

The evolving role of antibody–drug conjugates in the treatment of urothelial carcinoma



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**Beyond checkpoint inhibitors:
What is the role of antibody–drug conjugates
in metastatic urothelial carcinoma?**

Bladder cancer in numbers



Globally in 2020:

573,278 new cases of bladder cancer

**Bladder cancer was the 10th most commonly
diagnosed cancer (6th in men)**

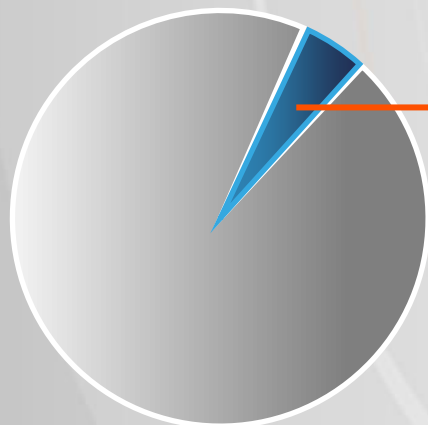
Bladder cancer was responsible for 212,536 deaths

Urothelial carcinoma in numbers

90% of bladder cancer is urothelial carcinoma¹

Metastatic urothelial carcinoma: incidence and survival

5% metastatic disease¹



**5-year survival for
metastatic disease
is only 6.4%²**

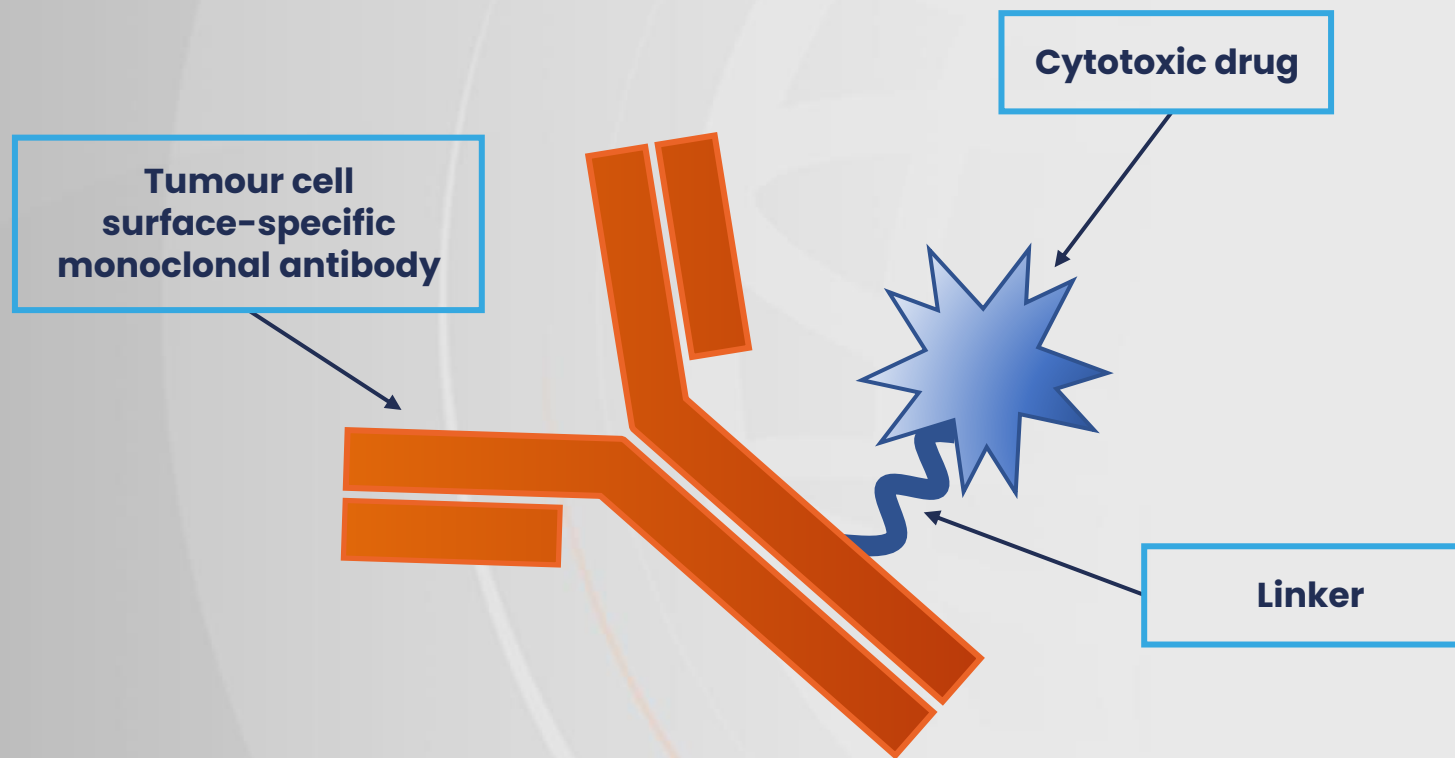
Unmet needs in the treatment of urothelial carcinoma

Cisplatin is the standard treatment in mUC; however, **50% of patients** are often considered ineligible¹

Carboplatin has inferior outcomes vs cisplatin¹

If a patient is PD-L1-positive, ICIs are an option; however, **~70% of patients do not respond** and require further treatment²

Antibody–drug conjugates are a new approach in metastatic urothelial carcinoma

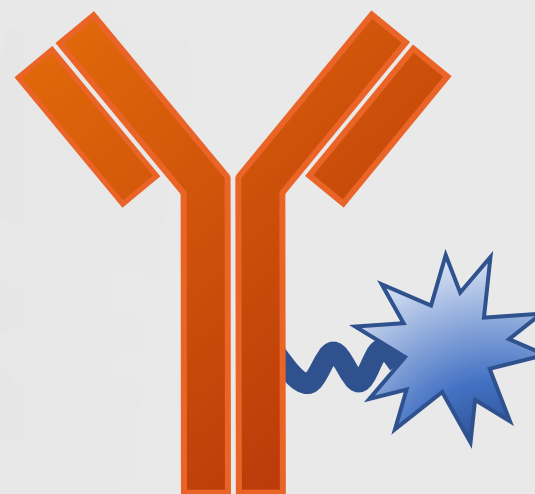


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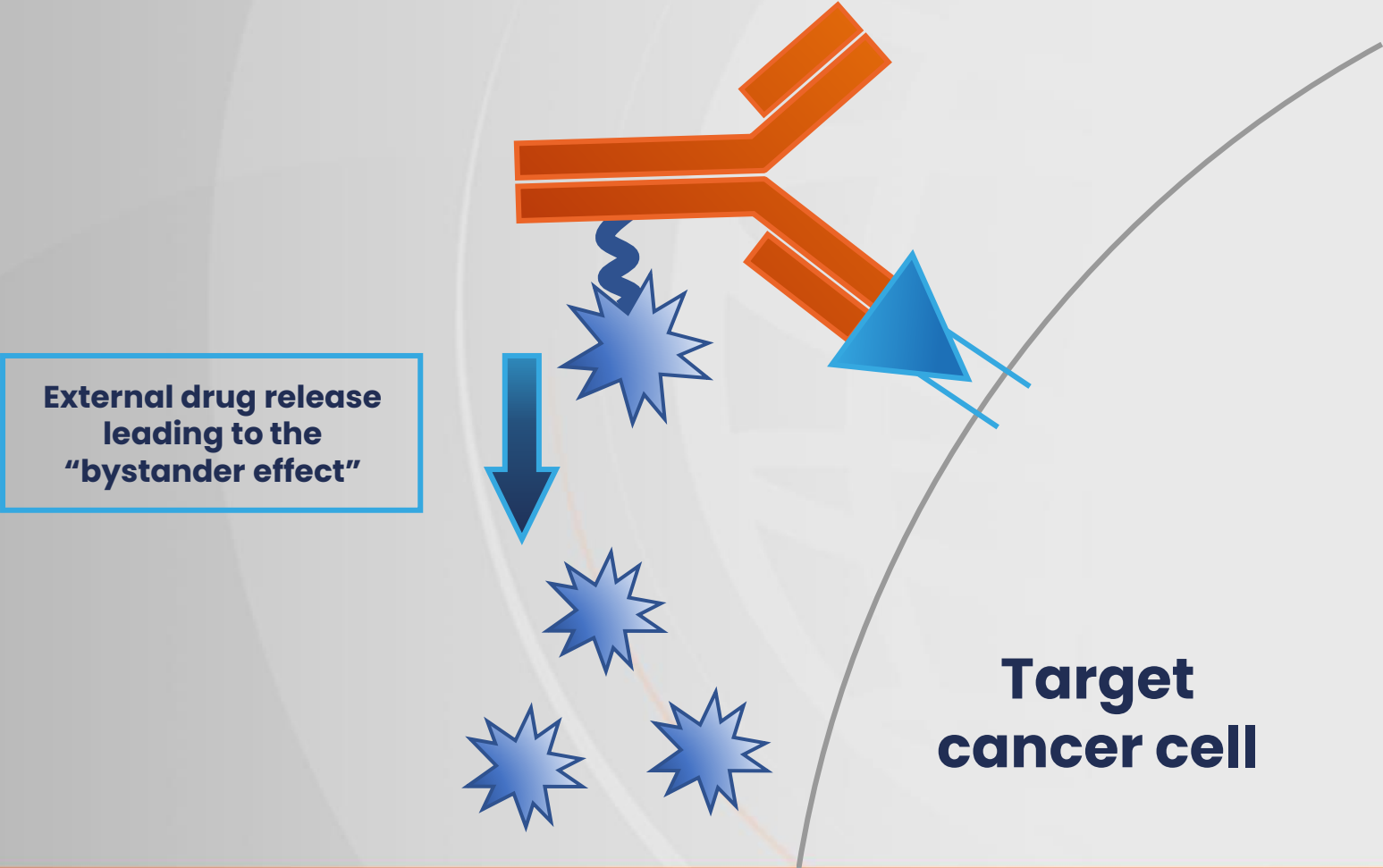
Monoclonal antibodies conjugated to cytotoxic drug or radionuclide

Improves potency and effectiveness of monoclonal antibodies

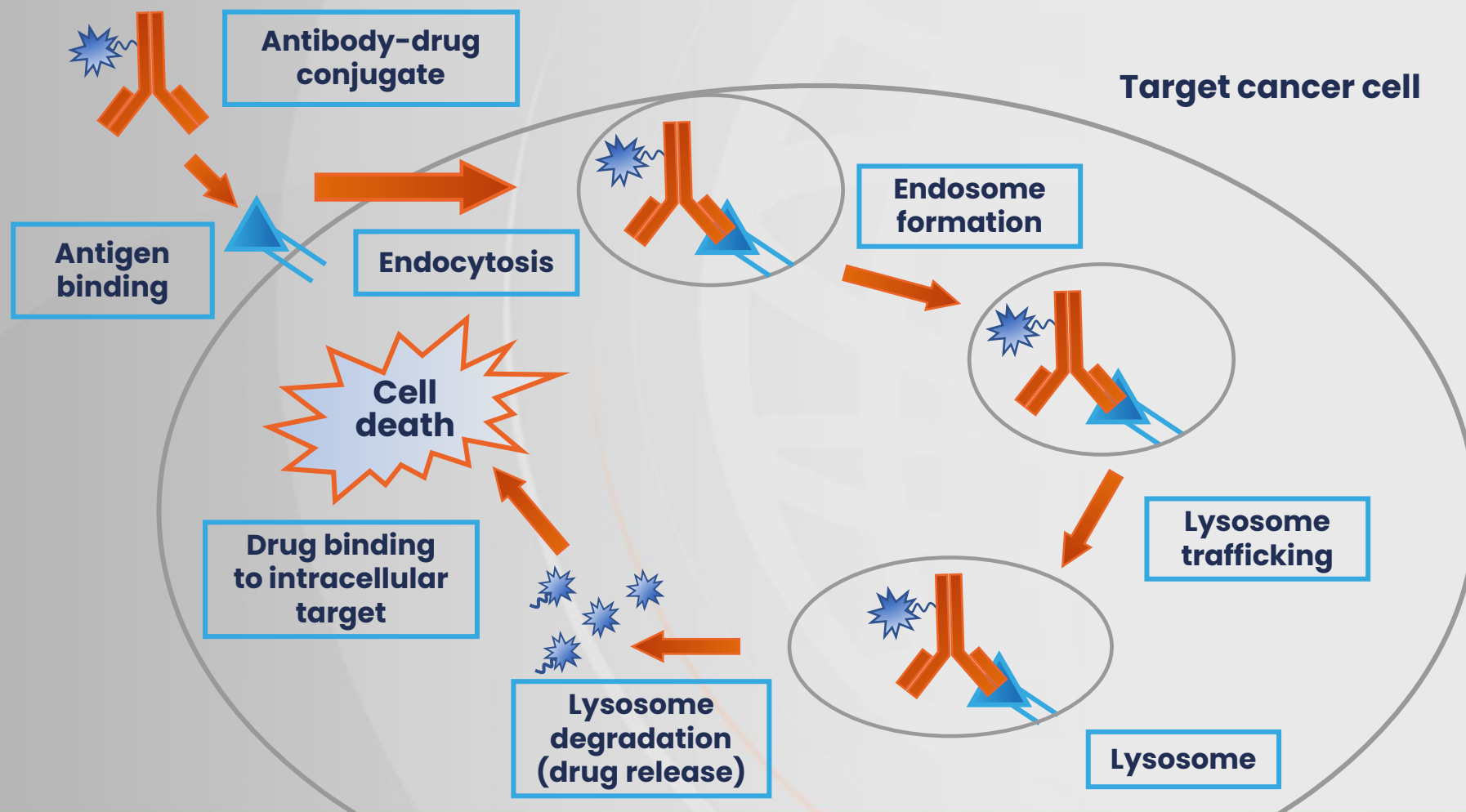
Allows for targeted delivery of toxic payload to tumour cells, minimizing non-specific, systemic toxicity



