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# **MEETING SUMMARY**

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# **HIGHLIGHTS ON**

## **HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA**

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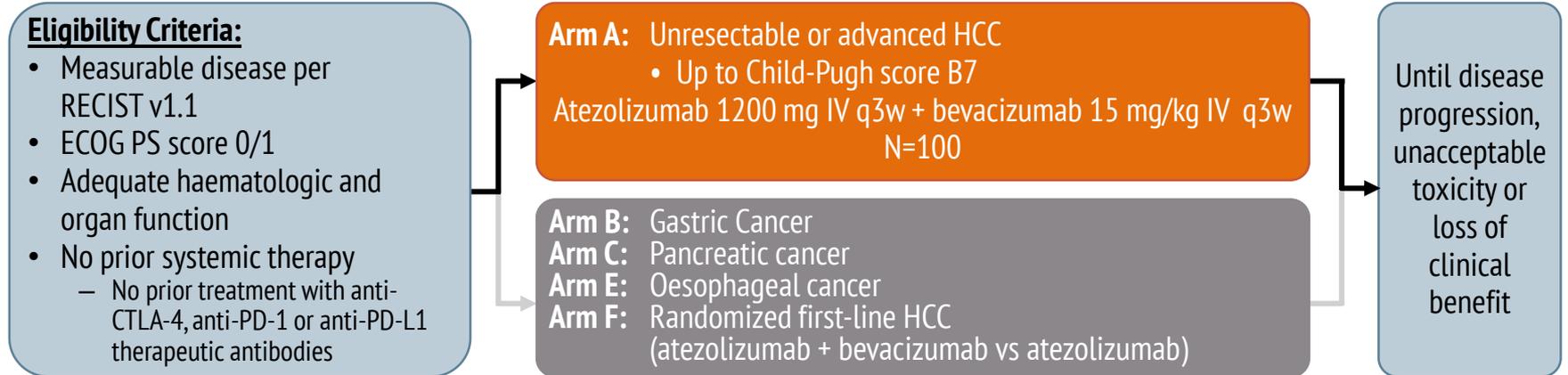
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# **UPDATED SAFETY AND CLINICAL ACTIVITY RESULTS FROM A PHASE IB STUDY OF ATEZOLIZUMAB + BEVACIZUMAB IN HCC**

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# STUDY DESIGN



## Primary endpoints<sup>a</sup> (Arm A)

## Key secondary endpoints (Arm A)

- Safety and tolerability, investigator-assessed ORR per RECIST v1.1
- Investigator-assessed DOR, PFS and TTRP per RECIST v1.1
- IRF-assessed ORR, DOR, PFS and TTRP (all per RECIST v1.1 and HCC mRECIST)
- OS

At clinical data cut-off (26 July 2018), 103 patients with HCC treated with atezolizumab + bevacizumab were evaluable for safety and 73 patients were evaluable for efficacy with a minimum follow-up of 16 weeks

CTLA-4, cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated protein; DOR, duration of response; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; IRF, independent review facility; IV, intravenous; mRECIST, modified RECIST; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PD-1, programmed cell death protein 1; PD-L1, programmed death-ligand 1; PFS, progression-free survival; q3w, every 3 weeks; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours; TTRP, time to radiographic progression

