

# ADC Combos in the Perioperative Setting: Will Efficacy Outperform the Potential Risks?

**Vadim S. Koshkin, MD**

**Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine  
Division of Hematology/Oncology, Department of Medicine  
University of California San Francisco  
Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center  
San Francisco, CA**

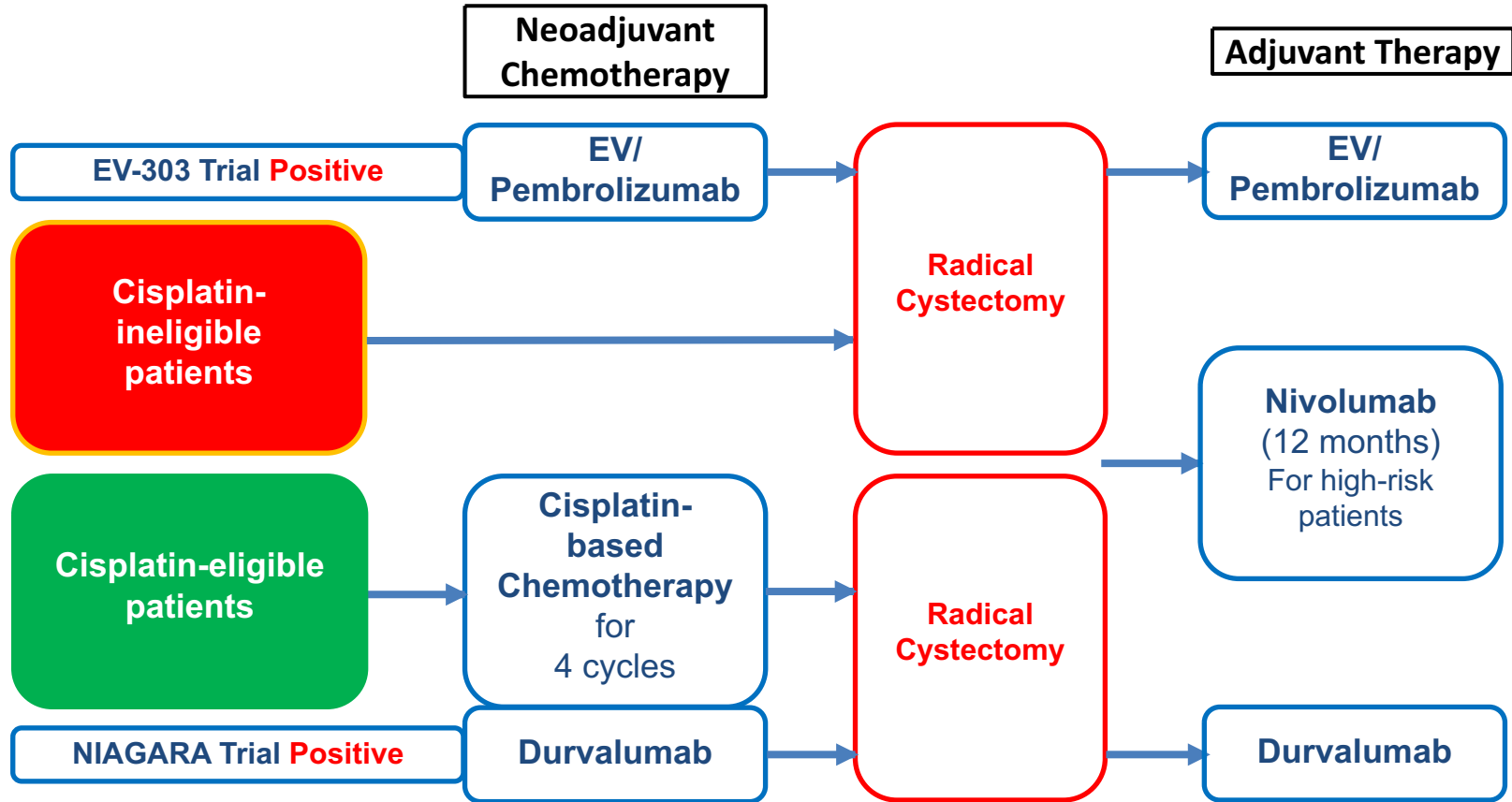
# Disclosures

**Research Support (Institution):** Curium, Eli Lilly, Endocyte/Novartis, Gilead, Merck, Nektar, Seagen/Pfizer and Taiho

**Research Funding:** Eli Lilly, Astellas/Merck, Prostate Cancer Foundation

**Consulting or Advisory Role:** Astellas, AstraZeneca, Bicycle Therapeutics, BMS, Janssen, Loxo Oncology, MSD, Pfizer/Seagen, Roche, Tempus

# Perioperative Setting: Evolving Standard of Care



# Recent Advances in Perioperative Treatment: Two Positive Registrational Studies and Others to Come

	Clinical Trial	N	Treatment Arms	Control Arm
CISPLATIN ELIGIBLE	NIAGARA <sup>3</sup>	1063	Durvalumab + GC	GC
	KEYNOTE-866 <sup>1</sup>	907	Pembrolizumab + GC	GC
	KEYNOTE-B15/EV-304 <sup>2</sup>	784	Pembrolizumab + EV	GC
	ENERGIZE <sup>4</sup>	861	Nivolumab + GC	GC
CISPLATIN INELIGIBLE	KEYNOTE-905/EV-303 <sup>5</sup>	857	A: Pembro + EV B: Pembro monotherapy	RC
	VOLGA <sup>6</sup>	830	A: Durva/Tremi + EV B: Durva + EV	RC

