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# **Medical Treatment for Advanced Endometrial Cancer**

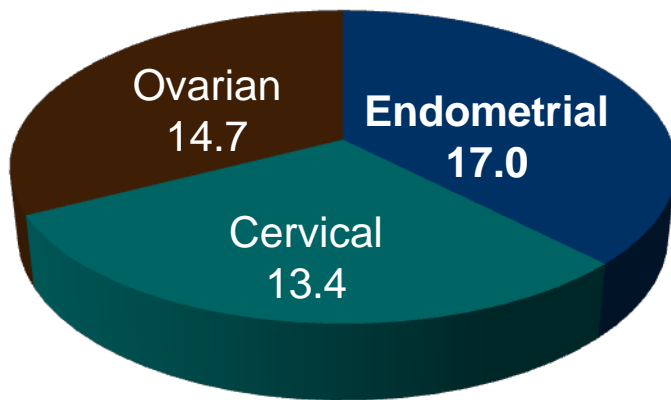
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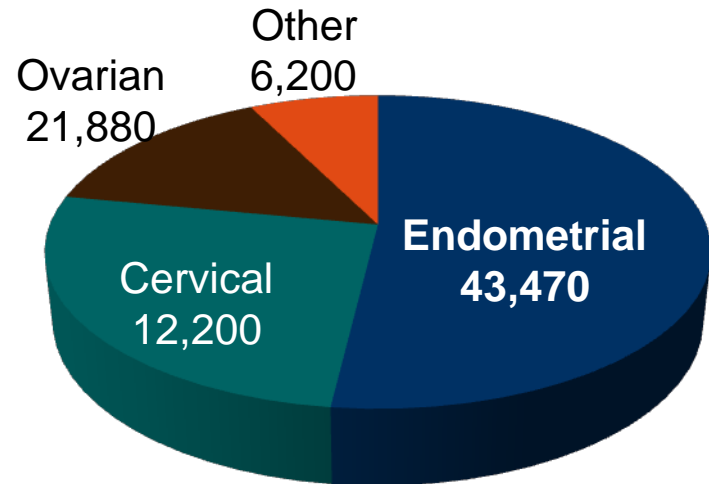
# Endometrial Cancer Epidemiology

- Endometrial cancer is most common gynaecologic malignancy in Europe and US
  - US: 22 per 100,000 women
  - Europe: 17 per 100,000 women
  - South East Asia/Africa: each <3.5 per 100,000 women

**EU age-adjusted standardized  
gynecologic cancer incidence rates  
per 100,000 women, 2000**



**US estimated new gynecologic  
cancer cases, 2010**



## Histology Subtype in endometrial cancer

	Type I	Type II
<b>Clinical, endocrinological, and morphological components (Bokhman classification<sup>5</sup>)</b>		
Distribution	60–70%	30–40%
Reproductive function	Decreased	No disturbances
Onset of menopause	After age 50 years	Younger than age 50 years
Background endometrium	Hyperplasia	Atrophy
Oestrogen associated	Yes	No
Associated obesity, hyperlipidaemia, and diabetes mellitus	Yes	No
Tumour grade	Low (grades 1–2)	High (grade 3)
Myometrial invasion	Superficial	Deep
Potential for lymphogenic metastatic spread	Low	High
Prognosis	Favourable	Unfavourable
Sensitivity to progestagens	High	Low
Outcome (5-year survival)	86%	59%
Prototypical histological type	Endometrioid	Serous
Oestrogen-receptor or progesterone-receptor expression	High	Low
Stage at diagnosis	Early (FIGO stage I–II)	Advanced (FIGO stage III–IV)

## Molecular alterations in endometrial cancer

	Type I	Type II
PTEN mutation	52-78%	1-11%
PIK3CA mutation	36-52%	24-42%
PIK3R1 mutation	21-43%	0-12%
KRAS mutation	15-43%	2-8%
ARID1A mutation	25-48%	6-11%
CTNNB1 mutation	23-24%	0-3%
TP53 mutation	9-12%	60-91%
PPP2R1A mutation	5-7%	15-43%
HER2 amplification	0	27-44%
Microsatellite instability	28-40%	0-2%

FIGO=International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

## Comprehensive genomic and transcriptomic analysis of endometrial cancer

### Four genomic classes

	<i>POLE</i> (ultramutated)	MSI (hypermuted)	Copy-number low (endometrioid)	Copy-number high (serous-like)
Copy-number aberrations	Low	Low	Low	High
MSI/ <i>MLH1</i> methylation	Mixed MSI high, low, stable	MSI high	MSI stable	MSI stable
Mutation rate	Very high ( $232 \times 10^{-6}$ mutations/Mb)	High ( $18 \times 10^{-6}$ mutations/Mb)	Low ( $2.9 \times 10^{-6}$ mutations/Mb)	Low ( $2.3 \times 10^{-6}$ mutations/Mb)
Genes commonly mutated (prevalence)	<i>POLE</i> (100%) <i>PTEN</i> (94%) <i>PIK3CA</i> (71%) <i>PIK3R1</i> (65%) <i>FBXW7</i> (82%) <i>ARID1A</i> (76%) <i>KRAS</i> (53%) <i>ARID5B</i> (47%)	<i>PTEN</i> (88%) <i>RPL22</i> (37%) <i>KRAS</i> (35%) <i>PIK3CA</i> (54%) <i>PIK3R1</i> (40%) <i>ARID1A</i> (37%)	<i>PTEN</i> (77%) <i>CTNNB1</i> (52%) <i>PIK3CA</i> (53%) <i>PIK3R1</i> (33%) <i>ARID1A</i> (42%)	<i>TP53</i> (92%) <i>PPP2R1A</i> (22%) <i>PIK3CA</i> (47%)
Histological type	Endometrioid	Endometrioid	Endometrioid	Serous, endometrioid, and mixed serous and endometrioid
Tumour grade	Mixed (grades 1-3)	Mixed (grades 1-3)	Grades 1 and 2	Grade 3
Progression-free survival	Good	Intermediate	Intermediate	Poor
	7%	28%	39%	26%

# Endometrial Cancer: FIGO Staging

## Surgical & Pathological

### Old FIGO staging (1988)

### New FIGO staging (2009)

Stage	Stage		
IA	Tumour limited to endometrium	I	Tumour confined to the corpus uteri
IB	Invasion to <50% of the myometrium	IA	No or <50% of the myometrium
IC	Invasion to >50% of the myometrium	IB	Invasion ≥50% of the myometrium.
IIA	Endocervical glandular involvement only	II	Tumour invades cervical stroma but does not extend beyond the uterus
IIB	Cervical stromal invasion	III	Local and/or regional spread of the tumour
IIIA	Tumour invades serosa and/or adnexa and/or positive peritoneal cytology	IIIA	Tumour invades serosa of the corpus uteri and/or adnexae
IIIB	Vaginal metastases	IIIB	Vaginal and/or parametrial involvement
IIIC	Metastases of pelvic and/or para-aortic lymph nodes	IIIC1	Positive pelvic lymph nodes
IVA	Tumour invasion of bladder and/or bowel mucosa	IIIC2	Positive para-ortic lymph nodes with or without pelvic nodes
IVB	Distant metastases including intra-abdominal and/or inguinal lymph nodes	IV	Tumour invades bladder/bowel mucosa, and/or distant metastases
		IVA	Tumour invasion of bladder and/or bowel mucosa
		IVB	Distant metastases including intra-abdominal and/or inguinal lymph nodes

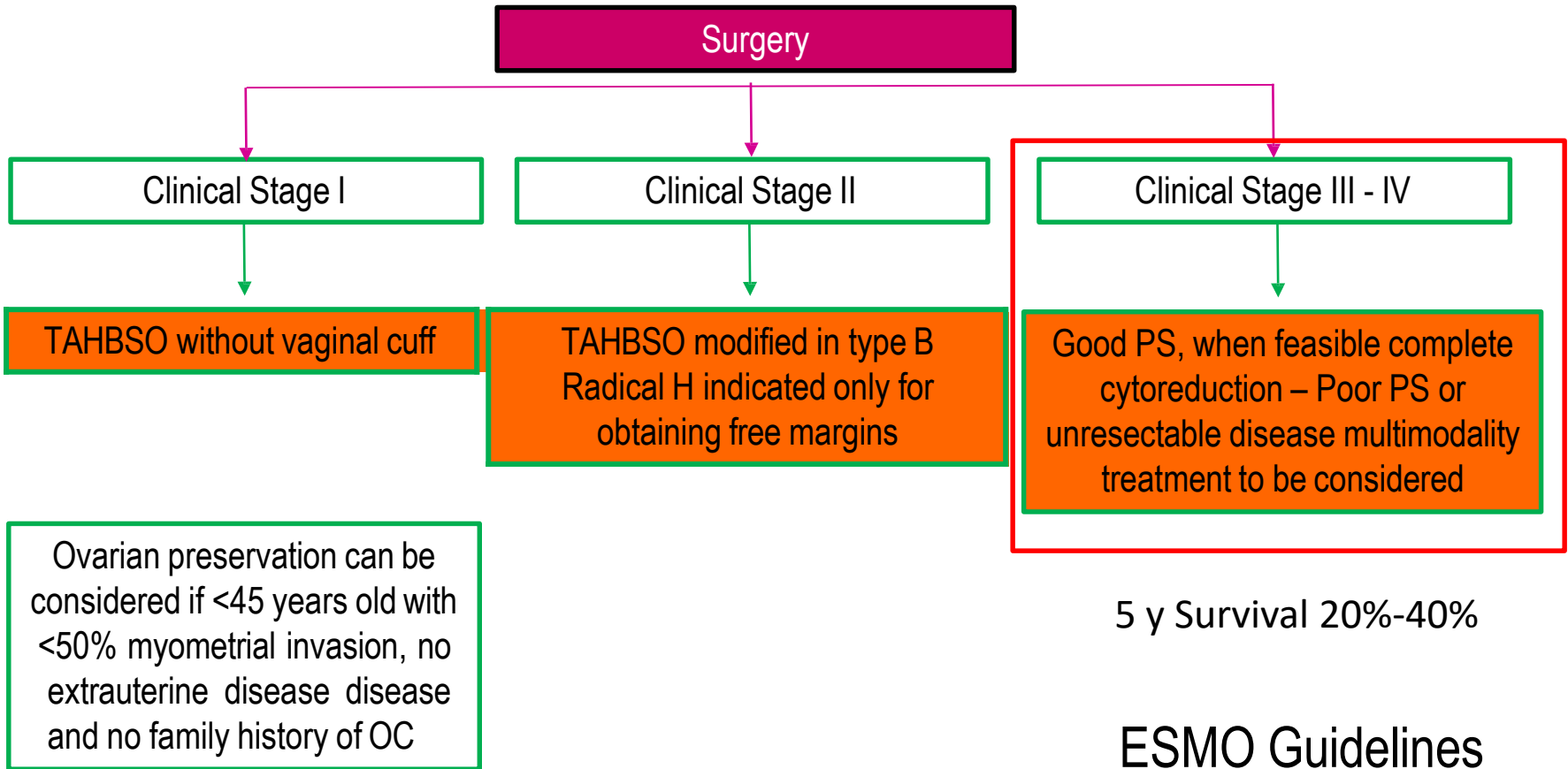
*Pathological assessment includes: Myometrial invasion, cervical involvement, tumor size and location, extension to fallopian tubes and ovaries, grade and histological subtypes, lymphovascular space invasion (LVSI), nodal status*

