

# Chair's presentation

## **Atezolizumab for treating locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma after platinum-based chemotherapy**

2<sup>nd</sup> Appraisal Committee meeting

Committee D

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# Atezolizumab (Tecentriq), Roche

<b>Mechanism of action</b>	Monoclonal antibody that binds to and inactivates PD-L1 leading to activation of immune response
<b>Marketing authorisation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>For the treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma after prior platinum-containing chemotherapy</u> or who are considered cisplatin ineligible</li><li>• Had early access to medicines scheme status for use in people who have had platinum-based chemotherapy</li></ul>
<b>Administration and dose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1,200 mg intravenous infusion every 3 weeks until loss of clinical benefit or unmanageable toxicity</li></ul>

## Comparators:

- Docetaxel, paclitaxel and best supportive care

Population for whom cisplatin is unsuitable considered separately – recommended as an option in the CDF

# ACD preliminary recommendation: Not recommended for mUC after platinum chemotherapy

## Clinical effectiveness

- IMvigor 210 – Median overall survival: 7.9 months
  - Difficult to assess relative treatment benefit as no control arm
- Clinical experts: some people sustain a lasting response
- Indirect comparison highly uncertain:
  - STC did not account for all prognostic factors
  - NMA based on sparse evidence networks
- Atezolizumab appears to be effective but considerable uncertainty

## Economic model

- OS extrapolation highly uncertain
  - Could fall between the company's generalised gamma (fitted to atezolizumab) and ERG's K–M + Weibull (fitted to comparator) – ERG's more clinically plausible
- Treatment duration: more appropriate to use distribution which best fit the data
- Treatment effect: not plausible to assume same treatment effect for people continuing atezolizumab after disease progression
- Utilities: company base-case estimate implausibly high

## End of life criteria

- Life expectancy <24 months, uncertain whether atezolizumab extends life by >3 months – most likely end of life criteria met

# Most plausible ICERs

- Company base case: £98k to £131k (with-PAS: [REDACTED])
- ERG's preferred ICERs: £166k to £288k (with-PAS: [REDACTED])
- Most plausible ICERs higher than ERG's preferred ICERs, as they did not include all the committee's preferred assumptions:
  - ERG used a utility value of 0.71 for progressed disease (company scenario analysis with lower utility value increased ICERs)
  - people taking atezolizumab after disease progression assumed to have the same treatment benefit as those whose disease has not progressed (a lower treatment benefit would increase the ICERs)
  - problems with probabilistic sensitivity analysis meant that the ERG's ICERs were deterministic and did not appropriately reflect all the uncertainty (company's PSA increased ICERs by up to 20%)

# Committee conclusions

- Most plausible ICERs higher than those usually considered a cost-effective use of NHS resources, even for end of life treatments
- No cost-effectiveness analyses based on PD-L1 expression
  - committee would have liked to see analyses to assess if there are any subgroups for whom atezolizumab could be cost-effective
- Did not meet the criteria for use in CDF – no plausible potential that atezolizumab could be cost-effective for previous chemotherapy (2<sup>nd</sup> line) population

# ACD consultation responses

- Consultee comments from:
  - Roche – including new evidence and updated PAS
  - Action Bladder Cancer UK

# Comments from patient and professional organisations

- There is an urgent need for new treatments for urothelial carcinoma, as 5-year survival rates are low and have not increased since 1980
- Atezolizumab has the potential to increase survival and offers the prospect of long term remission for around 20% of people with urothelial carcinoma
- Cost effectiveness modelling is unduly pessimistic and does not take into account atezolizumab's mechanism of action
- If atezolizumab is made available in the NHS, additional data collection could reduce the uncertainty about its effectiveness

# Company: additional evidence

## *IMvigor 211*

<b>Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multicentre, open-label, phase III trial</li><li>• Atezolizumab (n=467) vs chemotherapy (n=464)</li><li>• Investigator's choice of chemotherapy: vinflunine (n=242), docetaxel (n=148) or paclitaxel (n=53)</li><li>• Stratification by factors including PD-L1 expression and chemotherapy: vinflunine vs. taxanes (docetaxel or paclitaxel)</li></ul>
<b>Eligibility criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma with progression during or following a platinum-containing regimen</li><li>• ≤2 prior lines of therapy</li><li>• ECOG 0-1</li></ul>
<b>Outcomes</b>	1°: Overall survival, 2°: Objective response rate, progression-free survival, duration of response

Primary endpoint tested hierarchically:

- PD-L1≥5%, followed by PD-L1≥1%, then overall population
- Based on observation in uncontrolled studies that patients with higher PD-L1 expression experienced longer survival when taking atezolizumab

