

Metastatic Renal Cell Cancer - Therapeutic Challenges 2011

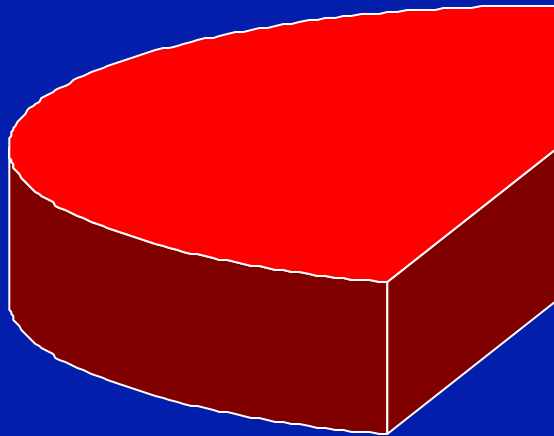
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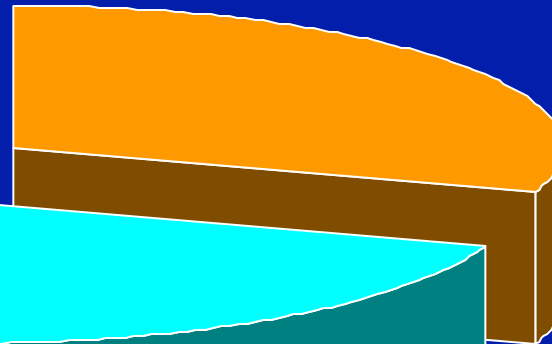


RCC Stage at Diagnosis

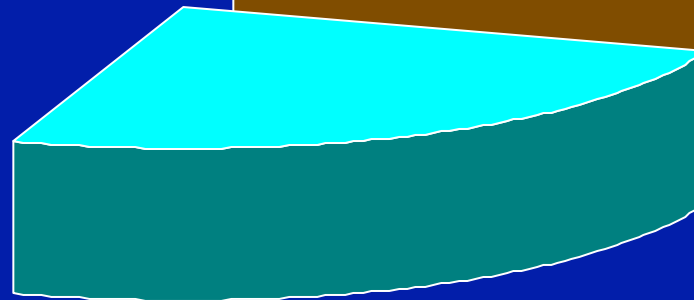
45% Localized disease



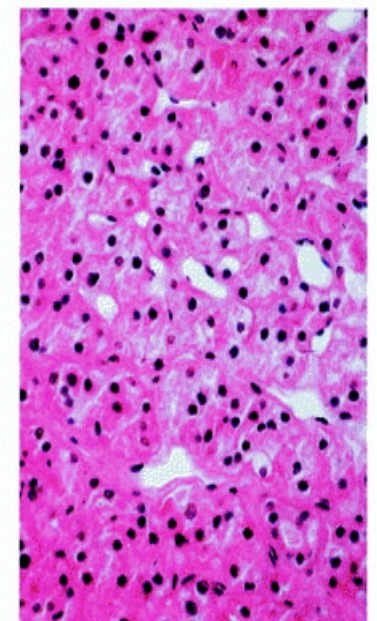
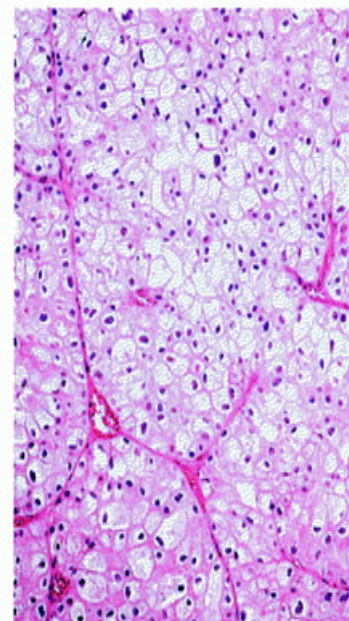
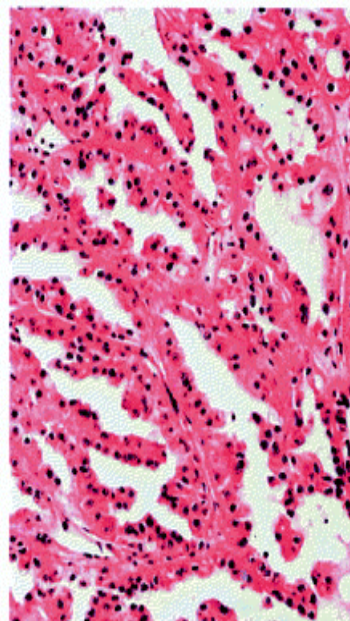
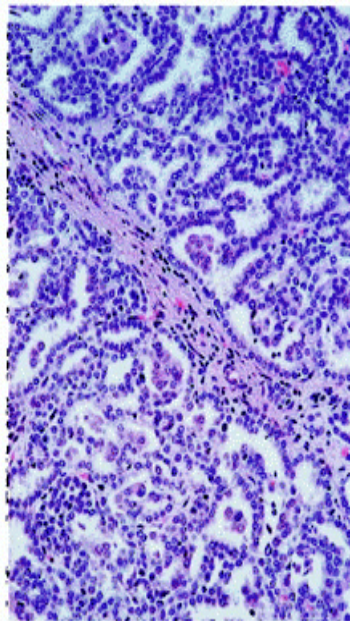
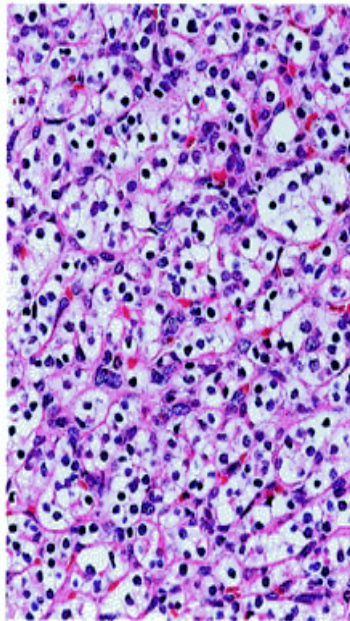
30% Metastatic disease



25% Locally advanced disease



Human Renal Epithelial Neoplasms



Type	Clear Cell 75%	Papillary Type 1 5%	Papillary Type 2 10%	Chromophobe 5%	Oncocytoma 5%
Gene	VHL	Met	FH	BHD	

Paradigm shift in mRCC in the last 5 years

- Six new agents approved based on increased efficacy over IFN- α or placebo:

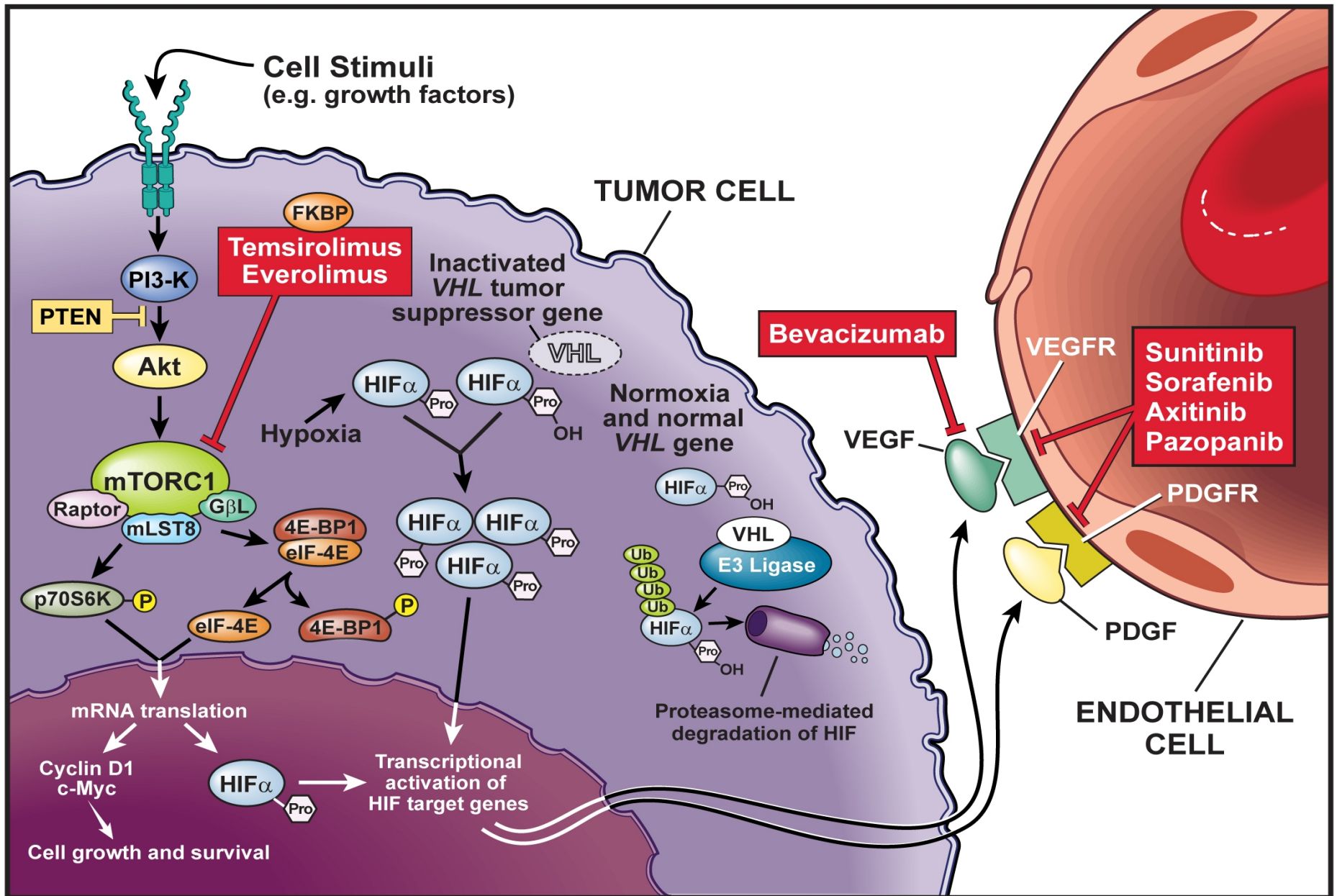
Comparator	
IFN- α	Placebo
Sunitinib ^{1,2}	Sorafenib ³
Bevacizumab ^{4,5}	Everolimus ⁶
Temsirolimus ⁷	Pazopanib ⁸

- IFN- α monotherapy is no longer considered the standard of care in mRCC

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What we know

- RCC is inherently VEGF-driven and responsive to targeting of the VEGF pathway
 - mTOR biology relevance less certain although clinical effects of mTOR-targeted therapy are seen
- Clear OR and PFS advantage (vs. IFN/placebo) to VEGF-targeted therapy and substantial OS (2+ years)
 - Sunitinib, pazopanib and Bev/IFN are front-line SOC
- Debulking nephrectomy remains a standard of care (although being re-tested with modern drugs)
- Combination therapy has been toxic / ineffective to date



Summary of First-Line Phase III Data

Drug	Control	Study Design	ORR (%)	PFS (months)	OS (months)
Bevacizumab + IFN- α ¹	IFN- α	Randomized 1:1, patients previously untreated (AVOREN/CALGB)	31/26 vs 13	10.2 vs 5.4 (HR=0.63, P<0.0001)	23 vs 21 (HR=0.86, P=0.1291)
Sunitinib ^{2,3,6}	IFN- α	Randomized 1:1, patients previously untreated	39 vs 8* 47 vs 12 [†]	11 vs 5 (HR=0.42; P<0.001)	26 vs 22 [‡] (HR=0.82; P=0.051)
Pazopanib ^{6,7}	Placebo	Randomized 2:1, patients previously untreated or 1 prior cytokine	30 vs 3	9.2 vs 4.2 (HR=0.46; P<0.001)	23 vs 20.5 HR=0.91 (p=.224)
Sorafenib ⁵	Placebo	Randomized 1:1, patients previously treated with IL-2 or IFN	10 vs 2	5.5 vs 2.8 (HR=0.44; P<0.01)	19.3 vs 15.9 (HR=0.77; P=0.02)
Temsirolimus ⁴	IFN- α	Randomized 1:1:1, patients previously untreated who have poor prognosis	8.6 vs 4.8	5.5 vs 3.1	10.9 vs 7.3 (HR=0.73; P=0.008)

*Independent review.

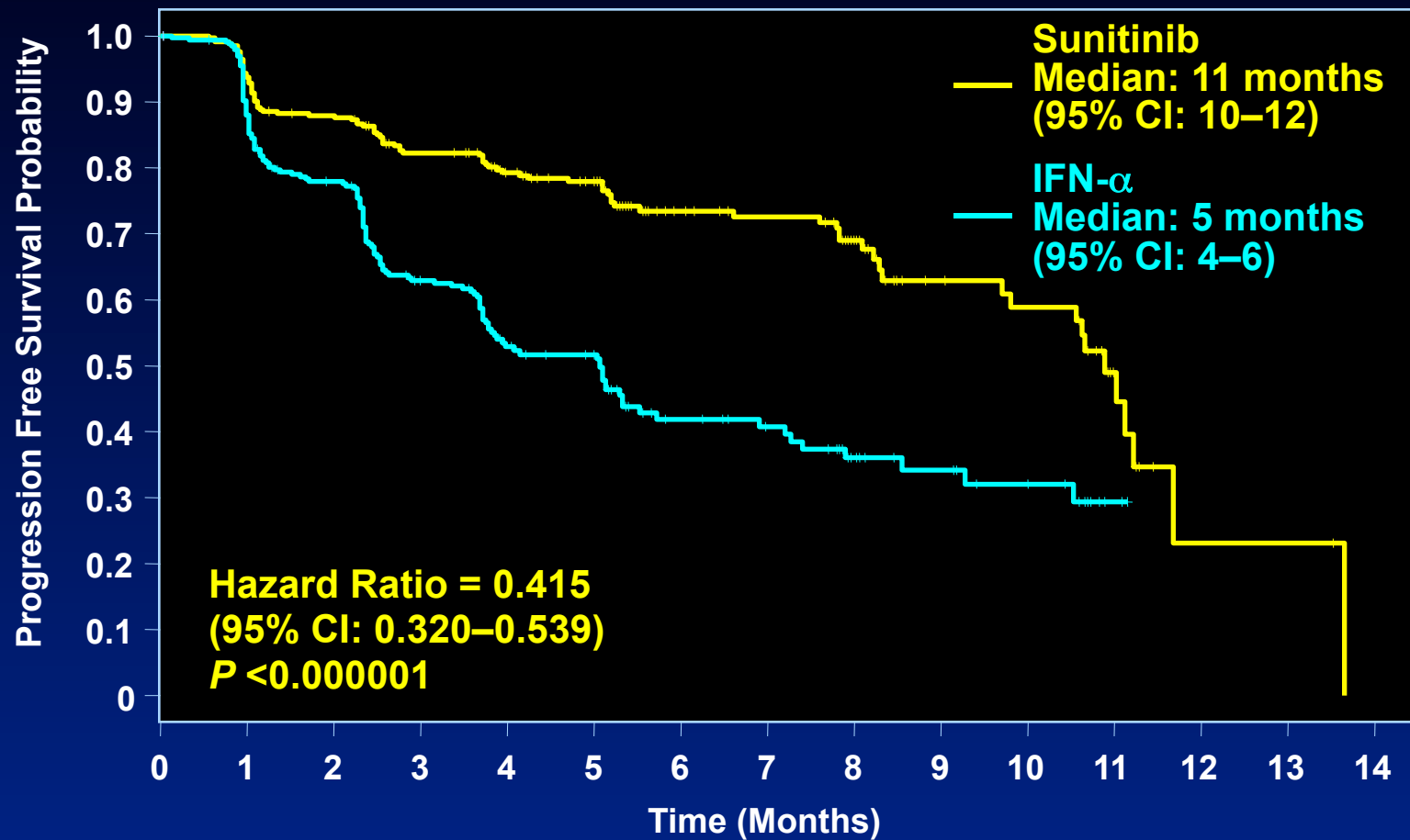
[†]Investigator.

[‡]Log-rank.

