

# Neoadjuvant and adjuvant therapy: Current indications, trials, and patient selection

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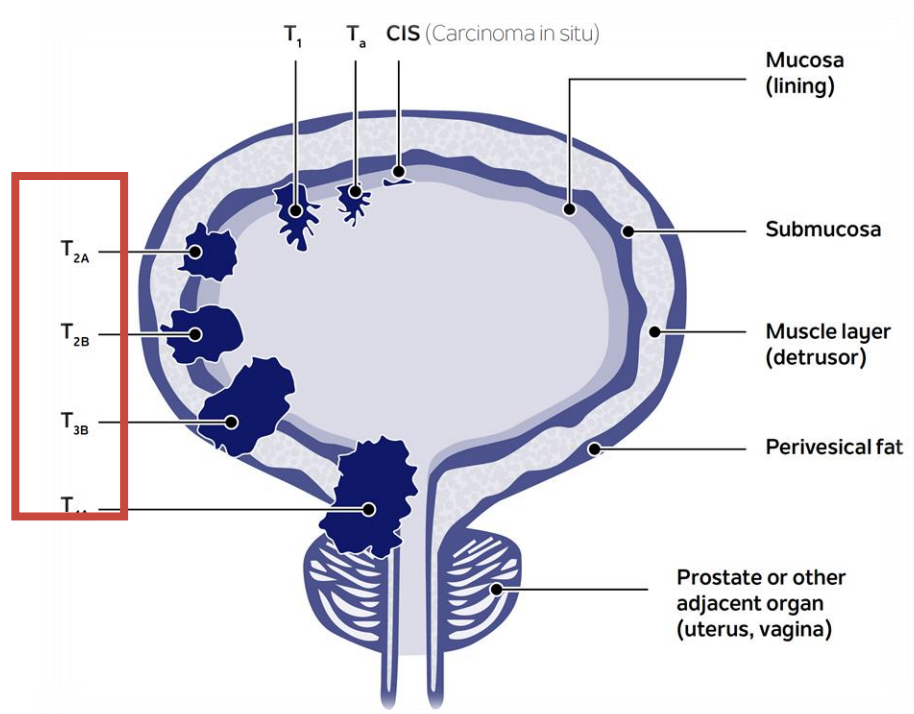
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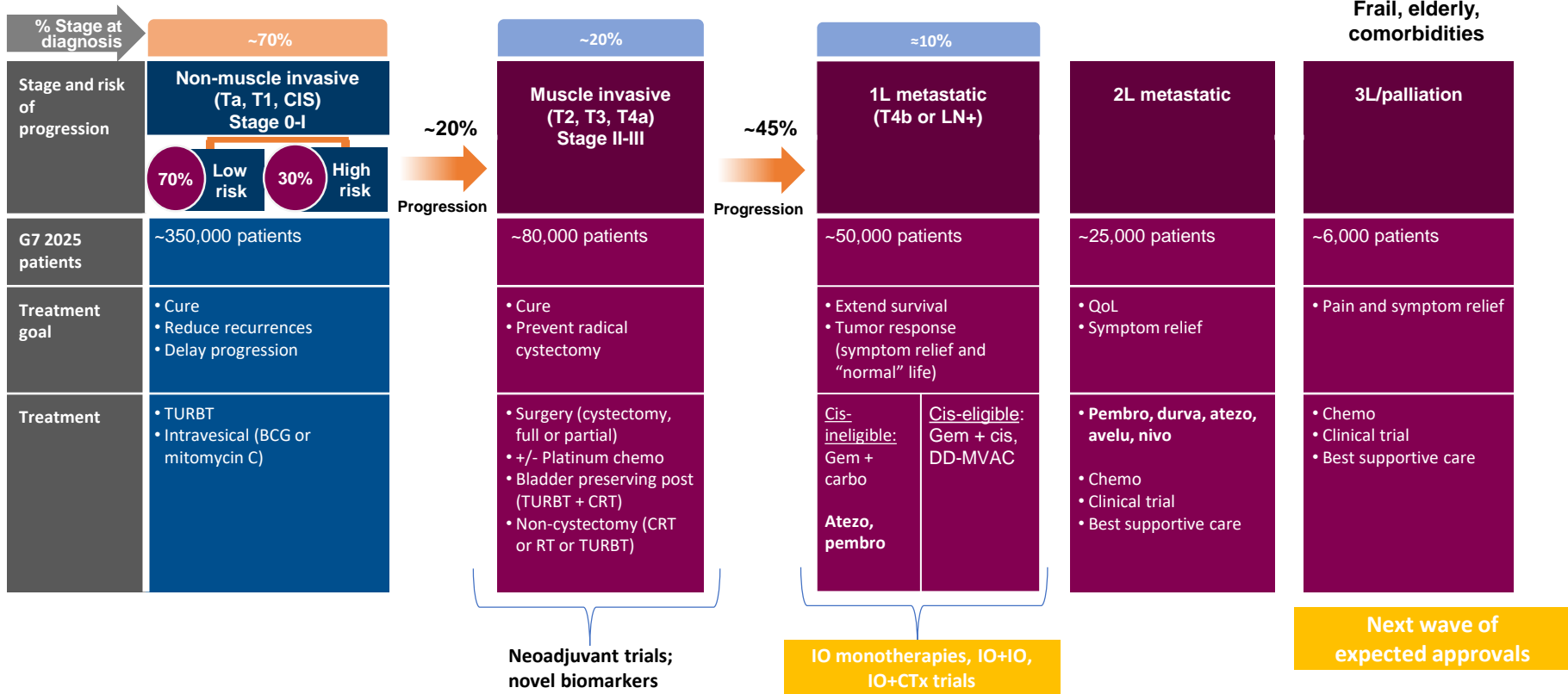
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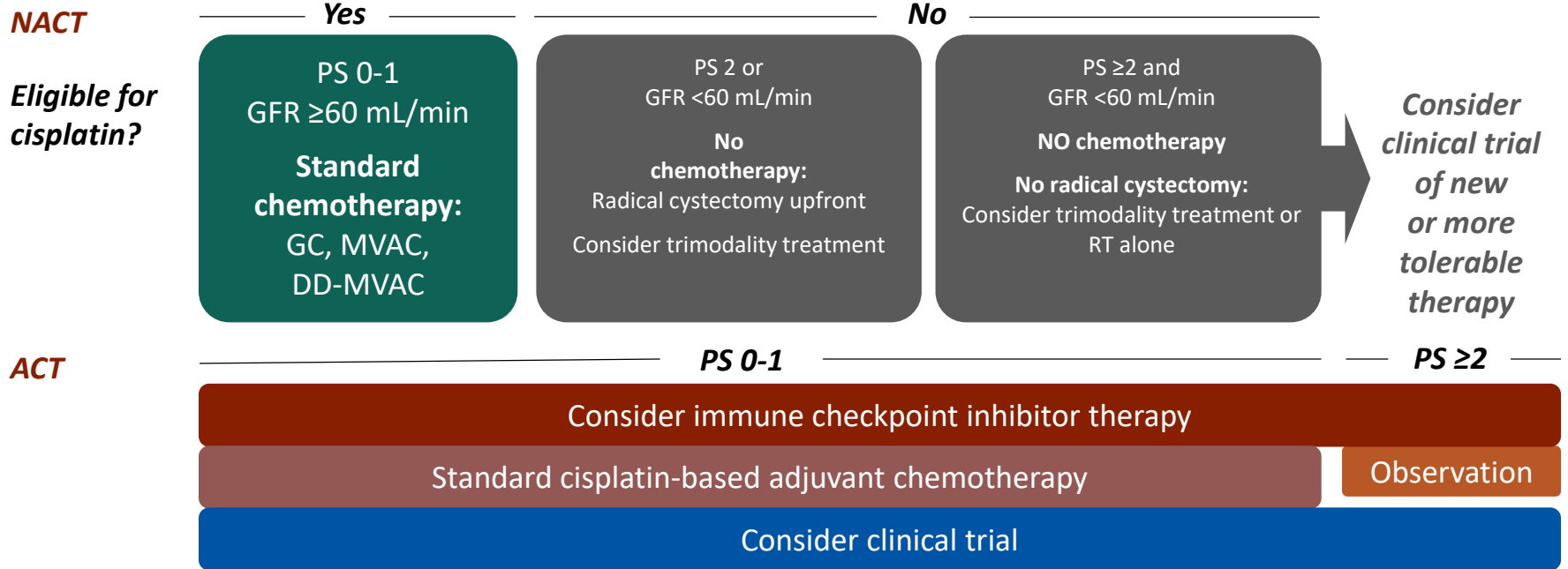
From 2016 White Paper of Bladder Cancer  
<http://www.ecpc.org/da/pressroom/events/icalrepeat.detail/2016/04/20/60/119/launch-of-ecpc-paper-on-bladder-cancer>

# The UC Treatment Landscape Continues to Evolve



1L, first line; 2L, second line; BCG, Bacillus Calmette-Guerin; CRT, chemoradiation; CTx, chemotherapy; DD-MVAC, dose-dense methotrexate, vinblastine, doxorubicin, and cisplatin; QoL, quality of life; RT, radiation therapy; TURBT, transurethral resection of bladder tumor.

