

# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Genitourinary Malignancies

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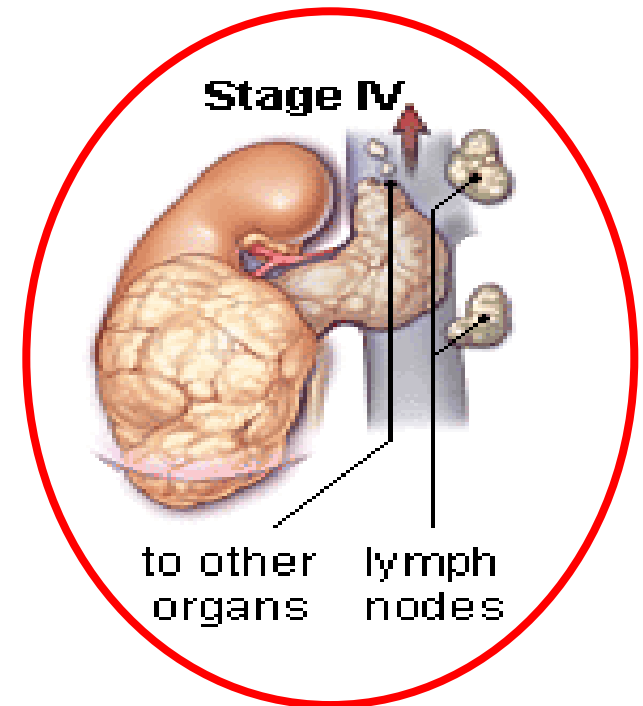
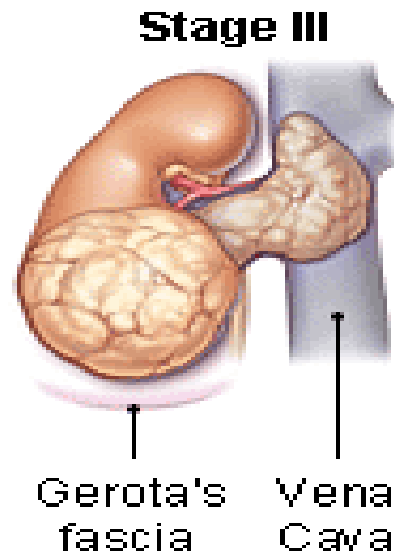
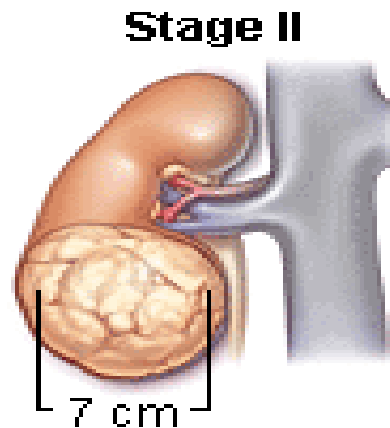
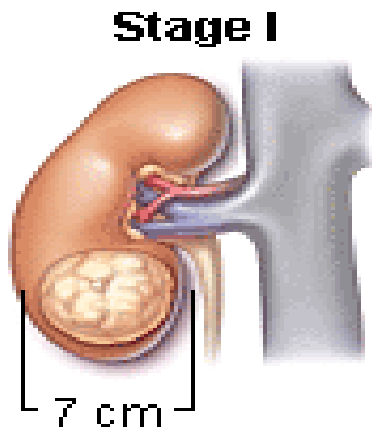
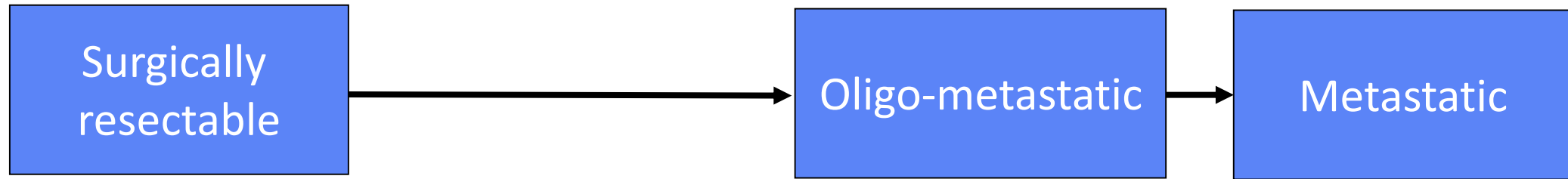
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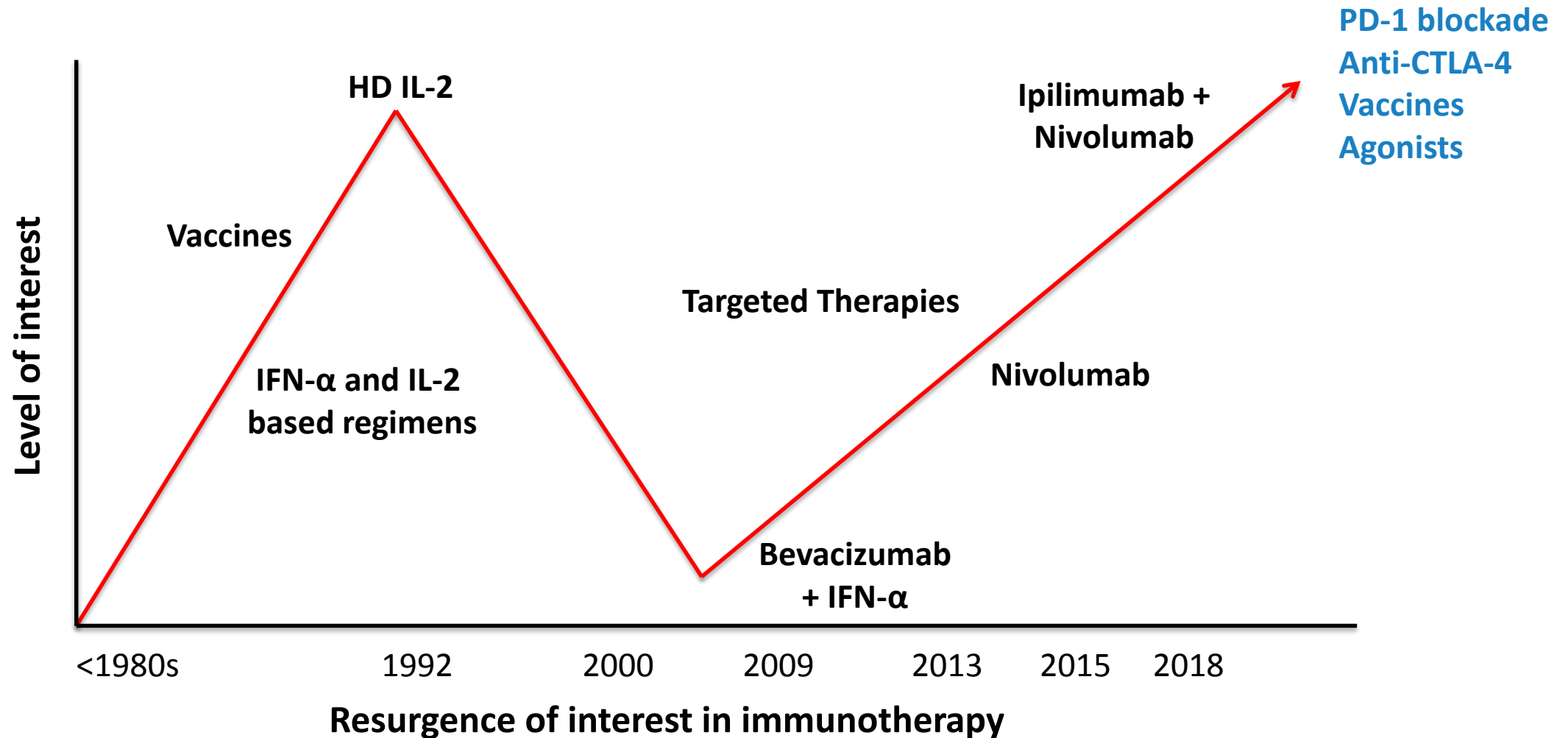
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- I will be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.