1. NCT03924856. 2. NCT04700124. 3. NCT03732677. 4. NCT03661320.  
5. NCT03924895. 6. NCT04960709. 7. NCT04871529.

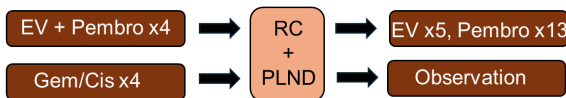
EV: Enfortumab vedotin  
GC: Gemcitabine/cisplatin  
RC: Radical cystectomy



# Registrational Perioperative Trials with ADC: Enfortumab Vedotin / ICI Combinations

## Cisplatin-eligible

**EV-304/KN-B15 (NCT04700124):**



**Primary endpoint:**  
Event free survival (EFS)

**N=808**

**Secondary endpoints:**  
OS, pCR, DFS, AE

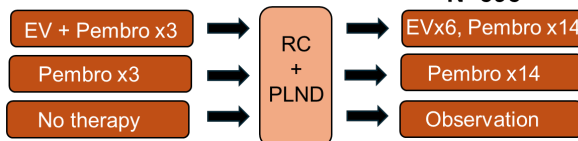
### Inclusion criteria:

- cT2 - T4a
- cN0-N1 M0
- ≥ 50% urothelial histology
- Cisplatin-eligible
- all adj. ttr vs observation

## Cisplatin-ineligible

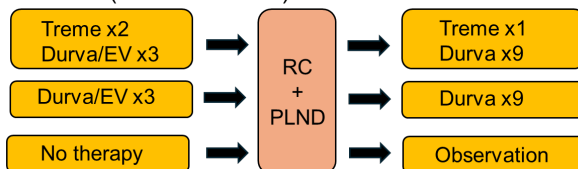
**EV-303/KN-905 (NCT03924895):**

**N=595**



**VOLGA (NCT04960709):**

**N=712**



### Inclusion criteria:

- cT2 - T4a
- cN0-N1 M0
- ≥ 50% urothelial histology
- **Cisplatin-ineligible**
- all adj. ttr vs observation

### Primary Endpoints:

- EFS
  - EV 303: EV+P vs no ttr
  - VOLGA: separate for active arms vs no ttr

### Secondary Endpoints:

- OS, pCR, DFS, AE

## Potential Impact on Future Treatment in Perioperative Setting

- Possible new SOC
- High CR rates may support bladder sparing approaches (clinical trials)
- No all patients may need extensive adjuvant treatment

# EV-Based Regimens As Bladder-Sparing Approaches with Radiotherapy in MIBC

**EV-PRIME:** Phase Ib/II Trial of EV/Pembrolizumab with Concurrent RT for Patients with MIBC Interested in Bladder Preservation (*PI V. Koshkin*)

**CONSOLIDATE:** Phase I/II Trial of EV with Hypofractionated RT (PI C. Hassanzadeh)

## Phase Ib

3+3 Dose escalation of EV, Until Recommended Phase 2 dose (RP2D) is reached (n=6-18 Patients)

EV Dose Level 1: 0.75 mg/kg

EV Dose Level 2: 1.00 mg/kg

EV Dose Level 3: 1.25 mg/kg

(all with concurrent Pembrolizumab and standard fractionation RT as below)

## Phase II

### MIBC Patients (cT2-4aN0M0)

- Patients eligible for bladder-sparing trimodality therapy
- Ineligible for or unwilling to undergo radical cystectomy

Concurrent RT with Systemic Treatment of Each Dose Level of EV (Phase Ib) OR RP2D (Phase II) (n=29 patients)

Enfortumab vedotin (Day 1 and Day 8 of a 21-day cycle) x 2 cycles

AND

Pembrolizumab 200 mg (day 1 of 21-day cycle) x 2 cycles

WITH

Concurrent RT (64 Gy in 32 fractions of 2 Gy; 6.5 weeks total)

Pembrolizumab 200 mg (Day 1 of 21-day cycle) x 15 cycles (1 year total)

AND

Enfortumab vedotin (Day 1 and Day 8 of a 21-day cycle) x 3 cycles

### Patient population:

- UC Histology, Mixed Allowed
- T1-4N2-3 or T4N0
- No distant metastases
- No initial toxicity after induction EV (alone or combination with Pembrolizumab)

### Radiation:

Hypofractionated RT + Enfortumab vedotin (EV)

**\*Phase 1 Lead In:** 2 dose levels of EV for MTD

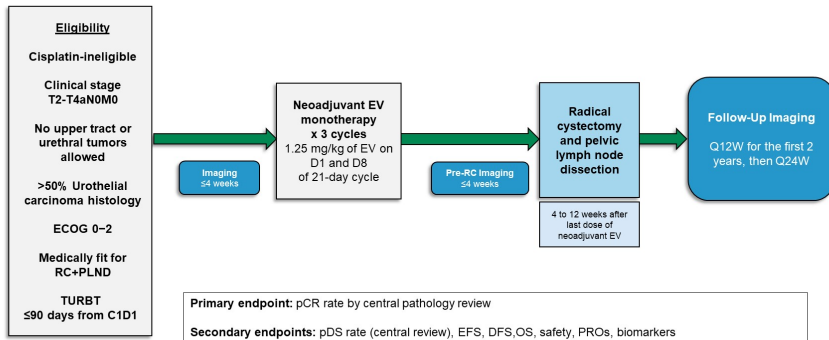
### Follow up:

