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# Unmet Medical Need in BCG-Unresponsive NMIBC

- Standard of care for High-Risk NMIBC is TURBT followed by intravesical BCG<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Despite initial response rates, BCG fails approximately 50-60% of patients<sup>3,4</sup>
  - These patients are at risk for disease progression, 20–40% develop MIBC, of which, half eventually succumb to bladder cancer<sup>2, 5, 6</sup>
- 2018 FDA Guidance: BCG-Unresponsive NMIBC definition<sup>7</sup>
  - Persistent or recurrent CIS +/- Ta/T1 within 12 months of adequate BCG therapy
  - Recurrent HG Ta/T1 disease within 6 months of adequate BCG therapy
  - HG T1 disease at the first evaluation after induction BCG course

## BCG-Unresponsive Nonmuscle Invasive Bladder Cancer: Developing Drugs and Biologics for Treatment Guidance for Industry

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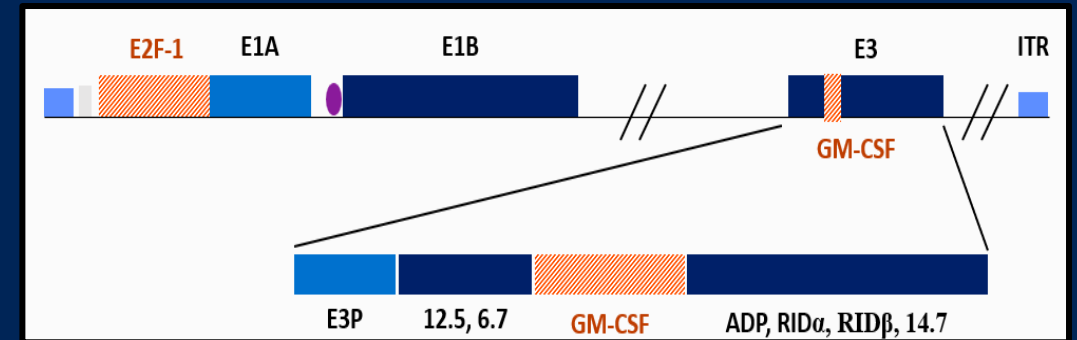
There is a critical unmet need for highly effective, well-tolerated, durable treatment options for patients with BCG-UR HR NMIBC

<sup>1</sup> Holzbeierlein J, et al. J Urol. 2024;10.1097. <sup>2</sup> NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology, Bladder Cancer. V3.2024. <sup>3</sup> Rouanne M, et al. J Clin Invest. 2022;132(12):e145666. <sup>4</sup> Sylvester RJ, et al. Eur Urol. 2006;49(3):466-5. <sup>5</sup> Van den Bosch S, et al. Eur Urol. 2011;60: 493–500. <sup>6</sup> Babjuk, M. et al. Eur. Urol. 2022; 81:75–94. <sup>7</sup> FDA Guidance Document: BCG-Unresponsive Nonmuscle Invasive Bladder Cancer, February 2018.

# Background: Cretostimogene Grenadenorepvec

## What is Cretostimogene?

- Oncolytic Immunotherapy (OIT)
  - Conditionally replicating, oncolytic adenovirus
  - Encodes GM-CSF
  - Insertion of human E2F-1 promoter
- Binds to Coxsackie Adenovirus Receptor (CAR)
  - Robust expression in all stages of bladder cancer
- Viral replication results in tumor lysis, release of GM-CSF, further viral progeny, and additional tumor lysis



## Monotherapy Experience:

- Studies in heavily pretreated HR NMIBC with CR at any time rates of 65-75%, with low AE profile<sup>1,2</sup>
- Intravenous pembrolizumab is FDA approved with a 41% CR in BCG-UR NMIBC and a 12-month CR rate of ~20%<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Packiam VT, et al. Urol Oncol. 2018;36(10):440-7 <sup>2</sup>Tyson, et al. AUA 2024 <sup>3</sup>Keytruda. Package insert. Merck & Co., Inc.; 2014.

