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# Genitourinary Malignancies



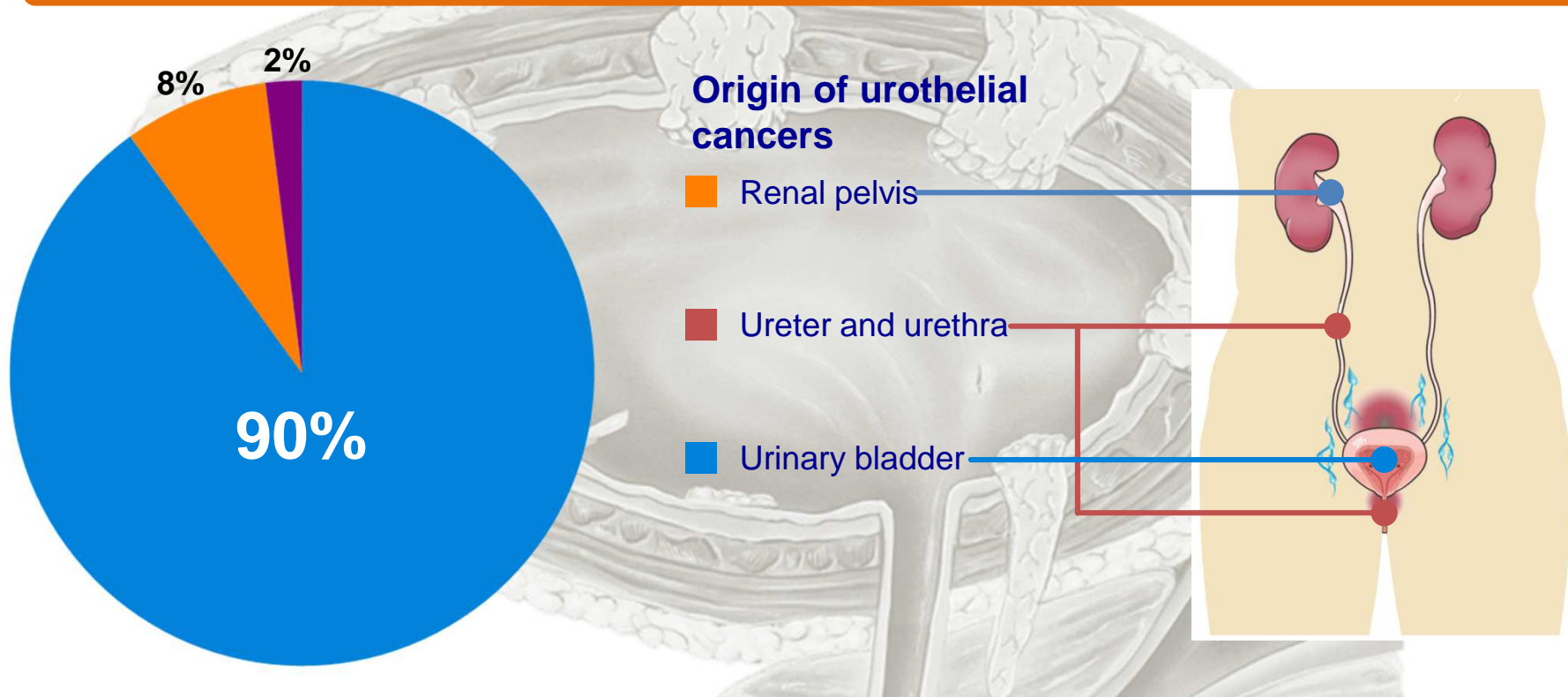
## Urinary Bladder Cancer

In the area of the Italian Network of Cancer Registries there were, on yearly average, 70.7 new urinary bladder cancers per 100,000 men and 16.3 per 100,000 women.

It has been estimated that every year there are in Italy **15,987** new urinary bladder cancers diagnosed among males and **3,326** among females; as regards mortality, there were 4,158 deaths due to urinary bladder cancer among males and 1,080 among females in 2002.

# 90% of urothelial cancers originate in the bladder

The urothelium is the epithelial layer that lines the urethra, bladder, ureters and renal pelvis



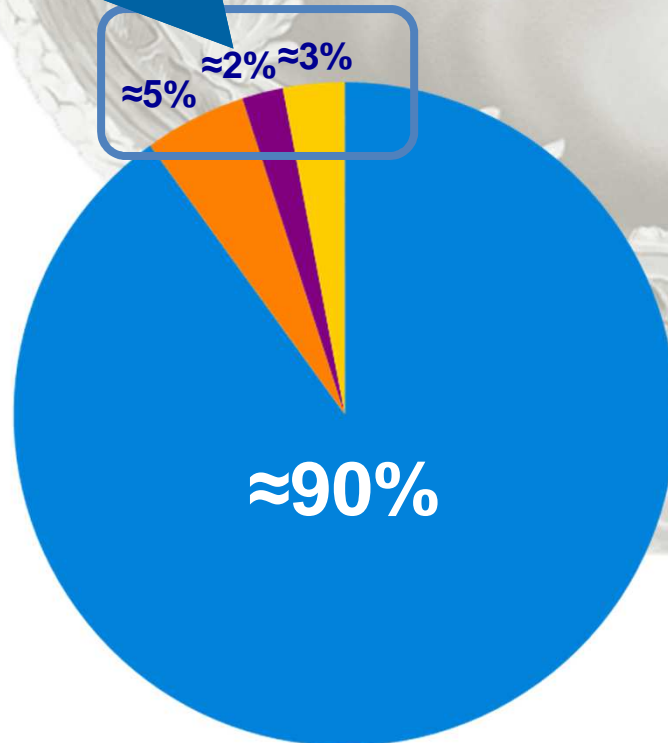
Bladder cancer is the most common form of urothelial cancer and is the focus of this module

- NCCN Guidelines – Bladder cancer v1.2015



# Urothelial cell carcinoma is the most common histologic subtype of bladder cancer

In the developed world, squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma and other cell types (e.g. small-cell tumours, sarcoma) make up <10% of bladder cancers<sup>1</sup>



- Urothelial cell carcinoma (also known as transitional cell carcinoma)
- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Adenocarcinoma (pure glandular histology)
- Other cell types

- Urothelial cell carcinomas can show mixed histology
  - 17–22% with squamous histology<sup>3</sup>
  - up to 16% with glandular histology<sup>3</sup>
- Compared with pure urothelial cell carcinomas, tumours with mixed histology appear to have a poorer prognosis<sup>3</sup>

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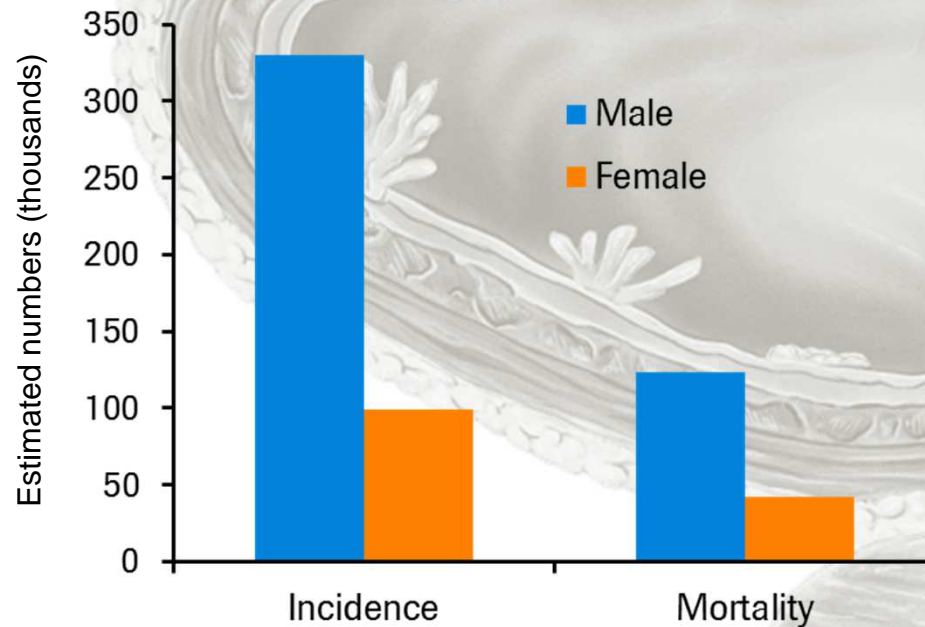
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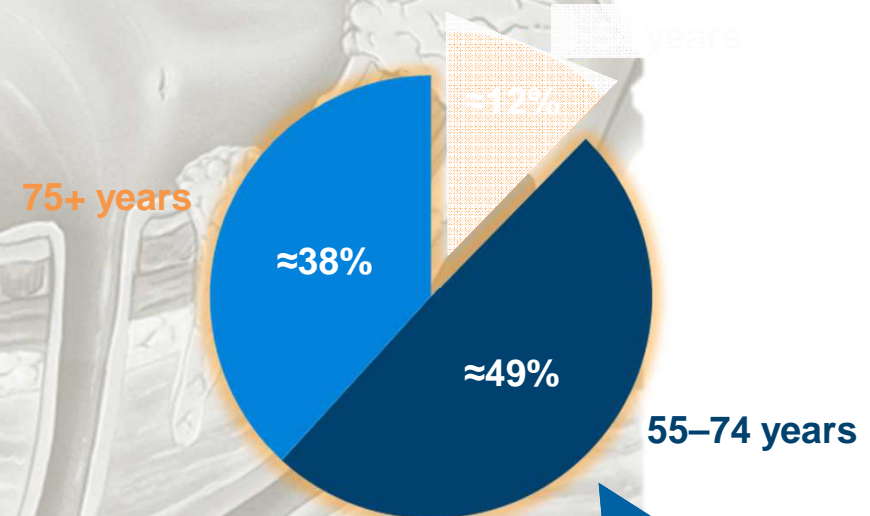
# Bladder cancer is more common in males and in older patients

The rate of bladder-cancer-related deaths is higher in men than women ( $\approx 3:1$ )<sup>1</sup>

About 90% of patients with bladder cancer are aged  $>55$  years<sup>2</sup>; average age at time of diagnosis is 73 years<sup>2</sup>



Global incidence of bladder cancer by age

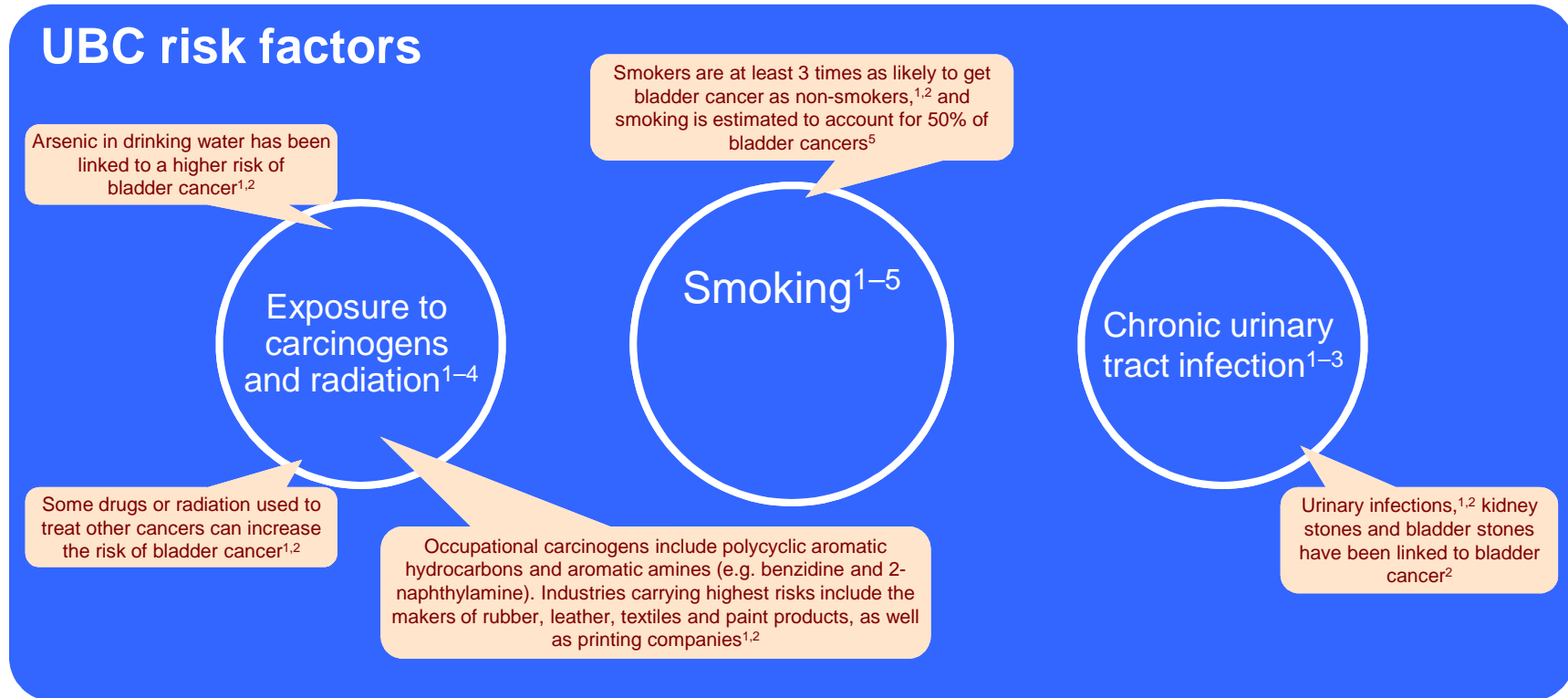


The majority of patients diagnosed with bladder cancer are aged  $>55$  years

1. Ferlay J, et al. GLOBOCAN 2012

2. American Cancer Society 2014: Bladder Cancer Key Statistics

# Smoking is the leading risk factor for bladder cancer, accounting for an estimated 50% of cases



In addition to the above risk factors, male gender and advanced age have also been linked to higher rates of bladder cancer<sup>2,4,6</sup>

