



# KCRS22 **Kidney Cancer Research Summit**

## APART – A Phase 2 trial of Axitinib, Palbociclib and Avelumab as Renal Cell Carcinoma Therapy

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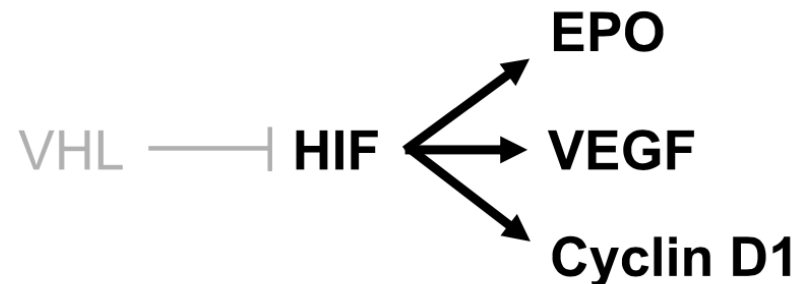
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# Background

- New targets beyond TKI and IO are needed in RCC
- Cell cycle pathway
  - CDKN2A inactivation in 16% of metastatic RCC
  - Loss of 9p in 40% of localized RCC



# Rationale

- Why combine IO with CDK4/6i?
  - Pre-clinical evidence of synergism between IO and CDK4/6i
  - CDK4/6i → upregulation of PD-L1
  - Genomic aberrations in CDK pathway associated with IO resistance in melanoma
  
- Axitinib + avelumab + palbociclib
  - Phase 1/2 trial in NSCLC
  - MTD: avelumab 10mg/kg q2w, axitinib 5mg bid, palbociclib 75mg d8-28
    - No DLTs at this dose
  - Key G3/4: cytopenia (>20%), hypertension (20%), diarrhea (7%)
  - 27% with PR (10/15 had prior IO, 14/15 had ≥1 prior line of therapy)

# Schema

**Study drugs:** Avelumab 800mg iv q14days, axitinib 5mg po bid, palbociclib 75mg d8-28.  
**Cycle length:** 28 days

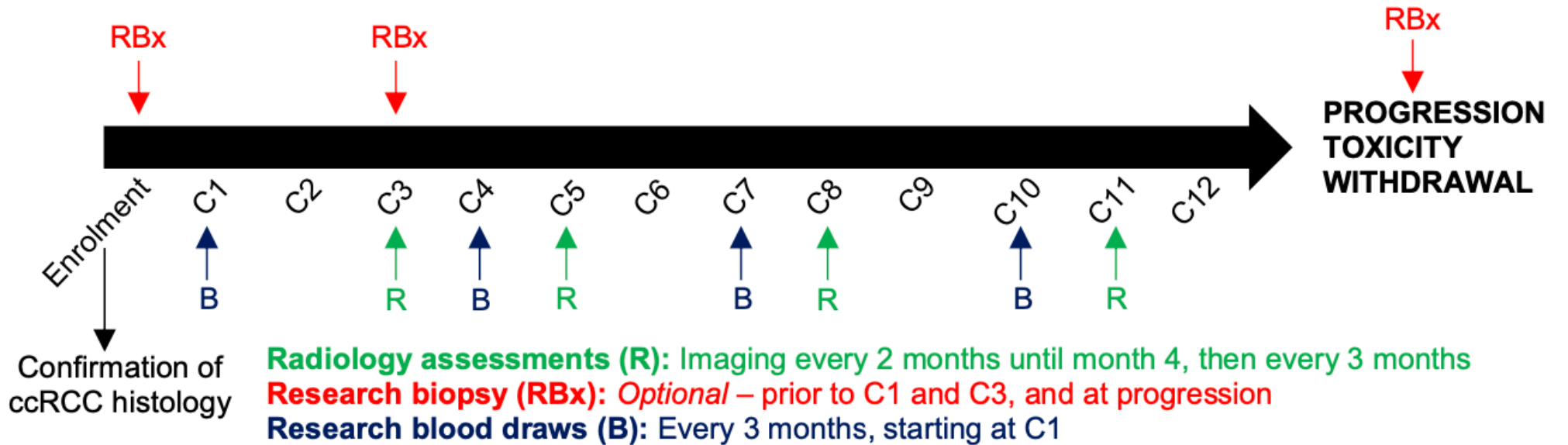
Untreated  
advanced ccRCC

Any IMDC

ECOG 0-2

Adjuvant IO  
allowed (>12mths)

N=25



Research blood – serum TK1 (liquid biomarker of cell cycle activity)  
Research biopsies – expression of ERVs (associated with IO response)

# Endpoints

- Primary
  - ORR of avelumab/axitinib/palbociclib in untreated advanced ccRCC
    - 85% power to detect improvement in ORR from 50% to 75%, one-sided alpha = 0.05
- Secondary
  - Safety of combination in ccRCC
  - Rate of CR + deep PR ( $\geq 80\%$  reduction)
  - PFS, OS
- Exploratory
  - Immunologic and biologic correlates of response/resistance to therapy

*Trial status – opened Sep 2022 and accruing patients across 4 sites*