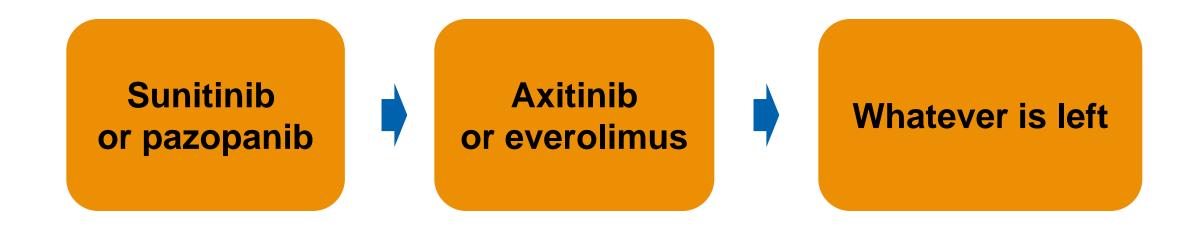


### I checkpoint inhibitors nel trattamento di seconda linea del carcinoma renale metastatico

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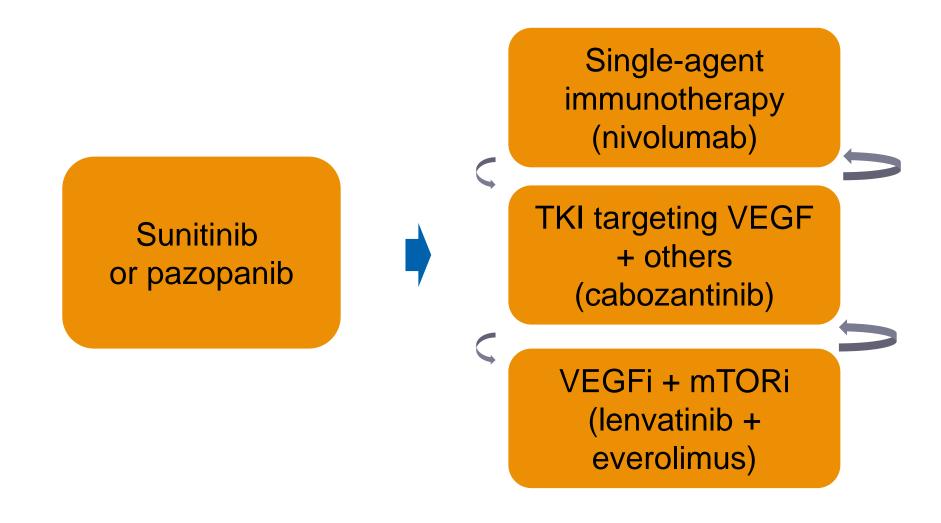
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#### RCC: Sequential Monotherapy Treatment Paradigm in Early 2015