# IMvigor 211 – Baseline characteristics

	Atezolizumab n=467	Chemotherapy n=464
Median age, years (range)	67 (33–88)	67 (31–84)
Male, %	76	78
ECOG 0, %	47	45
Haemoglobin <10 g/dL, %	14	16
Liver metastases, %	30	28
Primary tumour site, %		
Bladder	69	73
Renal pelvis/ureter	27	24
0 prognostic risk factors, %	31	30
PD-L1 ≥5%, %	25	25
1 ≤ PD-L1 <5%, %	43	41
PD-L1 <1%, %	32	33
Chemotherapy type:		
Docetaxel, %	-	12
Paclitaxel, %	-	33
Vinflunine, %	-	55

Prognostic risk factors: ECOG ≥1, prior chemo <3 months, haemoglobin <10 g/dL

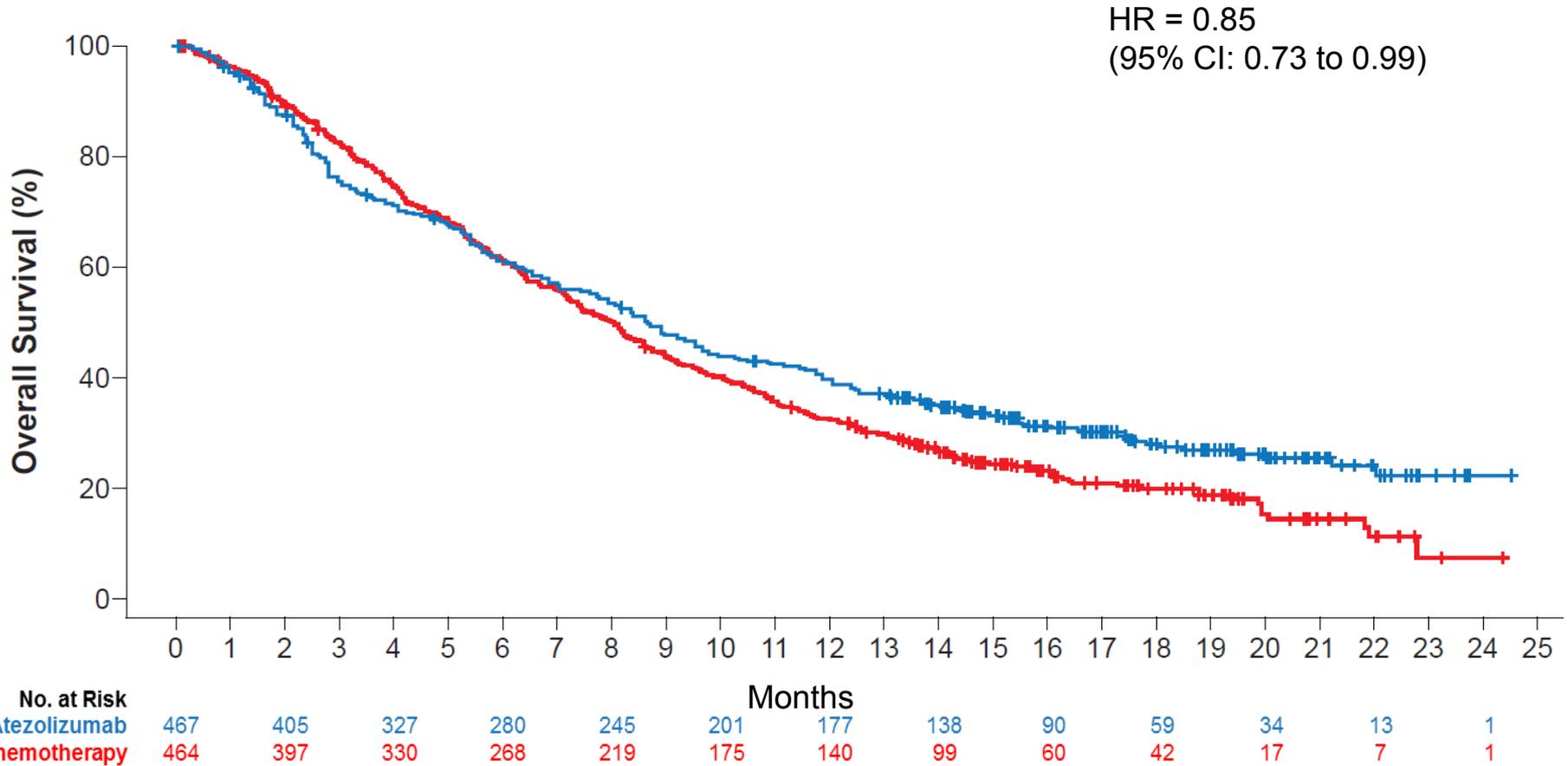
# Results of IMvigor 211 (1)

