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# Advances in Cancer Immunotherapy Post- Program Webinar - Updates from the Field: Clinical Updates from SITC 2018

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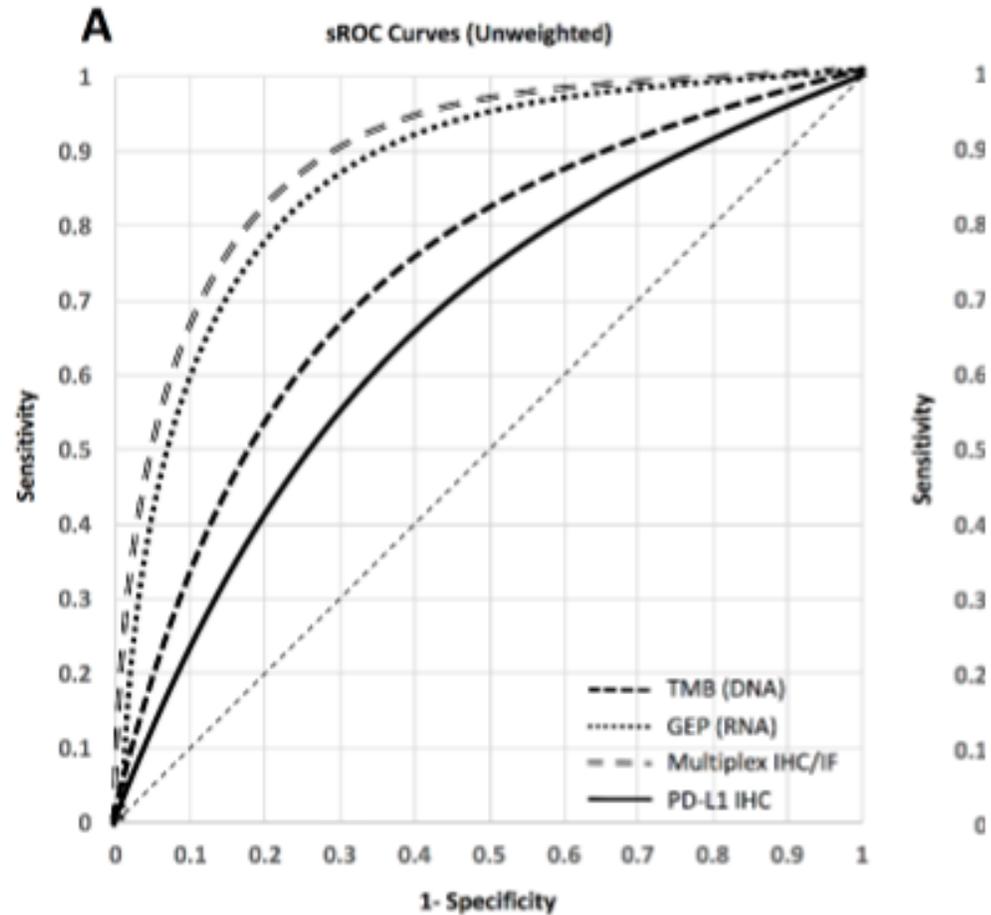


# Using assays together increases positive predictive value of responding to anti-PD(L)1 therapy

- Meta-analysis of 44 papers/abstracts examining the association between overall response rate to anti-PD(L)1 monotherapy and reported biomarkers including:
  - PD-L1 immunohistochemistry
  - Tumor mutation burden (TMB)
  - Gene expression profiling (GEP)
  - multiplex immunohistochemistry/immunofluorescence (mIHC/IF)



**TMB has a modestly better performance relative to PD-L1 IHC, and newer approaches such as GEP and mIHC/IF may have improved sensitivity and specificity.**



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Abstract 6: Steve Lu et al. Comparison of biomarker assay modalities in anti-PD-(L)1 monotherapy: a meta-analysis

# B-cell signatures are prognostic and predictive factors for response to immune checkpoint blockade.

- Performed transcriptomic profiling on longitudinal blood specimens from a neoadjuvant immune checkpoint blockade trial in patients with high-risk, resectable melanoma (NCT02519322)
- Most differential gene expression over time in responders were B-cell related genes
  - MZB1, BTLA, and IGLL5 (NR)
- Findings were validated in a renal cell carcinoma cohort (NCT02210117) and the melanoma TCGA dataset, in which B lineage scores were predictive of response
- Assessment of tissue sections from tumor samples demonstrated co-localization of the B cells in tertiary lymphoid structures (TLS) with CD8 and CD4 T-cells and CD21 follicular dendritic cells.



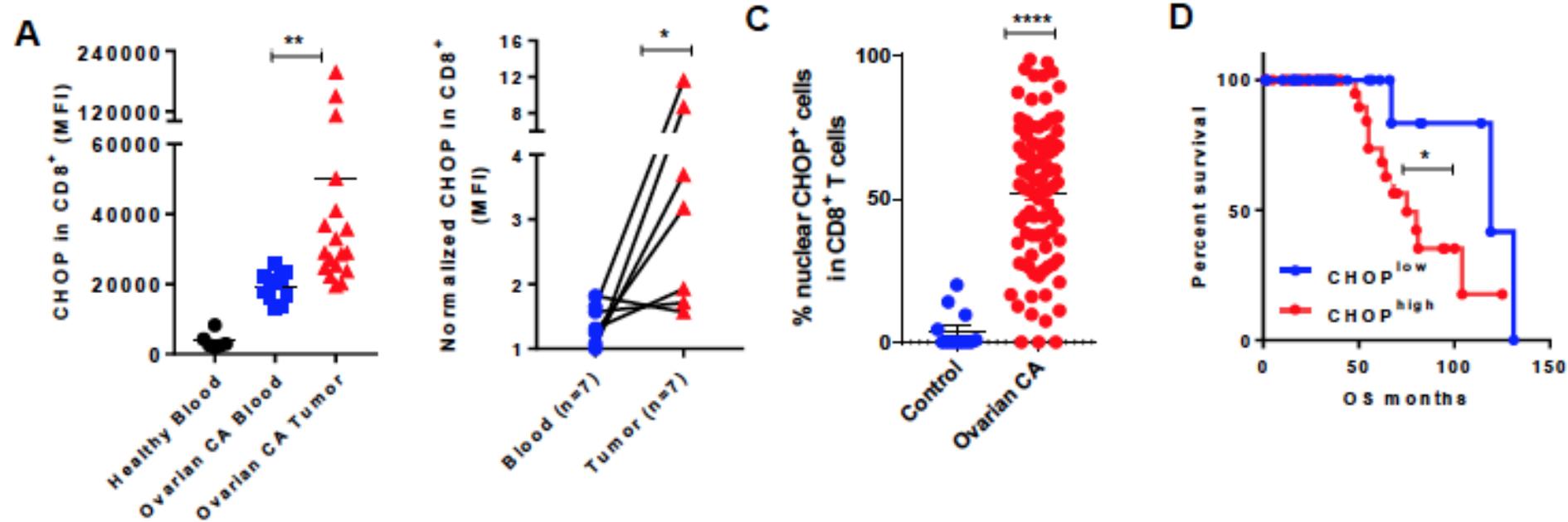
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- Chop is upregulated in tumor infiltrating CD8+ T cells from patients with advanced ovarian carcinoma

