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*Ensuring Optimal Management of  
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This virtually live activity focuses on improving care for patients with urothelial carcinoma with regard to effective risk assessment, individualized treatment selection, and adverse event management. This interactive program integrates didactic presentation with robust case-based discussions between you, your colleagues, and the expert faculty moderator to explore new treatment paradigms and clinical challenges in the treatment of bladder cancer.

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This activity is intended for urologists, urologic oncologists, and multidisciplinary healthcare providers involved in the care of patients with bladder cancer.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Upon the completion of this program, attendees should be able to:

- Explain the latest therapeutic developments in the management of locally advanced and metastatic urothelial carcinoma in consideration of patient-specific factors
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**Agenda:**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>Introductions</b> 5 min	Welcome and introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What have we learned from recent phase 3 clinical trial data?</li> </ul>
<b>Therapies in the Development in Bladder Cancer</b> 5 min	Current clinical data and developments in bladder cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key clinical studies evaluating immune checkpoint inhibition and antibody-drug conjugates in bladder cancer</li> </ul>
<b>Therapeutic Sequencing for Bladder Cancer</b> 5 min	Evaluating current sequencing options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considerations for first-line treatment of metastatic urothelial carcinoma</li> <li>• Proposed treatment algorithm for advanced/metastatic urothelial carcinoma</li> </ul>
<b>Case-Based Discussions</b> 30 min	Adjuvant therapy for muscle invasive bladder cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk assessment</li> <li>• Use of immune checkpoint inhibition in the adjuvant setting</li> <li>• Role of circulating tumor DNA testing in treatment planning</li> </ul>
	Metastatic urothelial carcinoma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adverse event management for patients receiving:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First-line enfortumab vedotin plus pembrolizumab</li> <li>○ Avelumab switch maintenance therapy after platinum-based chemotherapy</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Question &amp; Answer</b> 10 min	Interactive question-and-answer/discussion session
<b>Conclusion</b> 5 min	Closing remarks and key takeaways

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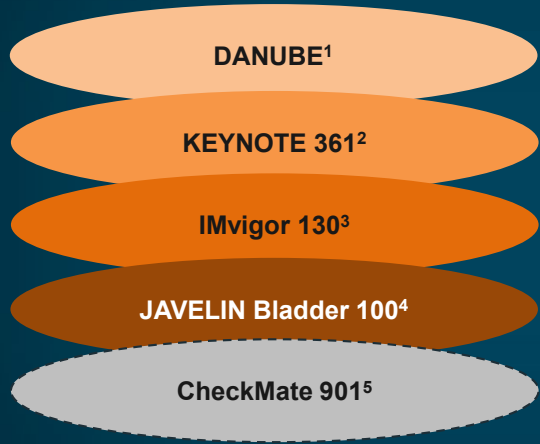
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## Therapeutic Developments in Locally Advanced/Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma

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# Pre-ESMO 2023, What Had We Learned From This Series of Contemporary Phase 3 Trials in mUC?