# CORE-001: Phase-2 Cretostimogene + Pembrolizumab for BCG-Unresponsive, High-Risk NMIBC with CIS (NCT04387461)

**N = 35** BCG-UR NMIBC

**Design:** Single-arm, intravesical cretostimogene + intravenous pembrolizumab

**Trial Type:** Open label

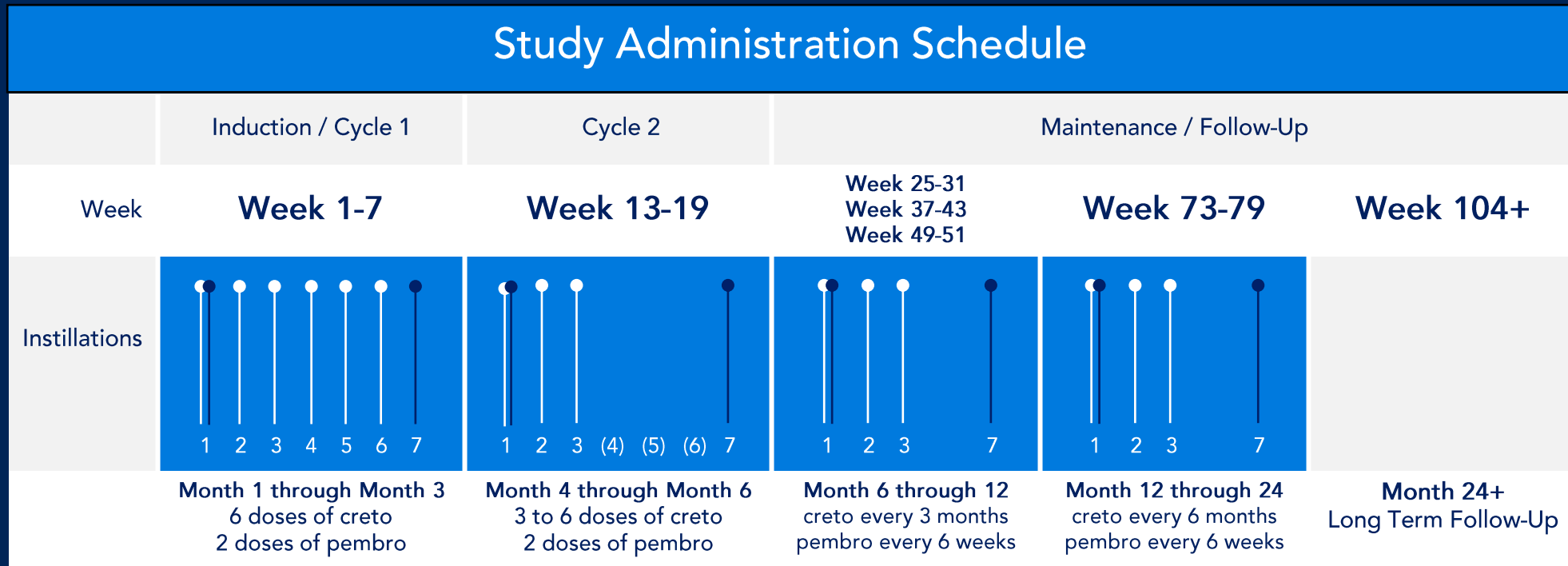
**Regimen:**

Cretostimogene induction<sup>1</sup>  
Weekly x 6

Maintenance courses<sup>2</sup>  
Weekly x 3 for Complete Responders

