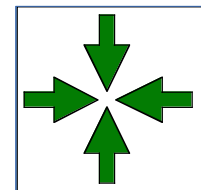


# Advanced Bladder Cancer In the era of targeted therapeutics



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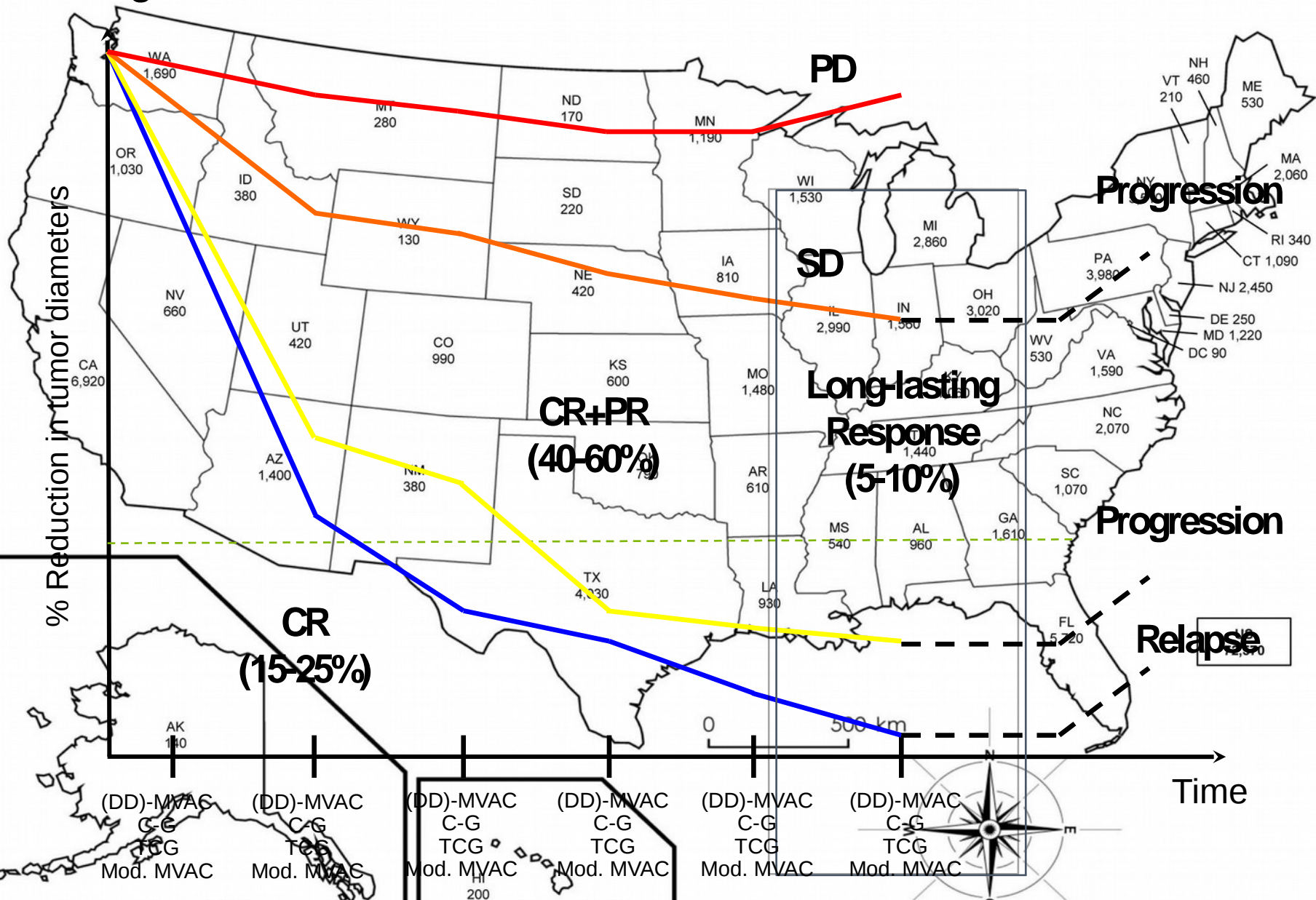
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**„Bladder cancer - stagnation or progress?“**

# New Cases of Bladder Cancer in 2013

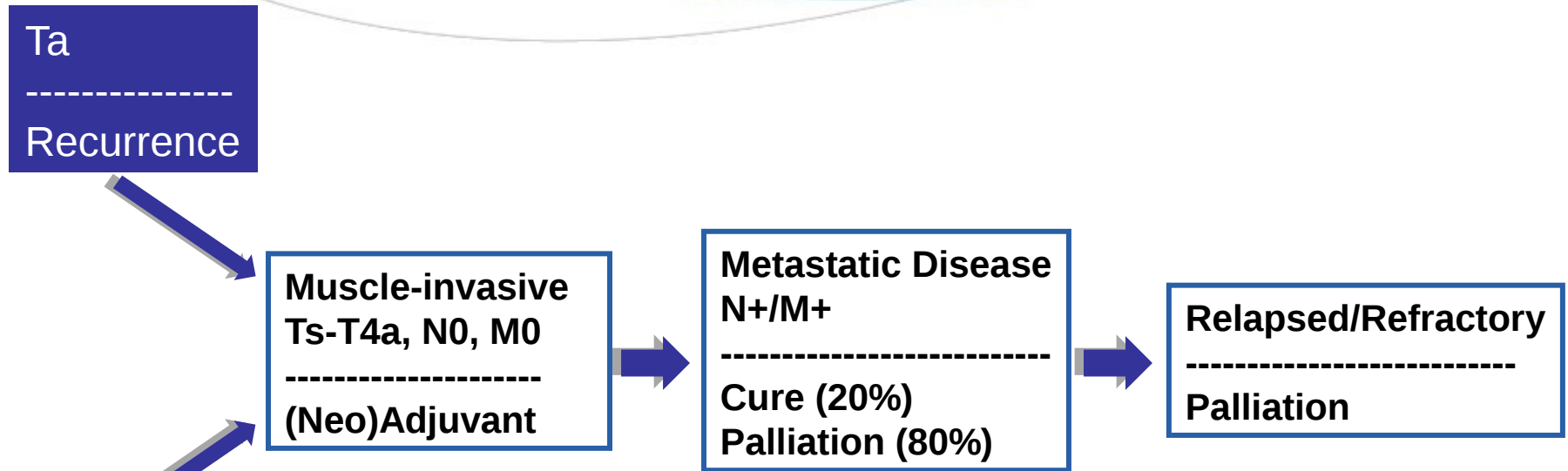
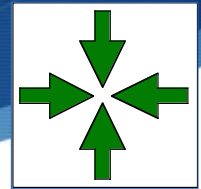
## Framing... Unresectable to metastatic Urothelial Cancer



Logothetis CJ, JCO 1990, Sternberg CN, JCO 2001, Bajorn DF, JCO 2009, von der Maase H, JCO 2000 & 2005, Bellmunt J, JCO 2012, Bamias A. Ann Oncol 2013. Necchi A. Clin Genitourin Cancer 2014

Estimated numbers of new bladder cancer cases for 2013. Source: American Cancer Society. "Cancer Facts & Figures 2013".

# How can we do better?



- Understand barriers
- Improve therapies/patient selection
- Improve risk prediction and prognostic accuracy

# How can we do better?

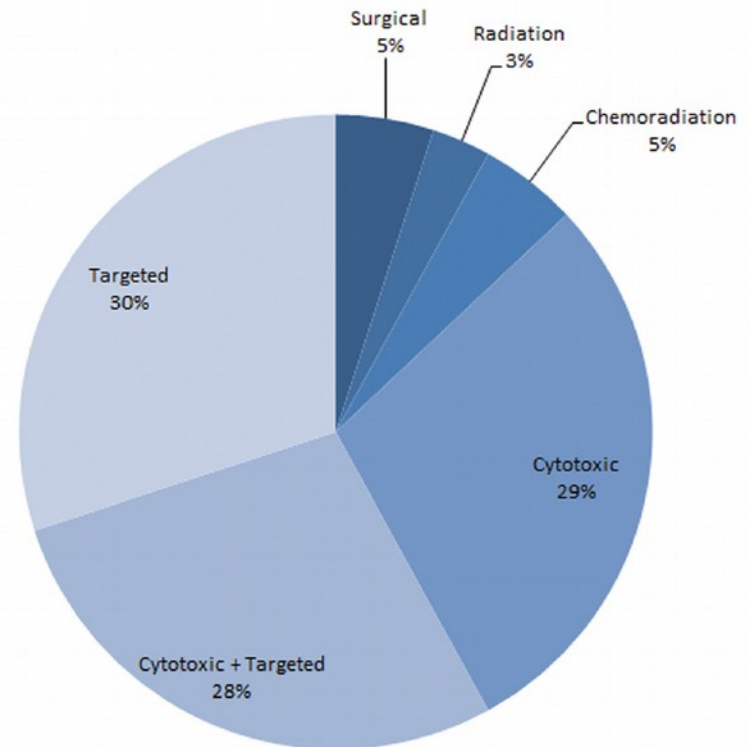
- ▶ Understand barriers

# Critical Analysis of Contemporary Clinical Research in Muscle-Invasive and Metastatic Urothelial Cancer

## A Report from the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network Clinical Trials Working Group

**TABLE 1.** Trial Characteristics (n = 120)

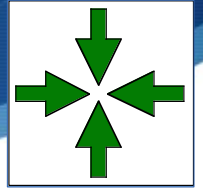
Characteristic	Number of Trials (%)
<b>Phase</b>	
Phase 1	9 (8)
Phase 1/2	13 (11)
Phase 2	87 (73)
Phase 2/3	2 (2)
Phase 3	7 (6)
Unknown	2 (2)
<b>Allocation</b>	
Single-arm	87 (73) ←
Randomized	33 (27)
<b>Sponsor</b>	
Industry	62 (52)
National Cancer Institute	15 (13) ←
Institutional/other	42 (35) ←
Unknown	1 (1)
<b>Recruitment status</b>	
Active, not recruiting	29 (24) ←
Completed	27 (23) ←
Not yet recruiting	4 (3)
Recruiting	54 (45)
Suspended	2 (2)
Terminated/withdrawn	4 (3)
<b>Number of study sites</b>	
1	47 (39) ←
2	8 (7)
3	11 (9)
4	5 (4)
5	12 (10)
≥6	37 (31)
<b>Location of sites</b>	
United States	67 (56)
Outside United States	37 (31) ←
Both	16 (13)



# Why is “translation” hard

- Patient selection and heterogeneity (tumor biology, host factors)
- Inaccuracy of clinical staging and risk assessment
- Gain access to patients with well annotated tissue
- Design early trials in which the desired therapeutic effect can be linked to a translational endpoint that reflects the biological activity of the agent under study
- Analyze, quantify, and integrate biomarkers generated by multiple platforms
- Cost and competing agendas

# How can we do better?



- ▶ Improving therapeutic options
  - ▶ *Searching for new agents: chemotherapy*



# Unselecting patients across the second-line trials

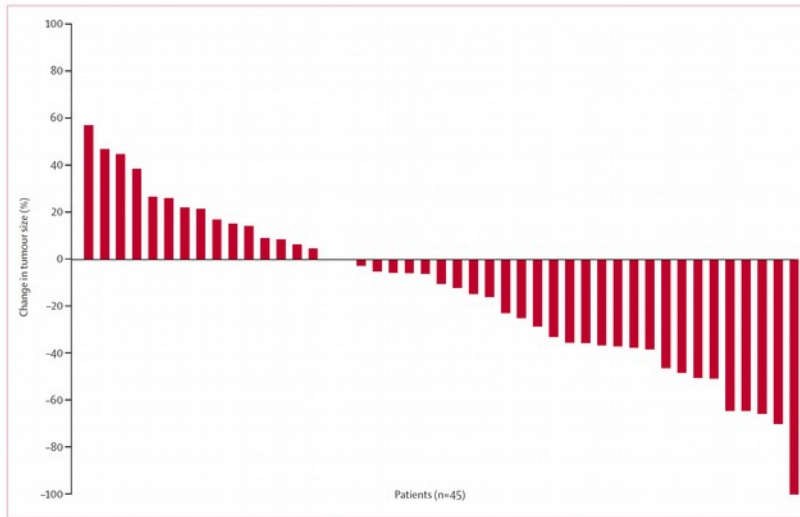
	Previous perioperative therapy counted as first-line therapy	N	RR (%)	PFS (months)	OS (months)
Weekly paclitaxel	No	31	10	2.2	7.2
Paclitaxel q21d	Yes	14	7	-	.
Nab-paclitaxel	Yes	47	27.7	6.0	10.8
Eribulin	Yes	48	27	4.1	10.4
Irinotecan	No	40	5	2.1	5.4
Ixabepilone	Yes	42	11.9	2.7	8.0
Pemetrexed	Yes if <1 year	47	27.7	2.9	9.6
Oxaliplatin	Yes if <6 months	18	6	<b>3 mos</b>	<b>6 mos</b>
Ifosfamide	NA	56	20	2.7	8.8
Pralatrexate	NA	30	3.3	4.0	9.3
Pemetrexed	Yes	12	8	-	-
Docetaxel	Yes	30	13	-	9.0
Gemcitabine	NA	30	11	4.9	8.7
Gemcitabine	Yes	35	22.5	-	5.0
Topotecan	NA	44	9.1	1.5	6.3
Paclitaxel+gemcitabine	Yes	41	60	-	14.4
Ifosfamide+gemcitabine	NA	34	21	4.0	9.0
Carboplatin+paclitaxel	Yes if <1 year	44	16	4.0	6.0
Gemcitabine+Ifosfamide	No	22	22	3.5	4.8

