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# MSI Current Data and Approvals

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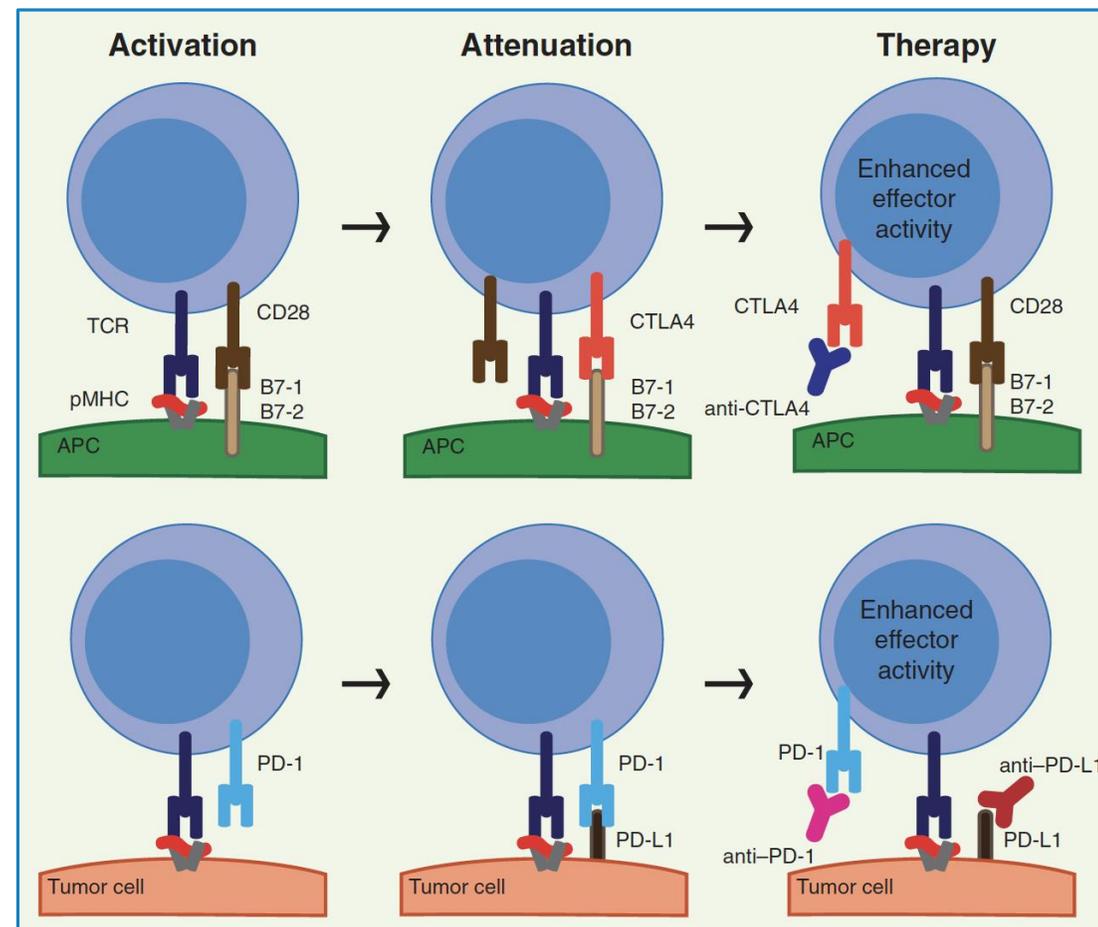
# We will talk about...

## Ipilimumab:

- Recombinant human, IgG1 monoclonal antibody
- Binds CTLA-4 with high affinity
- Preventing its interaction with B7-1/2
- Increasing B7-1/2 co-stimulation of CD28 → T-cell activation

## Pembrolizumab, Nivolumab and Dostarlimab-gxly:

- Humanized or fully human, IgG4 monoclonal antibodies
- Bind PD-1 with high affinity
- Preventing its interaction with PDL-1/PDL-2
- Thus, allowing immune recognition and response



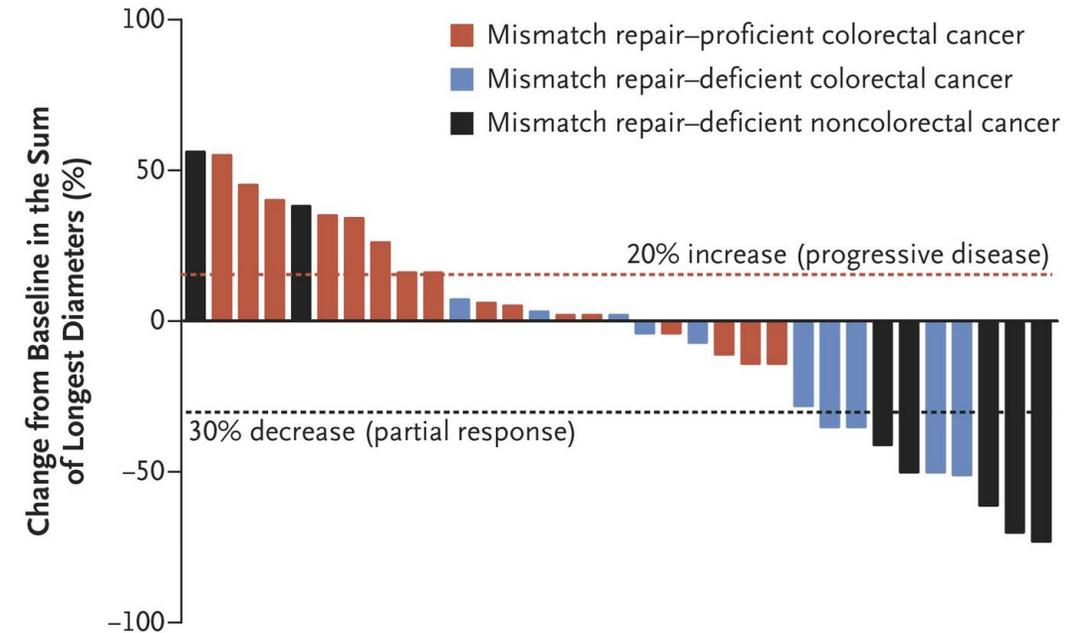
# Microsatellite instability (MSI)

- Frequent polymorphisms in short repetitive DNA sequences
  - Due to deficiency of DNA mismatch repair protein/s (dMMR)
  - Leads to multiple frame shift and point mutations
- Usually sporadic: *MLH1 promoter hypermethylation*
- Lynch syndrome: *Germline defect in MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, or EPCAM*
- Identified by IHC (dMMR), PCR (MSI-H) and NGS (MSIsensor)
- Predicted to have thousands of somatic mutations → very large number of mutation associated neo-antigens that might be recognized by the immune system

