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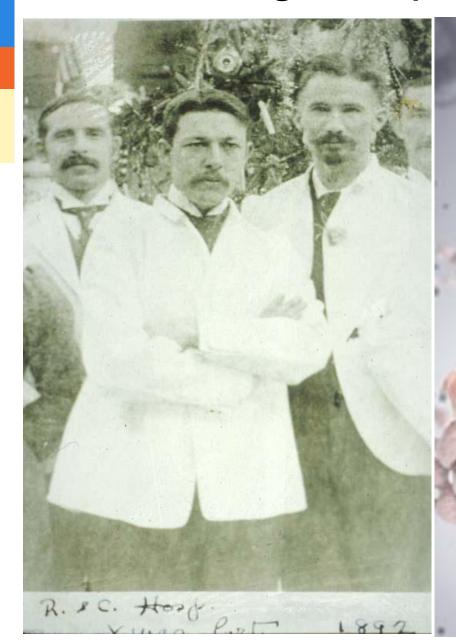


# Understanding Checkpoint Inhibitors: Approved Agents, Drugs in Development and Combination Strategies

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### It's Been A Long Journey.....



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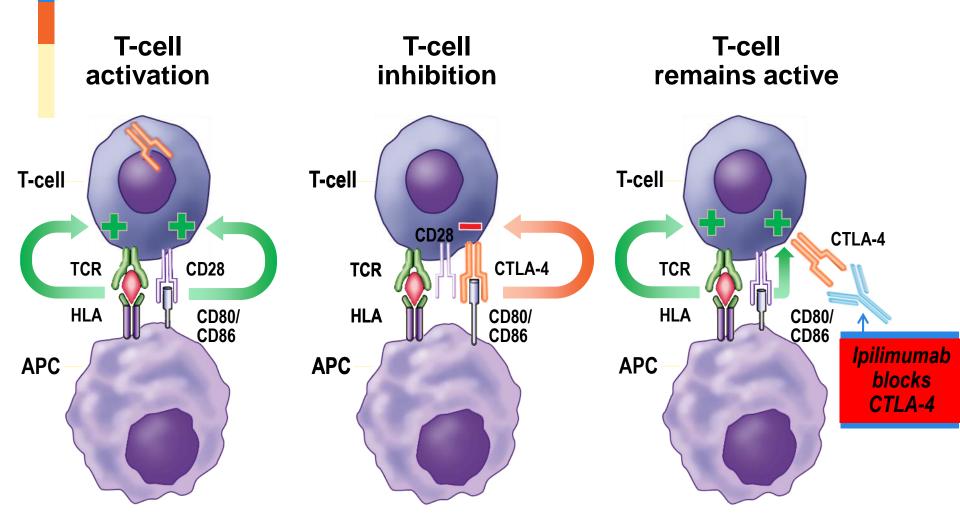
Breakthrough of the Year Cancer Immunotherapy T cells on the attack

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### Lewis Thomas, MD: the beginning of immune surveillance

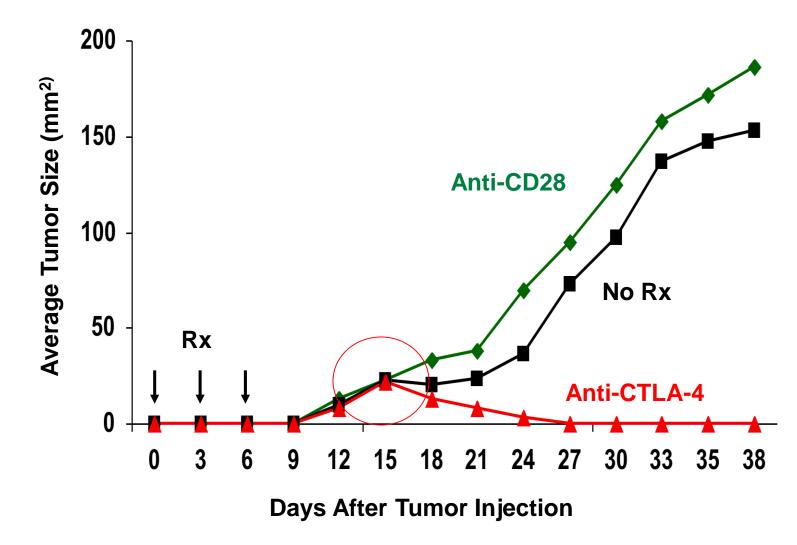


## Ipilimumab Augments T-Cell Activation and Proliferation



Adapted from O'Day et al. Plenary session presentation, abstract #4, ASCO 2010.