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Progression-Free Survival

(Independent Central Review)



No. at Risk Sunitinib:
No. at Risk IFN-α:

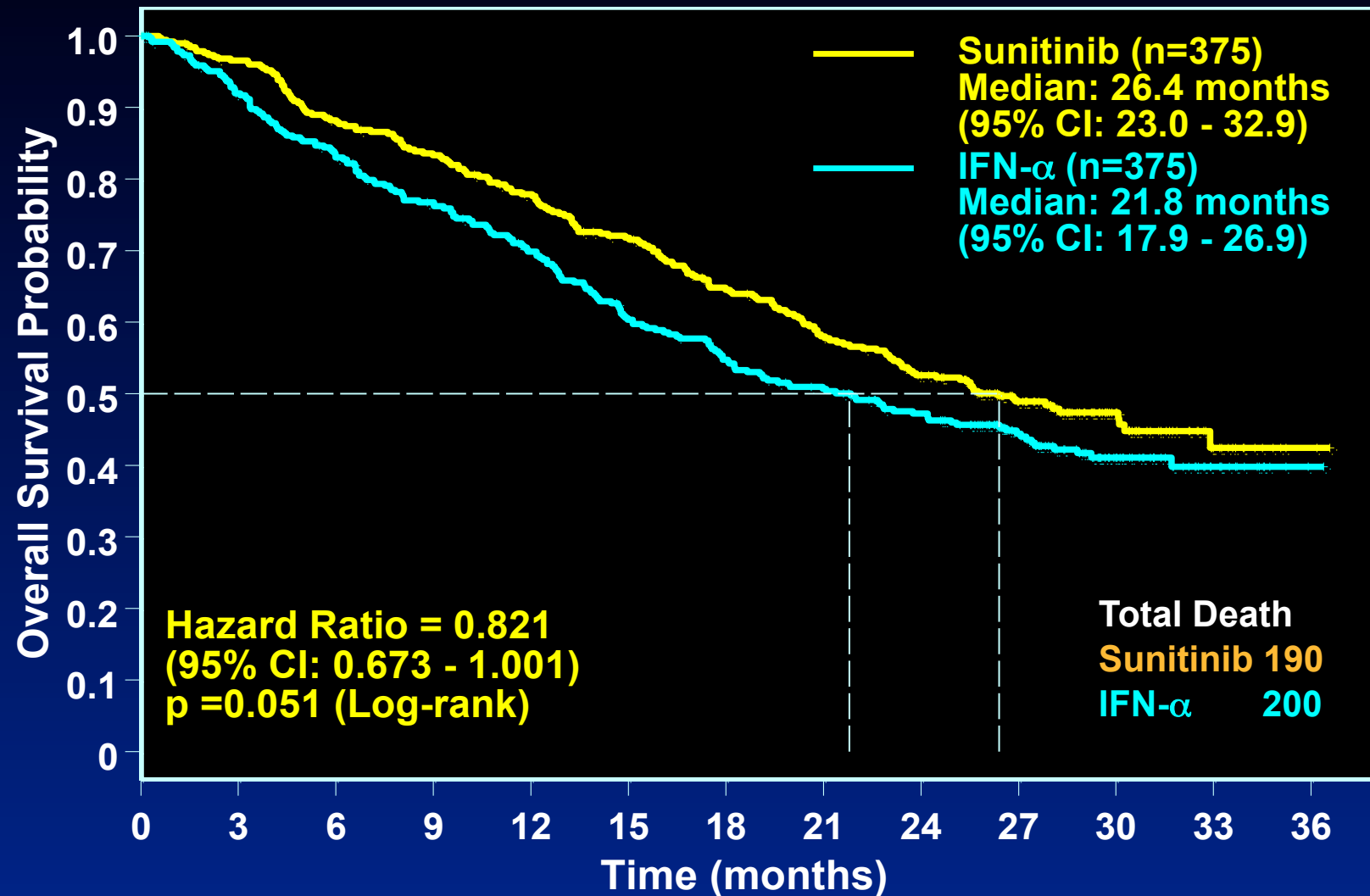
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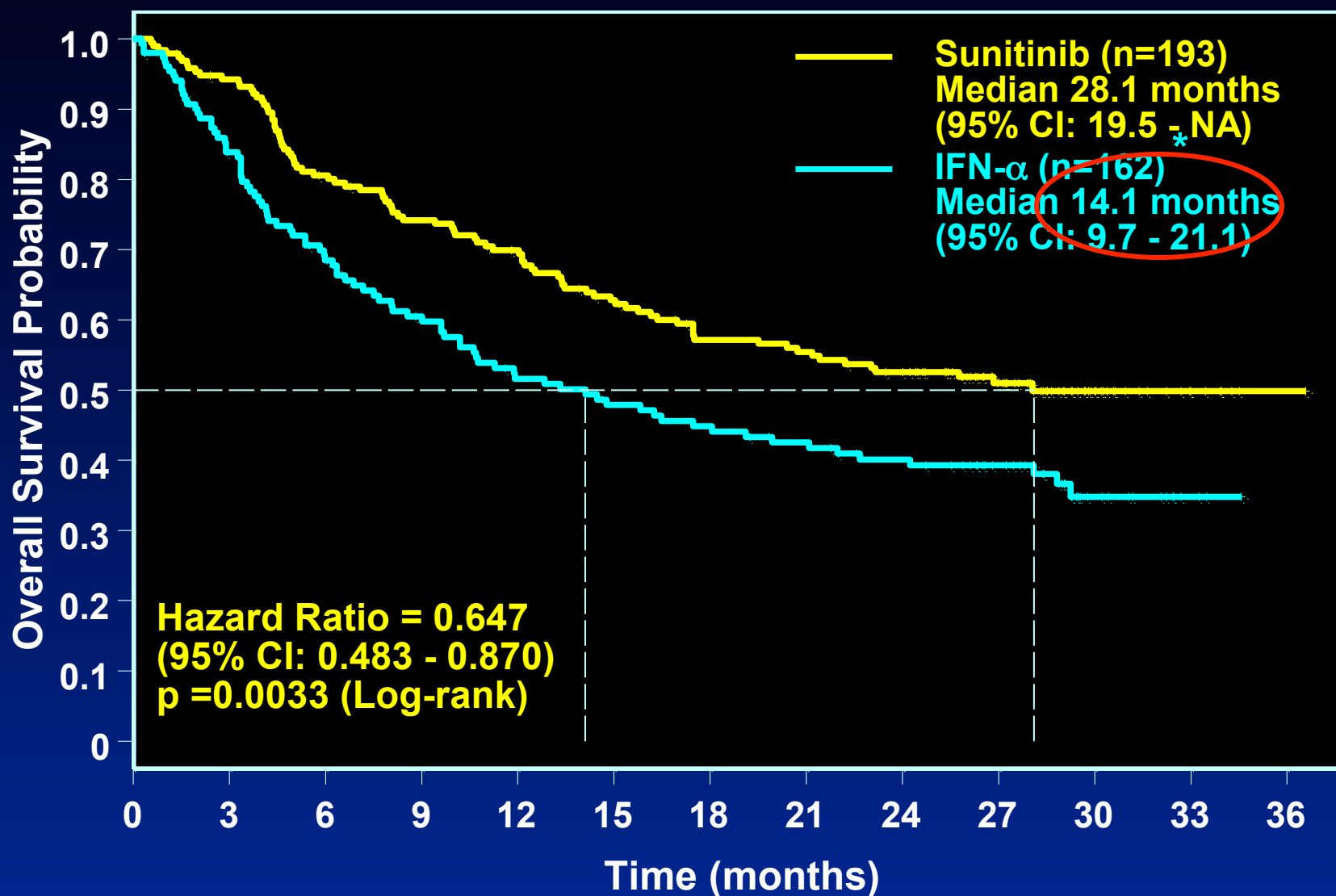
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Final Overall Survival



nDeath/nRisk Sunit	375	44 / 326	38 / 283	48 / 229	42 / 180	14 / 61	4 / 2
nDeath/nRisk IFN-α	375	61 / 295	46 / 242	52 / 187	25 / 149	15 / 53	1 / 1

OS in patients who did not receive any post-study treatment



*Includes 20 patients who crossed over to sunitinib on study

PFS in Untreated RCC by Risk Group

Agent(s)	PFS (mos)	Good	Int	Poor	HR vs. IFN
Sunitinib	11	14.5	10.6	3.7	0.54
Pazopanib	11.1				0.40 (vs. placebo)
Bev + IFN (AVOREN)	10.2	12.9	10.2	2.2	0.63
Bev + IFN (CALGB)	8.5	11.1	8.4	3.3	0.71
Sorafenib	5.7	?	?	?	0.88
Temsirolimus	3.7	NA	NA	3.7*	NR

• Included 31% of pts classified as intermediate risk per MSKCC

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Overall Survival in Untreated RCC by Risk Group

Agent(s)	OS (mos)	Good	Int	Poor	HR vs. IFN
Sunitinib	26.4	Not reached**	20.7	5.3	0.82
Pazopanib	21.1				0.73 (vs. placebo)
Bev + IFN (AVOREN)	23.3	35.1	22.6	6.0	0.86
Bev + IFN (CALGB)	18.3	32.5	17.7	6.6	0.86
Temsirolimus	10.9	NA	NA	10.9*	0.73

** Median overall survival had not been reached with either treatment in the favorable risk group. At 12 months, 91% of patients in the sunitinib group were alive compared with 92% of patients in the IFN group; and at 2 years, 72% v 76%, respectively, were alive.

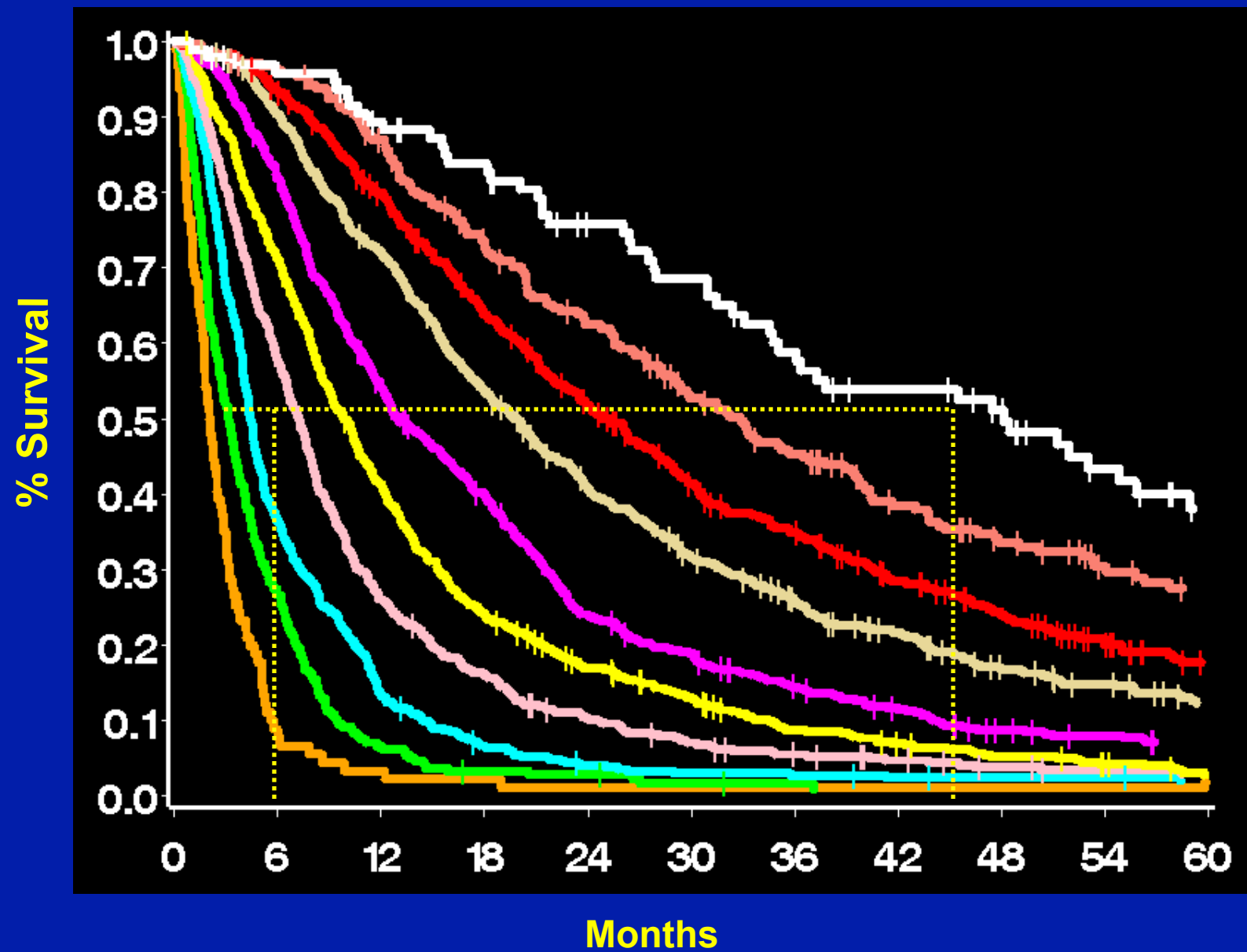
What we don't know

- When do we start therapy for indolent patients?
- Which is the 'best' drug for initial therapy?
- Will next-generation, more potent VEGFR TKIs (axitinib/tivozanib) be substantial advances?

What we don't know

- What is the best way to administer these drugs chronically?
- Mechanisms/biomarkers of response/resistance to targeted therapy?
 - No clear biologic rationale for tx sequences
- Activity of VEGF-targeted therapy in the (neo)/adjuvant setting?

RCC is an Inherently Diverse Disease



When to Start Therapy?

- Our job as RCC doctors is to optimize the **timing** and type of therapy in order to delay as long as possible a patient from reaching a lethal tumor burden while maintaining maximal quality of life.
- This means that select patients may have inherent ‘control’ of tumor burden and thus immediate systemic treatment is not indicated. Such patients may be served best in the long run with initial surveillance.

Active Surveillance of the Small Renal Mass: A meta-analysis

Study	Institution	N	Mean Lesion Size (cm)	Mean Growth Rate (cm/yr)	Mean F/U Duration (months)
Fujimoto et al	Sendai Shakaihoken Hospital Sendia, Japan	6	2.47	0.47	29
Bosniak et al	NYU Medical Center New York, USA	40	1.73	0.36	39
Kassouf et al	McGill University Health Center Montreal, Canada	26	3.27	0.09	32
Volpe et al	Princess Margaret Hospital Toronto, Canada	32	2.48	0.1	35
Wehle et al	Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, USA	29	1.83	0.12	32
Kato et al	Tohoku School of Medicine Sendia, Japan	18	1.98	0.42	27
Sowery et al	Kingston General Hospital Kingston, Canada	22	4.08	0.86	26
Current Series	Fox Chase Cancer Center Philadelphia, USA	61	2.97	0.20	36
TOTAL		234	2.60	0.28	34

*Robert Uzzo M.D.
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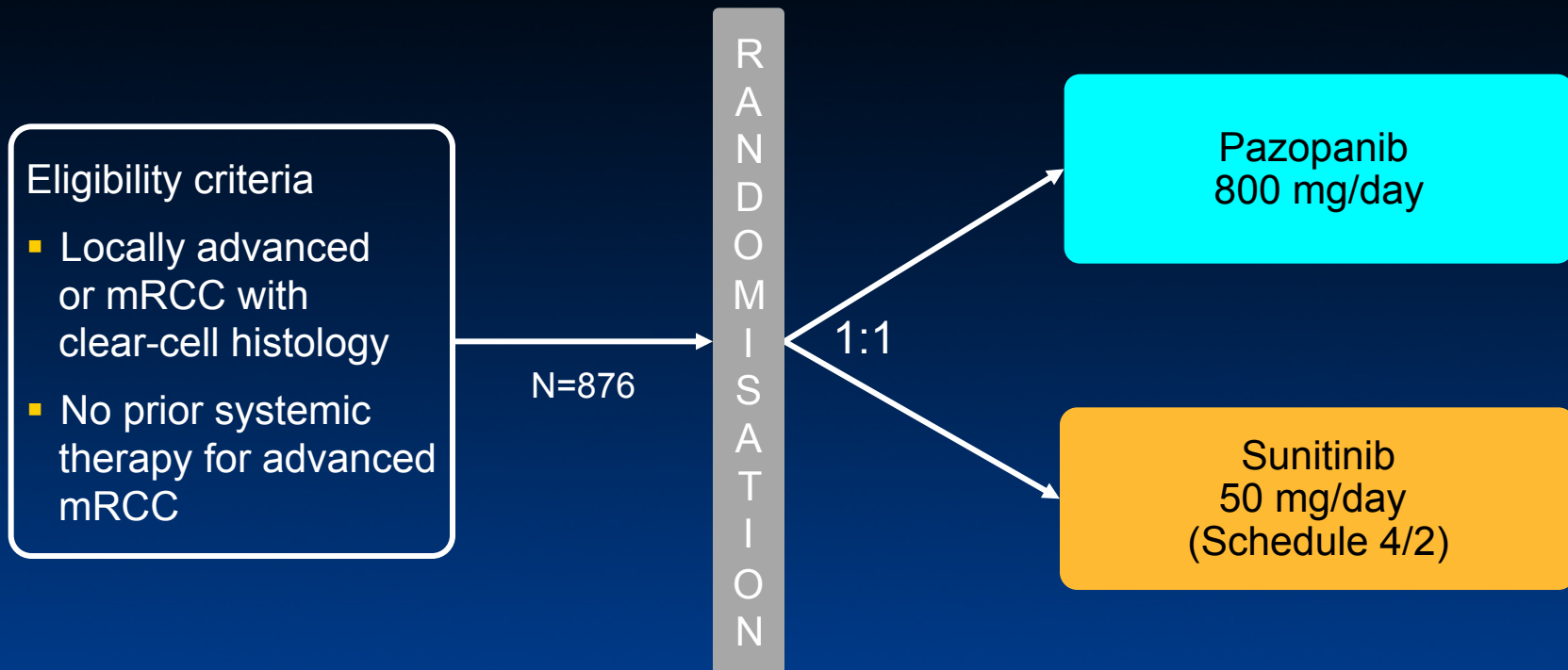
Whom to observe?

- Limited modern data exists.
- Good performance status patients with ‘low-volume’ , ‘slow-growing’ and asymptomatic disease are candidates after risk/benefit discussion with the patient.
- A prospective study is underway at The Cleveland Clinic and other centers
 - What is the natural growth rate?
 - What is the clinical outcome when treatment is started?
 - Anxiety/depression associated with observation?
 - Translational studies in untreated population . .