**Primary Endpoint:** CR at 12 months

**Secondary Endpoints:** CR at any time, DoR, Safety

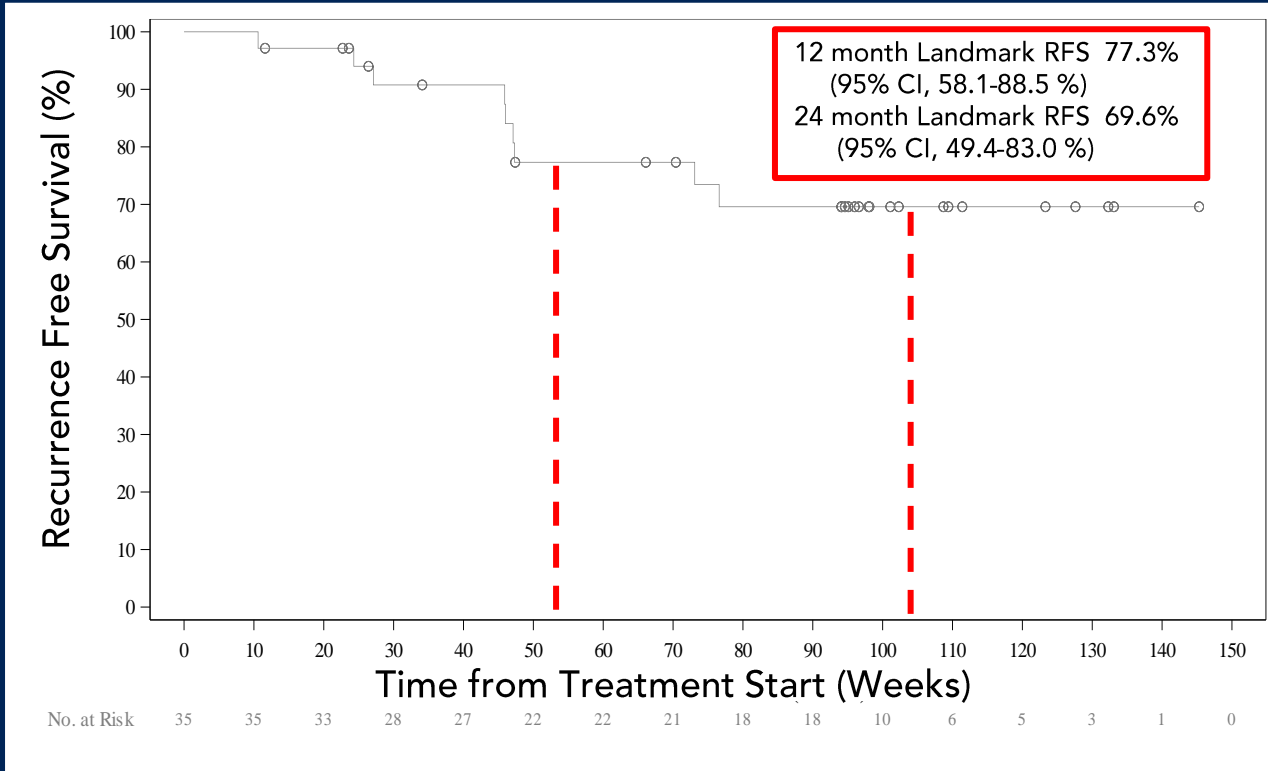


Response assessment: Quarterly centrally reviewed cytology & cystoscopy (with for cause biopsy). 12 month assessment included mandatory bladder mapping biopsy

<sup>1</sup> Second induction course of weekly x 6 for non-responders at month 3. <sup>2</sup> Maintenance course for complete responders starts at month 3 every 3 months for 1st year, and every 6 months for 2nd year