# Pembrolizumab in dMMR tumors

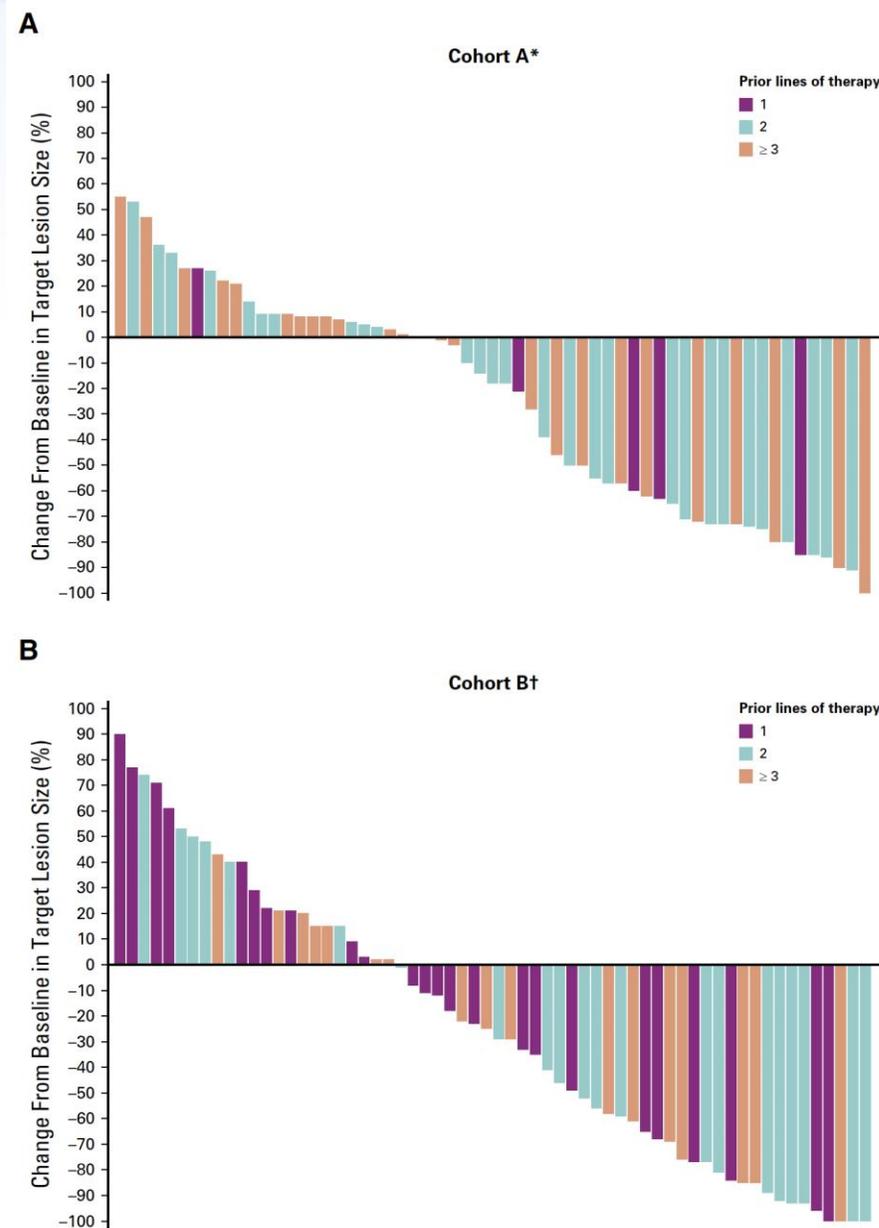
- Phase II study, including 11 pts with dMMR CRC
- Pembrolizumab 10 mg/kg Q2W
- **irORR = 40%**
- **20-week irPFS rate = 78%**
- Median PFS and OS not reached

**B Radiographic Response**



# KEYNOTE-164

- Phase II study: 124 pts with MSI-H/ dMMR CRC
  - Cohort A (n=61): ≥ 2 prior lines
  - Cohort B (n=63): ≥ 1 prior line
- Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W for up to 2 years
- **ORR** = 33% (both cohorts)
- Median PFS = 2.3 mo and 4.1 mo
- Median Survival = 31.4 mo and NR
- Grade 3/4 treatment-related AE = 16%/13% [pancreatitis, fatigue, ALT, lipase (2 pts each)]

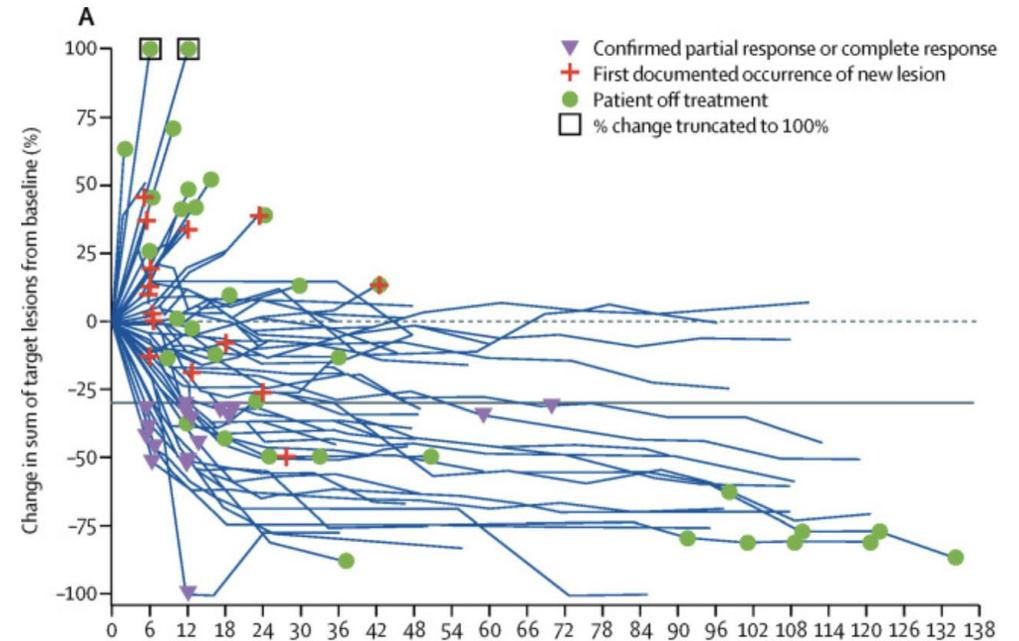


# Checkmate-142

Phase II, multi-cohort, multi-center study

Cohort 1: 74 pts with dMMR, ≥ 1 prior line

- **Nivolumab** 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks
- **Investigator assessed ORR = 31.1%**
- 12-mo PFS = 50%
- 12-month OS = 73%
- Grade 3/4 treatment-related AE = 20% pts [lipase (8%), amylase (3%)]



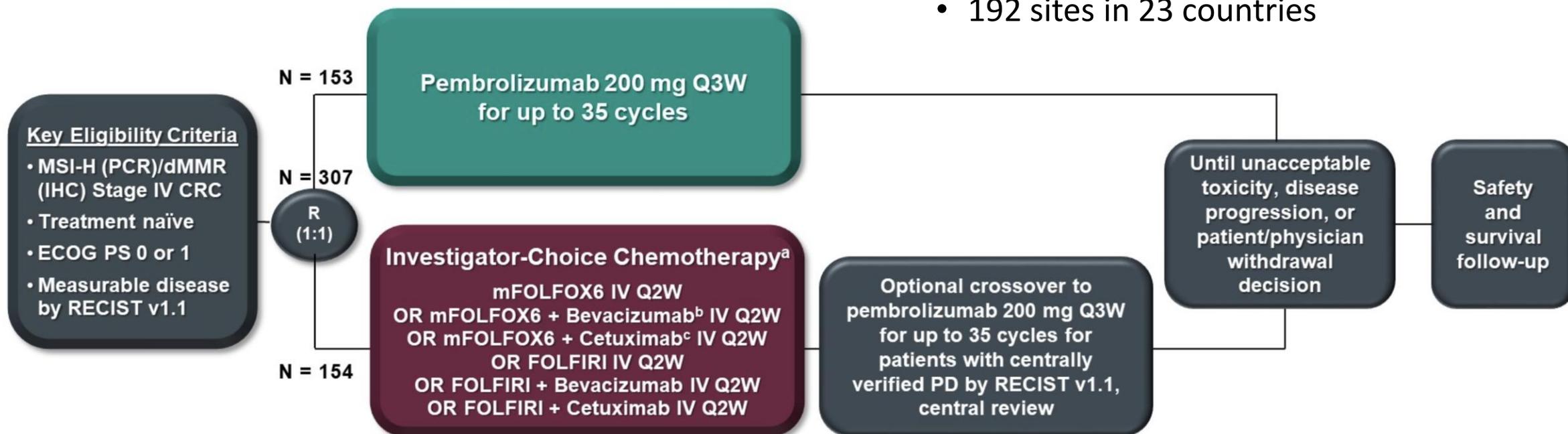
# Benefit across patient subgroups

	Objective response	Disease control for ≥12 weeks
<b>Tumour PD-L1 expression</b>		
≥1% (n=21)	6 (29%)	11 (52%)
<1% (n=47)	13 (28%)	35 (75%)
<b>Immune cell PD-L1 expression</b>		
Rare (n=24)	5 (21%)	14 (58%)
Intermediate (n=21)	5 (24%)	17 (81%)
Numerous (n=23)	9 (39%)	15 (65%)
<b>Mutation status</b>		
<i>BRAF</i> mutant (n=12)	3 (25%)	9 (75%)
<i>KRAS</i> mutant (n=26)	7 (27%)	16 (62%)
Both <i>BRAF</i> and <i>KRAS</i> wild type (n=29)	12 (41%)	23 (79%)
<b>Clinical history of Lynch syndrome*</b>		
Yes (n=27)	9 (33%)	19 (70%)
No (n=28)	8 (29%)	21 (75%)

# KEYNOTE-177 Study Design

## (NCT02563002)

- Phase III, open-label, randomized study
- 192 sites in 23 countries



- **Dual-Primary endpoints: PFS per RECIST v1.1, BICR; OS**
- **Secondary endpoints: ORR per RECIST v1.1 by BICR, PFS2, HRQoL, safety**
- **Tumor response assessed at week 9 and Q9W thereafter per RECIST v1.1 by BICR**

<sup>a</sup>Chosen before randomization; <sup>b</sup>Bevacizumab 5 mg/kg IV; <sup>c</sup>Cetuximab 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> over 2 hours then 250 mg/mg<sup>2</sup> IV over 1 hour weekly.

