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# **SITC Webinar:**

# **I-O Highlights from ASCO 2019**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

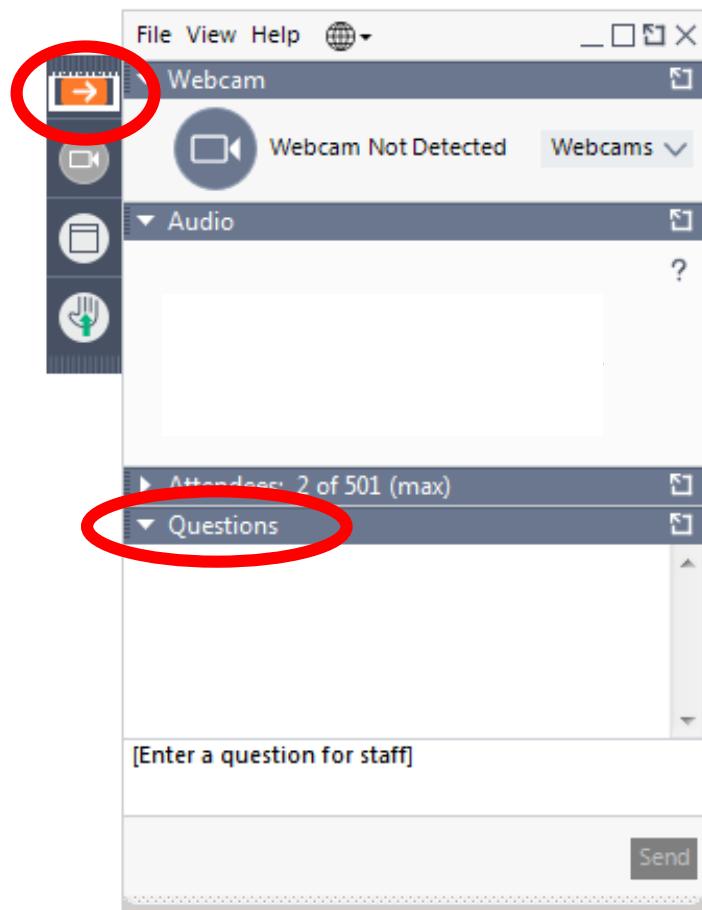
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. EDT

# Webinar Agenda

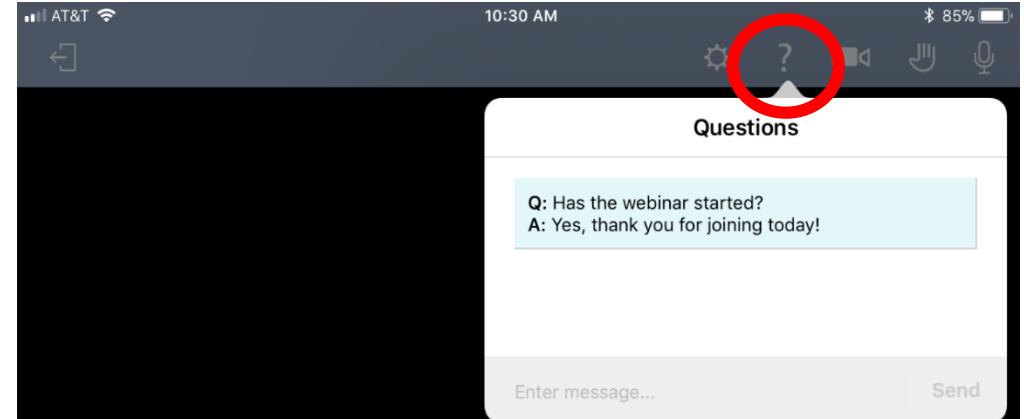
- 12:00–12:05 p.m. EDT    Welcome, Introductions and Overview
- 12:05–12:40 p.m. EDT    Presentations:
- First-Line and Neoadjuvant Studies
  - Cellular Therapies
  - Biomarkers and Checkpoint Inhibitors
- 12:40–12:55 p.m. EDT    Question and Answer Session
- 12:55–1:00 p.m. EDT    Closing Remarks

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# First-Line and Neoadjuvant Studies

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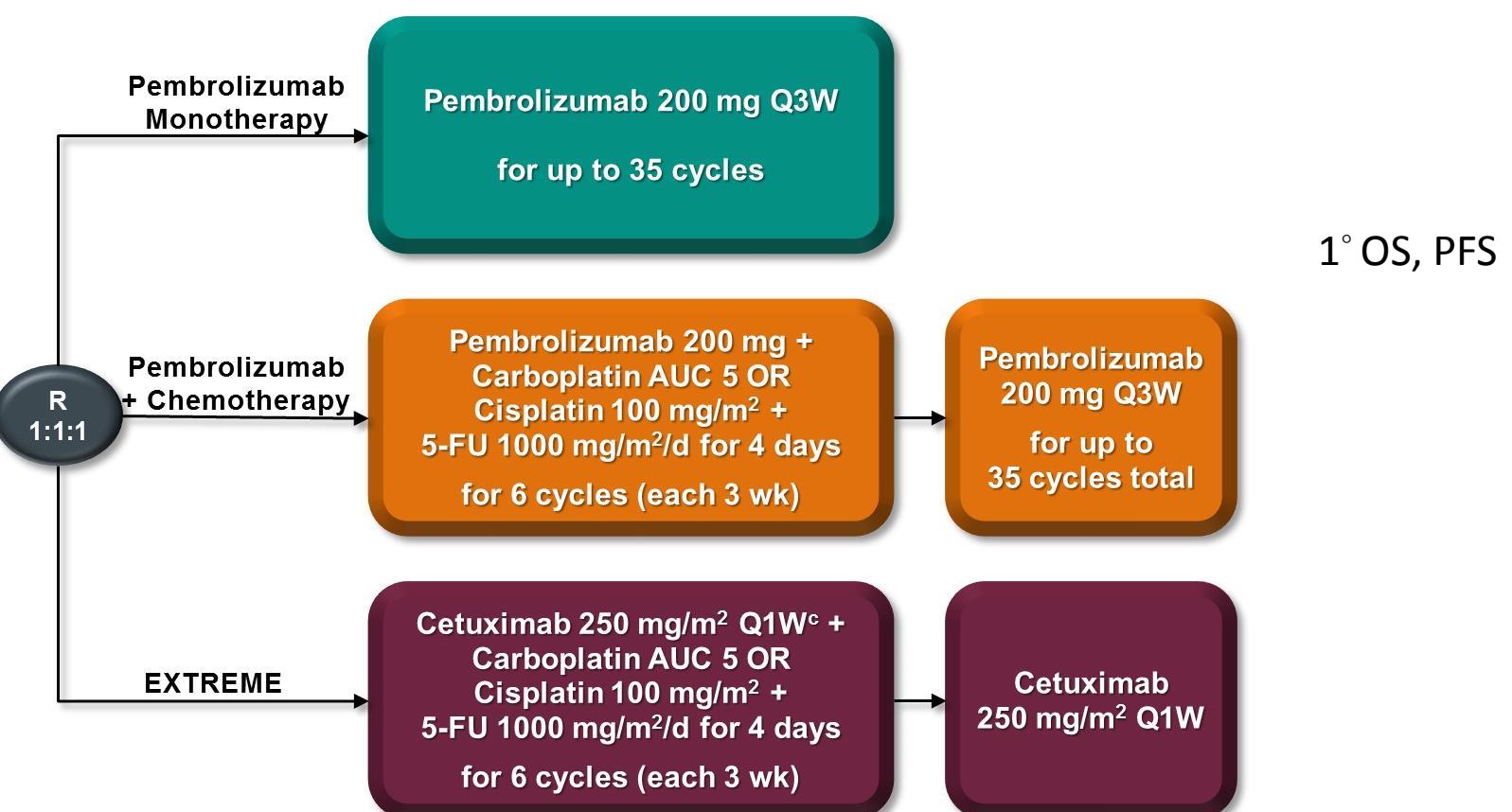
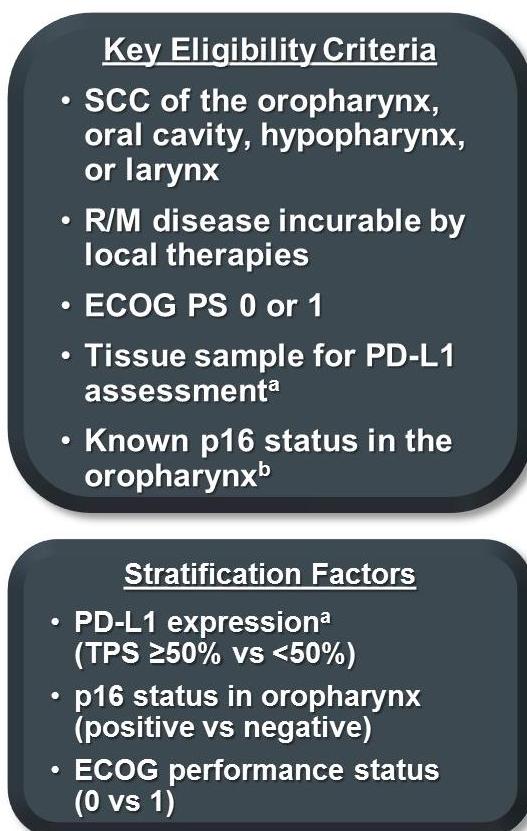
# Checkpoint blockade as a first option

- Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma
  - KEYNOTE-048
- Renal cell carcinoma
  - KEYNOTE-426
- Triple negative breast cancer
  - IMpassion130

# Protocol-specified final results of the KEYNOTE-048 trial of pembrolizumab as first-line therapy for recurrent/metastatic HNSCC

Danny Rischin, Kevin J. Harrington, Richard Greil, Denis Soulieres, Makoto Tahara,  
Gilberto de Castro, Amanda Psyrris, Neus Baste, Prakash C. Neupane, Ase Bratland,  
Thorsten Fuereder, Brett Gordon Maxwell Hughes, Ricard Mesia, Nuttapong  
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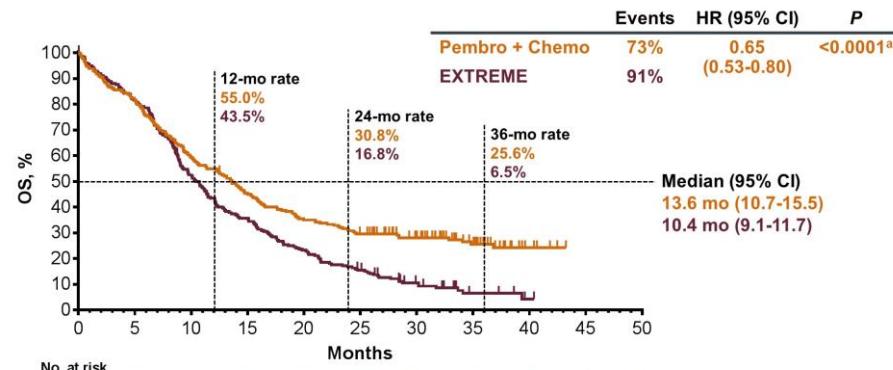
# KEYNOTE-048 study design



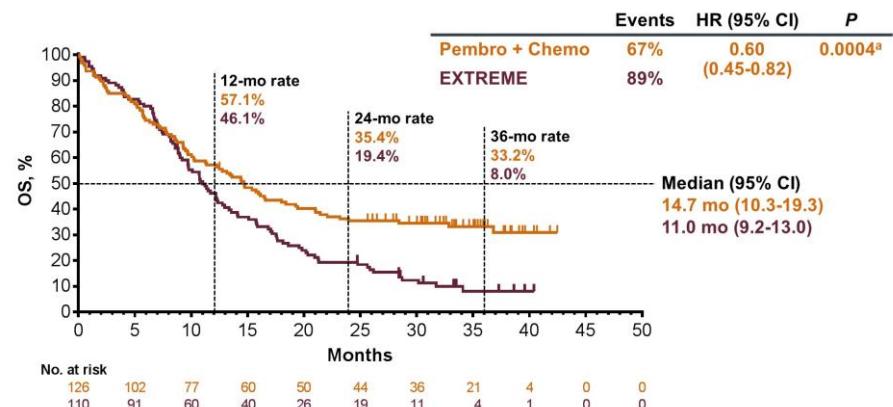
<sup>a</sup>Assessed using the PD-L1 IHC 22C3 pharmDx assay (Agilent). TPS = tumor proportion score = % of tumor cells with membranous PD-L1 expression.

<sup>b</sup>Assessed using the CINtec p16 Histology assay (Ventana); cutpoint for positivity = 70%. <sup>c</sup>Following a loading dose of 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

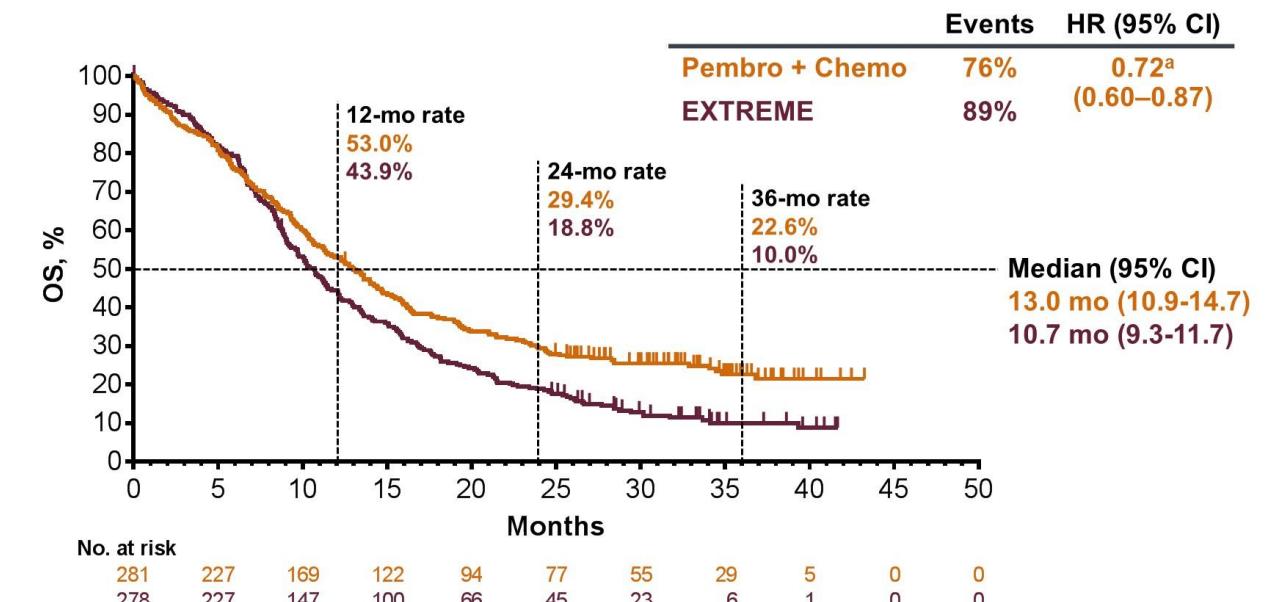
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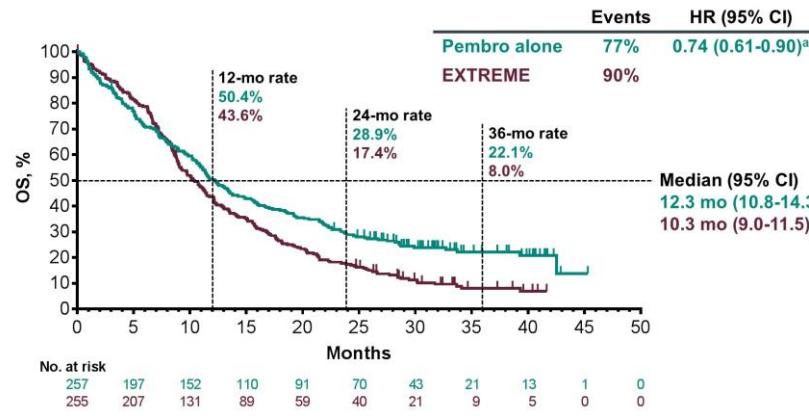
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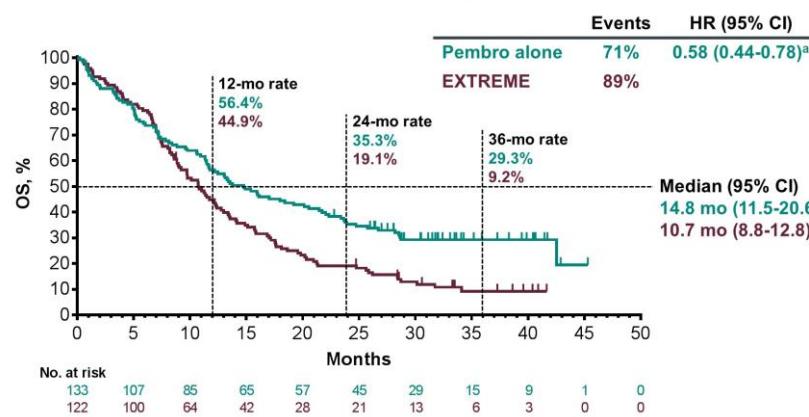
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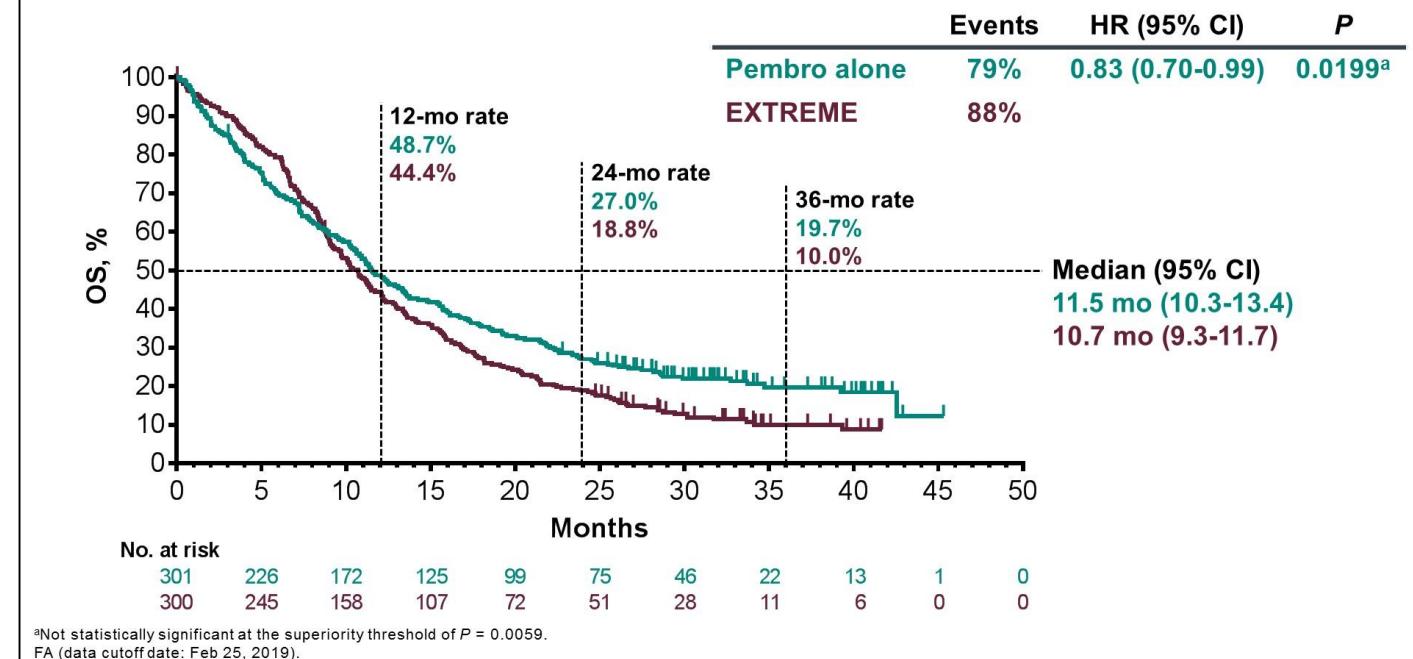
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## ⌚ OS, P vs E, CPS ≥20 Population



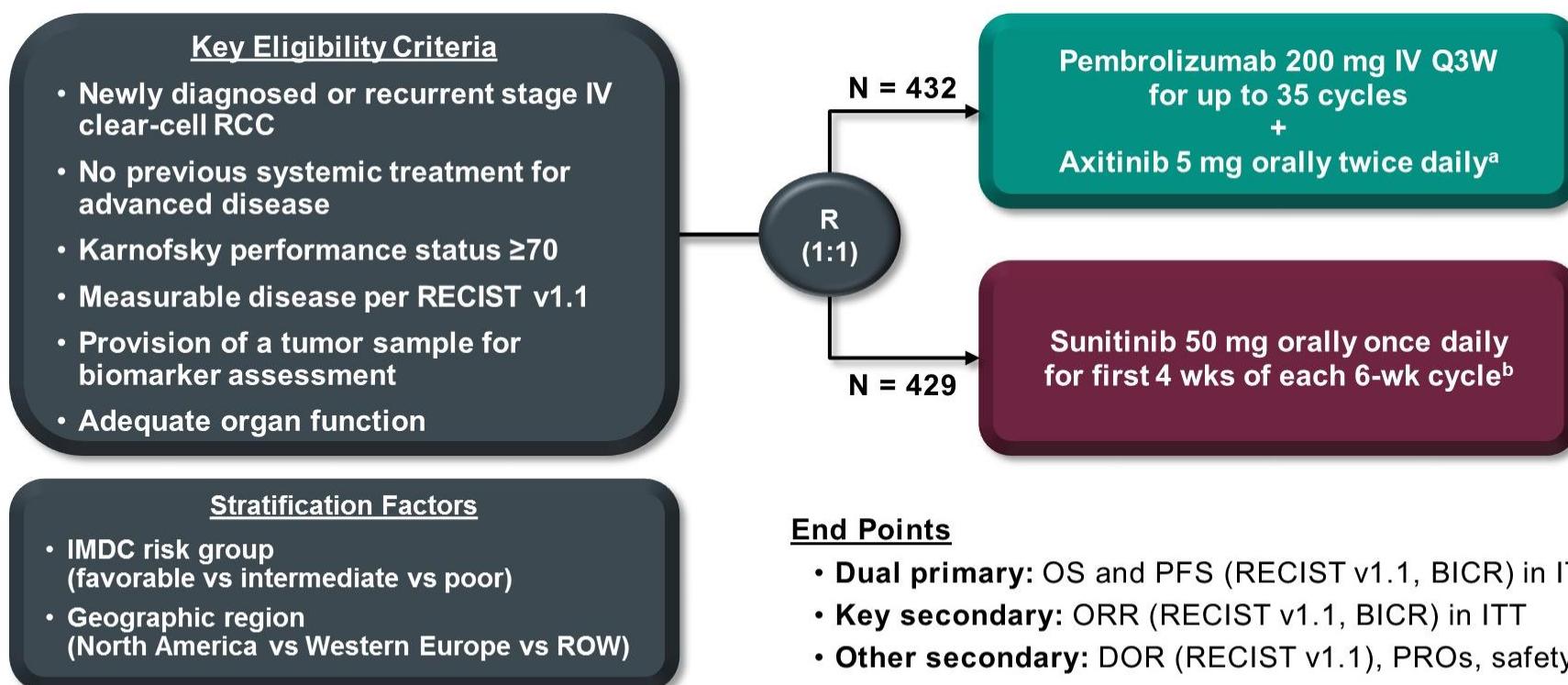
## ⌚ OS, P vs E, Total Population



# Pembrolizumab plus axitinib as first-line therapy for mRCC: Outcomes in the combined IMDC intermediate/poor risk and sarcomatoid subgroups of KEYNOTE-426

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# KEYNOTE-426 study design



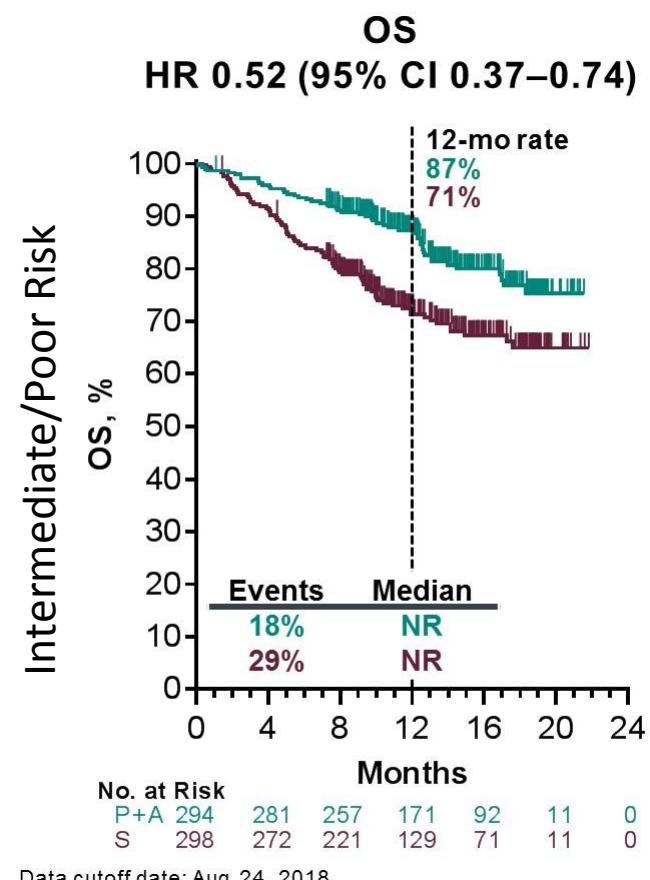
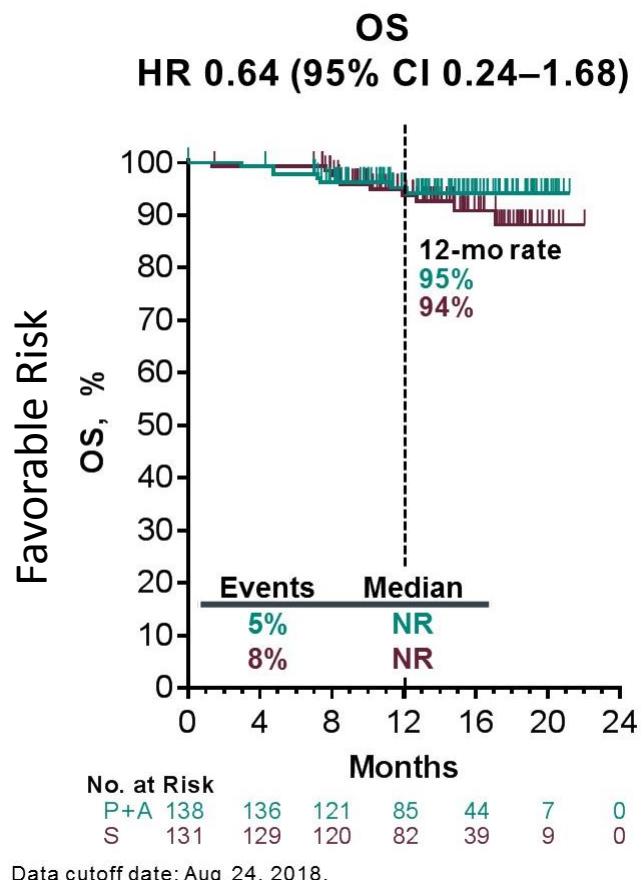
<sup>a</sup>Axitinib dose could be increased to 7 mg, then 10 mg, twice daily if safety criteria were met; dose could be reduced to 3 mg, then 2 mg, twice daily to manage toxicity.

