

How to navigate current treatment for melanoma in a real world setting

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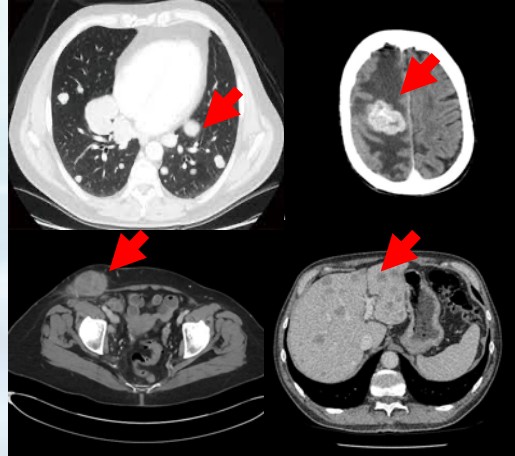
Melanoma – What's the problem?



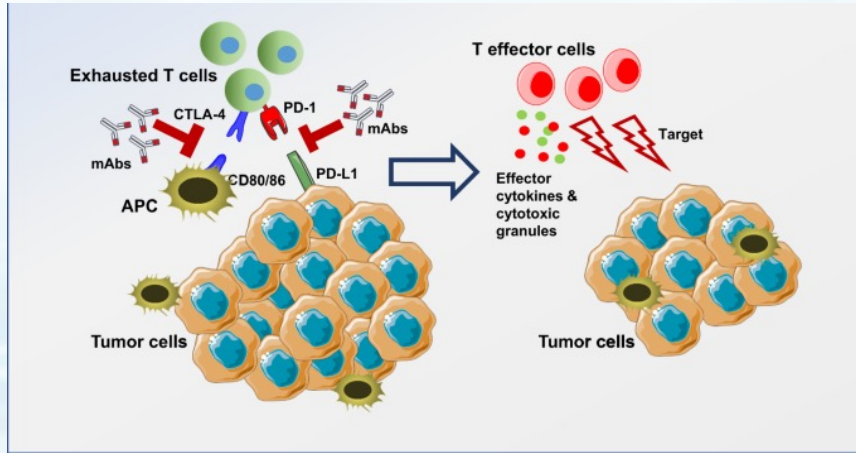
80% Cured



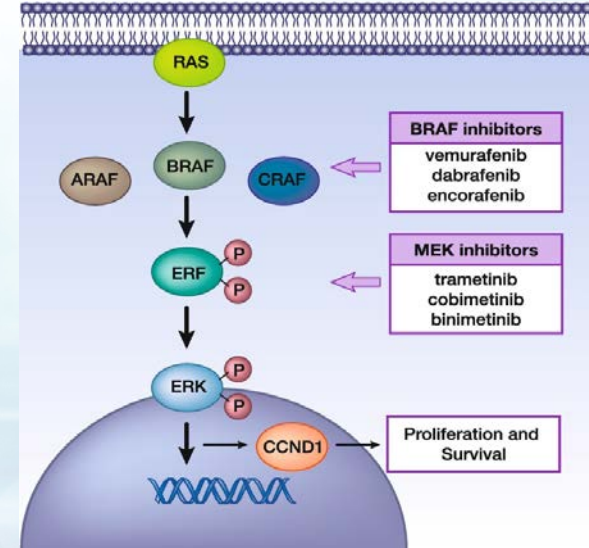
20% Recur



Two classes of drugs tested in clinical trials have revolutionized how we treat melanoma patients today



IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS



BRAF TARGETED THERAPY

Melanoma subtypes and molecular taxonomy

	BRAF	NRAS	KIT	GNAQ or GNA11
Cutaneous	45%*	20%	0-2%	-
Mucosal (1.5%)	5%	15%	10%	-
Acral (5%)	15%	15%	10%	-
Uveal (5%)	rare	rare	-	80%

**BRAF* and *NRAS* mutations are mutually exclusive

Molecular taxonomy of cutaneous melanoma

Position 600 mutations	Frequency	Association
V600E	80%	Inverse relationship between prevalence and age
V600K	< 20%	Advancing age/ chronic sun damage
V600R	< 5%	Increased propensity to metastasise to lungs and brain?
Other	<1%	

Different genotypes exist within *BRAF*-mutant metastatic melanoma, representing biologically and clinically discrete subtypes, suggesting distinct etiology and behaviour

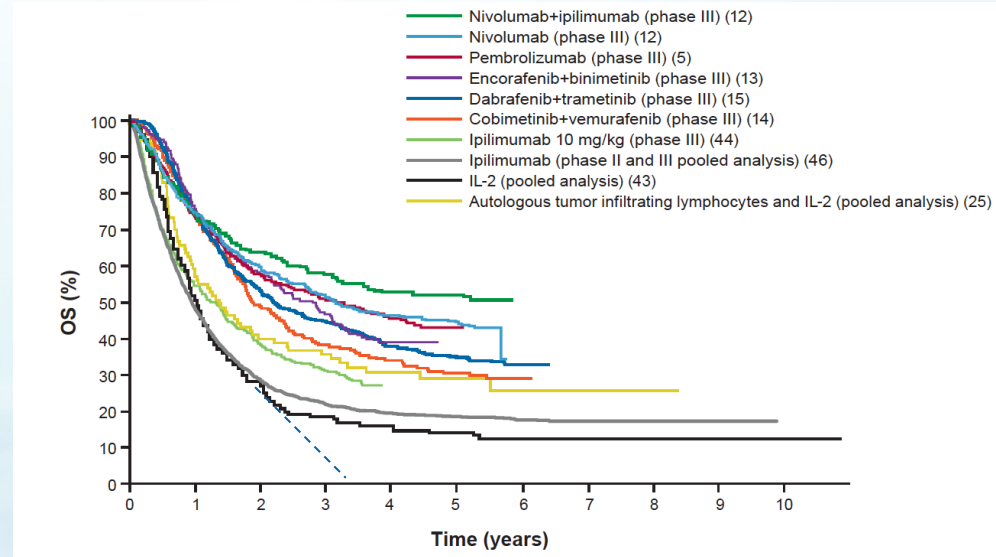
Molecular taxonomy of cutaneous melanoma

BRAF V600 mutation	Frequency	Response to BRAFi	Response to immunotherapy
V600E/K	40%/5%	++	++
Other	5%	-	++
BRAF WT	50%	-	++

BRAF mutation status does not influence response to immune checkpoint inhibitors

What has been achieved in the last 15 years?

- Advanced melanoma:
 - survival gains from median <1 year to >3 years, with potential for cure in some patients
- Early melanoma:
 - 50% reduction in risk of recurrence



Michielin O, et al. *J ImmunoTher Cancer* 2020;8:e000948

Melanoma clinical practice



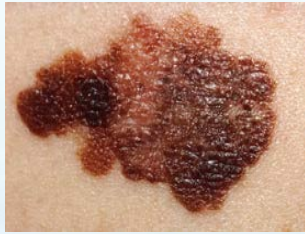
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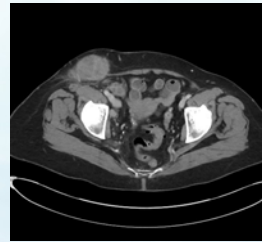
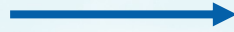
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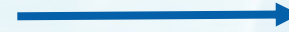
'Palliative'



Stages 1 - 2



Stage 3



Stage 4

Primary prevention

Secondary Prevention

Cure?

The Real World: Case History

- 59 y Female
- PS 0
- No significant past medical history
- FH: Father died from lung cancer (heavy smoker)
- **Oct 2019:**
 - Pigmented lesion on posterior chest wall
 - Enlarging and bleeding
 - pT4b, AJCC Stage IIC
- **Sep 2020:**
 - Palpable node in right axilla – surgical axillary lymph node clearance
 - Resected AJCC Stage IIIC melanoma
- **November 2020:**
 - Commenced adjuvant Pembrolizumab



Case History

- **January 2021:**
 - Surveillance scan identified solitary cerebellar metastasis
 - Treated with stereotactic radiotherapy



Case History

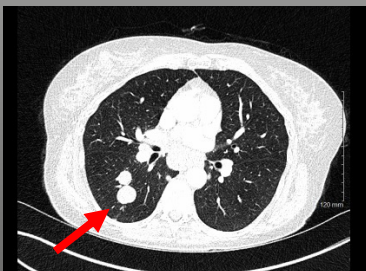
- **January 2021:**

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- **July 2021:**

- Surveillance imaging identified multiple lung and liver mets



Case History

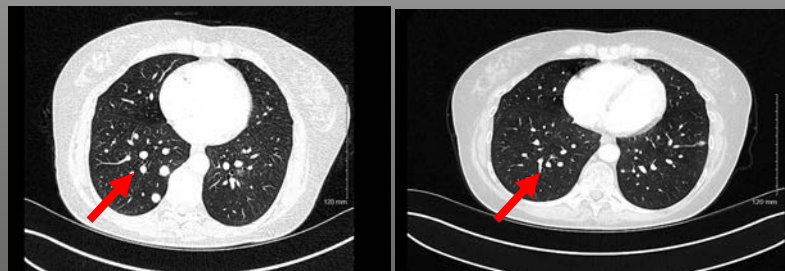
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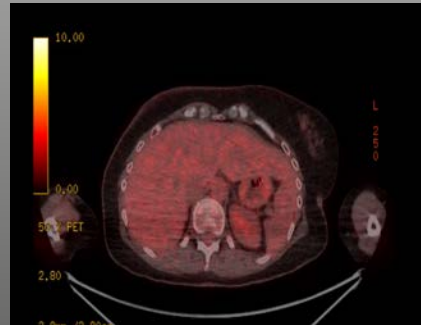
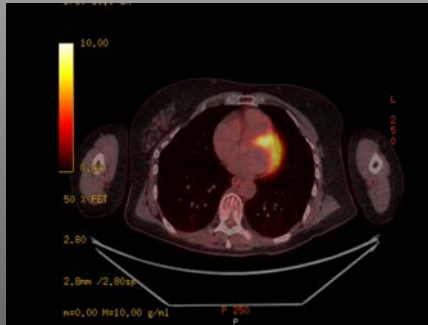
Case History

- **July 2021:**
 - Commenced ipilimumab + nivolumab
- **September 2021:**
 - Adrenal insufficiency – treated with steroid replacement, long-term
- **October 2021:**
 - Restaging scans confirmed early partial response



Case History

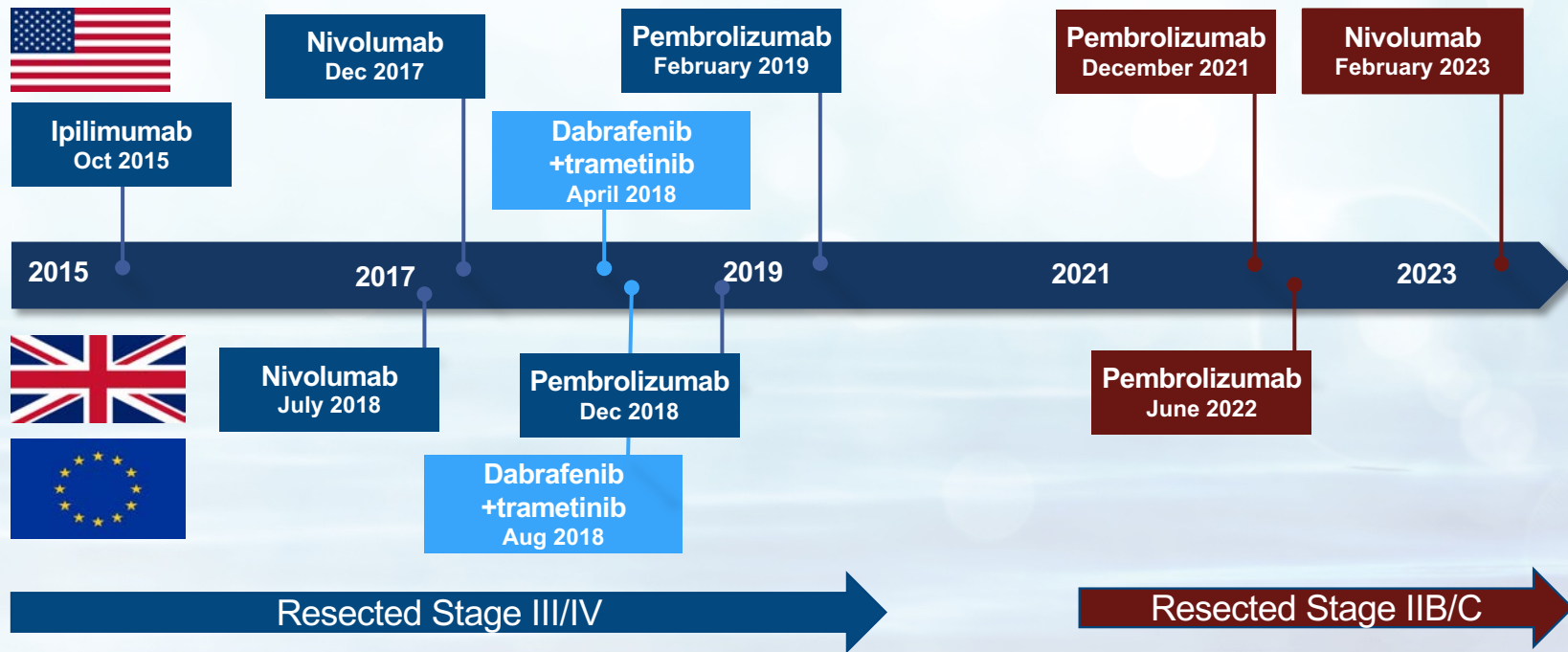
- **June 2023:**
 - Complete radiological and metabolic response
 - Immunotherapy stopped after completing 2 years of treatment
- **September 2024:**
 - Continues in complete remission, with good quality of life



Let's Discuss..

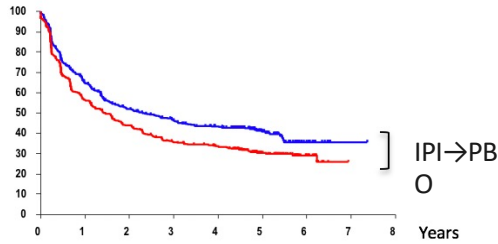
- Management of early stage melanoma
 - Adjuvant therapy
 - Neoadjuvant therapy
- Management of advanced melanoma

Approved treatments for melanoma in the adjuvant setting

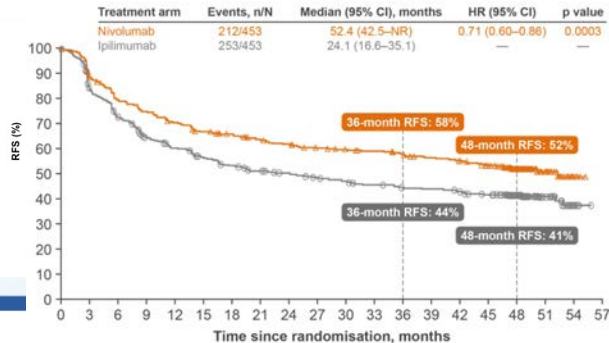


Adjuvant therapy with checkpoint inhibitors and BRAF targeted therapy significantly improves relapse-free survival of resected stage III/IV melanoma

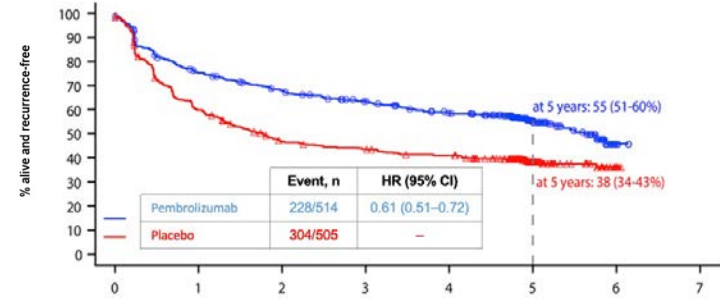
- EORTC 18071¹**
- Ipilimumab 10 mg/kg vs placebo,
 - Stage IIIA-C; RFS HR 0.76, OS HR 0.72



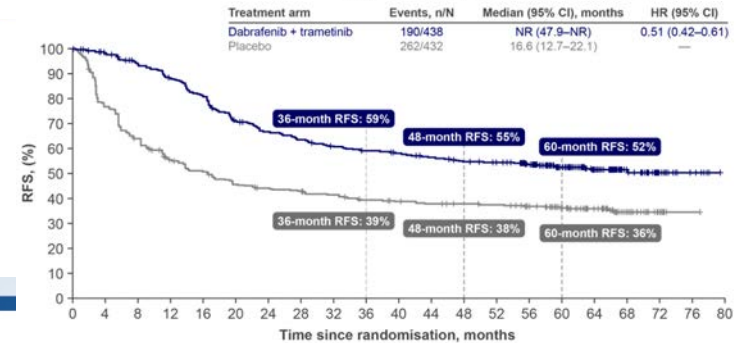
- CheckMate 238³**
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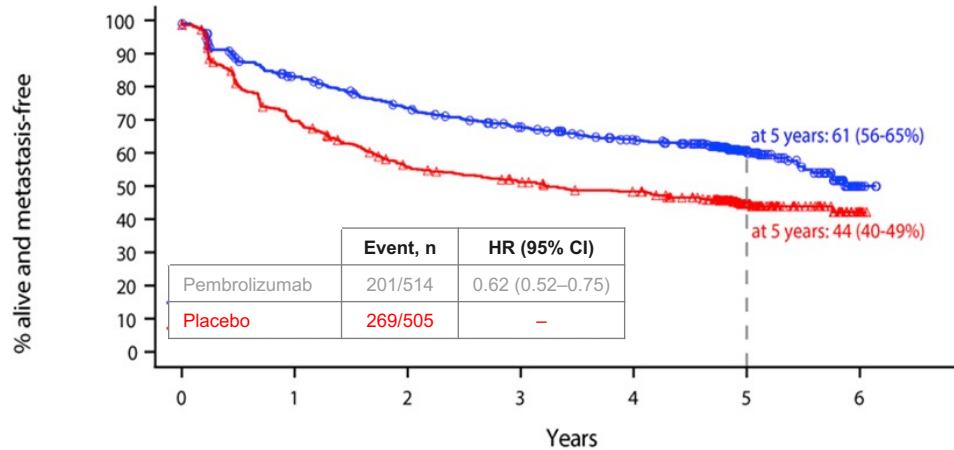
- EORTC 1325²**
- Pembrolizumab vs placebo,