# Immunotherapy for Metastatic Kidney Cancer (Renal Cell Carcinoma; RCC)



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# History of Immunotherapy in mRCC



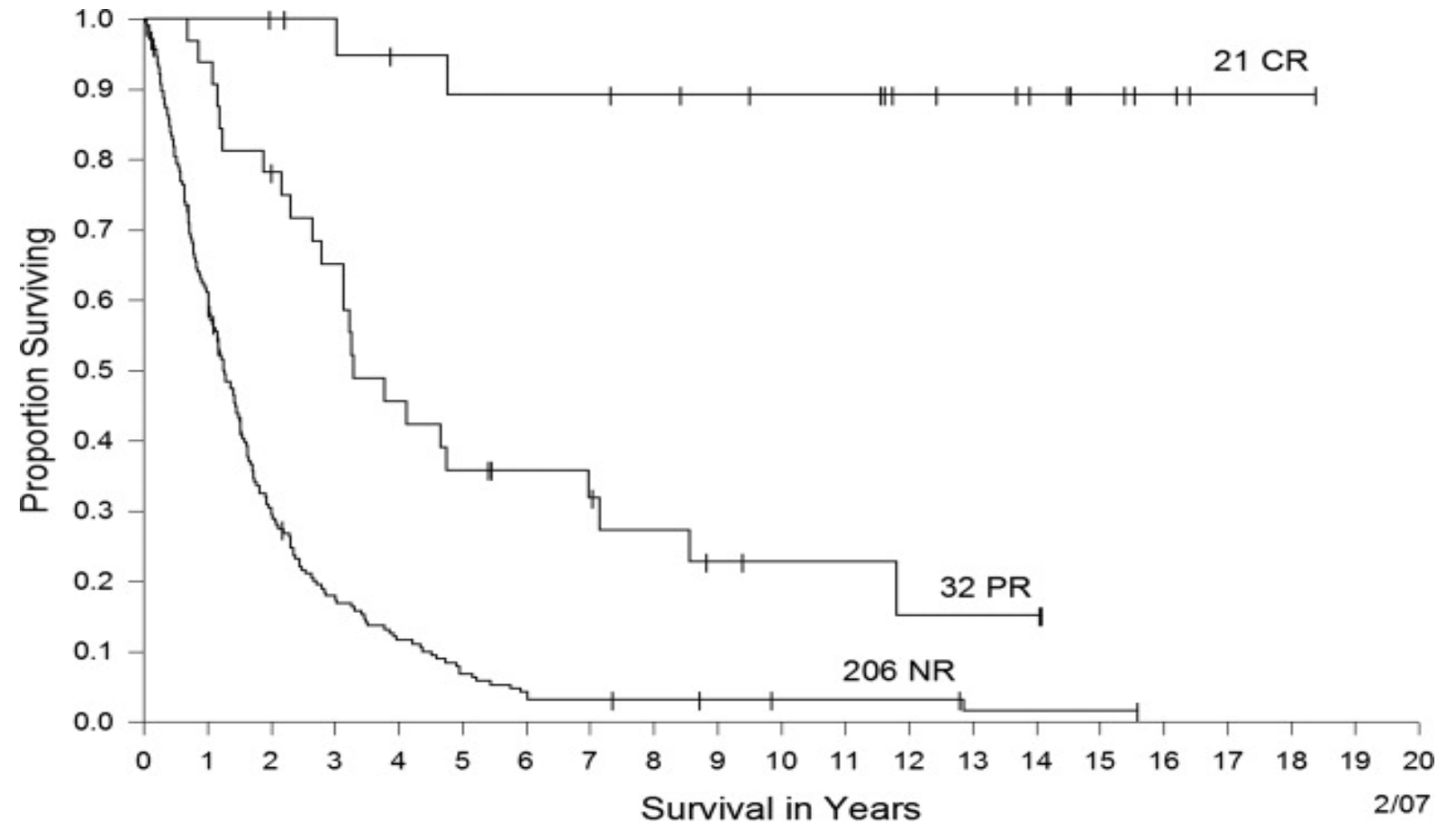
# FDA-approved Immunotherapies for mRCC

Drug	Approved	Indication	Dose
High dose Interleukin-2	1992	Metastatic RCC	600,000 International Units/kg (0.037 mg/kg) IV q8hr infused over 15 minutes for a maximum 14 doses, THEN 9 days of rest, followed by a maximum of 14 more doses (1 course)*
Interferon- $\alpha$ (with bevacizumab)	2009	Clear cell RCC***	9 MIU s.c. three times a week
Nivolumab	2015	Clear cell RCC Refractory to prior VEGF Targeted therapy	3mg/kg 240mg IV q 2 week or 480mg IV q 4 wks
Nivolumab +ipilimumab	2018	Clear cell RCC, treatment naïve	3mg/kg nivo plus 1mg/kg ipi q3 wks x 4 doses then nivo maintenance at flat dosing

\*Retreatment: Evaluate after 4 weeks, advisable only if tumor shrinkage and no retreatment contraindications (see package insert for details)

# High Dose IL-2 in mRCC

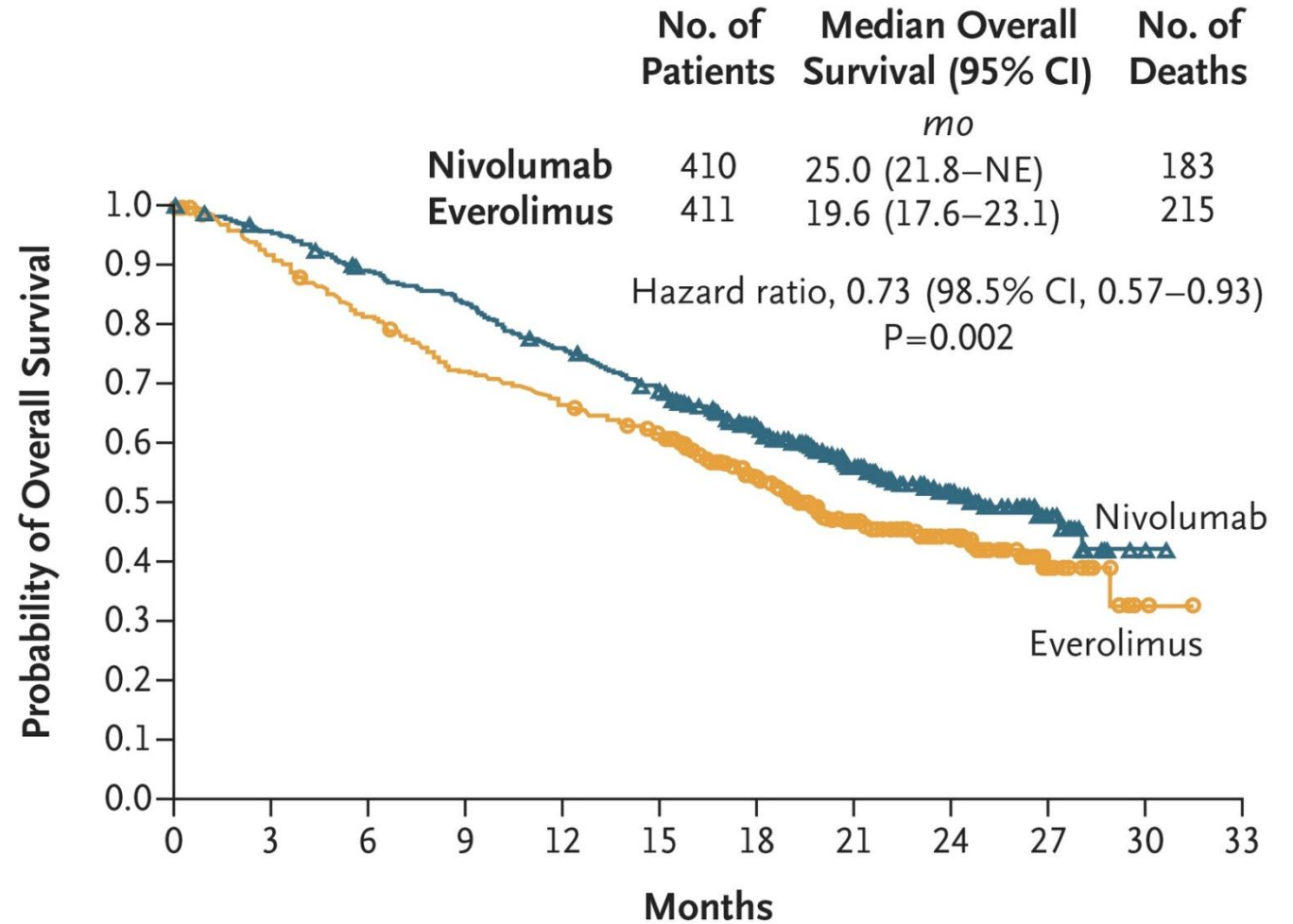
- 20 year analysis of 259 patients
- ORR = 20%
  - 9% CR (n = 23)
  - 12% PR (n = 30)
- Median duration of response = 15.5 months
- Median OS = 19 months



Klapper et al. Cancer 2008

# Second-Line Nivolumab in mRCC

- CheckMate 025 Phase III trial
- Nivolumab = anti-PD-1 antibody
- Metastatic, clear-cell disease
- One or two previous antiangiogenic treatments
- Nivolumab (3 mg/kg IV Q2W) vs everolimus (10 mg daily)



