

**Ovarian
cancer**

Targeted therapies

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Bevacizumab as initial treatment: which patients?



Expert
opinion

- ▶ A- Situations in which bevacizumab **is not recommended** (absence of prospective data).
 - **FIGO stages I to IIIA** inclusive (no marketing authorisation in this indication).
 - **In combination with neoadjuvant chemotherapy** before cytoreductive surgery.
 - In combination with intra-peritoneal chemotherapy.

Bevacizumab as initial treatment: which patients?



Grade A

▶ B- Situations in which bevacizumab is recommended.

- **Macroscopic residual disease** after initial cytoreductive surgery for FIGO stages IIIB to IV.
- **Stage IIIC-IV disease in which complete cytoreduction is definitively not possible.**
 - The absolutely non-resectable nature of the lesions must be assessed in the MSM with an experienced surgical team.

Bevacizumab as initial treatment: which patients?



- ▶ C- Situations in which the indication for bevacizumab must be **assessed in the MSM and discussed with the patient according to the risk/benefit ratio***

Grade B

- **Stages IIIB or IIIC with macroscopically complete cytoreduction** during initial surgery.
- **After interval debulking surgery** following 3 or 4 courses of neoadjuvant chemotherapy.

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*in particular, taking into account any nephro-cardiovascular history and gastrointestinal anastomosis during initial surgery or any risk of fistulas.



Bevacizumab as initial treatment

Grade A

■ When to start bevacizumab?

- ▶ Bevacizumab should be introduced during the 1st cycle of postoperative chemotherapy if started not less than 28 days after surgery.
- ▶ If not, or if the patient has a gastrointestinal anastomosis or unresolved post-operative complications, bevacizumab should be started at the 2nd cycle.



Bevacizumab as initial treatment

■ With what kind of chemotherapy?

Grade A

▶ Carboplatin-paclitaxel IV every 3 weeks.

▶ Option: Weekly regimen of paclitaxel combined with carboplatin (every 3 weeks)

Grade C

■ For how long?

Grade A

▶ Total duration of beva: 15 months, total of 22 courses.

■ What dose?

Grade A

▶ The dosage of marketing authorization is 15 mg/kg every 3 weeks.

Grade A

▶ Option: 7.5 mg/kg every 3 weeks.



Bevacizumab as initial treatment

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■ Blood pressure monitoring

- ▶ Before treatment
- ▶ Once a week for the first month
- ▶ During the week preceding treatment thereafter
- ▶ By the GP: normal < 140/90
- ▶ Or self-measurement (3 consecutive measurements in a seating position, for 3 days, during a period of normal activity): normal < 135/85

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Bevacizumab as initial treatment

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■ What to do if the patient presents with proteinuria?

- ▶ Dip stick test for urinary protein before each injection.
- ▶ If dip stick \geq ++ : urinary protein checked in a 24 hour urine collection before the next cycle.

Protéinuria	Approach to be taken
If urinary protein is < 1 g/24h	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antiangiogenic treatment to be pursued.• Dipstick test on monthly basis or before each course.
If urinary protein is between 1 and 3 g/24 h	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treatment pursued and nephrological advice sought rapidly.• Monthly quantitative measurement of urinary protein.• Start treatment with ACE or AA2 for anti-proteinuria purposes.• Optimisation of anti-hypertensive treatment for target BP < 130/80.
If urinary protein is >3 g/24 h	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The antiangiogenic treatment may be pursued if the patient does not have hypertension or renal failure, but this treatment must be discussed with the nephrologist.• If the urinary protein levels remain stable and without severe nephrotic syndrome, the antiangiogenic treatment may be pursued if the patient is a responder.



Bevacizumab treatment of relapse

Grade B

■ Indications for recurrence?

- ▶ No MA has been granted for this indication.
- ▶ The indication for bevacizumab must be assessed in the MSM and discussed with the patient.
- ▶ Bevacizumab must not be administered to patients with partial ileus or lesions involving hollow organs.
- ▶ The risks related to bevacizumab increase with the number of previous lines of chemotherapy.



Bevacizumab treatment of relapse

Grade B

■ *What protocols?*

- ▶ **Platinum-sensitive recurrence** (free interval ≥ 6 ms)
 - Bevacizumab in combination with a platinum-based chemotherapy (especially carbo-gemcitabine).
- ▶ **Platinum-resistant recurrence** (free interval < 6 ms)
 - Bevacizumab administered alone.
 - In combination with single-agent chemotherapy (especially weekly paclitaxel and oral cyclophosphamide).



Other targeted therapies

■ No recommendations in the absence of data

- ▶ Other antiangiogenic agents
- ▶ Trastuzumab (Herceptin™)
- ▶ EGF-R inhibitors

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■ Hormone therapy

- ▶ Marginal effect. May be used for recurrence.