# How Emerging Clinical Data Will Impact the European Treatment Algorithm for MIBC



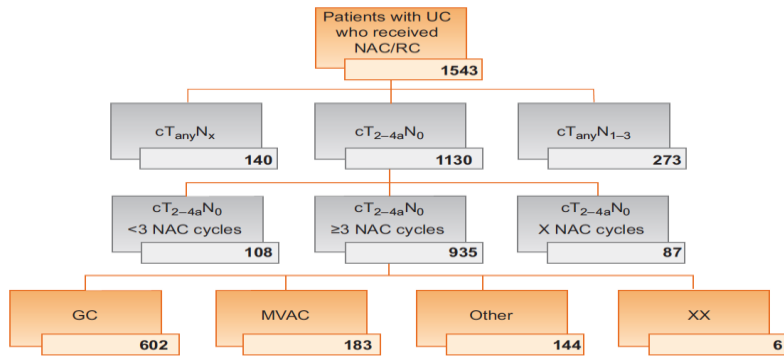
# Outcomes at 5 years after neoadjuvant chemotherapy and/or cystectomy in patients with muscle invasive bladder cancer\*



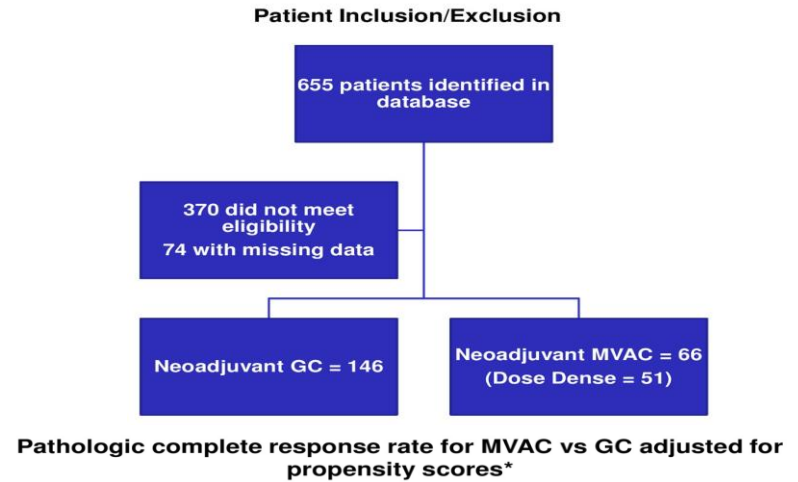
\*data are derived from the Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG) trial 8710

Griffiths G, Hall R, Sylvester R, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2011;29:2171-2177  
Galsky MD, Domingo-Domenech J. Clin Adv Hematol Oncol 2013;11:86-92

# Large retrospective data on the effectiveness of neoadjuvant chemotherapy in MIBC:

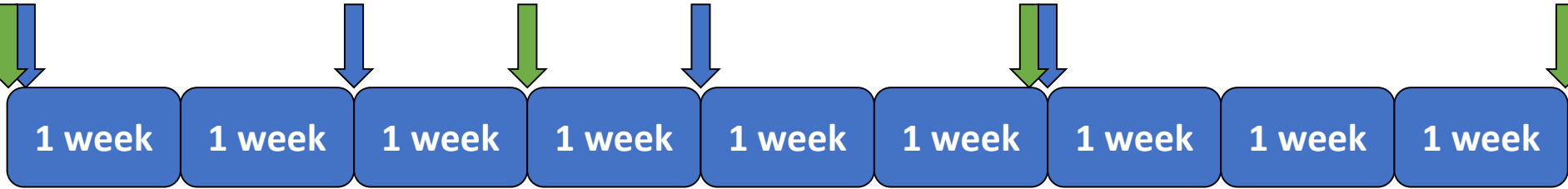


	MVAC	GC	Other
Pathologic outcome, n (%)			
pT0N0	45 (24.5)	144 (23.9)	22 (15.3)
≤pT1N0	82 (44.8)	263 (43.7)	36 (25)
Nodes removed, median (IQR)			
Extended LND	27 (17-41)	20 (13-29)	15 (9-21)
Standard LND	18 (11-25)	14 (9-20)	10 (5-15)
Positive nodes, median (range)	0 (0-23)	0 (0-50)	0 (0-15)
Positive surgical margins, no. (%)	14 (7.7)	31 (5.1)	19 (13.2)
Associated CIS, no. (%)	62 (33.9)	193 (32.1)	45 (31.3)



Zargar H, Eur Urol. 2015 Feb;67(2):241-249; Galsky MD, Cancer. 2015 Aug 1;121(15):2586-93

# Emerging concepts: neoadjuvant dose-dense chemotherapy



Outcome	Standard dosing	Dose-dense schedule
pT0	25%	17-28% <sup>1,2</sup>
pT<2	40-50%	47-57% <sup>1,2</sup>

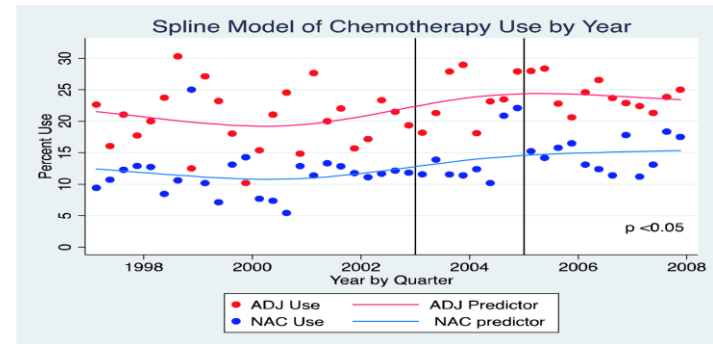
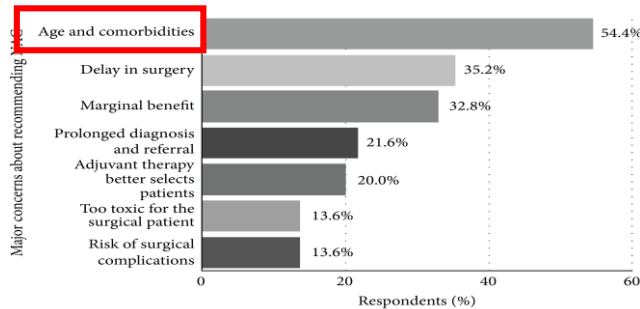
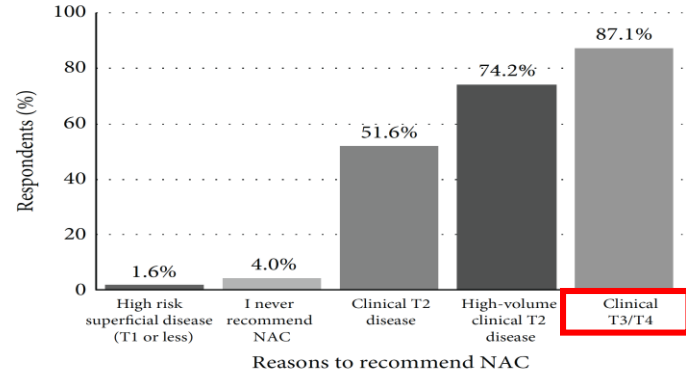
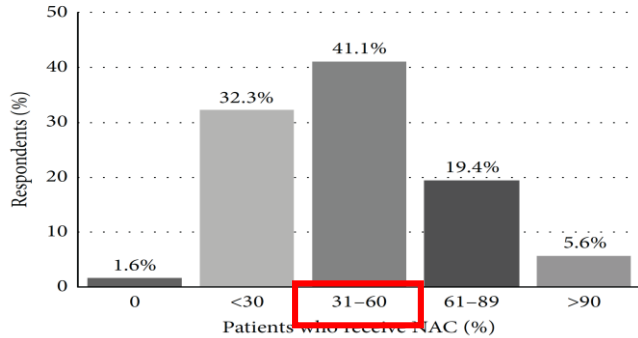
Dose-dense schedule  
 Standard dosing