How I decide on initial therapy

- I tell the patient:
 - “I don’ t know which drug is the best one for YOU”
 - “It’ s not so much which one, but which one FIRST. Other drugs don’ t go away, they are just put to the side.”
 - I list drug names and general categories
- I make decisions one treatment at a time
- I always consider clinical trial options first
- I consider a patient’ s histology, tumor burden/pace, route of administration/co-pay issues, fitness to ‘tolerate’ a given therapy, and of course the clinical data

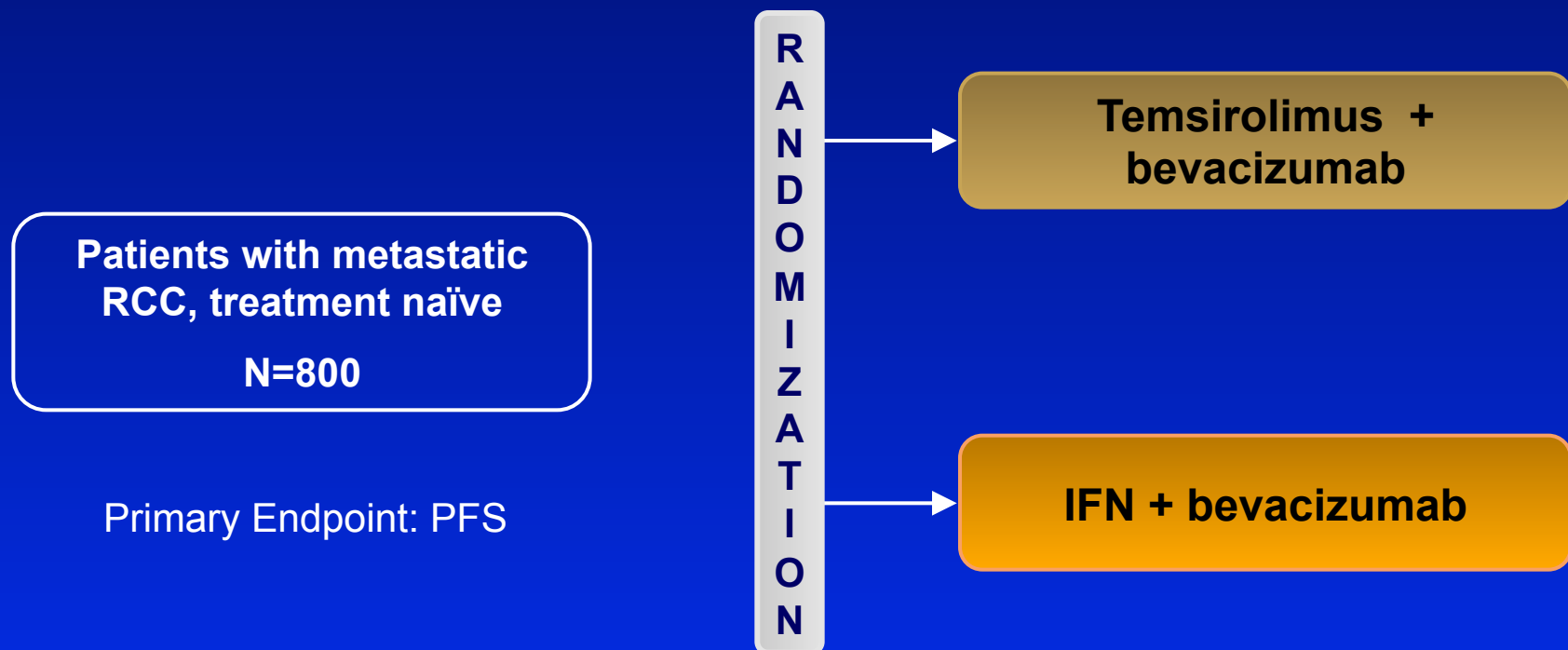
Phase III non-inferiority trial of pazopanib vs sunitinib in first-line mRCC (COMPARZ)



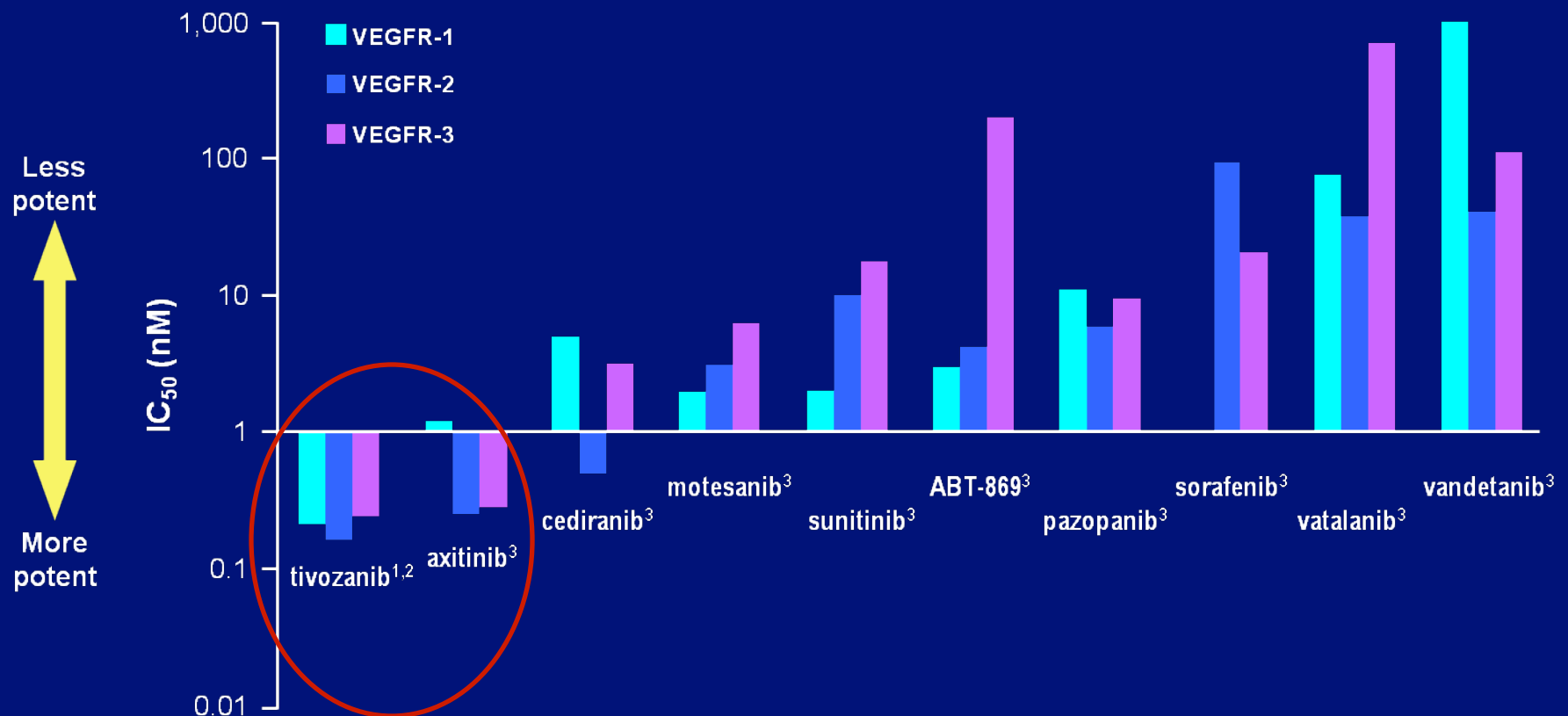
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Secondary endpoints: OS, ORR, time to response, duration of response, safety, QoL

Randomized Phase III Trial of Temsirolimus + Bevacizumab vs IFN + Bevacizumab in Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma



More potent VEGF-R TKIs in RCC

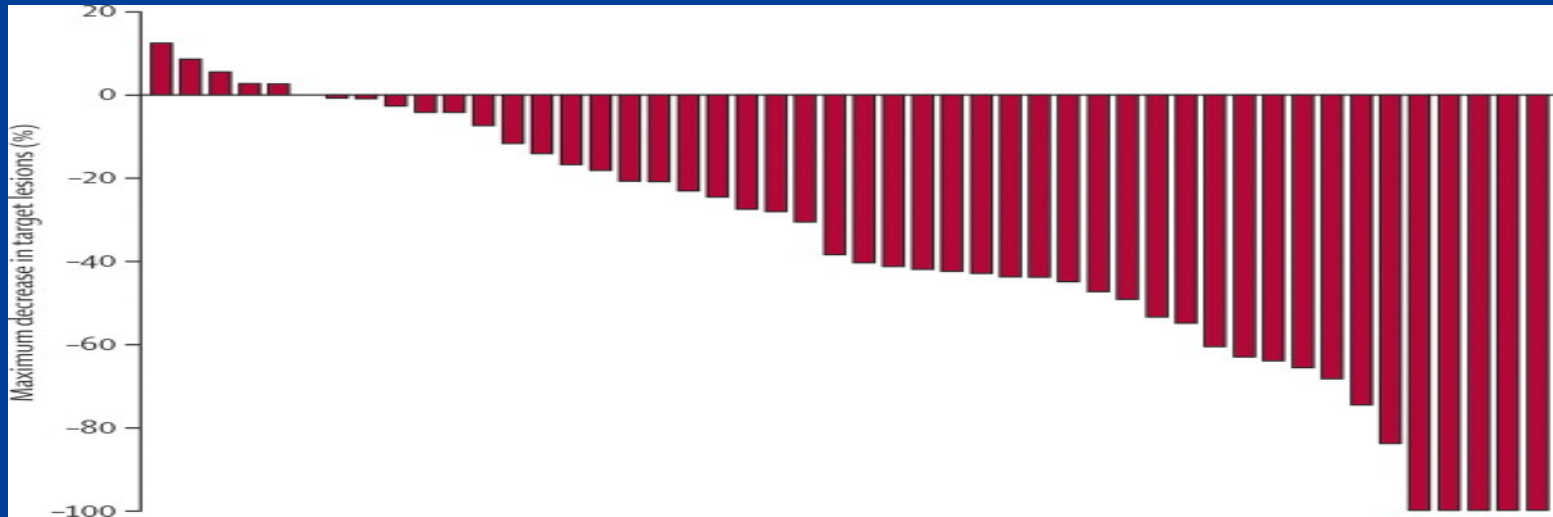


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Axitinib in cytokine-refractory RCC



- Objective response rate of 44.2%
- Median response duration was 23.0 months
- Progression-free survival was 13.7 months

Phase III study of axitinib vs sorafenib as second-line therapy for mRCC (AGILE 1032)

Eligibility criteria:

- Histologically confirmed mRCC with clear-cell component
- Failure of one prior first-line regimen containing ≥ 1 of:
 - Sunitinib
 - Bevacizumab + IFN- α
 - Temsirolimus
 - Cytokine(s)

Stratification

- Prior regimen
- ECOG PS 0 vs 1

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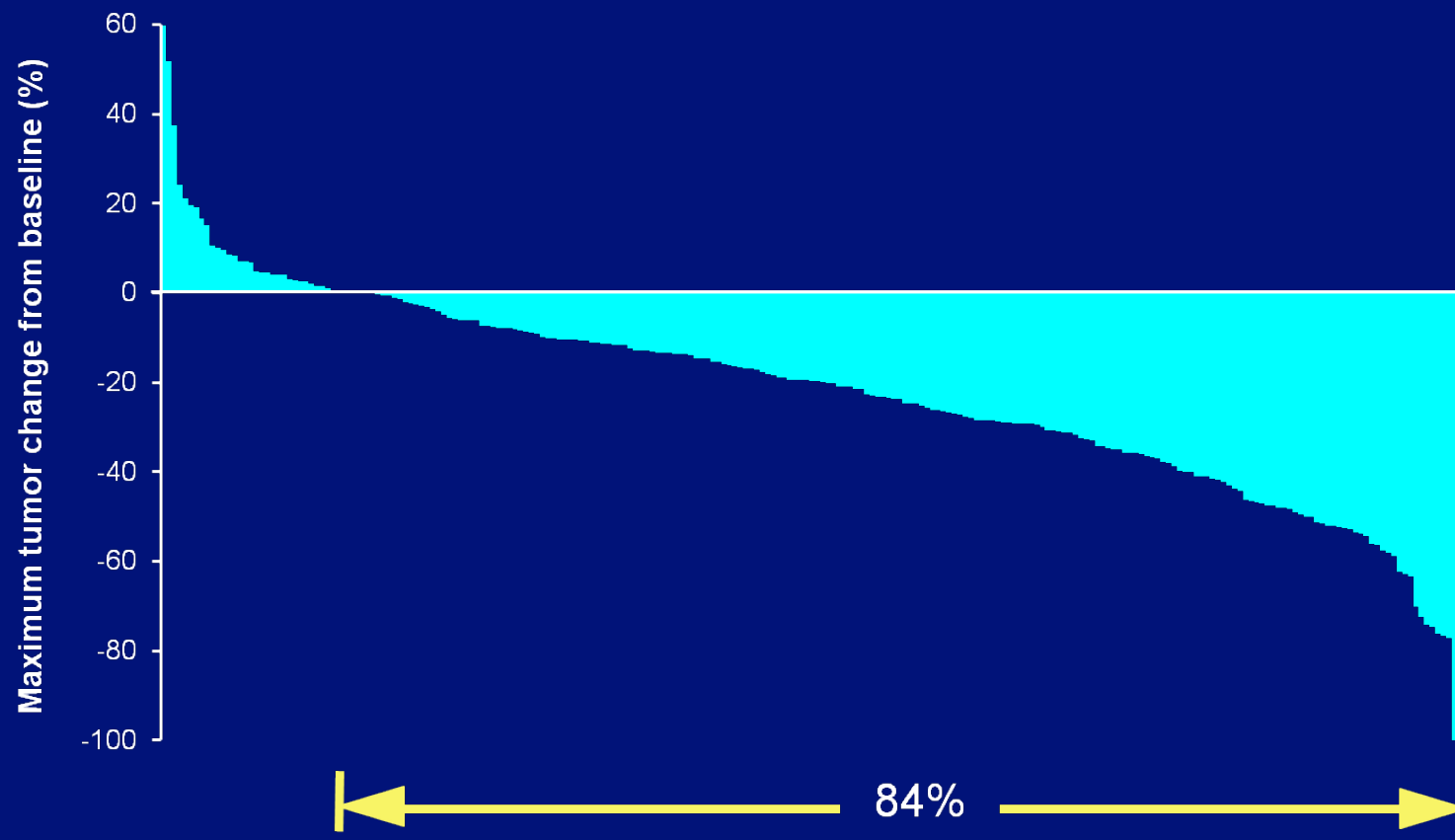
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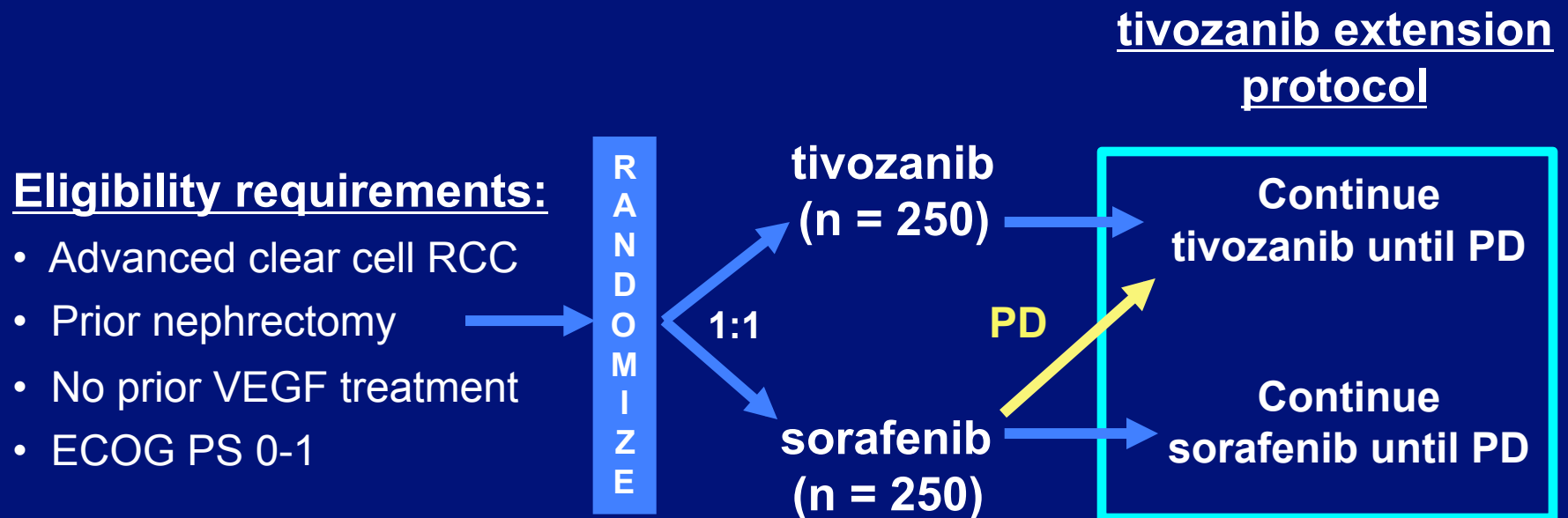
www.clinicaltrials.gov (NCT00920816)

Tivozanib Clinical Responses by Independent Radiology Assessment



* Median PFS 11.8 months

TIVO-1 Trial: Phase 3 Head-to-Head Trial of Tivozanib vs Sorafenib



- Primary endpoint: PFS
- Secondary endpoints: overall survival, ORR, quality of life

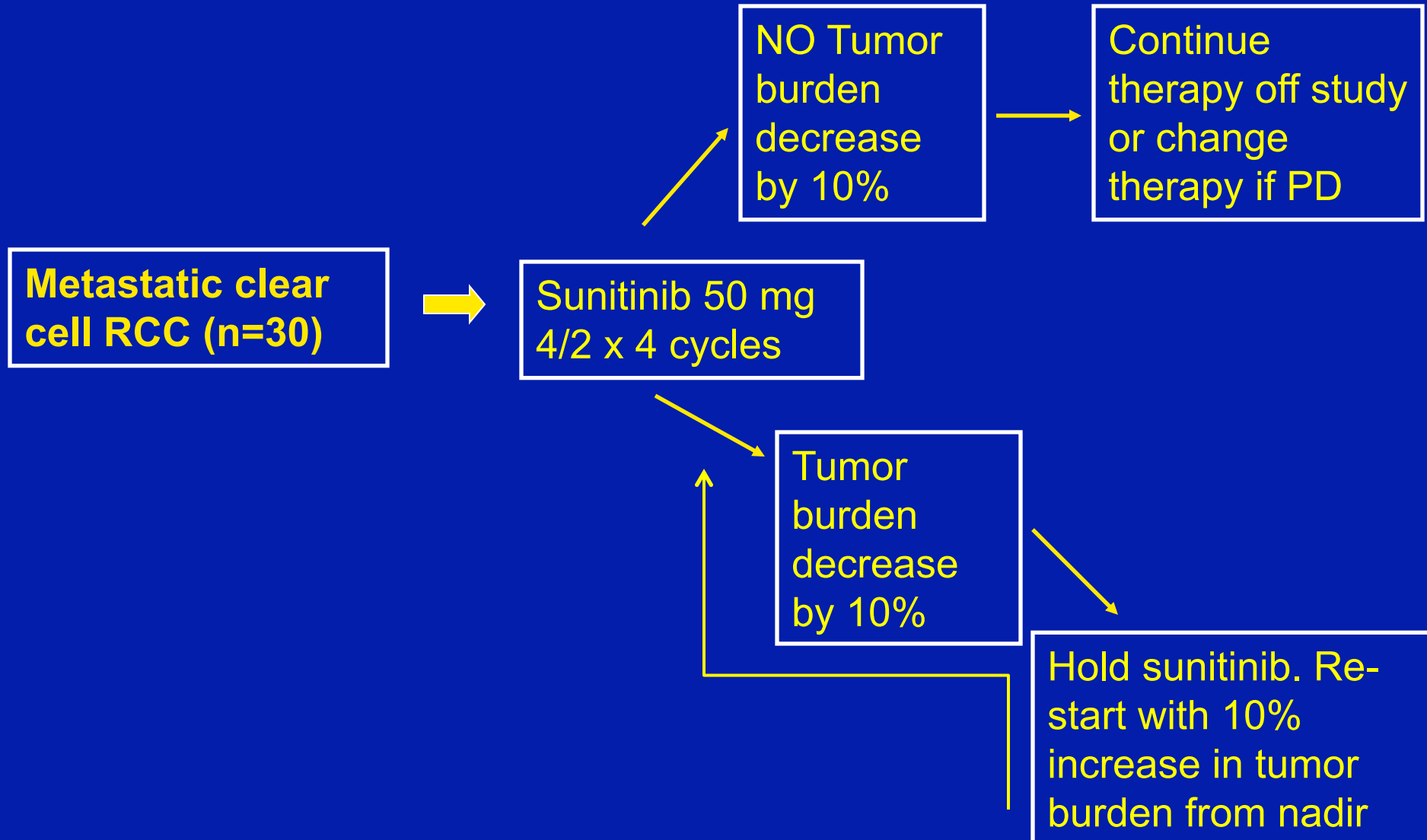
?Intermittent TKI treatment

- Retrospective series from Germany/Netherlands of pts on TKI (n=12; 11 sunitinib) with CR / surgical CR in whom TKI was stopped, and pts were observed.
 - Median time off therapy was 7.5 months (range, 3-25)
 - 5 with recurrent disease at a median of 6 months (range, 3-8); 1 pt with spinal cord compression at recurrence
 - TKI re-administered with tumor burden reduction in all 5

