

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Melanoma

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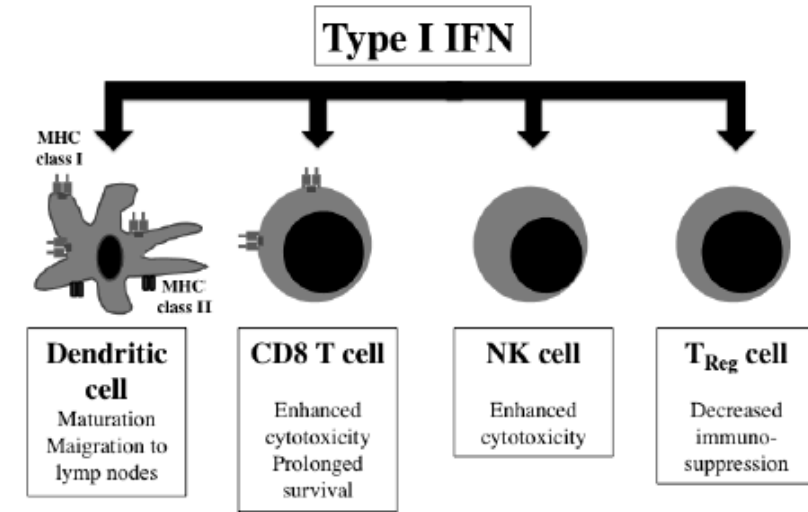
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Benefit in Adjuvant therapy

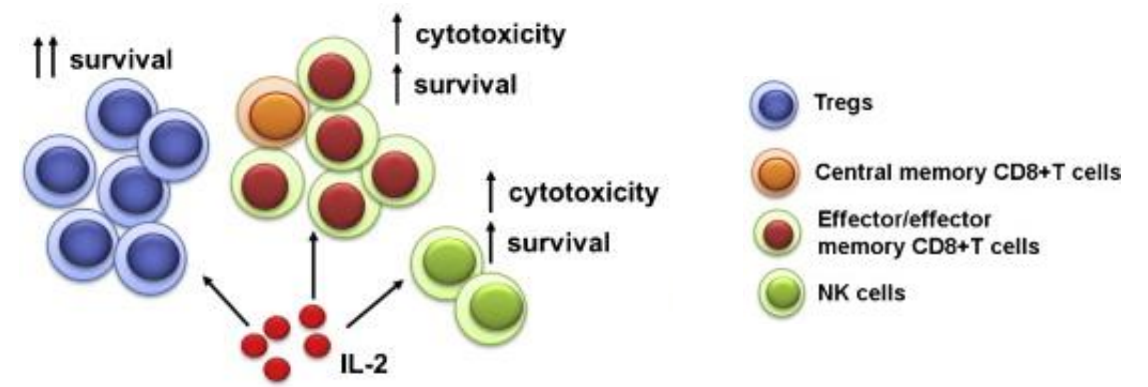
HC-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

Cytokines

- High-dose Interferon
 - Adjuvant therapy
 - High dose I.V., followed by SQ
 - Treatment for up to one year
- Interleukin-2
 - Stage IIIc
 - Intralesional for intransit metastases



Numasaki et al. Immunotherapy 2016

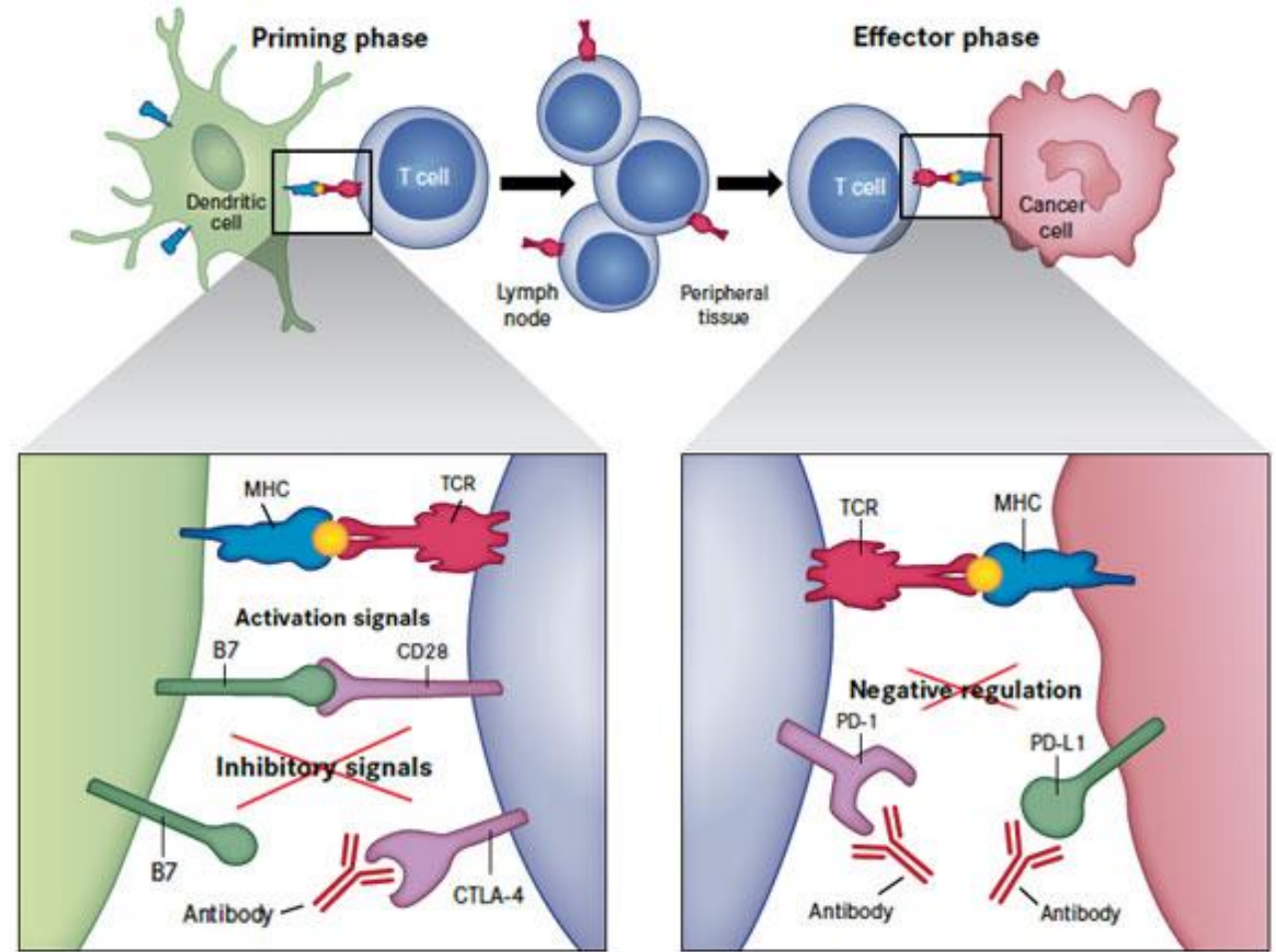


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HC-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

- Ipilimumab: nonresectable/Stage IV, I.V.-3mg/kg
- Pembrolizumab, nonresectable/Stage IV, I.V.
- Nivolumab, adjuvant and non resectable/Stage IV, I.V.
- Ipilimumab in combination with nivolumab, Stage IV



