

# Clinical challenges of checkpoint inhibitors in solid tumors

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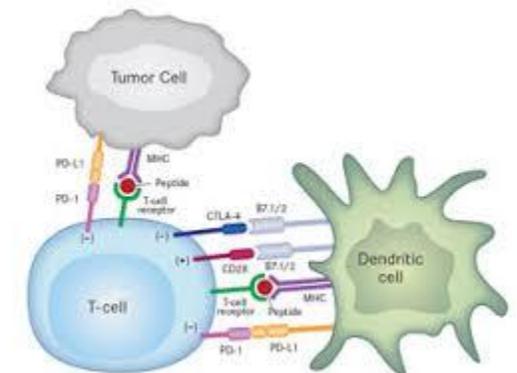


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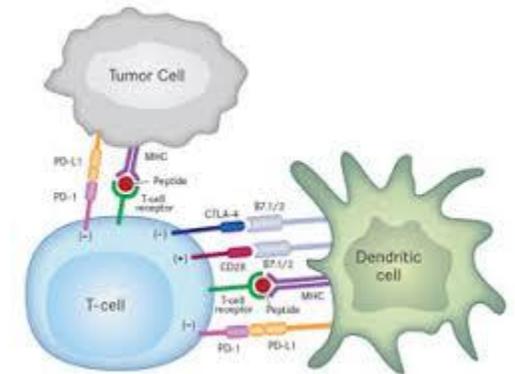
I have provided consultation, attended advisory boards, and/or provided lectures for: Roche, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Merck Sharp & Dohme, Novartis, Amgen and Sanofi. My institution received a honoraria for my contribution.



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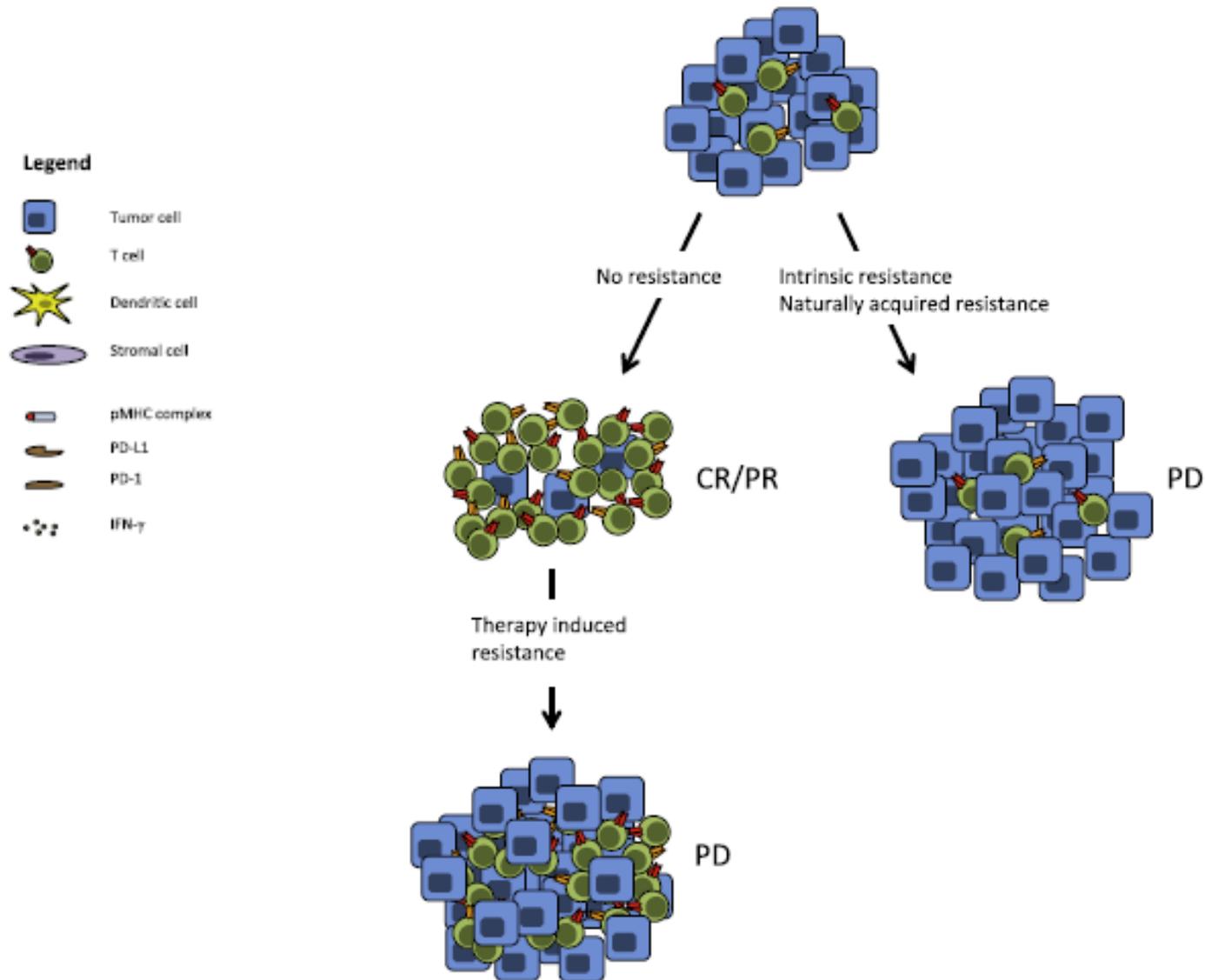


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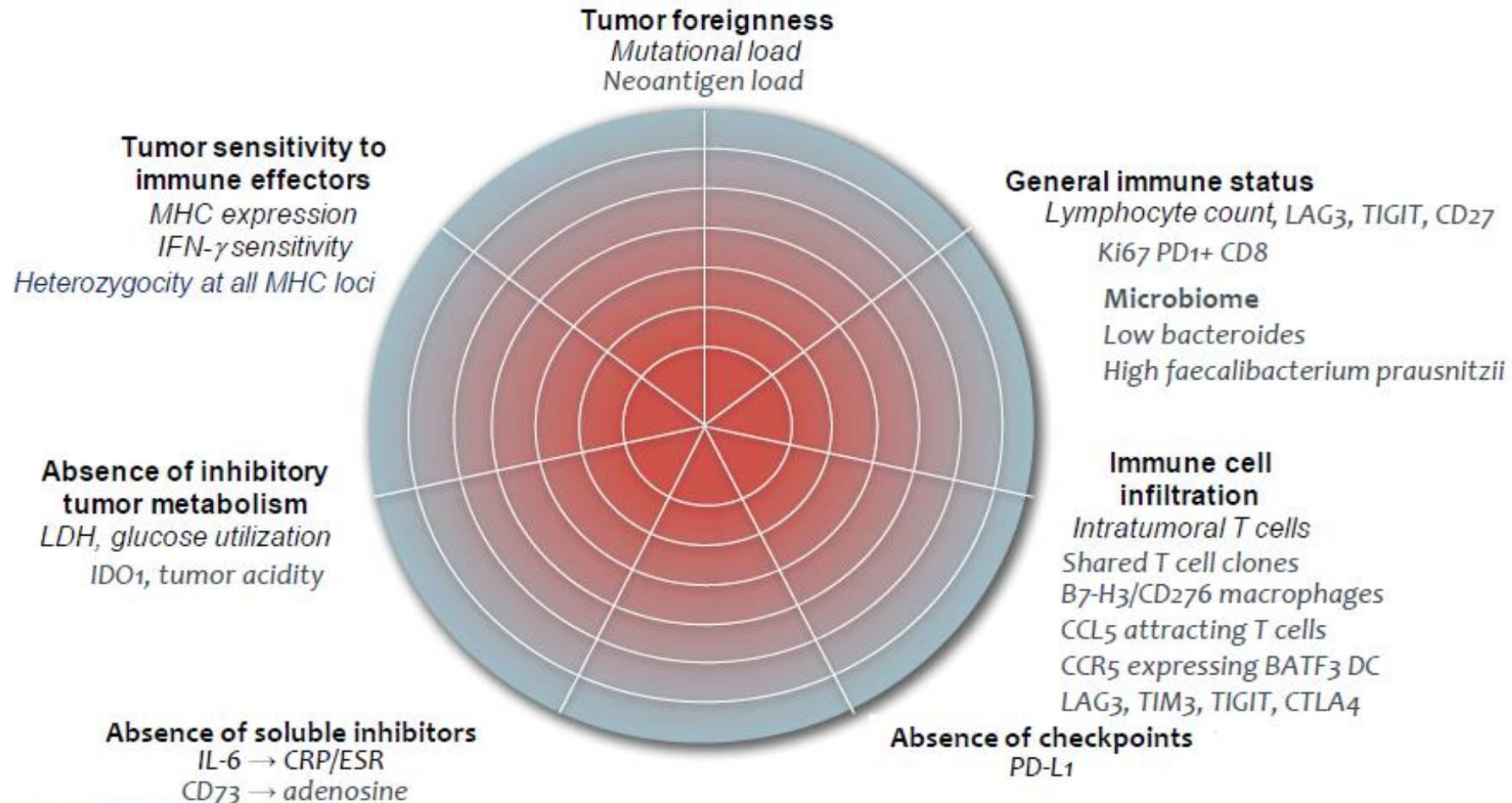


GROUP	INDICATION	ORR (%)	Agents approved	Main driver of response
<b>High response rate</b>	Hodgkin's disease	87	Nivolumab Pembrolizumab	PDJ amplicon
	Desmoplastic Melanoma	70	Nivolumab Pembrolizumab	Mutations from chronic sun exposure
	Merkel cell	56	Avelumab Pembrolizumab	Merkel cell virus
	MSI-h cancers	53	Nivolumab Pembrolizumab	Mutations from mismatch-repair deficiency
<b>Intermediate response rate</b>	Skin Melanoma	35-40	Nivolumab Pembrolizumab	Mutations from intermittent sun exposure
	NSCLC	20	Nivolumab Pembrolizumab Atezolizumab	Mutations from cigarette smoking
	Head and neck	15	Nivolumab Pembrolizumab	Mutations from cigarette smoking
	Gastroesophageal	15	Pembrolizumab	Mutations from cigarette smoking
	Bladder and Urinary tract	15	Nivolumab Pembrolizumab Atezolizumab Avelumab Durvalumab	Mutations from cigarette smoking
	Renal cell carcinoma	25	Nivolumab Pembrolizumab	Insertions and deletions (indels)
	Hepatocellular carcinoma	20	Nivolumab	Hepatitis virus

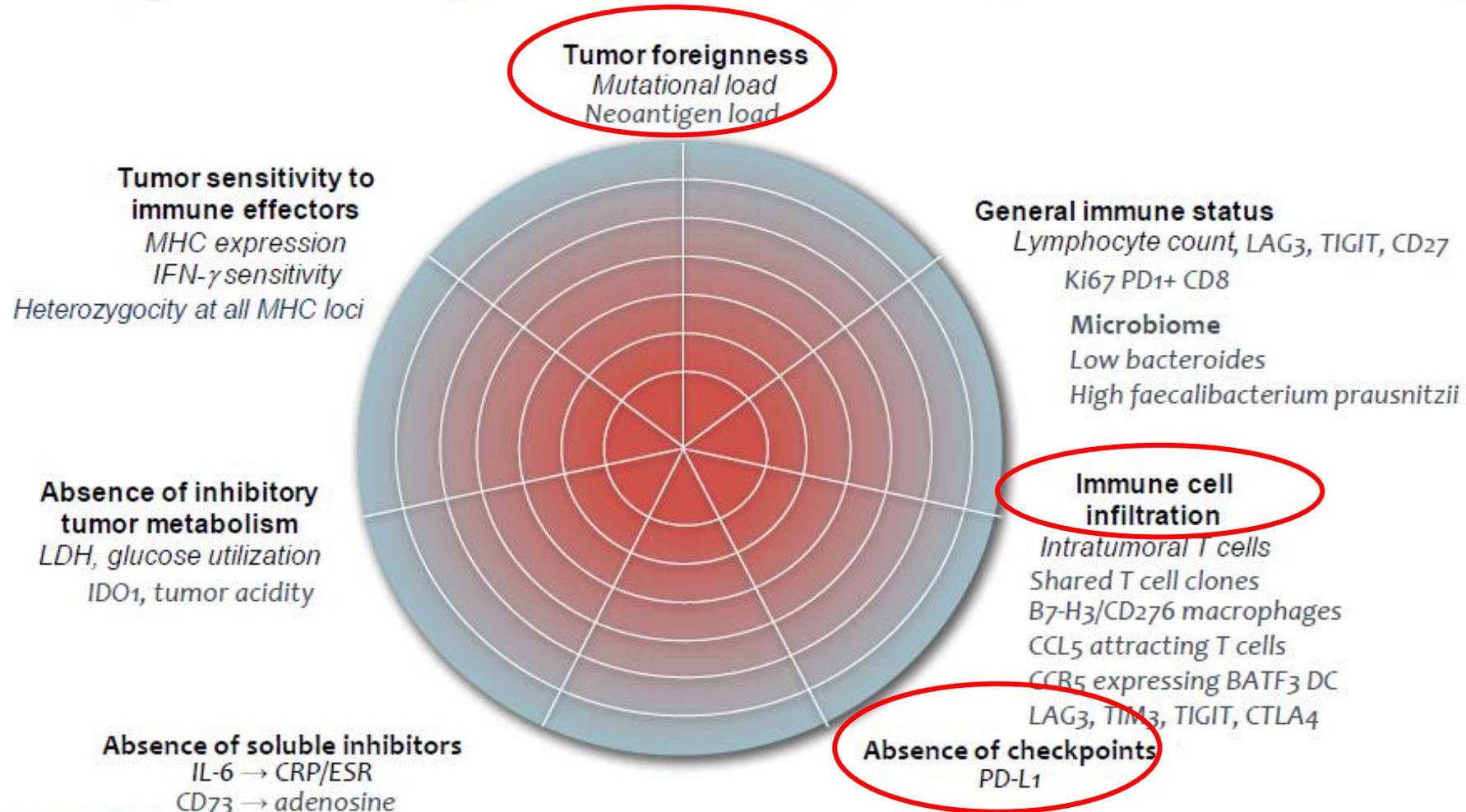
# Acquired and intrinsic resistance to immunotherapy