BICR, blinded independent central review; IHC: immunohistochemistry with hMLH1, hMSH2, hMSH6, PMS2; PCR: polymerase chain reaction; PFS, progression-free survival; OS: overall survival; ORR: overall response rate; Q9W: every 9 weeks.

# Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	Pembrolizumab N = 153 (100%)	Chemotherapy N = 154 (100%)
Age, median (range), years	63.0 (24-93)	62.5 (26-90)
Male	71 (46.4%)	82 (53.2%)
ECOG PS 0	75 (49.0%)	84 (54.5%)
Recurrent disease	80 (52.3%)	74 (48.1%)
Liver Metastasis	71 (46.4%)	54 (35.0%)
Asia region	22 (14.4%)	26 (16.9%)
Western Europe/North America region	109 (71.2%)	113 (73.4%)
Rest of World	22 (14.4%)	15 (9.7%)
Right-sided tumor	102 (66.7%)	107 (69.5%)
Left-sided tumor	46 (30.1%)	42 (27.3%)
Other/unknown tumor location	5 (3.2%)	5 (3.2%)
Prior adjuvant therapy only	33 (21.6%)	37 (24.0%)
Prior neoadjuvant therapy (perioperative)	5 (3.2%)	8 (5.2%)
No prior therapy	115 (75.2%)	109 (70.8%)
BRAF, KRAS, NRAS all wildtype	43 (28.1%)	38 (24.7%)
BRAF V600E	35 (22.9%)	44 (28.6%)
KRAS or NRAS mutant	33 (21.6%)	39 (25.3%)
BRAF V600E mutant and KRAS/NRAS mutant	0	2 (1.3%)
Unknown <sup>a</sup>	42 (27.5%)	31 (20.1%)

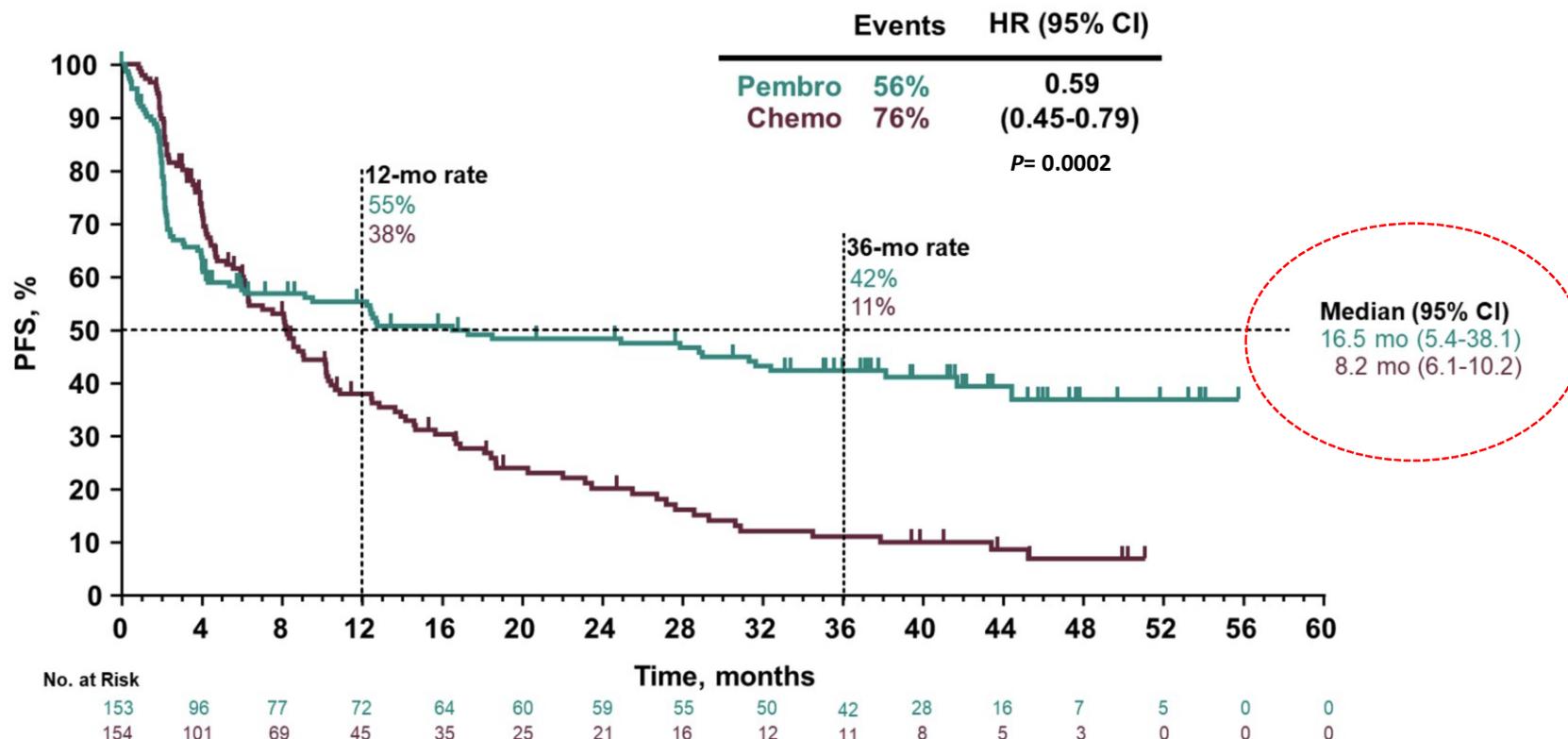
<sup>a</sup> Defined as when KRAS/NRAS or BRAFV600E one or two or all are missing or if only one or two are missing and the other one are WT; Data cut-off: 19Feb2021.

# Antitumor Response

	Pembrolizumab N = 153	Chemotherapy N = 154
<b>ORR, n (%)</b>	<b>69 (45.1)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>51 (33.1)</b>
Best Overall Response, n (%)		
Complete response	20 (13.1) <sup>b</sup>	6 (3.9)
Partial response	49 (32.0) <sup>c</sup>	45 (29.2)
Stable disease	30 (19.6)	65 (42.2)
Disease control rate (CR+PR+SD)	99 (64.7)	116 (75.3)
Progressive disease	45 (29.4)	19 (12.3)
Not evaluable	3 (2.0)	2 (1.3)
No assessment	6 (3.9)	17 (11.0)
Median duration or response (range), mo	NR (2.3+ to 53.5+)	10.6 (2.8 to 48.3+)
≥ 24 months response duration, %	83.5	33.6