Ribas NEJM 2012
Gordon et al Nature 2017

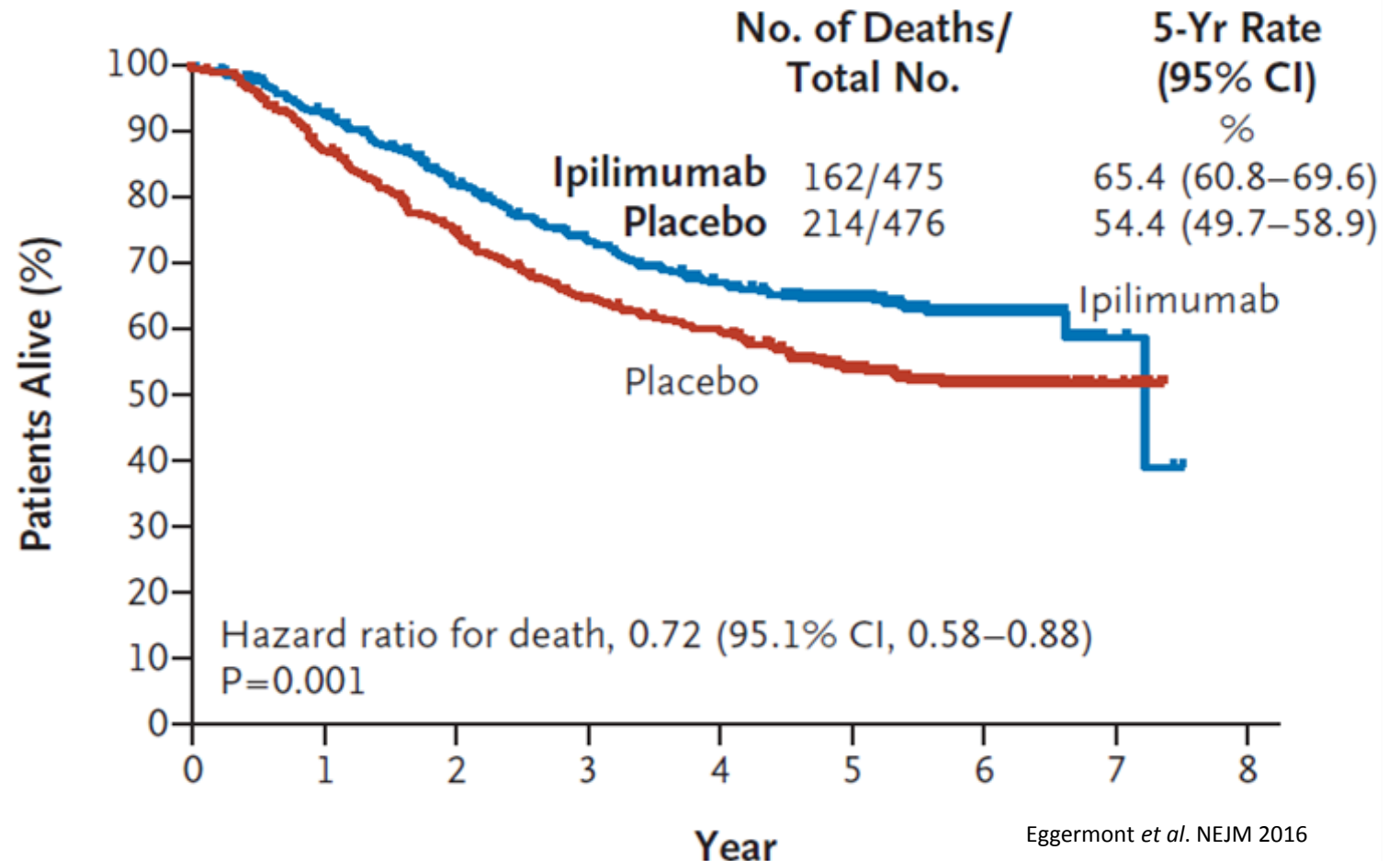
Adjuvant Melanoma Data

Adjuvant Trials:

EORTC 18071-Ipilimumab Vs Placebo
CheckMate 238- Nivolumab Vs Ipilimumab
EORTC 1325 - Pembrolizumab Vs Placebo

Adjuvant Ipilimumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

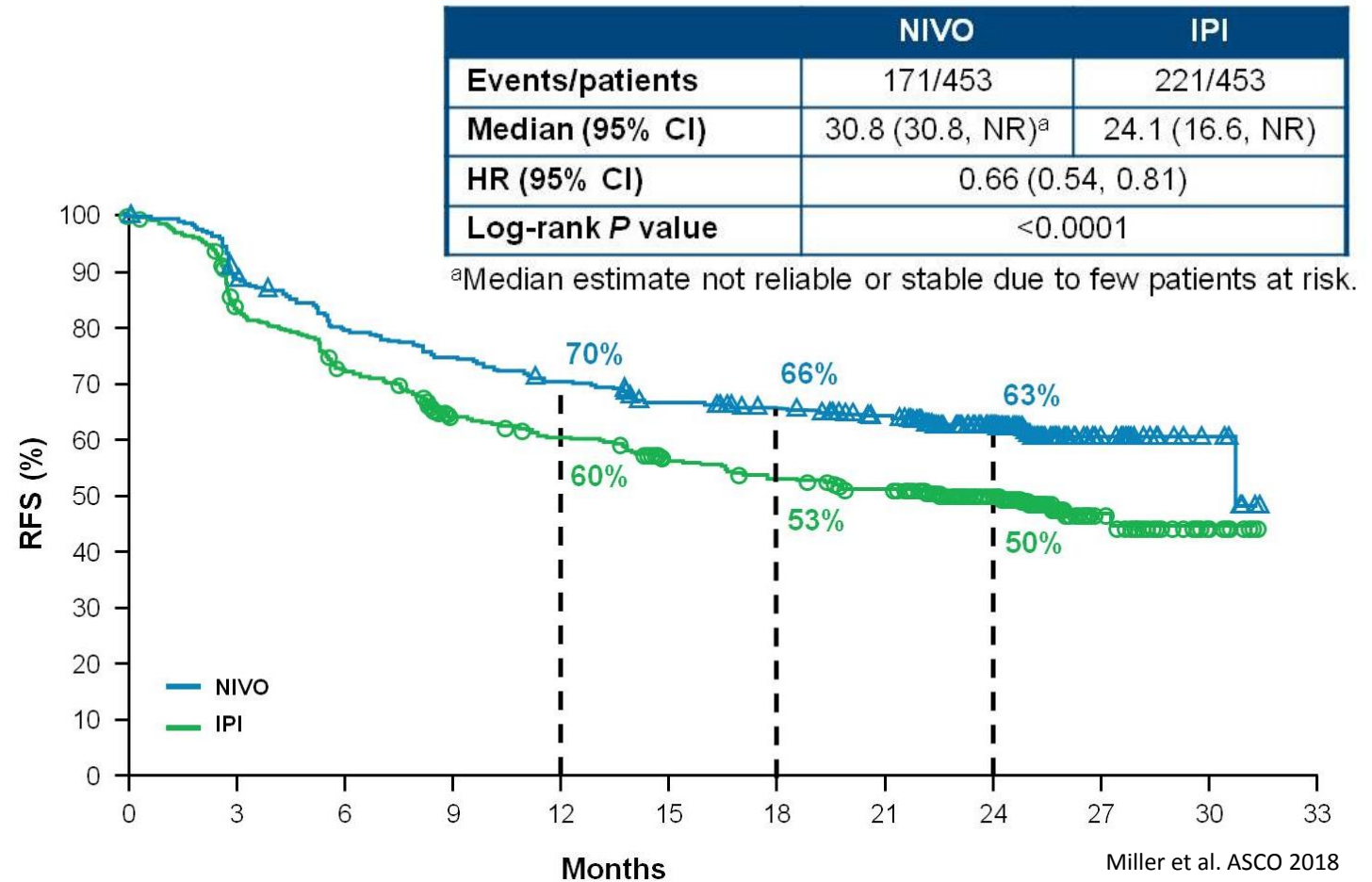
- EORTC 18071 phase III trial
 - NCT00636168
 - Adjuvant ipilimumab vs placebo
 - Ipilimumab 10mg/kg Q3W for four doses, then every 3 months for up to 3 years



Adjuvant Nivolumab vs Ipilimumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

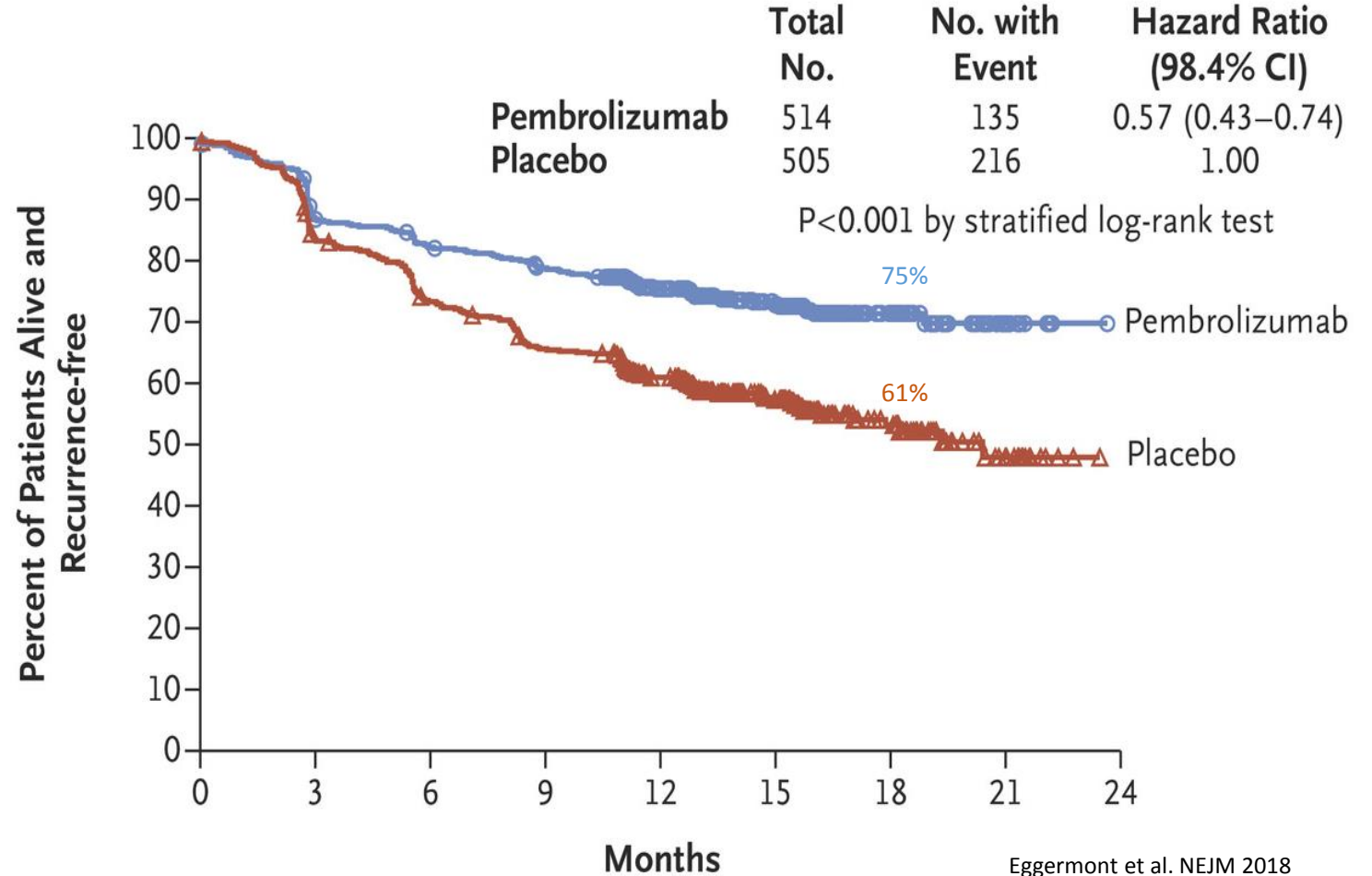
- CheckMate 238 phase III trial

- Stage IIIB, C, or resected Stage IV
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- Nivolumab 3mg/kg Q2W for up to 1 year