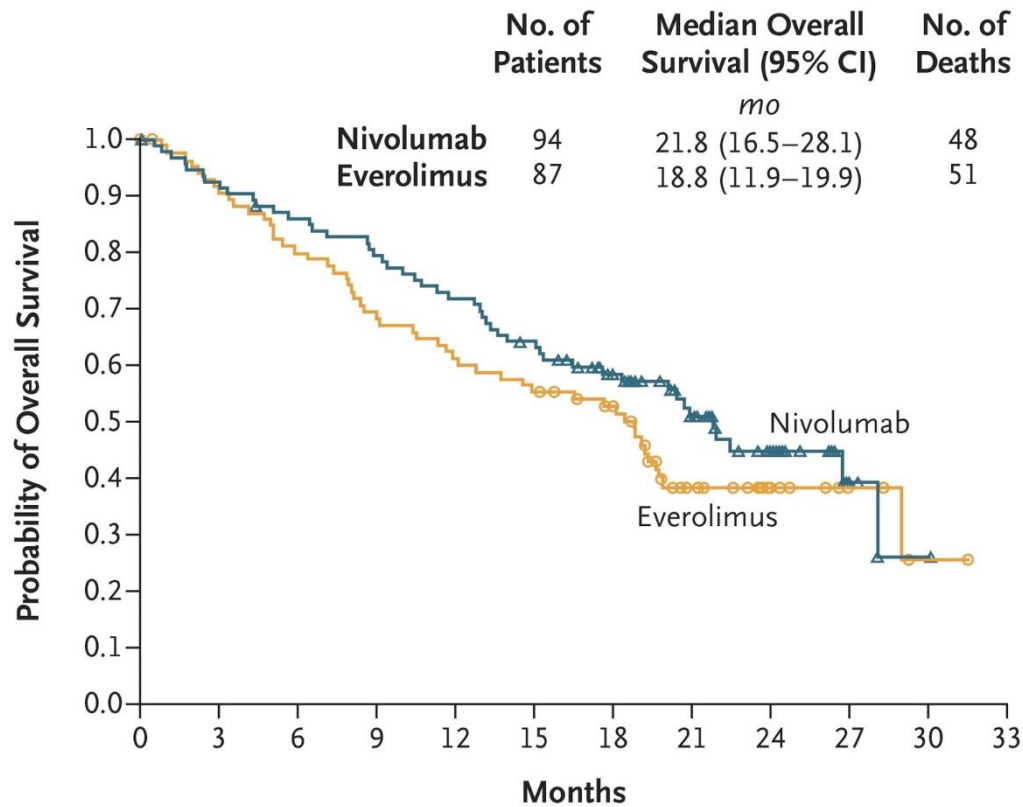
Motzer et al. NEJM 2015



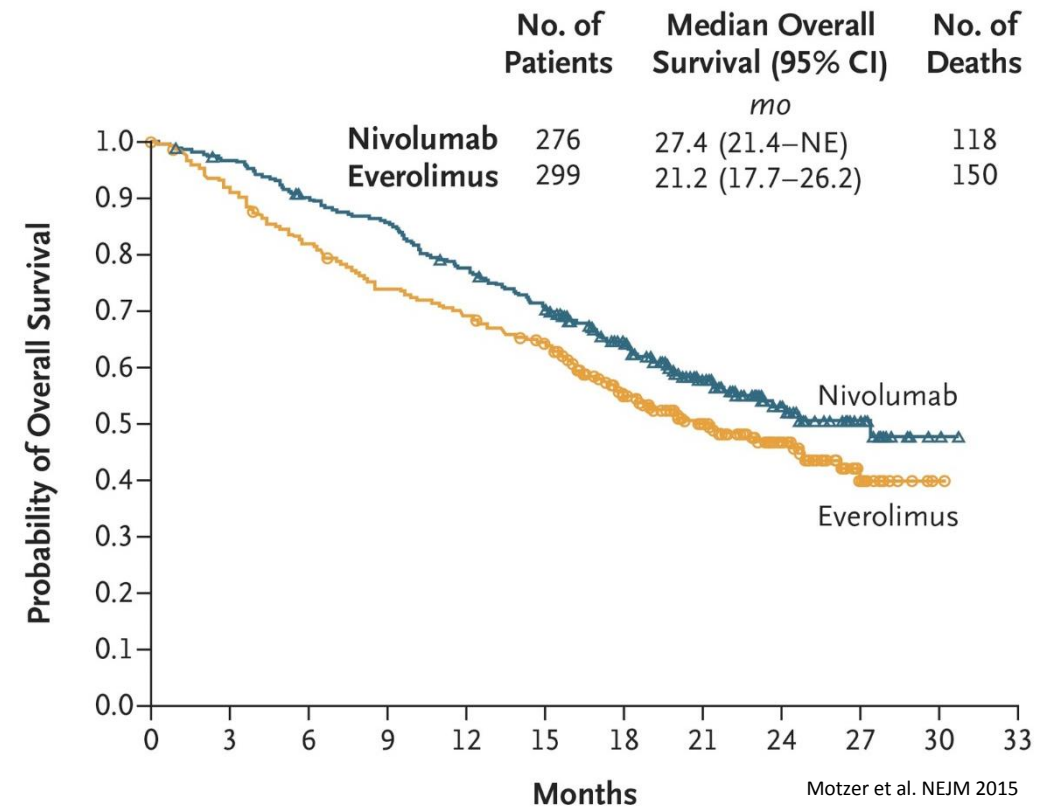
# Second-Line Nivolumab in mRCC

## PD-L1 subgroups

### PD-L1 ≥ 1%



### PD-L1 < 1%

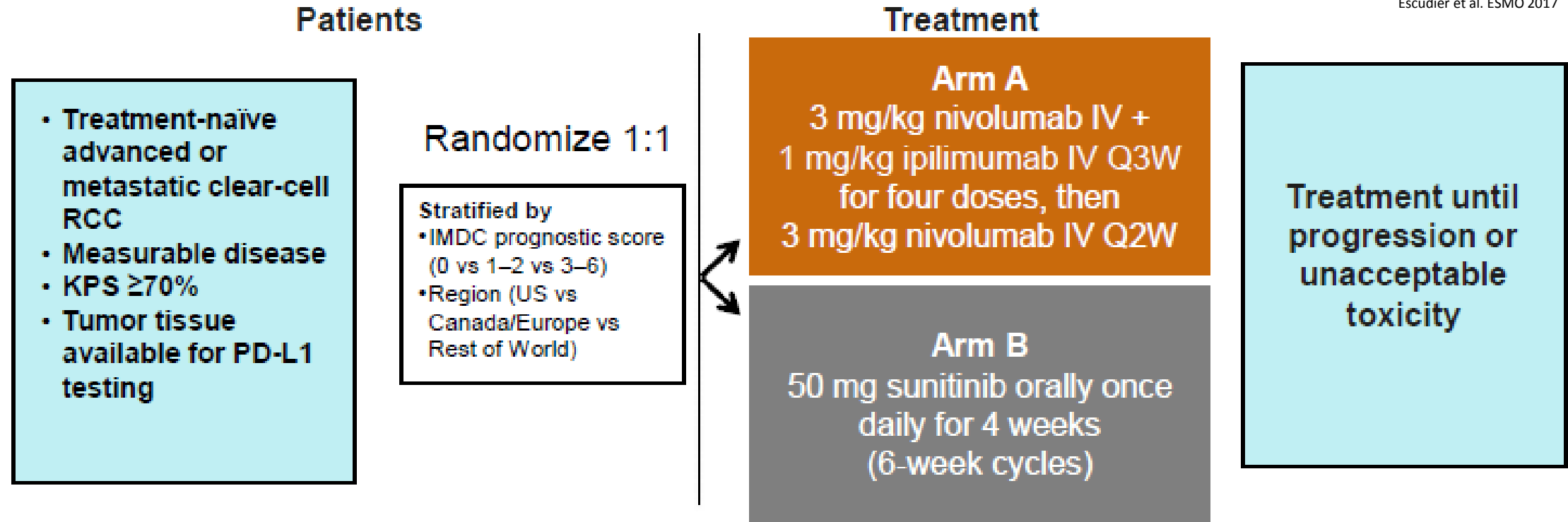


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# First-line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mRCC