Antibody–drug conjugates: Mechanism of action



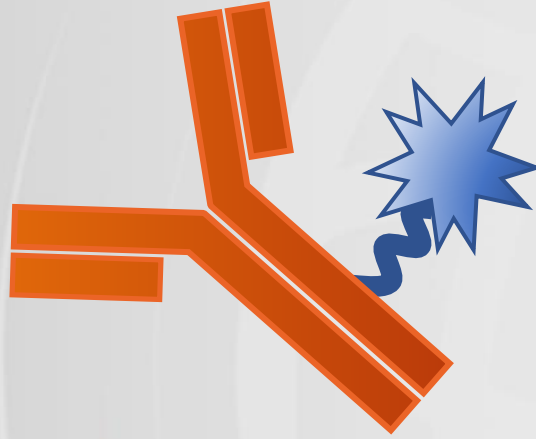
Antibody–drug conjugates: Mechanism of action



Antibody–drug conjugates for urothelial carcinoma

Enfortumab vedotin

Target: Nectin-4
Transmembrane cell adhesion molecule highly expressed in cancer cells, including urothelial carcinoma



Monomethyl auristatin E
microtubule inhibitor payload

FDA full approval, July 2021

Adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer who:

- Have previously received a PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor and platinum-containing chemotherapy

OR

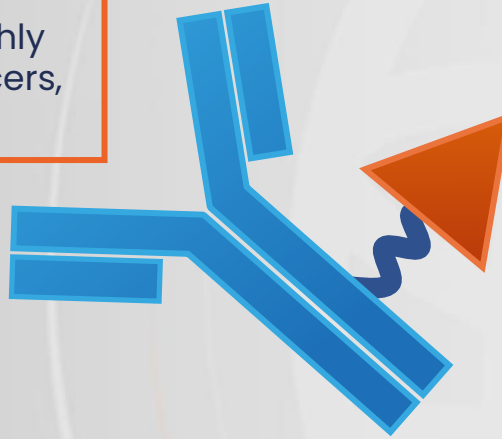
- Are ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy and have previously received ≥ 1 prior line of therapy

Antibody–drug conjugates for urothelial carcinoma

Sacituzumab govitecan

Target: Trop-2

Cell surface antigen highly expressed by many cancers, including mUC



SN-38

topoisomerase inhibitor payload

FDA accelerated approval, April 2021

Adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer who have previously received a platinum-containing chemotherapy and either a PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor

Metastatic urothelial carcinoma NCCN treatment guidelines

First-line treatment options

Preferred regimens for cisplatin-eligible patients

**Gemcitabine and cisplatin,
avelumab maintenance**

**DDMVAC with growth factor support,
avelumab maintenance**

Preferred regimens for cisplatin-ineligible patients

**Gemcitabine and carboplatin,
avelumab maintenance**

**Pembrolizumab or atezolizumab
(PD-L1-positive only or not eligible for any platinum)**

Metastatic urothelial carcinoma NCCN treatment guidelines

Second-line treatment options, post-platinum

Preferred regimen

Pembrolizumab

Alternate preferred regimens

**Immune checkpoint inhibitor
(nivolumab/avelumab)**

Erdafitinib (*FGFR3/2* genetic alterations)

Enfortumab vedotin

Metastatic urothelial carcinoma NCCN treatment guidelines

Second-line treatment options, post-checkpoint inhibitor (chemotherapy naïve)

Preferred regimens for cisplatin-eligible patients

Gemcitabine and cisplatin
DDMVAC with growth factor support

Preferred regimens for cisplatin-ineligible patients

Enfortumab vedotin
Gemcitabine and carboplatin

Metastatic urothelial carcinoma NCCN treatment guidelines

Subsequent-line treatment options

Preferred regimens

Enfortumab vedotin

Erdafitinib (*FGFR3/2* genetic alterations)

Other recommended regimens include:
Sacituzumab govitecan

Metastatic urothelial carcinoma ESMO treatment guidelines

Enfortumab vedotin is a recommended treatment option in patients who have relapsed after first-line single-agent immunotherapy

Enfortumab vedotin is recommended as standard treatment in patients with chemotherapy- and immunotherapy-relapsed disease

Enfortumab vedotin is not currently EMA approved (December 2021)

Conclusions

Patients who progress on chemotherapy and immune checkpoint inhibitors have a poor prognosis

ADCs pair a potent cytotoxic drug with an antibody which targets only the cancer cells

ADCs could fulfil an unmet need for treatment in patients who will not benefit from chemotherapy or immune checkpoint inhibitors

**Improving outcomes with antibody–drug
conjugates in urothelial carcinoma:
Where are we now and next steps?**

EV-201: Phase II study of enfortumab vedotin

Study design

Enfortumab vedotin
1.25 mg/kg IV on days 1, 8 and 15 of each
28-day cycle

Cohort 1¹



n=125

- Locally advanced unresectable or metastatic urothelial carcinoma
- Previously treated with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor and platinum-based therapy

Cohort 2²



n=89

- Locally advanced unresectable or metastatic urothelial carcinoma
- Platinum-naïve and cisplatin ineligible
- Previous treatment with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor

Primary endpoint

- Confirmed ORR as determined by BICR

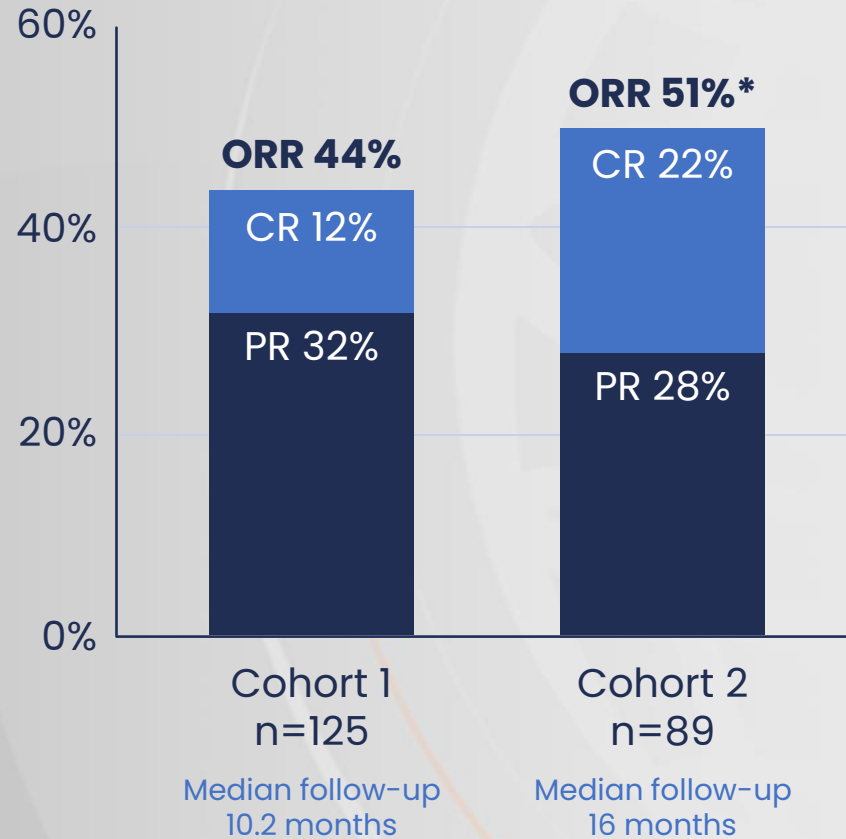
Secondary endpoints

- Investigator-assessed ORR
- DOR
- PFS by BICR
- OS
- Safety and tolerability



EV-201: Phase II study of enfortumab vedotin

Primary endpoint: ORR^{1,2}



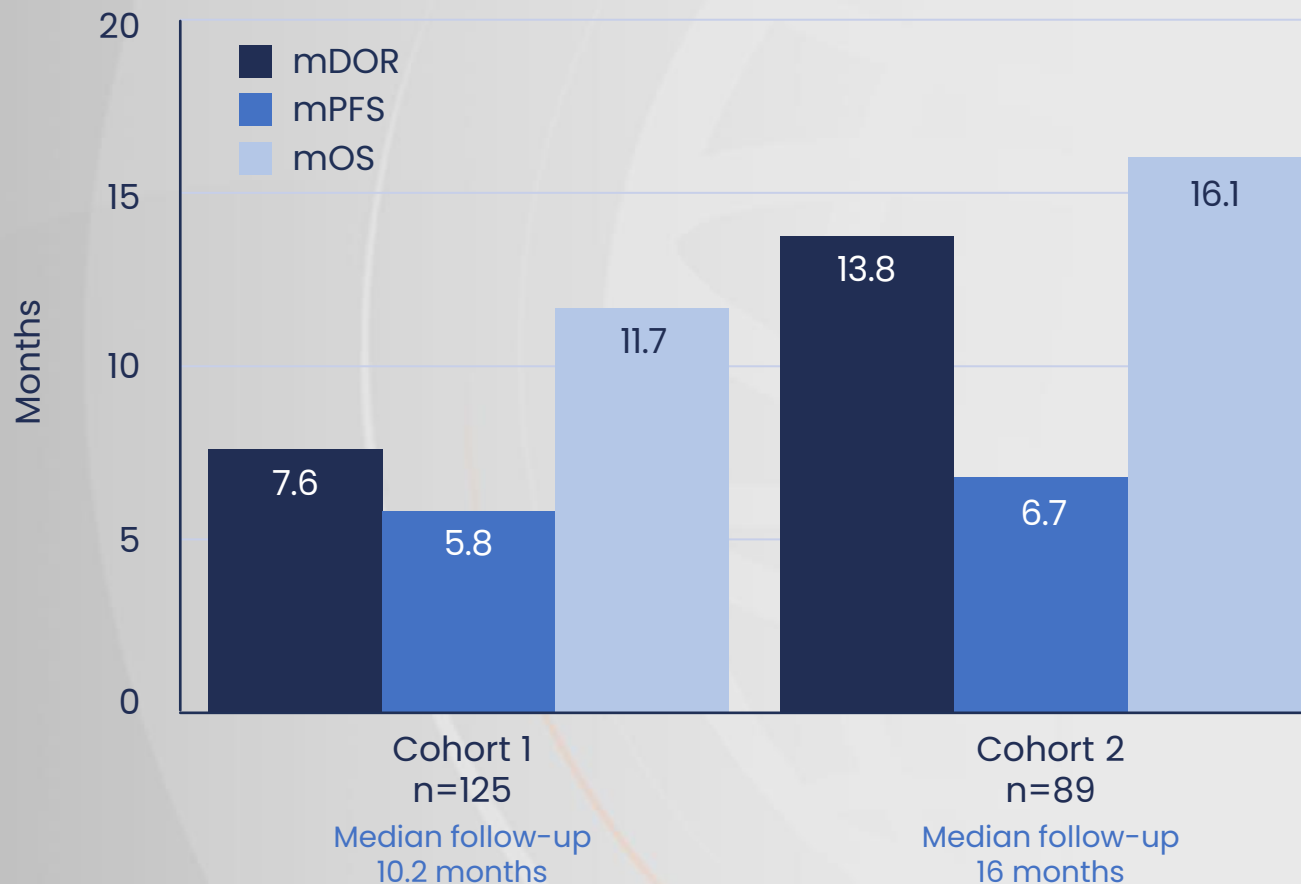
*Data rounded to whole numbers.

CR, complete response; PR, partial response.

