

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Breast & Gynecologic Cancers

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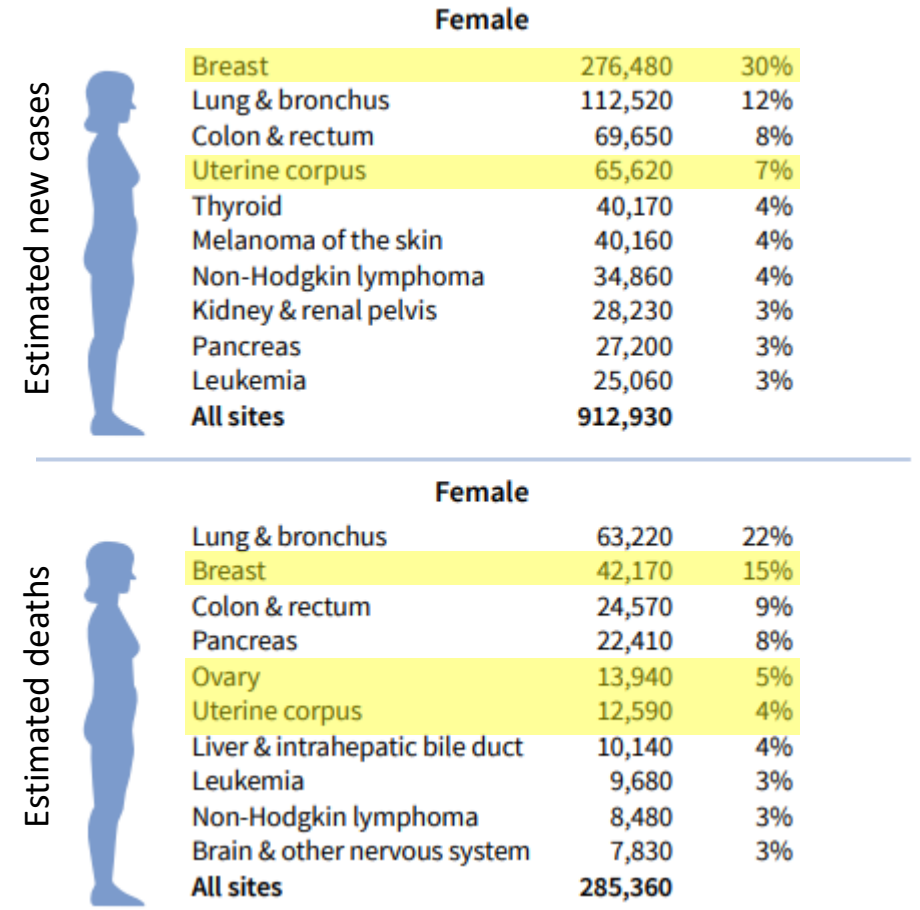
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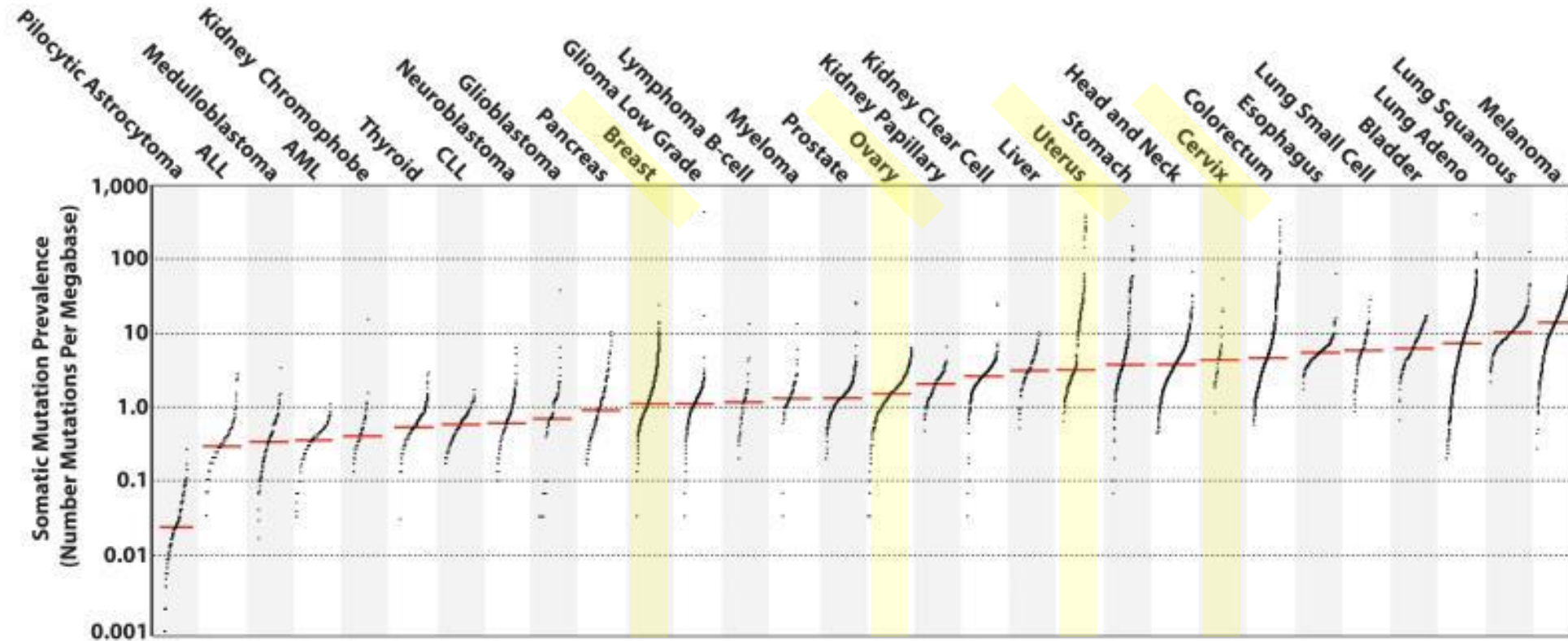
- Research Grant: Alkermes
- I will be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.

Immunotherapy in breast and gynecologic cancers

- Standard-of-care treatment usually involves surgery, chemotherapy, radiation
- Application of immunotherapy is still in early stages



Immunotherapy in breast and gynecologic cancers



Alexandrov, Nature 2013.