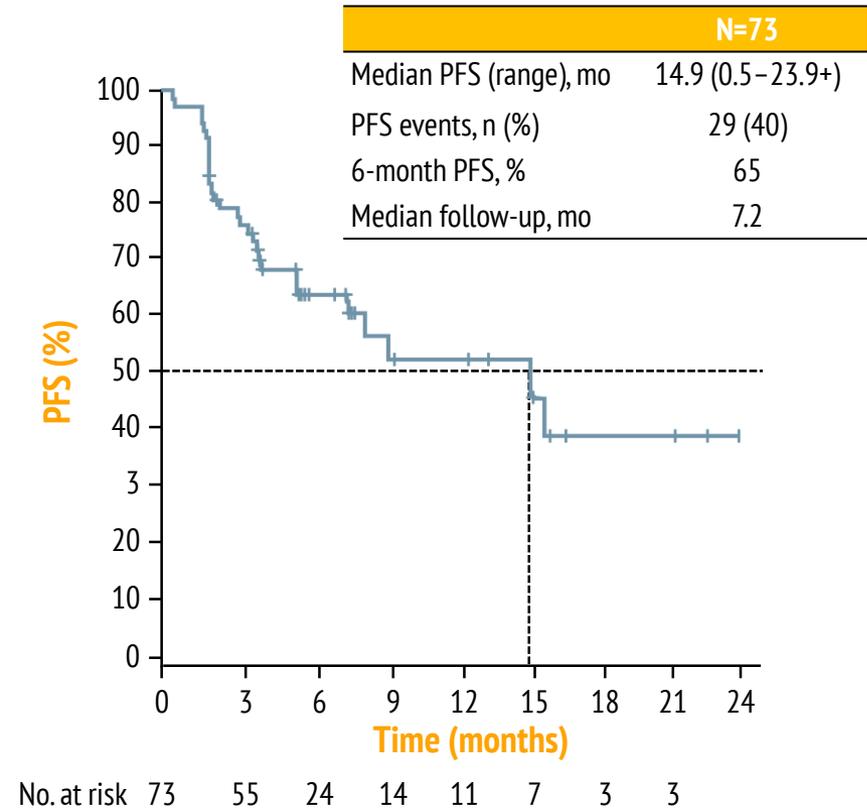
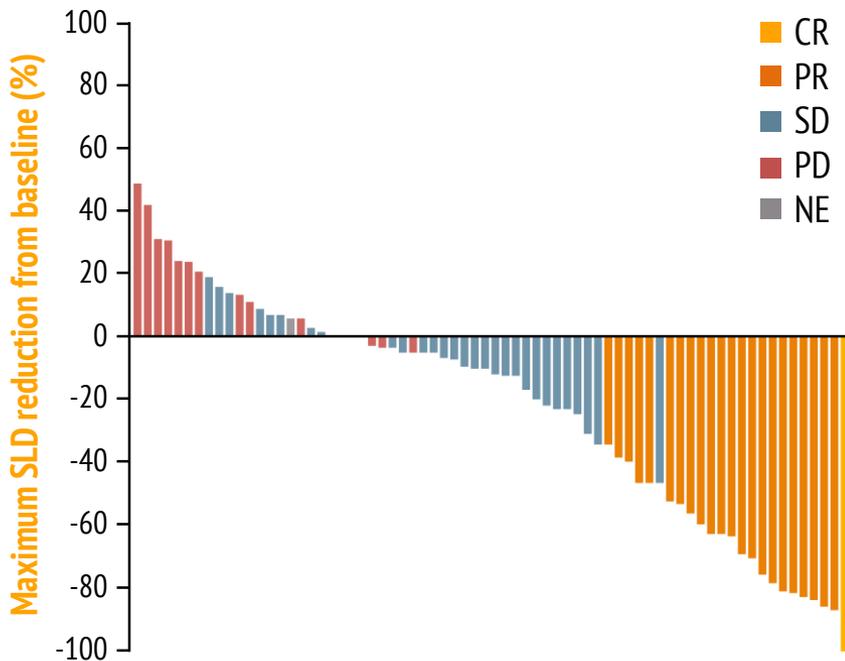
<sup>a</sup> Endpoints per protocol version 5

Ducieux M, et al. Presented at ESMO 2018 (abstract 782TiP)

# KEY EFFICACY AND SAFETY OUTCOMES

- **Treatment-related grade 3/4 adverse events: 27%**
  - No new safety signals were identified beyond the established safety profile for each individual agent
- **Best Objective Response Rates (ORR)**
  - Investigator-assessed ORR per RECIST v1.1: 32%
  - IRF-assessed ORR per mRECIST v1.1: 34%
- **Progression Free Survival (PFS)**
  - Investigator-assessed per RECIST v1.1: median 14.9 months (range 0.5–23.9+)
  - IRF-assessed per RECIST v1.1: median 7.5 months (range 0.4–23.9)
  - Further follow-up is needed considering small number of events