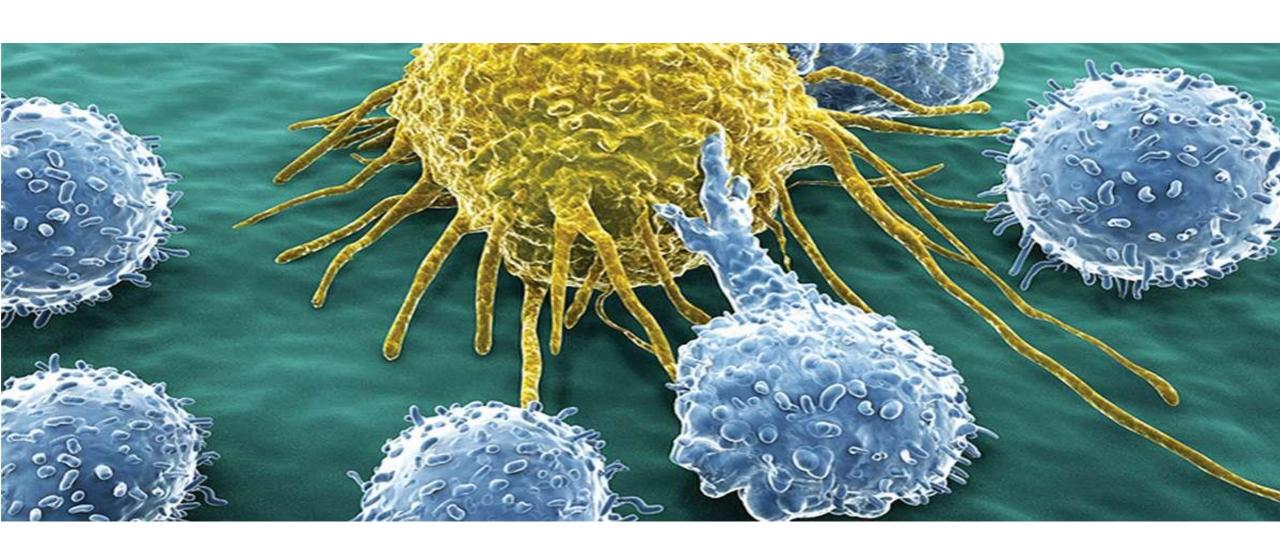


Paradigm of therapy in metastatic RCC is an empiric sequence of monotherapies

#### **New Treatment Options for Refractory Metastatic RCC in 2017**



#### A new era in Renal Cancer Treatment

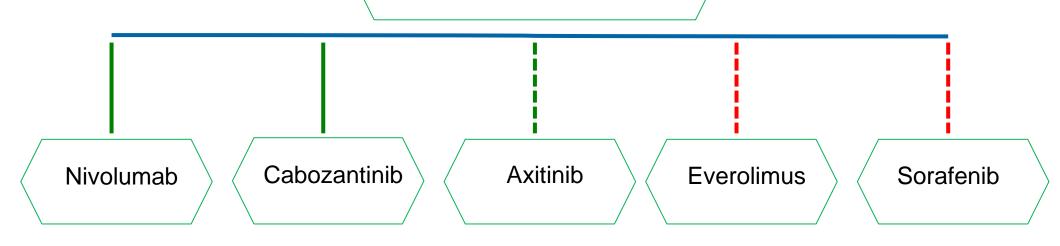


#### Trattamento medico della malattia avanzata



## Opzioni terapeutiche successive alla prima linea dopo inibitori di VEGF/VEGFR

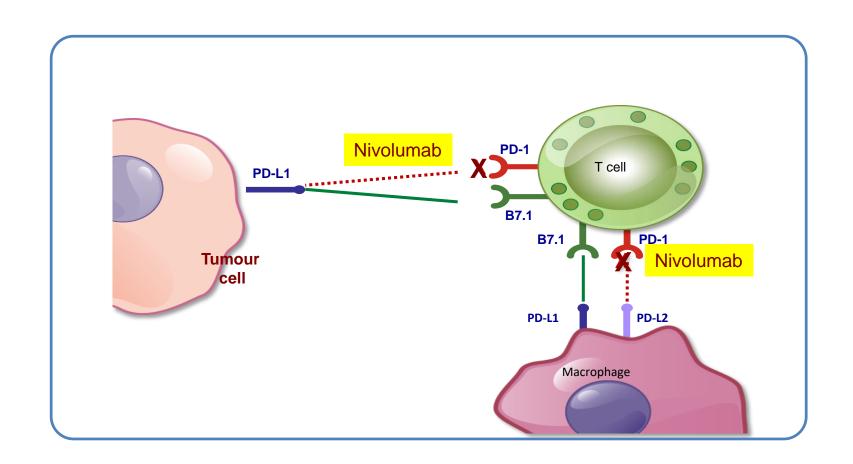
Progressione dopo inibitore di VEGF/VEGFr



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### **Nivolumab: targeting PD1**



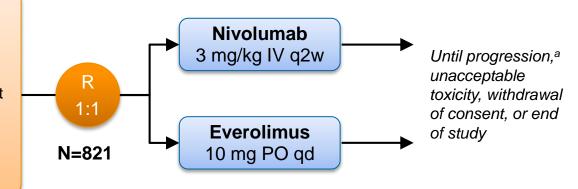
- 1. Chen, et al. 2012; 2. Paterson, et al. 2011
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#### CheckMate 025 Study Design

Phase 3, randomized, open-label study of nivolumab vs everolimus in patients with advanced or metastatic clear cell RCC who have received prior anti-angiogenic therapy.<sup>1</sup>

#### Key Inclusion Criteria<sup>1</sup>

- Advanced/metastatic clear cell RCC
- ≤3 total prior regimens
- 1 or 2 prior anti-angiogenic therapies
- Progression <6 months before enrollment
- KPS ≥70
- No CNS metastases
- No prior therapy with mTOR inhibitor
- · No condition requiring glucocorticoids



**Start Date: September 2012**<sup>2</sup>

**Estimated Trial Completion Date: September 2018<sup>2</sup>** 

Primary Completion Date: May 2015<sup>2</sup> Status: Ongoing but not recruiting<sup>2</sup> Trial Director: Bristol-Myers Squibb<sup>2</sup> **Primary Endpoint: OS** 

Secondary Endpoints: ORR, PFS, OS by PD-L1 expression,

incidence of AEs

<sup>a</sup>Patients were allowed to continue treatment beyond progression if investigator-assessed clinical benefit was achieved and treatment had an acceptable side-effect profile.

AE, adverse event; CNS, central nervous system; IV, intravenous; KPS, Karnofsky performance status; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, oral; qd, once daily; q2w, every 2 weeks; R, randomized; RCC, renal cell carcinoma.

1. Motzer RJ et al. N Engl J Med 2015;373:1803–13. 2. Clinicaltrials.gov. NCT01668784. Accessed April 26, 2017.

#### **Baseline Characteristics**

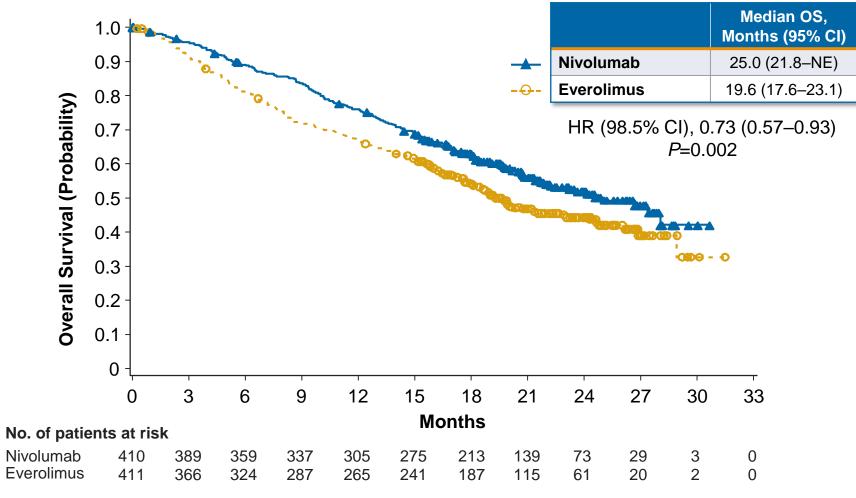
	Nivolumab N=410	Everolimus N=411
Median age (range), years	62 (23–88)	62 (18–86)
Sex, n (%) Male Female	315 (77) 95 (23)	304 (74) 107 (26)
MSKCC risk group, n (%) <sup>a</sup> Favorable (0 factors) Intermediate (1 factor) Poor (2 or 3 factors)	145 (35) 201 (49) 64 (16)	148 (36) 203 (49) 60 (15)
No. of prior anti-angiogenic regimens in advanced setting, n (%) 1 2	294 (72) 116 (28)	297 (72) 114 (28)
Most common previous systemic cancer therapy for metastatic RCC, n (%) Sunitinib Pazopanib Axitinib	246 (60) 119 (29) 51 (12)	242 (59) 131 (32) 50 (12)
Region, n (%) US/Canada Western Europe Rest of the world	174 (42) 140 (34) 96 (23)	172 (42) 141 (34) 98 (24)

Adapted from Motzer et al. N Engl J Med 2015 and Sharma et al. ESMO 2015.<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Prognostic factors were anemia, hypercalcemia, and poor performance status. MSKCC, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; RCC, renal cell carcinoma.

<sup>1.</sup> Motzer RJ et al. N Engl J Med 2015;373:1803–13. 2. Sharma P et al. Oral presentation at ESMO 2015. 3LBA. 3. Data on File; Bristol-Myers Squibb.

