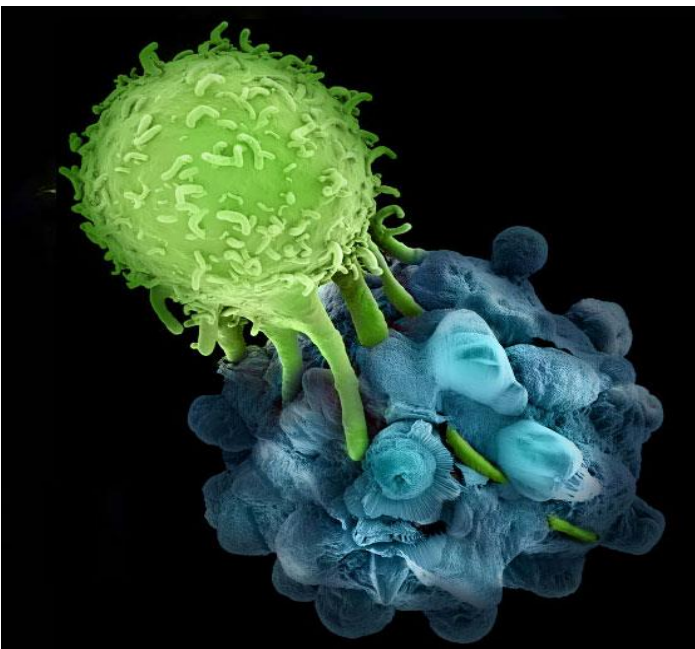


Immuno-Oncology Biomarkers: State of the Art (SITC)

Cancer Immunotherapy Trials Network (CITN): Data Management and Specimen Sharing (May 17, 2018)



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Why are we all here?

Dominance of Anti-PD1 & Anti-PD-L1

Profound responses in subsets of every type of malignancy

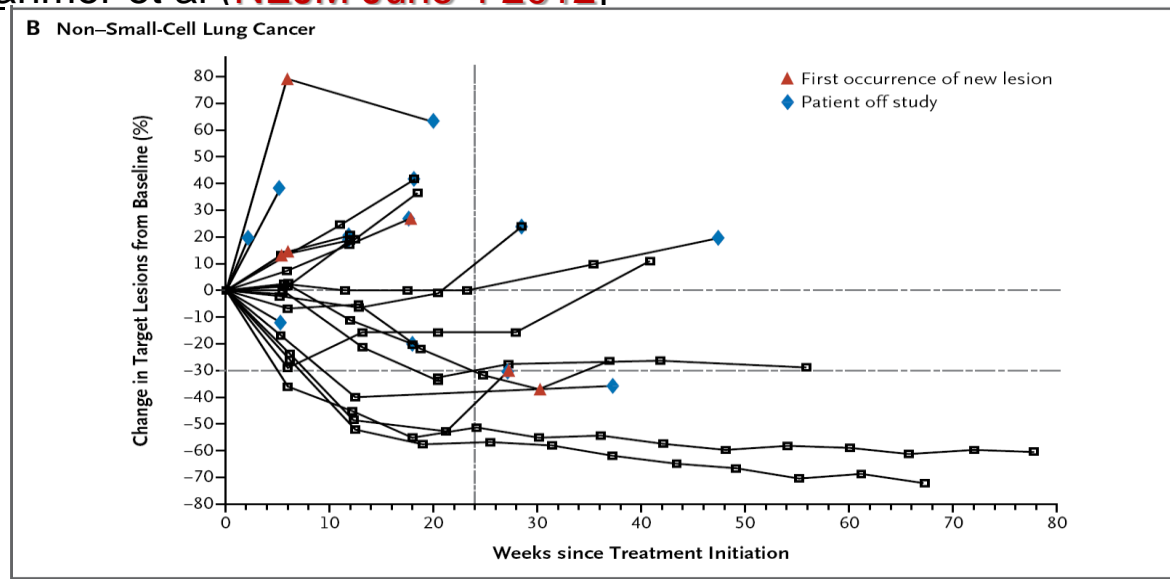
TIPPING POINT: (June 2012)



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“Safety and Activity of Anti-PD-L1 Antibody in Patients with Advanced Cancer” [NSCLC: Partial Responses in 5 of 49]

[Brahmer et al (**NEJM June 4 2012**)



**TIPPING
POINT
TO
IMMUNE
ONCOLOGY
DOMINANCE**

Anti-PD1

NSCLC: PR 14 of 76 (18%)

All patients: Objective Responses:

9 of 25 (36%) with PD-L1–positive tumors ($P = 0.006$)

0 of 17 (0%) with PD-L1–negative tumors

[Topalian et al (**NEJM June 4 2012**)



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What's Happened in Six Years?

- 164 PD1 blocking drugs in development world wide
 - 50 in patient trials
- 1,502 clinical trials
 - 1,105 combination trials
- 5 FDA approved PD1 blocking drugs
 - Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)
 - Nivolumab (Opdivo)
 - Atezolizumab (Tecentriq)
 - Avelumab (Bavencio)
 - Durvalumab (Imfinzi)

[Tang, Shalabi & Hubbard-Lucey. Annals of Oncology 0: 1–8, 2017]



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Foreseeable Future?

