

## IDEAL4RWE

*Immunotherapy in recurrent/metastatic head and neck cancer: real-world data from six European countries (2017-2022)*

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## Immunotherapy in patients with recurrent or metastatic HNSCC

- Are we treating the same patients?
- Are we using the same treatment approach?
- Are we using immunotherapy in the same way, and do we observe the same irAE?

# Research Questions



What are the characteristics of this RW patient cohort?

What are the types and timing of treatments preceding and following immunotherapy in this RW patient cohort?

What are the details and schedule of immunotherapy and the irAEs in this RW patient cohort?

What is the **effectiveness** (OS, rwPFS, TTNT, TTD) of immunotherapy in **this cohort of patients**?

What is the **effectiveness according to the stratification factors**?

**Are TTD and TTNT comparable to rwPFS in R/M HNSCC** and can be used as surrogates in future RWE research?

## Participating sites

### Immunotherapy in patients with recurrent or metastatic HNSCC

- **Slovenia**
  - Institute of Oncology Ljubljana
- **Portugal**
  - Instituto Português de Oncologia do Porto Francisco Gentil
- **Norway**
  - Oslo University Hospital
- **Italy**
  - San Luigi Gonzaga Hospital and Mauriziano Umberto I Hospital, University of Turin
- **Spain**
  - Vall d'Hebron Institute of Oncology / University Hospital Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona
- **Poland**
  - Maria Sklodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology in Gliwice



# Patient Cohort



## INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Recurrent/metastatic squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck patients who have received therapy with anti-PD-1 monoclonal antibodies for advanced disease.
- Initiation of immunotherapy from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to 1st May 2022.
- $\geq$  18-year-old at diagnosis
- Availability of the date of treatment initiation and disease progression and/or patient death, whichever occurred first.

## EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Other invasive cancer in the time period of 5 years before IT and up to the end of follow-up, except for basal cell carcinoma of skin
- Treatment with anti-PD-1 immunotherapy combined with other non-standard immunotherapies
- Incomplete treatment data

# Patient Cohort



~530 patients

## Multicenter retrospective real-world data analysis

~100 patients



**Portugal**

Instituto Português de  
Oncologia do Porto  
Francisco Gentil

~80 patients



**Spain**

Vall d'Hebron Institute of  
Oncology / University  
Hospital Vall d'Hebron,  
Barcelona

~21 patients



**Italy**

San Luigi Gonzaga  
Hospital and Mauriziano  
Umberto I  
Hospital, University of Turin

~100 patients



**Slovenia**

Institute of Oncology  
Ljubljana

~80 patients



**Norway**

Oslo University Hospital

~150 patients



**Poland**

Maria Sklodowska-Curie  
National Research Institute  
of Oncology in Gliwice

# Patient Cohort



~530 patients



Baseline period start  
date: **date of  
diagnosis**

**Index Date (ID)**  
*PD1 first infusion*

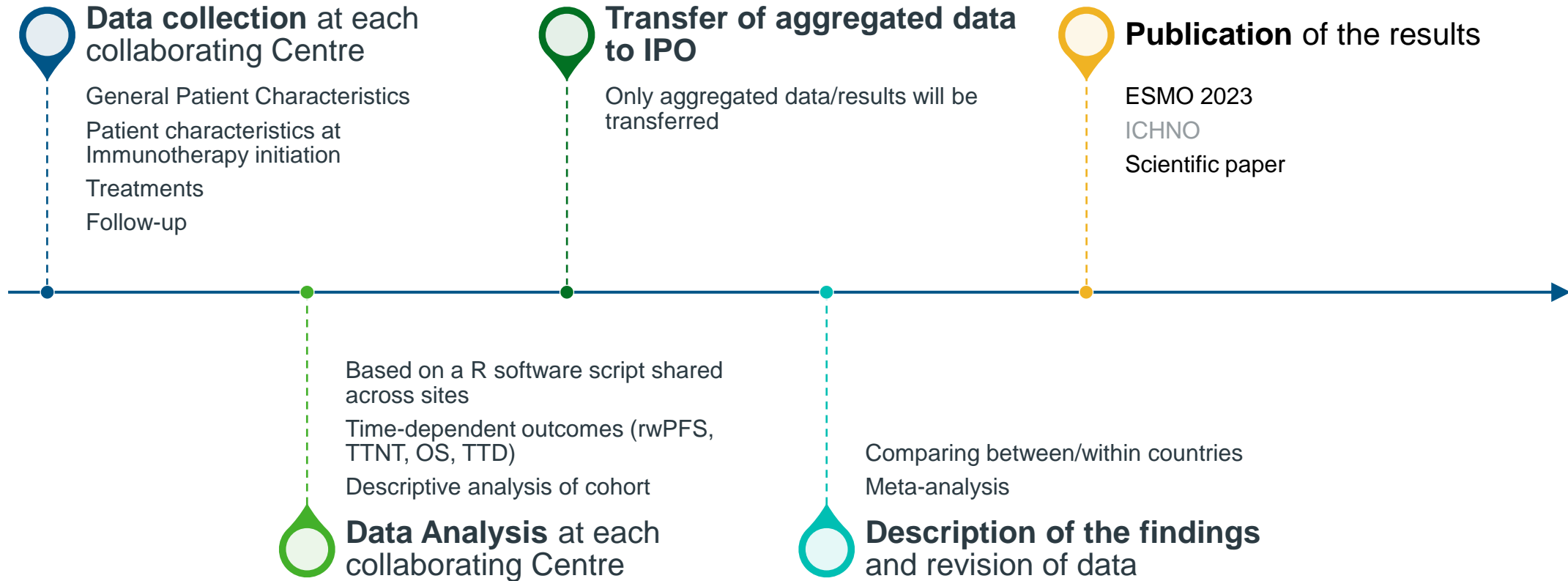
**Cut-off Date**  
**15 Nov 2022**

*Baseline period*

*Minimum 6 months follow-up post ID*



# Methodology





# Opportunities & Challenges



## Networking

- Exchanging clinical and research experience with peers and discussing open questions within this diverse team
- Good basis for future research collaboration
- Open to develop



This **research group includes six nations & can be easily expanded** by inclusion of additional research centres in the future

- The starting group was already expanded to include The Maria Skłodowska-Curie National Research Institute of Oncology from Gliwice, Poland



## Challenges

- Expertise in RWE research (e.g. statistical analyses)
- Structured data (a lot of manual extraction still needed across the centres)
- Available data (differences in EMR in different hospitals)
- Comparability across sites (differences in drugs reimbursements, differences in requirements of ethical committees...)
- Distance & Time (even dedicated time for research at workplace can be interrupted by clinical call)