# An evolving immunogram : a complexity to acknowledge

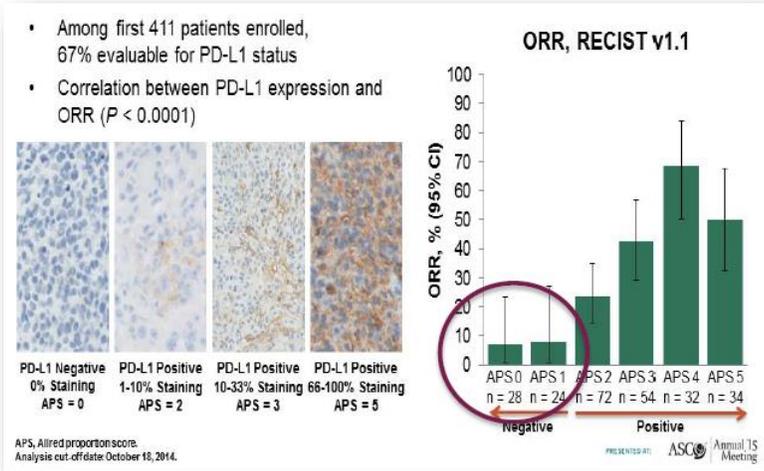


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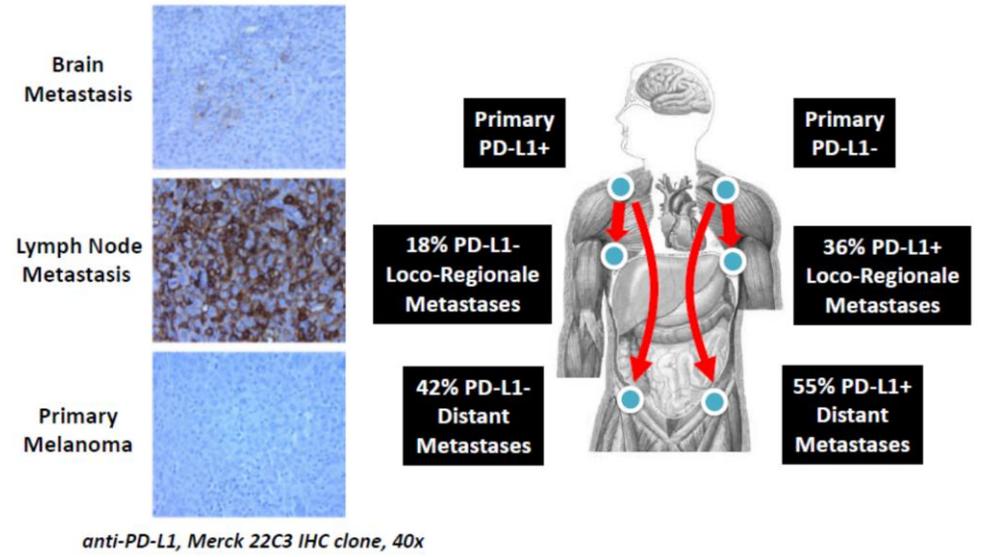


# PD-L1 expression

PD-L1 expression and relationship with response to anti-PD-1 in melanoma

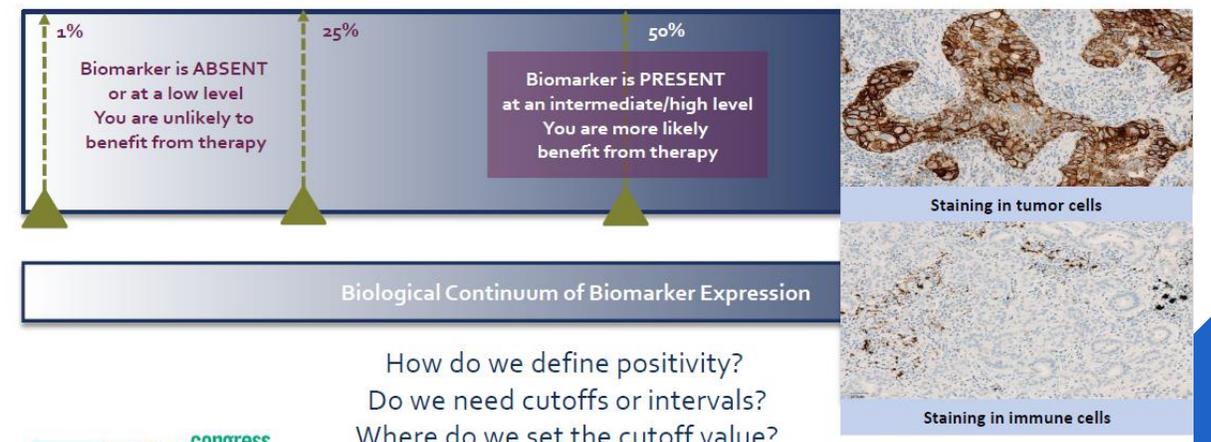


## Intrapatent PD-L1 Discordance



Adapted from Madore J, et al. Pigment Cell Melanoma Res 2015

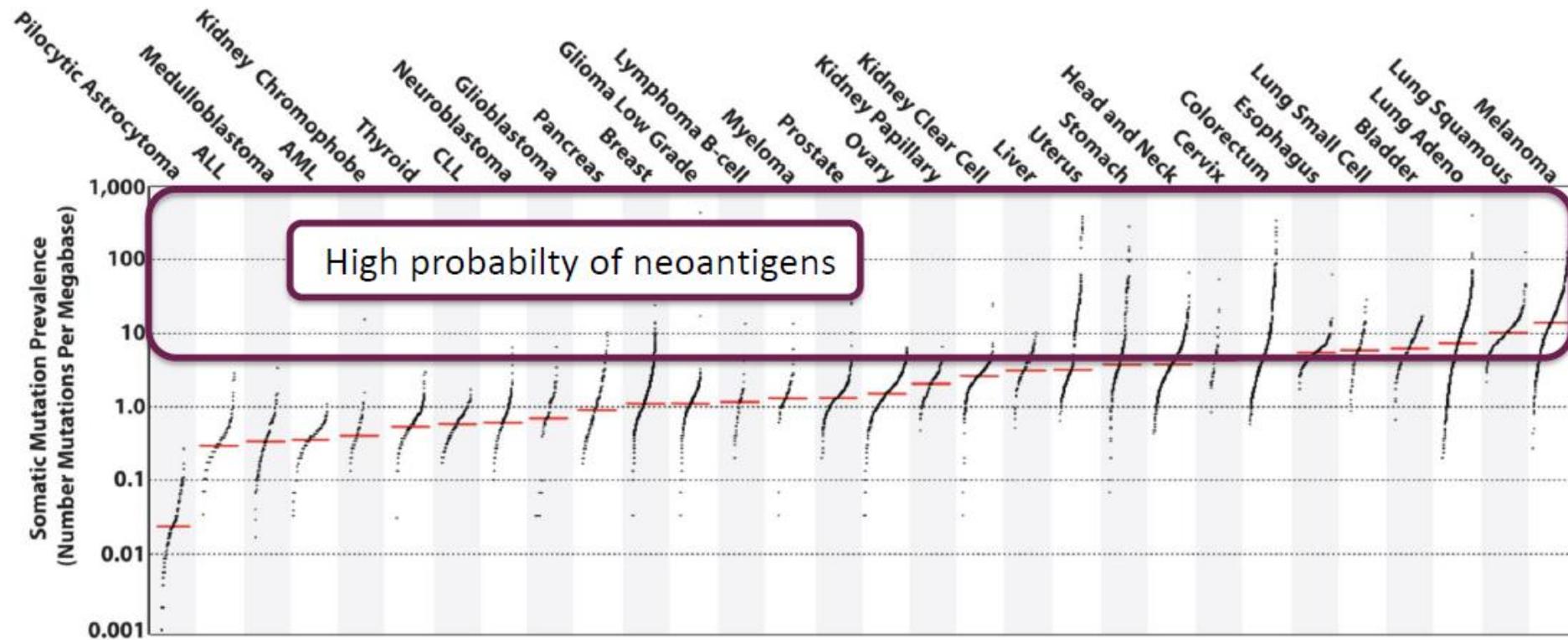
Biomarker "Positivity": Present, Absent, or Graduated?



How do we define positivity?  
Do we need cutoffs or intervals?  
Where do we set the cutoff value?

# Tumor mutational burden

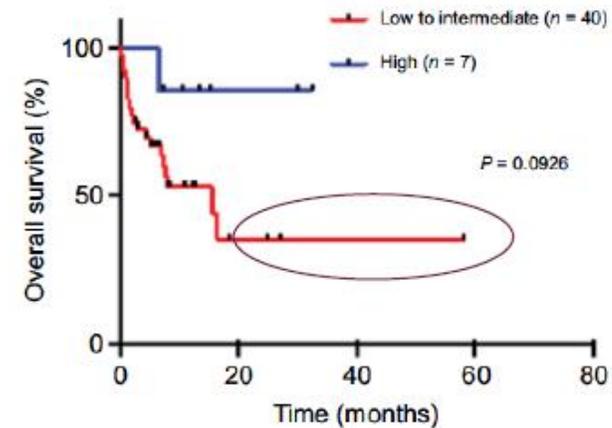
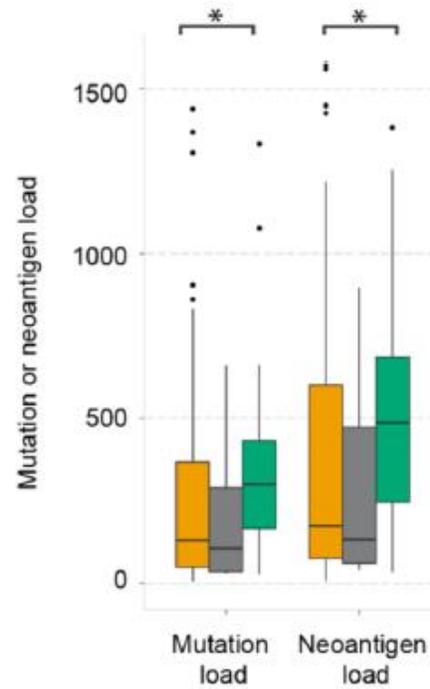
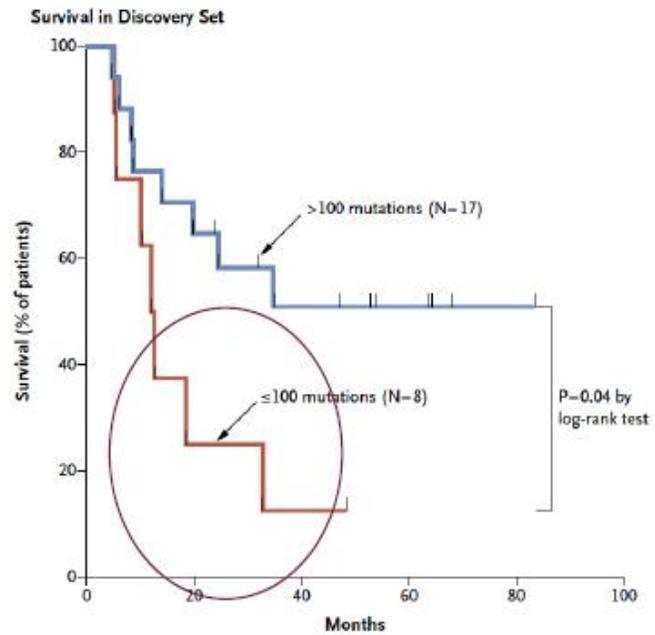
TMB is an independent biomarker, increasing the likelihood a tumour will be recognized as foreign



Lawrence, Nature 2015; Alexandrov, Nature 2013; Schumacher & Schreiber Science 2016

