

# Renal Cell Carcinoma Updates

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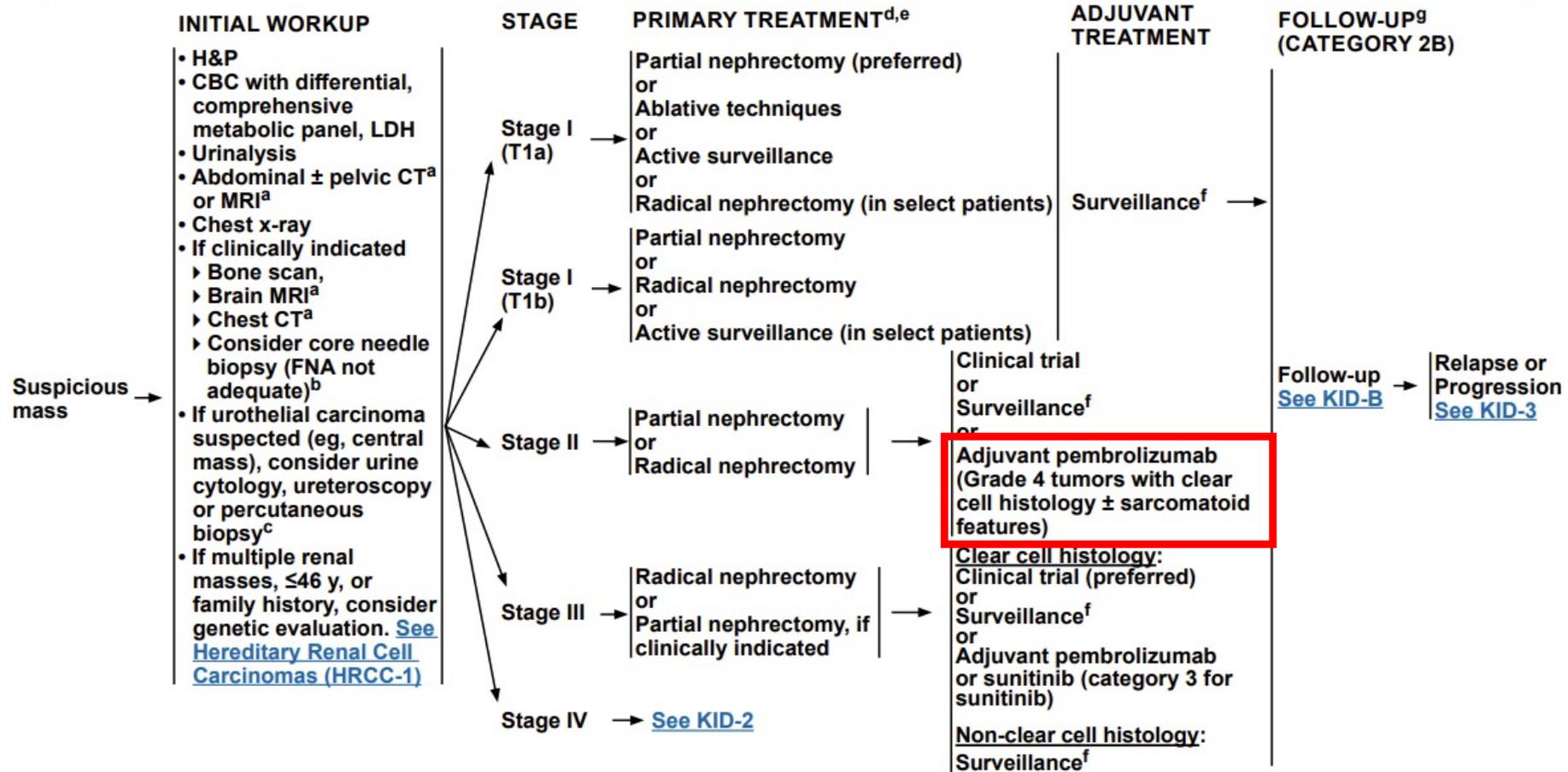
# Adjuvant Therapy in RCC



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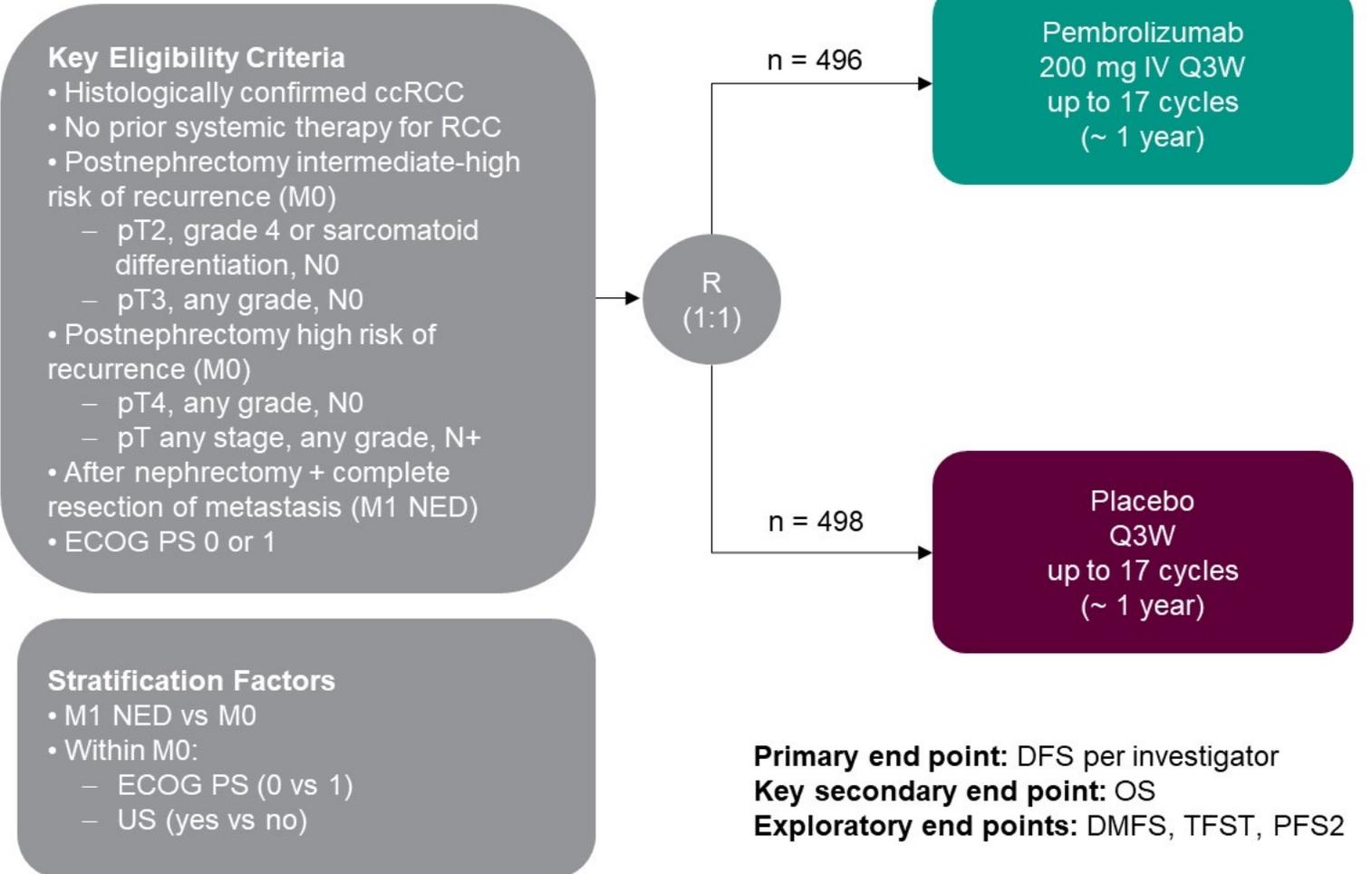
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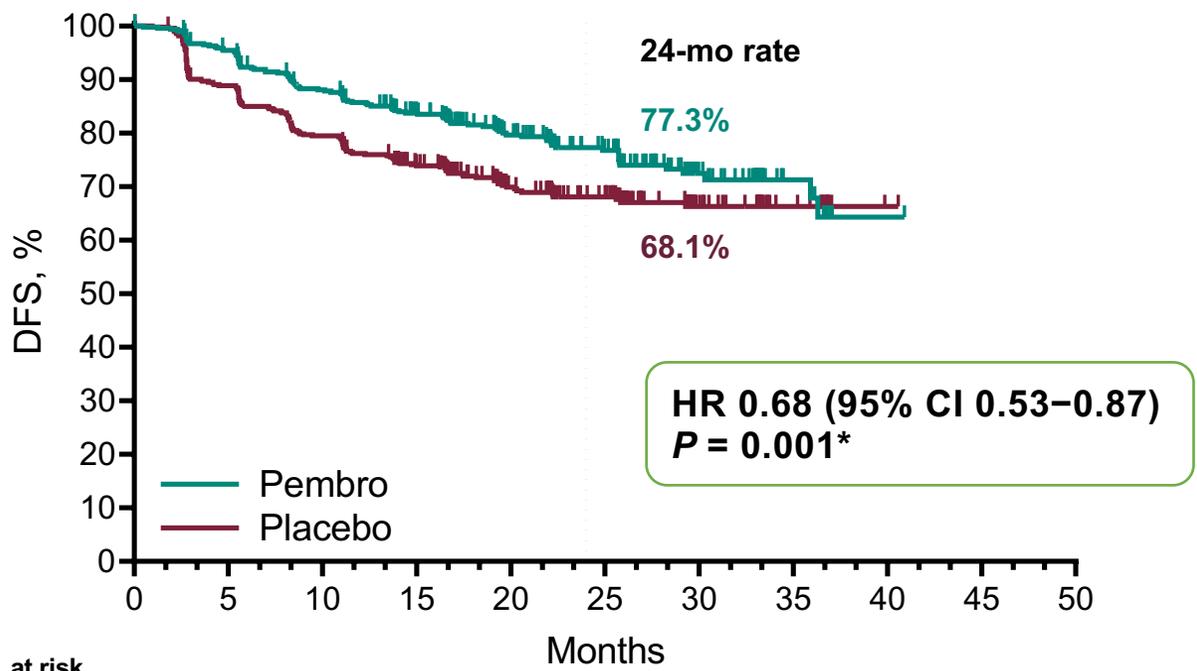
# Background and Study Design