Incidence of bladder cancer is strongly related to age<sup>6</sup>

Men are about 3 to 4 times more likely to get bladder cancer during their lifetime than women<sup>2</sup>

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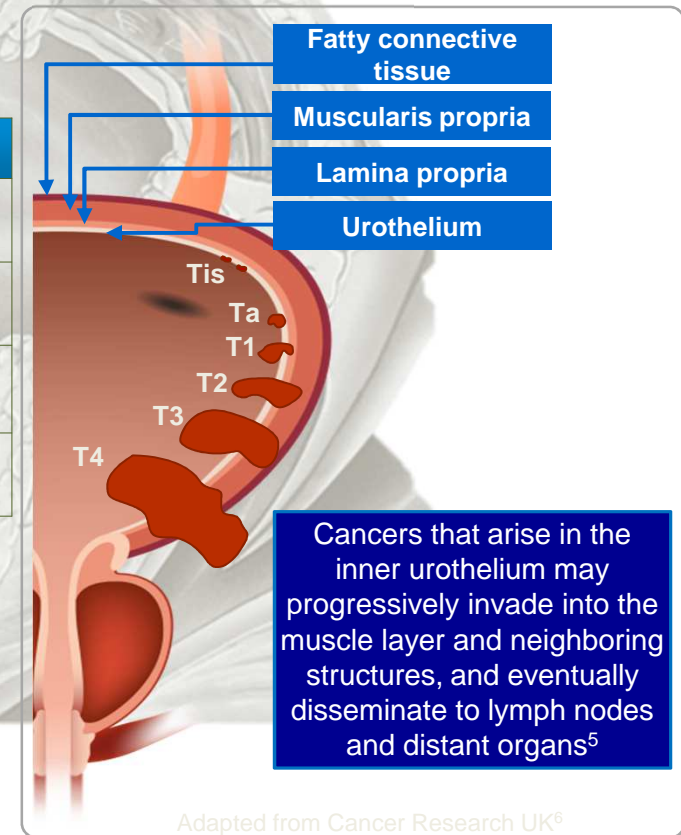
# Staging Bladder Cancer: TNM

- Urothelial bladder cancer is staged using the tumor-node-metastasis (TNM) system
- Staging is based on the extent of penetration into the bladder wall, involvement of lymph nodes, and metastasis to distant organs<sup>a1-3</sup>
- Like tumor grade, tumor stage is prognostic for recurrence, progression, and survival<sup>4</sup>

T: Primary tumor <sup>2</sup>	
T0	No tumor evidence
Ta	Noninvasive papillary carcinoma
Tis	Carcinoma in situ ("flat tumor")
T1	Invades connective tissue
T2a	Invades superficial muscularis propria
T2b	Invades deep muscularis propria
T3a	Invades perivesical tissue (microscopically observable)
T3b	Invades perivesical tissue (macroscopically observable)
T4a	Invades prostate, uterus, or vagina
T4b	Invades pelvic or abdominal wall

N: Regional lymph nodes <sup>2</sup>	
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis
N1	Single regional node metastasis in true pelvis
N2	≥2 lymph nodes in true pelvis
N3	Node metastasis to common iliac lymph nodes

M: Distant metastases <sup>2</sup>	
M0	No distant metastasis
M1	Distant metastasis



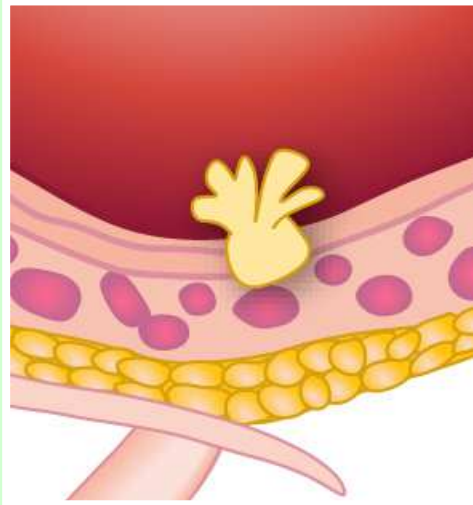
<sup>a</sup>The most common sites of metastases are lymph nodes, bone, lung, liver, and peritoneum.

References are listed in the speaker notes



# Bladder cancer is generally categorised as non-muscle-invasive, muscle-invasive or metastatic

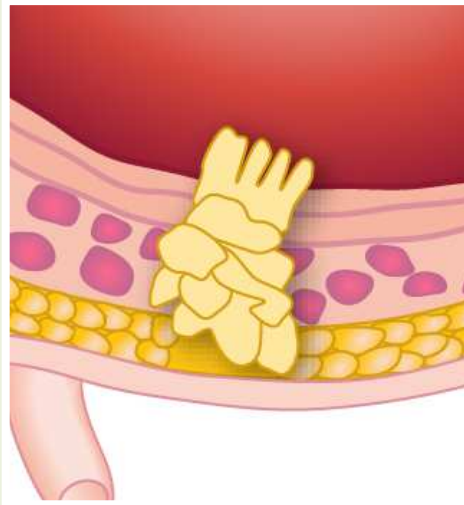
## Non-invasive disease



Cancer that is restricted to the lining of the bladder is called **non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer (NMIBC)**

*≈51–75% of patients are diagnosed at this stage<sup>1–4</sup>*

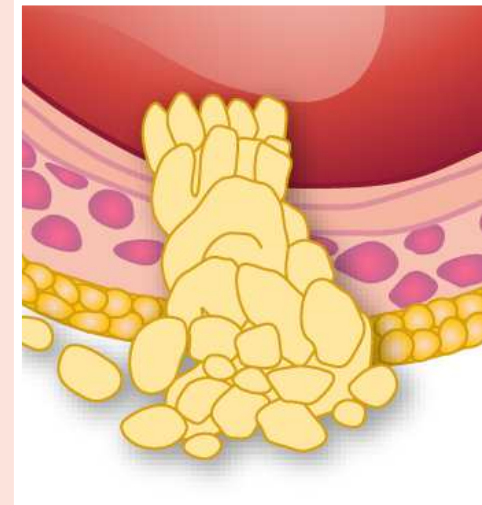
## Locally invasive disease



Cancer that has spread through the muscle wall of the bladder is called **muscle-invasive bladder cancer (MIBC)**

*≈30–42% of patients are diagnosed at this stage<sup>1,4</sup>*

## Metastatic disease



Cancer that has spread to other parts of the body is called **metastatic bladder cancer**

*≈4% of patients are diagnosed at this stage<sup>1,5</sup>*

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# Bladder cancer: high risk of recurrence for non-muscle-invasive and muscle-invasive disease and low 5-year survival for metastatic disease

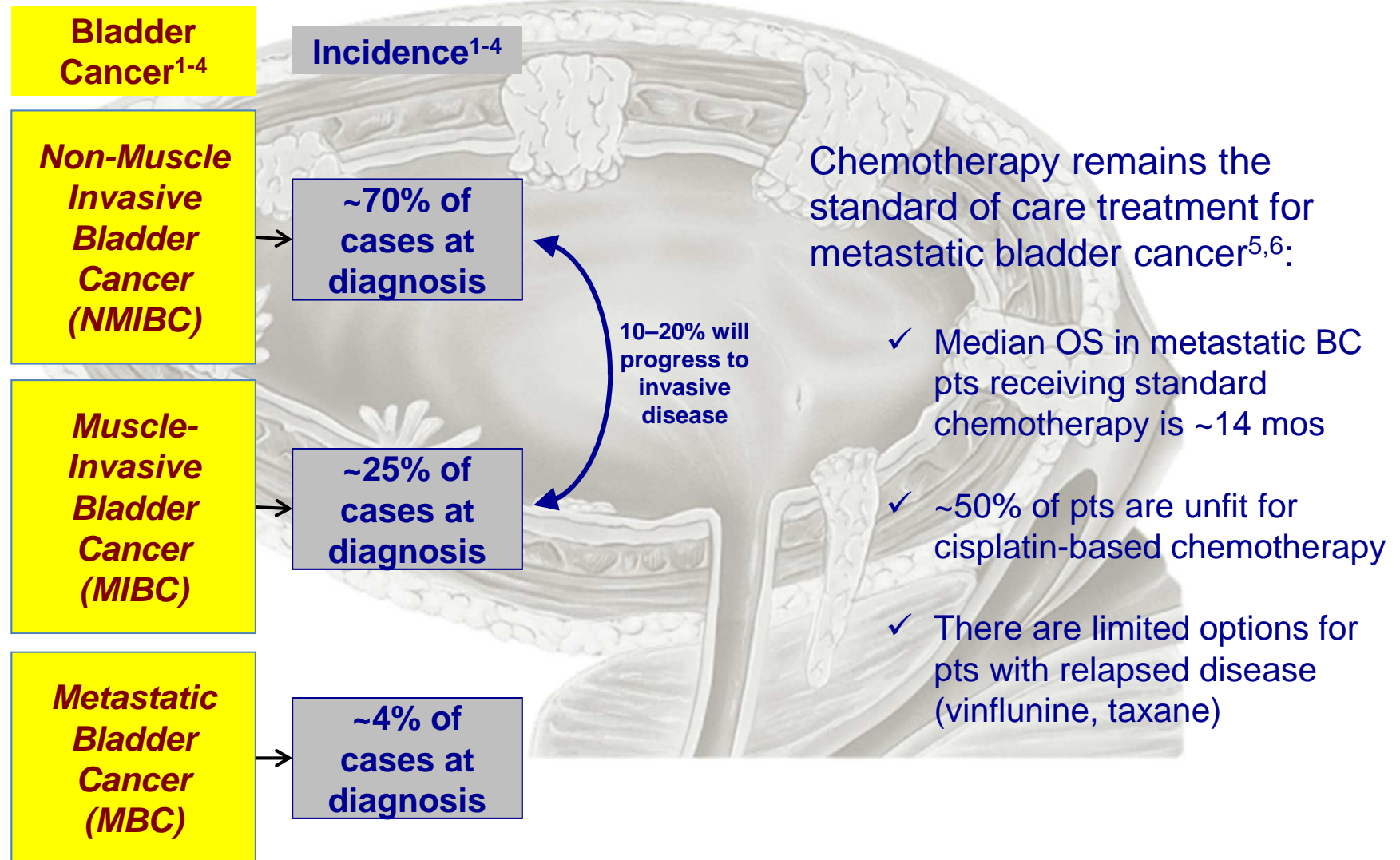
Classification	Stage at diagnosis	Proportion at diagnosis		5-year relative survival rate <sup>1</sup>	Probability of recurrence within 5 years
Non-muscle-invasive disease	Non-invasive (Ta, Tis and T1)	51–75% <sup>1-4</sup>		96%	50–90% <sup>2,4</sup>
Muscle-invasive disease	Localised (T2–4, N0)	35% <sup>1</sup>	30% <sup>4</sup>	69%	≈50% <sup>6</sup>
	Regional (Tx, N1)	7% <sup>1</sup>		34%	
Metastatic disease	Distant/metastatic (Tx, Nx, M1)	4% <sup>1,5</sup>		6%	NA