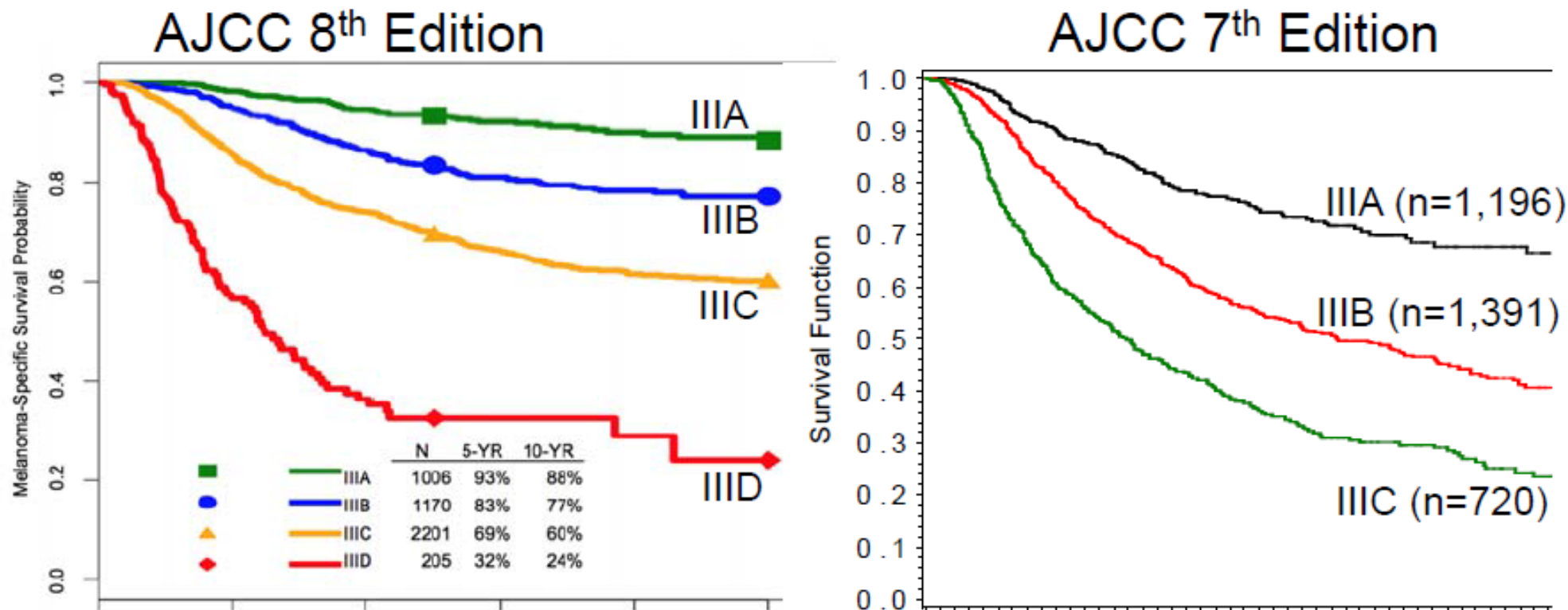
Adjuvant Pembrolizumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

- EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE-054 phase III trial
 - Stage III (IIIA >1mm)
 - Adjuvant pembrolizumab vs placebo
 - Pembrolizumab 200mg Q3W for up to 1 year (~18 total doses)



Eggermont et al. NEJM 2018

MSS according to AJCC Stage III Group

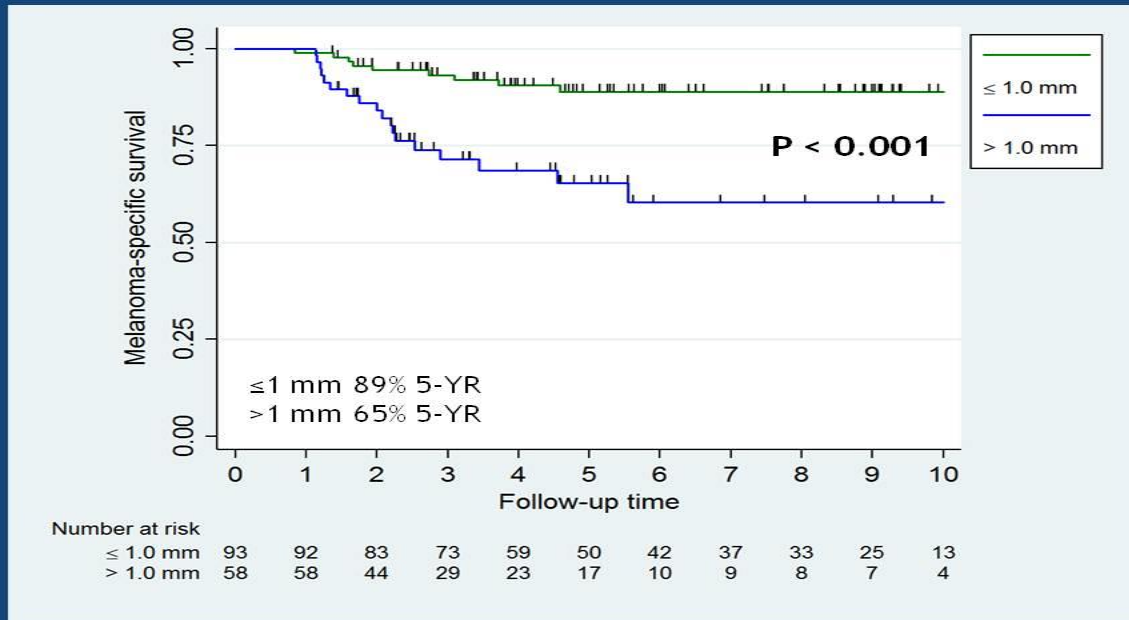


Implications for Patient Counseling, Management & Contemporary Adjuvant Clinical Trial Design

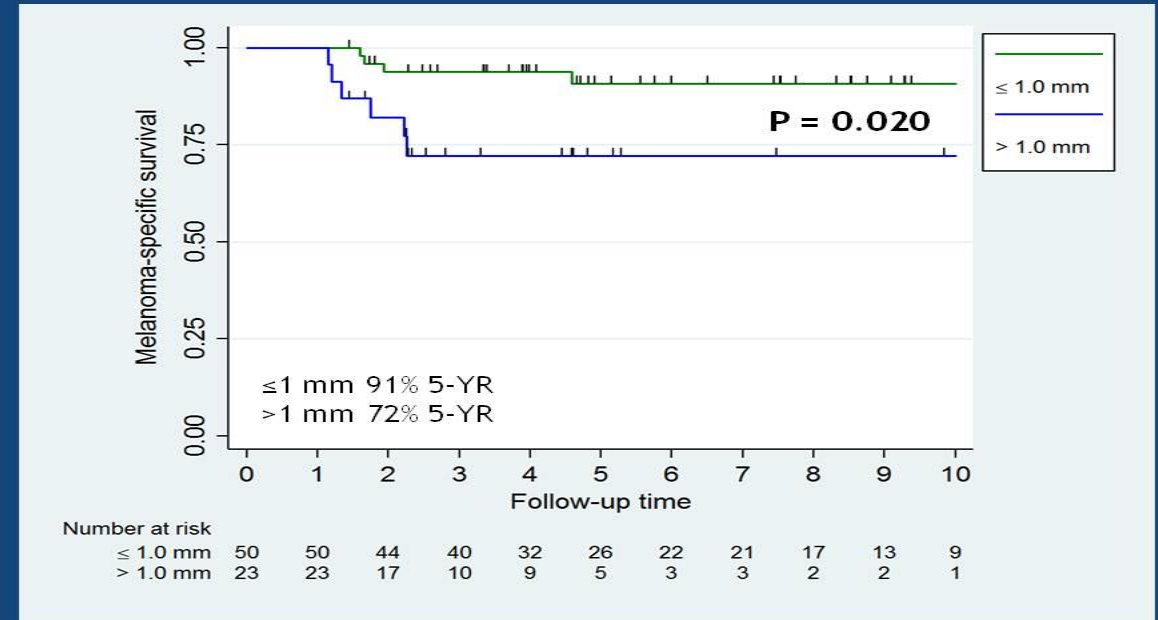
Stage IIIA Remains a Heterogeneous Group

