

Melanoma 2022

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Treatment of Melanoma

Neo-Adjuvant therapy





Traditionally there were few effective therapies





During the "Era of Futility: Two fundamental and translatable discoveries occurred





Sullivan and Flaherty. Clin Cancer Res. 2015



Adjuvant Melanoma Treatment Landscape 2014



Adjuvant Melanoma Treatment Landscape 2022



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Adjuvant therapy





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Neo-Adjuvant therapy

- Current data with Stage III Melanoma
 - Anti-PD1 therapy is SOC (BRAF status independent)
 - No benefit of ipi/nivo vs nivo (CM 915) in Stage III
 - Possible benefit of ipi/nivo vs nivo in resected Stage IV (IMMUNED)
 - BRAF/MEK combo is an alternative SOC for BRAF MT
- Current data with Stage II Melanoma
 - Anti-PD1 therapy is expected to become the SOC
- Pending trials:
- Diagnosis
- Stage IIB/C nivo vs placebo
- Stage III pembro + PCV (Moderna) vs pembro
- Stage III nivo + bempegaldesleukin vs nivo





Adjuvant Melanoma Treatment Stage III Options





What do we do?

BRAF MT, resected Stage III melanoma



BRAF targeted therapy

Immune targeted therapy

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Dummer et al. NEJM 2020

COMBI-AD Summary (5 yr follow up)

- Randomized Phase III trial of adjuvant dab/tram in patients with Stage III, BRAF mutant melanoma
- Met its primary endpoint (RFS, HR 0.51) and secondary endpoint (DMFS, HR 0.55)
- Improvement maintained in all subgroups
- Predictable, reversible toxicity
- 26% discontinuation rate in dab/tram arm (3% in placebo arm)
- No significant difference in rate of additional malignancies





Ascierto et al. Lancet Oncol. 2020



PEMBRO (KN054)

 Met its primary endpoint (RFS, HR 0.59) and secondary endpoint (DMFS, HR 0.60)

Summary of Adjuvant anti-PD-1

(~4 yr follow up)

- Improvement maintained in most subgroups including BRAF MT (initial HR for RFS 0.59; for DMFS 0.55)
- Significant toxicity in a minority of patients
 - irAEs associated with improved RFS
 - Endocrine toxicity (mostly irreversible) in 23% of patients

NIVO (CM238)

- Met its primary endpoint (RFS, HR 0.71) and one secondary endpoint (DMFS, HR 0.79), <u>but was not</u> <u>associated with OS advantage (HR 0.87, p =0.31)</u>,
- Improvement maintained in most subgroups including BRAF MT (HR for RFS 0.79)
- Nivo much better tolerated than Ipi
- Significant toxicity in a minority of patients with Nivo
 - Endocrine toxicity (mostly irreversible) in 24%



Summary of Adjuvant Therapy Effectiveness

Endpoint	COMBI-AD (DT v placebo)	KN054 (pembro v placebo)	CM238 (nivo v ipi)
Primary Endpoint RFS (HR) 4 YR RFS	0.51 55%	0.59 60% (3.5 yr RFS)	0.71 52%
Secondary Endpoint DMFS (HR) OS (HR)	0.55 NA	0.60 NA	0.79 0.87
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Summary of Adjuvant Therapy Side Effects





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More on chronicity of irAEs...

Table 2. Incidence of Chronic Immune-Related Adverse Events (irAEs)

387 patients treated with adjuvant anti-PD-1 at 8 academic centers in US and Australia

- 267 (69%) had irAE
 - 53 (19.5%) Gr 3-5

	Patients, No. (%)			
Chronic IrAEs	With chronic IrAEs	Ongoing chronic IrAE at last follow-up		
Total chronic IrAEs	167 (100)	NA		
Required steroids	55 (32.9)	NA		
Symptomatic	82 (49.1)	NA		
Resolved	24 (14.4)	NA		
≥Grade 2	90 (53.9)	NA		

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IrAE Type ^a			
Adrenal Insufficiency	12 (3.1)	12 (100)	
Arthritis/arthralgias	22 (5.7)	22 (100)	
Colitis/diarrhea	6 (1.6)	2 (33.3)	
Dermatitis/pruritus	19 (6.6)	17 (89.5)	
Xerostomia ^b	9 (2.3)	8 (88.9)	_
Hypophysitis	8 (2.1)	8 (100)	
Neuropathy	3 (1.8)	1 (33.3)	
Ocular toxic effect ^c	5 (1.3)	5 (100)	
Other neurotoxicity ^d	8 (2.1)	5 (63.0)	
Pneumonitis	6 (1.6)	4 (66.7)	
Thyroiditis/hypothyroid	54 (14.0)	54 (100)	



Key points of consideration

- 1. Patients with the least amount of disease may be the best group to treat with BRAF targeted therapy.
- 2. BRAF targeted therapy and anti-PD-1 therapy appear to have similar efficacy (e.g. cure a similar percentage of patients) in adjuvant setting
- 3. Adjuvant nivo is NOT associated with improved overall survival compared to ipi (Effect of "salvage" anti-PD-1 in metastatic setting?)
- Adjuvant immunotherapy is associated with severe side effects in 15-20% and chronic side effects in >40% of patients

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So, what do I do?