#### **Overall Survival**

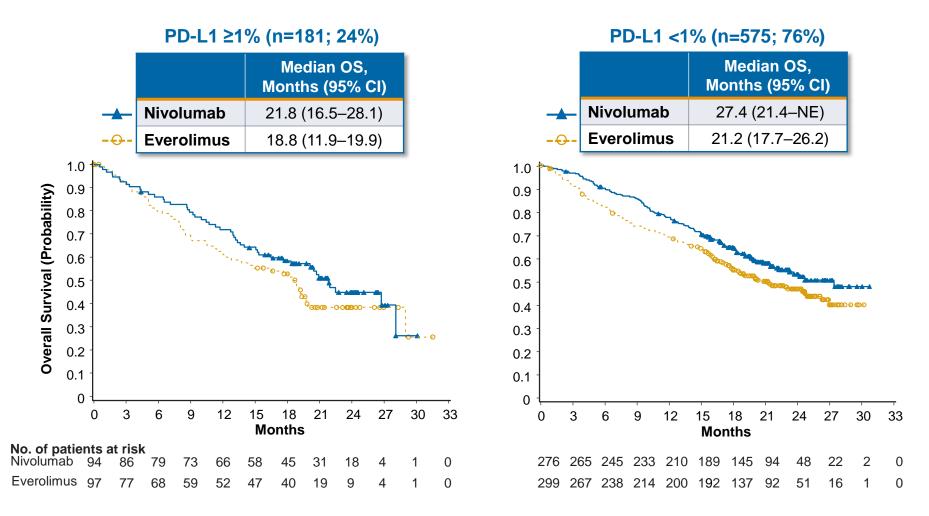


Minimum follow-up: 14 months; reported as of June 2015.

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; NE, not estimable; OS, overall survival.

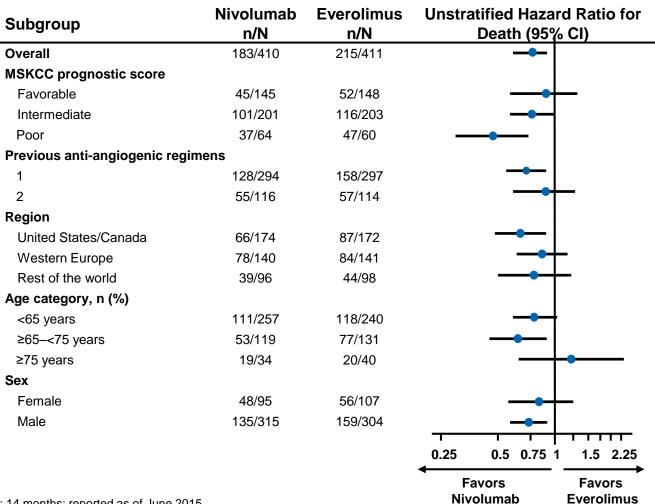
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#### **OS by PD-L1 Expression**



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#### OS by Subgroup<sup>a</sup>

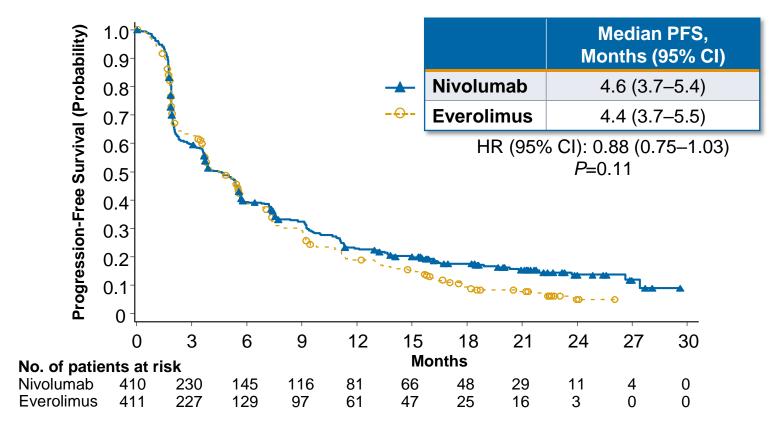


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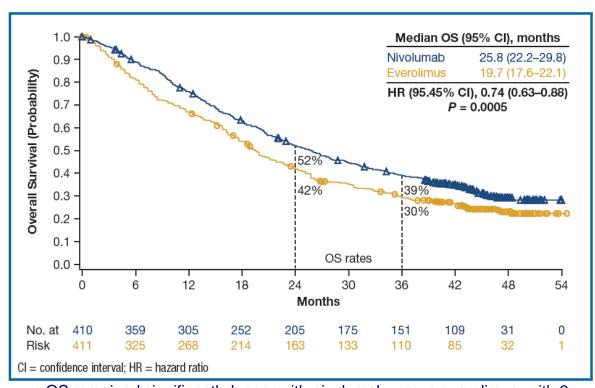
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#### **Progression-Free Survival**

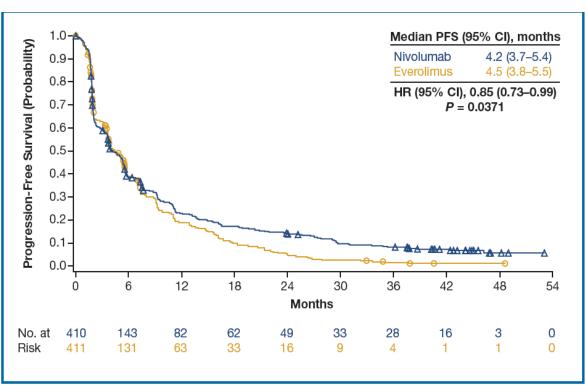


• In a post-hoc analysis of the patients who had not progressed or died at 6 months (145 with nivolumab, 129 with everolimus), median PFS (95% CI) was 15.6 months (11.8–19.6) for nivolumab vs 11.7 months (10.9–14.7) for everolimus (HR [95% CI], 0.64 [0.47–0.88])

#### Three-Year Efficacy Update From the Phase III CheckMate 025



mOS remained significantly longer with nivolumab versus everolimus, with 3year OS rates of 39% versus 30%, respectively