SOC Imaging with or without cystoscopy  
Systemic therapy per physician discretion

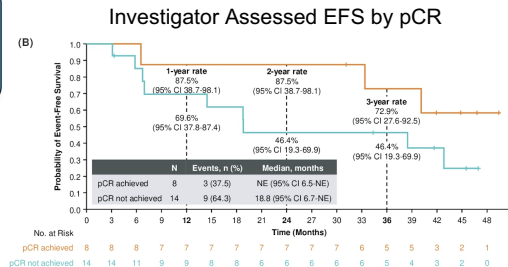


# EV Neadjuvant and Perioperative Data

## EV-103 Cohort H Study Design



Pathological Response	Central Pathology Results (N=22) n (%) [95% Confidence Interval]
<b>Pathological Complete Response Rate</b> (defined as absence of any viable tumor tissue: ypT0 and NO)	<b>8 (36.4%)</b> [17.2–59.3]
<b>Pathological Downstaging Rate</b> (defined as presence of ypT0, ypTis, ypT1a, ypT1, and NO)	<b>11 (50.0%)</b> [28.2–71.8]



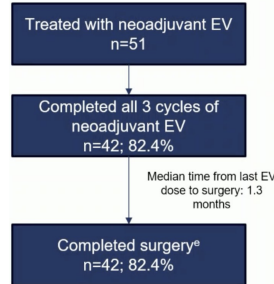
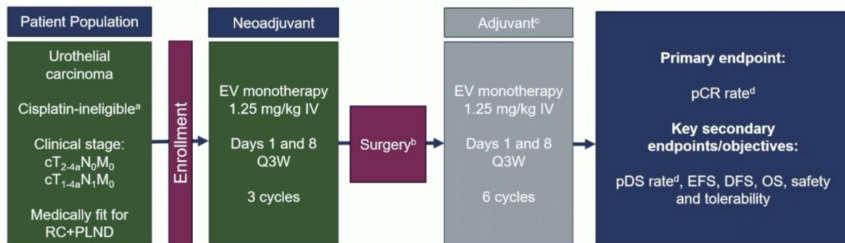
**Safety Data**

- 19/22 Patients completed all 3 cycles of neoadjuvant EV
- All 22 patients underwent surgery without delay

**Safety: Treatment Emergent Adverse Events**

EV-related TEAEs seen in ≥20% patients by preferred term	EV Mono (N=22)	Overall, 4 (18%) patients had Grade ≥3 EV-related TEAEs
Overall (all Grades)	22 (100)	• Grade 3 EV-related TEAEs included: asthenia, dehydration, erythema multiforme, hyperglycemia, post procedural urine leak, rash maculo-papular, small intestinal obstruction
Fatigue	10 (45.5)	
Alopecia	8 (36.4)	
Dysgeusia	8 (36.4)	
Diarrhea	6 (27.3)	
Nausea	6 (27.3)	• No EV-related Grade 4 TEAEs or deaths were observed
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	6 (27.3)	• 3 deaths occurred on the study: • Acute kidney injury • Cardiac arrest (related to RC+PLND) • Pulmonary embolism (related to RC+PLND)
Dry eye	5 (22.7)	
Rash maculo-papular	5 (22.7)	

## EV-103 Cohort L: Perioperative EV in Cisplatin-Ineligible MIBC



Pathological Response	Central Pathology Review (n=50) n (%) [95% CI]
<b>pCR</b> (defined as absence of viable tumor tissue: ypT0N0)	<b>17 (34.0)</b> [21.2–48.8]
<b>pDS<sup>c</sup></b> (defined as patients with <ypT2, including ypT0, ypTis, ypT1a, ypT1, and NO)	<b>21 (42.0)</b> [28.2–56.8]