Grade C

No proof to support selection of patients based on well differentiated grade or presence of hormonal receptors

■ Catumaxomab (Removab™)

Grade B

- ▶ Has MA for intraperitoneal treatment in the event of refractory ascites.



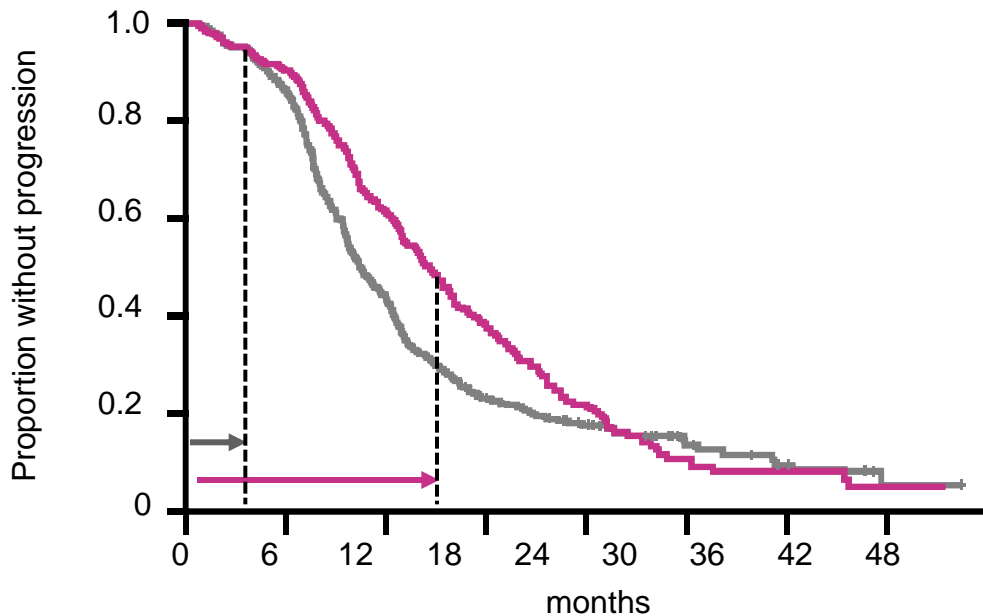
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Progression Free Survival

	CP + placebo → placebo (n=625)	CP + Beva 15 → Beva 15 (n=623)
Median PFS (months)	10.6	14.7
HR (95% CI)	0.70 (0.61–0.81)	
p	<0.0001	





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Progression Free Survival

Total population

CP
(n=764)

CP + BEVA 7.5
BEVA 7.5
(n=761)

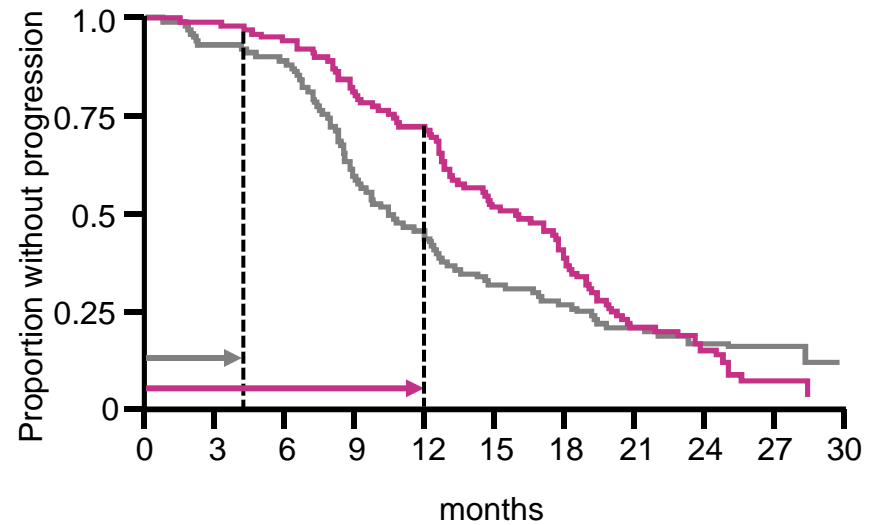
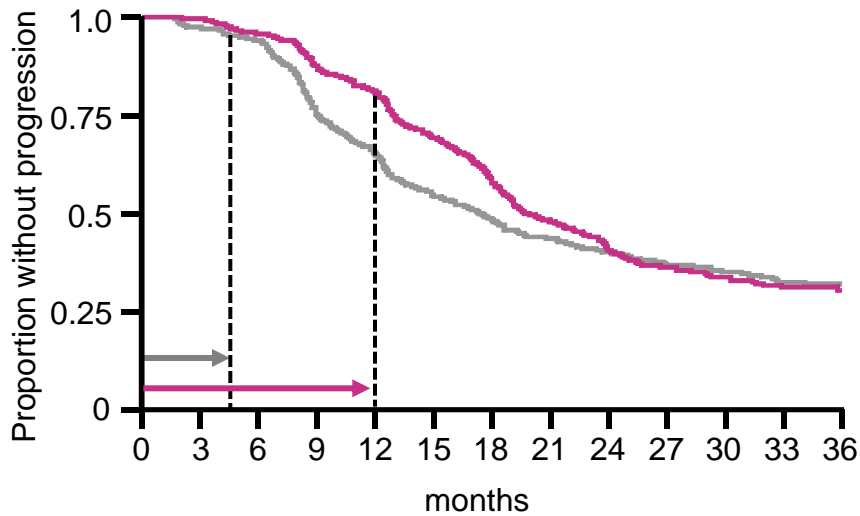
Median PFS (months)	17.4	19.8
HR (95% CI)	0.87 (0.77–0.99)	
p	0.04	