Survival differentiation in stage IIIA

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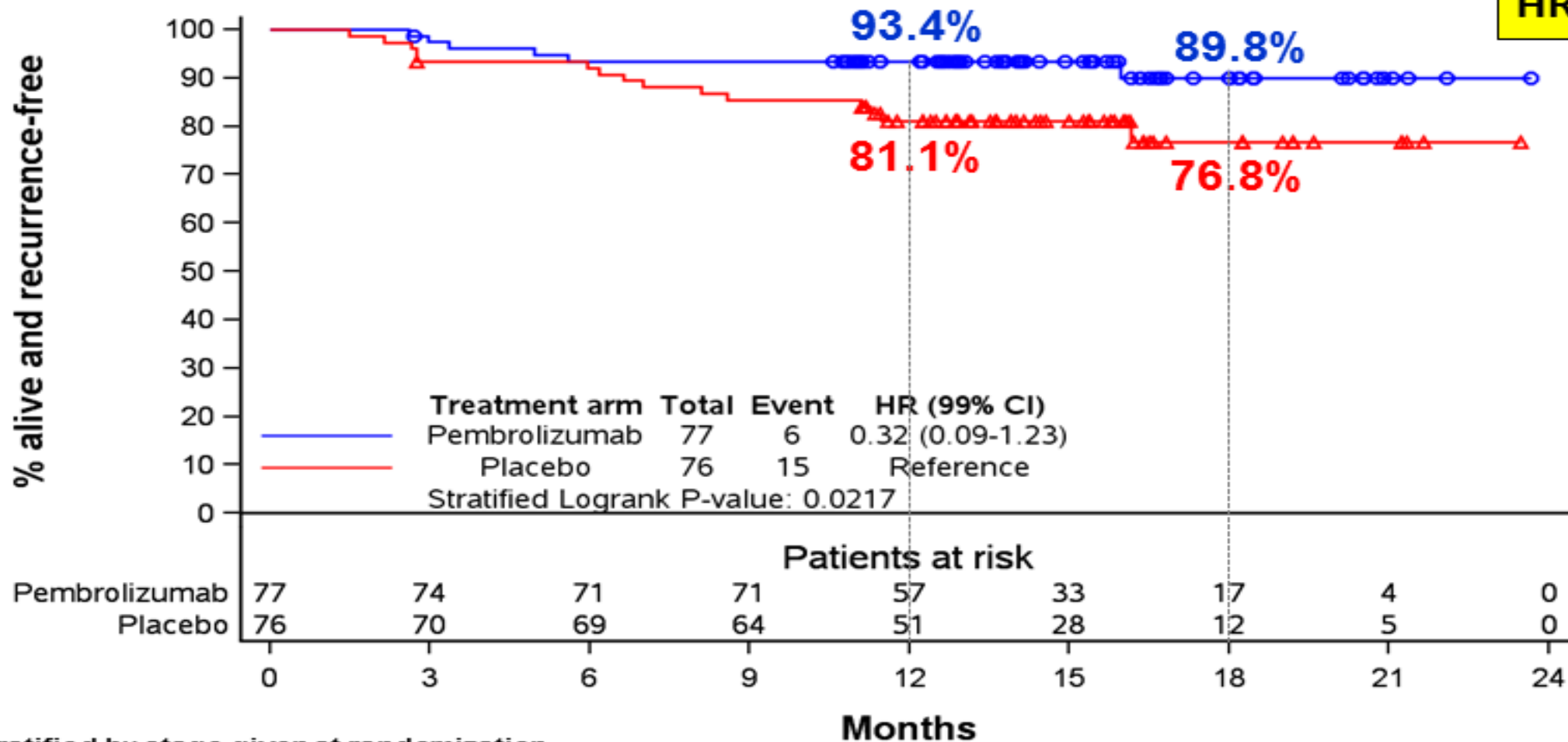


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Recurrence-Free Survival in Stage IIIA Population