<sup>b</sup>Sunitinib dose could be decreased to 37.5 mg, then 25 mg, once daily for the first 4 wks of each 6-wk cycle to manage toxicity.

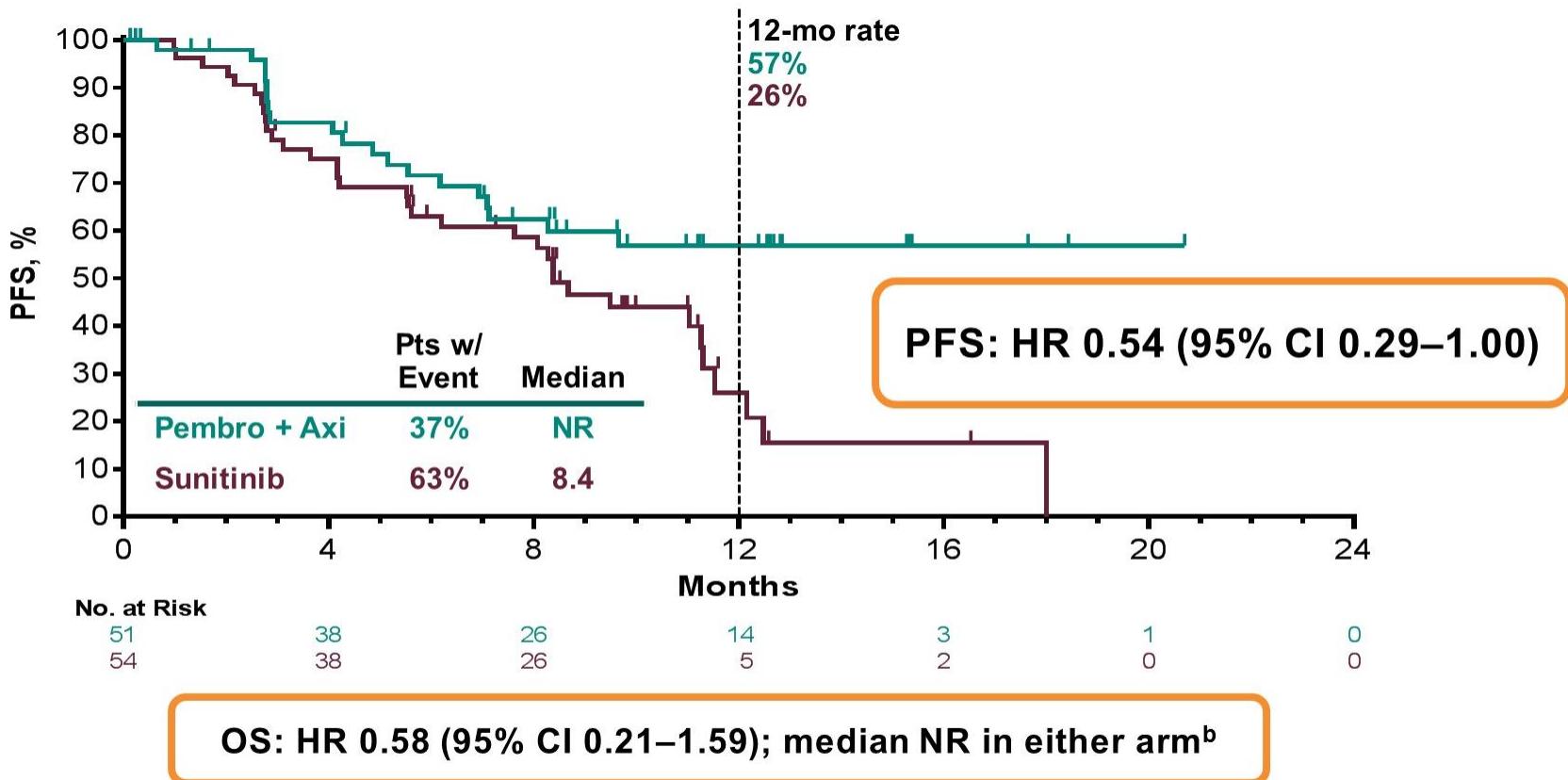
BICR, blinded independent central radiologic review; DOR, duration of response; PROs, patient-reported outcomes; ROW, rest of world.

KEYNOTE-426 is a randomized, open-label, phase 3 study (ClinicalTrials.gov identifier NCT02853331).

# Overall survival in risk subgroups



# PFS in presence of sarcomatoid features



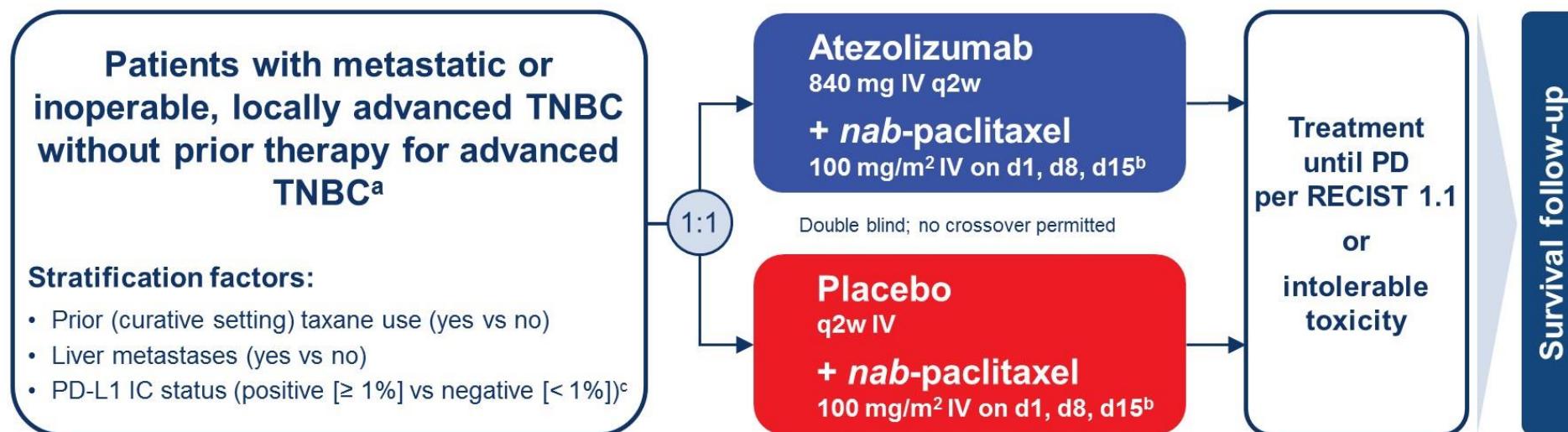
<sup>a</sup>Among the 578 participants with known status assessed by local pathology review and as indicated on the eCRF. <sup>b</sup>Pts who died: 16% in the pembro + axi arm, 20% in the sunitinib arm.  
 Data cutoff date: Aug 24, 2018.

Rini et al, ASCO 2019.

# IMpassion130: Updated OS from a global, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, Phase III study of atezolizumab + *nab*-paclitaxel in previously untreated locally advanced or metastatic TNBC

Peter Schmid, Sylvia Adams, Hope S. Rugo, Andreas Schneeweiss, Carlos H. Barrios, Hiroji Iwata, Veronique Dieras, Volkmar Henschel, Luciana Molinero, Stephen Y. Chui, Amreen Husain, Eric P. Winer, Sherene Loi, Leisha A. Emens

# IMpassion130 study design

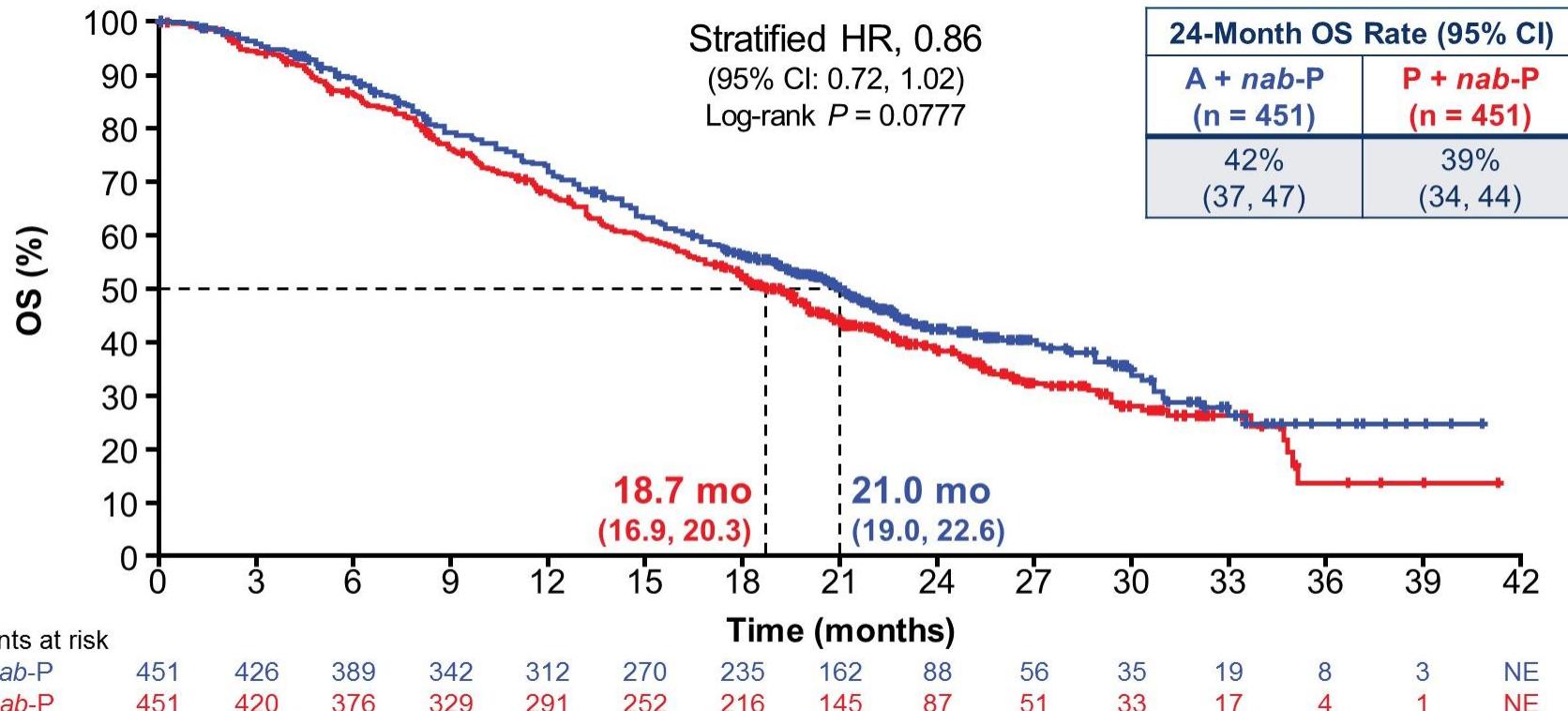


- Co-primary endpoints in ITT and PD-L1 IC+: PFS and OS<sup>d</sup>
- Pre-specified hierarchical testing of OS in ITT and, if significant, in PD-L1 IC+ patients
- In both treatment arms, 41% of patients were PD-L1 IC+

<sup>a</sup> Prior chemotherapy in the curative setting allowed if treatment-free interval  $\geq 12$  months. <sup>b</sup> 28-day cycle. <sup>c</sup> Centrally evaluated per VENTANA SP142 IHC assay.

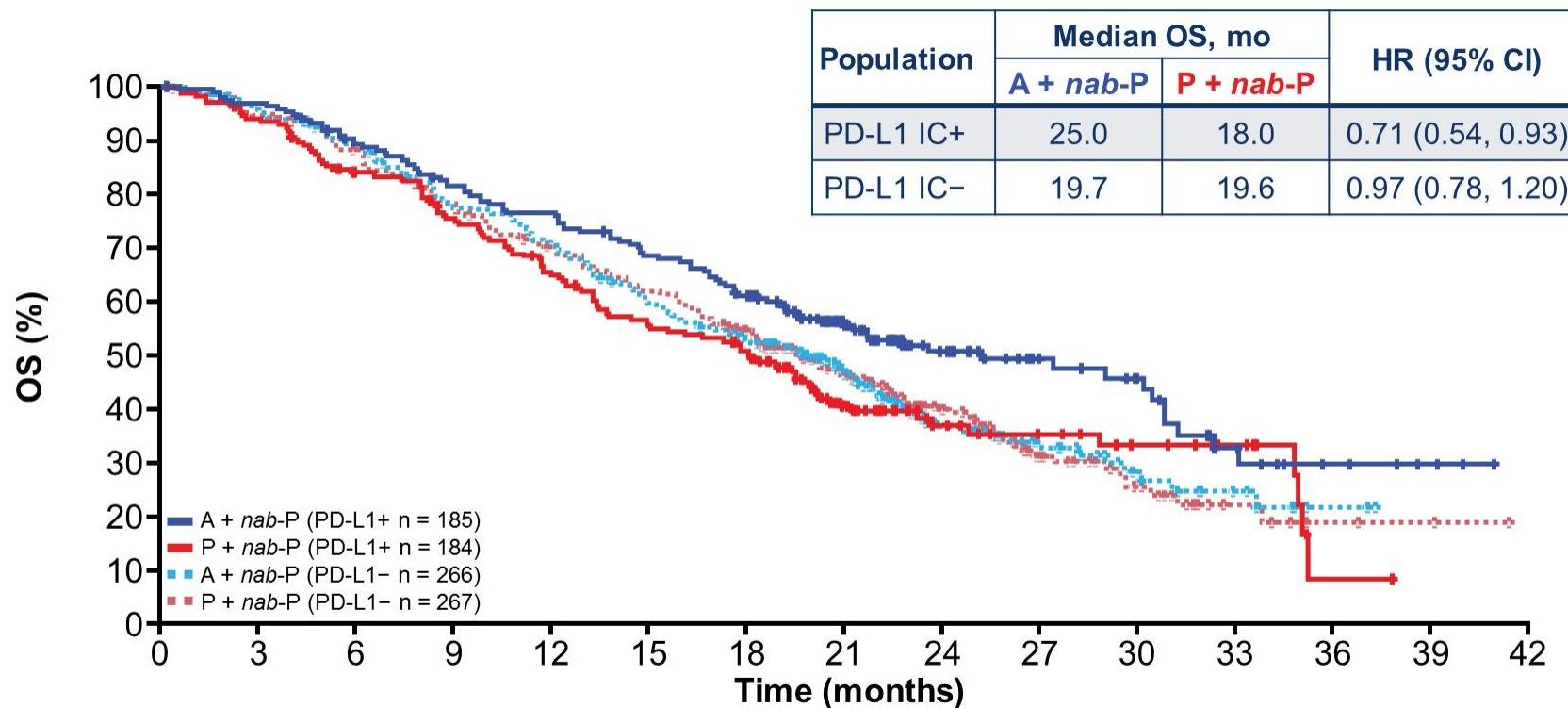
<sup>d</sup> Efficacy endpoints assessed by investigators per RECIST 1.1. NCT02425891.

# OS in ITT population



NE, not estimable. Clinical cutoff date: January 2, 2019. Median PFS (95% CI) is indicated on the plot. Median FU (ITT): 18.0 mo.

# Comparison of OS in PD-L1+ and PD-L1- populations



Clinical cutoff date: January 2, 2019.

Schmid et al, ASCO 2019.

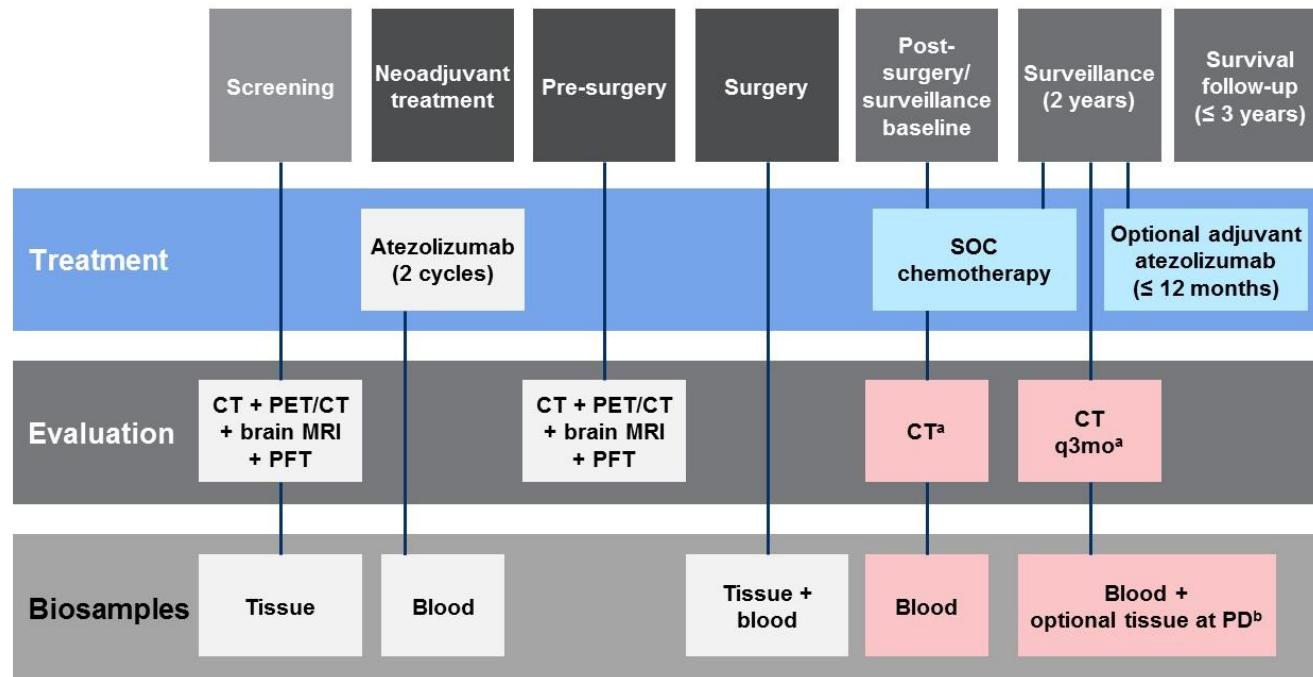
# Neoadjuvant checkpoint blockade in NSCLC

- Possibility of inducing major pathologic response prior to surgical intervention
- Atezolizumab
  - LCMC3
- Nivolumab or nivolumab + ipilimumab
  - NEOSTAR

# **Neoadjuvant atezolizumab in resectable non-small cell lung cancer: Interim analysis and biomarker data from a multicenter study (LCMC3)**

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Ignacio Ivan Wistuba, Robert Merritt, Jay M. Lee, Paul A. Bunn, Yan Tang, See-Chun  
Phan, Saiama Naheed Waqar, Alexander Patterson, Eric B. Haura, Eric M. Toloza, Karen  
L. Reckamp, Dan Raz, Katja Schulze, Ann Johnson, David Paul Carbone

# LCMC3 study design



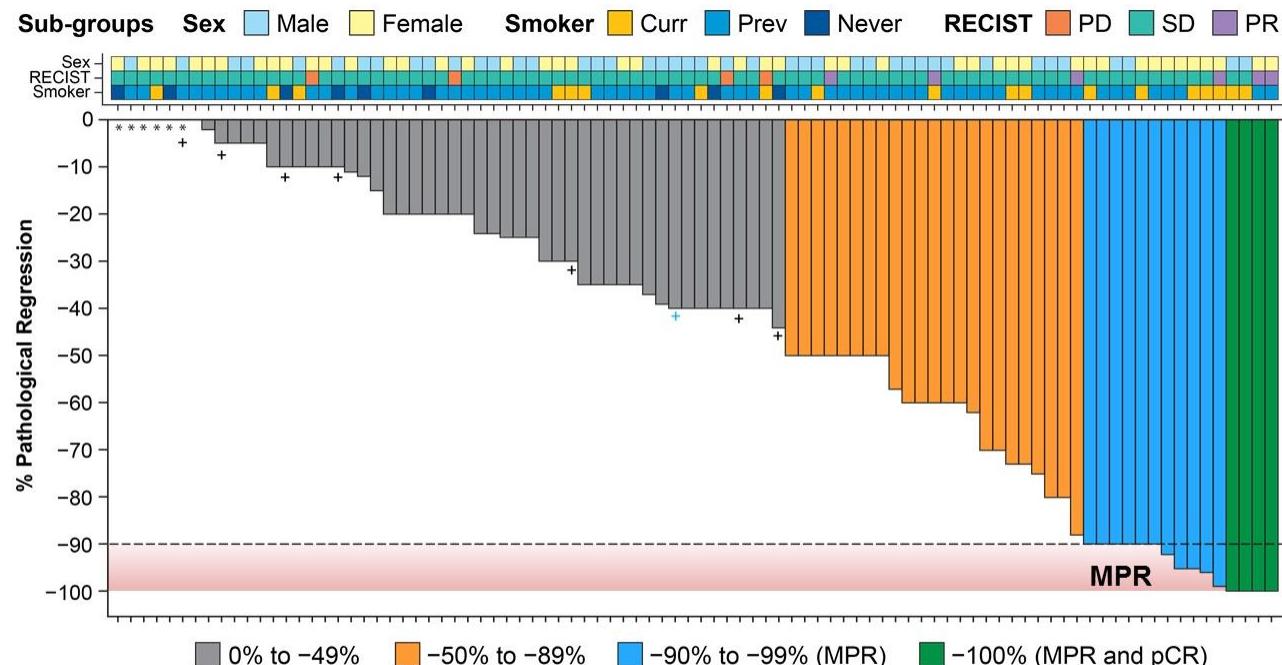
MPR, major pathologic response, locally assessed; PFT, pulmonary function test; q3mo, every 3 months.