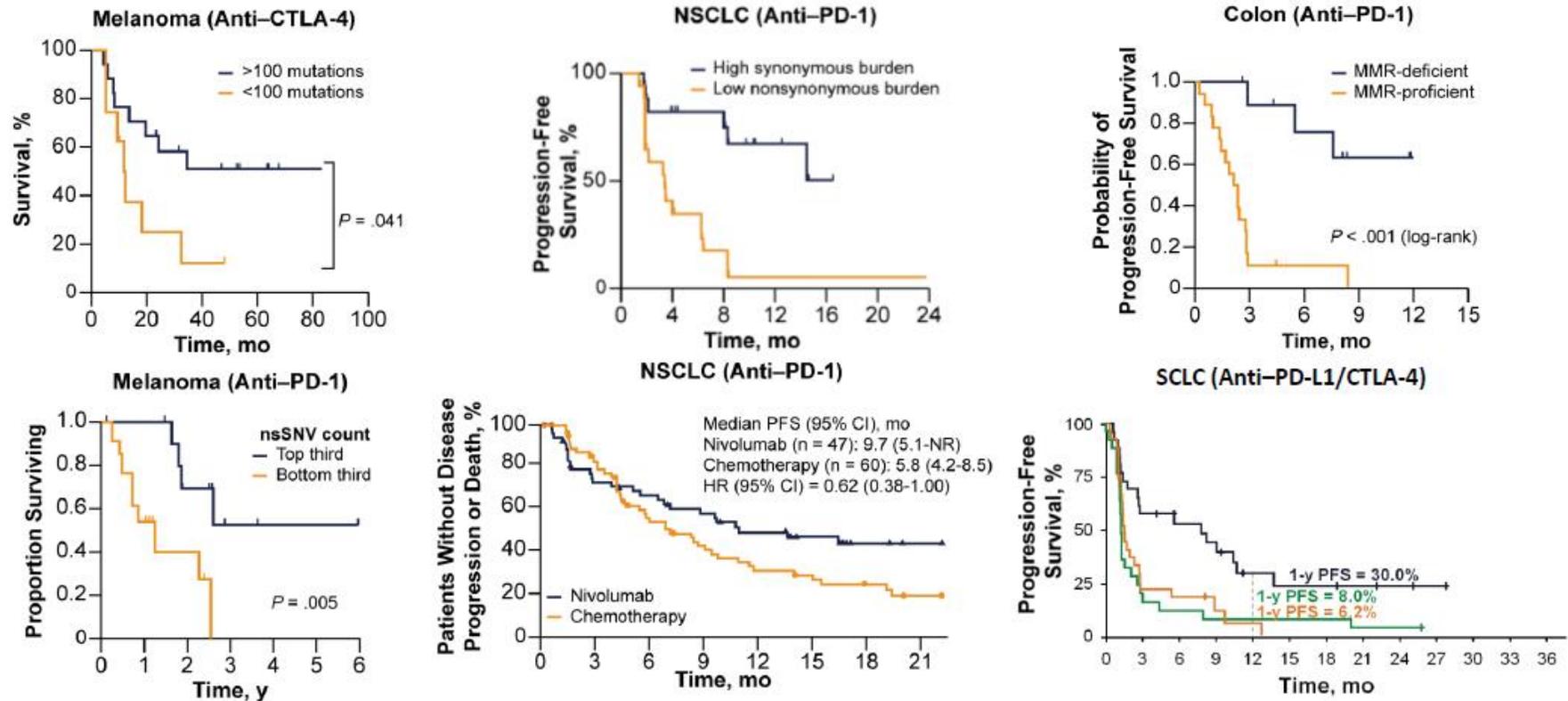
# Tumor mutational burden

Low mutational load correlates with little clinical benefit from CTLA-4 or PD-1 blockade in melanoma



# Tumor mutational burden

TMB by Whole Exome Sequencing (WES) is predictive of IO activity across disease

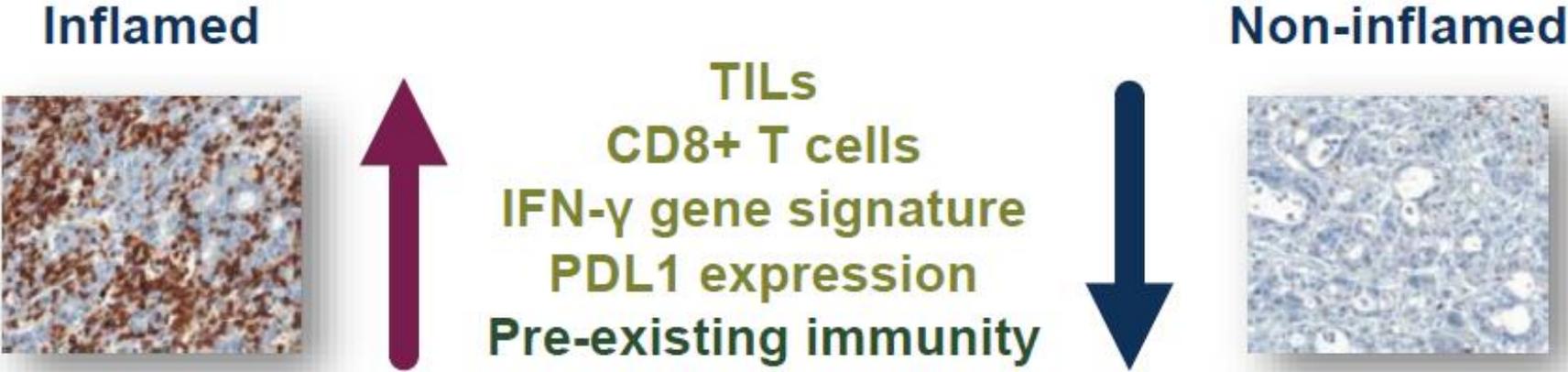


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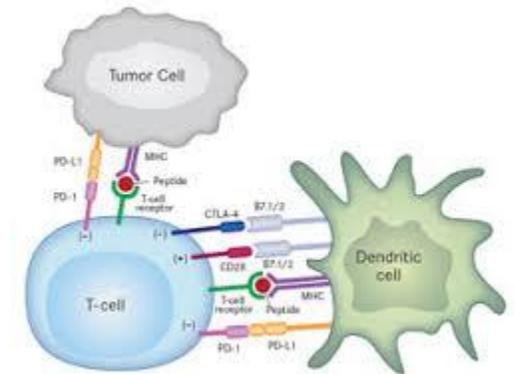
Courtesy of S Peters

# Immune cell infiltration

'Inflamed' (hot) vs 'non-inflamed' (cold) tumors and response to immune checkpoint inhibition



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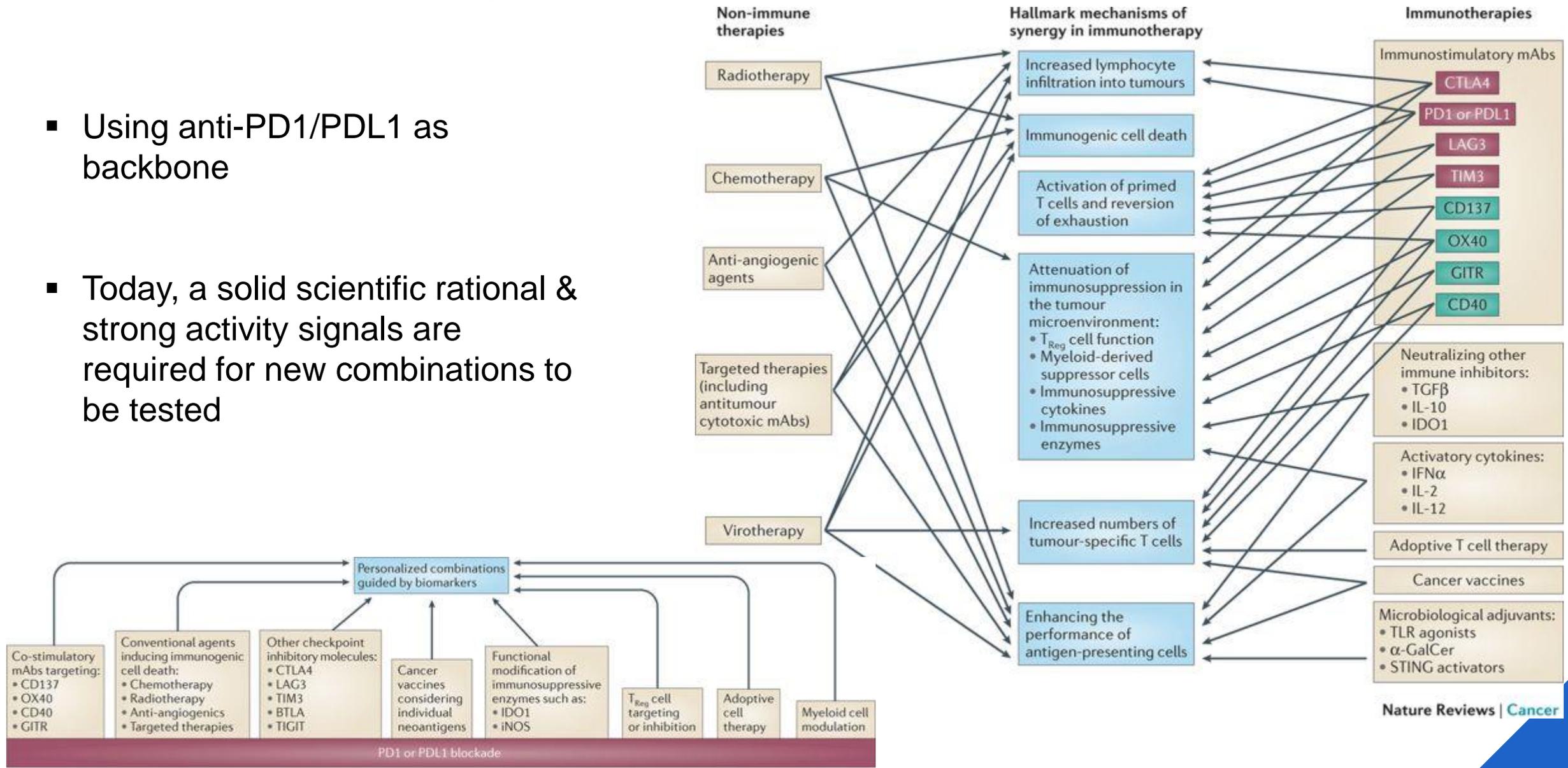
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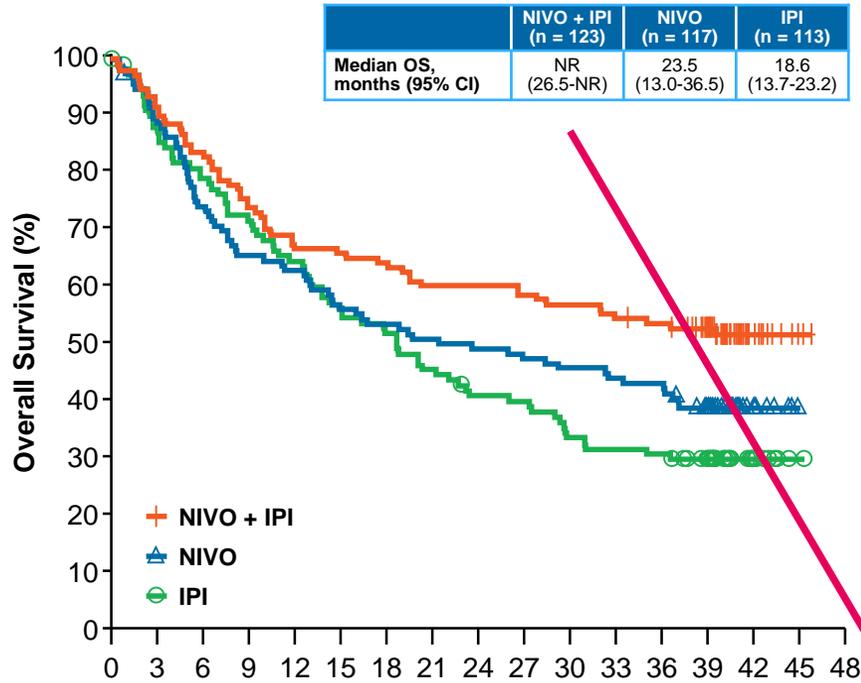
# Combination strategies

- Using anti-PD1/PDL1 as backbone
- Today, a solid scientific rationale & strong activity signals are required for new combinations to be tested



# Overall Survival by Tumor PD-L1 Expression, 1% Cutoff

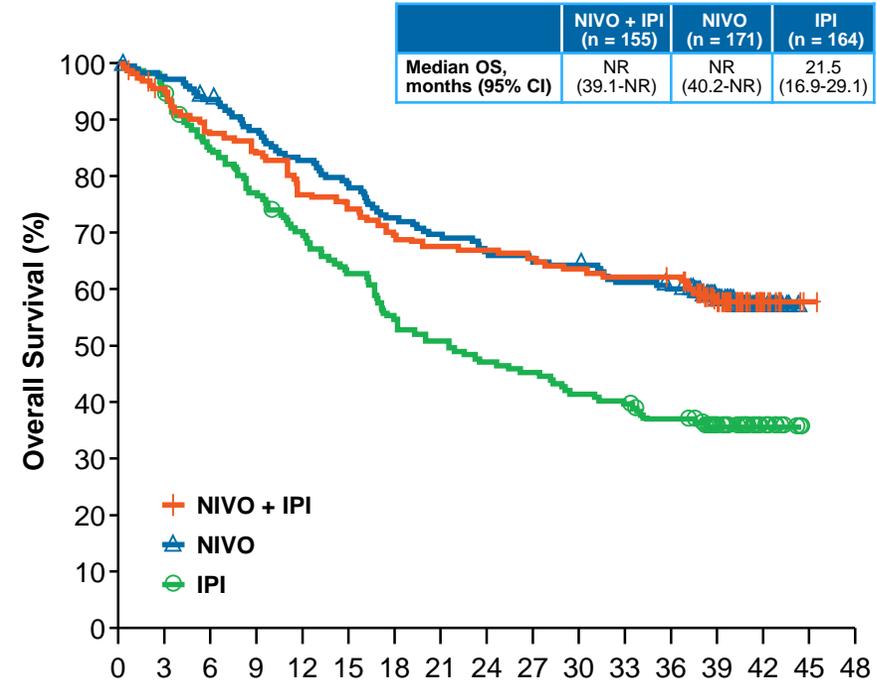
PD-L1 Expression < 1 %



Patients at risk:

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48
NIVO + IPI	123	113	102	91	82	79	74	74	72	70	67	65	50	11	2	0	0
NIVO	117	103	86	76	73	65	62	59	57	55	53	51	49	37	7	0	0
IPI	113	96	87	79	71	61	57	50	44	43	36	34	33	24	8	1	0

PD-L1 Expression ≥ 1 %



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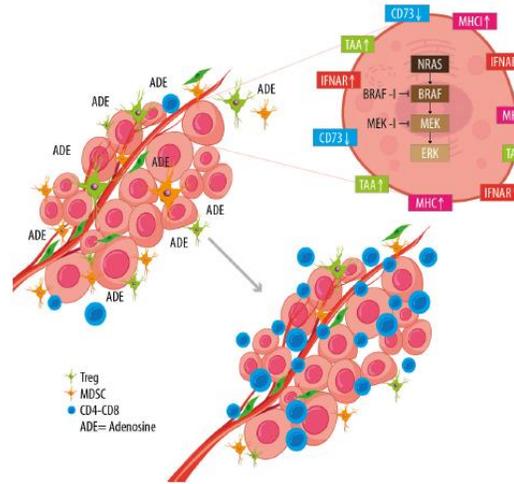
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NIVO + IPI	155	144	132	127	116	112	105	102	101	99	96	94	93	66	14	1	0
NIVO	171	165	158	148	139	131	122	117	112	109	108	102	99	76	18	0	0
IPI	164	155	137	125	113	101	88	82	76	73	67	64	58	38	10	0	0

PD-L1 < 5%

	NIVO + IPI (n = 210)	NIVO (n = 208)	IPI (n = 202)
Median OS, months (95% CI)	NR (32.7-NR)	35.9 (23.1-NR)	18.4 (13.7-22.5)

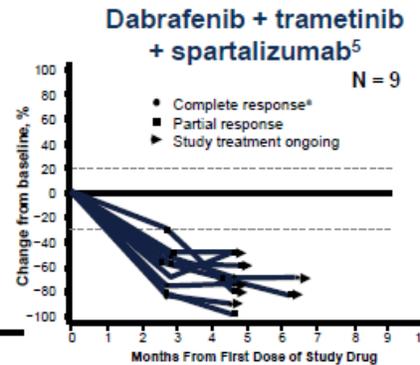
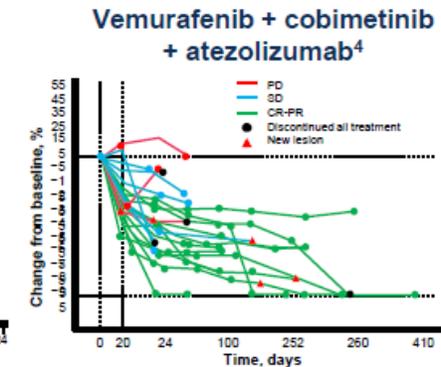
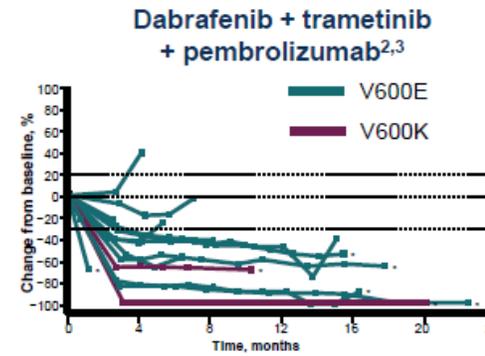
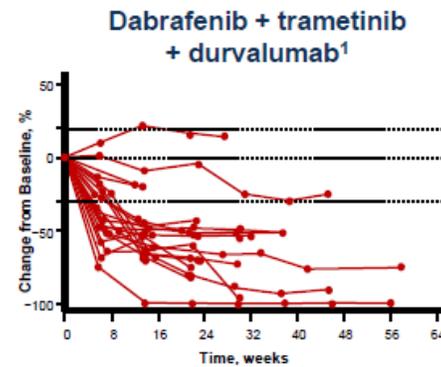
Database lock May 24, 2017; minimum follow up of 36 months.  
CI, confidence interval; IPI, ipilimumab; NIVO, nivolumab; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1.

Adapted from Wolchok JD, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377:1345-1356.



## Combining BRAF/MEK inhibitors with IO drugs in BRAF V600 mutant melanoma

Ascierto and Dummer. *Oncoimmunology* 2018

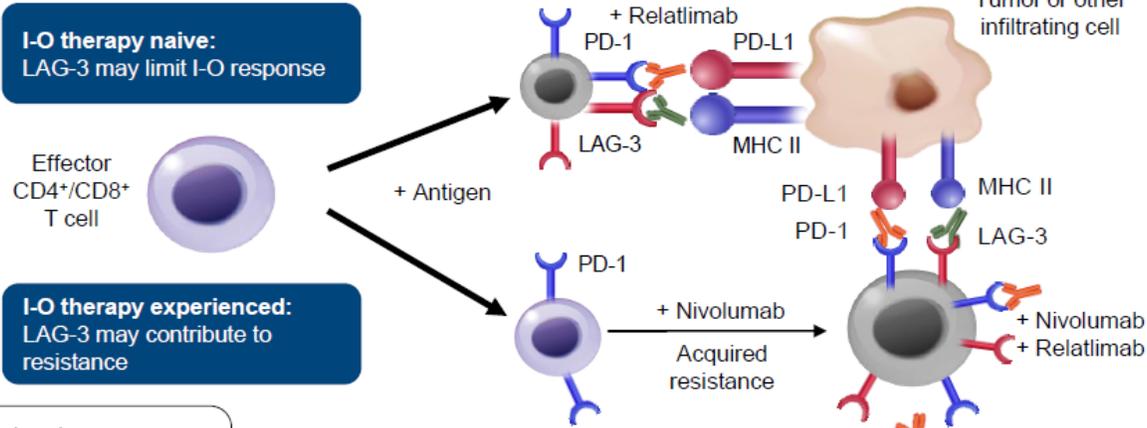


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# Anti-PD1 + anti-LAG3

## Potential Role of LAG-3 in T-Cell Exhaustion and Anti-PD-1 Resistance

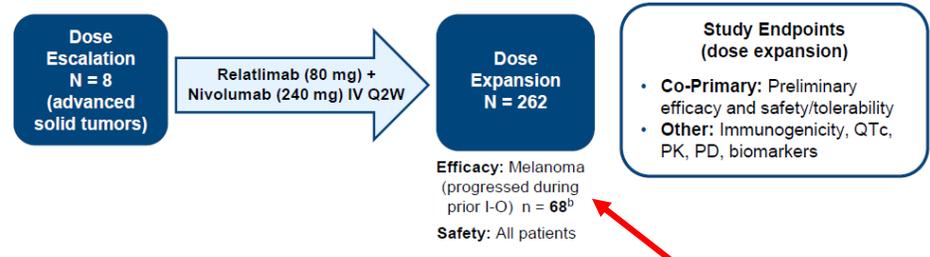
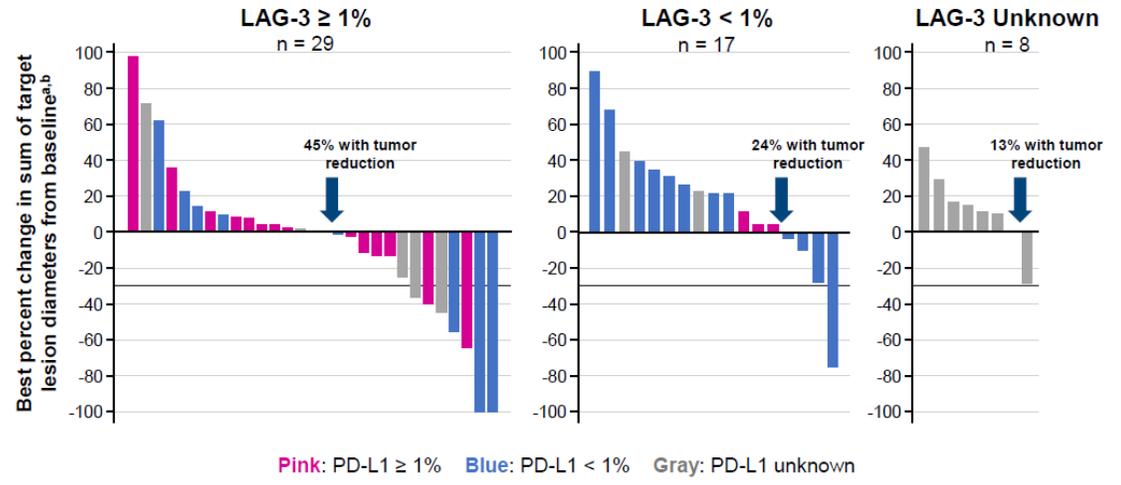
- LAG-3 regulates a checkpoint pathway that limits the activity of T cells<sup>1</sup>
- LAG-3 and PD-1 receptors are overexpressed and/or co-expressed on tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes in melanoma<sup>2,3</sup>



 Nivolumab  
 Relatlimab (BMS-986016/anti-LAG-3)

I-O, immuno-oncology; MHC II, major histocompatibility complex class II; PD-1, programmed death-1; PD-L1, programmed death ligand 1.  
 1. Grosso JF et al. *J Clin Invest.* 2007;117:3383-3392. 2. Goding SR et al. *J Immunol.* 2013;190:4899-4909. 3. Taube JM et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2015;21:3969-3976.

## Best Change in Target Lesion Size by LAG-3 and PD-L1 Expression

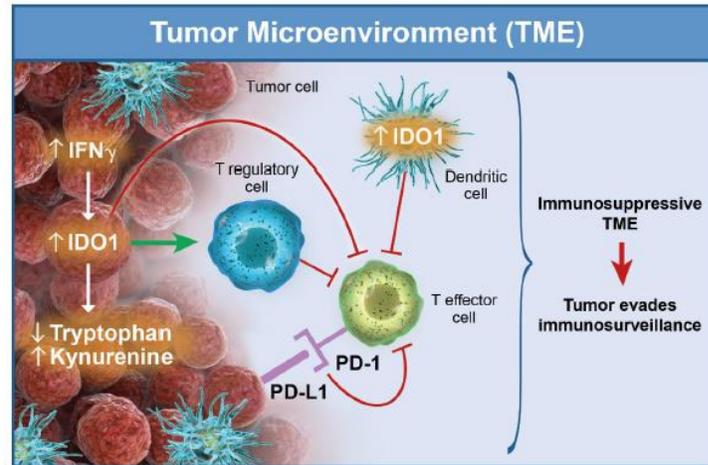
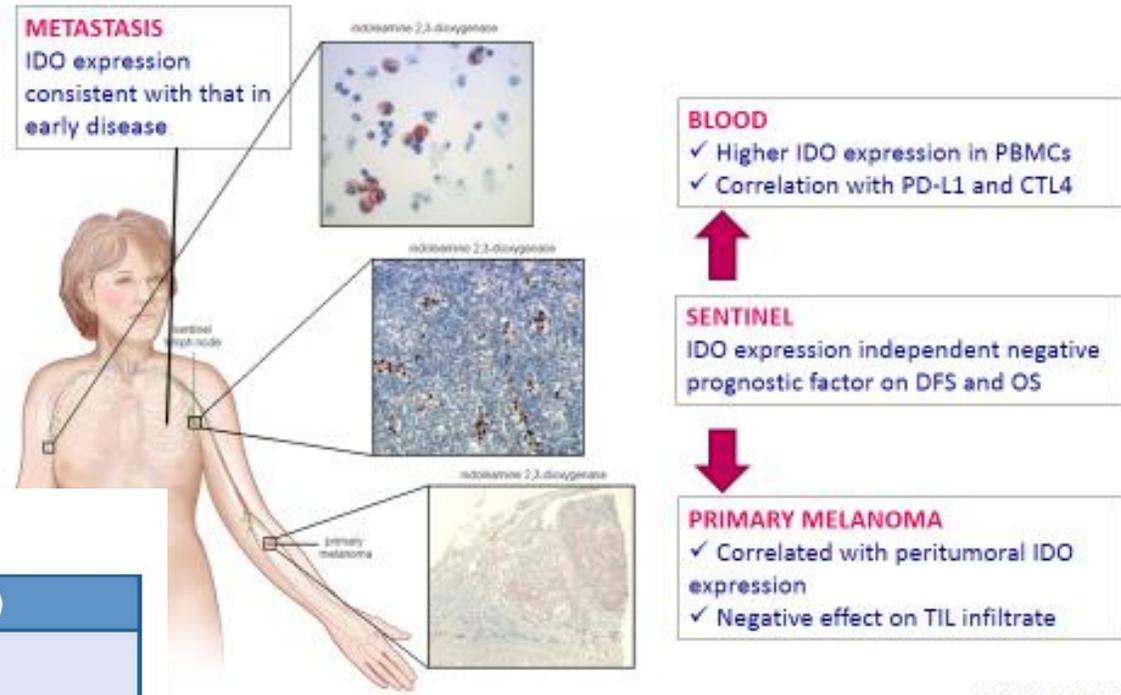