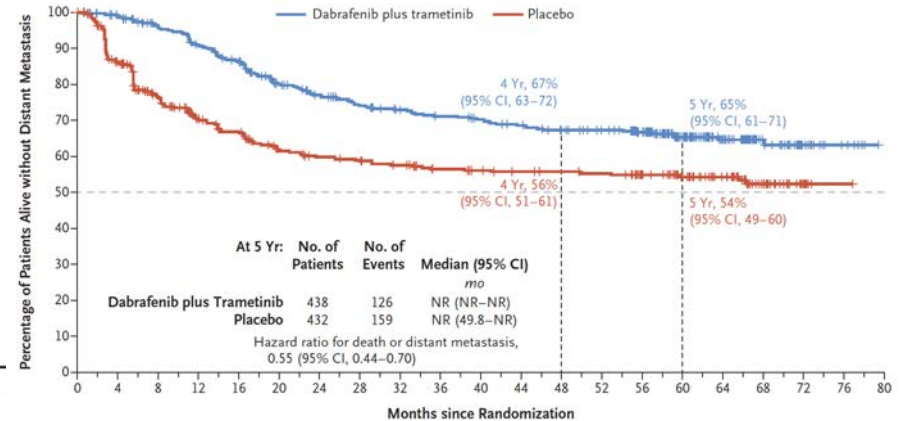
- COMBI-AD⁴**
- Dabrafenib + trametinib vs placebo



Adjuvant therapy with checkpoint inhibitors and BRAF targeted therapy significantly improves distant metastasis-free survival of resected stage III melanoma

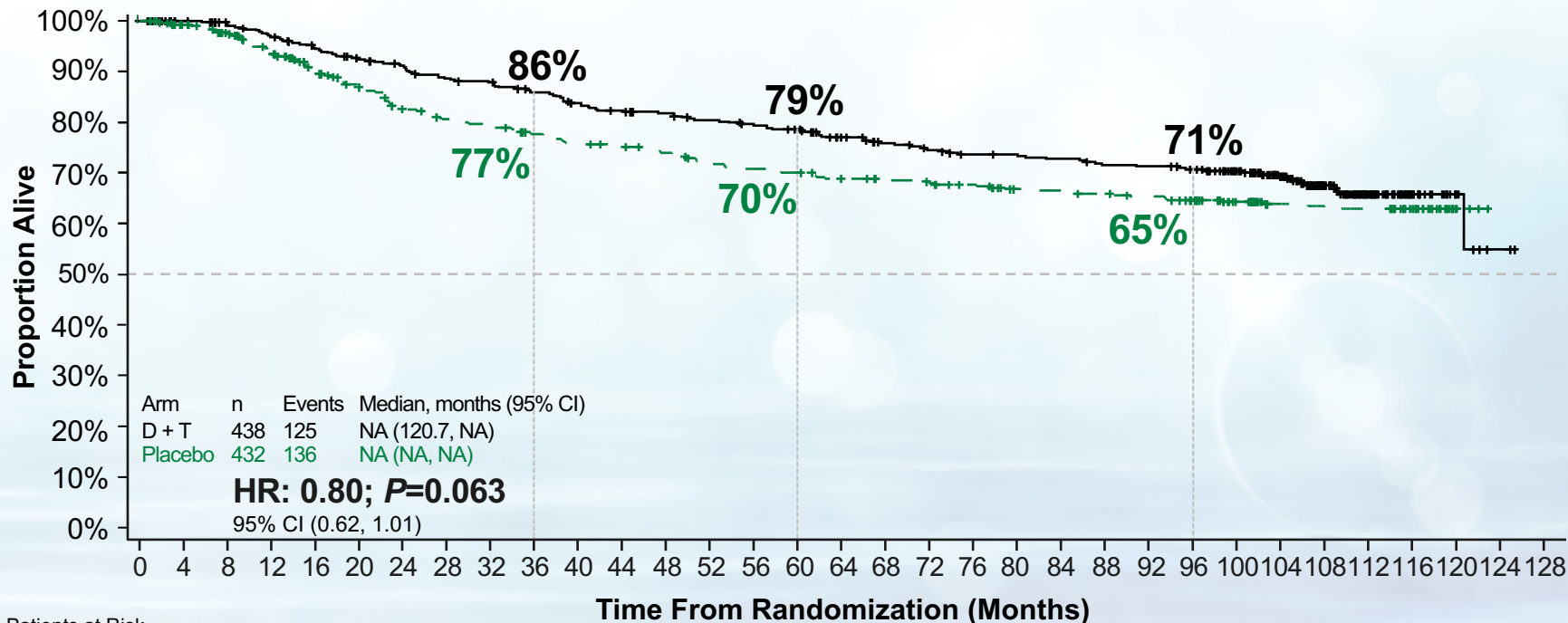


HR = 0.61: 39% relative risk reduction in distant disease recurrence with pembrolizumab vs placebo¹



HR = 0.55: 45% relative risk reduction in distant disease recurrence with dabrafenib+ trametinib vs placebo²

COMBI-AD final results: Overall survival (ITT)






Patients at Risk

D + T	438	416	407	395	381	370	362	351	347	336	325	318	312	305	299	294	279	268	261	255	254	251	246	245	240	222	173	124	75	27	8	2	0
Placebo	432	415	400	377	346	328	308	297	292	282	274	270	264	255	251	248	241	236	233	228	218	216	213	208	201	185	157	115	67	26	4	0	0

End of study 31 July 2023. Median follow-up: D+T 100.0 (0–125) months; Placebo 82.5 (1–122) months.

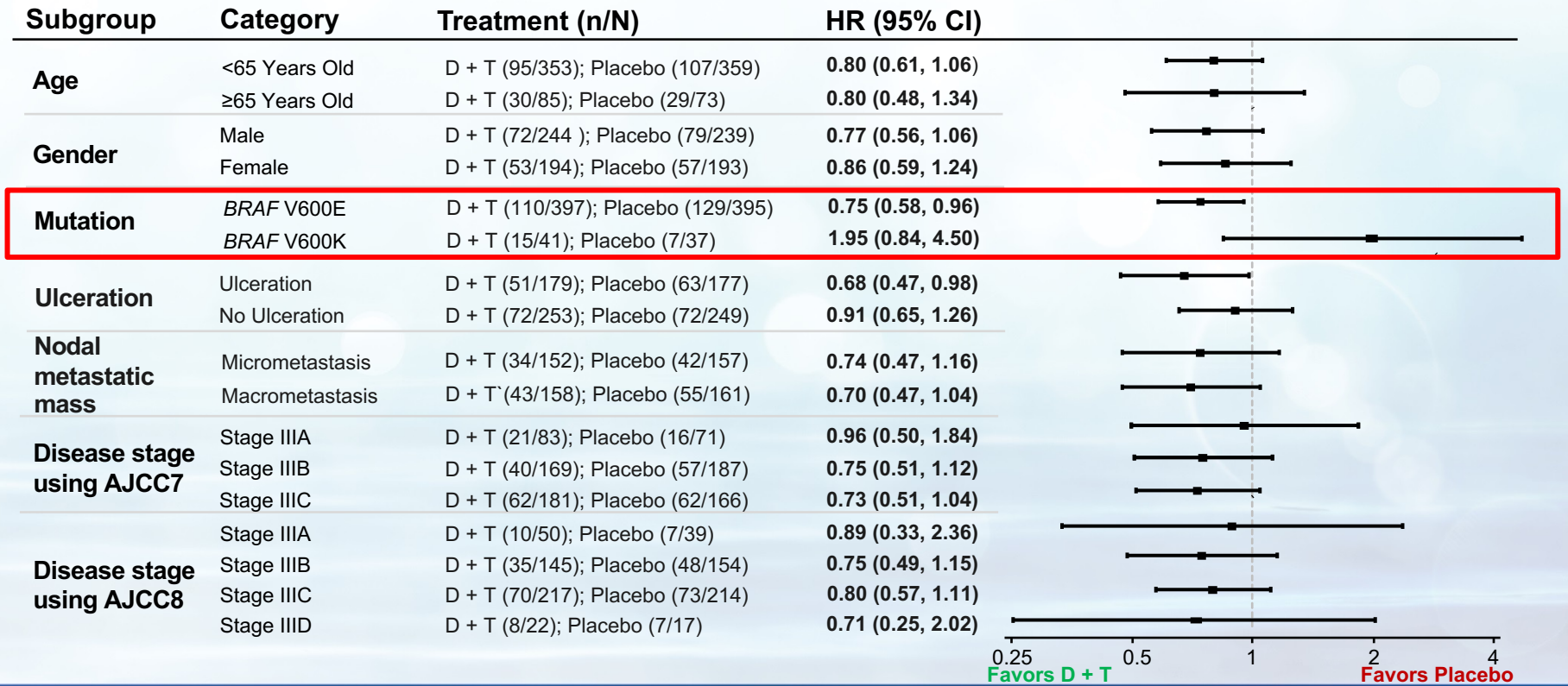
Adjuvant systemic therapy is routinely available for resected stage III/IV melanoma patients

- **Dabrafenib with trametinib** is recommended, within its marketing authorisation, as an option for the adjuvant treatment of resected stage III BRAF V600 mutation-positive melanoma in adults 
- **Pembrolizumab** is recommended, within its marketing authorisation, as an option for the adjuvant treatment of completely resected Stage III melanoma with lymph node involvement in adults 
- **Nivolumab** is recommended, within its marketing authorisation, as an option for the adjuvant treatment of completely resected melanoma in adults with lymph node involvement or metastatic disease 

Which adjuvant therapy to select?

- Consider
 - *BRAF* mutation status
 - Most mature data
 - Potential survival benefit?
 - Real world comparison favours targeted therapy
 - Lodde et al, EJC 2023: 2 year RFS 49% (PD-1) vs 67% (TT); Risk of recurrence HR 2.0
 - Less chance of cure in the advanced setting
 - Consider BRAF^{V600} mutation variant

Combi-AD Subgroup Analysis: Effect of treatment on overall survival (ITT)



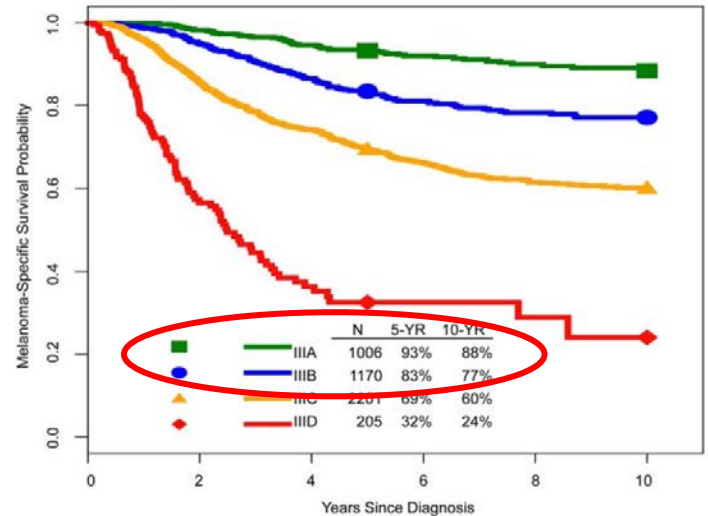
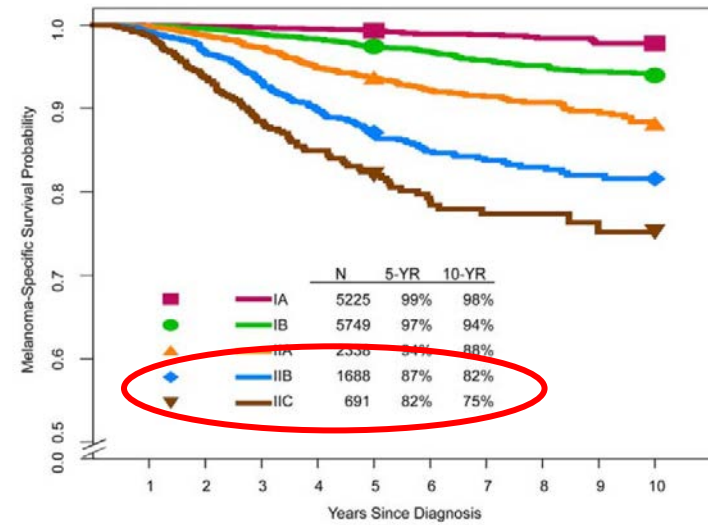
Which adjuvant therapy to select?

- Consider
 - *BRAF* mutation status
 - Contra-indications to immunotherapy
 - Local resources
 - Patient preference

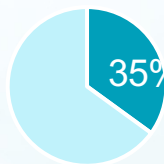
AJCC 8 Stage II and III



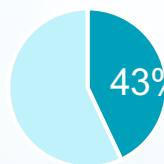
Gershenwald JE et al. *CA Cancer J Clin.* 2017; 67:472-492



Outcomes after Resection of Stage II and III Melanoma



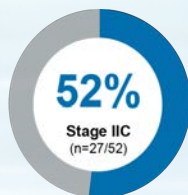
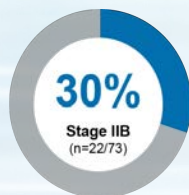
Stage IIB



Stage IIC

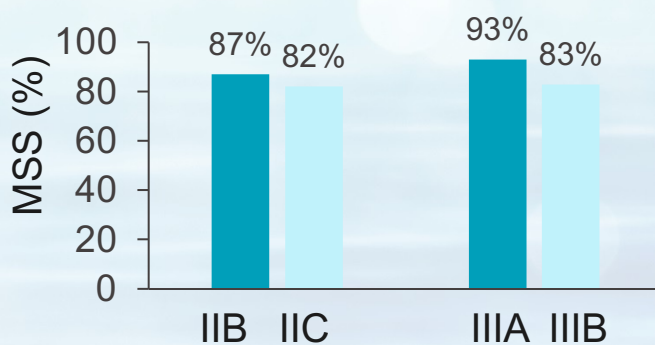
5-year risk of disease recurrence^a (CMMR)¹

Relapse rates with distant metastases
Lee AY et al. *Ann Surg Oncol* 2017;24(4):939–946

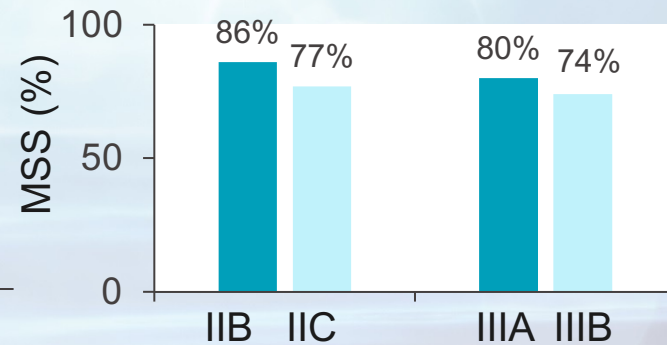


■ Patients who relapsed with distant metastasis as first relapse

■ Patients who didn't relapse with distant metastasis as first relapse*



5-year MSS rate (AJCCv8)³

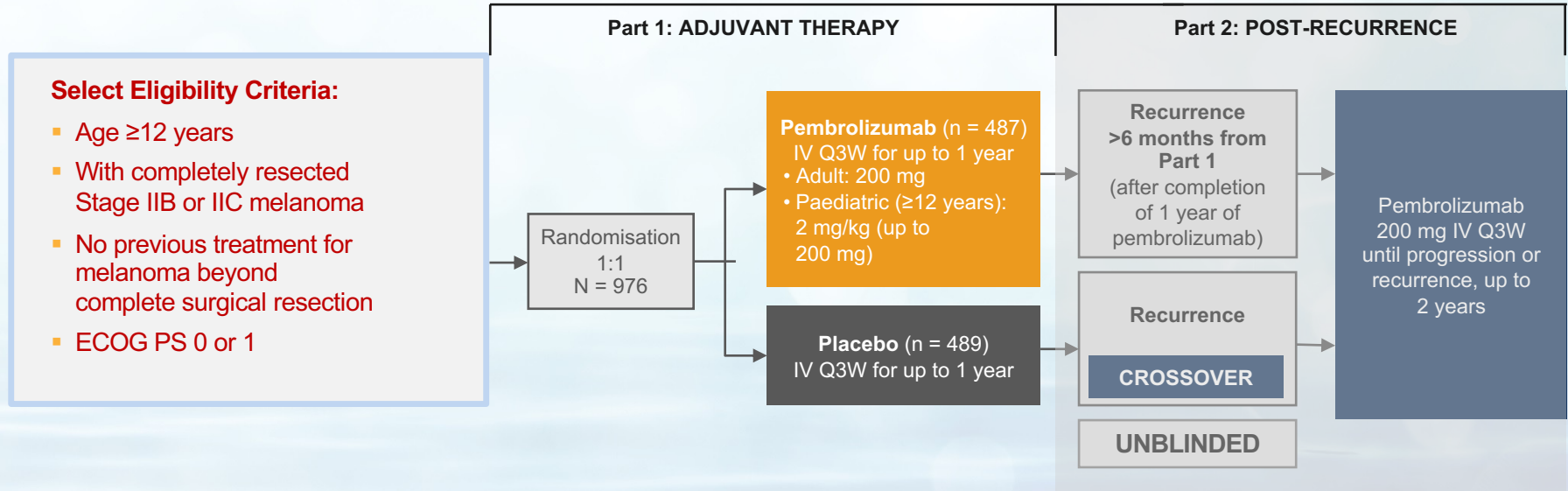


5-year MSS rate^a (CMMR)^{1,2}

^aConfirmatory cohort. AJCCv8, American Joint Committee on Cancer version 8; CMMR, Central Malignant Melanoma Registry; MSS, melanoma-specific survival.