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EV-201: Phase II study of enfortumab vedotin

Secondary endpoints^{1,2}

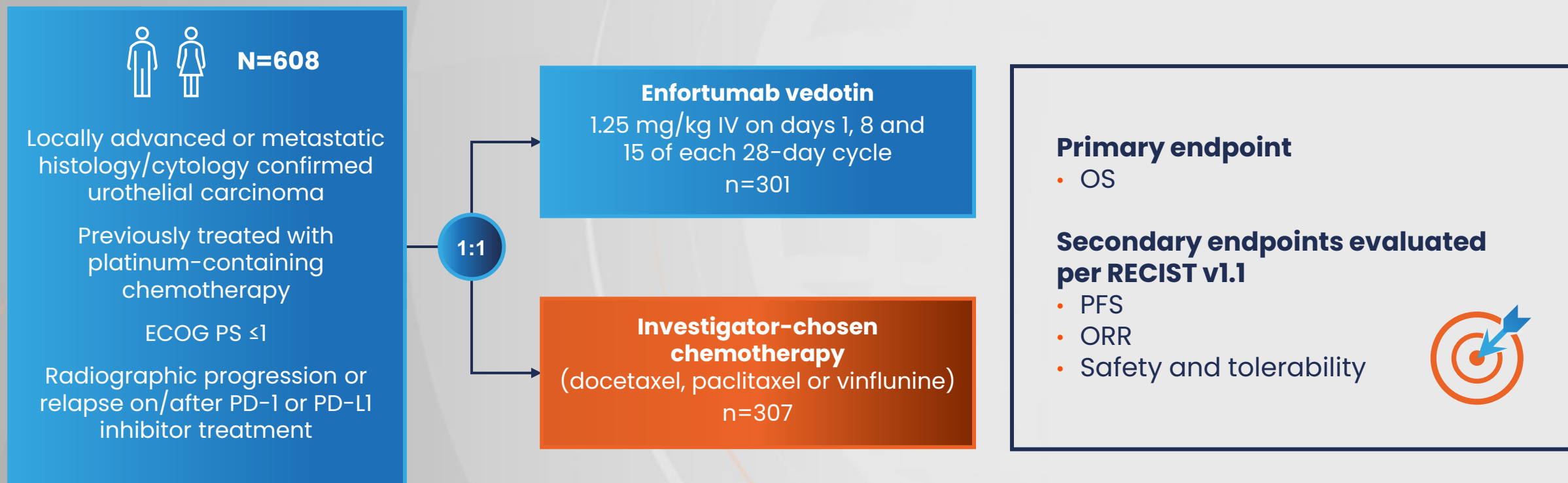


mDOR, median duration of response; mOS, median overall survival; mPFS, median progression-free survival.

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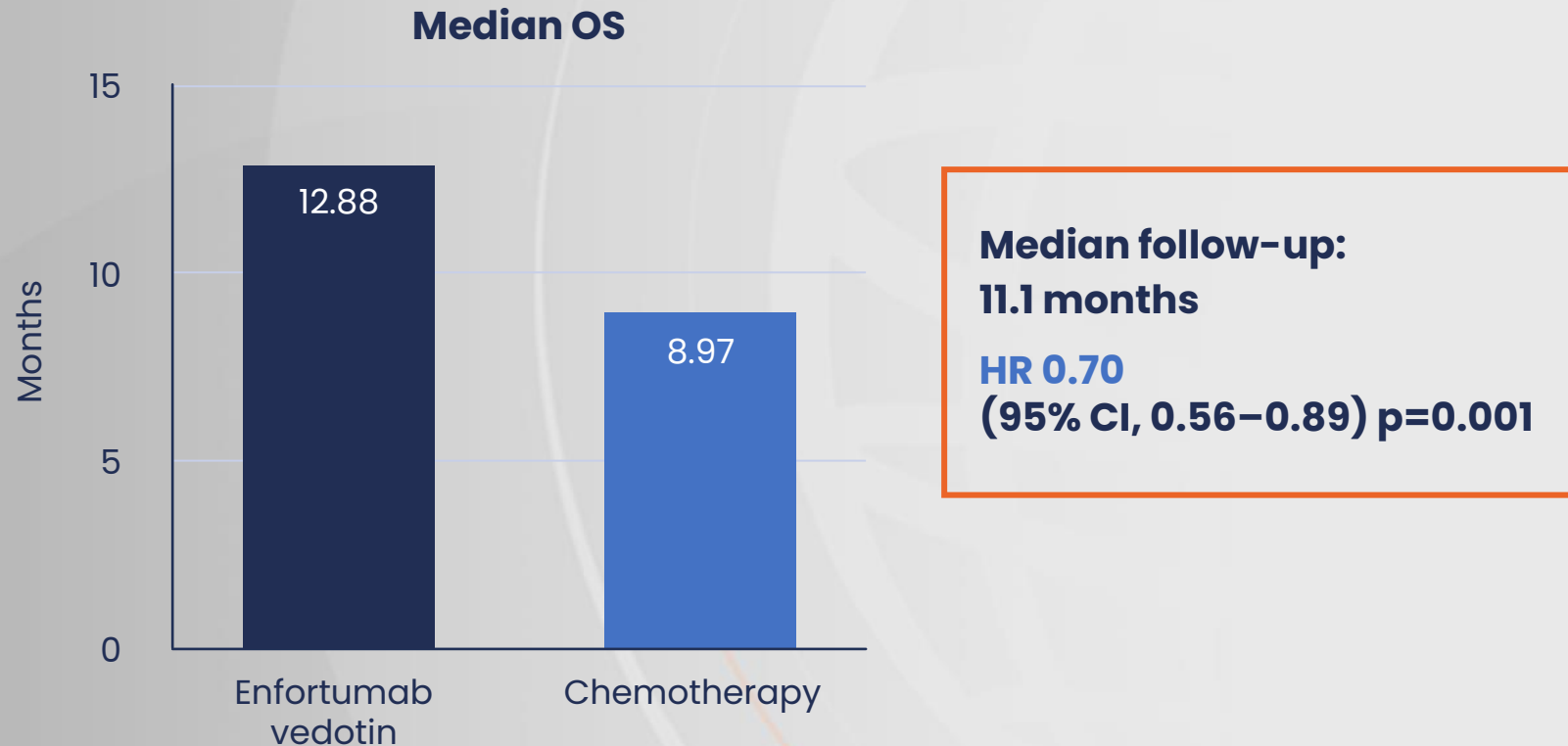
EV-301: Phase III study of enfortumab vedotin

Study design



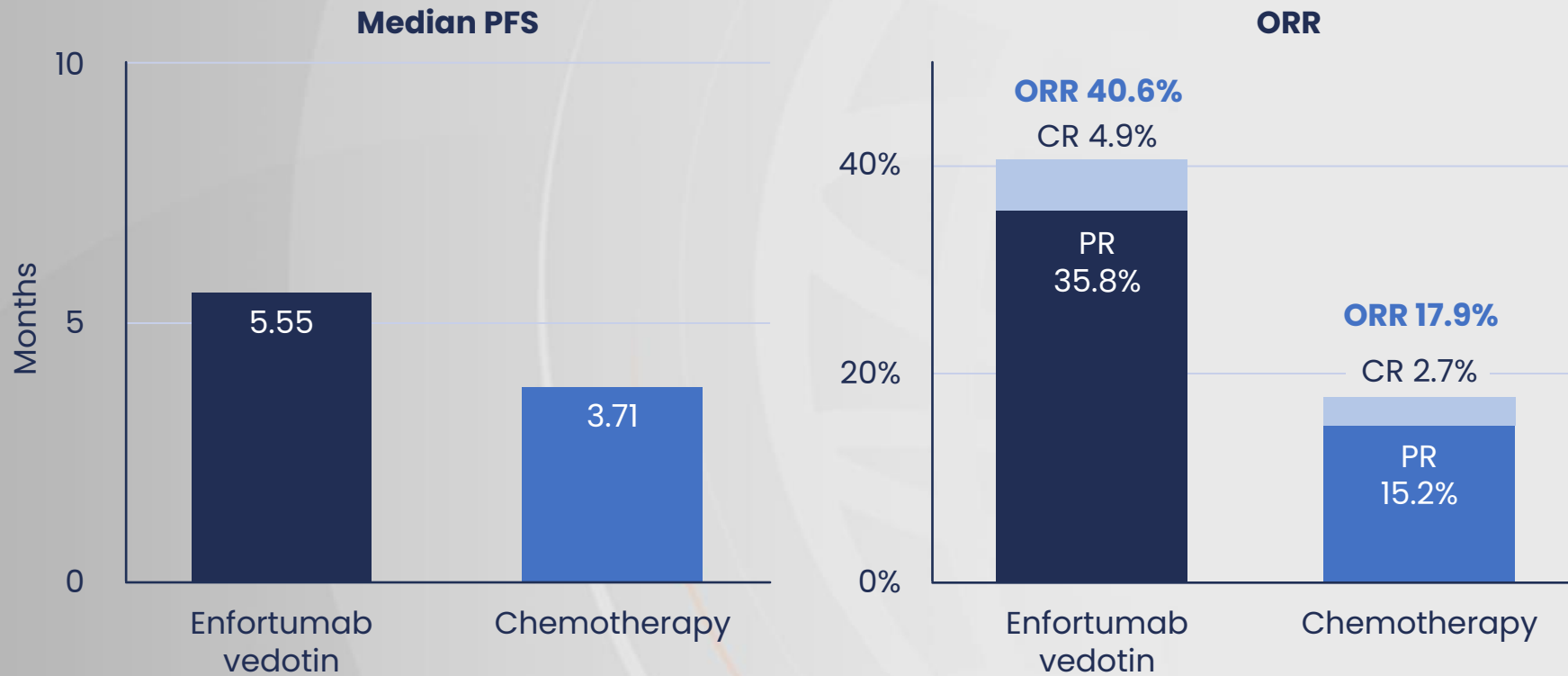
EV-301: Study met primary endpoint of OS

At interim analysis, EV improved OS by 30% versus chemotherapy



EV-301: Phase III study of enfortumab vedotin

Secondary endpoints



Median follow-up: 11.1 months

TROPHY-U-01: Phase II study of sacituzumab govitecan

Study design^{1,2}

Patients with histologically confirmed, locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma

- Measurable disease by RECIST v1.1
- ECOG PS ≤1
- Adequate hepatic, renal and haematologic function, and no known Gilbert syndrome

Cohort 1 n=113

Progressed after prior platinum-based and/or ICI-based therapy

Cohort 2 n=22

Ineligible for platinum-based therapy and progressed after prior ICI-based therapy