<sup>a</sup> Extended chest CT, including liver and adrenals. <sup>b</sup> At progression and/or recurrence. NCT02927301.

MPR (major pathologic response): residual viable tumor cells  $\leq 10\%$  of tumor bulk, Forde et al, NEJM 2018

Kwiatkowski et al, ASCO 2019.

# Pathological regression in intended surgery population (n=90)



Pathologic regression defined as % viable tumor cells – 100%. pCR, pathologic complete response.

<sup>a</sup> 1 EGFR+ patient had aborted surgery. \* Pathologic response could not be assessed. <sup>\*</sup>EGFR+. <sup>\*</sup>ALK+.

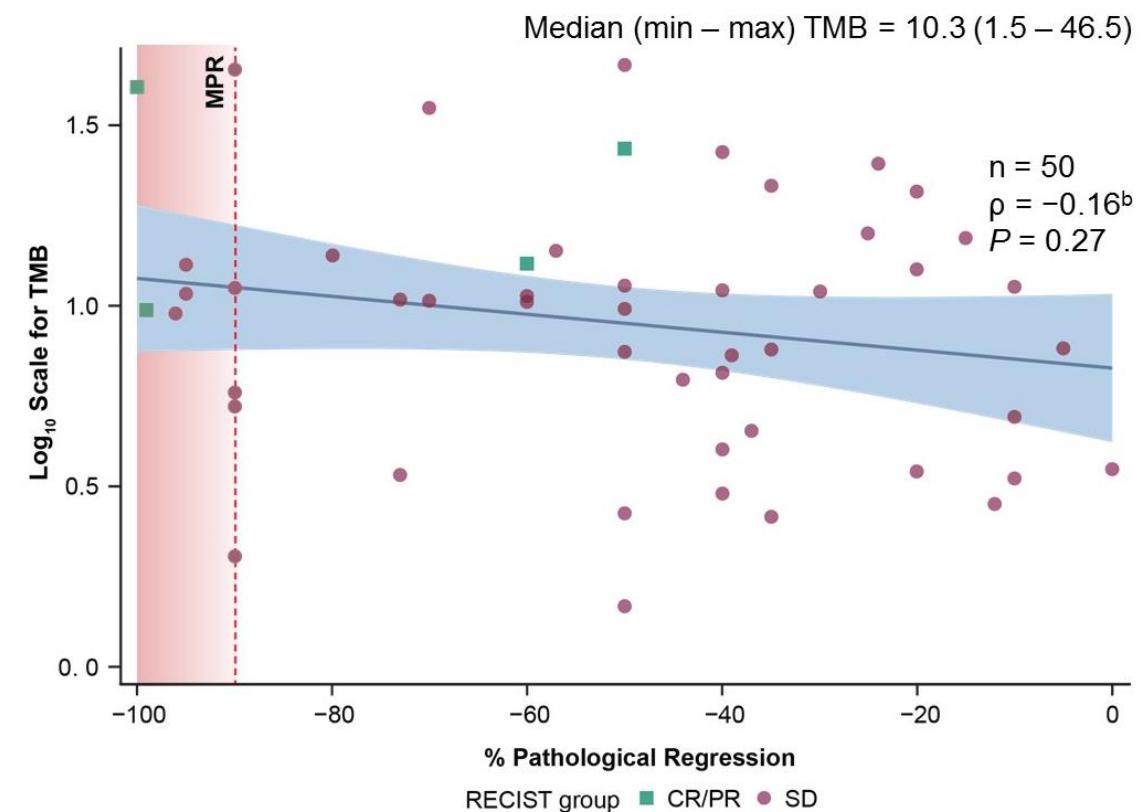
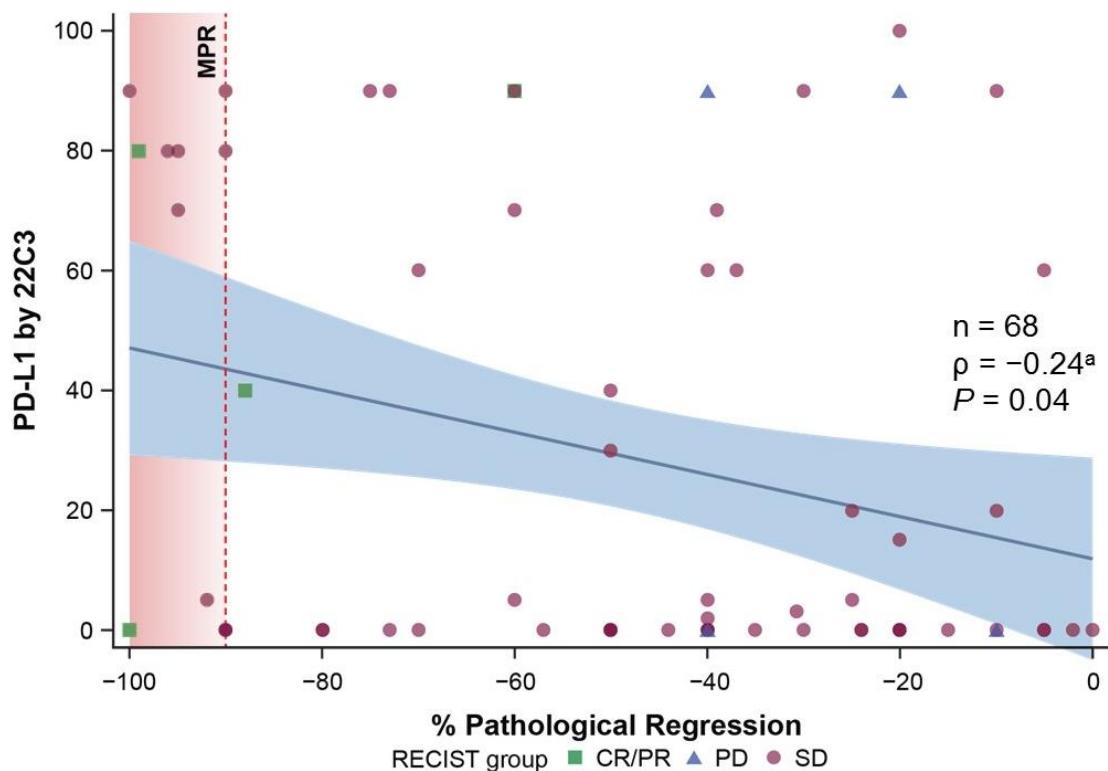
## Patients in intended surgery population (n = 90)

- PR: 6 (7%); SD: 80 (89%); PD: 4 (4%)
- 3 of 8 EGFR/ALK+ had 40% to 50% pathological regression

## Primary efficacy population (n = 77)

- MPR: 15 of 77 (19%; 95%CI: 11%, 30%)
- pCR: 4 of 77 (5%) patients
- 38 of 77 (49%) had  $\geq$  50% pathological regression

# MPR observed in all PD-L1 and TMB levels

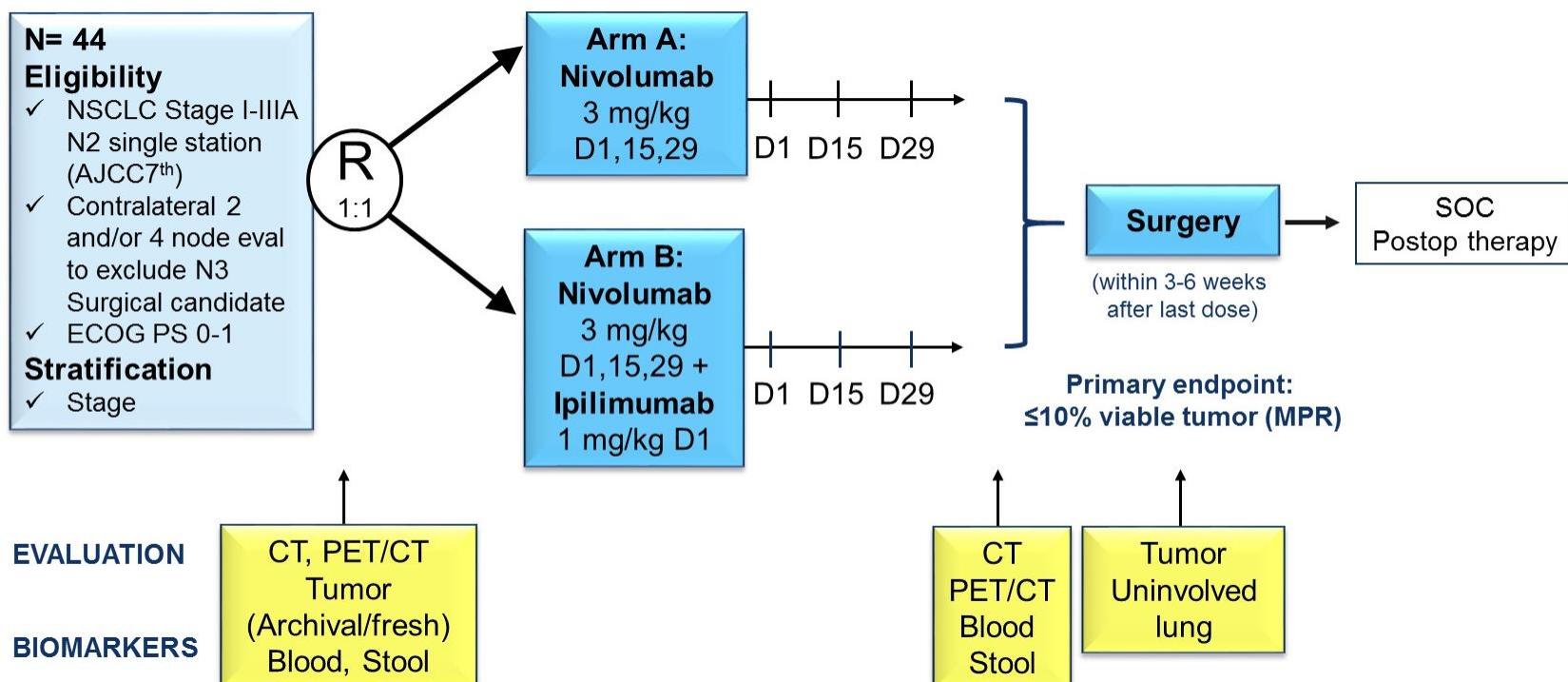


# **Neoadjuvant nivolumab (N) or nivolumab plus ipilimumab (NI) for resectable non-small cell lung cancer: Clinical and correlative results from the NEOSTAR study**

Tina Cascone, William Nassib William, Annikka Weissferdt, Heather Y. Lin, Cheuk Hong Leung, Brett W. Carter, Frank V. Fossella, Frank Mott, Vassiliki Papadimitrakopoulou, George R. Blumenschein, Jr., Xiuning Le, Lorenzo Federico, Edwin Roger Parra Cuentas, Chantale Bernatchez, Ignacio Ivan Wistuba, Ara A. Vaporciyan, Don Lynn Gibbons, Stephen Swisher, John Heymach, Boris Sepesi, NEOSTAR Study Group

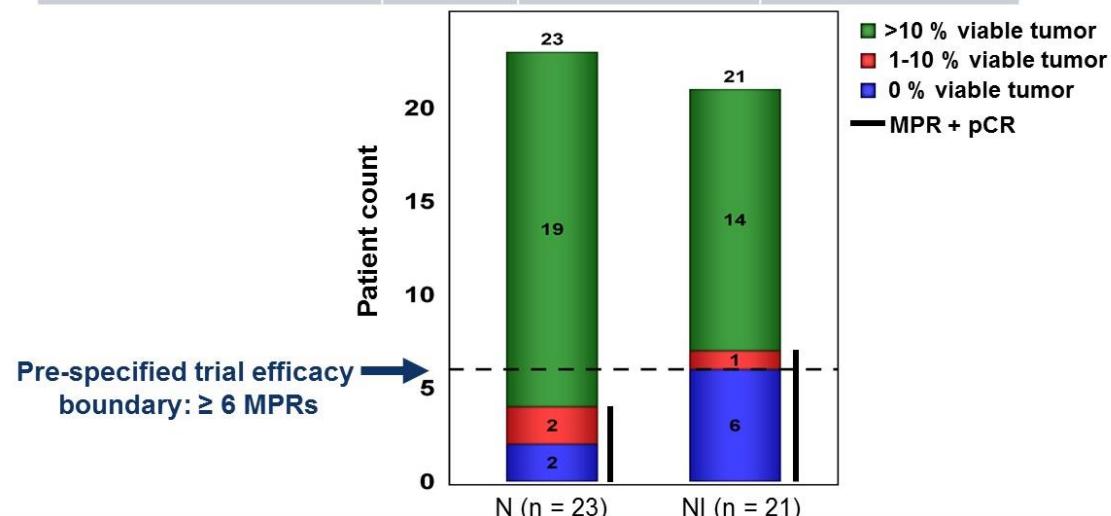
# NEOSTAR study design

**NEOSTAR: phase II study of induction checkpoint blockade for untreated stage I-IIIA NSCLC amenable for surgical resection**

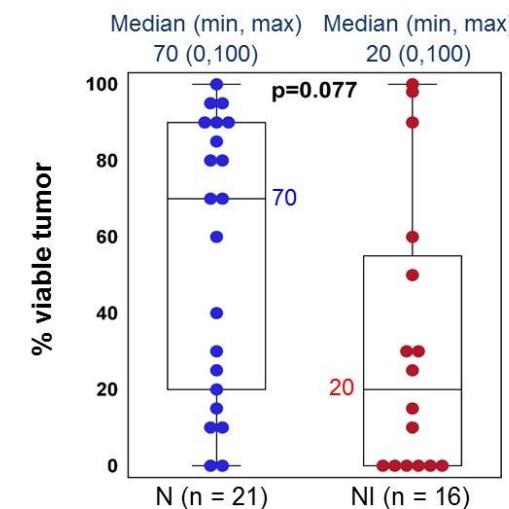


# MPR rate: NI met pre-specified trial boundary

Overall ITT Resected + not resected*	Total n = 44	N n = 23	NI n = 21
MPR + pCR	11 (25%)	4 (17%) (95% CI:5%,39%)	7 (33%) (95% CI:15%,57%)
0% viable tumor (pCR)	8 (18%)	2 (9%)	6 (29%)
1-10% viable tumor	3 (7%)	2 (9%)	1 (5%)

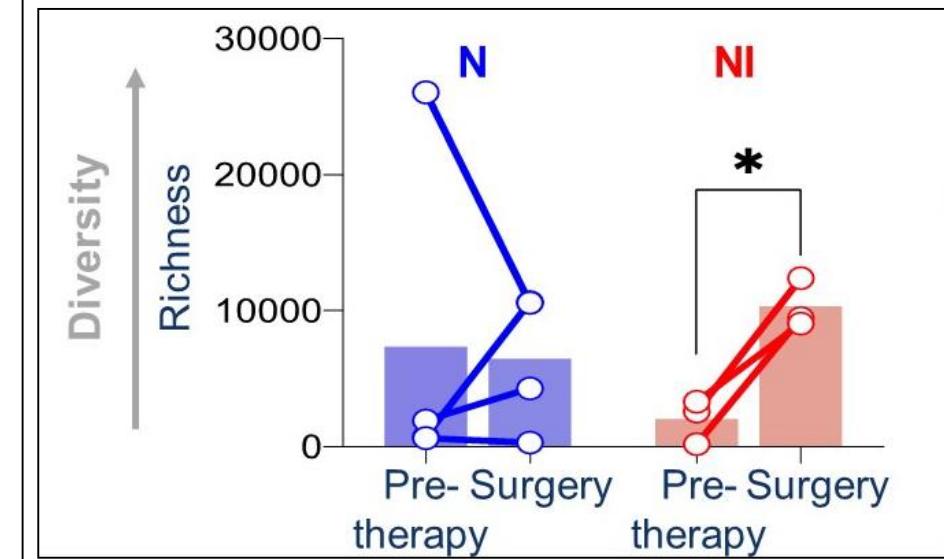
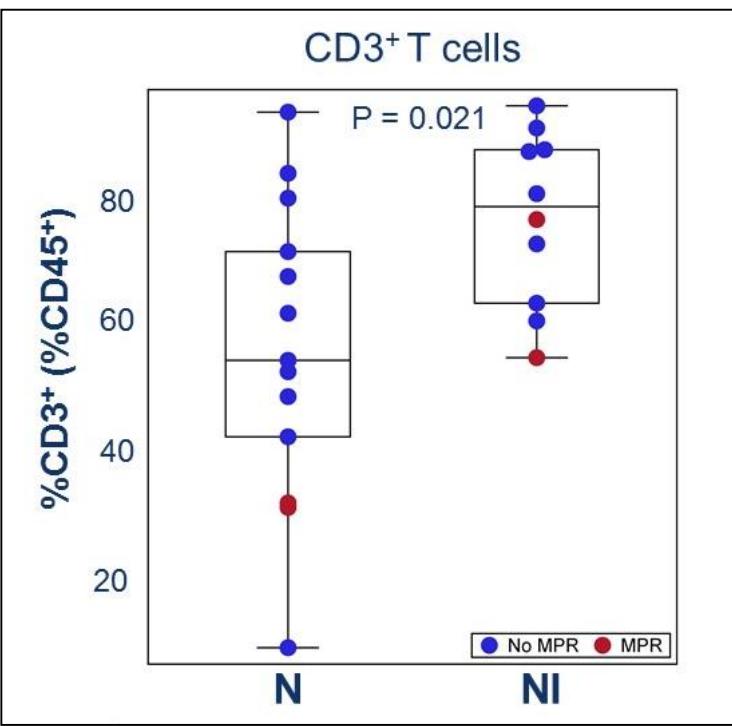
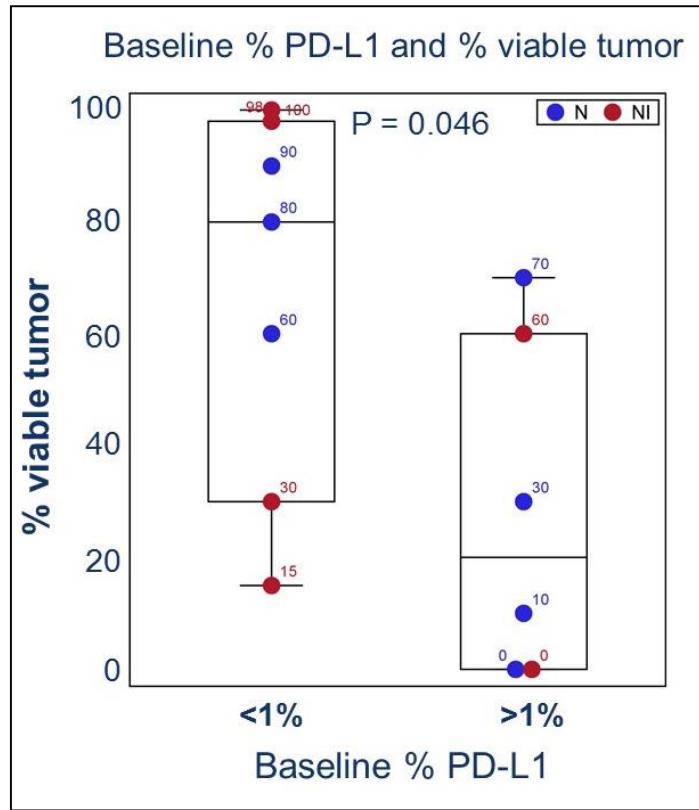


Evaluable* Resected on trial	Total n = 37	N n = 21	NI n = 16
MPR + pCR	11 (30%)	4 (19%)	7 (44%)
0% viable tumor (pCR)	8 (22%)	2 (10%)	6 (38%)
1-10% viable tumor	3 (8%)	2 (10%)	1 (6%)



MPR assessed as in Pataer A. et al., J Thorac Oncol 2012

# Correlative results



# Summary of studies

Study	Population	Arm(s)	Take-home results
<b>KEYNOTE-048</b>	R/M HNSCC – 1 <sup>st</sup> line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pembrolizumab (P)</li> <li>Pembrolizumab + chemo (P+C)</li> <li>Chemo (EXTREME, E)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OS improved for P+C over E in all groups</li> <li>OS improved for P over E in PD-L1(+)</li> <li>Longer DOR with P-containing regimens</li> </ul>
<b>KEYNOTE-426</b>	Stage IV ccRCC – 1 <sup>st</sup> line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pembrolizumab + axitinib</li> <li>Sunitinib</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tumor shrinkage increased with P+A over S</li> <li>OS, PFS, ORR benefit seen with P+A across key subgroups</li> </ul>
<b>IMpassion130</b>	mTNBC – 1 <sup>st</sup> line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atezolizumab + <i>nab</i>-paclitaxel</li> <li>Placebo + <i>nab</i>-paclitaxel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PD-L1 IHC predicts benefit from atezolizumab</li> <li>First evidence of IO benefit in 1<sup>st</sup>-line TNBC</li> </ul>
<b>LCMC3</b>	Early-stage NSCLC - neoadjuvant	2 cycles of atezolizumab prior to resection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encouraging pCR and MPR rates</li> <li>Atezolizumab well-tolerated</li> </ul>
<b>NEOSTAR</b>	Early-stage NSCLC - neoadjuvant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nivolumab</li> <li>Nivolumab + ipilimumab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N+I met pre-specified MPR effectiveness boundary</li> <li>N+I increased TILs, diversity, reactivity</li> </ul>

# Conclusions – First-line and Neoadjuvant Studies

- Benefits seen in both first-line and neoadjuvant settings for immune checkpoint inhibitors
- Often conflicting/unclear biomarker study results
- Moving into earlier lines of therapy warrants the question: what to do after checkpoint relapse/resistance?