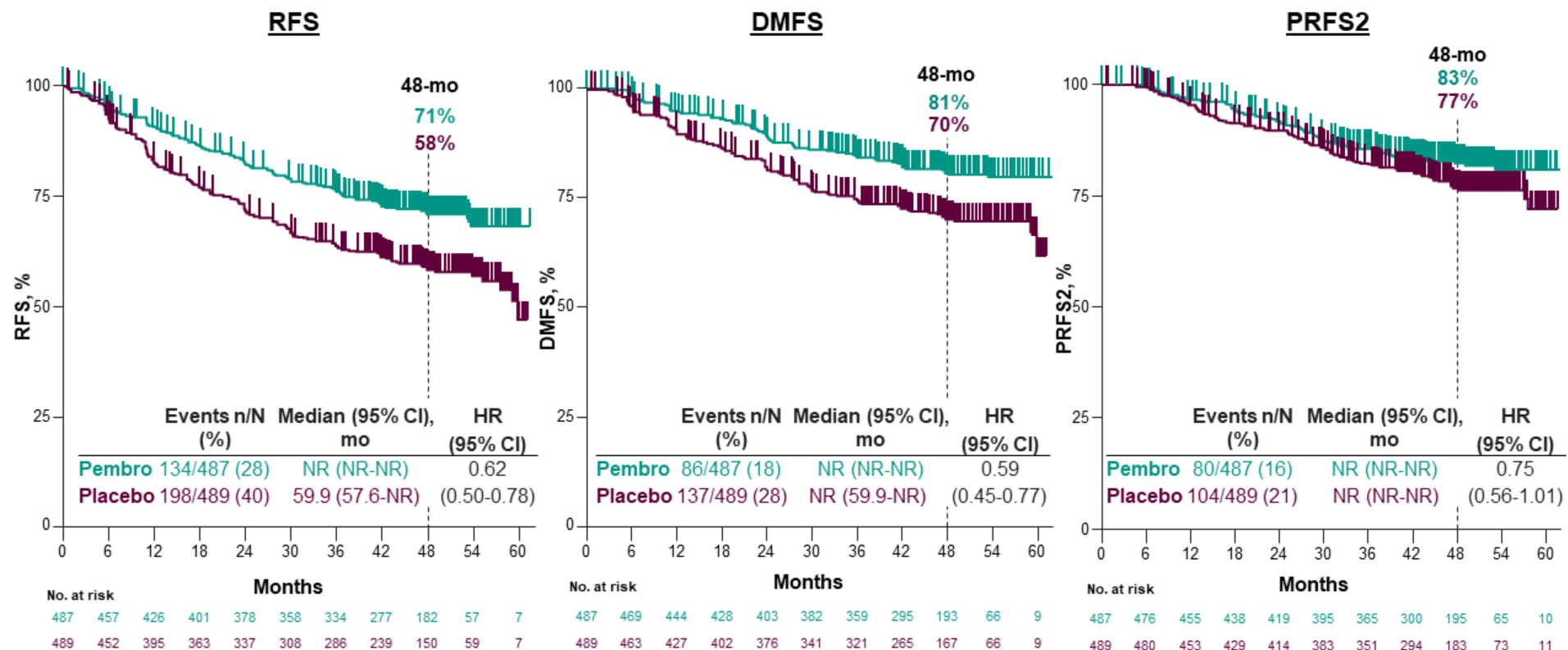
1. Garbe C, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2022. doi: 10.1200/JCO.22.00202. 2. Garbe C, et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2020;38:2543-2551. 3. Gershenwald JE, et al. *CA Cancer J Clin* 2017;67:472-92.

KEYNOTE-716: The efficacy and safety of pembrolizumab in patients with completely resected Stage IIB or IIC melanoma were studied in a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 3 trial¹



Patients underwent imaging at 6 months from the date of randomisation, then every 6 months from years 2 to 4 after randomisation, and then once in year 5 from or until recurrence, whichever came first, or as clinically indicated.

RFS, DMFS, and PRFS2 in Part 1



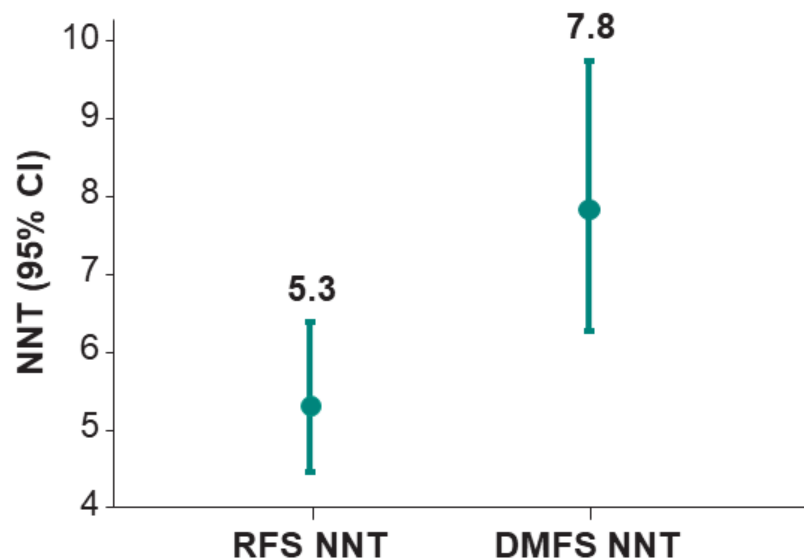
PRFS2 was defined as time from randomization to first disease progression beyond the initial unresectable disease recurrence, second recurrence, or death.

Data cutoff date: Feb 16, 2024.

KEYNOTE-716: The safety profile of pembrolizumab was as previously seen in stage III ¹

	Pembrolizumab		Placebo	
Events, n (%)^a	N = 483		N = 486	
All	462 (96)		445 (92)	
Treatment-related	400 (83)		309 (64)	
Grade ≥3	83 (17)		24 (5)	
Discontinued	77 (16)		12 (2)	
Died	0		0	
Immune-mediated events and infusion reactions	182 (38)		45 (9)	
Treatment-related events ≥15%	All	Grade ≥3	All	Grade ≥3
Fatigue	103 (21)	1 (<1)	92 (19)	1 (<1)
Hypothyroidism	77 (16)	0	13 (3)	0
Arthralgia	81 (17)	2 (<1)	39 (8)	0
Pruritus	119 (25)	3 (1)	52 (11)	0
Rash	78 (16)	7 (1)	34 (7)	1 (<1)
Diarrhea	90 (19)	5 (1)	56 (12)	1 (<1)

Number Needed to Treat by RMST for RFS and DMFS



Calculation of NNT based on RMST

$$NNT_{RMST}(t) = \frac{1}{(RMST_P(t)/RMST_C(t)) - 1}$$

For this analysis:

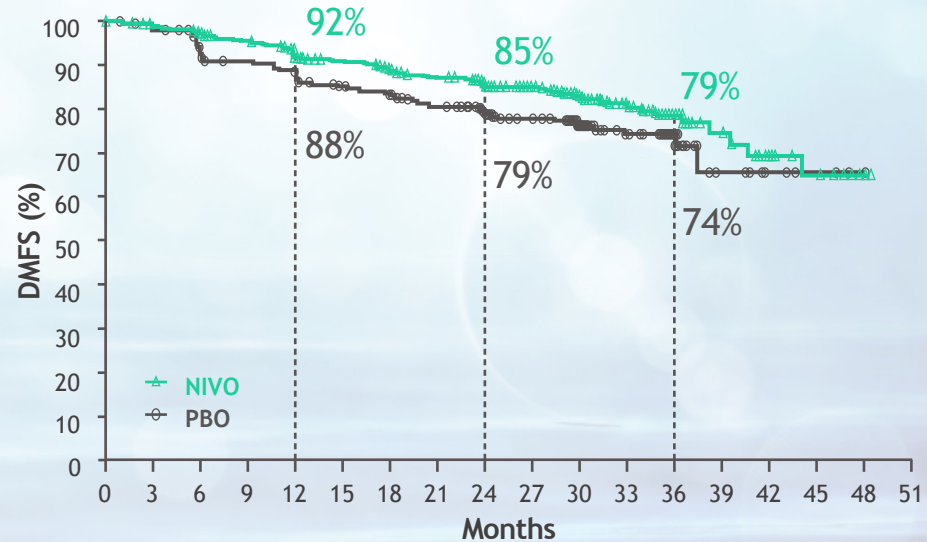
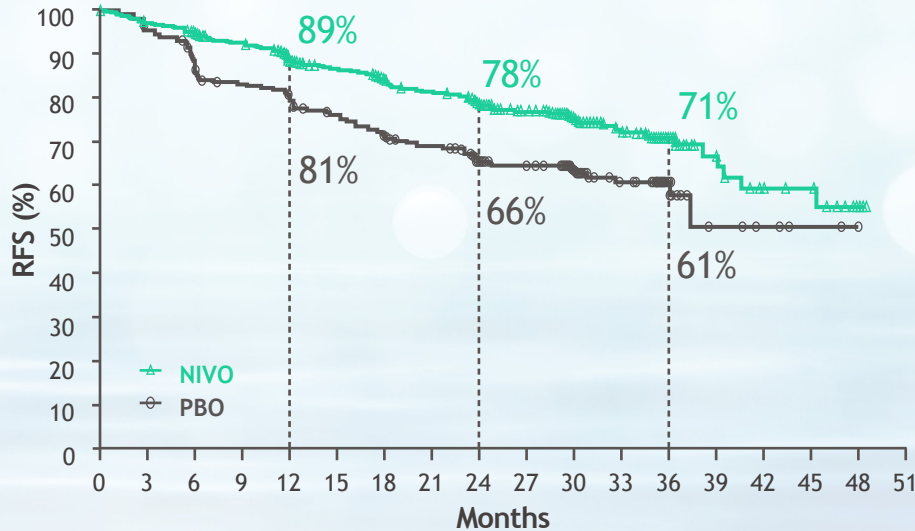
RMST_P(t) = Total area under the Kaplan-Meier curve to 60 months in the pembrolizumab arm

RMST_C(t) = Total area under the Kaplan-Meier curve to 60 months in the placebo arm

CheckMate 76K: RFS and DMFS (27mo min f/up)

RFS ^a	NIVO	PBO
Events, n/N	133/526	95/264
Median, months (95% CI)	NR (40.7–NR)	NR (36.1–NR)
Stratified HR (95% CI)	0.62 (0.47–0.80)	

DMFS ^b	NIVO	PBO
Events, n/N	96/526	61/264
Median, months (95% CI)	NR	NR
Stratified HR (95% CI)	0.72 (0.52–1.00)	



No. at risk

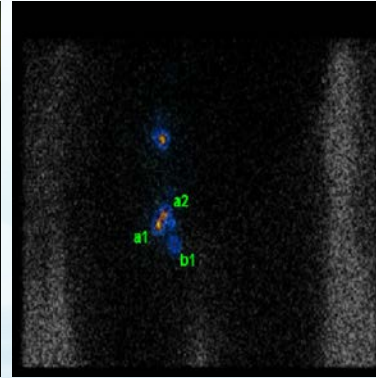
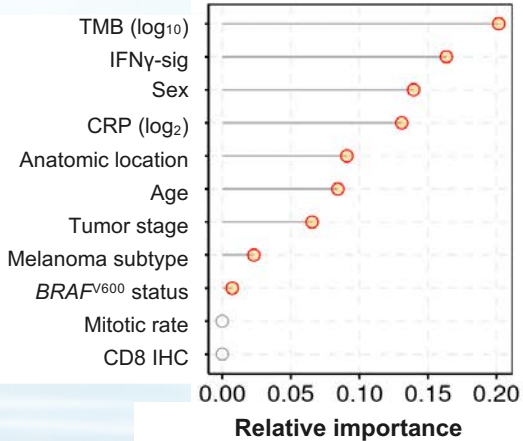
NIVO	526	492	474	456	430	413	396	380	342	310	217	171	82	28	19	15	4	0
PBO	264	244	224	208	201	186	176	165	145	136	94	62	24	6	4	2	1	0

NIVO	526	505	493	478	452	442	428	413	375	345	242	190	91	31	21	15	4	0
PBO	264	253	236	226	219	207	202	190	170	156	112	79	33	9	5	3	1	0

^aRFS was defined as the time between randomization and first recurrence (recurrence events included local, regional, or distant recurrence, new primary melanomas [including *in situ*], and death [due to any cause]). ^bDMFS was defined as time between randomization and first distant recurrence or death (due to any cause).

Other Considerations..

Ranked by greatest differential predictive impact of NIVO vs PBO on RFS¹



Morton & Cochran, 1990

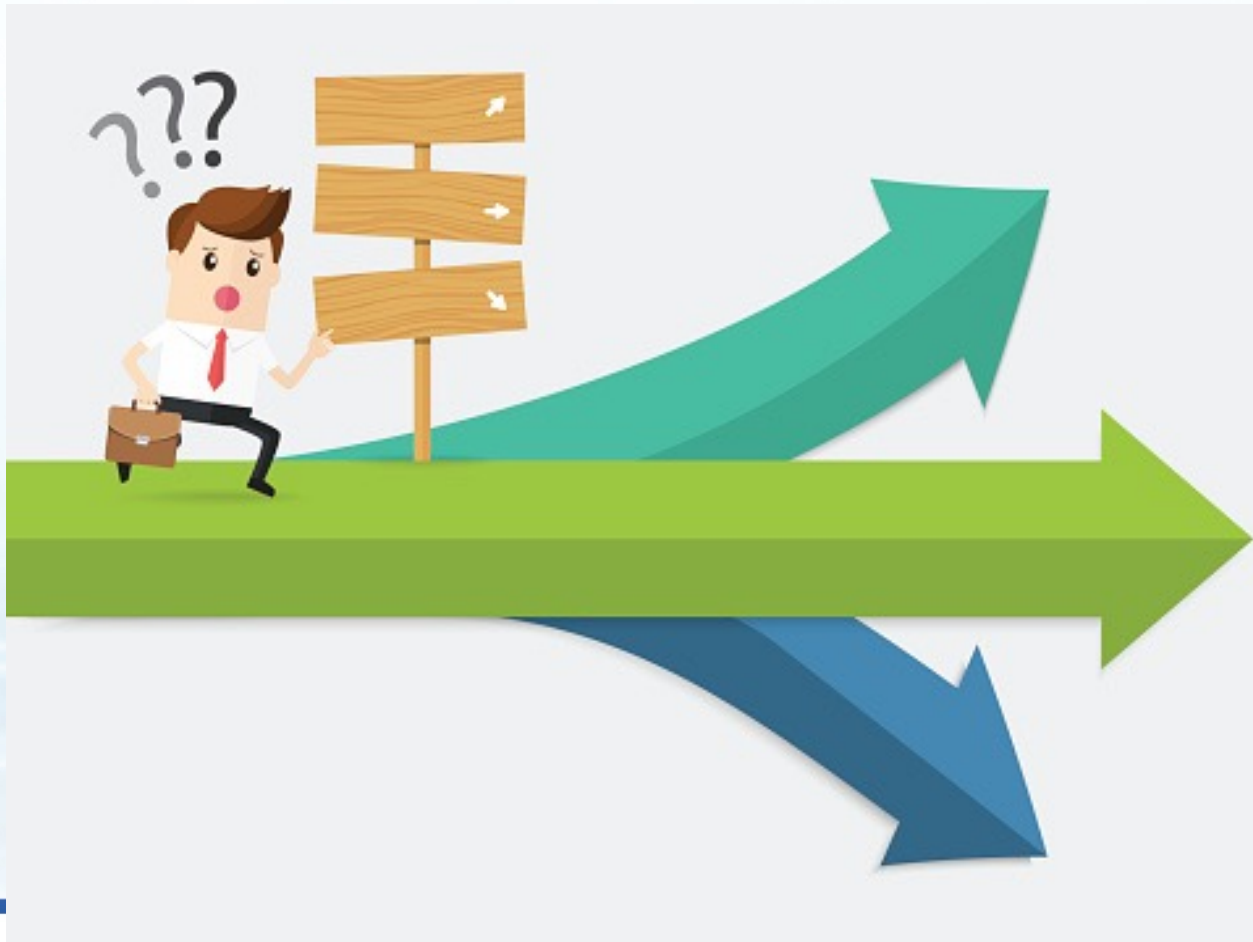
Predictive Factors?

Role of SLNB?

Accessing patients earlier in the pathway

- Raise awareness wrt recurrence risks in stage II melanoma
 - Stage IIC = Stage IIIB in terms of survival outcomes
 - 5 year melanoma specific survival: IIC = 77-82%, IIIB = 74-83%
- Discuss opportunities for treating, in particular, stage IIC patients
 - Number needed to treat to benefit 1 patient likely $<8^1$
- The fine balance between benefits and risks for individual patients requires careful consideration
- Consider biological biomarkers of response
 - TMB, IFN γ signature



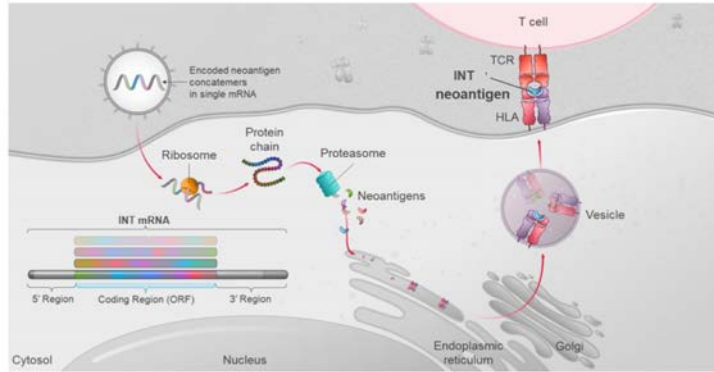


Individualised Neoantigen Therapy

Proprietary

A Khattak V940 AACR 2023

mRNA-4157 (V940) Mechanism of Action



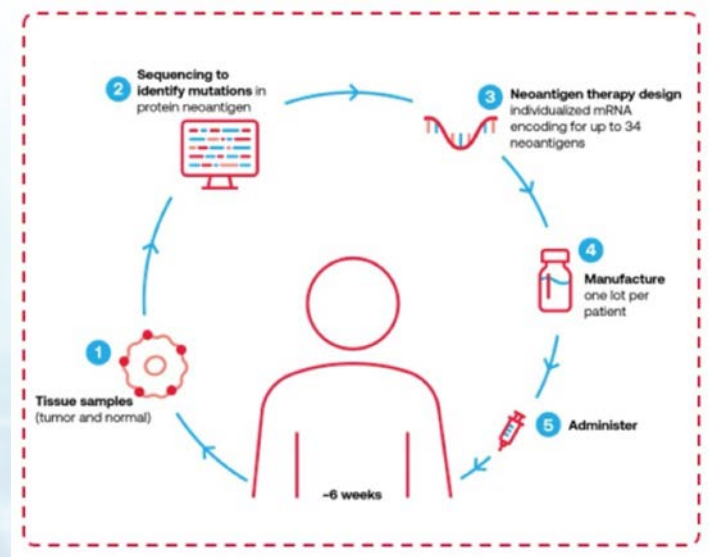
mRNA-4157 (V940) is a **customizable** individualized neoantigen therapy encoding up to 34 neoantigens

