



Consolidating the data on adjuvant treatment in localized renal cancer

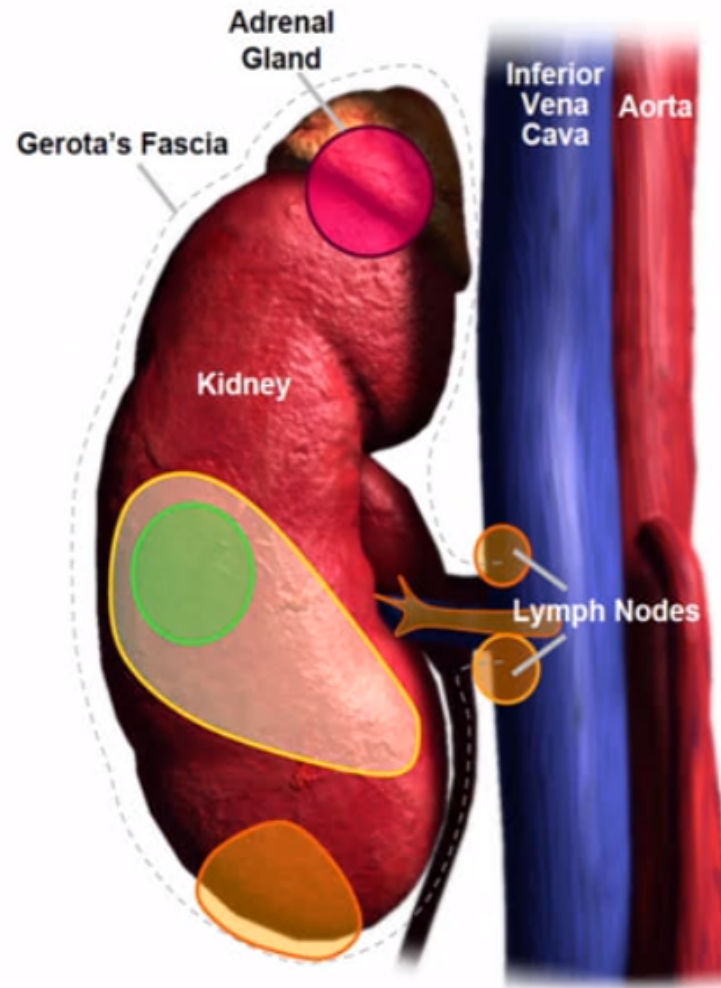
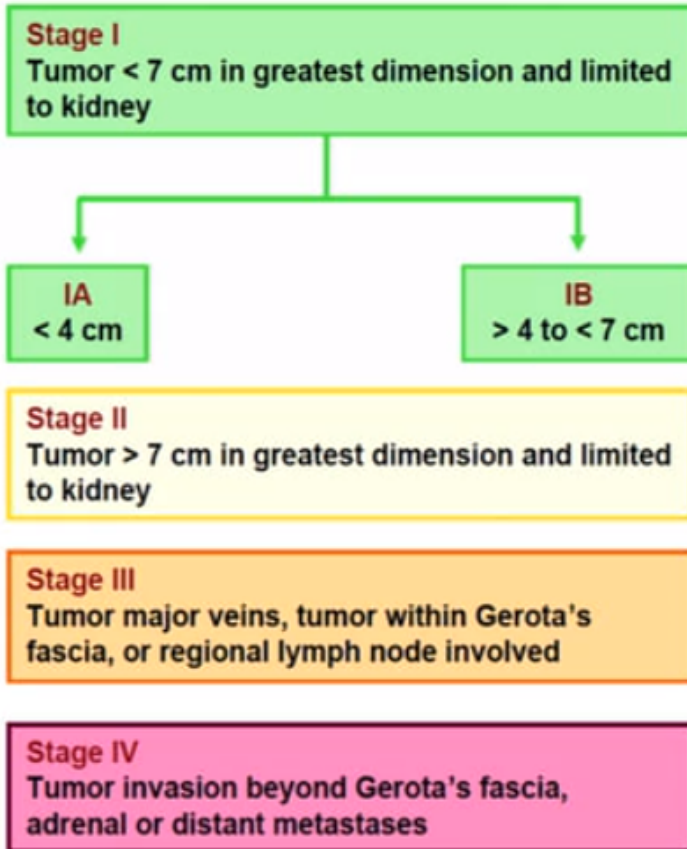
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PROGNOSTIC FACTORS IN LOCALIZED RCC



- **Primary Tumor Stage determines risk of relapse**
 - T2: 26%
 - T3: 50%;
 - T4: Virtually 100%
- **Sarcomatoid components**
- **Higher Tumor Grade**
- **Other prognostic factors?**

Other prognostic factors in localized disease: tumor grade, necrosis, patients performance status

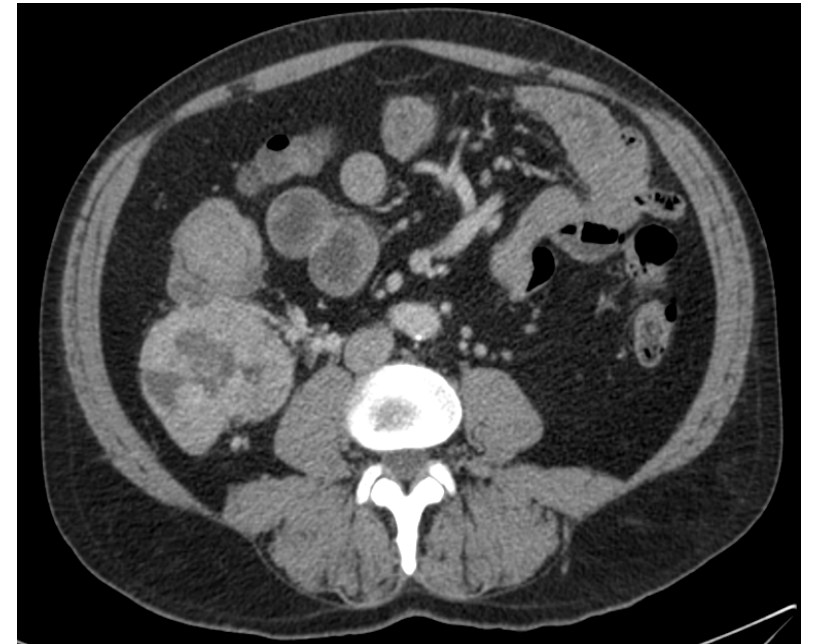
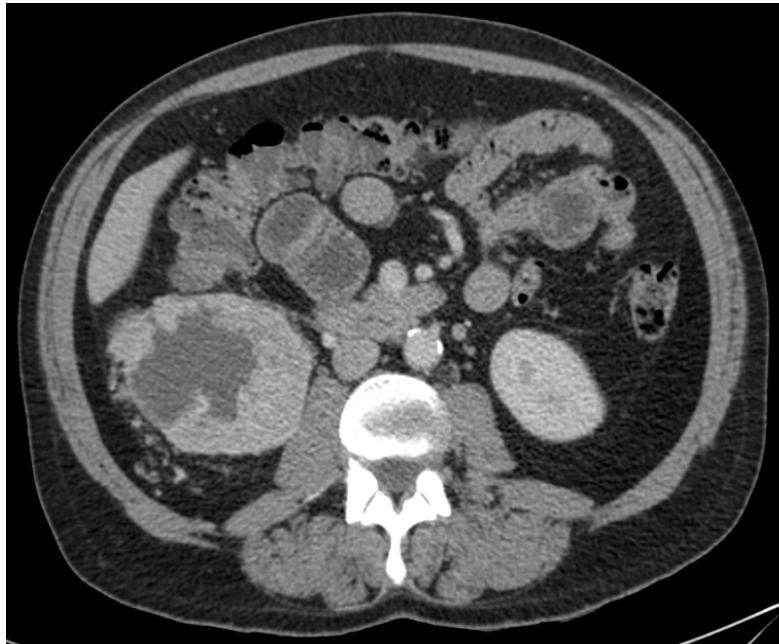
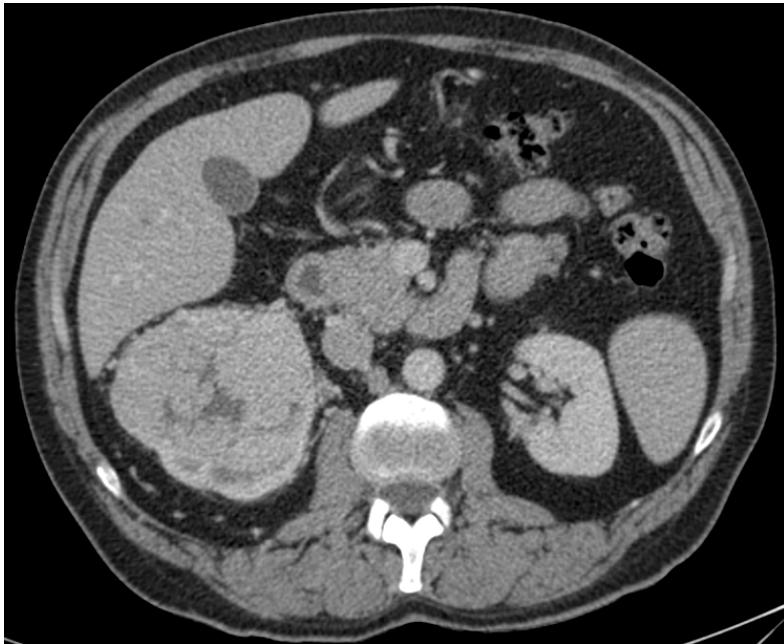
CLINICAL CASE

Carlos, 62 y/o man

- No known drug-allergies
- Former smoker (from 15 to 35 years-old, 30cig. per day)
- **Medical history:**
 - No relevant personal history
 - Right inguinal herniorrhaphy

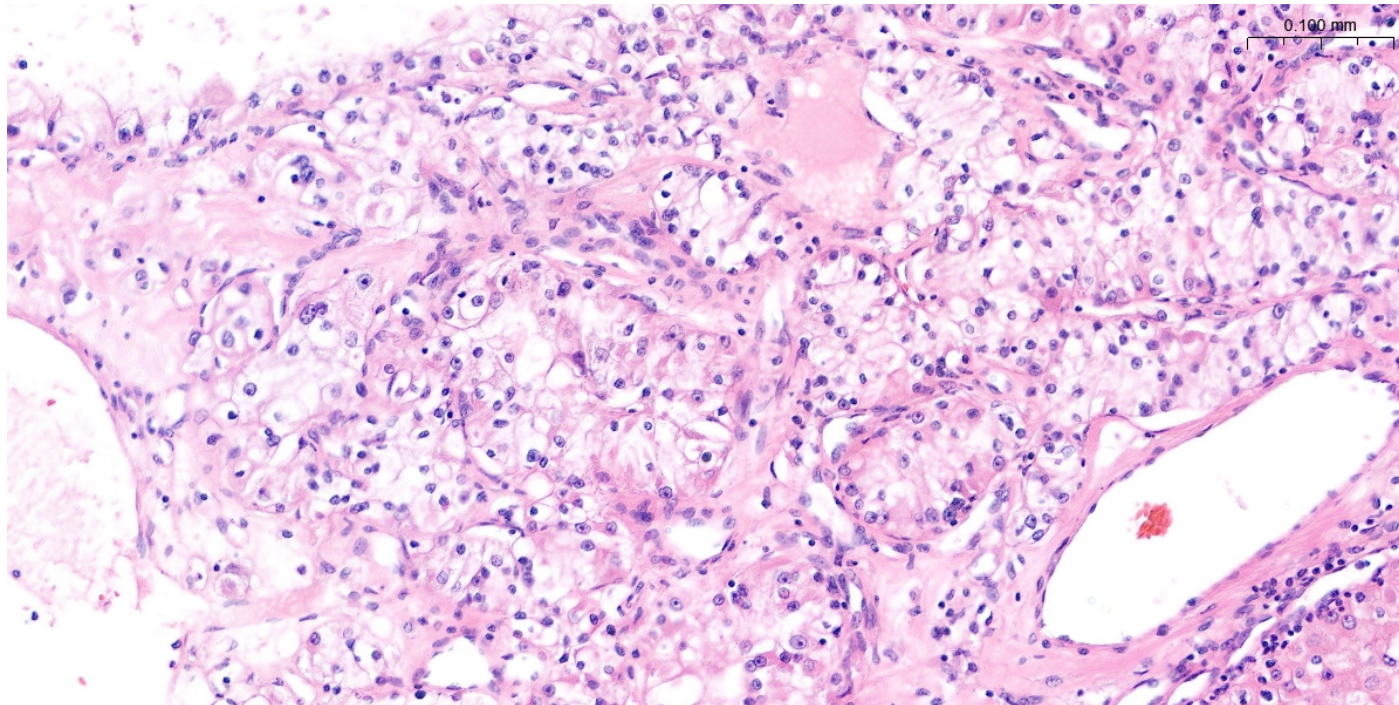
CLINICAL CASE

- **First symptom:** Hematuria
- **First diagnostic:**
 - CT SCAN: Right renal mass (111x87mm).



