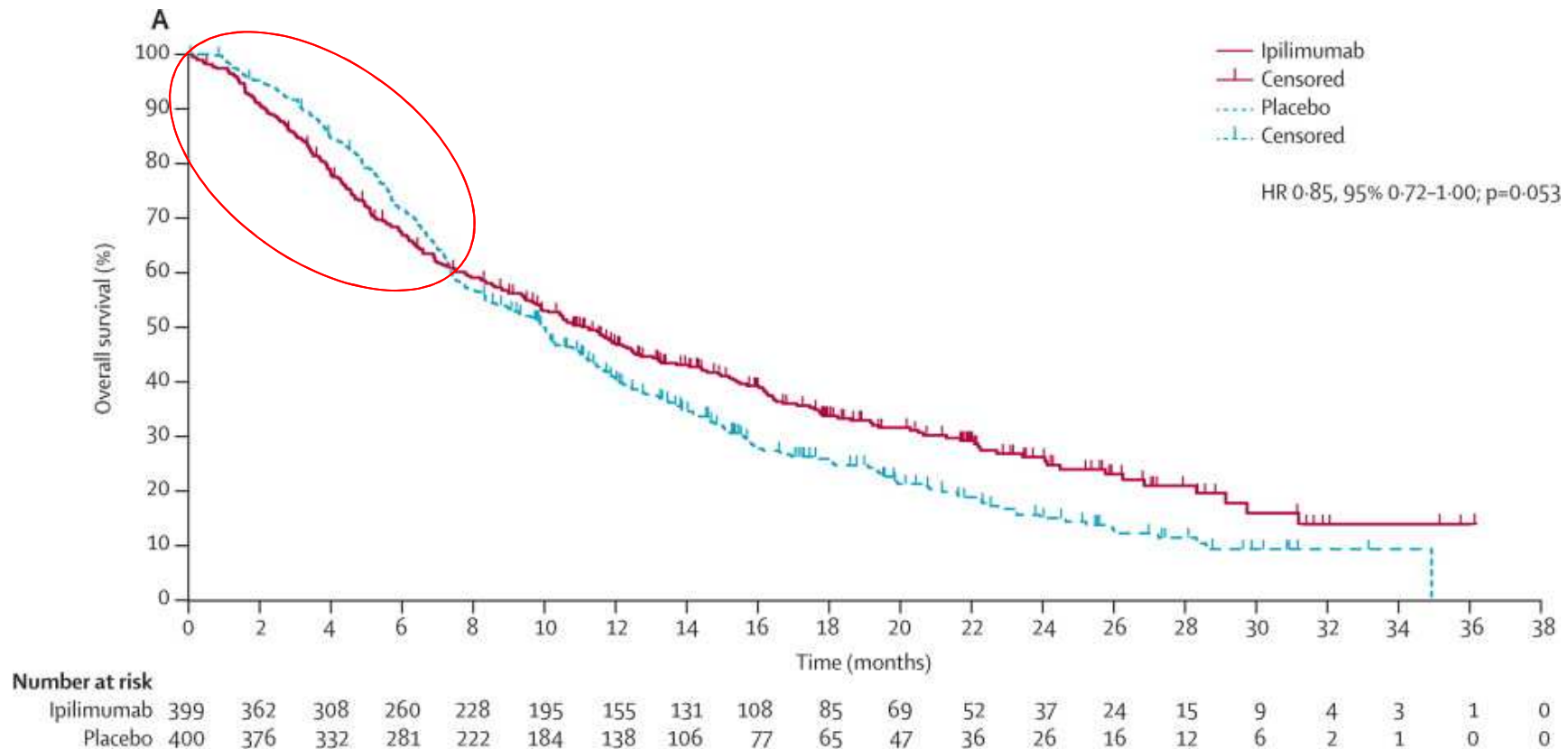
## Overall Survival



# Phase III Trial Comparing Ipilimumab vs. Placebo Following Radiotherapy in CRPCa

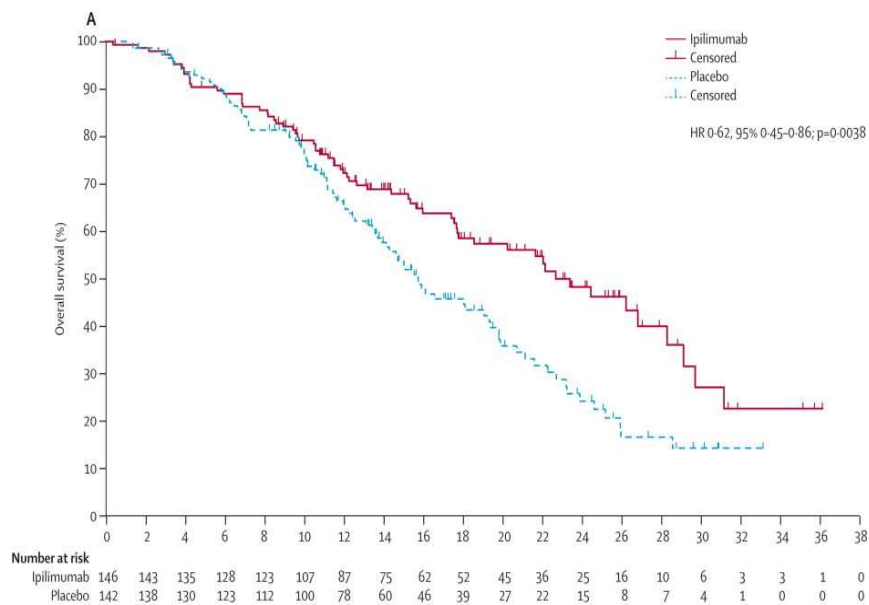


# Ipilimumab: Overall Survival

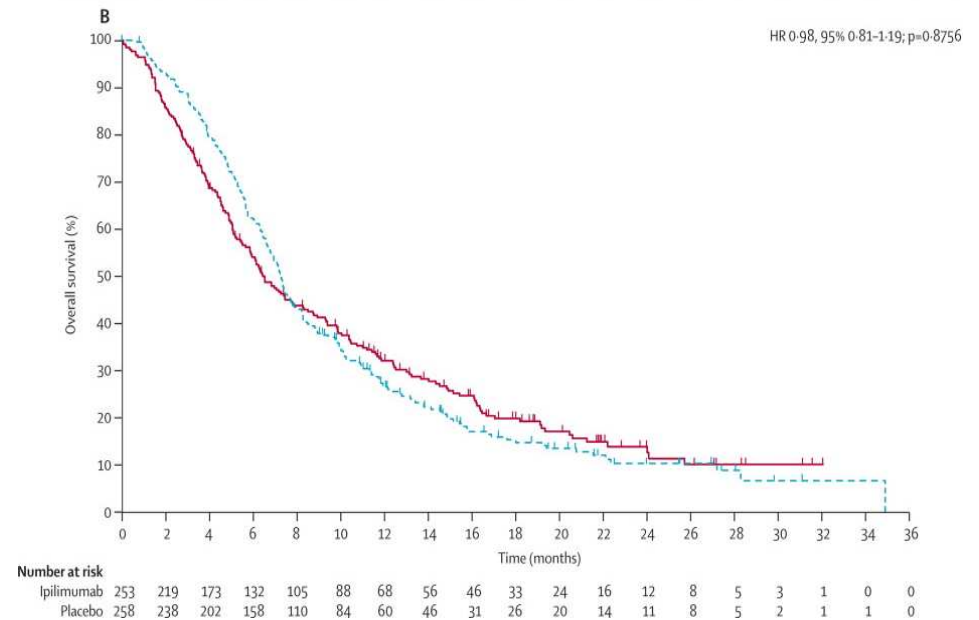


# Ipilimumab: Post-hoc Analysis

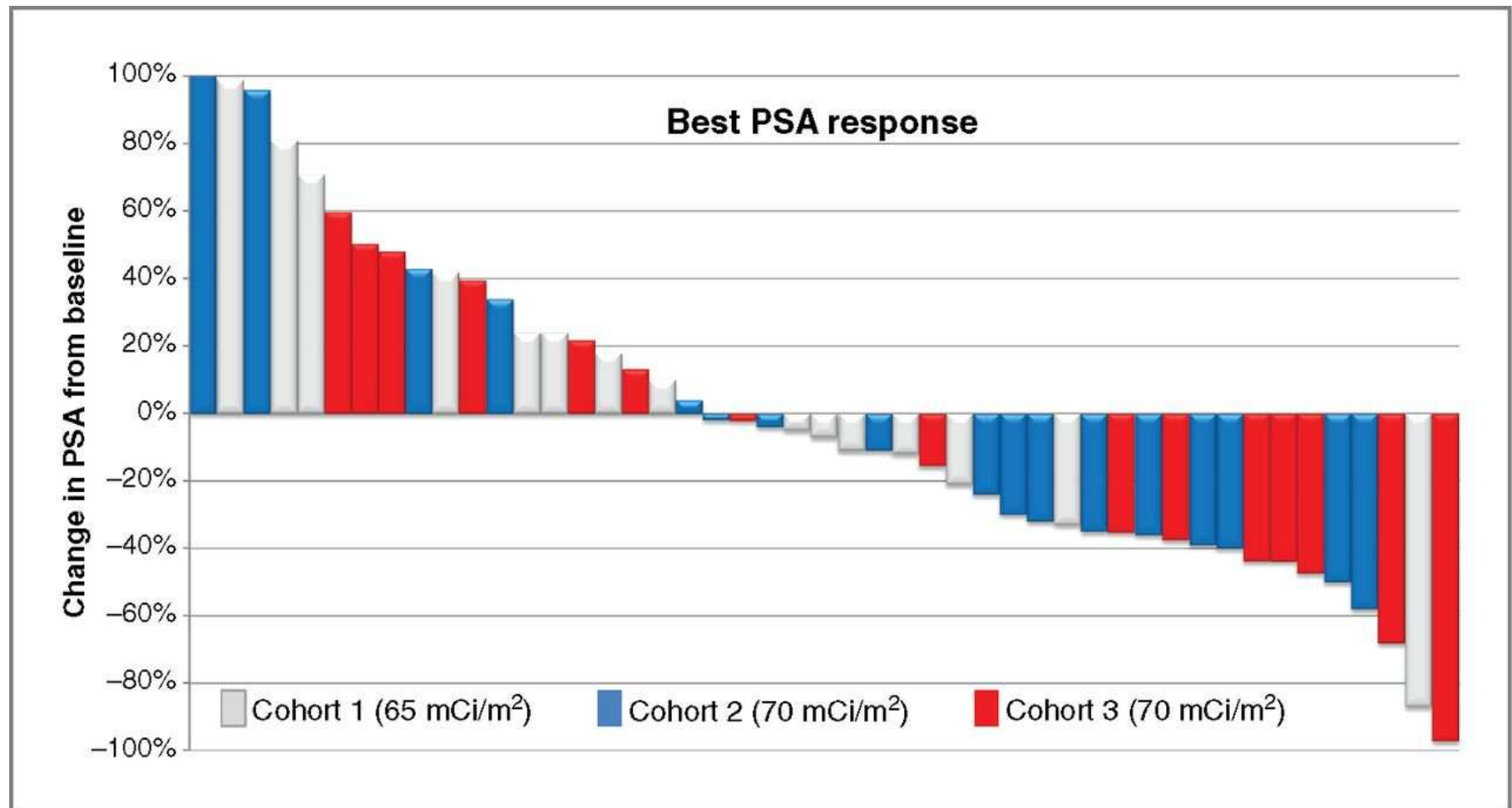
## Good Prognosis



## Poor Prognosis



# PSMA-directed antibody fused to $^{177}\text{Lu}$ (J591)



# Prostate Cancer Immunotherapy Conclusions

- Appears to be less responsive to current available immunotherapy