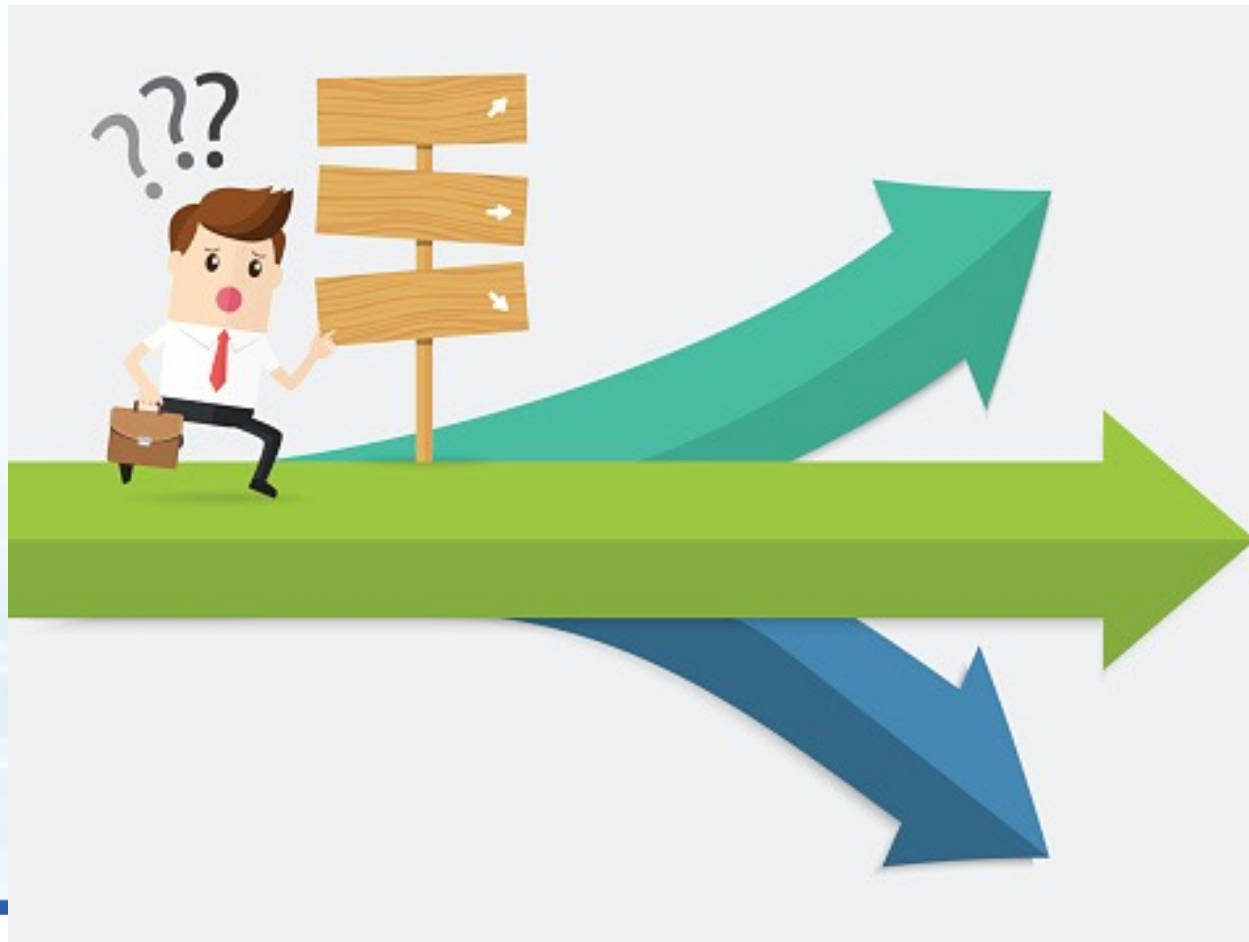
Targeting of neoantigens by T-cells has been demonstrated to **drive antitumor responses**¹

The modified mRNA **platform** was implemented for the COVID-19 vaccine (mRNA-1273), demonstrating its **utility and adaptability**²

HLA, human leukocyte antigen; mRNA, messenger RNA; ORF, open reading frame; PCV, personalized cancer vaccine; RFS, recurrence-free survival; TCR, T-cell receptor.
1. With TC, Kührer F. *Front Immunol.* 2017;8:1848. 2. Baden LR, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2021;384(8):403-416.

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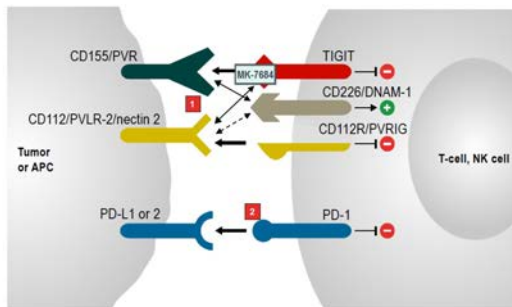


**More isn't
always
better,
sometimes
more is just
more.**

KEYVIBE 010: Interim and only analysis

Mechanism of Action: Anti-TIGIT mAb (MK-7684, Vibostolimab)

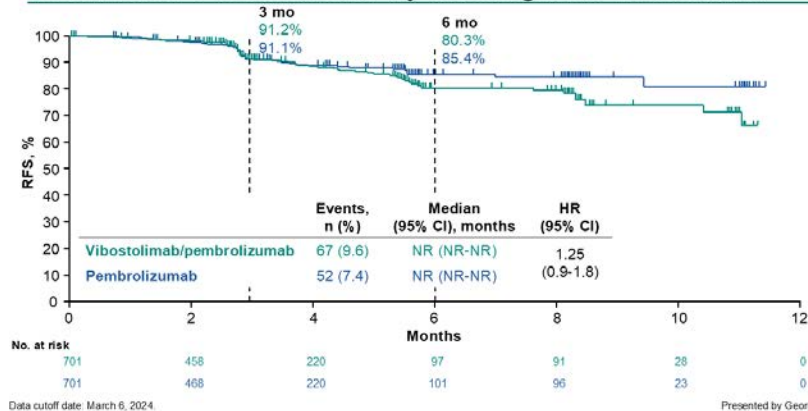
- Pre-clinical models using anti-TIGIT monoclonal antibodies indicate that FcγR engagement is required for maximal anti-tumor response by TIGIT blockade¹
- The presence of FcγR engagement is associated with enhanced myeloid cell activation¹
- MK-7684** (vibostolimab) is a humanized, IgG1 monoclonal antibody that binds TIGIT and blocks its interaction with its ligands, CD112/hectin 2 and CD155/PVR²
- MK-7684A** is a coformulation of vibostolimab with pembrolizumab
- Blocking additional ligand-receptor interactions, such as PD-L1/PD-1, may enhance the antitumor response³



¹ Han J et al. *Front Immunol*. 2020; 11: 573405. ² Cohen T et al. Presented at SITC 2018. ³ Hana A et al. *Clin Immunol Immunopathol*. 2018; 178: 1456-1469. Image adapted from Anderson AC et al. *Immunol*. 2015; 144(5): 989-1004 and Harjanto H and Outhrey C. *Clinical and Experimental Immunology*. 2015; 200: 108-119



Recurrence-Free Survival by Investigator Assessment

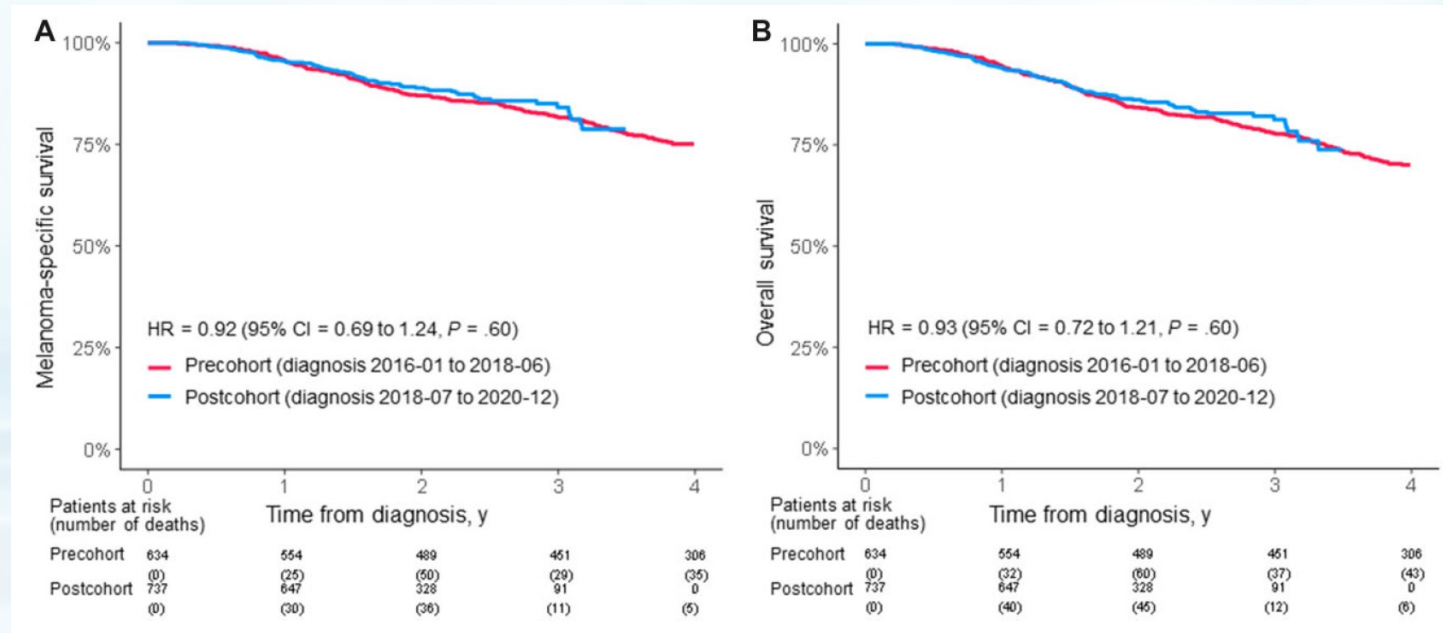


Grade 3-5 TRAEs:

- 16% vibostolimab/pembrolizumab
- 7% pembrolizumab

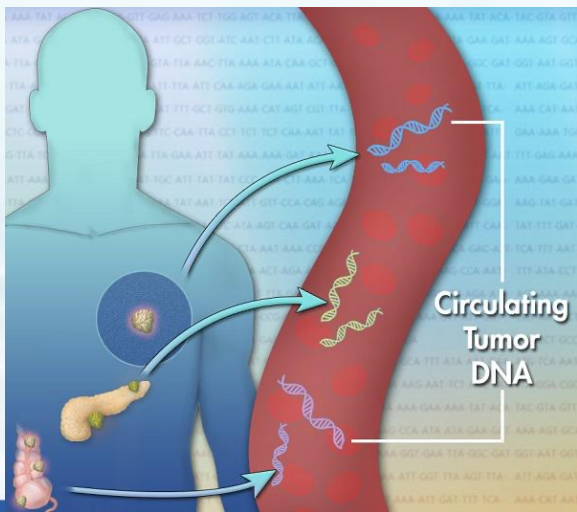
A Word of Caution...

Results of the Swedish Nationwide Registry-based Study



1371 patients with stage III melanoma in Sweden, 2016-2020; 2 cohorts defined by introduction of adjuvant therapy. F/up until end 2021

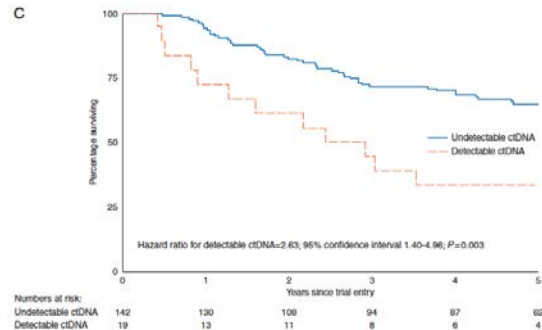
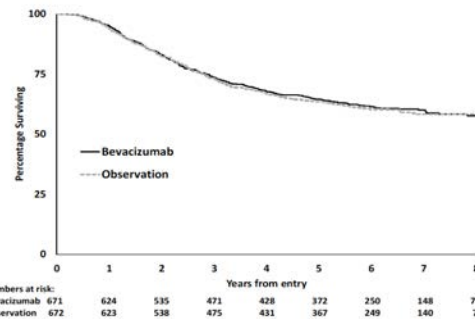
DETECTION



Lee R et al, *Annals Oncol* 2018;29: 490-6

AVAST-M

Adjuvant aVASTin Trial
in high risk Melanoma





DETECTION-2 Feasibility

50 patients
From 8 sites

Key inclusion

- Stage IIB/IIC/IIIA melanoma
- BRAF/NRAS/TERT promoter mutated
- ECOG PS 0/1

Randomise
1:1

Arm A
Approved physicians choice adjuvant anti -PD-1 or targeted therapy (depending on disease stage/BRAF mutation status) for 1 year

Arm B
ctDNA monitoring every 3 months for years 1 -3, then 6 monthly for years 4 & 5

ctDNA negative
Continue monitoring

ctDNA negative
Local relapse

Surgery +/- adjuvant therapy if approved indication

ctDNA detected at any timepoint (including post local relapse)

Treatment with physicians choice approved therapy

ctDNA storage

Store ctDNA samples for retrospective analysis in the main trial

5 year follow up



Chief Investigator: Prof Paul Lorigan
Coordinating centre: Southampton CTU
Recruitment period: 12 months
No. of sites: 8 (open 1 per month)

Co-Primary Endpoints:

Recruitment rate

Proportion of ctDNA sample results returned ≤ 10 working days from sample being taken

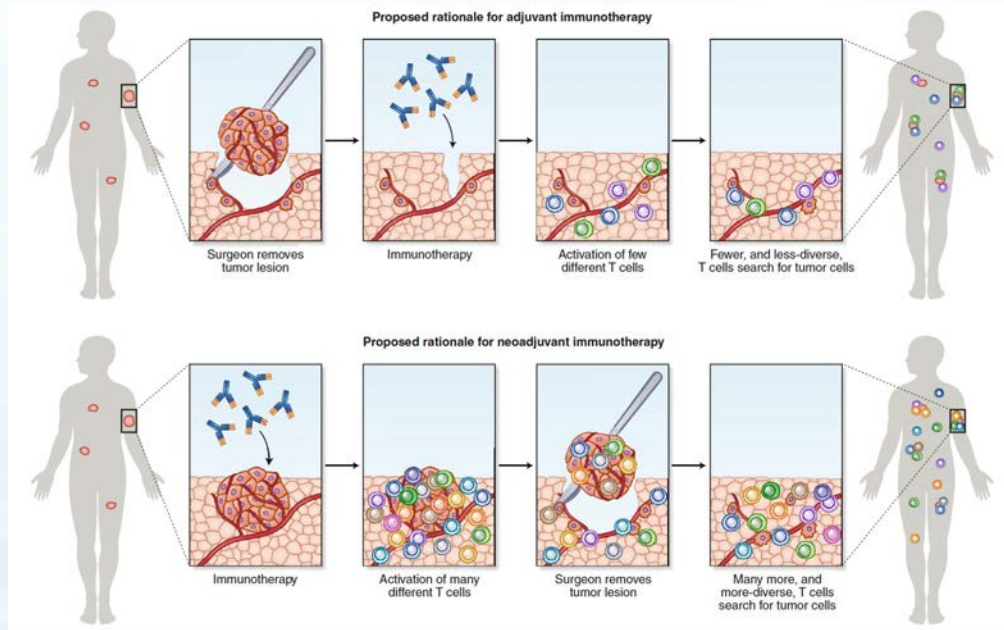
Feasibility Criteria:

Randomised ≥ 50 patients within a 12 month period

Review recruitment limitations & review Phase III criteria

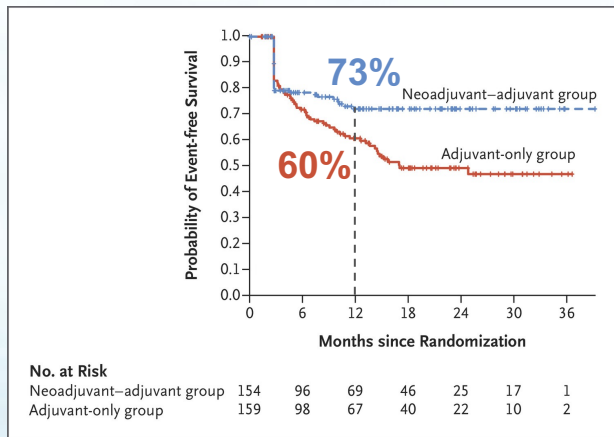
95% of samples returned within 10 working days

Neoadjuvant therapy – Strong biological rationale

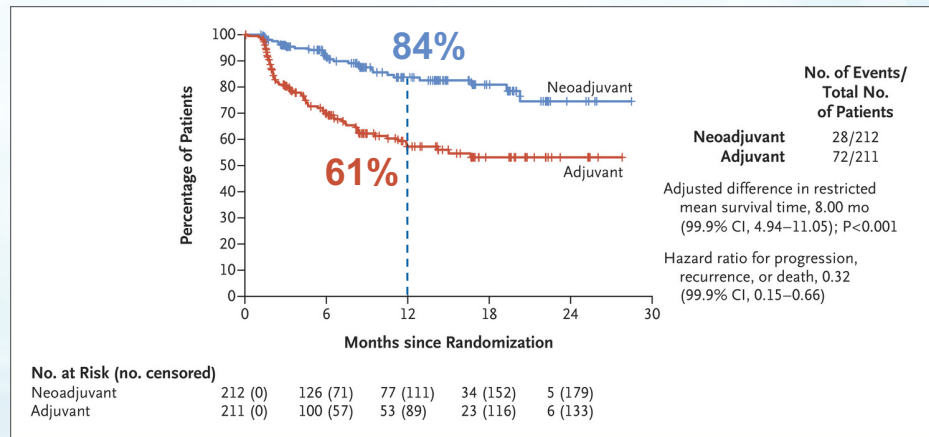


Checkpoint inhibitors in high-risk stage III resectable melanoma

SWOG S1801¹



NADINA²



2022
SWOG S1801

Neoadjuvant PD-1

Surgery

Adjuvant PD-1

HR 0.58 vs adjuvant PD-1 (EFS)⁶

2024
NADINA

Neoadjuvant PD-1
plus CTLA-4

Surgery

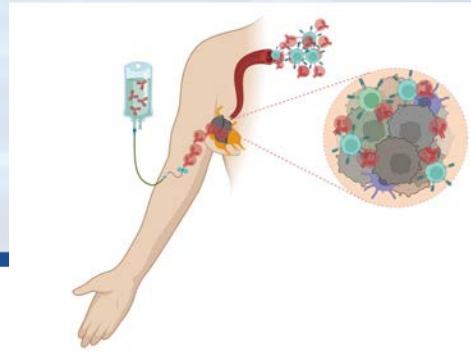
Response-directed
adjuvant PD-1 or
BRAF/MEK

HR 0.32 vs adjuvant PD-1 (EFS)⁷

1. Patel SA, et al. N Engl J Med. 2023;388:813–823; 2. Blank CU, et al. N Engl J Med. 2024;00:00–00. *1-yr EFS rates estimated from KM curve.

Neoadjuvant Therapy – The Future?

