



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern California Genitourinary Cancer Research Forum**

# Key Updates in Urothelial Cancer

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# Cultural Linguistic Competency (CLC) & Implicit Bias (IB)

## **STATE LAW:**

The California legislature has passed Assembly Bill (AB) 1195, which states that as of July 1, 2006, all Category 1 CME activities that relate to patient care must include a cultural diversity/linguistics component. It has also passed AB 241, which states that as of January 1, 2022, all continuing education courses for a physician and surgeon **must** contain curriculum that includes specified instruction in the understanding of implicit bias in medical treatment.

*The cultural and linguistic competency (CLC) and implicit bias (IB) definitions reiterate how patients' diverse backgrounds may impact their access to care.*

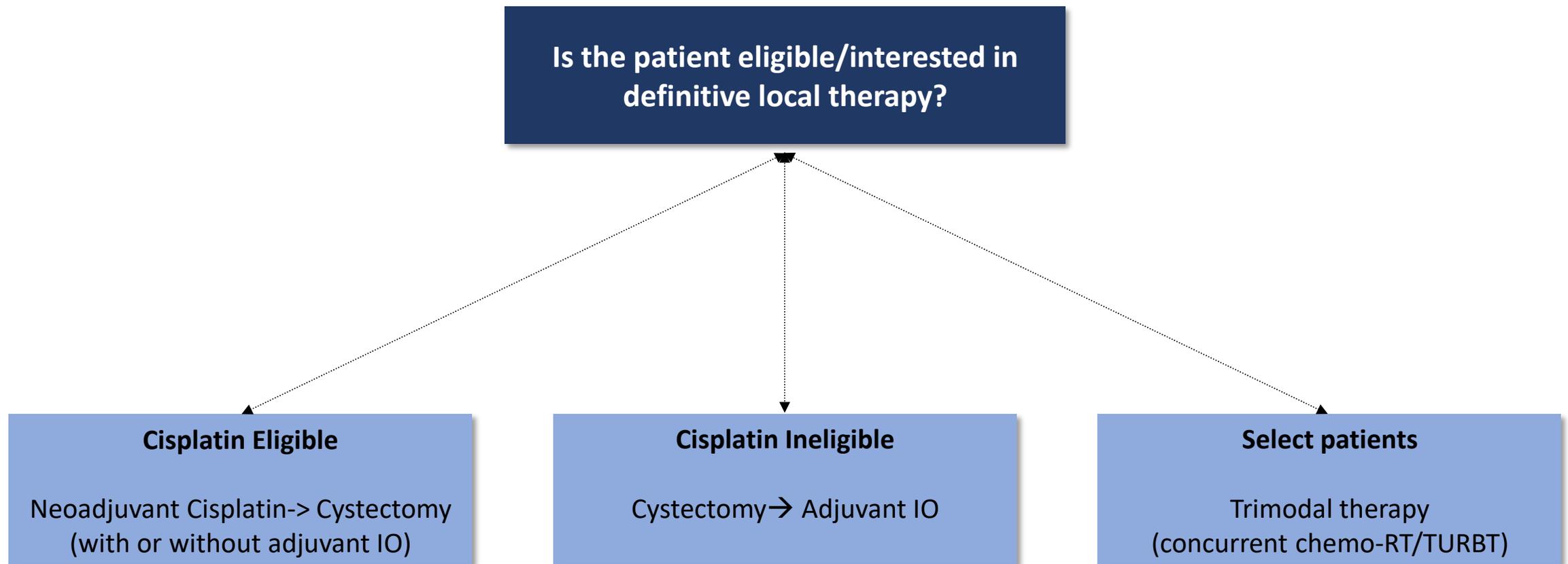
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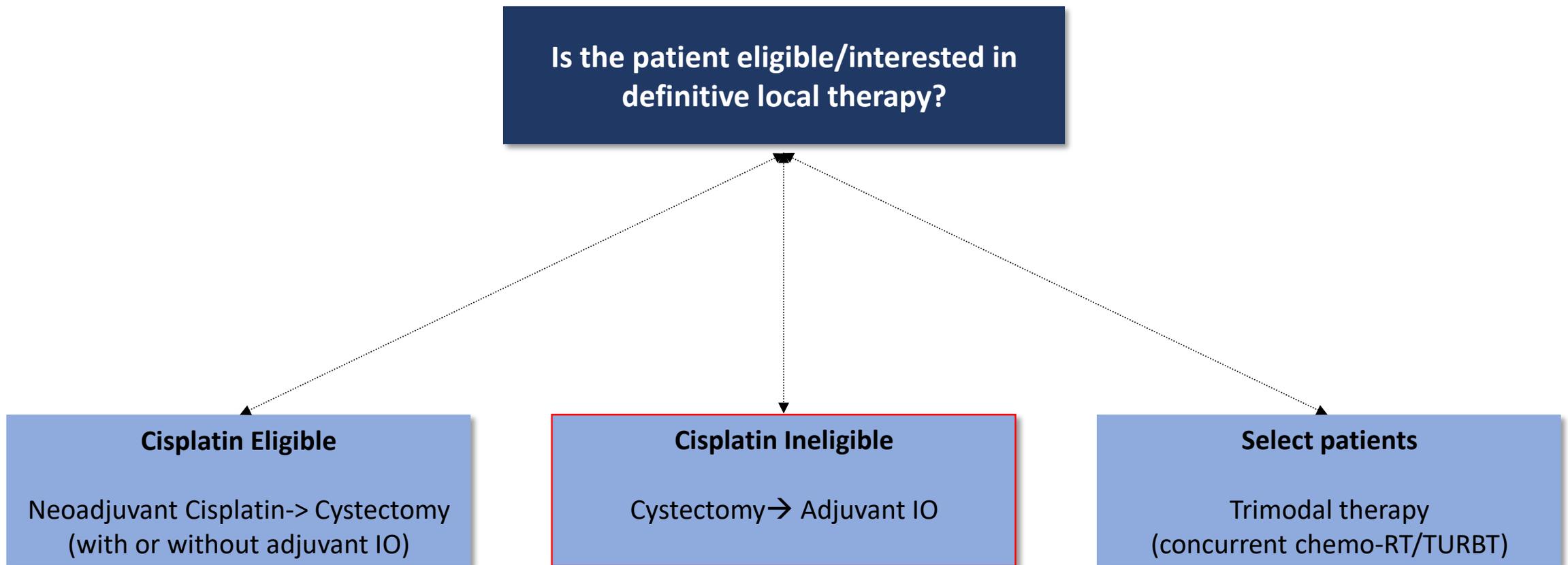
## ***The following CLC & IB components will be addressed in this presentation:***

- *The treatment of underrepresented minorities in bladder cancer.*
- *Gender disparities in bladder cancer.*

# Current treatment paradigm of MIBC



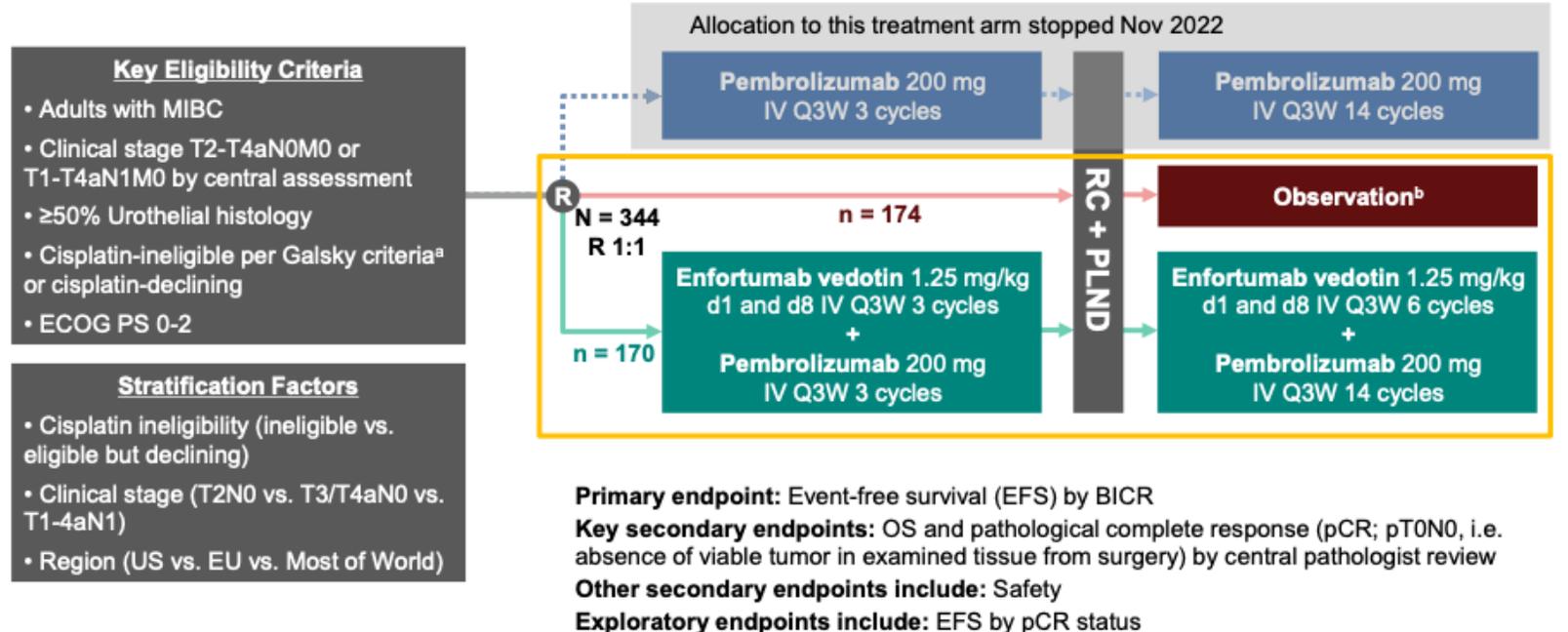
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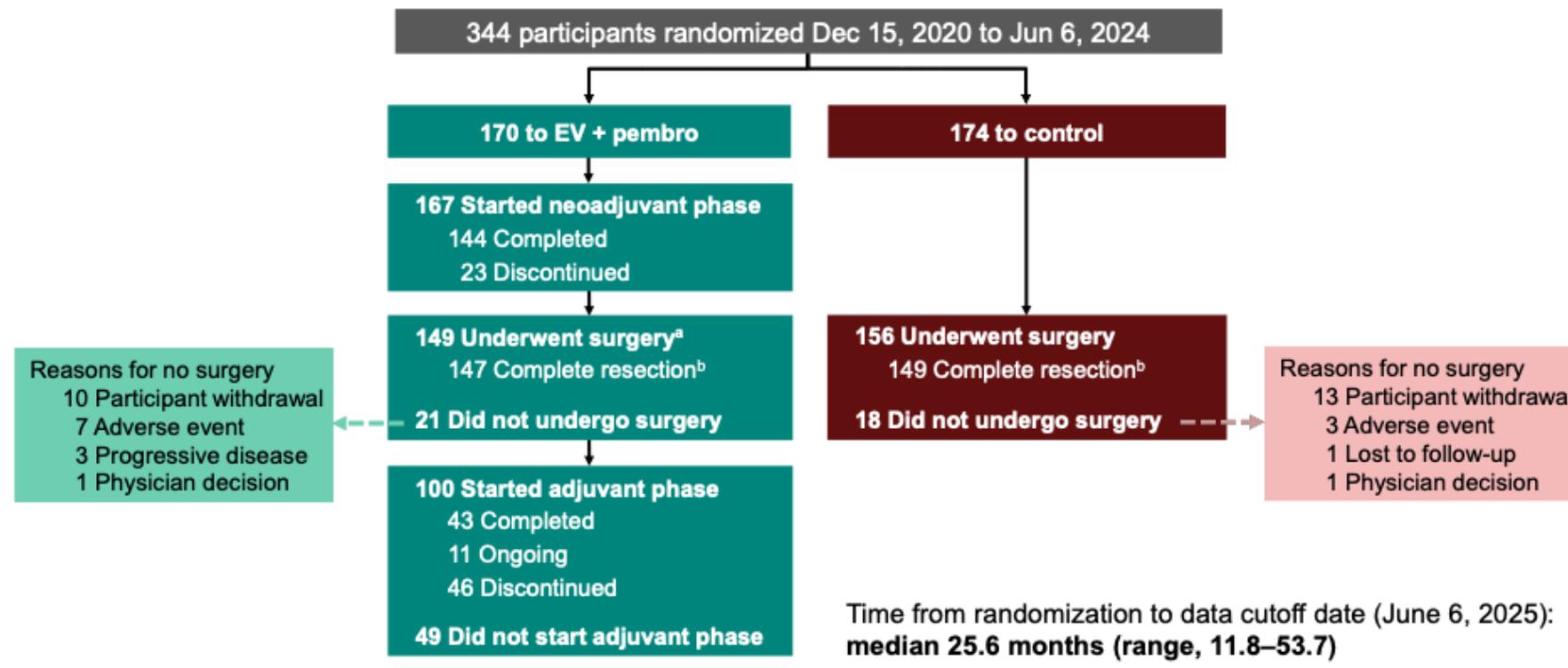
# Perioperative Enfortumab Vedotin Plus Pembrolizumab in Cisplatin-ineligible MIBC: Phase 3 KEYNOTE-905 Study