BRAF MT, resected Stage III melanoma



My bias is to give BRAF/MEK combo...

Why?

- **1. Potentially curative**
- **2. Reversible AEs**
- 3. "Salvage" IO in setting of relapse



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Adjuvant Melanoma Treatment Stage II Options



Pembrolizumab Versus Placebo After Complete Resection of High-risk Stage II Melanoma: Efficacy and Safety Results From the KEYNOTE-716 Double-blind Phase 3 Trial

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KEYNOTE-716 Study Design (NCT03553836)



HRQoL, health related quality of life; OS, overall survival; Q3W, every 3 weeks; RFS, time from randomization to recurrence of melanoma at any site (skin, regional lymph nodes or distant) or death from any cause, whichever occurred first.

Luke KN716 ESMO 2021

Recurrence-Free Survival (Primary Endpoint)



Adverse Events of Interest^a



NR, not reached; Data cut-off: 04Dec2020

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Luke KN716 ESMO 2021



Summary of Adjuvant PEMBRO for Stage IIB/C



- KN 716 et its primary endpoint (RFS, HR 0.65). Benefit seemingly maintained in all subgroups analyzed
- Significant toxicity in a minority of patients
 - irAEs (Grade 3 or 4) in 17%

PEMBRO

- 16% of patients discontinued early
- Endocrine and cutaneous toxicity most common
- No overall survival data available
- No biomarker data available

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To treat or not to treat?

New patient with Stage IIB/C, melanoma



Pembrolizumab

Active Surveillance





Key points of consideration

- 1. There is NO data with improved overall survival at this point
 - Conceivable that "salvage" anti-PD-1 based therapy will be effective at time of recurrence
- 2. There IS value to not having recurrent disease
- 3. Adjuvant immunotherapy (in Stage III patients) is associated with severe side effects in 15-20% and chronic side effects in >40% of patients (no reason to think this is different in Stage II)







New patient with Stage IIB/C, melanoma



I have LONG conversations with patients about goals, risks, benefits





A brief word about neoadjuvant therapy





Neoadjuvant Therapy

- Potential Benefits:
 - Down-staging, improve surgical resectability (TT > IO)
 - Assess response to treatment tailor adjuvant tx
 - Immunotherapy: broaden T cell responses
 - Use pResponse as surrogate marker for RFS and/or OS
- Concerns:
 - Disease progression during therapy
 - Tx-related toxicity
 - Early resistance to therapy
 - May not be needed with adjuvant therapy
- Well-established roles/diseases:
 - Breast Cancer
 - GIST
 - Rectal Cancer
 - Esophageal Cancer

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Why Neoadjuvant Therapy?

A. Clarifies who benefits

B. May help guide next steps



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Menzies et al. Nature Med. 2021



Improves outcomes?

Neoadjuvant (vs adjuvant) IO leads to increased numbers of peripheral blood clones of tumor-resident TCRs



Blank et al. Nature Med. 2018







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Changes surgical management?

The pathologic response in the largest lymph node (index node) represents the entire lymph node bed

Pathologic response	Index node	Total basin
pCR	7	7
Near-pCR	3	3
pPR	1	1
pNR	1	1

Index node congruent with total basin = 12/12 cases

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2 courses IPI+NIVO

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Prof. dr. C.U. Blank, presented ASCO 2020 Schermers et al., BJS 2019

TLND



Summary: Neoadjuvant Therapy 2022

- No approved neoadjuvant regimens
- A number of neoadjuvant therapies have been tested in high-risk stage III/IV patients
 - Neoadjuvant immunotherapy in Stage III melanoma:
 - 1. Leads to pathologic responses is a significant % of patients
 - 2. Those with pathologic response (pPR, near pCR, pCR) have remarkable RFS (>90% at 2 years), albeit with limited follow up
 - 3. The regimen of 2 doses of nivo (3 mg/kg) and ipi (1 mg/kg) followed by no adjuvant therapy is well tolerated and has been adopted as the standard neoadjuvant approach





Neo-Adjuvant therapy



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What do we do?

