

3.86: Lenvatinib plus Pembrolizumab or Everolimus for Advanced RCC with Dr. Karine Tawagi

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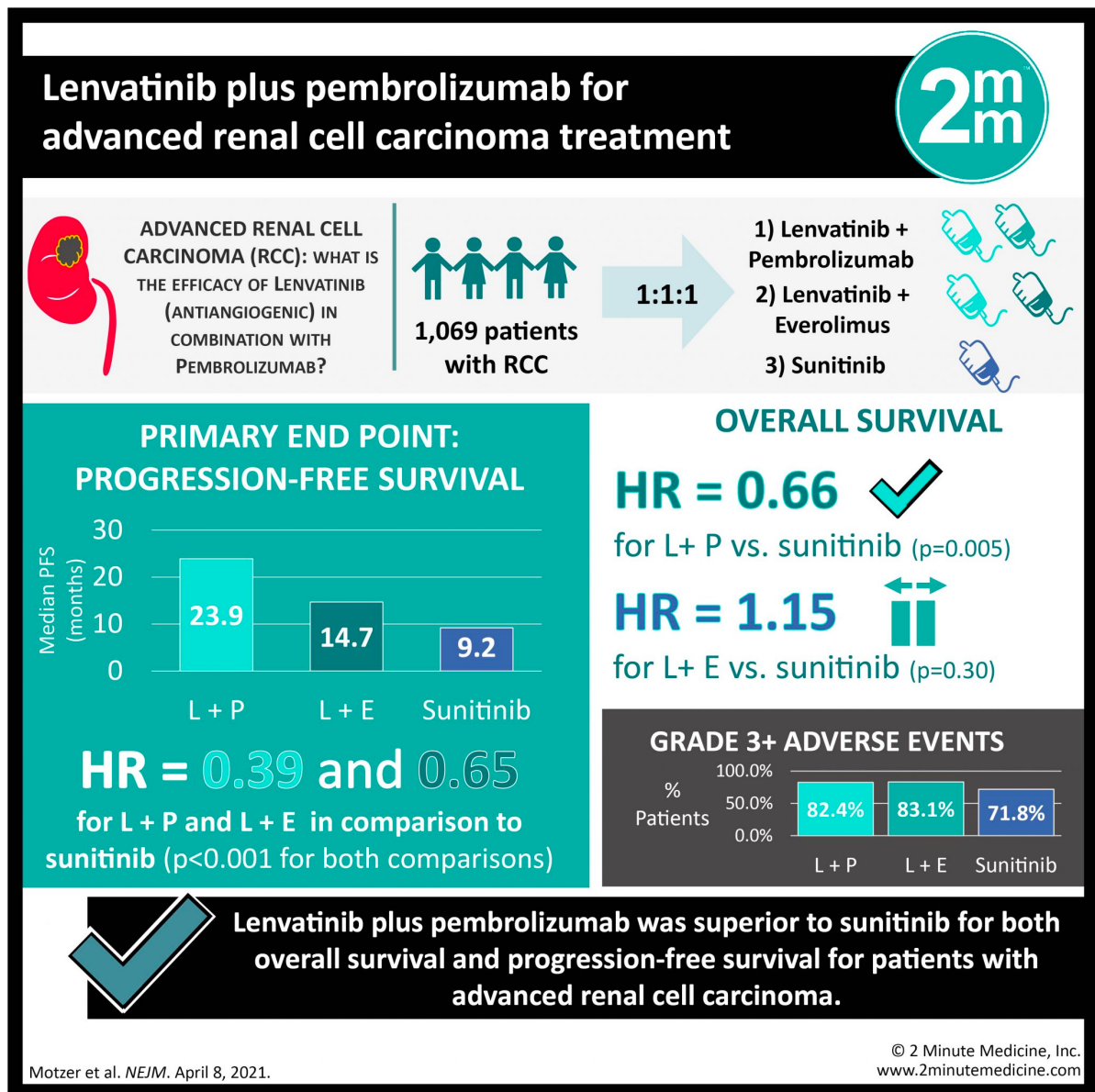
Conversation with Dr. Karine Tawagi [1:06]

- **YouTube**
 - [Watch this conversation on youtube](#)
- **Introduction**
 - Dr. Tawagi earned her M.D. from St. George's University School of Medicine

- She completed her residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Program
 - She is now Chief Fellow at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans, LA
- Follow on her on Twitter @DrKarineTawagi

Lenvatinib plus Pembrolizumab or Everolimus for Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma [1:20]

- Published in the NEJM



Source

- **Design**

- Phase 3 trial (1:1:1)
 1. Lenvatinib (20 mg orally once daily) + pembrolizumab (200 mg intravenously once every 3 weeks)
 2. Lenvatinib (18 mg orally once daily) + everolimus (5 mg orally once daily)
 3. Sunitinib (50 mg orally once daily, alternating 4 weeks receiving treatment and 2 weeks without treatment)
- Population
 - Patients with stage IV renal cell carcinoma
 - Inclusion criteria
 - Karnofsky Performance Scale of more than 70
 - Controlled blood pressure
 - Adequate organ function
 - Exclusion criteria
 - Untreated brain mets
 - Radiation within 3 weeks
 - Long term steroids
 - Particular management of other diseases
- Endpoints
 - Primary endpoint → PFS
 - Secondary endpoint → OS, Safety
- Sunitinib versus Interferon Alfa in Metastatic Renal-Cell Carcinoma
 - Motzer et al., NEJM



