

# **Update on Targeted Therapy and Immunotherapy for Cervical Cancer**

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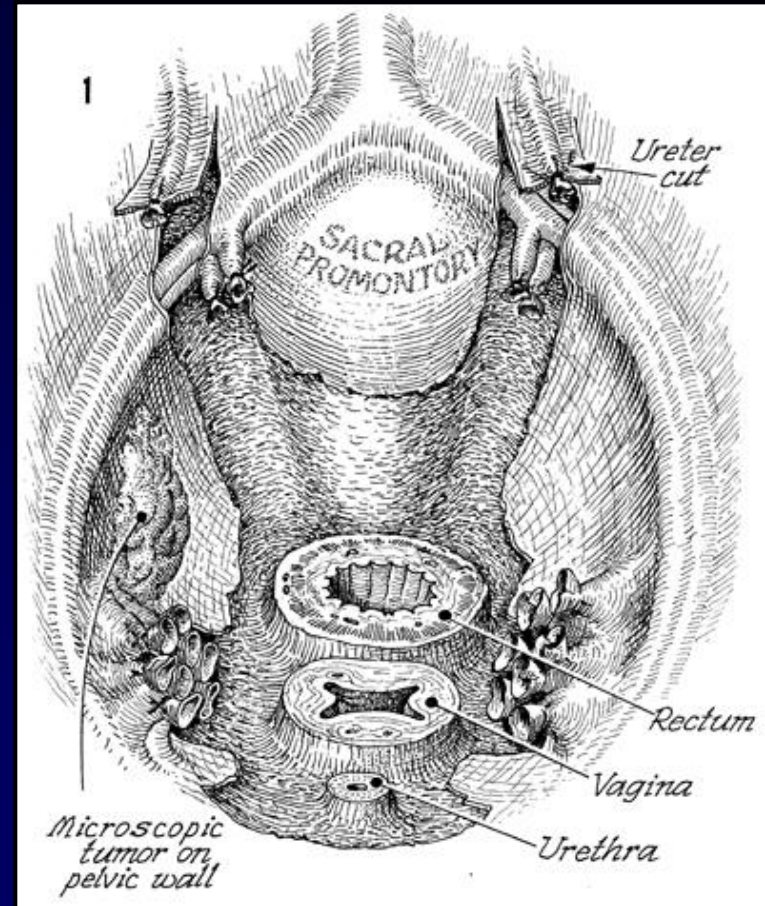


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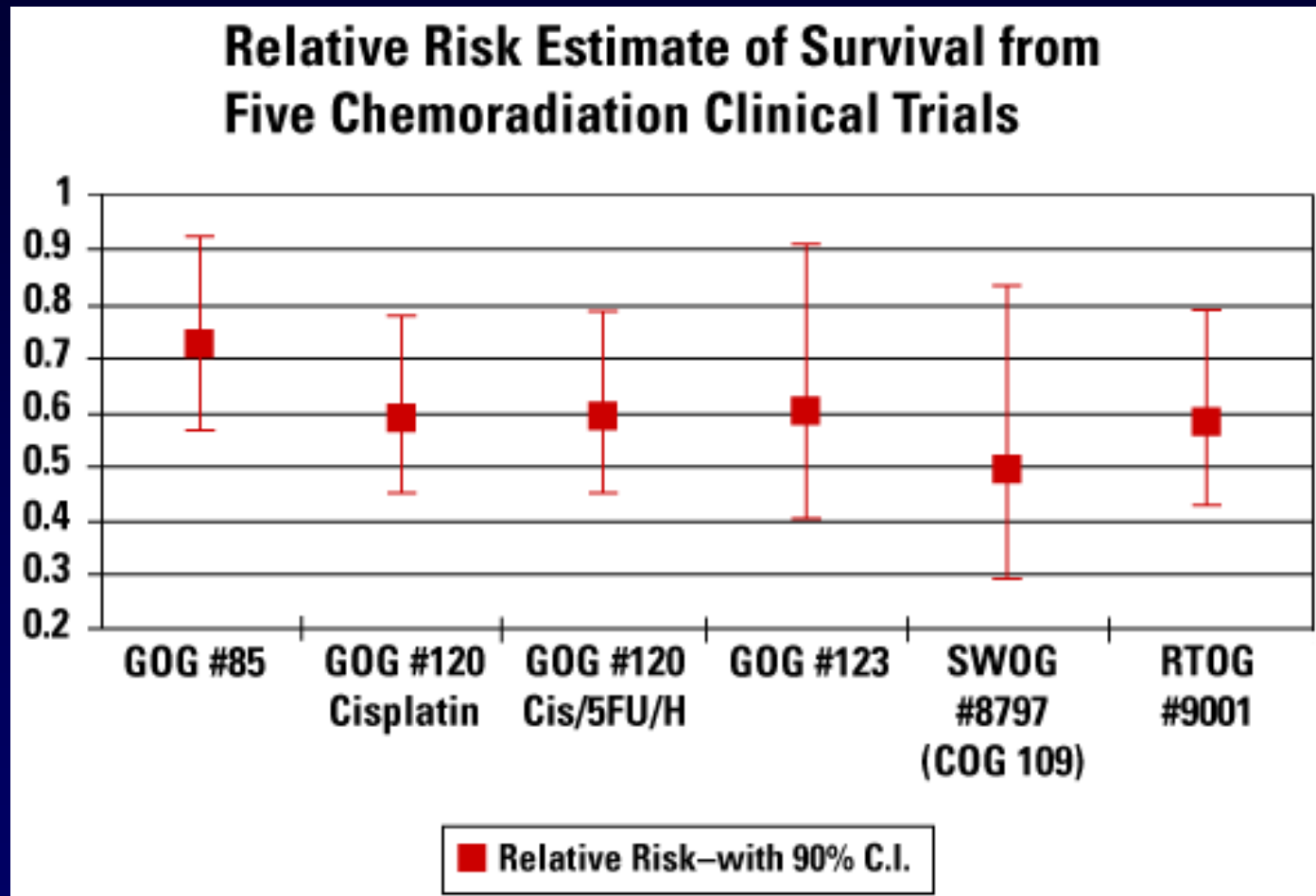
## Total Pelvic Exenteration for Isolated Central Recurrences



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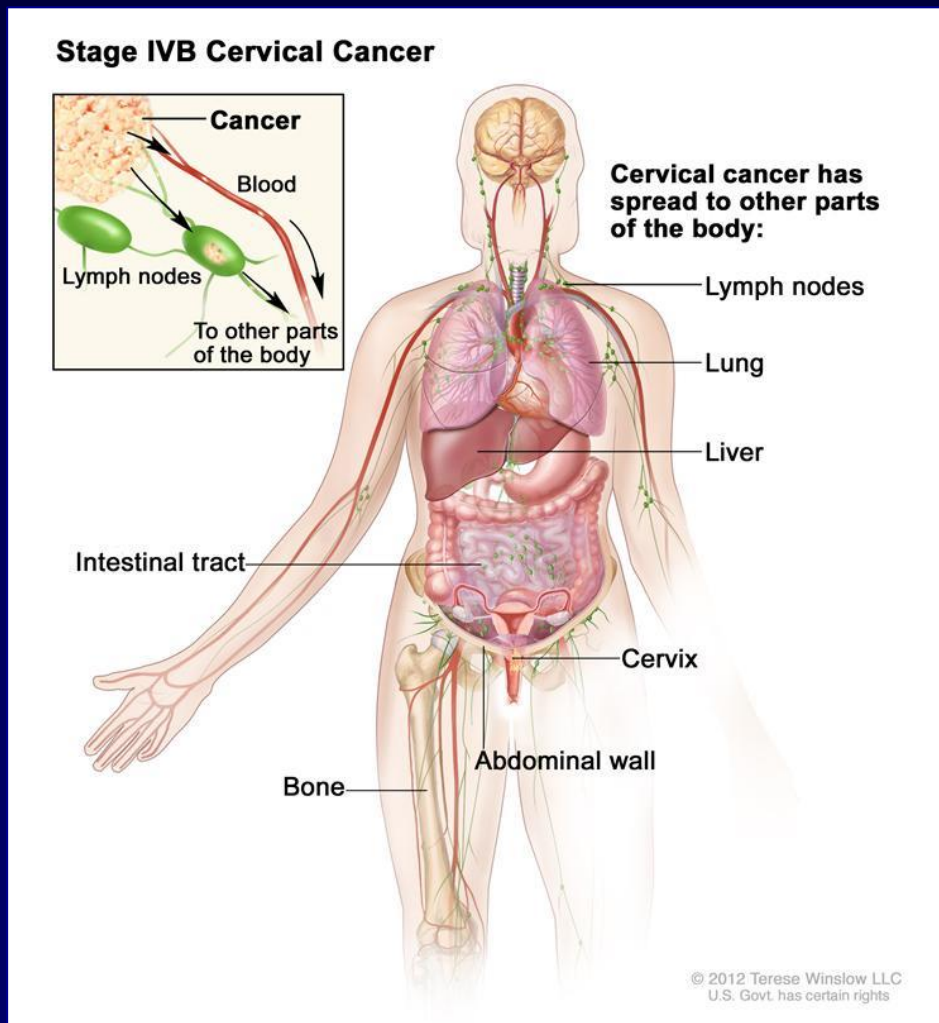
# 5 Pivotal Trials of Chemoradiation



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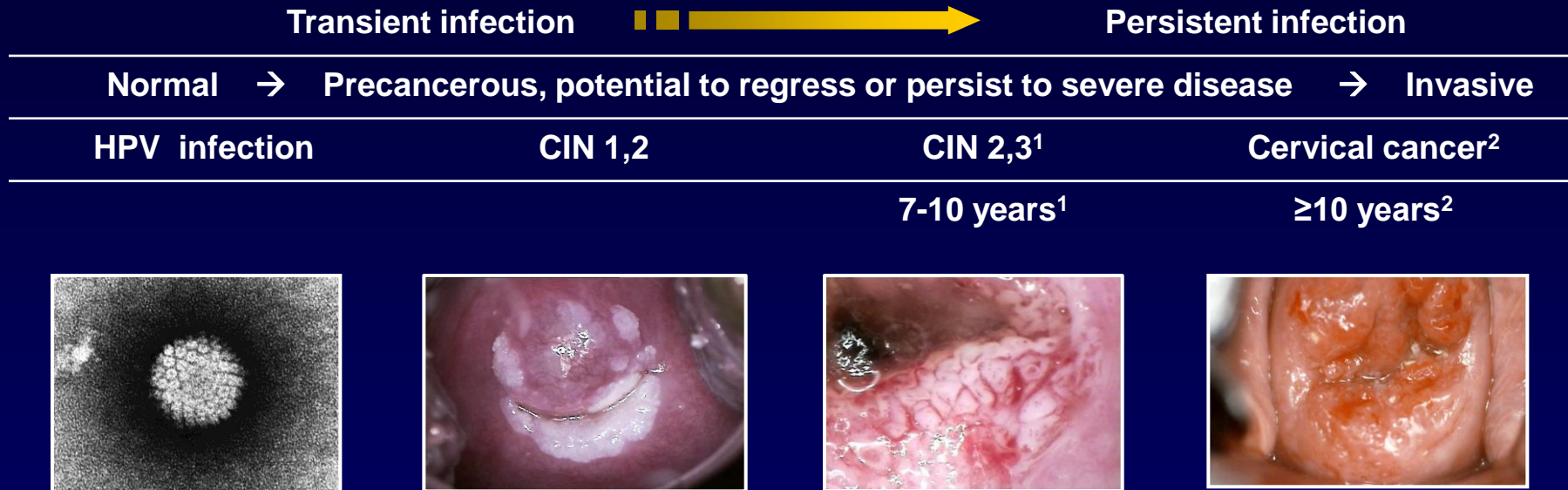
# Recurrent/Persistent and Metastatic Disease: A HIGH UNMET CLINICAL NEED!



# Recurrent and Metastatic Cervical Cancer

- Cisplatin (Cis) 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> plus paclitaxel (Pac) 135 mg/m<sup>2</sup> standard therapy
  - Median overall survival (OS) ≤12 months
- Majority of patients with recurrent cervical cancer treated with cisplatin-based chemoradiation for locally advanced disease (1999 onwards)
  - Concern that acquired drug resistance may make platinum-based therapies less effective for recurrent cervical cancer
- Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG) 204 (2009)\*
  - Phase III randomized trial of 4 platinum-based chemotherapy doublets
  - Closed for futility
  - Cisplatin plus paclitaxel remained standard
  - New therapeutic options needed
  - Non-platinum chemotherapy doublets?
  - Anti-angiogenesis therapy?

# HPV Infection + Angiogenesis = Progressive Cervical Neoplasia



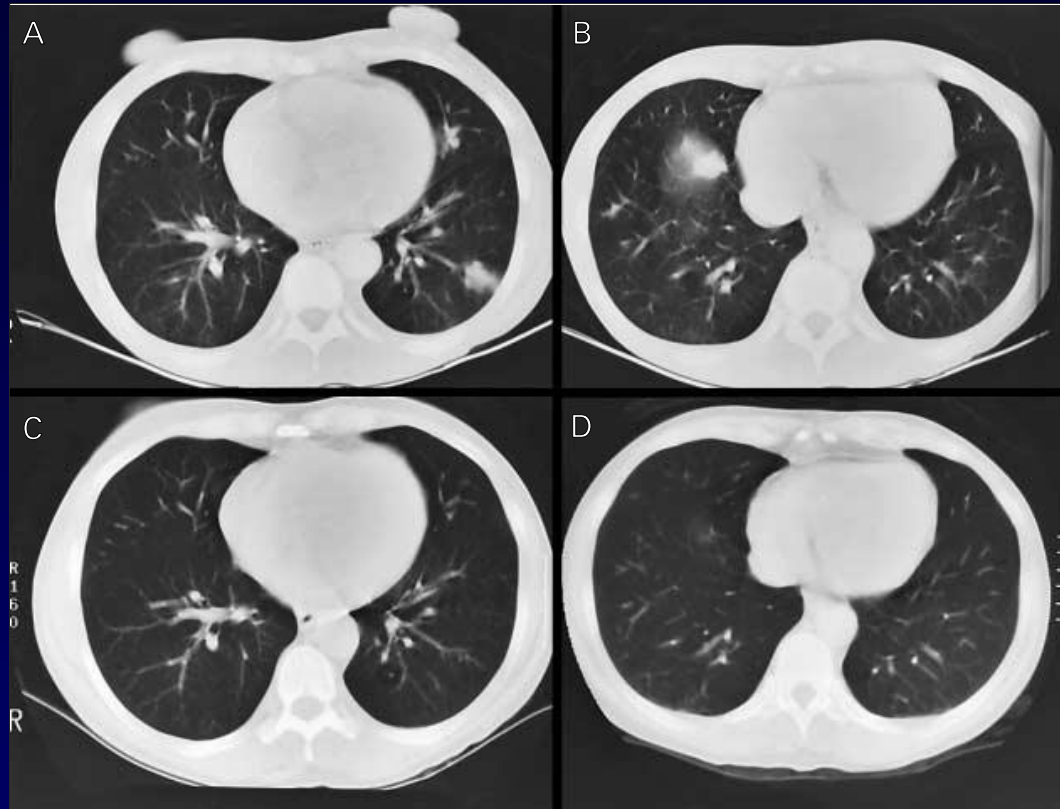
**Colposcopy demonstrates abnormal vasculature and angiogenesis dependent progression of cervical neoplasia**

CIN, cervical intraepithelial neoplasia; HPV, human papillomavirus

1. Schiffman M, et al. *J Int Cancer Natl Monogr.* 2003;31:14-19. 2. Ostör AG. *Int J Gynecol Pathol.* 1993;12(2):186-192.