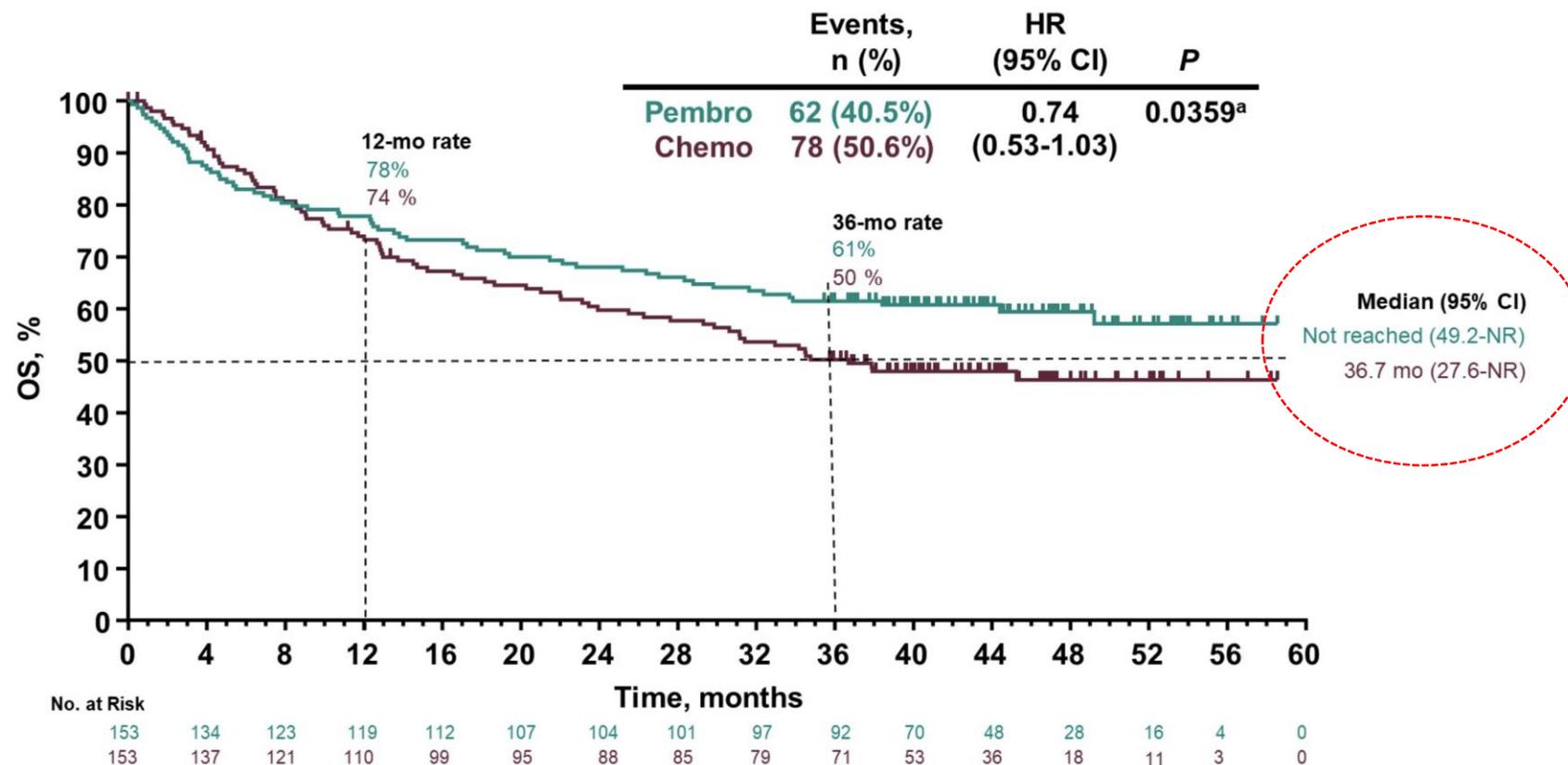
<sup>a</sup>ORR 43.8%; <sup>b</sup>CR rate 11.1%; <sup>c</sup>PR rate 32.7% at IA2 (data cut-off 19Feb2020).  
Data cut-off: 19Feb2021.

# Progression-Free Survival



Data cut-off: 19Feb2021.

# Overall Survival



<sup>a</sup>Pembrolizumab was not superior to chemotherapy for OS as one-sided  $\alpha > 0.0246$ . Pre-specified sensitivity analyses to adjust for crossover effect by rank-preserving structure failure time model and inverse probability of censoring weighting showed OS HRs of 0.66 (95% CI 0.42-1.04) and 0.77 (95% CI 0.44-1.38). Data cut-off: 19Feb2021.

- Treatment with pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy is associated with a non-statistically significant reduction in mortality
  - HR for OS: 0.74 ( $P = 0.0359$ ; did not meet threshold for significance)
  - High crossover rate from chemotherapy to anti-PD-1/PD-L1 therapies in second line of 60%

# Summary of Events in All Treated Patients

Events <sup>a</sup>	Pembrolizumab N = 153	Chemotherapy N = 143
All adverse events (AEs)	149 (97.4%)	142 (99.3%)
Treatment-related	122 (79.7%)	141 (98.6%)
Grade ≥3	33 (21.6%)	95 (66.4%)
Discontinued	15 (9.8%)	10 (7.0%)
Died	0	1 (0.7%)
<b>Immune-mediated AEs and Infusion Reactions</b>		
All	47 (30.7%)	21 (14.7%)
Grade ≥3	14 (9.2%)	3 (2.1%)
Discontinued	10 (6.5%)	1 (0.7%)
Died	0	0

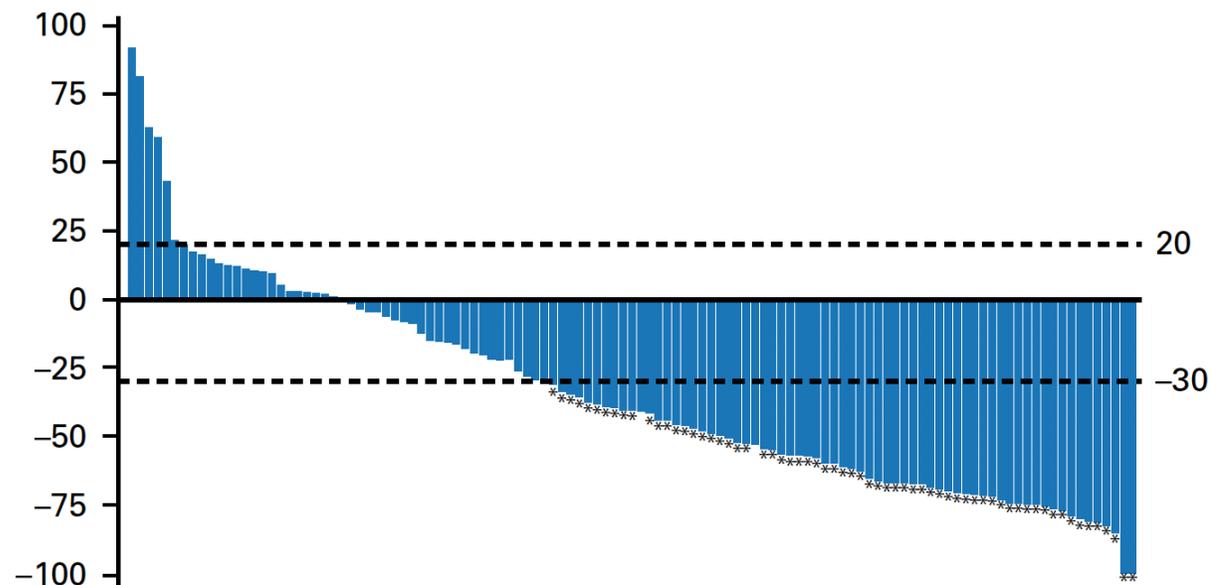
<sup>a</sup>Percentages similar to those previously published: André T et al; *N Eng J Med* 2020;383:2207-18. Data cut-off: 19Feb2021.

- Fewer treatment-related adverse events observed with pembrolizumab versus chemotherapy: grade ≥3 treatment-related events (22% vs 66%)<sup>1</sup>