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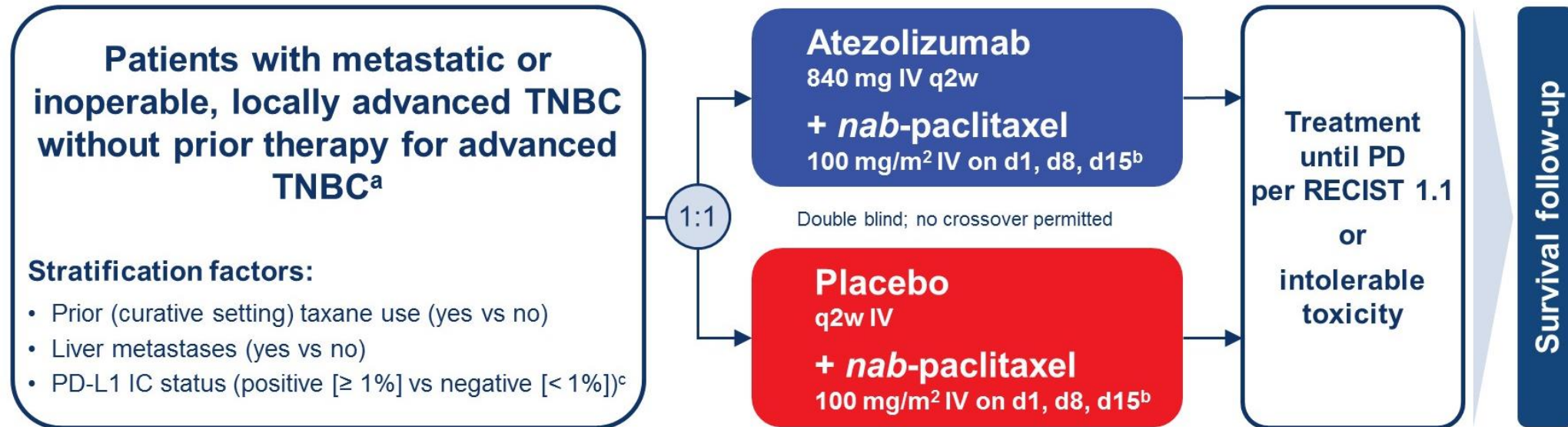
Current approvals in breast cancer

Checkpoint inhibitor	Approved	Indication	Dose
Pembrolizumab	2017	MSI-H/dMMR advanced cancer with progression on previous treatment	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel or paclitaxel protein-bound	2019	Advanced/Metastatic TNBC with PD-L1 $\geq 1\%$ immune cells	840 mg atezolizumab Q2W + 100 mg/m ² nab-paclitaxel on days 1, 8, 15
Pembrolizumab	2020	TMB-high solid tumors with progression on prior treatment	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W

Antibody-drug conjugate	Approved	Indication	Dose
Ado-trastuzumab emtansine	2019	Adjuvant treatment of HER2-positive early breast cancer	3.6 mg/kg Q3W
Fam-trastuzumab deruxtecan-nxki	2019	Unresectable/metastatic HER2-positive breast cancer after 2+ HER2 regimens	5.4 mg/kg Q3W
Sacituzumab govitecan	2020	Metastatic TNBC after two previous therapies	10mg/kg on D1&D8 of 21-day cycle

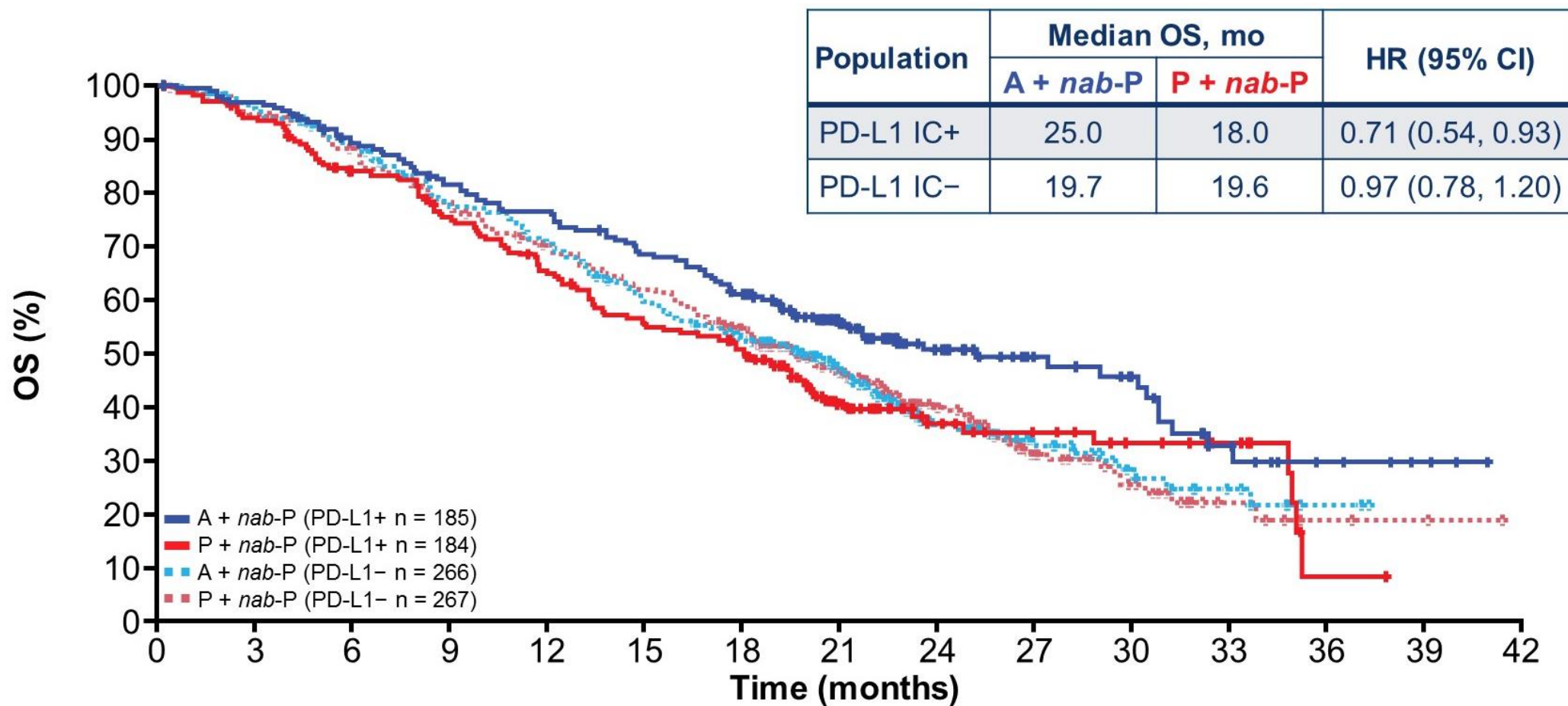
Clinical Data – IMpassion130

PD-L1+ TNBC



- Co-primary endpoints in ITT and PD-L1 IC+: PFS and OS^d
- Pre-specified hierarchical testing of OS in ITT and, if significant, in PD-L1 IC+ patients
- In both treatment arms, 41% of patients were PD-L1 IC+