- Results of KEYNOTE-564 showed that adjuvant pembrolizumab improved DFS compared with placebo after a median 30.1 months of follow-up in patients with ccRCC at increased risk for recurrence after nephrectomy<sup>1</sup>
- Post hoc exploratory analyses are presented of
  - Distant metastasis-free survival (DMFS; time to radiographically detectable metastatic disease or any-cause death)
  - Time to first subsequent drug treatment (TFST; time to first subsequent therapy or any-cause death)
  - Time to second progression (PFS2; time from randomization to progression on next-line therapy or any-cause death)
- Median time from randomization to database cutoff was 30.1 months (range, 20.8-47.5 months)



# Primary Endpoint: DFS, ITT Population

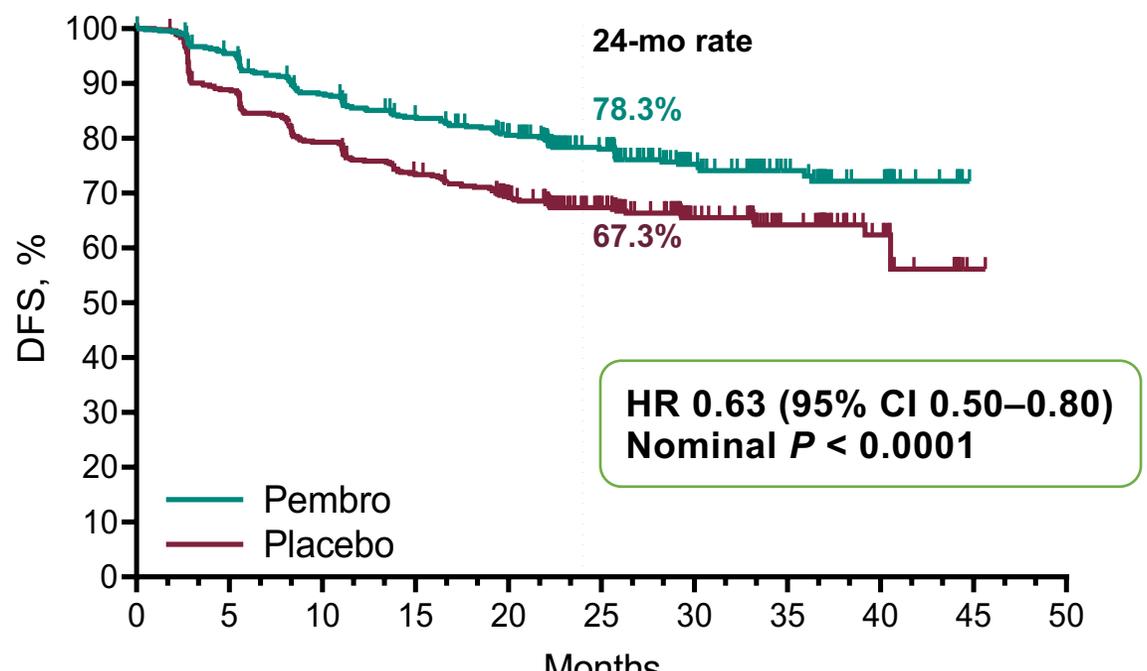
Primary Analysis: 24.1 mo Follow-Up



| No. at risk | 0   | 5   | 10  | 15  | 20  | 25  | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Pembro      | 496 | 457 | 414 | 371 | 233 | 151 | 61 | 21 | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Placebo     | 498 | 436 | 389 | 341 | 209 | 145 | 56 | 19 | 1  | 0  | 0  |

|                | Pts w/ Event | Median, mo (95% CI) |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Pembro</b>  | 109          | NR (NR–NR)          |
| <b>Placebo</b> | 151          | NR (NR–NR)          |