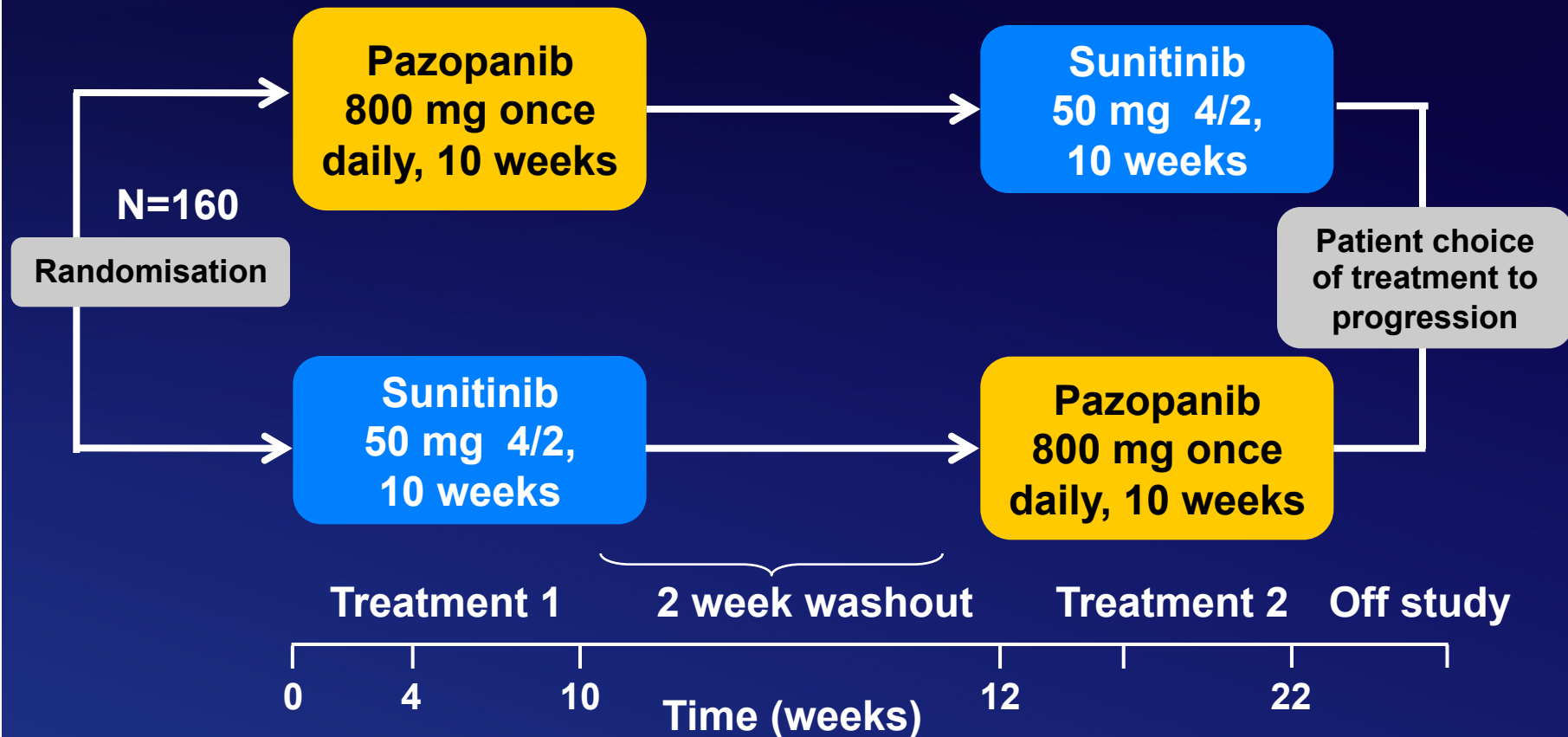
Holding VEGF Therapy

- 40 mRCC patients with disease control (RECIST SD or better) on VEGF-targeted therapy (median 15 months) observed off therapy
- Twenty five patients (63%) had progression of disease.
 - Median PFS in these patients was 10 (1.4 to 27.2) months.
- Fifteen patients (37%) had stable disease as of ESD documented by staging studies.
 - Median PFS for patients who remained progression-free as of ESD was 8.9 (4.6 to 28.2) months.

CCF Intermittent Sunitinib Study



PISCES Patient Preference Study Design¹

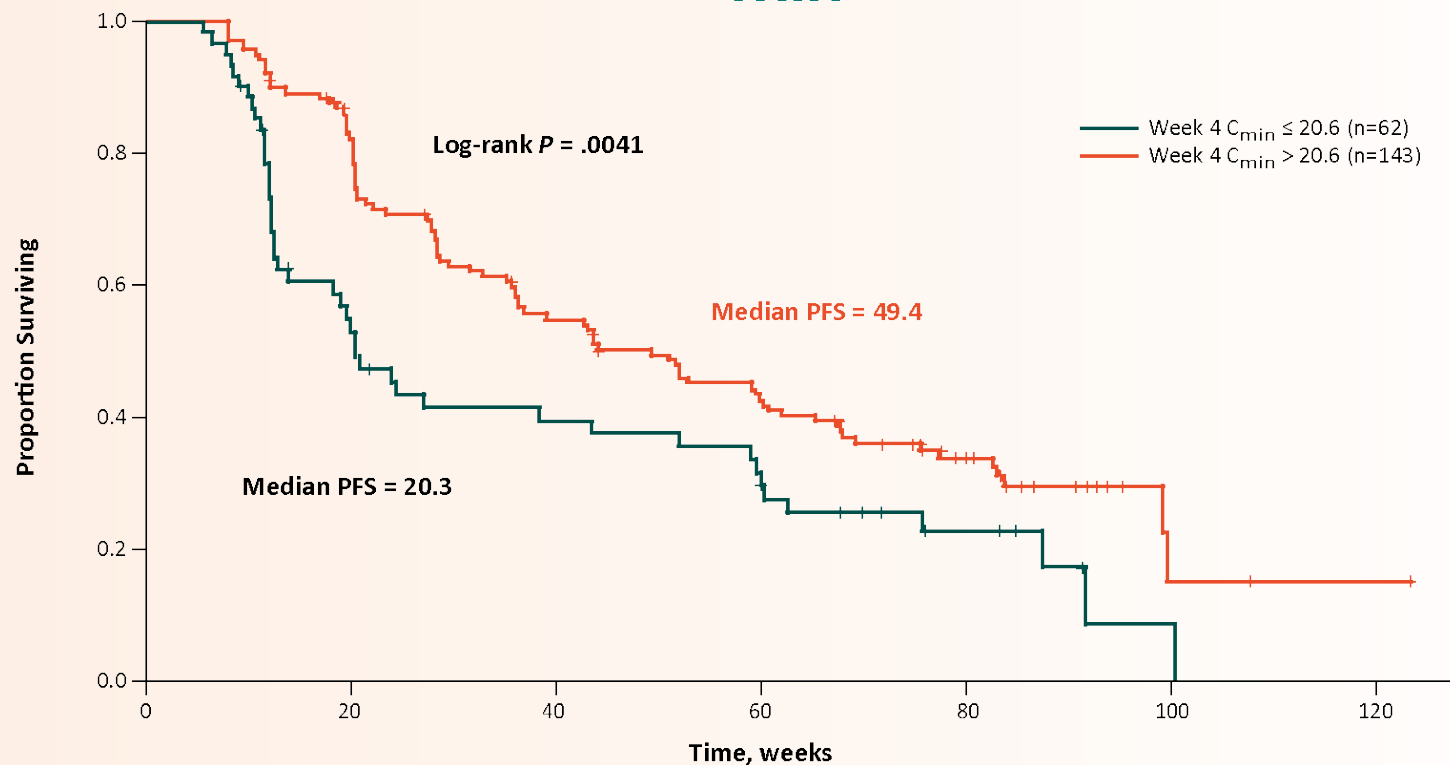


- Primary endpoint
 - Patient preference

- Secondary endpoints
 - Quality of life (EQ-5D)
 - Safety (FACIT-Fatigue)
 - Pharmacokinetics
 - Biomarkers

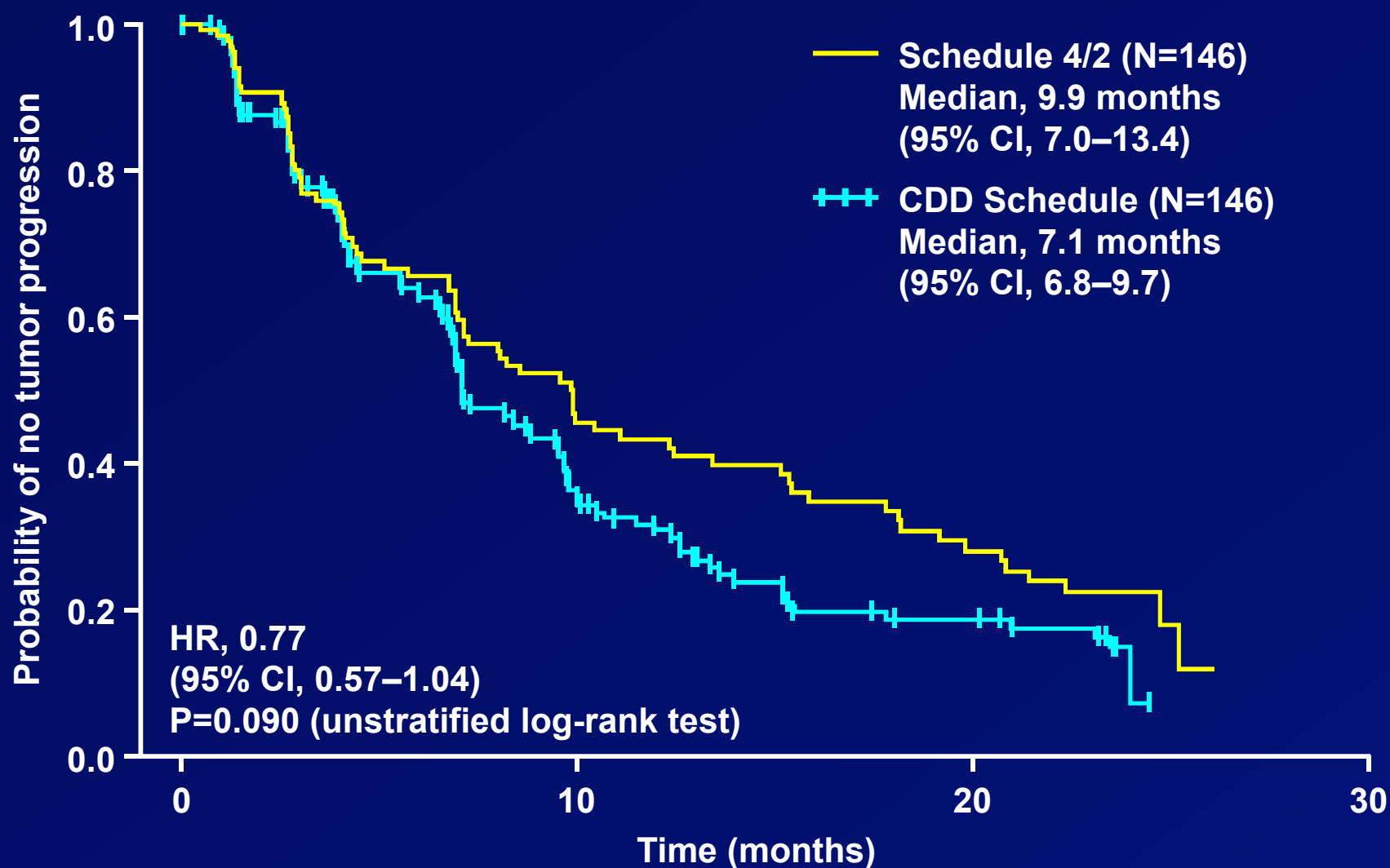
Progression-free Survival Grouped by Threshold Week 4 Pazopanib

Kaplan-Meier progression-free survival (PFS) curves for patients with Week 4 pazopanib $C_{min} > 20.6$ and $\leq 20.6 \mu\text{g/mL}$

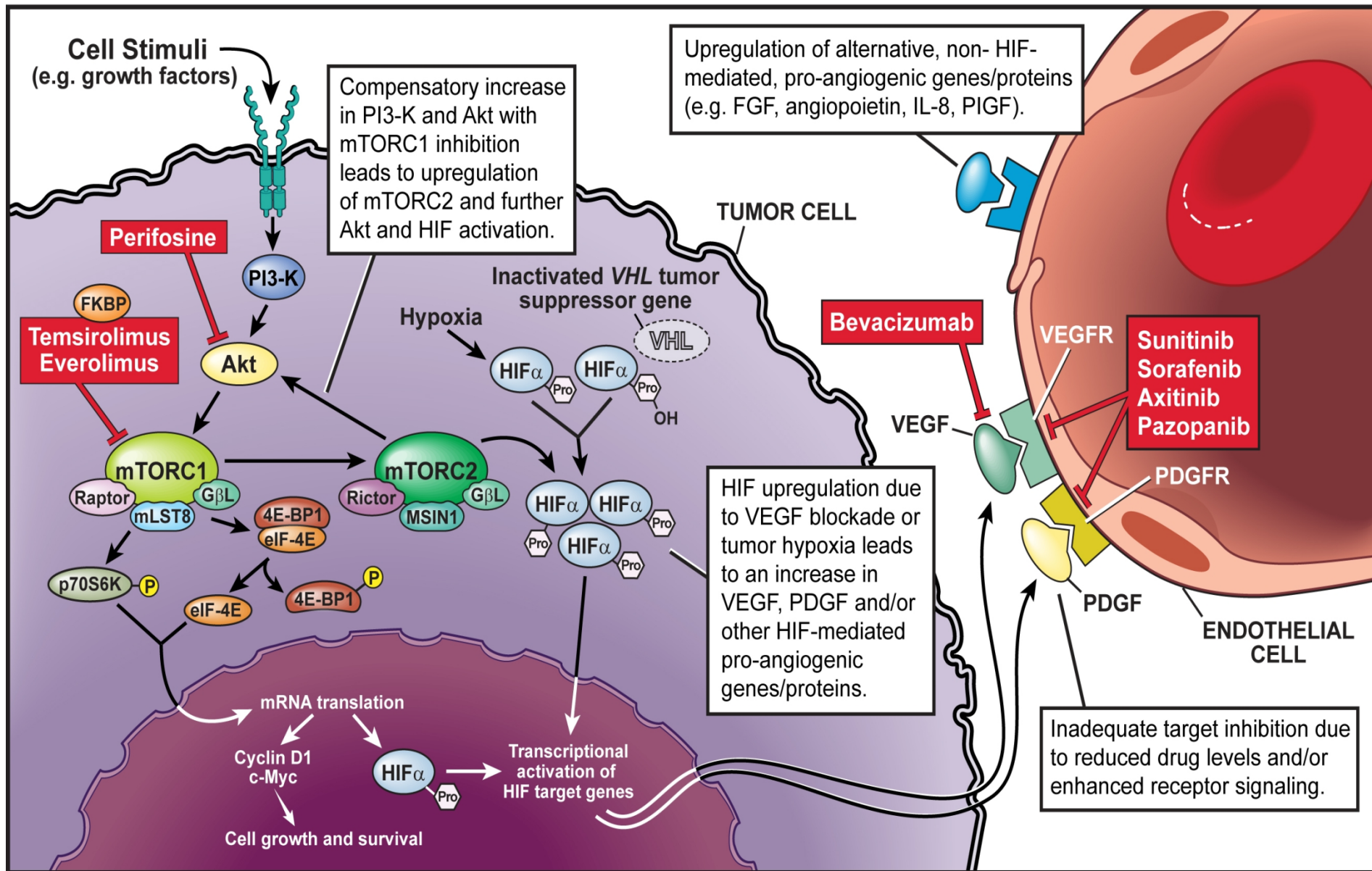


– Median PFS was 49.4 weeks for patients with Week 4 $C_{min} > 20.6 \mu\text{g/mL}$, whereas median PFS was 20.3 weeks for patients with $C_{min} \leq 20.6 \mu\text{g/mL}$ ($P = 0.0041$)

Time to Tumor Progression on Sunitinib 50mg 4/2 vs. 37.5mg continuous (EFFECT trial) –Dose matters!