	PD-L1 $\geq$ 5%		PD-L1 $\geq$ 1%		Overall population	
	Atezo n=116	Chemo n=118	Atezo n=316	Chemo n=309	Atezo n=467	Chemo n=464
<b>Median OS, months 95% CI</b>	11.1 8.6 to 15.5	10.6 8.4 to 12.2	8.9 8.2 to 10.9	8.2 7.4 to 9.5	8.6 7.8 to 9.6	8.0 7.2 to 8.6
<b>OS HR 95% CI</b>	0.87 0.63 to 1.21, p=0.41		0.87 0.71 to 1.05, p=0.14		0.85 0.73 to 0.99, p=0.038	
<b>Median PFS, months 95% CI</b>	2.4 2.1 to 4.2	4.2 3.7 to 5.0	2.1 2.1 to 2.2	4.1 3.6 to 4.2	2.1 2.1 to 2.2	4.0 3.4 to 4.2
<b>ORR</b>	23%	22%	14%	15%	13%	13%
<b>Median DOR, months</b>	15.9	8.3	15.9	8.3	21.7	7.4
<b>Ongoing responders</b>					63%	21%

Abbreviations: OS, overall survival; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; PFS, progression free survival; ORR, objective response rate DOR, duration of response

1<sup>o</sup> endpoint: difference in median OS in PD-L1 $\geq$ 5% arm not stats. significant (p=0.41)

# IMvigor 211 OS: overall population



# Results of IMvigor 211 (2)

## **Company:**

- Primary endpoint an underpowered comparison of 2 groups with good prognosis
- Overall population more meaningful: OS HR is similar to that for the PD-L1 subgroups but larger population gives greater statistical power
- Although anticipated predictive value of PD-L1 was not seen in trial, results are similar to earlier studies (12 month overall survival 39% vs. 37% in IMvigor 210)

## **ERG comments on trial:**

- Well-conducted trial, although note that it was open-label
- No obvious imbalances that are likely to be of prognostic importance
- The hazard ratios are unlikely to accurately represent the underlying hazard functions, as hazards are not proportional (K-M curves cross)
- Objective response rate similar between the atezolizumab and chemotherapy arms, but median duration of response longer with atezolizumab
- Responses to atezolizumab durable regardless of PD-L1 status

# Results of IMvigor 211 (3)

**Exploratory analyses: atezolizumab vs taxanes and vs vinflunine**

	Atezolizumab n=215	Taxanes n=214
<b>Median OS, months</b>	8.3	7.5
<b>95% CI</b>	6.6 to 9.8	6.7 to 8.6
<b>OS HR</b>	0.73	
<b>95% CI</b>	0.58 to 0.92	
<b>Median PFS, months</b>	2.1	3.7
<b>95% CI</b>	2.1 to 2.3	2.2 to 4.1
<b>PFS HR</b>	1.00	
<b>95% CI</b>	0.81 to 1.23	