CLINICAL CASE

- Right total nephrectomy
- Clear-cell Renal Cell Carcinoma, pT3a, ISUP grade 3 with 5% of necrosis, R0



**Would you treat Carlos with
adjuvant therapy?**

**What is the risk of
recurrence for Carlos?**

MODELS TO PREDICT RISK OF RECURRENCE

- ❑ Around of 50% post-nephrectomy patients with high-risk features will eventually recur
- ❑ Factors such as disease stage, size, nuclear grade, regional LN involvement are associated with disease recurrence and survival

Model	RCC subtype	Factors
Kattan, Kattan M et al, J Urol 2001	Any	TNM, tumor size, histology, symptoms
SSIGN/Mayo, Frank I et al, J Urol 2002	Clear cell	TNM, tumor size, grade, tumor necrosis
Leibovich, Leibovich et al, Cancer 2003	Clear cell	TNM, N+, size, grade, tumor necrosis
UCLA/UISS, Patard JJ et al, JCO 2004	Any	TNM, grade, ECOG PS
MSKCC, Sorbellini et al, J Urol 2005	Clear cell	TNM, tumor size, grade, tumor necrosis, vascular invasion, symptoms
Karakiewicz, Karakiewicz et al, JCO 2007	Any	TNM, tumor size, grade, histology, age, symptoms
GRANT, Buti S et al, ESMO 2017	Any	Grade, age, Nodes, tumor size
VENUSS, Klatte T et al, BMC Med 2019	Papillary	TNM, Venous tumor thrombus, grade, size

UCLA Integrated Staging System (UISS) for Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC) ☆

Provides 5-year disease-free prognosis for localized and metastatic RCC.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Localized: Any T; N0; M0
- Metastatic: T>0; N>1; M>1
- For accurate staging, see the [TNM Staging for RCC calculator](#)

When to Use ▾

Pearls/Pitfalls ▾

Why Use ▾

Type of disease present

Metastatic

Localized

UISS Criteria

Localized disease - T stage

T1

T2

T3

T4

[Fuhrman nuclear grade](#)

I

II

III

IV

[ECOG Performance Status](#)

0

≥1

Moderate Risk
80.4% Five Year survival

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SSIGN Score for Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC)



Predicts progression of clear cell renal cell carcinoma after radical nephrectomy.

Pearls/Pitfalls ▾

Pathological T category

As per 2002 TNM staging guidelines

pT1

0

pT2

+1

pT3a-c

+2

pT4

+4

Regional lymph node status

As per 2002 TNM staging guidelines

pNx or pN0

0

pN1 or pN2

+2

Metastasis category

As per 2002 TNM staging guidelines

M0

0

M1

+4

Tumor size

<5 cm

0

≥5 cm

+2

[Tumor \(nuclear\) grade](#)

1 or 2

0

3

+1

4

+3

Tumor necrosis present

No

0

Yes

+2

7 points

38.6% 5-year estimated cancer-specific survival.

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2018 Leibovich Model for Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC)

Predicts progression-free and cancer-specific survival in patients with renal cell carcinoma (RCC).

INSTRUCTIONS
Separate calculators are available for clear cell (ccRCC), papillary (papRCC), and chromophobe (chrRCC) histologies; always select the version that matches the surgical specimen.

When to Use ▾

Pearls/Pitfalls ▾

Why Use ▾

Type of RCC

Clear cell RCC (ccRCC)

Papillary RCC (papRCC)

Chromophobe RCC (chrRCC)

Age at surgery, years

<60

≥60

<div>10 points</div> <div>Progression-free survival score for ccRCC</div> <div>Cancer-specific survival score for ccRCC: 13 points</div>	<div>44 %</div> <div>5-year PFS</div> <div>10-year PFS: 32%</div> <div>15-year PFS: 24%</div>	<div>62 %</div> <div>5-year CSS</div> <div>10-year CSS: 47%</div> <div>15-year CSS: 37%</div>
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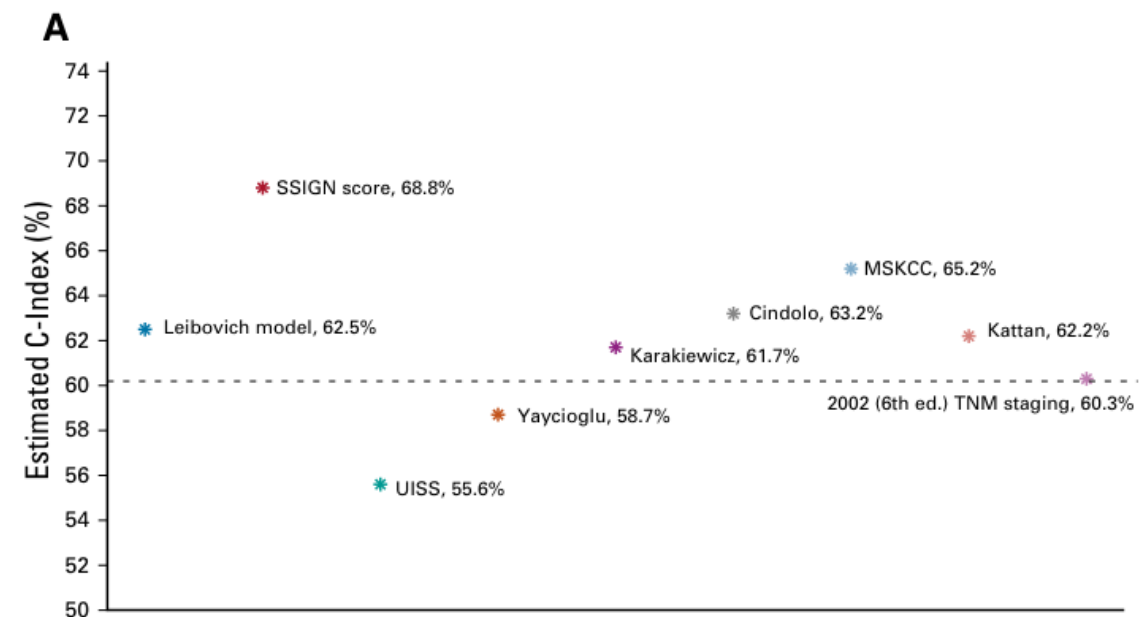
Predicting Renal Cancer Recurrence: Defining Limitations of Existing Prognostic Models With Prospective Trial-Based Validation

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PURPOSE To validate currently used recurrence prediction models for renal cell carcinoma (RCC) by using prospective data from the ASSURE (ECOG-ACRIN E2805; Adjuvant Sorafenib or Sunitinib for Unfavorable Renal Carcinoma) adjuvant trial.

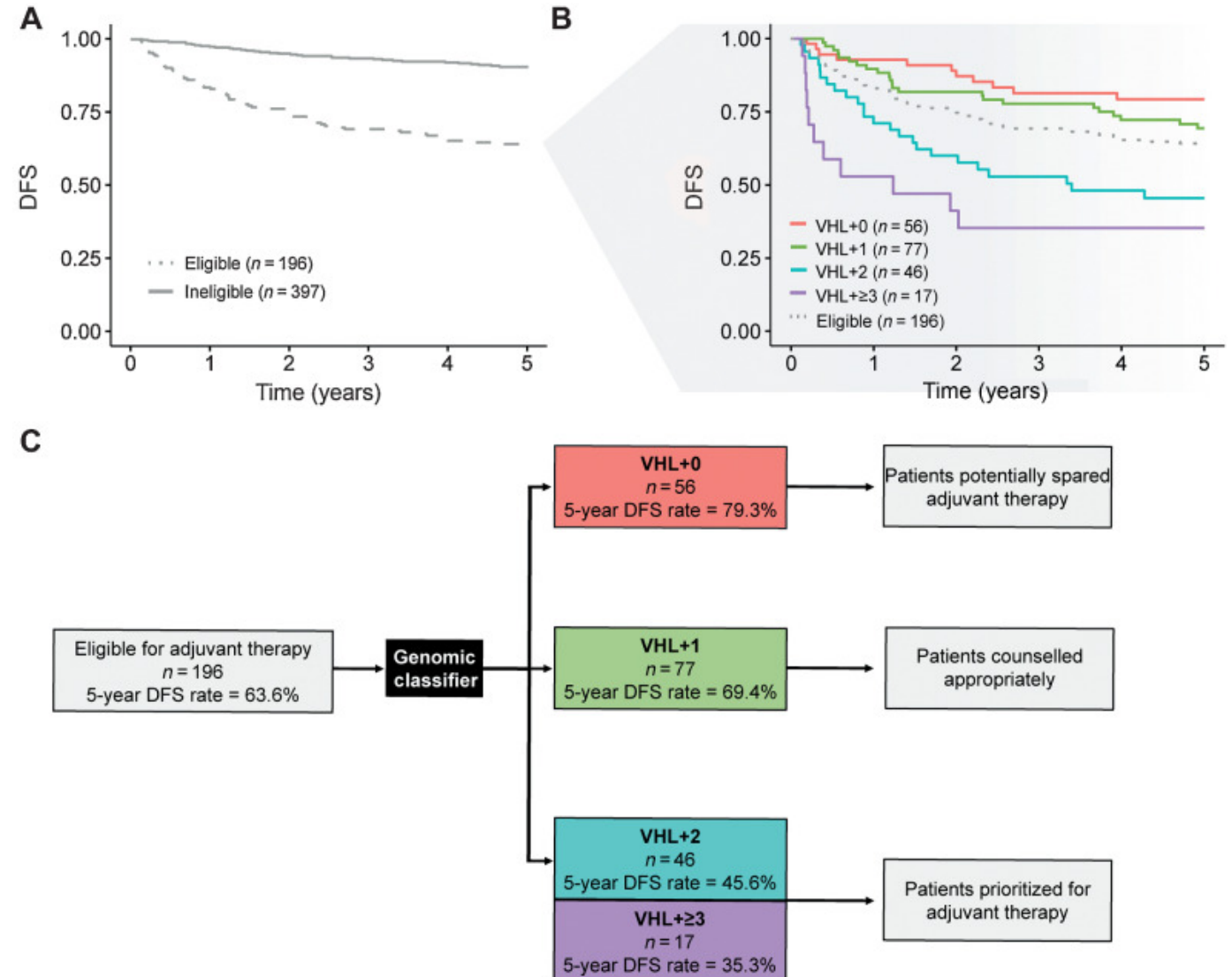
PATIENTS AND METHODS Eight RCC recurrence models (University of California at Los Angeles Integrated Staging System [UISS]; Stage, Size, Grade, and Necrosis [SSIGN]; Leibovich; Kattan; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center [MSKCC]; Yajcioglu; Karakiewicz; and Cindolo) were selected on the basis of their use in clinical practice and clinical trial designs. These models along with the TNM staging system were validated using 1,647 patients with resected localized high-grade or locally advanced disease (\geq pT1b grade 3 and 4/pTanyN1Mo) from the ASSURE cohort. The predictive performance of the model was quantified by assessing its discriminatory and calibration abilities.

CONCLUSION In RCC, as in many other solid malignancies, clinicians rely on retrospective prediction tools to guide patient care and clinical trial selection and largely overestimate their predictive abilities. We used prospective collected adjuvant trial data to validate existing RCC prediction models and demonstrate a sharp decrease in the predictive ability of all models compared with their previous retrospective validations. Accordingly, we recommend prospective validation of any predictive model before implementing it into clinical practice and clinical trial design.



Riesgo de recaída en función de las mutaciones asociadas al VHL

En un estudio que investiga el papel de la secuenciación genómica en la estratificación de pacientes con **carcinoma de células renales de células claras** se observó que los pacientes que cuentan con **mutaciones añadidas al VHL (presente en 80% de los tumores)** presentan una menor supervivencia libre de enfermedad. Por tanto, a más mutaciones añadidas al VHL mayor es el riesgo de recaída



**What are the consequences
of Carlos reccurring?**

Para pacientes con CCR con riesgo intermedio-alto o alto de recidiva después de la nefrectomía

Es importante comprender el riesgo potencial de recidiva después de la nefrectomía.

Según un análisis observacional de datos de SEER-Medicare de 643 pacientes de 2007 a 2016

