

Predictors of response to Checkpoint inhibitors (CPI): Tumor vs the periphery

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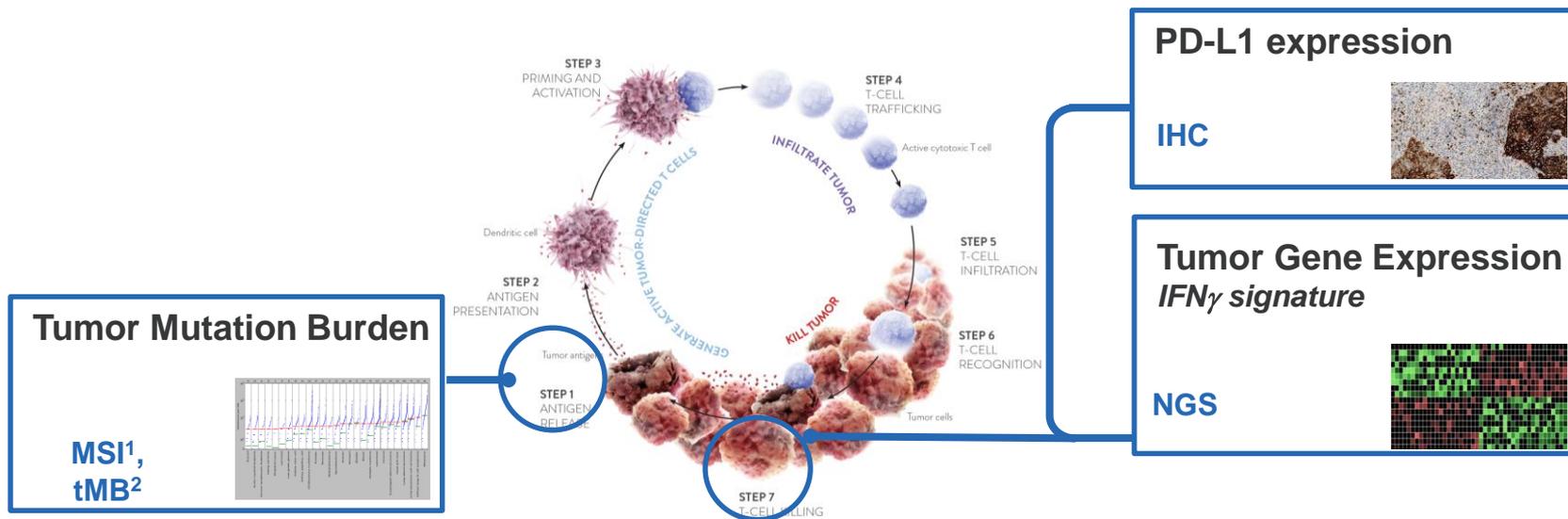
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Tumor based predictors of response

Where are we today with tumor based predictors for PD-L1/PD-1 targeted agents?



Chen and Mellman, *Immunity*, 2013

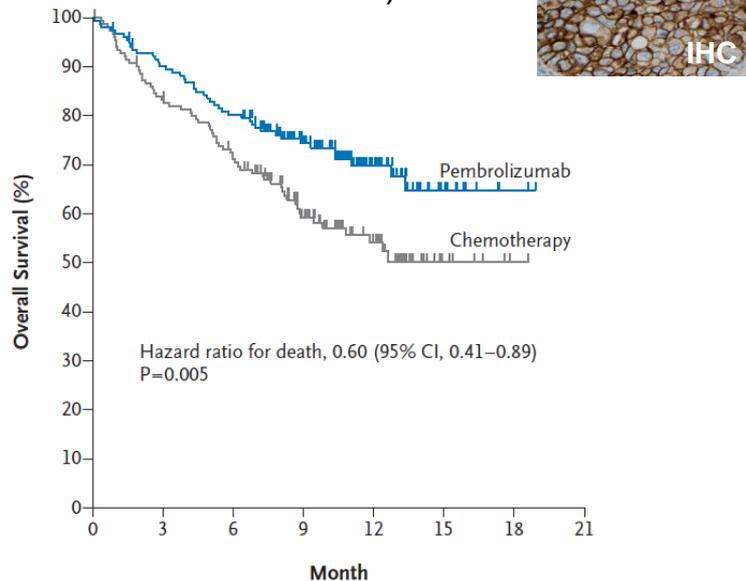
¹Le et al., *NEJM* 2015

² Powles T et al., *Lancet* 2017

No single biomarker fully describes patients who derive benefit from monotherapy CPIs

Tumor cell PD-L1 by IHC is associated with clinical benefit to CPIs

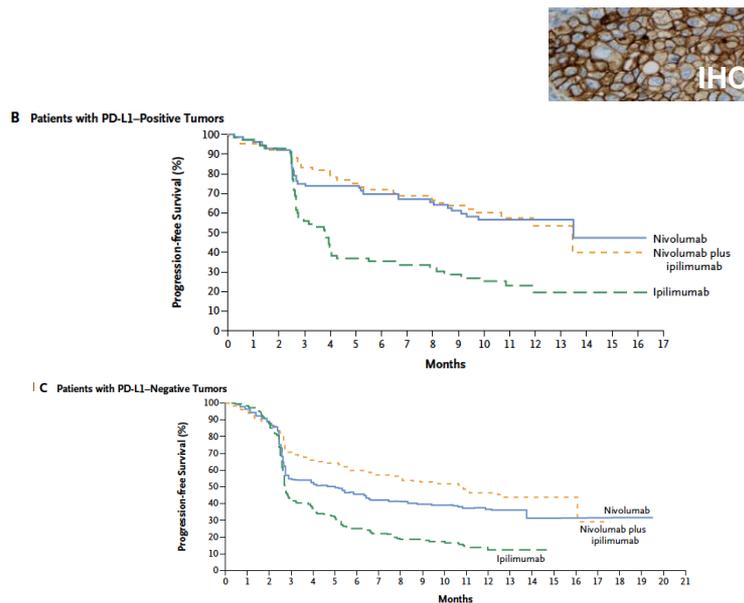
OS benefit observed for Pembrolizumab in PD-L1 (+) patients in front-line NSCLC (KN-24)



Dx: PD-L1 by IHC: TPS>50%

Brahmer J et al., NEJM 2016

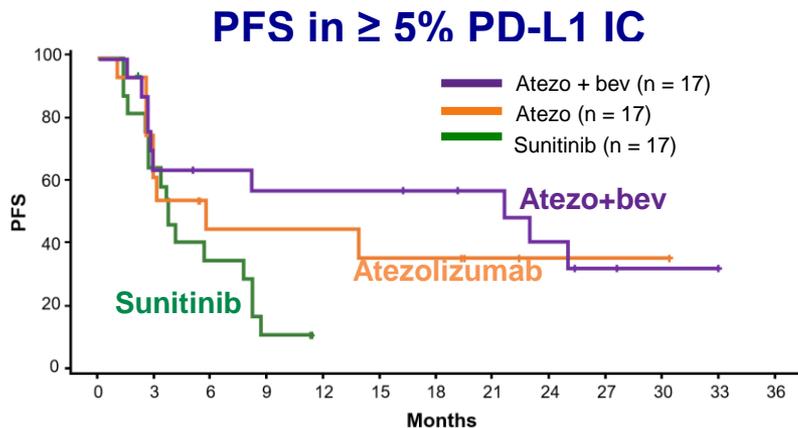
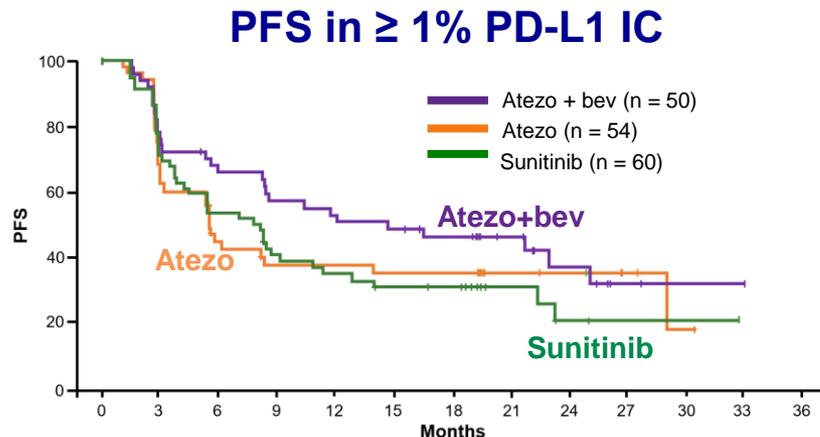
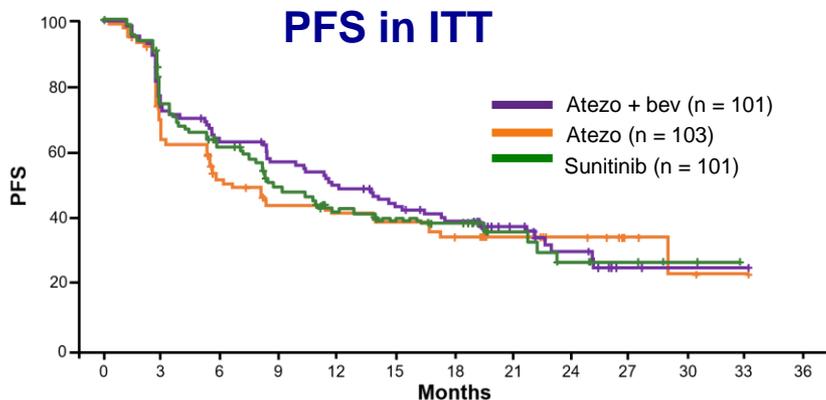
PD-L1 IHC can differentiate monotherapy Nivo vs Ipi/Nivo benefit in Melanoma (CM-067)