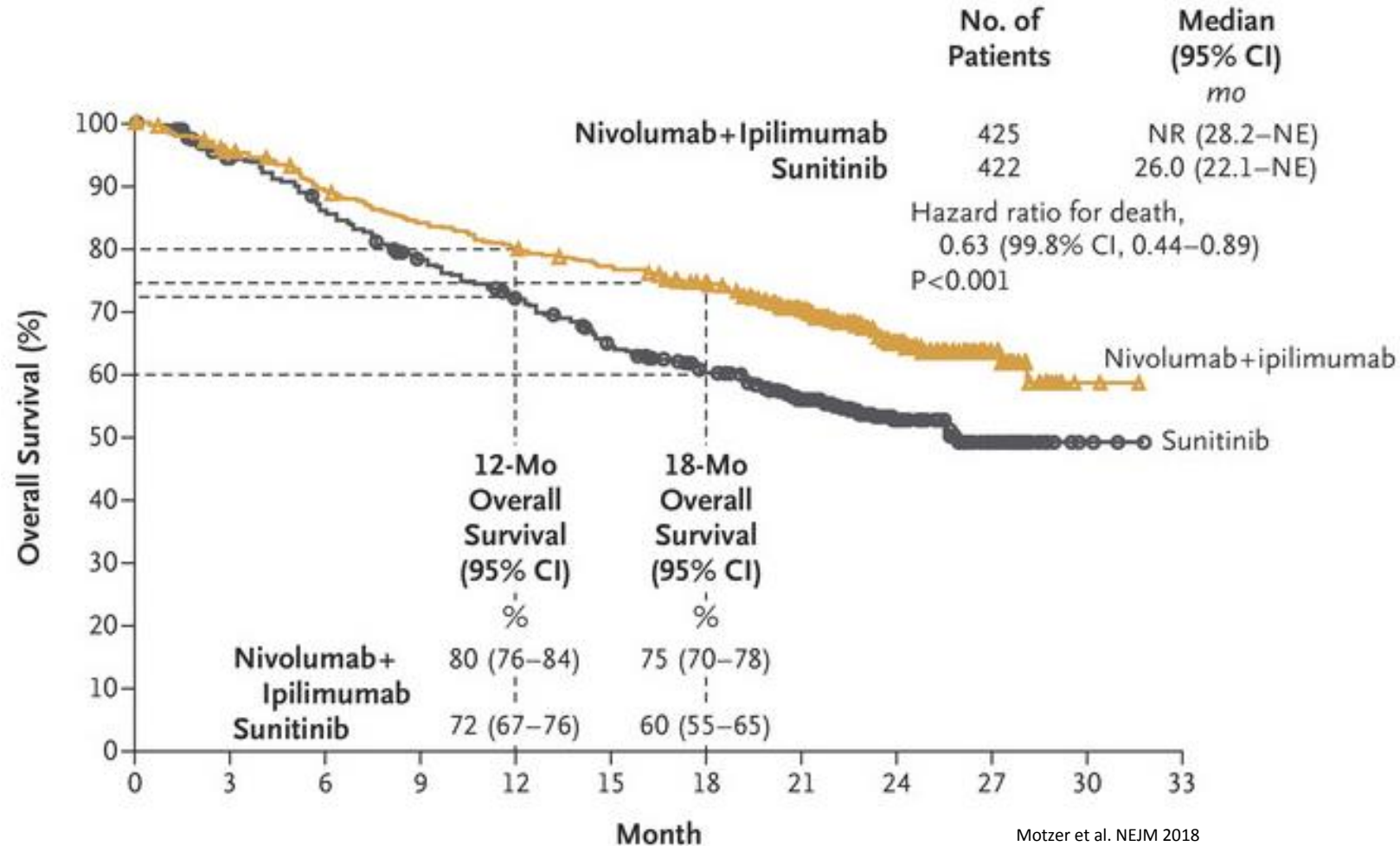
Escudier et al. ESMO 2017



Nivolumab = anti-PD-1 antibody

Ipilimumab = anti-CTLA-4 antibody

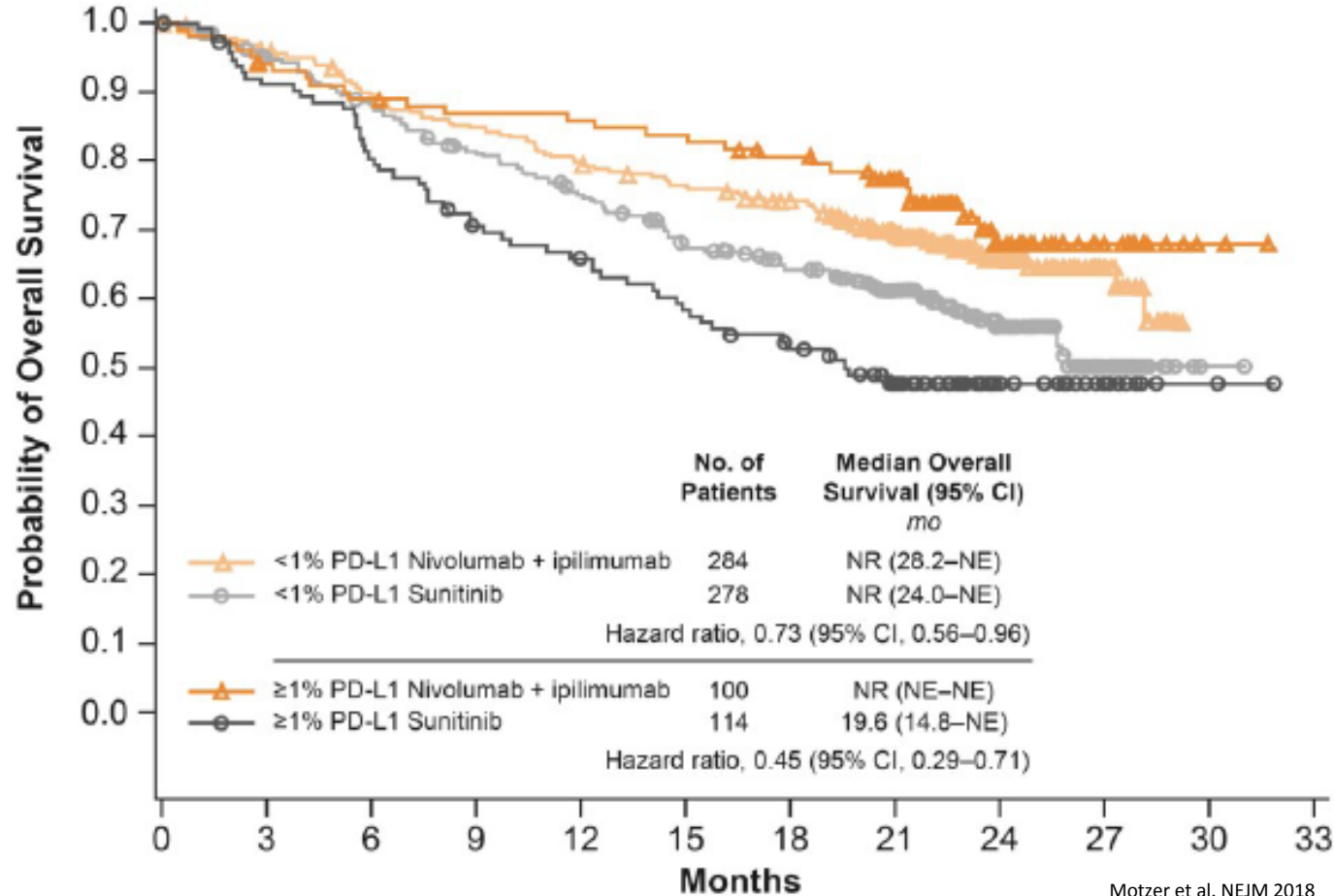
# First-line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mRCC



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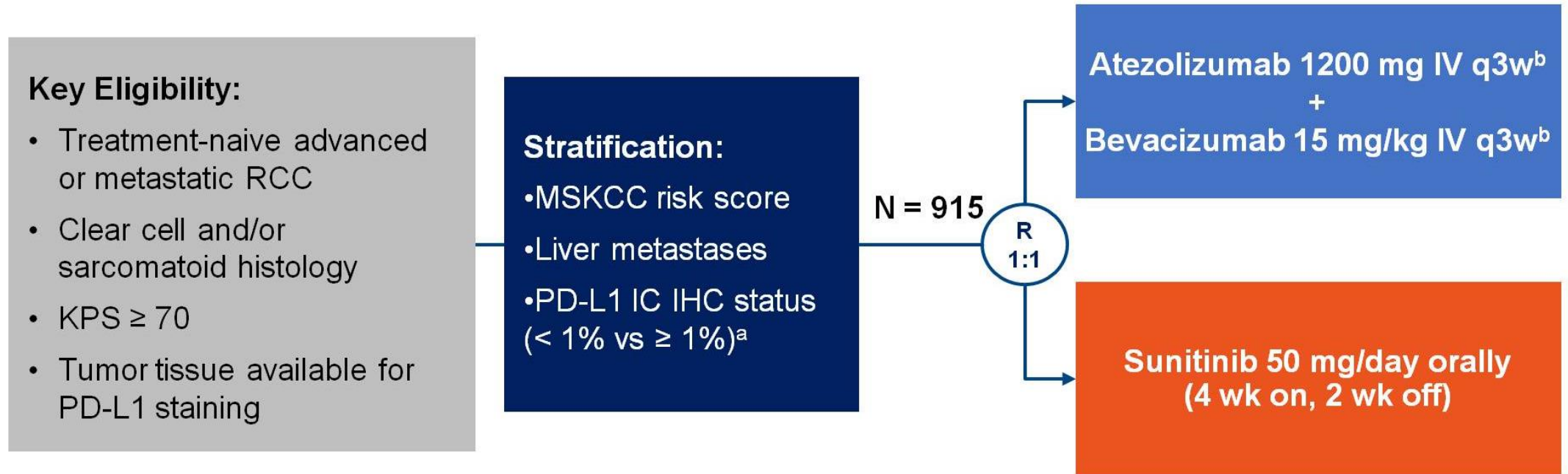
# First-line Nivolumab + Ipilimumab in mRCC

## PD-L1 Subgroups



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# In Development: First-line Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab in PD-L1+ mRCC