# Conclusions – First-line and Neoadjuvant Studies

First-line and neoadjuvant settings for immune marker study results indicate that

- Moving from first-line to neoadjuvant settings that

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Circulating tumor cells in advanced non-small cell lung cancer patients are associated with checkpoint inhibition

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**Wong et al. Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer (2019) 7:194**  
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**RESEARCH ARTICLE** Open Access

Multiplex quantification of associated fibroblast outcome in metastatic melanoma

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Gut microbiome anti-PD-1 immunotherapy in hepatocellular carcinoma

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**RESEARCH ARTICLE** Open Access

Tumor mutation burden and circulating tumor DNA in combined CTLA-4 and PD-1 antibody therapy in metastatic melanoma – results of a prospective biomarker study

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Patterns of failure after immunotherapy with checkpoint inhibitors predict durable progression-free survival after local therapy for metastatic melanoma

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**CASE REPORT** Open Access

Response to targeted therapy or chemotherapy following immunotherapy in patients with gastrointestinal cancers - a case series

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  - Non-small cell lung cancer
  - Cutaneous melanoma
  - Bladder cancer
  - Hematologic malignancies
  - Renal cell carcinoma
  - Prostate carcinoma
  - Head and neck cancers
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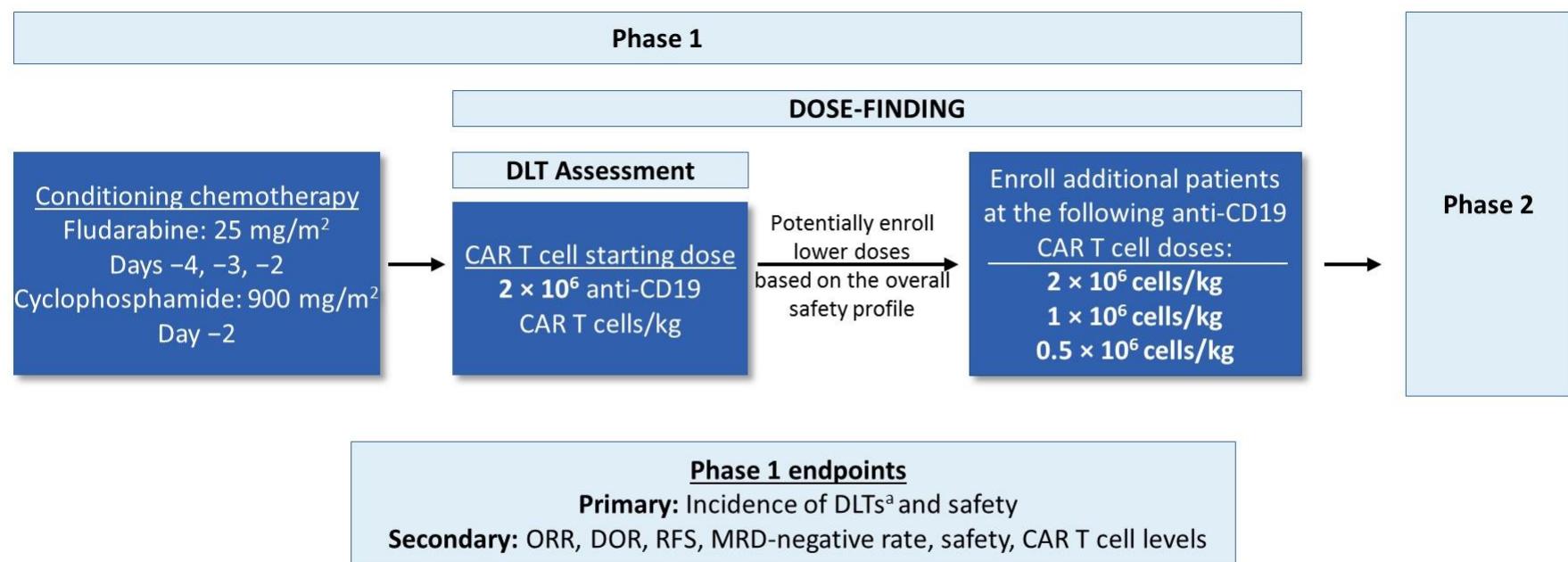
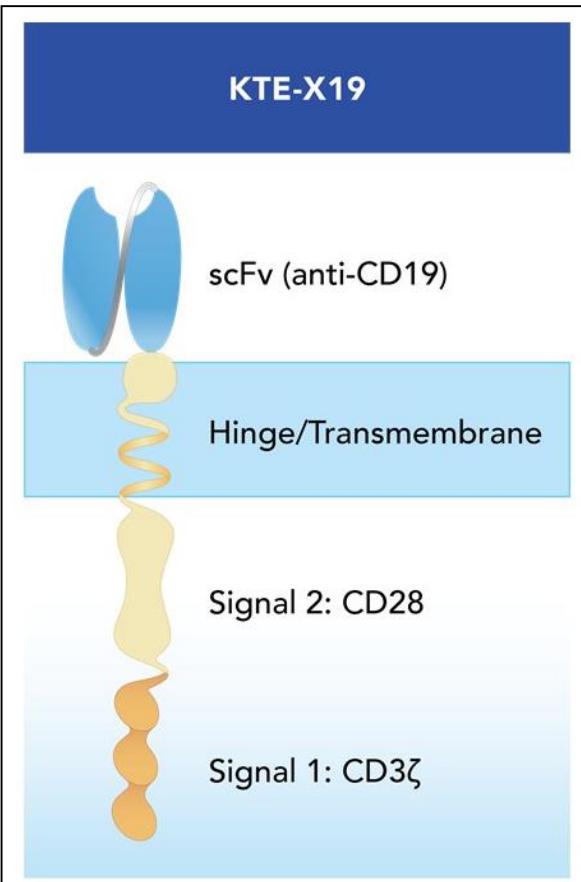
# Cellular Therapies

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# End of phase 1 results of ZUMA-3, a phase 1/2 study of KTE-X19, an anti-CD19 chimeric antigen receptor T cell therapy, in adults with relapsed/refractory acute lymphoblastic leukemia

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# ZUMA-3 study design



<sup>a</sup>DLT defined as Grade 3 nonhematologic AEs lasting > 7 days and all Grade 4 nonhematologic AEs regardless of duration, with the exception of prespecified expected events (eg, tumor lysis syndrome) or Grade 4 hematologic AEs lasting > 30 days, except lymphopenia; within 28 days of initial infusion.

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; DOR, duration of response; MRD, minimal residual disease; ORR, objective response rate; RFS, relapse-free survival.

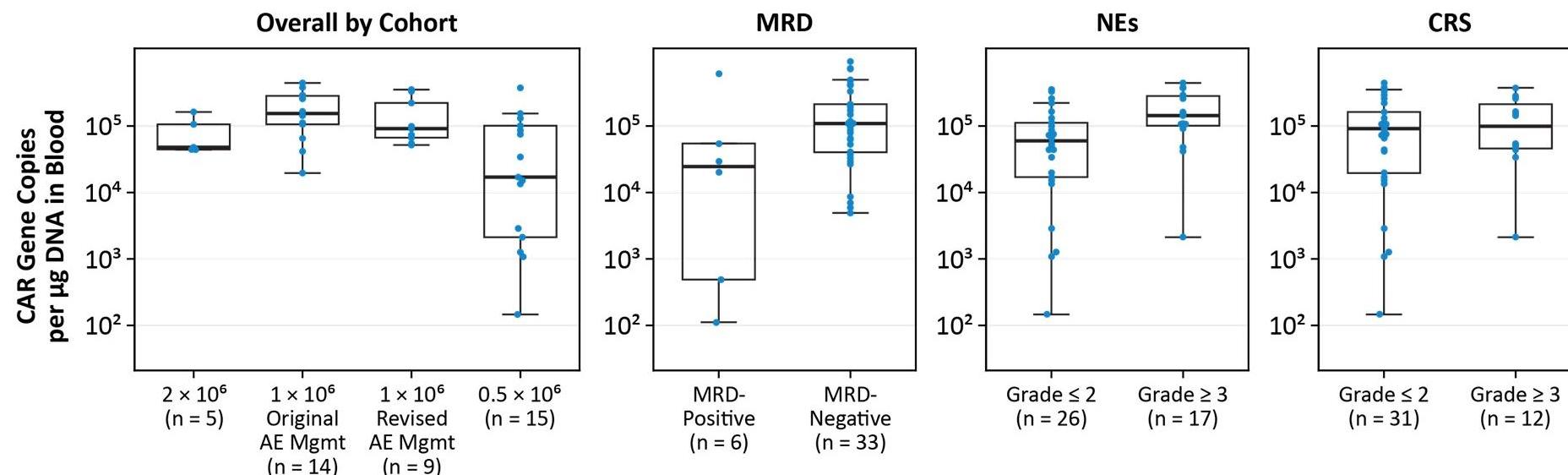
KTE-K19 (axicabtagene ciloleucel, Yescarta, is approved adults with relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma after  $\geq 2$  lines of systemic therapy

Shah et al, ASCO 2019.

# Trial design and results

- Primary endpoint=DLT rate
- Additional endpoints
  - KTE-X19 levels
  - Incidence of Aes
  - MRD
  - CR/Cri
- Results
  - 45 pts treated, median f/u 16 mo
  - 66% had  $\geq 3$  prior Rxs
  - Median pre-Rx blasts 70%
  - Cell doses per kg
    - 6 at  $2 \times 10^6$
    - 23 at  $10^6$
    - 16 at  $.5 \times 10^6$
- Toxicities
  - Management included early steroid, higher threshold tocilizumab
  - No DLT
  - 1/3 of pts had hypotension, fever, thrombocytopenia
  - 2 deaths from CRS
  - 1/3 of pts had neurotoxicity
  - 1/3 of pts had CRS
- Responses
  - Across dose levels, CR/Cri, MRD-neg in 70-80% range

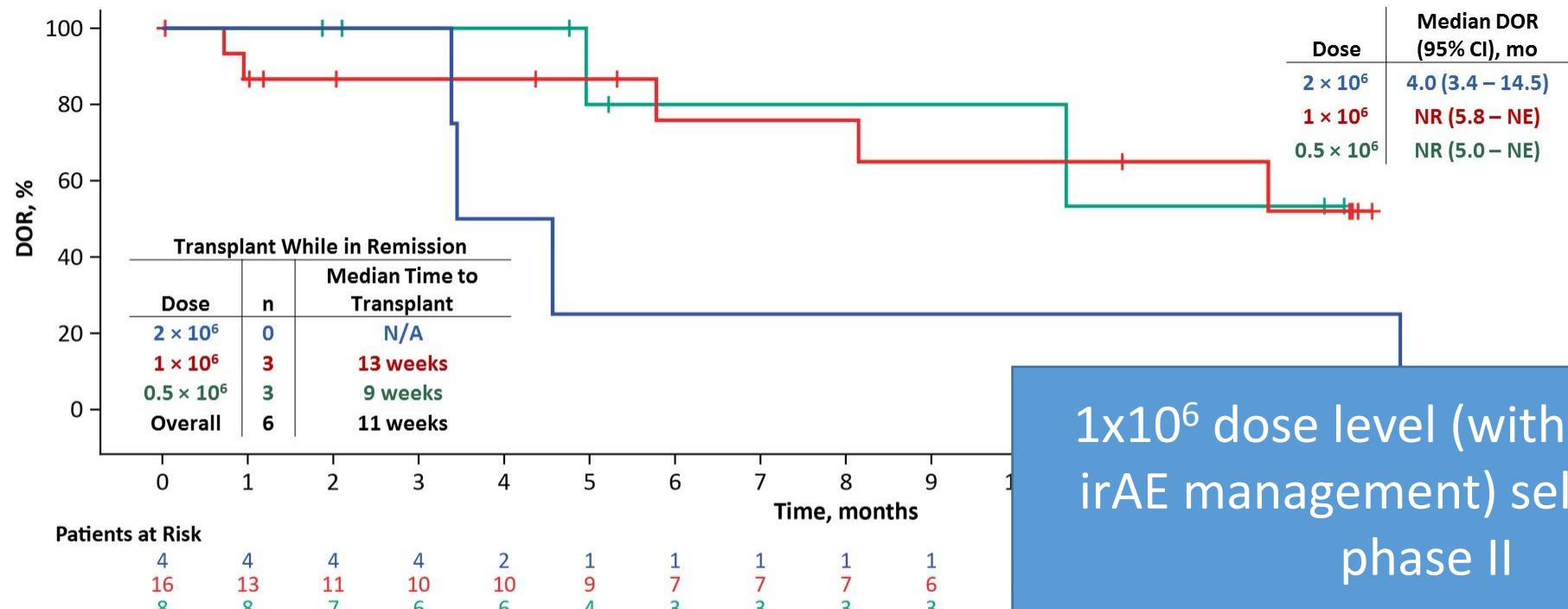
# Peak CAR T cell expansion in blood



- Although sample size was limited, the median CAR T cell expansion was similar between the  $1 \times 10^6$  dose groups with the revised and original AE management

AE, adverse event; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; mgmt, management; MRD, minimal residual disease; NE, neurologic event; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

# Duration of remission (not censored at transplant)



1x10<sup>6</sup> dose level (with modified irAE management) selected for phase II

- Of the 6 patients who received transplant, 3 have ongoing remission as of the data cutoff

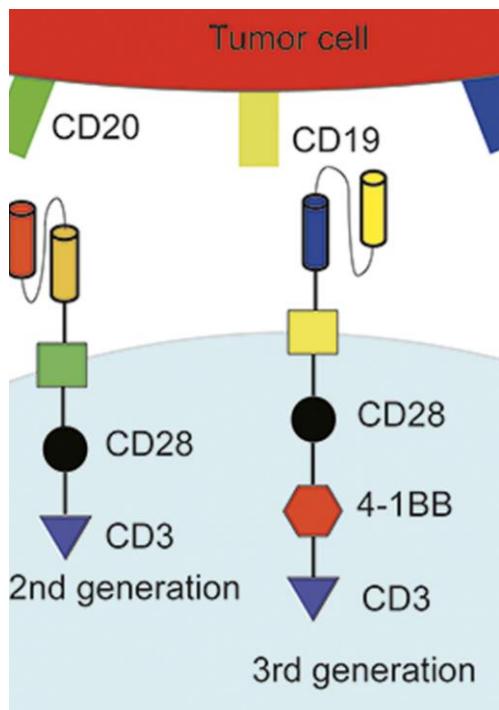
Figure includes all patients who achieved a CR + CRI with at least 2 months of follow up (n = 28) without censoring at transplant. Ticks indicate censored events.  
 DOR, duration of remission; N/A, not applicable; NE, not evaluable; NR, not reached.

Shah et al, ASCO 2019.

# **Results of a phase I study of bispecific anti-CD19, anti-CD20 chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) modified T cells for relapsed, refractory, non-Hodgkin lymphoma**

Nirav Niranjan Shah, Fenlu Zhu, Dina Schneider, Carolyn Taylor, Winfried Krueger, Andrew Worden, Walter L. Longo, Mehdi Hamadani, Timothy Fenske, Bryon Johnson, Boro Dropulic, Rimas Orentas, Parameswaran Hari

Construct:  
Lentiviral  
4-1BB/CD3z



# CD19/CD20 CAR T study design

## Cohort 1: Dose-escalation

*CAR-T infusion split 30%/70% over 2 days*

*3+3 design*

$DL0 = 2.5 \times 10^5$  cells/kg

$DL1 = 7.5 \times 10^5$  cells/kg

$DL2 = 2.5 \times 10^6$  cells/kg

**Completed**

## Cohort 3: Single infusion

*Single infusion of CAR-T cells*

6 patient cohort at selected dose from Cohort 1

**Actively enrolling**

## Cohort 2: Dose-expansion

*CAR-T infusion split 30%/70% over 2 days*

6 patient expansion at selected dose from Cohort 1

**Completed**

## Cohort 4: Exploratory Dose

*Single infusion of CAR-T cells*

3+3 cohort at  $5 \times 10^6$  cells/kg

**Pending**

# Primary outcome: Safety/Feasibility

- Feasibility (N=17) 100% CAR-T production, goal dose met in all pts
- Safety (N=17) No dose limiting toxicities to date, no ICU, no pressors
- RP2D (cells)  $2.5 \times 10^6/\text{kg}$

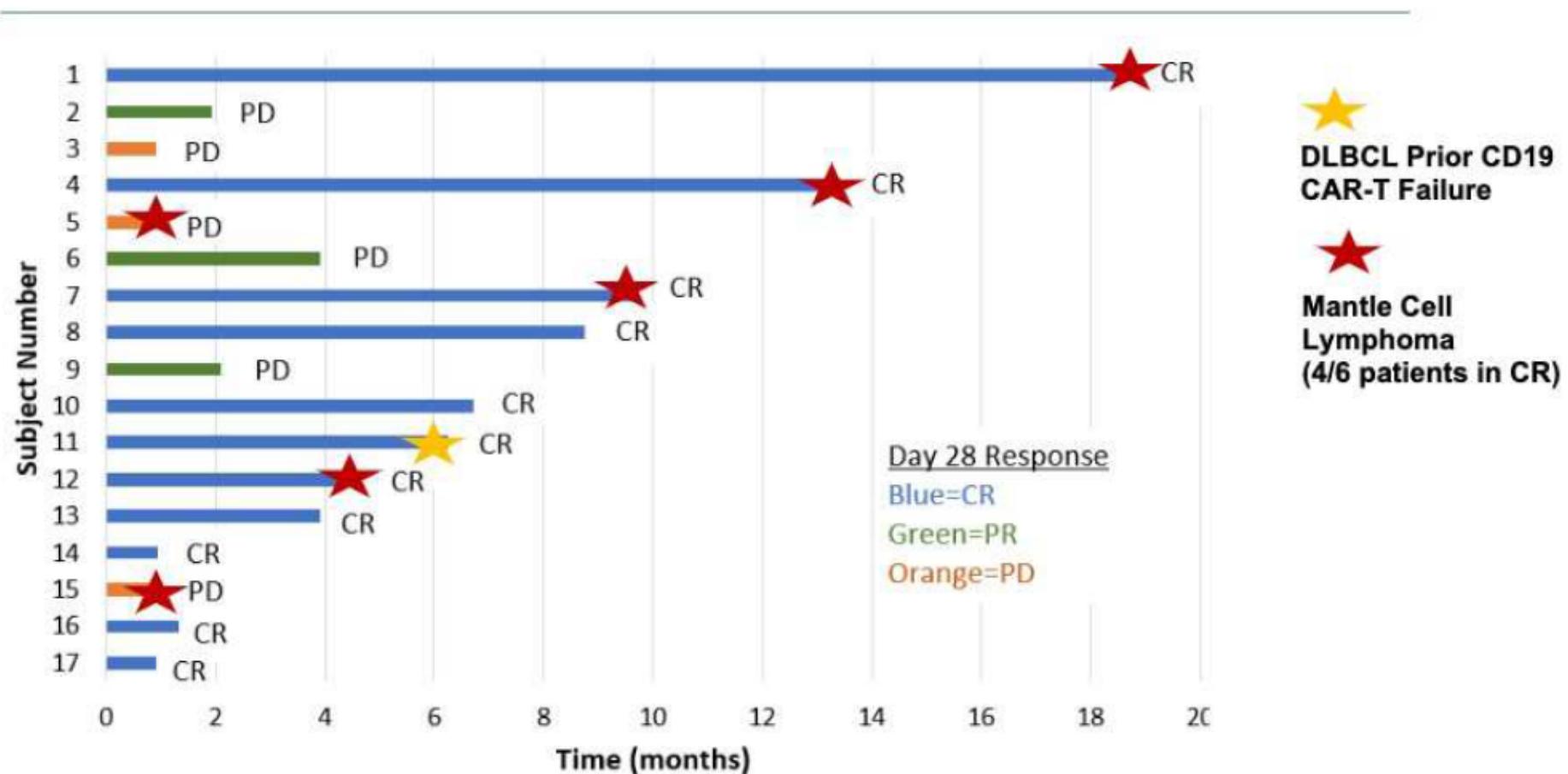
## Cytokine release syndrome (CRS)

- No grade 3-4 CRS
- Grade 1 CRS = 7 patients (41%)
- Grade 2 CRS = 4 patients (24%)
- Tocilizumab = 5 patients (max 2 doses)
- Corticosteroids = 5 patients (for CRS or NTX)
- Median time to CRS = 7 days (0-13)

## Neurotoxicity (NTX)

- Grade 1 NTX = 2 patients (12%)
- Grade 2 NTX = 1 patient (6%)
- Grade 3 = 2 pts
- (no Grade 4)
- Median time to NTX = 9 d (0-13)

## 2° outcome: Response 82%—6/11 CR, 3/11 PR



# **TRANSCEND CLL 004: Minimal residual disease (MRD) negative responses after lisocabtagene maraleucel (lisocel; JCAR017), a CD19-directed CAR T cell product, in patients with relapsed/refractory chronic lymphocytic lymphoma (CLL/SLL)**

Tanya Siddiqi, Kathleen Anne Dorritie, Jacob Drobnyk Soumerai, Deborah Marie Stephens, Jason A Dubovsky, Heidi H. Gillenwater, Lucy Gong, Jerill Thorpe, Lin Yang, William G. Wierda

# TRANSCEND CLL 004 phase I study design

## Key Eligibility

- Relapsed/refractory CLL/SLL
- Failed or ineligible for BTKi<sup>a</sup>
- High-risk disease<sup>b</sup>: failed ≥2 prior therapies
- Standard-risk disease: failed ≥3 prior therapies
- ECOG PS 0-1

## Dose-Escalation: mTPI-2 Design<sup>c</sup>

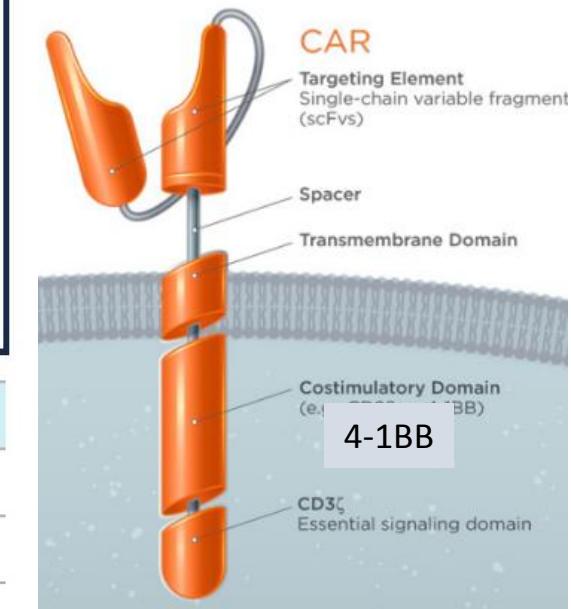
28-day DLT period

### *Primary Objectives*

- Determine recommended dose
- Safety

### *Exploratory Objectives*

- Antitumor activity
- Pharmacokinetic profile



## Dose Level

## Dose

## Evaluable (N=23)

1

$50 \times 10^6$  CAR+ T cells

9

2

$100 \times 10^6$  CAR+ T cells

14

<sup>a</sup>Failure defined as SD or PD as best response, or PD after previous response, or discontinuation due to intolerance (unmanageable toxicity). Ineligibility defined as requirement for full-dose anticoagulation or history of arrhythmia. <sup>b</sup>Complex cytogenetics abnormalities, del(17p), TP53 mutation, or unmutated IGHV. <sup>c</sup>Guo W et al. *Contemp Clin Trials*. 2017;58:23-33.

BTKi, Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitor; CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CLL, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status; IGHV, immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region; mTPI, modified toxicity probability interval for dose escalation; PD, progressive disease; SD, stable disease; SLL, small lymphocytic lymphoma.