# Cretostimogene + Pembro with Durable Complete Responses



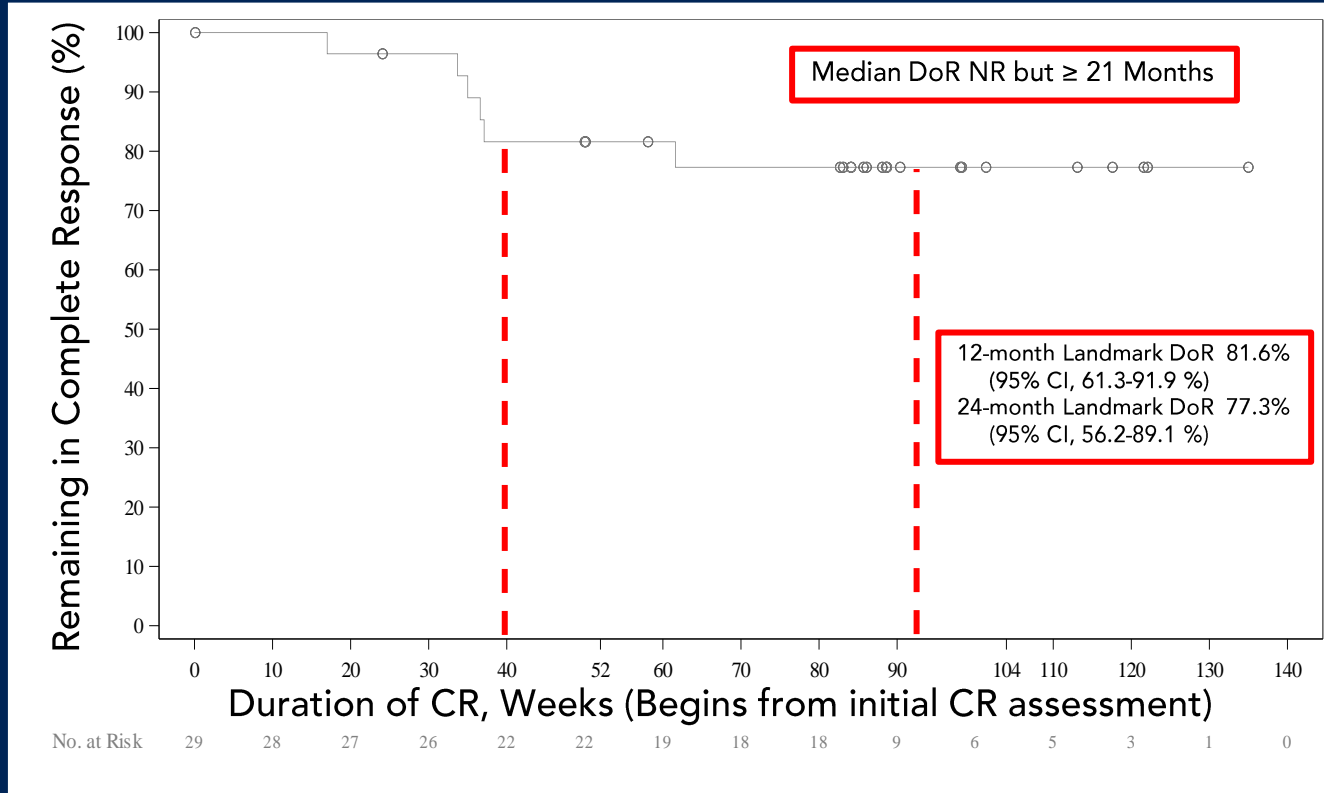
- Demographics are consistent with generalizable bladder cancer cohort
- 82.8% CR at any time
  - (29/35, 95% CI 70.4-95.3%)
- 57.1% CR at 12 months
  - (ITT; 20/35, 95% CI 39.5–73.2%)
- 54.3% CR at 24 months
  - (ITT; 19/35, 95% CI 36.9-70.8%)
- 12 month Landmark RFS – 77.3%
  - (95% CI, 58.1-88.5 %)
- 24 month Landmark RFS- 69.6%
  - (95% CI, 49.4-83.0 %)



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- Median Follow-up 26.5 months
- 12-month Landmark DoR – 81.6%
  - (95% CI, 61.3-91.9 %)
- 24-month Landmark DoR – 77.3%
  - (95% CI, 56.2-89.1 %)
- 95.1% of patients in CR at 12 months, in CR at 24 months
- 100% PFS
  - No patients with MIBC/mUC
  - Compares favorably: 94% nadofaragene<sup>1</sup>, 91% pembrolizumab<sup>2</sup>, 90% N803+BCG<sup>3</sup>
- 80.0% CFS at 24 months



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# Favorable Safety Profile- No Overlapping or Synergistic Toxicity

System organ class, n (%)/preferred term, n (%)	Maximum severity					Total (N=35)
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	
