

# Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Melanoma

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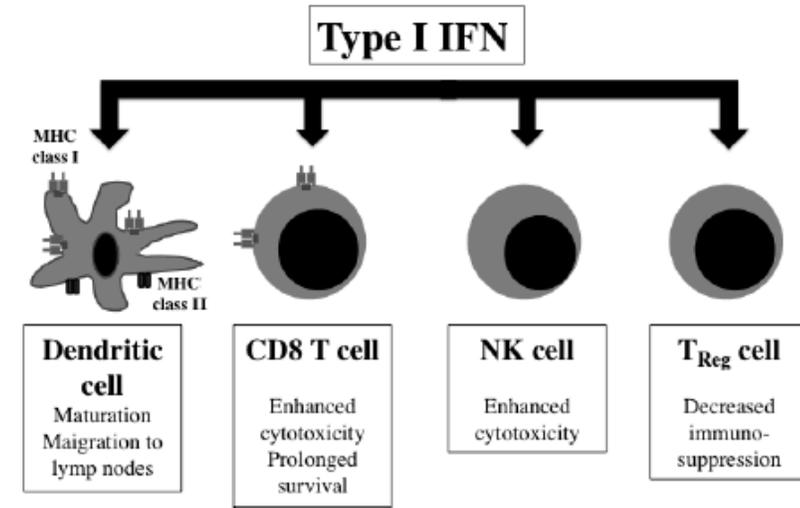
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- I am involved in clinical trials funded by Bristol Myers Squibb, Merck, Novartis and Eli Lilly
- I will not be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.

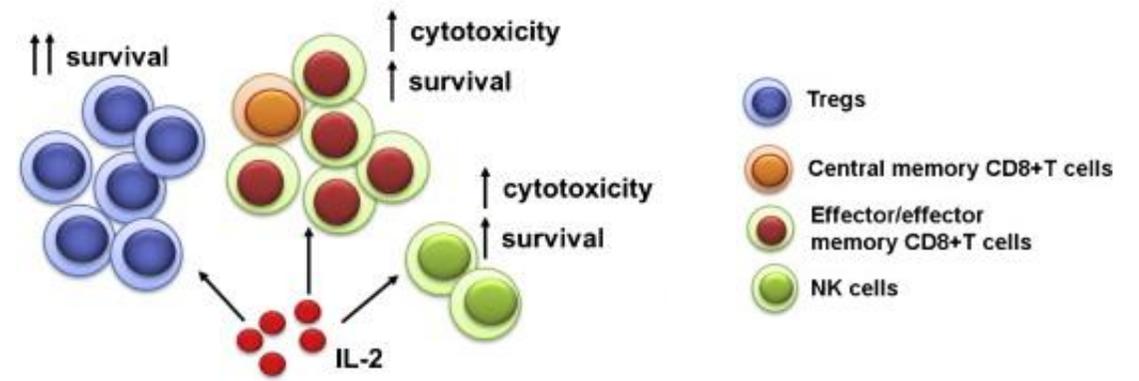
# FDA-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

- Cytokines

- Interferon- $\alpha$ 2b- Adjuvant therapy- high dose intravenous (I.V.) part, followed by subcutaneous (SQ)
- Pegylated Interferon-Adjuvant therapy, SQ
- Interleukin-2-Stage IV, I.V.