Low 5-year survival rate in patients with metastatic disease

High risk of recurrence in patients with non-muscle-invasive and muscle-invasive disease

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# Bladder Cancer History



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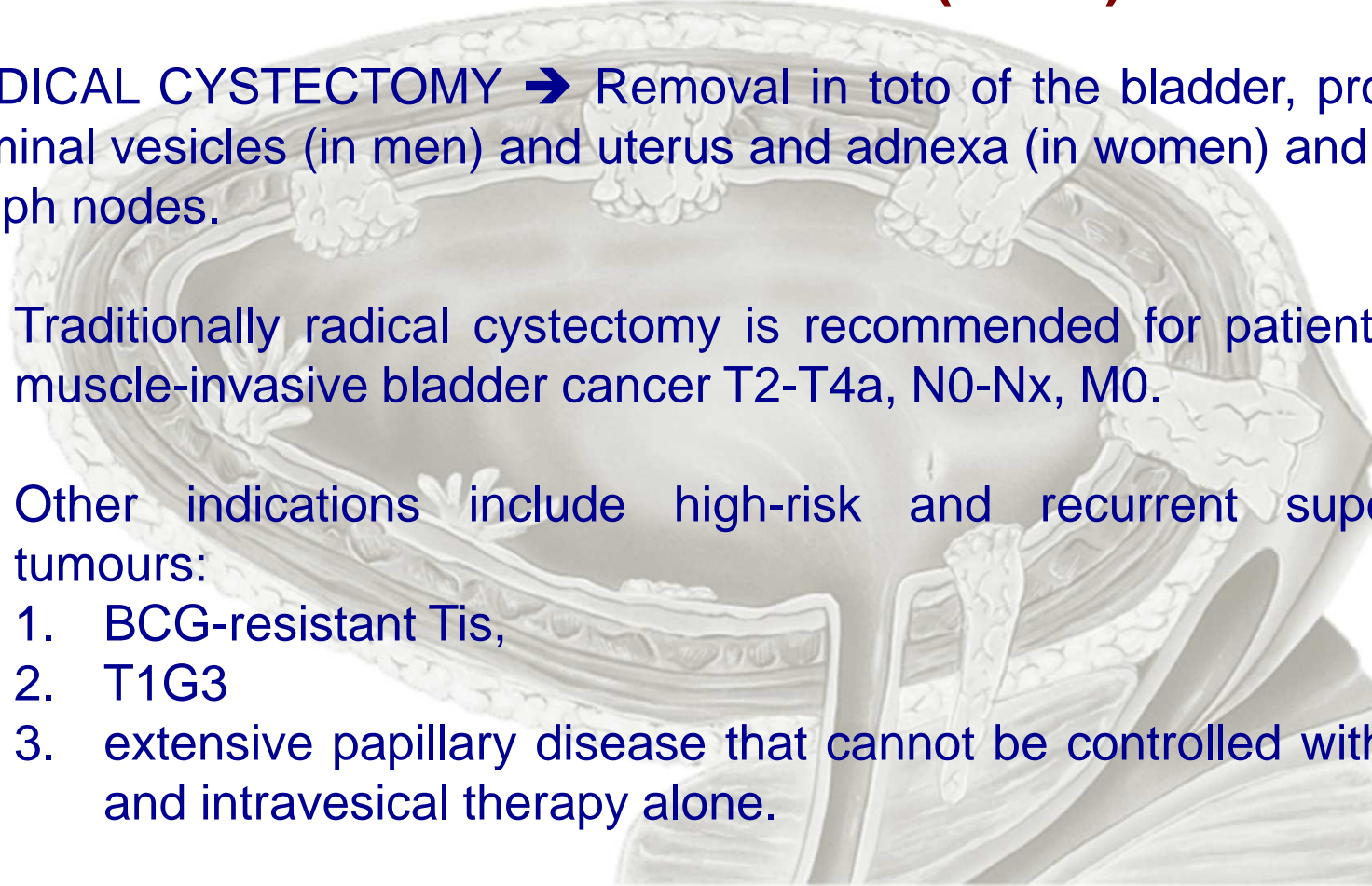
# Goals of treatment and treatment options vary by type of disease at diagnosis

	Non-muscle-invasive disease	Muscle-invasive disease	
<b>Main goals of treatment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curative intent</li><li>• Reduce recurrence</li><li>• Prevent progression to more advanced stage</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curative intent</li><li>• Reduce recurrence</li><li>• Prevent progression to more advanced stage</li></ul>	
<b>Current treatment options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TURBT</li><li>• Intravesical therapy</li><li>• Cystectomy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TURBT</li><li>• Partial or radical cystectomy</li><li>• Neoadjuvant and adjuvant chemotherapy</li><li>• Radiotherapy</li></ul>	

# BLADDER CANCER: TREATMENT OF MUSCLE INVASIVE BLADDER CANCER (MIBC)

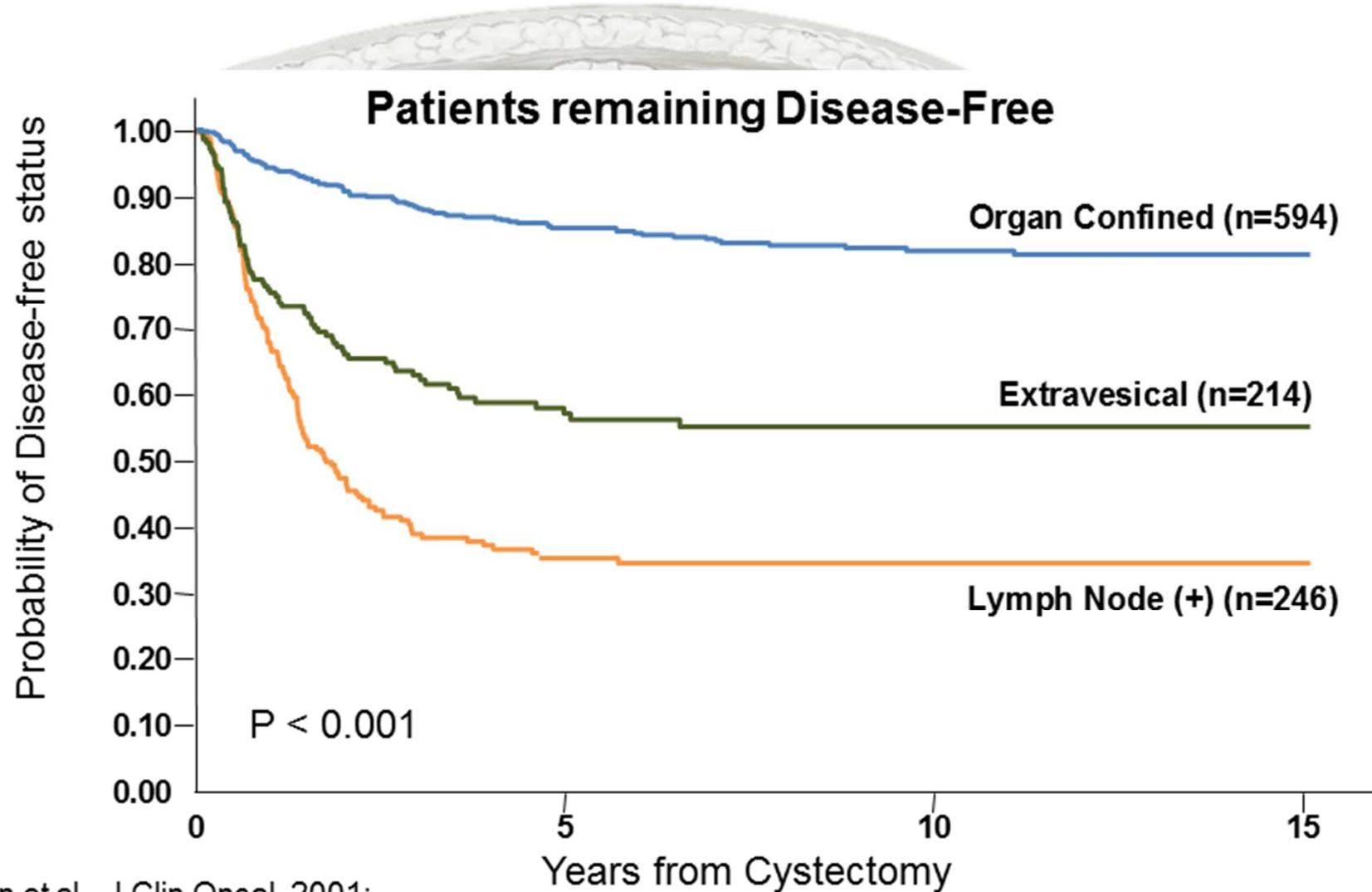
RADICAL CYSTECTOMY → Removal in toto of the bladder, prostate, seminal vesicles (in men) and uterus and adnexa (in women) and pelvic lymph nodes.

- Traditionally radical cystectomy is recommended for patients with muscle-invasive bladder cancer T2-T4a, N0-Nx, M0.
- Other indications include high-risk and recurrent superficial tumours:
  1. BCG-resistant Tis,
  2. T1G3
  3. extensive papillary disease that cannot be controlled with TUR and intravesical therapy alone.
- OPEN
- *LAPAROSCOPIC/ROBOTIC-ASSISTED LAPAROSCOPIC CYSTECTOMY (RALC)*