**Vinflunine: Phase III, and EMA Approval**

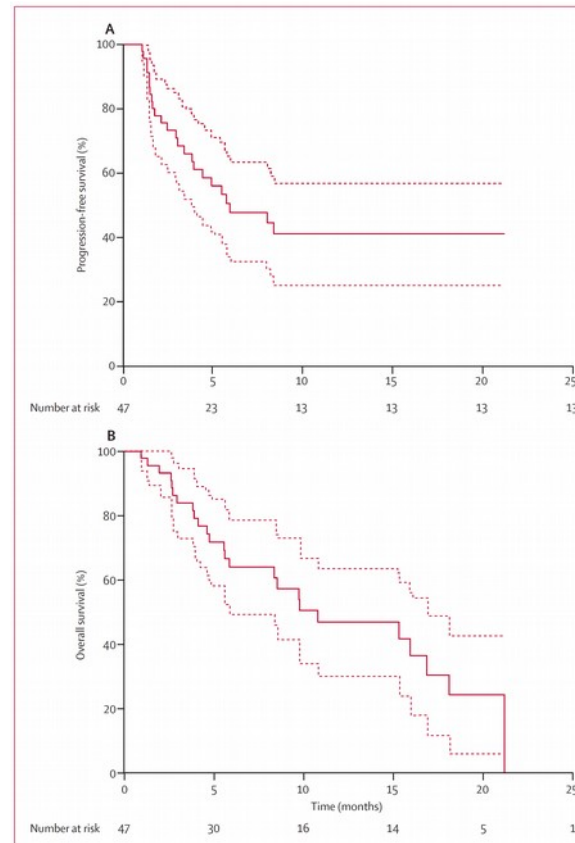
## Nanoparticle albumin-bound paclitaxel for second-line treatment of metastatic urothelial carcinoma: a single group, multicentre, phase 2 study



Yoo-Joung Ko, Christine M Canil, Som D Mukherjee, Eric Winquist, Christine Elser, Andrea Eisen, M Neil Reaume, Liying Zhang, Srikala S Sridhar



**ORR: 28%**



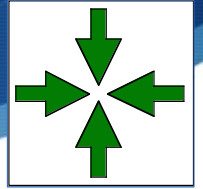
**Median PFS:  
6.0 mos**

**Median OS:  
10.8 mos**

Ko YJ, Lancet Oncol 2013

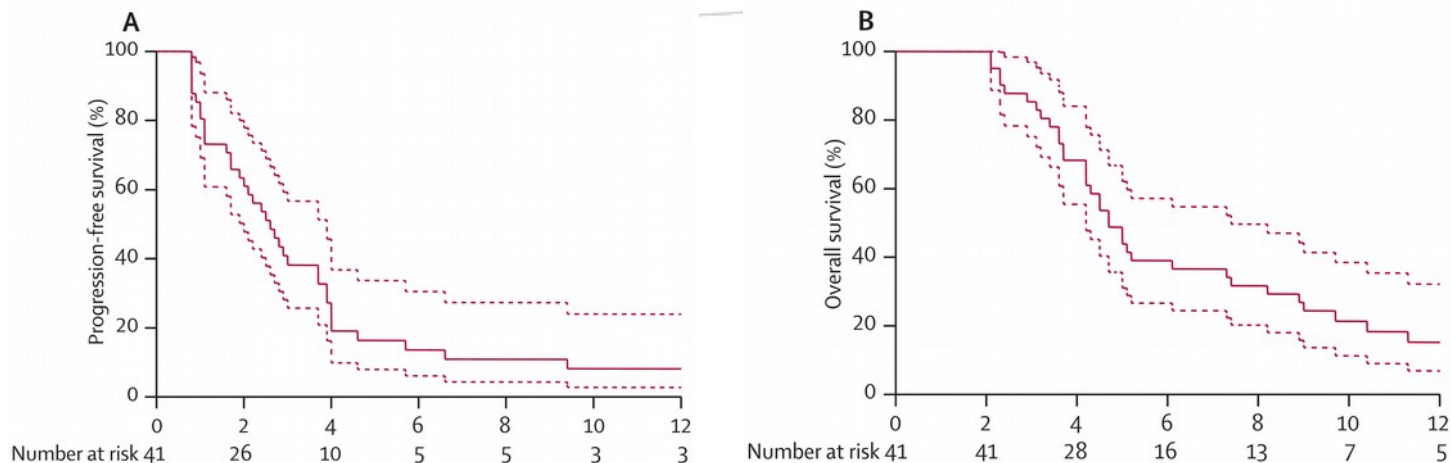
Ongoing: Nab-Paclitaxel vs Paclitaxel q21, ClinicalTrials.gov NCT02033993

# How can we do better?

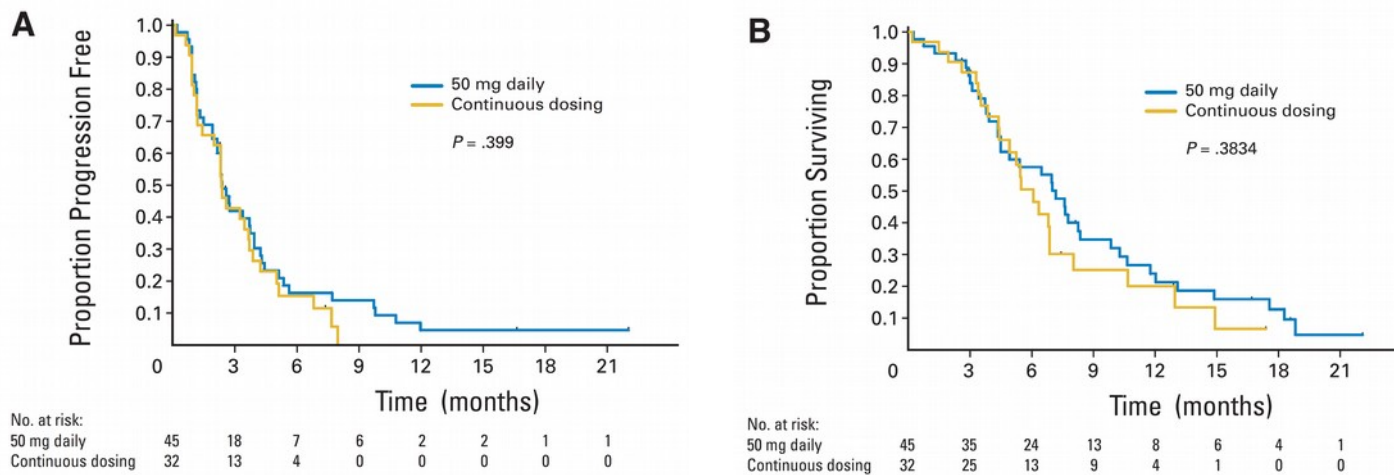


- ▶ Improving therapeutic options
  - ▶ *Targeting Angiogenesis*

# Pazopanib

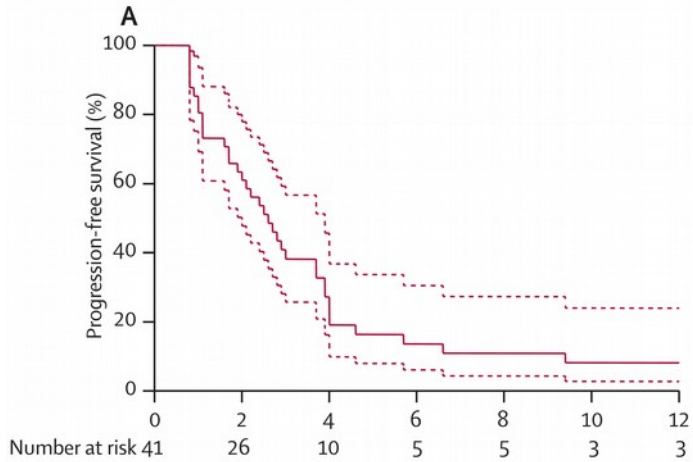


# Sunitinib



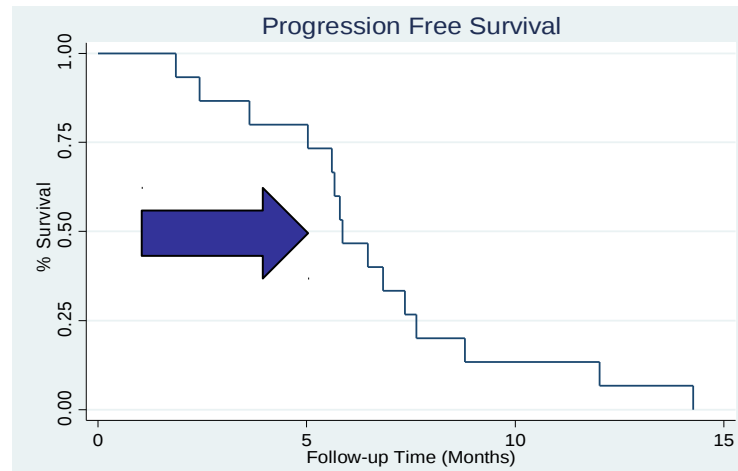
Necchi A, Lancet Oncol 2012

# Pazopanib

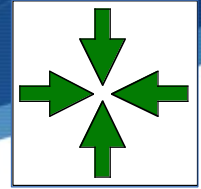


Srinivas S, ASCO-GU 2014

# PZP + weekly TXL

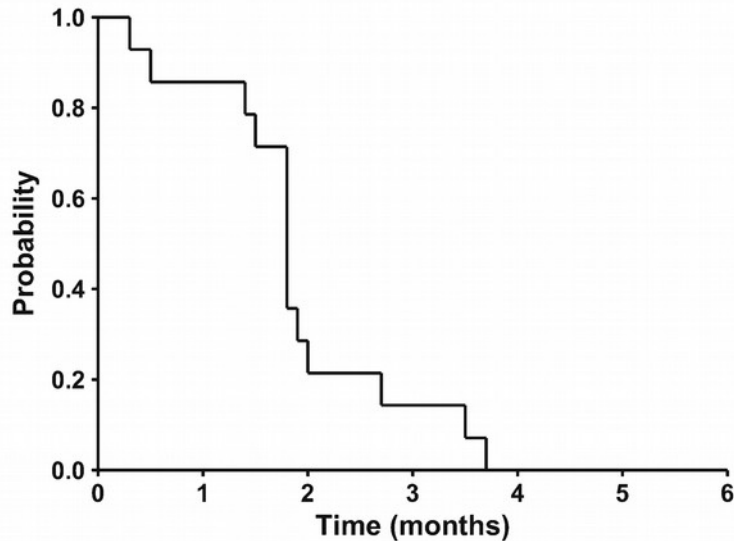


# PF-03446962, a fully-human monoclonal antibody against transforming growth-factor $\beta$ (TGF $\beta$ ) receptor ALK1, in pre-treated patients with urothelial cancer: an open label, single-group, phase 2 trial

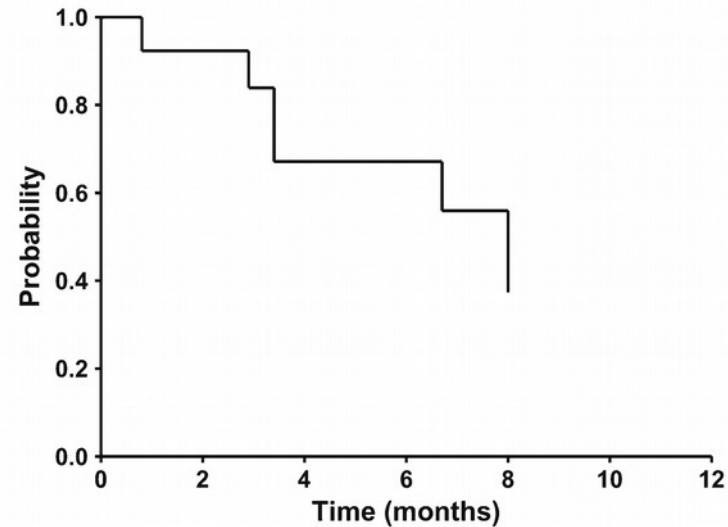


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E. Crippa • A. Marchianò • N. Nicolai • M. Maffezzini • E. Togliardi • M. G. Daidone •  
A. M. Gianni • R. Salvioni • F. De Braud

Median PFS: 1.8 months



Median OS: 8 months



# Phase 2 study of Cabozantinib (XL184) in refractory UC

## Preliminary Results: Cohort 1

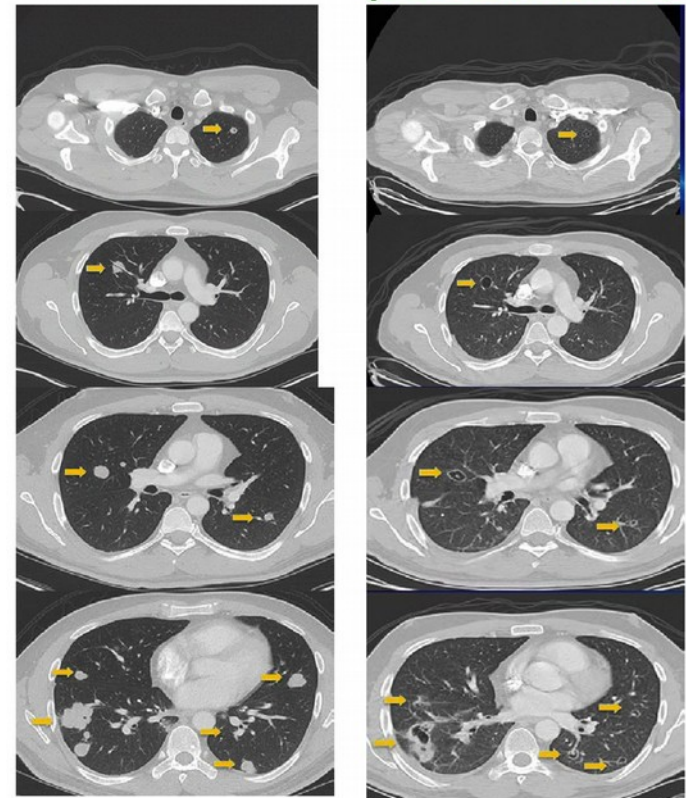
Cohort 1	N=21	%
Partial Response	3	14
Stable Disease	8	38
Clinical benefit	11	52
Progressive Disease	10	48