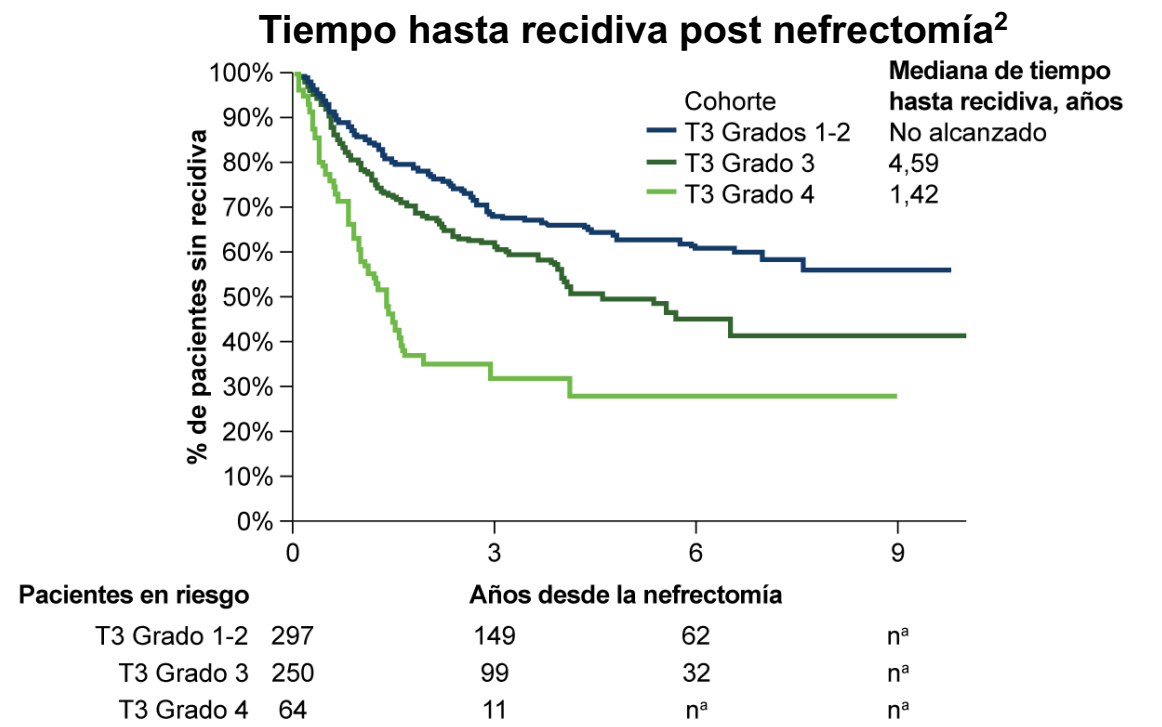
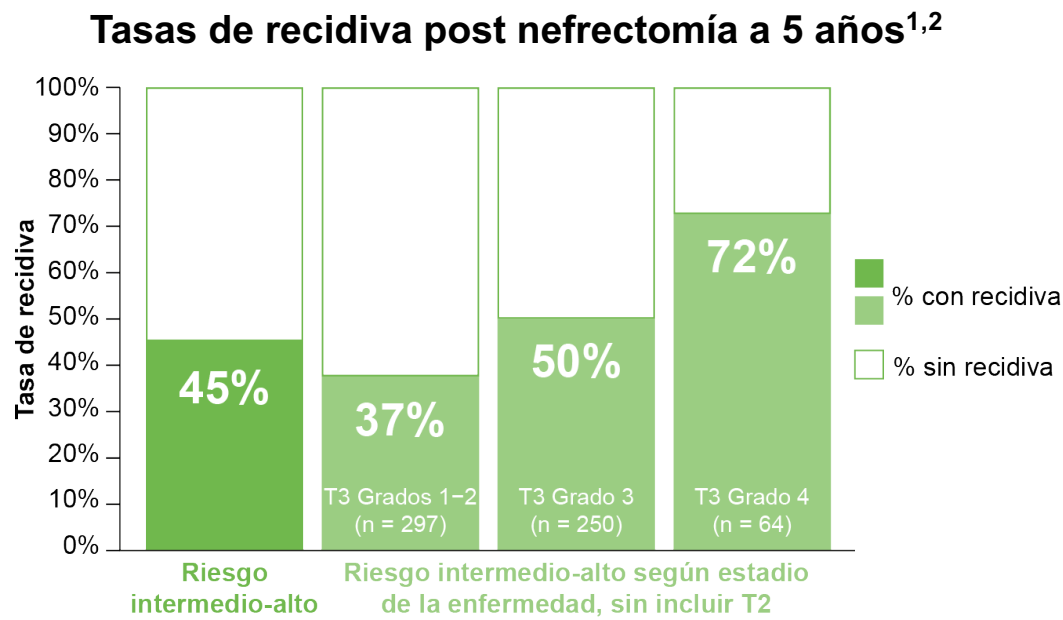
42% de los pacientes con CCR con riesgo intermedio-alto o alto de recidiva experimentaron recidiva post nefrectomía.
(n=269/643)



De estos **89%** sufrieron recidiva con metástasis a distancia
pacientes (n=240/269)

Riesgo de recidiva posnefrectomía en pacientes con tumores T3N0

- Este fue un análisis observacional retrospectivo de los datos de SEER-Medicare de EE. UU. de pacientes que tenían ≥66 años de edad cuando se les diagnosticó CCR por primera vez. Los datos se basan en un subconjunto de pacientes con CCR con riesgo intermedio-alto de recidiva después de la nefrectomía.^{1,2}



Basado en un análisis observacional de los datos de SEER-Medicare de EE. UU. (2007-2016)

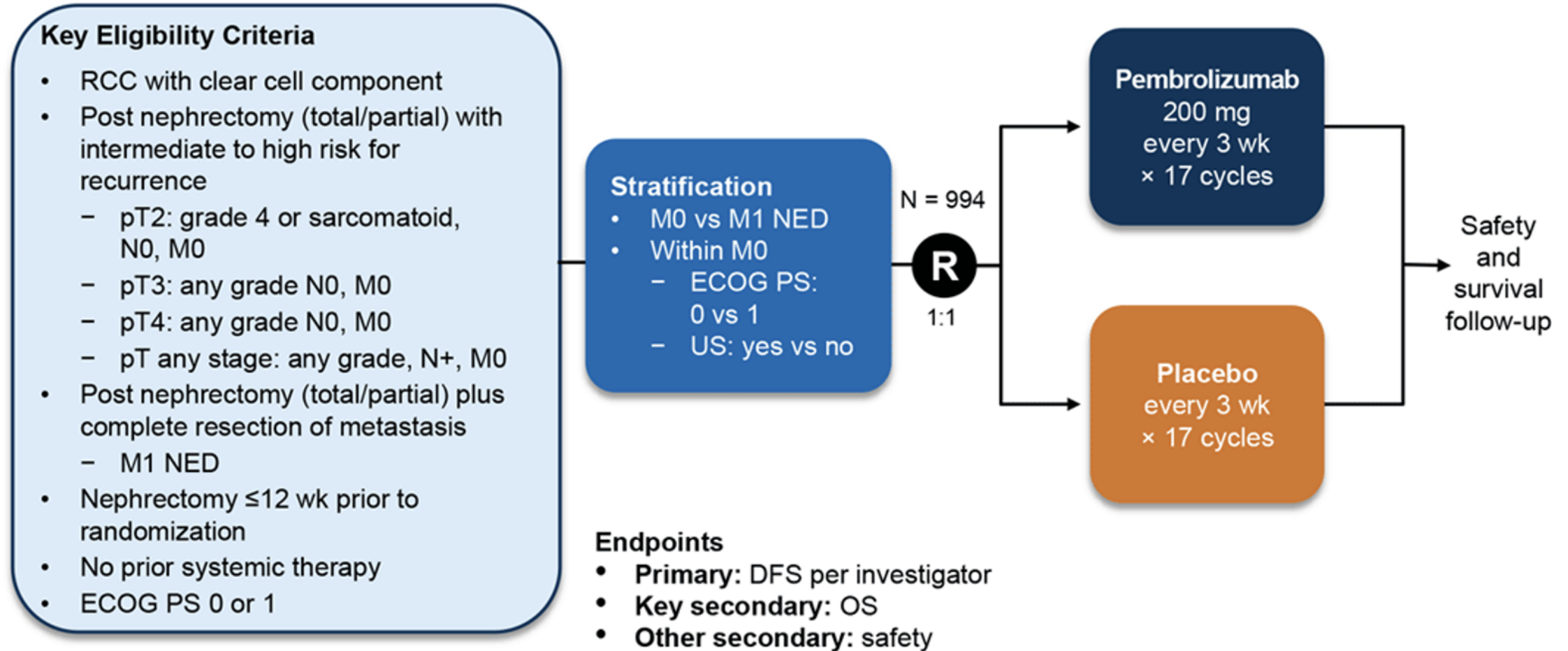
^aIndica que la N de tamaño de muestra es <11 pacientes.

CCR = carcinoma de células renales; M0 = sin metástasis a distancia³; N0 = sin metástasis a ganglio linfático regional³; SEER = *Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results*; T = tumor primario; T2 = tumor >7 cm en su mayor dimensión, limitado al riñón³; T3 = el tumor se extiende a las venas principales o a los tejidos perinéfricos, pero no a la glándula suprarrenal ipsilateral ni más allá de la fascia de Gerota³.

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**What data do we have for
adjuvant treatment in RCC?**

Keynote-564: Study design



KEYNOTE-564: Prespecified disease risk categories

Intermediate-High Risk		High Risk		M1 NED
pT2	pT3	pT4	Any pT	NED after resection of oligometastatic sites ≤1 year from nephrectomy
Grade 4 or sarcomatoid	Any grade	Any grade	Any grade	
N0	N0	N0	N+	
M0	M0	M0	M0	

86,1%

8,1%

5,8%

M0 = sin metástasis a distancia; M1 = con metástasis a distancia³; N0 = sin compromiso ganglionar³; NED = sin evidencia de enfermedad³. p = patológica.

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Keynote-564: Baseline Characteristics

Baseline Characteristics, ITT Population

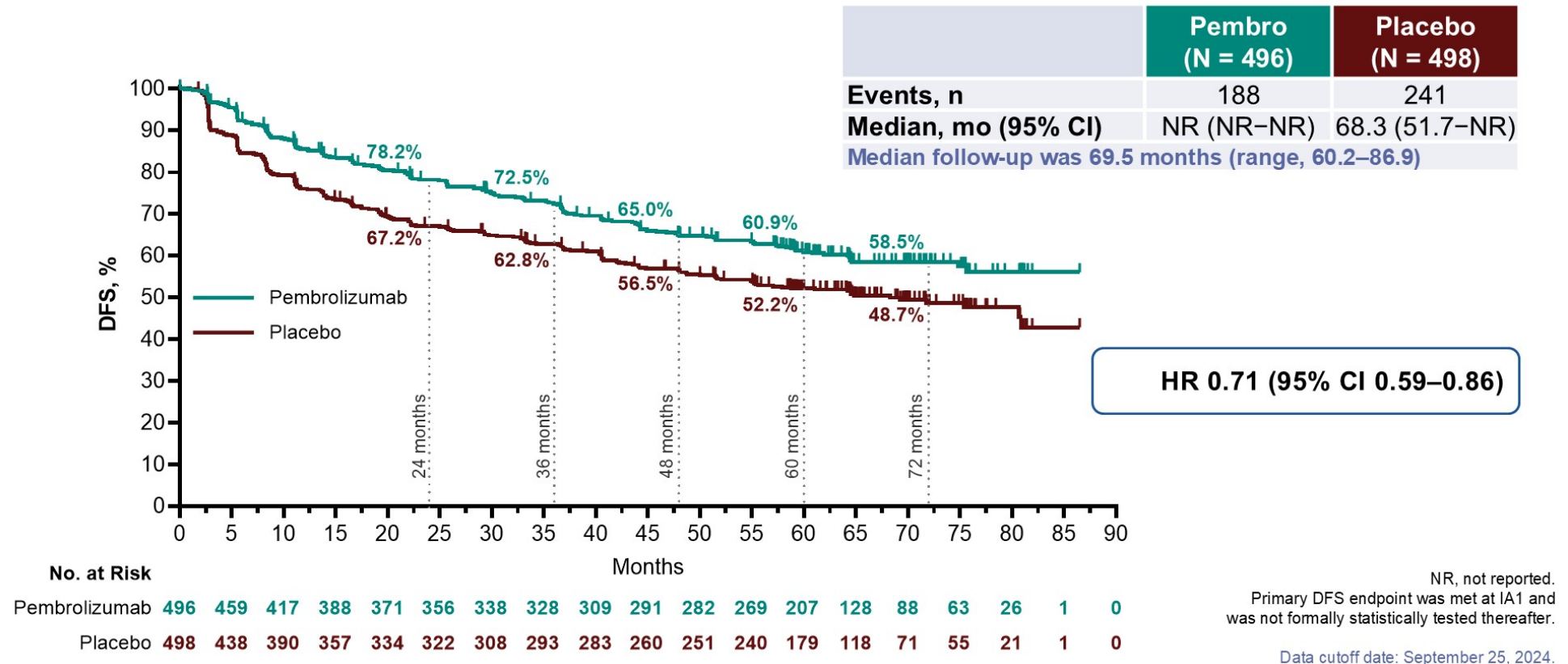
	Pembro Arm (N = 496)	Placebo Arm (N = 498)
Age, median (range)	60 (27–81)	60 (25–84)
Male	347 (70.0%)	359 (72.1%)
ECOG PS 1	75 (15.1%)	72 (14.5%)
Geographic location		
North America	133 (26.8%)	125 (25.1%)
European Union	188 (37.9%)	187 (37.6%)
Rest of world	175 (35.3%)	186 (37.3%)
Disease risk category		
M0 intermediate-high	427 (86.1%) ^a	433 (86.9%)
M0 high risk	40 (8.1%)	36 (7.2%)
M1 NED	29 (5.8%)	29 (5.8%)
Sarcomatoid features ^b		
Present	52 (10.5%)	59 (11.8%)
Absent	414 (83.5%)	415 (83.3%)
PD-L1 CPS ^{c,d}		
<1	124 (25.0%)	113 (22.7%)
≥1	365 (73.6%)	383 (76.9%)

	Pembro Arm (N = 496)	Placebo Arm (N = 498)
Primary tumor stage		
T1	11 (2.2%)	15 (3.0%)
T2	27 (5.4%)	33 (6.6%)
T3	444 (89.5%)	437 (87.8%)
T4	14 (2.8%)	13 (2.6%)
Tumor nuclear grade ^e		
Grade 1	19 (3.8%)	16 (3.2%)
Grade 2	153 (30.8%)	150 (30.1%)
Grade 3	219 (44.2%)	213 (42.8%)
Grade 4	103 (20.8%)	119 (23.9%)
Lymph node stage		
N0	465 (93.8%)	467 (93.8%)
N1	31 (6.3%)	31 (6.2%)
Metastatic stage		
M0	467 (94.2%)	469 (94.2%)
M1 NED	29 (5.8%)	29 (5.8%)

^aIncluded 5 participants with T2, grade ≤3, N0, M0 or T1, N0, M0. ^b30 additional participants in the pembro arm and 24 in the placebo arm had unknown sarcomatoid status. ^cAssessed using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay. CPS (combined positive score) is the number of PD-L1–staining cells (tumor cells, lymphocytes, and macrophages) divided by the total number of viable tumor cells, multiplied by 100. ^d7 additional participants in the pembro arm and 2 in the placebo arm had missing PD-L1 CPS. ^e2 additional participants in the pembro arm had missing tumor grade. ITT population included all randomized participants. Data cutoff date: June 14, 2021.