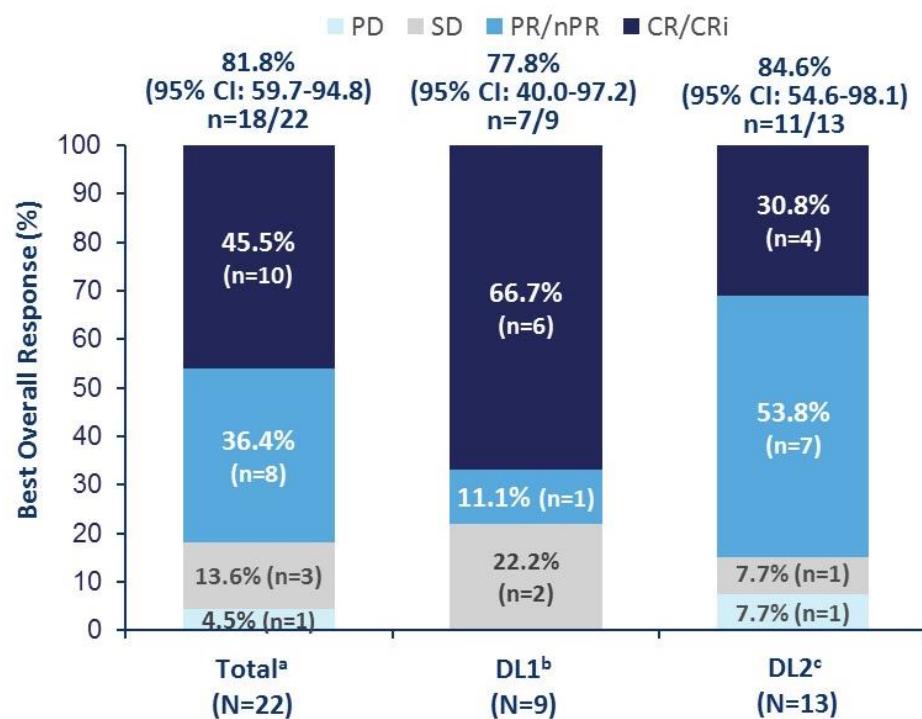
# Treatment-related adverse events

	All Grades (N=23)	Grade ≥3 (N=23)	DL1 Grade ≥3 (n=9)	DL2 Grade ≥3 (n=14)
<b>Any TEAE, n (%)</b>	<b>23 (100)</b>	<b>22 (95.7)</b>	<b>8 (88.9)</b>	<b>14 (100)</b>
Anemia	19 (82.6)	18 (78.3)	7 (77.8)	11 (78.6)
Cytokine release syndrome	17 (73.9)	2 (8.7)	0	2 (14.3)
Thrombocytopenia	17 (73.9)	16 (69.6)	4 (44.4)	12 (85.7)
Neutropenia	13 (56.5)	13 (56.5)	4 (44.4)	9 (64.3)
Leukopenia	11 (47.8)	10 (43.5)	4 (44.4)	6 (42.9)
Hypokalemia	9 (39.1)	0	0	0
Pyrexia	9 (39.1)	0	0	0
Nausea	8 (34.8)	0	0	0
Diarrhea	7 (30.4)	0	0	0
Hypophosphatemia	7 (30.4)	4 (17.4)	0	4 (28.6)
Tremor	7 (30.4)	0	0	0
Febrile neutropenia	6 (26.1)	5 (21.7)	0	5 (35.7)
Hypomagnesemia	6 (26.1)	0	0	0
Lymphopenia	6 (26.1)	6 (26.1)	2 (22.2)	4 (28.6)

- DLTs occurred in 2 patients receiving DL2:

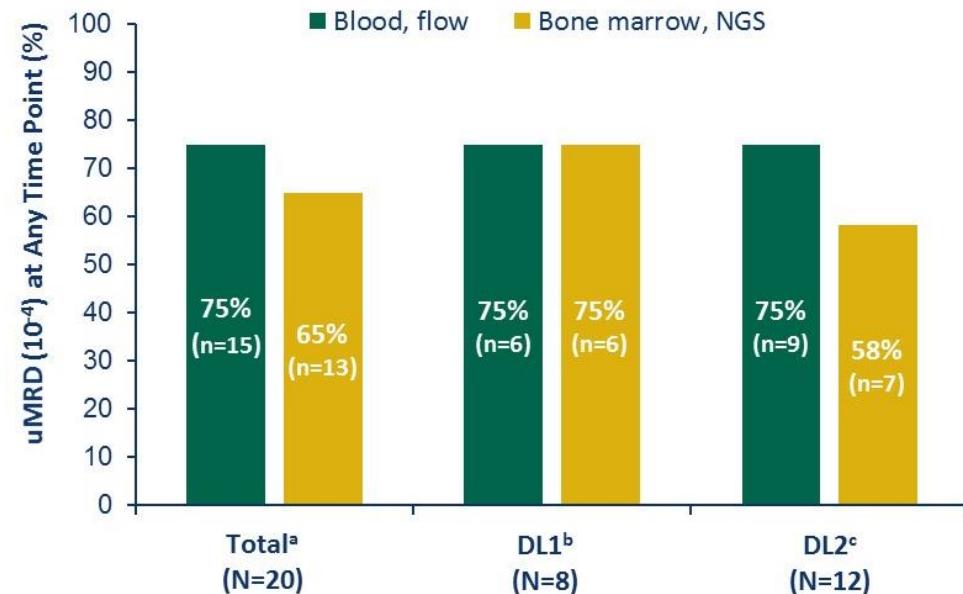
- Patient 1: G4 hypertension
- Patient 2: G3 encephalopathy, G3 muscle weakness, G4 TLS

# Best overall response and undetectable MRD



Median study follow-up, 9 months | Minimum follow-up, 1 month

**uMRD<sup>a</sup> ( $10^{-4}$ ) was achieved in 75% (blood) and 65% (marrow) of patients**



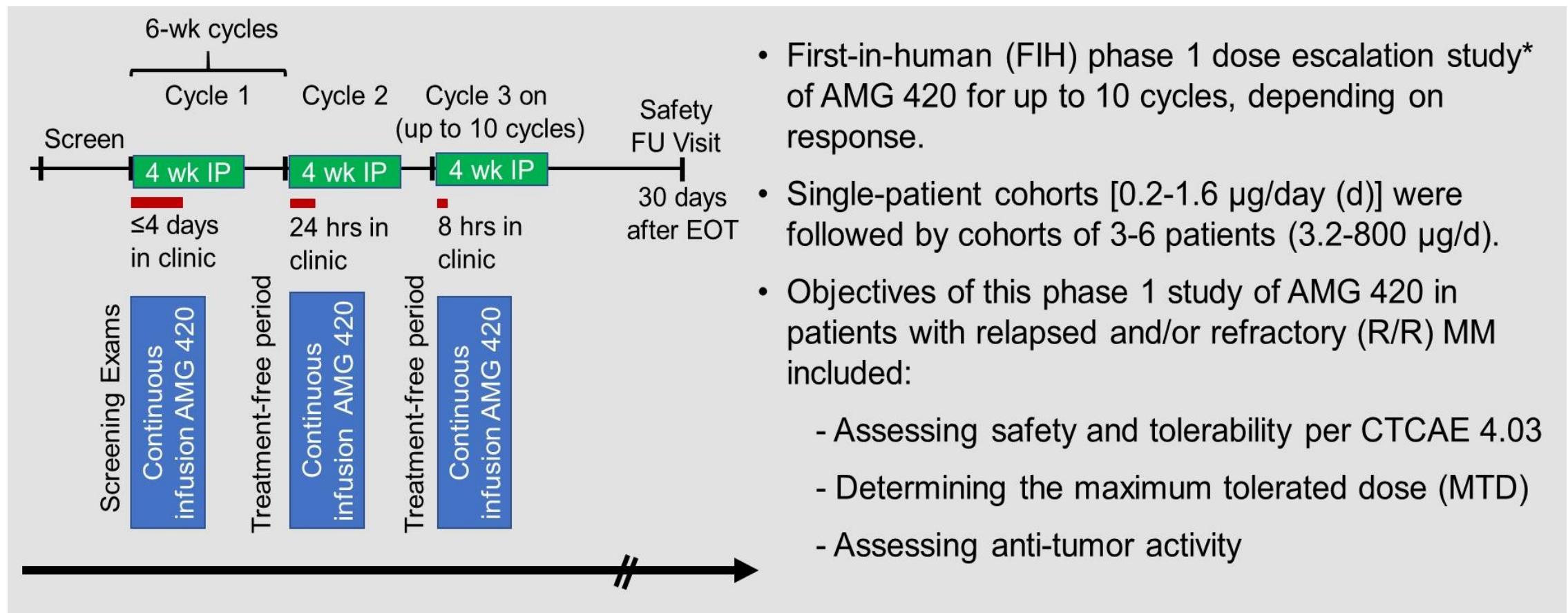
<sup>a</sup>Evaluable for response defined as having a pretreatment assessment and at least one postbaseline assessment; evaluable for MRD was defined as patients with detectable MRD at baseline. One patient was not evaluable for response. <sup>b</sup> $50 \times 10^6$  CAR T+ cells. <sup>c</sup> $100 \times 10^6$  CAR T+ cells.

CAR, chimeric antigen receptor; CI, confidence interval; CR, complete response; CRI, complete response with incomplete blood count recovery; DL, dose level; MRD, minimal residual disease; NGS, next-generation sequencing; nPR, nodular partial response; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease; uMRD, undetectable minimal residual disease.

# AMG 420, an anti-BCMA bispecific T-cell engager (BiTE®) molecule, in patients with R/R multiple myeloma: Updated results of a first-in-human phase 1 dose escalation study

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# Study schematic & objectives



\* NCT02514239. EOT, end of treatment; FU, follow-up; IP, investigational product.

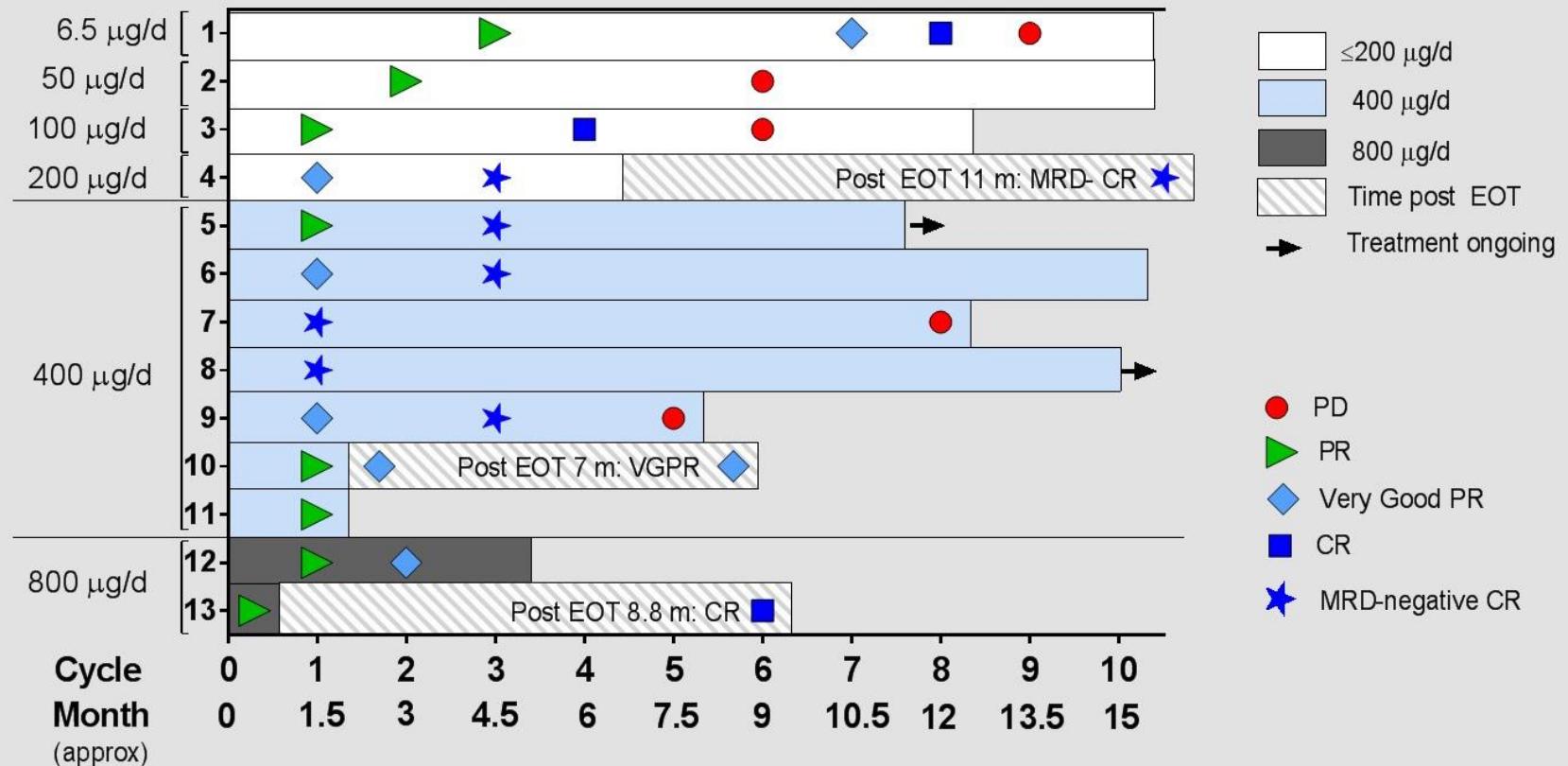
# CRS and other serious adverse events

		N=42	# Gr 1	# Gr 2	# Gr 3	# Gr 4	# Gr 5
CRS	All treatment-related, max grade	16 (38%)	13	2	1	-	-
SAEs in ≥2 patients	Infections	13 (31%)	-	3	8	-	2*
	Peripheral polyneuropathy	2 (5%)	-	-	2	-	-
Treatment-related SAEs	Peripheral polyneuropathy	2 (5%)	-	-	2	-	-
	Edema	1 (2%)	-	-	1	-	-

\* One patient died of aspergillosis / flu and one of fulminant hepatitis related to adenovirus infection, neither treatment-related.

- Of those with serious AEs (n=19, 45%), 16 patients were hospitalized and 4 had prolonged hospitalization (one patient had both on separate occasions).
- No grade 3 or 4 central nervous system toxicities were observed.

# Responding patients



Unless PD was the last response indicated, patients were responding at last evaluation.

# Summary of studies

Study	Population	Arm(s)	Take-home results
ZUMA-3	Previously treated R/R ALL	Dose-finding: $2 \times 10^6$ , $1 \times 10^6$ , $0.5 \times 10^6$ cells/kg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promising CR and MRD rates</li> <li>Revised irAE management improved safety profile</li> <li><math>1 \times 10^6</math> cells/kg recommended for phase II</li> </ul>
CD19/CD20 CAR T	R/R non-Hodgkin lymphoma	Dose-finding: $2.5 \times 10^5$ to $2.5 \times 10^6$ cells/kg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No dose limiting toxicities</li> <li>83% ORR</li> <li><math>2.5 \times 10^6</math> cells/kg recommended moving forward</li> </ul>
TRANSCEND CLL 004	Previously treated R/R CLL	Dose-finding: $50 \times 10^6$ or $100 \times 10^6$ cells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manageable toxicities</li> <li>Rapid clinical responses observed</li> <li><math>100 \times 10^6</math> cells recommended for phase II</li> </ul>
AMG 420 BiTE	Previously treated R/R multiple myeloma	Dose escalation: from 0.2 µg/day to 800 µg/day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>70% response rate</li> <li>DLTs observed at 800 µg/day and 400 µg/day</li> <li>400 µg/day recommended for phase 1b/2</li> </ul>

# Conclusions – Cellular therapies

- Chimeric T cell receptor and bispecific T-cell engager therapies show promise in hematologic malignancies
- High response rates observed – but what about duration of response?
- Moving cellular therapies into solid tumors and addressing scalability are ongoing challenges

# SITC Resources

- Adoptive Cellular Therapies workshop – September 5-6, 2019
- Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer
- SITC Annual Meeting – November 7-10, 2019
  - SITC-ASH session: Lessons and challenges from the immunotherapy of hematologic malignancies: Informing the next generation of cancer immunotherapies
  - Harnessing antigen-presenting cells to boost anti-tumor immunity
  - NK cells: From basic science to clinical application
  - Innovations in cellular therapy for therapeutically targeting advanced malignancies

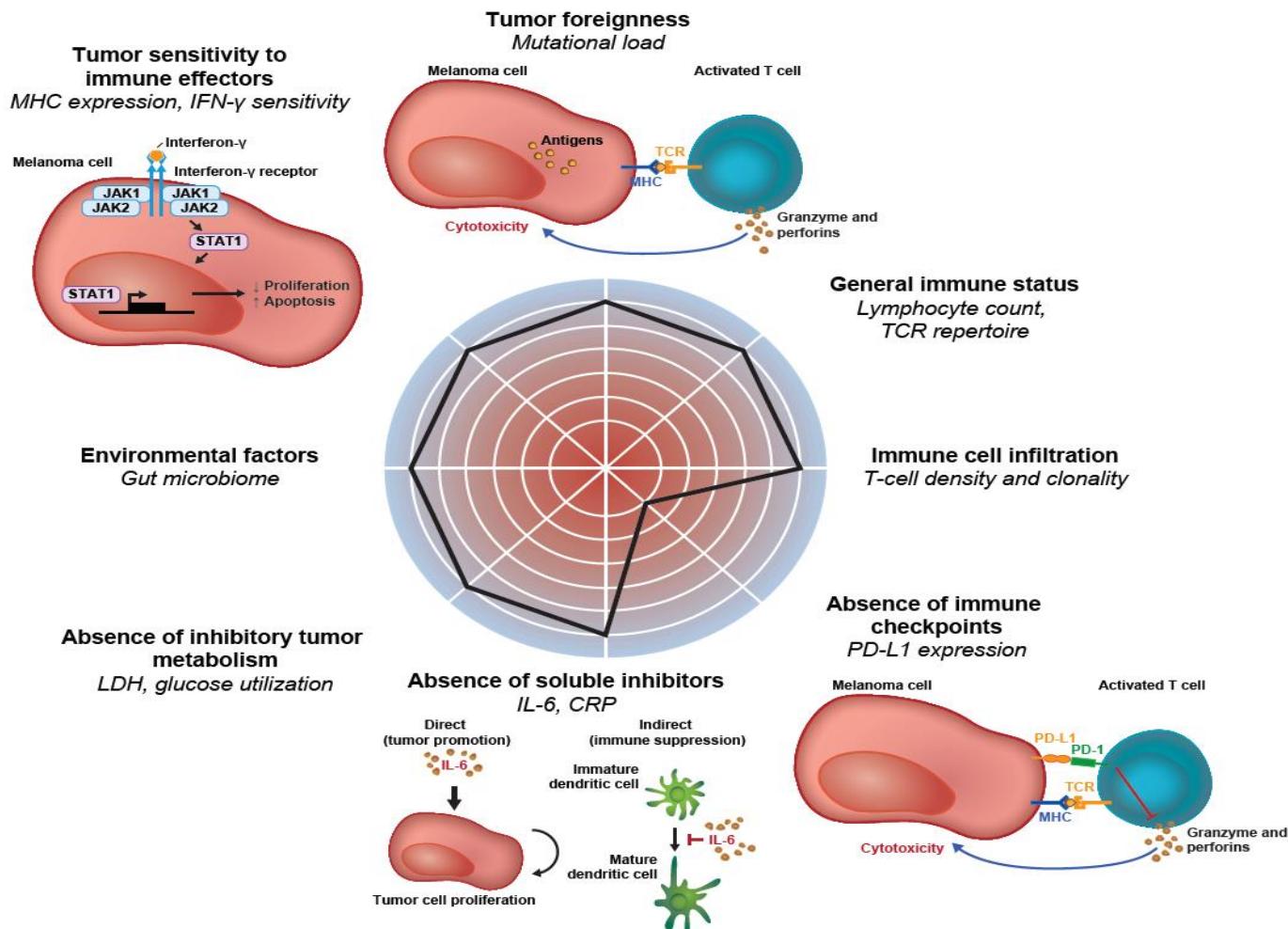


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# Biomarkers and checkpoint inhibitors

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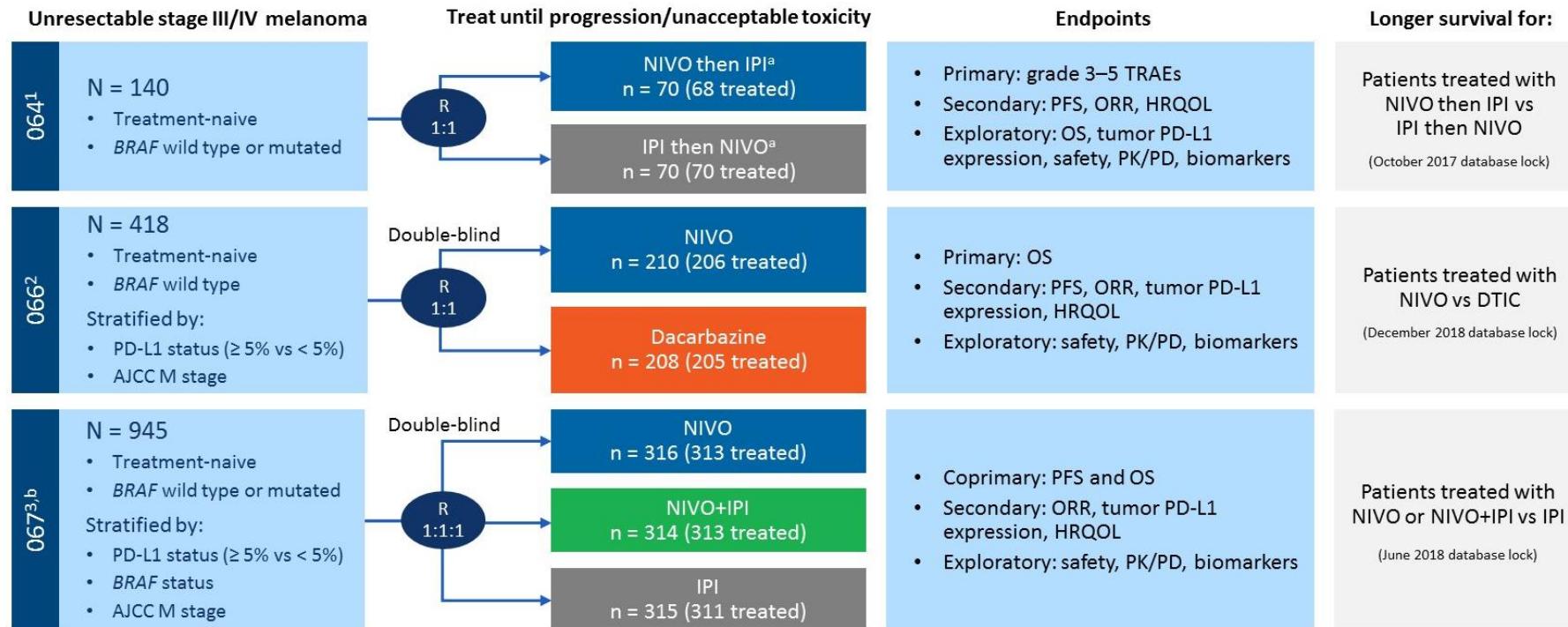
# Modified Immunogram: Cancer-Immune Interaction



# Serum IL-6 and CRP as prognostic factors in melanoma patients receiving single agent and combination checkpoint inhibition

Jeffrey S. Weber, Hao Tang, Lauren Hippeli, Max Qian, Megan Wind-Rotolo, James M.G. Larkin, Jedd D. Wolchok, Mario Sznol, Caroline Robert, David Michael Woods, Andressa Sodre Laino, F. Stephen Hodi

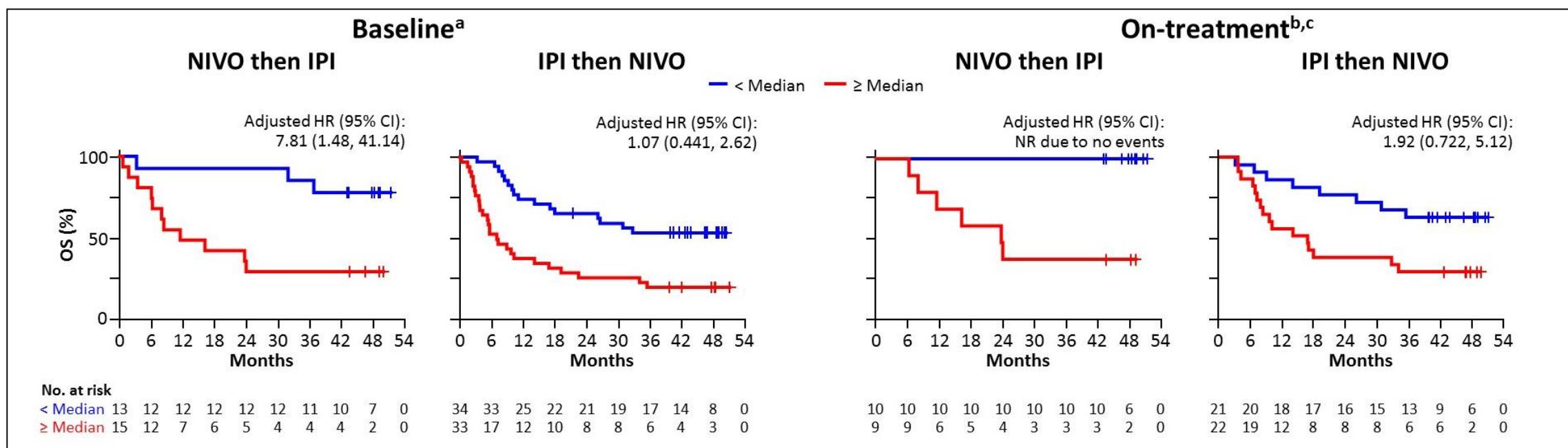
# Exploratory, post-hoc analysis of samples