Updated Analysis: 30.1 mo Follow-Up

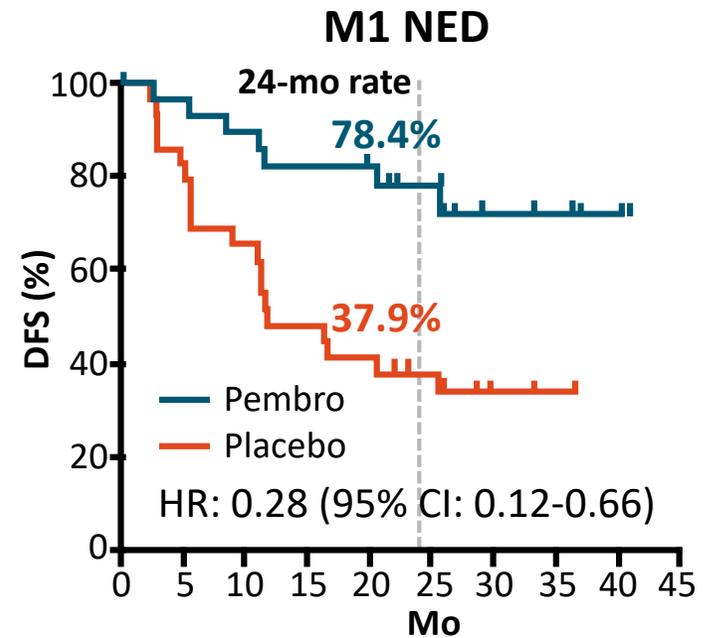
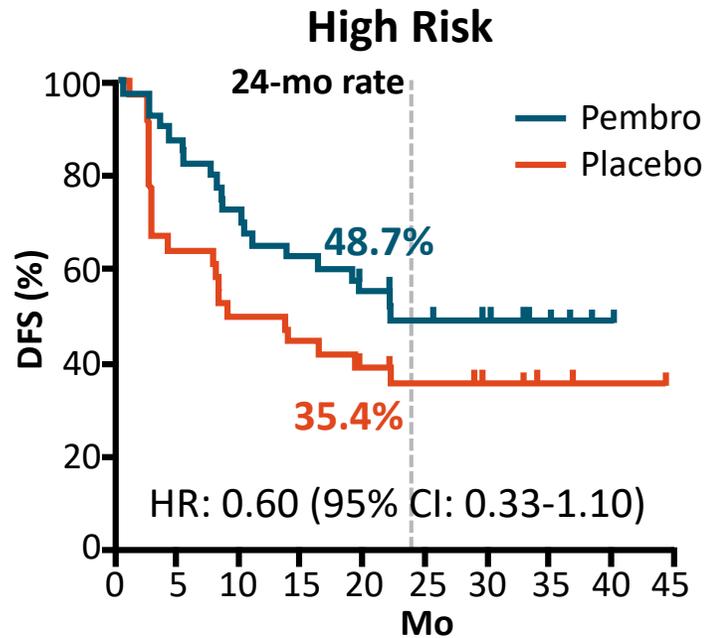
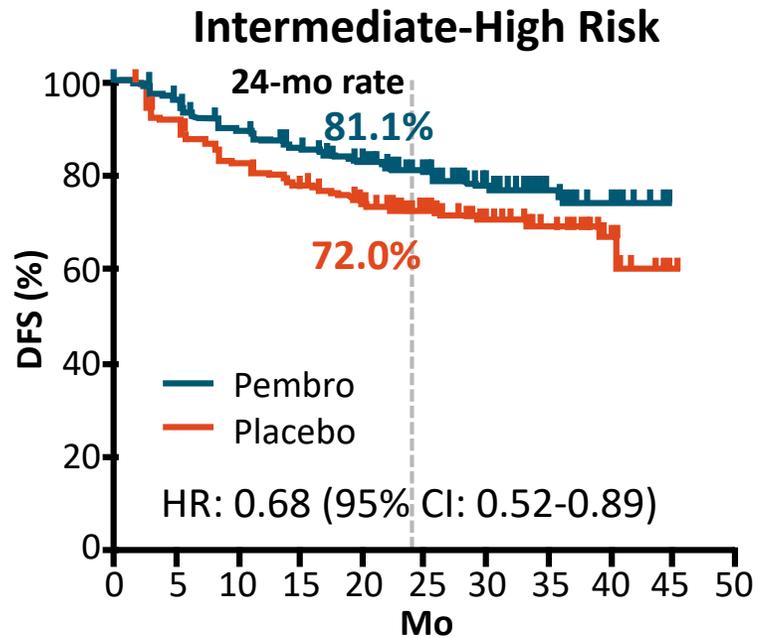


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| Pembro      | 496 | 458 | 416 | 389 | 361 | 255 | 135 | 77 | 37 | 0  | 0  |
| Placebo     | 498 | 437 | 389 | 356 | 325 | 230 | 125 | 74 | 33 | 1  | 0  |

|                | Pts w/ Event | Median, mo (95% CI) |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| <b>Pembro</b>  | 114          | NR (NR–NR)          |
| <b>Placebo</b> | 169          | NR (40.5–NR)        |

\* denotes statistical significance.  
ITT population included all randomized participants. DFS, disease-free survival; NR, not reached. Primary analysis data cutoff date: December 14, 2020. Updated analysis data cutoff date: June 14, 2021.

# Keynote-564, 30 month follow-up DFS by recurrence risk



# Who should get adjuvant therapy?

|                                      | Intermediate-High Risk |            | High Risk  |            | M1 NED  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|---|
|                                      | pT2                    | pT3        | pT4        | Any pT     | NED after resection of oligometastatic sites $\leq$ 1 year from nephrectomy |
|                                      | Grade 4 or sarcomatoid | Any grade  | Any grade  | Any grade  |   |
|                                      | N0                     | N0         | N0         | N+         |   |
|                                      | M0                     | M0         | M0         | M0         |   |
| <b>Risk of recurrence at 5 years</b> | <b>31%</b>             | <b>47%</b> | <b>54%</b> | <b>63%</b> | <b>?70%</b>   |
| Abs. reduction                       | 10%                    | 15%        | 17%        | 20%        | 24%   |
| OS at 5 years                        | 82%                    | 77%        | 63%        | 54%        | ?   |

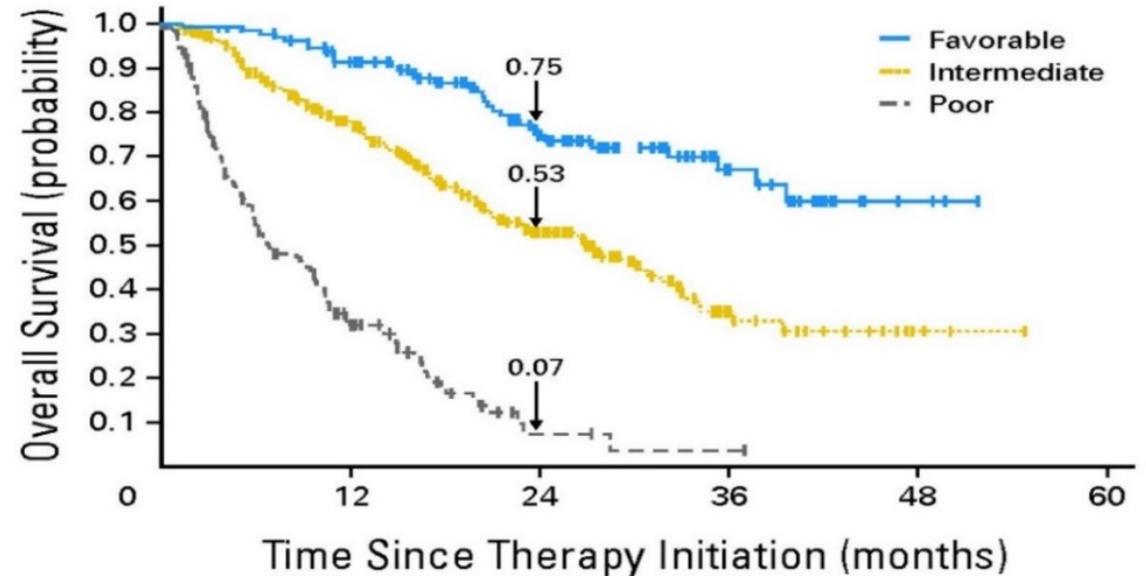
# More to come:

| Trial                            | Randomization   | Question  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>PROSPER<br/>(ECOG-EA8143)</b> | Neoadj/adj nivolumab<br>vs surgical SoC                           | Is neoadjuvant nivolumab better than contact kidney tumor safe and does it meet primary endpoint? |
| <b>IMM010</b>                    | Adj atezolizumab<br>vs placebo                                    | Is adjuvant atezolizumab better than no adjuvant therapy?   |
| <b>KEYNOTE-564</b>               | Adj pembrolizumab<br>vs placebo                                   | Is adjuvant PD-1 therapy better than no adjuvant therapy?   |
| <b>Checkmate-914</b>             | Adj nivolumab +<br>ipilimumab<br>vs nivolumab alone<br>vs placebo | Is dual PD-1/CTLA-4 inhibition better than mono adjuvant PD-1 therapy?                            |
| <b>RAMPART</b>                   | Adj durvalumab +<br>tremelimumab<br>vs durvalumab<br>vs placebo   | Is dual PD-L1/CTLA-4 inhibition better than mono adjuvant PD-L1 therapy or no therapy?            |

(adopted from Naomi Haas)

# International Metastatic Database Consortium Risk Stratification

- Clinical
  - KPS < 80%
  - Time from diagnosis to treatment < 1 year
- Laboratory
  - Hemoglobin < LLN
  - Calcium > ULN
  - Neutrophil count > ULN
  - Platelet count > ULN



|              | No. of events/No. at risk |        |       |      |     |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------|-------|------|-----|
| Favorable    | 11/133                    | 16/110 | 4/62  | 2/22 | 0/3 |
| Intermediate | 61/301                    | 50/182 | 17/82 | 2/18 | 0/3 |
| Poor         | 94/152                    | 19/36  | 1/3   | 0/1  | 0/0 |

- Favorable: 0 risk factors → means slow-growing and/or VEGF-responsive
- Intermediate: 1-2 risk factors → medium growth rate and somewhat VEGF-responsive
- Poor: 3-6 risk factors → fast-growing and VEGF-unresponsive

• Heng DYC, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2009;27:5794-5799.