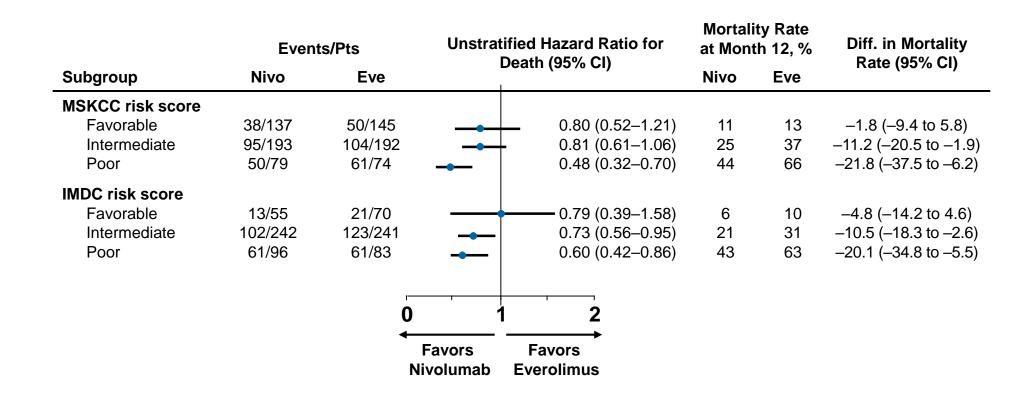


A delayed benefit with nivolumab versus everolimus was seen in PFS

#### **Antitumor Activity**

	Nivolumab N=410	Everolimus N=411
Investigator-assessed ORR, n (%)	103 (25)	22 (5)
Odds ratio (95% CI), <i>P</i> value	5.98 (3.68–9.	72), <i>P</i> <0.001
Investigator-assessed best overall response, n (%) Complete response Partial response Stable disease Progressive disease Not evaluated	4 (1) 99 (24) 141 (34) 143 (35) 23 (6)	2 (1) 20 (5) 227 (55) 114 (28) 48 (12)
Investigator-assessed mDOR, months (range)	12.0 (0–27.6)	12.0 (0–22.2)
Median time to response, months (range)	3.5 (1.4–24.8)	3.7 (1.5–11.2)
Ongoing response, n/N (%)	49/103 (48)	10/22 (45)

#### **OS Subgroup Analysis: Risk Group**



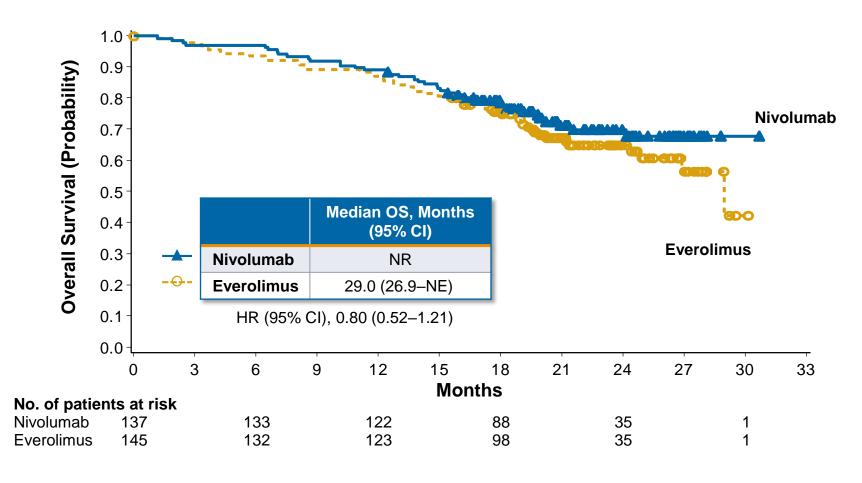
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Analyses based on case report form data.

CI, confidence interval; Eve, everolimus; IMDC, International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium; MSKCC, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; OS, overall survival; Nivo, nivolumab; Pts, patients.

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#### OS Subgroup Analysis: Favorable MSKCC risk

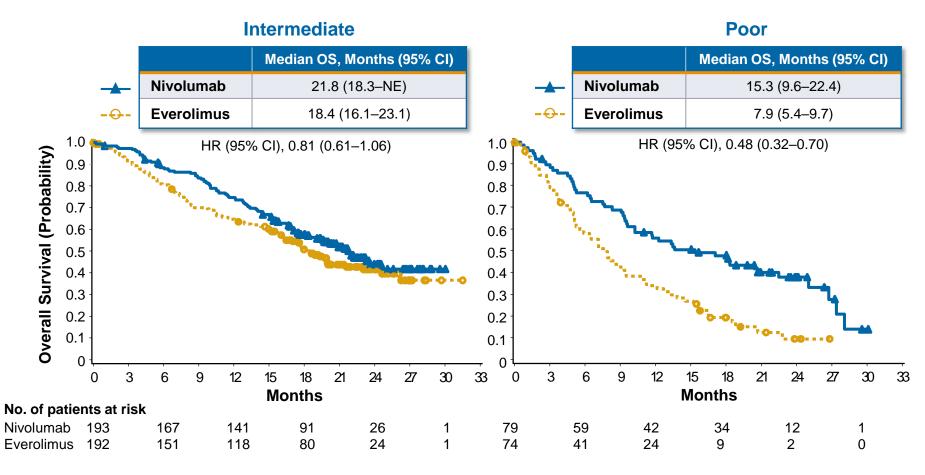


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#### OS Subgroup Analysis: Intermediate and Poor MSKCC Risk