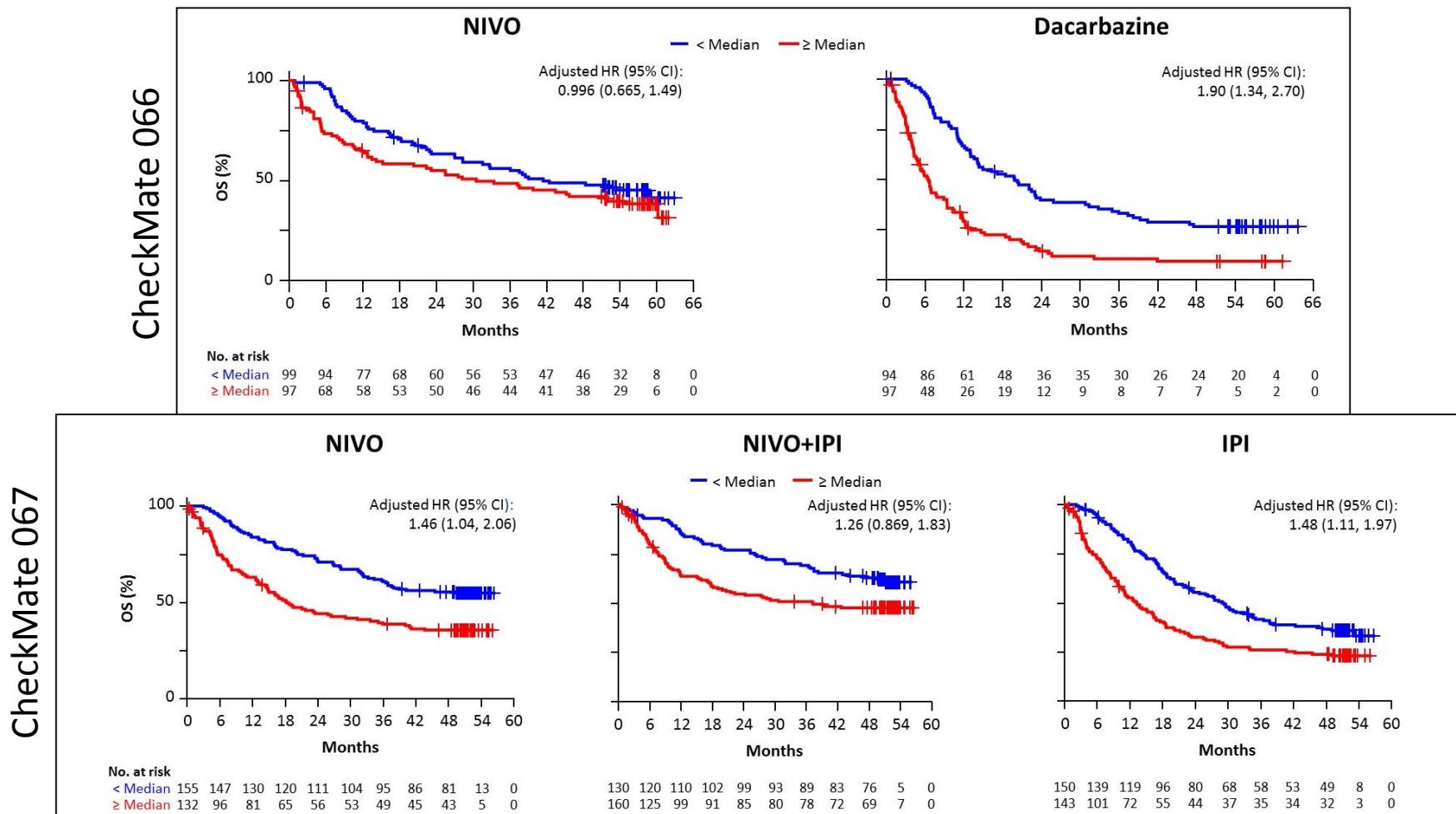
<sup>a</sup>Switch in treatment at week 13; <sup>b</sup>CheckMate 067 was not designed for a formal statistical comparison between NIVO+IPI and NIVO monotherapy. AJCC, American Joint Committee on Cancer; HRQOL, health-related quality of life; ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PD, pharmacodynamics; PFS, progression-free survival; PK, pharmacokinetics; R, randomized; TRAE, treatment-related adverse event. 1. Weber JS, et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2016;17:943–955; 2. Robert C, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;372:320–330; 3. Larkin J, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;373:23–34.

# IL-6 and overall survival

CheckMate 064



# Baseline CRP and overall survival



# Biomarker analysis from JAVELIN Renal 101: Avelumab + axitinib (A+Ax) versus sunitinib (S) in advanced renal cell carcinoma

Toni K. Choueiri, Laurence Albiges, John B. A. G. Haanen, James M.G. Larkin, Motohide Uemura, Sumanta K. Pal, Gwenaelle Gravis, Matthew T Campbell, Konstantin Penkov, Jae-Lyun Lee, Keith A. Ching, Xinmeng Jasmine Mu, Xiao Wang, Weidong Zhang, Jing Wang, Aleksander Chudnovsky, Alessandra di Pietro, Paul B. Robbins, Robert J. Motzer

# Biomarker assessments and methodology

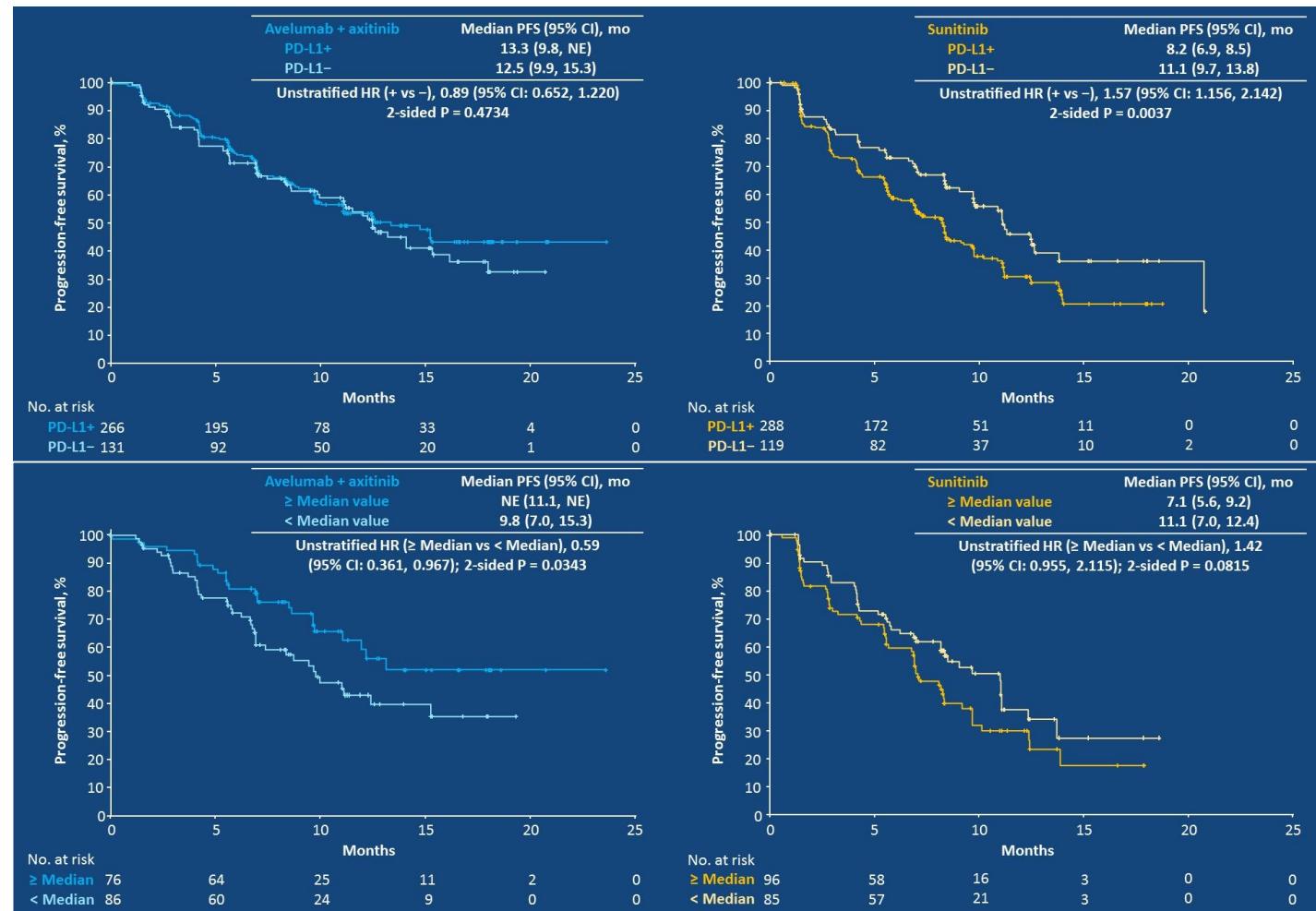
Analysis	Assay	Threshold
PD-L1 expression n=804	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IHC: Ventana SP263</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥1% PD-L1+ IC for IHC (+ vs -)</li> </ul>
CD8 expression n=795	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IHC: clone C8/144B</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Median value (<math>\geq</math> vs &lt;)</li> </ul>
Gene expression profiling n=720	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RNA-seq: Illumina NovaSeq</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Median value (<math>\geq</math> vs &lt;)</li> </ul>
Mutations and polymorphisms n=733	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole-exome sequencing: Illumina NovaSeq</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presence of protein-altering somatic mutations</li> <li>Polymorphisms in Fcy receptor genes that alter the affinity for IgG1</li> </ul>

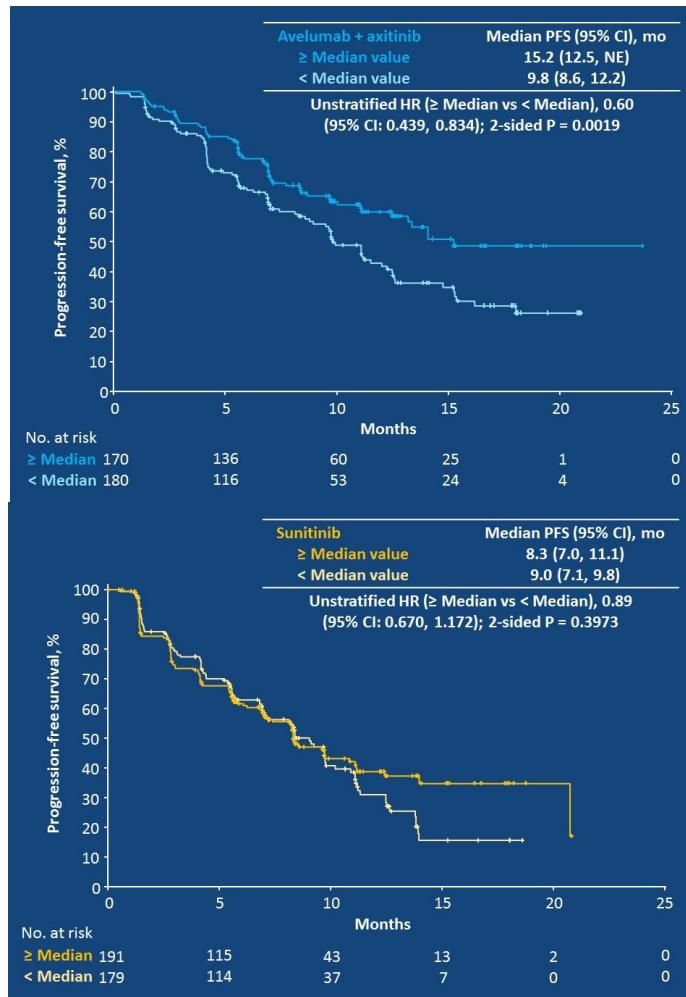
All analyses were performed on baseline tumor biopsies collected within 1 year of screening and prior to systemic therapy.

IC, immune cell; IHC, immunohistochemistry; RNA-seq, RNA sequencing.

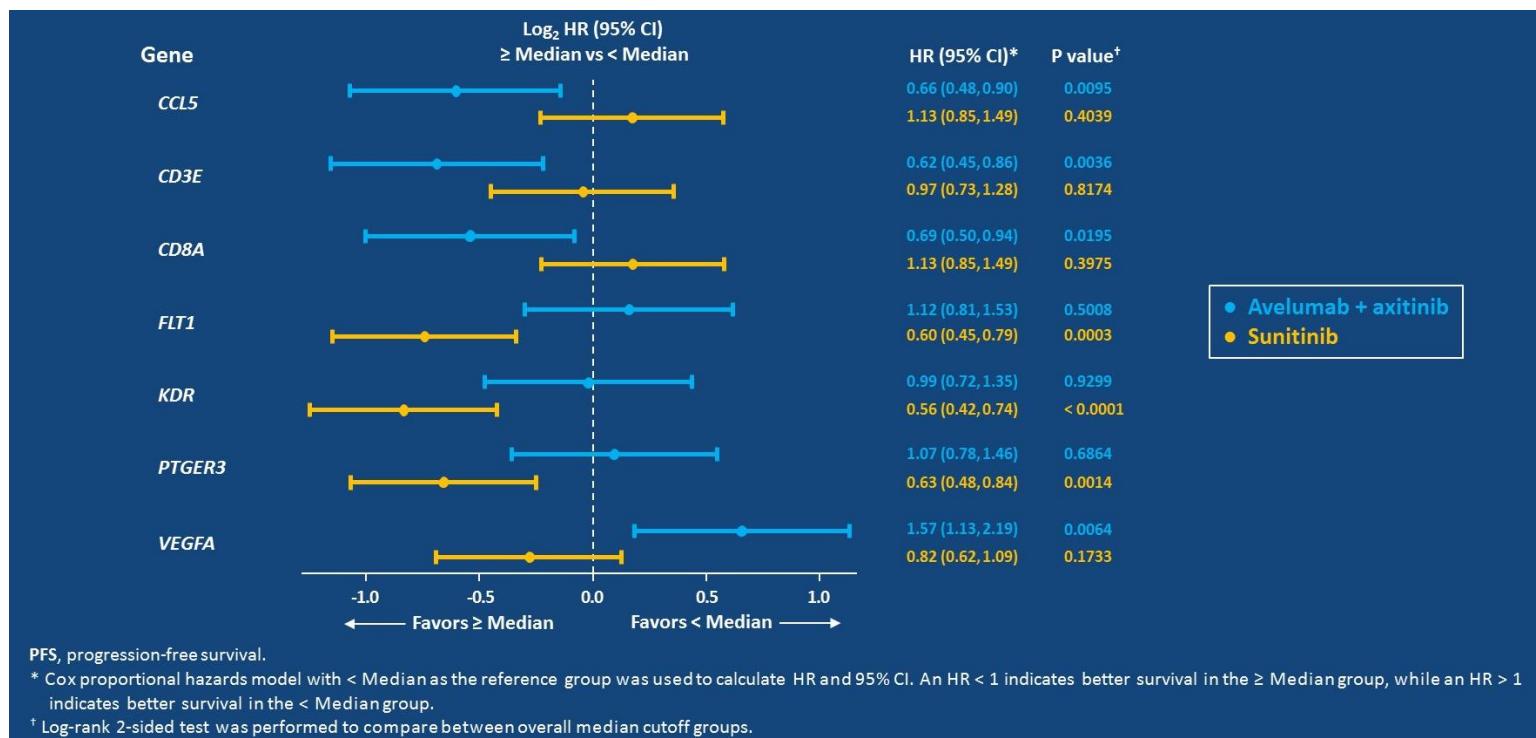
# PD-L1 and CD8 IHC

CD8 cells at  
invasive margin





# Gene expression

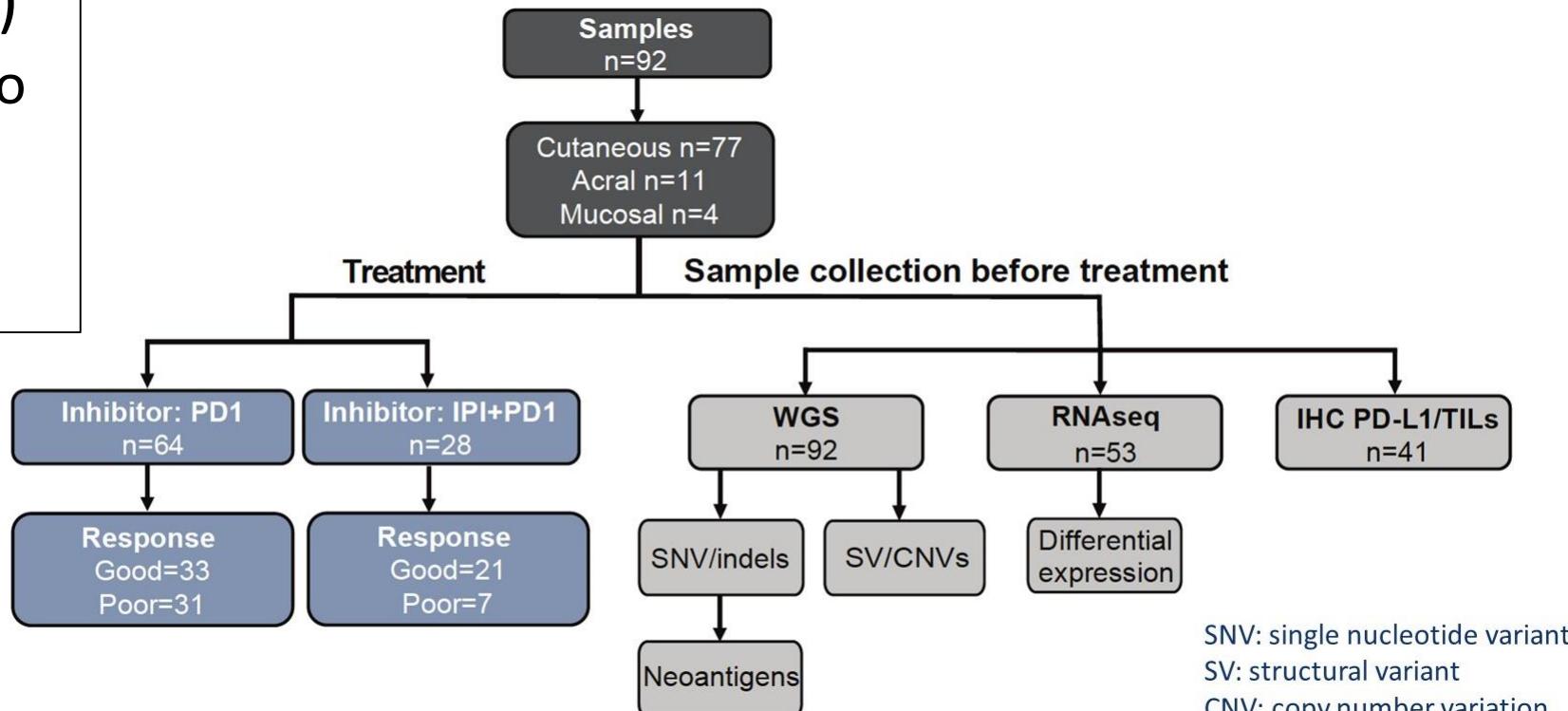


# Comprehensive molecular profiling of metastatic melanoma to predict response to monotherapy and combination immunotherapy

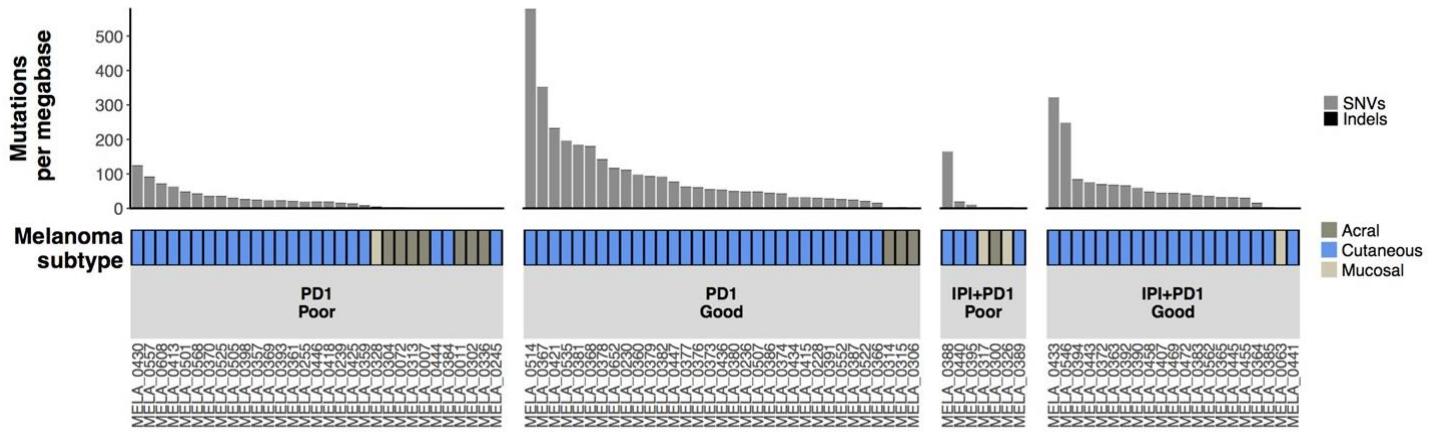
Ines Esteves Domingues Pires Da Silva, Alexander M. Menzies, Felicity Newell, James S. Wilmott, Matteo S. Carlino, Peter M. Ferguson, Jarem Edwards, Andrew Spillane, Kerwin Shannon, Robyn Saw, John F. Thompson, Helen Rizos, Graham J. Mann, Peter Johansson, Nicholas Hayward, Richard A. Scolyer, Nic Waddell, Georgina V. Long

# Methodology

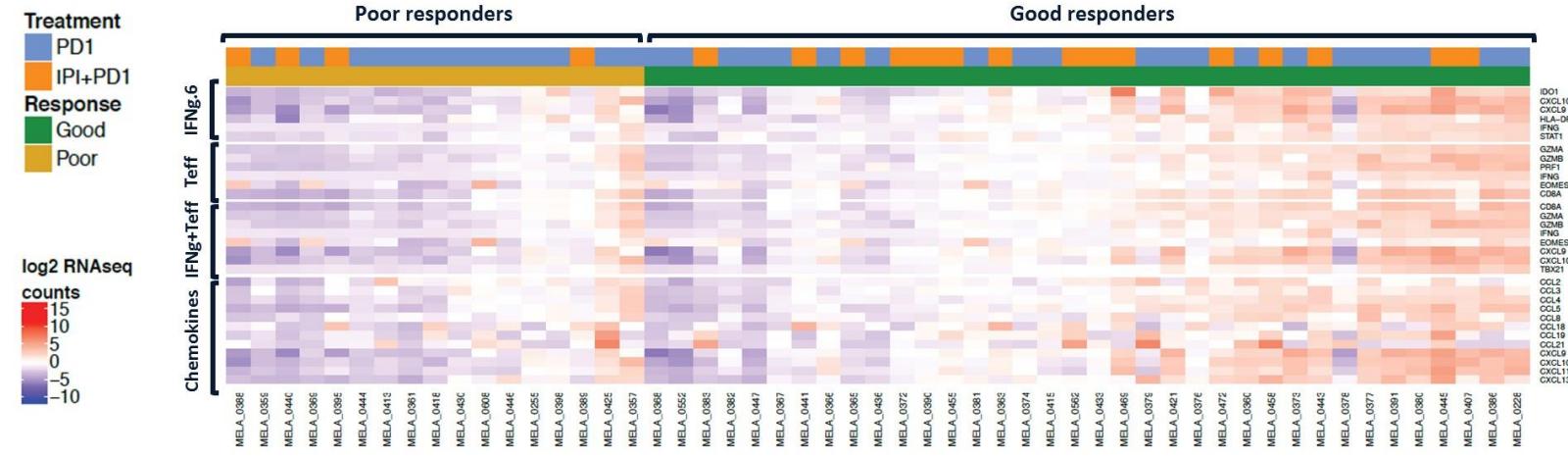
- Good responders (n=54)
  - RECIST CR, PR, SD > 6 mo
- Poor responders (n=38)
  - RECIST PD or SD ≤ 6 mo