### Anti-CTLA-4 Induces Regression of Transplantable Colon Carcinoma

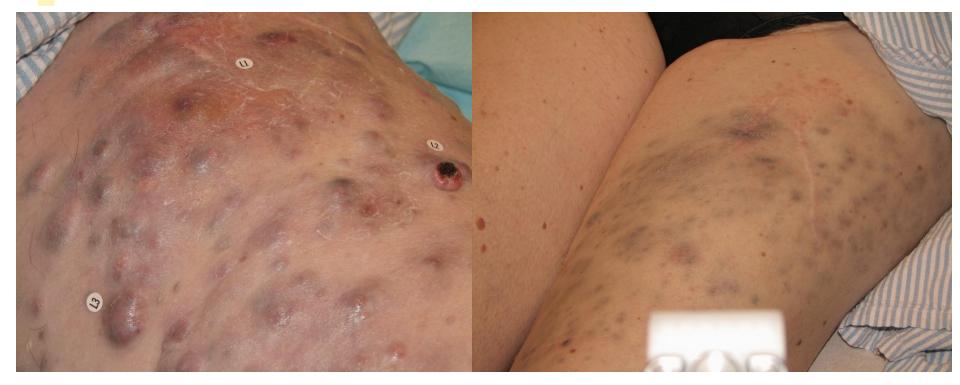


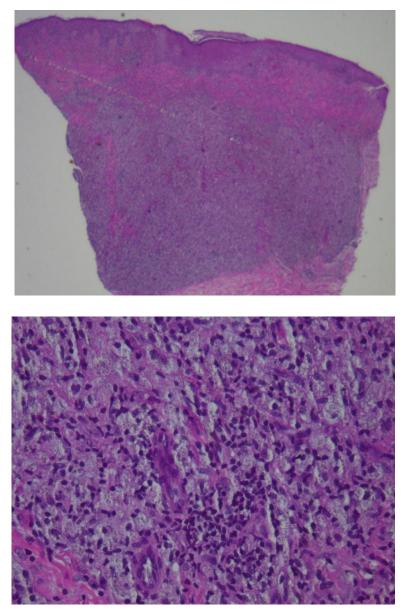
Leach DR et al., Science, 1996

# Rapid Clinical Response to Ipilimumab

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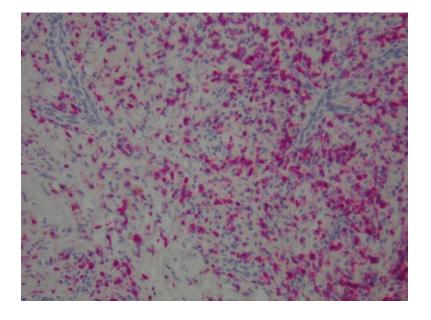




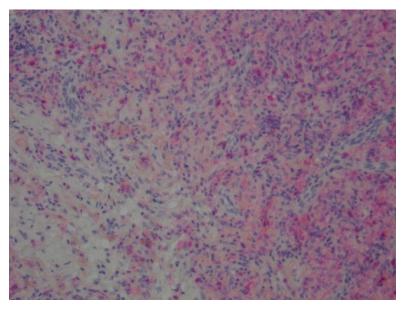
Klaus Busam, MSKCC Dermatopathology

Tumorous nodule with melanin pigment (macrophages and lymphocytes; no melanocytes)

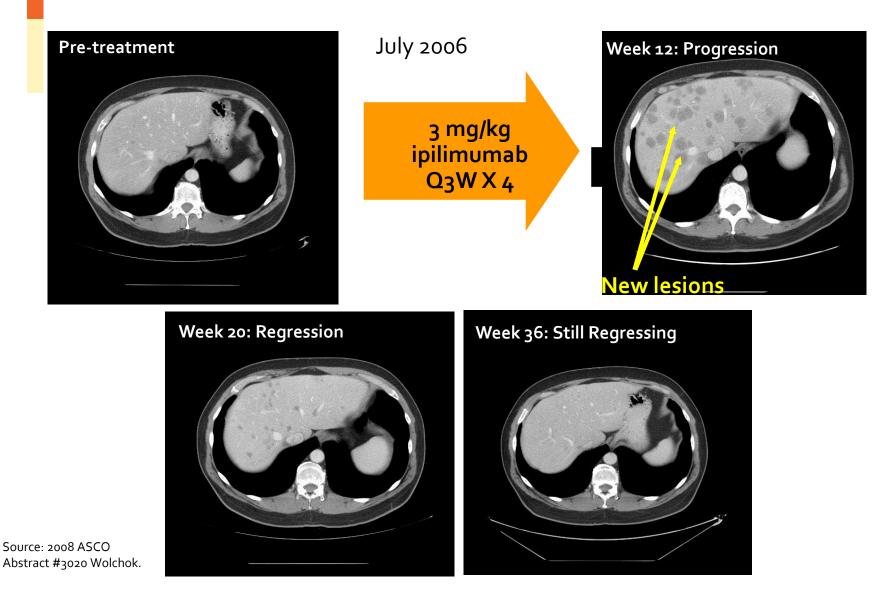
Macrophages and lymphocytes are present, but no tumor cells



### CD8-positive T-cells



CD4-positive T-cells (macrophages are also weakly pos for CD4) Ipilimumab Pattern of Response: Responses After the Appearance and Subsequent Disappearance of New Lesions

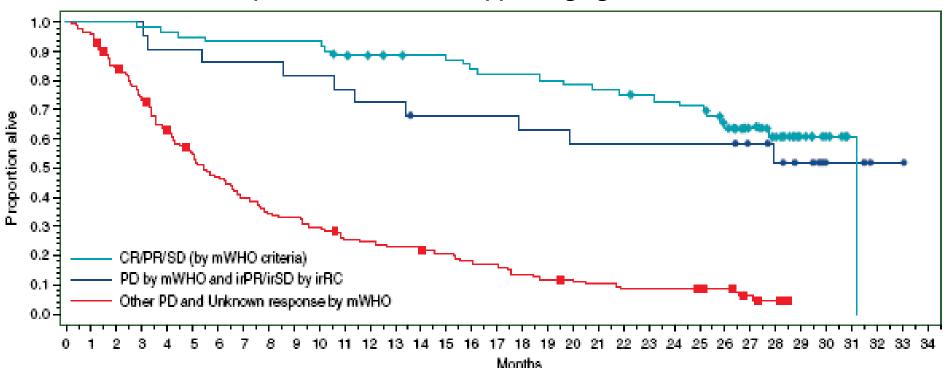


Four Patterns of Response to Ipilimumab Therapy Observed

- 2 conventional:
  - Response in baseline lesions
  - Stable disease' with slow, steady decline in total tumor volume
- 2 novel:
  - Response after initial increase in total tumor volume
  - Response in index plus new lesions at or after the appearance of new lesions