# Checkmate-142: Ipi + Nivo

Cohort 2: 119 pts with dMMR, ≥ 1 prior line

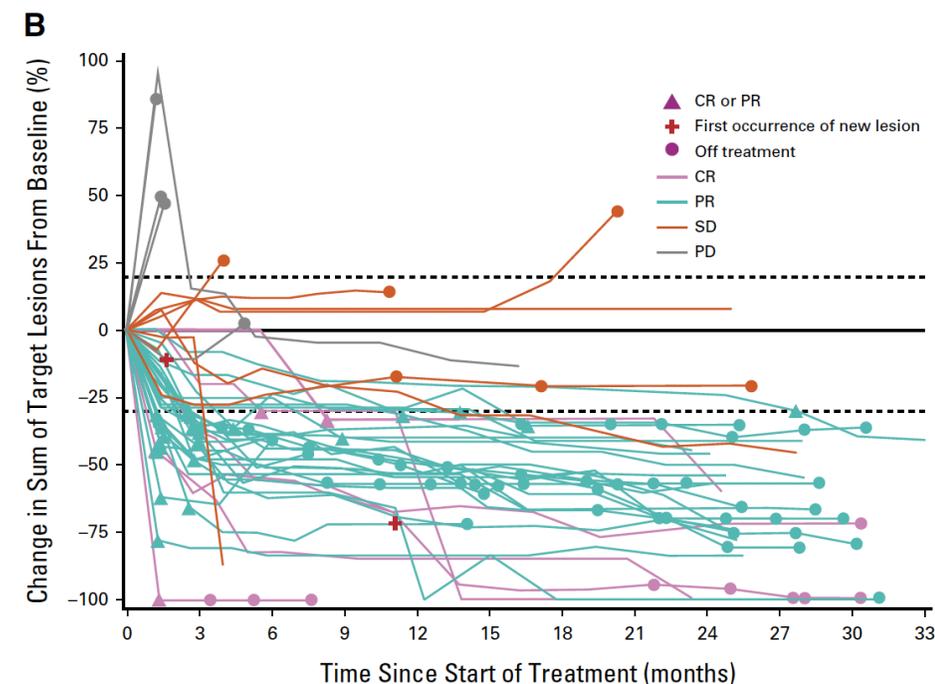
- **Nivolumab** 3 mg/kg + **ipilimumab** 1 mg/kg Q3W x 4 → nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W
- **Investigator assessed ORR = 55%**
- 12-mo PFS = 71%
- 12-month OS = 85%
- Grade 3/4 treatment-related AE = 32% [AST/ALT (11%)]



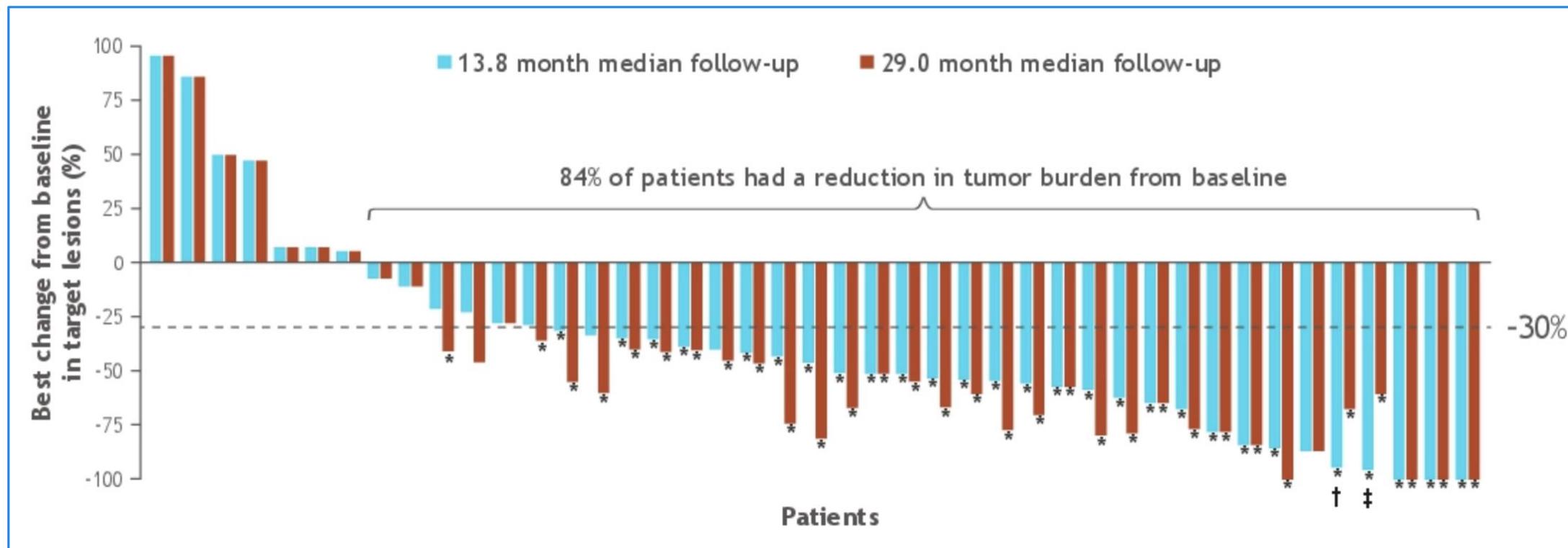
# Checkmate-142: Ipi + Nivo 1<sup>st</sup> line

Cohort 3: 45 pts with dMMR, treatment naïve (18 sites)

- Nivolumab 3 mg/kg Q2W + ipilimumab 1 mg/kg Q6W
- **INV assessed ORR = 69% (95% CI, 53-82) and 62% (BICR)**
  - 71% of responders had responses lasting at least 12 months
  - PD rate 13%
- 24-mo PFS rate = 73.6%. Median PFS NR
- 24-mo OS rate = 79.4%. Median OS NR
- Grade 3/4 treatment-related AE = 22% [colitis (n=2, 4%)]



# Deepening of response with longer follow-up



ORR: 60% → 69%

CR rate: 7% → 13%

# Current immunotherapy approvals (FDA/ NCCN)

- **Metastatic colorectal cancer**

- Subsequent treatment (no prior ICI)
  - Pembrolizumab [preferred], Nivolumab ± Ipilimumab
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- **Metastatic tumor agnostic** (disease specific guidelines)

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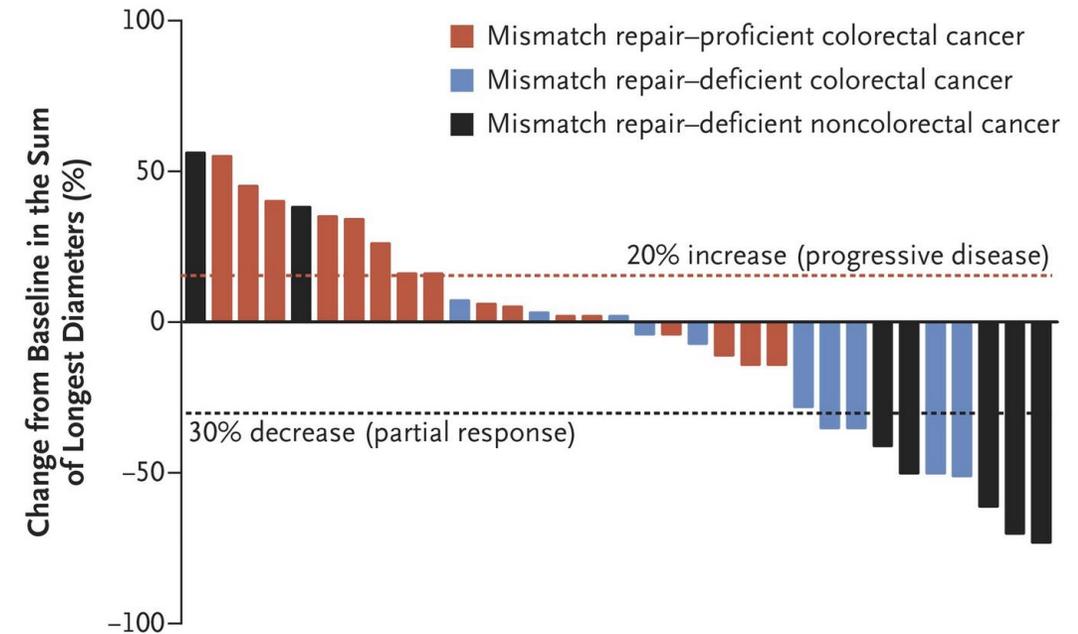
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# Pembrolizumab in dMMR non-CRC