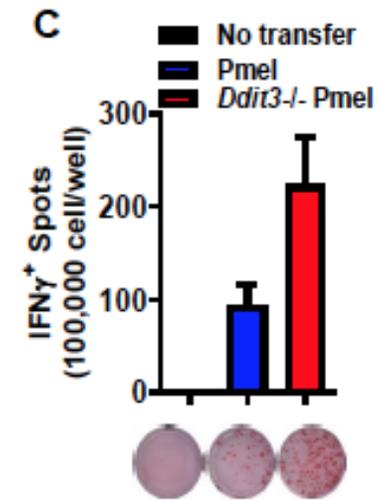
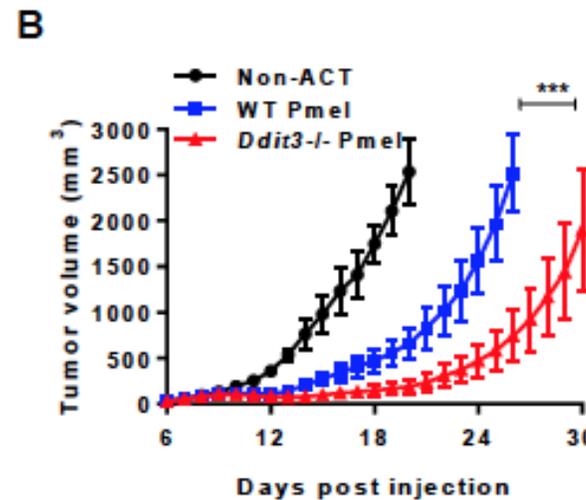
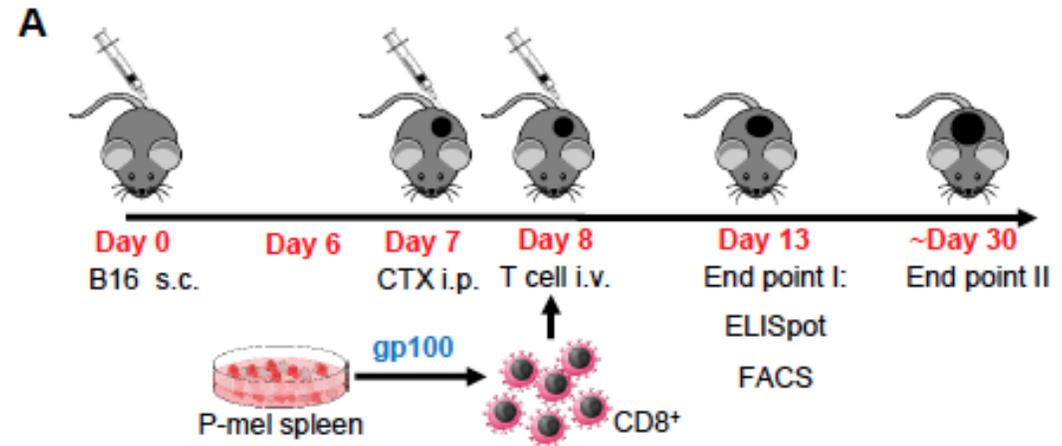


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Abstract 9: Yu Cao et al. Endoplasmic reticulum stress-induced transcription factor C/EBP homologous protein (Chop) thwarts effector T cell activity in tumors through repression of Tbet

# C/EBP homologous protein (Chop) represses Tbet, and abrogates effector T cell activity

- Chop deficient mice have reduced tumor growth
- Deletion of Chop in CD8+ T cells enhanced effector/cytotoxic pathways, promoted significant anti-tumor effects, and overcame tumor-induced T cell tolerance



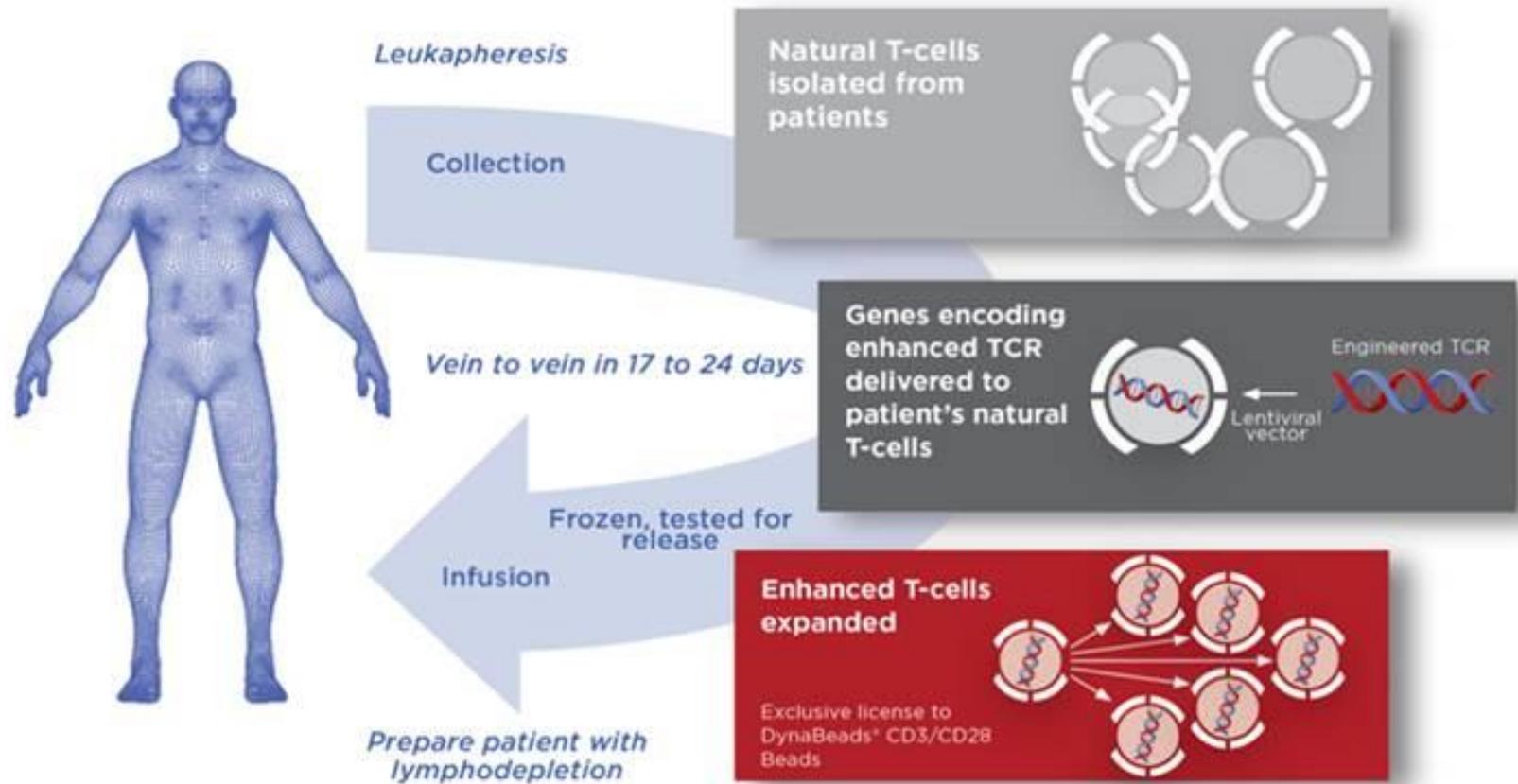
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- Open label phase I/II single arm pilot study evaluating affinity enhanced autologous NY-ESO-1c259T-cells (SPEAR T-cells) recognizing an NY-ESO-1-derived peptide complexed with HLA-A\*02 in MRCLS (NCT02992743)



<https://www.adaptimmune.com/technology/manufacturing>

# **NY-ESO-1c259T-cells in myxoid/round cell liposarcoma (MRCLS) have an acceptable safety profile with potential antitumor effects.**

- 1–  $8 \times 10^9$  transduced T-cells are infused on day 1 after lymphodepletion with fludarabine and cyclophosphamide on d -7 to -5.
- Thirteen patients were enrolled, and 10 received the TCR therapy
- 4 of the 8 patients (50%) have achieved a confirmed partial response (PR) and 50% have stable disease (SD) as the best overall response.
  - Duration of responses varies from 4 weeks to greater than 5 months
  - AEs  $\geq$  grade 3 in these 8 patients include lymphopenia (6), neutropenia (5), leukopenia (5), thrombocytopenia (3), hypophosphatemia (2), anemia (1), cytokine release syndrome (1; SAE), pyrexia (1) and leukocytosis (1).