1. Choueiri TK, et al. J Clin Oncol 2014;32:1889-1894
2. Iyer G, et al. J Clin Oncol 2018 (Epub ahead of print)



# (Shifting) Use of neoadjuvant chemotherapy in the U.S.

## 1- results from the Urologic Oncology community



Cowan CG, et al. Adv Urol. 2014;2014:746298  
See also Gray PJ et al. Eur Urol 2013;63:823-829

Keegan KA, et al. J Urol. 2012; 187:e216-7  
See also NCDB data: Reardon ZD, et al. Eur Urol. 2015 Jan;67(1):165-70

# Can we predict response and survival after neoadjuvant chemotherapy?

Biomarker	N	Translational relevance	Reference
ERCC2 mutation	50	Association with pathologic response	<i>Van Allen EM et al, Cancer Discov 2014</i>
ERCC2 mutation	48+54	Association with improved OS in 2 independent cohorts of cisplatin-treated MIBC patients	<i>Liu D et al. JAMA Oncol 2016</i> <i>Plimack ER et al, Eur Urol 2015</i> <i>Plimack ER et al, ASCO 2014</i>
ATM/RB1/FANCC mutations	34	Association with improved pT<2 response and OS	<i>Plimack ER et al, Eur Urol 2015</i>
ATM/RB1/FANCC mutations	25	Association with improved pT<2 response	<i>Anari F et al, Eur Urol Oncol 2018</i>
ERBB2 mutations	71	Association with pT0 response	<i>Groenendijk FH et al, Eur Urol 2015</i>
DNA damage response (DDR) gene alterations	46	Association with pT<2 response and RFS with dose-dense GC	<i>Iyer G et al, J Clin Oncol 2018</i>
Single-sample genomic subtyping classifier	343	Basal tumors benefited the most from neoadjuvant chemotherapy administration	<i>Seiler R et al, Eur Urol 2017</i>

# Can we predict response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy?

## ATM/RB1/FANCC (Discovery and validation cohorts)

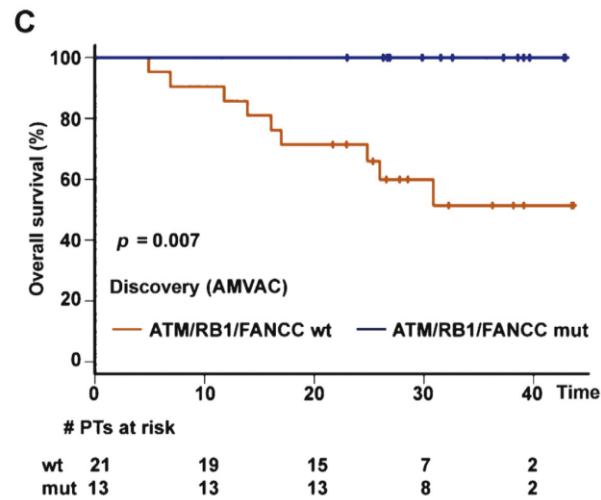
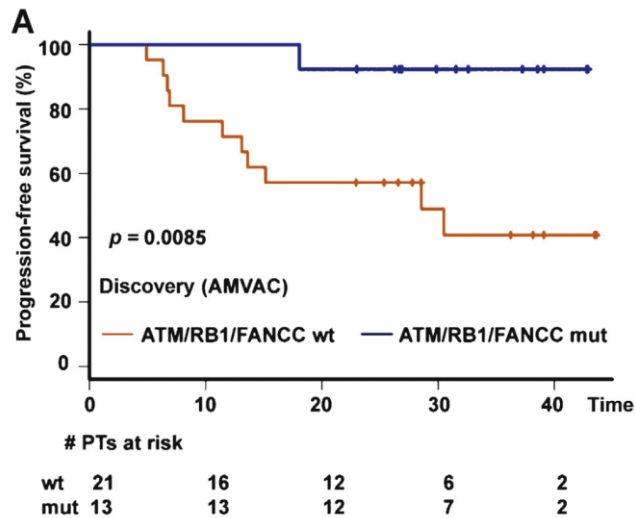


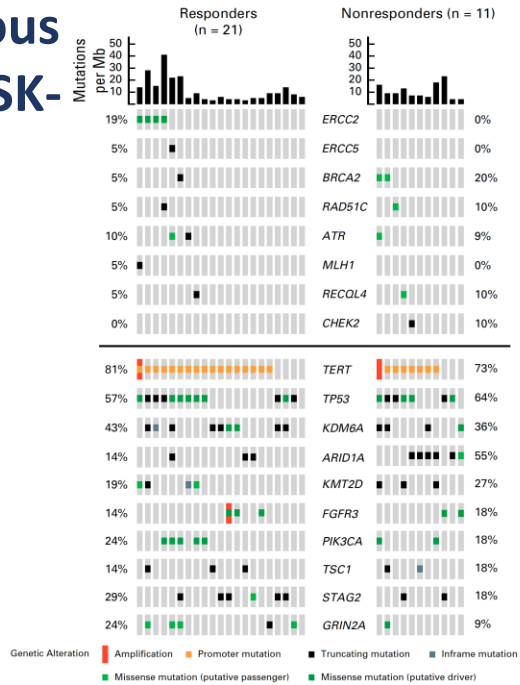
Table 3 – Number of alterations as a predictor of response

Set	Response definition	RSPs (n)	NRSPs (n)	Mean alterations, n (median) [range]		p value
				NRSPs	RSPs	
Discovery (n = 34)	pT0pN0cM0	14	20	18.65 (16) [8–32]	25.36 (27) [11–39]	0.024
Discovery (n = 34)	≤pT1pN0cM0	15	19	18.58 (16) [8–32]	25.00 (26) [11–39]	0.030
Validation (n = 24)	pT0pN0cM0	9	15	15.33 (13) [7–29]	22.67 (22) [14–35]	0.018
Validation (n = 24)	≤pT1pN0cM0	11	13	16.15 (15) [7–29]	20.36 (21) [8–35]	0.181

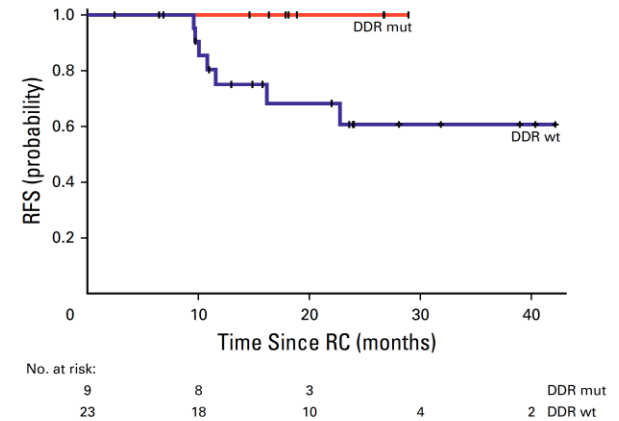
RSPs = responders; NRSPs = nonresponders.