Dx: PD-L1 by IHC: TC>5%

Larkin J et al., NEJM 2015

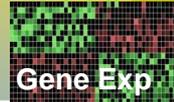
Atezo+bev vs Sunitinib: improved PFS in PD-L1 immune cell (IC) selected groups: RCC (IMmotion 150)



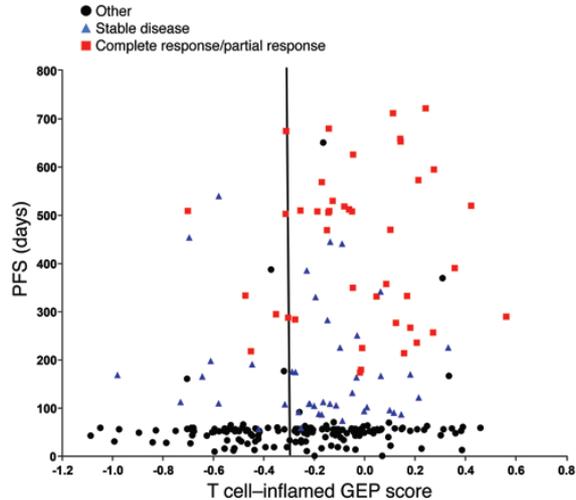
	Stratified HR (95% CI)		
	ITT	$\geq 1\%$ PD-L1	$\geq 5\%$ PD-L1
Atezo + bev vs sunitinib	1.00 (0.69, 1.45)	0.64 (0.38, 1.08)	0.34 (0.13, 0.91)
Atezo vs sunitinib	1.19 (0.82, 1.71)	1.03 (0.63, 1.67)	0.64 (0.27, 1.54)

3-arm Phase II Front line RCC; IMmotion 150; N=100 in each arm

Gene expression based functional readouts of pre-existing immunity associated with benefit to CPIs



18-gene IFN γ signature associated with PFS benefit to Pembrolizumab (KN-012, KN-028)

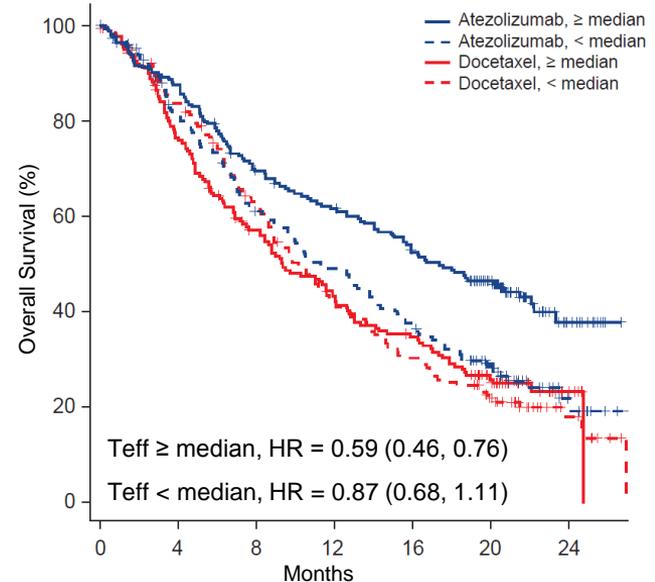


PFS time versus T cell-inflamed GEP score in 244 patients from KEYNOTE-012 and KEYNOTE-028 for the 9 cancer cohorts used to determine the T cell-inflamed GEP.

18 gene signature, Nanostring: TIGT, CD27, CD8A, PD-L2, LAG3, PD-L1, CXCR6, CMKLR1, NIKG7, CCL5, PSMB10, IDO1, CXCL9, HLA.DQA1, CD276, STAT1, HLA.DRB1, HLA.E

Ayers M et al., JCI 2017

OS benefit observed for Atezolizumab in patients with high T $_{eff}$ * gene signature in 2nd line NSCLC (OAK)



PCR: *Effector T-cell (T $_{eff}$) signature: PD-L1, CXCL9, IFN- γ

Kowanetz et al., WCLC, 2017

Effector-T cell gene signatures may be a more sensitive readout of PFS in inflamed tumors

OAK	PFS	
	PD-L1 IHC* +	T _{eff} Signature +
Prevalence	55%	51%
HR (95% CI)	0.93 (0.76, 1.15)	0.73 (0.58, 0.91)
HR (95% CI) BEP (N = 753)	0.94 (0.81, 1.10)	

Dx: Effector T-cell (T_{eff}) signature: PD-L1, CXCL9, IFN- γ

T_{eff} gene signature is a more sensitive biomarker of PFS than PD-L1 IHC

- At a similar prevalence, Teff gene expression identified patients who experienced a significant PFS benefit with atezolizumab therapy in 2nd line NSCLC

*SP142; TC1 or IC1= TC or IC \geq 1% PD-L1-expressing cells.

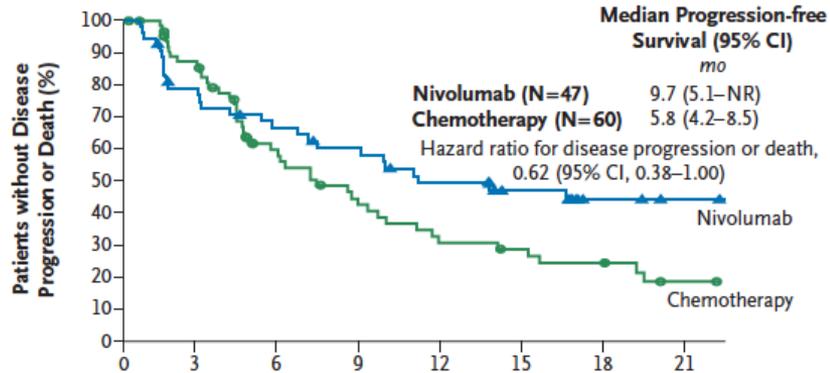
BEP, biomarker-evaluable population. Data cutoff: July 7, 2016

Kowanetz et al. OAK Teff biomarker. WCLC 2017.

Tumor types with a high mutation load (TMB) may derive benefit from monotherapy CPI

Patients with high tumor mutation load derive PFS benefit from Nivolumab in front-line NSCLC (CM-026)

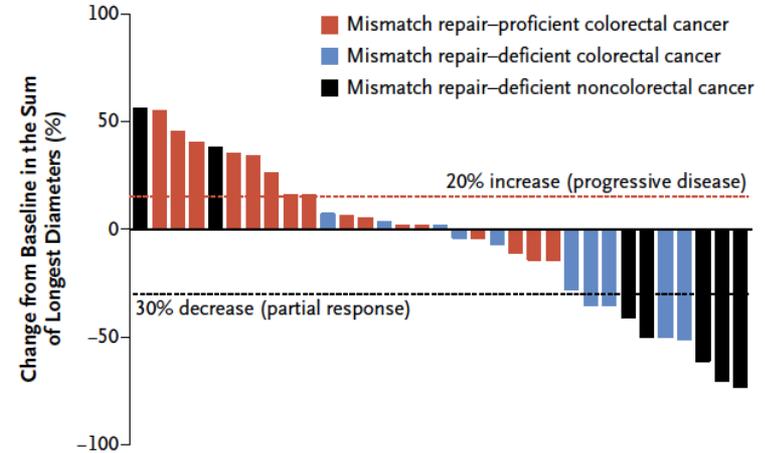
C Progression-free Survival among Patients with High Tumor-Mutation Burden



