

Immunotherapy for the Treatment of Melanoma

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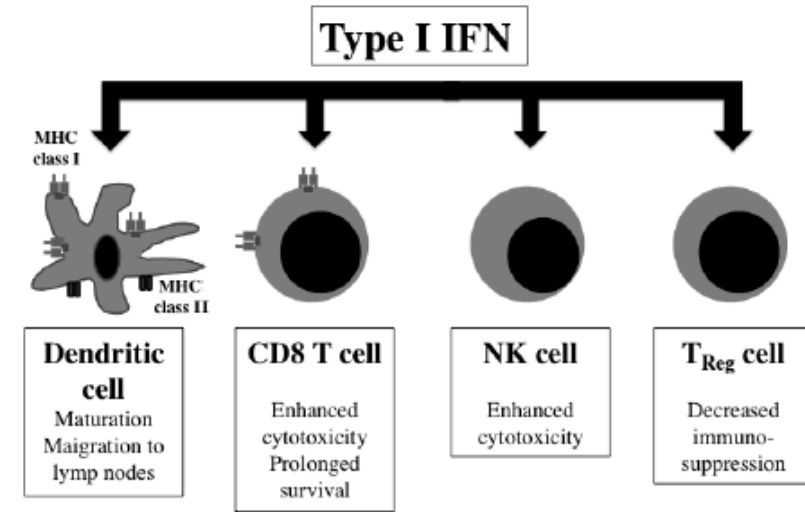
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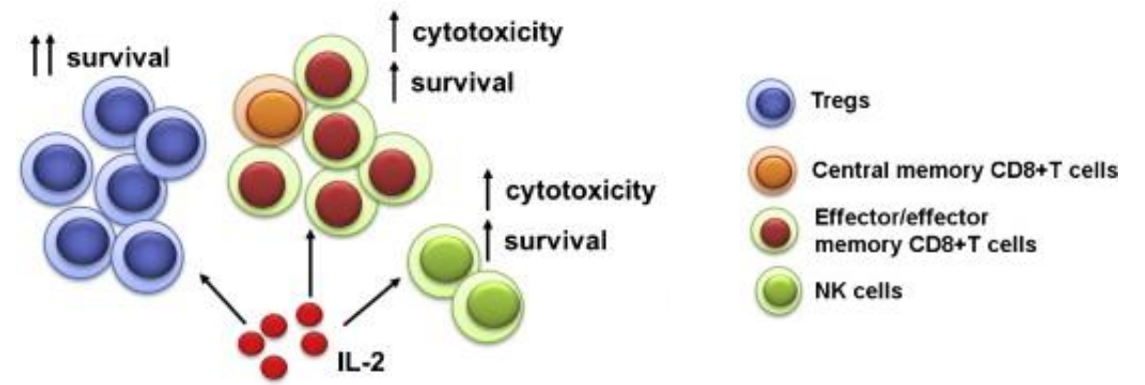
I will be discussing non-FDA approved indications during my presentation.

FDA-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

- Cytokines
 - Interferon- α 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