- Commonest single category of cancer patient will be patients on anti-PD1/PD-L1 combinations but progressing
- Every patient will be considered for anti-PD1/PD-L1
 - Patients without correlates of response will be treated with anti-PD1/PD-L1 plus “X”
 - Patients with correlates of response will be treated with anti-PD1/PD-L1 alone or with “X”
- With >1,100 trials combining anti-PD1/PD-L1 plus “X”
 - Many “X”s will be effective
- There will never be a “standard” anti-PD1/PD-L1 therapy
 - East coast “X” will be different than West coast “X”
 - Like Tupac vs. Notorious B.I.G.



With >1,500 trials, how can academics remain relevant?

1. Initiate and accrue trials rapidly (nimble)
2. Identify actionable causes of anti-PD1/PD-L1 failure
3. Provide high quality biospecimens to CIMACs and other first-rate laboratories

Sounds simple, but it's not!



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(1) Initiate Trials Rapidly (Nimble)

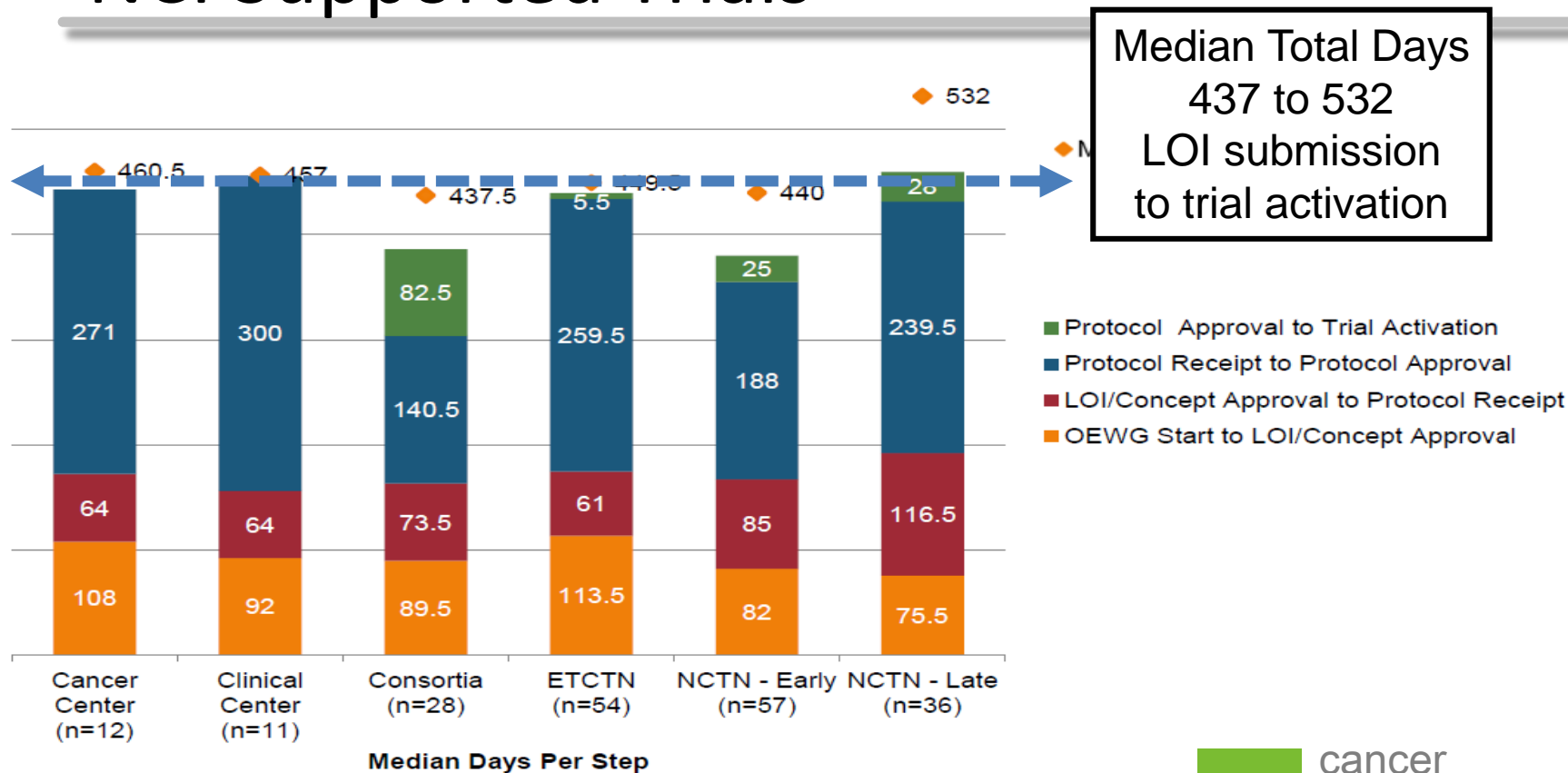
Operational Efficiency Working Group (OEWG) “drop-dead” date

	Absolute 2012-Present
Phase 1 and 2 LOIs	450 days
Phase 1/2 and 2 Concepts	450 days
Phase 3 Concepts	540 days