# Complete Remission of Metastatic Cervical Cancer With the Angiogenesis Inhibitor TNP-470

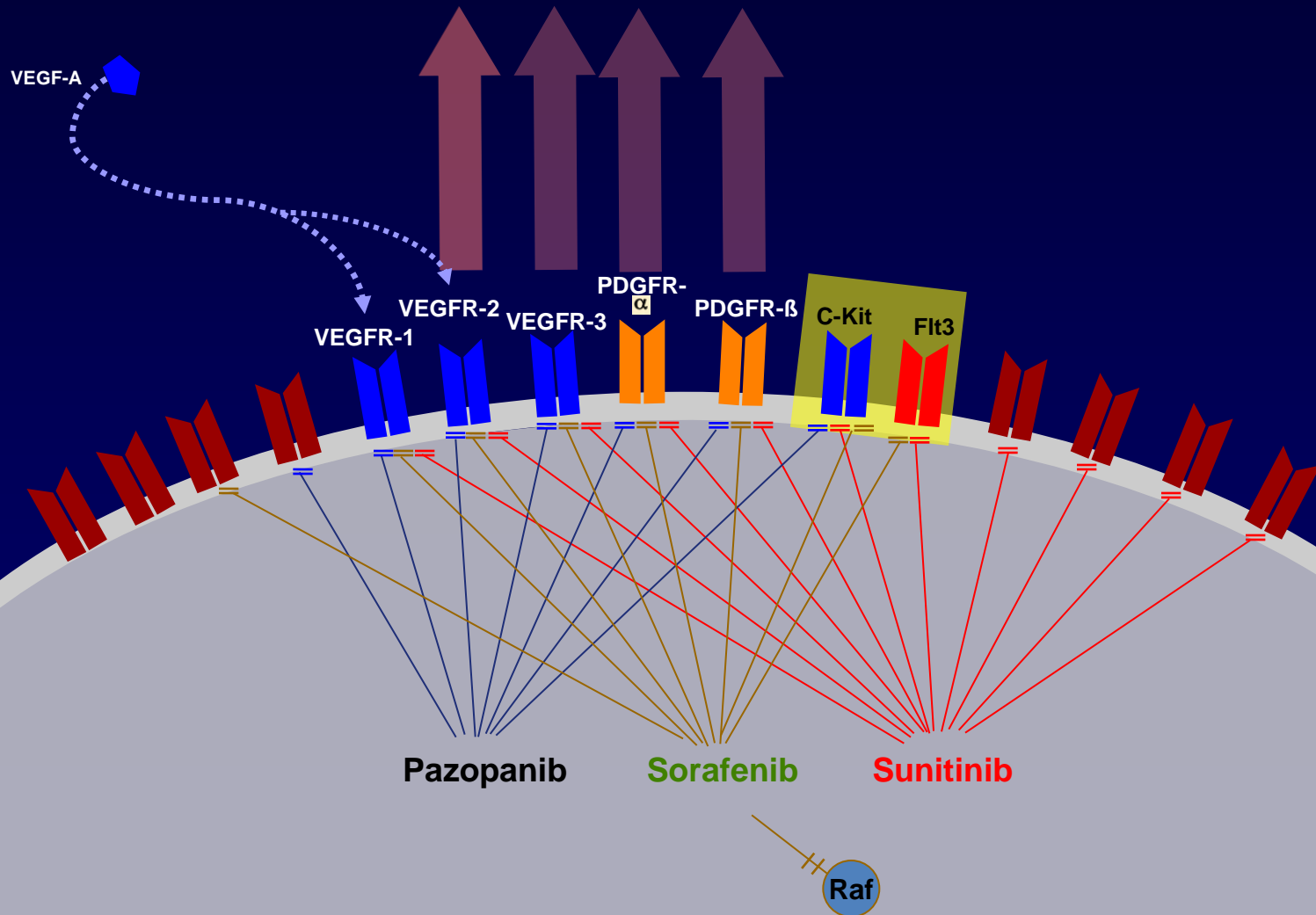


- ✓ Potent fungal metabolite first isolated from *Aspergillus fumigatus* with anti-angiogenesis properties

# Mechanism of Action of Early Anti-Vascular Agents

Bevacizumab (Bev)

Anti-angiogenesis

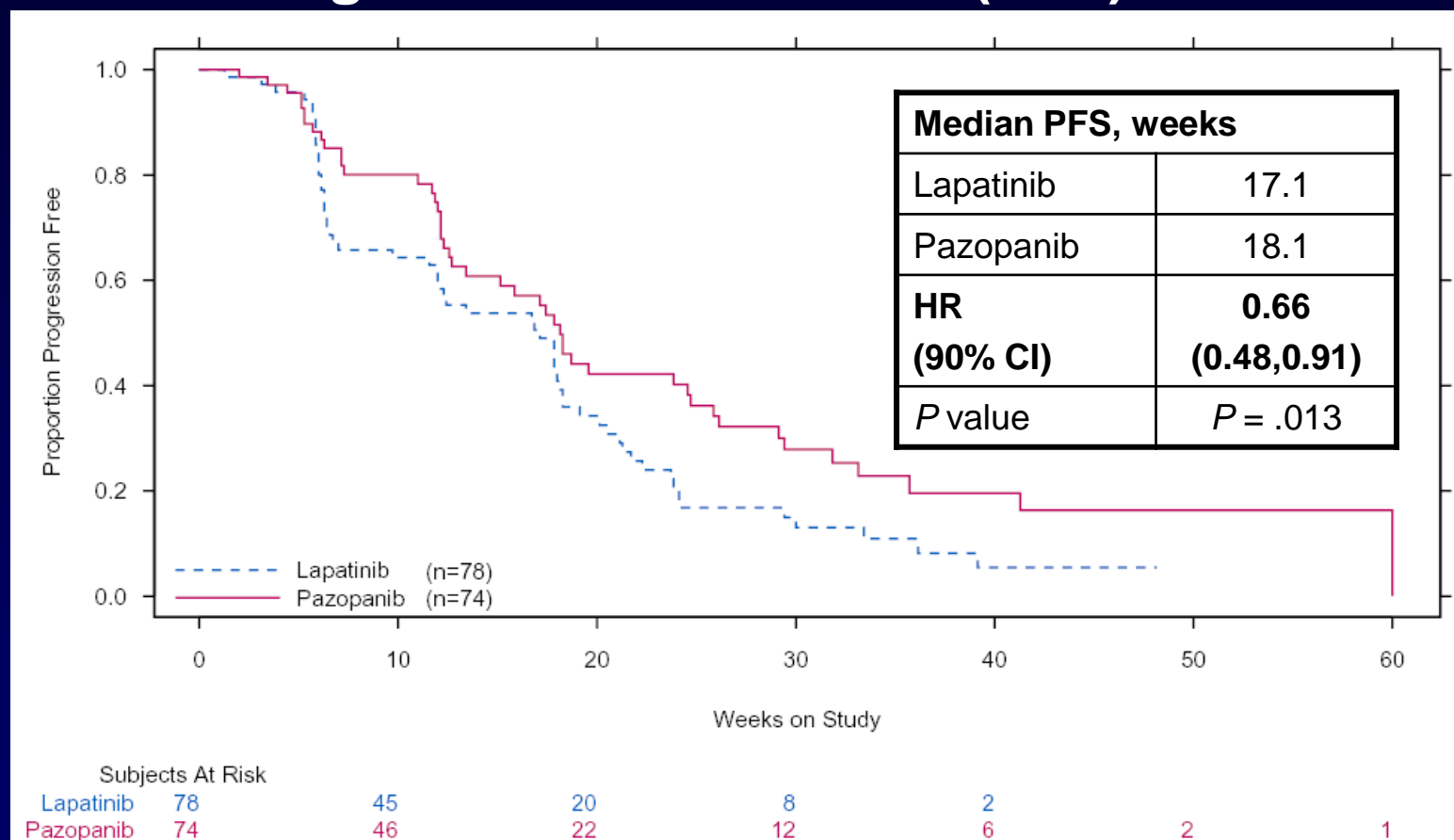




Phase II, Open-Label Study of Pazopanib or Lapatinib Monotherapy Compared With Pazopanib Plus Lapatinib Combination Therapy in Patients With Advanced and Recurrent Cervical Cancer

# Anti-VEGF Out Performs Anti-EGF

## Progression-free survival (PFS): ITT



\*\*The CI are 90% (alpha = 10%) naïve CIs. \*Wald normal approximation is used to calculate the 1-sided P value. \*\*\*Stratified log-rank P value and hazard ratio (Pike) adjusted only for one of the stratification factors – prior chemotherapy.

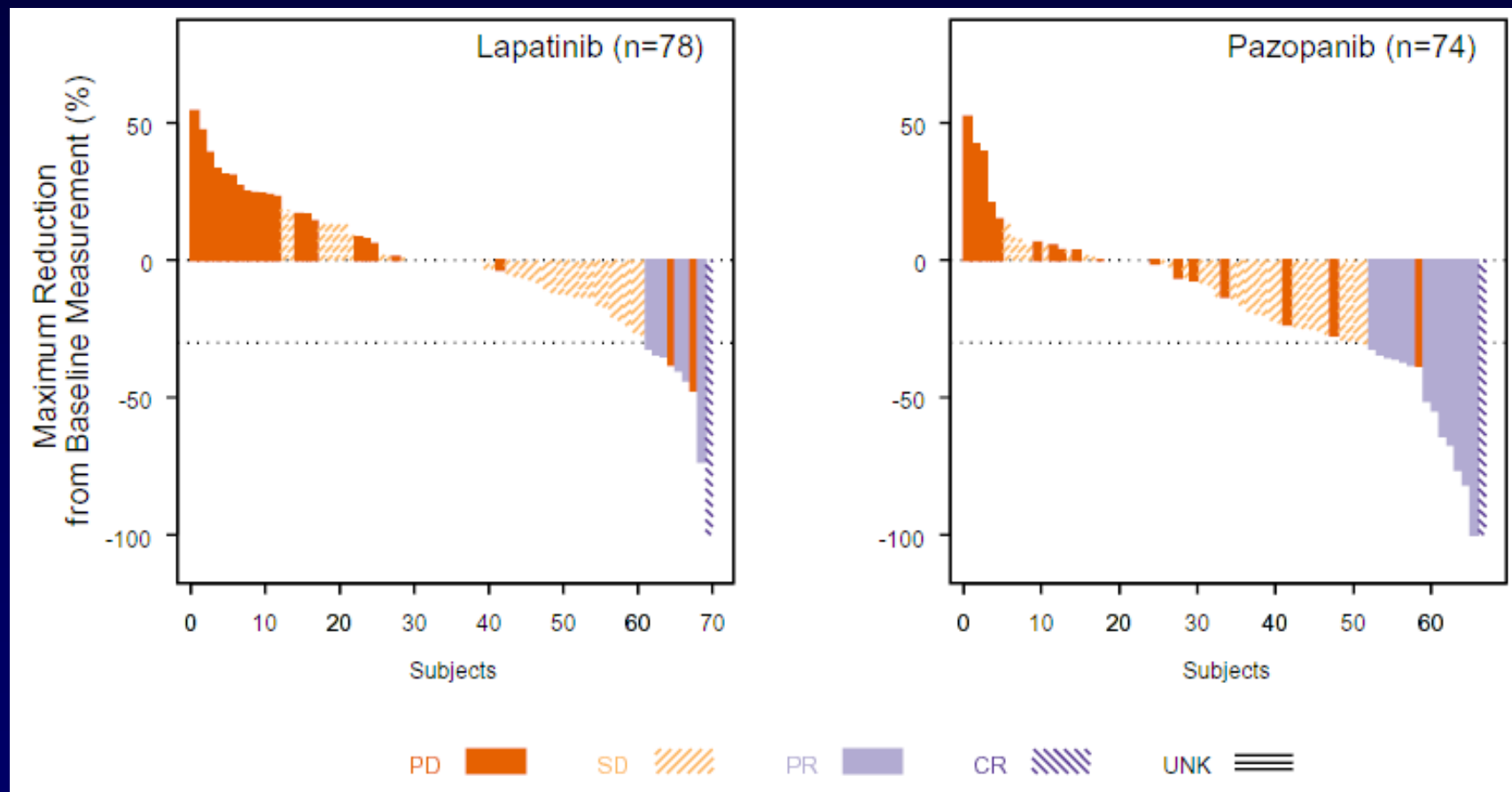
VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor; EGF, epidermal growth factor; ITT, intent-to-treat

Monk BJ, et al *J Clin Oncol*. 2010;28(22):3562-3569.

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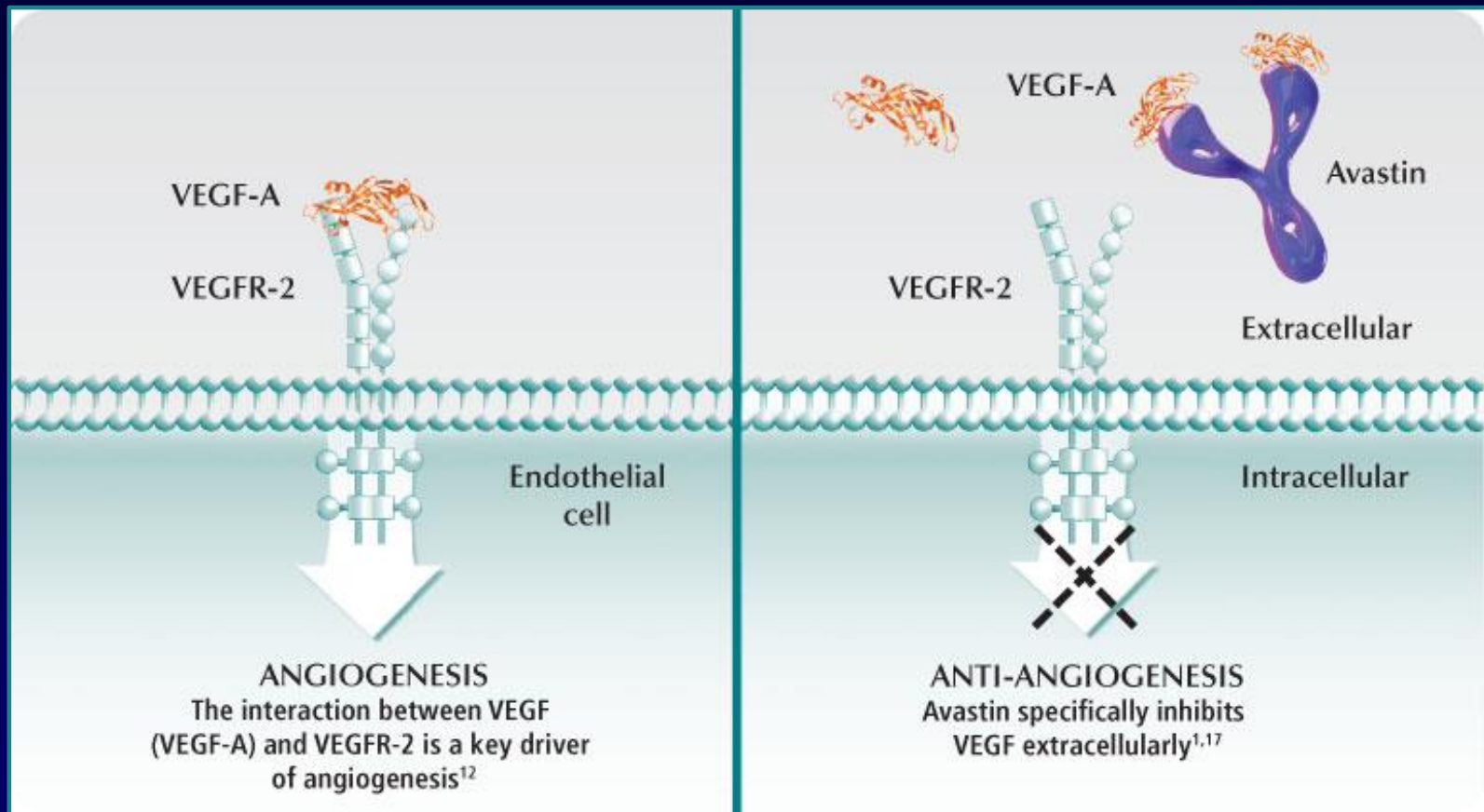
# Anti-VEGF Out Performs Anti-EGF