## Perioperative Enfortumab Vedotin Plus Pembrolizumab in Participants With Muscle-invasive Bladder Cancer Who Are Cisplatin-ineligible: Phase 3 KEYNOTE-905 Study



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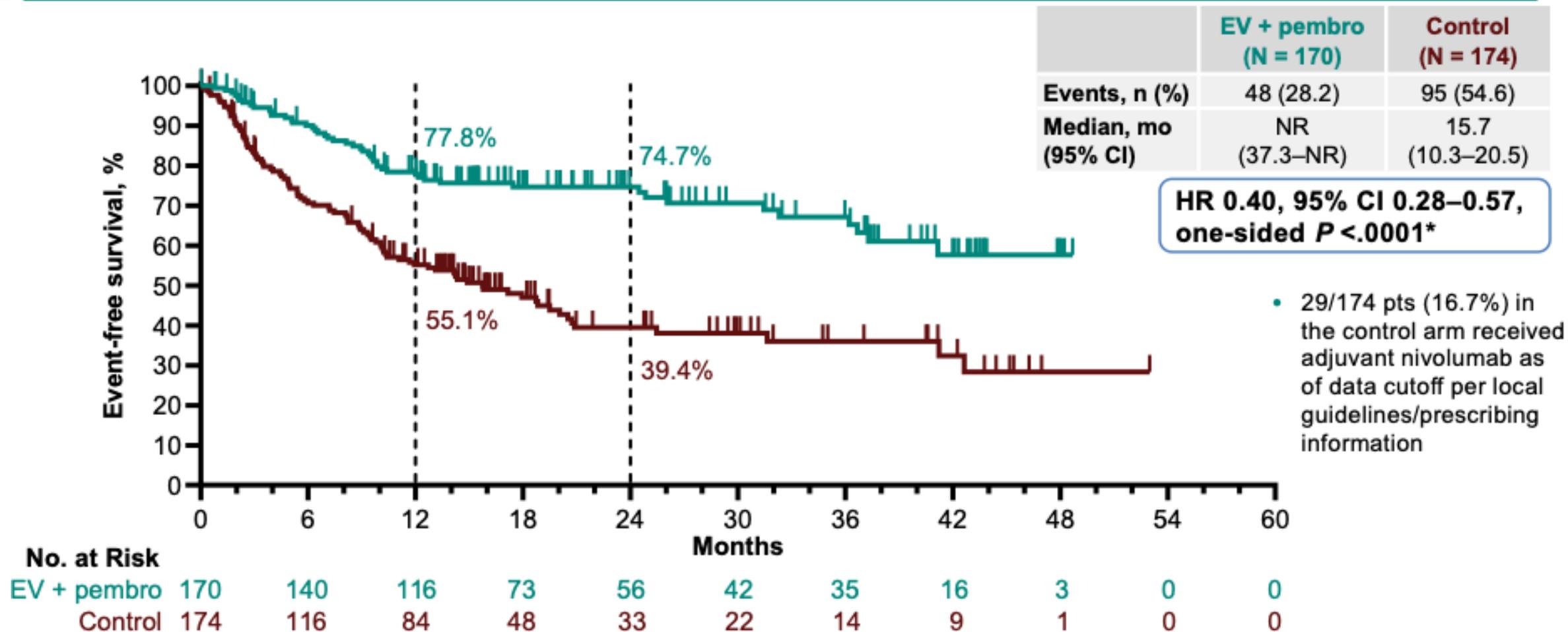
Time from randomization to data cutoff date (June 6, 2025):  
**median 25.6 months (range, 11.8–53.7)**

# Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic, n (%)	EV + pembro (N = 170)	Control (N = 174)
<b>Median age (range), years</b>	74.0 (47–87)	72.5 (46–87)
≥65 to <75 years	63 (37.1)	77 (44.3)
≥75 years	78 (45.9)	68 (39.1)
<b>Male</b>	137 (80.6)	131 (75.3)
<b>ECOG PS</b>		
0	102 (60.0)	95 (54.6)
1	47 (27.6)	53 (30.5)
2	21 (12.4)	26 (14.9)
<b>Region</b>		
United States	21 (12.4)	23 (13.2)
European Union	78 (45.9)	77 (44.3)
Most of World	71 (41.8)	74 (42.5)
<b>Cisplatin eligibility status (per Galsky criteria)</b>		
Ineligible	142 (83.5)	139 (79.9)
Eligible but declining	28 (16.5)	35 (20.1)
<b>PD-L1 combined positive score (CPS) ≥10<sup>a</sup></b>	80 (47.1)	83 (47.7)
<b>Tumor stage at baseline (centrally assessed using both pathology of TURBT specimen and imaging)<sup>b</sup></b>		
T2N0	30 (17.6)	32 (18.4)
T3/T4aN0	133 (78.2)	132 (75.9)
T1–4aN1	7 (4.1)	10 (5.7)
<b>Creatinine clearance</b>		
≥60 mL/min	68 (40.0)	72 (41.4)
≥30 and <60 mL/min	102 (60.0)	101 (58.0)
<30 mL/min	0	1 (0.6)
<b>Pure urothelial carcinoma histology</b>	152 (89.4)	161 (92.5)

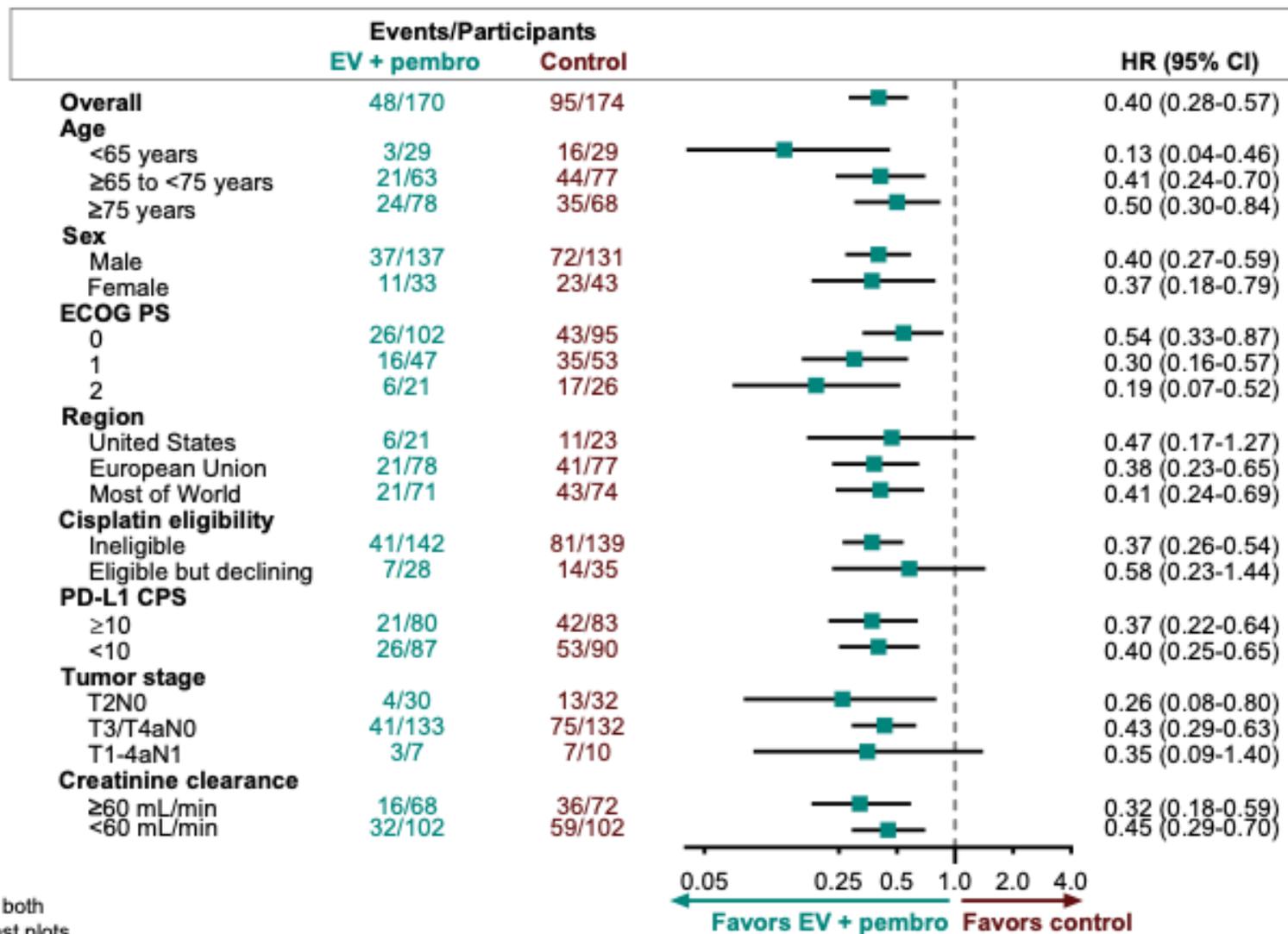
# Primary Endpoint: EFS<sup>a</sup> by BICR