New patients with advanced, BRAF MT melanoma



BRAF targeted therapy

Immune targeted therapy

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SEQUENTIAL COMBO IMMUNO AND TARGET THERAPY (SECOMBIT)



DOR, duration of response; ECOG-PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status; LGX = encorafenib (BRAFi); MEK162 = binimetinib (MEKi); ORR, objective response rate; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; PD, progressive disease

Clinicaltrials.gov: NCT02631447.

NCT02224781: Phase 3 Study of Dabrafenib + Trametinib Followed by Ipilimumab + Nivolumab vs Ipilimumab + Nivolumab Followed by Dabrafenib + Trametinib

Randomised Phase 3 trial of dabrafenib + trametinib followed by ipilimumab + nivolumab at progression vs ipilimumab + nivolumab followed by dabrafenib + trametinib at progression in patients with advanced BRAF V600 mutant melanoma



· OS rate, defined as the proportion of patients alive after 2 years of follow-up time

Response rate (RECIST version 1.1)

Does the initial treatment with the dabrafenibtrametinib combination (and subsequent ipilimumab-nivolumab) or ipilimumabnivolumab combination (and subsequent dabrafenib-trametinib combination) improve the 2-year OS significantly in patients with unresectable stage III or stage IV BRAFV600 mutant melanoma?

What to do? Look to randomized clinical trial data



SECOMBIT: the best sequential approach with combo immunotherapy [ipilimumab (I) /nivolumab (N)] and combo target therapy [encorafenib (E)/binimetinib (B)] in patients with BRAF mutated metastatic melanoma. A phase II randomized study

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SEQUENTIAL COMBO IMMUNO AND TARGET THERAPY (SECOMBIT)



	Arm A	Arm B	Arm C
1-yr OS%	81%	81%	87%
(95% Cl)	(72-90)	(72-90)	(69-95)
2-yrs OS%	65%	73%	69%
(95% CI)	(54-76)	(62-84)	(58-80)
3-yrs OS%	54%	62%	60%
(95% CI)	(41-67)	(48-76)	(58-72)
HR (95% CI) Arm B vs A Exploratory analysis	0.73 (0.42-1.26)	-	-
HR (95% CI) Arm C vs A Exploratory analysis	0.81 (0.48-1.37)	-	-

· Time to second progression

% patients alive at 2–3 years

Clinicaltrials.gov: NCT02631447.

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perative Oncology Group performance status; LGX = encorafenib (BRAFi); MEK162 = binimetinib (MEKi); ORR, objective response rate;

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Characteristic

Age (years)

Sex % Male

Stage

M1A

M1B M1C

ECOG PS 0 (%)

III unresectable

LDH > ULN (%)

DREAMseq (Doublet, Randomized Evaluation in

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81 (62%)

53 (40%)

16 (12%)

76 (58%)

53 (40%)

21 (17%)

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NCT02224781: Phase 3 Study of Dabrafenib + Trametinib Followed by Ipilimumab + Nivolumab vs Ipilimumab + Nivolumab Followed by Dabrafenib + Trametinib



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Prior Treatment (adjuvant)*

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So, what do we do?

New patients with advanced, BRAF MT melanoma

BRAF targeted therapy We start with anti-PD-1 based therapy Immune targeted therapy





What do we do?

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New patients with advanced, BRAF MT or BRAF WT melanoma

\bigcirc	Single	agent anti-r		
\downarrow	Agent(s)	Pembro (front-line)	Nivo	IPI/Nivo
	ORR (%)	46	45	58
	5-yr PFS (%)	n/a	28	36
\wedge	5-yr OS (%)	43	44	52
	<hr/>		Lo La	ng et al. ASCO 2020 rkin et al. NEJM 2019
\mathbf{N}	Combi	ned anti-PD	-1/anti-C	TLA4



Why not always combined anti-PD-1/anti-CTLA-4 in the first-line?

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Combined IPI/NIVO is associated with more frequent, more severe, and multiple toxicities than NIVO or IPI

	NIVO + IPI (N=313)		NIVO (N=313)		IPI (N=311)	
Patients Reporting Event, %	Any Grade	Grade 3–4	Any Grade	Grade 3–4	Any Grade	Grade 3–4
Treatment-related adverse event (AE)	95.5	55.0	82.1	16.3	86.2	27.3
Treatment-related AE leading to discontinuation	36.4	29.4	7.7	5.1	14.8	13.2
Treatment-related death	0		0.3		0.3	

Modified from Wolchok et al. ASCO 2015; Larkin et al. NEJM 2015



Are there scenarios where we always consider combined anti-PD-1/anti-CTLA-4 in the first-line?