- Checkpoint inhibitors have minimal to no impact
- Nevertheless there are hints of immunotherapy responsiveness that should be pursued
- Mechanisms of immunosuppression?



# Renal Cancer: IL2

- Cytokine Working Group trial HD IL2 vs sc IL2/IFNA
  - HD IL2: 600,000 IU/kg q8<sup>o</sup> x 14 doses
  - sc IL2/IFNA: 5 x 10<sup>6</sup> IU/m<sup>2</sup> 4d/wk IL2; 5 x10<sup>6</sup> IU/m<sup>2</sup> 2d/wk

|                        | sc IL2/IFNA  | HD IL2                  |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Pt number</b>       | <b>91</b>    | <b>95</b>               |
| <b>Deaths</b>          | <b>1</b>     | <b>1</b>                |
| <b>CR</b>              | <b>3</b>     | <b>8 (p= 0.21)</b>      |
| <b>PR</b>              | <b>6</b>     | <b>14</b>               |
| <b>Resp. Duration</b>  | <b>15 mo</b> | <b>24 mo (p=0.18)</b>   |
| <b>Med. Surv.</b>      | <b>13 mo</b> | <b>17 mo (p = 0.21)</b> |
| <b>Durable 3 yr CR</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>7 (p=0.01)</b>       |