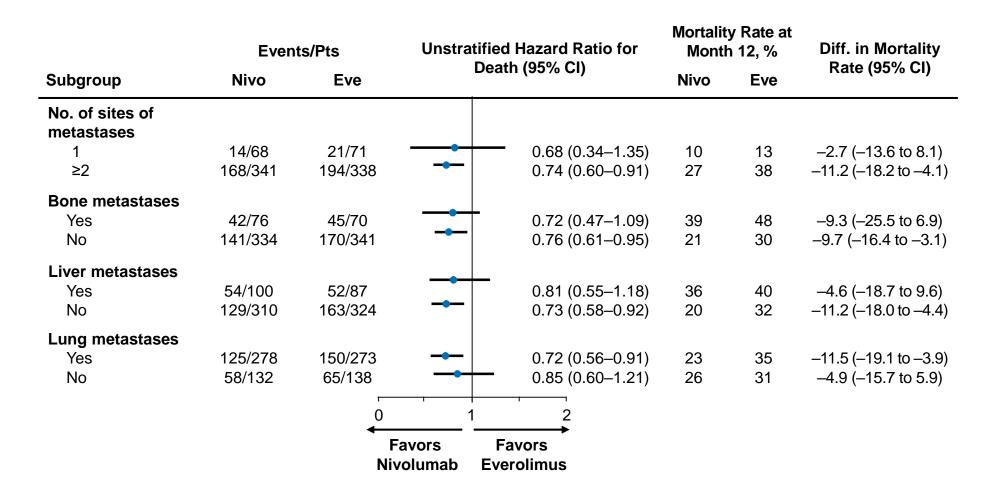


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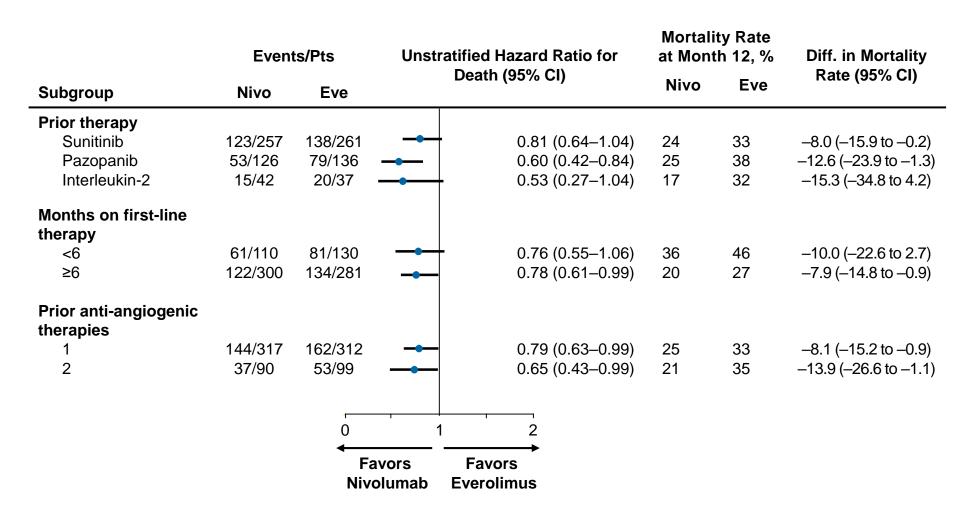
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#### OS Subgroup Analysis: Number and Site of Metastases



#### **OS Subgroup Analysis: Prior Therapy**

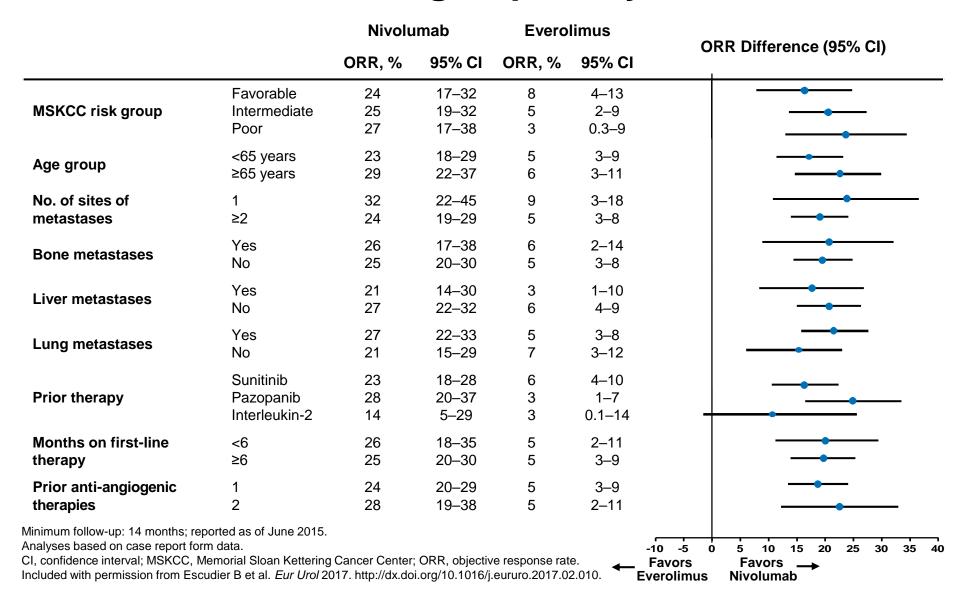


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#### **ORR Subgroup Analysis**



#### **Treatment-Related AEs in ≥10% of Patients**

%	Nivolumab N=406		Everolimus N=397			
	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4	Any Grade	Grade 3	Grade 4
Treatment-related AEs	79	18	1	88	33	4
Fatigue	33	2	0	34	3	0
Nausea	14	<1	0	17	1	0
Pruritus	14	0	0	10	0	0
Diarrhea	12	1	0	21	1	0
Decreased appetite	12	<1	0	21	1	0
Rash	10	<1	0	20	1	0
Cough	9	0	0	19	0	0
Anemia	8	2	0	24	8	<1
Dyspnea	7	1	0	13	<1	0
Edema peripheral	4	0	0	14	<1	0
Pneumonitis	4	1	<1	15	3	0
Mucosal inflammation	3	0	0	19	3	0
Dysgeusia	3	0	0	13	0	0
Hyperglycemia	2	1	<1	12	3	<1
Stomatitis	2	0	0	29	4	0
Hypertriglyceridemia	1	0	0	16	4	1
Epistaxis	1	0	0	10	0	0

No treatment-related deaths were reported with nivolumab, and 2 deaths were reported with everolimus (1 from septic shock and 1 from bowel ischemia)

Minimum follow-up: 14 months; reported as of June 2015.

AE, adverse event.

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#### **Treatment Duration and Discontinuation**

	Nivolumab	Everolimus
Randomized/treated, N/n	410/406	411/397
Median duration of treatment, months (range)	5.5 (<0.1–29.6)	3.7 (0.2–25.7)
Continuation of treatment, %	17	7
Dose delay, <sup>a</sup> %	51	66
≥1 dose reduction, %	Not allowed	26
Treatment-related adverse events leading to treatment discontinuation, %	8	13

- Minimum follow-up was 14 months
- Primary reason for discontinuation of treatment was disease progression, occurring in 70% with nivolumab and 69% with everolimus

#### Results

- Treatment-related AEs occurred in 80% and 89% of patients treated with nivolumab and everolimus, respectively (Table 2)
- Incidence of treatmentrelated select AEs is shown in Table 2

**Table 2. Treatment-related AE summary** 

	Nivolumab N = 406		Everolimus N = 397		
n (%)	Any grade	Grade 3-4	Any grade	Grade 3-4	
Treatment-related AEs	325 (80)	84 (21)	352 (89)	147 (37)	
Treatment-related AEs leading to discontinuation	34 (8)	20 (5)	50 (13)	27 (7)	
Treatment-related select	AEs				
Hepatic Skin GI Renal Endocrine Pulmonary GI = gastrointestinal	46 (11) 110 (27) 56 (14) 28 (7) 45 (11) 20 (5)	12 (3) 5 (1) 9 (2) 4 (1) 4 (1) 6 (1)	31 (8) 152 (38) 86 (22) 36 (9) 11 (3) 69 (17)	2 (<1) 5 (1) 6 (2) 2 (<1) 1 (<1) 13 (3)	