Keynote-564: Disease free survival 5 year follow up

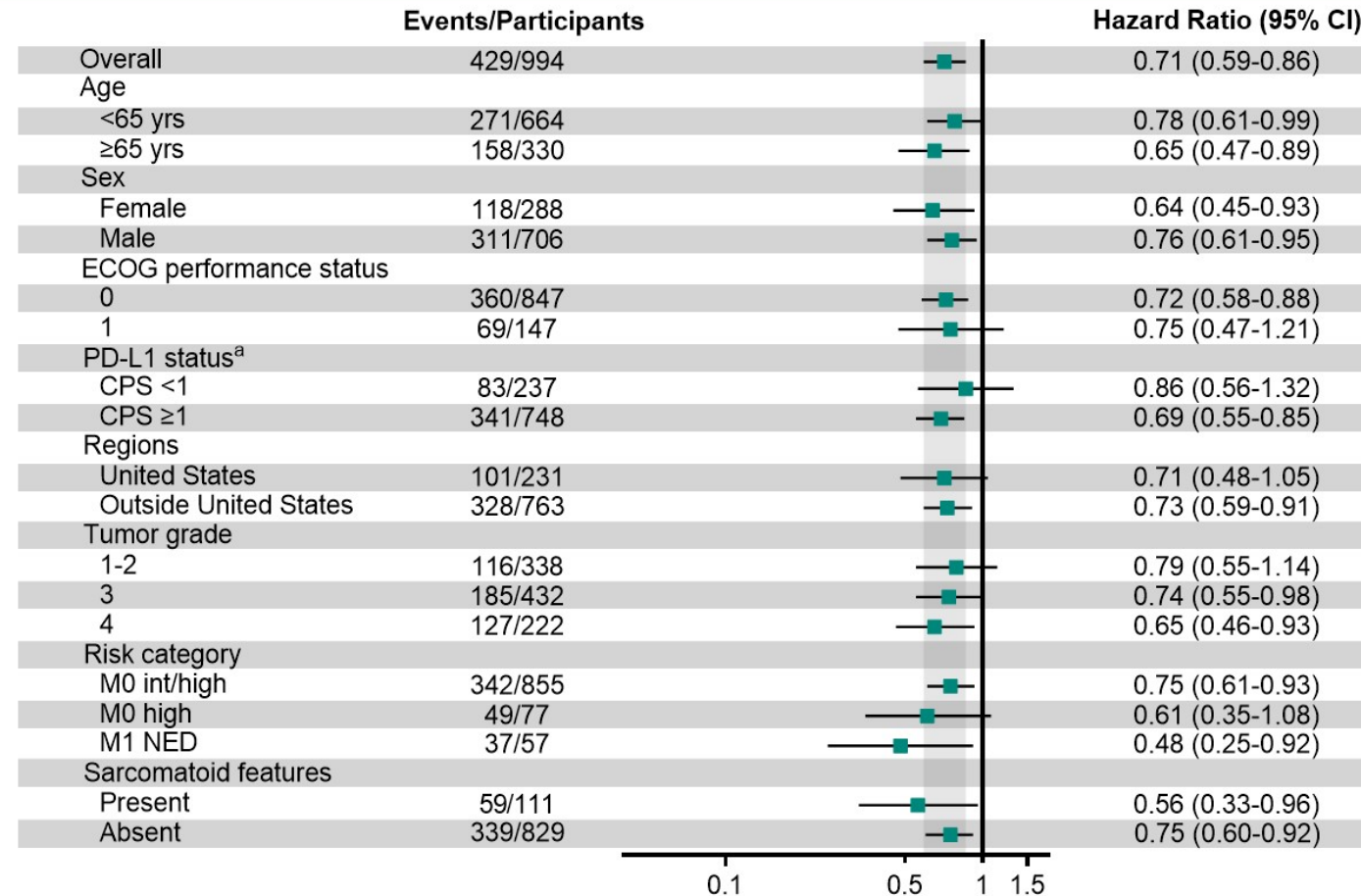
Updated DFS by Investigator, ITT Population



Keynote-564: Disease free survival

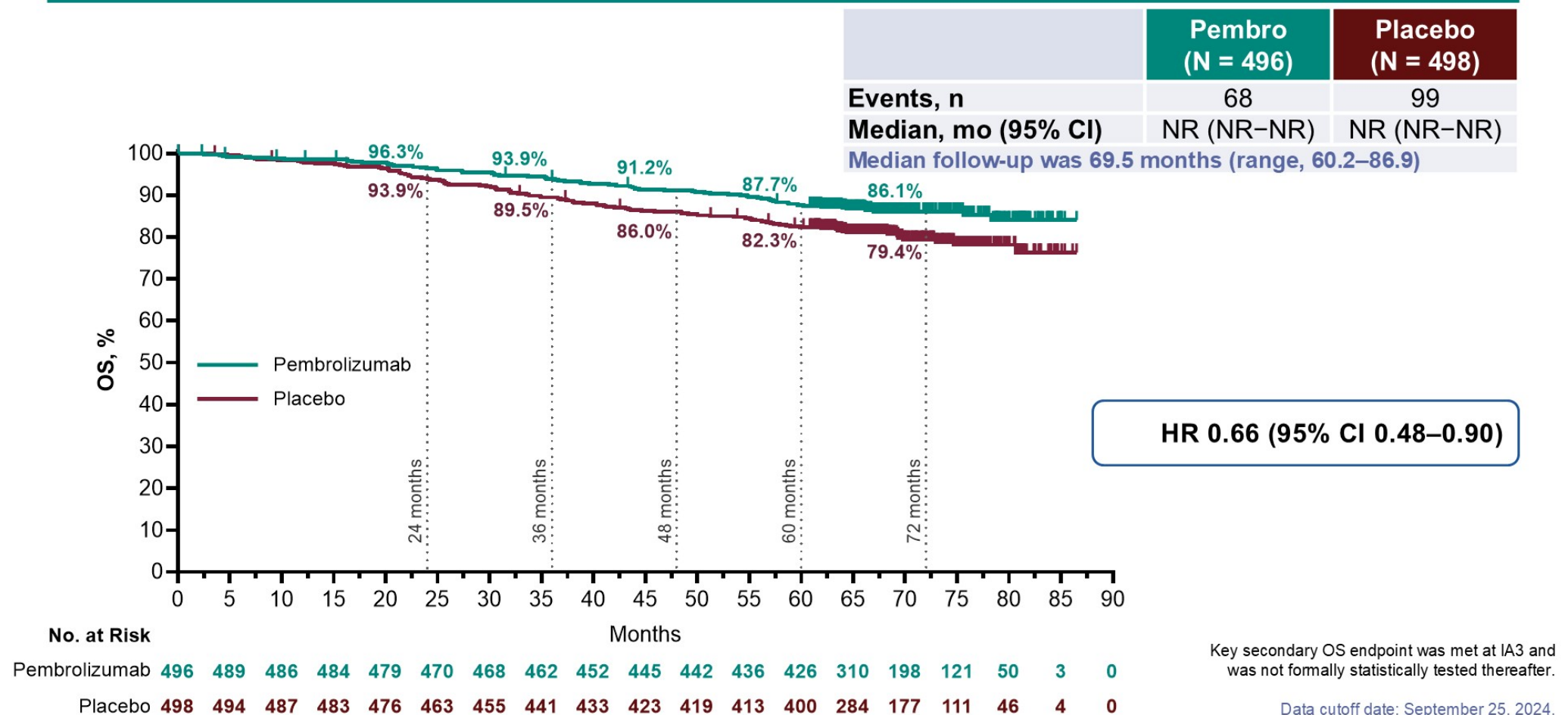
5 year follow up

DFS by Subgroups



Keynote-564: Overall survival 5 year follow up

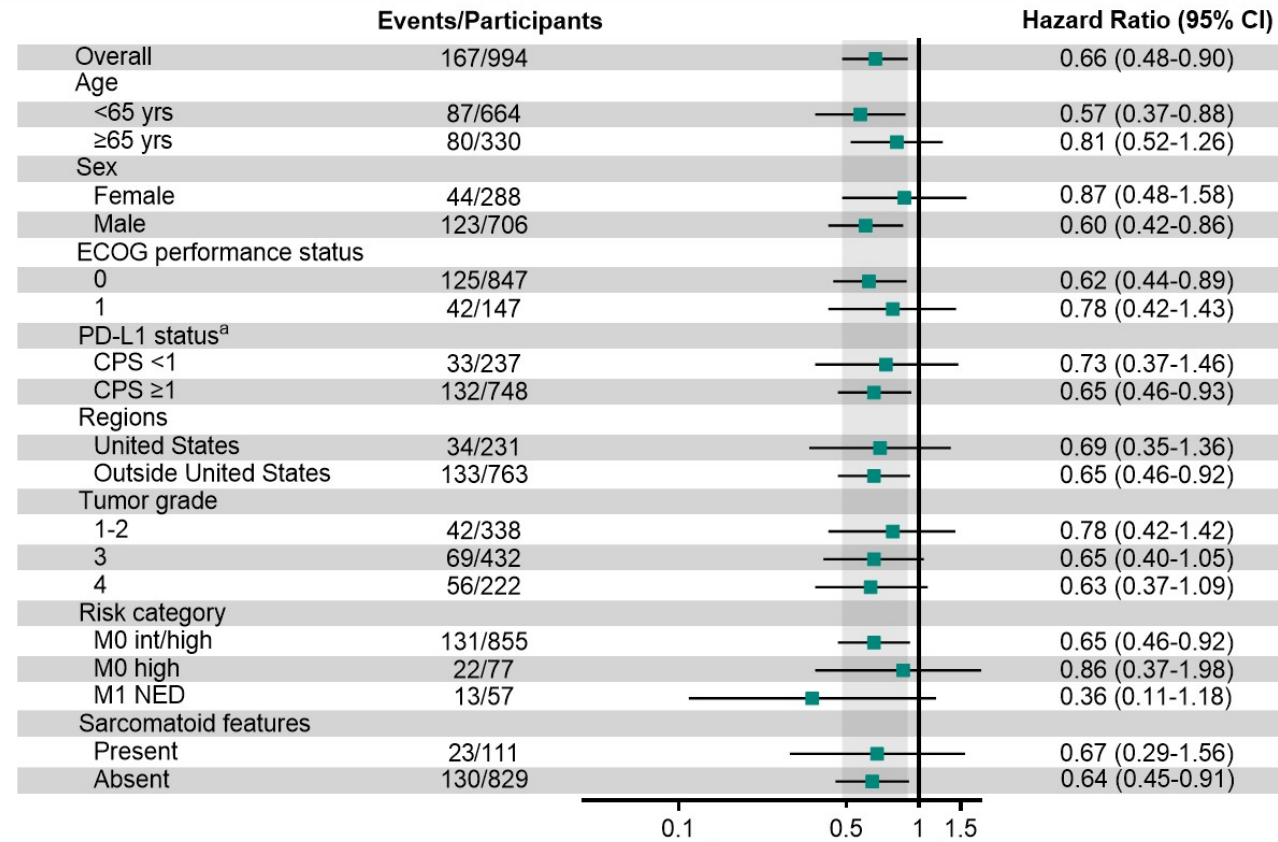
Updated OS, ITT Population



Keynote-564: Overall survival

5 year follow up

OS by Subgroups



^aAssessed with PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx. PD-L1 combined positive score (CPS) is the # of PD-L1–staining cells (tumor cells, lymphocytes, and macrophages) divided by the total # of viable tumor cells, multiplied by 100. The 95% CI boundary for overall OS is indicated by the shaded column.