# Dose-dense GC and deleterious DDR genomic alterations (MSK-IMPACT)

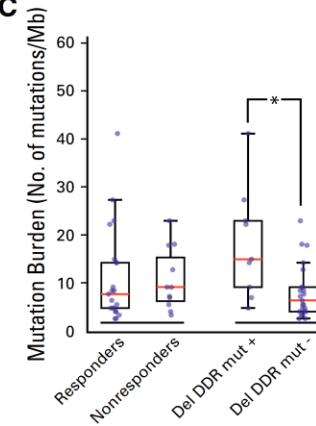
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**B**



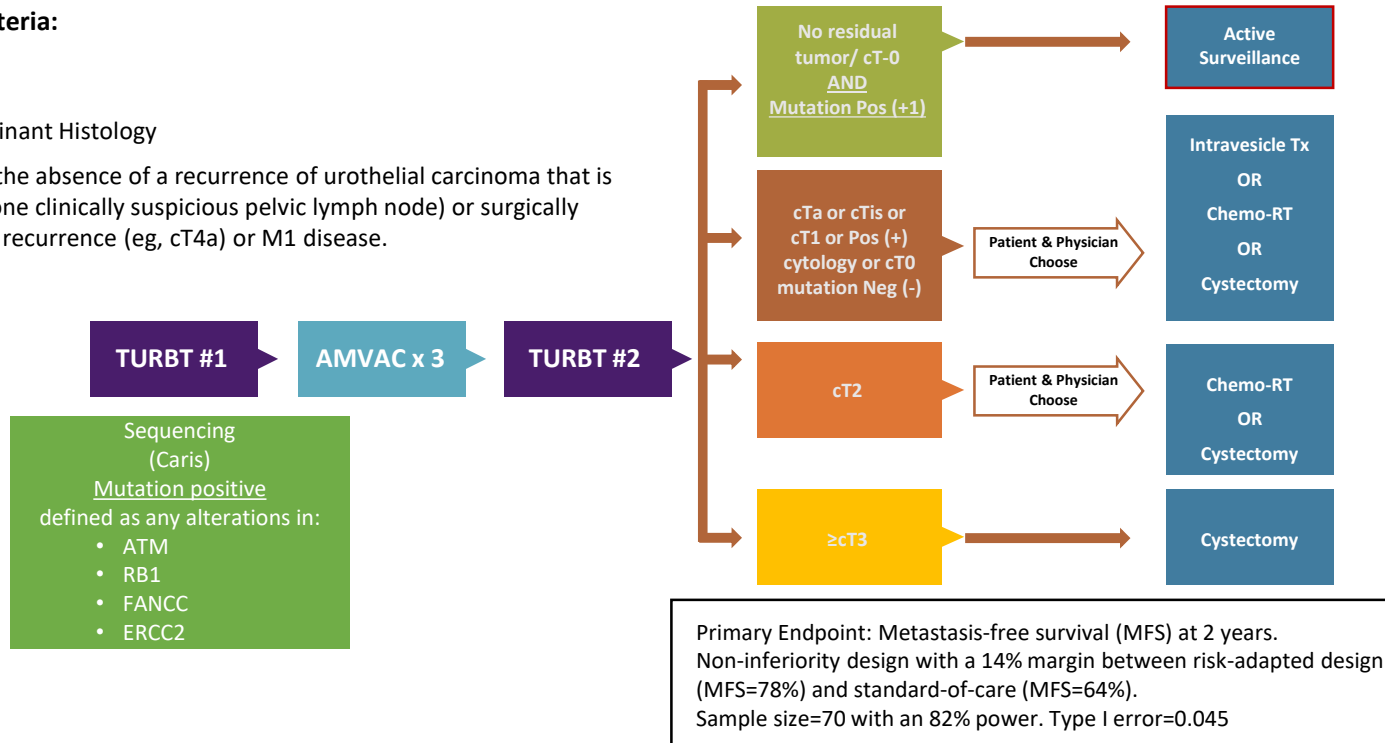
**C**



# A Phase II Trial of Risk Enabled Therapy After Initiating Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy for Bladder Cancer (RETAIN BLADDER) NCT02710734

## Major Inclusion Criteria:

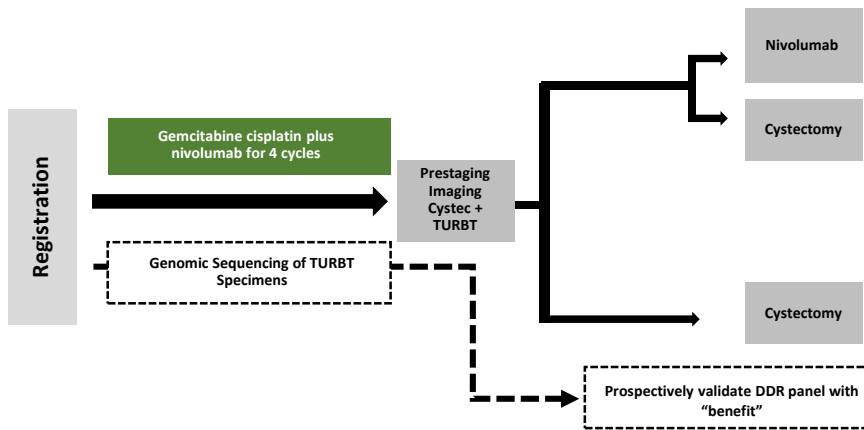
- cT2-T3 N0M0
- ECOG 0-1
- Urothelial Predominant Histology
- MFS is defined as the absence of a recurrence of urothelial carcinoma that is >cN1 (more than one clinically suspicious pelvic lymph node) or surgically unresectable local recurrence (eg, cT4a) or M1 disease.



# Other risk adapted neoadjuvant studies in development

Systemic Therapy: Gem Cis Nivolumab  
 Biomarker: ATM, FANCC, ERCC2, or High TMB

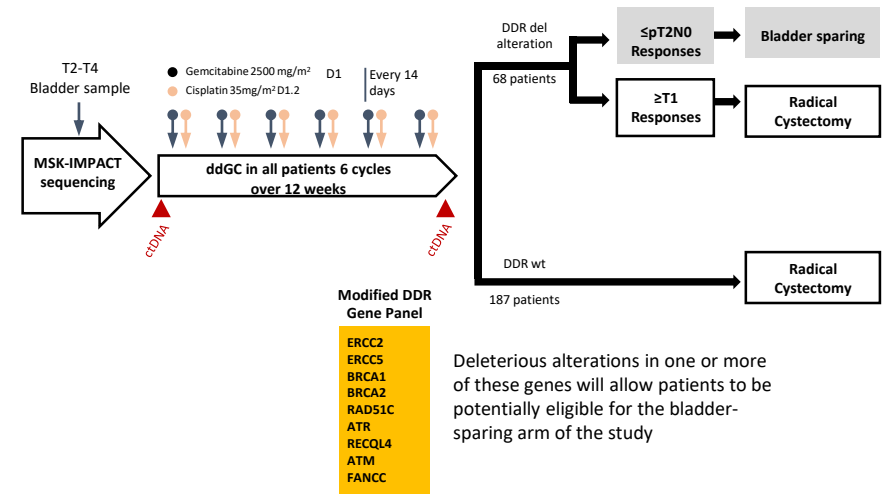
HCRN 16-257: Neoadjuvant gemcitabine, cisplatin, plus nivolumab in patients with muscle-invasive bladder cancer with selective bladder sparing



PI: Matt Galsky

Systemic Therapy: ddGem Gem Cis  
 Biomarker: DDR panel from the literature

AO31701: A phase II study of dose-dense Gemcitabine plus Cisplatin in patients with muscle-invasive bladder cancer with bladder preservation for those patients whose tumors harbor deleterious DNA damage response (DDR) gene alterations

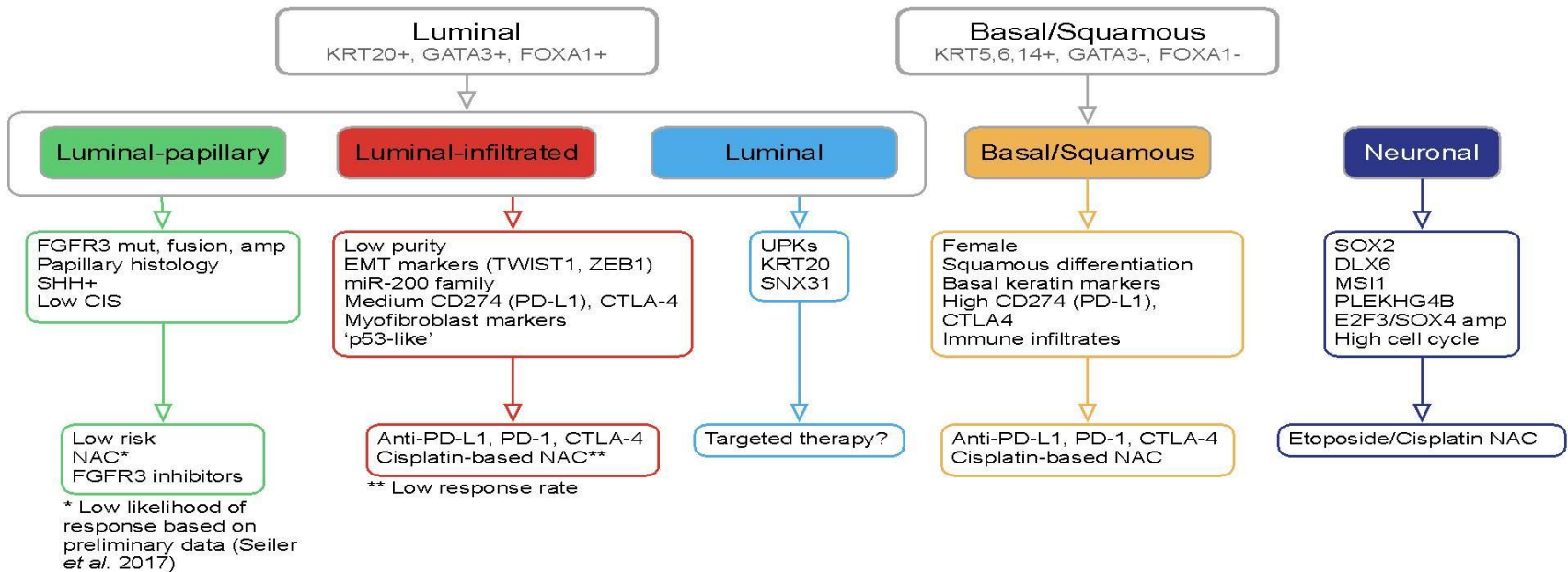


Plimack E, AACR 2018 Oral presentation

Gupta I, et al. J Clin Oncol 2018; 10.1200/JCO.2017.75.0158. [Epub ahead of print]