# IDO-inhibition

## The rationale of indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase inhibition for cancer therapy

### Rationale to target IDO1

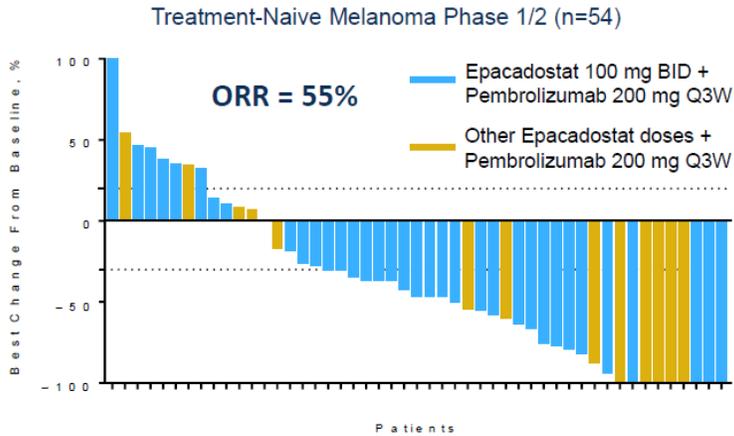
- Upregulation of IDO1 is a potential mechanism to evade immunosurveillance
  - ↓ Tryptophan ↑ Kynurenine
  - ↓ T<sub>eff</sub> and NK cells
  - ↑ T<sub>reg</sub> cells, MDSCs, TAMs
- Epacadostat: IDO1 enzyme inhibitor
- Pembrolizumab: anti-PD-1 humanized antibody



IDO1, indoleamine 2,3 dioxygenase 1; IFN<sub>γ</sub>, interferon gamma; MDSC, myeloid-derived suppressor cell; NK, natural killer; PD-1, programmed death 1; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1; TAM, tumor-associated macrophage; T<sub>eff</sub>, effector T cell; T<sub>reg</sub>, regulatory T cell.

# IDO-inhibition + anti-PD-1

## Promising efficacy in phase 1/2 study of IDOi + anti-PD1



### ECHO-202 / KEYNOTE-037

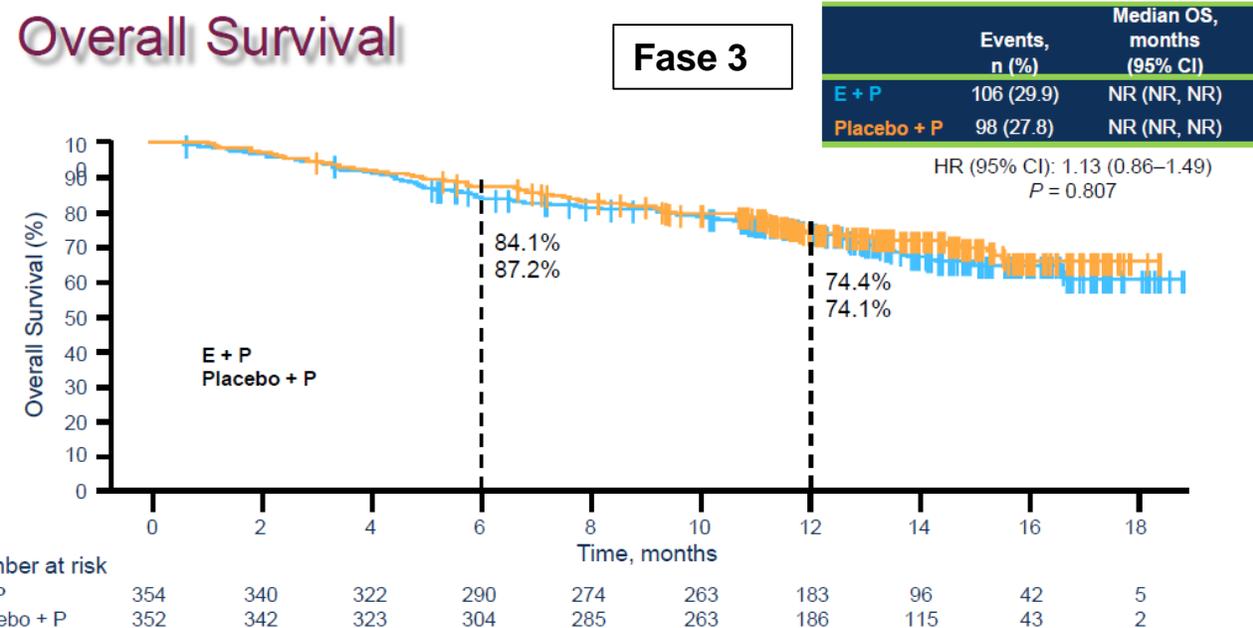
- Phase 1: Epacadostat 50, 100, or 300 mg PO BID + Pembrolizumab 200 mg IV Q3W
- MTD of epacadostat not reached
- Phase 2: Epacadostat 100 mg PO BID
- Phase 1/2 efficacy in treatment-naive melanoma:
  - ORR = 55%
  - Median PFS = 22.8 mo

BID, twice daily; MTD, maximally tolerated dose; PD-L1, programmed death ligand-1; Q3W, every 3 weeks.  
Hamid O, et al. *Ann Oncol.* 2017;28(suppl 5):1214O.



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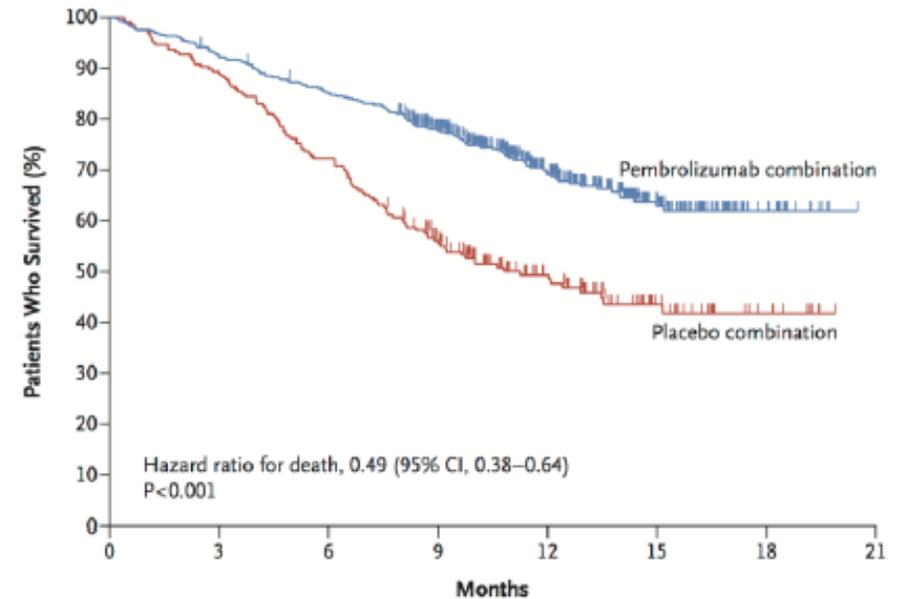
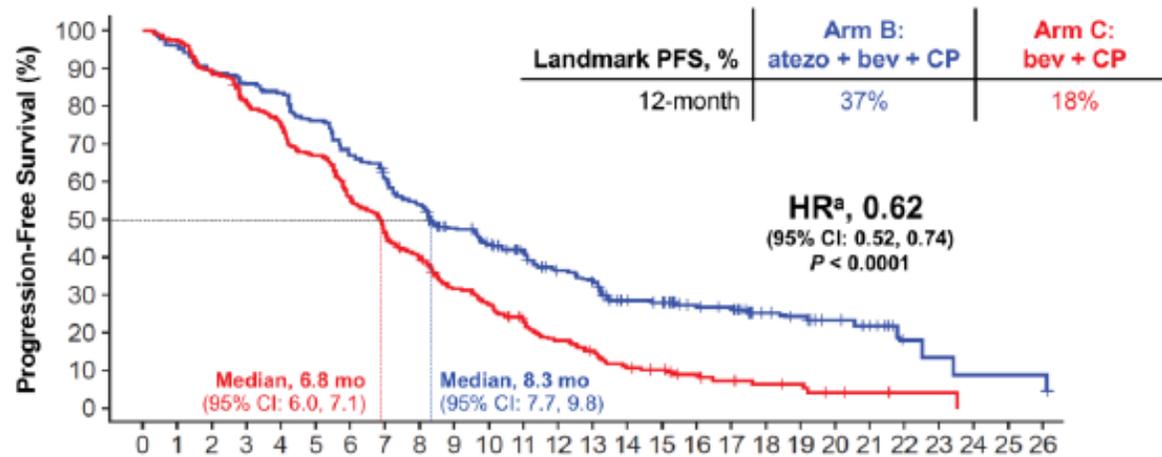
## Overall Survival



CI, confidence interval; E, epacadostat; HR, hazard ratio; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; P, pembrolizumab.

# Frontline immunotherapy

## Frontline combinations with chemo in non-squamous NSCLC



- Magnitude of benefit follows PD-L1 expression
- Squamous data : Keynote 407, IMPower 131

# Frontline immunotherapy

## Frontline combinations with chemo in TNBC

### IMpassion130 study design

#### Key IMpassion130 eligibility criteria<sup>a</sup>:

- Metastatic or inoperable locally advanced TNBC
  - Histologically documented<sup>b</sup>
- No prior therapy for advanced TNBC
  - Prior chemo in the curative setting, including taxanes, allowed if TFI ≥ 12 mo
- ECOG PS 0-1

#### Stratification factors:

- Prior taxane use (yes vs no)
- Liver metastases (yes vs no)
- PD-L1 status on IC (positive [≥ 1%] vs negative [ $< 1\%$ ])<sup>c</sup>

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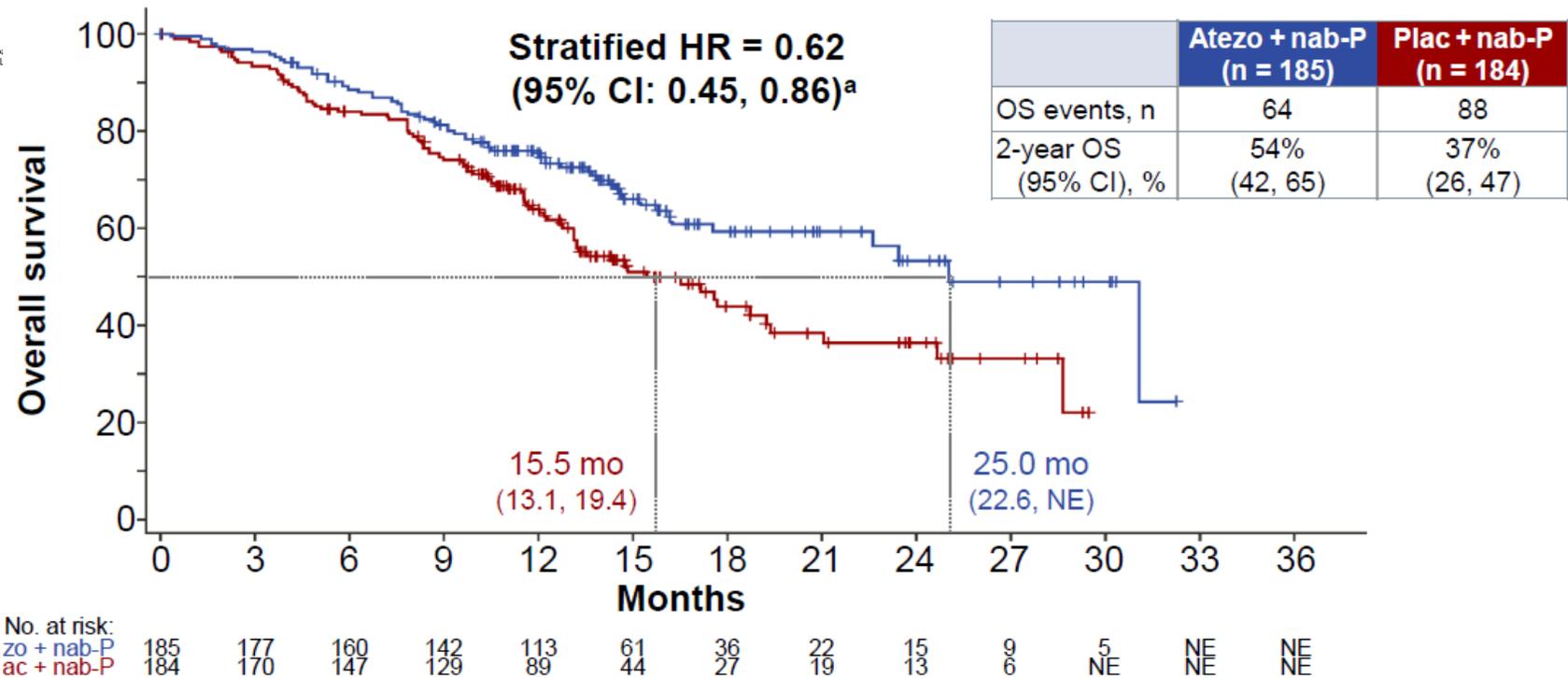


- Co-primary endpoints were PFS and OS in the ITT and PD-L1+ populations<sup>d</sup>
  - Key secondary efficacy endpoints (ORR and DOR) and safety were also evaluated

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IC, tumour-infiltrating immune cell; TFI, treatment-free interval. <sup>a</sup> ClinicalTrials.gov: NCT02425891. <sup>b</sup> Locally evaluated per ASCO–College of American Pathologists (CAP) guidelines. <sup>c</sup> Centrally evaluated per VENTANA SP142 IHC assay (double blinded for PD-L1 status). <sup>d</sup> Radiological endpoints were investigator assessed (per RECIST v1.1).