### irRC Identifies Survivors in Patients with Progressive Disease by mWHO

Pooled data from phase II studies CA184-008 and CA184-022: ipilimumab monotherapy 10 mg/kg (N=227)



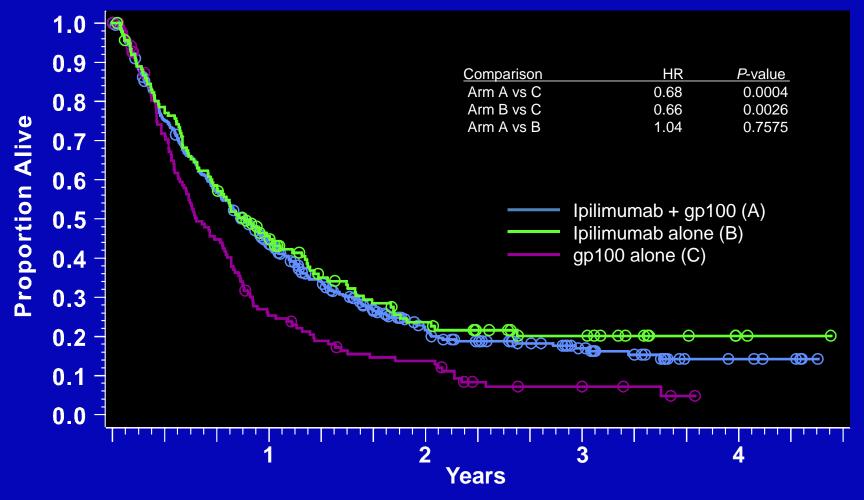
Wolchok et al, Clin Cancer Res, 2009

# Immune-Related Adverse Events

- Rash (approx 20%)
- Colitis/enteritis (approx 15%)
- Elevated AST/ALT (approx 10%)
- Endocrinopathies: Thyroiditis, Hypophysitis, Adrenal insufficiency(2-5%)

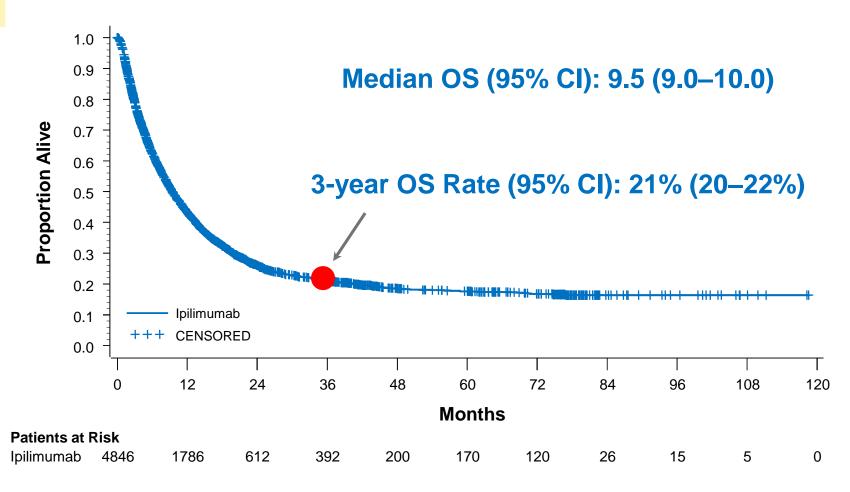
Severity is inversely related to vigilance of surveillance. If detected early, most are easily treated and reversible.

## Kaplan-Meier Analysis of Survival MDX-010-20: Hodi et al, NEJM, 2010



Survival Rate	lpilimumab + gp100	lpilimumab alone	gp100 alone
1-year	44%	46%	25%
2-year	22%	24%	14%