# Future Treatment Paradigm for MIBC (?)

TCGA (n=412)

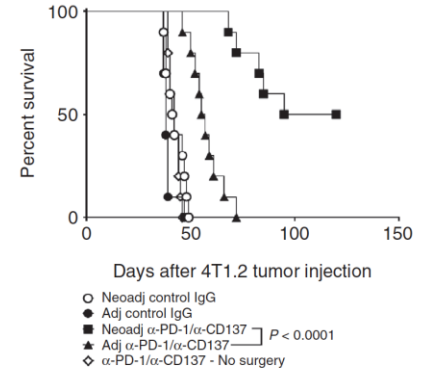
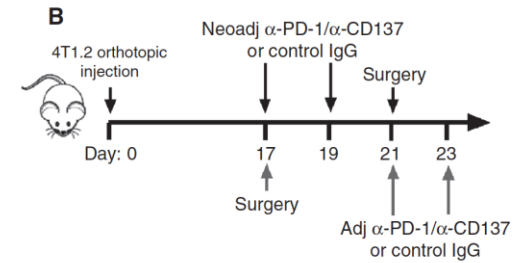
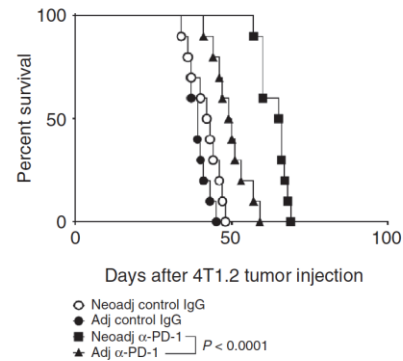
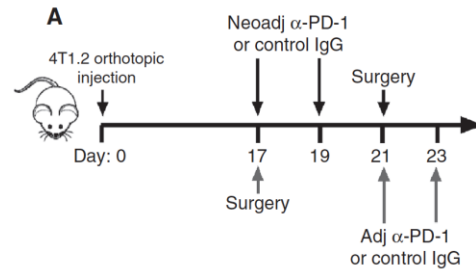


Robertson, Kim, et al Cell 171:540, 2017

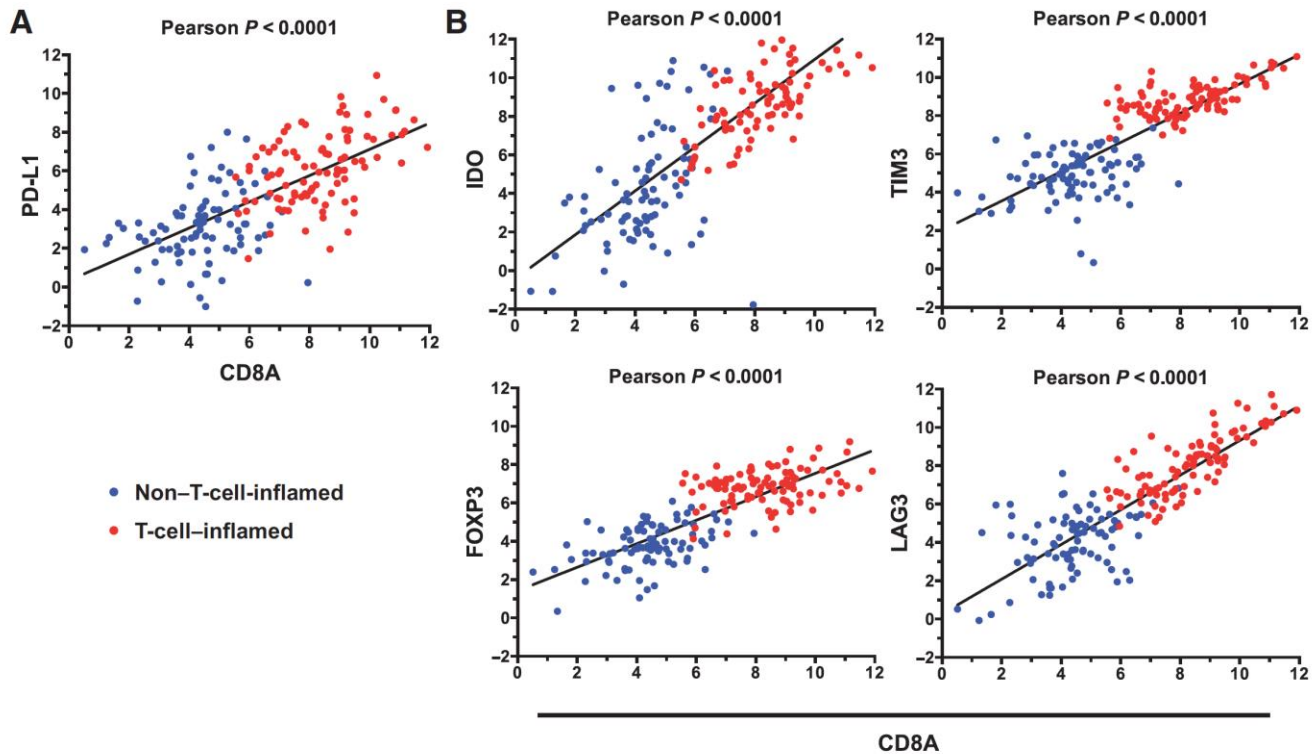
# **Neoadjuvant trials as models for clinical research in MIBC**



# Neoadjuvant compared with adjuvant anti-PD-1 + anti-CD137 therapy is more efficacious in eradicating metastatic disease (TNBC model)

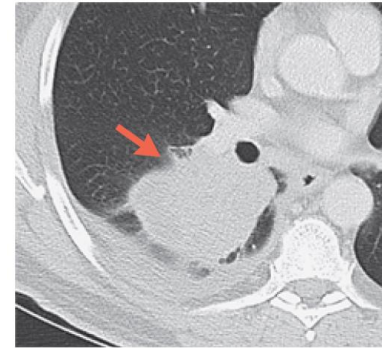
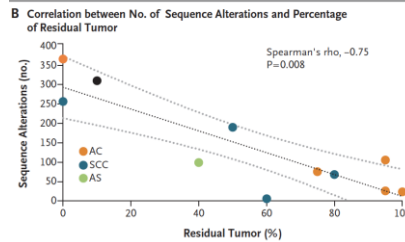
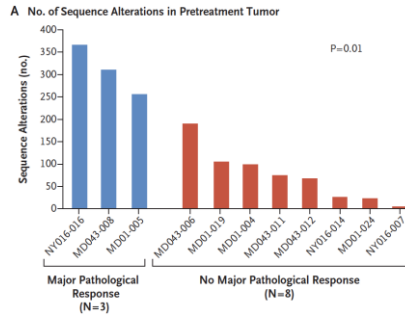
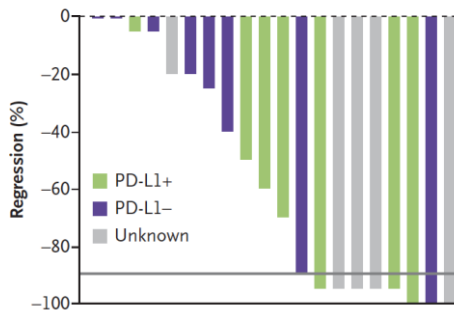