## Preliminary Results: Cohort 2

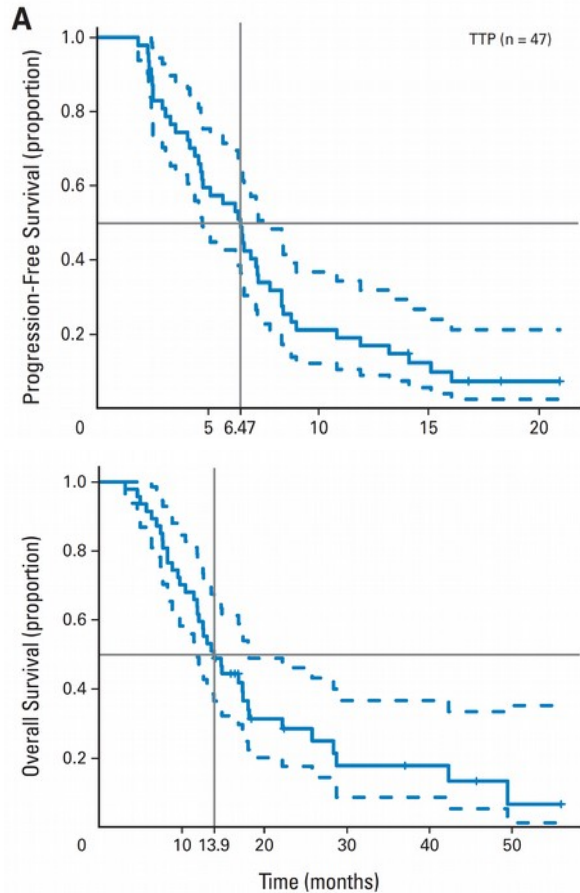
Cohort 1	N=3	%
Partial Response	2	67
Stable Disease	0	0
Clinical benefit	2	67
Progressive Disease	1	33

### Baseline

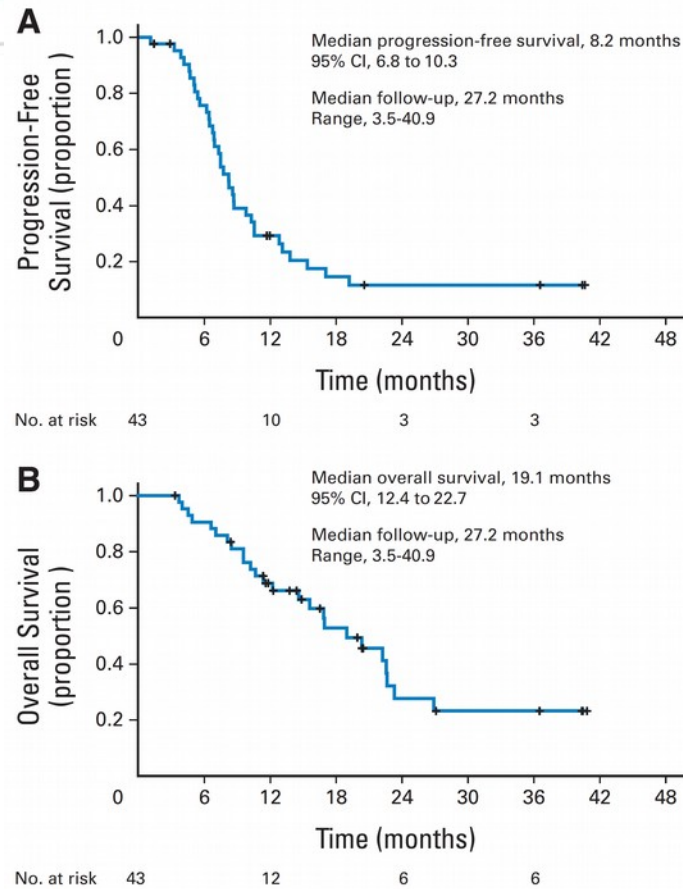
### 3 months post cabozantinib



# Unselecting patients across the clinical stages...



**Bevacizumab-CBDCA/GEM**  
Balar AV, J Clin Oncol 2013



**Bevacizumab-CDDP/GEM**  
Hahn NM, J Clin Oncol 2011

Ongoing: CG ± Bevacizumab Phase III, ClinicalTrials.gov NCT00942331



# Unselecting patients across the clinical stages...

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Original Study

## Gemcitabine, Cisplatin, and Sunitinib for Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma and as Preoperative Therapy for Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer

Matthew D. Galsky,<sup>1,2</sup> Noah M. Hahn,<sup>3</sup> Thomas Powles,<sup>4</sup> Beth A. Hellerstedt,<sup>1,5</sup>  
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**Table 3** Treatment Emergent Grade 3 to 4 Adverse Events in  $\geq 5\%$  of the Study Population

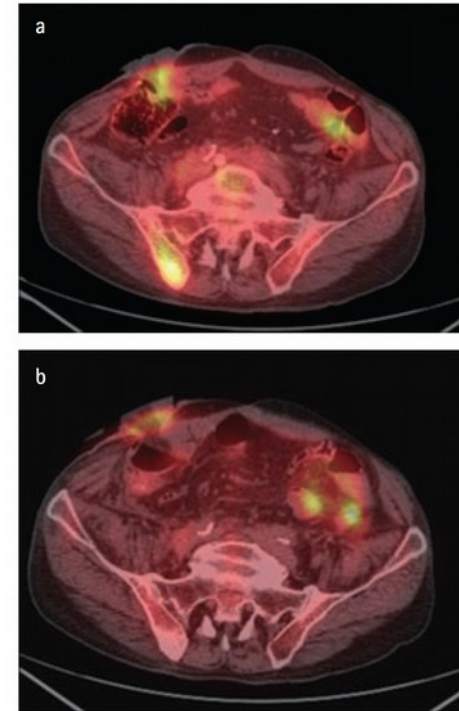
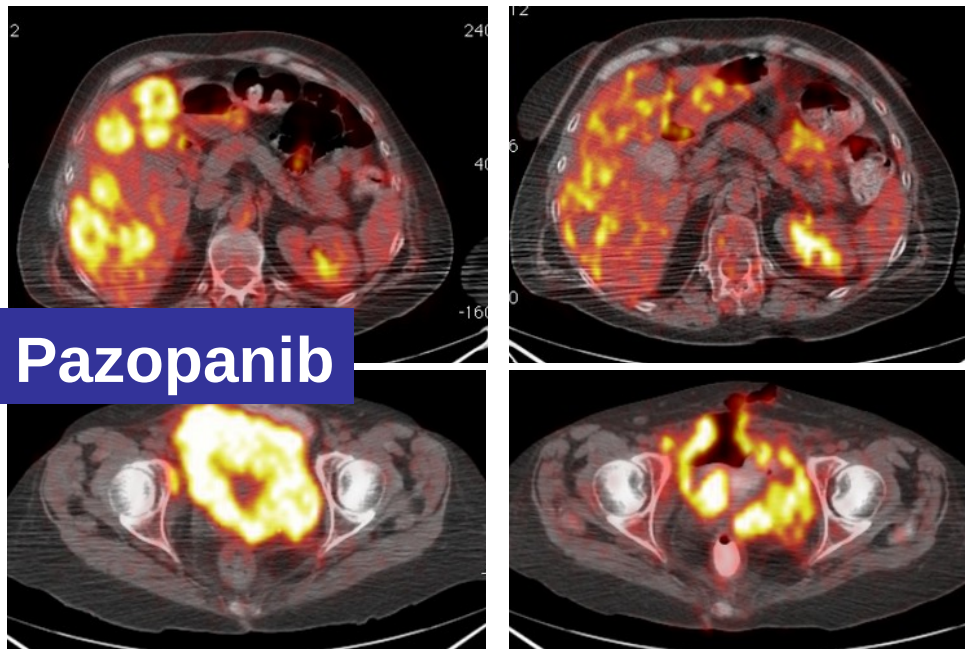
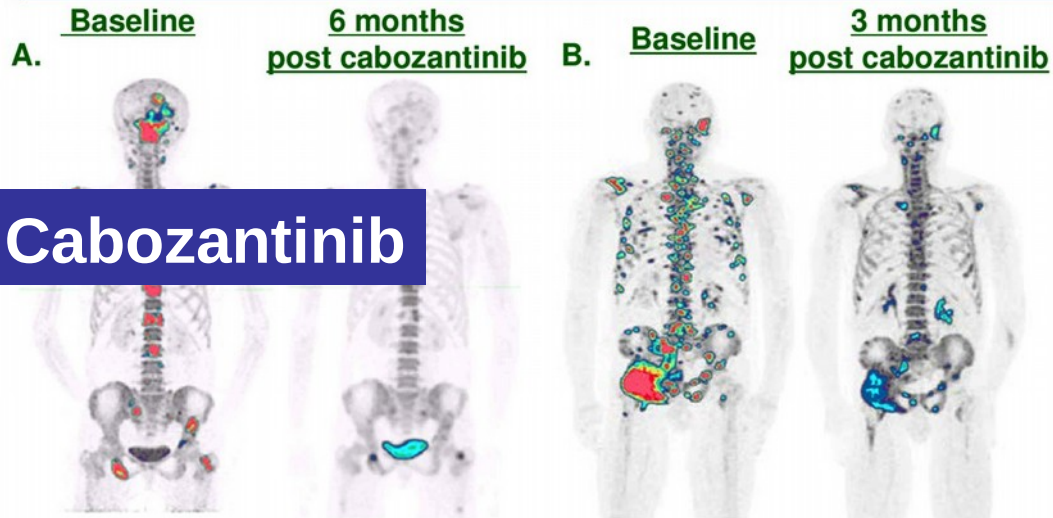
Adverse Event	Trial 1, No. (%) (n = 33)					Trial 2, No. (%) (n = 9)	
	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 3-4			Grade 3	Grade 4
			Overall (n = 33)	Initial Cohort (n = 15)	Reduced Cohort (n = 18)		
Anemia	7 (21)	3 (9)	10 (30)	5 (33)	5 (28)	0	1 (11)
Neutropenia	15 (46)	8 (24)	23 (70)	12 (80)	11 (61)	1 (11)	1 (11)
Thrombocytopenia	8 (24)	11 (33)	19 (58)	10 (67)	9 (50)	1 (11)	0
Anorexia	2 (6)	0	2 (6)	0	2 (11)	1 (11)	0
Diarrhea	2 (6)	0	2 (6)	1 (7)	1 (6)	0	0
Fatigue	1 (3)	0	1 (3)	0	1 (6)	1 (11)	0
Hand-Foot Syndrome	2 (6)	0	2 (6)	1 (7)	1 (6)	0	0
Headache	1 (3)	0	1 (3)	1 (7)	0	0	0
Hematuria	0	0	0	0	0	1 (11)	0
Hemorrhage	0	0	0	0	0	4 (44)	0
Hypertension	1 (3)	0	1 (3)	0	1 (6)	0	0
Hypomagnesemia	2 (6)	0	2 (6)	1 (7)	1 (6)	0	0
Infection	0	0	0	0	0	2 (22)	0
Nausea	0	0	0	0	0	1 (11)	0
Vomiting	0	0	0	0	0	2 (22)	0
Ulcer	0	0	0	0	0	1 (11)	0