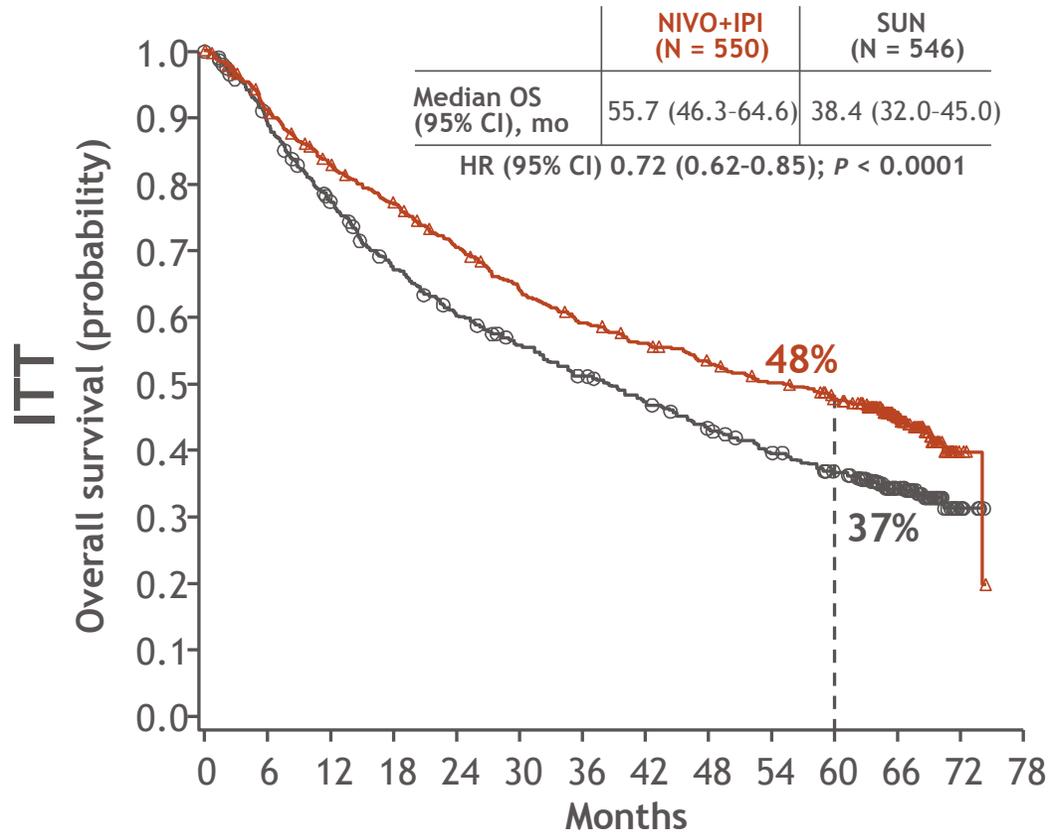
# Frontline Treatment Options Plentiful in RCC

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

| FIRST-LINE THERAPY FOR CLEAR CELL HISTOLOGY |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| Risk  | Preferred Regimens   | Other Recommended Regimens  | Useful in Certain Circumstances  |
| Favorable <sup>a</sup>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>• Cabozantinib + nivolumab<sup>b</sup> (category 1)</li> <li>• Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab<sup>b</sup> (category 1)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Axitinib + avelumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Cabozantinib (category 2B)</li> <li>• Ipilimumab + nivolumab<sup>b</sup></li> <li>• Pazopanib</li> <li>• Sunitinib</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active surveillance<sup>c</sup></li> <li>• Axitinib (category 2B)</li> <li>• High-dose IL-2<sup>d</sup> (category 2B)</li> </ul>      |
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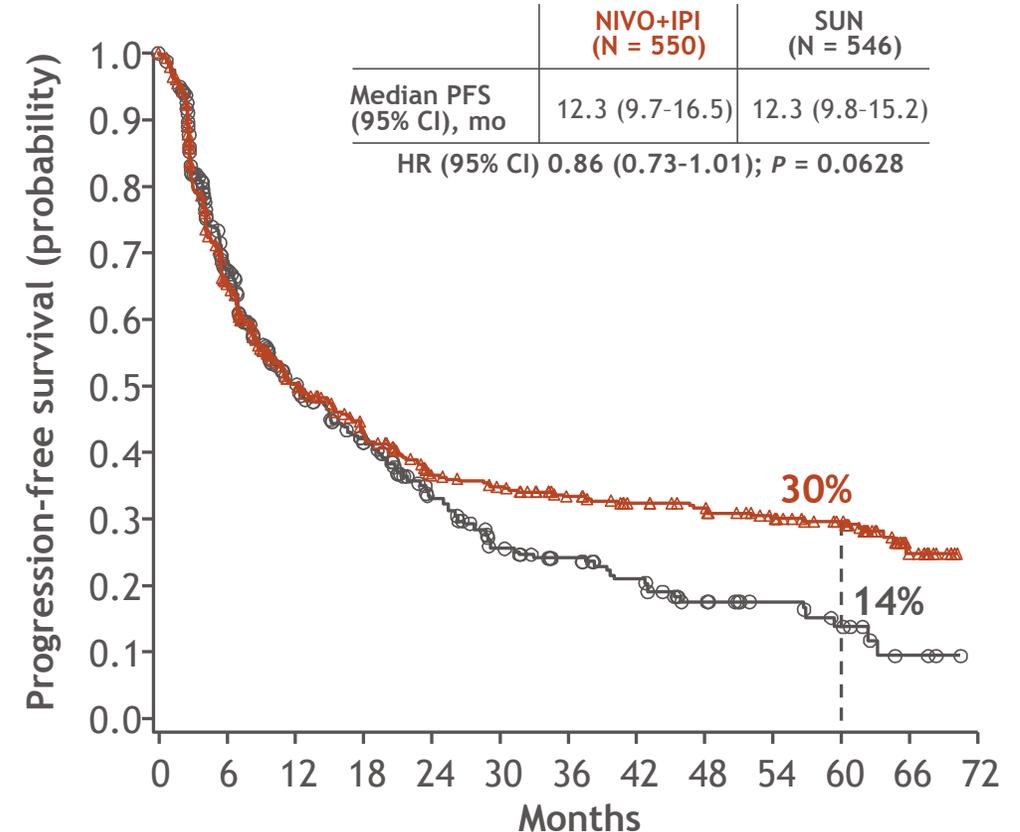
# Checkmate 214 ITT: 5-year Update

## Overall survival



| No. at risk | 0   | 6   | 12  | 18  | 24  | 30  | 36  | 42  | 48  | 54  | 60  | 66  | 72 | 78 |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| NIVO+IPI    | 550 | 493 | 444 | 411 | 372 | 337 | 309 | 291 | 274 | 256 | 236 | 138 | 5  | 0  |
| SUN         | 546 | 472 | 405 | 347 | 310 | 281 | 257 | 234 | 213 | 192 | 171 | 108 | 6  | 0  |