Median follow-up to data cutoff (Sept 25, 2024): 6

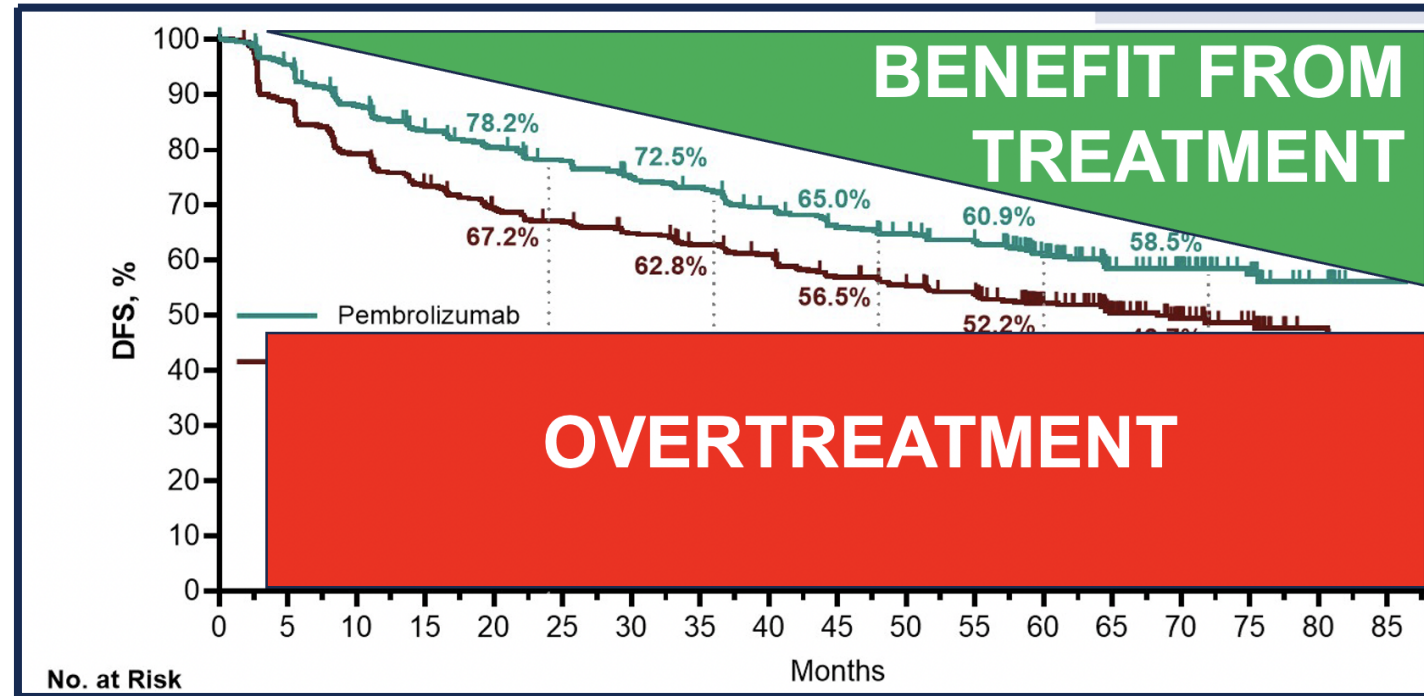
Keynote-564: Adverse events

5 year follow up

Summary of Updated Safety Findings, As-Treated Population

	IA3 (57.2 mo follow-up)		IA4 (69.5 mo follow-up)	
	Pembro (N = 488)	Placebo (N = 496)	Pembro (N = 488)	Placebo (N = 496)
Duration of therapy, median (range), months	11.1 (0.03–14.3)	11.1 (0.03–15.4)	11.1 (0.03–14.3)	11.1 (0.03–15.4)
Any-cause AEs^a	470 (96.3%)	453 (91.3%)	470 (96.3%)	453 (91.3%)
Grade 3 to 5	156 (32.0%)	88 (17.7%)	156 (32.0%)	88 (17.7%)
Led to treatment discontinuation	103 (21.1%)	11 (2.2%)	103 (21.1%)	11 (2.2%)
Led to death	2 (0.4%)	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.4%)	1 (0.2%)
Any-cause serious AEs^a	101 (20.7%)	57 (11.5%)	101 (20.7%)	57 (11.5%)
Led to treatment discontinuation	49 (10.0%)	5 (1.0%)	49 (10.0%)	5 (1.0%)
Treatment-related AEs^a	386 (79.1%)	263 (53.0%)	386 (79.1%)	263 (53.0%)
Grade 3 to 4	91 (18.6%)	6 (1.2%)	91 (18.6%)	6 (1.2%)
Led to treatment discontinuation	89 (18.2%)	4 (0.8%)	89 (18.2%)	4 (0.8%)
Led to death	0	0	0	0
Treatment-related serious AEs^a	59 (12.1%)	1 (0.2%)	58 (11.9%)	1 (0.2%)
Immune-mediated AEs and infusion reactions^{b,c}	178 (36.5%)	36 (7.3%)	179 (36.7%)	36 (7.3%)
Grade 3 to 4	46 (9.4%)	3 (0.6%)	47 (9.6%)	3 (0.6%)
Led to death	0	0	0	0

What is the “real” benefit of adjuvant treatment?

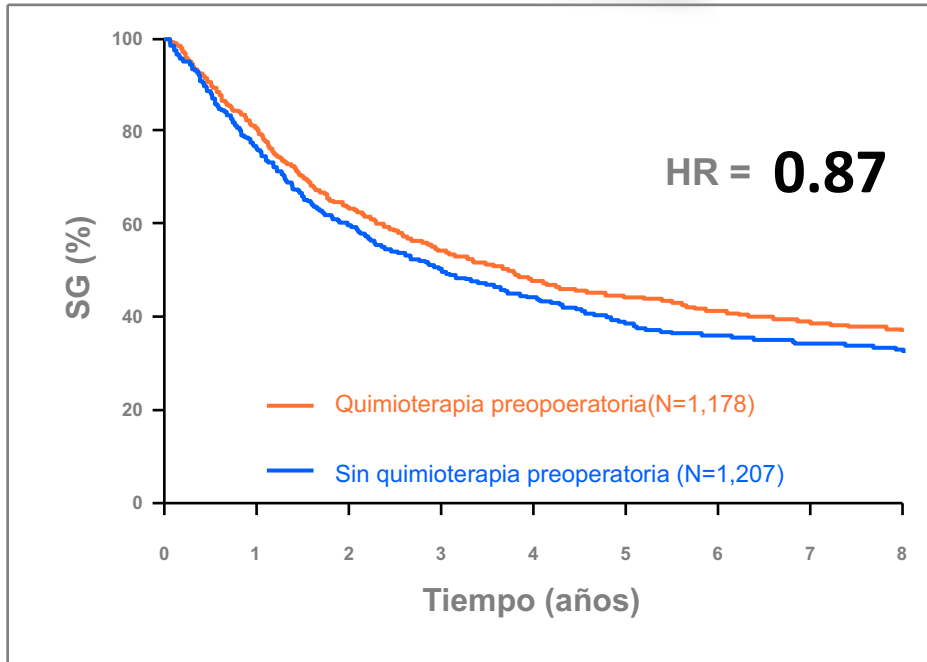


Outcome	Pembrolizumab	Placebo	Absolute Benefit	Hazard Ratio (HR)	Number Needed to Treat (NNT)
Disease-Free Survival (DFS)	60.9% (5-year)	52.2% (5-year)	8.7%	0.71 (95% CI: 0.59–0.86)	~12
Overall Survival (OS)	87.7% (5-year)	82.3% (5-year)	5.4%	0.66 (95% CI: 0.48–0.90)	~19

Are we overtreating Carlos?

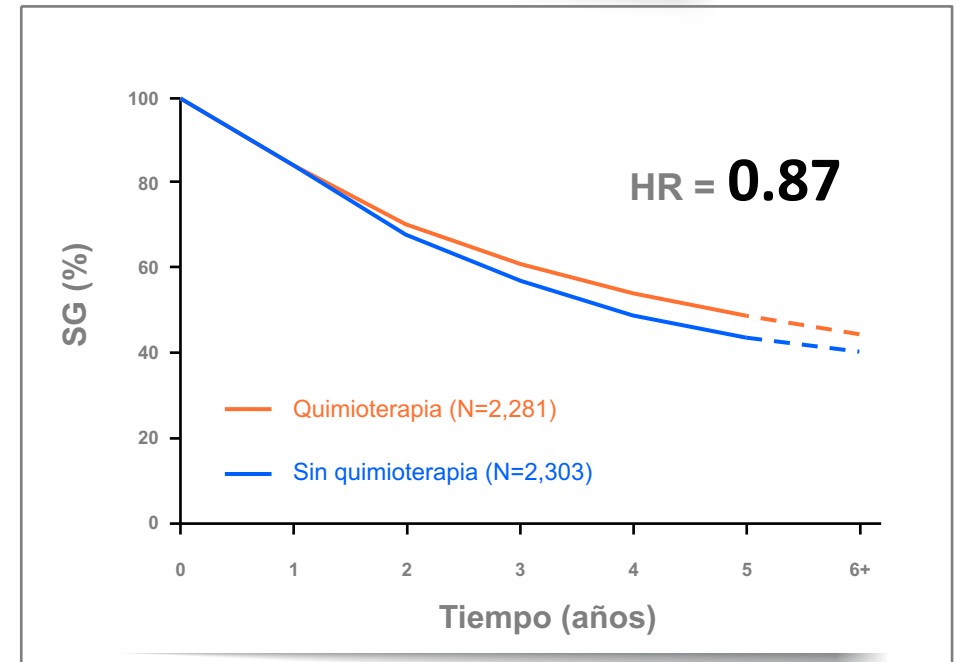
La quimioterapia adyuvante y neoadyuvante mejoran la supervivencia global en NSCLC