LOI submission
to trial activation



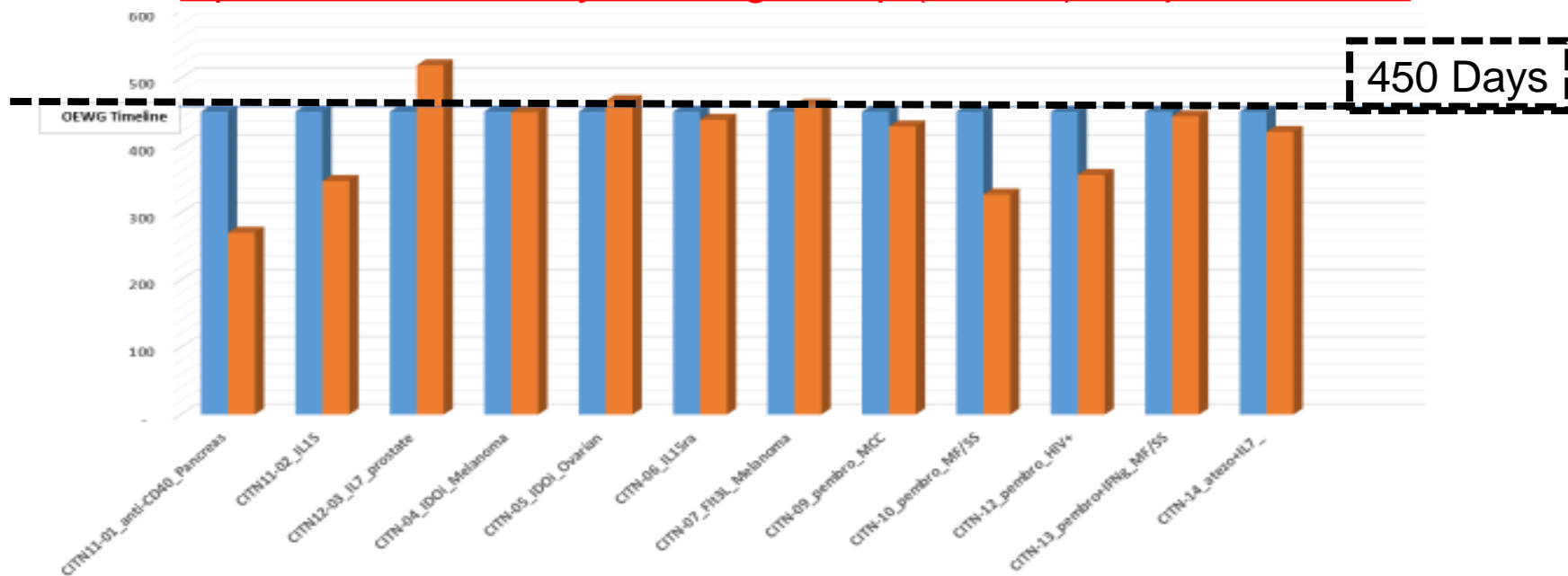
NCI Supported Trials



[Report "OEWG Timeline Analysis for CTEP Trials 2017"]

CITN: OEWG vs Actual Activation Timeline

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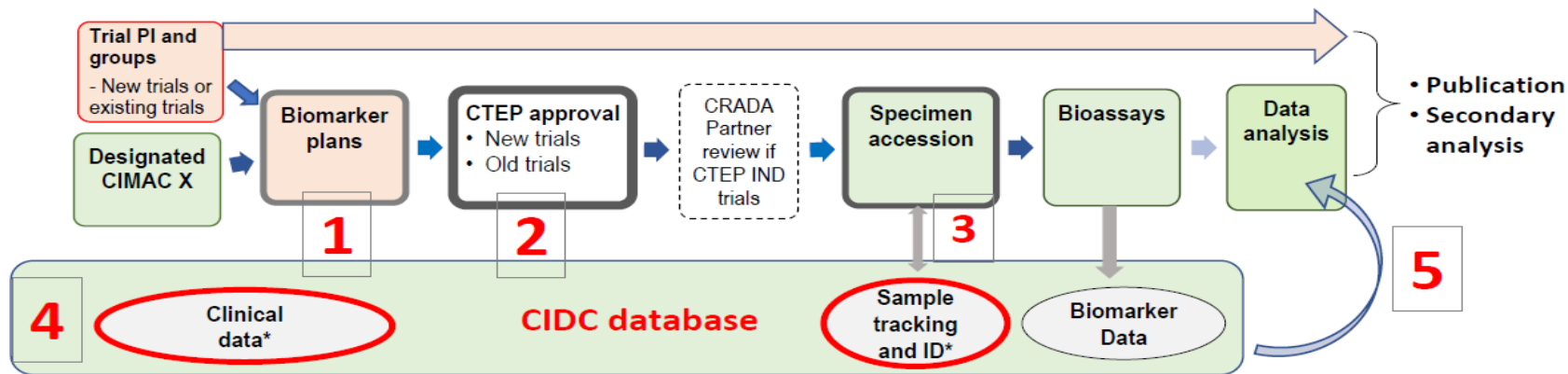


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Relevance to CIMAC/CIDC Work Flow?