## ITT Population



# EFS by BICR in Key Subgroups

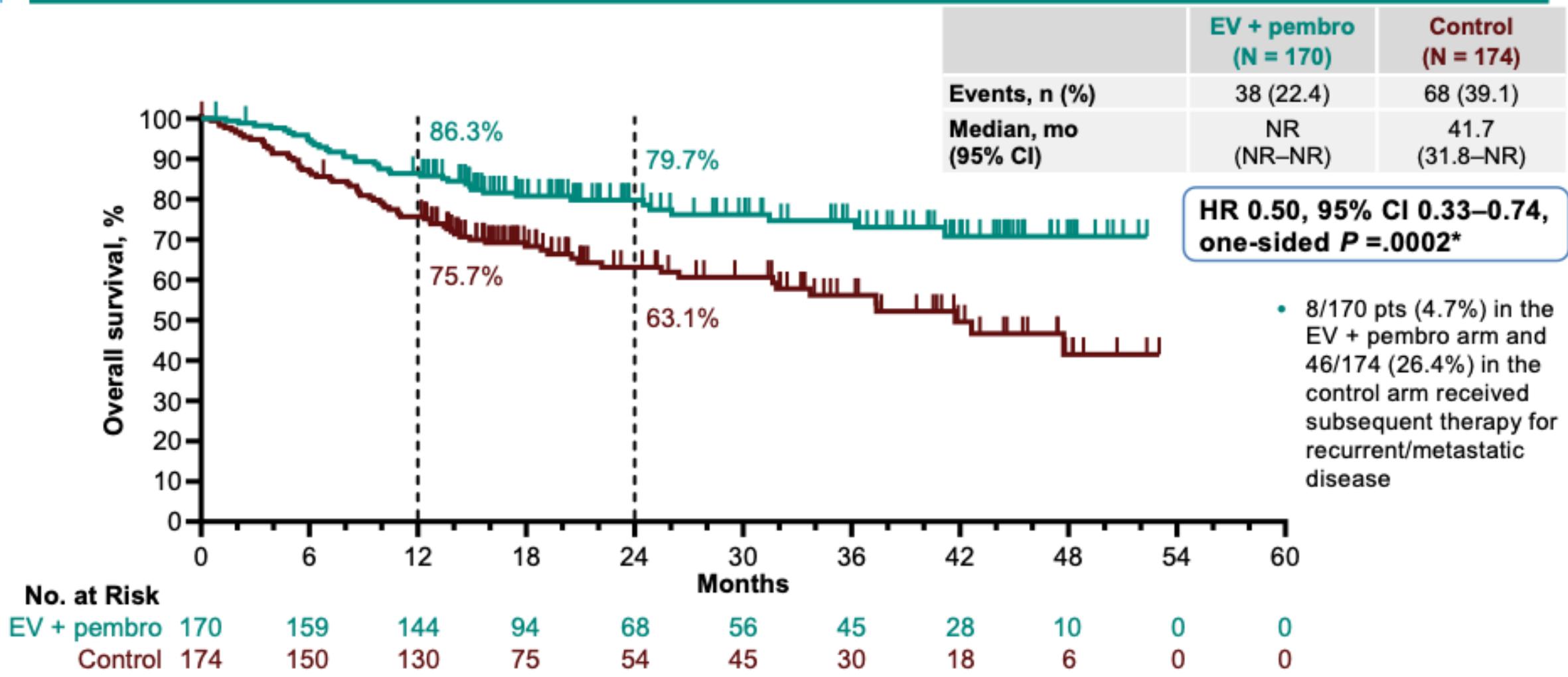
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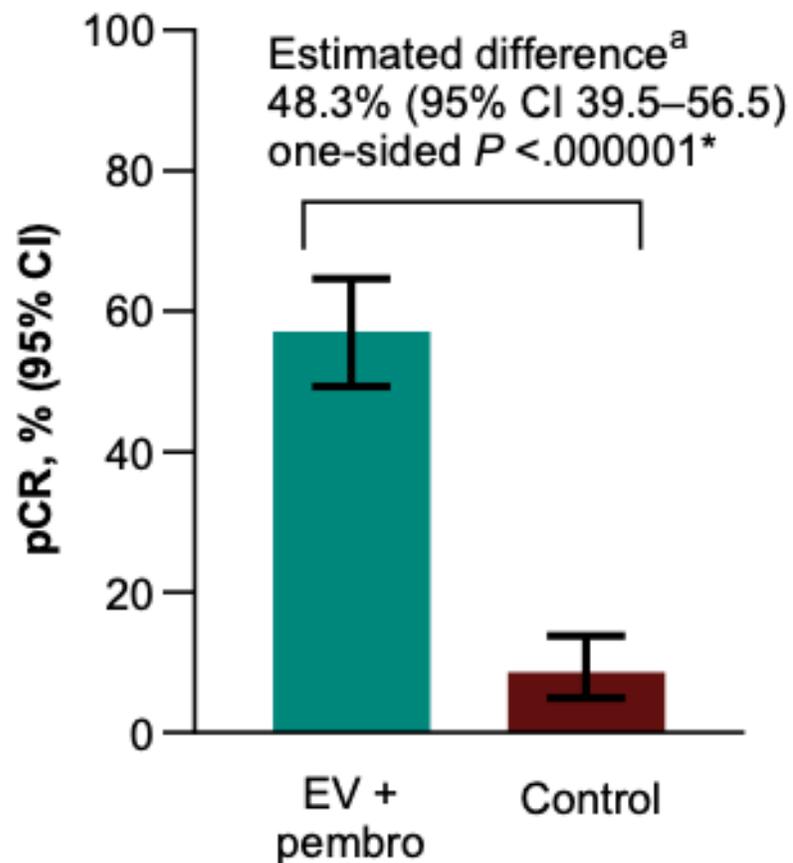
Subgroup levels with <10 events across both treatment arms were not included in forest plots.

# Key Secondary Endpoint: OS

## ITT Population



# Key Secondary Endpoint: pCR by Central Pathology Review ITT Population



	EV + pembro (N = 170)	Control (N = 174)
pCR, n	97	15
pCR rate, % (95% CI)	57.1 (49.3–64.6)	8.6 (4.9–13.8)

- **pCR:** absence of viable tumor (pT0N0) in examined tissue from RC + PLND
- Pts who did not undergo surgery, including those with clinical complete response after neoadjuvant therapy, were considered non-responders

# Summary of AEs, All Phases of Treatment

## Safety Analysis Population

- Median (range) duration of **neoadjuvant therapy** in the EV + pembro arm (N = 167): 1.6 months (0.03–2.8)
  - Median cycles of neoadjuvant EV + pembro: 3.0 (range, 1.0–3.0)
- Median (range) duration of **adjuvant therapy** in the EV + pembro arm (N = 100): 8.0 months (0.03–12.9)
  - Median (range) number adjuvant cycles of EV was 6.0 (1.0–6.0) and of pembro was 12.0 (1.0–14.0)

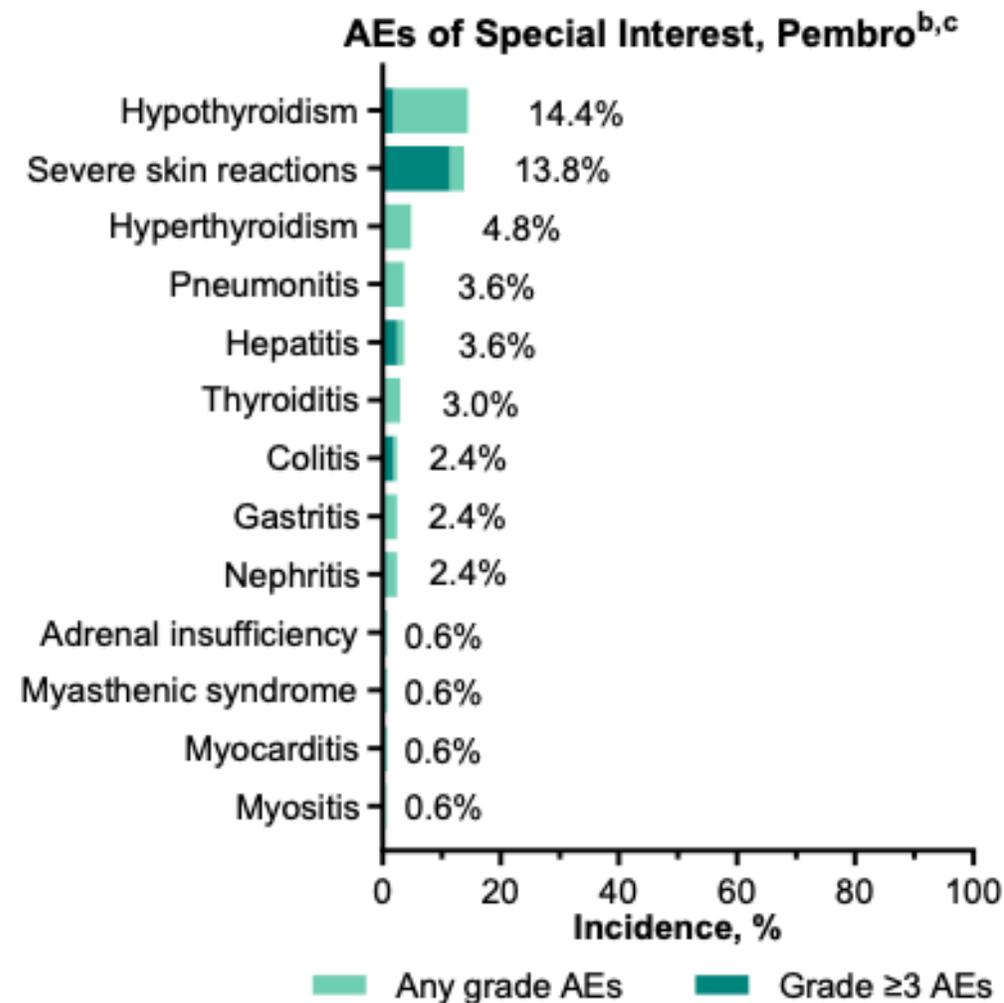
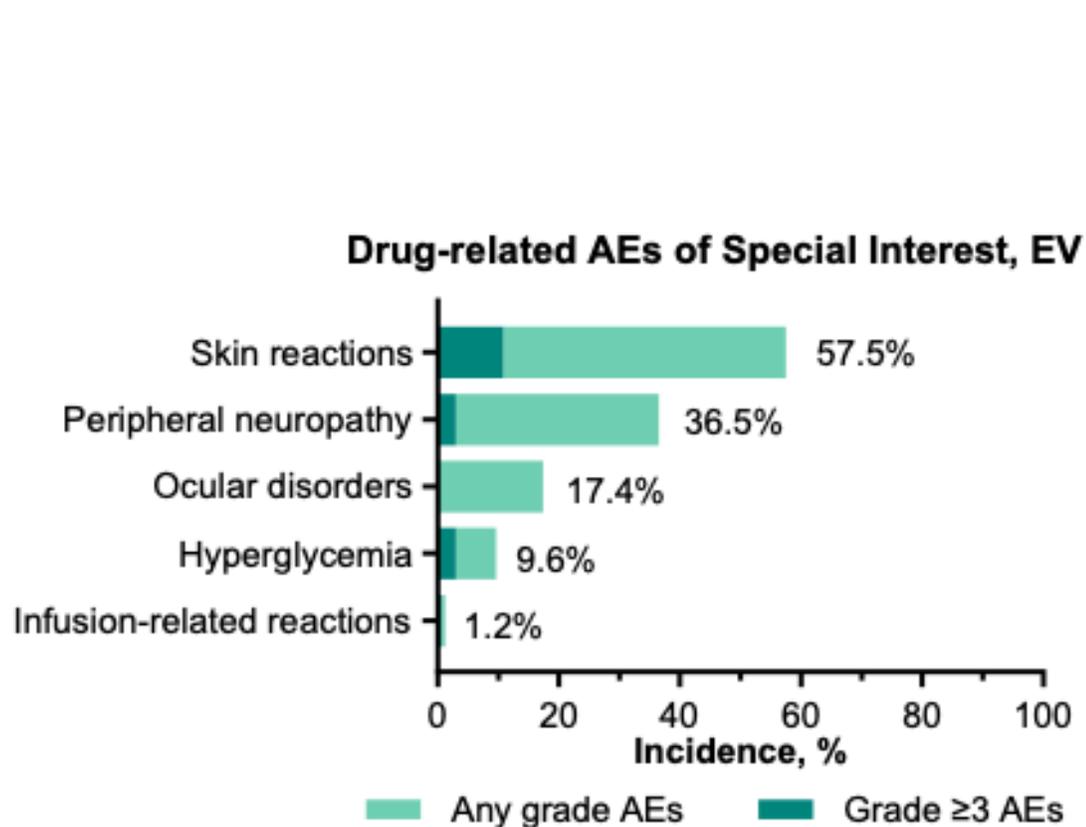
	EV + pembro (N = 167)	Control (N = 159)
Any grade TEAE <sup>a</sup>	167 (100)	103 (64.8)
Surgery phase only <sup>b</sup>	99/146 (67.8)	103 (64.8)
Grade ≥3 TEAE	119 (71.3)	73 (45.9)
Surgery phase only	52/146 (35.6)	73 (45.9)
Serious TEAE	97 (58.1)	65 (40.9)
Surgery phase only	42/146 (28.8)	65 (40.9)
AE leading to surgery delay <sup>c</sup>	6/149 (4.0)	1/156 (0.6)
TEAE leading to dose reduction of EV	28 (16.8)	NA
TEAE leading to discontinuation of EV	69 (41.3)	NA
TEAE leading to discontinuation of pembro	57 (34.1)	NA
TEAE leading to death	13 (7.8)*	9 (5.7)
Surgery phase only	4/146 (2.7)	9 (5.7)

TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event. Data are n (%) when denominator matches header, and n/N (%) when denominator is different.

\*Included 2 drug-related deaths (both during neoadjuvant phase: n = 1 myasthenia gravis and n = 1 toxic epidermal necrolysis).