Participants reporting at least one study drug-related treatment-emergent AE	9 (25.7)	18 (51.4)	5 (14.3)	0	0	32 (91.4)
Bladder spasm	13 (37.1)	4 (11.4)	0	0	0	17 (48.6)
Fatigue	11 (31.4)	2 (5.7)	0	0	0	13 (37.1)
Dysuria	8 (22.9)	1 (2.9)	0	0	0	9 (25.7)
Pollakiuria	8 (22.9)	1 (2.9)	0	0	0	9 (25.7)
Hematuria	5 (14.3)	1 (2.9)	0	0	0	6 (17.1)
Micturition urgency	4 (11.4)	2 (5.7)	0	0	0	6 (17.1)
Diarrhea	4 (11.4)	0	1 (2.9)	0	0	5 (14.3)
Nocturia	3 (8.6)	1 (2.9)	0	0	0	4 (11.4)
Hypothyroidism	1 (2.9)	3 (8.6)	0	0	0	4 (11.4)
Urinary tract infection	3 (8.6)	1 (2.9)	0	0	0	4 (11.4)
Blood alkaline phosphatase increased	0	0	1 (2.9)	0	0	1 (2.9)
Ejection fraction decreased	0	0	1 (2.9)	0	0	1 (2.9)
Neutrophil count decreased	0	0	1 (2.9)	0	0	1 (2.9)
Adrenal insufficiency	0	0	1 (2.9)	0	0	1 (2.9)
Immune-mediated hepatitis	0	0	1 (2.9)	0	0	1 (2.9)

Data are n (%). The table presents study drug-related AEs that occurred in at least 10% or more of all treated patients (n=35) and all study drug-related grade 3 events. AEs include all events that occurred or worsened after the first dose of cretostimogene or pembrolizumab. There were no grade 3-5 cretostimogene drug-related AEs. There were no grade 4-5 pembrolizumab drug-related AEs.