FIGO III (residual disease > 1cm) & FIGO IV

CP
(n=234)

CP + BEVA 7.5
BEVA 7.5
(n=231)

Median PFS (months)	10.5	15.9
HR (95% CI)	0.68 (0.55–0.85)	
p	<0.001	





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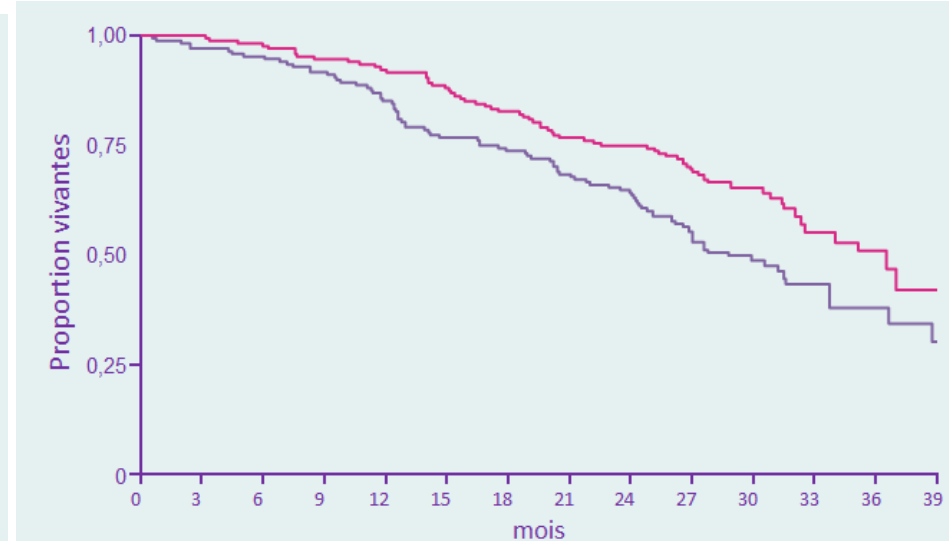
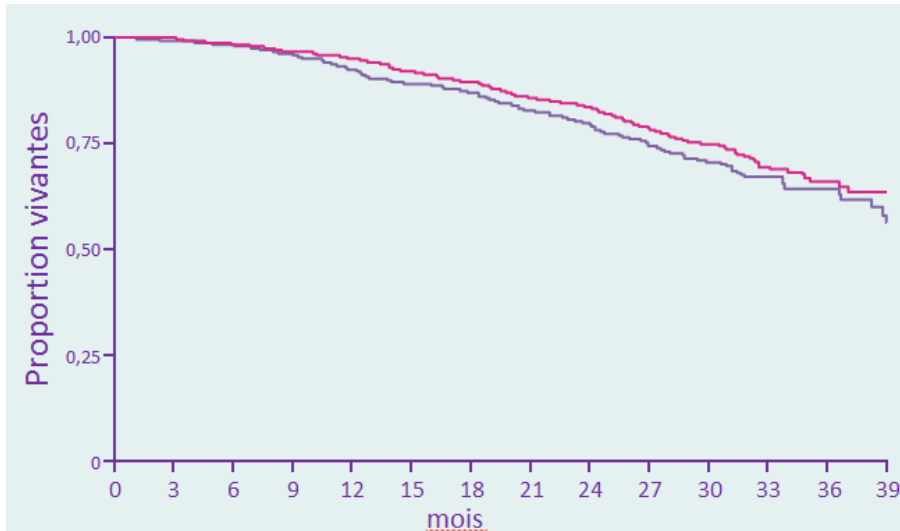
Overall Survival