Schmid P, et al. IMp  
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## Interim OS analysis: PD-L1+ population



Data cutoff: 17 April 2018. Median OS durations (and 95% CI) are indicated on the plot. <sup>a</sup> Not formally tested.

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# Adjuvant immunotherapy

## CheckMate 238: Study Design

CheckMate 238: 24-Month Follow-Up

Patients with:

- High-risk, completely resected stage IIIb/IIIc or stage IV (AJCC 7<sup>th</sup> edition) melanoma
- No prior systemic therapy
- ECOG 0-1

1:1

n = 453

n = 453

NIVO 3 mg/kg IV Q2W and IPI placebo IV Q3W for 4 doses then Q12W from week 24

IPI 10 mg/kg IV Q3W for 4 doses then Q12W from week 24 and NIVO placebo IV Q2W

Follow-up  
Maximum treatment duration of 1 year

Stratified by:

- 1) Disease stage: IIIb/C vs IV M1a-M1b vs IV M1c
- 2) PD-L1 status at a 5% cutoff in tumor cells

Enrollment period: March 30, 2015 to November 30, 2015

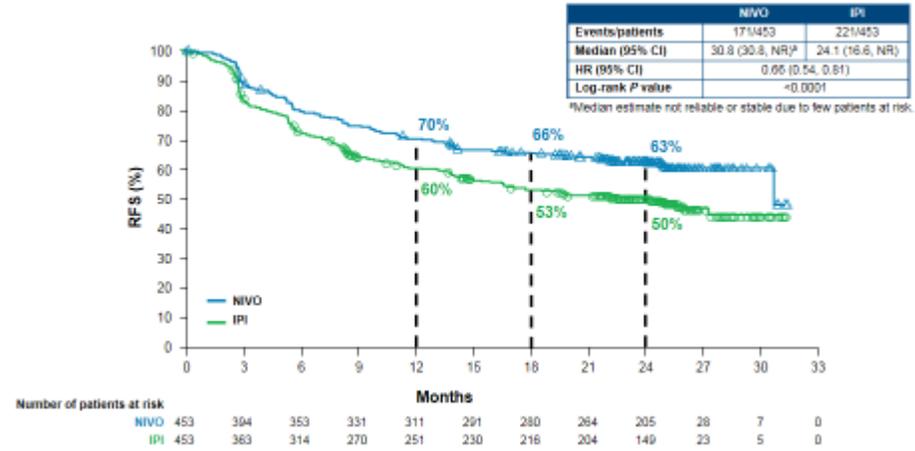
## Summary of Recurrence Events

CheckMate 238: 24-Month Follow-Up

	NIVO (n = 453)	IPI (n = 453)
<b>Events, n (%)</b>	171 (38)	221 (49)
<b>Recurrence</b>	171 (38)	216 (48)
Disease at baseline	1 (<1)	2 (<1)
Local recurrence	31 (7)	46 (10)
Regional recurrence	35 (8)	36 (8)
Distant metastasis	97 (21)	128 (28)
New primary melanoma	7 (2)	4 (1)
Death	0	5 (1)

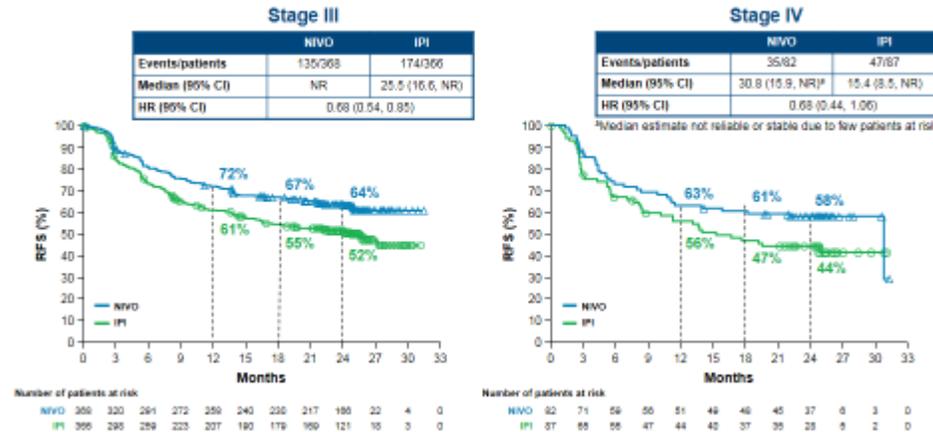
## Primary Endpoint: RFS in All Patients

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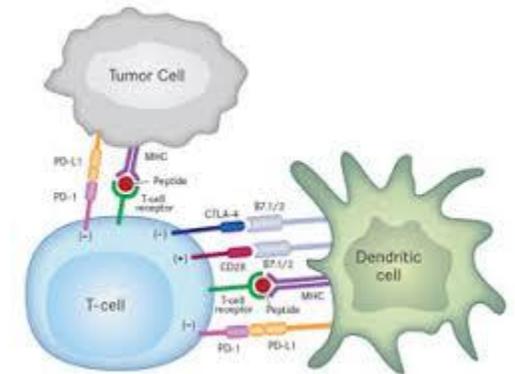
## Subgroup Analysis of RFS: Disease Stage III and IV

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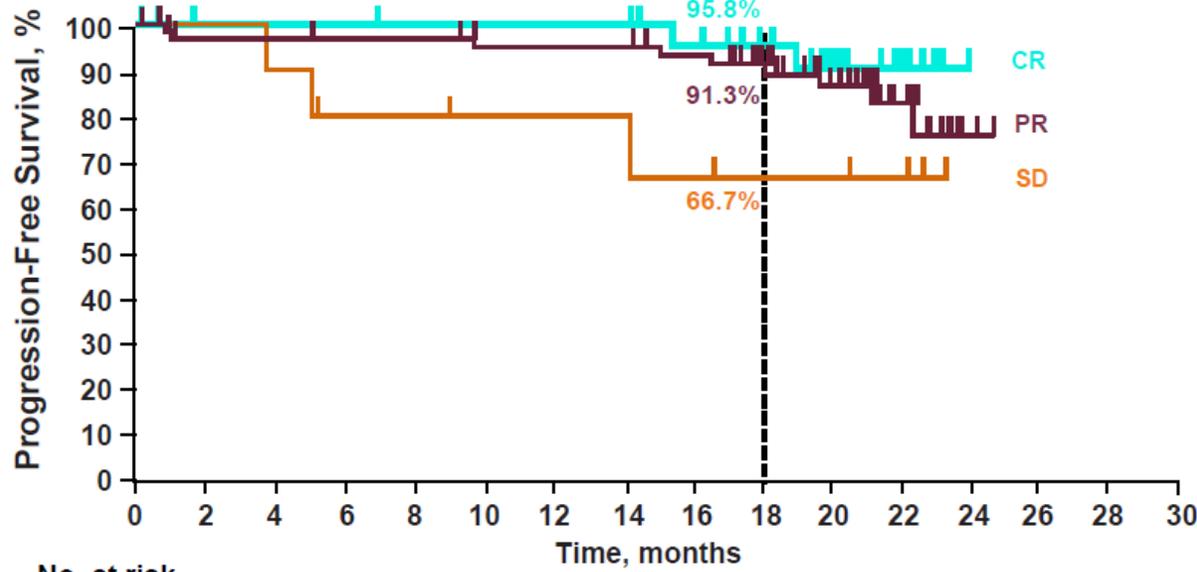


- What is the right time for discontinuing immunotherapy?



# In melanoma we have some evidence from long term follow up

## PFS<sup>a</sup> in 103 Melanoma Patients Who Completed Protocol-Specified Time on KEYNOTE-006

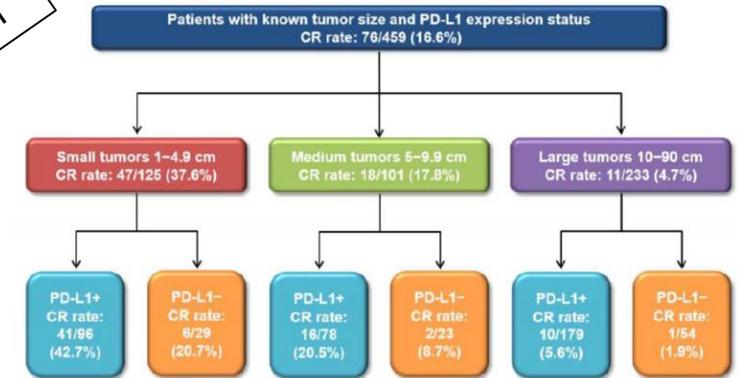


No. at risk

CR	28	27	27	27	26	26	26	26	23	19	15	6	1	0	0	0
PR	65	58	58	57	57	54	51	54	51	44	32	15	3	0	0	0
SD	10	10	9	7	7	6	6	6	5	4	4	3	0	0	0	0

## Baseline parameters associated with CR

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Robert et al, J Clin Oncol, 2017

<sup>a</sup>Per immune-related response criteria by investigator review; time is measured from last dose of pembrolizumab. Data cutoff: Dec 4, 2017 Long, G et al ASCO 2018.

# What about patients who stop due to toxicity?

## CheckMate-067: Follow-up in patients who stopped for toxicity

- 68% (81/120), 85% (23/27), and 30% (14/47) of patients who discontinued NIVO + IPI, NIVO, and IPI, respectively, due to drug-related toxicity, experienced a complete or partial response

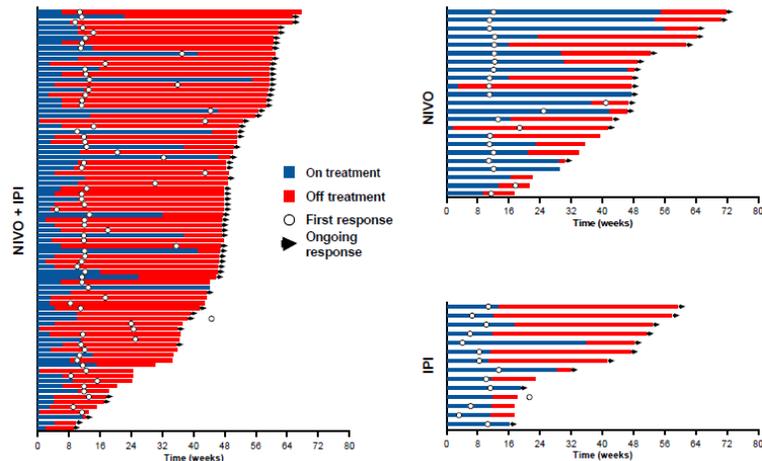
	NIVO + IPI (N = 120)	NIVO (N = 27)	IPI (N=47)
Median time to response, months (range) <sup>a</sup>	2.8 (1.1–10.3)	2.8 (2.5–9.5)	2.8 (2.6–8.3)
Median duration of response, months (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	13.1 (NR–NR)	NR (5.6–NR)	NR (1.4–NR)
Ongoing response among responders, n/N (%) <sup>a</sup>	56/81 (69)	16/23 (70)	10/14 (71)

<sup>a</sup>Minimum follow-up of 11 months from date of randomization  
<sup>b</sup>Censored data (response ongoing)  
 NR = not reached