## Progression-free survival

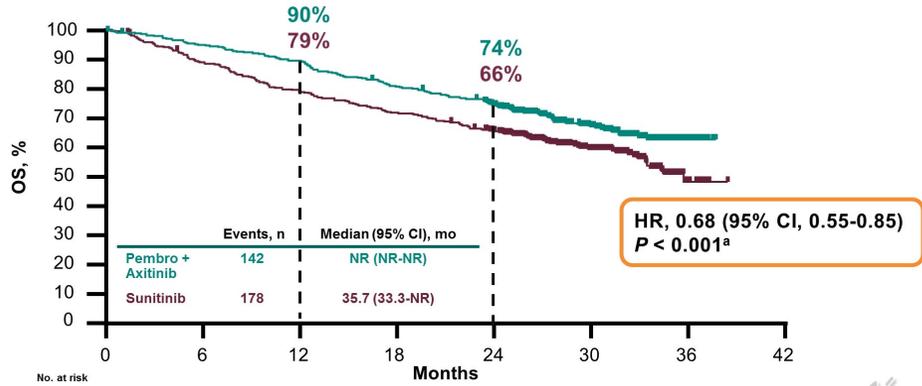


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|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| NIVO+IPI    | 550 | 315 | 217 | 171 | 132 | 121 | 103 | 92 | 86 | 75 | 62 | 14 | 0  |
| SUN         | 546 | 285 | 178 | 130 | 87  | 59  | 42  | 33 | 21 | 15 | 10 | 3  | 0  |

# TKI+IO Overall Survival

## Keynote 426: Pembro+Axitinib

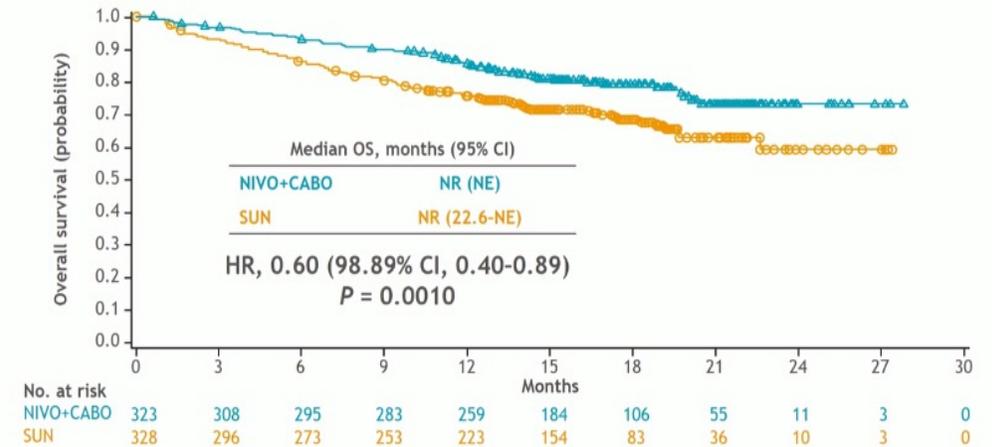
### OS in the ITT Population



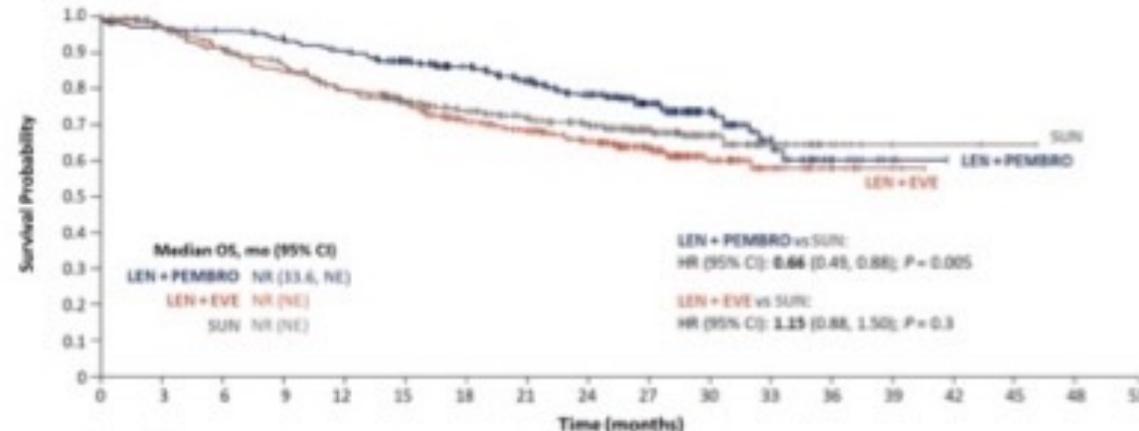
<sup>a</sup>Because superiority of pembrolizumab + axitinib was shown at the first interim analysis, no alpha was allocated to OS; only nominal P values are reported. Data cutoff: January 6, 2020.

## Checkmate 9ER: Nivo+Cabozantinib

### Overall survival



## CLEAR: Pembro+Lenvatinib



# Frontline Treatment Data in RCC

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| Landmark OS 24 mo                        | <b>71%</b> vs 61%   | <b>74%</b> vs 66%   | <b>70.3%</b> vs 60.3%  | <b>79%</b> vs 70%   |
| mPFS, mo<br>HR (CI)                      | <b>12.2</b> vs 12.3<br>0.86 (0.73-1.01)                               | <b>15.7</b> vs 11.1<br>0.68 (0.58-0.80)                               | <b>16.6</b> vs 8.3<br>0.56 (0.46-0.68)                                 | <b>23.9</b> vs 9.2<br>0.39 (0.32-0.49)                          |
| ORR, %                                   | <b>39</b> vs 32   | <b>60</b> vs 40   | <b>56</b> vs 28  | <b>71</b> vs 36   |
| CR, %                                    | <b>12</b> vs 3  | <b>10</b> vs 4  | <b>12</b> vs 5   | <b>16</b> vs 4  |
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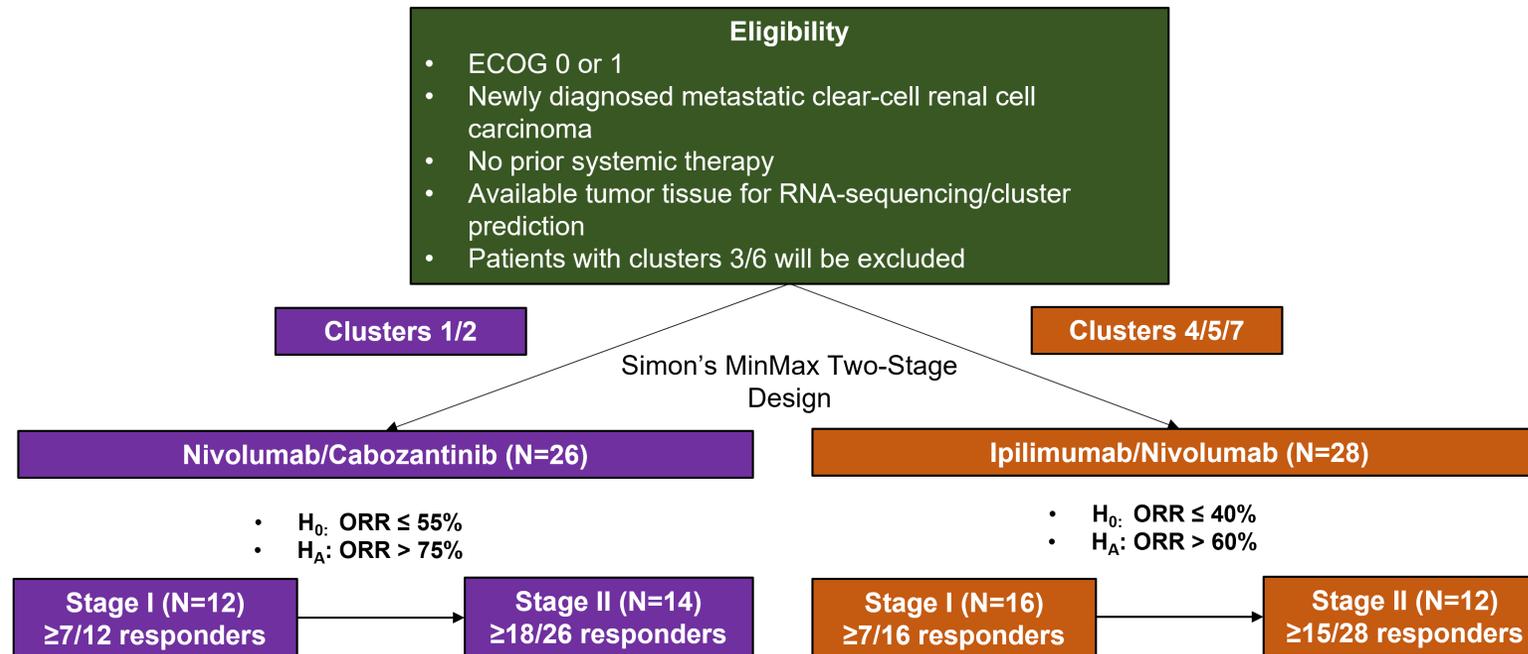
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# Future Frontline Advances?