HR 0.32



*Stratified by stage given at randomization



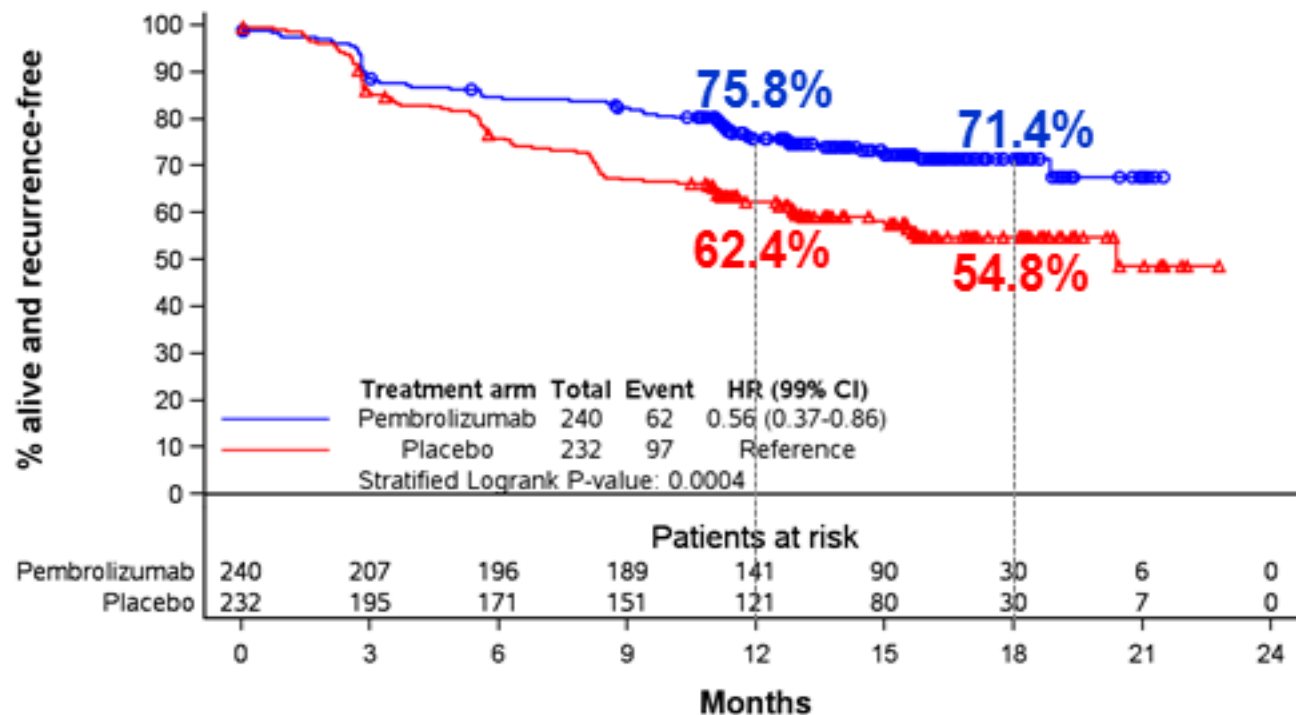
The future of cancer therapy



Recurrence-Free Survival

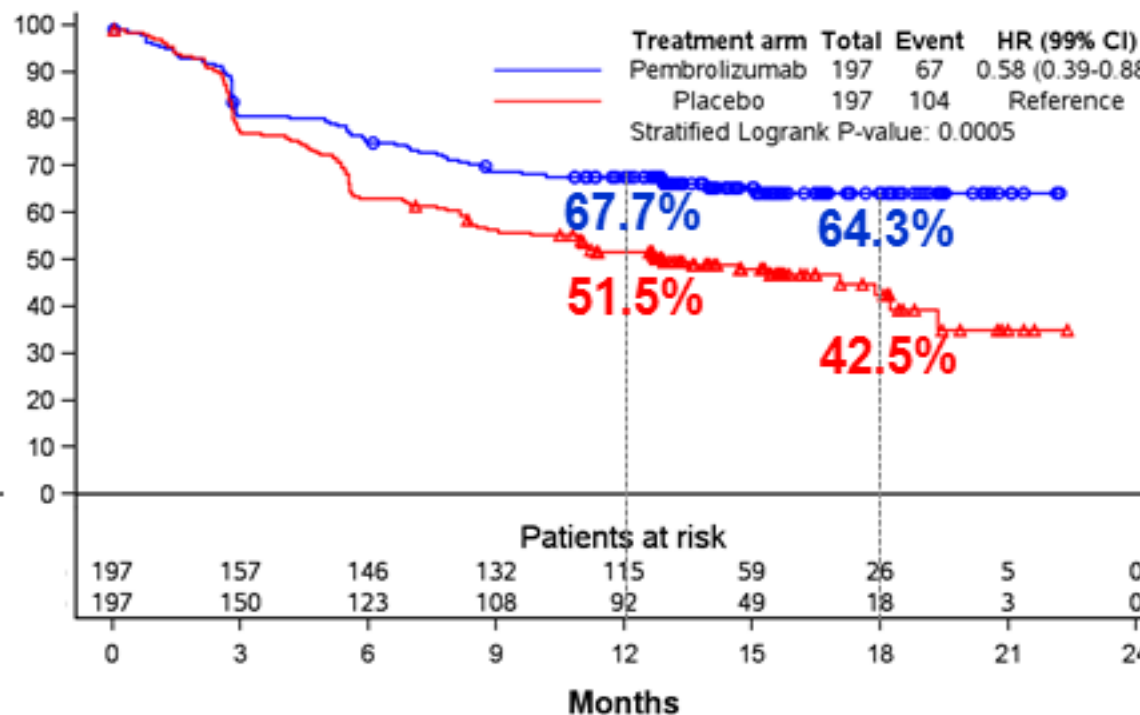
Stage IIIB

HR 0.56



Stage IIIC

HR 0.58



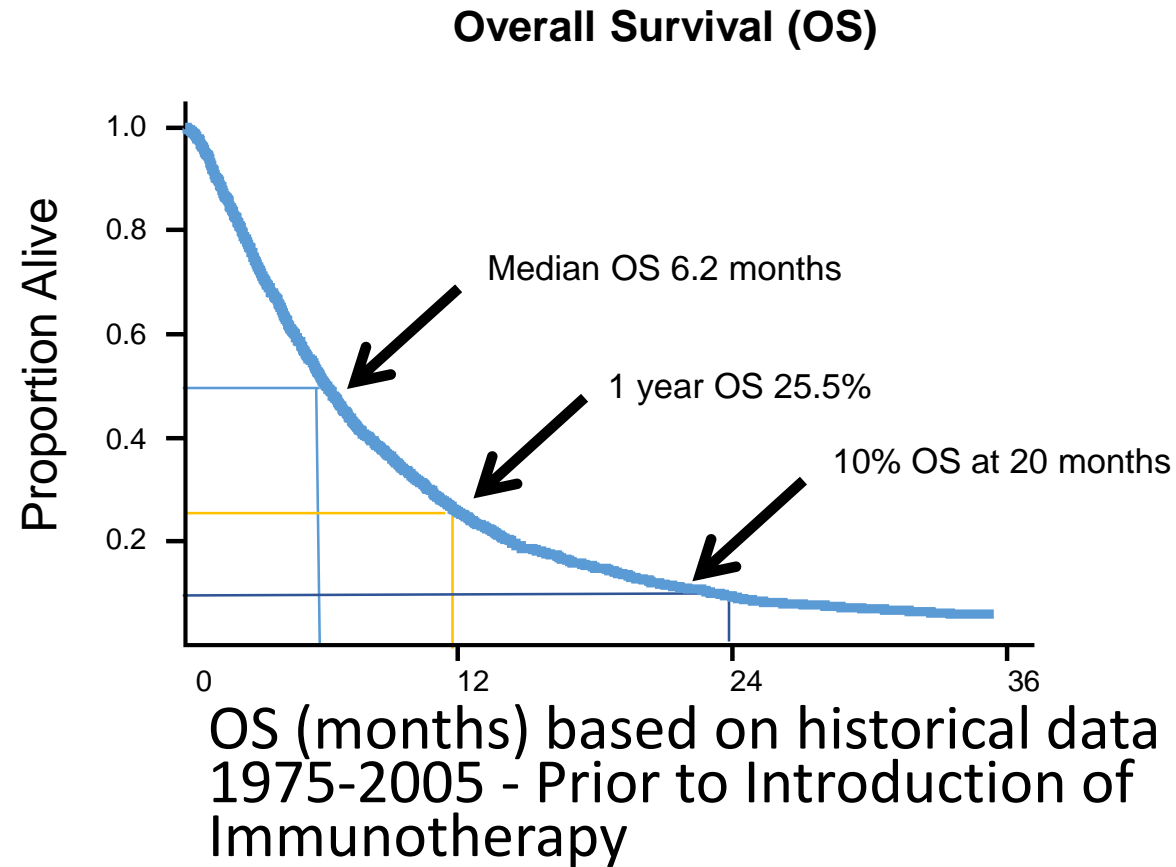
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The future of cancer therapy

Metastatic Melanoma

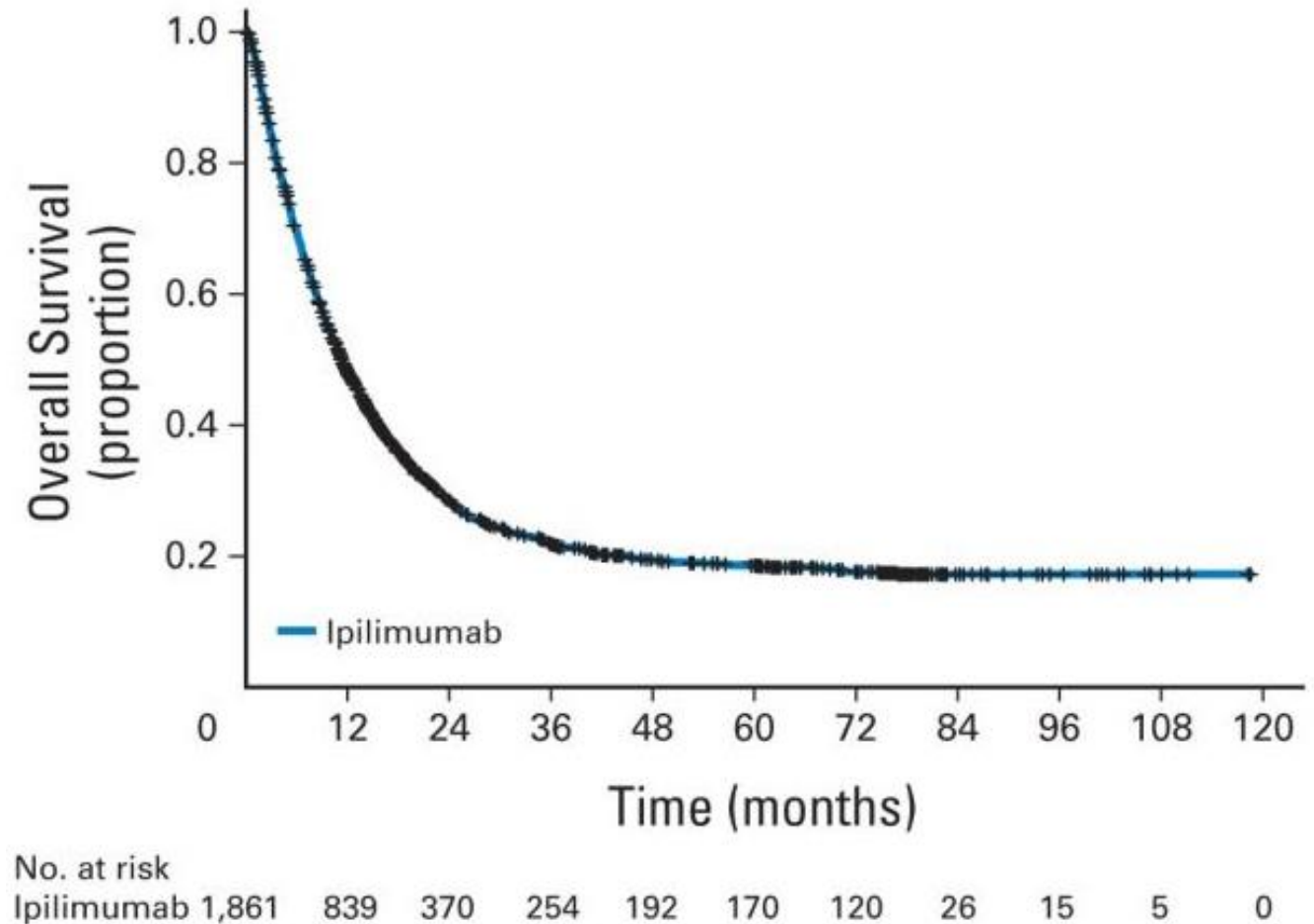
Benchmark Metastatic Melanoma Survival



**Survival of Patients
 with Metastatic Melanoma
 Has Changed**

Ipilimumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

- Pooled OS data from 10 phase II/III trials
 - Previously treated (n = 1,257) or treatment-naïve (n = 604)
 - Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg (n = 965) or 10 mg/kg (n = 706)



Schadendorf et al. JCO 2015

4-Year Survival and Outcomes After Cessation of Pembrolizumab After 2 Years in Patients With Ipilimumab-Naive Advanced Melanoma in KEYNOTE-006