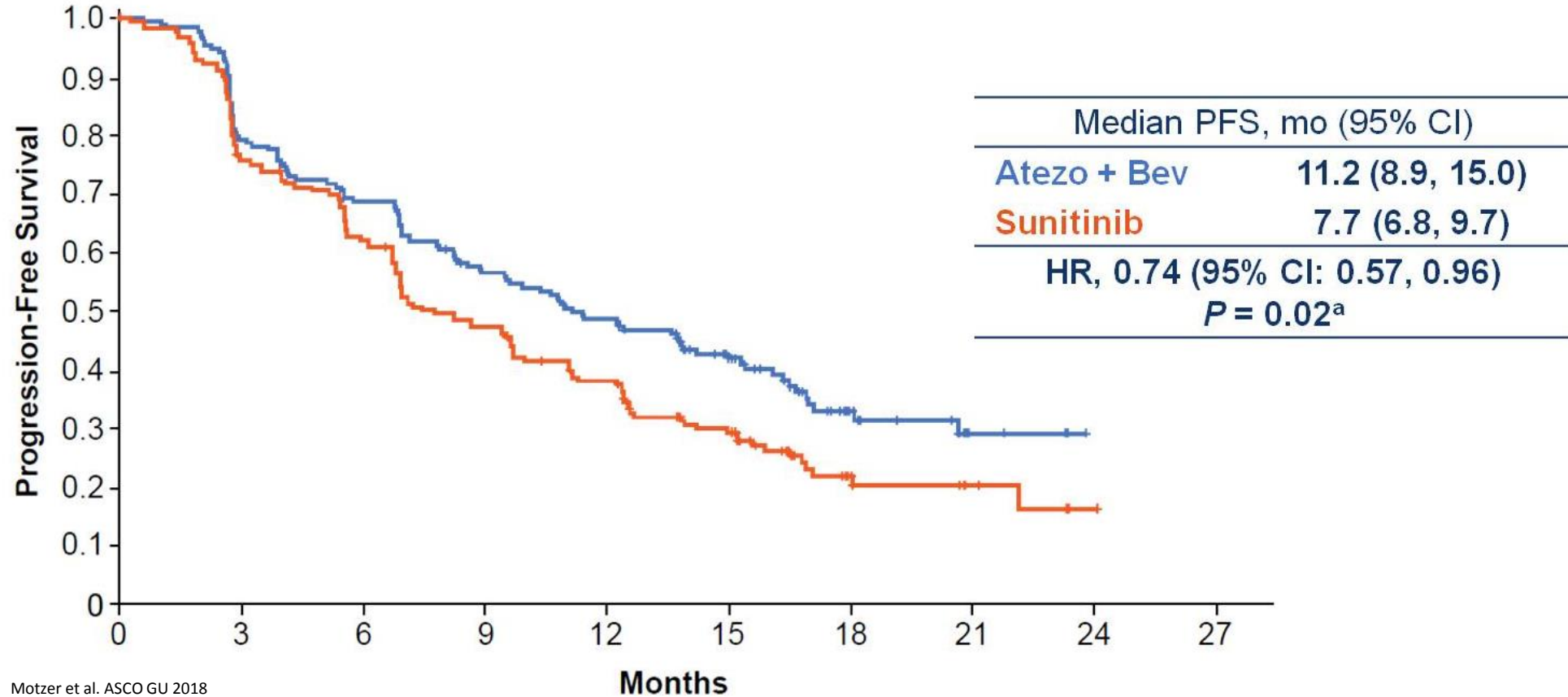


Motzer et al. ASCO GU 2018

Atezolizumab = anti-PD-L1 antibody

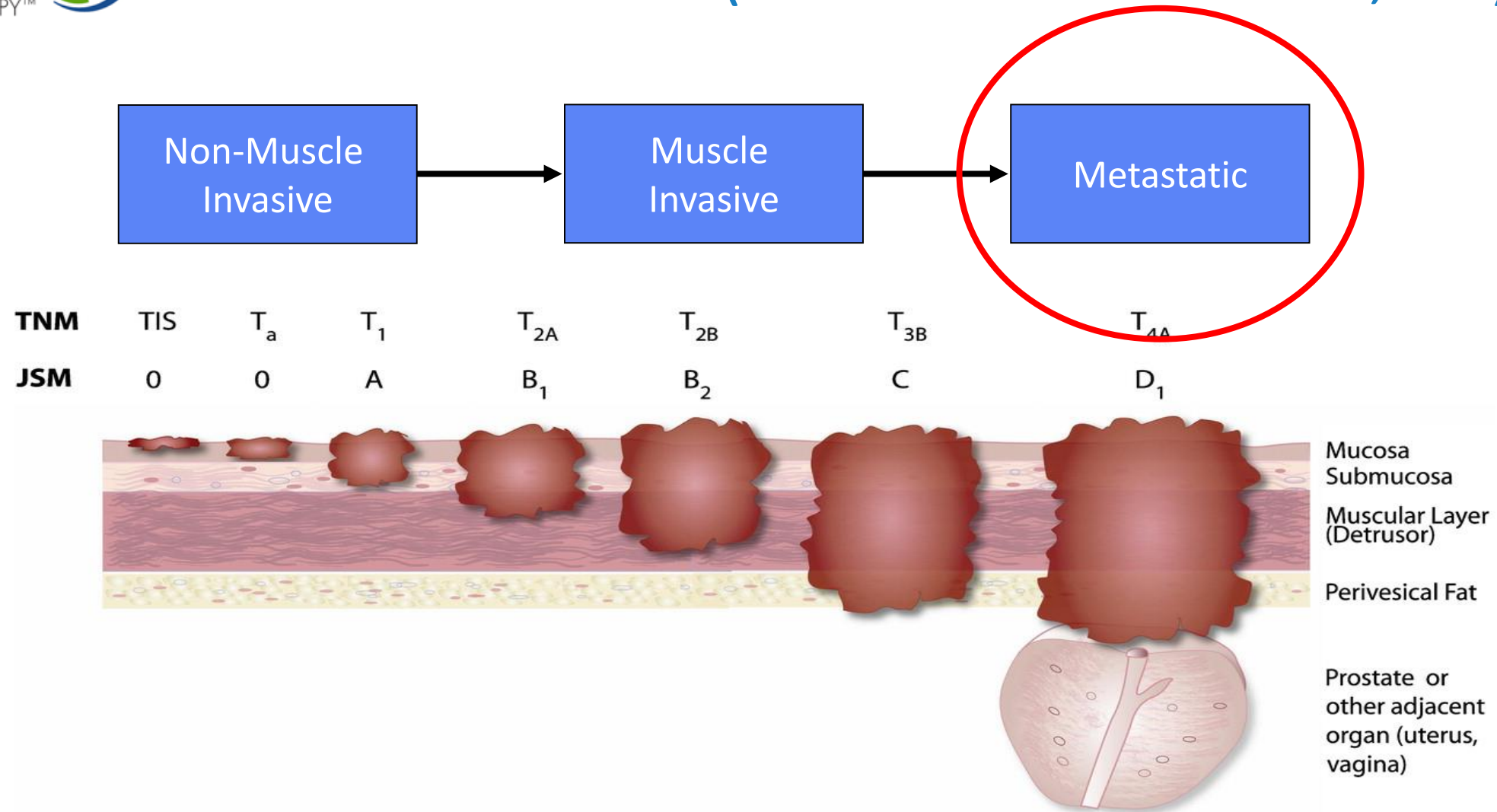
bevacizumab = anti-VEGF antibody

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Motzer et al. ASCO GU 2018  
 Escudier et al. ASCO 2018

# Immunotherapy for Metastatic Bladder Cancer (Urothelial Carcinoma; UC)





# Approved Checkpoint Inhibitors for mUC

## *Cisplatin Refractory*

Drug/Trial name	Phase	No. of patients	ORR	PFS	OS	Duration of response	Grade 3/4 AE (treatment related deaths)	Maximal duration of treatment
<b>CISPLATIN REFRACTORY</b>								
Atezolizumab IMvigor210 cohort 2	II	310	16% (6% CR)	2.1 mo	7.9 mo (1yr 29%)	22.1 mo	18% (0 deaths)	NR
Atezolizumab IMvigor211	III	931	13%	NR	8.6 mo	21.7 mo	20%	NR
Pembrolizumab KEYNOTE-045	III	542	21%	2.1 mo	10.3 mo	NR	14% (4 deaths)	2 years
Nivolumab CheckMate275	II	265	19.6% (2% CR)	2 mo	8.7 mo	NR	18% (3 deaths)	NR
Avelumab JAVELIN	Ib	242*	17% (6% CR)	6.6 weeks	6.5 mo	NR	10% (1 death)	NR
Durvalumab	I/II	191	17.8% (4% CR)	1.5 mo	18.2 mo	NR	7% (2 deaths)	1 year

### Anti-PD-L1 Antibodies

- 1) Atezolizumab
- 2) Avelumab
- 3) Durvalumab

### Anti-PD-1 Antibodies

- 1) Nivolumab
- 2) Pembrolizumab

### In development: Combinations

- 1) IO + IO
- 2) IO + Chemotherapy



# Approved Checkpoint Inhibitors for mUC

## *Cisplatin Ineligible*

CISPLATIN INELIGIBLE								
Atezolizumab IMvigor210 cohort 1	II	119	23% (9% CR)	2.7 mo	15.9 mo, 1yr 57%	NR	16% (1 death)	NR
Pembrolizumab KEYNOTE-052	II	370	29% (7% CR)	6mo 30%	6 mo 67%	NR	19% (1 death)	2 years

### Anti-PD-L1 Antibodies

- 1) Atezolizumab
  - PD-L1 stained tumor-infiltrating immune cells [IC] covering  $\geq 5\%$  of the tumor area