Galsky MD, Clin Genitourin Cancer 2013

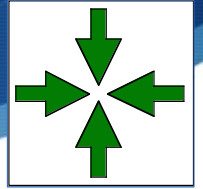
See also: Balar AV, ASCO 2012

Toxicity: see also Lerner SP, ASCO 2011 and Galsky MD, ASCO 2010

# Angiogenesis & the Dilemma of evaluating response



# How can we do better?



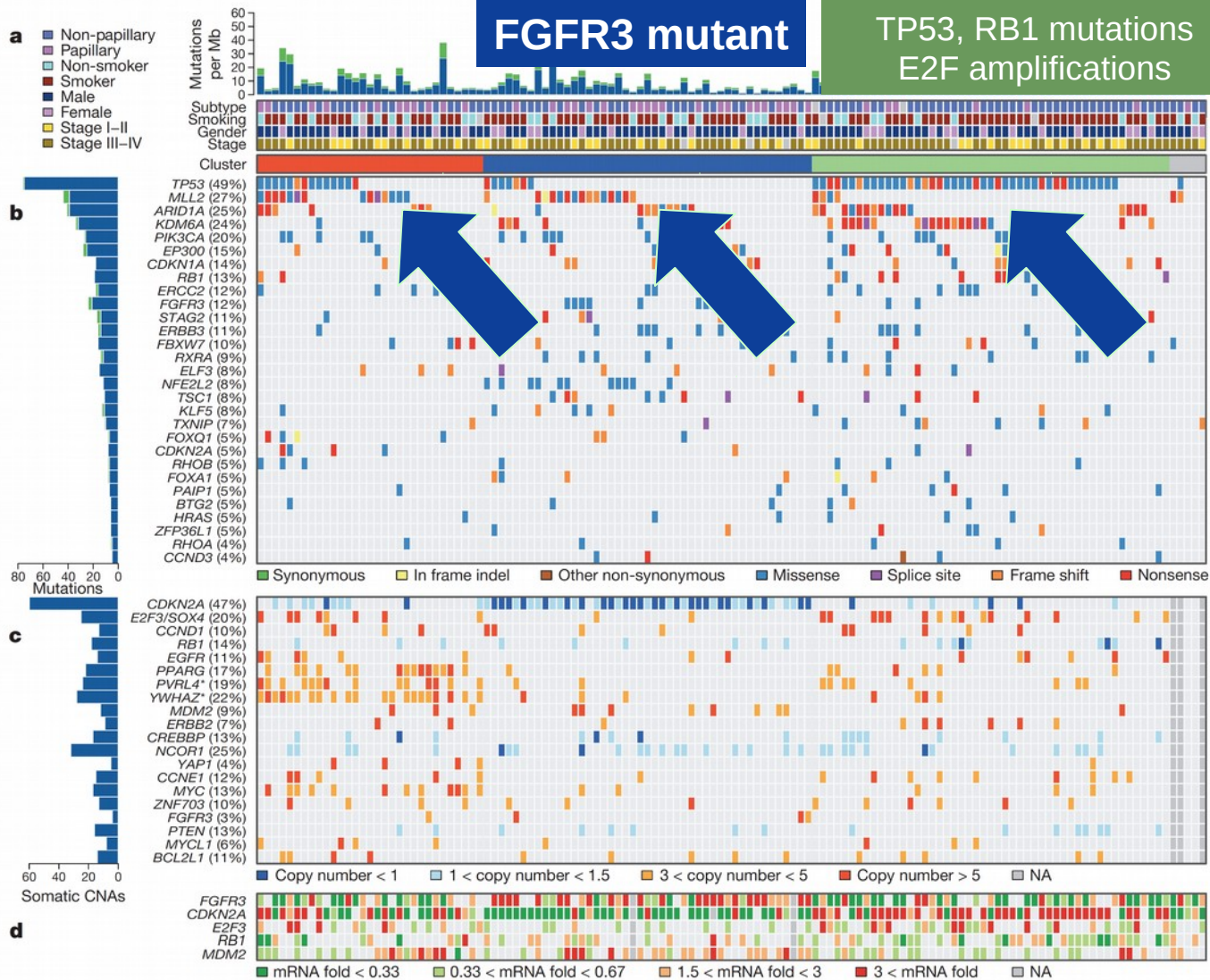
- ▶ Improving therapeutic options
  - ▶ *A myriad of targetable genomic alterations*

Luminal Breast cancer  
High HER2/ESR2 expression level

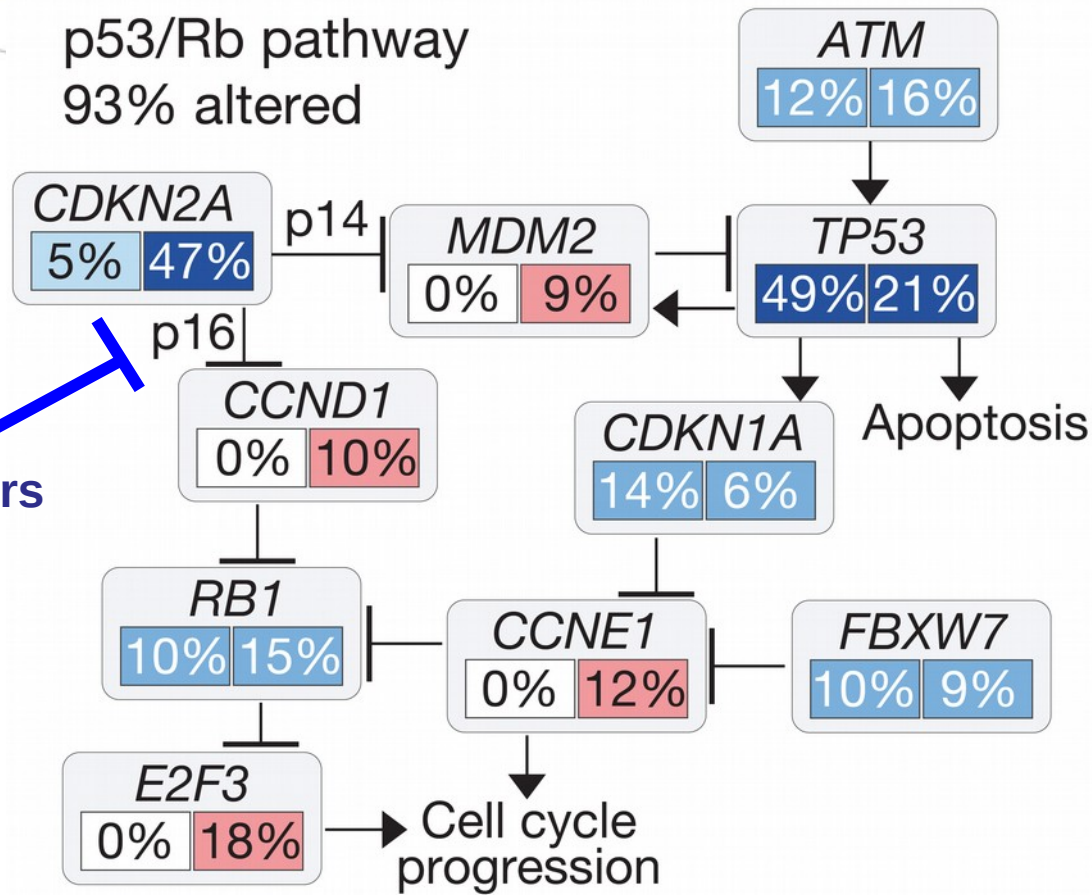
Basal-like breast cancer  
HNSCC and Lung SCC

FGFR3 mutant

TP53, RB1 mutations  
E2F amplifications



p53/Rb pathway  
93% altered

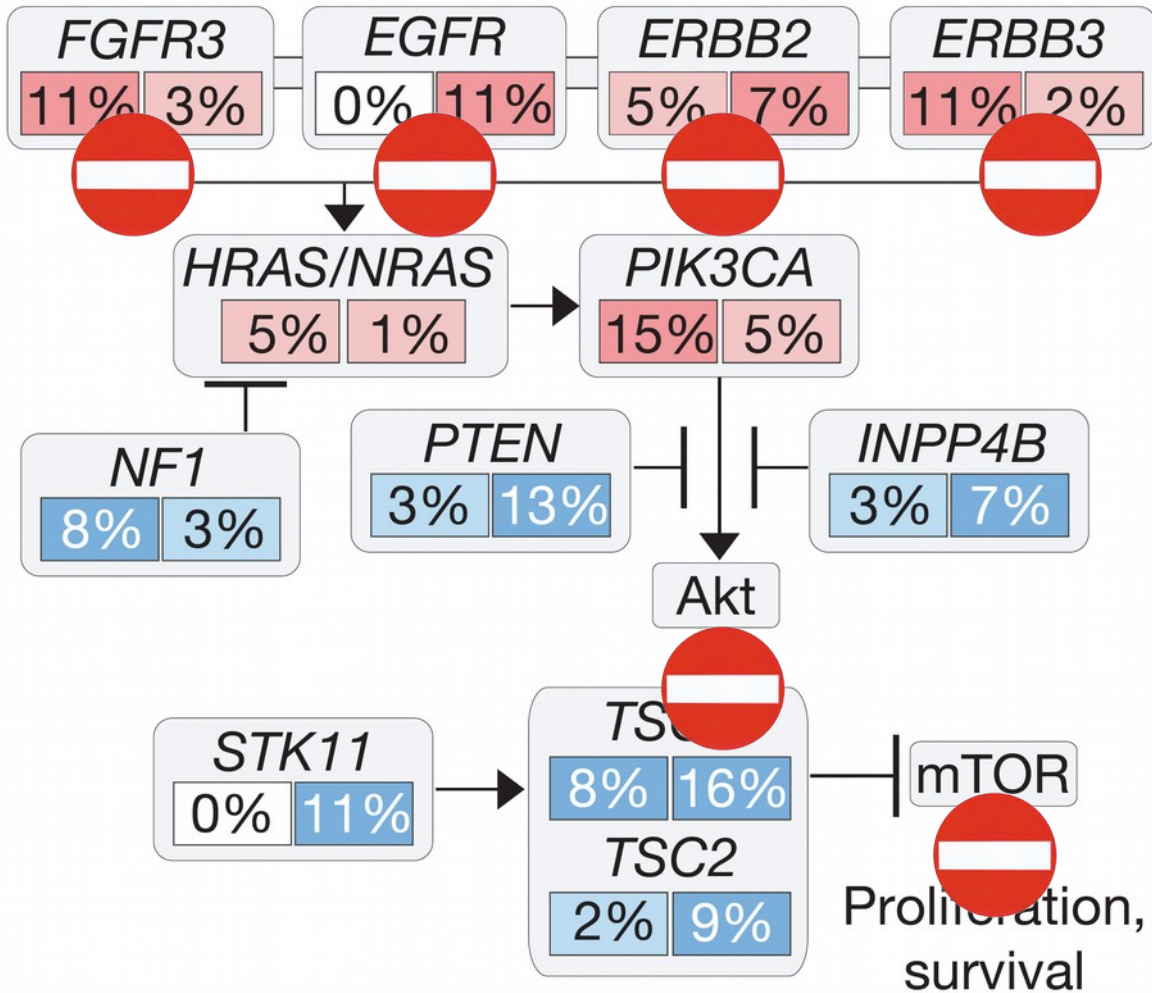


CDK4/6 Inhibitors  
(Palbociclib)

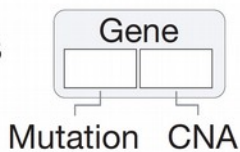


**Study Title:** A pre-clinical study of the selective CDK4\_6 Inhibition PD0332991 (Palbociclib) in association with a selective MEK inhibitor PD-0325901 in transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) of the bladder.

# RTK/Ras/PI(3)K pathway, 72% altered



Pathways legend



Per cent of cases  
Inactivating Activating

# Final results of a multicenter, open-label phase 2 trial of dovitinib (TKI258) in patients with advanced urothelial carcinoma with either mutated or nonmutated *FGFR3*.

- **Median PFS (FGFR3mut):**

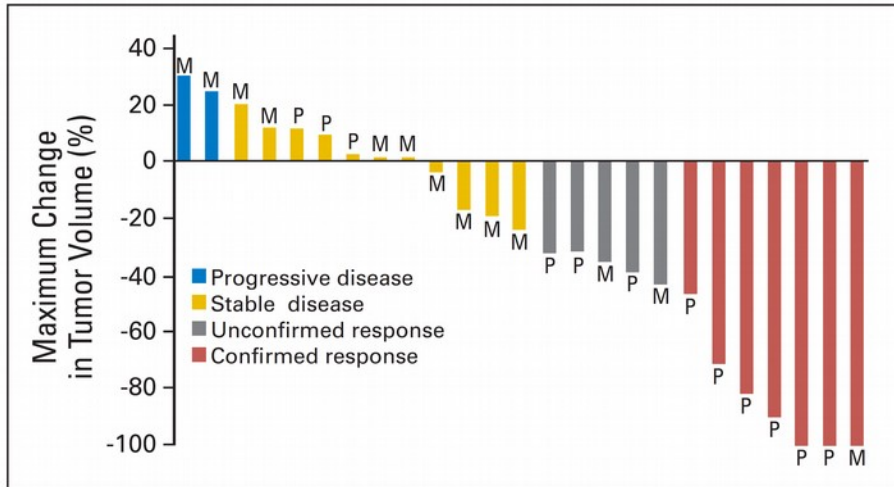
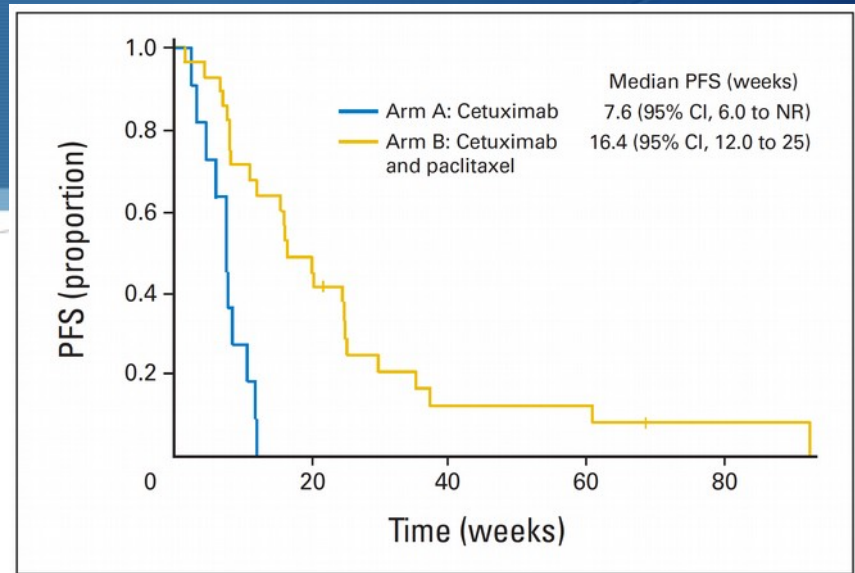
*3.0 months (95% CI, 1.6-3.6) vs PFS (FGFR3non-mut): 1.8 months (95% CI, 1.6-3.2)*

	FGFR3mut n=12	FGFR3non-mut n=31
Complete Response	0	0
Partial Response	0	1 (3.2)
Stable Disease	5 (41.7)	10 (32.3)
Progressive Disease	5 (41.7)	12 (38.7)
Unknown	2 (16.7)	8 (25.8)
Overall Response-Rate	0	1 (3.2)
Disease-control rate	3 (25.0)	8 (25.8)

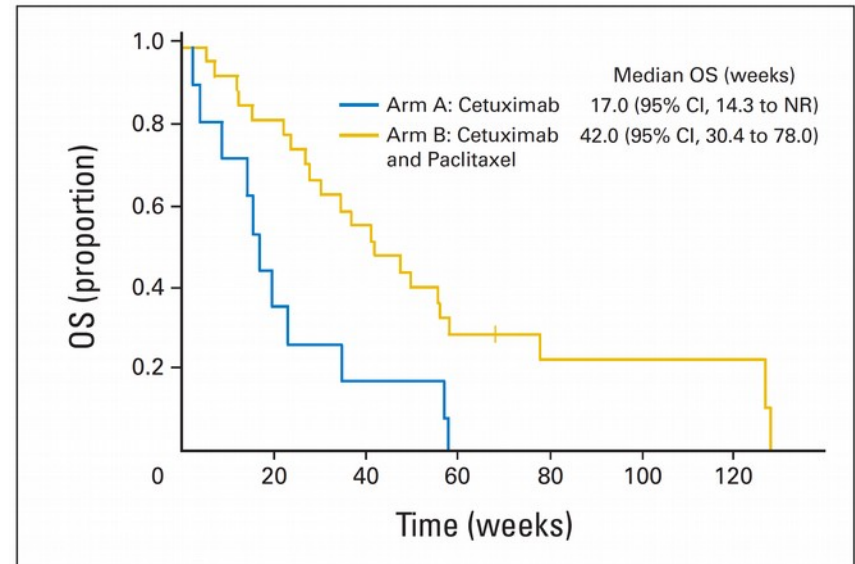
**Dovitinib has limited single-agent activity in patients with advanced UC regardless of FGFR3 mutation status**

# Cetuximab ± Paclitaxel in UC

PFS



OS





# UC-EGFR\_INT01: An open label, randomized, phase 2 study of paclitaxel and Panitumumab compared to paclitaxel alone in patients with relapsed or refractory, epidermal growth-factor receptor positive urothelial cancer.