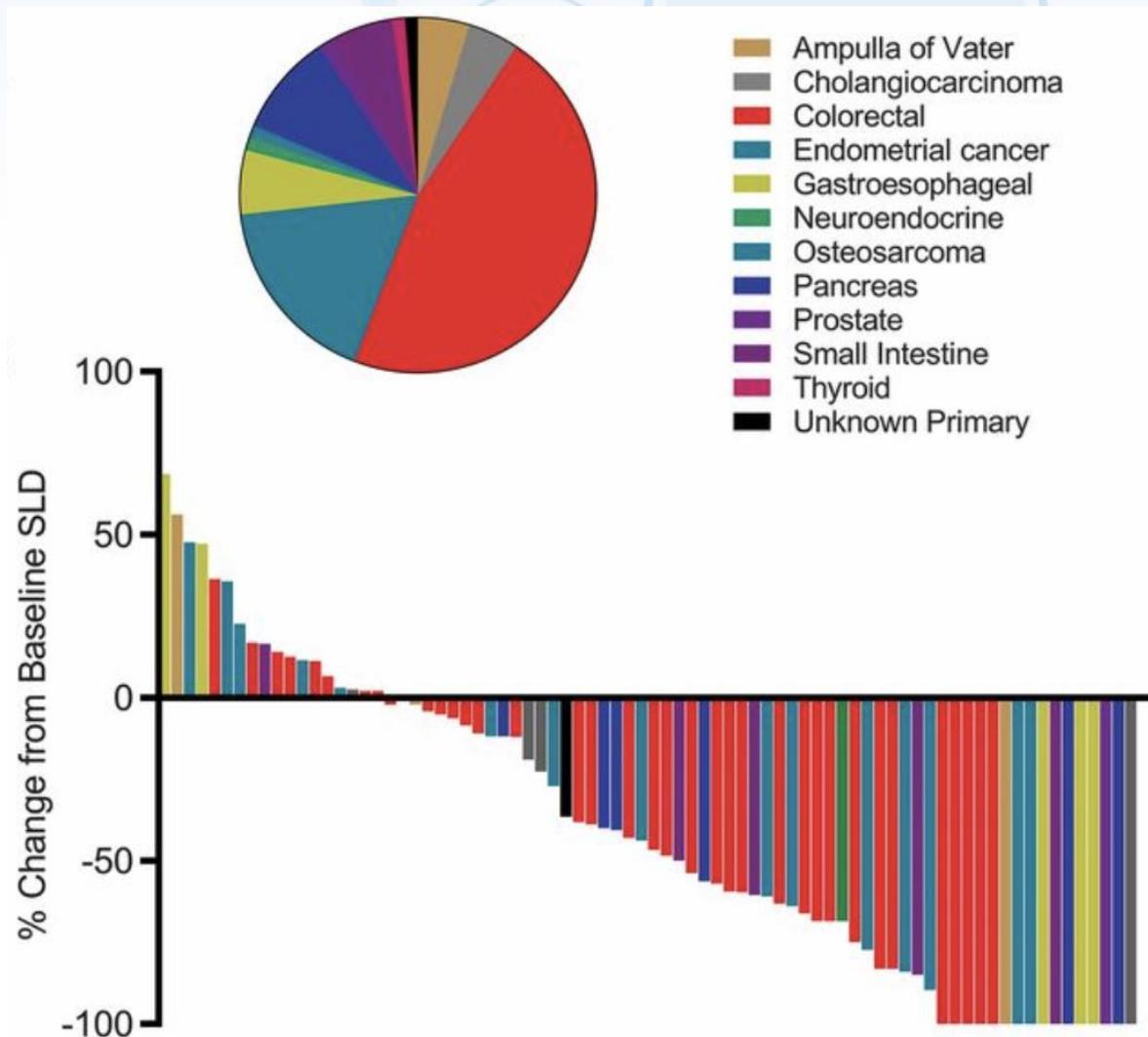
- Phase II study, inc. 7 pts with dMMR non-CRC
- Pembrolizumab 10 mg/kg Q2W
- irORR = 5/7 (71%)

**B Radiographic Response**



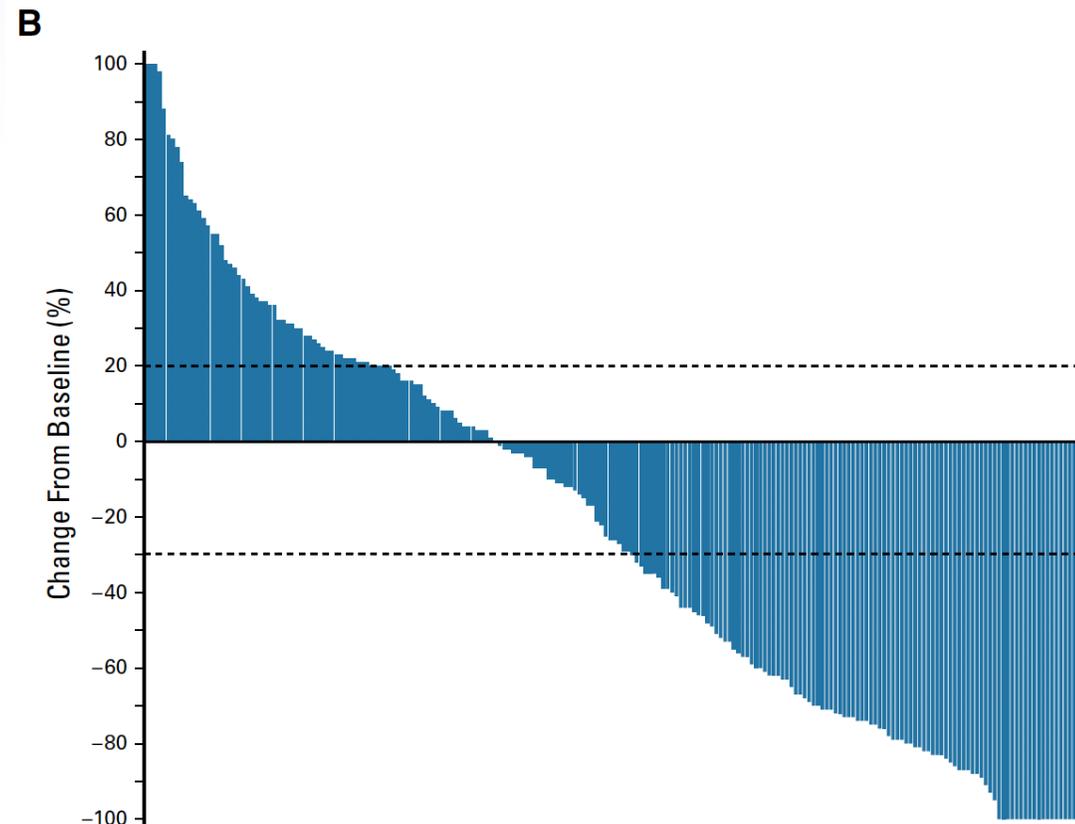
# Tumor Agnostic

- Phase II study: 86 pts :  $\geq 1$  prior line of therapy
- Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W for up to 2 years
- **ORR = 53%** (21% CR)
  - CRC = 52%
  - Non-CRC = 54%
- 2-year PFS rate = 53%
- 2-year survival rate = 64%



# KEYNOTE-158

- Phase II study: 233 pts with MSI-H/ dMMR non-CRC  
≥ 1 prior line of therapy
- Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W for up to 2 years
- **ORR = 34.3%**
- Median PFS = 4.1 mo
- Median OS = 23.5 mo
- Grade 3/4 treatment-related AE = 14.6% [GGT and pneumonitis (1.3%)]