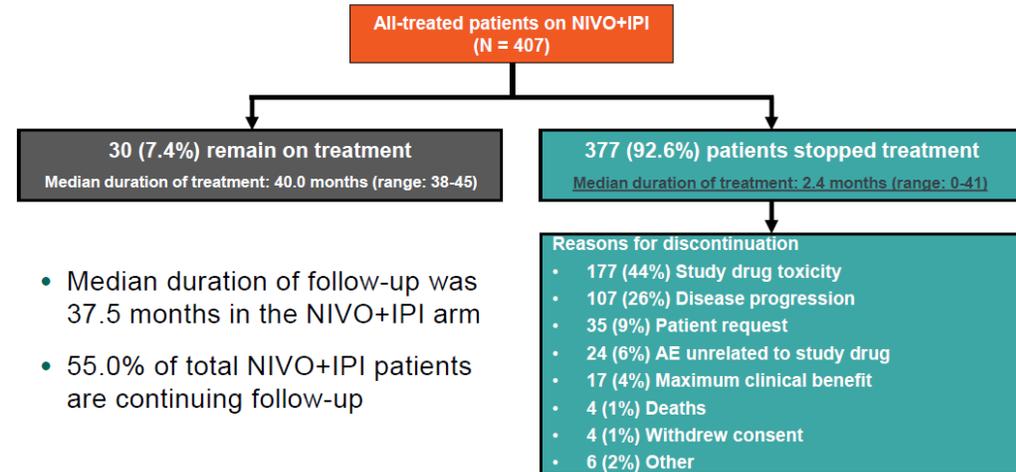
Larkin J et.al ESMO 2015

## Time to and Durability of Response in Patients Who Discontinued Due to Toxicity



# What about patients who stop for any reason?

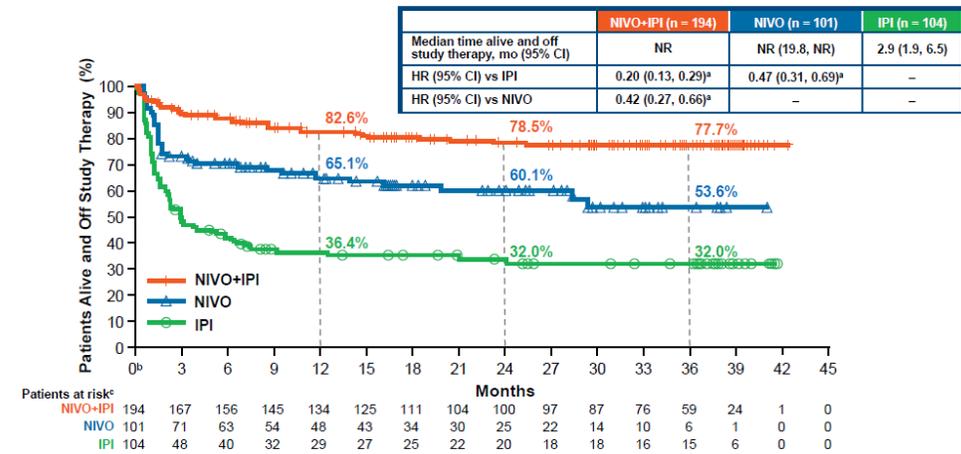
## Patient Analysis: Pooled Checkmate 067-069



- Median duration of follow-up was 37.5 months in the NIVO+IPI arm
- 55.0% of total NIVO+IPI patients are continuing follow-up

Postow, M et al SITC 2017

## Patients Alive and Off Study Therapy at 3-Years: 069/067



<sup>a</sup>P < 0.0001; <sup>b</sup>Time "0" is defined as time from the last study dose date; <sup>c</sup>Includes all patients off therapy – both those with and without subsequent therapy

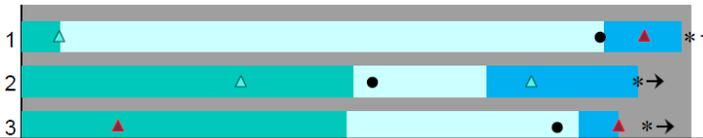
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# What happens if we retreat patients?

## Pattern of Recurrence and Response in Patients on 2nd Course of Pembrolizumab

Patient	Site(s) of Recurrence After 1st Course	1st Course BOR	2nd Course BOR	2nd Course DOR, mo	Reason for 2nd Course Discontinuation
1	Progression in iliac LNs	CR	PR <sup>b</sup>	2.8+	Treatment ongoing
2	Progression in skin	CR	CR	7.63	Completed 17 cycles

## Treatment Exposure and Duration of Response in Patients on 2nd Course of Pembro on -006



*Indirect evidence that we should not treat melanoma patients with a CR or PR forever*

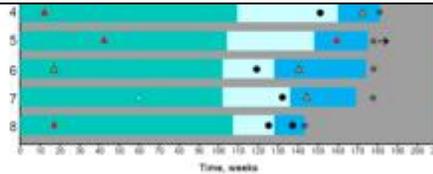
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2	Progression in skin	CR	CR	Completed 17 cycles
3	New and progressive lung mets	CR	CR	Completed 17 cycles
4	Progression in skin	CR	PR	Treatment ongoing
5	Progression in pancreatic tail met	CR	PR	Treatment ongoing
6	Progression in LNs	CR	CR	Completed 17 cycles
7	New LN metastases	CR	CR	Completed 17 cycles
8	Progression in LN	CR	PR	Treatment ongoing



- 108 patients (21%) stopped in absence of PD
  - 81 (16%) Patient/MD decision
  - 29 (6%)@AE

Total number of patients	Stopping upon PT/MD decision		Discontinuation due to AE	
	CR (100%)	PR (100%)	CR (100%)	PR (100%)
CR/PR	34	43	2	24
CR	31	39	1	15
PR	13	19	1	17
AE	0	0	1	7
REPRODUCTION	0	0	0	1
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REPRODUCTION	0	0	0	1
REPRODUCTION OF PD-1	1 CR → new CR		3 PR → 1 CR, 1 PR and 1 not yet evaluated	
MEDIAN TIME	Weeks	Range	Weeks	Range
CR/PR	4.2	0-12.2	2.7	0-14.3
CR	4.2	0-12.2	2.7	0-14.3
PR	4.2	0-12.2	2.7	0-14.3
AE	1.2	0-1.8	2.3	1-4.8



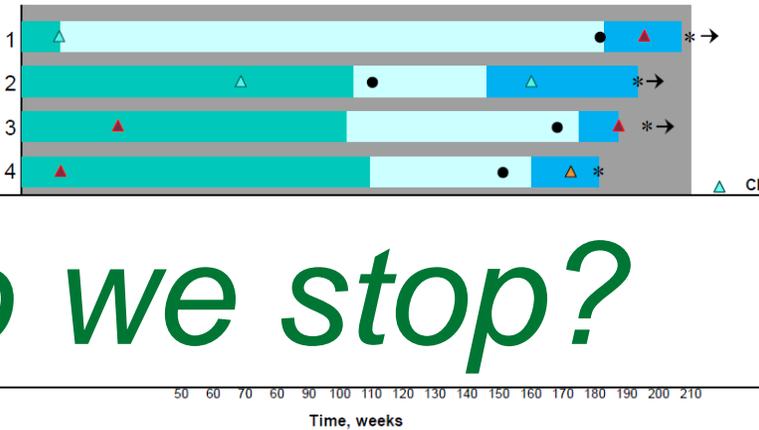
# What happens if we retreat patients?

## Pattern of Recurrence and Response in Patients on 2nd Course of Pembrolizumab

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1	Progression in iliac LNs	CR	PR <sup>b</sup>	2.8+	Treatment ongoing
2	Progression in skin	CR	CR	7.63	Completed 17 cycles
3	New and progression <sup>a</sup> of lung mets	PR	PR <sup>b</sup>	0+	Treatment ongoing
4	Progression <sup>a</sup> in skin	PR	SD	NA	PD
5	Progression in pancreatic tail met	PR	PR	3.82+	Probable respiratory infection
6	Progression in LNs	SD	SD	NA	Completed 17 cycles
7	New LN metastases	CR	SD	NA	Completed 17 cycles
8	Progression <sup>a</sup> in LN	PR	PD	NA	PD

Confirmed PD by investigator per iRC (confirmatory scan or no subsequent scan or not evaluable). <sup>a</sup>Patient's response was updated from SD to PR by the site after LPLV date. Reported as a CR, but had a recurrence, patient was free of disease by surgery before second course. Data cutoff: Dec 4, 2017. Long, G et al ASCO 2018

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# When do we stop?

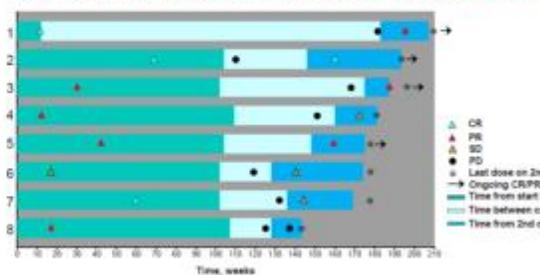
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2nd course start to last scan

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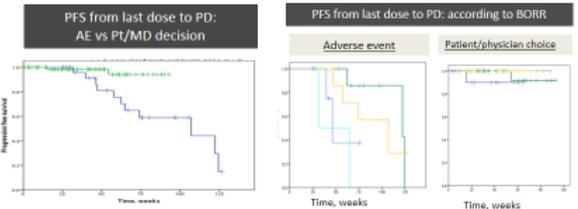
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## Real life outcome of advanced melanoma patients who discontinue pembrolizumab in the absence of disease progression

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- 509 patients with advanced melanoma treated with PEMBRO outside of an interventional clinical trial at 9 European hospitals
- 40 patients (8%) PEMBRO ongoing
- 343 patients (67%) stopped @PD
- 108 patients (21%) stopped in absence of PD
  - 81 (16%) Patient/MD decision
  - 29 (6%) @AE



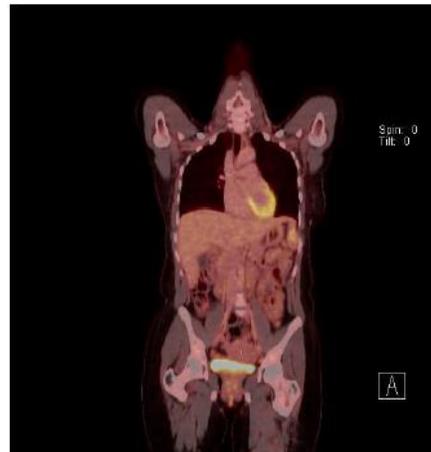
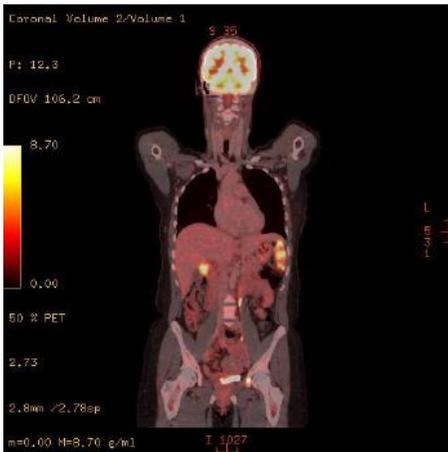
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PR	42	0-93	60	26-128
SD	12	0-18	23	7-48



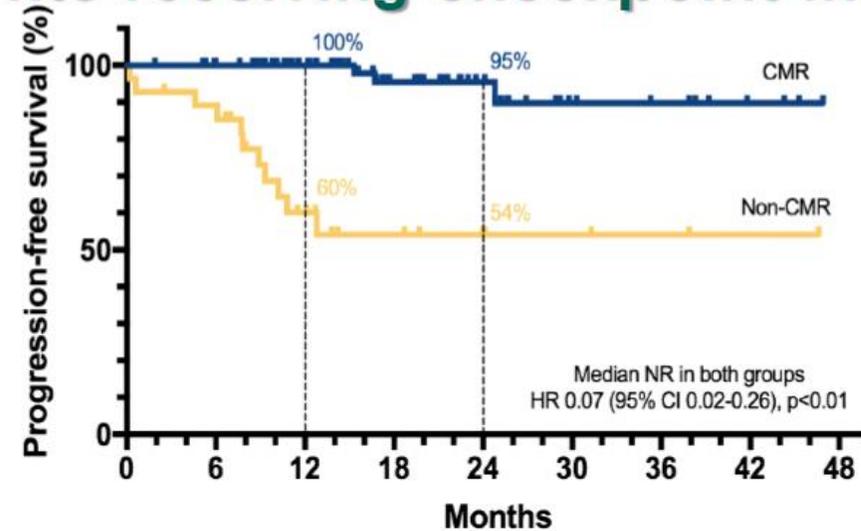
# Can a PET-scan help to decide to stop therapy in melanoma?