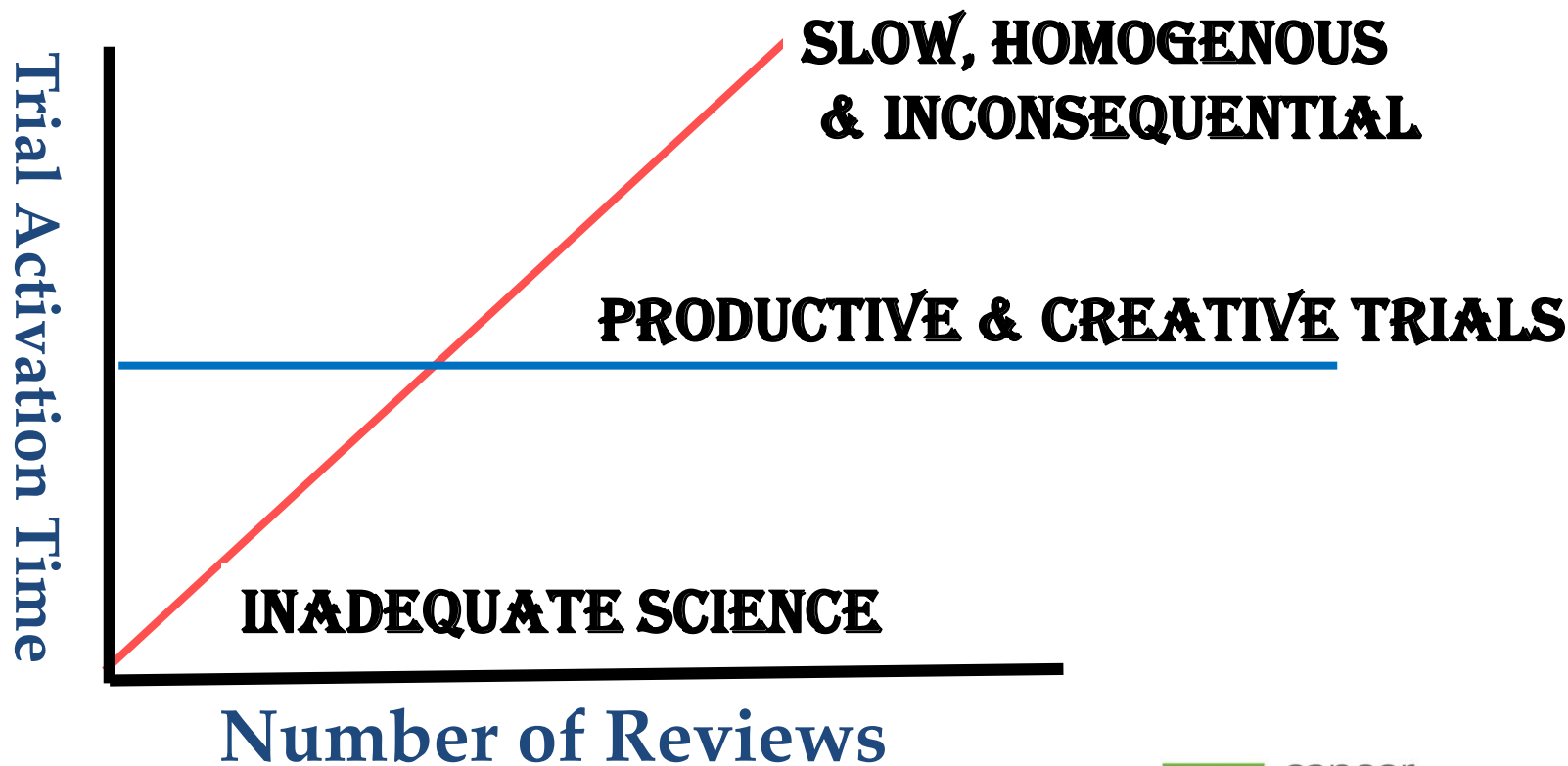
At least 3 additional levels of review!

Work flow for CIMACs/CIDC in the clinical Networks
– a *preliminary framework for discussion*



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How many reviews are helpful?



(2) Identify Actionable Causes of anti-PD1/PD-L1 Failure:

Available Agents

- **(1) Release of cancer antigens**
 - Chemotherapy
 - Radiation
 - Targeted therapy
 - Chemoembolization
 - Oncolytic viruses
 - Cryotherapy
- **(3) Priming & Activation**
 - T cell stimulators
 - Anti-CD137
 - Anti-OX40
 - Anti-CD27
 - Checkpoint inhibitors
 - Anti-PD1/PD-L1
 - Anti-TIM-1
 - Anti-CTLA4
 - Anti-GITR
- **(2) Cancer antigen presentation**
 - DC activator
 - Anti-CD40
 - DC growth factor
 - Flt3L
 - Vaccines
 - Vaccine adjuvants
 - TLR agonists (systemic and intratumor injection)
 - CpG
 - Imiquimod
 - MPL/ GLA
 - Poly ICLC
 - Venti (TLR 8 agonist)
 - BCG
 - IFN and IFN stimulator (IL-12)