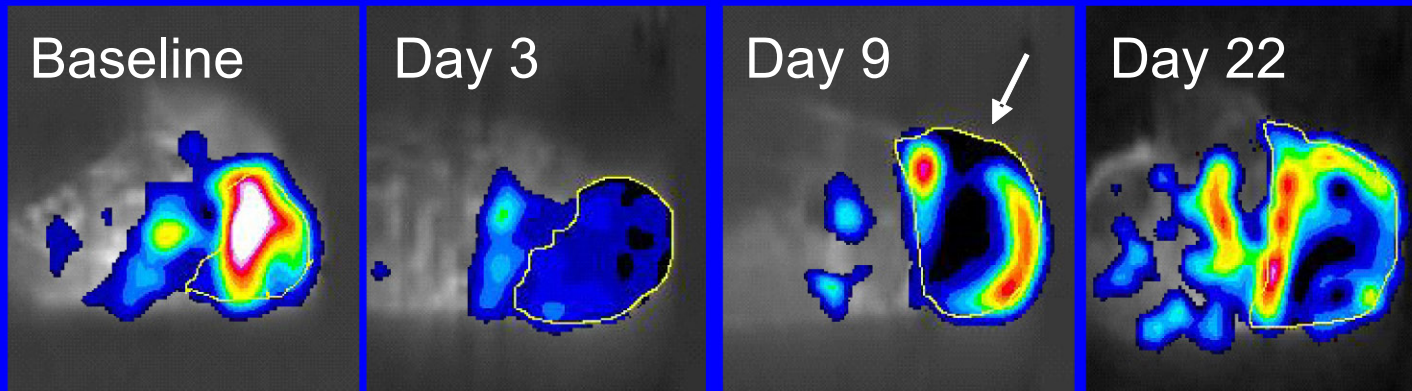


Resistance to Targeted Therapy in RCC

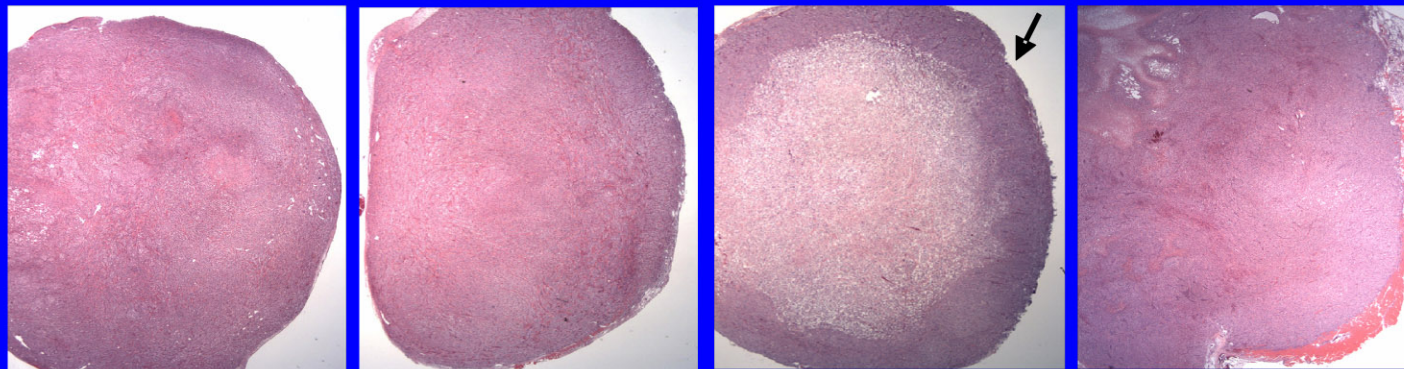


Resistance Appears Mediated by “Angiogenic Escape” - ASL MRI: Rodent model

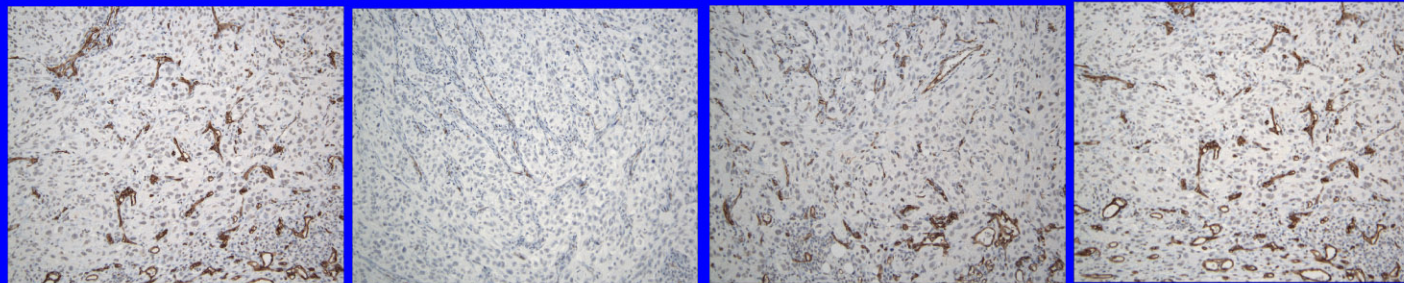
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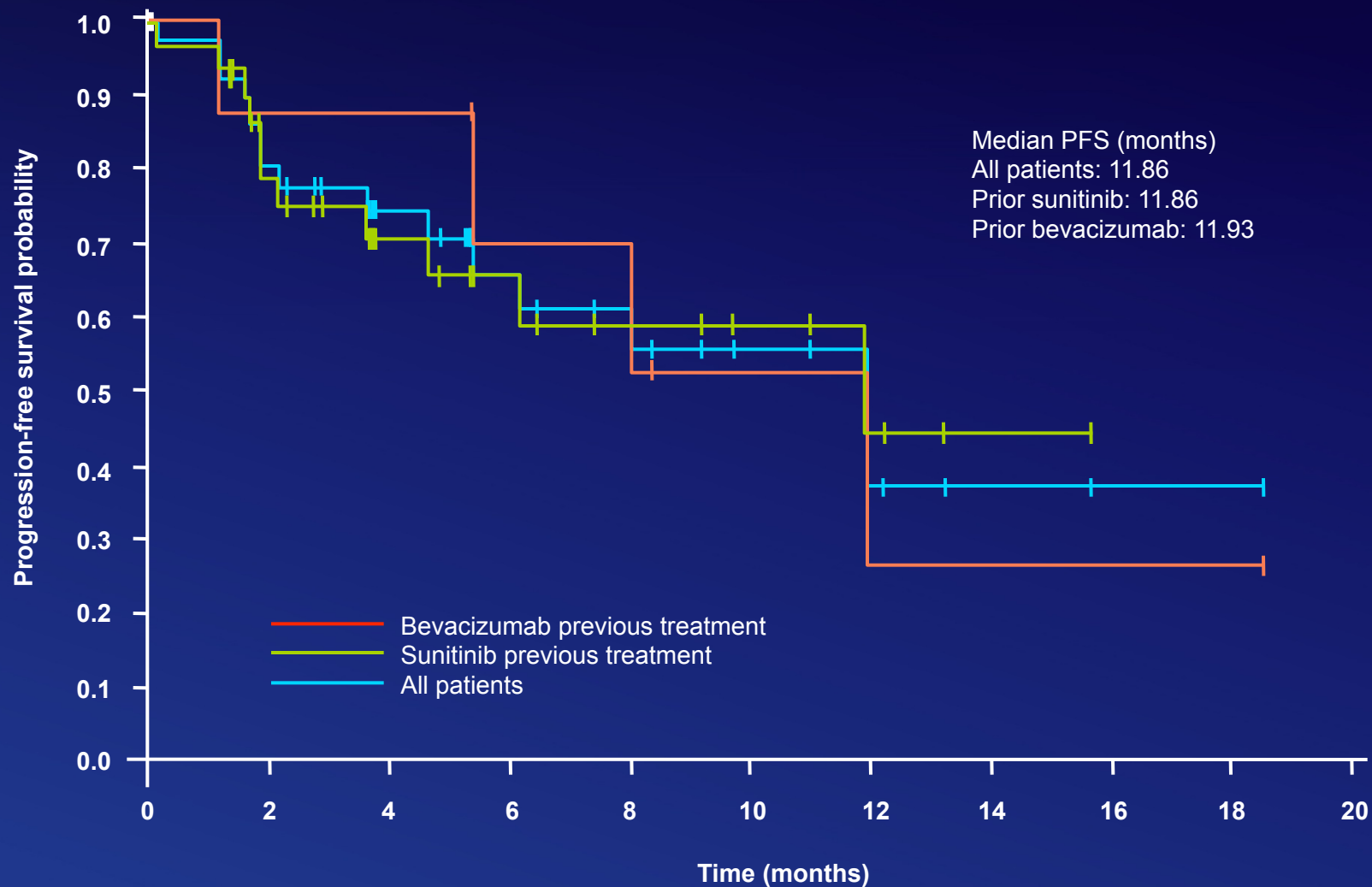
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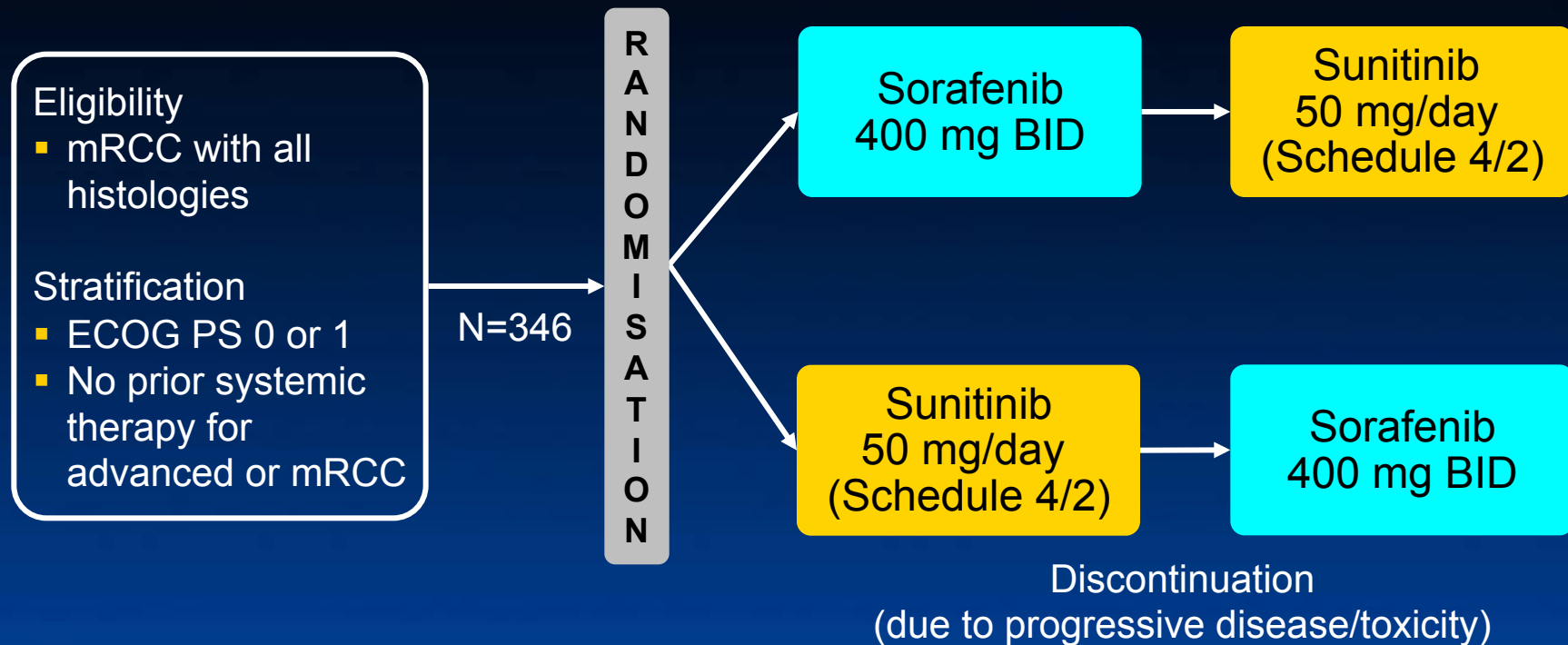
Results in VEGF-targeted Therapy-refractory RCC Patients

Agent	Population	N	OR / TS	PFS
Sunitinib (Rini et al. <i>JCO</i> , 2008)	Phase II: Bevacizumab-refractory	62	23% / 75%	7.1 months
Axitinib (Rini et al. <i>JCO</i> , 2009)	Phase II: Sorafenib-refractory	62	23% / 55%	7.4 months
Sorafenib (Garcia et al. <i>Cancer</i> 2010)	Phase II: Bevacizumab or sunitinib-refractory	49	0% / 30%	4.4 months
Temsirolimus (MacKenzie et al. <i>Ann Oncol.</i> 2010)	Retrospective study	87	5% / n.s.	3.9 months
Everolimus (Motzer et al. <i>Lancet</i> , 2008; <i>Cancer</i> 2010)	Phase III: TKI-refractory (vs. placebo)	410	2% / 60%	4.9 months (vs. 1.9 months)
Temsirolimus * Clinical activity is greatest with drugs that more potently inhibit VEGF-R	Phase III: Sunitinib-refractory (vs. sorafenib)	480		
Axitinib * Modest clinical activity with VEGF-R inhibition	Phase III: Everolimus-refractory (vs. sorafenib)	700	Perfect fit for front-line TOR inhibition in this setting, similar to weak VEGF-R	
Everolimus +/- Bevacizumab	Phase III: TKI-refractory	700		

Pazopanib in refractory RCC: Progression-free survival (n=41)

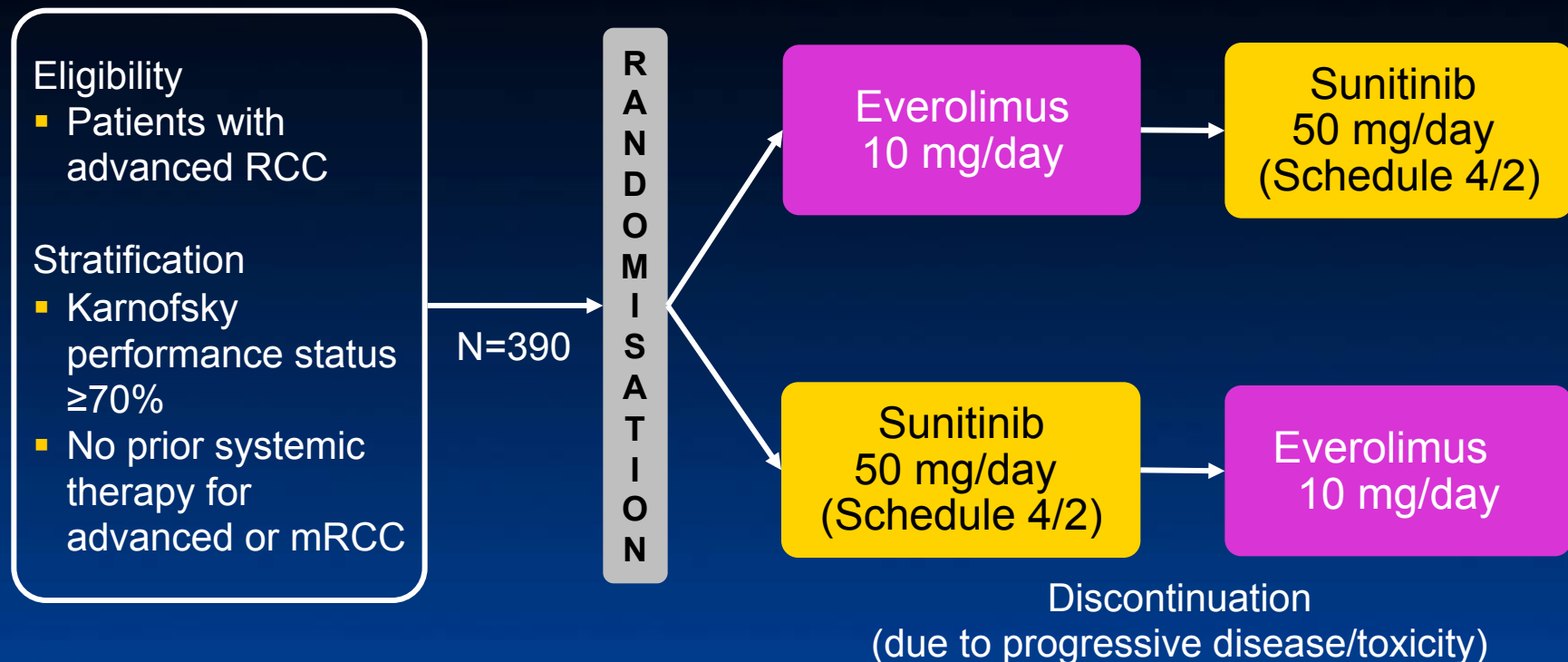


SWITCH: Phase III sequential study of sorafenib and sunitinib



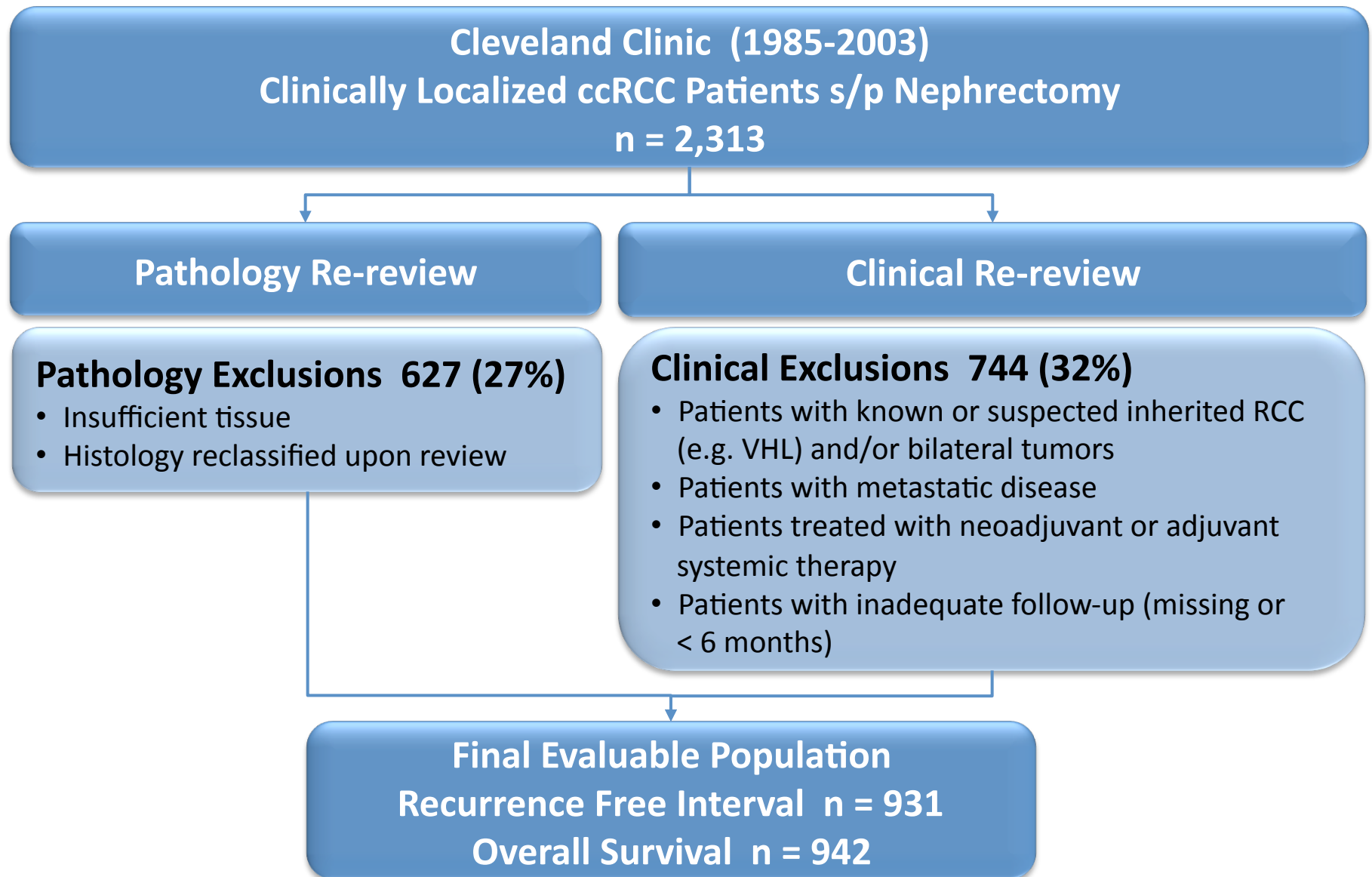
- Primary endpoints: overall PFS
- Secondary endpoints: total time to progression, OS, disease control rate and cardiotoxicity