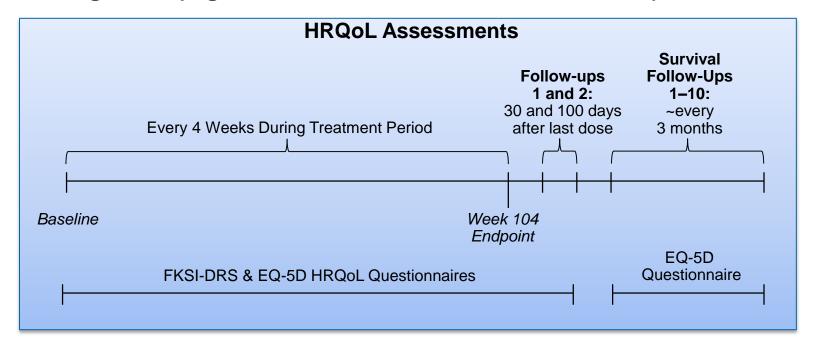
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	Median (range) time to onset, weeks	Median (range) time to resolution, weeks	Resolution rates, %	
Hepatic	7.6 (2.0–200.4)	9.7 (1.6–163.3+)	80	
Skin	8.6 (0.1–195.9)	16.0 (0.1-215.4+)	78	
GI	10.1 (0.1–122.1)	8.4 (0.1–191.3+)	84	
Renal	10.6 (4.0-79.1)	26.1 (0.6–165.0+)	67	
Endocrine	18.4 (2.1–187.6)	NAª (1.9-194.9+)	38	
Pulmonary	18.9 (1.9–162.4)	5.6 (1.3–154.1+)	85	
<sup>a</sup> Median time to resolution of endocrine AEs was not available (NA) at the June 2017 data cutoff. + Indicates a censored value				

The majority of nivolumab-related select AEs resolved (within 5.6–26.1 weeks), with the exception of endocrine events

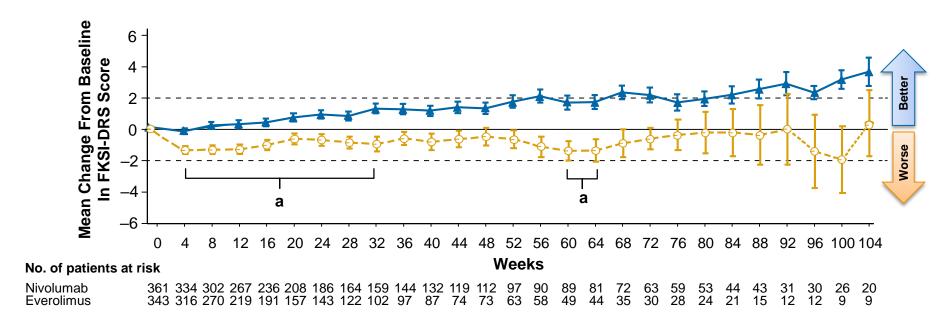
#### **HRQoL Assessments and Schedule**

- FKSI-DRS (higher scores indicate better health state)
  - Consists of 9 symptom-specific questions that address lack of energy, pain, weight loss, bone pain, fatigue, dyspnea, cough, fever, and hematuria
- EQ-5D Utility Index (higher scores indicate better health state)
- EQ-5D Visual analog scale (higher scores indicate better health state)



## Change From Baseline in HRQoL by FKSI-DRS

- Within the nivolumab arm, improvement from baseline in HRQoL was observed starting at week 20 (P=0.031) and mean change from baseline differed significantly from the everolimus arm at each assessment through week 76 (P=0.043)
- Deterioration in HRQoL from baseline was observed in the everolimus arm (bracket a)



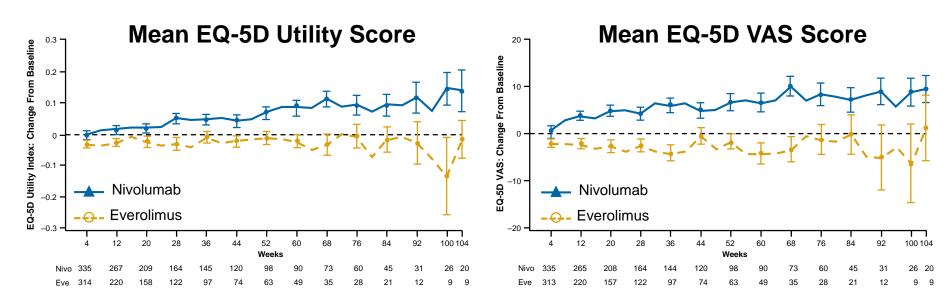
Minimum follow-up: 14 months; reported as of June 2015.

Only time points where data were available for 5 or more patients are shown. Number at risk shows the number of randomized patients with baseline plus at least 1 post-baseline HRQoL assessment with non-missing patient-reported outcome data. Important difference consists of a change of ≥2 points. Bars show standard error.

FKSI-DRS, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-Kidney Symptom Index-Disease Related Symptoms; HRQoL, health-related quality of life. Adapted from Cella DF et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2016;17:994–1003.

## Change From Baseline in HRQoL Scores by EQ-5D

- Differences favored nivolumab when compared with everolimus (not all time points were statistically significant)
- For nivolumab vs everolimus:
  - More patients experienced a clinically meaningful HRQoL improvement (P=0.0001) assessed by EQ-5D VAS (53% vs 39%) and shorter time (P=0.0054) to improvement (6.5 months vs 23.1 months)



Minimum follow-up: 14 months; reported as of June 2015.

Note: Important difference consists of a change of ≥0.08 points for EQ-5D utility index or ≥7 points for EQ-5D VAS.

EQ-5D, European Quality of Life-5 Dimensions; EQ-5D VAS, European Quality of Life-5 Dimensions visual analogue scale; FKSI-DRS, Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-Kidney Symptom Index-Disease Related Symptoms; HRQoL, health-related quality of life.

Adapted from Cella DF et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2016;17:994–1003, supplemental materials.