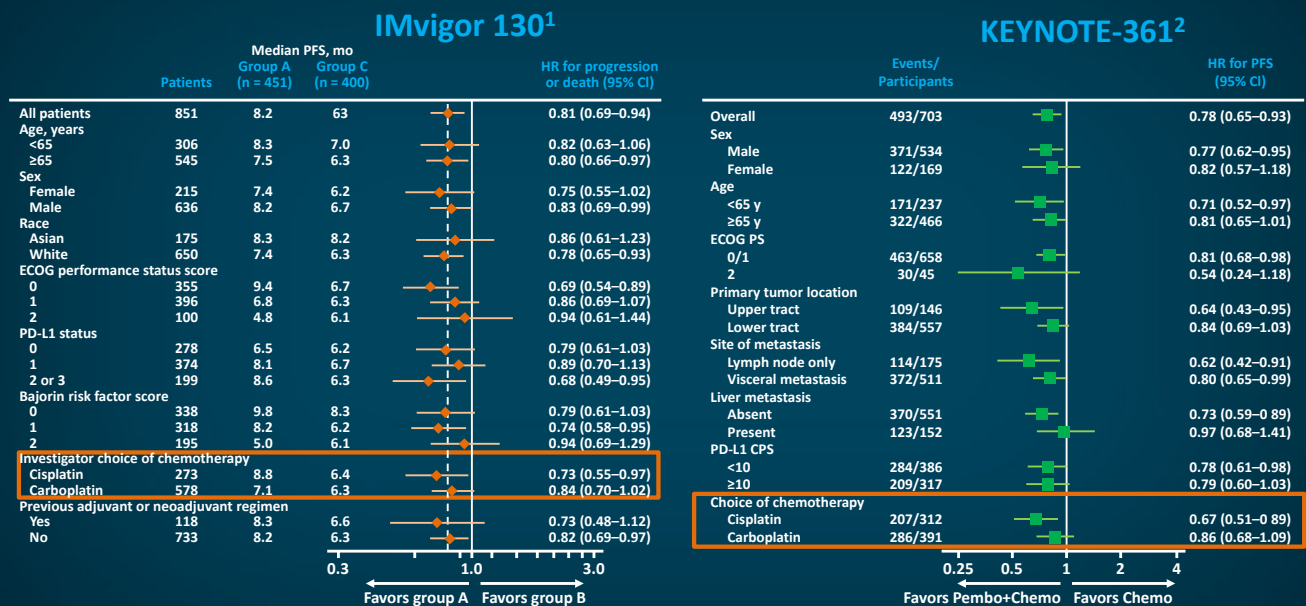
- Single-agent PD-(L)1 blockade not ideal strategy and hard to define population for whom sufficient<sup>2</sup>
- Early second-line (ie, switch maintenance) PD-(L)1 is a good strategy<sup>4,6,7</sup>
- Combination CTLA-4 + PD-(L)1 blockade not an ideal strategy (?)<sup>1,8</sup>
- Concurrent combination platinum-based chemotherapy + PD-(L)1 blockade not an ideal strategy<sup>6</sup>

CTLA-4 = cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated protein 4; mUC = metastatic urothelial carcinoma; PD-(L)1 = programmed (cell) death 1 (PD-1) or PD-L1.

1. Powles T, et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2020;21(12):1574-1588. 2. Powles et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2021;22(7):931-945. 3. Galsky MD, et al. *Lancet*. 2020;395(10236):1547-1557. 4. Powles T, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2020;381:1218-1230. 5. van der Heijden MS, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2023;389(19):1778-1789. 6. Galsky MD, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38(16):1797-1806. 7. Galsky MD, Grande E, et al. *Lancet* 2021;396:1977-1978. 8. de Velasco G, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38(16):1797-1806.

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## Is There Relevant Biology Hidden in These Results?



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2. Alva A, et al. *Ann Oncol*. 2020;31(suppl 4): abstract LBA23.

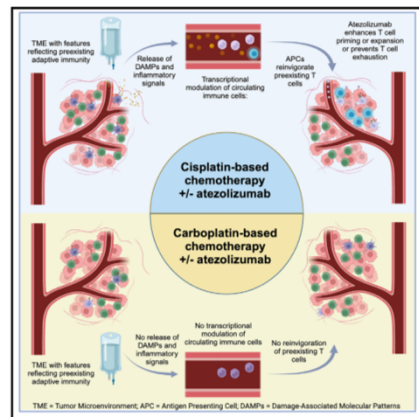
Chemo = chemotherapy; CI = confidence interval; CPS = combined positive score; HR = hazard ratio; Pembro = pembrolizumab; PFS = progression-free survival.

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## Immunomodulatory effects and improved outcomes with cisplatin- versus carboplatin-based chemotherapy plus atezolizumab in urothelial cancer