# AEs of Special Interest<sup>a</sup>

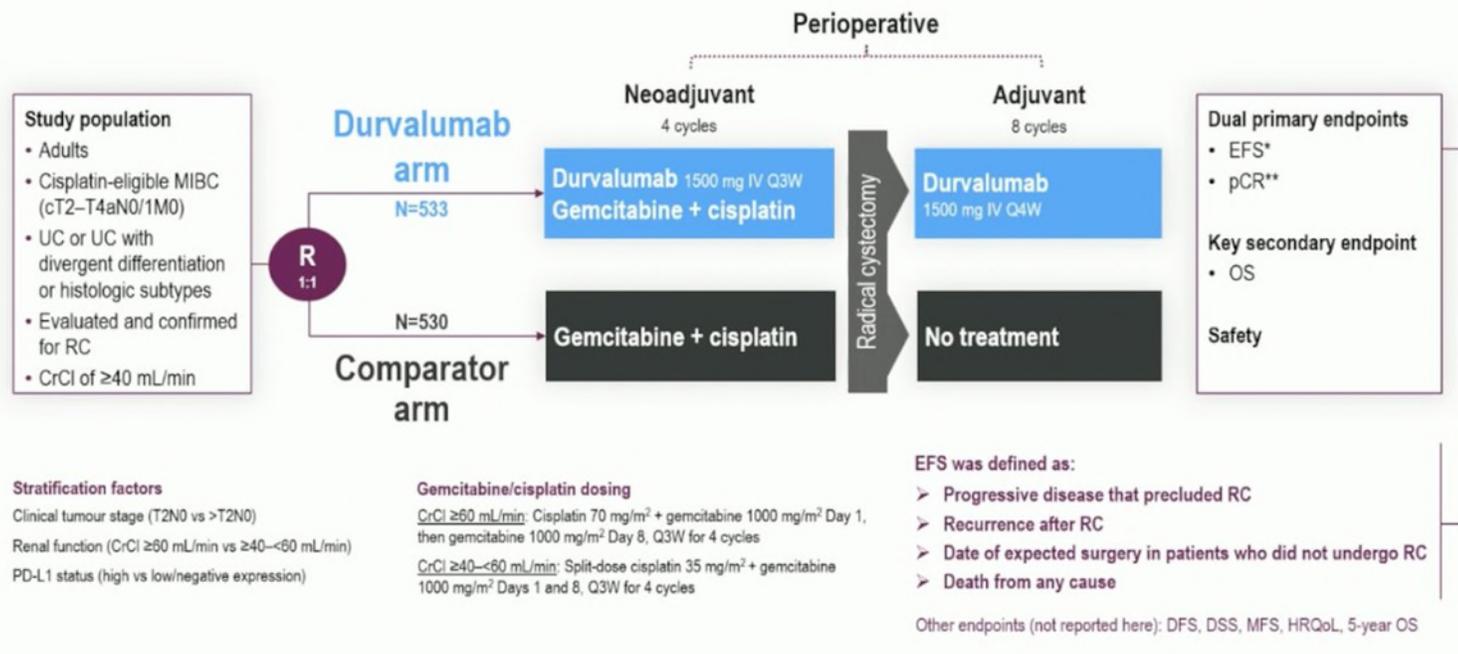
## Safety Analysis Population, EV + Pembro Arm



# Perioperative chemo-immunotherapy in MIBC: NIAGARA study

## NIAGARA: Study Design

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# Perioperative chemo-immunotherapy in MIBC: NIAGARA study

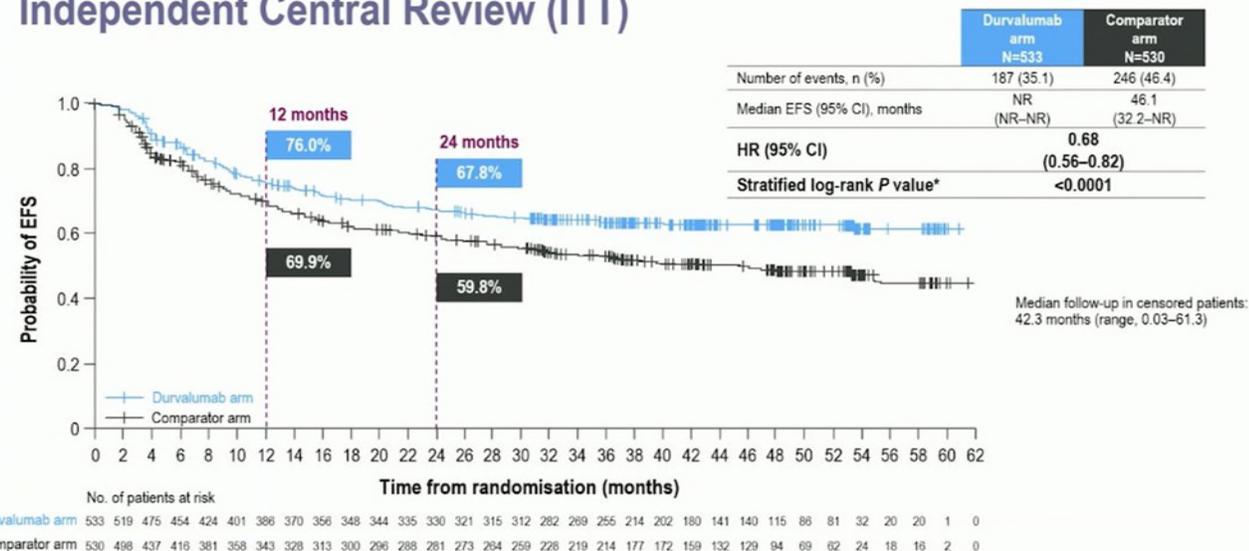
## NIAGARA: Baseline Characteristics (ITT)

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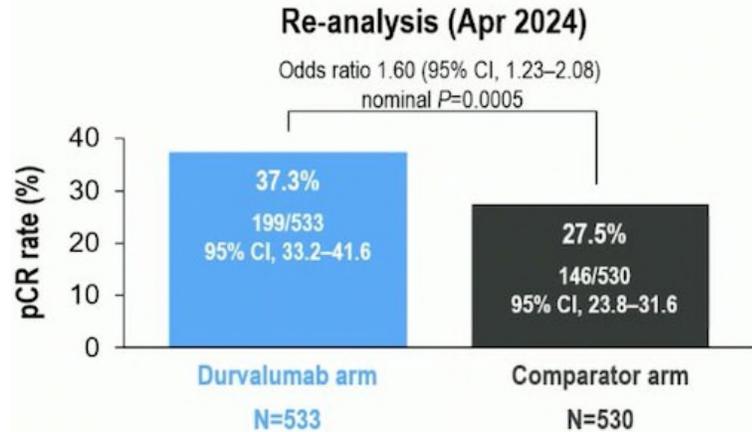
Characteristics		Durvalumab arm N=533	Comparator arm N=530
Age	Median, years (range)	65 (34–84)	66 (32–83)
Sex, %	Male	82	82
Race, %	White	66	68
	Asian	29	27
	Black/Other	2	1
	Not reported	3	4
ECOG PS, %	0	78	78
	1	22	22
Smoker, %	Yes (current or former)	71	75
Renal function*, %	CrCl ≥60 mL/min	81	81
	CrCl ≥40–<60 mL/min	19	19
Tumour stage*, %	T2N0	40	40
	>T2N0	60	60
PD-L1 expression†, %	High	73	73
	Low/negative	27	27
Histology, %	UC	86	83
	UC with divergent differentiation or histologic subtypes	14	17
Regional lymph nodes, %	N0	95	94
	N1	5	6

## NIAGARA: Event-free Survival by Blinded Independent Central Review (ITT)

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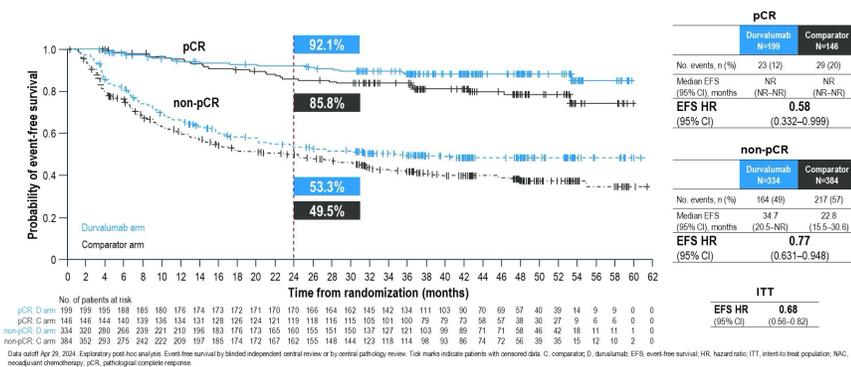


# Perioperative chemo-immunotherapy in MIBC: NIAGARA study



## NIAGARA: Event-free Survival (pCR and Non-pCR Groups)

Perioperative D + NAC improved EFS in both groups

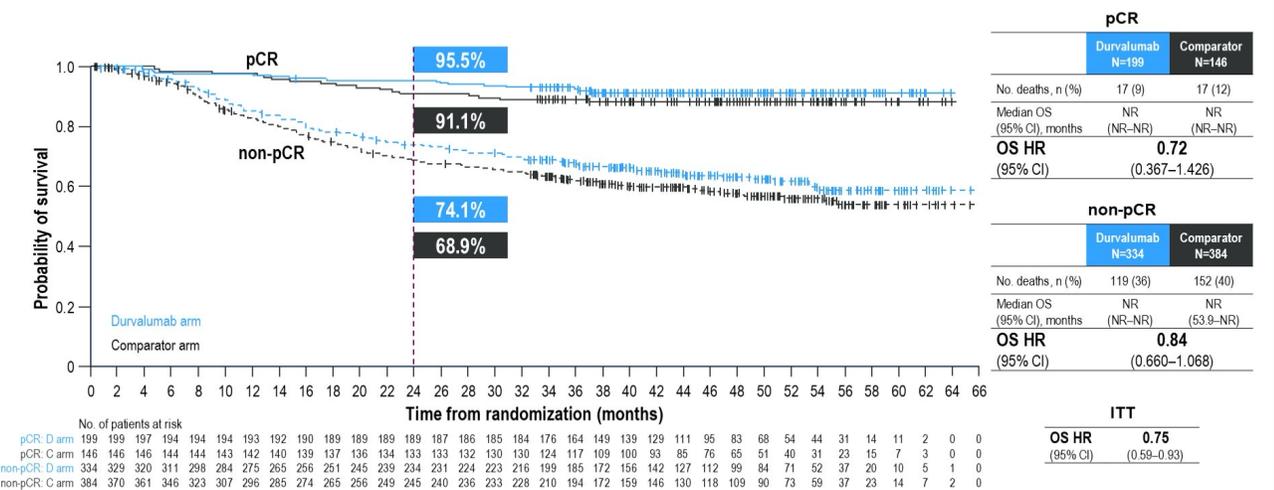


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## NIAGARA: Overall Survival in pCR and Non-pCR Groups