Sacituzumab govitecan
10 mg/kg IV on days 1 and 8 of each 21-day cycle

Primary endpoint

- Confirmed ORR as determined by BICR

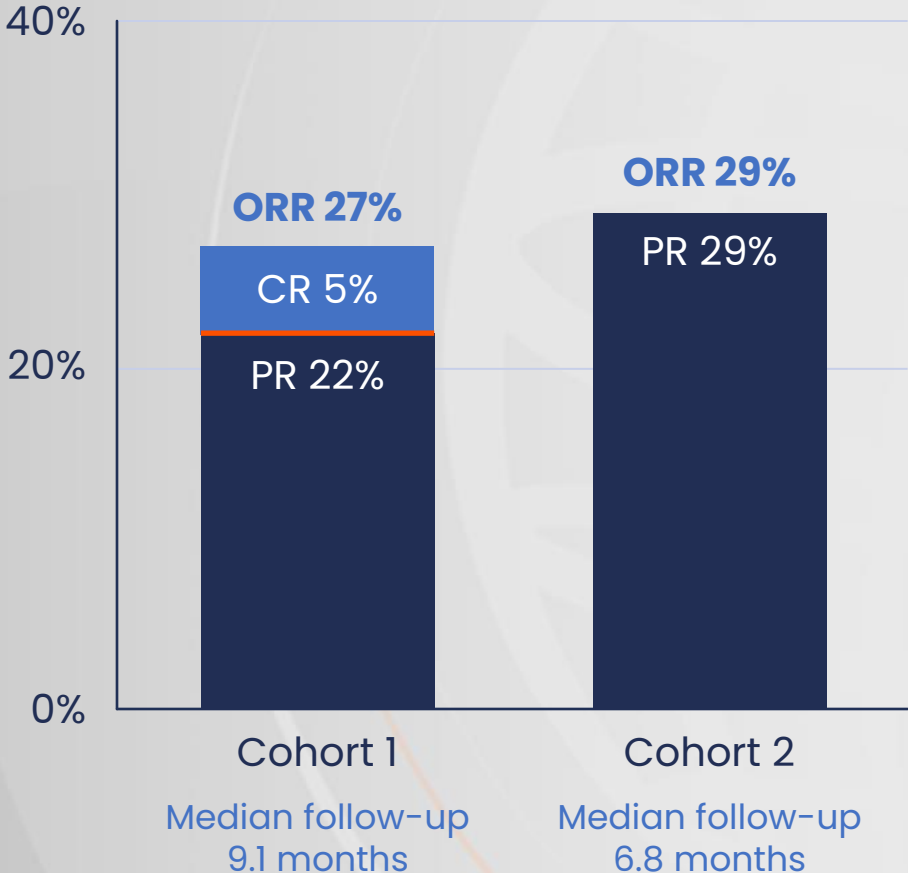
Secondary endpoints

- DOR
- PFS
- OS
- Safety and tolerability



TROPHY-U-01: Phase II study of sacituzumab govitecan

Primary endpoint: ORR^{1,2}

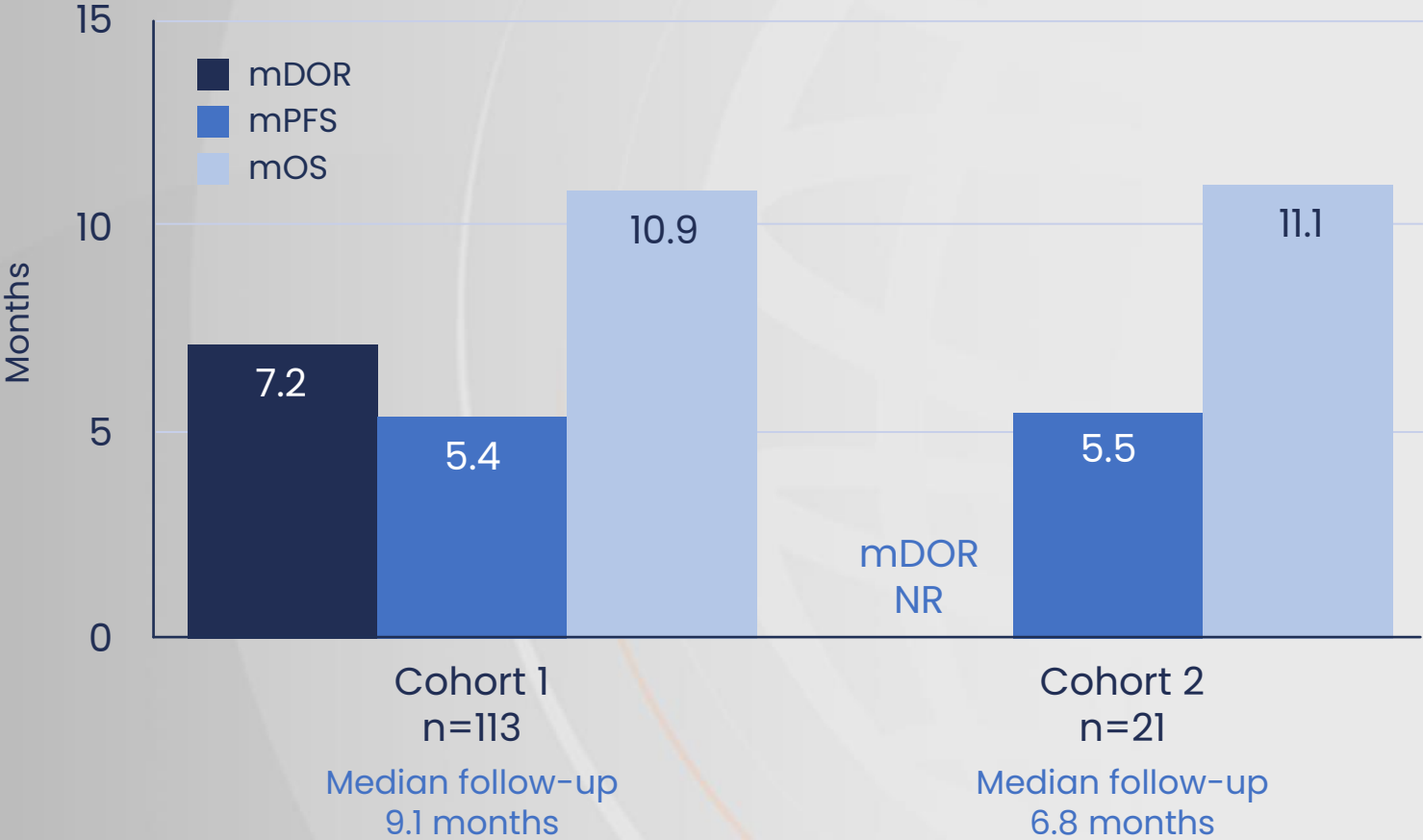


1. Tagawa ST, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2021;39:2474-85; 2. Petrylak DP, et al. Presented at: ASCO Meeting, Chicago, USA, 29 May-2 June 2020. Poster 5027.



TROPHY-U-01: Phase II study of sacituzumab govitecan

Secondary endpoints^{1,2}



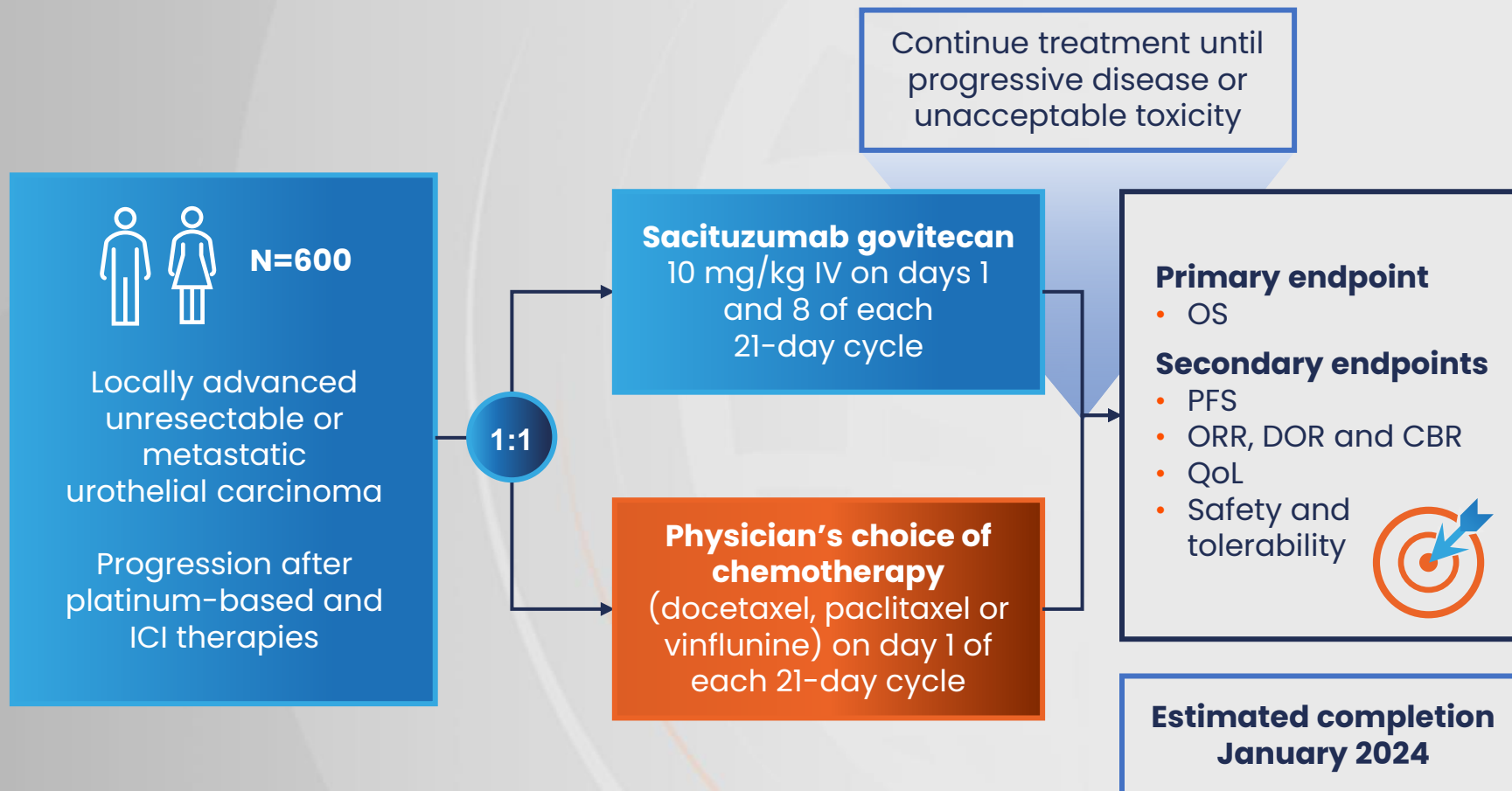
NR, not reached.

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TROPiCS-04: Phase III study of sacituzumab govitecan

Study design^{1,2}



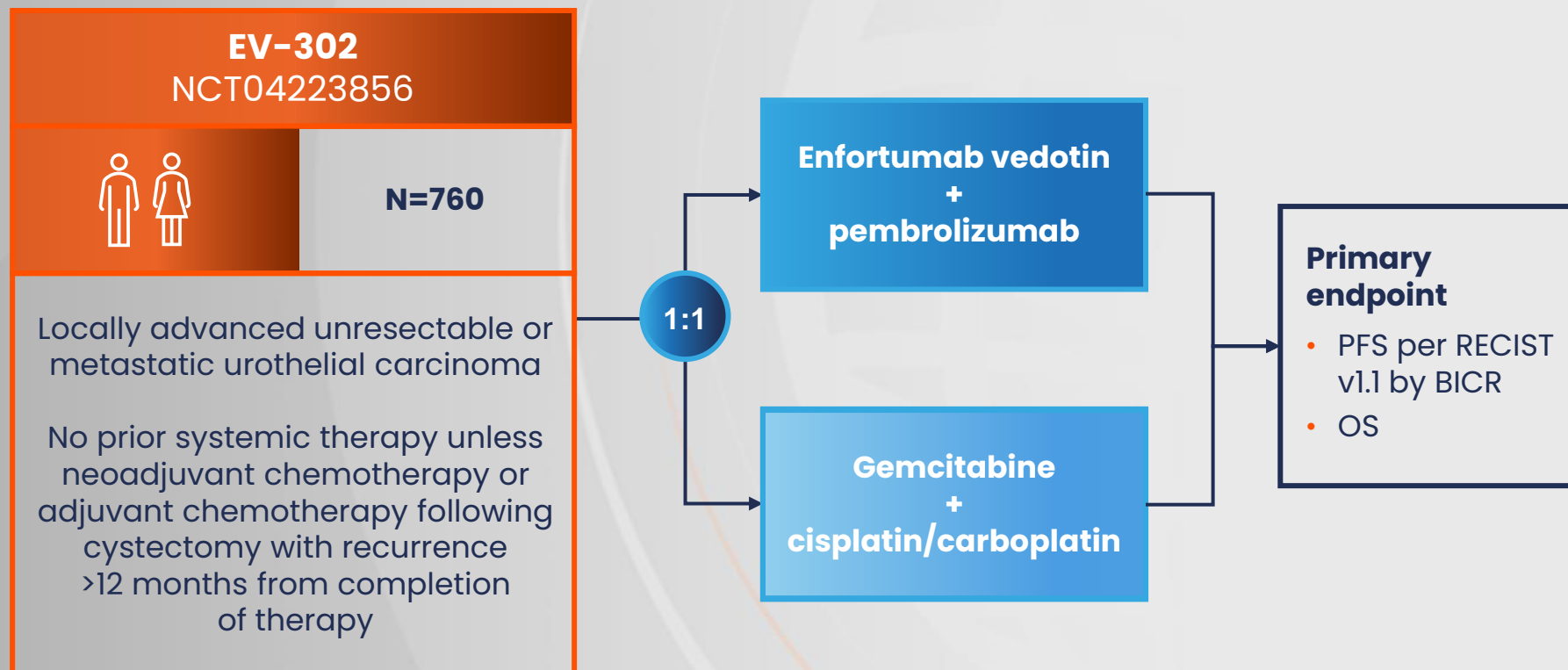
CBR, clinical benefit rate; QoL, quality of life.

1. Grivas P, et al. Presented at: ASCO GU Meeting, San Francisco, USA, 17–19 February 2021. Poster TPS498;

2. ClinicalTrials.gov. Available at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04527991> (accessed 17 December 2021).

Future directions with enfortumab vedotin

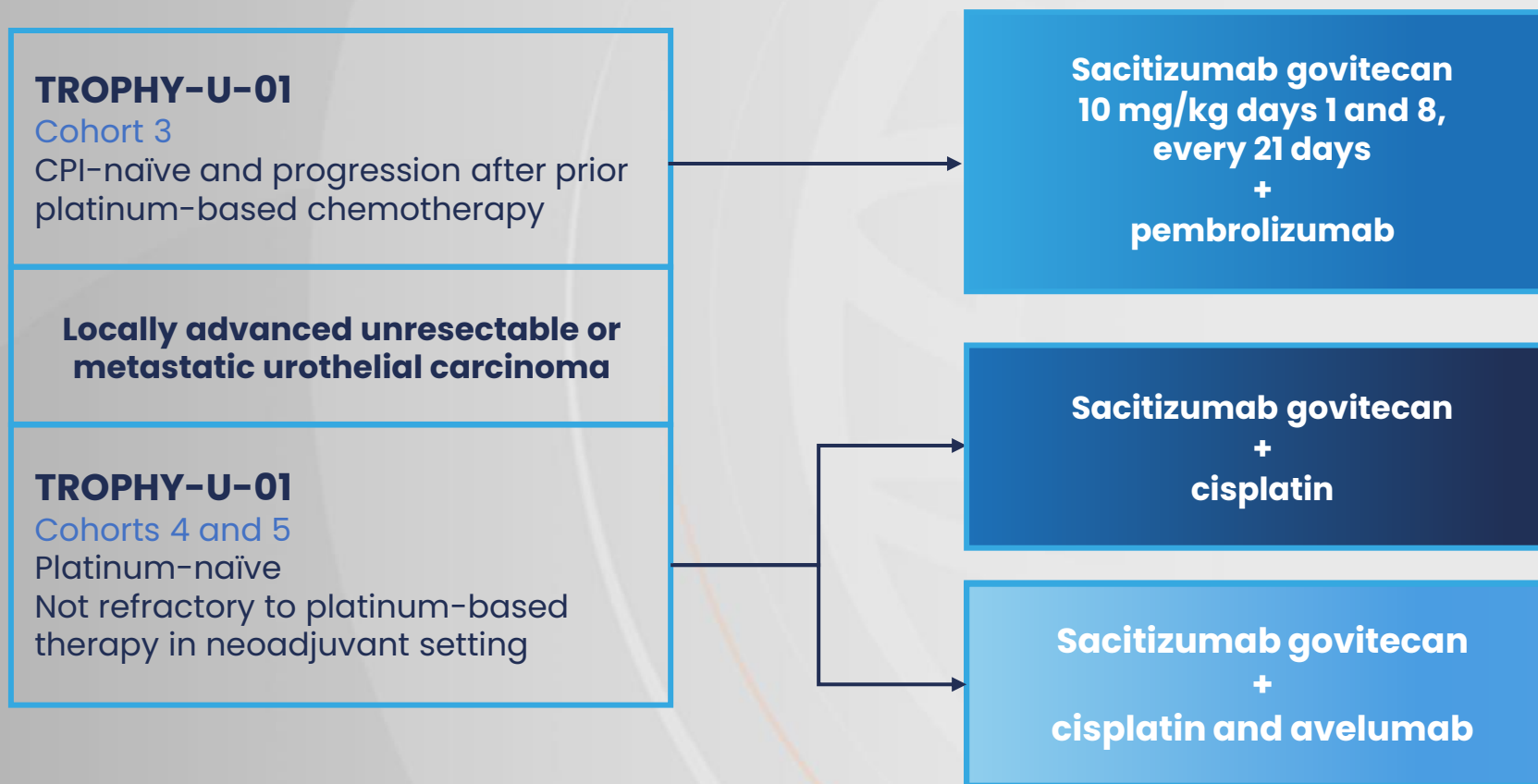
Combination with checkpoint inhibitor^{1,2}



1. van der Heijden M, et al. *Ann Oncol.* 2020;31(Suppl. 4):S605–6; 2. ClinicalTrials.gov. Available at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04223856> (accessed 17 December 2021).