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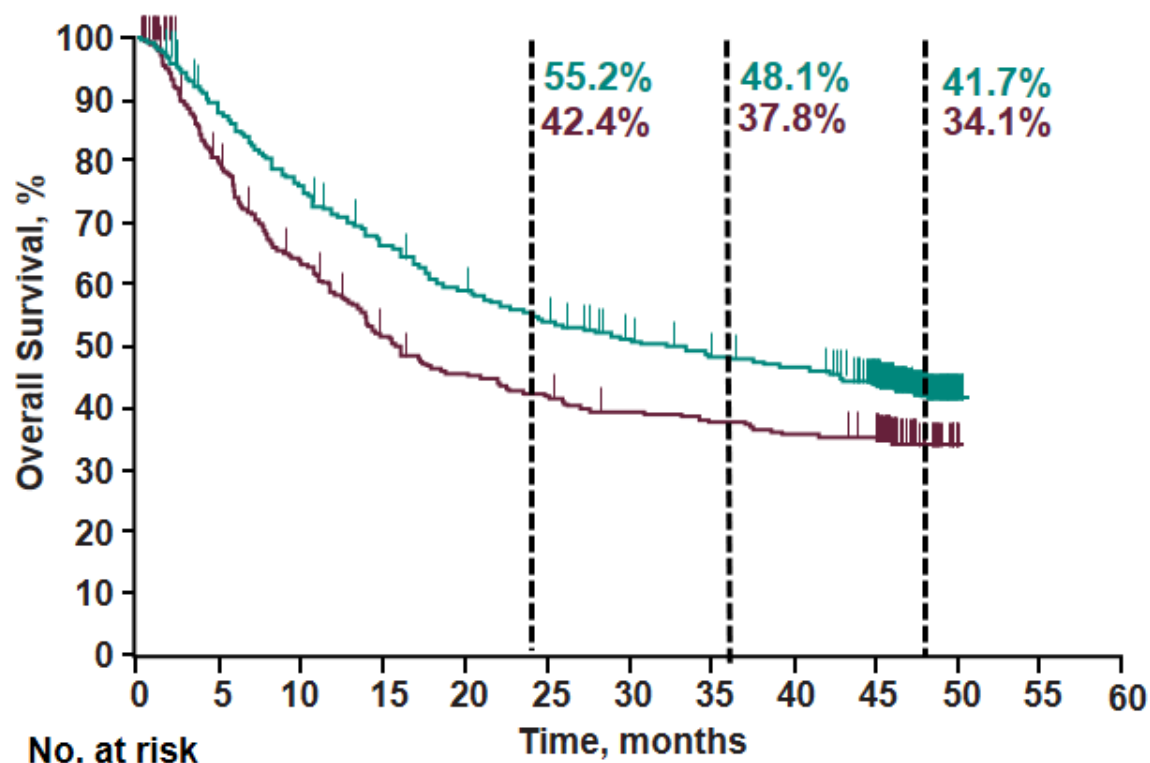
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Overall Survival

Median Follow-Up 45.9 (0.3-50.0) Months

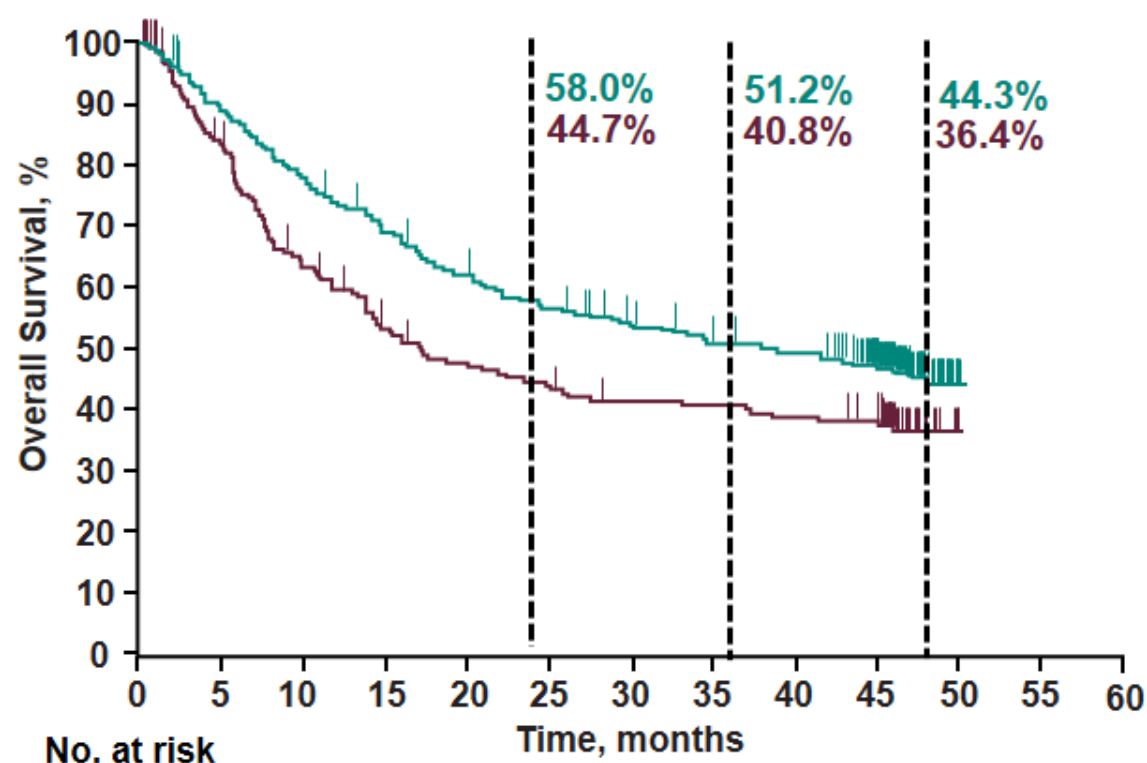
All Patients

	Events, n	HR ^a (95% CI)	Median, ^b mo (95% CI)
Pembro	309	0.73 (0.61-0.89)	32.7 (24.5-41.6)
Ipi	164	-	15.9 (13.3-22.0)



Treatment-Naïve Patients

	Events, n	HR ^a (95% CI)	Median, ^b mo (95% CI)
Pembro	193	0.73 (0.57-0.93)	38.7 (27.3-NR)
Ipi	104	-	17.1 (13.8-26.2)



^aBased on Cox regression model with treatment as covariate stratified by line of therapy (1st vs 2nd), PD-L1 status (positive vs negative), and ECOG (0 vs 1); if no patients are in one of the treatment groups involved in a comparison for a particular stratum, then that stratum was excluded from treatment comparison. ^bDerived by the product-limit (Kaplan-Meier) method for censored data. Data cutoff: Dec 4, 2017.

Combination Immunotherapy



Nivolumab plus ipilimumab or nivolumab alone versus ipilimumab alone in advanced melanoma (CheckMate 067): 4-year outcomes of a multicentre, randomised, phase 3 trial



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Summary

Background Previously reported results from the phase 3 CheckMate 067 trial showed a significant improvement in objective responses, progression-free survival, and overall survival with nivolumab plus ipilimumab or nivolumab alone compared with ipilimumab alone in patients with advanced melanoma. The aim of this report is to provide 4-year updated efficacy and safety data from this study.

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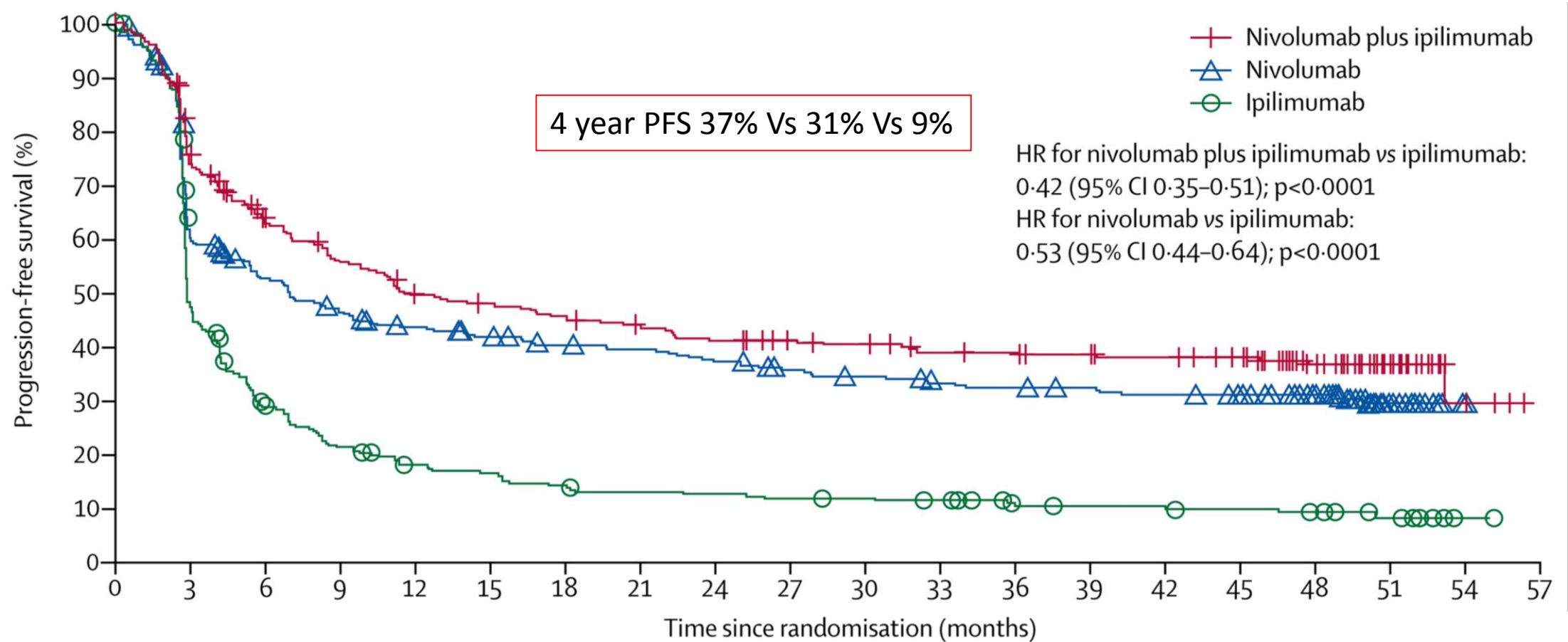
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Combination Ipilimumab + Nivolumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

