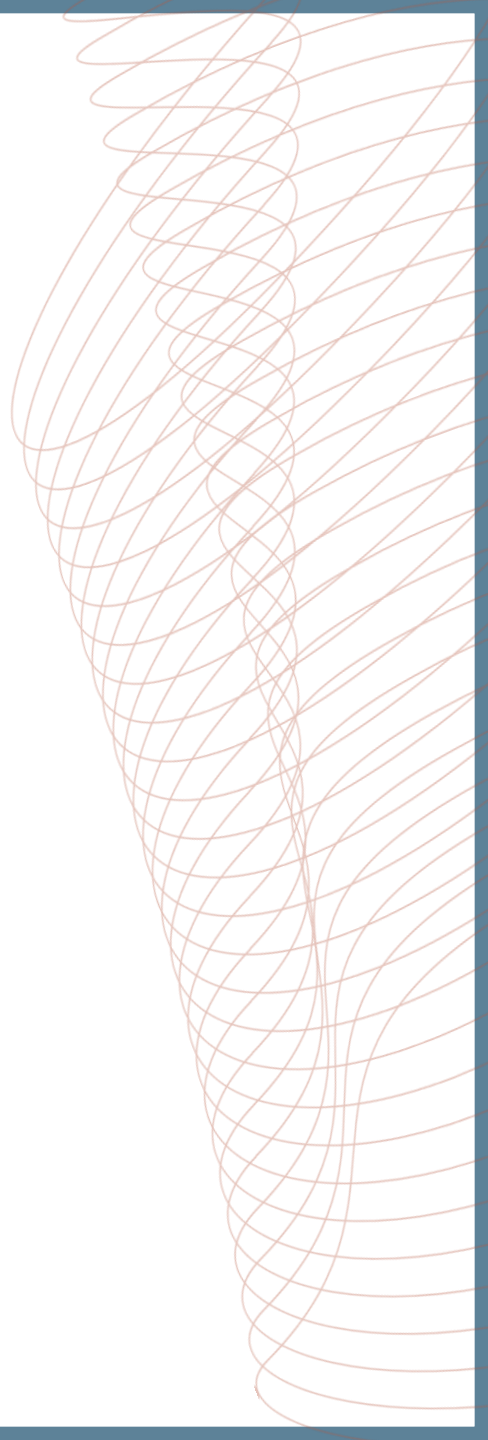




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CLINICAL TAKEAWAYS

- **LenCabo:** demonstrates the efficacy of lenvatinib + everolimus for ICI pre-treated RCC patients with improved PFS & ORR compared with cabozantinib, although with higher toxicity. This combination should be considered for patients needing rapid or high tumour response for whom the higher toxicity rate is acceptable
- **CLEAR:** Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab demonstrated improved efficacy versus sunitinib in advanced RCC, regardless of the presence or absence of bone metastases and continues to be a standard of care treatment in this population
- **KEYMAKER-U03:** Among various combinations tested, adding belzutifan (a HIF-2 α inhibitor) to lenvatinib and pembrolizumab was the only regimen with improved PFS, response durability, and OS—supporting advancement to phase 3 trials as a promising new triplet for 1st-line RCC
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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

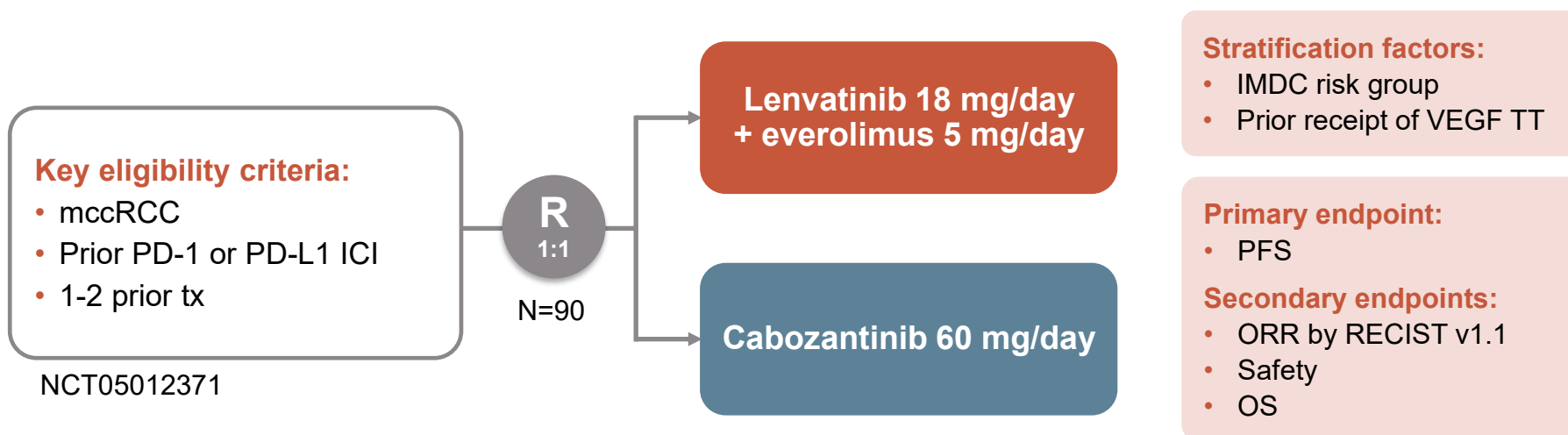
- Understand the latest **clinical trial data** in advanced RCC and potential implications for patient management
- Recognise and determine the **appropriate placement and combination of therapies** for the treatment of advanced RCC