Perioperative D + NAC improved OS in both groups

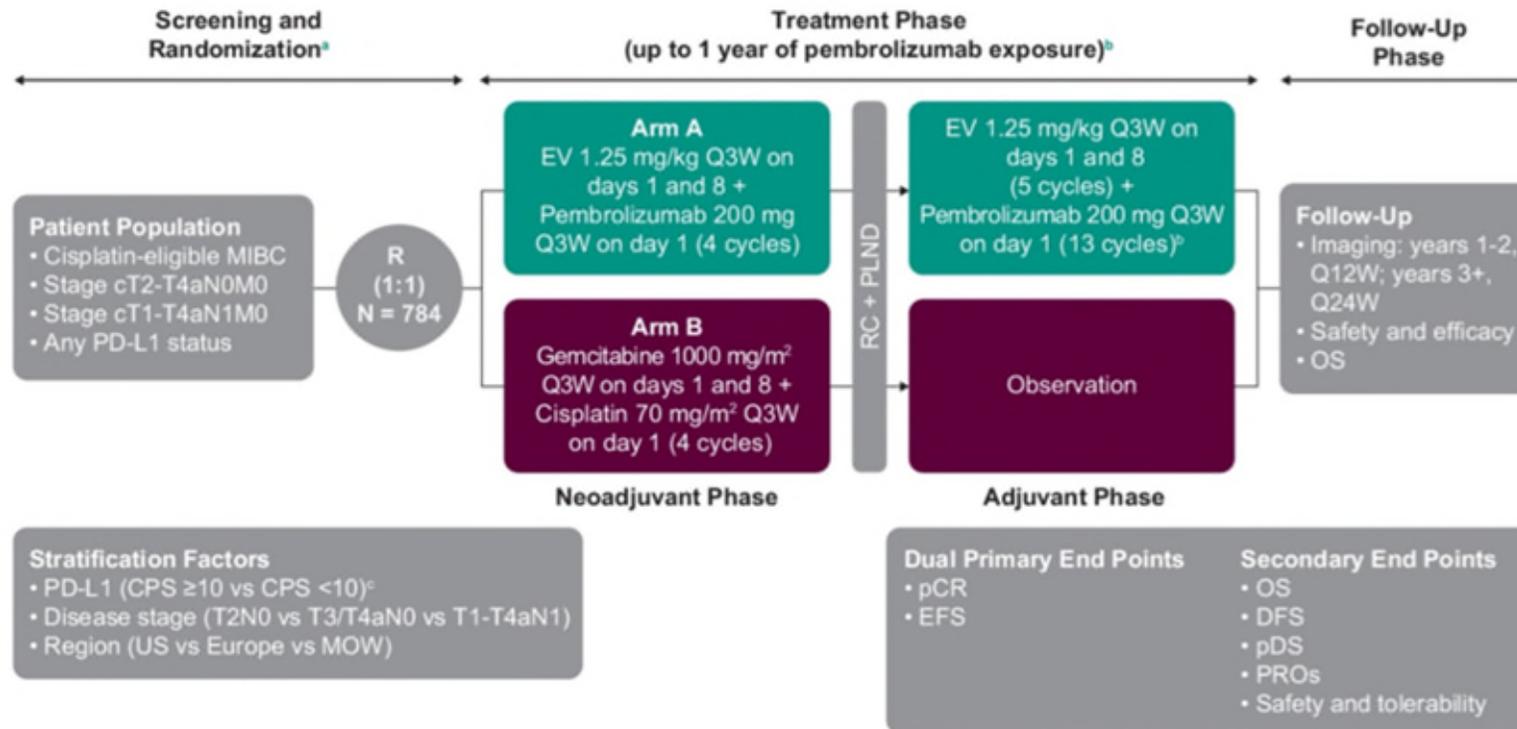


Data cutoff Apr 29, 2024. Exploratory post-hoc analysis. Tick marks indicate patients with censored data. C, comparator; D, durvalumab; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intent-to-treat; NAC, neoadjuvant chemotherapy; pCR, pathological complete response; OS, overall survival.

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<sup>a</sup>All patients will undergo baseline imaging studies (CT or MRI) for clinical staging (evaluated by BICR before randomization) and central pathology confirmation for pathologic stage pT2-T4a or pT1 (only if N1), urothelial histology, and PD-L1 expression.

<sup>b</sup>Until unacceptable AEs, intercurrent illness preventing further treatment administration, or investigator or patient decision to withdraw.

<sup>c</sup>CPS is the number of PD-L1–staining cells (tumor cells, lymphocytes, macrophages) divided by the total number of viable tumor cells, multiplied by 100.

Screening and  
Randomization\*

Treatment Phase  
(up to 1 year of pembrolizumab exposure)<sup>b</sup>

Follow-Up  
Phase

# EV/pembrolizumab Significantly Improves Survival for Patients with Muscle- Invasive Bladder Cancer Regardless of Cisplatin Eligibility

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 - 06:45am



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# Key questions in the EV/P era of MIBC

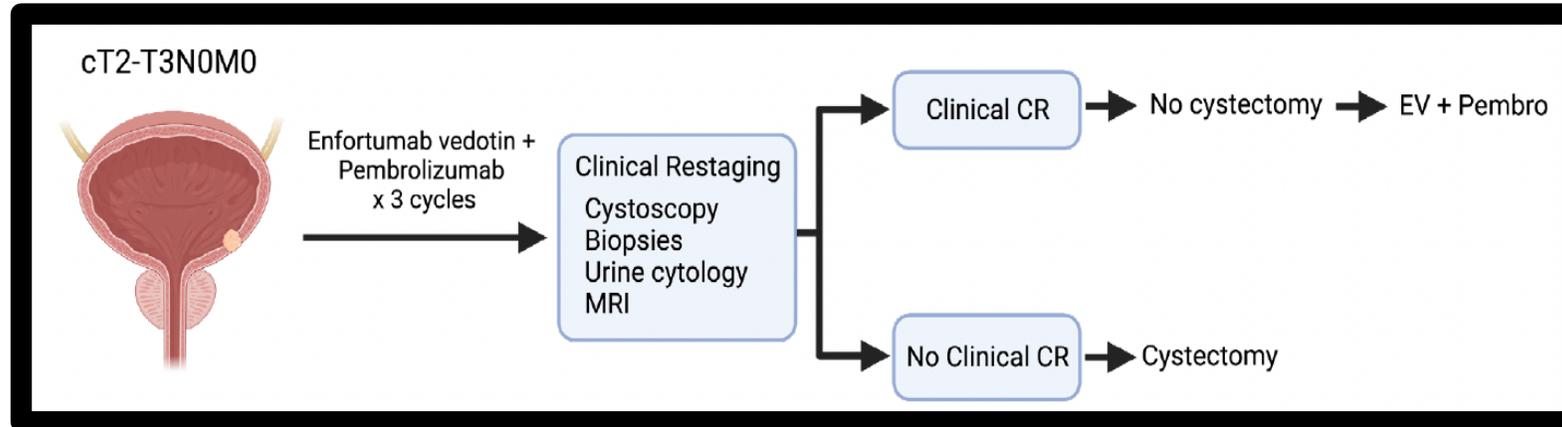
- High path-CR rates post neoadjuvant EV/P is encouraging. But do all those 60% of patients need definitive local therapy?
- Can we de-escalate adjuvant therapy in exceptional responders ?
- How do these results apply to patients opting for TMT?

## HCRN GU22-598: Phase 2 trial of enfortumab vedotin plus pembrolizumab with selective bladder sparing for treatment of muscle-invasive urothelial cancer of the bladder

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Primary endpoint: cCR rate with EV plus pembrolizumab for MIBC

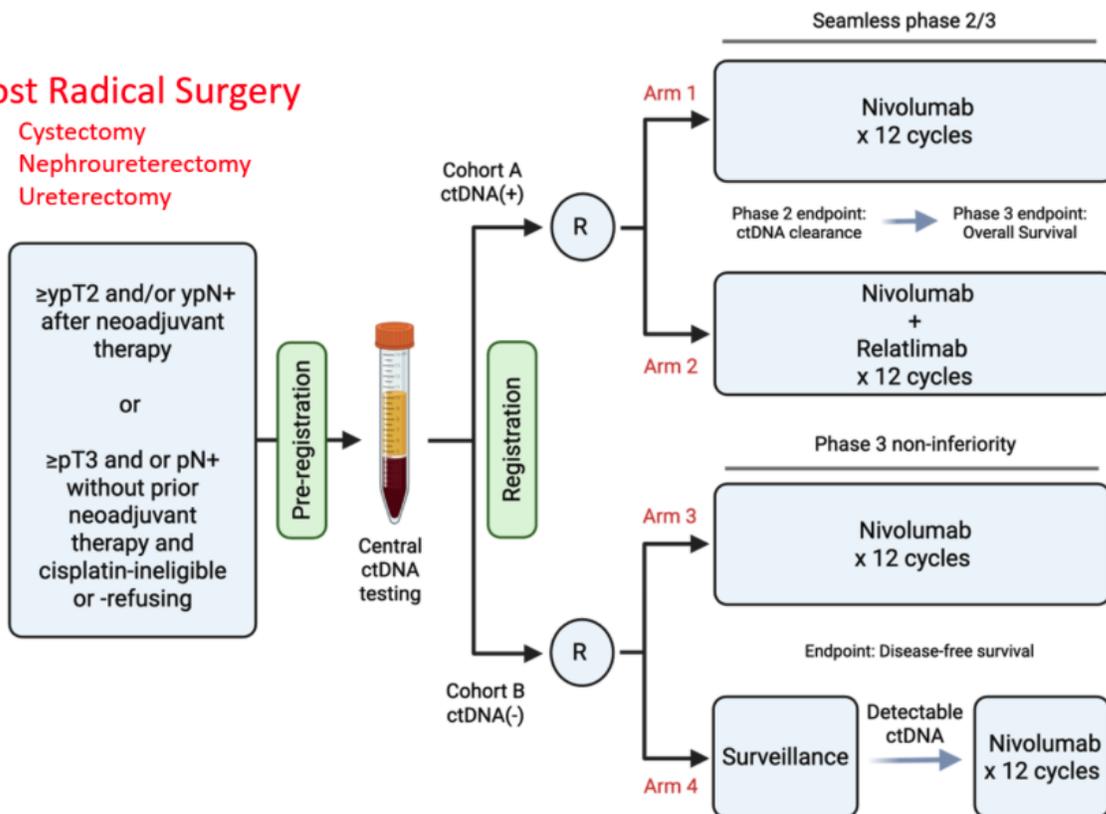
Secondary endpoint:

- Safety
- PPV of cCR for 2-year bladder-intact event-free survival (BIEFS)
- PPV of cCR for 2-year MFS
- Invasive local recurrence-free survival in patients achieving a cCR and forgoing immediate cystectomy
- OS in patients achieving a cCR, in patients not achieving a cCR, and in the overall cohort

# A032103 (MODERN) Schema

## Post Radical Surgery

- Cystectomy
- Nephroureterectomy
- Ureterectomy



- Eligible patients could have had muscle-invasive urothelial cancers of the bladder, urethra, ureter, or renal pelvis
- For patients who received neoadjuvant systemic therapy, regimens could have included:
  - cisplatin-based chemotherapy
  - cisplatin-based chemotherapy plus PD-1/PD-L1 blockade
  - EV plus Pembro
- Patients who did not receive neoadjuvant chemotherapy should be cisplatin-ineligible or cisplatin-refusing
- Patients with pT2N0 are eligible ONLY if ctDNA(+) by commercial Signatera – note: this is different than ypT2N0 (after neoadjuvant therapy) and such patients eligible if ctDNA(+) or ctDNA(-)

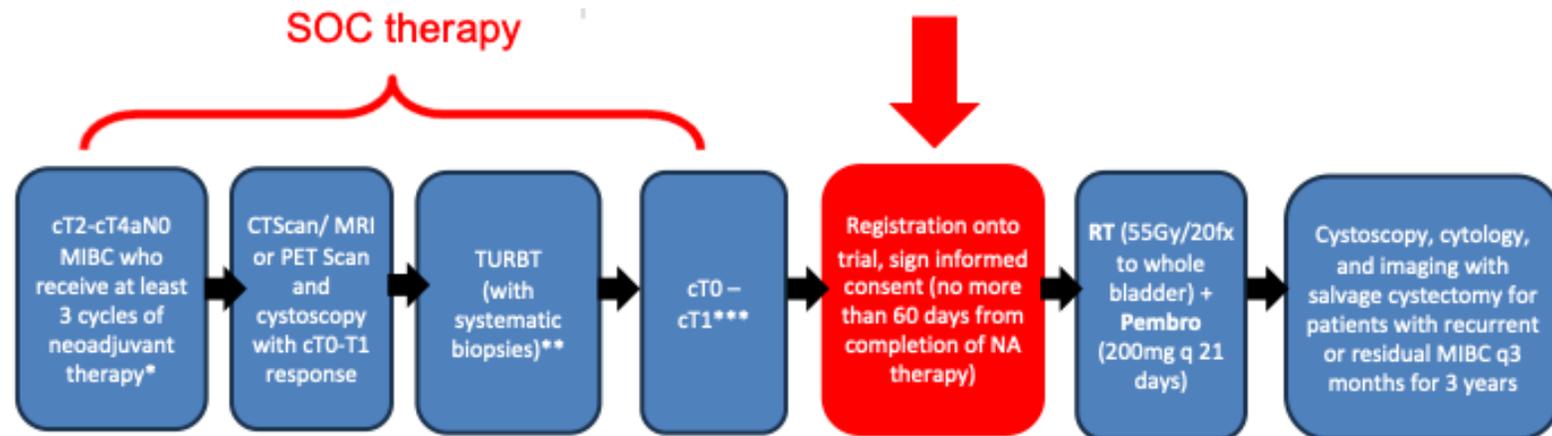


**\*\*All ctDNA testing (Signatera) is done within the context of the study and funded by the study (amendment to allow commercial Signatera pending)**



## SWOG CANCER RESEARCH NETWORK

### **S2427: SINGLE ARM PHASE II STUDY OF BLADDER PRESERVATION WITH IMMUNORADIOTHERAPY AFTER A CLINICALLY MEANINGFUL RESPONSE TO NEOADJUVANT THERAPY IN PATIENTS WITH MUSCLE INVASIVE BLADDER CANCER (BRIGHT)**