- Histologically confirmed diagnosis of transitional cell tumors of the bladder or the urothelium.
- EGFR 2+ or 3+ at IHC
- ECOG PS: 0-2
- Metastatic disease.
- Measurable disease.
- **2nd and 3rd Line setting.**
- Neoadjuvant/adjuvant regimens will be counted provided that a relapse occurred within 6 months of the last cycle of chemotherapy.

## PRIMARY ENDPOINT: PFS

The primary endpoint of the study is to evaluate and compare the progression-free survival.

**Planned to start 07/2014**

**N=120**  
**EGFR 2+/3+**  
**UC**

**R** **2:1**

**Panitumumab 6 mg/kg IV BW**  
**+**  
**Paclitaxel 80 mg/m2 IV d1,8,15 q28**

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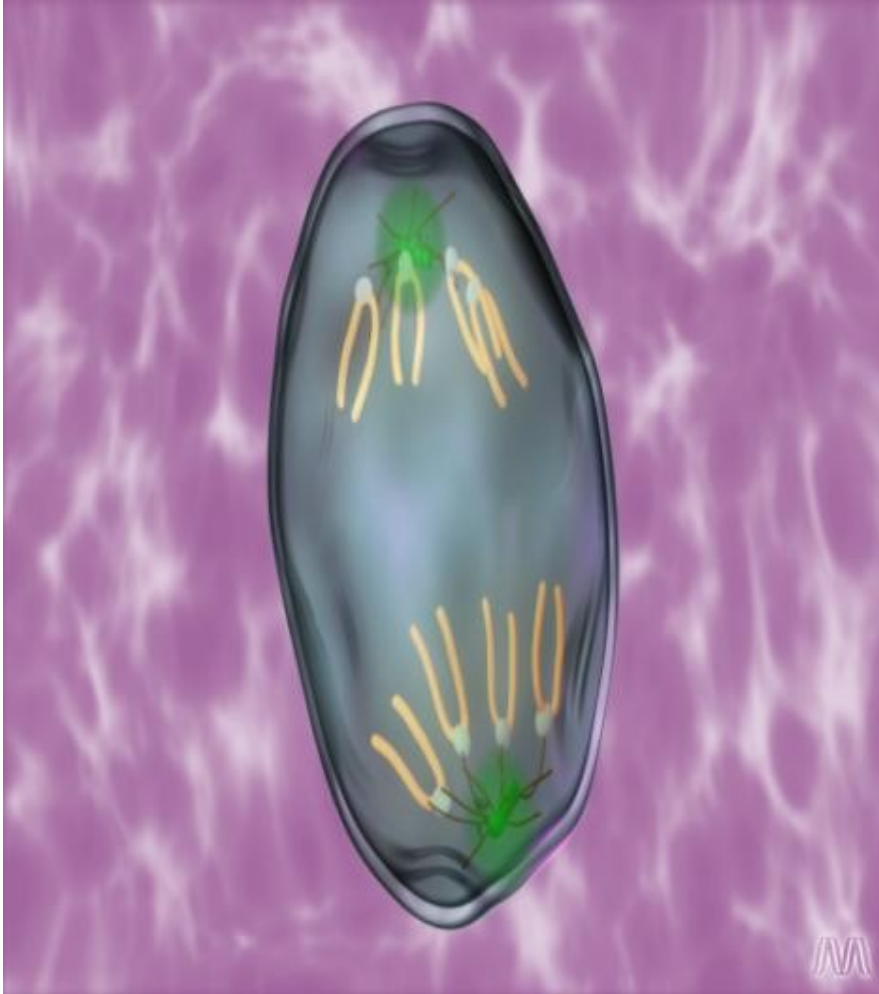
**Re-Staging:**  
**CT, ((RECIST 1.1))**  
**18FDG-PET/CT**

Every 2 cycles until PD

Stratification factors:

- 1) TFPC
- 2) ECOG-PS
- 3) Hemoglobin
- 4) Liver mets

# MLN8237 (alisertib): Overview



- Investigational small molecule inhibitor of Aurora A kinase (AAK)
  - AAK regulates aspects of cell mitosis
  - Administered orally
  - Clinical studies are evaluating dosing schedules and pharmacodynamics
  - Phase 1 and 2 trials are ongoing in patients with solid tumors and hematologic malignancies
  - Phase 3 trial initiated in relapsed/refractory peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL)

BLADDER CANCER

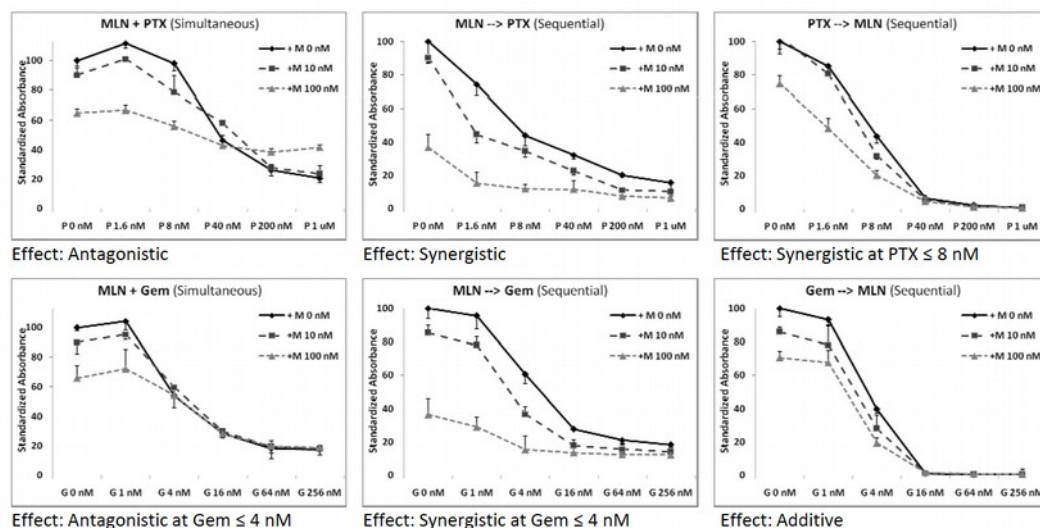
# Aurora kinase inhibitors light up the therapeutic horizon in bladder cancer

## Clinical Cancer Research



The investigational Aurora kinase A inhibitor MLN8237 induces defects in cell viability and cell cycle progression in bladder cancer cells in vitro and in vivo

Ning Zhou, Kamini Singh, Maria C Mir, et al.



Zhou N et al, Clin Cancer Res 2013

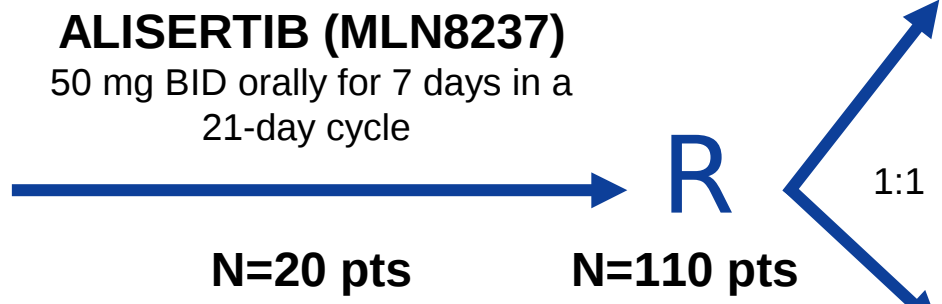
**UC-Aurora\_INT01. A Phase 2 study of the Aurora kinase A inhibitor Alisertib (MLN8237) in patients with relapsed or refractory transitional-cell carcinoma of the bladder and urothelial tract (ClinicalTrials.gov NCT02109328)**

**INCLUSION**

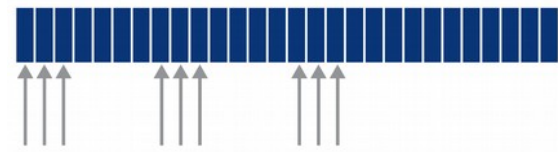
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**PRIMARY ENDPOINT**

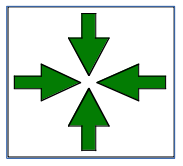
Response-Rate	Progression-free survival Median PFS (H0): 2.5 months to Median PFS (H1): 4.5 months [44% hazard rate reduction]
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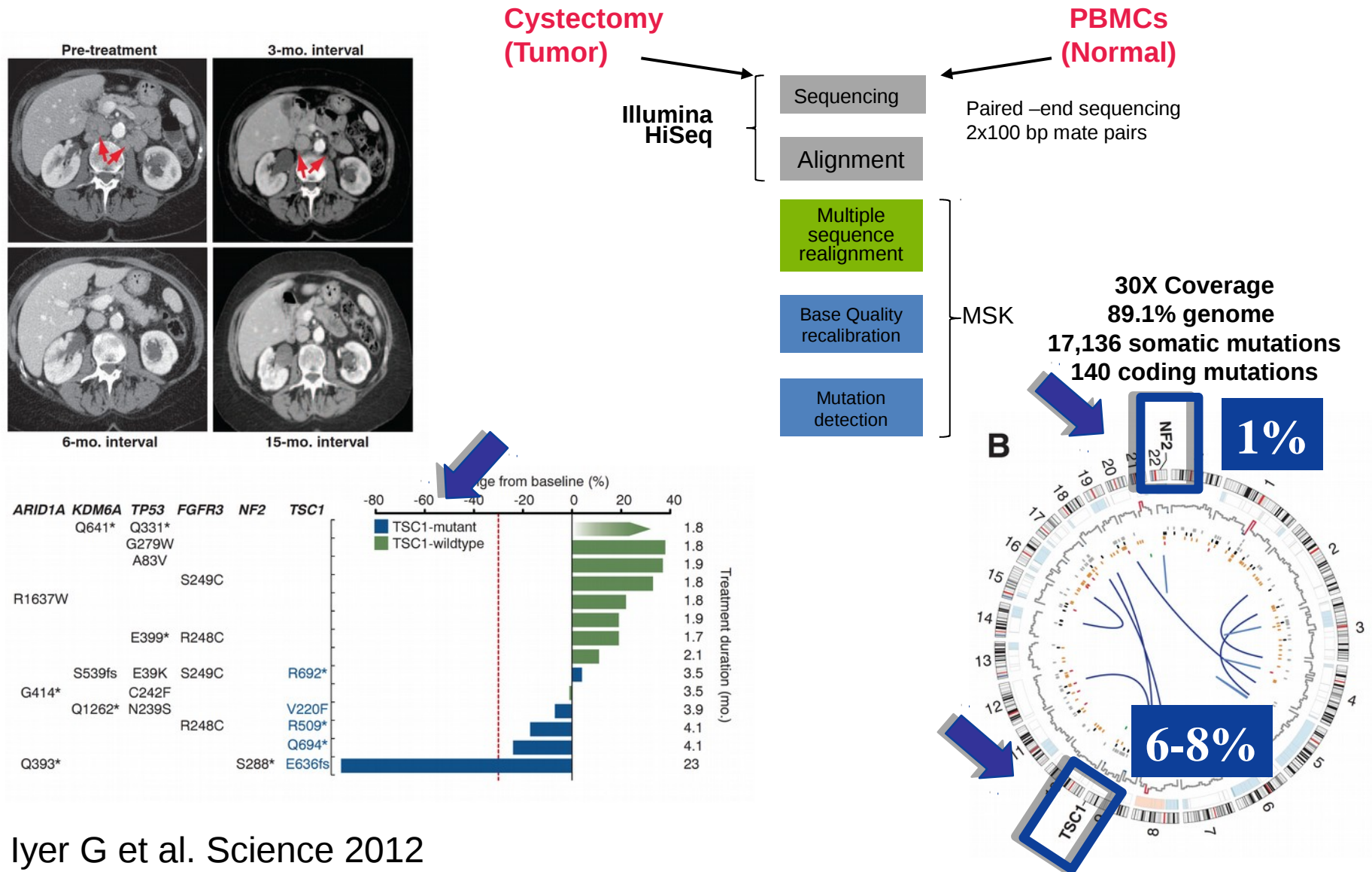
Paclitaxel 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> weekly + MLN8237 (alisertib) 40 mg BID on days 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17.