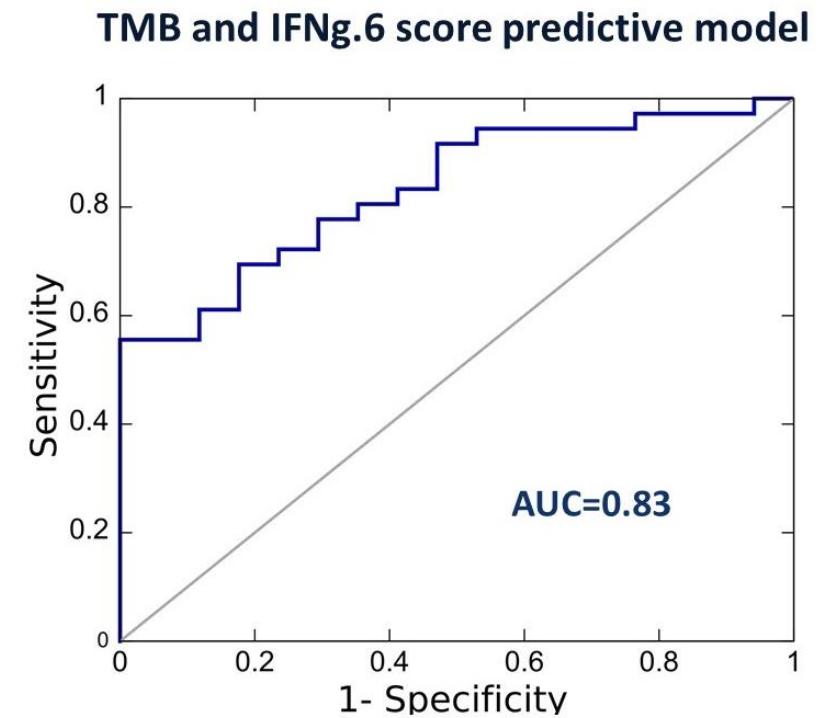
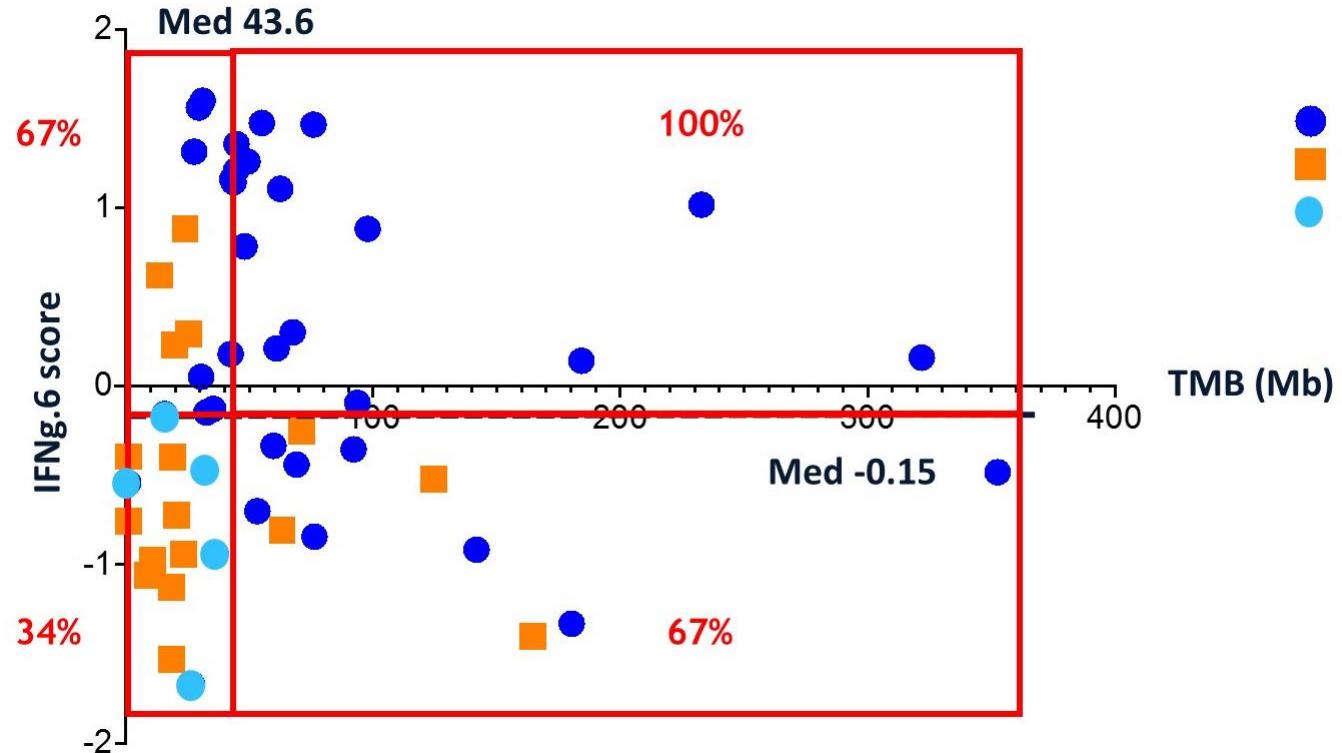
# TMB and IFN signatures correlate with response



TMB (mutations per megabase): SNVs + indels count; SV: structural variant



# Multivariate predictive model for PFS



# Predictive Biomarkers for Anti-PD1 Efficacy in Melanoma / Discussion by Thomas Gajewski, MD **Conclusions and implications**

- Features of the tumor microenvironment have a major impact on clinical efficacy of anti-PD-1-based immunotherapy
  - T cell infiltration with local reactivation → immune gene expression signature
  - Mutation load → increased likelihood of neoantigens
  - Integration of both gives strongest predictive value
- When everything comes together properly, therapeutic efficacy follows a predictable process (Happy Family)
- Mechanisms of non-response will likely be multiple and derived from distinct categories of etiology (Unhappy Families)
  - Tumor cell-intrinsic oncogenic pathways, host genetics, composition of microbiota
  - Seeking patterns in subsets of patients may nonetheless identify druggable strategies for expanding efficacy

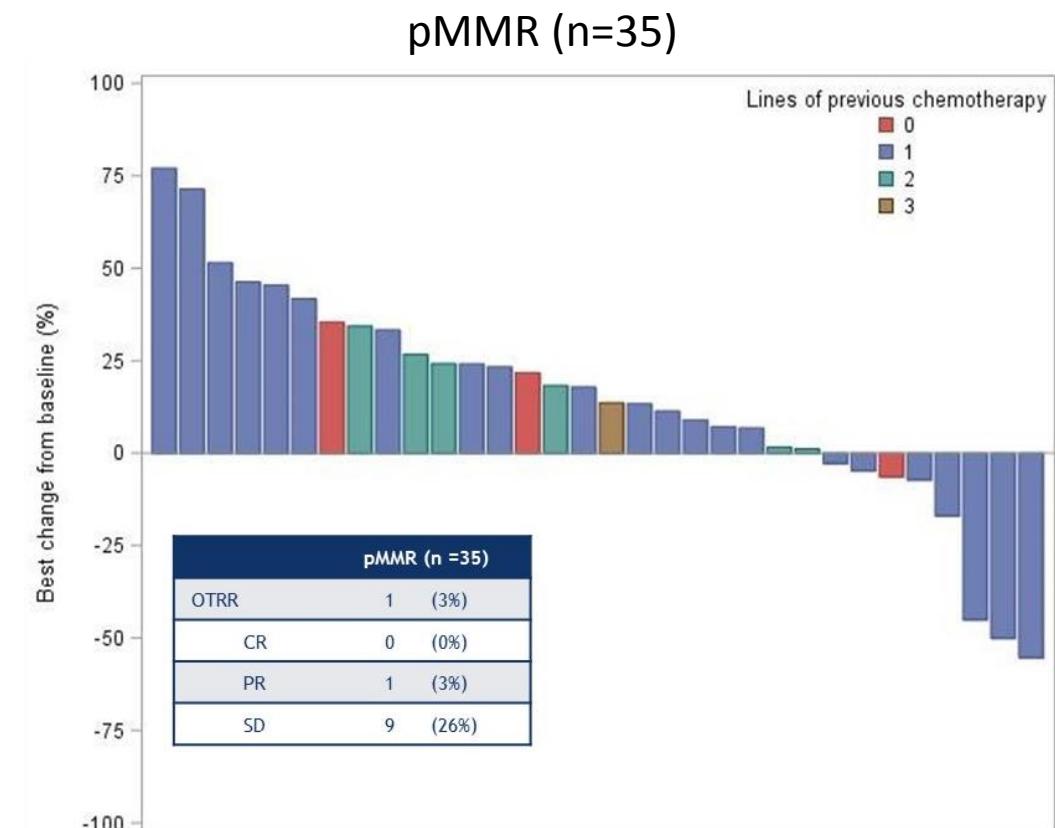
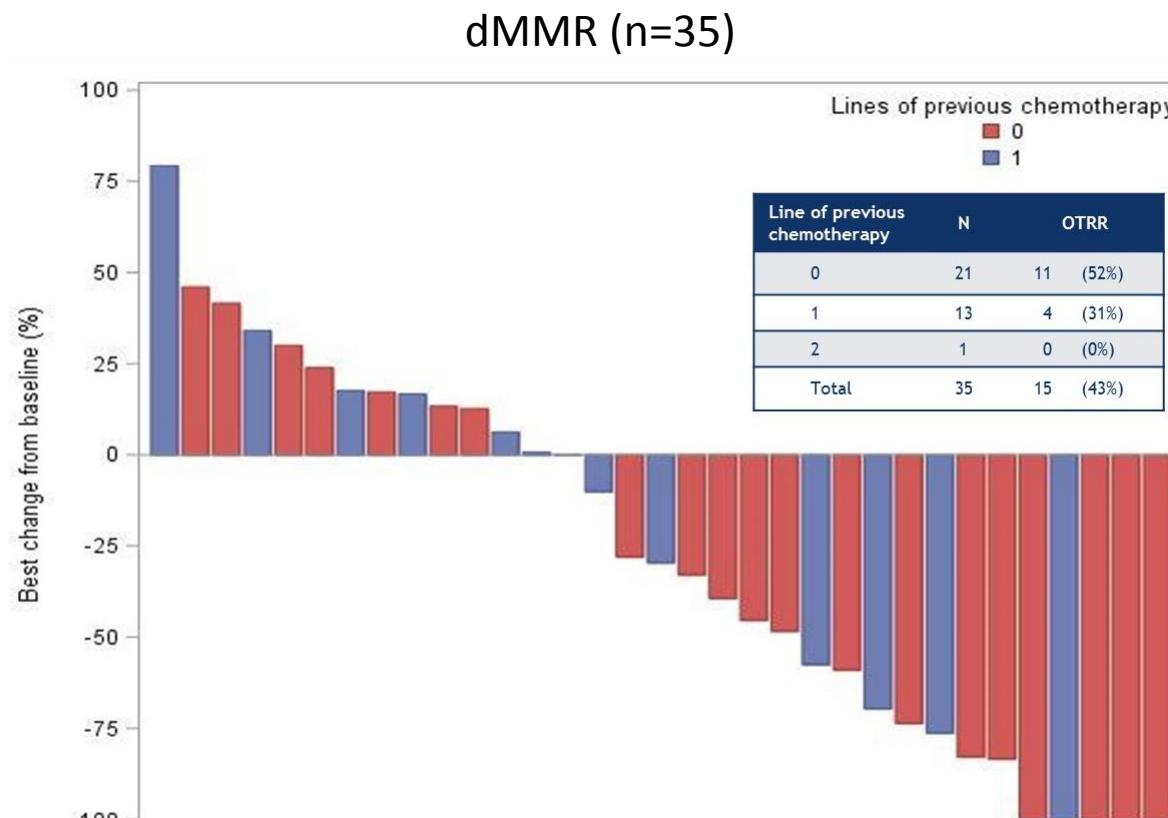
# Phase 2 trial of durvalumab in advanced endometrial cancer (PHAEDRA)

Yoland Catherine Antill, Peey Sei Kok, Kristy Robledo, Elizabeth Barnes, Michael Friedlander, Sally E. Baron-Hay, Catherine M. Shannon, Jermaine Coward, Philip James Beale, Geraldine Goss, Tarek Meniawy, Sonia Yip, Deborah Smith, Amanda B. Spurdle, Michelle Parry, John Andrews, Marzena Kelly, Martin R. Stockler, Linda R. Mileshkin, Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group (ANZGOG)

# Phase 2 study of avelumab in patients with microsatellite stable, microsatellite instable, and polymerase epsilon mutated recurrent/persistent endometrial cancer (NCT02912572)

Panagiotis A. Konstantinopoulos, Joyce F. Liu, Weixiu Luo, Carolyn N. Krasner, Jeffrey Joseph Ishizuka, Allison Ann Gockley, Mary K. Buss, Susana M. Campos, Elizabeth Stover, Alexi A. Wright, Whitfield Board Growdon, Jennifer Curtis, Ariana Peralta, Patrice Basada, Roxanne Quinn, Kathryn P. Gray, Richard T. Penson, Stephen A. Cannistra, Gini F. Fleming, Ursula A. Matulonis

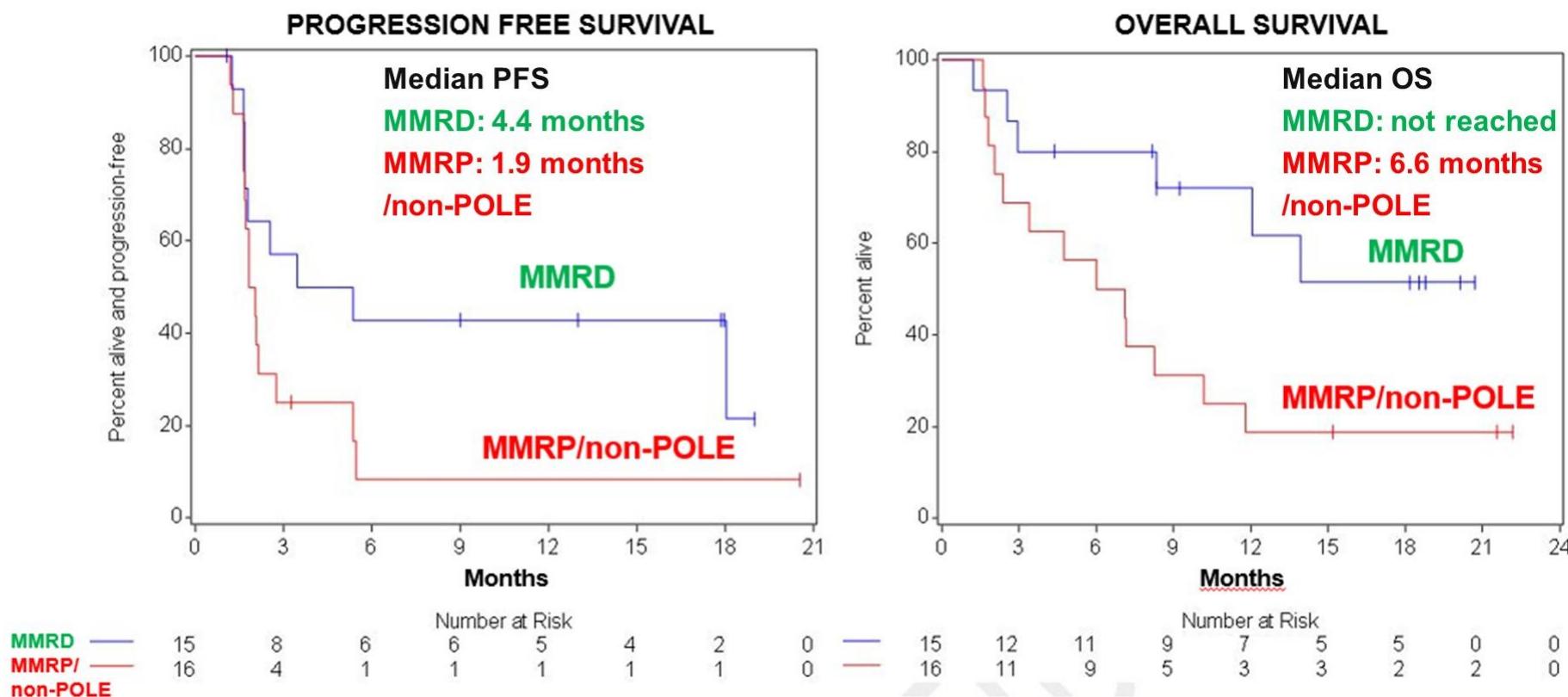
# PHAEDRA: dMMR vs pMMR



Durvalumab 1500 mg Q4W

Antill et al, ASCO 2019.

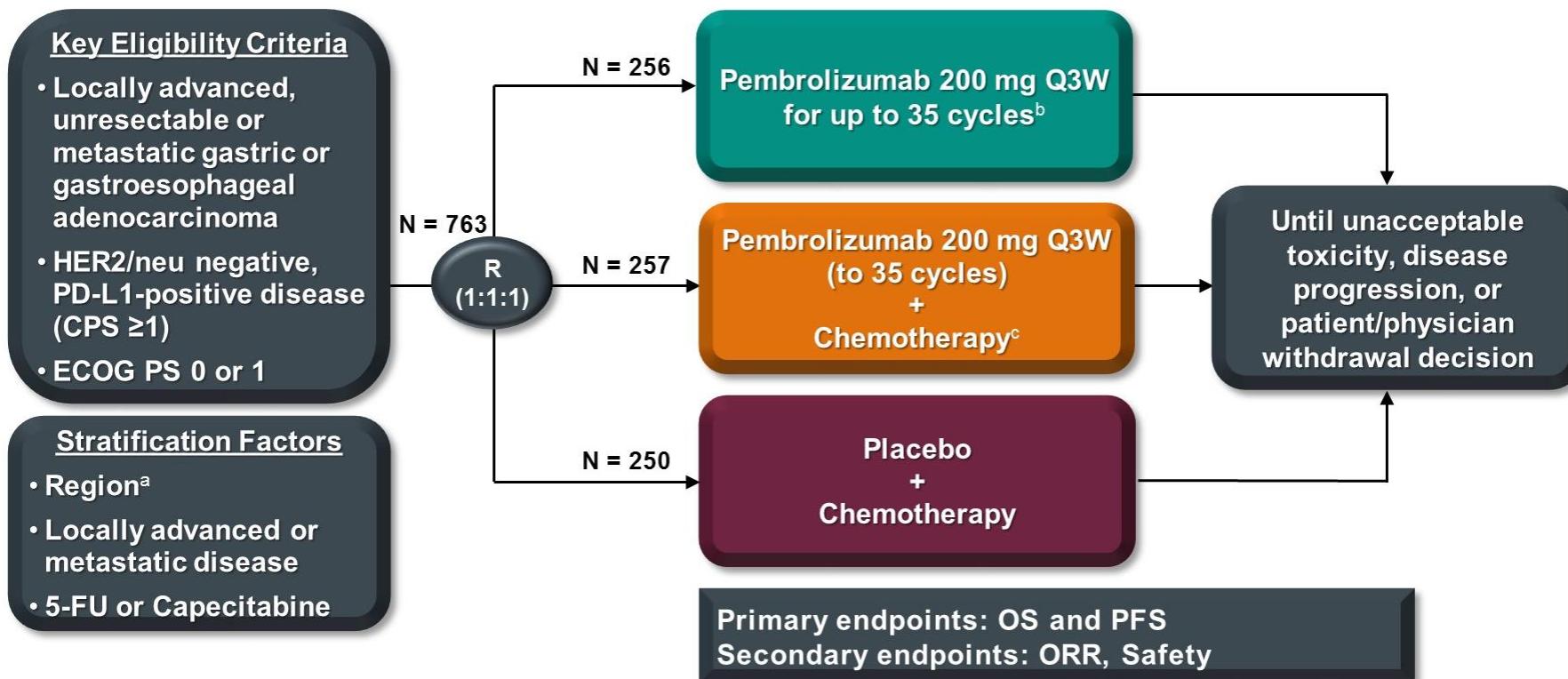
# NCT02912572: MMRD and MMRP



# Pembrolizumab with or without chemotherapy versus chemotherapy for advanced gastric or gastroesophageal junction (G/GEJ) adenocarcinoma: The phase III KEYNOTE-062 study

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# KEYNOTE-062 study design

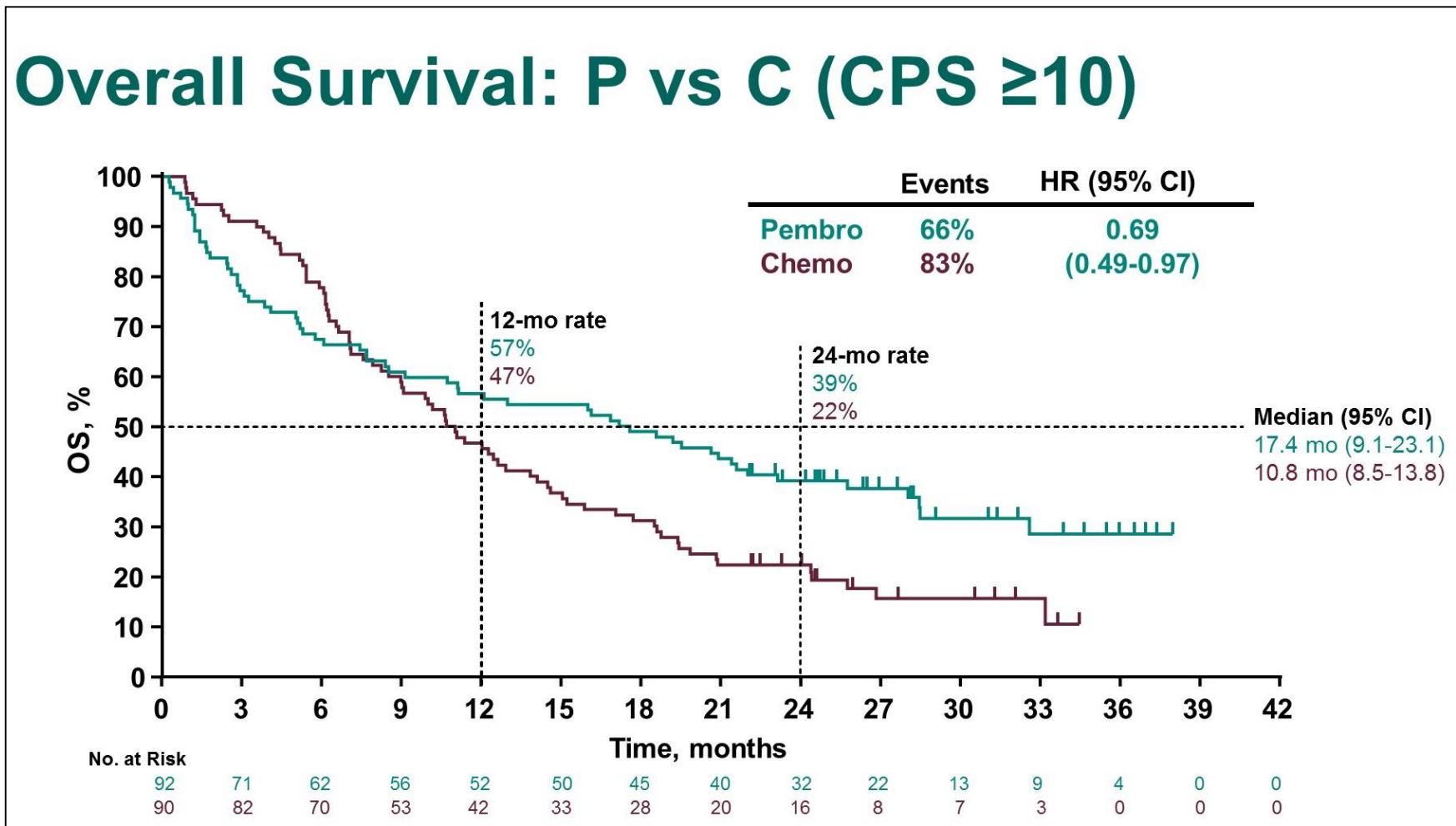


<sup>a</sup>EU/North America/Australia, Asia (South Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan), Rest of World (including South America).