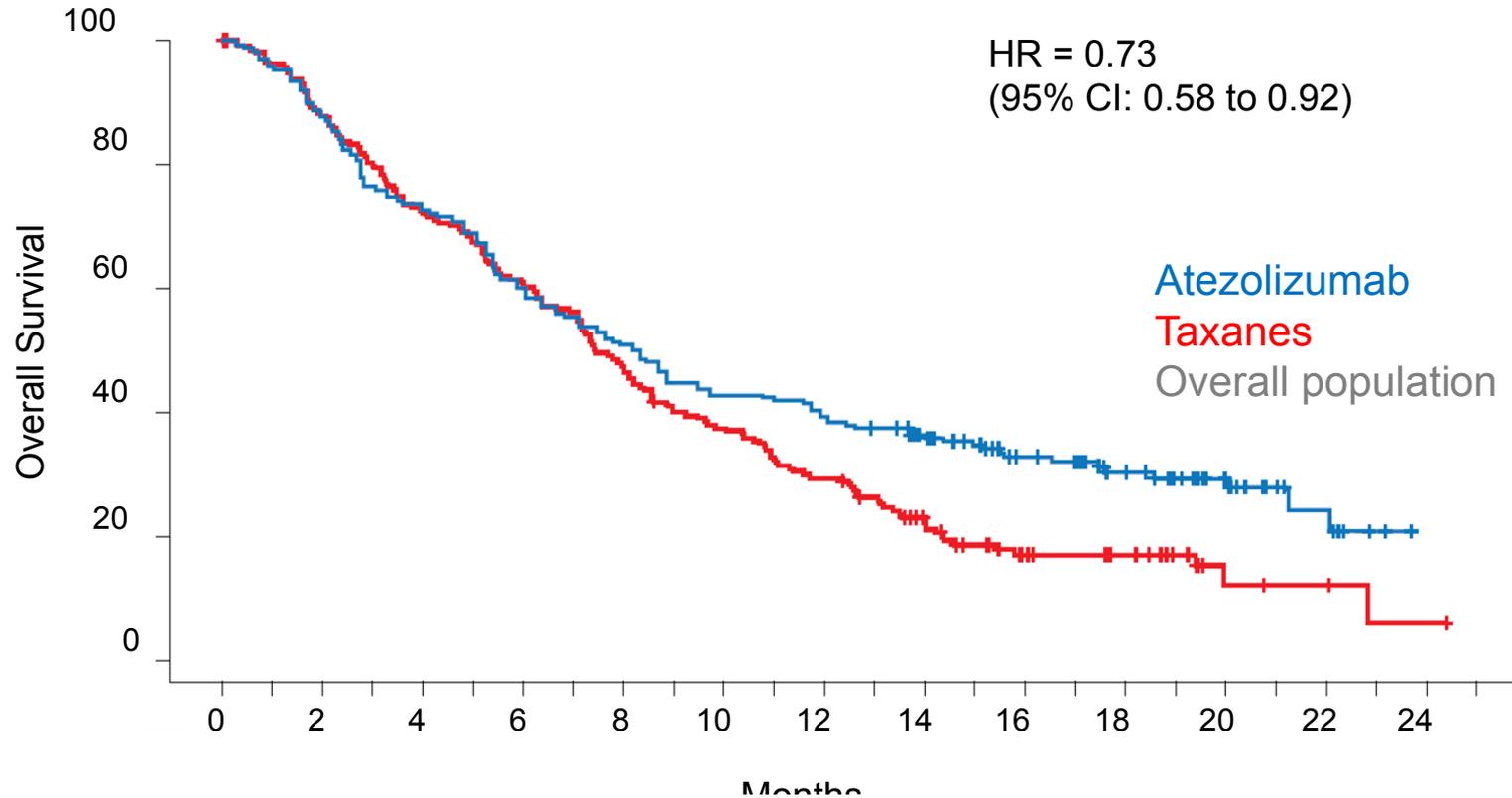
- Compared with vinflunine:
  - median OS 9.2 months vs 8.3 months, HR 0.97 (0.78 to 1.19)
  - median PFS 2.1 months vs 4.1 months, HR 1.19 (0.98 to 1.44)
- Company: vinflunine OS higher than expected – vinflunine phase III trial, 6.9 months and no statistically significant improvement compared to BSC

## Adverse events

- No new safety issues
- Fewer patients in the atezolizumab arm had Grade 3/4 treatment-related AEs (20% vs 43%) or discontinued due to AEs (7% vs 18%)
- **ERG:** atezolizumab has a more favourable safety profile than the taxanes

# IMvigor 211 – overall survival

## *Exploratory analyses atezolizumab vs. taxanes*



No. at Risk		0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Atezolizumab	215	186	153	125	106	89	81	66	45	34	19	7	0	
Taxane	214	179	147	122	94	74	58	35	20	16	4	3	1	

# Revised economic model (1)

- Analyses vs. pooled taxanes only using data from IMvigor 211
  - company: vinflunine not used in NHS, comparison with taxanes most relevant
  - no comparison with best supportive care
  - no analyses by PD-L1 status presented
- To extrapolate OS and PFS, separate models fitted to each arm, as proportional hazards assumption does not hold

Extrapolation	Justification
<b>PFS:</b> K–M curves + tails extrapolated using generalised gamma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• best fit to atezolizumab data</li><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> best fit to taxane data, but observed PFS data almost complete, so distribution has limited effect</li></ul>
<b>OS:</b> generalised gamma distribution, mix-cure rate model for atezolizumab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• best fit for atezolizumab and taxanes</li><li>• mix-cure rate model means extrapolated tail never higher than background mortality</li></ul>
<b>Treatment duration:</b> K–M curves + tails extrapolated using generalised gamma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• best fit to overall data and taxanes</li><li>• log-logistic best fit to atezolizumab data, but extrapolation crosses OS curve</li></ul>