Paclitaxel 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> weekly + Placebo BID on days 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17.

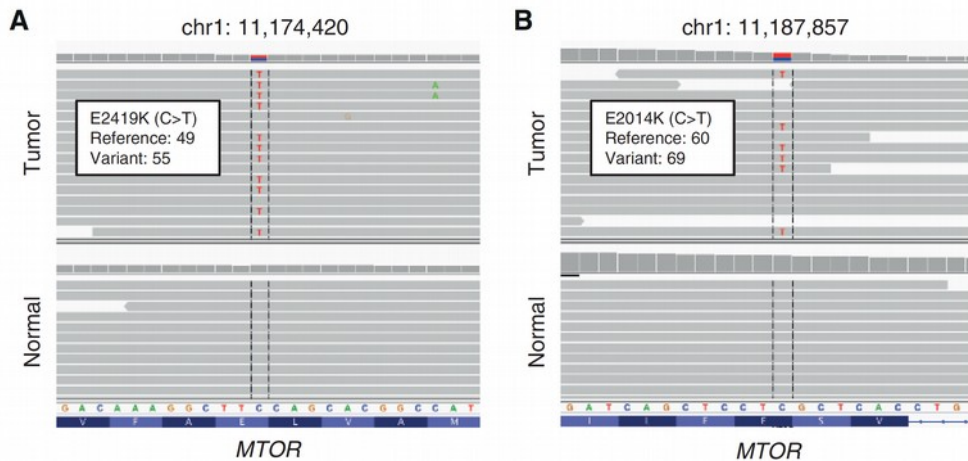


# Phase 2 MSKCC trial of Everolimus (mTORC1 inhibitor) in UC – negative trial with 1 CR/1 PR in 45 patients. The pt with CR remains NED on drug for 36 months

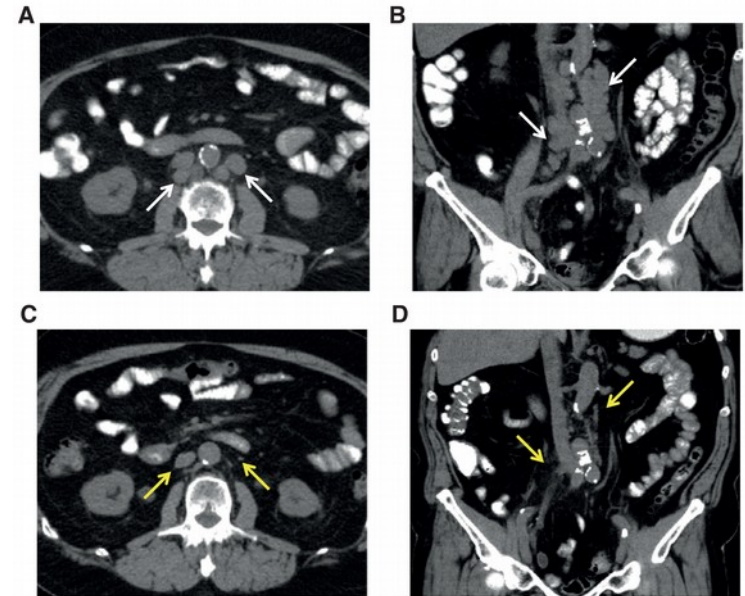


# A 70-year-old man with metastatic urothelial carcinoma with a 14-month complete response to everolimus and pazopanib

Baseline



Identification of two activating mTOR mutations in a patient with a complete response to everolimus and pazopanib.



+2 months

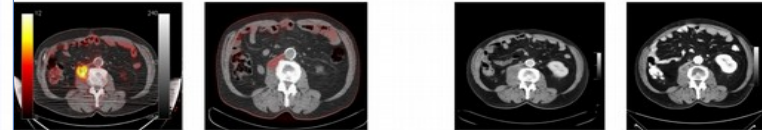
Wagle N et al, Cancer Discov 2014

- First-line Everolimus +/- Paclitaxel for cisplatin-ineligible patients with advanced Urothelial Carcinoma (NCT01215136)
- Gemcitabine and Split-Dose Cisplatin Plus Everolimus (RAD001) in patients with advanced solid tumor malignancies (NCT01182168)

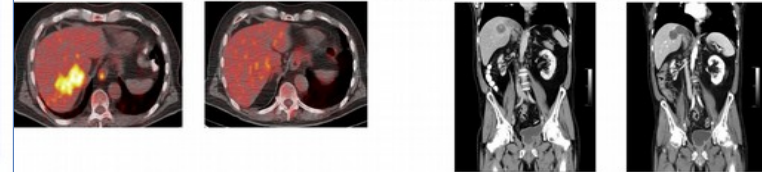
# Phase 2 INT trial of Pazopanib in UC – positive trial with 17% PR in 41 patients. One pt with PR remains progression-free on drug for >30 months

Patient ID	# Prior Platinum-based cycles	# Prior Drugs	Treatment Line	Best Response (Centralized Review*)	Duration of response (months, centralized review)	<sup>18</sup> FDG-PET/CT Response	Available Tissue for NGS	Blood/Urine available
01	10	6	3 <sup>rd</sup>	SD with cavitation	3.7	Y	Archival FFPE (cystectomy); FFPE Liver Biopsy under PZP	Y; at baseline and q4wks until PD
03	10	8	4 <sup>th</sup>	SD (borderline PR, -27%)	2.7	Y	Archival FFPE from cystectomy	Y; at baseline and q4wks until PD
04	12	6	3 <sup>rd</sup>	PR with necrosis	19.2 (ongoing at +32 months)	Y	Archival FFPE from Nephroureterectomy; archival FFPE from retroperitoneal LAD	Y; at baseline and q4wks until PD
22	5	2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	SD with necrosis	2.8	Y	FFPE + FFT of liver biopsy before and under PZP	Y; at baseline and q4wks until PD
30	3	3	4 <sup>th</sup>	SD with necrosis	3.2	Y	FFPR + FFT from liver biopsy at baseline and under PZP	Y; at baseline and q4wks until PD
15	4	4	2 <sup>nd</sup>	PD	≤1	N	Archival FFPE of cystectomy	Y; at baseline and q4wks until PD
16	4	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>	PD	≤1	N	Archival FFPE from cystectomy; FFPE + FFT of pelvic relapse before PZP	Y; at baseline and q4wks until PD
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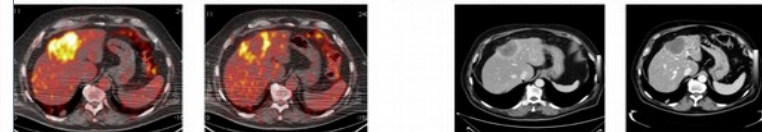
Pt. #04 (very long term PR, index case)



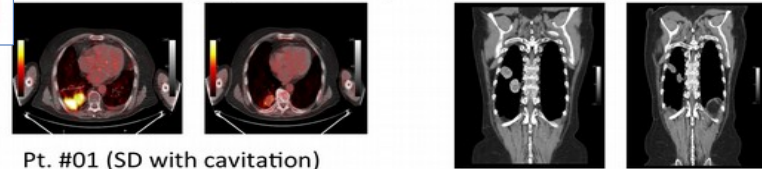
Pt. #22 (SD with necrosis and metabolic response)



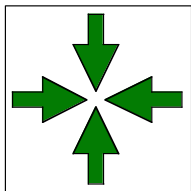
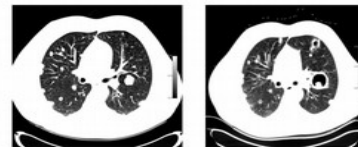
Pt. #30 (SD with necrosis and metabolic response)



Pt. #03 (SD, borderline PR, with metabolic response)



Pt. #01 (SD with cavitation)

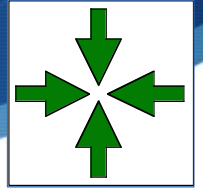


“Outlier” Approach to target sequencing analyses

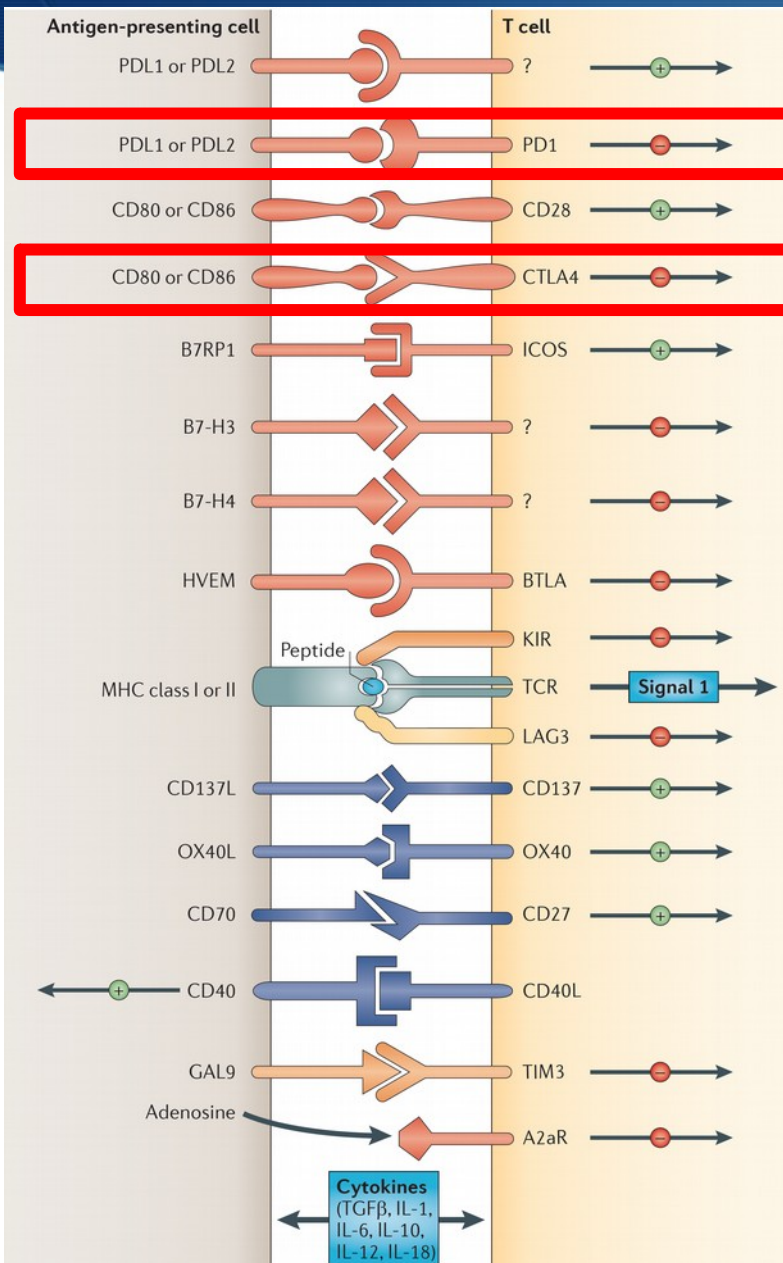




# How can we do better?



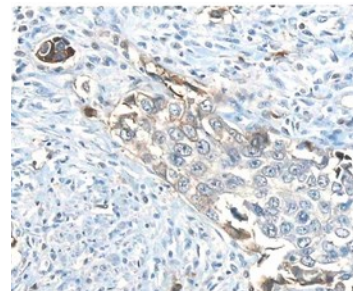
- ▶ Improving therapeutic options
  - ▶ ***Targeting the Immune System***



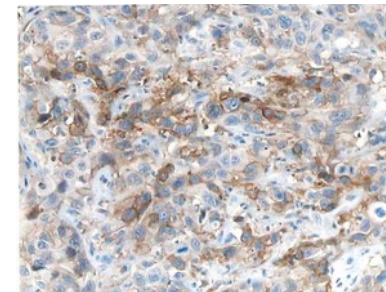
- Pre-operative Ipilimumab – window of opportunity trial (Carthon BC et al, Clin Cancer Res 2010)
- First-line IPI-Cis/Gem recruiting (ClinicalTrials.gov NCT01524991)