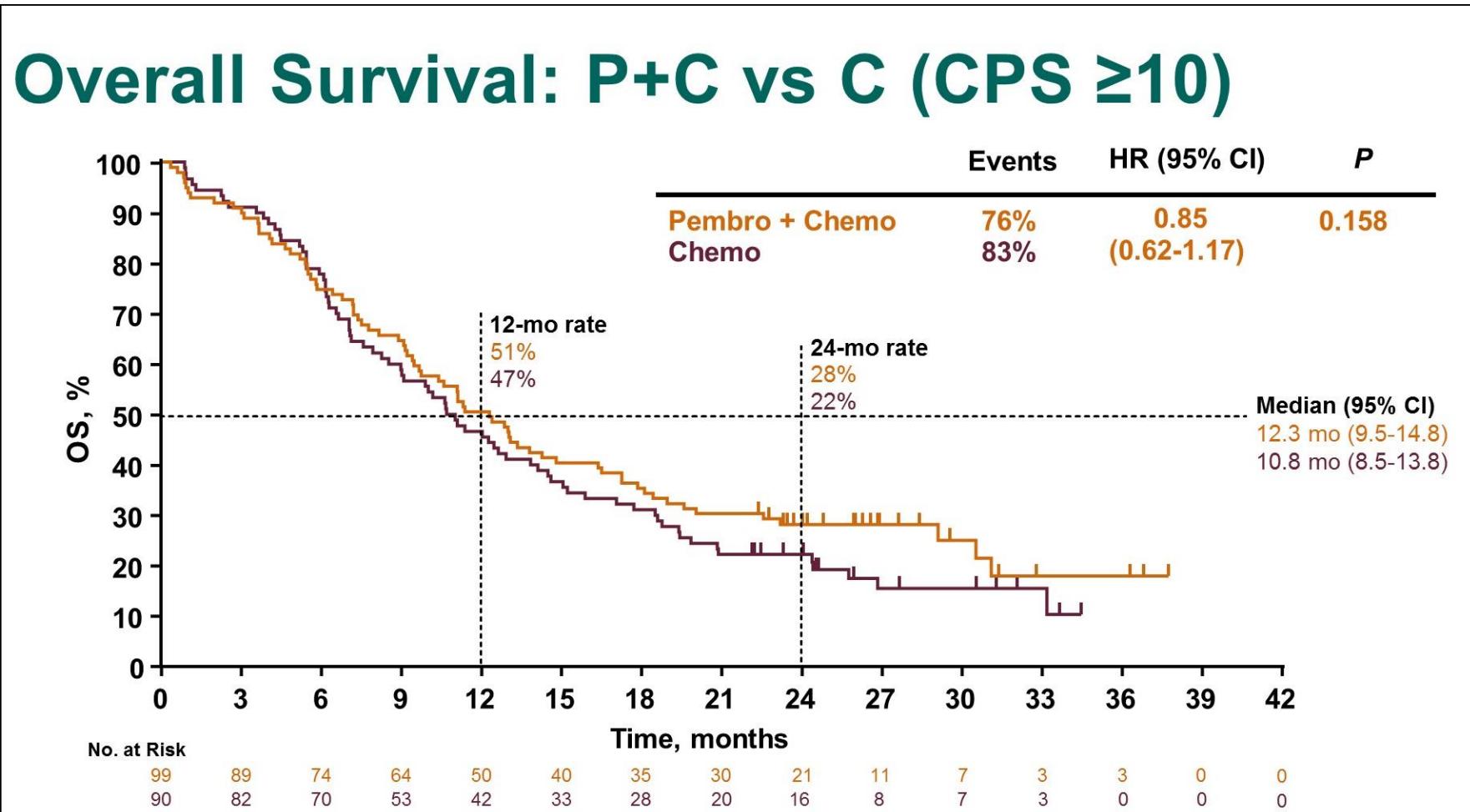
<sup>b</sup>Administration of pembrolizumab monotherapy was not blinded.

<sup>c</sup>Chemotherapy: Cisplatin 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Q3W + 5-FU 800 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d for 5 days Q3W or capecitabine BID d1-14 Q3W (Cisplatin may be capped at 6 cycles as per country guidelines).

# Pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy



# Pembrolizumab + chemotherapy versus chemotherapy



# North American Intergroup E1609 – A phase III study of adjuvant ipilimumab (3 or 10 mg/kg) versus high-dose interferon- $\alpha$ 2b for resected high-risk melanoma

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# Intergroup E1609: Study Design and Accruals

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**Patients with  
resected  
IIIB, IIIC  
M1a, M1b  
melanoma**

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Stratified by: IIIB, IIIC, M1a, M1b

N = 1673

Ipi3

Ipi3

Ipi10

Ipi10

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Arm	Activation	Termination	Final
Ipi10	5/25/11	4/4/14	511
HD-IFN	5/25/11	8/15/14	636
Ipi3	2/7/12	8/15/14	523

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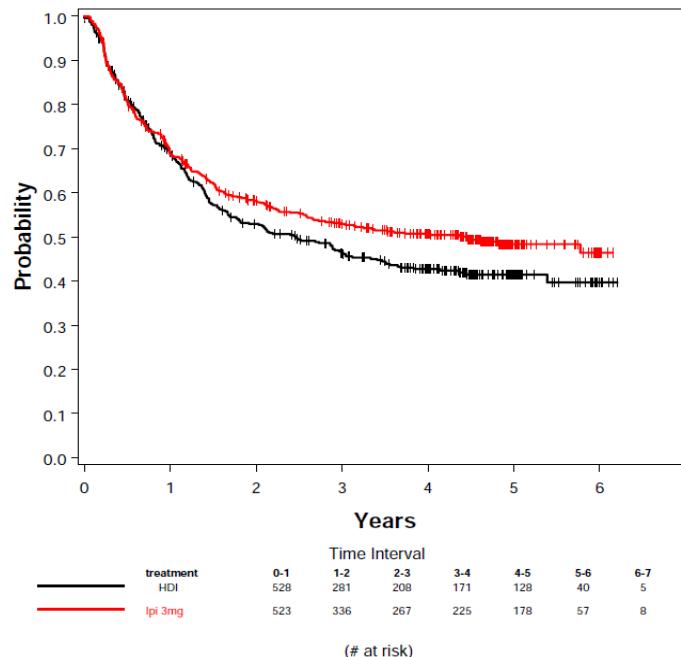
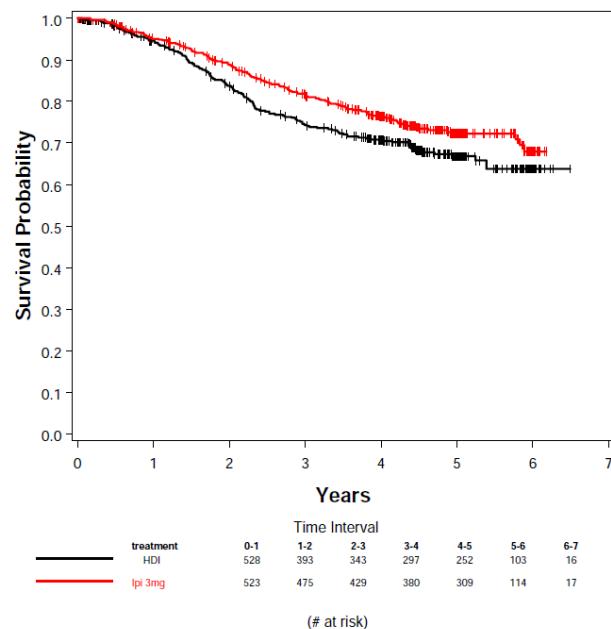
# First-step comparison of Ipi3 versus HDI: OS & RFS



ITT concurrently randomized cases (N=1051)

	Ipi3	HDI
Events/patients	130/523	134/528
HR (95.6% RCI)	0.78 (0.61, 0.99)	
Log-rank P value	0.044	
5-yr OS (95% CI)	0.72 (0.68, 0.76)	0.67 (0.62, 0.72)

	Ipi3	HDI
Events/patients	248/523	238/528
HR (99.4% CI)	0.85 (0.66, 1.09)	
Log-rank P value	0.065	
Median (95% CI)	4.5 years (2.6, -)	2.5 years (1.7, 3.3)



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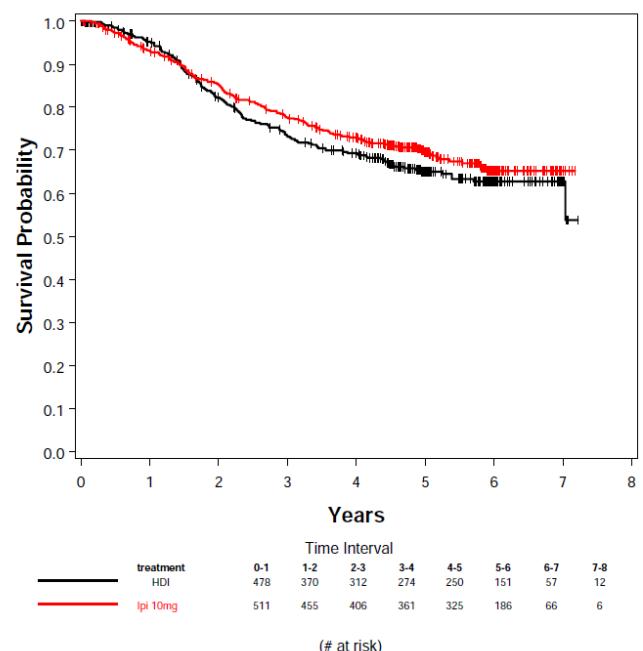
# Second-step comparison of Ipi10 versus HDI: OS & RFS



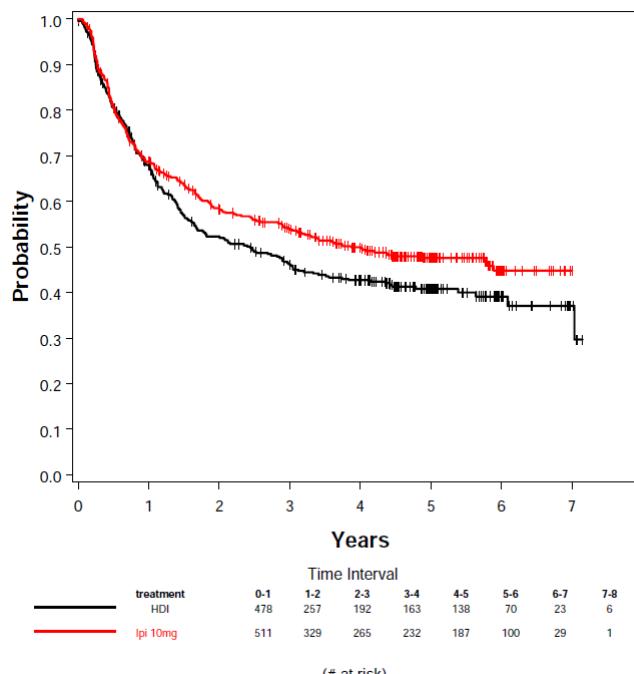
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	Ipi10	HDI
Events/patients	151/511	136/478
HR (95.6% RCI)	0.88 (0.69, 1.12)	
Log-rank P value	NS	
5-yr OS (95% CI)	0.70 (0.65, 0.74)	0.65 (0.60, 0.70)



	Ipi10	HDI
Events/patients	249/511	228/478
HR (99.4% CI)	0.84 (0.65, 1.09)	
Log-rank P value	NS	
Median (95% CI)	3.9 years (2.9, -)	2.4 years (1.6, 3.0)



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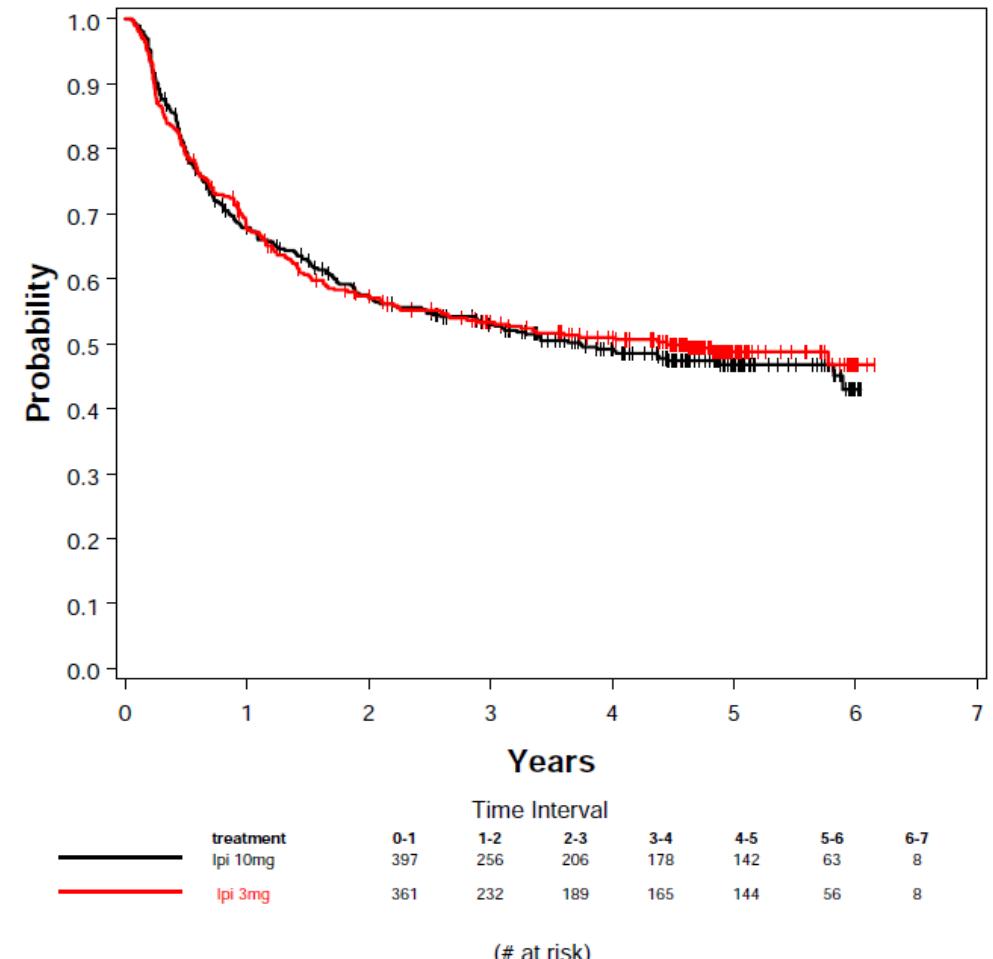
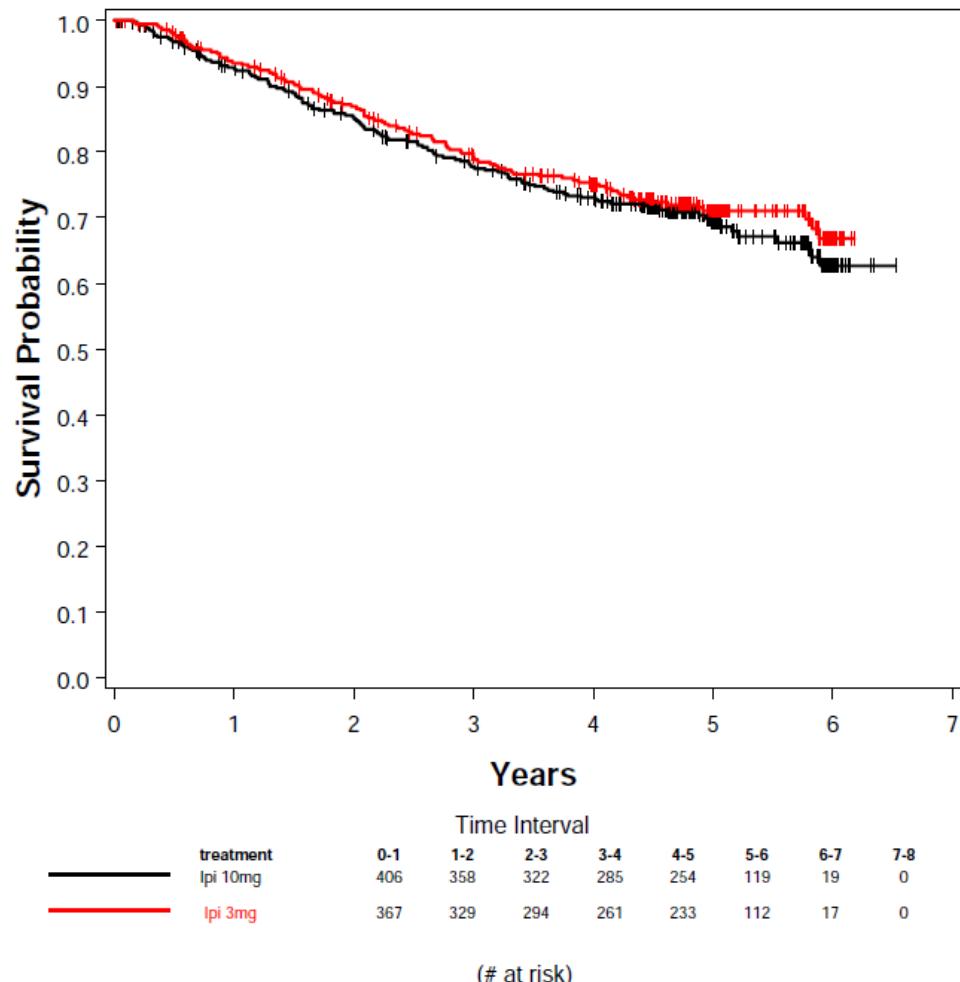
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# Summary of studies

Biomarker Study	Population	Take-home results
Serum IL-6 and CRP	Melanoma treated with nivolumab +/- ipilimumab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High levels of IL-6 and/or CRP associated with shorter OS in all groups</li> <li>Blockade of IL-6 and/or CRP synthesis/activity may boost immune checkpoint therapies</li> </ul>
JAVELIN Renal 101	1 <sup>st</sup> line advanced RCC treated with avelumab + axitinib vs sunitinib	<p>On checkpoint treatment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PD-L1 doesn't distinguish PFS</li> <li>Higher CD8+ cells → longer PFS</li> <li>Novel gene signature predicted responders</li> </ul>
Molecular profiling of melanoma	Cutaneous metastatic melanoma treated with anti-PD-1 and/or anti-CTLA-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TMB, neoantigen load, IFNγ expression, PD-L1, and T cell expression in TME associated with IO response</li> <li>Multivariate predictive model included TMB and IFNγ.6 score</li> </ul>

# Summary of studies

Checkpoint Study	Population	Arm(s)	Take-home results
<b>PHAE德拉</b>	MMR proficient or deficient adv/rec endometrial cancer	Durvalumab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 43% response rate in dMMR</li> <li>• 3% response rate in pMMR</li> <li>• Reasonable safety profile</li> </ul>
<b>NCT02912572</b>	MMR proficient or deficient rec/pers endometrial cancer	Avelumab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed pMMR cohort due to poor activity</li> <li>• 22-30% ORR in dMMR</li> <li>• MMR assays varied in their results</li> </ul>
<b>KEYNOTE-062</b>	Advanced, unresectable/metastatic G/GEJ adenocarcinoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pembrolizumab</li> <li>• Pembrolizumab + chemo</li> <li>• Chemotherapy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pembrolizumab monotherapy had favorable OS effect in PD-L1 CPS <math>\geq 10</math></li> <li>• P+C not superior to chemotherapy for OS with any PD-L1 expression</li> <li>• Reasonable tolerability profiles of both regimens</li> </ul>
<b>E1609</b>	Resected IIIB, IIIC, M1a, M1b melanoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ipilimumab 3 or 10 mg/kg</li> <li>• HD-IFN</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjuvant ipilimumab 3 mg/kg demonstrated survival benefits</li> <li>• Reasonable safety with ipilimumab 3 mg/kg</li> </ul>

# Conclusions – Biomarkers and checkpoint inhibitors

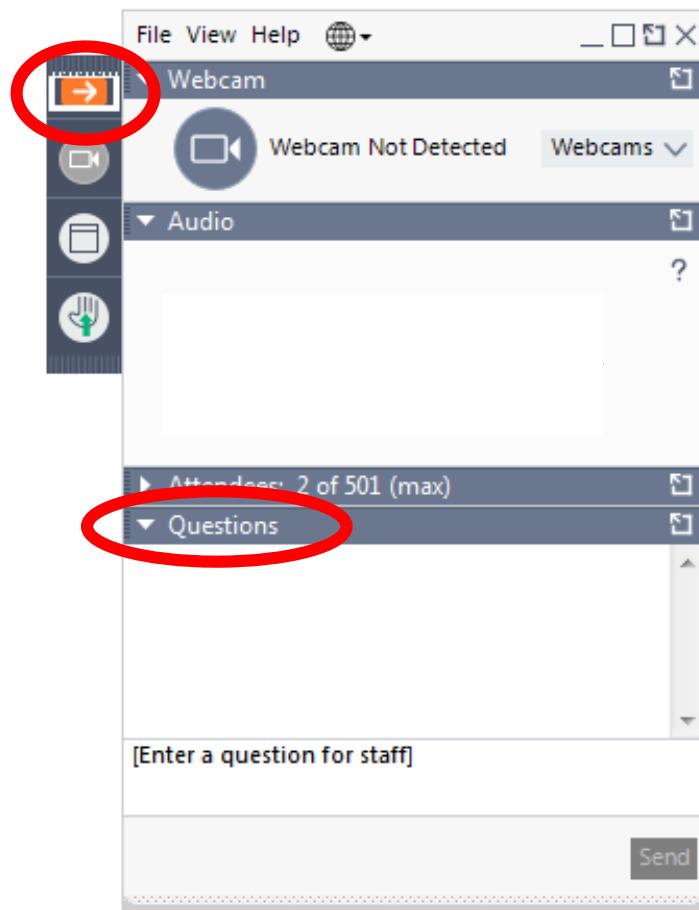
- Biomarkers are being identified for individual cancers in certain treatment settings
- No universal markers discovered
- Checkpoint inhibitors are demonstrating promise in difficult-to-treat cancers

# SITC Resources

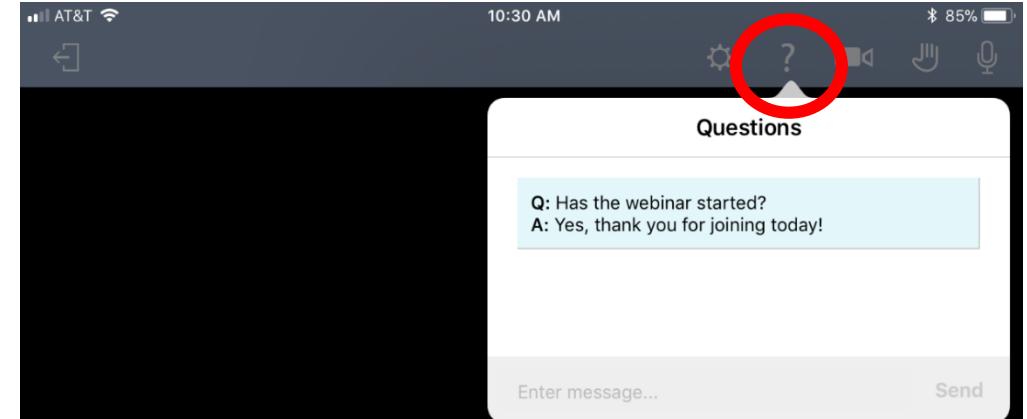
- Biomarker Task Force – several white papers published
- Cancer Immune Responsiveness Workshop – September 4-5, 2019
- SITC Annual Meeting – November 7-10, 2019
  - Immune Checkpoints: Newer targets and update on combinations
  - Imaging technologies
  - High impact clinical trials

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