# Revised economic model (2)

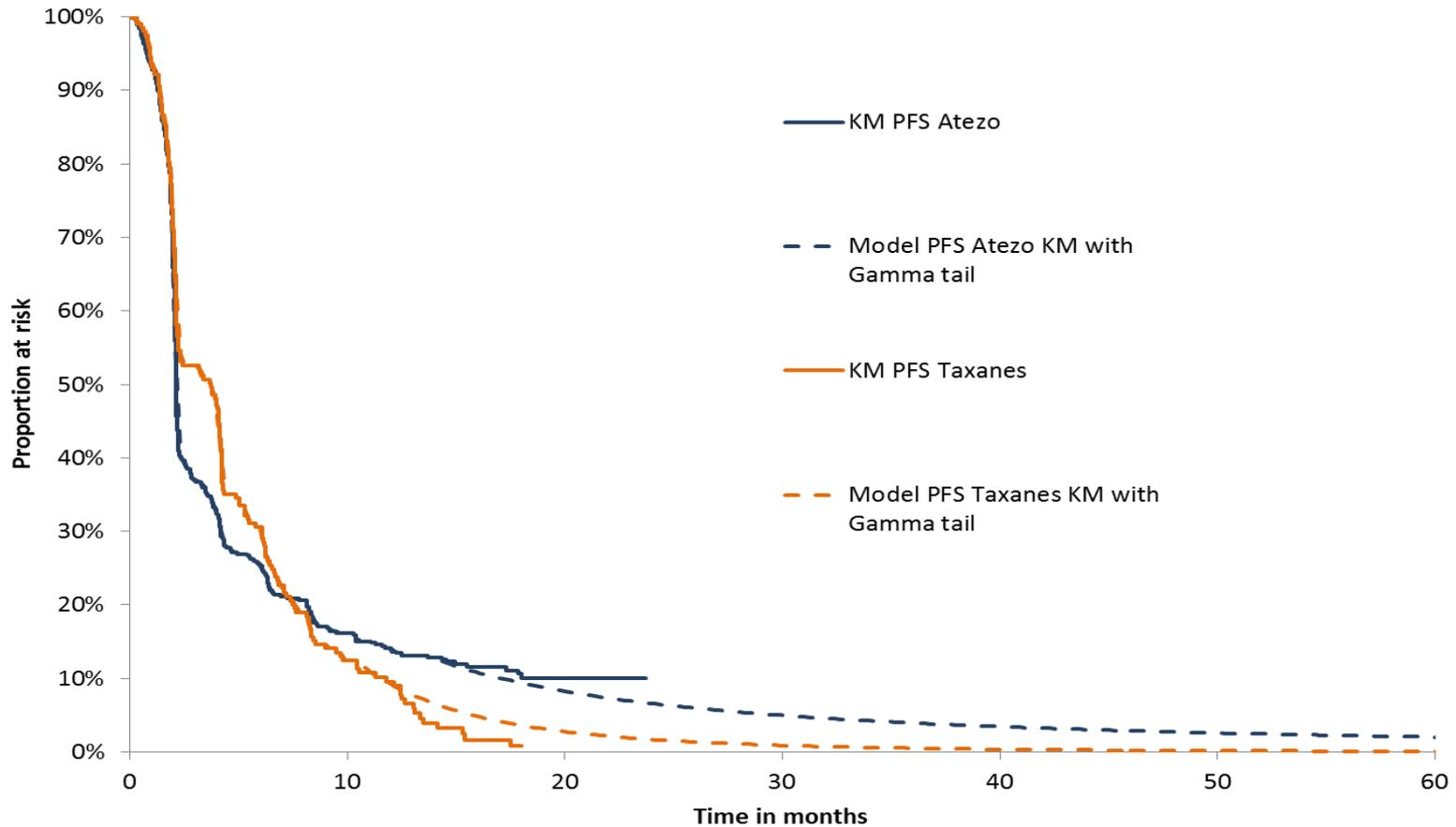
- Adverse event and health-related quality of life data from IMvigor 211
  - grade 3+ treatment related adverse events with an incidence  $\geq 2\%$  included
  - treatment can continue beyond progression, so utilities relate to on- or off-treatment rather than progression-free and progressed disease

	IMvigor 211		Original submission	
Utilities	Atezolizumab	Taxanes	Atezolizumab	Comparators
On treatment	0.68	0.66	0.75	0.75
Off treatment	0.55	0.55	0.71	0.75