- Selection criteria
  - Non-clear cell have minimal to no benefit
  - Suggestion that post-VEGFR TKI treatment has higher toxicity and lower efficacy



# Checkpoint Inhibitors in Renal Cancer

## Nivolumab Phase 1/2 Trial

| Population | Dose (mg/kg) | Patients (n) | ORR n (%) | Duration of Response (mo) | SD $\geq$ 24 wk n (%) | PFSR at 24 wk (%) |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ALL RCC    | 1, 10        | 33           | 9 (27)    | 5.6+ to 22.3+             | 9 (27)                | 56                |
| RCC        | 1            | 17           | 4 (24)    | 5.6+ to 17.5+             | 4 (24)                | 47                |
|            | 10           | 16           | 5 (31)*   | 8.4 to 22.3+              | 5 (31)                | 67                |



# Checkpoint Inhibitors in Renal Cancer

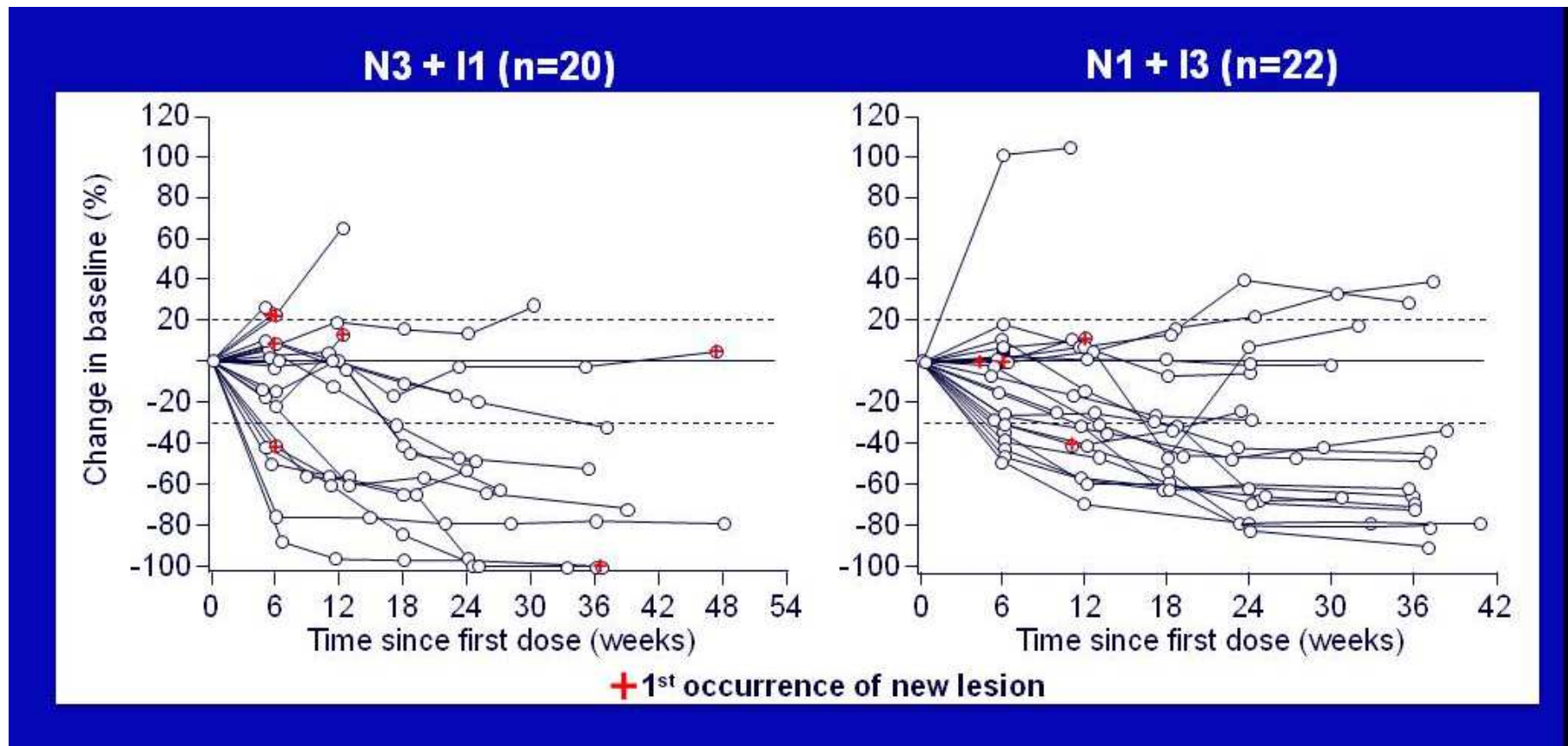
## Atezolizumab (MPDL3280a) Phase 1/2

|                                         | RECIST 1.1<br>Response Rate<br>(ORR) | SD of 24 Weeks or<br>Longer | 24-Week PFS |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Overall population<br/>(N = 140)</b> | 21%                                  | 16%                         | 45%         |