### Anti-PD-1 Antibodies

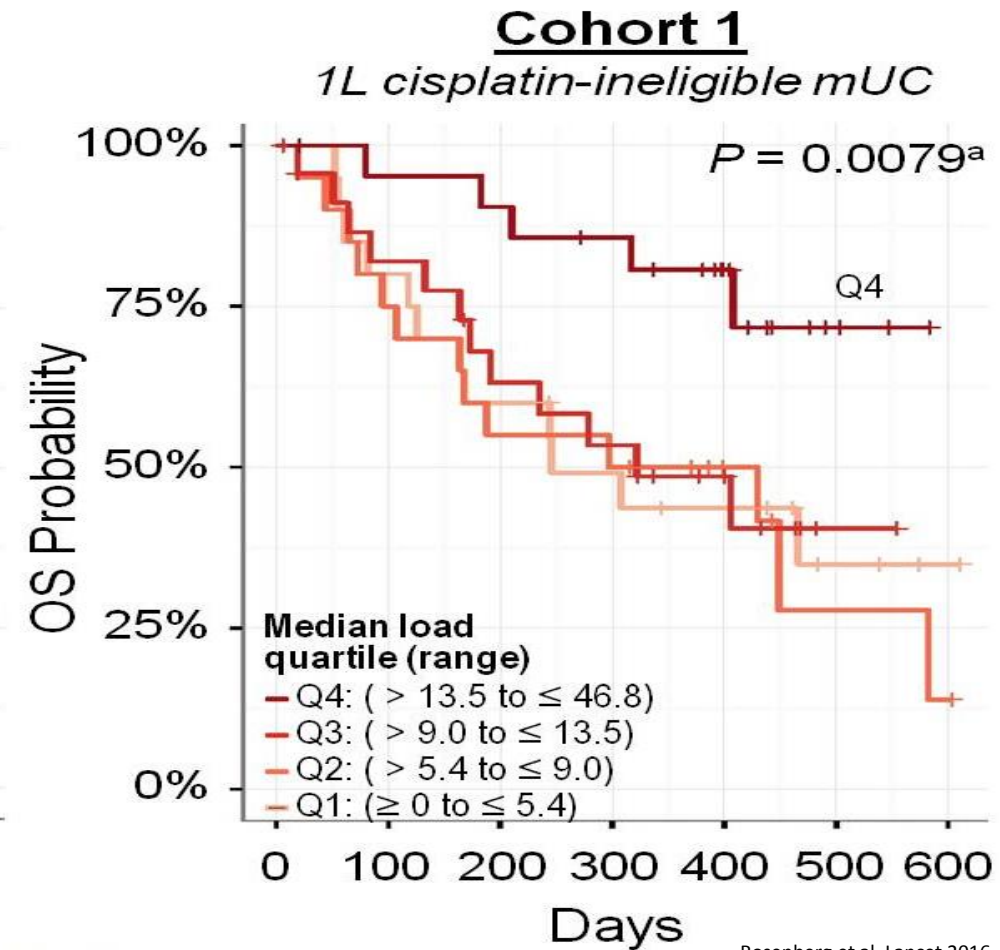
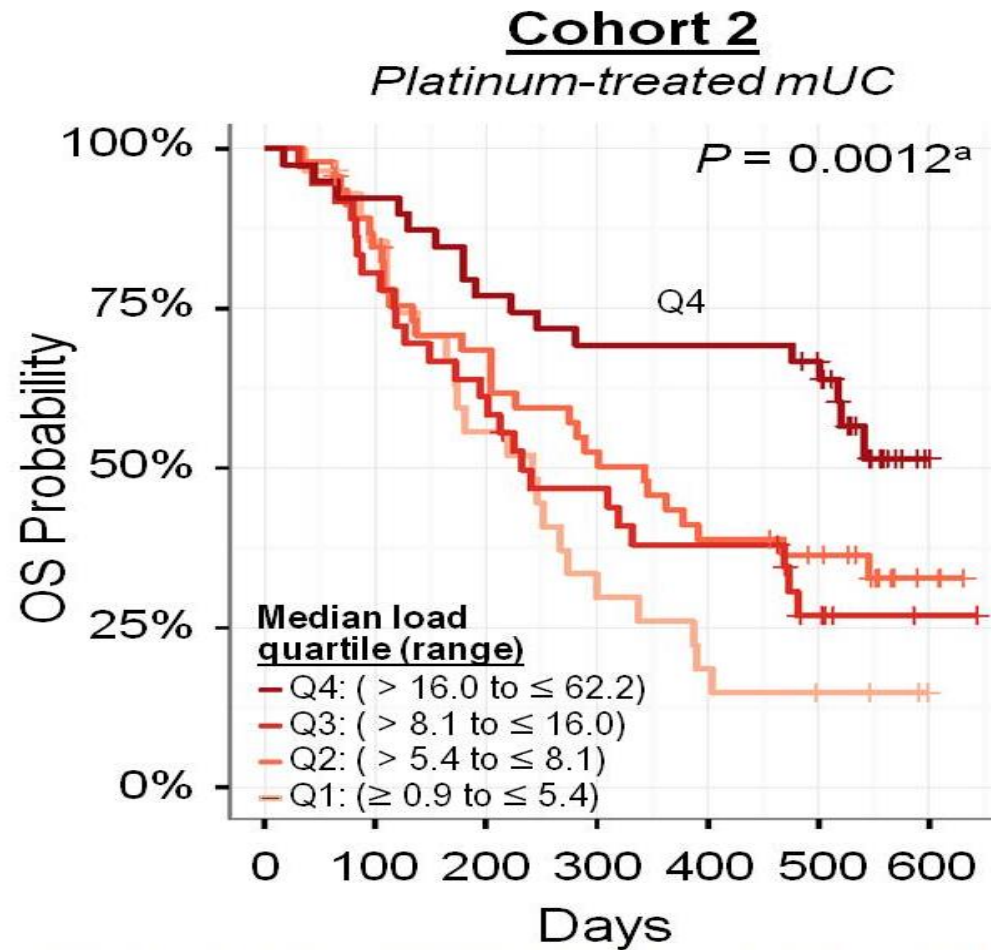
- 1) Pembrolizumab
  - PD-L1 CPS  $\geq 10$

### In development: Combinations

- 1) IO + IO
- 2) IO + Chemotherapy

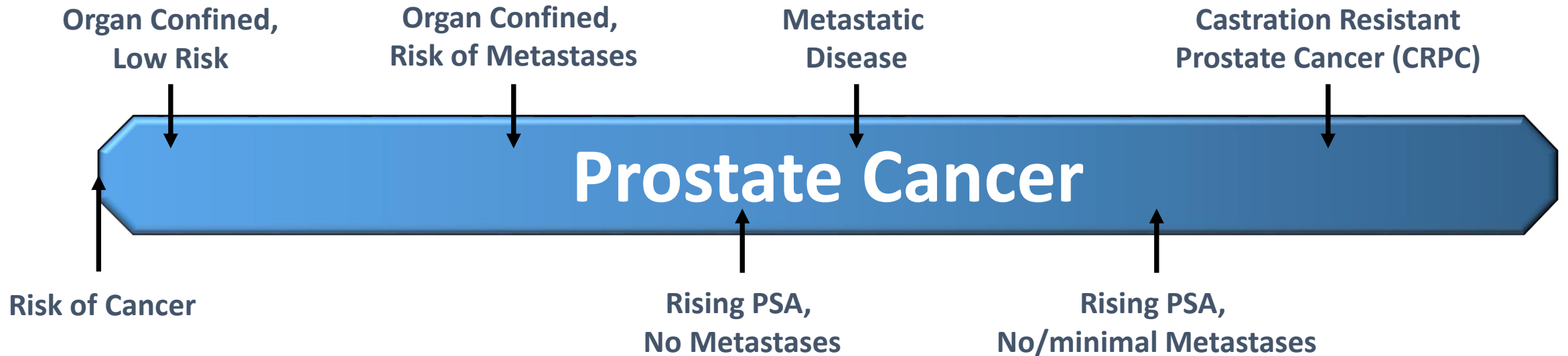
# Tumor Mutational Burden (TMB) May Signal Responses with PD-1 Blockade