Numasaki et al. Immunotherapy 2016

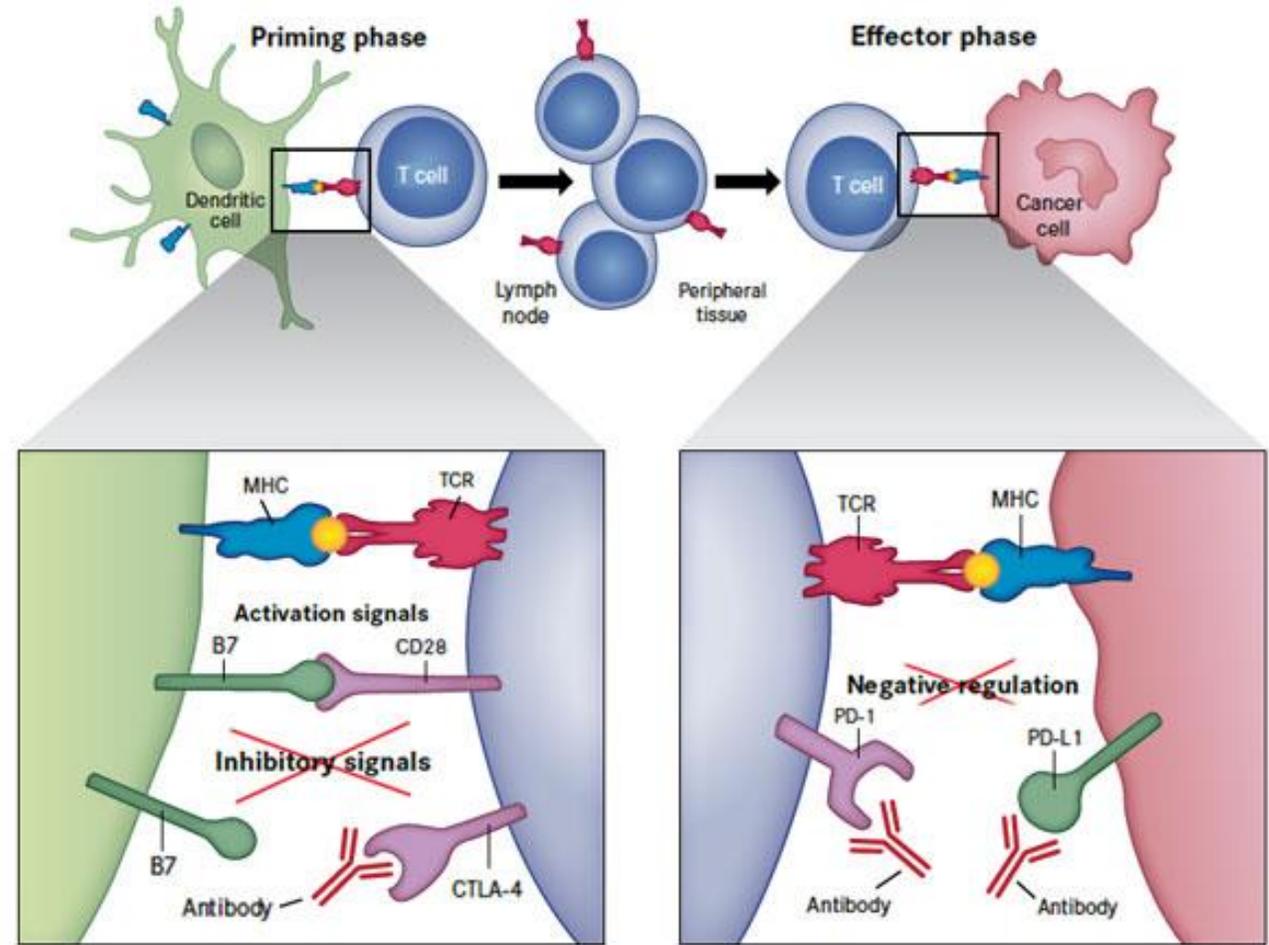


Sim, Radvanyi Cytogfr 2014

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- Checkpoint inhibitors

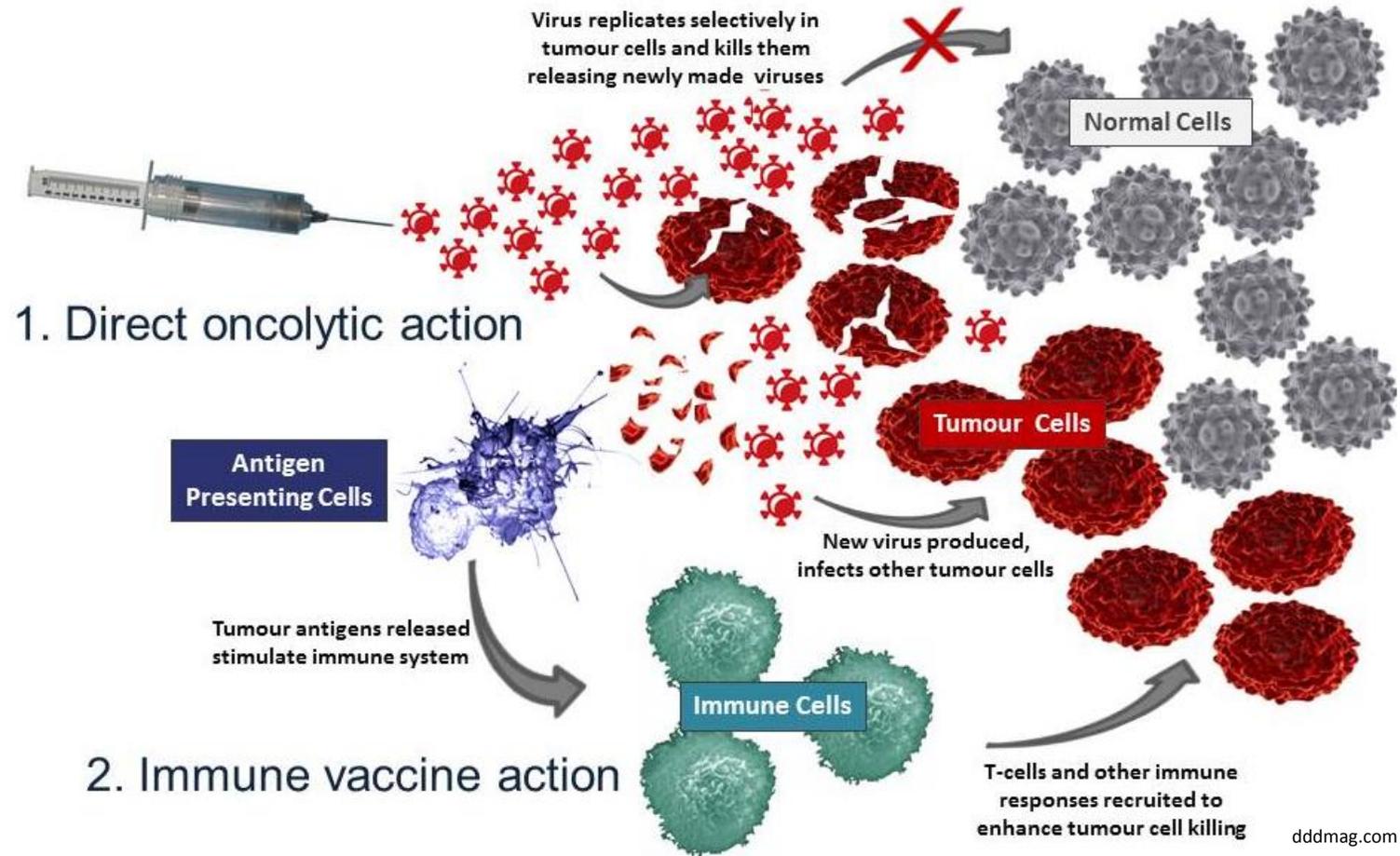
- Ipilimumab, adjuvant and nonresectable/Stage IV, I.V.-different dosing for adjuvant and nonresectable/Stage IV
- Pembrolizumab, nonresectable/Stage IV, I.V.
- Nivolumab, adjuvant and non resectable/Stage IV, I.V.
- Ipilimumab in combination with nivolumab, Stage I



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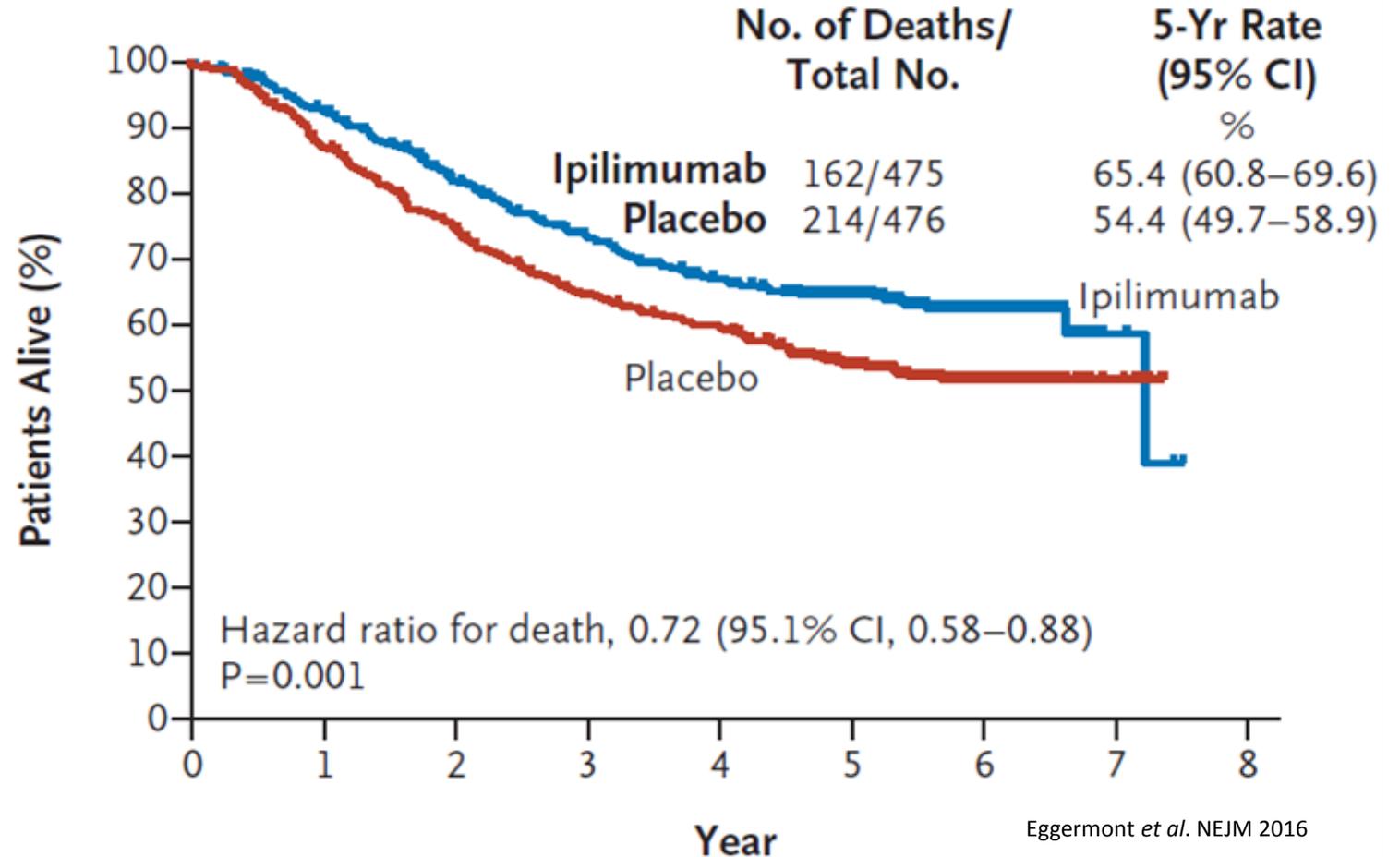
- Oncolytic Viruses

- Talimogene Laharparepvec; TVEC - non resectable, intratumoral



# 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



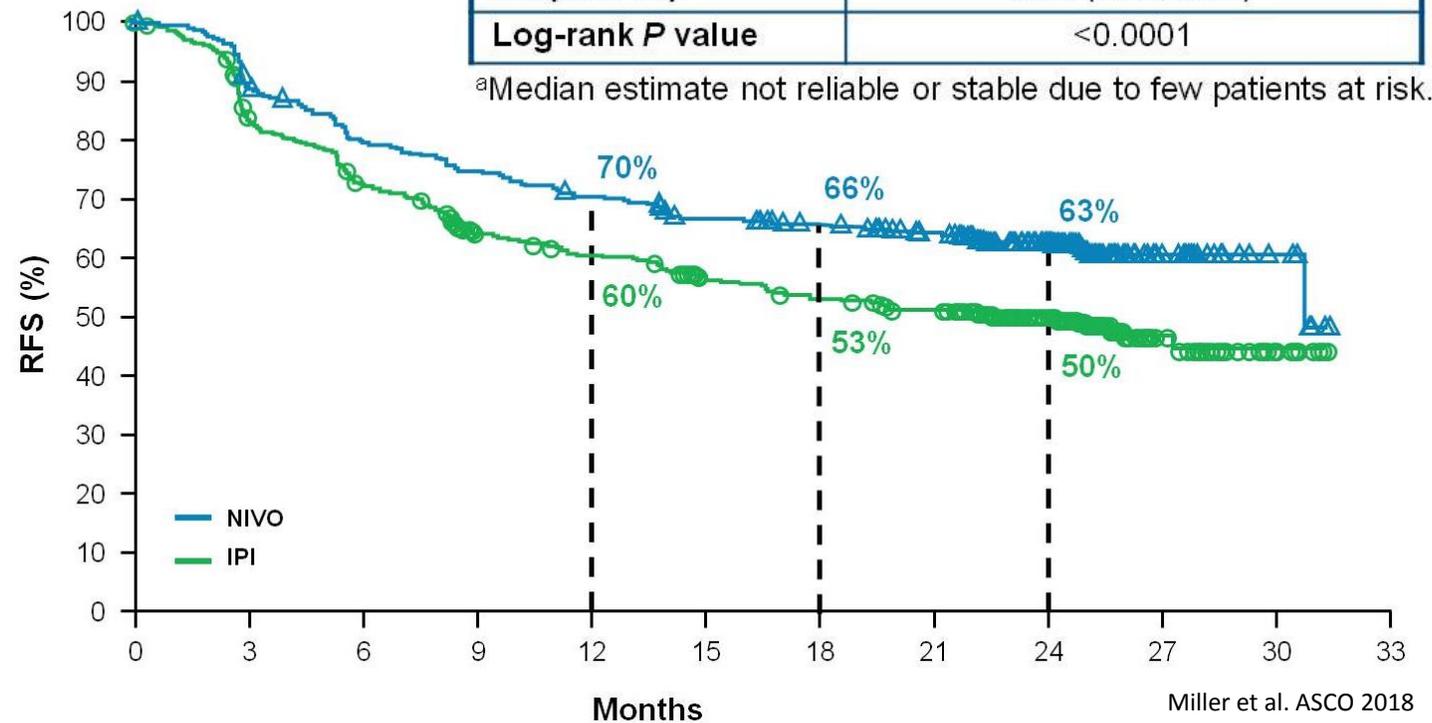
# Adjuvant Nivolumab vs Ipilimumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