Carbone DP et al., NEJM 2017

MMR deficiency is associated with response to Pembrolizumab

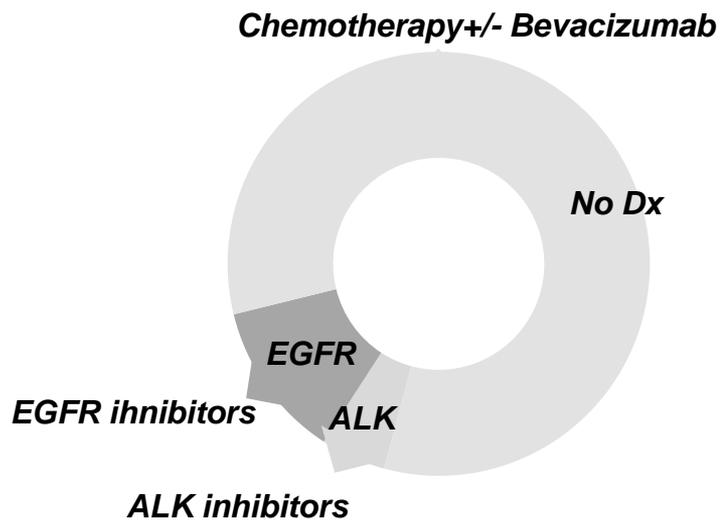
B Radiographic Response



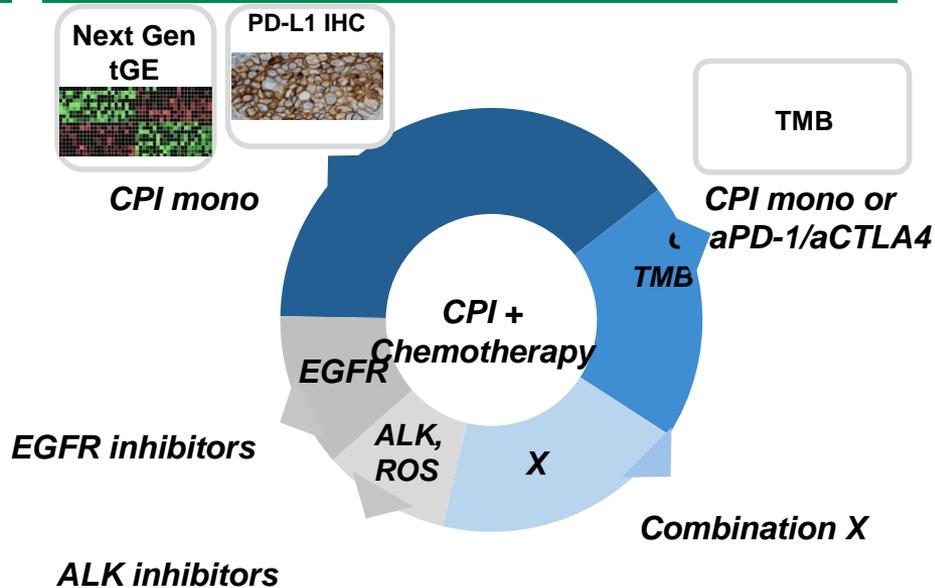
Le et al., NEJM 2015

Rapidly evolving landscape for treatment decisions: Eg front-line NSCLC

2015 Front-line NSCLC Dx landscape

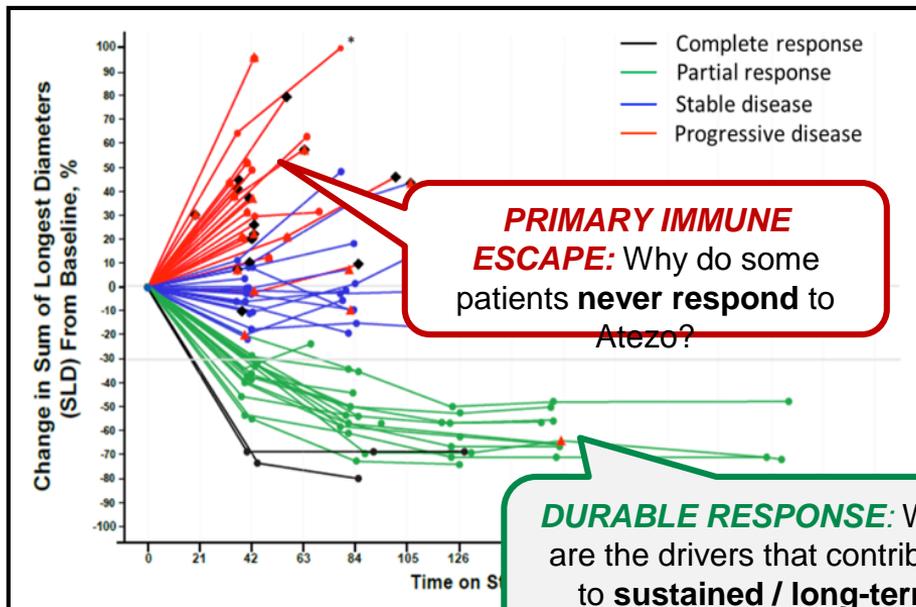


Future NSCLC Dx landscape



Illustrative purposes only

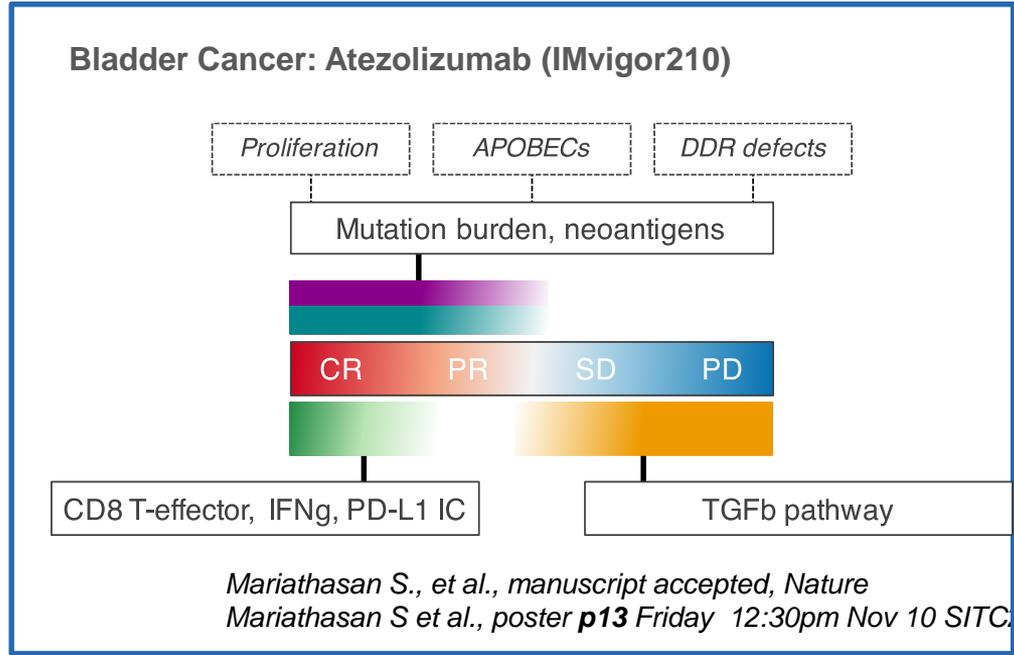
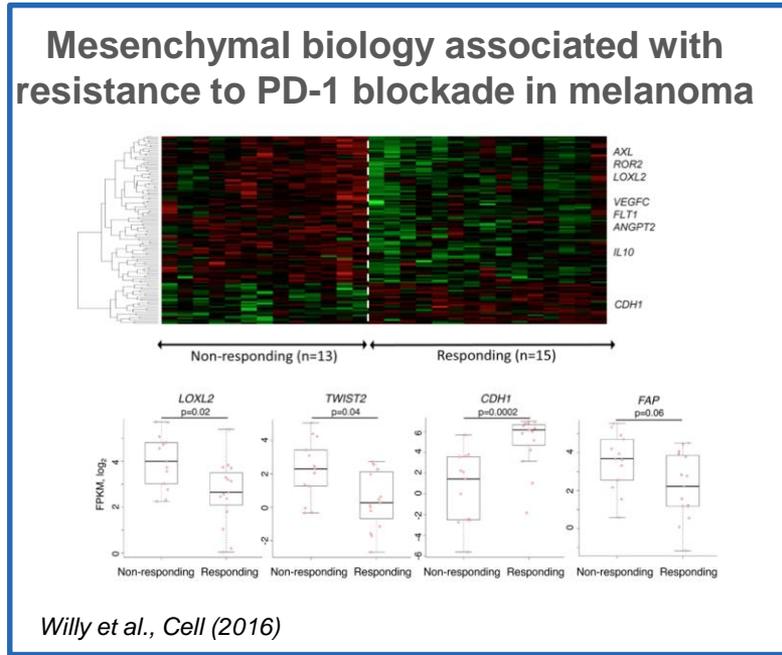
What are the drivers of escape from CPI?