(2) Identify Actionable Causes of anti-PD1/PD-L1 Failure:

Available Agents

(4) Trafficking of T cells to tumors

- Chemokines
 - CCL21
- T cell growth factors
 - IL7
 - IL15
 - IL21

(6) Recognition of cancer cells by T cells

- T cells
 - CARS
 - Recombinant TCR
 - Tumor Infiltrating T cells
- Increase HLA
 - IFN-gamma
 - Demethylation agents

(5) Infiltration of T cells into tumors

- Anti-VEGF
- Hyaluronidase

(7) Killing of cancer cells

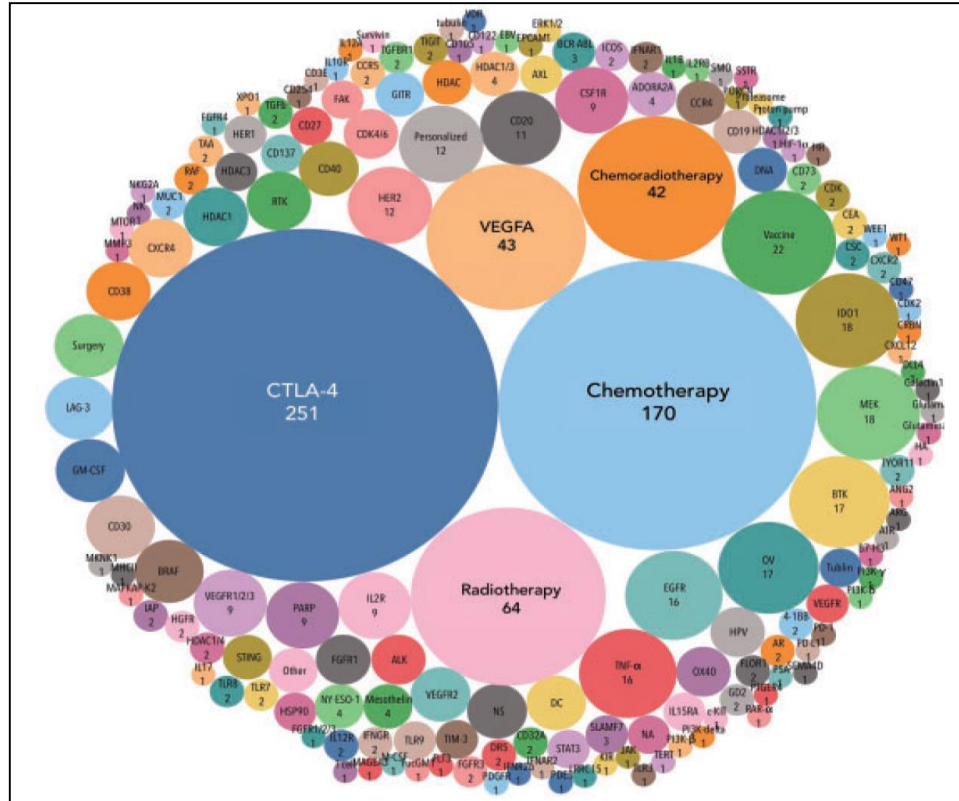
- Checkpoint inhibitors
 - Anti-PD1
 - Anti-PD-L1
 - Anti-Vista
 - Anti-LAG3
 - Anti-TIM3
- IDO inhibitor
- Cytokine neutralizers
 - Anti-IL10
 - Anti-TGF-beta
 - Anti-CSFR1



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Landscape analysis available agents for anti-PD-1/L1 combination trials.