## ERG comment on utilities

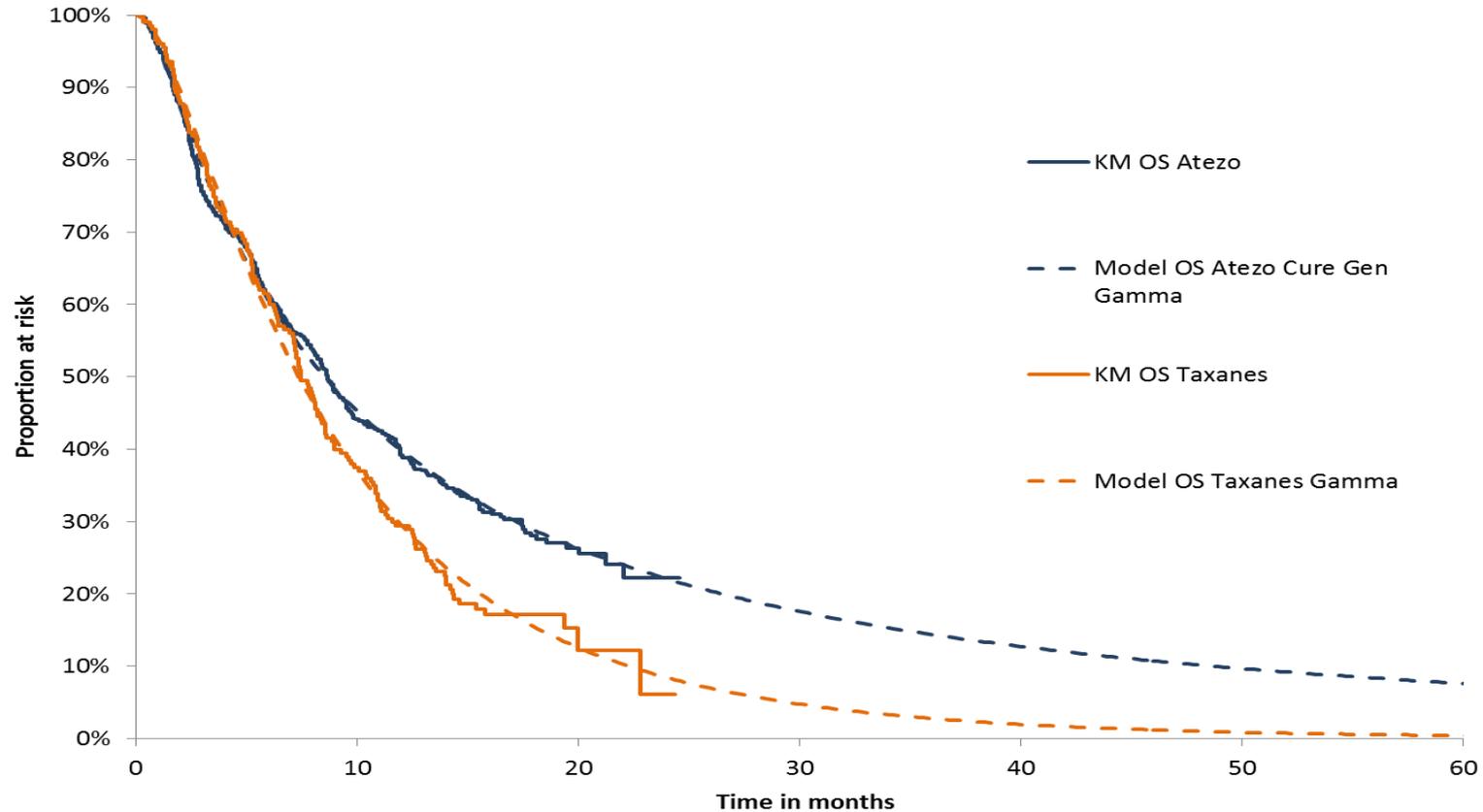
- Company presented limited data and its not clear how well the point estimates capture the EQ-5D scores – they may vary in relation to time on treatment
- More appropriate than the values used in the original submission

# Company PFS extrapolation



Atezolizumab PFS	IMvigor 211 (phase III)	IMvigor 210: 2L (phase II)	Model
<b>Median</b>	2.1 months	2.1 months	2.06 months
<b>12 months</b>	Not reported	Not reported	12.0%

# Company overall survival extrapolation



Atezolizumab OS	Clinical experts	Model
5 year	10–20%	7.7%
10 year	5–10%	2.7%
20 year	0–5%	0.7%

# Company's results

## *list price\**

	Total costs	Incremental costs	Total QALYs	Incremental QALYs	Deterministic ICER
Taxanes	£10,253	-	0.49	-	-
Atezolizumab	£54,573	£44,321	0.93	0.44	£100,844
					Probabilistic ICER: £101,319

Overview of scenario analyses	Deterministic ICER
Base case	£100,844
Alternative OS extrapolations	£101,156 to £129,338
Alternative PFS extrapolations	£100,946 to £101,669
Time to treatment discontinuation extrapolations	£106,133 to £136,334
Comparison against paclitaxel alone (more commonly used in NHS than docetaxel)	£110,403
Utility values from pembrolizumab for 2L mUC appraisal (PFS, 0.73; progressed disease, 0.64)	£91,653

*\*The company's Patient Access Scheme is confidential; results using the PAS will be shown to committee in Part 2*

# ERG critique of PFS and time to treatment discontinuation extrapolations

## PFS:

- Company approach is appropriate, but taxane data is mature, so there is no need to extrapolate; the K-M data can be used alone and has little impact on ICER