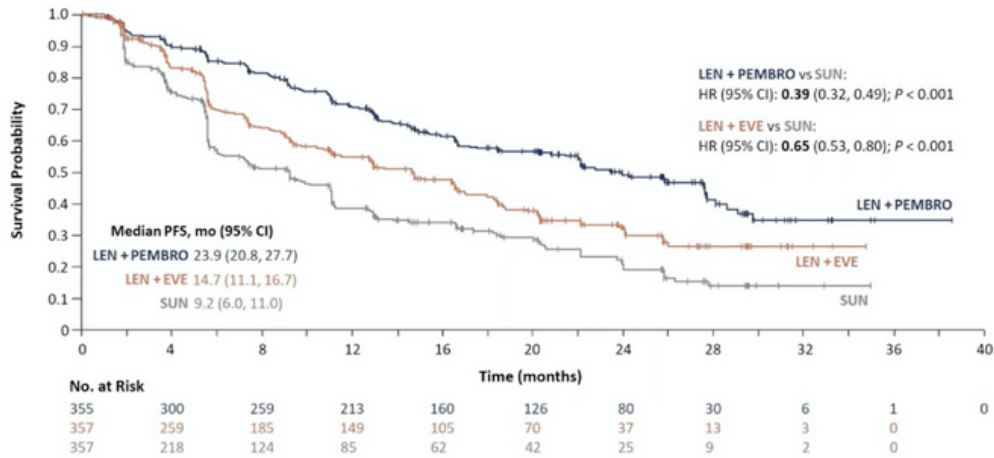
"The primary end point was progression-free survival. Secondary end points included the objective response rate, overall survival, patient-reported outcomes, and safety." - Motzer et al.

- **Results [8:08]**

- PFS



"Progression-free survival was longer with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab than with sunitinib (median, 23.9 vs. 9.2 months; hazard ratio for disease progression or death, 0.39; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.32 to 0.49; $P < 0.001$) and was longer with lenvatinib plus everolimus than with sunitinib (median, 14.7 vs. 9.2 months; hazard ratio, 0.65; 95% CI, 0.53 to 0.80; $P < 0.001$)." - Motzer et al.

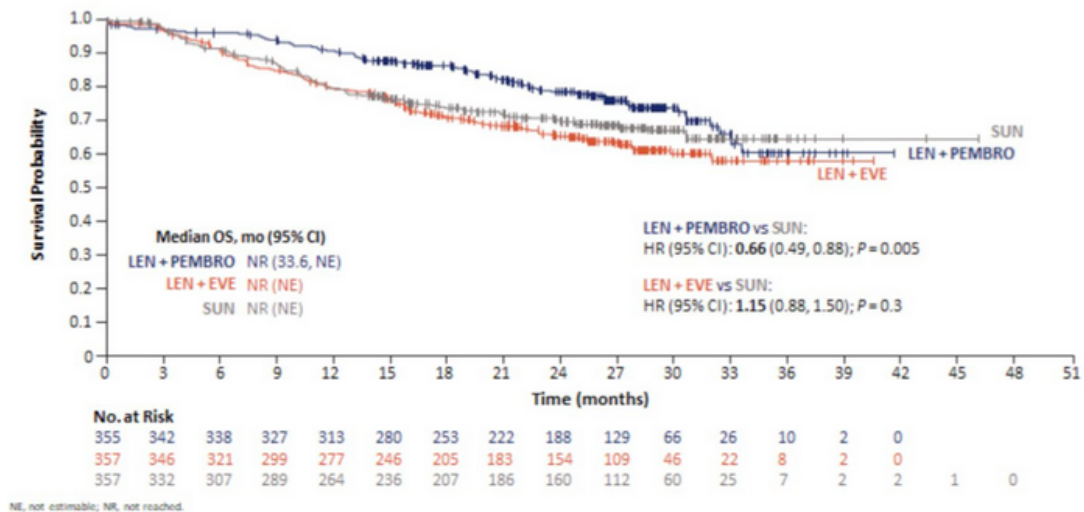


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- OS



"Overall survival was longer with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab than with sunitinib (hazard ratio for death, 0.66; 95% CI, 0.49 to 0.88; $P=0.005$) but was not longer with lenvatinib plus everolimus than with sunitinib (hazard ratio, 1.15; 95% CI, 0.88 to 1.50; $P=0.30$)."- Motzer et al.



Source

- ORR
 - Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab
 - ORR 71%; complete response [CR] 16%
 - Lenvatinib + everolimus
 - ORR 54%; CR 10%
 - Sunitinib
 - ORR 36%; CR 4%
- **Post-protocol [13:00]**
 - In the lenvatinib + pembrolizumab group, 55% of patients went on to second line therapy after of which:
 1. Half had anti-angiogenic therapy
 2. 13% had a PD-1 or PD-1 one inhibitor

3. 3% mTOR inhibitor
4. 3% CTLA-4 inhibitor

- **Limitations [15:00]**

1. Open-label design
2. No QoL or PROs
3. They should have included a higher number of poor risk patients
4. No race breakdown

- **Dr. Prasad's thoughts [21:26]**

- Here's the study you do:
 - Control arm:
 - Let cooperative group doctors pick any of the doublets that are on the market
 - Intervention arm:
 - Pembrolizumab (3 doses then discontinue) + Sunitinib

- **Water cooler talk [24:00]**

- This study doesn't really answer a new clinical question or, or offer a significantly better treatment for patients

- **Other literature mentioned:**

- Study of Cabozantinib in Combination With Nivolumab and Ipilimumab in Patients With Previously Untreated Advanced or Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma (COSMIC-313)
- Comparative effectiveness of axitinib versus sorafenib in advanced renal cell carcinoma (AXIS): a randomised phase 3 trial
 - Rini et al., The Lancet
- Oral anticancer drugs: how limited dosing options and dose reductions may affect outcomes in comparative trials and efficacy in patients
 - Prasad et al., JCO

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