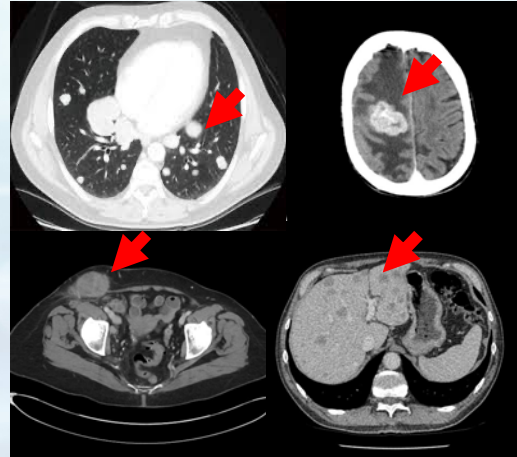
- Strong biological rationale
- Model for drug development & biomarker testing
- Personalisation of treatment
 - Early identification of patients with responsive or resistant disease
- De-escalation of subsequent interventions
 - Omission of unnecessary surgery
 - Reduced need for adjuvant radiotherapy
 - Avoidance of protracted adjuvant systemic therapy
- Gains in patient QOL
- Intelligent use of finite resources



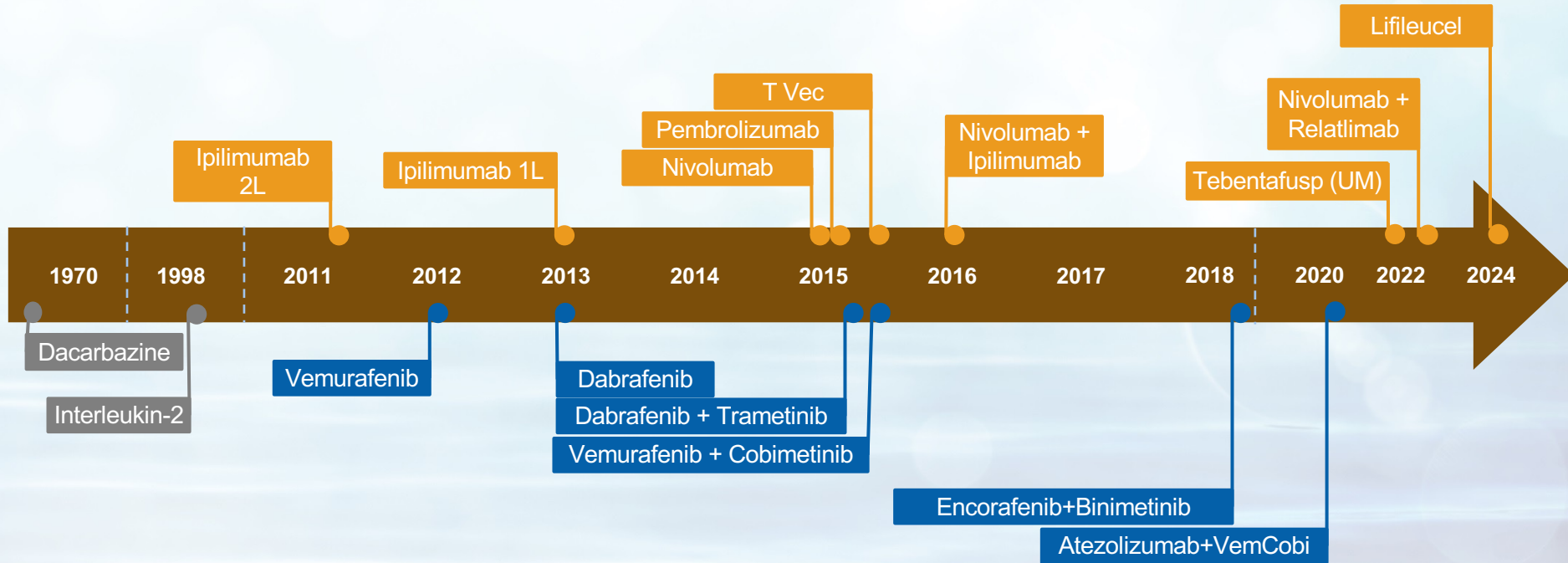
Melanoma – What's the Problem?



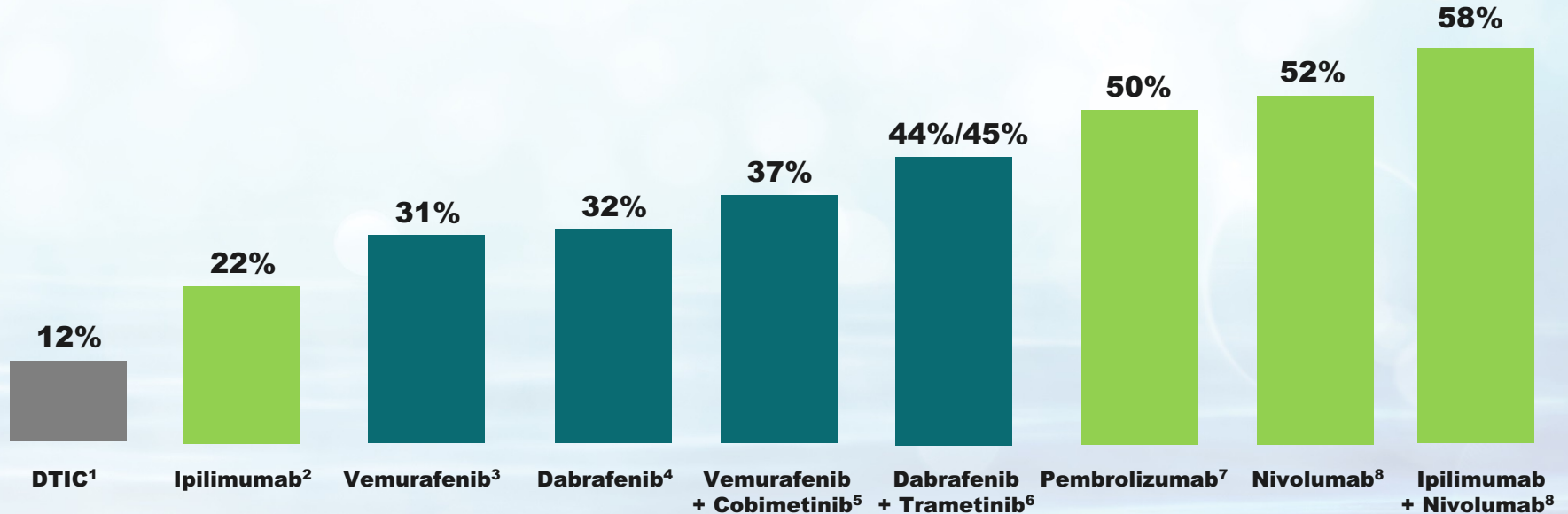
20% Recur



The advanced melanoma treatment revolution

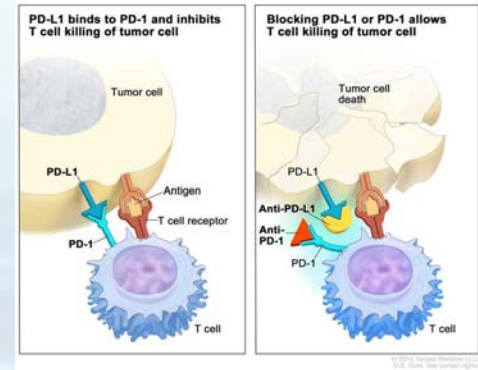
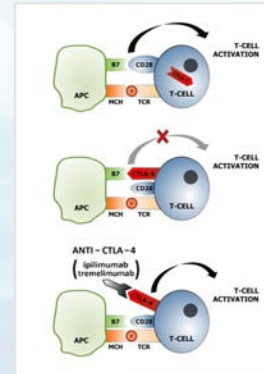
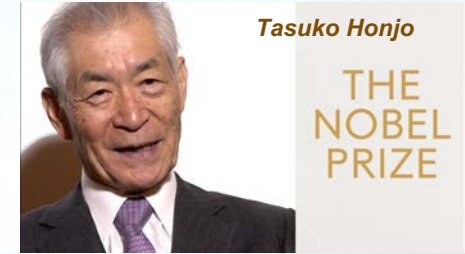
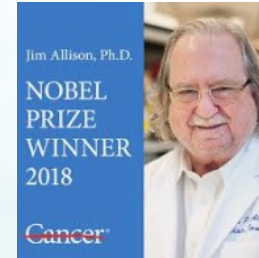
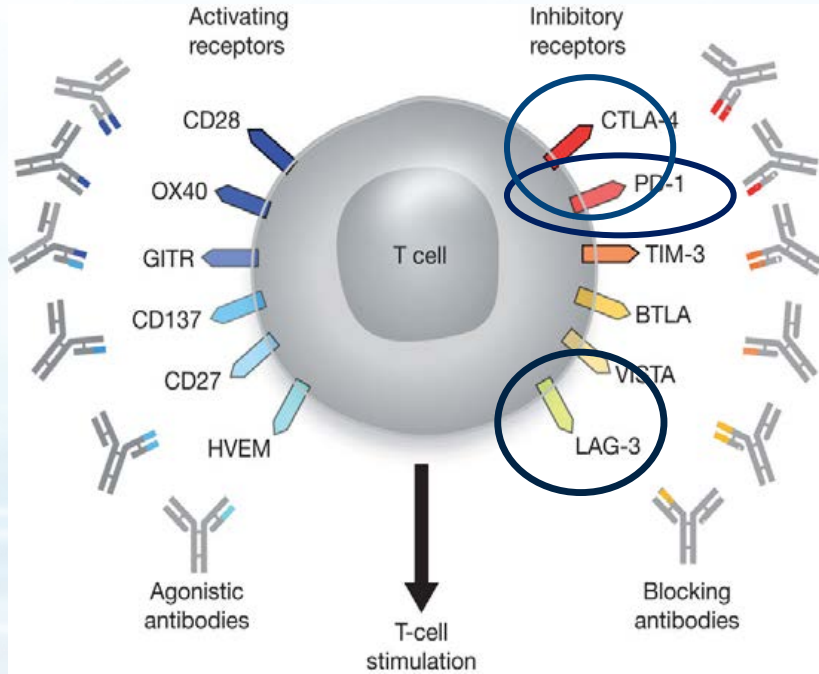


Immune checkpoint inhibitors and BRAF targeted therapy have significantly improved 3-year overall survival for patients with stage IV melanoma



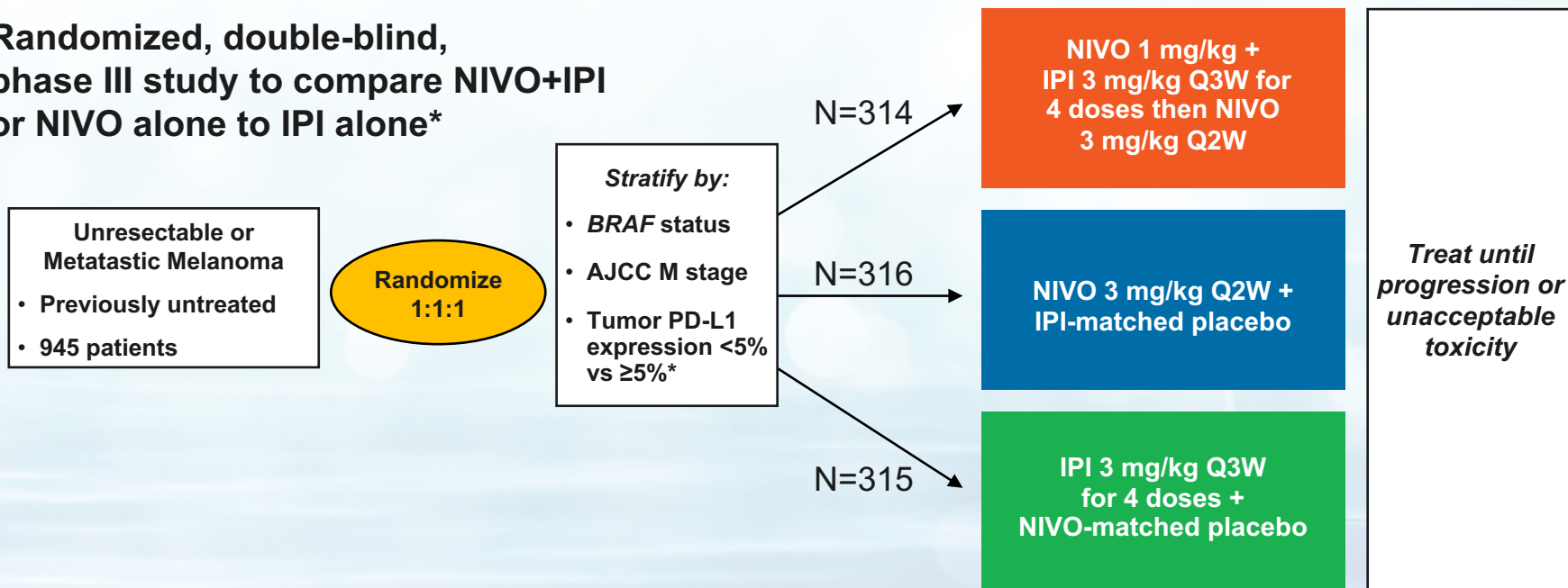
1. Middleton et al, 2000; 2. Hodi et al, 2010; 3. Chapman et al, 2011; 4. Hauschild et al, 2013; 5. Larkin et al, 2014; 6. Robert et al, 2019a; Robert et al, 2019b; Wolchock et al, 2022

First line therapy for patients with metastatic melanoma: how do we choose?



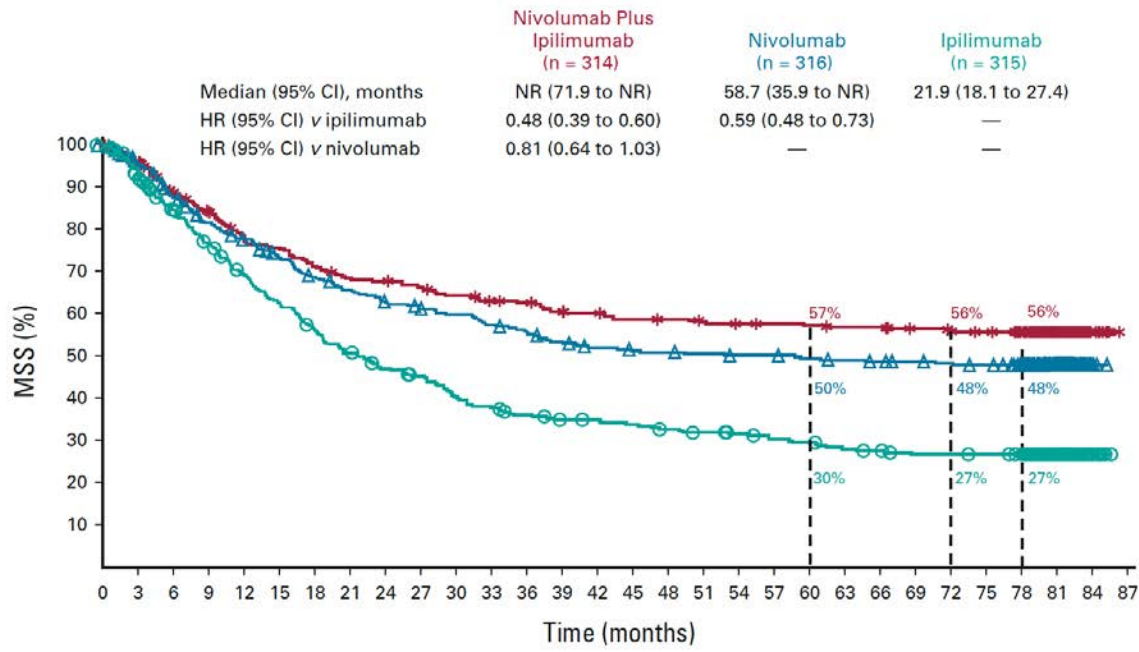
CheckMate 067: Established ipilimumab+nivolumab as the gold standard of care

Randomized, double-blind, phase III study to compare NIVO+IPI or NIVO alone to IPI alone*



**The study was not powered for a comparison between NIVO and NIVO+IPI*

CHECKMATE 067 trial long term outcomes: Some patients may be cured



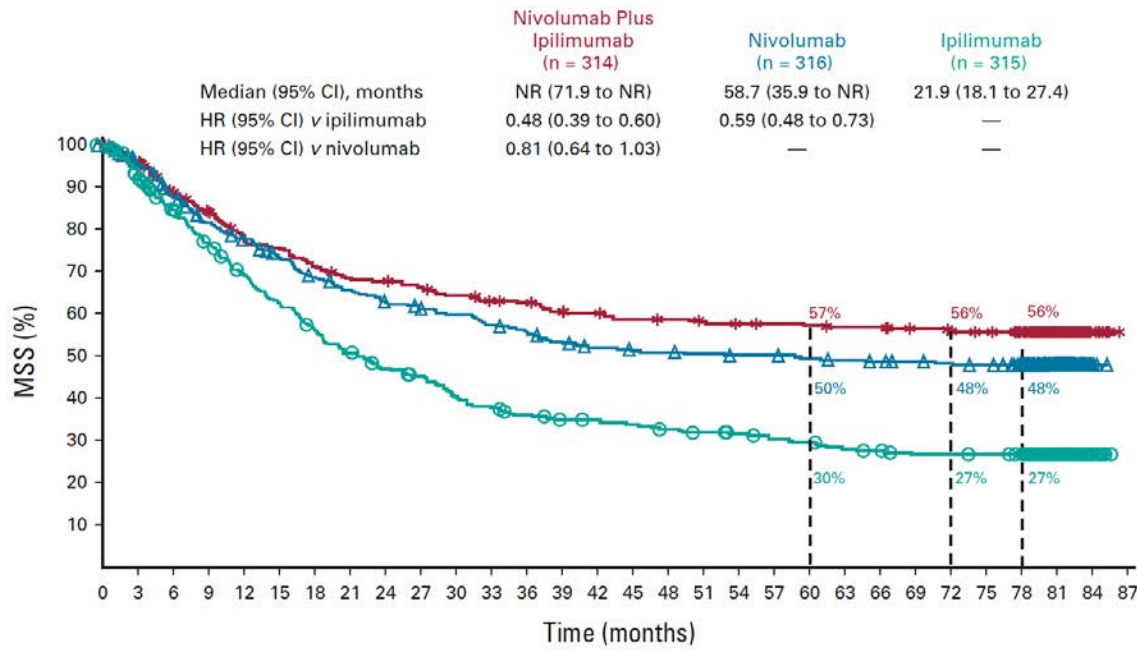
Nivo+ipi

Nivolumab

Ipilimumab

10 year f/up = cure?