## Maximum decrease in target lesion diameter: Lapatinib vs Pazopanib



# GOG 227C

## Phase II Bevacizumab, Recurrent Cervical Cancer

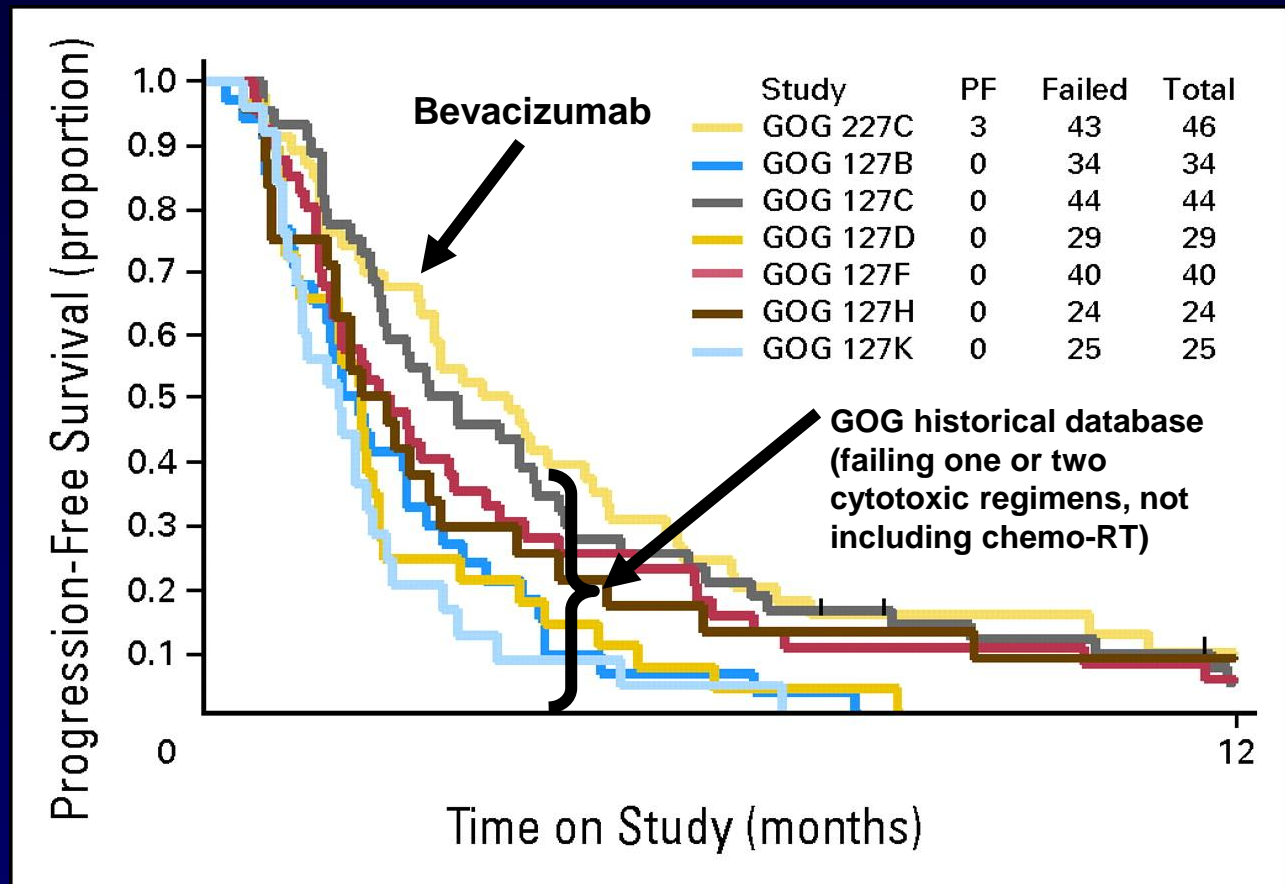


# GOG 227C

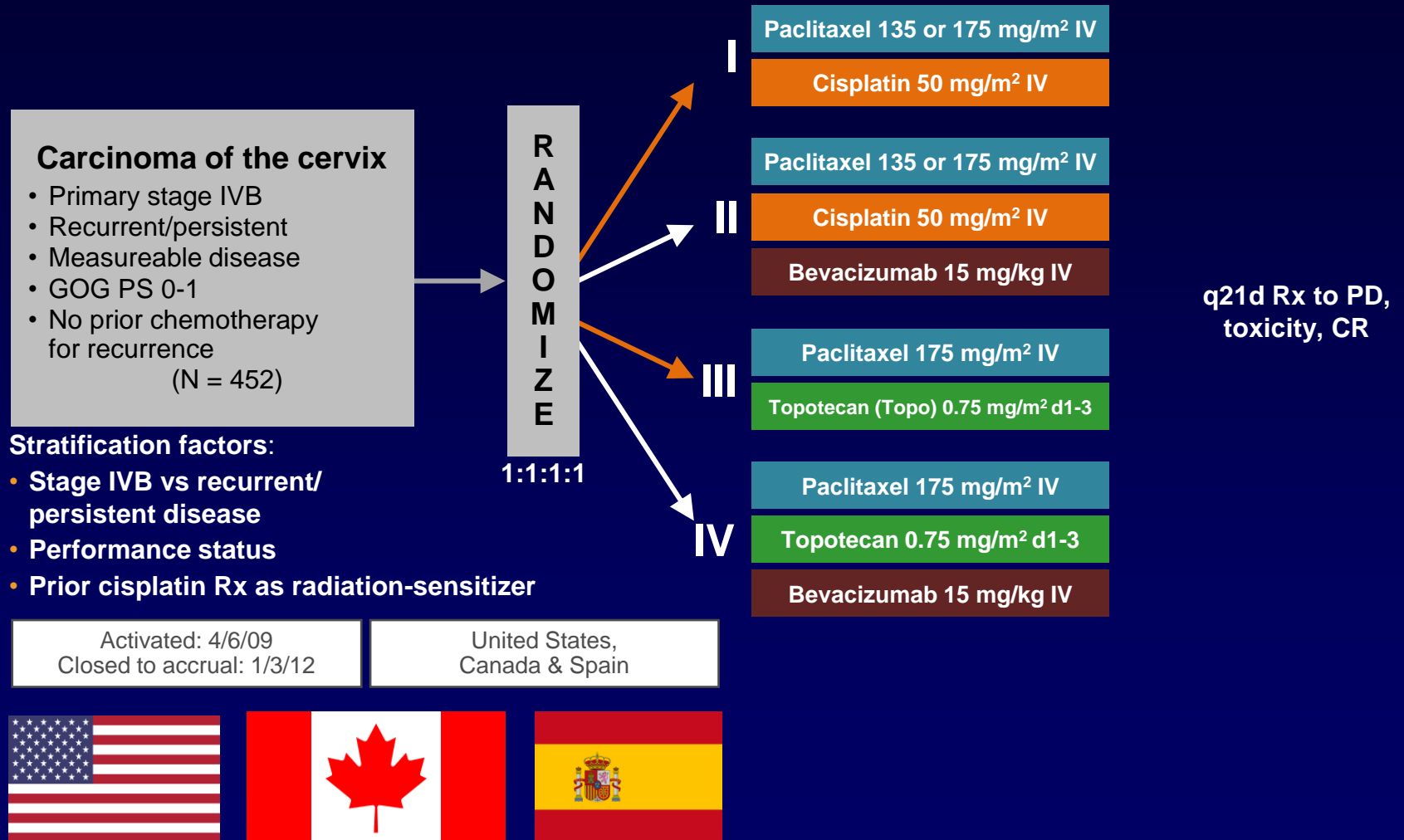
## Phase II Bevacizumab, Recurrent Cervical Cancer

**PFS of Bev  
versus GOG  
historical  
database  
(failing one or  
two cytotoxic  
regimens, not  
including  
chemo-radio-  
therapy (RT))**

PFS by treatment group



# GOG 240: Schema



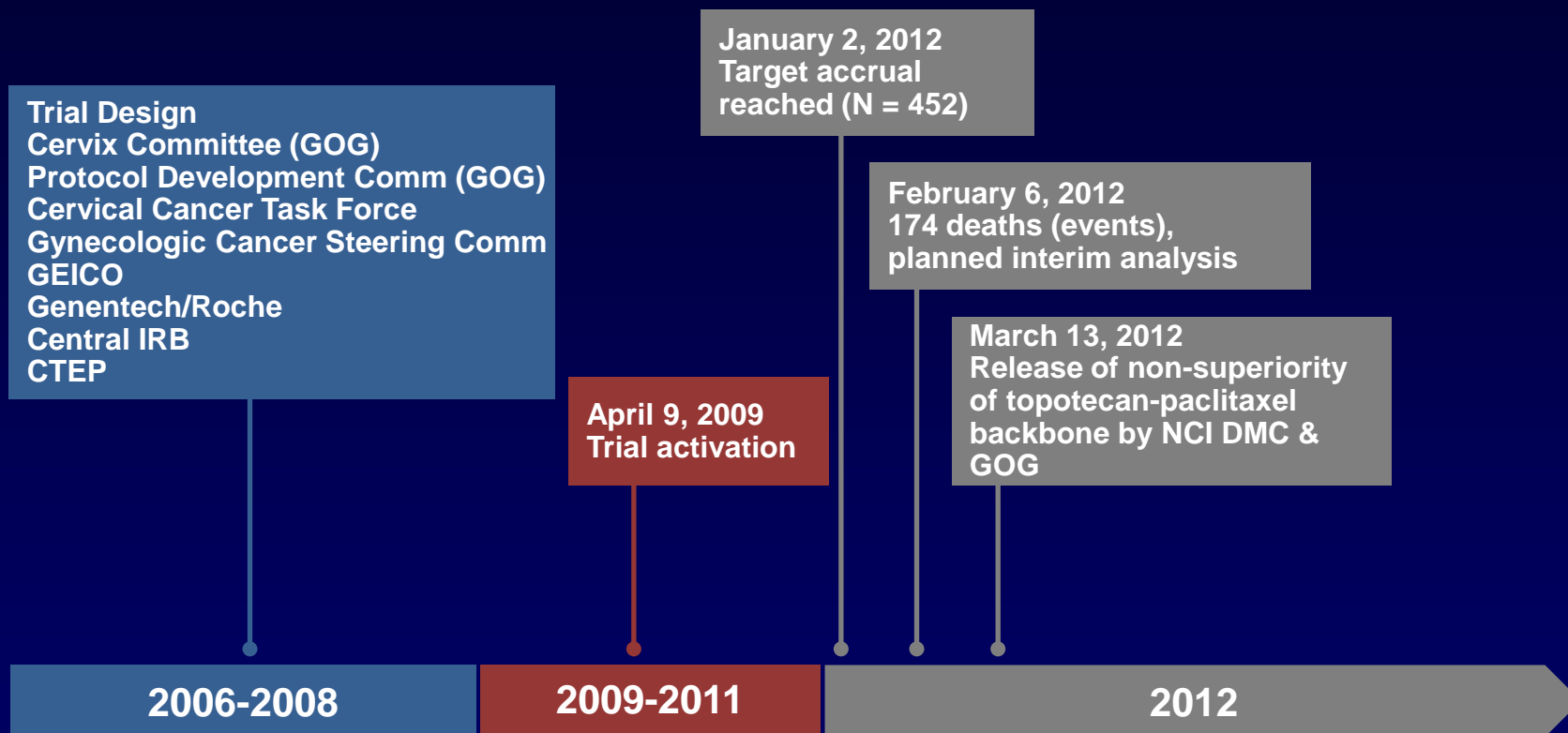
CR, complete response; PD, progressive disease; PS, performance status; q21d, every 21 days; Rx, treatment

National Institutes of Health. Available at: <http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT00803062>. Accessed January 7, 2015.

# GOG 240: Statistical Considerations

- Phase III open-label study
  - 2 x 2 factorial design with 2 primary independent hypotheses tested
  - The impact of non-platinum doublets compared with a platinum doublet
  - The impact of the addition of anti-angiogenic therapy to chemotherapy
- Assumptions for the primary end point of overall survival (OS)
  - Sample size = 450
  - Assumes no evidence of interaction between factors
  - 346 deaths required to detect a reduction in the hazard of death by 30% by the addition of either factor with a power of 90%
  - 2.5% alpha for each of the 2 primary hypothesis tests
  - Goal to increase median OS from 12 months to 16 months
- Pre-planned interim analysis after 173 events to determine futility or superiority of either experimental factor
- 2 sequential 2-stage toxicity analyses to monitor for unacceptable toxicity in the experimental arms

# GOG 240: Study Timeline, Part 1





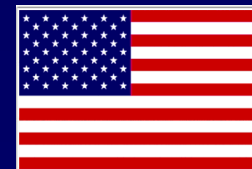
# GOG 240.1

## Phase III Randomized Clinical Trial of Cisplatin Plus Paclitaxel vs the Non-Platinum Chemotherapy Doublet of Topotecan Plus Paclitaxel in Women With Recurrent, Persistent, or Metastatic Cervical Carcinoma: A Gynecologic Oncology Group Study