LenCabo: A RANDOMISED, PHASE 2, MULTICENTRE TRIAL OF LENVATINIB PLUS EVEROLIMUS VS CABOZANTINIB IN PATIENTS WITH METASTATIC ccRCC THAT PROGRESSED ON PD-1 IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITION

Hahn A, et al. Abstract LBA94, ESMO 2025

LenCabo: BACKGROUND AND STUDY DESIGN

- First-line treatment for metastatic ccRCC consists of PD-1 ICI plus either a CTLA-4 ICI or angiogenesis targeted therapy. Upon progression, many patients receive cabozantinib or lenvatinib/everolimus if cabozantinib or lenvatinib was not incorporated in 1st line treatment
- Cabozantinib and lenvatinib share many kinase targets, however lenvatinib also blocks FGFR and is paired with the mTOR inhibitor everolimus, potentially overcoming additional resistance pathways
- **LenCabo** is a multicentre, phase 2 randomised trial investigating lenvatinib plus everolimus vs cabozantinib after 1-2 prior lines of treatment (including a PD-1 ICI) in patients with metastatic ccRCC

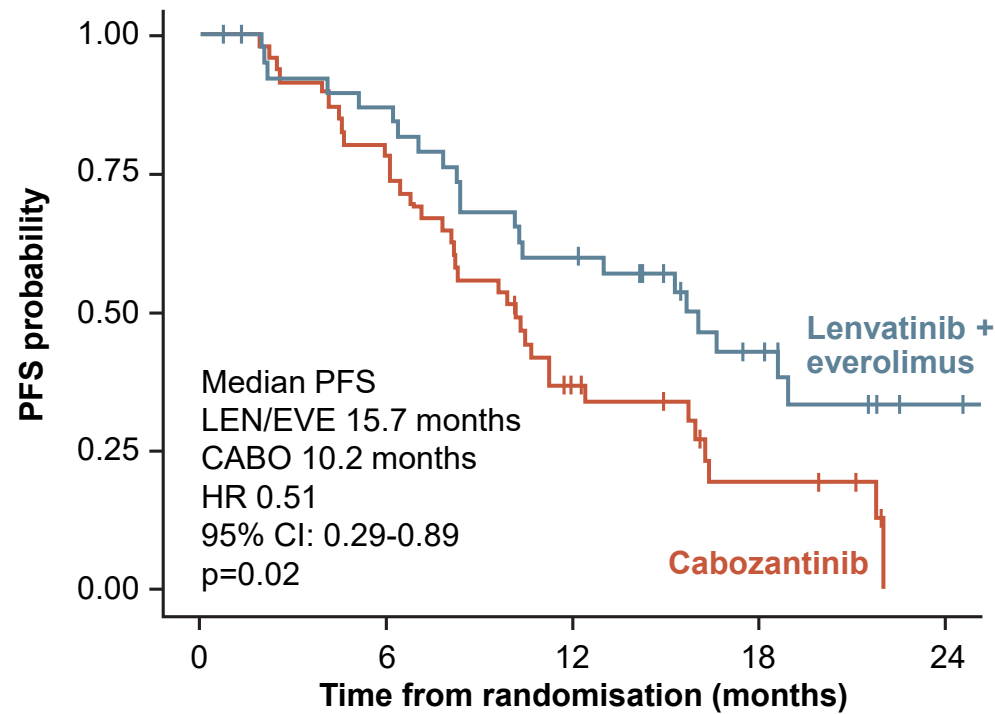


ccRCC, clear cell renal cell carcinoma; CTLA-4, cytotoxic T-lymphocyte associated protein 4; FGFR, fibroblast growth factor receptor; ICI, immune checkpoint inhibitor; IMDC, International Metastatic RCC Database Consortium; mcrRCC, metastatic ccRCC; mTOR, mammalian target of rapamycin; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD-1, programmed cell death protein 1; PD-L1, programmed death-ligand 1; PFS, progression-free survival; R, randomised; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours; tx, treatments; VEGF TT, vascular endothelial growth factor-targeted therapy

LenCabo: EFFICACY RESULTS

- 90 patients were randomised, and 86 patients received at least 1 dose of assigned LEN/EVE (n=40) or CABO (n=46)

PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL



Number at risk (number censored)

CABO	46 (0)	35 (1)	13 (5)	5 (8)	0 (11)
LEN/EVE	40 (0)	33 (2)	22 (3)	11 (9)	4 (14)

OBJECTIVE RESPONSE (RECIST V1.1)

n (%)	LEN + EVE (N=40)	CABO (N=46)
Objective response	20 (52.6)	17 (38.6)
Complete response	0 (0)	0 (0)
Partial response	20 (52.6)	17 (38.6)
Stable disease	15 (39.5)	24 (54.5)
Progressive disease	3 (7.9)	3 (6.8)
Not evaluable	2	2

1-year OS probability (immature):

- CABO: 84.6%, LEN/EVE: 87.0%
- HR 1.05 (95% CI: 0.47-2.38)
- p=0.86

CABO, cabozantinib; CI, confidence interval; EVE, everolimus; HR, hazard ratio; LEN, lenvatinib; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumours

Hahn A, et al. Abstract LBA94, ESMO 2025 (Oral presentation)

LenCabo: SAFETY RESULTS

TREATMENT-RELATED SAFETY SUMMARY

n (%)	LEN + EVE (N=40)	CABO (N=46)	Odds ratio (95% CI)
Serious adverse events	11 (27.5)	9 (19.6)	1.56 (0.57-4.24)
Grade 3/4 adverse events	27 (67.5)	23 (50)	2.08 (0.86-5.02)
Dose interruptions	28 (70)	36 (78.3)	0.65 (0.24-1.73)
Dose reductions	23 (57)	28 (60.9)	0.80 (0.33-1.93)
Treatment discontinuation	8 (20)	5 (10.9)	2.05 (0.61-6.91)