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# Combining Mogamulizumab with either Durvalumab or Tremelimumab in solid tumors is tolerable and decreases eTregs in peripheral blood.

- Multicenter, Phase 1, open label, dose escalation/cohort expansion study of Mogamulizumab in combination with either Durvalumab or Tremelimumab in adult subjects with advanced solid tumors (NCT02301130).

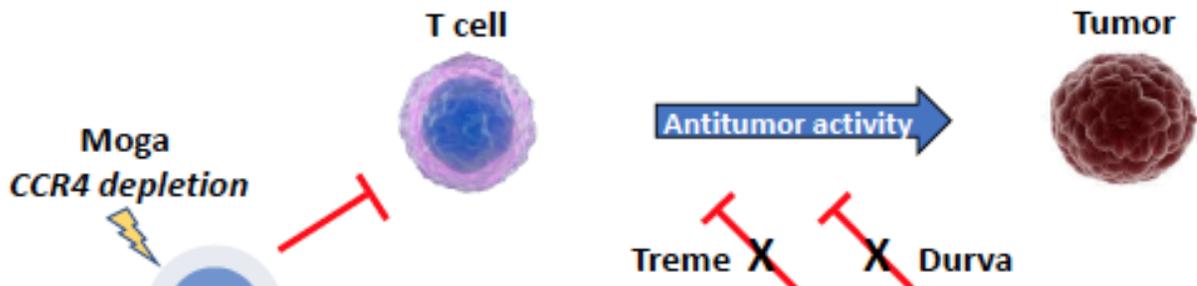
T-cell subset	The dominant-type chemokine receptor
T <sub>h</sub> 1 cells	CXCR3
T <sub>h</sub> 2 cells	CCR4
T <sub>reg</sub> cells	CCR4
CLA <sup>+</sup> skin-homing T cells	CCR4
α4β7 <sup>+</sup> intestine-homing T cells	CCR6
T <sub>h</sub> 17 cells	CCR6
Naive T cells	CCR7
Central memory T cells	CCR7
Skin resident T cells	CCR8
Intestine resident T cells	CCR9
Follicular helper T cells	CXCR5
Cytotoxic effector T cells	CX3CR1

Mogamulizumab

Yoshie and Matsushima 2015 Int Immunol

# Combining Mogamulizumab with either Durvalumab or Tremelimumab in solid tumors is tolerable and decreases eTregs in peripheral blood.

**Mogamulizumab:**  
Targets CCR4 and effectively removes circulating Tregs as a single agent



**Tremelimumab:**  
Human immunoglobulin (Ig)G2 mAb directed against CTLA-4 cluster of differentiation (CD152)

CTLA-4 PD-L1  
Checkpoints

**Durvalumab:**  
Human mAb of the IgG1k subclass, blocks interaction of PD-L1 with PD1 on T cells and CD80

**Table 2.**

A total of 64 subjects were enrolled and treated: n=40 in Part 1 and n=24 in Part 2.

Dose escalations were completed in Part 1 without any dose-limiting toxicities, and combinations of 1 mg/kg Moga with 10 mg/kg of either Durva or Treme were used to treat an expansion cohort with pancreatic cancer in Part 2.

	<b>Treatment A<sup>a</sup> (Moga+Durva)</b>	<b>Treatment B<sup>a</sup> (Moga+Treme)</b>
<b>Part 1 (Dose escalation) All dose cohorts</b>	<b>N=21</b>	<b>N=19</b>
<b>Any TEAE<sup>b</sup> (n, %)</b>	<b>21 (100.0)</b>	<b>19 (100.0)</b>
<b>≥Grade 3 (n, %)</b>	<b>15 (71.4)</b>	<b>15 (78.9)</b>
<b>≥Grade 3, related to either IMP (n, %)</b>	<b>6 (28.6)</b>	<b>9 (47.4)</b>
<b>SAE (n, %)</b>	<b>13 (57.1)</b>	<b>9 (47.4)</b>
<b>SAE, related to either IMP (n, %)</b>	<b>4 (19.0)</b>	<b>5 (26.3)</b>
<b>Most common TEAEs (preferred term, %)</b>	<b>Fatigue 12 (57.1) Diarrhea 9 (42.9)</b>	<b>Diarrhea 10 (52.6) Fatigue 9 (47.4) Decreased appetite 8 (42.1)</b>
<b>Part 2 (Dose expansion) Pancreatic cancer</b>	<b>N=12</b>	<b>N=12</b>
<b>Any TEAE<sup>b</sup> (n, %)</b>	<b>12 (100.0)</b>	<b>12 (100.0)</b>
<b>≥Grade 3 (n, %)</b>	<b>10 (83.3)</b>	<b>10 (83.3)</b>
<b>≥Grade 3, related to either IMP (n, %)</b>	<b>4 (33.3)</b>	<b>4 (33.3)</b>
<b>SAE (n, %)</b>	<b>10 (83.3)</b>	<b>8 (66.7)</b>
<b>SAE, related to either IMP (n, %)</b>	<b>3 (25.0)</b>	<b>1 (8.3)</b>
<b>Most common TEAEs (preferred term, %)</b>	<b>Fatigue 11 (91.7) Abdominal pain 9 (75.0) Constipation 6 (50.0) Nausea 6 (50.0)</b>	<b>Edema peripheral 6 (50.0) IRR 6 (50.0) Hypocastremia 6 (50.0)</b>