### Graphical abstract



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### In brief

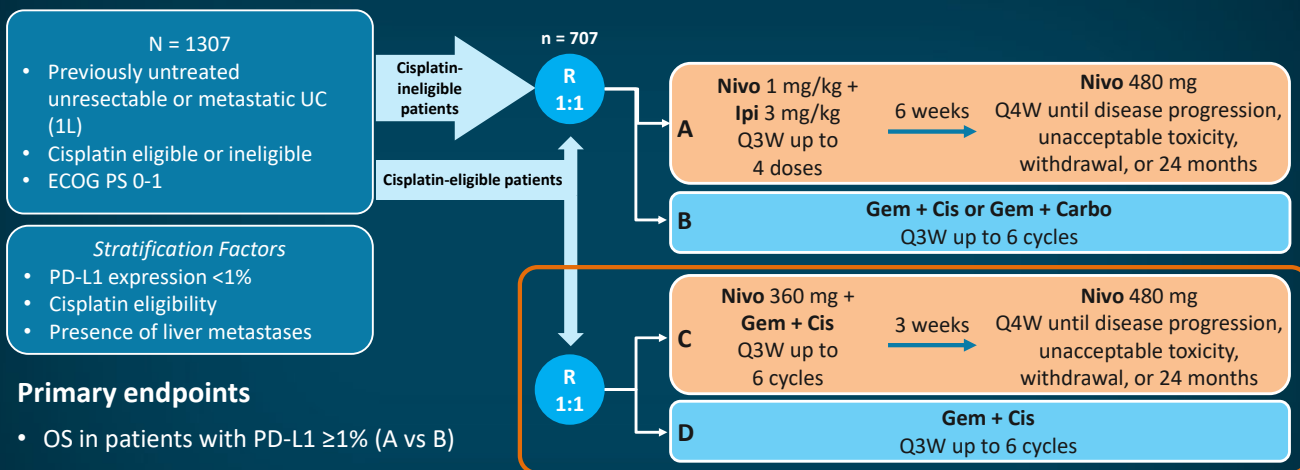
Galsky et al. demonstrate that durable cancer control with cisplatin versus carboplatin is most prominent in patients with pretreatment tumors demonstrating features of restrained adaptive immunity. *In vitro*, they demonstrate that cisplatin versus carboplatin exerts direct immunomodulatory effects on cancer cells, promoting dendritic cell activation and antigen-specific T cell killing.

- Patients with tumors showing preexisting adaptive immunity benefit more from cisplatin
- Cisplatin versus carboplatin modulates immune-related transcriptional programs
- Tumor cells primed by cisplatin versus carboplatin are sensitive to T cell killing

Galsky MD, et al. *Cell Rep Med*. 2024;5(2):101393.

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## CheckMate 901: Phase 3 Trial of Nivolumab in Combination



### Primary endpoints

- OS in patients with PD-L1  $\geq 1\%$  (A vs B)
- OS in cisplatin-ineligible patients (A vs B)
- OS and PFS in cisplatin-eligible patients (C vs D)

Carbo = carboplatin; Cis = cisplatin; Gem = gemcitabine; Ipi = ipilimumab; Nivo = nivolumab; OS = overall survival; Q3W = every 3 weeks; Q4W = every 4 weeks.

Galsky MD, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2018;36(15\_suppl):TP54588. 2. NCT03036098 (<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03036098>). Accessed 4/5/23.

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## CheckMate 901: Baseline Characteristics

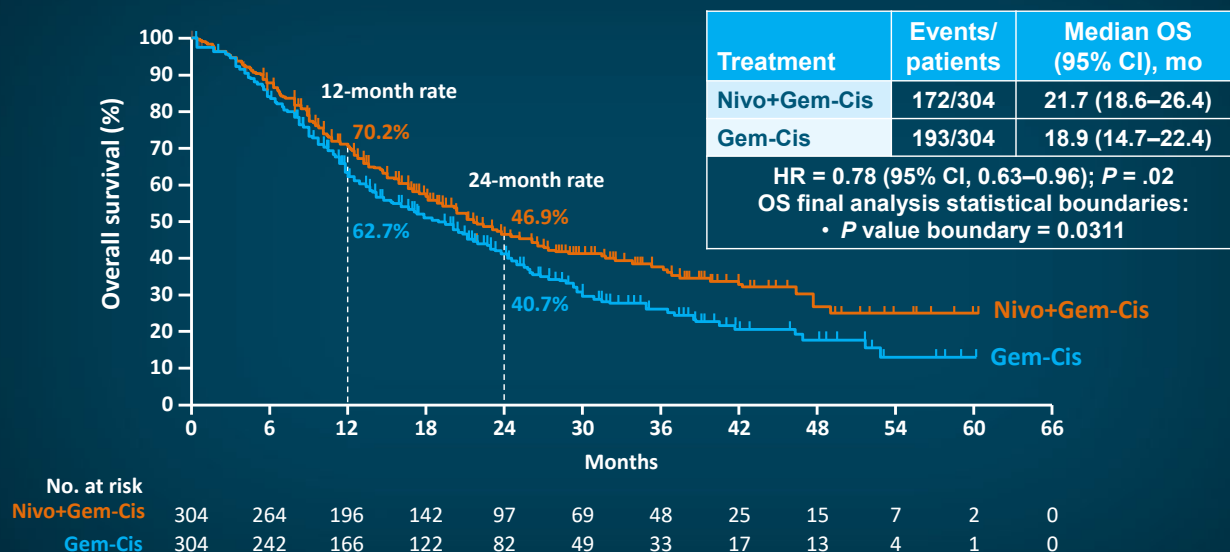
	Nivo + Gem-Cis (n = 304)	Gem-Cis (n = 304)
Median age, y (range)	65 (32–86)	65 (35–85)
Male sex, n (%)	236 (77.6)	234 (77.0)
<b>Race</b>		
White	211 (69.4)	225 (74.0)
Asian	75 (24.7)	63 (20.7)
<b>Geographic region, n (%)</b>		
United States	19 (6.2)	21 (6.9)
Europe	134 (44.1)	142 (46.7)
Asia	72 (23.7)	61 (20.1)
Other	79 (26.0)	80 (26.3)
<b>ECOG PS, n (%)</b>		
0	162 (53.3)	162 (53.3)
1	140 (46.1)	142 (46.7)
>1	2 (0.7)	0