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Clinical trials in TNBC

Trial	Treatment arm(s)	Patient selection criteria	n	ORR	Median PFS (months)	Median OS (months)
IMpassion130	Atezolizumab + nab-paclitaxel* *FDA-approved	Metastatic TNBC without prior therapy	902	ITT: 56.0% PD-L1+: 58.9%	ITT: 7.2 PD-L1+: 7.5	ITT: 21.3 PD-L1+: 25.0
	Placebo + nab-paclitaxel			ITT: 45.9% PD-L1+: 42.6%	ITT: 5.5 PD-L1+: 5.0	ITT: 17.6 PD-L1+: 15.5
KEYNOTE-086	Pembrolizumab	A: Metastatic TNBC at 2 nd line or greater	170	5.3% CR: 1.2%	2.0	9.0
		B: PD-L1+ metastatic TNBC without prior therapy	84	21.4% CR: 4.7%	2.1	18.0
IMMU-132-01	Sacituzumab govitecan-hziy* (Anti-Trop-2)	Advanced TNBC with at least 2 prior therapies	108	33.3%	5.5	13.0
KEYNOTE-355	Pembrolizumab + chemotherapy	Locally recurrent inoperable or metastatic TNBC without prior therapy	566		ITT: 7.5 CPS >10: 9.7	
	Placebo + chemotherapy		281		ITT: 5.6 CPS >10: 5.6	
KEYNOTE-522	Neoadjuvant pembrolizumab + paclitaxel/carboplatin, adjuvant pembrolizumab	Stage II or III TNBC without prior therapy	1174	Pathological complete response rates: ITT: 64.8% vs 51.2% PD-L1+: 68.9% vs 54.9% PD-L1-: 45.3% vs 30.3%		
	Neoadjuvant placebo + paclitaxel/carboplatin, adjuvant placebo					

Cortes, ASCO 2020; Schmid, N Engl J Med 2018; Schmid, N Engl J Med 2020;
 Adams, Ann Oncol 2019; Loi, Lancet Oncol 2019; Bardia, N Engl J Med 2019.

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Clinical trials in HR+ or HER2+ breast cancer

Trial	Treatment arm(s)	Patient selection criteria	n	ORR	Median PFS (months)	Median OS (months)
KEYNOTE-028	Pembrolizumab	ER+/HER2-, PD-L1+ breast cancer	25	12.0% CR: 0%	1.8	8.6
KEYNOTE-014/PANACEA	Pembrolizumab + trastuzumab	HER2+ breast cancer with progression on trastuzumab	58	PD-L1+: 15% CR: 4% PD-L1-: 0%		
KATE2	Atezolizumab + trastuzumab emtansine	HER2+ advanced breast cancer with previous trastuzumab and a taxane	133	ITT: 45% PD-L1+: 54%	ITT: 8.2 PD-L1+: 8.5	ITT 1-year: 89.1% PD-L1+: 94.3%
	Trastuzumab emtansine		69	ITT: 43% PD-L1+: 33%	ITT: 6.8 PD-L1+: 4.1	ITT 1-year: 89.0% PD-L1+: 87.9%
KATHERINE	Trastuzumab emtansine* (Anti-HER2)	HER2-positive early breast cancer after neoadjuvant therapy	148 6	3-year invasive disease-free survival: 88.3% vs. 77.0%		
DESTINY-Breast01	Trastuzumab deruxtecan*	HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer after trastuzumab emtansine	184	60.9%	16.4	NR

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- Potential markers of responsiveness include:
 - PD-L1
 - Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes
 - Mutational signatures

FDA-approved biomarkers only include:

- PD-L1+ by SP142
- TMB 10 or more
- MSI high

ADDITIONAL TARGETED THERAPIES AND ASSOCIATED BIOMARKER TESTING FOR RECURRENT OR STAGE IV (M1) DISEASE

Biomarkers Associated with FDA-Approved Therapies					
Breast Cancer Subtype	Biomarker	Detection	FDA-Approved Agents	NCCN Category of Evidence	NCCN Category of Preference
Any ^a	<i>BRCA1</i> mutation <i>BRCA2</i> mutation	Germline sequencing	Olaparib Talazoparib	Category 1 Category 1	Preferred Preferred
HR-positive/ HER2-negative ^b	<i>PIK3CA</i> mutation	PCR (blood or tissue block if blood negative), molecular panel testing	Alpelisib + fulvestrant ^d	Category 1	Preferred second-line therapy
HR-negative/ HER2-negative ^c	PD-L1 expression • Threshold for positivity: ≥1% on tumor-infiltrating immune cells	IHC	Atezolizumab + albumin-bound paclitaxel	Category 2A	Preferred
Any	<i>NTRK</i> fusion	FISH, NGS, PCR (tissue block)	Larotrectinib ^e Entrectinib ^e	Category 2A Category 2A	Useful in certain circumstances ^e Useful in certain circumstances ^e
Any	MSI-H/dMMR	IHC, PCR (tissue block)	Pembrolizumab ^f	Category 2A	Useful in certain circumstances ^f

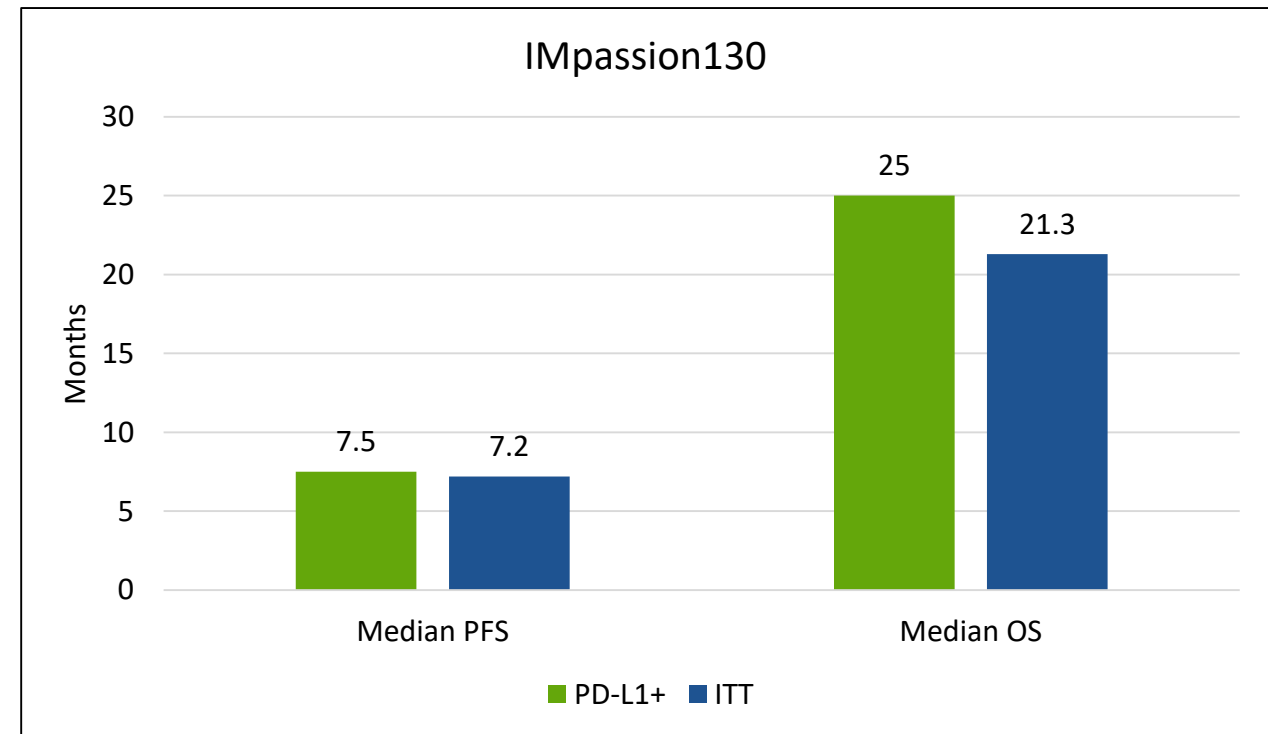
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Here, patients with PD-L1 on $\geq 1\%$ of tumor-infiltrating immune cells had improved outcomes on atezolizumab + chemotherapy compared to the general population (OS HR 0.62 vs 0.84)

However, PD-L1 expression does not always correlate with response to all ICIs.