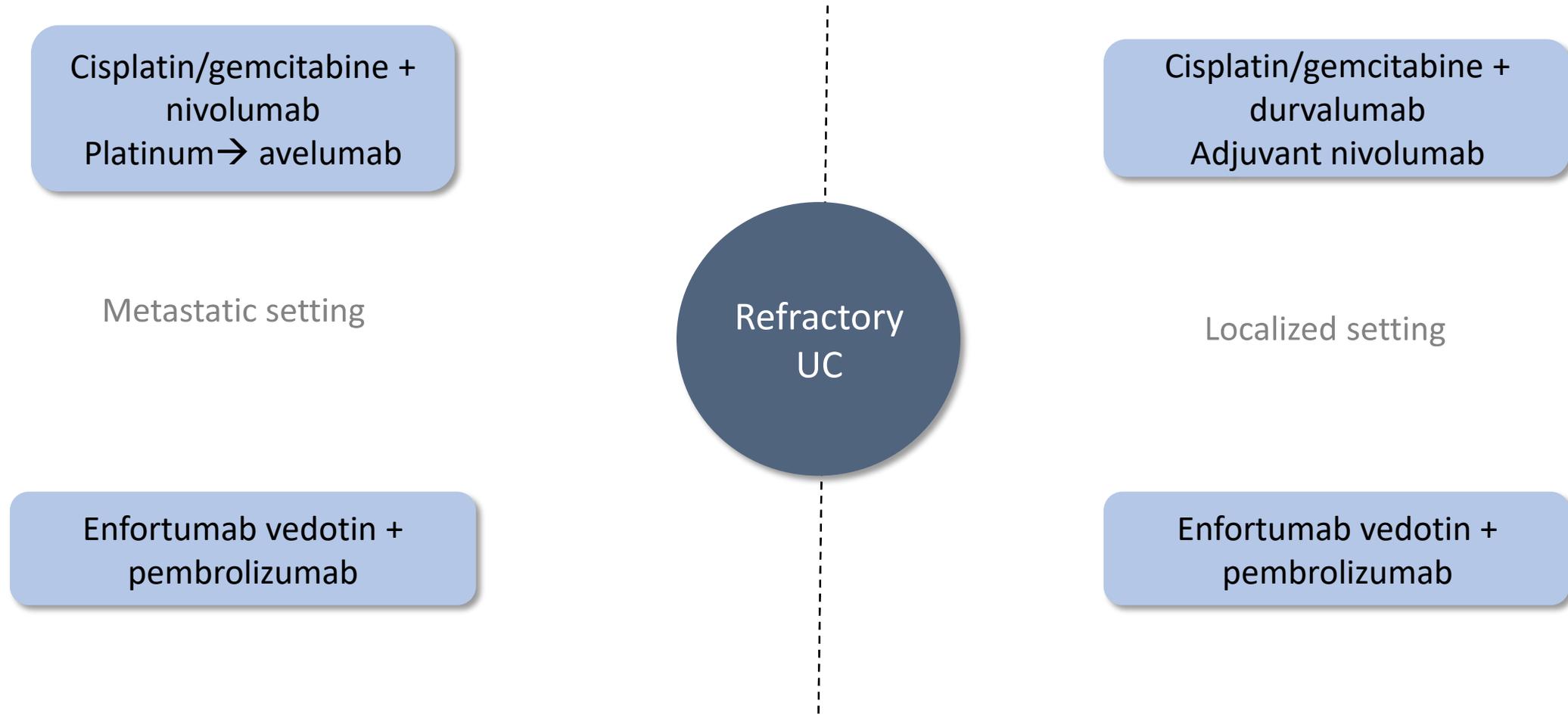


\*Patients who receive NAC as the NAT must have at least 3 cycles of cis-based regimen

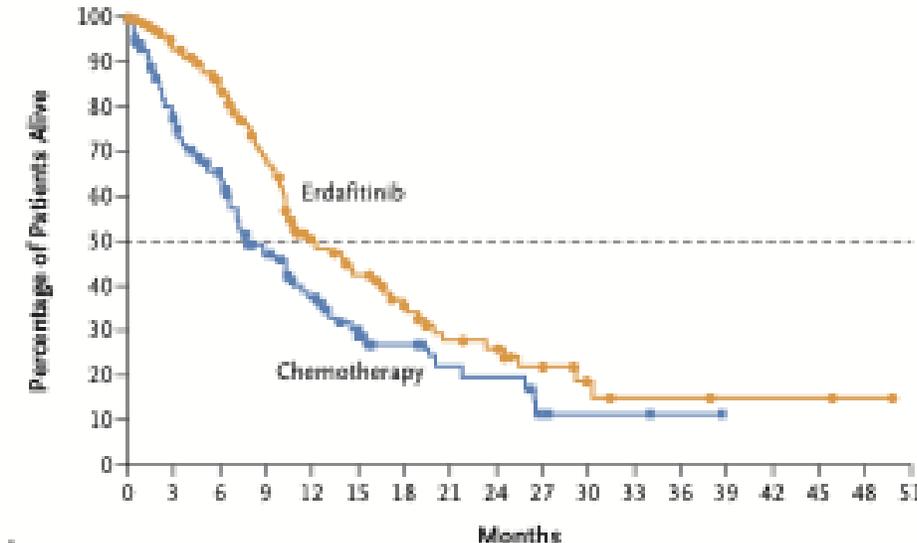
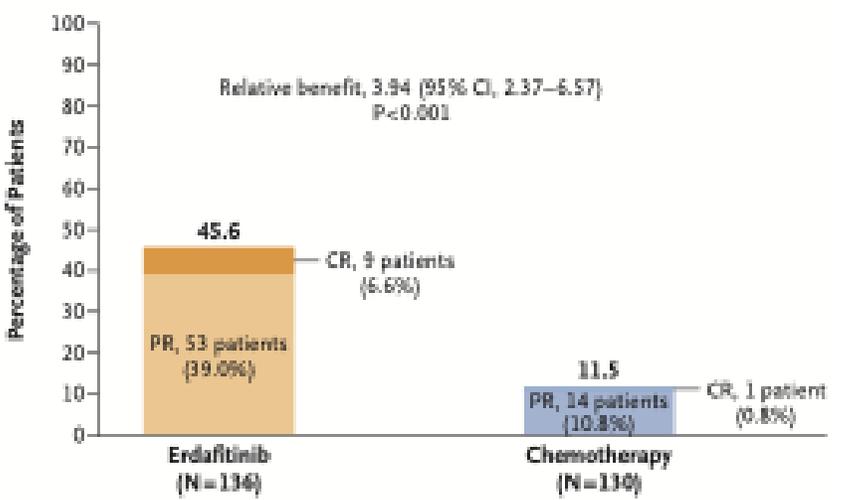
\*\*Patients found to have >T1 disease on TURBT will proceed to SOC cystectomy

\*\*\*Diffuse CIS patients will be excluded (>3 cm area of contiguous CIS or >3 separate locations of CIS on TURBT (dome/posterior/left/right/trigone)

# Relapsed-refractory Advanced UC



# FGFR-3 inhibition in IO-refractory UC: THOR



No. at Risk (no. with censored data)

Time (Months)	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51
Erdafitinib	136	117	97	74	46	35	25	17	15	9	5	3	3	2	2	2	1	0
Chemotherapy	130	87	66	43	30	18	13	9	8	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

	No. of Deaths/ No. of Patients	Median Overall Survival (95% CI) mo
<b>Erdafitinib</b>	77/136	12.1 (10.3–16.4)
<b>Chemotherapy</b>	78/130	7.8 (6.5–11.1)

Hazard ratio for death, 0.64 (95% CI, 0.47–0.88)  
P=0.005

# Novel FGFR-3 specific inhibitors post EV and IO

- Activating *FGFR3* genetic alterations (most commonly S249C) occur in 15-20% of metastatic urothelial cancers (mUC) and <5% of other solid tumors
- Erdafitinib, a pan FGFR1-4 inhibitor, improves survival in 2L/3L *FGFR3*-altered mUC (OS 12.1 months, confirmed ORR 35%) but has clinical toxicities driven by off-target FGFR-1, 2, and 4 inhibition<sup>1</sup>
- LY3866288 (LOXO-435) is an oral, highly potent and isoform-selective small molecule FGFR3i designed to limit off-target toxicities<sup>2</sup>
- Here we report initial phase 1 dose escalation results from FORAGER-1, a phase 1 study of LY3866288 in *FGFR3*-altered mUC and other advanced solid tumors

**LY3866288 is potent against and highly selective for FGFR3 and FGFR3 V555M enzymes while sparing FGFR1 and FGFR2<sup>2</sup>**

	Enzyme Inhibition				Fold Selectivity	
	FGFR1 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	FGFR2 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	FGFR3 IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	FGFR3 V555M IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	FGFR3 over FGFR1	FGFR3 over FGFR2
Erdafitinib	0.3	0.6	0.2	1218.0	1.5x	2.0x
Pemigatinib	0.5	0.3	1.0	752.0	0.5x	0.3x
Infigratinib	0.4	0.7	0.3	579.8	1.3x	0.6x
Futibatinib	0.7	0.4	0.4	14.4	1.8x	1.8x
<b>LY3866288</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>361x</b>	<b>66x</b>

<sup>1</sup> Loriot Y, et al. 2023 *N Engl J Med* 389(21):1961-1971. <sup>2</sup> Ballard JA, et al. 2021 *Mol Cancer Ther* 20 (12, Suppl) P141.