## Atezolizumab in mUC



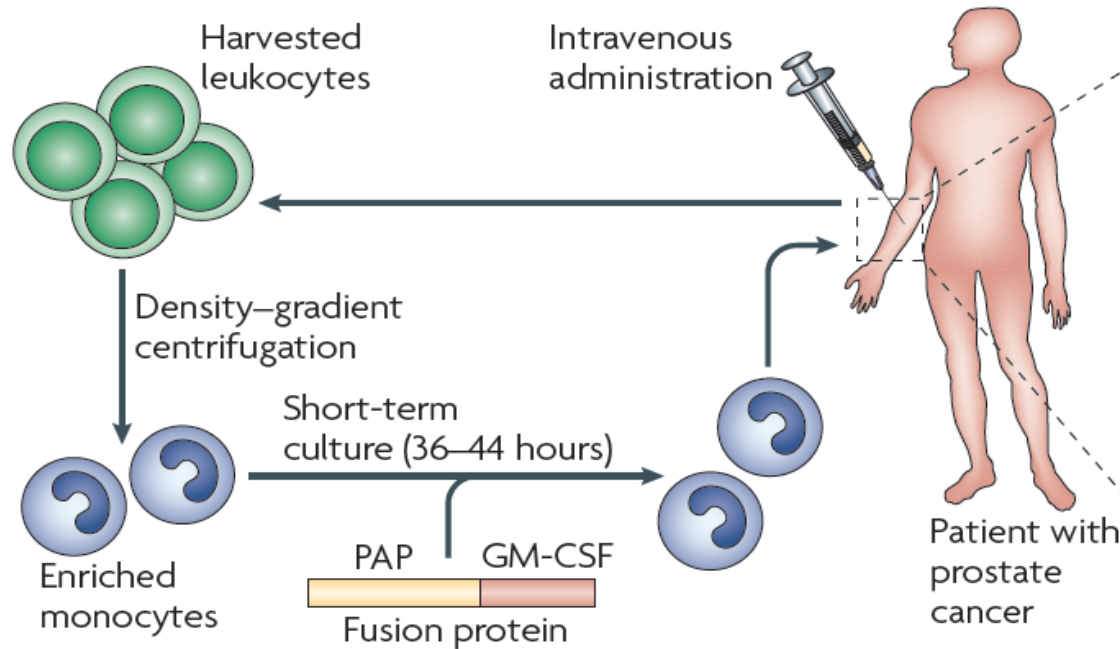
Rosenberg et al. Lancet 2016

# The Spectrum of Prostate Cancer

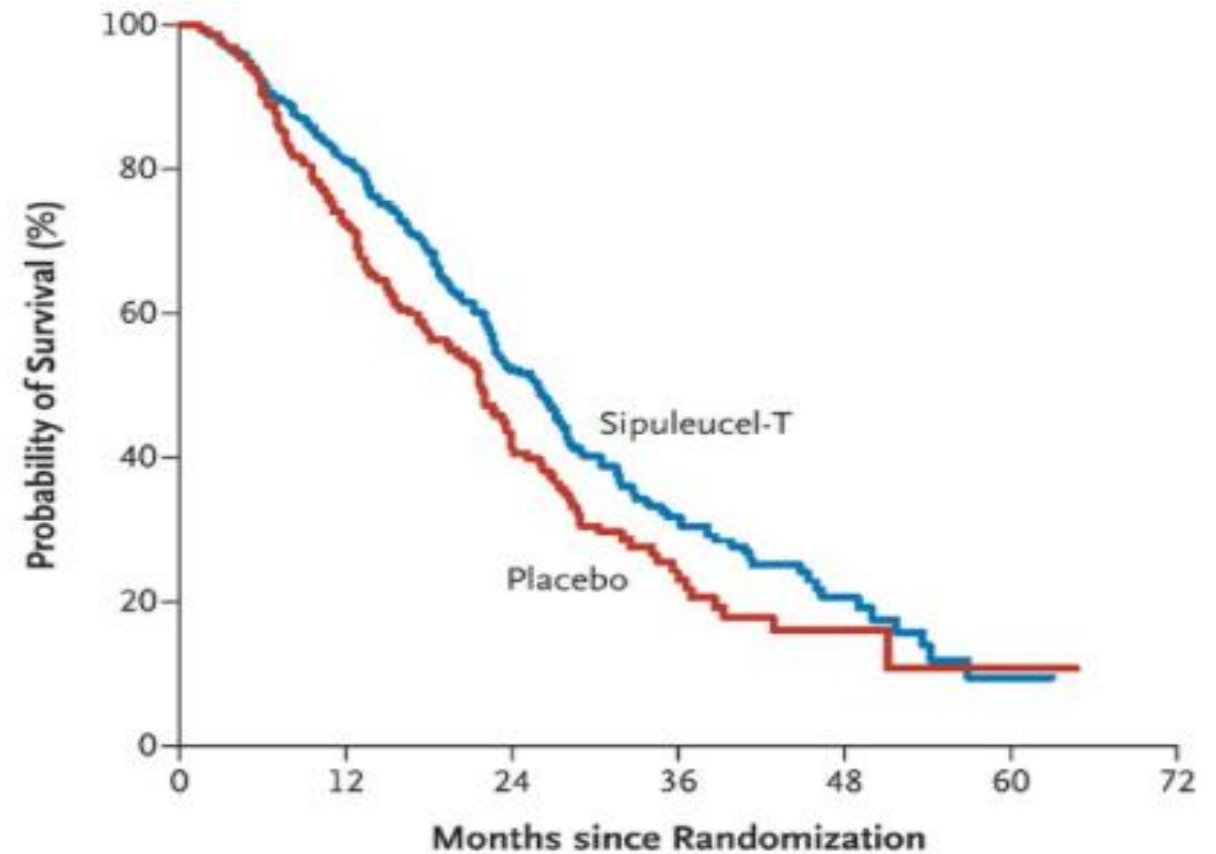


# Sipuleucel-T in mCRPC

- First anticancer therapeutic vaccine



Drake et al. Curr Opin Urol 2010

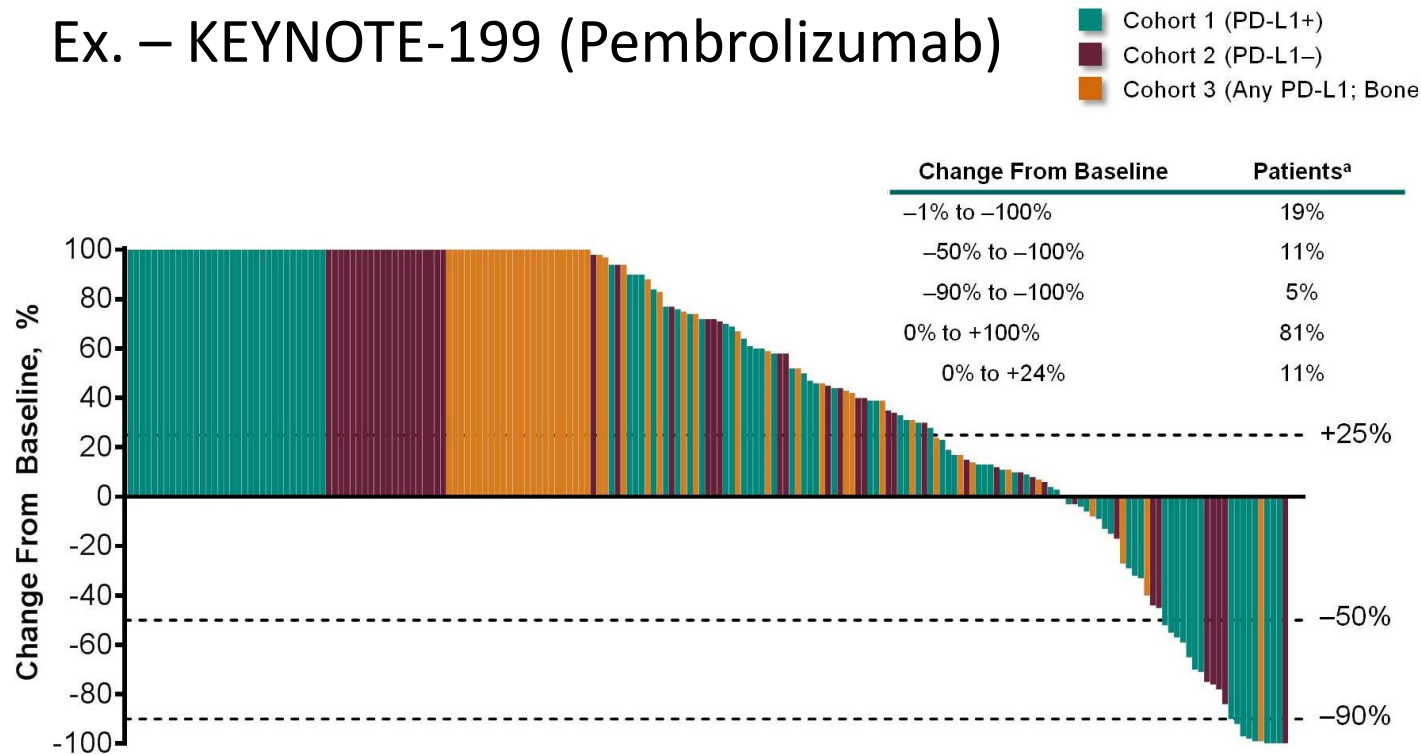


Kantoff et al. NEJM 2010

# Limited efficacy of Checkpoint Inhibitors in mCRPC

No FDA-approved CIs for mCRPC

Ex. – KEYNOTE-199 (Pembrolizumab)