CHECKMATE 067 trial long term outcomes: NIVO+IPI efficacy must be considered alongside toxicity



	Nivo+Ipi	Nivo	Ipi
Treatment-related AEs	96% Any 59% G3-4	86% Any 21% G3-4	86% Any 28% G3-4

AEs side effect

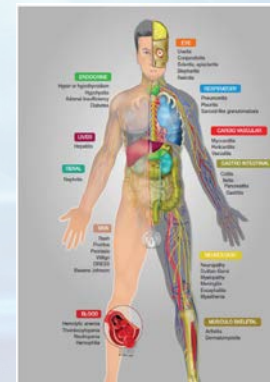
G3= severe

G4= life threatening

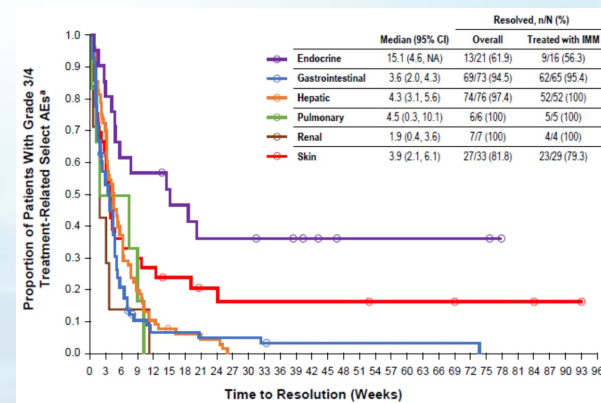
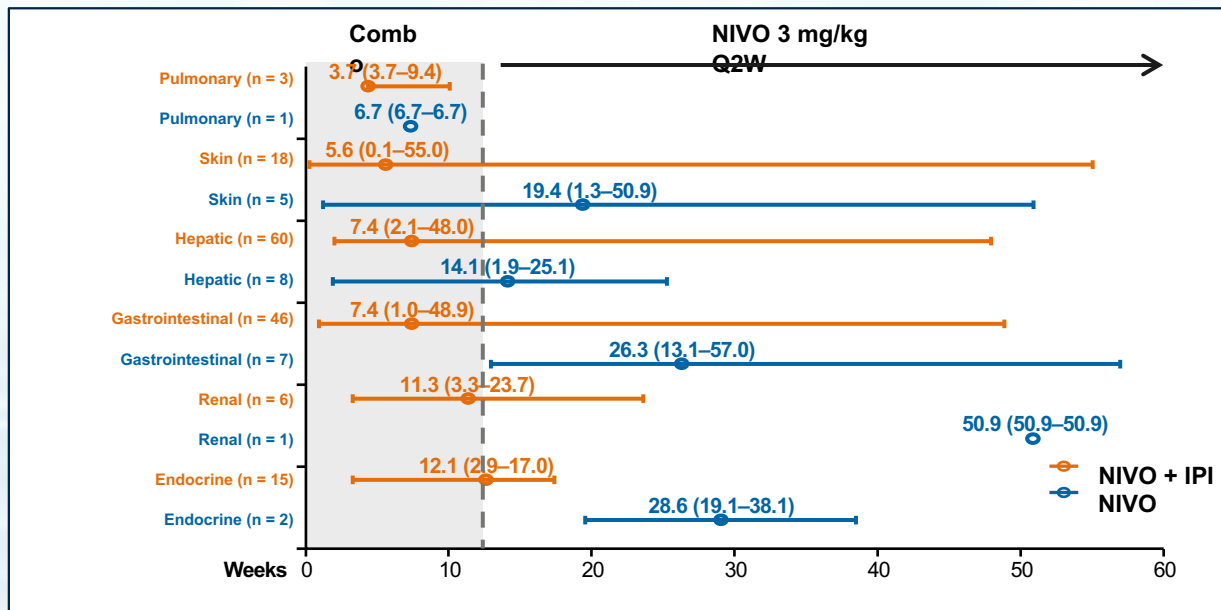
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Nivolumab

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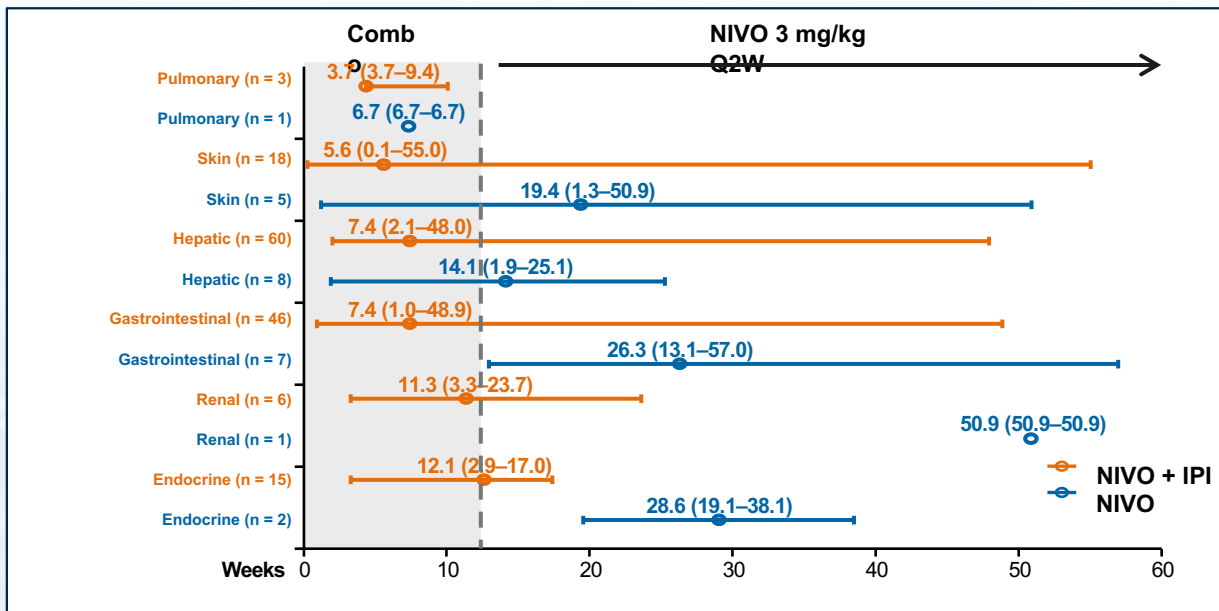
CHECKMATE 067 trial has taught us to recognize and manage complex immune-related adverse events



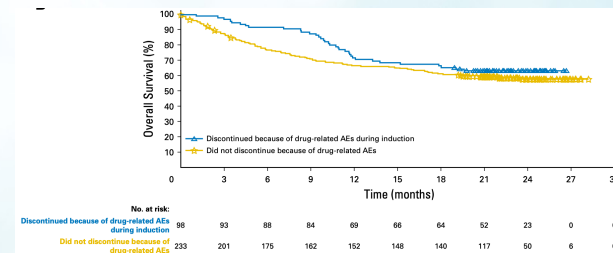
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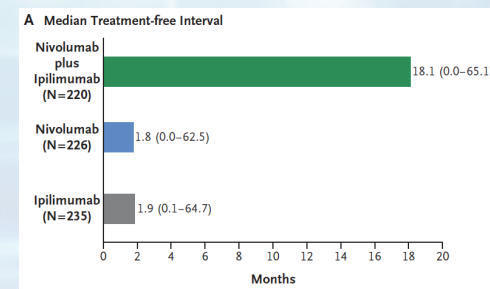
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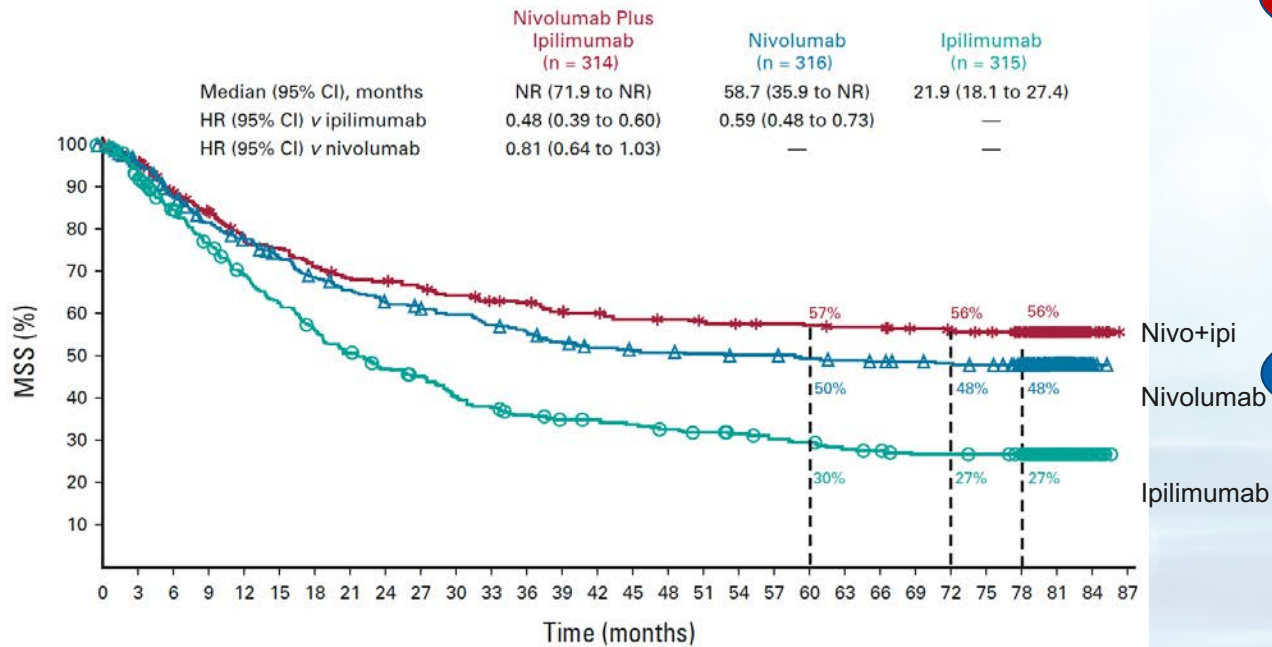


Schadendorf D, et al. J Clin Oncol 2017; 35: 3807-14†

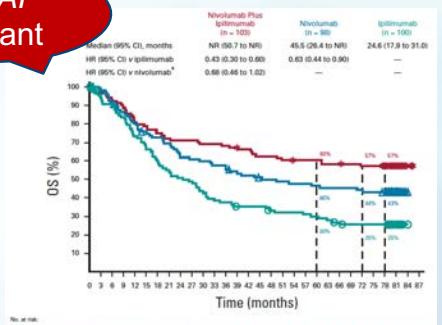


Larkin J, et al. 2019; 381: 1535-46

CHECKMATE 067 trial long term outcomes: Does *BRAF* status matter?

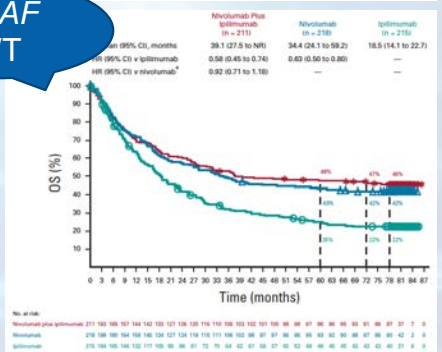


BRAF mutant



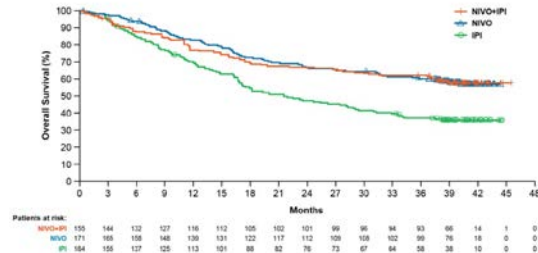
Nivo+ipi
Nivolumab
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BRAF WT

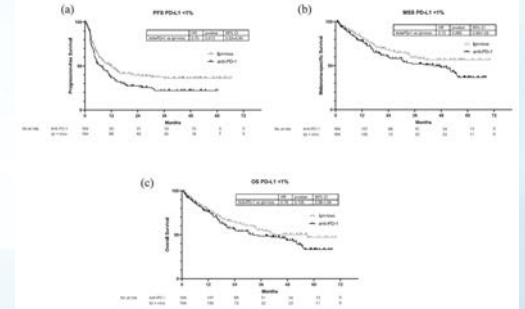
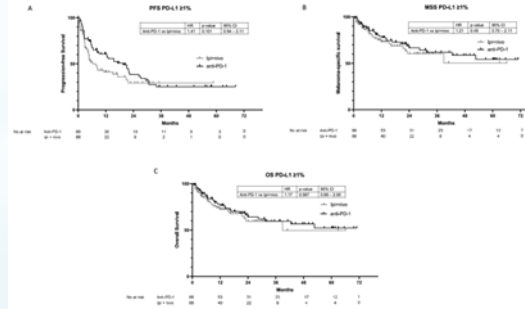
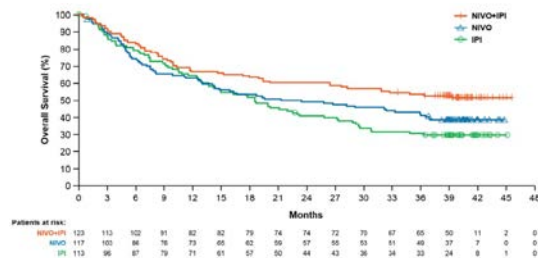


CHECKMATE 067 trial: What about PD-L1 expression?

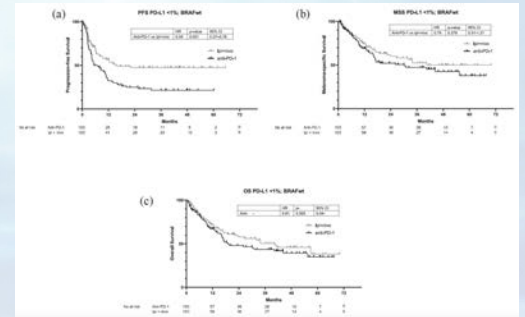
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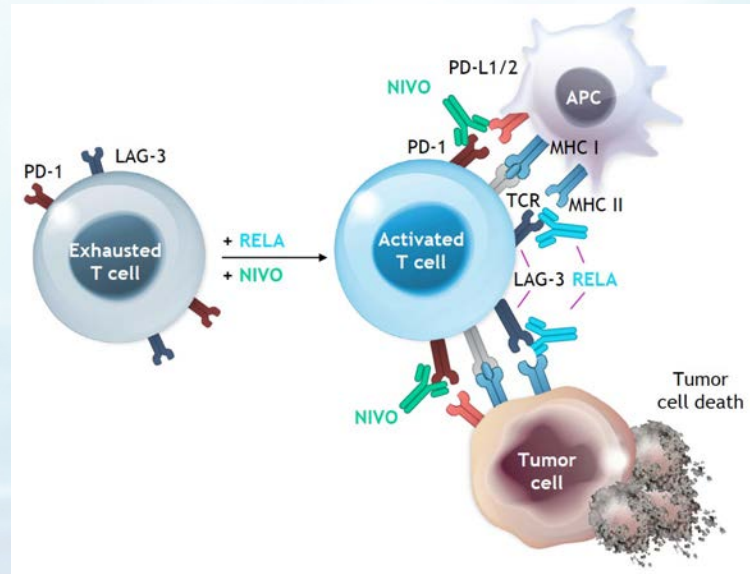
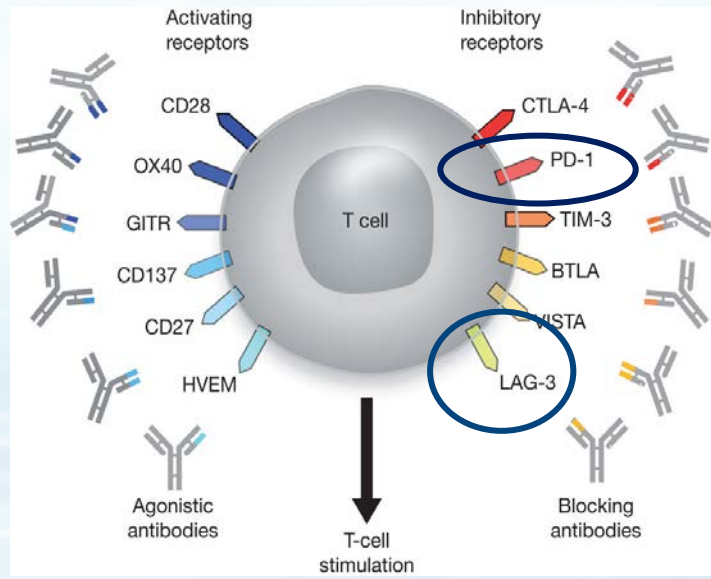
(D) PD-L1 expression level $< 1\%$



In a large-scale, Danish population-based study, improved clinical outcomes with nivo+ipi was not evident in patients with $\geq 1\%$ tumor PD-L1 expression

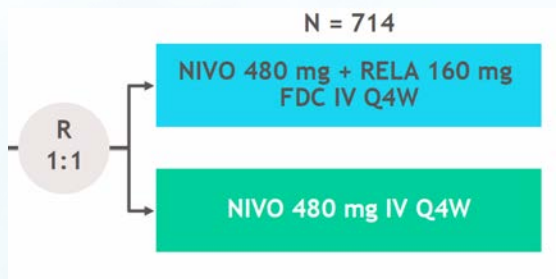


Can we improve outcomes by targeting other immune checkpoints?