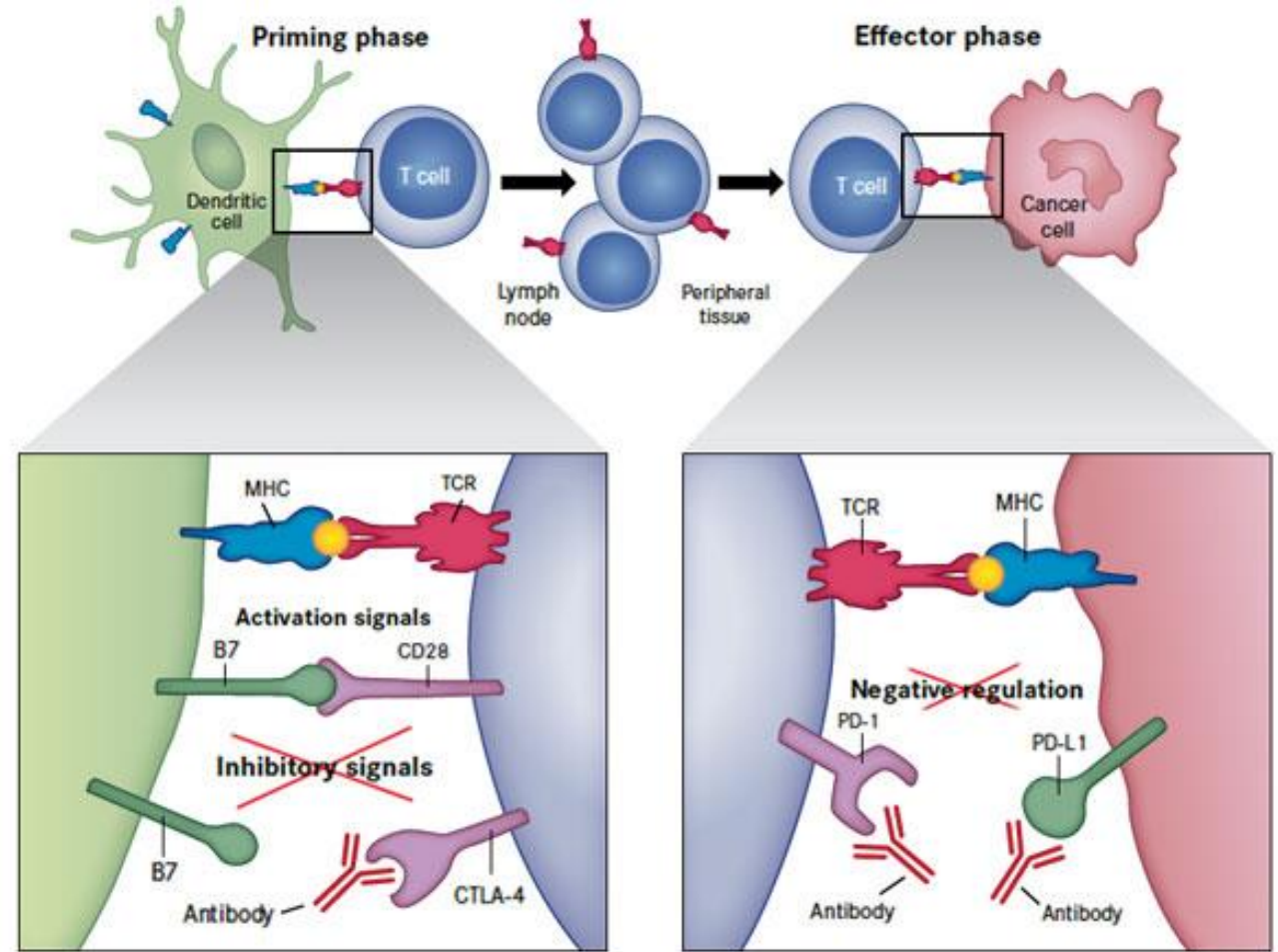


Sim, Radvanyi Cytogfr 2014

FDA-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

- 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 IV

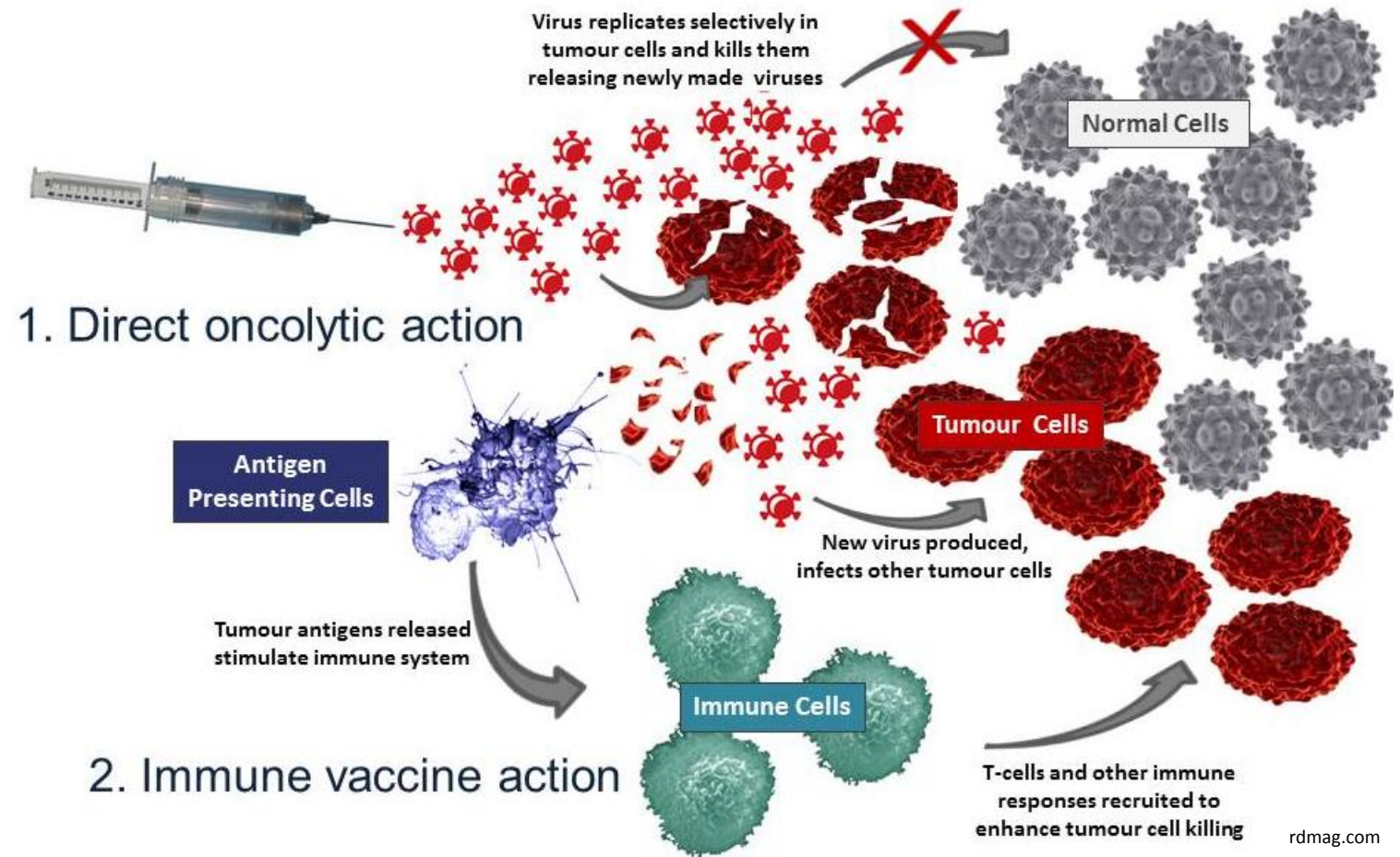


Ribas NEJM 2012
Gordon et al Nature 2017

FDA-approved Immunotherapies in Melanoma

- Oncolytic Viruses

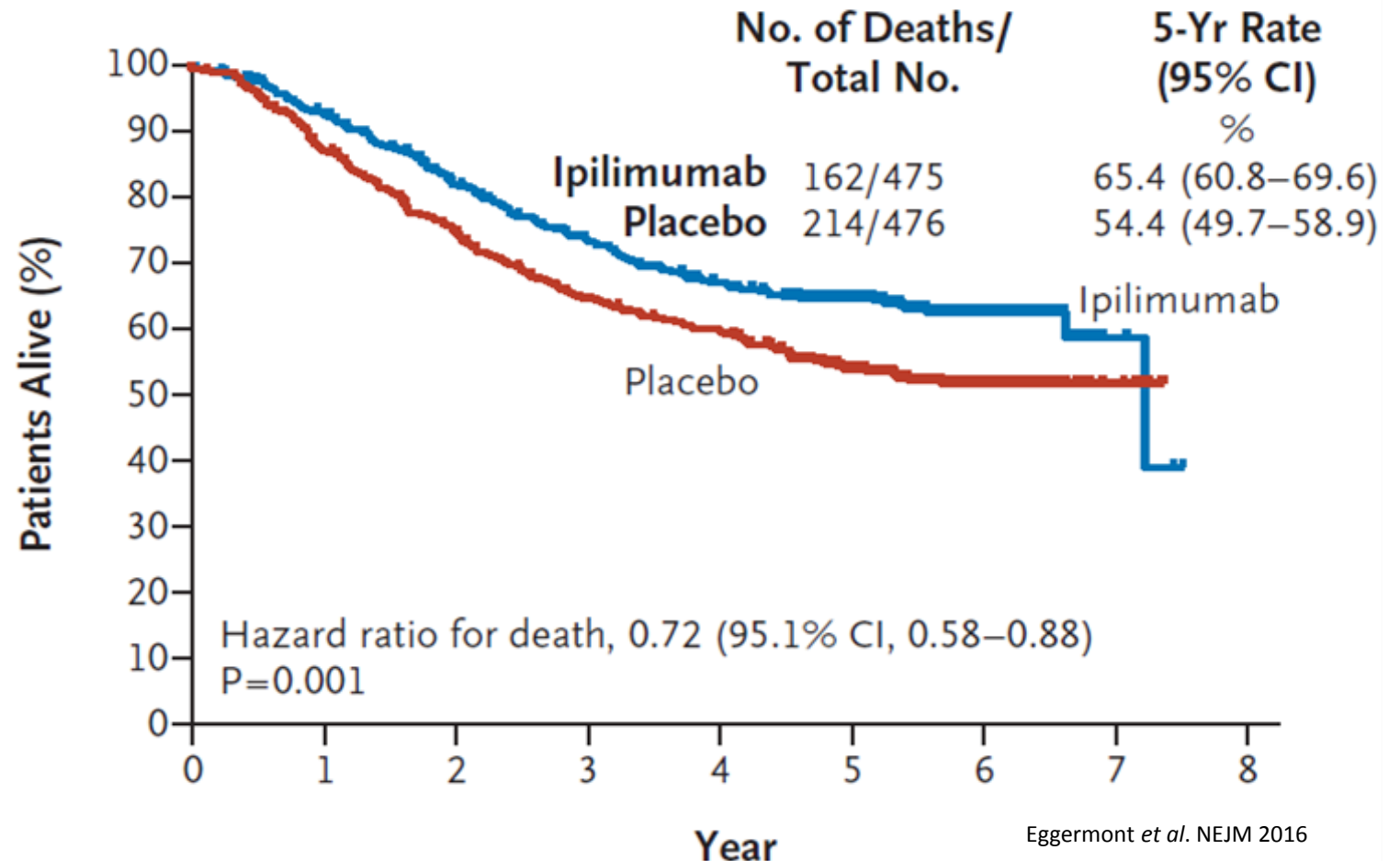
- Talimogene Laharparepvec; TVEC - non resectable, intratumoral



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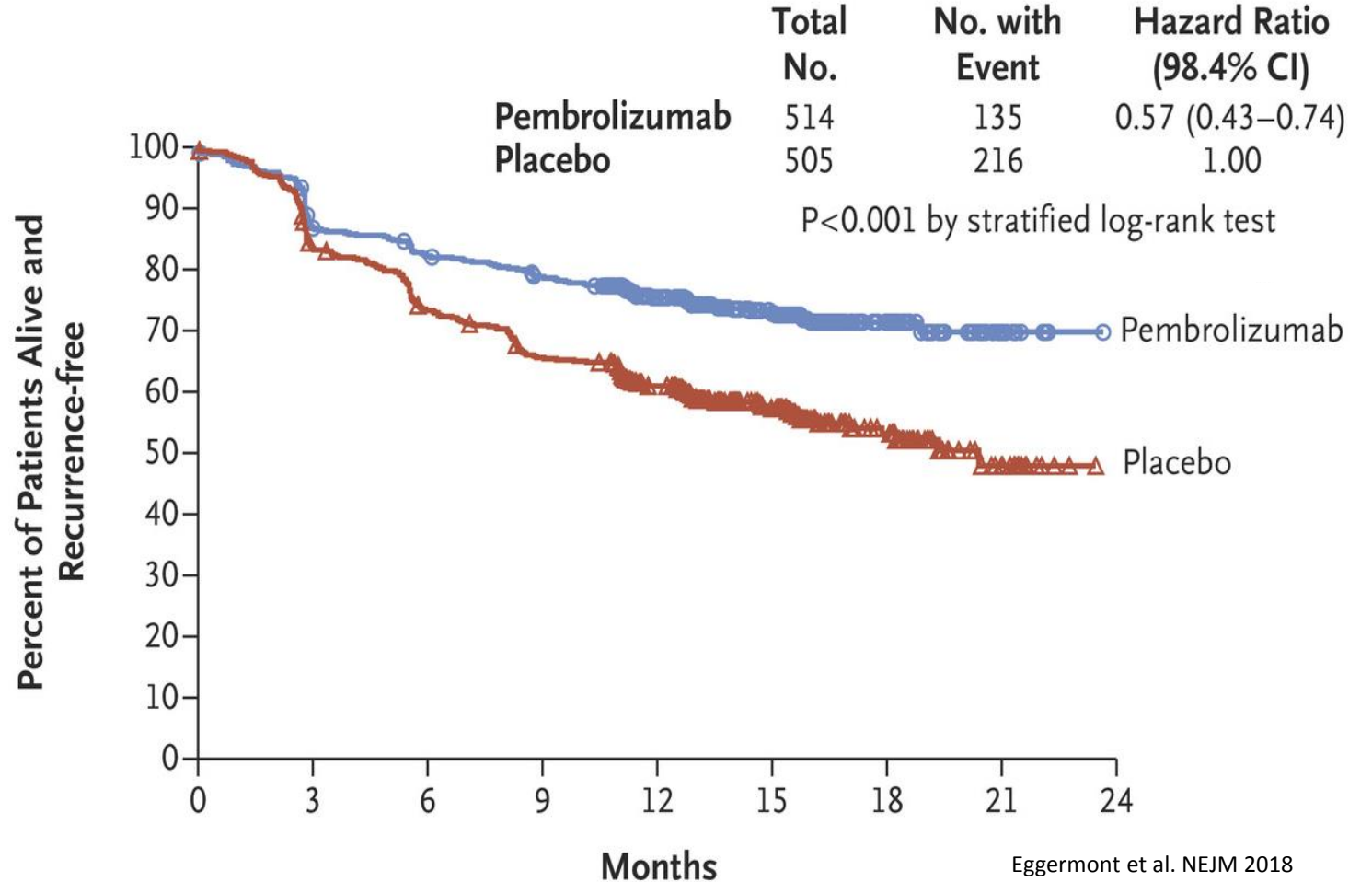
Adjuvant Ipilimumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

- 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 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)