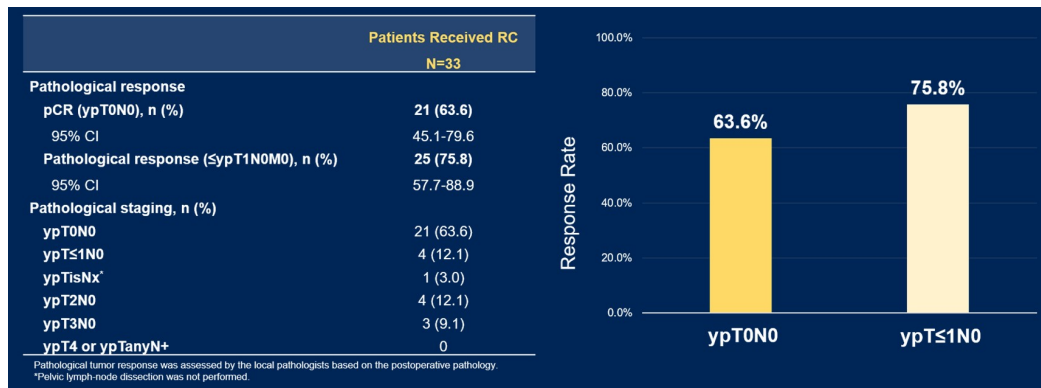
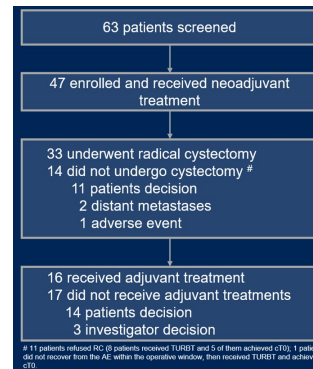
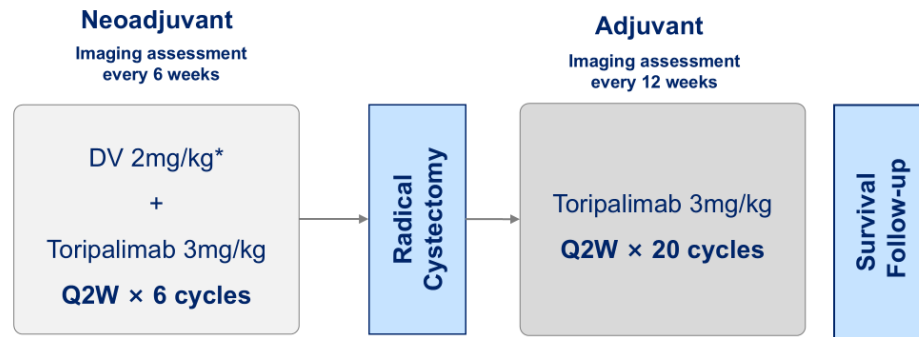
**EV AEs in Neoadjuvant Setting**

	EV-related TEAEs <sup>a</sup> (n=51) n (%)	
	Any grade	Grade ≥3
Overall	46 (90.2)	20 (39.2)
Fatigue	27 (52.9)	1 (2.0)
Rash maculo-papular	16 (31.4)	6 (11.8)
Nausea	15 (29.4)	-
Alopecia	14 (27.5)	-
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	14 (27.5)	1 (2.0)
Pruritis	12 (23.5)	-
Hyperglycemia	7 (13.7)	6 (11.8)

- One patient with EV-related death prior to surgery
- 31.4% pf pts had a RC-related TEAE ≥ grade 3
- No surgeries delayed due to EV-related TEAEs

# Disitamab vedotin (HER2-targeting ADC) + Toripalimab in MIBC

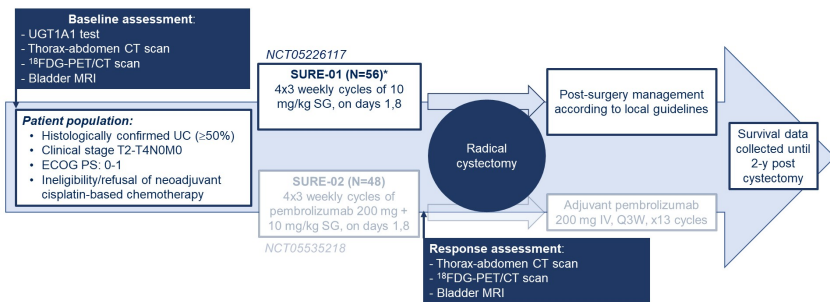
**Eligibility: HER2  $\geq 1+$ : (10.6% pts with HER2 IHC 1+, 57.4% IHC 2+, and 31.9% IHC 3+)**



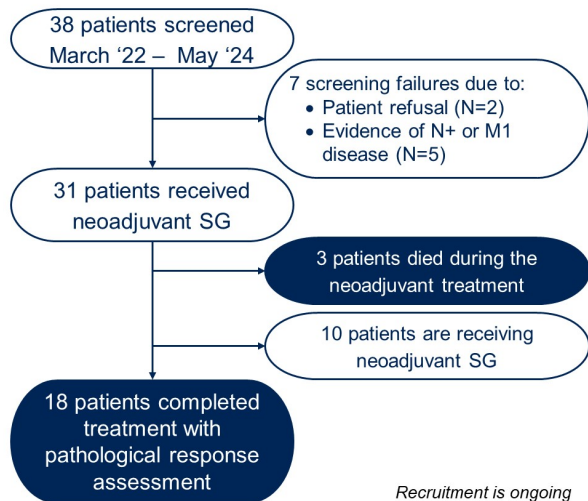
## Treatment-Related Adverse Events

Overall study period (except otherwise specified)	All patients (N=47) n (%)
<b>Treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs)</b>	47 (100)
Grade $\geq 3$	13 (27.7)
Grade $\geq 3$ (neoadjuvant phase)	8 (17.0)
Grade $\geq 3$ (adjuvant phase)	4/16* (25.0)
Serious adverse events	11 (23.4)
Leading to dose reduction	1 (2.1)
Leading to discontinuation of study treatment	8 (17.0)
Leading to discontinuation of neoadjuvant treatment	6 (12.8)
Leading to patient not undergoing radical cystectomy	1 (2.1)
Leading to discontinuation of adjuvant treatment	3/16* (18.8)
<b>Treatment-related adverse events*</b>	46 (97.9)
Grade $\geq 3$	10 (21.3)
Serious adverse events	6 (12.8)