Future directions with sacituzumab govitecan

Combination with platinum-based therapies and/or checkpoint inhibitors^{1,2}



CPI, checkpoint inhibitor.

1. Loriot Y, et al. Presented at: European Society for Medical Oncology Virtual Congress, 16–21 September 2021. Poster 700P;

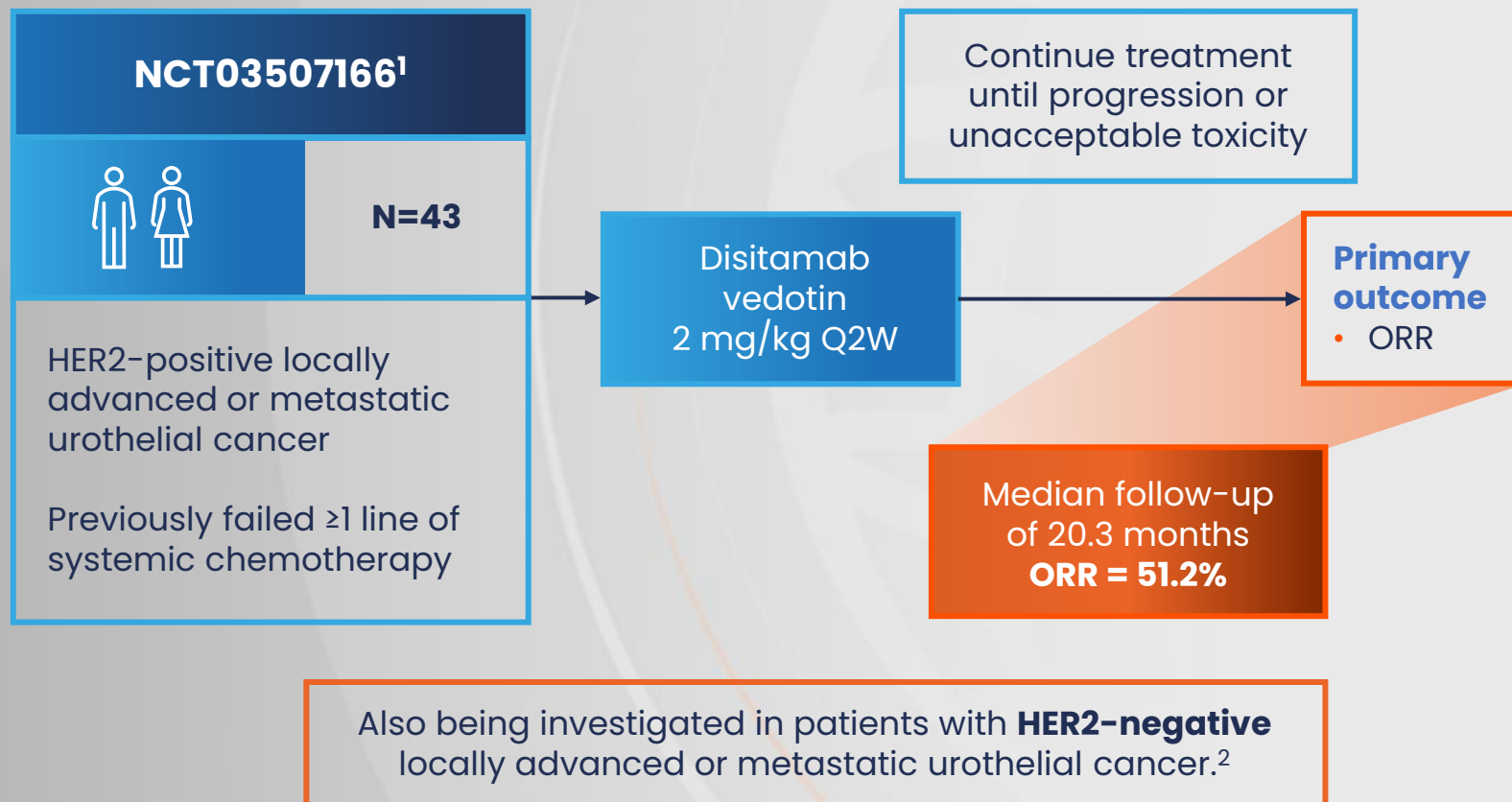
2. ClinicalTrials.gov. Available at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03547973> (accessed 17 December 2021).

Future directions: HER2-targeting antibody–drug conjugates



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Disitamab vedotin



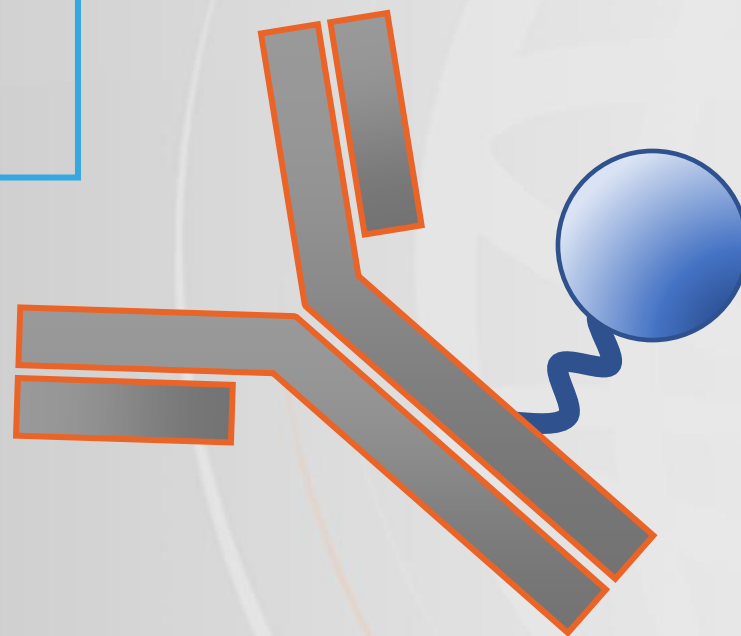
Q2W, every 2 weeks.

1. Sheng X, et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2021;27:43–51; 2. ClinicalTrials.gov. Available at: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04073602> (accessed 17 December 2021).

Future directions: HER2-targeting antibody–drug conjugates

**Anti-HER2
antibody**

**Deruxtecan
topoisomerase I
inhibitor payload**



Trastuzumab deruxtecan

Future directions: HER2-targeting antibody–drug conjugates

Trastuzumab deruxtecan

DESTINY–PanTumor02

Phase II HER2-positive solid tumours (NCT04482309)

- **Cohort 2:** Bladder cancer

Phase I in **combination with nivolumab** in advanced breast and urothelial cancer (NCT03523572)

- **Cohort 3:** Advanced/metastatic urothelial carcinoma with HER2 expression of IHC 2+ or 3+ and progression on prior platinum-based therapy
- **Cohort 4:** Advanced/metastatic urothelial carcinoma with HER2 expression of IHC 1+ and progression on prior platinum-based therapy

Additional ADCs targeting HER2 are under investigation

MRG002¹

- MMAE payload
- Phase II HER2-positive unresectable locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer (NCT04839510)

Trastuzumab emtansine²

- DM-1 payload
- Phase II in HER2-overexpressing solid tumours (KAMELEON; NCT02999672)

Trastuzumab duocarmazine³

- Duocarmycin payload
- Phase I in solid tumours (NCT02277717)

Additional ADCs targeting Trop-2 are under investigation

STI-3258¹

- SN-38 payload
- Phase I in relapsed or refractory solid tumours (NCT05060276)

ESG-4012²

- SN-38 payload
- Phase I/II in solid tumours (NCT04892342)

SKB264²

- Belotecan-derived payload
- Phase I/II in advanced unresectable/metastatic solid tumours, refractory to standard therapies (NCT04152499)

An ADC targeting FGFR3 is under investigation

LY3076226

- **Ravtansine** (DM4) is a maytansinoid
- Phase I in advanced or metastatic cancer including urothelial cancer (NCT02529553)

Conclusions

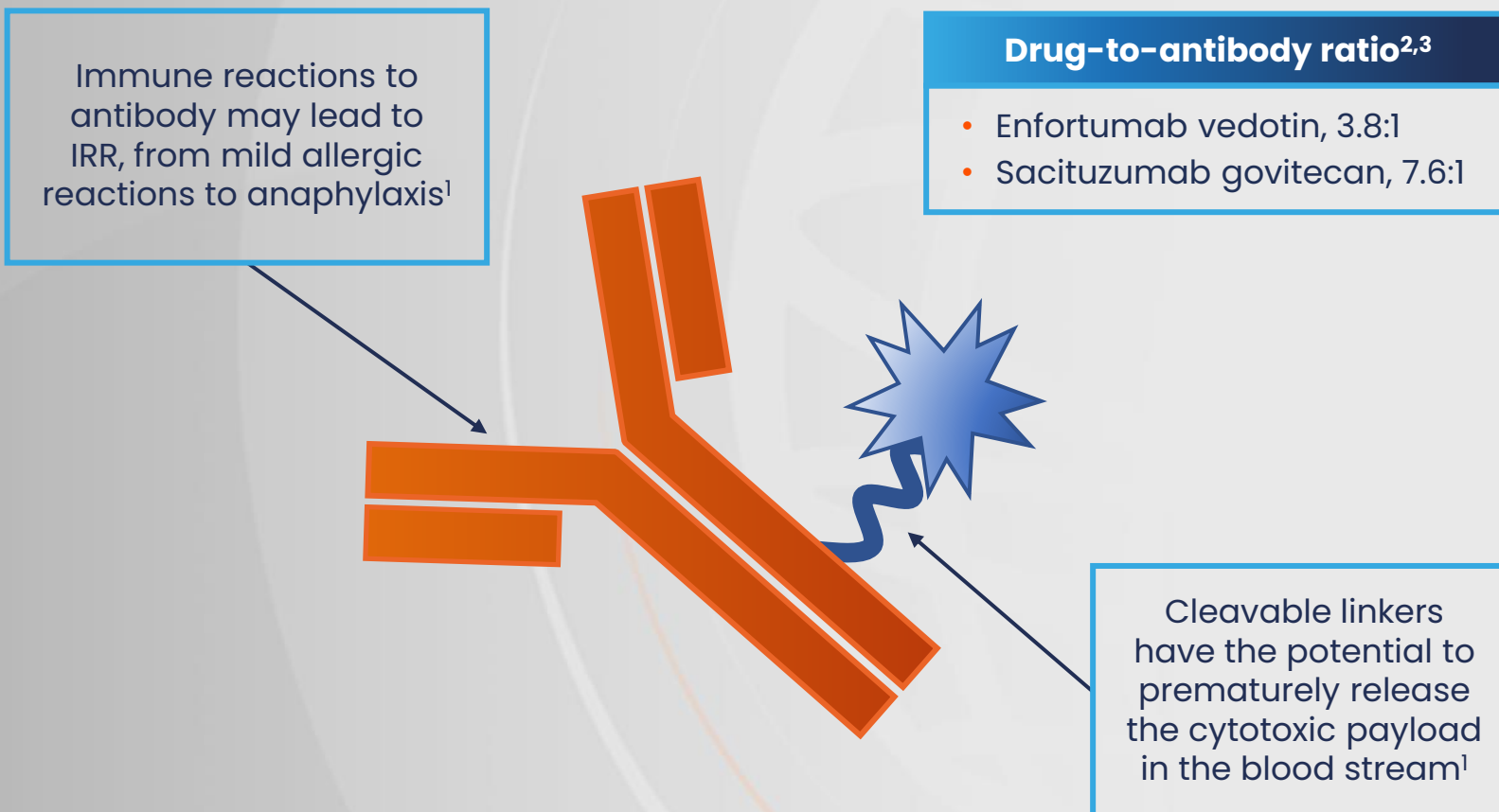
Enfortumab vedotin significantly prolonged survival vs chemotherapy in patients with locally advanced unresectable or metastatic urothelial carcinoma¹

Sacituzumab govitecan showed notable efficacy in patients with metastatic urothelial carcinoma who had progressed on prior platinum-based chemotherapy and ICI²

Several ADCs approved for other tumour types are being studied in patients with urothelial carcinoma with many emerging ADCs in early development³

**Optimizing the safety of antibody–drug
conjugates in urothelial carcinoma:
What are the possible adverse events
and how do we manage them?**

Safety considerations of antibody–drug conjugates



IRR, infusion-related reactions.