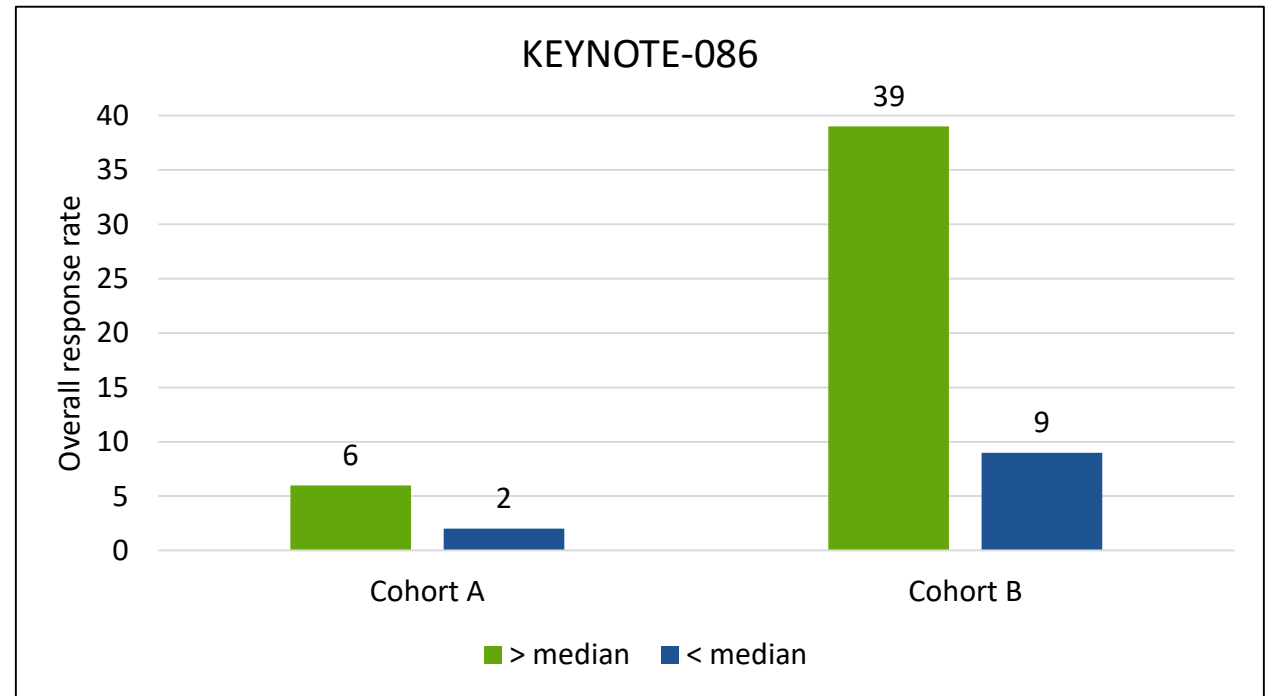


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Here, patients with a tumor infiltrating lymphocyte level greater than the median level had improved outcomes when treated with pembrolizumab, particularly in the front-line setting (cohort B).

