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## ABSTRACT

*Clinical trials frequently include multiple end points that mature at different times. The initial report, typically based on the primary end point, may be published when key planned co-primary or secondary analyses are not yet available. Clinical trial updates provide an opportunity to disseminate additional results from studies, published in JCO or elsewhere, for which the primary end point has already been reported.*

We present the final prespecified overall survival (OS) analysis of the open-label, phase III CLEAR study in treatment-naïve patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma (aRCC). With an additional follow-up of 23 months from the primary analysis, we report results from the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab versus sunitinib comparison of CLEAR. Treatment-naïve patients with aRCC were randomly assigned to receive lenvatinib (20 mg orally once daily in 21-day cycles) plus pembrolizumab (200 mg intravenously once every 3 weeks) or sunitinib (50 mg orally once daily [4 weeks on/2 weeks off]). At this data cutoff date (July 31, 2022), the OS hazard ratio (HR) was 0.79 (95% CI, 0.63 to 0.99). The median OS (95% CI) was 53.7 months (95% CI, 48.7 to not estimable [NE]) with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab versus 54.3 months (95% CI, 40.9 to NE) with sunitinib; 36-month OS rates (95% CI) were 66.4% (95% CI, 61.1 to 71.2) and 60.2% (95% CI, 54.6 to 65.2), respectively. The median progression-free survival (95% CI) was 23.9 months (95% CI, 20.8 to 27.7) with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab and 9.2 months (95% CI, 6.0 to 11.0) with sunitinib (HR, 0.47 [95% CI, 0.38 to 0.57]). Objective response rate also favored the combination over sunitinib (71.3% v 36.7%; relative risk 1.94 [95% CI, 1.67 to 2.26]). Treatment-emergent adverse events occurred in >90% of patients who received either treatment. In conclusion, lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab achieved consistent, durable benefit with a manageable safety profile in treatment-naïve patients with aRCC.




## INTRODUCTION

At the primary analysis point of the phase III open-label, CLEAR study (Study 307/KEYNOTE-581), with a median survival follow-up of 26.6 months, lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab showed superior efficacy versus sunitinib in the first-line treatment of patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma (aRCC).<sup>1</sup> Lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab showed significant improvements versus sunitinib in progression-free survival (PFS: final analysis; hazard ratio [HR], 0.39 [95% CI, 0.32 to 0.49];  $P < .001$ ) and overall survival (OS:

interim analysis; HR, 0.66 [95% CI, 0.49 to 0.88];  $P = .005$ ). The objective response rate (ORR) was also improved with the combination versus sunitinib (relative risk, 1.97 [95% CI, 1.69 to 2.29]), and the safety profile was consistent with the known safety profiles of each monotherapy.<sup>1-3</sup> An update with an additional follow-up of 7 months supported these efficacy results.<sup>4</sup>

Here, we present the results of the final prespecified OS analysis (median survival follow-up, about 4 years) for the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab versus sunitinib comparison

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from CLEAR, along with updated PFS, PFS on the next line of therapy (PFS2), ORR, exposure, and safety results.

## METHODS

The CLEAR study design was described previously<sup>1</sup> (Data Supplement, online only). The protocol and related documents were approved by institutional review boards or independent ethics committees. All patients provided written informed consent.

This final prespecified OS analysis (data cutoff: July 31, 2022), with an additional follow-up of 23 months beyond the primary analysis (data cutoff: August 28, 2020), was triggered by approximately 304 OS events in the two groups. Analyses presented are descriptive and noninferential; *P* values are nominal. HR and two-sided 95% CI were estimated using a stratified Cox proportional hazards model with Efron's method for ties, stratified by region and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) prognostic groups. Median OS and OS rate with two-sided 95% CIs were calculated using Kaplan-Meier product-limit estimates. A post hoc two-stage estimation method, adjusting for the impact of subsequent anticancer medications on OS, was applied separately (Data Supplement).