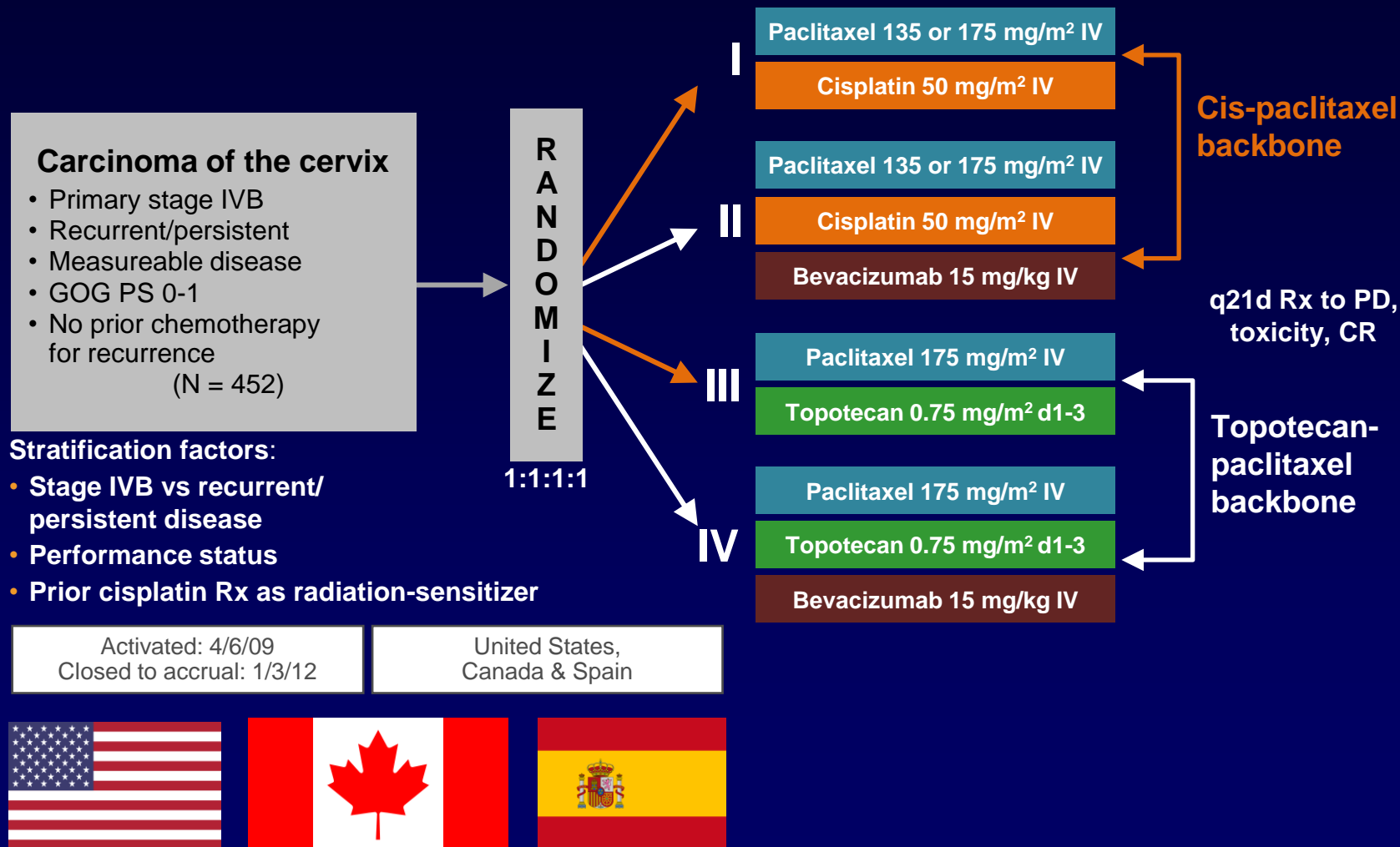
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# GOG 240.1: Schema



# GOG 240.1: Results

## Demographics & Treatment Allocation

	Cis + Pac backbone	Topo + Pac backbone	P value
Median age, years	46 (20-85)	48 (22-82)	NS
Squamous	71%	67%	0.308
adenocarcinoma, unspecified	20%	21%	
White	78%	77%	0.800
African American	13%	13%	
Asian	5%	4%	
Pacific Islander	0.4%	0.00	
Recurrent	75%	69%	0.298
Persistent	9%	14%	
Advanced	16%	17%	
PS 0	57%	59%	0.703
PS 1	43%	41%	
Prior platinum	76%	74%	0.666
TOTAL	229	223	NS

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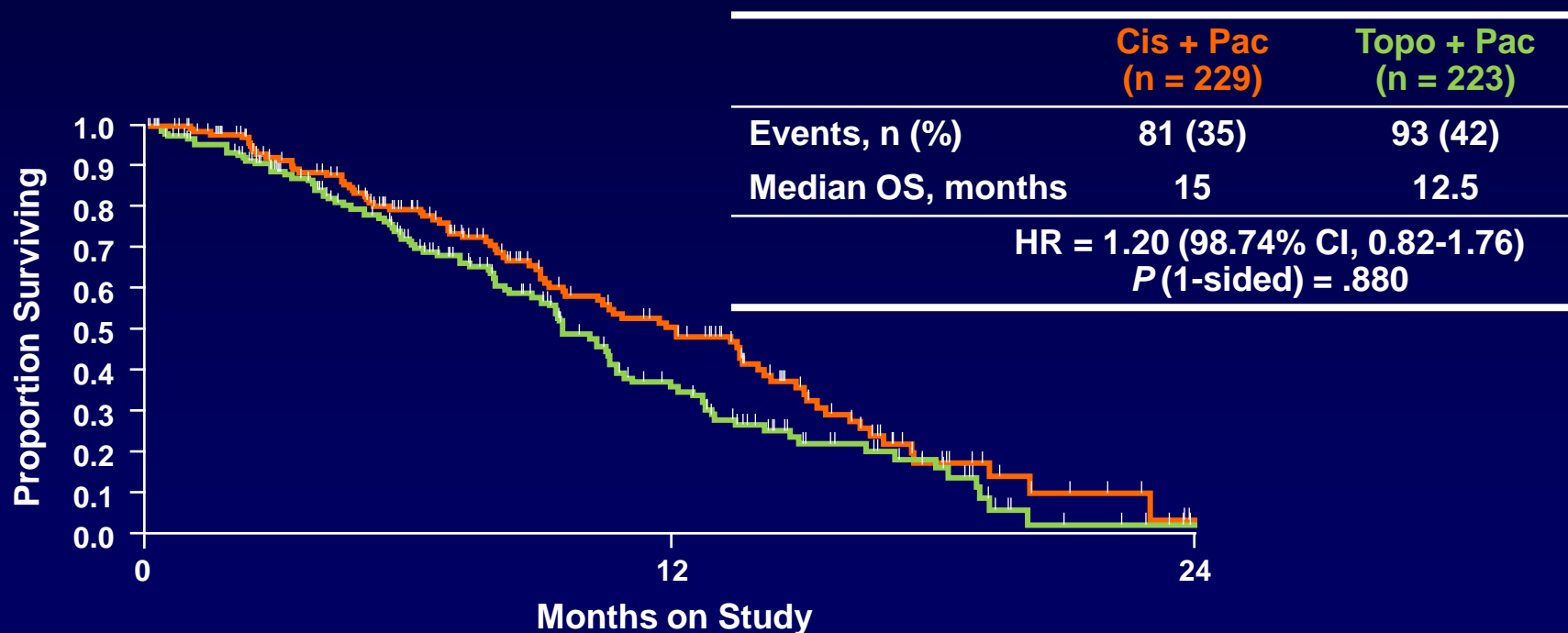
# **GOG 240.1: Results Planned Interim Analysis**

- **February 2012**
  - **174 deaths**
- **NCI DSMB convened**
  - **Recommended release of topotecan plus paclitaxel data**
  - **‘Dear Investigator’ and ‘Dear Patient’ letters drafted**

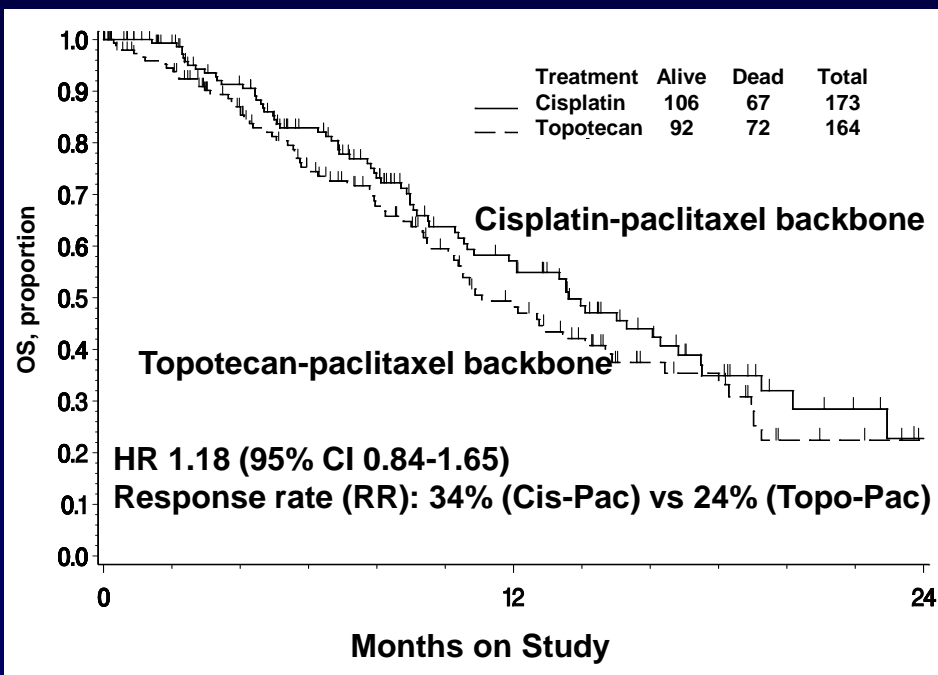
# GOG 240.1: Interim Analysis SGO 2013

## Overall Survival: Cis-Pac Backbone vs Topo-Pac Backbone

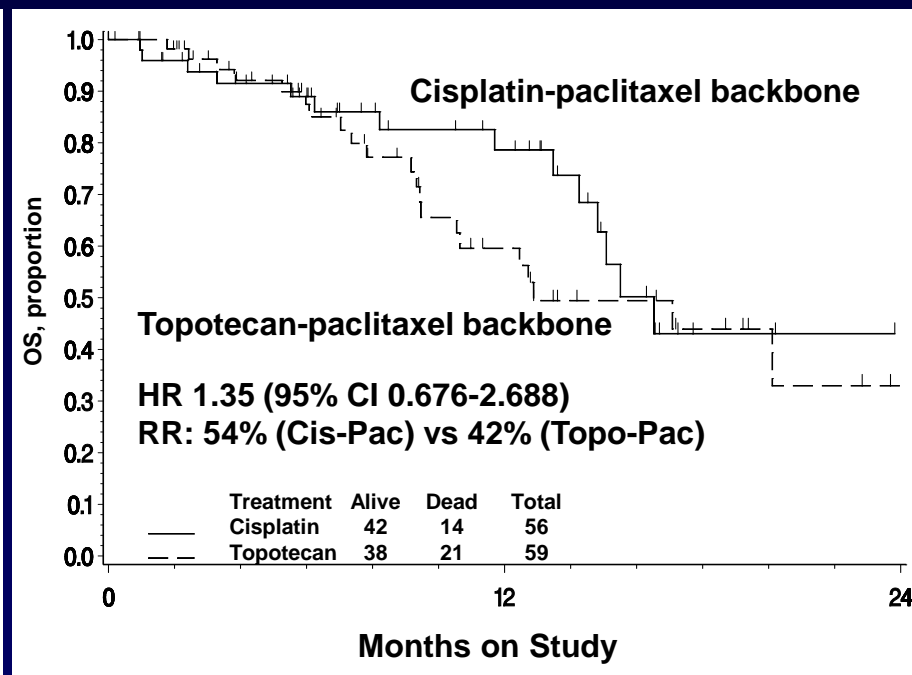
- February 2012 study results released comparing non-platinum doublet vs platinum-doublet
  - Topotecan + paclitaxel shown to not be superior or inferior to cisplatin + paclitaxel



# GOG 240.1: Overall Survival Prior Platinum Exposure



**Prior Cisplatin**



**No Prior Cisplatin**

# GOG 240.1: Toxicity

## Cis-Pac Backbone vs Topo-Pac Backbone

		Grade 0	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Leukopenia	Cis-Pac	45	27	70	60	10	0
	Topo-Pac	30	28	42	71	33	0
Nausea	Cis-Pac	82	78	36	16	0	0
	Topo-Pac	103	71	26	4	0	0
Vomiting	Cis-Pac	145	29	28	10	0	0
	Topo-Pac	161	27	11	5	0	0
Metabolic	Cis-Pac	115	42	28	26	1	0
	Topo-Pac	130	35	26	11	2	0
Neurosensory	Cis-Pac	96	65	35	16	0	0
	Topo-Pac	87	82	30	5	0	0
Allergy	Cis-Pac	172	16	17	7	0	0
	Topo-Pac	193	7	1	3	0	0

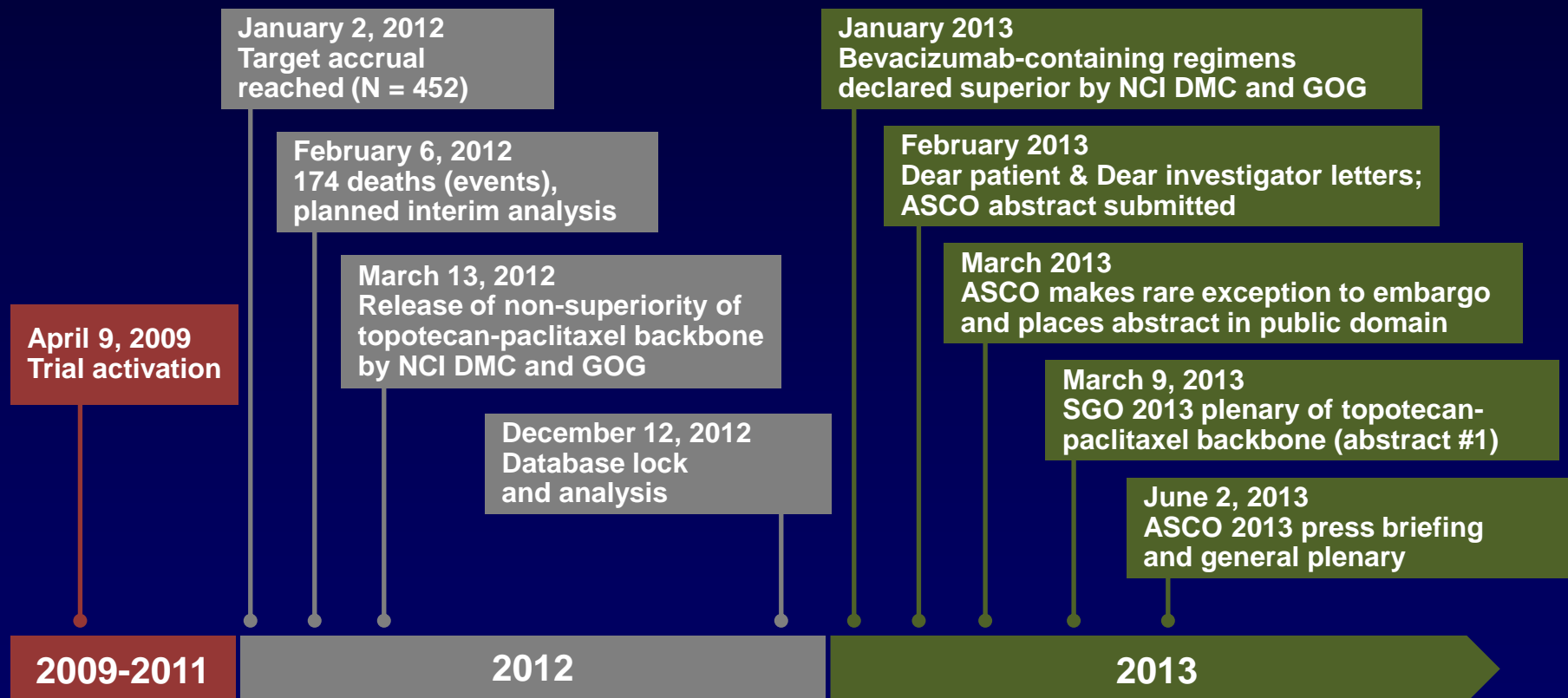
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# **GOG 240.1: Conclusions**

- **This is the largest phase III randomized clinical trial in this population to complete accrual**
- **The substitution of topotecan for cisplatin does not result in improved OS**
- **The RR for the cisplatin-paclitaxel backbone remains high**
- **Topotecan-paclitaxel is a treatment alternative for this population**
- **Selection of either the Cis-Pac backbone or the Topo-Pac backbone should be predicated on toxicity screening/assessment, particularly in patients with prior Cis exposure**

# GOG 240: Study Timeline, Part 2



ASCO, American Society of Clinical Oncology; chemoRx, chemotherapy treatment; DMC, data monitoring committee; NCCN, National Comprehensive Cancer Network; NCI, National Cancer Institute.