# Sacituzumab Govitecan Neoadjuvant Trial: SURE-01



**Primary Endpoint:** ypT0N0 rate; **Secondary Endpoints:** ypT≤1N0 rate, EFS, OS, QoL, Safety (CTCAE v.5.0)



Protocol amended due to TRAEs after initial 8 patients

- G3-4 Neutropenia: 6/8 (75%).
- Timing of G3-4 TRAE onset: after C1D8 in 5/6 patients.
- G3-4 Diarrhea: 4/8 (50%; all after C1D8).
- Dose-reductions of SG: 6/8 (75%), the remaining 2 patients had treatment discontinuation/death.
- One treatment-related Grade 5 event (sepsis).
- One treatment-unrelated Grade 5 event.

## KEY PROTOCOL CHANGES<sup>a</sup>

Dose reduction of sacituzumab govitecan to 7.5 mg/Kg from C1D1.

Introduction of G-CSF use (Peg-GCSF) as primary prophylaxis since C1D9.

Exclusion of patients who had ≥3 risk factors for febrile neutropenia as indicated by the ASCO guidelines.\*

## Treatment-Related Adverse Events

Most common TRAEs	Any grade, N (%)	≥G3, N (%)
Anemia	31 (73.8)	1 (2.4)
Neutropenia	10 (23.8)	8 (19.0)
Alopecia	18 (42.8)	0
Diarrhea	16 (38.0)	7 (16.7)
Fatigue	13 (30.9)	0
Creatinine increase	11 (26.2)	3 (7.1)
Nausea/Vomiting	8 (19.0)	0
Sepsis/Fever	6 (14.3)	5 (11.9)
Urinary Infection	4 (9.5)	0

In the first 8 pts: 6 ≥G3 neutropenia (75%), 4 ≥G3 diarrhea (50%), 4 serious TRAEs (50%); 75% dose reduction, 2 treatment discontinuations/deaths (1 G5 TRAE, 1 G5 unrelated AE)

## Efficacy Outcomes

Best overall response	ITT population (N=37), N (%; 95%CI)
ypT0N0-x	12 (32.4; 18.0-49.8)
ypT≤1N0-x	14 (37.8; 23.5-57.7)
ypT2N0-x	2 (5.4; 0-14.7)
ypT3-4N0-x	9 (24.3; 5.2-32.4)
ypT <sub>any</sub> N+	7 (18.9; 7.6-36.2)
PD/death	4 (10.8; 1.0-24.0)
Refused surgery	2 (5.4; 0-14.7)

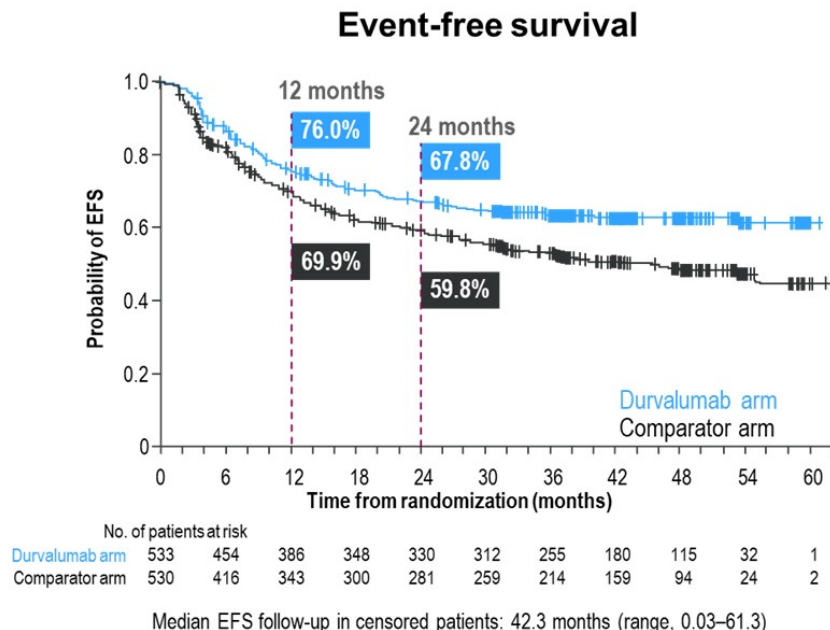


# NIAGARA: Cis/Gem + Durvalumab the Current Standard for Perioperative Treatment

For perioperative durvalumab + NAC with radical cystectomy vs NAC with radical cystectomy alone:

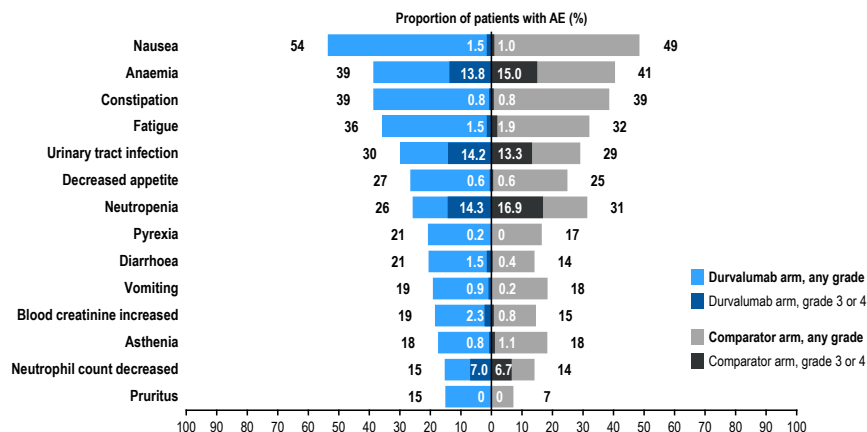
- **Event-free survival<sup>1</sup>**: HR, 0.68 (95% CI 0.56-0.82), ***P*<0.0001**
- **Overall survival<sup>1</sup>**: HR, 0.75 (95% CI 0.59-0.93), ***P*=0.0106**
- **pCR rate<sup>1</sup>**: 37.3% vs 27.5%
- **pCR/non-pCR groups<sup>2</sup>**: perioperative durvalumab + NAC improved EFS and OS in both groups<sup>a</sup>
- **Radical cystectomy rate<sup>1</sup>**: 88% vs 83%
- **Safety<sup>1</sup>**: addition of durvalumab to NAC was tolerable and manageable, with no new safety signals

Perioperative durvalumab + NAC was approved for use in MIBC by the US FDA on 28 March 2025.



# Lessons from NIAGARA: Safety and Adverse Events

## NIAGARA: Most Frequently Reported AEs (Overall)



BARCELONA 2024 ESMO congress

## NIAGARA: AE Summary (Safety Population)

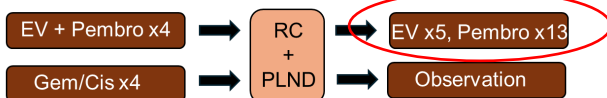
BARCELONA 2024 ESMO congress

Overall study period (unless otherwise stated)	Durvalumab arm N=530	Comparator arm N=526
<b>AEs of any cause, n (%)</b>	527 (99)	525 (100)
Grade 3 or 4	368 (69)	355 (68)
Serious AEs	326 (62)	287 (55)
Outcome of death	27 (5)	29 (6)
Leading to discontinuation of study treatment	112 (21)	80 (15)
Leading to discontinuation of neoadjuvant durvalumab	50 (9)	---
<b>Leading to discontinuation of NAC</b>	<b>72 (14)</b>	<b>80 (15)</b>
<b>Leading to patient not undergoing RC</b>	<b>6 (1)</b>	<b>7 (1)</b>
<b>Leading to delay in surgery*</b>	<b>9 (2)</b>	<b>6 (1)</b>
Leading to discontinuation of adjuvant durvalumab	30/383† (8)	---
<b>AEs possibly related to any treatment, n (%)‡</b>	502 (95)	487 (93)
Grade 3 or 4 (treatment related)	215 (41)	215 (41)
Outcome of death (treatment related)	3 (0.6)	3 (0.6)
<b>Any-grade immune-mediated AEs</b>	111 (21)	16 (3)

# Registrational Perioperative Trials with ADC: Enfortumab Vedotin / ICI Combinations

## Cisplatin-eligible

**EV-304/KN-B15** (NCT04700124):



### Inclusion criteria:

- cT2 - T4a
- cN0-N1 M0
- ≥ 50% urothelial histology
- Cisplatin-eligible
- all adj. ttr vs observation

**Primary endpoint:**  
Event free survival (EFS)

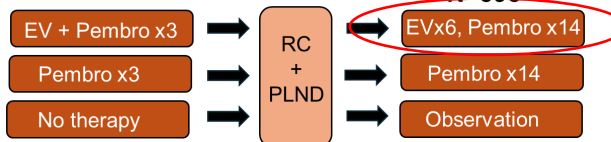
**N=808**

**Secondary endpoints:**  
OS, pCR, DFS, AE

## Cisplatin-ineligible

**EV-303/KN-905** (NCT03924895):

**N=595**



### Inclusion criteria:

- cT2 - T4a
- cN0-N1 M0
- ≥ 50% urothelial histology
- **Cisplatin-ineligible**
- all adj. ttr vs observation

### Primary Endpoints:

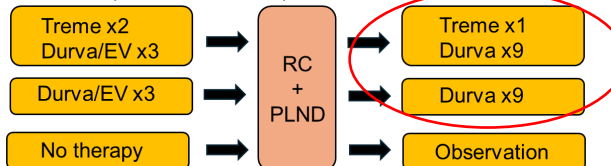
- EFS
- EV 303: EV+P vs no ttr
- VOLGA: separate for active arms vs no ttr

### Secondary Endpoints:

- OS, pCR, DFS, AE

**VOLGA** (NCT04960709):

**N=712**



Will removing adjuvant EV (VOLGA study) result in equivalent efficacy while mitigating additional toxicity?

## Future Questions from These Trials

- What percentage of patients will be completing adjuvant EV / other adj. treatment?
- How do we select patients for adjuvant treatment? Do all patients need this?
- Are we overtreating patients with pCR and ctDNA- following surgery?