- AEs attributed to creto were low grade and self-limited
- No grade 3-5 creto related AEs
- irAEs exclusively associated with pembro
- 5 discontinuations prior to 12-month timepoint, all unrelated
- No treatment-related deaths



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# Conclusion

- Cretostimogene plus pembrolizumab achieved a favorable benefit/risk profile in patients with BCG-UR NMIBC
- Strong CR at any time (83%), CR at 12 months (57%) and robust DoR in responders at 24 months (95%)
- Translational correlates from CORE-001 and monotherapy BOND-003 will generate key insights regarding risks of recurrence in BCG-UR HR NMIBC
- Future clinical trials will evaluate cretostimogene monotherapy, and rational combinations, as a backbone therapy for patients with High-Risk NMIBC
- **CORE-001 manuscript now in press at Nature Medicine**  
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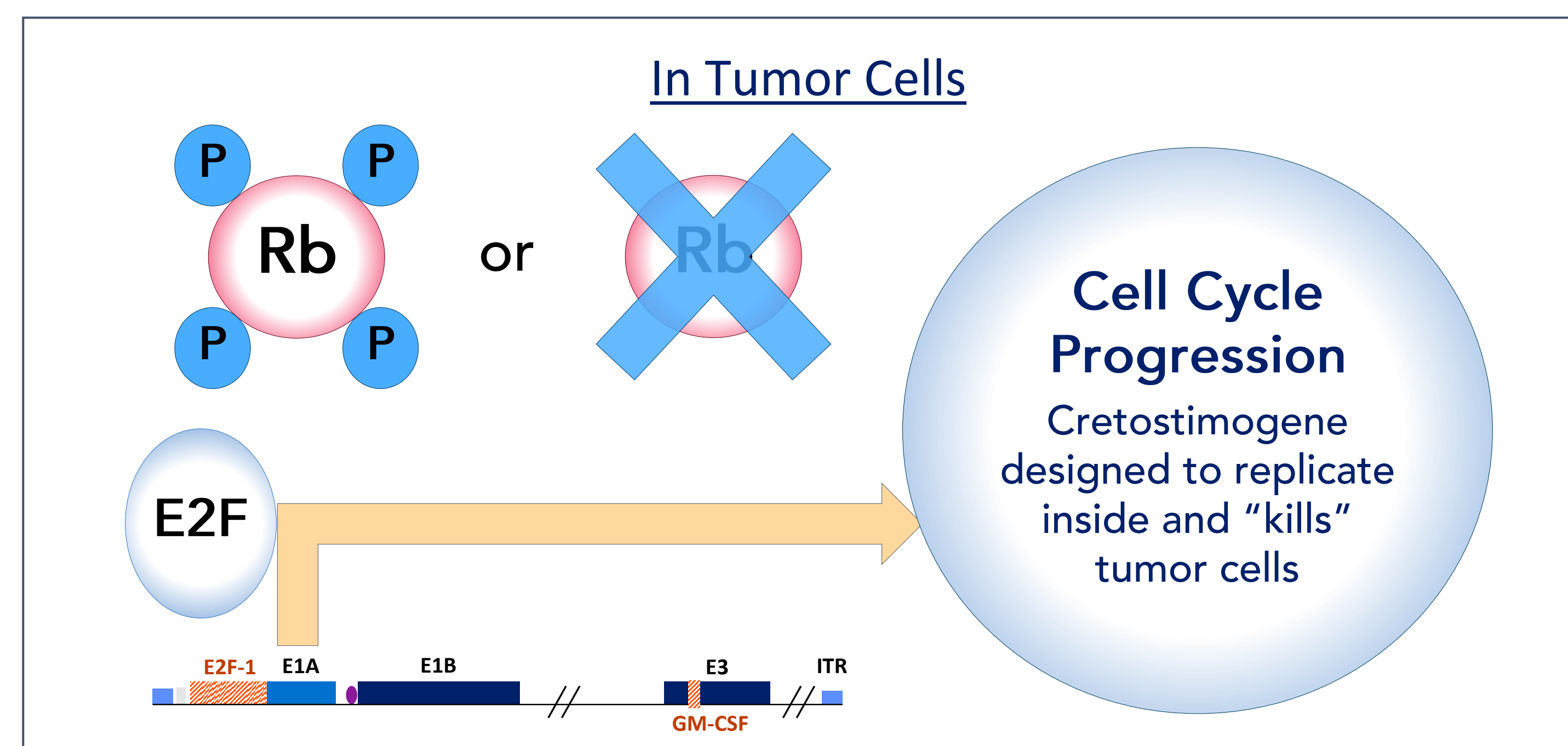
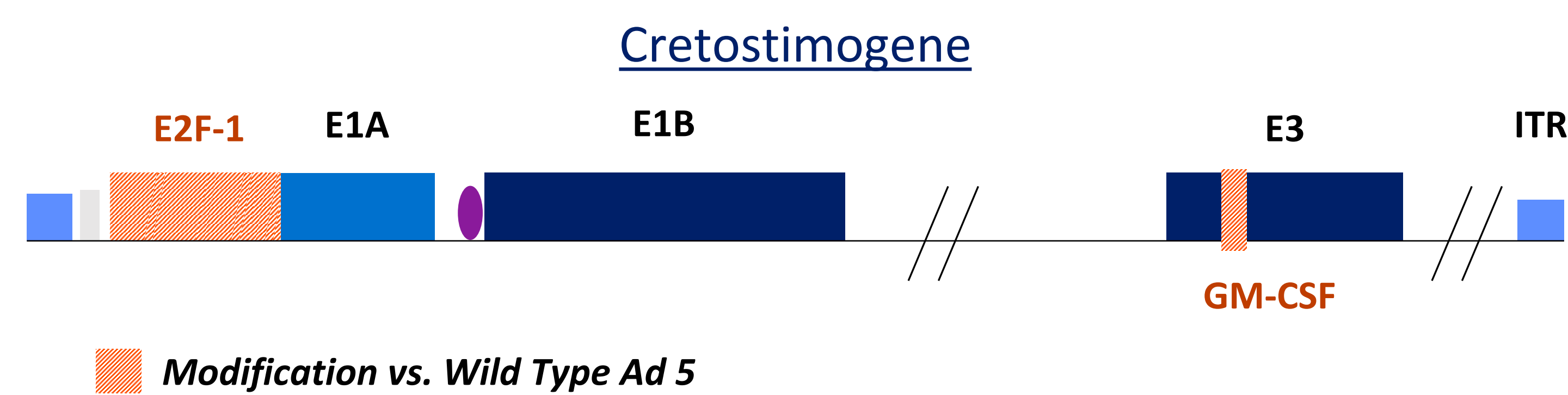