# PD-L1

Membrane staining



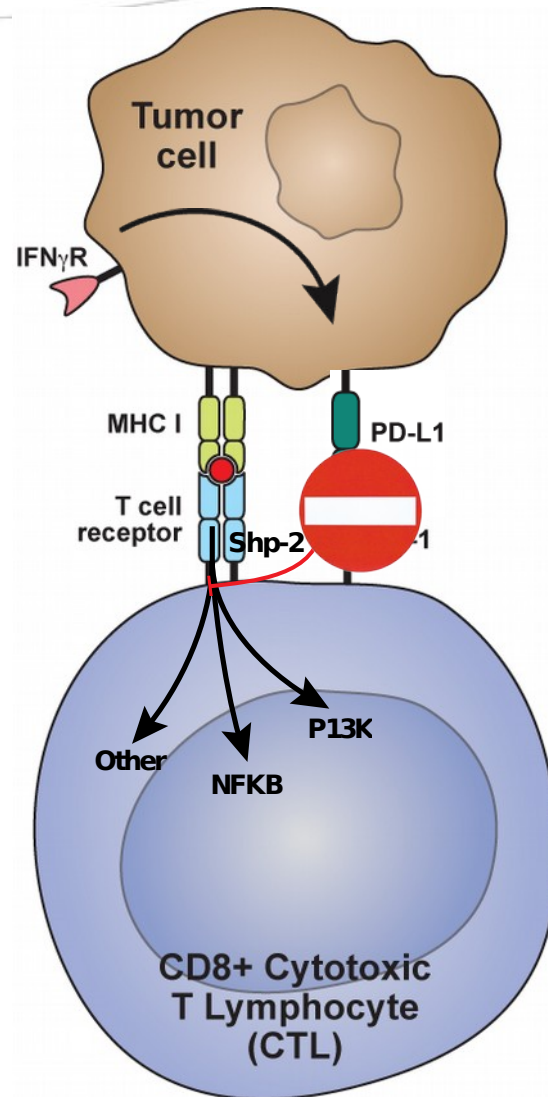
Membrane and cytoplasmic 3+ staining



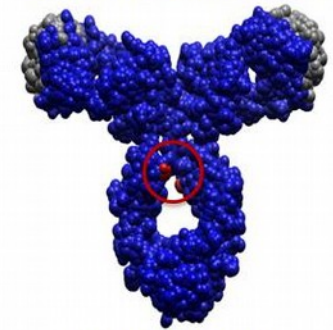
Overall PD-L1 IHC staining positivity=45% (30% 2+/3+)

# Targeting PD-L1 by MPDL3280A (Hoffman-La Roche Ltd)

PD-L1 expression can render the T-cell inactivated through engagement of the inhibitory receptor PD-1



**MPDL3280A:**  
Engineered to remove ADCC function



*IgG1 Engineered*

**GO29293:  
A PHASE II, MULTICENTER, SINGLE-ARM STUDY OF MPDL3280A IN  
PATIENTS WITH LOCALLY ADVANCED OR METASTATIC  
UROTHELIAL BLADDER CANCER**

**Objectives:**

Estimate RECIST v1.1 ORR of MPDL3280A in patients with UC who have 1) failed prior platinum 2) 1L patients unfit for platinum-containing regimen

**Key Eligibility**

- TCC histology
- Archival tissue available at baseline; measurable disease
- ECOG PS 0-1
- Locally Adv/Metastatic

**Cohorts**

- 1L: Cisplatin-ineligible
- 2L+: Progression after prior platinum

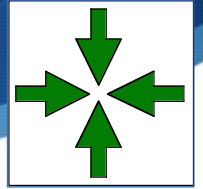
**Primary endpoint:** Objective Response Rate (ORR)

**Secondary endpoints:** Overall Survival, Duration of Response

MPDL3280A 1200 mg q3 wk x 16 cycles

**Clinicaltrials.gov: NCT02108652  
Study Sponsor: Hoffman-La Roche Ltd**

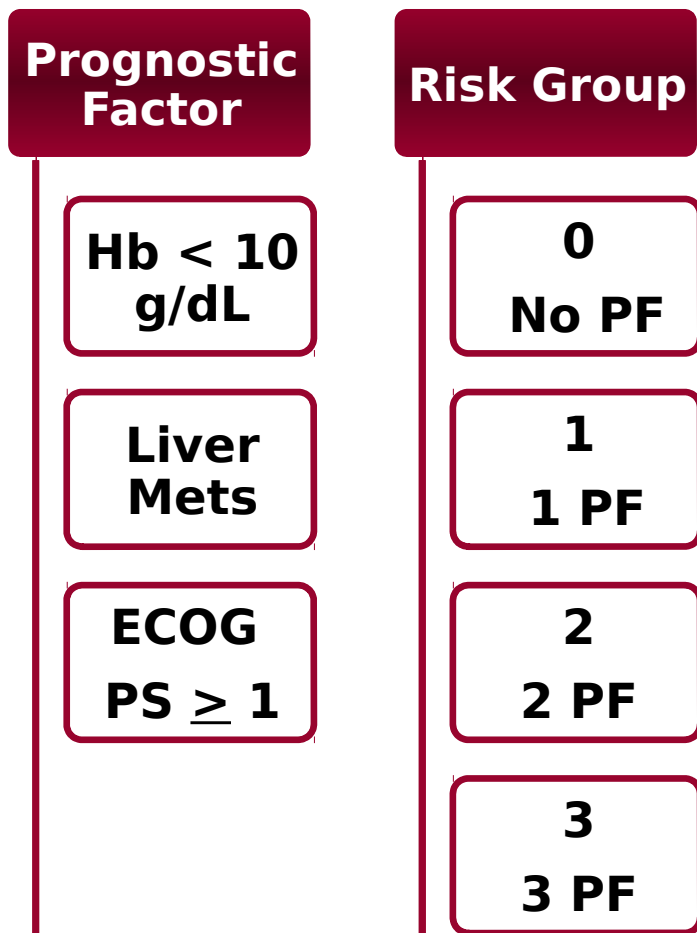
# How can we do better?



- ▶ Improving risk prediction/prognostic accuracy

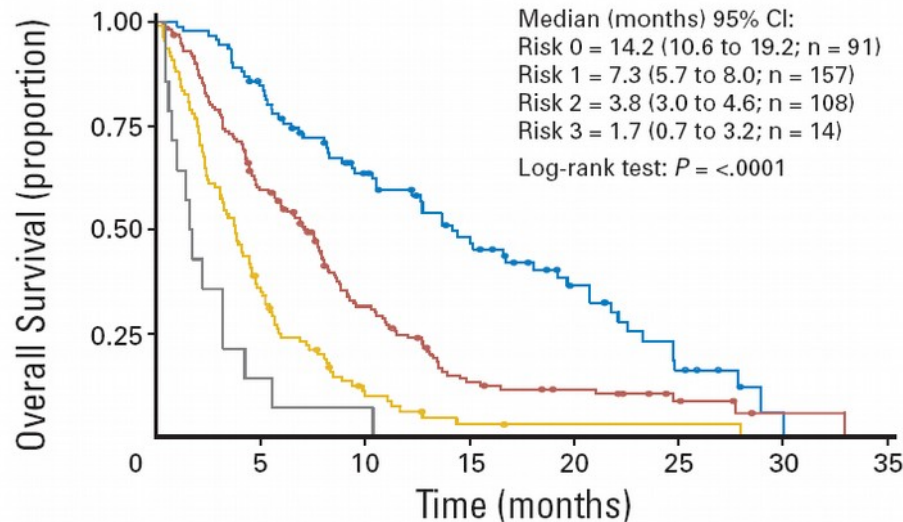
# Prognostic Factors in Patients With Advanced Transitional Cell Carcinoma of the Urothelial Tract Experiencing Treatment Failure With Platinum-Containing Regimens

Joaquim Bellmunt, Toni K. Choueiri, Ronan Fougeray, Fabio A.B. Schutz, Yacine Salhi, Eric Winquist, Stéphane Culine, Hans von der Maase, David J. Vaughn, and Jonathan E. Rosenberg



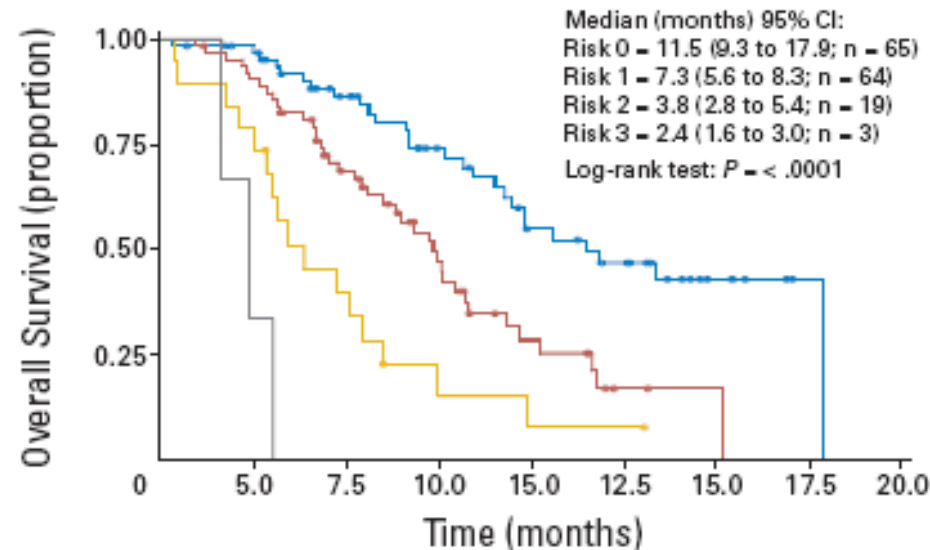
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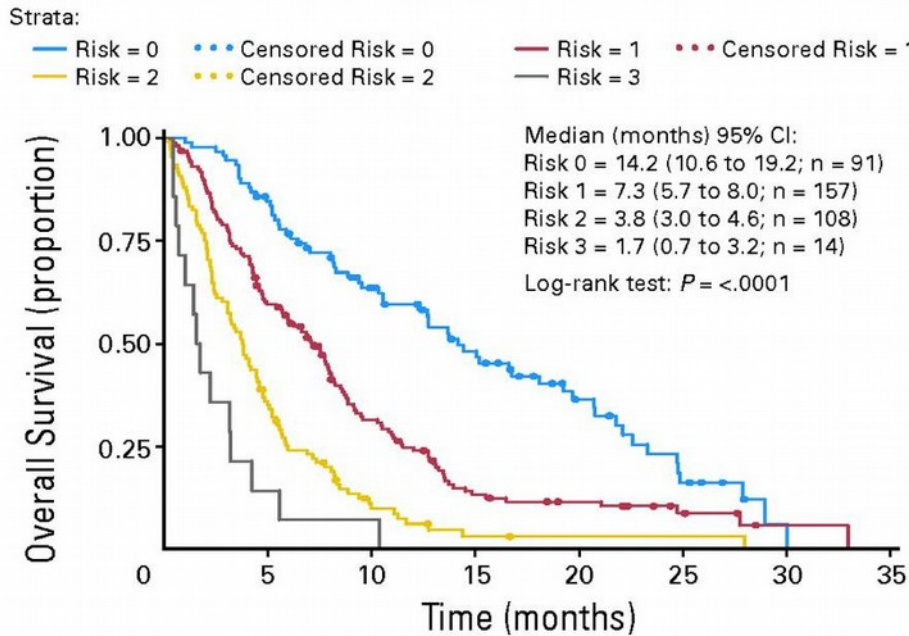
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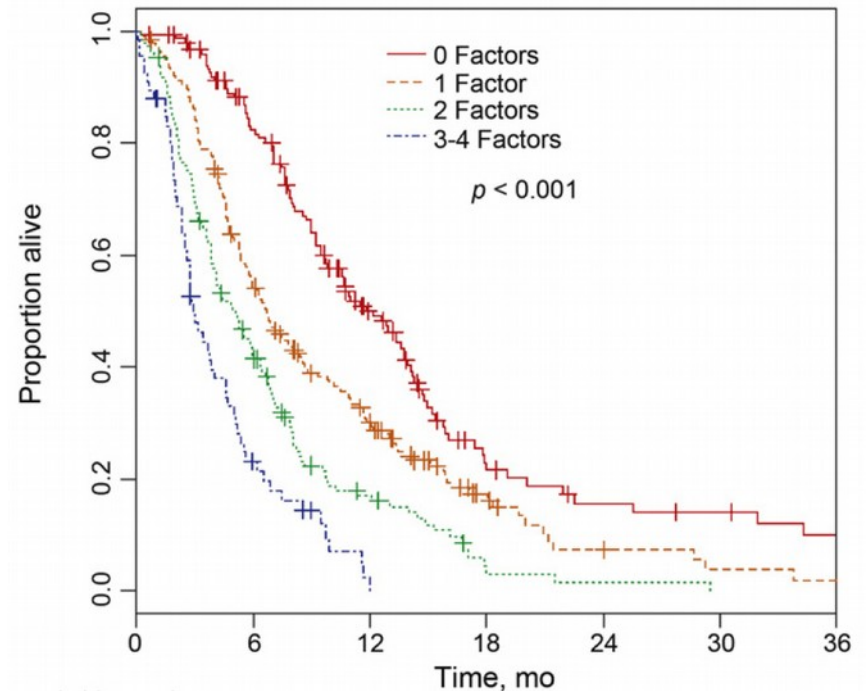