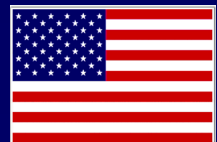
# GOG 240.2

## Incorporation of Bevacizumab in the Treatment of Recurrent and Metastatic Cervical Cancer

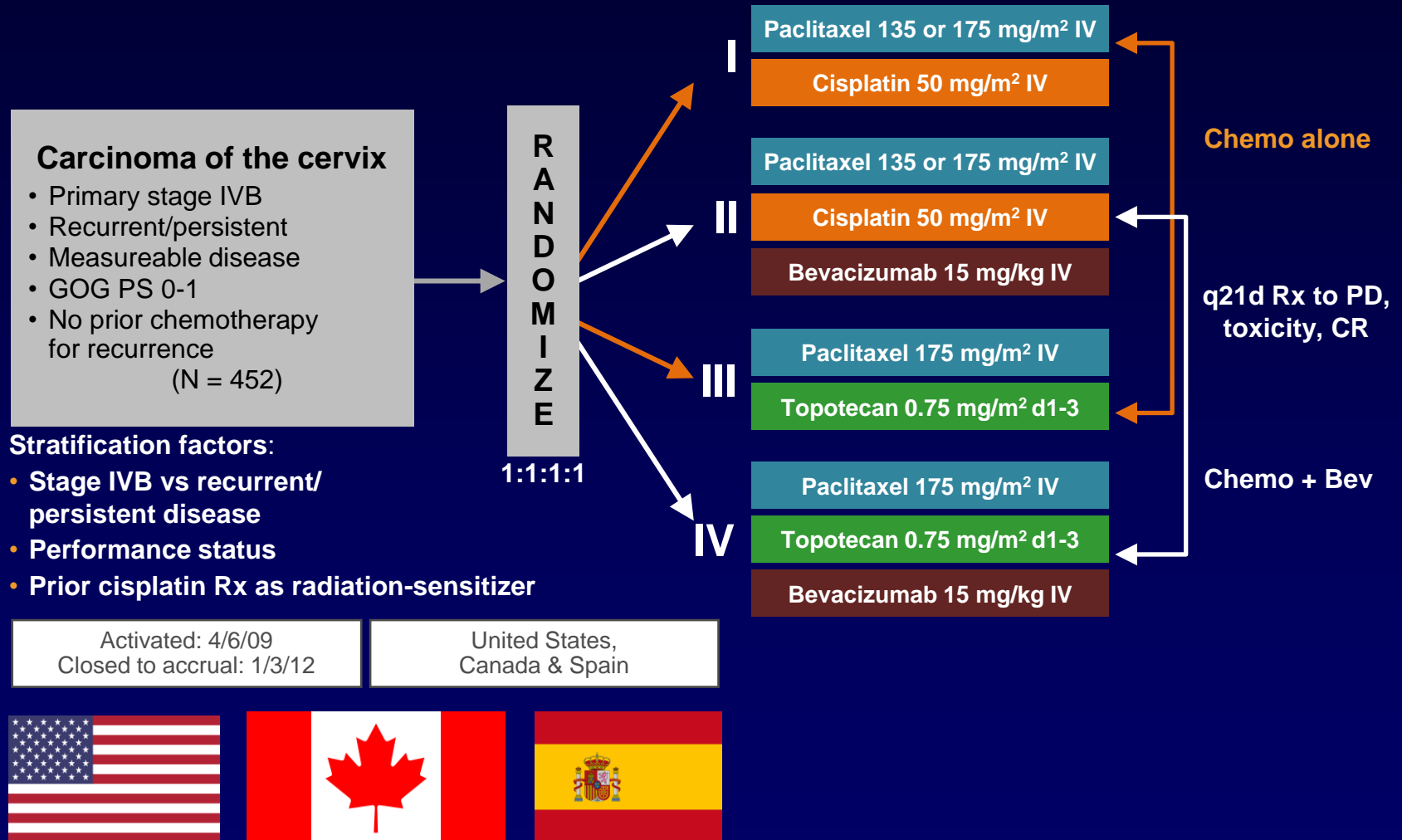
### GOG 240: A Phase 3 Randomized Trial of the Gynecologic Oncology Group

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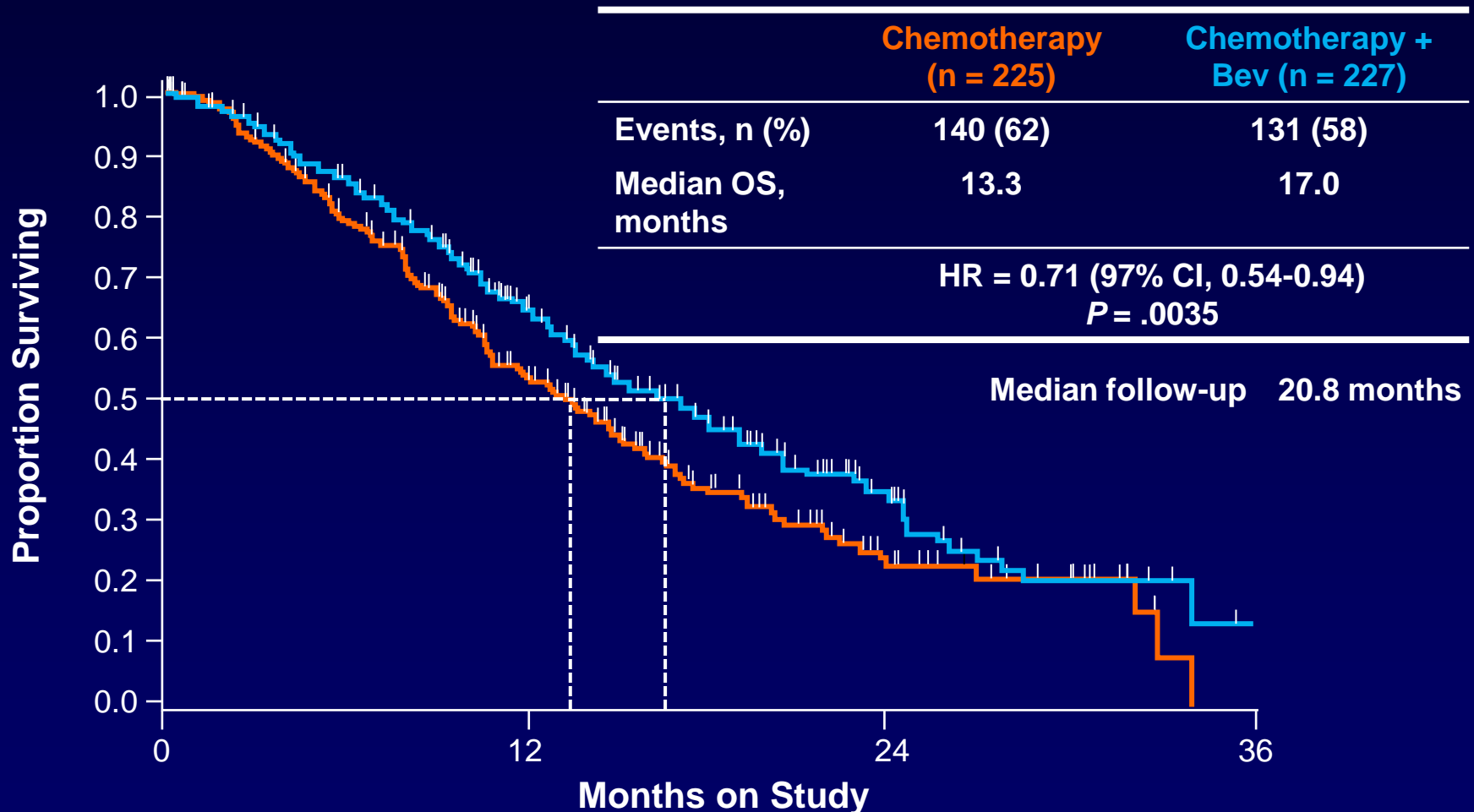
# GOG 240: 2 Schema



# GOG 240.2: Demographics & Baseline Characteristics

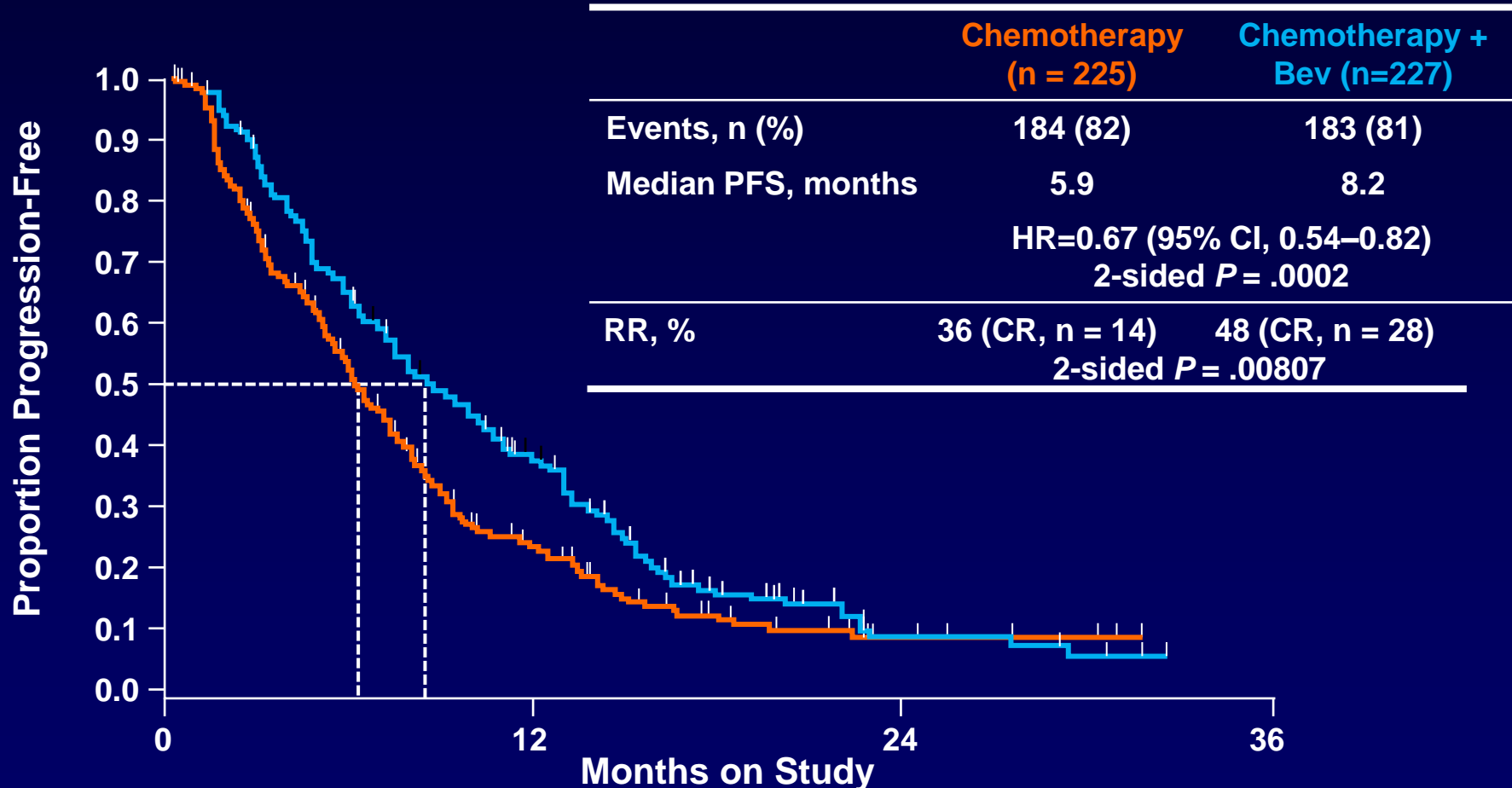
Characteristic	Chemo Alone (n = 225), %	Chemo + Bev (n = 227), %
Median age, years (range)	46 (20–83)	48 (22–85)
Histology, %		
Squamous	68	70
Adenocarcinoma, unspec.	20	19
Race, %		
White	80	75
African American	11	16
Asian	3	5
Pacific Islander	0	0
Stage of disease, %		
Recurrent	73	70
Persistent	10	12
Advanced	16	17
Performance status, %		
0	58	58
1	42	42
Prior platinum, %	74	75
Pelvic disease, %	53	54