Updated PFS, ORR, and duration of response (DOR) were determined by independent imaging review (IIR), and PFS2 by investigator review, both per RECIST version 1.1 (RECIST v1.1). Methodologies used in all prespecified analyses here were identical to those used in the primary analysis.<sup>1</sup> Efficacy was assessed in all randomly assigned patients regardless of the treatment received; safety was assessed in all patients who received at least one dose of study drug.

## RESULTS

### Disposition and Baseline Characteristics

At this data cutoff date (July 31, 2022), 58 (16.3%) patients in the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab group and 24 (6.7%) patients in the sunitinib group remained on study treatment (Data Supplement, Fig S1). Most patients in this study belonged to the intermediate (MSKCC/International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium [IMDC]) risk groups (Table 1). In the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab group, approximately 34% of patients completed the full 35 cycles of pembrolizumab treatment and continued lenvatinib monotherapy.

### OS

At the median OS follow-up time (IQR) of 49.8 months (IQR, 41.4–53.1) in the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab group and 49.4 months (IQR, 41.6–52.8) in the sunitinib group, 308 OS events had occurred (lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab, 149; sunitinib, 159). With an HR of 0.79 (95% CI, 0.63 to 0.99; nominal *P* value = .0424), the median OS

(95% CI) was 53.7 months (95% CI, 48.7 to not estimable [NE]) in the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab group versus 54.3 months (95% CI, 40.9 to NE) in the sunitinib group (Fig 1A); OS rates at 36 months (95% CI) were 66.4% (95% CI, 61.1 to 71.2) and 60.2% (95% CI, 54.6 to 65.2), respectively. In patients who completed 35 cycles of pembrolizumab and continued lenvatinib monotherapy, the OS rate at 36 months was 94.2% (95% CI, 88.2 to 97.2; Data Supplement, Fig S2).

Fewer patients in the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab group (51.0%) received subsequent anticancer medications compared with those in the sunitinib group (68.9%); the proportion of patients who received PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors as subsequent therapy in the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab group was more than three times lower than that in the sunitinib group (15.8% v 54.6%, respectively; Data Supplement, Table S1). A two-stage estimation was used to assess the impact of subsequent anticancer therapies, which are known confounders of OS estimates<sup>5</sup> (Data Supplement). The adjusted OS HR for lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab versus sunitinib was 0.55 (95% CI, 0.44 to 0.69; Data Supplement, Fig S3A).

Lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab improved OS compared with sunitinib in both the intermediate- plus poor-risk IMDC (HR, 0.74 [95% CI, 0.57 to 0.96]; Fig 2A) and MSKCC (HR, 0.77 [95% CI, 0.60 to 0.99]) subgroups. OS was similar in the favorable-risk group; however, there were a low number of events in this subgroup and these analyses were not powered to detect such differences (Fig 2A; Data Supplement, Figs S4A and S5).

### PFS

PFS events occurred in 207 patients in the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab group and 214 patients in the sunitinib group. The median follow-up time (IQR) for PFS was 39.2 months (IQR, 22.1–48.5) with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab and 20.6 months (IQR, 5.5–41.2) with sunitinib. The median PFS (95% CI) was 23.9 months (95% CI, 20.8 to 27.7) with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab and 9.2 months (95% CI, 6.0 to 11.0) with sunitinib (HR, 0.47 [95% CI, 0.38 to 0.57]; nominal *P* value < .0001; Fig 1B). PFS favored lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab over sunitinib across all IMDC and MSKCC risk subgroups (Fig 2B; Data Supplement, Figs S4B and S6).

The median PFS2 (95% CI) was 43.3 months (95% CI, 37.2 to 50.4) with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab and 25.9 months (95% CI, 21.3 to 32.0) with sunitinib (HR, 0.63 [95% CI, 0.51 to 0.77]; Data Supplement, Fig S3B).