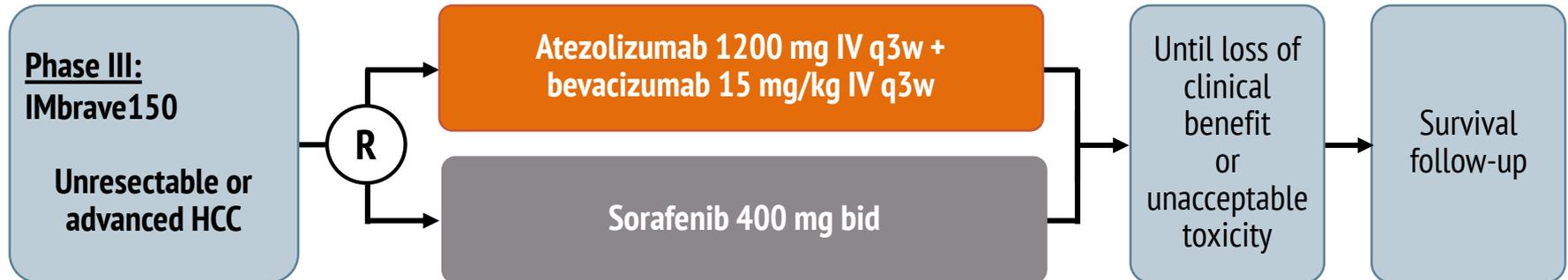
# EFFICACY OUTCOMES: INVESTIGATOR-ASSESSED RECIST V1.1



CR, complete response; NE, not evaluable; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours; SD, stable disease; SLD, sum of longest diameter  
Pishvaian M, et al. Presented at: ESMO 2018 (abstr LBA26)

# ONGOING PHASE 3 TRIALS FOR ATEZOLIZUMAB PLUS BEVACIZUMAB

- Atezolizumab + bevacizumab is being evaluated in the Phase III study IMbrave150 (NCT03434379)
  - Primary endpoint: investigator-assessed ORR per RECIST v1.1 and OS



**RAMUCIRUMAB AS 2<sup>ND</sup>-LINE TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED HCC AND ELEVATED AFP FOLLOWING 1<sup>ST</sup>-LINE SORAFENIB: PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOME RESULTS ACROSS TWO PHASE III STUDIES (REACH-2 AND REACH)**

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# REACH-2: RAMUCIRUMAB AS 2<sup>ND</sup>-LINE TREATMENT FOR HCC (PRESENTED AT ASCO 2018)

- Ramucirumab significantly improved survival outcomes for patients with unresectable HCC and **AFP > 400 ng/mL** after failure of 1<sup>st</sup>-line sorafenib
  - Median **OS**: 8.5 vs 7.3 months for ramucirumab vs placebo
    - HR 0.710; 95% CI 0.531, 0.949; p=.0199
  - Median **PFS**: 2.8 vs 1.6 months for ramucirumab vs placebo
    - HR 0.452; 95% CI 0.339, 0.603; p<.0001
- **ORR**: 4.6% vs 1.1% for ramucirumab vs placebo (p=.1156)
- **DCR** (ORR + SD): 59.9% vs 38.9% for ramucirumab vs placebo (p=.0006)

# POOLED ANALYSIS OF REACH AND REACH-2 STUDIES FOR PROs

## STUDY DESIGNS

### REACH

**N=250** (AFP ≥ 400 ng/mL)

- Prior sorafenib
- BCLC stage B/C
- Child-Pugh A
- ECOG PS 0 or 1

R  
1:1

Ramucirumab (8 mg/kg IV)  
q2w per cycle and BSC

Placebo  
q2w per cycle and BSC

Treatment until  
disease progression  
or unacceptable toxicity

#### Stratification factors

- Etiology (hepatitis B, hepatitis C, other)
- Geographic regions

**Primary endpoint:**  
Overall survival

**Secondary endpoints include:**  
PFS, ORR, safety

PROs

### REACH-2

**N=292**

- Prior sorafenib
- BCLC stage B/C
- Child-Pugh A
- ECOG PS 0 or 1
- Baseline AFP ≥ 400 ng/mL