Quimioterapia neoadyuvante¹

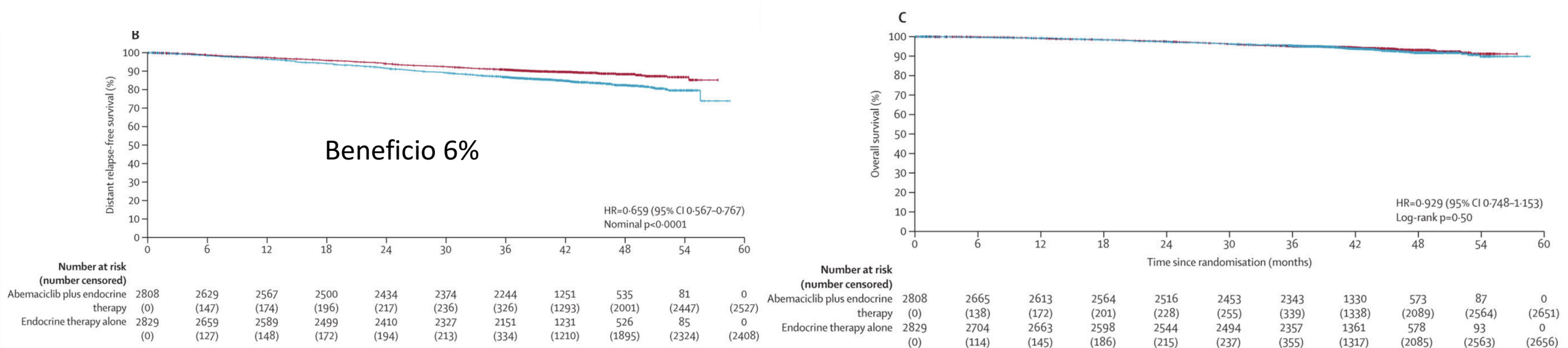


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Quimioterapia adyuvante²

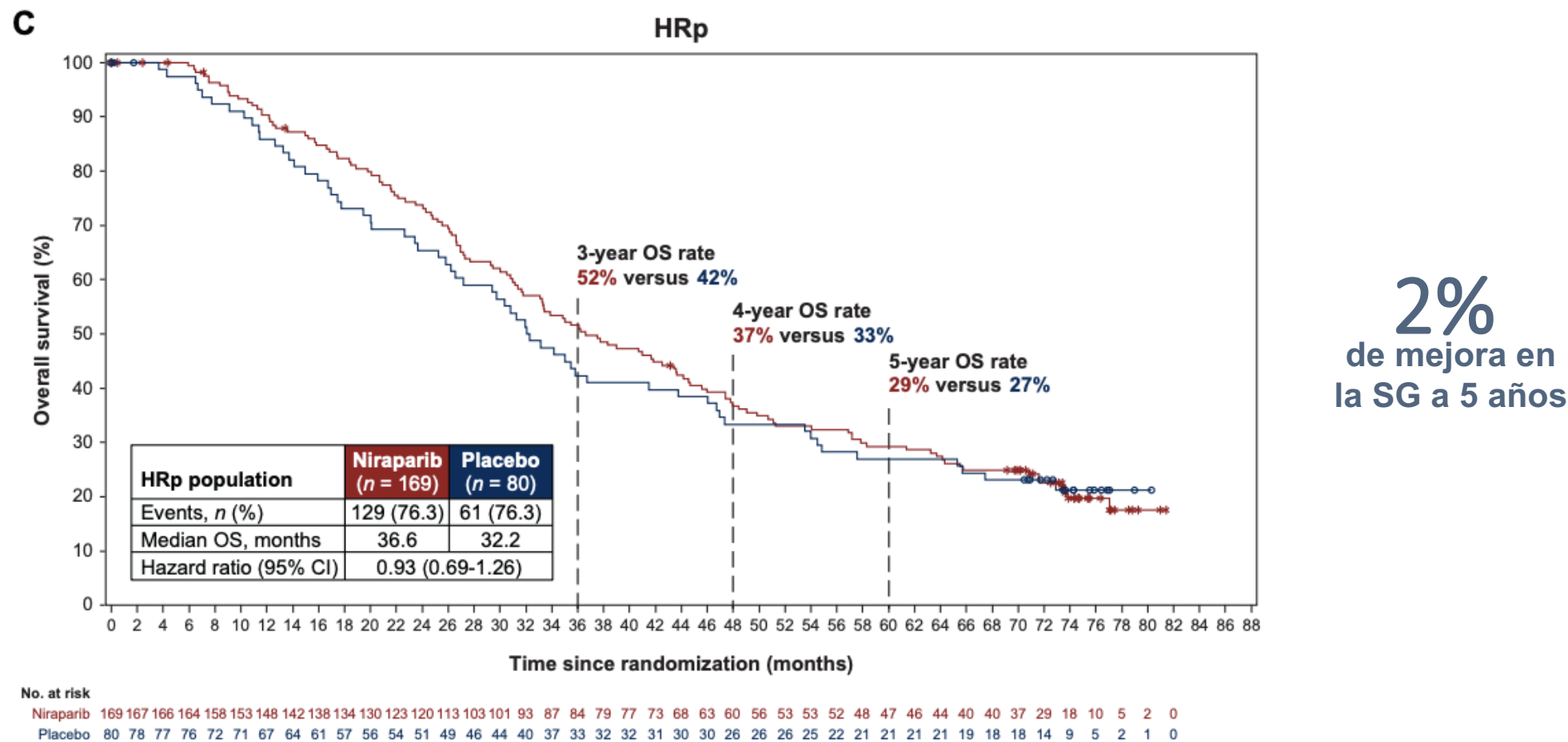


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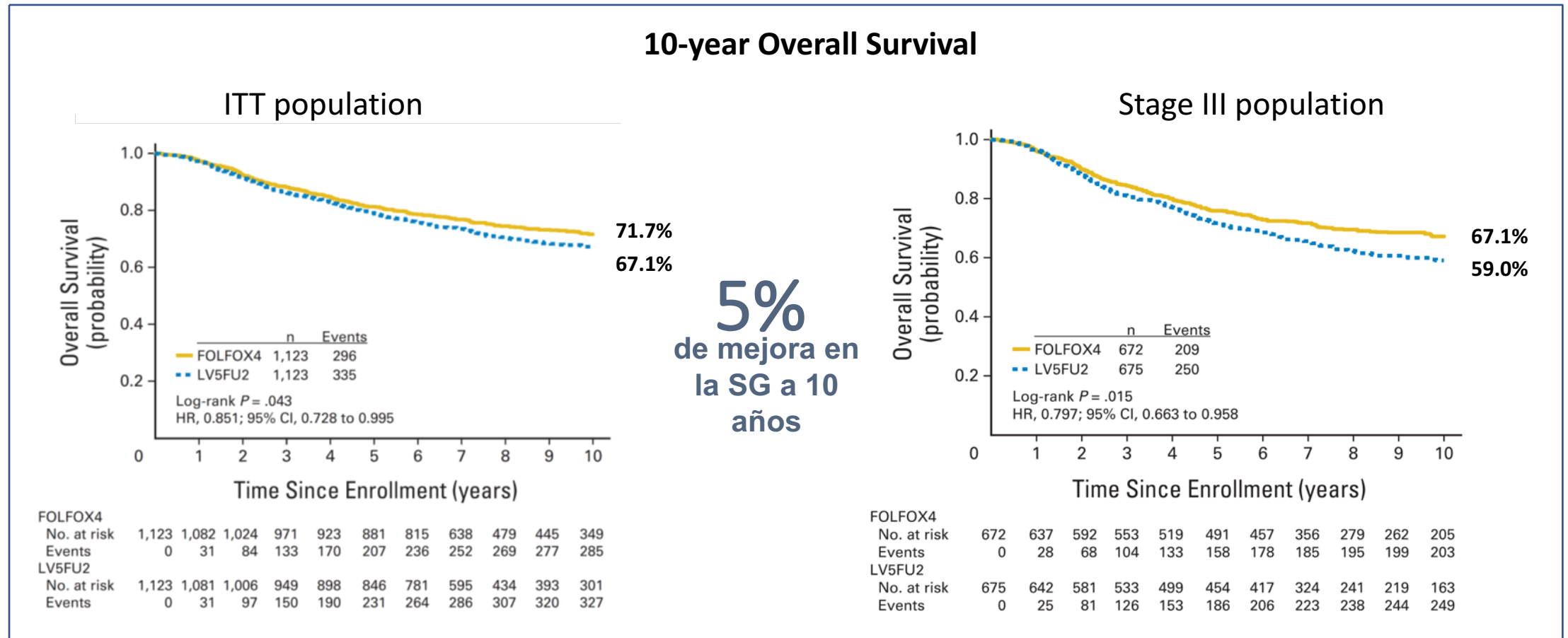


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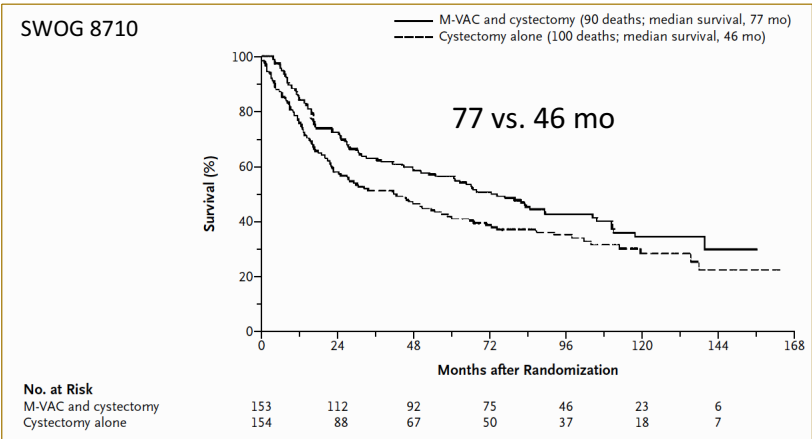


Beneficio de la quimioterapia sistémica adyuvante en cáncer de colon

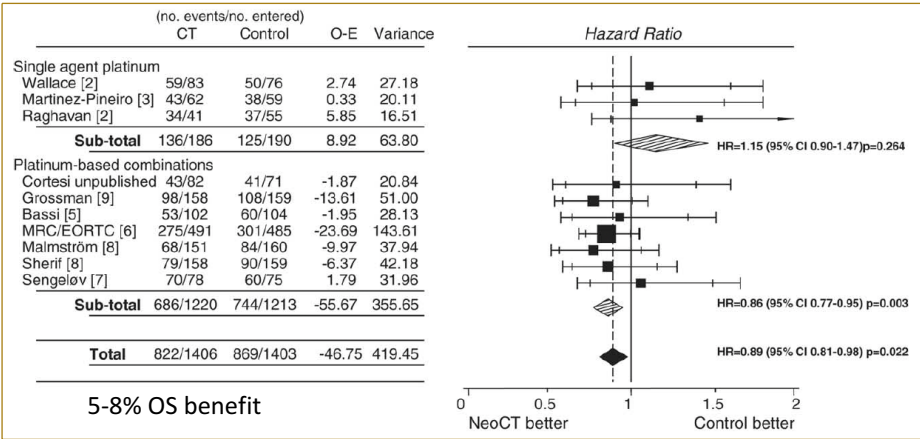


Beneficio del tratamiento sistémico perioperatorio en cáncer urotelial

Neoadjuvant chemotherapy

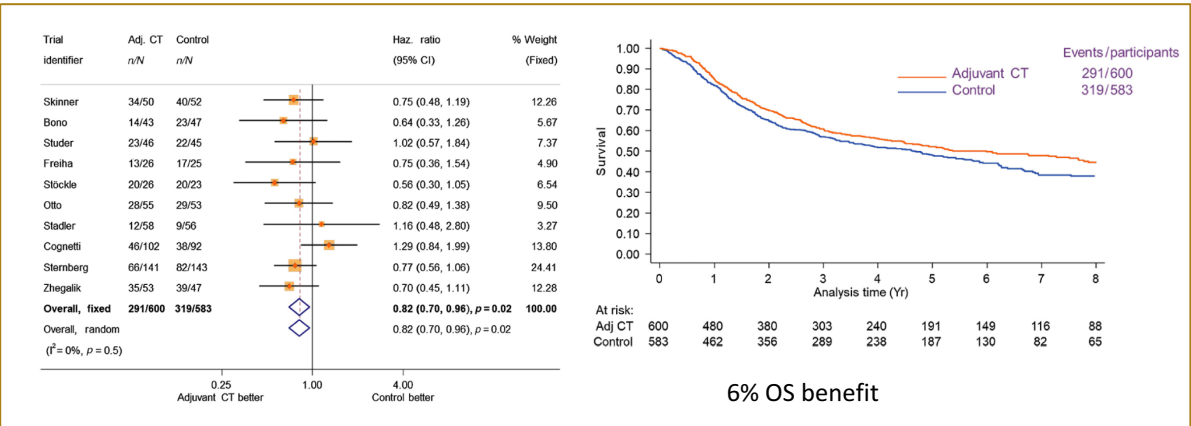


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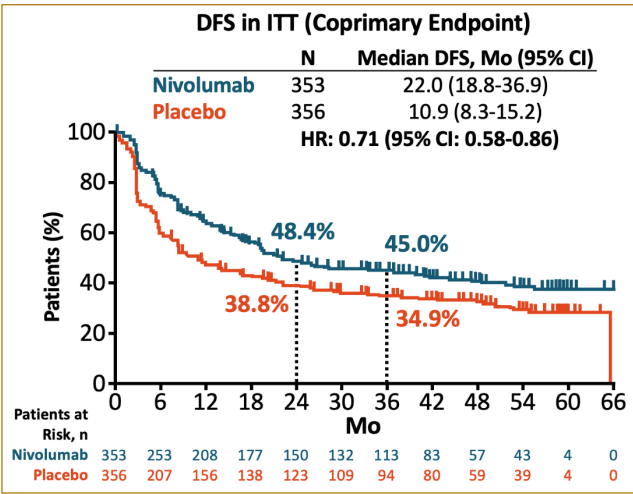
N = 3005

Adjuvant chemotherapy



N = 1183

Adjuvant nivolumab



N = 709

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**Do we have any biomarker that
can help us with the decision?**

Circulating kidney injury molecule-1 (KIM-1) biomarker analysis in IMmotion010, a randomized Phase 3 study of adjuvant atezolizumab vs placebo in patients with renal cell carcinoma at increased risk of recurrence after resection

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Key eligibility criteria

- Resected intermediate- to high-risk^a RCC
 - T2 Grade 4
 - T3a Grade 3/4
 - T3b/c or T4 any Grade
 - TXN+ any Grade
 - M1 NED^b
- Clear cell and/or sarcomatoid component

R
1:1
N=778

Atezolizumab 1200 mg IV q3w
for 16 cycles or 1 year^c

Placebo IV q3w
for 16 cycles or 1 year^c

Stratification factors

- **Disease stage**
T2/T3a vs T3b/c/T4/N+ vs M1 NED
- **PD-L1 expression on IC^d**
IC0 (<1%) vs IC1/2/3 (≥1%)
- **Region**
North America^a vs rest of world

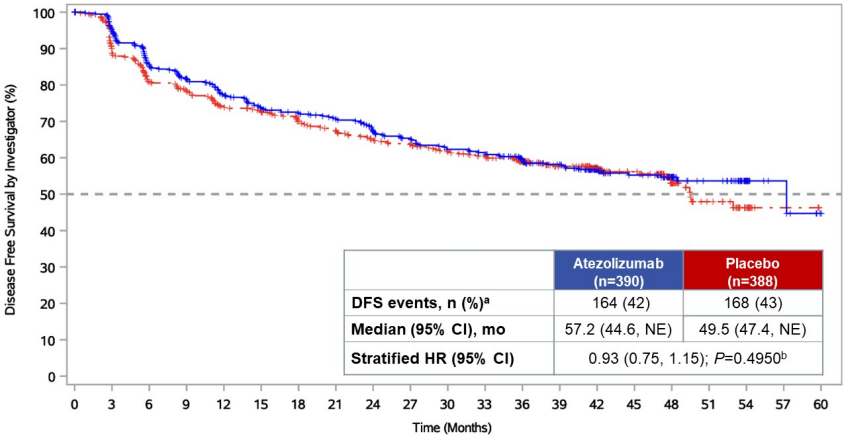
Primary endpoint

- Investigator-assessed DFS in ITT population

Key secondary endpoints

- OS in the ITT population
- Investigator-assessed DFS in the IC1/2/3 population
- IRF-assessed DFS in the ITT and IC1/2/3 populations
- IRF-assessed EFS in the ITT population
- Safety

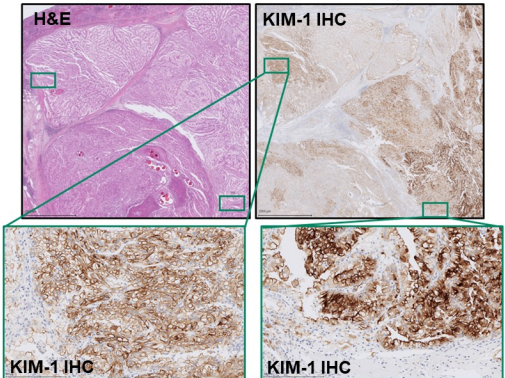
Investigator-assessed DFS in the ITT population



KIM-1 (Kidney injury molecule-1) is a tumor associated protein and may be a useful circulating biomarker in RCC

- KIM-1, a type 1 membrane glycoprotein, has been identified as a marker of unresected clear-cell RCC and as a marker for early detection of RCC^{1,2,3}
- In the ASSURE trial of adjuvant sunitinib, sorafenib, or placebo, higher levels of KIM-1 in post-nephrectomy, pre-treatment **plasma samples** were associated with worse DFS and OS⁴
- KIM-1 can be measured **in plasma or serum** and is stable under different storage conditions, suggesting suitability to serve as a **peripheral blood circulating biomarker**⁵

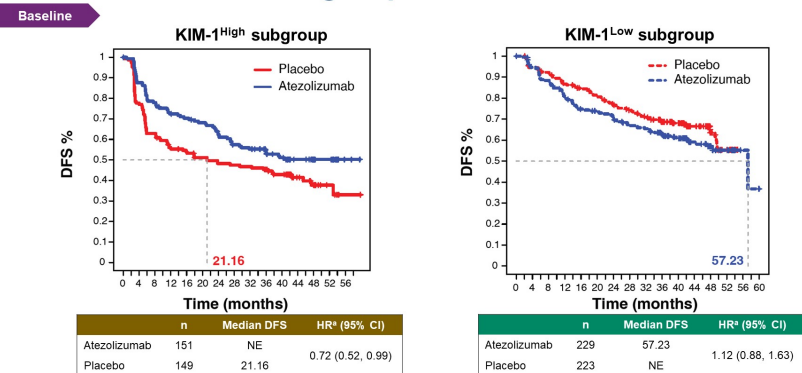
KIM-1 IHC analysis in RCC Primary Tumor



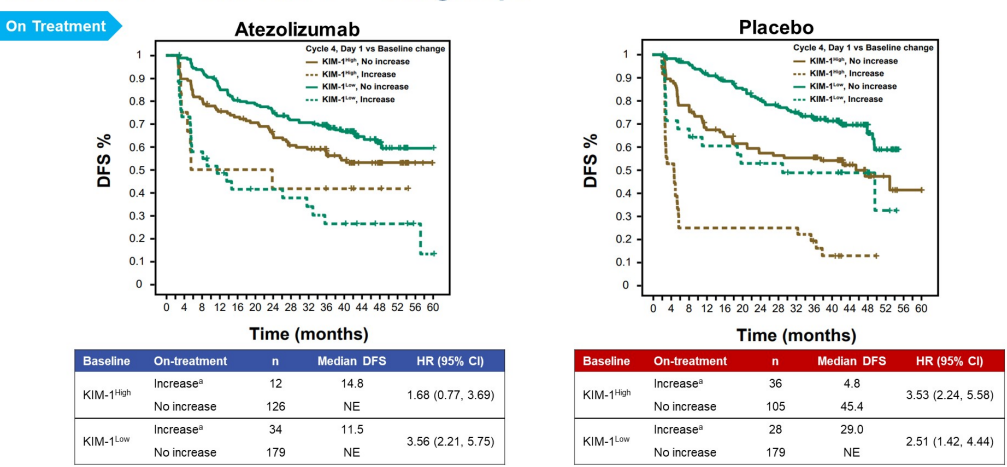
Circulating kidney injury molecule-1 (KIM-1) biomarker analysis in IMmotion010, a randomized Phase 3 study of adjuvant atezolizumab vs placebo in patients with renal cell carcinoma at increased risk of recurrence after resection