## Nivolumab vs Everolimus (CheckMate-025): Subgroup Analyses

Pts with advanced RCC with clear-cell component, KPS ≥ 70%, 1-2 previous antiangiogenic agents, progression ≤ 6 mos before enrollment (N = 803)

Nivolumab
3 mg/kg IV Q2W
(n = 406)

Everolimus 10 mg PO QD (n = 397) Progressed (n = 316)

Did not progress (n = 90)

Progressed (n = 320)

Did not progress (n = 77)

Treated beyond progression
(n = 153)
Treated briefly beyond
progression
(n = 18)
Not treated beyond
progression
(n = 145)

Treated beyond progression
(n = 65)
Treated briefly beyond
progression
(n = 111)
Not treated beyond
progression
(n = 144)

**Primary endpoint: OS** 

Secondary endpoints: ORR, safety

Subgroup analyses: efficacy, safety from baseline to first progression, safety at and

after first progression

## Nivolumab vs Everolimus (CheckMate-025): Patient Population for Subgroup Analysis

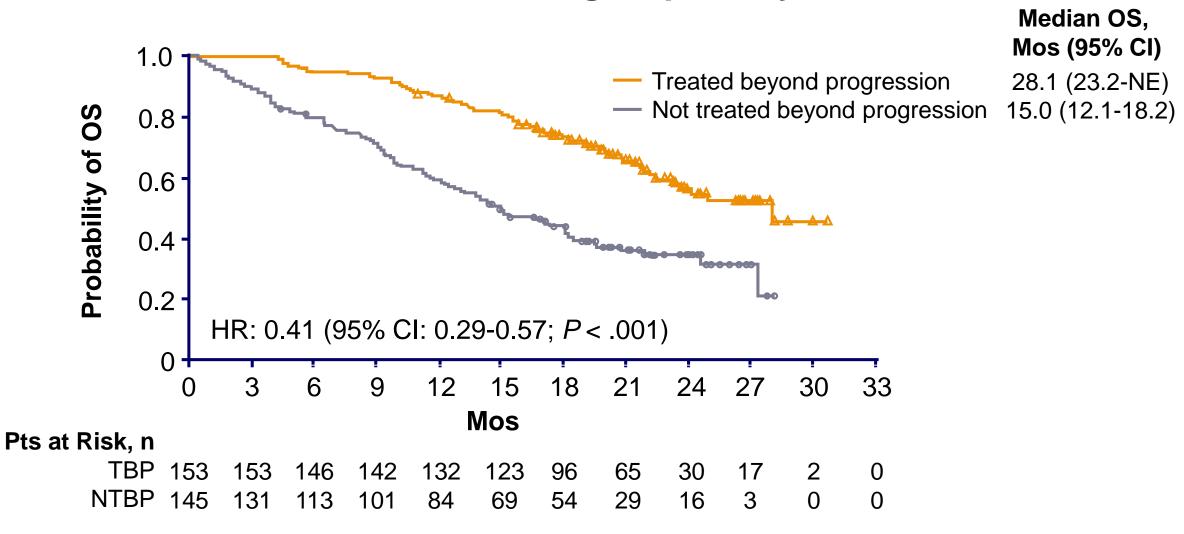
Disease Characteristics at First Progression	TBP (n = 153)	NTBP (n = 145)
Median age, yrs (range)	62 (29-85)	63 (23-85)
Male, %	76	80
Quality-of-life score (FKSI-DRS),* median (range)	31.0 (28.0-33.0)	27.0 (24.0-32.5)
KPS: ≥ 90/70 or 80/< 70, %	73/27/1	48/50/2
Change in KPS: deterioration/improvement, %	17/16	27/8
Target lesion status at progression, %  Increase in target lesions†  Appearance of new lesions  Both of above	55 41 12	43 44 15
Site of new lesions‡: lung/node/bone/liver, %	14/10/5/5	12/10/14/8
Change in tumor burden,§ %  ■ Bulky to small  ■ Small to bulky	4 7	3 13

<sup>\*</sup>TBP, n = 135; NTBP, n = 52. <sup>†</sup>≥ 20% increase in smallest SOD of target lesions.

Escudier BJ, et al. ASCO 2016. Abstract 4509.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup>Based on all pts treated and not treated beyond progression. <sup>§</sup> Bulky: ≥13 cm; small: < 13 cm.

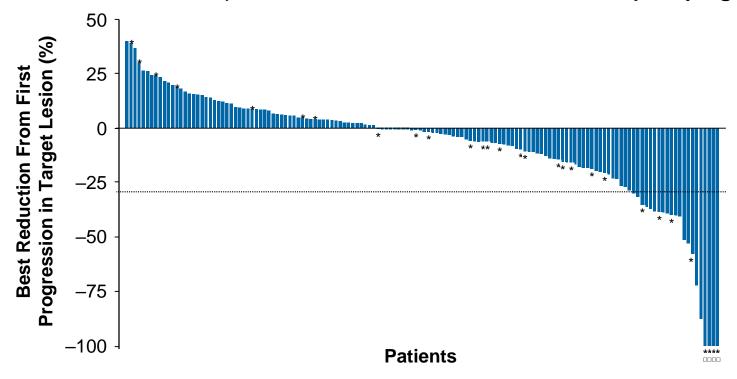
#### CheckMate 025 Subgroup Analysis: OS



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#### **Target Lesion Change Post-Progression**

Of the 153 patients treated with nivolumab beyond progression, 48% (n=74; 95% Cl, 40.2–56.6) had any tumor burden reduction post-progression and 13% (n=20; 95% Cl, 8.2–19.5) had a ≥30% reduction in tumor burden post-progression<sup>a</sup>



Minimum follow-up: 14 months; reported as of June 2015.

Asterisks represent responders before first progression. Square symbols represent % change truncated to 100%. Excludes patients who were treated beyond progression but did not have scans beyond first progression to document tumor burden.

all of 153 patients did not have tumor measurements before and after first progression.

Cl. confidence interval.

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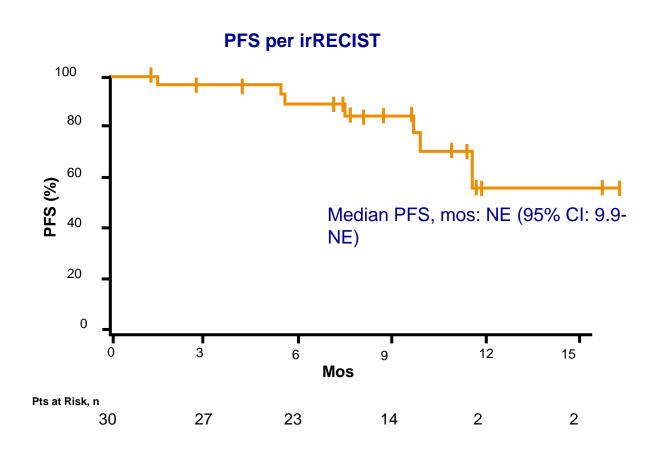
# Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab in Metastatic RCC: Phase I/II Study