**75% stage I**

# ENDOMETRIAL CANCER

Surgical management algorithms

Surgery is the cornerstone of treatment



# Medical Treatment for advanced disease



# Hormone therapy in advanced and recurrent endometrial cancer: Type I a systematic review

- Four randomized studies comparing progestogens, TAM and aminoglutethimide with similar results.
- In Phase III and Phase II studies the duration of response was of 3-6 months, the response rate in **Grade 1 or Grade 2** tumors was almost double that achieved in Grade 3 and was higher in ER+ and PR+ tumors.
- **Progestogens** are indicated for first-line treatment, tamoxifen in progestogens failures.
- ORR: 20%-50%
- ER and PR status have prognostic and predictive values.

## Phase III Trials in Advanced/Metastatic Disease Chemotherapy

	<i>RT agent vs. Doublet</i>	<i>Single agent vs. Doublet</i>		<i>Doublet vs. Doublet</i>	<i>Doublet vs. Triplet</i>	<i>TAP vs. TC</i>
	<i>GOG Randall et al. JCO '06</i>	<i>EORTC55872 Van Wijk Ann Onc '03</i>	<i>GOG107 Thigpen JCO '04</i>	<i>GOG Fleming. Ann Onc '04</i>	<i>GOG Fleming JCO '03</i>	<i>GOG209 Miller SGO '12</i>
<b>Population (Stage)</b>	III-IV	Stage 3-4 & Relapsed	Stage 3-4 & Relapsed	Stage 3-4 & Relapsed	Stage 3-4 & Relapsed	Stage 3-4
<b>n</b>	396	177	299	317	273	
<b>Regimen</b>	WART A <sup>60</sup> P <sup>50</sup> x 8	Dox vs. Dox-Cisplat	Dox vs. Dox-Cisplat	Dox-Cisplat vs. Dox-Paclitax	Dox-Cisplat vs. Dox-Cisplat-Tax	Carbo-Tax vs. Dox-Cisplat-Tax
<b>PFS</b>	Signif HR 0.71	NS	Signif HR 0.73	NS	Signif P < 0.01	Equal
<b>OS</b>	Signif HR 0.68	NS	NS	NS	Signif P < 0.037	Equal

## Adding Radiotherapy?

## PORTEC 3

Phase III trial comparing concurrent chemo radiation (CTRRT) and adjuvant CT with pelvic RT alone in high-risk and advanced stage endometrial carcinoma (EC) S. de Boer et al.

### Question

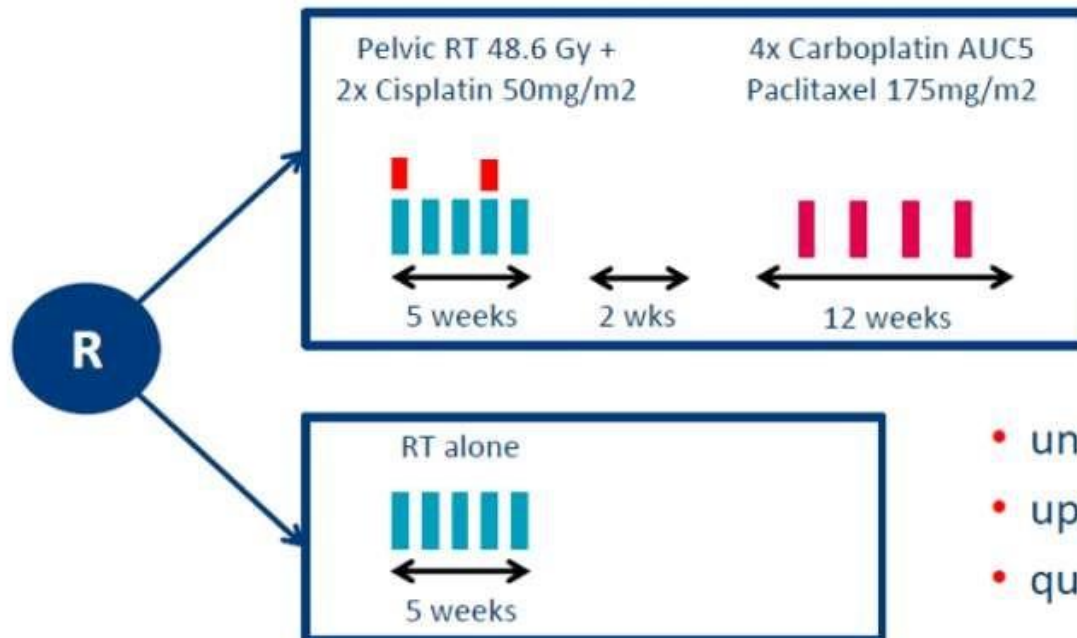
**Is the combination of RT and CT better than RT alone in improving PFS and OS in high-risk EC patients?**

**ASCO 2017**

# PORTEC 3

## Trial design

### ➤ High risk Endometrial Cancer (HREC)



- uniform treatment schedule
- upfront pathology review
- quality of life analysis