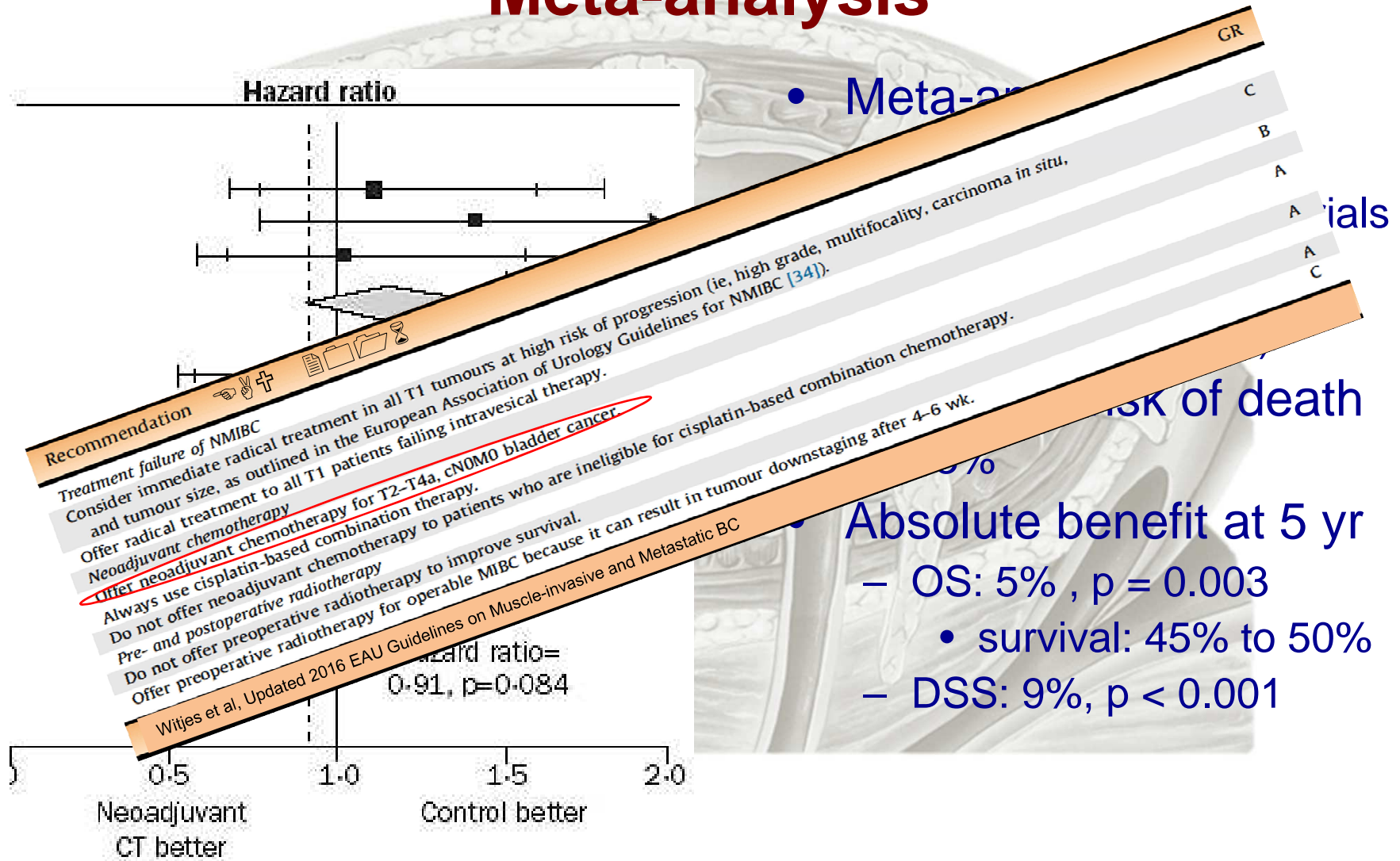


# USC Norris Cancer Center Data in 1,054 Patients



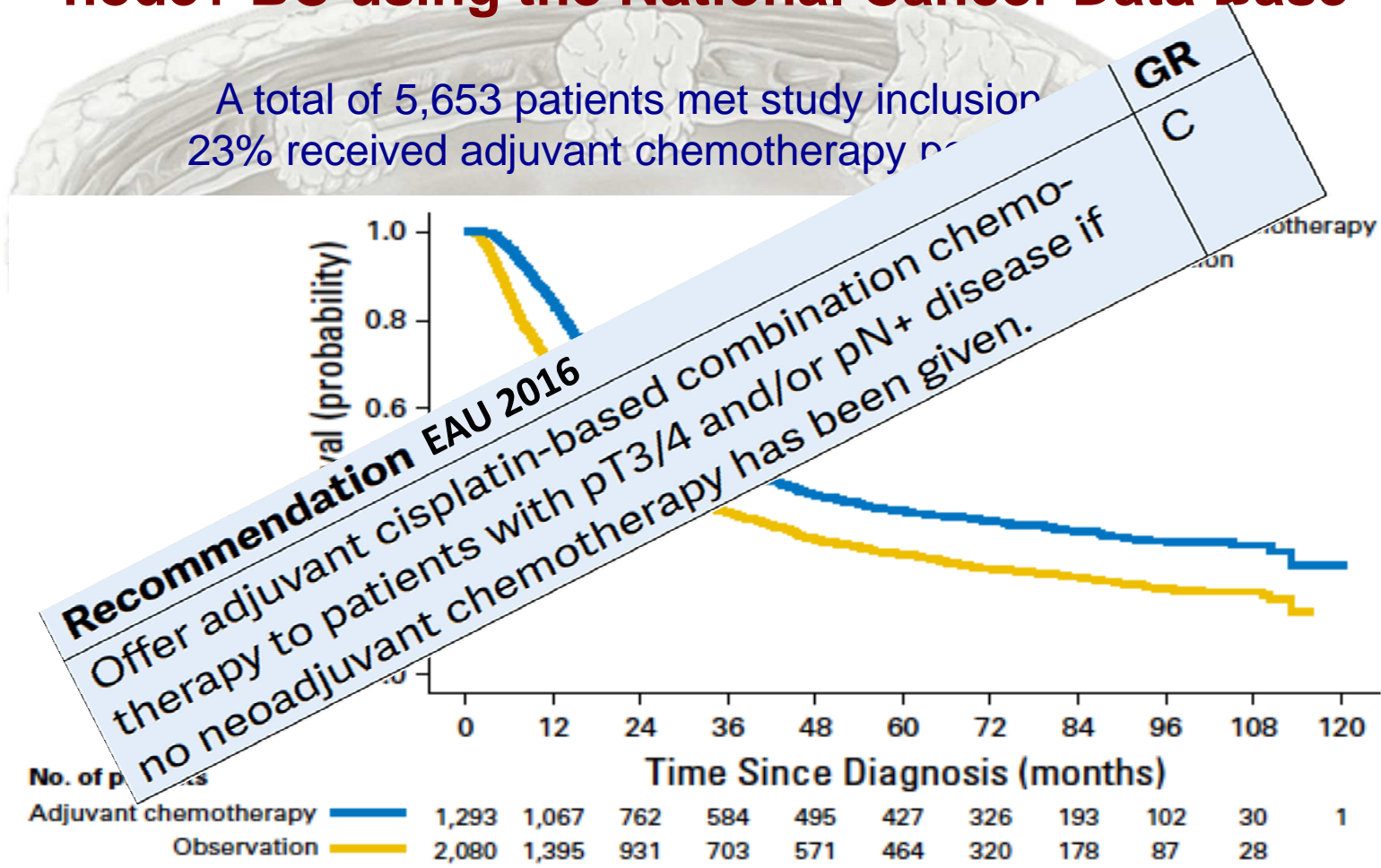
Stein et al. J Clin Oncol. 2001;

# Neoadjuvant in Advanced Bladder Cancer: Meta-analysis



# Effectiveness of Adjuvant Chemotherapy for Locally Advanced BC in pts with pathologic T3-4 and/or pathologic node+ BC using the National Cancer Data Base

A total of 5,653 patients met study inclusion  
 23% received adjuvant chemotherapy



# Locally Advanced Bladder Cancer

**T3-T4  
BC**

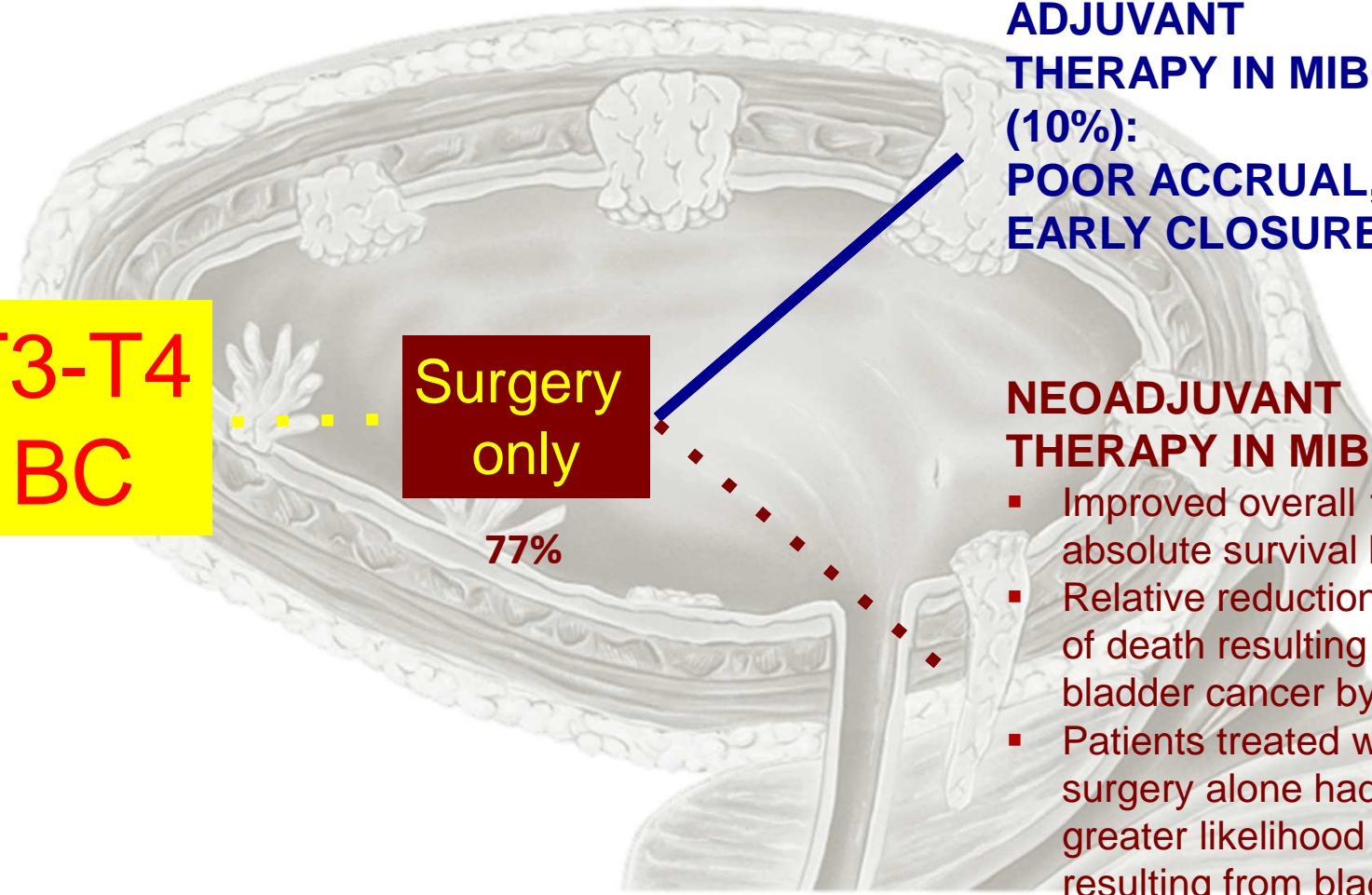
**Surgery  
only**

77%

**ADJUVANT  
THERAPY IN MIBC  
(10%):  
POOR ACCRUAL,  
EARLY CLOSURE**

**NEOADJUVANT  
THERAPY IN MIBC (1%):**

- Improved overall 10-year absolute survival by 6%
- Relative reduction in the risk of death resulting from bladder cancer by 16%
- Patients treated with surgery alone had a 66% greater likelihood of death resulting from bladder cancer



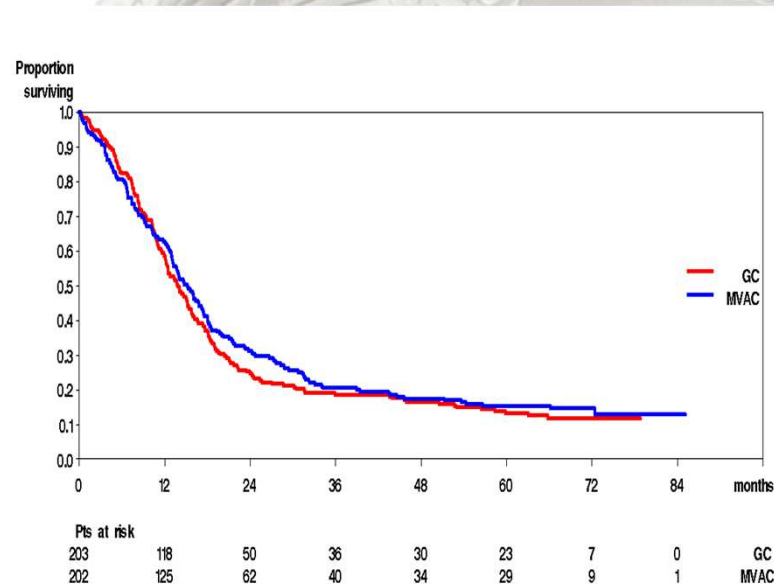


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# First-Line Chemotherapy in mUC

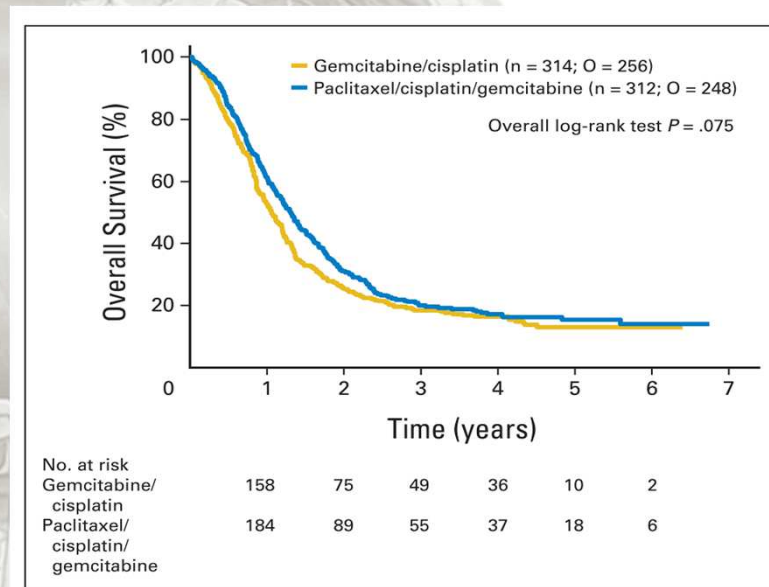
## Gemcitabine-Cisplatin vs MVAC



GC: 14.0 months (12.3-15.5 )  
MVAC: 15.2 months (13.2-17.3 )  
*HR*: 1.09 (0.88-1.34)

von der Maase H, J Clin Oncol 2005

## Paclitaxel added to GC



PCG: 15.8 months  
CG: 12.7 months  
*p* = .075

Bellmunt J, J Clin Oncol 2012

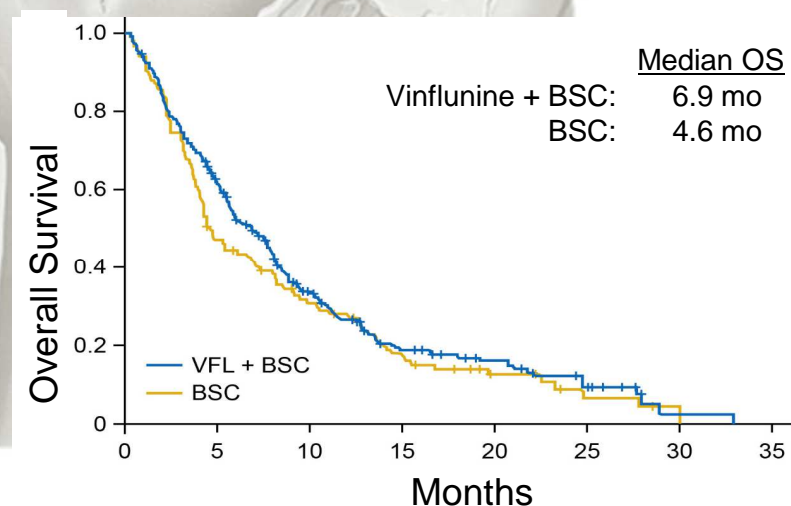
# Treatment of cisplatin-failure mUC

- No global consensus for treatment following platinum-based chemotherapy exists

- Taxanes are typically used in the US
- Vinflunine (not approved in the US) is often used in Europe
  - In the registrational Phase III study leading to European approval, vinflunine did not demonstrate OS benefit in the ITT population<sup>1</sup>
  - More recent data suggest that clinical proficiency with vinflunine may be improving<sup>2-5</sup>