## Time to treatment discontinuation:

- Company use distribution that best fits overall and taxane data, and not the log-logistic which best fits atezolizumab as resulting extrapolation crosses OS curve
  - ERG do not agree that extrapolated curves cross
  - taxane data is mature, so K-M data alone can be used without extrapolation
  - log-logistic fits atezolizumab data best, so this should be used
- Effect of using log-logistic distribution is greater proportion of people on treatment in later years, increasing costs and QALYs (higher utility value for on-treatment)

On-treatment	Company	ERG
2 years	7.1%	9.6%
3 years	3.6%	6.5%
5 years	1.2%	4.0%

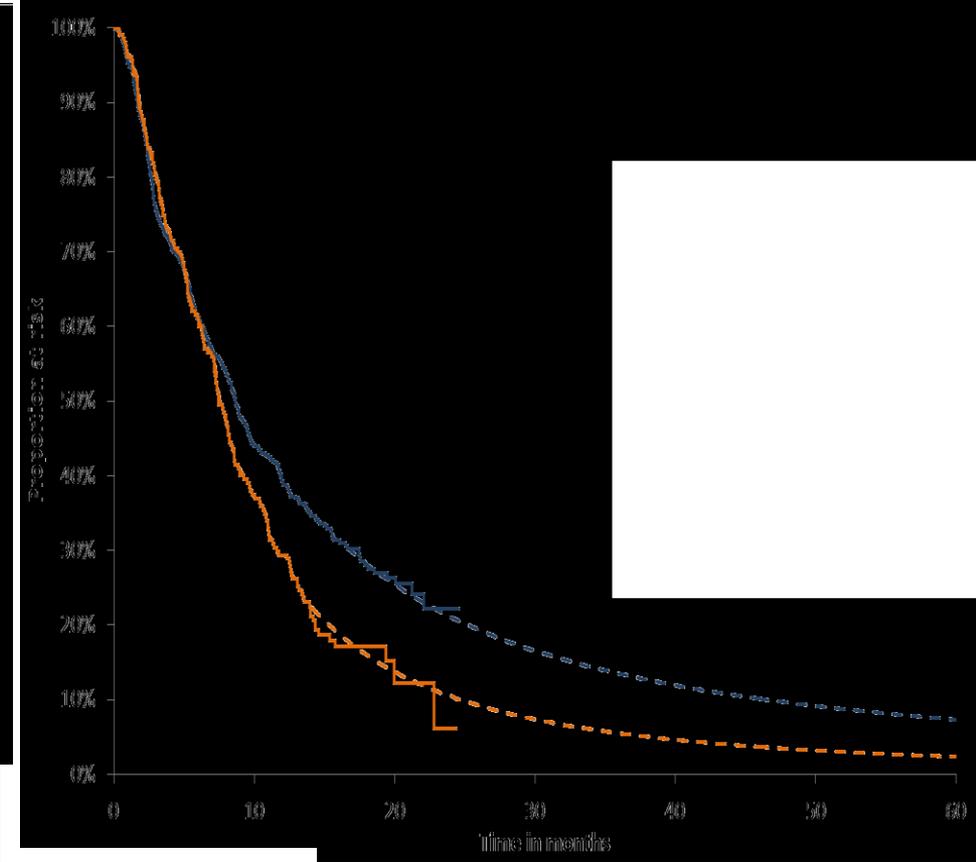
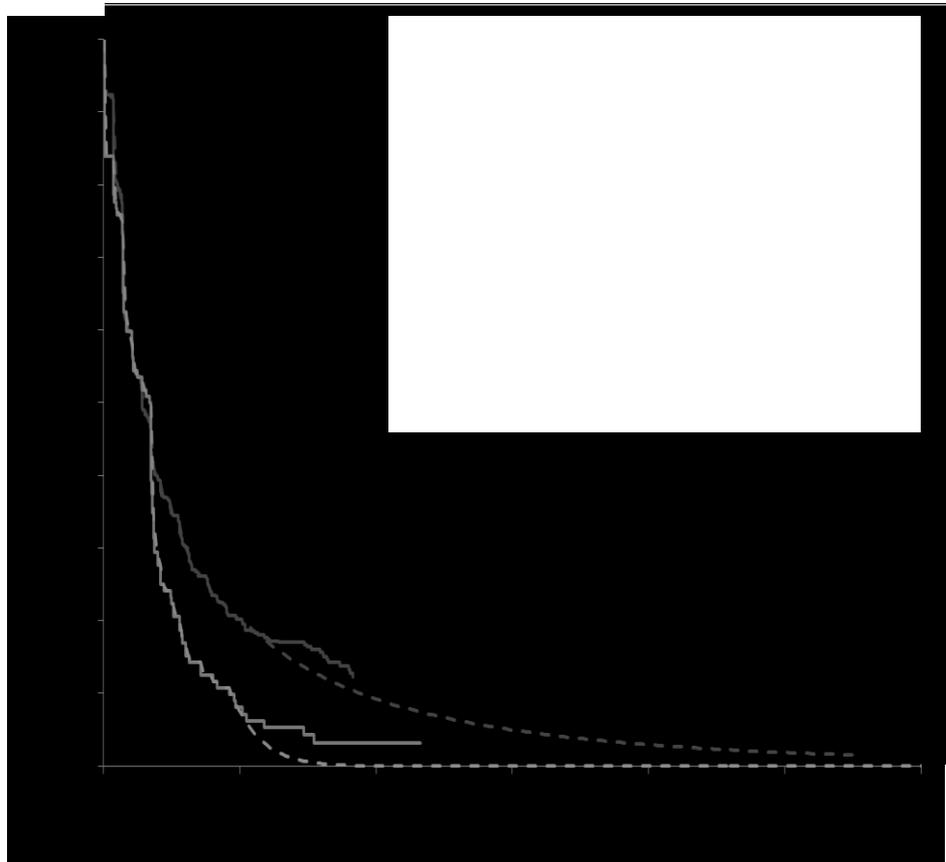
# ERG critique of OS extrapolation