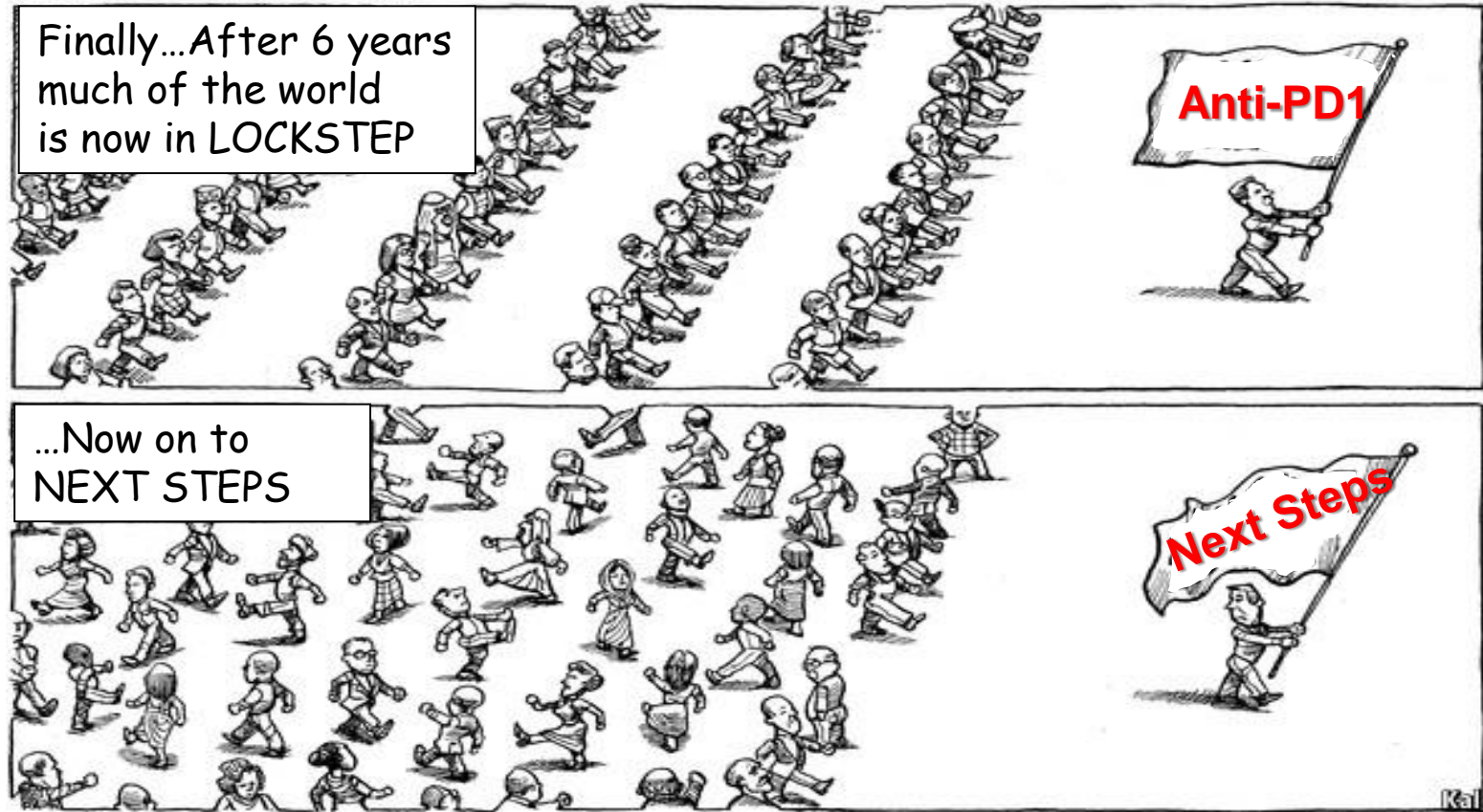
Size of the bubble correlates to the number of trials



Number of combo trials

Anti-CTLA-4	251
Chemotherapy	170
Radiation	64
Anti-VEGF	43
Chemoradiotx	42
Other	535
TOTAL	1,105

With >1,100 Combination Trials, what are the next steps ?



[With apologies to Climate Change & the Economist]

How to Prioritize Immunotherapy Regimens?

Throw it against the wall to see what sticks?

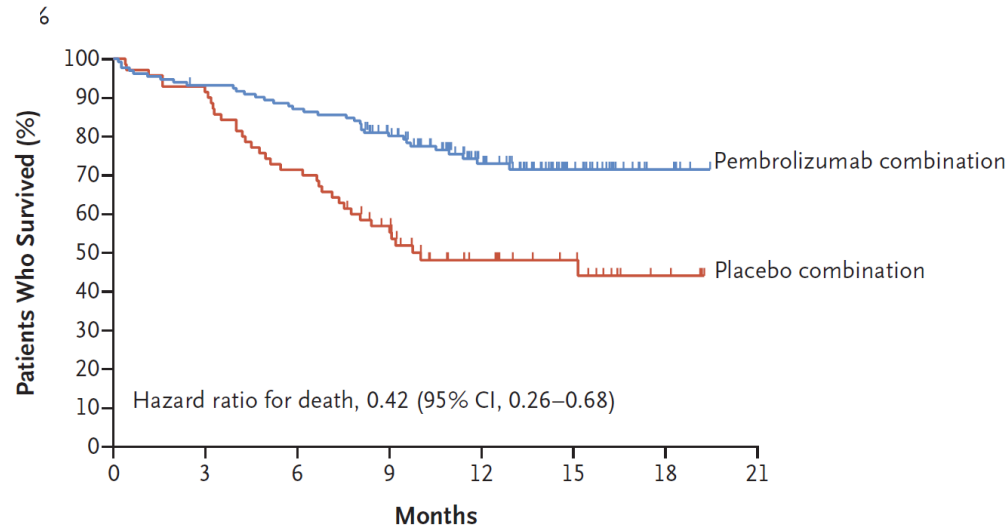


Huge Opportunity for Academic Biomarker Trials to Select “Rescue” Therapies



Pembrolizumab **plus** Chemotherapy (premetrexed + platinum) in Metastatic Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer

PD-L1 $\geq 50\%$



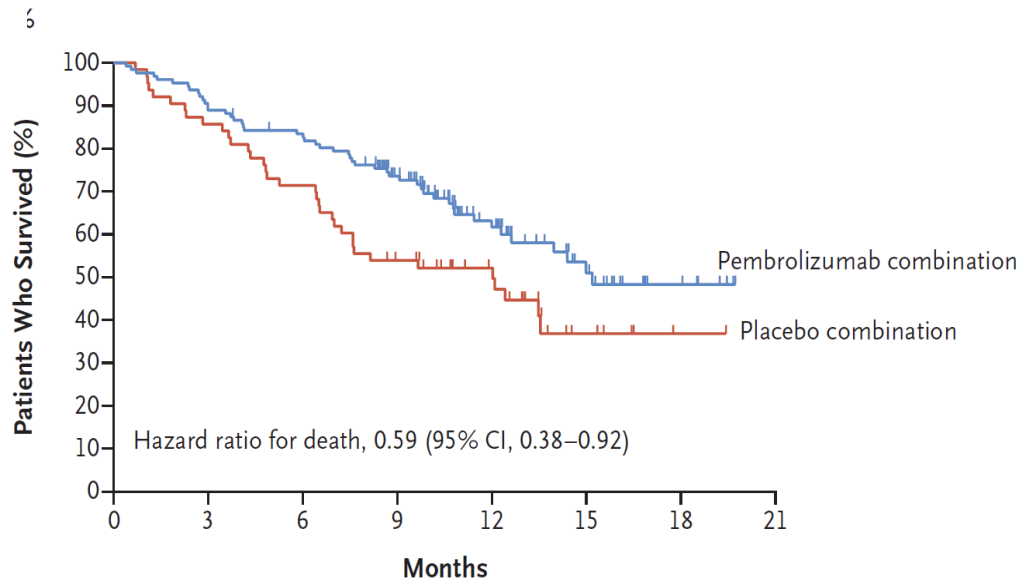
No. at Risk

Pembrolizumab combination	132	122	114	96	56	25	6	0
Placebo combination	70	64	50	35	19	13	4	0

[Gandhi et al NEJM May 8, 2018]

Pembrolizumab **plus** Chemotherapy (premetrexed + platinum) in Metastatic Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer

PD-L1 <1%



No. at Risk

Pembrolizumab combination
Placebo combination

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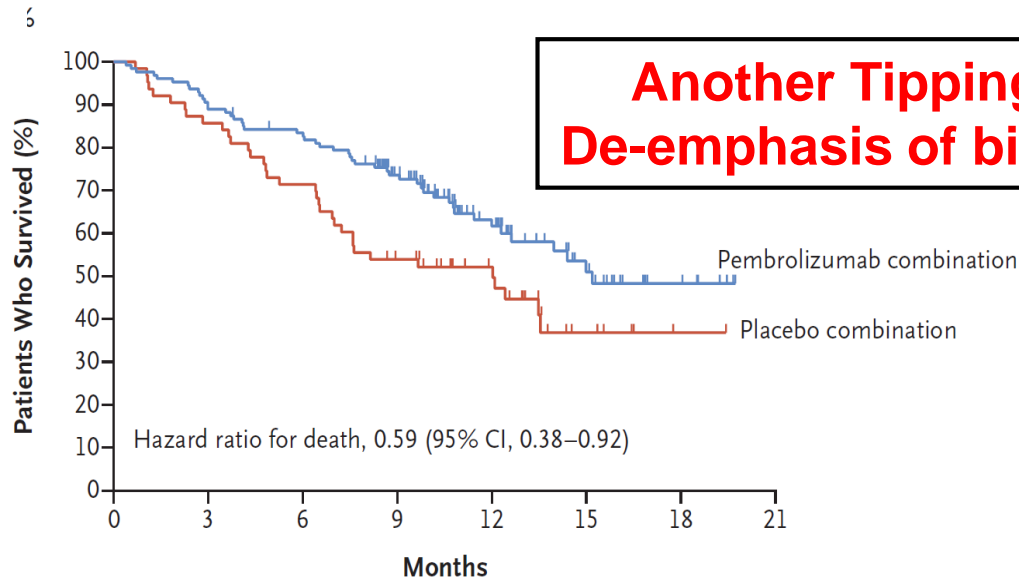
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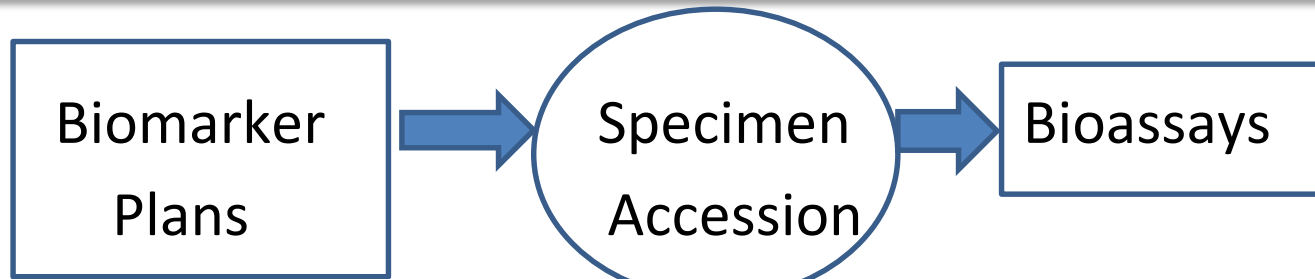
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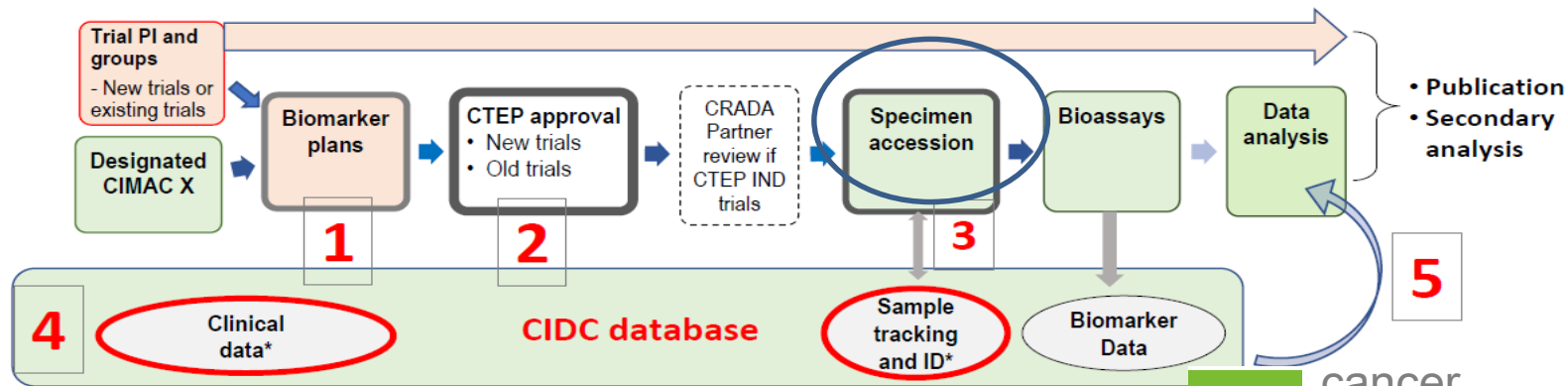