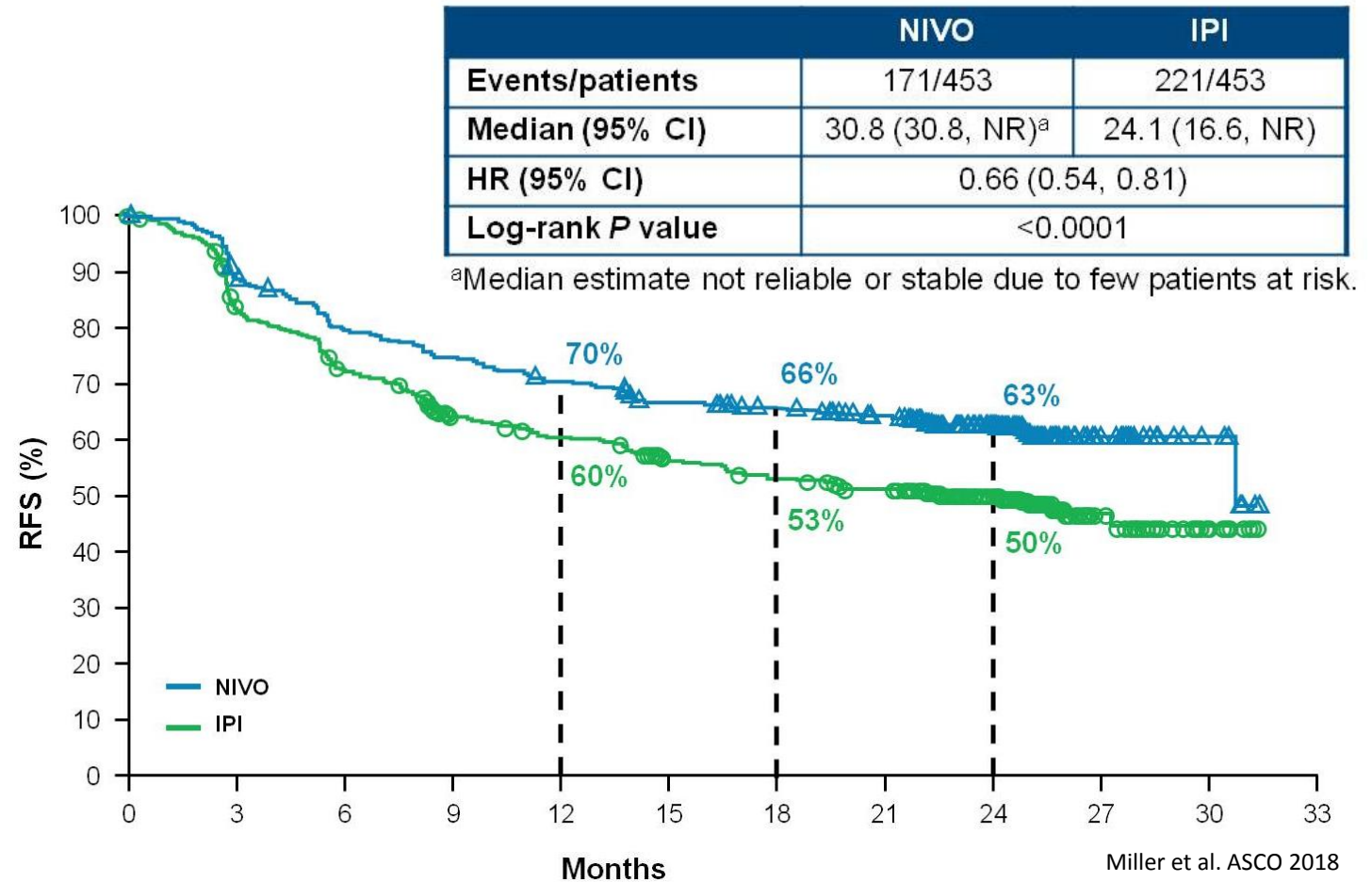


Eggermont et al. NEJM 2018

Adjuvant Nivolumab vs Ipilimumab in High-Risk Stage III Melanoma

- CheckMate 238 phase III trial

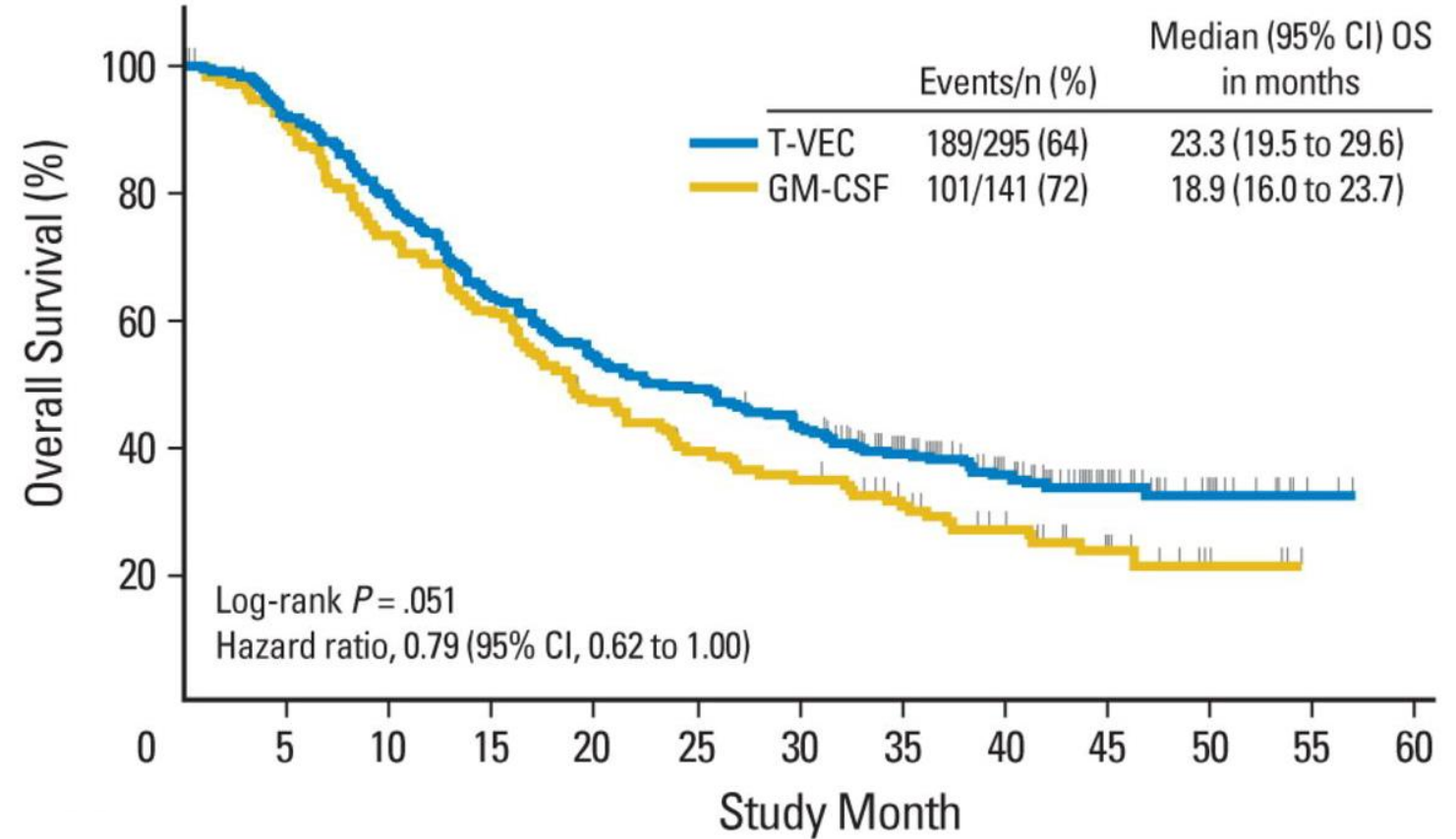
- NCT02388906
- Ipilimumab 10mg/kg Q3W for four doses, then every 3 months for up to 1 year
- Nivolumab 3mg/kg Q2W for four doses, then every 3 months for up to 1 year



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

- **Phase III OPTiM Trial**

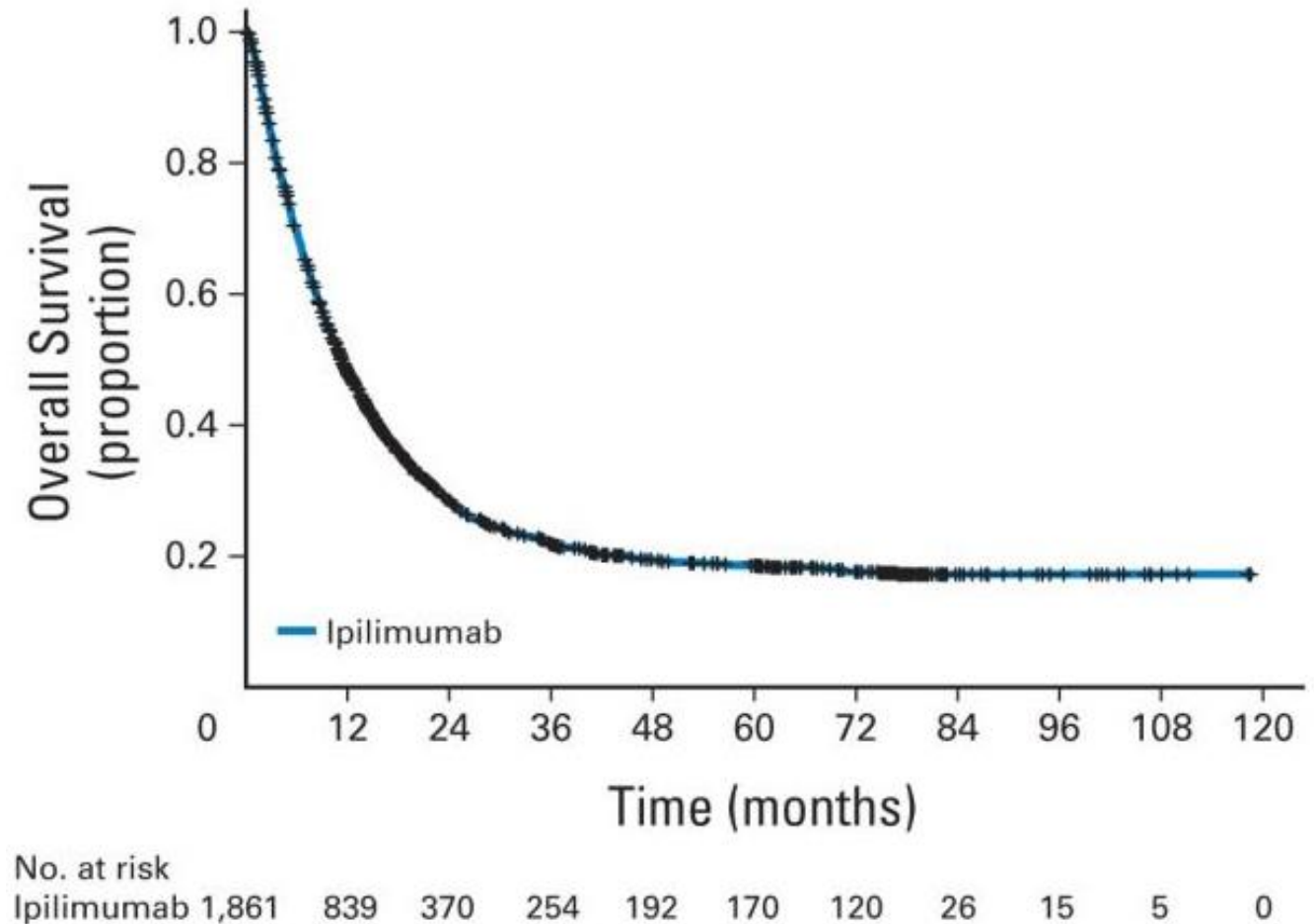
- Oncolytic, genetically-engineered herpes virus
- **Intralesional T-VEC**
 10^6 pfu/mL, 10^8 pfu/mL 3 weeks after initial dose, then Q2W
- Subcutaneous GM-CSF