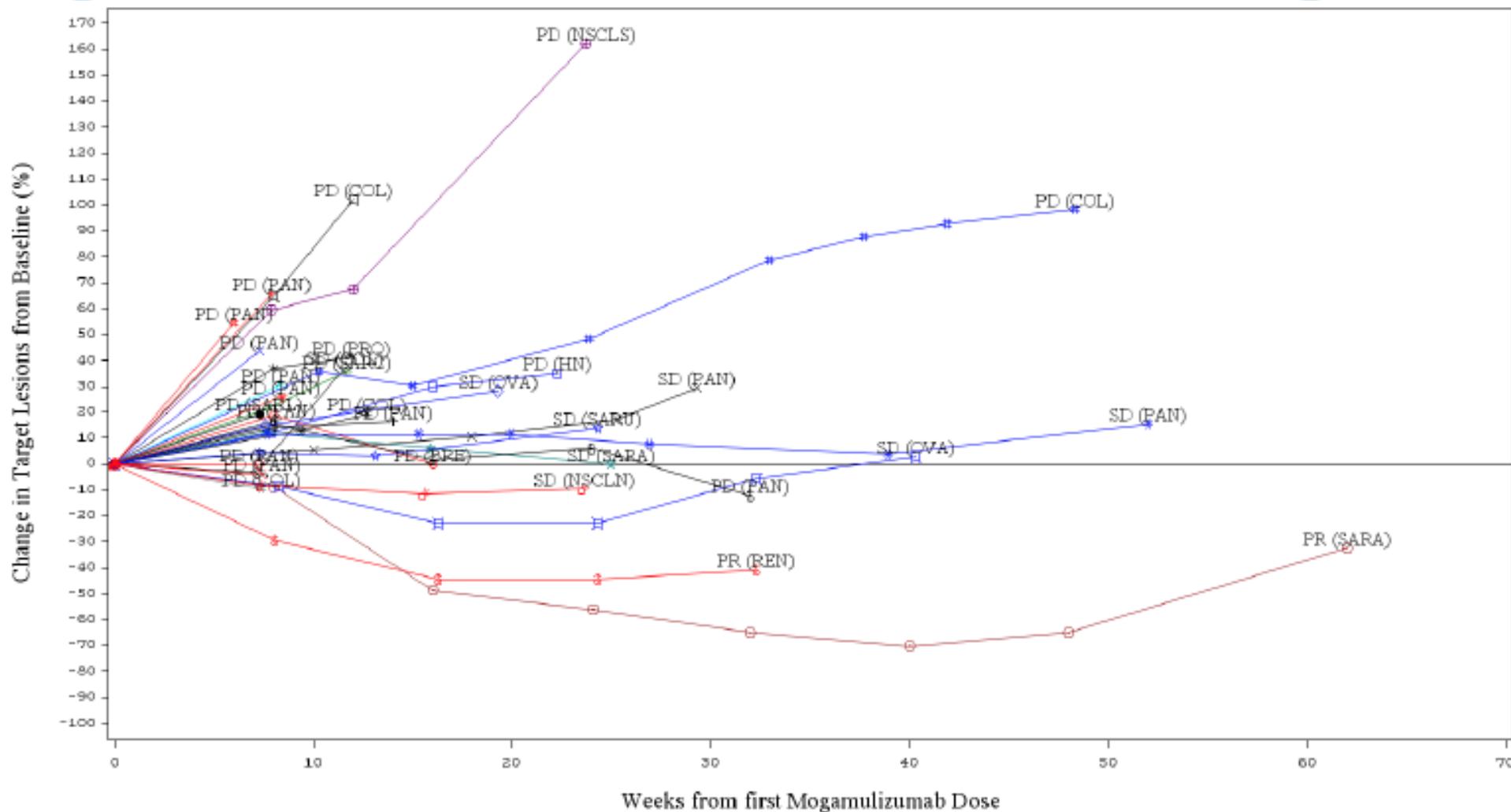
<sup>a</sup> In Part 2, Treatment A = 1 mg/kg Moga + 10 mg/kg Durva; Treatment B = 1 mg/kg Moga + 10 mg/kg Treme.

<sup>b</sup> TEAEs during any cycle

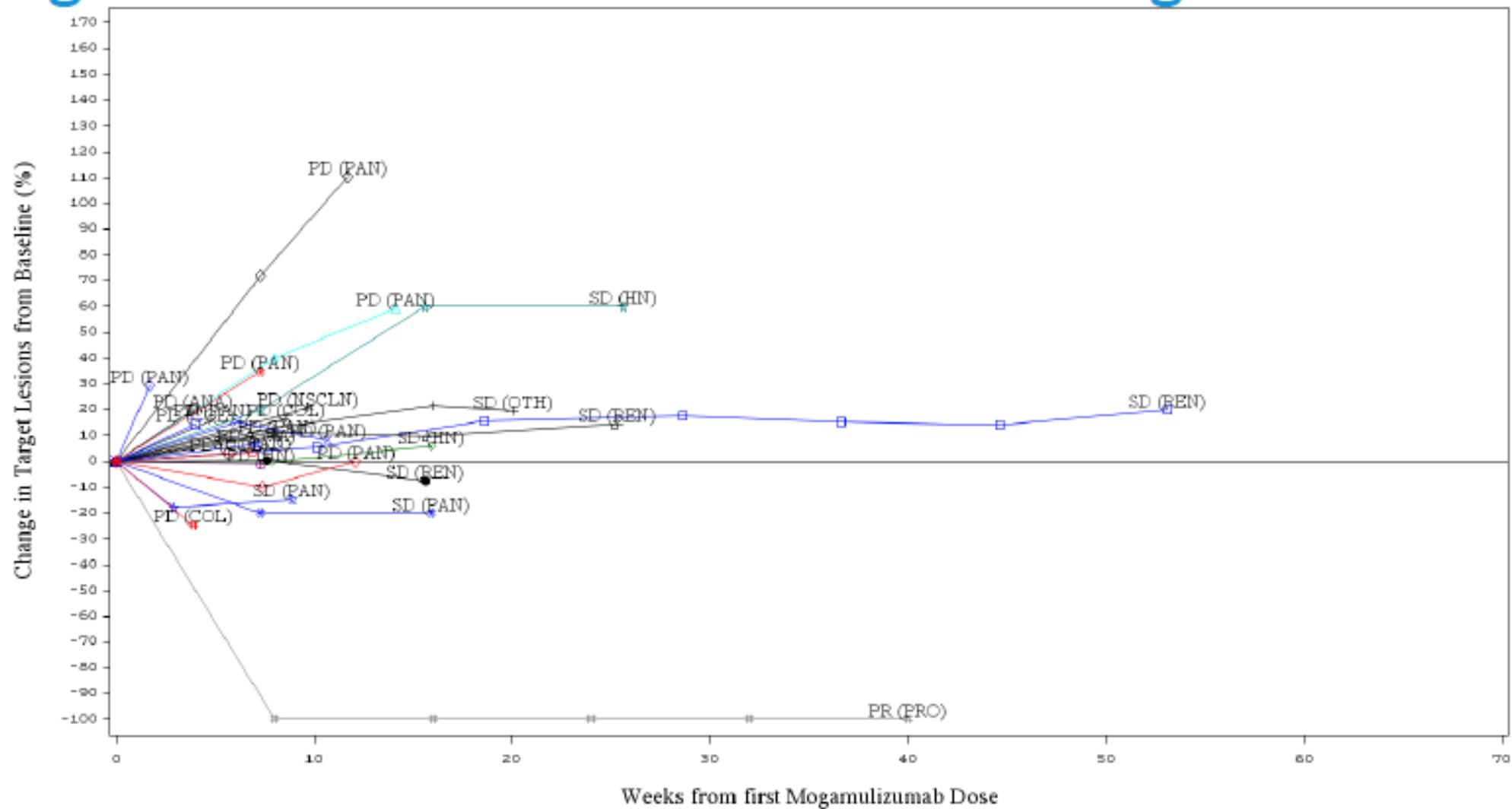
Decre=decreased; IMP=investigational medicinal product; IRR=infusion-related reaction; Moga=maganulizumab; SAE=serious adverse event; Treme=tremelimumab