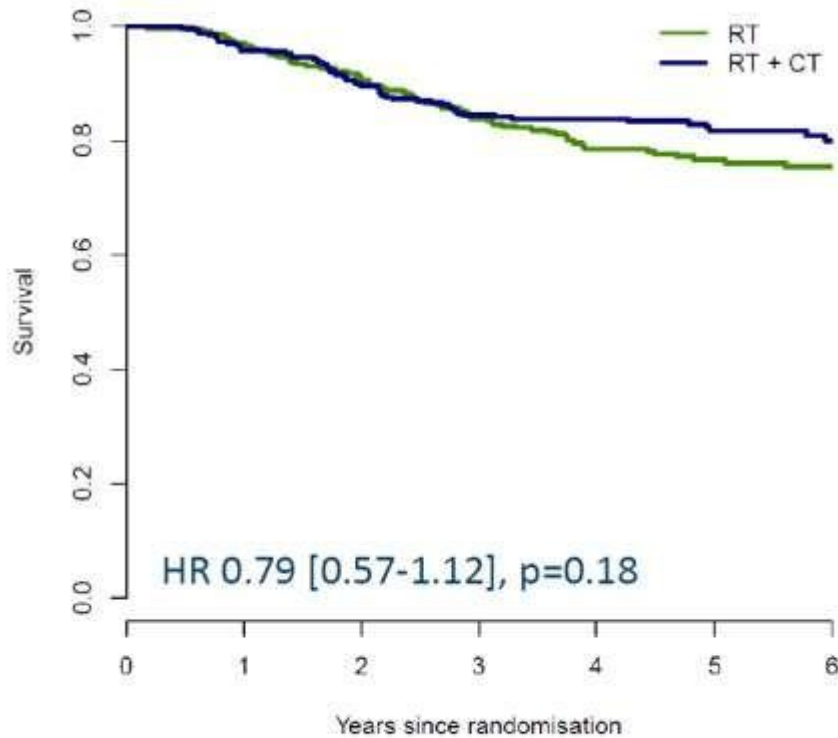
# PORTEC 3

## Tumour characteristics

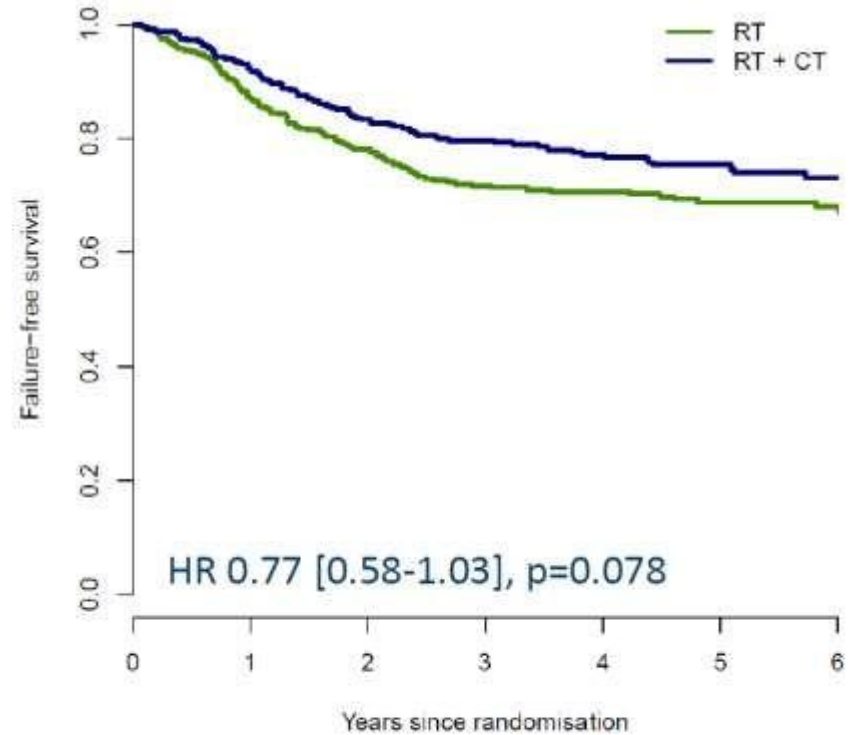
Tumour characteristics	RT alone	CTRT
<b>Histology</b>		
Endometrioid grade 1-2	39.7%	38.5%
Endometrioid grade 3	32.1%	32.4%
Serous/ clear cell/ other	28.2%	29.1%
<b>LVSI</b>		
Yes	58.2%	59.7%
No	41.8%	40.3%
<b>Stage (%)</b>		
I	29.4%	29.7%
II	27.3%	24.2%
III	43.3%	46.1%

# PORTEC 3

## Survival (Os and FFS)



**5 yr OS: 82% (CTRT) versus 77% (RT)**



**5 yr FFS: 76% (CTRT) versus 69% (RT)**

## PORTEC 3

### Survival results per stage

#### Patients with stage III EC:

- Lower 5-year FFS and OS:
  - FFS: 64% stage III versus 79% for stage I-II ( $p < 0.001$ )
  - OS: 74% vs 83% ( $p = 0.003$ )
- Greatest benefit of CTRT
  - 5-year FFS 69% for CTRT vs 58% for RT  
[HR 0.66, 95% CI 0.45-0.97,  $p = 0.032$ ]
  - 5-year OS 79% vs 70%  
[HR 0.69, 0.44-1.09,  $p = 0.114$ ]

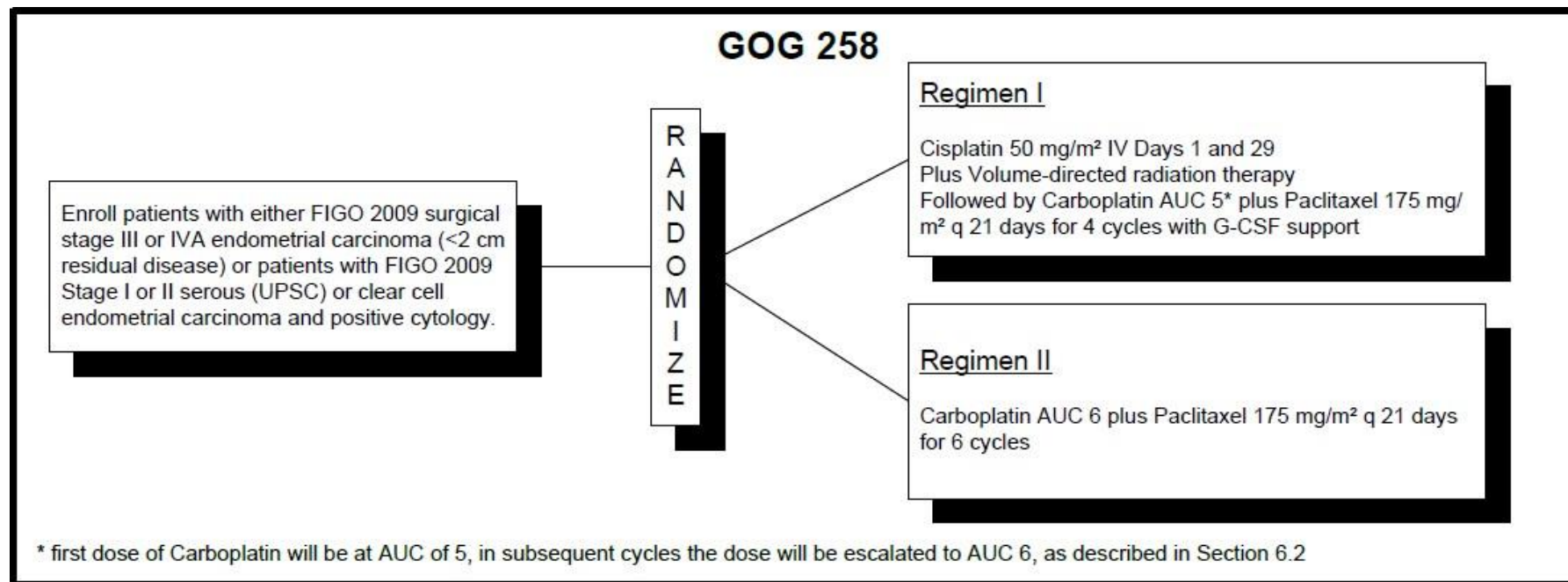


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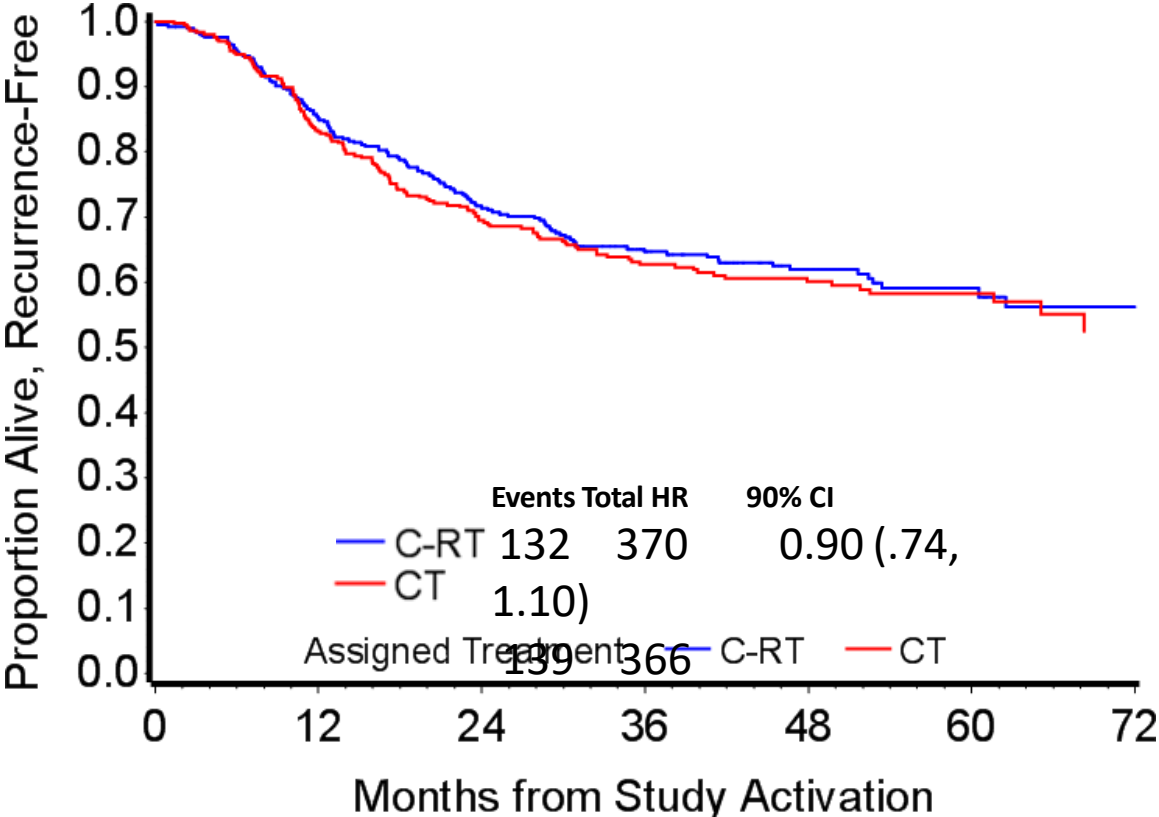
### Conclusions

- ◆ Risk reduction of 7% (FFS) and 5% (OS)
- ◆ Significant 11% FFS benefit with CTRT for stage III → Recommended
- ◆ Significant more toxicity with CTRT in the first 12 mos
- ◆ Good pelvic control with RT alone
- ◆ OS analysis may need a longer follow up

## GOG-258: Randomized Phase III Trial of Cisplatin and Tumor Volume–Directed Irradiation Followed by Carboplatin and Paclitaxel vs Carboplatin and Paclitaxel for Optimally Debulked, Advanced EC