| <b>RCC*<br/>(n = 47)</b>                | 13%                                  | 32%                         | 53%         |
| <b>Clear cell<br/>(n = 40)</b>          | 13%                                  | 35%                         | 57%         |
| <b>Non-clear cell<br/>(n = 6)</b>       | 17%                                  | 0                           | 20%         |

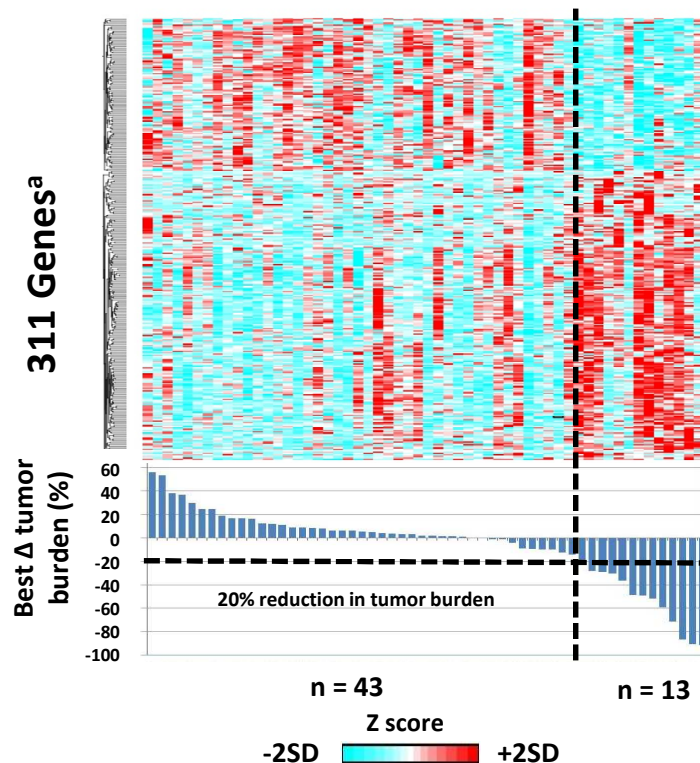
\* 1 patient with unknown histology. Includes sarcomatoid and papillary RCC.  
All patients first dosed prior to August 1, 2012; data cutoff February 1, 2013.  
ORR includes unconfirmed PR/CR and confirmed PR/CR.

# Checkpoint Inhibitors in Renal Cancer

Nivolumab + Ipilimumab



# Baseline Gene Expression Profiling to Predict Nivolumab response



## Lower expression

- Establishment of protein localization ( $P < 10^{-5}$ )
- Negative regulation of epithelial cell proliferation involved in lung morphogenesis ( $P < 10^{-4}$ )
- Genes downregulated by ipilimumab in melanoma<sup>1</sup> ( $P < 10^{-4}$ )

## Higher expression

- Genes upregulated by ipilimumab in melanoma<sup>1</sup> ( $P < 10^{-23}$ )
- Immune system (45 genes;  $P < 10^{-7}$ ) IL15Ra, IL1R2, IRF1
- Myeloid lineage: eg, IL1A, LINC00158, PRAM1, SPI1
- Lymphoid lineage: eg, CD3E, AIM2, GZMB, NKG7, CD7, CTSW