ANY GRADE TRAEs OF INTEREST

Adverse event, n (%)	LEN + EVE (N=40)	CABO (N=46)
Diarrhoea	28 (70)	34 (73.9)
Fatigue	29 (72.5)	28 (60.9)
Proteinuria	26 (65)	17 (37)
Hypertension	23 (57.5)	18 (39.1)
Nausea	16 (40)	18 (39.1)
Palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome	8 (20)	24 (52.2)
Vomiting	13 (32.5)	16 (34.8)
Mucositis oral	6 (15)	20 (43.5)

LenCabo: SUMMARY

- Among patients with metastatic ccRCC that progressed on prior PD-1 ICIs, lenvatinib/everolimus significantly prolonged PFS over cabozantinib
- As the first head-to-head randomised comparison of contemporary 2nd line treatments after ICI, these results are relevant to treatment sequencing and inform oncology practice

Clinical perspective

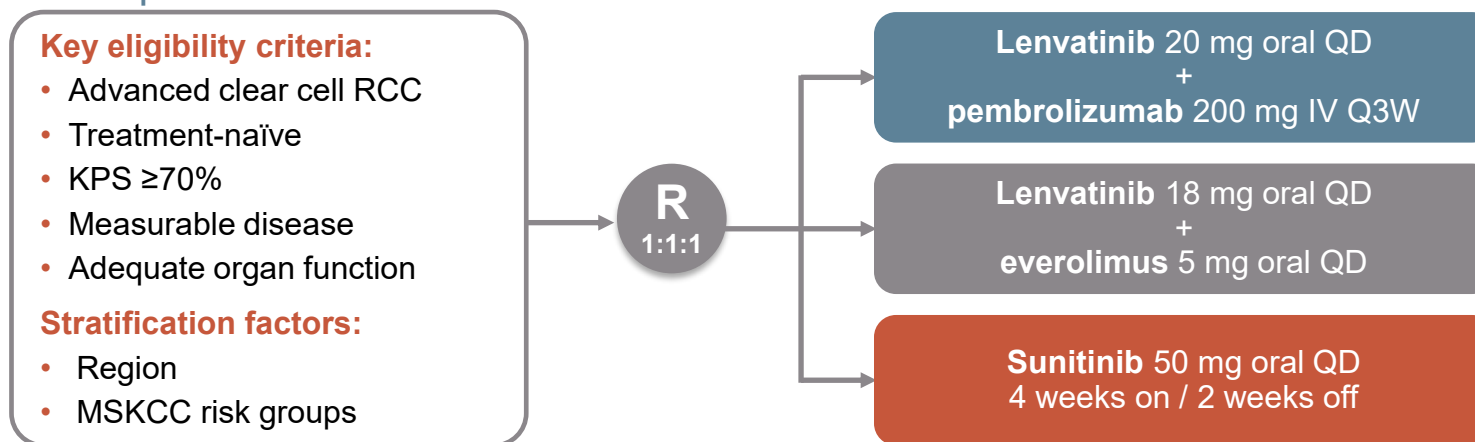
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FINAL ANALYSIS OF LENVATINIB + PEMBROLIZUMAB VS SUNITINIB IN PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED RCC WITH OR WITHOUT BONE METASTASES IN CLEAR

Porta CG, et al. Abstract 2603P, ESMO 2025

CLEAR: BACKGROUND AND STUDY DESIGN

- Bone metastases occur in approximately one third of patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) and are associated with a poor prognosis^{1,2}
- Alteration of the FGF/FGFR axis is associated with the development of bone metastases in various cancers, including RCC³. Lenvatinib is a tyrosine kinase inhibitor with various targets, including: VEGFR, FGFR1-4, PDGFR α , KIT and RET⁴
- The phase 3 CLEAR study demonstrated that lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab significantly improved efficacy versus sunitinib as 1st line treatment for patients with advanced RCC⁵
- Additional results from the CLEAR study in patients with aRCC with and without bone metastases after ~4 years of follow up are reported⁶



(a)RCC, (advanced) renal cell carcinoma; FGF(R), fibroblast growth factor (receptor); IV, intravenous; KPS, Karnofsky performance status; MSKCC, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; PDGFR α , platelet-derived growth factor receptor-alpha; Q3W, once every 3 weeks; QD, once daily; R, randomisation; VEGFR, vascular endothelial growth factor receptor

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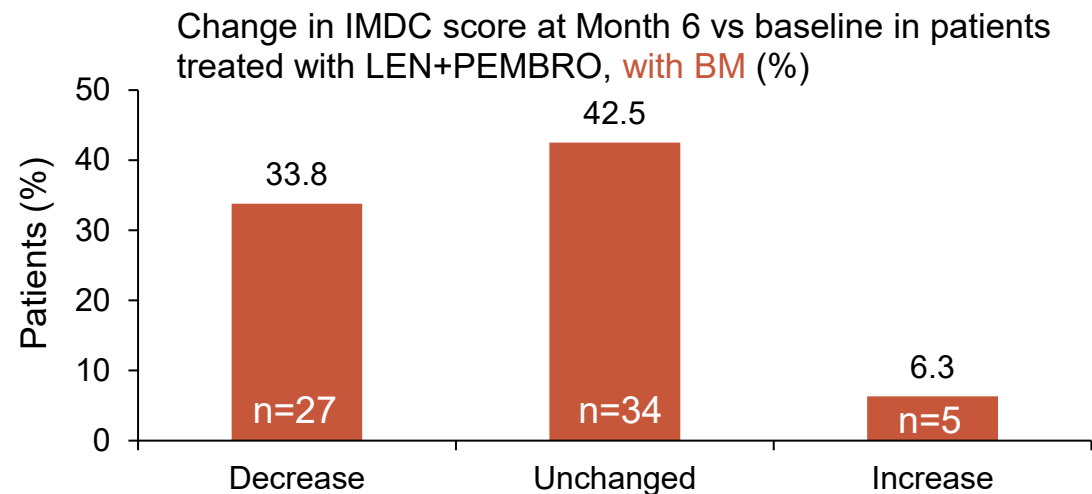
CLEAR: EFFICACY RESULTS

BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

- Generally balanced across arms, with some exceptions in patients with **bone metastases (BM)**:
 - for LEN+PEMBRO (vs SUN), **fewer** pts with **IMDC favourable risk** (17.5% vs 28.1%) and **prior nephrectomy** (62.5% vs 73.2%)
 - for LEN+PEMBRO (vs SUN), **more** pts with **≥3 metastatic sites** (65.0% vs 56.2%)

SHIFT IN BASELINE IMDC SCORE

- IMDC scores in patients treated with LEN+PEMBRO generally improved or remained constant over 6 months, both in patients with/without BM



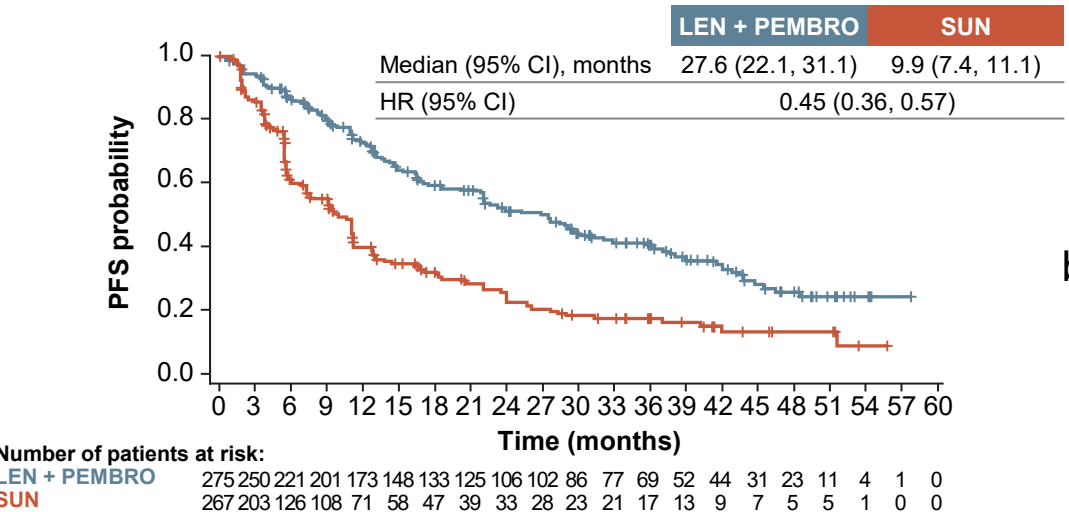
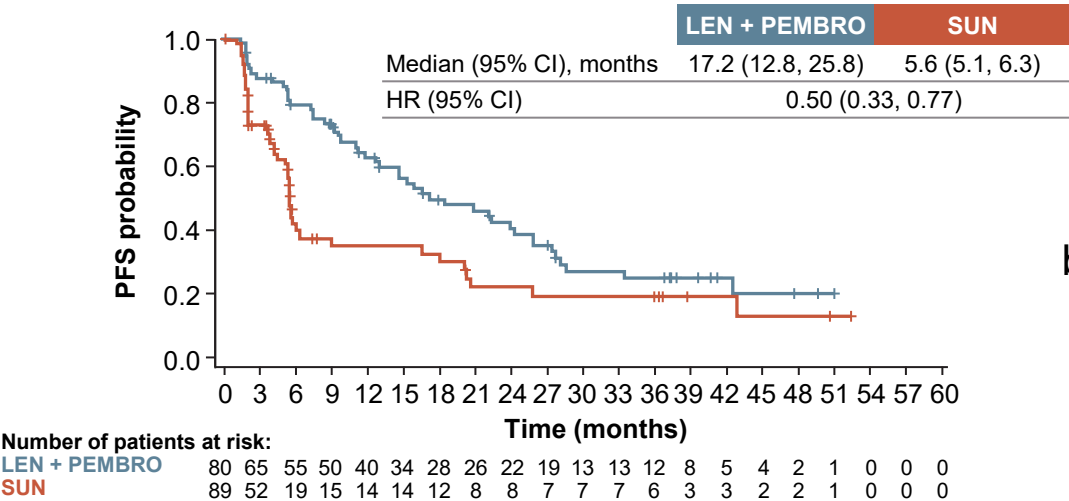
TUMOUR RESPONSE