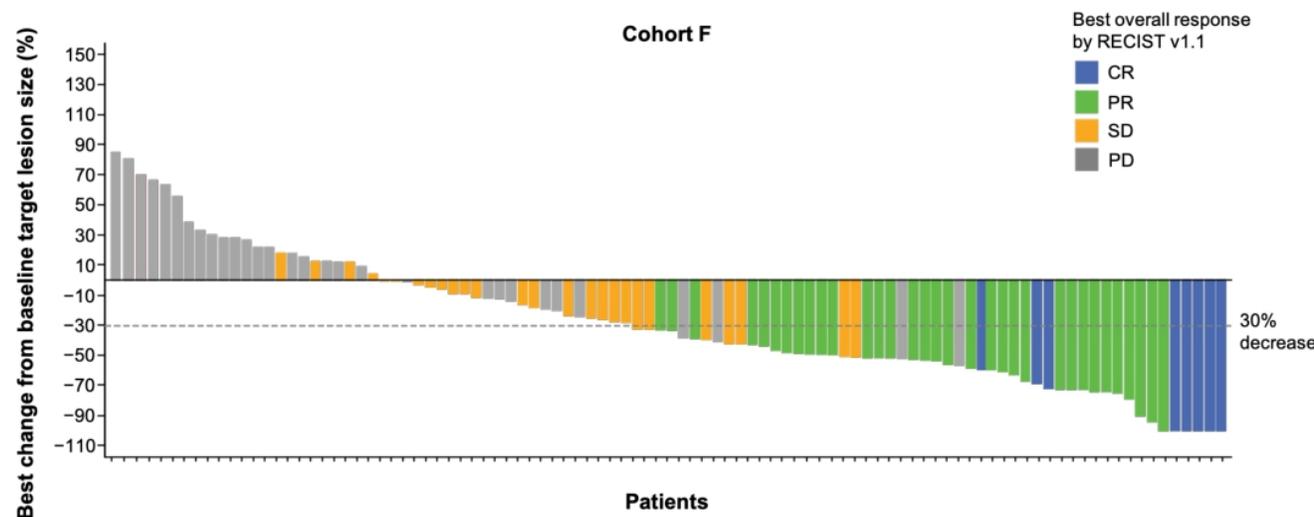


**TABLE 3.** Antitumor Activity for Tumor Types With Greatest Enrollment

<b>Tumor Type</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>CR, No.</b>	<b>PR, No.</b>	<b>ORR, % (95% CI)</b>	<b>Median PFS, Months (95% CI)</b>	<b>Median OS, Months (95% CI)</b>	<b>Median DOR, Months (range)</b>
Endometrial	49	8	20	57.1 (42.2 to 71.2)	25.7 (4.9 to NR)	NR (27.2 to NR)	NR (2.9 to 27.0+)
Gastric	24	4	7	45.8 (25.6 to 67.2)	11.0 (2.1 to NR)	NR (7.2 to NR)	NR (6.3 to 28.4+)
Cholangiocarcinoma	22	2	7	40.9 (20.7 to 63.6)	4.2 (2.1 to NR)	24.3 (6.5 to NR)	NR (4.1+ to 24.9+)
Pancreatic	22	1	3	18.2 (5.2 to 40.3)	2.1 (1.9 to 3.4)	4.0 (2.1 to 9.8)	13.4 (8.1 to 16.0+)
Small intestine	19	3	5	42.1 (20.3 to 66.5)	9.2 (2.3 to NR)	NR (10.6 to NR)	NR (4.3+ to 31.3+)
Ovarian	15	3	2	33.3 (11.8 to 61.6)	2.3 (1.9 to 6.2)	NR (3.8 to NR)	NR (4.2 to 20.7+)
Brain	13	0	0	0.0 (0.0 to 24.7)	1.1 (0.7 to 2.1)	5.6 (1.5 to 16.2)	—

# GARNET study

- Phase 1 Dose Escalation and Cohort Expansion Study
- Cohort F (n=106) non-endometrial dMMR/MSI-H & POLE-Mut cancers, ≥ 1 prior line
- Dostarlimab-gxly 500 mg Q3W x 4 → 1,000 mg every 6 weeks.
- **ORR = 38.7%.**
- **DoR = NR**
- Grade ≥3 TRAE = 8.3%. [lipase (1.4%)]



Tumor type	N	Confirmed ORR (RECIST v1.1)	
		n (%)	95% CI*
<b>Overall</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>41 (38.7)</b>	<b>29.4–48.6</b>
<b>CRC</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>25 (36.2)</b>	<b>25.0–48.7</b>
<b>Non-CRC</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16 (43.2)</b>	<b>27.1–60.5</b>
Small Intestinal Cancer	12	4 (33.3)	(9.9–65.1)
Gastric Cancer	8	3 (37.5)	(8.5–75.5)
Pancreatic Carcinoma	4	0	(0.0–60.2)
Liver Cancer	2	PR, PD	
Ovarian Cancer	2	PR, SD	
Adrenal Cortical	1	PR	
Biliary Neoplasm	1	CR	
Breast Cancer	1	CR	
Esophageal Cancer	1	PD	
Gallbladder	1	1	CR
Genital Neoplasm Malignant Female	1	PR	
Pleural	1	PR	
Renal Cell Carcinoma	1	SD	
Unknown Origin (Possibly GI tract)	1	PR	

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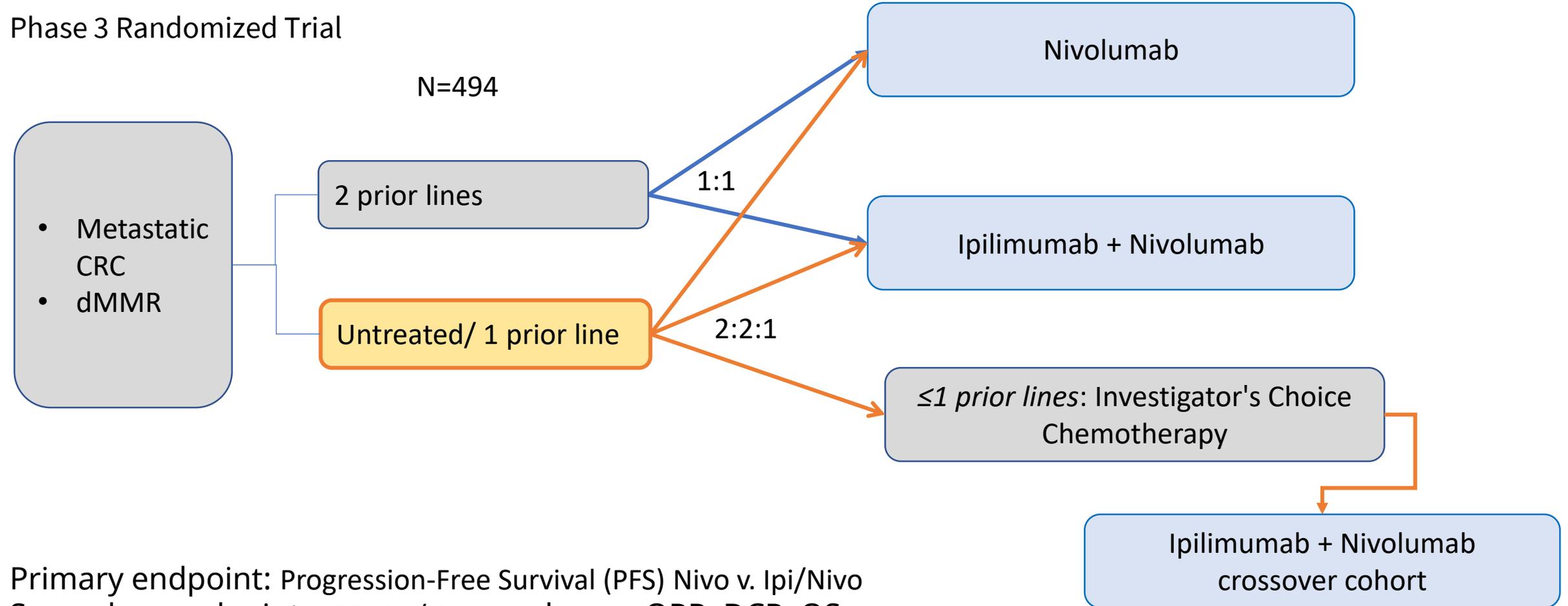
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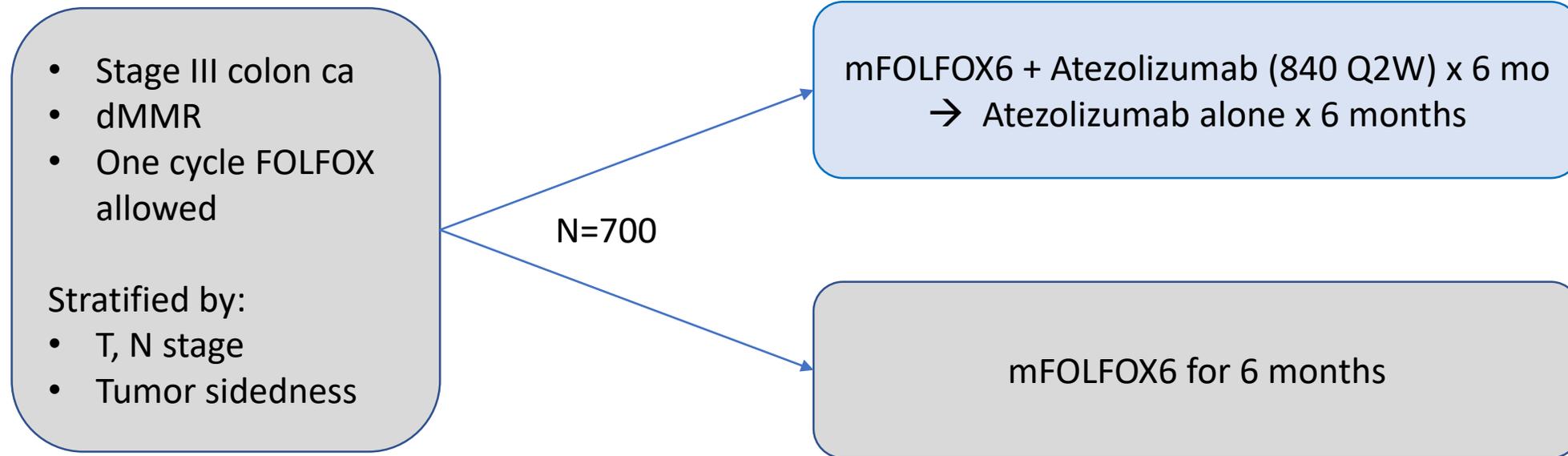
# Phase III randomized study of Nivolumab, Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab, or Investigator's Choice Chemotherapy for the Treatment of Patients With dMMR/ MSI-H Metastatic Colorectal Cancer (CheckMate 8HW) (NCT04008030)