	Nivo + Gem-Cis (n = 304)	Gem-Cis (n = 304)
<b>Tumor type at initial diagnosis, n (%)</b>		
Urinary bladder	235 (77.3)	219 (72.0)
Renal pelvis	33 (10.9)	44 (14.5)
Other	36 (11.8)	41 (13.5)
<b>Tumor PD-L1 expression, n (%)</b>		
≥1%	111 (36.5)	110 (36.2)
<1%	193 (63.5)	194 (63.8)
<b>Liver metastasis, n (%)</b>		
Yes	64 (21.1)	64 (21.1)
No	240 (78.9)	240 (78.9)

van der Heijden MS, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2023;389:1778-1789.

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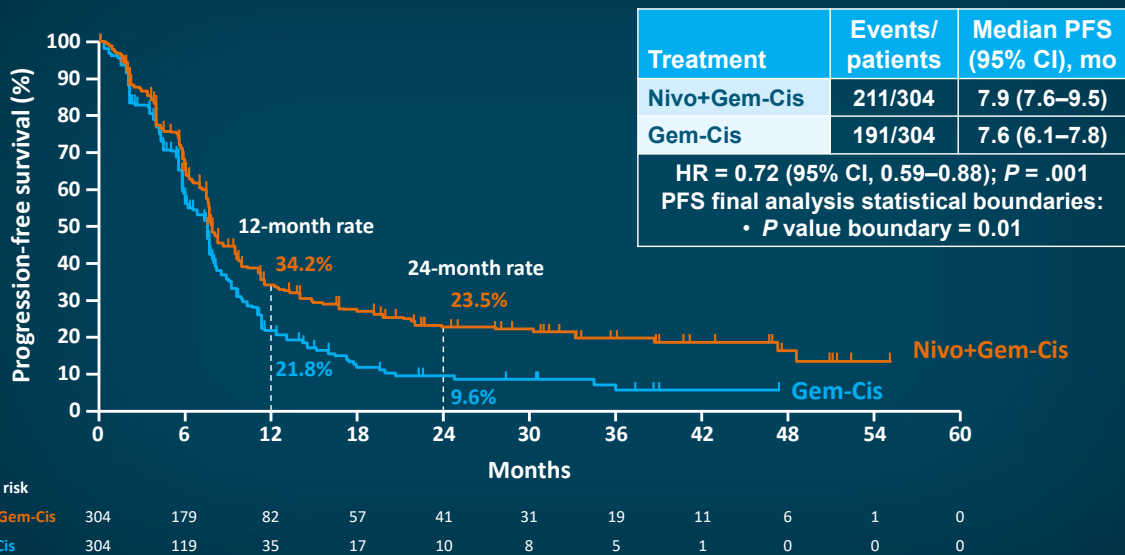
## CheckMate 901: Overall Survival in Cisplatin-Eligible Patients