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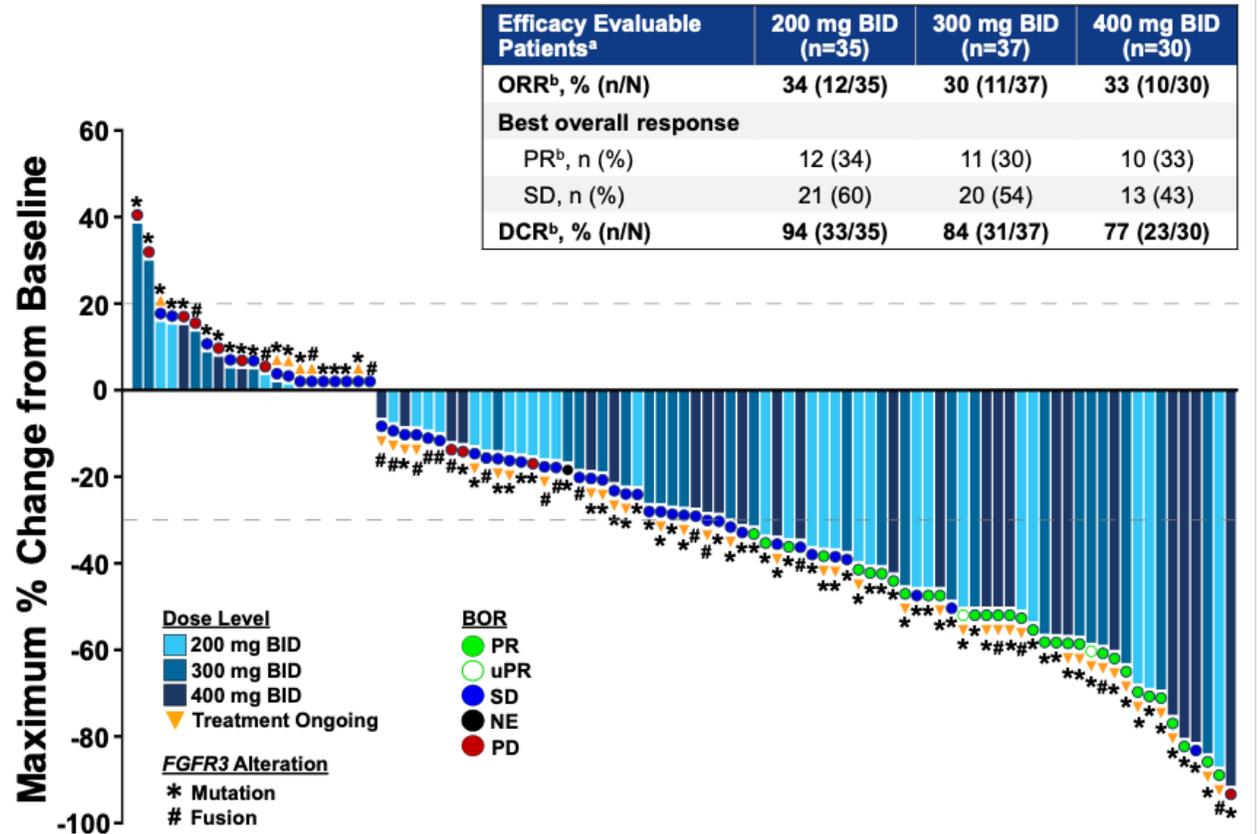
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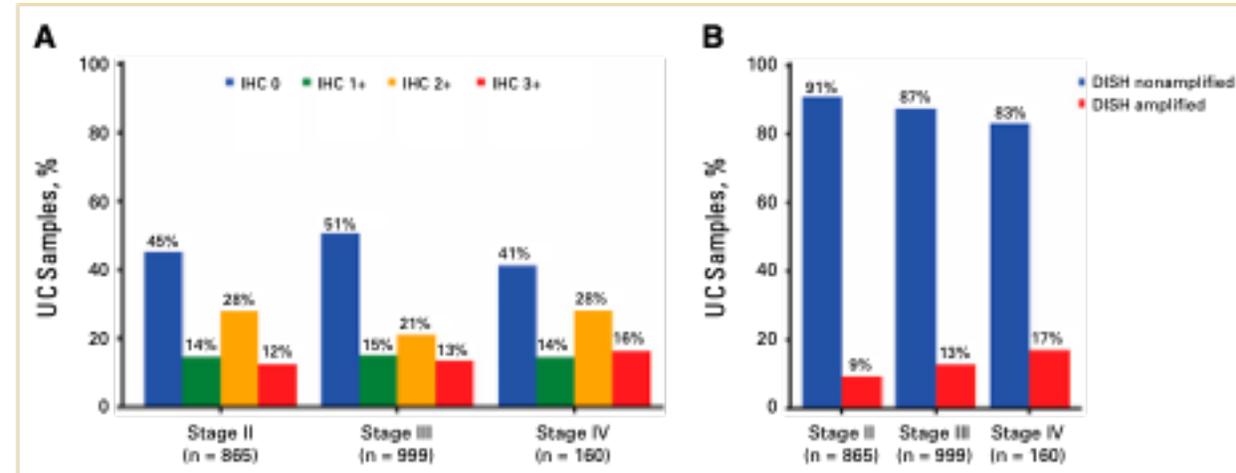
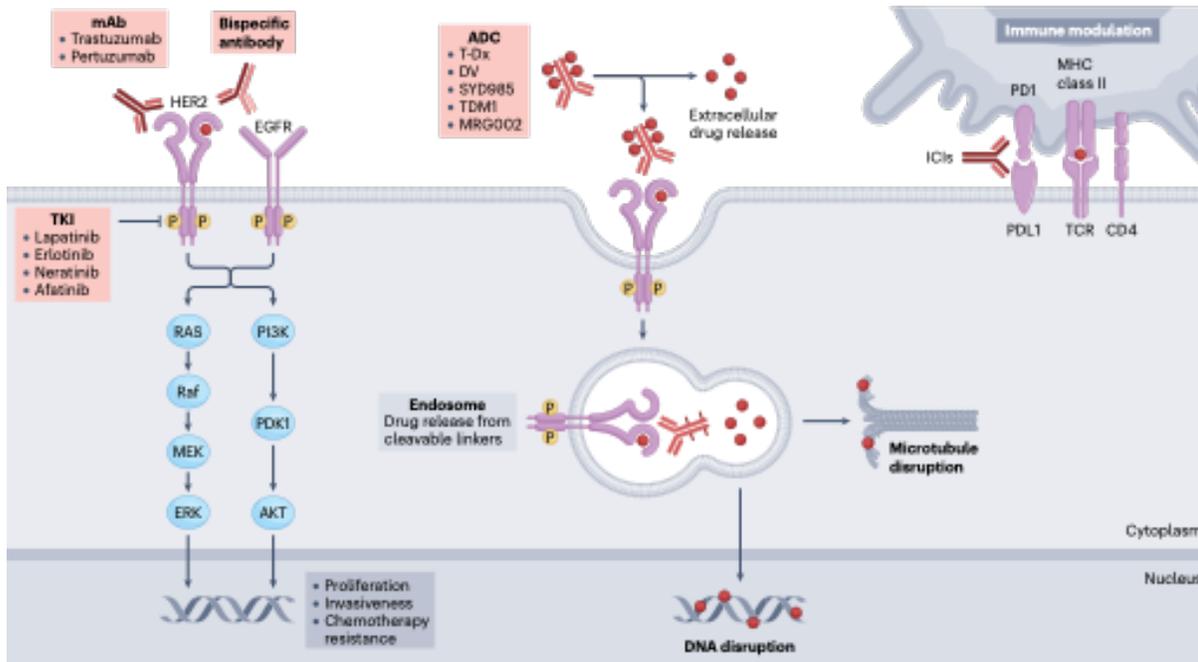
Target population, mUC with mutation/fusion 200 mg, 300 mg and 400 mg BID (n=39)	
Primary tumor location, n (%)	
Upper tract / Lower tract	→ 17 (44) / 22 (56)
Liver metastases, n (%)	
Yes	8 (21)
Bellmont Score <sup>a</sup> , %	
0 / 1 / 2 / 3	18 / 46 / 33 / 3
CrCl/eGFR, n (%)	
≥60 ml/min	22 (56)
Median prior regimens in advanced / metastatic setting (range)	3 (1-6)
Prior Therapy, n (%)	
FGFR inhibitor (progressed/intolerant as reason withdrawn)	→ 11 (28) / 1 (3)
Erdafitinib	10 (26)
AZD4547	2 (5)
PD-1/L1 inhibitor	34 (87)
Platinum chemotherapy	31 (79)
Enfortumab vedotin + Pembrolizumab	9 (23)
Enfortumab vedotin monotherapy	18 (46)
<i>FGFR3</i> alterations <sup>d</sup> , n (%)	
Mutations	32 (82)
Fusions	→ 7 (18)

# Novel FGFR-3 specific inhibitors post EV and IO

Characteristics	200 mg BID (n=46)	300 mg BID (n=52)	400 mg BID (n=40)
Median age, years (range)	67 (35-88)	72 (42-93)	70 (26-89)
Male, n (%)	31 (67)	31 (60)	29 (73)
Race, White / Asian, n (%)	21 (46) / 19 (41)	30 (58) / 16 (31)	28 (70) / 7 (18)
ECOG PS 1, n (%)	32 (70)	38 (73)	25 (63)
Primary Tumor Location <sup>a</sup> , n (%)			
Upper tract/lower tract	20 (44) / 25 (54)	22 (42) / 30 (58)	14 (35) / 26 (65)
FGFR3 alteration <sup>b</sup> , n (%)			
Mutation/Fusion	32 (70) / 14 (30)	46 (88) / 6 (12)	31 (78) / 9 (23)
CrCl/eGFR ml/min <sup>c</sup> , n (%)			
30-59	16 (35)	18 (35)	16 (40)
≥60	29 (63)	33 (63)	24 (60)
Liver metastases, n (%)	15 (33)	9 (17)	8 (20)
Bellmunt score <sup>d</sup> , %			
0 / 1 / 2 / 3	15 / 48 / 33 / 4	21 / 48 / 27 / 4	33 / 45 / 20 / 3
Stable brain metastases, n (%)	3 (7)	1 (2)	1 (3)
Median prior regimens for LA/mUC <sup>e</sup> (range)	2 (1-7)	2 (1-7)	2 (1-7)
Prior Therapy, n (%)			
Platinum chemotherapy	34 (74)	40 (78)	30 (75)
EV <sup>f</sup>	18 (39)	18 (35)	19 (48)
EVP	10 (22)	11 (22)	14 (35)
FGFR inhibitor	11 (24)	15 (29)	10 (25)