	Bone metastases		No bone metastases	
	LEN + PEMBRO (N=80)	SUN (N=89)	LEN + PEMBRO (N=275)	SUN (N=267)
Best overall response, n (%)				
CR	4 (5.0)	1 (1.1)	61 (22.2)	16 (6.0)
PR	44 (55.0)	23 (25.8)	144 (52.4)	91 (34.1)
SD	18 (22.5)	34 (38.2)	49 (17.8)	100 (37.5)
PD	9 (11.3)	21 (23.6)	10 (3.6)	29 (10.9)
Unknown/not evaluable	5 (6.3)	10 (11.2)	11 (4.0)	31 (11.6)
ORR, n (%)	48 (60.0)	24 (27.0)	205 (74.5)	107 (40.1)
95% CI	49.3-70.7	17.8-36.2	69.4-79.7	34.2-46.0
Clinical benefit rate, n (%)	62 (77.5)	41 (46.1)	237 (86.2)	171 (64.0)
95% CI	68.4-86.7	35.7-56.4	82.1-90.3	58.3-69.8
Median time to first objective response (range), months	1.87 (1.45-11.04)	2.00 (1.64-16.62)	1.94 (1.41-22.60)	1.97 (1.61-34.96)
Median duration of objective response (95% CI), months	22.0 (12.5-27.2)	16.6 (3.7-35.5)	30.5 (24.1-36.6)	13.1 (9.3-18.4)

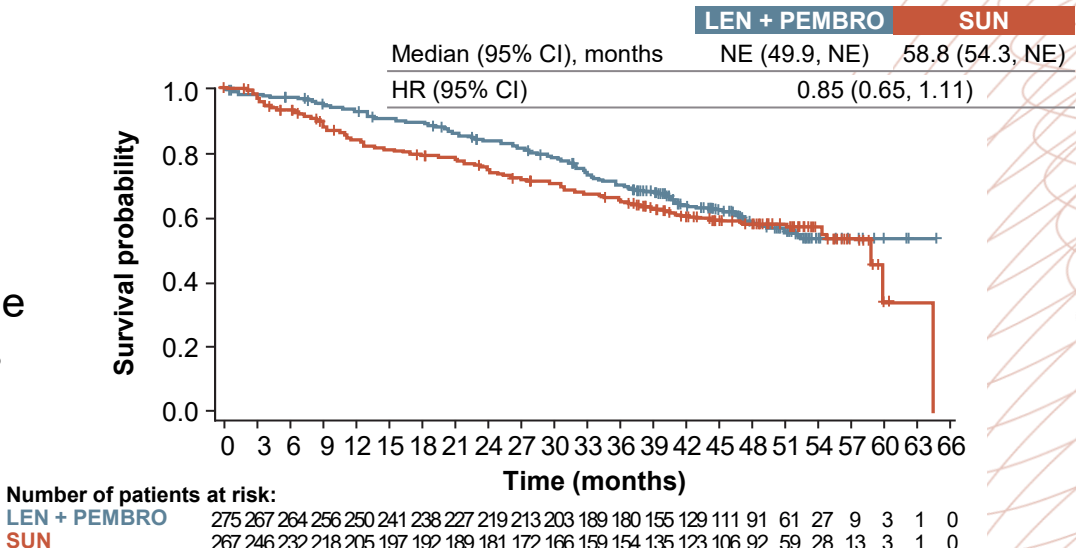
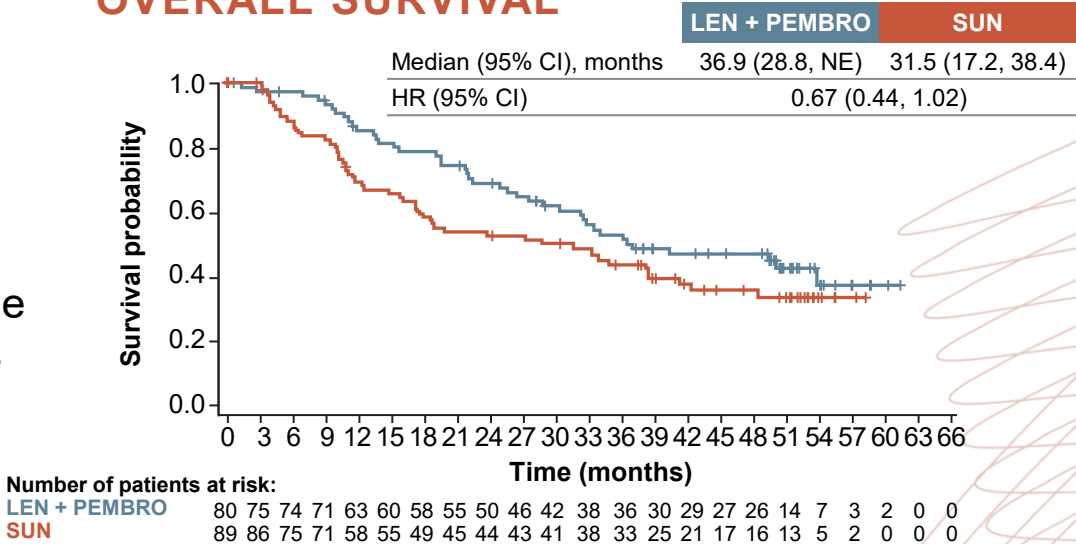
CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; IMDC, International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium; LEN, lenvatinib; ORR, objective response rate; PD, progressive disease; PEMBRO, pembrolizumab; PR, partial response; pt, patient; SD, stable disease; SUN, sunitinib

CLEAR: EFFICACY RESULTS

PROGRESSION-FREE SURVIVAL



OVERALL SURVIVAL



CLEAR: SUMMARY

- Despite worse baseline prognostic factors, LEN+PEMBRO improved OS, PFS and ORR vs SUN in advanced RCC patients with and without bone metastases
- In patients treated with LEN+PEMBRO, IMDC scores generally improved or remained constant over 6 months in patients with and without bone metastasis
- These results continue to support LEN+PEMBRO as a standard of care treatment for patients with advanced RCC regardless of the presence or absence of bone metastases at baseline