### ORR

The ORR (95% CI) was 71.3% (95% CI, 66.6 to 76.0) with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab and 36.7% (95% CI, 31.7 to 41.7) with sunitinib (relative risk, 1.94 [95% CI, 1.67 to 2.26];

**TABLE 1.** Summary of Baseline Characteristics of Patients in the CLEAR Study and Updated ORR by IIR per RECIST v1.1

Parameter <sup>a</sup>	Lenvatinib + Pembrolizumab (n = 355)	Sunitinib (n = 357)
Age, years, median (range)	64 (34-88)	61 (29-82)
Geographic region, No. (%)		
Western Europe or North America	198 (55.8)	199 (55.7)
Rest of the world	157 (44.2)	158 (44.3)
MSKCC prognostic risk group, <sup>b</sup> No. (%)		
Favorable	96 (27.0)	97 (27.2)
Intermediate	227 (63.9)	228 (63.9)
Poor	32 (9.0)	32 (9.0)
IMDC risk group, <sup>c</sup> No. (%)		
Favorable	110 (31.0)	124 (34.7)
Intermediate	210 (59.2)	192 (53.8)
Poor	33 (9.3)	37 (10.4)
Sarcomatoid features, No. (%)	28 (7.9)	21 (5.9)
PD-L1 expression, <sup>d</sup> No. (%)		
≥1	107 (30.1)	119 (33.3)
<1	112 (31.5)	103 (28.9)
Not available	136 (38.3)	135 (37.8)
Previous nephrectomy, No. (%)	262 (73.8)	275 (77.0)
Updated efficacy analysis		
Best overall response, No. (%)		
CR	65 (18.3)	17 (4.8)
Near CR <sup>e</sup>	59 (16.6)	25 (7.0)
PR	188 (53.0)	114 (31.9)
Stable disease	67 (18.9)	134 (37.5)
Progressive disease	19 (5.4)	50 (14.0)
Unknown/not evaluable	16 (4.5)	42 (11.8)
ORR (CR + PR), No. (%)	253 (71.3)	131 (36.7)
95% CI <sup>f</sup>	66.6 to 76.0	31.7 to 41.7
Difference, % (95% CI) <sup>f</sup>		34.6 (27.7 to 41.4)
OR (95% CI) <sup>g</sup>		4.31 (3.14 to 5.92)
Relative risk (95% CI) <sup>g</sup>		1.94 (1.67 to 2.26)
Nominal <i>P</i> value		<.0001
Time to first objective response (months)		
Patients with objective response, No.	253	131
Mean (standard deviation)	3.38 (2.897)	3.71 (3.963)
Median	1.94	1.97
Q1, Q3	1.87, 3.75	1.87, 3.75
Minimum, maximum	1.41, 22.60	1.61, 34.96

Abbreviations: CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; HR, hazard ratio; IHC, immunohistochemistry; IMDC, International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium; IxRS, interactive voice/web response system; MSKCC, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached; OR, odds ratio; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response.

<sup>a</sup>Percentages may not total 100 because of rounding. One patient in the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab group had carcinoma without a clear-cell component. Patients randomly assigned to receive lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab received lenvatinib at a starting dose of 20 mg orally once daily in 21-day cycles plus pembrolizumab at a dose of 200 mg intravenously once every 3 weeks (on day 1 of each 21-day cycle). Patients randomly assigned to receive sunitinib received a starting dose of 50 mg orally once every day (4 weeks on/2 weeks off).

<sup>b</sup>An MSKCC score of 0 indicates favorable risk, a score of 1 or 2 intermediate risk, and a score of 3 or higher poor risk.