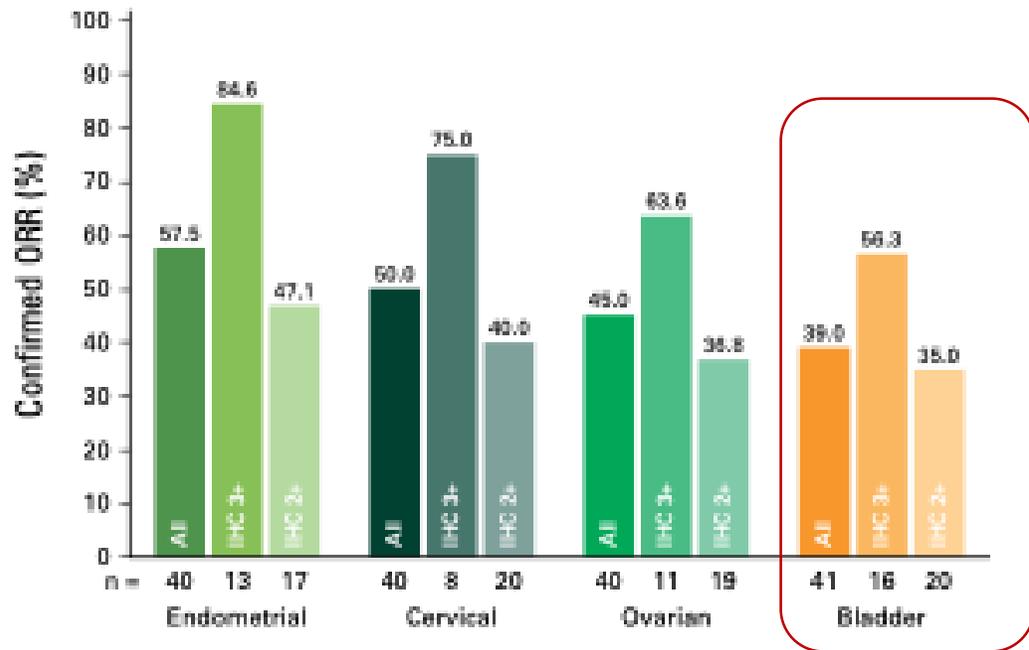


# HER-2 inhibition in relapsed refractory urothelial cancer

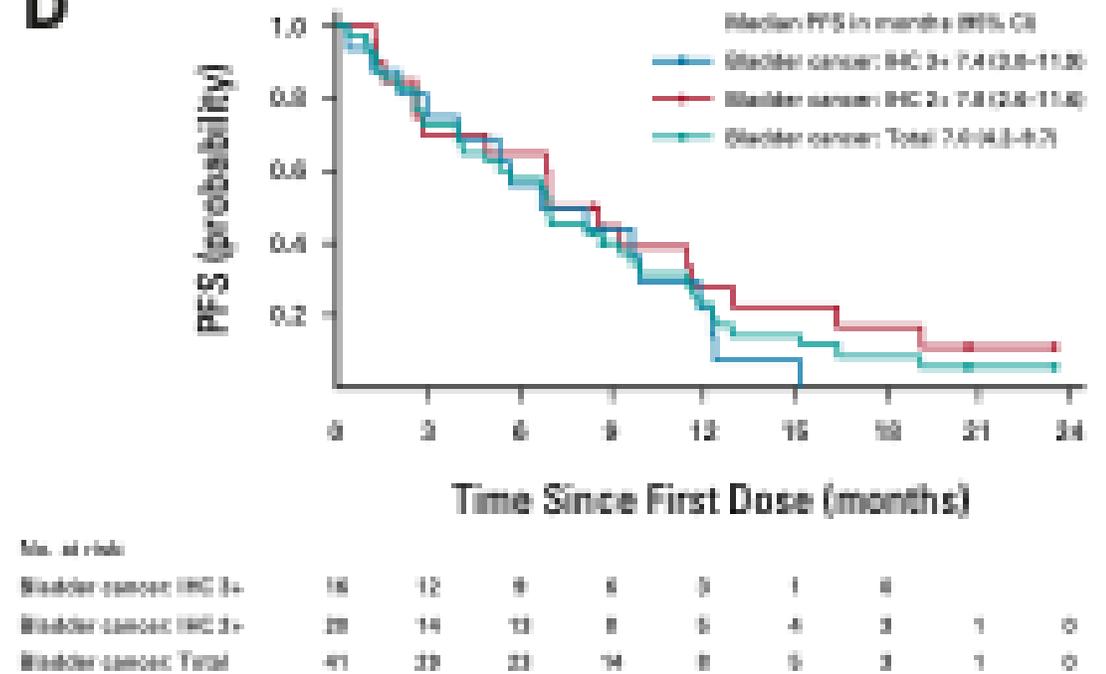


# T-DxD in advanced solid tumors

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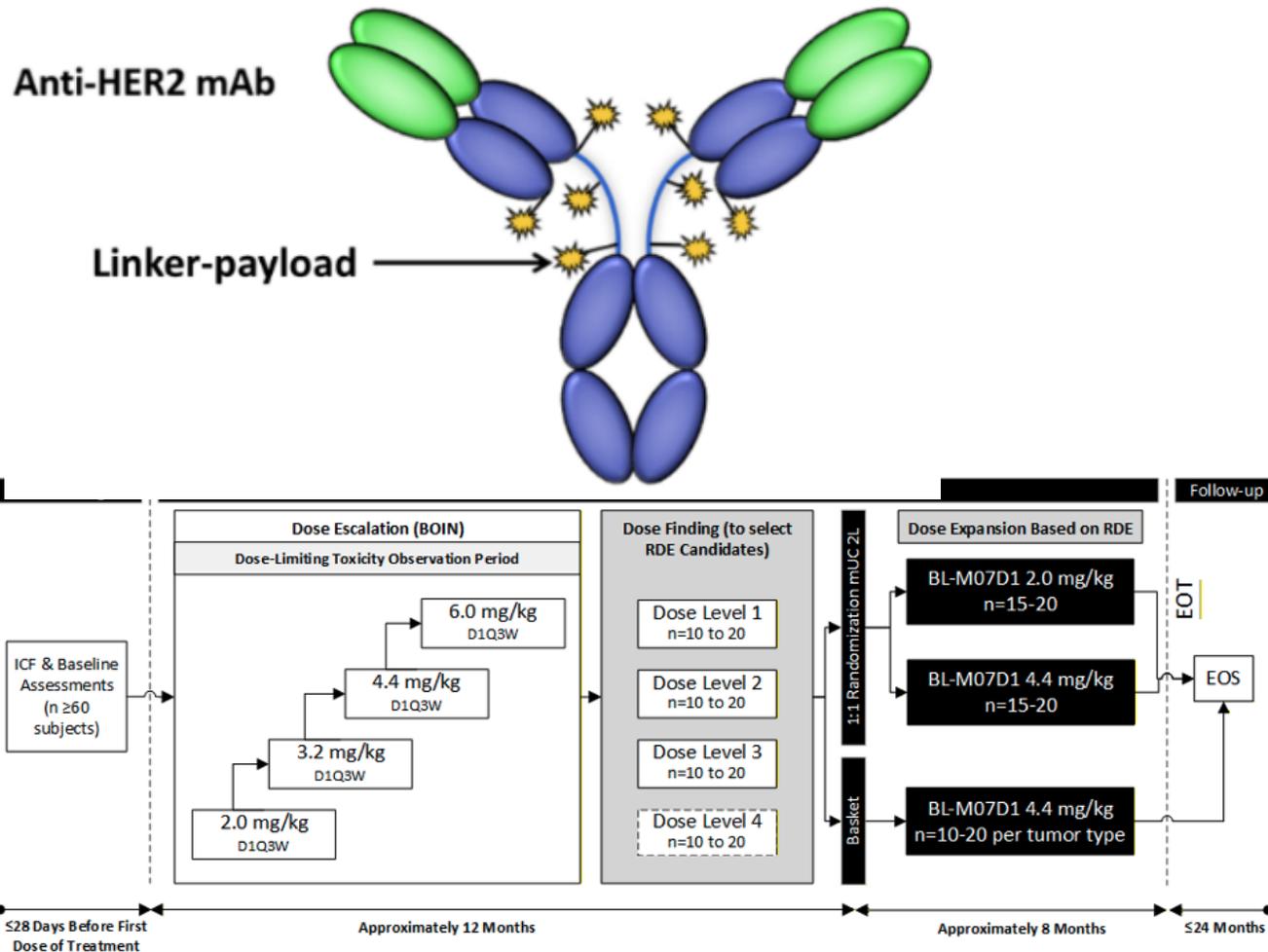


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T-DxD approved in all solid tumors with 3+ HER-2 expression

# Novel HER-2 ADCs in advanced urothelial cancer

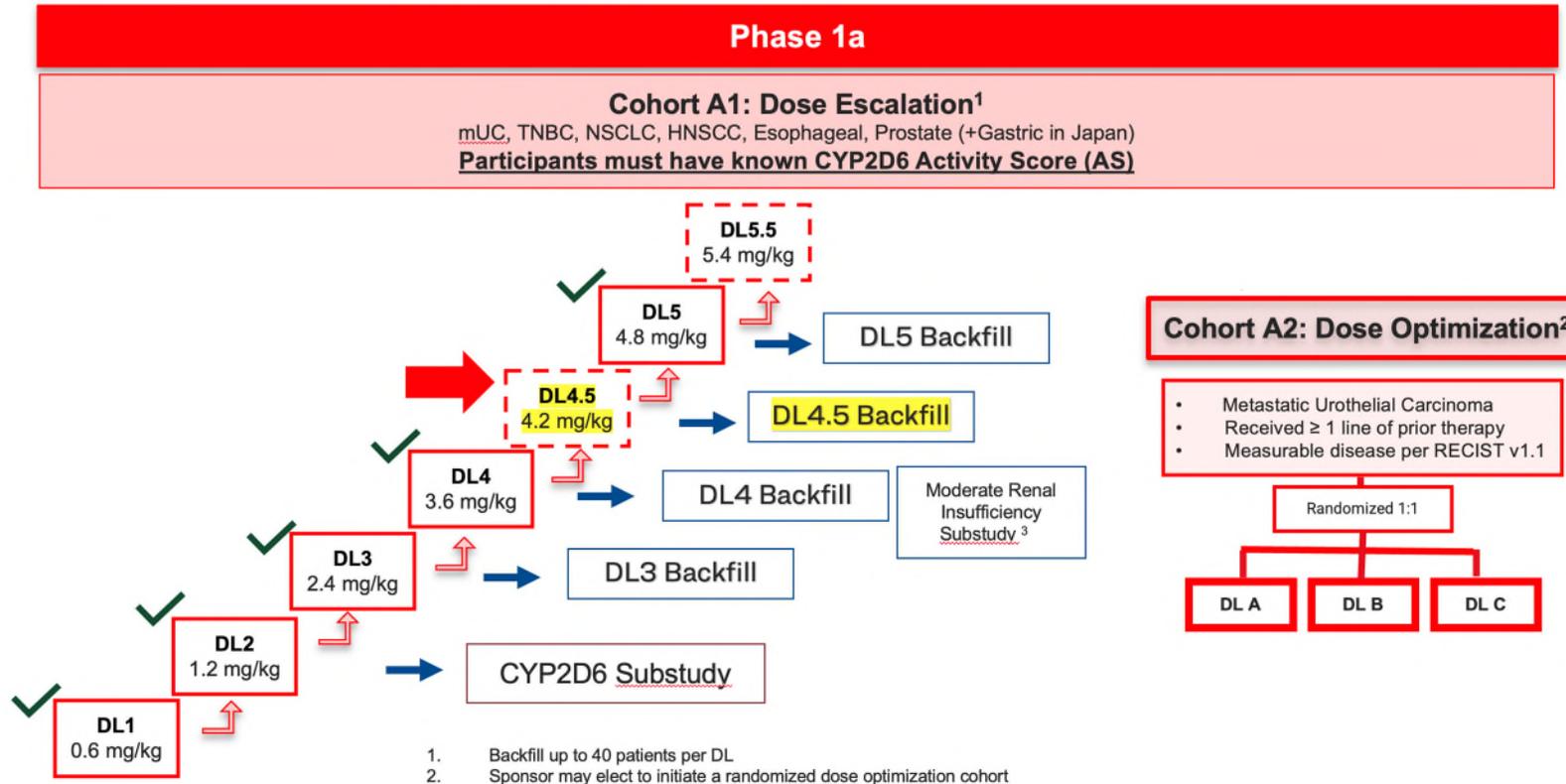


- BL-M07D1 specifically binds to HER2 on the surface of tumor cells, enters tumor cells through endocytosis, releases Ed-04 in lysosomes through digestion, and initiates apoptosis by inhibiting topoisomerase I
- The binding BL-M07D1 to HER2 on the surface of tumor cells blocks the signaling pathways of HER2 and may enhance antitumor activity, and
- The mAb Fc fragment of BL-M07D1 mediates antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC) to achieve cytotoxic activities.

Any HER-2 expression (1-3+) by IHC or *HER-2* mutation allowed

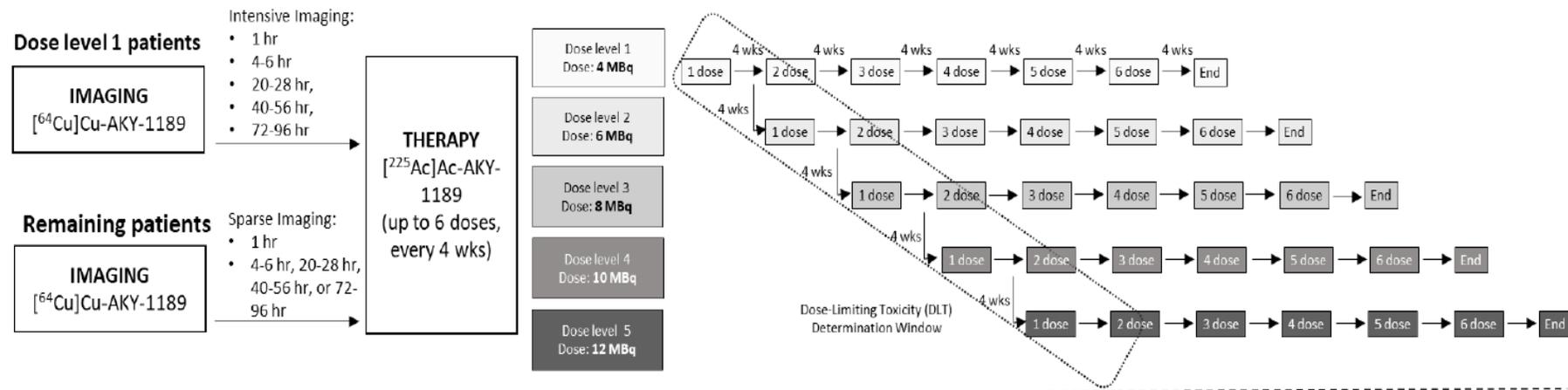
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## NEXUS-01 Study Schema

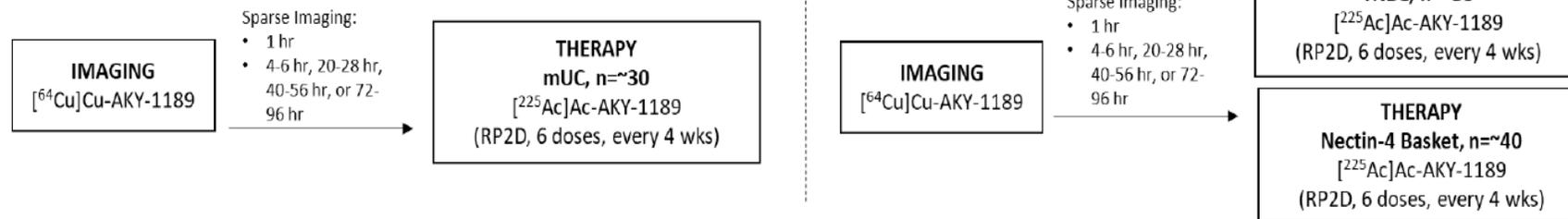


# Nectin-4 targeted therapy beyond EV: Radiopharmaceutical approach

## Part 1 Dose Escalation, mUC patients (n≈30)



## Part 2 Dose Expansion, multiple tumor types, n=30-40 per cohort



# Conclusions

- Approval of EV/Pembro ushers in new era in the treatment of cisplatin ineligible (and eligible?) patients with localized MIBC
- With improving systemic therapy, important to re-evaluate role of adjuvant, and definitive local therapy to individualize treatment in a risk adapted manner
- Relapsed/metastatic disease may have different biology driving resistance to EV/P upfront
- Novel targeted therapy, ADCs and theranostic approaches under investigation will pave the way for rational and chemo-free approach to relapsed UC