- Will a triplet therapy have improved clinical benefit and will it be safe?
- Are other mechanisms of action important in the frontline? Metabolic inhibitors, LAG3, TIGIT?
- Can we select patients based on gene expression data for frontline therapy

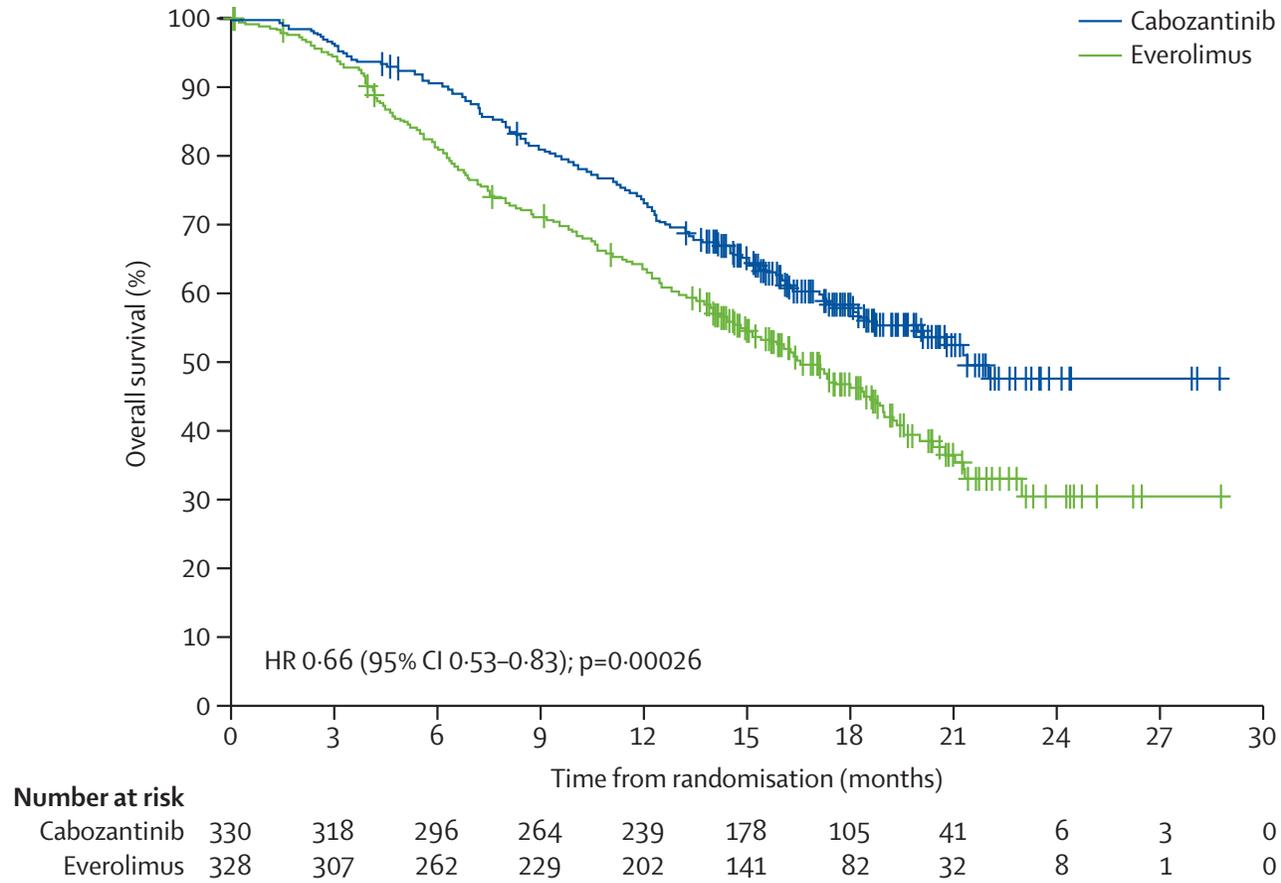
Phase II, open-label, parallel single-arm study using tumor RNAseq cluster to assign protocol treatment



# Treatment for Refractory Clear Cell Histology

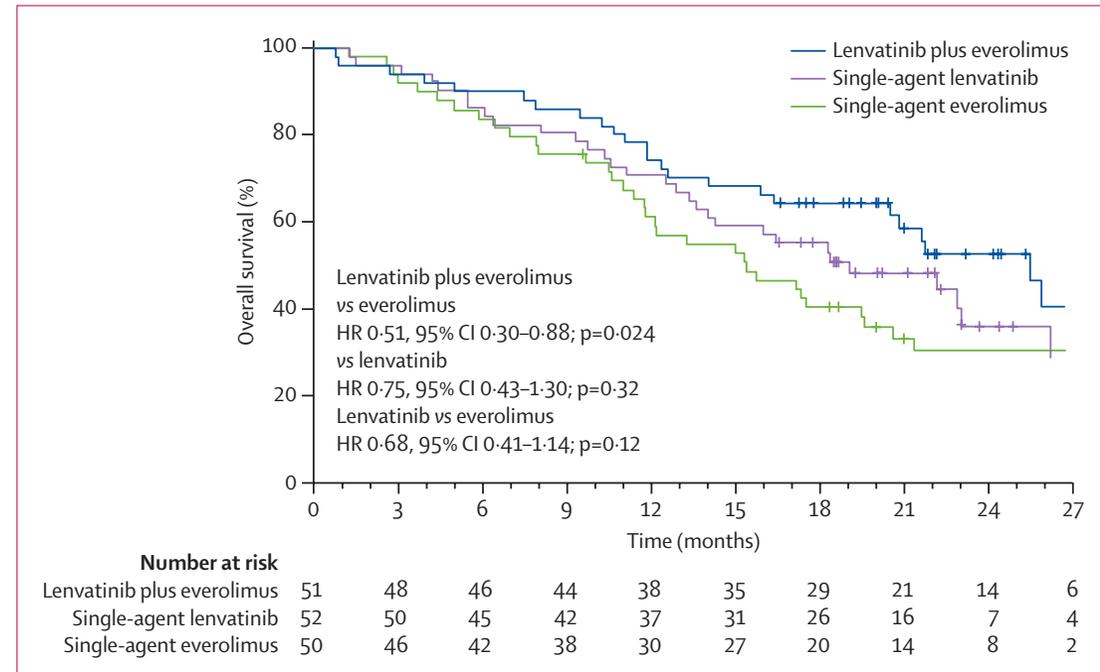
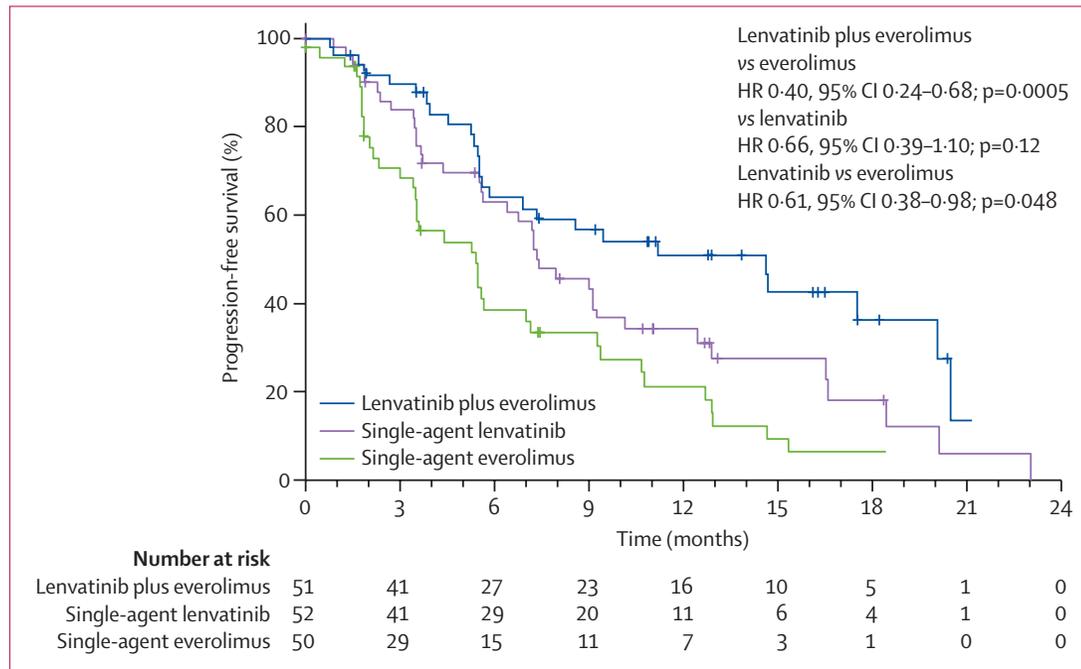
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# Ph 3 METEOR Trial: Cabozantinib vs Everolimus after prior VEGF TKI