RECORD-3: Phase II sequential study of sunitinib and everolimus

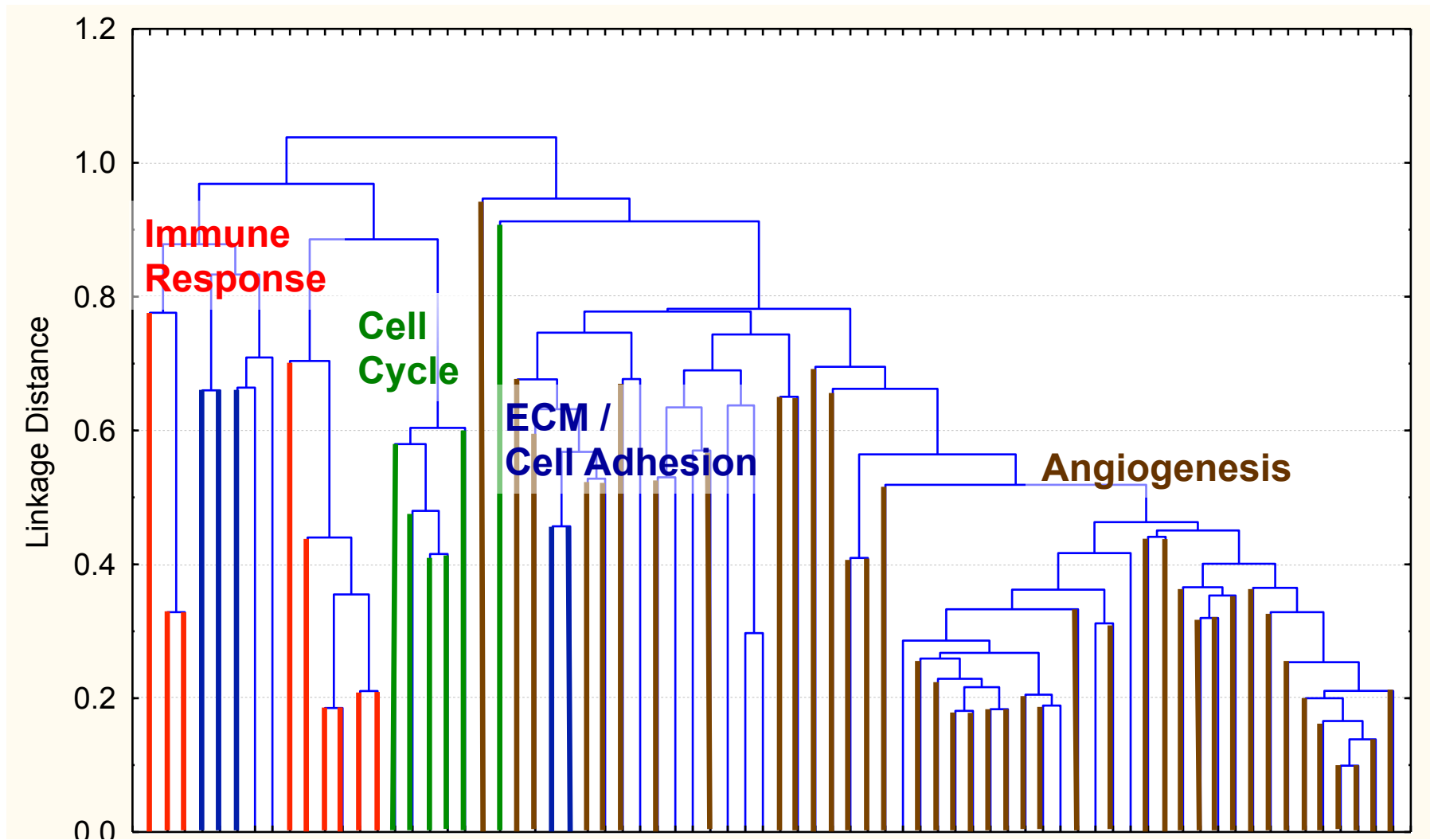


- Primary endpoints: first PFS
- Secondary endpoints: second PFS, ORR, duration of response, patient-reported outcomes, OS

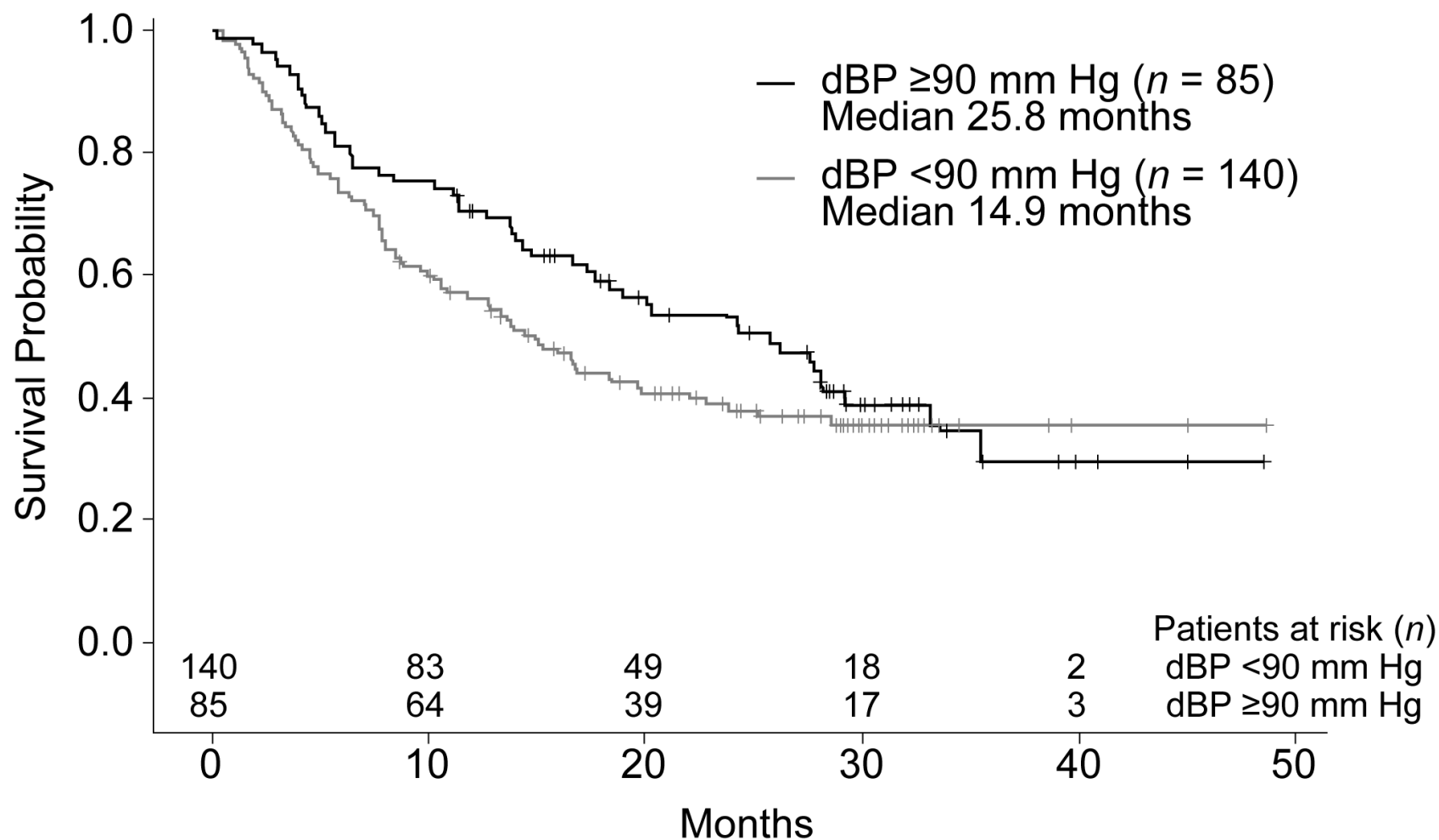
The Search for Predictive Biomarkers



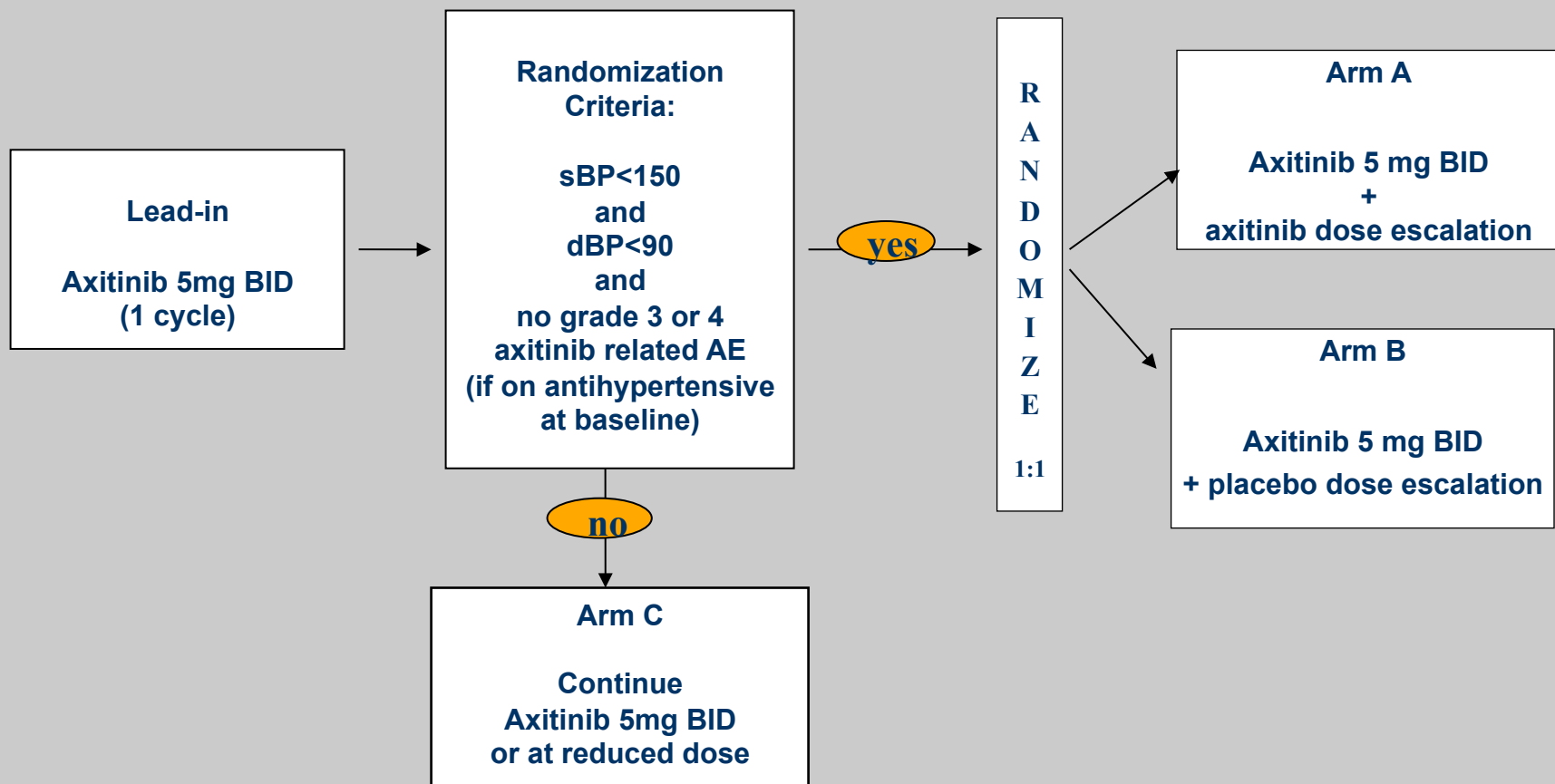
Dendrogram of Key Gene Groups Associated with Recurrence of Localized RCC after Nephrectomy



Axitinib: OS in patients with or without dBP ≥ 90 mmHg



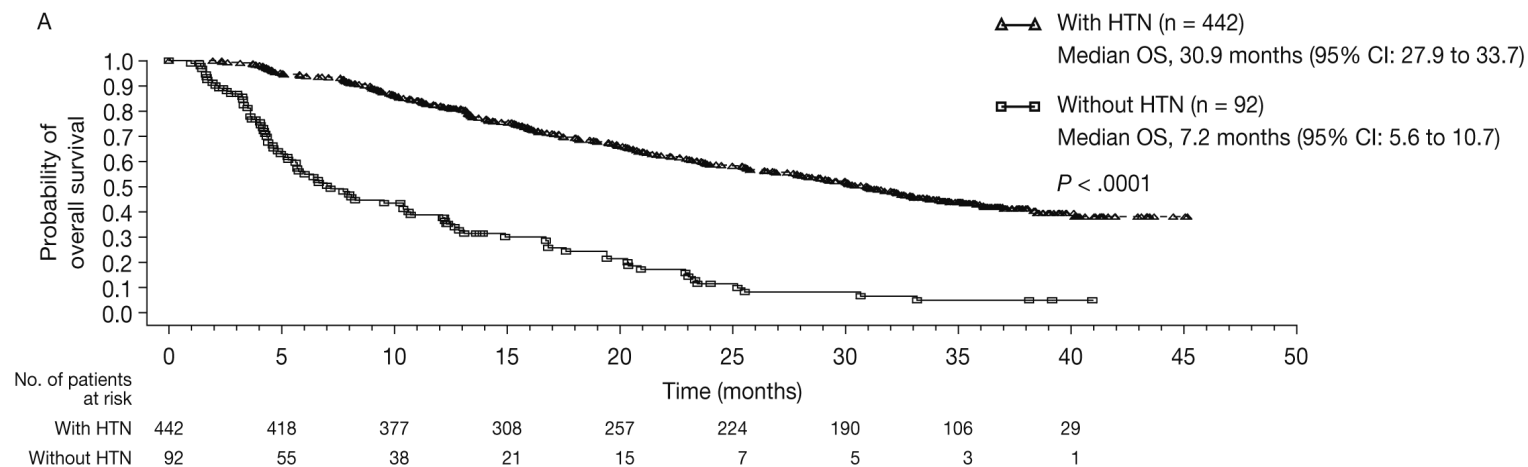
Front-line Axitinib Htn / dose escalation study



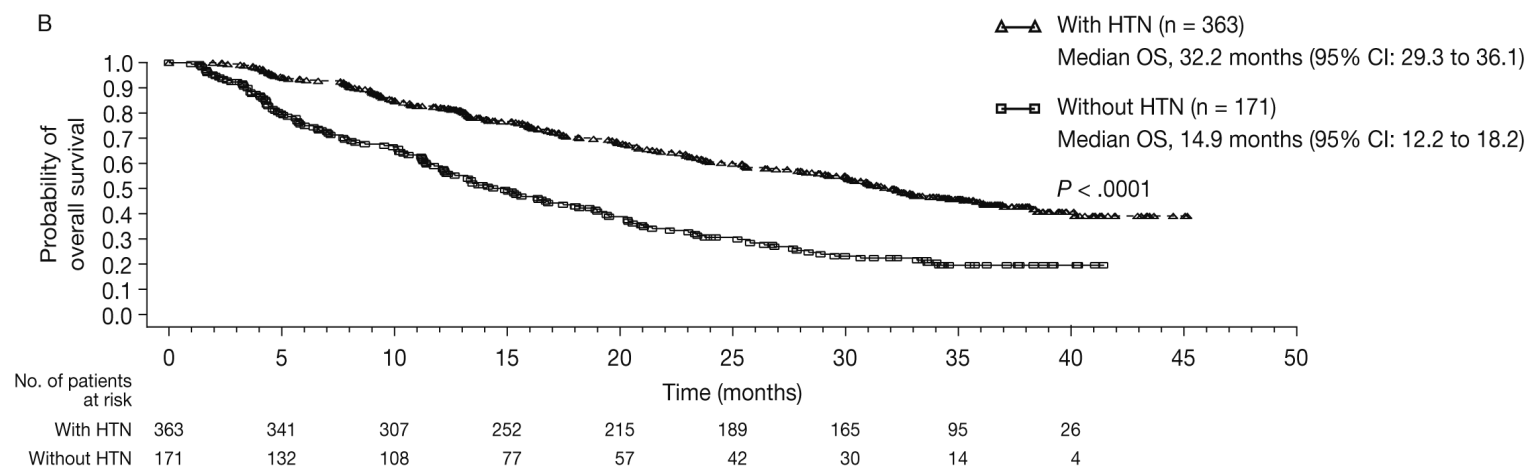
Sunitinib: Clinical Outcome by HTN Status in RCC Patients