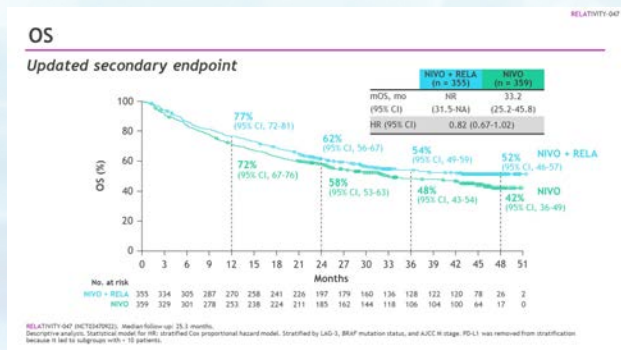
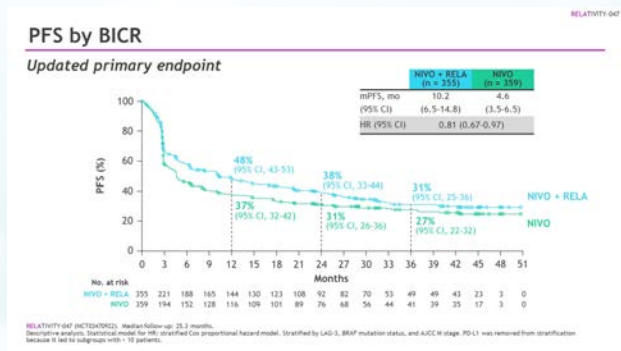


Relatlimab blocks LAG-3 and restores T cell function

RELATIVITY 047: Nivolumab + Relatlimab (Opdualag) improves relapse-free survival and maintains quality of life compared with nivolumab alone



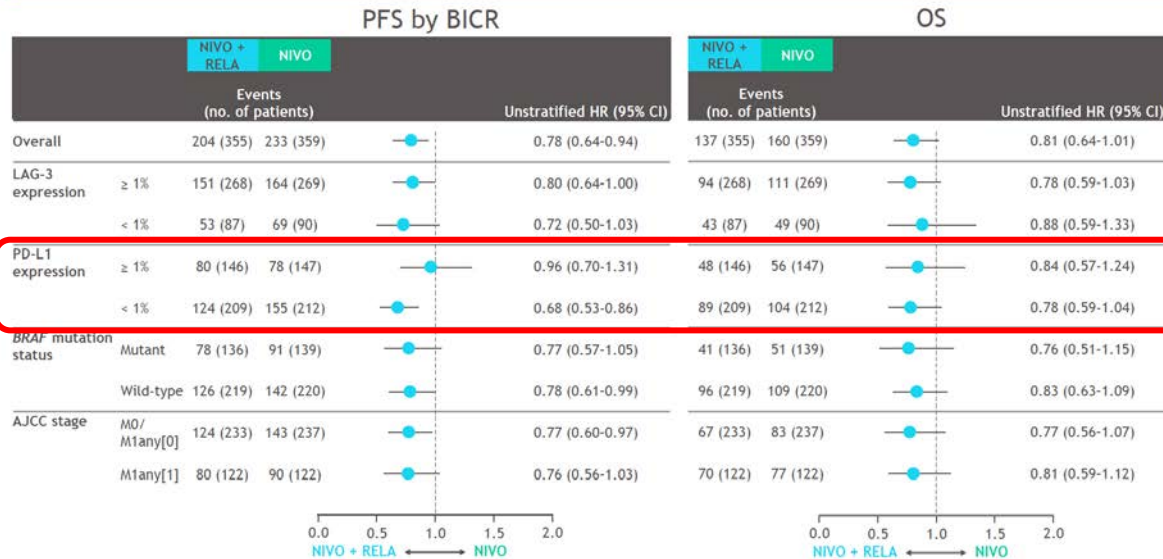
	Nivo+Rela	Nivo
Treatment-related AEs	84% Any 21% G3-4	72% Any 11% G3-4



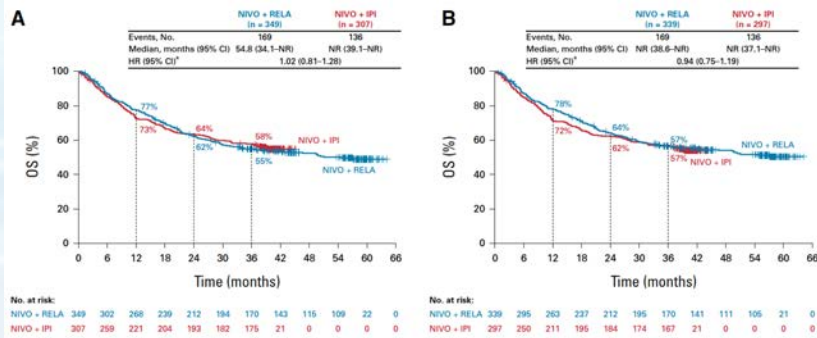
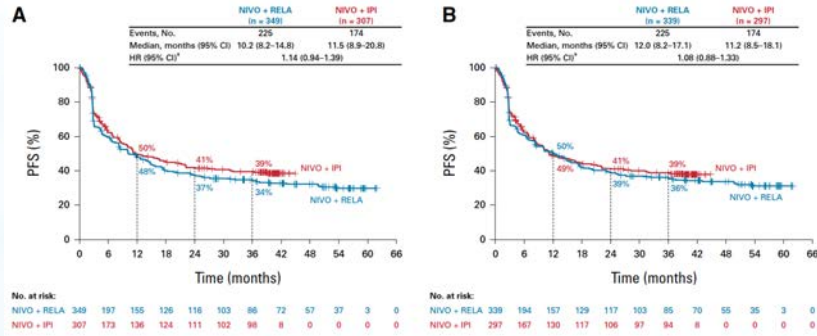
EMA: Opdualag is indicated for the first line treatment of advanced (unresectable or metastatic) melanoma in adults and adolescents 12 years of age and older with tumour cell PD L1 expression < 1%

RELATIVITY-047

PFS by BICR and overall survival across stratification factors

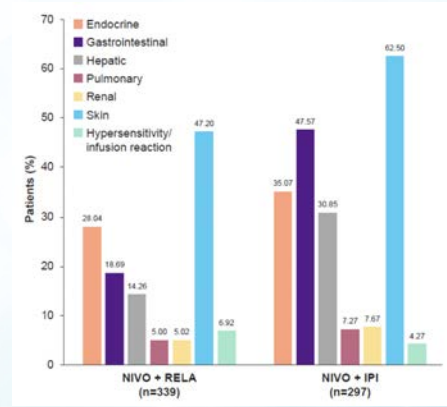


Indirect comparison of Nivolumab + Relatlimab versus Nivolumab + Ipilimumab – *interpret with caution!*

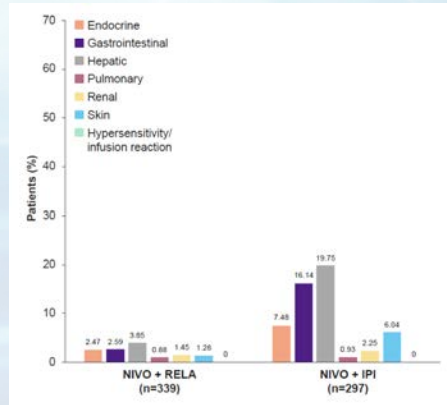


Long G et al, J Clin Oncol Aug 2024

Any grade
Select TRAEs



Grade 3&4
Select TRAEs

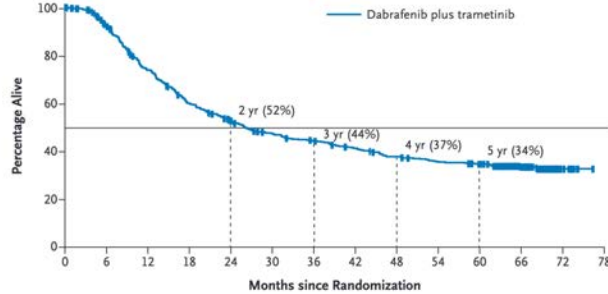


Factors determining choice of first line treatment for metastatic melanoma

- Patient factors
 - Age
 - Performance status
 - Co-morbidities
 - History of autoimmune disease
- Tumour characteristics
 - PD-L1 status
 - BRAF status
- Prior therapy
 - Adjuvant
 - Neoadjuvant

Optimal treatment for *BRAF* mutant stage IV melanoma

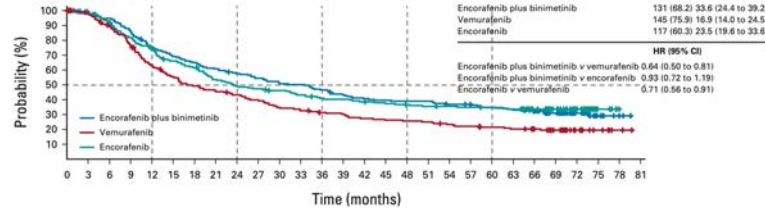
A Overall Survival in All Patients



No. at Risk

Dabrafenib plus trametinib	563	499	391	314	269	237	219	201	181	169	161	103	16	0
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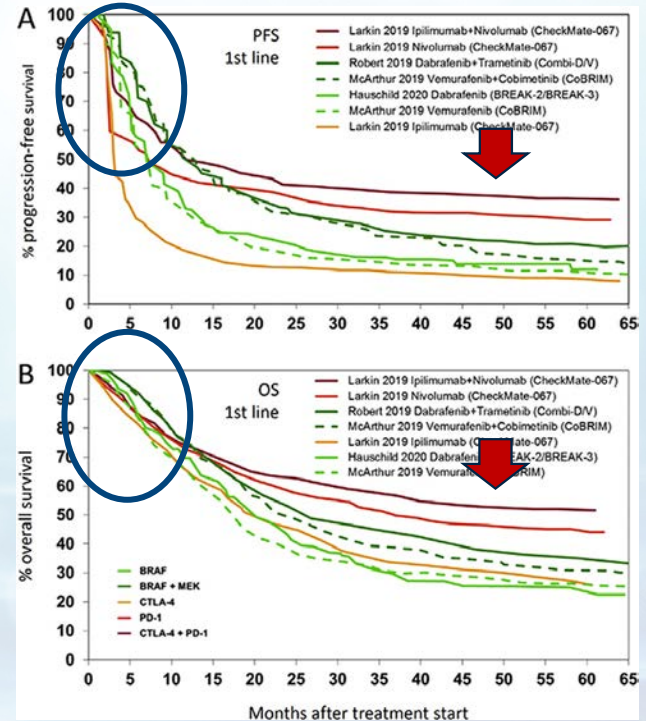
OS, %	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Events, Median, Months
Encorafenib plus binimetinib	75.5	57.7	46.5	39.1	34.7	131 (68.2) 33.6 (24.4 to 39.2)
Vemurafenib	63.1	43.2	31.4	25.6	21.4	145 (75.9) 16.9 (14.0 to 24.5)
Encorafenib	74.6	49.1	40.9	36.8	34.9	117 (60.3) 23.5 (19.6 to 33.6)



No. at risk:

Encorafenib plus binimetinib	192	188	182	166	144	132	124	116	109	103	96	95	88	81	76	74	73	73	68	66	62	59	53	42	22	8	3	0
Vemurafenib	191	184	166	141	115	100	89	83	77	71	62	58	54	52	47	45	44	43	39	37	34	32	29	22	13	6	2	0
Encorafenib	194	181	168	147	133	117	109	94	86	83	79	74	69	68	65	62	60	58	57	56	55	53	44	35	24	5	0	0

Robert C, et al. NEJM 2019; 381: 626-36; Dummer R, et al. 2022: 40: 4178-88

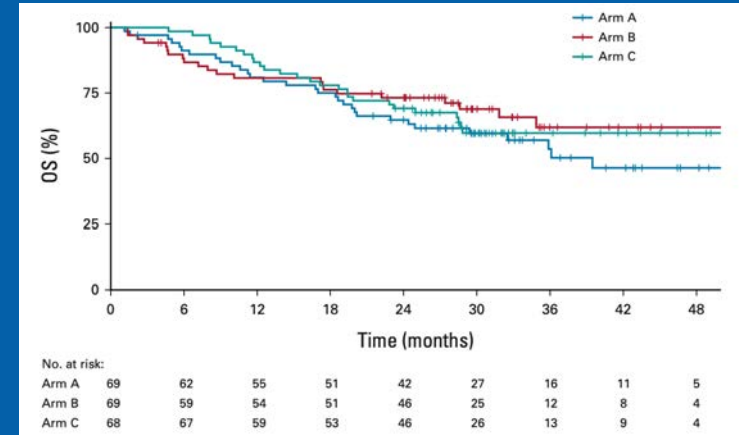
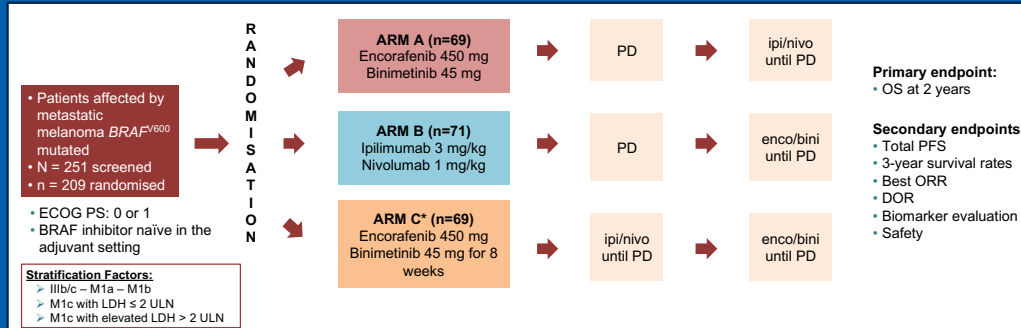


Ugurel S, et al. E J Cancer 2020; 130: 126-38

BRAF mutant metastatic melanoma

- What is optimal first line therapy?

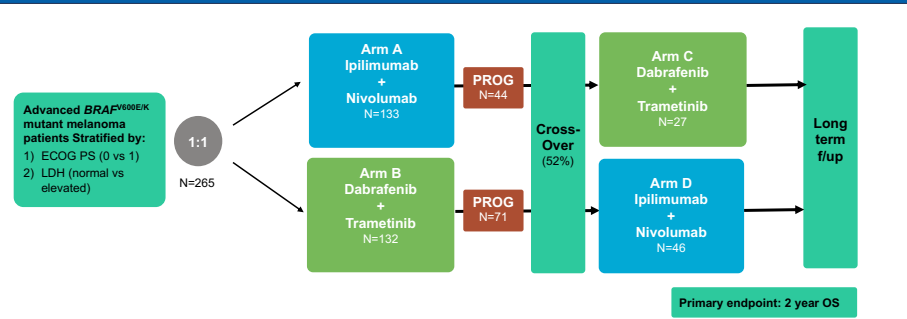
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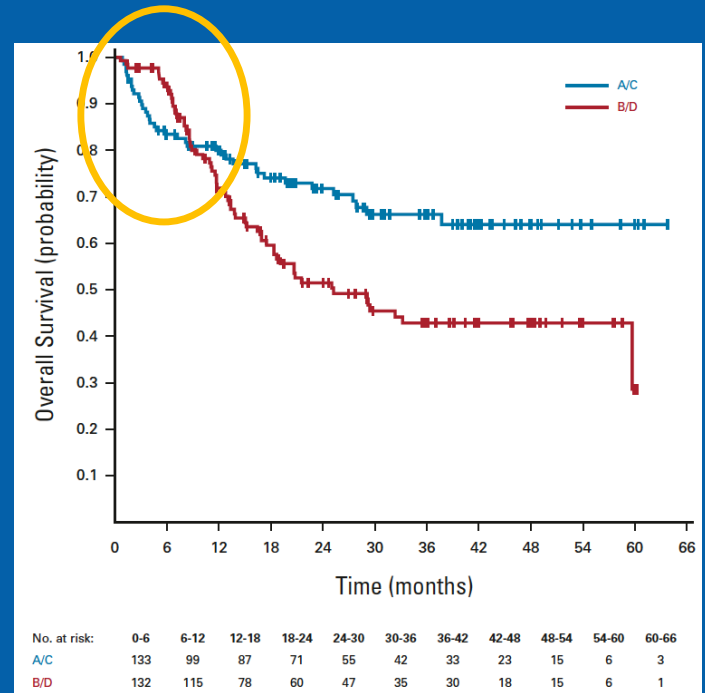
BRAF mutant metastatic melanoma

- What is optimal first line therapy?

DREAMSEQ: Study design
Open-label, randomised phase 3 trial



Atkins et al, J Clin Oncol 2023; 41: 186-99



Which patients are best treated with BRAF-targeted agents today?

- 1st Line Metastatic
 - rapidly progressing metastatic disease, high disease burden (including multiple brain metastases) and/or poor performance status
 - Elderly/frail patients
 - contra-indications to immunotherapy
- 2nd Line Metastatic
 - On progression after 1st line immunotherapy

What Strategies Haven't Worked?

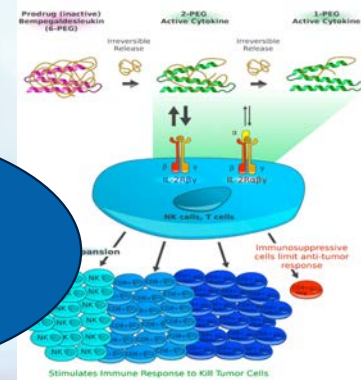
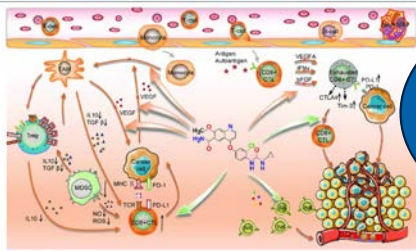
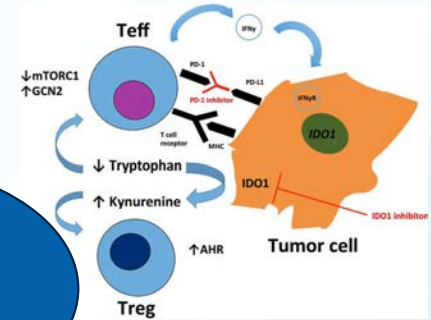


Triplet
Therapy:
KEYNOTE-022¹
IMspire150²
COMBI-I³

KEYNOTE-252⁴
Epcadostat+
pembrolizumab

LEAP-004⁶
Lenvatinib+
pembrolizumab

PIVOT IO 001⁵
Bempegaldesleuki
n+nivolumab

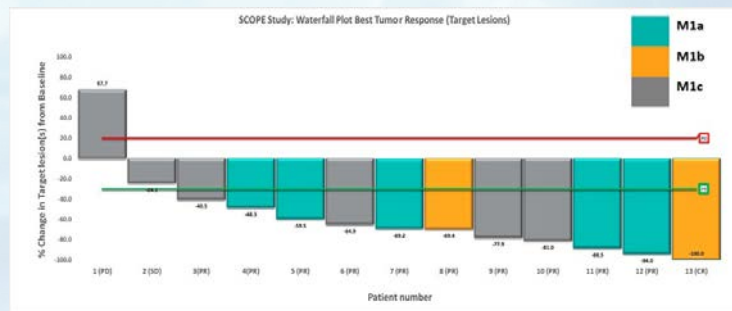
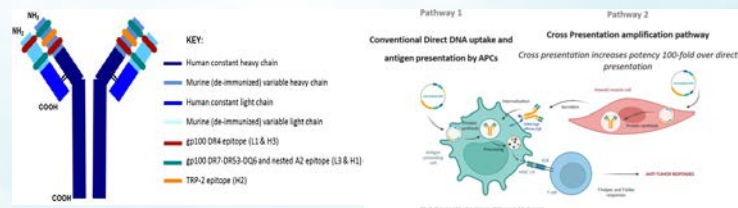


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Where Next?