Clinical perspective

- Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab demonstrated improved efficacy versus sunitinib in advanced RCC, regardless of the presence or absence of bone metastases and continues to be a standard of care treatment in this population

IMDC, International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium; LEN, lenvatinib; ORR, overall response rate; OS, overall survival; PEMBRO, pembrolizumab; PFS, progression-free survival; RCC, renal cell carcinoma; SUN, sunitinib

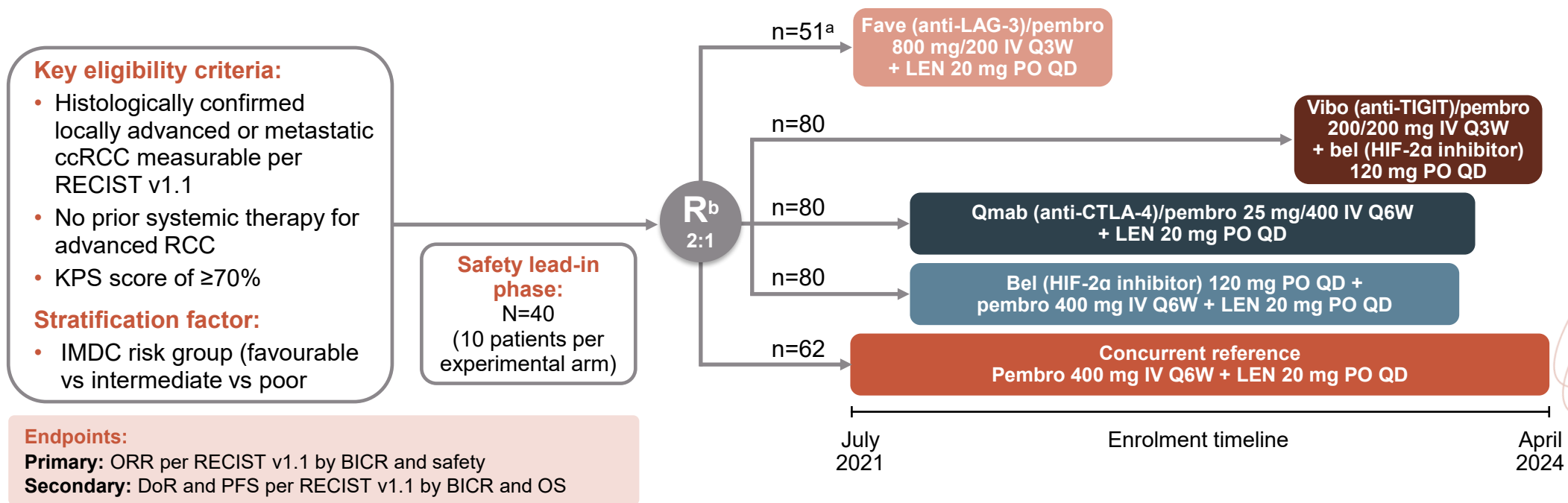
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FIRST-LINE PEMBROLIZUMAB-BASED REGIMENS FOR ADVANCED ccRCC: KEYMAKER-U03 SUBSTUDY 03A

Suarez Rodriguez C, et al. Abstract LBA96, ESMO 2025

KEYMAKER-U03: BACKGROUND AND STUDY DESIGN

- First-line triplet regimens adding novel mechanism of action to standard doublet therapy may be a promising approach for advanced ccRCC
- Substudy 03A (NCT04626479) of the umbrella phase 1/2 KEYMAKER-U03 trial evaluates novel pembrolizumab-based regimens in the 1st line for patients with advanced ccRCC



^a Enrolment ended early in Jan 2023 per data monitoring committee recommendation

^b For each new investigational arm, additional patients were enrolled to the reference arm as needed to maintain the 2:1 randomisation ratio

bel, belzutifan; BICR, blinded independent central review; ccRCC, clear cell RCC; CTLA-4, cytotoxic T-lymphocyte associated protein 4; DoR, duration of response; fave, coformulated favezelimab; IMDC, International Metastatic RCC Database Consortium; IV, intravenous; KPS, Karnofsky performance status; LEN, lenvatinib; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; pembro, pembrolizumab; PFS, progression-free survival; PO, orally; QD, once a day; Q3/6W, every 3 or every 6 weeks; qmab, coformulated quavonlimab; R, randomisation; RCC, renal cell carcinoma; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours; TIGIT, T cell immunoreceptor with Ig and ITIM domains (ITIM, immunoreceptor tyrosine-based inhibitory motif); vibo, coformulated vibostolimab

KEYMAKER-U03: EFFICACY RESULTS

- Substudy 03A enrolled 393 patients (353 in the efficacy phase). Median follow-up for randomised patients across arms ranged from 16 to 39 months