<sup>a</sup>Significant at 10% false discovery rate threshold

**Bold:** denotes gene ontology biological process category

1. Ji RR, et al. *Cancer Immunol Immunother* 2012;61:1019–31.



# Renal Cancer Immunotherapy Conclusions

- HD IL2 only known curative therapy
  - Rare long term benefit
  - Role in context of checkpoint inhibitors?
- Checkpoint inhibitors likely to enter therapeutic armamentarium
  - Phase III upfront trials
    - Nivolumab/Ipilimumab vs. Sunitinib
    - Bevacizumab/Atezolizumab (MPDL3280) vs Sunitinib
  - Phase III refractory trials
    - Nivolumab vs. Everolimus (accrual complete)
    - Announced as “positive” in the business pages
- Molecular predictive markers not yet ready for prime time

# Urothelial Cancer: BCG

- Effective in non-muscle invasive localized bladder cancer
  - Ta disease: prevent recurrence
  - Tcis/T1 disease: therapeutic/curative
- Historically developed as subcutaneous + intravesicle
  - Subcutaneous BCG does not enhance
  - Requires BCG strain that binds to urothelium
  - Requires an inflammatory reaction
- Mechanism of action not clear

# Urothelial Cancer: PD1 Pathway Inhibitors

Atezolizumab (MPDL3280A): PDL1 staining as predictive marker

| PD-L1 IHC<br>n = 87 <sup>b</sup> | ORR<br>(95% CI), % <sup>a</sup> |              | CR,<br>n (%) | PR,<br>n (%) |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| IC3 (n = 12)                     | 67% (35%-90%)                   | 50% (35, 65) | 4 (33%)      | 4 (33%)      |
| IC2 (n = 34)                     | 44% (27%-62%)                   |              | 5 (15%)      | 10 (29%)     |
| IC1 (n = 26)                     | 19% (7%-39%)                    | 17% (7, 32)  | -            | 5 (19%)      |
| IC0 (n = 15)                     | 13% (2%-40%)                    |              | -            | 2 (13%)      |

- Responses were observed all PD-L1 subgroups, with higher ORRs associated with higher PD-L1 expression in IC
- Responders also included patients with visceral metastases at baseline: 38% ORR (95% CI, 21%-56%) in 32 IC2/3 patients and 14% (95% CI, 5%-30%) ORR in 36 IC0/1 patients



# Urothelial Cancer: PD1 Pathway Inhibitors

Pembrolizumab: PDL1 expression as predictive marker

| Tumor Cells Only<br>(N = 29 evaluable)                                            |               | Tumor and Tumor Associated Inflammatory<br>Cells<br>(N = 28 evaluable)              |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
|  | ORR (95%CI)   |  | ORR (95%CI)   |
| Negative<br>(N = 11)                                                              | 9% (0%–41%)   | Negative<br>(N = 4)                                                                 | 0% (0%–60%)   |
| Positive<br>(N = 18)                                                              | 33% (13%–59%) | Positive<br>(N = 24)                                                                | 29% (13%–51%) |

- In order to maximize detecting responders while minimizing the false negative rate, scoring needs to take into account both PD-L1 positive tumor cells and PD-L1 positive tumor associated inflammatory cells



# Urothelial Cancer: PD1 Pathway Inhibitors

Pembrolizumab: Immune cell expression profiling as predictive marker

|                                                | Nominal One-sided <i>P</i> -value* |                                          |               |              |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                                | ORR<br>N = 25                      | Clinical Benefit<br>(CR+PR+SD)<br>N = 25 | PFS<br>N = 29 | OS<br>N = 29 |
| Signature<br>IFN $\gamma$ -induced<br>(6-gene) | 0.698                              | 0.722                                    | 0.406         | 0.184        |
| Expanded Immune<br>(18-gene)                   | 0.616                              | 0.342                                    | 0.115         | 0.193        |
| T-Cell Receptor Signaling<br>(13-gene)         | 0.405                              | 0.073                                    | 0.024         | 0.322        |
| De-Novo<br>(33-gene)                           | 0.702                              | 0.322                                    | 0.131         | 0.315        |

\*Using one-sided test from logistic regression for best overall response or Cox regression for PFS.



# Urothelial Cancer Conclusions

- Checkpoint inhibitors likely to enter therapeutic armamentarium
  - Phase 3 Trials
    - Refractory: Pembrolizumab vs paclitaxel OR vinflunine
    - Adjuvant: Atezolizumab versus observation
  - Many phase 2 single agent and combination trials
- Ripe for exploration of molecular phenotyping
  - Urothelial cancer may be at least 3 molecular phenotypes
  - FGFR and WNT pathway activation as mediators of “non-inflamed phenotype”