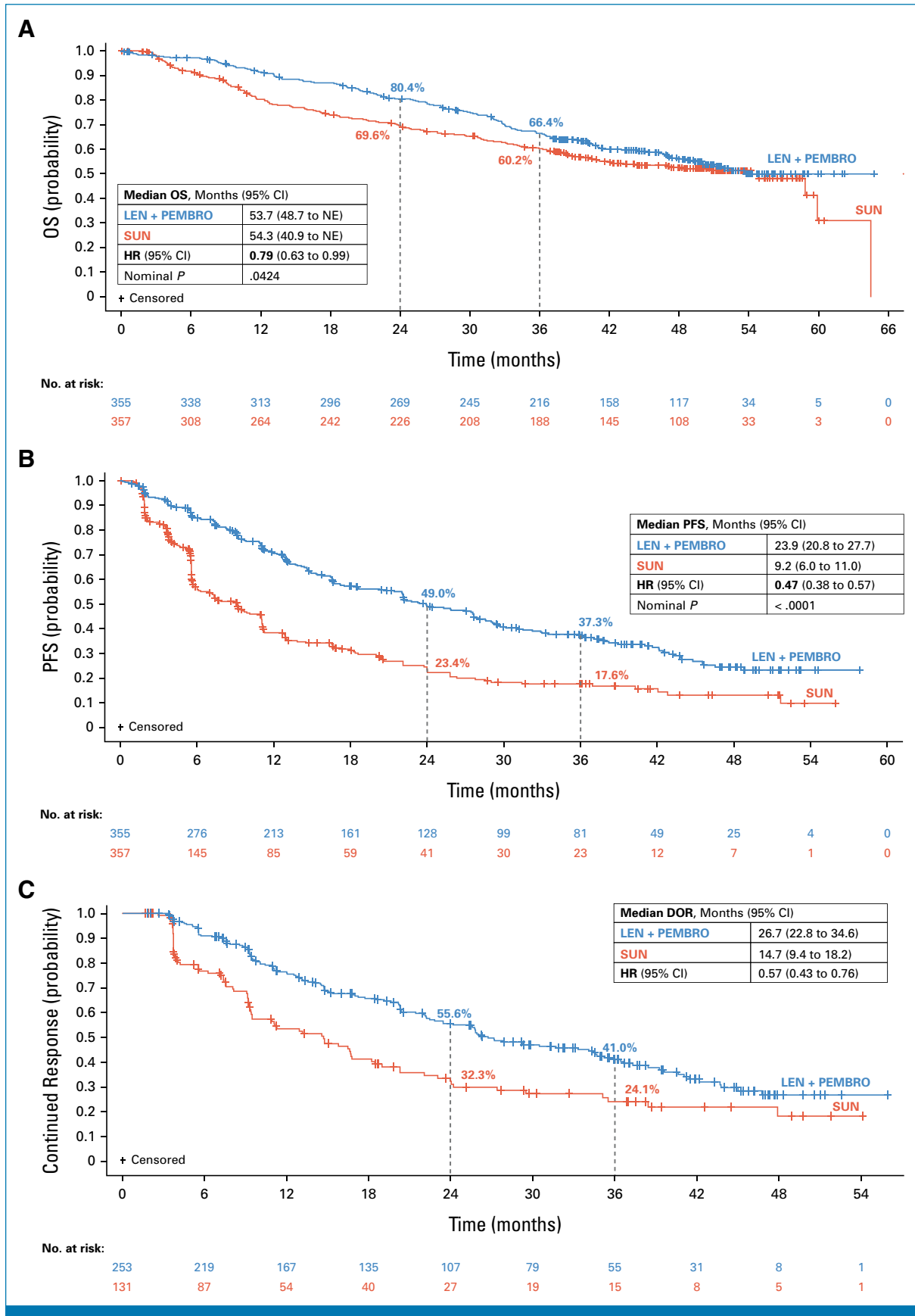
<sup>c</sup>An IMDC score of 0 indicates favorable risk, a score of 1 or 2 intermediate risk, and a score of 3 to 6 poor risk.

<sup>d</sup>PD-L1 expression was assessed using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA) and reported as the combined positive score, defined as the number of PD-L1 –staining cells (tumor cells, lymphocytes, and macrophages) divided by the total number of viable tumor cells, then multiplied by 100.

<sup>e</sup>Partial response with a ≥75% change from baseline in sum of target lesion diameters.

<sup>f</sup>95% CI is constructed using the method of normal approximation.

<sup>g</sup>OR and relative risk are calculated using the Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel method, stratified by IxRS stratification factors.