- CheckMate 238 phase III trial

- NCT02388906
- Ipilimumab 10mg/kg Q3W for four doses, then every 3 months for up to 1 year
- Nivolumab 3mg/kg Q2W for four doses, then every 3 months for up to 1 year

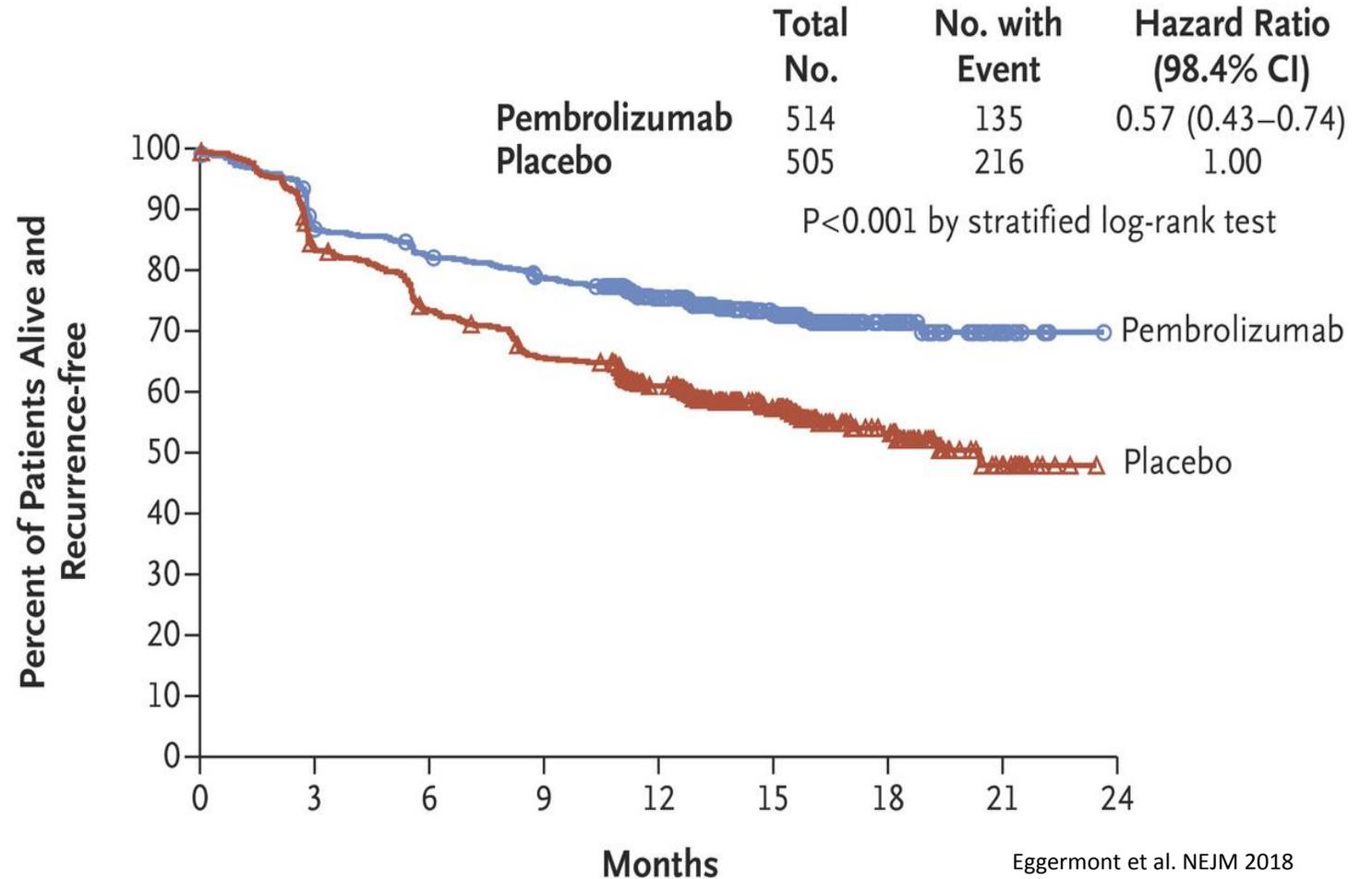
	NIVO	IPI
Events/patients	171/453	221/453
Median (95% CI)	30.8 (30.8, NR) <sup>a</sup>	24.1 (16.6, NR)
HR (95% CI)	0.66 (0.54, 0.81)	
Log-rank P value	<0.0001	

<sup>a</sup>Median estimate not reliable or stable due to few patients at risk.



# Adjuvant Pembrolizumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

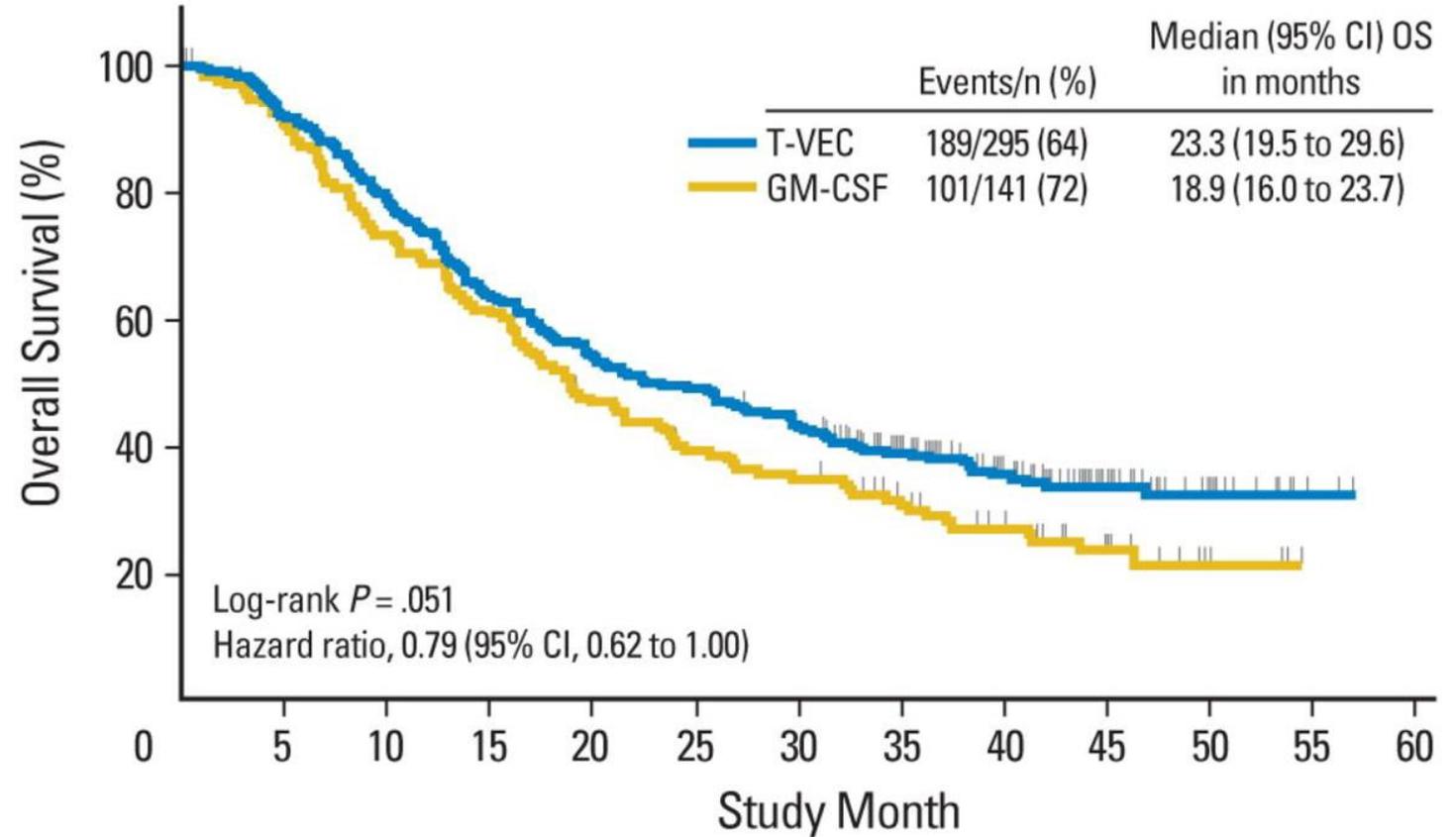
- EORTC 1325/KEYNOTE-054 phase III trial
  - NCT02362594
  - Adjuvant pembrolizumab vs placebo
  - Pembrolizumab 200mg Q3W for up to 1 year (~18 total doses)