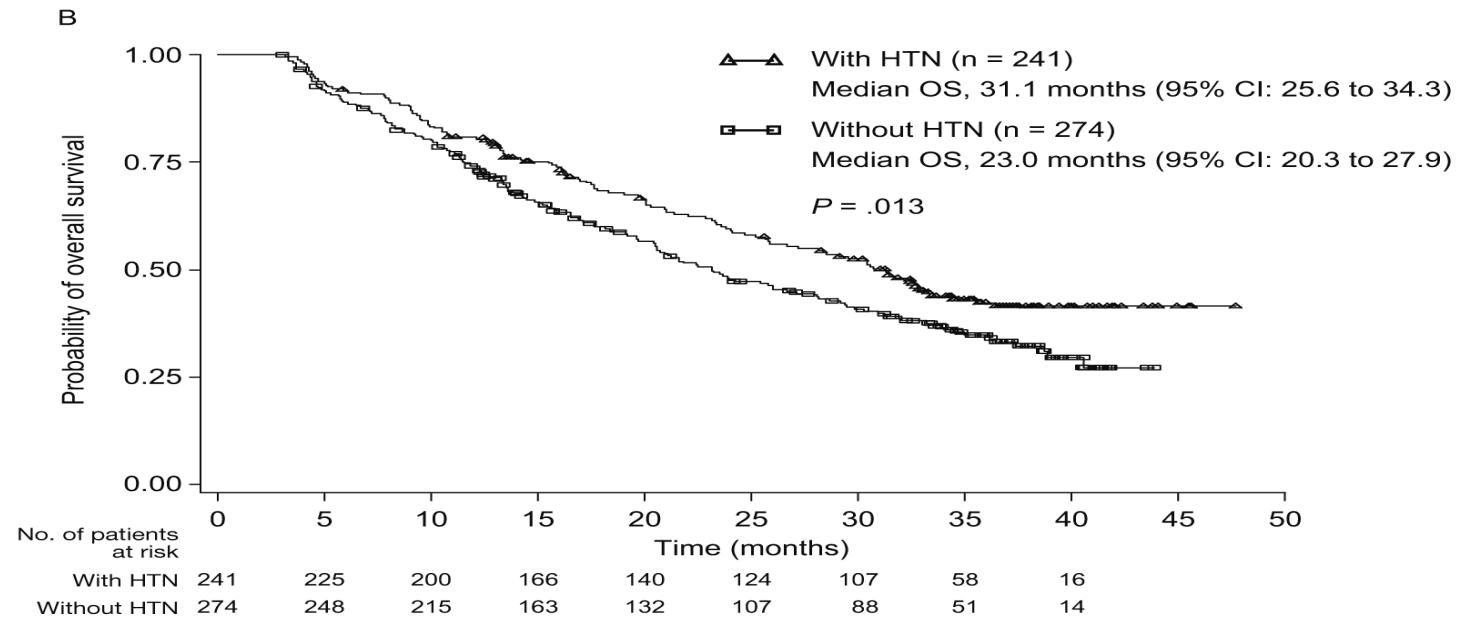
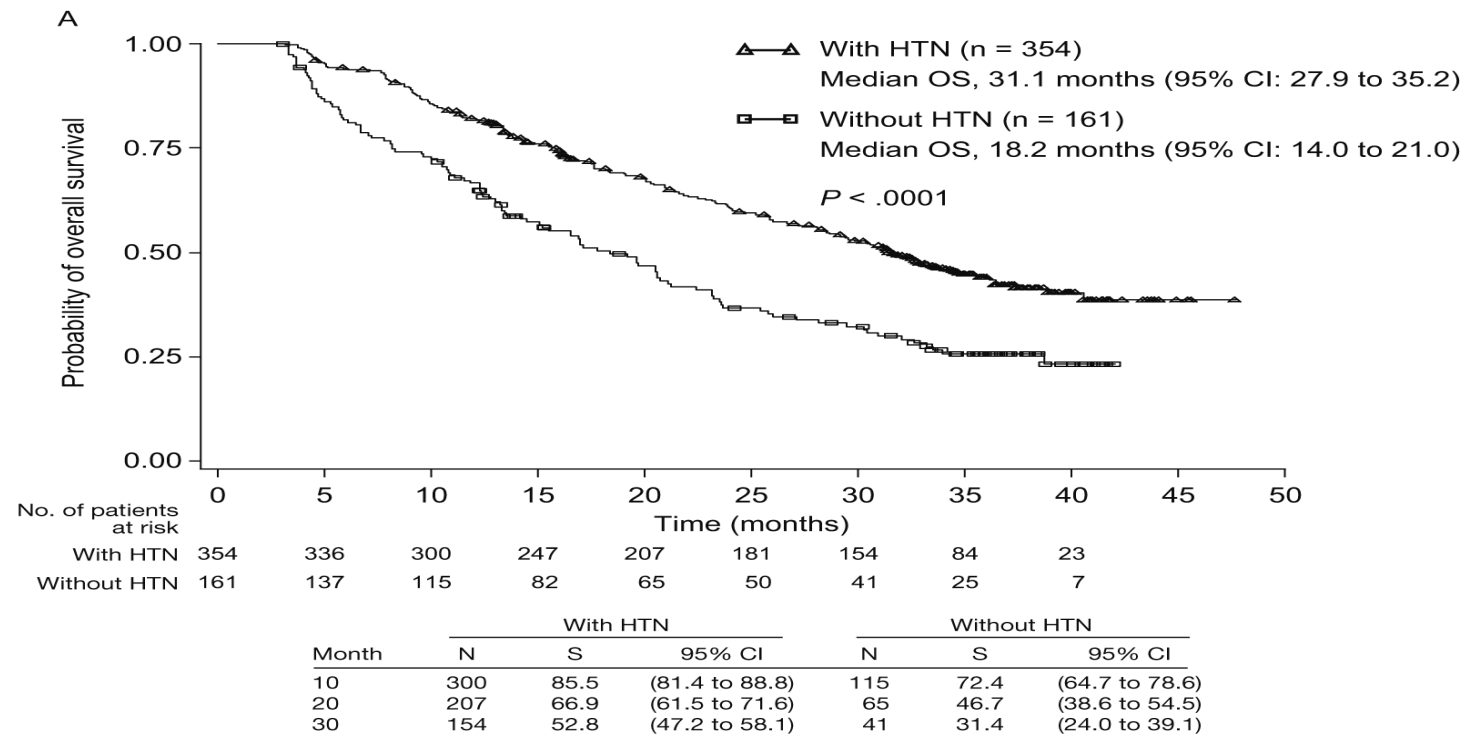
	Max. SBP ≥140 mmHg (n=442)	Max. SBP <140 mmHg (n=92)	P-value
Objective response, n (%)	242 (54.8%)	8 (8.7%)	<0.0001
Progression-free survival, months	12.5	2.5	<0.0001
Overall survival, months	30.9	7.2	<0.0001

	Max. DBP ≥90 mmHg (n=363)	Max. DBP <90 mmHg (n=171)	P-value
Objective response, n (%)	208 (57.3%)	42 (25.0%)	<0.0001
Progression-free survival, months	13.4	5.3	<0.0001
Overall survival, months	32.2	14.9	<0.0001

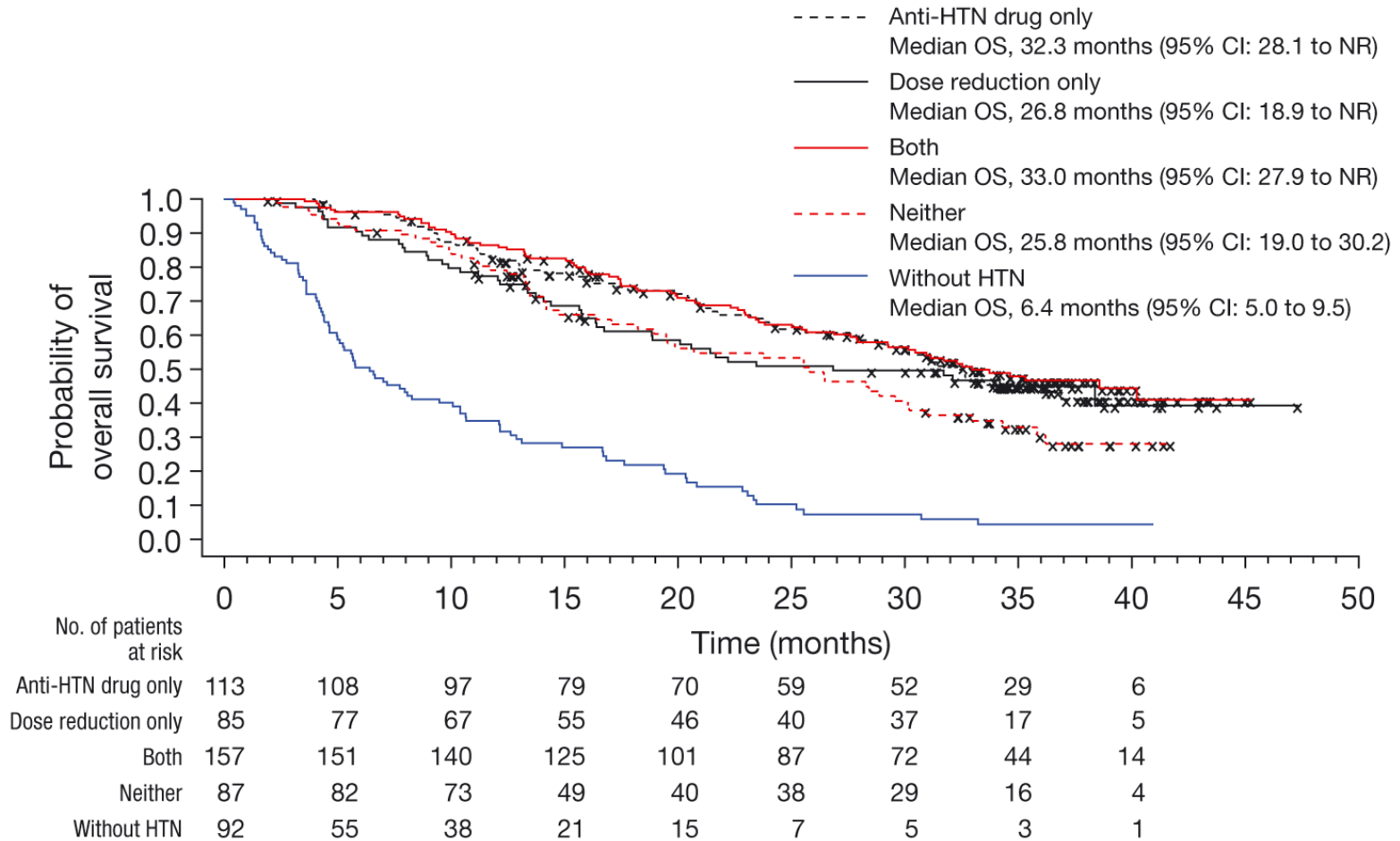


Month	With HTN			Without HTN		
	N	S	95% CI	N	S	95% CI
10	377	86.3	(82.7 to 89.2)	38	43.5	(33.0 to 53.5)
20	257	66.3	(61.5 to 70.6)	15	21.4	(13.1 to 31.0)
30	190	51.9	(46.9 to 56.7)	5	8.2	(3.2 to 16.1)





Does Management of Hypertension Matter?



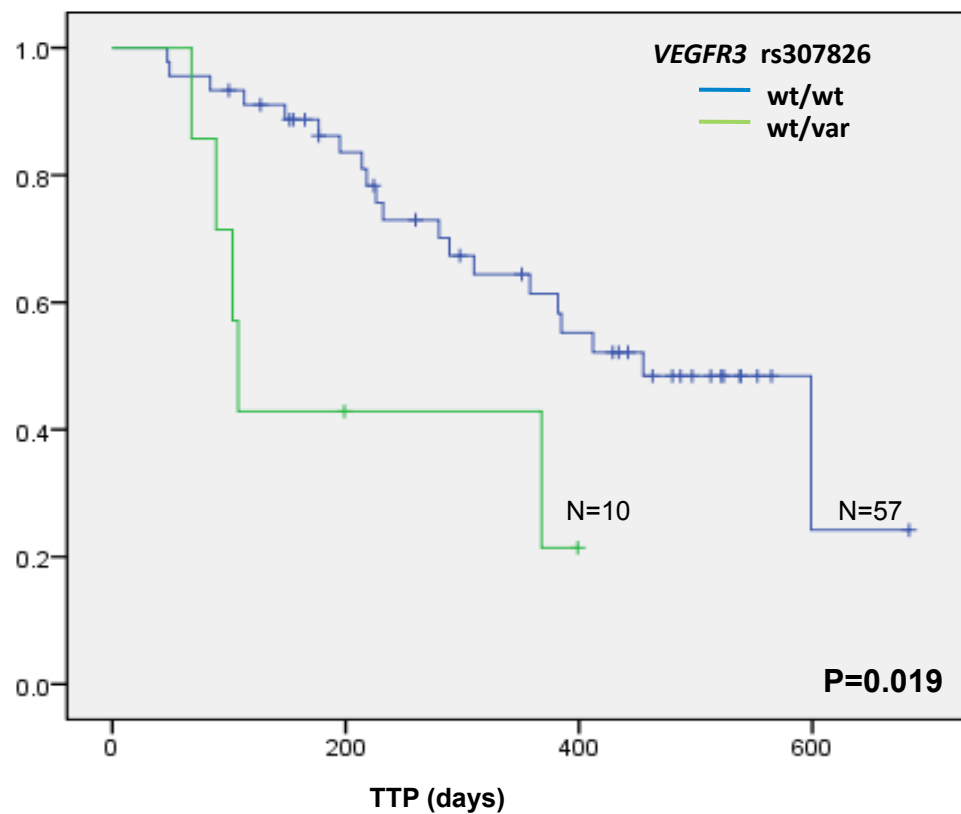
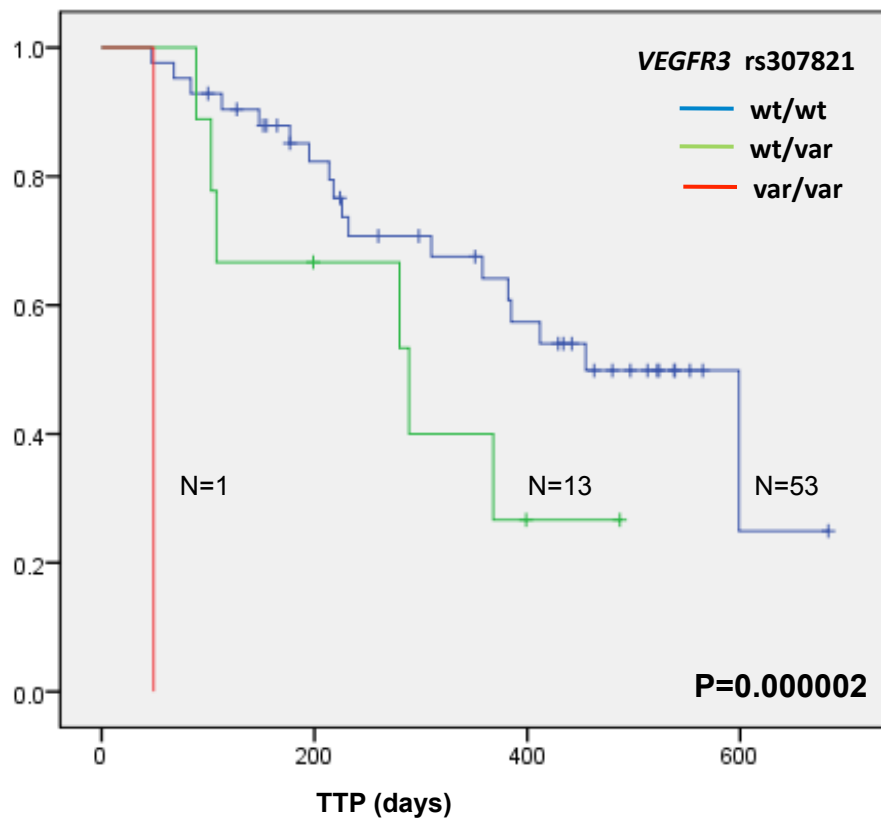
SNPs in *IL8*, *FGFR2*, *VEGFR3*, *VEGFA*, and *NR1I2* Associated with OS in Pazopanib-Treated Patients

GENE	SNP (NCBI)	P Value	Allele Frequency Caucasians, % ¹	Allele Frequency Asians, % ¹	Allele Frequency Blacks, % ¹
<i>IL8</i>	rs1126647	0.003	39	32	6
<i>IL8</i>	rs4073	0.01	40	35	83
<i>FGFR2</i>	rs2981582	0.01	42	25	52
<i>VEGFR3</i>	rs307826	0.04	7	0	0
<i>VEGFA</i>	rs1570360	0.05	25	17	3
<i>NR1I2</i>	rs3814055	0.03	41	27	27

- None of the SNPs associated with OS in patients who did not receive pazopanib
- Limitation: small sample size (N = 37)

1. Frequency data: HapMap (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>).

Time to Progression *VEGFR3*



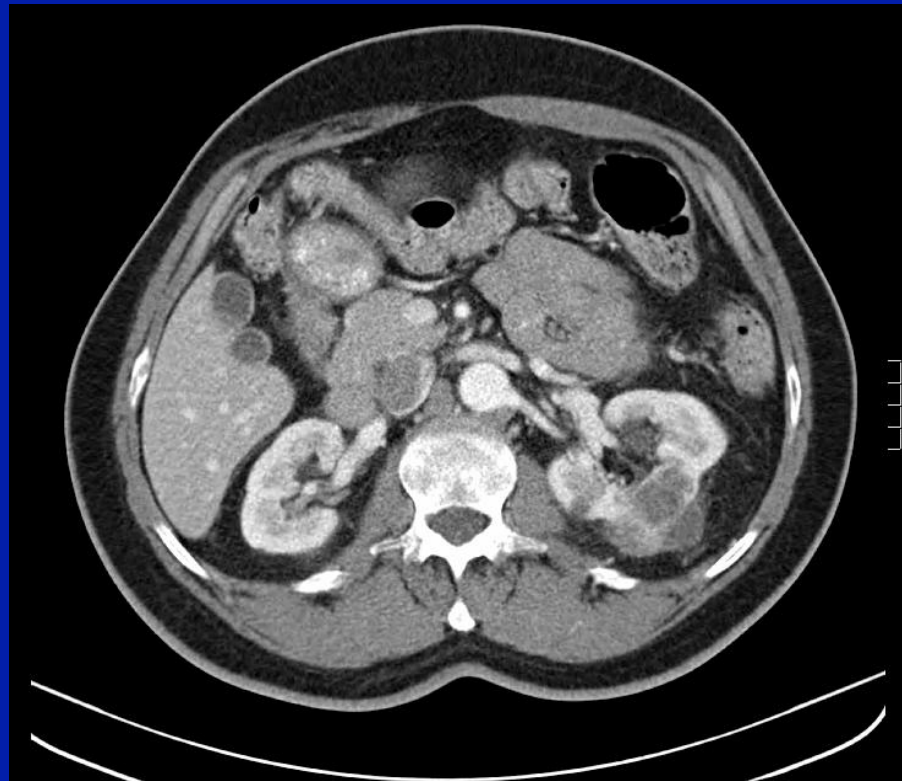
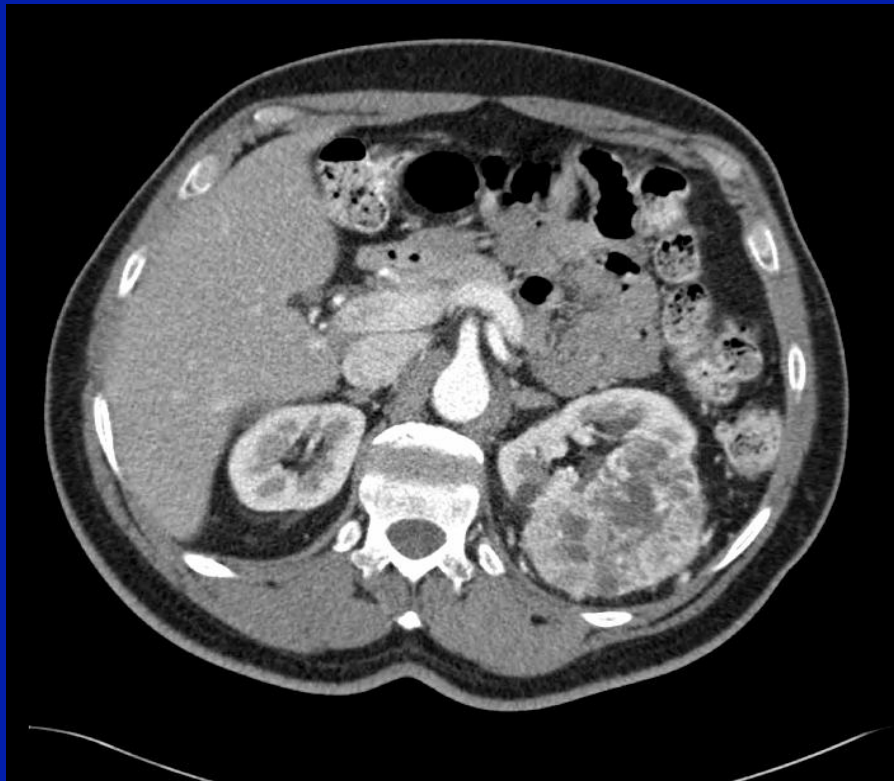
Response
(PD vs CR+PR+SD)