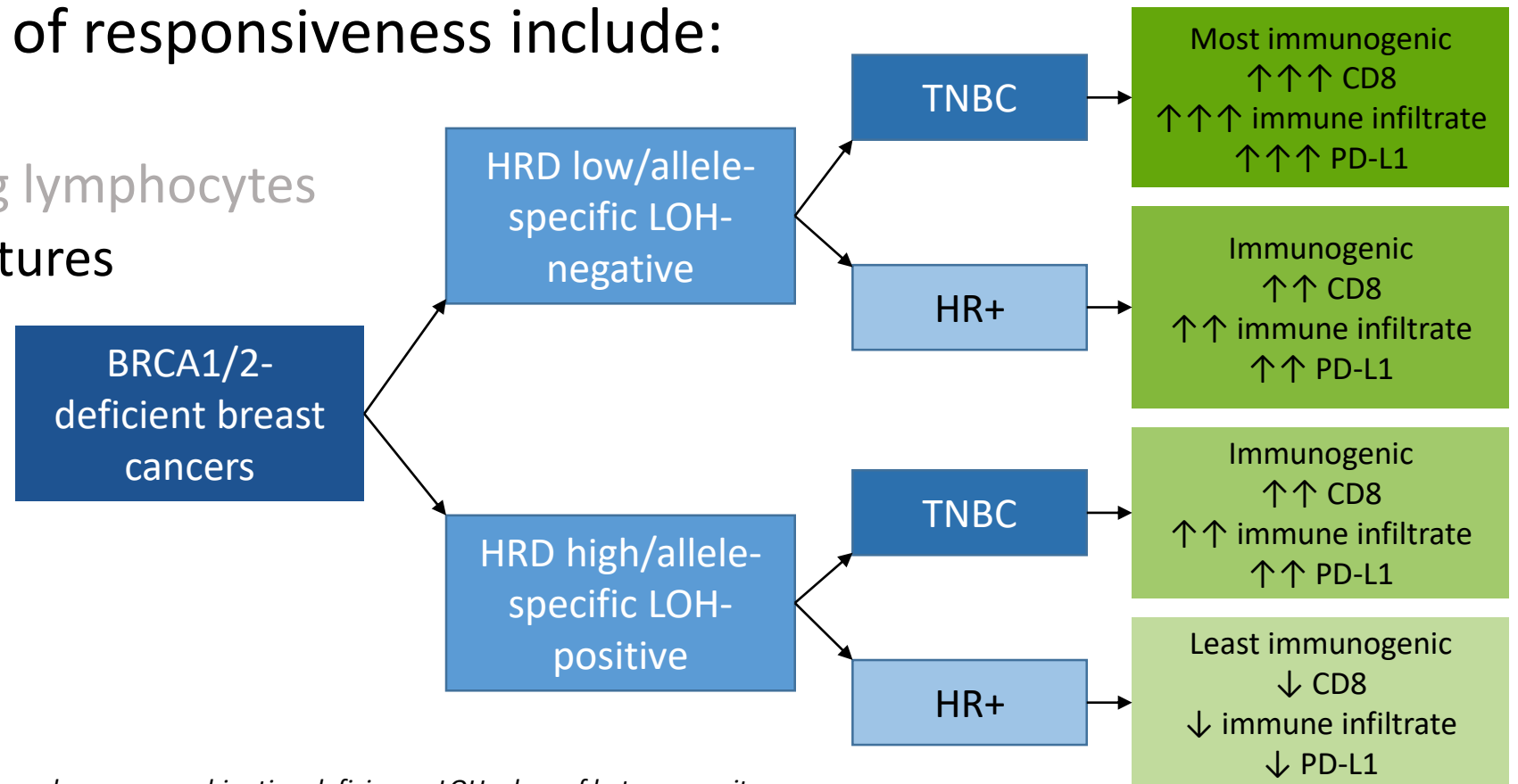


**Not an FDA-approved biomarker for treatment selection*

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Pembrolizumab is also approved for MSI-H/TMB-H tumors

**BRCA/HRD not FDA-approved biomarkers for immunotherapies*

HRD = homologous recombination deficiency; LOH = loss of heterozygosity

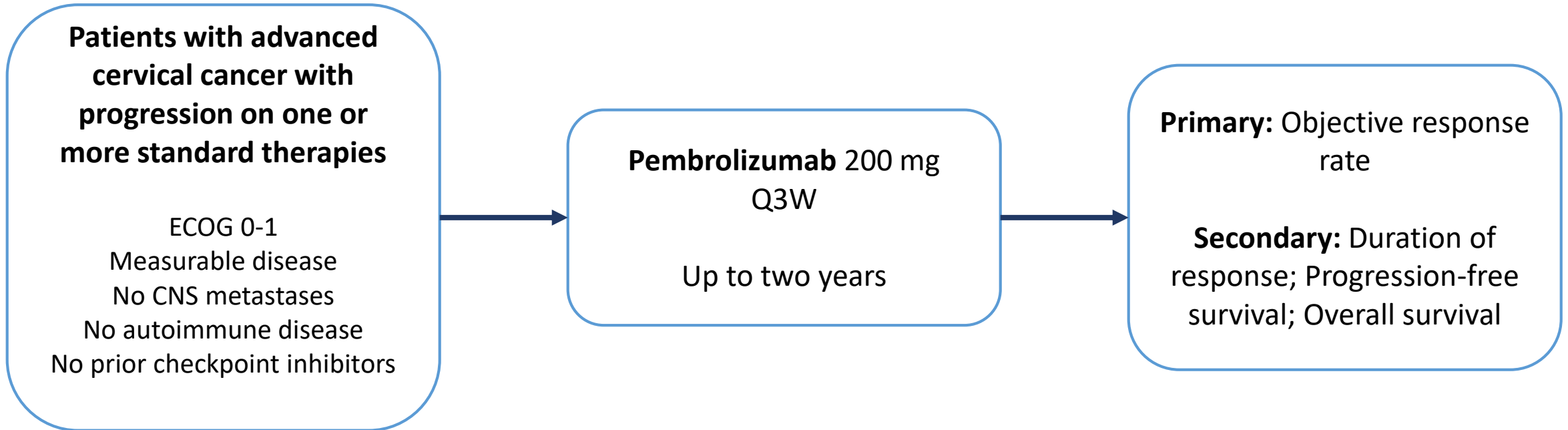
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HPV vaccination	2006 and many subsequent	Prevention of HPV infection	Depends on product
Pembrolizumab	2017	MSI-H/dMMR advanced cancer with progression on previous treatment (includes especially endometrial)	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Pembrolizumab	2018	Recurrent/metastatic cervical cancer with PD-L1 (CPS ≥ 1) and progression on previous therapy	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W
Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib	2019	Endometrial cancer – not MSI-H/dMMR, after progression on systemic therapy	Pembrolizumab 200 mg Q3W + lenvatinib 20 mg daily
Pembrolizumab	2020	TMB-high solid tumors with progression on prior treatment	200 mg Q3W or 400 mg Q6W

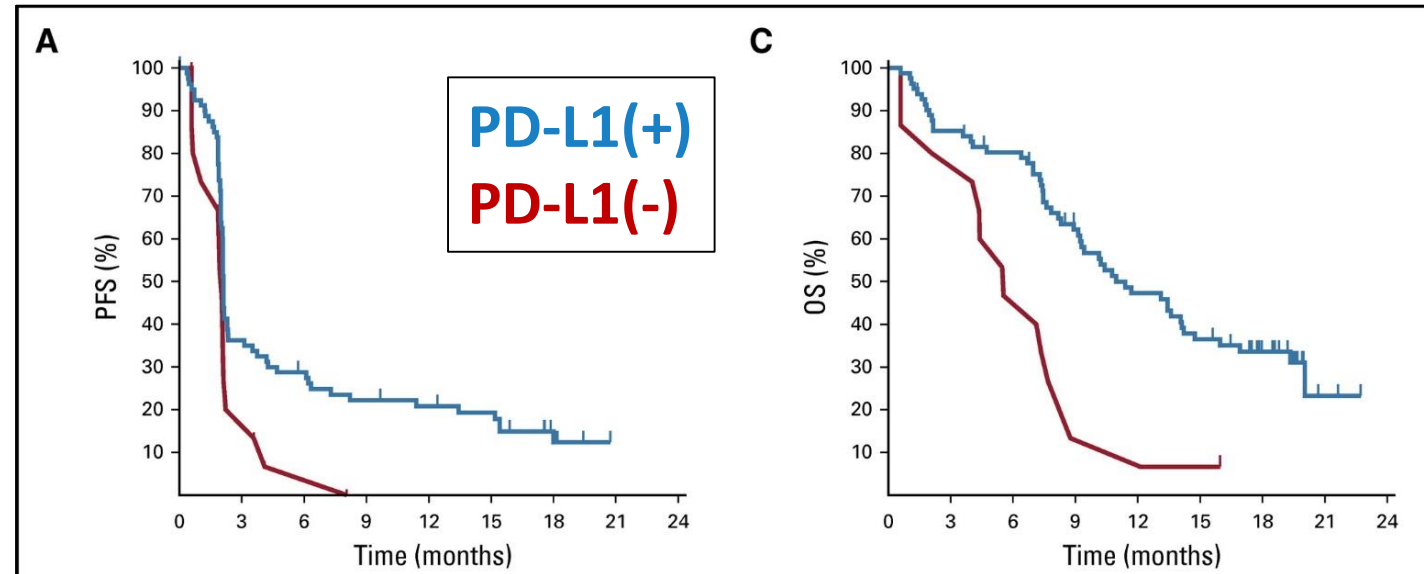
Clinical Data – KEYNOTE-158 Cervical Cancer