Can we convert non-

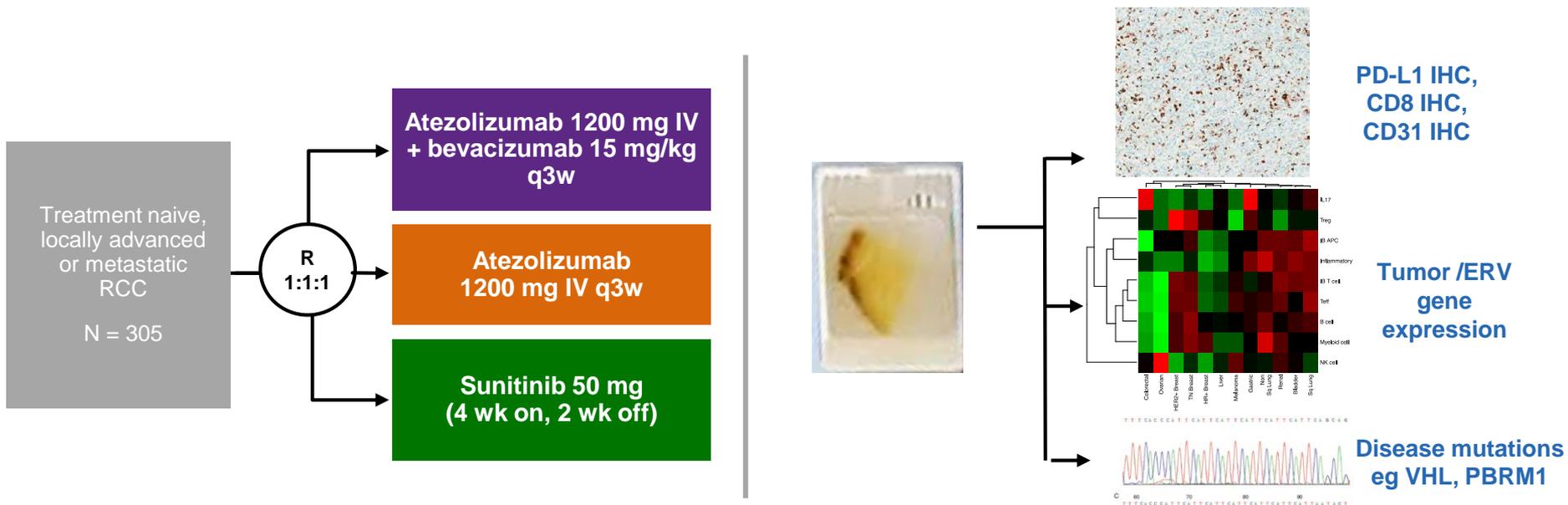
Atezolizumab Ph1 mUC data

Reactive Stromal biology may present an immune escape mechanism



IMmotion 150:

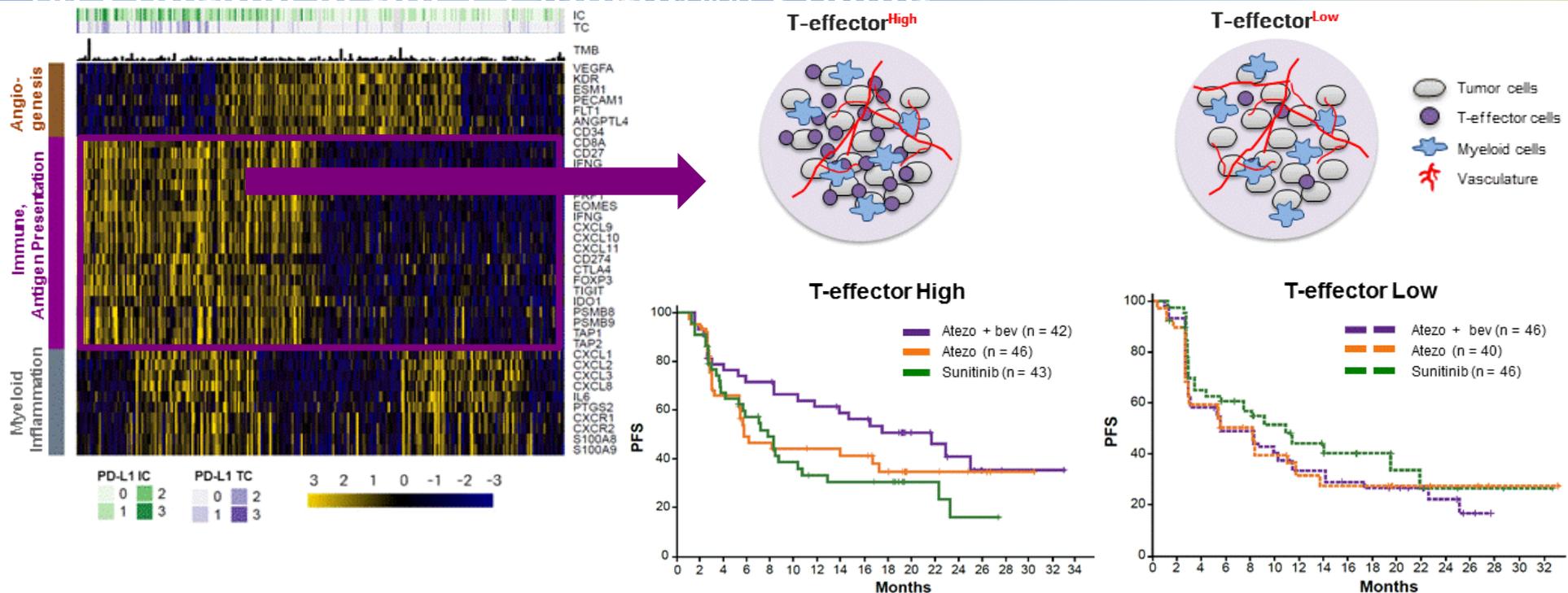
Atezolizumab ± Bevacizumab vs Sunitinib in 1L mRCC



- IMmotion150 was designed to be hypothesis generating and inform the Phase III study IMmotion151
- Co-primary endpoints were PFS (RECIST v1.1 by IRF) in ITT patients and patients with $\geq 1\%$ of IC expressing PD-L1
- Exploratory endpoints included interrogation of the association between outcome and TME gene signatures

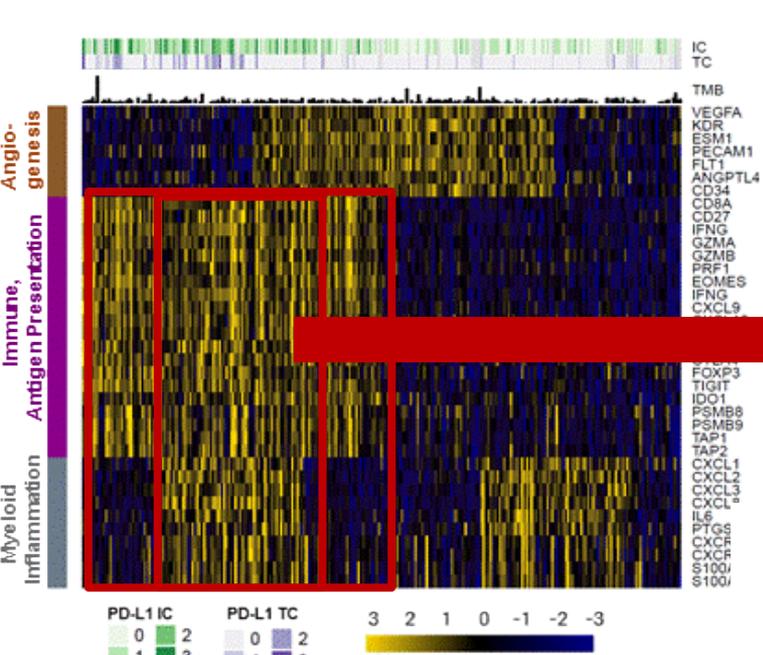
PFS

vs Sunitinib in the T-effector-High Subject

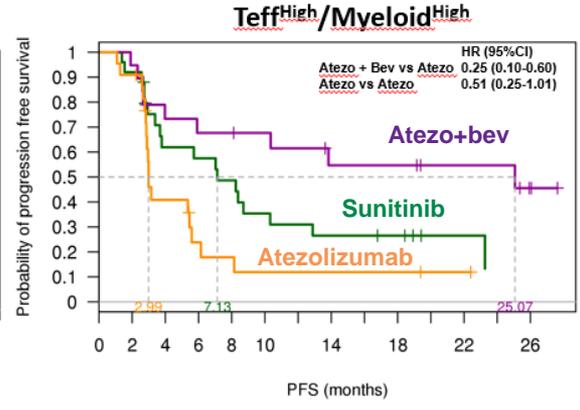
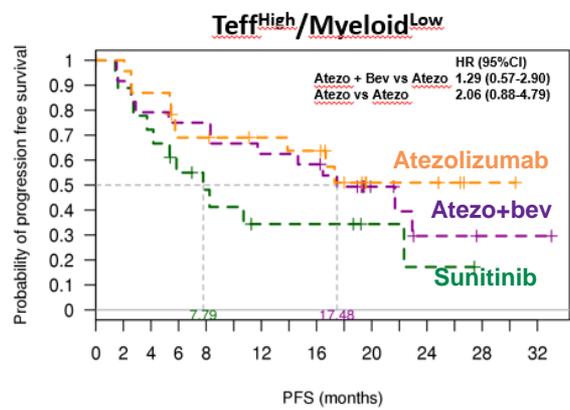
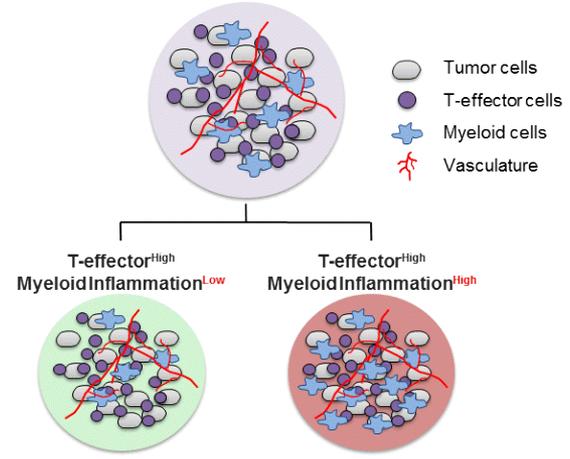