	Fave (anti-LAG-3)/ pembro + LEN N=51	Vibo (anti-TIGIT)/ pembro + bel (HIF-2α inhibitor) N=80	Qmab (anti-CTLA-4)/ pembro + LEN N=80	Bel (HIF-2α inhibitor) + pembro + LEN N=80	Reference: pembro + LEN N=62
Median follow-up (range), mo	39.2 (28.8-44.6)	16.4 (11.8-23.4)	22.1 (13.5-40.6)	23.4 (14.1-41.0)	21.2 (11.9-44.4)
ORR (95% CI), %	63 (48-76)	42 (32-54)	71 (60-81)	78 (67-86)	81 (69-90)
CR (95% CI), %	10 (3-21)	5 (1-12)	6 (2-14)	12 (6-22)	6 (2-16)
Median DoR (range), mo	26.3 (1.4+-34.4+)	14.0 (2.7+-18.2+)	25.0 (2.4-37.1+)	33.4 (2.6-37.6+)	25.6 (1.4+-41.2+)
Median PFS (95% CI), mo	26.0 (8.2-31.8)	15.2 (12.4-NR)	18.0 (11.6-34.3)	31.8 (26.3-NR)	26.3 (15.3-39.8)
PFS HR (95% CI)	1.26 (0.65-2.42)	1.42 (0.75-2.67)	0.96 (0.57-1.61)	0.45 (0.25-0.83)	–
PFS 24-mo rate (95% CI), %	53 (38-67)	NR (NR-NR)	46 (33-58)	67 (53-78)	53 (37-67)
OS 24-mo rate (95% CI), %	76 (62-86)	NR (NR-NR)	73 (60-83)	86 (73-92)	77 (60-87)

Data cut-off: 31 March 2025

bel, belzutifan; CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; CTLA-4, cytotoxic T-lymphocyte associated protein 4; DoR, duration of response; fave, coformulated favezelimab; HR, hazard ratio; LEN, lenvatinib; mo, months; NR, not reached; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; pembro, pembrolizumab; PFS, progression-free survival; qmab, coformulated quavonlimab; TIGIT, T cell immunoreceptor with Ig and ITIM domains (ITIM, immunoreceptor tyrosine-based inhibitory motif); vibo, coformulated vibostolimab

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KEYMAKER-U03: SAFETY RESULTS

- Grade ≥ 3 TRAEs occurred in 66/90 patients (73%) with qmab/pembro + LEN, 53/61 (87%) with fave/pembro + LEN, 63/90 (70%) with pembro + bel + LEN, 62/90 (69%) with vibo/pembro + bel, and 44/62 (71%) in the reference arm

MOST COMMON GRADE ≥ 3 TRAEs ($\geq 5\%$ IN ANY ARM)

Participants, n (%)	Fave (anti-LAG-3)/ pembro + LEN N=61	Vibo (anti-TIGIT)/ pembro + bel (HIF-2 α inhibitor) N=90	Qmab (anti-CTLA-4)/ pembro + LEN N=90	Bel (HIF-2 α inhibitor) + pembro + LEN N=90	Reference: pembro + LEN N=62
Hypertension	19 (31.1)	0 (0.0)	25 (27.8)	24 (26.7)	21 (33.9)
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	7 (11.5)	6 (6.7)	3 (3.3)	5 (5.6)	2 (3.2)
Alanine aminotransferase increased	6 (9.8)	9 (10.0)	6 (6.7)	7 (7.8)	2 (3.2)
Diarrhoea	6 (9.8)	3 (3.3)	6 (6.7)	4 (4.4)	2 (3.2)
Proteinuria	6 (9.8)	0 (0.0)	5 (5.6)	6 (6.7)	1 (1.6)
Lipase increased	5 (8.2)	2 (2.2)	4 (4.4)	2 (2.2)	2 (3.2)
Anaemia	1 (1.6)	30 (33.3)	0 (0.0)	22 (24.4)	1 (1.6)
Weight increased	1 (1.6)	1 (1.1)	4 (4.4)	1 (1.1)	4 (6.5)
Hypoxia	0 (0.0)	9 (10.0)	0 (0.0)	8 (8.9)	0 (0.0)

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KEYMAKER-U03: SUMMARY

- Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib + belzutifan showed promising early efficacy and is being explored in the randomised phase 3 LITESPARK-012 study
- Other regimens did not show improved ORR and PFS compared with pembrolizumab + lenvatinib, but the duration of follow-up was insufficient to detect long-term contributions to OS
- Safety profiles were consistent with the profiles of the individual drugs in each regimen

Clinical perspective

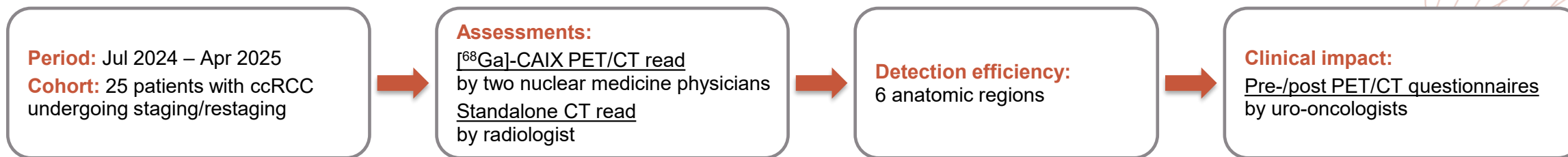
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[68GA]GA-DPI-4452 (CAIX) PET/CT FOR STAGING OF PATIENTS WITH ccRCC

Küper AT, et al. Abstract 2597MO, ESMO 2025

CAIX PET/CT: BACKGROUND AND STUDY DESIGN

- One third of clear cell renal cell carcinoma (ccRCC) patients present with or develop metastases, with poor prognosis.^{1,2} Despite major advances in treatment for RCC, the 5-year relative survival rate for distant metastatic disease remains low^{1,2}
- CAIX is a cell-surface glycoprotein that plays a crucial role in acid-base regulation within cells and tissues.^{1,3} CAIX is overexpressed in > 90% of cases of ccRCC^{1,3}
- Aim of this study was to evaluate diagnostic accuracy and impact on management of carbonic anhydrase IX imaging by [⁶⁸Ga]Ga-DPI-4452 (CAIX) PET/CT vs conventional CT scans in patients with ccRCC⁴



CAIX, carbonic anhydrase IX; (cc)RCC, (clear cell) renal cell carcinoma; CT, computed tomography; PET, positron emission tomography