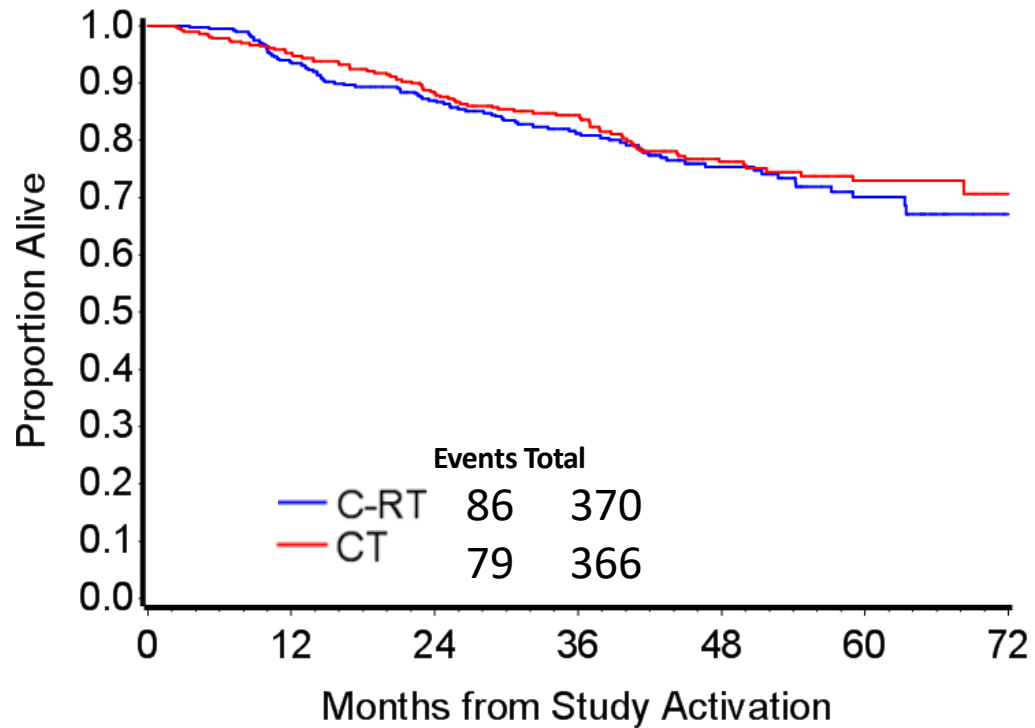


## GOG-258 Recurrence-Free Survival



Matei D, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2017;35(suppl): Abstract 5505.

## GOG-258 Overall Survival



5-year OS estimates  
C-RT: 70%  
CT: 73%

Data cut-off 03/09/2017 Data not mature for final analysis

OS, overall survival

Matei D, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2017;35(suppl): Abstract 5505.

## **Target therapy:**

### **Anti-angiogenic therapy**



## MITO-END-2

Randomized Phase II Trial of Carboplatin-Paclitaxel compared to Carboplatin-Paclitaxel Bevacizumab in advanced or recurrent endometrial cancer

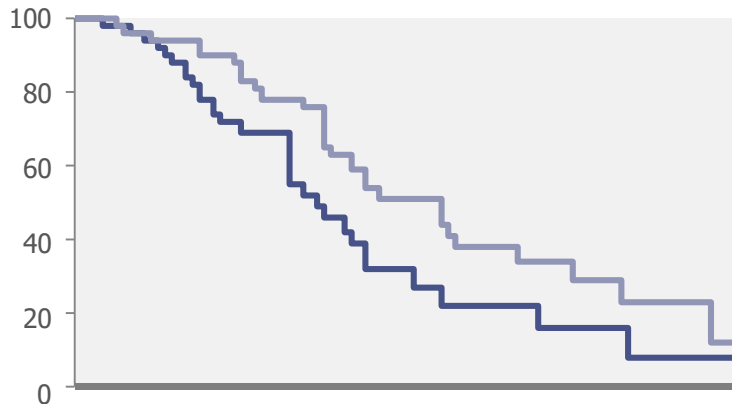
Patients with advanced (stage III-IV) or recurrent type 1 or type 2 (no carcinosarcoma) endometrial cancer; 0-1 previous CHT lines; Measurable or evaluable disease (n~108)



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Carboplatin AUC 5 + Paclitaxel 175 mg/mq d1 q 21 x 6-8 cycles

Carboplatin AUC 5 + Paclitaxel 175 mg/mq d1 q 21 x 6-8 cycles  
+  
Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg in combination with chemotherapy and maintenance until PD



	CT (N=54)	CT-B (N=54)
Events, n	34	32
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	8.7 (6.3-11.2)	13 (9.2-16.8)
HR (stratified) (95% CI)	0.59 (0.35-0.98)	
2-sided log-rank p-value	0.036	

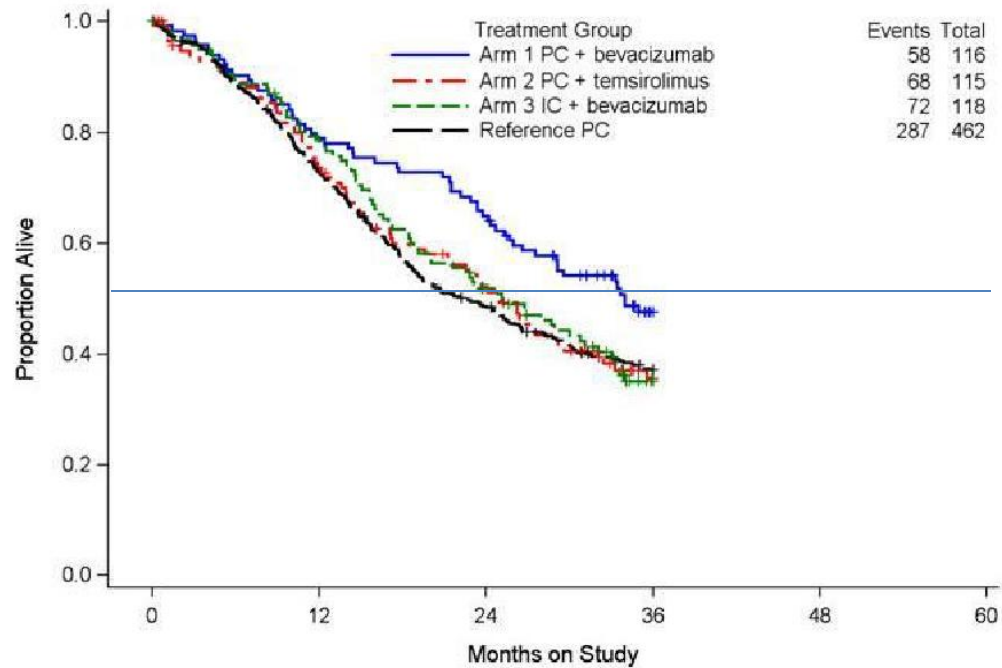
EUDRACT 00330116  
Phase 2

Lorusso et al. ASCO 2015  
n = 108

**GOG-86-P**

**GOG86P: OS**

- ARM 1:**  
**Paclitaxel**  
**Carboplatin**  
**Bevacizumab**
  
- ARM 2:**  
**Paclitaxel**  
**Carboplatin**  
**Temsirolimus**
  
- ARM3:**  
**Ixabepilone**  
**Carboplatin**  
**Bevacizumab**



Arm	Median Point Estimate
<b>1</b>	<b>34.0 (p&lt;0.039)</b>
2	25.0
3	25.2
Reference	22.7

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Phase 3

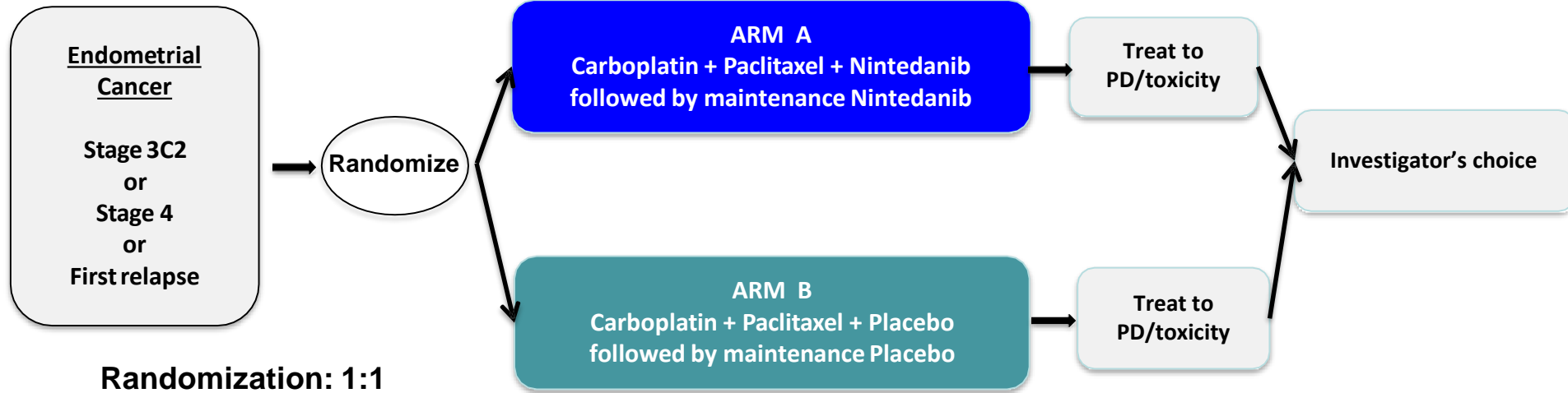
Aghaganian et al. ASCO 2015

n = 349

## ENGOT-EN1 / FANDANGO

A randomized double-blind placebo-controlled phase II trial of first-line combination chemotherapy with Nintedanib for patients with advanced or recurrent endometrial cancer