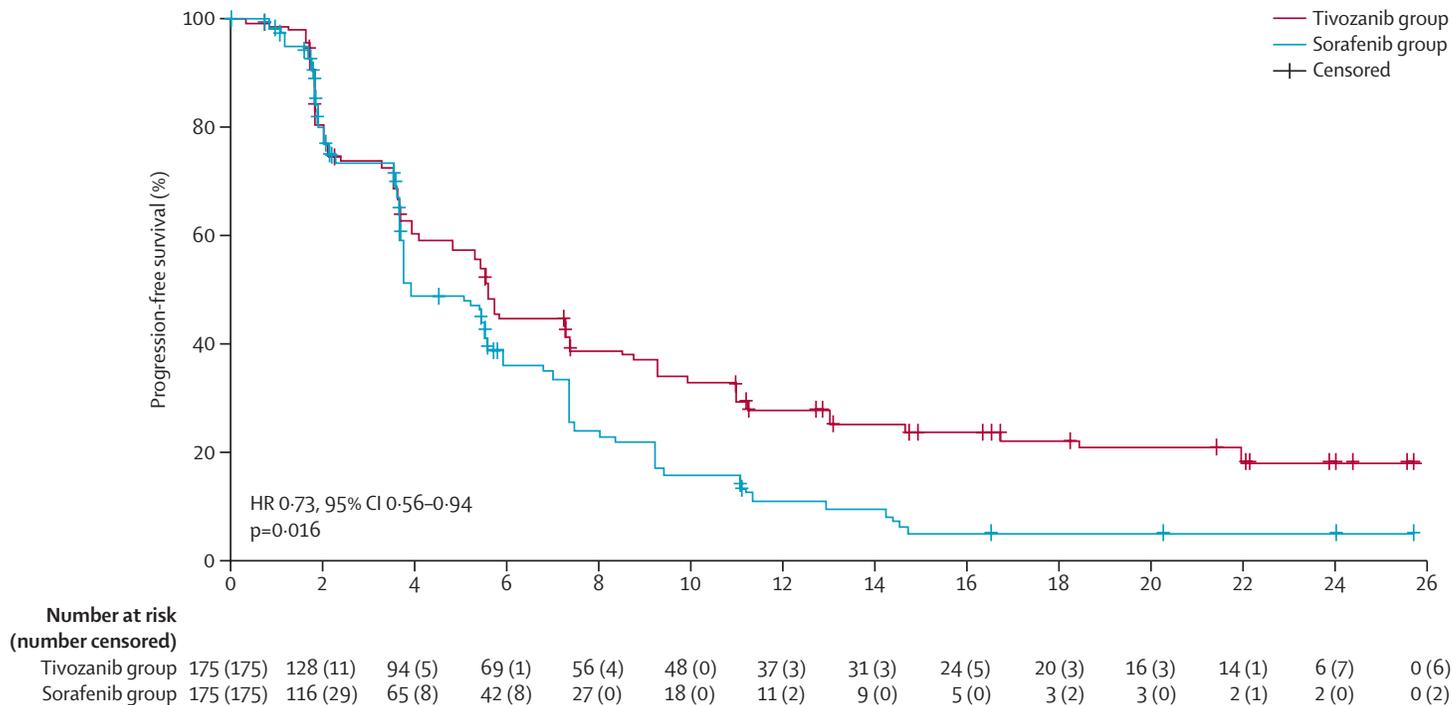
- 5% of patients had prior IO
- ORR with cabozantinib: 17% vs 3% with everolimus alone

# Randomized Ph 2: Lenvatinib, Everolimus or Combination after prior VEGF TKI



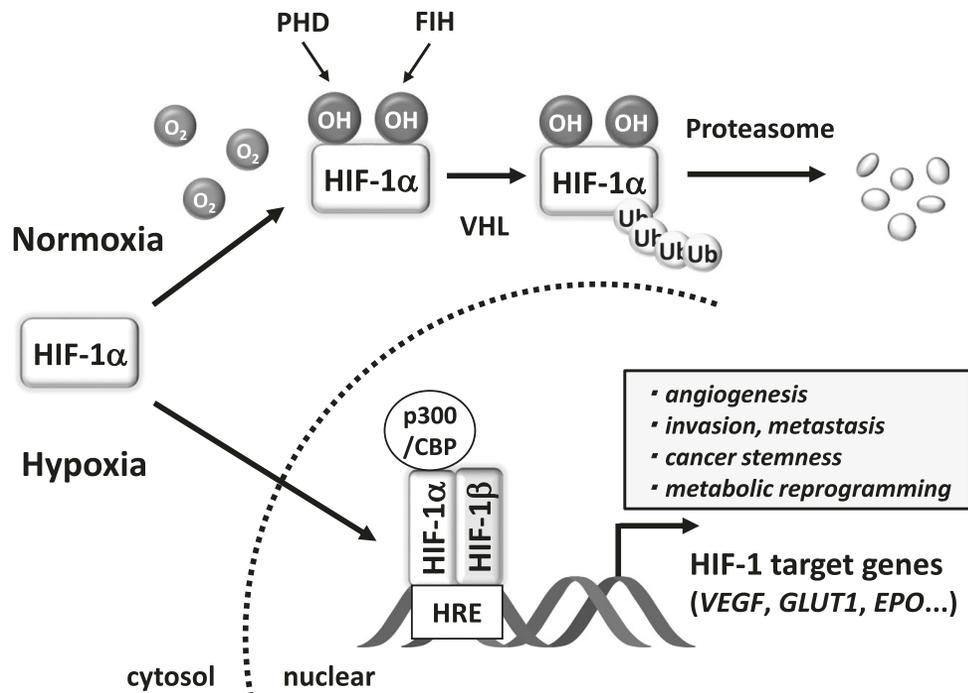
- 3% with prior ICI treatment
- ORR with lenvatinib + everolimus: 43% vs 6% with everolimus alone