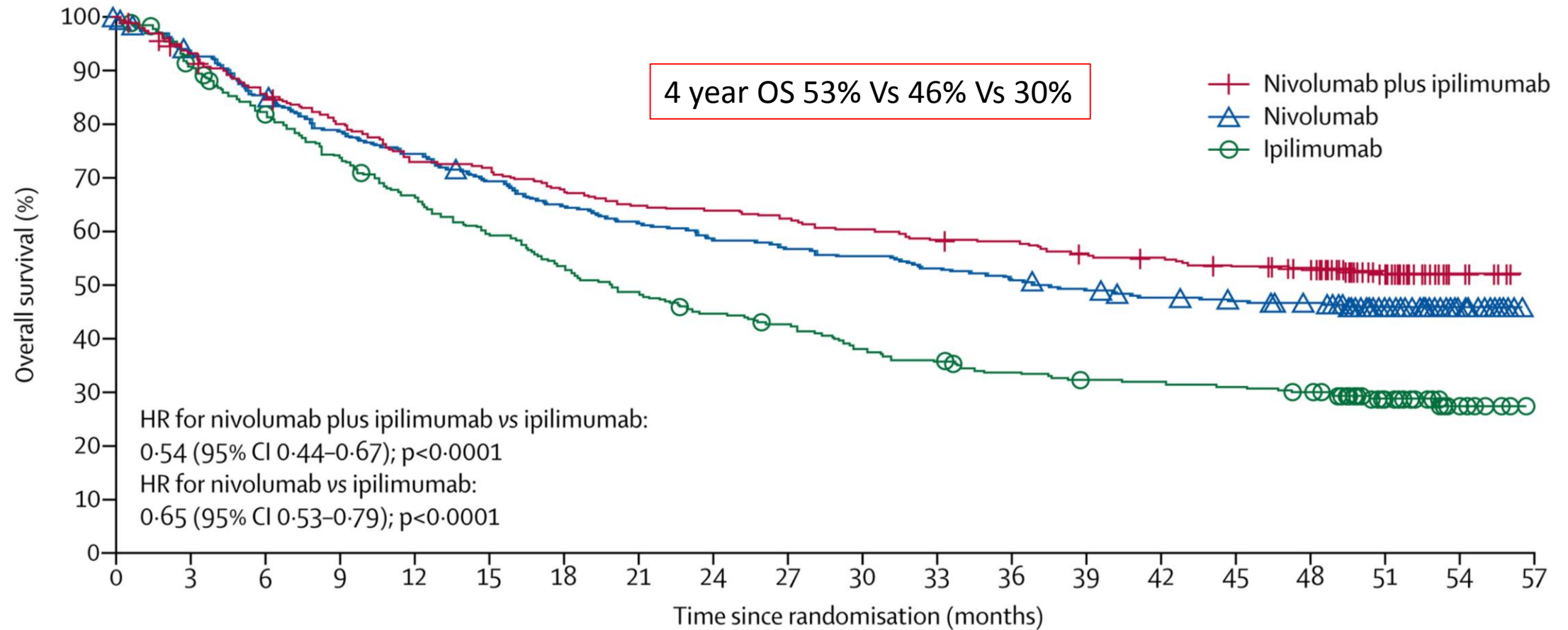
Phase III CheckMate 067 Trial



Hodi et. al. Lancet Oncol 2018

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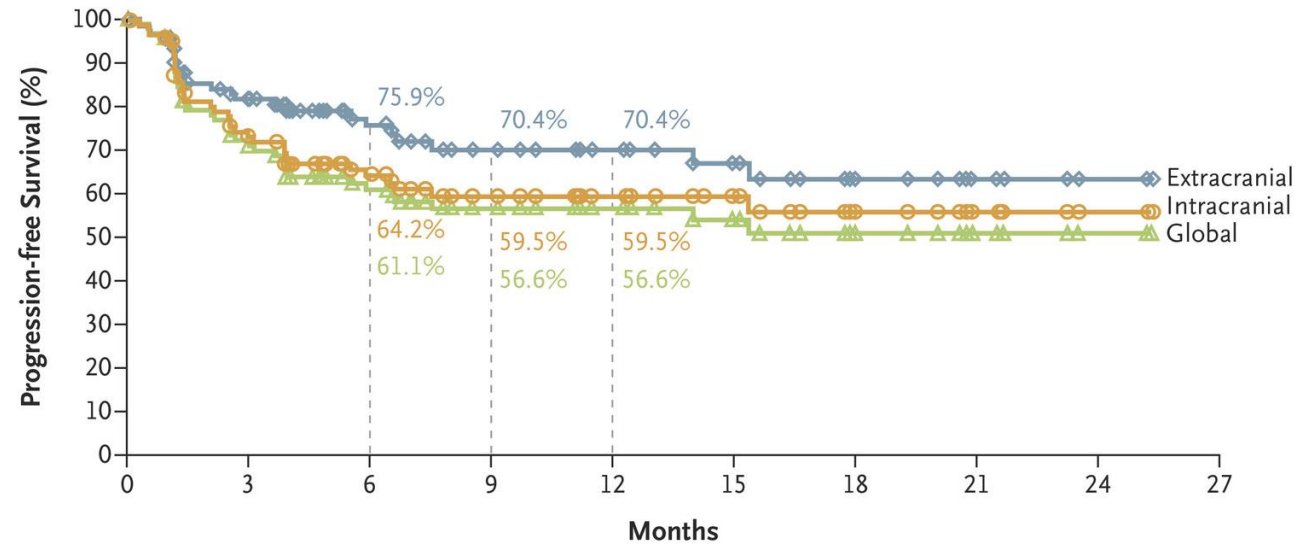
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Combination Ipilimumab + Nivolumab for Patients with Asymptomatic Brain Metastases

Variable	Intracranial (N = 94)	Extracranial (N = 94)	Global (N = 94)
Best overall response — no. (%)*			
Complete response	24 (26)	7 (7)	8 (9)
Partial response	28 (30)	40 (43)	40 (43)
Stable disease for ≥6 mo	2 (2)	6 (6)	5 (5)
Progressive disease	31 (33)	28 (30)	33 (35)
Could not be evaluated†	9 (10)	13 (14)	8 (9)
Objective response‡			
No. of patients	52	47	48
Percent of patients (95% CI)	55 (45–66)	50 (40–60)	51 (40–62)
Clinical benefit§			
No. of patients	54	53	53
Percent of patients (95% CI)	57 (47–68)	56 (46–67)	56 (46–67)



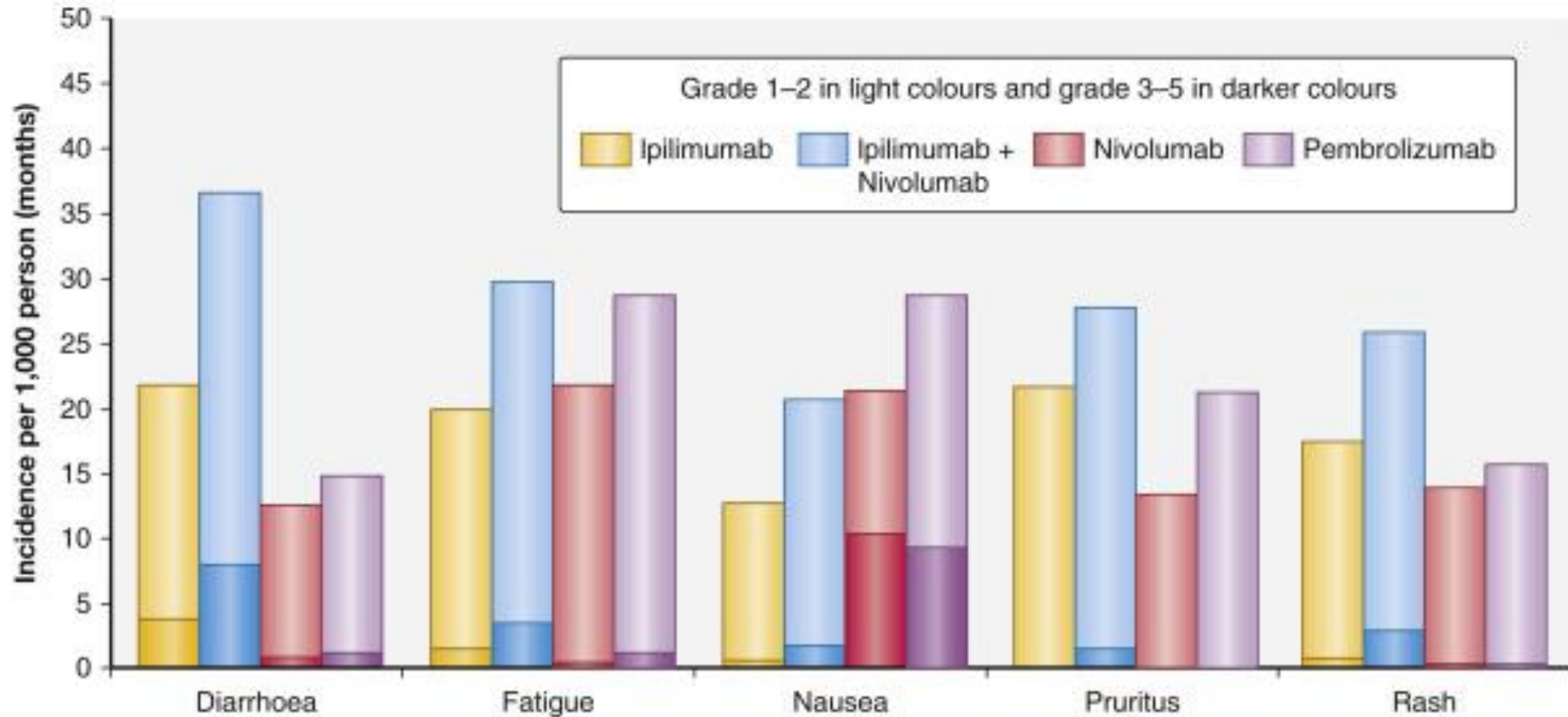
Tawbi et al. NEJM 2018

Safety Summary

Patients reporting event	NIVO+IPI (n = 313)		NIVO (n = 313)		IPI (n = 311)	
	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4	Any grade	Grade 3/4
Treatment-related AE, %	95.8	59.1	86.3	22.4	86.2	27.7
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation, %	40.3	30.4	12.5	8.0	15.1	13.5
Treatment-related death, n (%)	2 (0.6)		1 (0.3)		1 (0.3)	