Recruitment Completed



NCT02730416  
Phase 2

Study Chair: Mirza MR  
 $n = 148$



# PI3K/AKT pathway

**Metabolic pathways**

## *mTOR and PI3K i*

Drug		N	RR	SD	PFS> 6 Months	PFS
<b>mTOR inhibitors</b>						
Temsirolimus (Oza 2011)	Chemo-naïve	29	<b>14%</b>	69%	-	7.3 months
	Chemo-treated	25	<b>4%</b>	48%	-	3.2 months
Ridaforolimus (Colombo 2013)	Chemo-treated	45	<b>11%</b>	18%	18%	
Ridaforolimus (Tsoref 2014)		31 <sup>a</sup>	<b>8.8%</b>	52.9%	-	-
Ridaforolimus vs progestin or investigator choice chemotherapy (Oza 2015)		64 vs 66	<b>4.6% vs 3% (P = NS)</b>	56.3 vs 27.7 (P = .003)	-	5.6 months vs 1.9 months (HR, 0.39; 95% CI, 0.23 to 0.66; P<.001)
Everolimus (Slomovitz 2010)		28	<b>0%</b>	43%	-	-
<b>PI3K inhibitors</b>						
Pilasarilib (XL147) (Matulonis 2014)		67	<b>6%</b>	37.3%	11.9%	-
BKM120 NCT01289041		71	<b>2.8%</b>	36%	-	1.9 months

Oza AM, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2011;29(24):3278-3285, Colombo et al. *Br J Cancer.* 2013 Mar 19;108(5):1021-6 . Tsoref D, et al. *Gynecol Oncol.* 2014;135(2):184-189. Oza AM, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2015;33(31):3576-3582. Slomovitz BM, et al. *Cancer.* 2010;116(23):5415-5419. Matulonis U, et al. *Gynecol Oncol.* 2015;136(2):246-253.

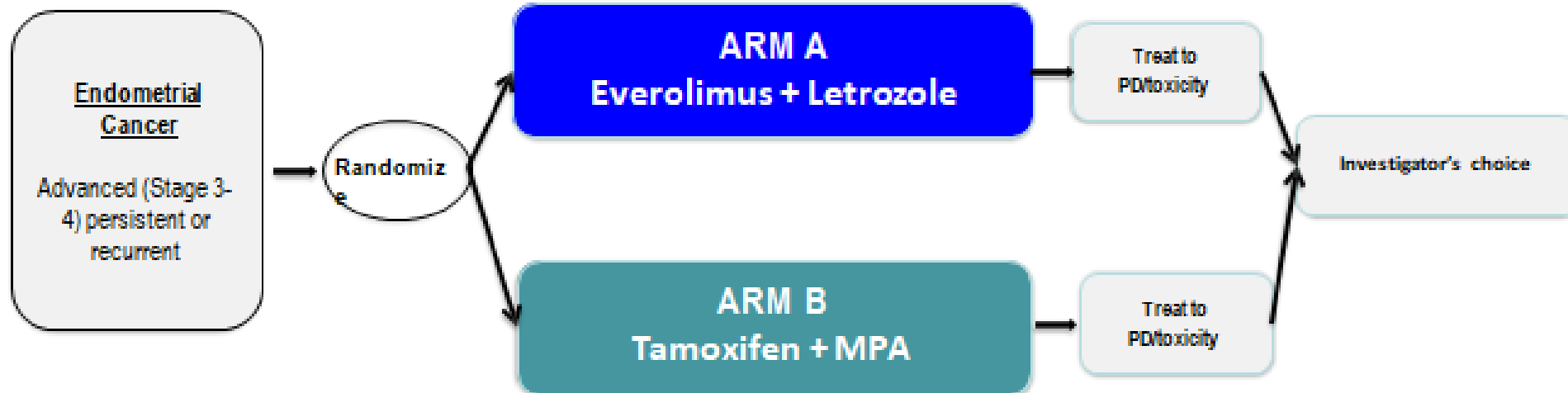
# GoG 3007



A randomized phase II trial of Everolimus and Letrozole or hormonal therapy for patients with advanced, persistent or recurrent endometrial cancer

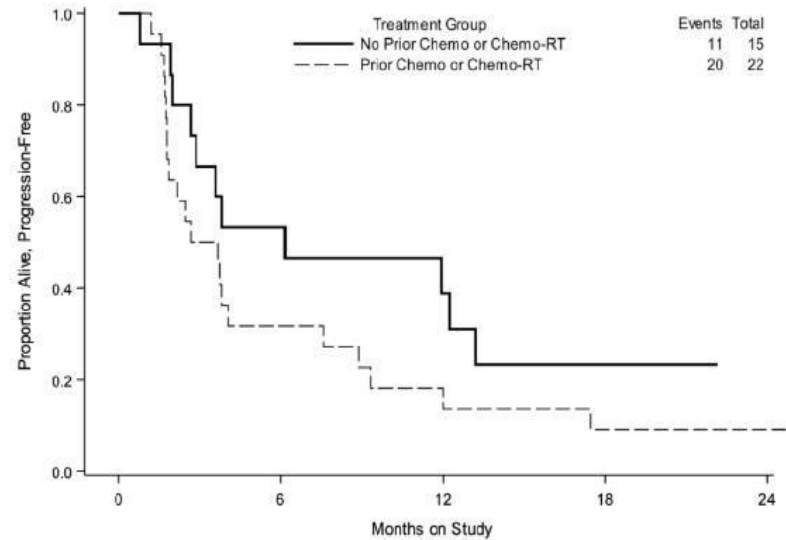
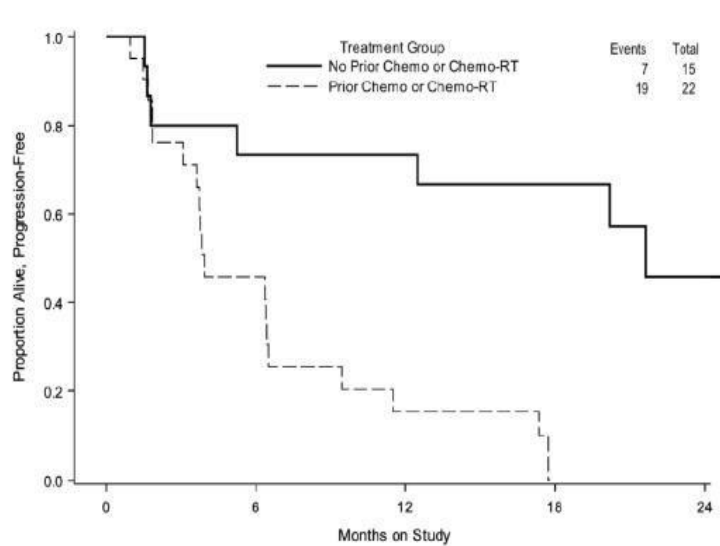
**GOG 3007**

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# GOG 3007

## PFS by prior treatment



Everolimus/Letrozole – NPC	PFS 21.6 mos.
Everolimus/Letrozole – Prior chemo	PFS 3.3 mos.

HT – NPC	PFS 6.6 mos.
HT– prior ctx	PFS 3.2 mos.

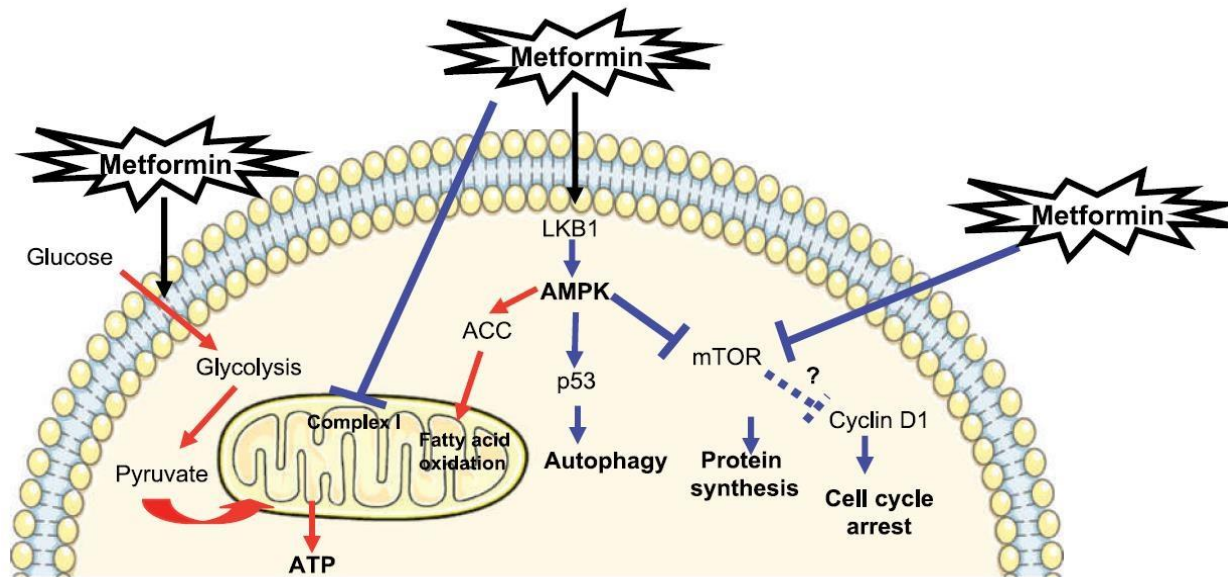
**A Phase II, Single-Arm Study of Everolimus, Letrozole, and Metformin in Patients With Advanced or Recurrent Endometrial Carcinoma**