Andtbacka, Kaufman et al. JCO 2015

Ipilimumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

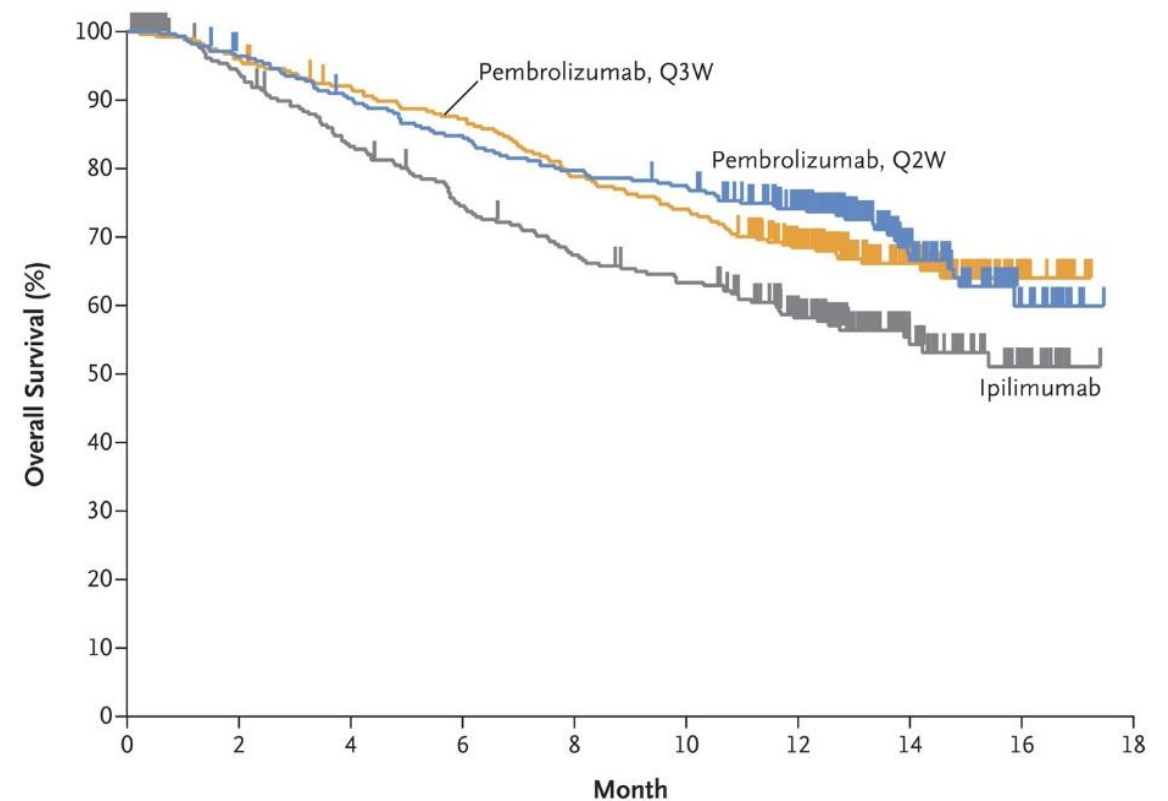
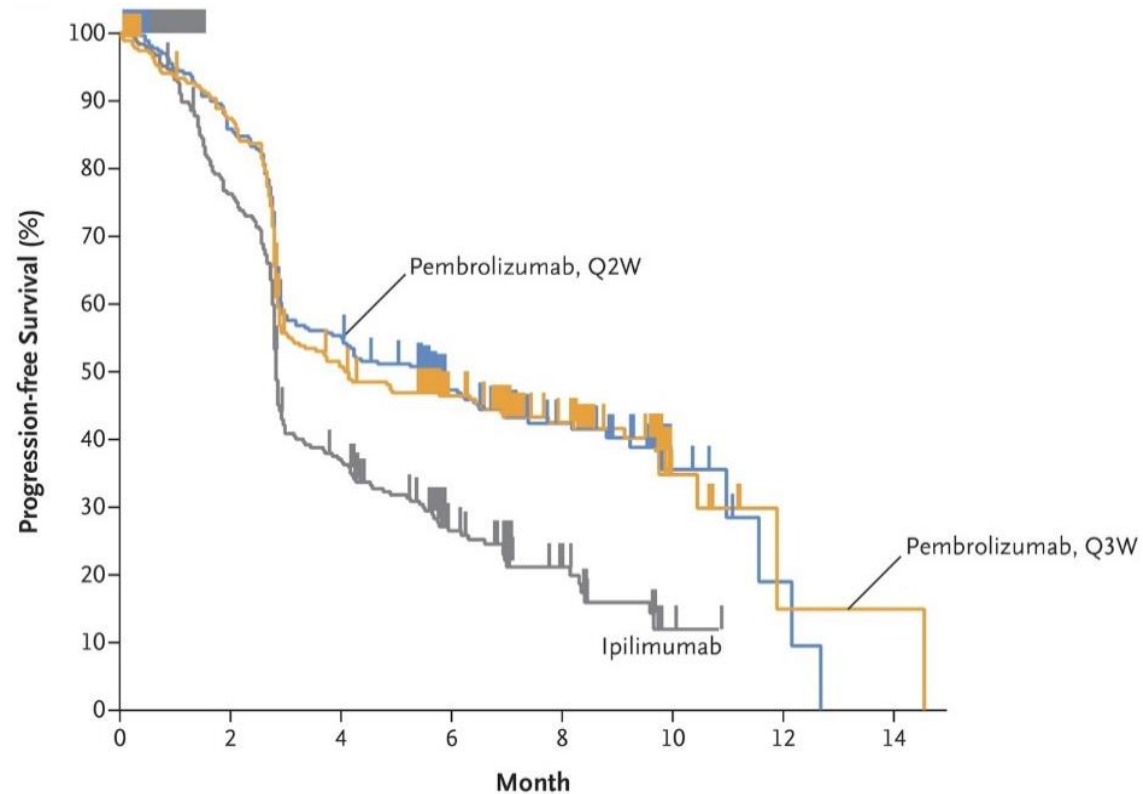
- Pooled OS data from 10 phase II/III trials
 - Previously treated (n = 1,257) or treatment-naïve (n = 604)
 - Ipilimumab 3 mg/kg (n = 965) or 10 mg/kg (n = 706)