	HR (95% CI)	
	T-effector High	T-effector Low
Atezo + bev vs sunitinib	0.55 (0.32, 0.95)	1.41 (0.84, 2.36)
Atezo vs sunitinib	0.85 (0.50, 1.43)	1.33 (0.76, 2.33)

Myeloid inflammation may be associated with lack of clinical benefit to CPI- α VEGF may overcome this escape mechanism

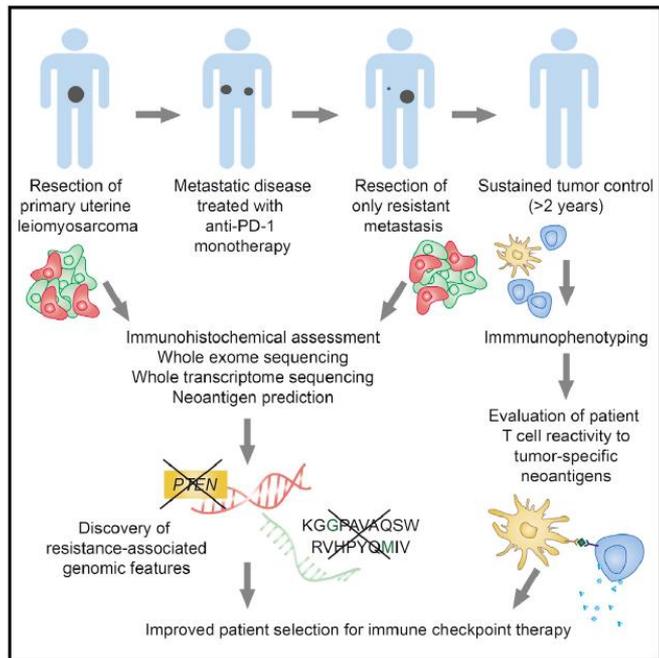


T-effector^{High} Subpopulation



Single patient case reports can be highly informative

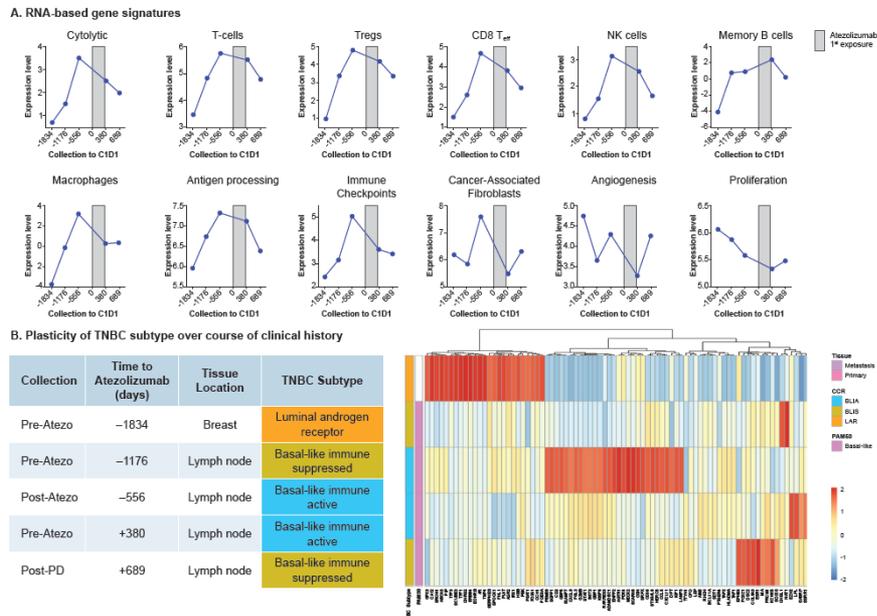
Bi-allelic PTEN loss associated with immunosuppressive TME and resistance to α PD-1 in a Lipsarcoma case study



George S et al., *Immunity* 2017

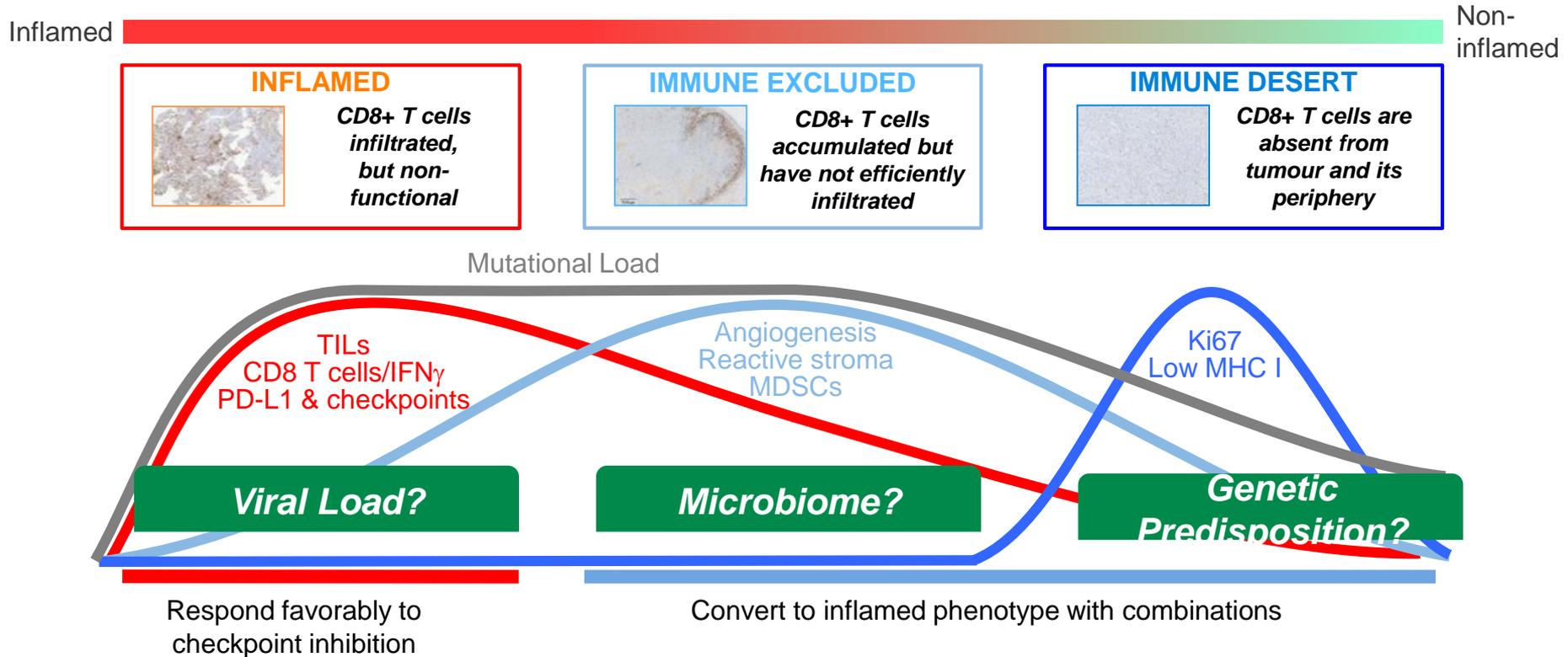
Evolution of disease molecular subtypes, genomic landscape and TME over 3 years of chemo and 4 years of atezolizumab in a TNBC case study

Figure 4. Evolution of Tumor Microenvironment: RNA-Based Immune, Stromal and Proliferation Signatures and TNBC Subtypes



Molinero L...Emens L, Friday Poster p68, SITC 2017

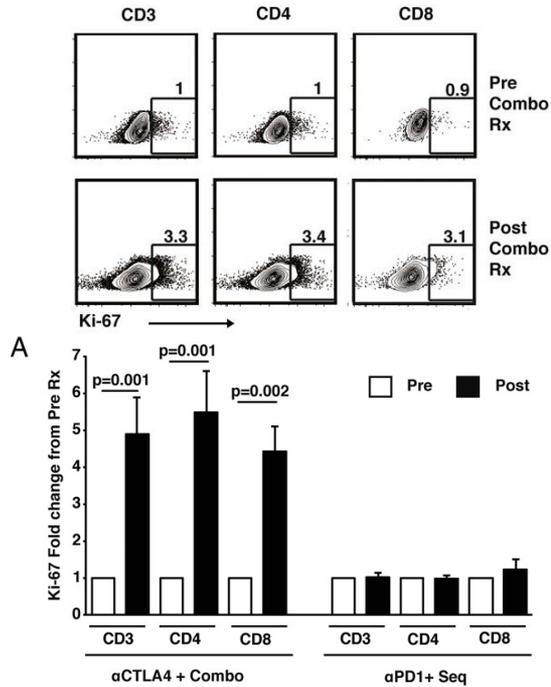
The Tumor Immunity Continuum- framework for combinations