NCT01797523



# Metformin in endometrial cancer

- Increased risk of endometrial cancer in diabetic patients
- Decreased risk of death in metformin users versus non users endometrial cancer patients
- Improved recurrence free survival and overall survival but not time to recurrence in a retrospective analysis of diabetic patients with endometrial cancer
- Antiproliferative effect in endometrial cancer cell lines

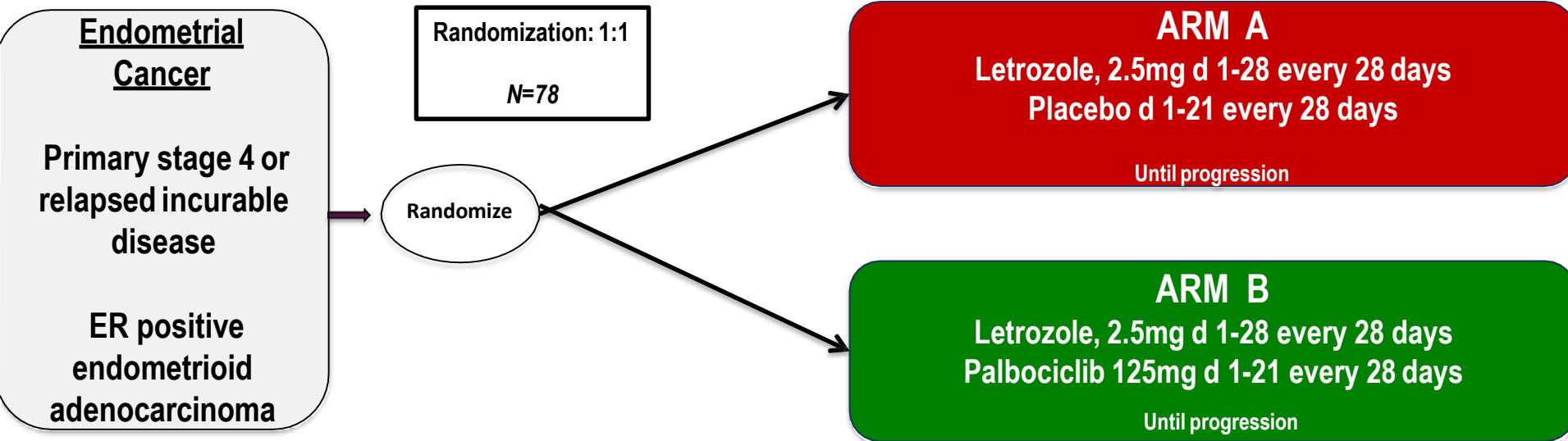


**Mechanism of action and sensitivity dependent on tumor cell lines**

# **Cyclin-Dependent Kinase (CDK) Inhibitors**

A randomized phase II trial of Palbociclib in combination with letrozole versus letrozole for patients with oestrogen receptor positive recurrent endometrial cancer.

## ENGOT-EN3- NSGO/PALEO



NCT02730429

**Recruitment Completed**

### Stratification:

- Number of prior lines of therapy (primary advanced disease vs. 1<sup>st</sup> relapse vs.  $\geq 2$  relapses)
- Measurable vs. evaluable disease
- Prior use of MPA/Megace (prior MPA/Megace use capped to a maximum of 50%)

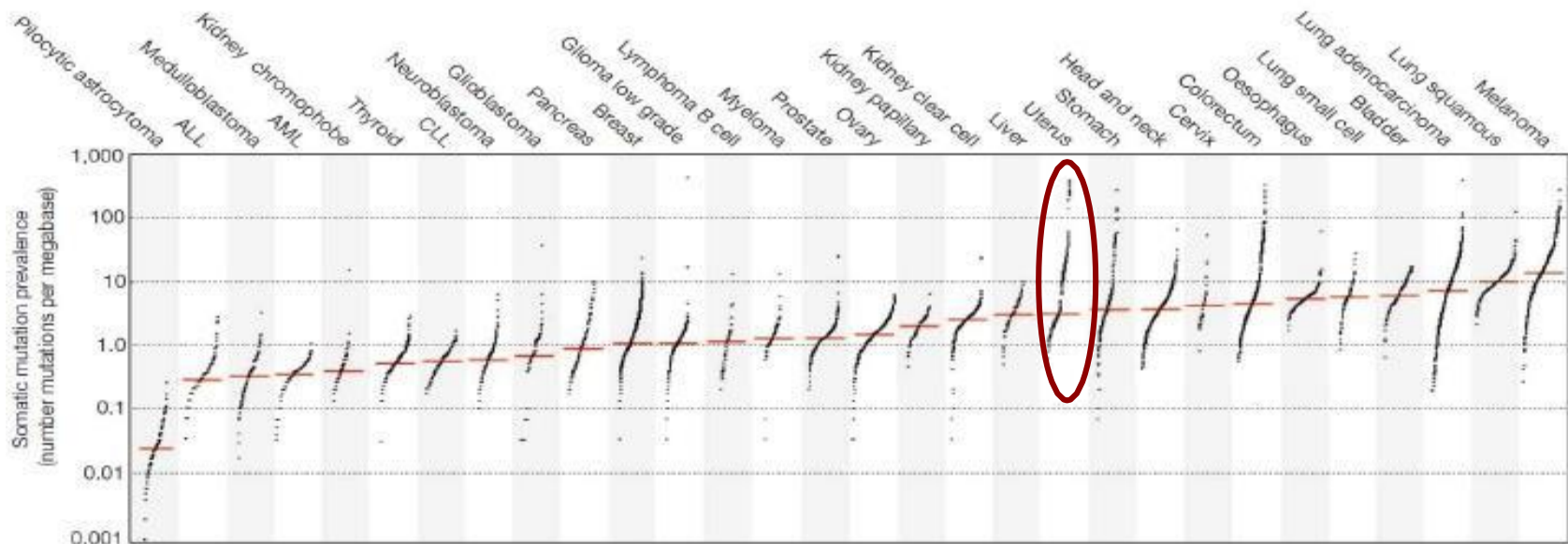


**Novel Agents**  
**Immune Check-Point Inhibitors**

# Immunotherapy

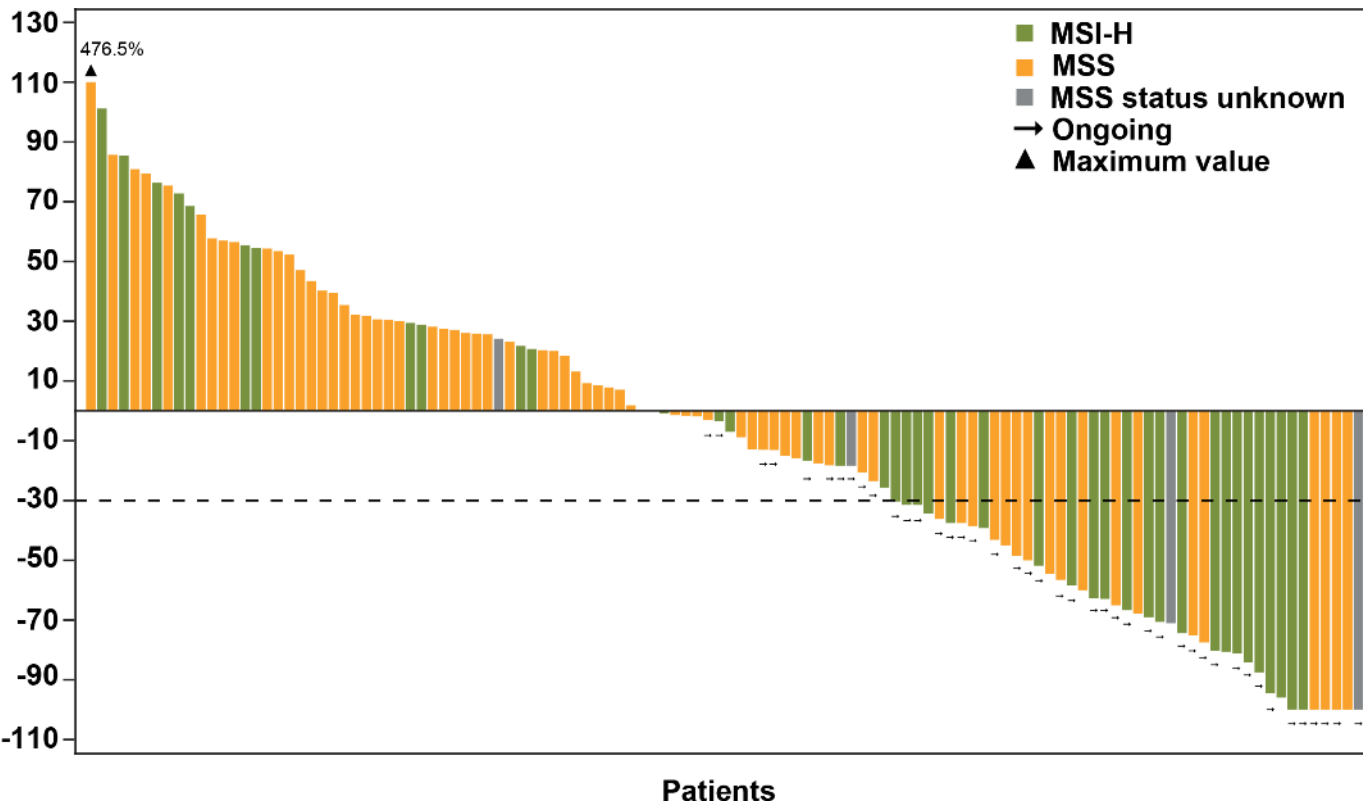
## POLE ultramutated & MSI have

- high mutation load
- Tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs)
- counterbalanced by overexpression of PD-1 & PD-L1
- Checkpoint (PD-1 & PD-L1) inhibitors can “re-activate” our TILs