# Talimogene laherparepvec (T-VEC) in Stage III/IV Melanoma

- Phase III Trial

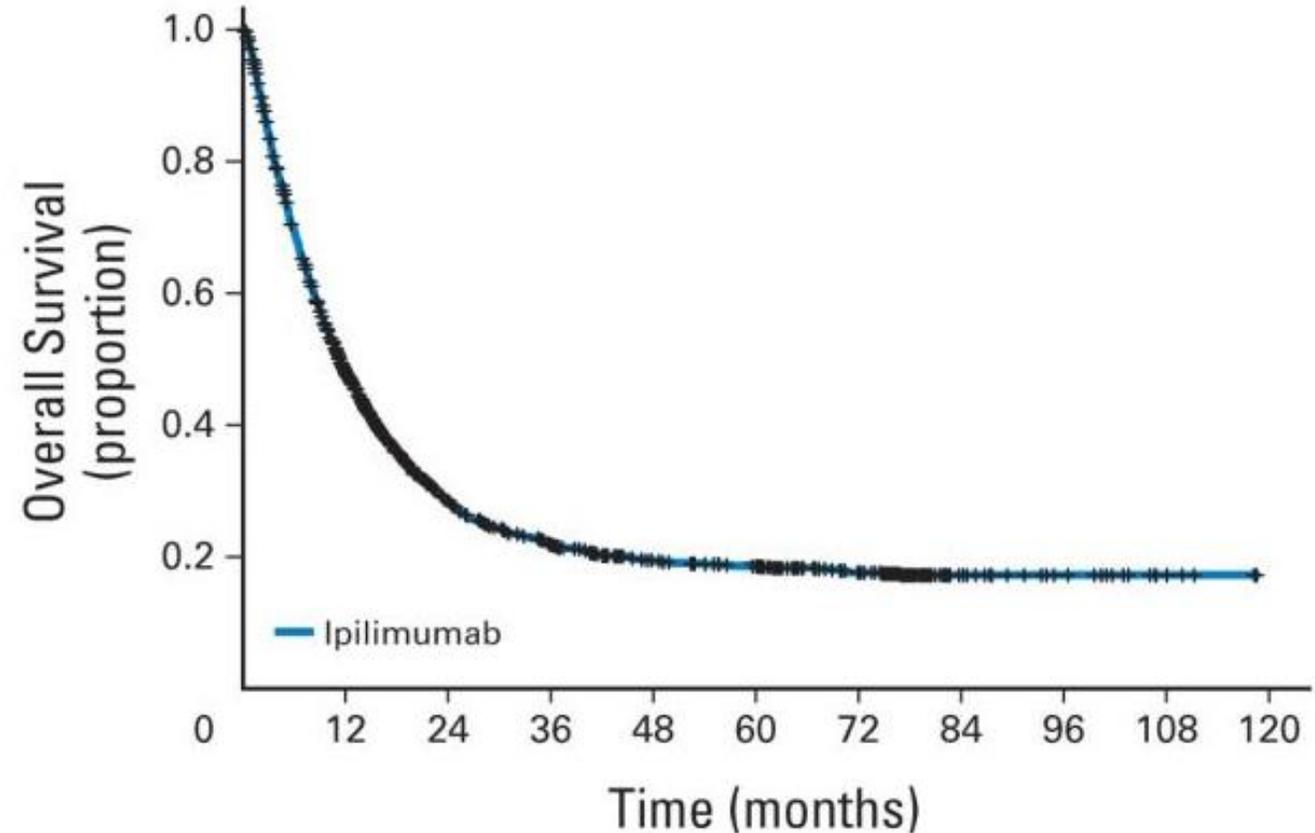
- NCT00769704
- Intralesional** T-VEC vs subcutaneous GM-CSF
- T-VEC  $10^6$  pfu/mL,  $10^8$  pfu/mL 3 weeks after initial dose, then Q2W



Andtbacka, Kaufman et al. JCO 2015

# Ipilimumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

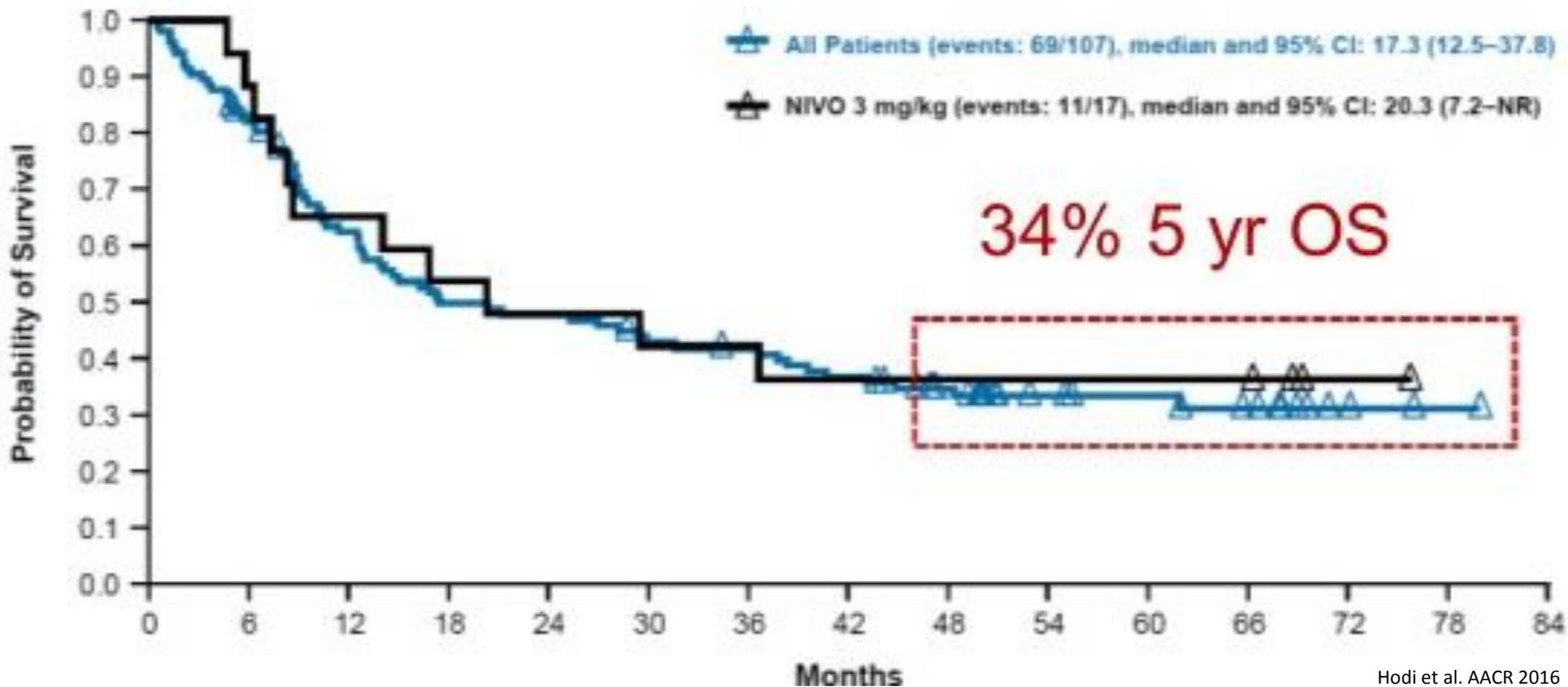
- Pooled OS data from 10 phase II/III trials
  - NCT01024231
  - Previously treated (n = 1,257) or treatment-naïve (n = 604)
  - Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg (n = 965) or 10 mg/kg (n = 706)