# Expression of PD-L1 is positively correlated with expression of CD8A and other immune-inhibitory molecules in UBC



# Neoadjuvant PD-1 Blockade in Resectable Lung Cancer

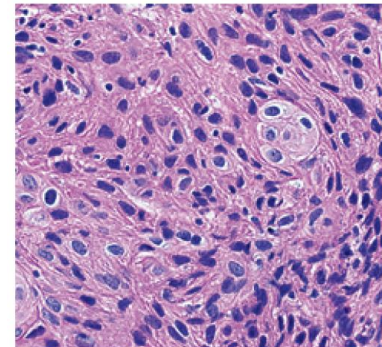
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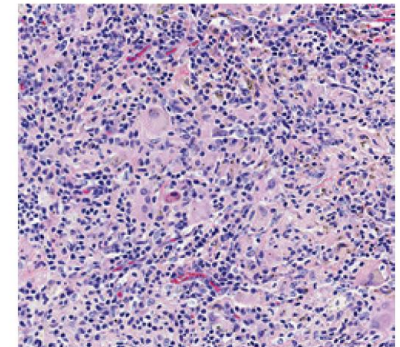
Pretreatment Imaging



Week 4 (before surgery)

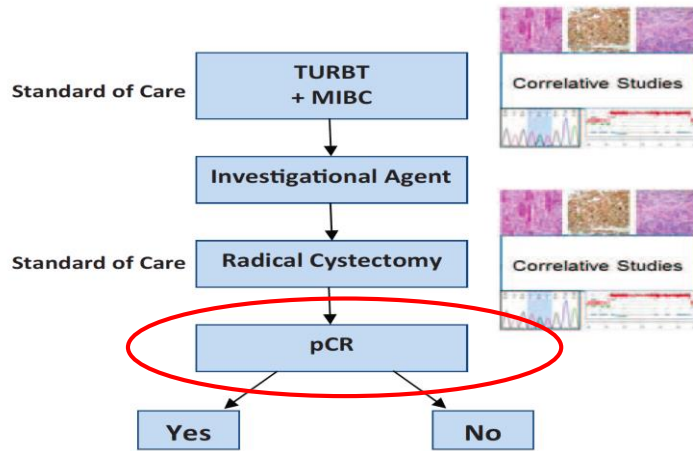


Pretreatment Tumor Biopsy



Resection Specimen

Chism DD, Oncologist 2013



Kassouf W, Eur Urol 2007  
 Grossman HB, N Engl J Med 2003  
 Rosenblatt R, Eur Urol 2011  
 Sonpavde G, Cancer 2009

Recommend Yes

Recommend No

Actuality

$P_x \leq P_0$

$P_0 = 20\%$

Incorrect

Correct

$P_0 < P_x < P_1$

OK

OK

$P_x \geq P_1$

$P_1 = 40\%$

Correct

Incorrect

	pCR%	Cystectomy	Randomized	CR-ITT (95% CI)
MVAC	38	126	150	32% (25-40)
CMV	32	206	246	27% (21-33)
GC (retrospective)	23-31	602-146	-	23-31
MVAC (retrospective)	24-29	183-66	-	24-29

Zargar H et al, Eur Urol 2014  
 Galsky MD et al, Cancer 2015

- Fit and planned for cystectomy
- Predominant (i.e. 50% at least) UC histology
- cT $\leq$ 3bN0 stage
- Residual disease after TURB (surgical opinion, cystoscopy or radiological presence)
- GFR  $\geq$ 20 ml/min (Cockcroft – Gault formula)
- ECOG-PS 0-1

**3×3 weekly cycles of pembrolizumab 200 mg IV**

Pre-post treatment tissue/blood sample collection for biomarker analyses

Pre-post treatment imaging: multiparametric bladder MRI (mpMRI); <sup>18</sup>F-FDG-PET/CT scan, T/A CT scan

Additional DD-MVAC x 4 cycles in non-responding pts (investigator choice)

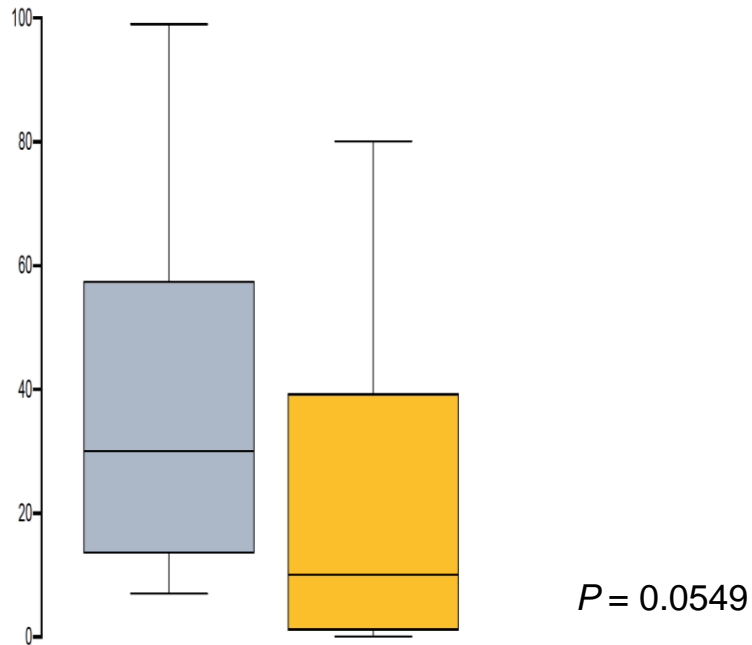
- Cystectomy
- Post-cystectomy management according to EAU guidelines
- Survival data collected until 2-y post cystectomy

**All treated patients  
N=43**

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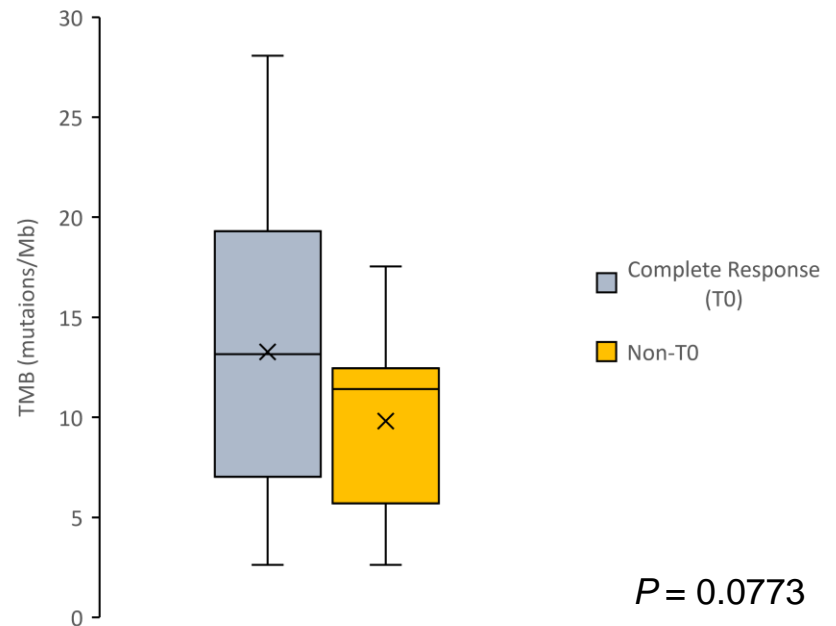
- \*Pathologic response to Pembro>CT:
- pTispN0: n=2 (40%); pT2pN2: n=1 (20%); pT3pN1: n=2 (40%)