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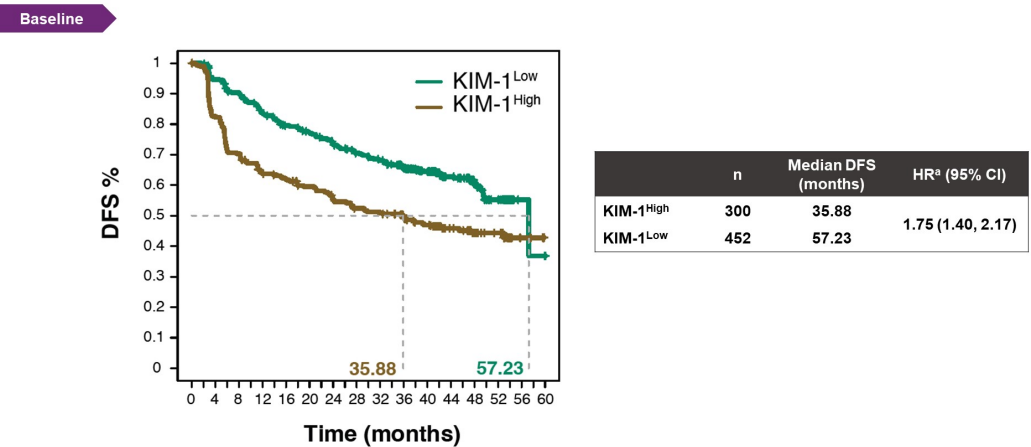
Atezolizumab improved DFS vs Placebo in the baseline KIM-1^{High} subgroup



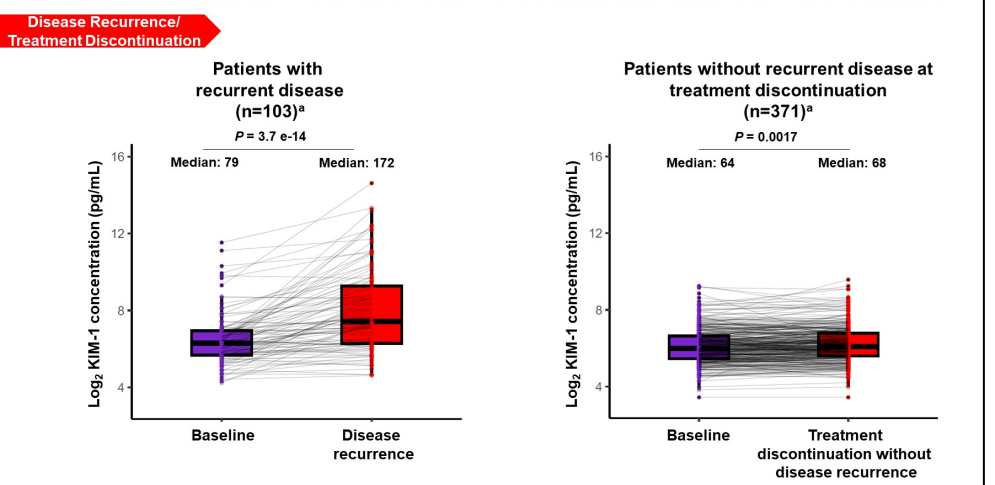
On-treatment increase in KIM-1 was associated with worse DFS in both KIM-1^{High} and KIM-1^{Low} subgroups



KIM-1^{High} status at baseline was associated with worse DFS in IMmotion010

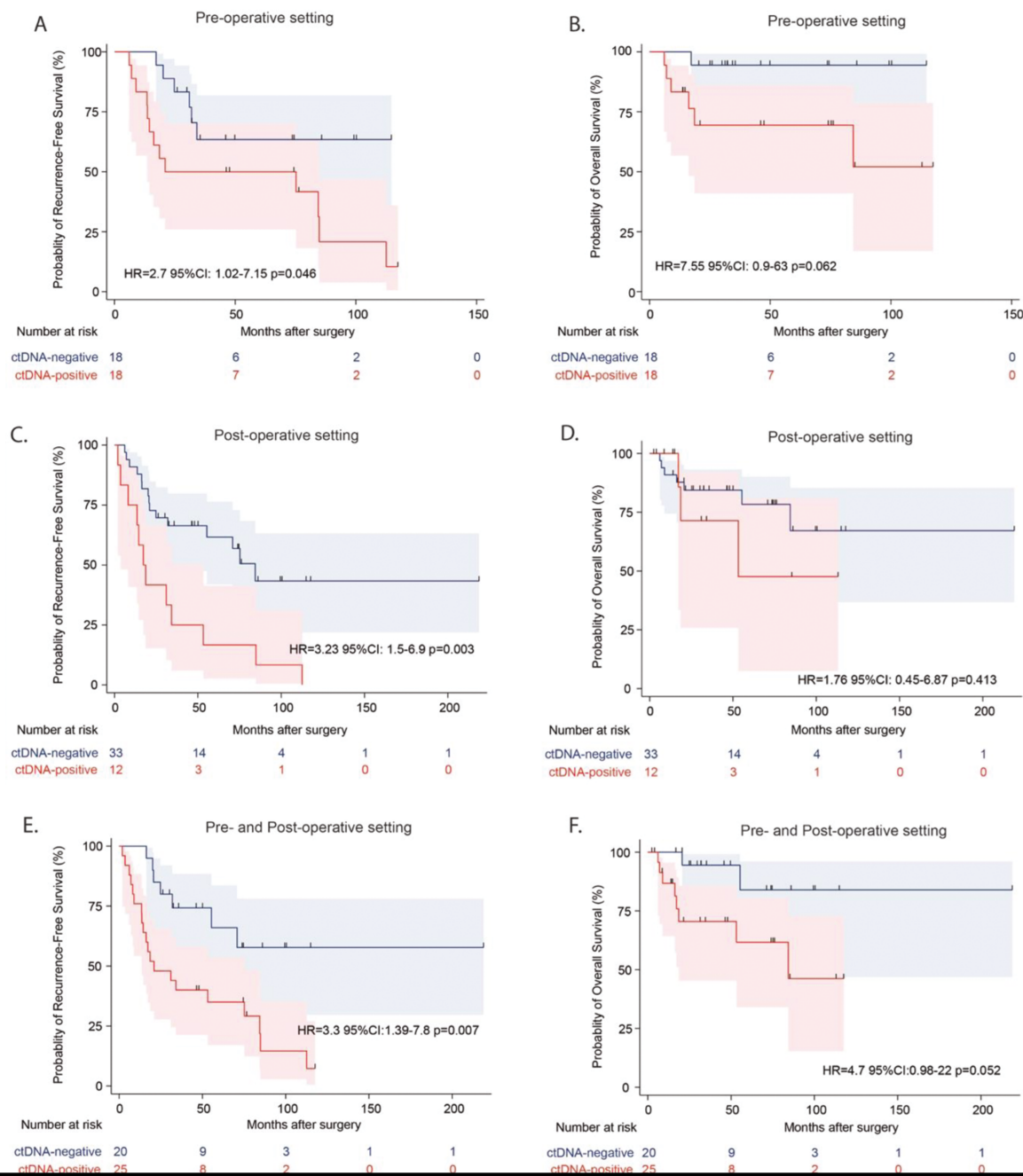
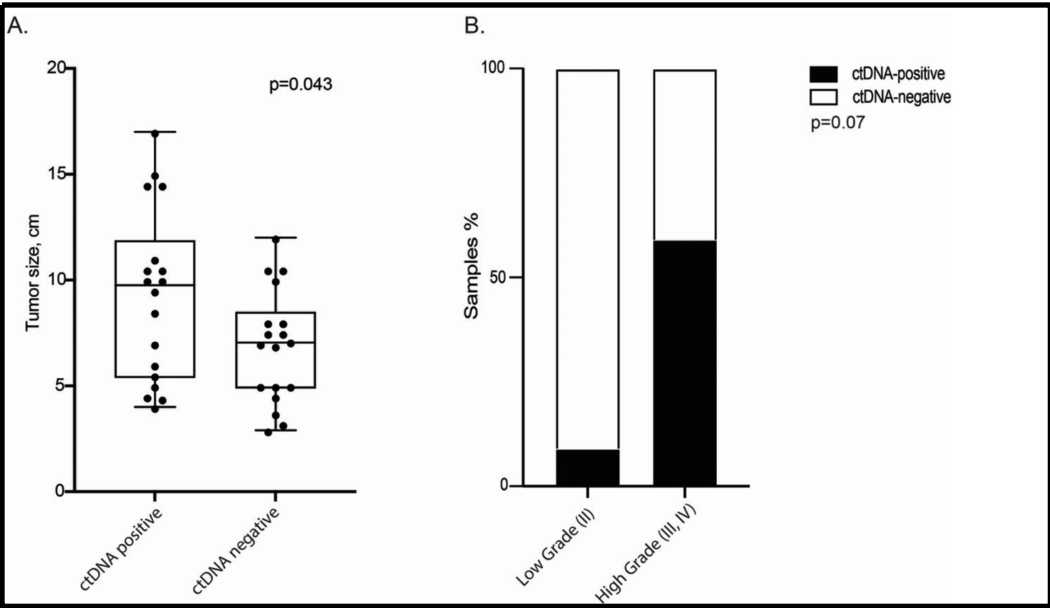


Serum KIM-1 levels increased at time of disease recurrence vs baseline



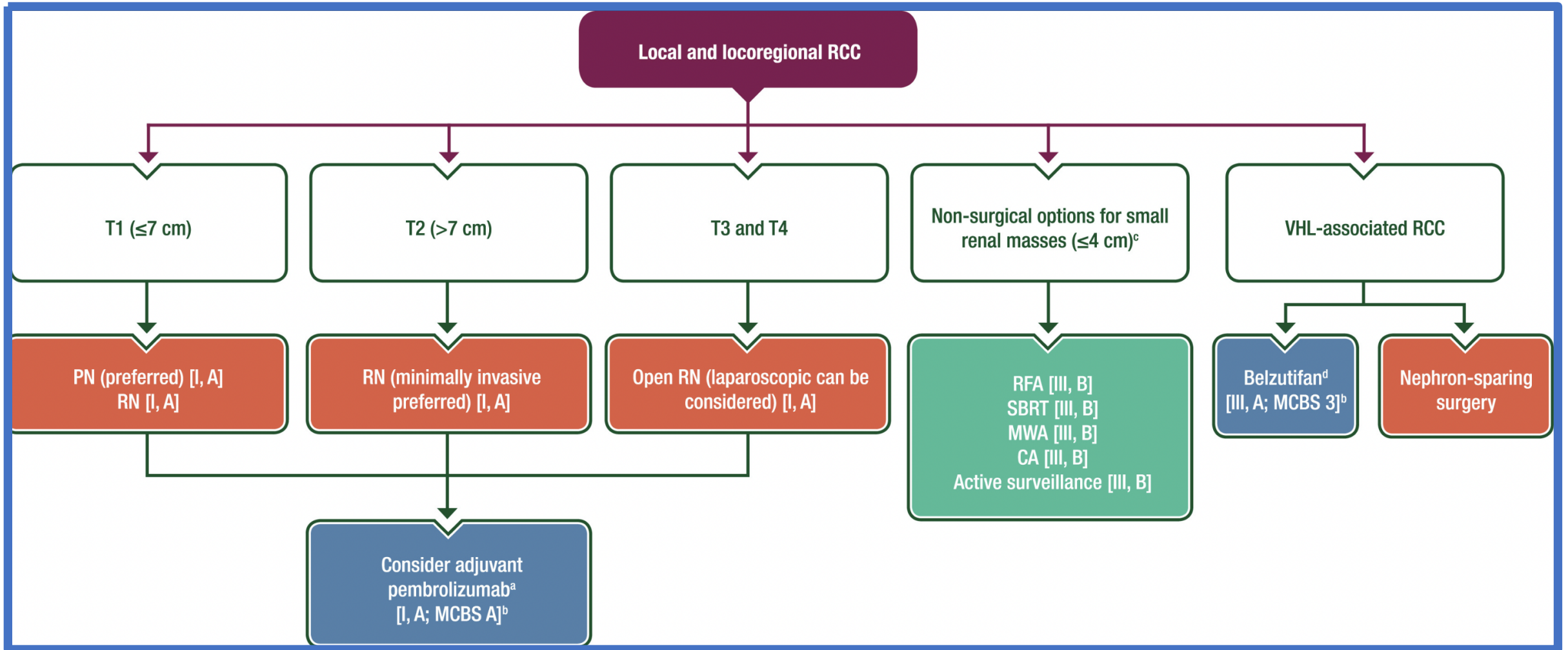
Association of circulating tumor DNA with patient prognosis in surgically resected renal cell carcinoma