VEGFR3 rs307821 P=0.045 (Univariate)

VEGFR3 rs307826 P=0.028 (Univariate)

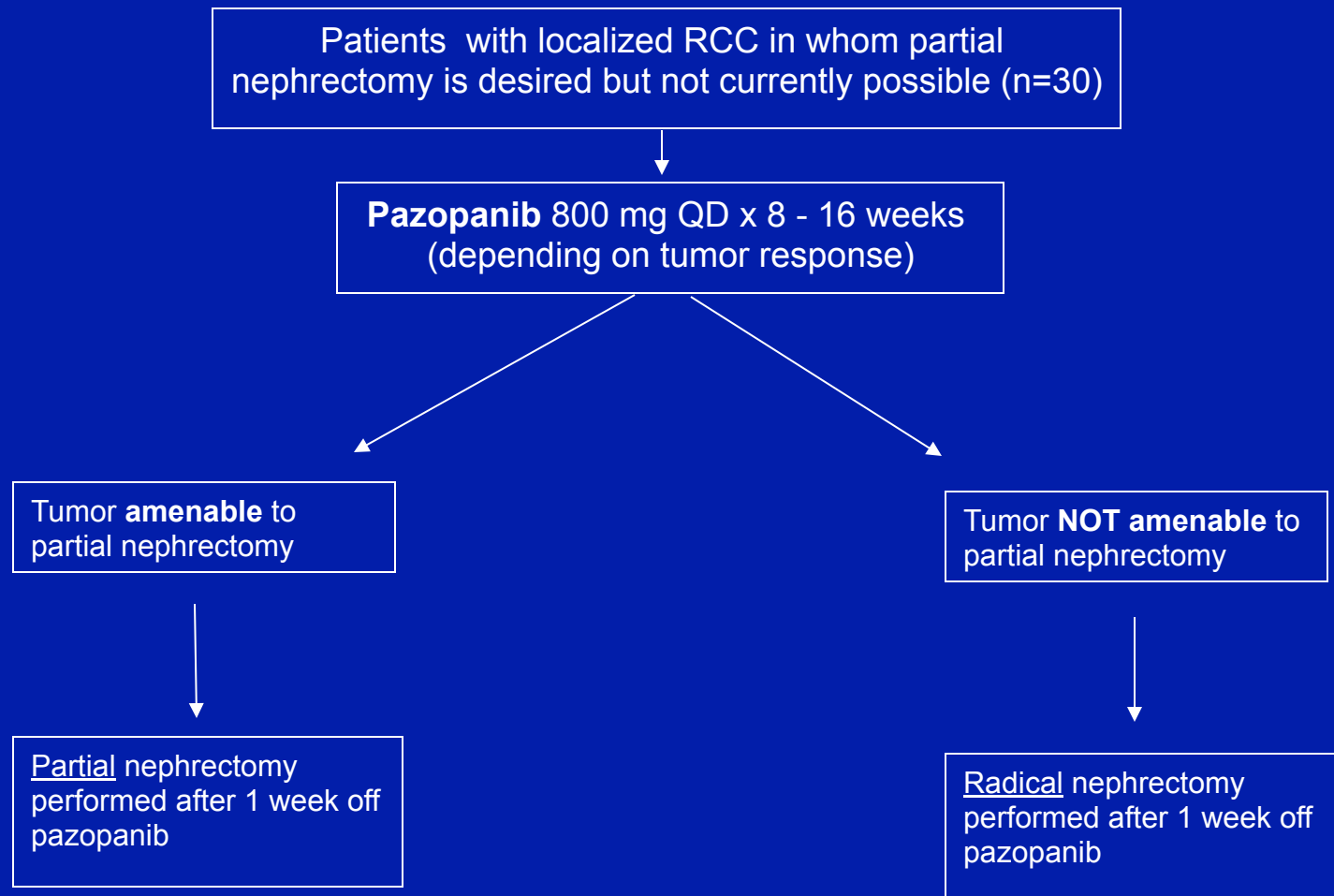
Pre-surgical VEGF-Targeted Therapy in RCC

Approach	Patient population	No. of pts with primary tumor shrinkage	Amount of primary tumor shrinkage
Sunitinib (CCF/retrospective)	‘Unresectable’ RCC (n=19)	42%	24% (range, 2-46%)
Sunitinib (Netherlands/retrospective)	M+ pts with primary in place (n=17)	59%	12% (range, 2-33%)
Sunitinib (CCF/prospective)	‘Unresectable’ RCC (n=18)	72%	19% (range, 1-64%)
Sorafenib (UNC/prospective)	≥T2 RCC; sorafenib 400 mg BID x 4–8 weeks prior to nephrectomy (n=25)	64%	11% (range, 0–40%)
Bevacizumab (+/- erlotinib) (MDACC/prospective)	Metastatic RCC pts prior to nephrectomy; treatment x 8 weeks (n=50)	52%	~ 10% (range, 1-25%)



- Primary RCC baseline and after 2 cycles of sunitinib: tumor shrinkage enabled partial nephrectomy as the tumor has pulled away from the renal hilum.
- Viable RCC tumor cells were present in all post-sunitinib surgical specimens. No unexpected surgical morbidity was encountered.

A single arm phase II study of pazopanib in patients with localized RCC to enable partial nephrectomy

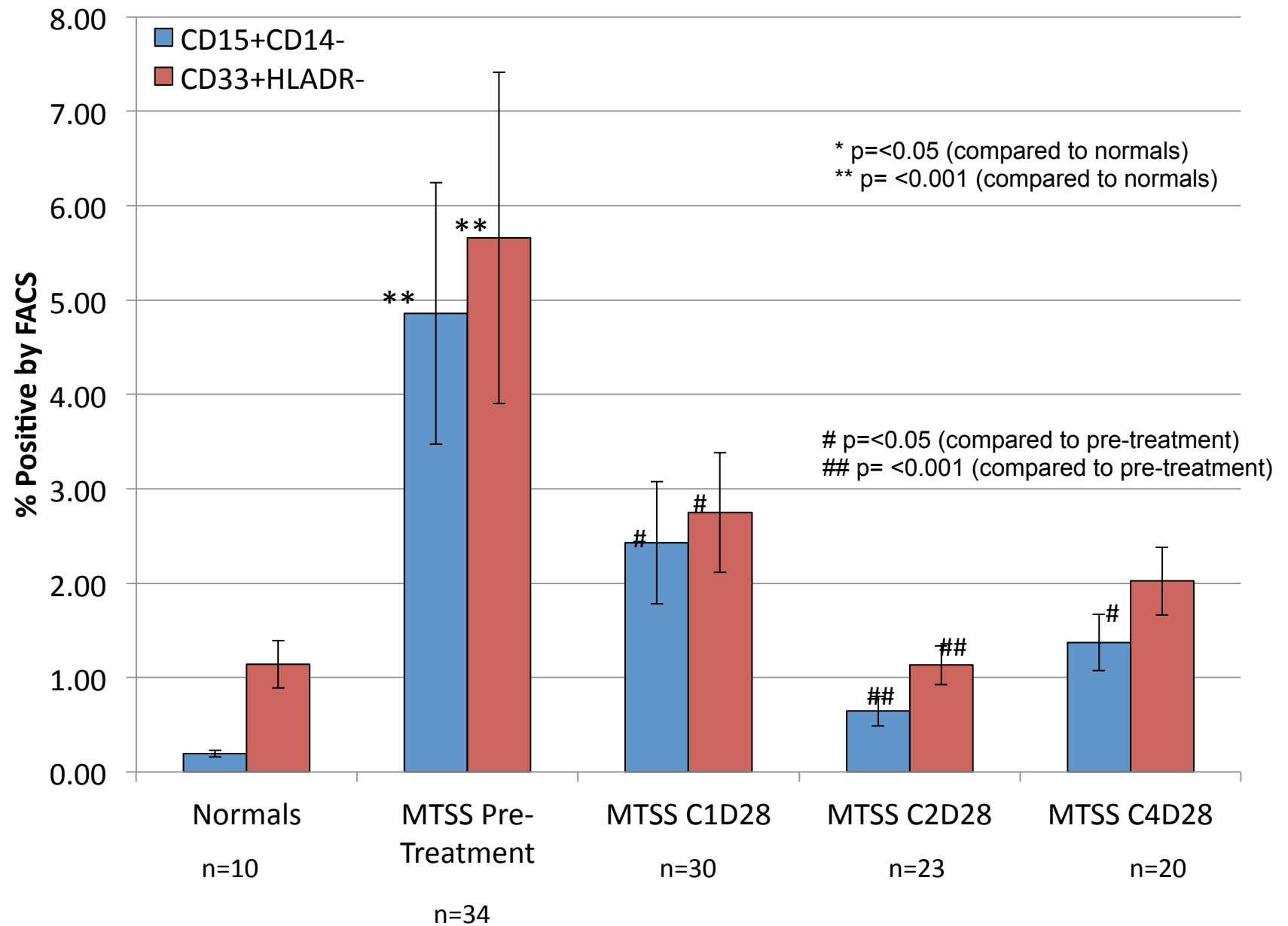


On-going/Planned Adjuvant RCC phase III Studies

	n	Population/Design	Primary Endpoint	Study Start
ASSURE ¹ (ECOG)	1923	Placebo vs. sunitinib vs. sorafenib, 1 year	DFS	2006
SORCE ² (MRC)	1656	Placebo vs. sorafenib 1 year vs. sorafenib 3 years	DFS	2007
S-TRAC ³ (Pfizer)	500	Placebo vs. sunitinib 1 year	DFS	2007
Everest ⁴ (SWOG)	1218	Placebo vs. everolimus 1 year	DFS	2010
PROTECT VEG113387 (GSK)	1500	Placebo vs. pazopanib 1 year	DFS	Q4 2010

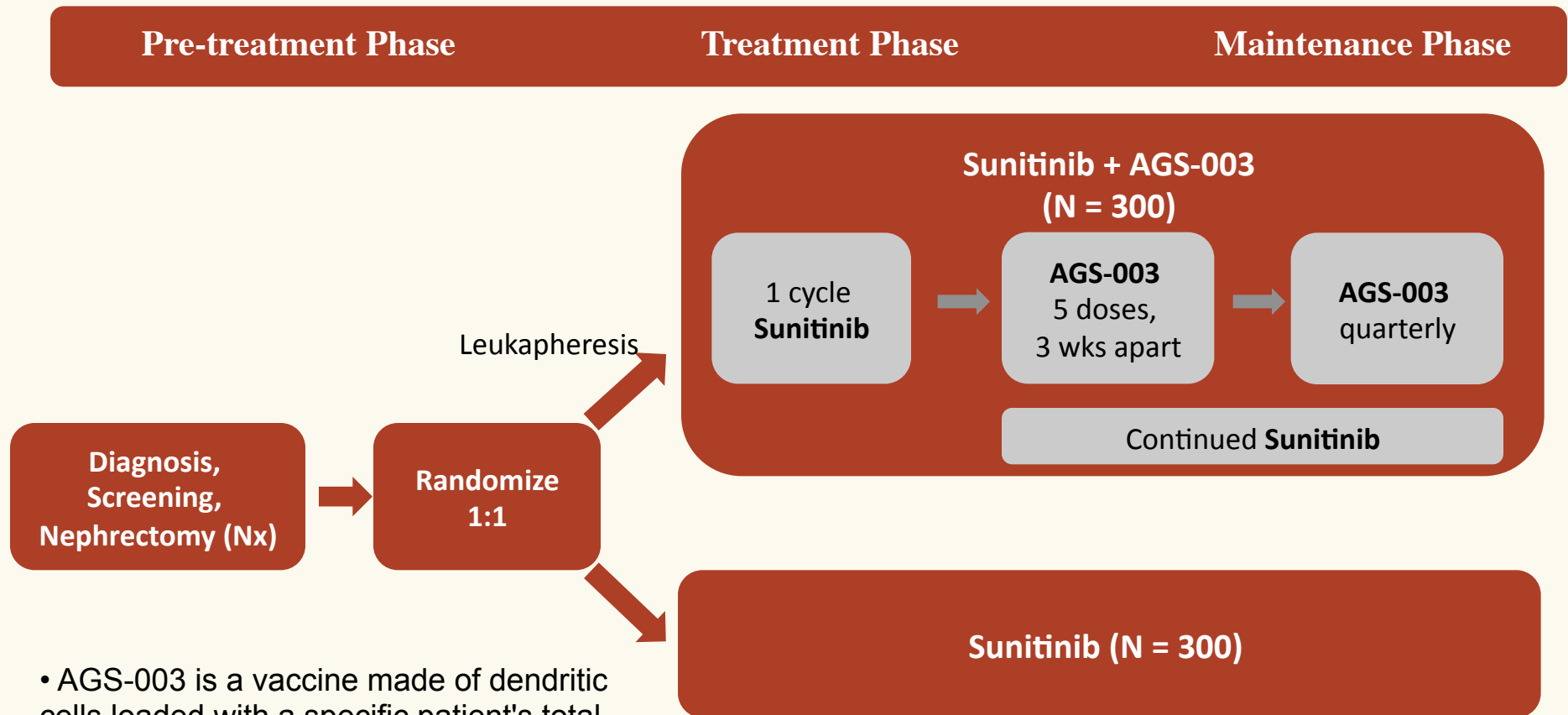
1. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT00326898.
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Myeloid Derived Suppressor Cells in RCC Patients Receiving Sunitinib



Sunitinib mediates reversal of myeloid-derived suppressor cell accumulation in renal cell carcinoma patients. Finke J, Rini BI, *Clin Cancer Res*. 2009

Autologous Vaccine Phase 3 Trial Planned for mid-2011

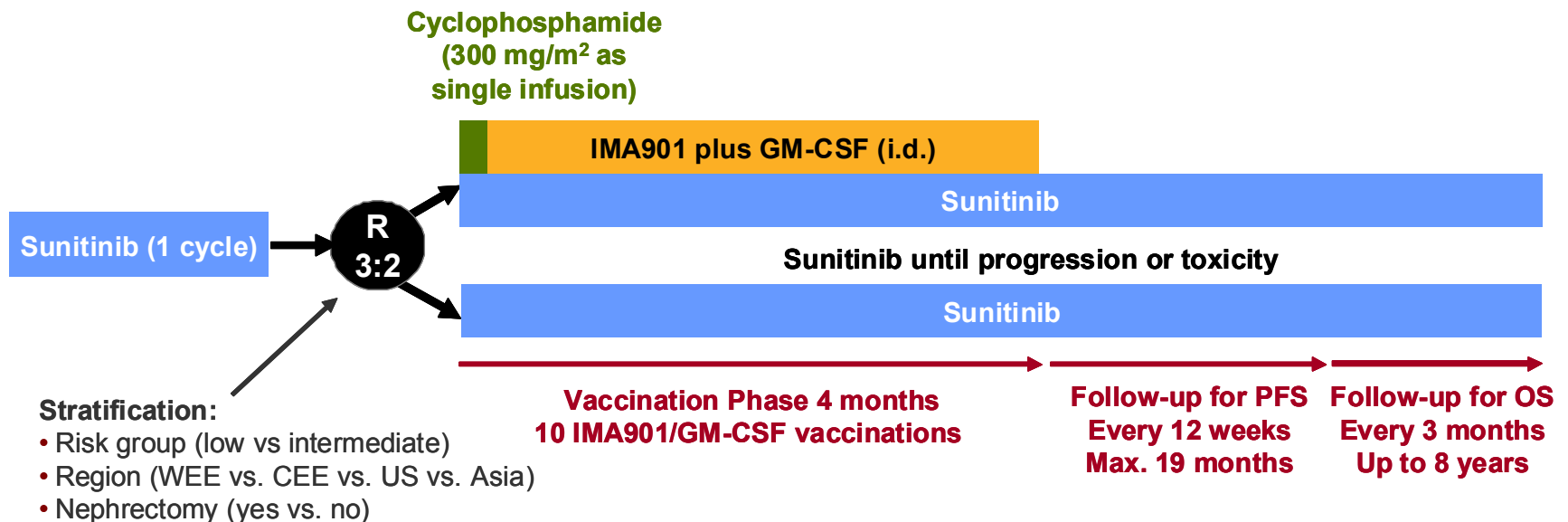


• AGS-003 is a vaccine made of dendritic cells loaded with a specific patient's total tumor RNA

1 Sunitinib cycle = 4 weeks on followed by 2 weeks off

IMA901 Renal Cell Cancer Phase 3 trial

Study design of planned IMA901-301 study



N=330

- 1st line metastatic and/or locally advanced RCC
- HLA-A*02-positive
- Documented tumor lesions
- Favorable or intermediate risk (Heng et al., 2009)

* IMA091 is a vaccine comprised of multiple, RCC tumor-associated peptides

Primary endpoint

- Overall Survival

Secondary endpoints

- Overall Survival in biomarker-defined subgroup (pre-specified)
- Progression-free survival (PFS)
- Safety and tolerability
- Cellular immunomonitoring

Conclusions

- Therapy targeted at VEGF and mTOR has dramatically changed the therapeutic landscape of metastatic RCC.
- There is no single drug as best choice for initial therapy pending future trials.
- I believe more potent VEGFR TKIs will be substantial clinical advances.
- Intermittent therapy or other novel administration methods warrant investigation.

Conclusions

- Mechanisms/biomarkers that underlie response/resistance to targeted therapy remain elusive but preliminary data exists and intense efforts are underway.
- The activity/utility of VEGF-targeted therapy in the (neo)/adjuvant setting awaits further investigation.

RCC Treatment Algorithm: 2011

Setting	Patients	Therapy (level 1)	Other Options (≥ level 2)
Untreated	Good or Intermediate risk	Sunitinib Bevacizumab + IFN Pazopanib	HD IL-2 Sorafenib Clinical trial Observation
	Poor risk	Temsirolimus	Sunitinib, Bev/IFN Clinical trial
	Non-clear cell		Anything Clinical Trial
	Sarcomatoid		Sunitinib (+/- Gem) Clinical trial
Refractory	Cytokine	Axitinib Sorafenib Everolimus Clinical trial	Sunitinib, Bevacizumab
	VEGF		Everything
	mTOR		Clinical trial