### Ipilimumab Long Term Pooled Survival Analysis: 4846 Patients

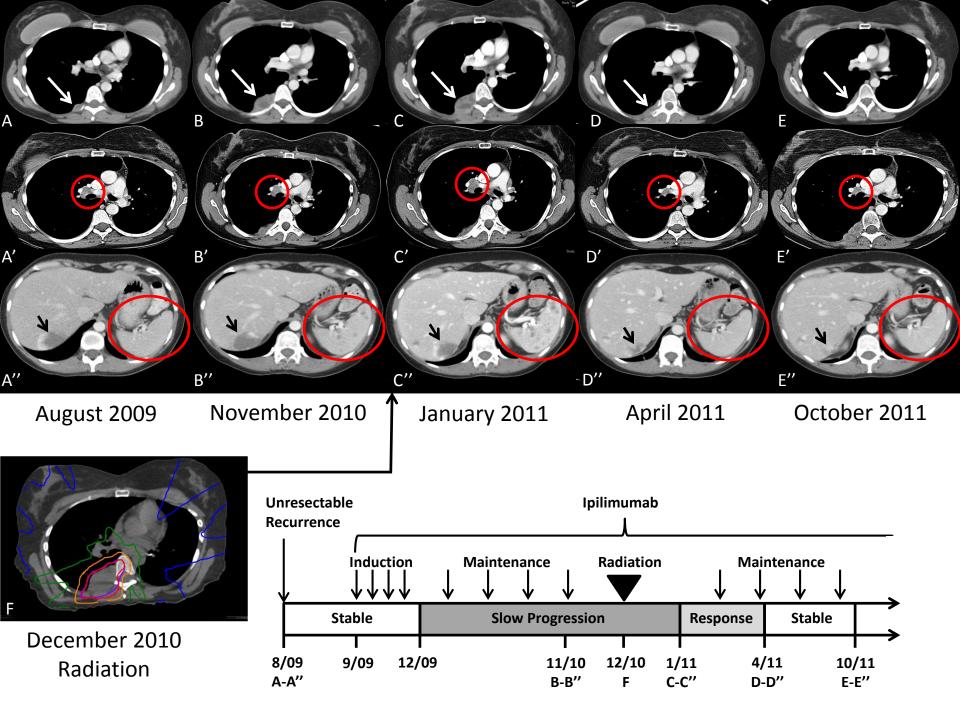


Schadendorf, Hodi Wolchok, ESMO, 2013

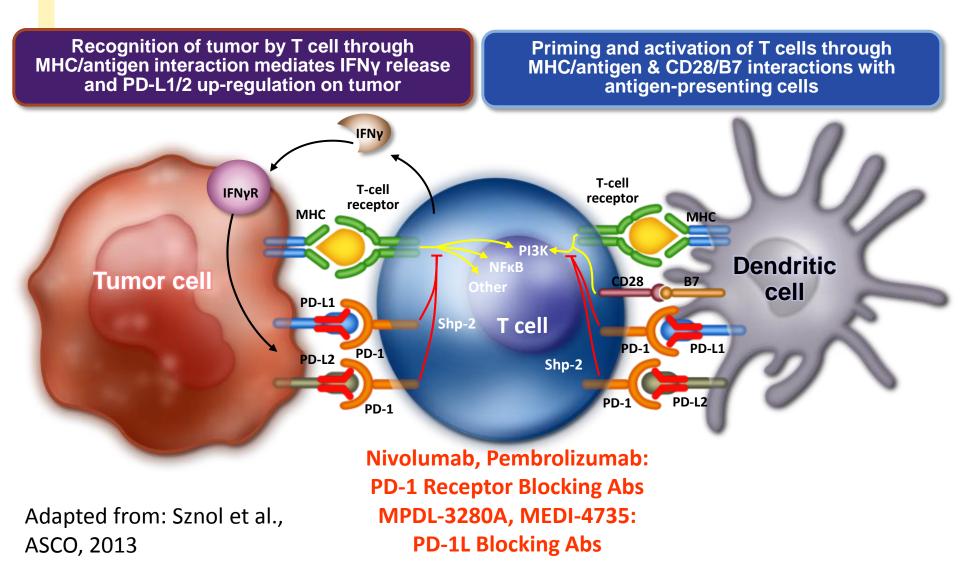
## **Radiation + Immunotherapy: The Abscopal Effect**

- April 2004: 33 woman w/ pT2aNo (Stage IB) melanoma arising in upper back (non-ulcerated, 2mf)
- October 2008: Left pulmonary nodule detected incidentally by CXR with CT scan/PET confirmation (also with additional RLL 3mm nodule)
- December 2008: 2 cycles of Cisplatin, Vinblastine, temozolomide
- February 2009: Left lower lobectomy
- August 2009: Unresectable recurrence

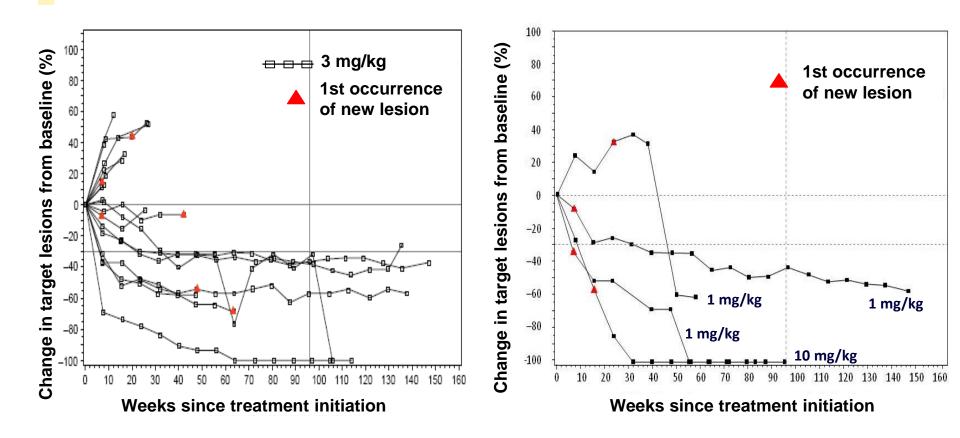
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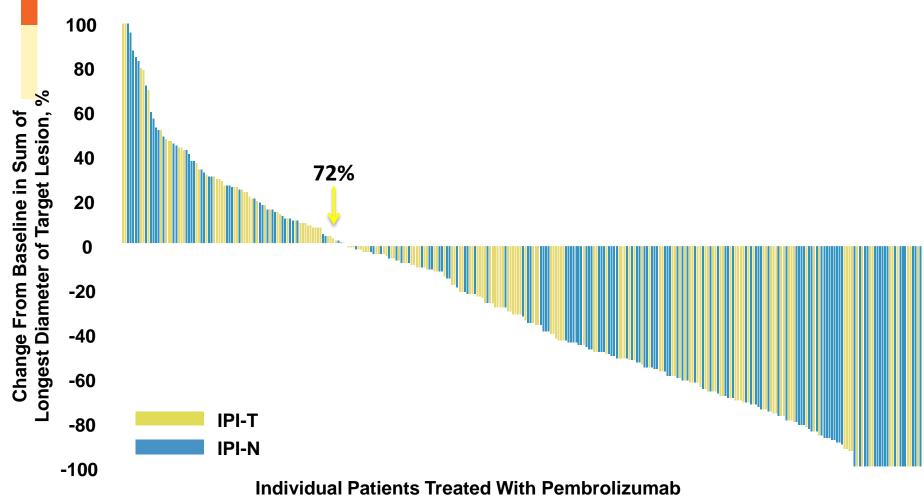
### Role of PD-1 Pathway in Tumor Immunity



### Tumor Burden in Patients with Melanoma Receiving Nivolumab



### Pembrolizumab: Maximum Percent Change from Baseline in Tumor Size<sup>a</sup>



<sup>a</sup>In patients with measurable disease at baseline by RECIST v1.1 by central review and ≥1 postbaseline assessment (n = 317). Percentage changes >100% were truncated at 100%. Analysis cut-off date: October 18, 2013.