- Company's generalised gamma predicts lower OS for taxanes at year 5 than predicted by expert opinion (0.4% vs 2–3%)
- Using log-logistic distribution instead leads to a more plausible estimate at year 5 (2.4%)
- Extrapolation of atezolizumab data using K–M + log-logistic distribution has a similar visual fit to company's choice of fully parametric generalised gamma (mix cure rate model)
  - proportion alive at 5 years similar: 7.3% (log-logistic) vs. 7.6% (company base case)
  - ERG proposes to extrapolate tail from point when 20% of patients remain at risk
- Effect on atezolizumab QALYs is minimal, but taxane QALYs increase, reducing the incremental QALYs

# Company vs ERG extrapolations

Time to discontinuation

Overall survival



- Kaplan–Meier
- - - Company extrapolation
- . - ERG extrapolation

# ERG's exploratory analysis and preferred analysis *list price\**, deterministic analysis

**ERGs preferred analysis includes the following changes to the company's base case**

- a) Taxane PFS curve uses the K–M data only without extrapolation
- b) Time to treatment discontinuation: uses K–M data only without extrapolation for taxanes, and the K–M with the tail extrapolated using the log-logistic distribution for atezolizumab
- c) OS curves use the K–M data with the tails extrapolated using the log-logistic distribution from the point of 20% of patients at risk

	<b>Incremental Costs</b>	<b>Incremental QALYs</b>	<b>ICER (£/QALY)</b>
<b>Company base case (deterministic)</b>	£44,321	0.44	£100,844
<b>ERG preferred analysis</b>	£61,492	0.40	£154,282

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# End of life and CDF

## End of life

- ACD conclusion:
  - life expectancy <24 months
  - uncertain whether atezolizumab extends life by >3 months
  - most likely end of life criteria met
- Data based on IMvigor 211 used in company's updated economic model

	Mean OS ( <i>company extrapolation</i> )	Median OS
<b>Atezolizumab</b>	18.6 months	8.5 months
<b>Taxanes</b>	10.2 months	7.4 months

- ERG predicts that extension in survival with atezolizumab is 8.2 months

## Cancer Drugs Fund

- ACD conclusion:
  - no plausible potential for atezolizumab to be cost effective
  - uncertainties could be addressed through the ongoing IMvigor 211 trial
- No CDF proposal submitted by company

# Key issues

- Effectiveness of atezolizumab compared with taxanes
  - For overall population and PD-L1 subgroups
- No comparison with best supportive care
- Cost effectiveness analyses
  - Treatment duration extrapolation
  - Overall survival extrapolation
  - Most plausible ICER
- Any health-related benefits not captured

# Back-up slides

# ERG's exploratory analysis and preferred analysis *with PAS*, deterministic analysis

## Effect of individual assumptions

- ERG preferred assumptions**

	Incr costs	Incr QALYs	ICER (£/QALY)
<b>Company base case</b>	██████████	0.44	██████████
a) PFS: K–M only for taxanes	██████████	0.44	██████████
b) TTD: K–M only for taxanes, K–M + log-logistic for atezolizumab	██████████	0.47	██████████
c) OS: K–M + log-logistic tail from 20% at risk	██████████	0.36	██████████
<b>ERG preferred analysis a+b+c</b>	██████████	0.40	██████████

- Overall survival (ICER, £/QALY)**

	Parametric	Tail extrapolated from 20% at risk	Tail extrapolated from 30% at risk
Log-logistic	██████████	██████████	██████████
Log-normal	██████████	██████████	██████████
Gamma	██████████	██████████	██████████