1. Wolska-Washer A, Robak T. *Drug Saf.* 2019;42:295–314; 2. Jain RK, et al. *Cancer Manag Res.* 2020;12:8379–86; 3. Barroso-Sousa R, Tolaney SM. *BioDrugs.* 2021;35:159–74.

TEAEs in EV-301 with enfortumab vedotin

	Patients (%)
Any grade TEAE	93.9
TEAE leading to:	
Dose reduction	32.4
Dose interruption	51.0
Treatment withdrawal	13.5

TEAEs in EV-301 with enfortumab vedotin

	Any grade* (%)	Grade ≥ 3 * (%)
Alopecia	45.3	0
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	33.8	3.0
Pruritus	32.1	1.4
Fatigue	31.1	6.4
Decreased appetite	30.7	3.0
Diarrhoea	24.3	3.4
Dysgeusia	24.3	0
Nausea	22.6	1.0
Maculopapular rash	16.2	7.4
Decreased neutrophils	10.1	6.1

*Most common TEAEs of any grade observed in $\geq 20\%$ of patients or grade ≥ 3 observed in $\geq 5\%$ of patients.
Powles T, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2021;384:1125–35.

EV-301: TEAEs of special interest with enfortumab vedotin

	Any grade (%)	Grade ≥ 3 (%)
Skin reactions	47.0	14.5
Peripheral neuropathy	46.3	5.1
Ocular disorders	18.6	0.7
IRRs	8.8	1.4
Hyperglycaemia	6.4	3.7

Skin reactions with enfortumab vedotin

Monitoring for skin reactions

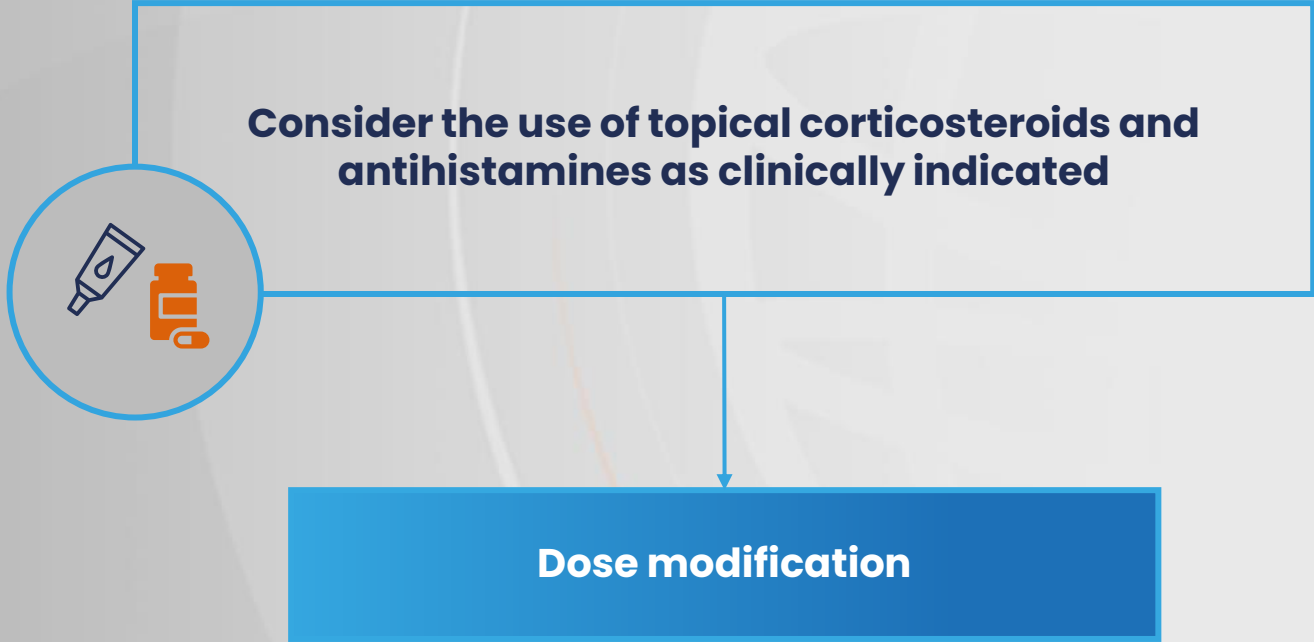


Closely monitor patients for skin reactions

SJS or TEN predominantly occurs during the first cycle of treatment, but may occur later

Skin reactions with enfortumab vedotin

Managing skin reactions



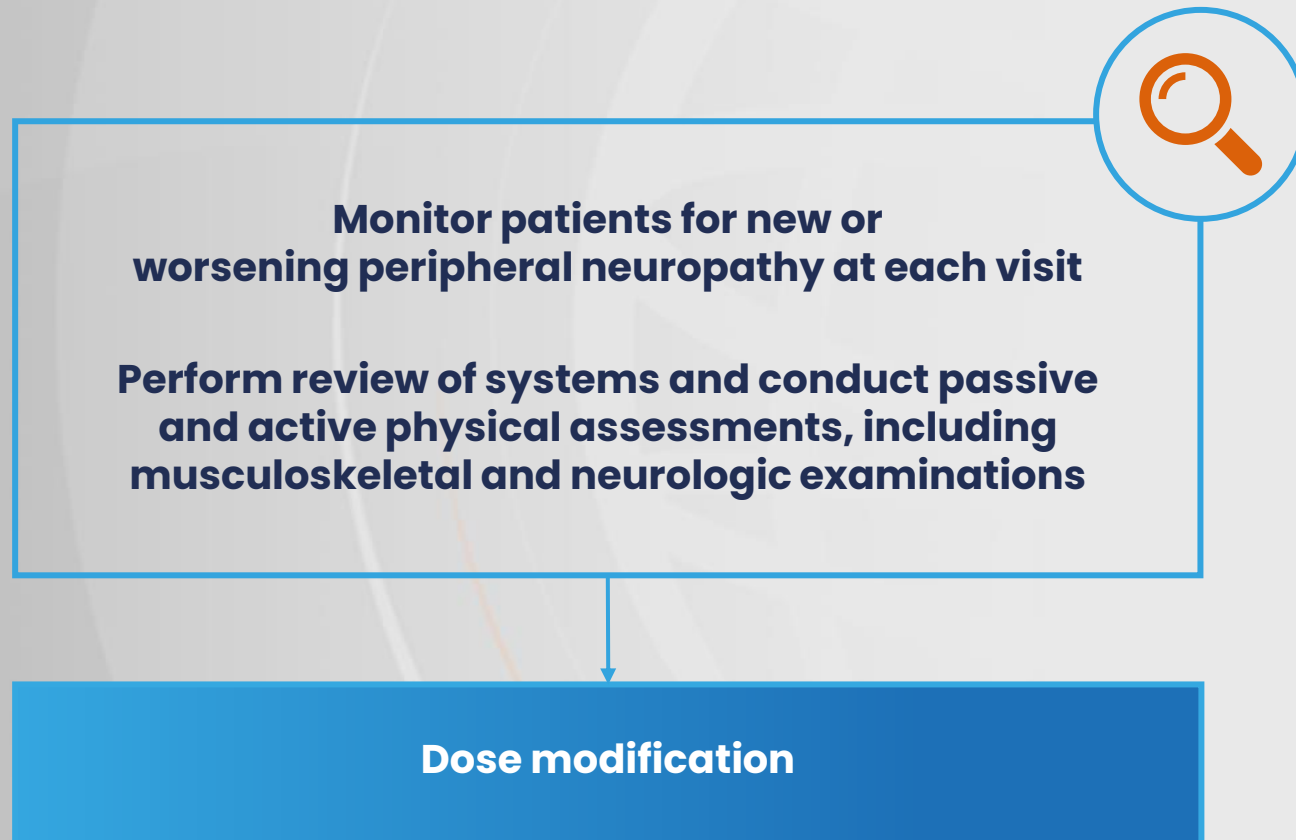
Skin reactions with enfortumab vedotin

Dose modifications for skin reactions

Severity	Dose modification
Grade 3	Withhold until grade ≤ 1 Resume at same dose or consider dose reduction by one level
Suspected SJS/TEN	Withhold and consult a specialist to confirm diagnosis
Confirmed SJS/TEN Grade 4 or recurrent grade 3 skin reactions	Permanently discontinue

Peripheral neuropathy with enfortumab vedotin

Monitoring for peripheral neuropathy^{1,2}



1. FDA. Enfortumab vedotin, prescribing information. Available at: www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2021/761137s006s008lbl.pdf (accessed 17 December 2021);

2. Pace A, et al. *Clin J Oncol Nurs*. 2021;25:E1-9.

Peripheral neuropathy with enfortumab vedotin

Dose modifications for peripheral neuropathy

Severity	Dose modification
Grade 2	First occurrence: Withhold until grade ≤ 1 Resume at the same dose level Recurrence: Withhold until grade ≤ 1 Resume treatment reduced by one dose level
Grade ≥ 3	Permanently discontinue

Ocular disorders with enfortumab vedotin

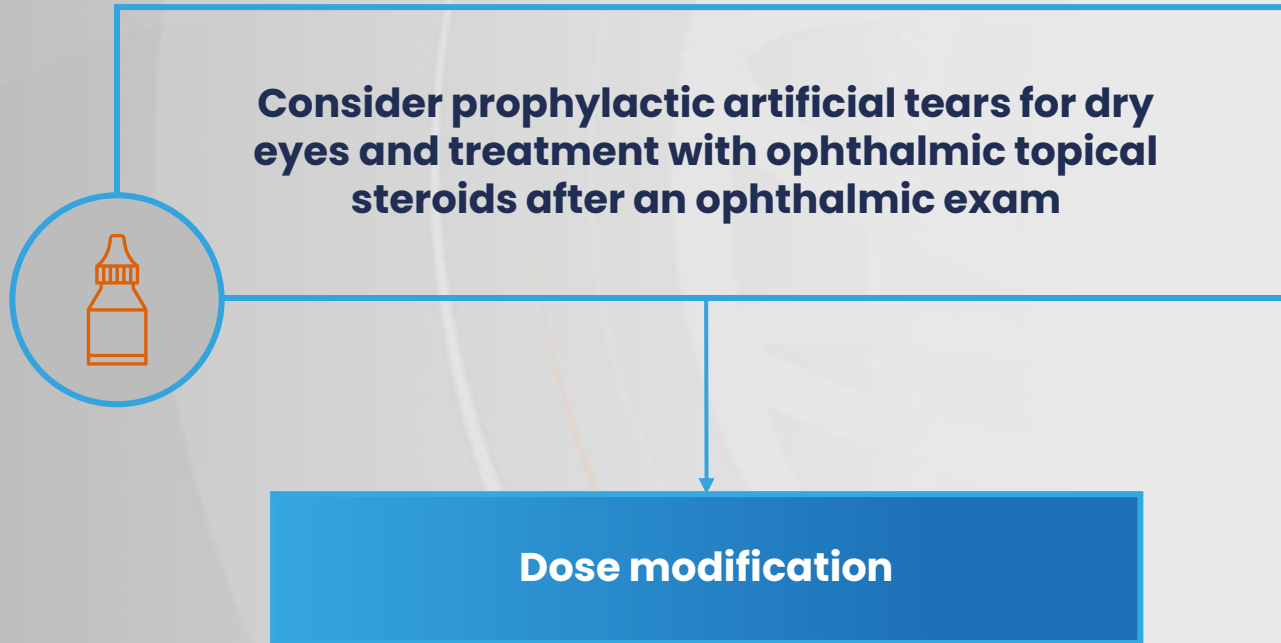
Monitoring for ocular disorders



Monitor patients for signs or symptoms of ocular disorders, such as vision changes

Ocular disorders with enfortumab vedotin

Mitigation and management of ocular disorders



Ocular disorders with enfortumab vedotin

Dose modifications for ocular disorders

Severity	Dose modification
Grade 3	Withhold until grade ≤ 1 , Resume treatment at the same dose level or consider dose reduction by one dose level
Grade 4	Permanently discontinue

Infusion site extravasation with enfortumab vedotin

Monitoring for and managing infusion site extravasation



Ensure adequate venous access prior to infusion and monitor for possible extravasation during administration