# Change in Tumor Burden Over Time: Moga+Durva



# Change in Tumor Burden Over Time: Moga+Treme



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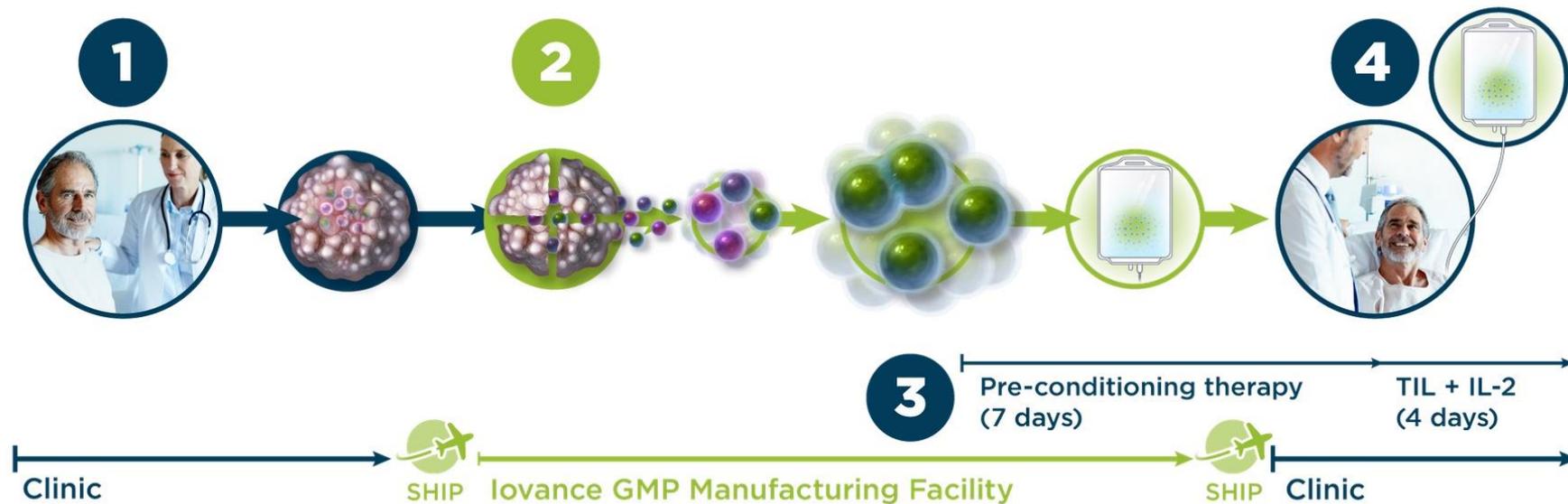
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# TIL therapy with lifileucel is an efficacious and well tolerated therapeutic option for metastatic melanoma

- Global phase 2, open-label, multicenter study of efficacy and safety of lifileucel (TIL) in patients with unresectable metastatic melanoma (NCT02360579)

## OVERVIEW OF TIL THERAPY PROCEDURE



<http://www.iovance.com/clinical/c-144-01-metastatic-melanoma/>

# TIL therapy with lifileucel is an efficacious and well tolerated therapeutic option for metastatic melanoma

- Patients receive one week of cyclophosphamide/fludarabine lymphodepletion, followed by a single infusion of lifileucel, plus up to 6 doses of intravenous IL-2 (600,000 IU/kg).
- ORR=33% (1 uCR, 7 PR, 2 uPR), DCR=73%, median follow-up of all patients was 6 months, median time to initial response 1.7 months (range: 1.6-4.4 months), and median DOR not reached (8 ongoing responders out of 10).
  - Median follow up for all responders was 4.5 months.

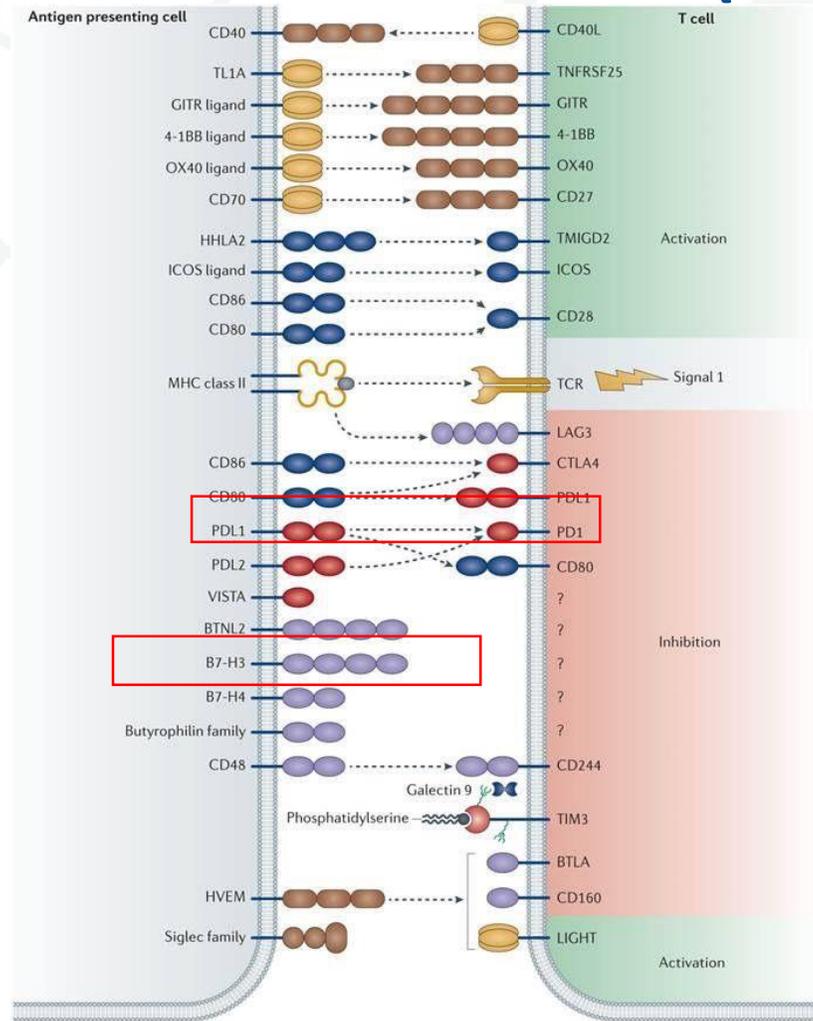


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# A phase 1, open-label, dose-escalation study of enoblituzumab (anti-B7-H3) in combination with pembrolizumab in patients with select solid tumors (NCT02475213)



Nature Reviews | Drug Discovery



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Mahoney KM et al. 2015 Nat Rev Drug Discovery

Abstract 24: Charu Aggarwal et al. A phase 1, open-label, dose-escalation study of enoblituzumab in combination with pembrolizumab in patients with select solid tumors.

# Enoblituzumab+pembrolizumab combination demonstrated an acceptable safety profile and initial antitumor activity in patients with checkpoint-inhibitor-naïve head and neck cancer

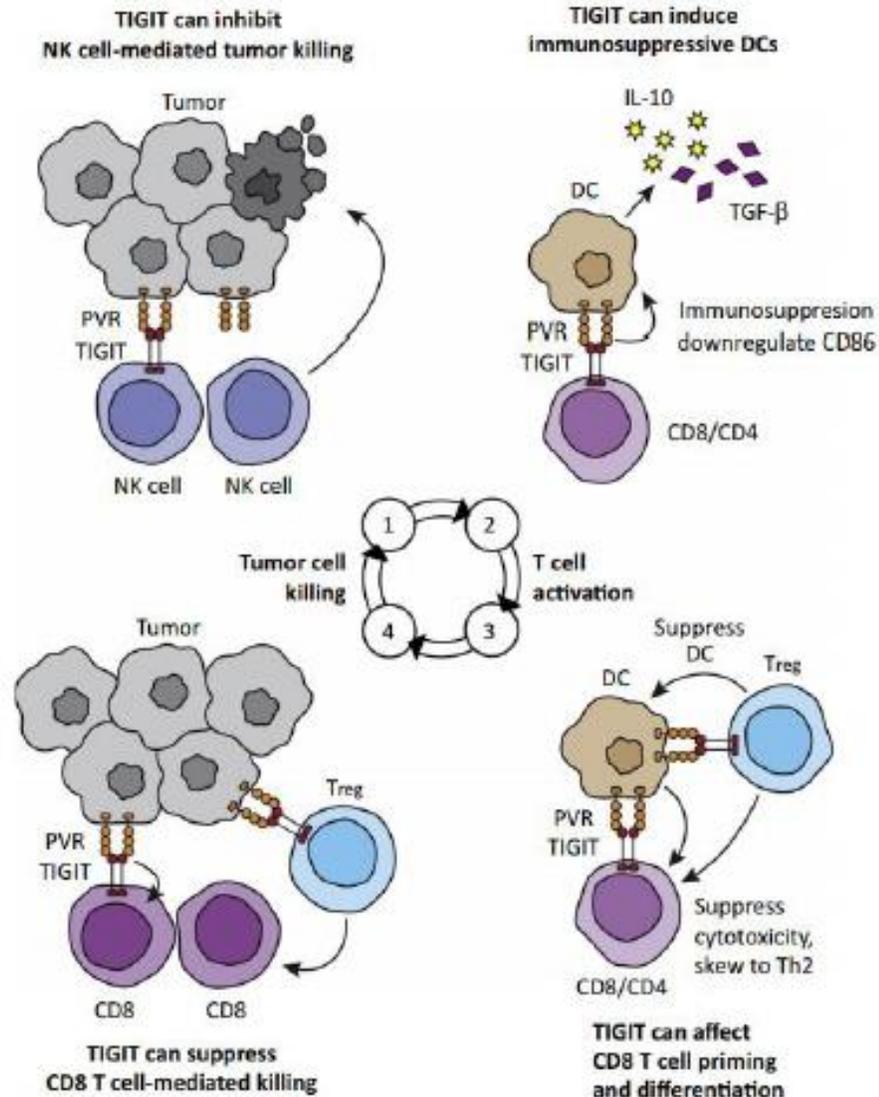
- Treatment-related AE, (all grade) occurred in 85% of patients, with > G3 in 28%.
- ORR 6/18 (33%), including 4 confirmed and 2 unconfirmed PR