Schadendorf et al. JCO 2015

Pembrolizumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

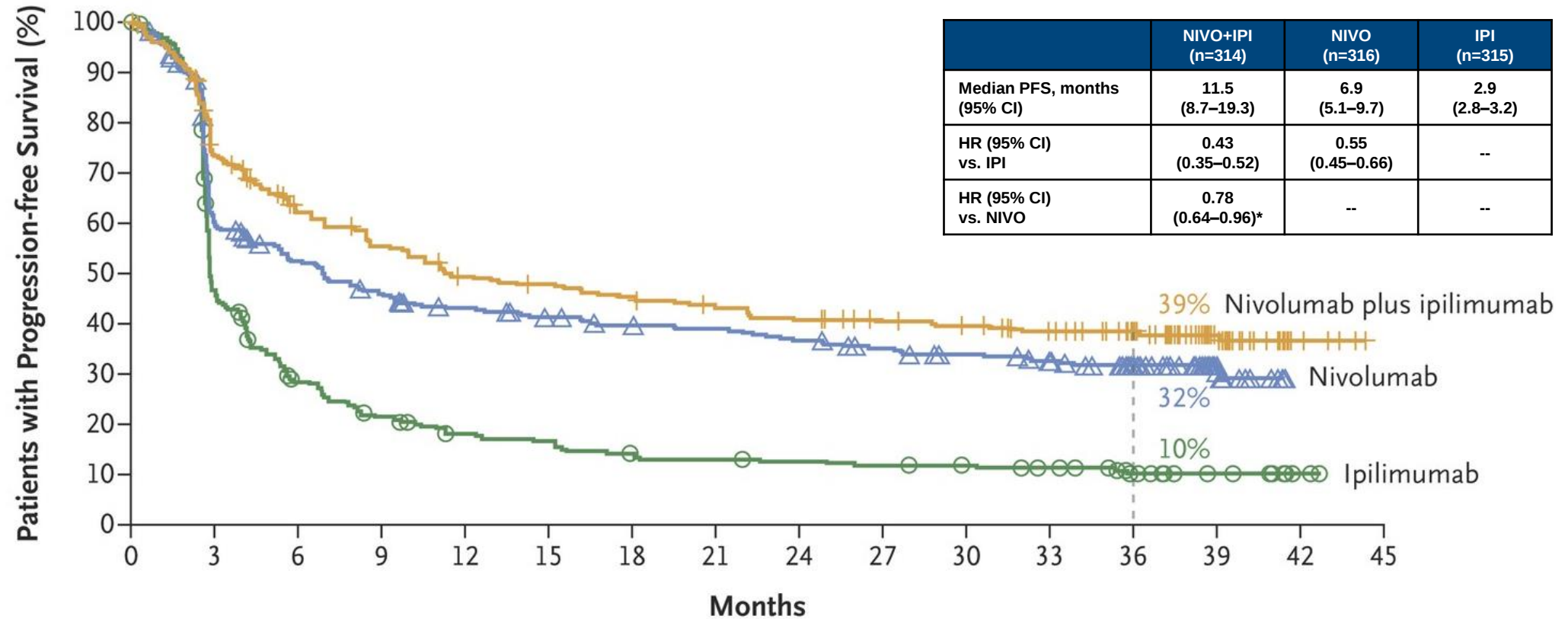
Phase III KEYNOTE-006 Trial



Robert et al. NEJM 2015

Combination Ipilimumab + Nivolumab in Stage III/IV Melanoma

Phase III CheckMate 067 Trial



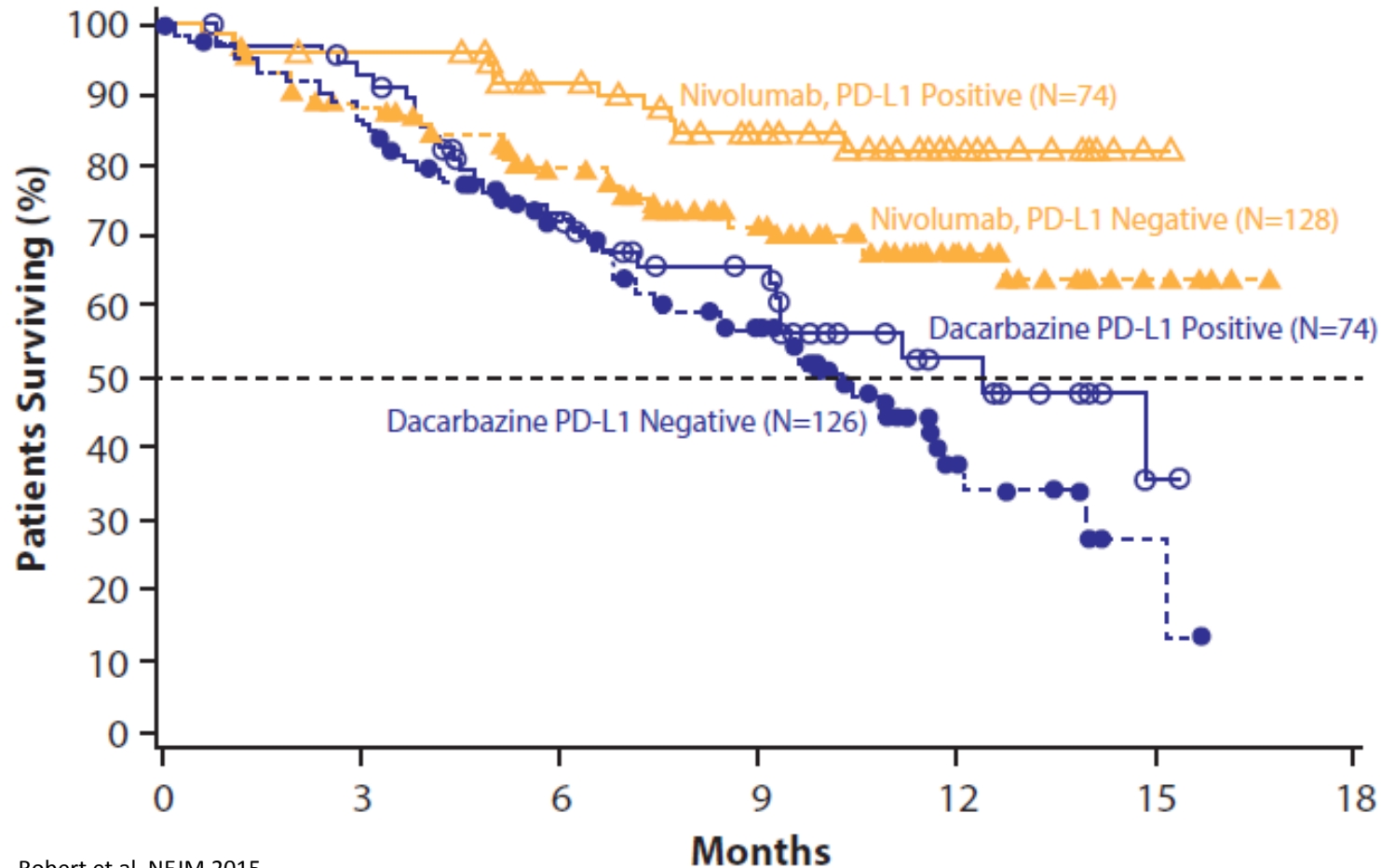
Wolchok et al. NEJM 2017

Combination Ipilimumab + Nivolumab for Patients with Asymptomatic Brain Metastases

	Global	Intracranial	Extracranial
Best overall response, n (%)			
Complete response	4 (5)	16 (21)	5 (7)
Partial response	36 (48)	25 (33)	32 (43)
Stable disease	4 (5)	4 (5)	2 (3)
Progressive disease ^a	18 (24)	18 (24)	16 (21)
Not evaluable ^b	13 (17)	12 (16)	20 (27)
Objective response rate, % (95% CI)	53 (41-65)	55 (43-66)	49 (38-61)
Clinical benefit rate, % (95% CI)^c	59 (47-70)	60 (48-71)	52 (40-64)

Tawbi et al. ASCO 2017

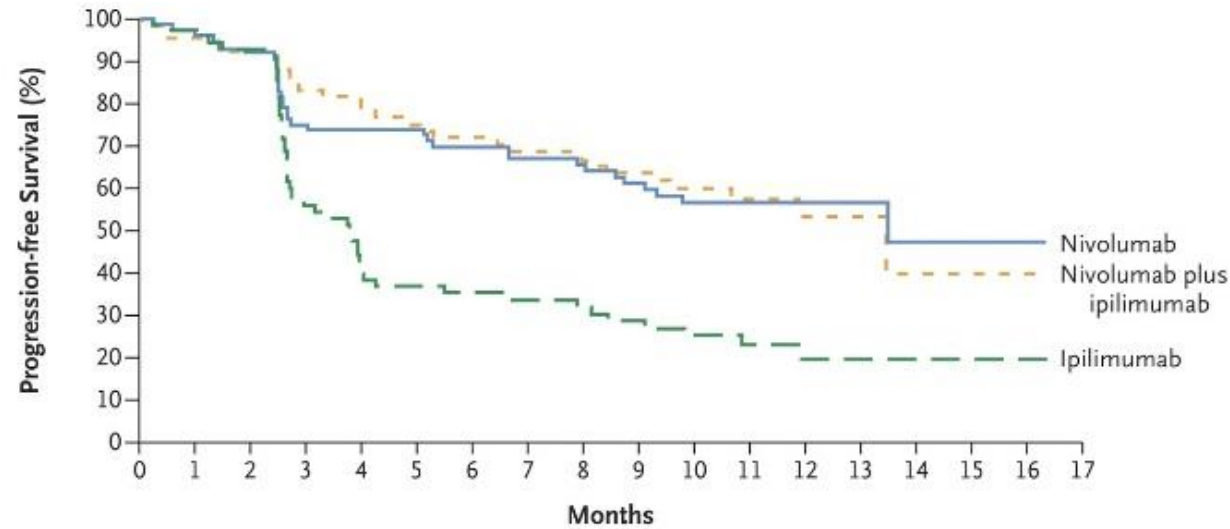
Importance of Tumor PD-L1 Status with Anti-PD-1 Monotherapy



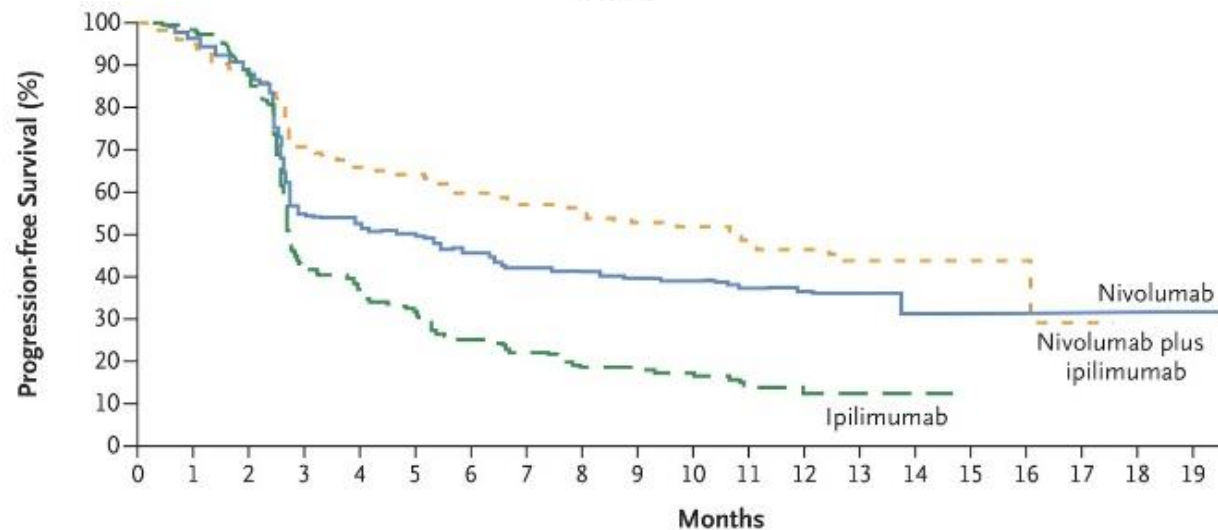
	Patients Who Died n/N	Median Survival mo (95% CI)
Nivolumab PD-L1 Positive	11/74	N.R.
Nivolumab PD-L1 Negative	37/128	N.R.
Dacarbazine PD-L1 Positive	29/74	12.4 (9.2–N.R.)
Dacarbazine PD-L1 Negative	64/126	10.2 (7.6–11.8)