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CAIX PET/CT: EFFICACY RESULTS

PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS

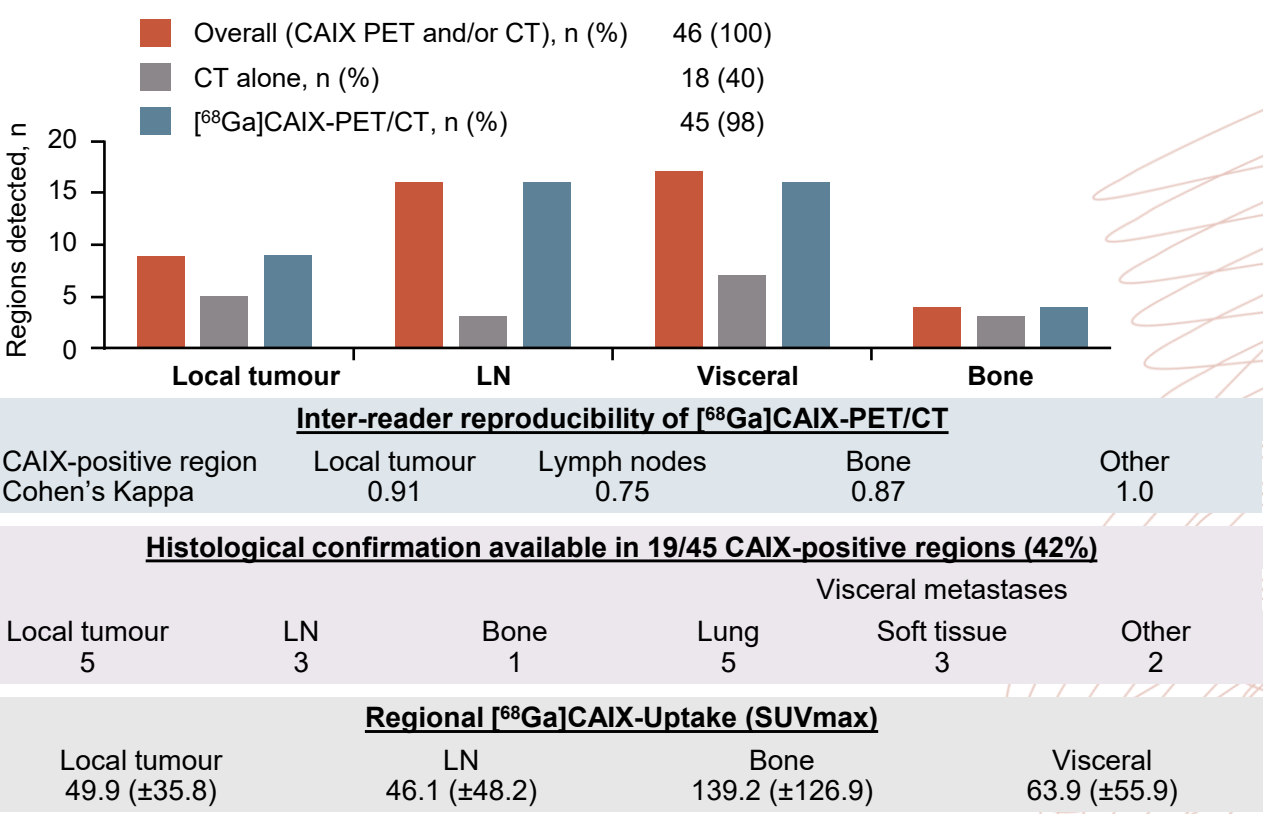
Characteristic	Value
[68Ga]-CAIX PET	
Patients, N	25
Restaging, n	24
Mean activity (range), (Mbq)	104 (41-155)
Mean uptake (range), (min)	60 (30-150)
M1 at time of staging, n	22
Age (IQR)	63 (12)
TNM score (initially), n	
1	7
2	3
3	8
4	1
Unknown	5
Grade, n	
1	2
2	11
3	4
4	1
Unknown	6
IMDC, n	
Favourable	5
Intermediate	4
Poor	3
Unknown	13
Previous therapy, n	
Nephrectomy	21
Metastasectomy	18
Systemic therapy	17
Treatment ongoing	9

n = number of patients; N= total number of patients

CAIX, carbonic anhydrase IX; CT, computed tomography; IMDC, International Metastatic RCC Database Consortium; IQR, interquartile range; LN, lymph nodes; M1, metastatic disease; PET, positron emission tomography; SUVmax, maximised standardised uptake value; TNM, Tumour, Node, Metastasis

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DETECTION RESULTS



Uptake: {

- Treatment modality changes occurred in 11 patients following CAIX-PET/CT imaging and 1 case shifted to palliative intent
- Highest uptake was found in bone metastases (mean SUVmax 139.2 ± 126.9)

CAIX PET/CT: SUMMARY

- [^{68}Ga]Ga-DPI-4452 (CAIX) PET/CT is a promising imaging tool for ccRCC with superior detection compared to CT, high inter-reader reproducibility and substantial clinical impact
- High SUV values indicate potential for a theranostic application

Clinical perspective

- Ga-DPI PET provides high-resolution, tumour-specific imaging in ccRCC, enhancing distinction between oligometastatic and widespread disease and enabling more precise selection for multimodality treatments

CAIX, carbonic anhydrase IX; ccRCC, clear cell renal cell carcinoma; CT, computed tomography; Ga-DPI, [^{68}Ga]Ga-DPI-4452; PET, positron emission tomography; SUV, standardised uptake value

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