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Subsequent therapy following pembrolizumab + axitinib or sunitinib treatment for advanced renal cell carcinoma (RCC) in the phase III KEYNOTE-426 study

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**Background:** In the phase III KEYNOTE-426 study, pembrolizumab + axitinib showed significant improvement in OS, PFS, and ORR vs sunitinib in patients with RCC. This analysis assessed subsequent treatment in patients enrolled in KEYNOTE-426.

Methods: Treatment-naive patients with clear cell RCC, KPS score ≥70%, and measurable disease (RECIST v1.1) were randomly assigned 1:1 to receive pembrolizumab 200 mg IV every 3 weeks for up to 35 doses + axitinib 5 mg orally twice daily or sunitinib 50 mg once daily (4 weeks on/2 weeks off) until progression, toxicity, or withdrawal. Type of and time to subsequent therapy were assessed.

Results: Of patients in the pembrolizumab + axitinib arm and in the sunitinib arm, 81.4% (349/432) and 90.6% of patients (385/429), respectively, discontinued treatment; radiologic or clinical PD was the most common reason for discontinuation in both (pembrolizumab + axitinib: 65.0% [227/349]; sunitinib: 68.1% [262/385]). Of patients who discontinued, 58.5% of patients (204/349) in the pembrolizumab + axitinib arm and 73.0% (281/385) in the sunitinib arm received subsequent therapy (Table). Although a similar proportion of patients in both arms received subsequent therapy with a VEGF/VEGFR inhibitor (pembrolizumab + axitinib: 88.2% [180/204]; sunitinib: 68.7% [193/281]), a greater proportion of patients in the sunitinib arm (74.4% [209/281]) received subsequent PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor therapy than in the pembrolizumab + axitinib arm (21.6% [44/204]). Of patients in the pembrolizumab + axitinib arm and the sunitinib arm, 32.4% (66/204) and 22.8% (64/281), respectively, received other therapies.

Conclusions: The superior efficacy of pembrolizumab + axitinib compared with sunitinib is observed despite the increased use of subsequent therapy in the sunitinib arm. These data continue to support the use of first-line pembrolizumab + axitinib in patients with RCC.

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n/N (%)	Pembrolizumab + Axitinib N = 432	Sunitinib N = 429
Discontinued treatment	349/432 (80.8)	385/429 (89.7)
Owing to radiographic PD	214/349 (61.3)	243/385 (63.1)
Owing to clinical PD	13/349 (3.7)	19/385 (4.9)
Other <sup>a</sup>	122/349 (35.0)	123/385 (31.9)
Received subsequent therapy	204/349 (58.5)	281/385 (73.0)
Any PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor	44/204 (21.6)	209/281 (74.4)
Any VEGF/VEGFR inhibitor	180/204 (88.2)	193/281 (68.7)
Other	66/204 (32.4)	64/281 (22.8)

<sup>a</sup>Adverse event, excluded medication, CR, nonadherence, nonstudy anticancer therapy, physician decision, patient withdrawal.

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Cabozantinib associated with concomitant radiotherapy or a bone targeted agent (multimodal approach, results from the CABOREAL study post-hoc analysis)

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Background: Cabozantinib (Cabo) is approved in Europe for the treatment of patients (pts) with metastatic renal cell carcinoma (mRCC) in treatment-naïve adults with intermediate or poor risk or following prior VEGF-targeted therapy. CABOREAL describes the use of Cabo in a real-world setting (RWS) in the largest unselected population to date of pts with mRCC who received at least one dose of Cabo. We report here, the use and the activity of Cabo in subgroup of pts who received concomitant radiotherapy (cRT) or concomitant bone targeted agents (cBTA).

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