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## BACKGROUND

- Cretostimogene is a conditionally replicating, intravesically delivered adenovirus
- Oncolytic immunotherapy: cretostimogene is engineered to lyse bladder cancer cells and produce GM-CSF, stimulating the immune system via a dual mode of action
- In High-Risk NMIBC, cretostimogene monotherapy shows Complete Response (CR) rates between 65-75%<sup>1-3</sup>
- Favorable safety profile with mostly grade 1-2 AE<sup>1-3</sup>
- Intravenous pembrolizumab is FDA approved in BCG-UR NMIBC with a 41% CR any time and 12-month CR of ~20%<sup>4</sup>
- CORE-001 is a proof-of-concept, Phase 2 study evaluating the combination of cretostimogene and pembrolizumab in BCG-UR HR NMIBC



## CORE-001

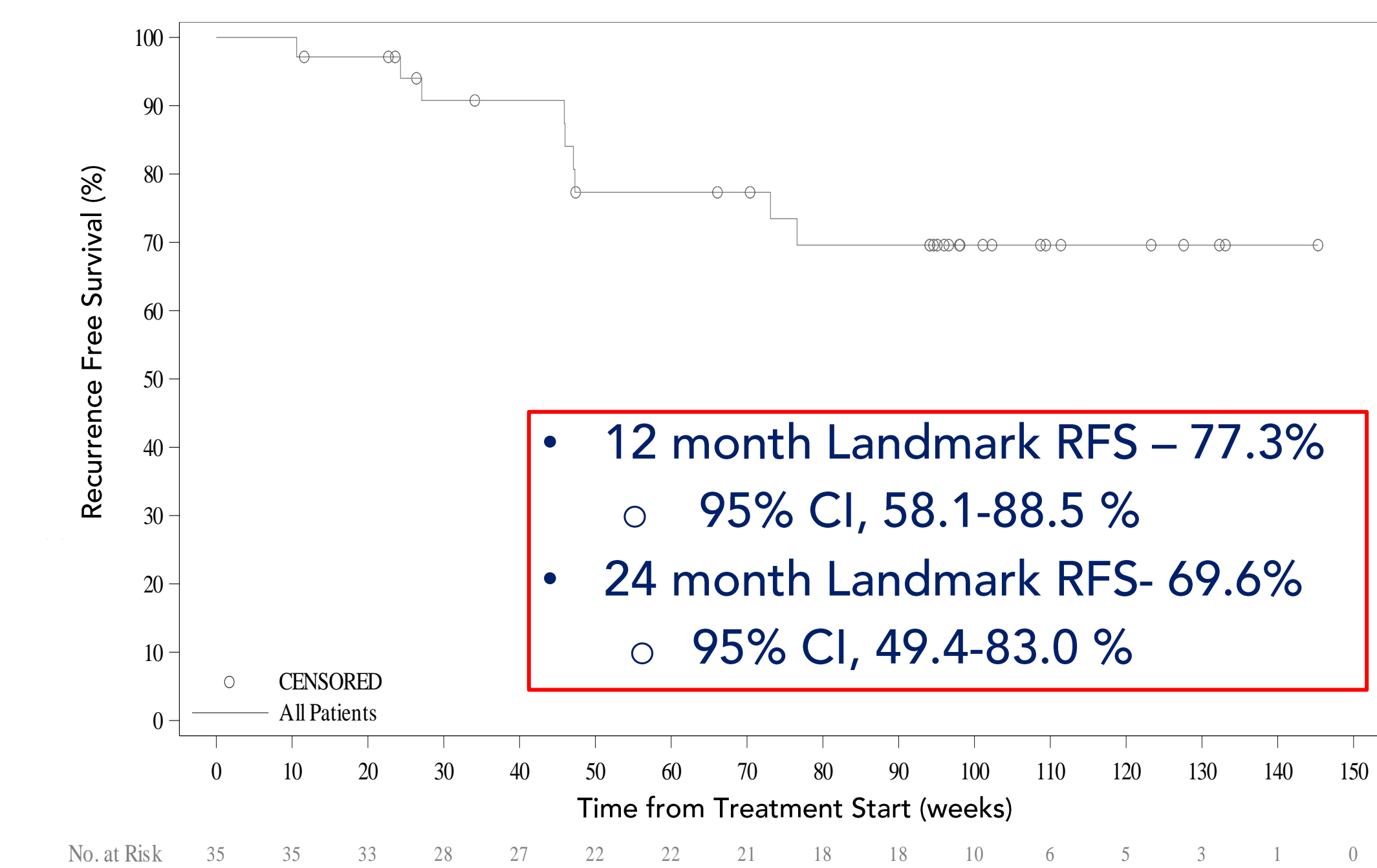
- 82.9% (29/35); CR at Any Time
- 57.1% (20/35); CR at 12 months
- 54.3% (19/35); CR at 24 months
- 95.1% of CRs at 12 months remain in CR at 24 months
- No progression to MIBC or mUC
- Favorable AE profile

Study Administration Schedule					
	Induction/Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Maintenance/Follow-Up		
Week	Week 1-7	Week 13-19	Week 25-31 Week 37-43 Week 49-51	Week 73-79	Week 104+
Instillations	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3 (4) (5) (6) 7	1 2 3 7	1 2 3 7	
	Month 1 through Month 3 6 doses of creto 2 doses of pembro	Month 4 through Month 6 3 to 6 doses of creto 2 doses of pembro	Month 6 through 12 creto every 3 months pembro every 6 weeks	Month 12 through 24 creto every 6 months pembro every 6 weeks	Month 24 Long Term Follow-up