## Pathologic response and PD-L1 CPS



Median CPS pT0: 30%  
Median CPS non-pT0: 10%

## Pathologic response and TMB



Median TMB pT0: 13.16 Mut/Mb  
Median TMB non-pT0: 11.41 Mut/Mb

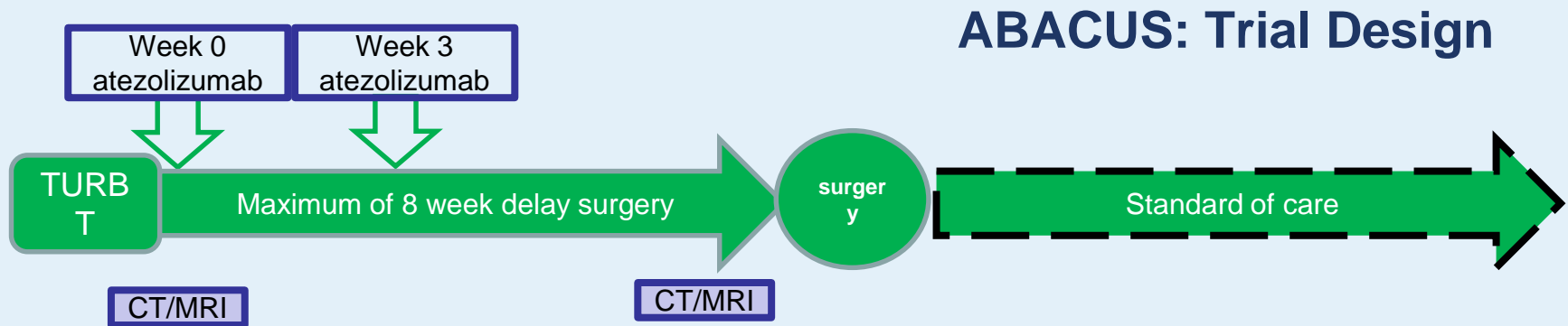
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patients  
N=43**

**PD-L1 CPS  
≥20% N=22**

**DDR and/or *RB1*  
GA  
N=25**

**PD-L1 CPS  
≥20% AND  
DDR/*RB1*-GA  
N=10**





### Eligibility

- T2-T4aN0M0 bladder cancer
- Transitional histology
- Residual disease post TURBT
- Not fit for / reject cisplatin chemotherapy

### Endpoints

- Co-primary endpoints: pCR (>20%) and increase in CD8 count
- Secondary endpoints: safety and radiological response
- IDMC met in Jan '18, resulting in interim presentation of results

Powles T, et al. For presentation at: American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting; *J Clin Oncol.* 2018;36(Suppl). Abstract 4506.

## ABACUS: A phase II study investigating the safety and efficacy of neoadjuvant atezolizumab in muscle invasive bladder cancer

- Ph2, single-arm study of atezolizumab (2 cycles, 1200mg Q3W) prior to cystectomy in MIBC
  - Primary endpoint: pCR  $\geq$  20%; Co-primary endpoint: biomarker analysis on sequential tissue
  - pT0 (23%), Tis (6%), T1 (10%), T2 (21%), T3 (24%), T4 (16%)
  - 39% patients were downstaged to non-muscle invasive disease
  - 17% of pCR patients had pT3/4 disease at baseline
- G3/4 TRAEs (12%)
- G3/4 surgical complications (31%) (n=69)

	All Comers	PD-L1 Positive	PD-L1 Negative
pCR	29% (95% CI: 19-42)	40% (95% CI: 21-62)	16% (95% CI: 5-34)

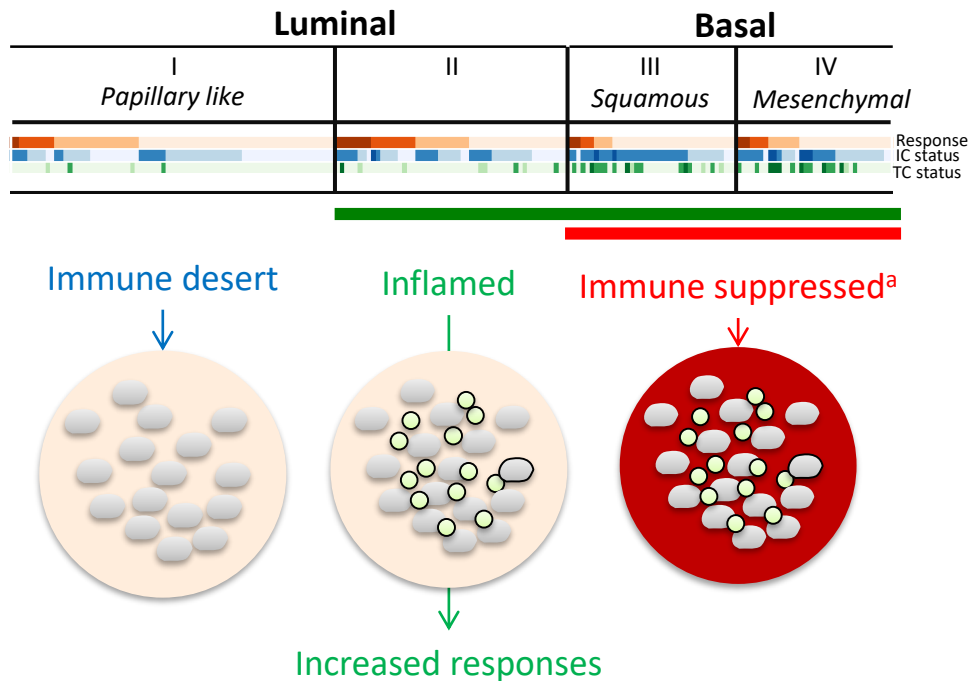
pCR, pathological complete response; Q3W, every 3 weeks; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event.

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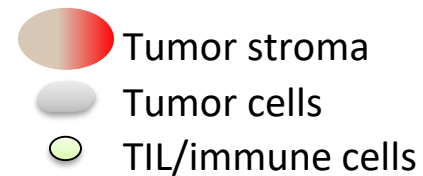
## Additional clinical studies evaluating immune checkpoint inhibitors in the neoadjuvant setting before RC

- Pembrolizumab (PANDORE, France)
- Pembrolizumab + Gemcitabine (Hoosier Oncology Group, US)
- Nivolumab/Urelumab (Jonhs Hopkins University, US)
- Nivolumab/Ipilimumab (Netherlands)
- Durvalumab/Tremelimumab (Spain)

# IMvigor210: TCGA Subtype in mUC



- IMvigor210 subtypes have distinct tumor-immune landscapes that reflect responsiveness to atezolizumab



TIL, tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte. <sup>a</sup> High myeloid, inflammatory, activated stromal/fibroblast markers. Data cutoff: March 14, 2016.

Rosenberg J et al, ASCO 2016

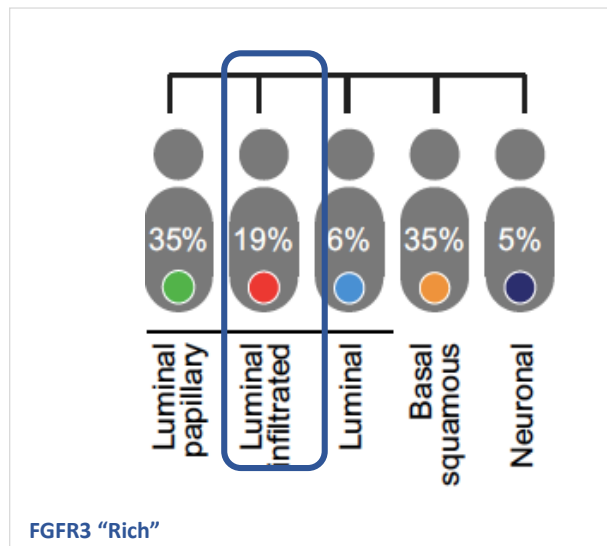
## FGFR alterations are associated with 'non-T-cell-inflamed' bladder tumors

Gene mutation or fusion	Non T-cell-inflamed (n=76)		T-cell-inflamed (n=85)	
	Samples	Variants	Samples	Variants
FGFR3	11	14	0	0
FGFR3-TACC3	3	0	0	0

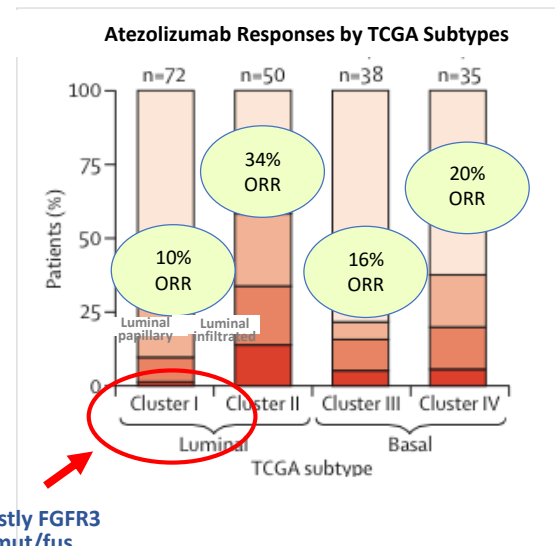
Sweis RF, et al. Cancer Immunol Res 2016;4:563-568; Choi W, et al. Eur Urol 2017;72:3554-365

# FGFR3 expression associated with poor responses in metastatic UC treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors

- “Luminal” group makes up 60% of metastatic bladder cancer
- FGFR3 is predominately in the luminal papillary (“immune desert”)
- “Luminal papillary” cancer has very Poor Response to checkpoint inhibitors
- Treatment with anti-FGFR3 may enhance the effectiveness of checkpoint inhibitors



Robertson et al, Cell 2017,171,1–17



Adapted from Rosenberg et al, ASCO 2016

# Original EAU and ASCO Endorsement Recommendations and Qualifying Statements

## Adjuvant Chemotherapy

Adjuvant cisplatin based combination chemotherapy may be offered to patients with pT3/4 and/or pN+ disease if no neoadjuvant chemotherapy has been given.