# EV+P adverse Events and Their Timing



## Dermatologic Toxicity

**70%** of those receiving **PADCEV + pembrolizumab**



## Peripheral Neuropathy

**67%** of those receiving **PADCEV + pembrolizumab**



## Pneumonitis /ILD

**10%** of those receiving **PADCEV + pembrolizumab**

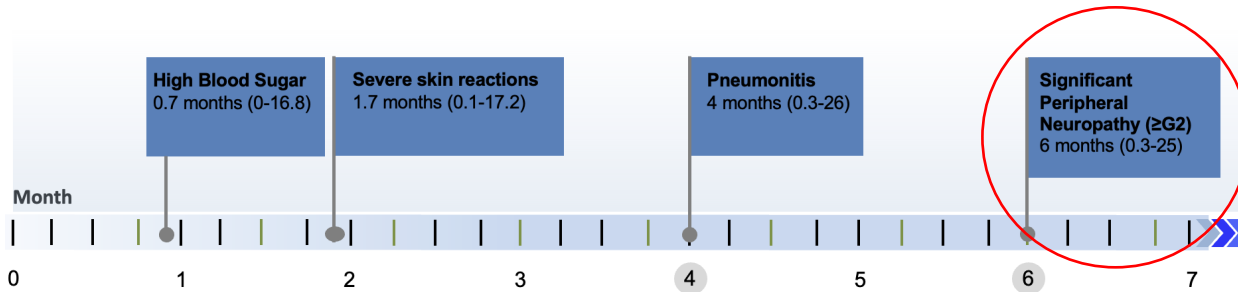


## Hyperglycemia

**19%** of those receiving **PADCEV + pembrolizumab**

### Median Time to Onset (Range) of Select Side Effects

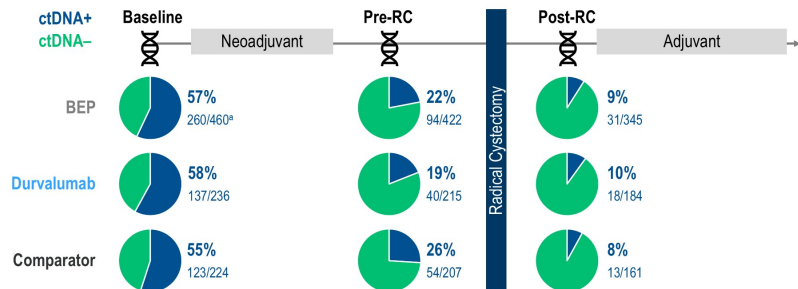
#### Enfortumab vedotin + Pembrolizumab



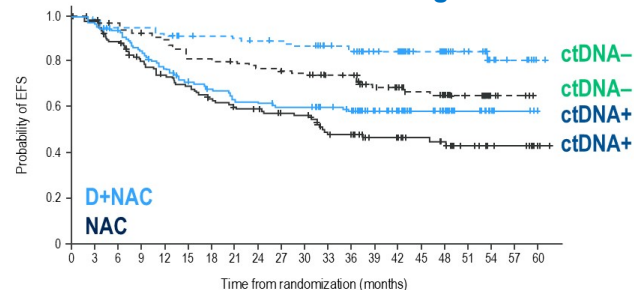
# NIAGARA: ctDNA Prognostic of Outcomes at All Timepoints

## NIAGARA: ctDNA Detection Rates

ctDNA+ rates decreased after neoadjuvant treatment and radical cystectomy



## NIAGARA: Baseline ctDNA Prognostic of EFS

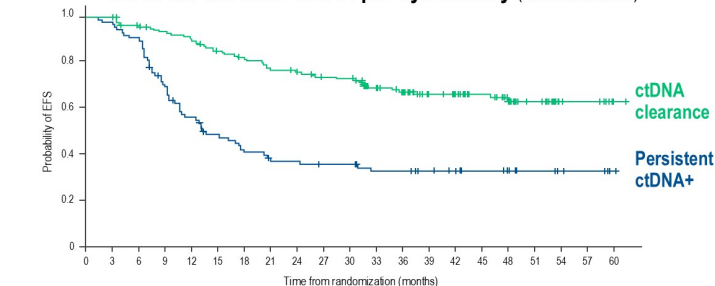


No. of patients at risk	99	99	91	91	88	84	83	82	80	79	77	69	66	55	51	39	35	29	14	7	1
A- D+NAC	101	98	94	89	86	78	77	76	73	71	69	62	61	49	44	37	25	19	6	3	0
A+ D+NAC	137	133	126	113	103	91	85	79	78	75	75	69	63	49	42	35	26	17	7	5	0
A+ D+NAC	123	120	107	93	85	79	71	66	65	60	59	45	42	34	30	26	21	16	9	8	2

ctDNA-: D+NAC vs NAC HR, 0.45 (95% CI, 0.24–0.84)

ctDNA+: D+NAC vs NAC HR, 0.73 (95% CI, 0.51–1.05)

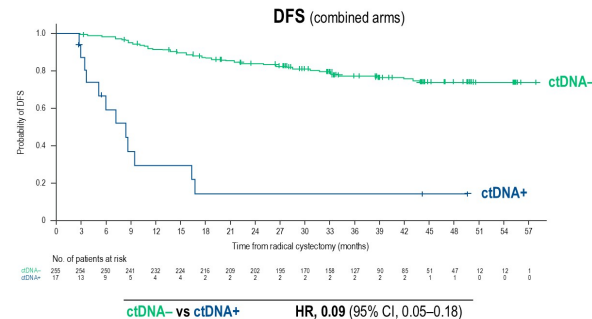
EFS in the baseline ctDNA+ population that did or did not clear ctDNA pre-cystectomy (combined arms)