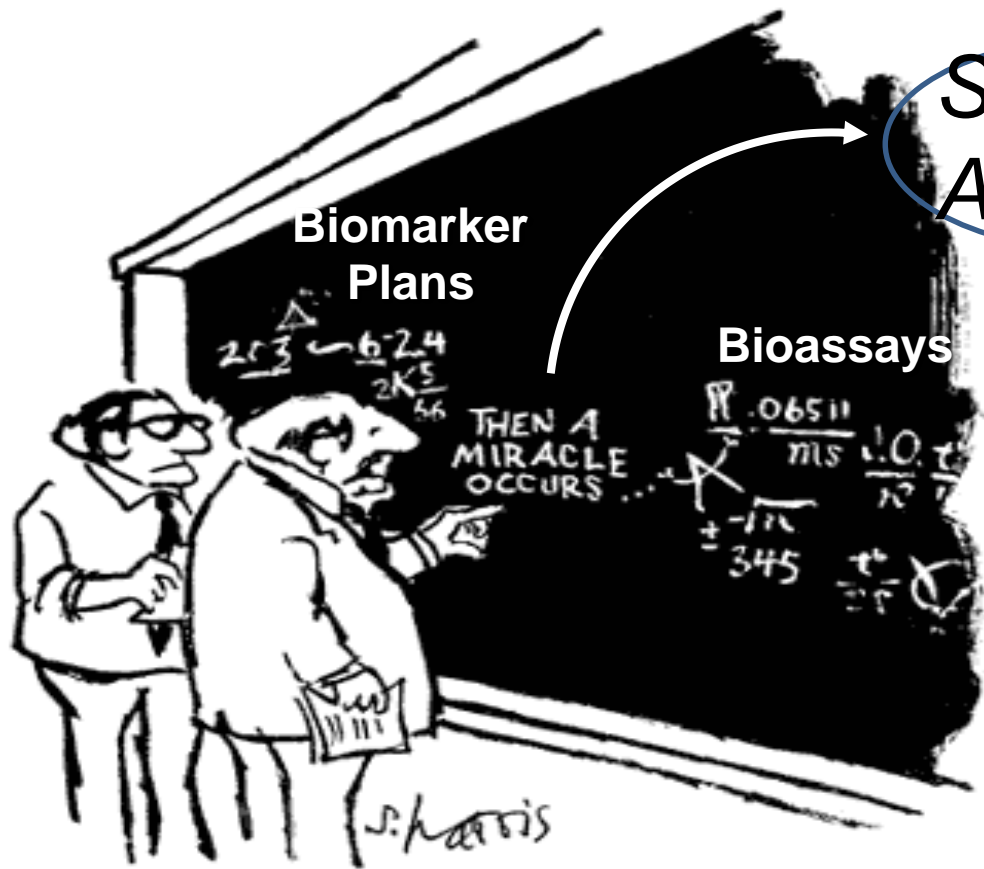
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(3) Provide high quality, annotated biospecimens to CIMACs and other high quality laboratories



Work flow for CIMACs/CIDC in the clinical Networks
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**Biomarker
Plans**

Bioassays

**Specimen
Accession**

"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

With Apologies to Sydney Harris

UWIML

Nora Disis

Chihiro Morishima



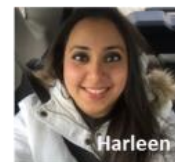
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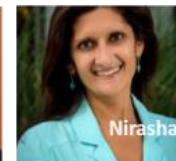
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***Without quality specimens...there is
no quality science!***