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Cervical cancer

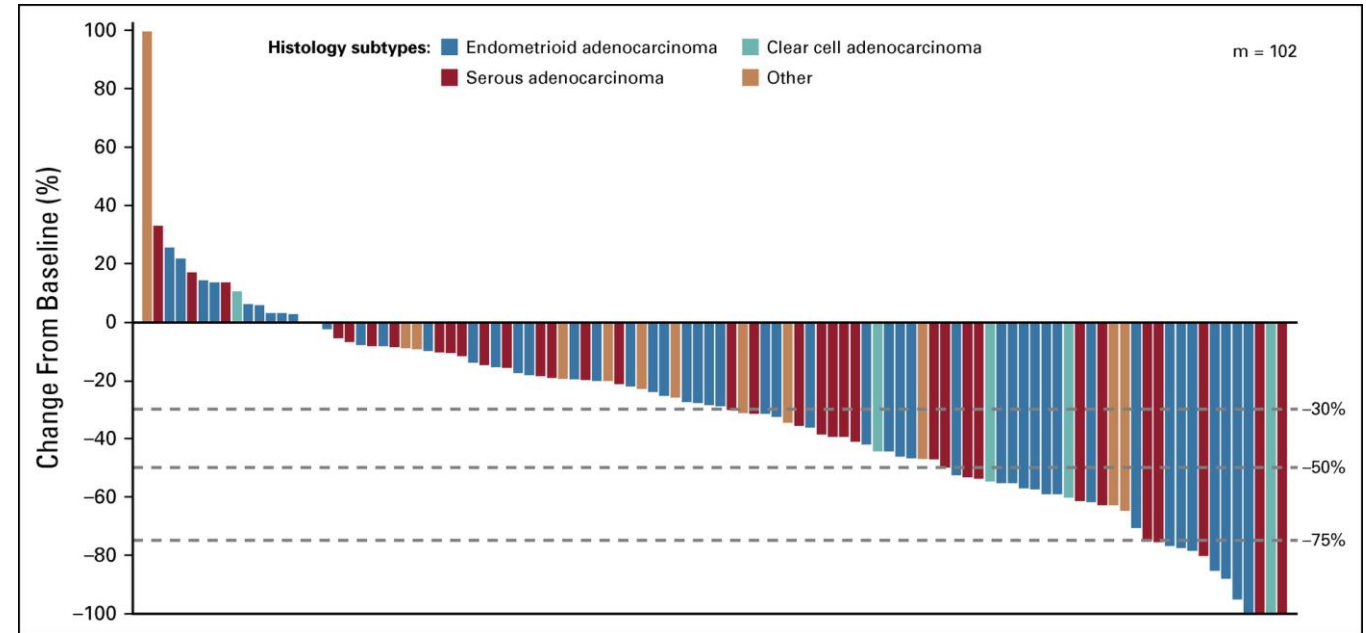
- Pembrolizumab monotherapy
- All responses were in PD-L1+ tumors
- Most patients had prior treatment
- Median duration of response was not reached at 10 months follow-up