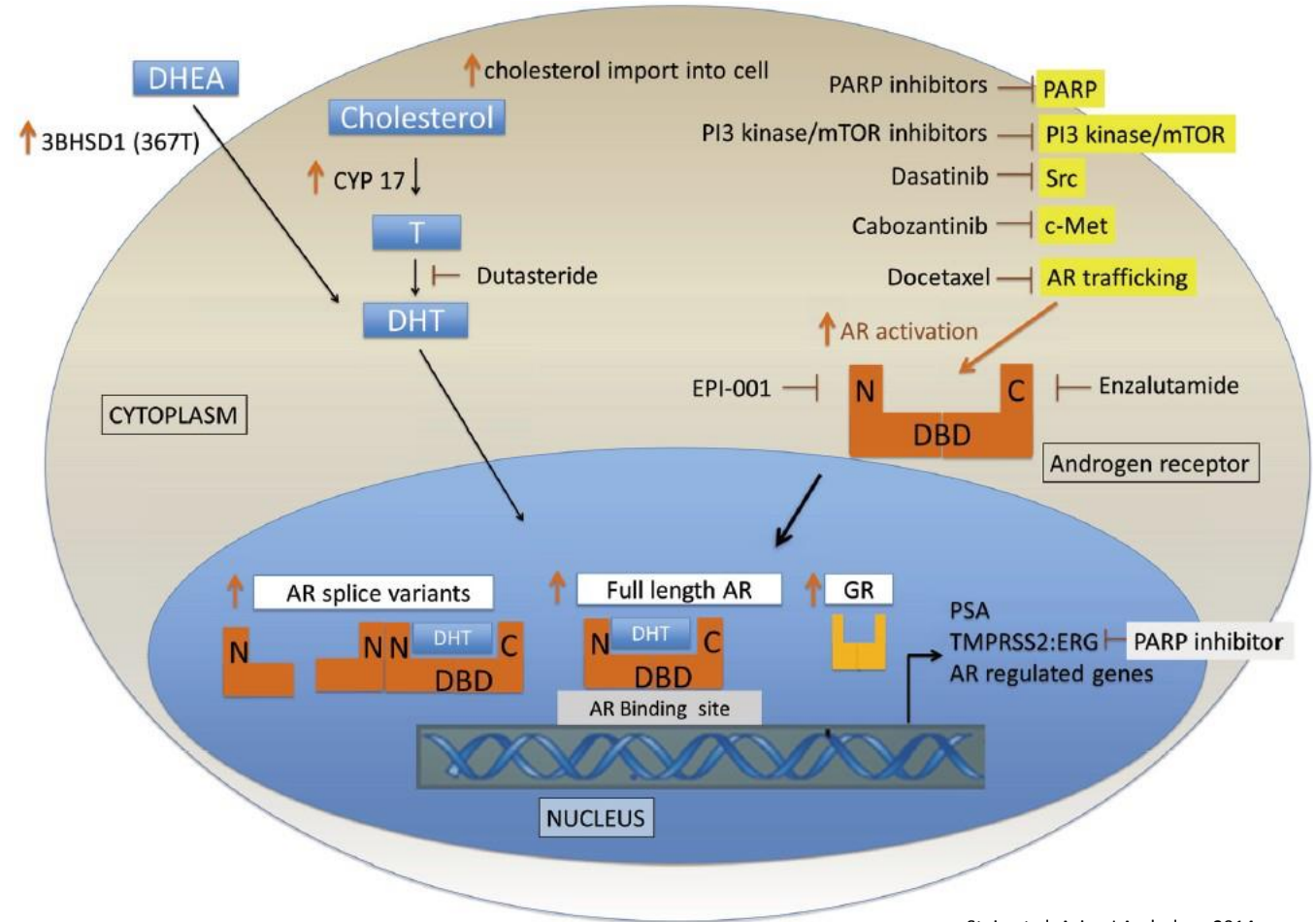
DeBono et al. ASCO 2018

- Pembrolizumab is approved for all Microsatellite Instability-High (MSI-H) solid tumors
- MSI-H incidence is low in PC
  - Localized PC ~2%
  - Autopsy series of mCRPC ~12%
- MSI testing may offer pembrolizumab as an option



# Future Combinations in mCRPC to Engage Immune System

- Hormonal therapy
- Radiation
- Radium-223
- PARP inhibitors
- Chemotherapy
- New targets



Stein et al. Asian J Andrology 2014

# irAEs with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors in GU Cancers

## Meta-analysis of 8 studies

- Similar incidence overall

Adverse event	Incidence, any grade (GU only trials) (%)	Incidence, grades 3–5 (GU only trials) (%)	Incidence any grade (non-GU clinical trials) (%)	Incidence, grades 3–5 (non-GU clinical trials) (%)
Hypothyroid/thyroiditis	0.8–9	0–0.6	3.9–12	0–0.1
Diabetes/DKA	0–1.5	0–0.7	0.8–0.8	0.4–0.7
LFT changes/hepatitis	1.5–5.4	1–3.8	0.3–3.4	0.3–2.7
Pneumonitis	2–4.4	0–2	1.8–3.5	0.25–1.9
Encephalitis	NR	NR	0.2–0.8	0.0–0.2
Colitis/diarrhea	1–10	1–10	2.4–4.1	1.0–2.5
Hypophysitis	0–0.5	0–0.2	0.2–0.9	0.2–0.4
Renal Dysfunction/nephritis	0.3–1.6	0–1.6	0.3–4.9	0.0–0.5
Myositis	0.8–5	0–0.8	NR	NR

Maughan et al. Front Oncol 2017



# Immune-related Adverse Events

**Table 2** General guidance for corticosteroid management of immune-related adverse events

Grade of immune-related AE (CTCAE/equivalent)	Corticosteroid management	Additional notes
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corticosteroids not usually indicated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue immunotherapy</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If indicated, start oral prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day if patient can take oral medication.</li> <li>If IV required, start methylprednisolone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day IV</li> <li>If no improvement in 2–3 days, increase corticosteroid dose to 2 mg/kg/day</li> <li>Once improved to ≤grade 1 AE, start 4–6 week steroid taper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold immunotherapy during corticosteroid use</li> <li>Continue immunotherapy once resolved to ≤grade 1 and off corticosteroids</li> <li>Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone)</li> <li>If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant</li> <li>Once improved to ≤ grade 1, start 4–6-week steroid taper</li> <li>Provide supportive treatment as needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold immunotherapy; if symptoms do not improve in 4–6 weeks, discontinue immunotherapy</li> <li>Consider intravenous corticosteroids</li> <li>Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis</li> <li>Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (&gt;30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone)</li> <li>If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant, e.g., infliximab</li> <li>Provide supportive care as needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discontinue immunotherapy</li> <li>Continue intravenous corticosteroids</li> <li>Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis</li> <li>Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (&gt;30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)</li> </ul>

Puzanov Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer 2017

# Additional Resources

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### Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer consensus statement on immunotherapy for the treatment of renal cell carcinoma

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### Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer consensus statement on immunotherapy for the treatment of bladder carcinoma

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### The Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer consensus statement on immunotherapy for the treatment of prostate carcinoma

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# Case Study 1

Incidental finding of mass in left kidney during MRI of L-Spine 2011

Left partial nephrectomy in Sep 2018

pT1a -6.6 x 5.2 x 3.8 cm, papillary RCC with minor foci of clear cell changes G2, margins focally close, but clear

Pt goes on Surveillance

11/19/14, 2 metastatic lesions, 4 cm in left psoas muscle and 2.3 cm 12th rib (Bx proven)

Metastasectomy was attempted

3/2/16 Ct scan ; nodular area between 11 and 12th rib and isodense mass within psoas muscle

5/5/2016: started pazopanib with poor tolerance

5/26/2016: MRI abdomen : enlarging metastatic disease in left psoas muscle

7/8/16 : Started sunitinib , with expected side effects

9/7/16 CT CAP : Retroperitoneal mass or masses on the left inseparable from the psoas and paraspinal musculature, posterior pararenal fat, and extending across the flank musculature

10/19/2016 : attempted metastasectomy , left radical nephrectomy and peritonic lymphadenopathy.

Pathology : Recurrent RCC. Tumor 8.0 x 3.0 x 2.6 cm with positive margin

12/14/16: MRI abdomen There are 3 separate areas of enhancing tissue

1/14/2017: XRT completed

Restaging Scans after XRT

6.9 x 3.2 x 7.0 cm Left posterior lateral abdominal mass

**1/13/2017 started Nivolumab**

2/24/17 CT CAP: Stable disease

**Completed 7 cycles through 4/10/2017**

Admitted to hospital 4/17/17 - 5/8/17

Presented to ER with BLE weakness, fall, inability to walk and generalized fatigue

Became encephalopathic and was intubated

Developed Hypothermia

**Diagnosis: Acute chemical encephalopathy secondary to nivolumab**

LP unremarkable for infection but with lymphocytes

Started on high dose steroids, methylprednisolone 1000 mg QD until extubated

5/12/17: CT CAP Interval marked decrease in size of the soft tissue mass at the left retroperitoneum and paraspinal muscles, now no longer clearly involving the left psoas muscle. The soft tissue mass at the left flank along the surgical tract was also markedly decreased in size.

5/24/2017: Completed steroid

Patient remained off any active therapy for RCC

9/17/2018: No imaging evidence of a locally recurrent or metastatic renal cell cancer

# Case study 2

Incidental finding of renal mass during work up for chest pain

6/23/18: CT AP right 10cm renal mass, 1.2 cm regional lymphadenopathy, multiple non-calcified pulmonary nodules and subcarinal node

7/18/2018: right radical nephrectomy

Clear cell renal cell carcinoma with focal rhabdoid differentiation (1%) with minute focus of metastatic clear cell RCC LNs

pT3aN1



9/7/2018 : cycle #1 nivolumab and ipilimumab

9/18/18 to 9/24/18 admitted with DKA and AKI, No prior h/o DM

Undetectable C peptide

K 7.1; BUN/Cr 51/3.9 and blood glucose 1306.

Treated with insulin gtts and DKA protocol

8/25/2018: CT CAP, bilateral non calcified pulmonary nodules, overall the size of the majority of the nodules are only slightly increased in size compared to the prior study

10/24/23018: CT CAP, slight enlargement of pulmonary nodules size and mediastinal adenopathy since the previous exam

Infrequent and unusual presentation for side effects of Immunotherapy  
THERE IS ALWAYS A FIRST TIME

Steroids and immunosuppressants are important but some of the endocrinopathies can be treated with replacement therapy

Can we re-challenge some of the patients with severe side effects with immunotherapy

Is there an increased chance of response with severe side effects

What is the optimal duration of immunotherapy

What is Pseudo-progression with immunotherapy