- More recently, checkpoint inhibitors<sup>6-10</sup> including atezolizumab<sup>6</sup> have been approved in the US and elsewhere for the treatment of mUC

2L Regimen <sup>a</sup>	ORR	mPFS	mOS
Paclitaxel (n = 31)	10%	2.2 mo	7.2 mo
Docetaxel (n = 30)	13%	—	9.0 mo
Vinflunine (n = 51)	18%	3.0 mo	6.6 mo
Vinflunine (n = 253)	9%	3.0 mo	6.9 mo

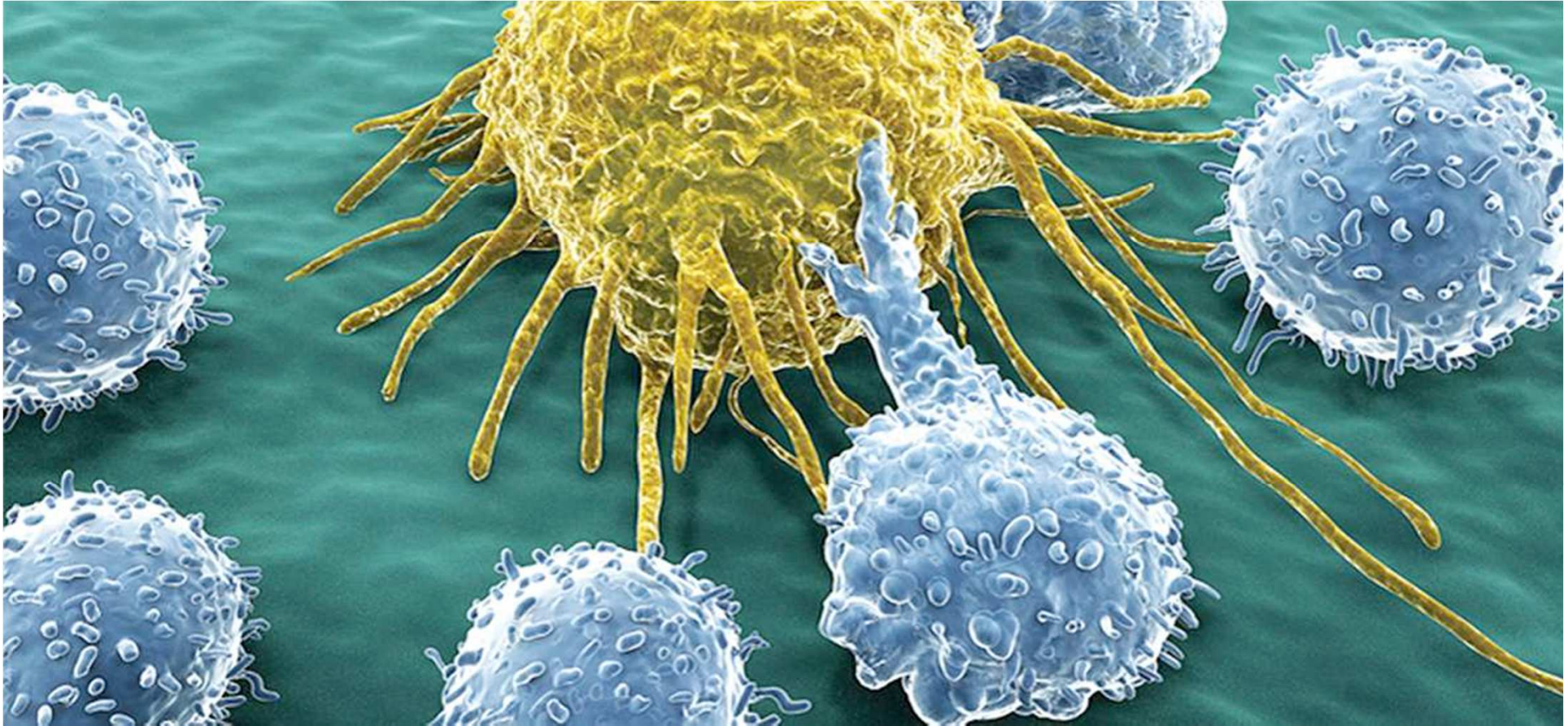


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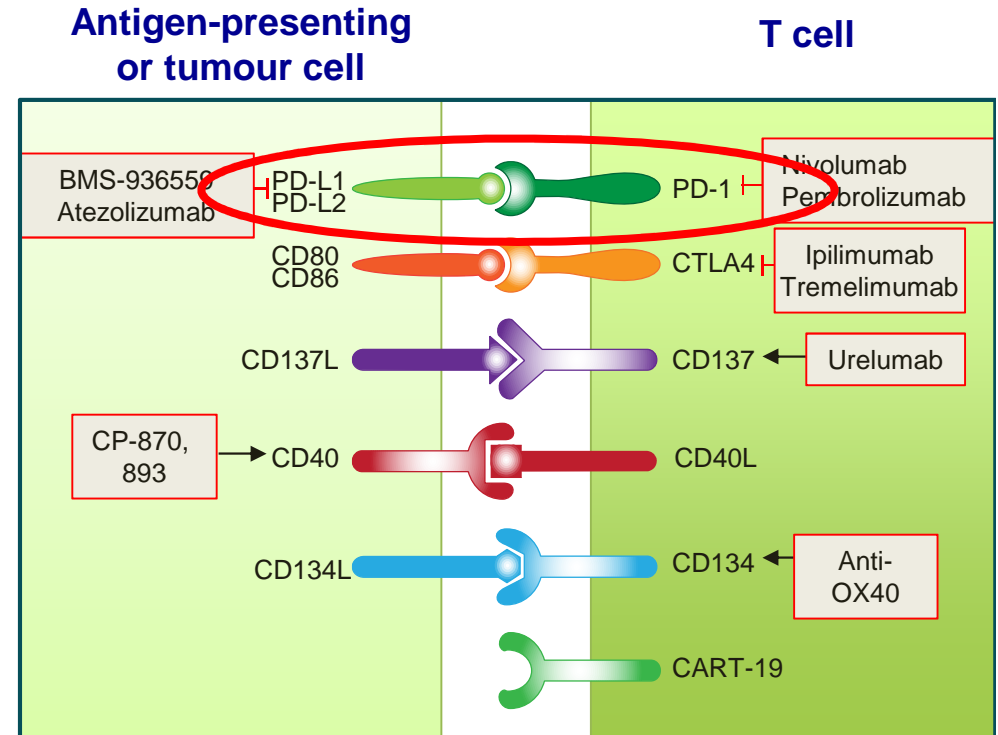
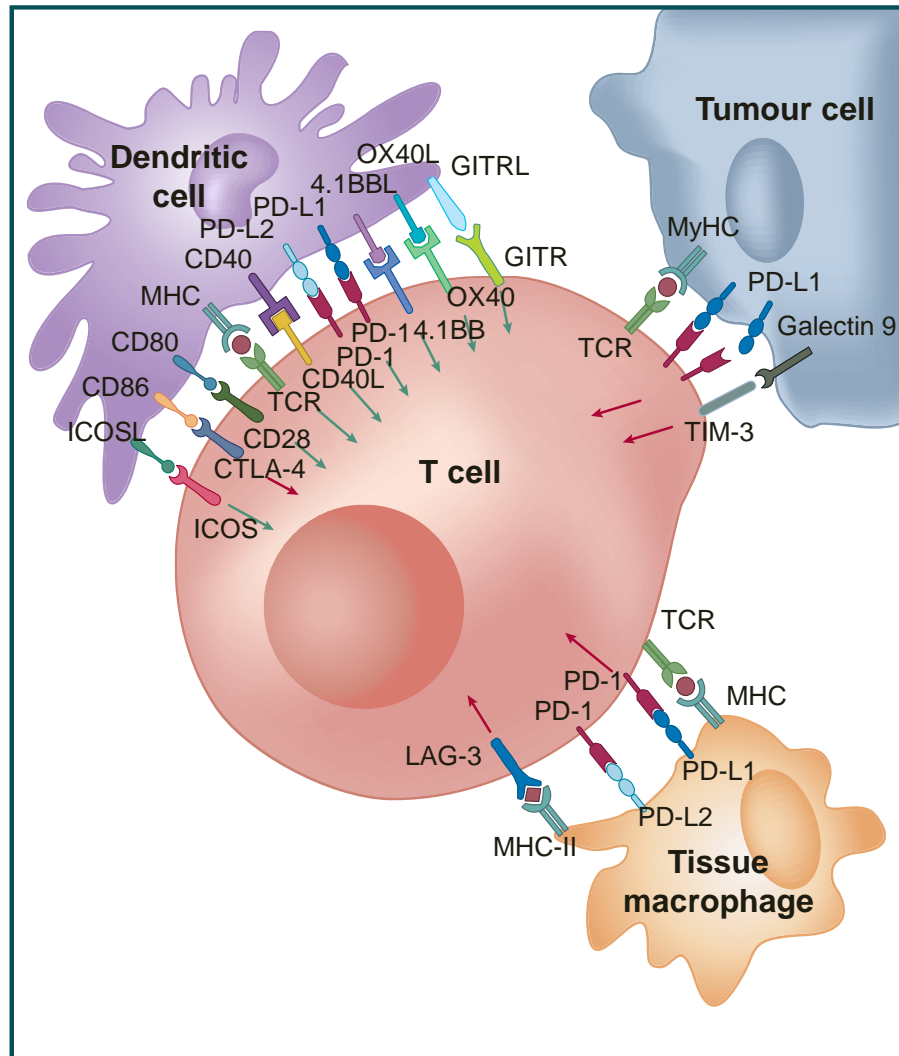