Presented by: Antoni Ribas, ASCO, 2014. Robert et al., Lancet, 2014

# **Treatment-Related AEs With Incidence >5%**

	Total N = 411			Total N = 411	
Adverse Event, %	Any Grade	Grade 3/4	Adverse Event, n (%)	Any Grade	Grade 3/4
Fatigue	36	2	Myalgia	9	0
Pruritus	24	<1	Headache	8	<1
Rash	20	<1	Hypothyroidism	8	<1
Diarrhea	16	<1	Decreased appetite	7	<1
Arthralgia	16	0	Dyspnea	7	<1
Nausea	12	<1	Chills	6	0
Vitiligo	11	0	Pyrexia	6	0
Asthenia	9	0	ALT increased	5	<1
Cough	9	0	Total	83	12

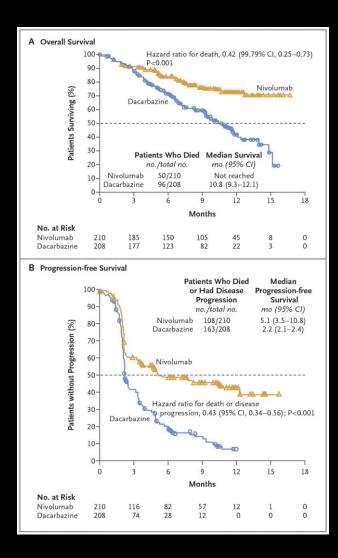
- No treatment-related deaths
- Similar safety profiles in IPI-N and IPI-T patients

# **Immune-Mediated AEs**

Adverse Event, n (%)	Any Grade	Grade 3-4
Hypothyroidism	32 (8)	1 (<1)
Hyperthyroidism	4 (1)	1 (<1)
Pneumonitis <sup>a</sup>	11 (3)	1 (<1)
Colitis	3 (<1)	2 (<1)
Hepatitis <sup>b</sup>	2 (<1)	1 (<1)

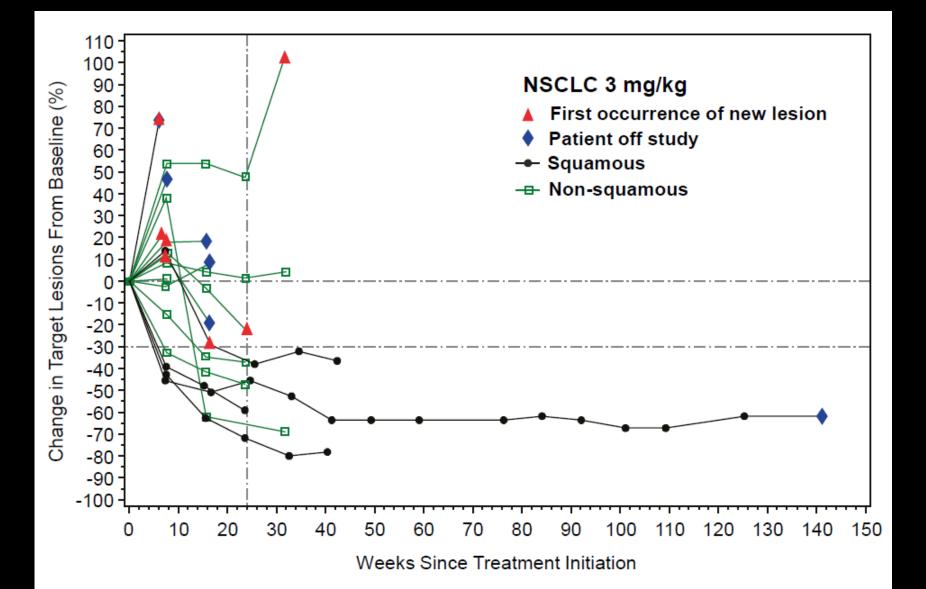
- Some reported skin rashes may have been immune-mediated
- The following potentially immune-mediated AEs were reported in <1% of patients: nephritis, hypophysitis, and uveitis