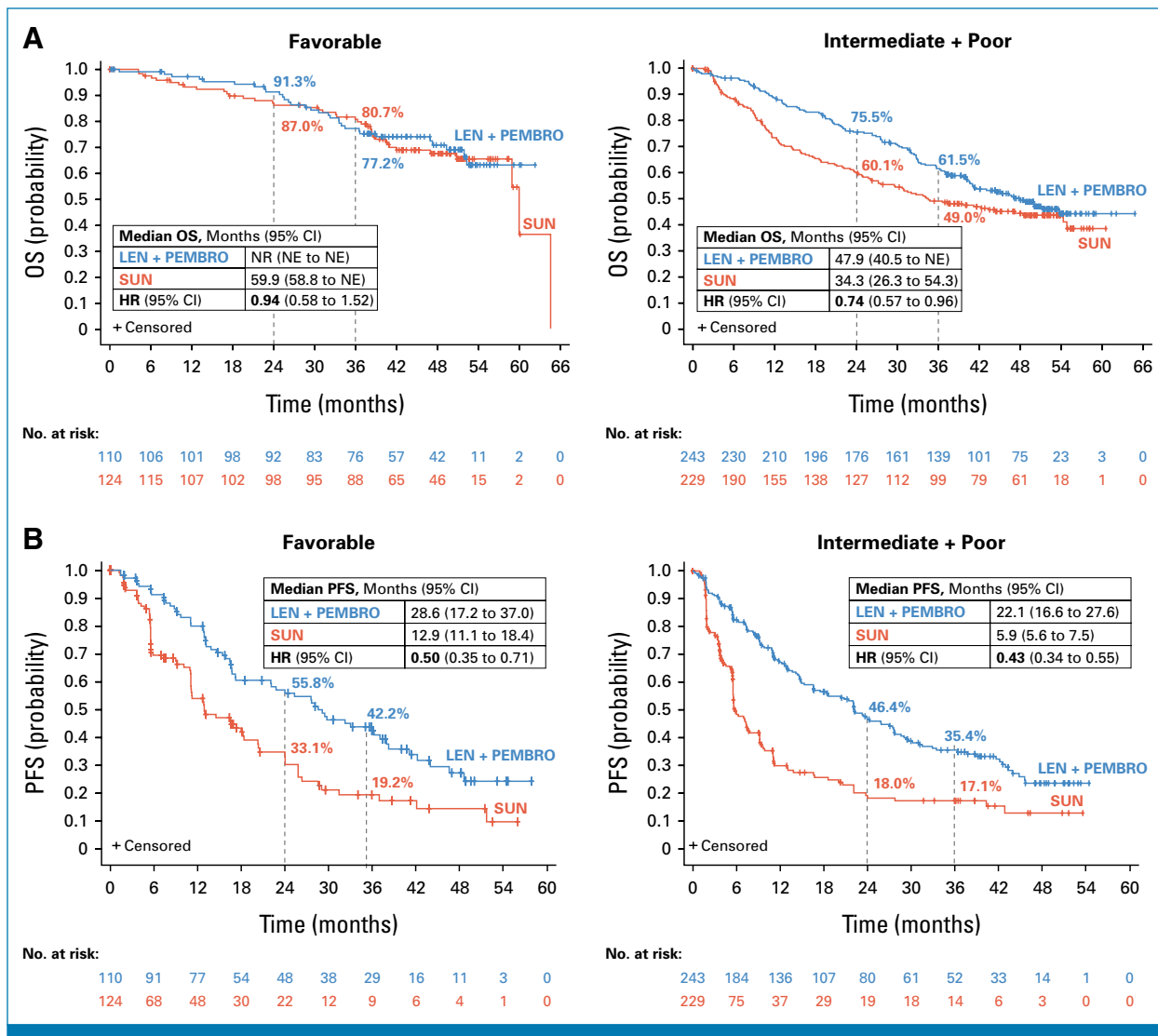


**FIG 1.** Kaplan-Meier plots of final analysis of (A) OS (unadjusted), (B) PFS by IIR per RECIST v1.1, and (C) duration of response by IIR per RECIST v1.1. The 95% CIs are estimated using a generalized Brookmeyer and Crowley method. HR is based on a Cox proportional hazards model including the treatment group as a factor; the Efron method (continued on following page)