Alexandrov, et al. Nature 2013

## Dostarlimab in Endometrial Cancer: Change in Tumor Size

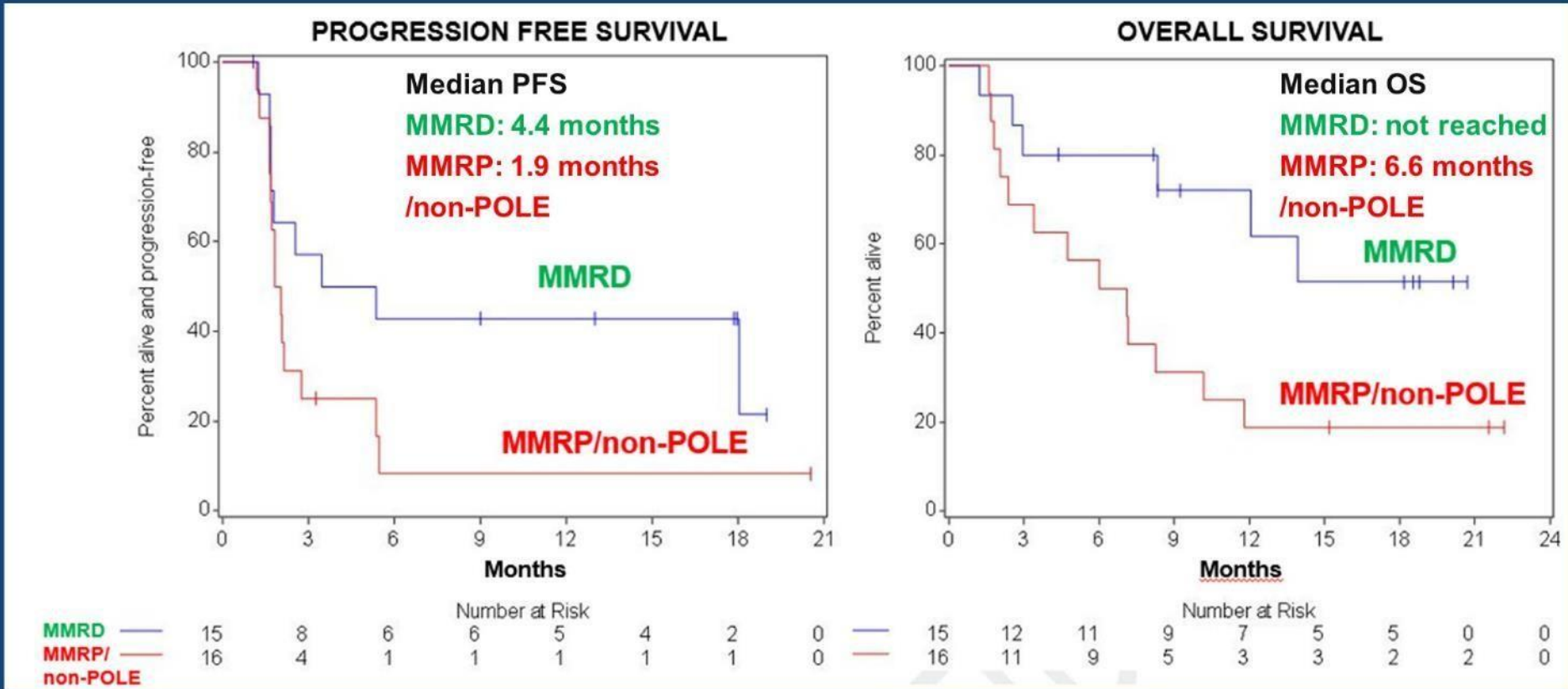


>50% reduction in total tumor burden in 85% of MSI-H and 69% of MSS responders

## Confirmed Objective Response and PFS6

RESPONSE	Patients	
	MMRD cohort (N=15)	MMRP/non-POLE Cohort (N=16)
<b>Best Overall Response</b>		
CR	1	0
PR	3	1
SD	4	4
PD	4	9
Not evaluable	3	2
<b>ORR, % (95% CI)</b>	<b>26.7 (7.8-55.1)</b>	<b>6.25 (0.16-30.2)</b>
<b>PFS6 Response</b>		
Yes	6	1
No	9	15
<b>PFS6 Response, %</b>	<b>40 (16.3-66.7)</b>	<b>6.25 (0.16-30.2)</b>

## PFS and OS in both cohorts (median follow up 18.6 months)



## FDA announces international collaboration, approves pembrolizumab plus lenvatinib for endometrial cancer

September 17, 2019

The decision was based on results from the single-arm, multicenter KEYNOTE-146 trial, which enrolled 108 women with metastatic [endometrial carcinoma](#) that had progressed **after at least one prior systemic therapy. Most of the women (n = 94) had tumors that were not MSI-H or dMMR,** whereas 11 had tumors that were MSI-H and dMMR, and three had tumors with unknown MSI-H and dMMR status.

Results showed an **ORR of 38.8%** (95% CI, 29-49) among the 94 patients whose tumors were not MSI-H or dMMR. This included **10 complete responses** (10.6%) and 26 partial responses (27.7%).

Median duration of response was not reached by data cutoff and 25 patients had a response of 6 months or longer.

**ENGOT-en9/A-AGO: A Phase 3 Randomized, Open-Label, Study of Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) Plus Lenvatinib (E7080/MK-7902) Versus Chemotherapy for First-line Treatment of Advanced or Recurrent Endometrial Carcinoma (LEAP-001)**

- FIGO stage III, stage IV or recurrent endometrial carcinoma
- No prior chemotherapy (except chemoradiation)
- ECOG 0 or 1
- 612 pMMR plus approximately
- 108 dMMR patients

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**Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV infusion Q3W15 mg/kg q3w**

Up to 35 infusions

**Lenvatinib 20mg orally QD**

Up to 7 cycles

**Carboplatin AUC 6\* IV infusion Q3W**

Up to 7 cycles

**Paclitaxel 175 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV infusion Q3W**

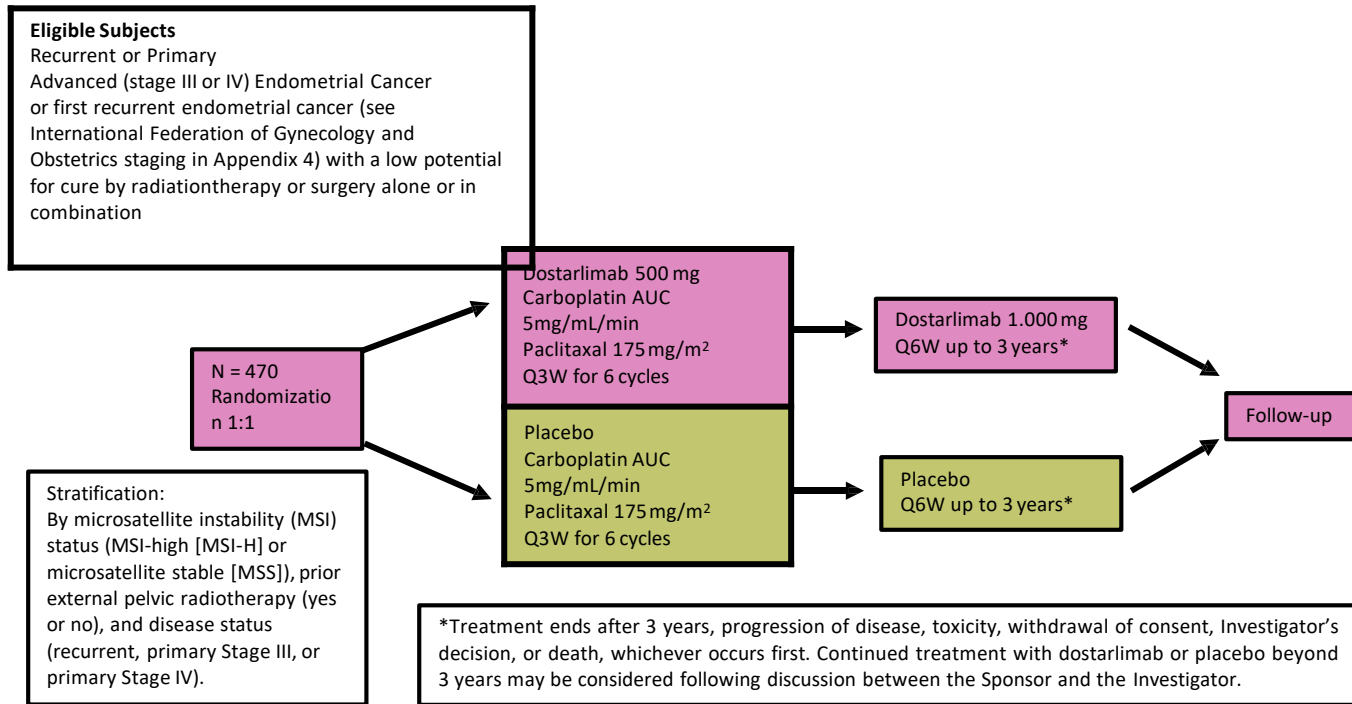
\* Carboplatin AUC 5 may be administered in accordance with local practice