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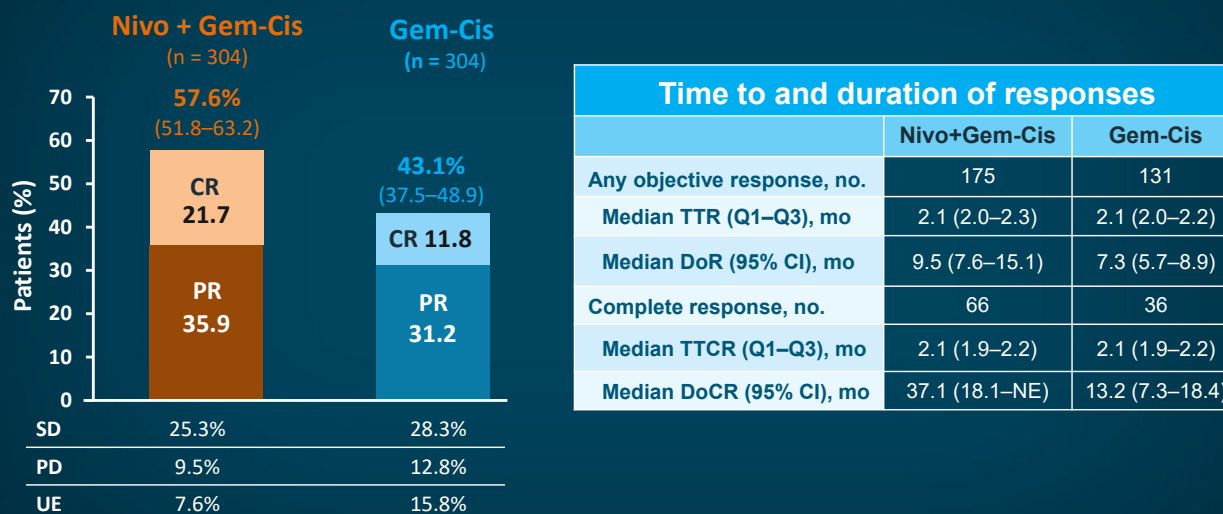
## CheckMate 901: Progression-Free Survival in Cisplatin-Eligible Patients



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## CheckMate 901: Quantity and Quality of Complete Responses Are Different When Nivolumab Is Added to Gemcitabine + Cisplatin



CR = complete response; DoCR = duration of CR; DoR = duration of response; NE = not evaluable/estimable; PR = partial response; Q = quartile; SD = stable disease; TTCR = time to CR; TTR = time to response; UE = unevaluable.

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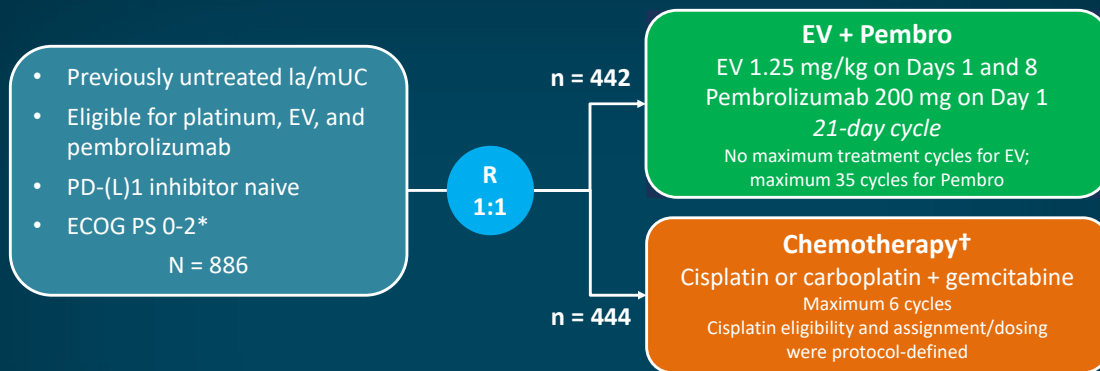
## CheckMate 901: Treatment-Related AEs in Cisplatin-Eligible Patients