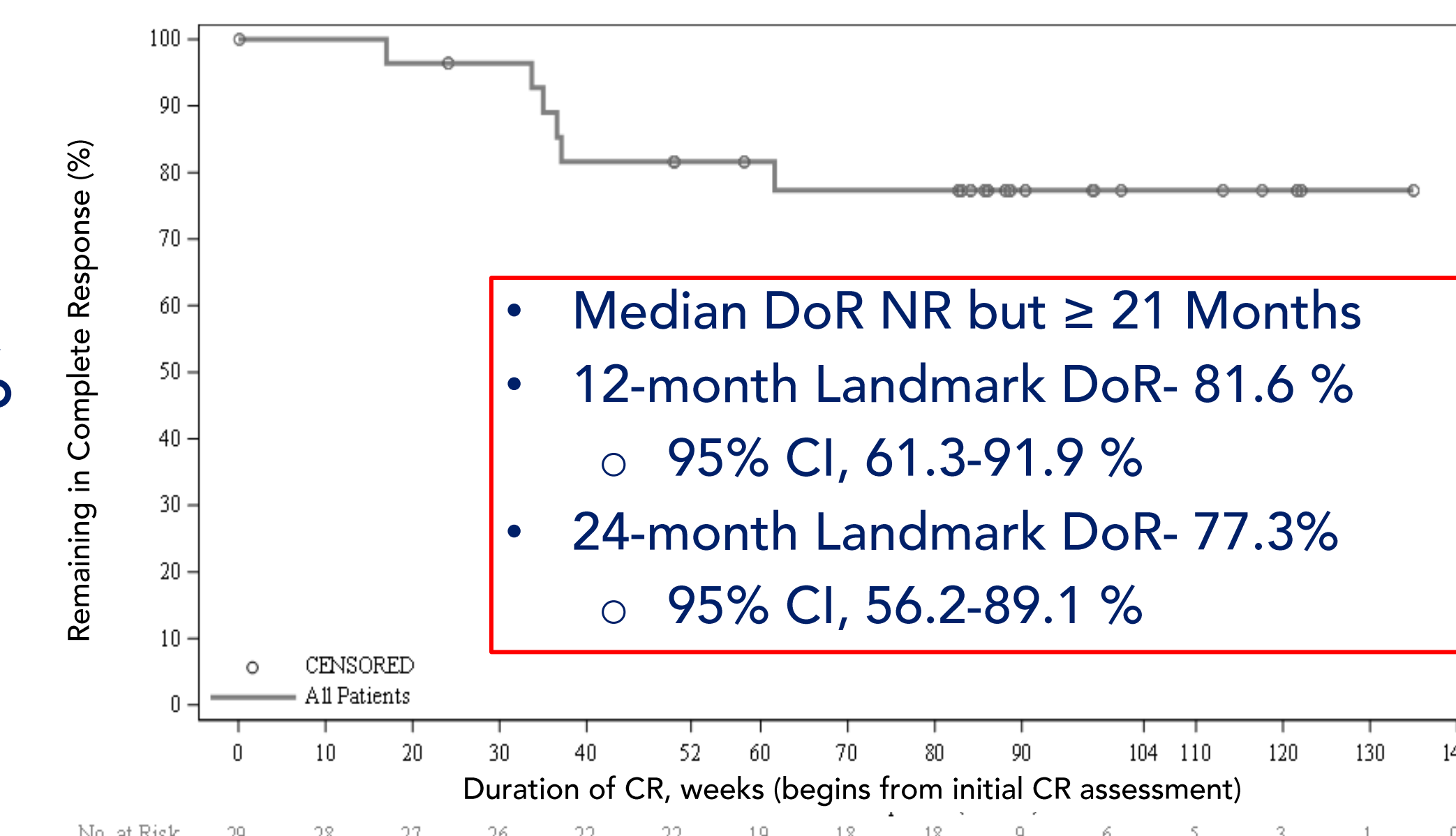
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## RESULTS



- 100% PFS, no MIBC or mUC
- Compares favorably: 94% nadofaragene<sup>5</sup>, 91% pembrolizumab<sup>4</sup>, 90% N803+BCG<sup>6</sup>
- AE profile: No ≥ Grade 3 creto-related AEs. No Tx-related discontinuations



- Of 35 patients in the ITT population, 82.9% had CR at any time
- 20/35 (57.1%, 95% CI 39.5–73.2%) had CR at 12 months
- 19/35 (54.3%, 95% CI 36.9-70.8%) had CR at 24 months

## Future Directions

- The long-term durability demonstrated in CORE-001 may represent a novel bladder-sparing strategy in HR NMIBC
- Future clinical trials will evaluate cretostimogene monotherapy, and rational combinations, as a backbone therapy for patients with HR NMIBC
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