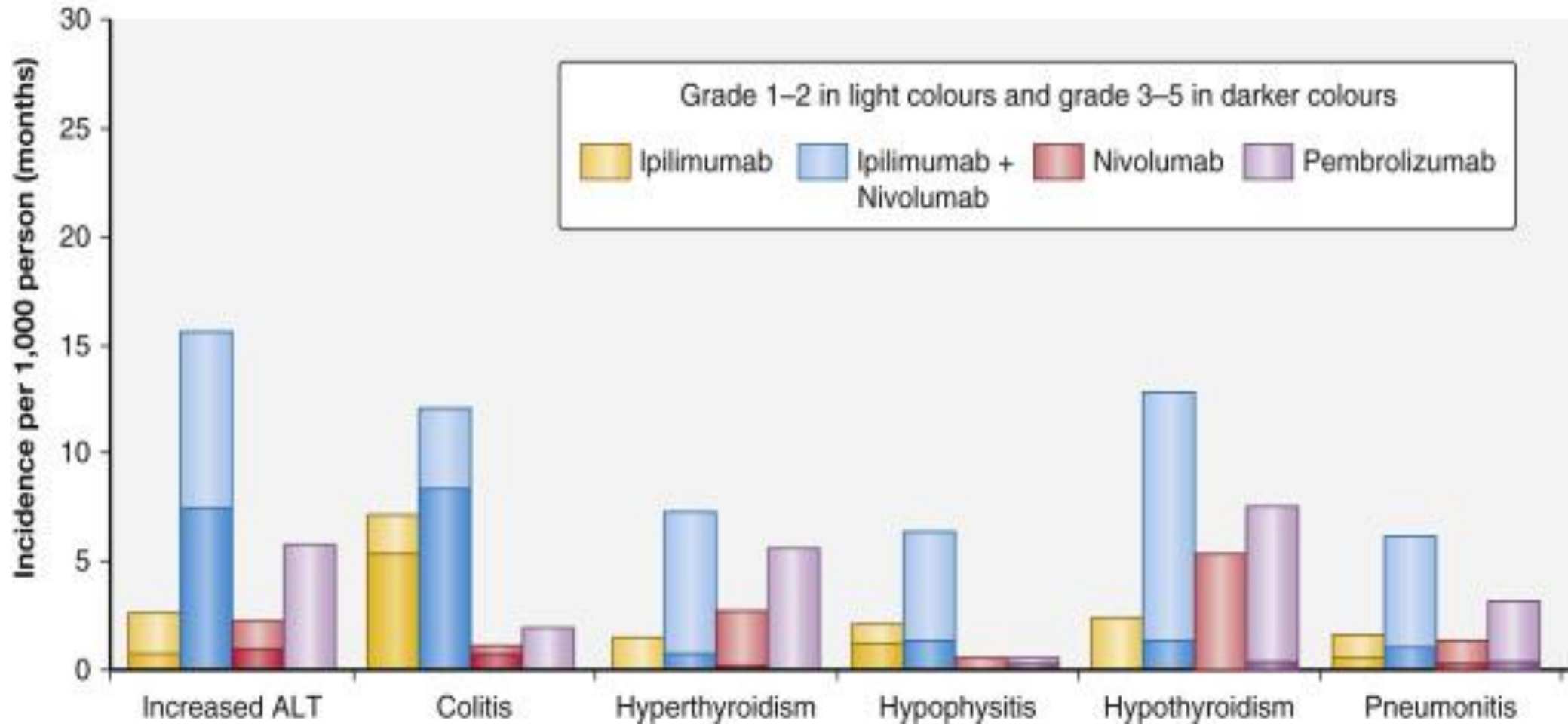
- No new safety signals were observed with the additional follow-up
- No additional deaths due to study drug toxicity were reported since the prior analysis
 - Previously reported treatment-related deaths were cardiomyopathy and liver necrosis for NIVO+IPI (n = 1 each and both occurred >100 days after last treatment), neutropenia for NIVO (n = 1), and colonic perforation for IPI (n = 1)
- Patients who discontinued NIVO+IPI during induction due to a treatment-related AE had similar 4-year PFS (35%) and OS (54%) to patients in the overall population (37% and 53%, respectively)

Adverse Events with Immunotherapies



Emens et al. Eur J Cancer 2017

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Treatment of Immune-Related AEs

Grade of immune-related AE (CTCAE/equivalent)	Corticosteroid management	Additional notes
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corticosteroids not usually indicated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue immunotherapy
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If indicated, start oral prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day if patient can take oral medication. If IV required, start methylprednisolone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day IV If no improvement in 2–3 days, increase corticosteroid dose to 2 mg/kg/day Once improved to ≤grade 1 AE, start 4–6 week steroid taper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold immunotherapy during corticosteroid use Continue immunotherapy once resolved to ≤grade 1 and off corticosteroids Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant Once improved to ≤ grade 1, start 4–6-week steroid taper Provide supportive treatment as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold immunotherapy; if symptoms do not improve in 4–6 weeks, discontinue immunotherapy Consider intravenous corticosteroids Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (>30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)
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Management of Immune-Related Adverse Events in Patients Treated With Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline

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POSITION ARTICLE AND GUIDELINES

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An update on the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer consensus statement on tumor immunotherapy for the treatment of cutaneous melanoma: version 2.0

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Case Study 1

- 68 yo woman diagnosed with a back melanoma in 1996
- Had a subsequent axillary recurrence in 2000 and underwent resection and 3 years of levamisole
- In 2012 developed Brain met in frontal lobe and underwent resection
- In 2013 developed bowel metastases and an obstruction and required surgery
- She also had lung, adrenal, spleen and nodal metastases

Case Study 1

- Went on to receive 2 cycles of DTIC and progressed
- She was referred to us for clinical trial in Nov 2013 with new metastatic melanoma to brain, and progression in lungs, adrenals, spleen and nodes
- She received SRS for her 5 brain lesions in Nov 2013
- She went on participate in the Keynote 006 trial and was randomized to Q2 weekly pembrolizumab starting Feb 4, 2014
- After 3 doses she developed uveitis in her Rt eye and treatment was held

Case Study 1

- Was seen by Ophthalmology and started on prednisone drops
- Uveitis resolved and resumed treatment
- She was held several times due to worsening bilateral uveitis with decreased ocular pressure and stopped her treatment due to the uveitis after 17 treatments In Oct 2014
- She also developed striking vitiligo affecting her skin, eye lashes, eye brows and hair
- Was last seen Jan 2019 and MRI shows stable small brain lesions and CTscans show stable lesions with some continuing to decrease

Case study 2

- 66 yo woman diagnosed with vaginal melanoma in March 2018
 - Excision and SLNB: 5mm ulcerated with 1/6 nodes positive with a 10 mm focus
- June 2018: Vaginal recurrence and pelvic nodes as well as bone metastases
- Started Pembrolizumab July 13, 2018
- 5 days later admitted to community hospital with fever and feeling unwell
 - No focus of infection found, fever never resolved
 - discharged after 8 days

Case Study 2

- Seen in clinic after discharge:
 - Looked very unwell, very fatigued couldn't get out of bed
 - Had been having ongoing fevers 38 – 40C, malaise, edema
 - Imaging at previous hospital showed splenomegaly and no focus of infection
- What would you do next?
 - Admit to hospital
 - Bloodwork, cultures
- Admitted and bloodwork shows:
 - HB 106, WBC 2.0, Neuts 1.2, Plts 120
 - Alt 68 ALK 133

Case Study 2

- What's the diagnosis?
 - Cytokine release syndrome Vs hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)
- What do you do next?
 - Started IV solumedrol, hematology consult
- Next day was sitting up, fever gone and felt a lot of better, looked like a different person
- Hematology consult:
 - Her Hscore is 198 which correlates with a 86.8% of having HLH
 - Switched to dexamethasone

Case Study 2

- She improved and was discharged home a few days later
- 1 week later presented back to ER with watery diarrhea 8-10 BM/day
- Was on tapering doses of dexamethasone 8mg/day
- What do you do now?
 - Admit and treat as colitis – IV steroids
- Improved with steroids and discharged home on taper
- CTscans showed that her disease had responded until 1month ago
- Now progressing
- Would you retreat with pembrolizumab?