#### **Survival End Points.**

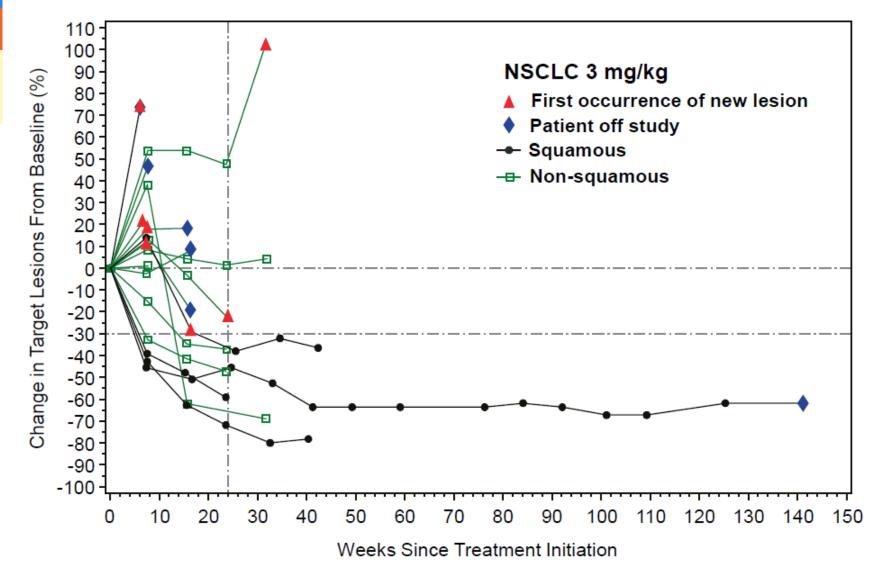


Robert C et al. N Engl J Med 2015;372:320-330.





### Anti-PD-L1 (BMS-936559) in NSCLC



Adapted from Brahmer et al., New Engl J Med, 2012

# Phase II Study of Nivolumab (anti-PD-1) in Patients with Advanced, Refractory Squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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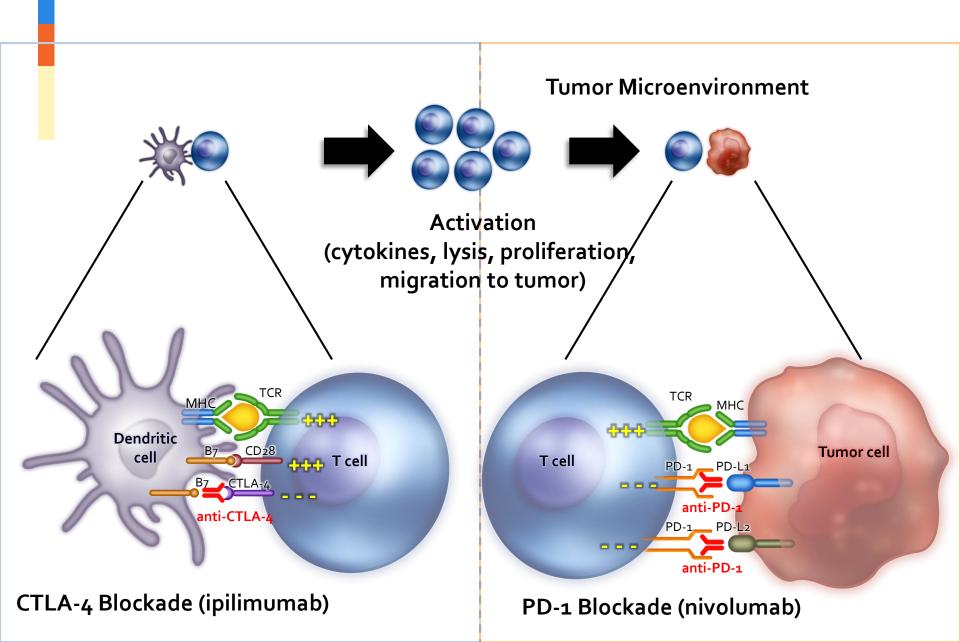
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# **Clinical Activity of Nivolumab**

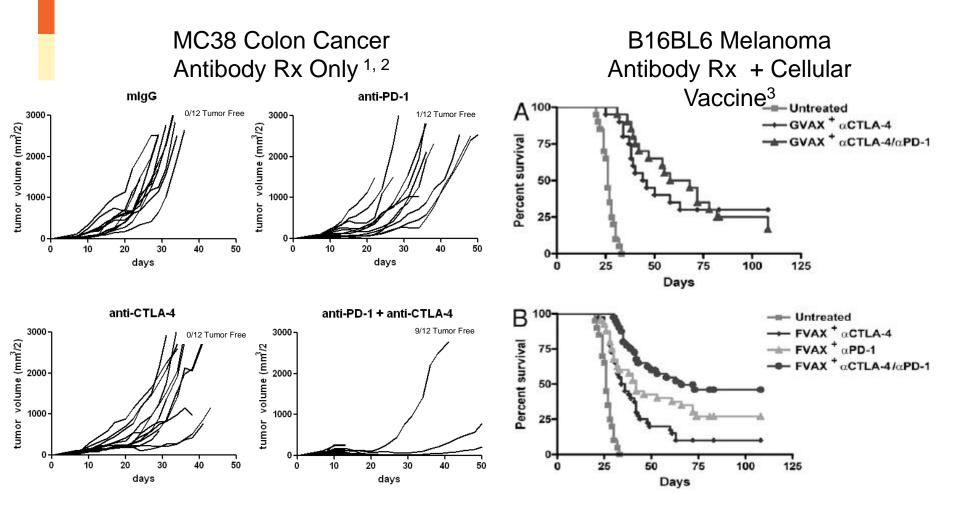
	IRC Assessed (per RECIST 1.1) <sup>a</sup>
ORR, % (n) [95% Cl]	15 (17) [9, 22]
Disease control rate, % (n)	40 (47)
Median DOR, months (range)	NR (2+, 12+)
Ongoing responders, % (n)	59 (10)
Median time to response, months (range)	3 (2, 9)
Median PFS, months (95% CI)	1.9 (2, 3)
PFS rate at 1-year, % (95% CI)	20 (13, 29)
<sup>a</sup> July 2014 DBL NR = not reached; ORR = objective response rate; DOR = duration of response; PF	S = progression free survival

- Investigator-assessed ORR was 13% (95% CI, 7, 20)
  - Concordance between IRC and investigator assessed responders was 92% (based on March 2014 DBL)