TRAEs occurring in $\geq 20\%$ of any grade or $\geq 5\%$ of grade $\geq 3$				
Treatment-related adverse events	Nivo + Gem-Cis (n = 304)		Gem-Cis (n = 288)	
	Any grade	Grade $\geq 3$	Any grade	Grade $\geq 3$
Any AE	296 (97.4)	188 (61.8)	267 (92.7)	149 (51.7)
Anemia	174 (57.2)	67 (22.0)	137 (47.6)	51 (17.7)
Nausea	142 (46.7)	1 (0.3)	138 (47.9)	3 (1.0)
Neutropenia	93 (30.6)	57 (18.8)	86 (29.9)	44 (15.3)
Decreased neutrophil count	75 (24.7)	44 (14.5)	60 (20.8)	32 (11.1)
Fatigue	74 (24.3)	6 (2.0)	69 (24.0)	4 (1.4)
Decreased appetite	68 (22.4)	4 (1.3)	45 (15.6)	1 (0.3)
Decreased platelet count	66 (21.7)	23 (7.6)	43 (14.9)	14 (4.9)
Decreased white-cell count	64 (21.1)	30 (9.9)	40 (13.9)	11 (3.8)
Thrombocytopenia	45 (14.8)	20 (6.6)	35 (12.2)	13 (4.5)

AE = adverse event; TRAE = treatment-related AE.  
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## EV-302: Phase 3 Trial of Enfortumab Vedotin (EV) + Pembrolizumab



- **Dual primary endpoints:** PFS per BICR, OS
- **Select secondary endpoints:** ORR per RECIST v1.1 by BICR and investigator assessment, DoR, time to pain progression, safety
- **Stratified by** cisplatin eligibility, PD-L1 expression, and liver metastases

\*Patients with ECOG PS of 2 were required to also meet additional criteria: hemoglobin  $\geq 10$  g/dL, GFR  $\geq 50$  mL/min, may not have NYHA class III heart failure; †maintenance therapy could be used following completion and/or discontinuation of platinum-containing therapy.

BICR = blinded independent central review; la = locally advanced; RECIST = response evaluation criteria in solid tumors.

Powles TB, et al. *Ann Oncol.* 2023;34(suppl 2): abstract LBA6. Powles T, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2024;390:875-888 and supplement.

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## EV-302: Baseline Characteristics

	EV+Pembro (n = 442)	Chemo (n = 444)
Male sex, n (%)	344 (77.8)	336 (75.7)
Median age, y (range)	69 (37–87)	69 (22–91)
Race, n (%)		
White	308 (69.7)	290 (65.3)
Asian	99 (22.4)	92 (20.7)
Geographic location, n (%)		
North America	103 (23.3)	85 (19.1)
Europe	172 (38.9)	197 (44.4)
Rest of world	167 (37.8)	162 (36.5)
ECOG PS, n (%)		
0	223 (50.5)	215 (48.4)
1	204 (46.2)	216 (48.6)
2	15 (3.4)	11 (2.5)

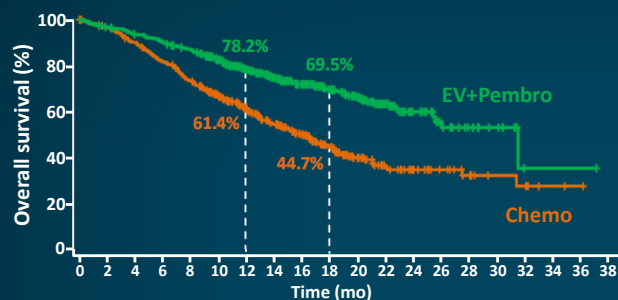
	EV+Pembro (n = 442)	Chemo (n = 444)
Primary tumor location, n (%)		
Upper tract	135 (30.5)	104 (23.4)
Lower tract	305 (69.0)	339 (76.4)
Cisplatin eligible, n (%)	240 (54.3)	242 (54.5)
Metastatic category, n (%)		
Visceral metastases	318 (71.9)	318 (71.6)
Bone	81 (18.3)	102 (23.0)
Liver	100 (22.6)	99 (22.3)
Lung	170 (38.5)	157 (35.4)
Lymph node only	103 (23.3)	104 (23.4)
PD-L1 expression, n/N (%)		
High (CPS* $\geq 10$ )	254/438 (58.0)	254/439 (57.9)
Low (CPS* $< 10$ )	184/438 (42.0)	185/439 (42.1)

\*CPS is defined as total number of PD-L1-staining cells (tumor and immune cells, lymphocytes, macrophages) divided by total number of viable tumor cells, multiplied by 100.