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Shaw, H et al, ASCO 2024 Abstract 9535

Survivorship on and after immunotherapy: A growing area of importance



Annals of Oncology 28 (Supplement 4): w119-w142, 2017
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CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

Management of toxicities from immunotherapy:
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Management of Immune-Related Adverse Events in Patients Treated With Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy: ASCO Guideline Update

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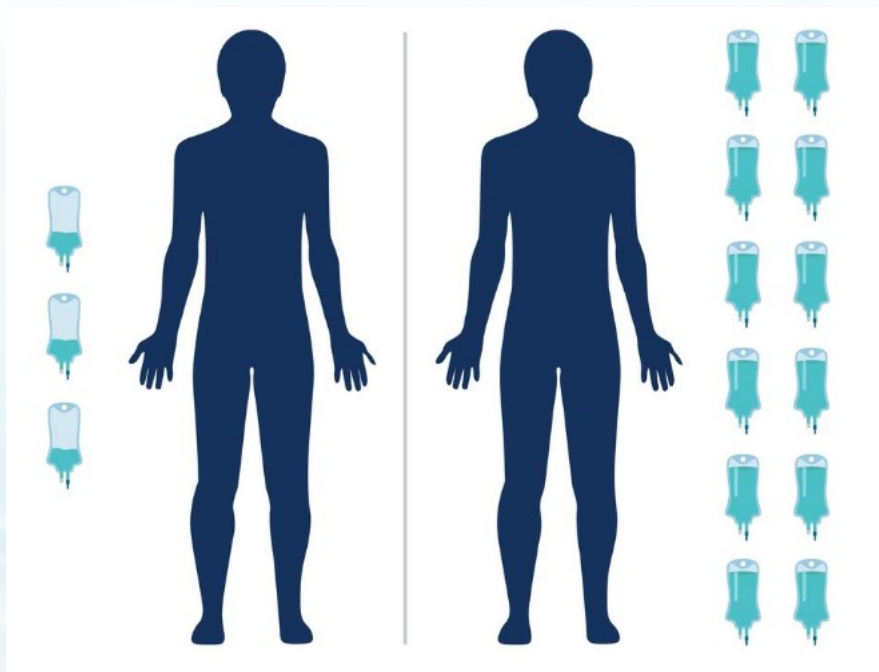
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How much treatment is needed?



**OPTIMAL CANCER
CARE ALLIANCE**
Optimal Dosage. Best Outcome.

Optimal drug dose?
Treatment duration?

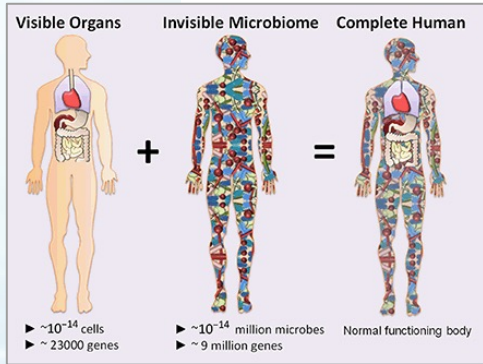
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Investigating the duration of anti-PD1 monoclonal antibody treatment for metastatic melanoma

Can we predict response or toxicity?



Drug responders

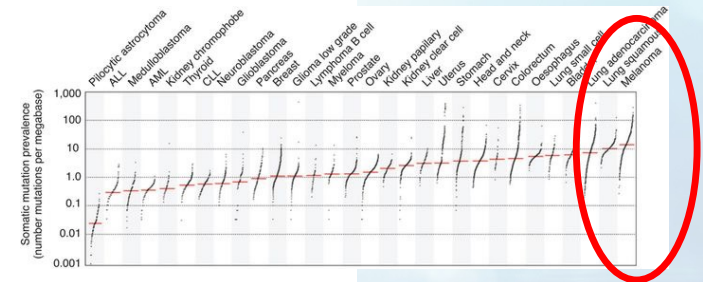


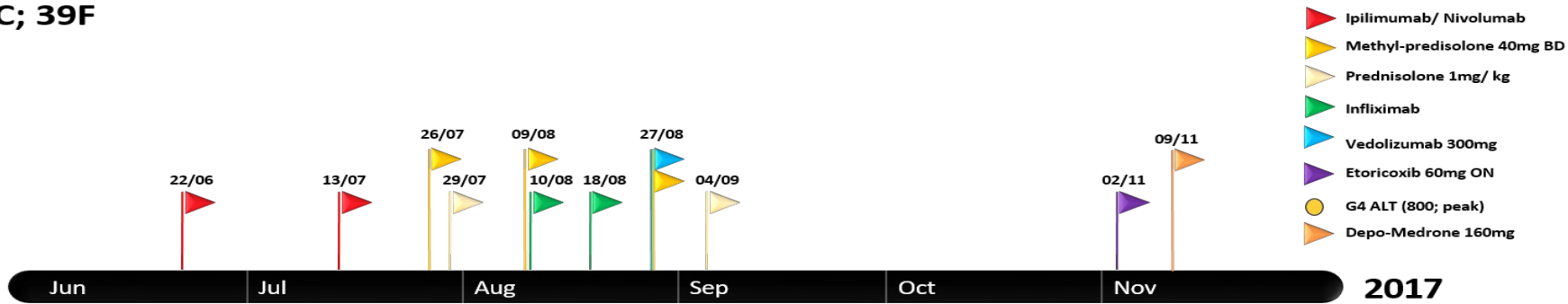
Poor prognosis



High risk of serious side effects

High risk group for a disease





G1 fatigue
 CT 26/07
 Flexi sig 27/07
 Flexi sig 17/08
 OGD 22/08
 BO <10/day (02/09)

Pruritic rash

18/07- 03/08

Colitis

18/07- 02/10

Hepatitis

26/07- 02/10

Thyroiditis

12/07-27/7

Polyarthritits

31/10- ongoing

CTAP (26/07): no features of colitis; small bowel thickening

Flexi sig (27/07): mild non-specific chronic inflammation

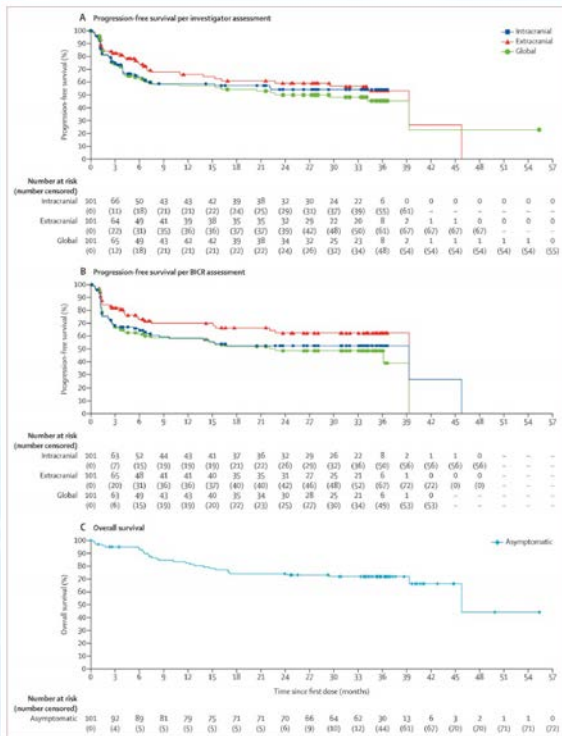
Flexi sig (17/08): patchy mild to moderate active inflammation with increased crypt apoptosis; CMV IHC negative

OGD (22/08): moderate to severe active chronic inflammation with mucosal erosions and increased crypt apoptosis in duodenum; minor reactive changes in stomach; CMV IHC negative

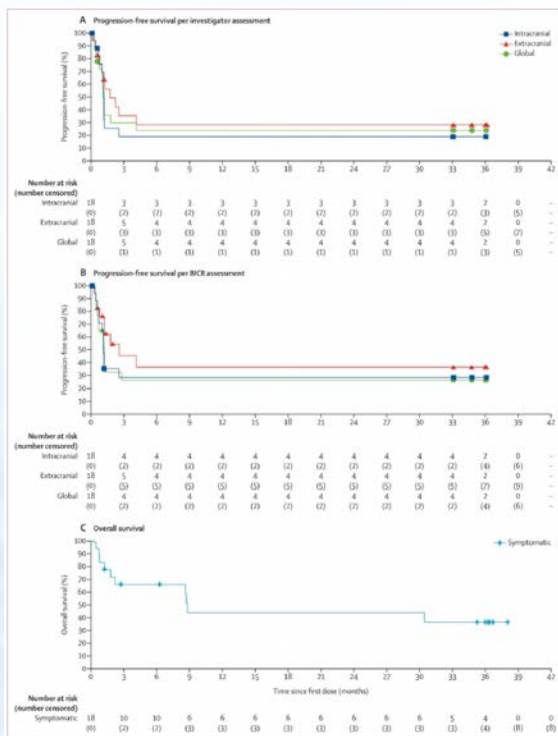
Adeno/ EBV/ CMV PCR (23/08): negative

Stool sample (27/07; 10/08; 15/08): negative for Salmonella, Shigella, Campylobacter & Escherichia coli O157, Cryptosporidium, C.difficile

Brain Metastases: Optimal management is informed by Checkmate204 and ABC phase II trials



Asymptomatic (n=101)



Symptomatic (n=18)

	A (ipi+nivo)	B (nivo)	C (nivo)
All patients	n=35	n=25	n=16
ICR	51%	20%	6%
5-yr IC PFS	46%	15%	6%
5-yr OS	51%	34%	13%
Rx naïve	n=27	n=19	n=4
ICR (Rx naïve)	59%	21%	25%
5-yr IC PFS (Rx naïve)	52%	14%	.
5-yr OS (Rx naïve)	55%	40%	25%
TRAE G3/4	63%	20%	13%

Asymptomatic pts were randomized to cohorts A or B
 Pts who were symptomatic, failed local therapy or had leptomeningeal disease were allocated to cohort C

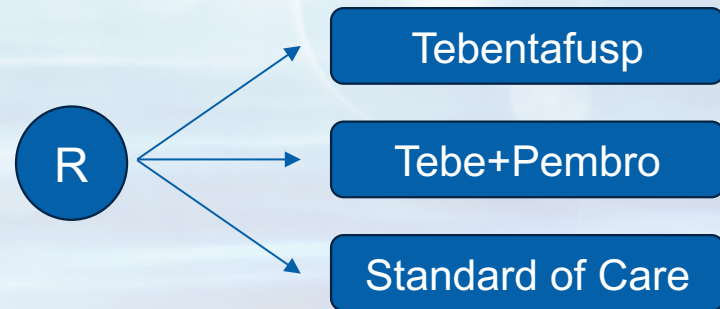
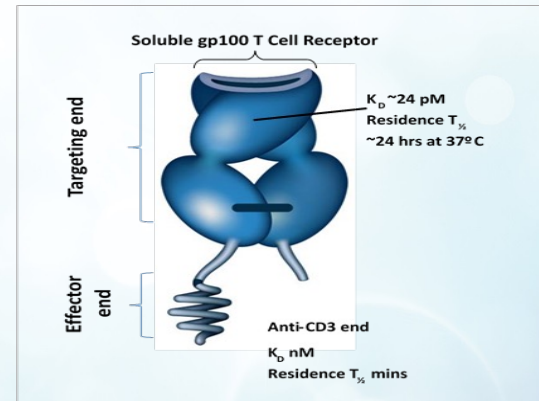
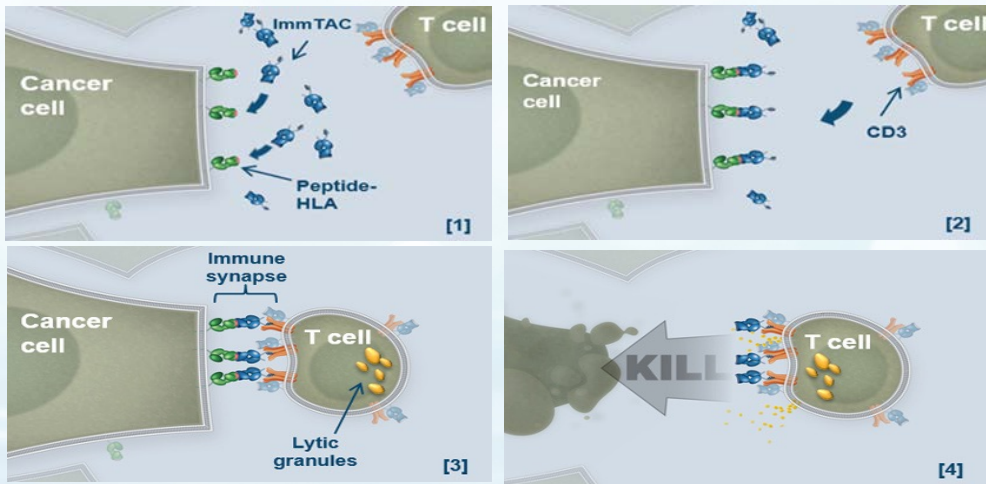
Long GV et al, ASCO 2021 abstract 9508

When first line anti-PD1 based therapy fails..

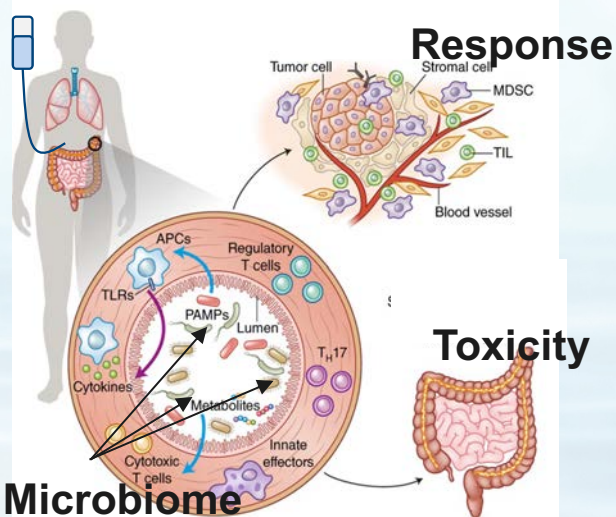
When first line anti-PD1 based therapy fails..SWOG1616 sets a bar

	Ipi+Nivo (N=70)	Ipilimumab (N=24)	
6 mo PFS	34%	13%	HR 0.63 (90% CI 0.41-0.97) p=0.04
ORR	28%	9%	p=0.05
OS			HR 0.83 (90% CI 0.50-1.39) p=0.28
≥ Grade 3 AEs	57%	35%	
CD8 T cell infiltrate			No difference in baseline or changes with treatment between responding and non-responding patients

Tebentafusp – TebeAM trial is currently recruiting

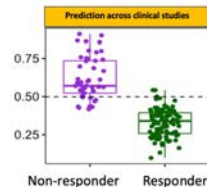


Melody-1



Predictive drug-response signature

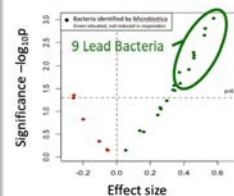
- From proprietary MELRESIST study
- Cross-validated with 3 other studies
- 91% predictive across melanoma studies
- Also predictive in lung cancer



Robinson M et al. *J Immunother Cancer* 2020; 8 (suppl 3):A404

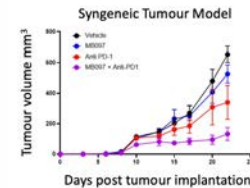
Nine bacteria drive response

- Nine bacteria selected as therapeutic
- Raised in responders
- 4 new species



MB097 potent anti-tumour efficacy

- Synergises anti-PD1 efficacy in mouse syngeneic tumour model
- Cellular assays show multifunctional immunological mechanism

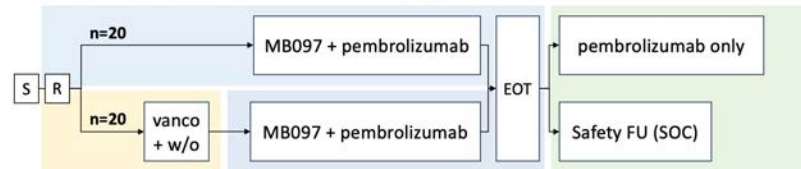


Study Design

The "no preconditioning" cohort:
Goes straight to treatment

Same treatment:
For both cohorts - up to 24 weeks, MB097 (2 oral caps/d) + pembrolizumab i.v. q3w

For Responders:
Extended Treatment Period
Up to 81 additional weeks on pembrolizumab only, no MB097



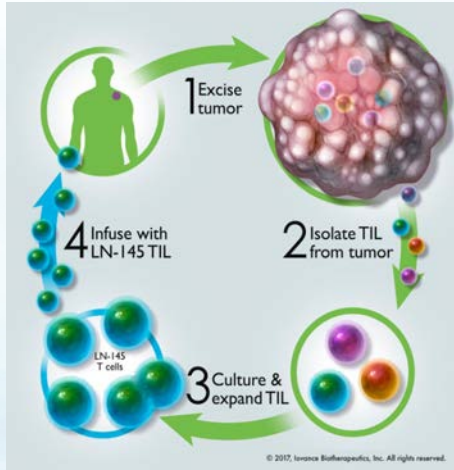
The preconditioning cohort:
Gets 5d oral vancomycin 125mg qid followed by 2 days washout (w/o)

S: Screening
R: Randomization
EOT: End of Treatment

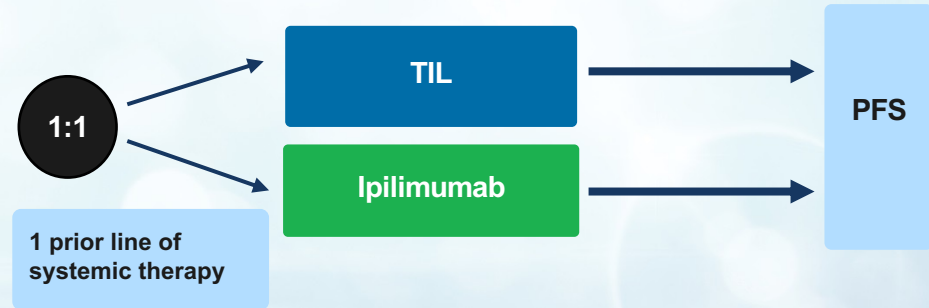
For Non- Responders:
Up to 12 weeks in the safety follow-up period receiving Standard of Care (SOC)

Primary end point: Safety
Secondary endpoints: Efficacy; engraftment

Tumour Infiltrating Lymphocytes (TILs) generate durable responses in pretreated melanoma patients



Sarnaik AA, et al. J Clin Oncol 2021; 39: 2656-65)



Rohaan MW, et al. NEJM 2022; 387: 2113-25

SUMMARY

- With so many new approvals for both early and advanced melanoma, navigating the treatment landscape is increasingly challenging
- One size does not fit all: the goal is to personalise therapy, taking into account individual host and tumour characteristics, as well as patient preference
- This requires a multidisciplinary approach, involving medics, surgeons, pathologists, scientists, radiologists and specialist nurses, as well as public health physicians
- Despite considerable advances, many patients continue to die from this disease, so clinical trials remain a priority treatment option