### Blocking CTLA-4 and PD-1



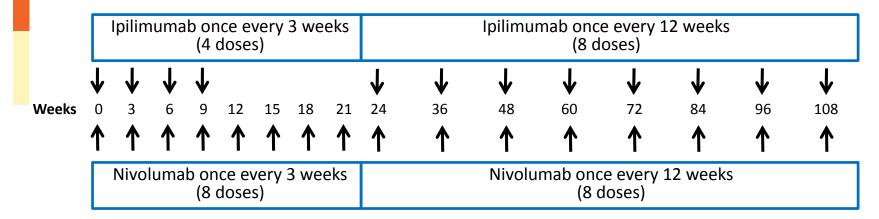
### Activity of Anti-CTLA-4 and Anti-PD-1 Antibodies



<sup>1</sup>Korman et al. J Immunol. 2007;178:48.37. <sup>2</sup>Selby et al. ASCO 2013, abs 3061. <sup>3</sup>Curran et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci. 2010;107:4275.

# Phase I Study: Schedule

#### **Concurrent Cohorts**

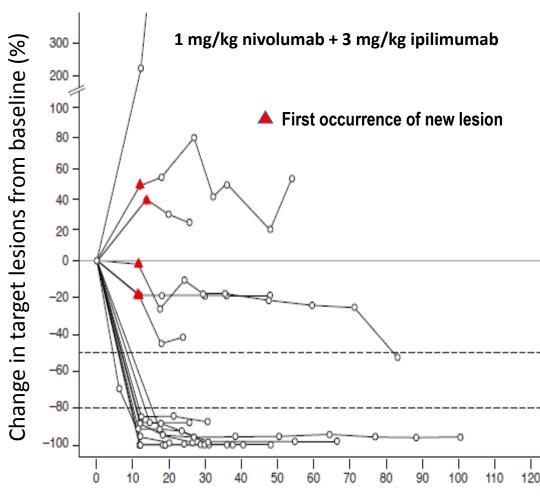


• First tumor assessment at 12 weeks

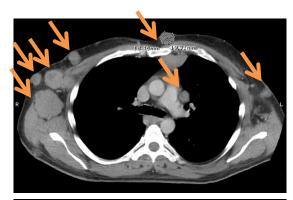
#### **Sequenced Cohorts**

- Following prior ipilimumab, patients received nivolumab every 2 weeks for a maximum of 48 doses
- First tumor assessment at 8 weeks
  - Tumor assessments by mWHO and immune-related response criteria

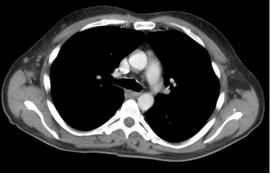
### **Rapid and Durable Changes in Target Lesions**



Weeks since treatment initiation Wolchok et al., NEJM, 2013



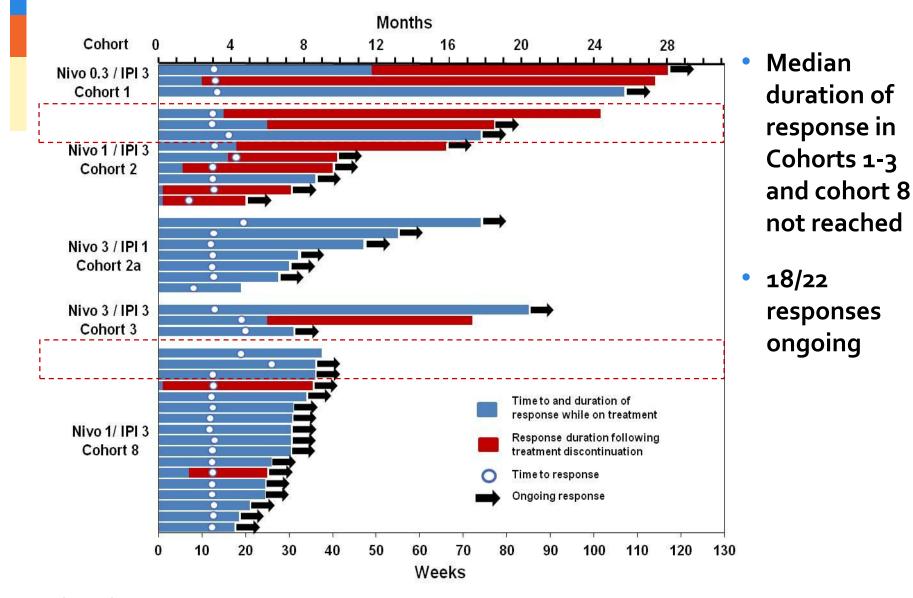
Pretreatment



12 weeks

- A 52-year-old patient presented with extensive nodal and visceral disease
- Baseline LDH was elevated (2.3 x ULN); symptoms included nausea and vomiting
- Within 4 wk, LDH normalized and symptoms resolved
- At 12 wk, there was marked reduction in all areas of disease as shown