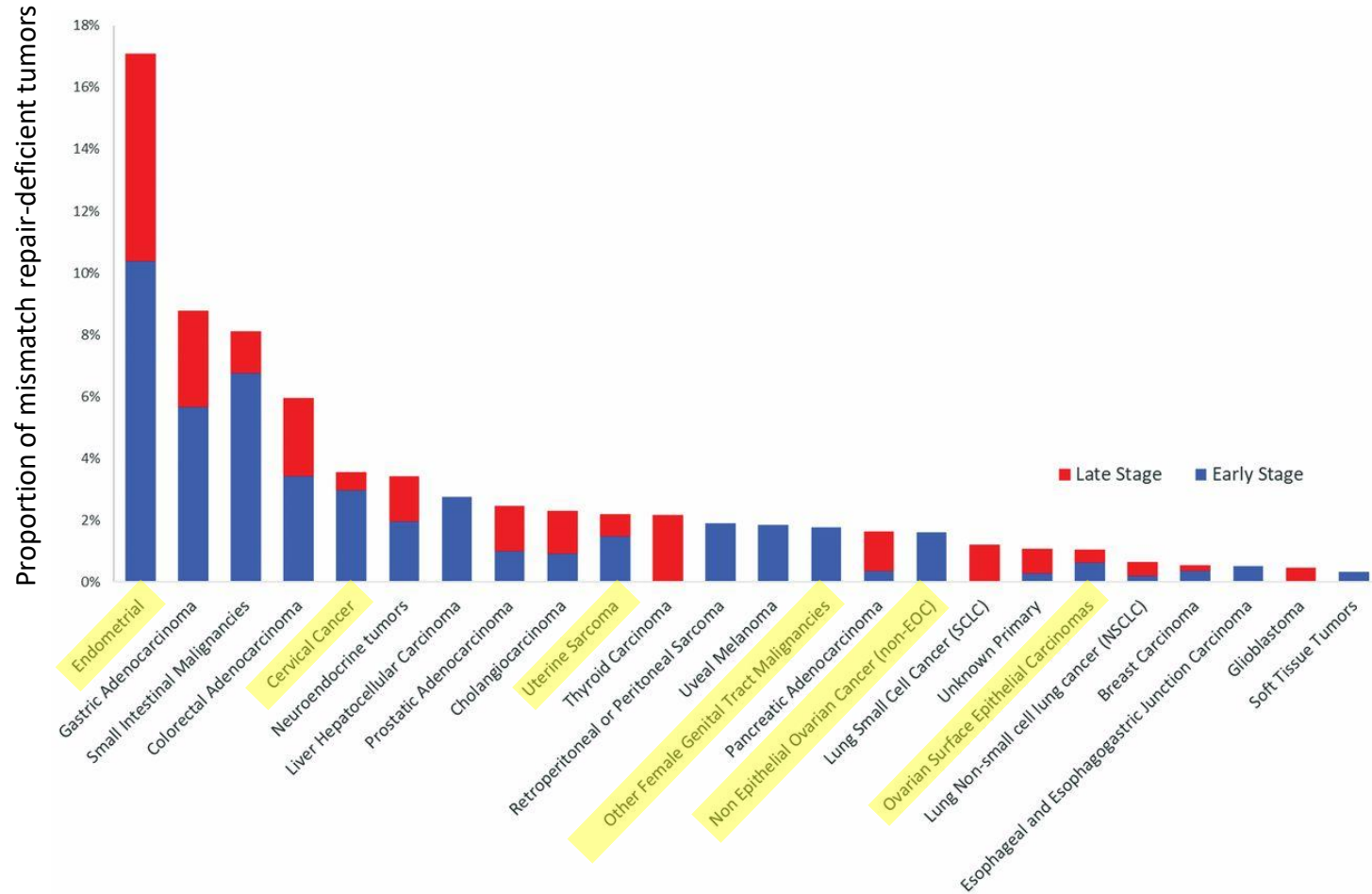
Clinical data – KEYNOTE-146

Endometrial cancer

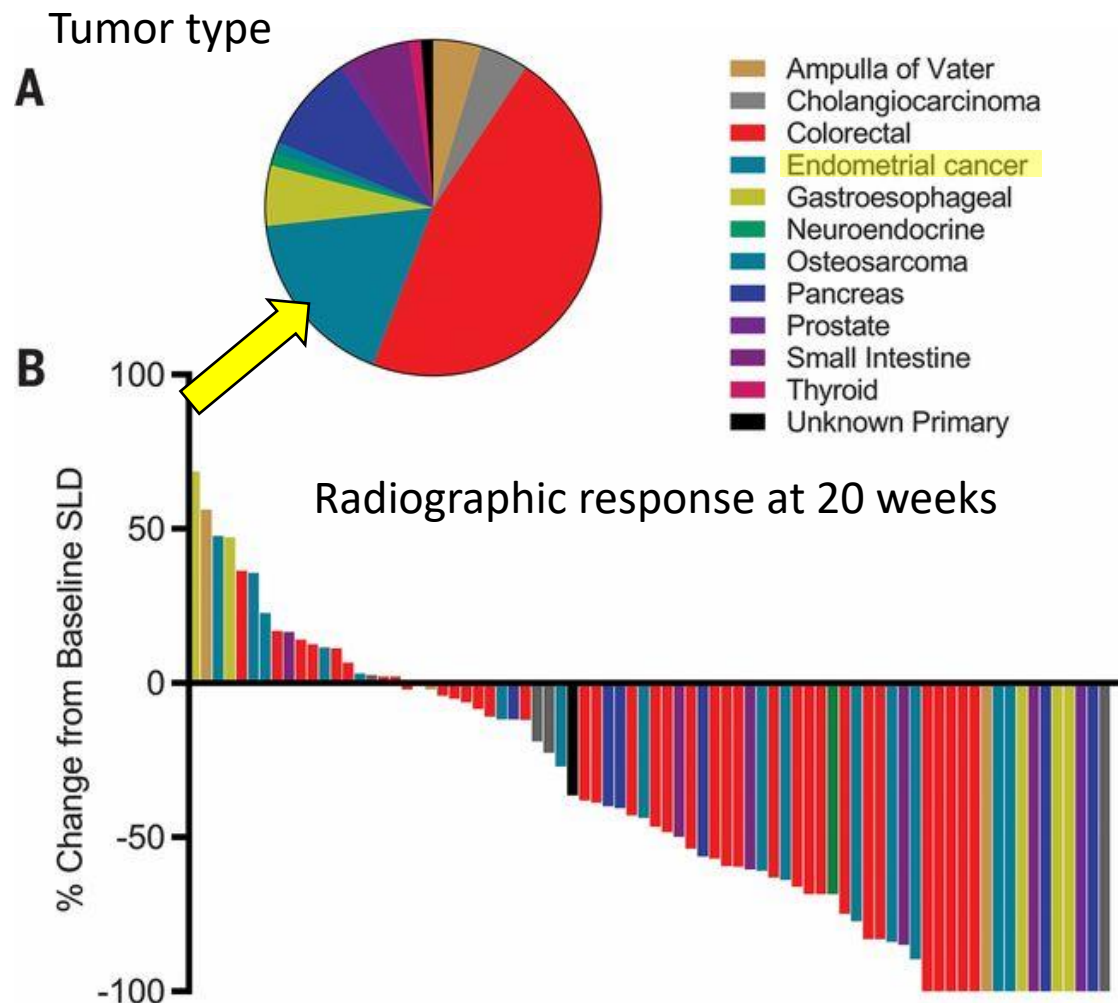
- Previously treated
- Pembrolizumab + lenvatinib
- No difference by PD-L1 status
- Higher response rate in MSI-high than MSS: 63.6% vs 37.2% ORR



Clinical data – pembrolizumab in MSI-high cancers



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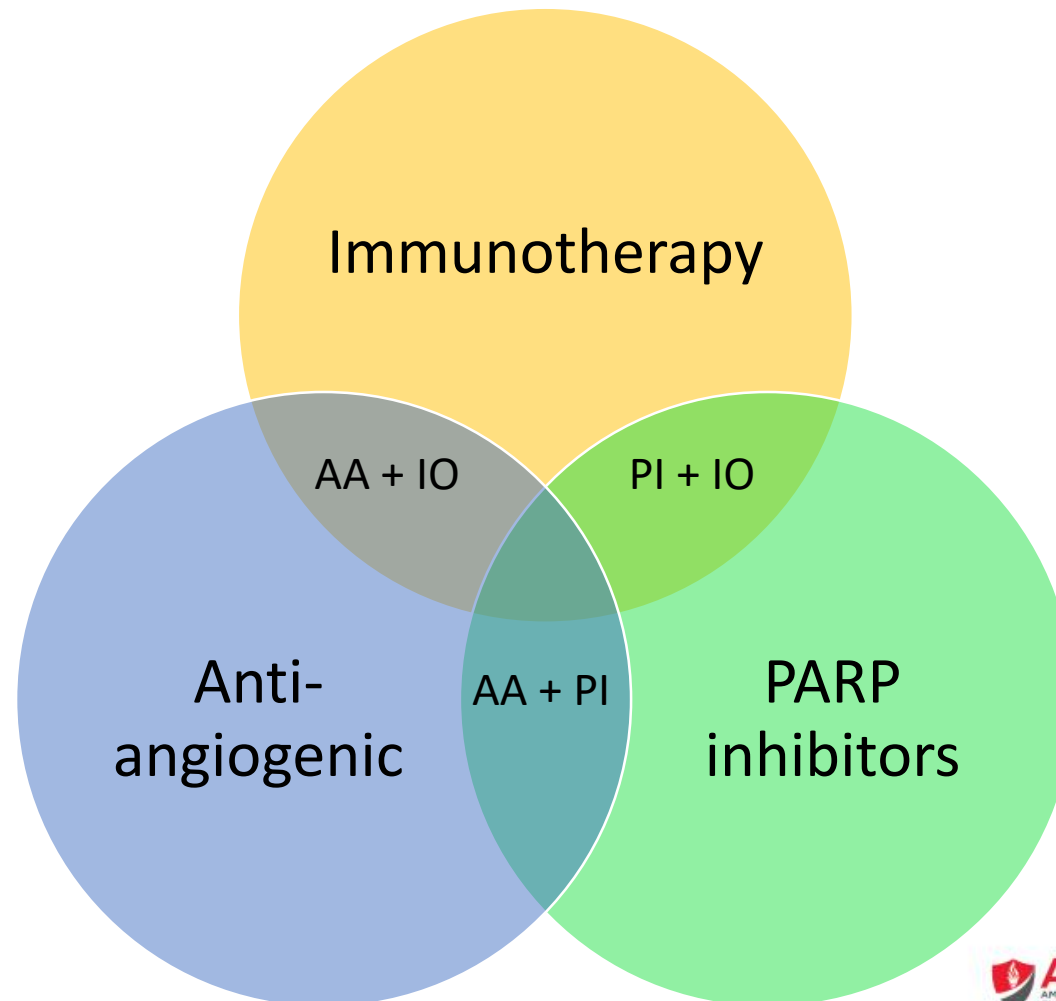