R  
2:1

Ramucirumab (8 mg/kg IV)  
q2w per cycle and BSC

Placebo  
q2w per cycle and BSC

Treatment until  
disease progression  
or unacceptable toxicity

#### Stratification factors

- Macrovascular invasion (yes vs no)
- ECOG PS (0 vs 1)
- Geographic regions

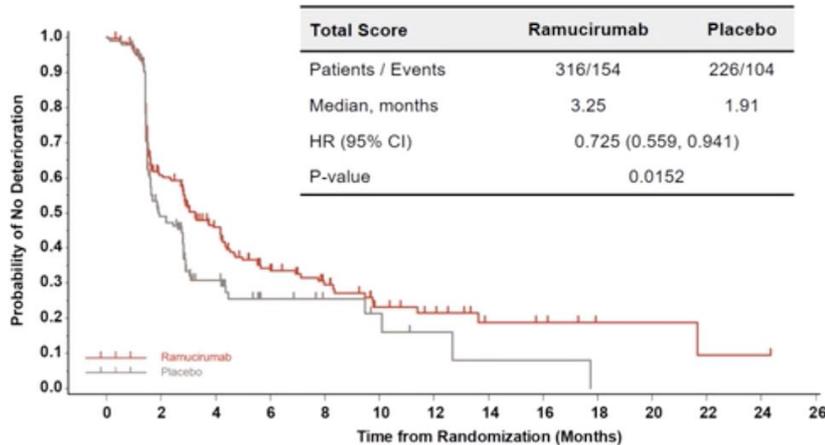
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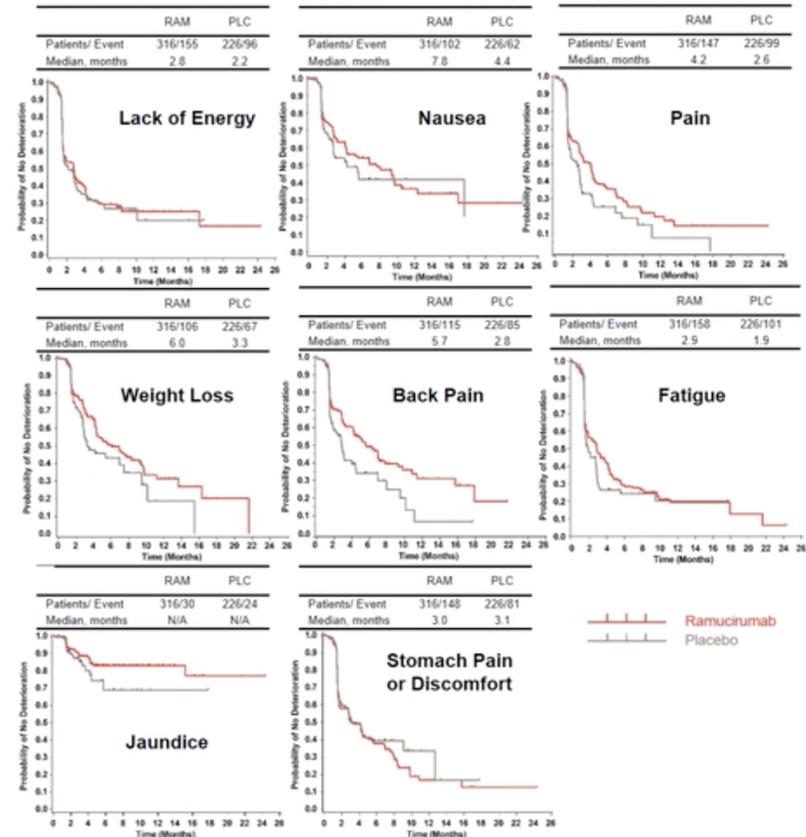
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# RAMUCIRUMAB DELAYED CLINICALLY MEANINGFUL SYMPTOM DETERIORATION VS PLACEBO

TtD in FHSI-8 total score in the pooled population



TtD in FHSI-8 individual symptoms in the pooled population



- Despite promising data for immune checkpoint inhibitors in the early phase clinical trials, there are no results of randomized phase 3 trials that support the use of these agents in daily practice setting<sup>1</sup>
- At present, sorafenib and lenvatinib are the standard of care as first-line systemic treatment for patients with unresectable HCC<sup>1</sup>
- Ramucirumab demonstrated a consistent trend for a benefit in disease-related symptoms<sup>2</sup>
- Regorafenib is now the only globally approved agent as second-line treatment, with nivolumab approved in the USA
  - Ramucirumab and cabozantinib are awaiting approval for this indication
  - Further efforts to find the optimal subgroup of patients for each agent are needed



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