### **Characteristics of Response**

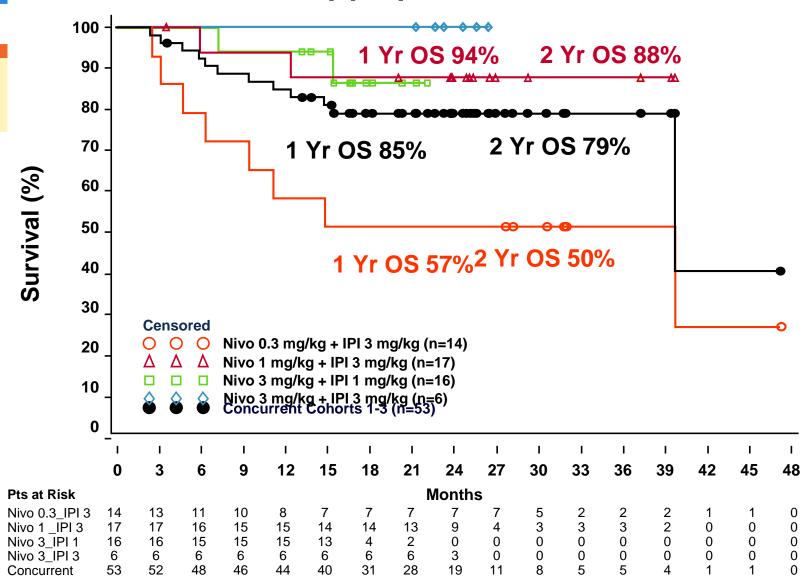


# **Safety Overview**

	Concurrent Cohorts 1-3 n=53		Cohort 8 n = 41		All Concurrent n=94	
AE, %	Any Gr	Gr 3/4	Any Gr	Gr 3/4	Any Gr	Gr 3/4
All Related AEs	96	62	95	61	96	62
Select AEs						
Gastrointestinal	43	9	34	20	39	14
Hepatic	30	15	12	12	22	14
Skin	79	4	73	15	77	9
Endocrine	17	4	22	2	19	3
Renal	6	6	0	0	3	3
Other						
Uveitis	6	4	2	2	4	3
Pneumonitis	6	2	2	2	4	2
Lipase increased	26	19	15	10	21	15
Amylase increased	21	6	12	7	17	6

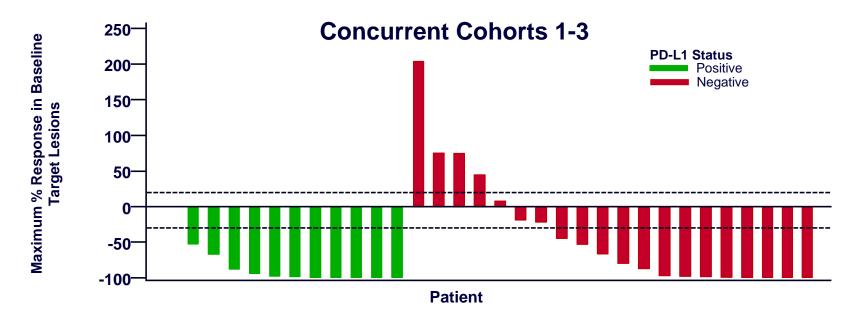
- No new safety signals with 22 months of follow-up for the initial concurrent cohorts
- 22/94 (23%) patients discontinued treatment due to treatment-related adverse events
- 1/94 drug-related death in trial; fatal multi-organ failure (as a result of colitis) in cohort 8

## Overall Survival for Concurrent Therapy by Dose Cohort

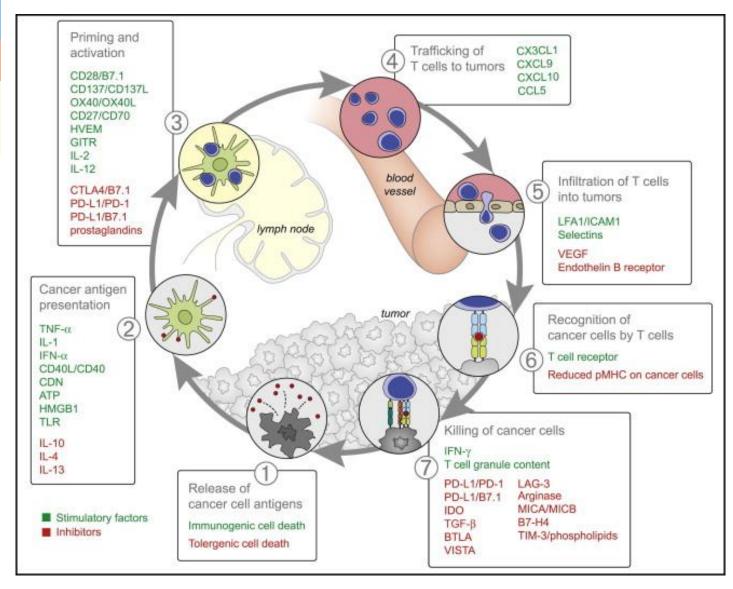


## Response Rate by PD-L1 Status (5% cutoff)

Cohort [n]	Evaluable Samples	ORR, n (%)	
PD-L1 Status		PD-L1+	PD-L1-
Concurrent Cohorts 1-3 [53]	36	8/14 (57)	9/22 (35)
Cohort 8 [41; Nivo1 + IPI3 ]	20	0/0	8/20 (40)
Sequenced [33]	23	5/8 (63)	3/15 (20)



### The Cancer–Immunity Cycle



Chen and Mellman, *Immunity*, Vol 39 (1), 2013, 1 - 10

# Summary

- Checkpoint blockade is an effective treatment with durable responses and improvement in overall survival in melanoma and non-small cell lung cancer.
- Promising clinical activity has also been demonstrated, specially for PD-1 pathway blockade in renal cell carcinoma,, urothelial bladder cancer, lymphomas and head/neck cancer.
- Combination therapy will be necessary for immunotherapy to achieve full potential (other immune modulators, oncolytic viruses, vaccines, radiation, chemotherapy, targeted therapy, anti-angiogenic therapy).
- New agents are in early clinical development. These include additional antagonists (LAG-3) as well as agonist agents for costimulatory pathways (GITR, OX40, CD40, CD137) which may be beneficial alone and as part of combinatorial approaches.