CNS disease





Summary of Contemporary Regimens in CNS disease

Study	New or Recurrent	Treatment	# of patients	Median PFS (mo)	6 mo PFS (%)	Cerebral RR
Goldberg Lancet Oncol 2016	Both	Pembrolizumab	18	NA	22	22
COMBI-MB Davies Lancet Oncol 2017	New	Dabrafenib and trametinib	Cohort A, 76	5.6	<20	58
CM-204 Tawbi Lancet Oncol 2021	New	Ipilimumab and nivolumab	A: 101 B: 18	NR 1.2	61** 33	54 11
ABC Long Lancet Oncol 2018	New	Nivolumab Ipilimumab and nivolumab	25 26	2.5 NR	20 53	20 46

NA – not available NR – not reached ** 18 mo OS 75%



And then

So, what do we do?

New patients with advanced, BRAF MT or BRAF WT melanoma

We use clinical factors (CNS disease, rapidity of growth, liver mets, symptomatic disease, high LDH, etc.) to determine which patients to offer combined checkpoint inhibitor therapy

Single-agent anti-PD-1

Combined anti-PD-1/anti-CTLA4





Relatlimab (RELA) + nivolumab (NIVO) versus NIVO in first-line advanced melanoma: primary phase 3 results from **RELA**TIVITY-047 (CA224-047)

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• RELATIVITY-047 is a global, randomized, double-blind, phase 2/3 study



		RELA + NIVO	NIVO		
Subgroup		Events/no.	of patients	Unstratified HR for pre	ogression or death (95% CI)
Overall		180 (355)	211 (359)		0.76 (0.62-0.92)
Age categorization, years	≥ 18 and < 65	99 (187)	117 (196)		0.83 (0.64-1.09)
	≥ 65 and < 75	50 (102)	60 (103)		0.69 (0.47-1.00)
	≥ 65	81 (168)	94 (163)		0.69 (0.51-0.93)
	≥ 75	31 (66)	34 (60)	<u>_</u>	0.69 (0.42-1.13)
Sex	Male	98 (210)	123 (206)		0.68 (0.52-0.89)
	Female	82 (145)	88 (153)		0.88 (0.65-1.19)
LDH	≤ ULN	100 (224)	127 (231)	- - - ;	0.70 (0.54-0.91)
	> ULN	79 (130)	84 (128)		0.80 (0.59-1.09)
	≤ 2 × ULN	158 (322)	186 (328)		0.75 (0.60-0.92)
	> 2 × ULN	21 (32)	25 (31)		0.75 (0.42-1.35)
ECOG PS	0	108 (236)	136 (242)		0.74 (0.57-0.95)
	1	72 (119)	75 (117)	 +	0.78 (0.56-1.07)
Tumor burden per BICR	< Q1	26 (74)	37 (83)		0.62 (0.37-1.03)
	Q1 to <q3< th=""><th>84 (161)</th><th>96 (153)</th><th><u>+</u></th><th>0.80 (0.60-1.07)</th></q3<>	84 (161)	96 (153)	<u>+</u>	0.80 (0.60-1.07)
	≥ Q3	53 (84)	53 (75)		0.72 (0.49-1.06)
BRAF mutation status	Mutant	67 (136)	83 (139)		0.74 (0.54-1.03)
	Wild-type	113 (219)	128 (220)	i	0.76 (0.59-0.98)
AJCC v8 M stage	M0/M1any[0] LDH not elevated	104 (232)	130 (237)		0.71 (0.55-0.92)
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PD-L1	≥ 1%	68 (146)	67 (147)		0.95 (0.68-1.33)
	< 1%/nonquantifiable	112 (209)	144 (212)		0.66 (0.51-0.84)
	≥ 5%	33 (88)	36 (86)		0.86 (0.54-1.38)
	< 5%/nonquantifiable	147 (267)	175 (273)		0.73 (0.58-0.90)
LAG-3	≥ 1%	131 (268)	151 (269)		0.75 (0.59-0.95)
	< 1%	49 (87)	60 (90)	- • +	0.78 (0.54-1.15)

0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 RELA + NIVO ↔ NIVO



Now what?







Individualized therapy for advanced melanoma

- BRAF MT status offers multiple options, but anti-PD-1 based therapy is preferred
- Combined immune checkpoint inhibition with IPI/NIVO has numerically higher ORR, PFS, and OS but also higher toxicity
 - No great biomarker to predict who should receive this
 - Consider this for patients with rapidly progressing disease
 - SOC for patients with brain metastases
- Emerging data with combined anti-PD-1 and anti-LAG3 may change treatment landscape in near future
- Better biomarkers are needed to help select front-line immunotherapy when there are three choices: anti-PD-1, combined anti-PD-1/anti-CTLA-4 (IPI/NIVO), combined anti-PD-1/anti-LAG3





One last thing...





The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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