**FIG 1.** (Continued). was used for ties and stratified by geographic region (region 1: Western Europe and North America; region 2: Rest of the world) and MSKCC prognostic groups (favorable, intermediate, and poor risk) in IxRS. CR, complete response; DOR, duration of response; HR, hazard ratio; IIR, independent imaging review; IxRS, interactive voice/web response system; LEN, lenvatinib; MSKCC, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; NE, not estimable; OS, overall survival; PEMBRO, pembrolizumab; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; SUN, sunitinib.

nominal *P* value < .0001; Table 1). Complete responses were achieved by 65 patients (18.3%) in the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab group and 17 patients (4.8%) in the

sunitinib group. A best overall response of progressive disease was reported in 19 patients (5.4%) in the lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab group and 50 patients (14.0%) in the



**FIG 2.** Kaplan-Meier plots of (A) final OS and (B) PFS analysis in favorable-risk and intermediate- plus poor-risk IMDC subgroups. PFS was determined by independent imaging review per RECIST v1.1. The IMDC risk group was not a stratification factor, and relevant data were derived programmatically. Medians were estimated using the Kaplan-Meier method, and 95% CIs were estimated using a generalized Brookmeyer and Crowley method. HR is based on a Cox proportional hazards model including the treatment group as a factor; the Efron method was used for ties. Stratification factors were geographic region (region 1: Western Europe and North America, region 2: Rest of the world) and MSKCC prognostic groups (favorable, intermediate, and poor risk) in IxRS. HR, hazard ratio; IMDC, International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium; IxRS, interactive web/voice-response system; LEN, lenvatinib; MSKCC, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; NE, not estimable; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; PEMBRO, pembrolizumab; PFS, progression-free survival; SUN, sunitinib.

sunitinib group. In responders, the median DOR (95% CI) was 26.7 months (95% CI, 22.8 to 34.6) with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab and 14.7 months (95% CI, 9.4 to 18.2) with sunitinib (Fig 1C).

### Exposure and Safety

The median overall duration of treatment (range) in the safety analysis population was 22.6 months (range, 0.1–62.1) in patients who received lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab (352 patients) and 7.8 months (range, 0.1–57.5) in patients who received sunitinib (340 patients).

In both groups, most patients had treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs; Data Supplement, Table S2). Grade  $\geq 3$  TEAEs occurred in 84.9% of patients treated with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab and 74.7% of patients treated with sunitinib. Diarrhea was the most common TEAE, and hypertension was the most common grade  $\geq 3$  TEAE across treatment groups (Data Supplement, Table S2). Fatal TEAEs occurred in 16 (4.5%) patients treated with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab and 12 (3.5%) patients treated with sunitinib (Data Supplement, Table S3); fatal treatment-related adverse events occurred in 4 (1.1%) and 1 (0.3%) patient(s) in respective groups (Data Supplement, Table S4).

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### DISCUSSION

In the final prespecified OS analysis, with a median OS follow-up time of about 4 years, lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab continued to show clinically meaningful efficacy compared with sunitinib as a first-line treatment for aRCC. The OS HR of 0.79 (95% CI, 0.63 to 0.99) represents a 21% reduction in the risk of death. The 36-month OS rate of 66.4% with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab versus 60.2% with sunitinib highlights the sustained benefit with the combination treatment over sunitinib.

PFS, ORR, and response duration benefits for lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab versus sunitinib were maintained with long-term follow-up and highlight the magnitude and durability of response for this treatment combination. The ORR (71.3%) and percentage of patients with a complete response (18.3%) with lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab treatment are notable.

Safety results were consistent with those from the primary analysis and with the established safety profiles of each monotherapy and of the combination in patients with other solid tumors.<sup>2,3,6-8</sup> In conclusion, lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab achieved consistent, durable benefit with a manageable safety profile in treatment-naïve patients with aRCC.

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