Total population

FIGO III (residual disease > 1cm) & FIGO IV

	CP (n=764)	CP + BEVA 7.5 BEVA 7.5 (n=761)
Median OS (months)		Not reached
HR (95% CI)		0,85 (0,70–1,04)
p		0,1167

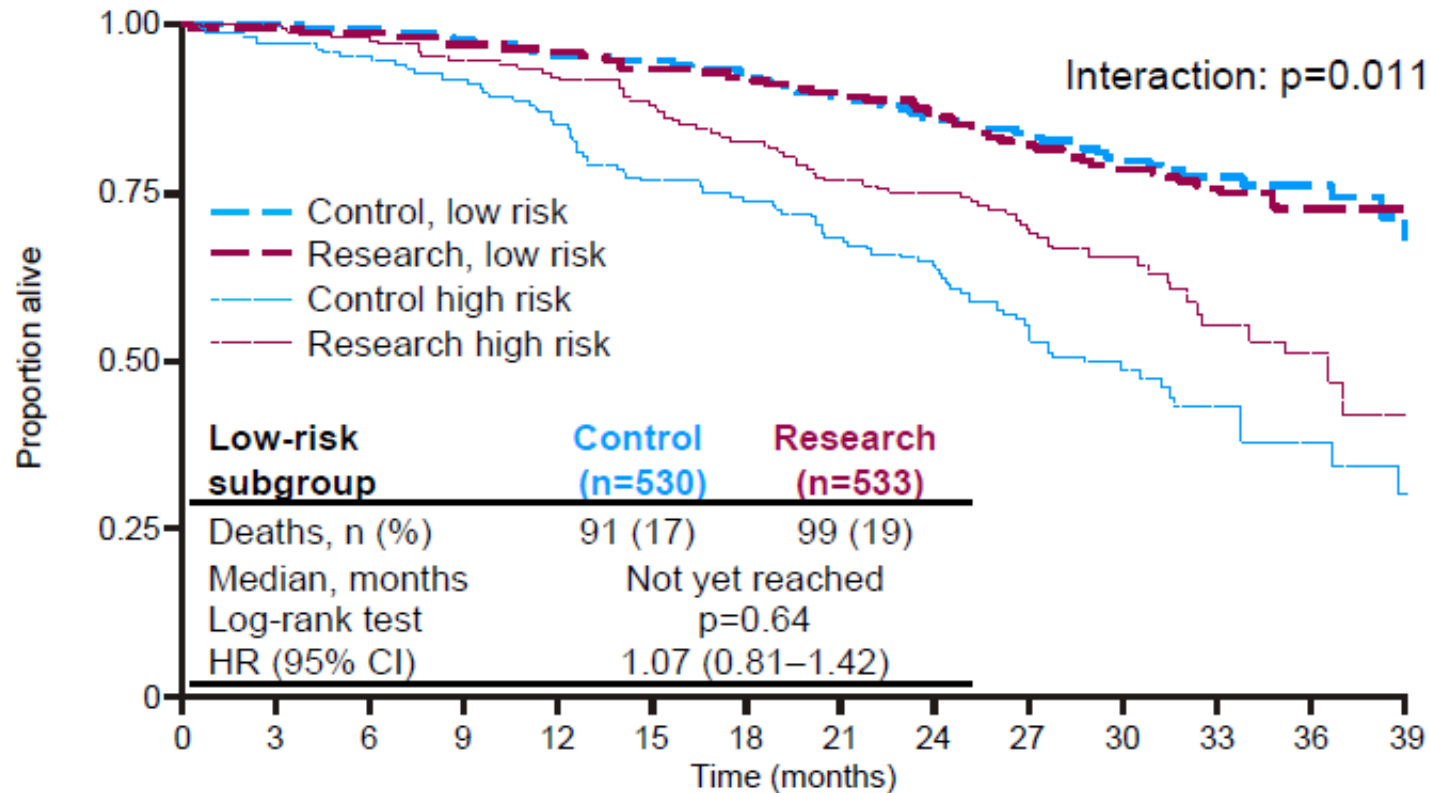
	CP (n=764)	CP + BEVA 7.5 BEVA 7.5 (n=761)
Median OS (months)	28,8	36,6
HR (95% CI)		0,64 (0,48–0,85)
p		0,002





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There is no clinical (e.g. age), biological or histological criteria allowing to identify a population of patients who would differently benefit from bevacizumab.



Bevacizumab as initial treatment

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Managing Hypertension

- ▶ Initiating antiangiogenic treatment for patients with uncontrolled HT is not recommended.
- ▶ De novo HT: ACE inhibitors or angiotensin 2 antagonists.
- ▶ Destabilisation of known HT: low dose calcium channel blockers from the dihydropyridine family.