Schadendorf et al. JCO 2015

# Nivolumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

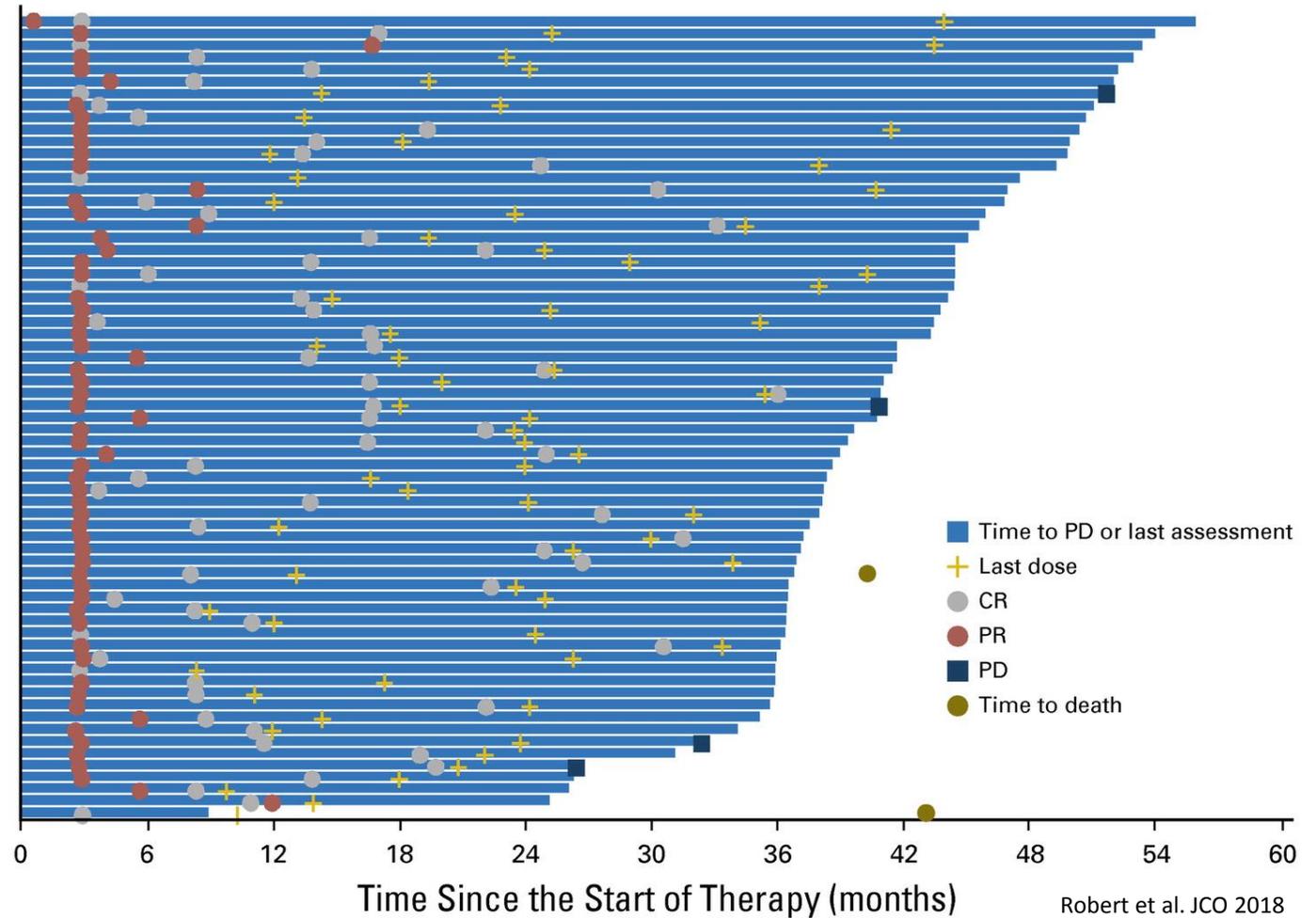
## Extended Analysis from CA209-003 Phase I Trial



Hodi et al. AACR 2016

# Pembrolizumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

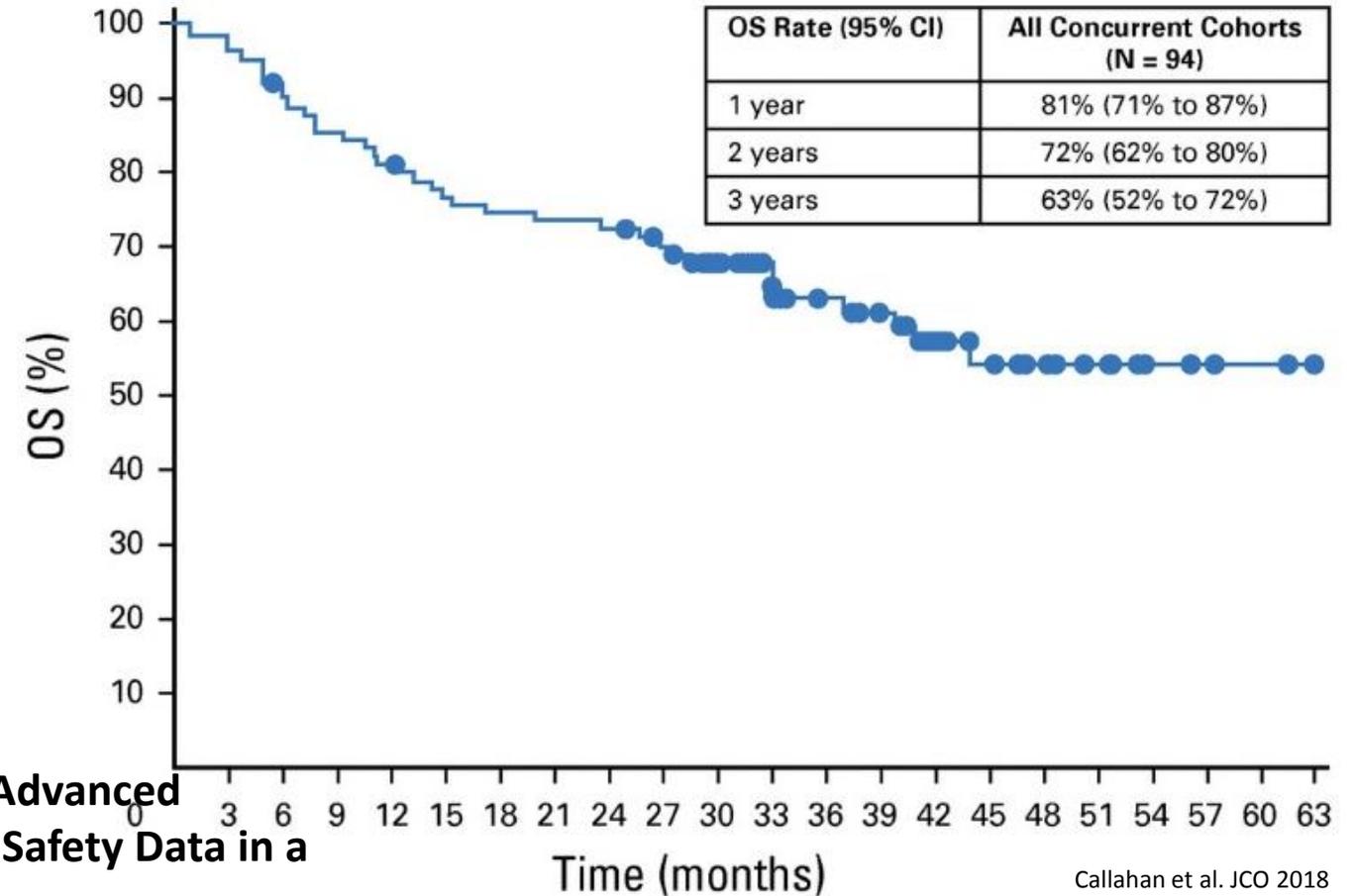
- Phase 1 KEYNOTE-001 Trial
  - NCT01295827
  - Pembrolizumab 2 mg/kg Q3W, 10 mg/kg Q3W, or 10 mg/kg Q2W
  - Durable responses in complete responders patients who discontinued pembrolizumab



# Combination Ipilimumab + Nivolumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

- Phase 1b CA209-004 Trial

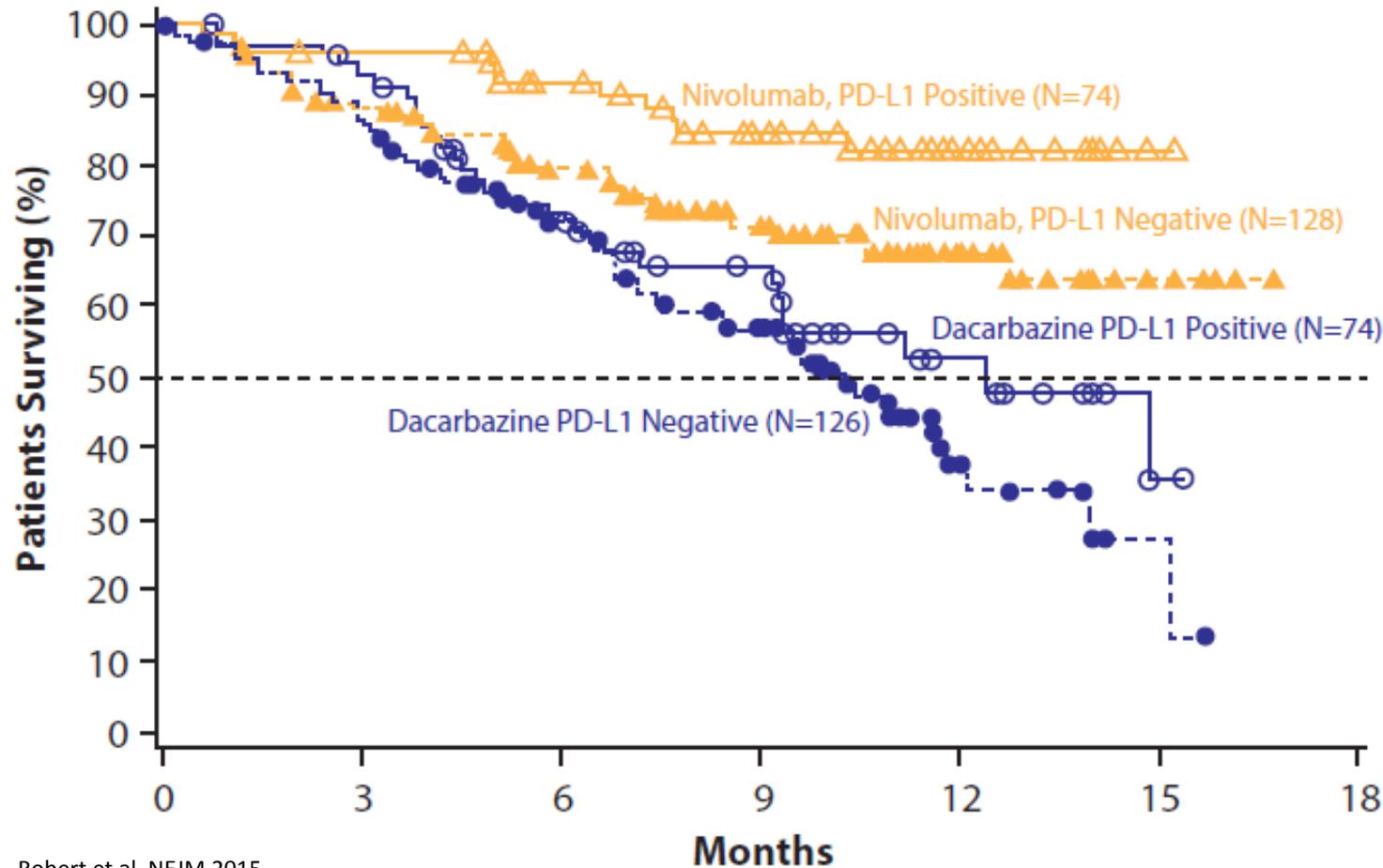
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**Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab in Patients With Advanced Melanoma: Updated Survival, Response, and Safety Data in a Phase I Dose-Escalation Study.**