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## Arm 1: MK-7684 Monotherapy

MK-7684 2.1 mg	MK-7684 7 mg	MK-7684 21 mg	MK-7684 70 mg	MK-7684 210 mg	MK-7684 700 mg
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## Arm 2: MK-7684 + Pembrolizumab

MK-7684 2.1 mg + Pembro 200 mg	MK-7684 7 mg + Pembro 200 mg	MK-7684 21 mg + Pembro 200 mg	MK-7684 70 mg + Pembro 200 mg	MK-7684 210 mg + Pembro 200 mg	MK-7684 700 mg + Pembro 200 mg
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DLT, dose-limiting toxicity.  
ClinicalTrials.gov, NCT02964013.



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Abstract 25: Talia Golan et al. Phase 1 dose-finding study of the anti-TIGIT antibody MK-7684 as monotherapy and in combination with pembrolizumab in patients with advanced solid tumors.

# Anti-TIGIT (MK-7684) as monotherapy and in combination with pembrolizumab was well tolerated and across all dose levels.

- AEs occurred in 53% of monotherapy and 65% of combination therapy recipients (grade 3-5, 6% and 12%)

## MK-7684 Monotherapy

Occurred in ≥2 patients, n (%)	N = 34
Fatigue	5 (15%)
Pruritus	4 (12%)
Anemia	3 (9%)
Infusion-related reaction	3 (9%)
Arthralgia	2 (6%)
Decreased appetite	2 (6%)
Dermatitis acneiform	2 (6%)
Diarrhea	2 (6%)
Headache	2 (6%)
Nausea	2 (6%)
Rash	2 (6%)
Rash maculopapular	2 (6%)

- 2 grade 3: anemia and diarrhea (n = 1 each)
- 0 grade 4 or 5

## MK-7684 + Pembrolizumab

Occurred in ≥2 patients, n (%)	N = 47
Pruritus	10 (21%)
Fatigue	4 (9%)
Nausea	4 (9%)
Rash	4 (9%)
Decreased appetite	3 (6%)
Diarrhea	3 (6%)
ALT increased	2 (4%)
Dyspnea	2 (4%)
Hypophosphatemia	2 (4%)
Neuropathy peripheral	2 (4%)
Pyrexia	2 (4%)
Rash maculopapular	2 (4%)

- 5 grade 3: ALT increased, colitis, γGT increased, hypersensitivity, and rash maculopapular (n = 1 each)
- 0 grade 4 or 5



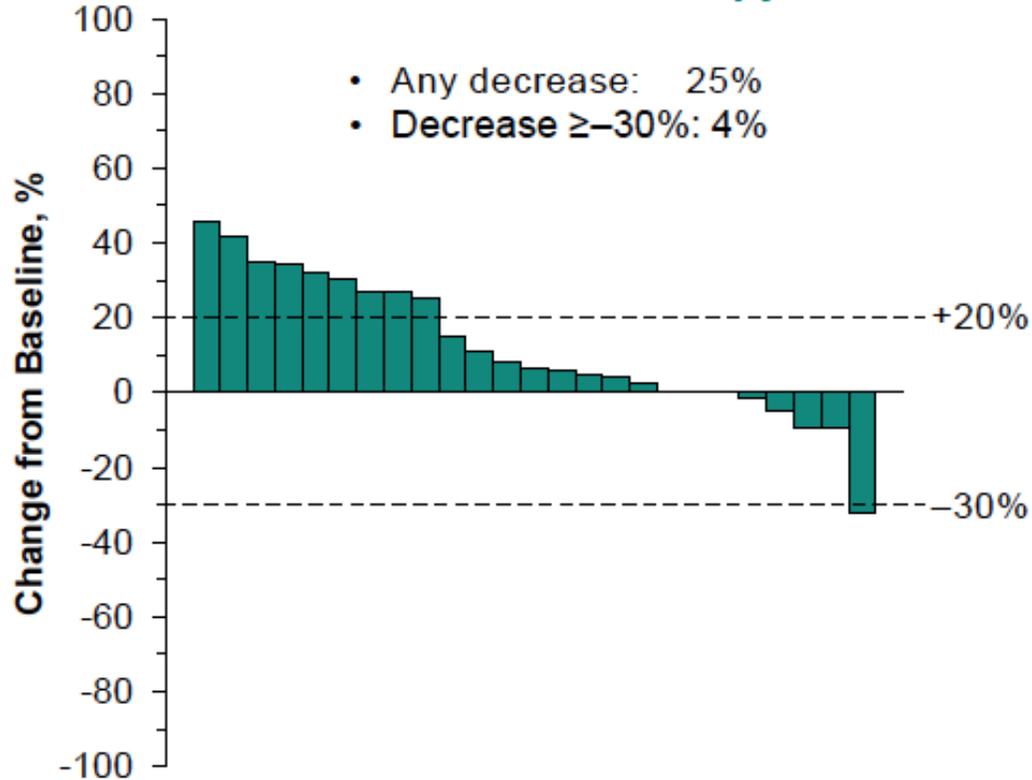
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Response	MK-7684 Monotherapy N = 34	MK-7684 + Pembrolizumab N = 43 <sup>b</sup>
ORR, % (95% CI)	3% (<1-15)	19% (8-33)
DCR, % (95% CI)	35% (20-54)	47% (31-62)
Best response, n (%)		
Complete response	0	0
Partial response	1 (3%)	8 (19%)
Stable disease	11 (32%)	12 (28%)
Progressive disease	13 (38%)	20 (47%)
Not assessed <sup>c</sup>	9 (26%)	3 (7%)