# Enhancing prognostic accuracy in second-line setting

Liver metastasis, Hb <10, ECOG-PS>0 + Time since prior CT



Bellmunt J et al, J Clin Oncol 2010



Sonpavde G et al, Eur Urol 2012

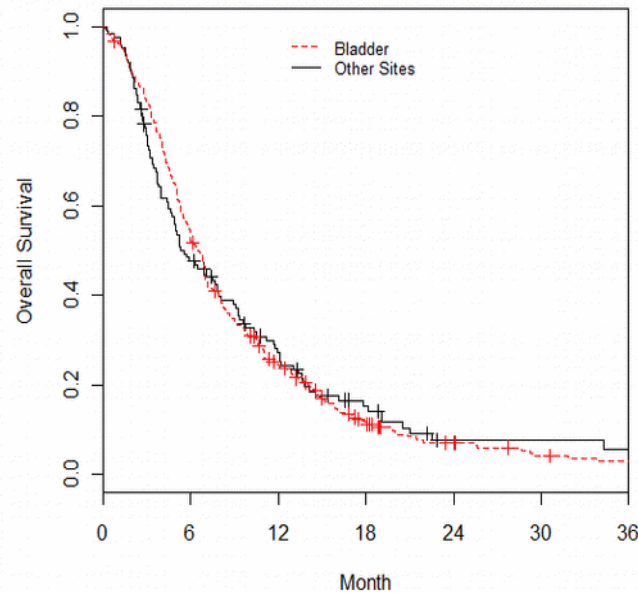
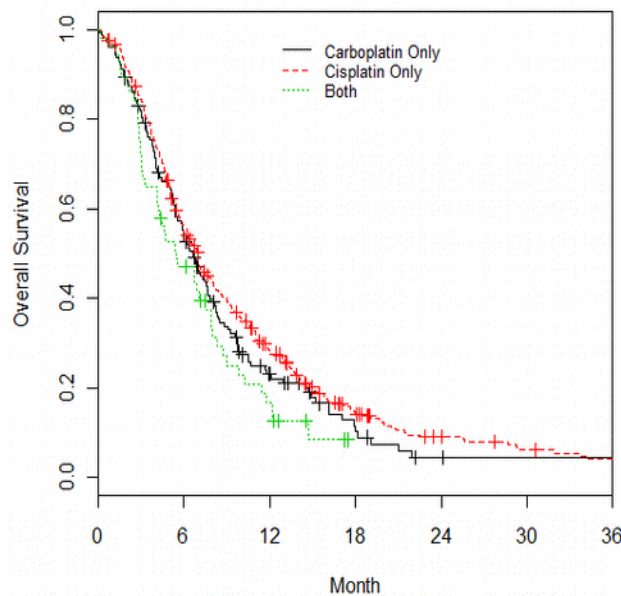
# Impact of prior platinum agent and site of primary in patients with advanced urothelial carcinoma receiving salvage therapy

Sonpavde G, Bellmunt J, Rosenberg JE, Bajorin DF, Regazzi AM, Choueiri TK, Qu AQ, Niegisch G, Albers P, Necchi A, Di Lorenzo G, Fougeray R, Wong YN, Sridhar SS, Ko YJ, Milowsky MI, Galsky MD, Pond GR

**731 patients overall**, 663 evaluable for prior platinum regimen and 512 for site of primary.

## Treatments:

vinflunine (N=151), docetaxel +/- vandetanib (N=148), paclitaxel-gemcitabine (N=98), sunitinib (N=77), volasertib (N=50), nab-paclitaxel (N=48), everolimus (N=45), pazopanib (N=43), cetuximab +/-paclitaxel (N=39) and paclitaxel-cyclophosphamide (N=32).



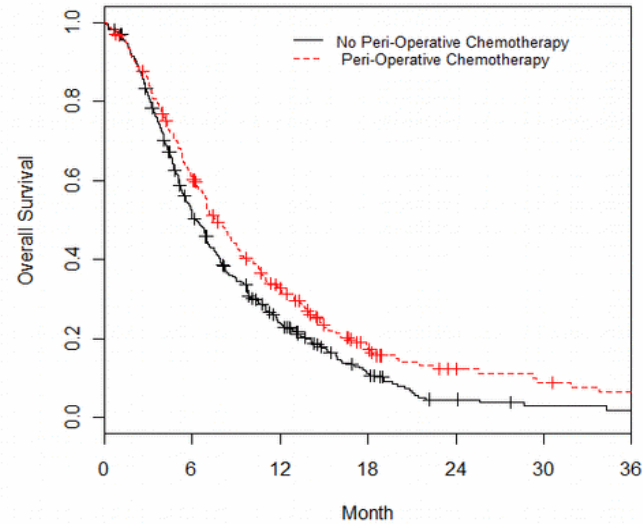
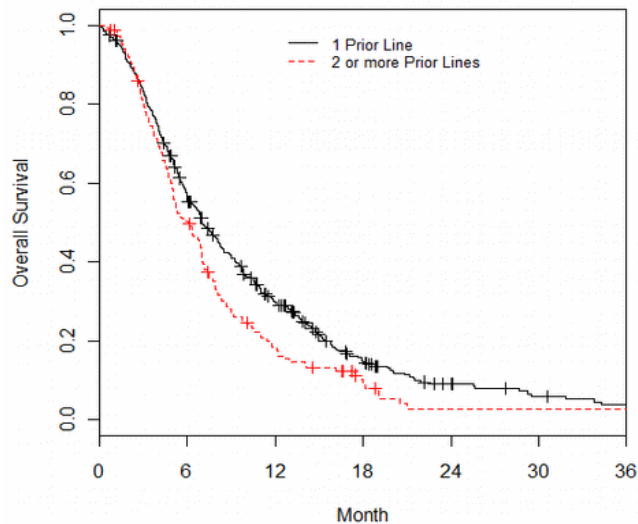


# Impact of number of prior lines of therapy and prior perioperative chemotherapy in patients receiving salvage therapy for advanced urothelial carcinoma: implications for trial design

Pond GR, Bellmunt J, Rosenberg JE, Bajorin DF, Regazzi AM, Choueiri TK, Qu AQ, Niegisch G, Albers P, Necchi A, Di Lorenzo G, Fougeray R, Wong Y-N, Sridhar SS, Ko Y-J, Milowsky MI, Galsky MD, Sonpavde G

## 711 evaluable patients.

The trials evaluated vinflunine (N=151), docetaxel +/- vandetanib (N=147), paclitaxel-gemcitabine (N=83), sunitinib (N=77), nab-paclitaxel (N=48), volasertib (N=46), everolimus (N=45), pazopanib (N=43), cetuximab +/-paclitaxel (N=39) and paclitaxel-cyclophosphamide (N=32).



# Recommendations for patient eligibility and trial design for the salvage therapy of advanced urothelial carcinoma

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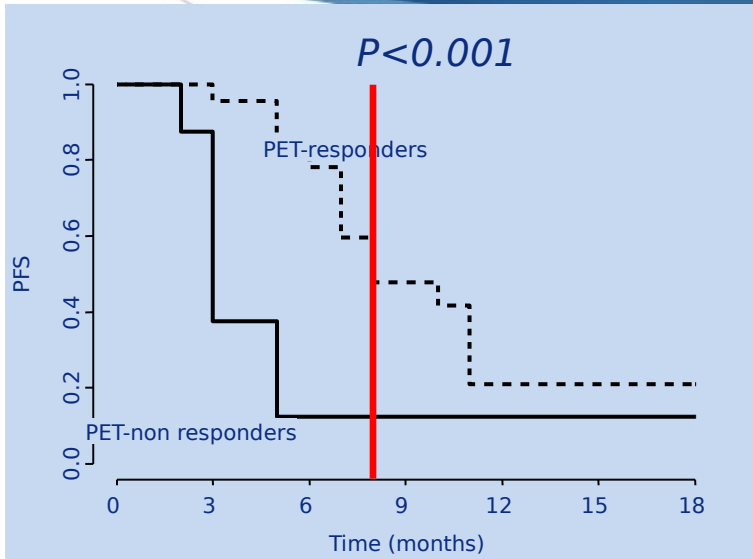
## Eligibility criteria for all trials of salvage therapy for advanced UC

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>
Number of prior lines of therapy	≤2 including perioperative therapy
Prior perioperative therapy as only prior regimen	Yes if < 1 year earlier
Prior therapy for metastatic disease	Not required
Prior cisplatin or carboplatin	Required
Site of primary tumor: bladder or other	Both allowed
Primary refractory disease to first-line therapy	Allowed

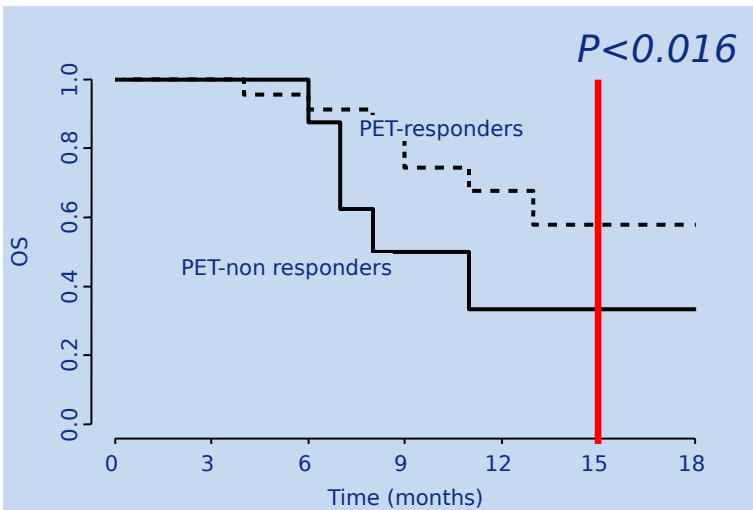
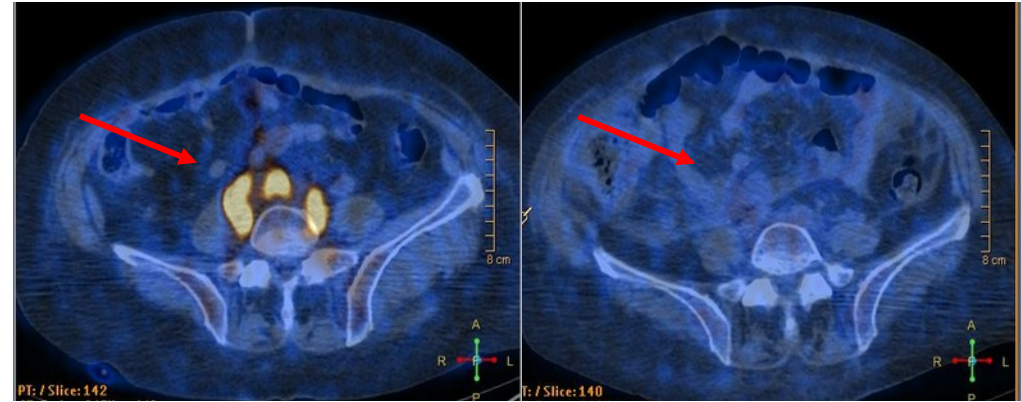
## Stratification factors in randomized trials

<u>Stratification factor</u>	<u>Required?</u>
Performance status	Yes
Hemoglobin	Yes
Liver metastasis	Yes
Time from prior chemotherapy	Yes
Prior perioperative chemotherapy	No
Response to prior therapy	No
Number of prior lines of therapy	Not required up to 2 lines
Site of primary (bladder vs. other)	No
Prior platinum agent (cisplatin vs. carboplatin)	No

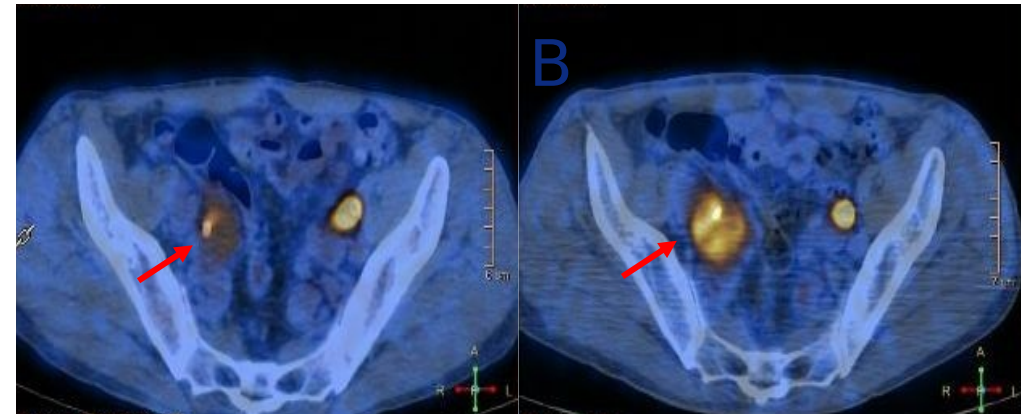
# Early FDG-PET (PET2) in advanced TCC (N=31)



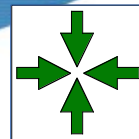
## PET2 RESPONDER



## PET2 NON RESPONDER



# Enumeration and molecular profiling of circulating tumor cells across the clinical stages



- Size-based (ScreenCell) and EpCAM-based (AdnaTest) approaches

## Prevalence of circulating tumor cells in bladder cancer (baseline)

Clinical setting	AdnaTest	ScreenCell
Pts with MIBC (neoadjuvant setting, NA)	6/16 ( <b>38%</b> )	11/12 ( <b>92%</b> )
First-line setting (MVAC)	18/34 ( <b>53%</b> )	15/20 ( <b>75%</b> )
Second-line setting (Salvage PF-03446962)	9/14 ( <b>64%</b> )	10/11 ( <b>91%</b> )

## Metastatic 1st line setting:

	Overall		CR+PR		SD+PD		CR		PR+SD	
	#cases (#events)	8-month PFS	#cases (#events)	8-month PFS	#cases (#events)	8-month PFS	#cases (#events)	8-month PFS	#cases (#events)	8-months PFS
<b>CTC (ADNA test)</b>										
Negative	13 (6)	48%	8 (2)	71%*	5 (4)	0%	3 (0)	3/3	7 (3)	50%**
Positive	16 (8)	25%	12 (5)	30%*	4 (3)	25%	3 (0)	3/3	11 (6)	0%**



# Concluding remarks



It will be a good time for Bladder cancer specialists to:

- Improve the results in the advanced disease
- Improve the prognostic allocation and patient stratification
- Shape new treatment paradigms based on molecular understanding
- Investigate on novel trial design

Academia investment

**BUT**

- We need a trial infrastructure (EORTC SPECTA-mode) due to low frequency of each molecular subtype.
- Funding and Reimbursement: who pays for the trial requirements (including molecular assays) if a small percent of patient qualify for a “targeted trial”?
- Bureaucracy: causes delays in starting enrollment and finalizing successful trials (or early terminating unsuccessful ones) and hampers recognition of groundbreaking drugs.

Industry cooperation



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