Reactions may be delayed

If extravasation occurs, stop the infusion and monitor for adverse reactions

Hyperglycaemia with enfortumab vedotin

Monitoring for hyperglycaemia

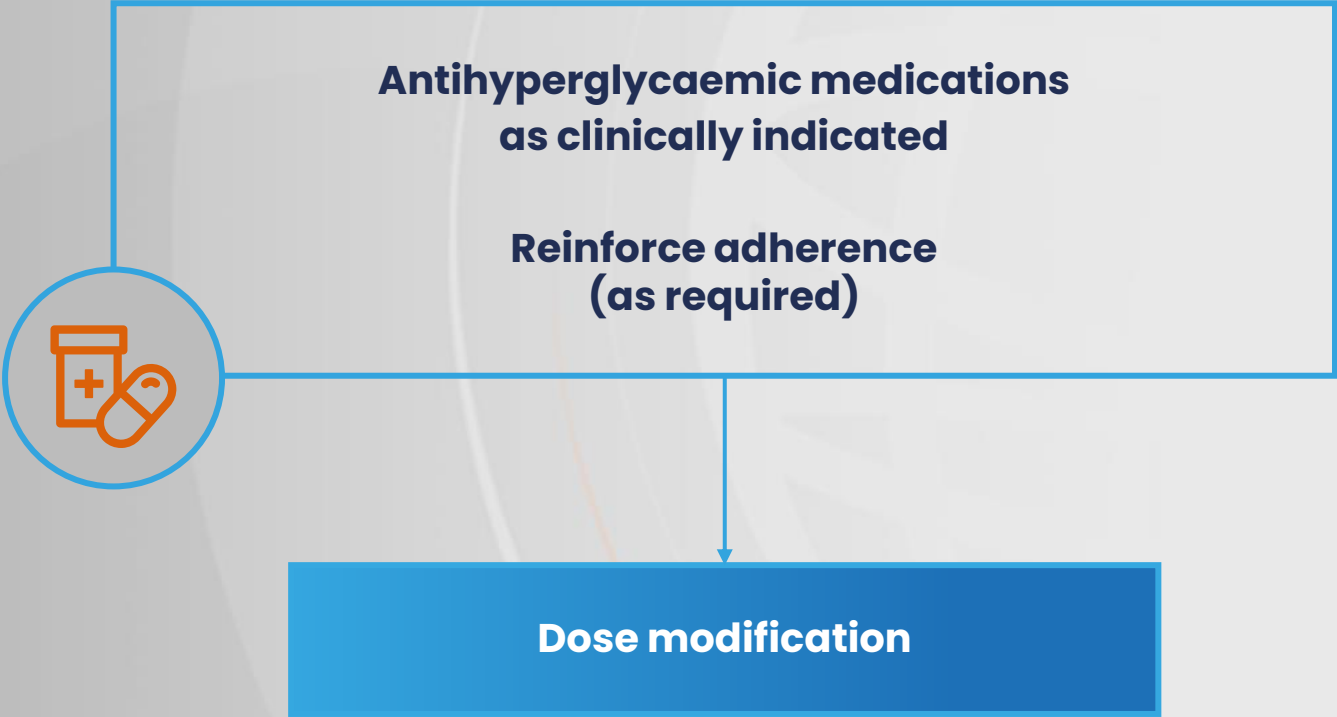


Closely monitor blood glucose levels in patients with, or at risk for, diabetes mellitus or hyperglycaemia

Diabetic ketoacidosis may occur in patients with and without pre-existing diabetes mellitus, which may be fatal

Hyperglycaemia with enfortumab vedotin

Managing hyperglycaemia^{1,2}



1. Pace A, et al. *Clin J Oncol Nurs*. 2021;25:E1-9;

2. FDA. Enfortumab vedotin, prescribing information. Available at: www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2021/761137s006s008lbl.pdf (accessed 17 December 2021).

Hyperglycaemia with enfortumab vedotin

Dose modifications for hyperglycaemia

Severity	Dose modification
Blood glucose >250 mg/dL	Withhold until elevated blood glucose has improved to ≤ 250 mg/dL Resume treatment at the same dose level

Pneumonitis with enfortumab vedotin

Monitoring for pneumonitis



Monitor patients for signs and symptoms indicative of pneumonitis:

- **Hypoxia**
- **Cough**
- **Dyspnoea**
- **Interstitial infiltrates on radiologic exams**

Evaluate and exclude infectious, neoplastic and other causes for such signs and symptoms through appropriate investigations

Dose modification

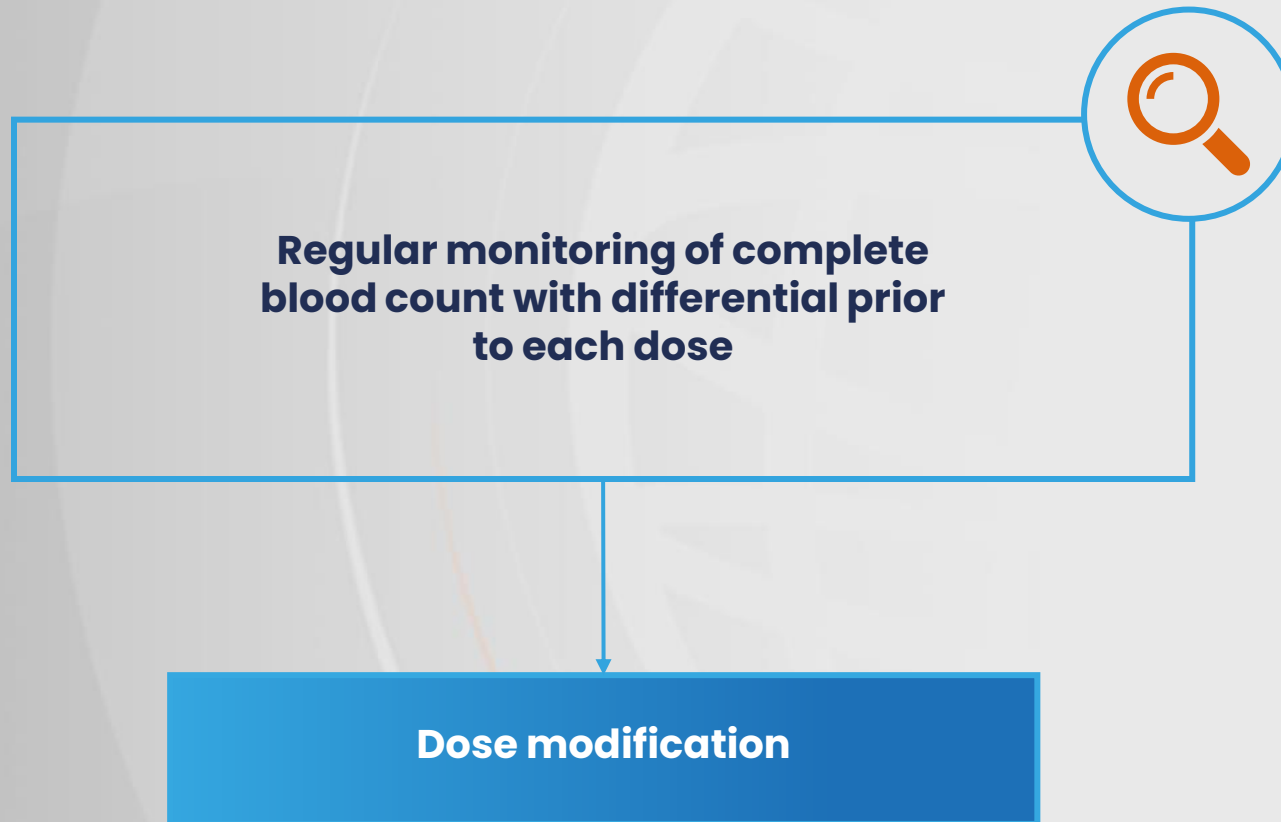
Pneumonitis with enfortumab vedotin

Dose modifications for pneumonitis

Severity	Dose modification
Persistent or recurrent grade 2	Withhold until grade ≤ 1 Resume treatment at the same dose level or consider dose reduction by one dose level
Grade ≥ 3	Permanently discontinue

Haematologic toxicity with enfortumab vedotin

Monitoring for haematologic toxicity



Haematologic toxicity with enfortumab vedotin

Dose modifications for haematologic toxicity

Severity	Dose modification
Grade 3 or grade 2 thrombocytopenia	Withhold until grade ≤ 1 Resume treatment at the same dose level or consider dose reduction by one dose level
Grade 4	Withhold until grade ≤ 1 Reduce dose by one dose level or discontinue treatment

TEAEs in TROPHY-U-01 with sacituzumab govitecan

	Patients (%)
Any grade TEAE	94.7
TEAE leading to:	
Dose reduction	39
Dose interruption	45
Treatment withdrawal	6

TEAEs in TROPHY-U-01 with sacituzumab govitecan

	Any grade* (%)	Grade ≥ 3 * (%)
Diarrhoea	65	10
Nausea	60	4
Fatigue	52	4
Alopecia	47	0
Neutropenia	46	34
Decreased appetite	36	3
Anaemia	33	14
Vomiting	30	1
Leukopenia	25	17
Lymphopenia	11	7
Febrile neutropenia	10	10
UTI	8	6

*Most common TEAEs of any grade observed in $\geq 20\%$ of patients or grade ≥ 3 observed in $\geq 5\%$ of patients.

UTI, urinary tract infection.

Tagawa ST, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2021;39:2474–85.

Neutropenia with sacituzumab govitecan

Monitoring for neutropenia

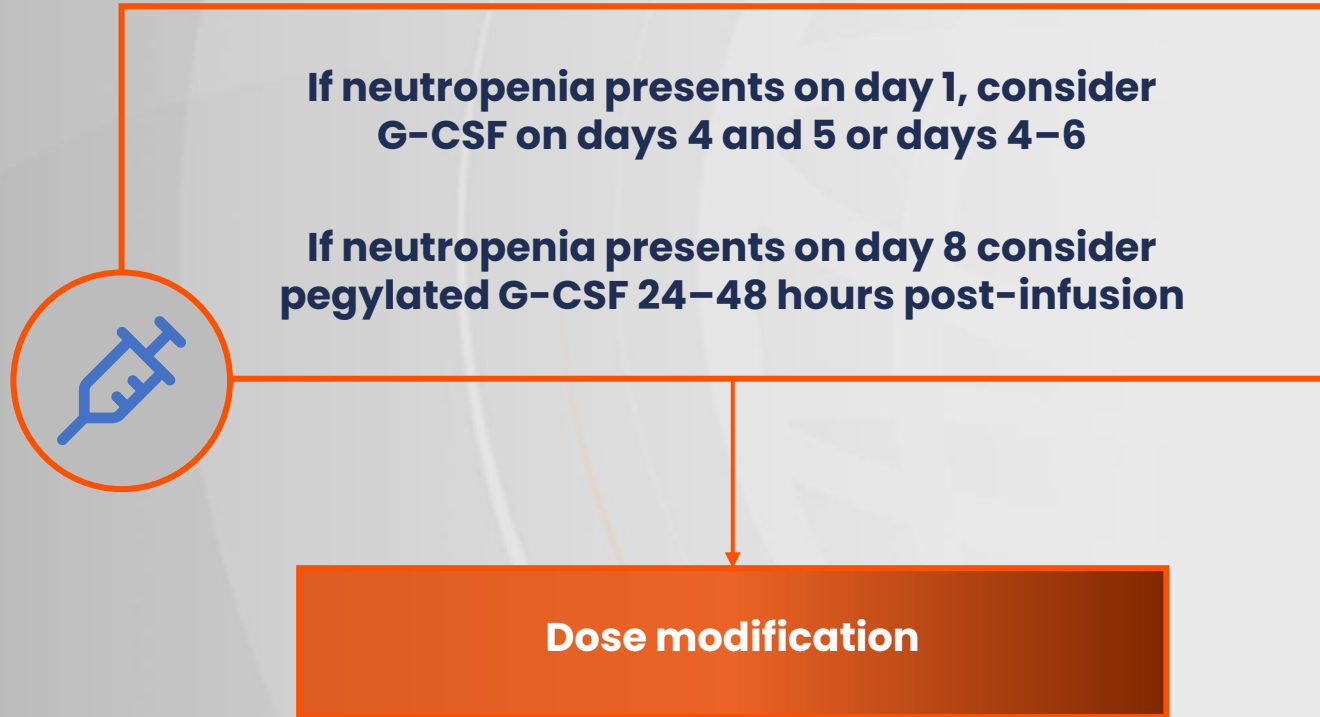


Monitor neutrophil count and temperature for signs of fever

Patients who are known to have reduced UGT1A1 activity should be monitored closely for severe neutropenia

Neutropenia with sacituzumab govitecan

Managing neutropenia^{1,2}



G-CSF, granulocyte-stimulating factor.