- NCT01876511
- 12 cancer types with dMMR
- ORR: 53%
- CR: 21%

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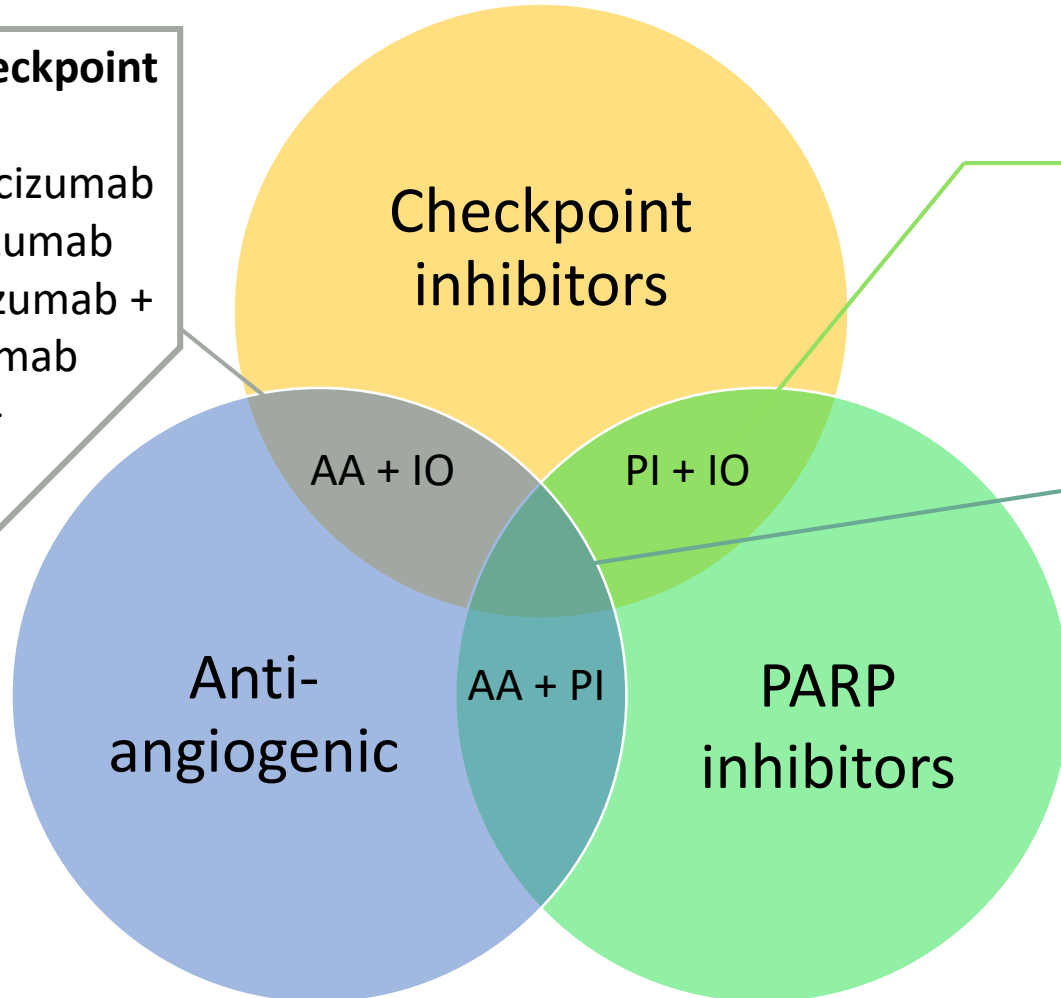


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In development: Therapeutic strategies in ovarian cancer

Anti-angiogenic + checkpoint inhibitor

- IMaGYN050: Bevacizumab + chemo + atezolizumab
- ATALANTE: Bevacizumab + chemo + atezolizumab
- NRG-GY009: PLD + atezolizumab + bevacizumab



PARP inhibitors + checkpoint inhibitors

- ATHENA: Rucaparib + nivolumab
- ANITA: Niraparib + atezolizumab

Anti-angiogenic + PARP inhibitor + checkpoint inhibitor

- FIRST: niraparib + anti-PD-1 ± bevacizumab
- ENGOT-ov46/DUO-O: bevacizumab + durvalumab + olaparib
- ENGOT-ov43: Pembrolizumab + olaparib ± bevacizumab

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In development: Therapeutic strategies in cervical cancer

HPV-targeted strategies

Checkpoint inhibitors
+
Radiotherapy

Checkpoint inhibitors
+
Targeted therapy

Two checkpoint
inhibitors

In development: Therapeutic strategies in cervical cancer

- HPV-specific TIL therapy
- HPV peptide vaccination ± checkpoint inhibitors

HPV-targeted strategies

Checkpoint inhibitors
+
Radiotherapy

- NiCOL: nivolumab + chemoradiation
- NCT02635360: pembrolizumab + chemoradiation
- ATEZOLACC: atezolizumab + chemoradiation

- NCT03816553: anti-PD-1 + apatinib
- NCT02921269: atezolizumab + bevacizumab

Checkpoint inhibitors
+
Targeted therapy

Two checkpoint inhibitors

- NCT03894215 and NCT03495882: anti-PD-1 + anti-CTLA-4

Conclusions

- Immunotherapy in breast and gynecologic cancers is expanding rapidly
- Immunotherapy in breast cancer shows promise in certain subtypes
- Single-agent immunotherapy in ovarian cancer has low response rates, so combinations currently under investigation
- Cervical cancer and HPV-associated cancers present unique treatment options

Case Studies

Case Study 1

- Patient MK is a 35 yo woman with stage IVB squamous cell carcinoma of the cervix
- She has recent disease progression on cisplatin/paclitaxel/bevacizumab. She desires further anti-cancer treatment.
- ECOG 0
- Histology: HPV+, PDL-1 >1%
- What is the best next treatment?

Case Study 1

A) Pembrolizumab

* 2nd option given chance of durable response, 12% response rate, 11 month overall survival

B) Topotecan

* 3rd option, 12% response rate, no realistic chance of durable response, 6.6 month overall survival

C) Clinical trial with dual checkpoint inhibitor

* 1st option if feasible given excellent performance status, encouraging early phase trial results and relatively low response rates for single agent checkpoint1 inhibition (~12%)

Case Study 2

- Patient RD is a 65 yo woman with recurrent, metastatic grade 3 endometrioid endometrial cancer with recent progression on carboplatin/paclitaxel. She desires further anti-cancer treatment.
- ECOG 0
- What additional information do you want to determine potential use of immunotherapy?
 - MSI status

What are FDA approved immunotherapy options?

MSI high

- Pembrolizumab
 - 57% RR

MSS

- Pembrolizumab + Lenvatinib
 - 63% RR