# Let's start with some basic Immunology

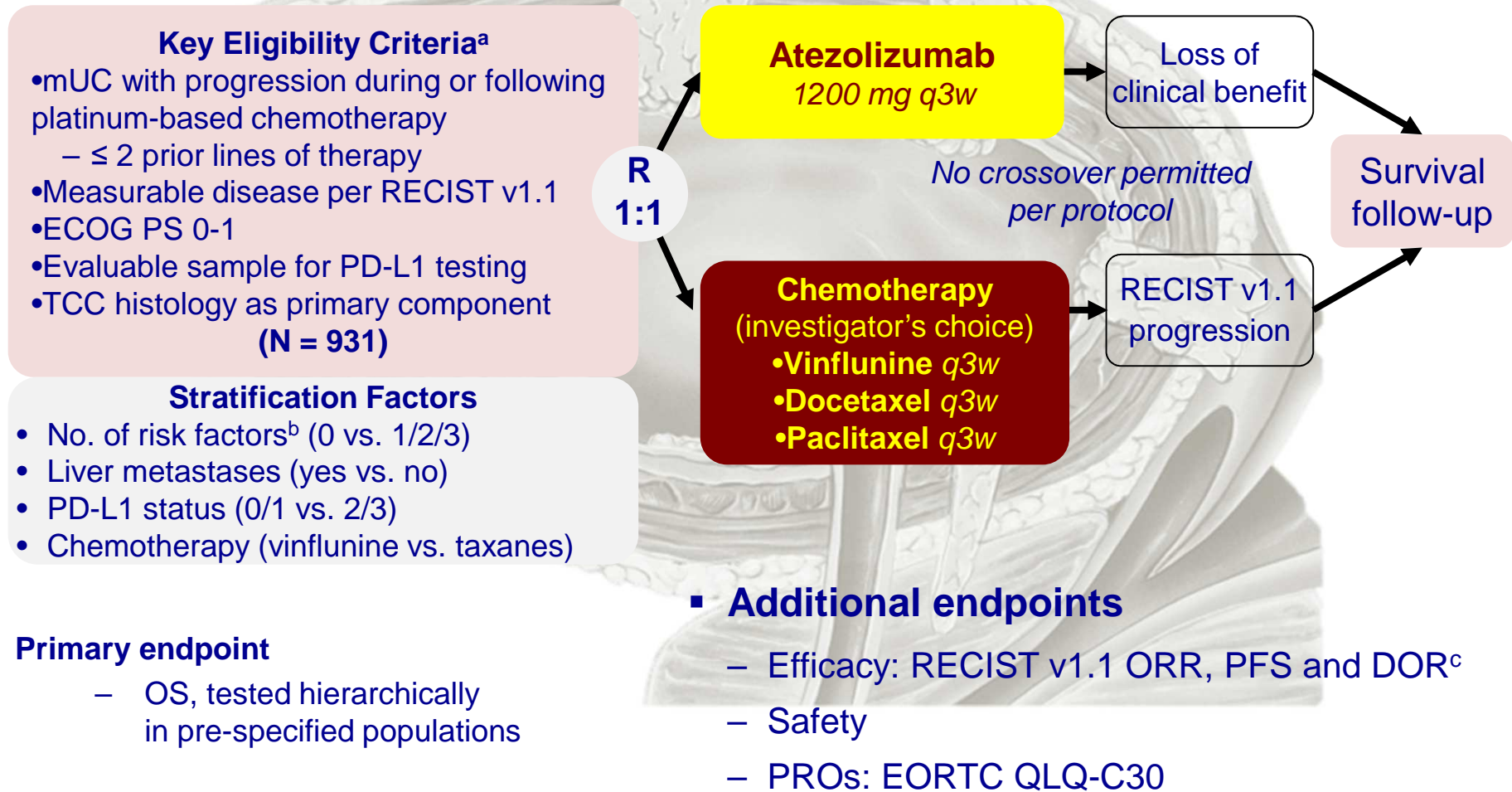




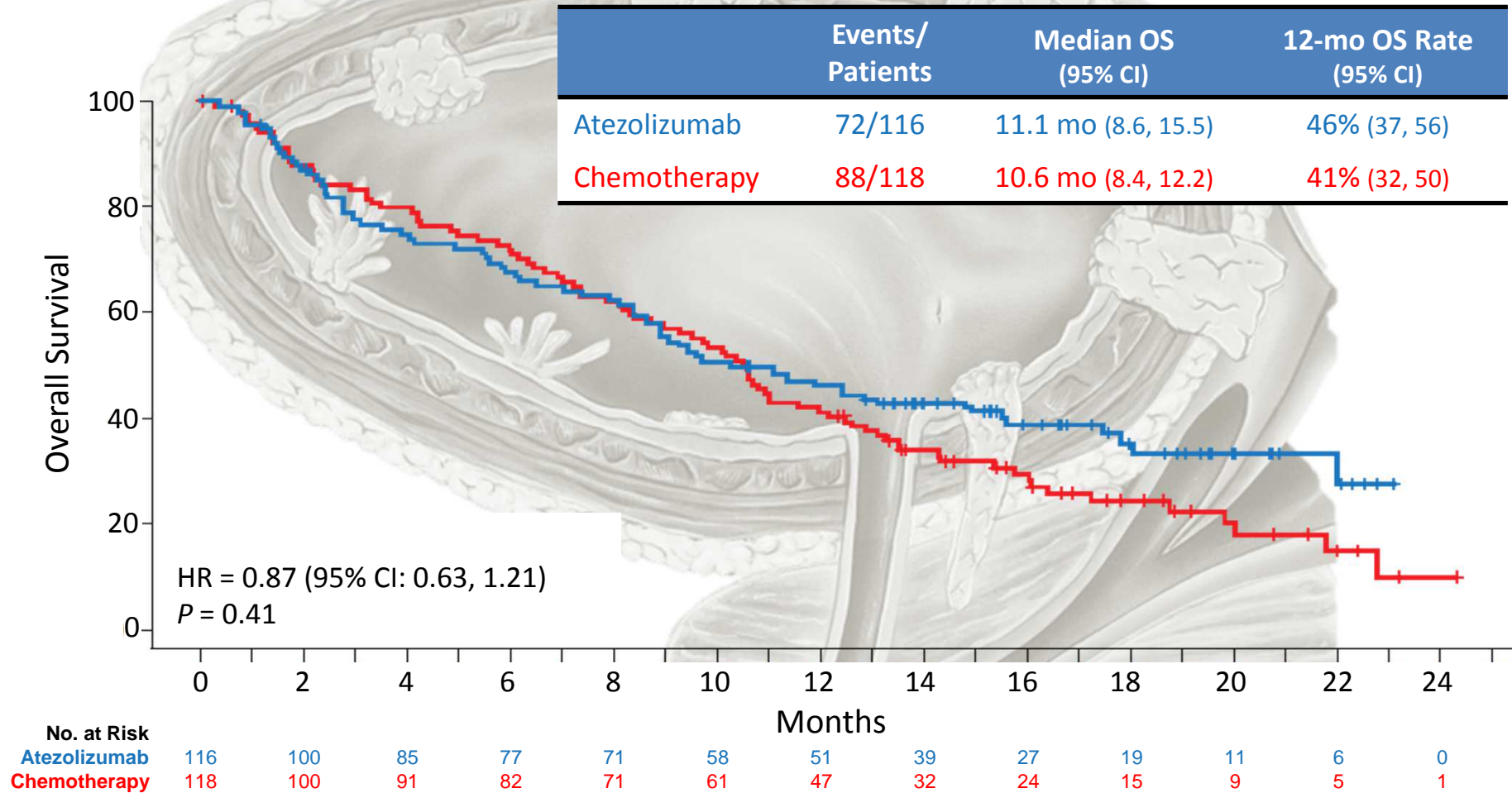
# Molecules regulating immune cell and cancer cell interactions



# IMvigor211 Study Design



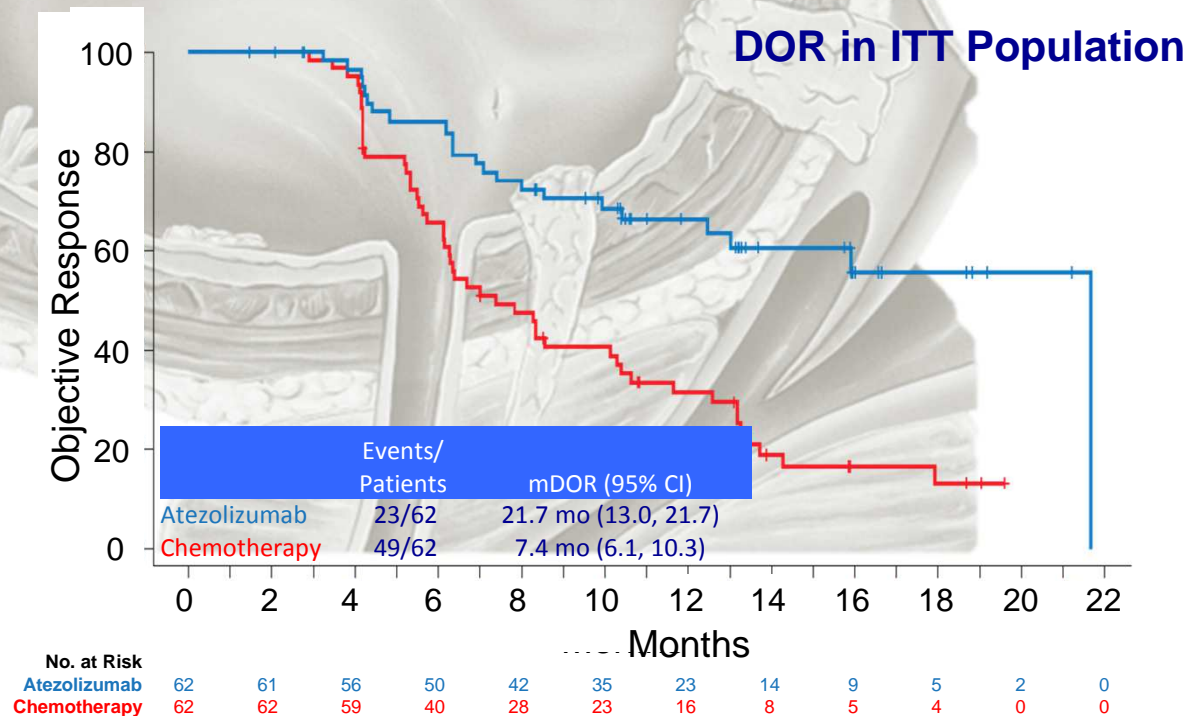
# IMvigor211 OS Analysis: IC2/3 (25% of Population)



# IMvigor21: response by PD-L1 Subgroup

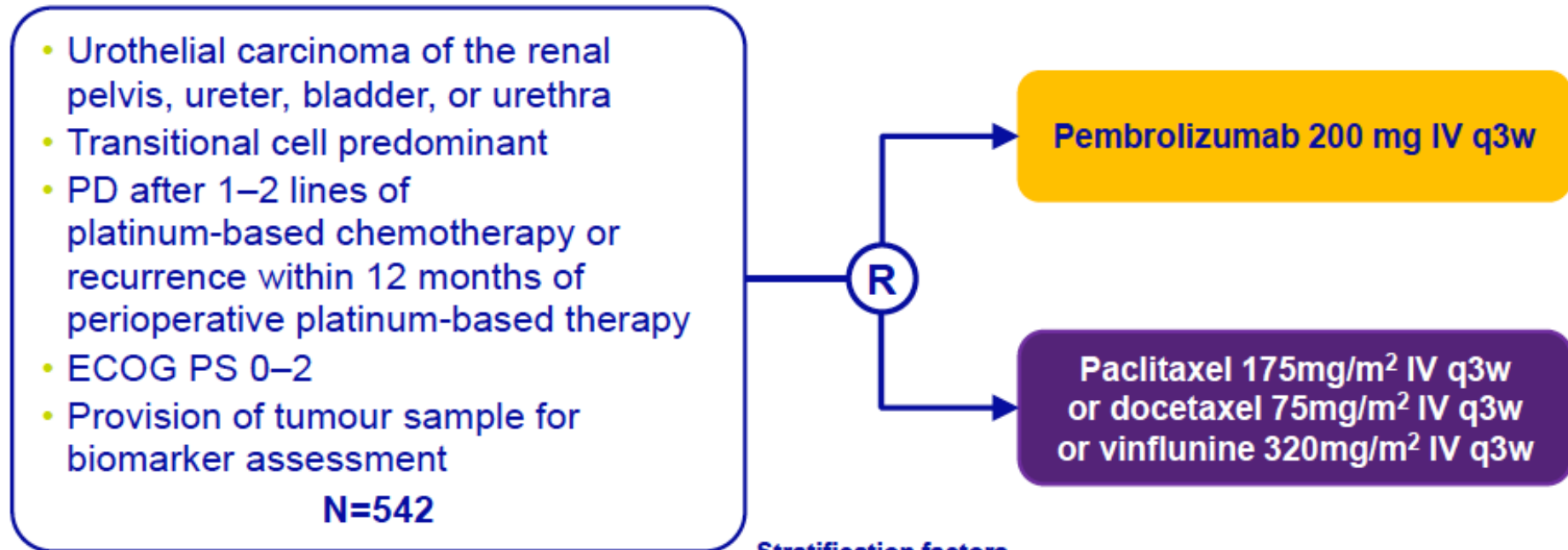
Confirmed ORR <sup>a</sup>	IC2/3		IC1/2/3		ITT	
	Atezo (n = 113)	Chemo (n = 116)	Atezo (n = 312)	Chemo (n = 306)	Atezo (n = 462)	Chemo (n = 461)
Responders, n (%)	26 (23%)	25 (22%)	44 (14%)	45 (15%)	62 (13%)	62 (13%)
95% CI, %	16, 32	15, 30	10, 19	11, 19	11, 17	11, 17
CR, n (%)	8 (7%)	8 (7%)	11 (4%)	13 (4%)	16 (3%)	16 (3%)