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***While neoadjuvant chemotherapy is recommended, adjuvant chemotherapy may be offered to high-risk patients who did not receive neoadjuvant treatment†***

Milowsky MI et al, J Clin Oncol 2016

## Ph3 Adjuvant/ Registrational Studies in MIBC

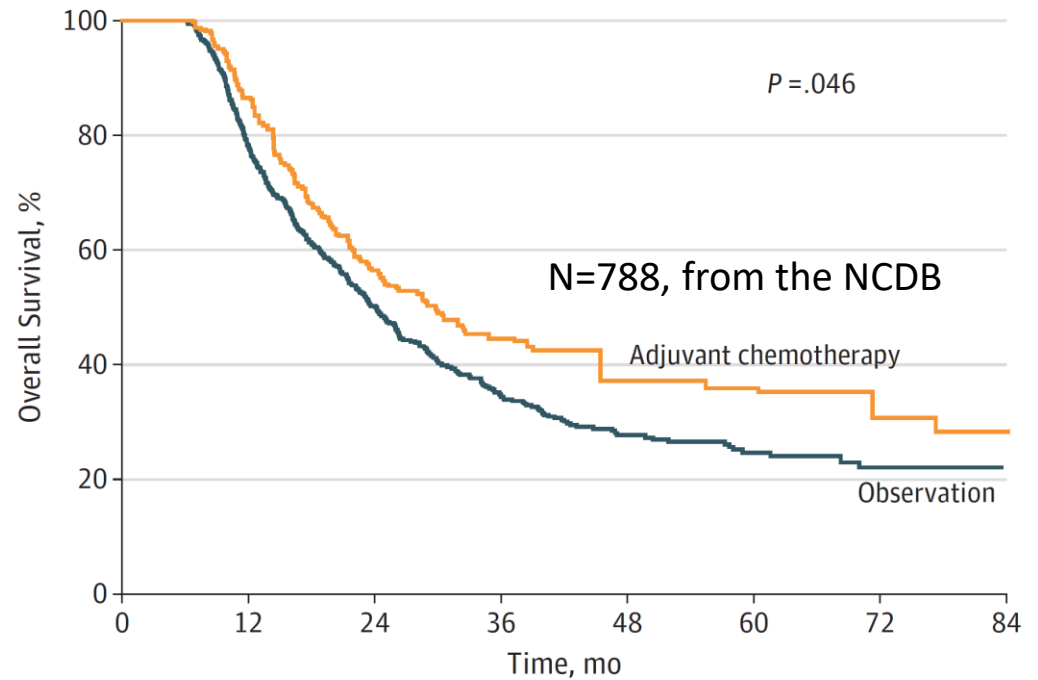
IO Therapy/Study	Phase/N	Study Arms	Primary Endpoints	Secondary Endpoints	Estimated Primary Completion Date
Nivolumab <sup>1</sup> CheckMate 274 (NCT02632409)	Phase 3 N=640	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nivolumab (adjuvant)</li> <li>Placebo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disease-free survival</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-urothelial track recurrence-free survival</li> <li>Disease-specific survival</li> <li>OS</li> </ul>	April 2020
Pembrolizumab <sup>2</sup> AMBASSADOR (NCT03244384)	Phase 3 N=739	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pembrolizumab (adjuvant)</li> <li>Observation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disease-free survival</li> <li>OS (up to 5 years)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disease-free survival and OS in PD-L1<sup>+</sup> and PD-L1<sup>-</sup> patients</li> </ul>	February 2019
Atezolizumab <sup>3</sup> IMvigor010 (NCT02450331)	Phase 3 N=700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atezolizumab (adjuvant)</li> <li>Observation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disease-free survival</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disease-specific survival</li> <li>OS</li> <li>Distant metastasis-free survival</li> <li>Non-urinary tract recurrence-free survival</li> <li>Safety, QoL</li> <li>PK, immunogenicity</li> </ul>	October 2019

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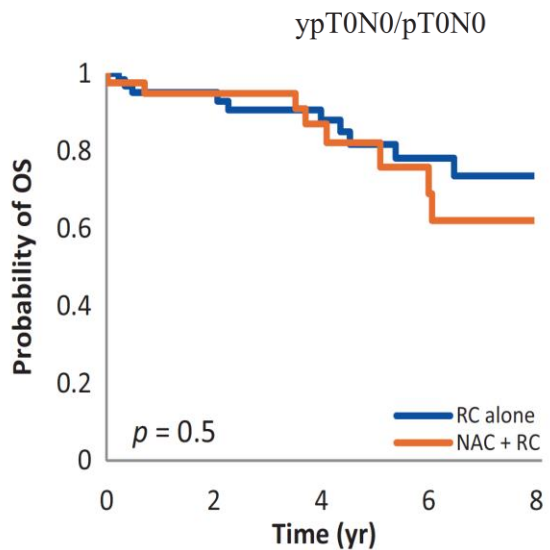
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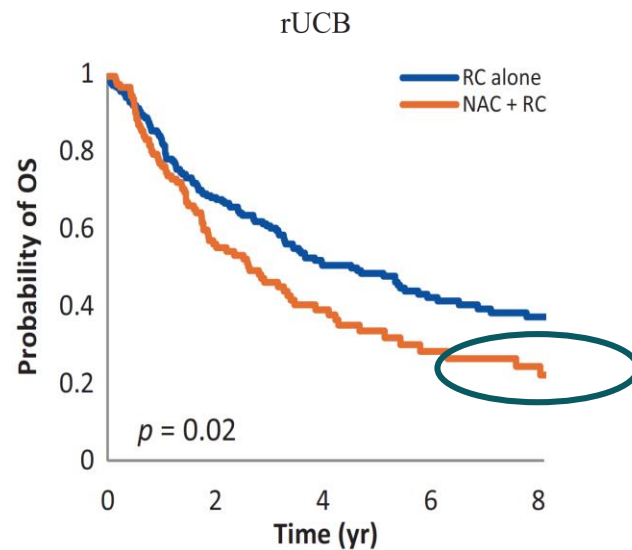


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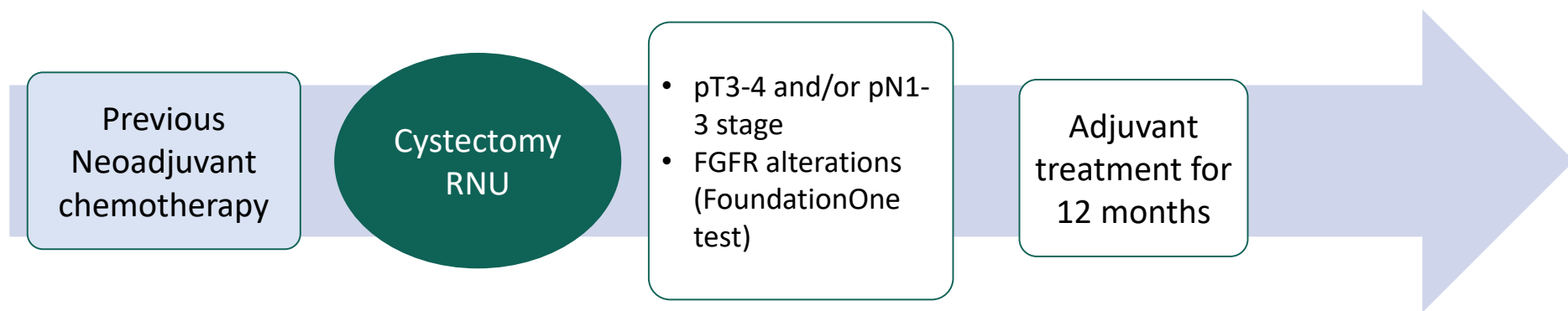
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