**Stratify:**

MMR status (pMMR vs. dMMR),

- If pMMR,
  - ECOG (0 vs. 1)
  - Measurable disease (y/n)
  - And prior chemoradiation (y/n)

## ENGOT-EN6 /NSGO - RUBY Trial Design



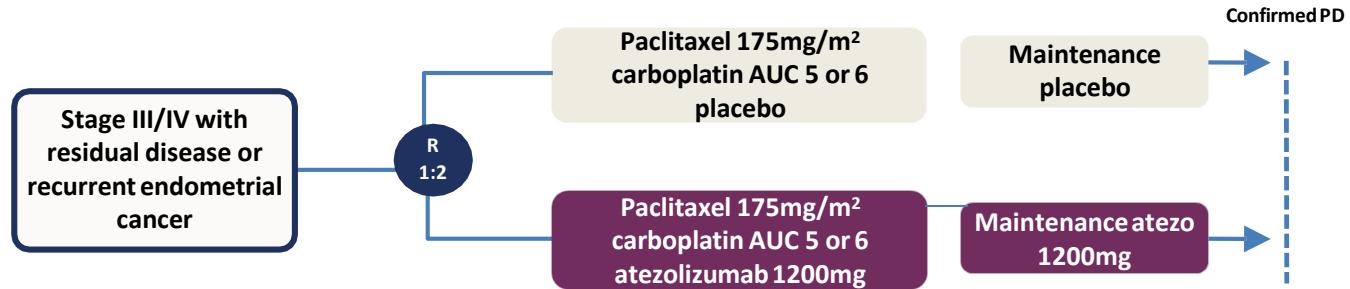


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## AtTEnd

### Atezolizumab Trial in Endometrial cancer - MaNGO



#### Stratified by:

- Country
- Histological type
- Disease (recurrent disease vs advanced disease at primary diagnosis)
- MS status

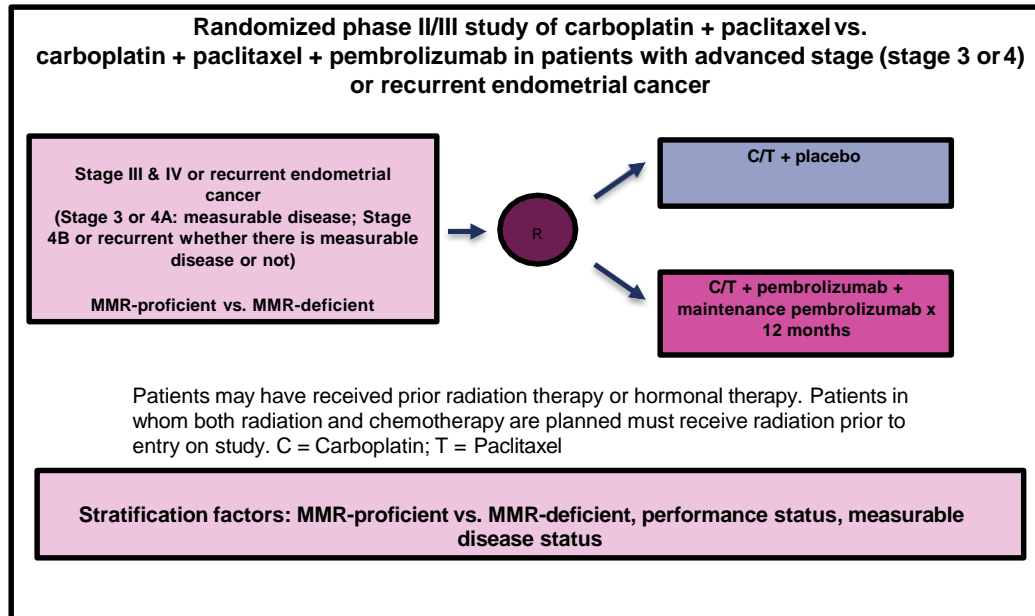
Principal Investigator: Nicoletta Colombo, Istituto Europeo di Oncologia - Milan

Sponsor(s): MaNGO- Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri IRCCS - Milan

Planned No. of patients: **550**



## NRG-GY018

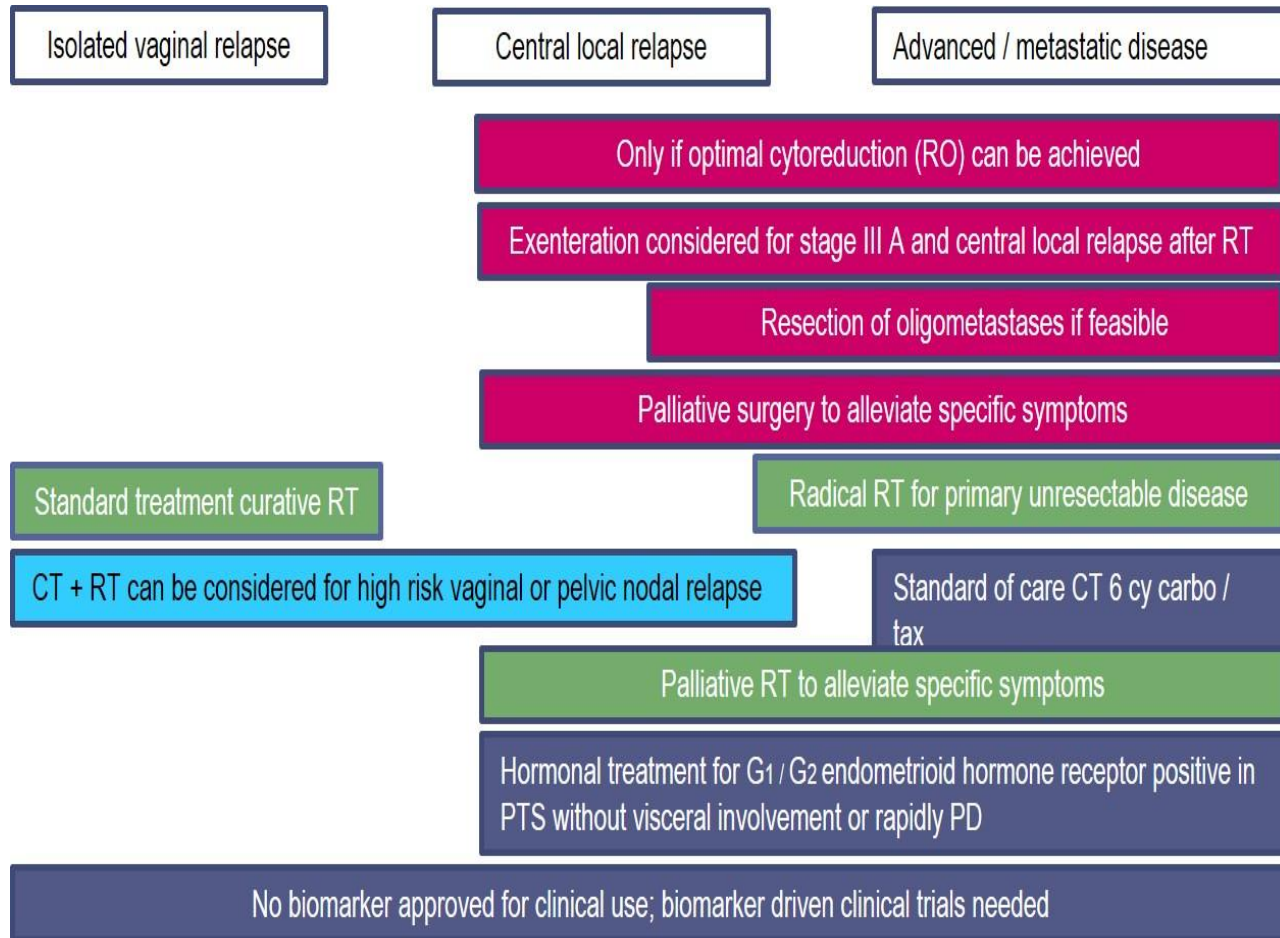


N=590 pMMR patients

N=185 deficient MMR (dMMR)

# Endometrial Cancer

## Advanced / recurrent disease treatment algorithms



ESMO Guidelines

Surgery purple; RT green; medical treatment dark blue; CT + RT light blue

# Endometrial cancer Conclusion

- Complex heterogeneous disease
- Different histological entities with different genetic aberrations and distinct dysfunctional signalling pathways (4 Groups)
- Promising targeted agents
- The clinical application of molecular classifiers can identify patients who could benefit from immunotherapy (MSI, POLE)
- Benefit of Combination of Targeted Therapy (Pembro+Len)
- Need for better combination
- Identification of biomarkers and implementation in clinical studies

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## HER2/neu-positive serous endometrial cancers

Fader *et al.* published their randomized phase II trial of paclitaxel and carboplatin with or without trastuzumab in primary stage III or IV or recurrent HER2/neu-positive uterine serous carcinomas <sup>37</sup>. They randomly assigned 61 patients and found a median PFS of 12.6 months in the paclitaxel, carboplatin, and trastuzumab arm versus 8.0 months in the paclitaxel and carboplatin alone arm. In the 41 patients with primary advanced-stage disease, the PFS was 17.9 months in the trastuzumab arm versus 9.3 months in the paclitaxel/carboplatin alone arm. In the 17 patients with recurrent disease, PFS was 9.2 months in the trastuzumab arm versus 6 months in the paclitaxel/carboplatin arm. There is a suggestion of an OS advantage in the trastuzumab arm, and the greatest benefit is in the up-front setting, but the data are not yet mature. These preliminary findings are of considerable interest and suggest benefit for up-front HER2/neu tumor profiling to guide adjuvant therapy of this difficult disease.

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