No. of patients at risk	151	151	142	136	132	122	116	109	107	101	100	85	76	59	53	45	34	23	10	8	1
ctDNA clearance	16	84	78	56	46	38	28	28	26	22	22	19	15	13	10	8	5	4	1		
Persistent ctDNA+	135	132	122	116	109	107	101	100	85	76	59	53	45	34	23	10	8	5	4	1	

ctDNA clearance vs persistent ctDNA+ HR, 0.32 (95% CI, 0.22–0.47)

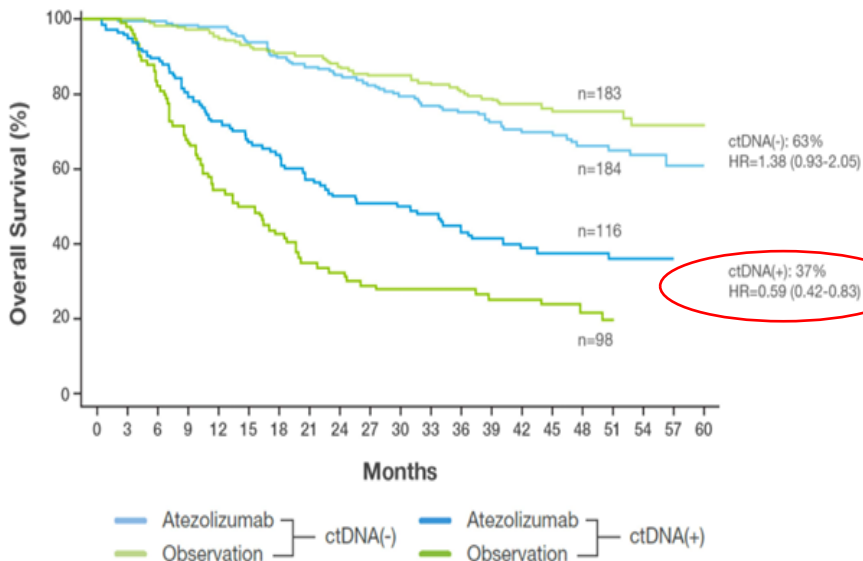
## NIAGARA Post-Cystectomy: ctDNA Detection Was Prognostic for DFS



ctDNA- vs ctDNA+ HR, 0.09 (95% CI, 0.05–0.18)

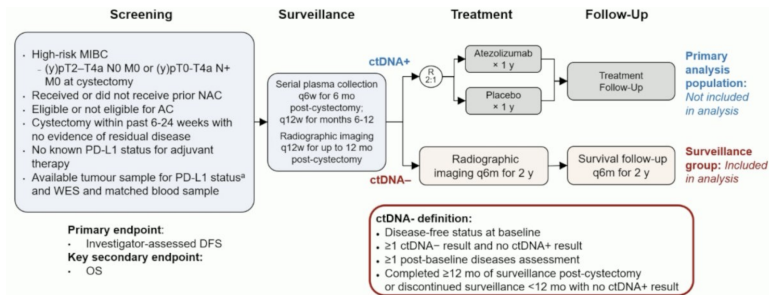
# Using ctDNA to Select Patients for Adjuvant Treatment?

## IMvigor 010: OS by ctDNA Status After Cystectomy

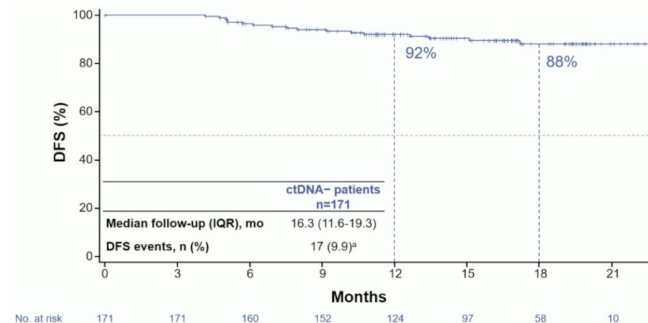


Powles et al. *Nature* 2021, Powles et al ASCO 2025, Powles et al EAU 2024

## IMvigor011 Trial



## DFS in ctDNA- Patients (median f/u of 16.3 months)



AUGUST 18, 2025

IMvigor011 Bladder Cancer Trial Achieves Positive Results, with Signatera™ Strongly Predicting Adjuvant Immunotherapy Benefit

@koshkin85

@vadimkoshkin.bsky.social

# Key Considerations for ADC Combinations in the Perioperative Setting

- ADC and EV-based regimens becoming established in the perioperative setting.
- Have to consider cumulative toxicities differently in this curative-intent population.
- Are there patients who are overtreated with additional adjuvant therapy?
- Novel prognostic and predictive biomarkers to potentially address these questions.






# Thank you!

[vadim.koshkin@ucsf.edu](mailto:vadim.koshkin@ucsf.edu)

 @koshkin85

 @vadimkoshkin.bsky.social