# GOG 240.2: Second Interim Analysis OS for Chemo vs Chemo + Bev



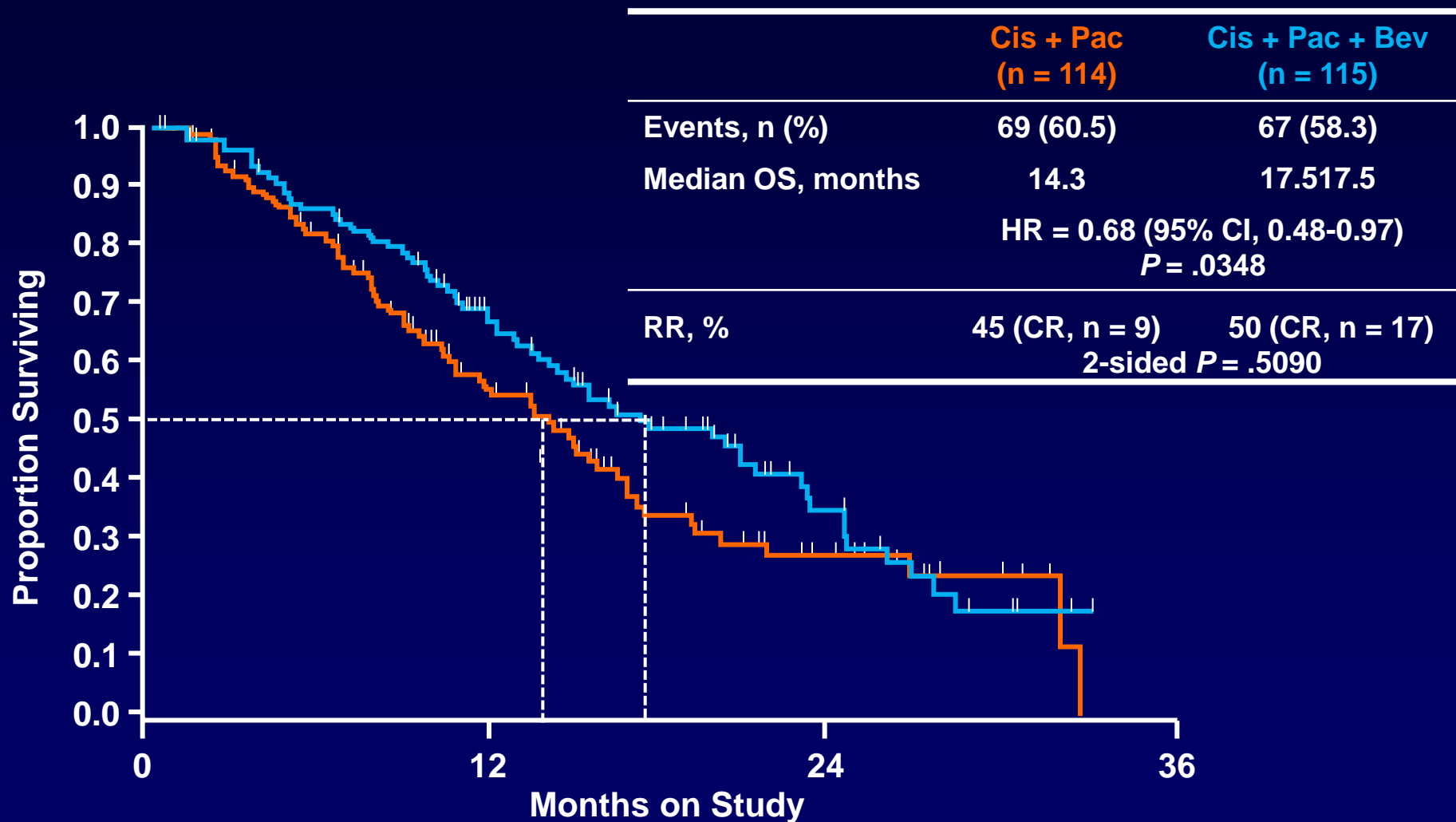
# GOG 240.2: Second Interim Analysis

## PFS for Chemo vs Chemo + Bev

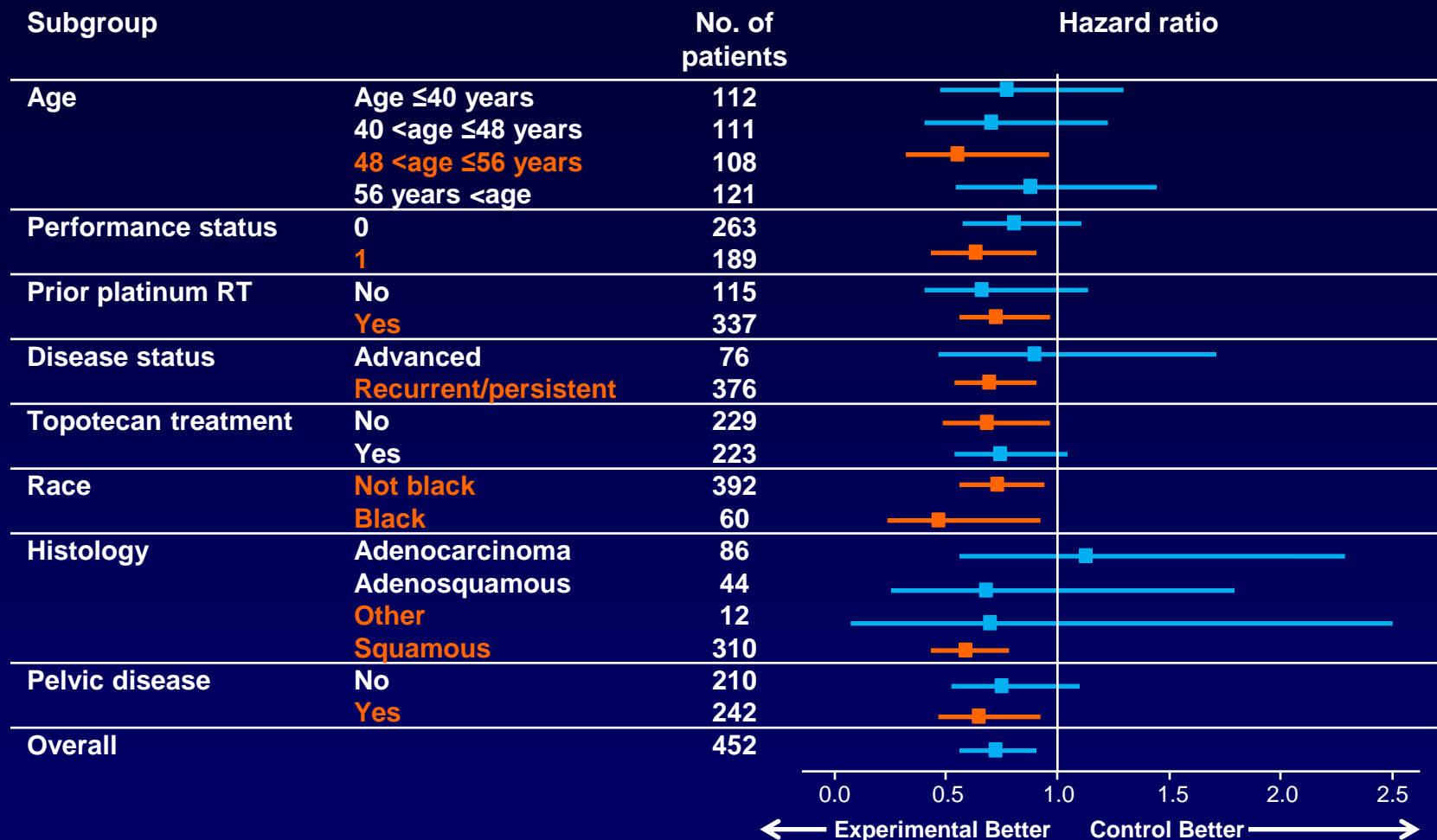




# GOG 240.2: OS for Cis + Pac vs Cis + Pac + Bev



# GOG 240.2: OS and Prognostic Factors



# GOG 240.2: Treatment Exposure and Specific Adverse Events (AEs)

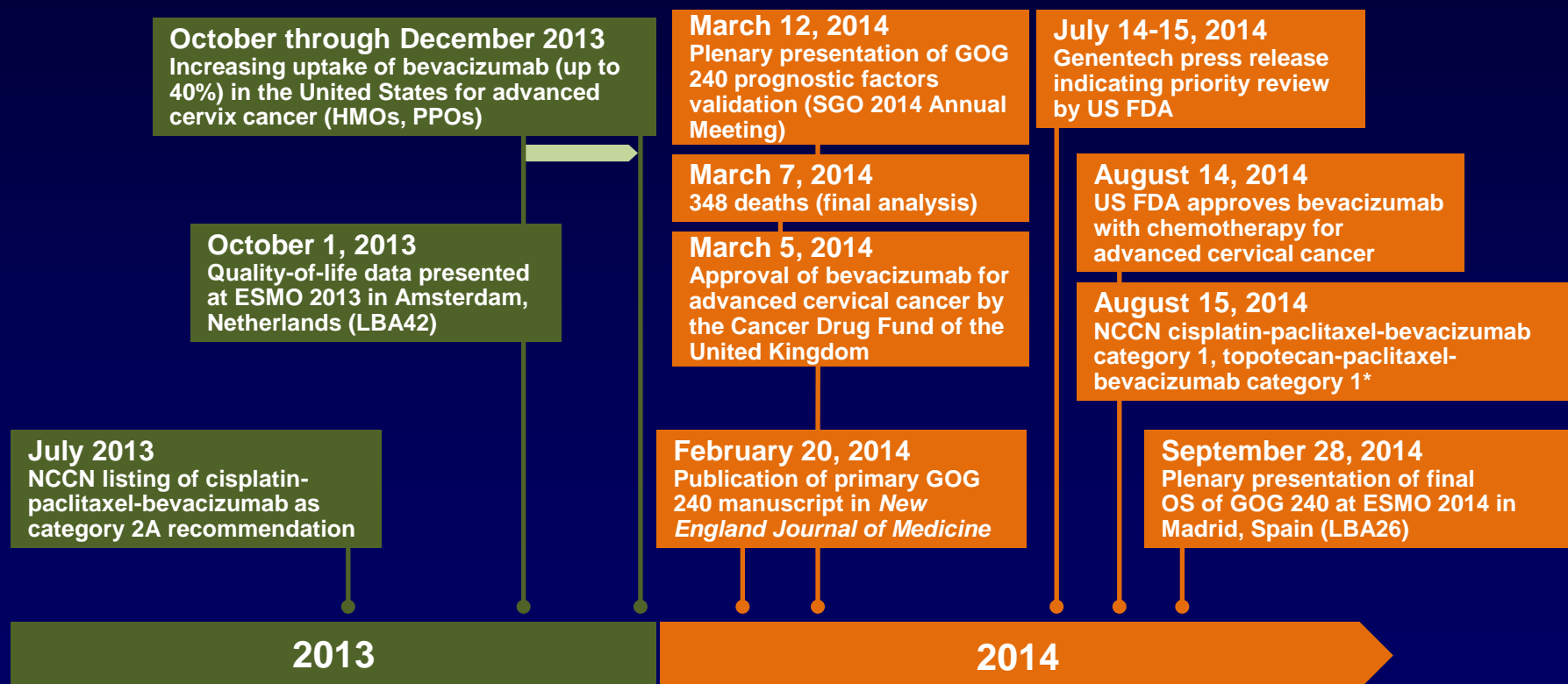
Adverse event, n (%)	Chemo alone (n = 219)	Chemo + Bev (n = 220)
Treatment cycles, median (range)	6 (0-30)	7 (0-36)
Grade 5 AE(s)	4 (1.8)	4 (1.8)
GI events, non-fistula (grade ≥2)	96 (44)	114 (52)
GI fistula (grade ≥3)*	0 (0)	7 (3)
GI perforation (grade ≥3)	0 (0)	5 (2)
GU fistula (grade ≥3)*	1 (0)	6 (2)
Hypertension (grade ≥2)*	4 (2)	54 (25)
Proteinuria (grade ≥3)	0 (0)	4 (2)
Pain (grade ≥2)	62 (28)	71 (32)
Neutropenia (grade ≥4)*	57 (26)	78 (35)
Febrile neutropenia (grade ≥3)	12 (5)	12 (5)
Thromboembolism (grade ≥3)*	3 (1)	18 (8)
Bleeding CNS (any grade)	0 (0)	0 (0)
GI (grade ≥3)	1 (0)	4 (1)
GU (grade ≥3)	1 (0)	6 (3)

\*P<.05

# GOG 240.2: Conclusions

- **Bevacizumab plus chemotherapy significantly improves OS in stage IVB, recurrent or persistent cervical carcinoma**
  - Nearly 4-month improvement in OS is clinically significant
  - Increase in median PFS and overall response rate are also demonstrated
  - Cisplatin + paclitaxel arm is current standard of care and did not underperform
  - Benefit seen even when recurrent disease is in irradiated pelvis
- **Bevacizumab treatment is associated with a higher rate of AEs**
  - 3%-8% rate of known bevacizumab-related AEs
- **First targeted agent to improve OS in a gynecologic cancer**

# GOG 240: Study Timeline, Part 3



HMO, health maintenance organization; PPO, preferred provider organization; US FDA, United States Food and Drug Administration

\*Topotecan-paclitaxel-bevacizumab upgraded from NCCN category 2B to 1 (Sept 2014)

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### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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### ABSTRACT

# GOG 240.6

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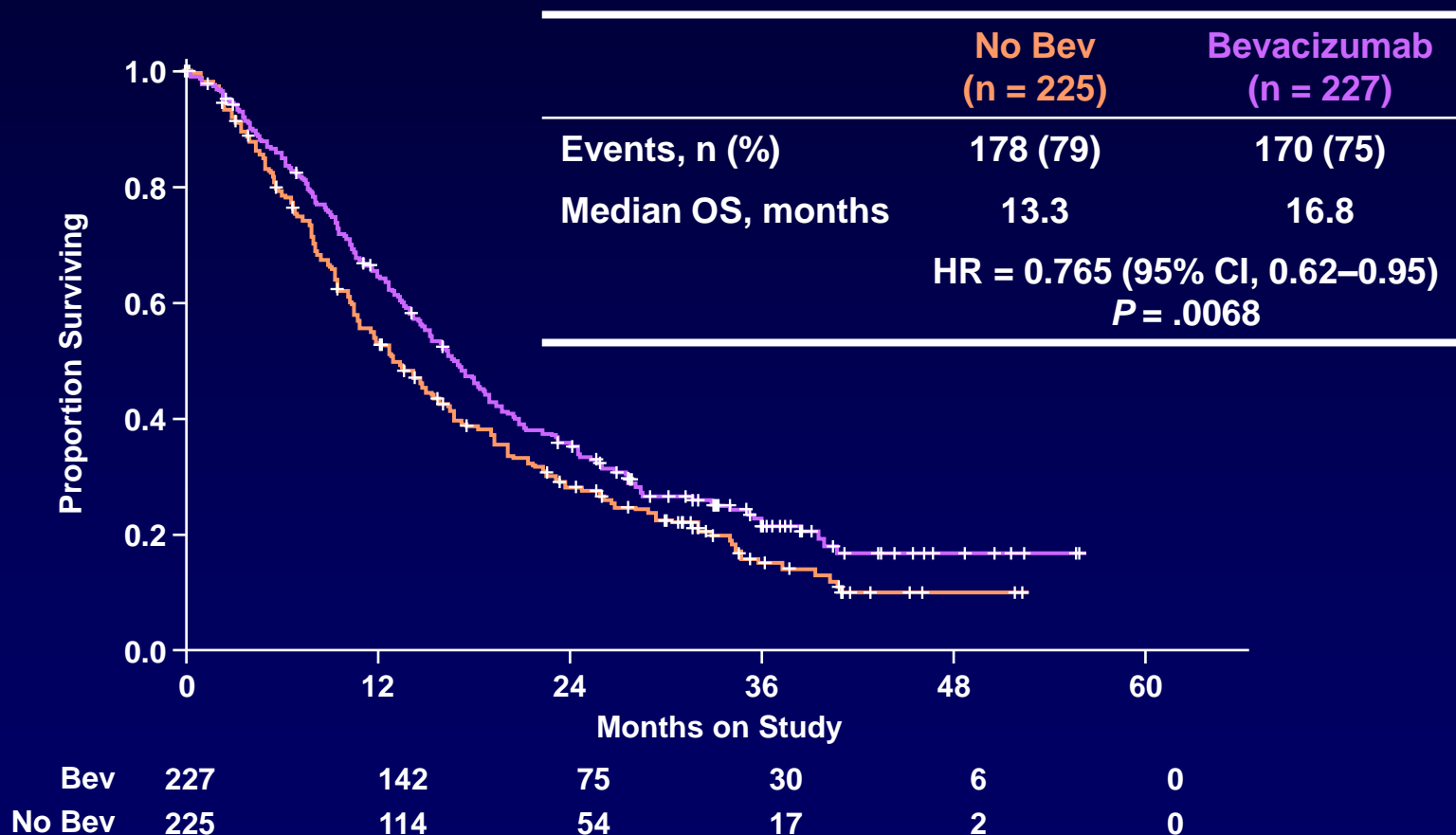
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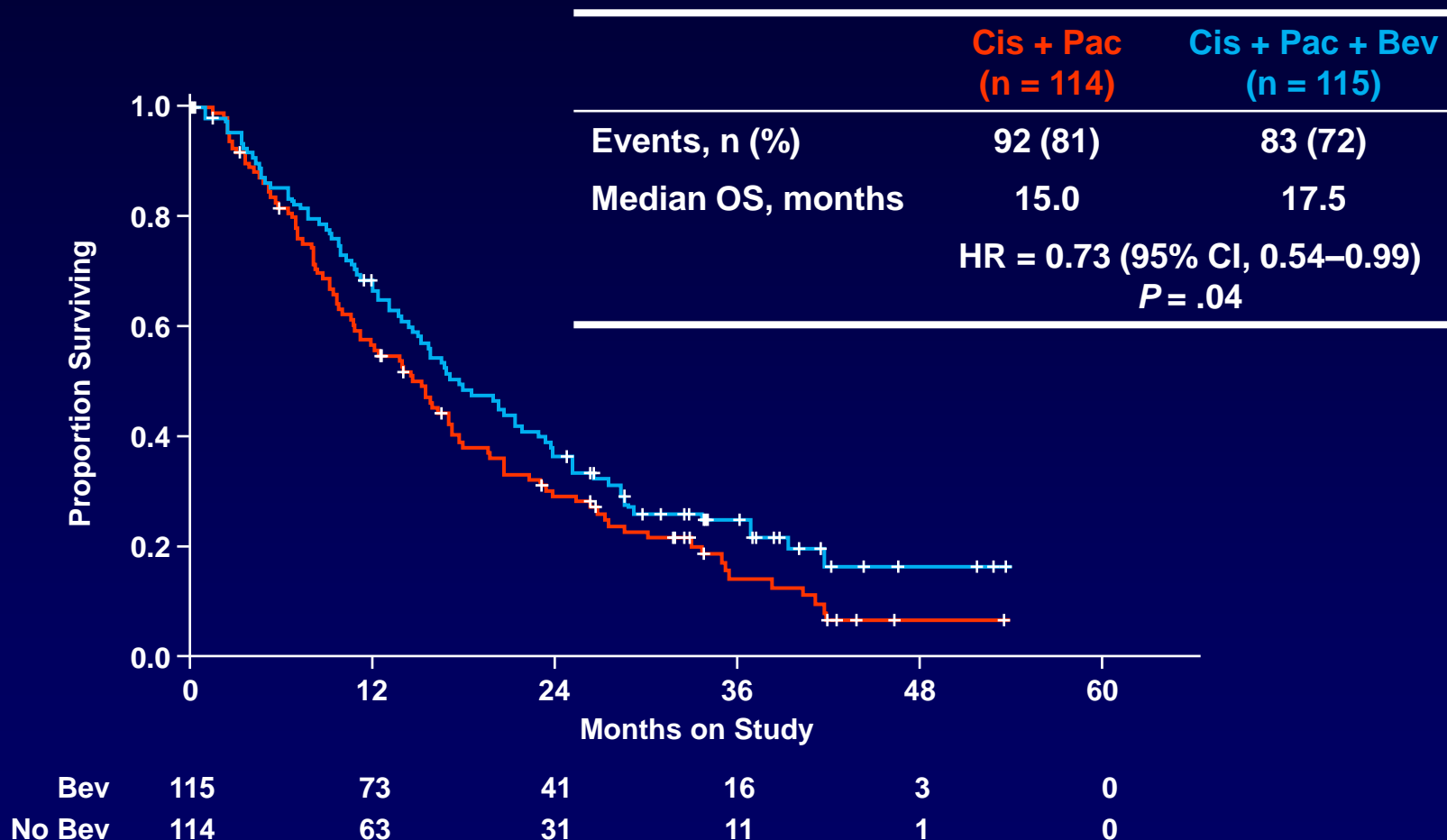