- Combined analysis of phase I/II data from RCC cohort (N = 30)
  - Phase I: enrolled previously treated pts with selected metastatic solid tumors (n = 8 with RCC)
    - Lenvatinib 24 mg QD (reduced to 20 mg based on DLT) + pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W on 21-day cycles
    - MTD/RP2D: lenvatinib 20 mg QD + pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W on 21-d cycles
  - Phase II (n = 22): enrolled pts with metastatic clear-cell RCC,
     0-2 prior systemic treatment, measurable disease
    - Treated with MTD

# Phase I/II: Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab in Metastatic RCC Efficacy Outcomes

Pts	ORR at Wk 24,* n (%)
All (N = 30)	19 (63)
Treatment naive (n = 12)	10 (83)
Previously treated ■ 1 regimen (n = 10) ■ ≥ 2 regimens (n = 8)	5 (50) 4 (50)
PD-L1 status ■ Positive (n = 12) ■ Negative (n = 14) ■ Unknown (n = 4)	7 (58) 10 (71) 2 (50)

<sup>\*</sup>All PR per irRECIST.



# Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab in Metastatic RCC: Select TEAE in ≥ 15% of Pts

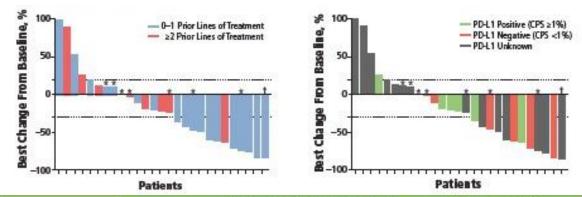
TEAE = (0/)	Pts (N = 30)				
TEAE, n (%)	Any	Grade 3	Grade 4		
Any	30 (100)	16 (53)	2 (7)		
Diarrhea	25 (83)	1 (3)	0		
Fatigue	21 (70)	2 (7)	0		
Hypothyroidism	20 (67)	0	0		
Stomatitis	18 (60)	0	0		
Hypertension	17 (57)	3 (10)	0		
Nausea	17 (57)	1 (3)	0		
Proteinuria	11 (37)	2 (7)	0		
Lipase elevation	5 (17)	4 (13)	1 (3)		

## **Epacadostat Plus Pembrolizumab in Patients With Advanced RC: Preliminary Phase 1/2 Results From ECHO-202/KEYNOTE-037**

During phase 1 dose escalation, 46 pts received oral epacadostat 25 mg BID, 50 mg BID, 100 mg BID, or 300 mg BID in combination with IV pembrolizumab 2 mg/kg or 200 mg Q3W

The maximum tolerated dose of epacadostat was not exceeded during phase 1 evaluation7; epacadostat 100

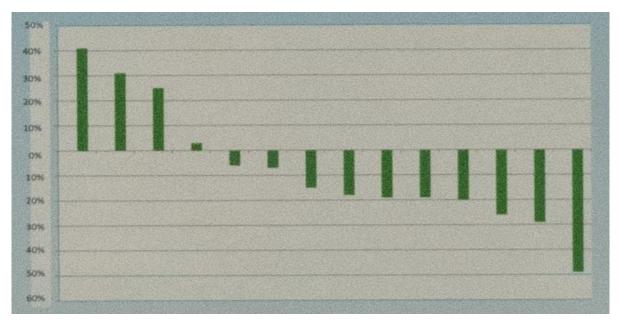
Variable	Total (N=46)	
Median (range) age, y	63 (37-81)	
Sex, n (%)	55 / Service -	
Men	29 (63)	
Women	17 (37)	
Race, n (%)		
White	43 (93)	
Asian	3 (7)	
ECOG PS, n (%)	1000	
0	28 (61)	
1	17 (37)	
Not done	1 (2)	
MSKCC score, n (%)		
Favorable	4 (9)	
Intermediate	34 (74)	
Poor	8 (17)	
Prior radiation therapy, n (%)	13 (28)	
Prior surgery, n (%)	44 (96)*	
Number of prior treatments for advanced disease, n (%)		
0	14 (30)	
1	18 (40)	
≥2	14 (30)	
PD-L1 expression†		
Positive (CPS ≥1%)	6/30 (20)	
Negative (CPS <1%)	7/30 (23)	
Unknown <sup>‡</sup>	17/30 (57)	



		Number of Prior Lines of Treatment		PD-L1 Expression <sup>†</sup>	
Patients, n (%)	Total* (n=30)	0–1 (n=19)	≥2 (n=11)	Positive (n=6)	Negative (n=7)
ORR (CR+PR)	10 (33)	9 (47)	1 (9)	2 (33)	3 (43)
CR	1 (3)	1 (5)	0	0	0
PR	9 (30)	8 (42)	1 (9)	2 (33)	3 (43)
SD	5 (17)	2 (11)	3 (27)	3 (50)	1 (14)
DCR (CR+PR+SD)	15 (50)	11 (58)	4 (36)	5 (83)	4 (57)
PD	12 (40)	8 (42)	4 (36)	1 (17)	2 (29)
Not evaluable	3 (10)	0	3 (27)	0	1 (14)

## Phase I study of Pembrolizumab in combination with Bevacizumab for treatment of mRCC. Big Ten Research Consortium BTCRC-GU14-003

16 pts with mRCC (mean age 59, median 61 yr) after failure of at least one systemic therapy, were included in this analysis



Tumor Volume Reduction (% below baseline)

Patient #	Cell Reduction(%)	Tumor Reduction (%)
2	18	29
6	50	7
9	78	18
1	79	49
8	88	20
14	92	19
10	94	26
3	96	15

**Circulating Tumor Cells** 

## Management of Advanced RCC in 2017

	First-line Therapy	Second-line Therapy
Favorable risk	Sunitinib or pazopanib	Nivolumab, cabozantinib, lenvatinib/everolimus, or axitinib
Intermediate risk	Sunitinib or pazopanib	Nivolumab, cabozantinib, lenvatinib/everolimus or axitinib
Poor risk	Sunitinib or pazopanib Can consider temsirolimus	Nivolumab, cabozantinib, lenvatinib/everolimus or axitinib

#### **Conclusions**

- Numerous new treatment options with proven role in advanced RCC now available
- VEGF and mTOR pathways are important targets in this disease
- Checkpoint inhibition has proven survival benefit in RCC in second-line therapy and beyond
  - Substantial percentage of pts may have durable benefit with minimal toxicity
- Clinicians must be able to use novel therapies sequentially with optimal dosing and management in order to maintain long-term disease control and increased QoL