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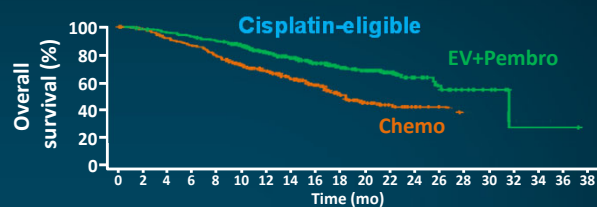
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## EV-302: Overall Survival



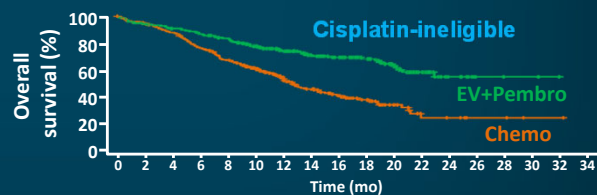
	N	Events (%)	mOS (95% CI), mo
EV+Pembro	442	133 (30.1)	31.5 (25.4–NE)
Chemo	444	226 (50.9)	16.1 (13.9–18.3)

HR = 0.47 (95% CI, 0.38–0.58); 2-sided  $P < .001$   
Median survival follow-up = 17.2 mo



	Events, n/N	mOS (95% CI), mo
EV+Pembro	69/244	31.5 (25.4–NE)
Chemo	106/234	18.4 (16.4–27.5)

HR = 0.53 (95% CI, 0.39–0.72)



	Events, n/N	mOS (95% CI), mo
EV+Pembro	64/198	NE (20.7–NE)
Chemo	120/210	12.7 (11.4–15.5)

HR = 0.43 (95% CI, 0.31–0.59)

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## EV-302: ORR, PFS, and Subsequent Therapy

Response rates		
	EV+Pembro (n = 437)	Chemo (n = 441)
Confirmed ORR, n (%) (95% CI)	296 (67.7) (63.1–72.1)	196 (44.4) (39.7–49.2)
2-sided P value	< .001	
Best overall response, n (%)		
CR	127 (29.1)	55 (12.5)
PR	169 (38.7)	141 (32.0)
SD	82 (18.8)	149 (33.8)
PD	38 (8.7)	60 (13.6)
Not evaluated	21 (4.8)	36 (8.2)

Subsequent systemic therapy		
	EV+Pembro (n = 442) n (%)	Chemo (n = 444) n (%)
First subsequent systemic therapy	128 (29.0)	294 (66.2)
Platinum-based	110 (24.9)	17 (3.8)
PD-(L)1 inhibitor-containing	7 (1.6)	260 (58.6)
Maintenance therapy	0	143 (32.2)
Following progression	7 (1.6)	117 (26.4)
Other	11 (2.5)	17 (3.8)

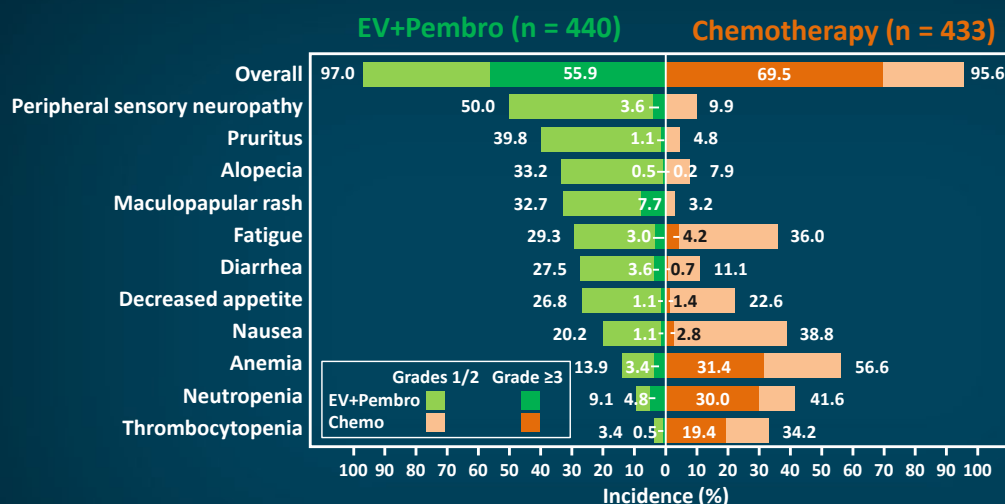
Progression-free survival per BICR			
	N	Events (%)	mPFS (95% CI), mo
EV+Pembro	442	223 (50.5)	12.5 (10.4–16.6)
Chemo	444	307 (69.1)	6.3 (6.2–6.5)
HR = 0.45 (95% CI, 0.38–0.54); 2-sided P < .001			

mPFS = median PFS; ORR = overall/objective response rate.