# GOG 240.6: Final Protocol-Specified OS ChemoRx vs ChemoRx Plus Bev



# GOG 240.6: FINAL Protocol-Specified OS

## Cis-Pac vs Cis-Pac-Bev



# GOG 240: Study Team and Support

## Study Design

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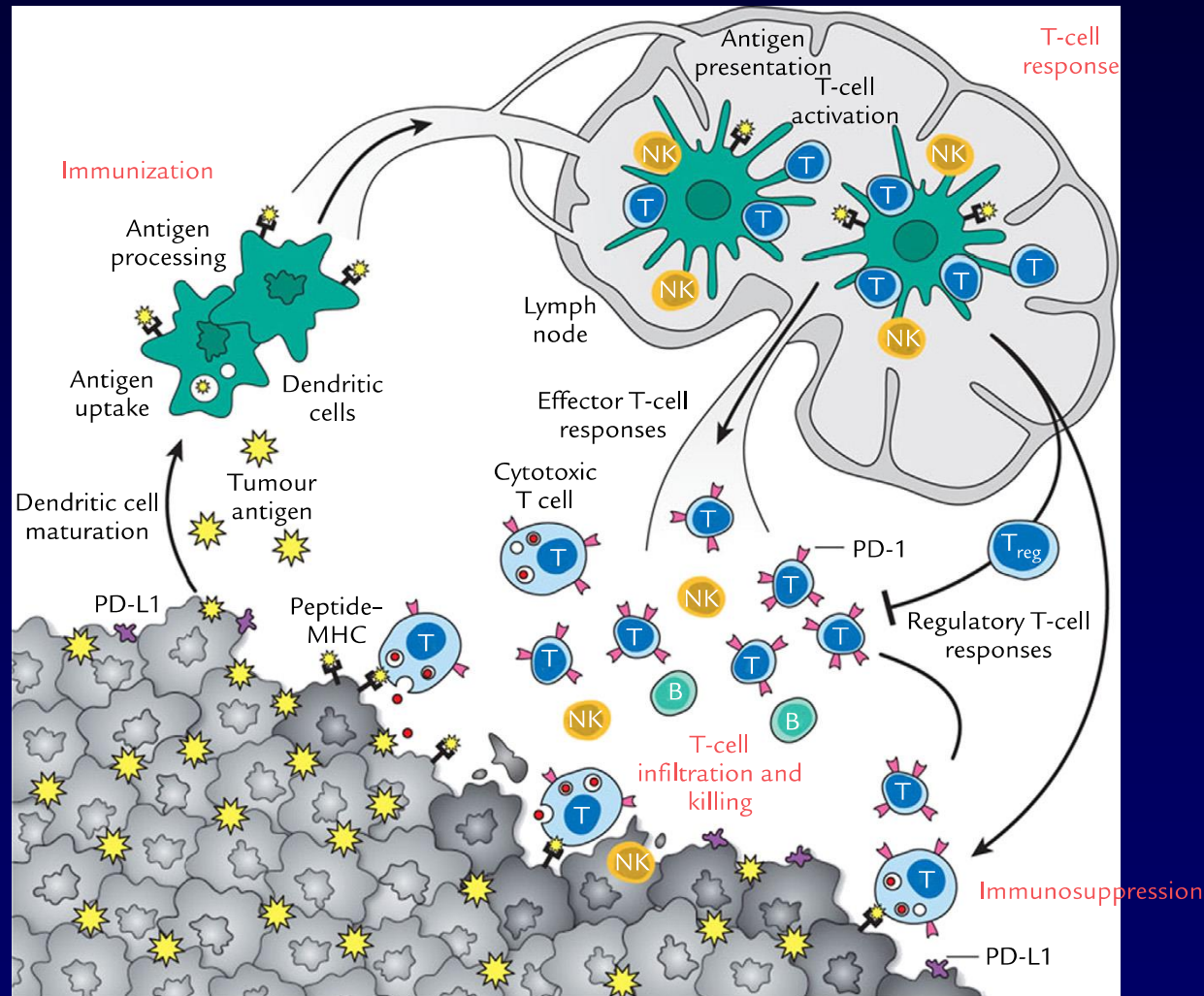
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# Immunotherapy: The Next Frontier

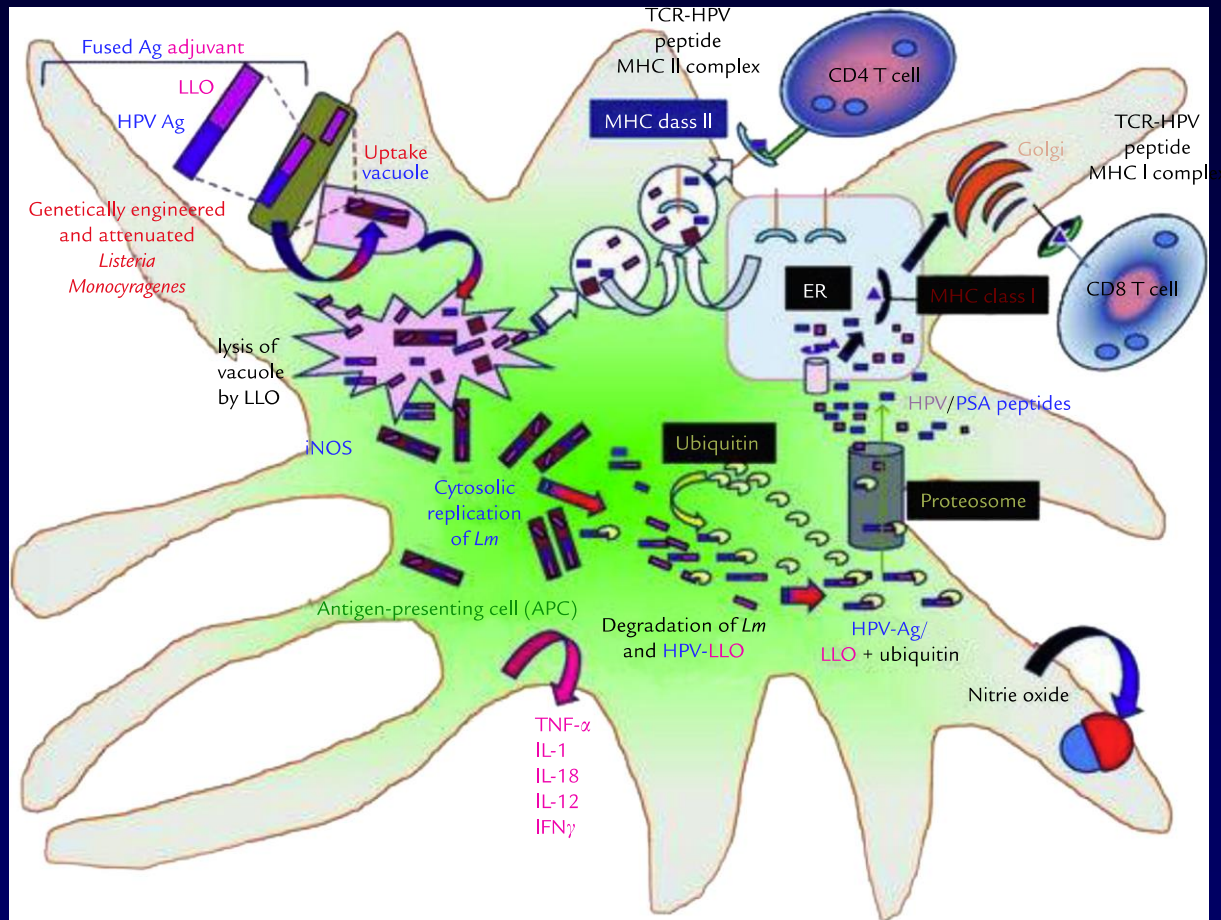


# Immunotherapy: The Vaccines

Table II. Immunologic vaccines examined in Phase II clinical trials in patients with cervical cancer.

Type	Vaccine	Target
Live (bacterial and viral) vector-based vaccine	ADXS11-001 (bacterial)	HPV-16 E7 fusion protein
	TA-HPV (viral)	HPV-16 E6 and E7 peptide
Peptide	HLA-A*201	HPV-16 E7 peptide
Protein	SGN-00101	Fusion protein of HPV-16 E7
Nucleic acid	ZYC101a	HPV-16 E7 HLA-A2 restricted peptide
	VGX-3100a	Plasmid targeting HPV-16 and HPV-18 E6 and E7

# ADXs-HPV (ADXs11-001)



# Advaxis Technologies

*Lm*-LLO proprietary cancer immunotherapy platform technology

- Live attenuated bacteria stimulate the immune system to view tumor as a bacterial infection for elimination
- Alters the tumor microenvironment by increasing cells beneficial in fighting tumors

## 3 immunotherapies in clinical development

ADXS-HPV (ADXS-HPV): Plan to initiate pivotal phase III program, 2014

- Long-term survival and objective tumor responses in 109 patients with recurrent cervical cancer
- Conducted EOP2 with FDA in July and planning to file SPA in November 2014
- PD-L1 combination trial with AstraZeneca/MedImmune to initiate Q1 2015

ADXS-cHER2 (ADXS31-164): Plan to file IND for HER2 overexpressing cancers , 2014

- Statistically significant survival data in canine osteosarcoma, licensed to Aratana Therapeutics
- Provides rationale to pursue HER2-overexpressing cancer in humans

ADXS-PSA (ADXS-PSA): Plan to file IND and initiate phase I/II in prostate cancer, 2014

- PD-1 Combination trial with Merck to initiate Q1 2015

# Advaxis Clinical Pipeline

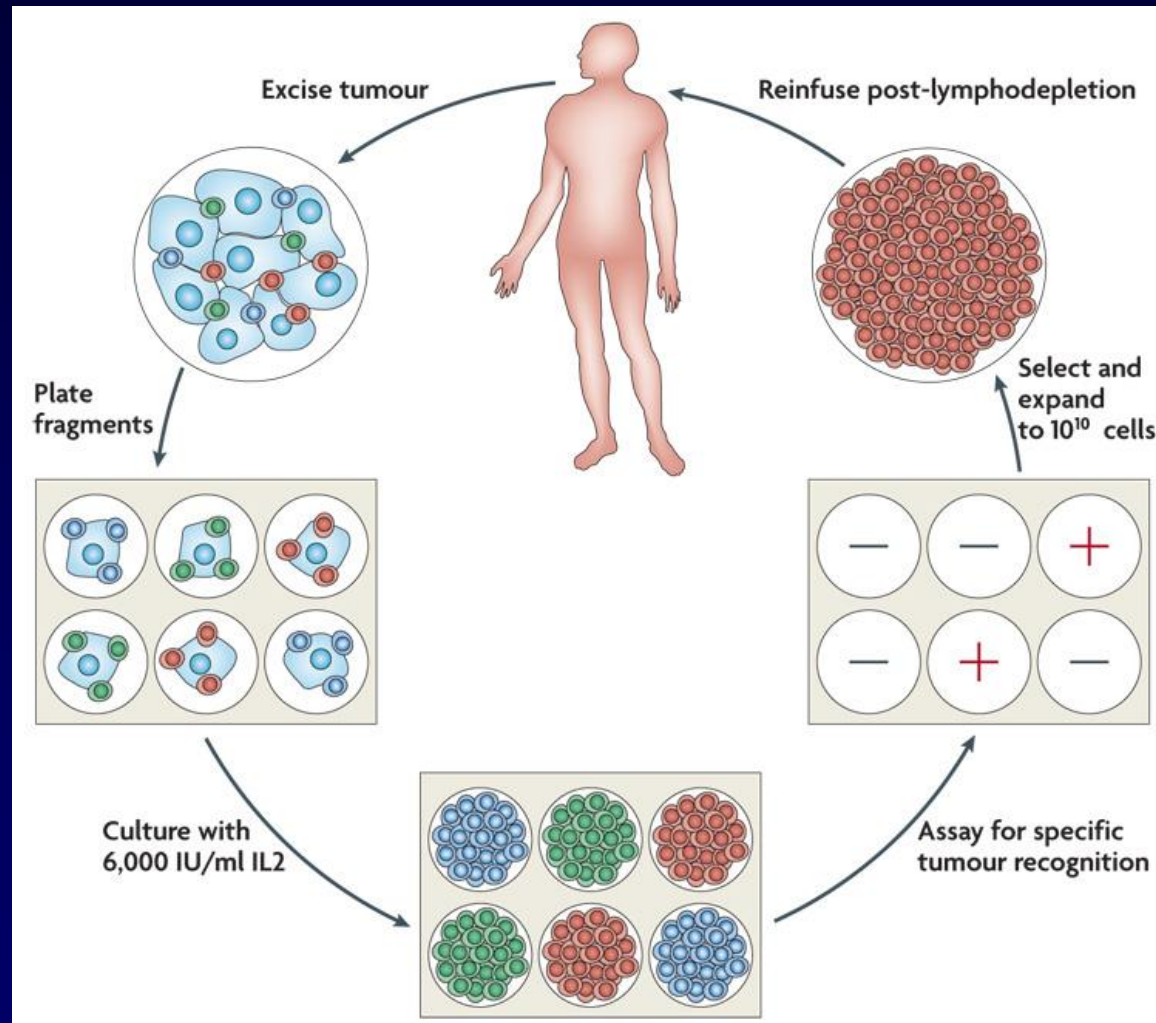
Product	Indication	Pre	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
	Cervical*	Completed phase II in India			
	Cervical*	Phase II on-going through GOG			
ADXS-HPV	Cervical <sup>1*</sup>	Plan to Initiate phase I/II			
	Head and neck <sup>1*</sup>	Plan to Initiate phase I/II			
	Head and neck <sup>2*</sup>	Phase I/II on-going			
	Anal <sup>3*</sup>	Phase I/II on-going			
ADXS-PSA	Prostate <sup>4</sup>	Plan to initiate phase I/II			
ADXS-cHER2	Pediatric osteosarcoma*				