- Objective response was similar between arms
- Responses to atezolizumab were durable regardless of PD-L1 status
  - 63% of patients in the atezolizumab arm and 21% in the chemotherapy arm had ongoing responses at data cutoff





# KEYNOTE-045 study design



## Stratification factors

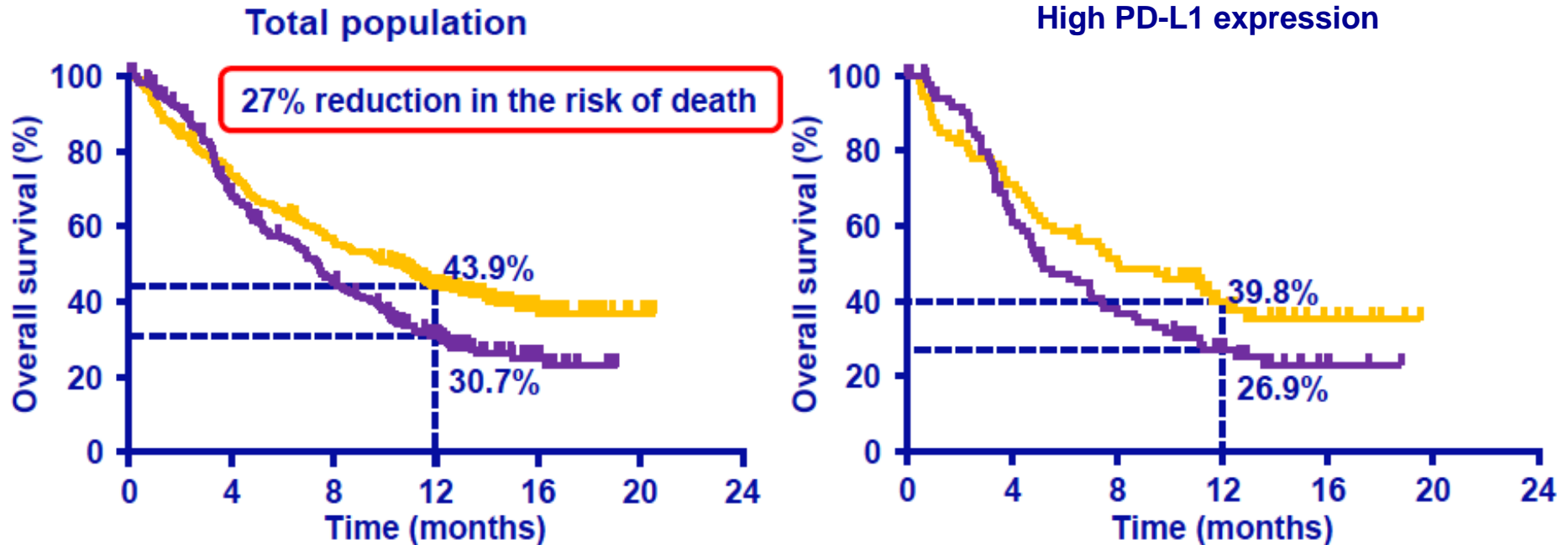
- ECOG PS (0/1 vs 2)
- Hemoglobin level (<10 vs ≥10 g/dL)
- Liver metastases (yes vs no)
- Time from last chemotherapy dose (<3 vs ≥3 months)

- **Co-primary endpoints:** OS and PFS in total and PD-L1 CPS ≥10% populations
- **Secondary endpoints:** ORR and DOR in total and PD-L1 CPS ≥10% populations; safety in total population

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Bellmunt J et al. N Engl J Med 2017 Mar 16;376(11):1015-1026

# KEYNOTE-045 overall survival



Number at risk

Pembro	270	226	194	169	147	131	87	54	27	13	4	0	0	Pembro	74	60	51	42	35	31	18	12	7	3	0	0	0	
Chemo	272	232	171	138	109	89	55	27	14	3	0	0	0	Chemo	90	76	51	36	28	24	16	8	4	1	0	0	0	0

	Median OS months (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
— Pembrolizumab	10.3 (8.0–11.8)	0.73 (0.59–0.91)	0.0022
— Chemotherapy	7.4 (6.1–8.3)		

	Median OS months (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
	8.0 (5.0–12.3)	0.57 (0.37–0.88)	0.0048
	5.2 (4.0–7.4)		

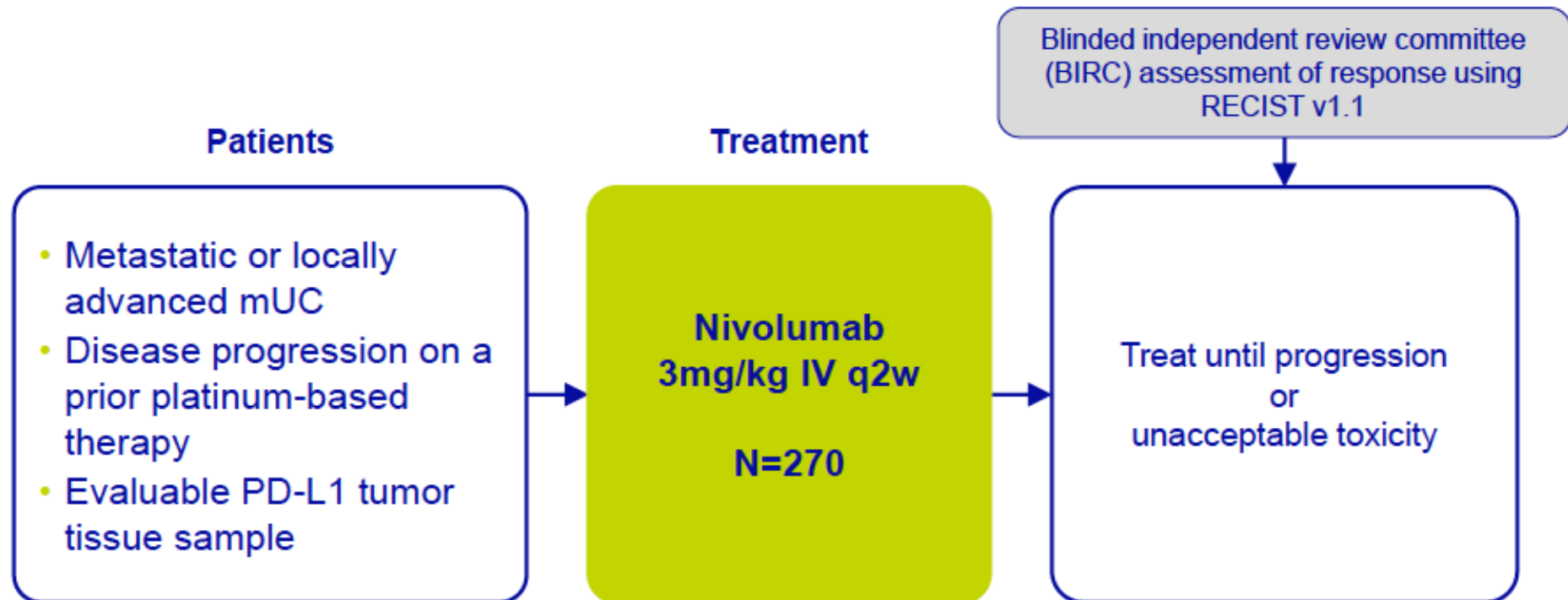
CPS, combined positive score (defined as percentage of PD-L1+ tumour cells (TC) and infiltrating immune cells (IC) relative to the total number of TC. High PD-L1 expression was defined as CPS  $\geq$ 10%

Data cut-off date: September 7, 2016

Bellmunt J et al. N Engl J Med 2017 Mar 16;376(11):1015-1026

# CheckMate275 study design

Open-label, single-arm, phase II study

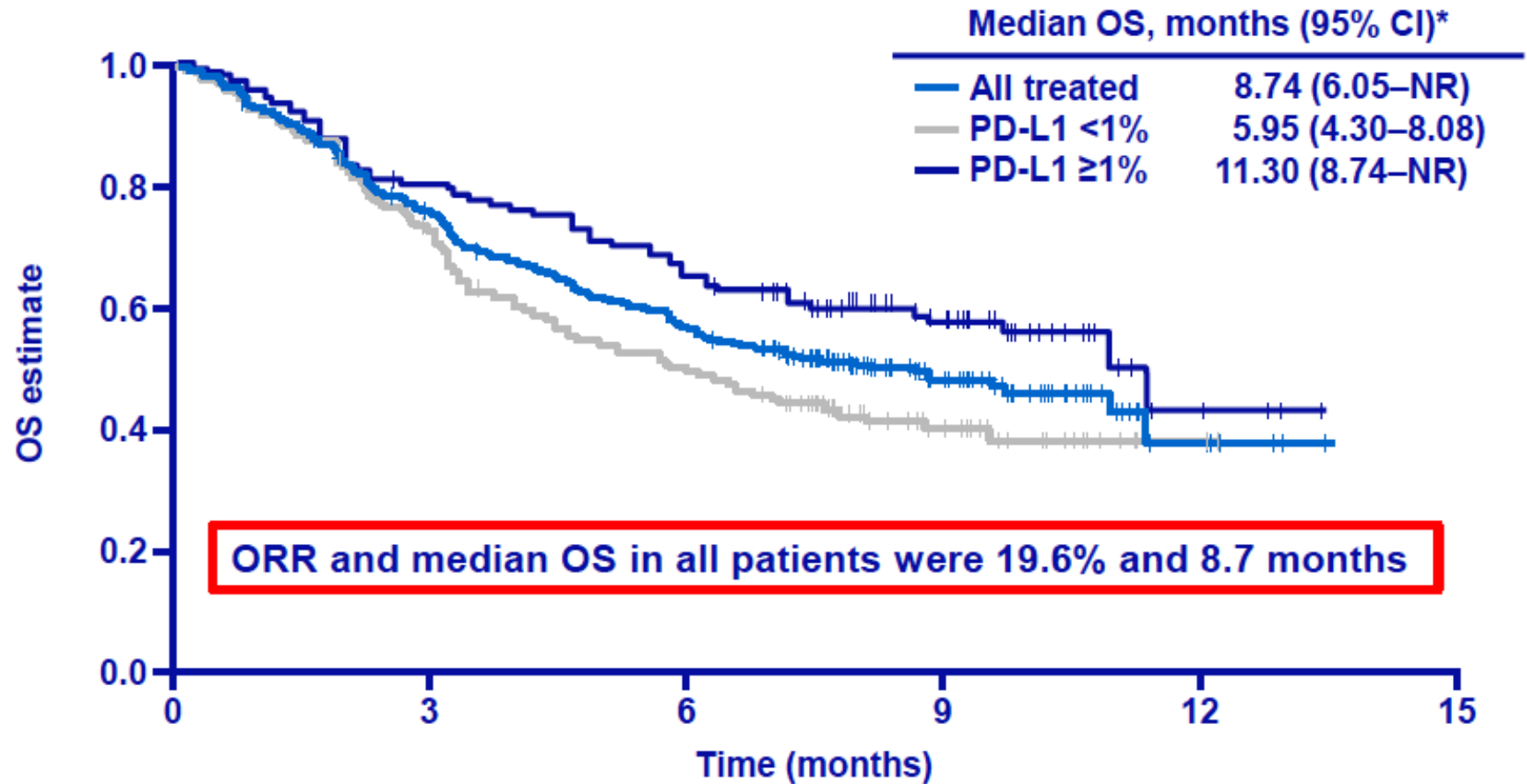


- **Primary endpoint:** ORR based on blinded independent review committee (BIRC) (RECIST v1.1) evaluation in all patients and in patients with tumour PD-L1 expression  $\geq 1\%$  and  $\geq 5\%$

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Sharma P et al. Lancet Oncol 2017 Mar;18(3):312-322.