Callahan et al. JCO 2018

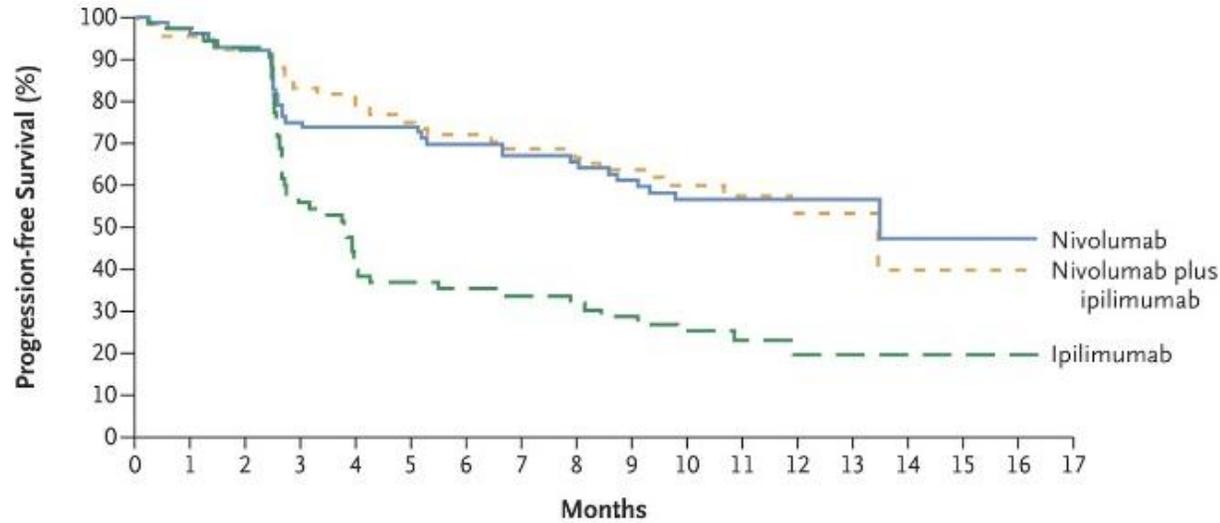
# Importance of Tumor PD-L1 Status with Anti-PD-1 Monotherapy



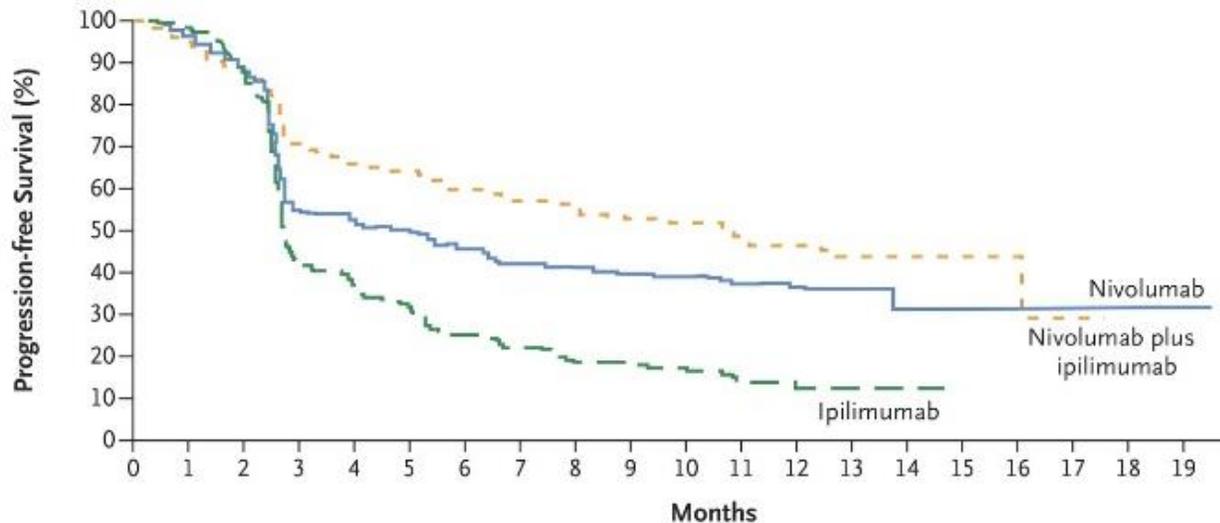
	<b>Patients Who Died n/N</b>	<b>Median Survival mo (95% CI)</b>
Nivolumab PD-L1 Positive	11/74	N.R.
Nivolumab PD-L1 Negative	37/128	N.R.
Dacarbazine PD-L1 Positive	29/74	12.4 (9.2–N.R.)
Dacarbazine PD-L1 Negative	64/126	10.2 (7.6–11.8)