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EAU Guidelines on Renal Cell Carcinoma

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Table 2 – Summary of recommendations from the European Association of Urology RCC Guidelines Panel on the use of adjuvant ICI and subsequent therapy for RCC

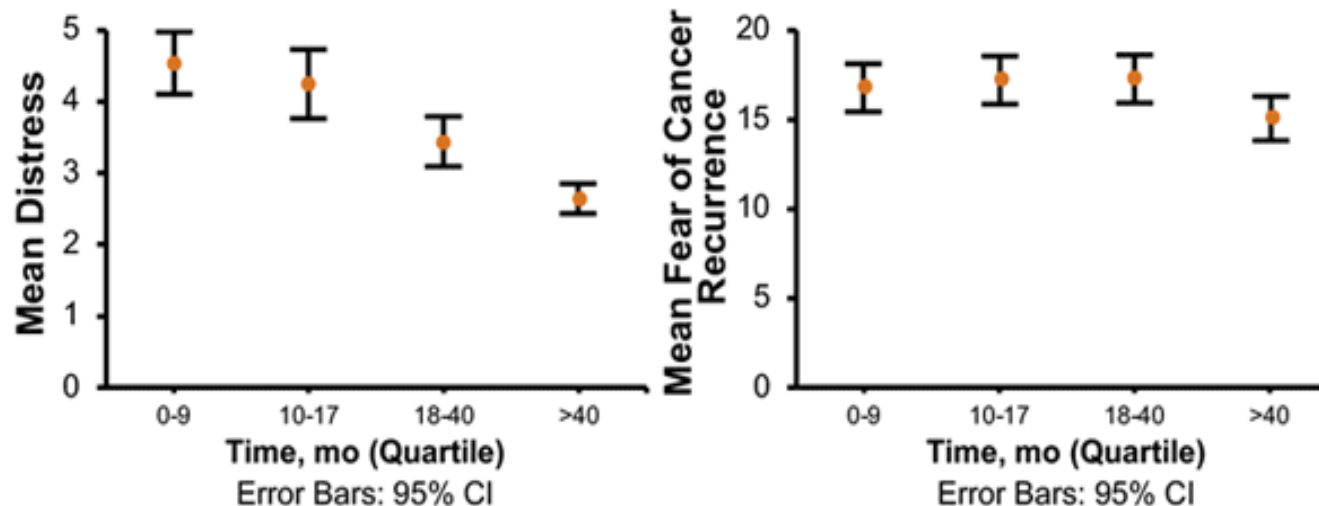
Recommendation	Strength rating
Offer adjuvant pembrolizumab to patients with clear-cell RCC, preferably within 12–16 wk after nephrectomy, with recurrence risk as defined in the KEYNOTE-564 trial: Intermediate-high risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pT2, grade 4 or sarcomatoid differentiation, N0, M0 • pT3, any grade, N0, M0 High risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pT4, any grade, N0, M0 • Any pT, any grade, N+, M0 M1 NED: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NED after resection of oligometastatic sites within 1 yr after nephrectomy 	Strong
If adjuvant therapy is planned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the contradictory results available from adjuvant ICI trials with the patient to facilitate shared decision-making • Inform the patient about the potential risk of overtreatment and immune-related side effects if adjuvant therapy is considered 	Strong
Do not offer ICI monotherapy or combination therapy to patients with recurrence during or within 6 mo after adjuvant pembrolizumab	Weak
ICI = immune checkpoint inhibitor; NED = no evidence of disease; RCC = renal cell carcinoma.	

**What if Carlos is not convinced
of receiving adjuvant
treatment?**

Patient perspectives: fear of cancer recurrence



Emotional Well-Being and Time Since Diagnosis^{1,a}



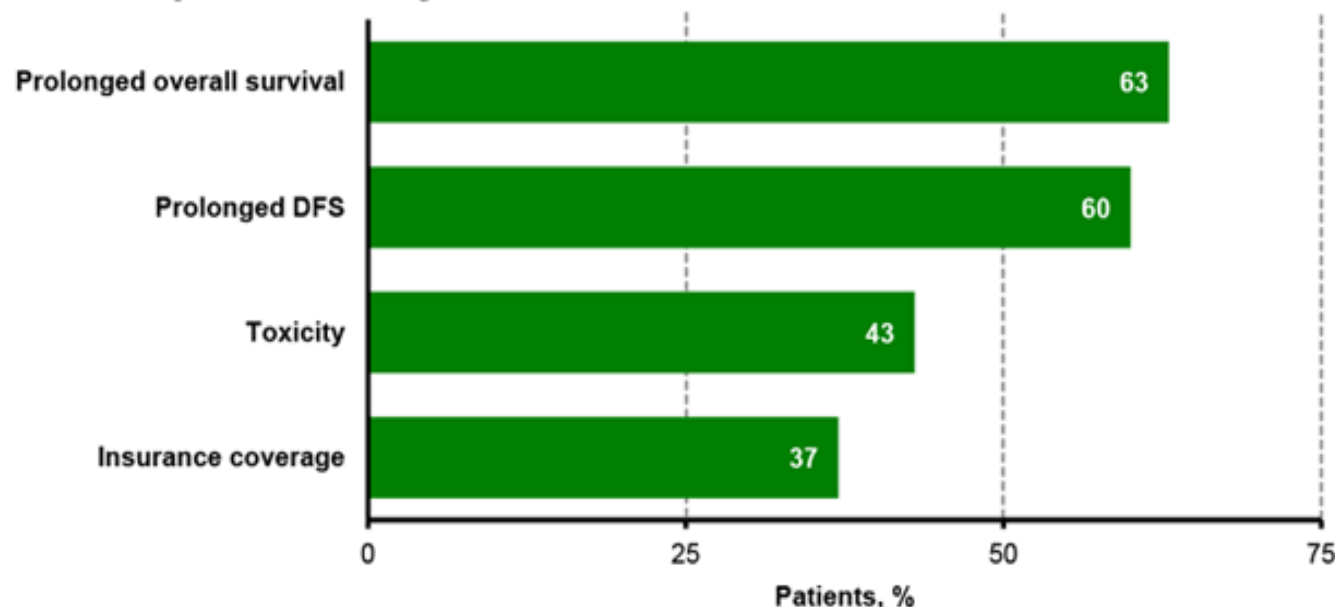
Whereas rates of distress lessened as patients moved further from treatment, fear of cancer recurrence did not seem to dissipate over time

Providers should be aware of these patient perspectives and know they may contribute to a patient's decision about therapy choice



Patient perspectives: adjuvant therapy

Q. If you were able to get treatment to prevent recurrence of your kidney cancer, what would be important for you?^{1,2,a}



- Patient surveys indicate that patients are willing to use adjuvant therapy if the treatment prolongs OS or DFS
- Toxicity of treatment is less important than efficacy endpoints

^a N = 450 patients with RCC.



Patient Voices³

"I wondered why, following the surgery, that some sort of adjuvant therapy was not instituted, but was told that if there is no other cancer detectable, then there is nothing to compare over time to know if the meds are working. I scratched my head on that one because if the adjuvant is working the scans would continue to show NED which would be more than good enough for me."

Factors impacting patient's decision on adjuvant therapy

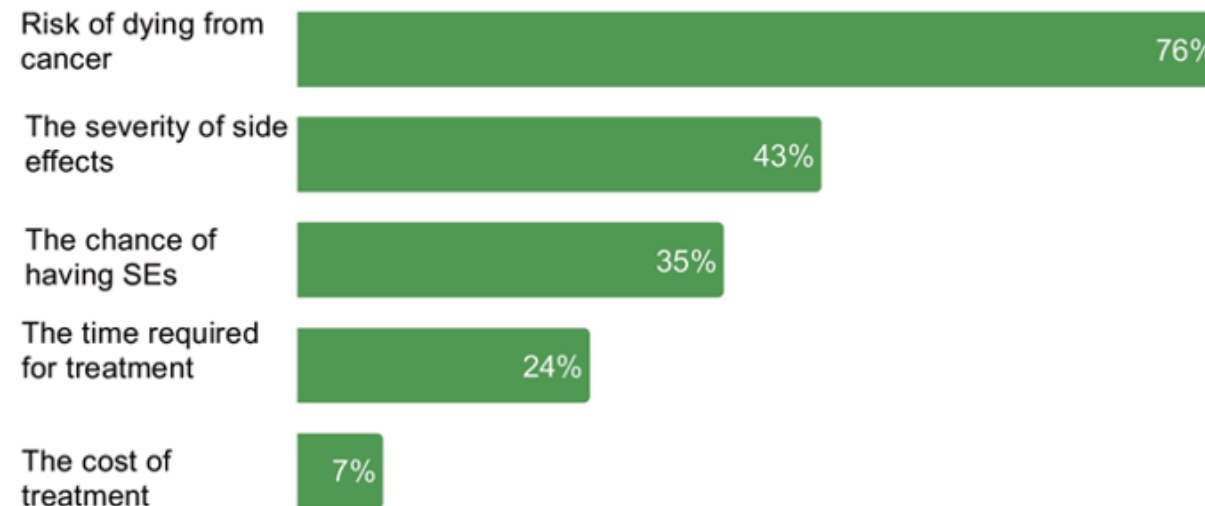


Figure 3: Factors impacting patients' decision on adjuvant therapy

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Online survey:
639 patients with RCC in 2022

**What if Carlos hypothetically
relapses after adjuvant
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FOLLOW-UP



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FOLLOW-UP (category 2B)

- Stage I
Follow-up After a Partial or Radical Nephrectomy¹
- H&P annually
 - Laboratory tests annually, as clinically indicated
 - Abdominal imaging:
 - › Baseline abdominal CT or MRI (preferred) both with and without IV contrast (unless otherwise contraindicated) within 3–12 months of surgery, then annually for up to 5 years or longer as clinically indicated
 - › A more rigorous imaging schedule can be considered if there are positive margins or adverse pathologic features (such as sarcomatoid, high-grade [grade 3/4])
 - Chest imaging:
 - › Chest x-ray or CT annually for at least 5 years, then as clinically indicated
 - › A more rigorous imaging schedule (CT preferred) can be considered if there are positive margins or adverse pathologic features

- Stage II
Follow-up After a Partial or Radical Nephrectomy¹
- H&P annually
 - Laboratory tests annually, as clinically indicated
 - Abdominal imaging:
 - › Baseline abdominal CT or MRI (preferred) both with and without IV contrast (unless otherwise contraindicated), every 6 months for 2 years, then annually for up to 5 years or longer as clinically indicated
 - › A more rigorous imaging schedule can be considered if there are positive margins or adverse pathologic features (such as sarcomatoid, high-grade [grade 3/4])
 - Chest imaging:
 - › Chest x-ray or CT annually for at least 5 years, then as clinically indicated
 - › A more rigorous imaging schedule (CT preferred) can be considered if there are positive margins or adverse pathologic features

- Follow-up for Stage III^{1,11}
- H&P every 3–6 months for 3 years, then annually for up to 5 years, and as clinically indicated thereafter
 - Comprehensive metabolic panel and other tests as indicated every 3–6 months for 3 years, then annually for up to 5 years, and as clinically indicated thereafter
 - Abdominal imaging:
 - › Baseline abdominal CT or MRI both with and without IV contrast (unless otherwise contraindicated) within 3–6 months, then CT or MRI (preferred), or US (US is category 2B for stage III), every 3–6 months for at least 3 years and then annually for up to 5 years
 - › Imaging beyond 5 years: as clinically indicated
 - Chest imaging:
 - › Baseline chest CT within 3–6 months with continued imaging (CT preferred) every 3–6 months for at least 3 years and then annually for up to 5 years
 - › Imaging beyond 5 years: as clinically indicated based on individual patient characteristics and tumor risk factors
 - Additional imaging (ie, bone scan, brain imaging):
 - › As symptoms warrant

Follow-up After Adjuvant Therapy

- Patients who received adjuvant therapy should receive clinical follow-up as for stage III disease

NCCN	1-3 years	4-5 years	> 5 years
TC + LT	3-6 months	Annual	Clinically indicated



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FOLLOW-UP, LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS AND SURVIVORSHIP

There is no robust evidence to guide recommendations regarding the frequency of follow-up imaging in early- or advanced-stage RCC.

Resectable disease

It is reasonable to use follow-up imaging based on the risk factors for recurrence and available treatment options upon diagnosis of recurrence. For patients with high-risk disease, CT scans of the thorax and abdomen should be carried out every 3-6 months for the first 2 years, regardless of whether adjuvant pembrolizumab is used. For patients with low-risk disease, annual CT scans are likely sufficient. Radiological examination after 2 years is less strongly recommended, although continuation for up to 5 years after surgery can be considered. The possibility of long-term relapses should be taken into account when planning follow-up.

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TC + LT	3-6 months	Annual?	-----

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WHAT TO DO ON AN HIPOTHETICAL RELAPSE?

Subsequent Therapies, Participants with Documented Recurrence

	Participants with Documented Recurrence, n	
	Pembrolizumab (n = 171)	Placebo (n = 226)
Systemic therapy only	73 (42.7%)	100 (44.2%)
Systemic + surgery/radiation therapy	37 (21.6%)	54 (23.9%)
Surgery/radiation therapy only	33 (19.3%)	30 (13.3%)
No subsequent therapy reported ^a	28 (16.4%)	42 (18.6%)
VEGF/VEGFR inhibitor ^b	101 (59.1%)	133 (58.8%)
Anti-PD-(L)1 therapy ^b	49 (28.7%)	109 (48.2%)

**Thank you very much
for your attention**