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## EV-302: Treatment-Related Adverse Events



Median number of cycles (range)

- EV+Pembro = 12.0 (1–46)
- Chemo = 6.0 (1–6)

### TRAEs leading to death per investigator

- EV+Pembro: 4 (0.9%)—asthenia, diarrhea, immune-mediated lung disease, multiorgan dysfunction syndrome
- Chemo: 4 (0.9%)—febrile neutropenia, myocardial infarction, neutropenic sepsis, sepsis

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## Considerations for First-line Treatment of Metastatic UC

Acknowledging the limitations of cross-trial comparisons, the effect size on OS for EV + Pembro versus Chemo is larger than that observed with gemcitabine + Nivo versus Chemo, **but...**

1. Are both regimens potentially curative for a small subset?

2. How do the potential toxicities of both regimens compare?

3. How do the durations of treatment compare?

4. How to we contextualize 2nd-line treatment options?

Slide courtesy of M Galsky.

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## TROPiCS-04 Study Design

### Eligibility criteria

- Locally advanced unresectable or mUC
  - Upper/lower tract tumors
  - Mixed histologic types are allowed if urothelial is predominant
  - Progression after platinum-based and ICPI therapy
- OR
- Cisplatin in neoadjuvant/adjuvant setting if progression within 12 mo and subsequent ICPI

N = 600

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### SG arm

Sacituzumab govitecan  
10 mg/kg  
D1 and D8 of 21-day cycle

### TPC arm

- Docetaxel, 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> OR
- Paclitaxel, 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or
- Vinflunine, 320 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on D1 of 21-day cycle

Continue treatment until loss of clinical benefit or toxicity

- **Primary endpoint:** OS
- **Secondary endpoints:** PFS by PI assessment and BICR using RECIST 1.1; ORR, DoR, and CBR by PI assessment and BICR using RECIST 1.1; EORTC QLQ-C30 score and EuroQOL EQ-5D-5L QOL score; safety and tolerability

CBR = clinical benefit rate; ICPI = immune checkpoint inhibitor; EORTC = European Organization for the Research and Treatment of Cancer; EuroQOL EQ-5D-5L QOL = European Quality of Life 5-Dimensions 5 Levels Instrument; PI = principal investigator; QLQ-C30 = Quality of Life Questionnaire Core 30; TPC = treatment of physician's choice.

Vulsteke C, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2022;40(6 suppl): abstract TP5582. NCT04527991 (<https://classic.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04527991>). Accessed 3/22/24.

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# Treatment of Urothelial Cancer 2024

Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer (MIBC)						
Chemotherapy as neoadjuvant			Nivolumab as adjuvant			
Stage IV						
Platinum eligible					Platinum ineligible	
Cisplatin eligible			Cisplatin ineligible			
All comers			All comers	PD-L1+	All comers	
1L therapy	Enfortumab vedotin + PD-1					
	Chemo + PD-1		Chemo	PD-(L)1	PD-(L)1	
Maintenance (optional)	Avelumab (SD or Chemo responders)					
2L therapy	IO naïve (No testing required)		Post-IO therapy		FGFR+	HER2+
	PD-(L)1		Chemo	Enfortumab vedotin	Erdafitinib	T-DXd
3L therapy	Post-platinum therapy and PD-(L)1 therapy (if eligible)					
	Enfortumab vedotin		Chemo	Sacituzumab govitecan	Erdafitinib	T-DXd

2L = second line; 3L = third line; FGFR = fibroblast growth factor receptor; IO = immunotherapy; T-DXd = trastuzumab deruxtecan.  
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Chemotherapy	PD-(L)1 inhibitor	Nectin-4 ADC
FGFR inhibitor	HER2 ADC	Trop-2 ADC

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Thank you!

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