Robert et al. NEJM 2015

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



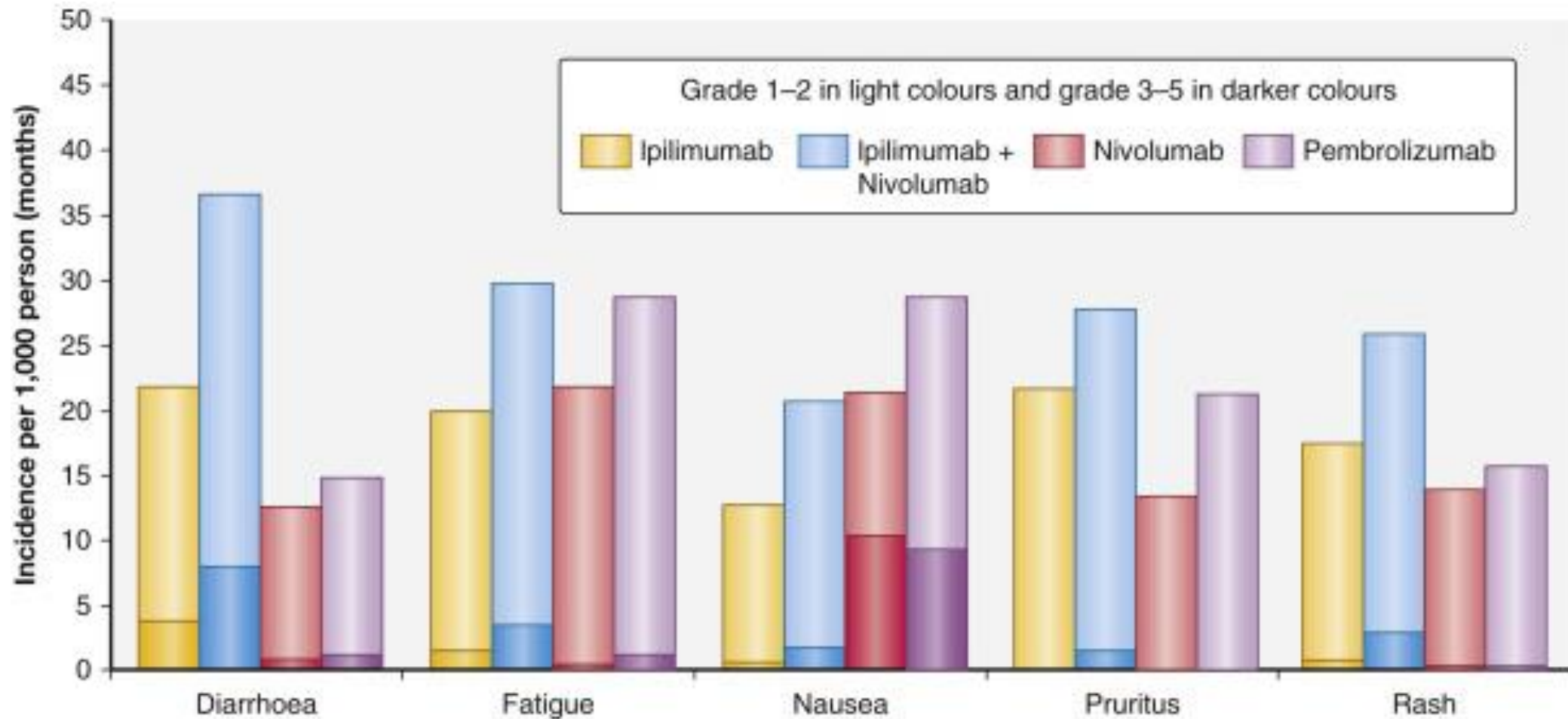
Tumor PD-L1 Positive Patients



Tumor PD-L1 Negative Patients

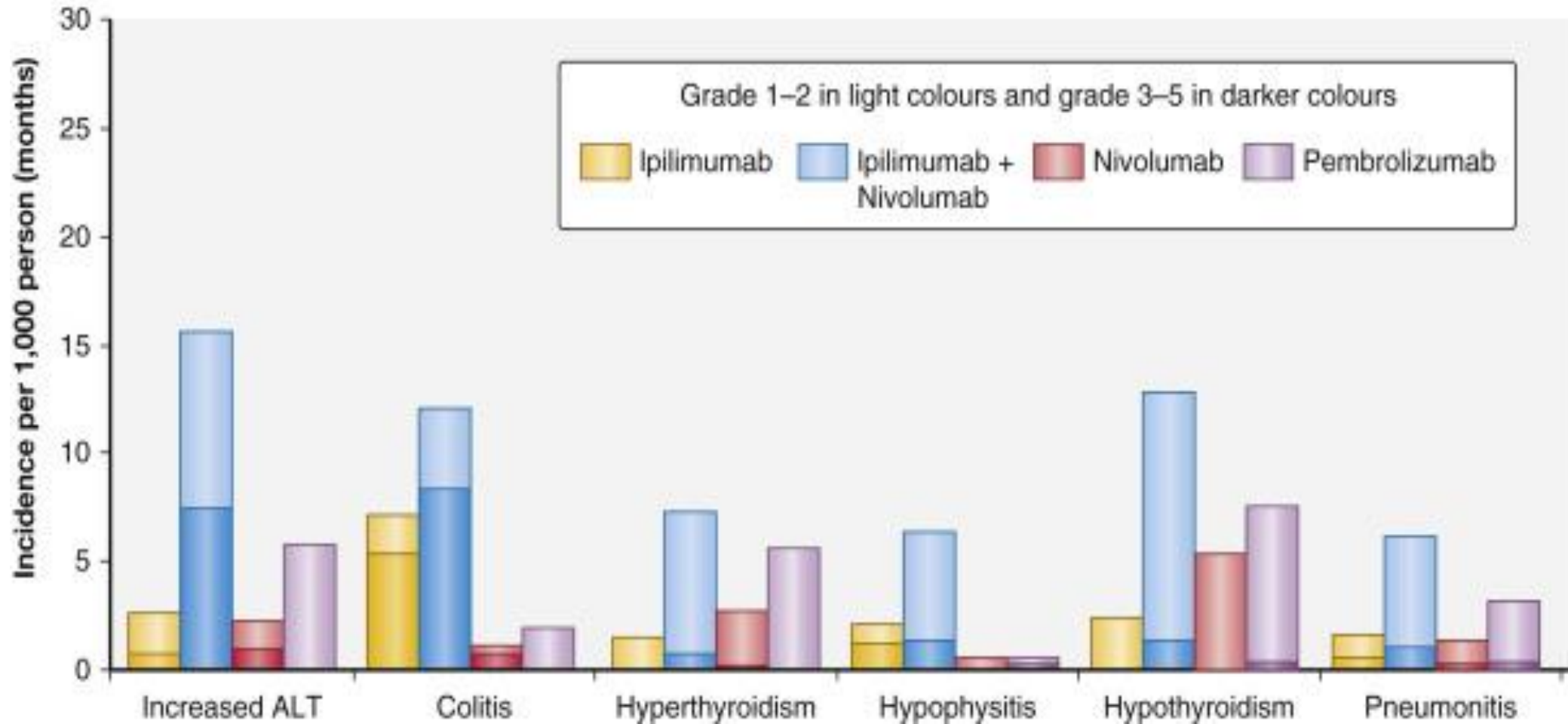
Larkin et al. NEJM 2015

Adverse Events with Immunotherapies



Emens et al. Eur J Cancer 2017

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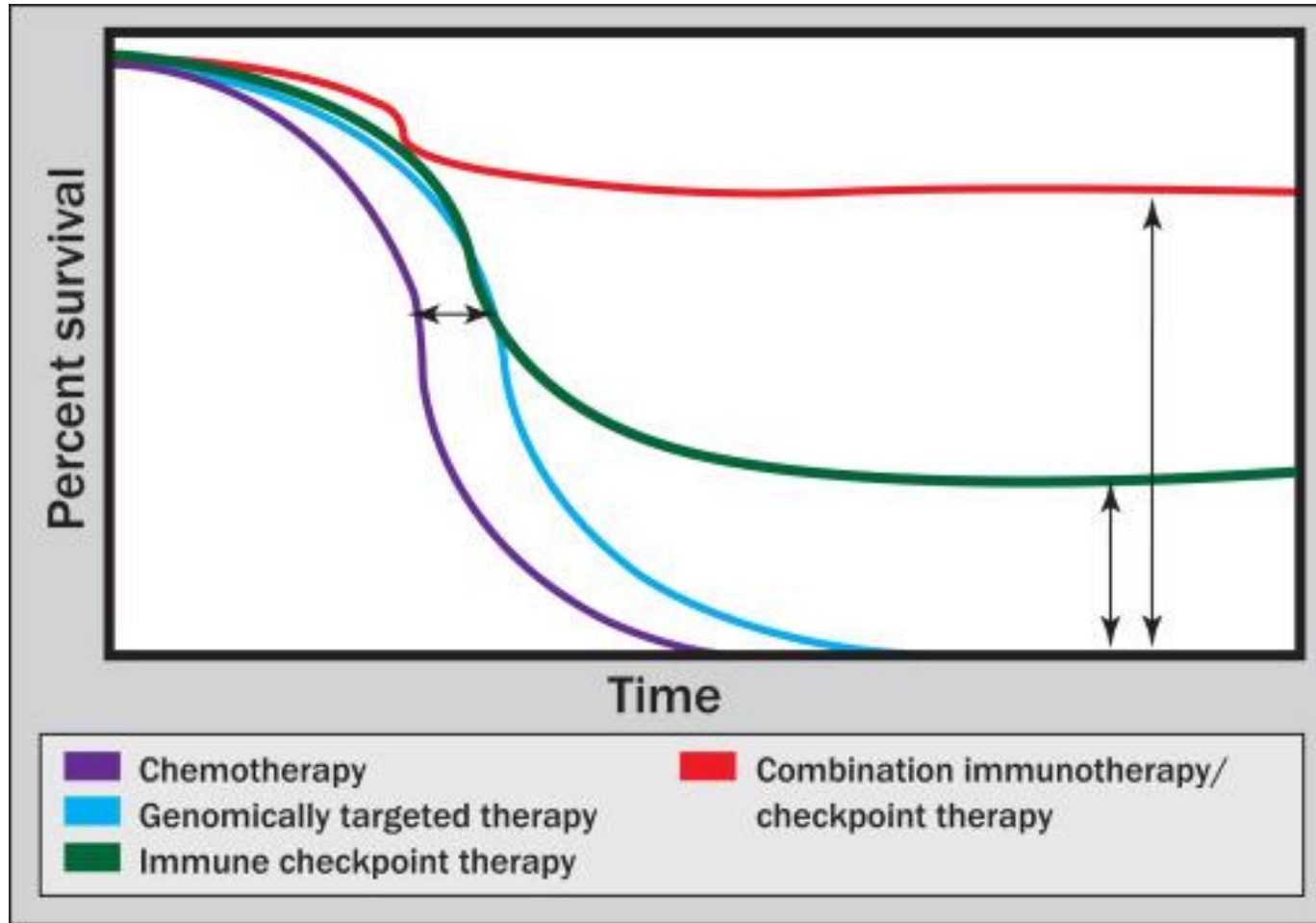
Emens et al. Eur J Cancer 2017

Treatment of Immune-Related AEs

Grade of immune-related AE (CTCAE/equivalent)	Corticosteroid management	Additional notes
1	Corticosteroids not usually indicated	Continue immunotherapy
2	- If indicated, start oral prednisone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day if patient can take oral medication. - If IV required, start methylprednisolone 0.5-1 mg/kg/day IV - If no improvement in 2–3 days, increase corticosteroid dose to 2 mg/kg/day - Once improved to ≤grade 1 AE, start 4–6 week steroid taper	- Hold immunotherapy during corticosteroid use - Continue immunotherapy once resolved to ≤grade 1 and off corticosteroids - Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis
3	- Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) - If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant - Once improved to ≤ grade 1, start 4–6-week steroid taper - Provide supportive treatment as needed	- Hold immunotherapy; if symptoms do not improve in 4–6 weeks, discontinue immunotherapy - Consider intravenous corticosteroids - Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis - Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (>30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)