## Phase 3 Randomized Trial



Primary endpoint: Progression-Free Survival (PFS) Nivo v. Ipi/Nivo  
Secondary endpoints: PFS Ipi/Nivo v. chemo, ORR, DCR, OS

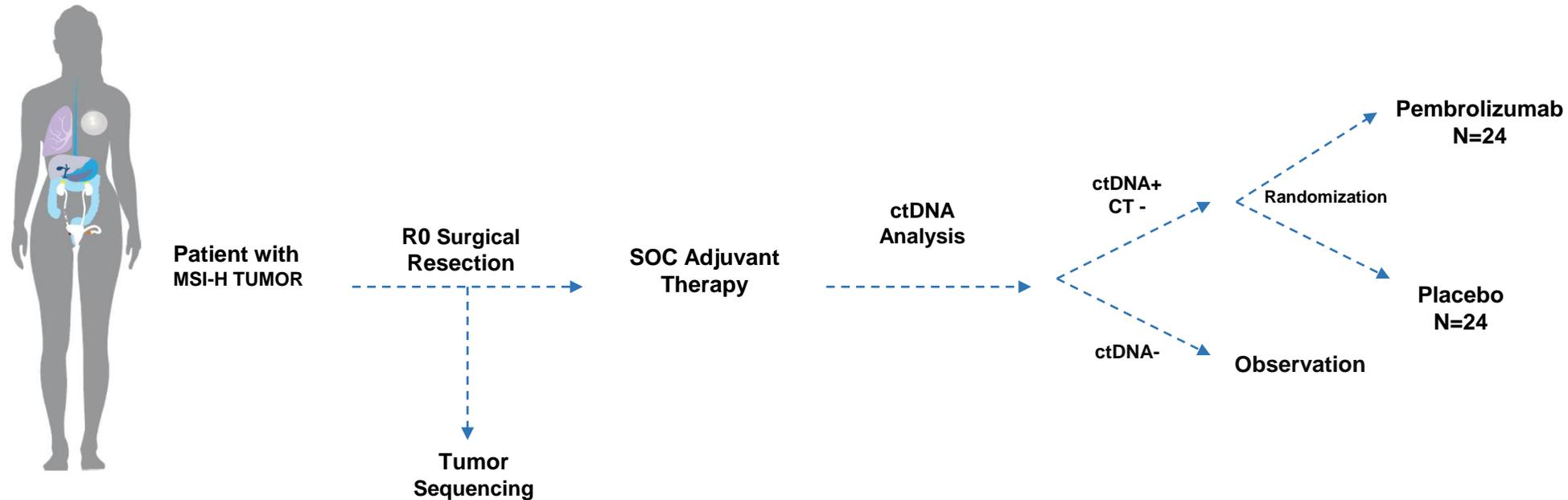
# Combination Chemotherapy With or Without Atezolizumab in Treating Patients With Stage III Colon Cancer and Deficient DNA Mismatch Repair (Alliance A021502, NCT02912559)



Primary endpoint: DFS at two-sided alpha of 0.05.

Secondary endpoints: overall survival, treatment tolerability, and quality of life.

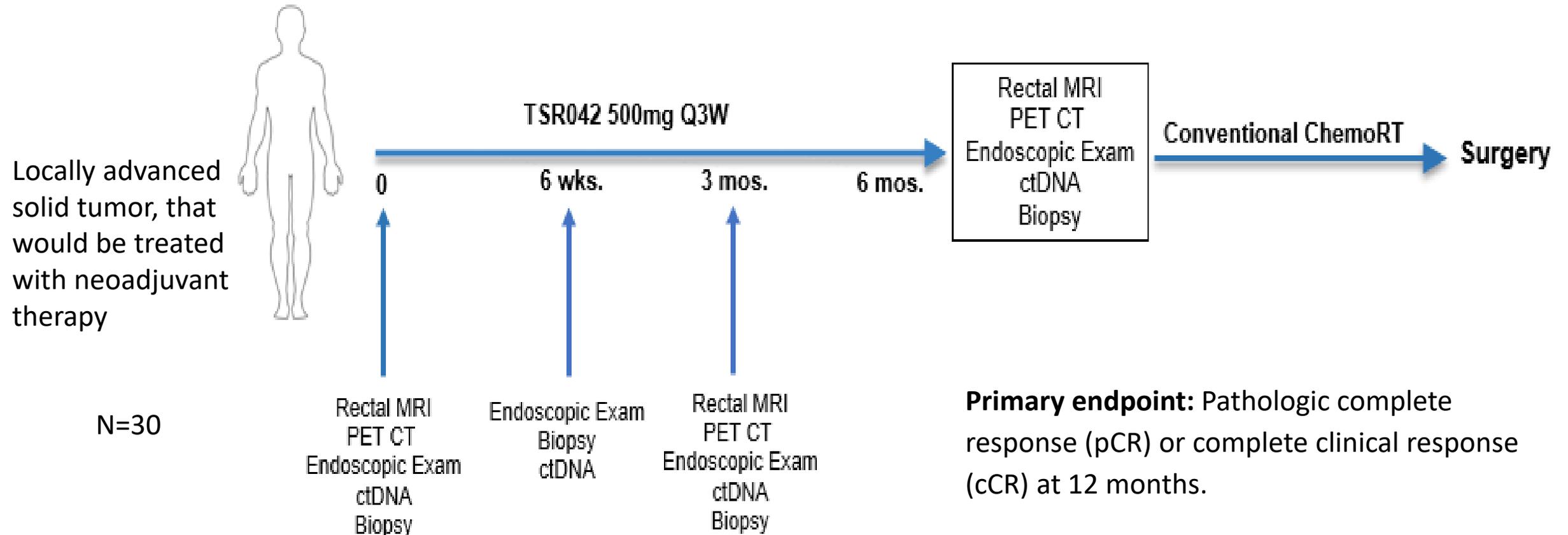
# Study of Pembrolizumab Following Surgery in Patients With Microsatellite Instability High (MSI-H) Solid Tumors (NCT03832569)



**Year 1 Objective:** To demonstrate clearance of ctDNA at 12 months.

**Year 2, 3 and 5 Objectives:** To demonstrate improvement in DFS and OS.

# Study of Induction PD-1 Blockade in Subjects With Locally Advanced Mismatch Repair Deficient Solid Tumors (NCT04165772) - dostarlimab-gxly



# Summary

- Immune checkpoint blockade has led to unprecedented benefit in many patients with dMMR/MSI-H tumors

## **dMMR/MSI-H colorectal cancer**

- ‘Universal MMR or MSI testing is recommended in all newly diagnosed patients’ (NCCN)
- Pembrolizumab, nivolumab +/- ipilimumab may be used as initial or subsequent therapy
- Dostarlimab-gxly may be used as subsequent therapy
- Combination ICI shows higher RR compared to PD-1 blockade alone. Limitation of cross cohort/ trial comparison. Many benefit from PD-1 blockade alone (KN-177: RR 45.1%, CR 13.1%, PFS 16.5 mo)
- Ongoing trials include: Nivolumab +/- ipilimumab, adjuvant, ctDNA+, neo-adjuvant solid tumors

## **dMMR/MSI-H Tumor agnostic**

- Pembrolizumab or dostarlimab-gxly may be considered as subsequent therapy (re. cancer specific guidelines)



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