1. FDA. Sacituzumab govitecan, prescribing information. Available at: www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2021/761115s009lbl.pdf (accessed 17 December 2021);

2. Spring LM, et al. *Oncologist*. 2021;26:827–34.

Neutropenia with sacituzumab govitecan

Dose modifications for neutropenia

Severity	Dose modification
Grade 4 neutropenia ≥ 7 days OR Grade 3 febrile neutropenia OR At time of scheduled treatment, grade 3–4 neutropenia which delays dose by 2 or 3 weeks for recovery to grade ≤ 1	First event 25% dose reduction Second event 50% dose reduction Third event Discontinue treatment
At time of scheduled treatment, grade 3–4 neutropenia which delays dose beyond 3 weeks for recovery to grade ≤ 1	Discontinue treatment

Hypersensitivity and IRRs with sacituzumab govitecan

Monitoring for hypersensitivity and IRRs^{1,2}



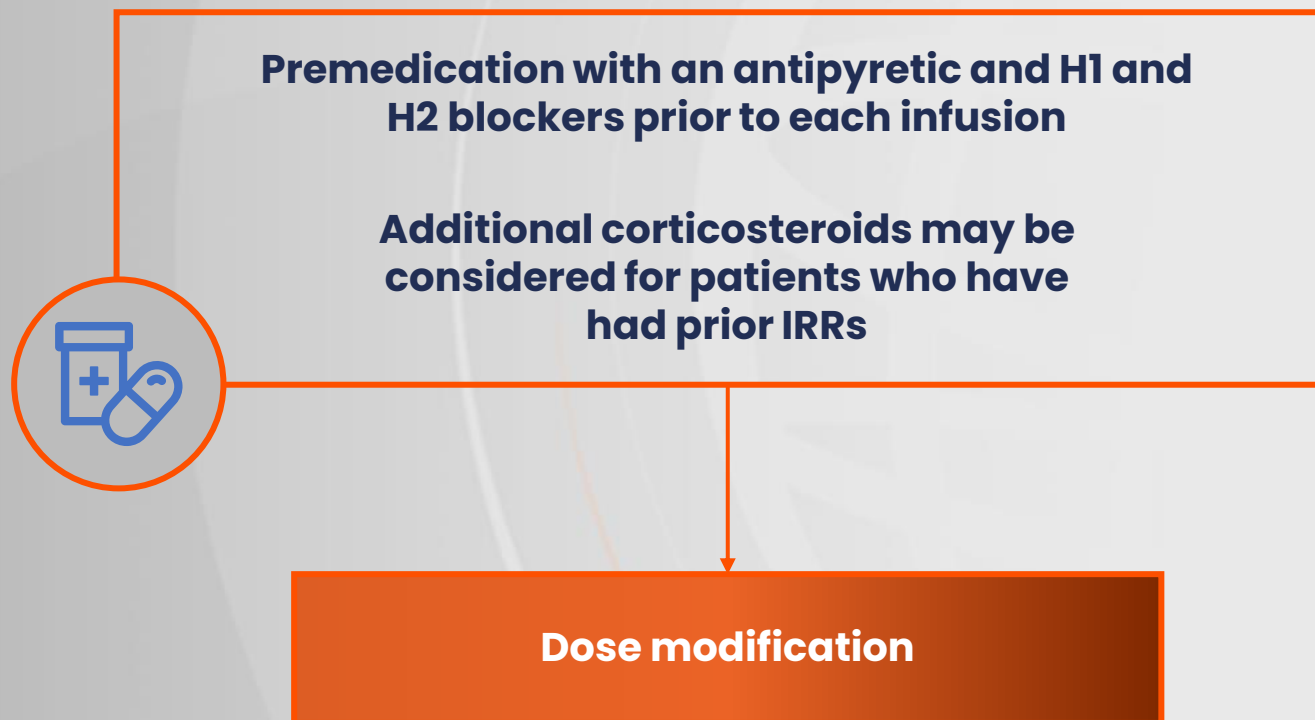
Hypersensitivity reactions including severe anaphylactic reactions have been observed within 24 hours of dosing

Monitor patients for at least 30 minutes after infusion for signs of:

- **Cardiac arrest**
- **Hypotension**
- **Wheezing**
- **Angioedema**
- **Swelling**
- **Pneumonitis**
- **Skin reactions**

Hypersensitivity and IRRs with sacituzumab govitecan

Mitigation and management of hypersensitivity and IRRs^{1,2}



Diarrhoea and cholinergic syndrome with sacituzumab govitecan

Monitoring for diarrhoea and cholinergic syndrome^{1,2}



Monitor for signs of acute diarrhoea or early cholinergic syndrome during or shortly after infusion:

- **Abdominal cramping**
- **Diarrhoea**
- **Sweating**
- **Excessive salivation**

Initiate treatment if no infectious cause

Diarrhoea and cholinergic syndrome with sacituzumab govitecan

Managing diarrhoea and cholinergic syndrome^{1,2}

Administer atropine, if not contraindicated, for early diarrhoea of any severity

At onset of late diarrhoea: Loperamide 4 mg initially followed by 2 mg/episode of diarrhoea up to 16 mg daily

Discontinue loperamide 12 hours after diarrhoea resolves

Fluid and electrolyte substitution may also be employed as clinically indicated

Premedication with atropine for subsequent treatments should be considered in the event of excessive cholinergic response



Dose modification

Nausea and vomiting with sacituzumab govitecan

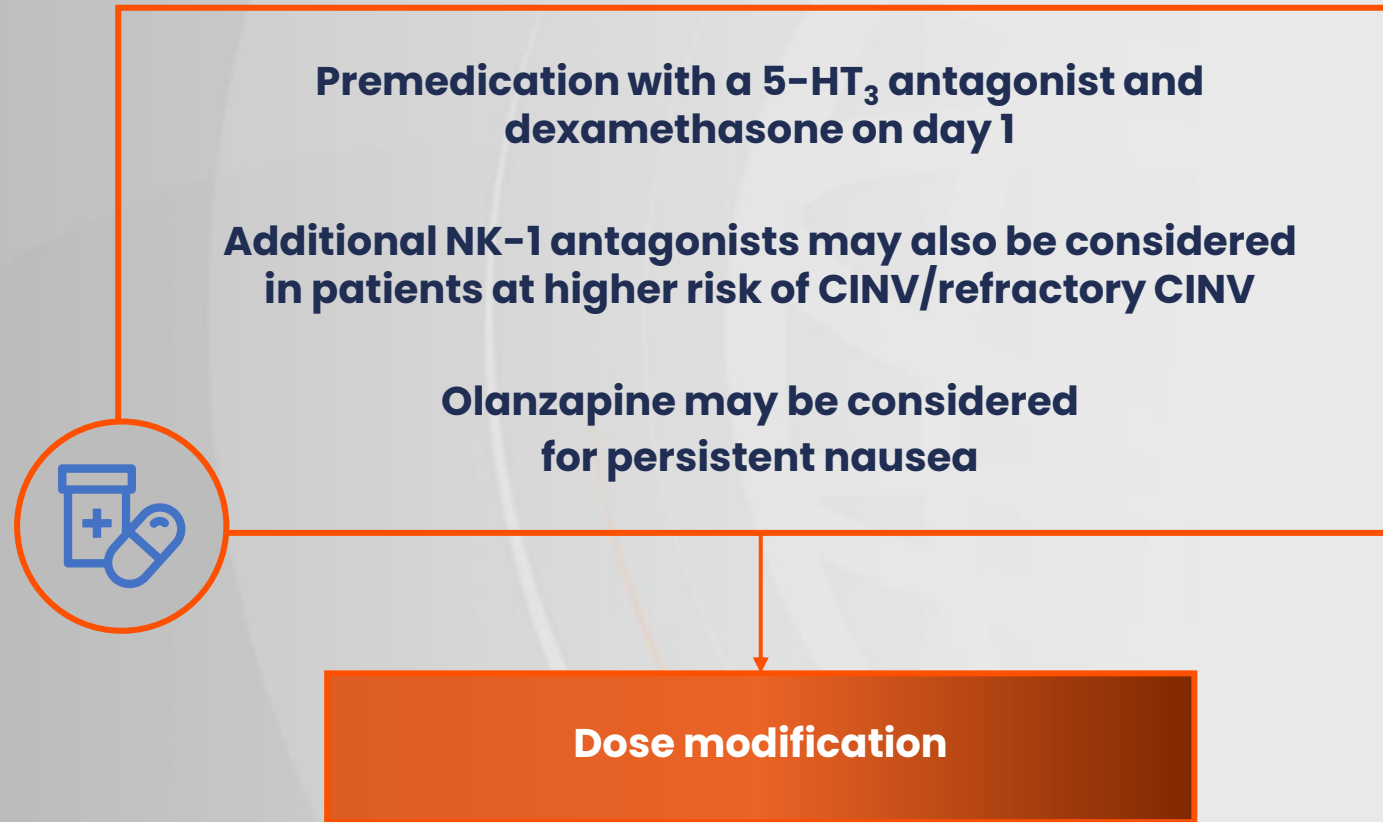
Monitoring for nausea and vomiting



**Monitor for nausea or vomiting
during or shortly after the time of
scheduled treatment**

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Managing nausea and vomiting^{1,2}



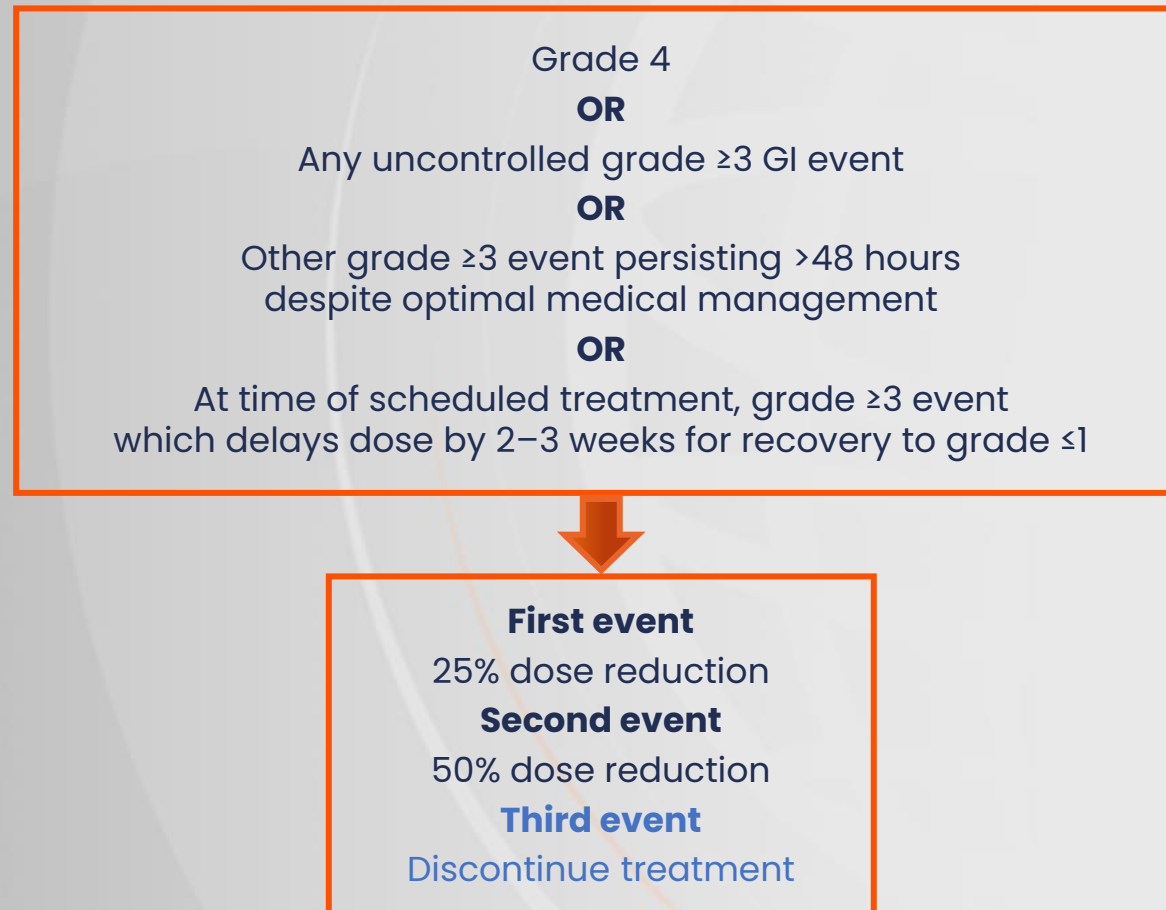
CINV, chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting; NK-1, neurokinin 1.

1. FDA. Sacituzumab govitecan, prescribing information. Available at: www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2021/761115s009lbl.pdf (accessed 17 December 2021);

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Non-haematologic toxicity with sacituzumab govitecan

Dose modification strategy for non-haematologic toxicity



Safety of ADCs in combination therapy

EV-103: enfortumab vedotin in combination with pembrolizumab, N=45

	Any grade* (%)	Grade ≥ 3 * (%)
Peripheral neuropathy	55.6	4.4
Fatigue	51.6	11.1
Alopecia	48.9	0
Diarrhoea	46.7	4.4
Decreased appetite	40.0	2.2
Maculopapular rash	35.6	11.1
Dysgeusia	33.3	0
Pruritus	33.3	2.2
Nausea	28.9	0
Decreased weight	24.4	2.2
Dry skin	22.2	0
Increased ALT/AST	20.0	0
Anaemia	20.0	8.9

One treatment-related death reported: multiple organ dysfunction syndrome

*Any grade TEAE occurring in $\geq 20\%$ of patients.

ADC, antibody–drug conjugate; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; AST, aspartate transaminase.

Friedlander TW, et al. Presented at: American Society of Clinical Oncology Virtual Congress, 4–8 June 2021. Poster 4528.

Conclusions

There are common TEAEs associated with ADCs¹

Healthcare professionals must be aware of which TEAEs may occur to monitor for and manage them throughout the treatment course¹

ADCs in combination therapy appear to be tolerable²