4	- Start prednisone 1-2 mg/kg/day (or equivalent dose of methylprednisolone) - If no improvement in 2–3 days, add additional/alternative immune suppressant, e.g., infliximab - Provide supportive care as needed	- Discontinue immunotherapy - Continue intravenous corticosteroids - Start proton pump inhibitor for GI prophylaxis - Add PCP prophylaxis if more than 3 weeks of immunosuppression expected (>30 mg prednisone or equivalent/day)

Puzanov et al. JITC 2017

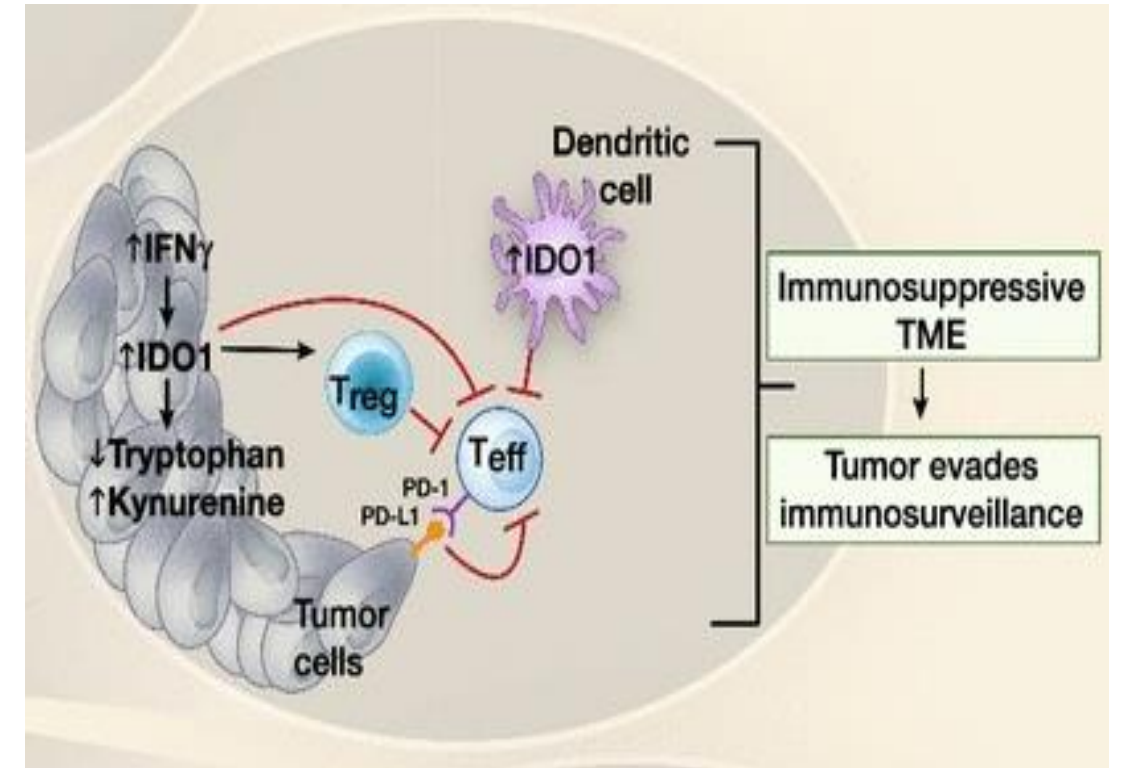
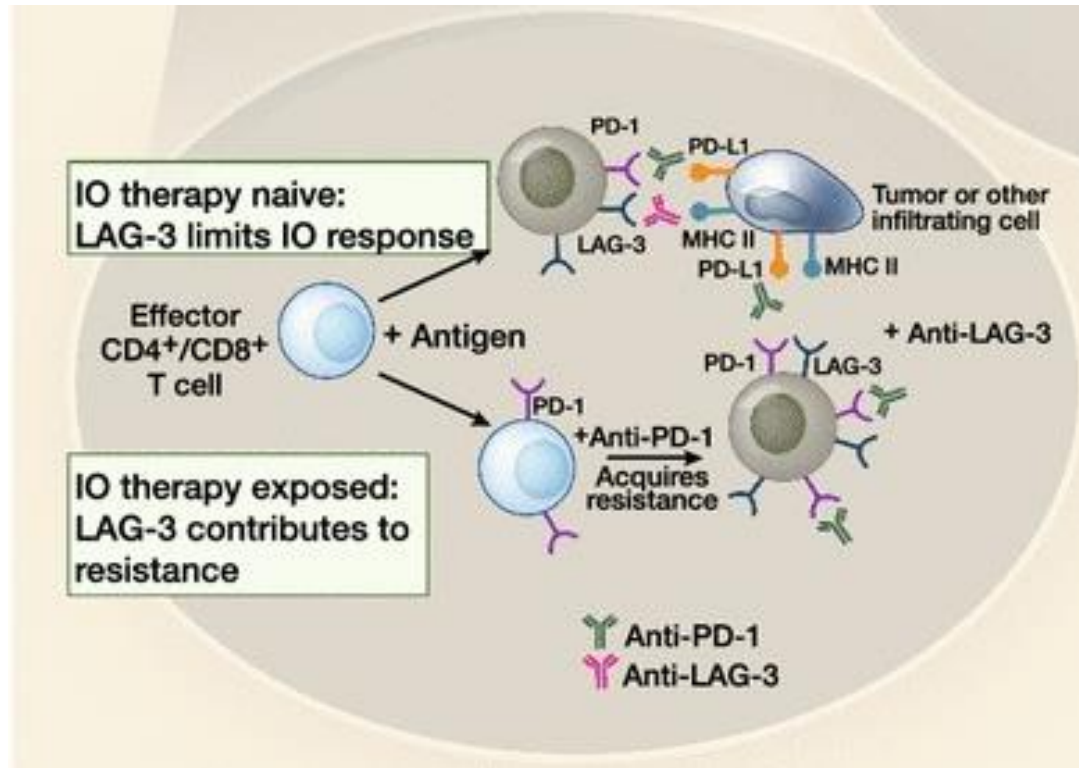
Developmental Immunotherapeutic Strategies for Melanoma



Atkins, Semi. Oncology 2015

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Targeting New Immune Checkpoints



Ascierto, McArthur J Transl Med 2017

Pilot Study: Radiotherapy (RT) + Intratumoral Immunocytokine (IT-IC) + Ipilimumab + Nivolumab for Advanced Melanoma

A UWCCC Clinical Trial (IND being prepared) with collaboration from Apeiron, NMS and NCI

- **Goals:**
 - First in human Phase-1 testing of IT-IC with an IC that can bind to tumor and mediate ADCC
 - First in human IT-IC of such an IC immunologically timed after local RT
 - First in human testing of this in combination with anti-CTLA4 and/or anti-PD1
 - Toxicity/Tolerance/Anti-tumor effects
 - Serial biopsies of the same lesions, to look for the changes seen in murine tumors

Protocol Chairs: Mark Albertini, M.D.