Robert et al. NEJM 2015

# Importance of Tumor PD-L1 Status between Combination Checkpoint Blockade and Monotherapy



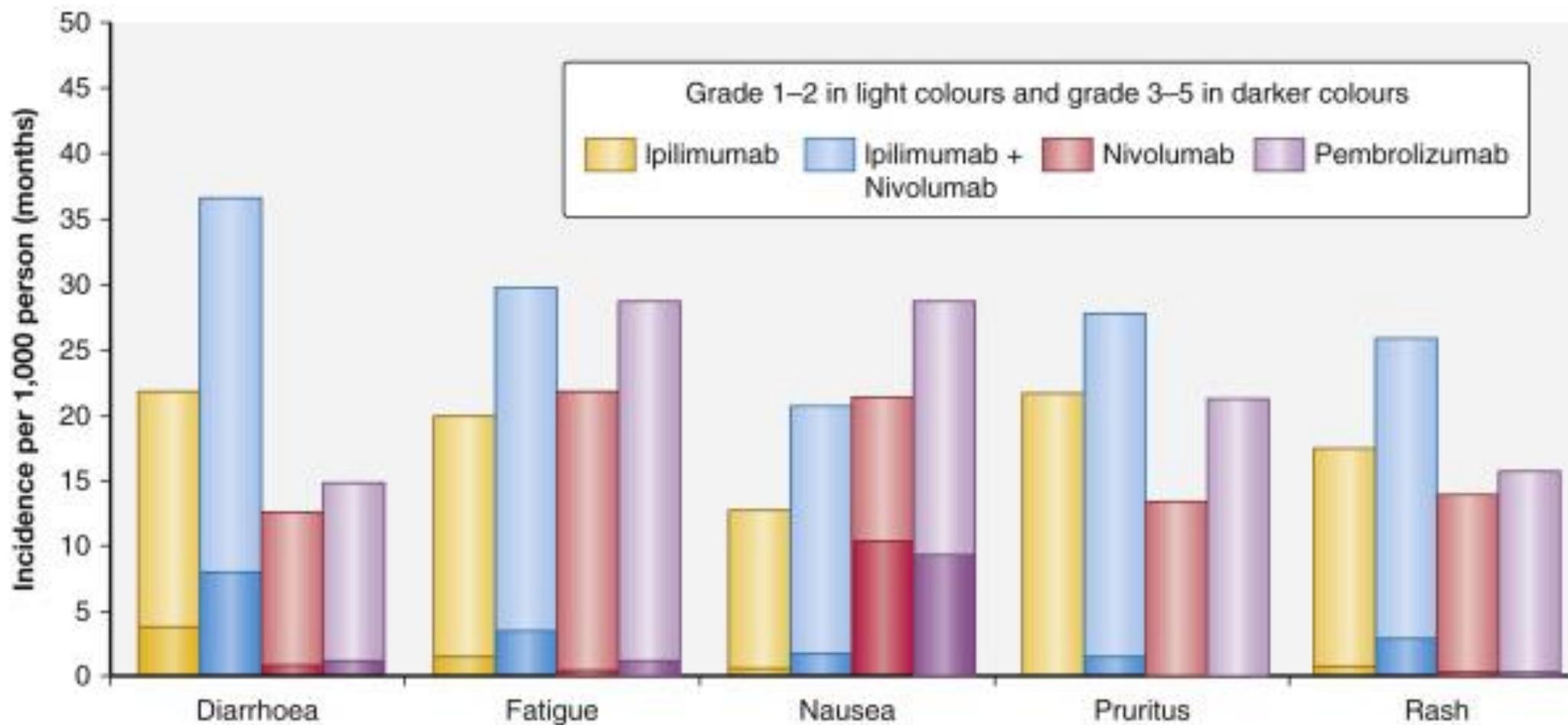
Tumor PD-L1 Negative Patients



Tumor PD-L1 Positive Patients

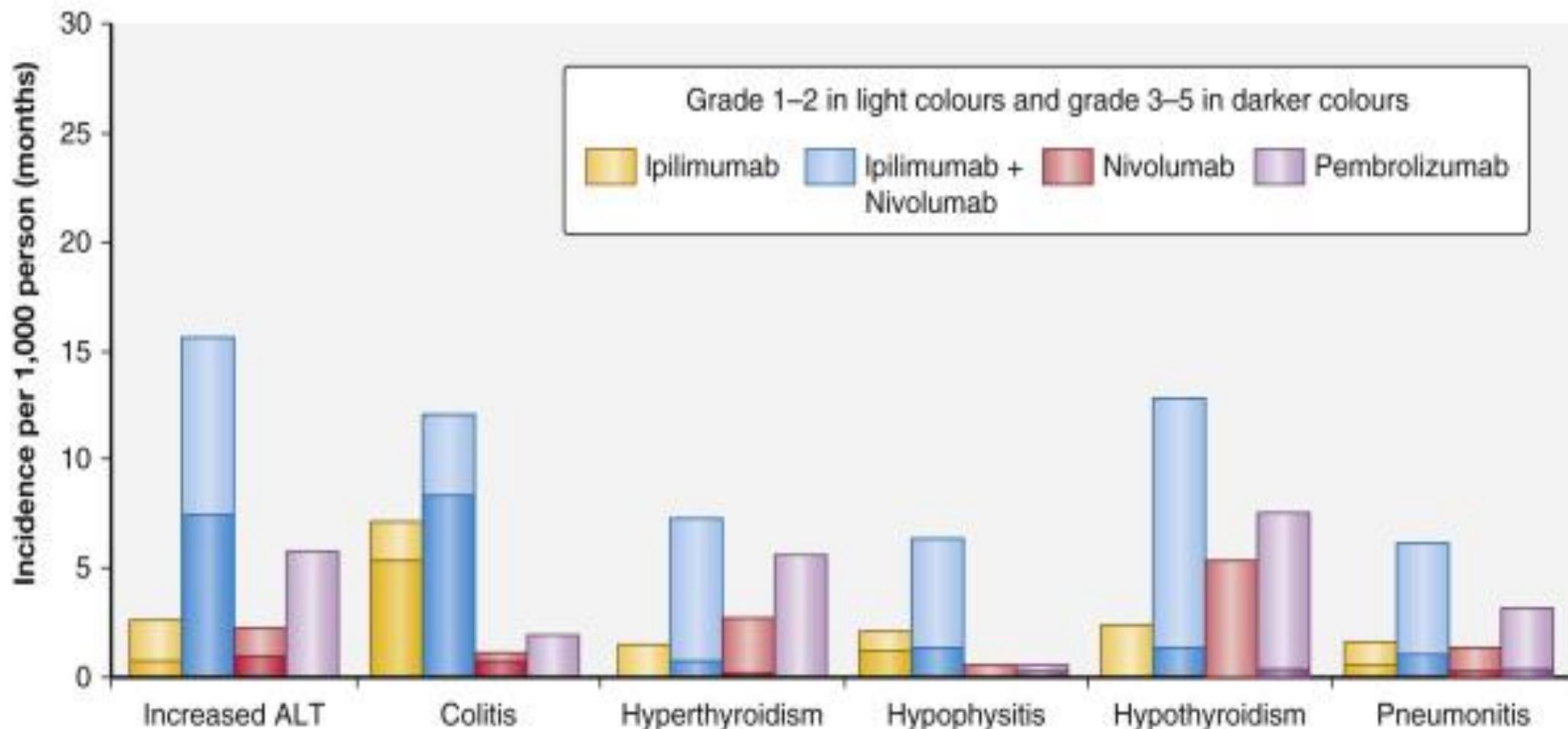
Larkin et al. NEJM 2015

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Emens et al. Eur J Cancer 2017

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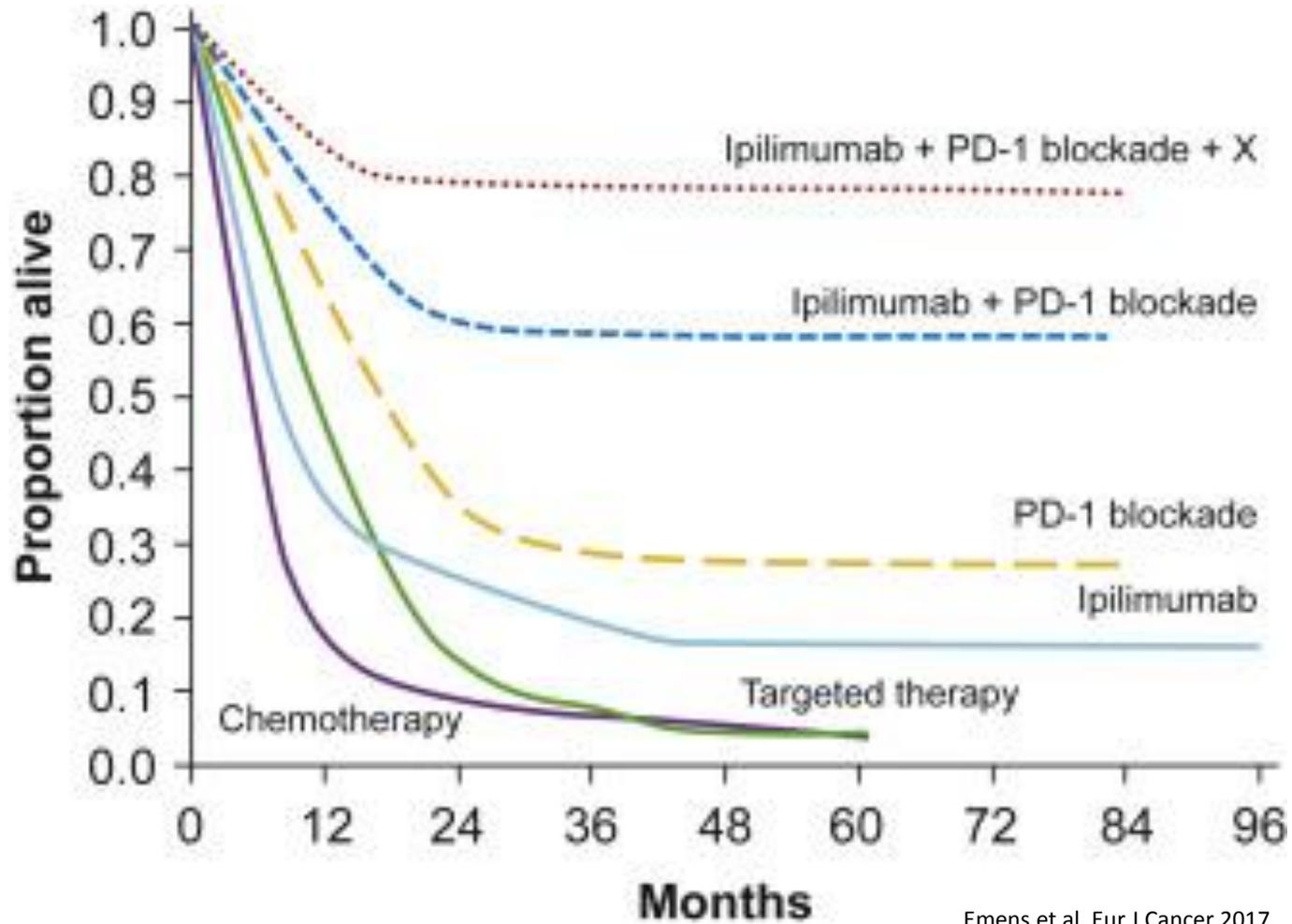
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# Treatment of Immune-Related AEs