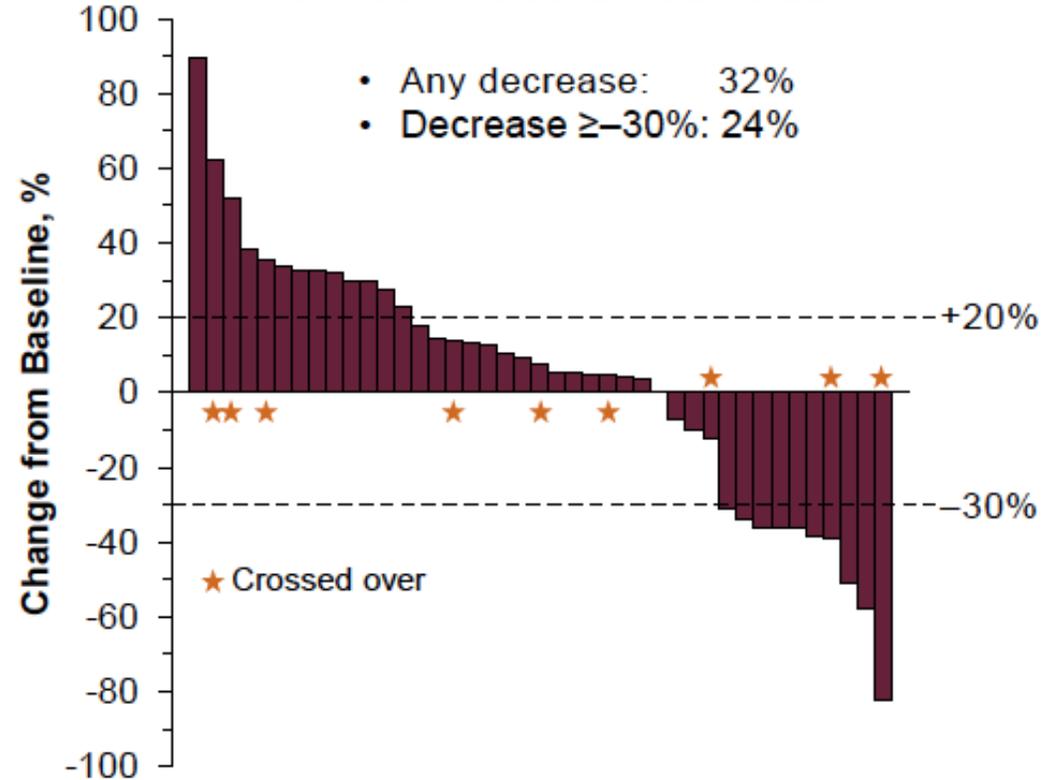


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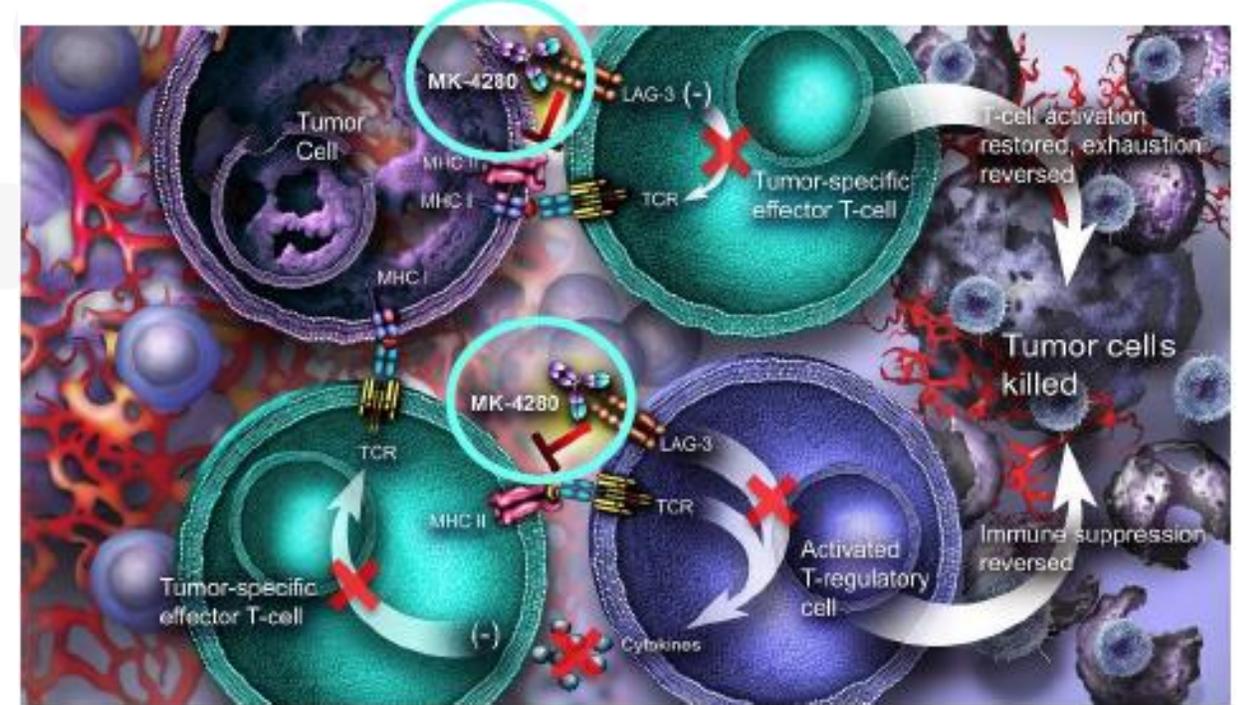
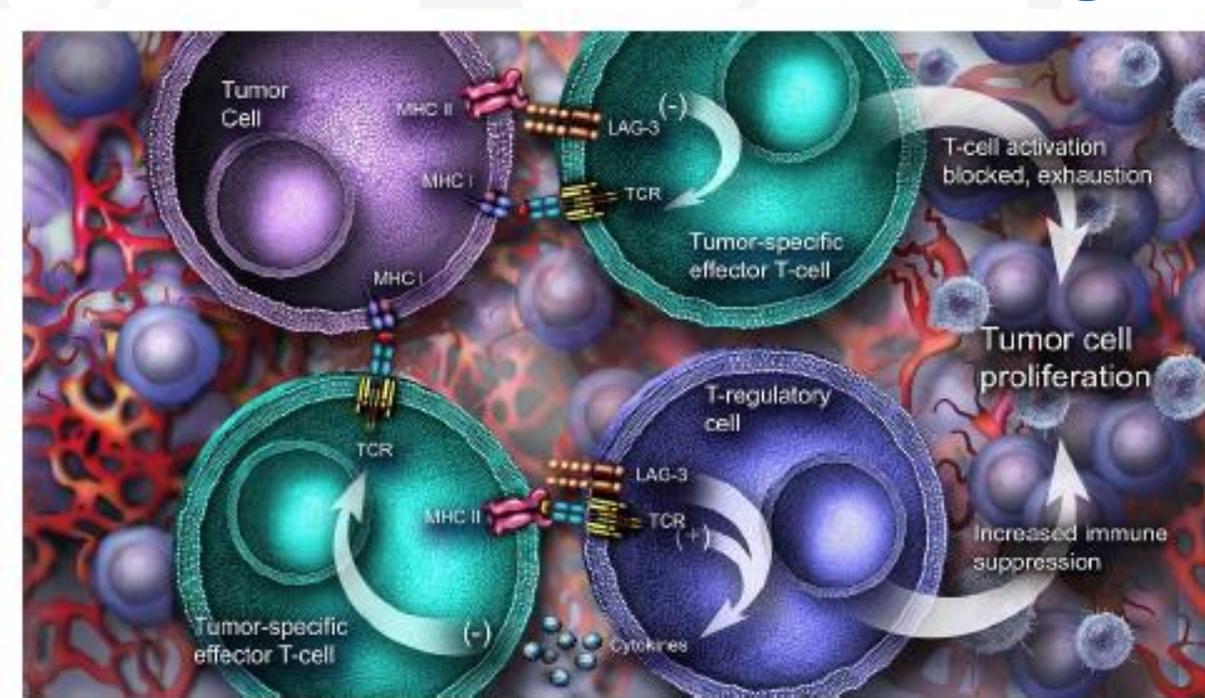
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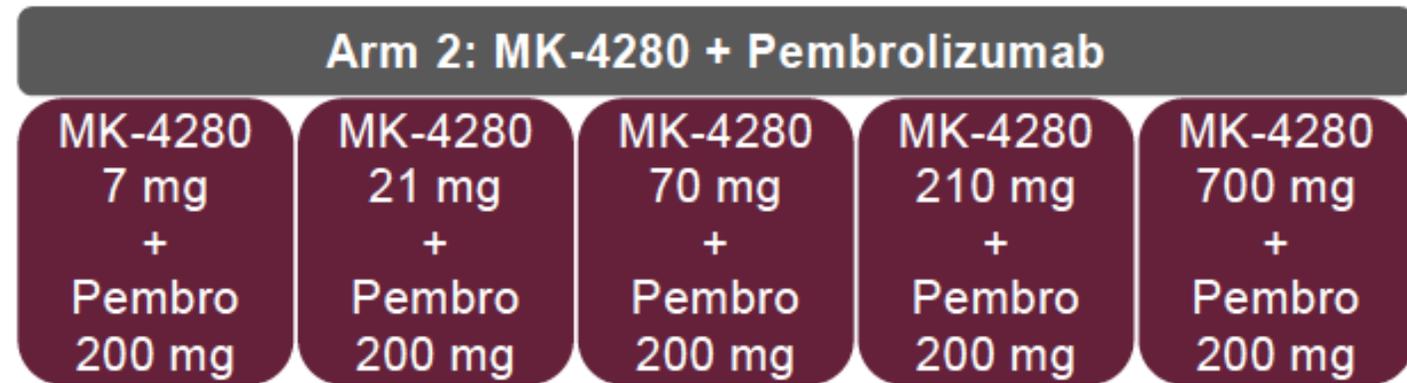
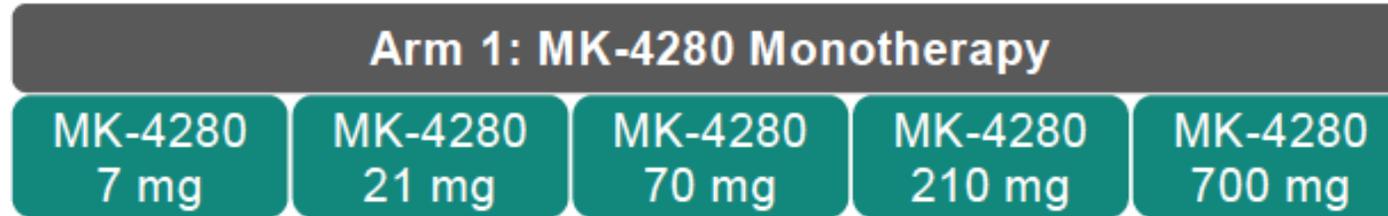
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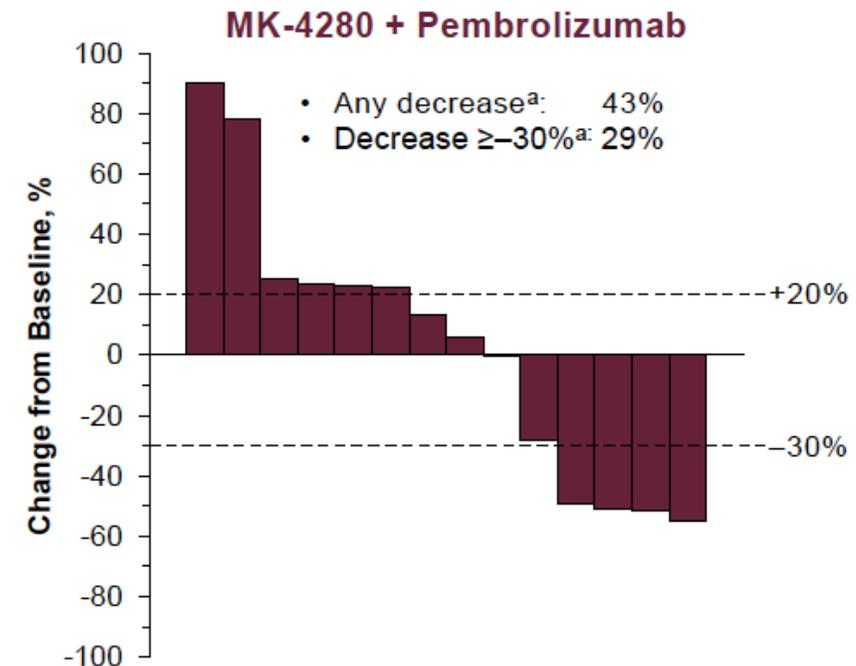
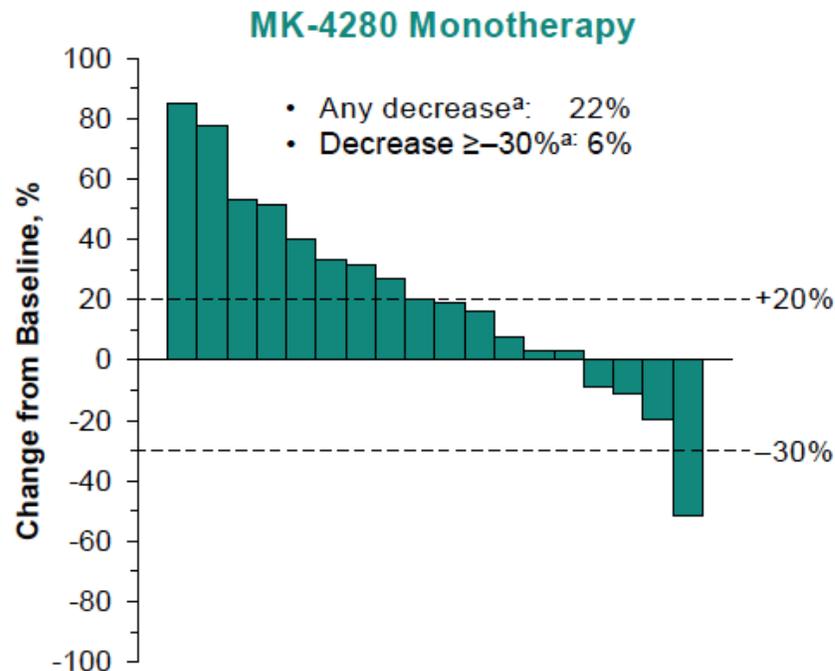
- AEs occurred in 61% of monotherapy and 53% of combination therapy recipients, were of grade 3-4 toxicity in 6% and 20%

Adverse Event, n (%)	MK-4280 Monotherapy N = 18	MK-4280 + Pembrolizumab N = 15
<b>Any attribution</b>		
Any grade	17 (94%)	15 (100%)
Grade 3	9 (50%)	9 (60%)
Grade 4	0	0
Grade 5	0	0
Led to discontinuation	1 (6%)	3 (20%)
<b>Treatment related</b>		
Any grade	11 (61%)	8 (53%)
Grade 3	1 (6%)	3 (20%)
Grade 4	0	0
Grade 5	0	0
Led to discontinuation	1 (6%)	2 (13%)



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- ORR was 6% with monotherapy (1 PR) and 27% with combination therapy (4 PRs)



# Conclusions

- Biomarkers are sorely needed to predict who will respond to anti-PD1 therapy
  - There is a wide range of sensitivity and specificity with the currently available assays used to predict sensitive tumors, but they may work best in combination
  - B cell signature may be critical
- Cellular therapies continue to show favorable safety and efficacy profiles
  - TCR transduced T cells targeting NY-ESO-1 are safe and show response rates 50%
  - TILs + IL-2 are safe and show response rates 33%
- Combination therapies are proving to be tolerable and may show clinical activity
  - CCR4 + anti-PDL1 or anti-CTLA4
  - Anti-B7H3 + anti-PD1
  - Anti-TIGIT + anti-PD1
  - Anti-LAG3 + anti-PD1



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