Radiation Oncology Co-Chair: Zachary Morris, M.D., Ph.D

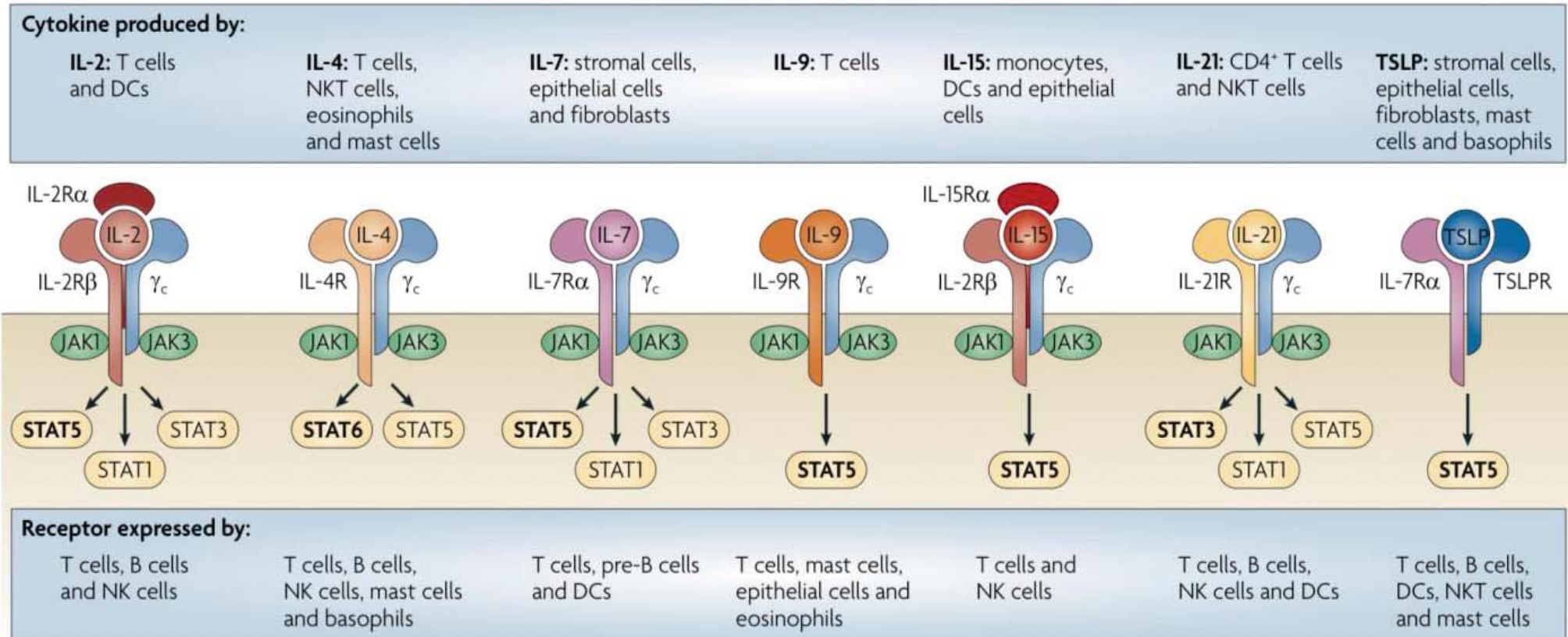
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NCI Grant (R35 CA197078-01) PI: Paul M. Sondel, M.D., Ph.D.

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Cytokine-based Strategies



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

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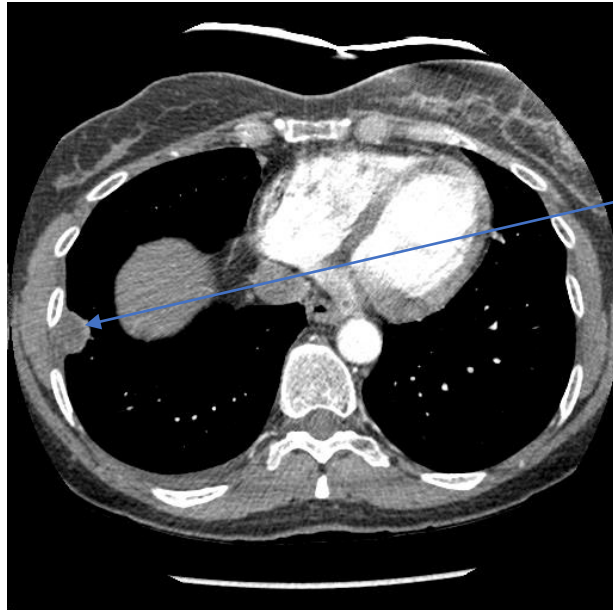


An update on the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer consensus statement on tumor immunotherapy for the treatment of cutaneous melanoma: version 2.0

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Case Study 1

- 50 year old woman who presented with a changing pigmented lesion of the left temple in 2013. Biopsy showed a 0.91 mm melanoma without ulceration and < 1 mitosis/mm². SLN was negative. The initial pathological stage was pT1apN0M0 (Stage 1A).
- She developed RUQ pain in May 2017. She reported to the ER and CT showed:



There were multiple pulmonary, lymph node and soft tissue nodules. Biopsy confirmed melanoma and a BRAF V600E mutation was present. There was no PD-L1 expression detected.

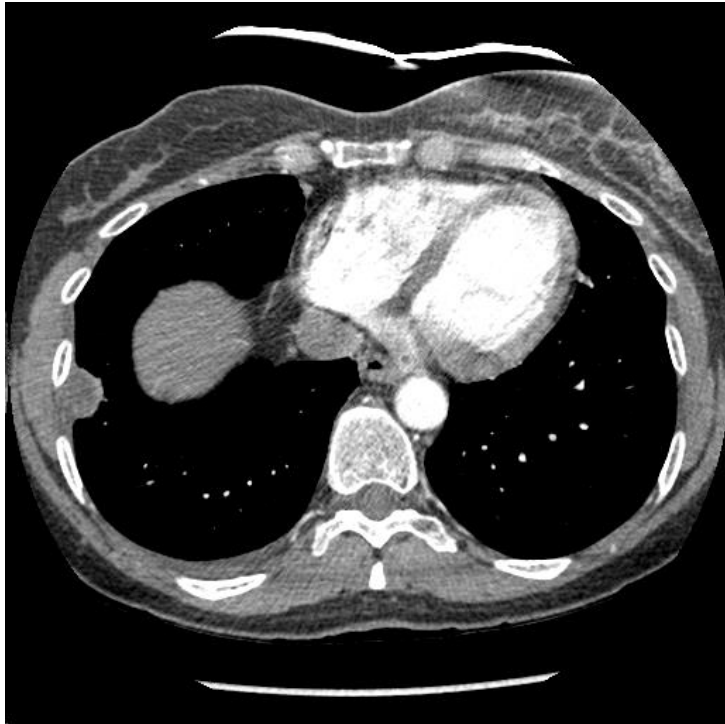
What are her treatment options?

Case Study 1 continued:

- The patient volunteered for the E6134 study (DREAMseq:Doublet, Randomized Evaluation in Advanced Melanoma Sequencing). A Phase III Study BRAF and MEK inhibition or ipilimumab/nivolumab. She was randomized to ipi/nivo
- Ipilimumab + Nivolumab was administered x 3 cycles only
- Immune-mediated adverse events included:
 - Grade 3 diarrhea
 - Grade 3 transaminitis (ALT max ~300)
 - Grade 3 hypothyroidism (TSH ~80)
- High-dose (2 mg/kg) oral steroids with a slow taper and levothyroxine (ongoing) have addressed the irAEs.

Case Study 1 continued:

- Restaging imaging showed:



Complete response of all target lesions, now 20+ months after diagnosis.

Case Study 1 continued:

- How would management of this patient change if her ongoing medical problems including rheumatoid arthritis requiring immunosuppressive medications?
- What treatment would you consider if she has a recurrence?

Case study 2

- 25 year old man who presented with a changing pigmented lesion on the mid-back in May 2014. Biopsy revealed a 10mm ulcerated melanoma. SLN mapping showed drainage to both axillae and 4 LNs (2 from each side) were negative (pT4bpN0M0 stage IIC).
- He did well until December 2017 when he developed fatigue, SQ nodules and right abdominal pain.
 - Initial Evaluation?

Case study 2 continued:

- CT showed multiple pulmonary, subcutaneous and intra-abdominal nodules including a large mesenteric mass. The hemoglobin was 6 g/dL.
- Transfusion relieved the fatigue, but he had rapid onset of jejunal intussusception. Surgical resection ameliorated the SBO and confirmed a BRAF V600E+ metastatic melanoma.
 - Any other evaluation?
 - What treatments would you discuss with this patient?

Case 2 continued:

- The patient volunteered for the E6134 trial.
- Brain MRI is required for initial staging on this trial and showed a 2.6 cm right frontal lesion. He was treated by gamma knife radiosurgery and started on dabrafenib + trametinib in February 2018.
- There was a mixed response of pulmonary and intra-abdominal nodules (stable by RECIST), and 3 new small brain metastases. The brain lesions were treated with another gamma knife radiosurgery.
 - Would you continue BRAF targeted therapy or switch to immunotherapy?

Case study 2 continued:

- He was switched to ipilimumab + nivolumab on 8/28/2018.
- He was admitted to PPMC on 8/30/2018 with new onset seizure. Brain MRI showed rapid progression of a right parietal metastatic deposit. He had resection of the brain metastasis (pathology confirmed melanoma) and resumption of ipi/nivo.
- After 2 more cycles, he developed grade 3 diarrhea, not responsive to steroids. The diarrhea resolved with 1 dose of infliximab.
- Interval imaging showed regression of melanoma.
- Maintenance nivolumab ongoing without recurrence of diarrhea or other irAEs.
- Patient currently with a complete response of pulmonary and abdominal metastases.