Projected 2015

1 Partnership w/ MedImmune (AZ)  
 2 Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
 3 BrUOG: Brown University Oncology Group  
 4 Partnership w/ Merck  
 \*Orphan drug designation



# Adoptive T Cell Transfer Using Tumor-infiltrating Lymphocytes



# HPV-Targeted Tumor-Infiltrating Lymphocytes for Metastatic Cervical Cancer

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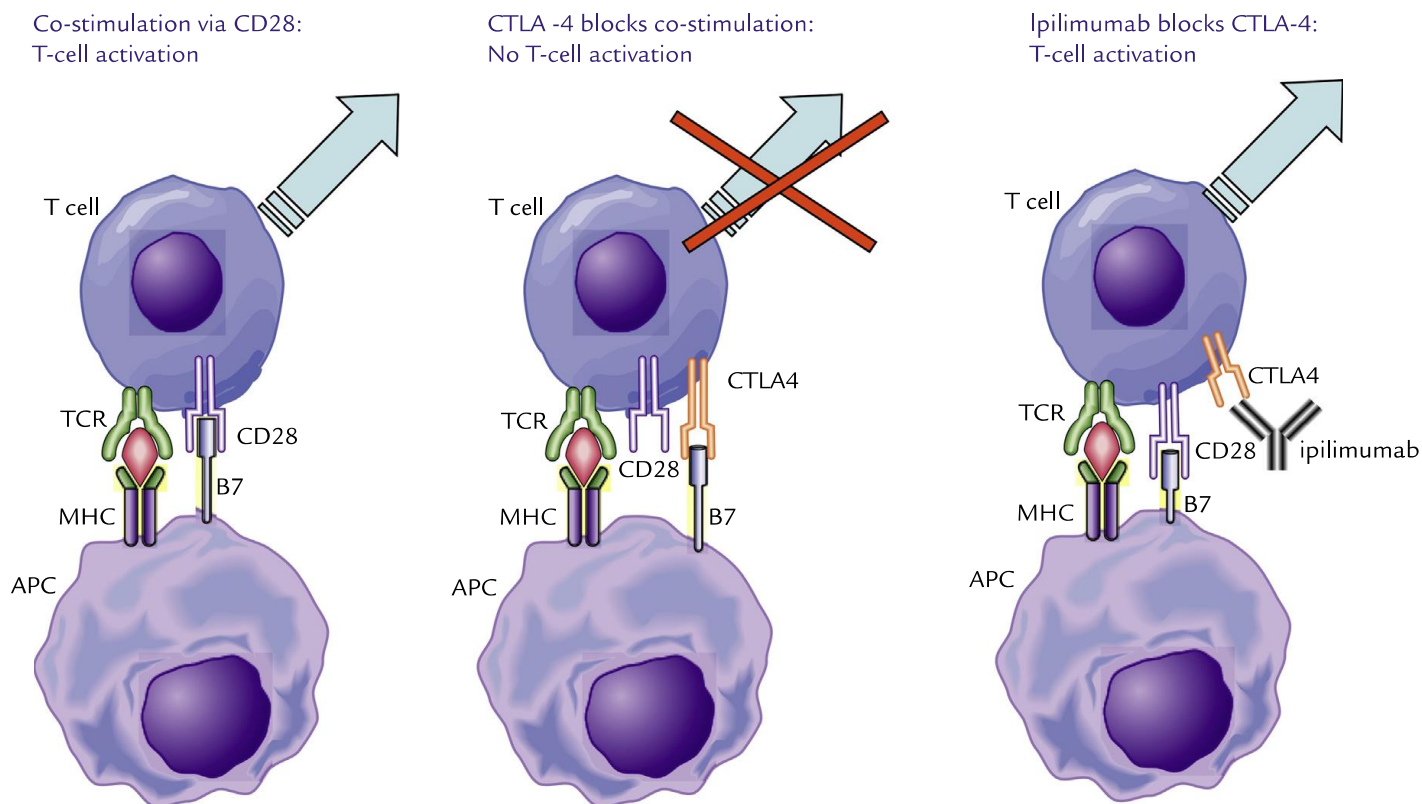


# Patient Characteristics

Patient	Age	Histology	HPV type	Prior systemic therapy	Cell dose (x10 <sup>9</sup> )	Response (duration in months)*
1	30	Adeno-squamous	HPV-18	Cisplatin	101	PD
2	53	Squamous	HPV-18	Cisplatin, paclitaxel, carboplatin, topotecan, ixabepilone, phase I trial	126	PR (3)
3	36	Squamous	HPV-16	Bleomycin, vincristine, cisplatin, gemcitabine, topotecan, paclitaxel	152	CR (22+)
4	55	Squamous	HPV-16	Carboplatin, 5-FU, irinotecan	80	PD
5	44	Squamous	HPV-18	Cisplatin	90	PD
6	36	Adeno	HPV-18	Cisplatin	75	CR (15+)
7	59	Adeno	HPV-18	Cisplatin, carboplatin, paclitaxel, bevacizumab	33	PD
8	31	Adeno-squamous	HPV-18	Cisplatin, paclitaxel	46	PD
9	37	Adeno	HPV-18	Carboplatin, paclitaxel, ipilimumab	70	PD
* Duration measured in months from cell infusion						

# Checkpoint Inhibition: Overcoming Immune Tolerance

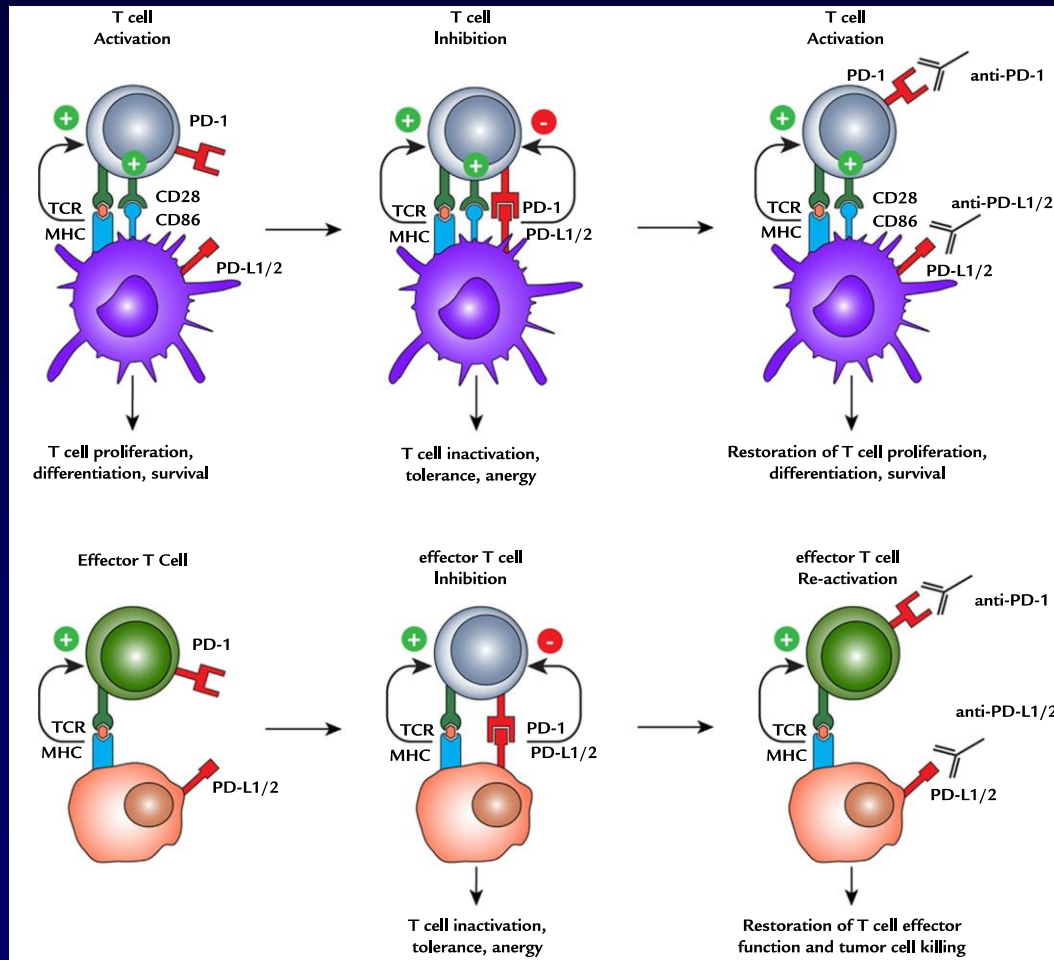
## Ipilimumab Blocks Negative Signaling From CTLA-4



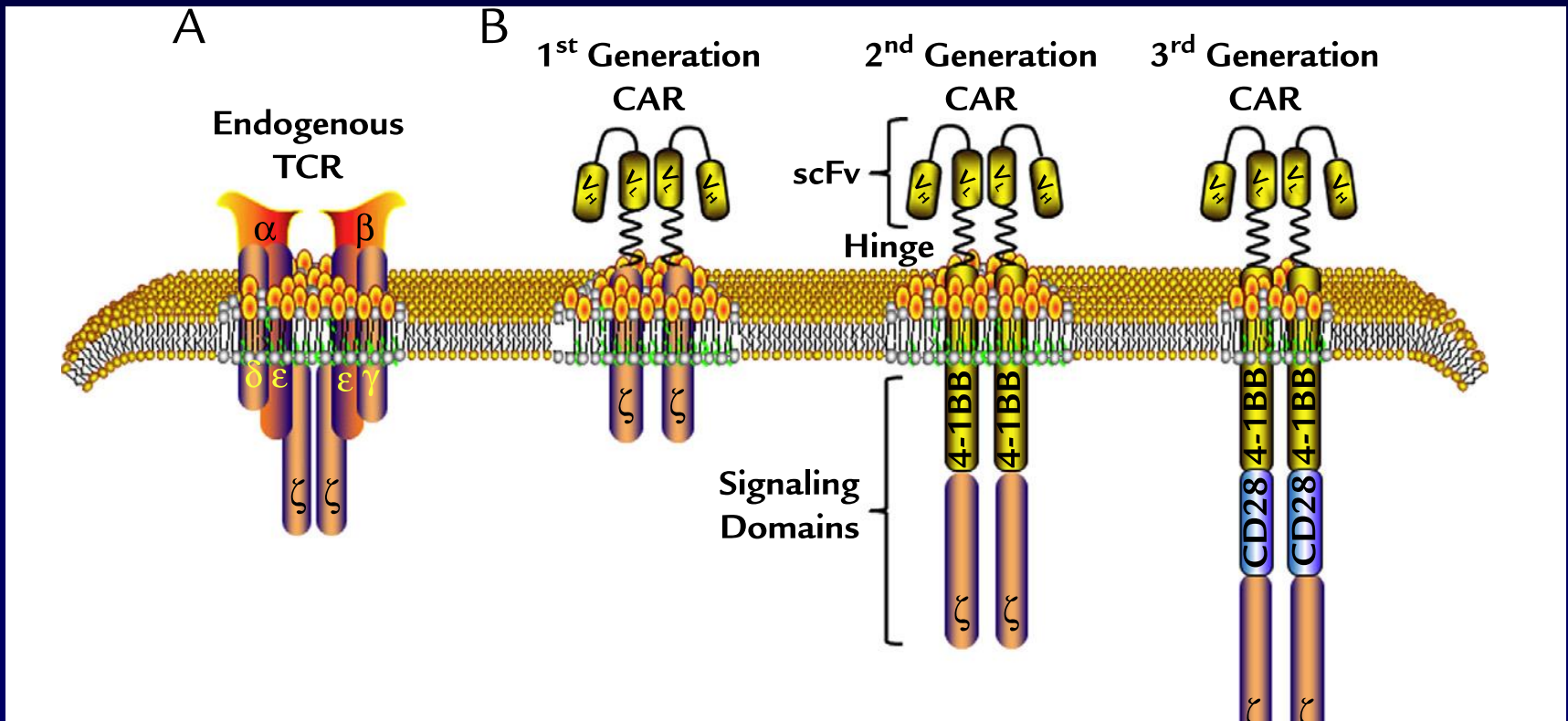
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APC, antigen-presenting cell; CTLA-4, cytotoxic T-lymphocyte antigen-4; MHC, major histocompatibility complex; TCR, T-cell receptor.

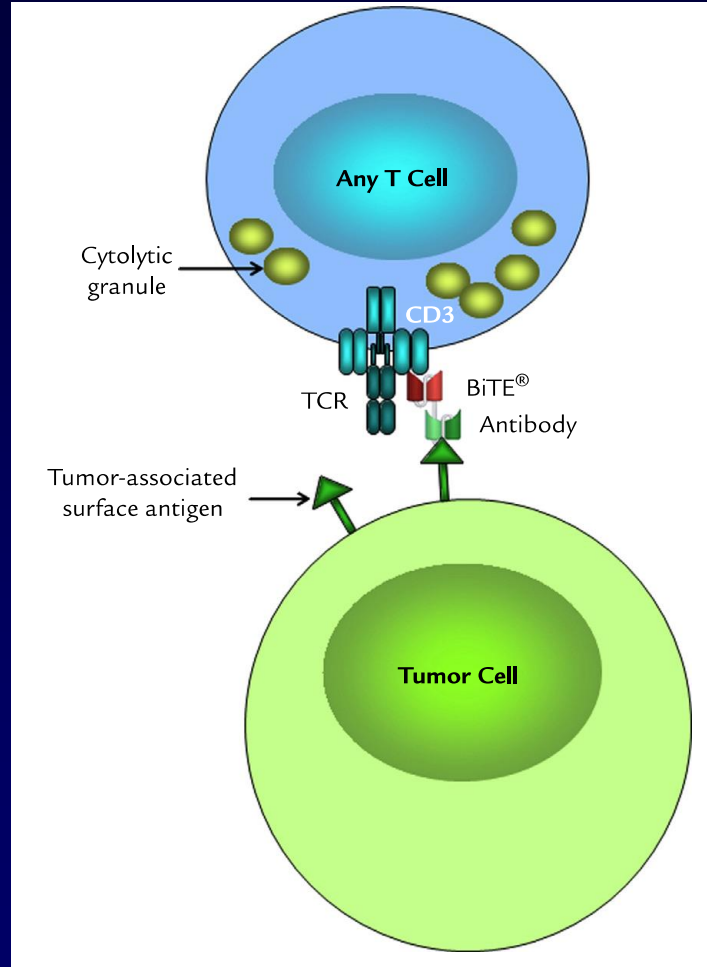
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# T cells Engineered to Express Chimeric Antigen Receptors or “CARs” That Recognize Surface Antigens in an MHC-Unrestricted Manner



# BiTE Molecule Forming Cytolytic Synapse Between Tumor Cell Expressing Target of Interest and T cell





# Thank You



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