Predictors of response in the periphery

Circulating proliferating CD8+ T-cells represent a pharmacodynamic biomarker to CPI

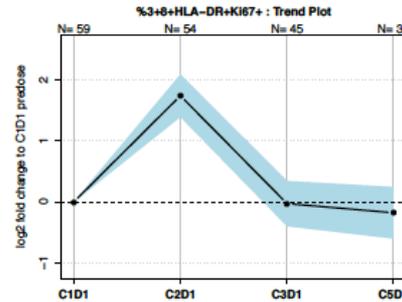
Increase in Ki-67+/CD3+ T cells Upon aCTLA4 tx in Melanoma



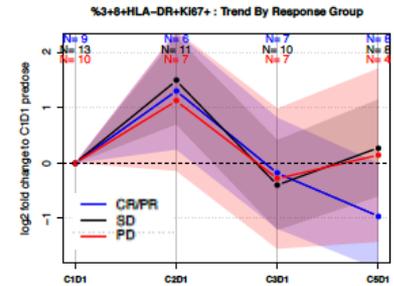
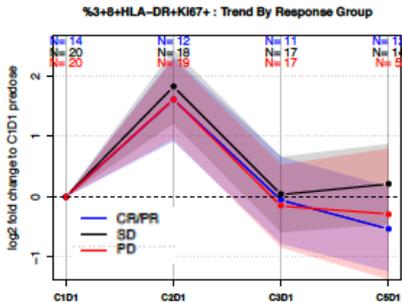
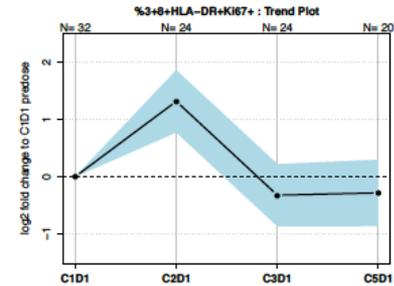
Das R et al., J Immunol 2015

Systemic increase in CD3/CD8/HLA-DR/Ki-67+ T cells not associated with outcomes to atezolizumab

Bladder Cancer

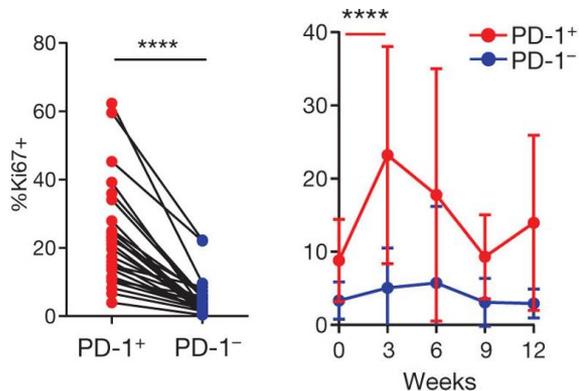


NSCLC

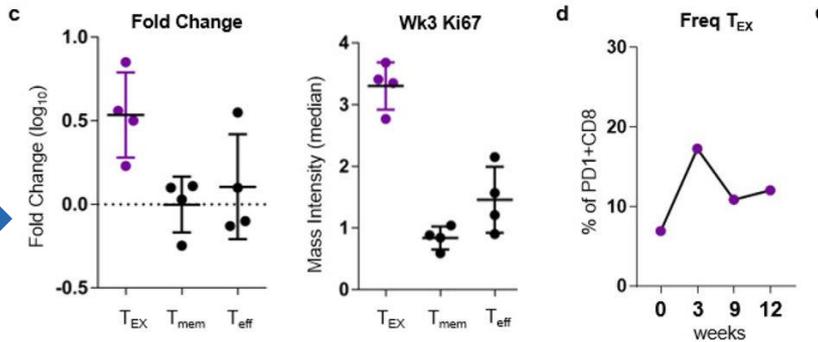


T-cell invigoration to tumor burden ratio associated with anti-PD1 response

Proliferating CD8+ T-cells represent an exhausted phenotype

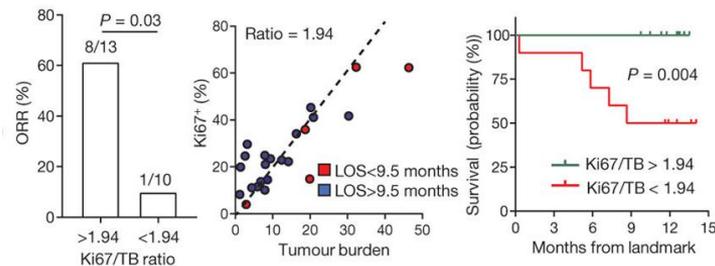


aPD-1 reinvigorates exhausted T-cells



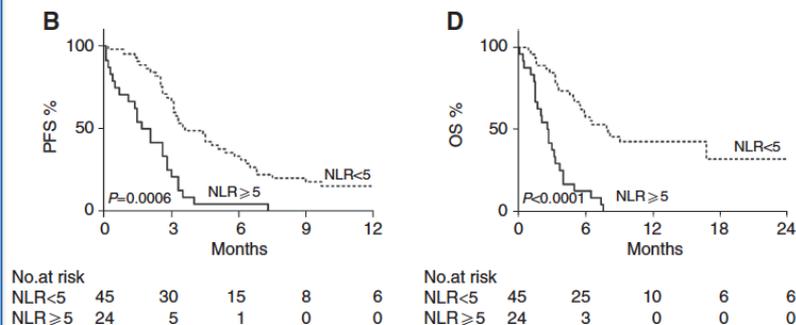
Ratio of T-cell invigoration to tumor burden predicts response to CPI

PD-1+ CD8 (max, weeks 3-6)



Is high Neutrophil-to-Lymphocyte ratio (NLR) a systemic marker of poor outcomes to CPIs?

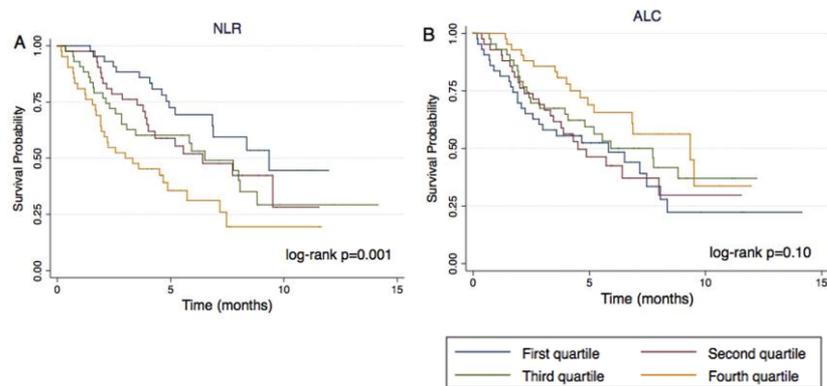
High NLR associated with poor outcomes to Ipilimumab in Melanoma



Independently validated in a cohort of 115 patients

Ferrucci PF et al., BJC 2015

High NLR associated with poor outcomes to Nivolumab in NSCLC (N=175)



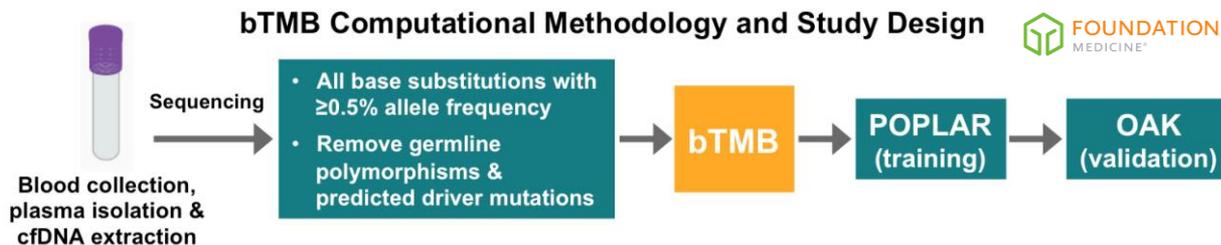
Bagley SJ et al., Lung Cancer 2017

Is systemic immune health an important factor?

Single arm studies, hard to delineate prognostic from predictive association.