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

Puzanov et al. JITC 2017

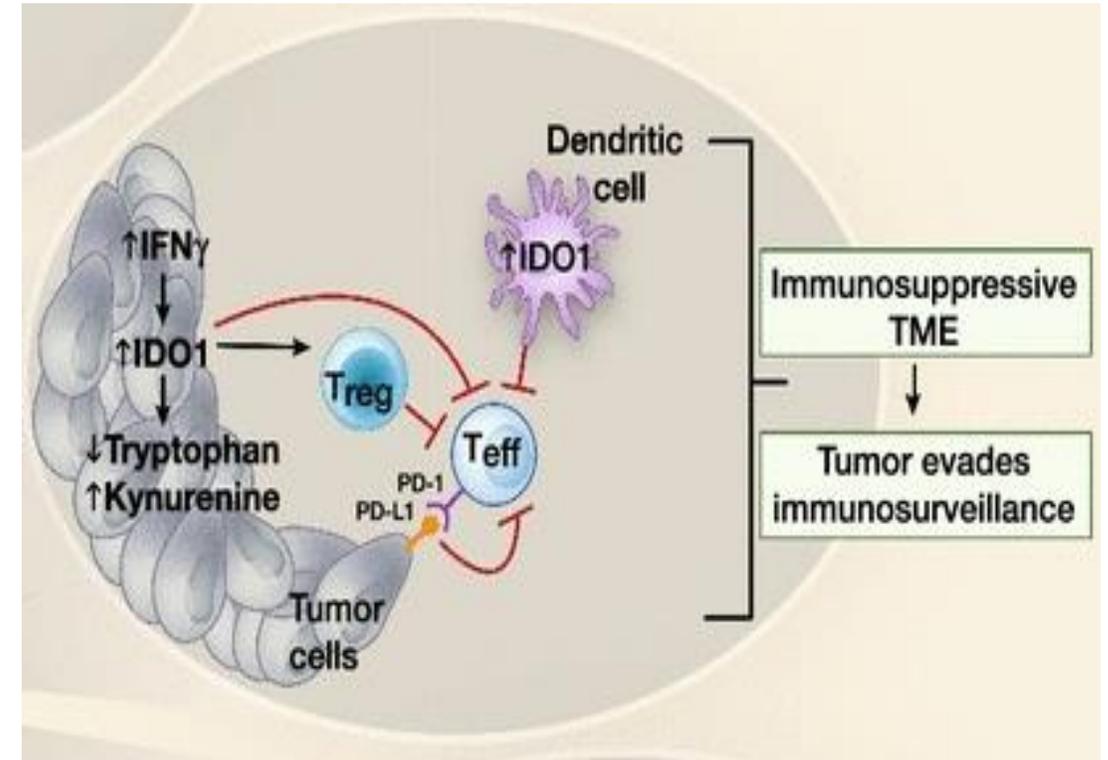
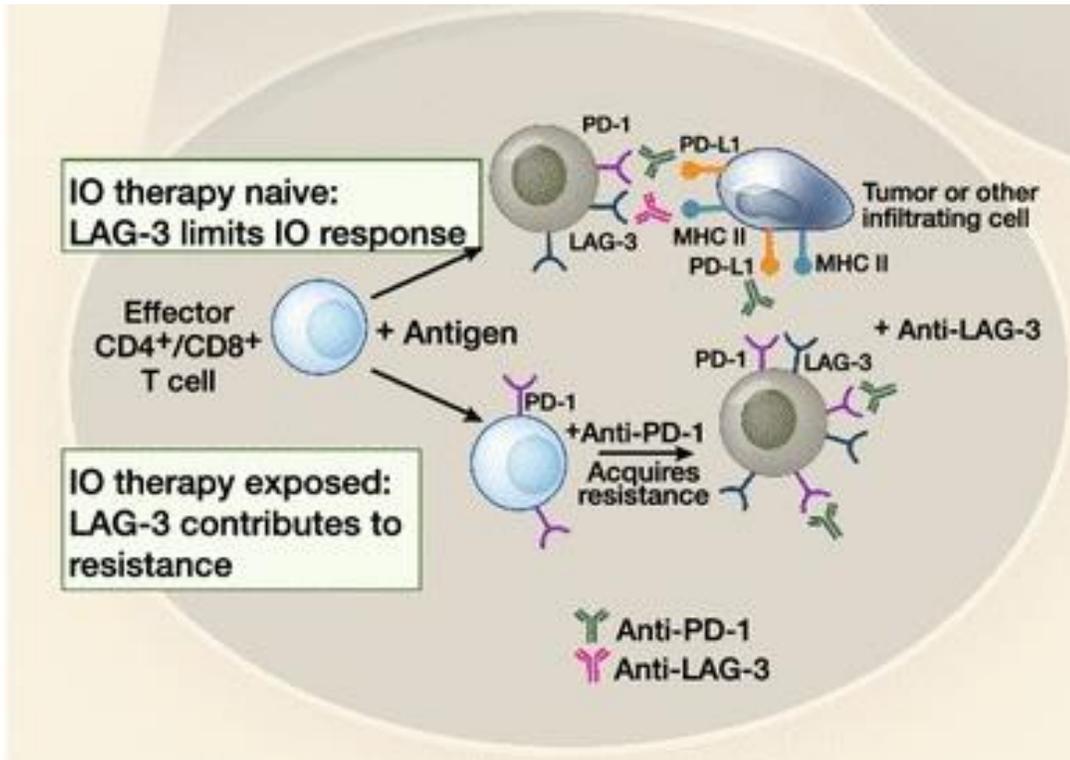
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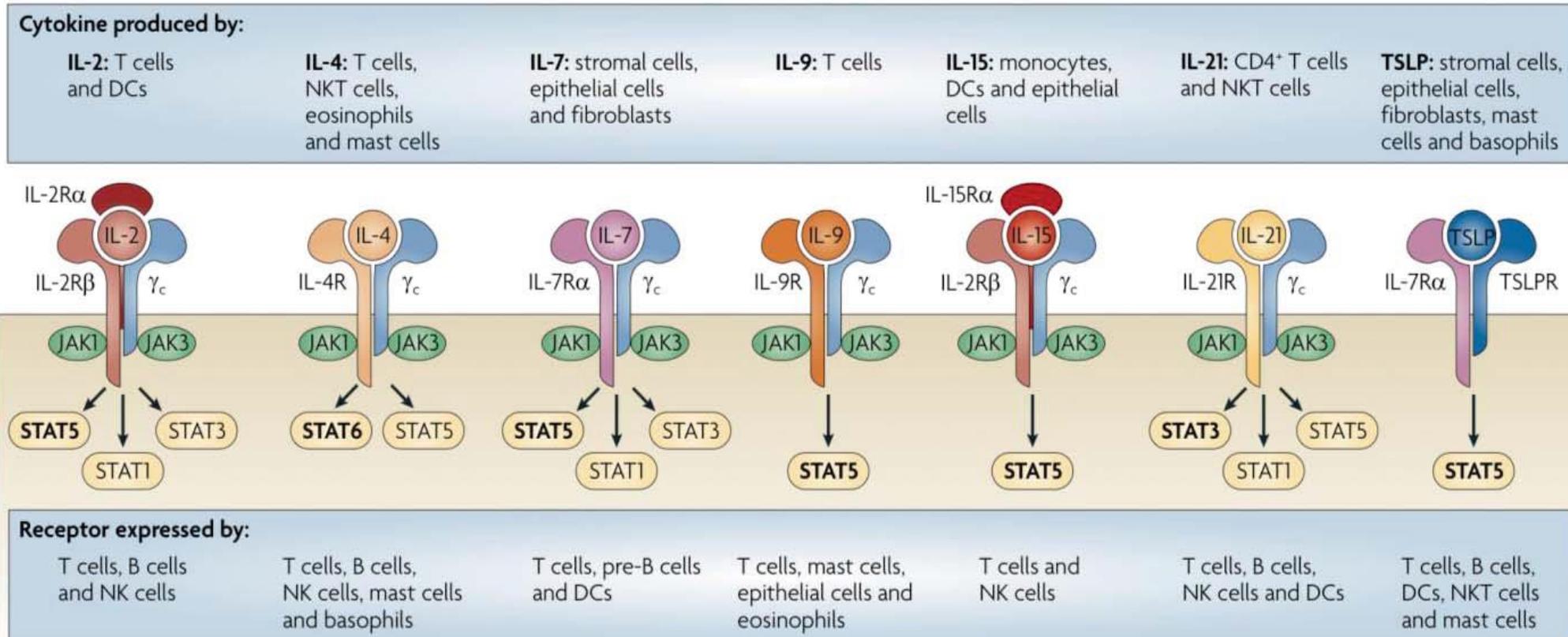
## Targeting New Immune Checkpoints



Ascierto, McArthur J Transl Med 2017

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## Cytokine-based Strategies



Lee, Margolin Cancers 2011  
 Rochman et al. Nat Rev Immunol 2009

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## Case #1: Stage IV

JS, male patient in 60s

- Patient with a history of melanoma 10 years prior, back lesion, <1mm, non-ulcerated, at the time no SLN or adjuvant therapy
- Found to have new pulmonary lesion concerning for primary lung cancer, thoracic surgeon feels this is unresectable
- Biopsy performed and reveals malignant melanoma, BRAF wt

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- Systemic therapy
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## Case #2: Stage IV

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- Biopsy performed and reveals malignant melanoma, BRAF MUTATED

# Case #2: Stage IV BRAF mutant

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- Patient having hip pain and found to have right acetabular bony lesion

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