# CheckMate275 overall survival



## Number at risk

	0	3	6	9	12	15
All patients	265 (0)	198 (3)	148 (4)	63 (71)	5 (125)	0 (130)

\*Similar results were seen using the 5% PD-L1 tumour expression cut-off  
Sharma P et al. Lancet Oncol 2017; Lancet Oncol 2017 Mar;18(3):312-322



# Durvalumab and avelumab in prior platinum urothelial cancer: summary of antitumour activity

## Durvalumab<sup>1</sup>

**N=103**

Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)

20.4  
(13.1, 29.5)

CR, %

3.9

Median duration of follow-up, 8.4 months

PD-L1-high expression defined as ≥25% of tumour cells (TCs) or immune cells (ICs) staining for PD-L1; PD-L1-low/negative expression defined as <25% of both TCs and ICs staining for PD-L1

## Avelumab<sup>2</sup>

**N=153**

Confirmed ORR, % (95% CI)

17.6  
(12.0, 24.6)

CR, %

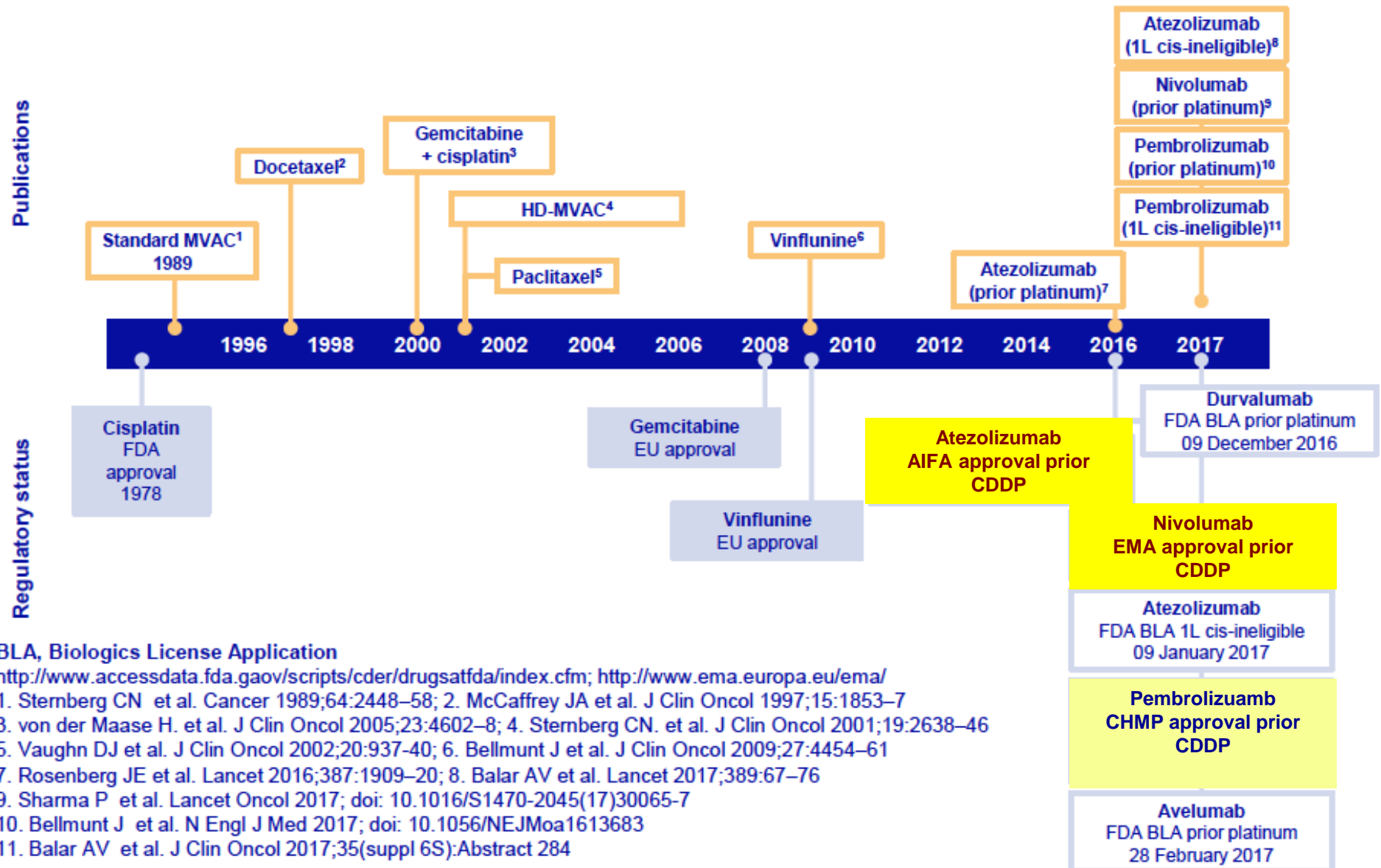
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Clinical cut-off, 19 March 2016. Median duration of follow-up, 7.3 months

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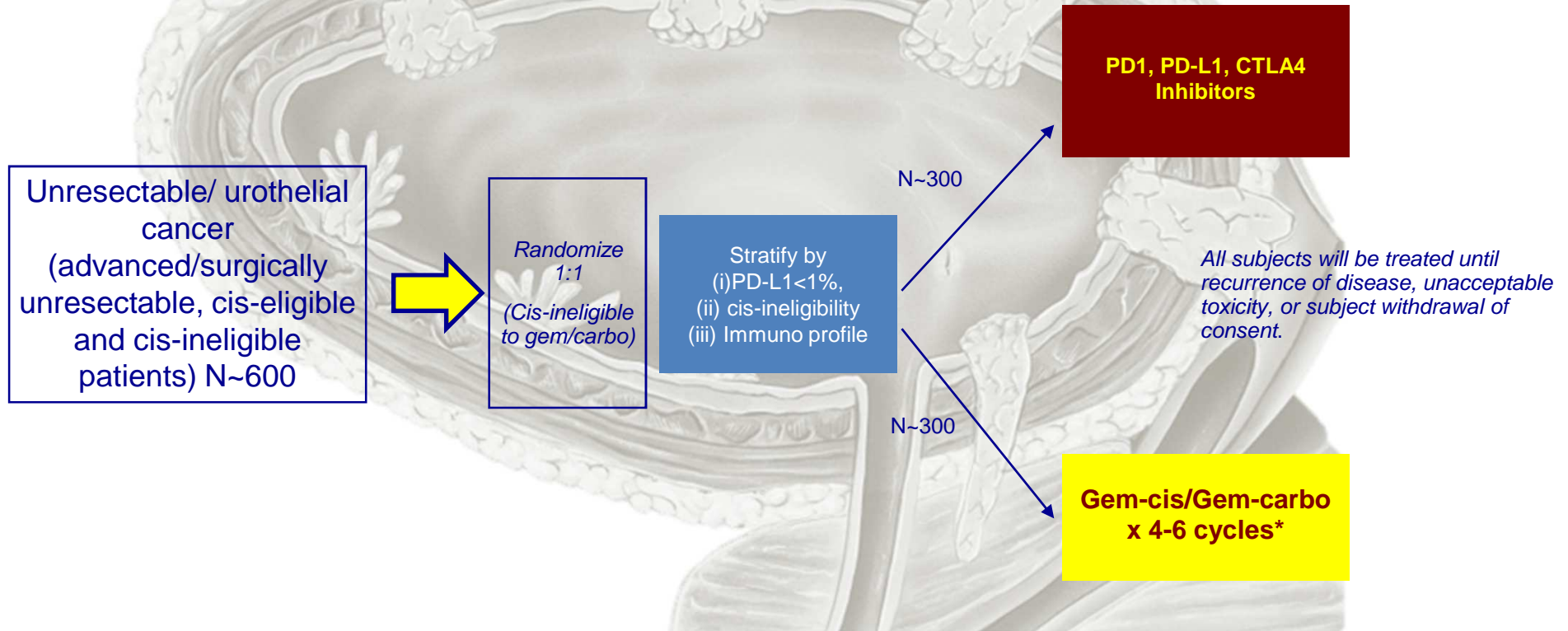
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# Evolution of systemic therapy for urothelial cancer



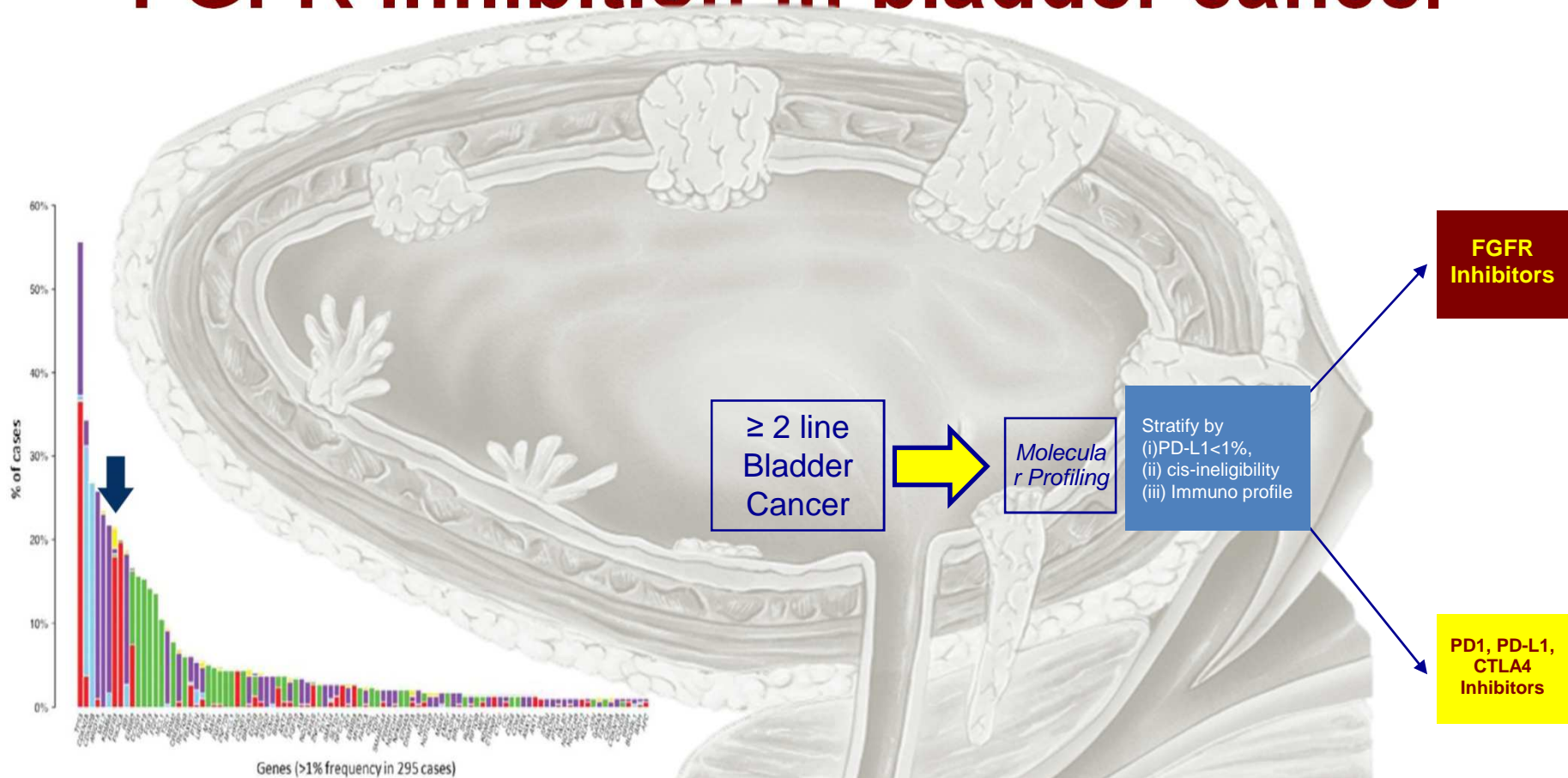
# First-line Bladder Cancer trial

Randomized, open-label Phase III study to compare IO to SOC chemo alone



- Primary endpoint: co-primary OS and PFS
- Treated subjects will be evaluated for recurrence every 8 wks +/- 1 for 48 wks, followed by 12 wks thereafter

# FGFR inhibition in bladder cancer



Comprehensive genomic profiling of 295 cases of clinically advanced urothelial carcinoma of the urinary bladder reveals a high frequency of clinically relevant genomic alterations. Ross JS, Cancer. 2015



# Conclusion

- Mortality rate and treatment options for bladder cancer (BC) have not changed substantially in the last 30 years<sup>1</sup>
- Although the majority of pts are diagnosed with early-stage disease, there is a high probability of recurrence<sup>2</sup>
- Pts are generally older with co-morbidities, and up to 50% may not be eligible for first-line cisplatin-based chemo<sup>3</sup>
- PD1 pathway inhibition represents a significant advance in the treatment of mUC with favorable rates of response, survival and toxicity
- EMA approved Atezolizumab, Nivolumab for treatment of pts who have progressed following platinum-based therapy. PD-L1 IHC testing (SP142) had been approved as a complementary diagnostic.