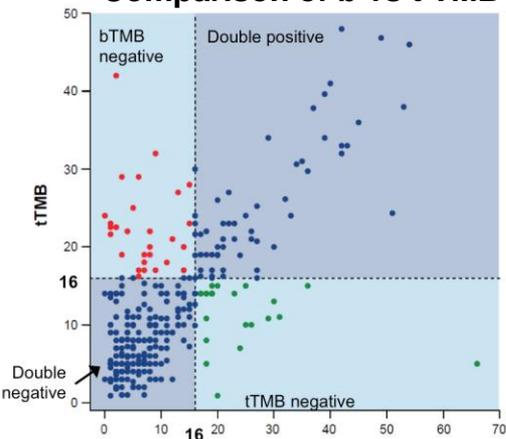
Worth further interrogation in randomized trials

Exploring the utility of blood as a sensor for actionable tumor markers – eg. blood based TMB

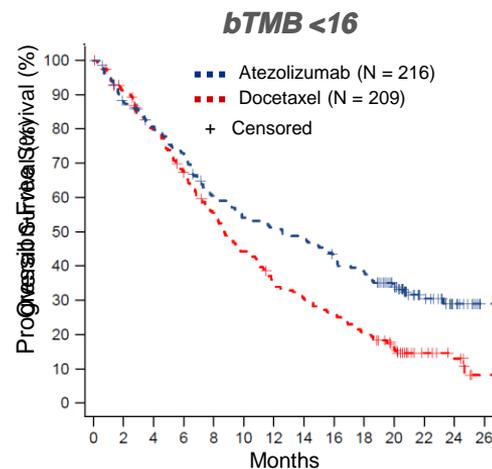
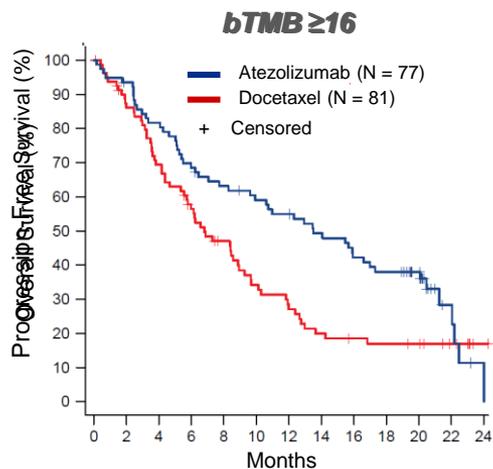


Atezolizumab: PFS benefit in bTMB subgroups

Comparison of b vs t TMB



Spearman correlation = 0.59
(PPA: 64%; NPA: 88%)

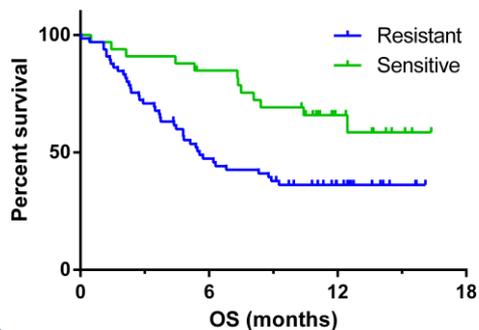


Interaction $P = 0.75$

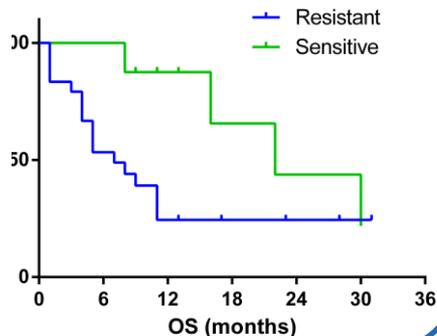
Deep MALDI ToF MS of Serum in NSCLC

Biodesix platform

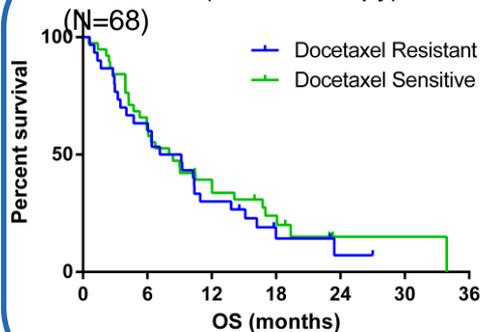
Development (nivolumab) ¹



Validation (nivolumab)¹ (N=32)



Evaluation (chemotherapy)



Patients who do poorly on CPI have elevated acute phase reactant, complement and wound healing signaling

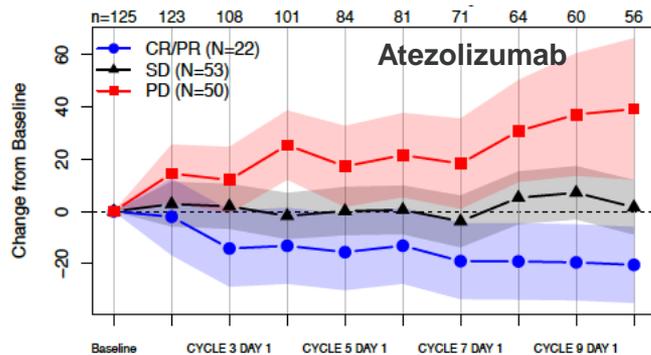
Biological factors associated with sensitivity/resistance to CPI

Signaling process	Checkpoint test
Acute inflammatory response	NS
Activation of innate immune response	NS
Regulation of adaptive immune response	NS
Positive regulation of glycolytic process	NS
Immune T-cells	NS
Immune B-cells	NS
Cell cycle regulation	NS
Natural killer regulation	NS
Complement system	p < 0.05
Acute response	NS
Cytokine activity	NS
Wound healing	p < 0.01
Interferon	NS
Interleukin-10	NS
Growth factor receptor signaling	NS
Immune Response Type 1	NS
Immune Response Type 2	NS
Acute phase	p < 0.01
Hypoxia	NS
Cancer	NS

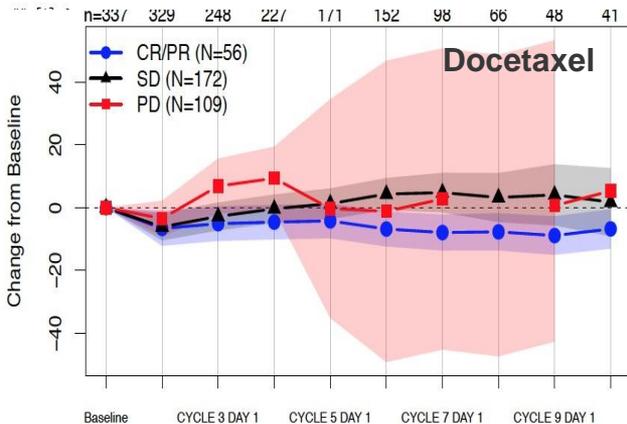
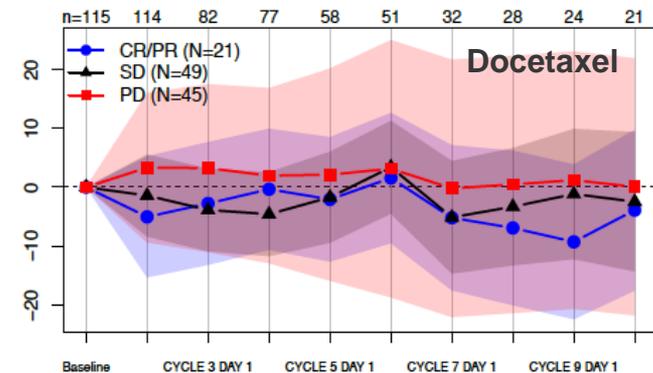
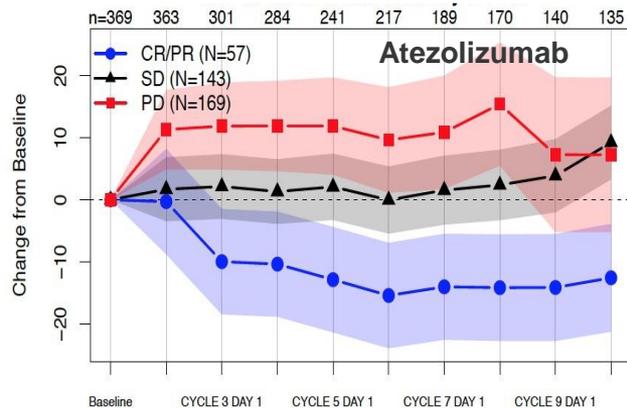
¹S. Goldberg et al, SITC2017, P30
 Courtesy: Heinrich Roder, Biodesix