# Randomized Ph 3: Tivozanib vs sorafenib in refractory RCC

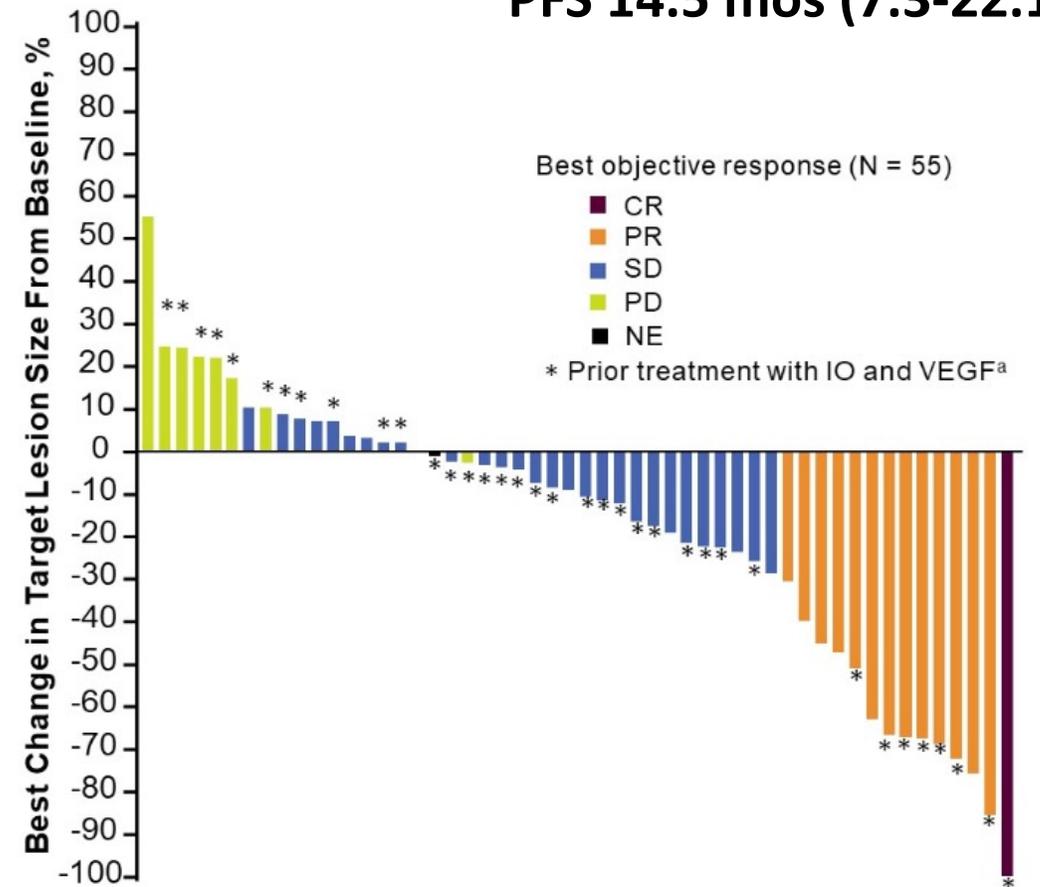


- 26% Prior ICI and TKI
- ORR: 18% with tivozanib vs 8% with sorafenib
- Average 60% patients with 2 prior therapies, 40% treated with 3 prior therapies

# Ongoing Trials: Targeting HIF in RCC



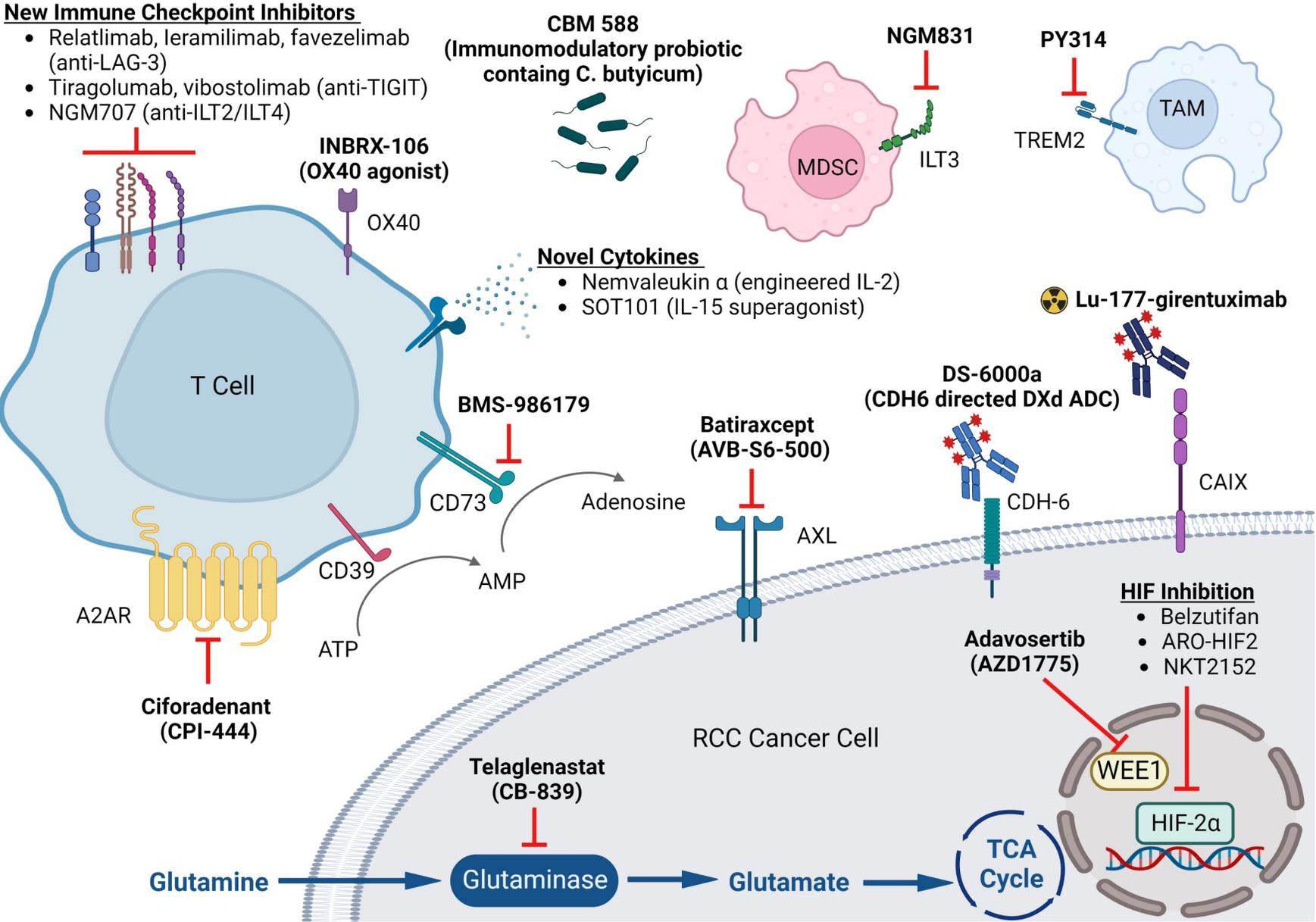
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# Ongoing Clinical Trials in the Refractory IO setting

| Title  | Inclusion  | Treatment Arms                                    |
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| MK-6482-005: Phase III Trial of Belzutifan vs Everolimus in Advanced RCC After PD-1/PD-L1 and TKI Therapy (n = 736) <sup>1</sup> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clear-cell RCC</li> <li>▪ Prior therapy with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor and VEGF TKI, as monotherapy or in combination</li> <li>▪ ≤3 prior therapies</li> </ul>   | Belzutifan<br>vs<br>Everolimus                    |
| CONTACT-03: Phase III Trial of Atezo + Cabo vs Cabo in Advanced RCC After PD-1/PD-L1 Therapy (n = 500) <sup>2</sup>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clear-cell RCC or non–clear-cell RCC (papillary or unclassified)</li> <li>▪ Prior first- or second-line therapy with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor as immediate preceding therapy</li> <li>▪ No more than 1 previous PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor</li> </ul> | Atezolizumab + cabozantinib<br>vs<br>Cabozantinib |
| TiNivo-2: Phase III Trial of Tivozanib + Nivolumab vs Tivozanib in Advanced RCC After IO Therapy (n = 326) <sup>3</sup>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clear-cell RCC</li> <li>▪ PD during or following ≥6 wk of treatment with an IO therapy</li> <li>▪ ≤2 previous lines of therapy</li> </ul>   | Nivolumab + tivozanib<br>vs<br>Tivozanib          |

# Novel Targets and Drug Development in RCC



(Chen, Rini, and Beckermann, unpublished, figure made with BioRender)