## Methods

- PET at 1 year of treatment
- Response defined by EORTC criteria
- N = 104
  
- 28% RECIST CR
- 75% PET CMR



## Relapse by PET response in melanoma patients receiving checkpoint inhibition



No. at risk								
CMR	76	72	58	37	19	9	8	4
Non-CMR	28	26	13	8	5	4	3	2

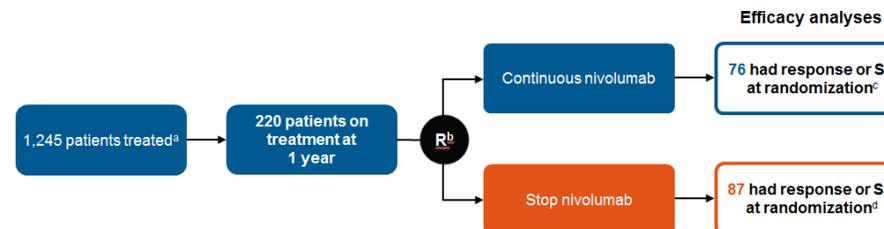
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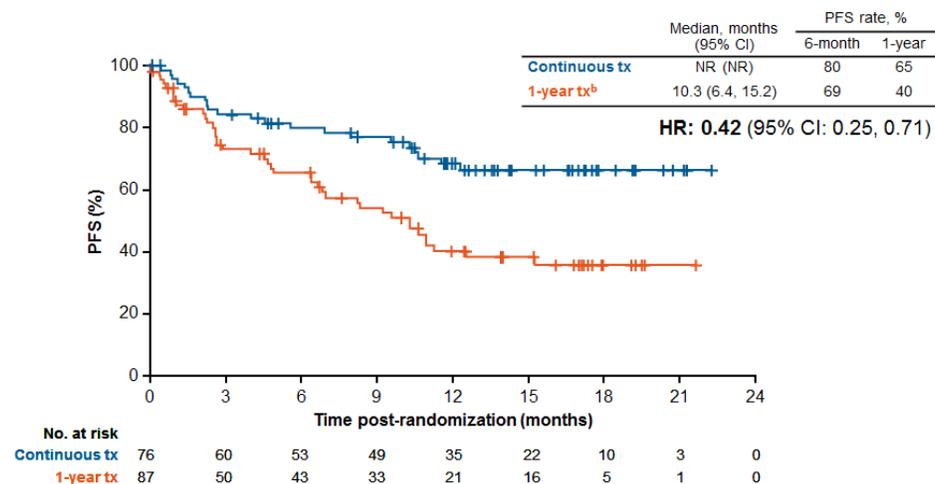
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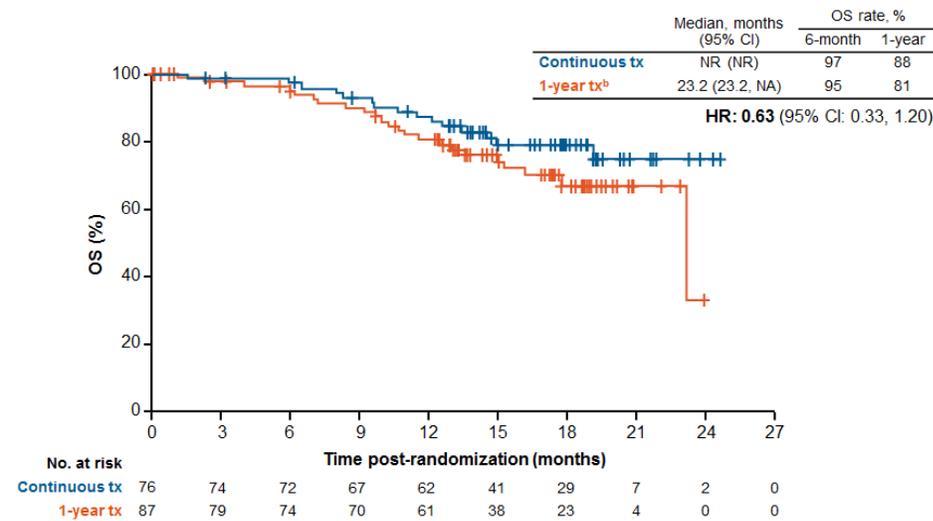
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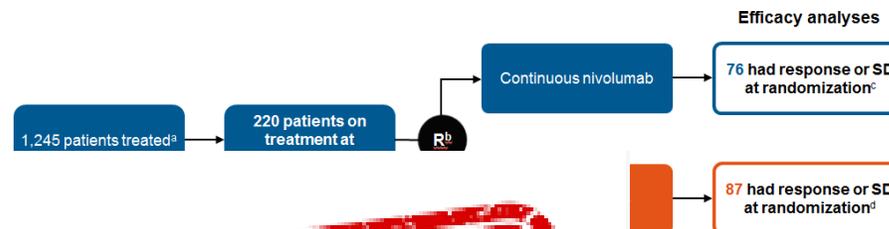
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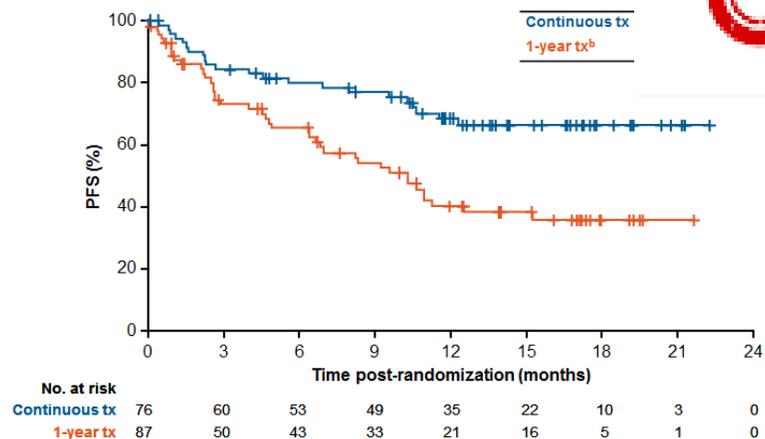
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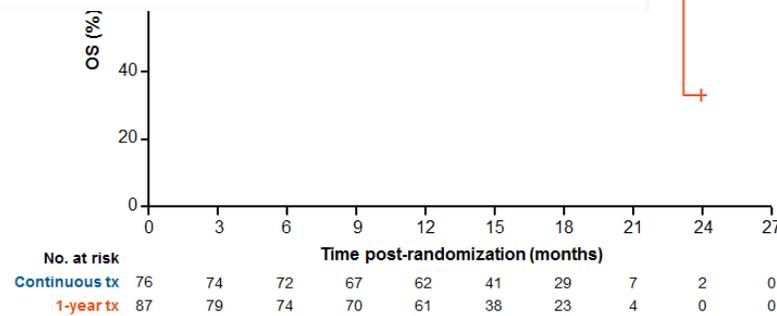
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## Nivolumab Efficacy Analyses

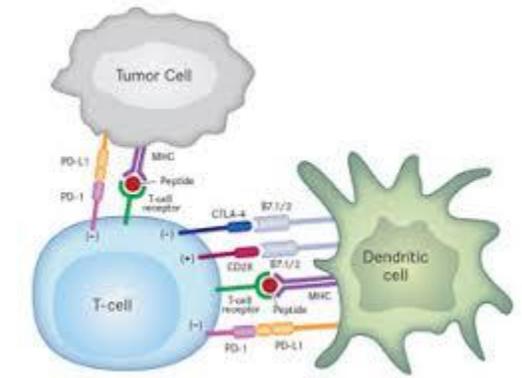
Median, months (95% CI)	OS rate, %	
	6-month	1-year
NR (NR)	97	88
23.2 (23.2, NA)	95	81

HR: 0.63 (95% CI: 0.33, 1.20)

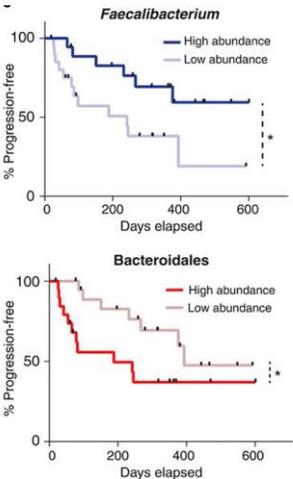
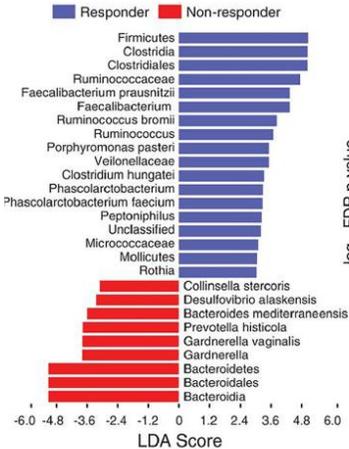




- How do we identify responders? ✓
- How do we increase response rates? ✓
- What is the right time for discontinuing immunotherapy ? ✓



# Challenges not discussed today



## Cancer Research

Clinical Research (Excluding Clinical Trials)

Abstract 5541: Clinical impact of hypothyroidism and PD-L1 SNPs in patients having non-small cell lung cancer treated with nivolumab

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## Predicting irAE's



## Role of microbiome



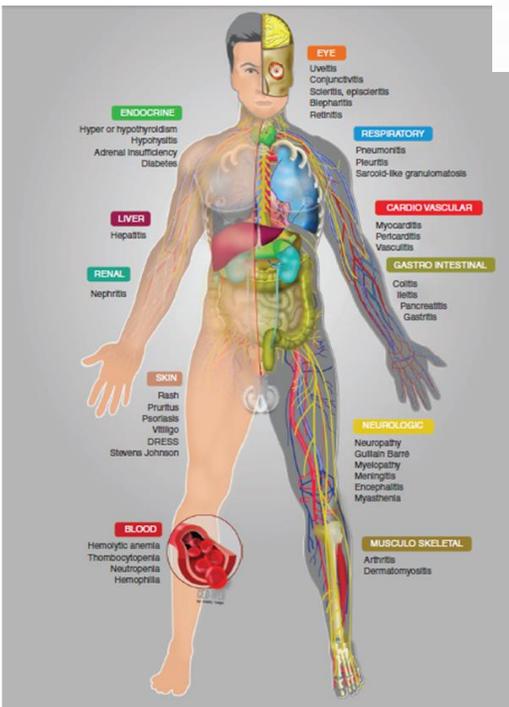
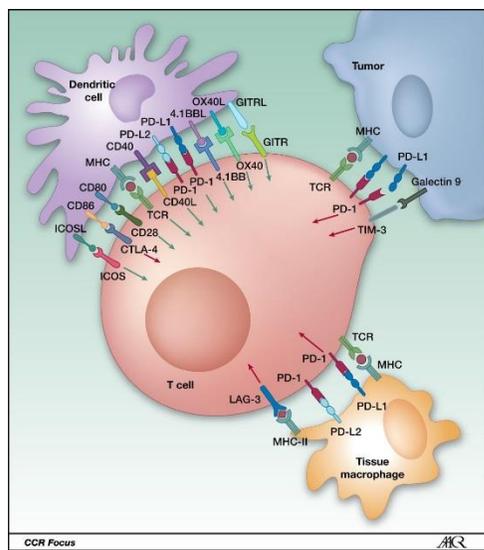
## Cancer treatment and 'financial toxicity'

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Cancer treatments can produce all kinds of toxicities. A relatively new term, though, is 'financial toxicity', the idea that the costs of treating cancer can be so severe they impact upon a patient's quality of life, becoming an adverse effect themselves. In the United States, Yousuf Zafar has been taking a good long look at financial toxicity.



IMAGE: COULD OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES BE THEIR OWN KIND OF ADVERSE EFFECT? (RICARDO CORRAL - FLICKR/CC BY-NC-ND 2.0)



# Future perspectives

## Immunotherapy toxicity predicted by circulating cytokines



Severe and potentially life-threatening immune-related toxicities associated with checkpoint inhibitor immunotherapy could be effectively predicted and managed through the

98 samples were taken from the validation cohort (49 at baseline and 49 early during treatment).

The authors profiled the expression of 65 circulating cytokines to investigate

p=0.037) and 0.70 in early treatment (0.55-0.85, p=0.017).

Alexander Lyon (Imperial College London, UK) explained, "[This study] has identified a novel 11 cytokine



# Can we predict irAE's?

who received immunotherapy at two centres in Australia—either anti-PD-1 monotherapy (pembrolizumab or nivolumab; n=40) or anti-PD-1 plus anti-CTLA-4 (Ipilimumab; n=58). An independent validation cohort of 49 patients treated with anti-PD-1 plus anti-CTLA-4 was also included. 309 plasma samples were collected from the two discovery cohorts and analysed for cytokine expression (baseline sample for every patient and longitudinal samples throughout treatment) and

related toxicities at baseline and early during treatment. The expression of these 11 cytokines was integrated into a single toxicity score (CYTOX), and its predictive value was tested. In discovery cohort 2, ROC analysis showed that the area under the curve for CYTOX score to discriminate severe toxicity was 0.78 (95% CI 0.65-0.91, p=0.0009) at baseline and 0.77 (0.63-0.90, p=0.0014) in early treatment. In the independent validation cohort, these values were 0.68 at baseline (0.51-0.84,

and targeting these effective but toxic therapies to patients with the greatest benefit and the lowest risk of serious adverse events."

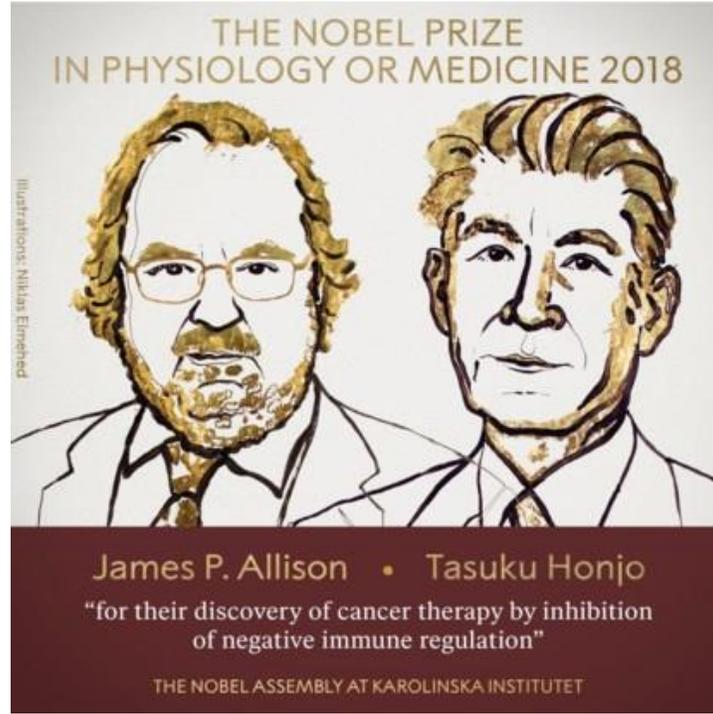
Niki Karachaliou (University Hospital Sagrat Cor, Barcelona, Spain) added, "Whether the CYTOX score can be easily used in daily clinical practice or whether it can apply to other immunotherapies than the combination of anti-PD-1 with anti-CTLA-4 remains to be defined."

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