Systemic inflammation marker like CRP may provide a good surrogate for OS

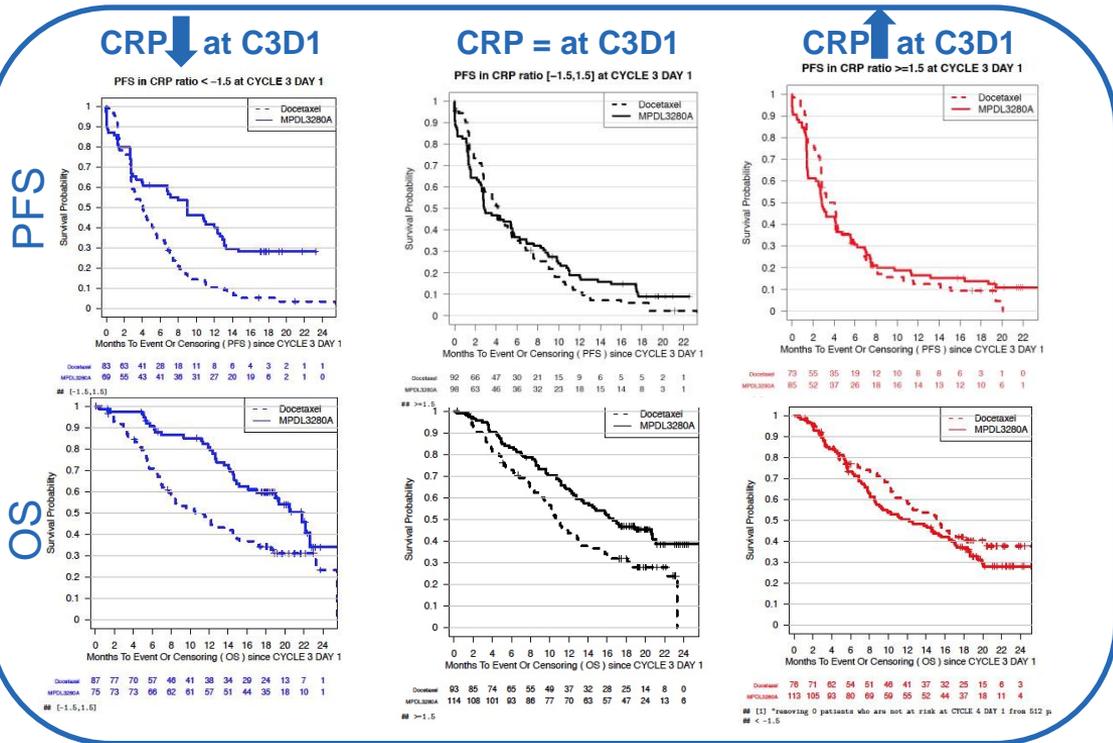
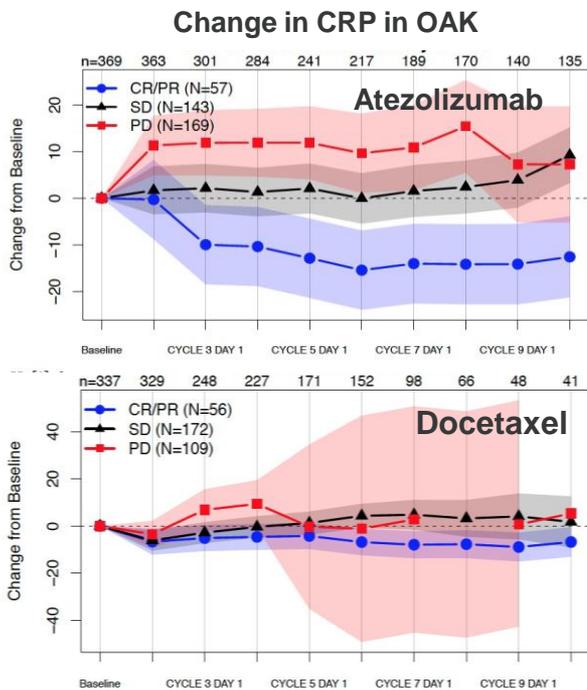
Change in CRP in POPLAR



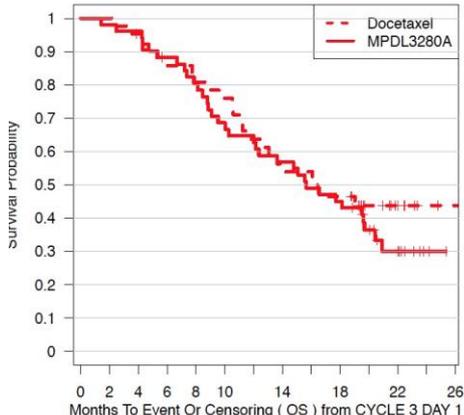
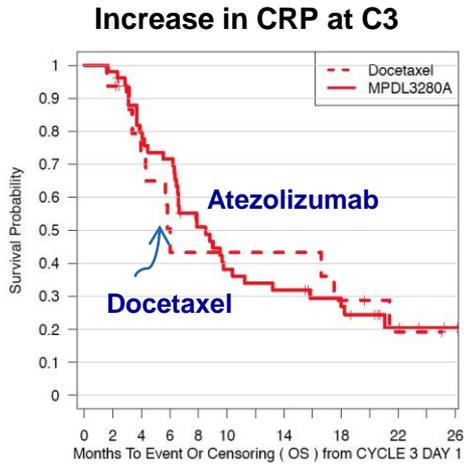
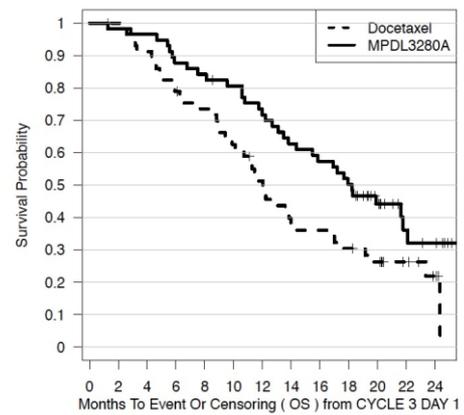
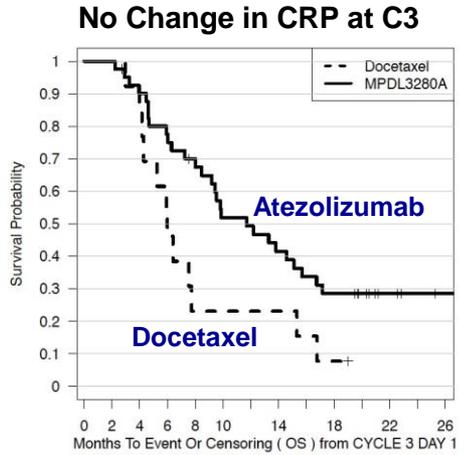
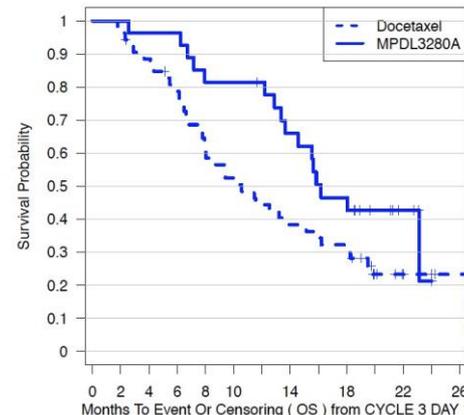
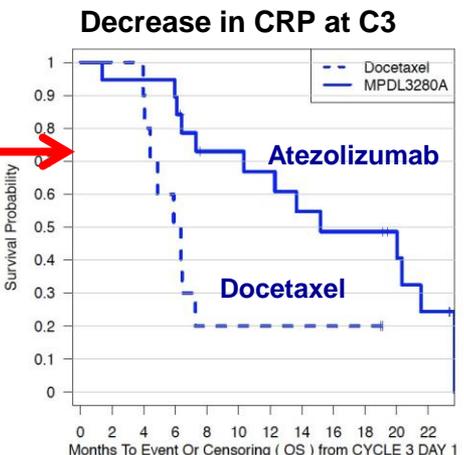
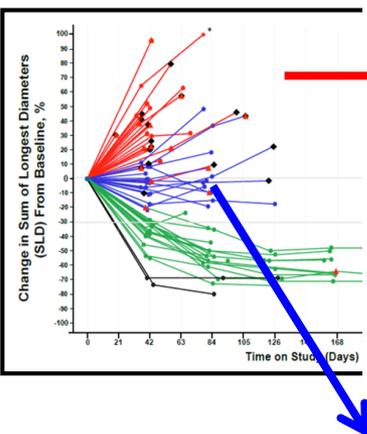
Change in CRP in OAK



Change in CRP and association with OS NSCLC



Decrease in CRP associated with improved OS in patients with RECIST 1.1 SD/PD



Registration trials of CDK4/6 inhibitors

First line AI sensitive – with AI		HR	(95% CI)
PALOMA2	Palbociclib	0.58	(0.46, 0.72)
MONALEESA2	Ribociclib	0.58	(0.46, 0.70)
MONARCH3	Abemaciclib	0.54	(0.41, 0.72)
Endocrine pre-treated – with fulvestrant			
PALOMA3	Palbociclib	0.50	(0.40, 0.62)
MONARCH2	Abemaciclib	0.55	(0.45, 0.68)

Hazard ratios for PFS primary endpoint

Finn RS, *et al.* NEJM 2016, Turner NC, *et al.* NEJM 2015 updated SABCs 2016, Hortobagyi GN, *et al.* NEJM 2016 updated ASCO 2017, Sledge, *et al* JCO 2017

Courtesy: Nick Turner, Discussant for MONARCH 3, ESMO 2017

Randomized trials with monotherapy Checkpoint inhibitors

POS **NEG**

	Melanoma	Adj Melanoma	2 nd line NSCLC	1 st line NSCLC	Early NSCLC	mUC	H&N
Atezolizumab			 OAK			 IMvigor211	
Nivolumab	 CM-067	 CM-238	 CM-057/017	 CM-026			 CM-141
Pembrolizumab	 KN-006		 KN-010	 KN-024		 KN-045	 KN-040
Durvalumab					 PACIFIC		

Deluge of data over the next 2-5 years with 1500 trials ongoing today...~ 300,000 patients in trials

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Patients who participate in trials